

**ME-417**  
**INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES**

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# 1 Lecture 01: Introduction to IC Engines

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## Basics

IC Engines → CI (Compression ignition), SI (Spark Ignition), Gas Turbine engines <sup>1</sup>

### Key points

- pressure force will give thrust to piston.
- combustion will result in expansion.
- piston mechanism → mechanical movement.

## Free Piston Engine

### Drag Mechanism

### clutch Mechanism

## Methods of ignition

### Spark Ignition

spark ignition (SI) is the method used in gasoline engines to ignite the fuel-air mixture using a spark plug.

### Compression Ignition

compression ignition (CI) is the process in diesel engines where the fuel ignites due to the high temperature and pressure generated by compressing the air inside the combustion chamber, without the use of a spark plug.

## Cycle

### 2 Stroke

Combustion process completed in two strokes—compression and ignition, followed by exhaust and intake.

### 4 Stroke

Combustion process completed in four strokes—intake, compression, power, and exhaust.

## Valve

### In Head

Valves positioned in the cylinder head for efficient airflow control.

### In Block

Valves integrated into the engine block for simplified construction and maintenance.

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<sup>1</sup>But this course will cover only CI & SI engines

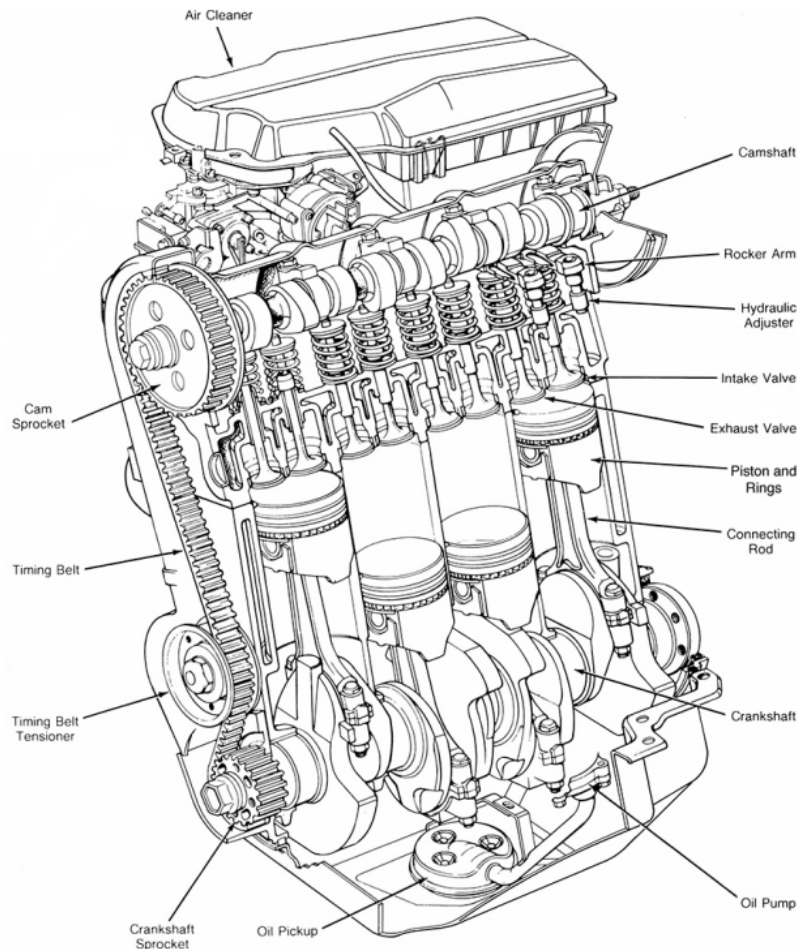


Figure 1: Basic Design of IC engines.

## Types of Cooling

### Air Cooling

Uses air circulation around engine components for heat dissipation.

### Liquid Cooling

- **Water Cooling:** Circulates water as a coolant.
- **Liquid-Glycol Cooling:** Mixture of water and glycol to prevent freezing.

### Oil Cooling

Uses engine oil to absorb heat from components.

## Position and number of Cylinders of reciprocating engines

### Position of cylinders

- **Inline:** Cylinders are arranged in a straight line, typically in a row or series.
- **V-Type:** Cylinders are arranged in two banks or rows at an angle, forming a "V" shape.
- **Flat/Boxer:** Cylinders are horizontally opposed, positioned on opposite sides of the engine and lying flat.
- **Radial:** Cylinders are arranged in a circular pattern around a central crankshaft, resembling spokes of a wheel.

## Number of Cylinders

- Single-cylinder: One cylinder in the engine.
- Twin-cylinder: Two cylinders.
- Inline (e.g., 4-cylinder, 6-cylinder): Multiple cylinders arranged in a straight line.
- V-Type (e.g., V6, V8): Multiple cylinders arranged in a "V" configuration.
- Flat/Boxer (e.g., 4-cylinder boxer): Multiple horizontally opposed cylinders.
- Radial (e.g., 9-cylinder radial): Multiple cylinders arranged in a circular pattern.

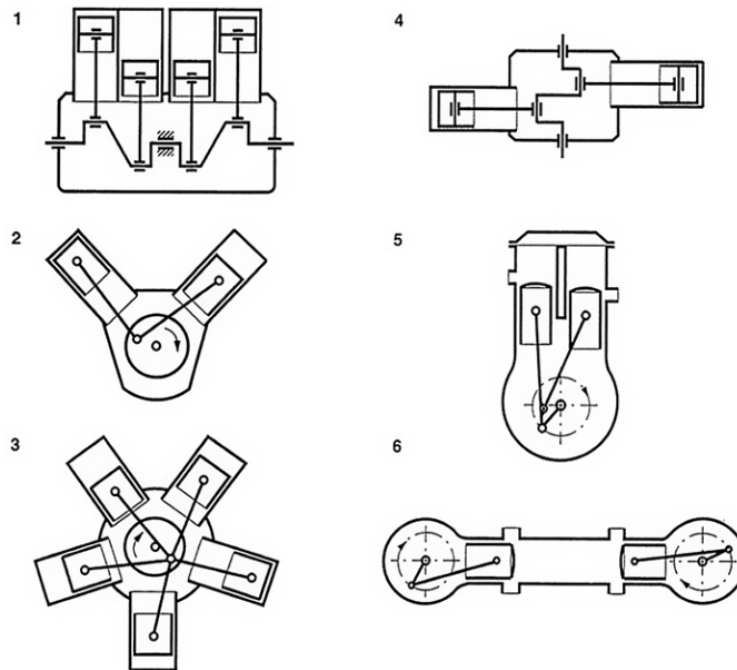


Figure 2: position & number of cylinders in reciprocating engines.

## Methods of fuel input for spark ignition engines

### Port Fuel Injection (PFI):

Fuel is injected into the intake ports or manifold before entering the combustion chamber.

### Direct Fuel Injection (DI):

Fuel is injected directly into the combustion chamber for precise control and improved efficiency.

## Air Intake process

- Air is filtered to remove contaminants.
- Throttle valve controls air flow.
- Intake manifold distributes air to cylinders.
- Air enters combustion chamber for mixing with fuel.

## Supercharged

- **Mechanism:** A supercharger is a mechanical device driven by the engine's crankshaft that forces more air into the combustion chamber. It uses a belt or chain connected to the engine to compress the intake air, resulting in increased air density and more fuel combustion.
- **Advantage:** Supercharging provides instant power boost across the entire RPM range, improving engine performance and responsiveness. It can deliver higher power outputs compared to naturally aspirated engines.
- **Disadvantage:** Supercharging requires engine power to drive the compressor, which results in increased mechanical load on the engine. This can reduce overall engine efficiency and increase fuel consumption.

## Turbocharged

- **Mechanism:** A turbocharger uses the engine's exhaust gases to drive a turbine connected to a compressor. The turbine spins the compressor, compressing the intake air before it enters the combustion chamber. This allows more air and fuel to be burned, resulting in increased power output.
- **Advantage:** Turbocharging improves engine power and efficiency by utilizing wasted exhaust energy. It provides a good balance of power and fuel economy, especially at high RPMs.
- **Disadvantage:** Turbo lag, which is the delay in boost response, can occur due to the time it takes for the exhaust gases to spool up the turbocharger. Additionally, the increased complexity and heat generated by the turbocharger system may require additional cooling measures.

## Engine components & Materials

### Components of 4 stroke cycle SI engine

- **Cylinder Block:** The main body of the engine that houses the cylinders.
- **Cylinder Head:** Covers the top of the cylinder block and contains the combustion chamber, valves, and spark plugs.
- **Piston:** Moves up and down within the cylinder, transmitting the force generated by combustion to the connecting rod.
- **Connecting Rod:** Connects the piston to the crankshaft, converting the reciprocating motion of the piston into rotary motion.
- **Crankshaft:** Converts the linear motion of the pistons and connecting rods into rotary motion, providing power to the drivetrain.
- **Intake Valve:** Controls the flow of air-fuel mixture into the combustion chamber during the intake stroke.
- **Exhaust Valve:** Controls the flow of exhaust gases out of the combustion chamber during the exhaust stroke.
- **Spark Plug:** Provides an electrical spark to ignite the air-fuel mixture in the combustion chamber during the power stroke.
- **Intake Manifold:** Distributes the air-fuel mixture to the individual cylinders.
- **Exhaust Manifold:** Collects and channels the exhaust gases away from the combustion chamber.
- **Camshaft:** Controls the opening and closing of the intake and exhaust valves.
- **Timing Belt/Chain:** Synchronizes the rotation of the crankshaft and camshaft to ensure proper valve timing.
- **Lubrication System:** Supplies oil to lubricate engine components and reduce friction.
- **Cooling System:** Helps regulate engine temperature by circulating coolant to remove excess heat.
- **Fuel Injection System:** Delivers the precise amount of fuel to the combustion chamber for efficient combustion.

## Materials of 4 Stroke cycle SI engine

- **Cylinder Block:** Typically made of cast iron or aluminum alloy.
- **Cylinder Head:** Usually made of aluminum alloy or cast iron.
- **Pistons:** Often made of aluminum alloy with steel reinforcement in critical areas.
- **Connecting Rods:** Commonly made of steel or aluminum alloy.
- **Crankshaft:** Typically made of forged steel for strength and durability.
- **Intake and Exhaust Valves:** Made of materials such as stainless steel, steel alloys, or even titanium alloys for high-performance engines.
- **Valve Springs:** Typically made of steel.
- **Camshaft:** Made of steel or cast iron.
- **Timing Belt/Chain:** Timing belts are usually made of rubber with embedded cords made of materials like fiberglass or kevlar. Timing chains are typically made of steel.
- **Bearings:** Main and connecting rod bearings are often made of steel with a thin layer of bearing material such as aluminum or bronze.
- **Gaskets and Seals:** Made of materials such as rubber, cork, or metal composites to ensure proper sealing.
- **Engine Block Skirt:** Made of cast iron or aluminum alloy.
- **Oil Pan:** Typically made of stamped steel or cast aluminum.
- **Cooling System Components:** Radiator, hoses, and coolant reservoir are commonly made of materials like aluminum, plastic, or rubber.
- **Fuel Injection System Components:** Fuel injectors are usually made of materials such as stainless steel, while fuel rails and fuel pump housings are often made of aluminum alloy or plastic.

These topics are associated with the book: Heywood (IC Engine Fundamentals, 2018)  
Chapter: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7.3

## 2 Lecture 2: IC Engine Basics

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### Poppet Valve

A poppet valve is a type of valve commonly used in internal combustion engines (IC engines) to control the intake and exhaust of gases into and out of the combustion chamber. It is a crucial component for the proper functioning of the engine. A poppet valve consists of a disk-shaped valve head and a valve stem. The valve head seals against a valve seat to prevent the flow of gases when closed and lifts off the seat to allow the flow of gases when opened. The valve stem connects the valve head to the valve actuation mechanism. In an IC engine, there are usually two types of poppet valves: intake valves and exhaust valves. The intake valves allow the fresh air-fuel mixture to enter the combustion chamber during the intake stroke, while the exhaust valves allow the combustion by-products to exit the chamber during the exhaust stroke. The opening and closing of the poppet valves are controlled by a camshaft, which is driven by the engine's crankshaft. The camshaft has specially shaped lobes that push against the valve stems at precise timings to open and close the valves. The poppet valve design offers advantages such as precise control over the valve timing, efficient sealing when closed, and the ability to handle high-pressure and high-temperature environments. It is widely used in various types of IC engines, including gasoline engines, diesel engines, and many others.

### Fuel Injection Port

Fuel injectors are critical components in modern internal combustion engines that deliver fuel into the combustion chamber with precision. The fuel injector ports, also known as fuel injector nozzles or injector orifices, are the openings through which fuel is sprayed into the intake manifold or directly into the combustion chamber. There are several types of fuel injector ports commonly used in engines:

- **Single-Point Injectors:** Single-point injectors have a single fuel injector port located in the intake manifold. They are typically used in older fuel injection systems and deliver fuel to all the cylinders simultaneously.
- **Multi-Point Injectors:** Multi-point injectors have multiple fuel injector ports, usually one for each cylinder, located in the intake manifold. Each port sprays fuel directly into the respective cylinder's intake port. Multi-point injectors offer better fuel distribution and can deliver fuel more precisely to individual cylinders.
- **Direct Fuel Injectors:** Direct fuel injectors, also known as gasoline direct injection (GDI) or direct injection (DI) injectors, spray fuel directly into the combustion chamber rather than into the intake manifold. This type of injector provides better control over the fuel-air mixture, resulting in improved efficiency and power output.

### Points:

✓ The fuel injection timing is different in SI and CI engines. In SI engines, it occurs during the intake stroke, while in CI engines, it occurs near the end of the compression stroke.

### what will happen if SI engine fuel is injected in compression stroke :

Injecting fuel during the compression stroke in a Spark Ignition (SI) engine would lead to a phenomenon called pre-ignition. Pre-ignition occurs when the fuel-air mixture ignites prematurely before the spark plug fires, which can have several negative consequences:

- **Knocking:** Pre-ignition can cause knocking or pinging, which is an uncontrolled combustion process. Knocking produces a knocking sound and results in increased pressure and temperature in the cylinder, potentially leading to engine damage.
- **Power Loss:** Pre-ignition reduces the power output of the engine since the fuel-air mixture ignites at an incorrect timing. This can result in reduced engine performance and lower efficiency.
- **Engine Damage:** The occurrence of pre-ignition can subject the engine components, such as pistons, valves, and cylinder walls, to higher stresses and temperatures than they are designed to withstand. This can lead to damage or even failure of engine parts over time.
- **Increased Emissions:** Pre-ignition can result in incomplete combustion, leading to increased emissions of pollutants such as unburned hydrocarbons (HC), carbon monoxide (CO), and nitrogen oxides ( $NO_x$ ).



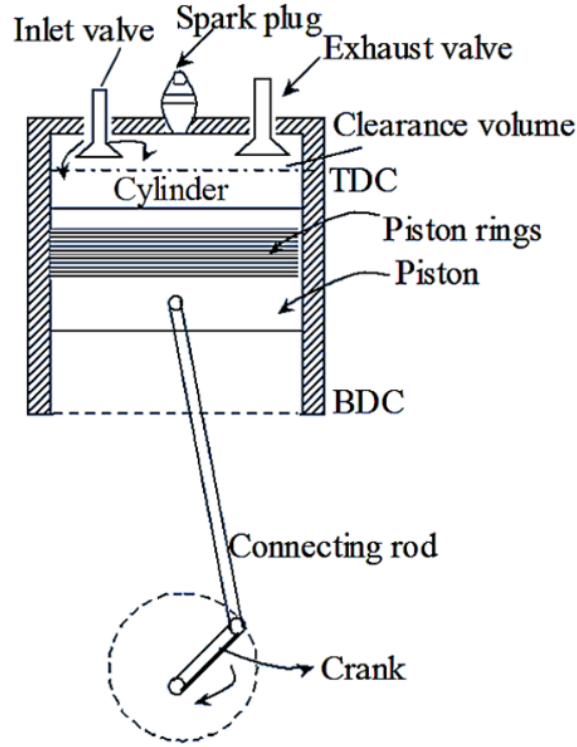


Figure 3: ICE terminology

### ICE Vocabulary

- **TDC (Top Dead Center):** It refers to the position of the piston in an engine where it reaches its highest point of travel in the cylinder during the compression or exhaust stroke.
- **BDC (Bottom Dead Center):** It refers to the position of the piston in an engine where it reaches its lowest point of travel in the cylinder during the intake or power stroke.
- **Bore:** It refers to the diameter of the cylinder in an engine. It is the measurement of the inner diameter of the cylinder.
- **Stroke:** It refers to the distance that the piston travels from TDC to BDC (or vice versa) in the cylinder. It is typically half of the total distance the piston travels in one complete engine cycle.

$$\text{Stroke} = \text{TDC} - \text{BDC}$$

- **Clearance Volume:** It is the volume in the combustion chamber of an engine when the piston is at TDC. It represents the space left at the top of the cylinder when the piston is at its highest point.
- **Swept Volume:** It refers to the total volume of the combustion chamber that is swept or covered by the piston as it moves from its bottom dead center (BDC) position to its top dead center (TDC) position, or vice versa. It is often known as 'cc'.

$$\text{swept volume, } V_d = \frac{\pi}{4} \times (\text{bore})^2 \times \text{Stroke}$$

- **Total Volume:** It is the combined volume of the combustion chamber and the clearance volume in an engine. It represents the total capacity of the cylinder when the piston is at BDC.

$$\text{Total volume, } V_t = V_d + V_c$$

where,  $V_c$  is clearance volume  
and  $V_d$  is swept or displacement volume

- **Compression Ratio:** It is the ratio of the total volume (including clearance volume) to the clearance volume in the cylinder. It represents the degree of compression of the fuel-air mixture in the cylinder at the end of the compression stroke.

$$\text{Compression Ratio} = \frac{V_t}{V_c}$$

The compression ratio for SI engines usually ranges from 8:1 to 12:1. The compression ratio for CI engines typically ranges from 16:1 to 22:1

### Why CAM profile is made smoother in IC Engine:

A smoother cam profile in an internal combustion engine is preferred because it reduces wear and friction, improves valve operation, enhances fuel efficiency, reduces noise, and aids in emissions control.

### What is Blow down:

Blow down refers to the period when the exhaust valve of an internal combustion engine remains open as the piston moves from the bottom dead center (BDC) to the top dead center (TDC) of the exhaust stroke. This allows the remaining exhaust gases to be expelled from the cylinder before the intake stroke begins.

### Relation between crankshaft & camshaft rotation:

In a four-stroke engine, the crankshaft rotates twice for every single rotation of the camshaft. This is because the four-stroke cycle requires two full rotations of the crankshaft (intake, compression, power, and exhaust strokes) to complete one combustion cycle, while the camshaft completes a full cycle (one revolution) during the same time.

## SI Engine Operations

- **Intake Stroke:** The piston moves from top dead center (TDC) to bottom dead center (BDC), creating a vacuum in the cylinder. The intake valve opens, and the piston moves downward, drawing in a mixture of air and fuel into the cylinder.
- **Compression Stroke:** After the intake valve closes, the piston moves from BDC to TDC, compressing the air-fuel mixture. The compression raises the pressure and temperature in the cylinder, preparing it for combustion.
- **Power Stroke:** At TDC, the spark plug ignites the compressed air-fuel mixture. The rapid combustion produces high-pressure gases that push the piston downward, converting the energy into rotational motion, which is transmitted to the crankshaft.
- **Exhaust Stroke:** As the piston reaches BDC, the exhaust valve opens. The high-pressure gases from the power stroke begin to exit the cylinder, driven by the expanding combustion products. This phase includes the blow down period.

### Some important points:

- **What is Scavenging:** Scavenging refers to the process of purging or removing the exhaust gases from the combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine. It involves replacing the spent gases with fresh air or air-fuel mixture to improve the combustion process and maximize engine performance. Effective scavenging helps ensure efficient fuel combustion, reduce emissions, and enhance power output.
- **why IVO (inlet valve open) occurs before EVC (exhaust valve close) in SI engine :** The intake valve opens before the exhaust valve closes in a spark-ignition (SI) engine to promote scavenging of residual gases, enhance cylinder filling, prevent backflow, and optimize engine performance. The period during engine operation when both intake and exhaust valves are open at the same time is called valve overlap.
- **What will happen if valve overlap is too high:** More fuel is lost through exhaust port. Engine efficiency decreases. Idle stability can be compromised. Emissions, especially HC and NOx, increase. Low-end torque decreases. Valve train components may experience additional stress and wear.

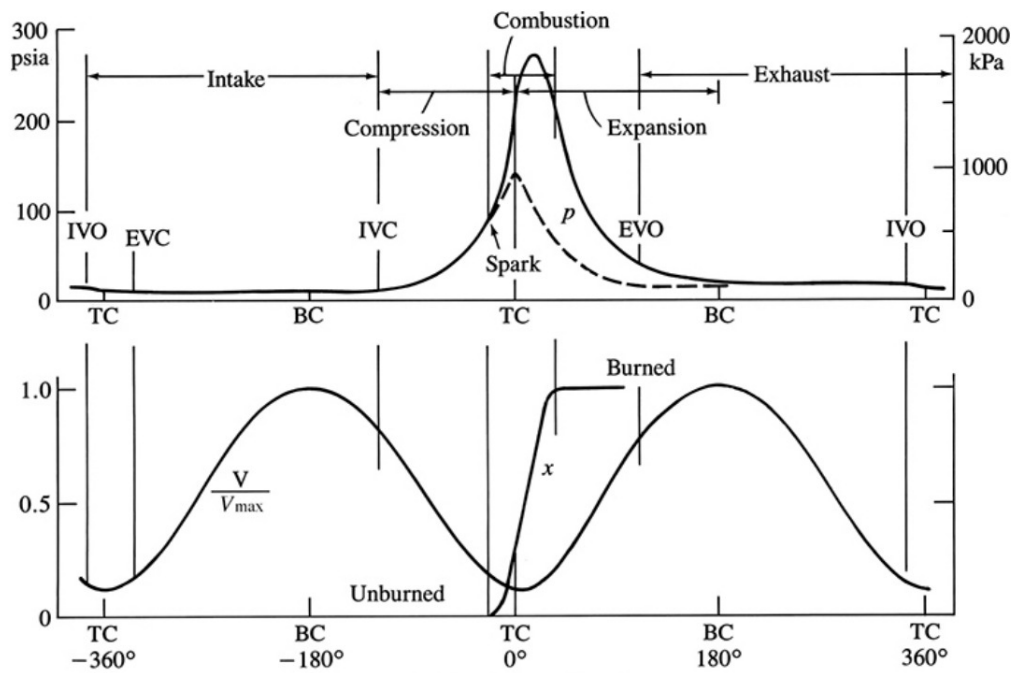


Figure 4: MBT - Maximum Brake Torque Timing

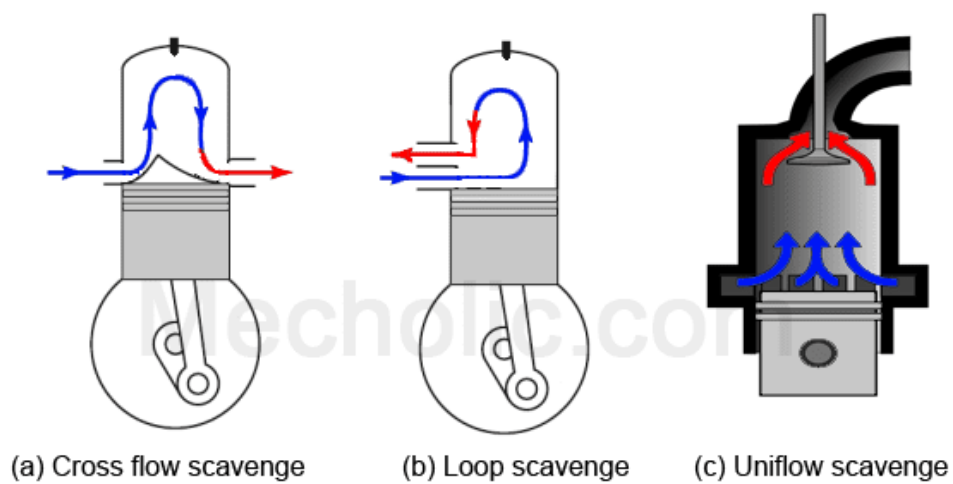


Figure 5: Types of Scavenging

- **How to increase incoming air:** Increasing intake air in a spark-ignition (SI) engine can be achieved through supercharging or turbocharging, both of which compress the intake air to provide more oxygen for combustion, resulting in increased power output.
- **why intake stroke takes longer time than compression stroke:** The intake stroke takes longer than the compression stroke in an internal combustion engine due to factors such as valve opening and closing, airflow resistance, and cylinder filling requirements. The longer duration allows for proper cylinder filling and efficient combustion. Conversely, the compression stroke requires less time as it primarily involves compressing the air-fuel mixture that is already present in the cylinder.
- **Why EVO before completing Expansion stroke:** The exhaust valve opens before the completion of the expansion stroke in an internal combustion engine to facilitate efficient exhaust gas flow, relieve cylinder pressure, promote scavenging, and enable emissions control systems to operate effectively.
- **why IVO pressure is slightly higher than EVC:** The inlet valve opening pressure is set slightly higher than the exhaust valve closing pressure to ensure efficient cylinder filling, prevent backflow of exhaust gases, manage valve train dynamics, and control gas exchange for optimal engine performance.