

CALIBRATION FUNDAMENTALS FOR A COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

Agenda

1. Presentation
2. Test Equipment
3. Basic Calibration Development Procedure
4. Fuel Calibration
5. Fuel System Components
6. Conclusion



Presentation

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- ▶ ETS Formula SAE 2009-2015
 - ▶ Engine Calibration
 - ▶ Systems Engineering: Intake, Exhaust, Fuel, Muffler, Cam, Cooling, Transmission
 - ▶ Engine Block Design
- ▶ Bosch Motorsport MSD1/NA 2016 - Present
 - ▶ Engine Control Software and Application
 - Cadillac ATS-V.R GT3
 - Camaro ZL1 GT4
 - ▶ IMSA Scrutinnering Data Acquisition
 - ▶ Various Customers Engine Calibration Support
 - Porsche 928 twin turbo
 - Cadillac 2001 LMP1
 - McLaren Engineering
 - Lamborghini

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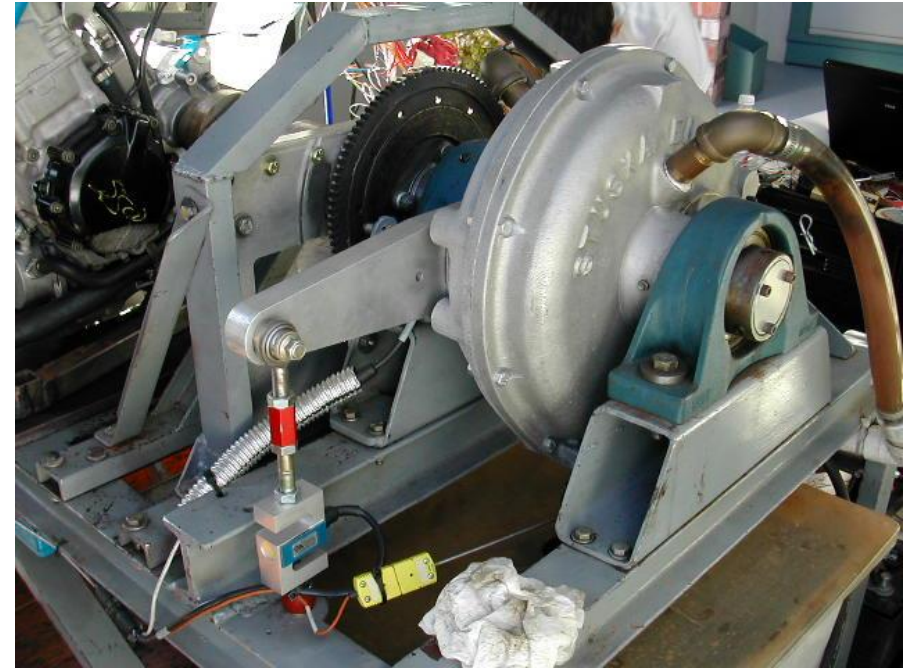
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Test Equipment

Test Cell

- ▶ Dynamometer:
 - ▶ Control engine speed
 - Steady, hold speed
 - Sweep
 - ▶ Measure Torque
 - ▶ Dynamic test capacity... Doesn't need to be fancy
- ▶ Ventilation:
 - ▶ Keep you and the engine alive!



Test Equipment

Your car! (and a data acquisition system)

► DAQ system:

► Logging of essential channels

- Lambda
- Engine speed
- Load (manifold pressure, throttle position or air mass flow)
- Temperatures: coolant, oil, air

► Data Analysis

- Making sense of some of the squiggly lines



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Calibration Development Procedure Strategy

▶ Alpha-N

- ▶ Naturally aspirated engines
- ▶ Big Plenum
- ▶ Single and twin cylinder
- ▶ Better transient response
- ▶ Load calculated based on throttle position

Hardware dependency:

- Engine
- Intake Manifold
- Controller

▶ P-N, Speed density

- ▶ Turbo engines
- ▶ 3-4 + Cylinder engines
- ▶ More precise steady state load calculation
- ▶ Usually preferred over Alpha-N,
- ▶ Load calculated based on plenum pressure (post throttle)

Try them both! See what happens, document it!

Calibration Development Procedure

Sensors/Actuators

Sensor selection criteria:

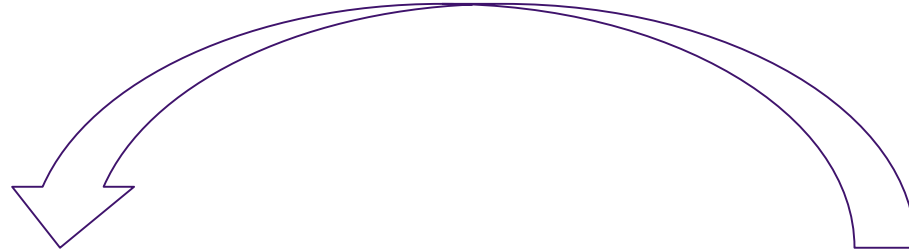
- Pressure range
- Temperature range
- Environment
- Signal Output
 - What input is available on your engine controller?
- Input voltage
- Response, for example:
 - Lambda sensor
 - Thermocouples
- Repeatability

Actuation selection criteria:

- Flow
- Power
- Size
- Input Voltage
- Price
- Availability

Calibration Development Procedure

Defining Performance Targets



Measurable engine performance target:

- Power/Torque
- Break specific fuel consumption
- Weight
- Response: Driver input -> Torque output
 - Time
 - Repeatability

Measurable vehicle performance target:

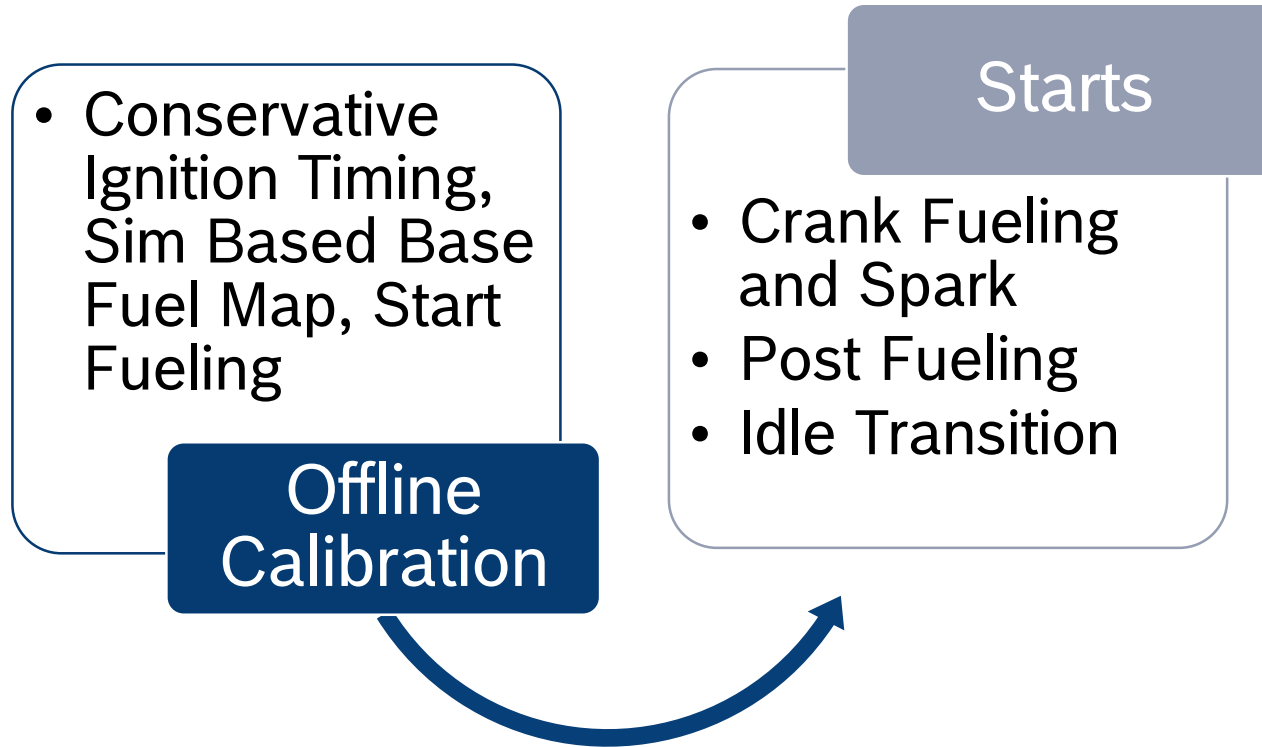
- Acceleration
- Lap time specific fuel consumption
- Weight
- Drivability (not really measurable...)



Calibration Development Procedure

Stage 1

► Do not skip steps!

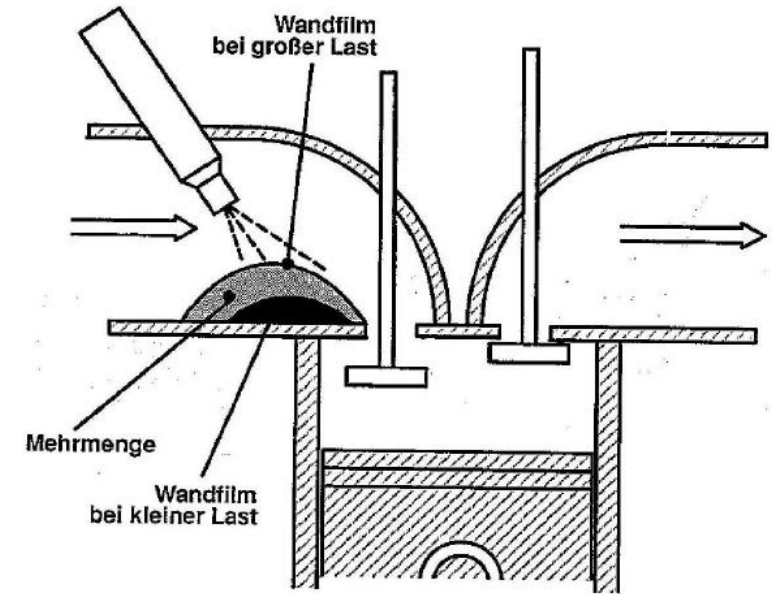
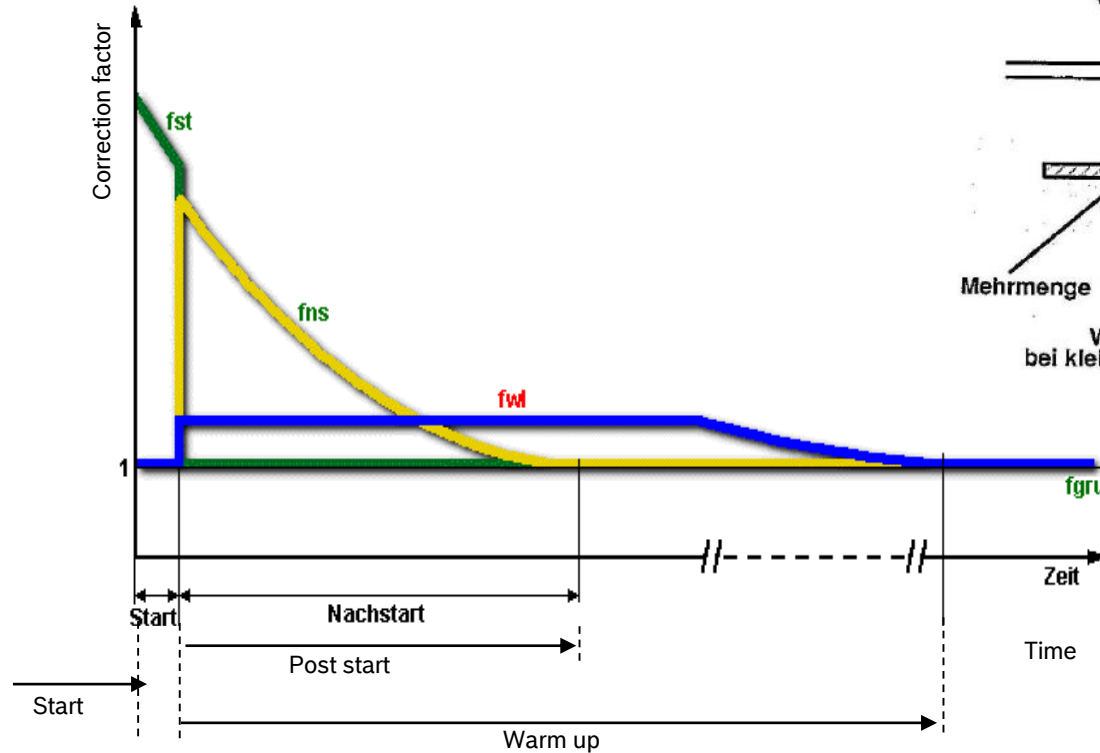


Calibration Development Procedure

Starts

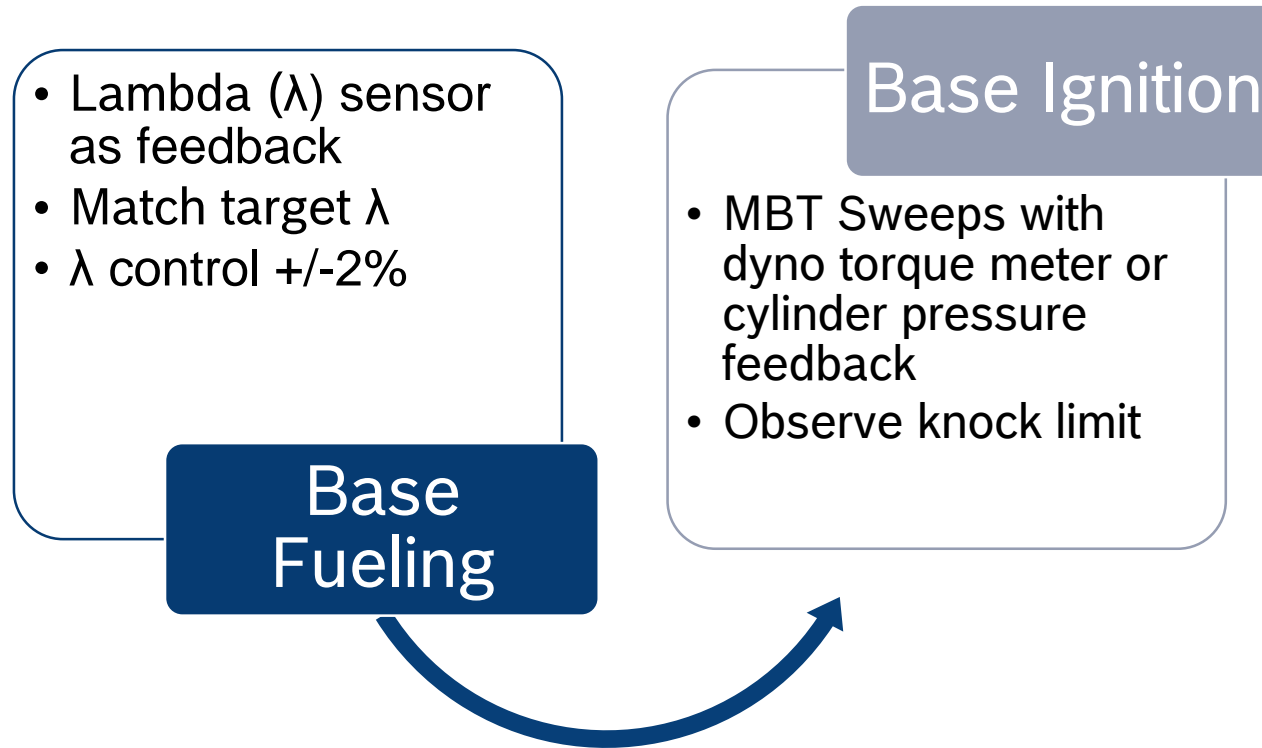
► 3 parts of start

- Start
- Post start
- Warm up



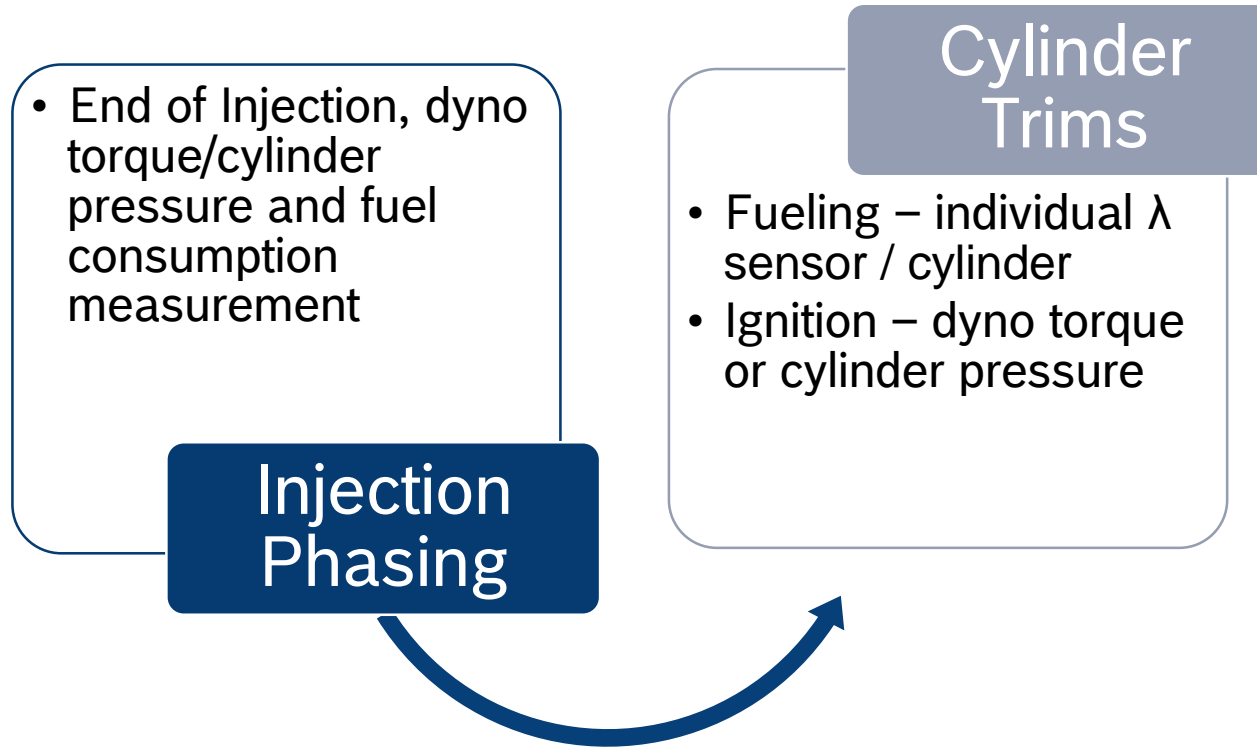
Calibration Development Procedure

Stage 2



Calibration Development Procedure

Stage 3

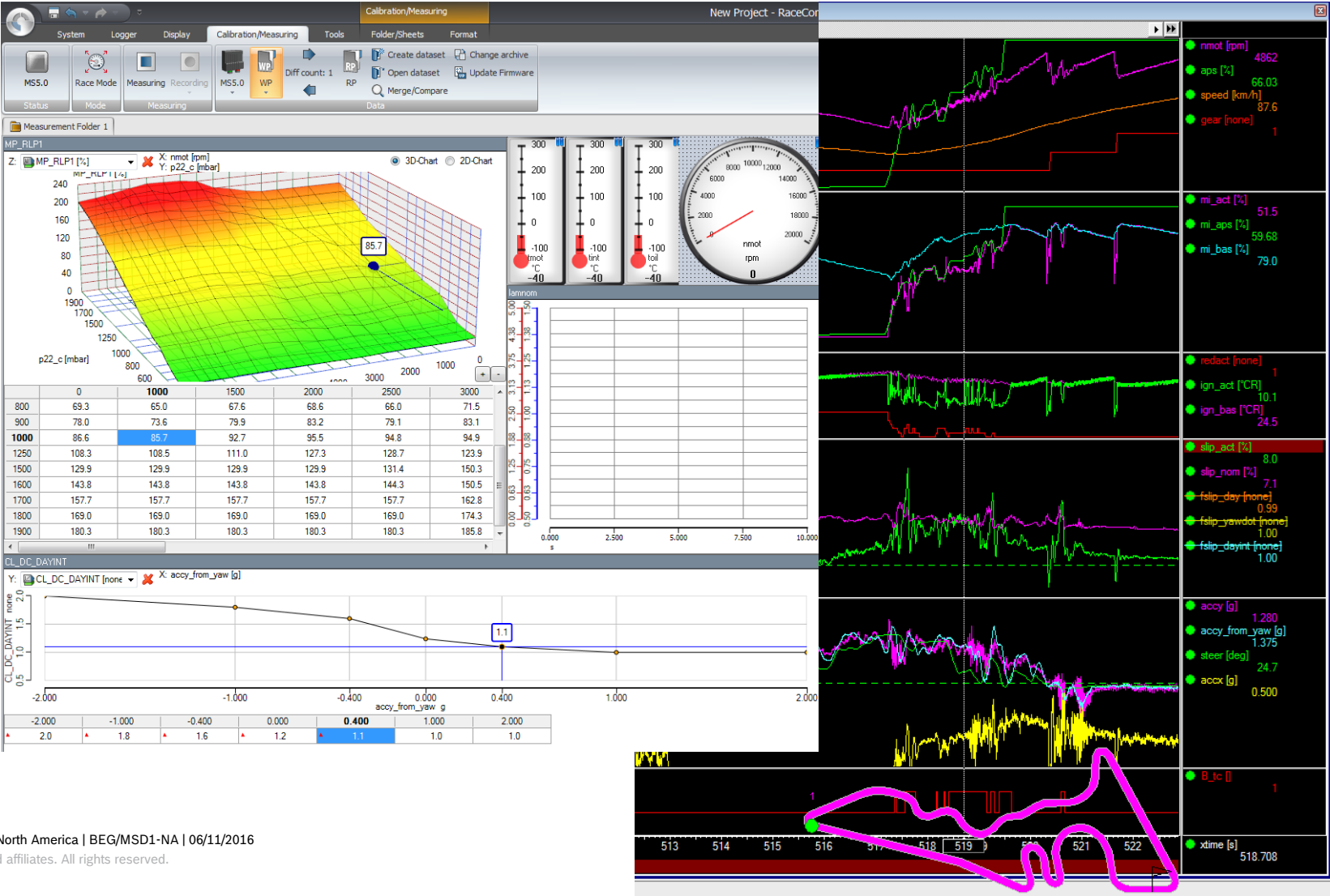


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Fuel Calibration



Fuel Calibration

The most important tool!

Lambda measurement

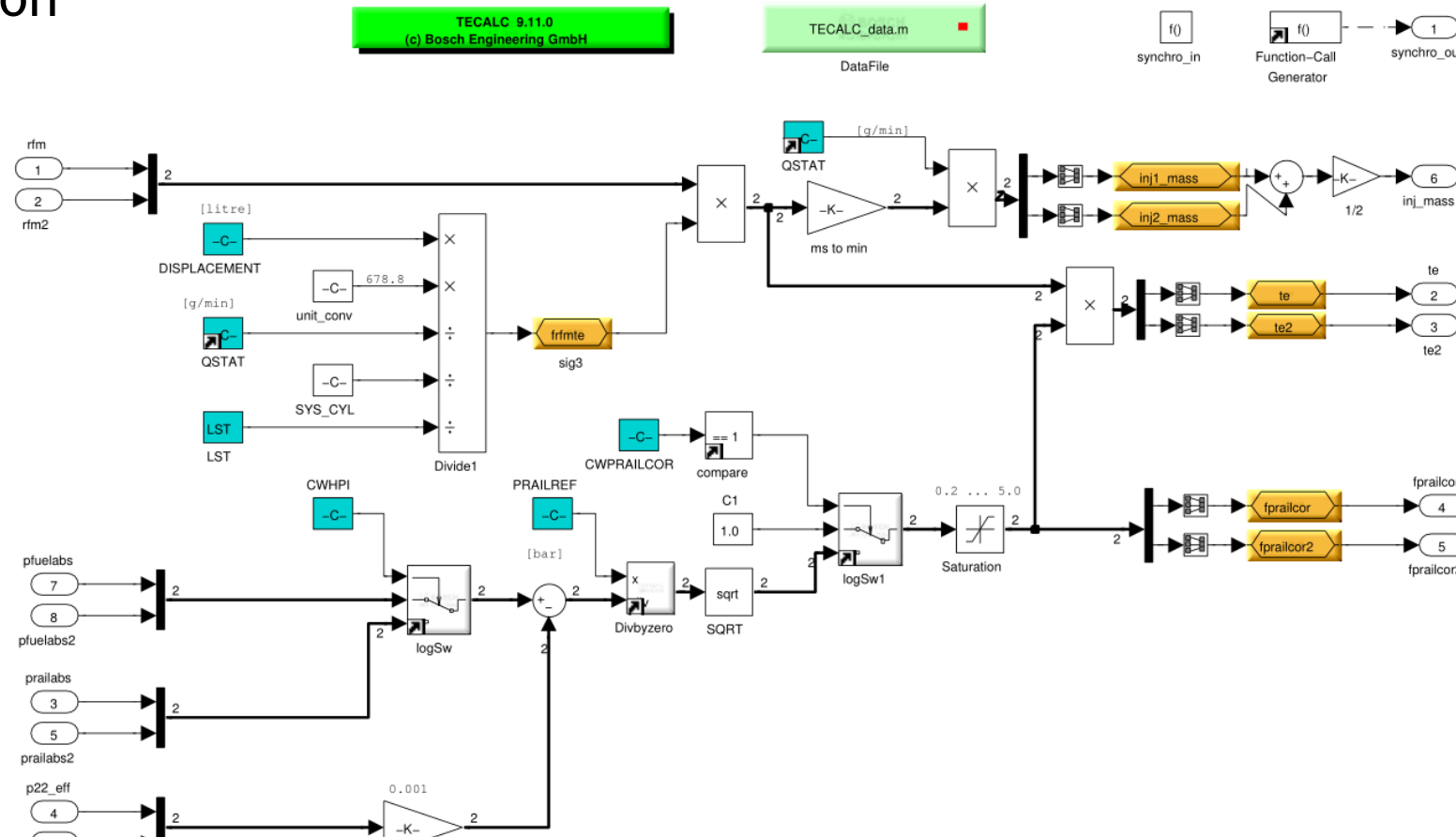
- Sensor accuracy
- Measurement delay
- Per cylinder / bank / engine



Fuel Calibration Considerations

TECALC 9.11.0, Injection Time Calculation Function Structure

- Injector Characterization
- Engine load
- Temperatures



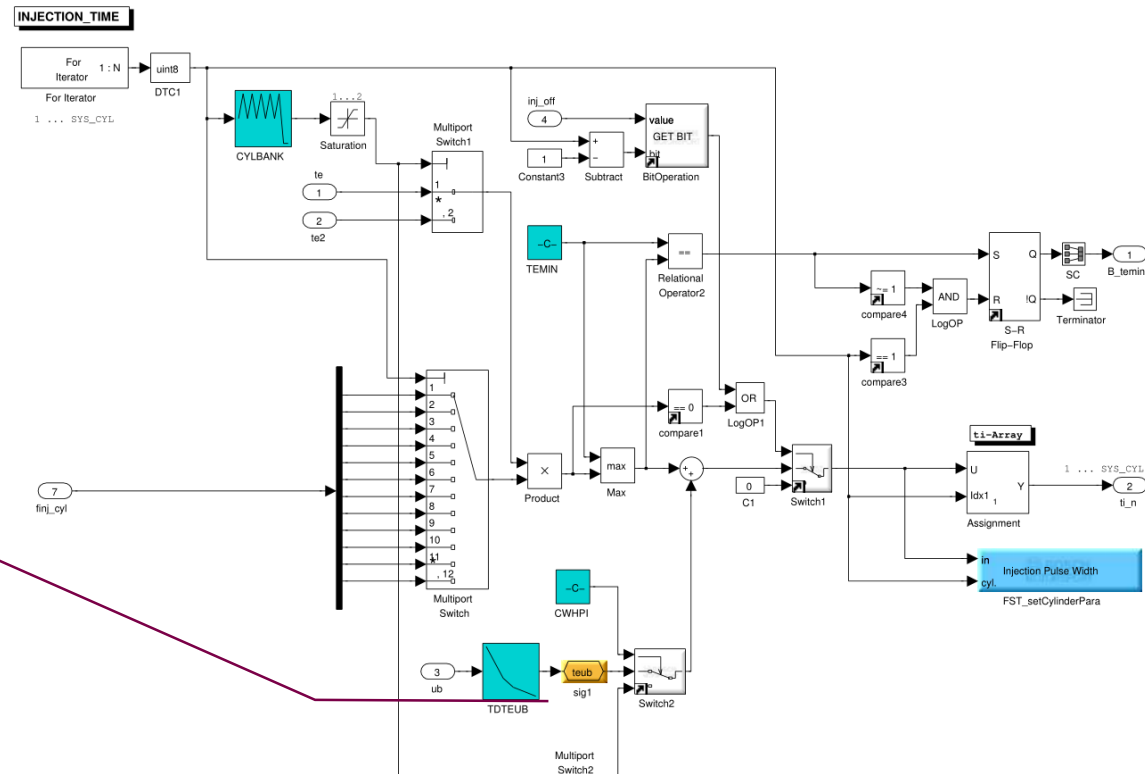
Fuel Calibration

Injector Characterization

- Datasheets or measurement
 - Flow rate
 - Dead time
- Translation to ECU parameters

ID1300 Dynamic Flow Data

Fuel Pressure (psid)	Offset (μsec)					Slope (cc/min)
	8 Volts	10 Volts	12 Volts	14 Volts	16 Volts	
43.5	2340	1585	1180	940	750	1345
45	2385	1605	1195	950	760	1365
50	2540	1665	1250	985	790	1445
55	2695	1730	1300	1020	820	1520
60	2850	1810	1350	1055	845	1590
65	3010	1890	1395	1095	875	1655
70	N/A	1980	1445	1135	900	1715
75	N/A	2080	1500	1175	930	1775
80	N/A	N/A	1560	1220	960	1830
85	N/A	N/A	1620	1260	995	1885
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Fuel Calibration

Engine Load

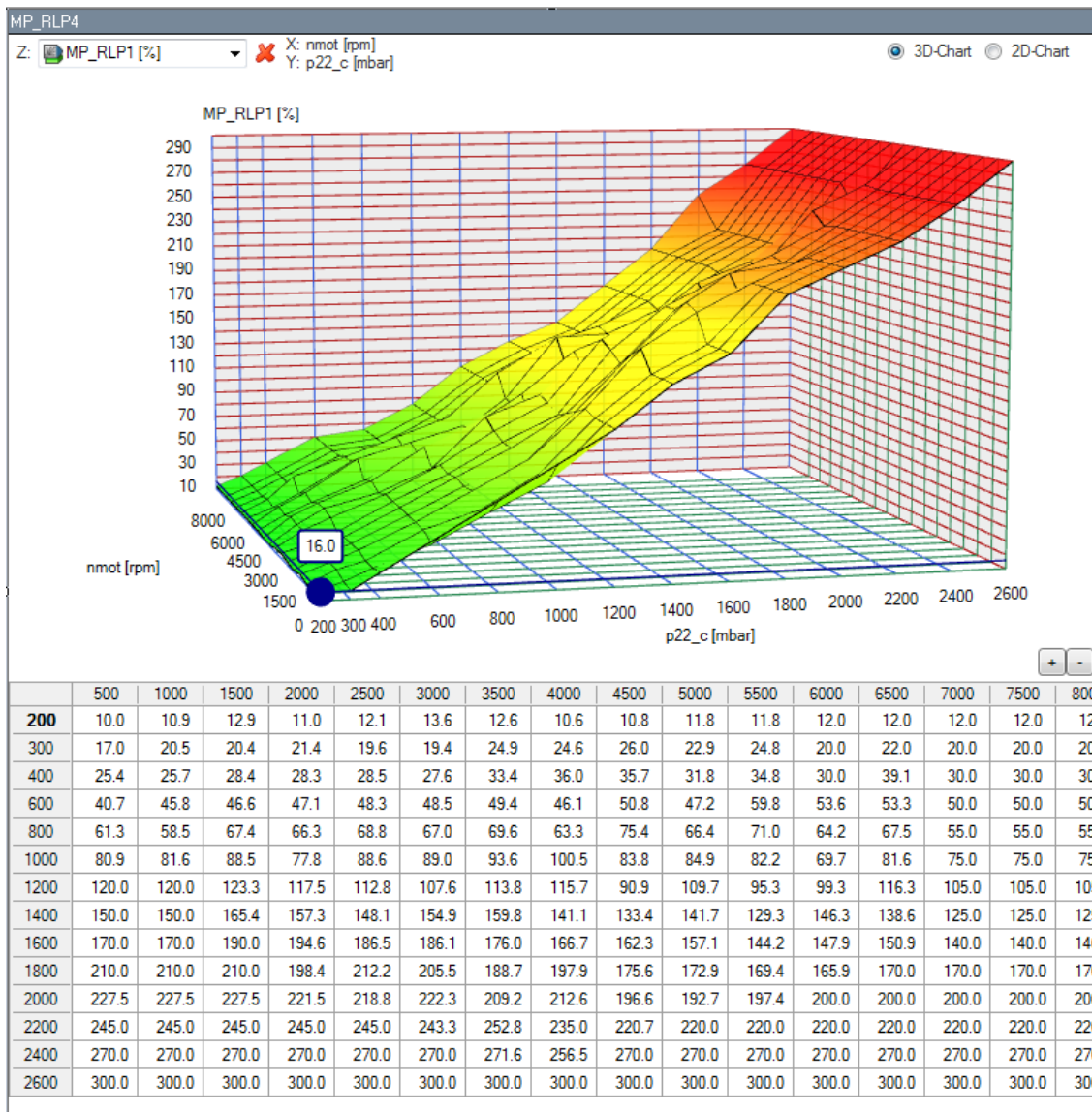
- Steady state or dynamic
- Dynamometer
- On track



Fuel Calibration

Steady State - Dyno

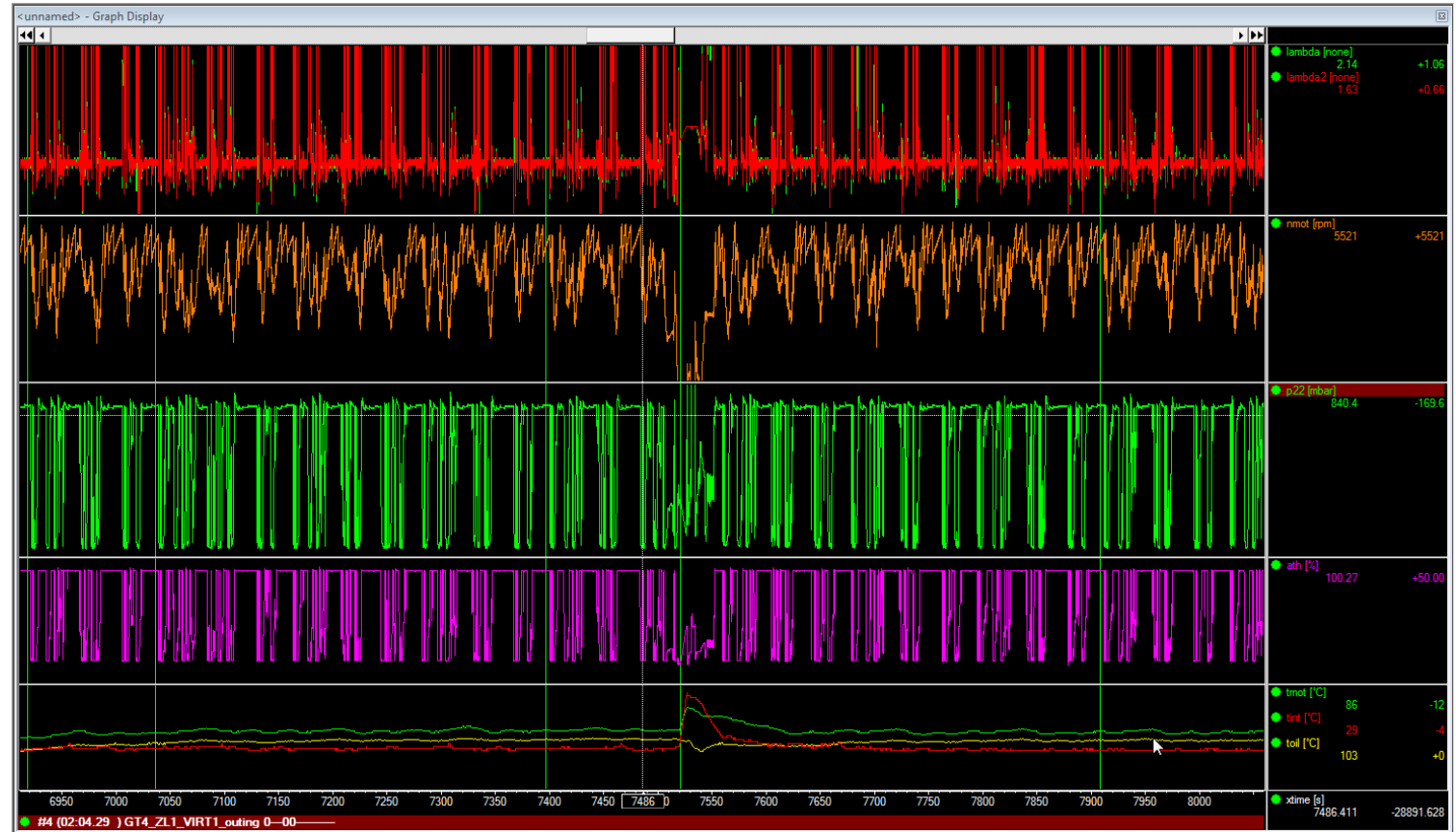
- ▶ Systematic calibration of every load site and engine speed site
- ▶ Feedback are lambda and torque
- ▶ The scaling of the axis is important:
 - ▶ Most controllers interpolate linearly between the values
 - ▶ Be careful!!!!



Fuel Calibration

Steady State – On track

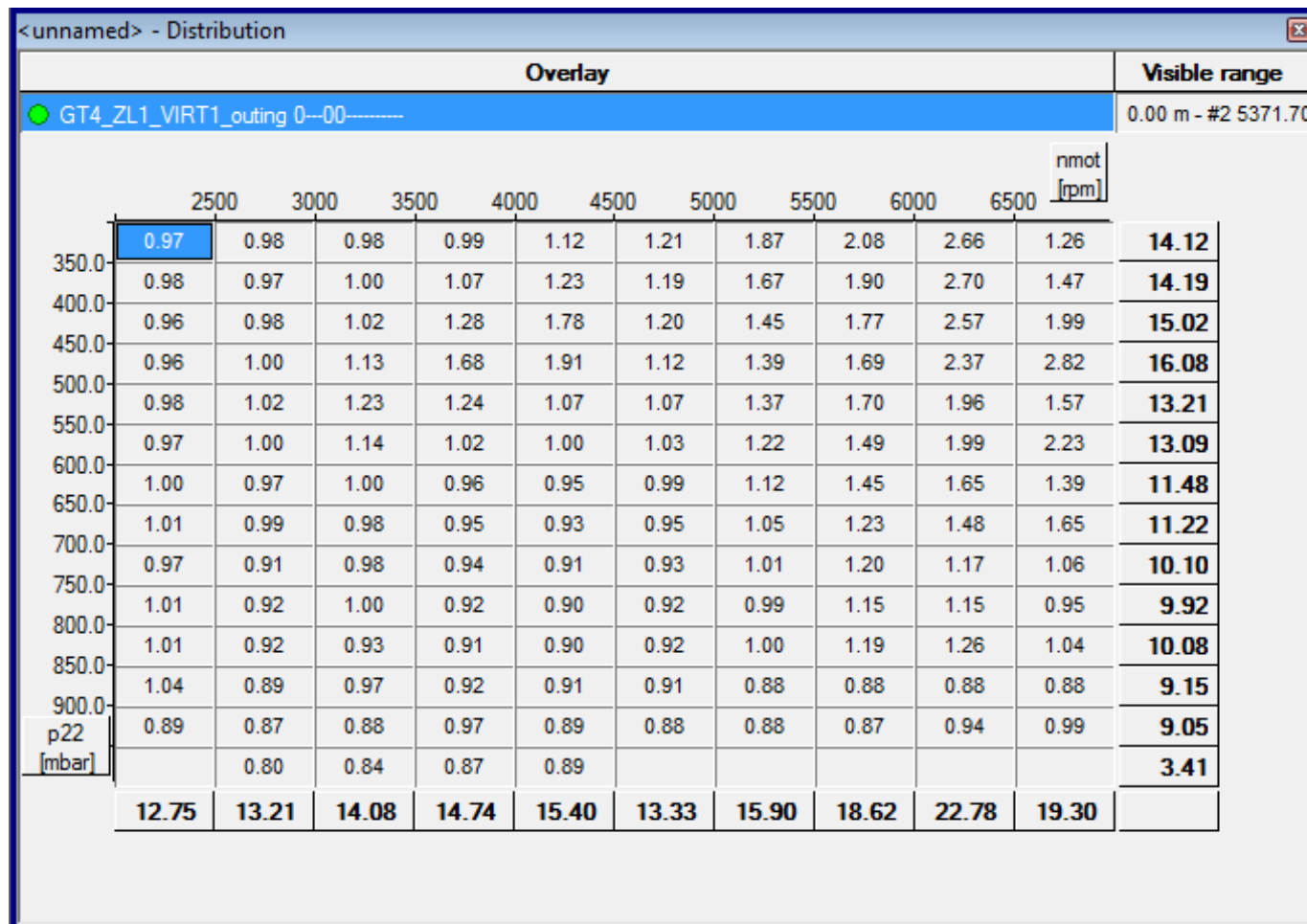
- ▶ Making sense of the squiggly lines...
- ▶ Feedback is lambda
- ▶ At this point you know what your target lambda is.



Fuel Calibration

Steady State – On track

- No more squiggly lines!
- Direct answer



Fuel Calibration

Transients

► Goal

- Minimize deviation between target and actual lambda under dynamic engine operating conditions

► Target Results

- Improved driveability/torque delivery
- Improved dynamic engine response
- Reduced fuel consumption

Fuel Calibration

Transients

► Calibration process

► Prerequisites

- Injector Base Data
- Disable Closed Loop Control for Lambda
- Disable Decel Fuel Cut-Off

► Definition of engine speed test matrix

- Ex. 2000 – 7000 rpm, 500 rpm increments

► Definition of load step-change points

- Ex. Throttle Position based
 - 0-20-0, 0-40-0, 0-60-0, 0-80-0, 0-100-0
 - 20-60-20, 20-80-20, 20-100-20, 40-80-40, 60-100-60

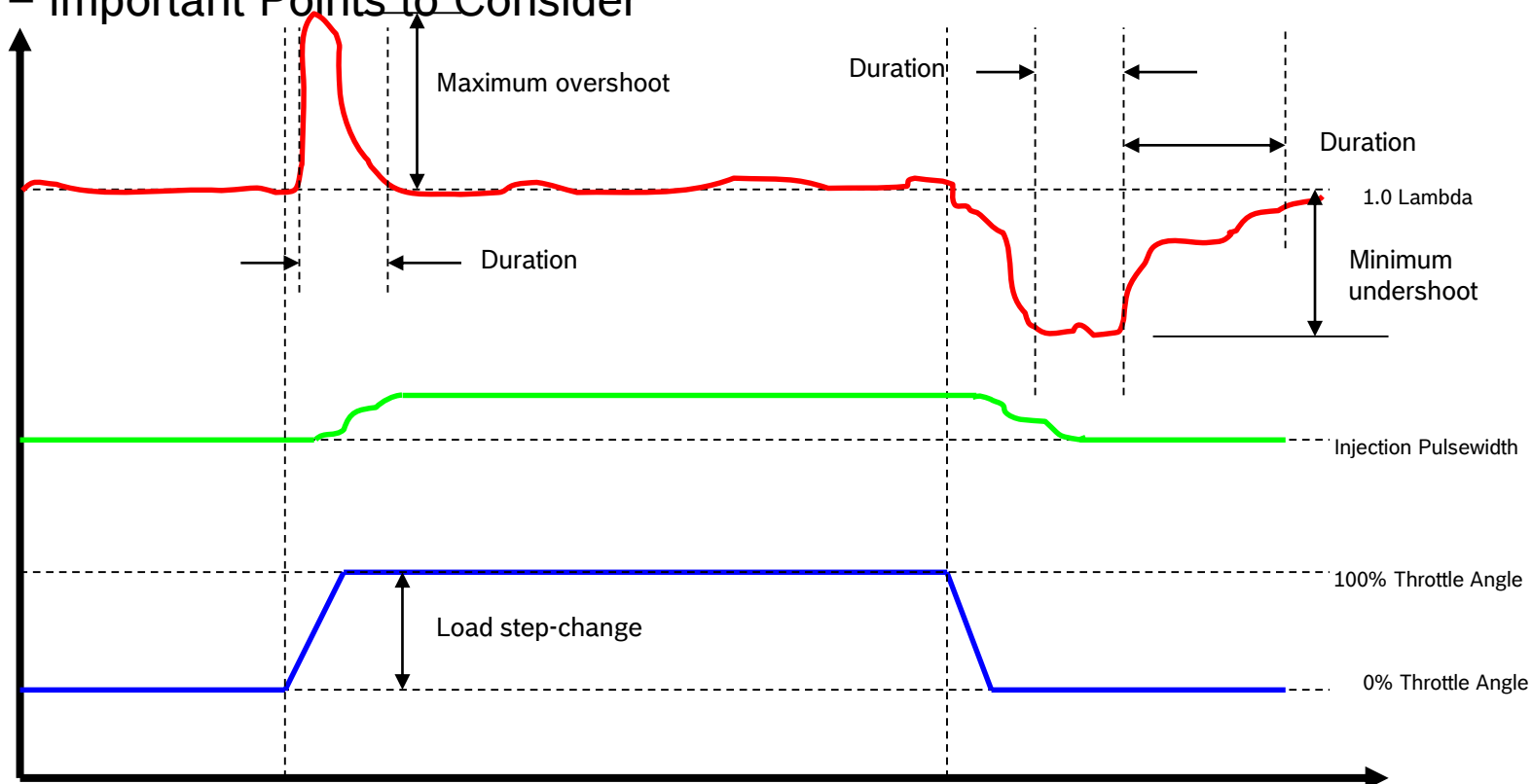
► Evaluation of positive and negative load step for each test point

► Population of calibration gains/factors

Fuel Calibration

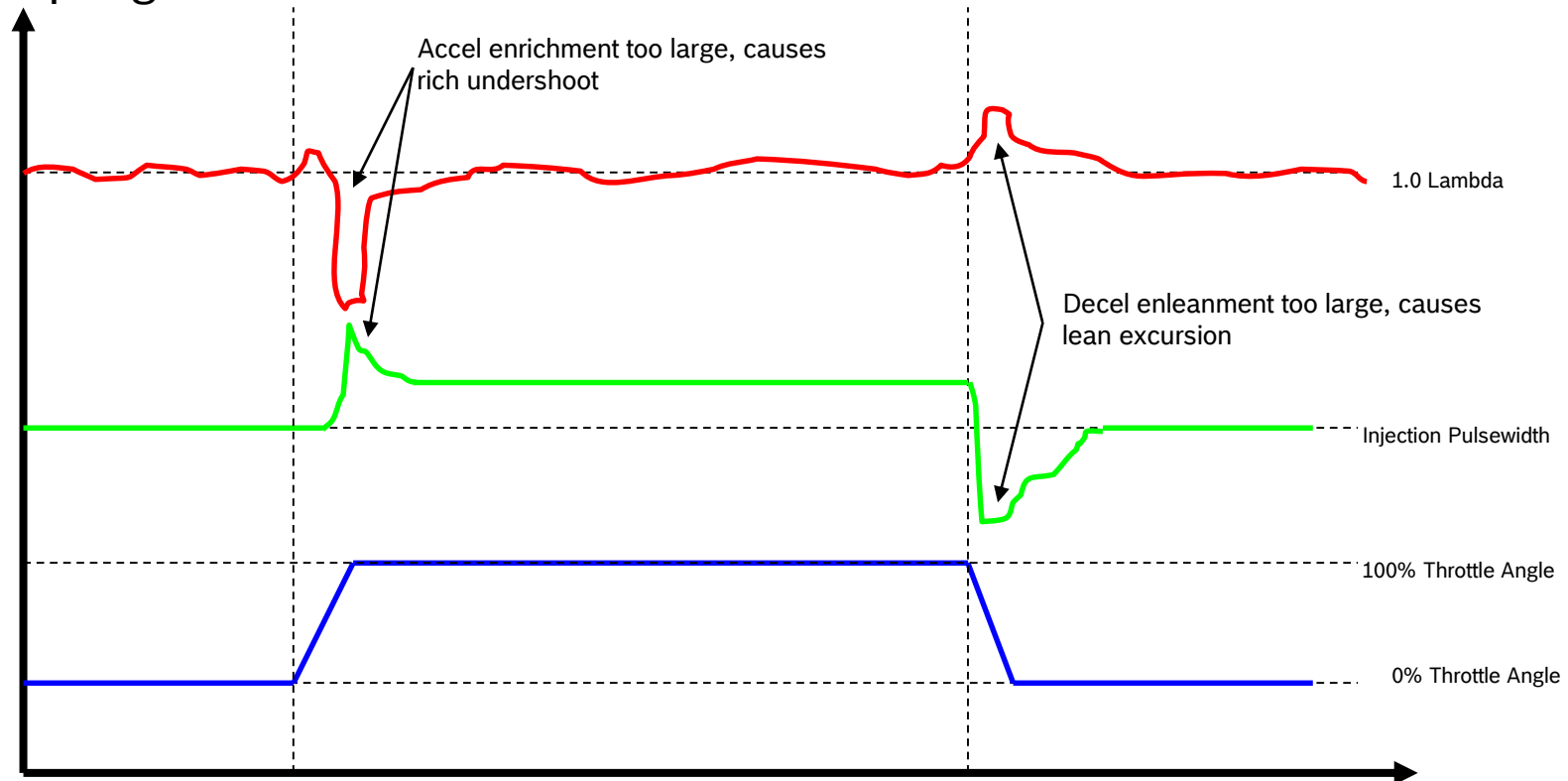
Transients

► Data Analysis – Important Points to Consider



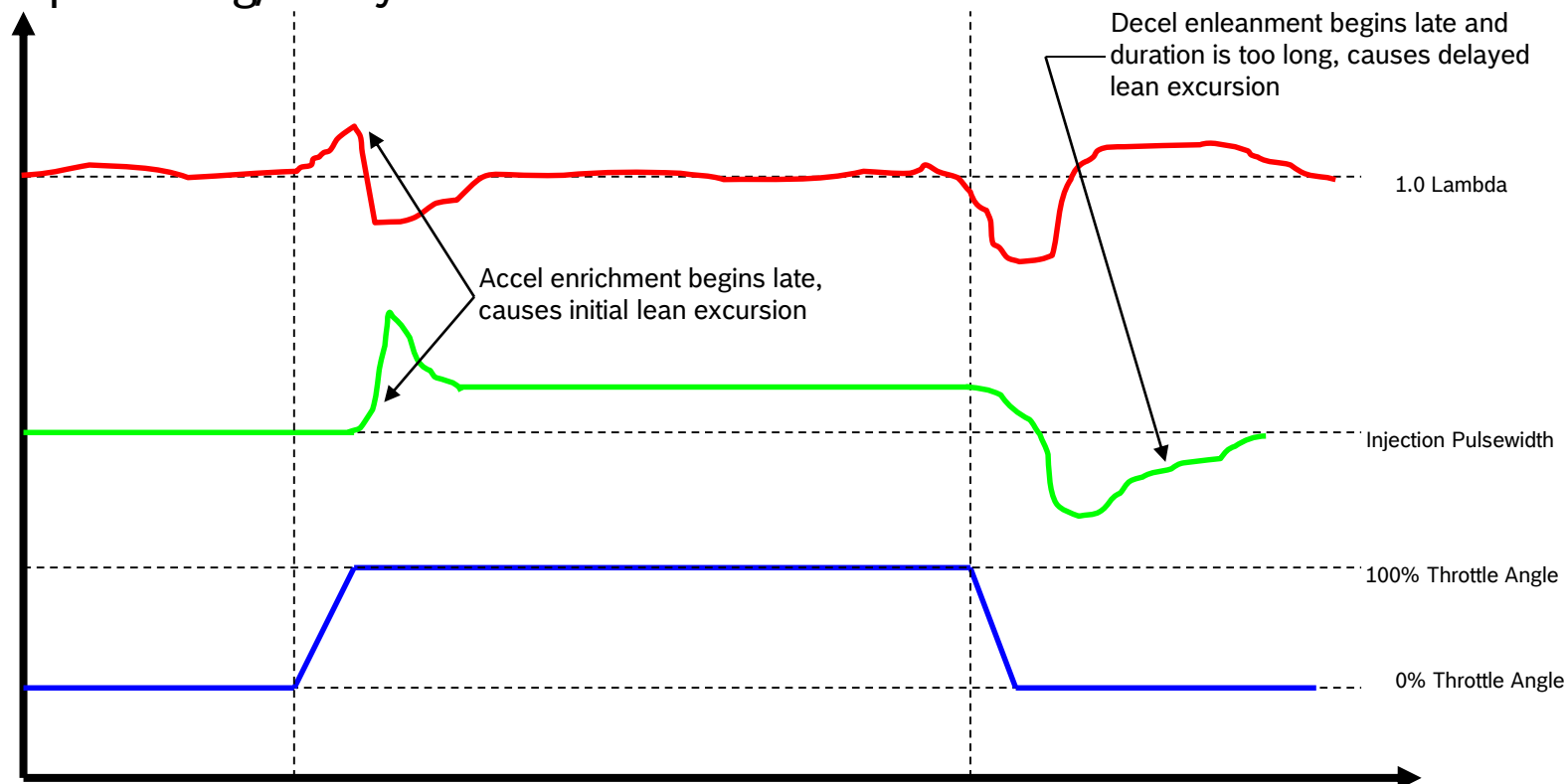
Fuel Calibration Transients

► Example – improper gains



Fuel Calibration Transients

► Example – improper timing/decay



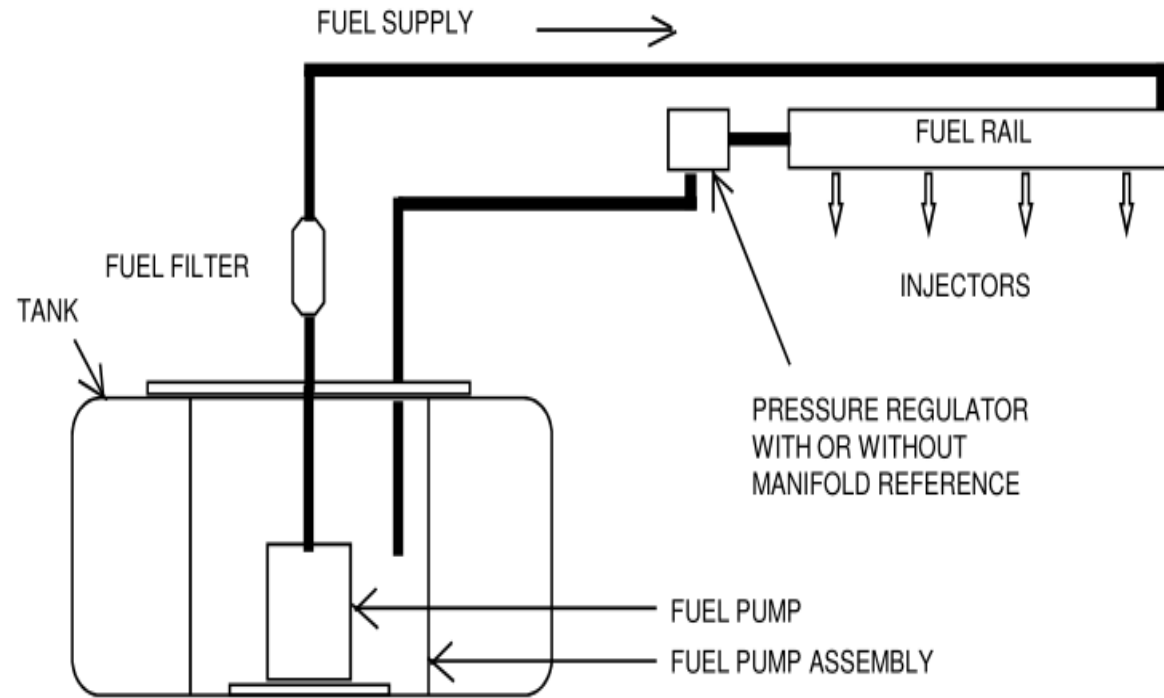
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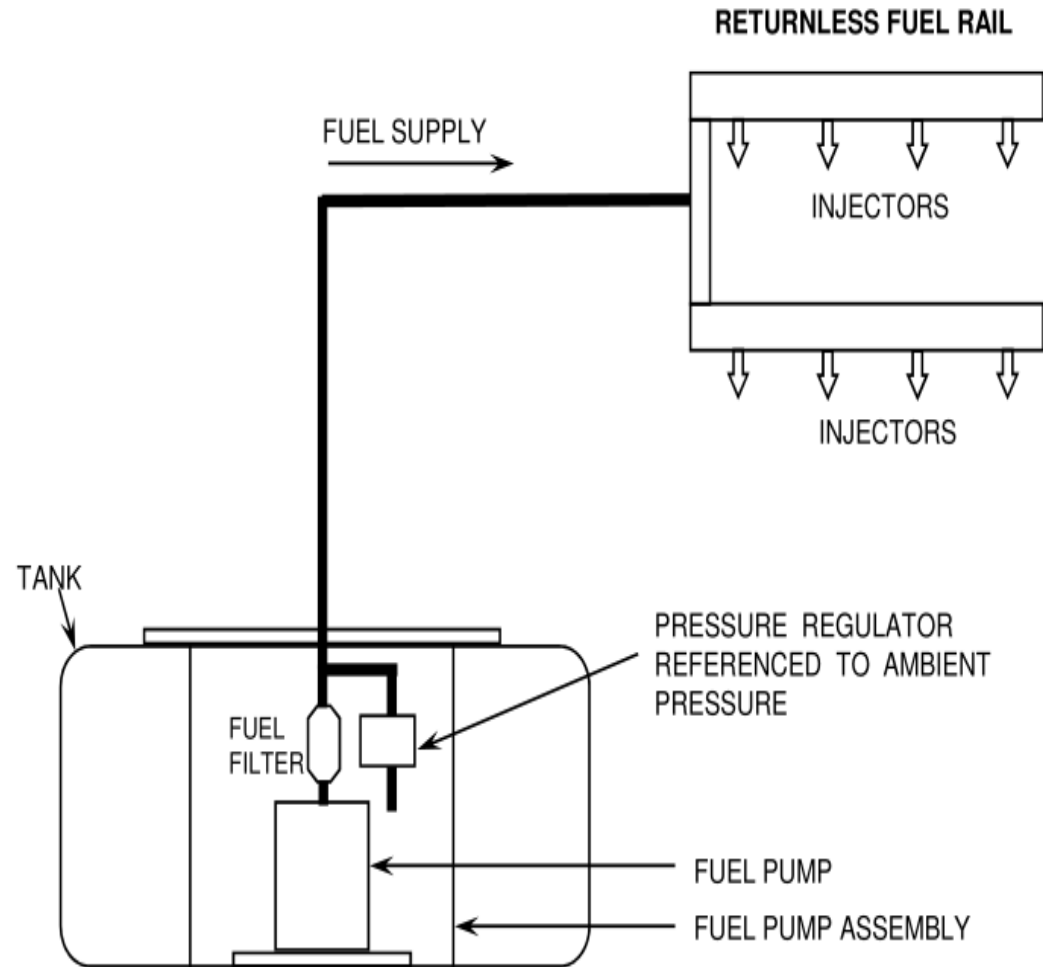
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Overview – Fuel Return, Mechanical Regulator



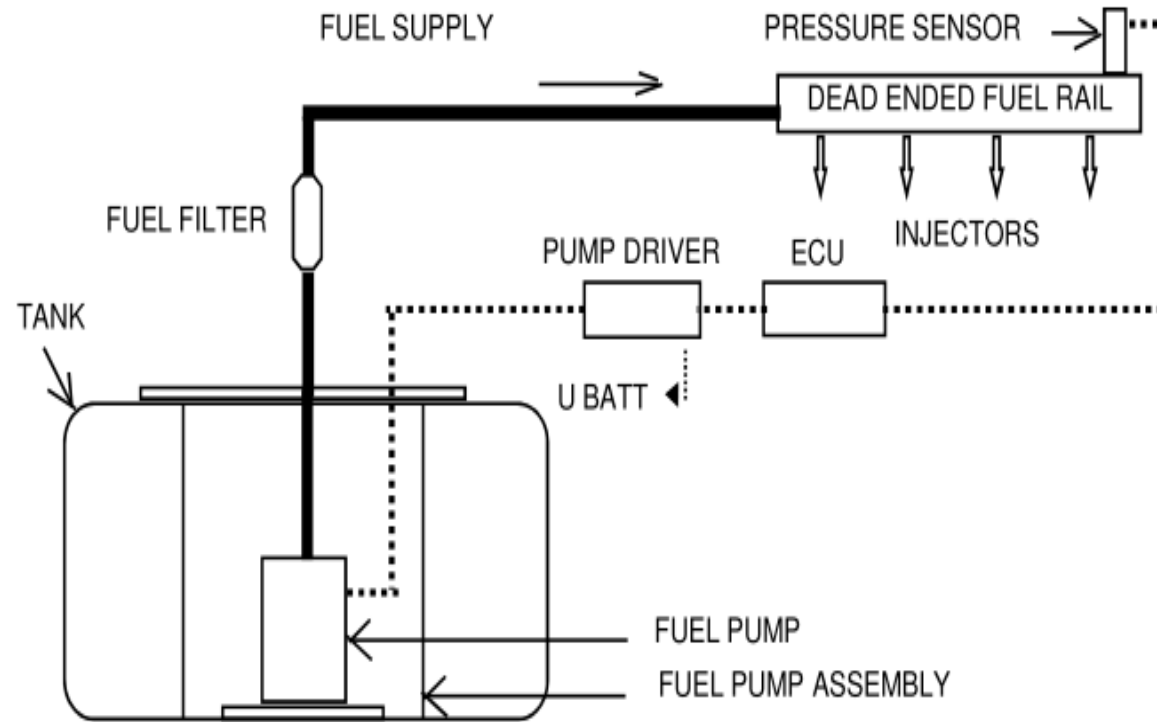
Fuel System Components

Overview – Returnless, Mechanical Regulator



Fuel System Components

Overview – Returnless, Regulated Pump Speed



Fuel System Components

Pump

Considerations

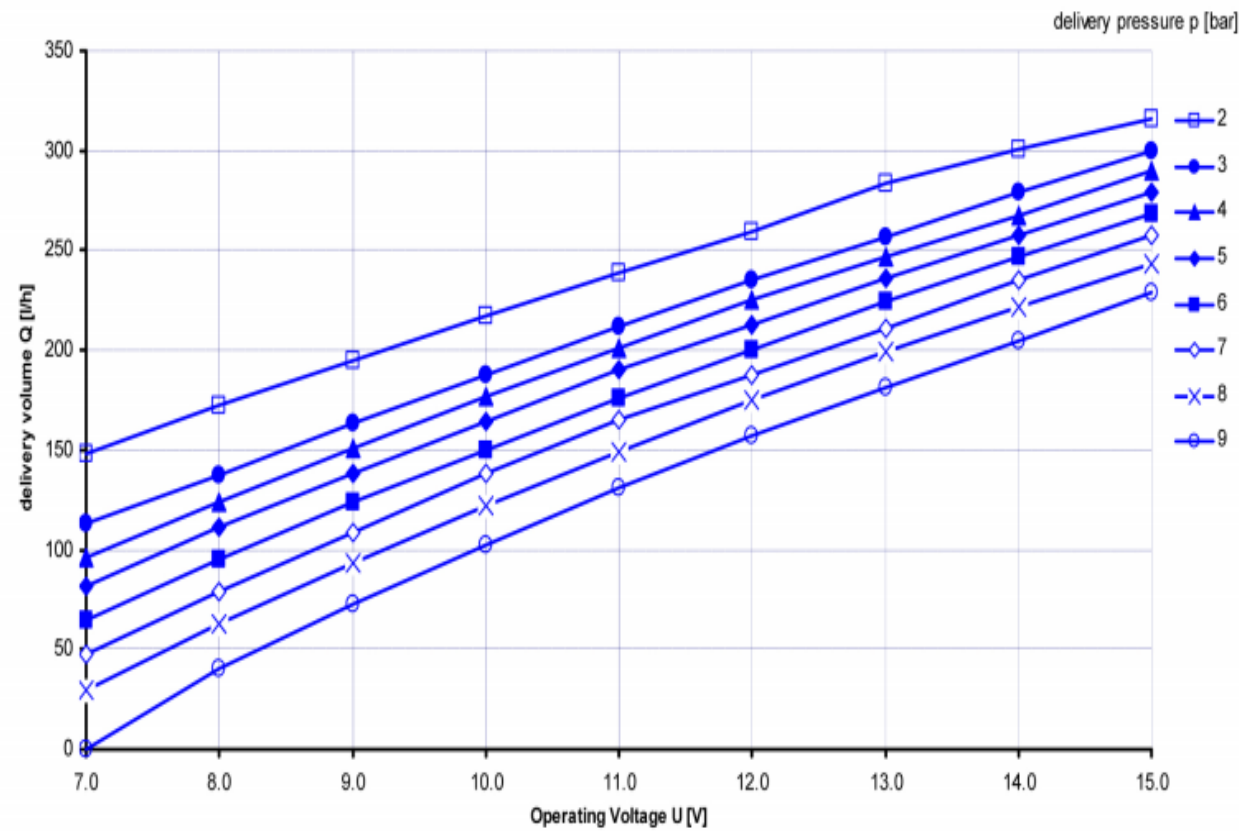
- Flow capacity
- Fuel type
- Efficiency
- Control type
- Size / weight / package



Fuel System Components

Pump

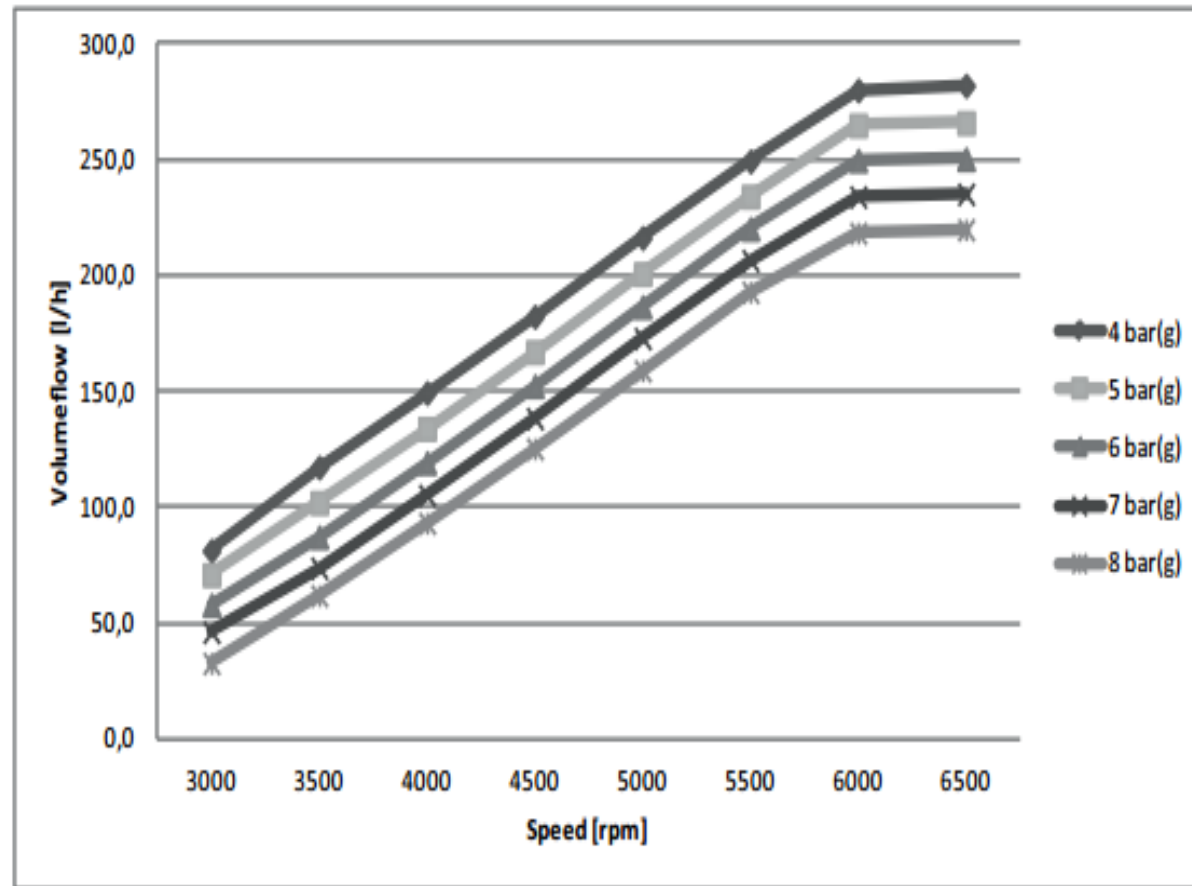
As pressure increases flow decreases



Fuel System Components

Pump

Control opportunities with brushless DC



Fuel System Components

Pressure Regulator

Considerations

- Reflow
- Fuel type
- Manifold reference

Application	
Pressure range	5 bar
Reflow quantity	15 to 220 l/h
Reference pressure connector	Diam. 5 mm, tube connector
Fuel compatibility	Gasoline, E85, M15
Operating temperature	-40 to 120°C
Storage temperature	-40 to 100°C
Max. vibration	<600 m/s ² at 5 to 250 Hz



Fuel System Components

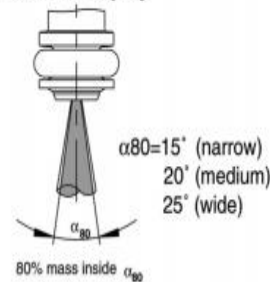
Injector

Considerations

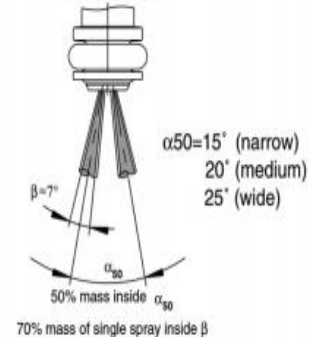
- Flow
- Pressure rating
- Manifold location
- Spray pattern
- Fuel type
- Impedance



C: Conical Spray

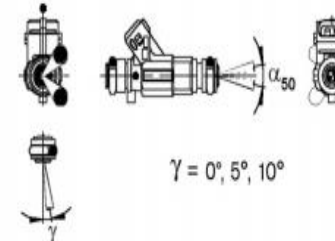
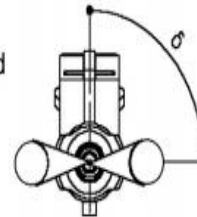


E: 2-Spray



Angle between connection and spray level (δ = delta):
(only 2-spray preparation)

$\delta = 0^\circ - 360^\circ$ possible

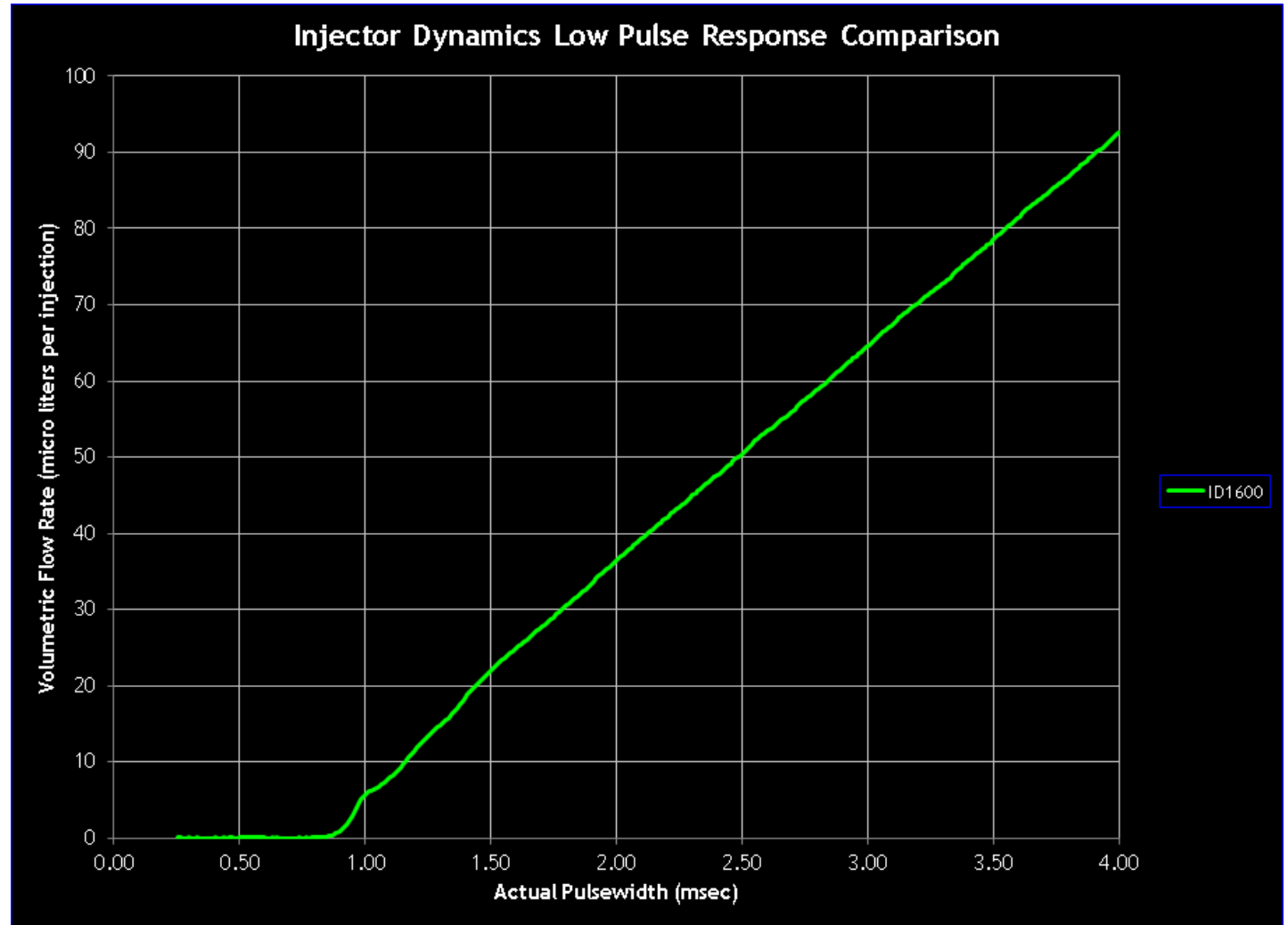


Fuel System Components

Injector

Flow, Pressure and Time

- Dead time
- Min injection time
- Duty cycle

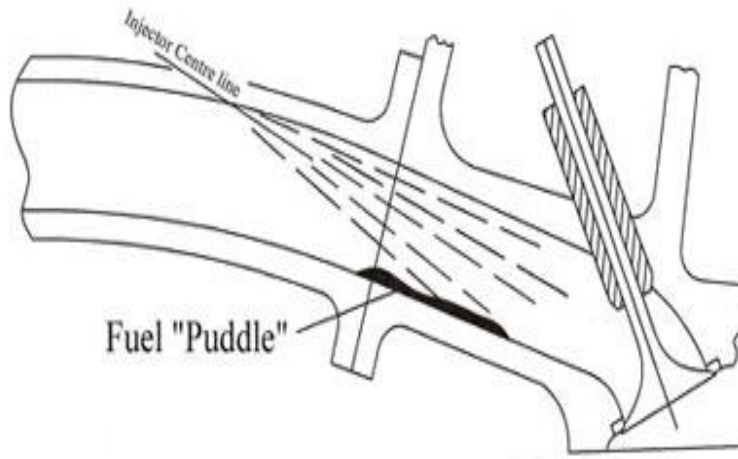


Fuel System Components

Injector

Injector Placement

- Spray pattern
- Upper and lower injectors?



Fuel System Components

Lambda Sensor

Considerations

- Location
- Heat
- Pressure

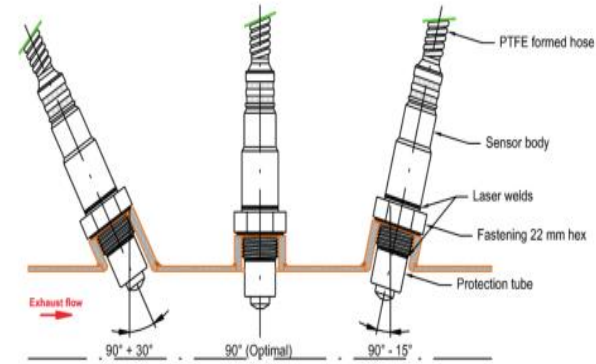
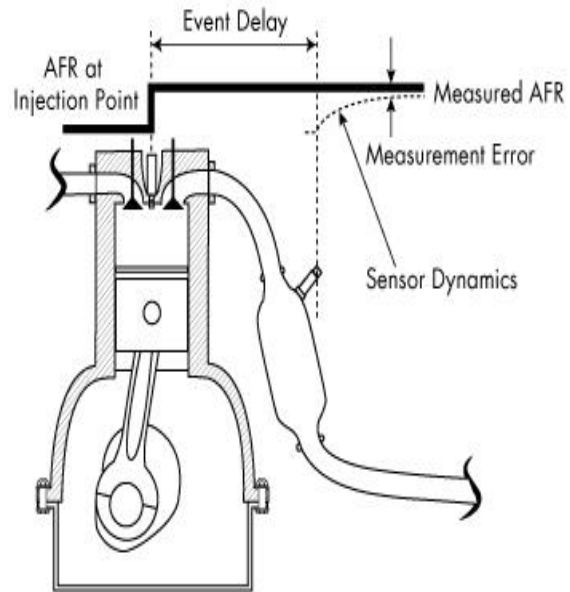
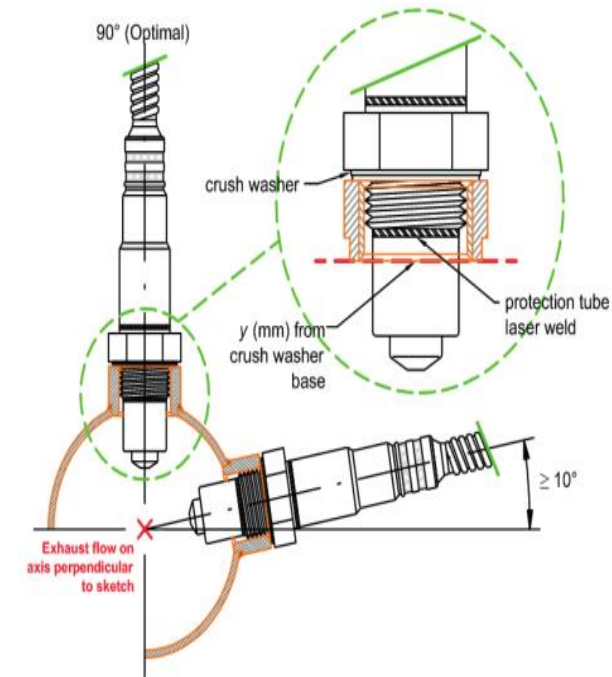
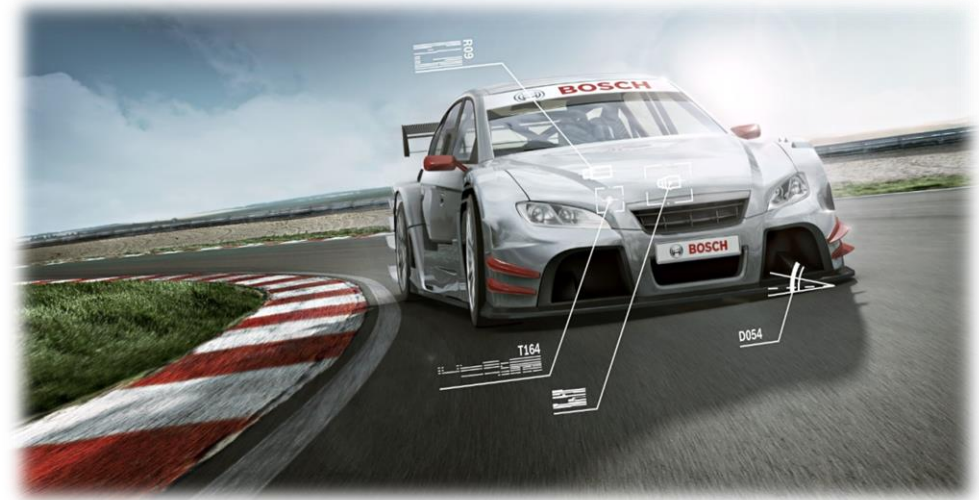


Fig. 5: Lambda Sensor Installation Diagram, Part 1



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The Key to FSAE

Set goals
Experiment
Test
Measure
UNDERSTAND

Thank you !

Questions?

Comments?

