

## Module 6: Diffusion Flame

### Lecture 33: Spray Combustion Model

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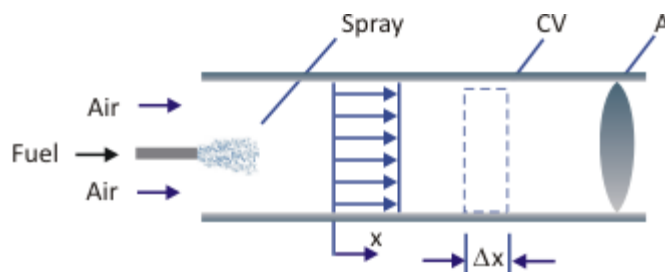
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## Spray Combustion Model

### Assumption:

- Steady, 1-D flow, Laminar, inviscid
- Mono-dispersed droplets.
- Pressure remains constant during combustion.
- Droplets move with same velocity as that of air.
- Vaporization and ignition begins at  $x=0$ .
- Mixing and chemical reaction times are quite small as compared to droplet vaporization time.
- Constant thermophysical properties.
- Dilute spray.



(Figure 33.1)

### Stoichiometric fuel-air ratio:

$$f = \frac{(N_0 \rho_l \pi D_0^3 / 6) A dx}{\rho_0 A dx - (N_0 \rho_l \pi D_0^3 / 6) A dx} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

$\rho_l$  = Density of liquid  
 $A$  = Cross sectional area  
 $N_0$  = Number of droplets  
 $D_0$  = Initial diameter

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Number of droplets,

$$N_0 = \frac{f}{1+f} \frac{\rho_0}{\rho_l} \frac{6}{\pi D_0^3} \quad \text{-----}(2)$$

From mass conservation,

$$\rho_0 \bar{V}_0 A = \rho \bar{V} A \quad \text{-----}(3)$$

$\rho$  - Density of droplet laden air

$$N_0 \bar{V}_0 A = N \bar{V} A \quad \text{-----}(4)$$

From above two equations,

$$N = N_0 \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \quad \text{-----}(5)$$

Energy equation across the element dx

$$\rho \bar{V} C_p \frac{dT}{dx} A dx = \dot{q}''' A dx \quad \text{-----}(6)$$

$\dot{q}'''$  - Heat release rate

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Simplifying,

$$\rho C_p \frac{dT}{dt} = \dot{q}''' \quad \text{-----}(7)$$

Heat release rate per unit volume,

$$\dot{q}''' = N(\dot{m}_F)_{\text{droplet}} \Delta \hat{H}_c \quad \text{-----}(8)$$

Relationship for quasi-steady state droplet vaporization,

$$\dot{m}_F = 2\pi D \alpha \ln(B + 1) = \pi D \rho_l \frac{K}{4} \quad \text{-----}(9)$$

Where, K – droplet combustion rate constant that can be experienced as

$$K = \frac{8k_g}{\rho_l C_p} \ln(B + 1) \quad \text{-----}(10)$$

By using Eqs. (7) , and (10), we can have,

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{3f}{2(1+f)} \frac{K \Delta \hat{H}_c}{C_p D_0^3} D \quad \text{-----}(11)$$

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Droplet diameter will vary by  $D^2$  law

$$D = \sqrt{D_0^2 - Kt} \quad \text{-----(12)}$$

Boundary and initial conditions

$$t = 0, D = D_0, T = T_0 \quad \text{-----(13)}$$

By using above condition in Eq. 6.11 and integrating it, we can get

$$T = T_0 + \left( \frac{f}{1+f} \right) \frac{\Delta H_c}{C_p} \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{D}{D_0} \right)^3 \right] \quad \text{-----(14)}$$

Adiabatic flame temperature is given as

$$T_{ad} = T_0 + \left( \frac{f}{1+f} \right) \frac{\Delta \bar{H}_c}{C_p} \quad \text{-----(15)}$$

By using Eng. (14), we get

$$T = T_0 + (T_{ad} - T_0) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{D}{D_0} \right)^3 \right] \quad \text{-----(16)}$$

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Zone length is given by

$$L_R = \int_0^{\tau_b} \bar{V} dt \quad \text{-----}(17)$$

Integrating Eq. (17), we can get

$$L_R = \frac{\bar{V}_0 D_0^2}{K} \left( \frac{2}{5} + \frac{3 T_{ad}}{5 T_0} \right) \quad \text{-----}(18)$$

Combustion Intensity is given by

$$I = \dot{q}''' = \frac{\rho_0 \bar{V}_0 C_p (T_{ad} - T_0)}{L_R} \quad \text{-----}(19)$$

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