



Soot Reduction Mechanisms Using Post-**Injections under Varying EGR Conditions** 18th ETH Conference on Combustion Generated Nanoparticles 23.00.2014 **Dr. Christophe Barro** Laboratorium für Aerothermochemie und Verbrennungssysteme **ETH Zürich** Prof. Dr. K. Boulouchos



Outline

- Introduction / Soot formation / characterization
- Influences of post injection on in-cylinder soot evolution
- Test Facility
- Experimental results on constant volume chamber
 - 2D results using Post injection

Conclusions





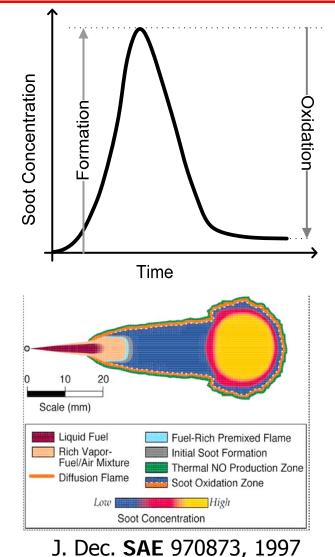
Soot Formation in Diesel Engines

Soot is the result of:

- Formation
 - Fuel pyrolysis
 - Formation and growth of PAHs
 - Particle inception (nucleation)
 - Surface growth
 - Particle coagulation and agglomeration
- Oxidation
 - Occurs concurrent to formation
 - Requires sufficiently high temperature and oxidant concentrations (O₂, O, OH, ...)

Heterogeneous environment of diesel combustion

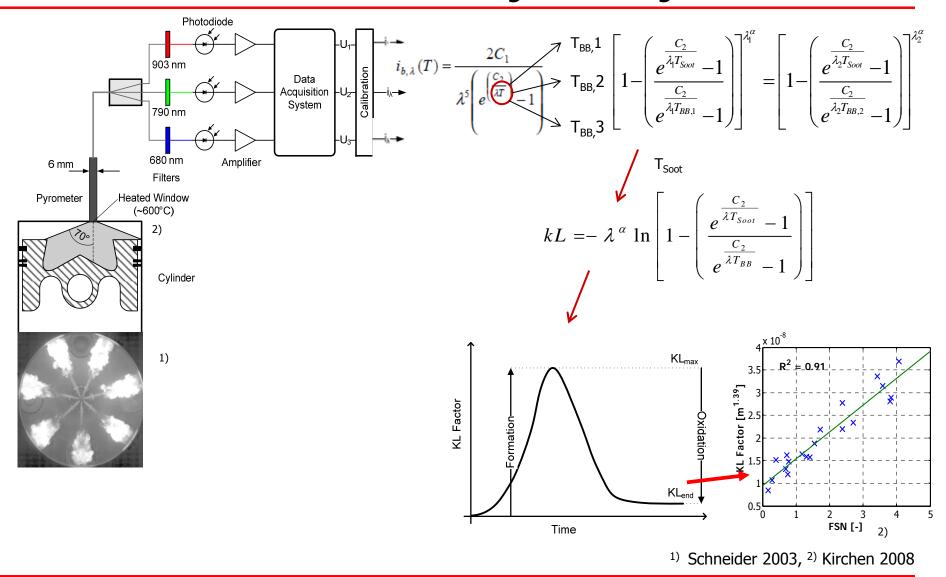
➔ Formation and oxidation vary over space as they are dependent on local O₂ concentration and temperature







Multi-Colour-Pyrometry







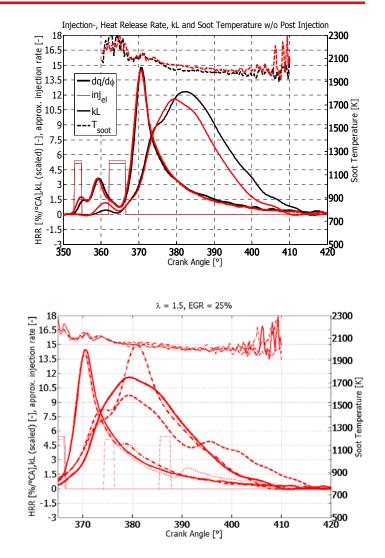
Soot Evolutions under varying Conditions in Diesel Engines

- 4 engine operating points with different EGR, swirl rate and **constant fuel mass**
- Basis: $\lambda = 1.4$, 28 % EGR
- •Lowered EGR: $\lambda = 1.5$, 25 % EGR
- •2 Additional Operating conditions (not shown)
- Minor influence on heat release rate

- Post injections at 1 and 2.5 ms after end of main injection, 10% of main injection fuel mass

- Visible improvement of soot oxidation depending on soot evolution progress (interaction of the soot clouds assumed)

- Soot temperature changes are negligible







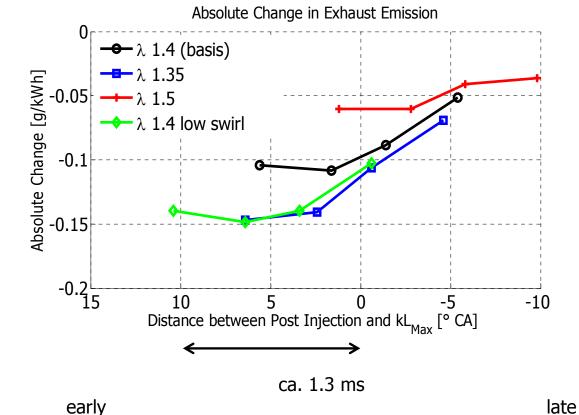
Influence of Post-Injections on Exhaust Soot

Effect on exhaust emissions depending on dwell between POI-timing and kL_{max}:

-Potential of soot reduction decreases soon as the POI occurs after the soot peak

-Goal: -Confirmation that interaction of soot clouds is required

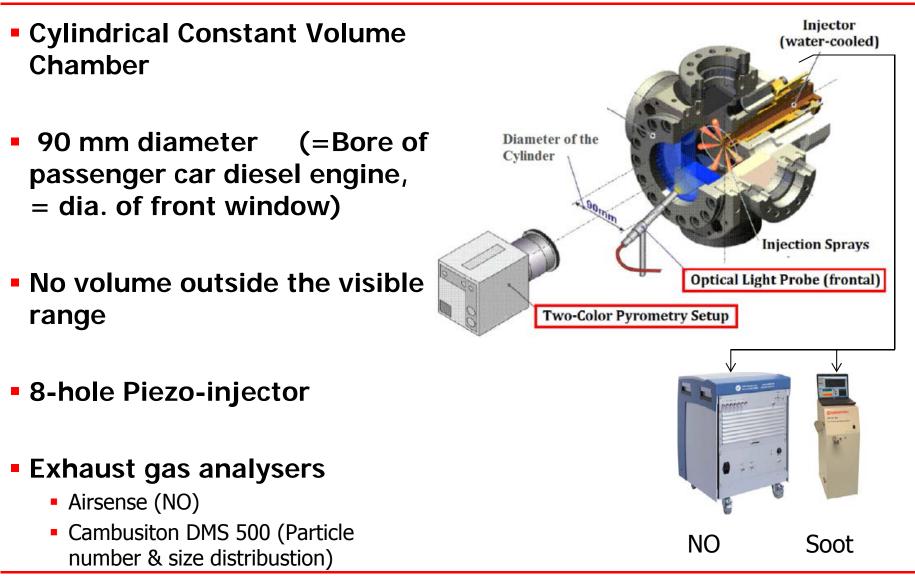
> -Confirmation of negligible temperature effect







Measurement Setup





Operating Conditions

• Fuels:

 Diesel, n-Heptane, n-Heptane with 30%Toluene

Charge

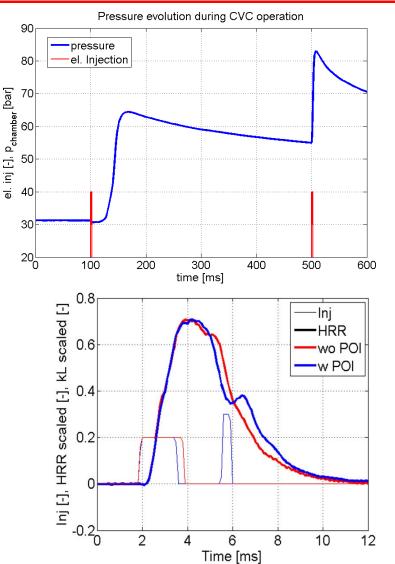
Air and air +CO₂ (O₂ reduced to 17.8%)

Initial conditions

- 1250°K, 55 bar and 1000 bar fuel pressure (after pilot injection)
- 106.8 mg of fuel in total (main +post)

Post-injections

- 1.5, 1.8, 2, 2.2, 2.5 and 3 ms
- 15.5 mg of fuel.

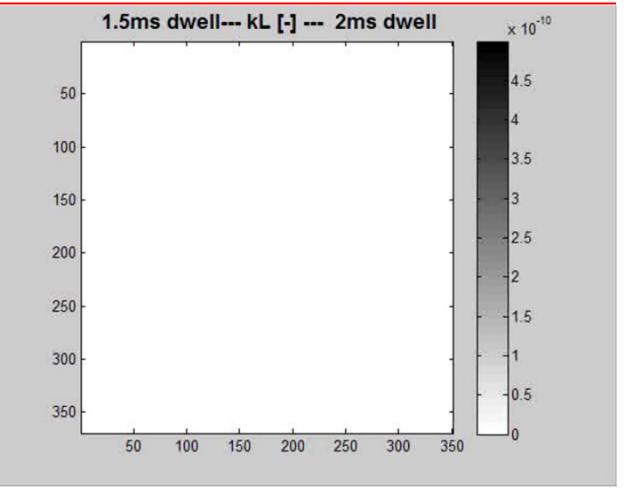






Results: Post-Injections 2D-kL and Temp.

- Post injection with 1.5 ms (left) and 2 ms dwell (right)
- Interaction between the two soot clouds for the early case
- No relevant change of temperature in case of interaction

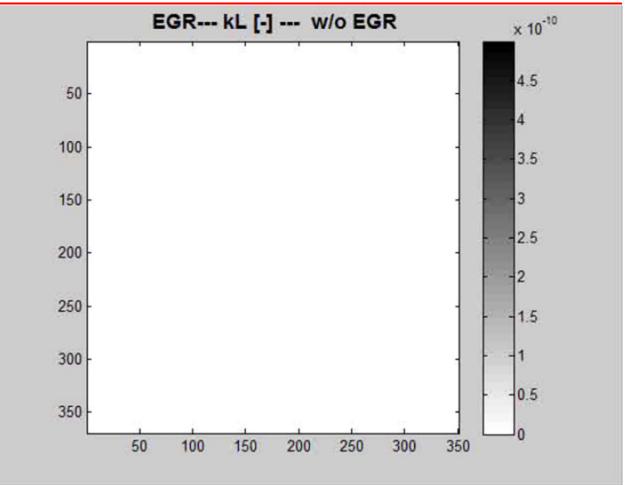






Results: Post-Injections 2D-kL and Temp.

- Post injection with 2 ms dwell and EGR (left), w/o EGR (right)
- Higher potential of interaction under presence of EGR
- No relevant change of temperature in case of interaction



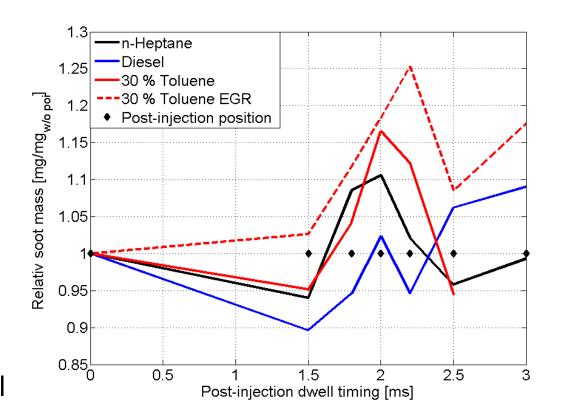




Results: Post-Injections, Exhaust Emissions

Reduction potential for all fuels

- high potential for short dwell timings
- potential decrease rapidly
- No decrease of exhaust soot mass using EGR
 - prob. due to too low local oxygen availability without background turbulence

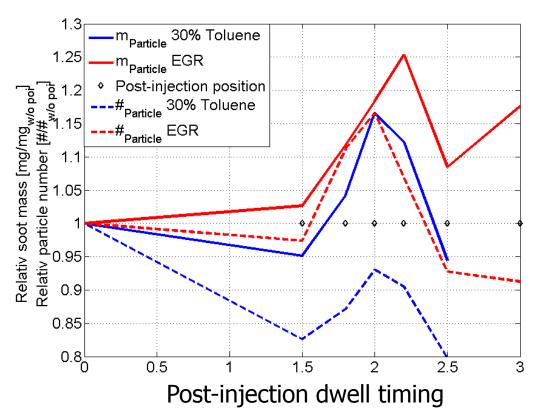






Results: Post-Injections, Exhaust Emissions

- Reduction potential due to lower particle number
- Even w/o reduction of soot mass, reduced PN also in the EGR-case





Summary and Conclusions

- The diesel engine combustion process has been reproduced using a cylindrical constant volume chamber with high optical access.
- The soot oxidation and formation process has been visualized using 2D-2-colourpyrometry.
- The exhaust emission have been measured.
- The measurements showed high potential for exhaust soot reduction if interaction between the soot clouds occur.
- The temperature of the merged soot clouds remains constant.
- Even with higher potential of interaction, the EGR-case does not show exhaust soot reduction. The reason might be too low local oxygen availability caused by the lack of background turbulence.
- PM reduction due to PN reduction



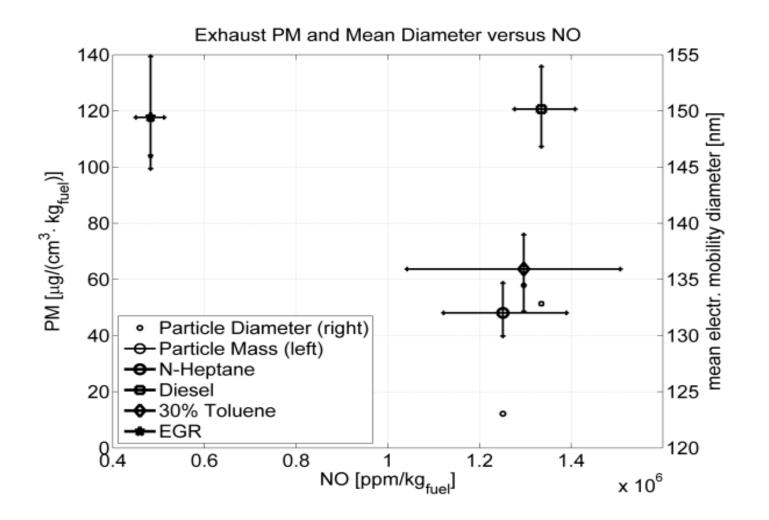








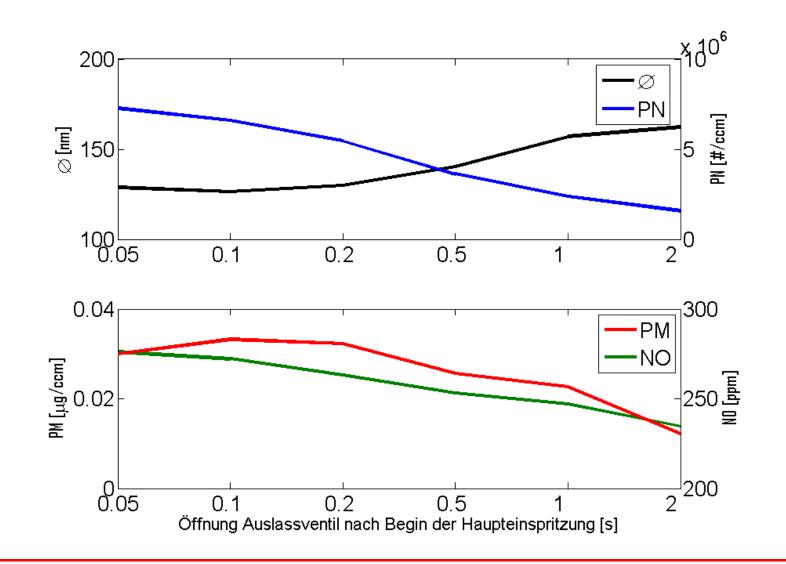
Exhaust Emissions







Exhaust Emission







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