

Interacting-Sprays Injection

From Liquid Rocket Engine to Diesel Engine

An Original Concept Proposed

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Interacting-Sprays Injection: An Innovative Fuel Injector Strategy

- Idea was originally proposed and named (as "Interacting Sprays Injection") by B. Chehroudi, PhD.
- Inspired by impinging jets injector design used in [F-1 Rocket engine](#).
- Impinging jets offers an additional mechanism to standard aerodynamic breakup of the liquid core
 - Hence, no need to use very high injection pressures for atomization, because the impinging-jets process (if impingement point is optimized) assists the liquid core breakup.
- Initial impingement angle and injector holes separation values were guided by rocket applications and knowledge of intact core of full-cone diesel sprays.
- Injector design flexibility due to additional parameters that can be varied for optimum injection and mixture preparation.
- Proof-of-concept was demonstrated with two independent injectors (see original publication in the next slide). However, in application, what Chehroudi et al. had in mind was that a single injector unit to achieve the objectives in diesel engines (see some works that were published after Chehroudi's original research briefed in upcoming slides).
- Flexible features to produce not only "pilot and split injections," but additional injection strategies not possible with other approaches for emission reduction, performance, and efficiency improvements.
- The original work and first SAE publication by Chehroudi et al. predates all applications of interacting or impinging sprays in diesel engines.
- Applications of this injection system has been shown for early injection homogenous operation in diesel engines.
- A chapter is dedicated to "Interacting Sprays" by J. B. Greenberg in [Handbook of Atomization and Sprays; Theory and Applications](#).

Interacting-Sprays Injection: Original Publication

This is the first publication in literature, describing application of Interacting-Sprays/Jets (or Impinging-Sprays/Jets) in a research diesel engine

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INTERACTING-SPRAYS INJECTION: A NEW CONCEPT FOR NO_x AND SMOKE REDUCTION IN DIESEL ENGINES

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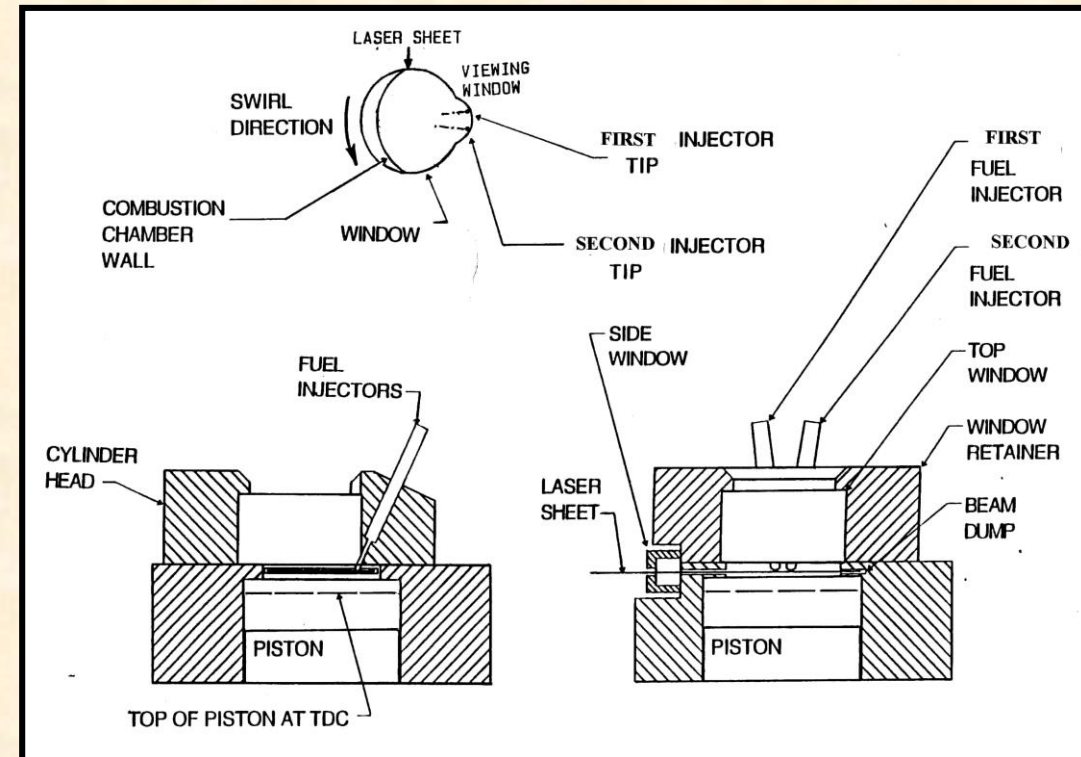
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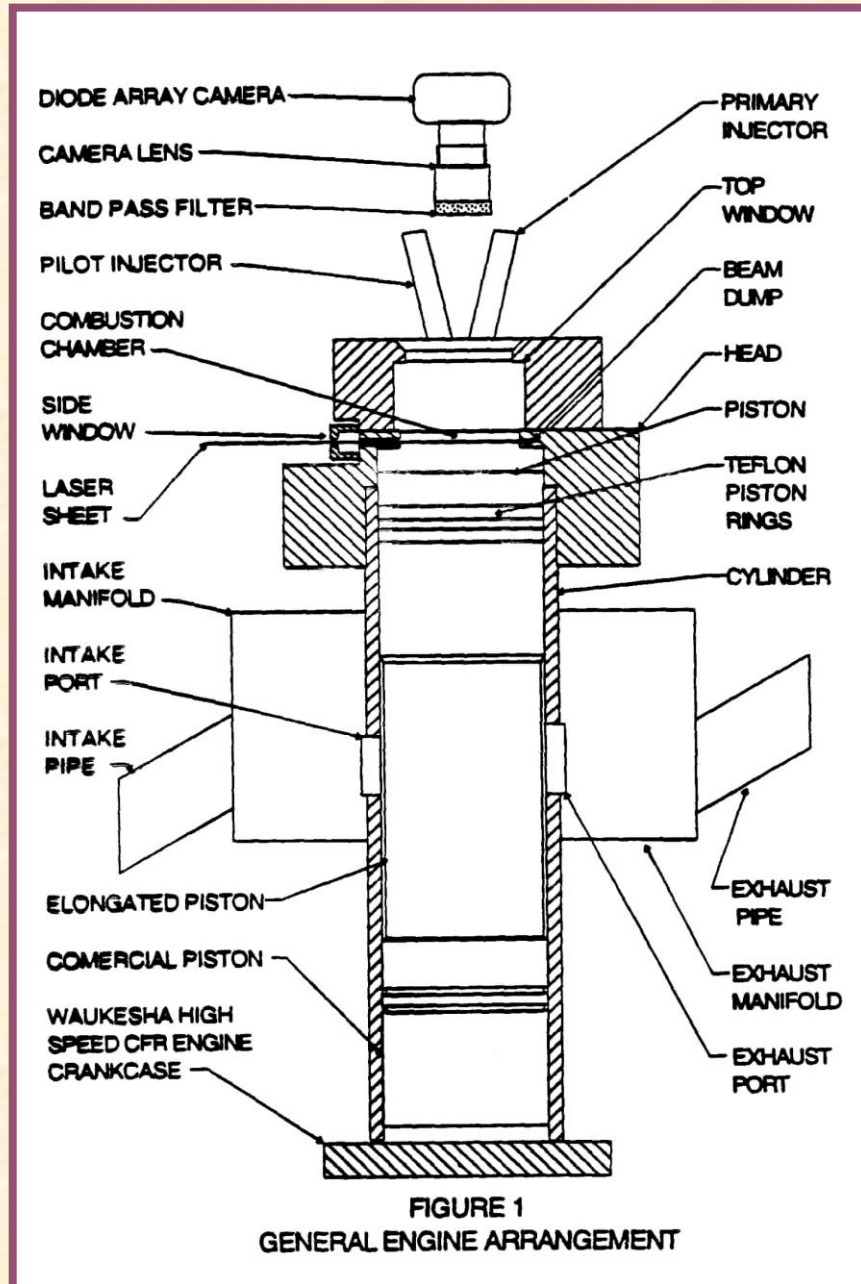
In the past decade many in-cylinder injection approaches have been proposed for simultaneous reduction of NO_x and smoke in diesel engines, with various degrees of success in operation. In this article, some results from a novel and promising technique referred to as the interacting-sprays injection concept is presented. A single-cylinder compression-ignition two-stroke research engine with optically accessible head mounted on a high-speed CFR (cooperative fuel research) engine crankcase is used to investigate the combustion and emission characteristics of this injection system. The interacting-sprays injection system produces two separate, independently controlled liquid fuel spray injections with a good degree of adjustability with regard to their fuel quantities and injection timings. The impingement schedule of the two sprays on each other at the right time and place inside the combustion chamber is the key to the success of the interacting-sprays injection system. Results are presented that show the effects of the varied injection system characteristics on the combustion and exhaust emissions (NO_x and smoke). The effects of the injection timing and time separation between the first and second injections of the interacting-sprays injection system are explored. Conditions are identified for which a favorable influence on both smoke and NO_x production is observed. A promising and new injection system and strategy are therefore proposed as a result of the data acquired in this study.

Interacting-Sprays Injection: Engine Head Design



Engine head design for laser sheet entry into the combustion chamber for Exciplex flow visualization enabling simultaneous visualization of both the liquid and vapor phases.

Interacting-Sprays Injection: Engine Cylinder and Piston Design



DETAILS OF THE ELONGATED CYLINDER-PISTON ASSEMBLY SHOWING THE POSITION OF THE WINDOWS

Visualization 2-Stroke Engine Design (1989)



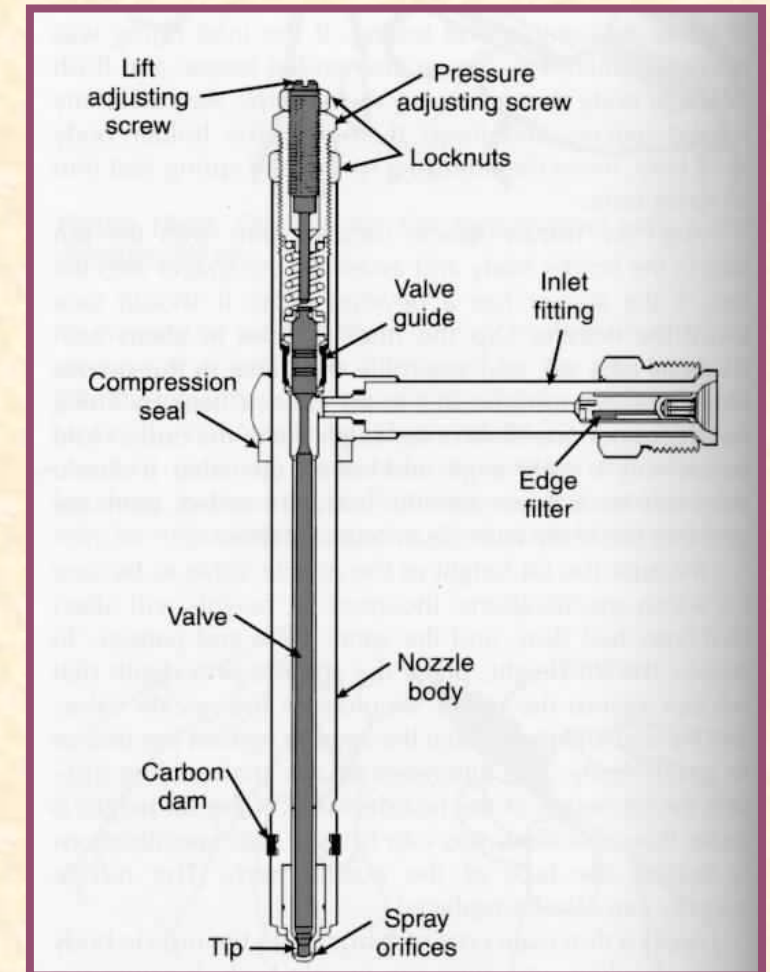
B. Chehroudi's visualization engine at Princeton University, 1989

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Interacting-Sprays Injection: Injector Information

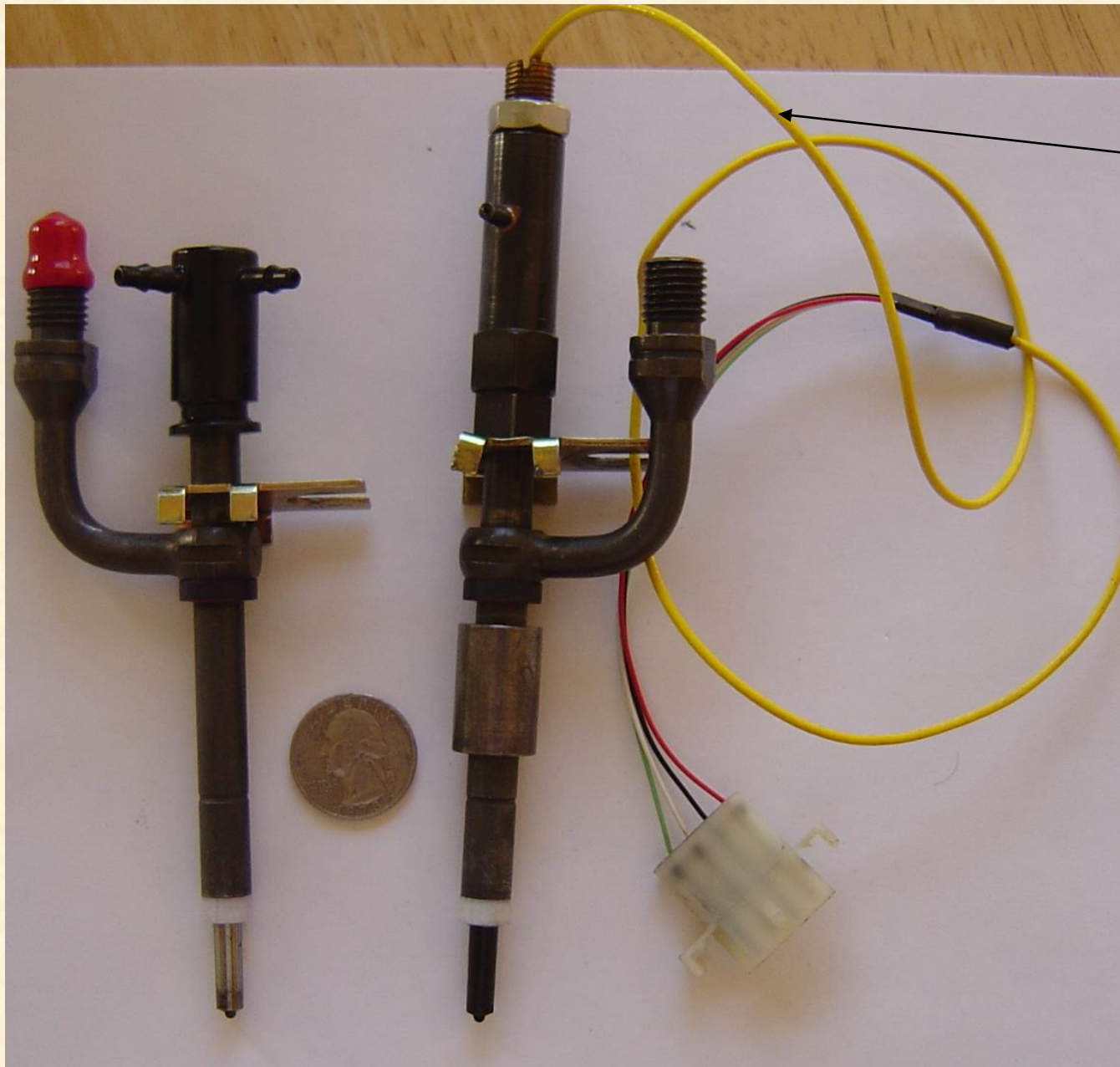
Injection System Specification

- **Fuel Injector Nozzles:**
 - **Stanadyne slim-tip pencil nozzles**
 - **Single spray orifice drilled at 66 degrees to nozzle axis**
 - **First:** One hole at 0.43mm (0.017in) dia.
L/D ratio: 1.53
 - **Second:** One hole at 0.38mm (0.015in) dia.
L/D ratio: 1.73
 - **Measured spray impingement angle from images: 12 ° to 14 °**
 - **Valve operating pressure: 20.8 MPa (2,800 psig)**
 - **Injection timing:**
 - **First:** Continuously variable w.r.t. crankangle position
 - **Second:** Continuously variable w.r.t. crankangle position
 - **Fuel pumps; Ambac APE**
 - **Cam profiles: Ambac # 1 basic metric**
 - **Fuel pump plunger diameter:**
 - **First:** 8.0mm
 - **Second:** 5.0mm
 - **Fuel pump delivery valve retraction volumes:**
 - **First:** 50 mm³
 - **Second:** 50 mm³
 - **Injection line:**
 - **Internal diameter: 2mm (0.079in)**
 - **Length:**



Components of a pencil nozzle
(Stanadyne Diesel Systems)

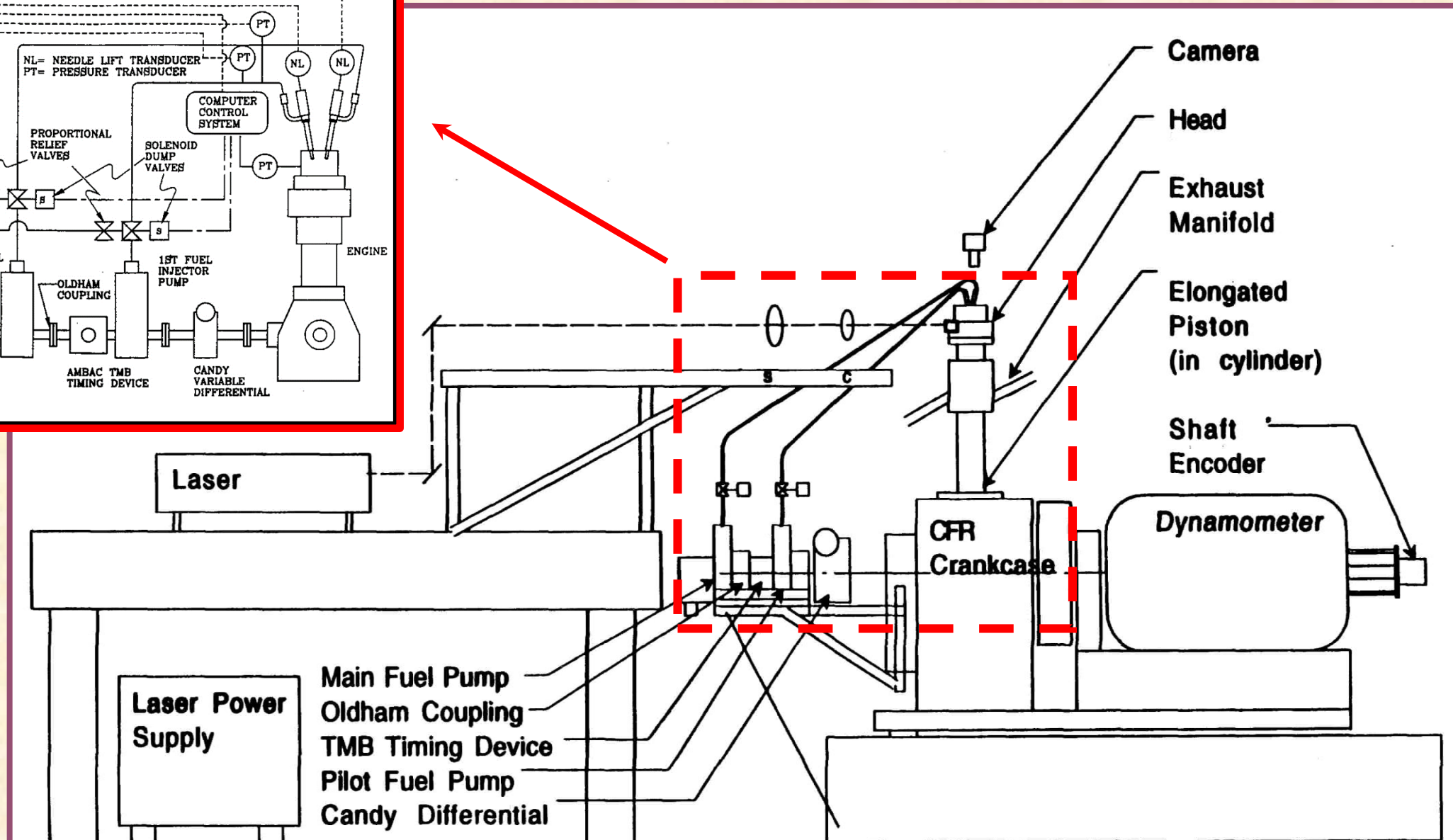
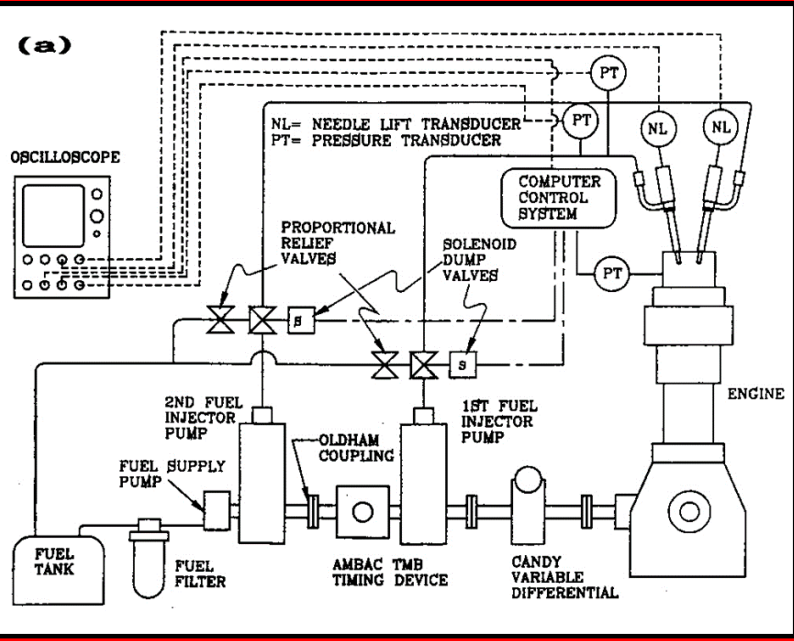
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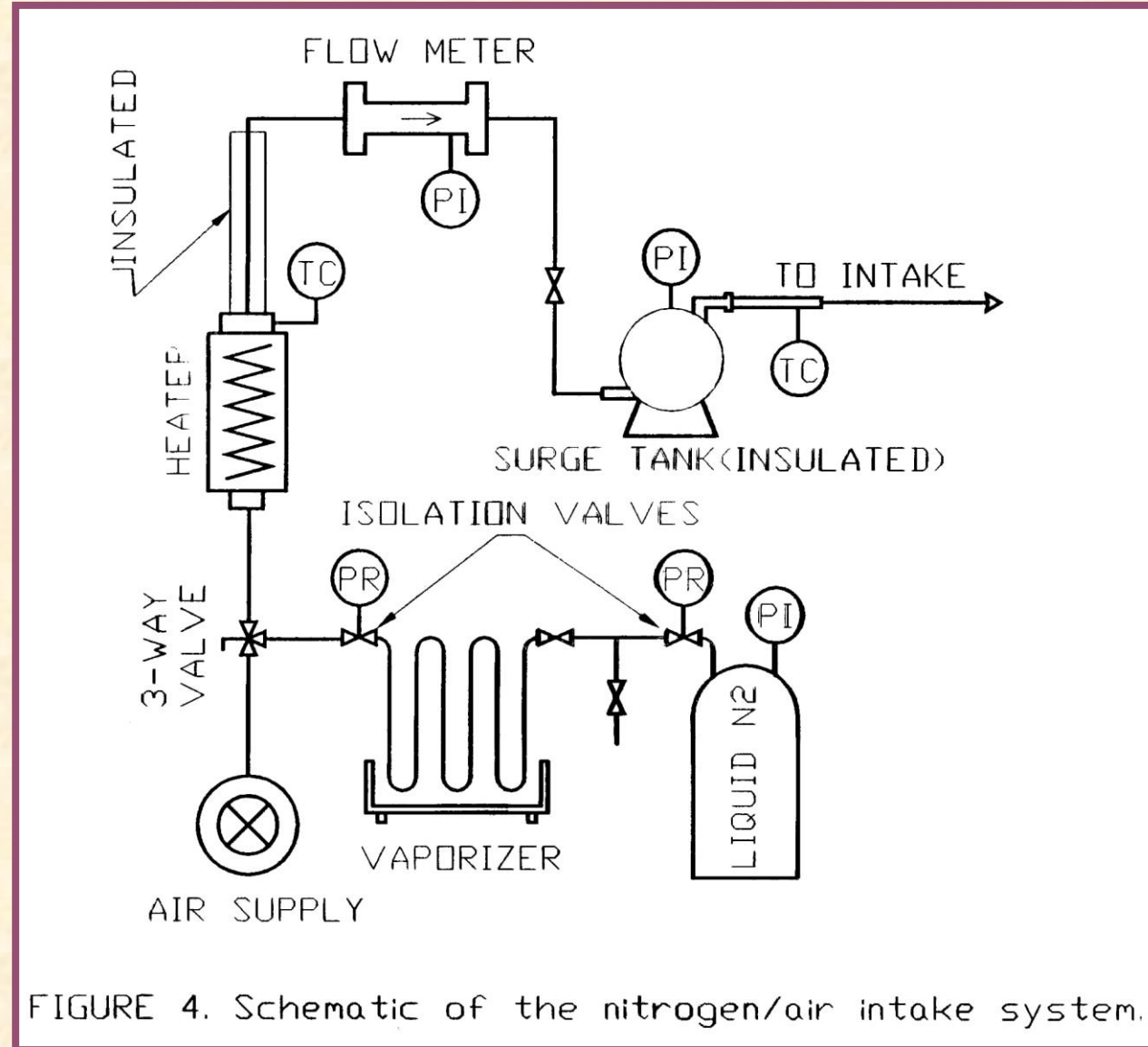


Interacting-Sprays Injection: Test Setup

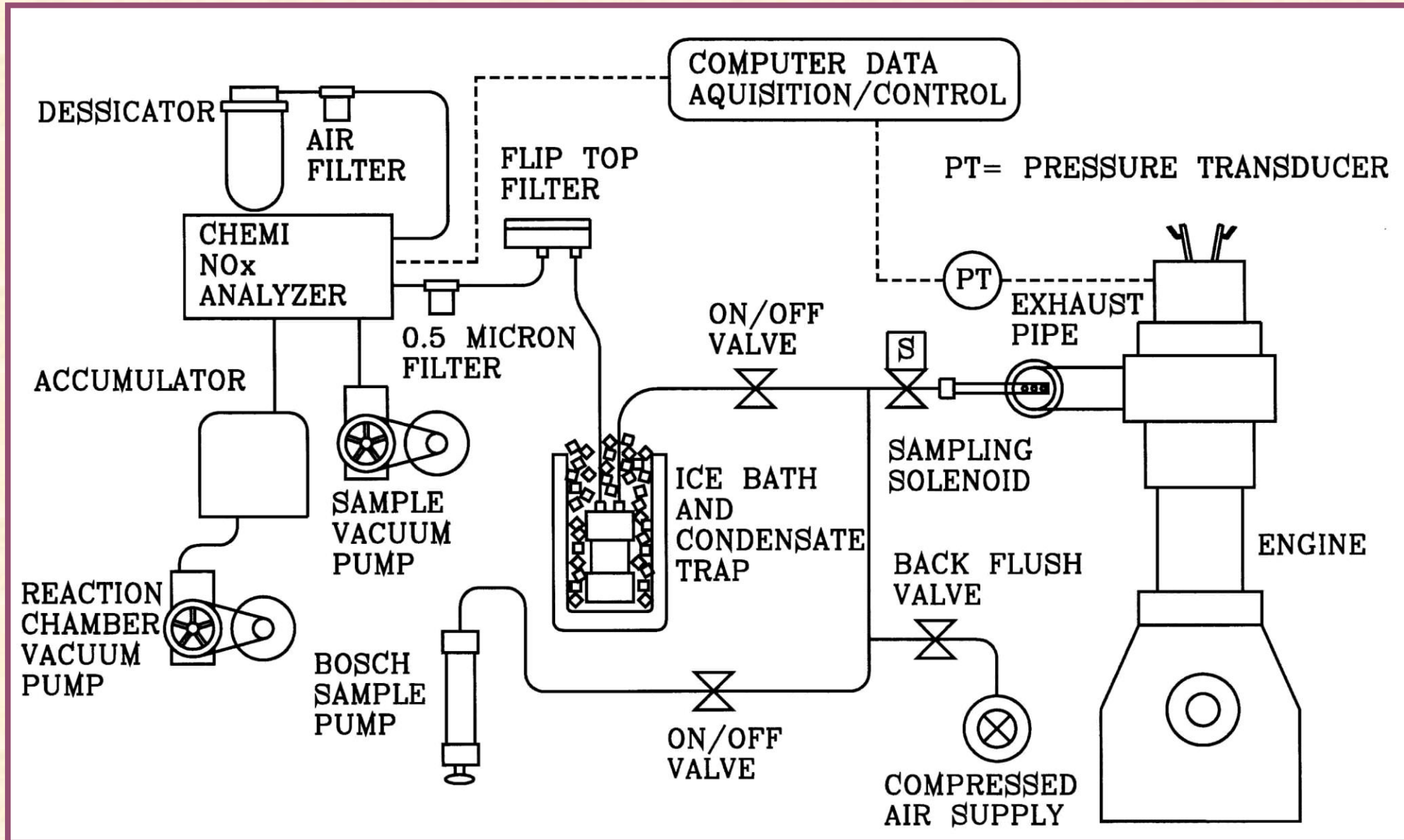


General Arrangement

Interacting-Sprays Injection: Intake System for Exciplex Visualization

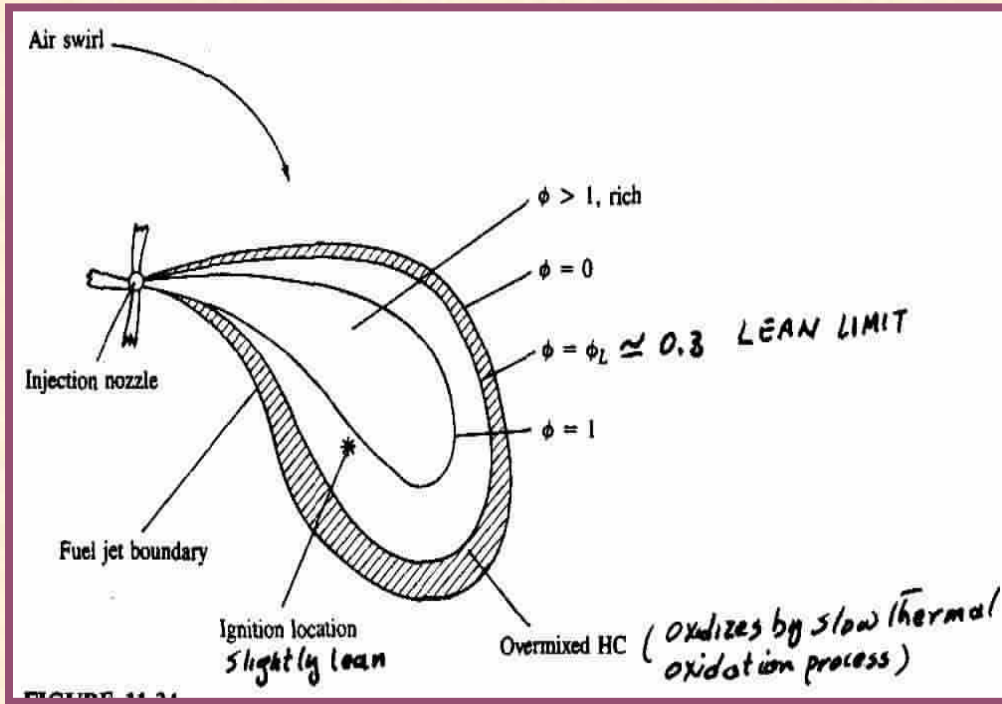


Interacting-Sprays Injection: Emission Measurements

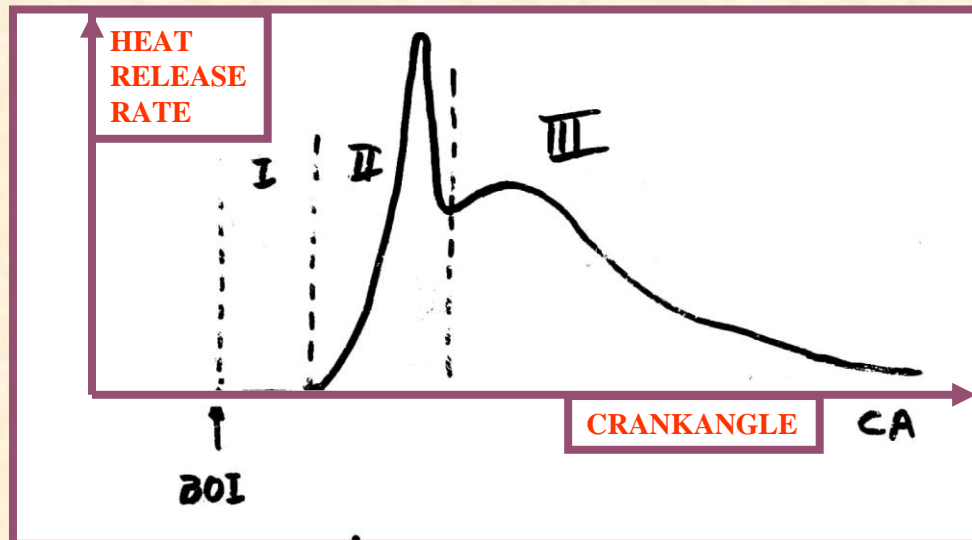
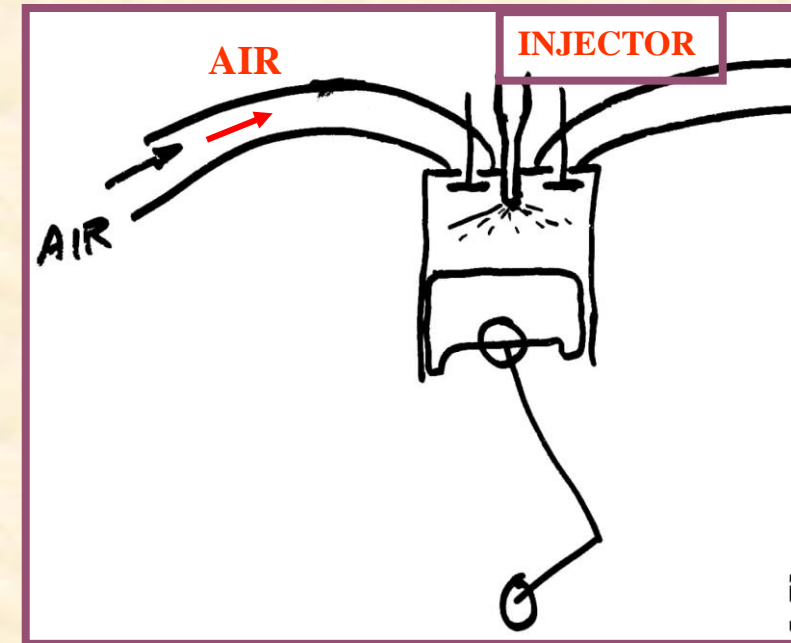


ENGINE EMISSION MEASUREMENT SETUP

Brief Background: Diesel Engine Spray and Heat Release Rate



- SPRAY IS CONVECTED IN THE AIR SWIRL DIRECTION
- A CONTINUOUS SPECTRUM OF AIR/FUEL RATIOS EXISTS

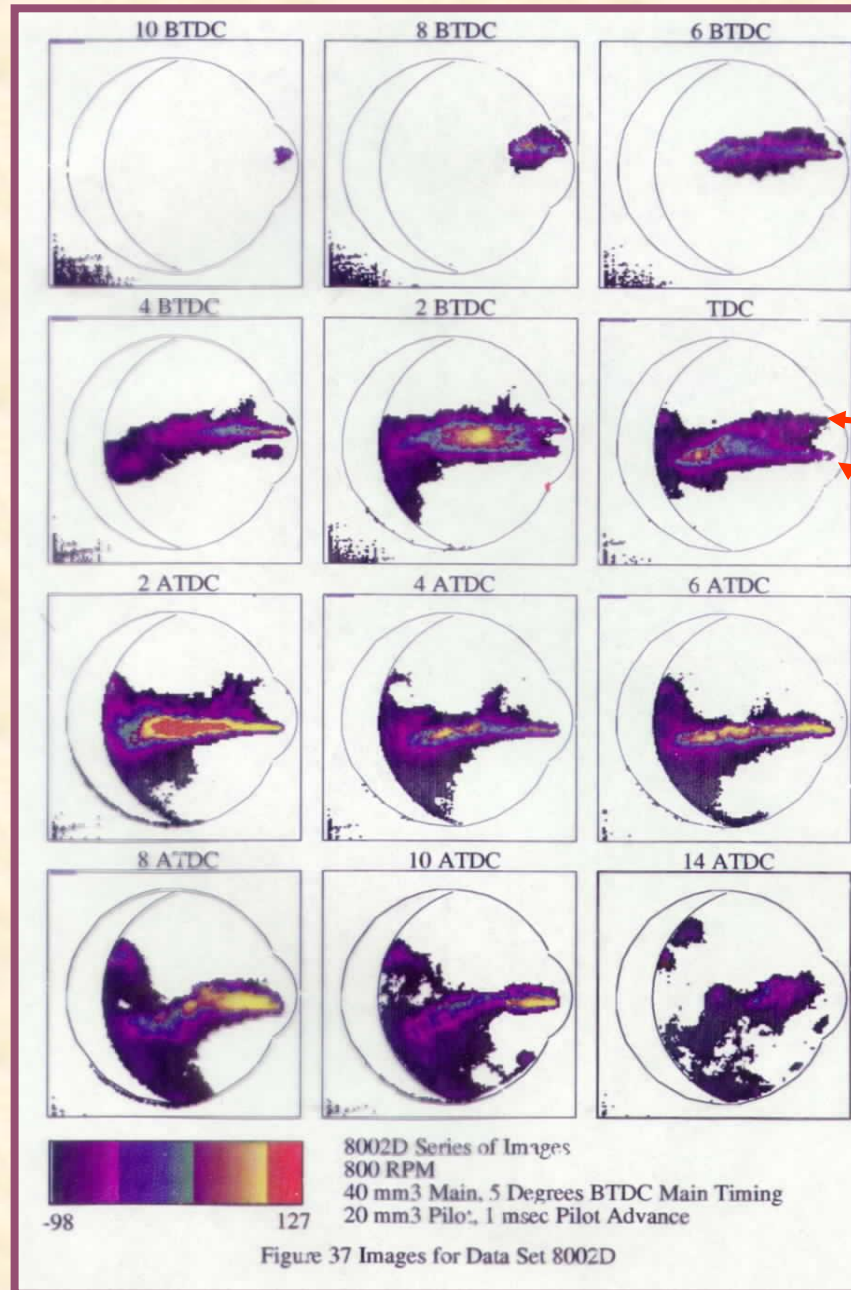


BACKGROUND:

- I. IGNITION DELAY PERIOD
- II. PREMIXED COMBUSTION PHASE
- III. MIXING-CONTROLLED COMBUSTION

Interacting-Sprays Injection: Exciplex Visualization

Liquid Phase only



ATDC: AFTER TOP DEAD CENTER (TDC)

BTDC: BEFORE TOP DEAD CENTER (TDC)

FIRST INJECTOR

SECOND INJECTOR

Figure shows injection of two jets from the two injectors. The second injection begins at about 4° BTDC. The spray cores impinge at about 2° BTDC. After about 2° ATDC, only the second injector continues injection into the combustion chamber.

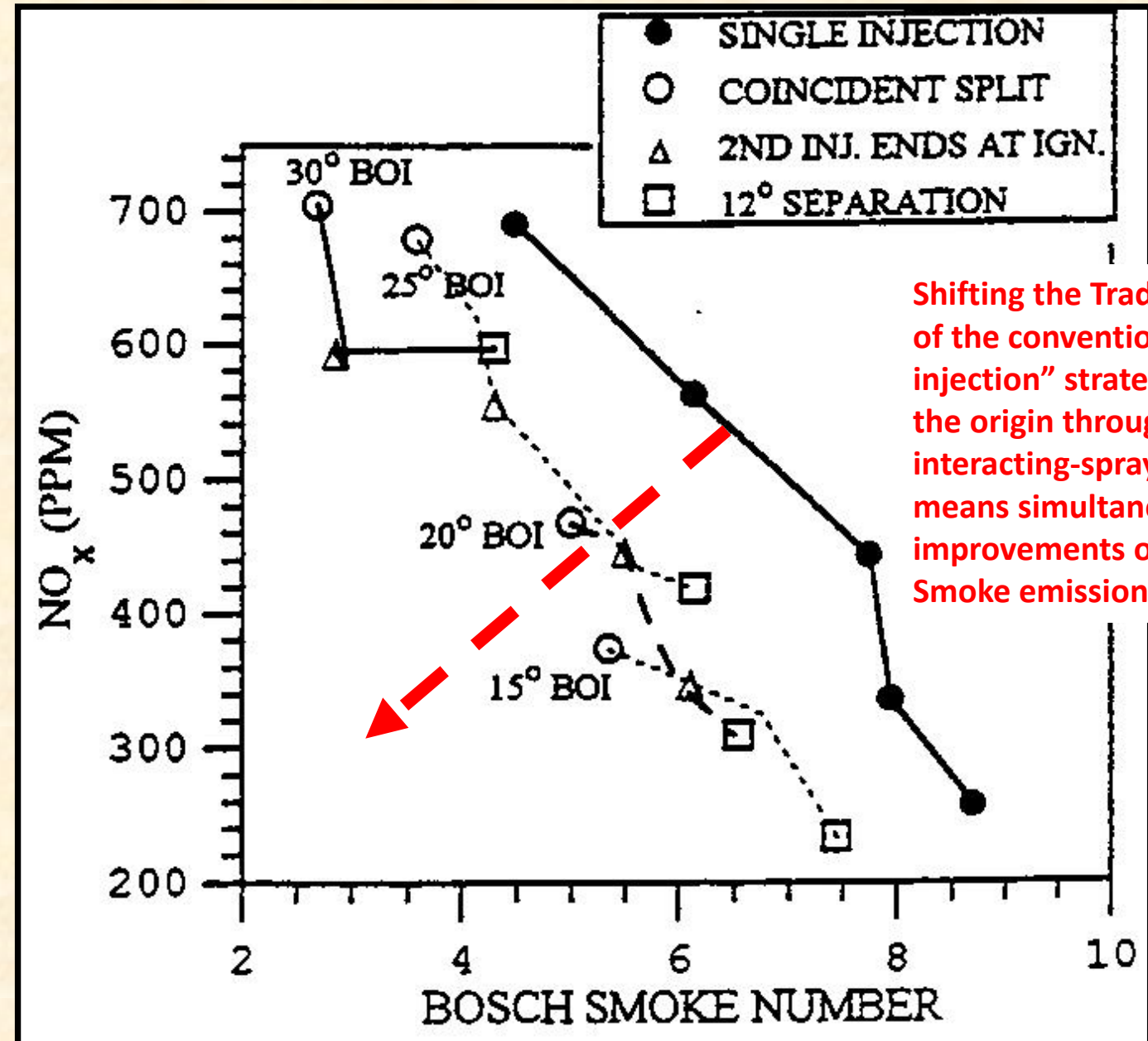
Interacting-Sprays Injection: NOx vs. Smoke Tradeoff

The NOx-Smoke trade-off curves for the four injection strategies shown. BOI stands for the beginning of the injection.

Measurement uncertainty:

NOx = +/- 1.8% of the reported data.

BSN= +/- 3.45% of the reported data.



Shifting the Tradeoff Curve of the conventional "single-injection" strategy towards the origin through the interacting-sprays injection means simultaneous improvements on NOx and Smoke emissions.

Interacting-Sprays Injection

Results for all the interacting-sprays and single-injection strategies plotted as functions of crank angle degrees. For horizontal axis, zero and negative numbers are at TDC and before TDC (i.e., BTDC), respectively.

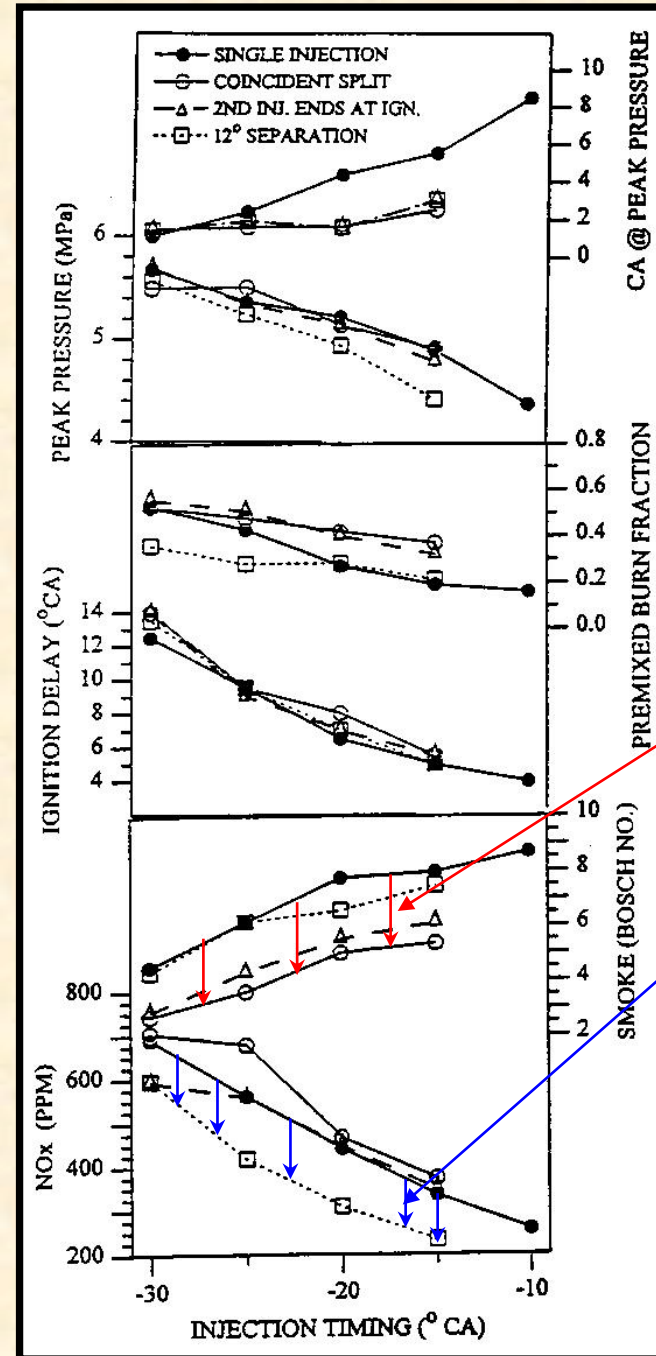
Injection scheduling:

- (a) single injection
- (b) coincident split
- (c) second injection ends at ignition
- (d) 12° separation

Measurement uncertainty:

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BSN= +/- 3.45% of the reported data.



With respect to Conventional Single Injection fuel injection strategy:

- Simultaneous injection leads to reduction in smoke
- Injection with time separation leads to reduction in NO_x
- Therefore, strategies can be envisioned for simultaneous reduction in smoke and NO_x.

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Research work reported by others following the research conducted by Chehroudi et al.
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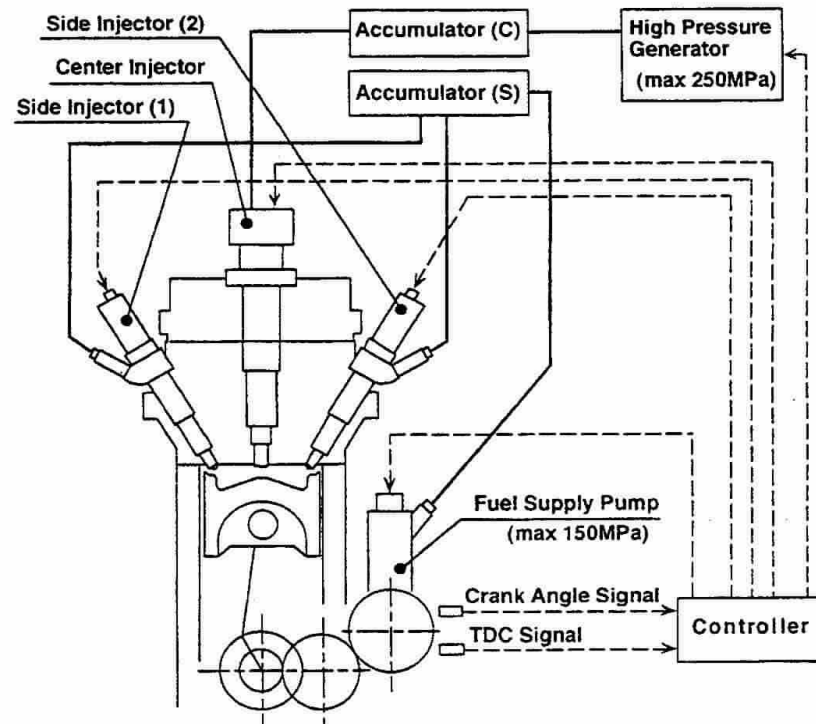


Figure 1 : Schematic diagram of the multi-injector system used in this study

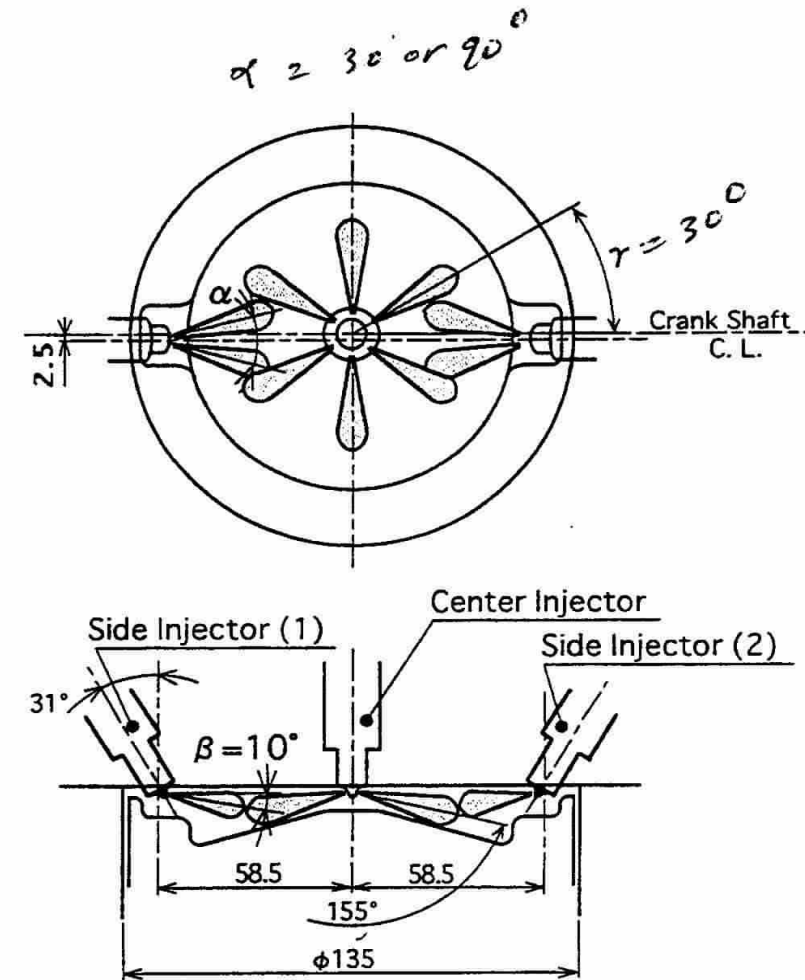


Figure 2 : Schematic of the spray arrangement for the center and side injectors

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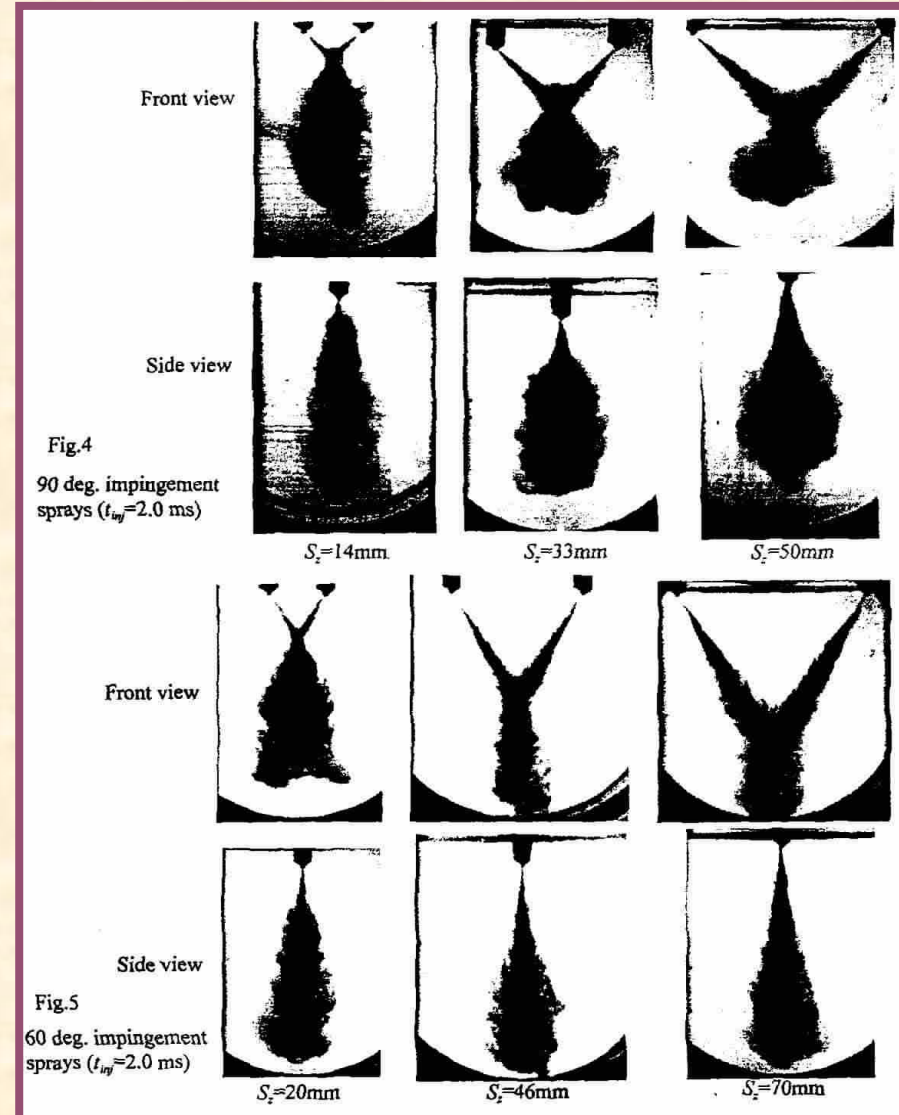
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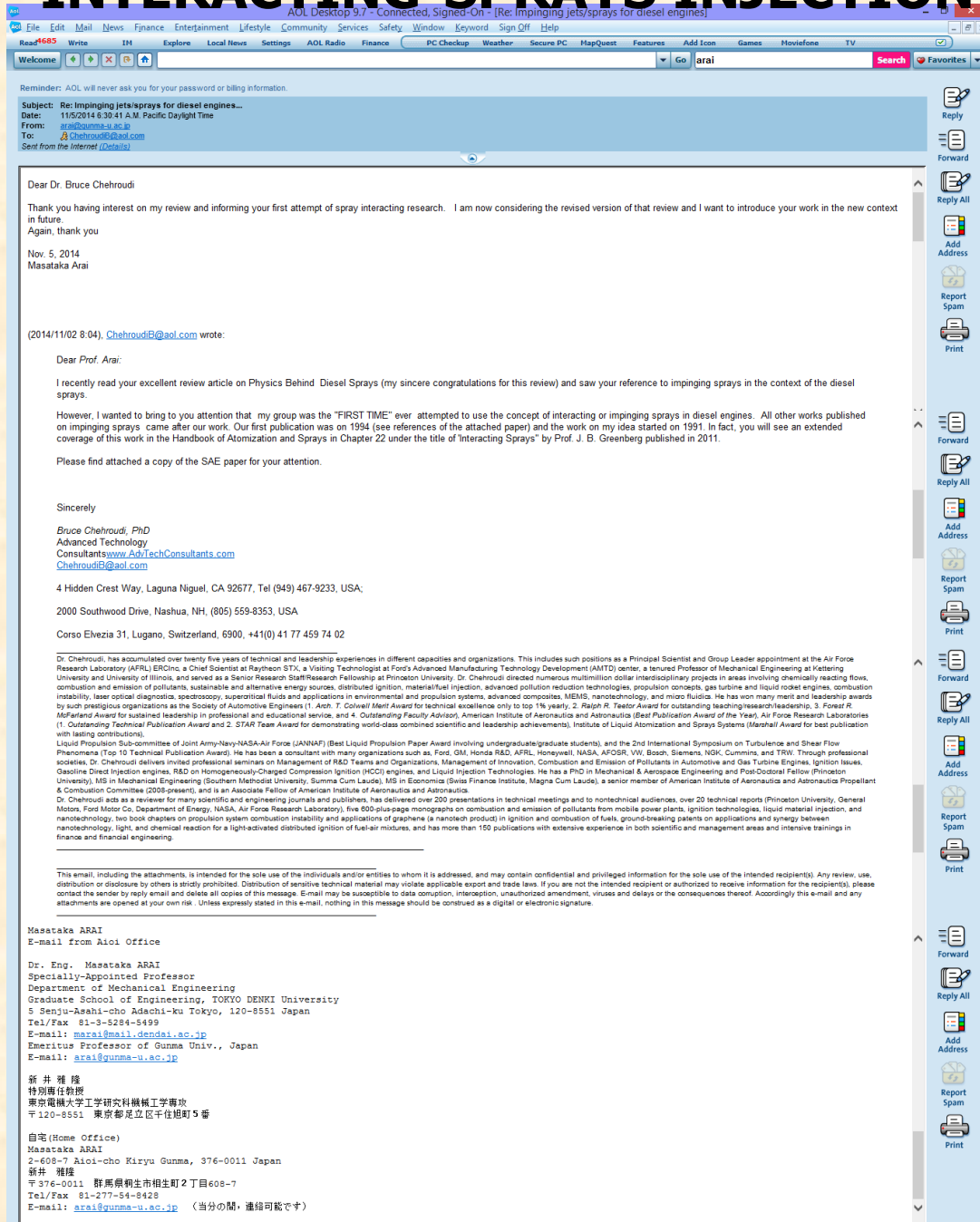
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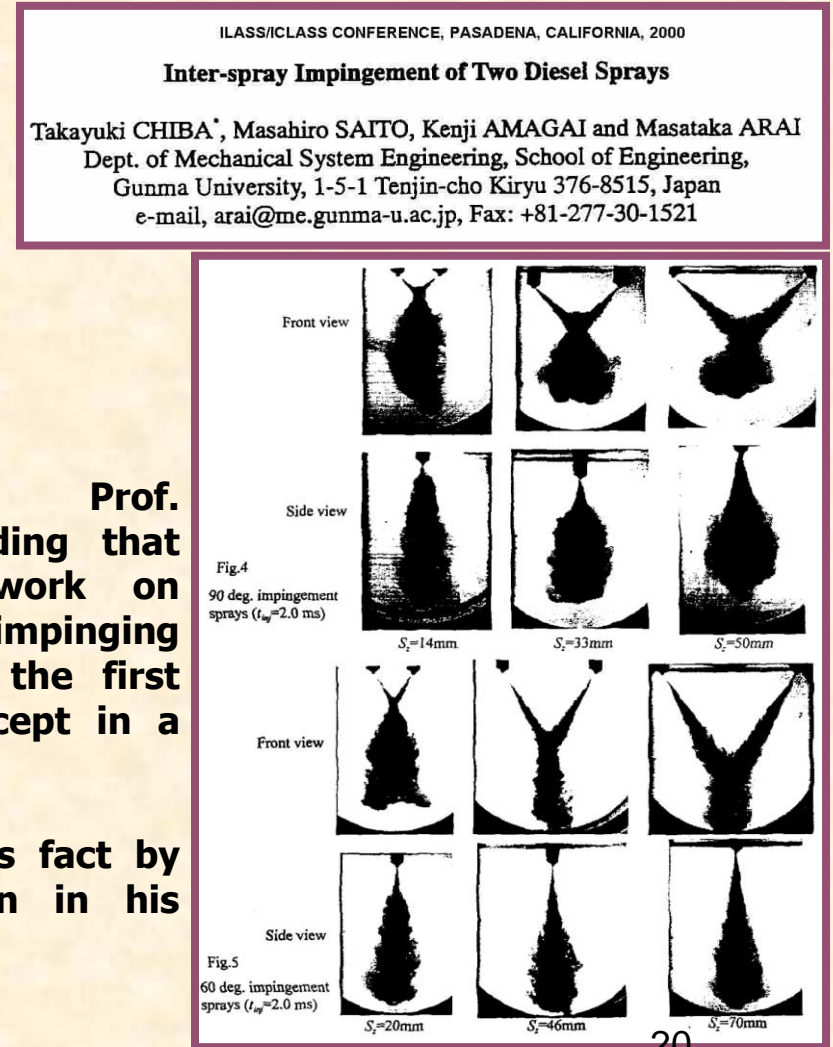
INTERACTING-SPRAYS INJECTION SYSTEM: Communication with Prof. M. Arai

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Communication with Prof. Masataka Arai, reminding that Chehroudi's research work on Interacting-sprays (or impinging sprays) injection was the first application of such concept in a research diesel engine.

Acknowledgement of this fact by Prof. Arai can be seen in his response.



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	Conventional	PCI Combustion
Compression Ratio	18.5	12.0
Combustion Chamber	$\phi 64$ Deep dish	$\phi 110$ Bowl type
Injection Nozzle	$\phi 0.21 \times 5-157^\circ$	$\phi 0.21 \times 5-80^\circ$
Injection Pressure	80MPa	←

Premixed compression-
ignition (PCI)

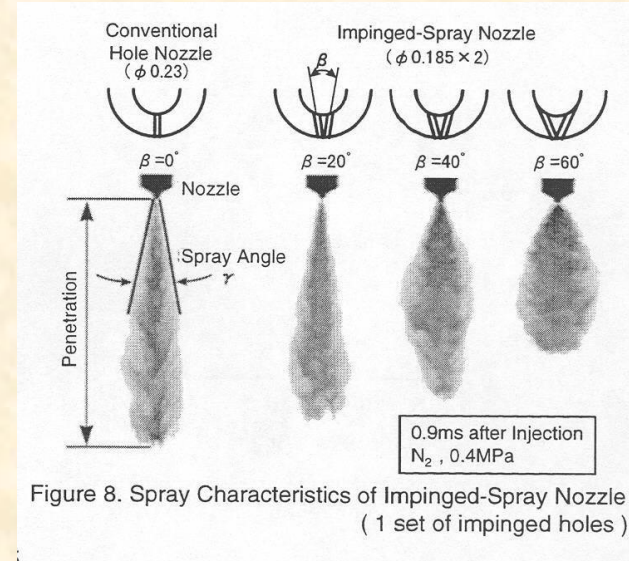


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(1 set of impinged holes)

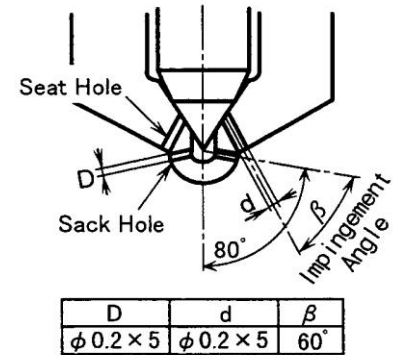


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with Engine Tests
(5 sets of impinged holes)

Spray Characteristics of Impinged-Spray Nozzle

To achieve a spray with not only low penetration and high dispersion, but also good atomization and a short injection period, it is necessary to maintain a high injection rate. With a view to creating a spray with these characteristics, the sprays formed with various spray-to-spray impingement angles were observed (Fig. 8). Nozzles which have one set of impinged holes and high pressure vessel were used for spray observation.

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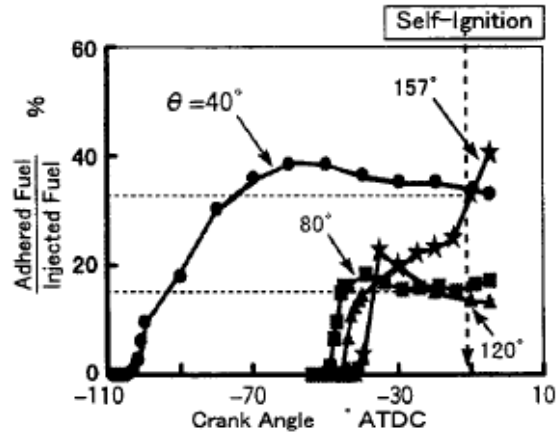


Figure 6. Calculated Amount of Fuel Adhering to the Wall

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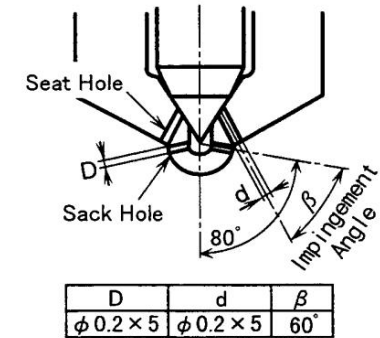


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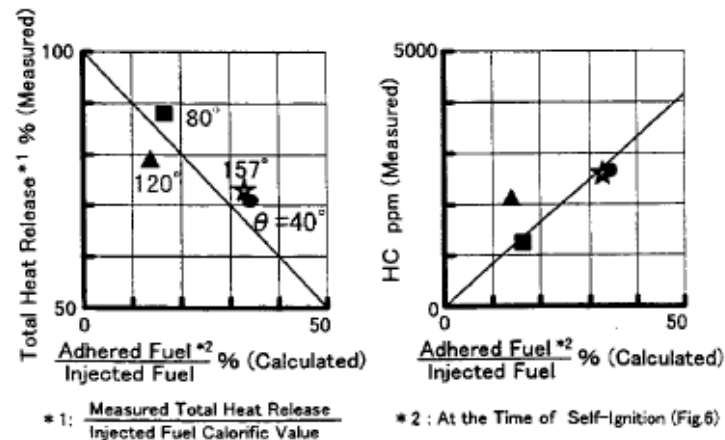


Figure 7. Relationship between Fuel Adhesion Amount and Total Heat Release, HC Emission

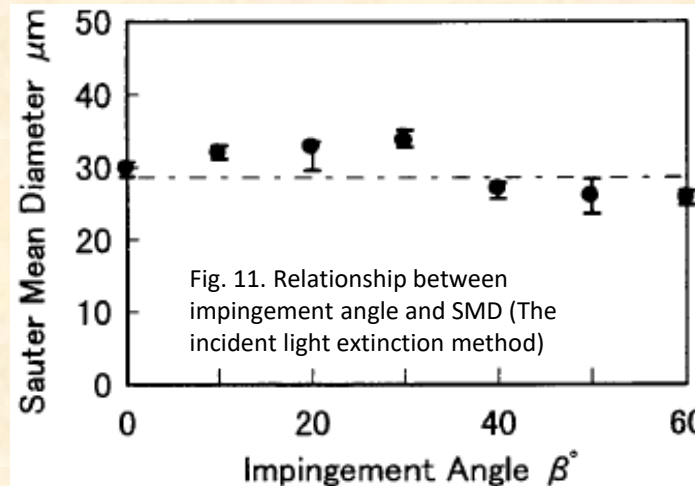


Fig. 11. Relationship between impingement angle and SMD (The incident light extinction method)

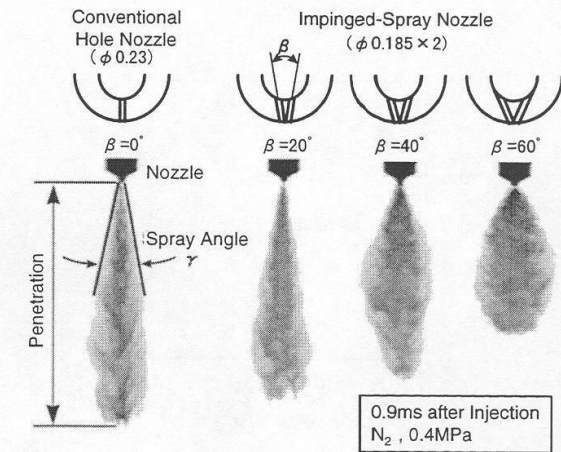


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ABSTRACT

A premixed compression-ignited (PCI) combustion system, which realizes lean combustion with high efficiency and low emissions, was investigated and its effects and problems were ascertained. With PCI combustion, fuel was injected early on the compression stroke and a premixed lean mixture was formed over a long mixing period. The test engine was operated with self-ignition of this premixed lean mixture. From the results of combustion observation and numerical simulation, a need to prevent the fuel spray from adhering to the cylinder liner and combustion-chamber wall was identified. Consequently, an impinged-spray nozzle with low penetration was made and tested. As a result, an extremely low nitrogen-oxide (NOx) emission level was realized but fuel efficiency was detracted slightly. Also, the engine operating range possible with PCI combustion was found to be limited to partial-load conditions and PCI combustion was found to cause an increase in hydrocarbon (HC) emission. Since it offers ideal combustion characteristics with a high degree of constant volume of heat release, however, PCI combustion potentially represents a more efficient, cleaner combustion (ultra-low NOx and low smoke) than those of conventional diesel engines.

Premixed compression-ignition (PCI)

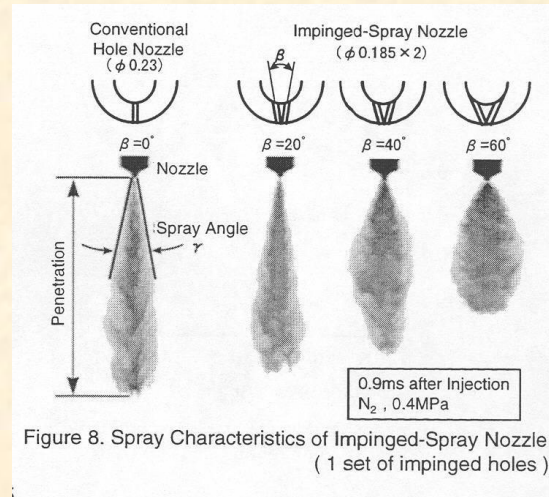


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With regard to PCI combustion with early direct injection, combustion observation and numerical simulation were performed, improvements in spray characteristics were achieved, and tests were performed with a view to reducing fuel consumption, expanding the operating range, and reducing HC emission. The study yielded the following conclusions:

- (1) When early direct injection is performed with a conventional hole nozzle, the spray's penetration is significant and fuel adheres to the combustion-chamber wall. NOx emission is reduced, but fuel consumption and HC emission increase. Thus, a spray with low penetration and wide dispersion is required.
- (2) PCI combustion is a form of lean combustion that is not accompanied with a luminous flame, and it takes place throughout the combustion chamber.
- (3) An impinged-spray nozzle realizes the low-penetration, high-dispersion, and high injection rate required with early direct injection, and it produces a spray that is suitable for PCI combustion.
- (4) Compared with PCI combustion using a hole nozzle, PCI combustion using an impinged-spray nozzle

offers significant reductions in fuel consumption and smoke emission, and it realizes combustion with ultra-low NOx and low smoke emissions. However, fuel consumption is slightly higher than that of conventional diesel combustion.

- (5) Supercharging enables expansion of the operating range with PCI combustion possible.
- (6) An oxidation catalyst can be used to reduce HC emission comparable with that of conventional diesel combustion. With low operating load, however, the effect of an oxidation catalyst is insufficient and another means of HC reduction is necessary.

Although PCI combustion realizes ultra-low NOx emission and low smoke emission, it is slightly inferior to conventional combustion in terms of fuel consumption. Provided some reliable means of controlling ignition is found and optimizing the compression ratio is carried out in terms of fuel consumption, the PCI combustion system potentially represents a new combustion system that is both clean and highly efficient.

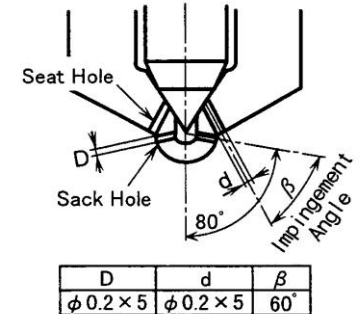


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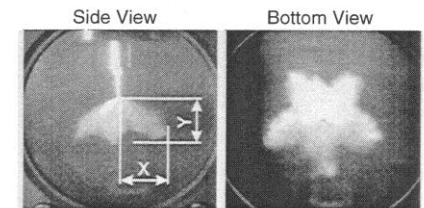


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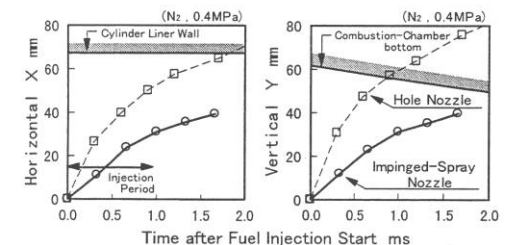


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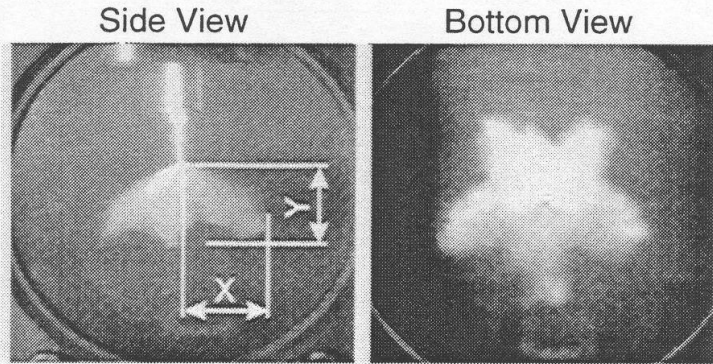


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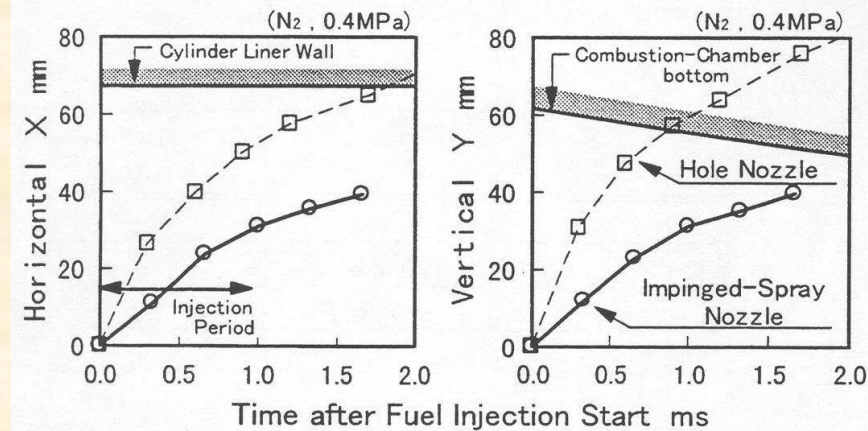


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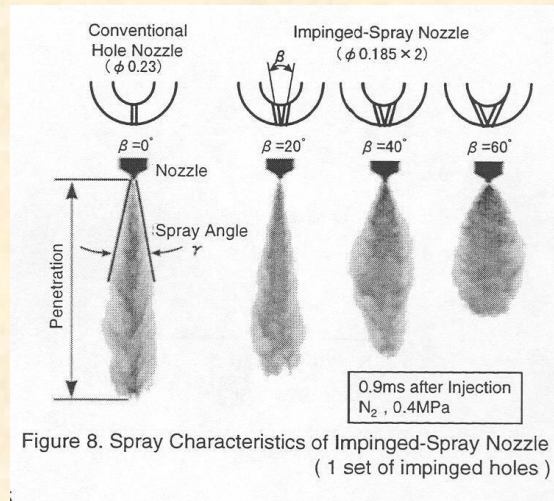


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- (5) Supercharging enables expansion of the operating range with PCI combustion possible.
- (6) An oxidation catalyst can be used to reduce HC emission comparable with that of conventional diesel combustion. With low operating load, however, the effect of an oxidation catalyst is insufficient and another means of HC reduction is necessary.

Although PCI combustion realizes ultra-low NOx emission and low smoke emission, it is slightly inferior to conventional combustion in terms of fuel consumption. Provided some reliable means of controlling ignition is found and optimizing the compression ratio is carried out in terms of fuel consumption, the PCI combustion system potentially represents a new combustion system that is both clean and highly efficient.

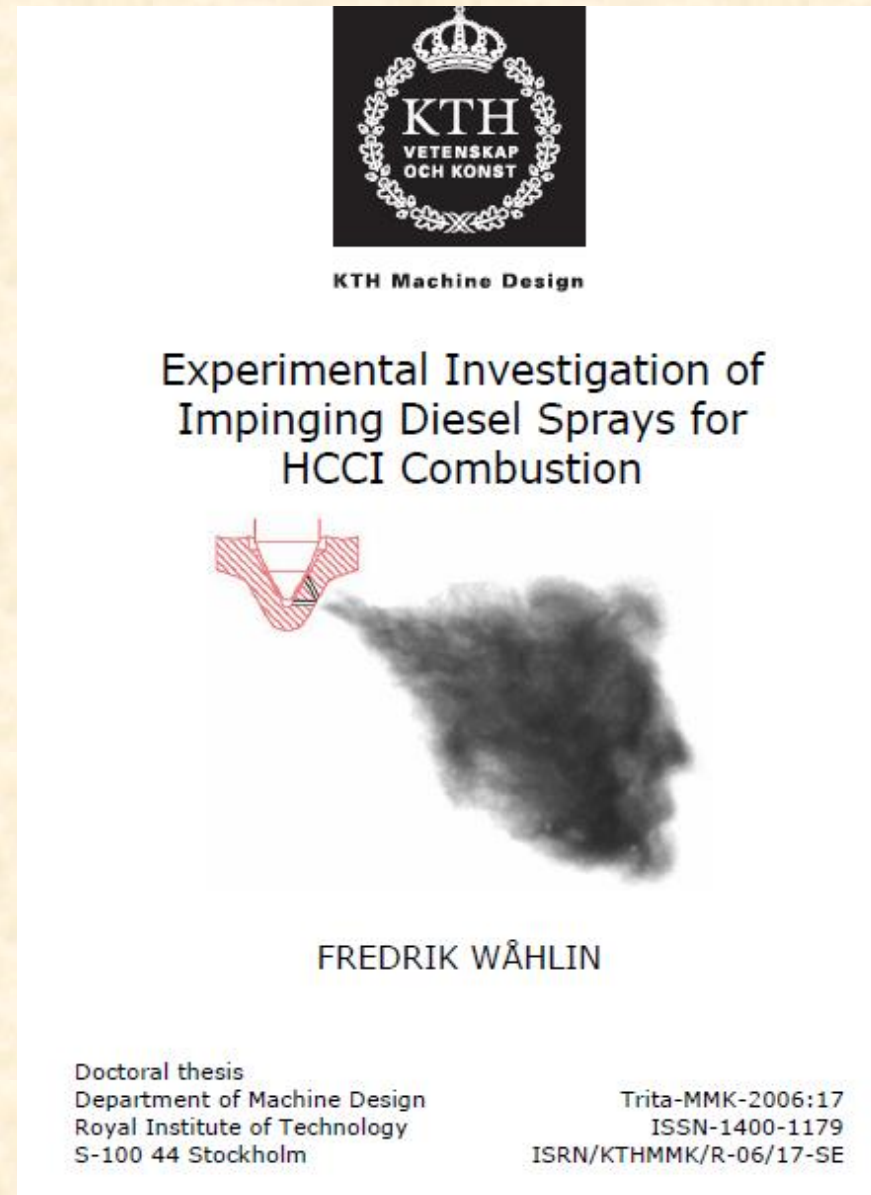
INTERACTING-SPRAYS INJECTION SYSTEM: Work by Others

Research work reported by others following the research conducted by Chehroudi et al.
Chehroudi's work predates all such applications in diesel engines

- Sponsored by SCANIA
- Used interacting or impinging sprays
- Early injection for HCCI
- Published in 2007

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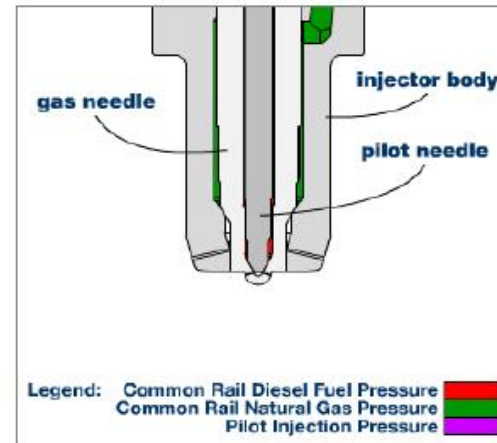


Extension of the Interacting-Sprays Injection Concept

Diesel-Fuel-Piloted Natural Gas Injector (Westport)

High Pressure Direct Injection

- Common-rail style injector
- Directly replaces diesel injector
- Capable of independently injecting diesel and gas at up to 30 MPa injection pressure
- Diesel used as an ignition source, actuation fluid, lubricant, and coolant



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Dr. Chehroudi met Prof. Phillip Hill at the 1996 SAE Future Transportation Technology Conference & Exposition, Powerplants of the Future-SP-1187, held in Vancouver, B. C., Canada, where his Interacting-Sprays injection was presented.

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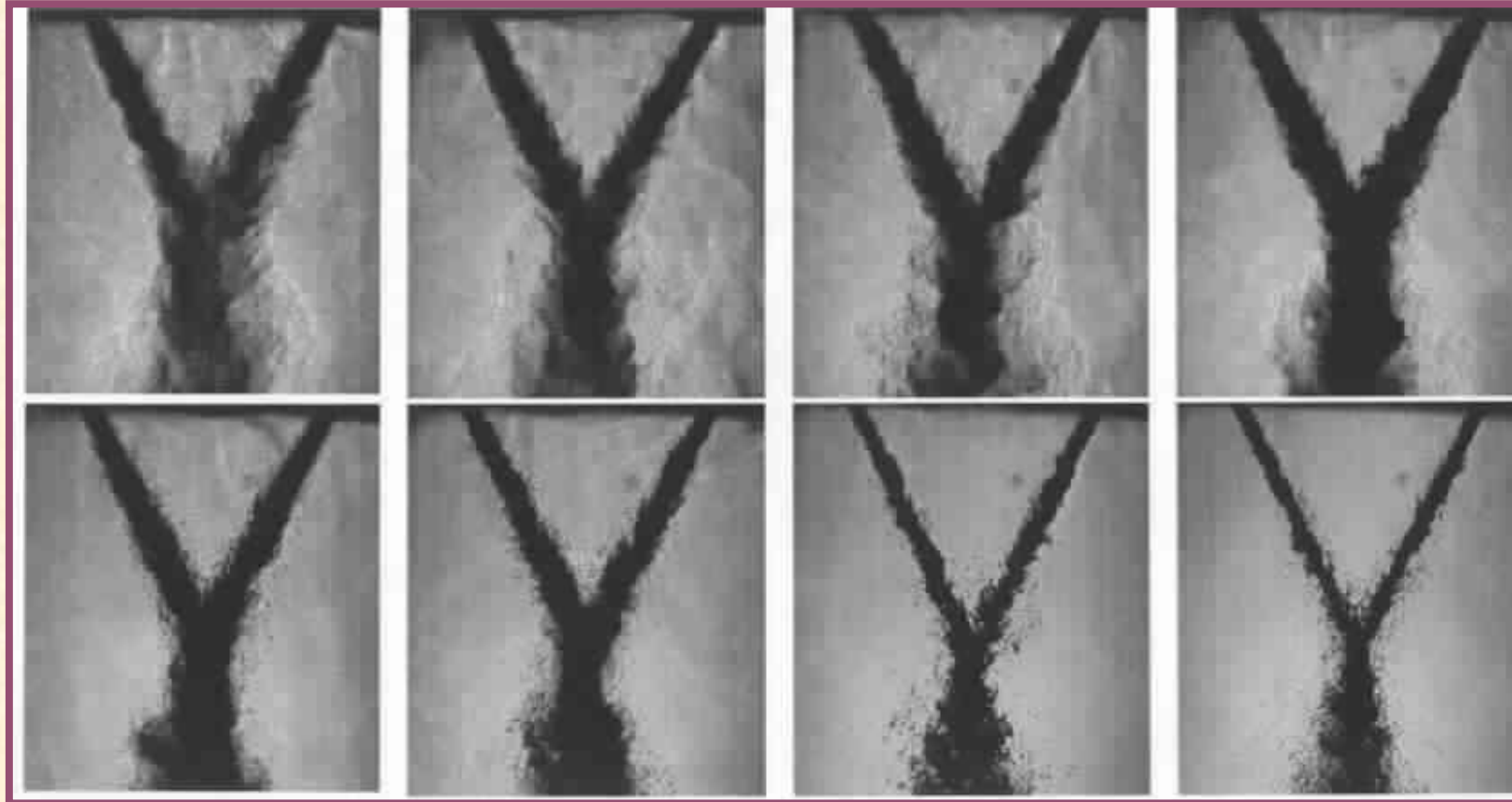
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