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# Development of Modelling and Optical Diagnostics at Birmingham

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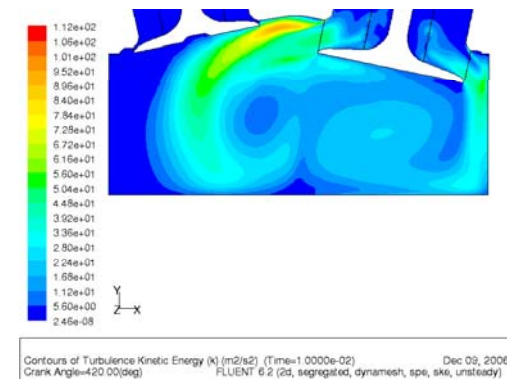
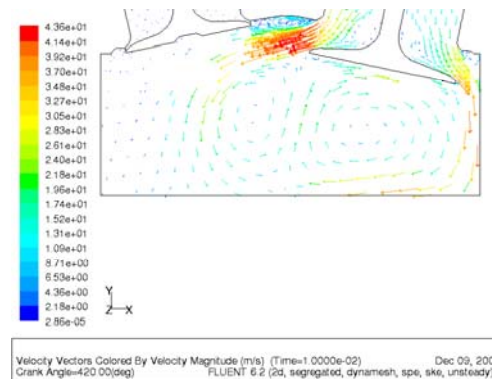
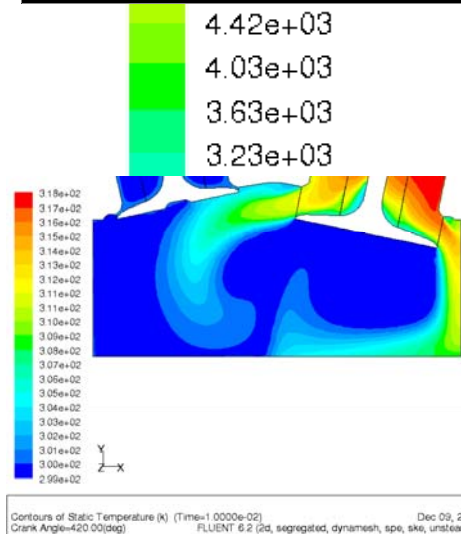
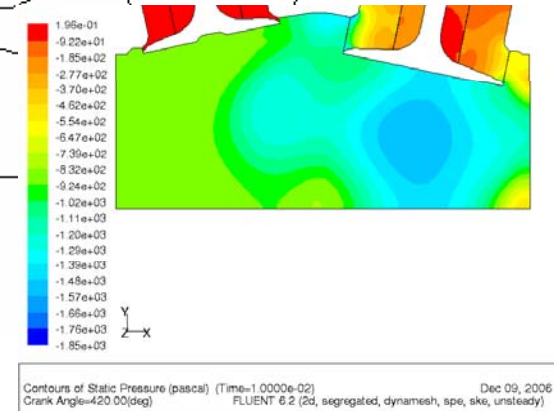
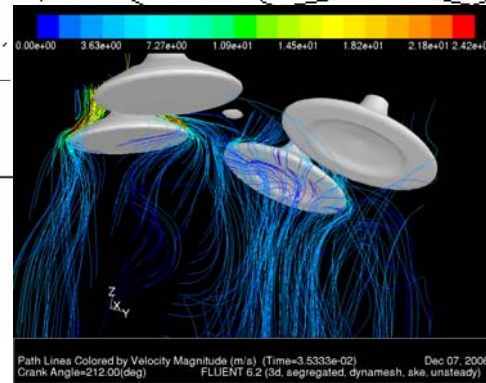
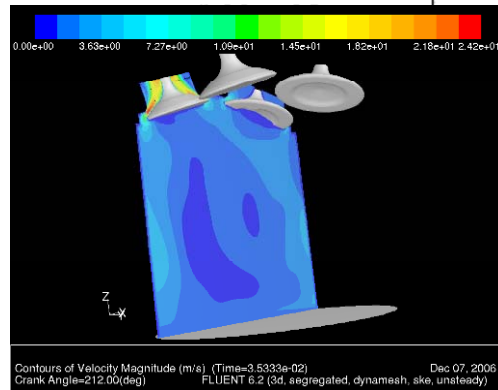
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# Presentation outline

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1. Activities of CFD modelling
2. Activities of optical diagnostics
3. Research on a new bio-fuel candidate
4. Some results and discussion
5. Summary

# In-Cylinder Flow

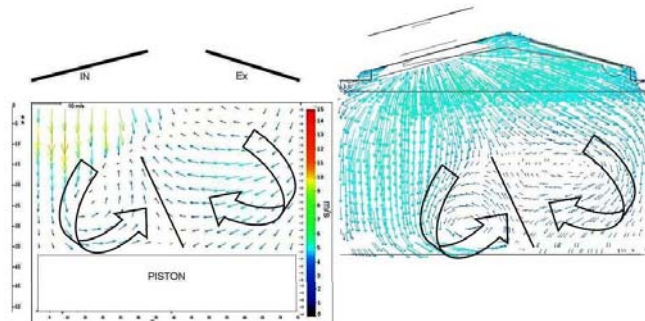


Particle Traces Colored by Particle Weber Number (Time=8.3333e-05) Dec 05, 2006  
Crank Angle=360.50(deg) FLUENT 6.2 (2d, segregated, dynamesh, spe, ske, unsteady)

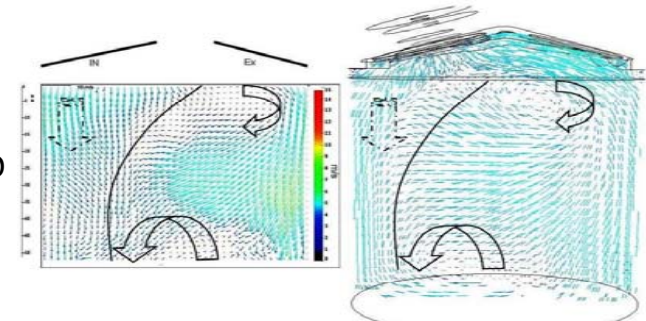
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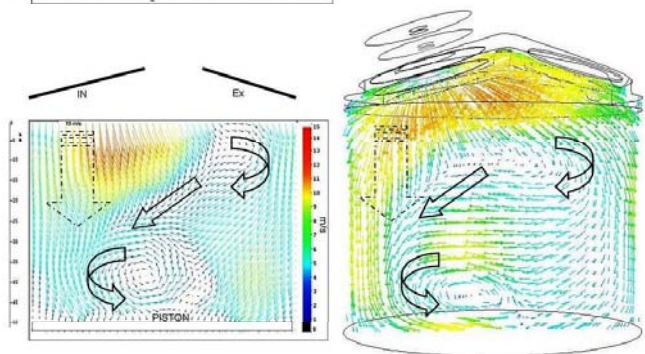
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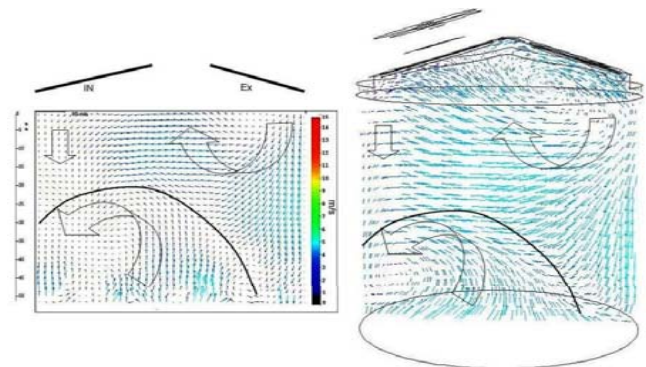
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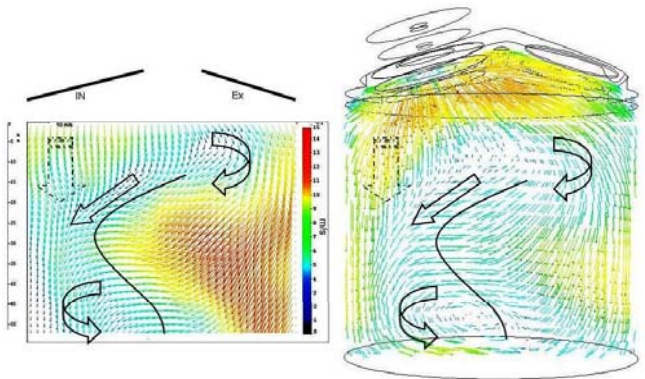
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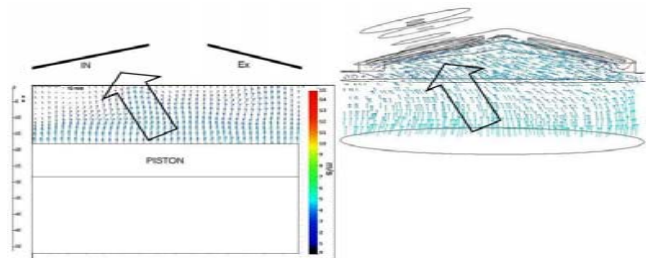
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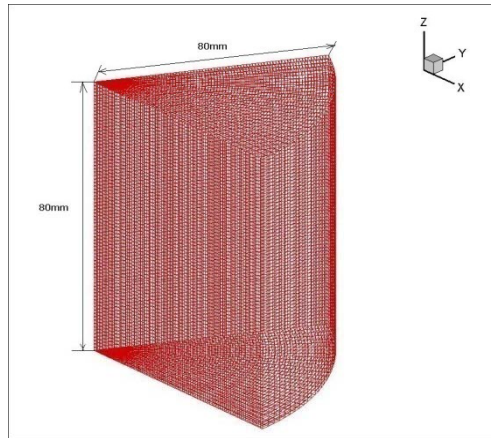
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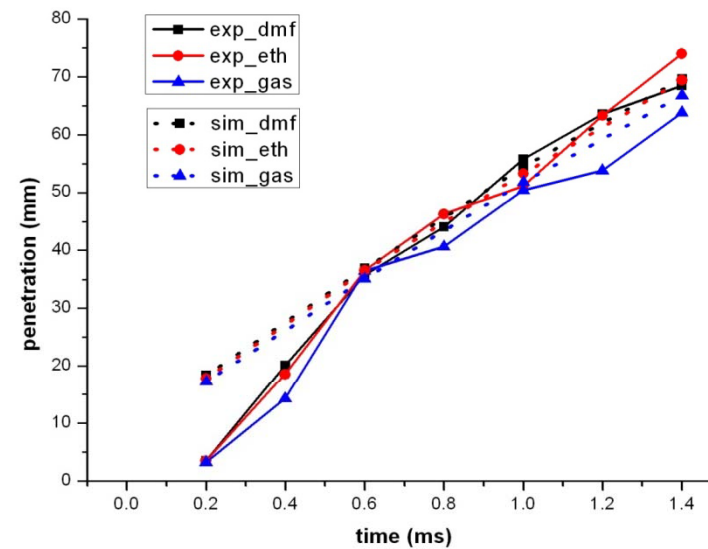
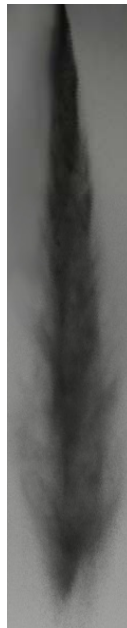
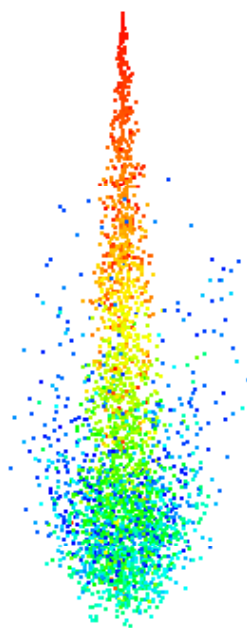
Left: PIV Experiment, Right: CFD Prediction<sub>5</sub>



# Penetration of biofuel spray



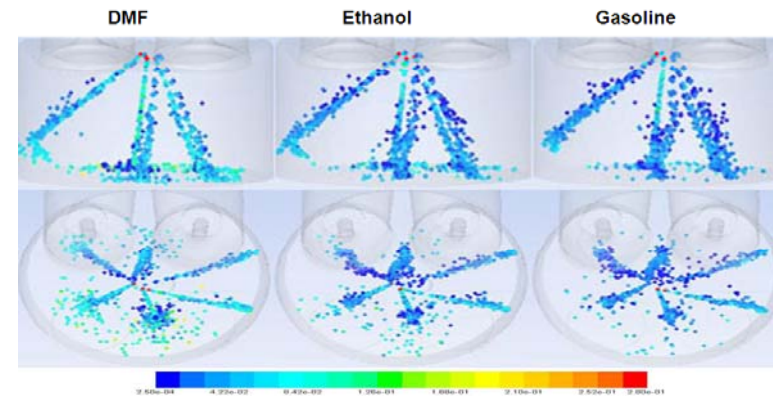
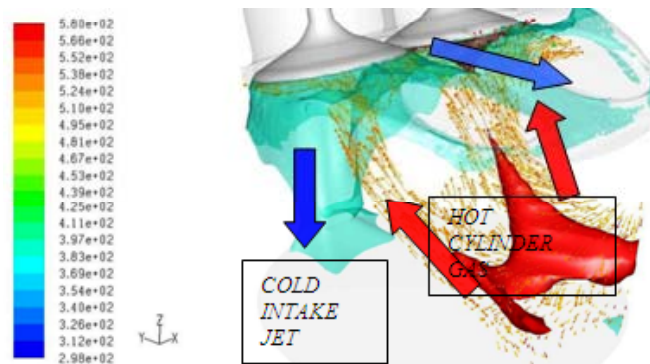
Ambient Pressure	0.99bar
Ambient Temperature	20°C
Injection Duration	1.6ms
Injection Pressure	100bar
Injection mass	From injector calibration test
Nozzle exit velocity profile	From PDPA



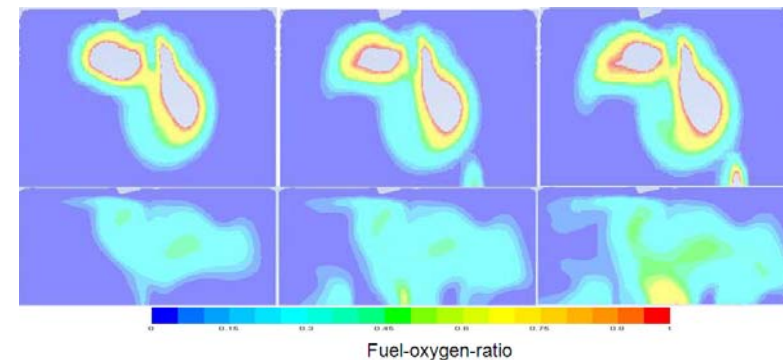
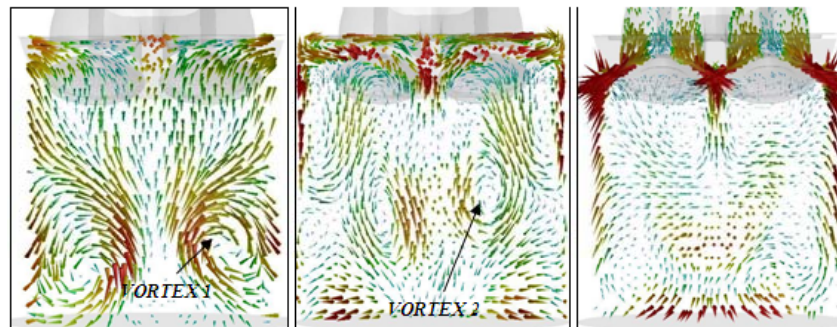
Comparison of Numerical and Experimental Results



# CFD modeling of spray of biofuels

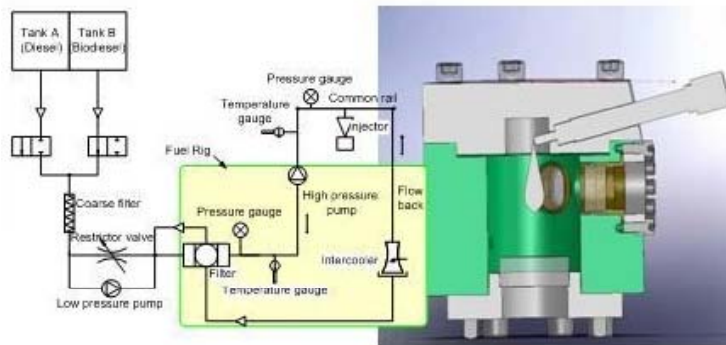


Particle Traces Colored by Particle Diameter (mm)



Particle Trace and Fuel- $O_2$  Ratio

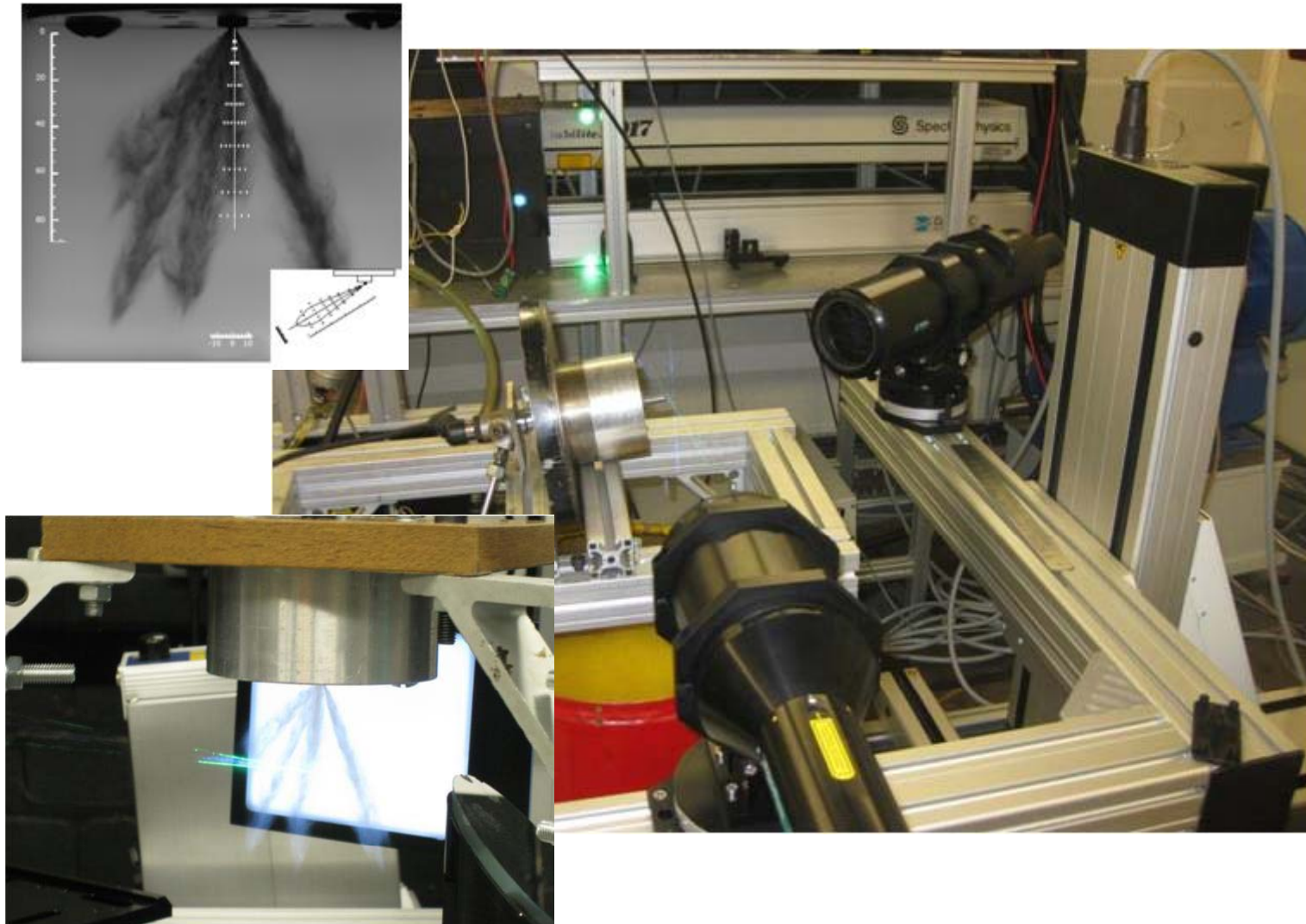
# Spray measurements





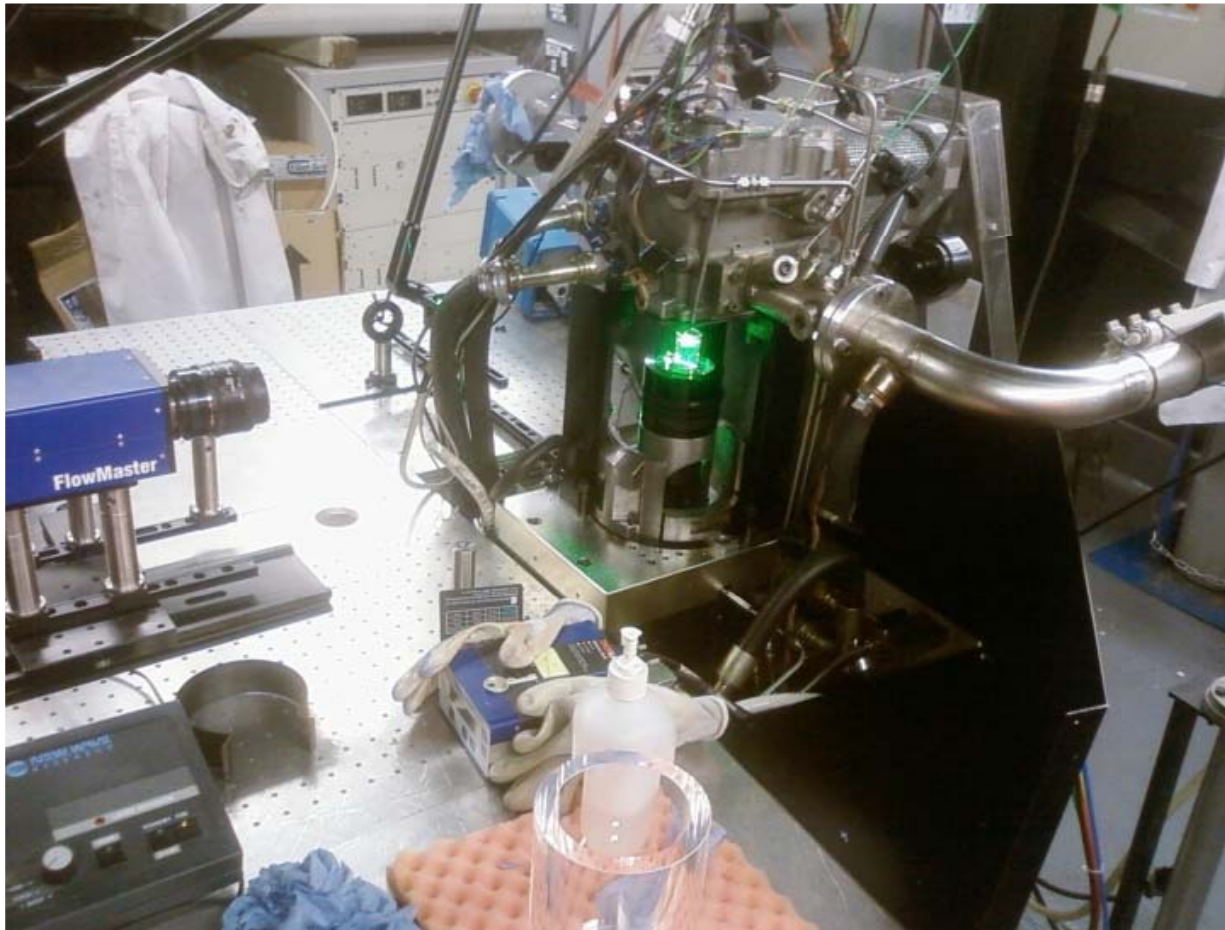
# Spray characteristics by 3D PDPA

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# Jaguar optical engine

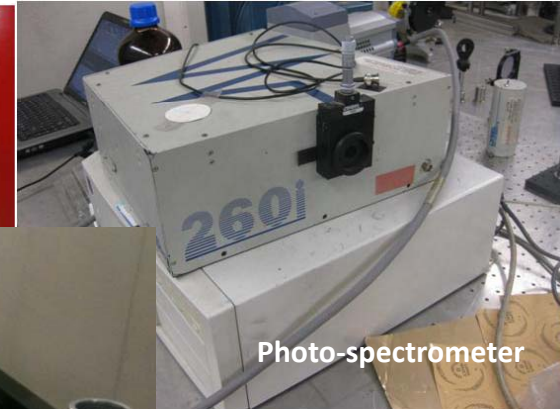
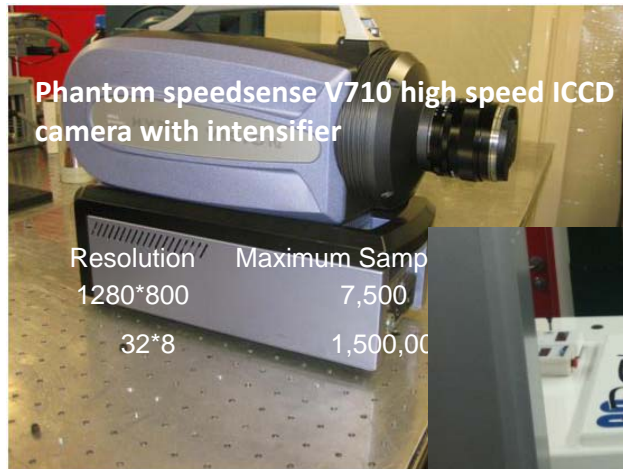
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- AJ133 cylinder head with 2nd gen GDI or PFI
- Short and full quartz liner
- Capable of HCCI
- Flexible intake temperature control

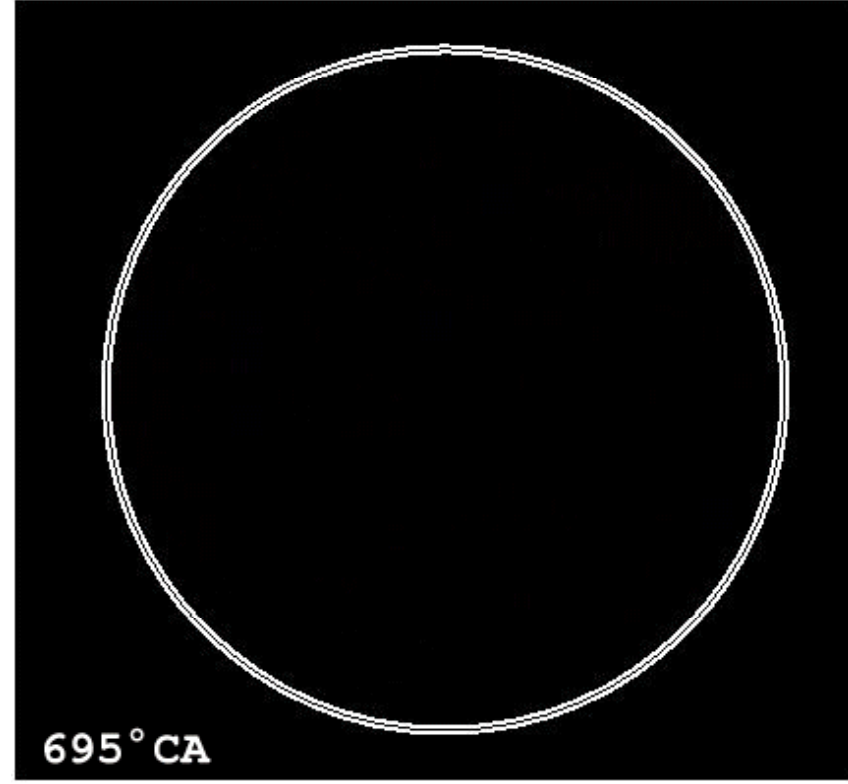


# DANTEC PIV/(tuneable)PLIF/LII system



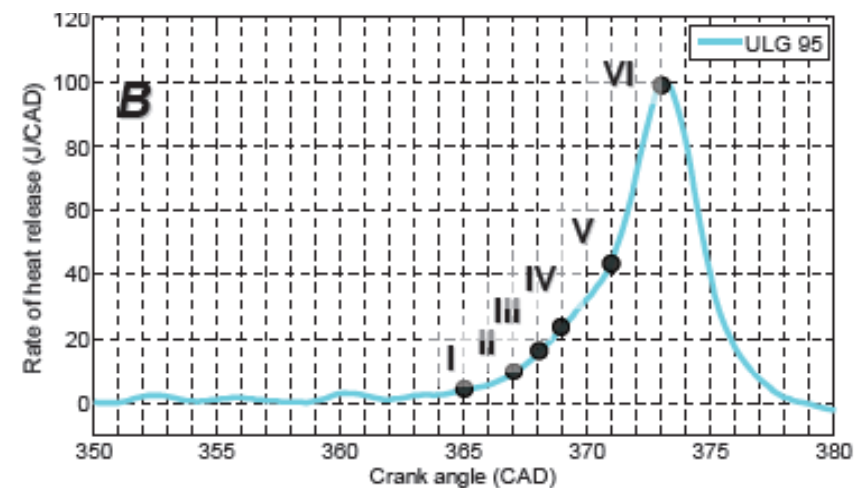
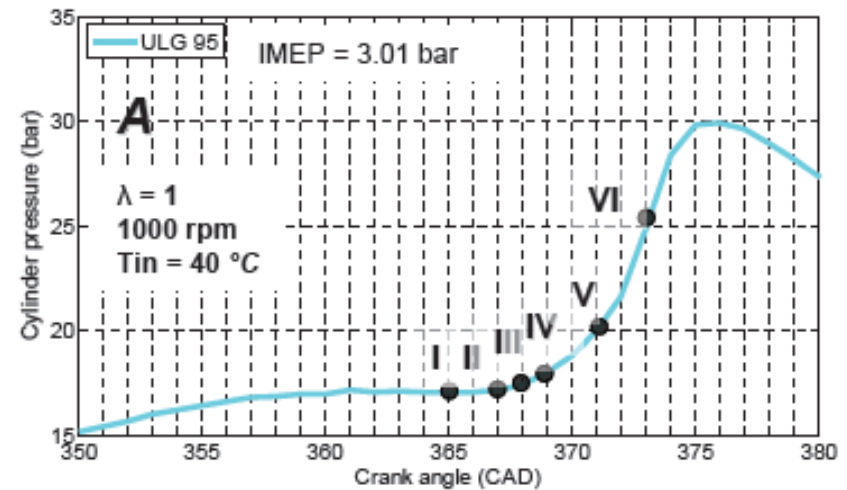
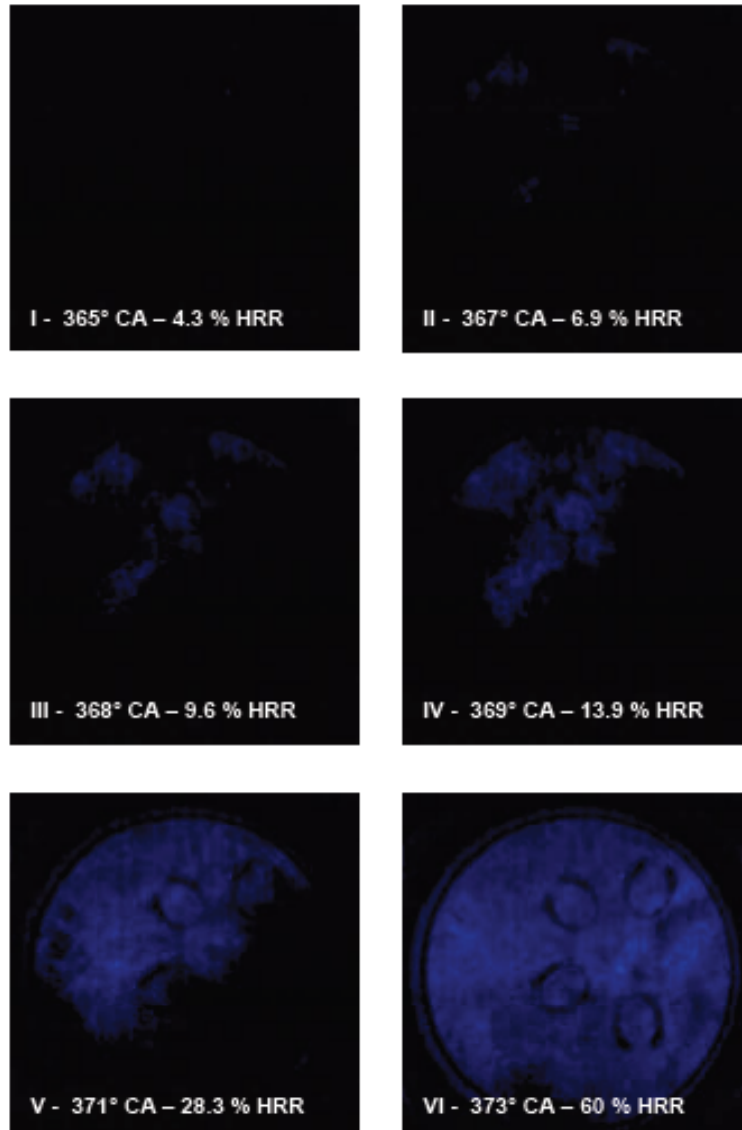
## SI/HCCI flame development imaging

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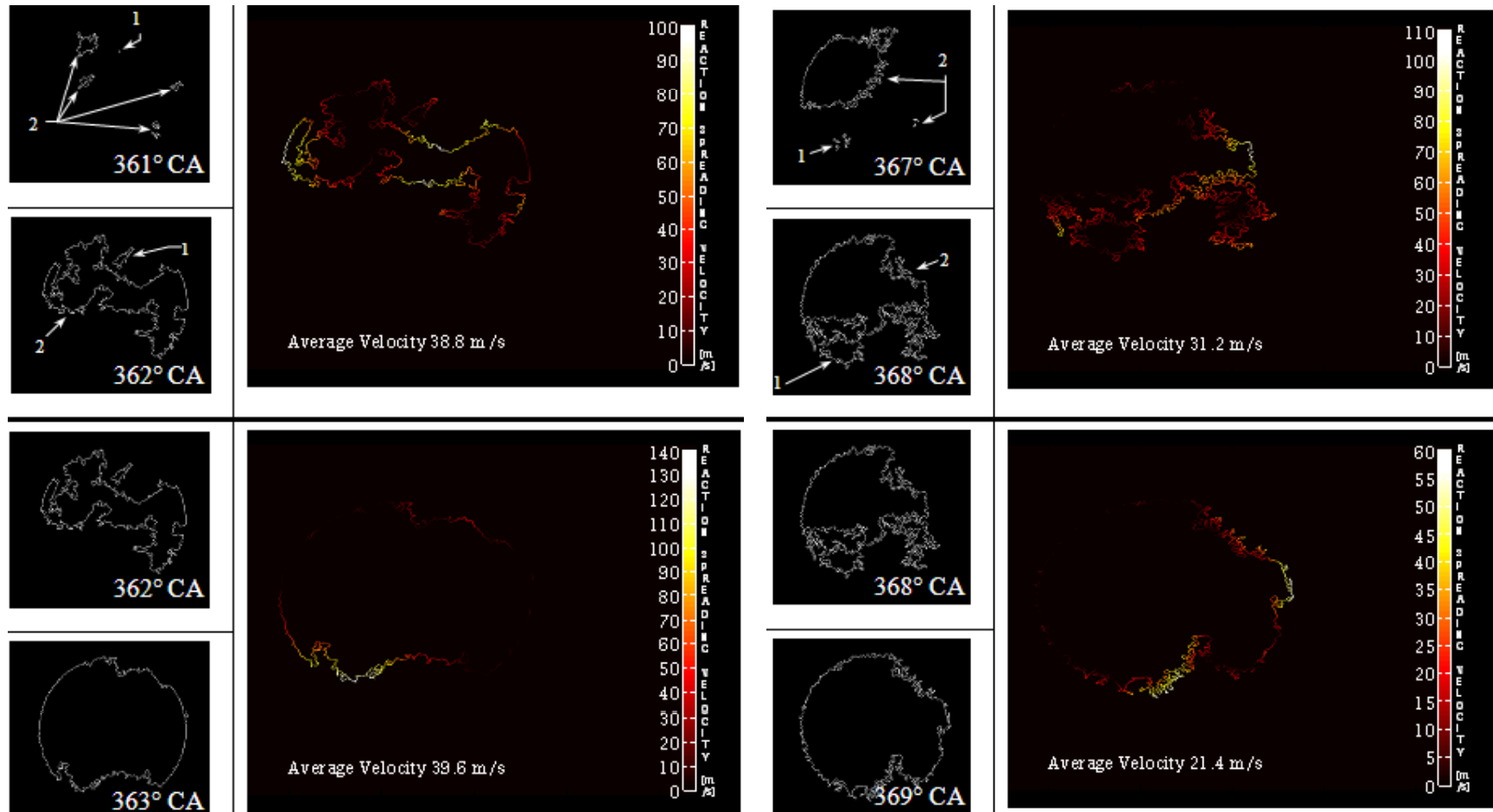




# Flame propagation imaging

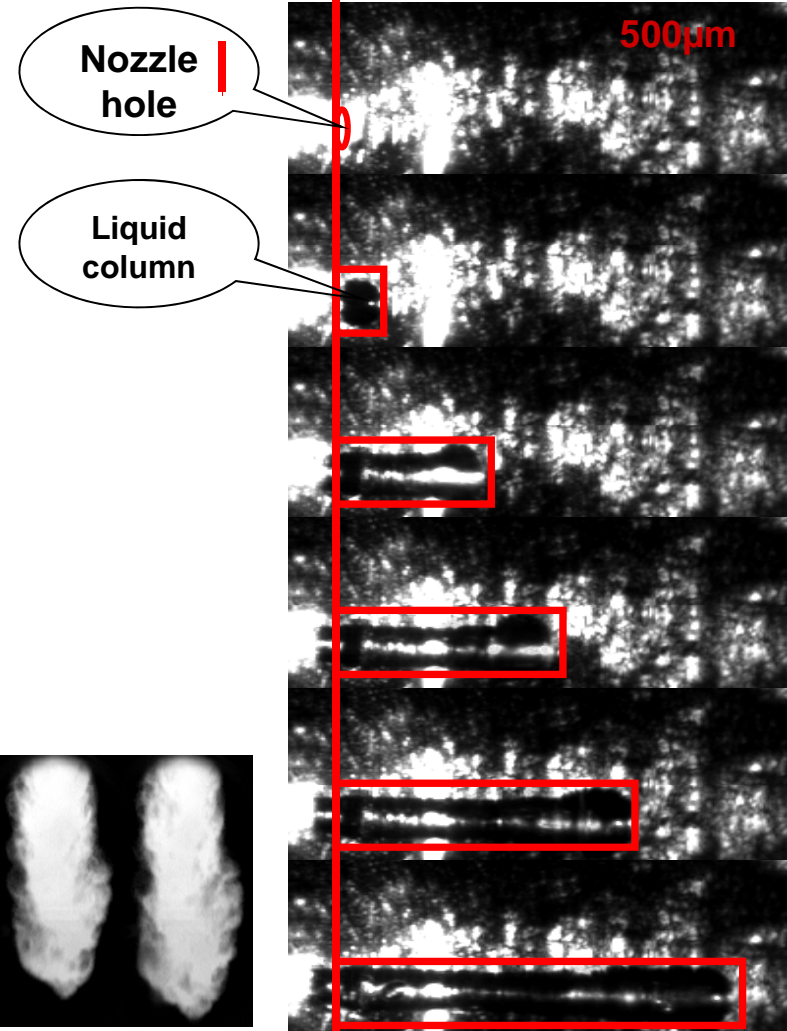
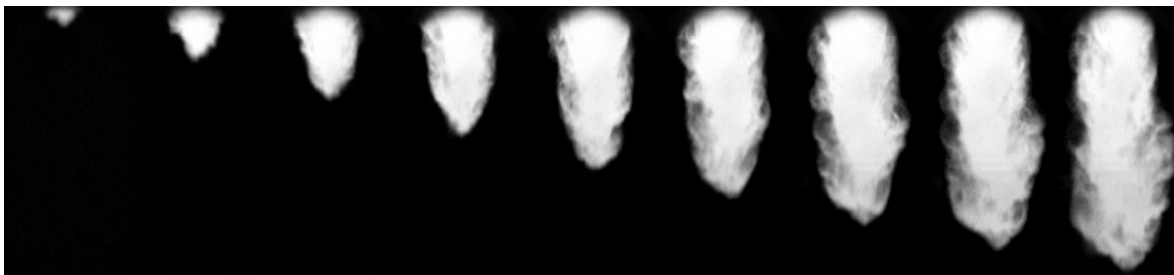
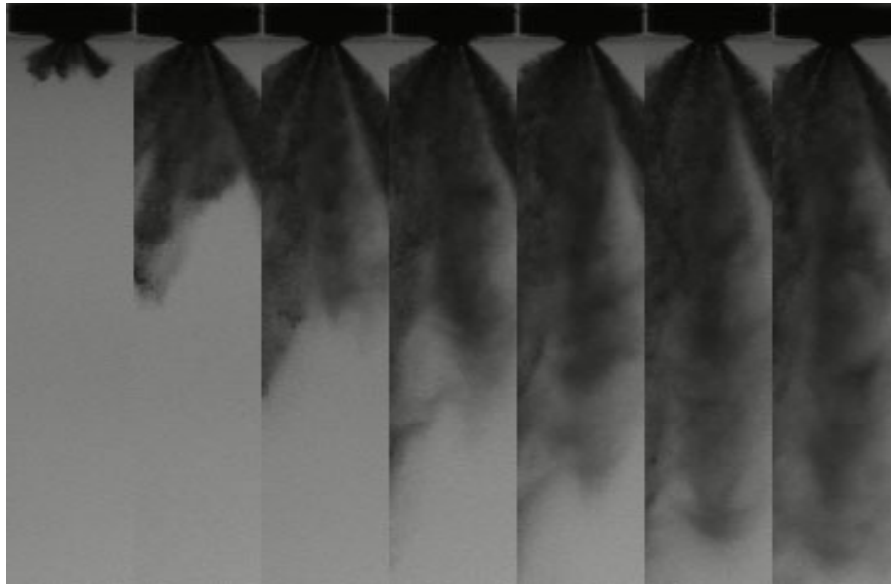


# Flame development characteristics



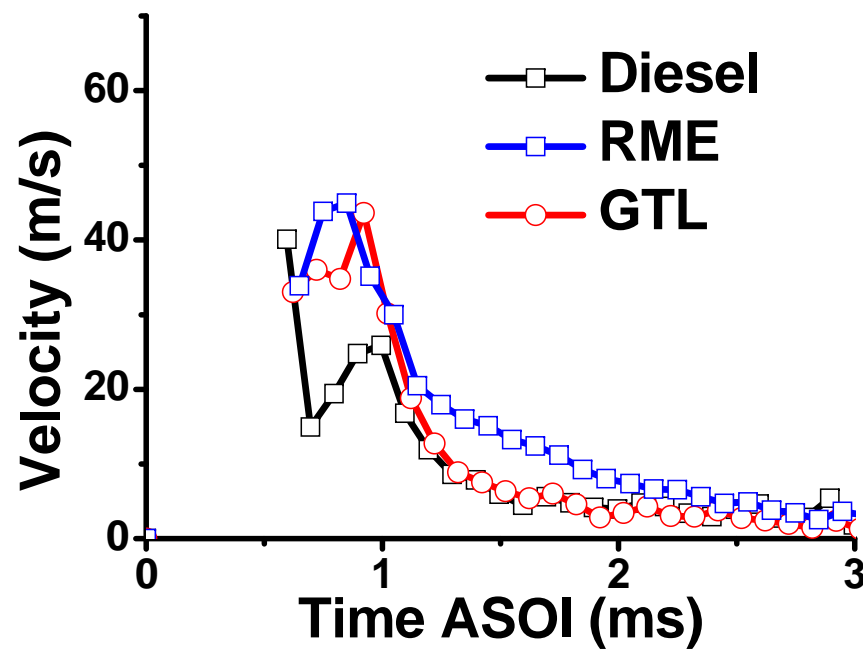
# Ultra-high speed CCD Imaging >1m f/s

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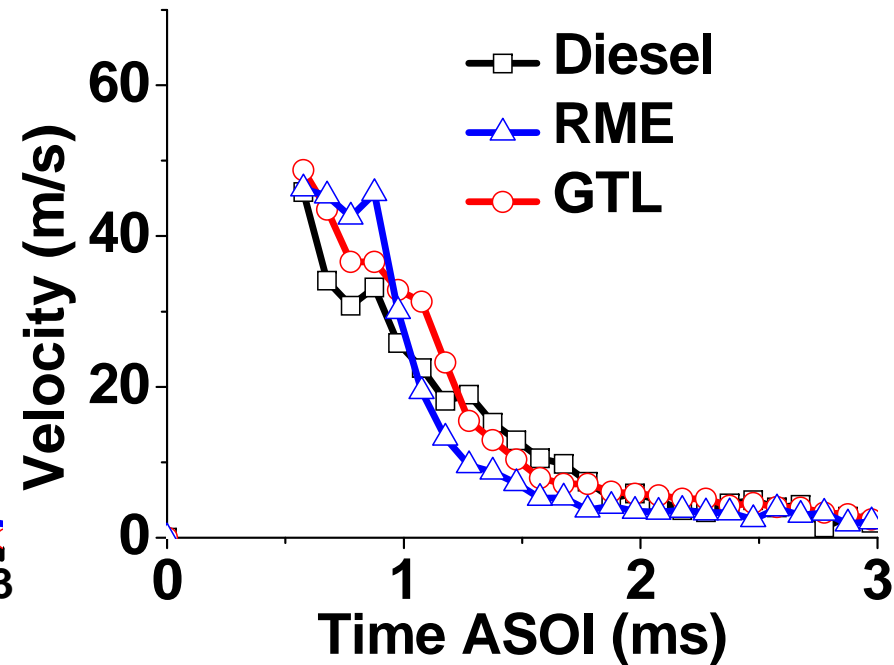


# Diesel type of fuel spray characterisation

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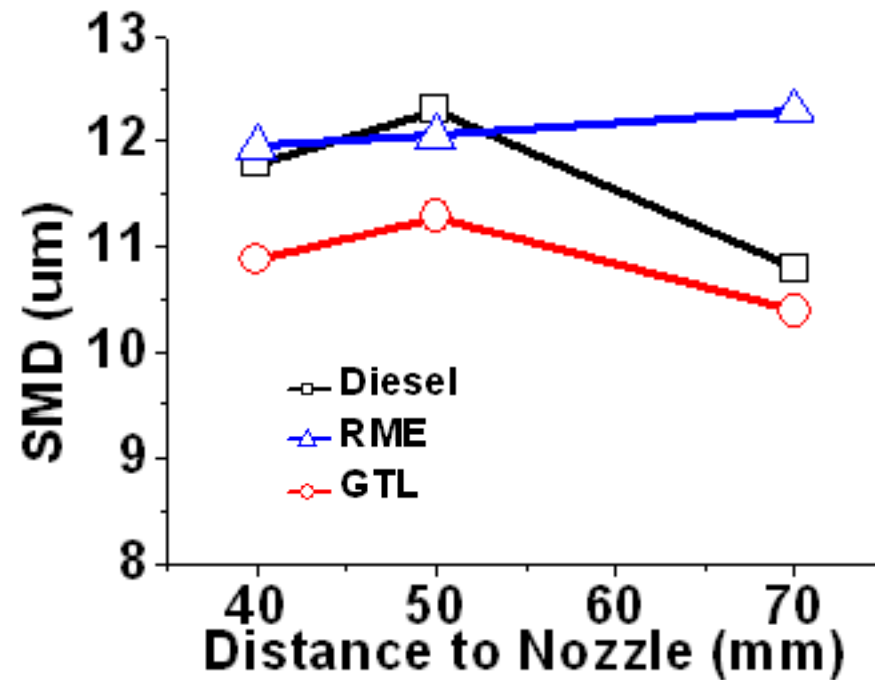


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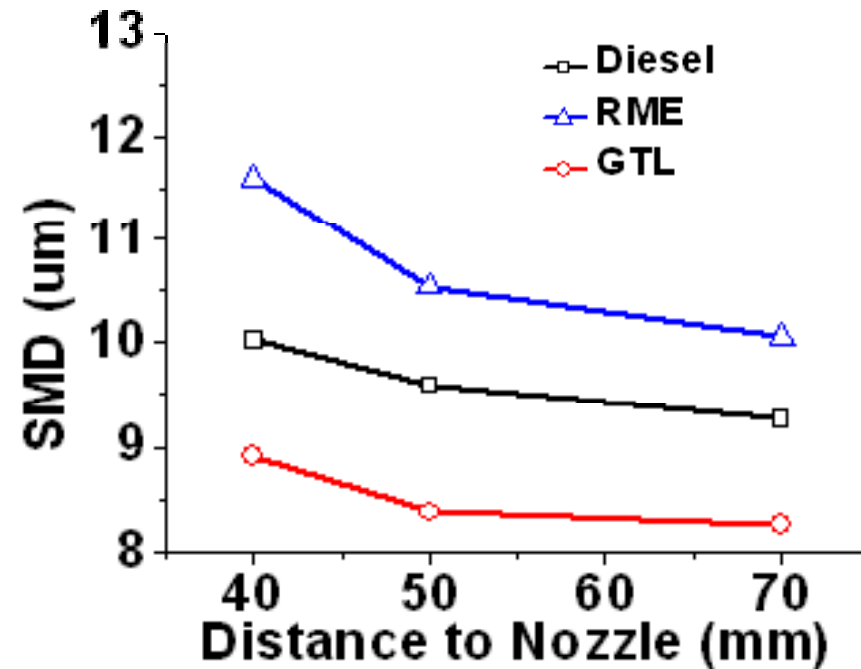


# Spray characteristics of biodiesels

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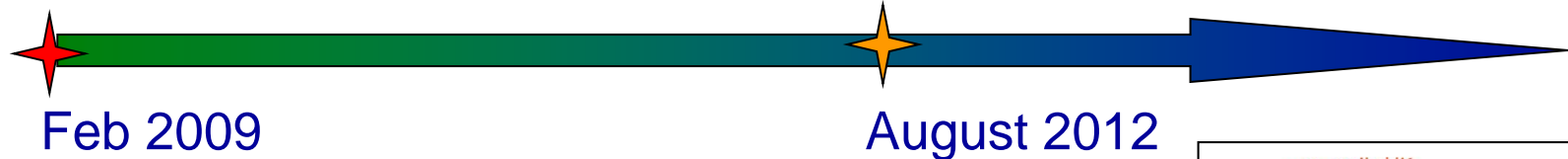
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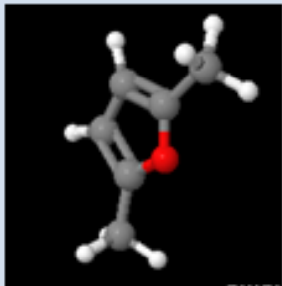
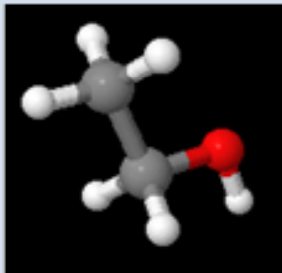
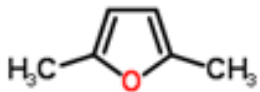

## Impact of DMF on Engine Performance and Emissions as a New Generation of Sustainable Biofuel



To study the characteristics of combustion and emissions of a newly proposed generation of Biofuel for gasoline (SI) engines with bench-marking to ethanol, involving modelling and experimental study of fuel spray, direct injection mixture preparation, combustion and emissions (regulated and unregulated)



# What is DMF

Name(s) <sup>i,ii</sup>	2,5 Dimethylfuran	Ethanol	Gasoline
Linear Structure Formula <sup>i</sup>	$(CH_2)_2C_4H_2O$	$CH_3OCH_3$	Variable
Molecular Formula <sup>i</sup>	$C_6H_8O$	$C_2H_6O$	$C_2$ to $C_{14}$
Molecule 3D View <sup>iv</sup>			Variable
Molecule Schematic <sup>iv</sup>			Variable
BP, Boiling Point (1atm) <sup>i</sup>	93.0°C	77.3°C	
Enthalpy of Vaporization <sup>iv</sup> (20°C)	31.91 kJ/mol <sup>-1</sup>	43.2496 kJ/mol <sup>-1</sup>	
Enthalpy of Combustion <sup>iii</sup>	42.0 kJ/mol <sup>-1</sup>	26.9 kJ/mol <sup>-1</sup>	43.4 kJ/mol <sup>-1</sup>
$\rho$ , Density of Liquid <sup>i</sup>	0.8954 kgm <sup>-3</sup> @ 20°C	0.79363 kgm <sup>-3</sup> @ 15°C	
Research Octane Number (RON) <sup>v</sup>	119	110 <sup>vii</sup>	95 <sup>iv</sup>
Auto Ignition Temperature <sup>vii</sup>	285.85°C	423°C	257°C

# Why DMF is good?

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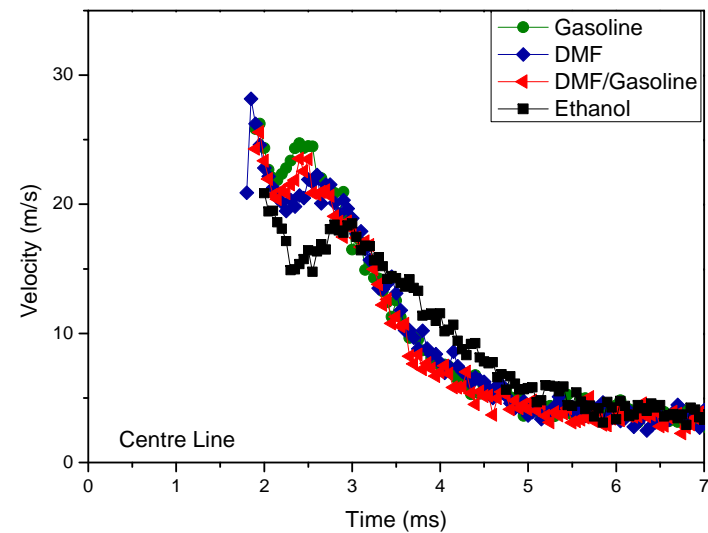
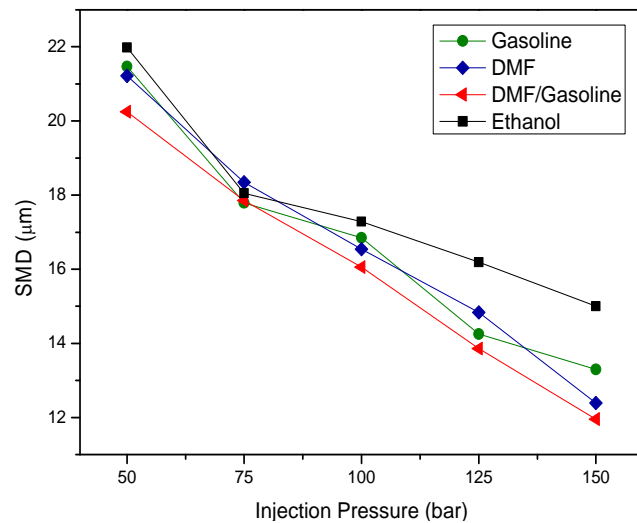
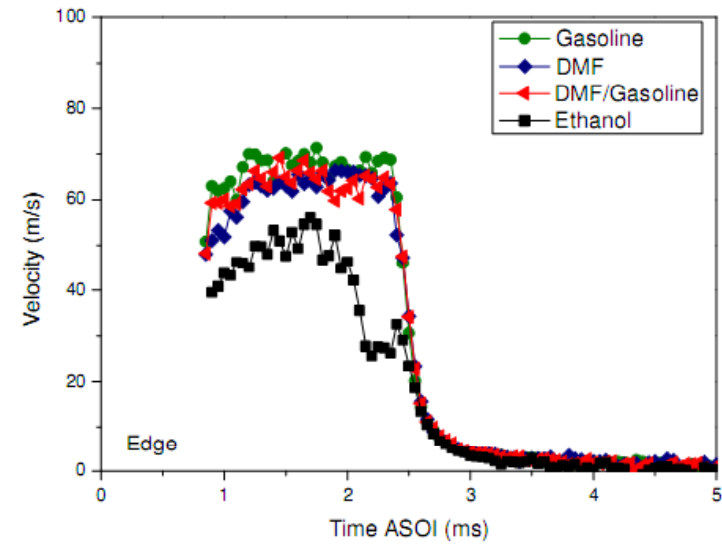
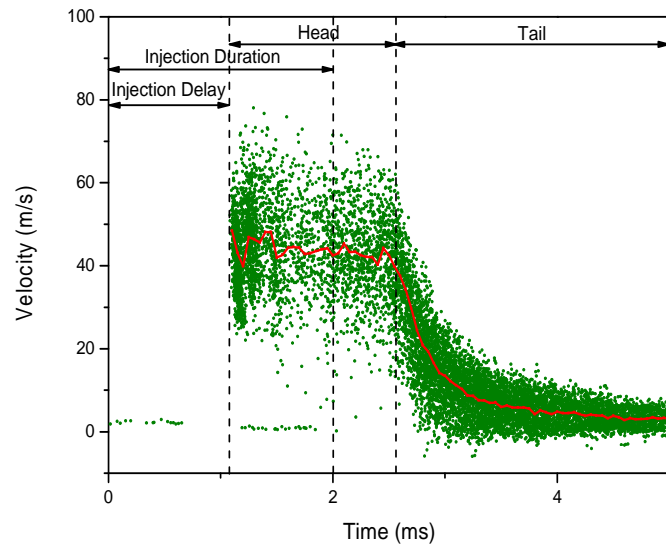
- DMF has physical properties very close to gasoline, but it has a very high octane number (RON=119) and relatively low volatility.
- Compared to ethanol, it has an energy density higher by 60 per cent in volume and by 40% in mass.
- DMF is stable in storage and not soluble in water and therefore it cannot become contaminated by absorbing water from the atmosphere.
- It consumes only one-third of the energy in the evaporation stage of its production, compared with that required to evaporate a solution of ethanol produced by fermentation for biofuel applications.

The most attractive advantage is that making DMF will not compete with land and food, and therefore it can be an ideal candidate for a new generation of sustainable bio-fuel!

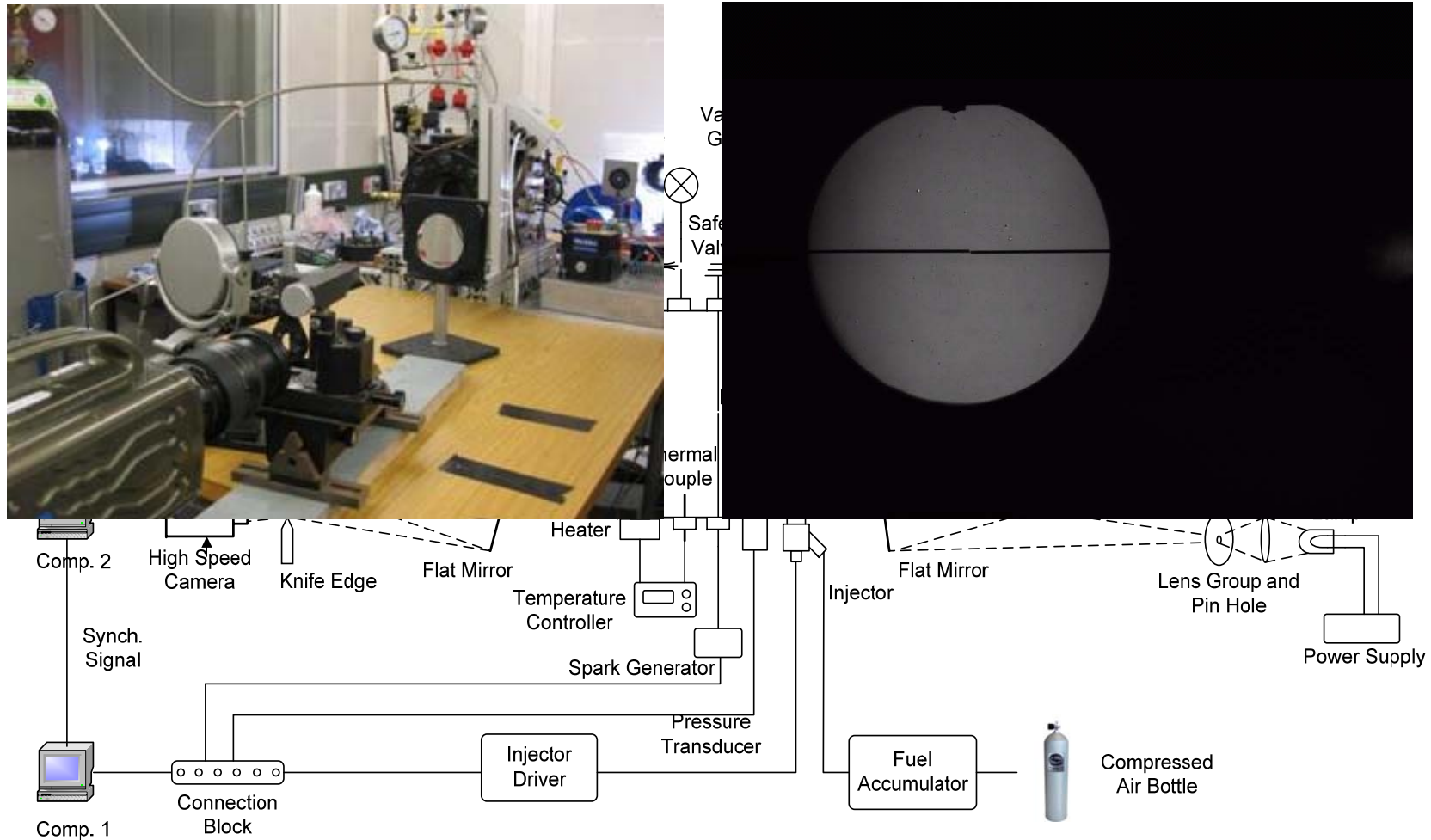




# Gasoline type of fuel spray characterisation

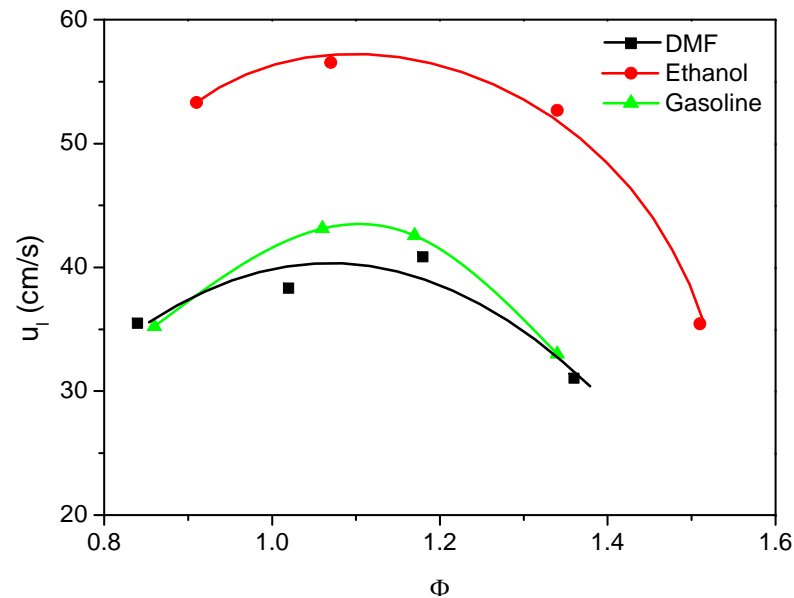


# Ignition, flame propagation and speed

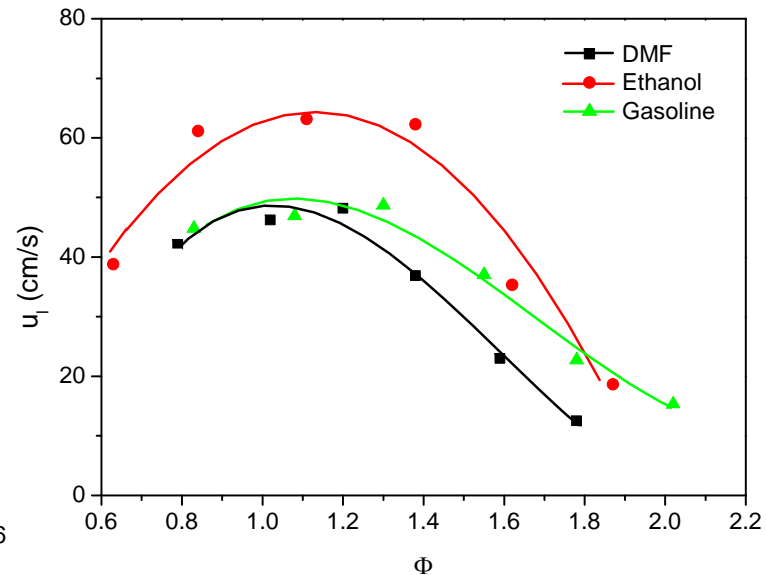


# Laminar burning velocity of biofuels

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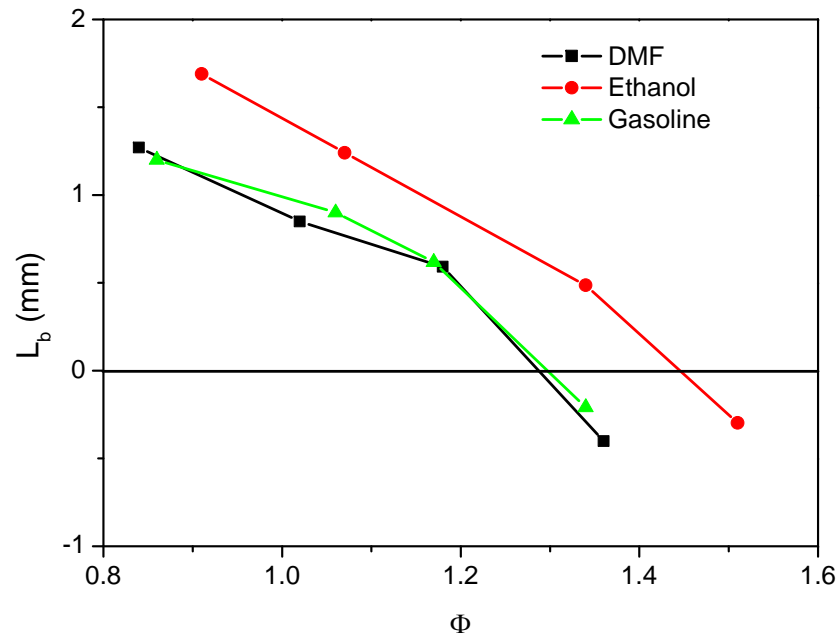
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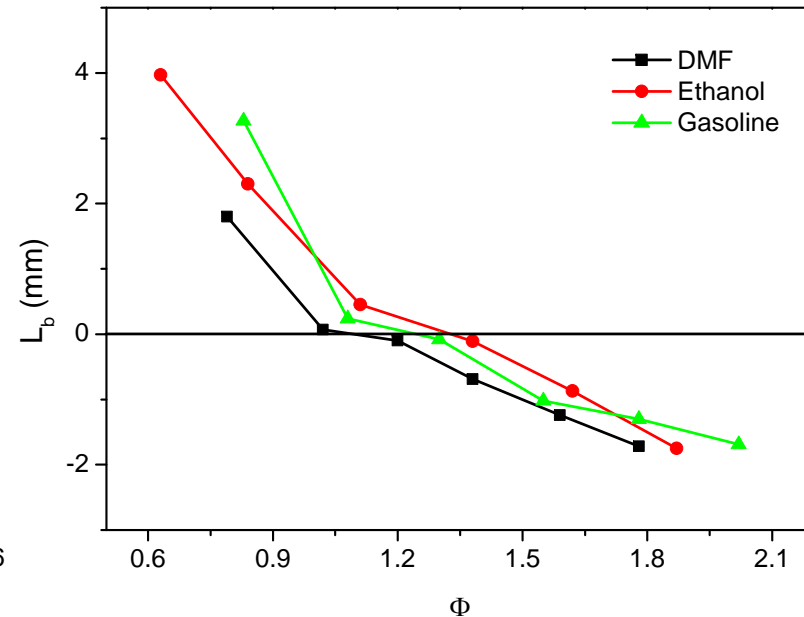
100°C initial temperature

- The laminar burning velocity of DMF is closer to gasoline than ethanol for given initial test conditions.
- Ethanol's laminar burning velocity is the highest amongst the three fuels for the test conditions studied with respect to temperature and equivalence ratio, and it is approximately 30-40% faster compared with DMF.

# Markstein length as a function of $T_i$ and $\Phi$



50°C initial temperature

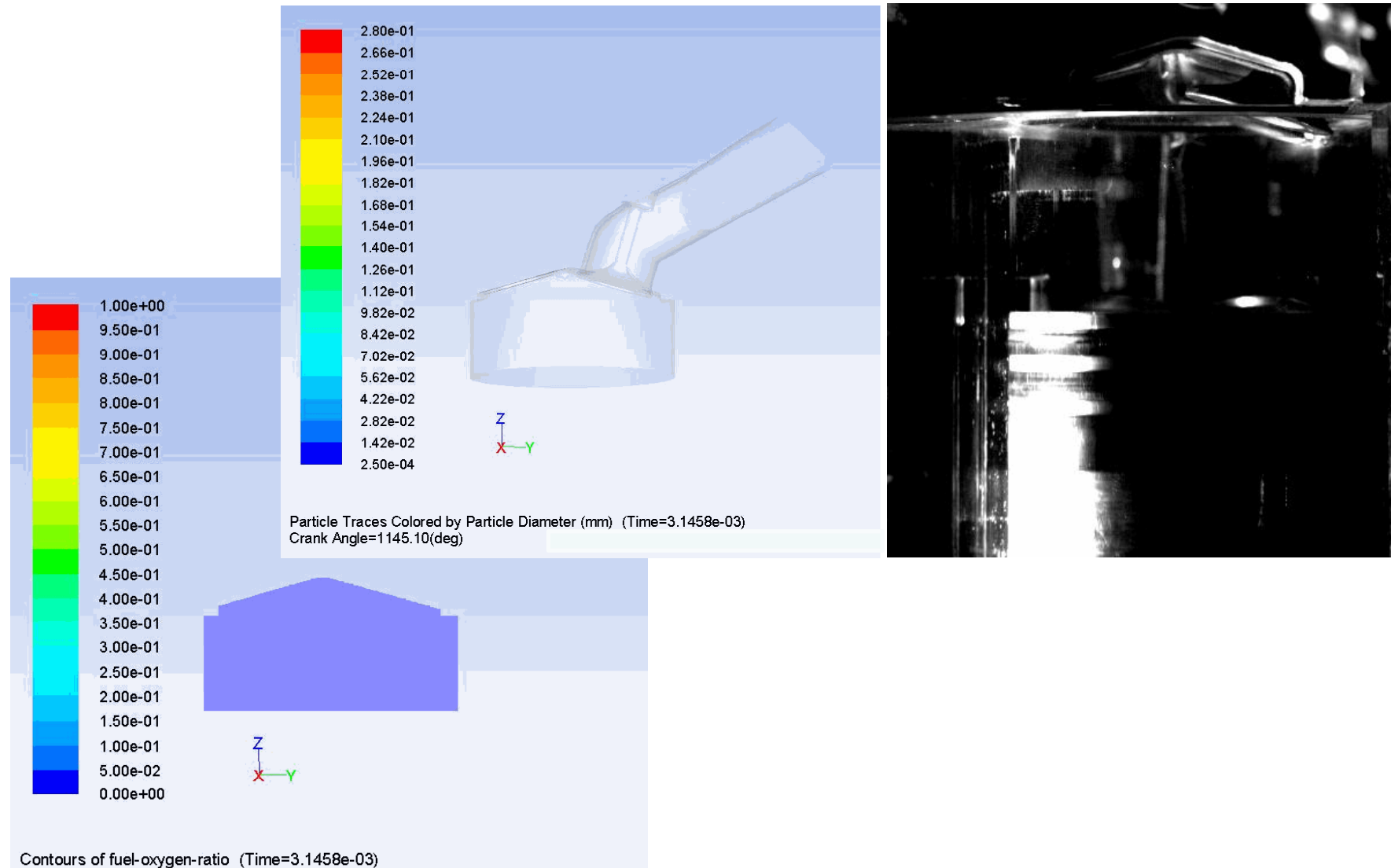


100°C initial temperature

Positive Markstein lengths indicate that the flame speed is decreased with the increase of the stretch rate, while a negative Markstein length indicates that the flame speed is increased with the increase of the stretch.

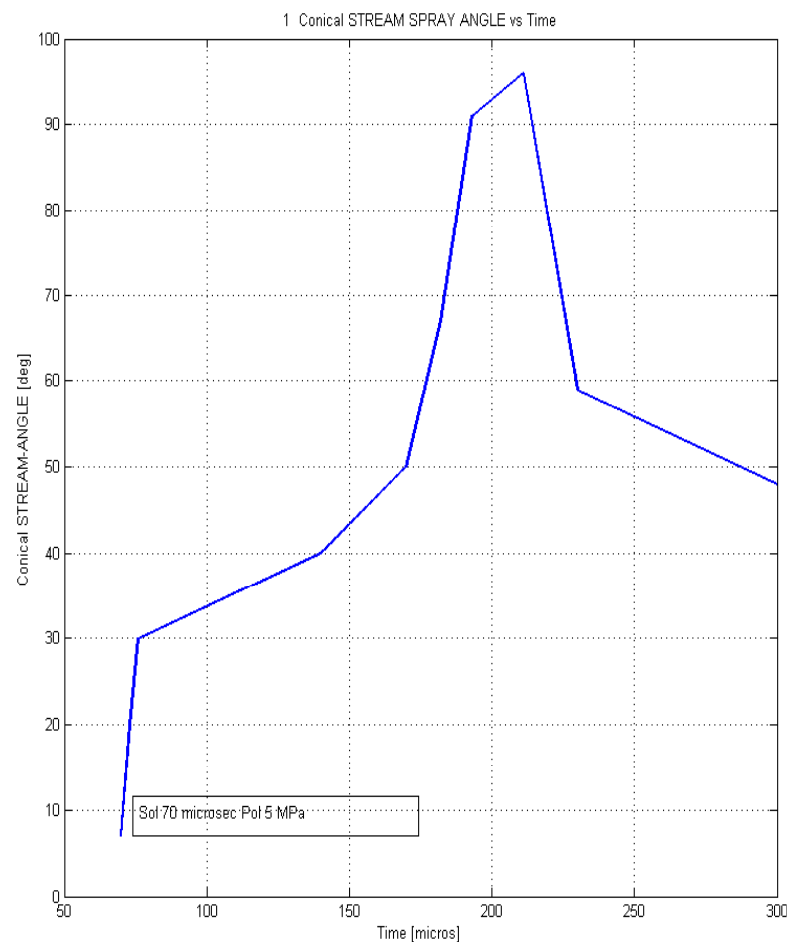
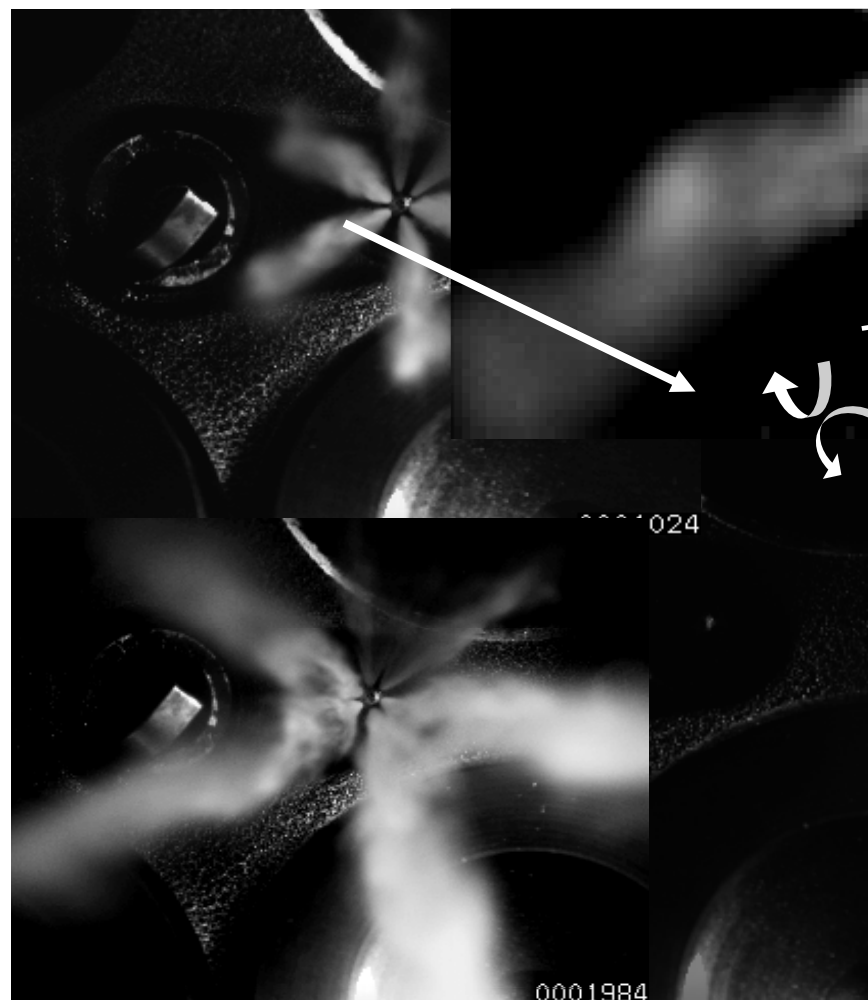


# DMF- biofuel spray modeling and validation





# Imaging fluctuation of direct injection spray



Angle Fluctuation of the spray plume in-cylinder

# Single cylinder AJ133 Engine

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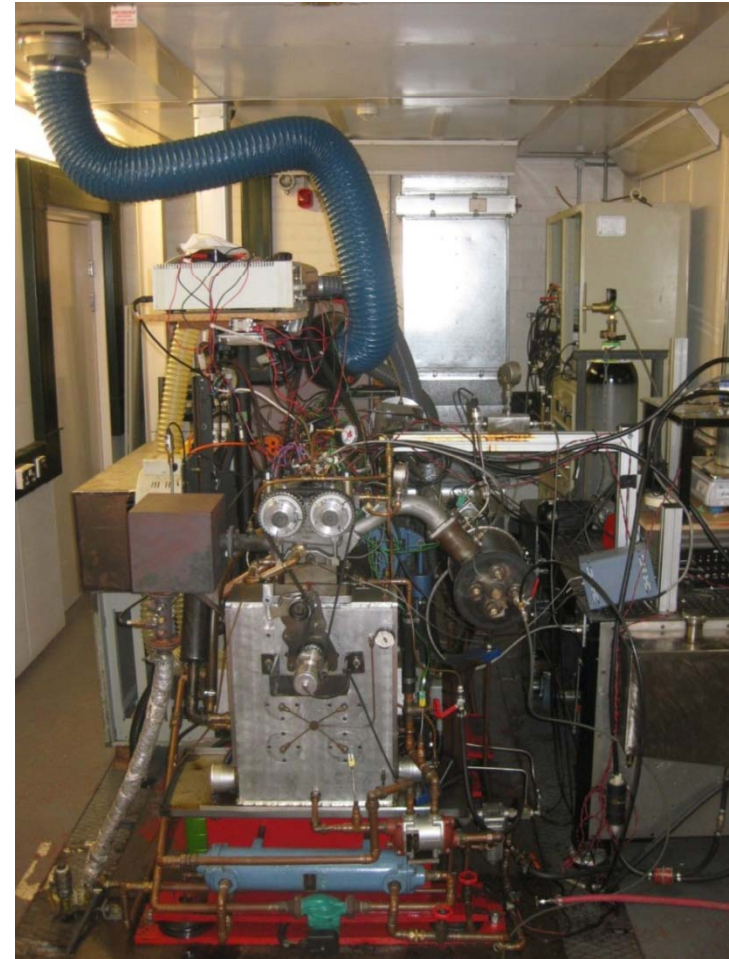


Compression ratio variable by changing the piston crown

Intake temperature variable between 25 – 350 C degree

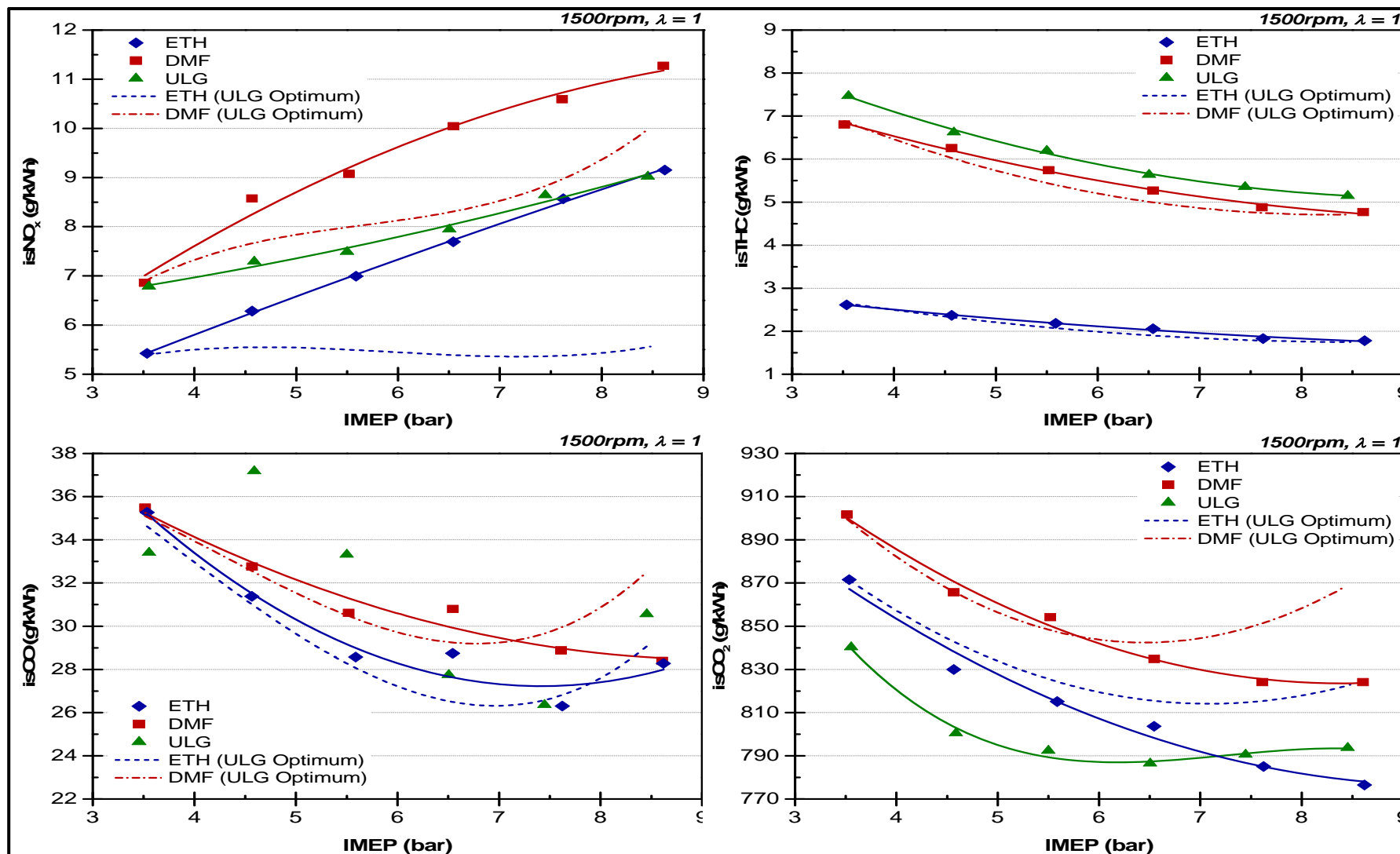
AJ133 2<sup>nd</sup> generation spray guided GDI

Variable valve timing for intake and exhaust

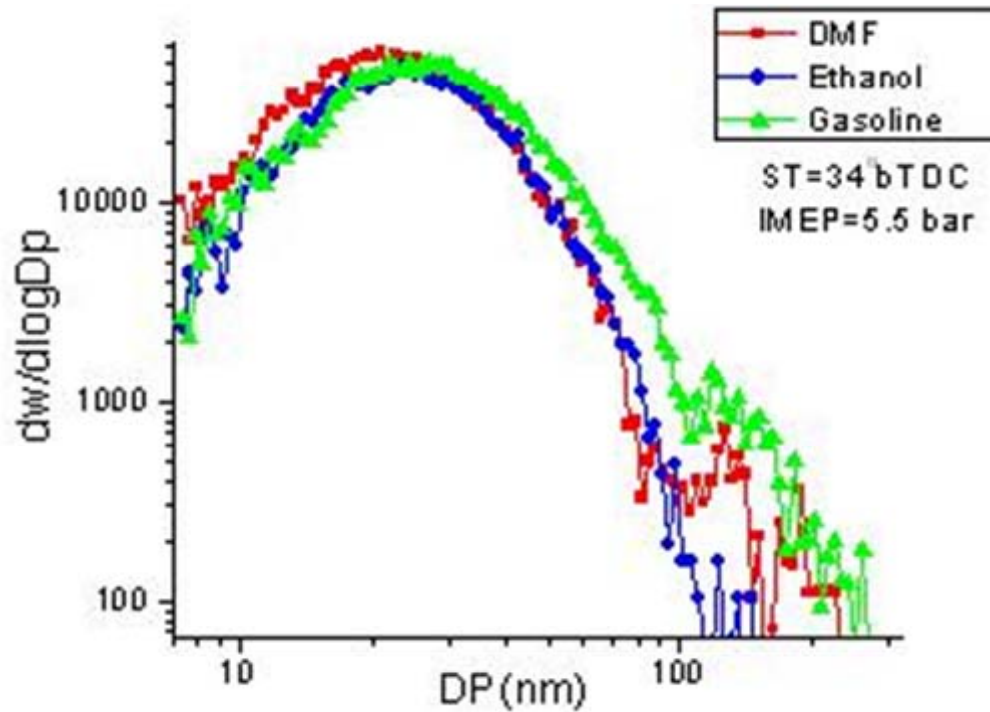




# DMF - Comparison of emissions

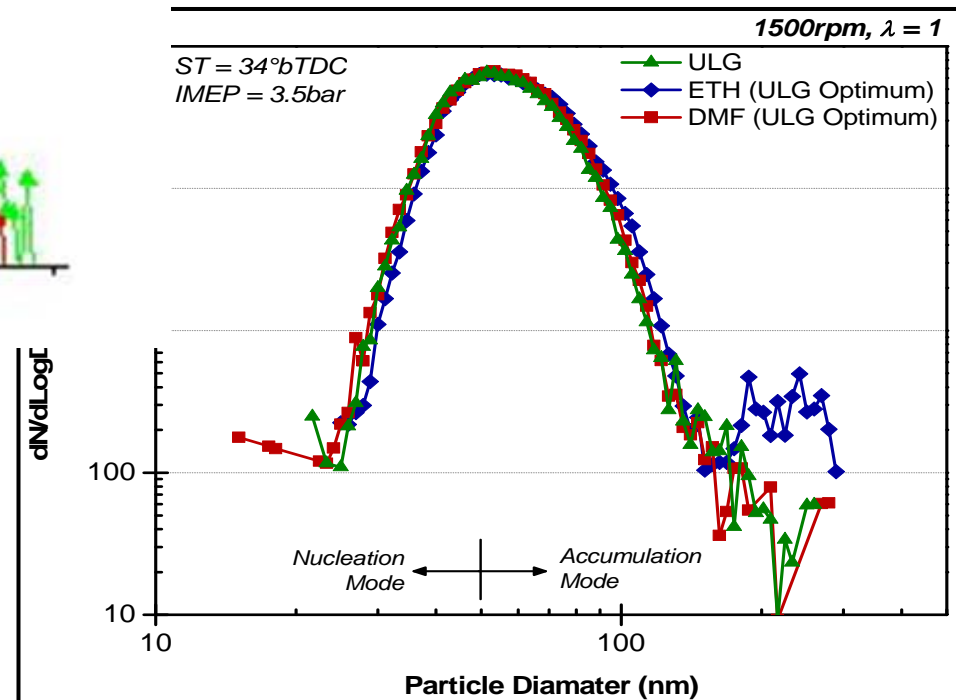


# Particulate matter emissions



Higher loader load 5.5bar  
IMEP, 1500rpm

Lower load 3.5bar IMEP,  
1500rpm





# Summary

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1. One key to the successful modern engine development is through the application of CAE /CFD modelling to provide tools for optimisation of the engine design.
2. CFD modelling requires necessary input parameters and validation, without which they mean very little to motor industry.
3. Optical diagnostics is the most effective technique to visualise the engine flow and combustion and supply required data to CFD models and their validation.
4. These tools and techniques have been developed and used to investigate the fuel spray, mixture formation and combustion for the reach of future fuels including new candidates for biofuels.
5. DMF has been shown a promising biofuel candidate but more research is required to complete the full investigation.

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Thanks very much for your attention