

Simulation of Mixture Formation and Combustion for Gasoline Direct Injection Engine Using OpenFOAM

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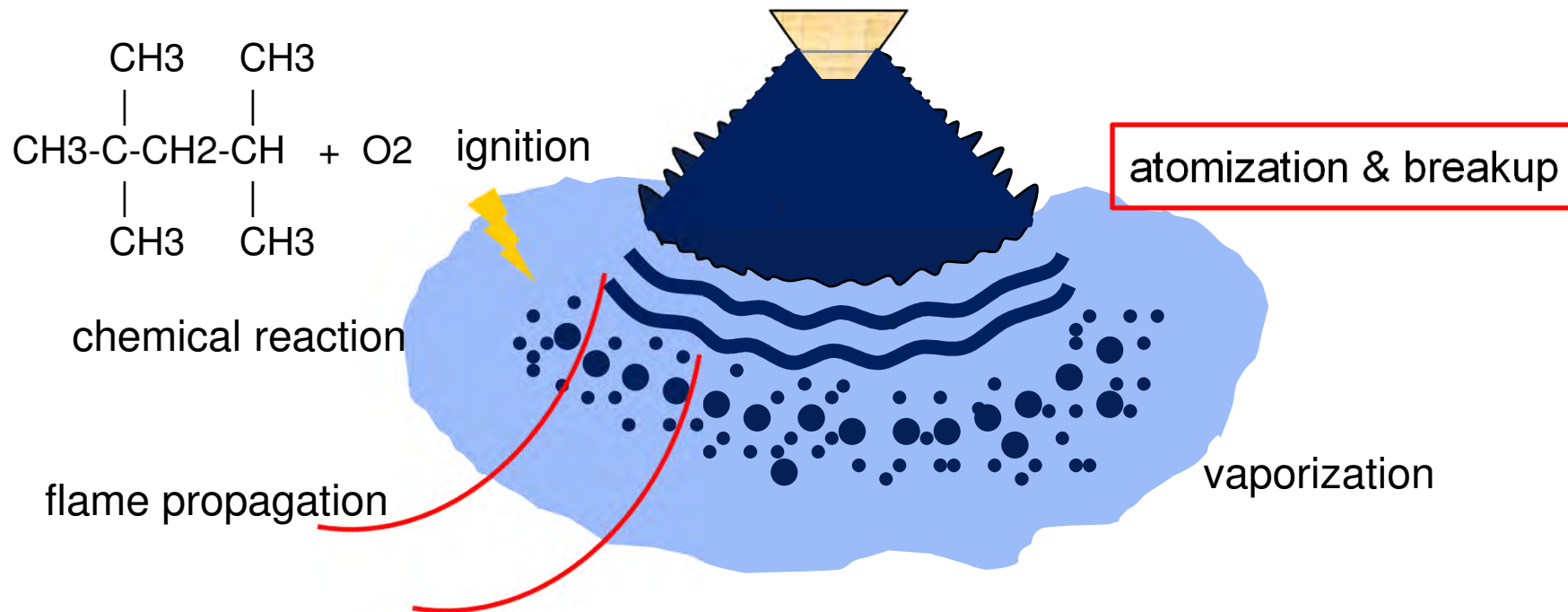
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Goals



Main goal: *Assess* the potential of *OpenFOAM* and further develop it.

Another goal: *Assess* the applicability of *various spray models* to simulating sprays discharged by a *pintle*-type injector (*not develop new spray models*).

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Illustration of modelling a hollow-cone spray using Lagrangian approach

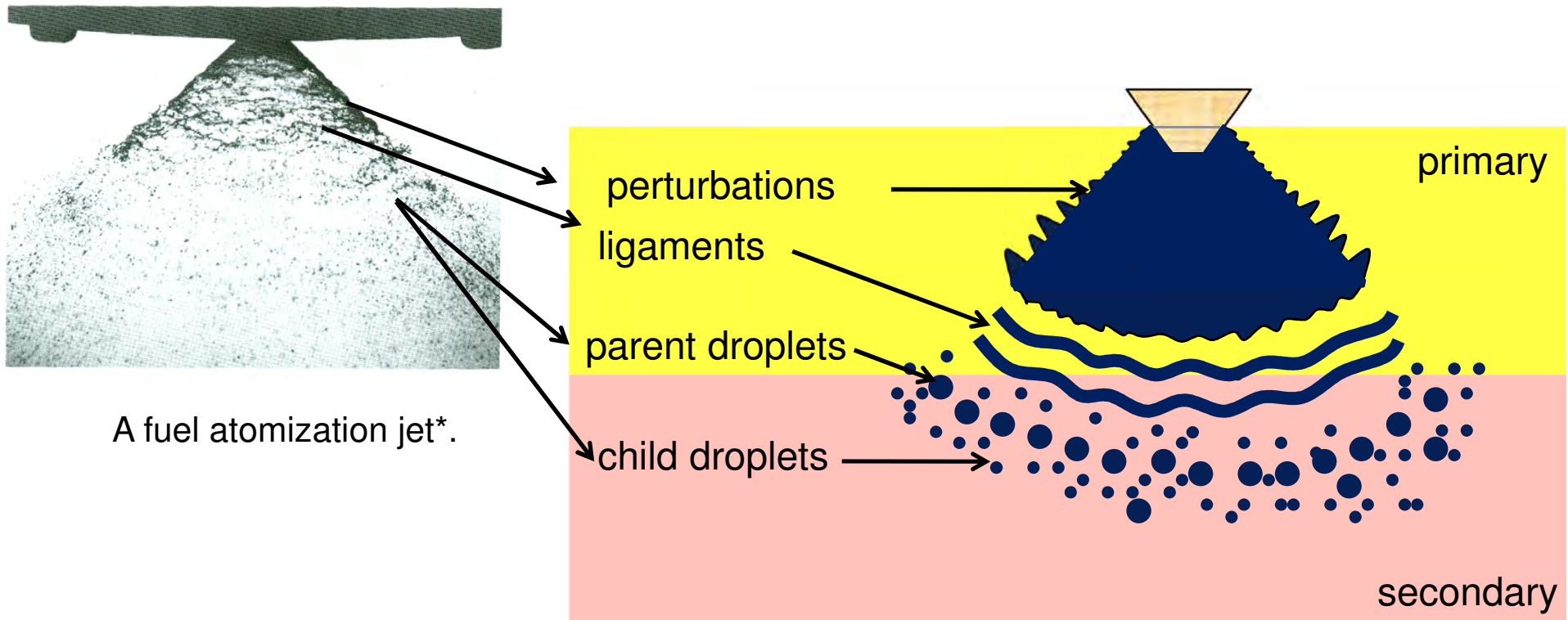


Illustration of how a hollow-cone spray is modeled numerically.

*Fantasy of flow: the world of fluid flow captured in photographs. By Kashika Jōhō Gakkai

Spray models in OpenFOAM

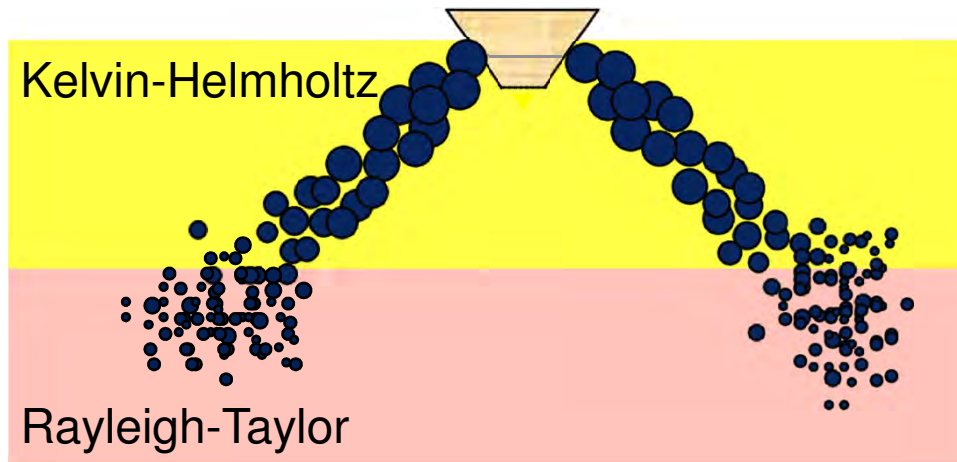
| Function | Name | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Injector model | Unit | Pintle |
| Primary breakup model | Rosin-Rammler | KHRT |
| | LISA | |
| Secondary breakup model | TAB | |
| | Reitz-Diwakar | |
| Collision model | O'Rourke | |
| | Trajectory | |

VSB2 spray model.

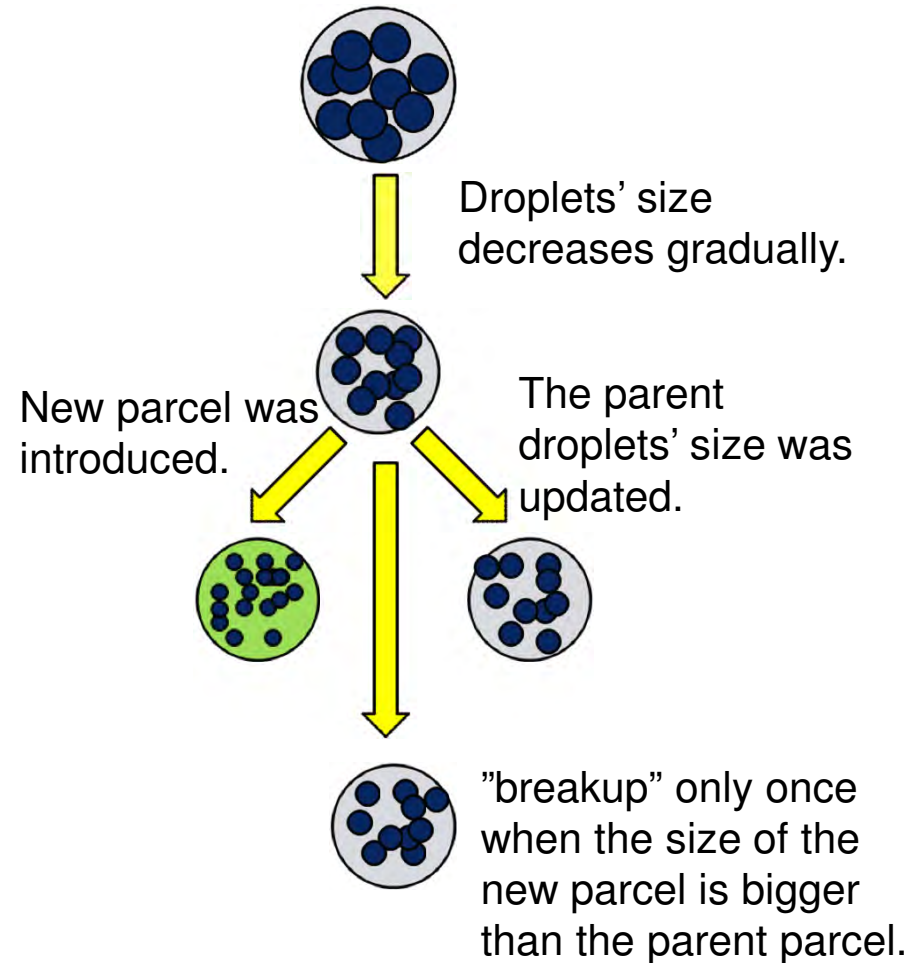
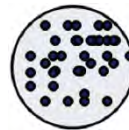
The physical properties of gasoline.*

*http://www.tfd.chalmers.se/~hani/kurser/OS_CFD_2009/ChenHuang/OFProject0122.pdf

The KHRT Model



RT instability grows and cause droplets breakup after a certain time.



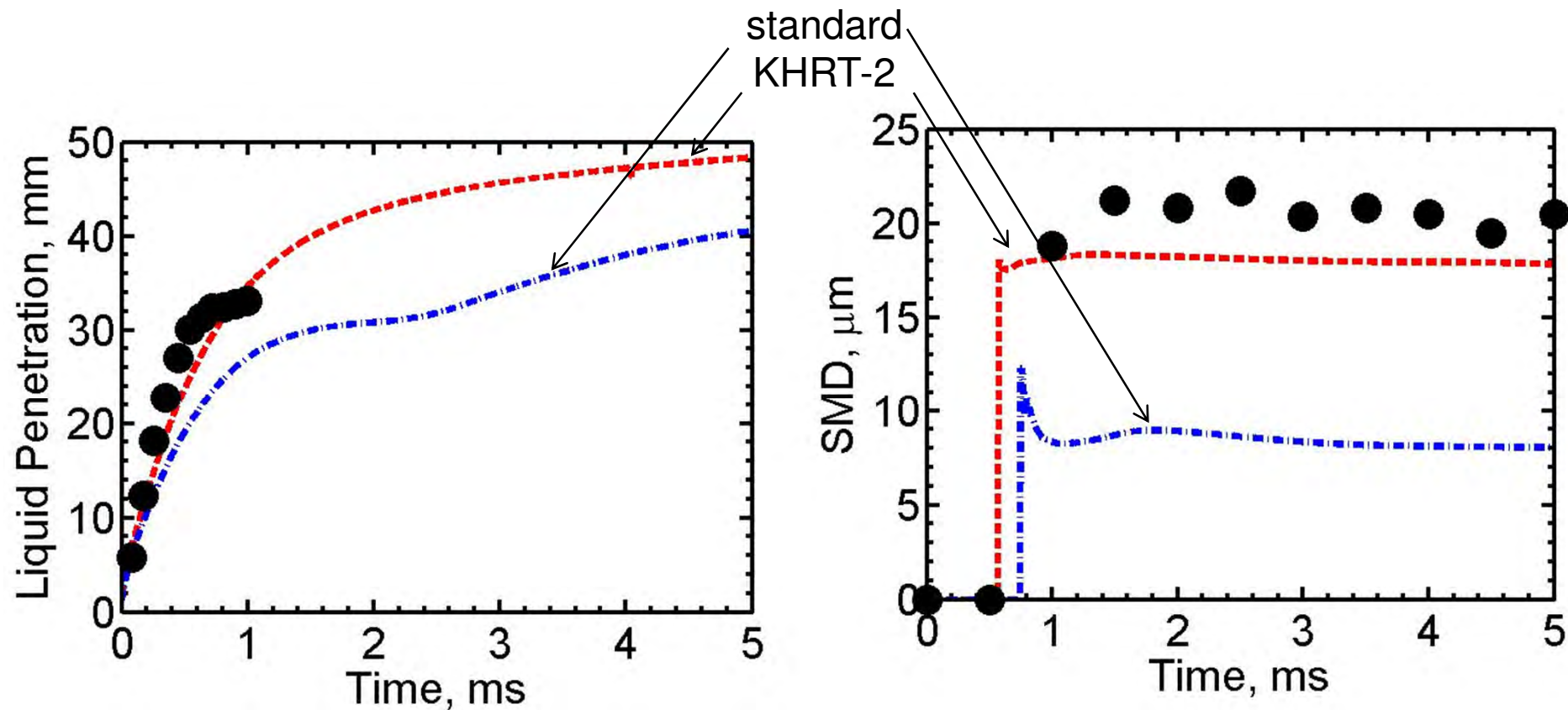
Modifications of KHRT model

| | KHRT-2 | Standard KHRT |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| The mass of the liquid stripped of the parent droplets | $4\pi N_0 \rho_f (r_0^3 - r^3) / 3$ | $\sum (4\pi N \rho_f r_{KH}^3 / 3)$ |
| The radius of parent droplets after breakup | $Nr^2 (r - r_{KH}) = N_0 r_b^2 (r_b - r_{KH})$ | unchanged |
| The number of child droplets | $n = \frac{Nr^3 - Nr_b^3}{r_{KH}^3}$ | not calculated |
| Breakup criteria | $m_s = 0.03 \overline{m_{inj}}, \text{ and } n > N_0$ | $m_s = 0.20 \overline{m_{inj}}$ |

Correct version in **OpenFOAM-2.0.0**

src/lagrangian/spray/submodels/BreakupModel/ReitzKHRT

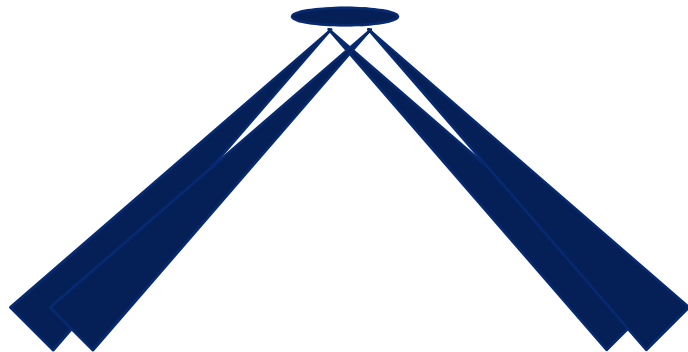
KHRT-2 vs. standard KHRT



Comparison of measured (symbols) and calculated (lines) gasoline liquid penetration and SMD. $T_a=350\text{K}$, $T_f=243\text{K}$, $p_a=6\text{bar}$.

Injector Models

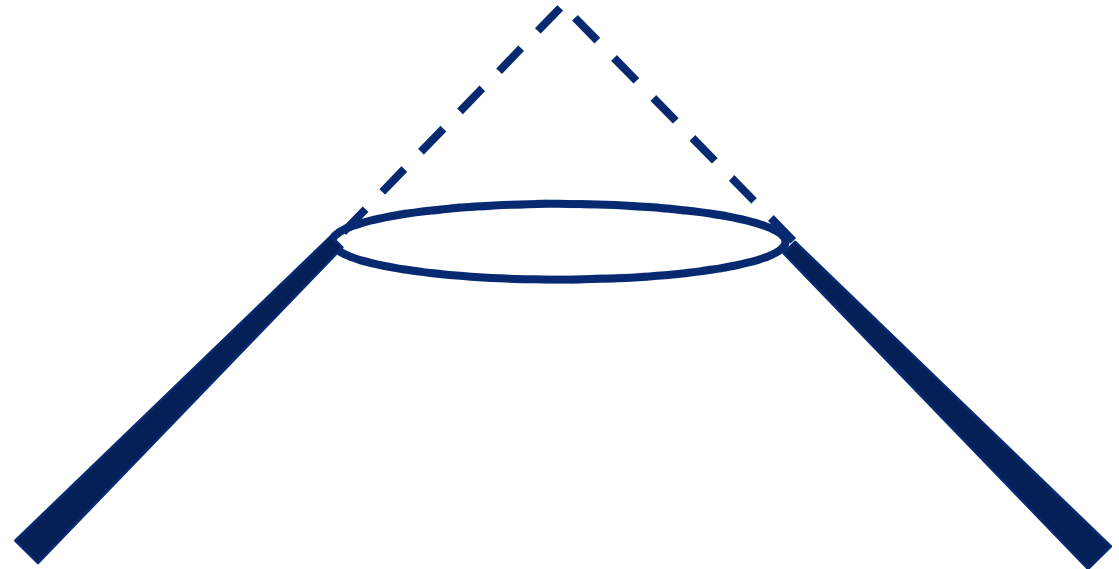
unit injector



Injection direction: randomly distributed within inner cone angle and outer cone angle

Injection position: randomly distributed over the circle

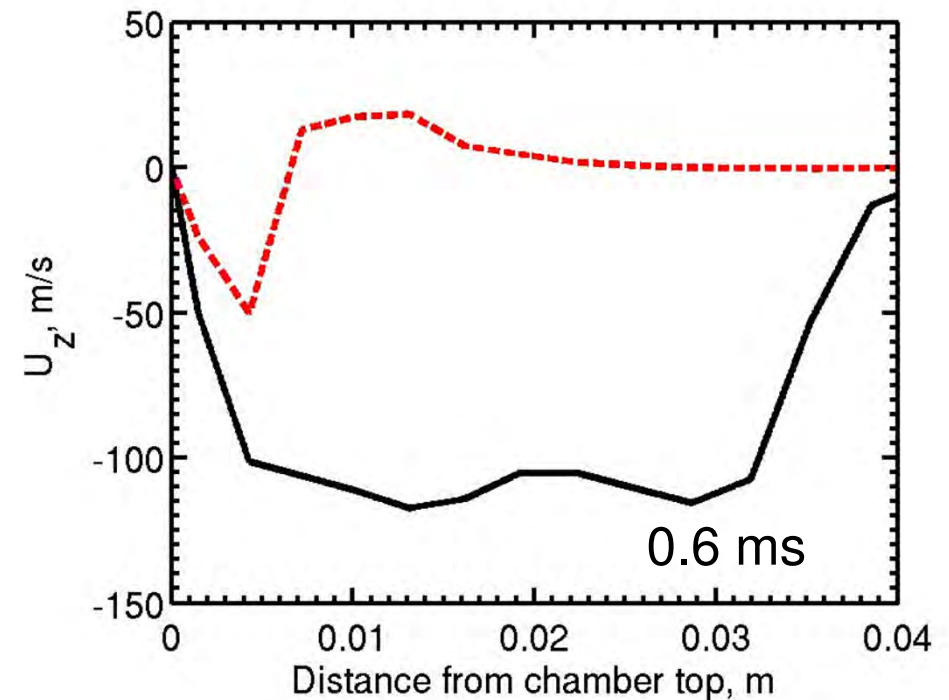
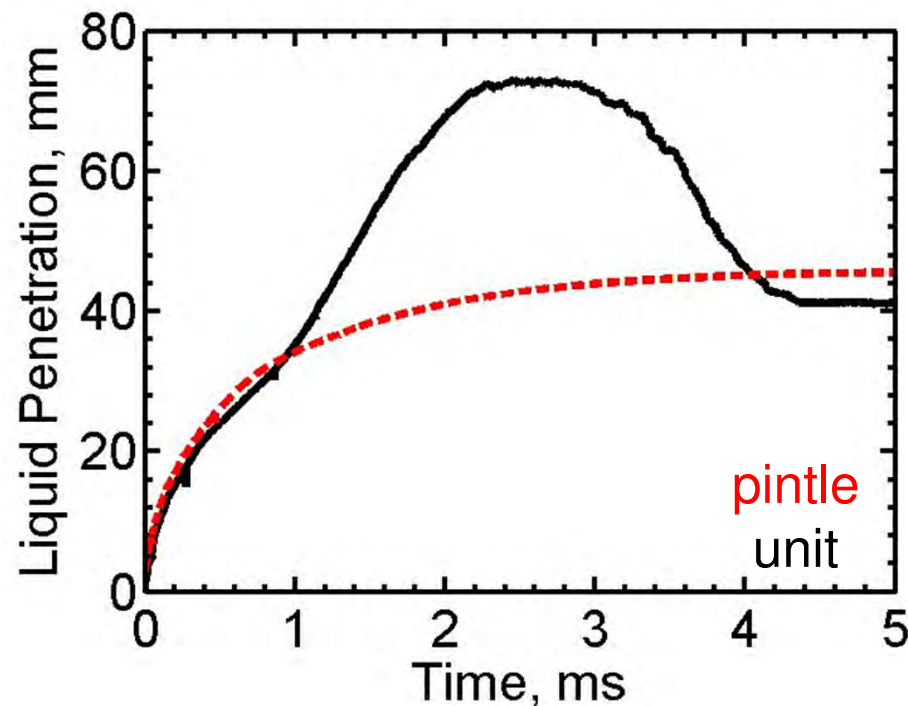
pintle injector



Injection direction: randomly distributed within inner cone angle and outer cone angle

Injection position: along the ring, depending on injection direction

Unit and Pintle Injector Models

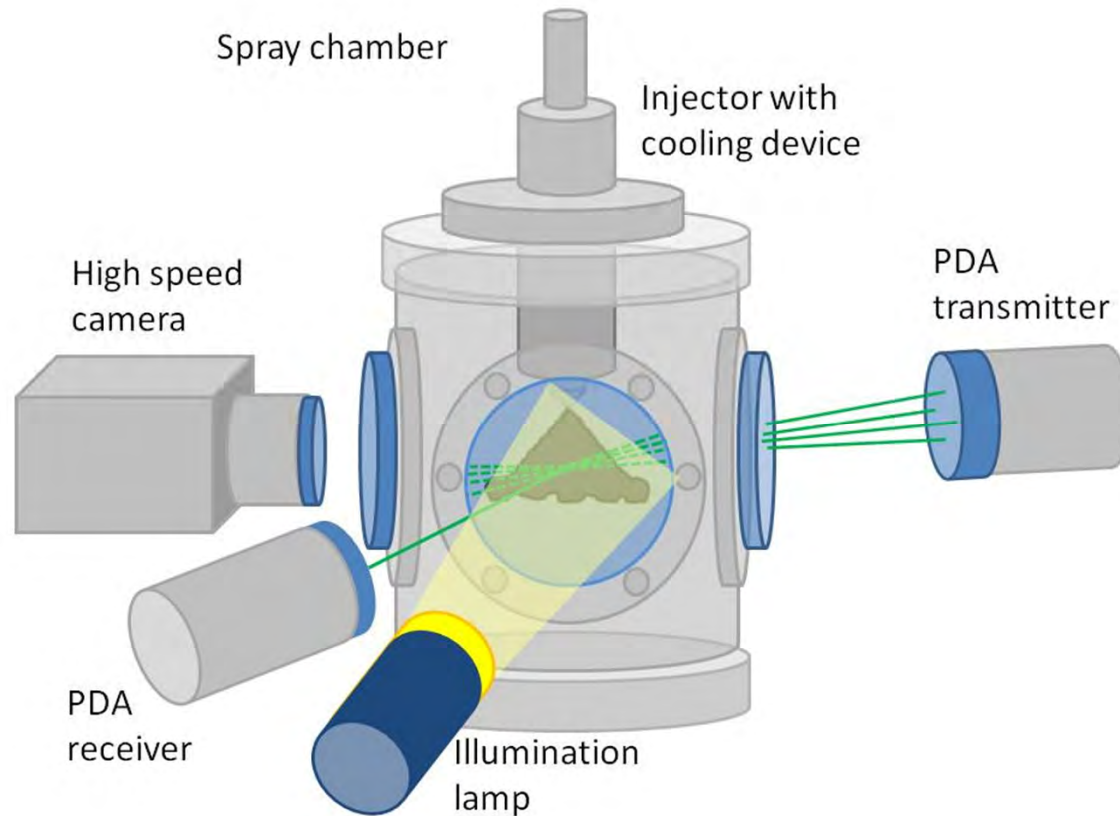


Comparison of liquid penetration and downstream velocity components U_z calculated using unit and pintle injector model along the central line of the spray.

OpenFOAM-2.0.0

src/lagrangian/intermediate/submodels/Kinematic/InjectionModel/ConeNozzleInjection/

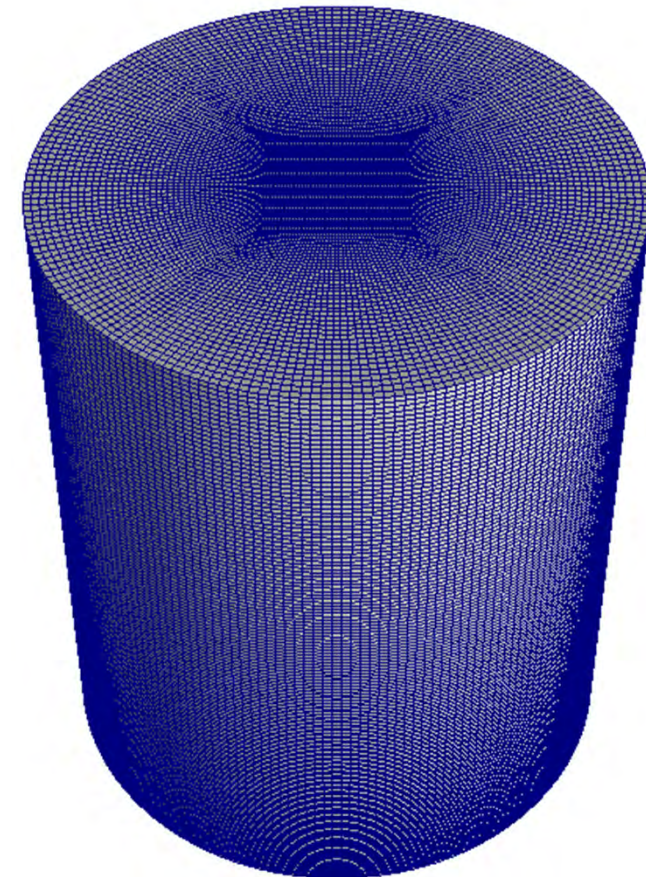
Experimental and Computational Setup



Experimental setup

(Hemdal et al. SAE 2009-01-1496)

high-speed camera: spray imaging PDA: droplet size
 ($T_{fuel}=243$ K, $T_{air}=350$ K, $p_{inj}=50, 125, 200$ bar)

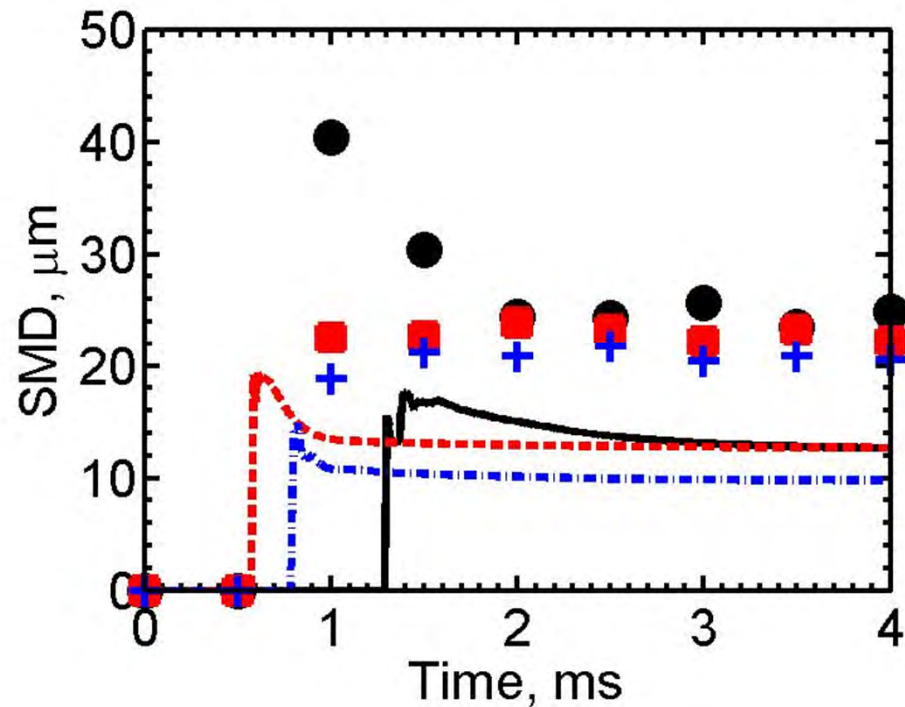
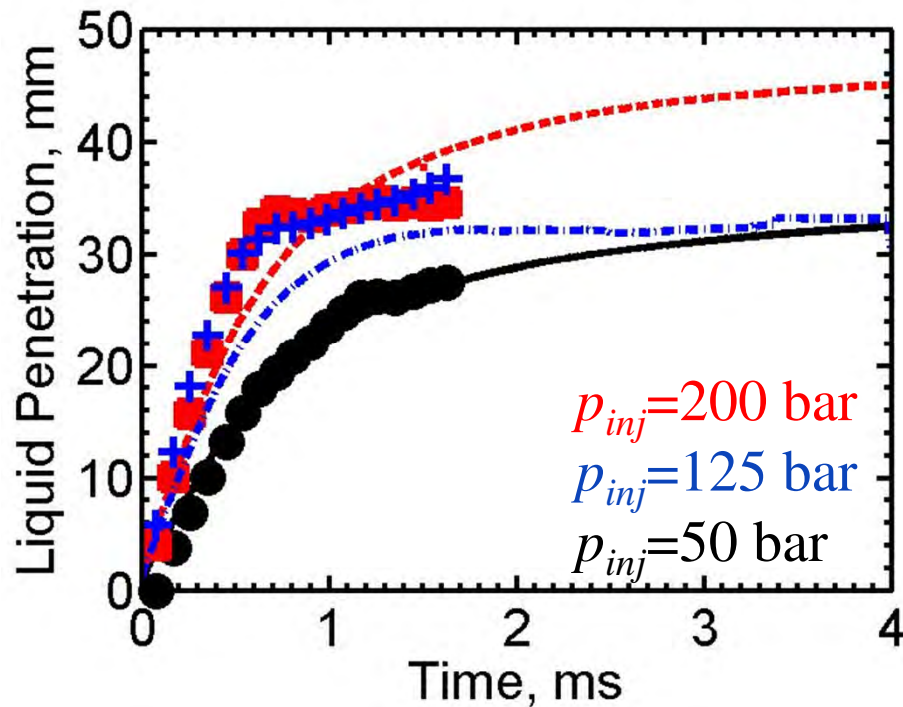


Computational mesh

1 754 400 cells
 Size 0.78 x 0.78 x 0.85 mm (center)

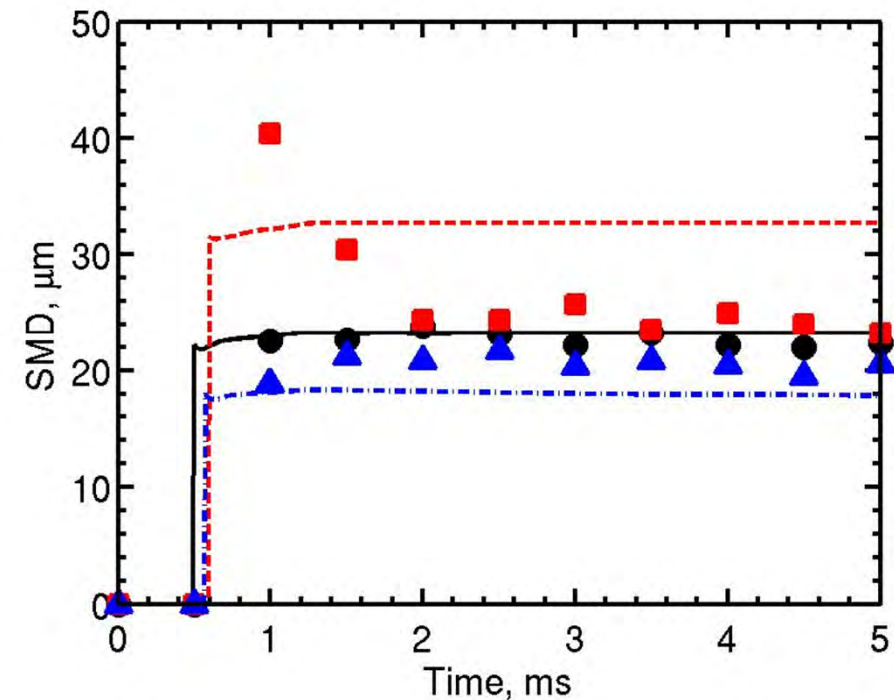
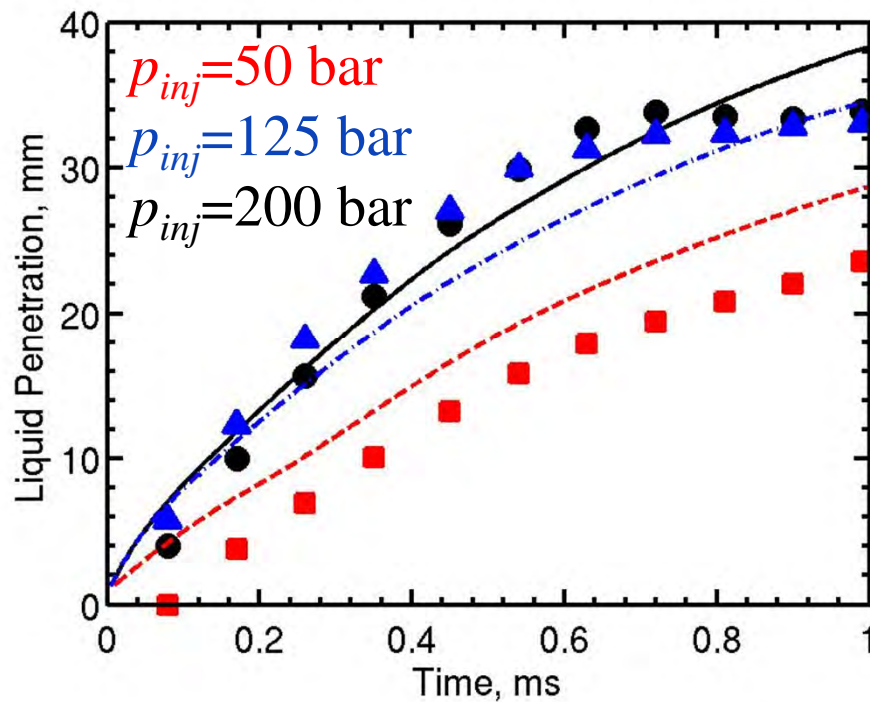
Validation, Rosin-Rammler + VSB2 model

effect of fuel and p_{inj}



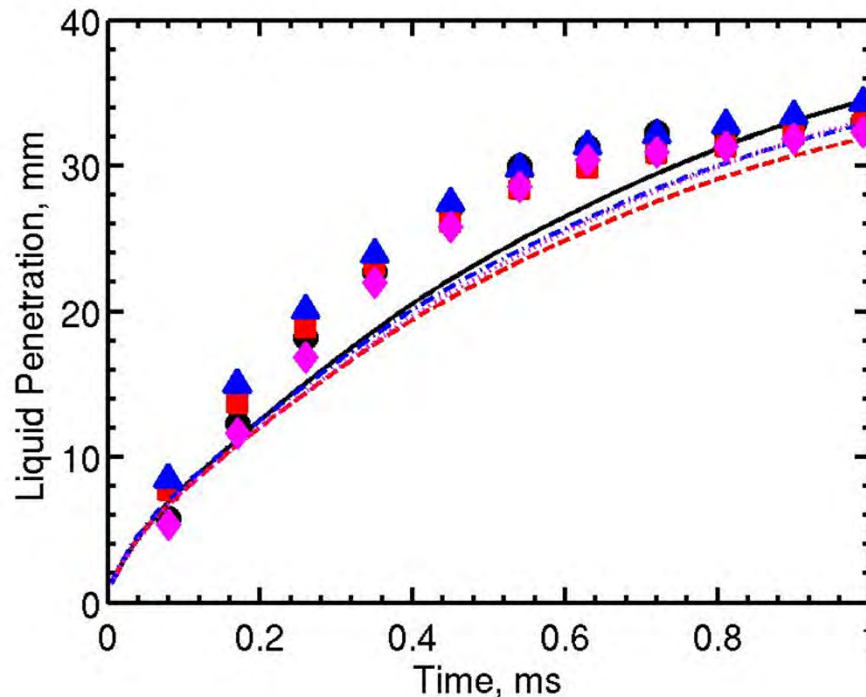
Comparison of measured (symbols) and calculated (lines) ethanol liquid penetration and SMD for different injection pressures. Rosin-Rammler distribution ($r_m=7.5\mu\text{m}$, $q=3$), VSB2 model. $T_a=350\text{K}$, $T_f=243\text{K}$.

Validation, Uniform droplet size + KHRT-2



Comparison of measured (filled symbols) and calculated (lines) liquid penetration and SMD of gasoline.

Validation, Uniform droplet size + KHRT-2



$T_a=350$ K, $T_f=243$ K

$T_a=295$ K, $T_f=295$ K

$T_a=350$ K, $T_f=320$ K

$T_a=295$ K, $T_f=243$ K

Comparison of measured (filled symbols) and calculated (lines) liquid penetration of gasoline for different ambient and fuel temperatures.

Comparison of spray shapes

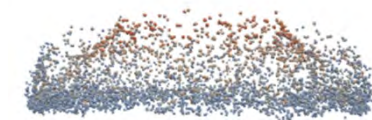
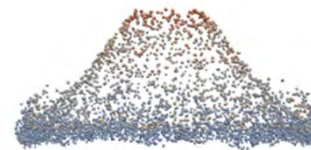
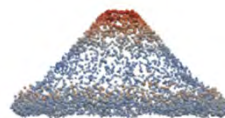
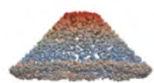
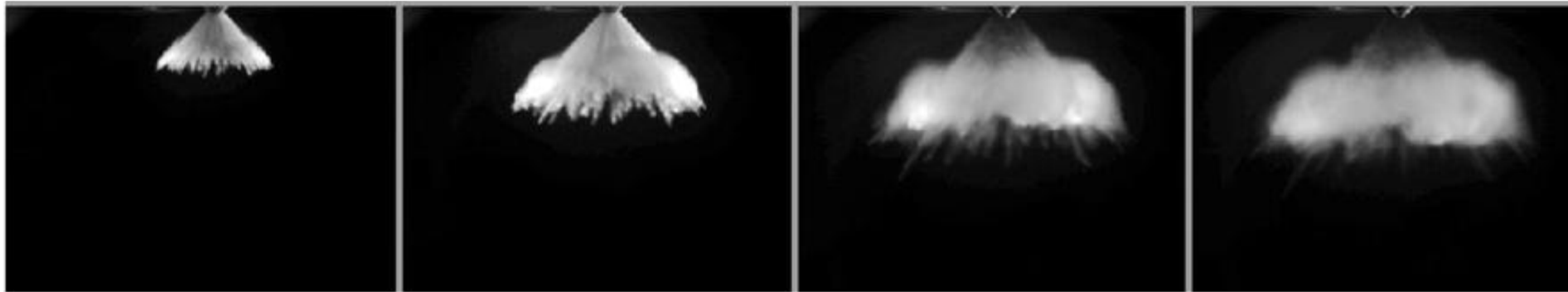
Uniform droplet size + KHRT-2

0.18 ms

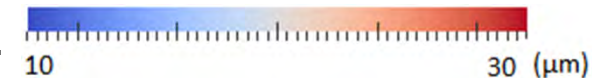
0.36 ms

0.64 ms

0.82 ms



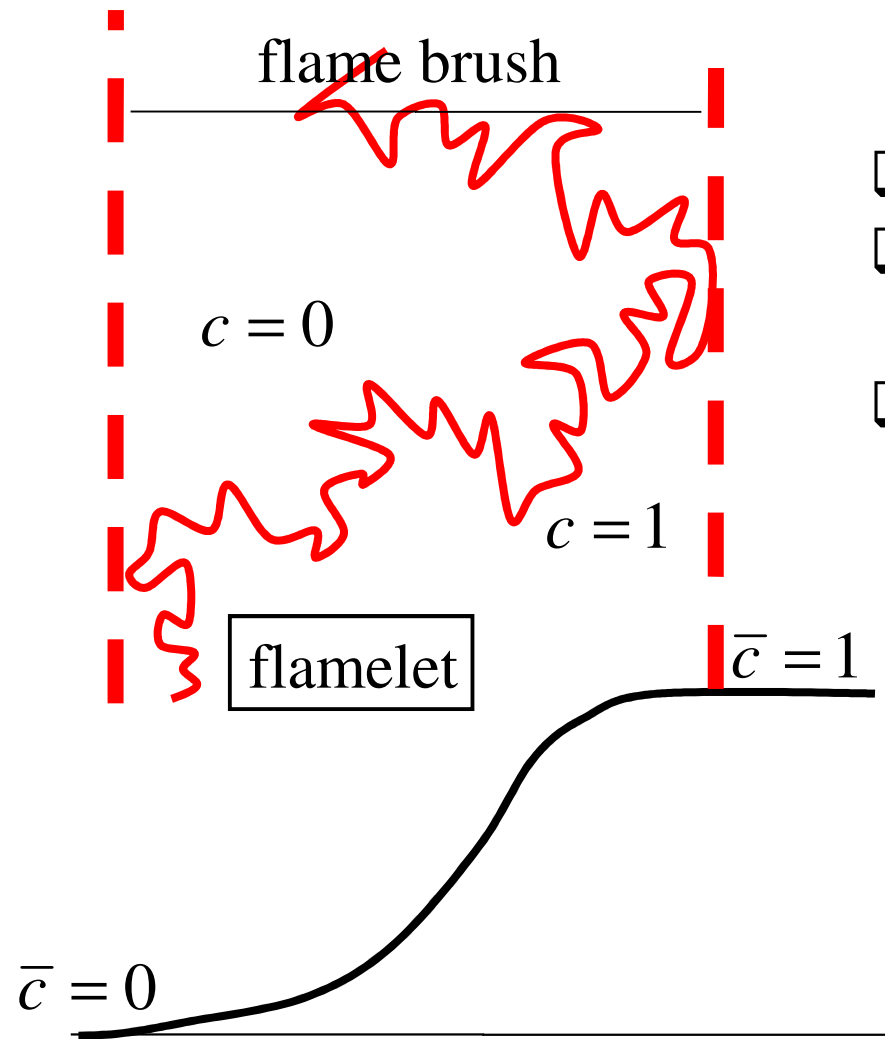
Gasoline spray shapes measured (first row) and calculated using KHRT-2 model (second row) at different instances.
 $T_{air}=350$ K, $T_{fuel}=243$ K, $p_{inj}=200$ bar.



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Basics on premixed turbulent combustion



- c : progress variable
- b : regress variable ($b=1-c$)
used in OpenFOAM.
- Favre-averaging
(equations become more compact)

$$\tilde{c} = \frac{\overline{\rho c}}{\bar{\rho}} \quad \tilde{T} = \frac{\overline{\rho T}}{\bar{\rho}}$$

Which way is correct in calculating \tilde{T} ?

Premixed turbulent
combustion theory

Standard OpenFOAM

By BML concept

Solving the following eq.
which **seems like** Janaf eq.

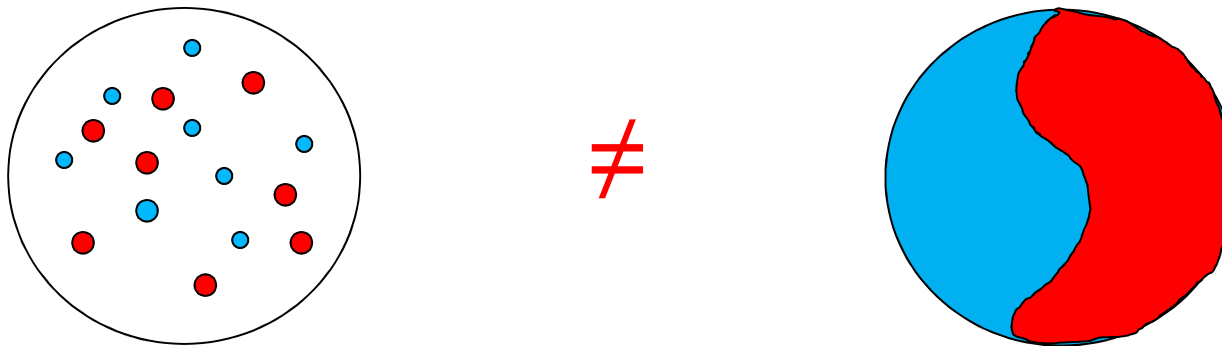
$$\tilde{T} = T_u \tilde{b} + T_b (1 - \tilde{b})$$

$$\frac{\tilde{h}W_m}{R} = a_{1m}\tilde{T} + \frac{a_{2m}}{2}\tilde{T}^2 + \frac{a_{3m}}{3}\tilde{T}^3 + \frac{a_{4m}}{4}\tilde{T}^4 + \frac{a_{5m}}{5}\tilde{T}^5 + a_{6m}$$

www.openfoamworkshop.org/6th_OpenFOAM_Workshop_2011/Program/Abstracts/ehsan_yasari_ab.pdf

Why is approach in OpenFOAM wrong?

- In OpenFOAM, **unburned and burned** gases are treated like a **multi-component mixture**.
 - But totally different phenomenon.



- Janaf eq. was averaged with error in OpenFOAM.

$$\tilde{T}^n \neq \widetilde{T^n}$$

Conclusions

- ❑ A number of modifications of the implementation of various spray models in OpenFOAM were done in order to follow the description of these models in the original papers.
- ❑ Pintle injector model was implemented in OpenFOAM to simulate sprays discharged by pintle injector.
- ❑ Among these modifications, the change of the implementation of the KHRT model had the most important effect on the computed penetration length and especially SMD at high injection pressures.
- ❑ Problem of calculating \tilde{T} for premixed turbulent combustion in OpenFOAM was addressed.

Thank you for your attention!

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