Quantitative spray imaging

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The analogue to digital transition

Digital image

Berrocal & Kristensson 2008

Qualitative imaging

Imaging on photographic films





Limited possibilities for image post-processing



Transition during the 1980th

Quantitative imaging



Endless possibilities for image post-processing



Relevant spray quantities

Spray formation region

Spray dynamics Primary breakups Secondary breakups

Spray region

Droplet transport Droplet collision Droplet evaporation



Vector quantities:

- Velocities of liquid bodies
- Acceleration
- Forces acting on the liquid

Scalar quantities:

- Droplet size
- Droplet concentration
- Droplet temperature
- Liquid volume fraction



Measument in the spray region





Point measurements





Techniques:

- PDA / PDI
- Rainbow refractometry

Main characteristics:

Size & velocity of individual droplets for PDA / PDI

Size & temperature of individual droplets for Rainbow refractometry

Reliable measurements

High measurement dynamic range

Main drawbacks:

- \rightarrow Time consumming
- → Limitted to spherical droplets
- \rightarrow Time averaged measurements
- → Not working in optically dense situations when OD >2

Spray region

Line-of-sight measurements



→ Not working in optically dense situations when
OD >2

Small viewed area





Spray region



Techniques:

- Miroscopic imaging
- Interferometric planar imaging ILIDS technique

Main characteristics:

Droplet size and velocity Resolved droplets Single-shot imaging

Main drawbacks:

 \rightarrow ILIDS works for spherical droplets only

 \rightarrow Time consuming to map the spray region





Spray region

Large viewed area



Techniques:

- LIF/Mie, Raman/Mie, 2-color LIF, Polarisation ratio
- Particle Tracking Velocimetry

Main characteristics:

Non-resolved droplets Laser sheet imaging

Main drawback:

→ Requires qualibrations for scalar quantities

Advantages:

- → Quick 2D mapping
- → Spatially resolved
- → Can be time resolved
- → Full structure of

the droplet field with

possibility for 3D



From qualitative to quantitative imaging



Extinction coefficient



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Laser sheet imaging



- Laser extinction not visible
- Signal attenuation not visible
- Intensity increase with distance
- Surrounding medium non-zero intensity
- Due to multiple scattering
- Quantitative measurement not possible





- Laser extinction visible
- Signal attenuation visible
- Intensity decrease with distance
- Surrounding medium ~zero intensity
- Multiple scattering suppressed
- Quantitative measurement possible



Results from MC simulation



Results from MC simulation



- The droplet size distribution has a mean geometrical diameter of ~10 µm.
- Most light scatters in the forward direction.



- In this simulated case, the light intensity from multiple scattering is more than one order of magnitude higher than single scattering
- Both the SLIPI and single scattering signals follows a decay as light crosses the homogeneous simulated volume.
- The main difference between the two optical signals shown is related to the higher signal level obtained with 3p-SLIPI.
- This effect is induced by the highly forward scattering lobe of the scattering phase function.
- For particles of sizes comparable or smaller than the wavelength of the light source generate results that are in very close agreement with single light scattering detection.

Correction for light extinction





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Algorithm & procedure

- The initial light intensity *Ii* is known
- The transmitted light intensity *I_f* is know
- The SLIPI signal recorded is known S
- The light intensity scattered away *I*_s along one row of pixel corresponds to the subtraction between the incident *I*_i and the transmitted light intensity *I*_f.
- The sum of the light intensity scattered by each pixel *k* equals (*Ii If*).
- The signal *I*_s scattered from each voxel is attenuated on its way to the camera.
- The loss of light intensity after crossing each voxel/pixel along the direction of light propagation is deduced.
- The averaged extinction coefficient is extracted for each given layer.
- Detailed information can be found here:

Ref: R. Wellander et al., Measurement Science and Technology **22** (12), 125303, (2011)



Spray penetration length



- Illustration of the disagreements in the experimental determination of the spray penetration length between LIF and Mie detection. Here a threshold at 5% of the max intensity is used.
- Even though the images have been recorded simultaneously, the estimation of the spray penetration length shows clear discrepancies. Similar discrepancies are likely to occur for images recorded with different cameras and illumination sources.
- Ref: H. Grosshans et. al., International Journal of Multiphase Flow, 72, 218–232, (2015)

LIF/Mie droplet sizing on a single droplet



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LIF/Mie in the single scattering scattering regime







• Cuvette containing fluorescent monodispersed polystyrene microspheres in water - OD = 4

Conv. LIF/Mie ratio

Ø = 7 µm





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SLIPI - LIF/Mie - Measurement example





- Fluorescein is an organic dye with high quantum yield when excited in the blue/green spectral region

Conv. LIF/Mie results

1 cm LIF Ratio By ratioing the signals, the 0 effects from laser extinction 1 and signal 2 attenuation cancel out 3 [cu] 5 The effects ٠ 6 Mie from multiple light scattering 7 are different 8 between the -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 LIF and Mie X [cm] signals

Conv. LIF/Mie results

Calibration impossible



SLIPI - LIF/Mie results



SLIPI LIF/Mie results

Calibration possible



SLIPI - LIF/Mie results



SLIPI set-up: CW illumination



Two-color LIF Thermometry



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Two-color LIF Thermometry in a spray



- Example of temperature mapping in a hollow-cone spray.
- Changes in liquid temperature are visible.
- However, some unwanted effects can be observed due to self-absorption of the dye.



Two-color LIF Thermometry: Self-absorption



 To avoid effects due to self-absorption, a two-dye approach has been recently investigated by Chaze et al.

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- The idea is to extract a spectral band "away" from the absorption spectrum.
- In the best case, one dye decreases with temperature and the other one increases.



Ref: William Chaze, et al., Experiments in Fluids, 2017. 58(8): p. 96.

SLIPI set-up: Pulsed laser illumination



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Two-phase SLIPI for instantaneous imaging



- The two laser pulses most probably have different energy profiles.
- It is important to normalize the intensity levels before subtracting the images.

Two-phase SLIPI for instantaneous imaging



Two-phase SLIPI for instantaneous LIF/Mie



One-phase SLIPI for instantaneous imaging



- In one-phase SLIPI, the image resolution is reduced due to the fact that half of the spray is not illuminated
- The approach is easy to implement and can be used in situations where spray details are not required

Ref: Yogeshwar Mishra, et al., Experiments in Fluids, 2017. 58(9): p. 110.

Measument in the spray formation region





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LSFM and Back Fluorescence comparison



LSFM detection for GDI injection imaging

• Microscopic images of a DISI spray injected at 80 bars pressure of injection



Microscopic shadowgraphy

Ref: Crua C, Heikal MR and Gold, MR 2015 "Microscopic imaging of the initial stage diesel spray formation", Fuel 157



https://www.brighton.ac.uk/advanced-engineering/research-projects/non-spherical-droplets-in-highpressure-sprays.aspx









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100µm

Summary

- Quantitative spray imaging developed together with the creation of digital sensors in the 1980th.
- Large viewed areas are practical but they rely on light intensity levels to extract spray information as droplets are not resolved.
- By correcting for laser extinction and signal attenuation after multiple scattering suppression one can obtained spray images without artifacts.
- The extinction coefficient should be used to define the spray penetration length.
- Ratios techniques are practical as the extinction effects cancel out in the ratio; but they require cautious calibration.

- LIF/Mie ratio provides information about the droplet Sauter Mean Diameter.
- Two-color LIF provides information about the temperature of the liquid.
- Two-color LIF is sensitive to selfabsorption effects.
- Ratio techniques are very sensitive to multiple light scattering contributions.
- Two-phase and one-phase SLIPI can be used for instantaneous imaging of transient sprays.
- One phase SLIPI loose image resolution but can be easily implemented.
- Microscopic imaging techniques are used to study in detail the spray formation region.