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1 *Original Article*

2 **Effect of Spray Impingement Distance on Piston Top Fuel Adhesion in Direct**
3 **Injection Gasoline Engines**

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10 **Abstract**

11 Direct injection is an attractive technology for improving fuel economy and engine
12 performance in gasoline engines. However, the adhered fuel formed on the piston surface has
13 significant influence on the combustion efficiency and emissions. To obtain a better
14 understanding of fuel adhesion, this work involved investigation of the spray and
15 impingement on a flat wall through a mini-sac injector with a single hole. Different
16 impingement distances and injection pressures were investigated. The evolution of the
17 impinging spray was obtained by the Mie scattering method. The refractive index matching
18 method was applied to measure fuel adhesion. The mass, area, and thickness of adhesion
19 under different conditions were compared. The experimental results show that the fuel
20 adhesion on the wall increases significantly with a large impingement distance. Moreover, the
21 maximum thickness increases and the thickness uniformity of the fuel adhesion declines
22 under a large impingement distance condition.

23 **Keywords**

24 Gasoline engine, fuel adhesion, impinging spray, impingement distance, injection pressure

25 **1 INTRODUCTION**

1 Direct injection (DI) is a promising technology to achieve the requirements of low-
2 pollutant emission and high-energy efficiency imposed by increasingly stringent regulations
3 on engine emissions. This is owing to the better air and mixture control by direct injection
4 compared to port fuel injection¹⁻³. However, the impingement of liquid fuel on the wall of the
5 combustion chamber and piston is a major drawback of this technique, because wall wetting
6 leads to pool fires linked with rich diffusion flames on the top of the liquid deposit^{4,5}. This can
7 contribute to unwanted pollutant formation and an increase in unburned hydrocarbons⁶⁻⁸. As
8 governmental regulations demand a low threshold of emissions on gasoline engine, it has
9 become increasingly important for car manufacturers to minimize these effects^{9,10}.

10 As a result, there are numerous reports regarding fuel adhesion on the wall. The optical
11 technique of the refractive index matching (RIM) method was developed by Drake et al.¹¹⁻¹³
12 to investigate fuel adhesion mass, area, and thickness with millisecond temporal and spatial
13 resolutions. Then, Yang and Ghandhi¹⁴ used the RIM method to show that the ambient
14 pressure had a strong effect on fuel adhesion. Maligne and Bruneaux¹⁵ observed “discrete
15 pockets” and “continuous film” structures on the wall after impingement. Zheng et al.¹⁶
16 compared the fuel adhesion results by the RIM method and CFD simulation, and noted a
17 significant effect of the ambient temperature on the thickness. Otachi et al.¹⁷ studied the
18 pressure effects on fuel spray impinging on the wall. Other methods were also applied to
19 investigate the fuel adhesion on the wall. Fujimoto et al.¹⁸⁻²¹ investigated the fuel spray
20 impinging on the flat wall under both gasoline and diesel engine conditions. Akop et al.²²⁻²⁵
21 weighed the adhered fuel mass on an impingement disk wall and characterized the fuel
22 adhesion under different conditions. Both Cheng et al.²⁶ and Schulz et al.^{27,28} conducted
23 experimental studies on fuel adhesion using the laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) technique.
24 Yu et al.^{29,30} evaluated the impingement characteristic and weighed the fuel adhesion to
25 investigate the impingement process.

1 As reviewed above, there is a considerable number of investigations on fuel adhesion,
2 whereas research on the three views of the impinging spray process has seldom been
3 reported. Moreover, the effect of pressure and wall roughness on the adhered fuel formation
4 has been reported in our previous papers^{31,32}. In the present work, the effect of impingement
5 distance on fuel adhesion was discussed based on the three views of impinging spray.
6 Experiments were performed in a constant high-pressure chamber. The impinging spray
7 developments were compared under different injection pressures and impingement distances.
8 The front view and side view were obtained by Mie scattering, and the radius of impinging
9 spray (R_s), vortex height of impinging spray (H_v), spray tip penetration (S), and impinging
10 spray height (H_i) were also studied. The bottom view was acquired by the RIM method, and
11 the mass, area, and thickness of the fuel adhesion were investigated. Specifically, all the
12 results were time-resolved to better understand the impinging spray of a gasoline engine.

13 **2. EXPERIMENTAL DETAILS**

14 **2.1 Experimental apparatus**

15 The experimental apparatus of the Mie scattering for spray image observation in the
16 current study is shown in Figure 1, where 1(a) is the front view of the spray apparatus, and
17 1(b) is the side view. The apparatus consisted of a constant high-pressure chamber, injection
18 system, and optical system. Toluene was injected into a mini-sac injector by a high-pressure
19 injection system. A high-speed video camera (Photron FASTCAM SAZ) set at 40,000 frames
20 per second (fps) with a resolution of 1024×512 pixels was utilized for spray observation. A
21 xenon lamp (Ushio SX-131 UID501XAMQ) placed at a position perpendicular to the camera
22 was applied to illuminate the spray. The injector and camera were synchronized by a delay
23 generator. Different windows of the chamber were used for different views.

24 The experimental apparatus of RIM measurement for fuel adhesion is shown in Figure 2.
25 The constant high-pressure chamber and injection system were the same as those in the Mie

1 scattering experiment, but the optical system was different. A reflection mirror was placed
2 directly beneath the impingement plate. A xenon lamp was positioned at the side window to
3 emit continuous and high-intensity light with an incident angle of approximately 5°. A high-
4 speed video camera with a frame rate of 10,000 fps and a resolution of 512 × 512 pixels was
5 used to capture the fuel adhesion images through the mirror.

6 **2.2 Experimental conditions**

7 The reduction of particulate number (PN) emissions is the major concern of a gasoline DI
8 engine due to the introduction of PN standards in Euro 6 emission regulations. During the
9 catalyst-warm-up operation, the retarded injection timing is used to increase the exhaust gas
10 temperature. Although multiple-injection strategy is used to reduce the wall wetting, the late
11 injection near top dead center (TDC) resulted in an increase in PN emissions. To clarify the
12 spray-wall interactions under the aforementioned engine conditions, the equivalent
13 experimental conditions in the constant volume chamber were determined in Table 1. The
14 fuel tested in this study was toluene, as a surrogate fuel for gasoline. The injection mass was
15 kept constant at 3.0 mg equivalent to the total injection quantity of the multi-hole injector
16 divided by hole number. The injection pressures changed from 10 to 30 MPa considering the
17 phenomena, resulting in different injection durations of 2.4, 1.65, and 1.35 ms. The ambient
18 density of non-evaporating conditions is kept the same as that of in-cylinder conditions. A
19 mini-sac injector with a single hole (0.135 mm) was used. To determine the effect of
20 impingement distance on fuel adhesion, it ranged between 28 and 40 mm from the nozzle exit
21 to the wall along the spray axis. The impingement angle was 45° from the spray axis to the flat
22 wall. The surface roughness of the new piston used in gasoline engine is approximately Ra1.0, but
23 it may increase up to Ra10.0 or more due to deposit accumulation³¹. Therefore, a circle plate
24 made of quartz glass with surface roughness of Ra7.5 was placed under the injector as a flat
25 wall, representing a used piston in the engine. As shown in Figure 3, the diameter of the plate

1 was 50 mm and its thickness was 2 mm. The coordinate system was defined, and the
2 intersection point o of the spray axis and the wall was defined as the impingement point.

3 **2.3 Image processing**

4 The parameters such as radius of impinging spray (R_s), vortex height of impinging spray
5 (H_v), spray tip penetration (S), and impinging spray height (H_i) are widely used to perform
6 spray-wall impingement analyses ^{29,33,34}. These values were experimentally obtained from
7 raw images by determining the edge of the impinging spray using inhouse code created by
8 ourselves in the MATLAB software.

9 The dotted line in Figure 4 represents the wall surface. The focus of the front and side
10 views is on the impingement point plane and spray axis plane, respectively. R_s and H_v are
11 defined from the front view. R_s is the maximum horizontal distance from the spray center to
12 the furthest edge of the spray. H_v is the maximum distance from the wall surface to the edge of
13 the spray vortex. S and H_i are defined from the side view. Generally, the spray tip penetration
14 is defined as the distance from the nozzle hole exit to the spray tip. However, after the wall
15 impingement, the penetration is not only the distance from the nozzle hole to the
16 impingement point, but also the radial distance from the impingement point to the furthest
17 location of the fuel ^{31,35}. Therefore, S is defined as the sum of impinging distance (D_{imp}) and
18 radial distance (D_{rad}). H_i is the maximum vertical distance from the wall surface to the edge of
19 the impinging spray. Results of the front and side views were obtained from a clear spray by
20 binarizing the images. The fuel adhesion data were obtained from the bottom view. All the
21 results were calculated three times under each specific set of experimental conditions, and the
22 average values were presented.

1 The spatial distribution of the fuel adhesion was measured by the RIM technique. Drake et
2 al. ¹² showed the relationship between the adhesion thickness $h(x, y)$ and the intensity
3 reduction of the scattered light $\Delta I(x, y)$ as follows:

$$4 \quad \Delta I(x, y) = 1 - \frac{I_{wet}(x, y)}{I_{ref}(x, y)} \quad (1)$$

5 where $I_{ref}(x, y)$ is the scattered light intensity of the dry image at the location (x, y) , and
6 $I_{wet}(x, y)$ is the light intensity of adhered fuel on the wall at (x, y) .

7 After the calibration procedure, a correlation of $h(x, y)$ and $\Delta I(x, y)$ can be formulated:

$$8 \quad h(x, y) = f(\Delta I) \quad (2)$$

9 To obtain the calibration curves, a calibration experiment was carried out under
10 atmospheric conditions without the injection system. Two different fuels were selected
11 because tridecane has low volatility and high viscosity, but toluene has high volatility and low
12 viscosity. Moreover, their refractive index is similar to that of the quartz glass. A much thinner
13 thickness of fuel adhesion can be obtained with a liquid mixture of these fuels. The
14 characteristics of the fuels and quartz glass are summarized in Table 2.

15 A mixture (10% volume of tridecane and 90% volume of toluene) was used for the
16 calibration procedure. The fuel mixture was dripped on the dry window by means of a syringe
17 and the reduction in scattering light increased from 0 to the maximum value. After a certain
18 volume of the mixture was dripped on the rough quartz, the droplet rapidly expanded, and the
19 area of fuel increased rapidly. During this time, toluene, which is the high volatility component,
20 quickly evaporated; however, there was only a slight increase in the scattered light. Once the
21 adhesion area reached a certain value, tridecane, which is the low volatility component,
22 begins to evaporate, and the scattered light changed significantly. There are two hypotheses in
23 this case: one stating that all the toluene has evaporated, but all the tridecane has not yet

1 evaporated; another stating that the thickness of fuel adhesion is uniform. Thus, $h(x, y)$ can
2 be calculated because the tridecane volume was calculated as 10% of the mixture, and the
3 averaged reference dry image was obtained before the liquid deposited on the glass. Then
4 $\Delta I(x, y)$ can be calculated using Equation (1). Eventually, one point with $h(x, y)$ and
5 $\Delta I(x, y)$ was obtained. By varying the mixture volume from 0.1 μL to 10 μL , the calibration
6 curve was acquired by Equation (2). The calibration curves for 28 mm and 40 mm are plotted
7 in Fig. 5. The horizontal axis is the reduction in scattered light, and the vertical axis is fuel
8 adhesion thickness. It shows that fuel adhesion thickness at a certain reduction in scattered
9 light for 40 mm is larger than that for 28 mm.

10 After the calibration calculation, the fuel adhesion thickness can be measured through the
11 RIM method. The image processing of the RIM experiment is shown in Figure 6. First, a dry
12 image was acquired. Then, it was subtracted by the wet image to obtain only the adhered fuel
13 image, and the $\Delta I(x, y)$ can be obtained by this image. Finally, the thickness distribution was
14 calculated through the calibration curve. The adhered fuel area and mass can also be
15 integrated from the pixels of each thickness. Additional details about RIM method can be
16 found in our previous studies ^{31,32}.

17 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

18 3.1 Characteristics of impinging spray

19 Figure 7 shows R_s under three conditions ($P_{inj} = 10, 20, \text{ and } 30 \text{ MPa}$). The horizontal axis is
20 the time after start of injection, and R_s is in the vertical axis. R_s of $D_{imp} = 28 \text{ mm}$ is larger than
21 that of $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$ under all conditions. The ambient pressure ($P_{amb} = 0.5 \text{ MPa}$) results in
22 strong interaction between the fuel and nitrogen, decelerating the droplets before
23 impingement. During the spray propagation at the shorter impingement distance, the fuel
24 with higher Weber number diffuses around after impingement on the wall. As a result, R_s of

1 $D_{imp} = 28$ mm is larger than that of $D_{imp} = 40$ mm. Moreover, R_s increases with an increase in
2 the injection pressure. It can be expected that the increased injection pressure enhances the
3 kinetic energy of fuel.

4 Figure 8 shows H_v under three conditions ($P_{inj} = 10, 20,$ and 30 MPa). The horizontal axis is
5 the time after start of injection, and H_v is in the vertical axis. H_v of $D_{imp} = 28$ mm is larger than
6 that of $D_{imp} = 40$ mm under all conditions. Owing to its shorter impingement distance, the fuel
7 with higher Weber number and momentum impinges on the wall, leading to a decreasing
8 number of droplets depositing on the wall, and an increasing number of splashing droplets³⁶.
9 Therefore, H_v of $D_{imp} = 28$ mm is larger than that of $D_{imp} = 40$ mm. In contrast to the different
10 injection pressures, H_v increases more rapidly with an increase in injection pressure. It can be
11 expected that the increased injection pressure enhances the Weber number and the initial
12 kinetic energy of the fuel spray, resulting in faster vortex generation.

13 Figure 9 presents S , and the impingement distance is shown by the broken line. Three
14 conditions ($P_{inj} = 10, 20,$ and 30 MPa) were investigated. For all conditions, the spray
15 development can be divided into two stages. It increases almost linearly before impingement,
16 and the gradient of S decreases after spray impingement³¹. The drag force from the wall and
17 ambient gas can be regarded as the main reasons for this phenomenon. It is noteworthy that
18 before impingement, S is almost the same under different impingement distances. However,
19 after impingement, S of $D_{imp} = 40$ mm is slightly larger than that of $D_{imp} = 28$ mm under all
20 conditions. One possible reason is that, after impingement, the fuel disperses and spreads in
21 all directions, with the result that the interaction between the droplets and air is much
22 stronger than before. Moreover, friction from the wall can be regarded as another reason. As a
23 result, S increases with the increased impingement distance. Additionally, under different
24 injection pressures, the S of 30 MPa is larger than that of 10 MPa, and the impingement time of
25 30 MPa is shorter than that of 10 MPa owing to higher Weber number of the spray.

1 Figure 10 presents H_i under three conditions ($P_{inj} = 10, 20, \text{ and } 30 \text{ MPa}$). The horizontal
2 axis is the time after start of injection, and H_i is in the vertical axis. It is clear that H_i of $D_{imp} =$
3 28 mm is larger than that of $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$ under all conditions. This phenomenon can be
4 attributed to the different momentum of the droplets impinging on the wall. The droplets of
5 $D_{imp} = 28 \text{ mm}$ have higher Weber number when impinging on the wall, and many droplets
6 splash around after impingement, resulting in larger H_i compared with that of $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$.
7 In contrast to different conditions, H_i increases and the gradient of H_i becomes larger owing to
8 the effect of the enhanced kinetic energy of fuel.

9 **3.2 Characteristics of fuel adhesion**

10 During the spray, some scattered light from the floating droplets above the impingement
11 region. In order to eliminate the stray light error, all results are after the end of injection
12 (EOI)³¹.

13 Figure 11 shows the evolution of the adhered fuel under different conditions. The fuel
14 adhesions on the wall at 5, 10, 20, and 40 ms ASOI are shown. The pseudocolor represents the
15 adhered fuel thickness, varying from 0 to $2.5 \mu\text{m}$, and the impingement point is shown by the
16 cross symbol. Under each condition, all cases at different times show similar structures, and
17 the fuel adhesion areas are almost symmetric. It is evident that the wetted area increases
18 under higher injection pressure, and the better atomization of a high injection pressure
19 should be responsible for this. More importantly, when $D_{imp} = 28 \text{ mm}$, the fuel adhesion
20 becomes a little thicker at the upstream, whereas when $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$, the thicker region
21 moves downstream. There may be two reasons for this. One is that there are different impact
22 regimes for droplets impinging on the wall: “stick,” “spread,” and “splash”³². The increased
23 impingement distance decelerates the droplets owing to the ambient pressure ($P_{amb} = 0.5$
24 MPa). Thus, after impingement on the wall, some droplets may change their behavior from
25 “splash” to “spread,” or even to “stick”, resulting in thicker fuel adhesion of $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$. The

1 second reason may be that even though some droplets splash off the wall, the droplets with
2 low velocity easily drop back on the wall, causing the thicker fuel adhesion to move down.

3 The fuel adhesion mass and area are depicted in Figures 12 and 13. The adhesion mass
4 ratio is defined as the ratio of adhesion mass to total injection mass. The fuel adhesion mass
5 and area increase with time even after the end of injection because there are still some
6 droplets dropping on the wall. An increase in injection pressure under a certain ambient
7 pressure increases the fuel adhesion mass and area owing to better atomization. Furthermore,
8 both fuel adhesion mass and area increase at a large impingement distance. A decrease in the
9 number of splashing droplets tends to be responsible, which agrees well with the Mie
10 scattering results. Additionally, the bigger spray width and better atomization should be other
11 reasons for this. Park et al. ³⁷ have already proven that the spray width increases as the spray
12 flows downstream, and the SMD decreases at a large impingement distance. Therefore, the
13 wider spray and better atomization of $D_{imp} = 40$ mm is formed before impingement, resulting
14 in bigger adhesion area and mass on the wall. The same tendency of the wider fuel adhesion at
15 $D_{imp} = 40$ mm, can also be observed in the comparison between Figures 11 (b) and (c).

16 Figure 14 shows the adhesion mass ratio under different conditions at 40 ms ASOI. For
17 $D_{imp} = 28$ mm, the adhesion mass ratio increases from 2.9% to 3.7% with an increase in
18 injection pressure. However, by increasing the D_{imp} to 40 mm, the ratio increases from 7.8% to
19 8.6% at increased injection pressures, and thus, the ratios of $D_{imp} = 40$ mm are more than
20 twice at $D_{imp} = 28$ mm.

21 To further investigate the adhesion thickness, the probability of thickness was determined.
22 As shown in Figure 15, the horizontal axis is the fuel adhesion thickness, and the vertical axis
23 is the probability of mass. The probability of mass is based on the value of each pixel, and the
24 probability must satisfy the normalization conditions:

1
$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_M(h_i) = 1 \quad (3)$$

2 where the sum of fuel adhesion mass in the thickness fraction between $h - \Delta h$ and h is defined
3 as $M(h)$, $f_M(h)$ is the probability of $M(h)$, and Δh is 0.05 μm .

4 Figure 15 describes the probability of thickness with different times at $P_{inj} = 30$ MPa and
5 $D_{imp} = 28$ mm, and the average values of three shots were presented. It is reported that the
6 peak value of the curves decreases, and the curve becomes a little wider with time, which
7 indicates that the uniformity of adhesion thickness becomes worse with time. And the same
8 observation can be derived from Figure 11 (b). One possible explanation could be that some
9 rebounding and splashing droplets fall on the wall.

10 Figure 16 illustrates the effects of impingement distance and injection pressure on
11 adhesion thickness, and the average values of three shots were presented. First, the results of
12 $D_{imp} = 28$ mm are examined. Only one peak value exists and the increased injection pressure
13 causes the curve to shift to the left, leading to thinner fuel adhesion. It can be argued that high
14 injection pressure improves the atomization and dispersion of droplets, resulting in thinner
15 fuel adhesion, and the same conclusion can be drawn from the comparison between Figures
16 11 (a) and (b). Secondly, there are two peak values with $D_{imp} = 40$ mm, which indicates that an
17 increase in impingement distance deteriorates the uniformity of adhesion thickness. The
18 transition of “splash” to “spread” and “stick” phenomenon could be a possible explanation for
19 this. The same observation can also be noted from the comparison of Figures 11 (b) and (c). It
20 is interesting to find that the maximum thickness with $D_{imp} = 40$ mm is approximately 2.2 μm ,
21 and it is larger than that with $D_{imp} = 28$ mm. The main possible reason is that the number of
22 splashing droplets decreases owing to low velocity at a large impingement distance.

23 Further investigation was carried out to clarify the effect of impingement distances on the
24 distribution of fuel adhesion thickness (shown in Figure 17). The fuel adhesion was divided by

1 $y = 0, 10, \text{ and } 20\text{mm}$ lines that represent the upstream, midstream, and downstream of the
2 fuel adhesion. When $D_{imp} = 28 \text{ mm}$, the fuel adhesion thickness decreases from upstream to
3 downstream, and the uniformity of thickness improves from upstream to downstream.
4 However, when $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$, the fuel adhesion thickness increases from upstream to
5 midstream, and then decreases from midstream to downstream. The changed regime of the
6 droplets, from “splash” to “spread” with a large impingement distance is a possible
7 explanation for that distribution pattern. Furthermore, when $D_{imp} = 40 \text{ mm}$, the thickness
8 uniformity on upstream is similar to that occurring on midstream, but both uniformities are
9 worse than that located on downstream. In contrast to other impingement distances, the fuel
10 adhesion on upstream and midstream becomes thicker with a large impingement distance,
11 and the uniformity of thickness deteriorates with a large impingement distance. On the
12 contrary, the fuel adhesion on downstream shows a slight change.

13 **4. CONCLUSIONS**

14 The characteristics of fuel spray and adhesion under different impingement distances and
15 injection pressures were investigated experimentally. The values of R_s , H_v , S , and H_i were
16 acquired, and the fuel adhesion evolution was analyzed. Furthermore, the probabilities of
17 adhesion thickness and thickness distribution were discussed. The major conclusions are as
18 follows:

- 19 1. With a large impingement distance under ambient condition, the velocity of droplets
20 decreases significantly, resulting in more droplets adhering to the wall instead of
21 splashing out of the wall. As a result, R_s , H_v , and H_i decrease with an increase in
22 impingement distance. However, after impingement, owing to the stronger drag force by
23 the ambient gas and friction from the wall, S increases with the increase in impingement
24 distance.

- 1 2. Both the high injection pressure and large impingement distance increase the fuel
2 adhesion mass and area, but the mechanisms are different. Owing to better atomization
3 with high injection pressure, the fuel adhesion on the wall increases. At a large
4 impingement distance, the lower velocity, bigger spray width, and better atomization are
5 the main reasons for increased fuel adhesion on the wall after impingement.
- 6 3. Under the large impingement distance condition, more fuel adheres on midstream and
7 the thickness uniformity of fuel adhesion becomes worse. Moreover, the maximum
8 thickness of fuel adhesion increases with a large impingement distance.

9 It should be noticed that although the high injection pressure favors better atomization of
10 fuel, the fuel adhesion on the piston head may increase under catalyst-warm-up condition,
11 which has to be handled with care. More importantly, with long impingement distance, the
12 fuel adhesion mass and area increase significantly under catalyst-warm-up condition, leading
13 to the pool flame to originate more soot emission, which should be considered in the design of
14 direct injection gasoline engines. Further investigation on adhered fuel formation and spray
15 behavior should be undertaken, and the evaporation condition should be considered in future
16 work.

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1 APPENDIX

2 Notation

3	<i>ASOI</i>	<i>After Start of Injection</i>
4	<i>d</i>	<i>Nozzle Hole Diameter (mm)</i>
5	<i>D_{imp}</i>	<i>Impingement Distance (mm)</i>
6	<i>D_{rad}</i>	<i>Radical Distance after Impingement (mm)</i>
7	<i>DI</i>	<i>Direct Injection</i>
8	<i>EOI</i>	<i>End of Injection</i>
9	<i>fps</i>	<i>Frames Per Second</i>
10	<i>H_i</i>	<i>Impinging Spray Height (mm)</i>
11	<i>H_v</i>	<i>Vortex Height of Impinging Spray (mm)</i>
12	<i>LIF</i>	<i>Laser-Induced Fluorescence</i>
13	<i>M_{inj}</i>	<i>Injection Mass (mg)</i>
14	<i>P_{inj}</i>	<i>Injection Pressure (MPa)</i>
15	<i>P_{amb}</i>	<i>Ambient Pressure (MPa)</i>
16	<i>PN</i>	<i>Particulate Number</i>
17	<i>R_a</i>	<i>Arithmetical Mean Deviation of the Profile (μm)</i>
18	<i>RIM</i>	<i>Refractive Index Matching</i>
19	<i>R_s</i>	<i>Radius of Impinging Spray (mm)</i>
20	<i>S</i>	<i>Spray Tip Penetration (mm)</i>
21	<i>t_d</i>	<i>Injection Duration (ms)</i>
22	<i>TDC</i>	<i>Top Dead Center</i>
23	<i>T_{amb}</i>	<i>Ambient Temperature (K)</i>
24	<i>ρ_{amb}</i>	<i>Ambient Density (kg/m³)</i>

- 1 θ_{imp} *Impingement Angle (deg)*
- 2 h *Fuel Adhesion Thickness (μm)*
- 3 x *Location at x Direction Coordinate Value (mm)*
- 4 y *Location at y Direction Coordinate Value (mm)*
- 5 ΔI *Intensity Reduction of Scattered Light*
- 6 I_{ref} *Scattered Light Intensity of Dry Image*
- 7 I_{wet} *Scattered Light Intensity of Wet Image*
- 8 $M(h)$ *Sum of Fuel Adhesion Mass (mg)*
- 9 $f_M(h)$ *Probability of Fuel Adhesion Mass (%)*

Figures:

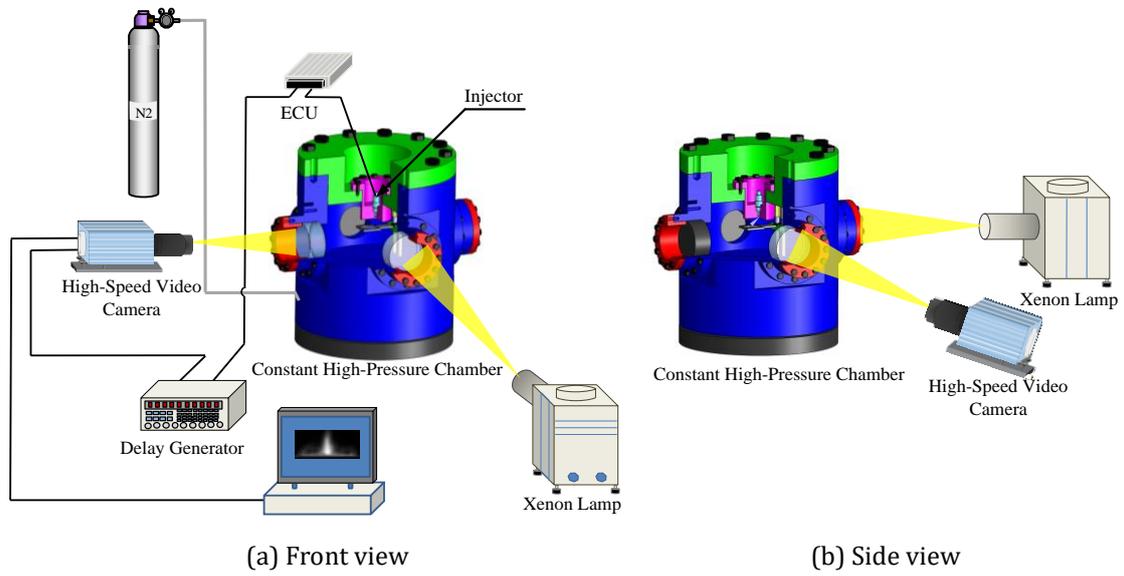


Figure 1. Experimental apparatus of Mie scattering for spray image observation

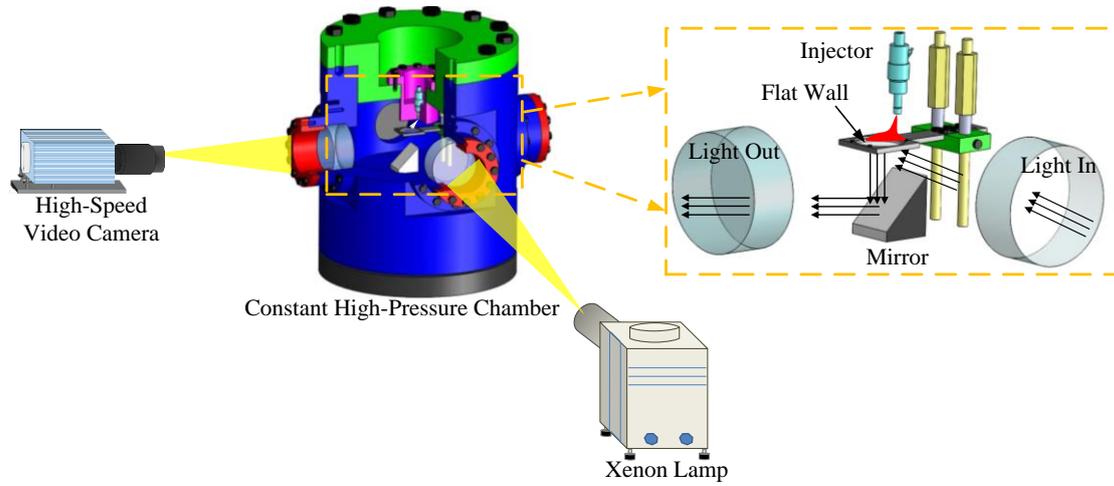


Figure 2. Experimental apparatus of RIM for fuel adhesion measurement

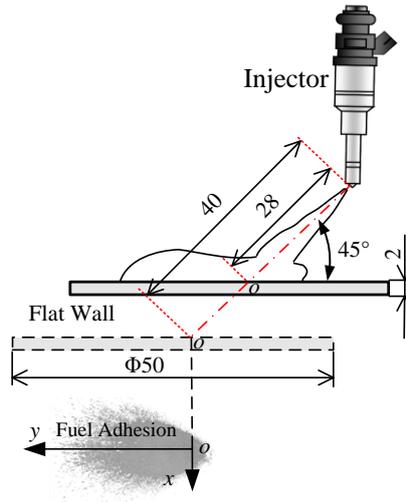


Figure 3. Schematic of injector and flat wall (All lengths are in millimeters)

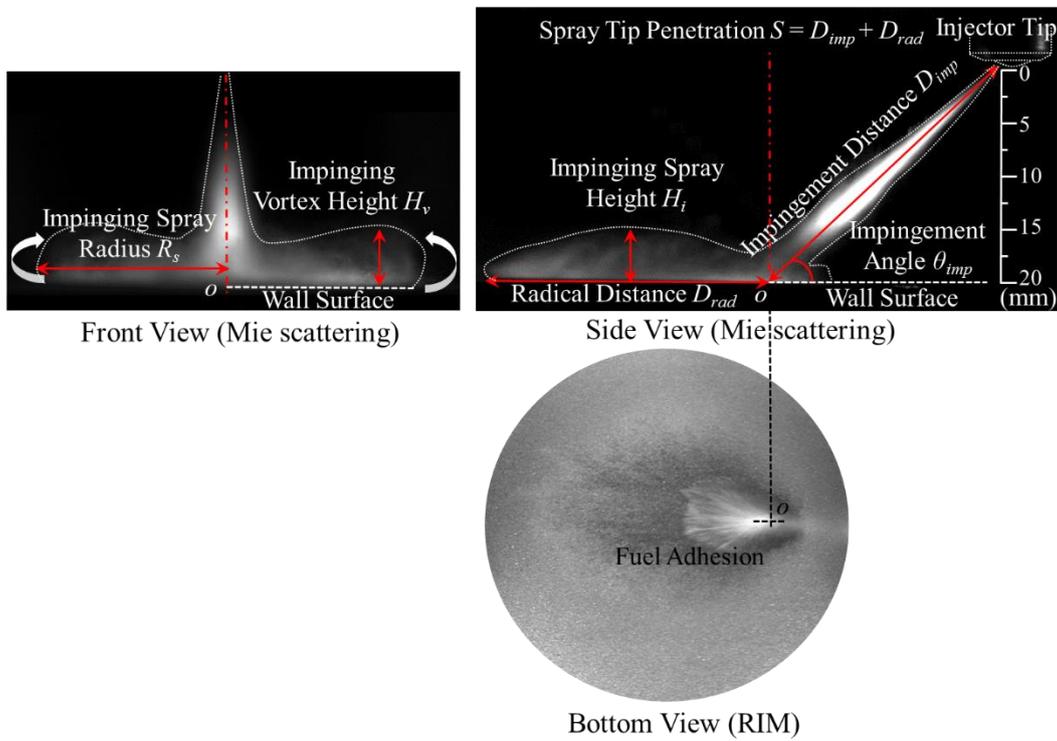


Figure 4. Definitions from three views of the impinging spray

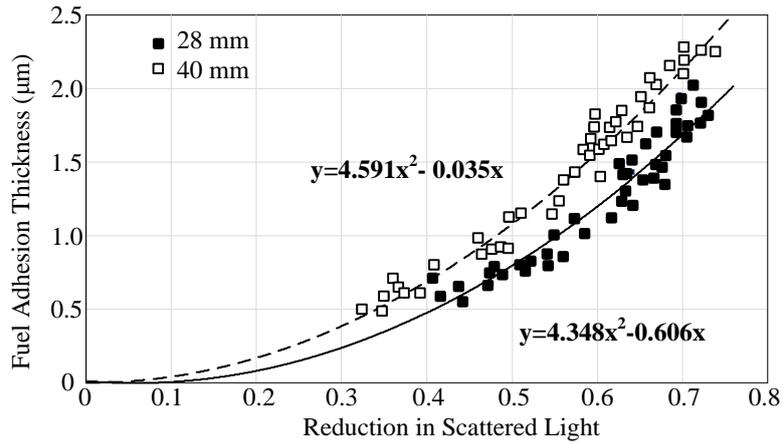


Figure 5. Calibration curves of different impingement distances

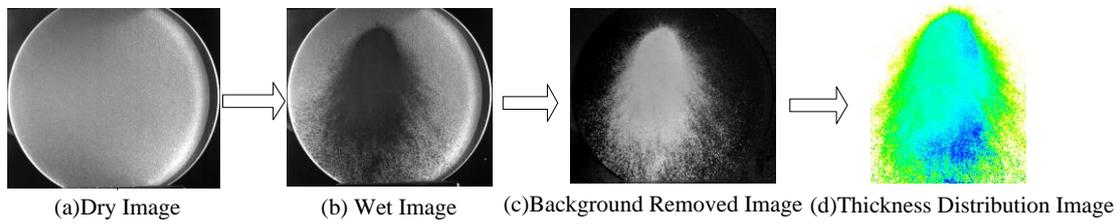


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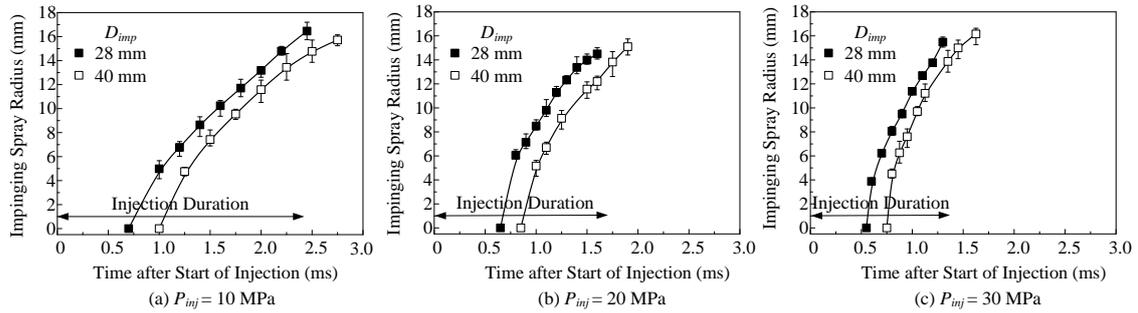


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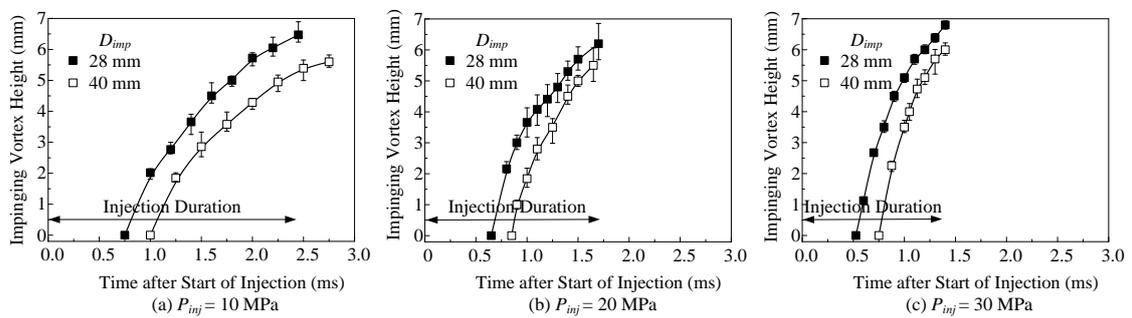


Figure 8. Impinging vortex height, H_v (Front view)

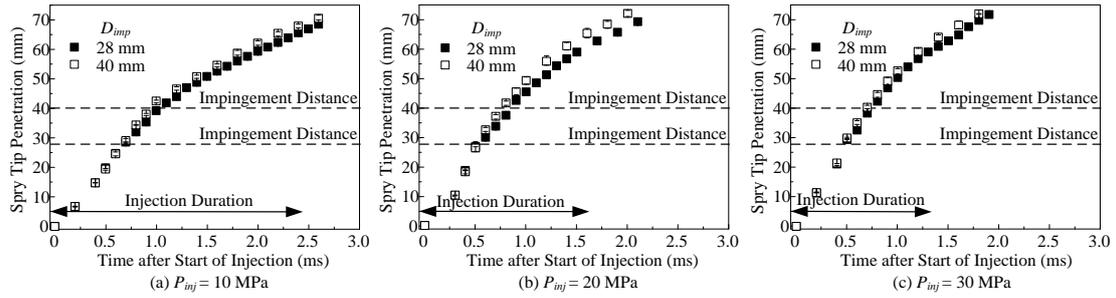


Figure 9. Spray tip penetration, S (Side view)

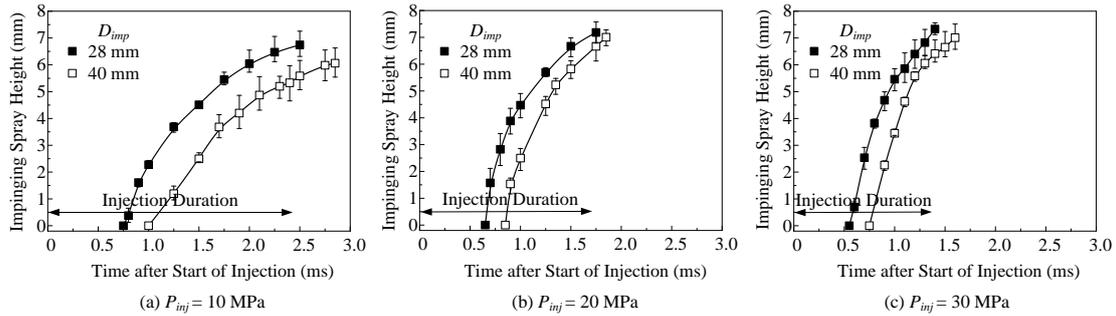


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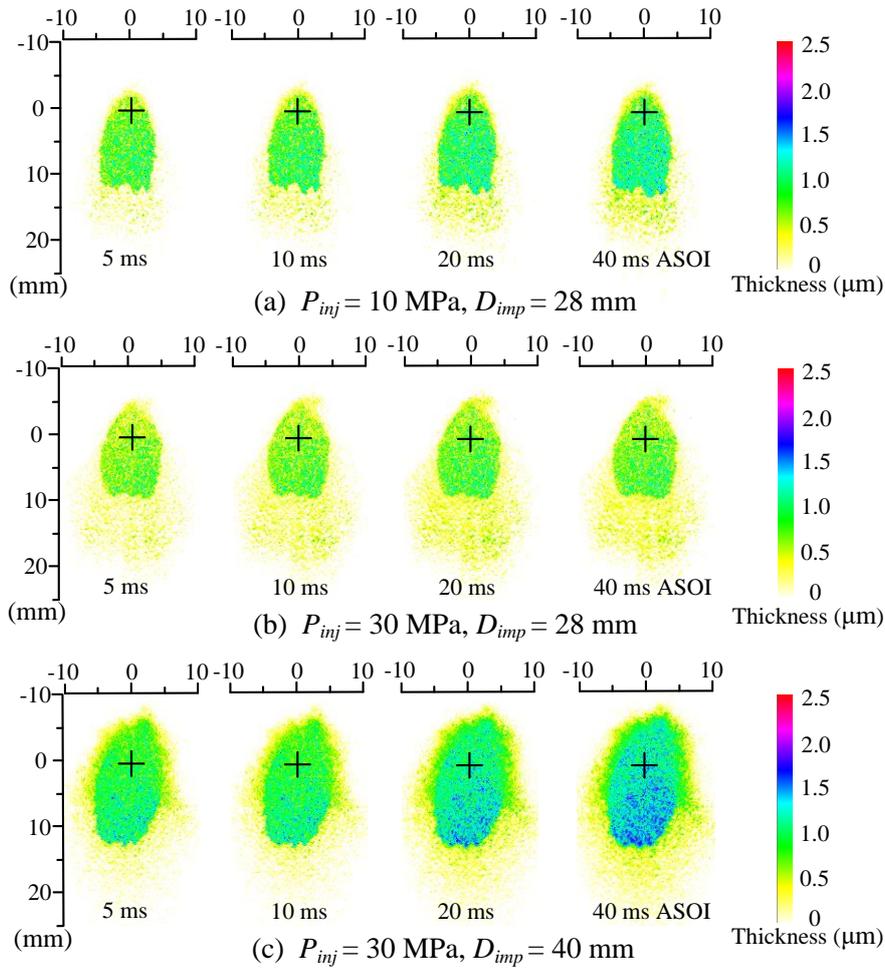


Figure 11. Fuel adhesion evolution (Bottom view)

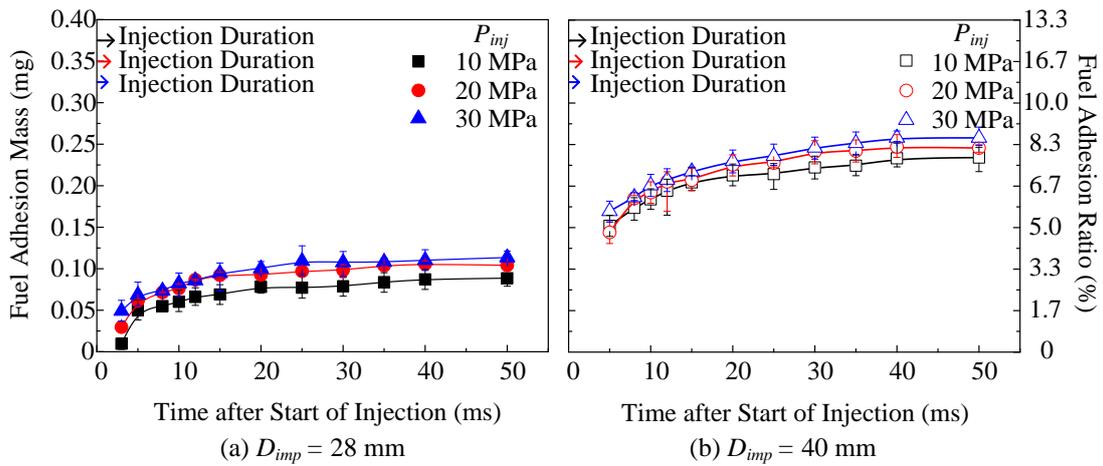


Figure 12. Fuel adhesion mass

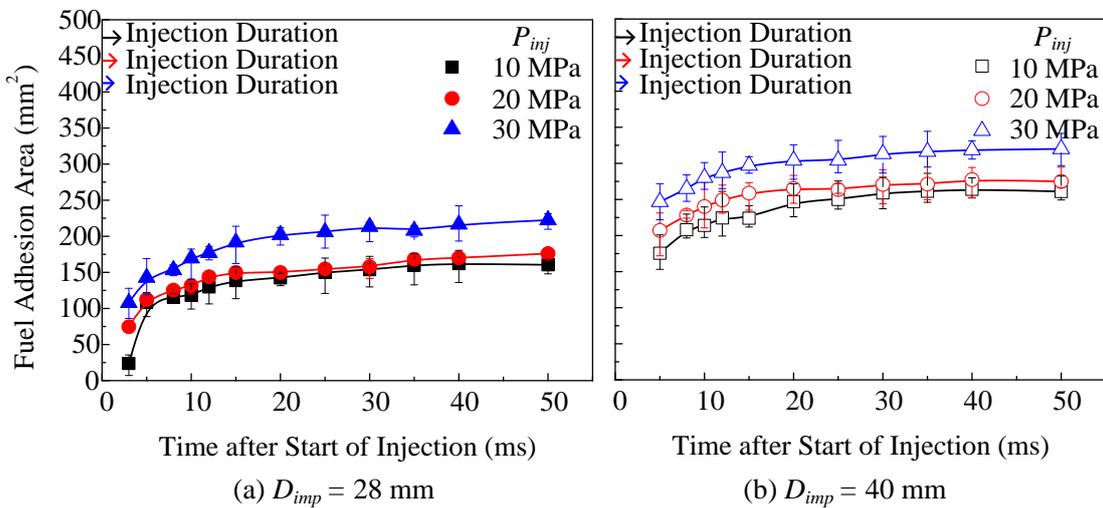


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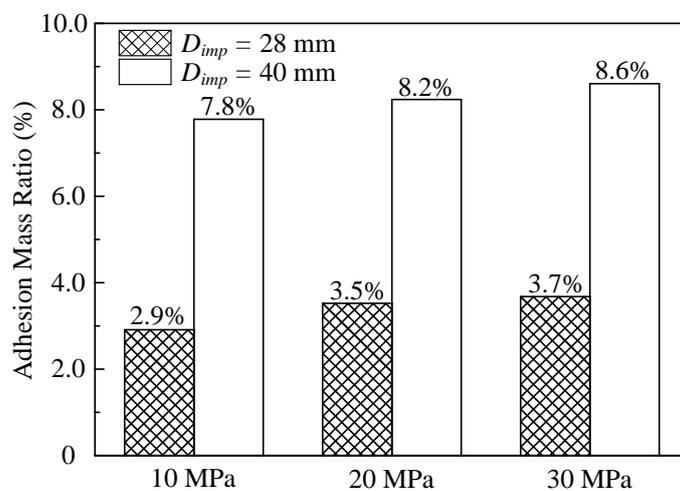


Figure 14. Adhesion mass ratio (40 ms ASOI)

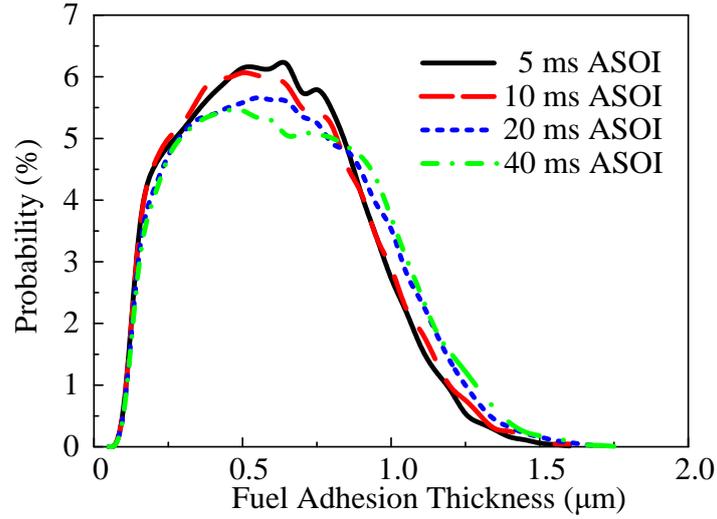


Figure 15. Probability of thickness with time ($P_{inj} = 30$ MPa, $D_{imp} = 28$ mm)

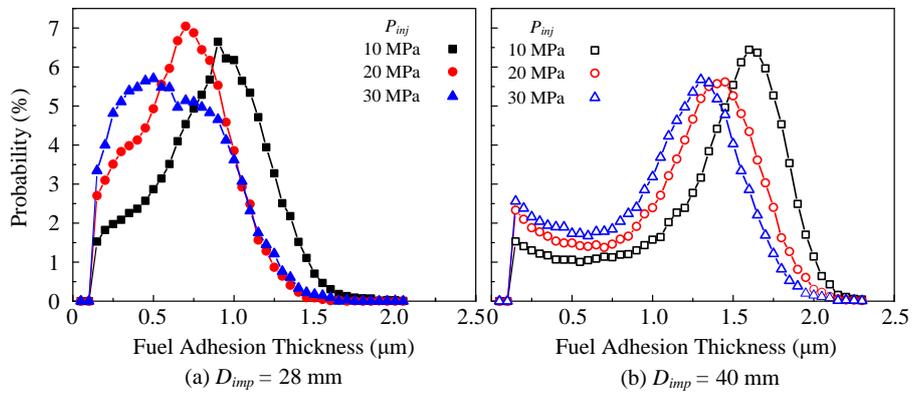


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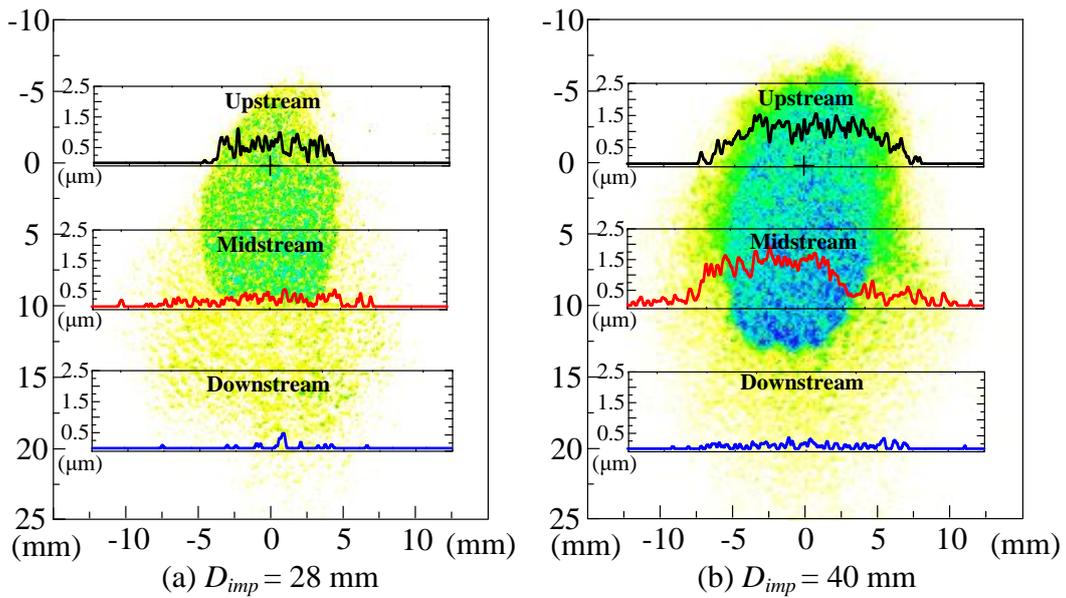


Figure 17. Fuel adhesion thickness distribution (40 ms ASOI)

Tables:

Table 1. Experimental conditions

Injection Conditions	
Fuel	Toluene
Injection Mass (M_{inj})	3.0 mg
Injection Pressure (P_{inj})	10, 20, 30 MPa
Injector Type	Mini-Sac, Single-Hole
Nozzle Hole Diameter (d)	0.135 mm
Injection Duration (t_d)	2.4, 1.65, 1.36 ms
Ambient Conditions	
Ambient Gas	Nitrogen
Pressure (P_{amb})	0.5 MPa
Temperature (T_{amb})	300 K
Density (ρ_{amb})	5.95 kg/m ³
Impingement Conditions	
Impingement Plate	Quartz Glass
Impingement Distance (D_{imp})	28, 40 mm
Impingement Angle (θ_{imp})	45°
Surface Roughness	Ra7.5

Table 2. Characteristics of fuels and quartz glass

Parameter	Refractive Index	Density (kg/m ³)	Boiling Point (K)	Kinematic Viscosity (10 ⁻⁶ m ² /s)	Surface Tension (N/m)
Toluene	1.49	866	382.75	0.68	0.0285
Tridecane	1.43	756	507.58	2.35	0.0303
Gasoline	1.42	737	-	0.46	0.022
Quartz Glass	1.46	-	-	-	-