

## ? kinematic viscosity ?o film thickness

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## 55 2 Symbols

## 56 3 GDI

## 57 4 Gasoline

## 58 5 Introduction

59 he advantages of the gasoline direct-injection (GDI) engine over the port-injection engine are the improved fuel  
60 economy, reduced unburned hydrocarbons (UBH) and CO emissions, and more precise air-fuel ratio control. The  
61 injected gasoline consists three main stages (sheet, ligaments and finally drops) see Fig( ??). The primary stage  
62 is an important part of the fuel injection which effects on the spray droplet diameter, penetration and shape  
63 of mixture ??1]. Despite the large number of investigations carried out so far for droplet behaviour, while the  
64 primary stage is stilled not fully understood. The weak of understanding of the fuel sheet length and thickness  
65 needs further investigation.

66 researchers have investigated spray behaviour and atomization characteristics of high-pressure gasoline swirl  
67 injector for a direct injection gasoline engine. Recently, a comprehensive overview on the mixture formation and  
68 combustion control in a spark-ignited direct-injection gasoline engine was reported by Zhao et al. (1995) ??1].  
69 In 2003, Kawahara [2] made an experimental investigation of primary spray structure under high pressure swirl  
70 injector which is used in gasoline direct injection engine, He used Ar-ion laser sheet and high speed video camera  
71 (1 Mfps). The objective of his work is to investigate the macroscopic and microscopic characteristics of gasoline  
72 injector for GDI engine by numerical approach applying the LISA (Linear instability Sheet Atomizer) breakup  
73 model and experimental method. The global spray behaviours such as spray tip penetration and spray data of  
74 fuel injector are captured by the Phase Doppler Anemometry, and the atomization characteristics such as spray  
75 droplet size and velocity distribution of the gasoline direct injector are measured by using phase Doppler Particle  
76 Analyzer system. The LISA breakup model is used to obtain the results of the numerical calculation. Based on  
77 the results of the calculation, the numerical results of models are compared with the experimental results such  
78 as spray shape, local SMD, axial mean velocity, and the distribution of the droplet breakup.

79 In the present work, the primary spray stage of injection theoretically and experimentally and the effects the  
80 pressure of the fuel injection -injector diameter and ambient pressure on the fuel speed-length and thickness of  
81 sheet.

## 82 6 II.

## 83 7 The Primary Stage Model (lisa)

84 While a variety of models of secondary breakup has been proposed, and tested in CFD codes, a reliable model  
85 for primary breakup is yet to reveal. Linear instability sheet atomizer or LISA model is mostly used in direct  
86 injection, spark ignition engines. Primary region model used the integral nozzle flow parameter i.e: mass rate,  
87 initial velocity, orifice diameter to predict the initial drop size distributions. The model well known as wave  
88 model by Reitz [3]. For this model the pressure swirl atomizer is imposed to create, angular momentum on the  
89 liquid flow resulting the swirling motion. Centrifugal force is caused by swirling motion in the liquid spreads it  
90 out in the form of conical sheet as soon as leave the nozzle. A hollow cone spray is produced after the injector.  
91 This sheet is breakup to droplet by exposing to aerodynamic instabilities. The hydrodynamic mechanism process  
92 of this stage as:III.

## 93 8 Sheet Growth Rate

94 This model assumes that a two-dimensional, viscous, incompressible liquid sheet of thickness  $2h$  moves with  
95 relative velocity  $U$  through an inviscid, incompressible gas medium. The liquid and gas have densities of  $\rho_l$  and  
96  $\rho_g$ , respectively, the viscosity of the liquid is  $\mu_l$ , and surface tension is  $\sigma$ . A coordinate system is used that  
97 moves with the sheet, and a spectrum of infinitesimal disturbances of the form [4].

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$$t ikx \dots + = \exp \dots (1)$$

is imposed on the initially steady, motion-producing fluctuating velocities, and pressures for both the liquid and the gas. In Eq. (1)  $\dots$  is the initial wave amplitude,  $k=2\pi/\lambda$  is the wave number. The most unstable disturbance has the largest value of  $\dots$ , denoted here by  $\dots$ , and is assumed to be responsible for sheet breakup (ligaments). Thus, it is desired to obtain a dispersion relation  $\dots = \dots(k)$  from which the most unstable disturbance can be deduced.

Squire [5] has shown that two solutions for above equation to find growth rate ( $\dots$ ), or modes, exist that satisfy the liquid governing equations subject to the boundary conditions at the upper and lower interfaces. For the first solution, called the sinuous mode, the waves at the upper and lower interfaces are in exactly phase. On the other hand, for the varicose mode, the waves are  $\dots$  radians out of phase (see Figure 2). Clark and Dombrowski [6] used a second-order analysis to solve the equation of sinuous wave motion on a flat sheet and obtained a solution for liquid sheet length. To summarize, the theoretical analyses show that waves at the liquid surface are a major factor that causes liquid sheet instability and result in disintegration. So, the present work is focused on growth of sinuous waves on the liquid sheet. Senecal et al [4] derived the dispersion relation for the sinuous mode from equation (1) to get the growth rate, which is given by:  $\dots$  (2)

Where:  $Q = \dots$  and  $l = k \dots$  is kinematic viscosity

The dispersion relation can further be simplified based on the wavelength of the wave. (i) Squire [5] assumed that long waves grow on the interfaces so that  $\tanh(kh) = kh$ . And in the limit of  $Q \ll kh$  Eq (2) reduces to wave growth equation for long waves given by  $\dots$  (3)

This relation is similar to Dombrowski and John's expression [7] (ii) For the short waves, which means  $\tanh(kh)$  is approximated to unity. It is assumed that the growth rate is independent of the sheet thickness and in the limit of  $Q \ll 1$ , equation (3) reduces to:  $\dots$  (4)

If viscosity is neglected, Eq. (??) for long waves reduces to  $\dots$  (5)

And Eq. (??) for short waves reduces to  $\dots$  (6)

To calculate maximum growth rate ( $\dots$ ) for the inviscid long wave from Eq. (5), which occurs at a dimensionless wave number of  $k S h = 1/2 We_g$ , long  $Q We U h 2 1 = \dots$  (7)

and the calculation maximum growth rate ( $\dots$ ) for the short wave analysis, Eq. (??), which occurs at  $K S h = 2/3 We_g$ ,  $3 3 2 Q We U h g \text{ short} = \dots$  (8)

To check the wave length condition, the critical We number must be used. The critical We is given by  $We_g = 27/16$ . Above  $We_g = 27/16$ , the fastest growing waves are short, and below  $27/16$ , the wavelengths are long compared to the sheet thickness.

Eq. (1) shows that the growth rate of short waves is independent of the sheet thickness. When the amplitude of gasoline sheet reached the maximum value, the breakup happened. At that moment the growth rate becomes ( $\dots$ ), amplitude becomes ( $\dots$ ), the corresponding breakup time ( $t_b$ ) and the breakup length  $L$ . When substitute equation (??) into (1) and neglecting the imaginary part to calculate ( $\dots$ ), equation (1) becomes:  $\dots = \exp \dots$  Which, it due to:  $\dots = \dots \ln 1$  (9)

The term  $\ln(\dots)$  has an assigned value of 12 as suggested by [8].

IV.

## 10 Sheet Velocity

The centrifugal motion of the liquid within the injector creates an air core surrounded by a liquid film.

The thickness of the film,  $\delta$ , is related to the mass flow rate by [9]:  $\dots = (10)$

Where:  $\delta$  is the atomizer exit,  $m$  is the liquid mass flow rate,  $u$  the axial component of velocity at the exit and  $\delta_0$  is film thickness. This quantity depends on internal details of the injector and is difficult to calculate from first principles.

The sheet velocity,  $U_l$ , is assumed to be related to the injector pressure drop,  $\hat{P}$ , by  $\dots = 2(11)$

Some researcher has noted that  $k_v$  is a function of the injector design and injection pressure. If the swirl ports are treated as nozzles, Eq. (11) is then an expression for the coefficient of discharge for the swirl ports, assuming that the majority of the pressure drop through the injector occurs at the ports. The coefficient of discharge for single-phase nozzles with sharp inlet corners and an  $L/D$  of 4 is typically 0.78 or less and 0.88 [10]. Physical limits on  $k_v$  are such that it must be less than unity by conservation of energy, and it must be large enough to permit sufficient mass flow. To guarantee that the size of the air core is non-negative, the following expression is used:  $\dots = P D m k l l o l v 2 \cos 4 7 . 0 \max \dots$  (12)

where  $\theta$  is the spray half-angle.

Assuming that the pressure drop is known,  $u_l$  is found from  $\dots \cos l U u = (13) V$ .

## 11 Sheet Thickness and Length

The initial half-thickness  $h_0$  can be related to the film thickness ( $\delta_0$ ) within the nozzle diameter  $d_0$ , by the expression Then, the sheet half-thickness at  $L$  is given by:  $\dots = \sin 2 \cos / 2$  (16)

158 Where:  $\delta$  is the film thickness, measured perpendicular to the injector axis, at the nozzle exit.

## 159 12 VI.

### 160 13 Drop Formations

161 The breakup occurs when the amplitude of the unstable waves is equal to the radius of the ligament; one drop  
162 will be formed per wavelength. In either the short wave or the long wave case, which are explained in eq. (17).  
163 At the point of breakup, fluid ligaments are formed with diameter calculated from the mass balance, as:  
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$$16 = (17)$$

165 Where  $\lambda$  is the wave number corresponding to the maximum growth rate ( $\lambda$ ) and the sheet thickness ( $h$ ) at the  
166 breakup location. 
$$166 = (19)$$

167 The physical mechanism of sheet disintegration proposed by [10] is adopted in order to predict the drop sizes  
168 ( $d$ ) produced from the primary breakup process.

169 The procedure of calculation this stage of gasoline in primary stage was explained in the figure (5) below.

## 170 14 VII.

### 171 15 Experimental Analysis

172 Laser Doppler Anemometry (LDA) is a nonintrusive absolute laser diagnostic system that is capable of recording  
173 the transient nature of a seeded flow-field. However, when applied to sprays the droplets themselves act as  
174 the seeding particles. Phase Doppler Anemometry (PDA) is an extension of LDA that allows the simultaneous  
175 measurement of velocity component and droplet diameter size. This technique is used for other numerous  
176 applications but will be described here in relation to spray applications. First the principles of operation will be  
177 briefly explained, and then the method of data collection and post-processing techniques will be described.

178 Several techniques have been developed to measure properties of sprays such as the droplet size. Most  
179 techniques use radiation as a probe at optical wavelengths. In a two-phase injector, the sensitivity and dynamic  
180 range of such techniques must allow measurement of dense sprays with a droplet size distribution that may  
181 vary over one or two orders of magnitude. Phase Doppler Anemometry (PDA) is the standard technique for  
182 spray investigations [10, 11 and 12]. It gives both size and velocity information on individual droplets. The  
183 experiment was done under conventional ambient conditions (1 bar, pressure and 21 °C, temperature), fuel was  
184 a gasoline and injected at 10 MPa pressure and environmental temperature, the diameter of the nozzle is 0.2 mm.

185 The data was acquired at 5mm downstream the tip of nozzle, which expected exist of a parent drop  $d$ . Ten  
186 points in radially direction at 5mm downstream, the data was acquired.

187 This experiment was done in Laser laboratory of university of Cardiff in Wales, United Kingdom.

## 188 16 VIII.

### 189 17 Results and Discussion

190 The paper concerned on study the effects of some parameters on primary spray characteristics like as liquid fuel  
191 sheet thickness, velocity and length which are described the initial value of the fuel spray droplet.

192 Figure (6) shows the effect of injection pressure on the sheet thickness of gasoline injected inside combustion  
193 chamber under conventional condition of air (1 bar pressure and 21 °C). The results show that the sheet thickness  
194 decreases when the injection pressure of the gasoline is increased, this is due to the increasing in the axial and  
195 angular fuel velocity which is force the fuel outer side and increases the air core inside the nozzle.

196 Also, figure (6) showed the effects of the injector hole diameter on the sheet thickness of injected gasoline  
197 directly to combustion chamber, when increase the diameter of the injector, the liquid sheet thickness increased  
198 too. When increasing the diameter of the injector, the sheet velocity decrease and due to the increasing in  
199 thickness. Figure (7), shows the effect of the injection pressure on the velocity of the fuel at the nozzle exit, which  
200 proportional by square root to the injection pressure, it is clear that in the equation (9). When the figure (8) presented  
201 the effect of fuel injected pressure on the liquid sheet length. From the figure, it's clear that the increasing the  
202 injection pressure affect to decreasing in the fuel sheet length due to increasing in the velocity and increase in  
203 the dispersion and growth rate which affects on increasing the wave amplitude then happening of the breakup.  
204 The fuel injection pressure play an important rule of spray mechanism. There is a limitation for increasing the  
205 injection pressure at gasoline engines due to the droplet size and mixture [4].

206 Injection pressure (Mpa) The effect of the fuel injection pressure on the fuel sheet velocity was presented in  
207 figure (9). The results showed that an increasing in the fuel pressure caused the increasing in the fuel velocity  
208 due to increasing in the dragging force on the droplets. Which affects a fast transferring the momentum from  
209 the droplet to the surrounding air. There is no effect of the ambient pressure at high injection pressure. Figure  
210 (10) showed the effect of the injection pressure on the liquid sheet thickness, where increase the pressure slightly  
211 decrease the thickness of the sheet due to the increasing the dragging force which decreasing the velocity which  
212 increased the ligament region and then droplet phenomena. Also low effect of the ambient pressure at high  
213 injection. In the figure (11), the behaviour of the sheet length had a slightly decreased when increasing the  
214 injection pressures because of dependence of sheet length on thickness.

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## 18 Conclusions

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? The primary sheet breakup seen to have the ability of describing and presenting the fuel spray typical in DISI engines. So from this research, we concluded that the increasing in injection of fuel pressure would made decreasing in length of sheet and thickness, but increasing the velocity. ? The strategy developed has been tested on simple case of swirl injector (pintle type) under the typical conditions predicted a quantitative results with a good agreement with a similar test cases of the experimental.

? The primary stage of the gasoline spray play an important role in fuel mixture condition. Both sheet length and thickness are affected on the rate of droplet evaporation and the time required to complete mixture. So high length and thickness of the fuel sheet mean the rate time of creating ligaments and droplet is high. Finally that delays the combustion process. ? Variable pressure injector is the main demand for the modern technology engine to provide the optimum sheet length and thickness the avoid knocking.

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Figure 1:

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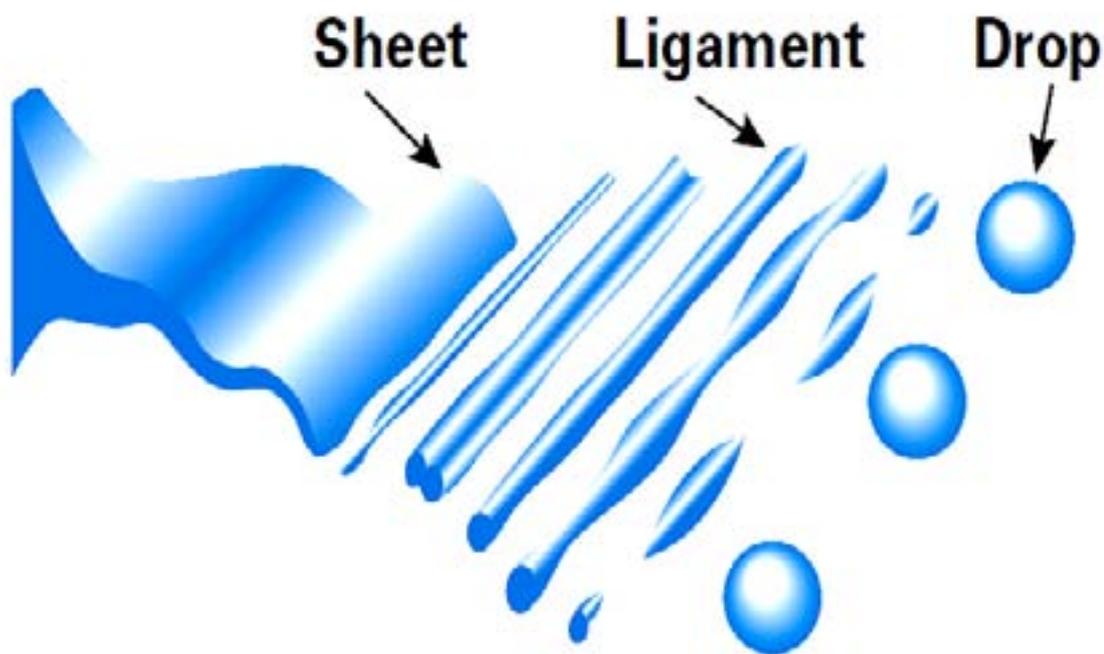
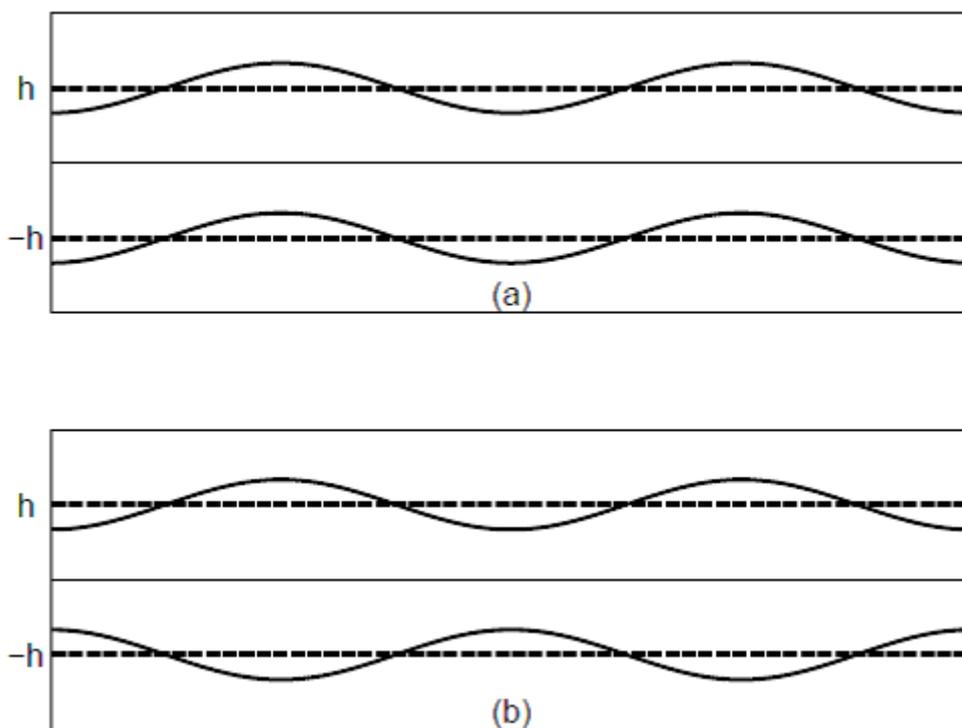


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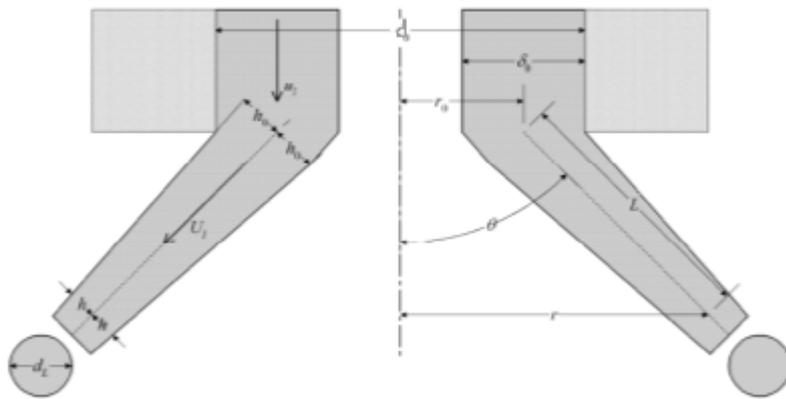


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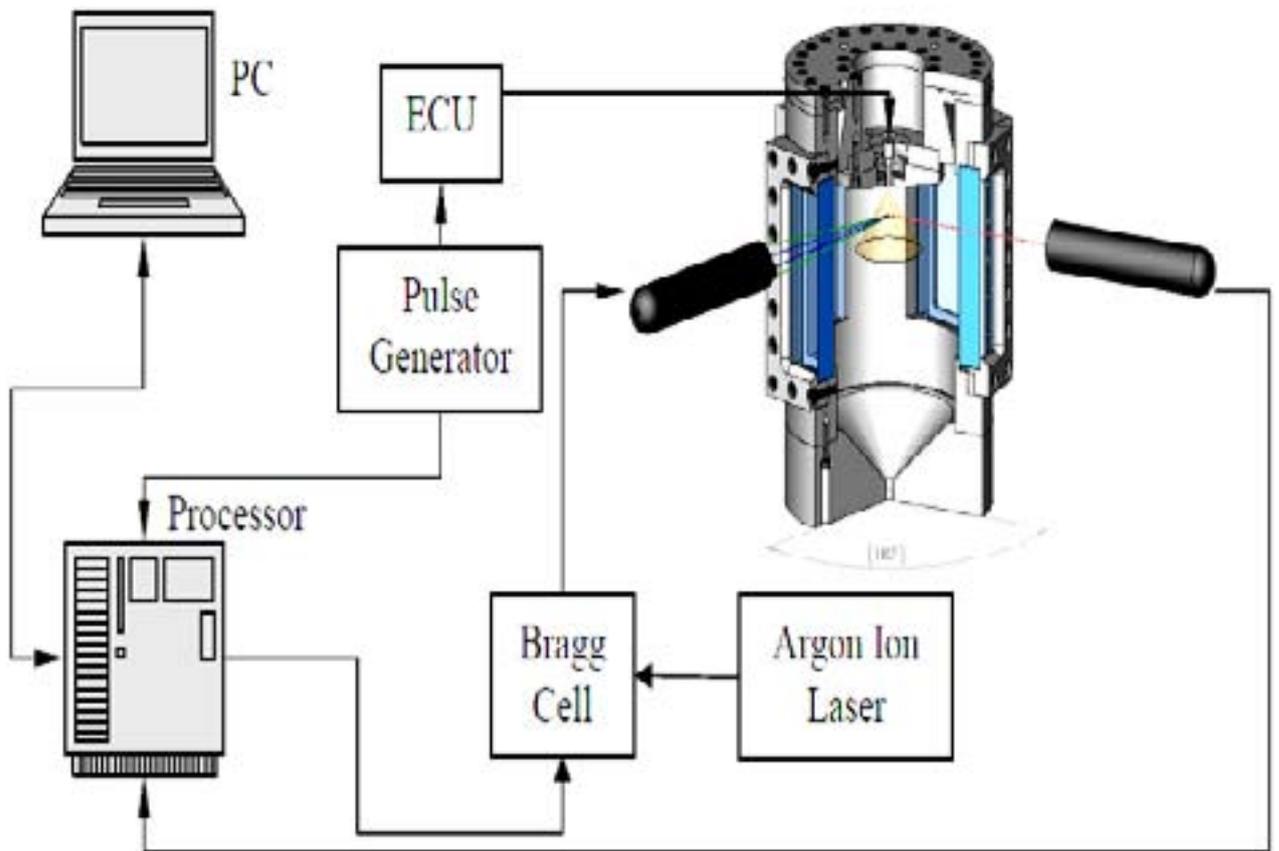
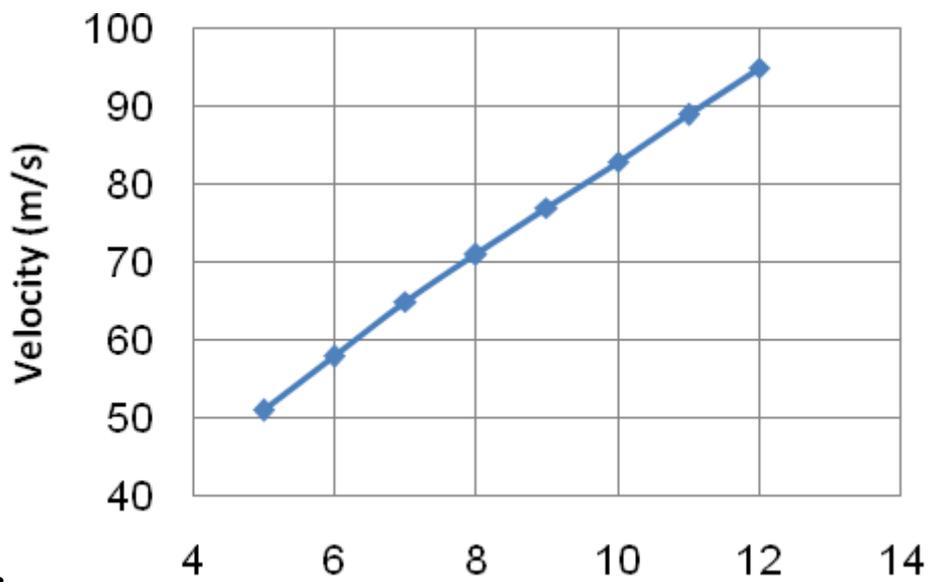
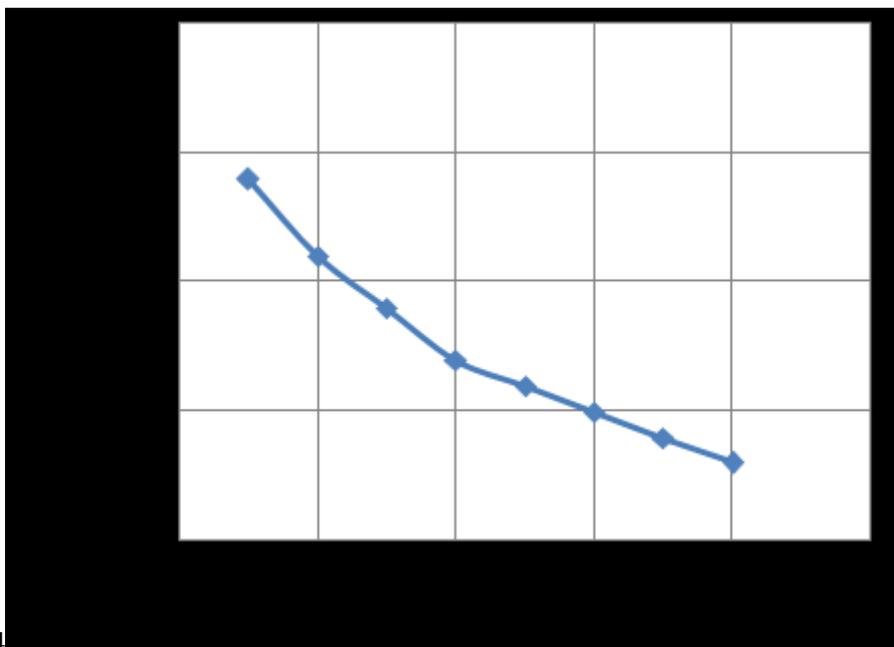


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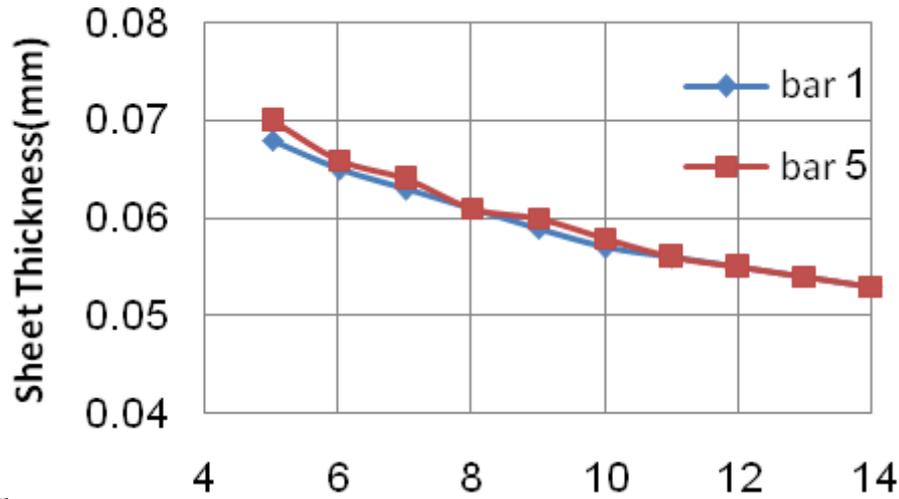
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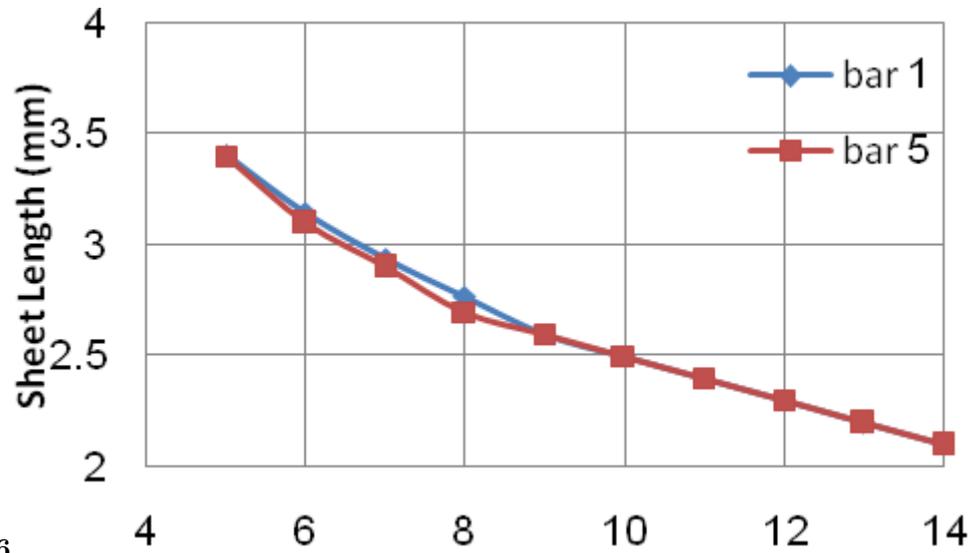
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Figure 8: Figure 5 :



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used parameters		IX.
Mass of fuel injected	9	mg
Injection duration	6	ms
Viscosity	$3 \times 10^{-3}$	N/s
Density	745	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Surface tension	2.25	N/m
Injection pressure	5,?14	MPa
Spray half angle	60	degree
Nozzle diameter	0.2,?,0.5 mm	

Figure 10: Table of



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