

Mixing induced phase separation at elevated pressures

Смешивание индуцированного разделения фаз при повышенных давлениях

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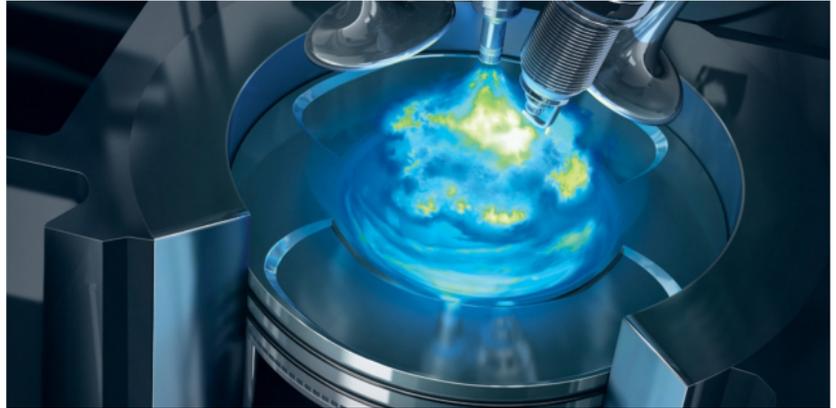
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Motivation



- ▶ Applications in focus: Engines (gaseous and liquid fuel) and rocket motors
- ▶ Elevated pressures (supercritical)
- ▶ Numerical investigation (OpenFOAM)
- ▶ **Goal: Detailed modeling of the injection process (solver and thermodynamics)**



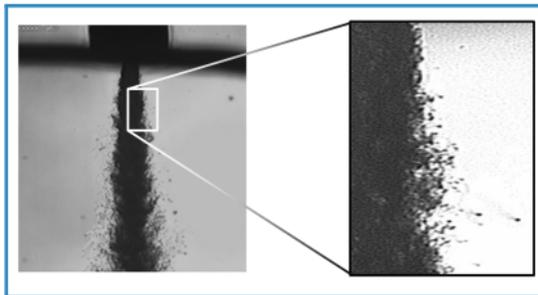
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Sub- and supercritical injection - Pure component

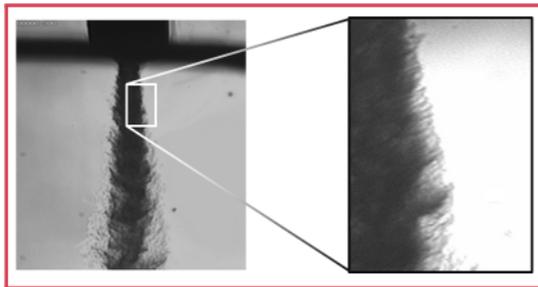
Experimental investigation for cryogenic nitrogen, Chehroudi et al. (2003)

Subcritical



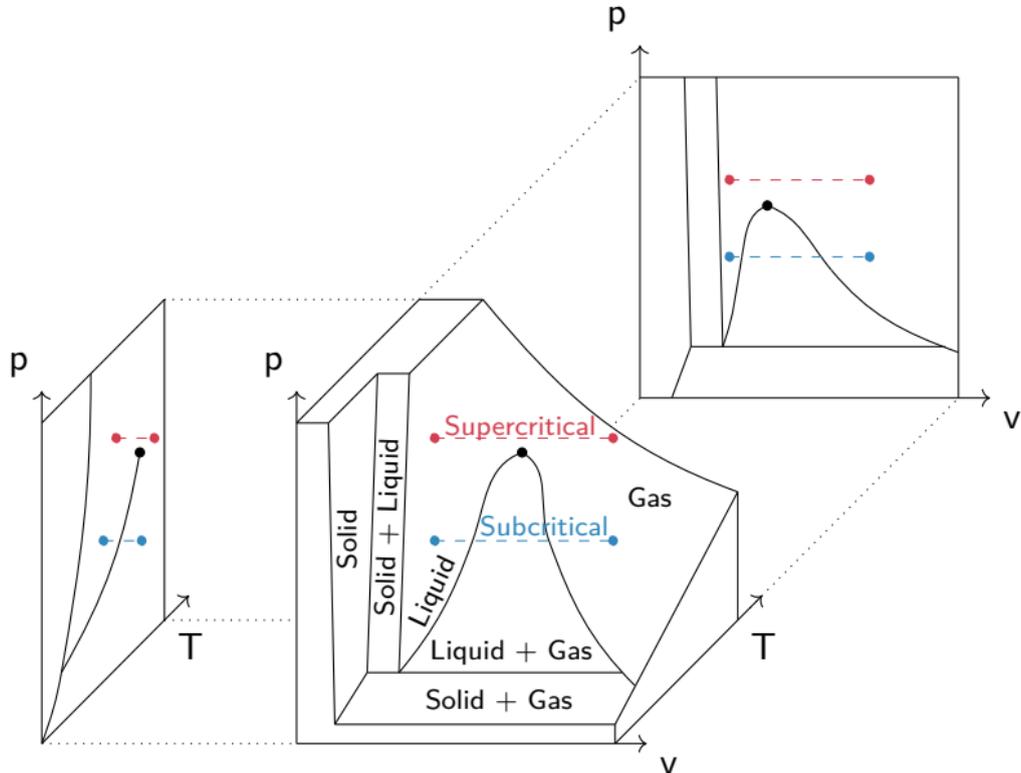
- ▶ Atomization
- ▶ Surface tension
- ▶ Vaporization

Supercritical

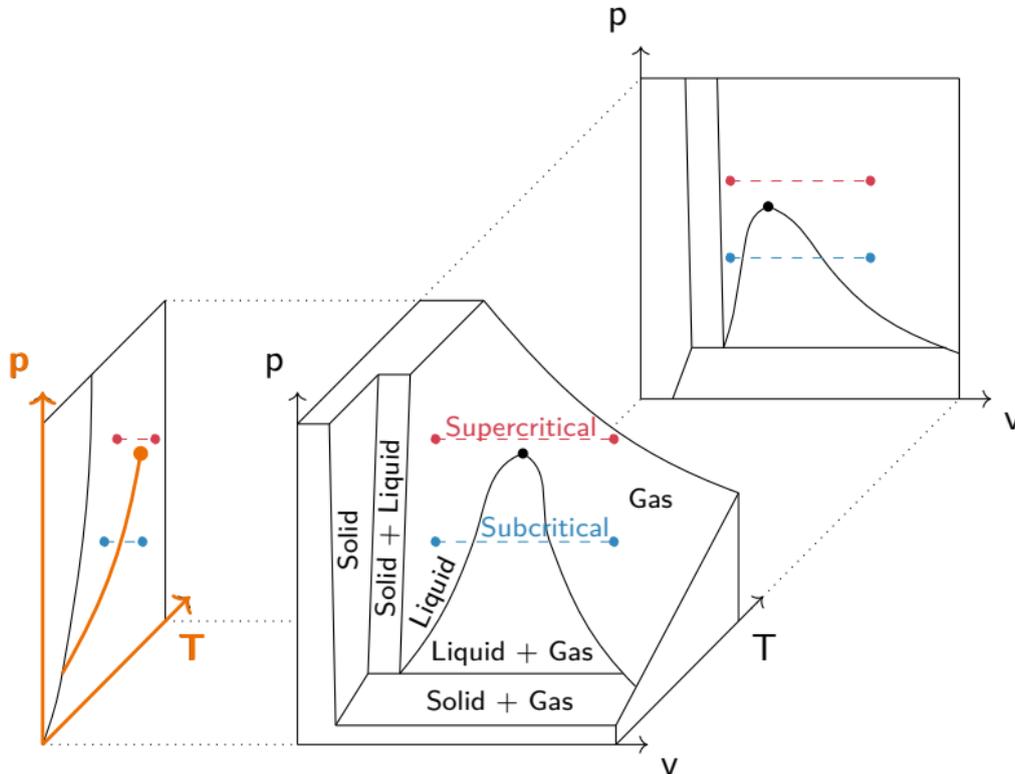


- ▶ Diffuse mixing
- ▶ No surface tension
- ▶ Finger-like structures

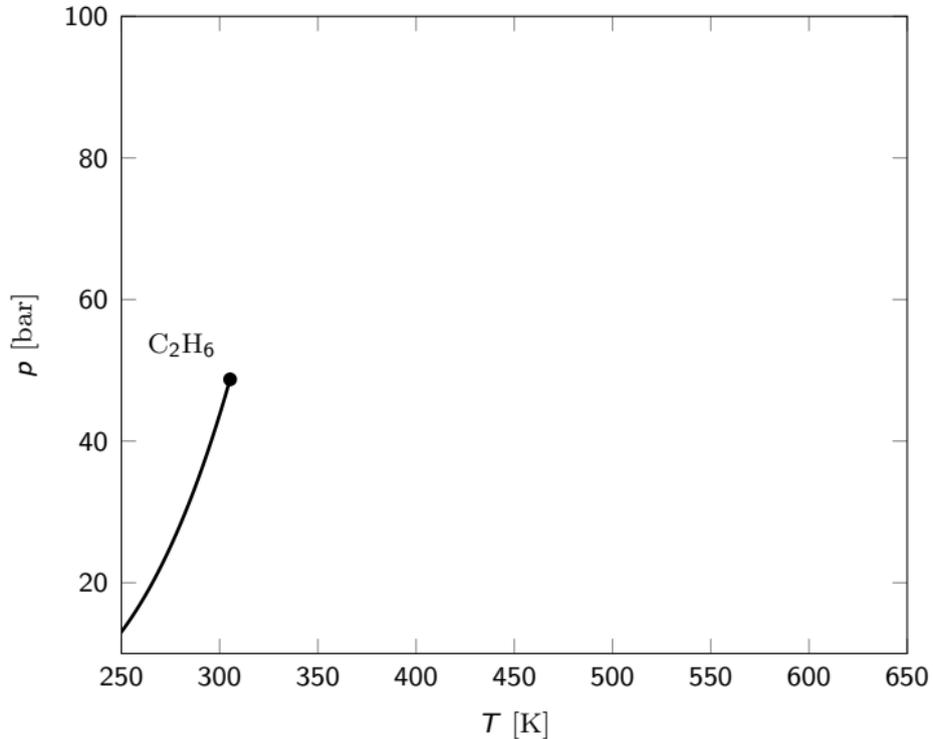
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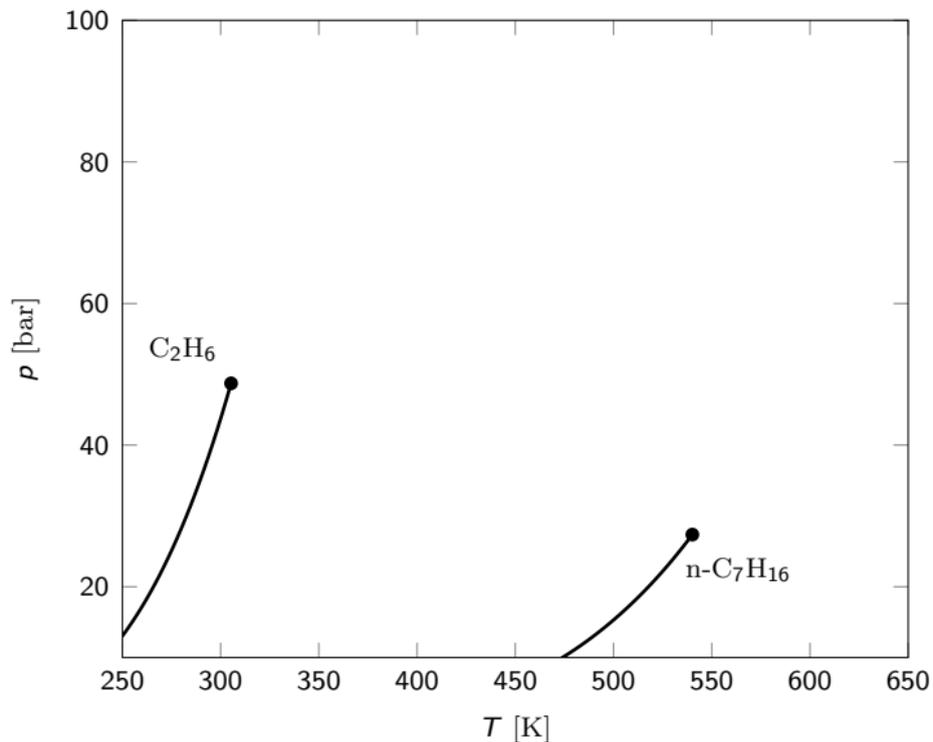
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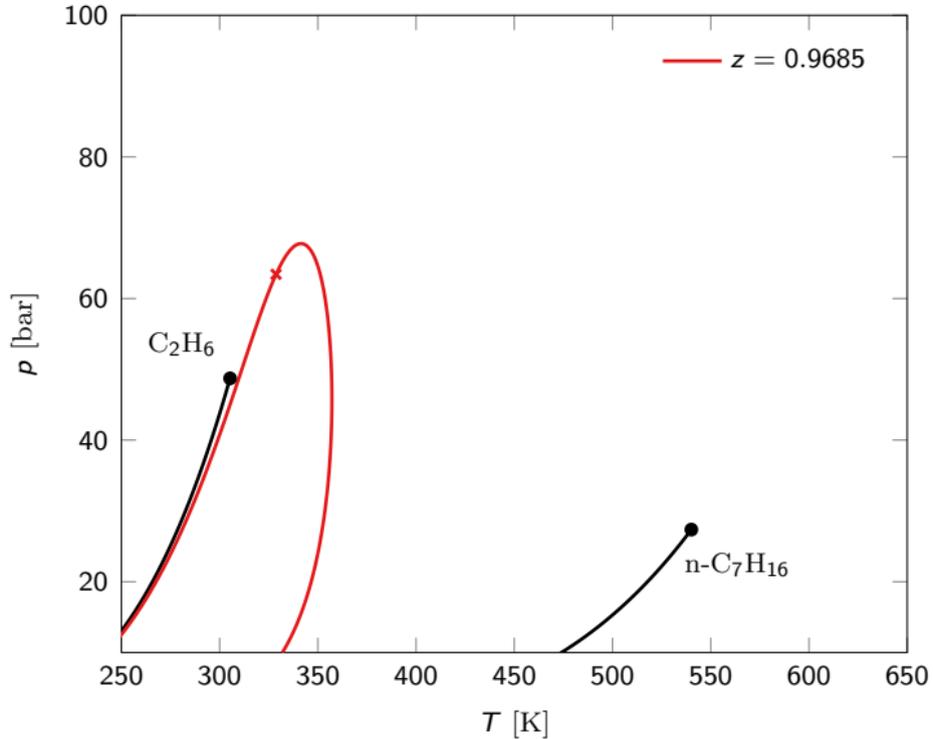
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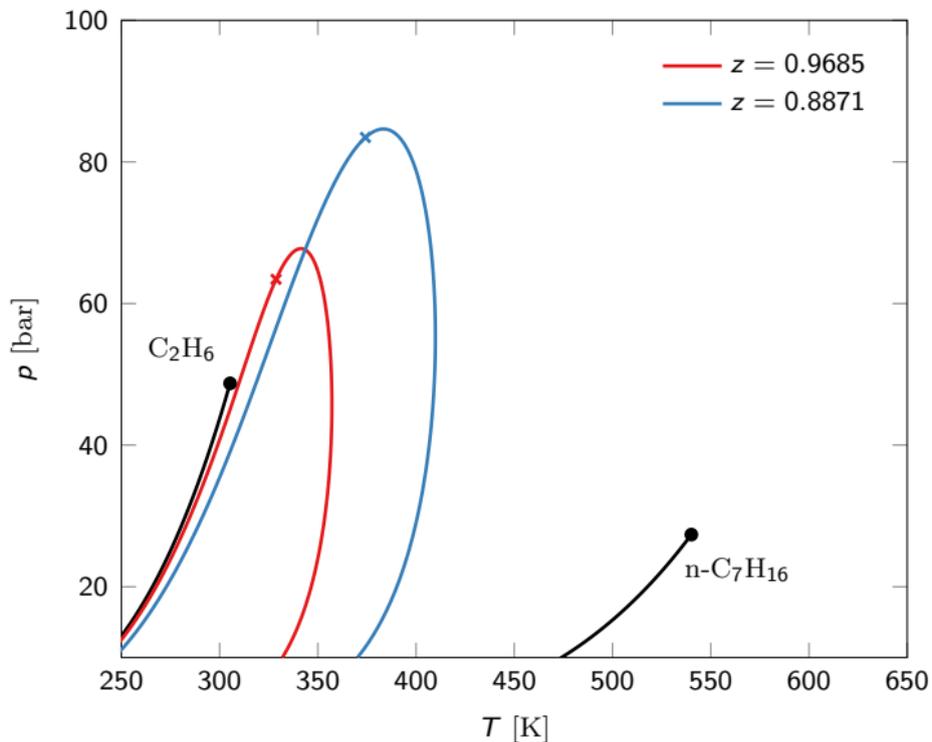
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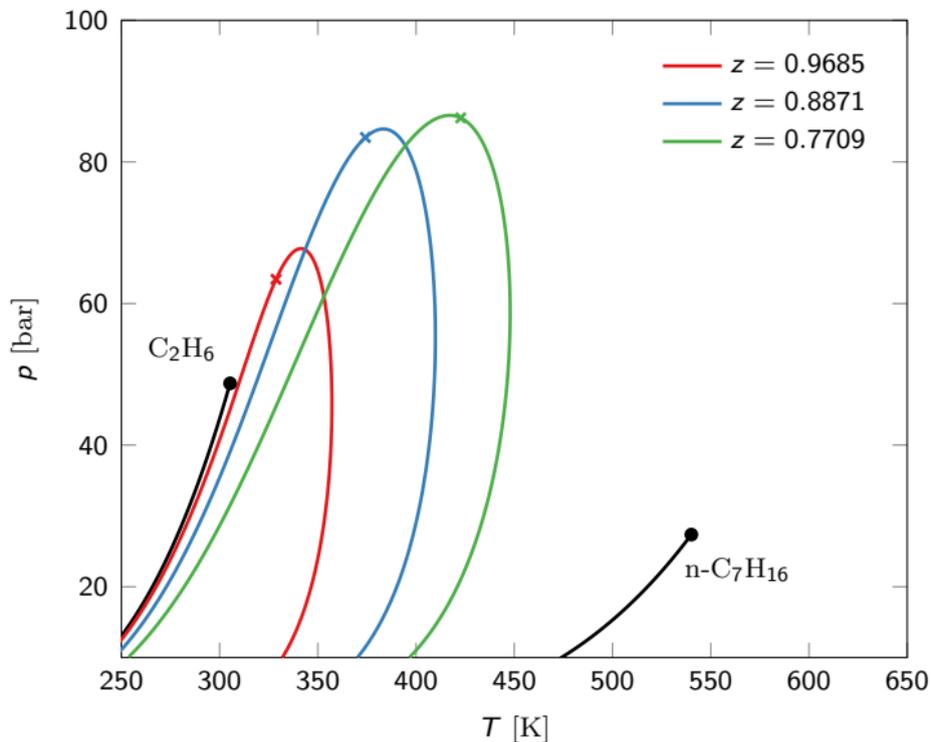
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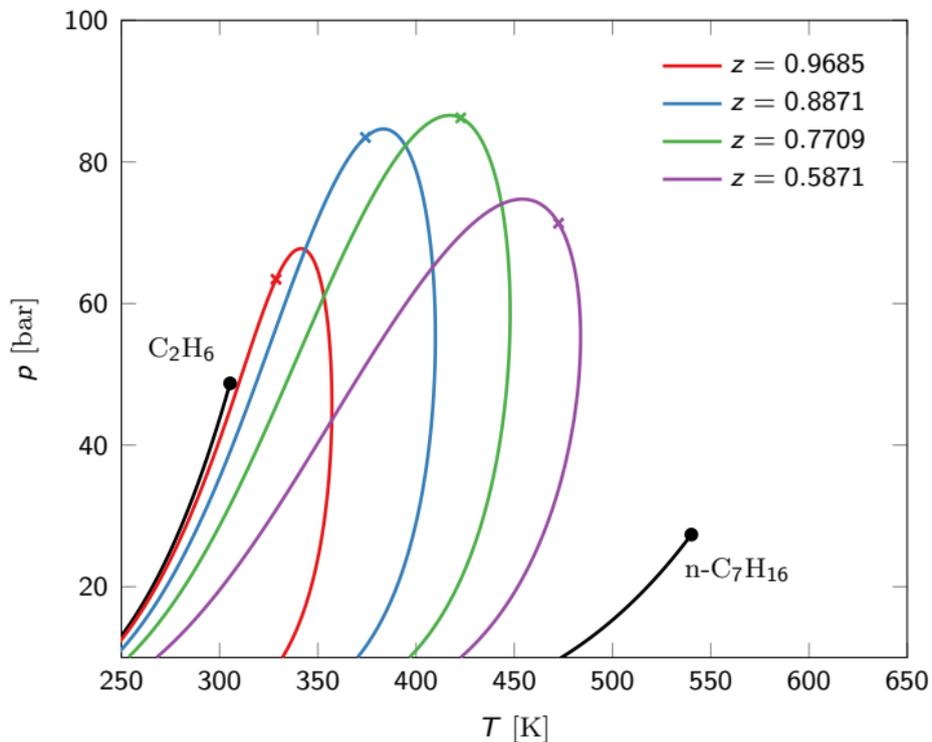
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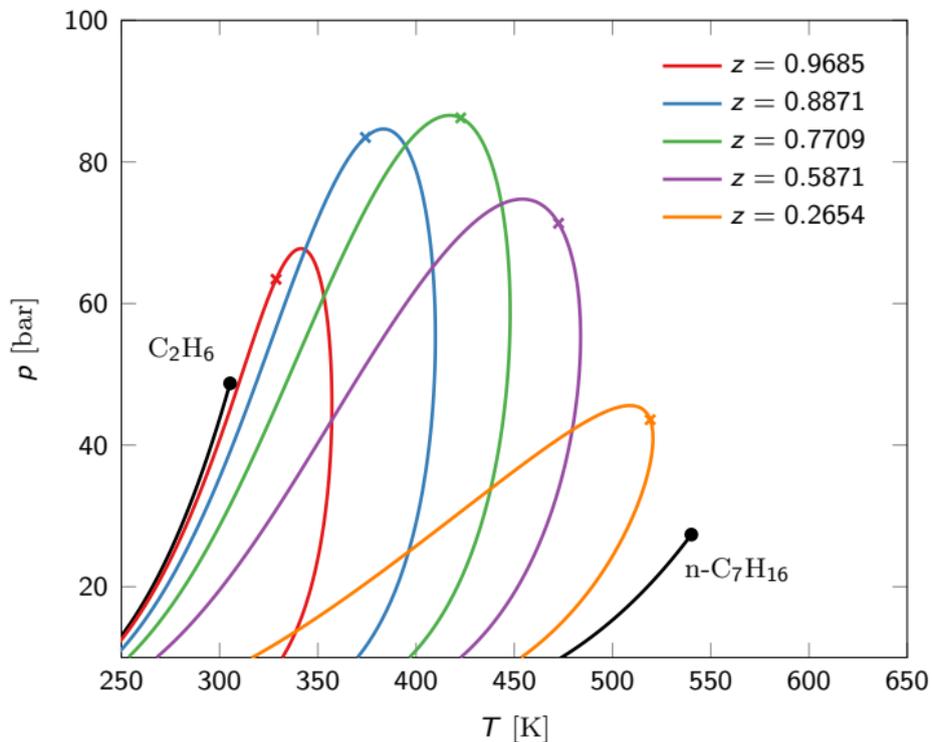
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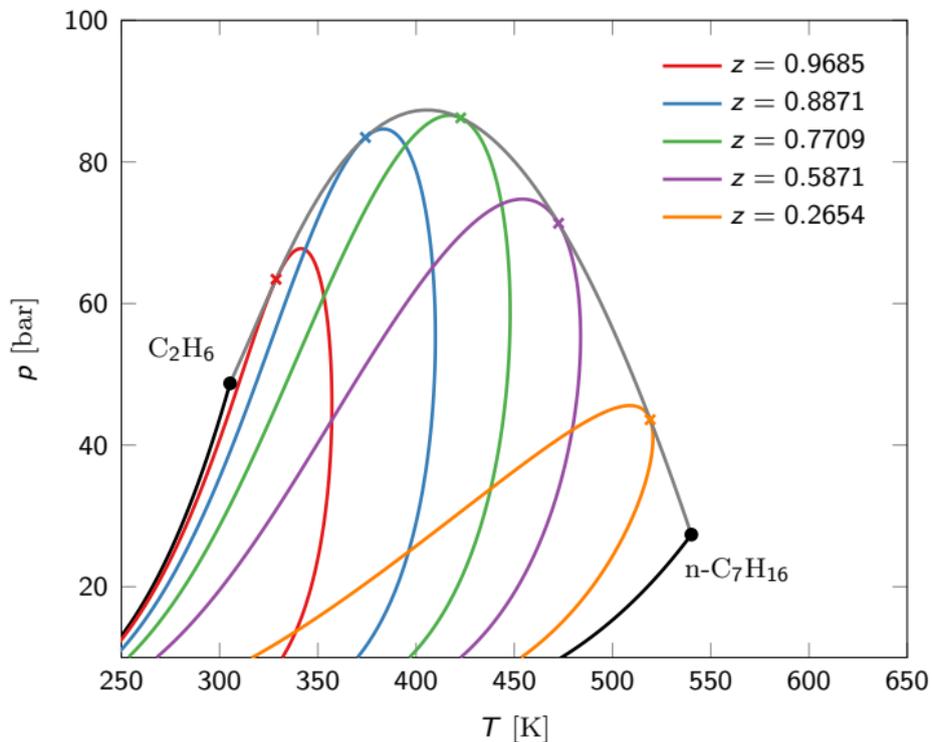
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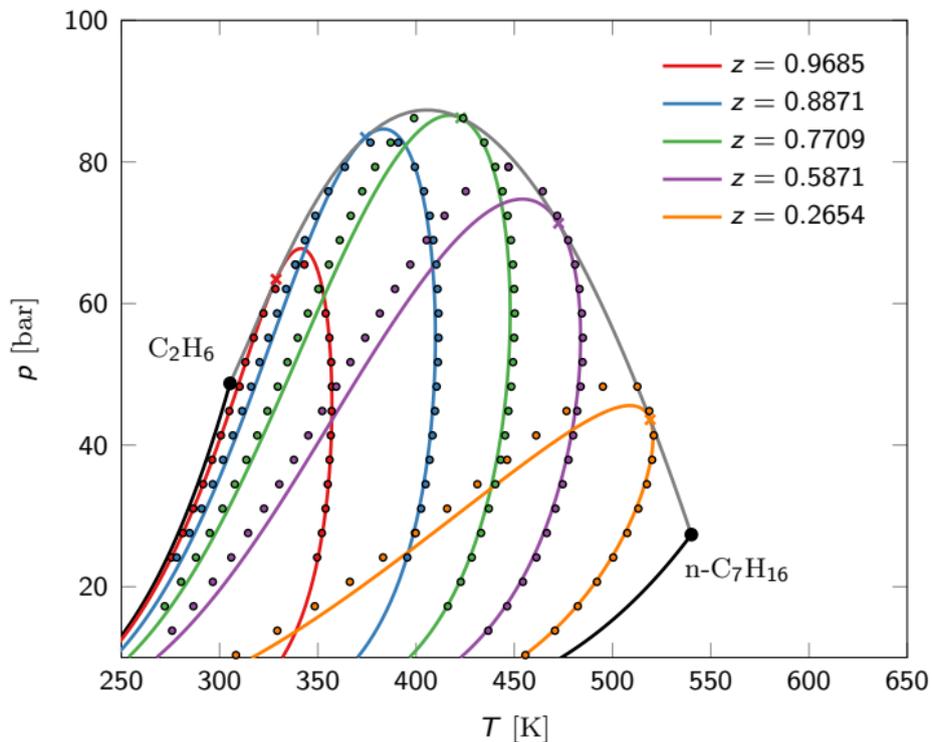
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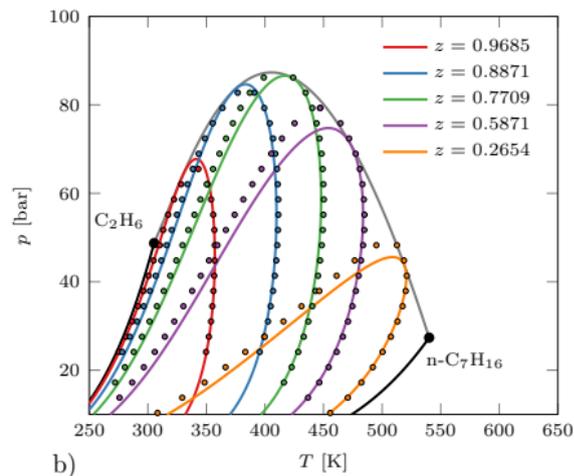
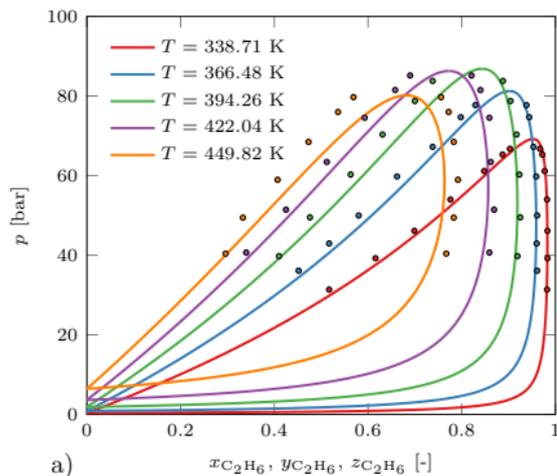
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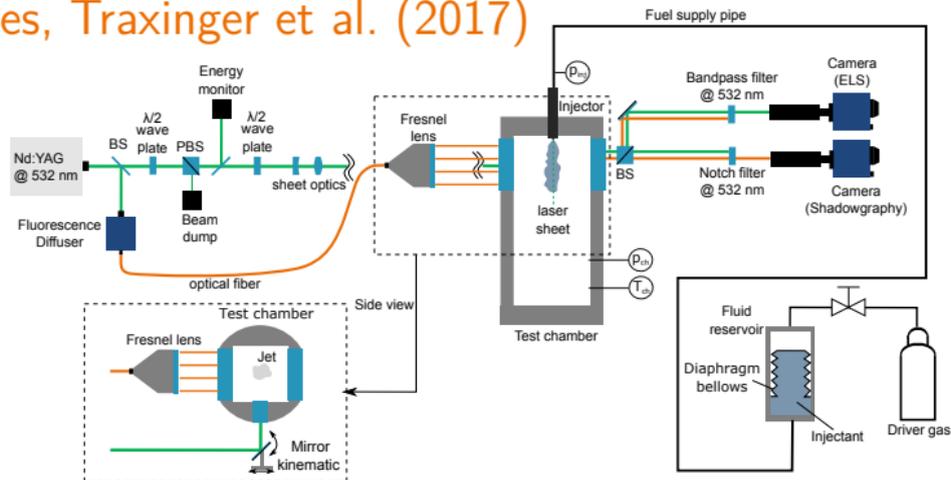
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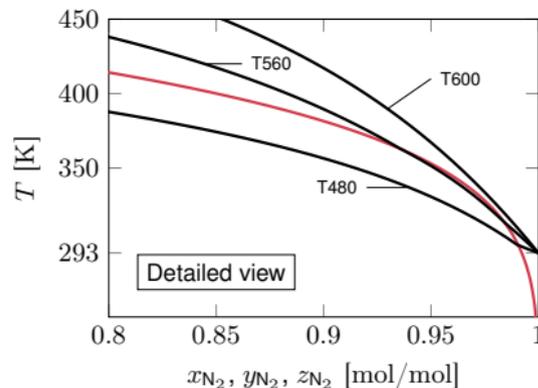
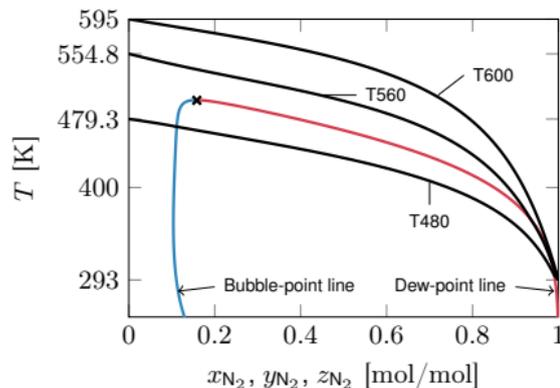
Test Cases, Traxinger et al. (2017)



Test case details:

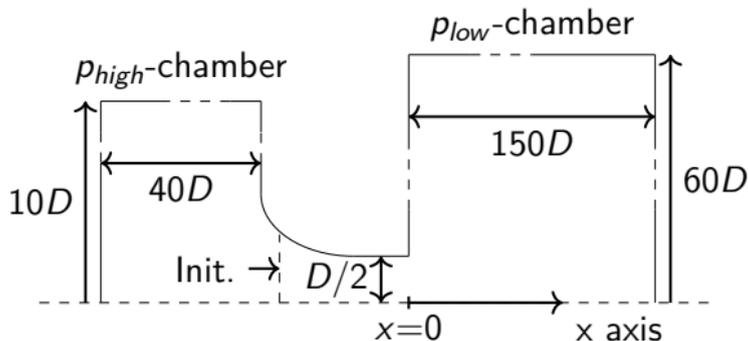
- ▶ Experimental investigation done by ITLR, University of Stuttgart
- ▶ Injector diameter $D = 0.236$ mm
- ▶ Simultaneous shadowgraphy and light-scattering
- ▶ Injectant: n-hexane; Chamber gas: nitrogen

Injection Conditions



- ▶ Isobaric injection (Focus on two-phase effects)
- ▶ Constant chamber conditions: $p = 50$ bar, $T = 293$ K
- ▶ Nitrogen: $p_c = 33.96$ bar; Hexan: $p_c = 30.34$ bar
- ▶ Variation of the injection temperature: 600 K, 560 K and 480 K

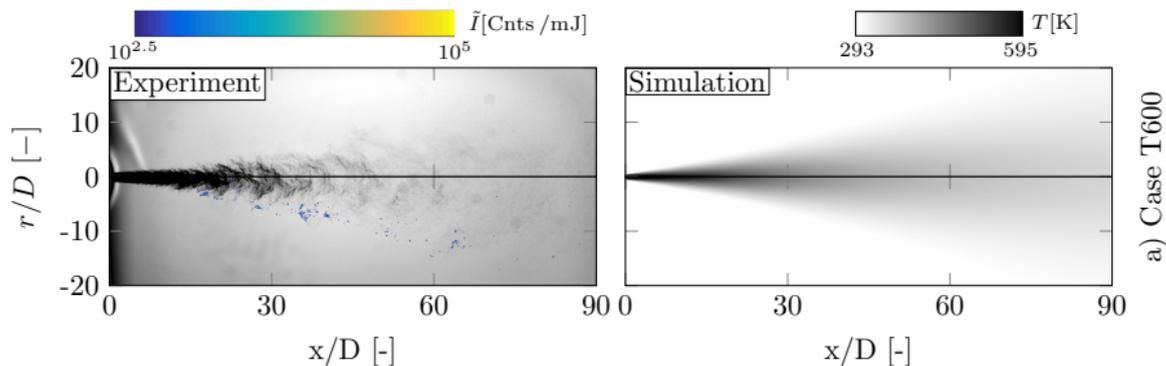
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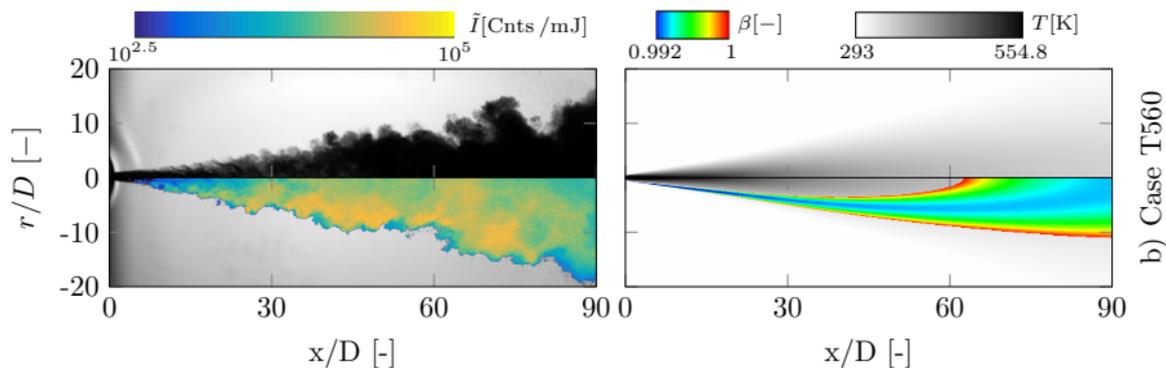
- ▶ OpenFOAM 4.1
- ▶ Hybrid, pressure-based solver (Kraposhin et al. (2017))
- ▶ RANS ($k-\omega$ SST)
- ▶ Mesh resolution: $\Delta r/D = 20$
- ▶ pV -behavior: Peng Robinson-EoS
- ▶ Viscosity and thermal conductivity: Chung
- ▶ VLE-model

Test case: 600 K



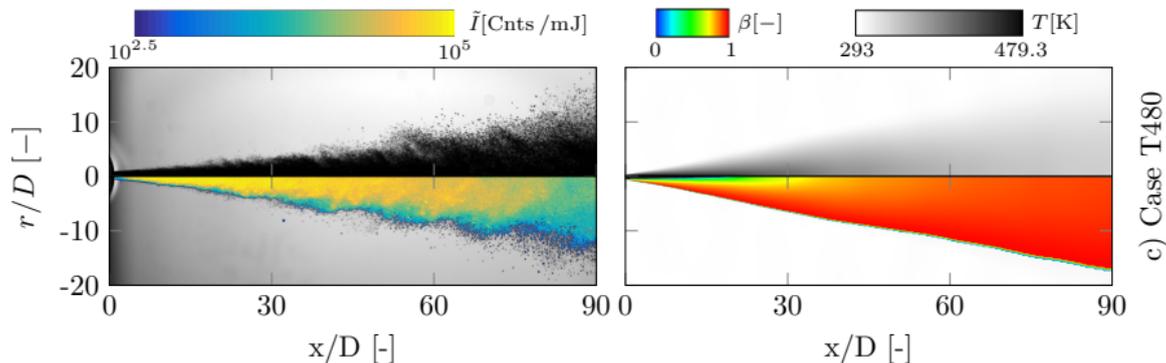
- ▶ Finger-like structures
- ▶ Dilution into the environment
- ▶ No phase separation

Test case: 560 K



- ▶ Dense, dark cloud in the experiments
- ▶ Strong scattering signal
- ▶ Areas of phase separation in CFD

Test case: 480 K



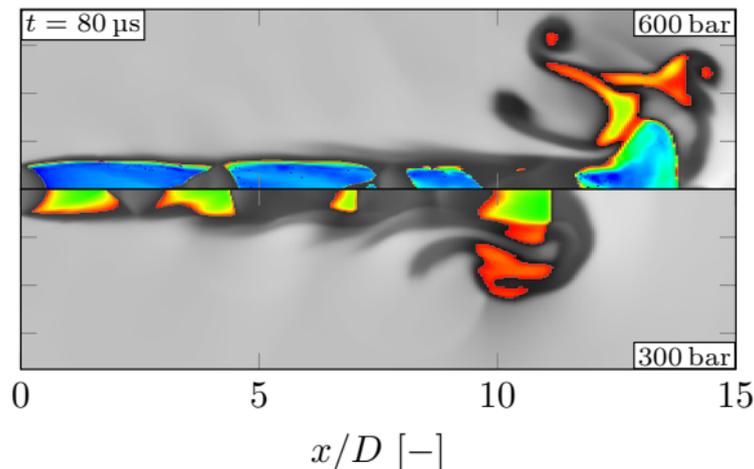
- ▶ Distinct droplets, spray-like characteristics
- ▶ Very strong scattering signal
- ▶ Large areas of phase separation in CFD

Conclusion

- ▶ Sub- and supercritical injection for pure components
- ▶ Mixture induced phase separation at elevated pressure
- ▶ Successful validation of the numerical framework

Outlook

- ▶ Investigation of different fluids, injection conditions, ...
- ▶ Applying VLE-model in underexpanded jets



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