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Effect of 4500bar injection pressure and super-critical phase change of surrogate and real-world fuels enriched with additives and powering Diesel engines on soot emissions reduction

Results

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Deliverables

Documents, reports (34)

[Property measurements for fuels enriched with additives](#)

The apparatus will be utilised for measuring 9 combinations of fuels: for each of the three base fuels, the effect of three additives (detergents, soot reducers and ignition improvers) on properties will be quantified.

[DNS methodology for atomisation at supercritical conditions](#)

Implementation of the SAFT EoS to interface tracking codes will be performed, in an effort to estimate the effect of supercritical conditions on near-nozzle atomisation. To account for the discontinuous nature of the phase interface, a one fluid approach will be followed, making property calculation a function of the liquid volume fraction. Dynamic grid refinement and advanced algorithms suppressing numerical diffusion of the gas/vapour-liquid interface will be employed. The computational model will address the issue of whether the fuel enters a supercritical state that allows it to readily mix with noncondensable gases (N₂ + O₂) or whether the fuel droplet has to vaporize before mixing as P-T conditions rapidly change.

[Property measurements for non-additised fuels](#)

Develop and commission a test rig for measuring fuel properties up to 3,000 bar and fuel's critical point; initially measurements of a surrogate, summer Diesel and low-quality Diesel will be measured.

[Predictions with the above model in Diesel engines](#)

Additional electronic structure calculations using VASP will allow surface thermo-kinetics on graphene layers to be considered. The detailed heterogeneous soot kinetic mechanism that will be developed for high temperature environments will include a wide variety of adsorbed species. The soot oxidation mechanisms in O₂, O and OH will be unraveled to derive a closure of filtered source terms for oxidation in the sectional model. The developed model will be applied to cases of industrial interest, demonstrating the effects of selected fuel additives on soot.

[EoS of additised fuels](#)

Similar EoS model will be developed for the fuels enriched with additives. These models will also address the issue of whether the fuel droplets enter a supercritical state that allows them to readily mix with non-condensable gases ($N_2 + O_2$) or whether the fuel droplet has to vaporize before mixing as P-T conditions rapidly change.

[Cavitation visualisation in true-scale optical Diesel injectors](#)

High speed imaging of cavitation inside transparent nozzle tips will be performed safely at pressures up to 2,000bar, although higher ones will be tested. The clean tips will be manufactured from sapphire for withstanding high pressures while 3-D printing will be utilised for manufacturing enlarged nozzle replicas that will match geometries of aged injectors (both from field tests and from accelerated nozzle coking tests).

[Heterogeneous soot oxidation kinetic mechanism](#)

Molecular dynamics simulations using the ReaxFF code will be used to generate a database of soot structures from the combustion of different surrogate fuels under different thermochemical conditions. With respect to existing macroscopic pore modeling approach, this approach will allow to capture the interplay between boundary layer and surface chemistry inside the particle with mass transport, while capturing finely the structural changes of soot nanostructure and the interplay between neighboring pores during oxidation.

[Nozzle flow for aged injectors exhibiting internal deposits](#)

Predictions for the aged nozzles will then determine the differences in fuel delivery, injection temperature and vapour concentration for the aged injectors.

[Soot measurements in metallic engines](#)

The effect of high pressure injection, fuel properties and additive concentration will be tested in real engines. Tests will include surrogate fuels, summer Diesel and low-quality Diesel enriched with the additives under investigation.

[Demonstration of technique in high pressure burner and optical engines](#)

The developed techniques will be applied to liquid sprays in high pressure burner and optical engines in co-operation with ESR8 and ESR10.

[Numerical predictions of soot emissions from engines](#)

Subsequently, the CFD models to be developed as part of the work performed in WP2 and WP4 will be utilised to simulate the measured trends. The experimental data of ESRs 9, 10 and 11 will be used for validation of the combustion/emission simulations of ESR15.

[Supercritical spray characterisation of non-additised fuels](#)

Parallel to the near-nozzle studies, imaging and LIEF will characterise the macroscopic development and mixing under supercritical conditions for clean and aged injectors and for pressures up to 4,500bar; initially measurements will be performed for the three base fuels.

[EoS of non-additised fuels](#)

Based on the fuel property measurements, a SAFT-based EoS approach will be developed for predicting fuel thermodynamic and transport properties that occur in high pressure FIE for Diesel engines. Properties will include internal energy, heat capacity, viscosity, density, thermal conductivity, surface tension and enthalpy of vaporisation of a surrogate fuel, summer Diesel and low quality Diesel.

[Soot measurements in optical engines for various fuels/injectors](#)

The developed soot measurements will be obtained in optical Diesel engines fuelled with the three reference fuels and the selected additives both for clean and aged injectors.

[Nozzle flow simulations for clean injectors](#)

SAFT EoS for the three base fuels and the additive combinations will be implemented in the CFD code of CITY in order to determine friction-induced heating, cavitation and boiling effects occurring during realistic injection events. The initial task will be validation against the experimental data of ESR2 for clean injectors.

[DNS studies for surfactant activity](#)

Identification of physically sound constituent laws (surfactant-surface-tension relation) for realistic fuel compositions and additives and formulation of numerical models for surfactant transport at the vapor-liquid interface, numerical validation for simple gas-bubbles in liquid, followed by formulation of surface tension models with a generalized-Riemann-solver framework for conservative interface-interaction models, and validation for single-bubble growth and collapse configurations.

[Journal publications](#)

[Conference publications](#)

[Supercritical spray development under engine driving conditions](#)

Predictions will be performed utilising real-world operating conditions in realistic Diesel engine geometries.

[Supercritical atomisation visualisation for pilot injection events](#)

High energy X-rays at ANL will characterise initially the liquid/vapour distribution inside the nozzle's sac volume for different fuels/additives both for clean and aged injectors with deposits. High speed imaging in CVC will then characterise the liquid atomisation near the nozzle exit for pilot injection events, aiming to link the amorphous ligaments formed at the nozzle exit with the nozzle geometry/flow.

[Supercritical atomisation visualisation for main injection events](#)

Near-nozzle atomisation will be then characterised with high magnification/speed imaging for main injection events under supercritical conditions. Injection pressures as high as 4,500bar will be tested.

[Supercritical spray development in idealised configurations](#)

The developed models of ESR7 and ESR12 will be utilised in the framework of a commercial CFD software for estimating the effect of nozzle geometry (being function of injector aging and operating conditions) on spray formation under supercritical conditions initially in a CVC environment.

[Simulation of soot emissions from Diesel engines/environmental assessm](#)

As a follow-up, the heterogeneous soot mechanism of ESR14 will be utilised for predictions of soot under real-world driving scenario, allowing an environmental assessment of the integrated activities of the programme. Model validation will be performed against the measurements of ESR9, 10 and 11.

[LES methodology coupled in-nozzle flow and spray formation](#)

The SGS models of ESR5 and ESR6 will be implemented into the developed code for estimating fuel atomisation under 4,500 injection pressure and SCF conditions.

[SGS model for the effect of fuels/additive on atomisation](#)

The developed model will be used to compare the effect of fuel and additive properties on the atomisation process.

[Development of soot measurement technique in high pressure](#)

Soot diagnostics (such as extinction, laser-induced incandescence (LII) and elastic light scattering) for high pressure and optically dense environments will be co-developed with ESR8. Measurements will be initially performed in simplified flame configurations. These data will assist ESR14 in the development of the relevant simulation model.

[Simulation of integrated technologies on combustion](#)

The model of ESR13 will be further extended under the framework of a commercial CFD to account initially the effects of fuels and additives on combustion in Diesel engines.

[mCT measurements in transparent nozzle replicas](#)

mCT will be performed in all transparent tips for quantifying the cavitation volume fraction as function of nozzle geometry and fuel composition.

[CGS model for the effect of fuels/additives on primary atomisation](#)

Direct numerical simulations with adaptive multi-resolution scheme and scale-separation approach for the interface (identification of under-resolved interface structures) of collapsing single bubbles and bubble clouds for different configurations: away from free surfaces and near free surfaces. The developed surface tension SGS closure model will be communicated to ESR6 working on LES.

[Supercritical spray characterisation of additised fuels](#)

Similar measurements will be performed for additised fuels.

[Soot formation in vapour fuel burners](#)

A Diesel fuel vaporiser and burner will be initially designed, allowing for quantification of 'soot reducer' additives to be quantified independently, as atomisation, phase-change and mixing processes will be bypassed. Soot measurements will be performed using LII, wide-angle light scattering, SMPS and TEM.

[Implementation of real fluid EoS into IFPEN code](#)

sub-critical atomisation, will be extended on the basis of the SAFT EoS for the liquid phase and real-gas EoS for the air/vapour phases to multi-component fuels with/without additives at supercritical conditions.

[Measurements for late-cycle soot oxidation in optical engines](#)

Further tests will examine the spray behaviour and cycle-to-cycle variation inside the cylinder of an optical light-duty engine, focusing on formation and late-cycle oxidation of soot.

[Blackbody emission imaging and LII for spray combustion](#)

Following, high speed-video blackbody emission imaging and LII will be developed and utilised for quantifying soot in liquid spray flames in cooperation with ESR9, utilising fuels enriched with the same additives.

Other (4)

[Supervisory Board of the Network](#)

[Mid-term review meeting](#)

[Progress report](#) 

[Draft Periodic Report](#) 

Websites, patent fillings, videos etc. (1)

[Project website](#) 

Project website is created and up and running.

Publications

Conference proceedings (11)

[The liquid penetration of diesel substitutes](#) 

Author(s): Lukas Weiss, Sebastian Riess, Javad Rezaei, Andreas Peter, Michael Wensing

Published in: Proceedings ILASS–Europe 2017. 28th Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2017, ISBN 9788-490485804

Publisher: Universitat Politècnica València

DOI: 10.4995/ILASS2017.2017.4764

Towards a multicomponent real-fluid fully compressible two-phase flow model

Author(s): Songzhi Yang, Chaouki Habchi, Yi Ping, Rafael Lugo

Published in: Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2018

Publisher: University of Illinois at Chicago

Investigation of Phase Change Mechanisms of n-Alkanes Injected in sub-and Supercritical Conditions

Author(s): Javad Rezaei, Sebastian Reis, Andreas Peter, Michael Wensing

Published in: Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2018

Publisher: University of Illinois at Chicago

Effect of realistic multicomponent diesel surrogates on predicted in-nozzle flow and cavitation

Author(s): Vidal Roncero A., Gavaises M., Koukouvini P., Rodriguez C.

Published in: Proceedings of the 14th International Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2018

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Author(s): Vidal Roncero A. , Koukouvini F., Gavaises, M.

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Simulation of transcritical Diesel jets using the PC-SAFT EoS

Author(s): Rodriguez C., Vidal A., Koukouvini P. and Gavaises M.

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Publisher: University of Illinois at Chicago

CFD simulation of pseudo-diesel injections at high-load conditions employing the PC-SAFT EoS and VLE calculations

Author(s): Rodriguez C., Rokni H. B. Koukouvini P. , Gupta, A. and Gavaise M.

Published in: Proceedings of the 29th European Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2019

Publisher: Sorbonne University

Numerical analysis of droplets subcritical evaporation and transcritical mixing using a tabulated real-fluid thermodynamics method coupled to a homogeneous equilibrium model

Author(s): Yi Ping, Sajad Jafari, Songzhi Yang, Chaouki Habchi

Published in: Proceedings of the 29th European Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2019

Publisher: Sorbonne University

Effect of Diesel injection pressures up to 450MPa on in-nozzle flow using realistic multicomponent surrogates

Author(s): Vidal Roncero A. , Koukouvini P. and Gavaises M.

Published in: Proceedings of the 29th European Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2019

Publisher: Sorbonne University

A multi-component real-fluid two-phase flow solver with high-order finite-difference schemes

Author(s): Jianhang Wang, Songzhi Yang, Chaouki Habchi, Xiangyu Hu, Nikolaus Adams

Published in: Proceedings of the 29th European Conference on Liquid Atomization and Spray Systems, 2019

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[Supercritical and transcritical real-fluid mixing using the PC-SAFT EOS](#)

Author(s): Carlos Rodriguez, Alvaro Vidal, Phoevos Koukouvini, Manolis Gavaises

Published in: Proceedings ILASS–Europe 2017. 28th Conference on Liquid

Peer reviewed articles (16) 

[Air entrainment and mixture distribution in Diesel sprays investigated by optical measurement techniques !\[\]\(71ceb62b681518c82e95d615e7265d66_img.jpg\)](#)

Author(s): Sebastian Riess, Lukas Weiss, Andreas Peter, Javad Rezaei, Michael Wensing

Published in: International Journal of Engine Research, 2017, Page(s) 146808741774252, ISSN 1468-0874

Publisher: Professional Engineering Publishing Ltd.

DOI: 10.1177/1468087417742527

[Purely predictive method for density, compressibility, and expansivity for hydrocarbon mixtures and diesel and jet fuels up to high temperatures and pressures !\[\]\(0ac73c45806a78de248a19d9a2dbe7a6_img.jpg\)](#)

Author(s): Houman B. Rokni, Ashutosh Gupta, Joshua D. Moore, Mark A. McHugh, Babatunde A. Bamgbade, Manolis Gavaises

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[High-Temperature, High-Pressure Viscosities and Densities of n -Hexadecane, 2,2,4,4,6,8,8-Heptamethylnonane, and Squalane Measured Using a Universal Calibration for a Rolling-Ball Viscometer/Densimeter !\[\]\(3b2dcacf48e43c80086616b9c3042b47_img.jpg\)](#)

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DOI: 10.1021/acs.iecr.8b05952


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Publisher: Elsevier BV

DOI: 10.1016/j.fuel.2018.12.043


[Partial characteristic decomposition for multi-species Euler equations](#) 

Author(s): Jian-Hang Wang, Shucheng Pan, Xiangyu Y. Hu, Nikolaus A. Adams

Published in: Computers & Fluids, Issue 181, 2019, Page(s) 364-382, ISSN 0045-7930

Publisher: Pergamon Press Ltd.

DOI: 10.1016/j.compfluid.2019.01.023

[General method for prediction of thermal conductivity for well-characterized hydrocarbon mixtures and fuels up to extreme conditions using entropy scaling](#) 

Author(s): Houman B. Rokni, Joshua D. Moore, Ashutosh Gupta, Mark A. McHugh, Rajendar R. Malleshpally, Manolis Gavaises

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Published in: Combustion and Flame, Issue 204, 2019, Page(s) 397-413, ISSN 0010-2180

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Author(s): C. Rodriguez, P. Koukouvini, M. Gavaises

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[Investigation of Soot Formation in a Novel Diesel Fuel Burner](#) 

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[A multicomponent real-fluid fully compressible four-equation model for two-phase flow with phase change](#) 

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Author(s): J. Simonsson, A. Gunnarsson, M. Naduvil Mannazhi, D. Bäckström, K. Andersson, P.-E. Bengtsson

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Publisher: American Chemical Society
DOI: 10.1021/acs.energyfuels.9b02284

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Modeling of Diesel injection in subcritical and supercritical conditions

Author(s): Songzhi Yang
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Publisher: IFPEN

Thermo-physical property models for well-characterized hydrocarbon mixtures and fuels and effect of composition on fluid properties up to 4,500 bar

Author(s): Babazadehrokni, H. B
Published in: 2019
Publisher: City, University of London

Supercritical, transcritical and subcritical real-fluid mixing at high-pressure conditions using the PC-SAFT EoS

Author(s): Carlos Rodriguez
Published in: 2019
Publisher: CITY, University of London

Book chapters (1)

[Cavitation Modelling Using Real-Fluid Equation of State](#) 

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