

A new Sensor for Soot Measurements inside Combustion Systems

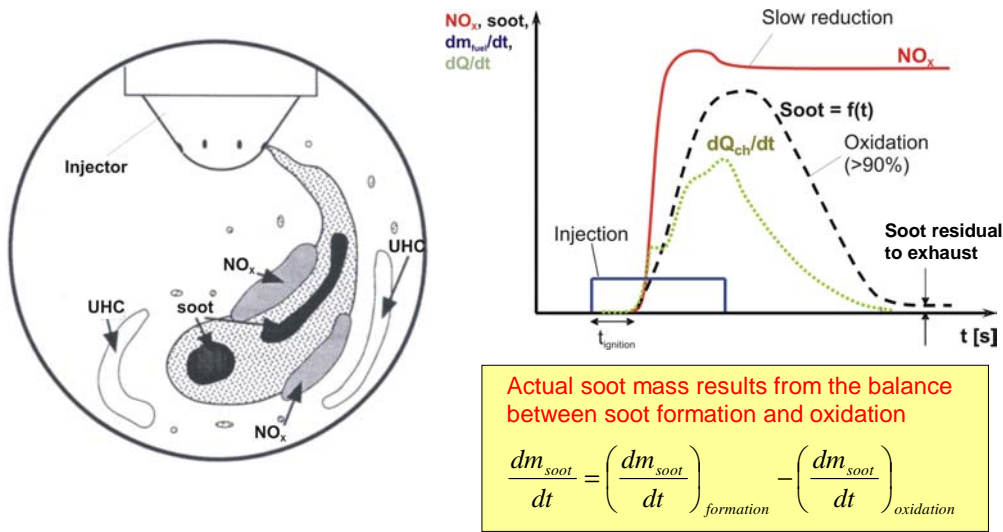
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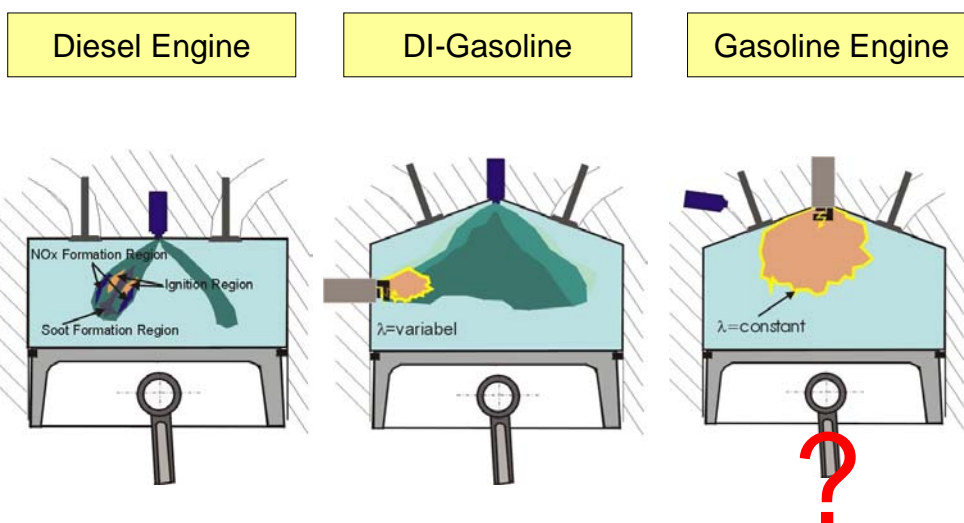
Motivation

- **Determining the soot load within the exhaust system is not sufficient to understand the influence of relevant engine parameters and fuel composition effects on the sooting behaviour**
- **Test bench engineer has interest in on-line information about the soot content and soot temperature within the cylinder**
- **„Easy to use“ device**

Soot formation within the combustion chamber



Possible sooting combustion systems

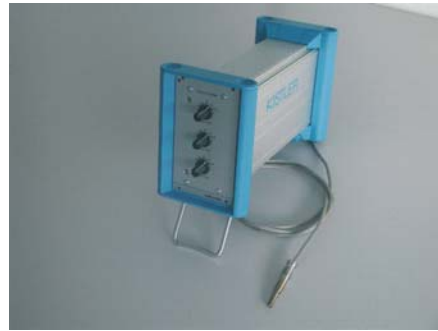


Sensor prototype for pyrometry

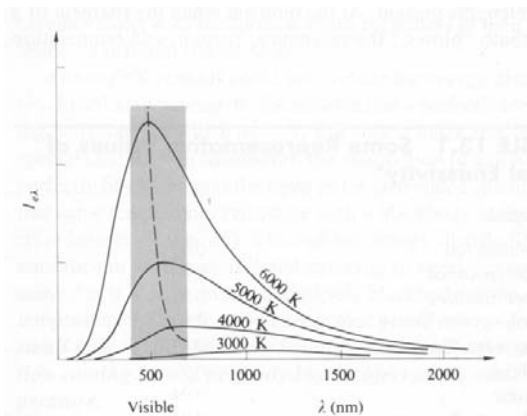
Optical head



System



Theoretical background multicolor pyrometry



Planck's Law

$$I = \varepsilon \cdot I_b = \varepsilon \cdot \frac{2C_1}{\lambda^5 \left[\exp\left(\frac{C_2}{\lambda T}\right) - 1 \right]}$$

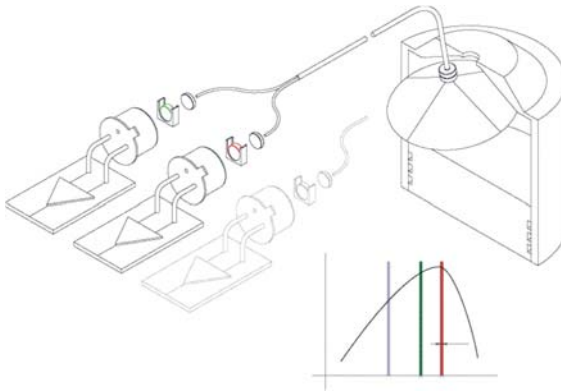
Law of Hottel and Broughton

$$\varepsilon_\lambda = 1 - e^{(-KL/\lambda^{1.39})}$$

Combination

$$KL = -\lambda^{1.39} \ln \left[1 - \frac{\exp(C_2/\lambda T)}{\exp(C_2/\lambda T_a)} \right]$$

What signals are measured and what can be determined?



Measured signals

- TDC, increments CA
- pressure
- optical signal @ 550nm
- optical signal @ 650nm
- optical signal @ 750nm

Determined values

- fuel consumption
- heat release
- averaged combustion chamber temperatures
- soot concentration (KL)
- soot temperature (T)

Experimental set-up

GDI-engine

1cyl. 4-stroke research engine

Bore: 89.9 mm
Stroke: 86.6 mm
Displacement: 550 cm³
Compression-Ratio: 10

Fuel: gasoline
ROZ 98.8

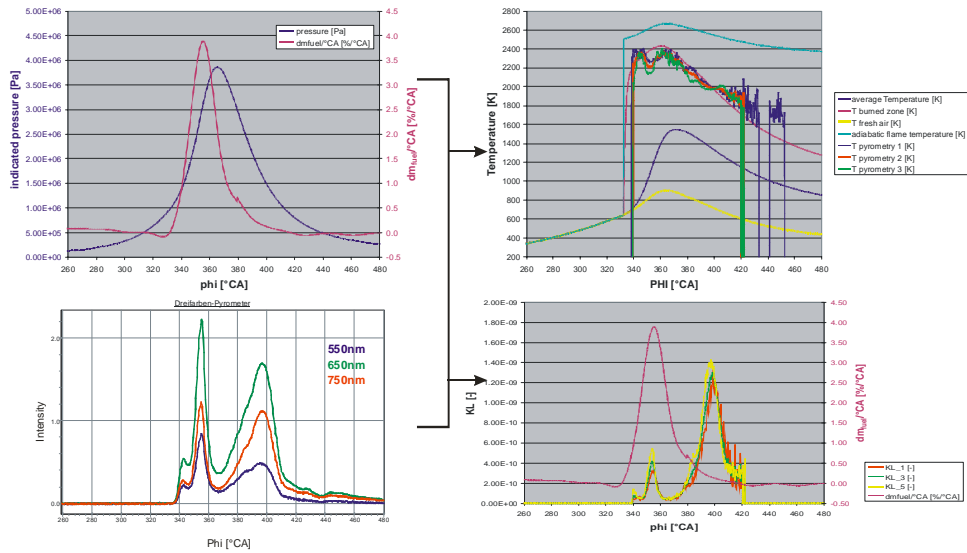
Running conditions

$n = 2000 \text{ min}^{-1}$
 $p_{mi} \sim 4\text{bar}$
 $t_{\text{ignition}} : -38 \text{ }^\circ\text{CA}$
 $t_{\text{injection}} : -84 \text{ }^\circ\text{CA}$
 $\Delta t_{\text{injection}} : 2.4 \text{ ms}$
 $p_{\text{rail}} : 75 \text{ bar}$
EGR : 0 %
 $\lambda_{\text{global}} : 2.2$

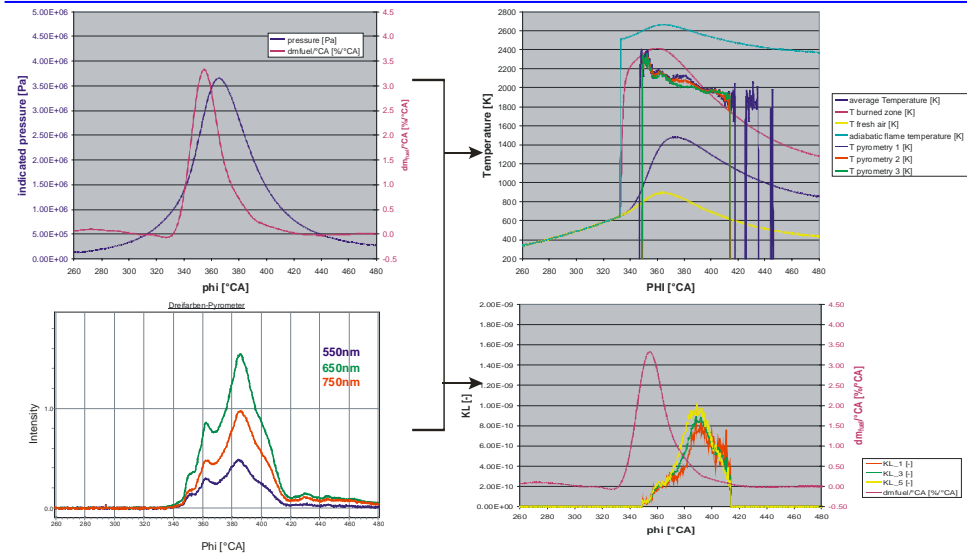
Used sensor

Parent sensor system
developed at ETH

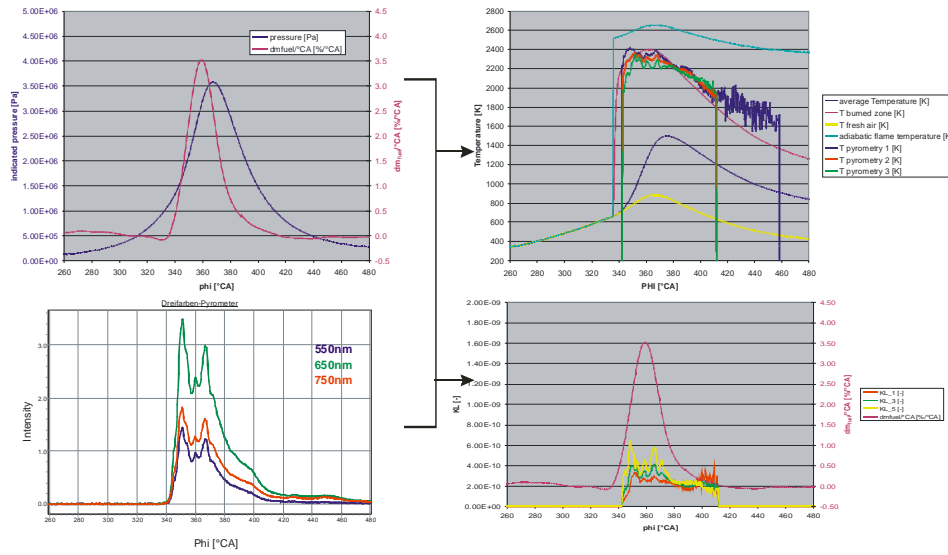
Measurement and evaluation of a single cycle (#1)



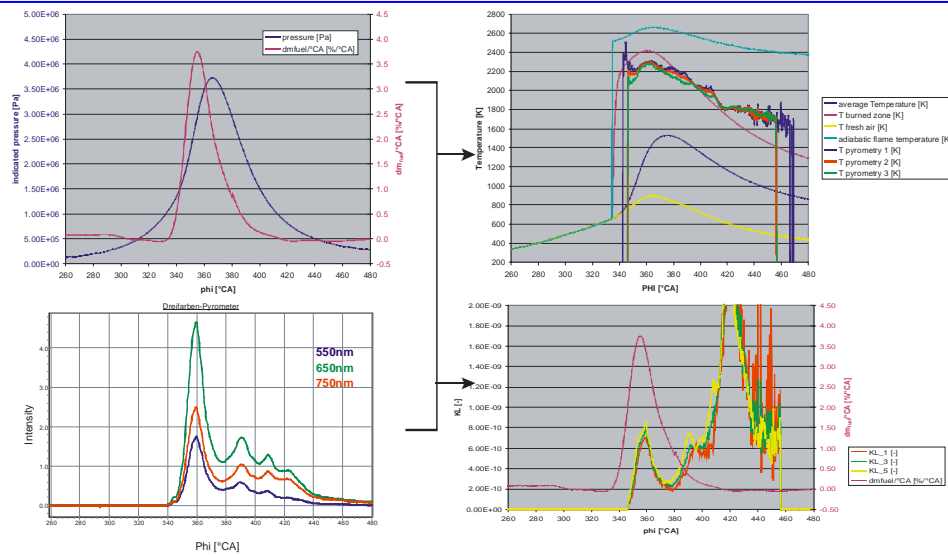
Measurement and evaluation of a single cycle (#2)



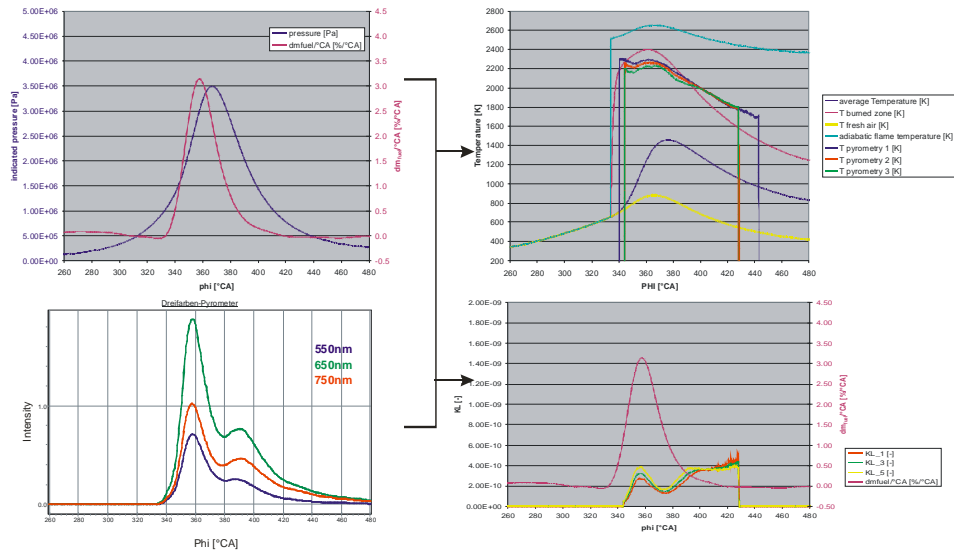
Measurement and evaluation of a single cycle (#3)



Measurement and evaluation of a single cycle (#4)



Measurement and evaluation the average of 72 cycles



Summary

- soot measurements have been performed within the combustion chamber of a direct injected gasoline engine
- with a quasi 2-zone model the approximate temperature of unburned gas and burned gas could be deduced
- temperature was determined for 3 different pairs of signals; the difference between them is less than 50K
- same has been done for the soot concentration (KL-factor)
- The cycle-by-cycle evaluation of the GDI engine shows strong variations which was expected

System has a high potential

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