

# Development of Binary Pressure-Sensitive Paint for Short Duration Hypersonic Wind Tunnels

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# **Motivation**

 Surface pressure distribution is one of the most important properties measured in wind tunnel experiments

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- Pressure-sensitive paint (PSP) allows for
  - Non-intrusive measurement
  - Quantitative measurement
  - Measurement the continuous surface pressure distribution
- Validating computational and numerical models

# Theory



- Oxygen-quenching of fluorescent signal
- Binary PSP pressure-insensitive component



Adapted from Sakaue, H., & Sullivan, J. (2000, January 10). Fast response time characteristics of anodized aluminum pressure sensitive paint. *38th Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit.* https://doi.org/10.2514/6.2000-506





- Developing on previous binary PSP experiments at Oxford
- Investigate variables affecting binary PSP response
- Test developed mixtures on canonical geometries at Mach 5



Pressure signal

Reference signal

Chris Wheeler, Andrew Hyslop, Joao Vieira, Laurent Le Page, Mark K Quinn, Nafiz H K Chowdhury, and Luke J Doherty. Surface pressure measurements on a free-flying cone at Mach 7 using pressure sensitive paint. 2022.

## **Experimental Setup – Mixture Development**

- Diameter: 340mm. Height: 200mm
- Absolute pressure range: 0 bar to 3 bar
- Test coupons ( $60mm \times 60mm \times 2mm$ )
- Wind tunnel models



**PSP** Rig



- Right-angle measurement of fluorescent intensity
- Beaker solutions and test coupons

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#### **Experimental Setup – High-Density Tunnel**



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High-Density Tunnel test section

Optical filtering arrangement

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- Pressure-insensitive component: Fluorescein
- Pressure-sensitive component: Ru(dpp)<sub>3</sub>
- Solvent: Dichloromethane







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#### **Influence of Luminophore Concentration**

- Fluorescein Sodium Salt:  $M_r = 376.27$
- Ru(dpp)<sub>3</sub>:  $M_r = 1196.17$



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### **Influence of pH**

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- Binary PSP solution:  $pH \approx 3$
- Fluorescein exists in the neutral molecule state



pH = 6Fluorescein Sodium Salt in Isopropyl Alcohol



pH = 2Fluorescein Sodium Salt in Isopropyl Alcohol



#### **High-Density Tunnel Results**





Reference signal intensity



Pressure signal intensity



Surface pressure distribution





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# Questions



