

# ***Highly Boosted & Efficient Ethanol Engine Concepts***

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# What is going on around the globe concerning Ethanol?

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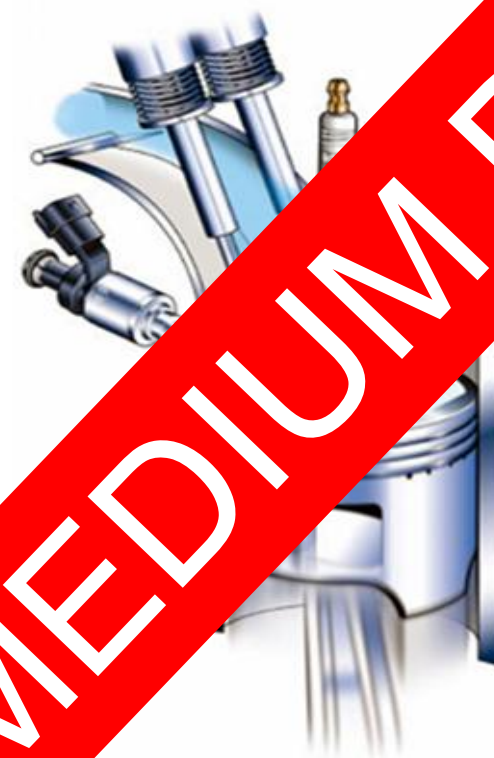
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## Ethanol Direct Injection Technology Could Rival Diesel at Less Cost

by Bill Siuru  
05/13/2010



vehicles operating on a mixture of gasoline and ethanol. However, this comes with a fuel economy penalty of about 30 percent because of ethanol's lower energy content. This could be overcome by directly injecting ethanol and gasoline separately into the combustion chamber to optimize the use of both fuels.

Ford is developing an E85 direct injection boosting system that's combined with gasoline port fuel injection (PFI). This brings higher fuel economy because the gasoline, with its greater heating value, is primarily used during most driving modes. Directly injecting ethanol into the cylinder suppresses knock because of the evaporative cooling effect on the air-fuel mixture. Suppressing knock allows increasing compression ratio to gain

additional power, plus higher boost pressures can also be used in turbocharged or supercharged engines. These advantages allow smaller engines to provide performance equivalent to larger engines running without the technology.

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# What is going on around the globe concerning Ethanol?

Ricardo in Detroit is developing a similar technology it calls Ethanol Boosted Direct Injection (EBDI) to take full advantage of ethanol's best properties – higher octane and higher heat vaporization. The EBDI project is a collaboration between Ricardo, Behr, Bosch, Delphi, Federal Mogul, GW, and Honeywell. A prototype 3.2-liter V-6 EBDI engine can operate on 100 percent ethanol. By adding other advanced technologies such as direct injection, variable valve timing, optimized ignition, and exhaust gas recirculation, it's possible to produce more power than a conventional gasoline engine.



Ricardo says their EBDI engine will deliver gasoline engine performance, power performance, and durability levels comparable with diesel engines, but at a lower price. According to Ricardo, the company is able to reduce engine displacement by 25 to 50 percent while not only delivering torque that is competitive with direct-injection diesels, but fuel economy as well.

Ford's E85 DI + gasoline PFI, like modern diesel engines, features turbocharging, direct

injection, and a common rail system to handle the higher pressures, and compared to a conventional engine, there are several important differences that make DI + PFI a more efficient approach, including the fact that the DI + PFI engine requires a less expensive conventional three-way catalyst. The E85 DI + gasoline PFI engine also uses a renewable fuel in a leveraged manner to significantly reduce petroleum consumption and total net CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Likewise, Ricardo's EBDI technology relies on affordable and well-established three-way catalyst after-treatment technology to meet EPA emissions regulations.



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# What is going on around the globe concerning Ethanol?

BREAKING NEWS

Think recalls City over gearshift linkage issue

## Challenge Bibendum: Audi's E100-capable A5 can get to 25 mpg and 146 mph

by Sebastian Bianco (RSS feed) on Jun 25th 2010 at 6:05PM



*E100-capable Audi A5 prototype – Click above for high-res image gallery*

- Engine 2.0 TFSI 132 kW (180 PS), 320 Newton-meters of torque
- Manual 6-gear quattro transmission
- 0-100 kilometers per hour in 6.9 seconds
- Top speed: 236 km/h (146 miles per hour)
- Weight: 1,310 kilograms

The car officially consume 9.9 liters per 100 km (24 mile per gallon U.S.) when running on ethanol, but drivers managed 9.5 l/100 km (25 mpg) on ethanol during the Michelin Challenge Bibendum Rallye.

# What is going on around the globe concerning Eth

IMEP > 25 BAR

Limited by injector maximum fuel rate but already a match for its diesel equivalent

## GROSS EFFICIENCY

> 7%

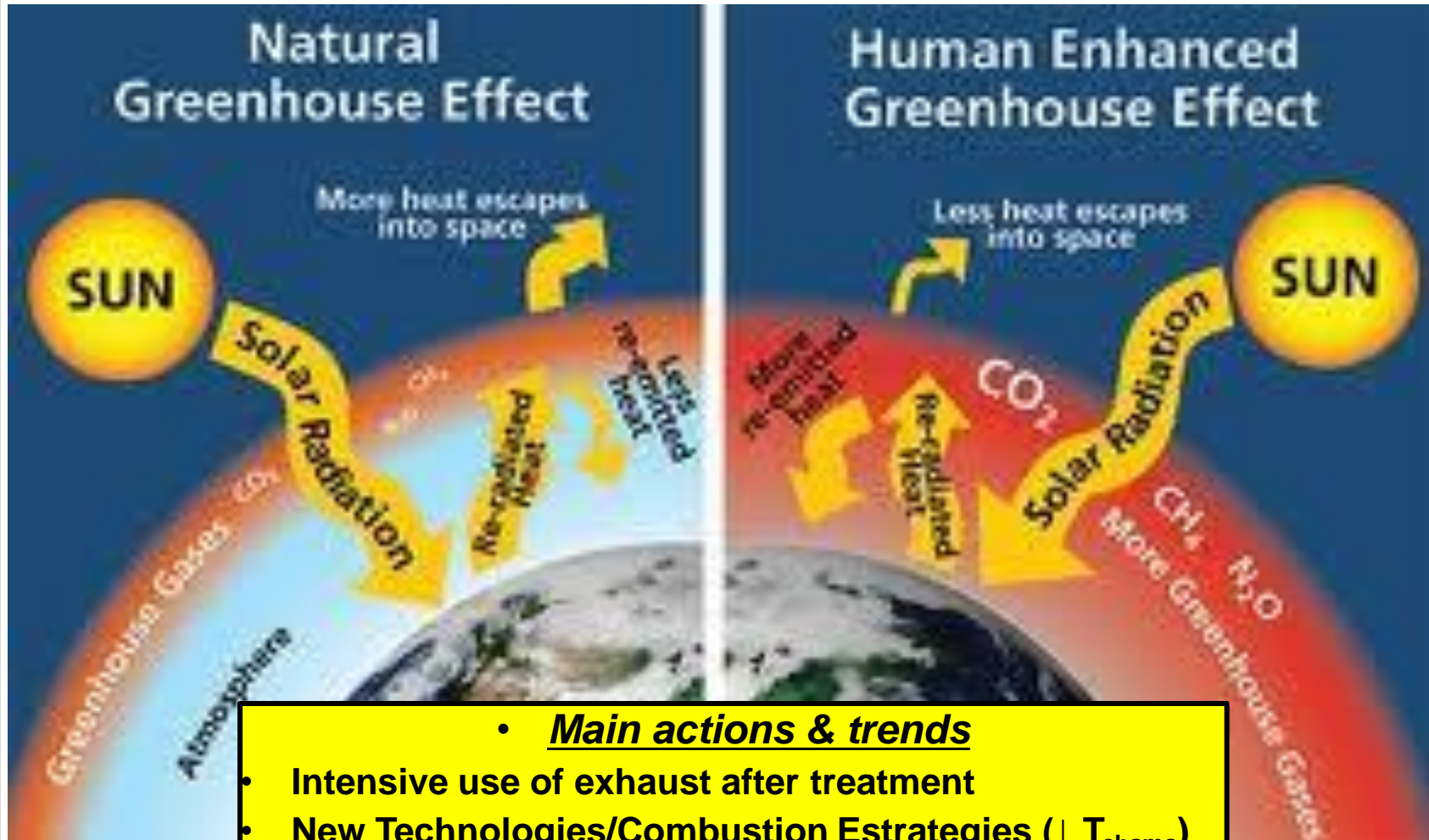
Not fully, but already  
a matter of equivalent

Test	I	II	III	IV
Operacional Condition	MBT	MBT	MBT	MBT
Engine Speed (RPM)	1800	1200	1200	1200
IMEP (bar)	25,5	27,6	27,6	13,3
NO <sub>x</sub> (g/kwh)	3,3	3,3	4,7	4,4

## Ethanol DI – SCRE



# Why Ethanol?



## • Main actions & trends

- Intensive use of exhaust after treatment
- New Technologies/Combustion Estrategies ( $\downarrow T_{\text{chama}}$ )
- Renewable Fuels – Ethanol / Biodiesel
- Renewable sources – Solar / Eolic
- Electrification/Hibridization

**Greenhouse**

**Particulate M**

**CO:** Extreme

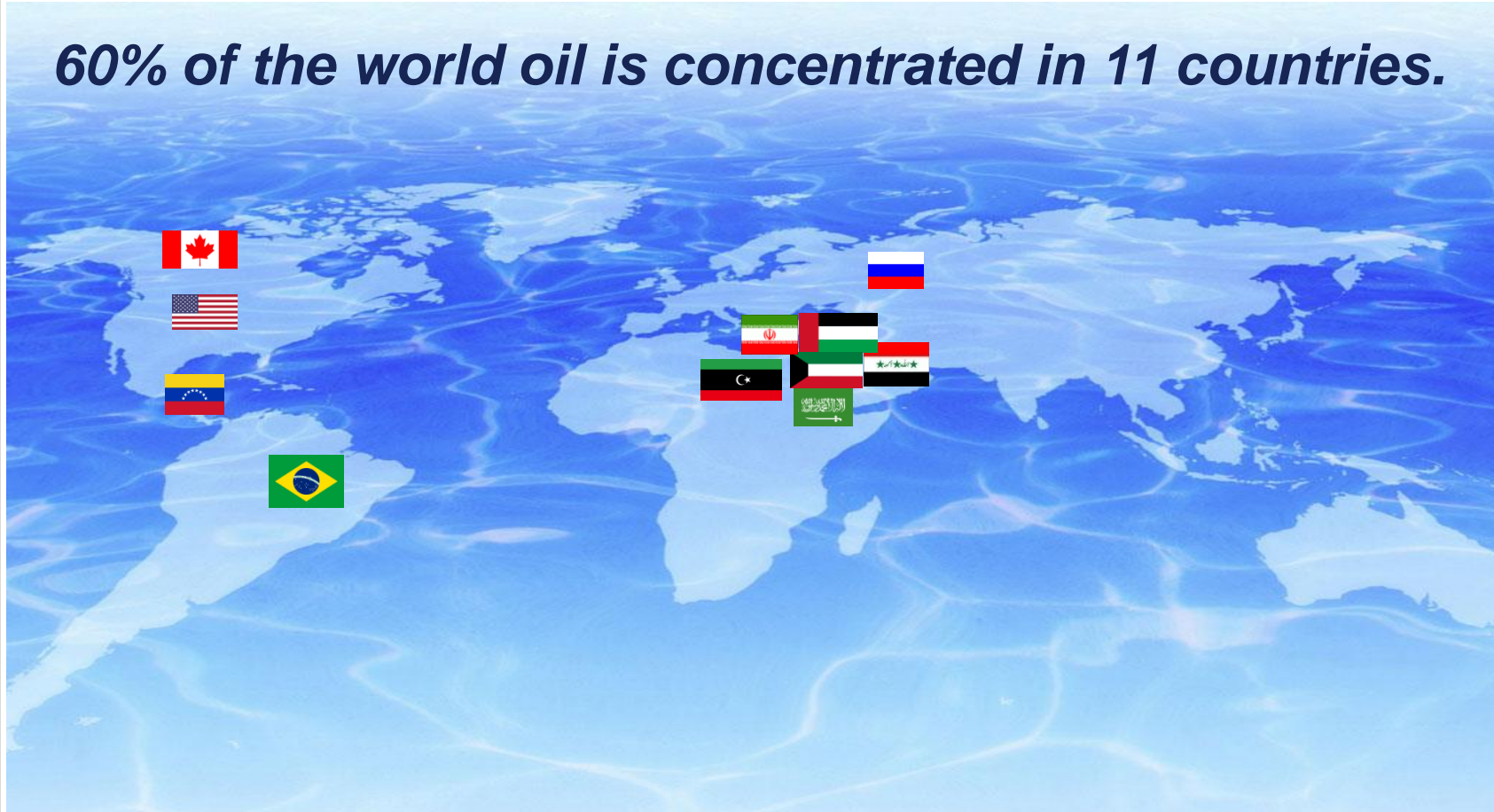
**NOx:** Acid rain ( mainly Diesel)

Combustion.

# Why Ethanol?

## The major oil companies

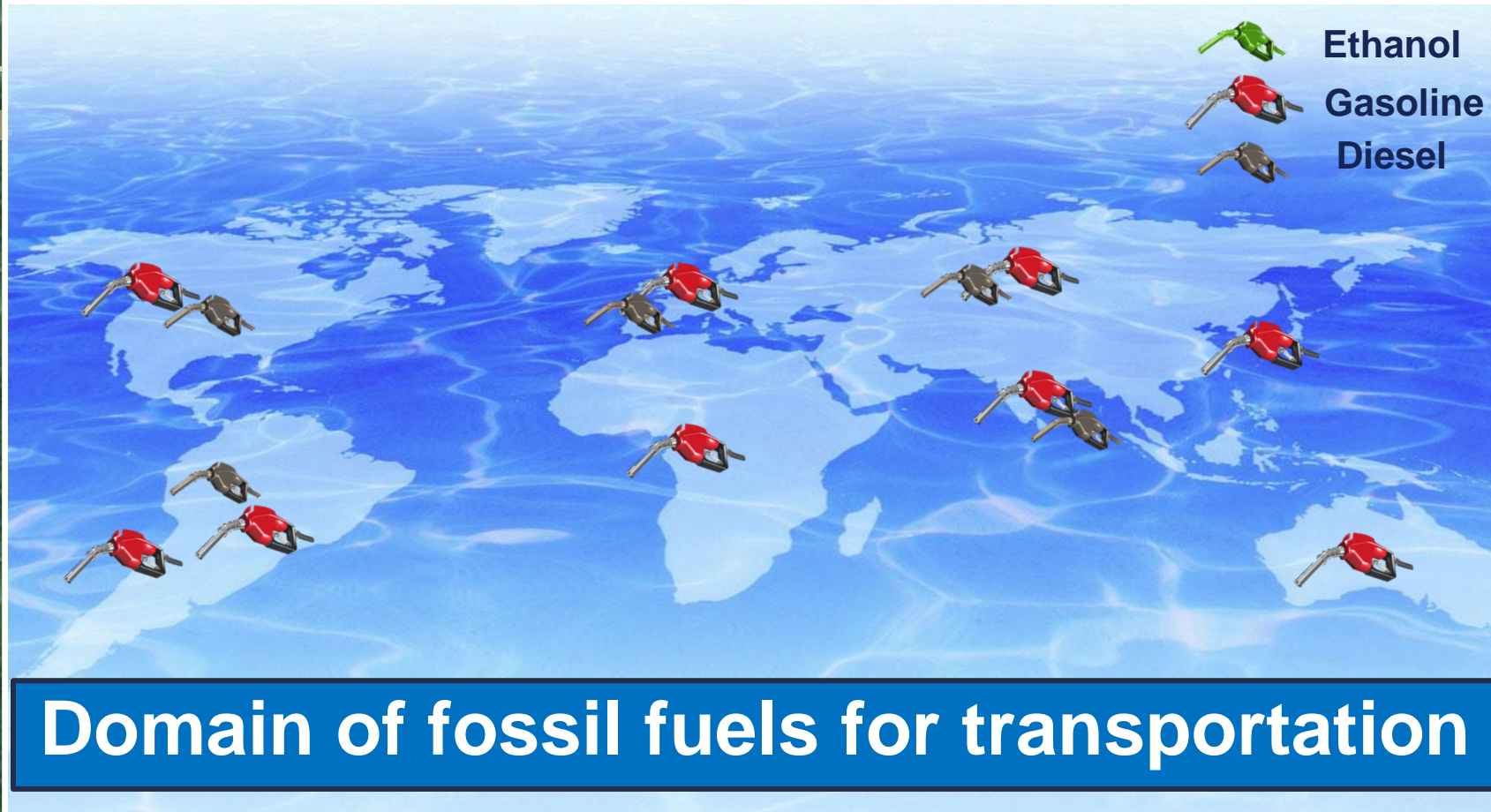
***60% of the world oil is concentrated in 11 countries.***





# Why Ethanol?

## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption





# Why Ethanol?

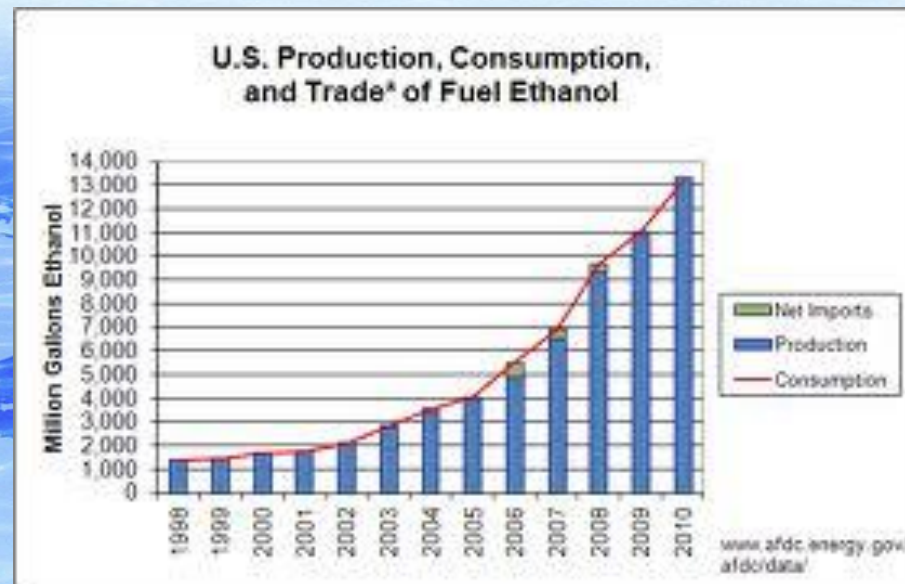
## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption



**Biofuel use initiative in different countries**

# Why Ethanol?

## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption



Ethanol  
Gasoline  
Diesel



Ethanol from corn - E85  
RFS2 – Minimum  
1 MJ → 1,7 MJ



# Why Ethanol?

## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption



**Ethanol from sugar cane E94 e E22 1 MJ → 8 MJ**  
**Compared to Ethanol from Corn 1 MJ → 1,7 MJ**  
**Use of bagasse use to produce**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=t6KhU0tWMy4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=t6KhU0tWMy4)



# Why Ethanol?

## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption



### Biodiesel

B2 - Beginning in 2006 / Mandatory in 2008

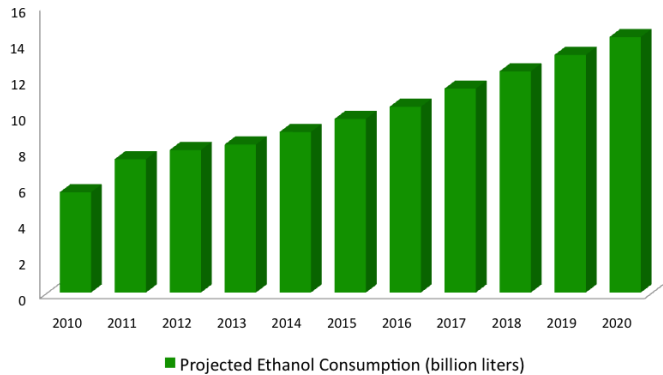
B5 - Until 2013, several oilseeds



# Why Ethanol?

## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption

EU LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK: ETHANOL ESTIMATES BY 2020



Source: National Renewable Action Plans (NRAP) – EU Member States  
[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency\\_platform/action\\_plan\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/renewables/transparency_platform/action_plan_en.htm)

Ethanol  
Gasoline  
Diesel

2nd market for Brazilian Ethanol - E85 and E10  
Sweden, Germany - Government incentives & distribution  
infrastructure installed. France, Spain and others



# Why Ethanol?

## World Scenario - Fuel Consumption



Ethanol  
Gasoline

### Biodiesel

Major consumption of biodiesel is in the U.S..  
mainly used in public transportation.



# Why Ethanol?

## Used land in Brazil

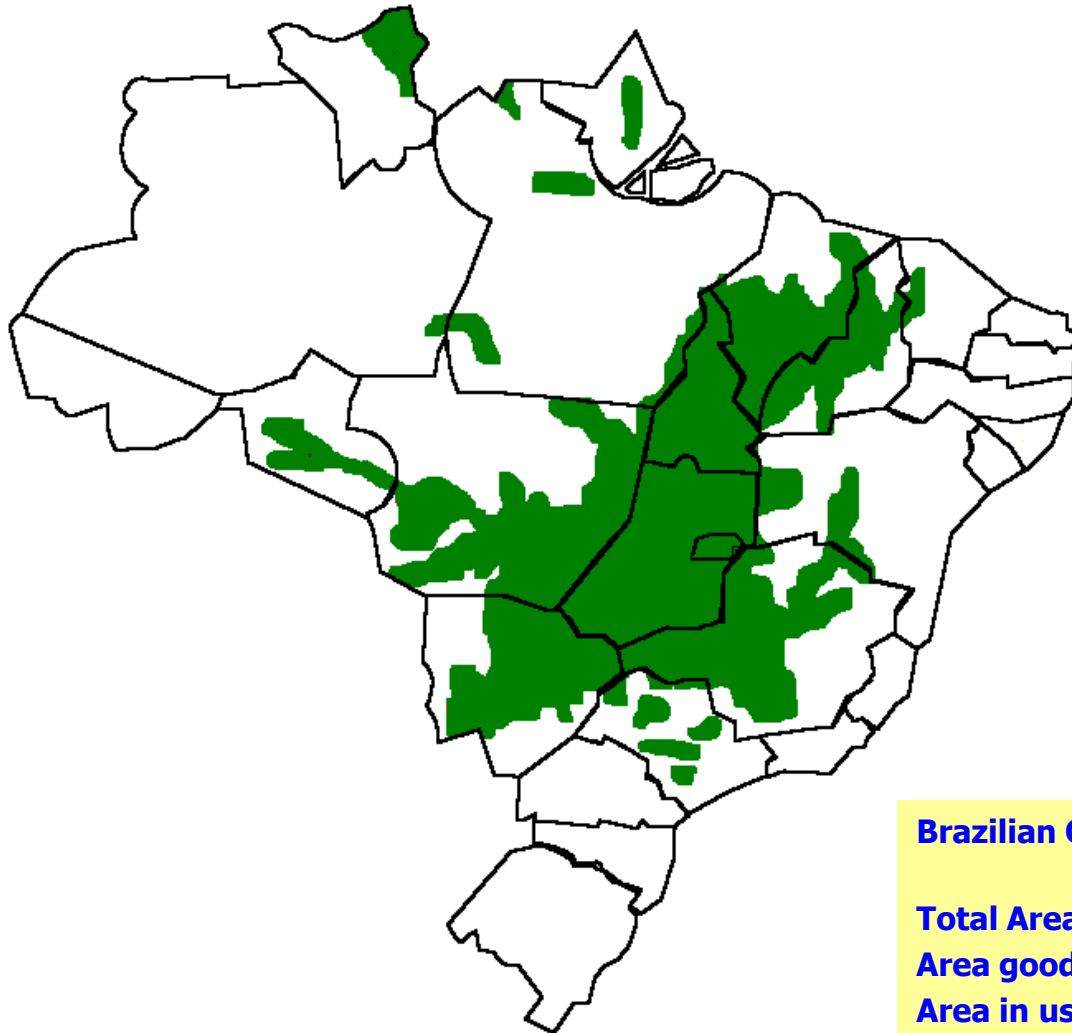
million of hectares

<b>Brazil's Territory</b>	<b>~850.00</b>
<b>Total Arable Land</b>	<b>320.00</b>
<b>Cultivated - all crops</b>	<b>60.40</b>
<b>- with Sugar Cane</b>	<b>5.34</b>
<b>- for ethanol</b>	<b>2.66</b>
<b>Area needed to supply Japan with</b>	
<b>E3</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>E10</b>	<b>0.90</b>

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supplies

# Why Ethanol?

## Available land in Brazil



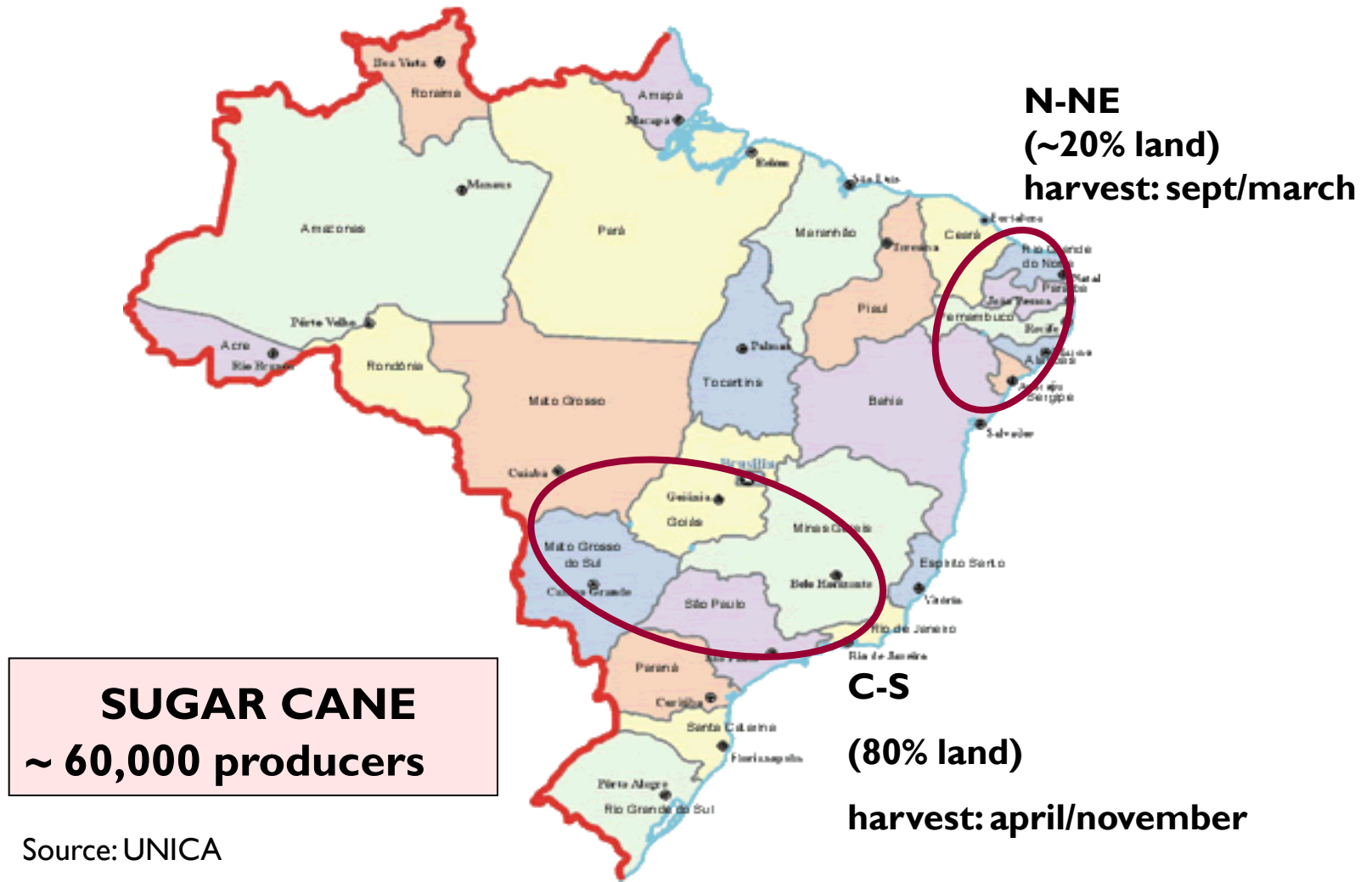
### Brazilian Cerrado (million hectares)

<b>Total Area .....</b>	<b>204</b>
<b>Area good for agriculture.....</b>	<b>137</b>
<b>Area in use for cattle raising...</b>	<b>(35)</b>
<b>Occupied area (forests &amp; plantations)</b>	<b>(12)</b>
<b>Available Area for expansion.....</b>	<b>90</b>



# Why Ethanol?

## Main Sugar Cane Areas in Brazil



# Why Ethanol?

## Exportation (Fossil-Fuels x Bio-Fuels)

- Oil price tends to increase in the international market;
- Oil sales abroad is not subject to government control because of concerns about inflation;
- Due to its lower energy content, the farther you need to transport ethanol (abroad) the greater the drawback of ethanol in economic terms;
- Part of the revenue from oil exports or derivatives may subsidize ethanol consumption in the country;
- Partial substitution of ethanol for gasoline and diesel will easily meet country emission targets for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in years to come.
- In the coming years will increase the availability of ethanol (not instantly)



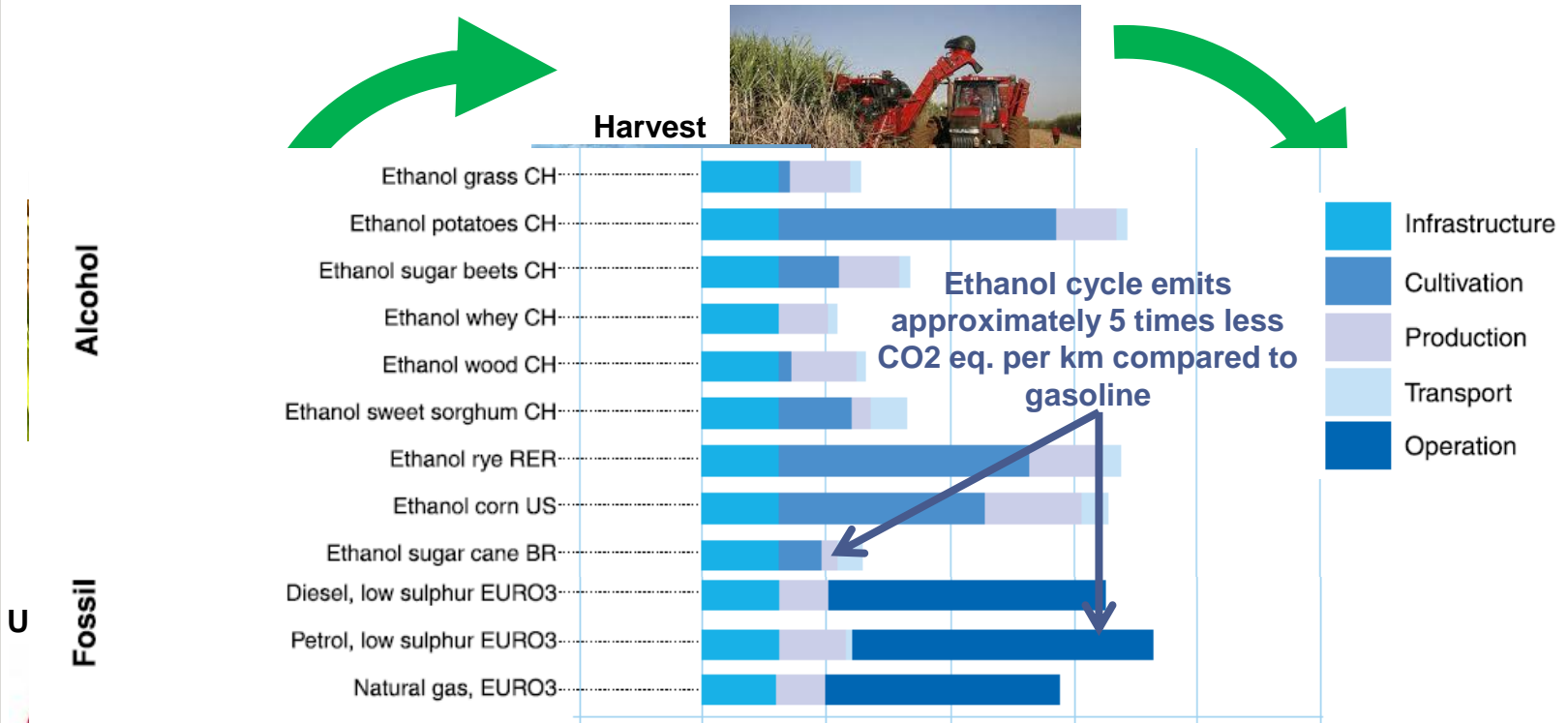


# Why Ethanol?

## **Etanol vs Biodiesel - Otto or Diesel cycle?**

- 1- The process for Biodiesel production is more expensive than the Diesel and much more expensive than ethanol;
- 2- The properties of ethanol make it ideal for application of downsizing techniques;
- 3- Otto engines are much cheaper than diesel unit and can produce much higher power for engines of the same displacement;
- 4- Ethanol engines operating on diesel cycle require specific additive to change its fuel properties generating a logistic problem and additional cost, besides the limitation of power due to the extremely high compression ratios;
- 5- Engines operating on diesel cycle generate a higher manufacturing cost due to the need of a complex exhaust after treatment, while Otto engines powered with direct injection Ethanol meet emissions requirements with oxidation catalyst;

# Why Ethanol?



**May reach over 100% reduction in CO2 eq due to production of co-products**



# Why Ethanol?

1. Renewable Fuel (GHG Reduction)

2. Supply chain issues (low cost ethanol)  
 Low CO<sub>2</sub> emissions due to CO<sub>2</sub> absorption during crop growth and reduced fossil fuel consumption for production
3. Availability of land for production
4. Available strategy to mitigate ethanol supply chain distribution issues

Opportunity to redesign the current engines optimizing them for ethanol

Total

Total

Fiber

Ethanol (l/ha)

Plantation

Cycle

Plantation cost/ha (R\$)

PROPERTIES

Knock resistance through its high chemical stability and high octane number

3.6k

Design and calibration biased to much higher load operation (Downsizing & Downspeeding)

# Why Ethanol?

## Ethanol – saccharine sorghum



### Saccharine Sorghum

**Complementary alternative to sugar cane for ethanol production;**

**Fast cycle → 4 months to competitive cost due to sharing investments;**

**May decrease variation in the price of ethanol between harvests.**



# Why Ethanol?

## Current government vision - renewable sources

### Dilma defende etanol e migração para fontes renováveis

14 de junho de 2012 - 14h46

No momento em que o Brasil sedia a Conferência das Nações Unidas sobre Desenvolvimento Sustentável (Rio+20), a presidente Dilma Rousseff defendeu o uso mais intenso de fontes de energia renováveis. Ao participar da solenidade de entrega de um selo de qualidade às empresas do setor sucroalcooleiro que respeitam os direitos dos trabalhadores, no Palácio do Planalto, Dilma citou que 45% da matriz energética do Brasil vêm de fontes renováveis, enquanto a média internacional é 11%. E defendeu o etanol brasileiro.



**Confira a programação com os principais eventos  
Veja onde está ocorrendo a Rio+20**

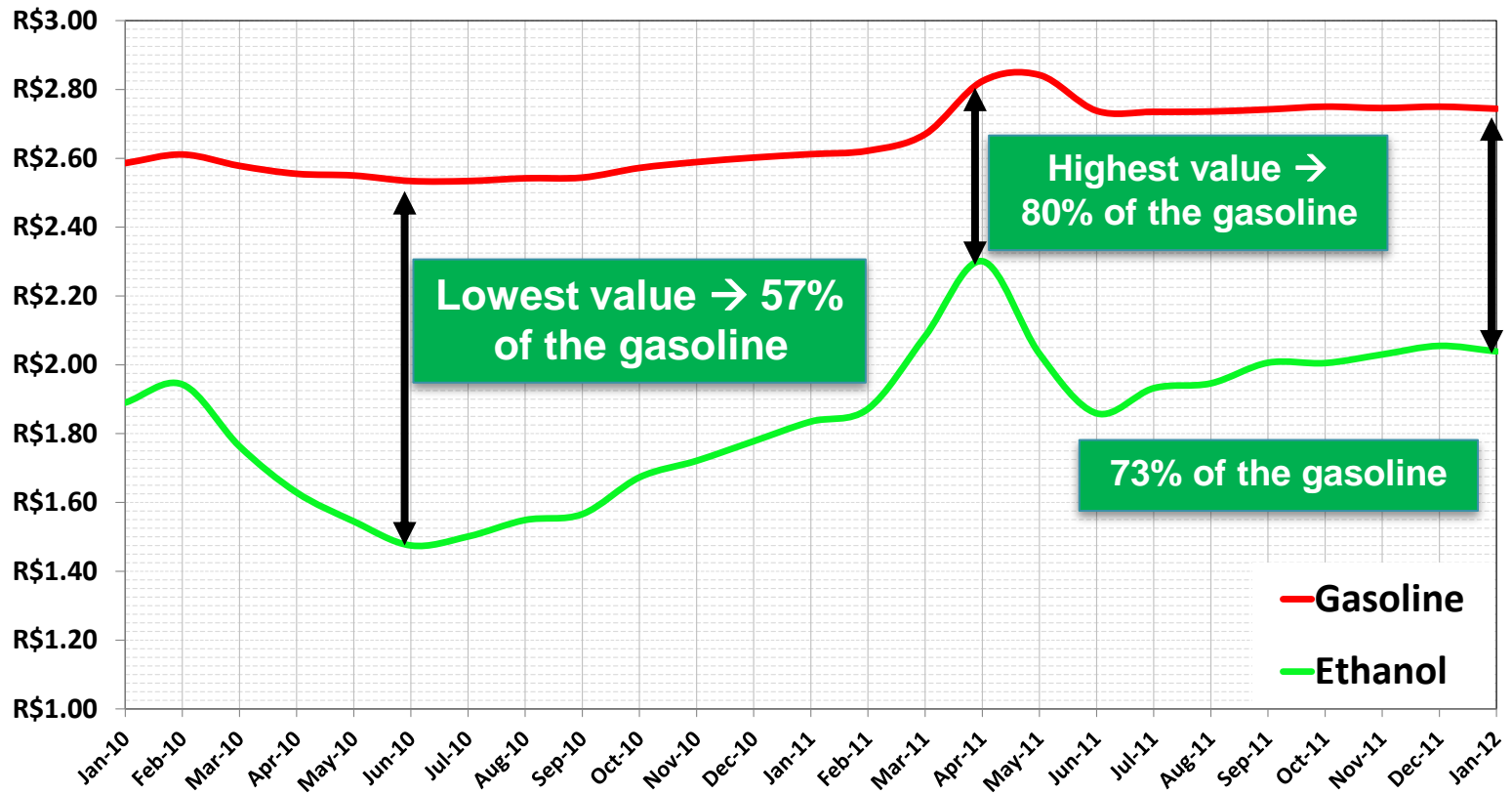
"O Brasil hoje tem uma matriz energética das mais renováveis do mundo porque tem na sua composição, principalmente na matriz de combustível, o etanol. É bom que a gente sempre lembre que o mais difícil, no que se refere à energia renovável, é a substituição, complementação ou criação de novas tecnologias na matriz de combustível. É ela que explica por que maior parte do mundo tem uma matriz tão concentrada em fontes fósseis", disse.

E complementou: "muitos de nós não sabem que o uso do etanol é a diferença entre nós e os demais países no que se refere a uma matriz renovável". A Rio+20 começou ontem. Sob coordenação das Nações Unidas, serão promovidas discussões sobre preservação ambiental, desenvolvimento sustentável e economia verde na busca de estabelecer um novo padrão internacional para o ambiente.

# Why Ethanol?

## Ethanol vs Gasoline

Prices comparison in the last 2 years



Source: ANP



# Why Ethanol ?

## $\lambda=1$ Ethanol/Gasoline Engines: A Low-Cost Solution to Efficiency and Emissions Challenges?

### $\lambda=1$ operation with three-way catalyst

- Low Cost
- Proven ultra-low emissions potential

### SI Ethanol/Gasoline technology

- Lower cost compared to DI diesel
- Robust operation
- Boosted operation yields reasonable power density
- Reduced packaging constraints

### Efficiency - **SOLUTION REQUIRED**

- Traditional Ethanol/Gasoline engine
- Knock limited performance
- Overfuelling at high loads & high speed
- Pumping losses at partial loads
- Very high thermal loads on turbocharger

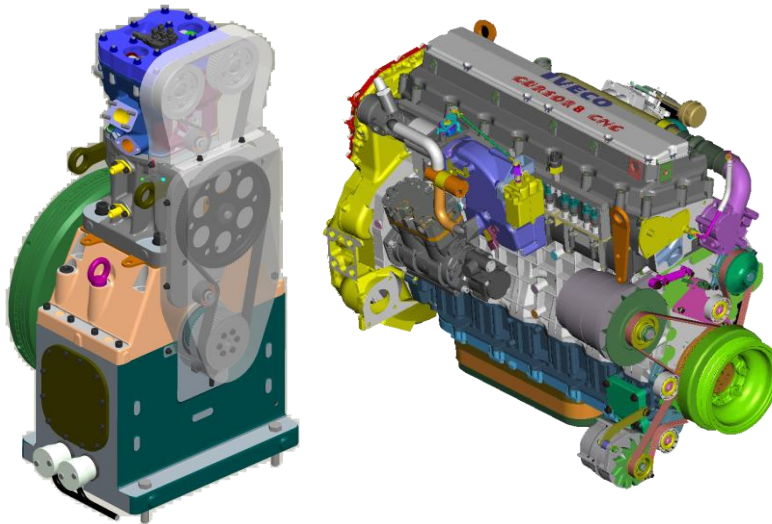
### **DOWNSIZED & DOWNSPEEDED ETHANOL ENGINE TECHNOLOGY**

- High knock suppression capability
- Full calibration at Stoichiometric operation
- De-throttling application by WG control
- Lower thermal loads on TC by means of downspeeding & fuel properties

# Brazilian R&D Ethanol Projects for Light & Heavy Duty since 2007

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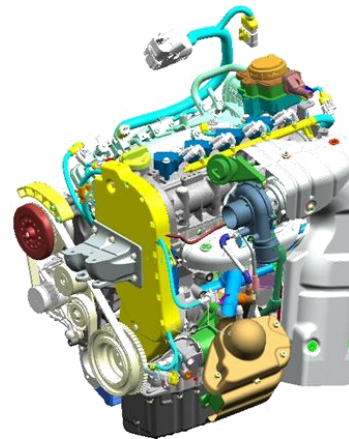
### **Heavy Duty**



#### **Project Challenge 2007 – 2010**

*The main goal was to define a new combustion chamber design that fully exploit Ethanol & CNG DI Potential in order to match Diesel Brake Efficiency & Performance index*

### **Light Duty**



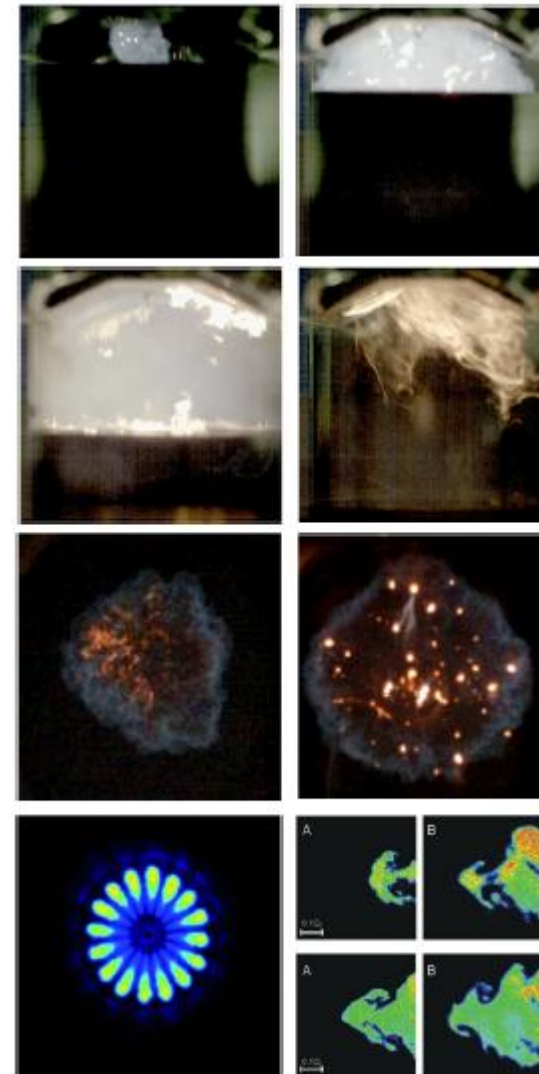
#### **Project Challenge 2011 – 2012**

*The main goal was to define an engine architecture that fully exploit Ethanol Potential in order to match E22 fuel mileage with the same performance index*

# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

This R&D program aimed at investigating two different approach:

- i. The first one is the Liquid Ethanol DI focused on spray guided mode since the main goal is to maximize brake efficiency exploiting diluted mixture to evaluate the technology boundaries;
- ii. The second one covers the implementation of air-assisted injection system redesigned to operate with air or CNG & Ethanol at the same injector for a flex-fuel operation (gaseous & liquid fuels).

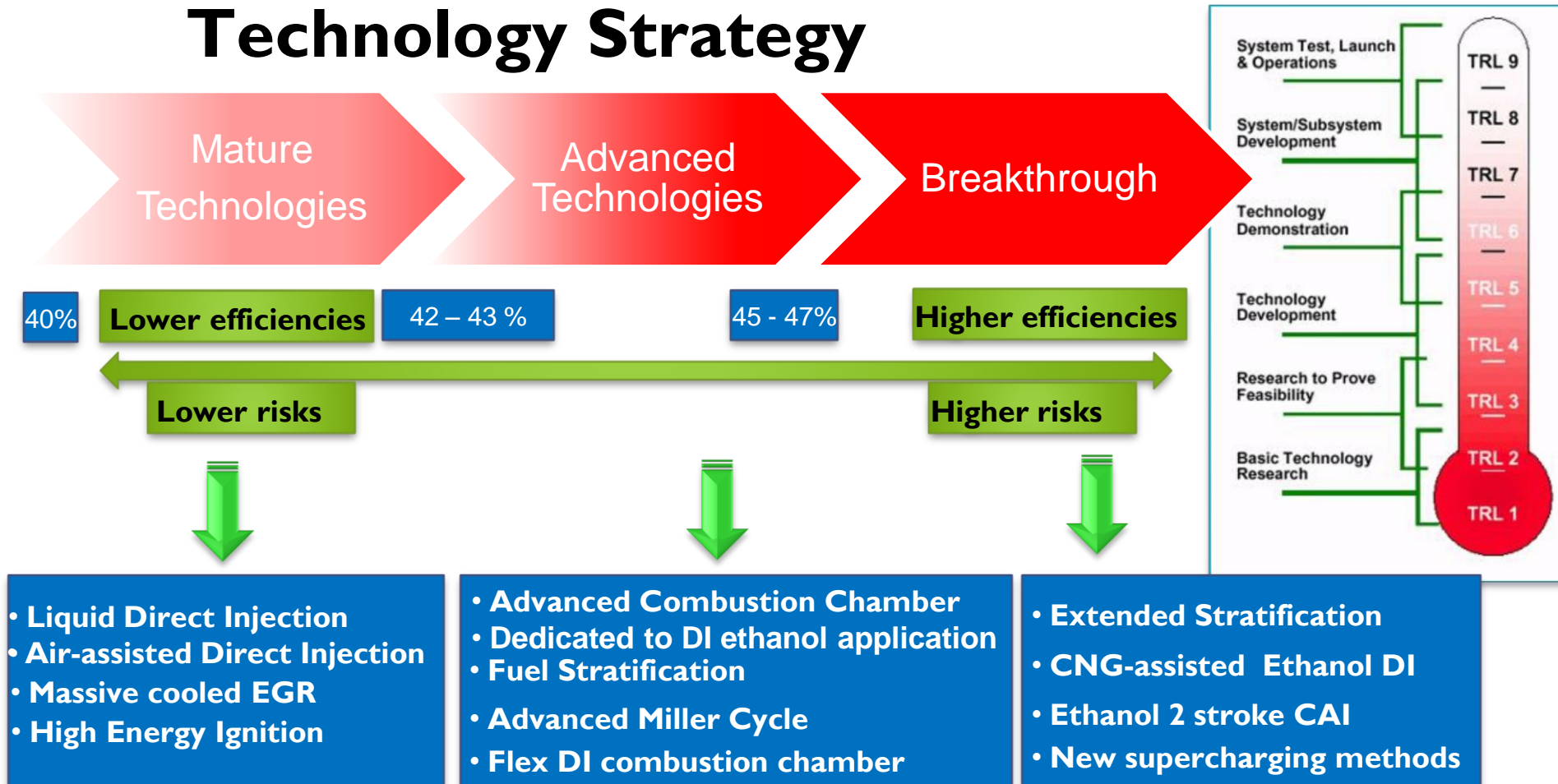




# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

*Potential Investigations for Highly efficient ICE - Technologies Approach*

## Technology Strategy

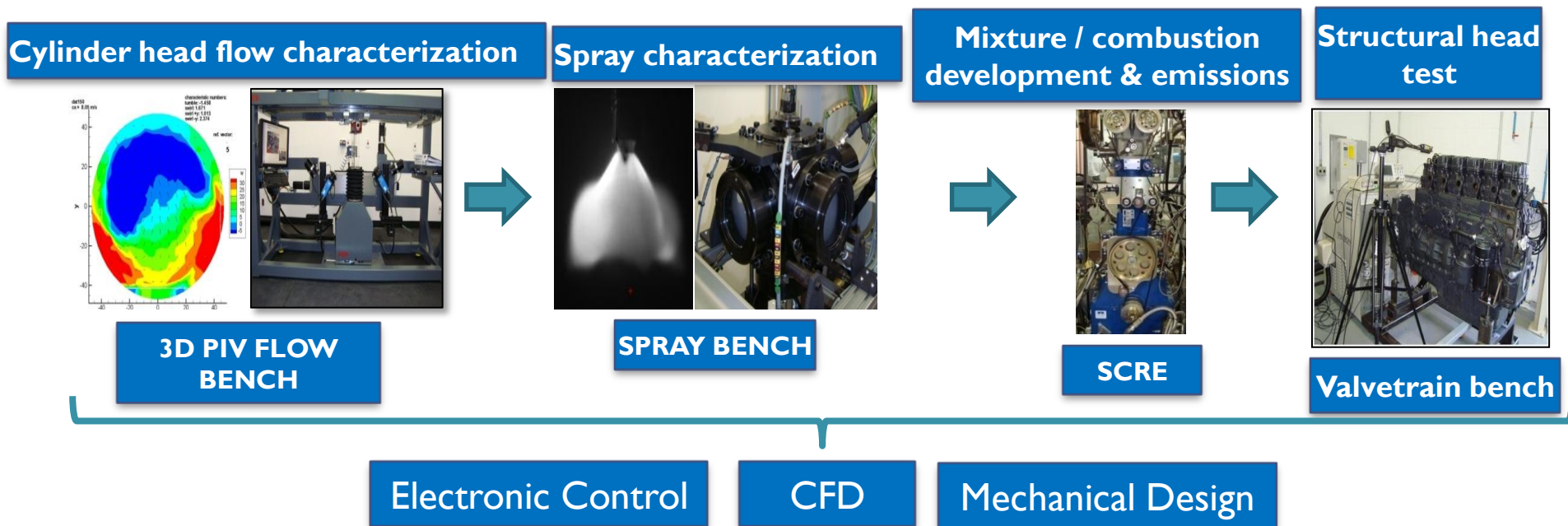


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## R&D Methodology implementation

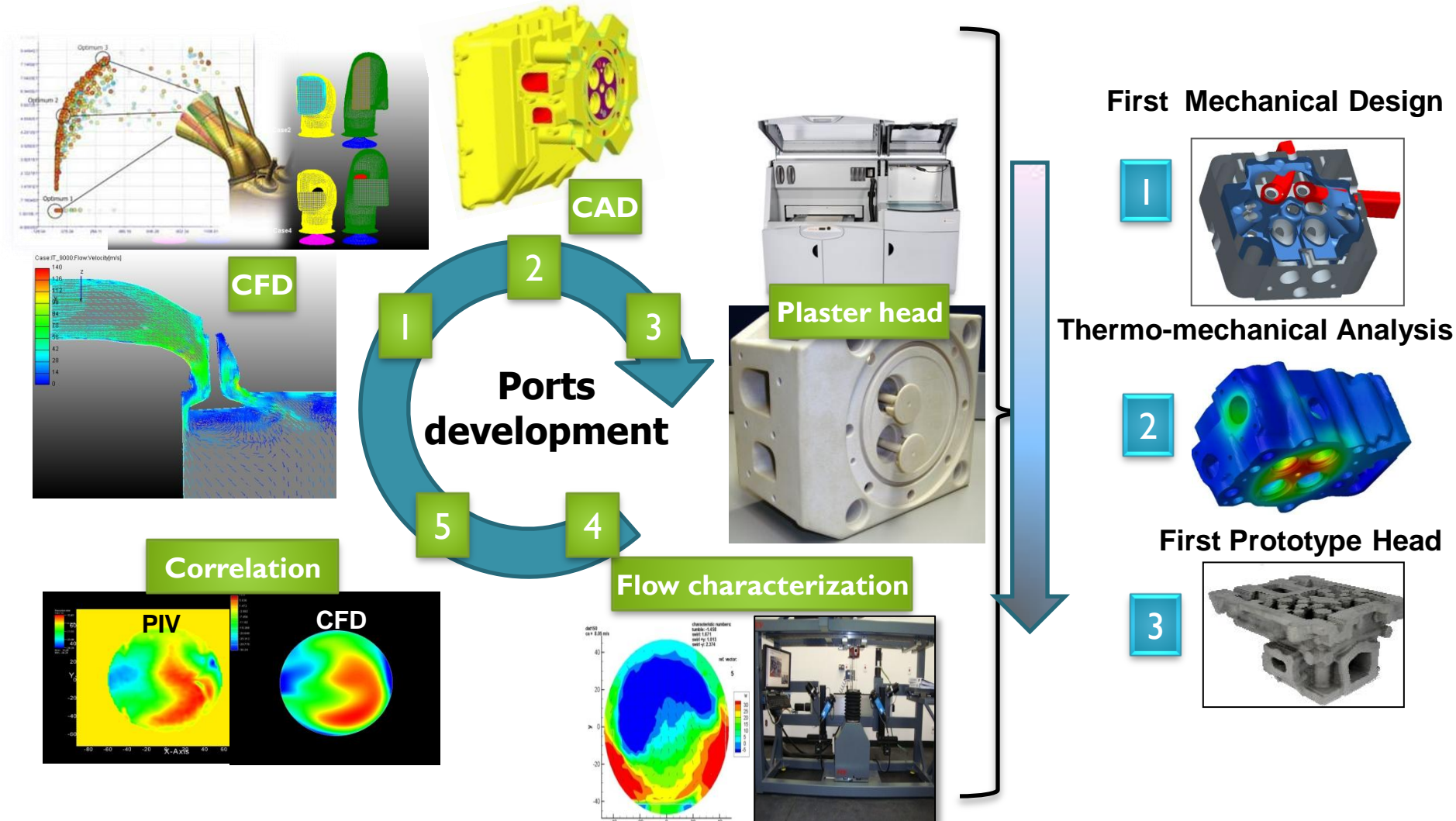
This approach permits a fully optimized DI combustion chamber development process aiming at “state of the art” or “breakthrough” technologies development through a complete and integrated R&D engineering team. By means of a scientific research methodology it is possible to acquire a step by step knowledge making possible to achieve rupture innovation.

Laboratorial research chain sequence integrated with computational tools and design engineering



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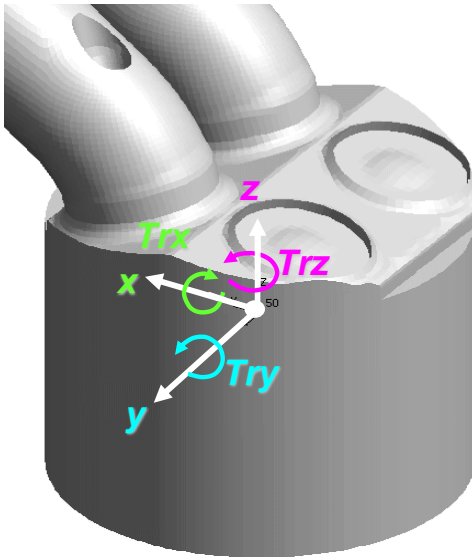
## Intake ports flow Pre-design



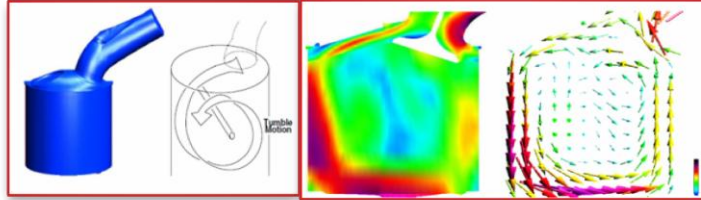


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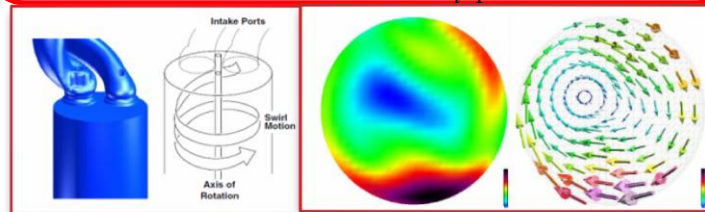
## In-cylinder flow coefficients



$$Tumble = Tr_y = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{D_{cilindro}}{c_a} \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (-w_i x_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

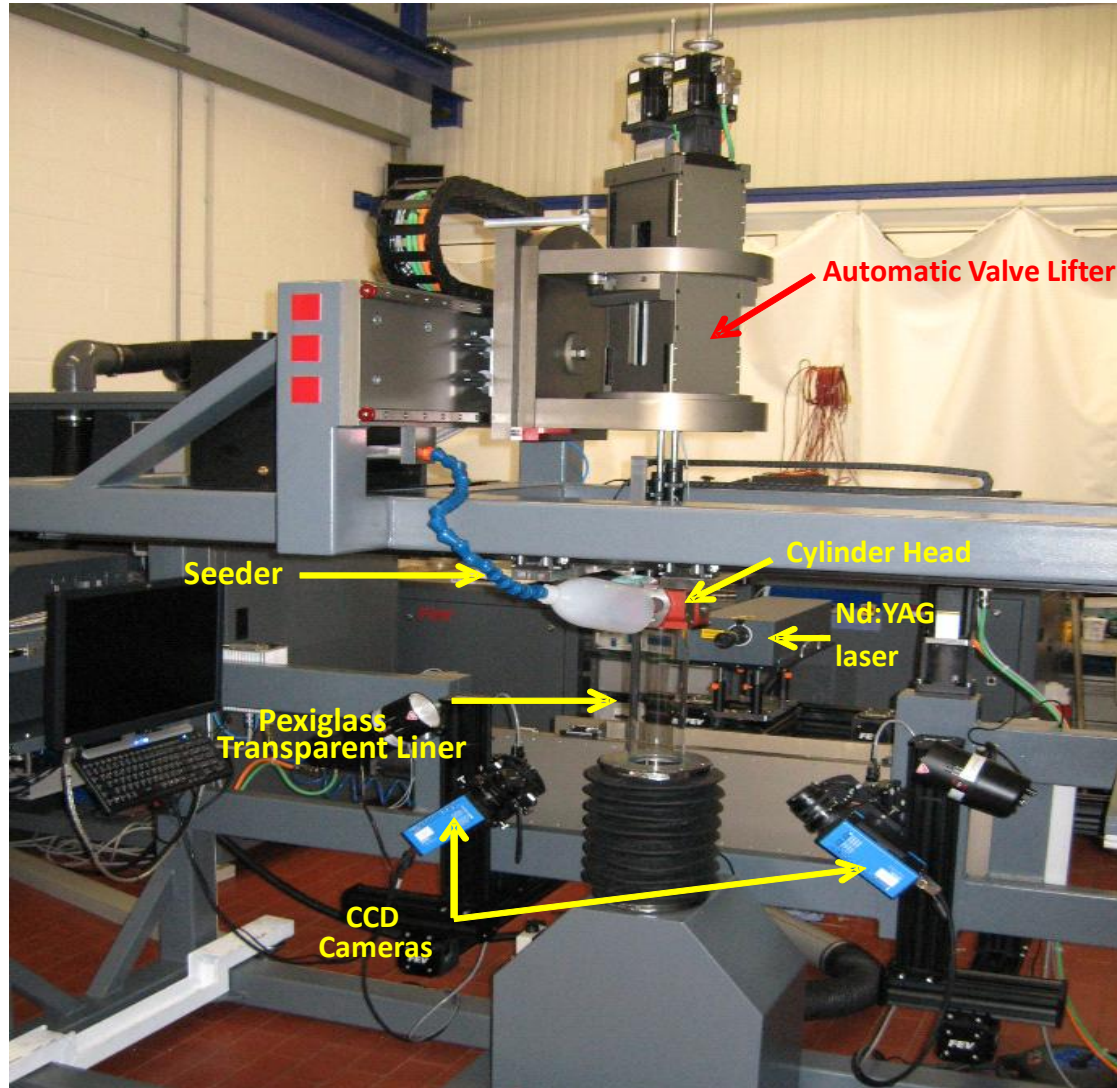


$$Swirl = Tr_z = \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \frac{D_{cilindro}}{c_a} \cdot \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (v_i x_i - u_i y_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i^2 + y_i^2)}$$



# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## Cylinder head flow test rig

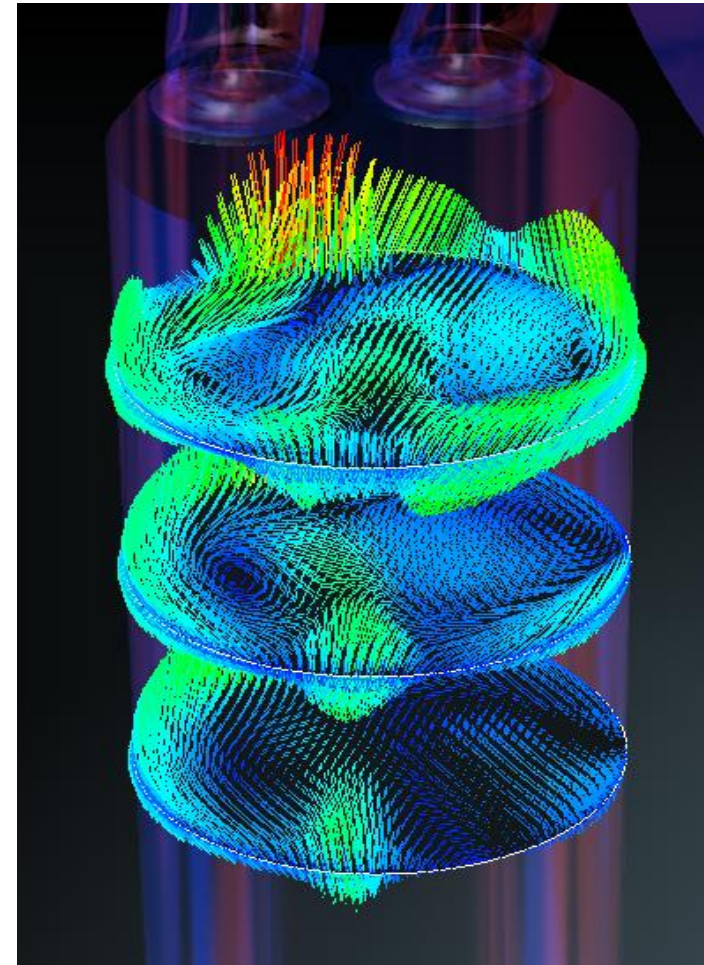
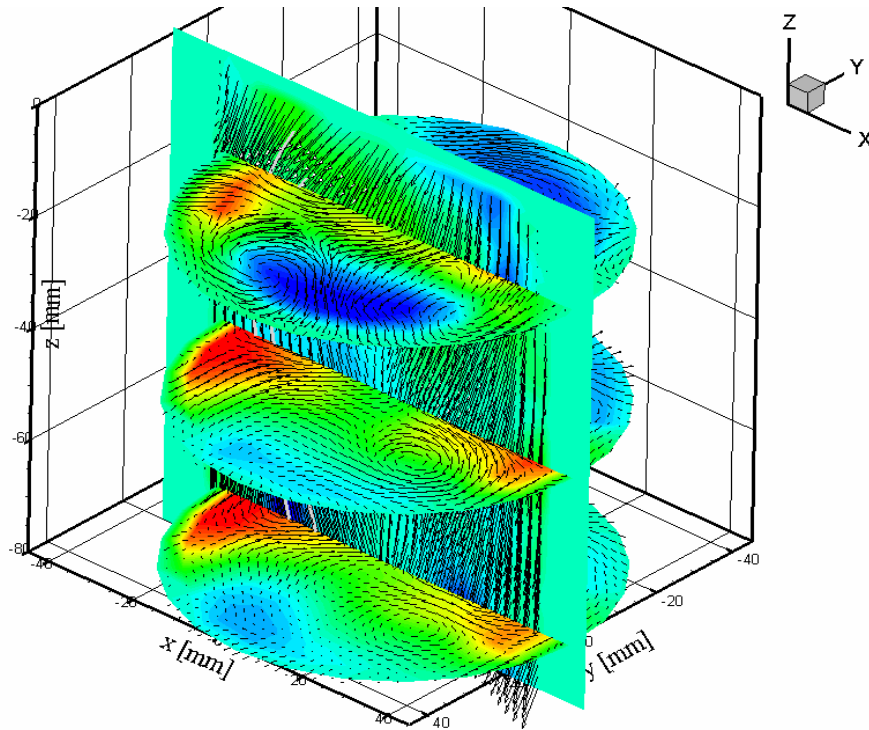


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## In-cylinder flow characterization

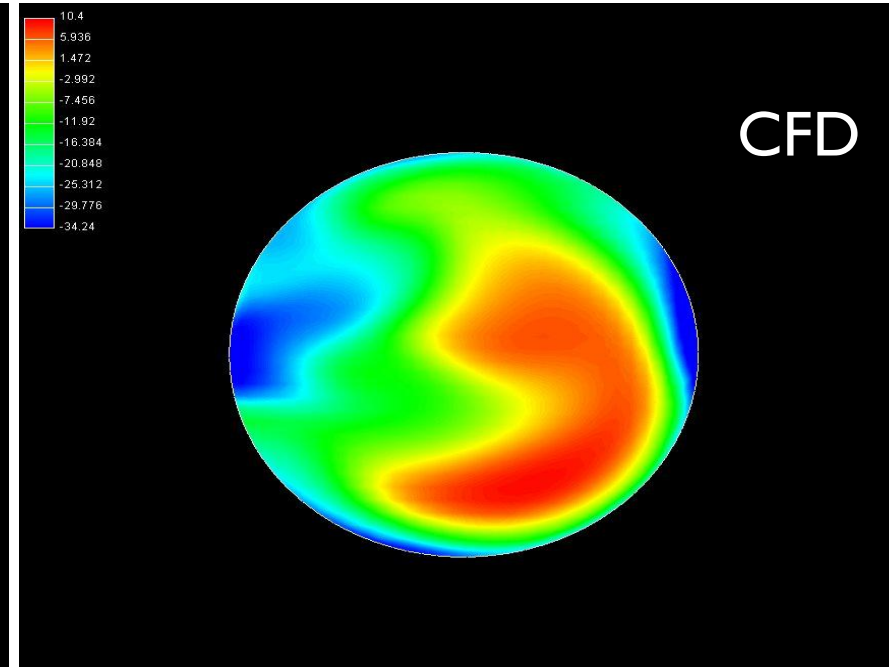
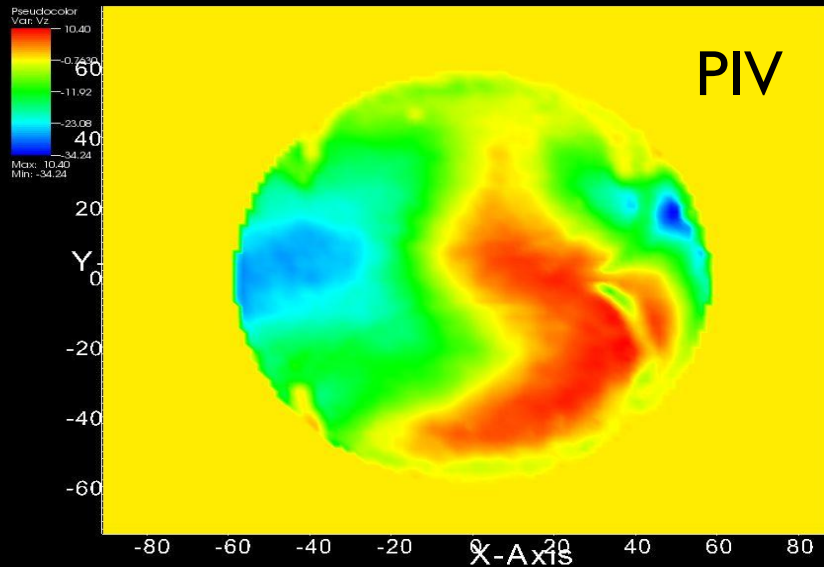
Velocity fields are required to completely recover all terms in Navier-Stokes equation:

➡ 
$$\rho \frac{DU}{Dt} = -\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{U} + \mathbf{F}$$





# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines Measurements X Simulation

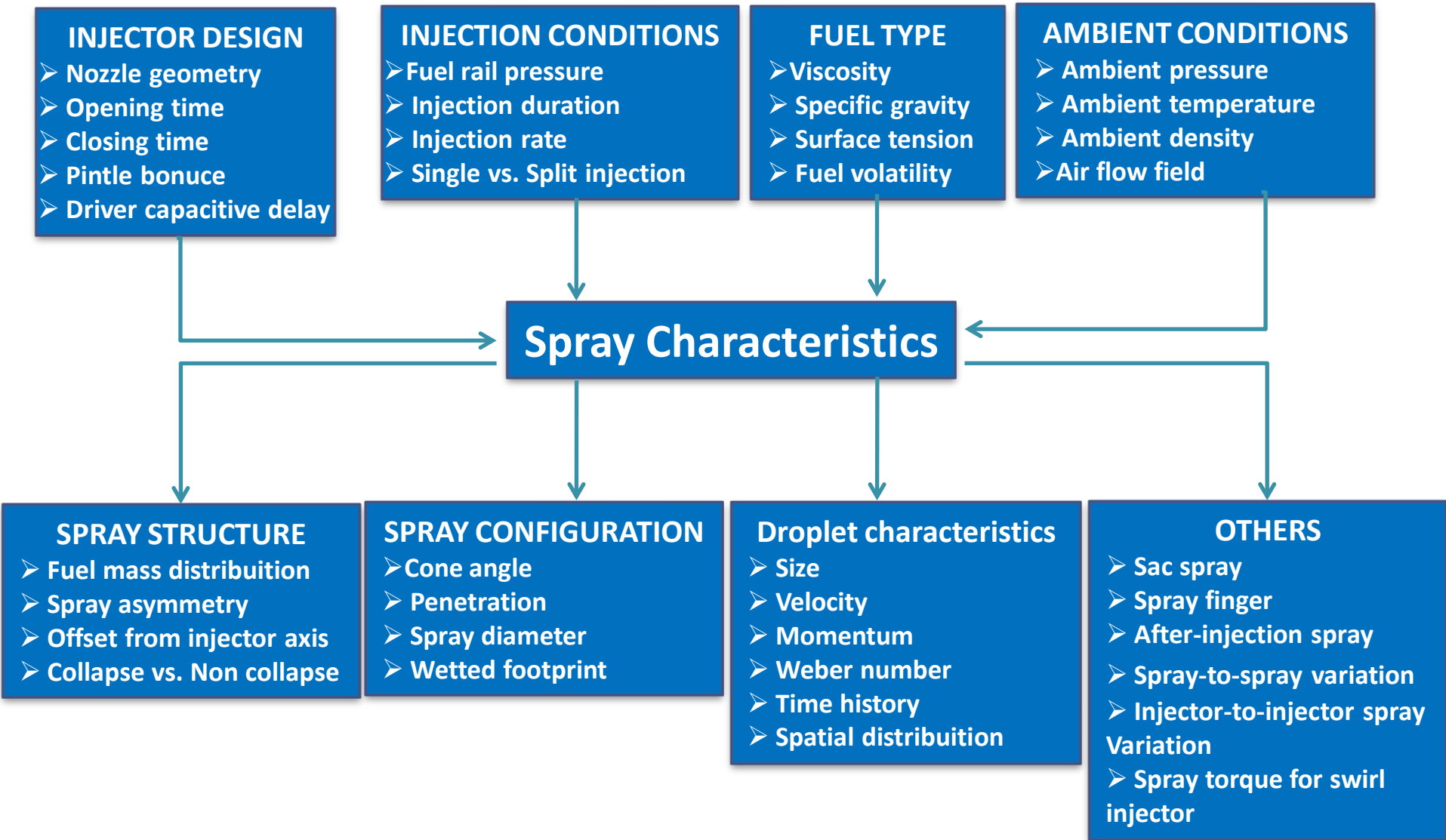


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PIV	CFD	Variance
0,55	0,57	3,5 %

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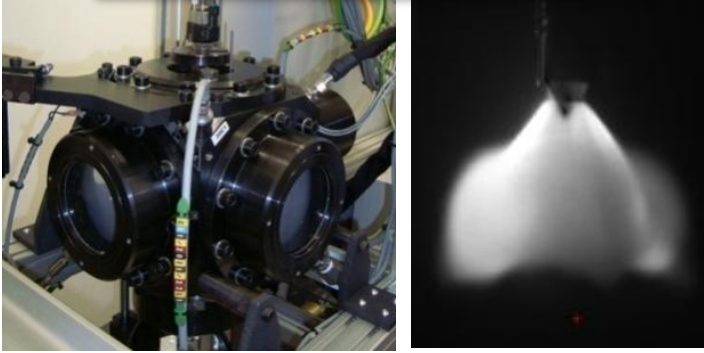
*DI characterization & pre-design*



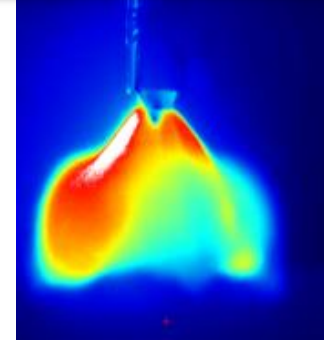
# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

*DI characterization & pre-design*

## SPRAY CHARACTERIZATION



## CFD CALIBRATION MODEL

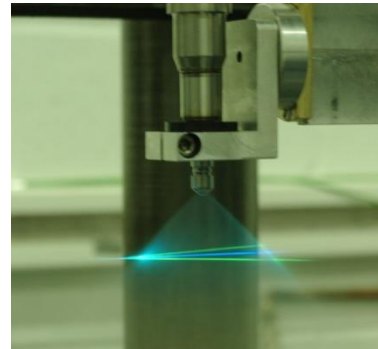
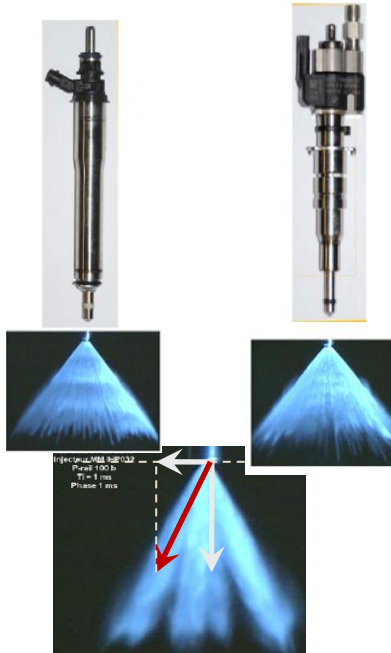


**Spray  
development**

## MAIN FEATURES

- Cone angle
- Droplet distribution
- Droplet sizes
- Spray velocity
- Wetted foot print
- Spray asymmetry
- Spray penetration
- Spray diameter

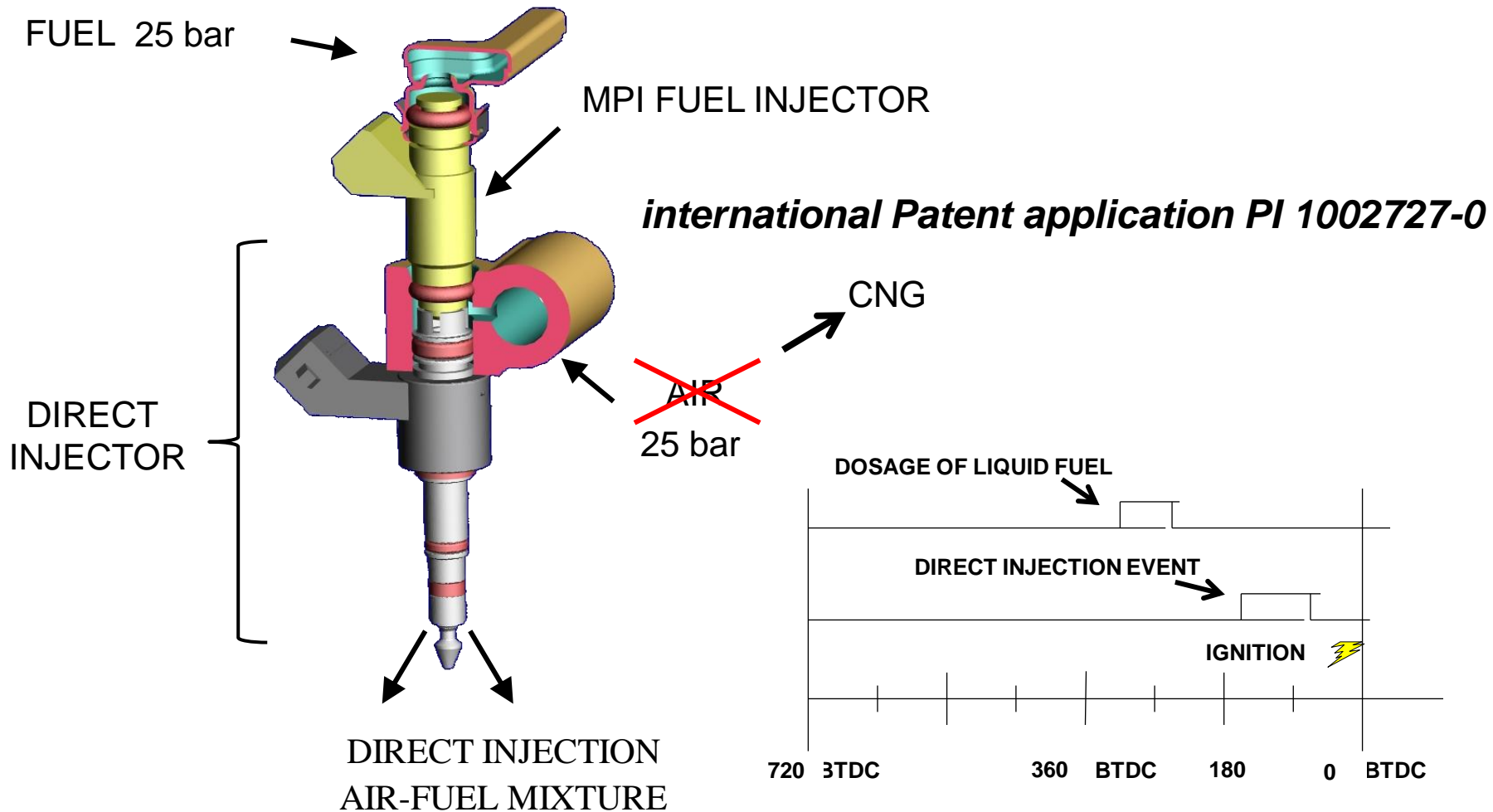
**air-assisted Bosch HDEV4 Continental Magneti Marelli**





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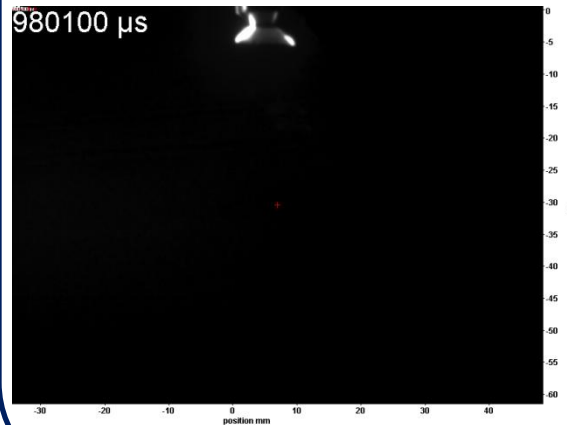
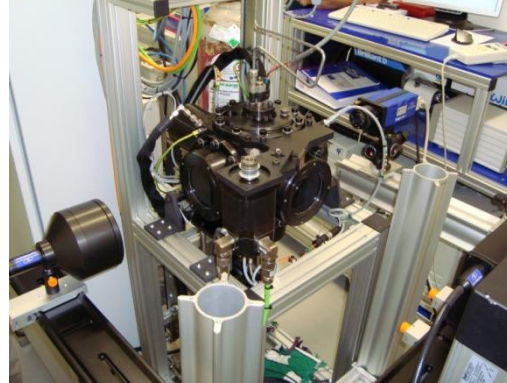
*Air-assisted Injector system*



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*DI characterization & pre-design*

CFD

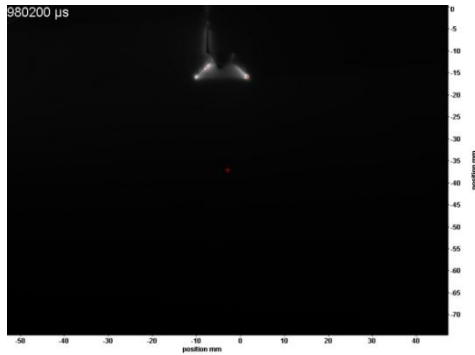


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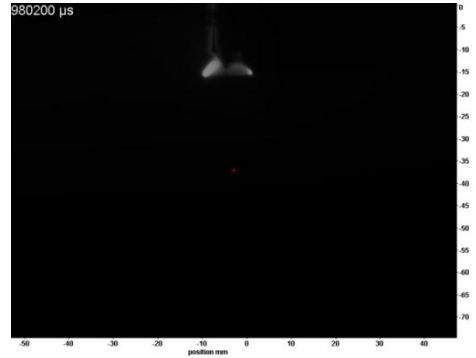


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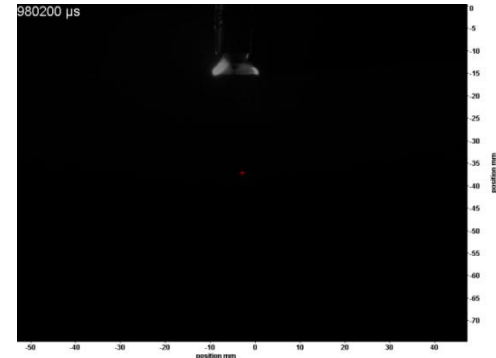
*DI characterization & pre-design (counter pressure)*



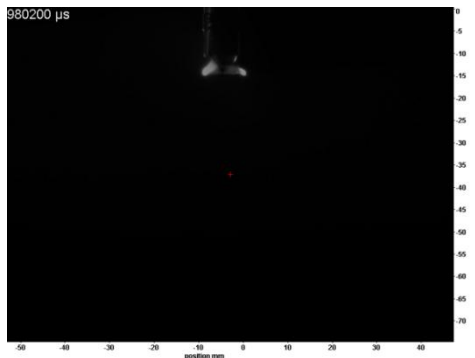
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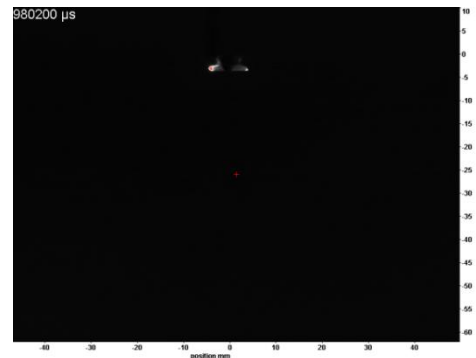
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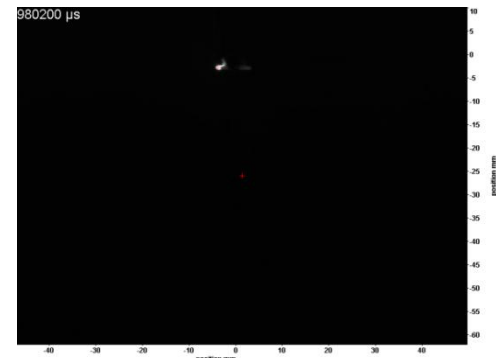
20 bar



30 bar



40 bar

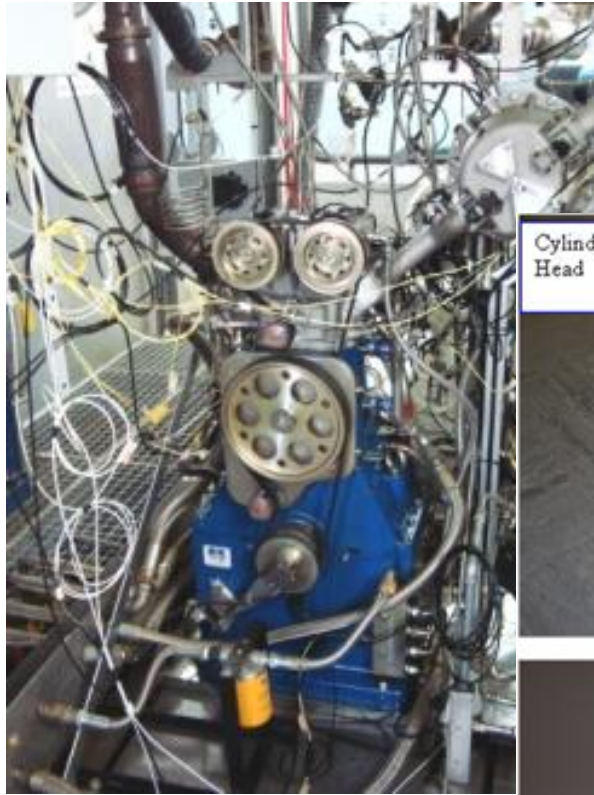


50 bar

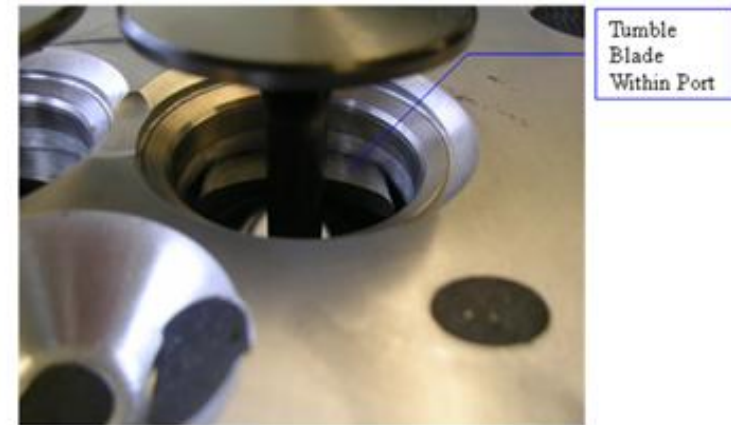
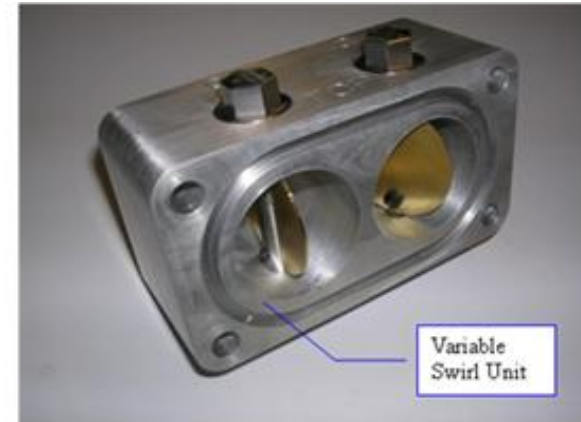
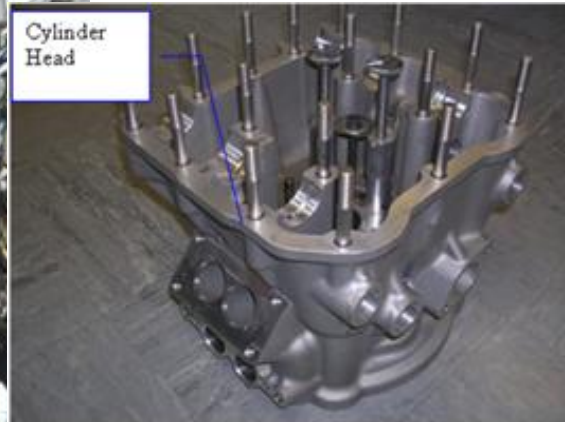


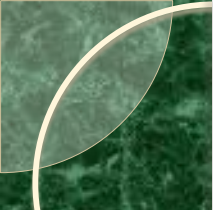
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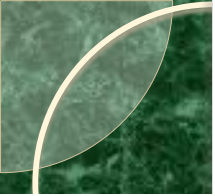


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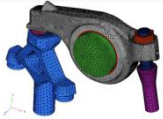




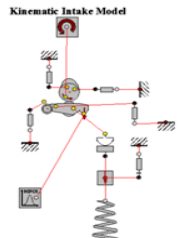
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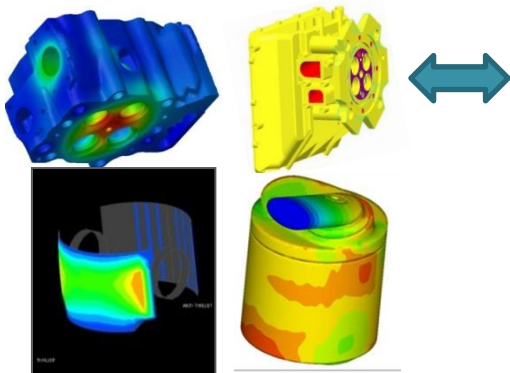
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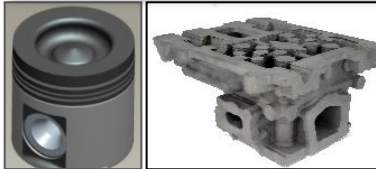
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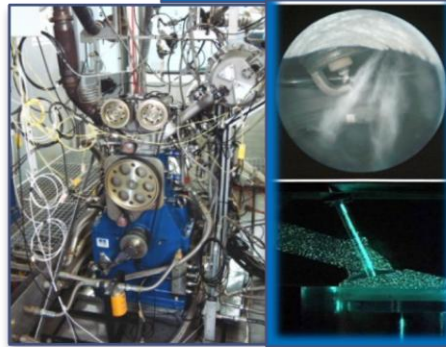
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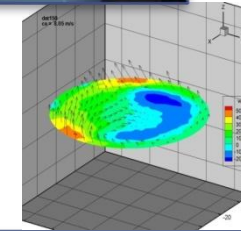
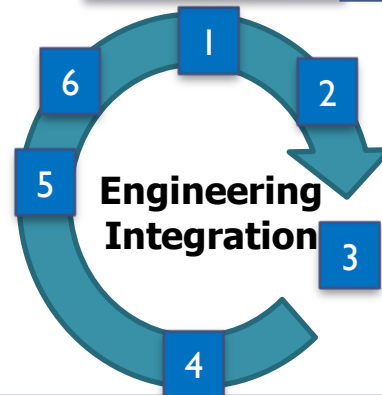
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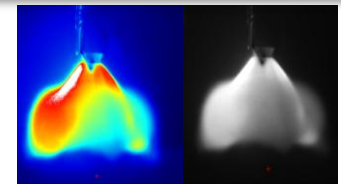
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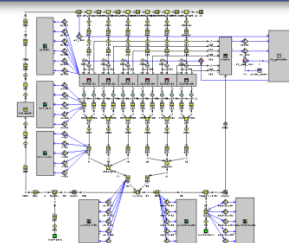
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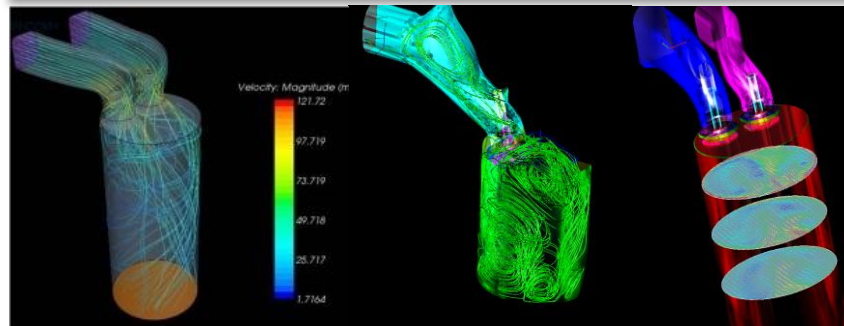
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### 3D CFD - Flow , spray and Combustion





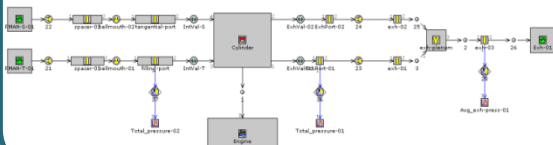
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*R&D Methodology implementation*

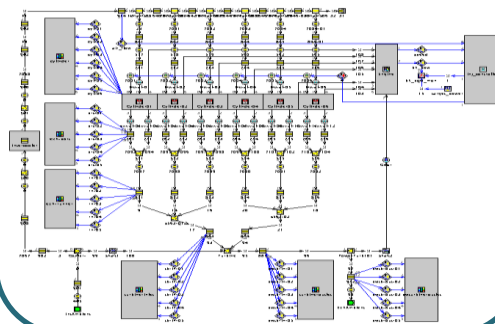


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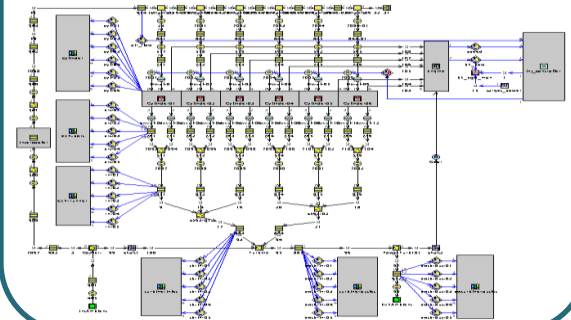
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# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## *Main Issues & Technical Results*

- ▣ Direct Injection
- ▣ Cooled EGR
- ▣ Miller Cycle
- ▣ High Energy Ignition System



# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## *Main Issues & Technical Results*

### **Advantages of Direct Injection**

- ✓ Charge cooling (mixture fuel / air / burnt gases)
- ✓ Fuel estratification
- ✓ More accurate fuel metering
- ✓ Elimination of fuel overlap
- ✓ Much better cold start & warm-up





# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## *Main Issues & Technical Results*

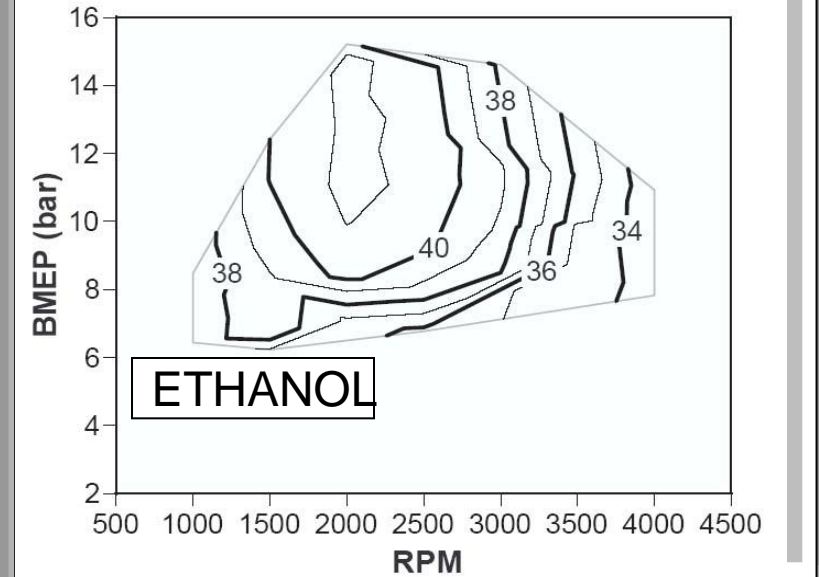
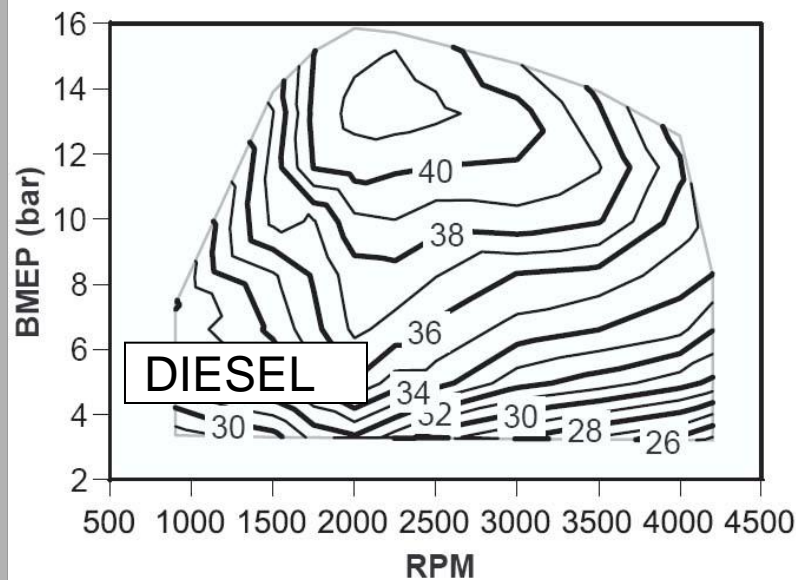
### **Advantages of Cooled EGR**

- ✓ Mitigation of Knock occurrence
  - ✓ Mitigation of Pre & Post-ignition
    - ✓ *Mega-knock suppression*
    - ✓ Reduction of Pmax
  - ✓ Exhaust Higher enthalpy at high loads operation
- ✓ Reduction of gross NO<sub>x</sub> emission
- ✓ Feasible efficient operation of 3 way catalyst

# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## *Main Issues & Technical Results*

### **Advantages of Cooled EGR**



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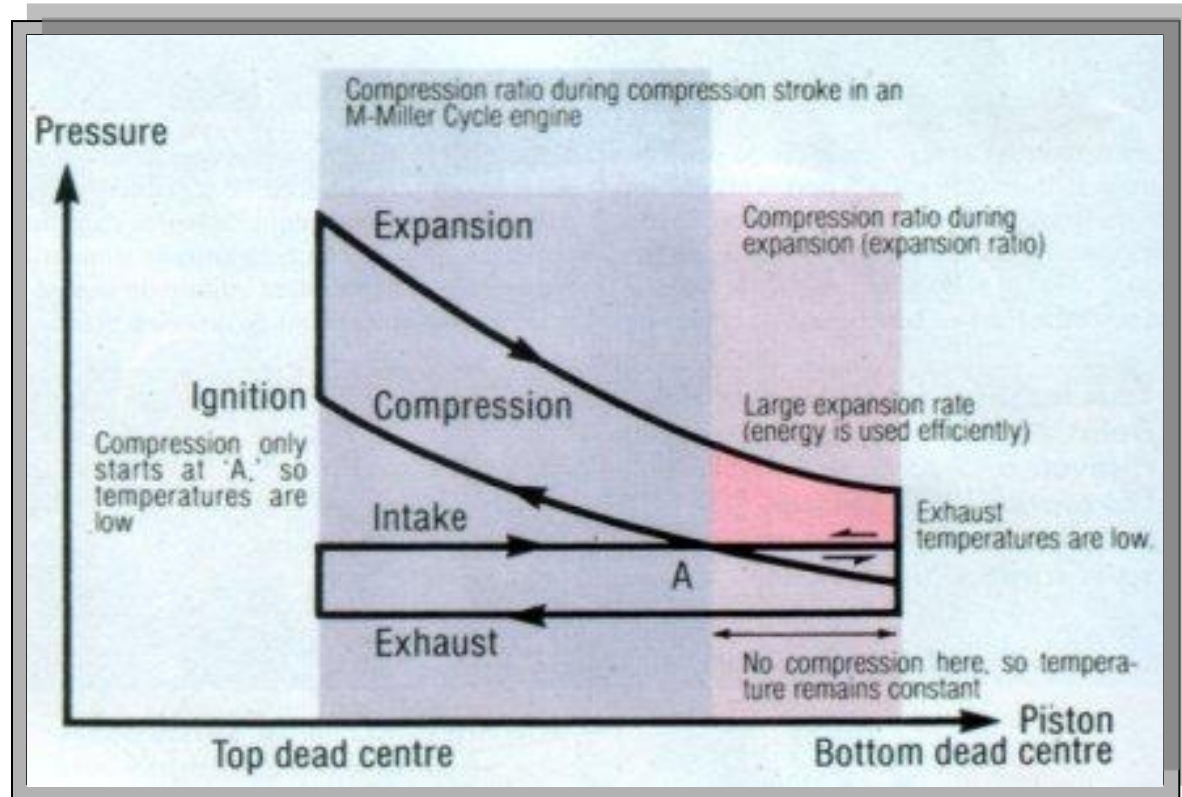
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# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## *Main Issues & Technical Results*

### **Advantages of Miller Cycle**



- ✓ Lower Cycle Pressures
- ✓ Higher Knock Resistance
- ✓ Lower  $\text{NO}_x$  Emissions
- ✓ Higher Energy Recovery





# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## *Conclusions & Lessons Learned*

### Deficiencies Found

- Less than optimum flame propagation:
  - ✓ off-center burned zone; ▶
  - ✓ too early turbulence decay; ▶
  - ✓ slow end-gas combustion. ▶
- Substantial differences in combustion from cycle-to-cycle: ▶
  - ✓ peak cycle pressures; ▶
  - ✓ combustion efficiency; ▶
  - ✓ knock likelihood; ▶
  - ✓ emissions.

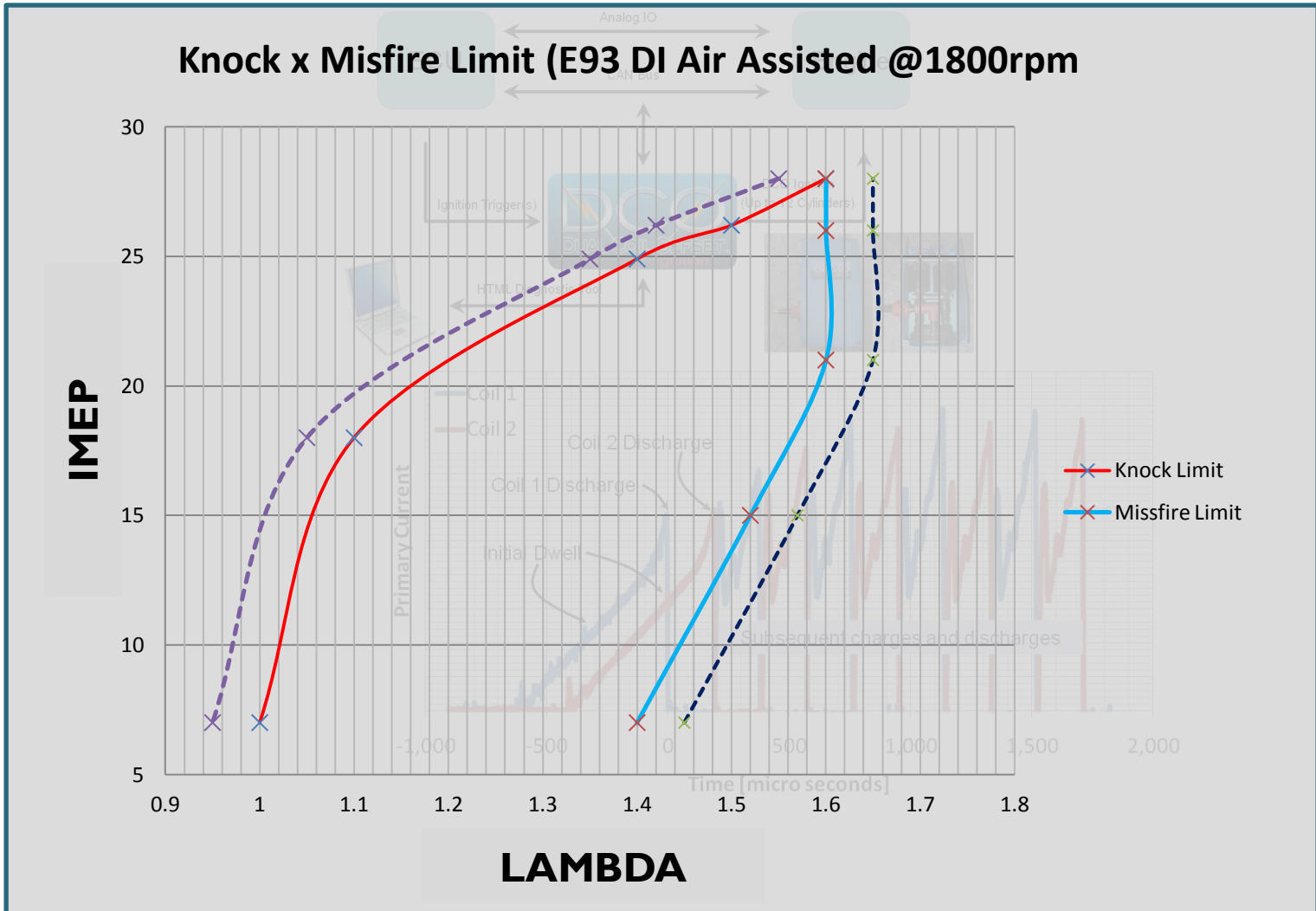
### Solutions

- Development targets:
  - ✓ more effective intake-induced coherent flow dissipation around TC;
  - ✓ moderate flow velocity in the vicinity of spark plug at spark timing;
  - ✓ combustion CG displaced towards combustion end;
  - ✓ decoupling between earlier-to-be-burned and end-gas mixture properties;
  - ✓ more intense better-distributed turbulence past TC.

Patent Filed

# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

*Main Issues & Technical Results* - Advantages of High Energy Ignition System



# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development for **Heavy Duty** Engines

## ◦ *Conclusions & Lessons Learned*

- Feasible operation above 25 bar BMEP. ▶
- Competitive efficiencies at high load operation. ▶
- Feasible compliance with emission regulations using simple exhaust aftertreatment system.
- A lot of room for improvement of:
  - ✓ combustion system;
  - ✓ engine operation & configuration.



# Ethanol & CNG DI Combustion Development

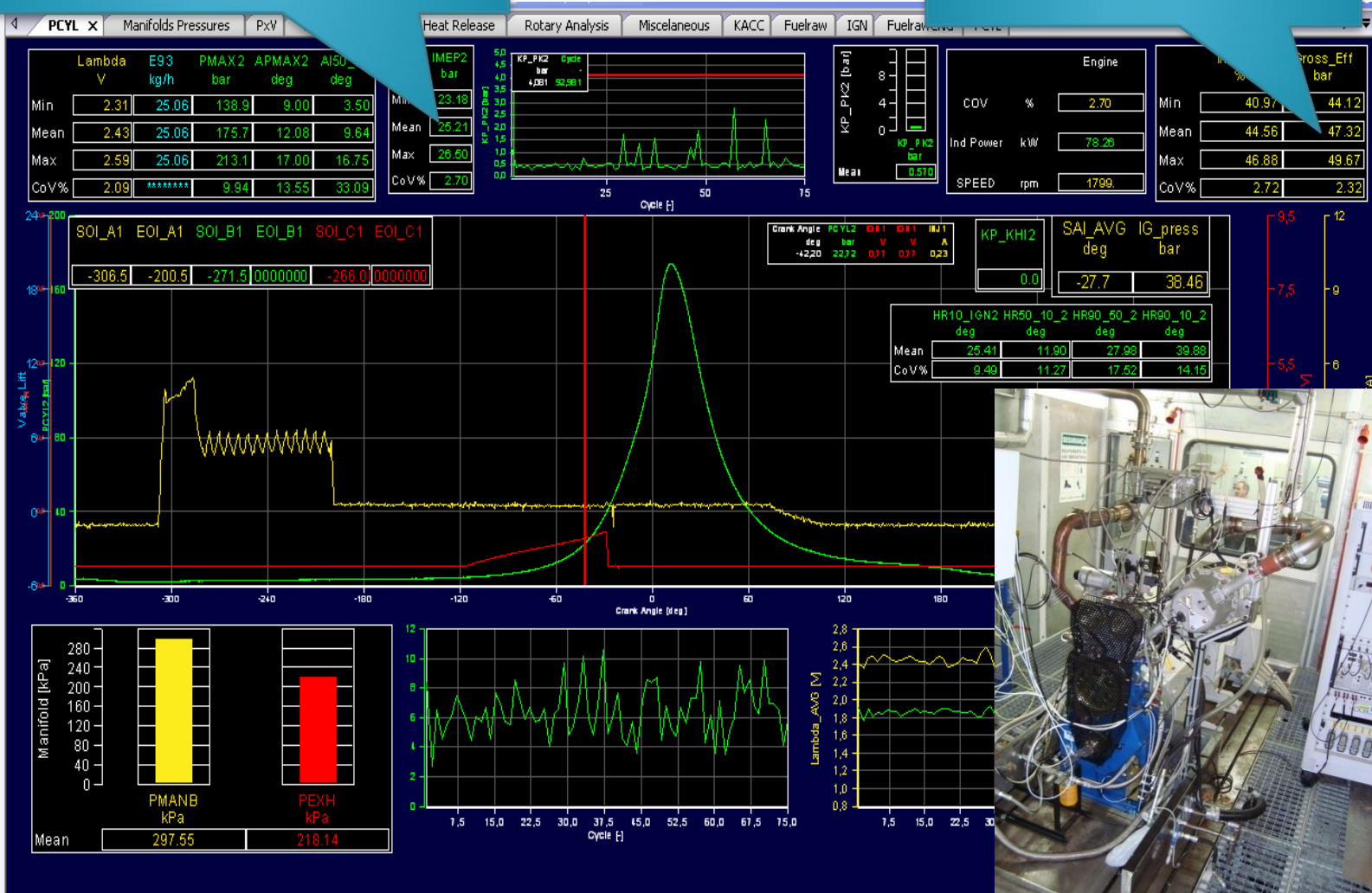
## for Heavy Duty Engines

IMEP > 25 BAR

IMEP limited by maximum injector fuel flow.

Gross efficiency > 47%

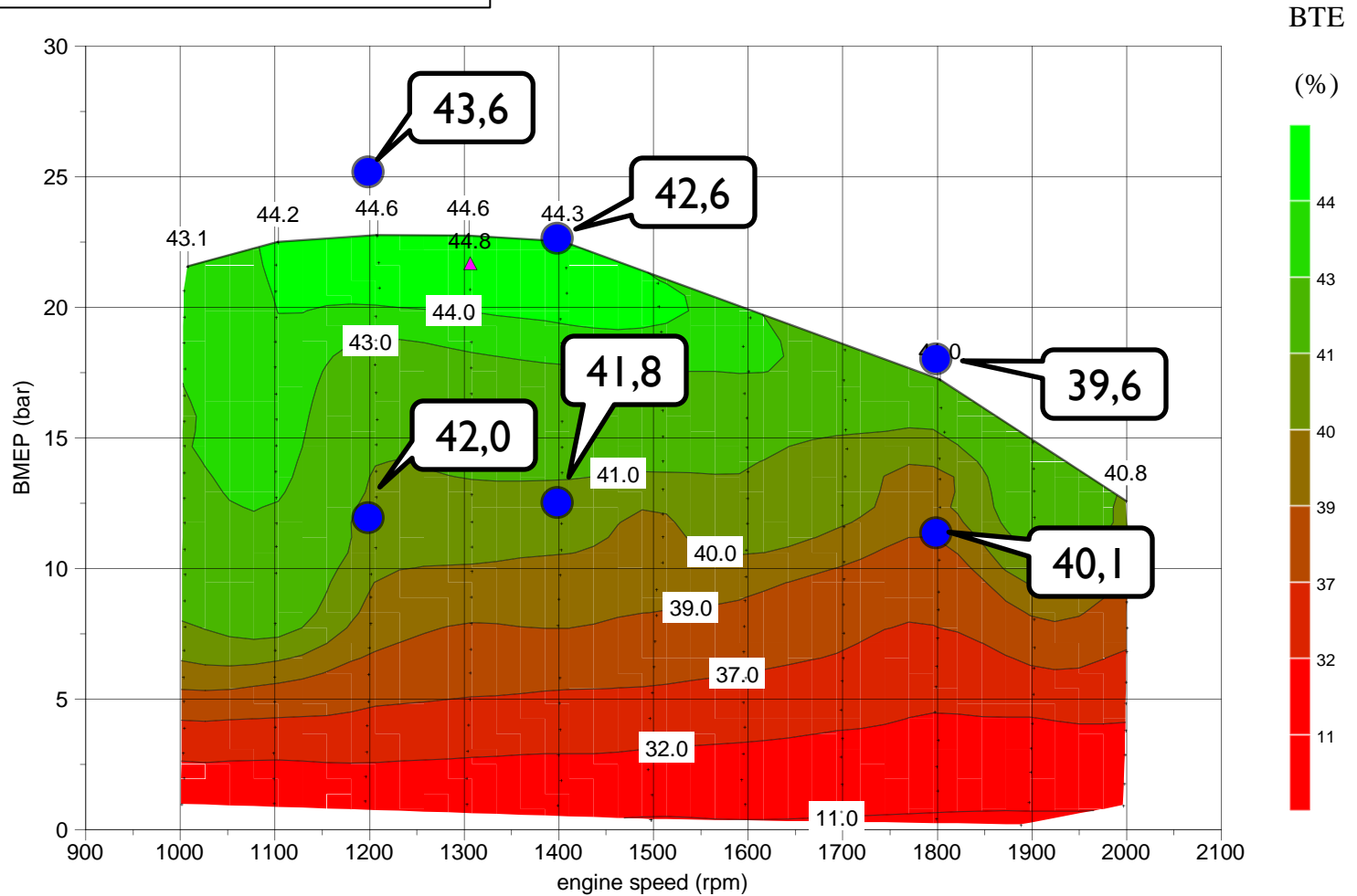
Matching diesel units.



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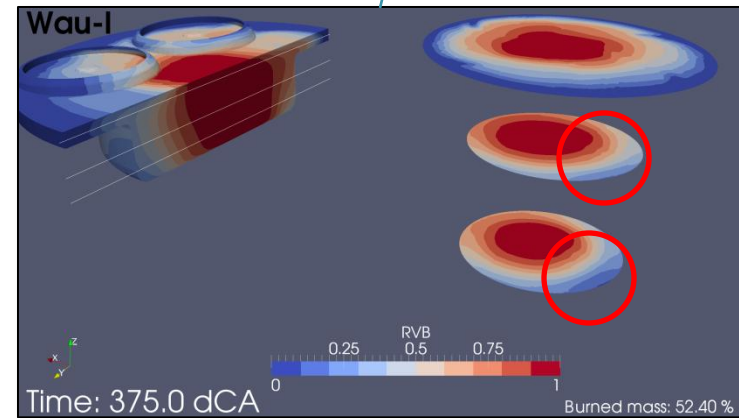
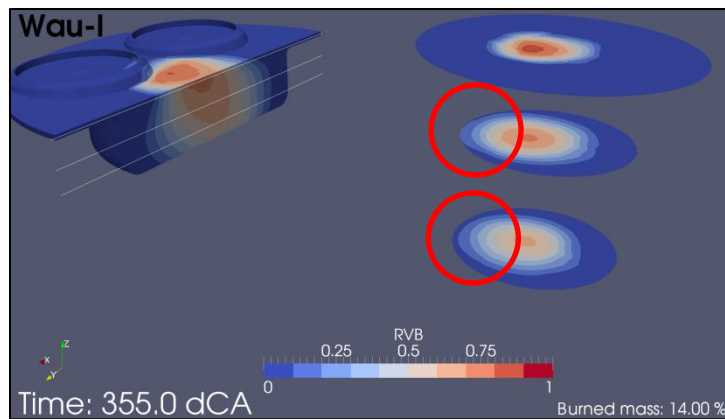
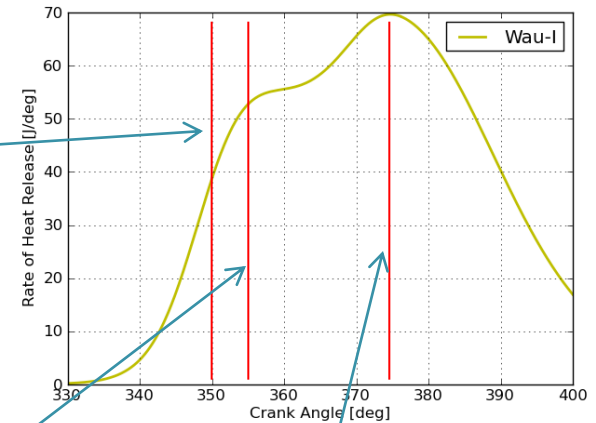
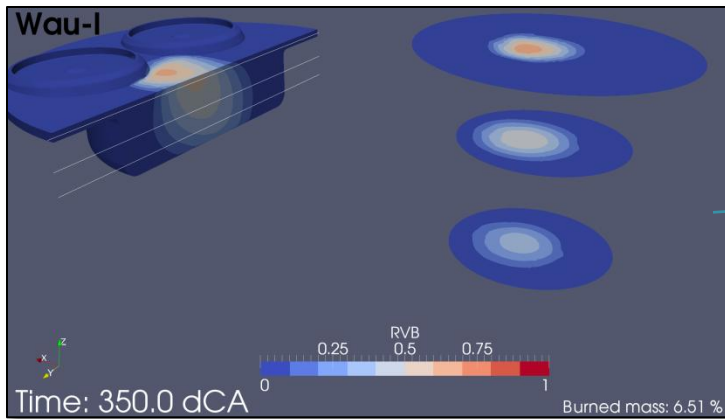
## *Conclusions & Lessons Learned*

● Ethanol engine efficiency



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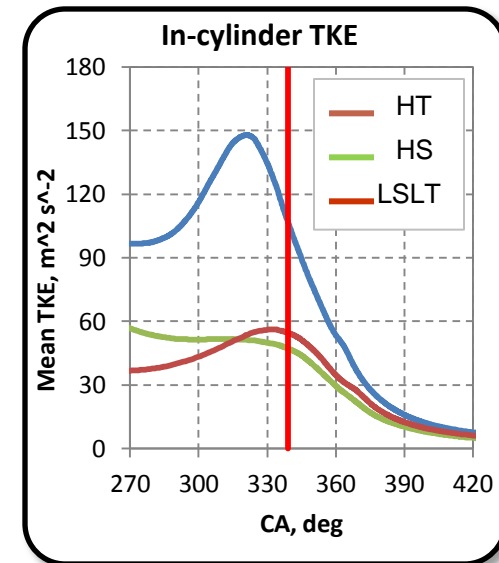
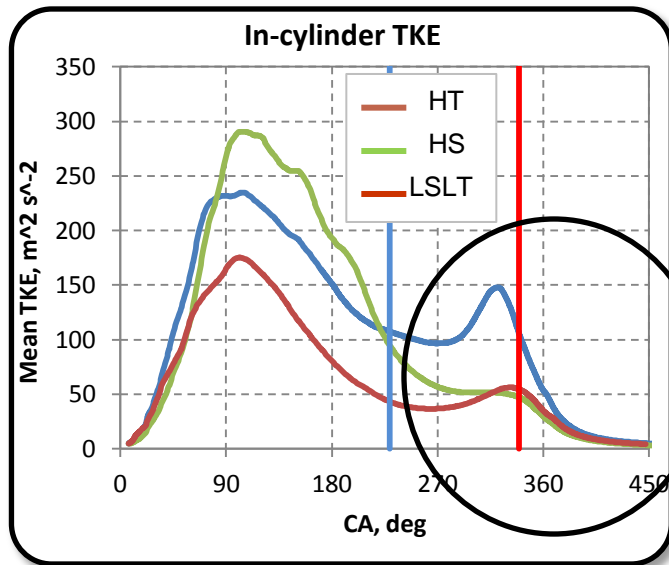
*Off-center burned zone*





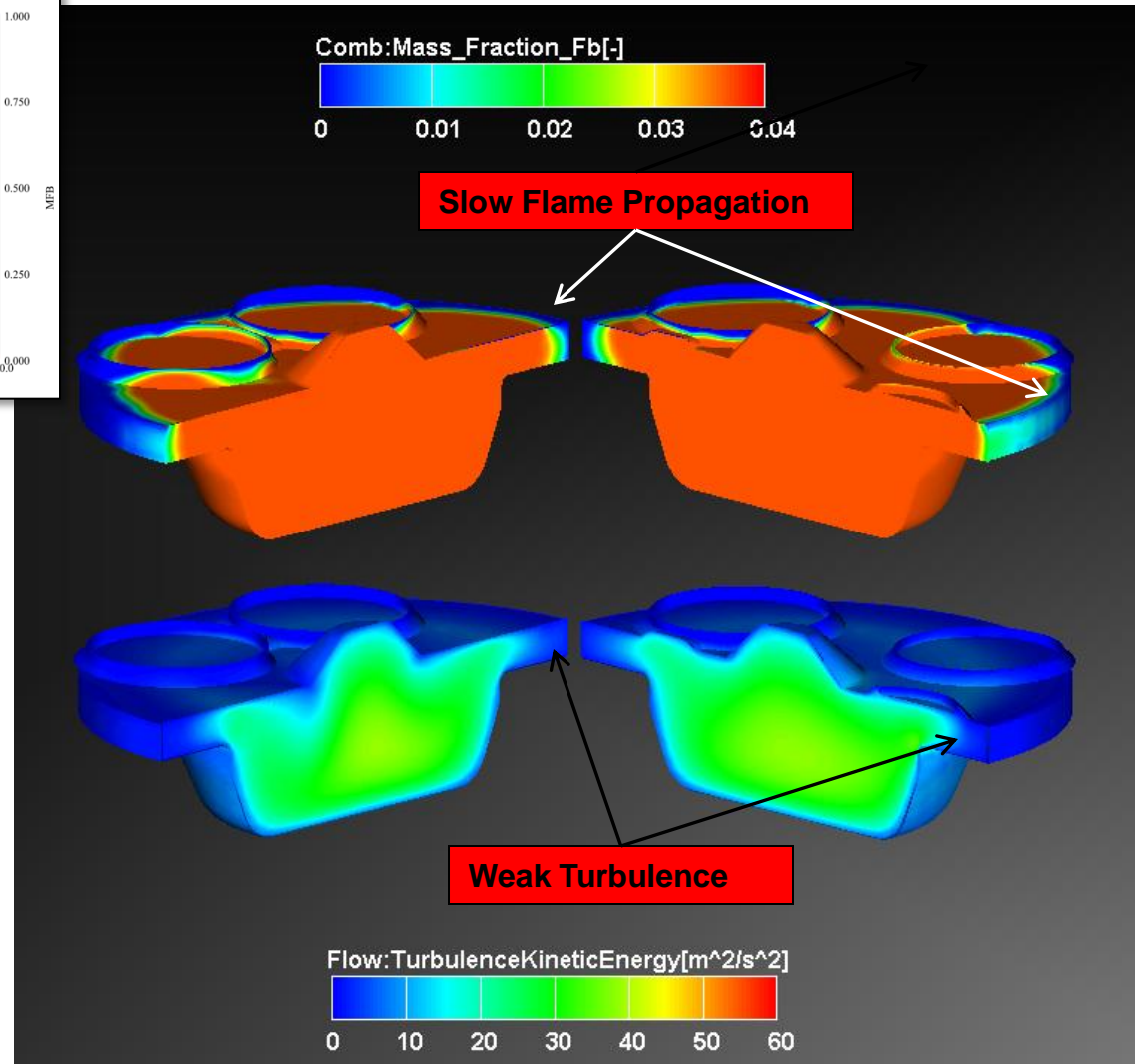
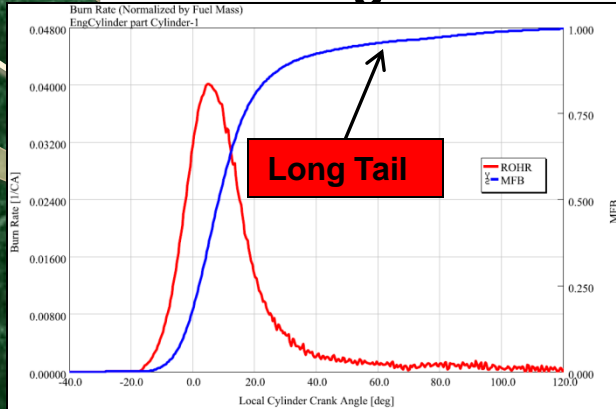
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## *Early turbulence decay*



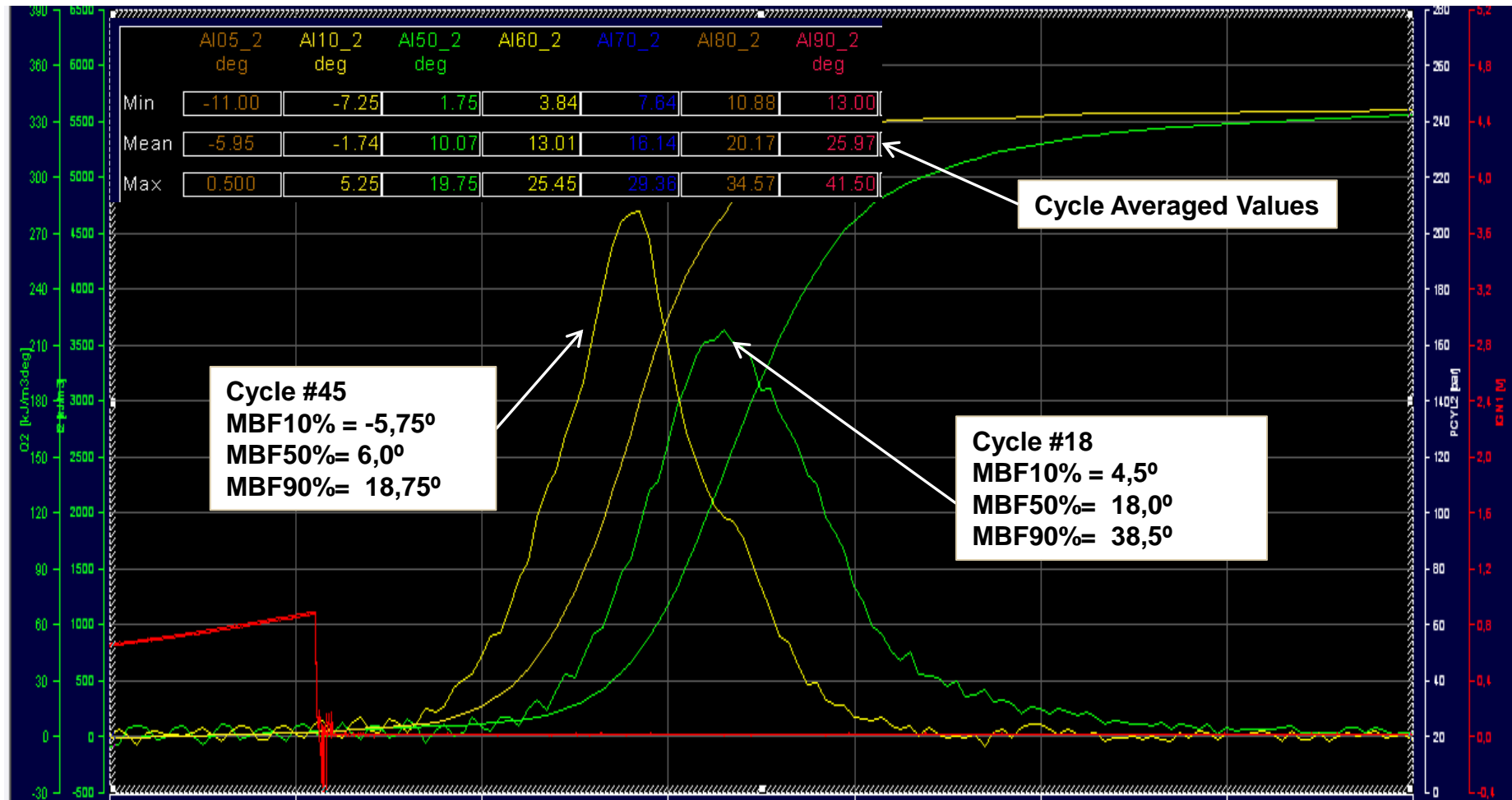
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## *Slow end-gas combustion*



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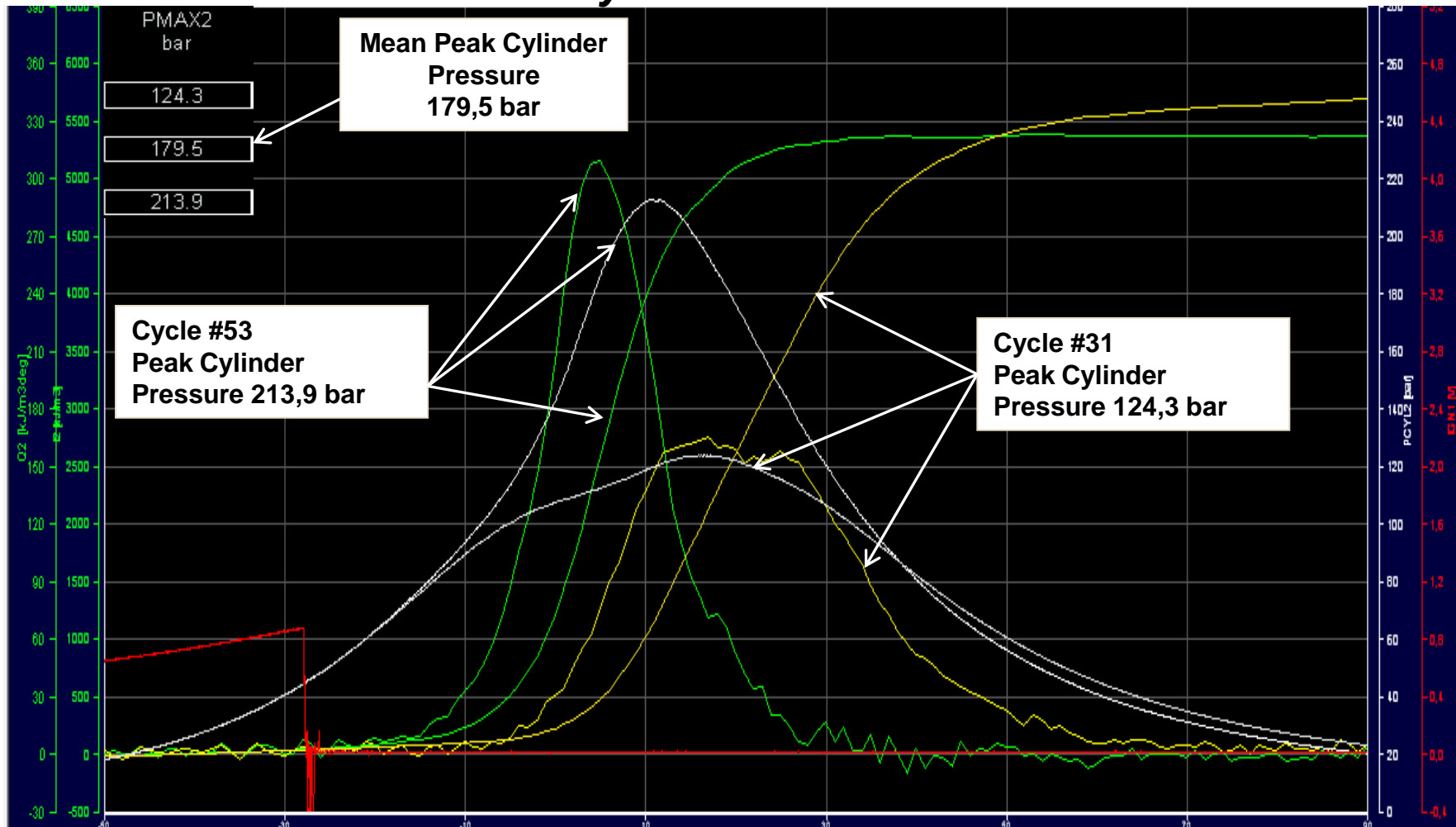
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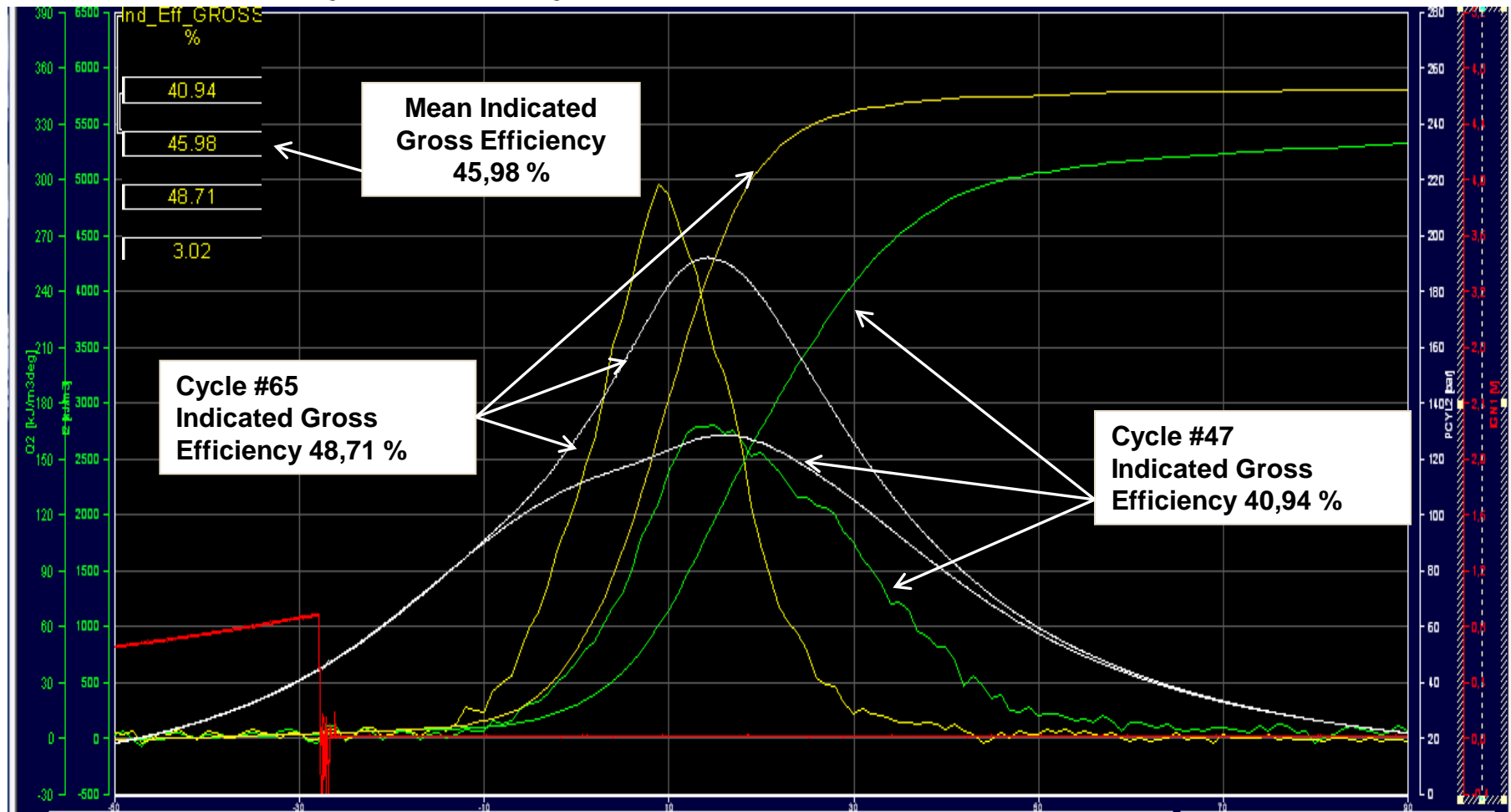
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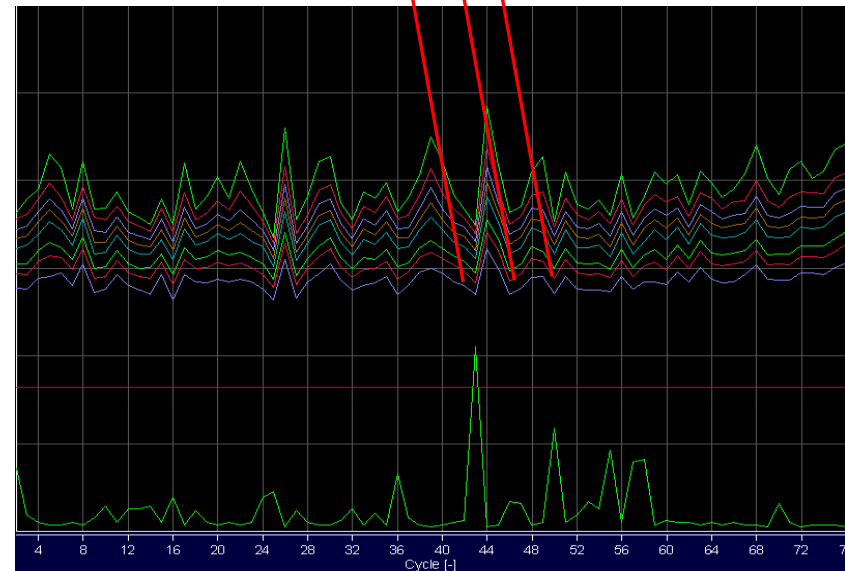
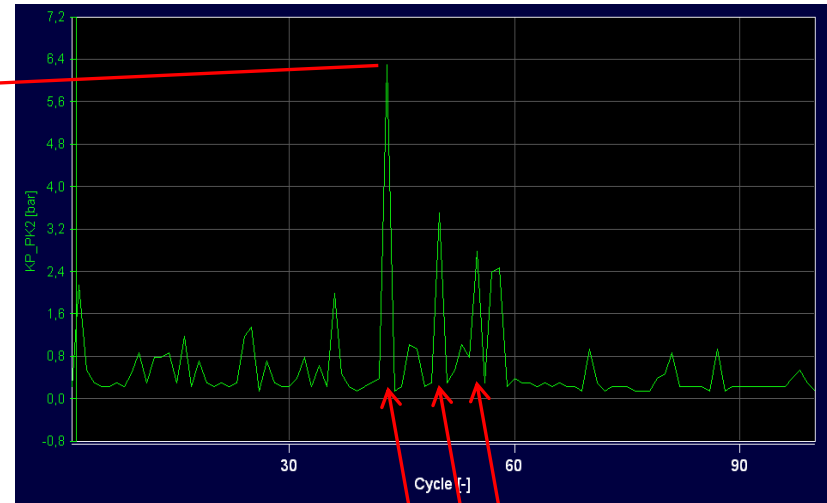
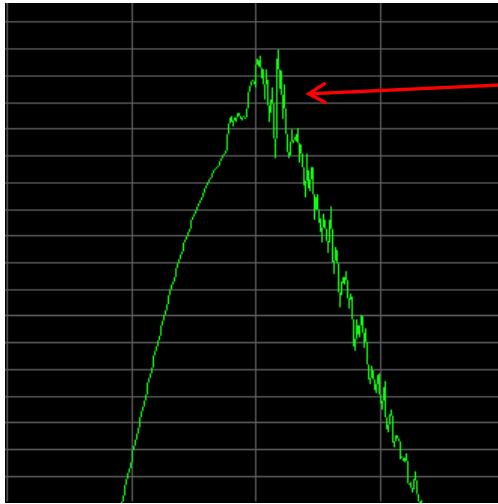
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## Efficiency Variability



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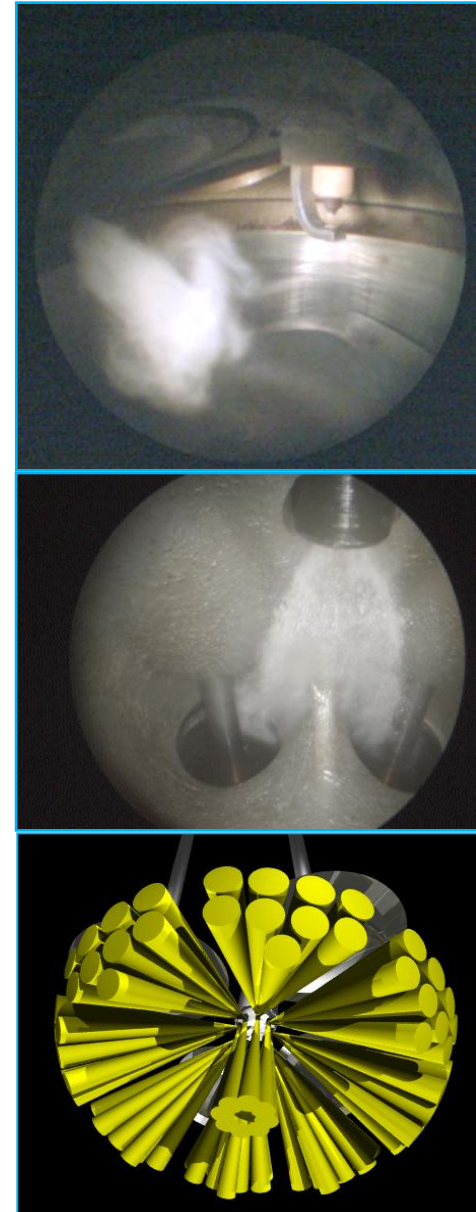
## *Knock Variability*





# Ethanol PFI & DI Combustion Development for **Light Duty** Engines

- The main goal is to define an engine architecture that fully exploit *Ethanol Potential* in order to match E22 fuel mileage with the same performance index.
  - i. The first phase comprises the development of a PFI engine concept that will be coupled to a prototype car to evaluate the technology boundaries;
  - ii. The second phase covers the implementation of Ethanol DI concept in order to extend and evaluate further efficiency gains & its cost-effectiveness.

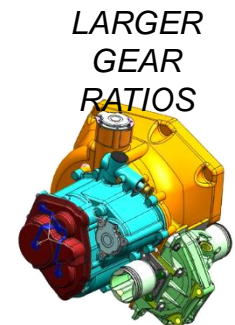
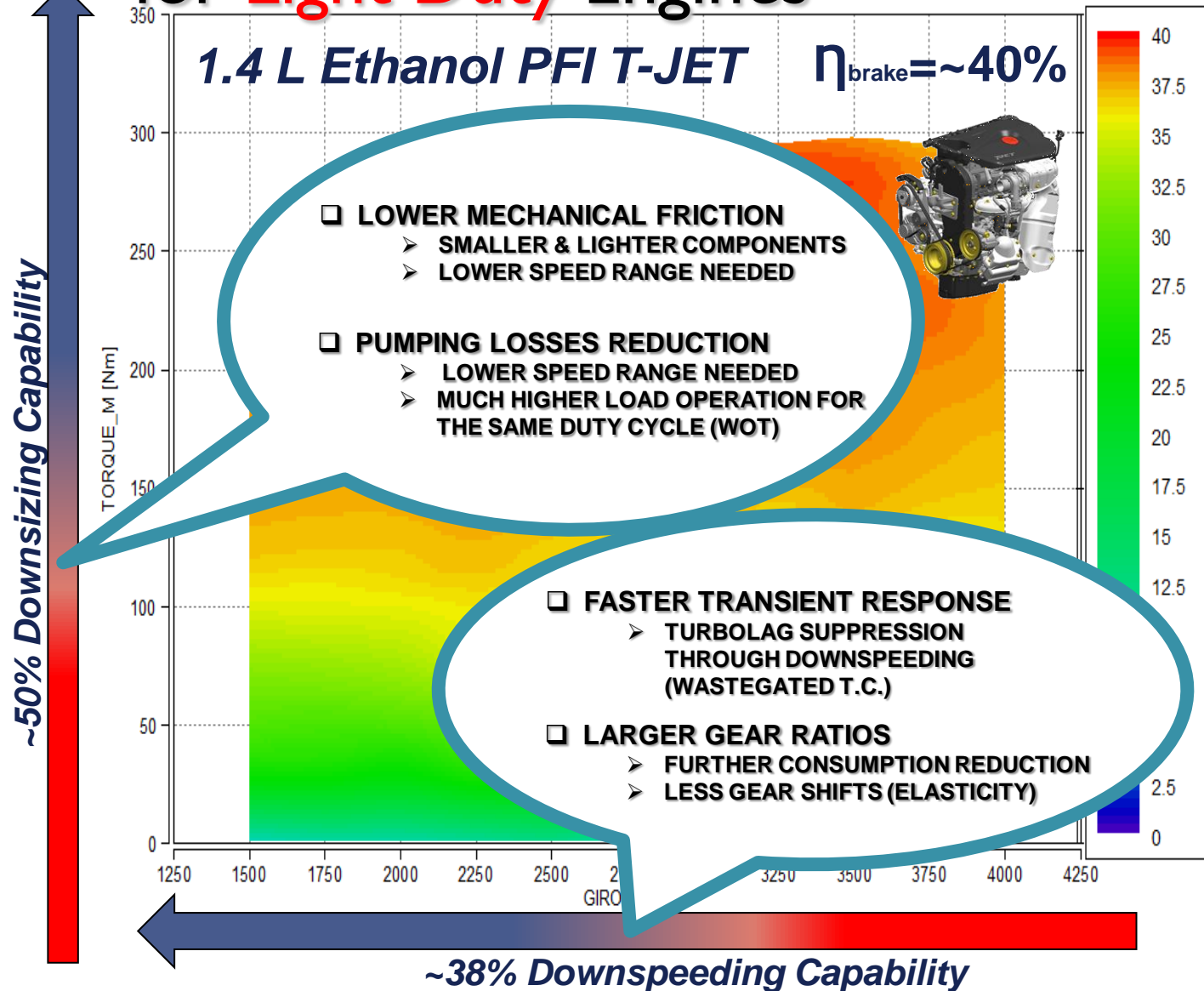


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## ***Challenge***

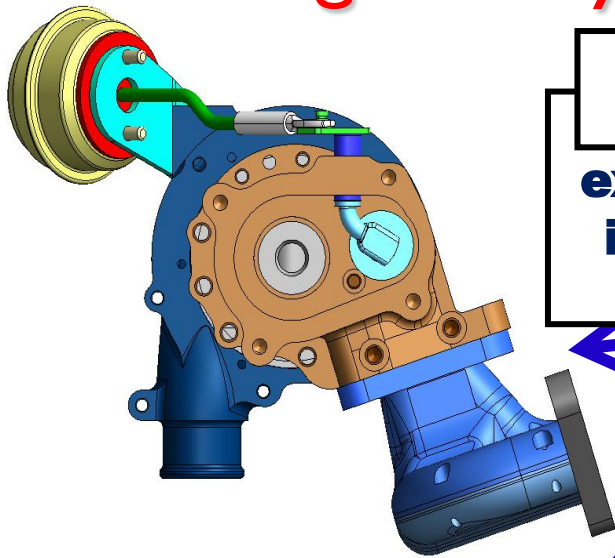
***Is it possible to conceive an Ethanol Engine with  
the same Volumetric Consumption and same  
torque curve as a Gasoline Counterpart ?***

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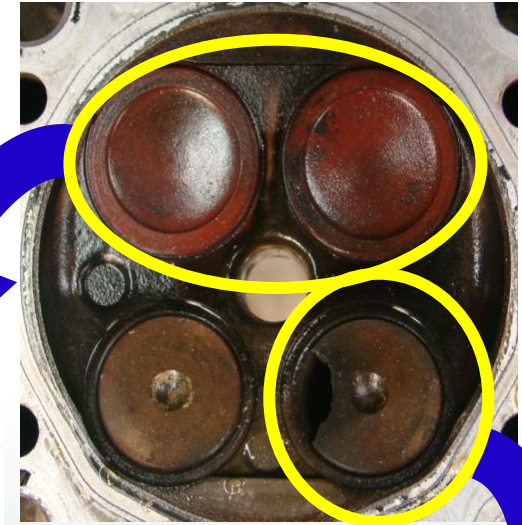




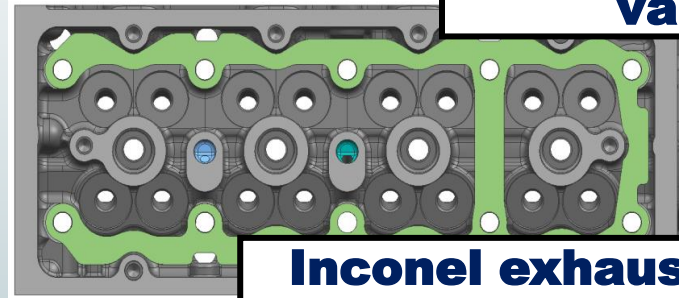
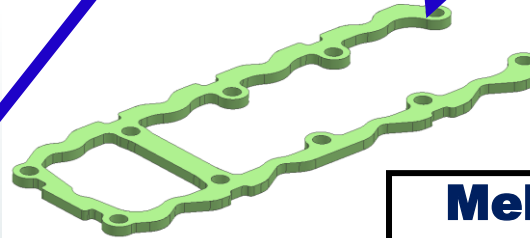
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**In-cylinder water leakage  
exhaust manifold  
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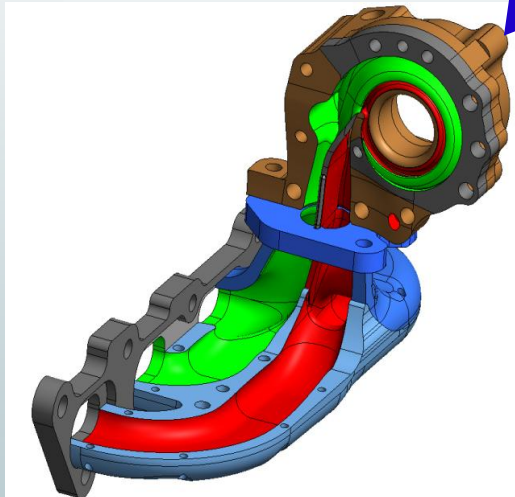


**Melted exhaust  
valves**



**Inconel exhaust  
valves**

**Engine head  
structural frame**



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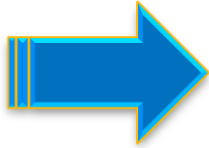
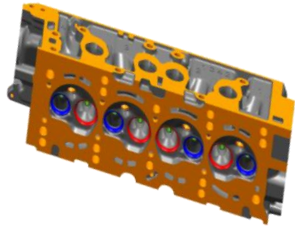
**Intake valve opening by high  
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**Intake valve spring load  
increased**

# Ethanol PFI & DI Combustion Development for **Light Duty** Engines - R&D Methodology

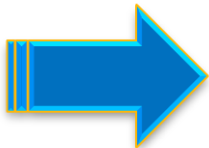
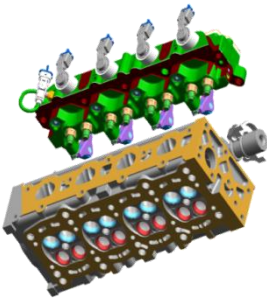
## Modified 8V N.A. FIRE EVO Cylinder Head



8V High Swirl

- ✓ Swirl coef. from 1.6, Redesigned ~ 3.0

## Modified 16V T.C. Tjet FIRE Cylinder Head



16V High Tumble

- ✓ Tumble coef. from 1.2, Redesigned ~ 2.5



Research to Optimize a High-Boosted Ethanol PFI Engine through Combustion Control by relative AFR, Cr & In-Cylinder Flow Structure parameters.

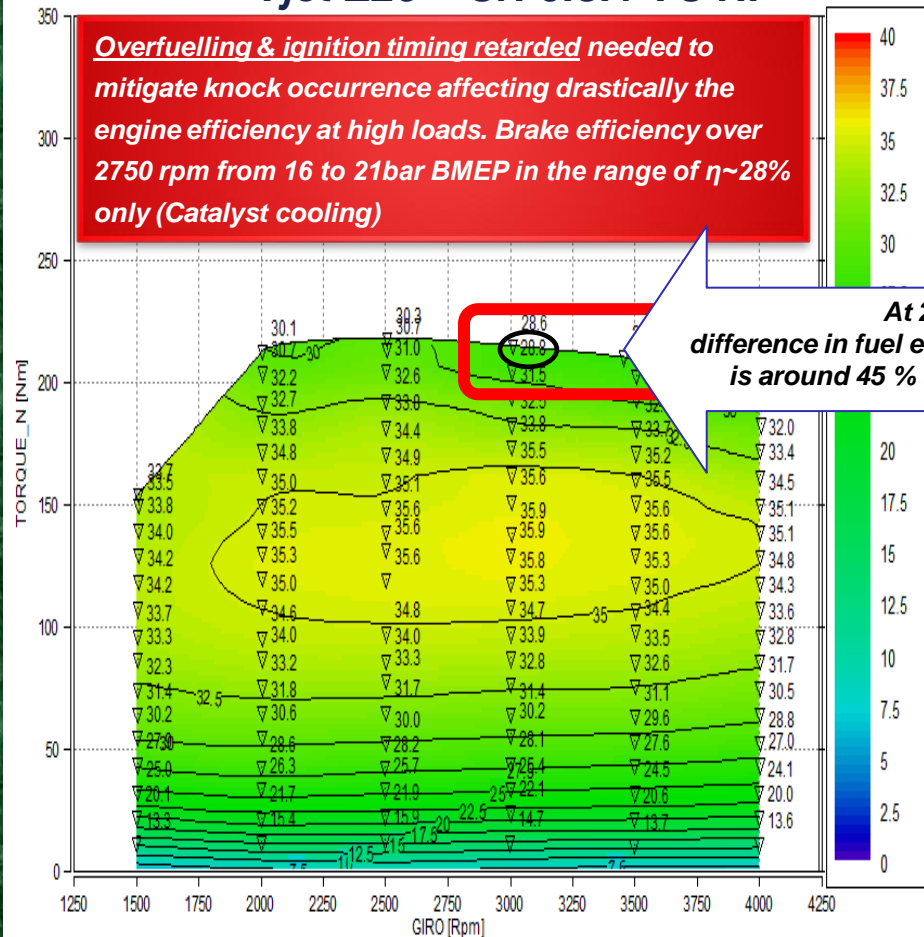
For the Downsizing approach an 8V solution seems the most cost-effective.



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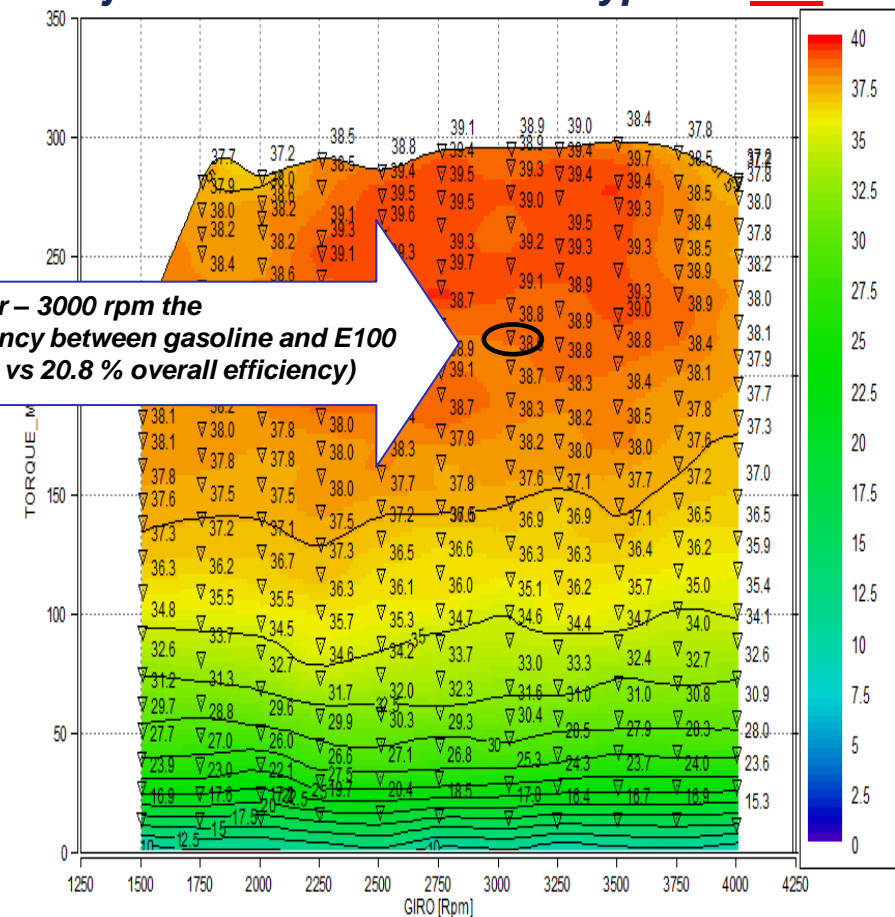
**Tjet E25 – Cr: 9.8:1 TC NP**

**Overfuelling & ignition timing retarded needed to mitigate knock occurrence affecting drastically the engine efficiency at high loads. Brake efficiency over 2750 rpm from 16 to 21bar BMEP in the range of  $\eta \sim 28\%$  only (Catalyst cooling)**

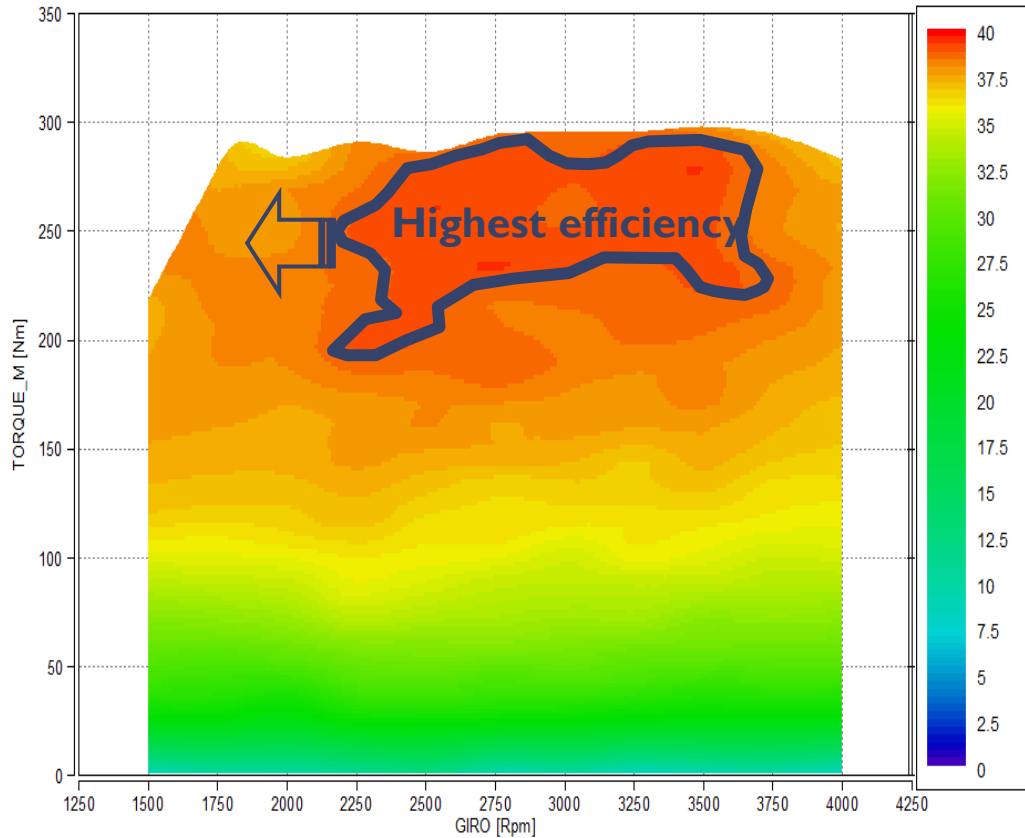


**At 21 bar – 3000 rpm the difference in fuel efficiency between gasoline and E100 is around 45 % (39% vs 20.8 % overall efficiency)**

**Tjet E100 – Cr:12:1 Prototype TC  $\lambda=1$**



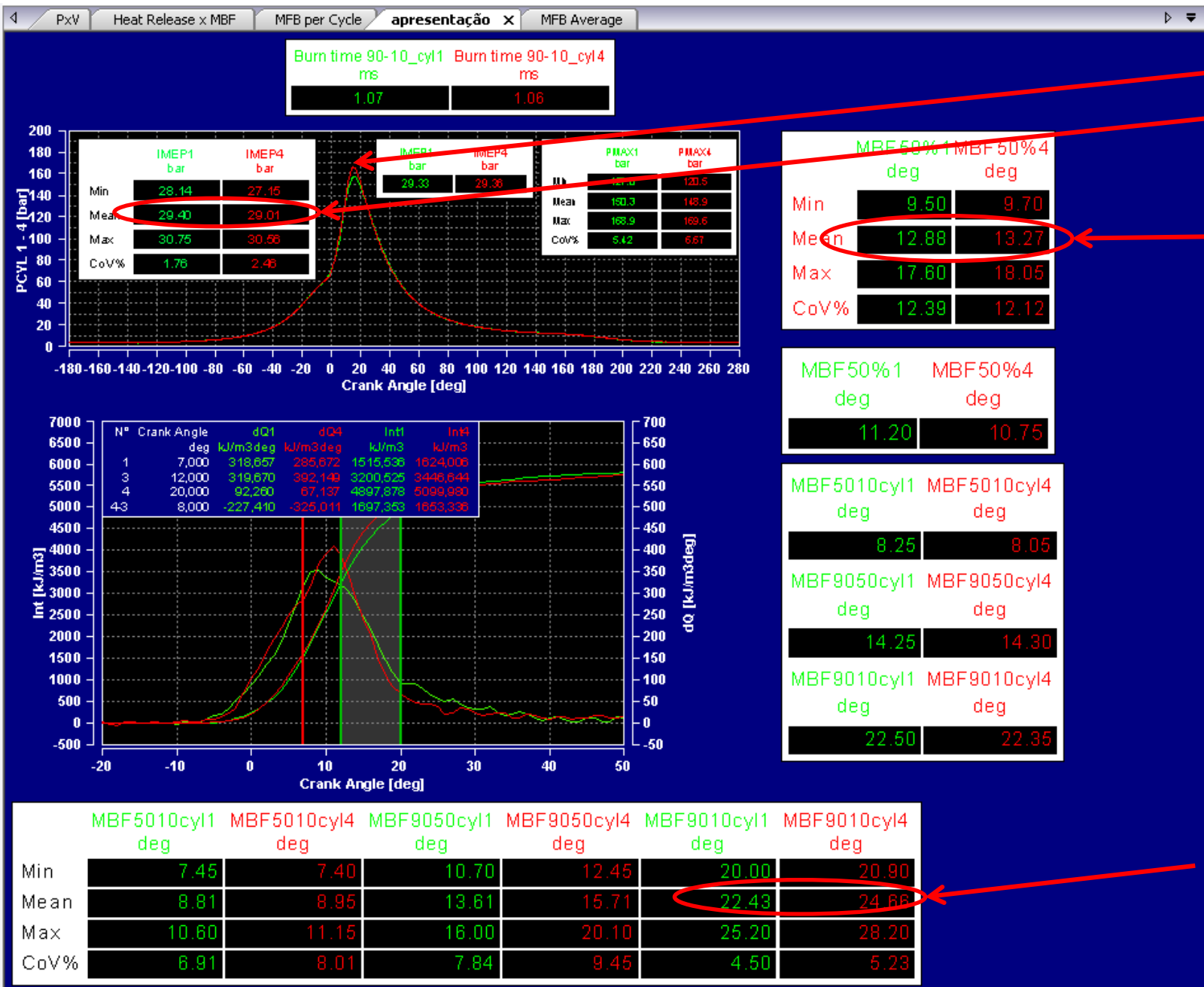
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*DoE Between downsizing & downspeeding aiming at optimizing W2W FC*

- ❑ **HEAT LOSSES REDUCTION AT LOW SPEEDS THRU FASTER COMBUSTION PROPAGATION**
  - MAXIMUM TUMBLE BIASED TO LOWER ENGINE SPEEDS
  - TO OPTIMIZE THE TURBOCHARGER MAPS FOR DOWNSPEEDING (ENTROPY REDUCTION)
- ❑ **MIXTURE FORMATION OPTIMIZATION**
  - INJECTOR POSITIONING, SPRAY PATTERN & INJECTION TIMING AIMING AT SUPRESSING LIQUID FILM FOR A HOMOGENEOUS COMBUSTION
- ❑ **2 VALVES CYLINDER HEAD EVALUATION**
  - HIGH SWIRL FOR STABLE COMBUSTION AT LOW SPEEDS
  - REDUCTION OF CYCLICAL VARIABILITY FOR HIGHER EFFICIENCY
- ❑ **FURTHER REDUCTION OF CAMSHAFT MECHANICAL FRICTION AT LOW SPEEDS**
  - OIL PUMP REDESIGN ANALYSIS
  - CAMSHAFT BEARINGS STUDY

# Technical Results



3500rpm

Pmax – 160bar

IMEP=29 bar

ITorque=32 kgf.m

MBF50%



For lean burn operation the 30 degrees of combustion burn duration (CAD) is the best burn duration for maximizing the brake efficiency (gamma effect). On the other hand, for a constant stoichiometric AFR the best burn duration will be carefully investigated and if it is the same, the burn rate could be speeded down around 8 degrees by means of cooled EGR aiming at maximizing the brake efficiency achieving the optimum flame speed propagation. Furthermore, the cooled EGR will make possible to get further benefits as more spark authority allowing higher Cr & Nox reduction level. (adiabatic flame temperature reduction)

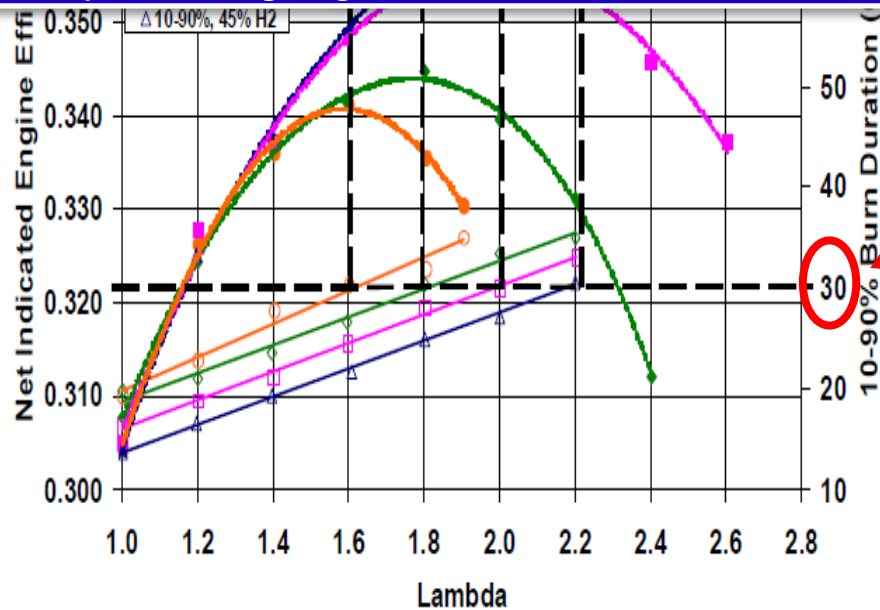


Fig. 7 – Air-fuel ratio effect on efficiency and burn duration for different levels of hydrogen enhancement; MBT timing, 1500 RPM,  $r_c=13.4:1$ , NIMEP = 3.5 bar, Indolene

Combustion duration from 10% to 90% MBF ~ **22 ca**

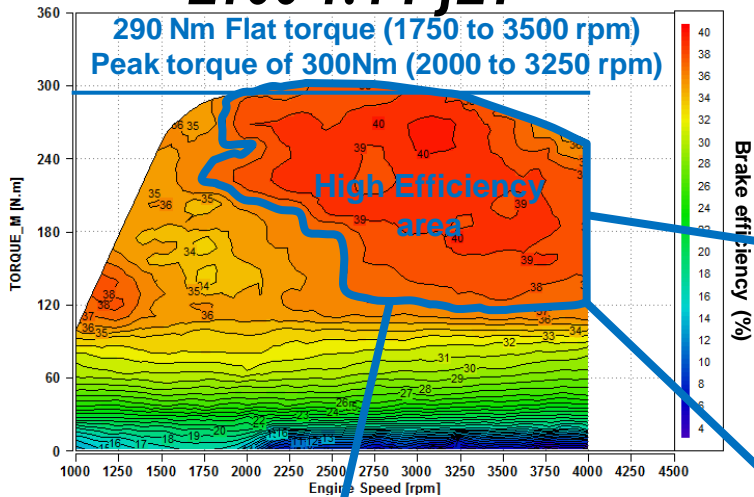
10% to 50% MBF ~ **8.7 ca**; 50% to 90%

MBF ~ **13 ca** Partial analysis

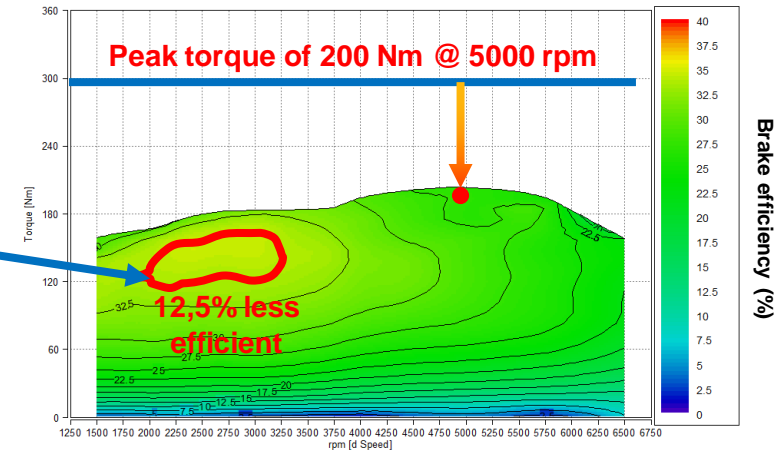
The increase in burn rate as described on the work conducted by Prof. Heywood SAE 2006-01-0229, becomes truly relevant for the engine efficiency only if the combustion becomes very slow (more than 30 ca), which could be the result from a very large dilution level and might not be necessary for stoichiometric ethanol use. This way the effect of high tumble to speed up the combustion flame propagation might not be directly translated into efficiency gains and could generate a loss of efficiency depending on the increase of the convective coefficient. The High Swirl for 2V approach will be carefully investigated.

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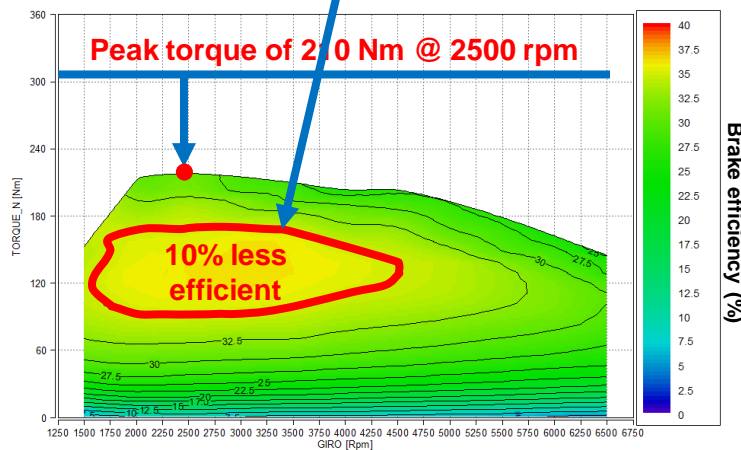
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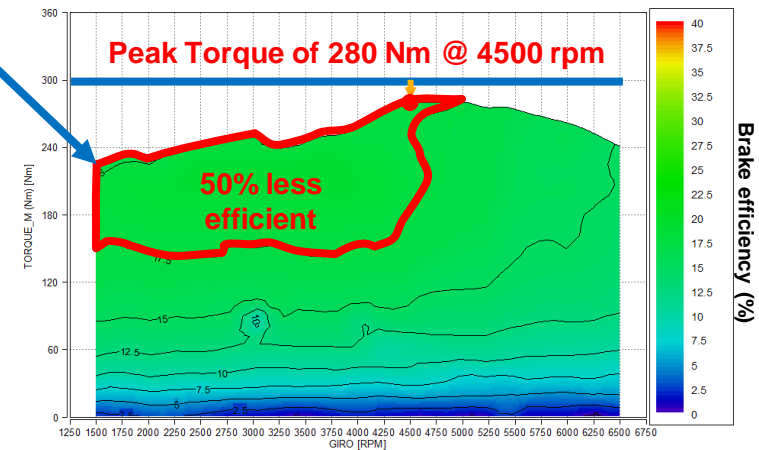
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## E22 1/4 T-JET

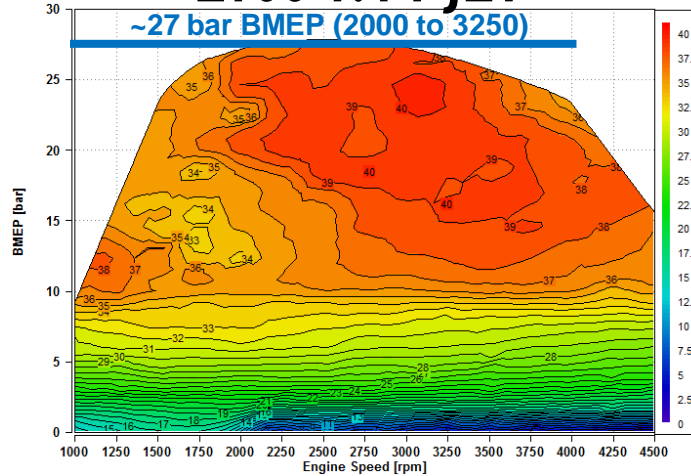


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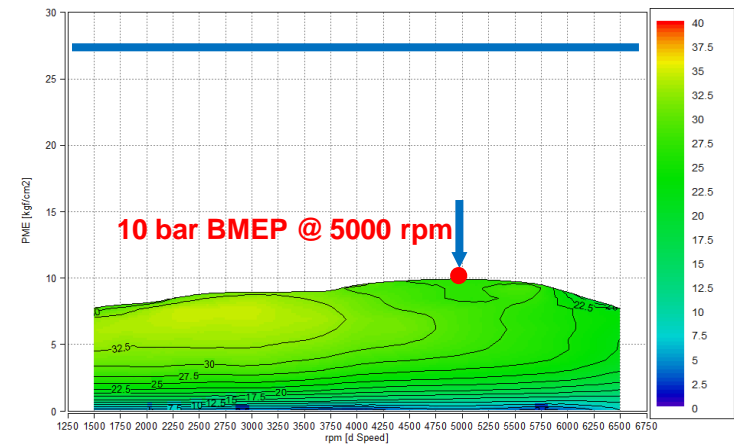


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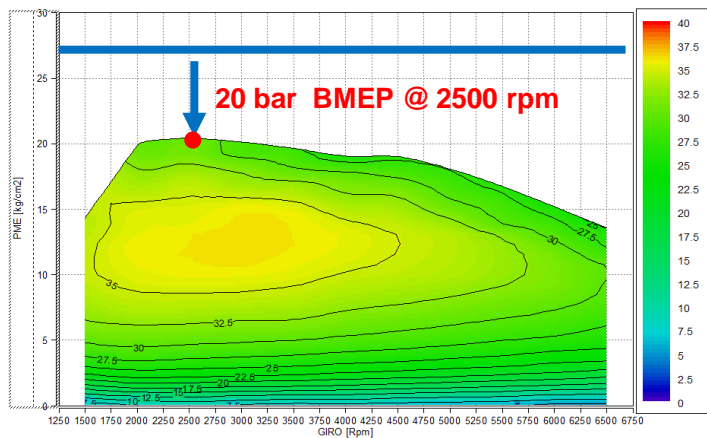
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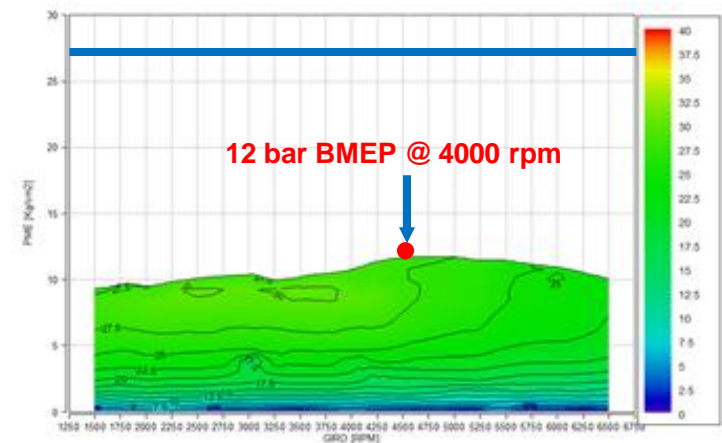
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## *E22 1.4 T-JET*



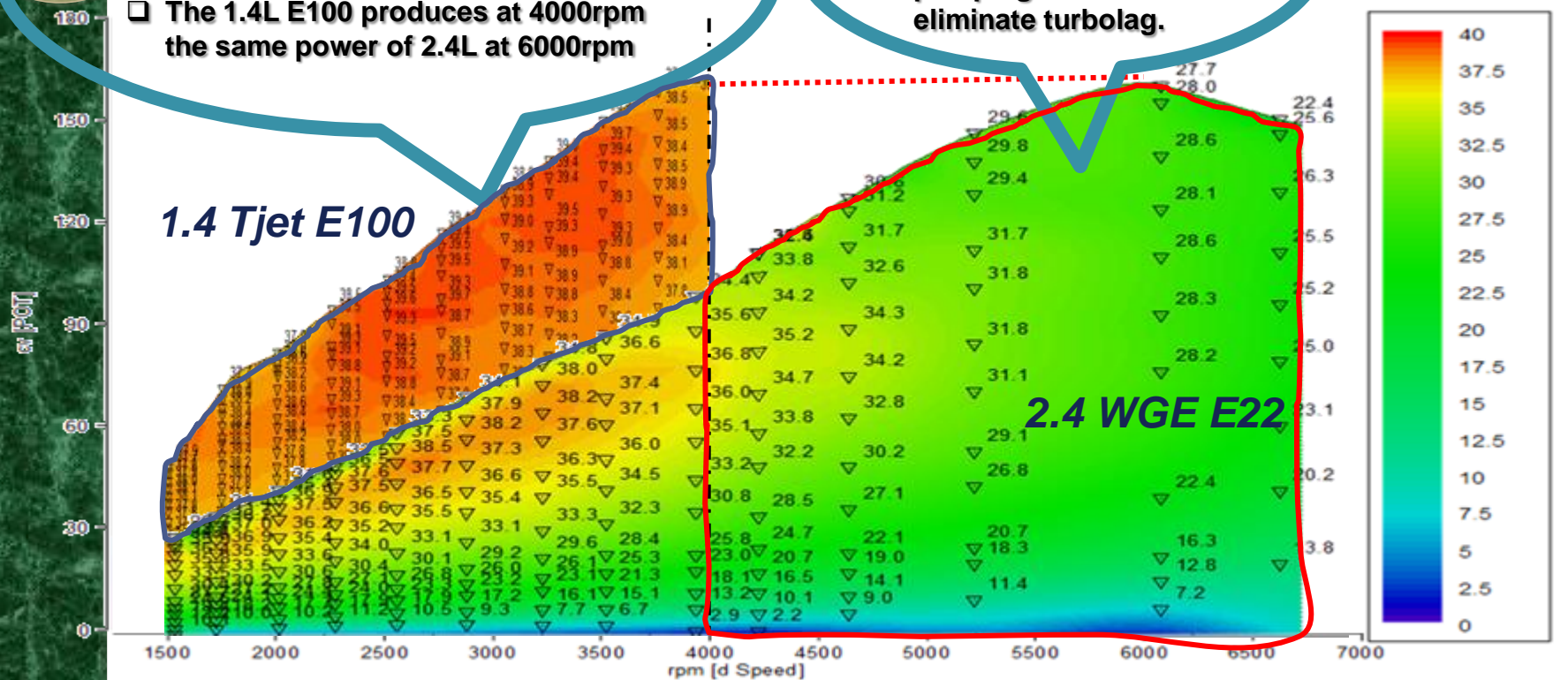
## *E00 3.0L V6*



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- ☐ Much Higher Brake Efficiency
- ☐ Plenty room for Gear Ratios Enlargement
- ☐ Much Higher torque Availability
- ☐ The 1.4L E100 produces at 4000rpm the same power of 2.4L at 6000rpm

- ☐ Engine speed over 4000rpm is avoided in order to reduce Friction, pumping losses & to eliminate turbolag.





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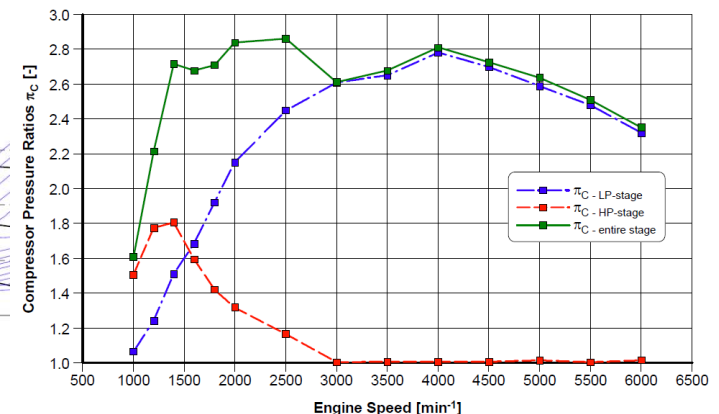
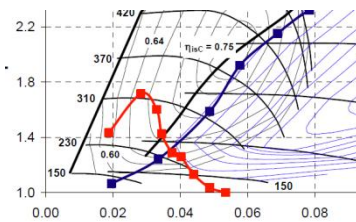
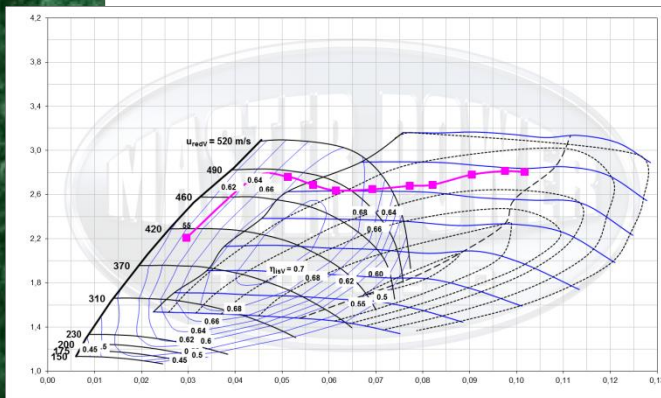
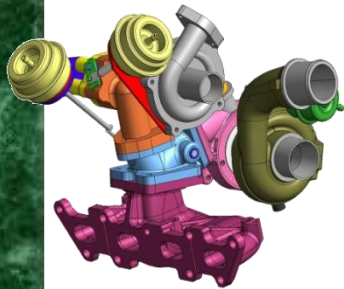
- Vehicle is currently finalizing on-road calibration phase for demonstration purpose (15-06-2012).



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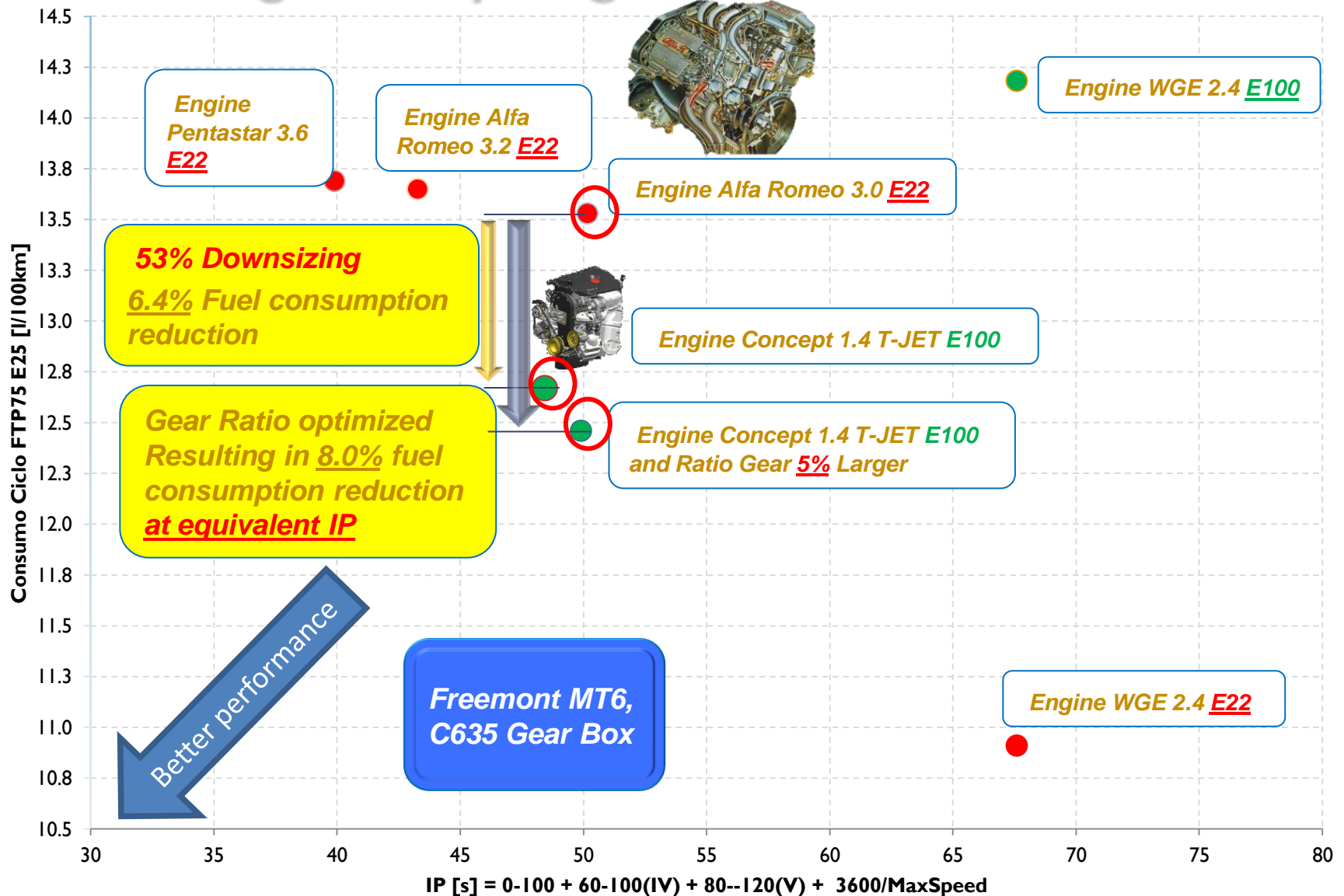
## ➤ Downsizing boundaries:

- Twin Stage Turbo set in order to double engine power output range to evaluate downsizing capability



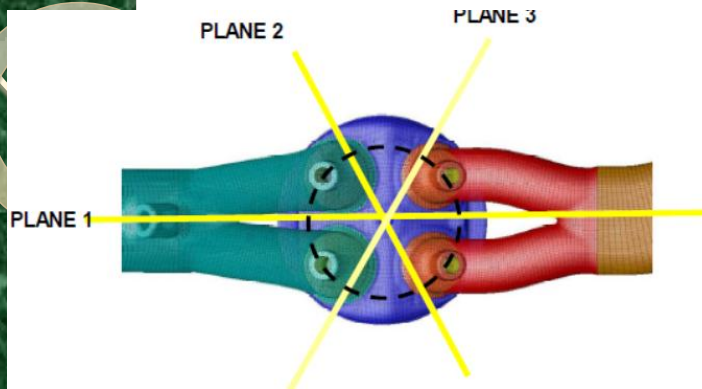


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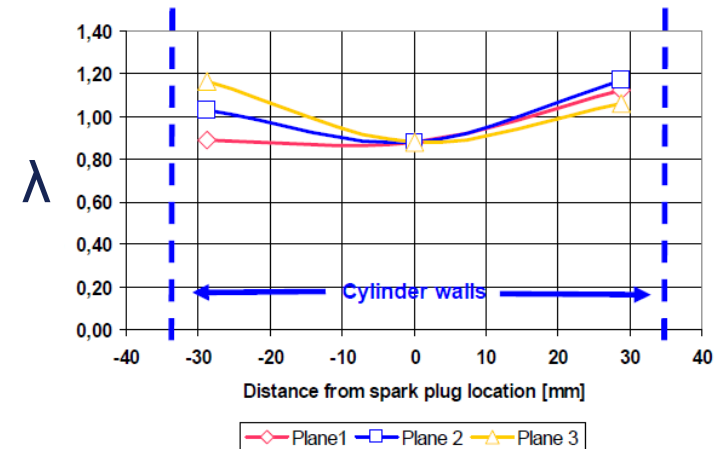
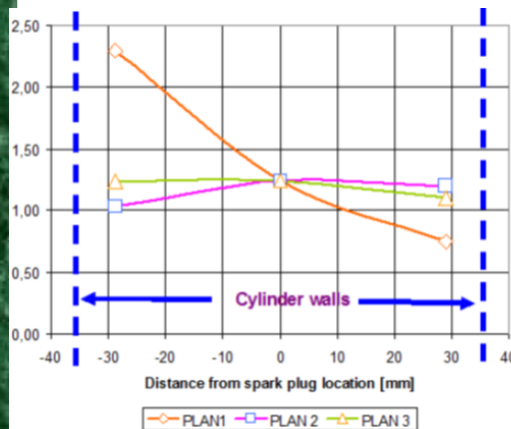




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$$\lambda \text{ Distribution} = 1 - \frac{\lambda_{\max} - \lambda_{\min}}{\lambda_{\max}}$$



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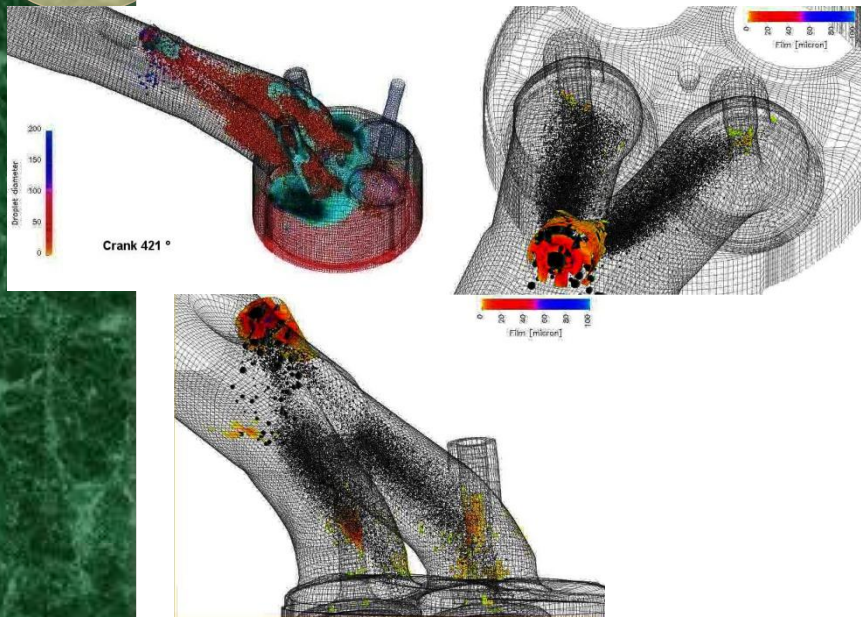
Optimized Injector (Marelli)

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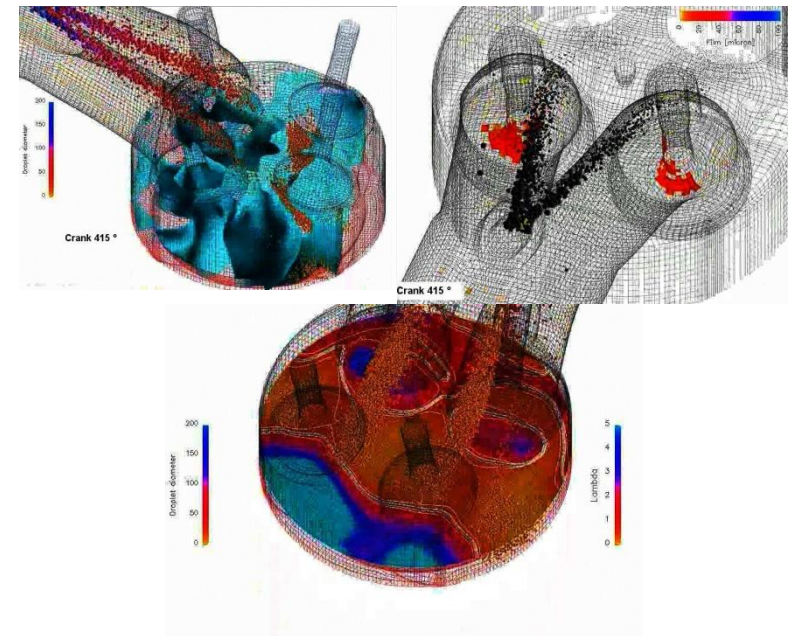


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## BOSCH INJECTOR



## MARELLI INJECTOR - OPTIMIZED

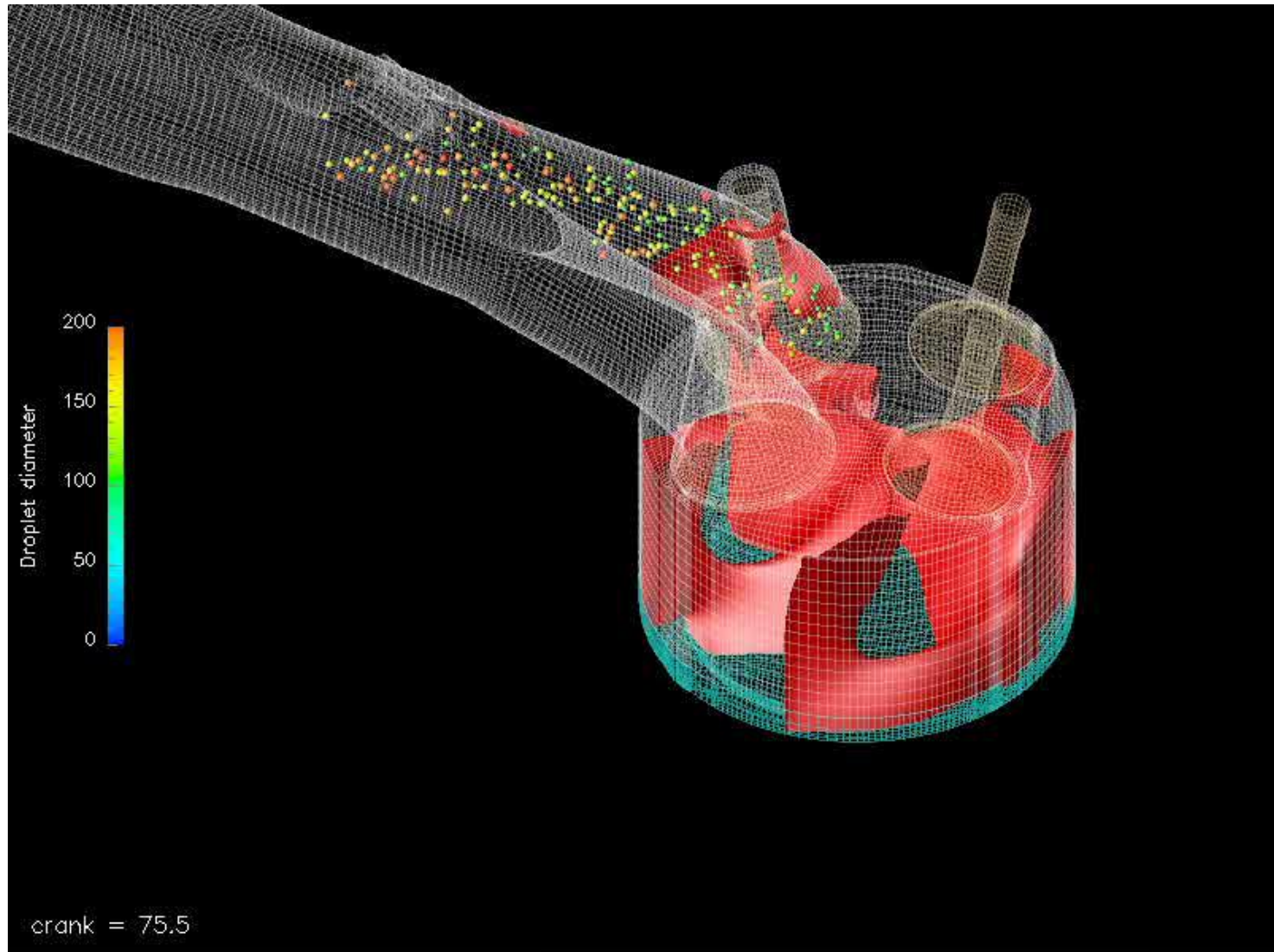


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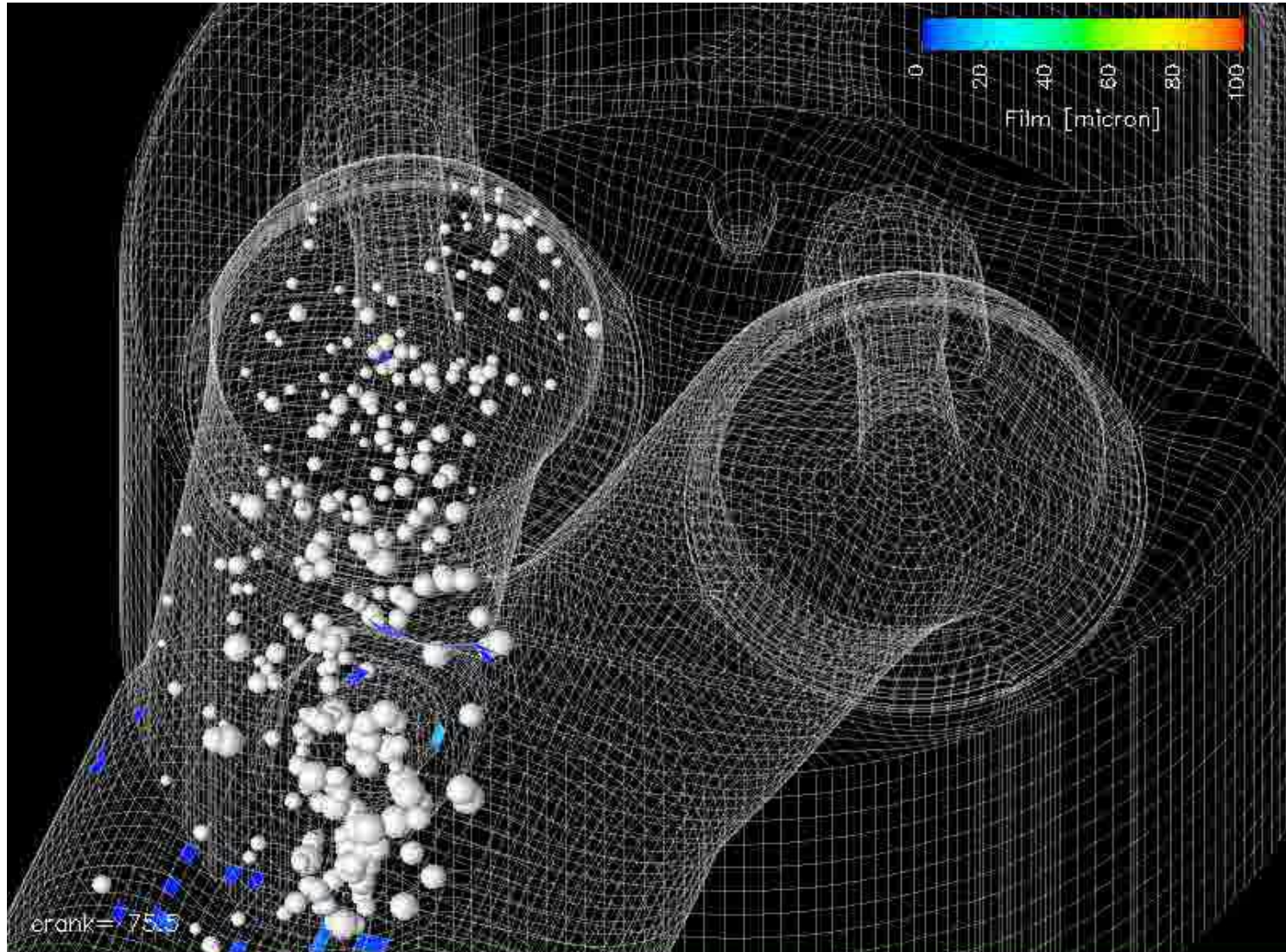
## Droplet Diameter





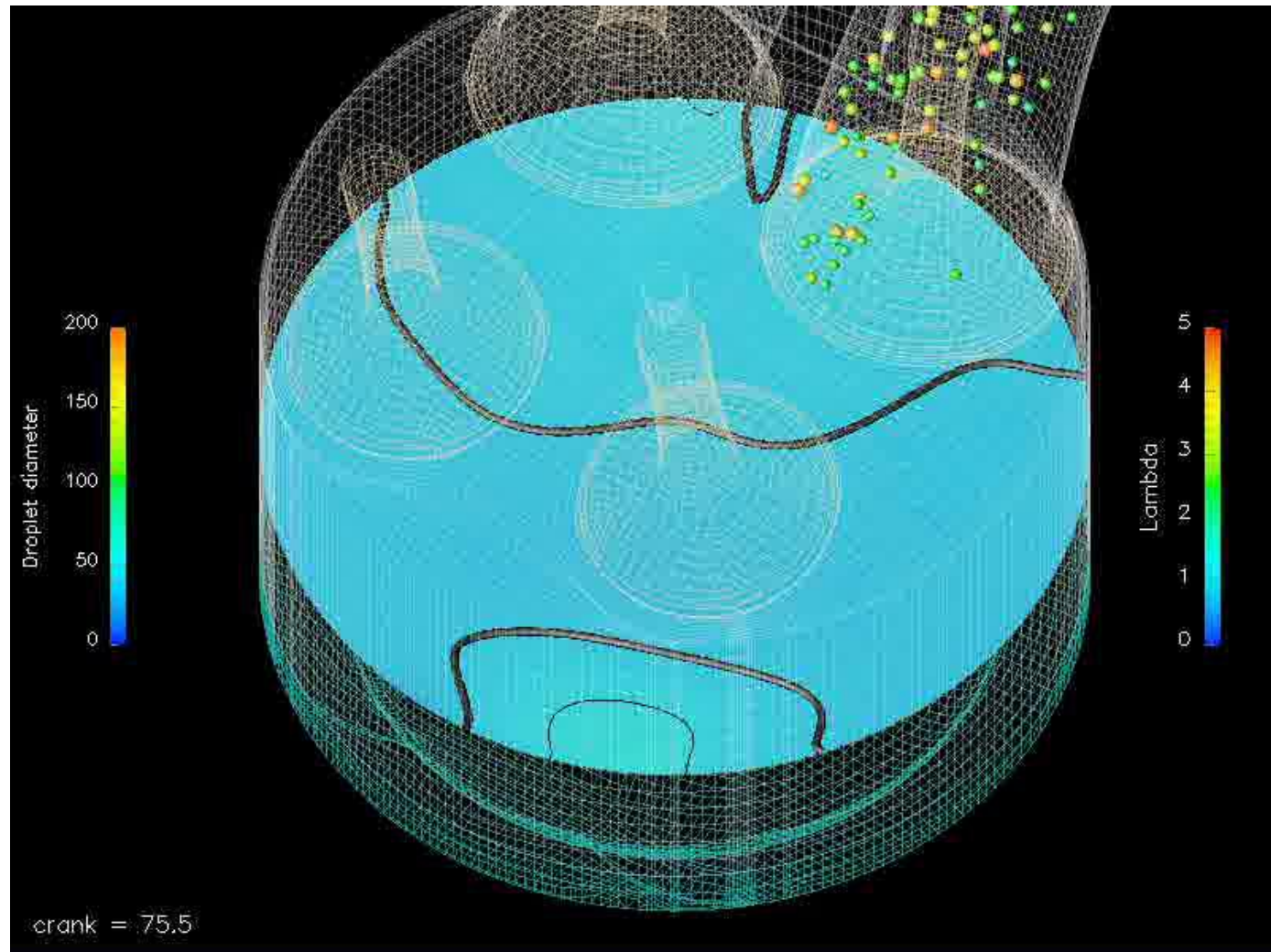
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## Wall Film



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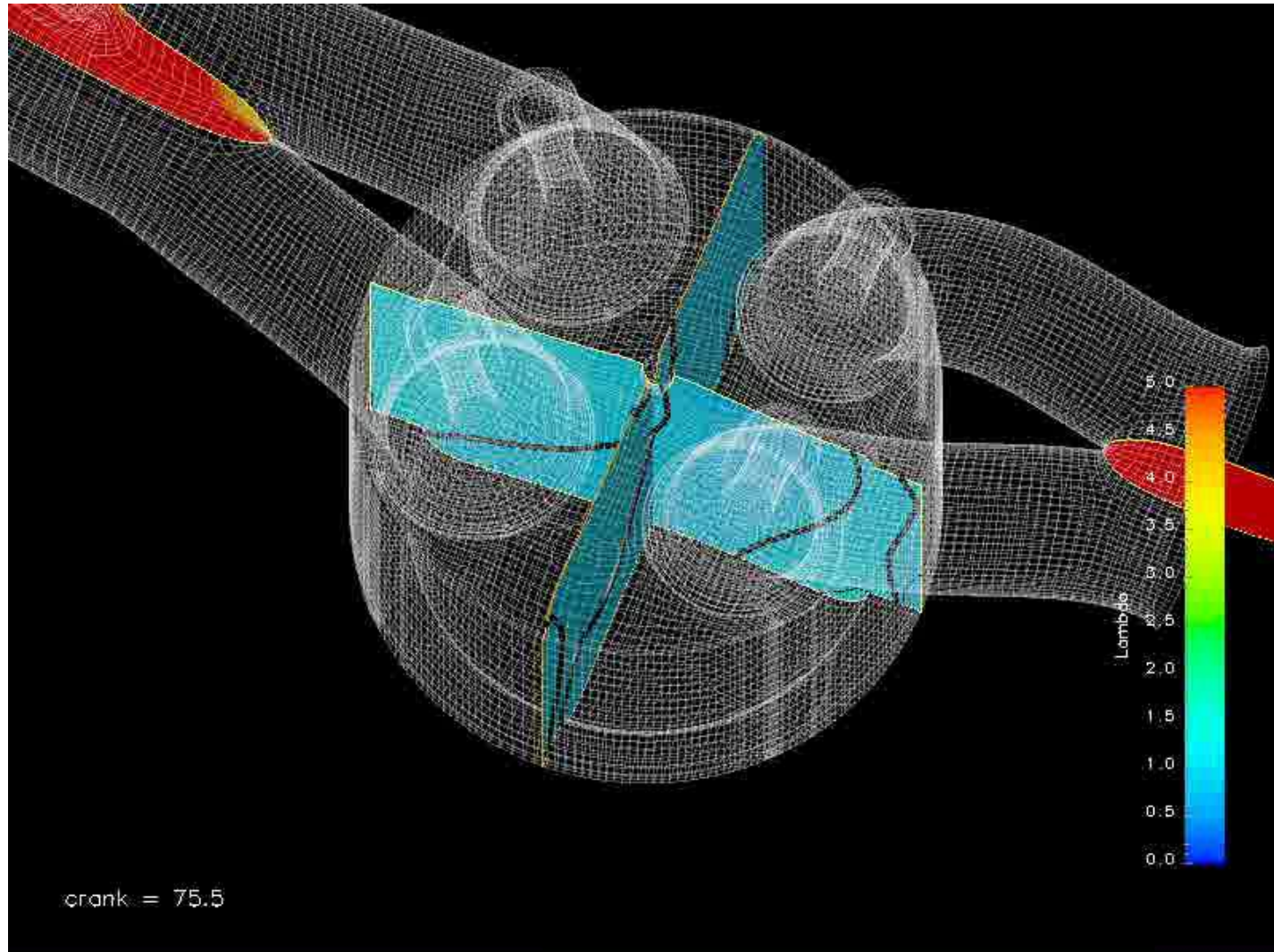
## Lambda Swirl (horizontal Plan)





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## Lambda 2 (vertical) tumble Plans



# Conclusions & Lessons Learned

1. *There is an ample room to optimize the use of brazilian fuel energy matrix by means of the development of new “national” engine technologies ;*
2. *Ethanol fuel properties make possible to match diesel efficiency in an Otto highly Boosted Engine by means of downsizing & downspeeding techniques implementation ;*
3. *Test results demonstrate feasibility of this engine technology concept. A more robust workhorse engine is needed to fully exploit the boundaries of the ethanol properties. The diesel engine hardware would be a promissing choice.*
4. *Highly Boosted Downsized Ethanol Engines can match E22 fuel mileage;*
5. *The DI implementation could lead to an extra fuel consumption reduction increasing the downsizing capability. In other words, the downsizing needed of 50% for a PFI could be in the range of 42% if the E100 DI is implemented. (Additional benifit to justify DI implementation - The E22 cold start system can be suppressed!)*

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6. *Cooled EGR implementation makes possible E22 implementation mitigating its performance losses for a flex fuel investigation.*
7. *Literature and previous investigation show that swirl flow structure seems to be promising for efficiency optimization & further cost reduction (2 valves/cylinder) & it is recommended to be carefully investigated. (Synchronized dissipation is still an issue)*



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