

# Study of Soot Formation in Gasoline Direct Injection Engines by Means of Diffuse Back-Illuminated Extinction Imaging

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The diffuse back-illumination extinction imaging method was applied to measure soot formation, accumulation and oxidation processes in an optical access engine with a gasoline direct injection system. The relationships between burned gas temperatures which calculated from the two-zone model and soot extinction images were verified. Fuel wetting areas in a combustion chamber have effects not only amounts of fuel films, but also the exposure timings to the hot burned gas. Fig.1 shows the soot extinction images by means of DBI with different ignition timings. The engine is operated under the same fuel injection controls and almost the same fuel wetting conditions. It is seen that soot particles increase in the expansion stroke under retarded ignition timing conditions. Fig.2 shows the time series temperatures and pressures in a combustion chamber with each ignition timing. Soot generation regions of gasoline surrogate fuels are referred from Tanaka et al.<sup>(1)</sup> in this figure. Ignition timings change the burned gas temperature and it's staying durations in the soot generation region. The retarded ignition timing makes the duration longer under this engine operating condition. Effects of dilution

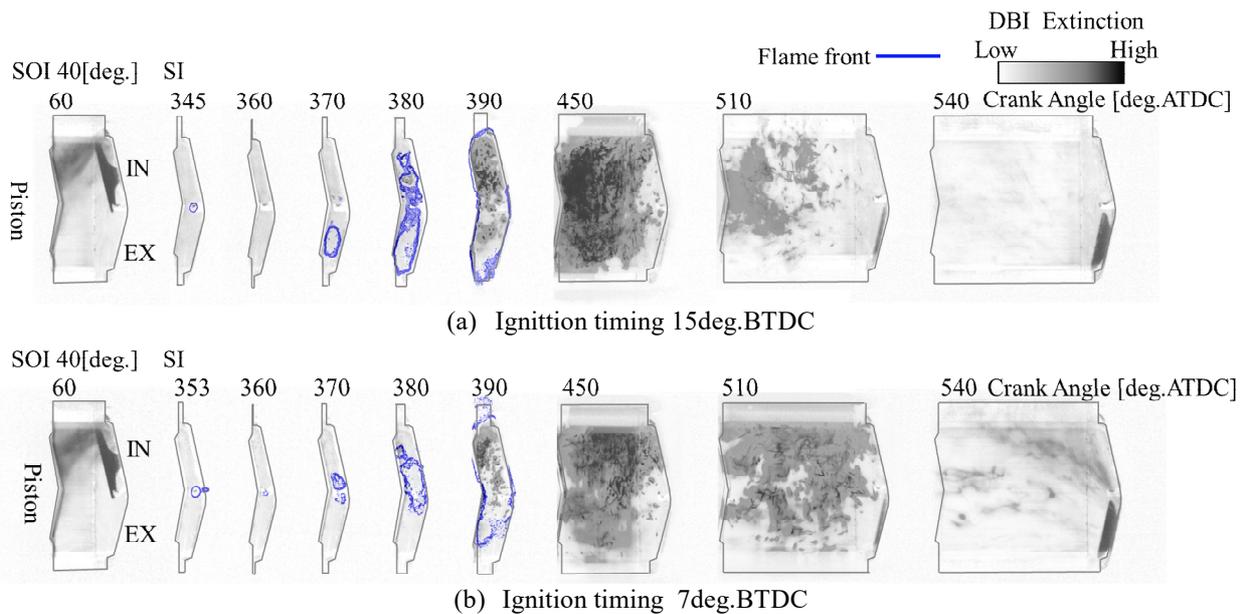


Fig. 1 DBI images with each condition of ignition timing

ratios are investigated too. The oxidation process of soot particles after nucleation and accumulation processes are clearly seen under a no dilution condition. Increase-decrease rates of soot particles of DBI extinction images shown good agreement with soot the generating region of two-zone models under the few soot particle generating conditions. On the other hand, it is seen that the divergence in their relationship under many soot particle generation conditions.

(1)M. Tanaka, et al., Soot Formation from a Three-component Gasoline Surrogate Fuel behind a Reflected Shock Wave, Transactions of the Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan Vol.50, No.5, September 2019.

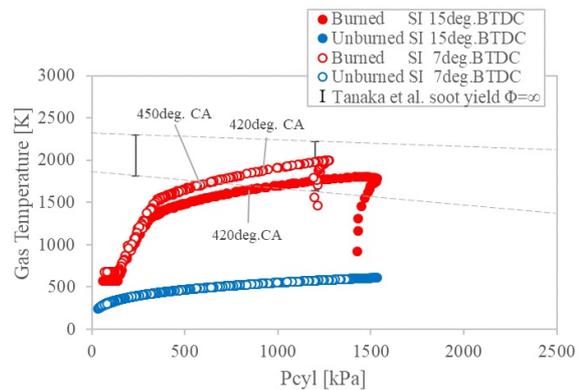


Fig2. Gas Temperatures