

Diagnostics and Simulation of Sprays for Automotive Applications

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Sprays Integral to DI Engine Technology Evolution



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PFI



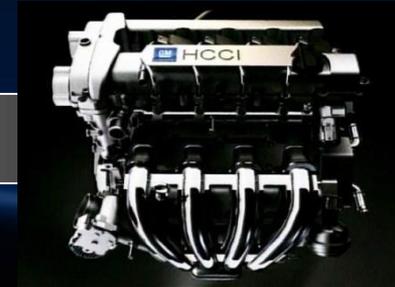
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VVT DI



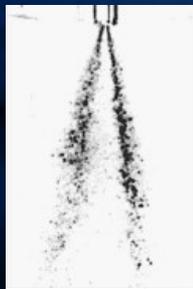
Ecotec 2.0L
I-4 VVT DI
SIDI GDI Turbo



1.4L I-4 VVT
Turbo



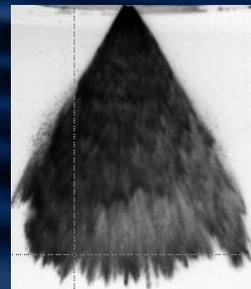
Advanced Engine
Concepts



PFI



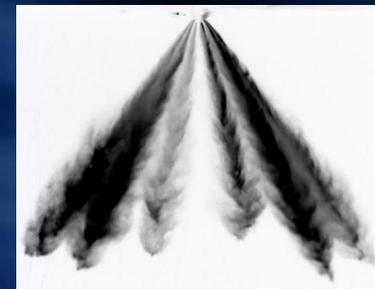
Swirl



Fan



Piezo



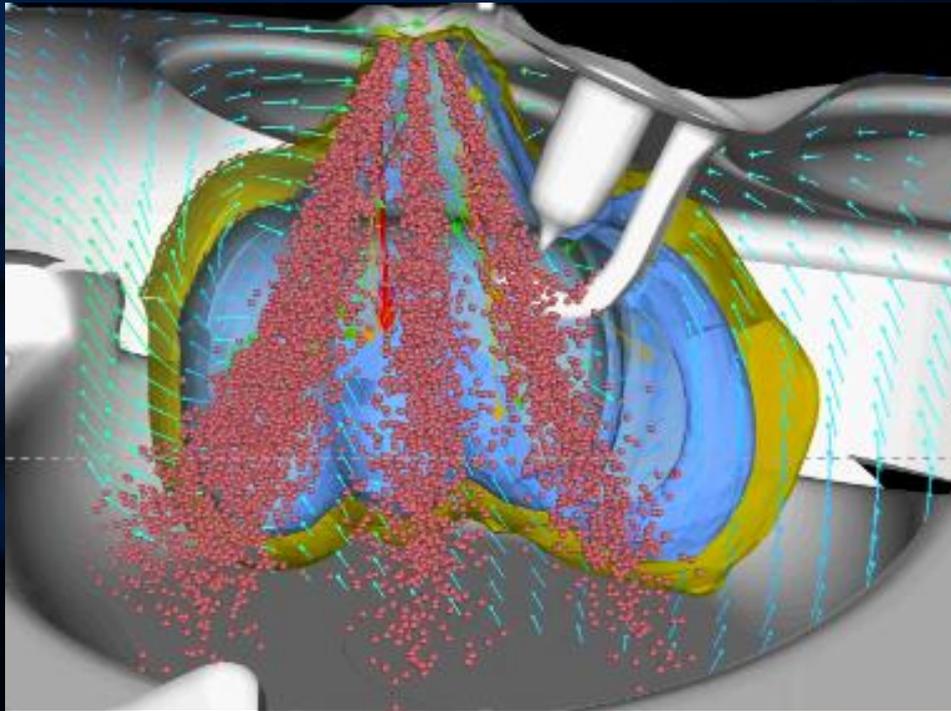
Multi-hole

Pathway to advanced combustion strategies

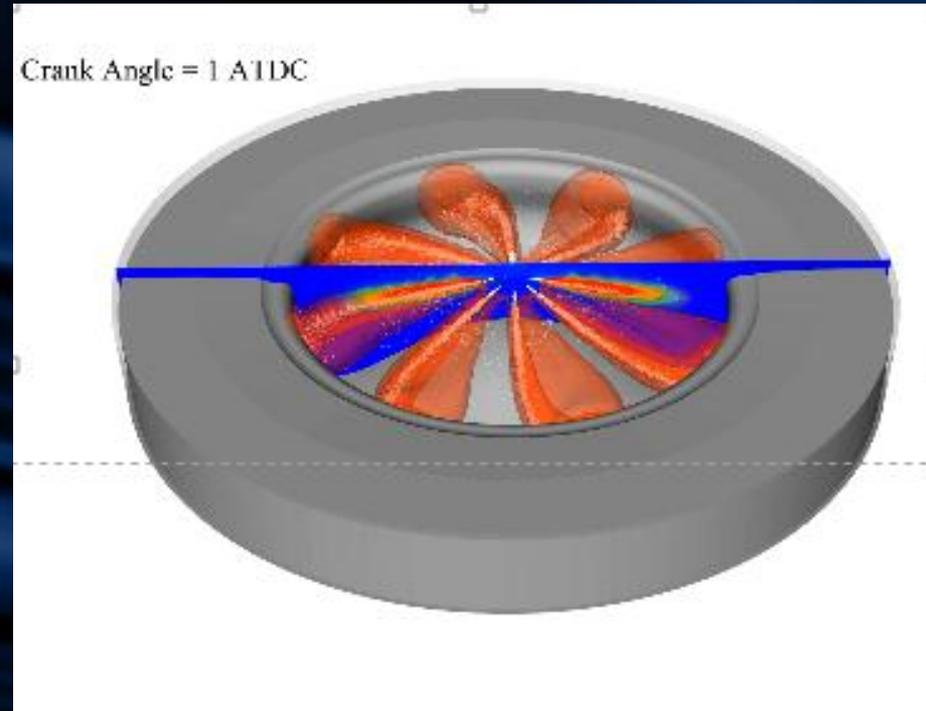
1. High resolution experiments (i.e., optical diagnostics)
2. Validated high-fidelity computational models (i.e., CFD)
3. In-depth understanding of complex physics → engine design

DI Engine Combustion Strategies

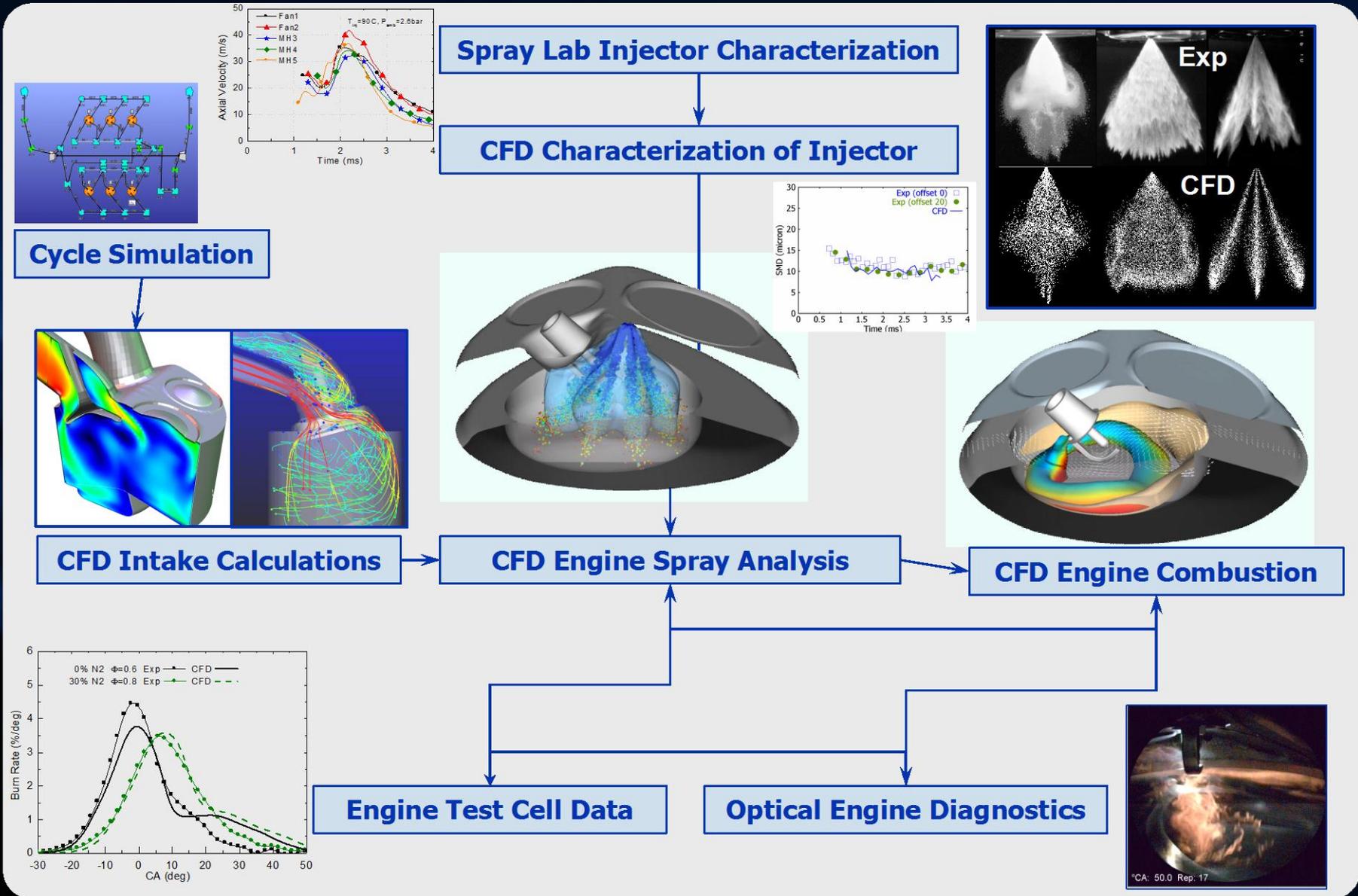
Gasoline Spray-Guided Combustion



Diesel Combustion



Integrated Advanced Engine Development



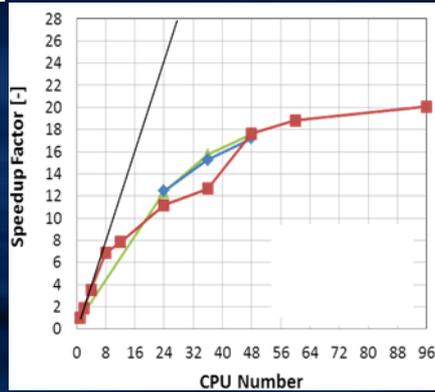
Smyth, et al., FISITA, 2006

Advancements in HPC for IC Engine Development

Restricted to large number of simultaneous simulations on LCF Platforms

Desired pathway for enhanced solver scalability to enable high-fidelity simulations with acceptable turnaround time

Sub-model development



- Single Cycle RANS
- Empirical spray and combustion
- Reduced chemistry
- Extensive trial and error

- Multi-cycle LES, cyclic variability
- Resolution of dense spray region
- Large kinetic mechanisms
- Fast flow & chemistry solvers
- Mesh independence
- Optimization

1-2 day turnaround (future roadmap)

Desired Roadmap

Present status



1cpu

~10's cpus

~100's cpus

LCF

Solver Scalability

Significant opportunity for HPC to lead the advancement in predictive IC engine simulations

Spray Physical Processes

Int. Nozzle Flow

1. Injection:

T_{fuel} , P_{inj} , turbulence (L/D)
Sac & after-injection

2. Primary & secondary atomization:
drop-size distribution

4. Turbulence
interaction &
mixing

5. Drop vaporization
Local saturation
Drag (liquid/gas)

3. Drop collision &
coalescence

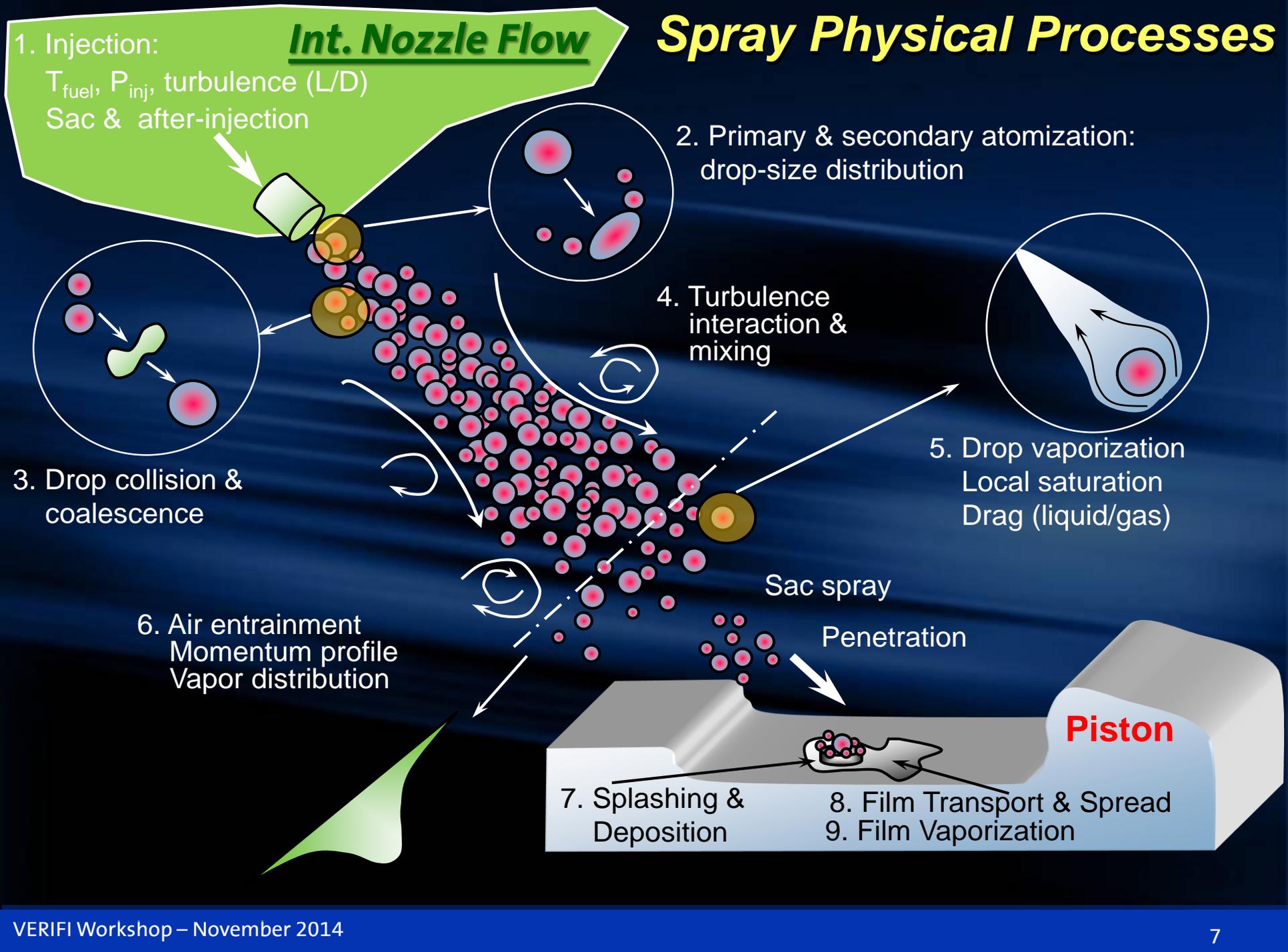
6. Air entrainment
Momentum profile
Vapor distribution

Sac spray
Penetration

7. Splashing &
Deposition

8. Film Transport & Spread
9. Film Vaporization

Piston



Transient Needle Motion with Cavitation

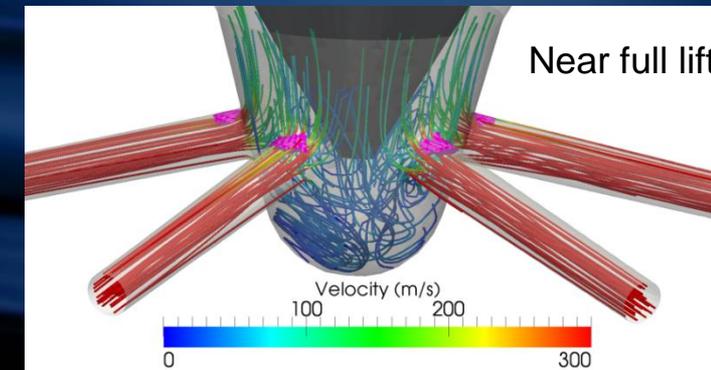
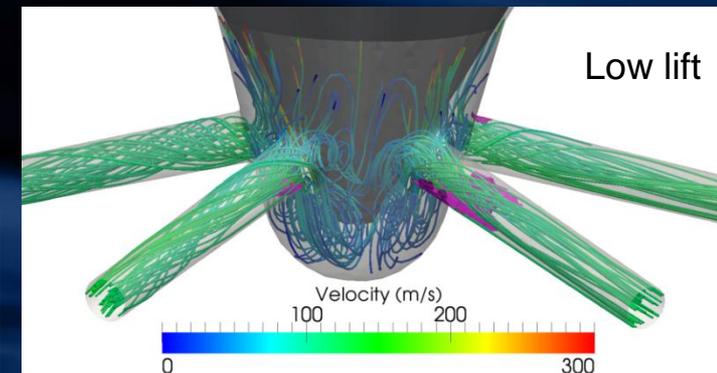
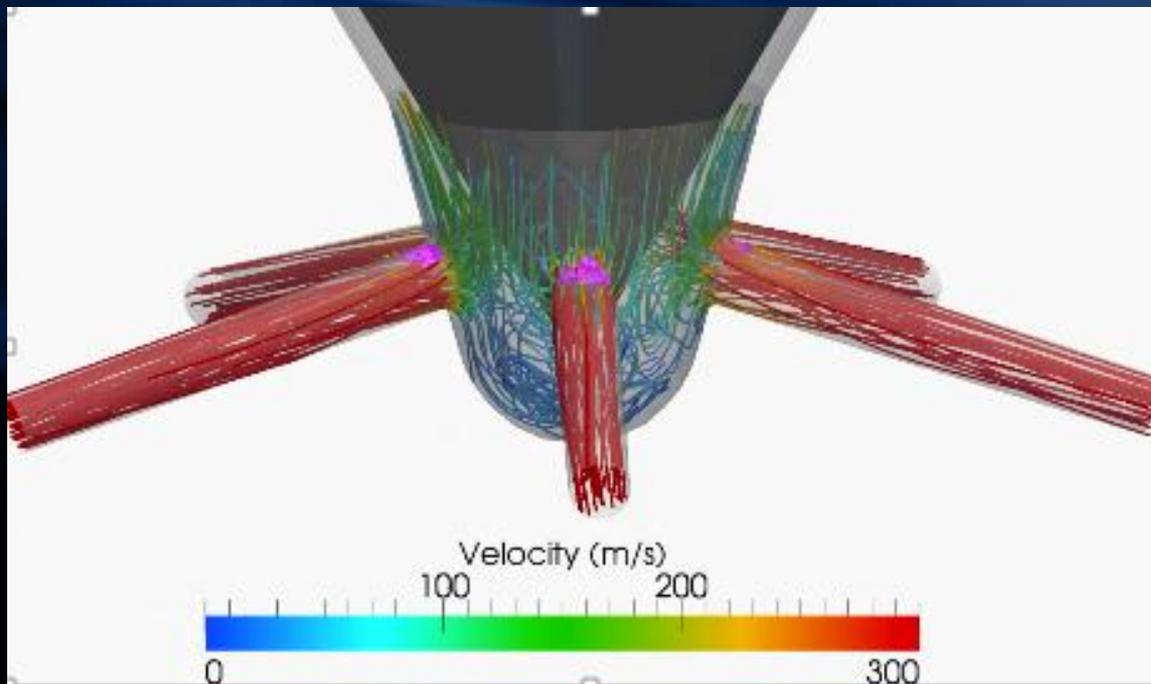
Lower lifts

- Swirling flow in nozzle affected by flow in sac
- Transient and asymmetric vapor formation

Higher lifts

- Nozzle flow is more ordered with symmetric vapor formation

P_{inj} (bar)	P_{bck} (bar)	Pulse width (ms)
782	20	1

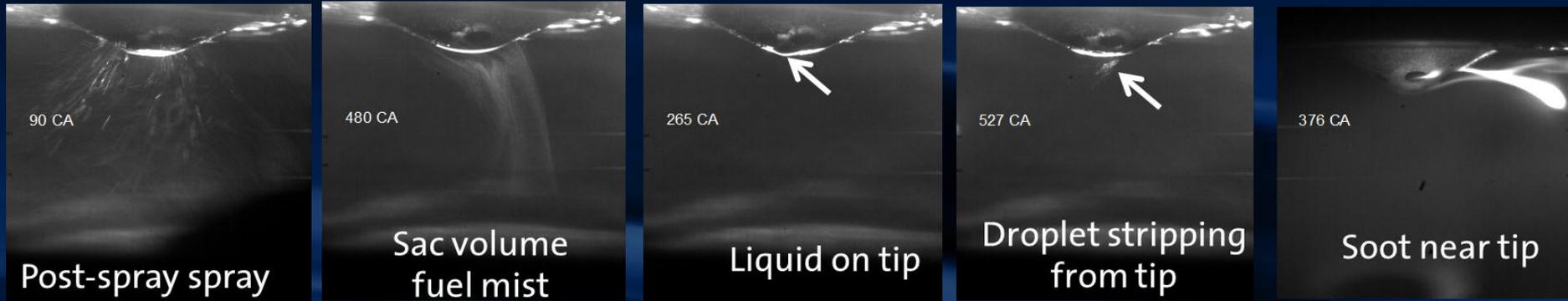


Pink sections near nozzle entrance show vapor

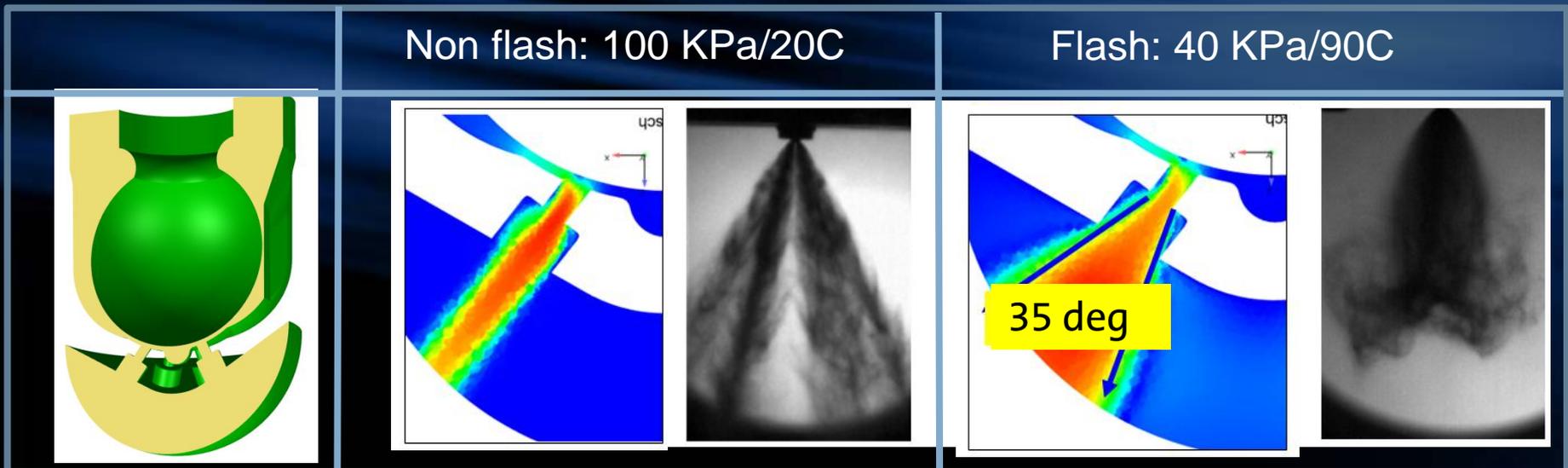
Neroorkar, et al., ILASS, 2012

Influence of Nozzle Internal on the External Spray

1. Injector Tip Wetting Mechanisms



2. Spray Collapse under Flash-Boiling Conditions



Peterson, et al., Baden-Baden, 2014

Spray Physical Processes

1. Injection:

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Sac & after-injection

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Dense Spray

4. Turbulence interaction & mixing

5. Drop vaporization Local saturation Drag (liquid/gas)

3. Drop collision & coalescence

6. Air entrainment Momentum profile Vapor distribution

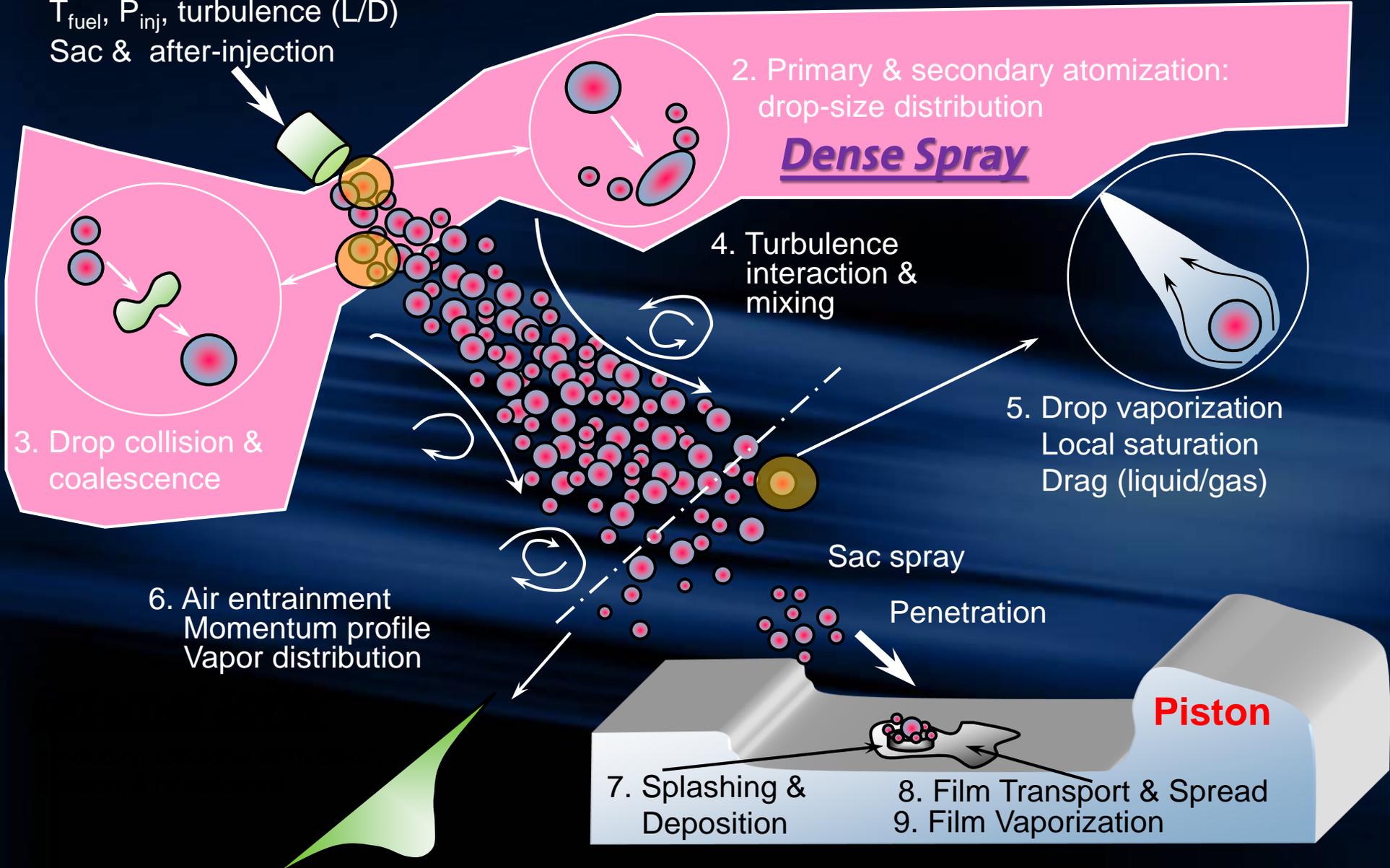
Sac spray

Penetration

Piston

7. Splashing & Deposition

8. Film Transport & Spread 9. Film Vaporization



Measured vs Simulated Sprays

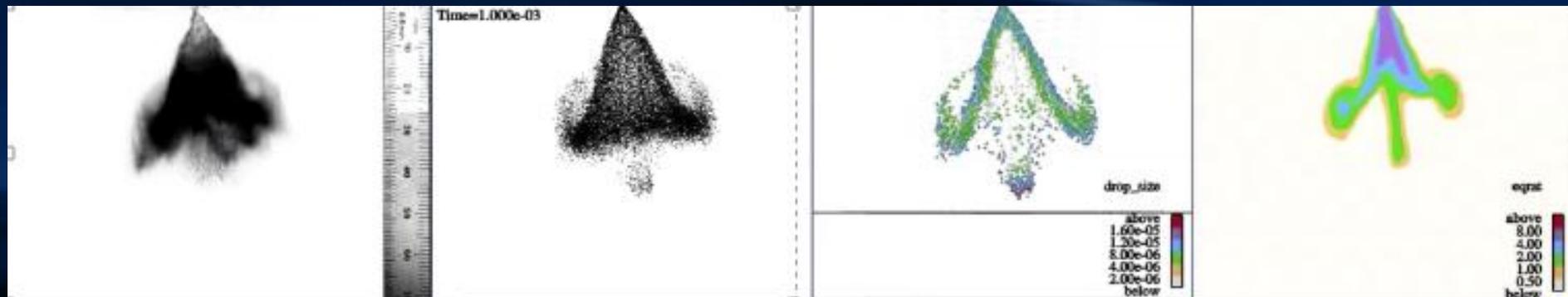
Typical spray behavior

Measured drops

Calculated drops

Calc drop size

Calc equivalence ratio



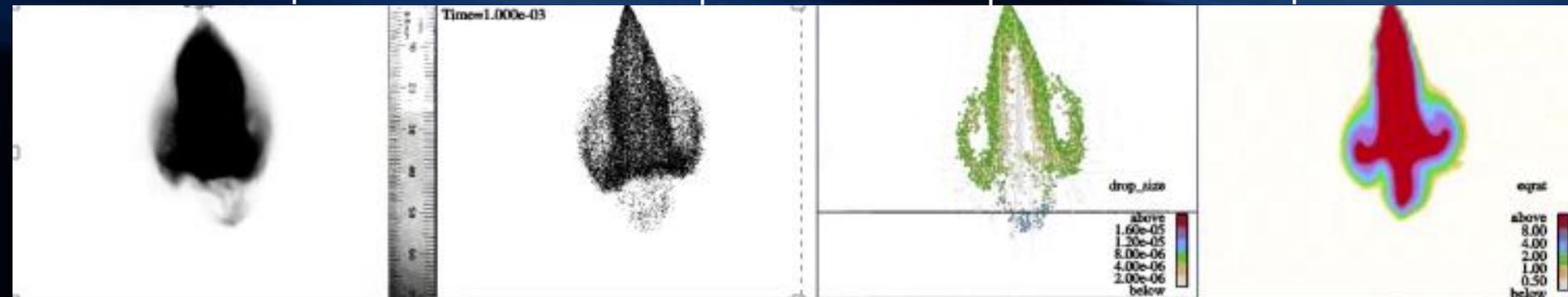
Flash boiling spray behavior

Measured drops

Calculated drops

Calc drop size

Calc equivalence ratio



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External Spray

* Including additional atomization,
collision, & coalescence

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Deposition

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Piston

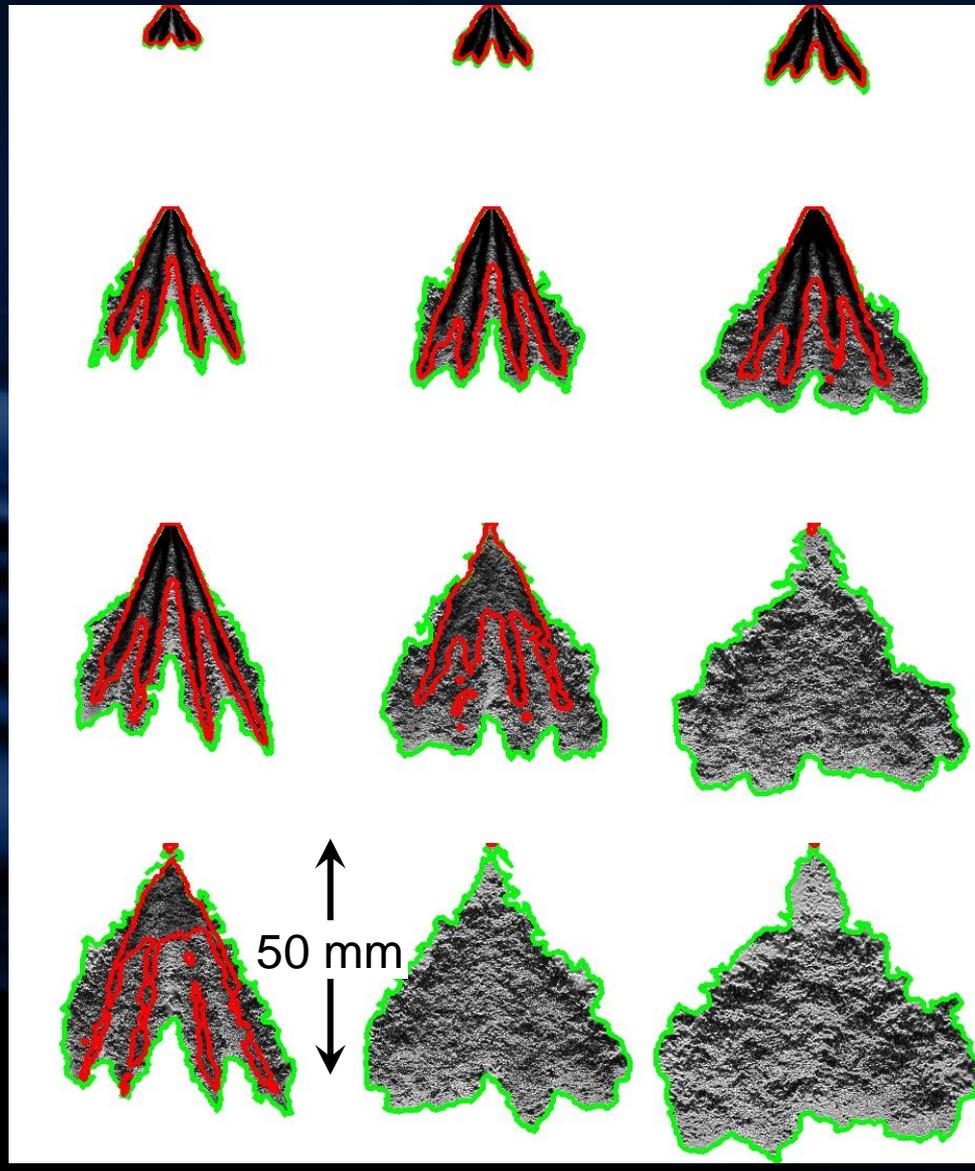
Near Simultaneous Liquid and Vapor Phase Overlays – Mie Scattering / Schlieren Imaging

$P_{inj}=20\text{ MPa}$



Red – liquid phase
Green – liquid & vapor phases

- Operating Conditions
- Indolene (multi-component gasoline)
 - Injected mass: 10 mg
 - Fuel pressures: 5, 10, 20 MPa
 - Fuel temperature: 90° C
 - Ambient pressure: 500 kPa
 - Ambient temperature: 800° K



0.5 ms

1.0 ms

1.5 ms

2.0 ms

5 MPa

10 MPa

20 MPa

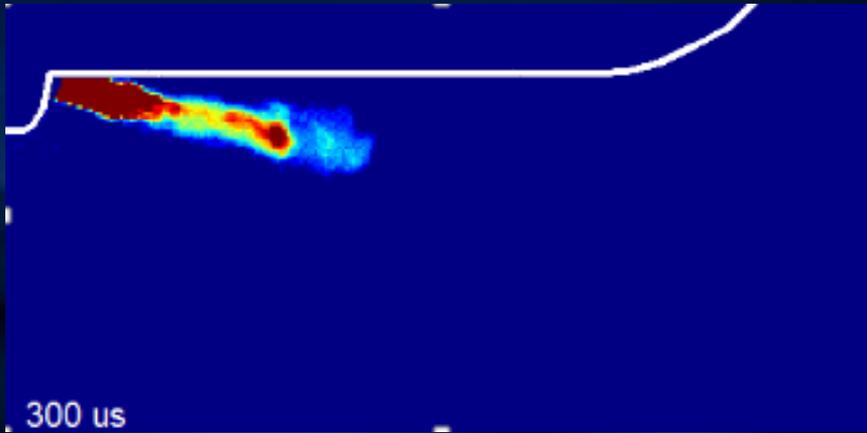
Parrish, Int. Conf. on Eng. & Veh., 2013

High-Speed Mie Scattering & LIF

Inj. mass: 3.5 mg, Fuel press: 1500 bar, Fuel temp: 90° C, Ambient press: 60 bar, Ambient temp: 900° K

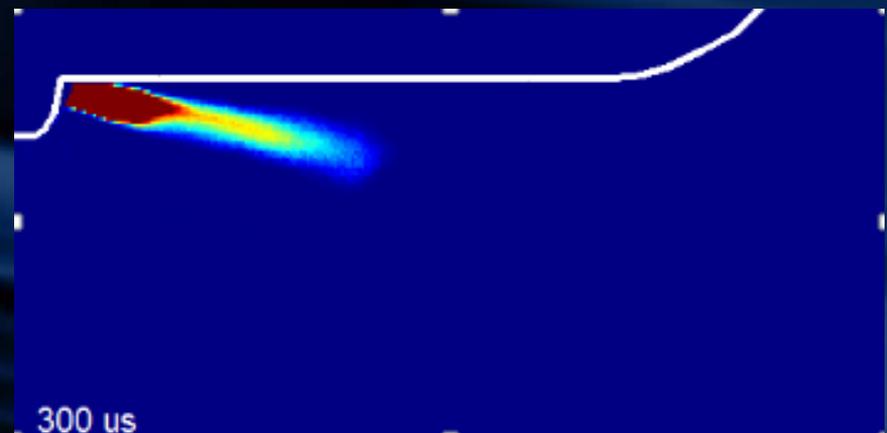
Individual Cycles

Mie Scattering (liquid only)

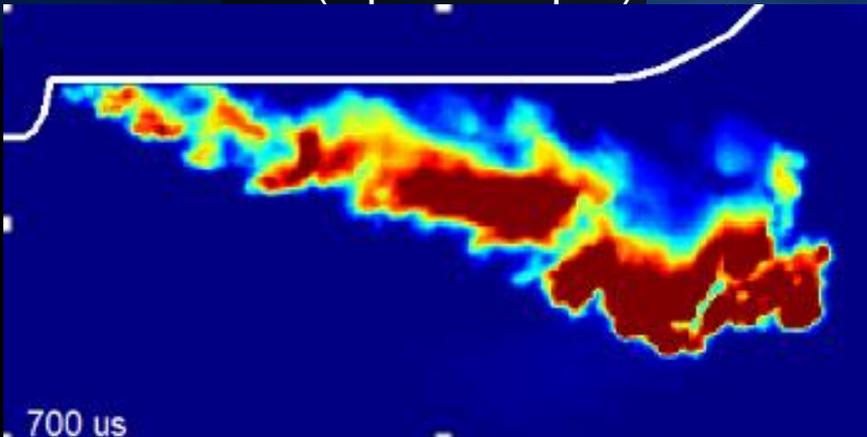


25 cycle Average

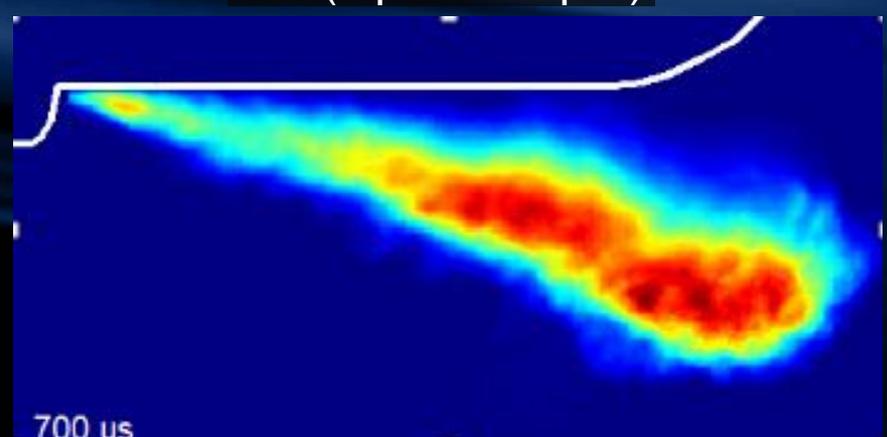
Mie Scattering (liquid only)

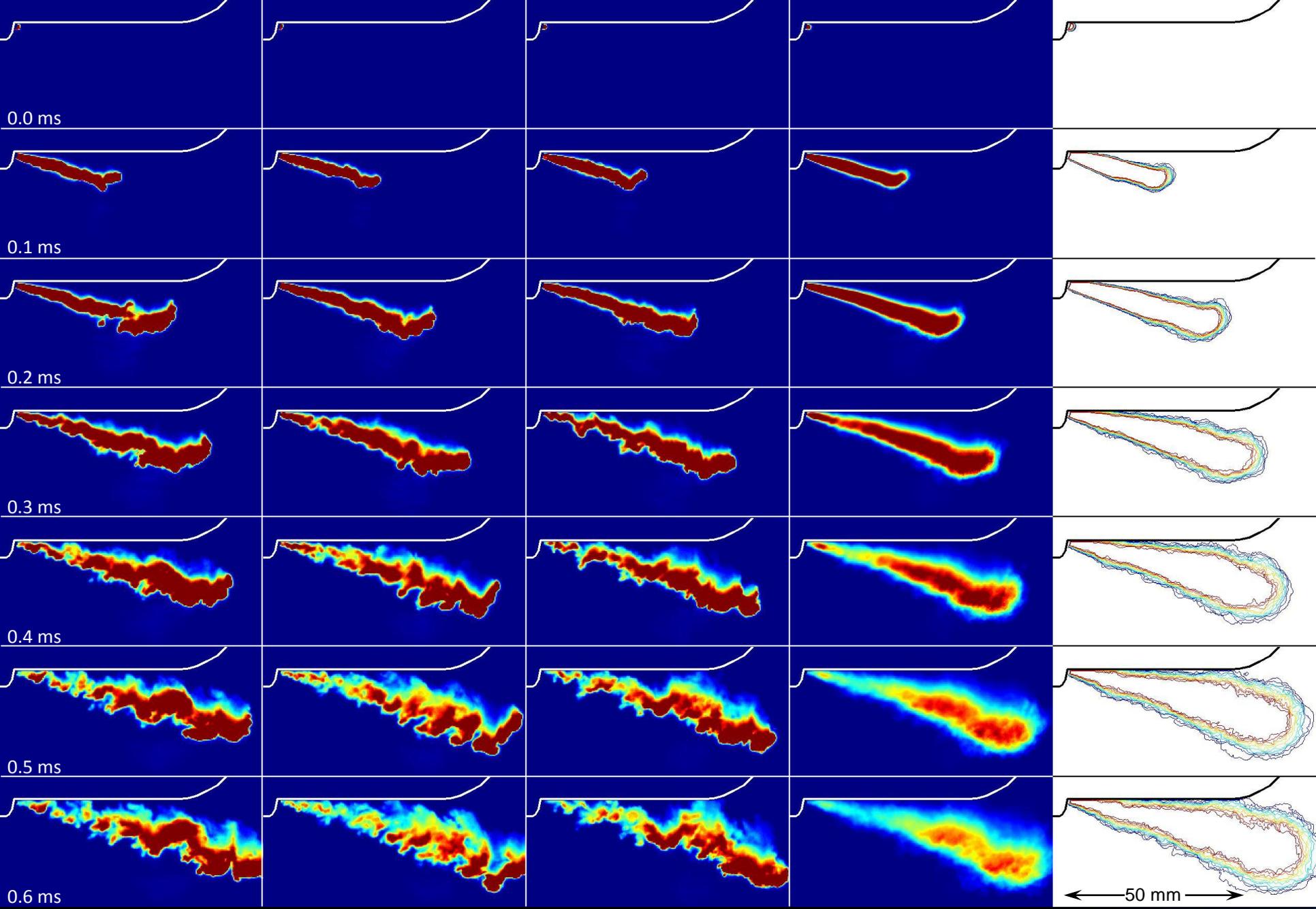


LIF (liquid & vapor)



LIF (liquid & vapor)





Injection Event 1

Injection Event 2

Injection Event 3

Average (25)

Probability Envelope

Power of Validated Modeling Toolsets

Design Direction

Upfront design & screening of options
Evidence to support hardware & calibration changes in the engine

Physical Insight

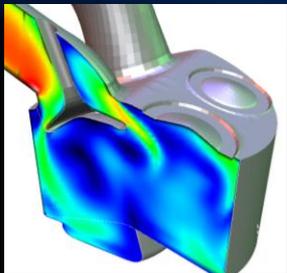
In-depth insight of in-cylinder mixture preparation and combustion drivers
(also jointly with experimental testing)

“Out-of-the-Box” Ideas

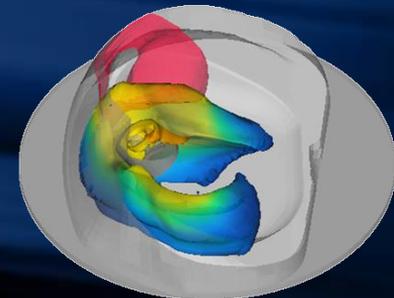
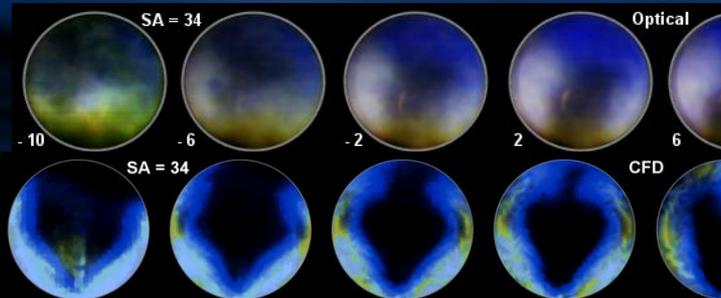
Suggest hardware/calibration options outside of the current matrix that could significantly improve the product

Correlations

Identify CFD “indicators” that provide a relationship between key measured and computed quantities



GM 3.6L
V-6 VVT DI





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