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Supercritical Fluids and Injection Processes of Relevance to High-Pressure Combustion

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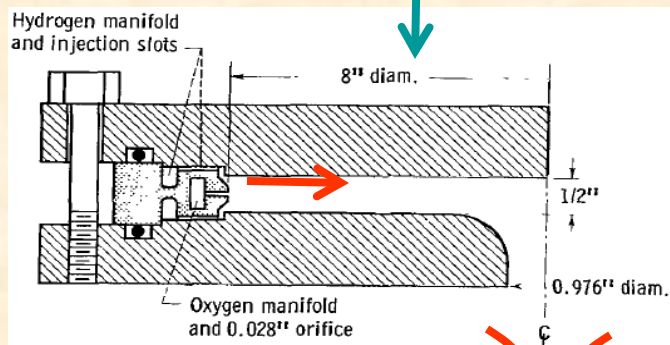
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Motivation

- **High combustion chamber pressure and temperature** generally reflect to high efficiency and/or thrust in diesel, gas turbine, and rockets.
- The Space Shuttle main engine thrust chamber pressure is about 22.3 MPa.
 - **This is supercritical** for the liquid H₂ (1.28/32.94) and liquid O₂ (5.04/154.6). (P_c in MPa / T_c in K)
 - The combustion chamber pressure for Vulcain (Ariane 5) with liquid H₂ /liquid O₂ can reach up to 10 MPa while a record pressure of nearly 28.2 MPa has been reported
- **Understanding mechanism of acoustic combustion instabilities** under such a **high pressure** environment has been a challenge
- **Limited information is available** for jets injected under these conditions where injectant finds itself in a thermodynamic supercritical environment.

Combustion Instability in Liquid Rocket Engine (LRE)

Viewing Direction

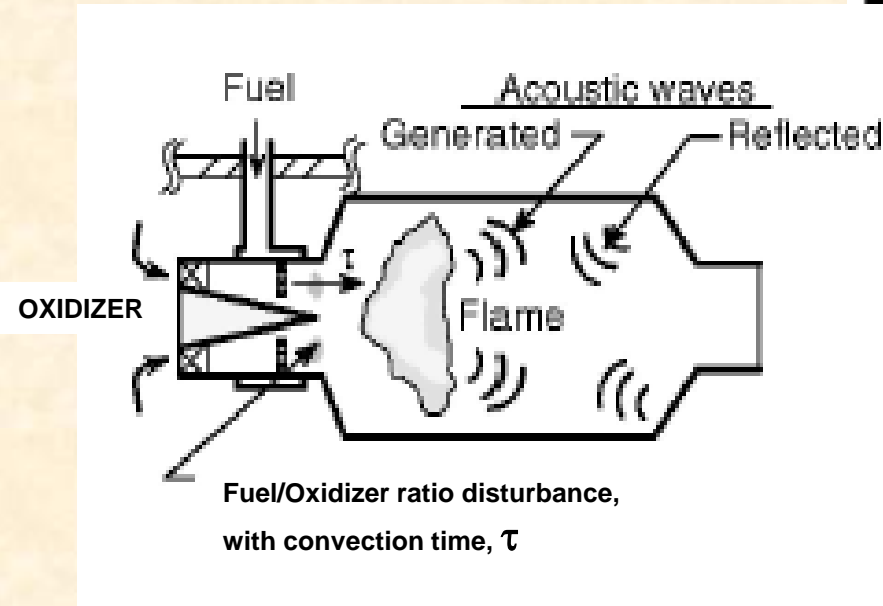


LOX Core



- The LOX core was found to decrease in length during a combustion instability event
- LOX core large scale sinusoidal structure

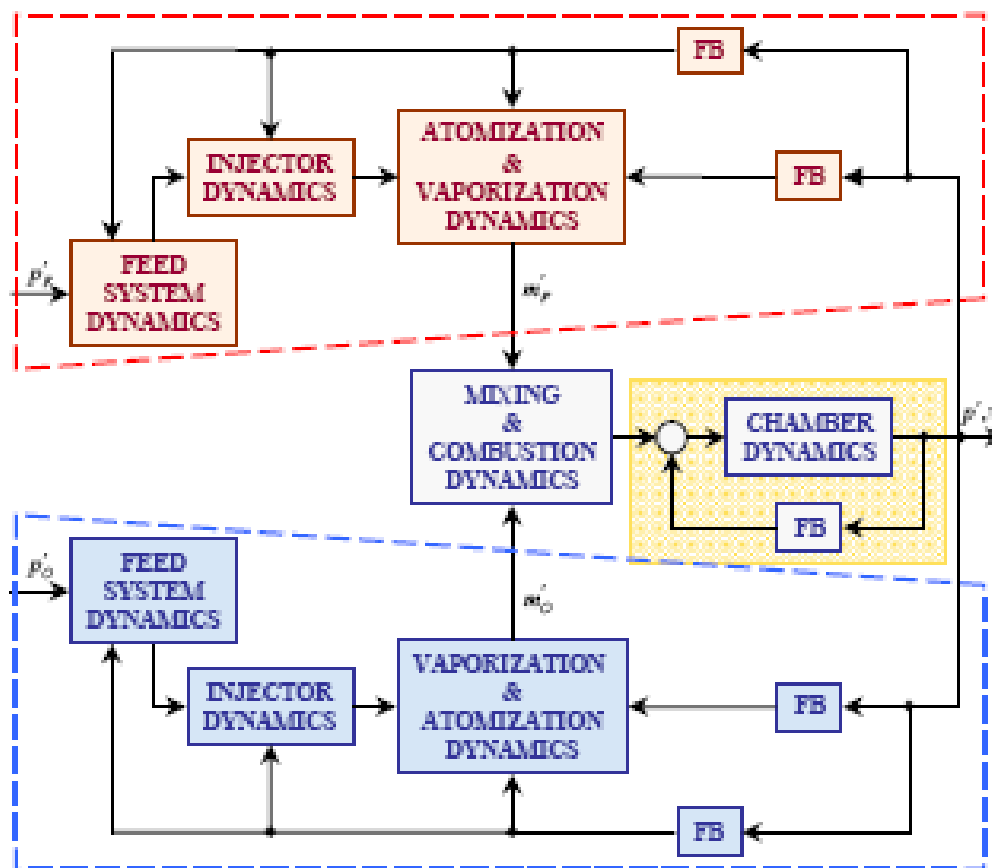
Combustion Instability: Nature of the Problem



Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber

Mechanism of Combustion Instability in LRE

Simplified Diagram for the Dynamics of a Liquid Rocket Engine



Fuel

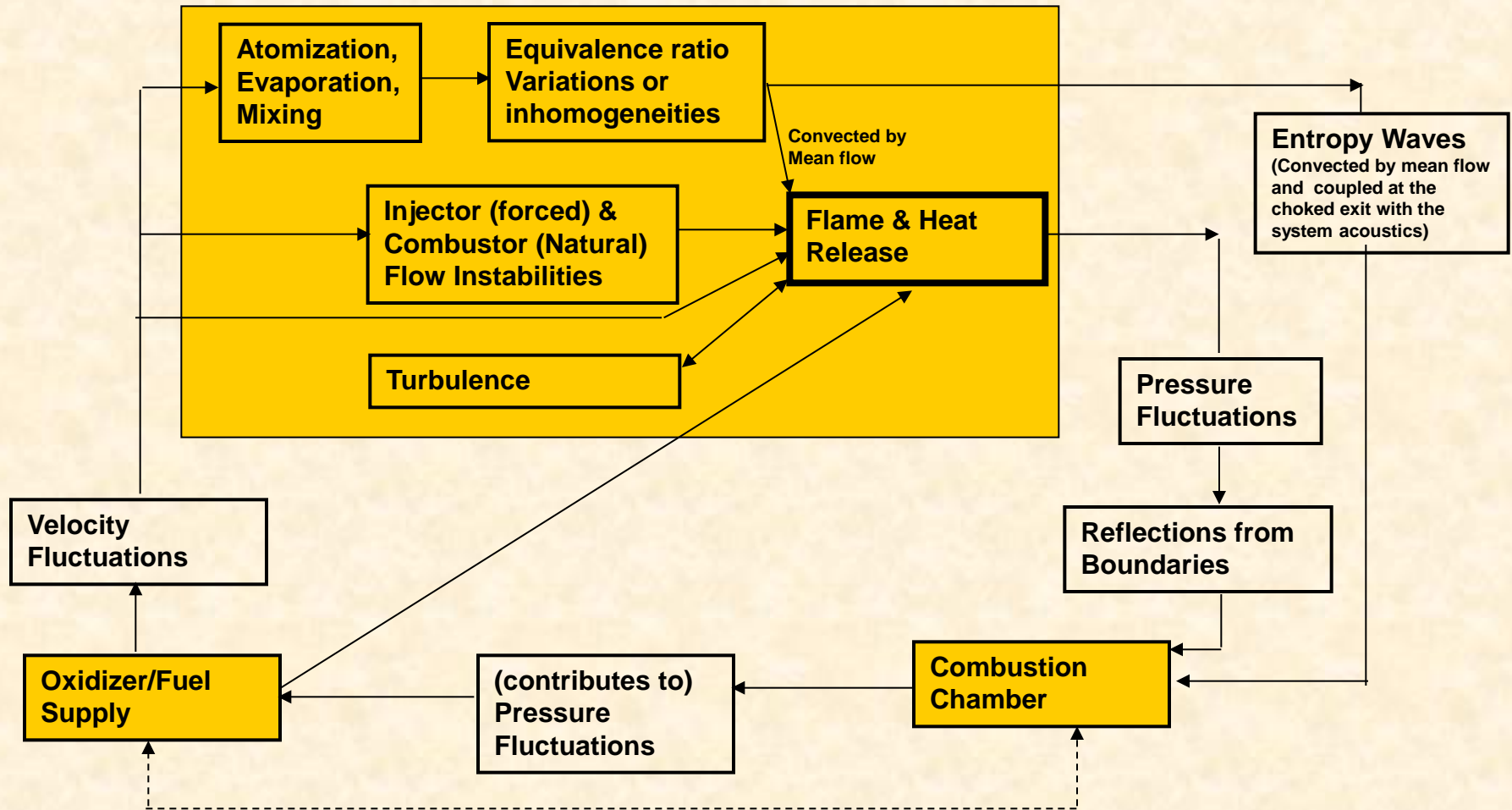
Oxidizer

FB : Feedback

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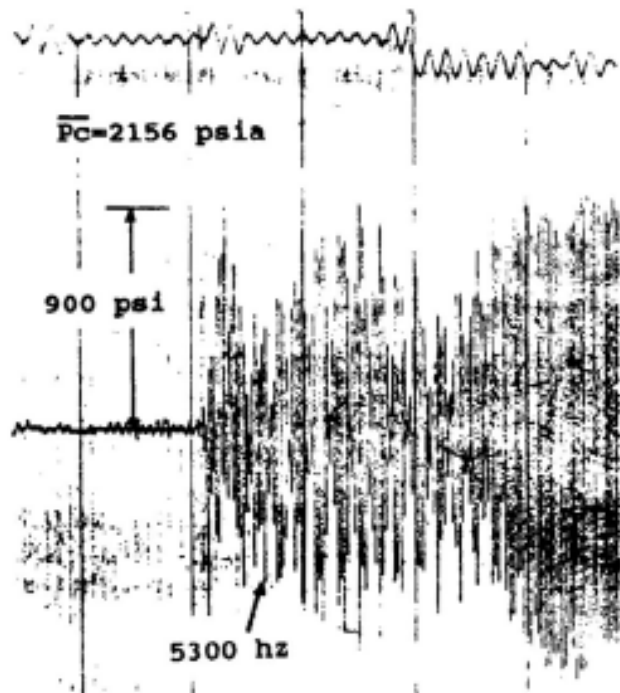
What Is The Physics?



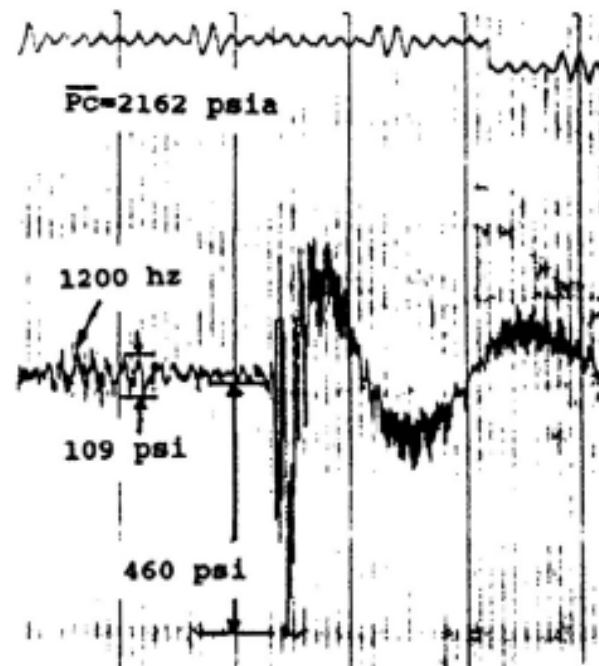
Entropy waves: The adiabatic flame temperature of richer (leaner) pockets of mixture is higher (lower) than average. Thus, equivalence ratio fluctuations will lead to fluctuations in the hot gas temperature downstream of the flame (i.e., so-called entropy waves)

Pressure Oscillations

“Like Doublet Injector with a Monotuned IT Resonator” without Baffles



“Like Doublet Injector with a 16 cm High Baffle” without IT-mode Acoustic Cavities



Combustor as a Feedback Amplifier

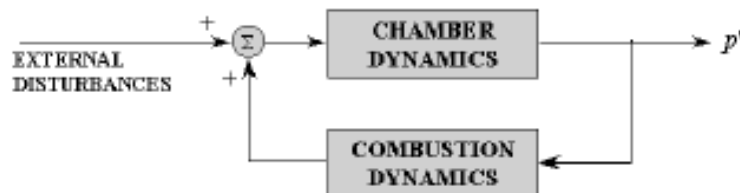


FIGURE 1.1. Schematic diagram of a combustion system as a feedback amplifier.

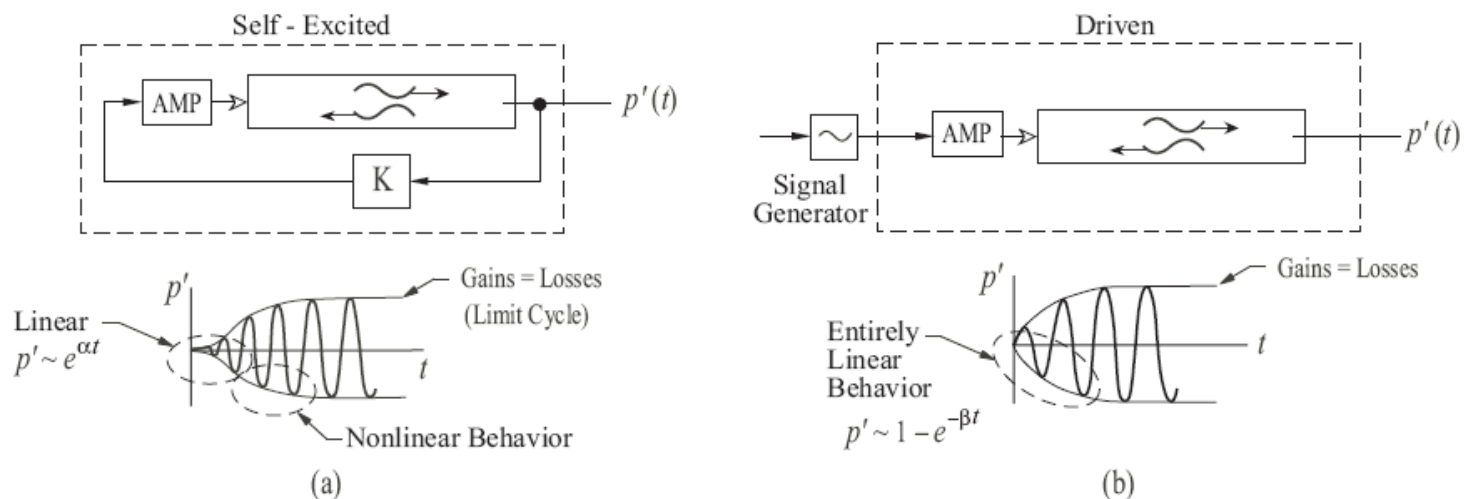


FIGURE 1.34. Transient behavior of (a) self-excited linearly unstable motions; (b) forced motions.

Data of the sort sketched in Figure 1.34 leave no doubt that the unstable motions in combustion chambers are self-excited, having the characteristics shown in Figure 1.34(a). The physical origin of this behavior is the dependence of the energy gains and losses on the motions themselves. For combustion instabilities, the ‘system’ is the dynamical system whose behavior is measured by the instrument sensing the pressure oscillations. Thus, in view of earlier remarks, the dynamical system is in some sense the system of acoustical motions in the chamber coupled to the mean flow and combustion processes (recall Figure 1.1).

Historical Note on Combustion Instability in LRE

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- Two classes of instabilities:
 - “*Nonacoustic*”: chugging represented as low-frequency pulsations ($p \sim$ uniform) in a lumped-parameter system containing time lags, especially due to the propellant supply system
 - “*Acoustic*”: high frequency, caused by coupling between the combustion processes and the unsteady motions
- Acoustic combustion instability has been one of the most complex phenomena in liquid rocket engines, and therefore
 - difficult to fully understand, control, and predict particularly in the design of large-output rockets
- The difficulty arises from the emergence of oscillatory combustion with rapidly increasing and large pressure amplitudes.
 - This leads to local burnout of the combustion chamber walls and injector plates which is caused through extreme heat-transfer rates by high-frequency pressure and gas velocity fluctuations
- Resonance acoustic modes of the thrust chamber, amongst them the transverse modes being the most troublesome, are excited through the energy provided by the combustion.
- The amplification process is thought to include
 - a feedback of information from the acoustic field to the injector or near-injector phenomena which in turn tends to reinforce the combustion-to-acoustic-field energy transfer processes.
- The underlying physics of this energy transfer is the widely cited general principle by Lord Rayleigh
 - He stated that the interaction between the combustion heat release and the acoustic field is the strongest if heat is added in a region of space and at the time when the acoustic amplitude is the highest.
- Although this view (*i.e.*, Rayleigh’s) has been useful, evidences gathered by past investigations attributed combustion instability to a complex interaction of the external acoustic field with the fuel injection (or near-injector) processes as a feedback mechanism, thereby leading to incidences of instability in rocket engines.

Historical Note on Combustion Instability in LRE

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2001:

Six weeks after its next-generation Ariane 5 rocket malfunctioned, Arianespace is ready for its next commercial satellite launch, albeit using the older workhorse Ariane 4 booster. Officials have cleared the Ariane 4 for blastoff at 0646 GMT (2:46 a.m. EDT) Thursday from the ELA-2 launch complex at the Guiana Space Center in Kourou, French Guiana on South America's northeastern coast. Investigators probing the July 12 failure of the Ariane 5 blamed the mishap on "combustion instability" during ignition of the rocket's upper stage. The pressure spike caused an improper mixture of fuel and oxidizer feeding to the stage's engine, resulting in reduced thrust and a premature engine shutdown when the oxidizer was used up 80 seconds sooner than planned. The rocket's two satellite cargos were deployed into an orbit vastly lower than planned due to the upper stage trouble.

3.1 Summary of the F-1 Program

Reference: Olefein and Yang, (1993) *J. Propulsion and Power*, Vol. 9, No. 5, (pp. 657–677)

- LOX/HC (PR-1, kerosene)
- Summary of Development
 - Lineage E-1(1950s) → MA-2(Atlas) → H-1(Saturn I)
 - Experience with combustion instabilities in F-1

PERIOD	NUMBER OF TESTS	NUMBER OF CI	REMARKS
1959–1960	44	20	$(\Delta p)_{p-p} \geq \bar{p}$
1960–1960	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear or Nonlinear Instability identified: "self-triggering" • Baffles required for dynamic stability
1962–1965	207	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Flight Rating Tests (PFRT): 11 injectors • Flight Rating Tests (FRT): 46 injectors • Qualification: 51 injectors
	422	—	
	703	—	
TOTAL	1376		108 injectors

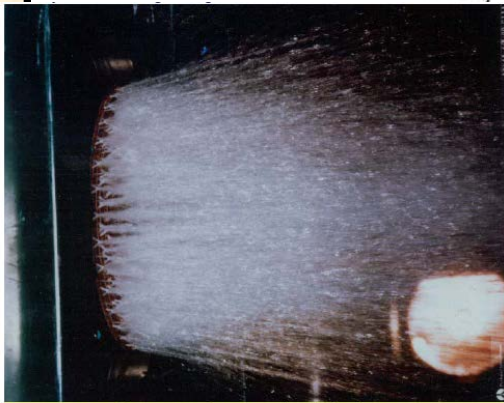
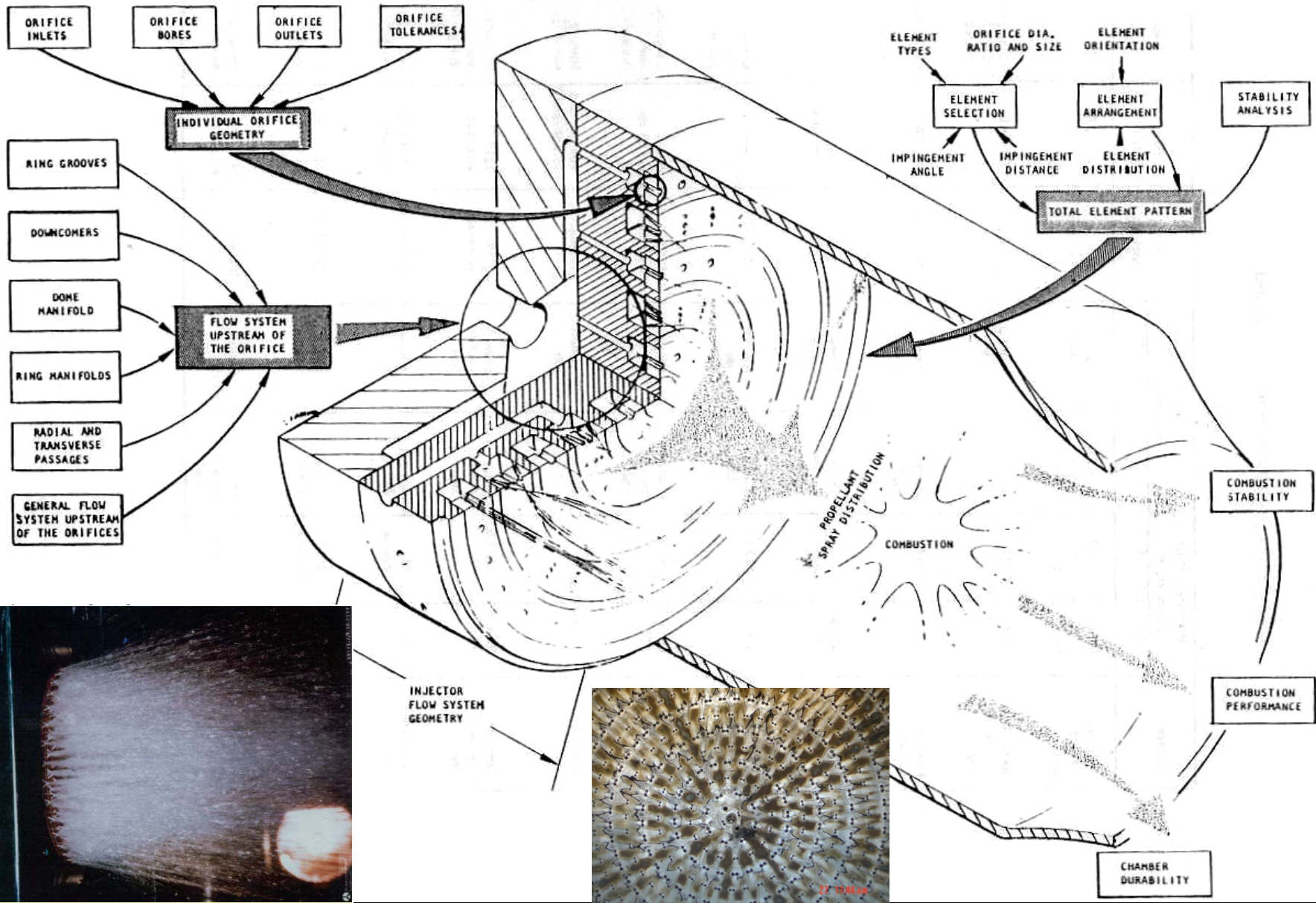
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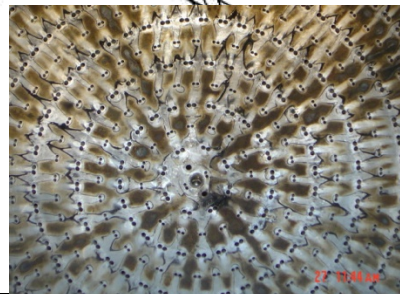
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Liquid Rocket Combustion Chamber

Rocket Thrust Chamber

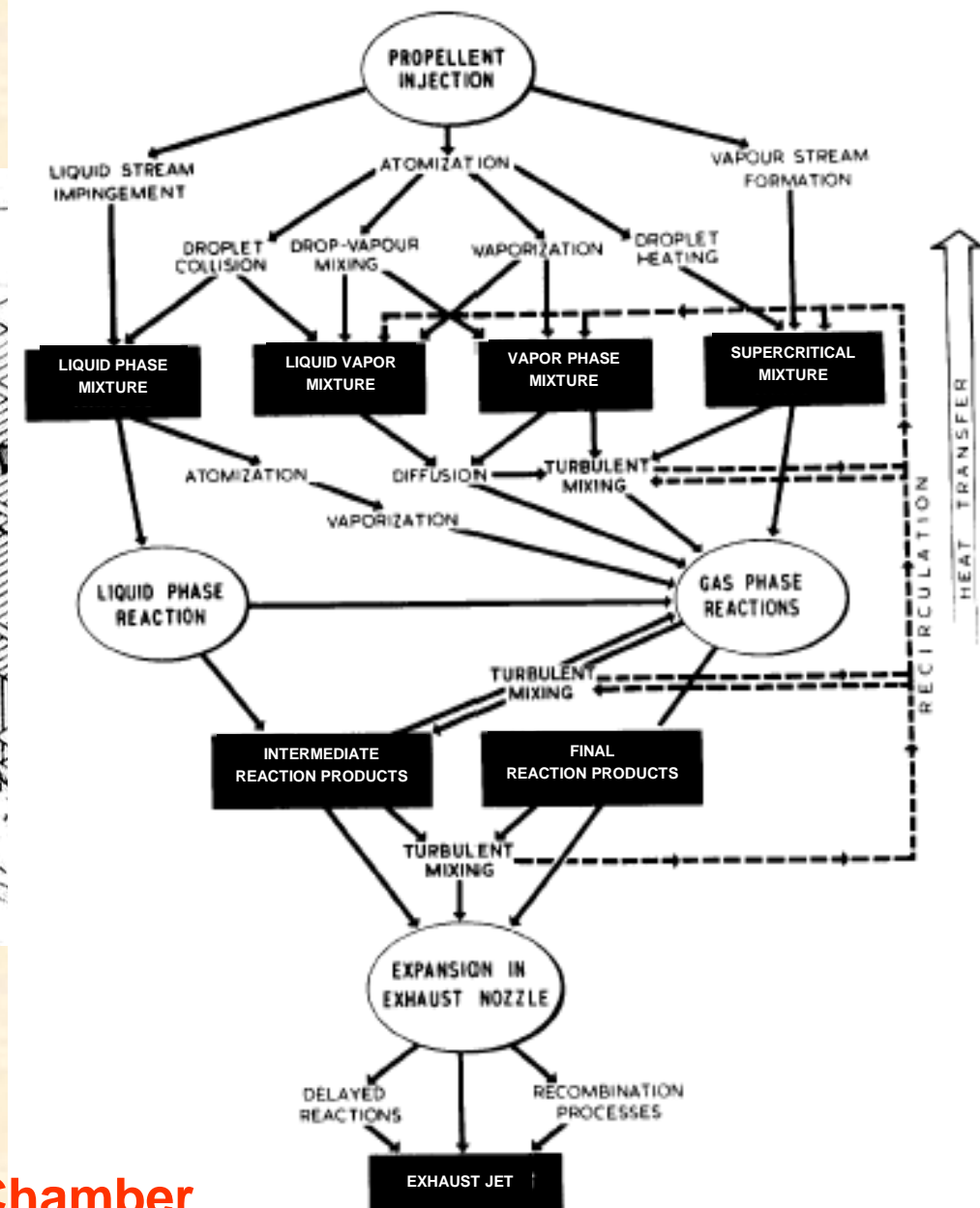
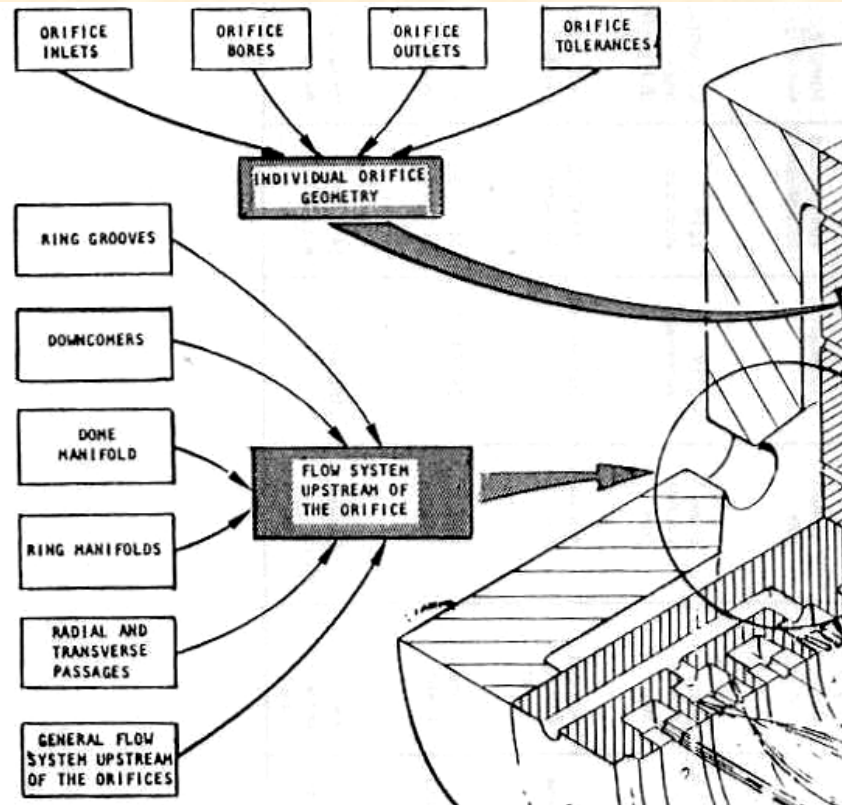


water flow test of F-1 engine injection system



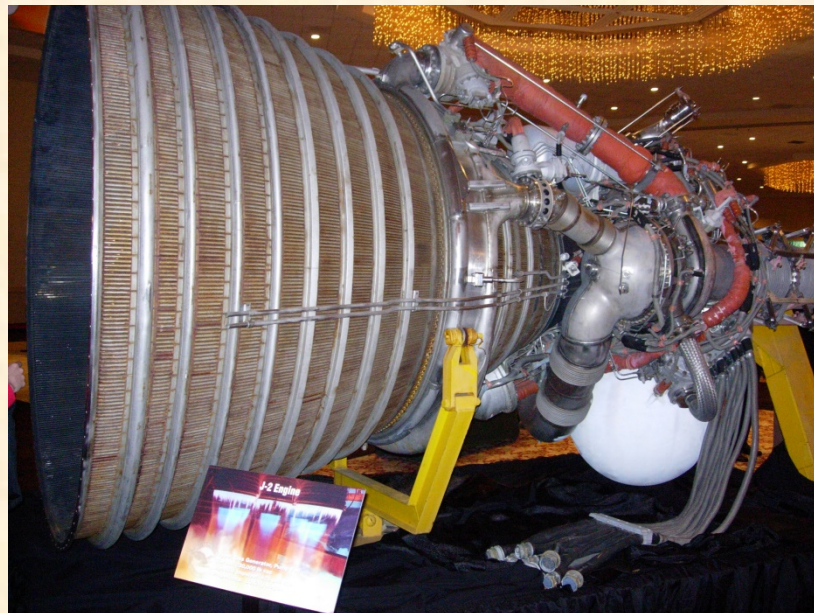
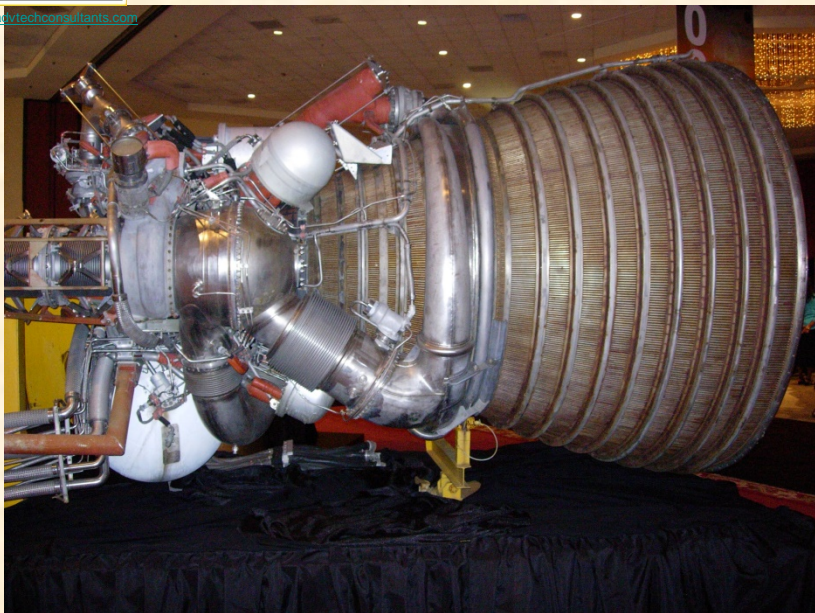
Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber

Rocket Thrust Chamber



Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber

Rocket Engine



Overall Characteristics

ROCKET vs. TURBINE ENGINES	
TURBINE ENGINES	ROCKE ENGINES
Internal operating pressure ~ 300 psi	Internal operating pressures ~ 6000 psi
Turbine temperature ~ 3300F	Turbine temperatures ~ 1250 F
T/W ~ 6 AT T ~ 40,000 lbf	T/W ~ 65 AT T ~450,000 lbf
Room Temperature propellant	Cryogenic propellants (-280F to -423F)
Mission time at max thrust ~25%	Mission time at max thrust ~ 95%
Idle to max thrust time <~ 5s	Idle to max thrust ~ 1s

- **Diagnostics for combustion instability studies must then deal With the Following requirements**
 - Deposits (soot, etc.) on the walls
 - High temperature
 - High pressure
 - Fast-response
 - Dense liquid spray

Features of SSME Engine

Overview:

The Space Shuttle Main Engine (SSME) is the world's most reliable and highly tested large rocket engine ever built. The SSMEs have achieved 100% flight success, and a demonstrated reliability of 0.9995. The SSME is a reusable, staged-combustion cycle engine utilizing liquid hydrogen fuel to achieve high performance never previously attained in a production rocket engine. The SSME is the only operational, reusable liquid booster engine designed for human space flight.

The first flight of the upgraded Block II SSME will be in 2001.



Performance

Block II Space Shuttle Main Engine (full power level)

Maximum Thrust: (109% Power Level)

At Sea Level:	418,000 lb
In Vacuum:	512,300 lb

Throttle Range: 67% – 109%

Pressures:	Hydrogen Pump Discharge:	6,276 psia
	Oxygen Pump Discharge:	7,268 psia
	Chamber Pressure:	2,994 psia

Specific Impulse: (In Vacuum) 452.3 sec

Power: High Pressure Pumps

Hydrogen:	71,140 hp
Oxygen:	23,260 hp

Area Ratio: 69:1

Weight: 7,774 lb

Mixture Ratio: (O/F) 6.03:1

Dimensions: 168 in. long 96 in. wide

Propellants:	Fuel:	Liquid Hydrogen
	Oxidizer:	Liquid Oxygen

Features of RD-180 Engine

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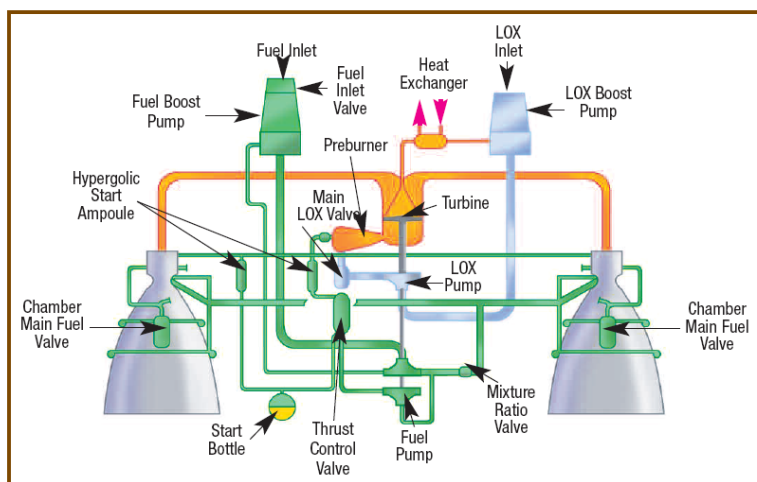


Characteristics (100% power)

Nominal Thrust:	(sea level)	860,200 lb
	(vacuum)	933,400 lb
Specific impulse: (sea level)	311.3 sec	
Vacuum specific impulse:	337.8 sec	
Chamber Pressure:	3,722 psia	
Nozzle area ratio:	36.4:1	
Mixture ratio:	2.72	
Length:	140 in.	
Diameter:	124 in	
Throttle Range:	47% – 100%	
Dry weight:	12,081 lb (5,480 kg)	

Description

- Staged-combustion cycle engine
- Liquid oxygen/kerosene propellants
- 2 thrust chambers (gimbal +/-8 degrees)
- 1 oxygen-rich preburner
- High-pressure turbopump assembly
 - 2-stage fuel pump • single-stage oxygen pump • single turbine
- Hypergolic ignition
- Self-contained hydraulic system powered with kerosene from fuel pump
- Minimal interfaces with launch pad and vehicle
- 70% RD-170 parts



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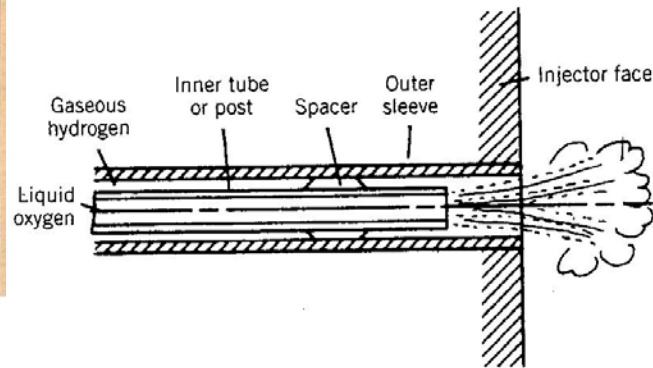
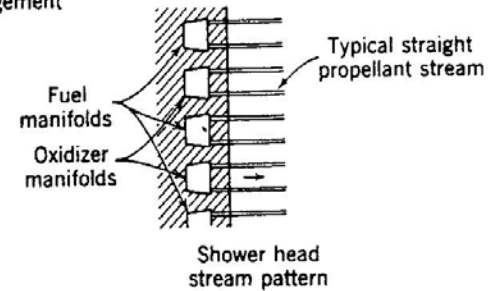
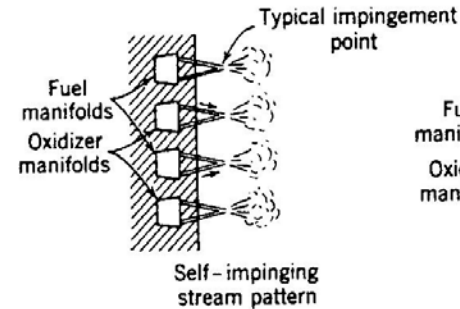
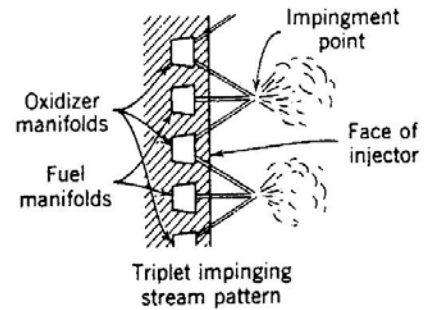
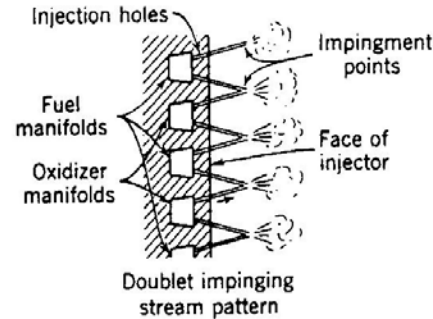
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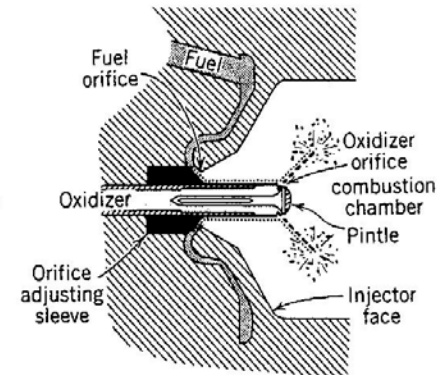
Liquid Rocket Injectors

Major Kinds of Rocket Injectors

Common Injection Element Configurations			
Element Designation	Element Configuration (Flow Direction)	Characteristics	Engine Application
Concentric Tube		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good wall compatibility • Very high performance with LOX/H₂ • Good stability characteristics with LOX/H₂ • Fuel is gas • Small annular gap requires care in fabrication and is sensitive to contamination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuttle main and boosters • J-2 • Orbit Transfer Vehicle
Concentric Tube with Liquid Swirl		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same as concentric tube except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved mixing and atomization • More complex element • Stability characteristics in large engines unknown • Possible wall compatibility issue with some designs • Gas can also be swirled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RL-10
Unlike Pentad (4 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicable to very high or low mixture or density ratios • Good mixing and atomization • Difficult to manifold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiments
Unlike Doublet (1 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good overall mixing and atomization (high performance) • Simple to manifold • Subject to blowpart with hypergolic propellants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEM ascent engine • Delta launch vehicle • Almost all high response attitude control engines using storable propellants
Unlike Triplet (2 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good overall mixing and atomization (high performance) • Symmetric spray pattern • Subject to blowpart with hypergolic propellants • Fuel can be gas • Pattern can be reversed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agena upper stage • Rocketdyne LEM descent engine design • LOX/RP gas generators
Like Doublet (1 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to manifold • Excellent for chamber wall compatibility • Not subject to blowpart • Less effective atomization and mixing than unlike impinging elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Titan I and II first stage • Redstone, Jupiter, Thor, Atlas boosters • Shuttle OMEs • H-1, F-1 engines
Showerhead		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often employed for fuel boundary layer cooling of chamber wall • Easy to manifold • Poor atomization and mixing (low performance) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerobee sustainer • X-15 • Pioneer
Variable Area (Pintle)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throttleable over wide range • Complex fabrication • Lower performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEM descent engine • Lance sustainer
Splash Plate		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less sensitive to design tolerances • Generally larger elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lance booster (early version) • Saturn S-IVB stage control • Apollo CM RCS (S-4) • Gemini SC maneuvering attitude control and reentry engines



Hollow post and sleeve element



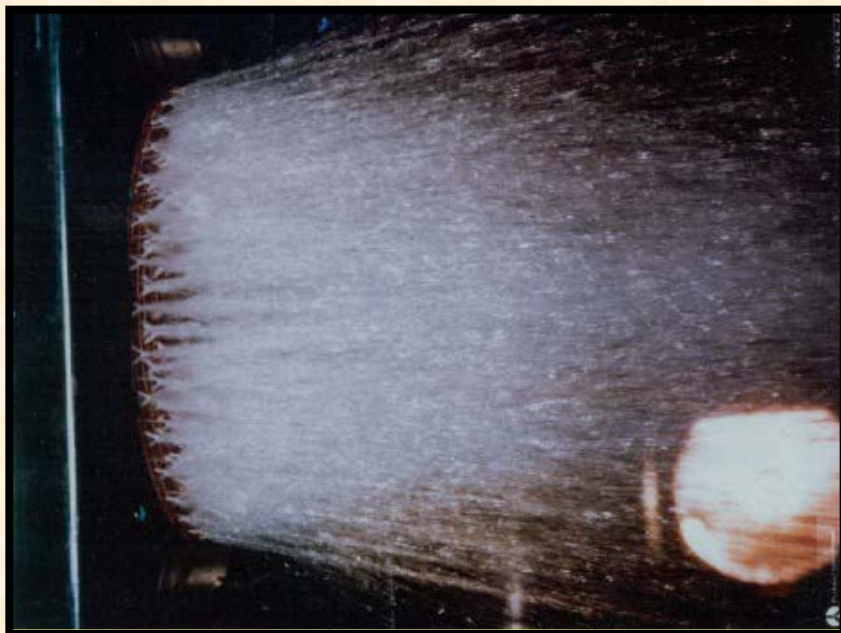
Variable injection area concentric tube injector

Major Kinds of Rocket Injectors

Type	Element Configuration	Advantages	Disadvantages	Engine Application
Unlike Doublet (1 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven dependability Good overall mixing Simple to manifold Extensive studied 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to blowpart with hypergolic propellants Wall compatibility problems due to mixture-ratio gradients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEM ascent engine Delta launch vehicle
Unlike Triplet (2 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good overall mixing Resultant spray direction is axial Proven dependability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to blowpart with hypergolic Wall compatibility is good only when fuel is used in outer orifices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agena upper stage, Gemini
Unlike Quadlet (2 on 2)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used near wall Resultant spray direction is axial Proven dependability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to blowpart with hypergolic propellants Difficult to manifold Not well characterized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titan III first, second stage Titan II, second stage
Like Doublet (1 on 1)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easy to manifold Good mixing, Very stable Not subject to blowpart Well understood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires increased axial distance to mix Sensitive to design tolerances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Titan I, II first stage Jupiter, Thor, Atlas H-1, F-1 engines
Concentric Tube		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very good wall compatibility Low pressure drop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor mixing Difficult to fabricate Tends to become unstable when throttled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Russia use extensively

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Water Testing Rocket Injectors

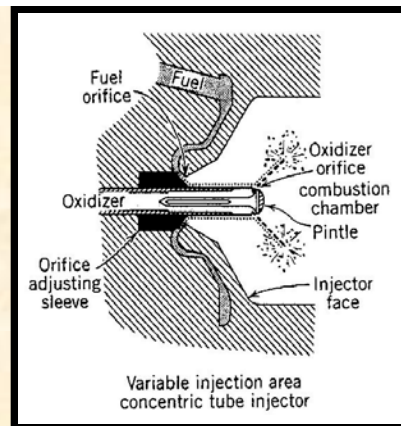


Water flow test of F-1 engine injector system



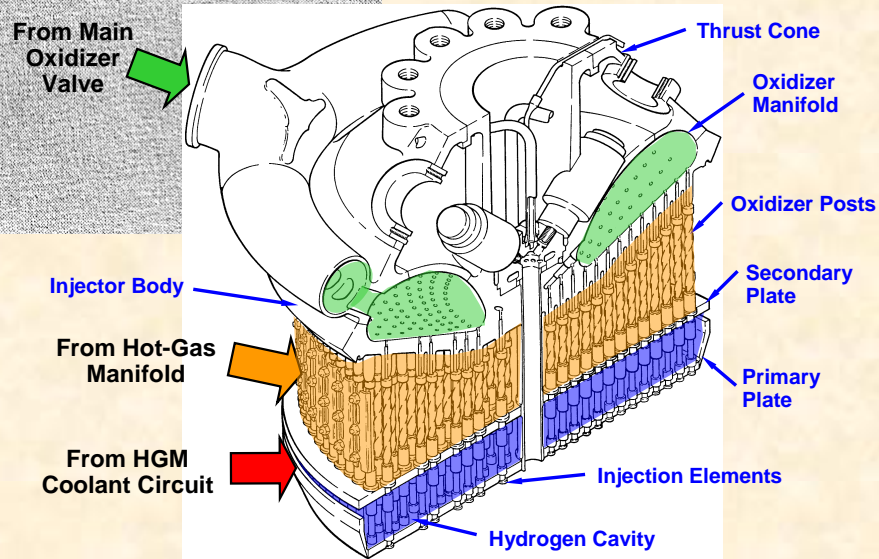
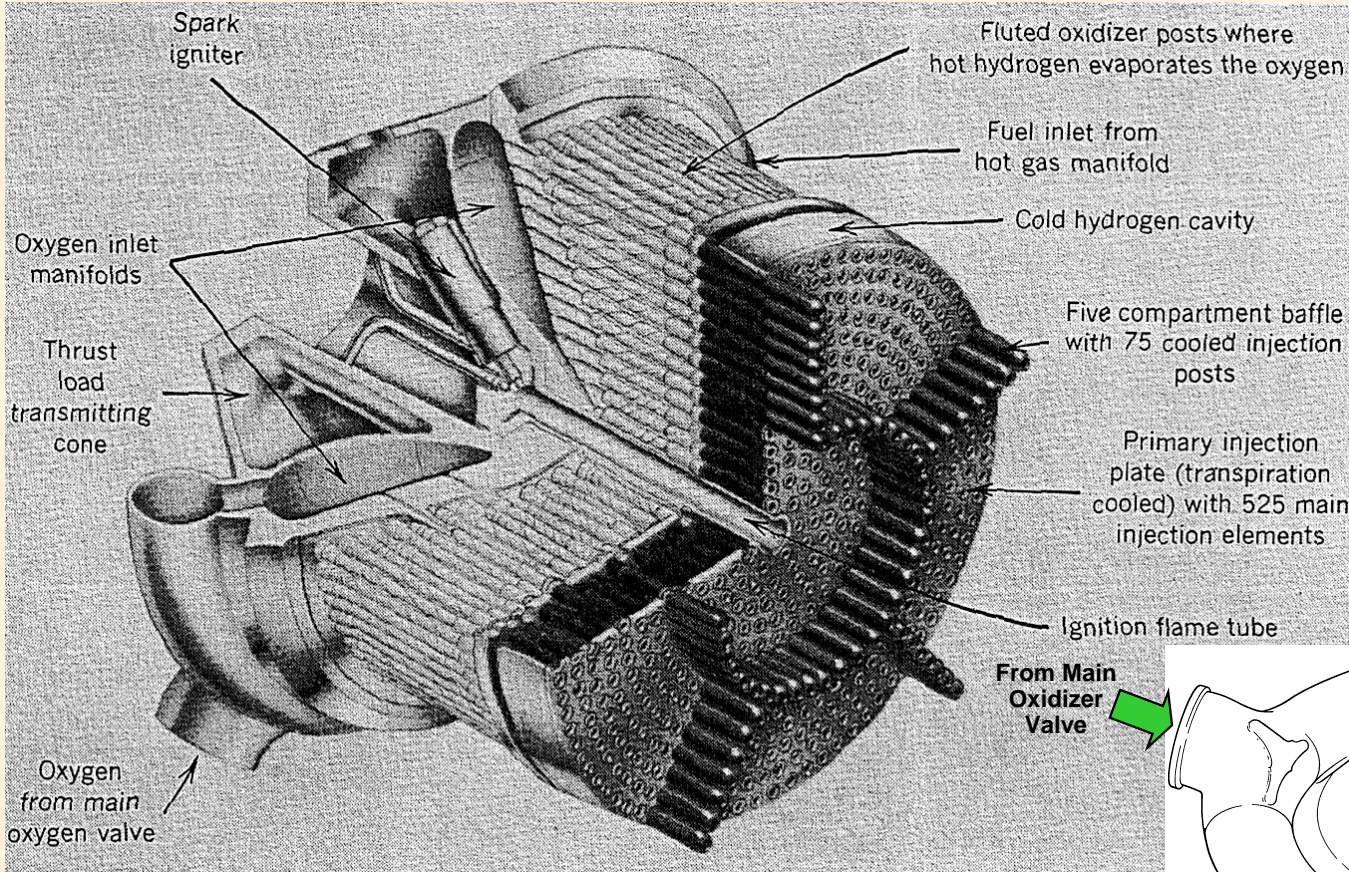
Water flow test of pintle injector for Air Force 250,000 lbf Engine

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Space Shuttle Main Engine Injector

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Coaxial Injector

From Sutton, "Rocket Propulsion Elements," 6th ed., pg 277, Wylie 1992

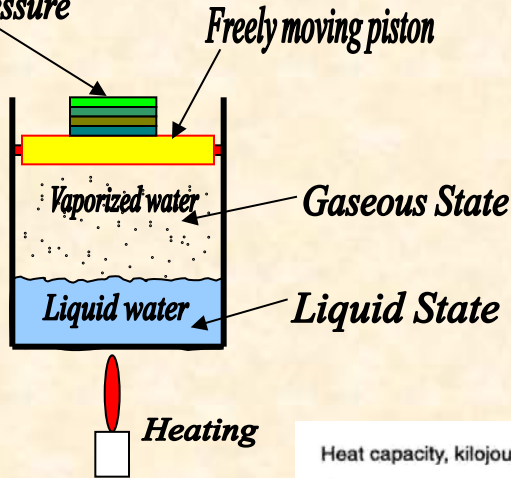
Injector Requirements

- Complete combustion in the shortest possible length
 - Main injectors: performance vs weight tradeoffs
 - Preburners/GG's: downstream component interactions, eg, turbine blades, etc
- Acoustically stable
 - Chamber modes
 - Feed system coupling
- Chamber/wall compatibility
 - Heat transfer/cooling
 - Oxygen blanching
 - Lifetime
- Manage pressure drop
- Throttling
- Ignitable; minimum ignition transients
- Cost, weight
- The “ilities:”
 - Reliability
 - Maintainability
 - Manufacturability
 - Durability
 - Operability
 - **PREDICTABILITY**

Liquid Rockets and Supercritical Fluids

Thermodynamic Critical Point

Individual weights to
change chamber pressure



- Very large C_p at Critical Point (CP)
- Surface tension vanishes
- Heat of vaporization vanishes above CP
- Distinction between liquid and gas phases disappears above CP
- For mixtures: Critical mixing T & P (critical lines for 2-component)

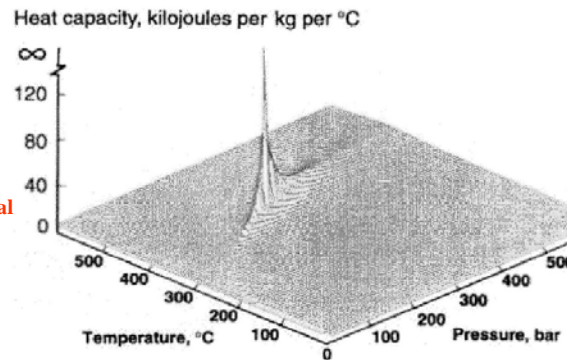
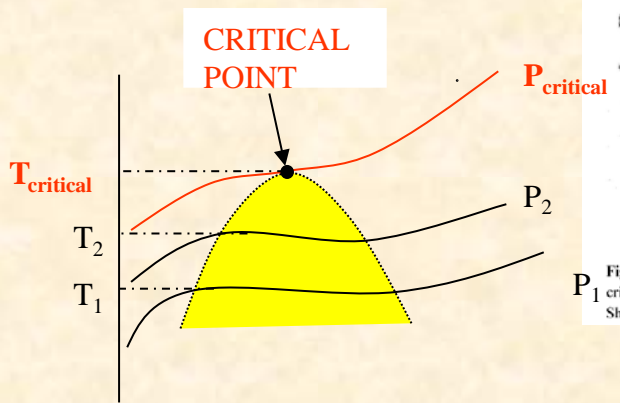
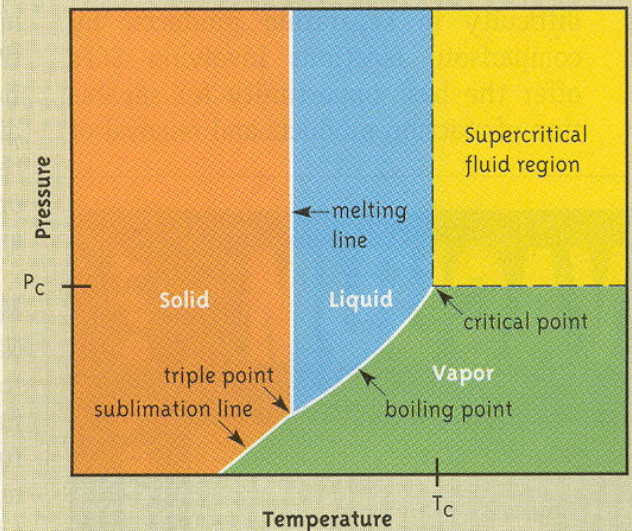
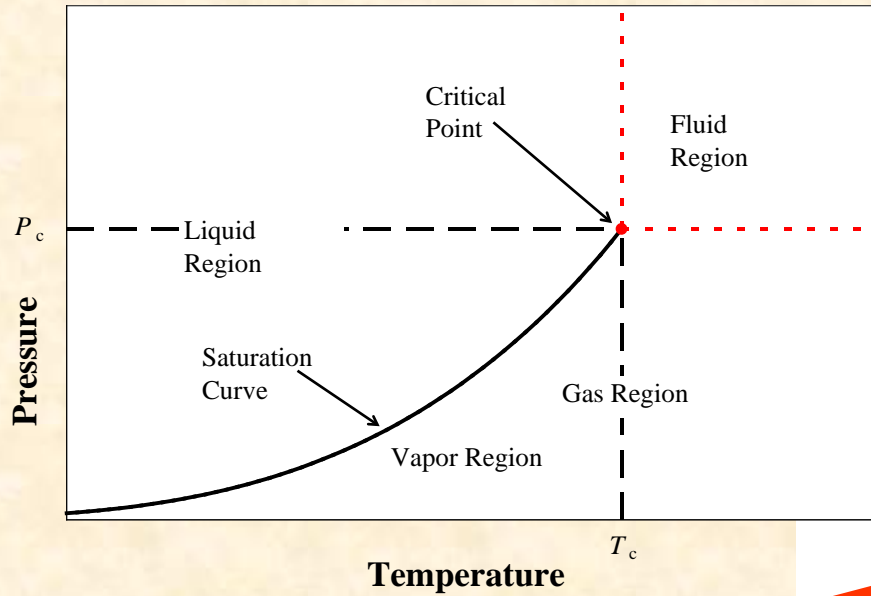


Figure 5. Behavior of heat capacity as a function temperature and pressure near critical point of water (Critical pressure and temperature values are 221 bar and 374 °C, Shaw et al. (1991).

FIGURE 1: Pressure–temperature phase diagram for a pure substance



Thermodynamic Critical Point

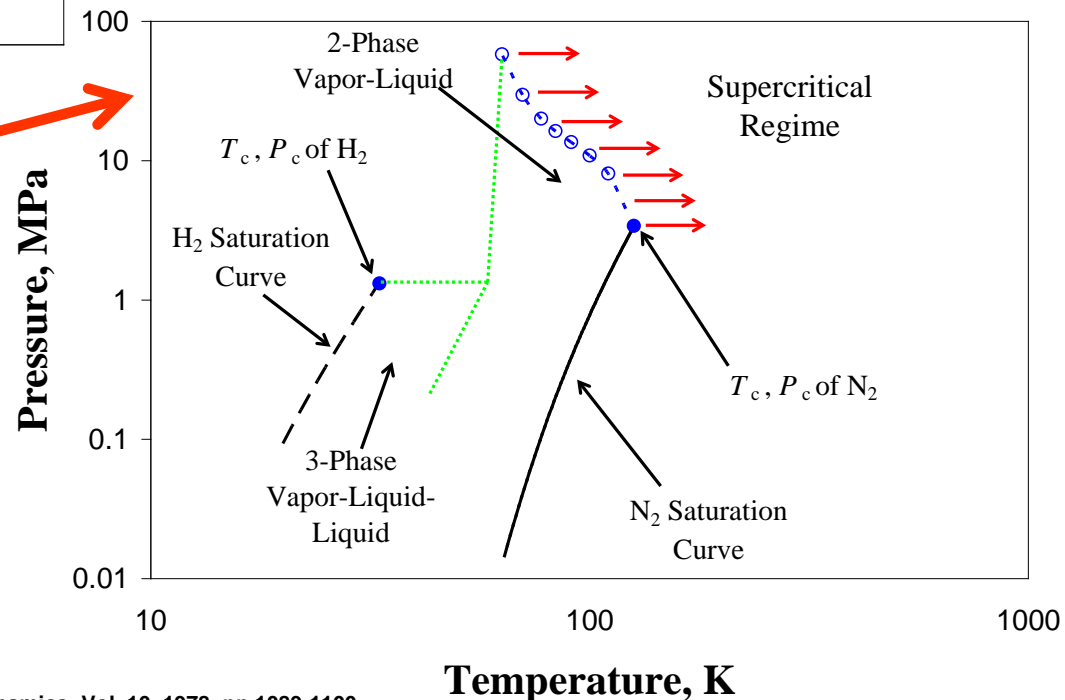


Single Species Phase Diagram

- Phase change only over saturation curve
- Critical Pressure $N_2 = 3.4 \text{ MPa}$ (493 psia)
- Critical Temp. $N_2 = 126.2 \text{ K}$ (-233 °F)

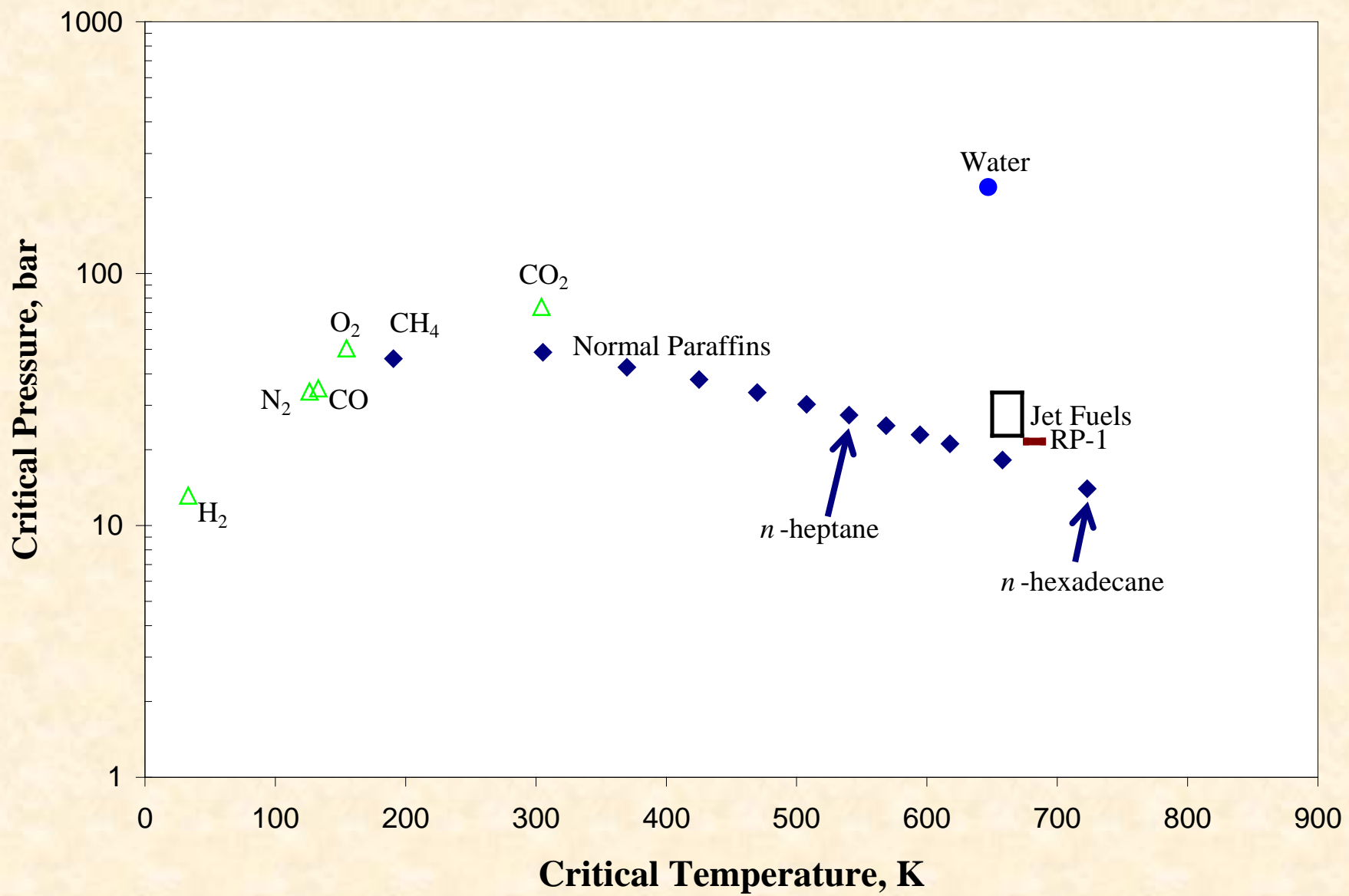
Binary Mixture ($N_2 - H_2$) Phase Diagram

- Blue points are measured data¹
- Max. measured P_c of mixture 58 MPa (8400 psia) = $17P_c$ of N_2

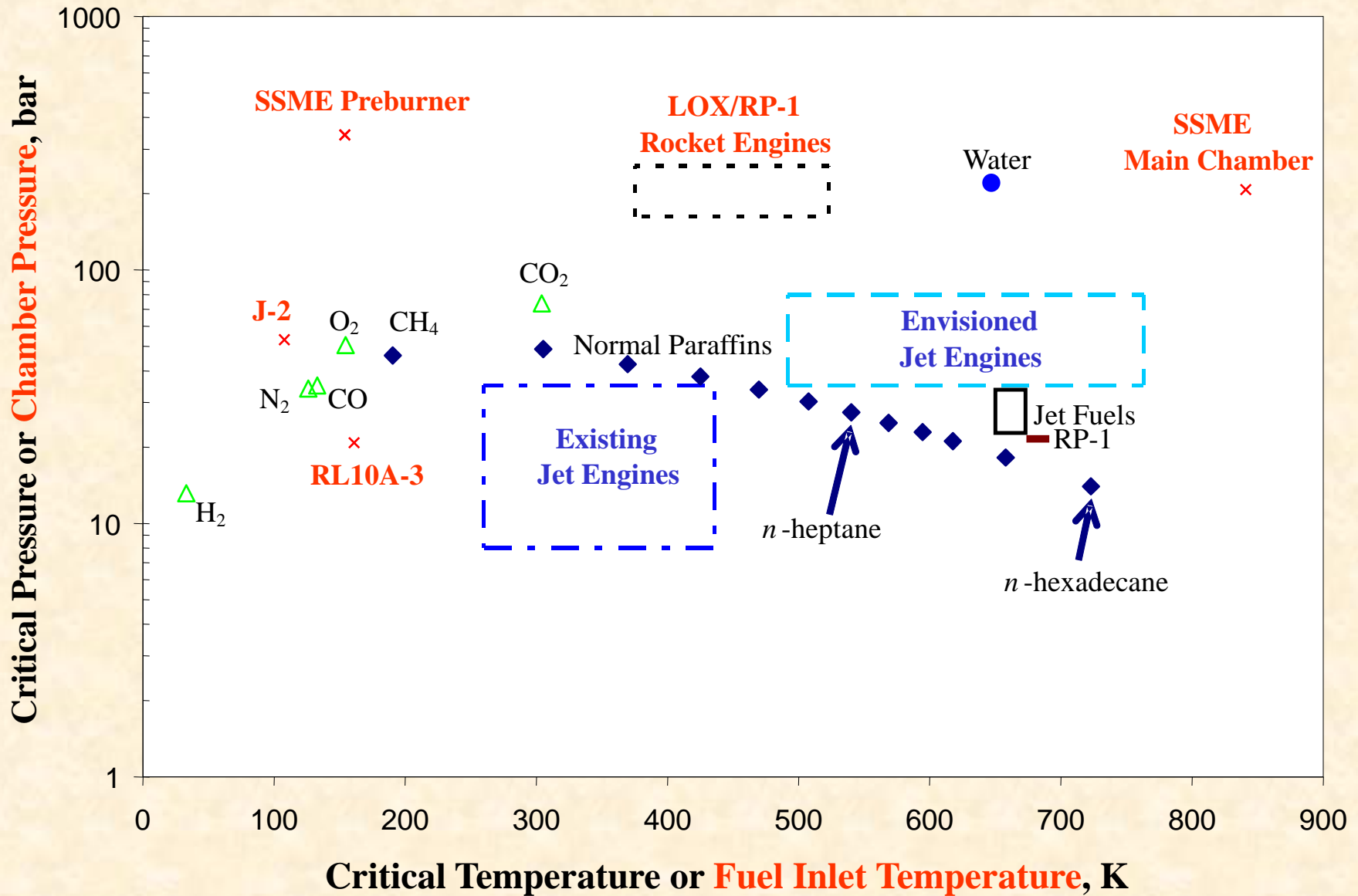


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Critical Properties of Some Substances



Critical Properties & Engine Conditions



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In this paper, a selected list of emerging applications of supercritical fluids (SCFs) are presented. In particular, demonstrated facts for the promise of the nanoscale science and technology and its overlap or interface with the SCFs technology are presented. It is argued that nanoengineered materials at the nanoscale have mechanical, optical, chemical, and electrical properties quite different from the bulk material. Examples of enhanced performance of many such materials when they are used in practical applications are given. SCFs, in particular carbon dioxide, on account of their special properties such as zero surface tension, low viscosity, and high solubility, enable them to play a critical role in many advanced technology applications. For example, as miniaturization efforts approach the nanoscale, surface tension forces become an important factor in many nanotechnology processes such as lithography in the electronic industry. In particular, the zero-surface-tension property of the SCFs presents them as a natural choice for nanotechnology



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Supercritical Test Facility

Experimental Setup

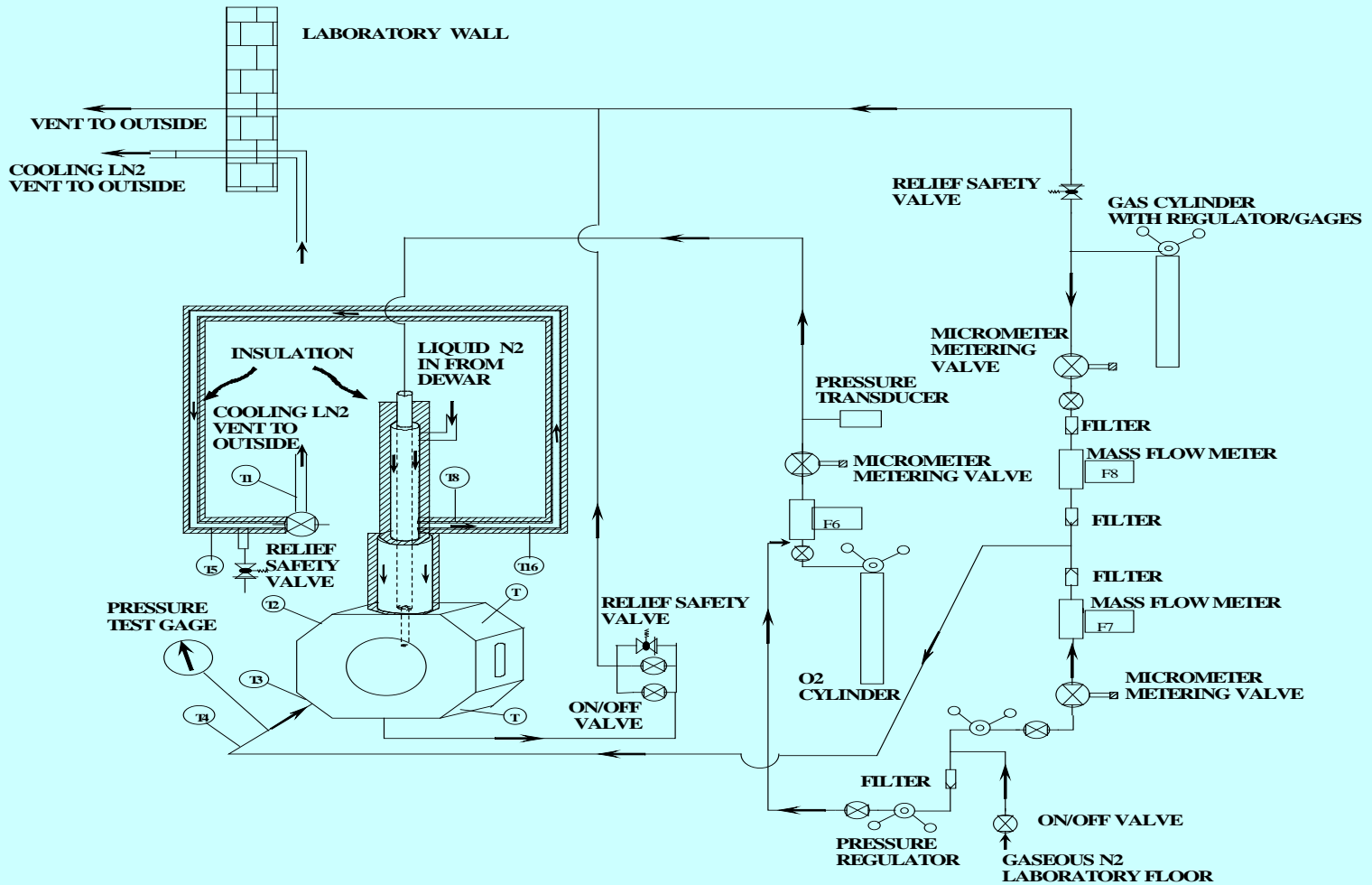
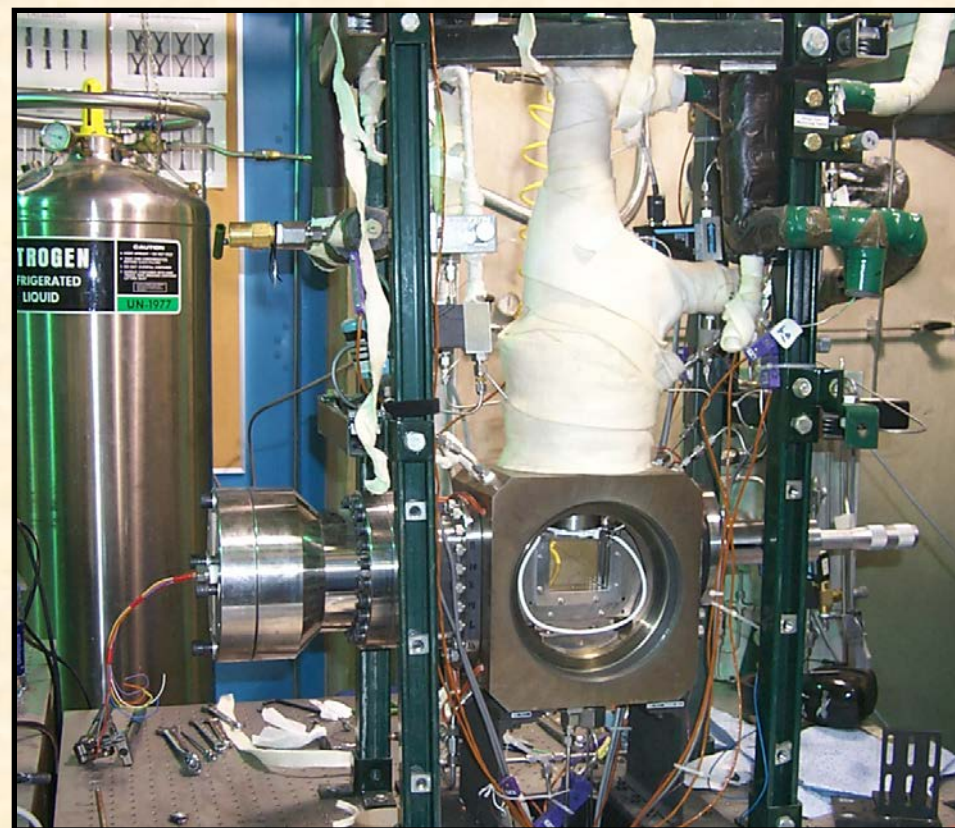
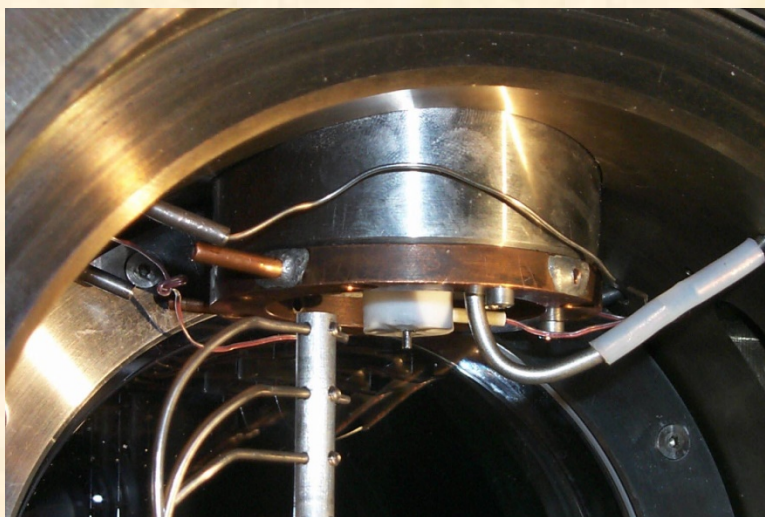
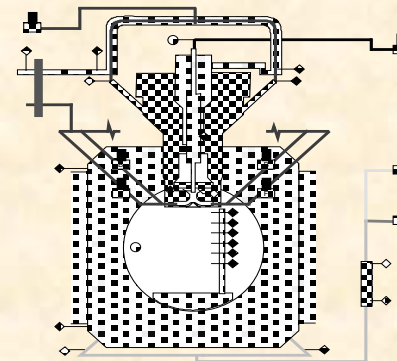
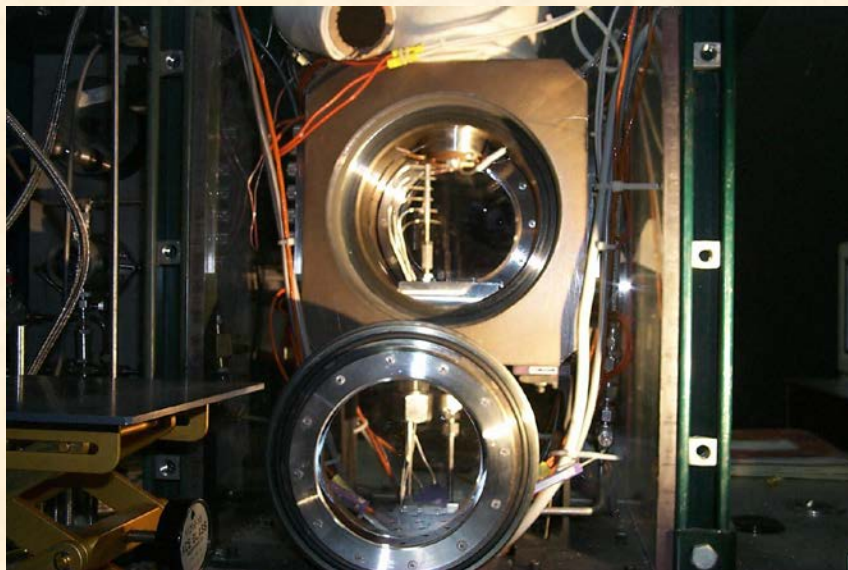


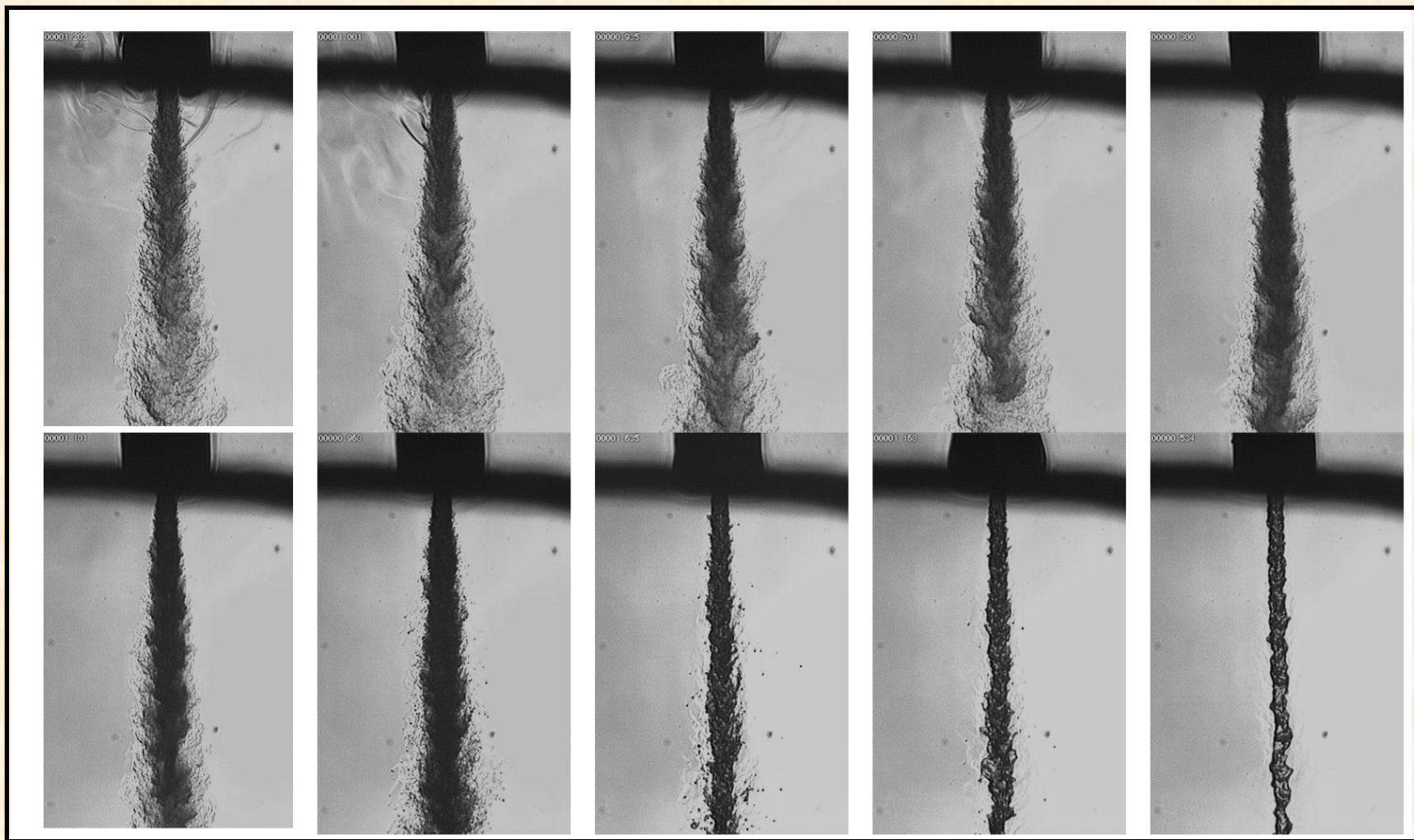
Figure 1. Schematic diagram of experimental setup for sub- to supercritical jet injection.

Pictures of the Injector Assembly and High-Pressure Chamber



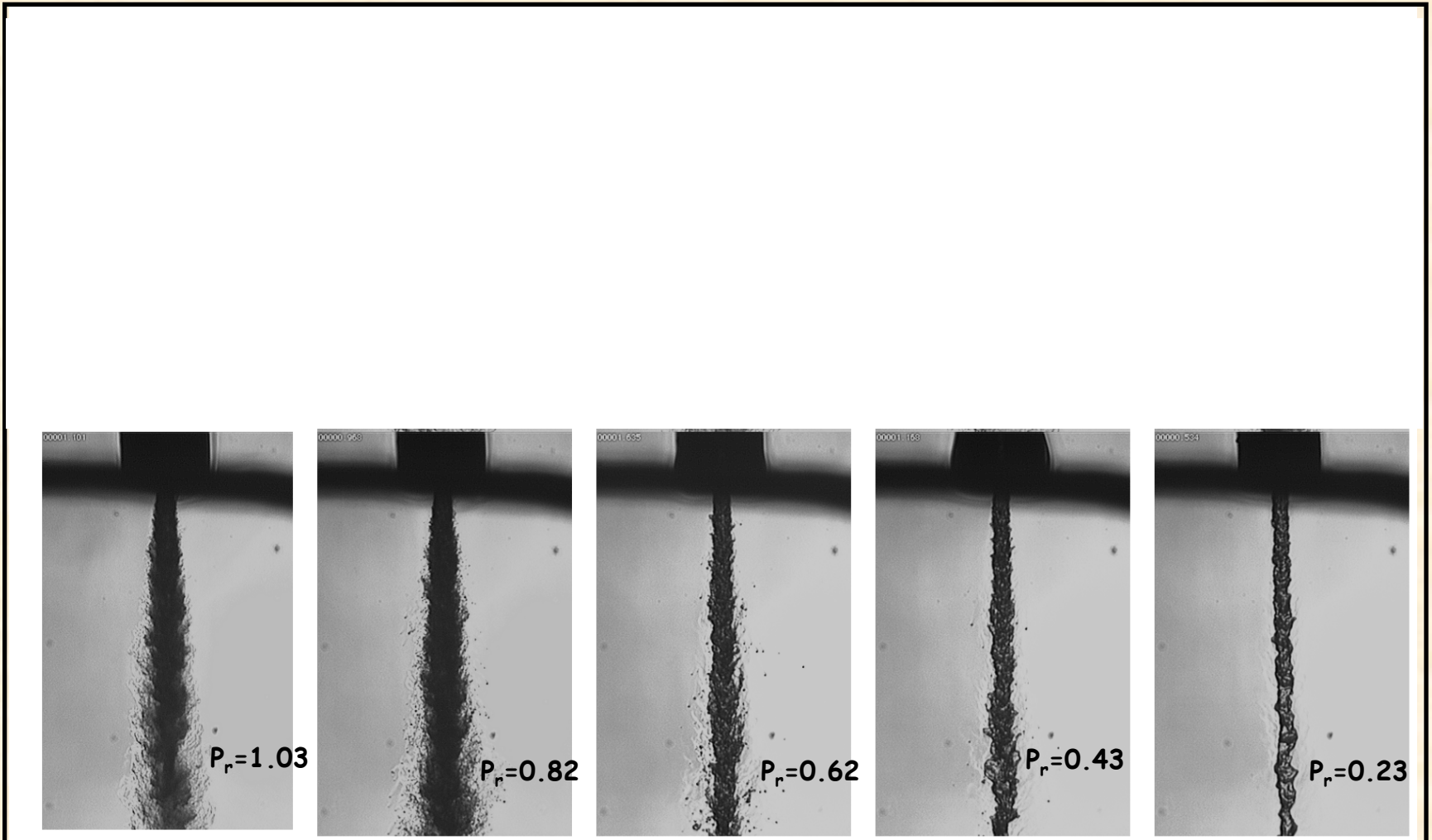
Single Jet (no acoustic interaction)

What Do You See?



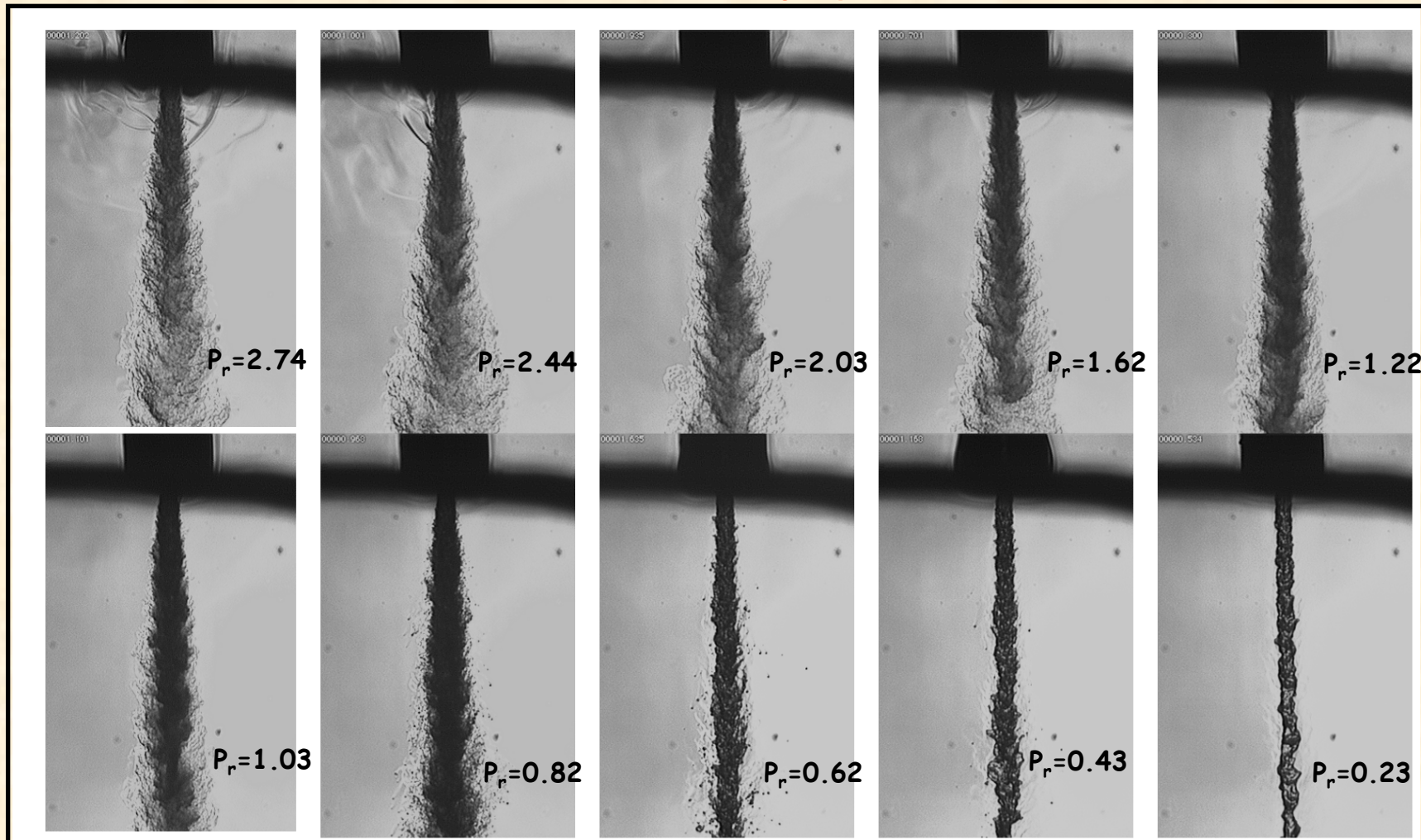
Single Jet At Sub- And Supercritical Conditions

Images of liquid N_2 injected into Gaseous N_2 at a fixed chamber temperature of 300K but varying sub- to supercritical pressures ($P_r = P_{ch}/P_{critical}$). $Re = 25-75 \times 10^3$. Inj. velocity: 10-15 m/s. Froud number: 40 to 110 $\times 10^3$. Injectant temperature: 99 to 120 K. (injector tube well insulated with no co-flow feature and no externally imposed acoustic field)



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Single Jet At Sub- And Supercritical Conditions

Magnified images of the jet at its outer boundary showing transition to the gas-jet like appearance starting at just below the critical pressure of the injectant. Images are at fixed supercritical chamber temperature of 300 K. (injector tube well insulated with no co-flow feature and no externally imposed acoustic field)



$P_r=0.91$

Appearance of conventional breakup of liquid surface indicating ligaments and drops ejecting from the mixing zone

Pch=3.13 Mpa
Reynolds=75,281
Mass flow=352 mg/s
Inj. Velocity=14.9 m/s



$P_r=1.22$

Mixing layer affected by sub- to supercritical transition. No drops are seen. Figure-like structures

Pch=4.14 Mpa
Reynolds=66,609
Mass flow=350 mg/s
Inj. Velocity=14.1 m/s

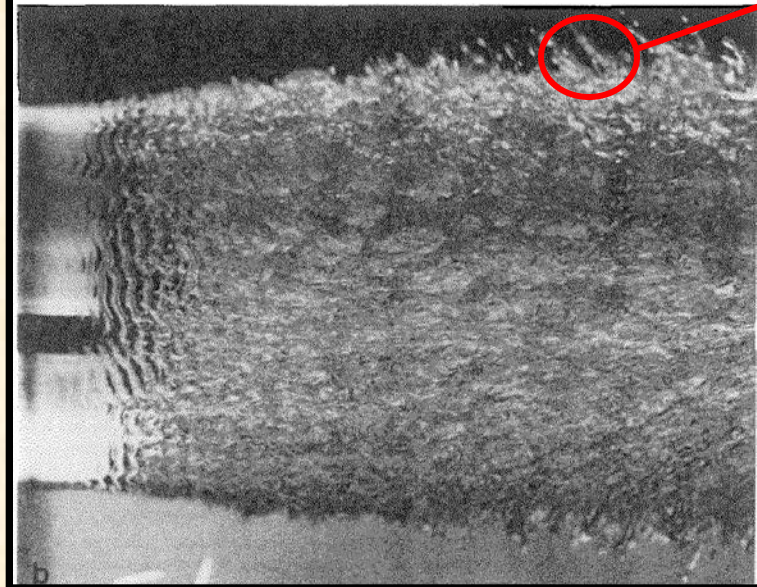
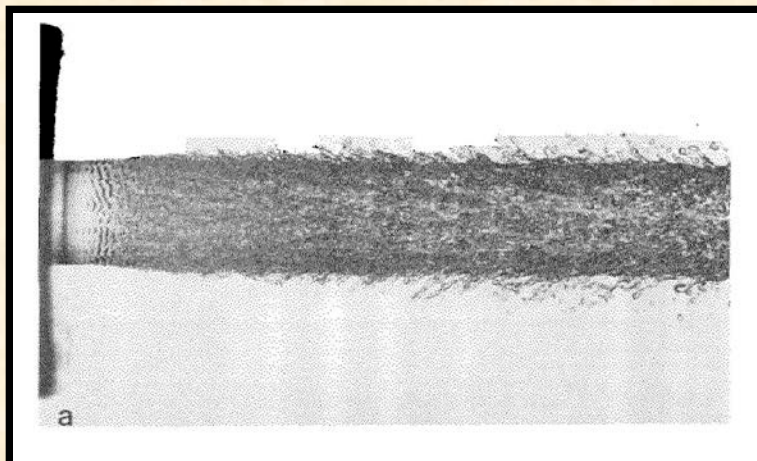


$P_r=2.71$

Appearance of Gas/gas mixing layer

Pch=9.19 Mpa
Reynolds=42,830
Mass flow=350 mg/s
Inj. Velocity=11.7 m/s

Taylor and Hoyt, 1977 (Wind-induced Breakup Regime)

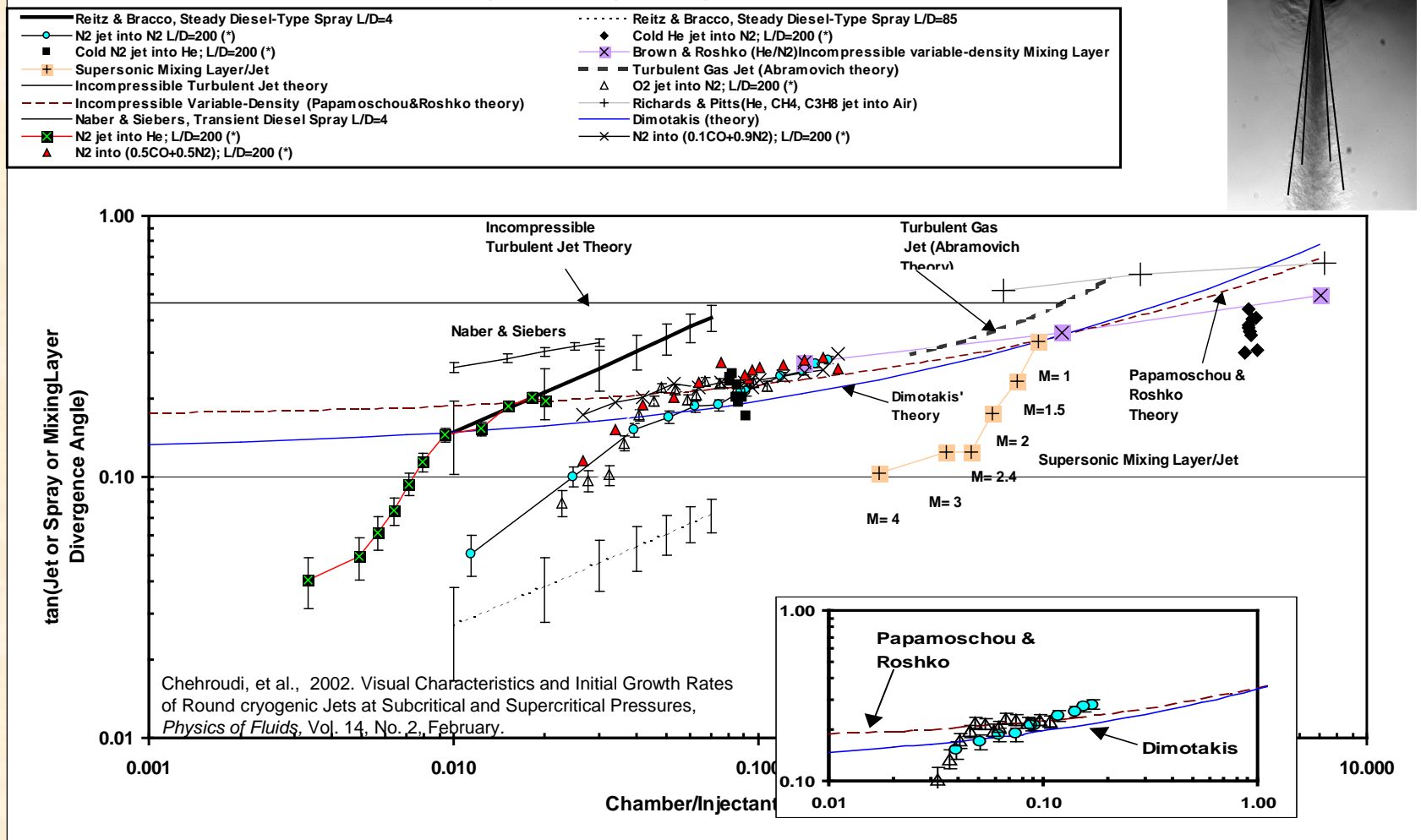


- HIGH SPEED PHOTOGRAPH OF WATER JET CLOSE TO THE NOZZLE EXIT SHOWING WAVE INSTABILITIES AND BREAKUP
- SECOND WIND-INDUCED BREAKUP REGIM

Jet or Spray or Mixing Layer Divergence Angle vs Chamber-to-Injectant Density Ratio

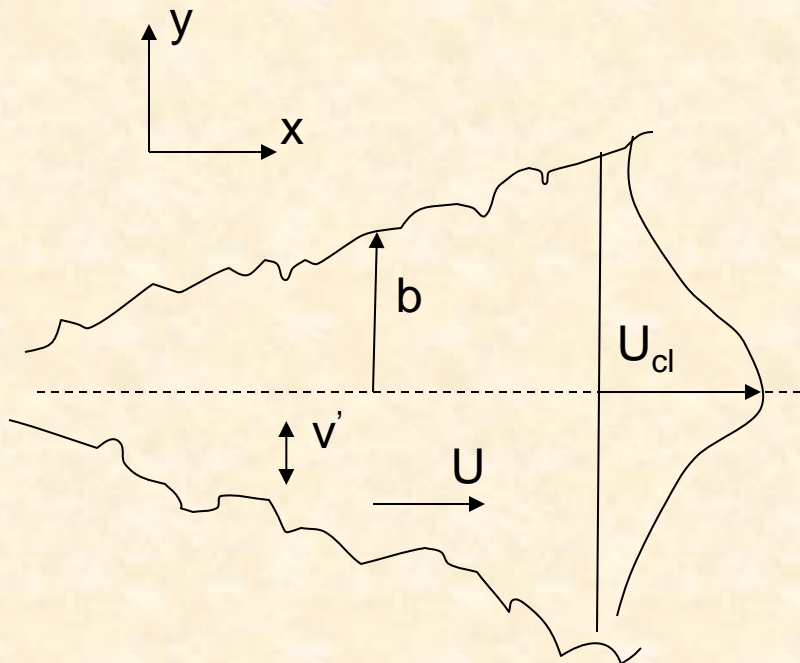
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Jet or Spray or Mixing Layer Divergence Angle vs Chamber-to-injectant Density Ratio



- A unique & nonexistent plot, covering 4 orders of magnitude in density ratio for mixing layer, liquid sprays (Diesel), turbulent jets (compressible & incompressible), supersonic jets, and theory
- For the first time, a quantitative proof that supercritical jets grow similar to variable-density incompressible jets

Growth (or Spreading) Rate for Turbulent Incompressible Round Jet (Abramovich)



$$\frac{Db}{Dt} \propto v' \propto -\ell \frac{\partial \bar{U}}{\partial y} \propto -\ell \frac{U_{cl}}{b} \propto U_{cl} \quad (1)$$

and since

$$\frac{Db}{Dt} = \frac{db}{dx} \frac{dx}{dt} \propto U_{cl} \frac{db}{dx} \quad (2)$$

from the above two :

$$\frac{db}{dx} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow b = (\text{constant})x \Rightarrow$$

$$\ell = (\text{constant}) x \quad (3)$$

$2b$ is defined as the thickness of the velocity profile, Db/Dt is the total derivative, ℓ is mixing length, v' is the transverse velocity fluctuations, and U_{cl} is the centerline maximum value of the time-averaged streamwise velocity profile.

Semi-Empirical Theory for the Jet Spreading Considering Compressibility (Abramovich)

$$\frac{db}{dx} \propto \frac{U_1 - U_2}{U_{\text{char}}}; \text{ where } U_1 \text{ and } U_2 \text{ are streamwise}$$

velocities at the boundaries of the mixing zone, U_{char} a characteristic velocity in the zone, and x is in streamwise direction.

$$\text{For incompressible flow : } U_{\text{char}} = \frac{U_1 + U_2}{2} \quad (4)$$

$$\text{For compressible flow : } U_{\text{char}} = \frac{\rho_1 U_1 + \rho_2 U_2}{\rho_1 + \rho_2} \quad (5)$$

From above equations for compressible flow :

$$\frac{db}{dx} = C \frac{1 + \rho_r}{2} \frac{1 - U_r}{1 + \rho_r U_r}; \text{ where}$$

$$U_r = \frac{U_2}{U_1} \text{ and } \rho_r = \frac{\rho_2}{\rho_1}.$$

In the main region of the jet :

$$U_r = \frac{U_{\text{ambient}}}{U_{\text{cl}}};$$

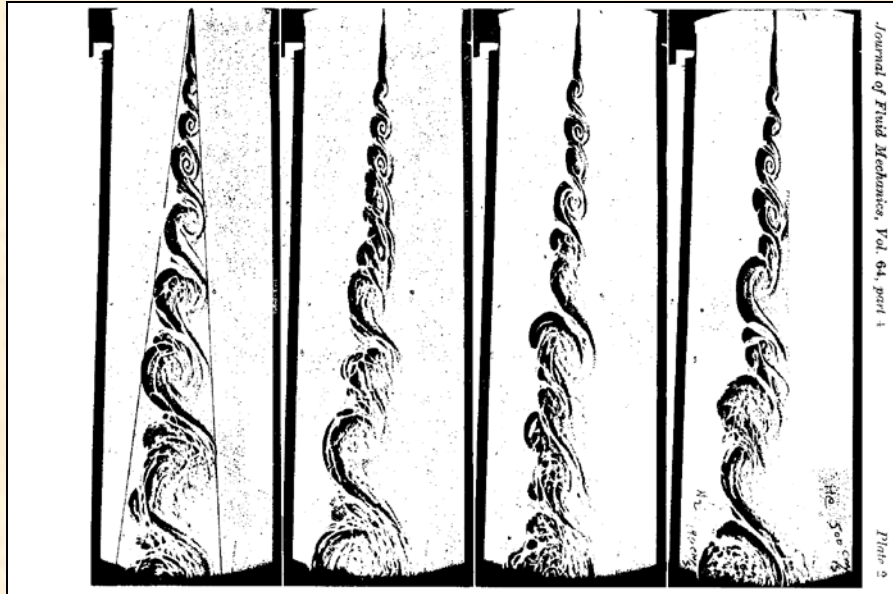
$$\rho_r = \frac{\rho_{\text{ambient}}}{\rho_{\text{cl}}}; U_{\text{cl}} = U_{\text{cl}}(x); \rho_{\text{cl}} = \rho_{\text{cl}}(x)$$

If U_r and ρ_r do not depend on x (i.e. initial region) then from above :

$$\frac{b}{x} = C \frac{1 + \rho_r}{2} \frac{1 - U_r}{1 + \rho_r U_r} \quad (6).$$

From experiments in the initial region of the submerged jet (i.e. $U_r = 0$) of an incompressible fluid ($\rho_r = 1$) $C = 0.27$ is proposed. However, various experiments in hot jets, high - velocity jets, and supersonic jets under off - design discharge suggest a value of $C = 0.22$.

Theoretical Growth (or Spreading) Rate for Incompressible Variable-density Mixing Layer



Visual Thickness

Brown/Papamoschou- Roshko

(CalTech)

$$(M_c = (U - U_c)/a; \text{ a is speed of sound})$$

$$U_c = (U_1 \sqrt{\rho_1} + U_2 \sqrt{\rho_2}) / (\sqrt{\rho_1} + \sqrt{\rho_2})$$

$$\delta'_{\text{vis}} = 0.17(\Delta U / U_c) =$$

$$= 0.17(1 - U_2 / U_1) [1 + (\rho_2 / \rho_1)^{1/2}] / [1 + (U_2 / U_1)(\rho_2 / \rho_1)^{1/2}]$$

Vorticity Thickness

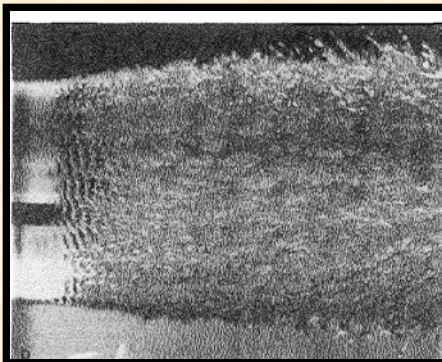
Dimotakis (CalTech)

$$\delta'_{\omega} = \varepsilon \left\{ (1 - U_2 / U_1) / [1 + (\rho_2 / \rho_1)^{1/2} (U_2 / U_1)] \right\} \left\{ 1 + (\rho_2 / \rho_1)^{1/2} - [1 - (\rho_2 / \rho_1)^{1/2}] / [1 + 2.9 (1 + U_2 / U_1) / (1 - U_2 / U_1)] \right\}$$

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Characteristic Time Analysis

- **Characteristic bulge formation time** (τ_b) at the jet interface (*Tseng et al.*): $(\rho_l L^3/s)^{1/2}$; ρ_l , L , s are liquid density, characteristic dimension of turbulent eddy, and surface tension, respectively.
- **Characteristic time for gasification** (τ_g) (D-square law): D^2/K ; D and K are drop diameter and vaporization constant.
- **A Hypothesis**: If these two characteristic times (calculated for appropriate length scales) are comparable, then an interface bulge may not be separated as an unattached entity because it is gasified as fast as it desires to be detached (*onset of the gas-jet behavior*)



Remarkably Similar Equation Format for Different Cases

- **Theoretical isothermal liquid spray growth rate** (θ_s) based on Orr-Sommerfeld equation and stability analysis to find the wavelength of the most unstable interface wave:

$$\theta_s \cong 0.270 [0 + (\rho_g/\rho_l)^{0.5}]$$

- **Brown/Papamoschou-Rashko theory for incompressible variable-density gaseous mixing layer/jet:**

$$\theta_{P/R} \cong 0.212 [1 + (\rho_g/\rho_l)^{0.5}]$$

- **Dimotakis theory for incompressible variable-density gaseous mixing layer/jet:**

$$\theta_D \cong 0.265 [0.59 + (\rho_g/\rho_l)^{0.5}]$$

- **ALL HAVE THE SQUARE ROOT OF DENSITY RATIO AND REMARKABLY THE SAME EQUATION FORMAT**

A Proposed Model Equation

- Based on the information from previous slide, the following “intuitive” equation is proposed **for both sub- and supercritical (measured) growth rates:**

$$\theta_{ch} \cong 0.27 \left[\left(\tau_b / (\tau_b + \tau_g) \right) + \left(\rho_g / \rho_l \right)^{0.5} \right]$$

- For isothermal liquid case:** $\tau_g \gg \tau_b$ and $\tau_g \rightarrow \infty$. It then collapses to the isothermal spray case.
- For subcritical** the $(\tau_b / (\tau_b + \tau_g))$ is calculated until it reaches 0.5. After that it is maintained constant at 0.5 **for supercritical gas-like jet.**
 - The transition point (between subcritical & supercritical behaviors) is found to be approximately when $(\tau_b / (\tau_b + \tau_g)) \cong 0.5$, that is:
 $\tau_g \cong \tau_b$, *which means that it vaporizes as fast as it forms the bulge*

A Proposed Model Equation (cont.)

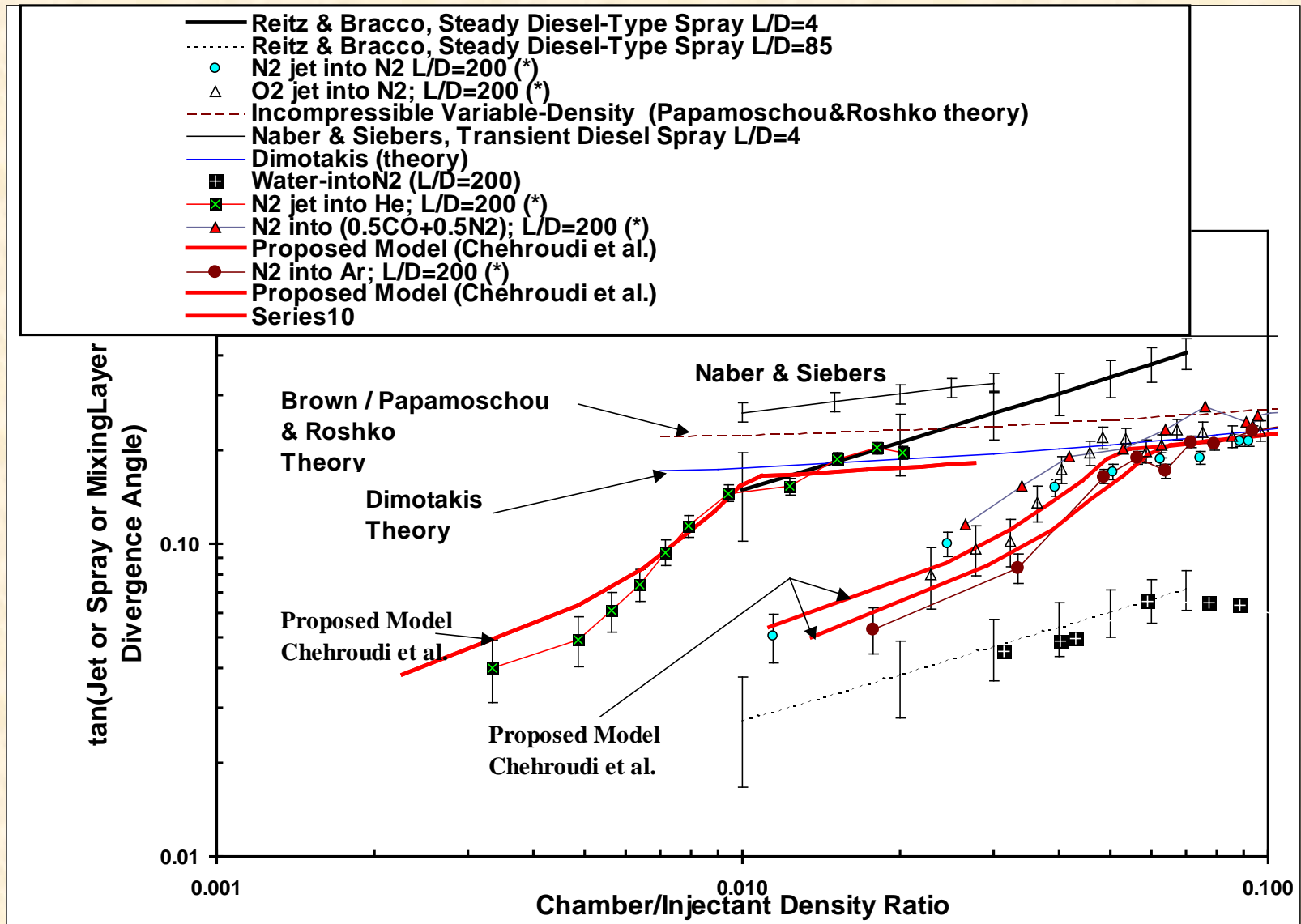
- $(\tau_b / (\tau_b + \tau_g))$ is assumed to be a dominant function of the density ratio (ρ_g / ρ_l) ; i.e. $\tau_b / (\tau_b + \tau_g) = F(\rho_g / \rho_l)$.
- The function **F** is only calculated for the N₂-into-N₂ case and is taken to be the same for other (N₂-into-He and N₂-into-Ar) cases. For example, for N₂-into-He :

$$\theta_{ch} \cong 0.27 [G(\rho_g / \rho_l) + (\rho_g / \rho_l)^{0.5}] \text{ where } G(\rho_R) = F(\rho_R')$$

$$\rho_R = (\rho_g / \rho_l) ; \quad \rho_R' = \rho_R - (1-X) \rho_R = X \rho_R$$

$$X=1.0 \text{ for N}_2\text{-into-N}_2; \quad X=0.2 \text{ for N}_2\text{-into-He}; \quad X=1.2 \text{ for N}_2\text{-into-Ar.}$$

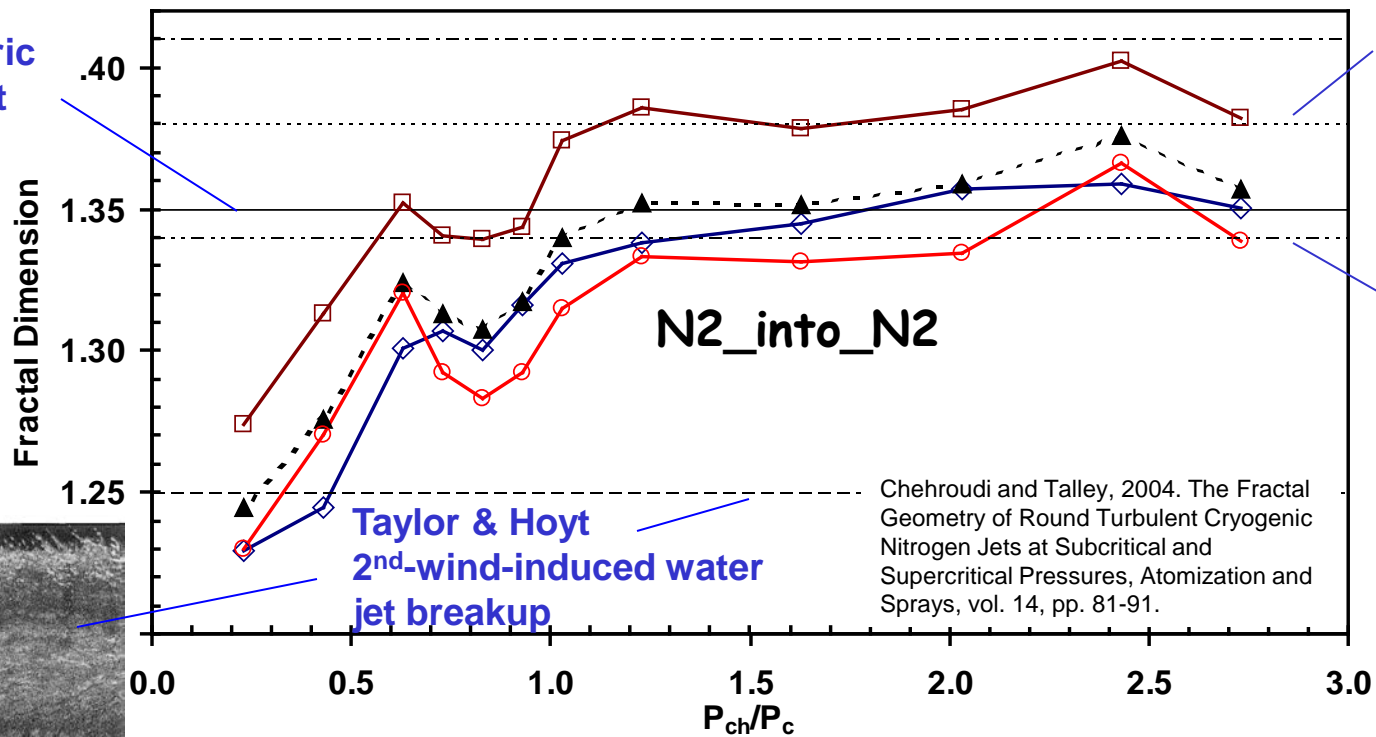
Comparison of the Proposed Model (solid red line) with Experimental Data



Fractal Dimension

FRACTAL DIMENSION vs. RELATIVE PRESSURE

- ◇— BOX32 (N2intoN2)
- ▲— AVERAGE (N2intoN2)
- Sreenivasan & Meneveau (axisymmetric gaseous jet)
- Taylor & Hoyt (2nd-wind-induced water jet breakup)
- Dimotakis et al. (turbulent water jet)
- BOX64 (N2intoN2)
- EDM (N2intoN2)
- Sreenivasan & Meneveau (gaseous boundary layer)
- Sreenivasan & Meneveau (plane gaseous mixing layer)

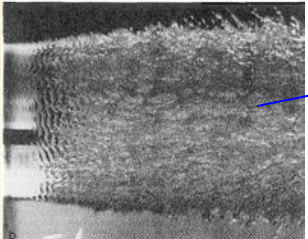


Axisymmetric gaseous Jet

Gaseous Boundary layer

Plane gaseous mixing layer

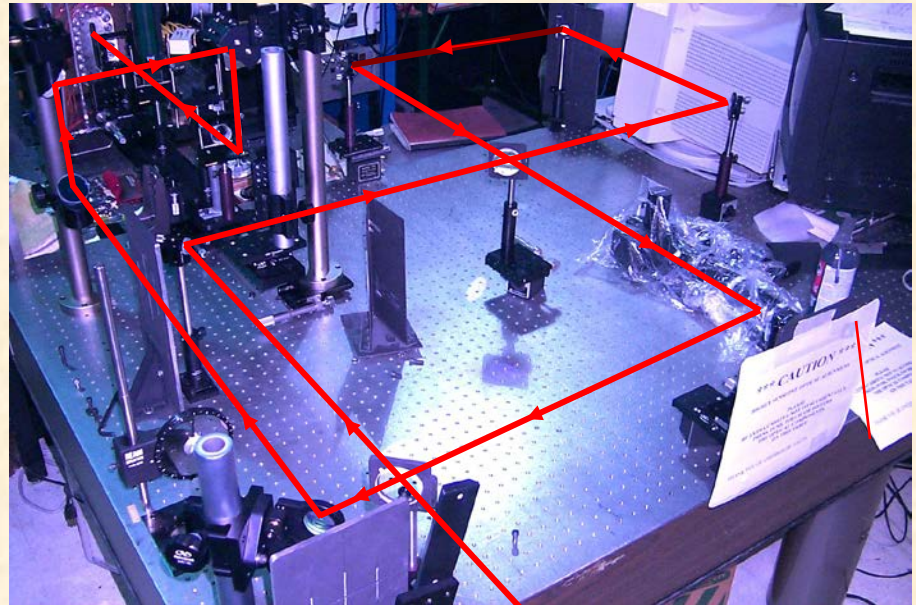
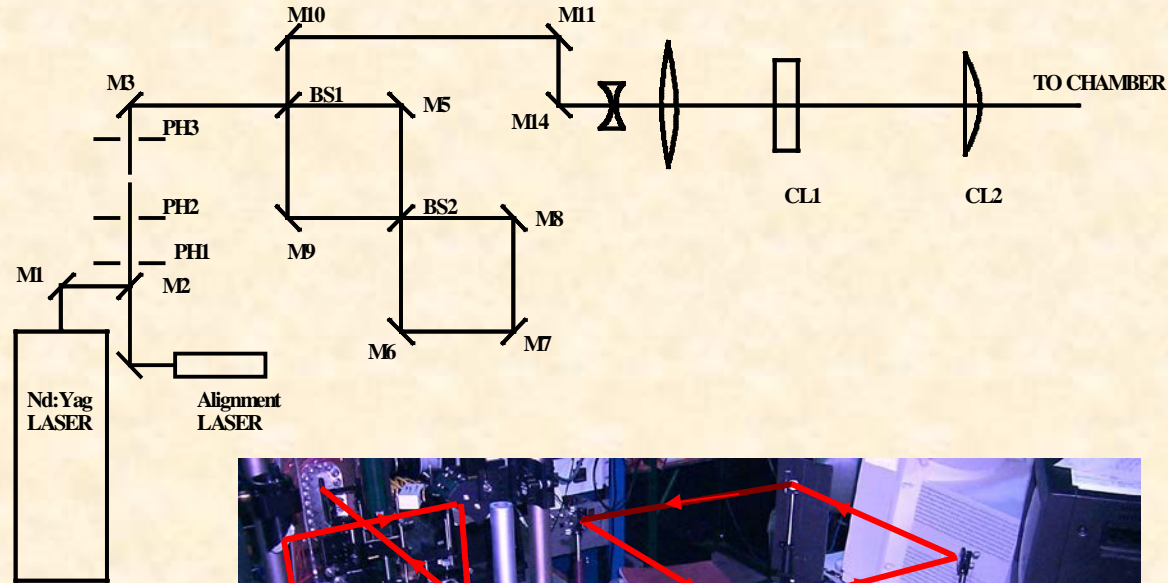
Taylor & Hoyt 2nd-wind-induced water jet breakup



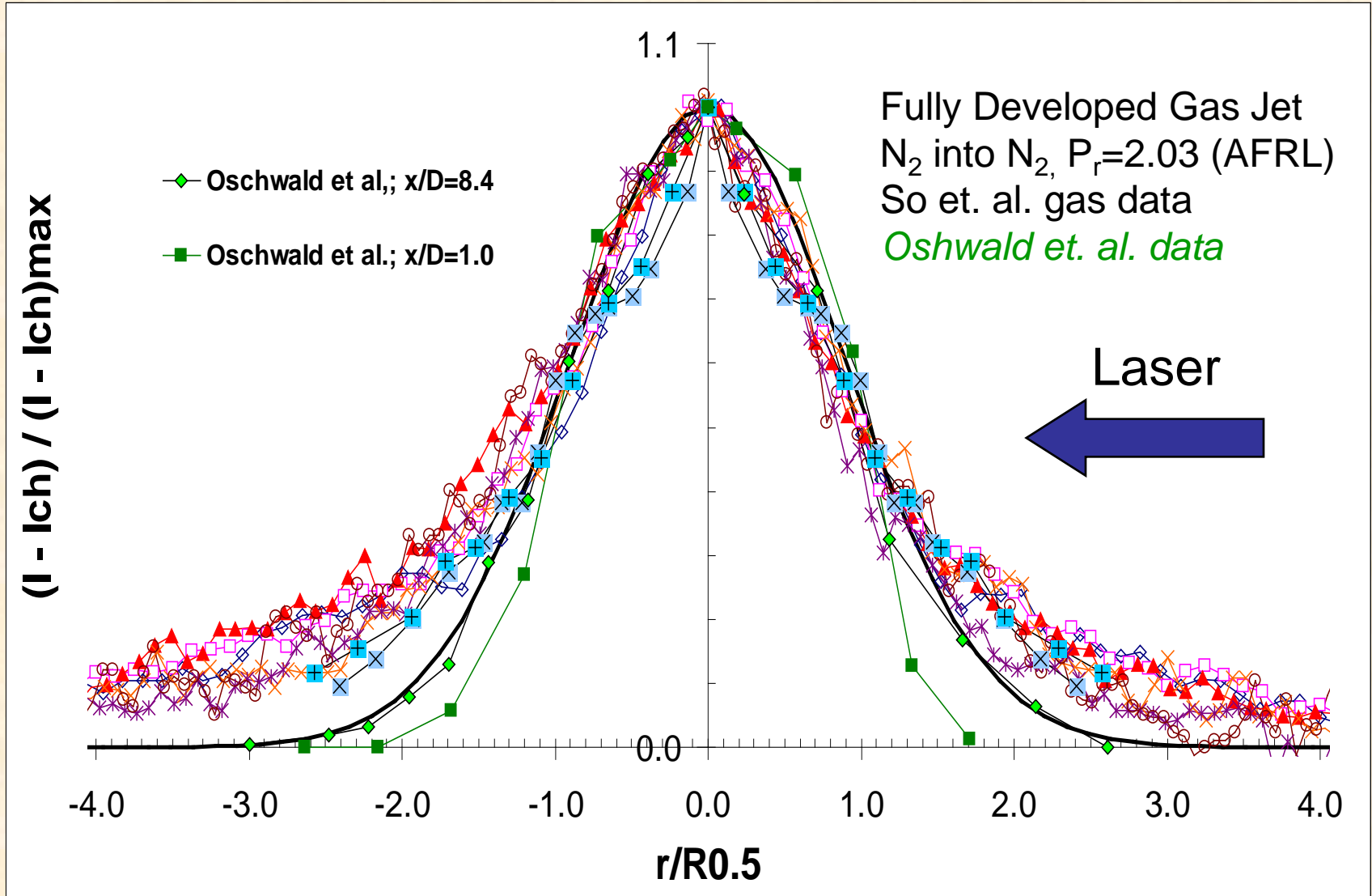
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Raman Scattering Approach

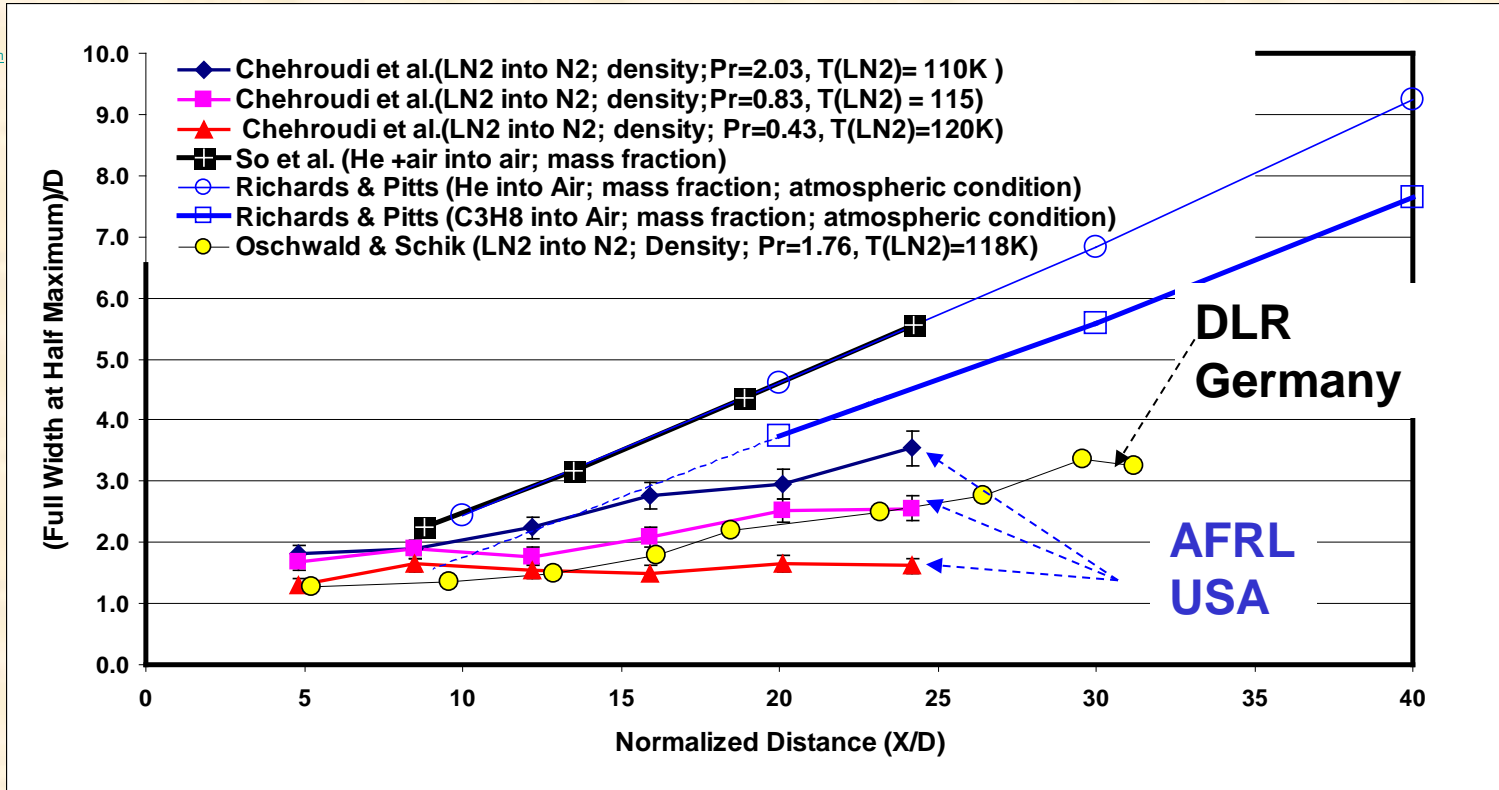
- Nd-Yag laser in 2nd harmonic at 532 nm
- Raman signal at 607 nm
- Double loop optical delay to extend pulse width from 10 ns to 30 ns.
- Notch filter at 532 nm; band pass and hi-pass filter to isolate Raman signal.
- Princeton Instruments N₂ cooled ICCD camera
- Sheet forming optics to various sheet widths.



Self-similarity Plot Supercritical Regime(3)



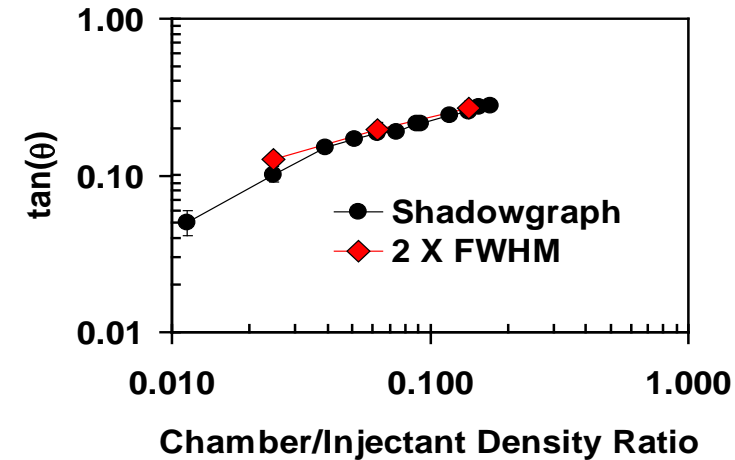
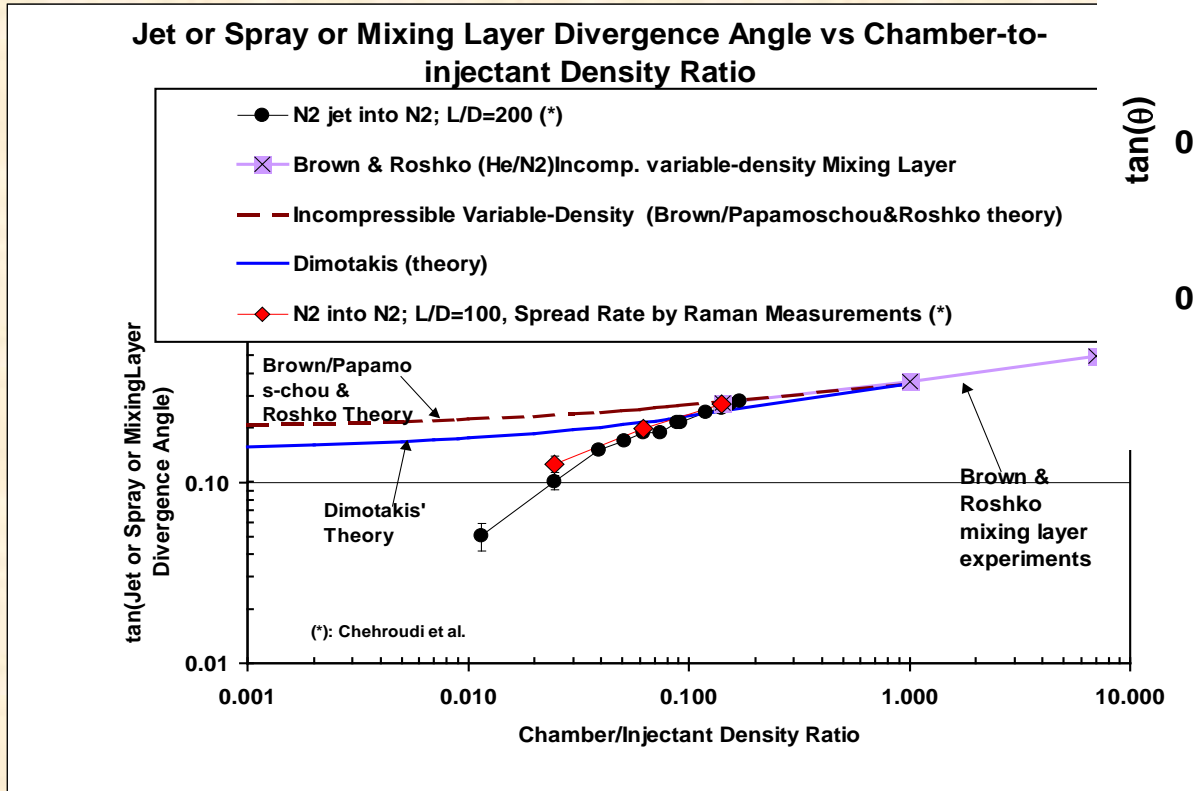
Growth (or Spreading) Rates



Normalized FWHM of the density surplus radial profiles as a function of the normalized distance from the injector.

	Fluid Inj/Cham	Tinj K	Pch MPa	Tch K	Reduced Pressure Pr	Inj/Chamb Density Ratio	Diameter D mm	L/D	Raynolds number x/D Re	Profile used to measure FWHM		
Oswald et al	N2/N2	118	4	298	1.17	3.34	1.9	11.5	8.42	1.2E+05	Density	in Figs. 7, 8
Oswald et al	N2/N2	140	4	298	1.17	12.5	1.9	11.5	1.05	1.3E+05	Density	in Figs. 8
Chehroudi et al	N2/N2	95	6.9	295	2.03	7.1	0.505	100	4.8 to 24.4	3.5E+04	Density	in Figs. 8,10,11
Chehroudi et al	N2/N2	110	1.5	295	0.43	40.6	0.505	100	4.8 to 24.5	1.2E+04	Density	in Figs.10,11
So et. al.	(He+Air)/Air	275	0.1	275	0.08	0.64	9.5		5.1	5.0E+03	Concentration&Density	in Figs. 8, 11
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Richards & Pitts	He into Air	275	0.1	275	0.44	0.138	6.35	~50	20-80	4.0E+03	Mass fraction	in Fig. 11
Richards & Pitts	C3H8 into Air	275	0.1	275	0.02	1.56	6.35	~50	40-120	2.5E+04	Mass fraction	in Fig. 11

Comparison of Shadowgraph Measurements with Raman Measurements

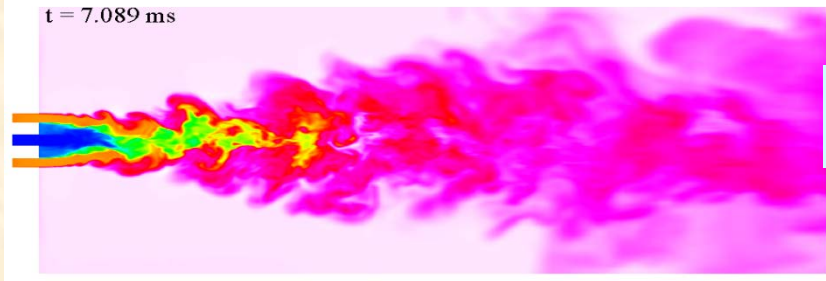
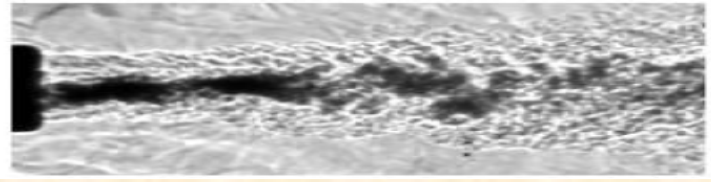


- **2 (FWHM) for Raman = Shadowgraph**
- **Good Agreement: Indicating Consistency & integrity of two sets of data**

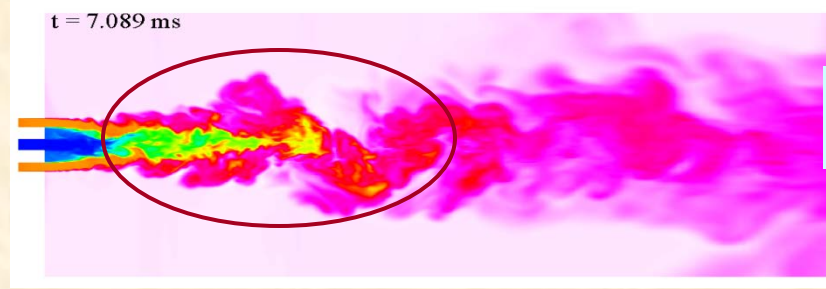
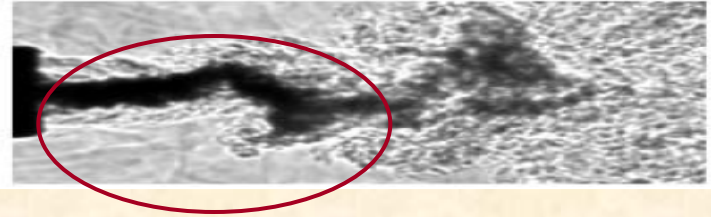
Large Eddy Simulation based model Validates AFRL experimental results

UNDER SUPERCRITICAL CONDITIONS: Casiano/MSFC (Sackheim), Yang/Penn State

➤ **effects of momentum flux and chamber operating conditions investigated using LES**



without
acoustic



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shadowgraph images, AFRL

three-dimensional LES, Penn State



- Quantitative agreement between computation and AFRL experimental data (no acoustic)
- Qualitative agreement of preliminary computational results under external transverse acoustic field

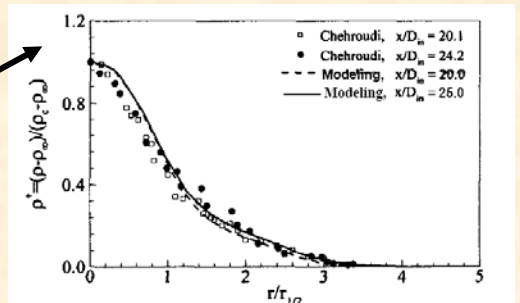


Fig.3 Comparison of computational and experimental density profiles at different axial locations.

Single Jet (acoustic interaction)

High-Chamber-Pressure Test Rig

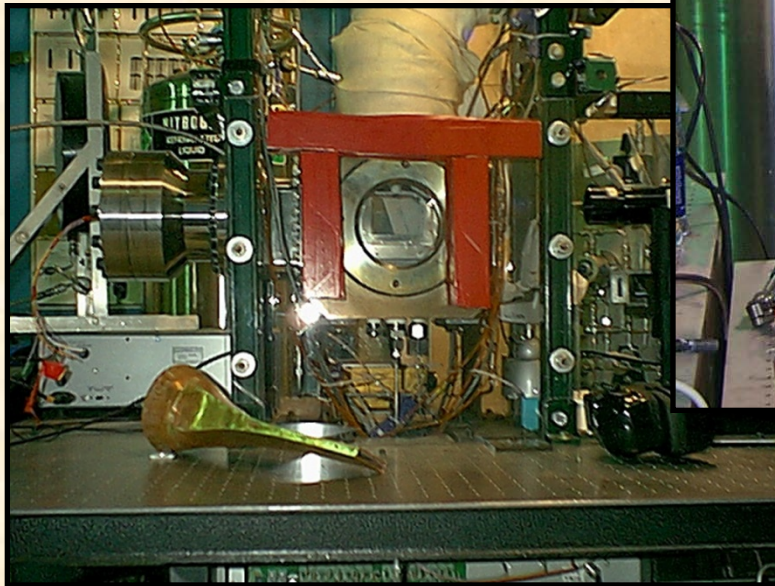
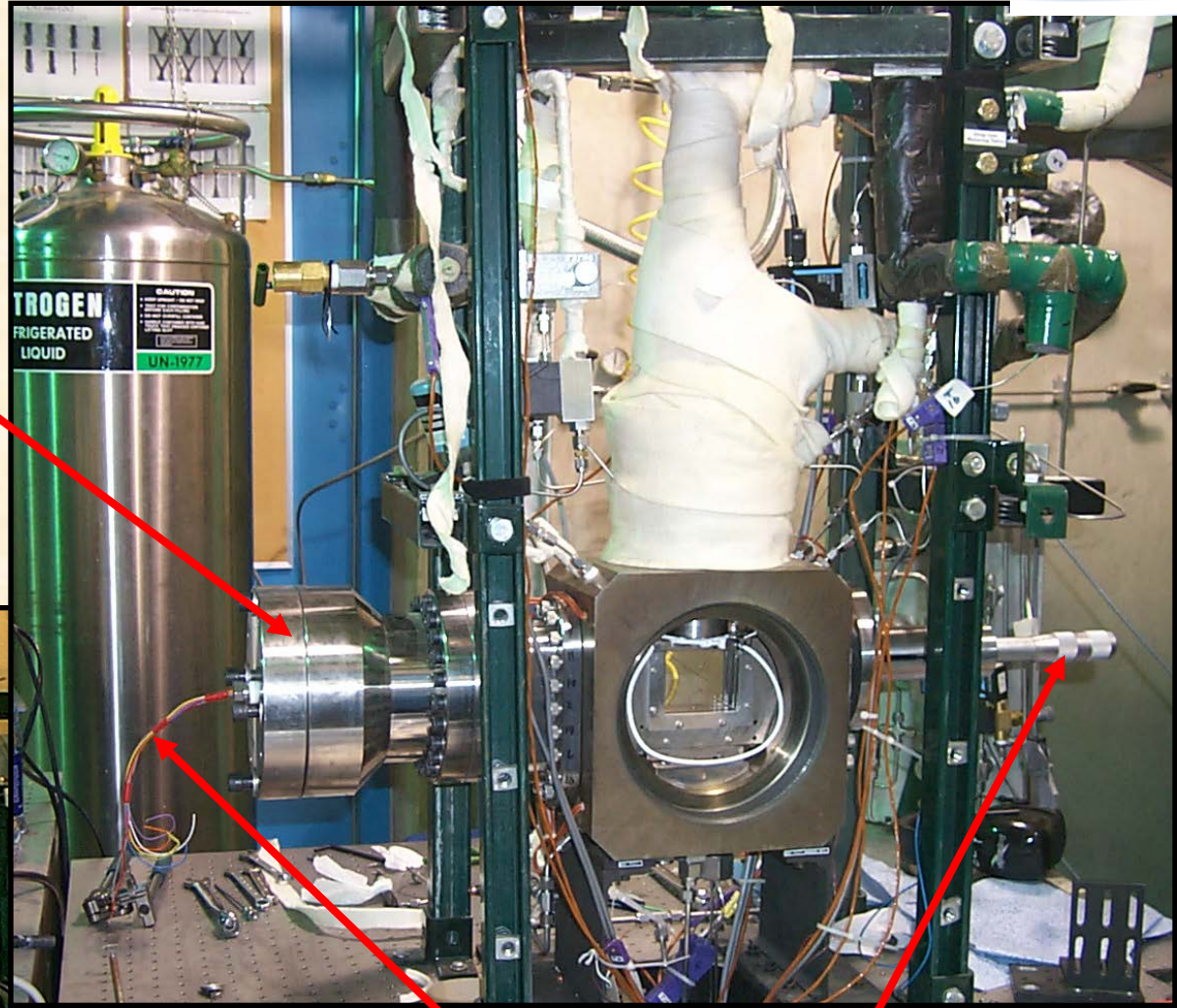
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Housing for the PiezoSiren and the Waveguide flanged to the high-pressure chamber

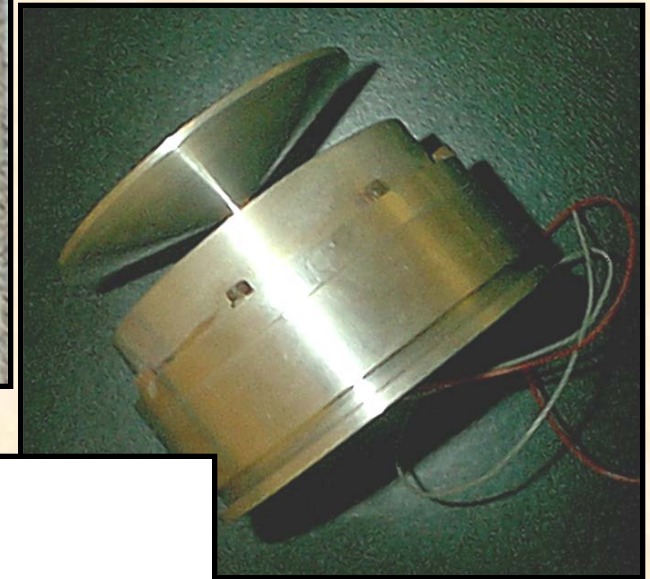


Wires from the PiezoSiren to wide-band amplifier

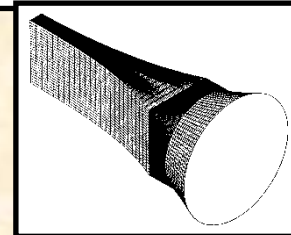
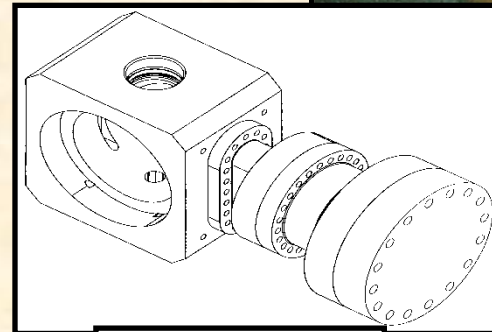
Pressure transducer traversing micrometer

PiezoSiren for Acoustic Field Generation

Circular-to-Rectangle Waveguide



- PiezoSiren generates up to 180 dB SPL
- Designed to operate under high pressure
- Several resonance frequencies
- Most dominant are at ~ 2700 and ~ 4800 Hz
- The acoustic waves are channeled through a specially designed waveguide

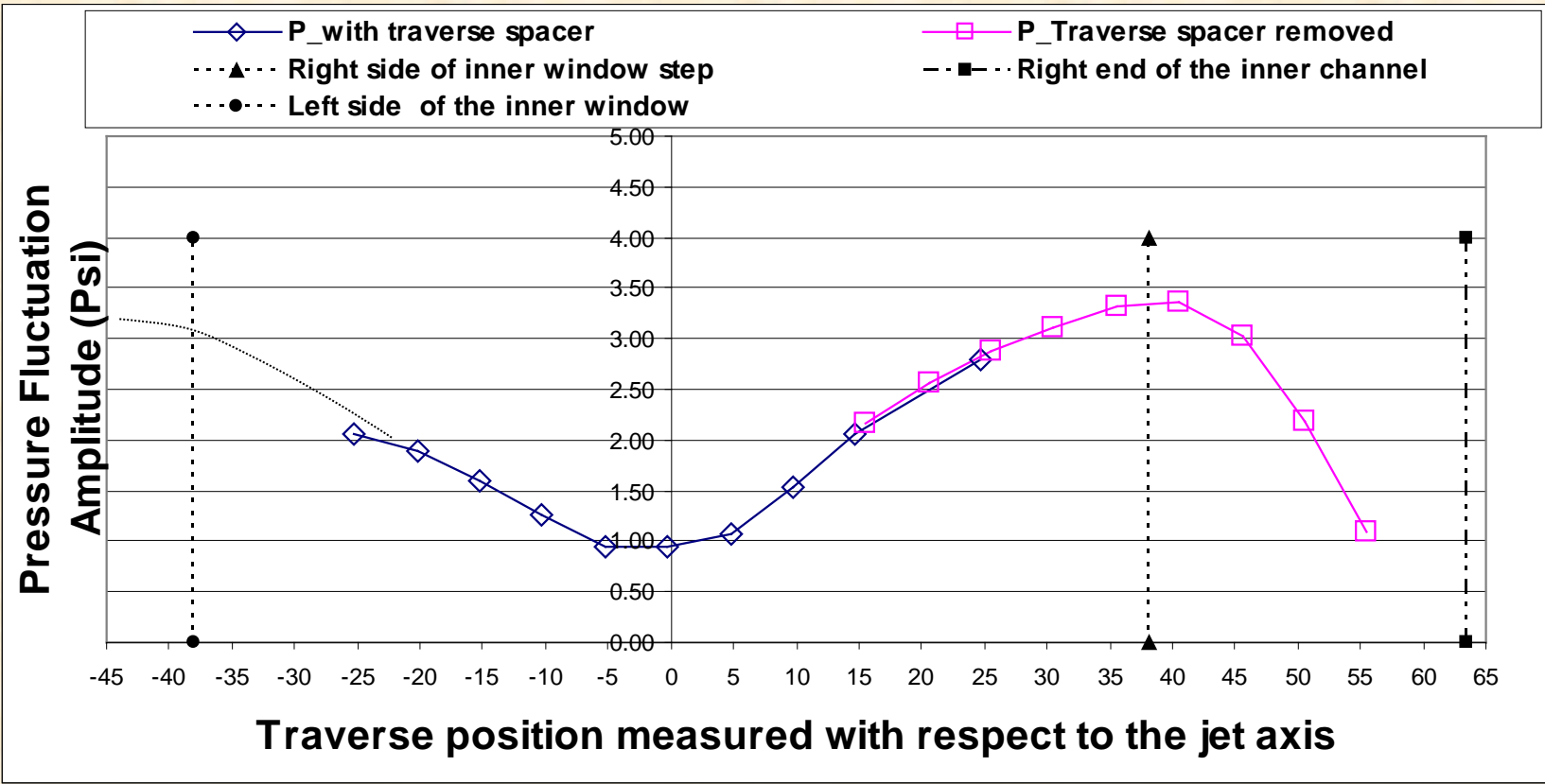


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Mapping Of The Acoustic Field

OFF

OFF



ON

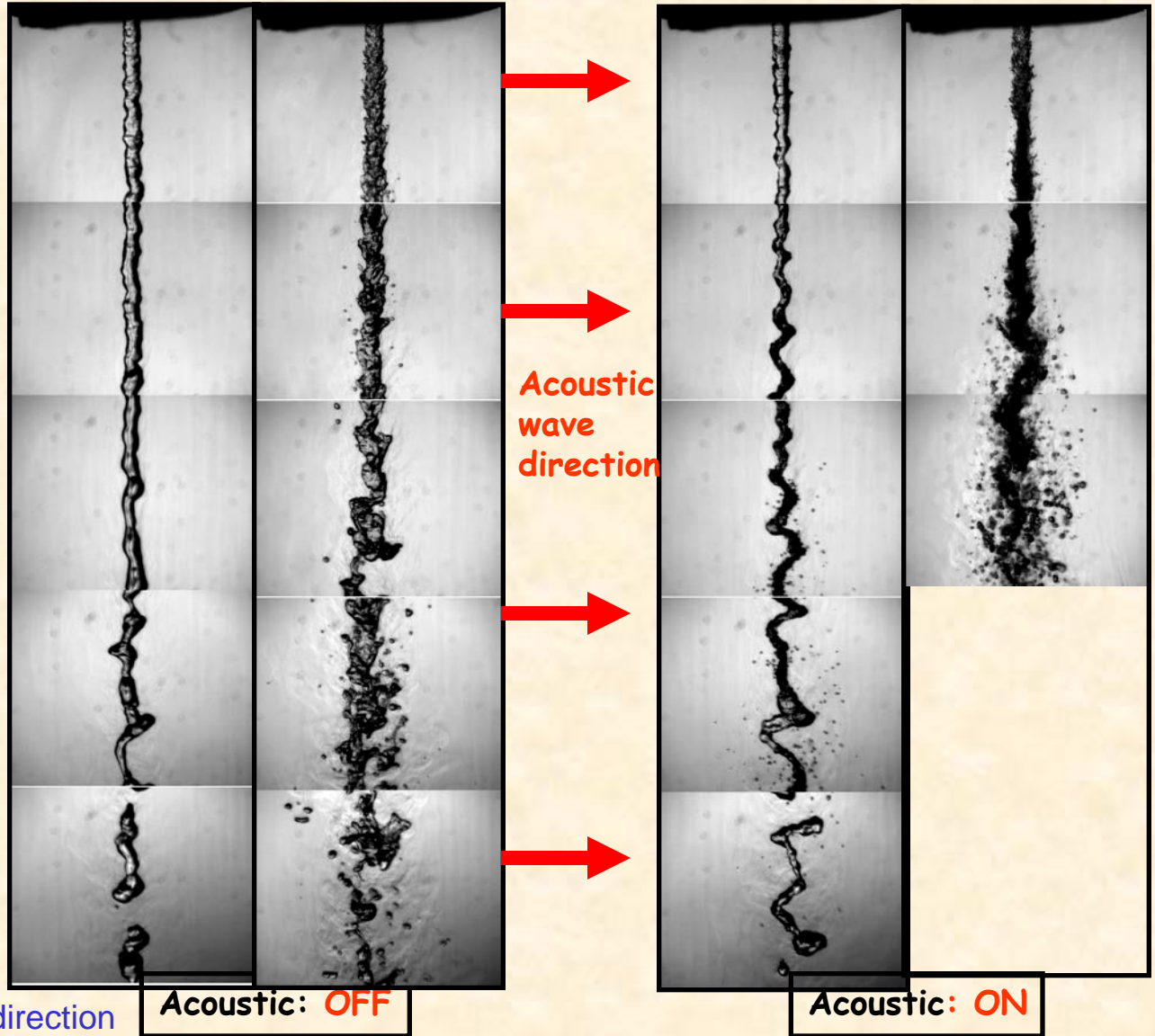
Pch = 2.48 MPa, Frequency= 2700 Hz

Interaction of Acoustic Waves with a Cryogenic Nitrogen Single Jet at **Subcritical** Pch

Pr = 0.43 0.73 0.43 0.73

Subcritical

Frequency: 2700 Hz
Flow rate: 150mg/s
Chamber
temperature: 300 K



Acoustic: OFF

Acoustic: ON

- Acoustic waves amplify the instabilities
- Accelerates liquid breakup
- Generates small satellite droplets
- Constricts the jet diameter in the wave direction

Single jet

View: perpendicular to acoustic direction

Interaction of Acoustic Waves with a Cryogenic Nitrogen Single Jet at **Supercritical** Pch

Pr = 1.03

1.43

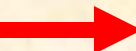
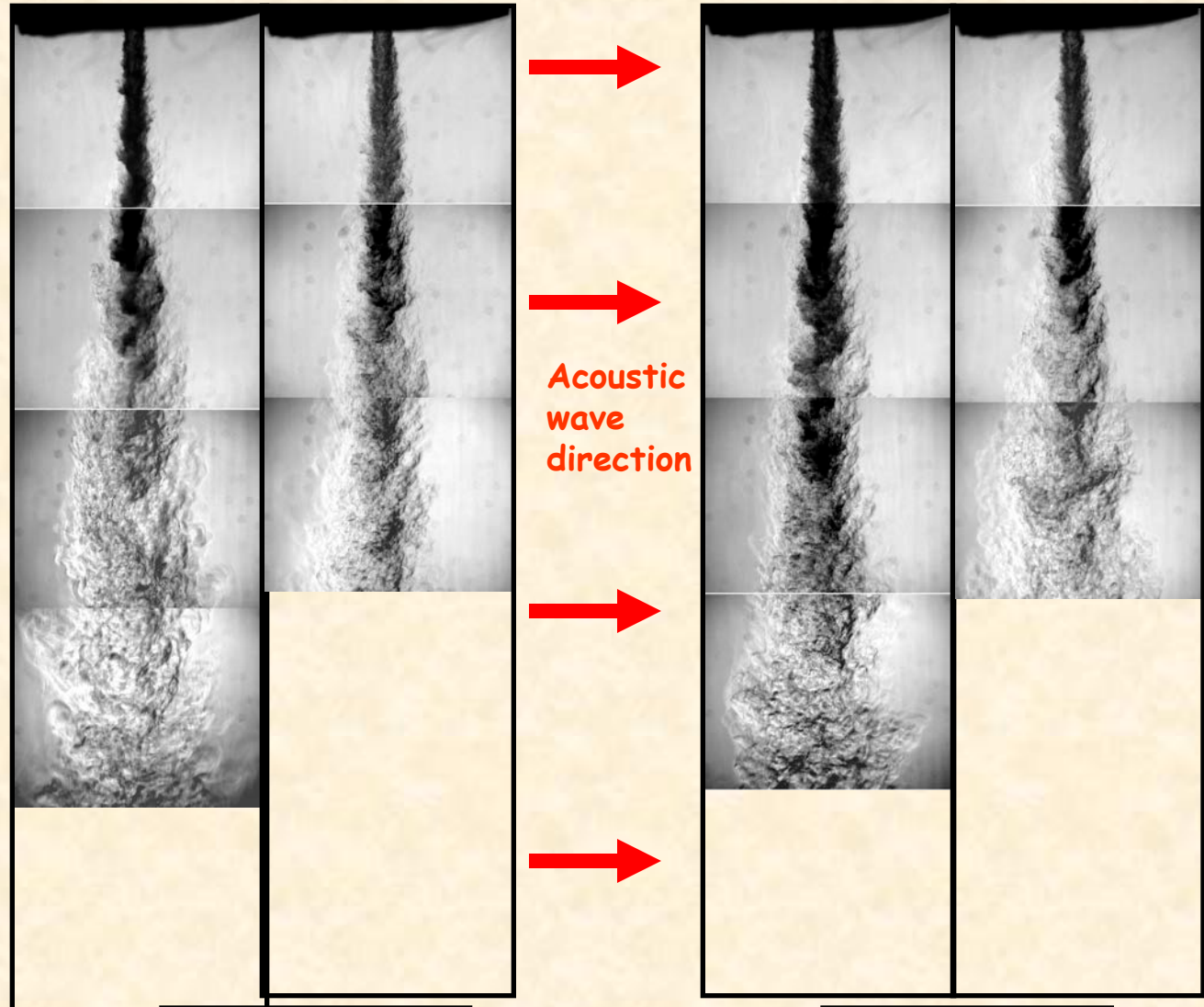
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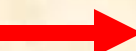
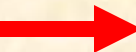
Supercritical

Frequency: 2700 Hz
Flow rate: 150mg/s
Chamber
temperature: 300 K

- Shorter dark core
- Comparable jet thickness
- Comparable growth rate
- Not as dramatic as subcritical



Acoustic
wave
direction



Acoustic: **OFF**

Acoustic: **ON**

Single jet

View: perpendicular to acoustic direction

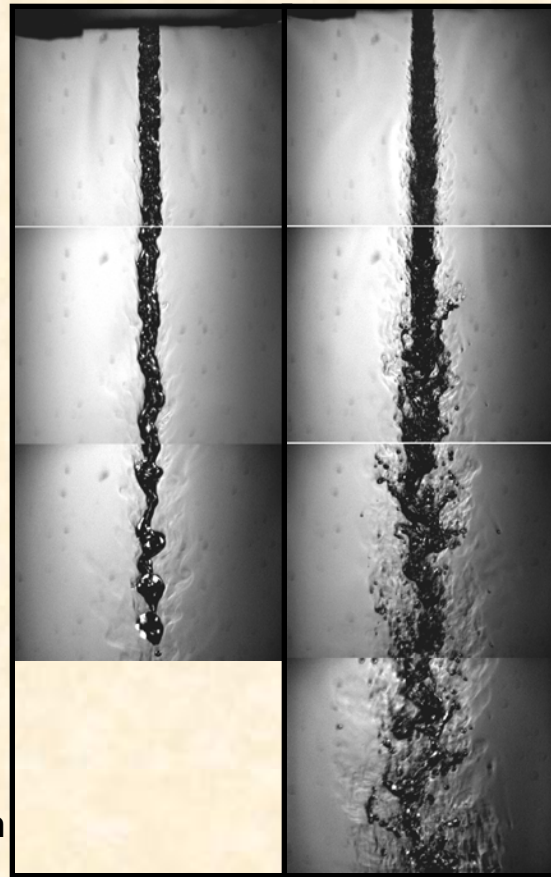
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Pr = 0.43 0.73 0.43 0.73

Subcritical

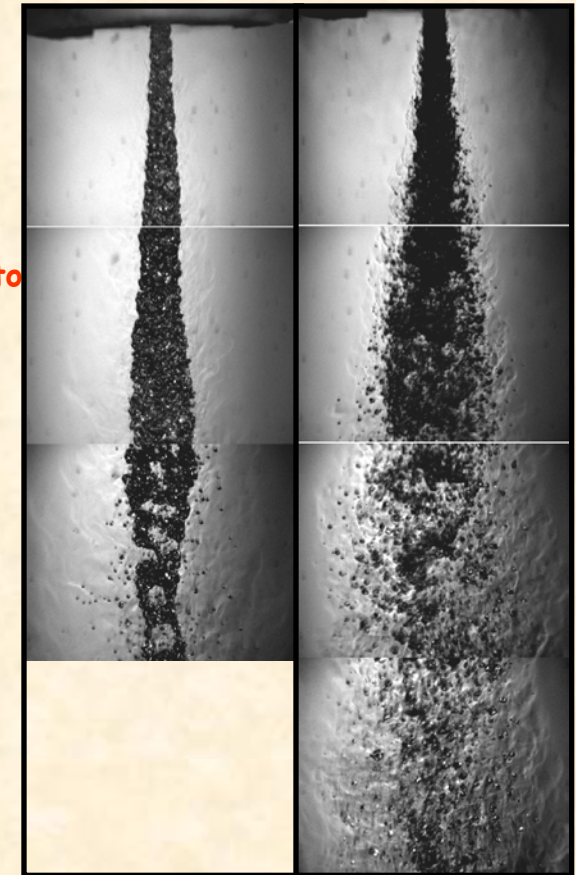
Frequency: 2700 Hz
Flow rate: 150mg/s
Chamber temperature:
300 K

- Acoustic waves amplify the instabilities
- Accelerates liquid breakup
- Generates small satellite droplets
- Widens the jet diameter in the normal to wave direction



Acoustic: OFF

Acoustic
Normal to
Page



Acoustic: ON

Single jet

View: in the acoustic direction

Interaction of Acoustic Waves with a Cryogenic Nitrogen Single Jet at **Supercritical** Pch

Pr =

1.03

1.43

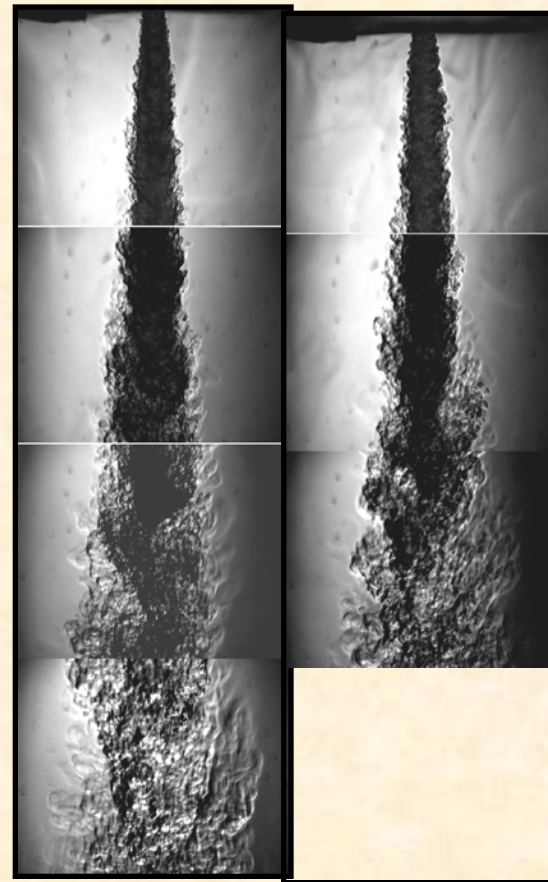
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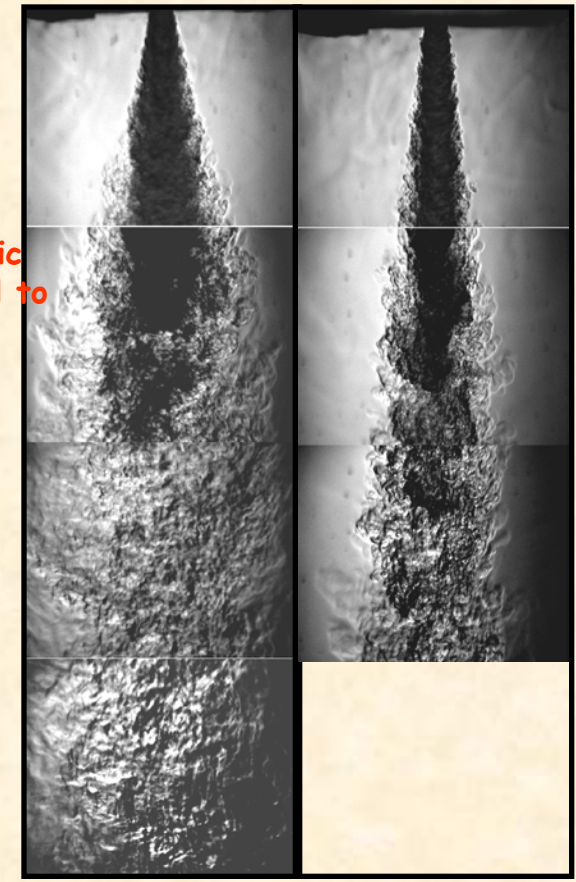
Supercritical

Frequency: 2700 Hz
Flow rate: 150mg/s
Chamber temperature:
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- Shorter dark core
- Wider jet thickness
- Faster growth rate



Acoustic: OFF

Acoustic
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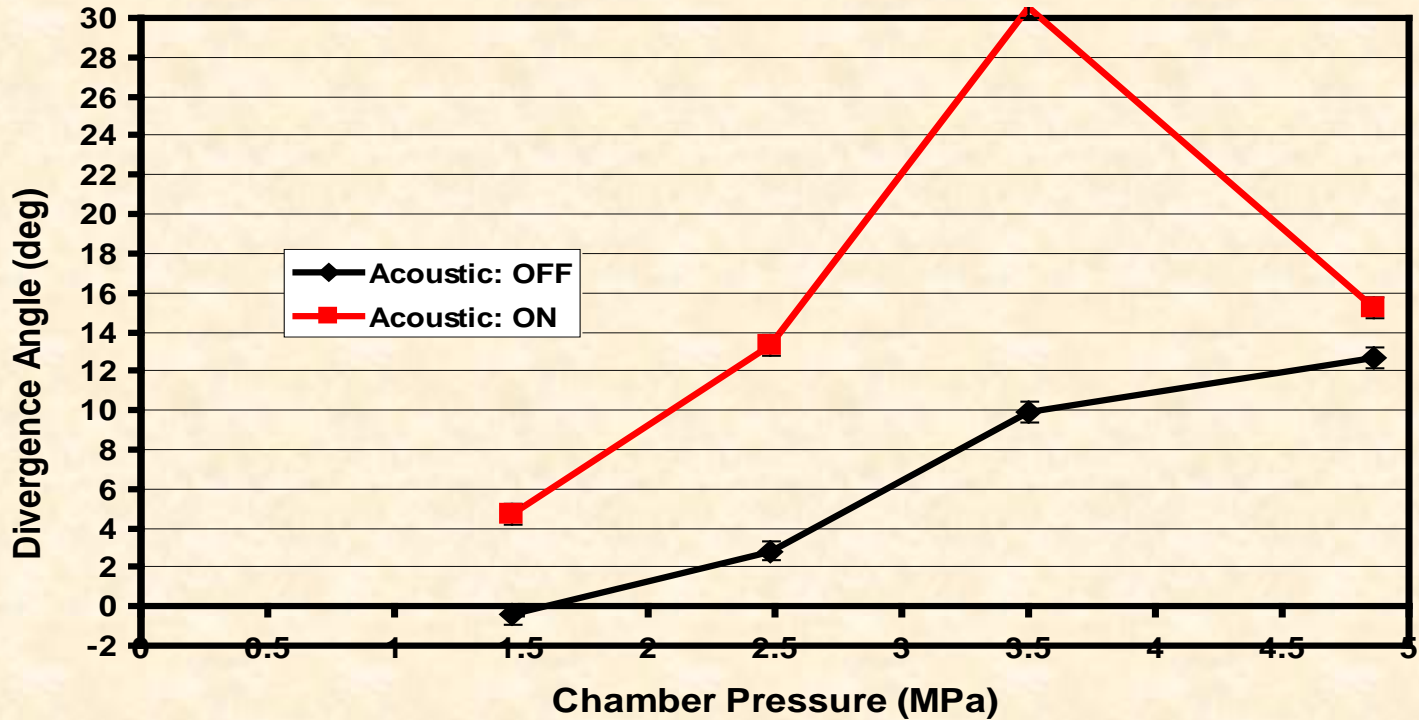
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Single jet

View: in the acoustic direction

Spreading Angle at Sub- and Supercritical Conditions

Initial Jet Spreading Angle of Liquid Nitrogen Jet Measured Perpendicular to the Direction of Acoustic Wave Propagation as a Function of Chamber Pressure ($P_{critical} = 3.4$ MPa)



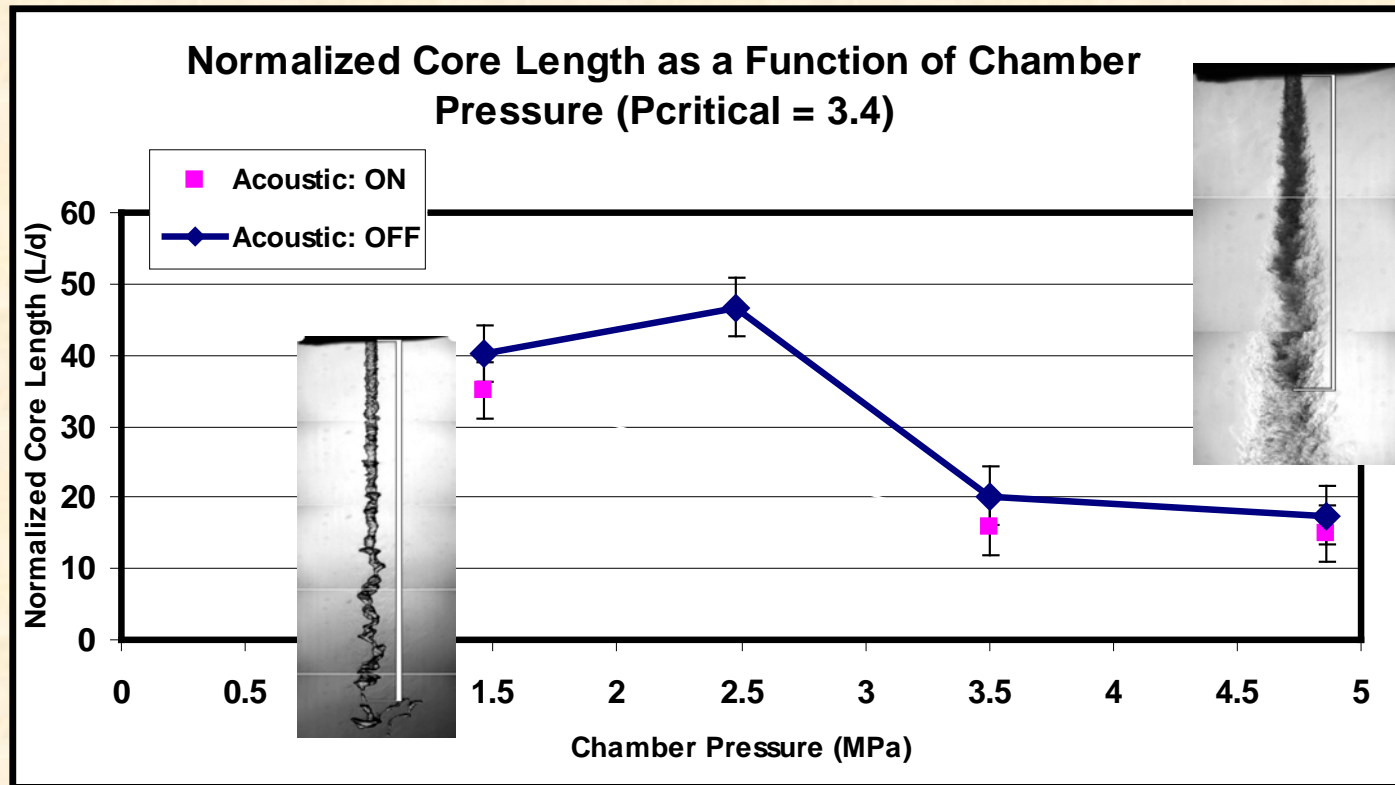
- A significant widening of the jet perpendicular to the acoustic wave direction
- Largest effect is observed near the critical point

Dark Core Length at Sub- and Supercritical Conditions

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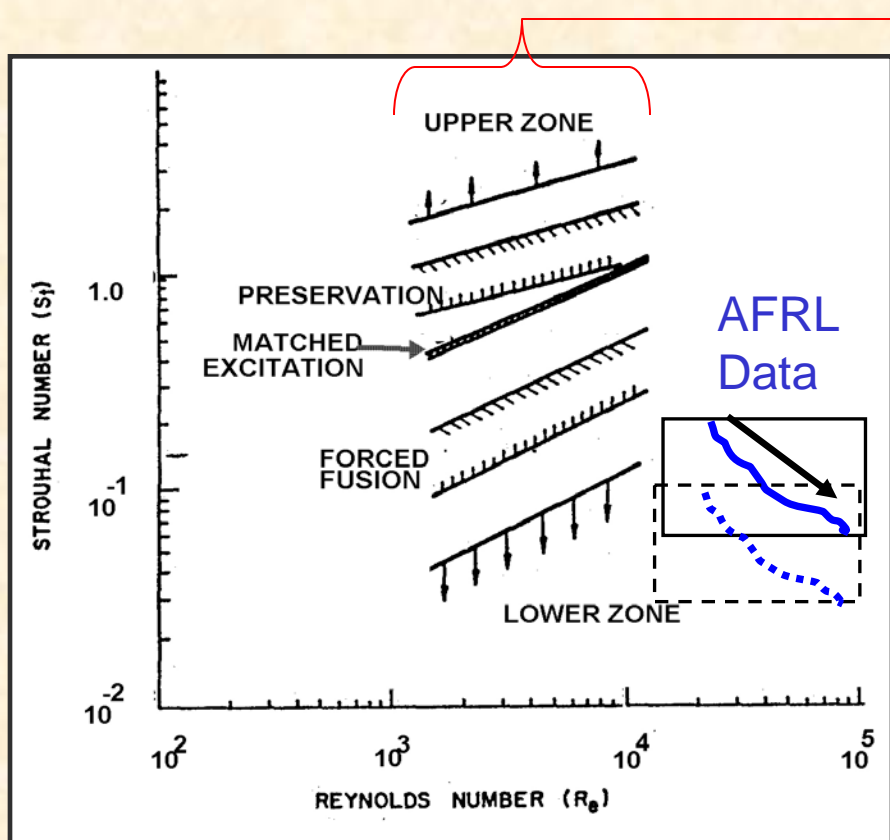
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- Effects of acoustic wave on the intact-core (subcritical) or dark-core (Supercritical) length
- Acoustic waves shortens these lengths

Interaction of Acoustic Waves with a Cryogenic Nitrogen Jet at Sub- and Supercritical Conditions

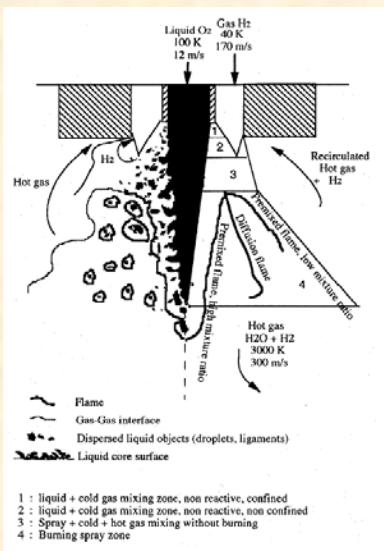


Single jet

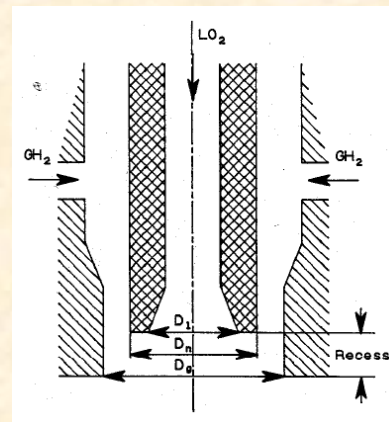
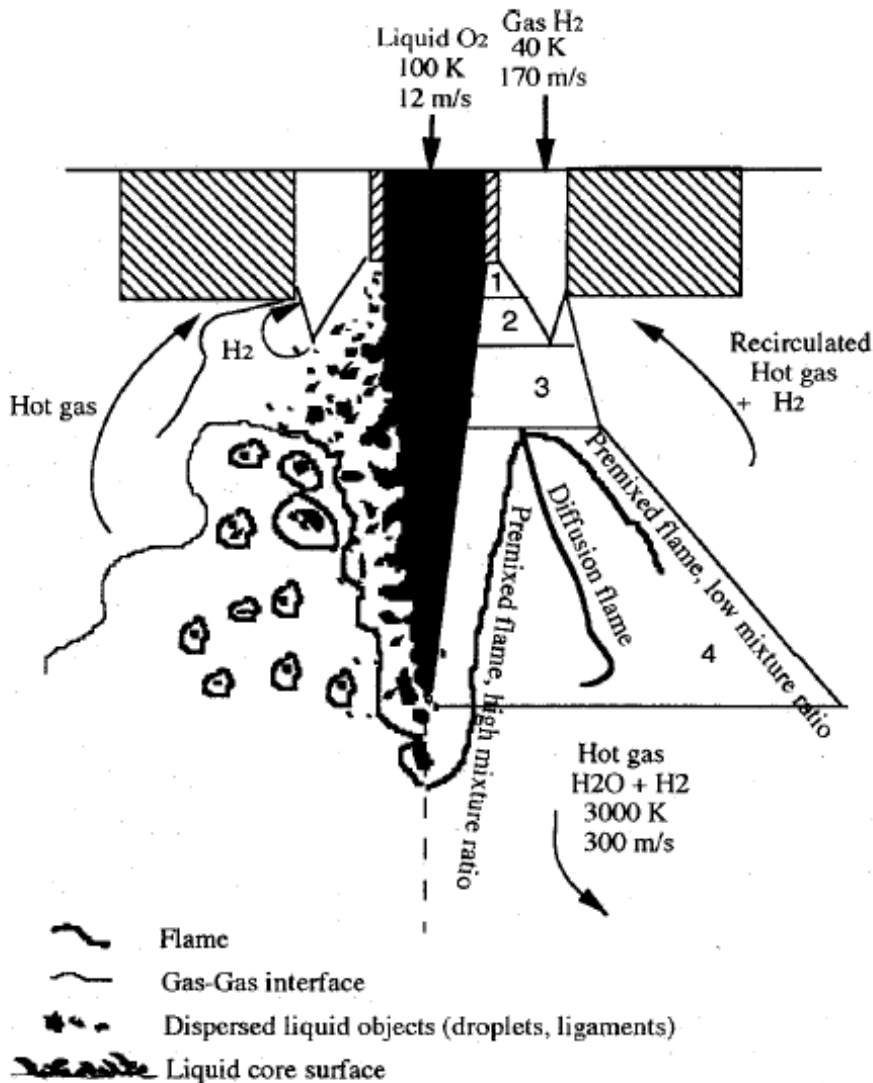
What we know about gaseous jets:

- **Upper zone regime:** No effects were observed
- **Preservation regime:** The core flow of the jet tended to be preserved followed by the induction of smaller vortices, the time-averaged velocity profile was narrowed, and the longitudinal turbulence was decreased (relative to undisturbed case)
- **Matched:** When the excitation frequency was matched with the natural breakdown frequency, the effect was to accelerate the process of vortex formation and growth relative to the undisturbed case
- **Forced fusion regime:** The natural breakdown vortices were forced to fuse early as a result of the formation of large-diameter applied disturbance vortices.
- **Lower zone regime:** The vortex growth was unaffected in their formation region

Coaxial Jet (No acoustic interaction)



Coaxial Jets Injector



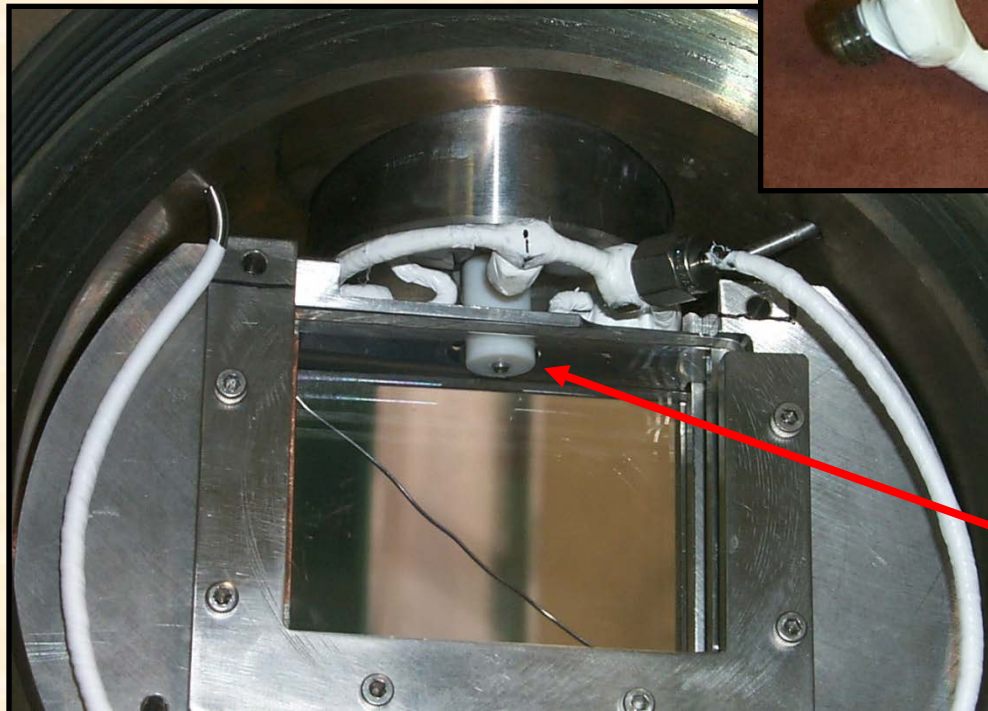
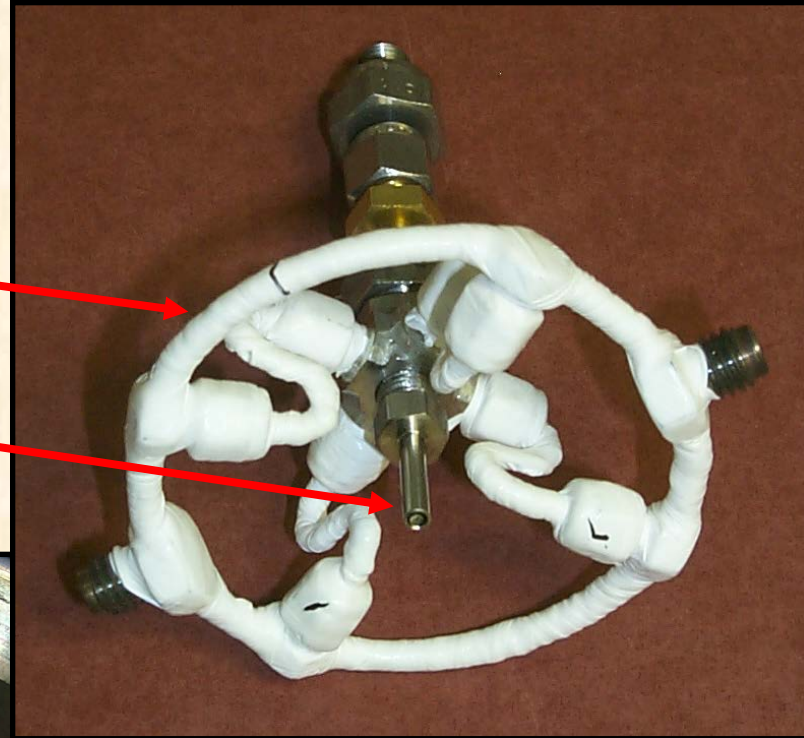
Prof. Fred Culick (Caltech):
ONERA Lectures on
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Vingert et al., (1993) PSU Symposium, *Liquid Rocket Engine Combustion Instability*, (pp. 145–189).

Coaxial Injector

Manifold for gaseous co-
flow distribution

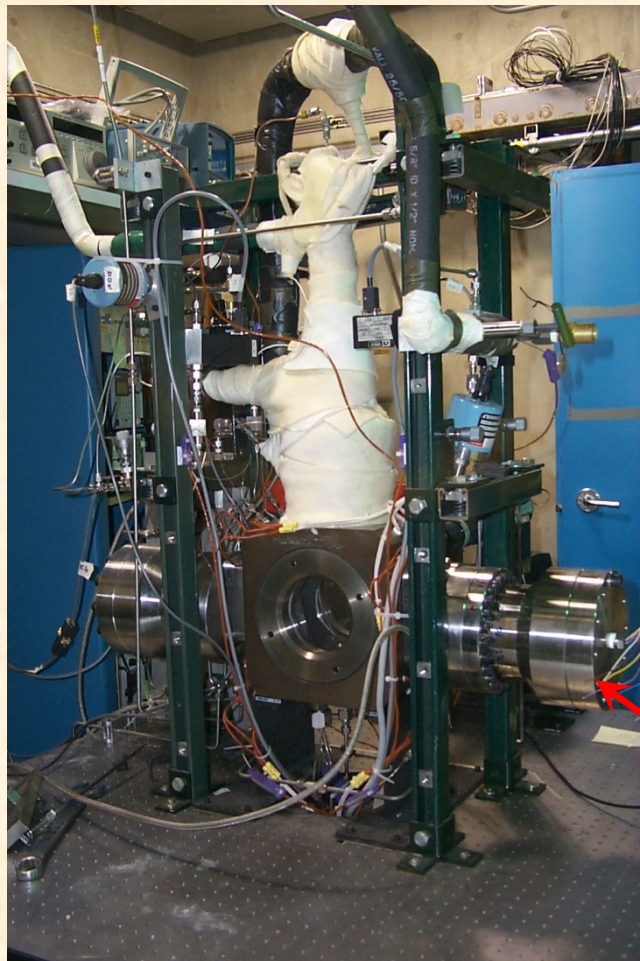
Injector tip



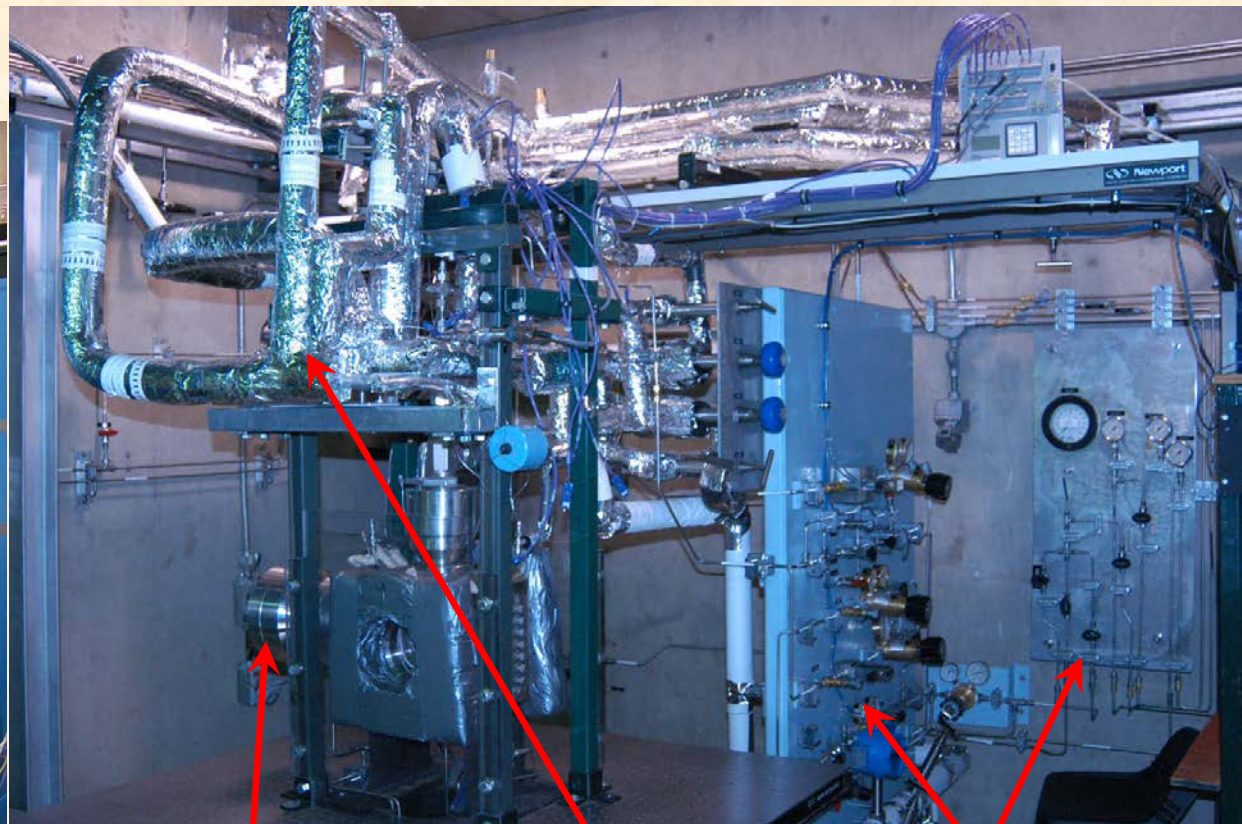
Injector and
its holder
inside the
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Supercritical Facility

BEFORE UPGRADES



AFTER UPGRADES



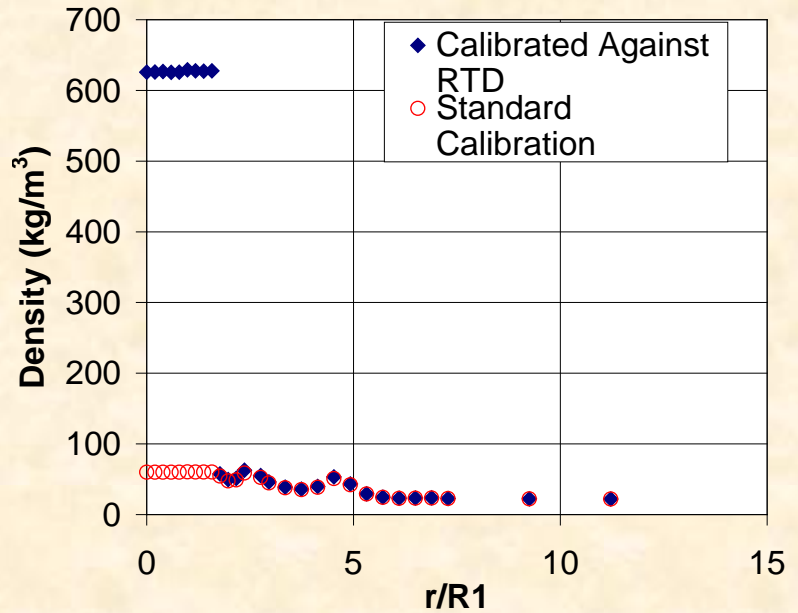
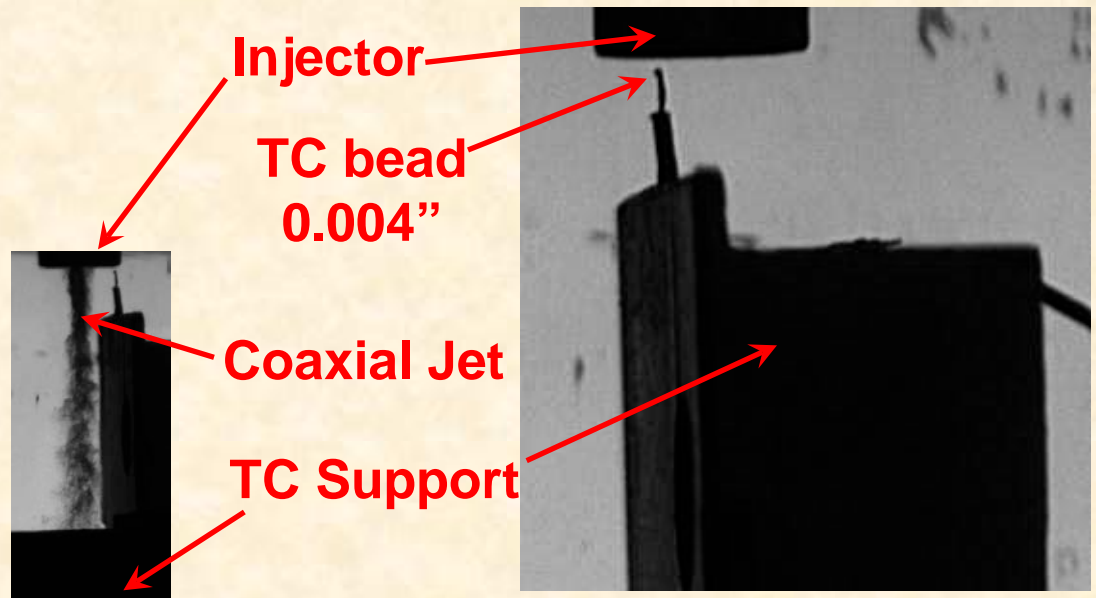
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Jet Exit Plane Temperature Measurement

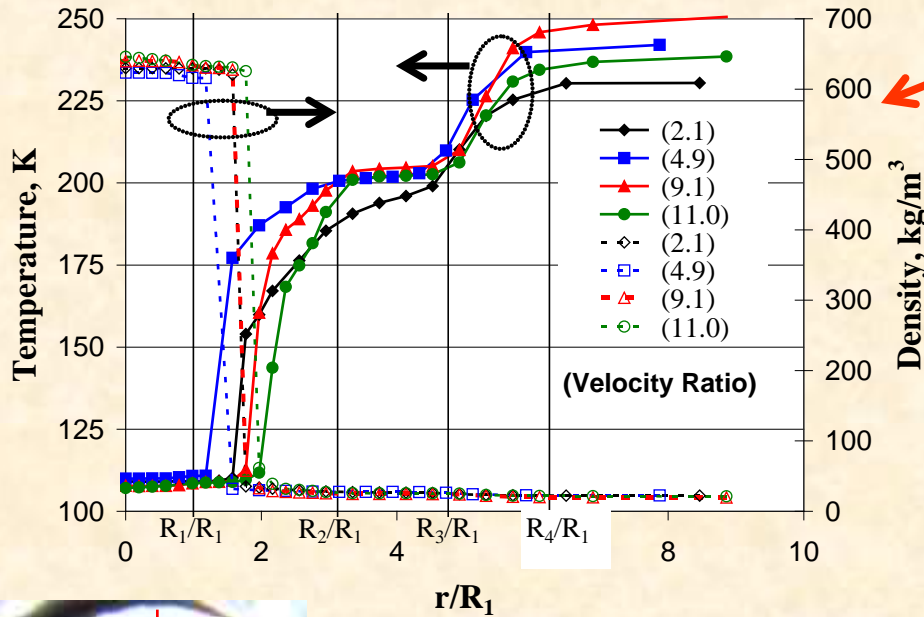
- Axial Location of TC
~0.28D_i down of injector
Exit Plane
- Traverse through jet
measure radial profile
- Each individual TC
calibrated with precision
RTD
- Accuracy of temperature
measurement critical for
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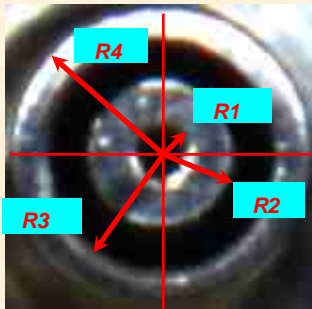
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Exit Plane Temperature Profiles

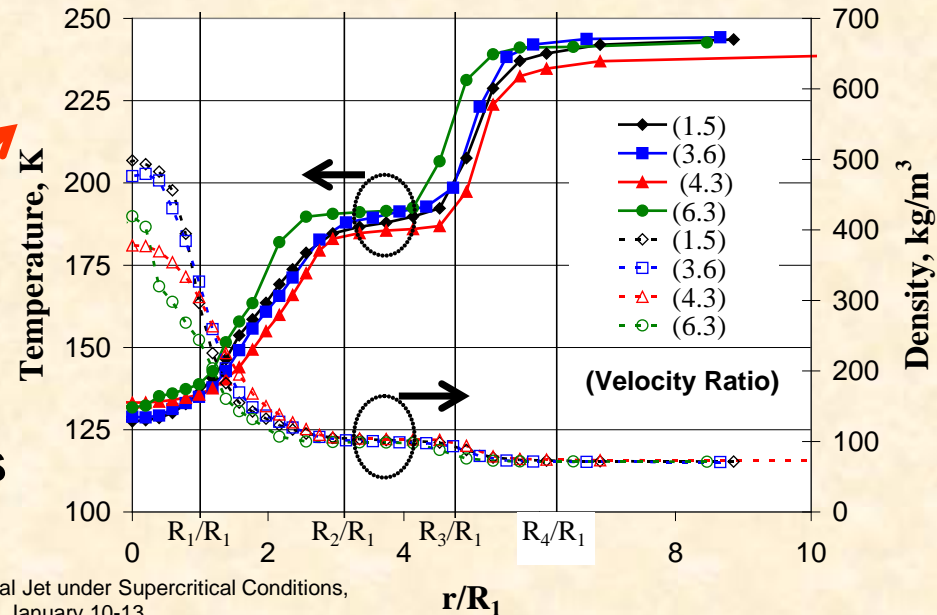


- Subcritical $P = 1.5 \text{ MPa}$
- Steep transition from gas to liquid
- Core “top-hat” shape
- The width of the core changes with VR



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- Supercritical $P = 4.9 \text{ MPa}$
- Gradual transition from gas to liquid



Automated Dark-Core Length Measurement

- Threshold Images based on Image Histogram
- Accounts for variability from image to image

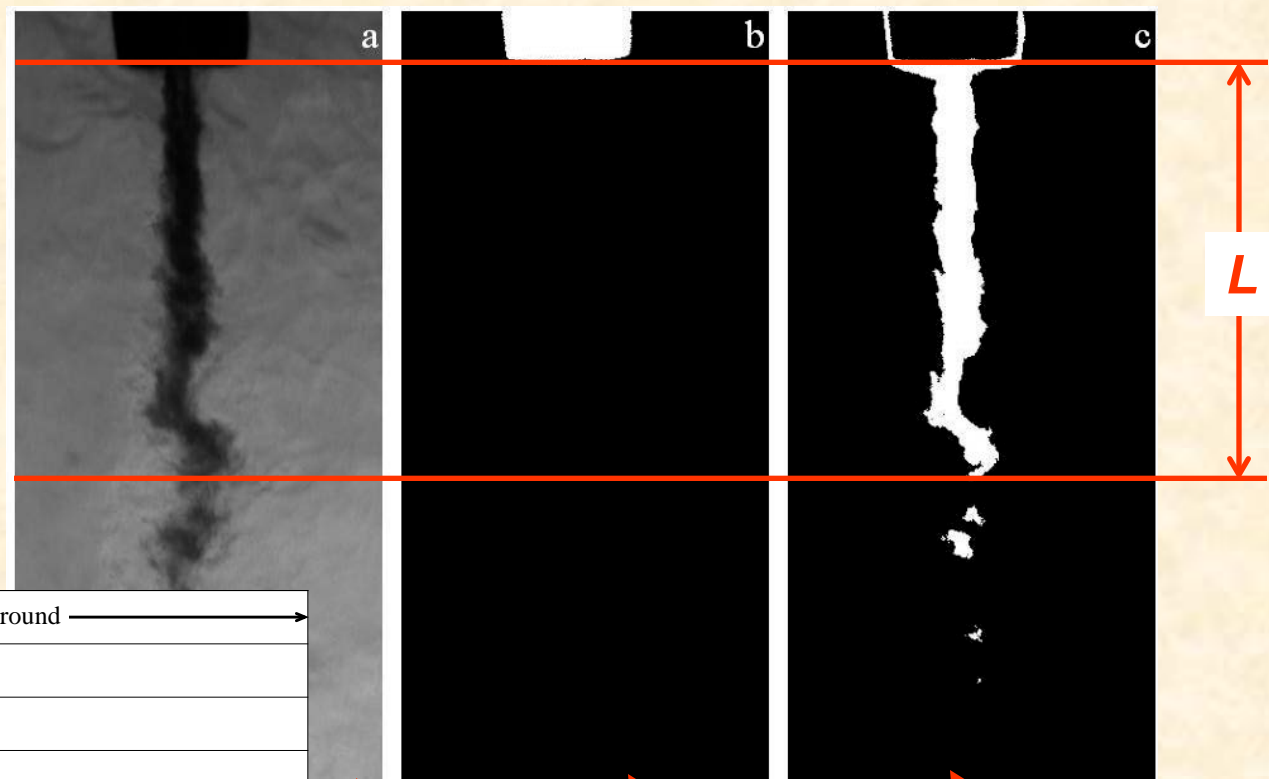
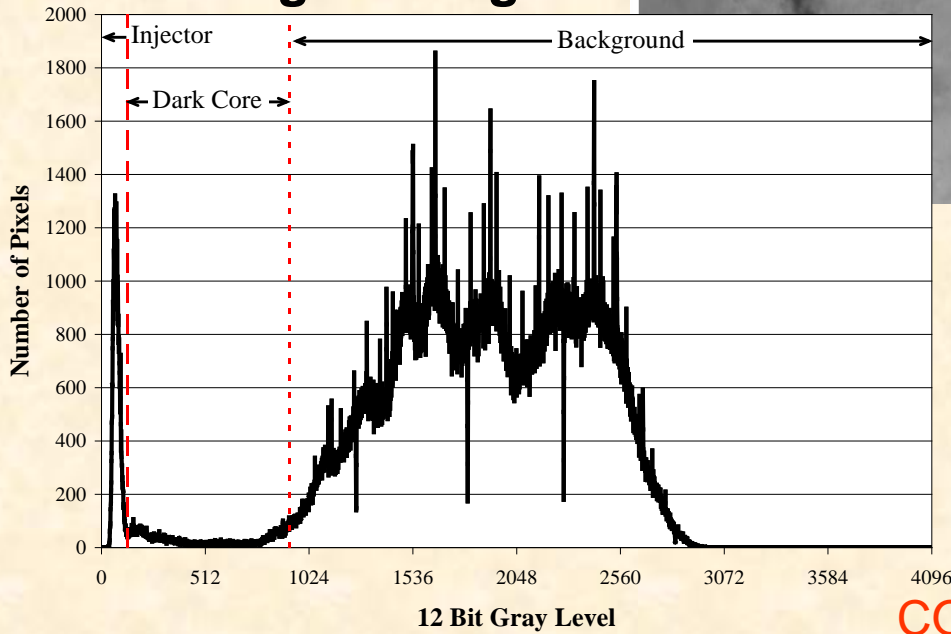


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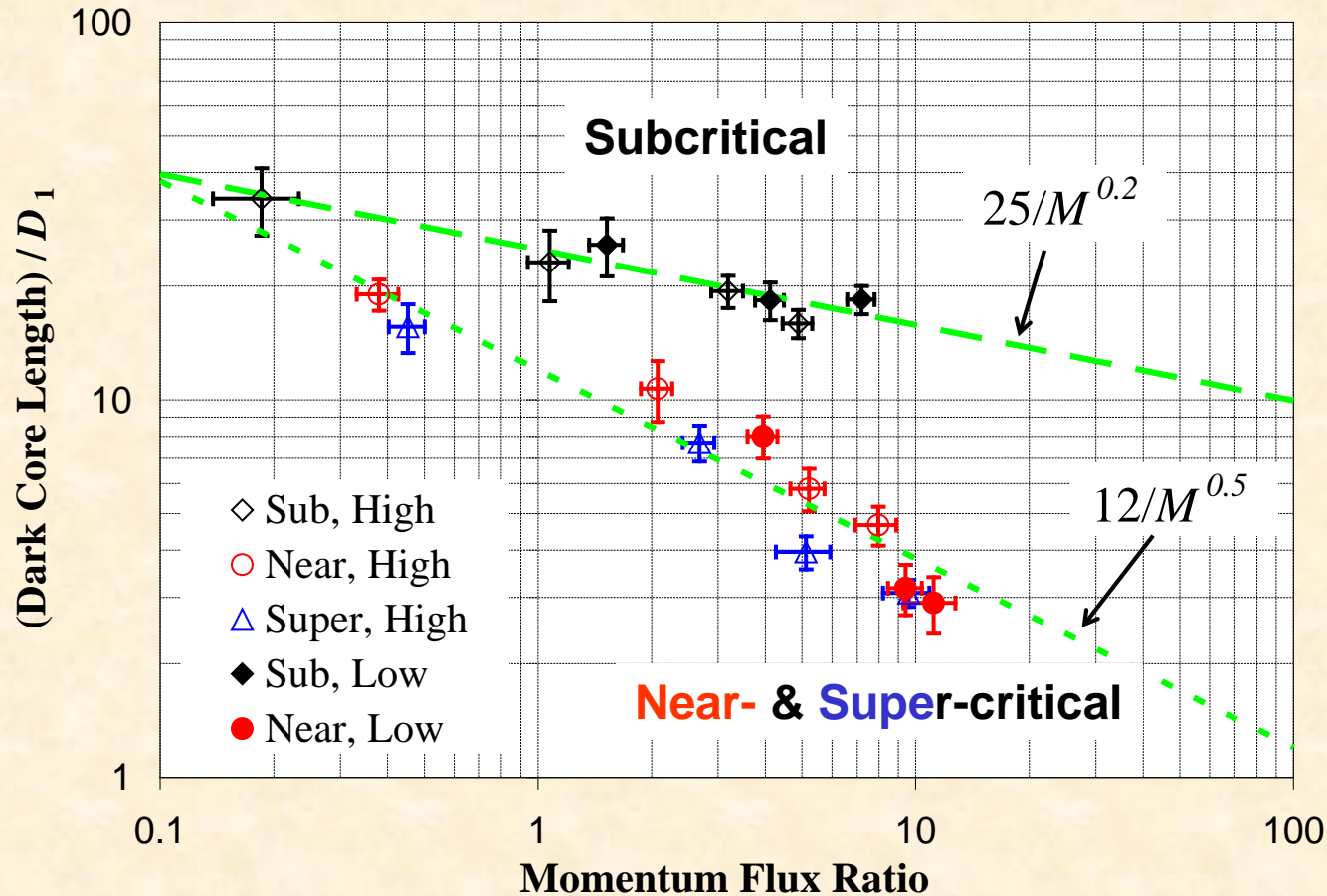


Untouched Original Injector Threshold Dark Core Threshold

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Mean Dark Core Length vs. Momentum Flux Ratio

- “Two-Phase” Subcritical P jet’s core length longer than near- or supercritical
- “Single-Phase” Near- and Supercritical P core length scales with $M^{-0.5}$
- (M is outer-to-inner jet momentum flux ratio)



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Literature Reporting Core-Length of Shear-Coaxial Jets

Author	Date	Fluid Inner Jet	Fluid Outer Jet	Fluid Ambient	D1 (mm)	D2 (mm)	D3 (mm)	(D3-D2)/2 (mm)	Area Ratio	Post Recess (mm)	Injector Lpost/D1
Forstall & Shapiro	1950	Air+10%He	Air	Air	6.4, 25	NR	102	NR	NR	NR	NR
Chigier & Beer	1964	Air	Air	Air	25	64	97	16.5	8.50	0*	NR
Champage&Wynanski	1971	Air	Air	Air	25	NR	NR	NR	1.28, 2.94	0*	NR
Au and Ko	1987	Air	Air	Air*	2	2.2	4	0.9	2.79	0*	NR
Eroglu et al.	1991	Water	Air	Air	0.971	1.262	10.36	4.549	112.15	-0.6	57
Woodward	1993	KI (aq.)	N2, He	N2, He	4.76	6.35	9.86	1.76	2.51	0.0	85
Villiermaux et al. ^g	1994	Water	Water	Water	40	51	55	0.2	0.27	0*	"long"
Englebert et al.	1995	Water	Air	Air	2.3	2.95	14.95	6.00	40.60	0.0	22
Carreau et al.	1997	LOX	He, N2, Ar	NC ^c	5 ^d	5.57 ^d	16 ^d	5.2 ^d	9	0.0	NR
Rehab et al. ^g	1997	Water	Water	Water	NR	NR	NR	NR	1.82, 1.87, 5.24 ^e	0*	NR
Rehab et al. ^g	1997	Water	Water	Water	20	21	27	3	1.82	0	NR
Villiermaux ^{g,h}	1998	Water	Water	Water	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lasheras et al. ^g	1998	Water	Air	Air	3.8	4.2	5.6	0.7	0.95	0	29
Lasheras&Hopfinger ^{g,i}	2000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Favre-Marinet&Schettini	2001	Air, SF6	Air,He	Air, He	20	20.4	27	3.3	0.78	0.0	6.75
Porcheron et al.	2002	LOX, Water	He, N2, Ar, Air	Air	5, 2.1	5.57, 2.5	16, 7	2.25	9, 9.69	0*	NR
Davis	2005	N2	N2	N2	0.51	1.59	2.42	0.415	12.80	0.25	100
Author	Date	Pressure (MPa)	Ti (K)	To (K)	Too (K)	Density Ratio Outer/Inner	Velocity Ratio Outer/Inner	M Outer/Inner	Re Inner (10 ⁴)	Re Outer (10 ⁴)	We
Forstall & Shapiro	1950	0.1*	Ambient ^a	Ambient	Ambient	1.09	0.2 - 0.75	0.04 - 0.61	NR	NR	NA
Chigier & Beer	1964	0.1*	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	1*	0.024 - 2.35	5.8e-4 - 5.52	~10 ^b	~10 ^b	NA
Champage&Wynanski	1971	0.1	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	1*	0 - 10	0 - 100	1.01 - 10.15	0 - 9.6	NA
Au and Ko	1987	0.1*	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	1*	1.25 - 6.67	1.5 - 44	NR	NR	NA
Eroglu et al.	1991	0.1*	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	0.001	4.5 - 131.2	0.02 - 17.2	0.15 - 0.93	2.0 - 11.6	15 - 530
Woodward	1993	0.1 - 2.17	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	0.0006 - 0.018	0 - 30	0 - 1.7	7.86 - 18.9	NR	12 - 3600
Villiermaux et al. ^g	1994	0.1*	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	1	1 - 6	1 - 36	>5000	>5000	NA
Englebert et al.	1995	0.1	293	293 - 636	293	0.0008 - 0.0012	10.25 - 66.75	0.12 - 4.3	0.54 - 3.4	4.8 - 16.5	76 - 2610
Carreau et al.	1997	0.1	82 ^d	245 - 272 ^d	NC	NR	NR	3 - 21.5	5.32 - 8.11	NR	0.919e4 - 3.48e4
Rehab et al. ^g	1997	0.1*	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	1	2.2 - 5.6	4.9 - 31	1 - 10	1 - 10	NA
Rehab et al. ^g	1997	0.1*	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	1	2 - 5	4 - 25	NR ^f	NR ^f	NA
Villiermaux ^{g,h}	1998	NR	NR	NR	NR	1*	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lasheras et al. ^g	1998	0.1	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	0.001	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lasheras&Hopfinger ^{g,i}	2000	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Favre-Marinet&Schettini	2001	0.1	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	0.028 - 1	3.0 - 70	1 - 200	NR	3200, 11000	NA
Porcheron et al.	2002	0.1	82, 293	245 - 293	293	1.6e-4 - 2.3e-3	NR	2 - 21.6	NR	NR	0 - 14000
Davis	2005	1.4 - 49	108 - 133	132 - 204	197 - 249	0.04 - 0.56	1.2 - 11.1	0.19 - 11.2	1.2 - 3.2	0.8 - 19	32 - oo

Davis, D. W. and Chehroudi, B., 2006. Measurements in an Acoustically-Driven Coaxial Jet under Supercritical Conditions, *AIAA J. of Propulsion and Power*, Vol. 23, No. 2, March-April, pp. 364-374.

Literature Reporting Core-Length of Shear-Coaxial Jets Correlations

Table 1. Summary of published operating conditions, geometries, measurement techniques, and proposed equations from the literature, measuring or correlating core length for shear-coaxial jets. (continued)

REF	Author	Diagnostic	Quantity Measured	Equation
6	Forstall & Shapiro	Pitot tube, Sampling Tube	Potential Core	$L/D_1 = 4 + 12V_r$
7	Chigier & Beer	Pitot tube	Potential Core	NR
8	Champagne & Wygnanski	Hot wire anemometer	Inner Core	NR
9	Au and Ko	Hot wire anemometer	Potential Core	$L/D_1 = 9.9/V_r$
10	Eroglu et al.	Back-lit still	Liquid Intact Length	$L/D_1 = 0.66 We^{-0.4} Re^{0.6}$
11	Woodward	x-ray Radiography	Intact Liquid Core Length	$L/D_1 = 0.0095 \left(\frac{\rho_o}{\rho_i}\right)^{-0.35} We^{-0.22/H} Re^{0.68}$
15	Villermaux et al. ^g	Hot film anemometer	Potential Core / Cone	$L/D_1 = 7/V_r$
12	Englebert et al.	Back-lit high-speed 16mm film	Breakup Length	$L/D_1 = 40 We^{-0.27}$ $\frac{2L}{D_3 - D_2} = 10.6 M_R^{-0.3} = 13.7 E_R^{-0.2}$
13	Carreau et al.	Fiber optic Probe	Breakup Length, Potential Cone Length	$L/D_1 = 0.0012 \left(\frac{\rho_o}{\rho_i}\right)^{-0.32} We^{-0.33} Re^{0.55}$
16	Rehab et al. ^g	Hot film anemometer, Pitot tube, LIF image	Potential Core	$L/D_1 = 6/V_r$; $L/D_1 = 8/V$ $L/D_1 = 0.5 \left(\frac{1}{(CaV_r)^2} - 1 \right)^{1/2} \approx \frac{1}{2CaV_r}$
17	Rehab et al. ^g	Hot-film anemometer	Potential Cone	$L/D_1 = c/V_r$; $6 < c < 8$
18	Villermaux ^{g,h}	^h	Potential Cone, Liquid intact length	$L/D_1 = 6/M^{1/2}$

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REF	Author	Diagnostic	Quantity Measured	Equation
19	Lasheras et al. ^g	Photograph	Liquid intact length	$L/D_1 = \left(\frac{1}{4(C\alpha)^2 M} - \frac{1}{4} \right)^{1/2} \approx \frac{6}{M^{1/2}}$
20	Lasheras & Hopfinger ^{g,i}	i	i	$L/D_1 = \frac{1}{2c M^{2/3}} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\alpha_i U_i} \right)^{1/3}$ $L/D_1 \approx \frac{6}{M^{1/2}} \left(1 - \frac{U_i}{U_o} \right)^{-1}$ $L/D_1 \approx \frac{6}{M^{1/2}} \left(1 - \frac{B\sigma}{\alpha_i U_o} \right)^{0.5}$
21	Favre-Marinet & Schettini	Aspirating Probe w/ hot-wire	Potential Core	$L/D_1 \propto M^{-0.5}$
14	Porcheron et al.	Fiber optic Probe	Liquid Core	$L/D_1 = 2.85 \left(\frac{\rho_o}{\rho_i} \right)^{-0.38} Z^{0.34} M^{-0.13}$
This work	Davis	Shadow-graph	Dark Core	$L/D_1 \approx \frac{12}{M^{1/2}}$ $L/D_1 \approx \frac{25}{M^{0.2}}$

Table 1. Notes

NR = not reported

NA = not applicable

NC = not clear from report

Amb. = ambient

* assumed from the context, but not directly reported

^a Ambient temperature assumed from the context of discussion, but not specifically stated in report.

^b reported as approximately 10^3

^d The dimensions of the injector and the temperatures were not given in the paper, but were given in the paper by Porcheron et al.¹⁴

^e This number is the diameter ratio squared, which is approximately the area ratio for a very thin lip injector. The only dimensional information given was the diameter ratios (1.35, 1.37, and 2.29 mm) and the lip thickness (D2-D1)/2 of 0.3 mm.

^f A Re based on momentum conservation reported and defined as $Re = \rho_o U_o D_3 / \alpha_i (1 - (D_1/D_3))^{0.5}$ ranged from $10^4 - 10^5$.

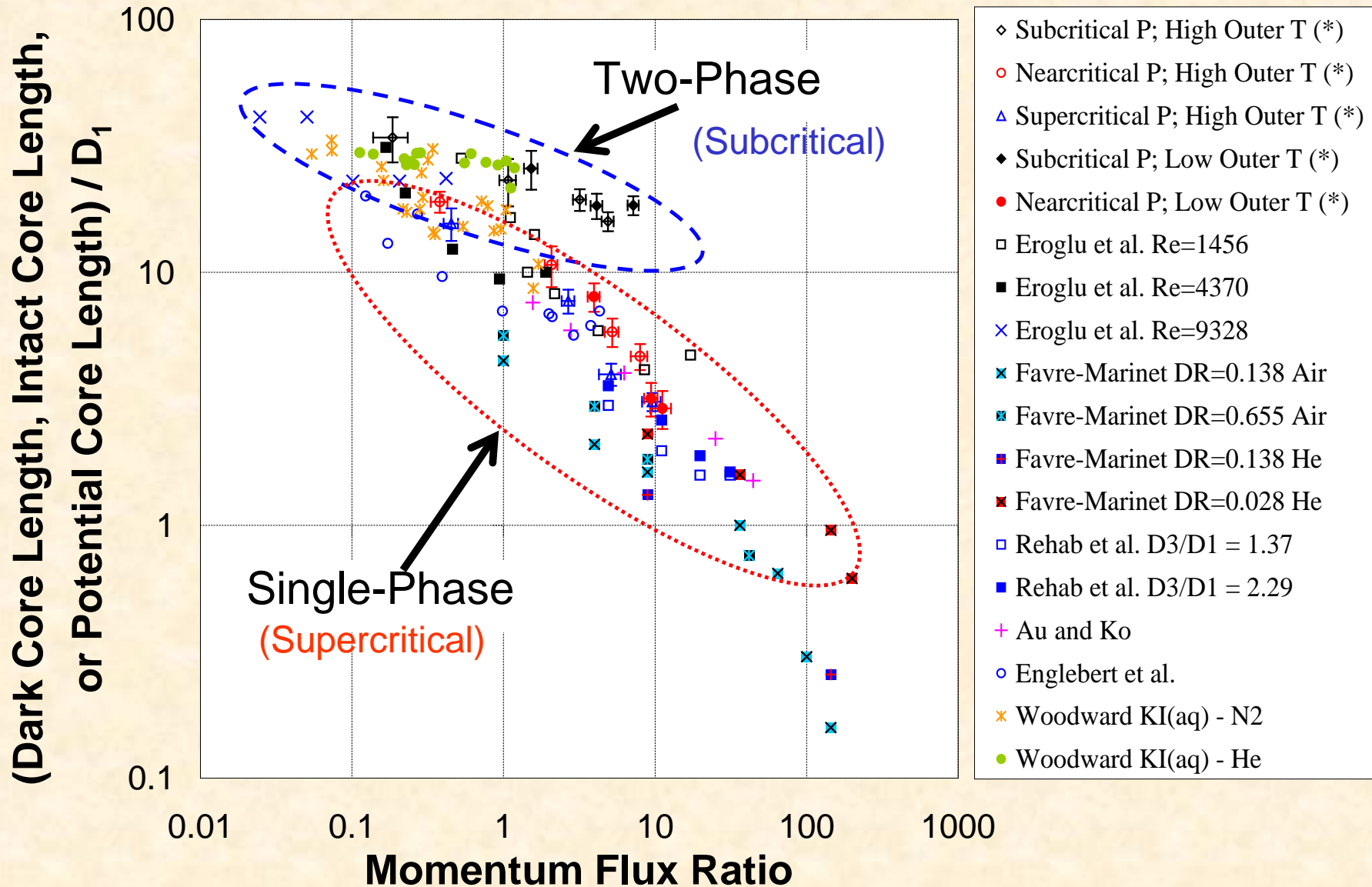
^g These papers are from the same collaboration / research group over several years.

^h This paper was an analysis paper that presented a different equation based on the data from the same group of researchers^{16,17}

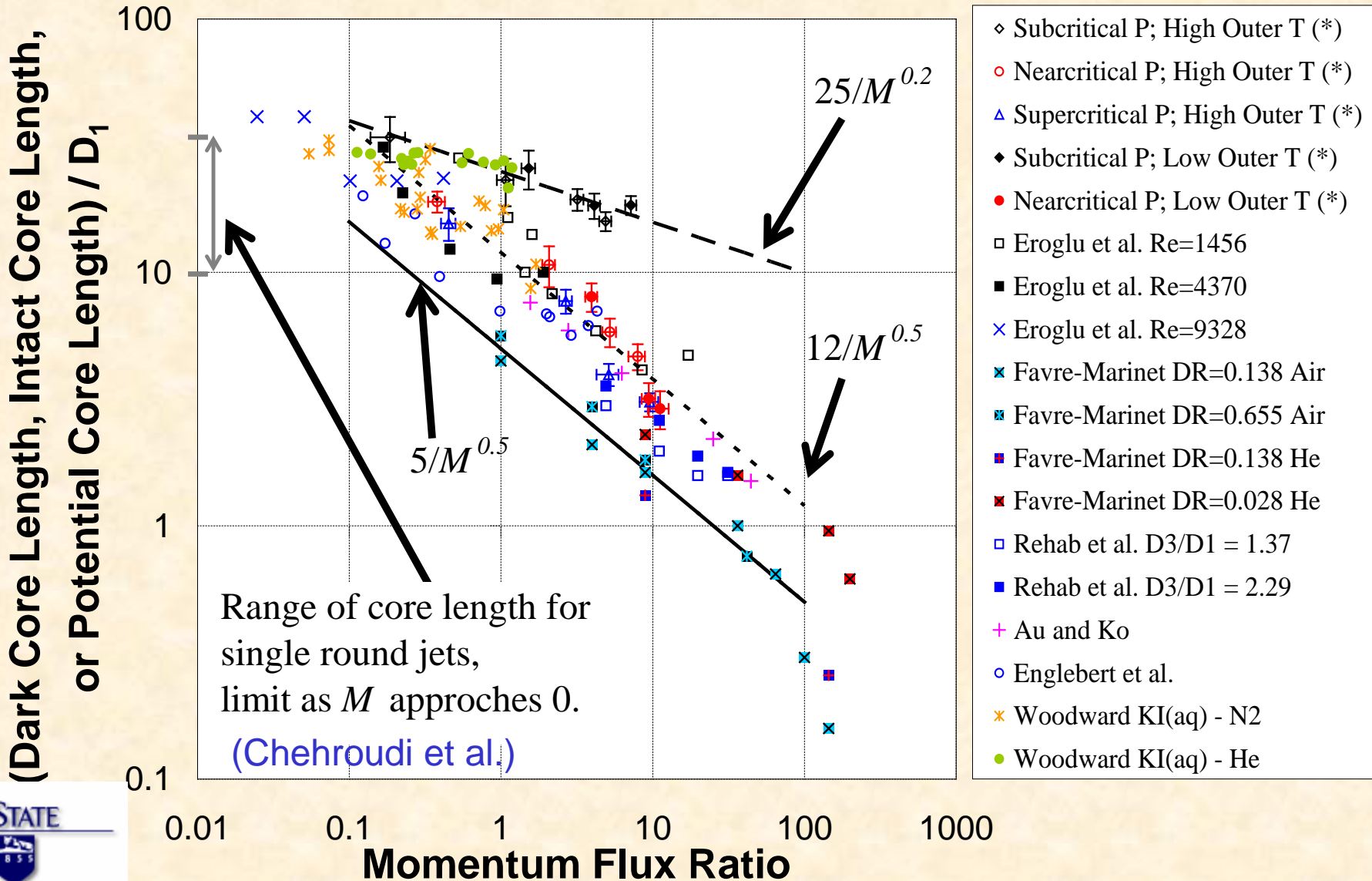
ⁱ This paper was a review paper encompassing the work from this same collaboration of researchers, as well as others.

^j Unable to make measurements from images, and therefore not compared quantitatively to theory for core length.

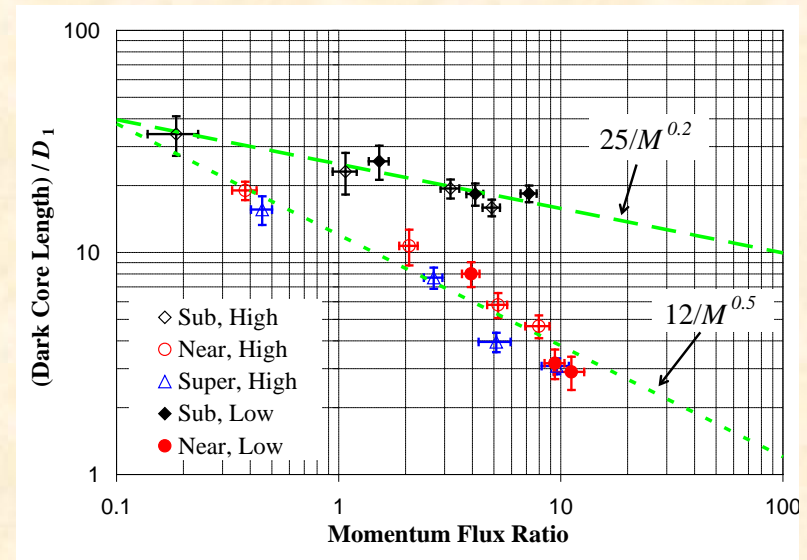
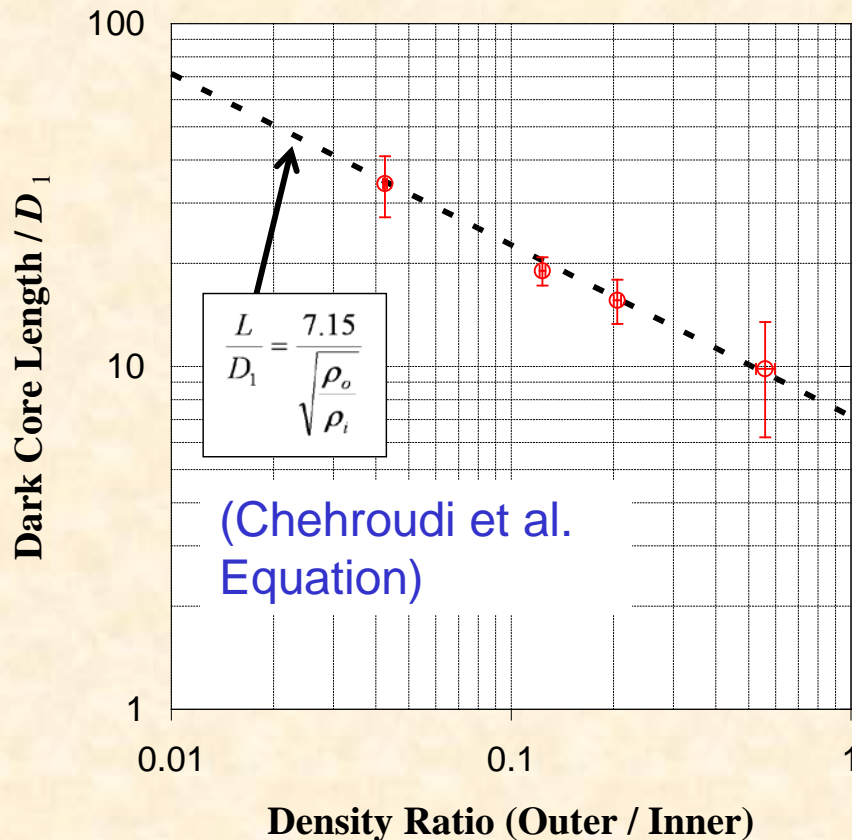
Core Length of Coaxial Jets



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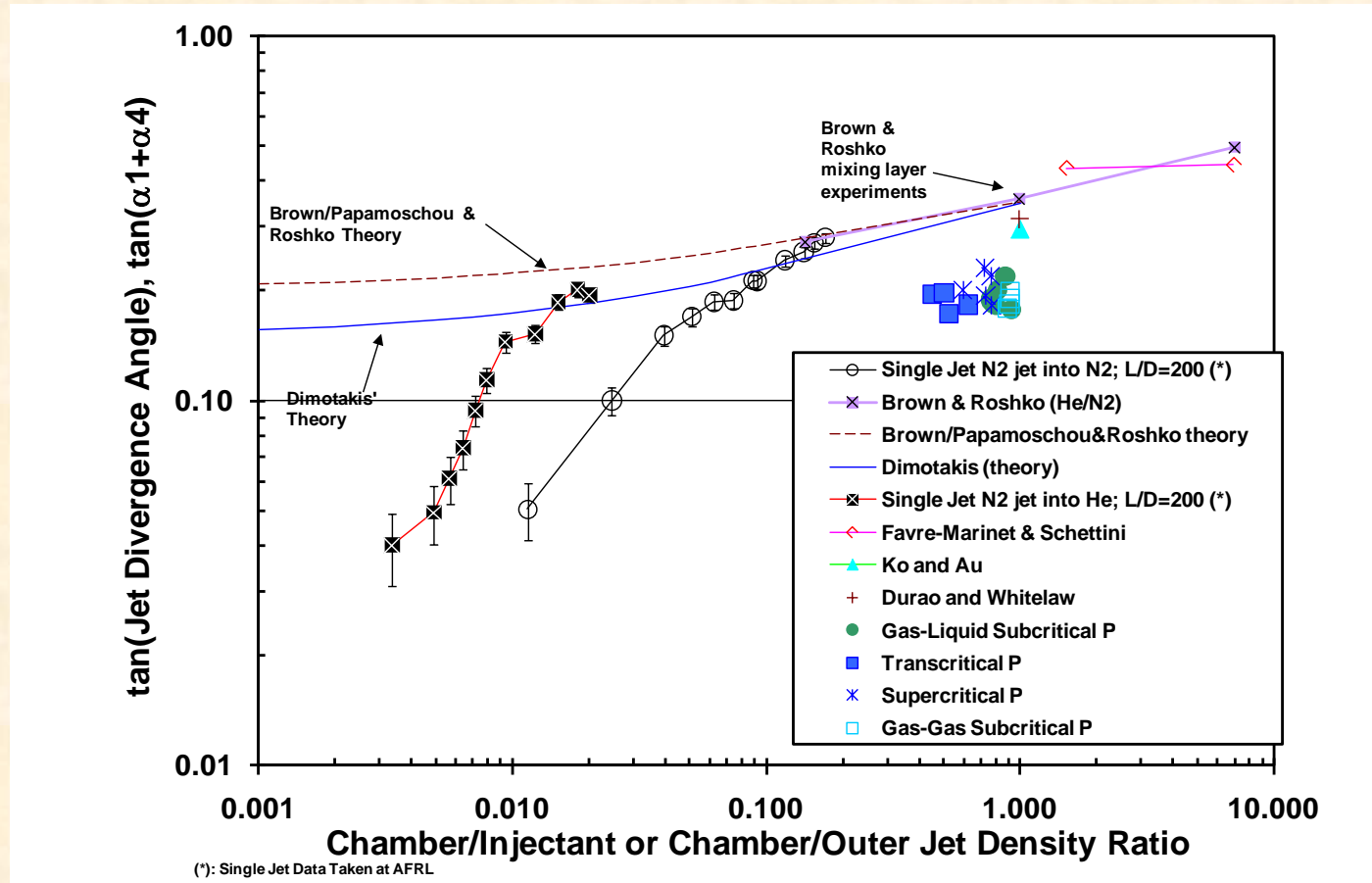
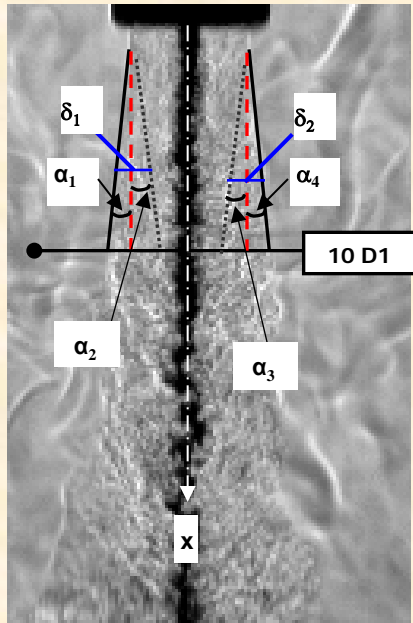
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- $M < 1$ core length of *shear coaxial jet* behaves like that of a *single round jet*.
- Core length scales with the *square root of density ratio* according to the equation of Chehroudi and Bracco, 1985 developed for SINGLE JETS.

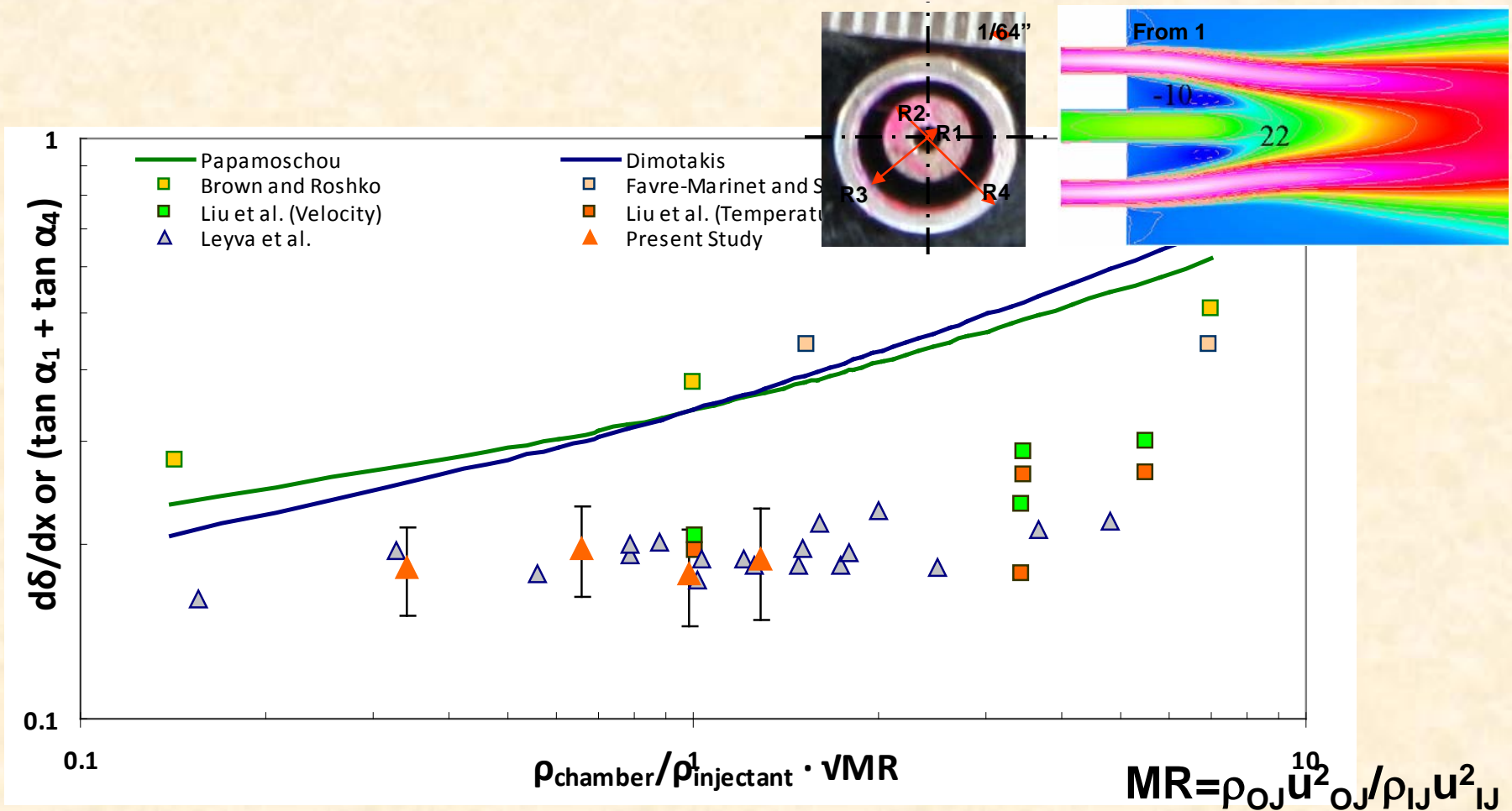
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Spreading rate of the shear layer for single and coaxial jets



Outer jet spreading angle fairly constant with a mean value of 0.19

Growth rate of the outer jet



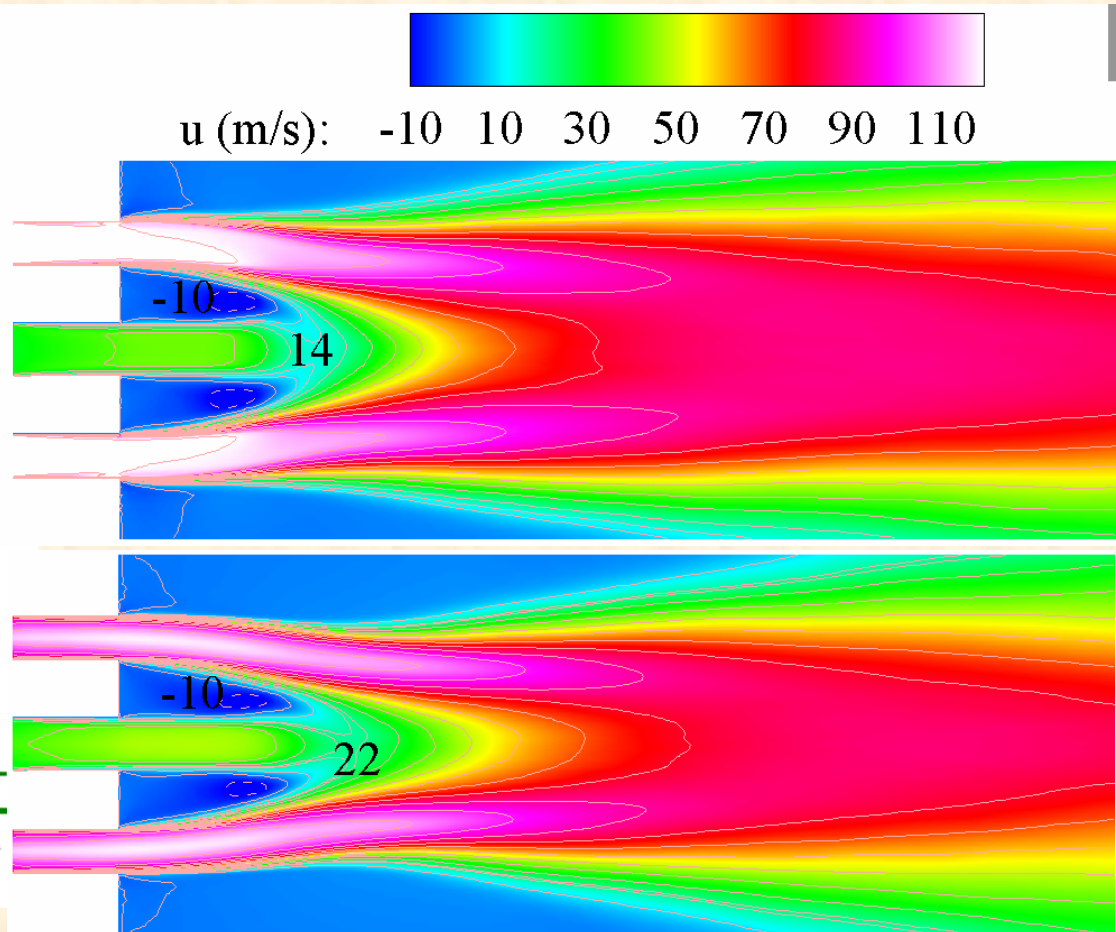
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Different x-axis groups data from all the pressure regimes

CFD results from Liu et al.

	case 1	case 2	case 3	case 4
P (MPa)	4.94	10	4.94	10
T_{chm} (K)	233	233	233	233
T_f (K)	191	191	191	191
T_o (K)	132	132	132	132
ρ_f (kg/m ³)	98.8	217.2	98.8	217.2
ρ_o (kg/m ³)	404.0	555.4	404.0	555.4
u_f (m/s)	120	120	65	95
u_o (m/s)	32	32	32	32
u_f / u_o	3.75	3.75	2.03	2.97
$(\rho u)_f / (\rho u)_o$	0.92	1.47	0.50	1.16
$(\rho u^2)_f / (\rho u^2)_o$	3.44	5.50	1.01	3.45
\dot{m}_f / \dot{m}_o	11.9	19.0	6.4	15.0
a_f (m/s)	279.6	302.2	279.6	302.2
a_o (m/s)	230.9	441.2	230.9	441.2
M_f	0.43	0.40	0.23	0.31
M_o	0.14	0.08	0.14	0.08
Re_f	3.3E5	5.8E5	1.8E5	4.6E5
Re_o	1.3E5	1.0E5	1.3E5	1.0E5
Re based on R_i and R_o				

Table 1 Simulation conditions for analysis of shear-coaxial cryogenic nitrogen mixing process.



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Coaxial Jet (acoustic interaction)

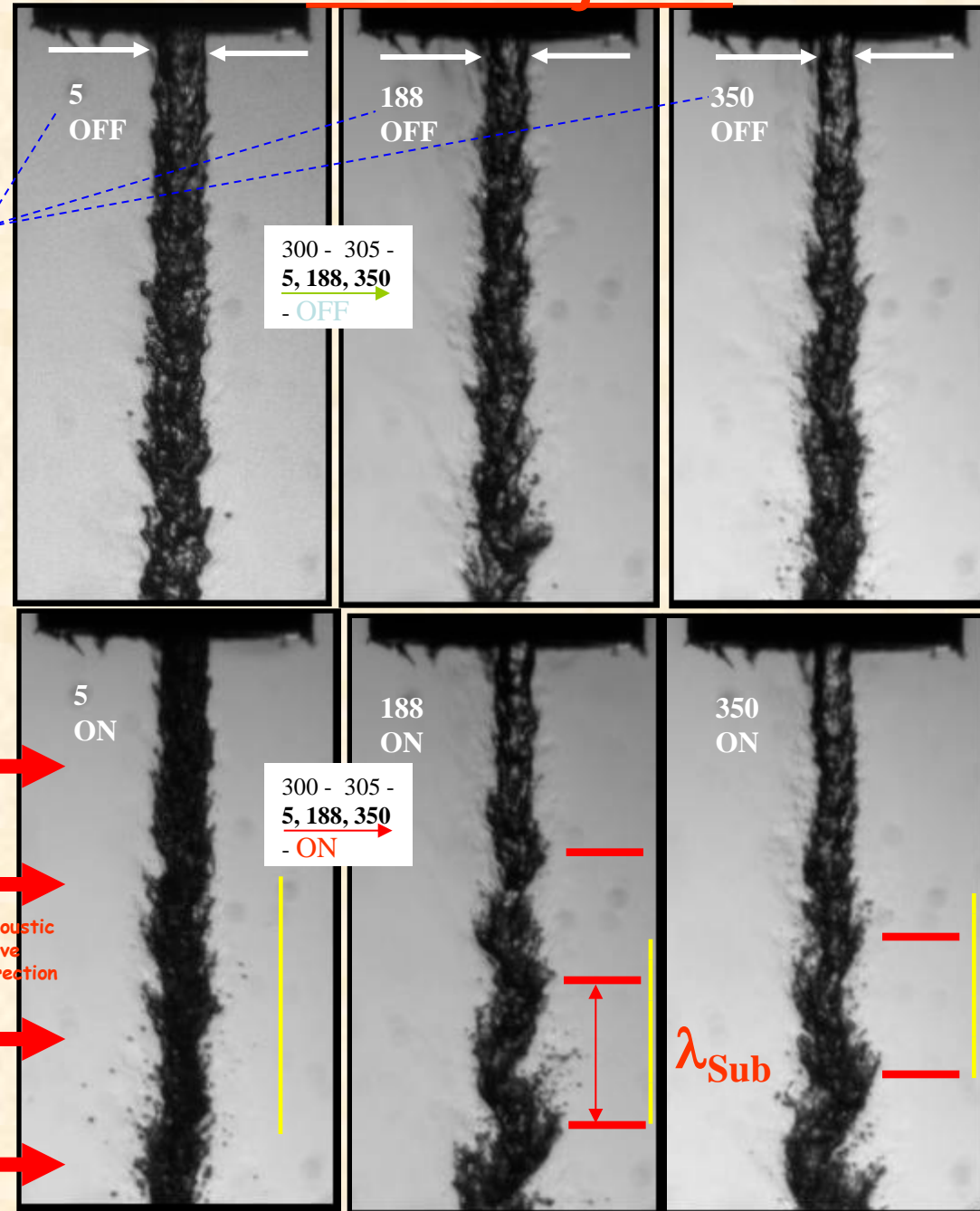
Subcritical ($P_r=0.63$)

Frequency: 2700 Hz
Chamber temp: 300 K

Effects of acoustic waves on a coaxial injector under **subcritical** condition and at core flowrate of 300 mg/s and **three different coflow rates of 5, 188, 350 mg/s.**

- As co-flow rate is increased, reduction of the jet diameter even at the injector exit plane is observed
- The reduction of the visual jet diameter at the exit plane is due to the warmer GN2 co-flow, affecting the near-wall liquid nitrogen thermodynamic states inside the inner tube which guides the LN2 jet.
- One sees a simultaneous fuzziness of the jet boundary covered with a cushion layer of vaporized (lower density) and cold nitrogen.
- Measurements of λ_{Sub} agrees with a calculation using the core jet velocity and the acoustic waves oscillation period

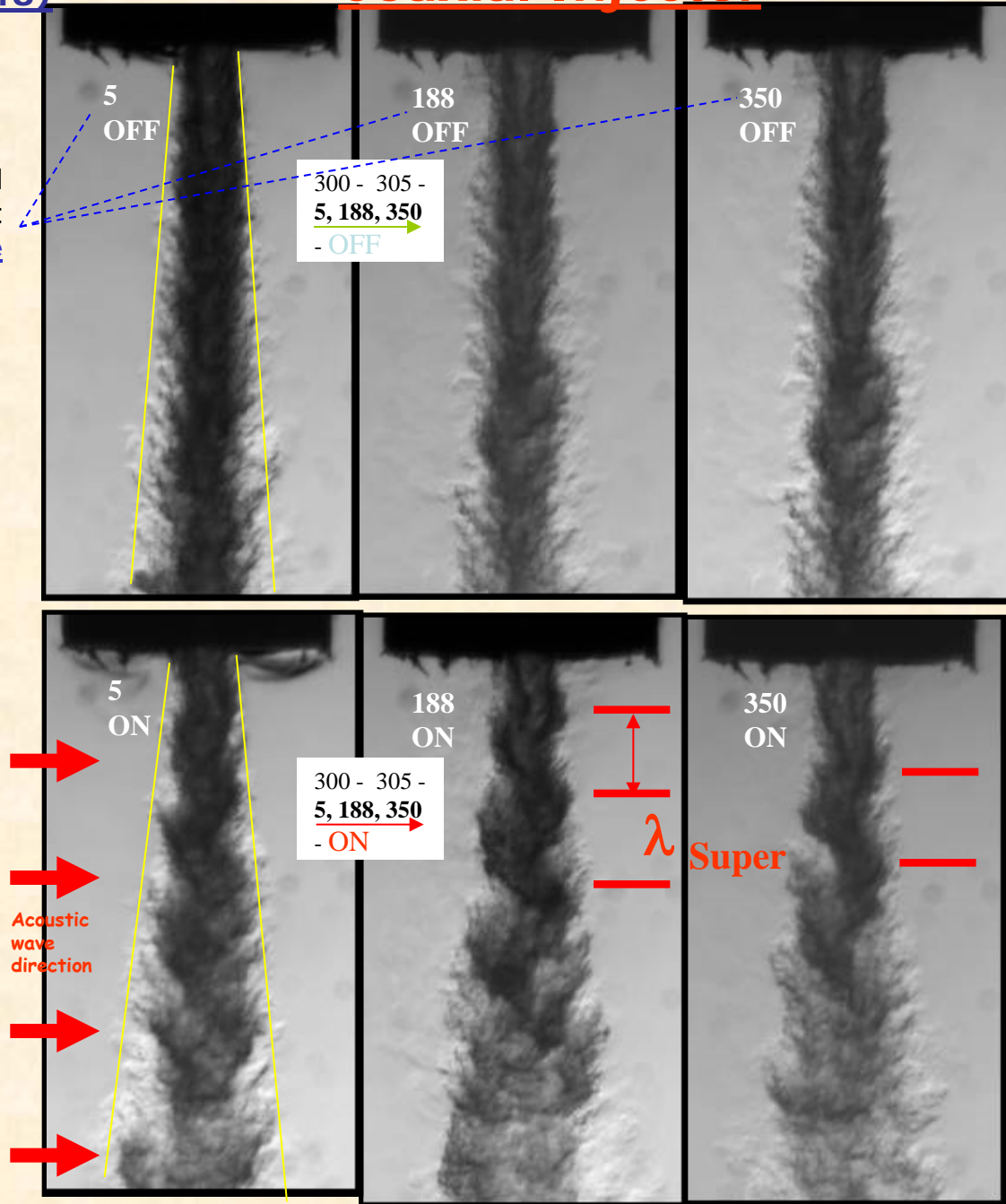
Coaxial Injector



Frequency: 2700 Hz
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Effects of acoustic waves on a coaxial injector under **supercritical** condition and at core flowrate of 300 mg/s and three different coflow rates of 5, 188, 350 mg/s.

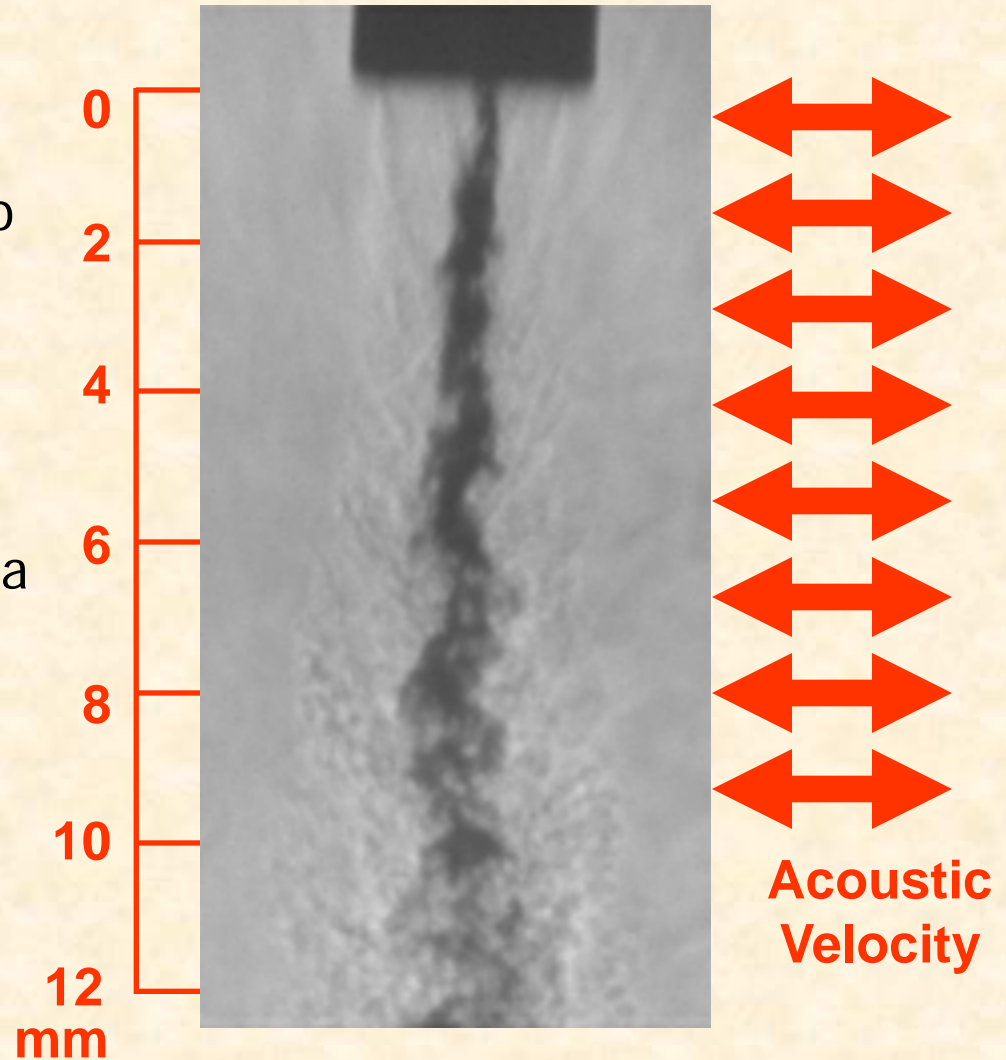
- Increase in the coflow rate alone tends to slightly narrow the jet with no other distinct visual effects
- Effects of the acoustic waves are, not only to increase the initial jet angle, but to again impose a sinusoidal shape to the jet
- $\lambda_{\text{sub}} > \lambda_{\text{super}}$: As the penetration rate of the newly injected fluid is reduced under higher chamber pressures (supercritical), the wavelength should decrease, as seen in the figures



Coaxial Jet

Subcritical Pressure

- Movie shows transition from when acoustic field is OFF to ON
- Acoustic driver frequency at 2.98 kHz
- Velocity Ratio = 9.1
- Chamber Pressure = 1.5 MPa
- Momentum Ratio = 3.2
- Framing rate 18.00 kHz

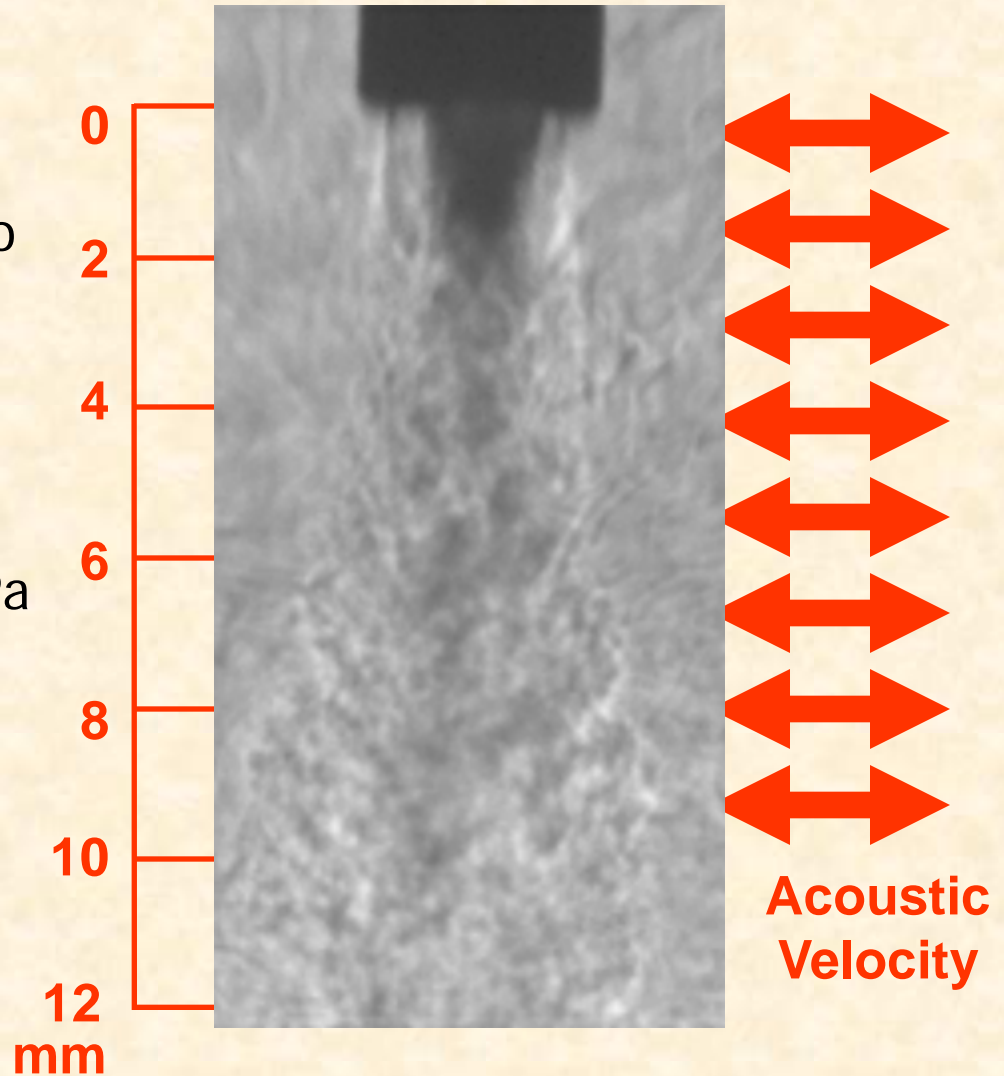


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Coaxial Jet

Supercritical Pressure

- Movie shows transition from when acoustic field is OFF to ON
- Acoustic driver frequency at 2.98 kHz
- Velocity Ratio = 4.3
- Chamber Pressure = 4.9 MPa
- Momentum Ratio = 5.1
- Framing rate 18.00 kHz



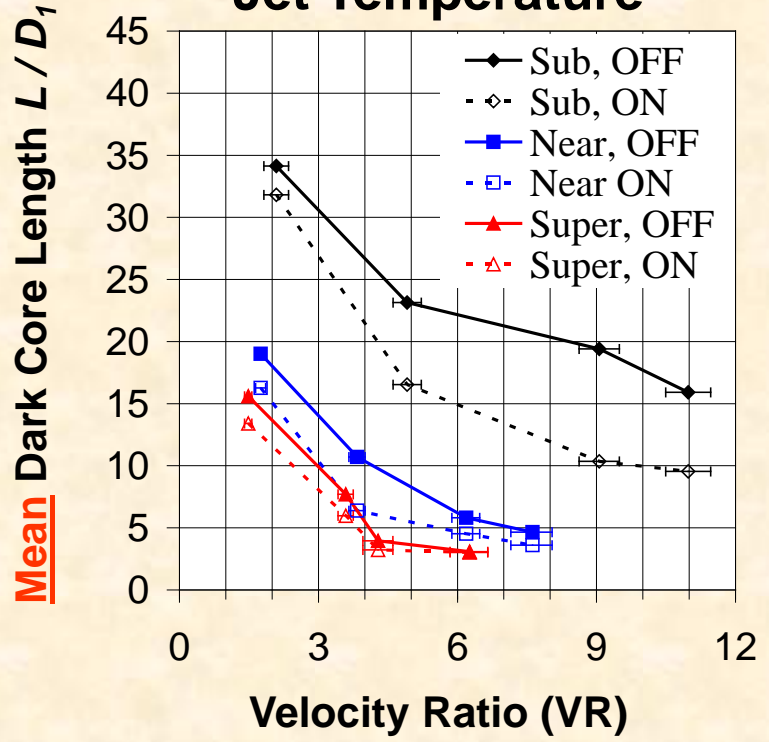
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Mean Dark-Core Length vs. Velocity Ratio (VR)

- As VR increases, L/D (normalized mean dark-core length) decreases and approaches a constant
- Mean Dark-core length becomes shorter when acoustic driver is turned ON

VR: Outer-to-Inner jet
Velocity Ratio

High Nominal Outer Jet Temperature



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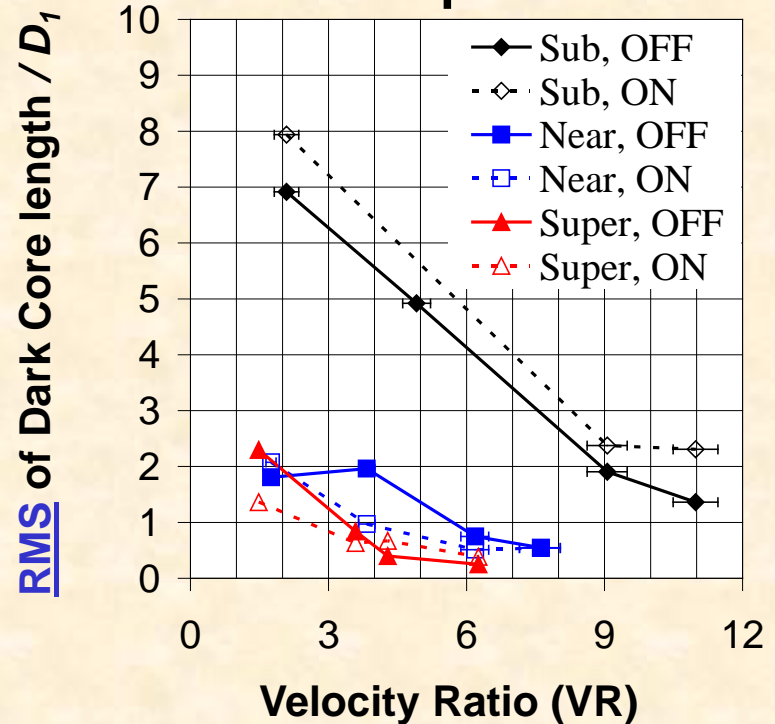
RMS of Dark-Core Length vs. Velocity Ratio (VR)

- **First time the RMS of core length reported**
- Intuitively, RMS of dark-core length fluctuations relates in some form to mixture ratio variations
- High VR creates lowest RMS values (implications for combustion instability)
 - **Inherent insensitivity (stability) of the jet at high VR**

VR: Outer-to-Inner jet Velocity Ratio

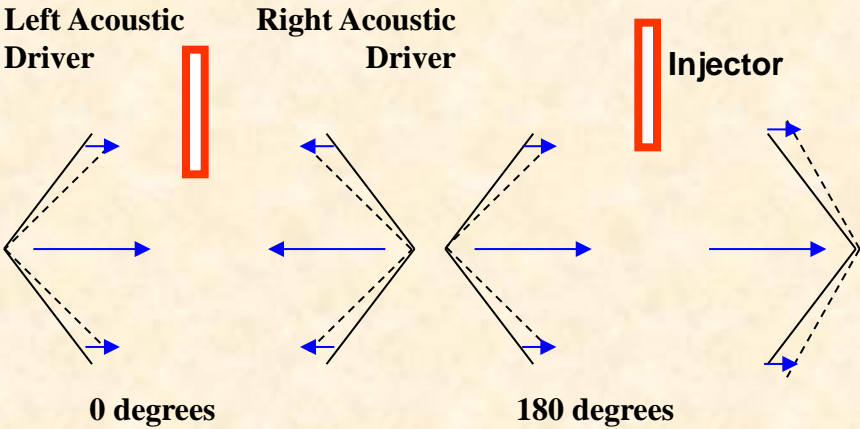
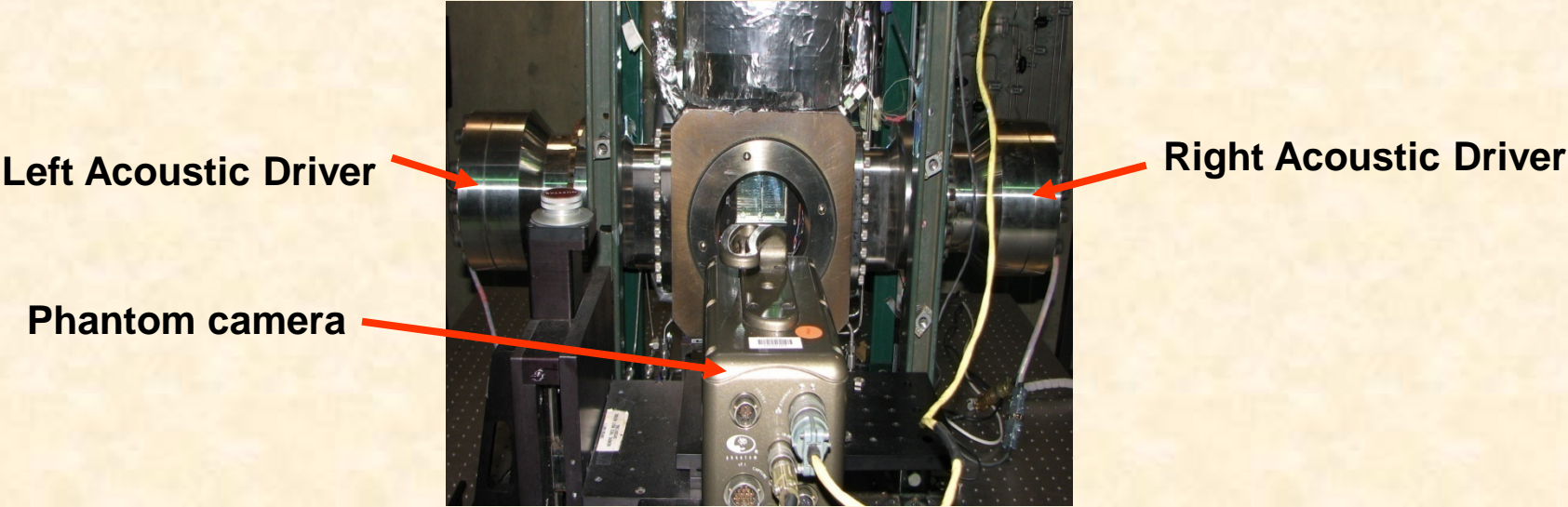
RMS: Root-mean-square of core length fluctuations

High Nominal Outer Jet Temperature

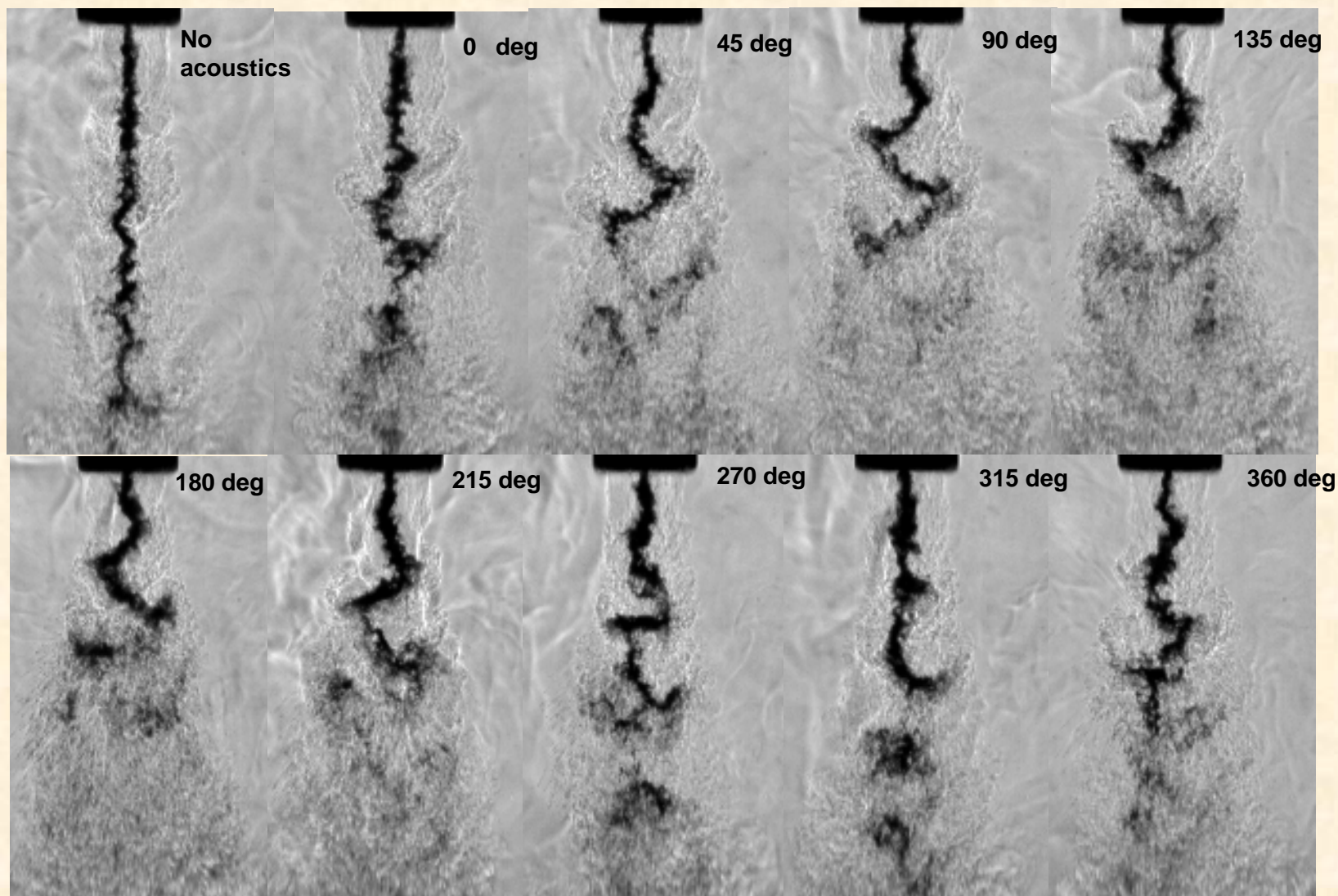


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Schematic of the two acoustic sources at 0 and 180 degrees



Different phase angles between the two acoustic sources



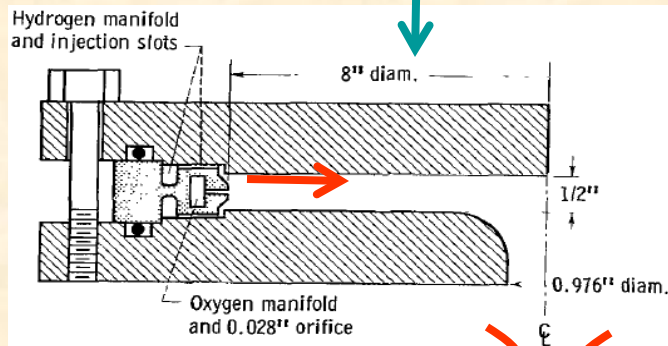
Pchamber = 1.5 MPa, MR=2.6, VR=7.6

Combustion Instability in Liquid Rocket Engines

A Unified Injector Sensitivity Theory

Combustion Instability

Viewing Direction



LOX Core



- The LOX core was found to decrease in length during a combustion instability event
- LOX core large scale sinusoidal structure

Mechanism of Acoustic Combustion Instability (CI) in Liquid Rocket Engines (LRE)

In LOX/H₂ Engines (**Coaxial injector**; RL-10, J-2, J-2S; SSME). Conditions under which CI occurred more commonly (or inevitably):

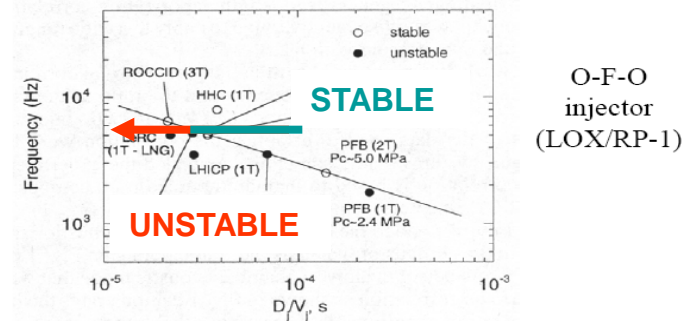
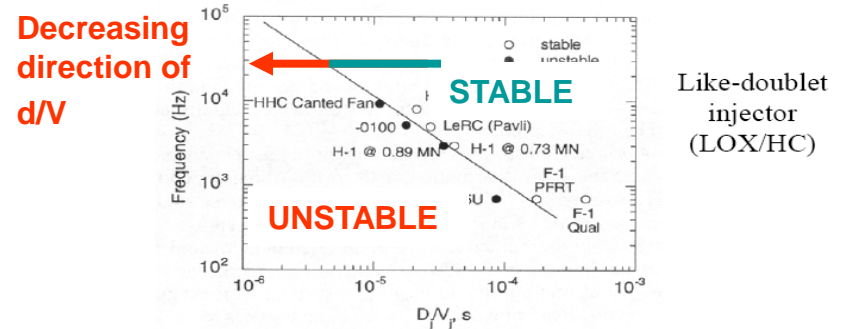
- Lower velocity ratio (VR) V_{H_2}/V_{LOX}
- Sufficiently low temperature of injected hydrogen (Temp Ramping)
- Less recessed oxidizer tubes
- Reduced injector pressure drop
- True mechanism remains obscure

In LOX/HC Engines (**Impinging jets injector**; mostly from F-1)

- Sensitivity of jets and formation of spray fans to velocity fluctuations parallel to the injector face
- **Hewitt correlation** suggests certain injector parameters (d/V)
- Others (resurge, etc.)

3.3 Mechanisms in LOX/HC Engines

- Later developments at Aerojet and Penn State led to correlations with the parameter injector orifice diameter/injection velocity (D_j/V_j) to identify the peak injection response.

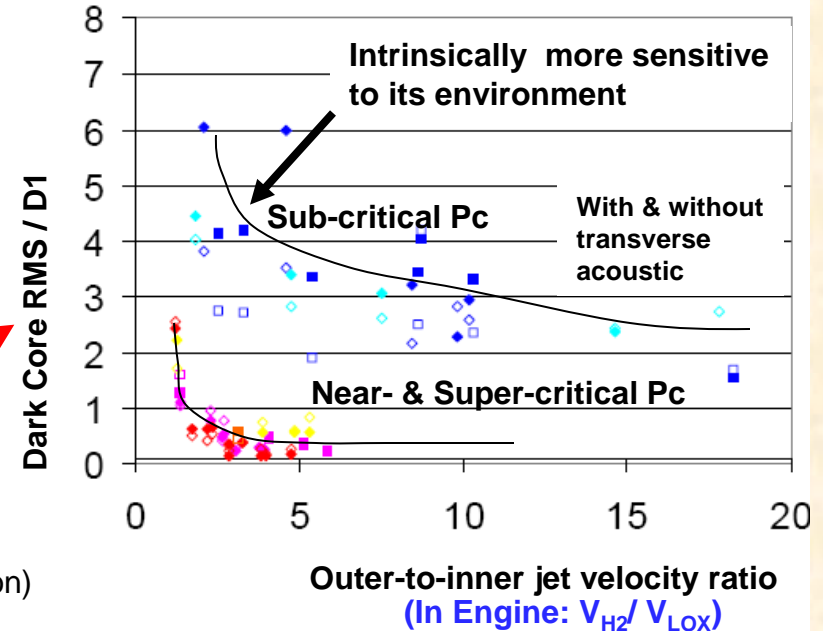
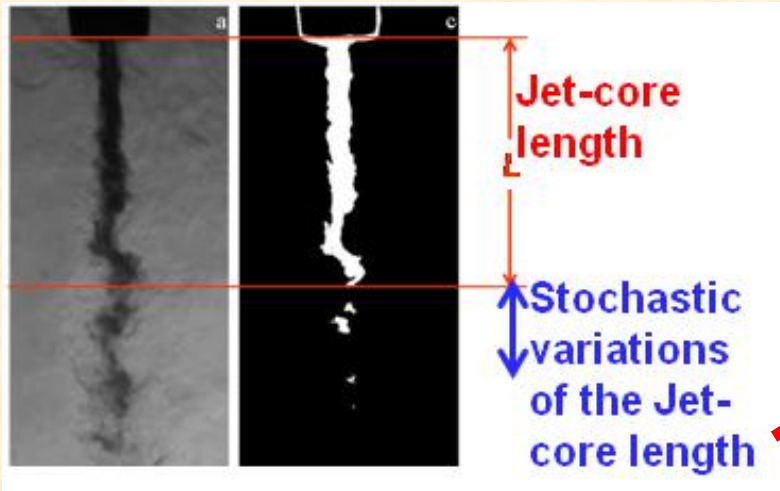


- These results are related to the dynamics of injectors but there is no associated modeling.



Dark Core Characteristics is the Key: *Non-reacting Coaxial Jet* & Connection to Multi-Element LRE

From AFRL & PennState: Davis (PhD Thesis), Davis and Chehroudi, and Leyva et al.



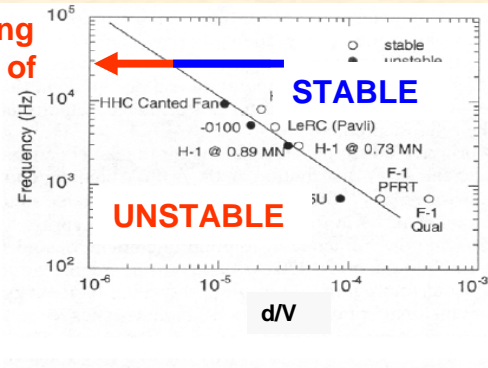
- RMS of the dark core length oscillations** as
 - A reflection of mass fluctuations (first order approximation)
 - Indication of *intrinsic sensitivity* of the injector
- RMS of the core length variations is much higher at subcritical chamber pressure at all velocity ratios
 - **Intrinsic (higher) sensitivity at subcritical** (see also next slide for consistent result in fired engine)

Lower RMS at high velocity ratio offered a possible explanation for the enhanced stability observed in LRE (at high V_{H_2} / V_{LOX})

Temperature ramping (for LRE stability rating) was linked to its impact on the velocity ratio and hence core length RMS offered an explanation

Dark Core Characteristics is the Key: Intrinsic Sensitivity of Impinging Jet Injector at Low d/V values

Decreasing
direction of
 d/V



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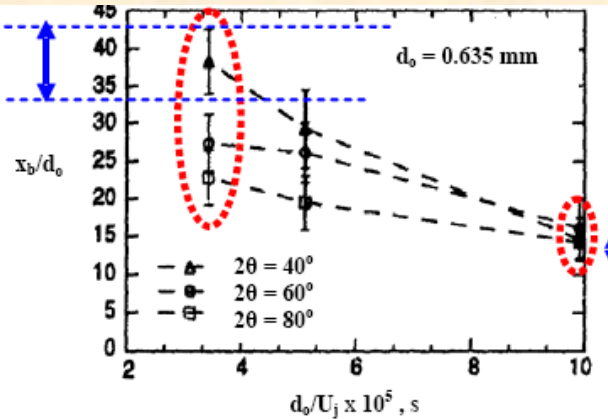


Figure 8. Shows sheet breakup length as a function of instability parameter at three different impingement included angles. Much higher sensitivity of the sheet breakup length is seen with included angle (2θ) at low dn/V ($= d_0/U_j$, in the original article) values. Anderson et al. [13].

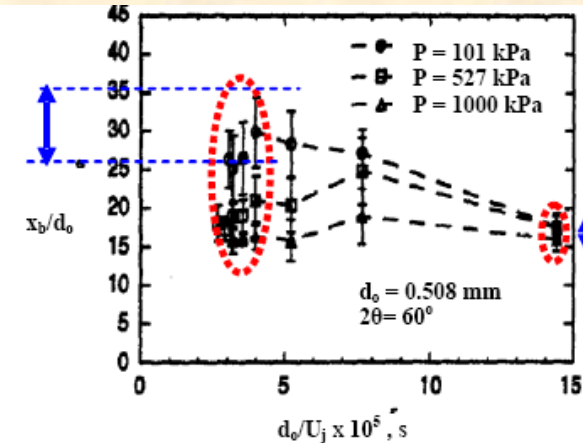
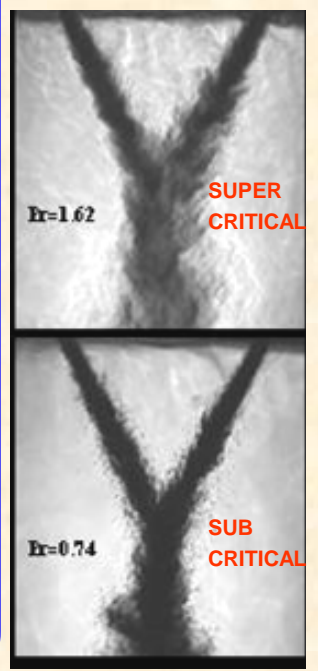
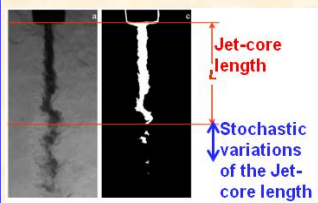
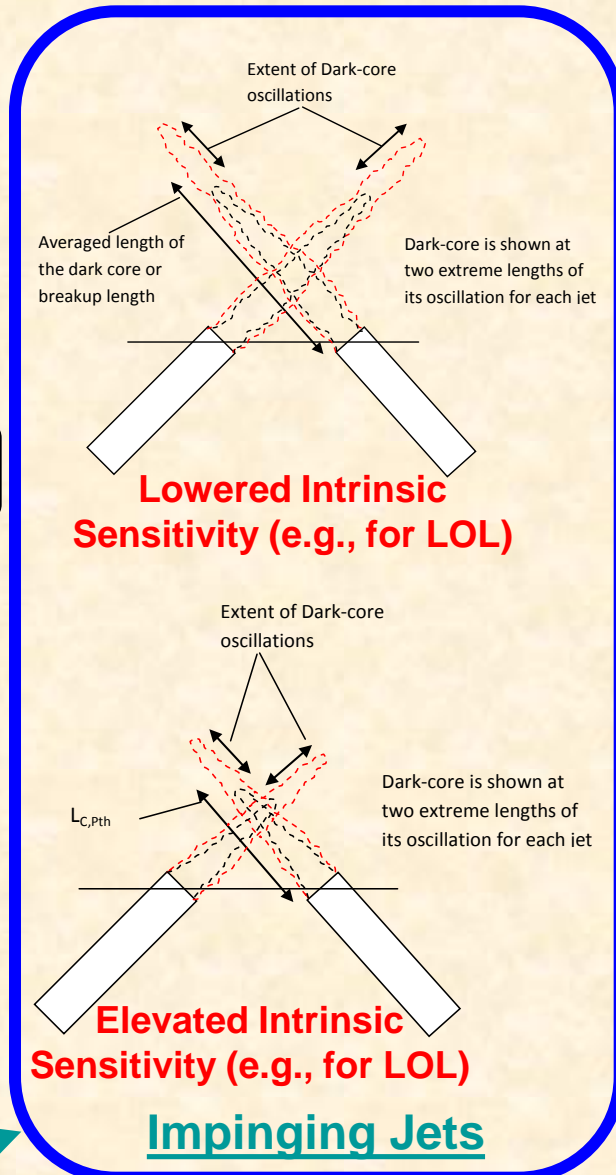
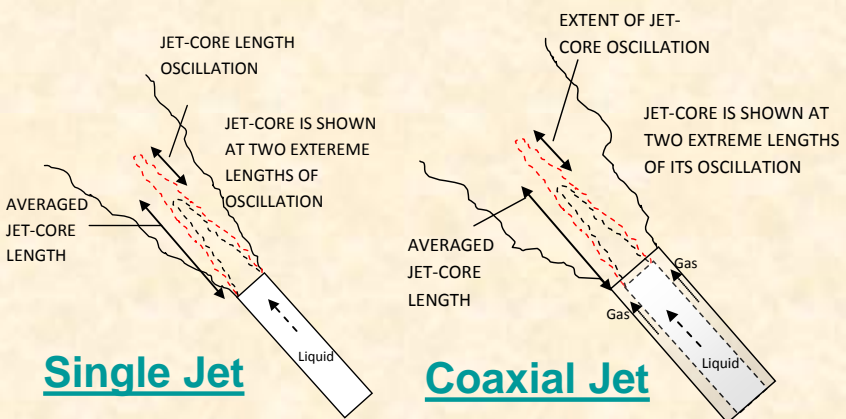


Figure 9. Shows sheet breakup length as a function of instability parameter at three different chamber pressures. Much higher sensitivity of the sheet breakup length is seen with chamber pressure at low dn/V ($= d_0/U_j$, in the original article) values. Anderson et al. [13].

Impinging Jets:

- PennState work in non-reacting setup (*Anderson et al.*)
 - Higher sensitivity at lower values of d/V
 - Higher sensitivity to chamber pressure at low values of d/V
 - Intrinsic stability of the impinging jet injector at low d/V values (for more details see paper)

A Unified Injector Sensitivity Theory



Key Components of the *Unified Theory*:

1. All share a “dark core” with Mean & RMS, suggesting a unified approach for intrinsic sensitivity of the jet to its environment
2. When an important dynamic feature (dark-core or breakup zone) of an injector design becomes sufficiently sensitive to thermofluid parameters of its environment, it is highly likely that this could strengthen the feedback link thought to be critical in the amplification process and hence move the dynamic system into an unstable operating regime.
3. See schematic diagram of hypothesis

Supporting Data and Offered Explanations by the *Unified Injector Sensitivity Theory*

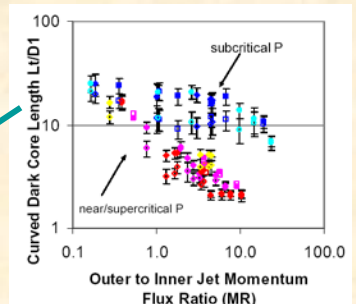
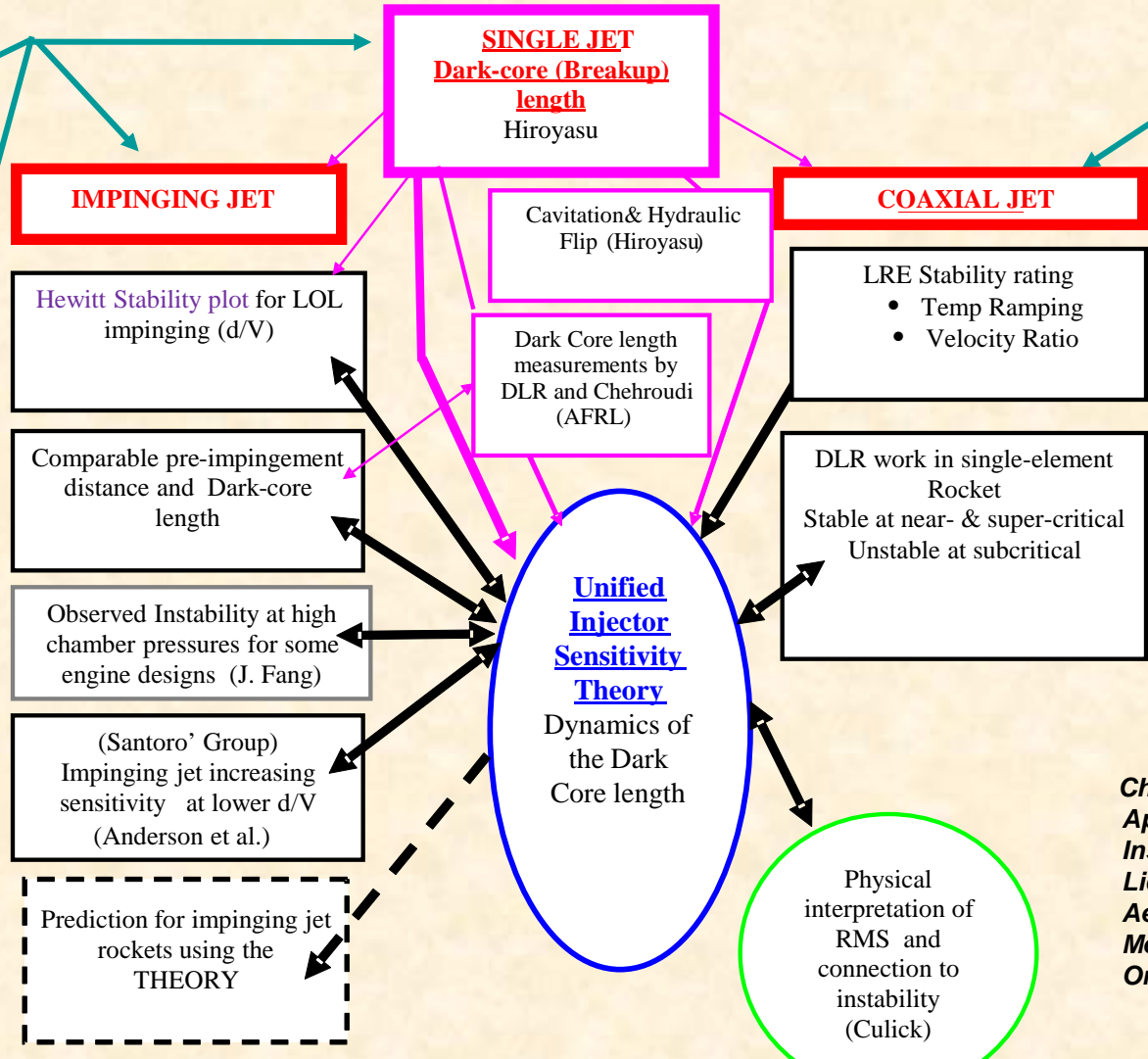
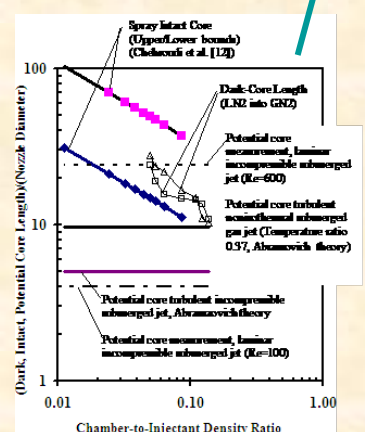
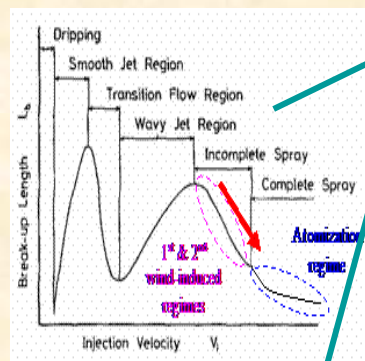
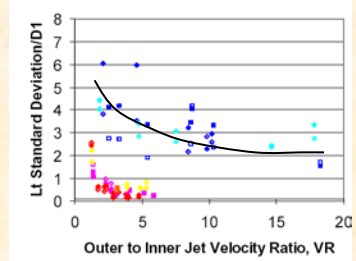


Figure 10. Trend of the Curved Dark Core Length vs.



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MANY EXPERIMENTALLY OBSERVED TRENDS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE THEORY

Conclusions

- For *the first time*, it was shown, quantitatively, that supercritical single jets grow similar to the incompressible variable-density jets
- $2 \times$ (FWHM) of radial profiles measured by Raman is equivalent to Visual jet thickness
- Fractal dimension of the jet at subcritical agrees with those of liquid jets at wind-induced atomization regimes and for supercritical jets is in agreement with values reported for gaseous jets
- A phenomenological model equation is proposed that mimics the experimental data both at subcritical and supercritical conditions
- Dark-core length (for coaxial jets) as a function of outer-to-inner jet momentum flux ratio for subcritical behaves like two-phase flows and for the supercritical like single-phase flows (dual character)
- Interaction of external acoustic field with single and coaxial jets were investigated when jets are located at the velocity antinode (pressure node)
- A *Unified Injector Sensitivity Theory* is proposed
- Unique systematic approach based on **dynamic behavior of the "Jet-core length"** characterized for single jets (showerhead), coaxial jets, and impinging jets
- This theory, *for the first time*, attempts to propose & unify the underlying mechanism responsible for the sensitivity of different liquid rocket injectors to acoustic field established inside the rocket thrust chamber
- Theory is able to offer plausible explanations for combustion instability observations in liquid rocket engines under sub- and super-critical conditions
- **Theory is consistent with the examined (so far) existing body of data** from cold to fired single-element tests, as well as able to explain engine data such as Hewitt Stability Correlation (see paper for details)

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