



# Internal Combustion Engines

## I: Fundamentals and Performance Metrics

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### Short course outline:

Internal Combustion (IC) engine fundamentals and performance metrics, computer modeling supported by in-depth understanding of fundamental engine processes and detailed experiments in engine design optimization.

#### Day 1 (Engine fundamentals)

Hour 1: IC Engine Review, Thermodynamics and 0-D modeling

Hour 2: 1-D modeling, Charge Preparation

Hour 3: Engine Performance Metrics, 3-D flow modeling

#### Day 2 (Computer modeling/engine processes)

Hour 4: Engine combustion physics and chemistry

Hour 5: Premixed Charge Spark-ignited engines

Hour 6: Spray modeling

#### Day 3 (Engine Applications and Optimization)

Hour 7: Heat transfer and Spray Combustion Research

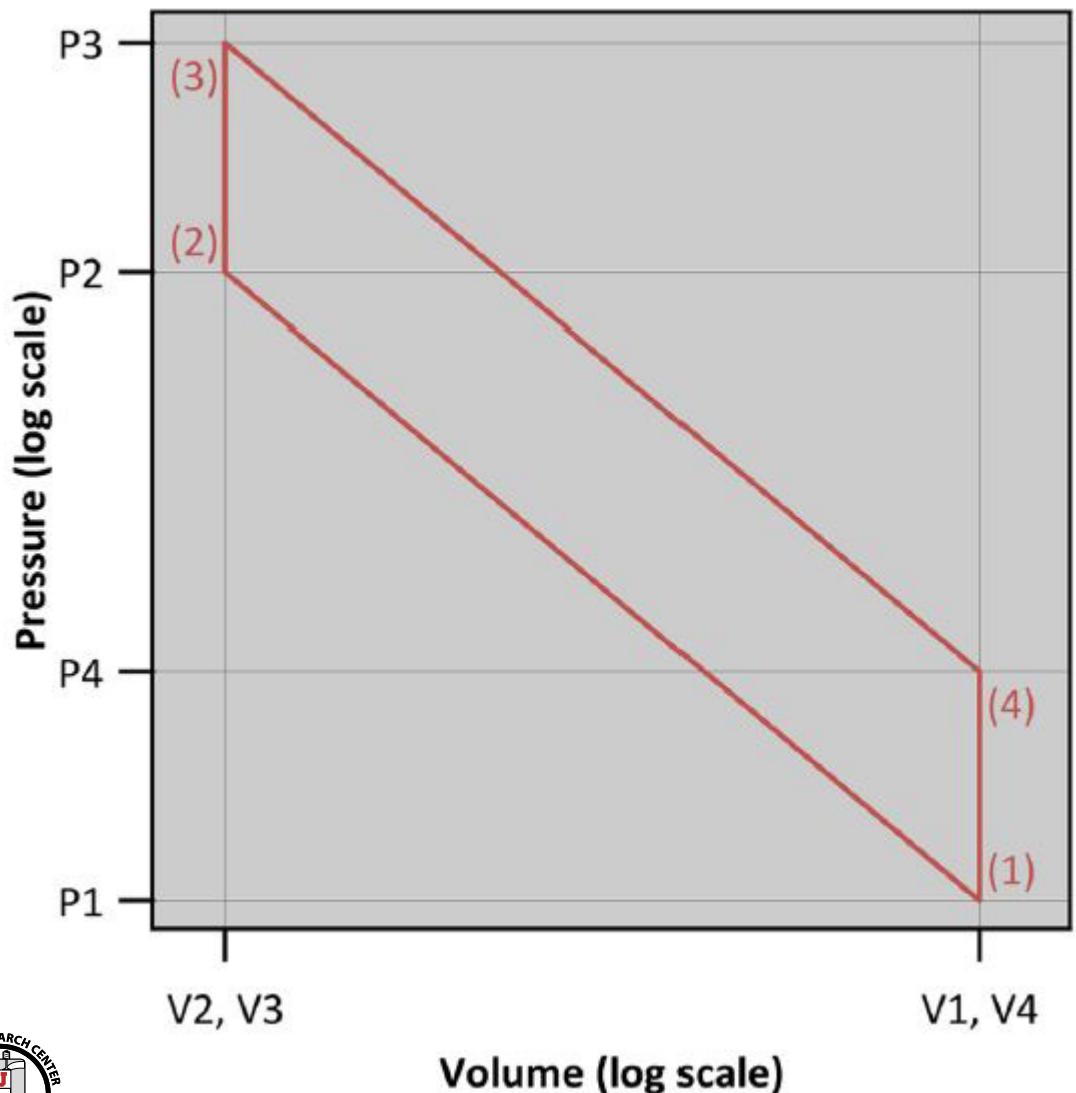
Hour 8: Diesel Combustion modeling

Hour 9: Optimization and Low Temperature Combustion





## Performance metrics: Ideal engine efficiency – Otto cycle



Maximum possible closed-cycle efficiency (“ideal efficiency”)

State (1) to (2) isentropic  
(i.e., adiabatic and reversible)  
compression from max ( $V_1$ ) to  
min cylinder volume ( $V_2$ )  
Compression ratio  $rc = V_1/V_2$ .

State (2) to (3) adiabatic  
and isochoric (constant volume)  
combustion,  
State (3) to (4) isentropic  
expansion.

State (4) to (1) exhaust process  
- available energy is rejected  
- can be converted to mechanical  
or electrical work:



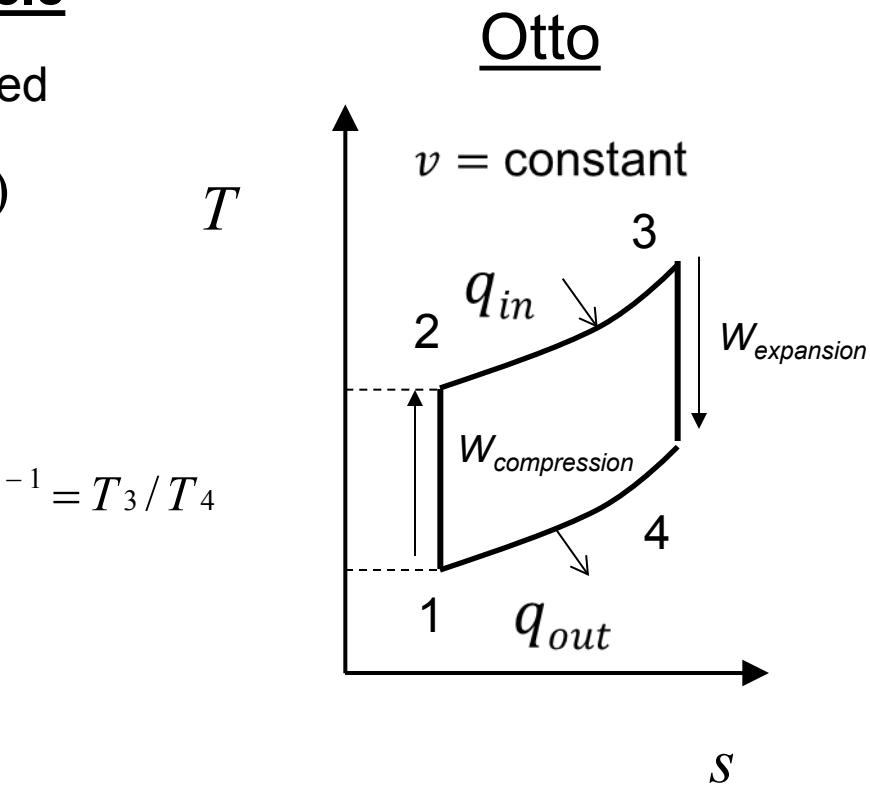
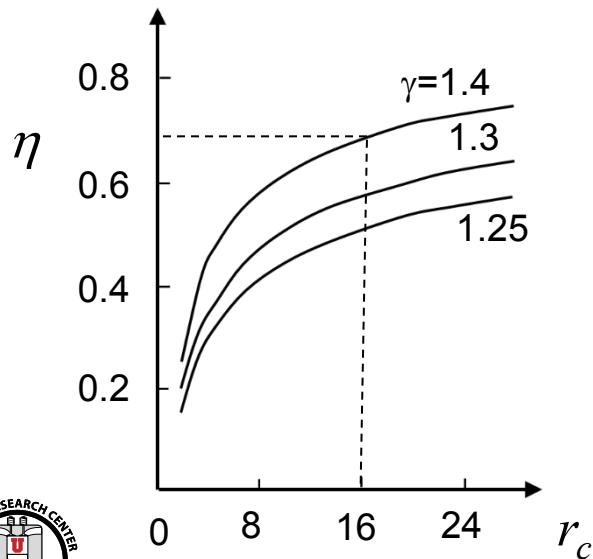
## Ideal engine efficiency – Otto cycle

Efficiency = net work / energy supplied

$$\begin{aligned}\eta &= [(T_3 - T_4) - (T_2 - T_1)] / (T_3 - T_2) \\ &= 1 - (T_4 - T_1) / (T_3 - T_2)\end{aligned}$$

However,

$$T_2/T_1 = (V_1/V_2)^{\gamma-1} = r_c^{\gamma-1} = (V_4/V_3)^{\gamma-1} = T_3/T_4$$



$$\eta = 1 - 1/r_c^{\gamma-1}$$



$\eta_{ideal}$  Function of only two variables, compression ratio ( $r_c$ ) and ratio of specific heats ( $\gamma$ )

$$\eta_{ideal} = 1 - \frac{1}{r_c^{\gamma-1}}$$

Increasing  $r_c$  increases operating volume for compression and expansion

Increasing  $\gamma$  increases pressure rise during combustion and increases work extraction during expansion stroke.

Both effects result in an increase in net system work for a given energy release and thereby increase engine efficiency.

Actual closed-cycle efficiencies to deviate from ideal:

1.) Assumption of isochoric (constant volume) combustion:

Finite duration combustion in realistic engines.

Kinetically controlled combustion has shorter combustion duration than diesel or SI

- duration limited by mechanical constraints, high pressure rise rates with audible engine noise and high mechanical stresses

2.) Assumption of calorically perfect fluid:

Specific heats decrease with increasing gas temperature; species conversion during combustion causes  $\gamma$  to decrease

3.) Adiabatic assumption:

Large temperature gradient near walls results in energy being lost to heat transfer rather than being converted to crank work

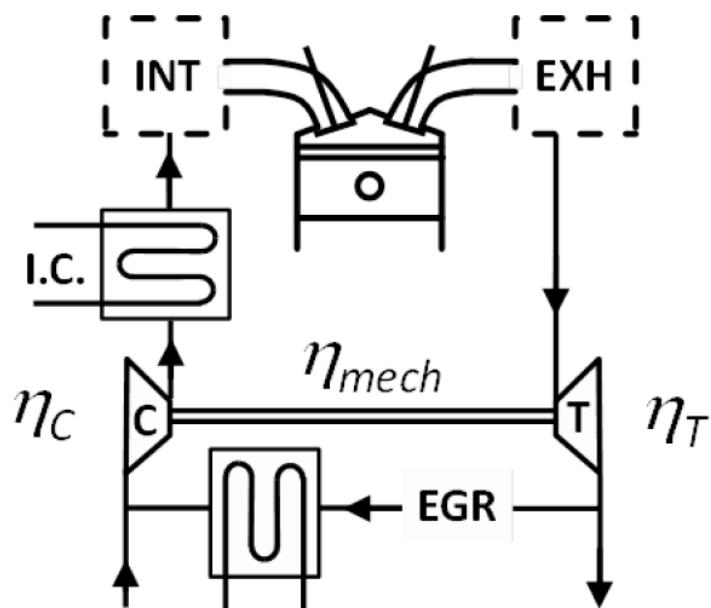


## Other assumptions:

In engine system models, compressors, supercharger, turbines modeled with constant isentropic efficiency instead of using performance map.

- typically, compressors, superchargers, and fixed geometry turbines have isentropic efficiencies of 0.7. VGT has isentropic efficiency of 0.65.

Charge coolers - intercooler, aftercooler, and EGR cooler modeled with zero pressure drop, a fixed effectiveness of 0.9, constant coolant temperature of 350 K.





## Zero-dimensional closed-cycle analysis:

Combustion represented as energy addition to closed system

Fuel injection mass addition from user-specified start of injection crank angle ( $\theta_{SOI}$ ) and injection duration ( $\Delta\theta_{inj}$ ).

Pressure and mass integrated over the closed portion of cycle with specified initial conditions at IVC of pressure ( $p_0$ ), temperature ( $T_0$ ), and composition ( $x_{n,0}$  for all species considered - N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, Ar, CO<sub>2</sub>, and H<sub>2</sub>O) and initial trapped mass ( $m_0$ ), including trapped residual mass

Post-combustion composition determined assuming complete combustion of delivered fuel mass.

Minor species resulting from dissociation during combustion not considered



## First law energy balance: $de = dq - Pdv$

Herold, 2011

$$\left. \frac{dp}{d\theta} \right|_i = \left( \left. \frac{dQ_C}{d\theta} \right|_i - \left. \frac{dQ_{HT}}{d\theta} \right|_i - \left. \frac{\gamma_i}{\gamma_i - 1} p_i \frac{dV}{d\theta} \right|_i \right) \frac{\gamma_i - 1}{V_i}$$

Combustion:  $\left. \frac{dQ_C}{d\theta} \right|_i = \frac{x_{b,i+1} - x_{b,i-1}}{\theta_{i+1} - \theta_{i-1}} (m_f LHV_f)$

Combustion model - Wiebe function

$$x_{b,i} = 1 - \exp \left\{ - \left[ \left( 2.302^{\frac{1}{m_c+1}} - 0.105^{\frac{1}{m_c+1}} \right) \left( \frac{\theta_i - \theta_{SOC}}{\Delta\theta_{10-90}} \right) \right]^{m_c+1} \right\}$$

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Wall heat transfer:  $\left. \frac{dQ_{HT}}{d\theta} \right|_i = h_{c,i} [A_{IP,i}(T_i - T_{m,IP}) + A_{EP,i}(T_i - T_{m,EP}) + A_{l,i}(T_i - T_{m,l})]$

Heat transfer model - Woschni

$$h_{c,i} = 5b^{m_{ht}-1} p_i^{m_{ht}} w_i^{m_{ht}} T_i^{0.75-1.62m_{ht}}$$

$$w_i = 2.28v_p + (3.25 \times 10^{-3}) \frac{V_d T_0}{p_0 V_{tr}} (p_i - p_{mot,i})$$





## Engine brake thermal efficiency BTE

$$\text{BTE} * \text{LHV} = \text{IMEPg} - \text{PMEP} - \text{FMEP}$$

DOE goal BTE=55%

### Friction model

Chen-Flynn model ( SAE 650733).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FMEP} = & C + (\text{PF} * P_{\max}) + (\text{MPSF} * \text{Speed}_{\text{mp}}) \\ & + (\text{MPSSF} * \text{Speed}_{\text{mp}}^2) \end{aligned}$$

where:  $C$  = constant part of FMEP (0.25 bar)

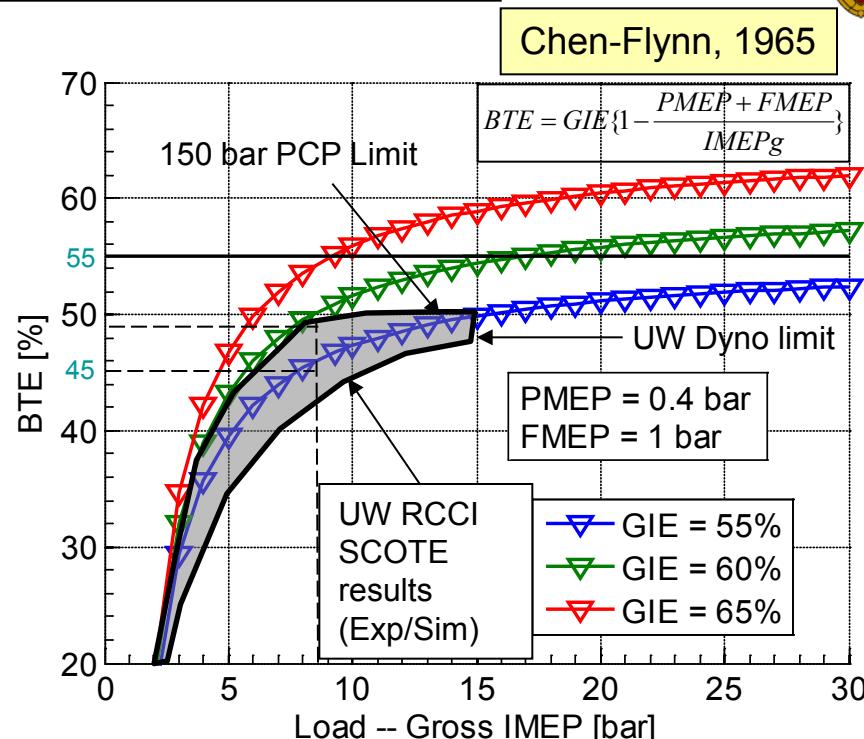
$\text{PF}$  = Peak Cylinder Pressure Factor (0.005)

$P_{\max}$  = Maximum Cylinder Pressure

$\text{MPSF}$  = Mean Piston Speed Factor (0.1)

$\text{MPSSF}$  = Mean Piston Speed Squared Factor (0)

$\text{Speed}_{\text{mp}}$  = Mean Piston Speed





## 1-D modeling for engine performance analysis

**Table 1.** Engine Specifications

Bore/Stroke	90 mm/100 mm
CR	12
Intake valves (2)	32.4 mm Diam/ 10.7 mm Lift
IVO (at 0 lift)	-12°ATC gas exch.
IVC (at 0 lift)	60 to 224°ATC gas exch.
Exhaust valves (2)	26.1 mm Diam/ 10.7 mm Lift
EVO (at 0 lift)	135°ATC firing
EVC (at 0 lift)	371°ATC firing



Mid load

**Table 3.** Operating conditions and parameters

$RPM$	2400 ( $U_P = 8$ m/s)
$\Phi$	0.2 – 1.2
$EGR$	0 – 80%
$P_{EX}$	1-3 (bar)
$T_{IN}$	333 K (60°C)
$T_{ATM}$	298 K (25°C)
$T_{WALL}$ (K)	460 (head), 510 (pist), 390 (cyl)
T/C Eff ( $\eta_{OTC}$ )	40, 50, 60%
Burn 10-90	25° CAD
CA50	10 ° ATC (~max eff.)

**Table 2.** Submodel specifications

Heat Transfer	Standard Wosnhi [27, 30]	Wosnhi, 1967
Heat Release	Standard Wiebe [31]	
Friction	Chen-Flynn [27, 32]	
NOx model	2-zone Zeldovich [27, 31]	

### Turbocharger equation

$$\left[ 1 - \left( \frac{P_{ATM}}{P_{EX}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma_C - 1}{\gamma_C}} \right] = \frac{\dot{m}_C C_{PC} T_{ATM}}{\dot{m}_T C_{PT} T_{EX}} \frac{1}{\eta_{OTC}} \left[ \left( \frac{P_{IN}}{P_{ATM}} \right)^{\frac{\gamma_T - 1}{\gamma_T}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\eta_{OTC} = \eta_T \eta_{MECH} \eta_C$$

### Burn duration

$$x_b = 1 - \exp \left[ -a \left( \frac{\theta - \theta_0}{\Delta \theta} \right)^{w+1} \right]$$

### Heat transfer

$$Nu \equiv \frac{hB}{k} \propto Re^m$$

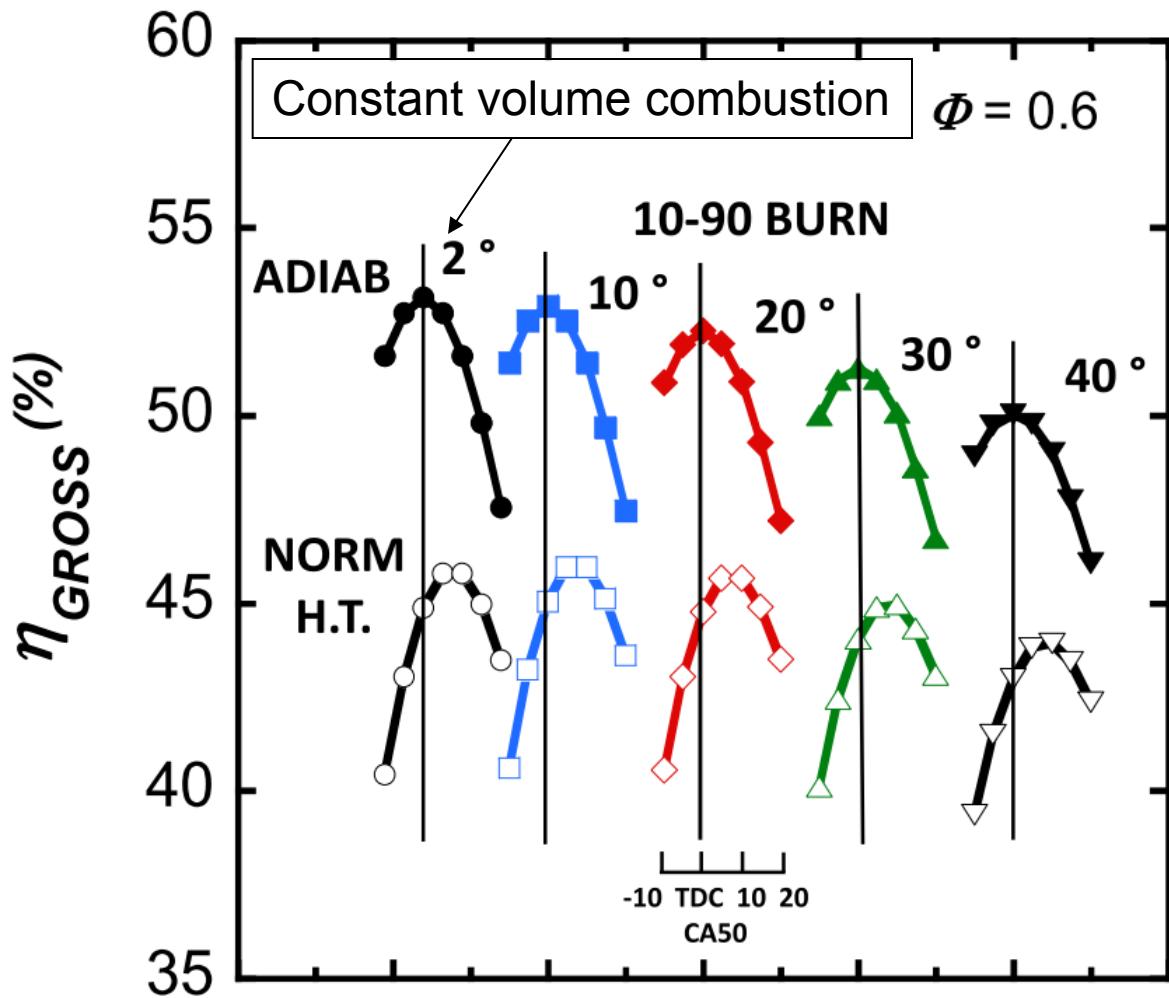
### Friction

m~0.8, Re increases with Bore and ρ (boost)

$$FMEP \text{ (bar)} = 0.4 + 0.005P_{MAX} + 0.09U_P + 0.0009U_P^2$$

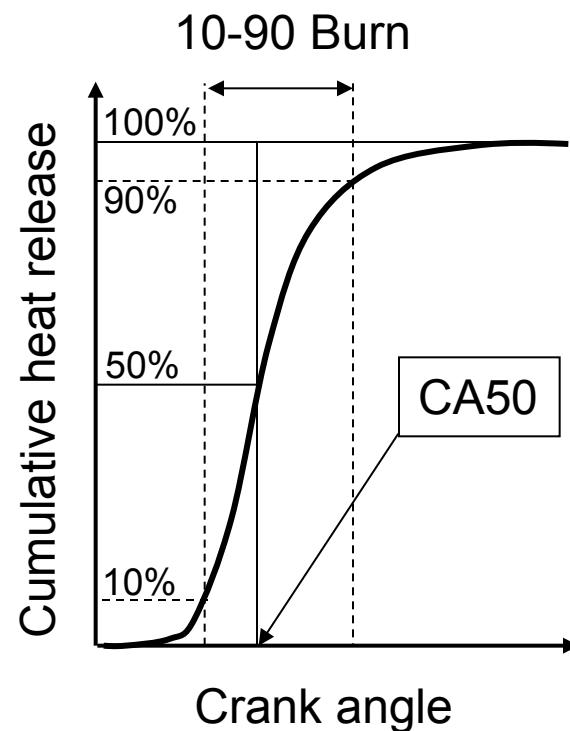


## Effect of combustion phasing on efficiency



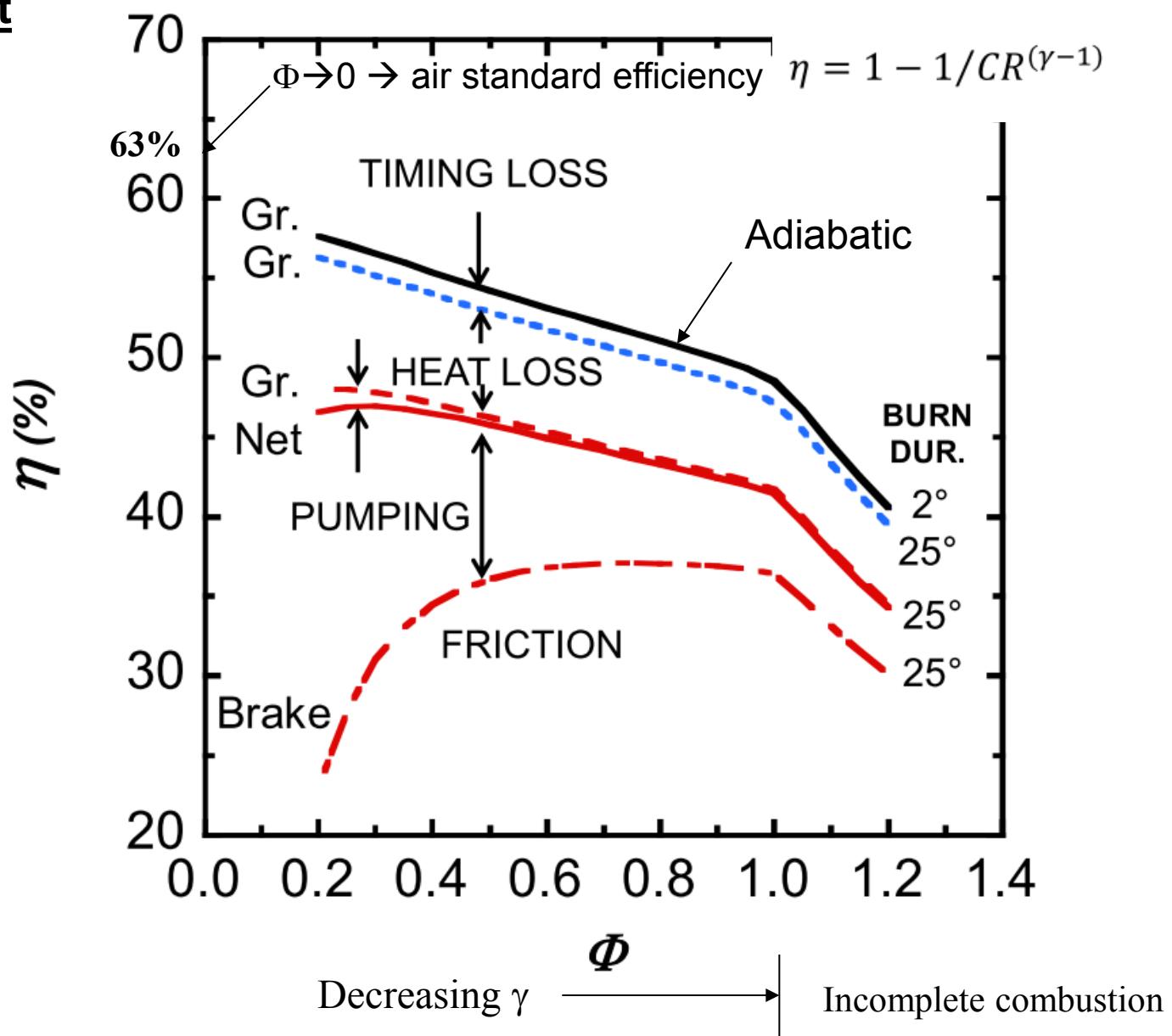
Without HT: Best efficiency CA50~TDC

With HT: best efficiency with CA50~10 deg – tradeoff between heat loss/late expansion





## Energy budget



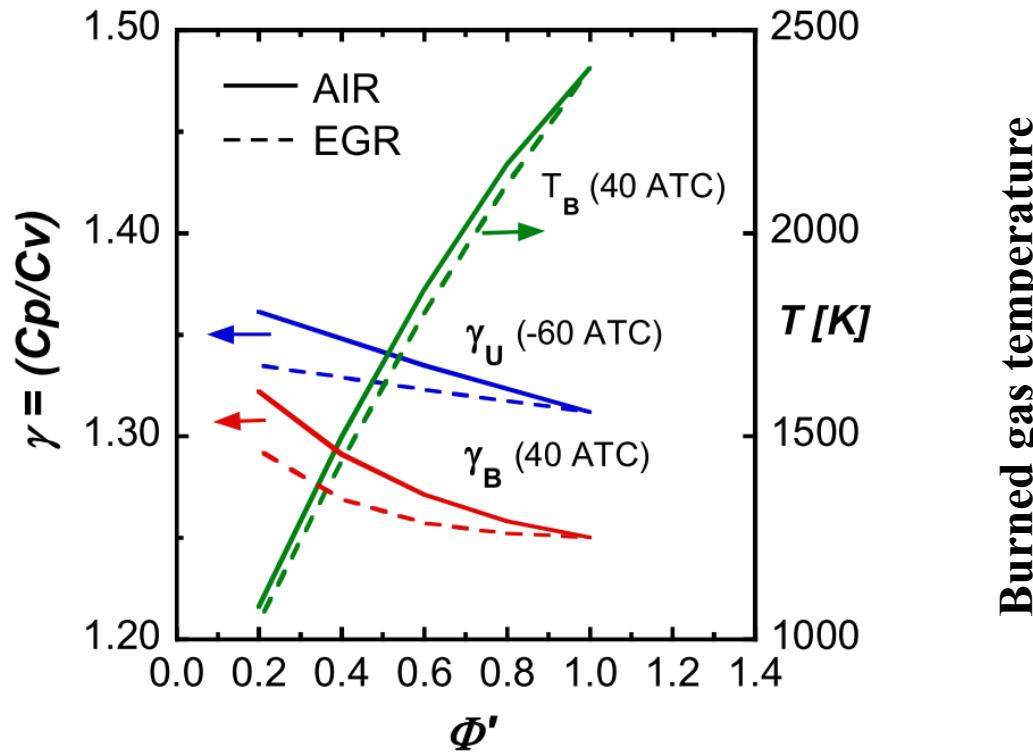


## Effect of dilution

Fuel-to-charge equivalence ratio,  $\phi'$

$$\Phi' \equiv \frac{F/(A+R)}{(F/A)_{ST}} = \frac{\Phi(1-RGF)}{[1+\Phi\cdot RGF\cdot(F/A)_{ST}]} \cong \Phi(1 - RGF)$$

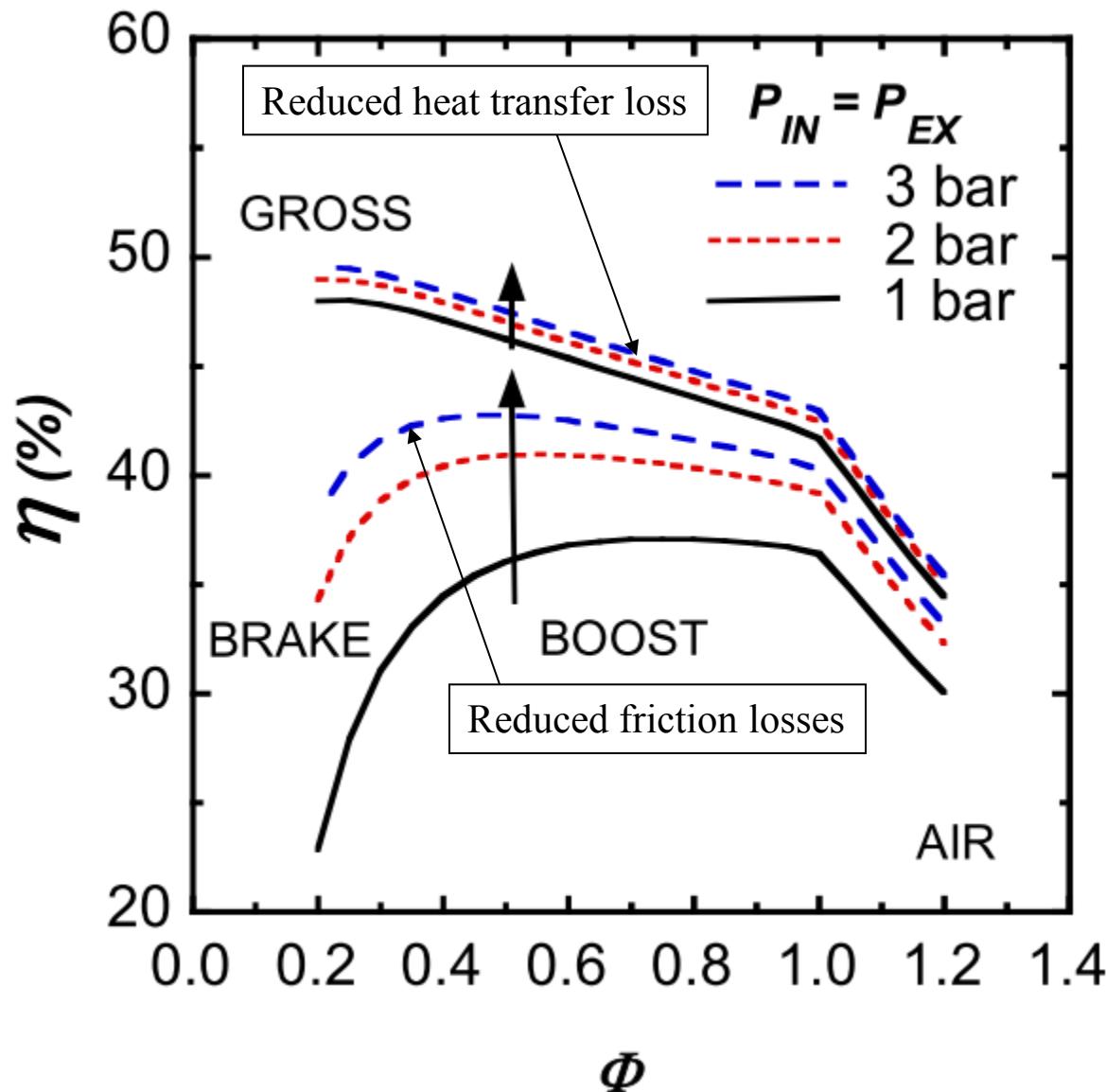
where  $F$ ,  $A$ , and  $R$  denote mass of fuel, air, and residual gas,  $RGF$  is the total residual gas fraction



$\phi$  ranges from 0.2 to 1 with air, EGR ranges from 0 to 80% with  $\phi=1$

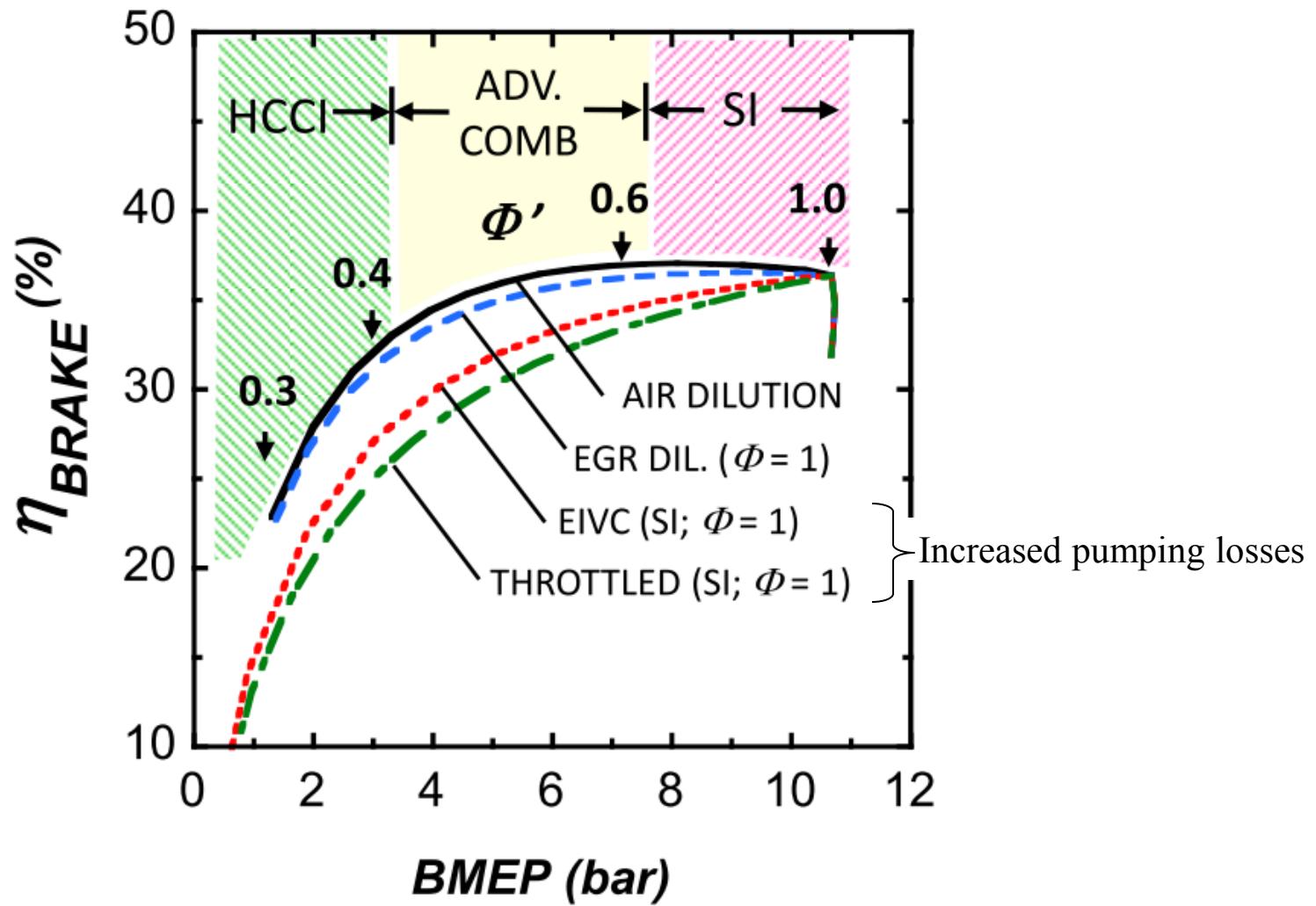


## Effect of boost pressure on efficiency



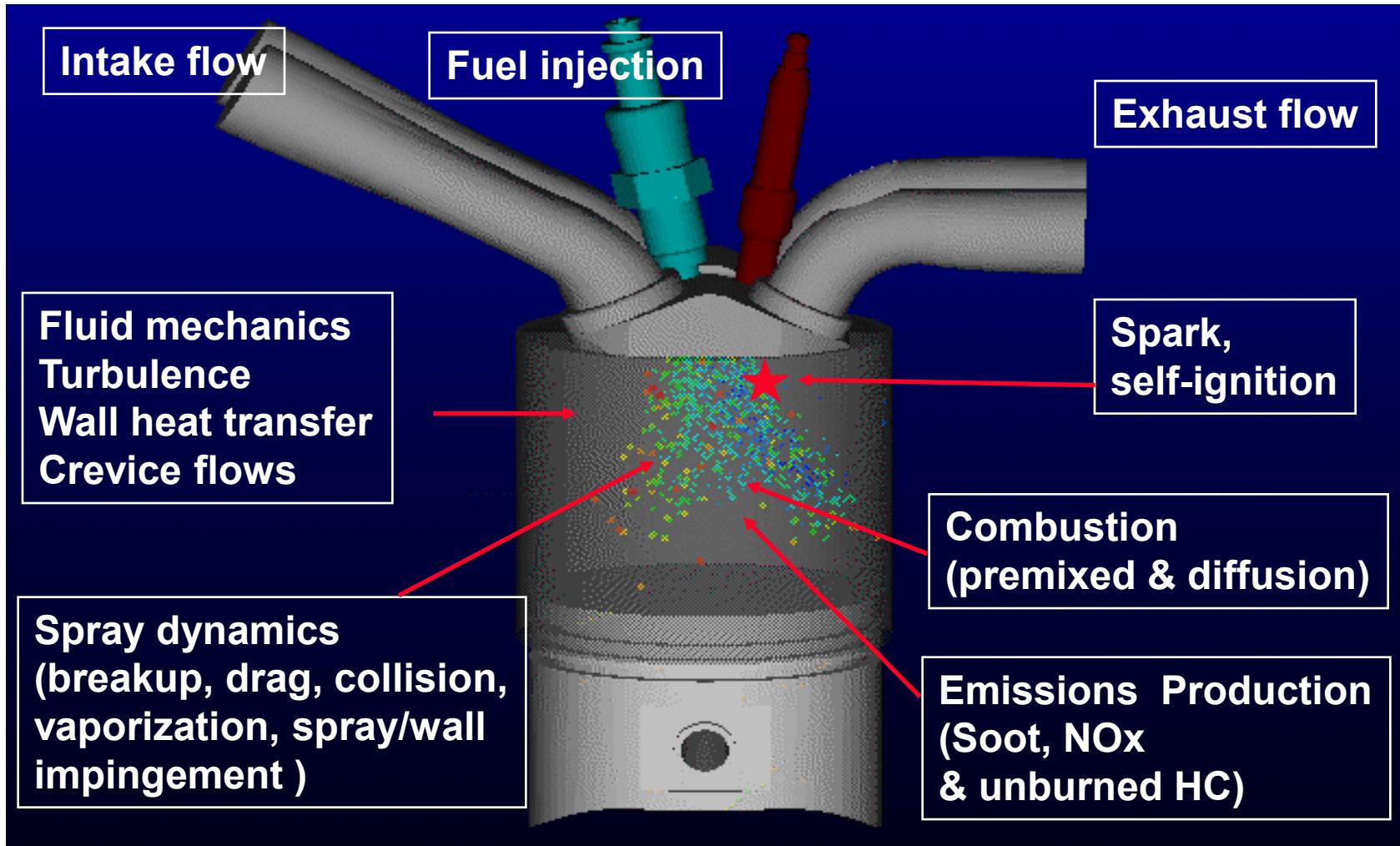


## Potential brake efficiencies of naturally aspirated engines



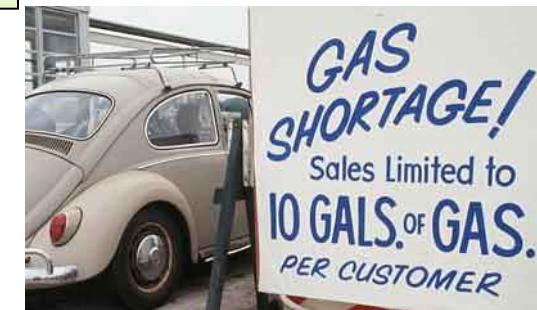
## 3-D Modeling of Engine processes

Unsteady, turbulent, 2-phase reactive flows



### Brief history of engine CFD

Arab oil crisis ~ 1973: US DOE



- Open source codes
  - Los Alamos National Lab, Princeton Univ., UW-ERC
  - 1970's – RICE → REC → APACHE → CONCHAS
  - 1980's – CONCHAS-SPRAY → KIVA family
  - 1985 – KIVA ;1989 – KIVA-II; 1993 – KIVA-3;
  - 1997 – KIVA-3V; 1999 – KIVA-3V Release 2; 2006 - KIVA-4
  - 2004 – OpenFOAM (2011 SGI)
- Commercial codes
  - 1980's Imperial College & others
  - Computational Dynamics, Ltd. → commercialize: STAR-CD
  - 1990's—other commercial codes: AVL FIRE, Ricardo VECTIS
  - 2005– FLUENT (with moving piston and in-cylinder models)
  - 2010 – CONVERGE (CSI), FORTE (ANSYS)
  - 2018 – FRESCO (WERC).....

Annual IMEM-User group meeting: UW-ERC/MTU

SAE Multidimensional Modeling Sessions, ASME.....



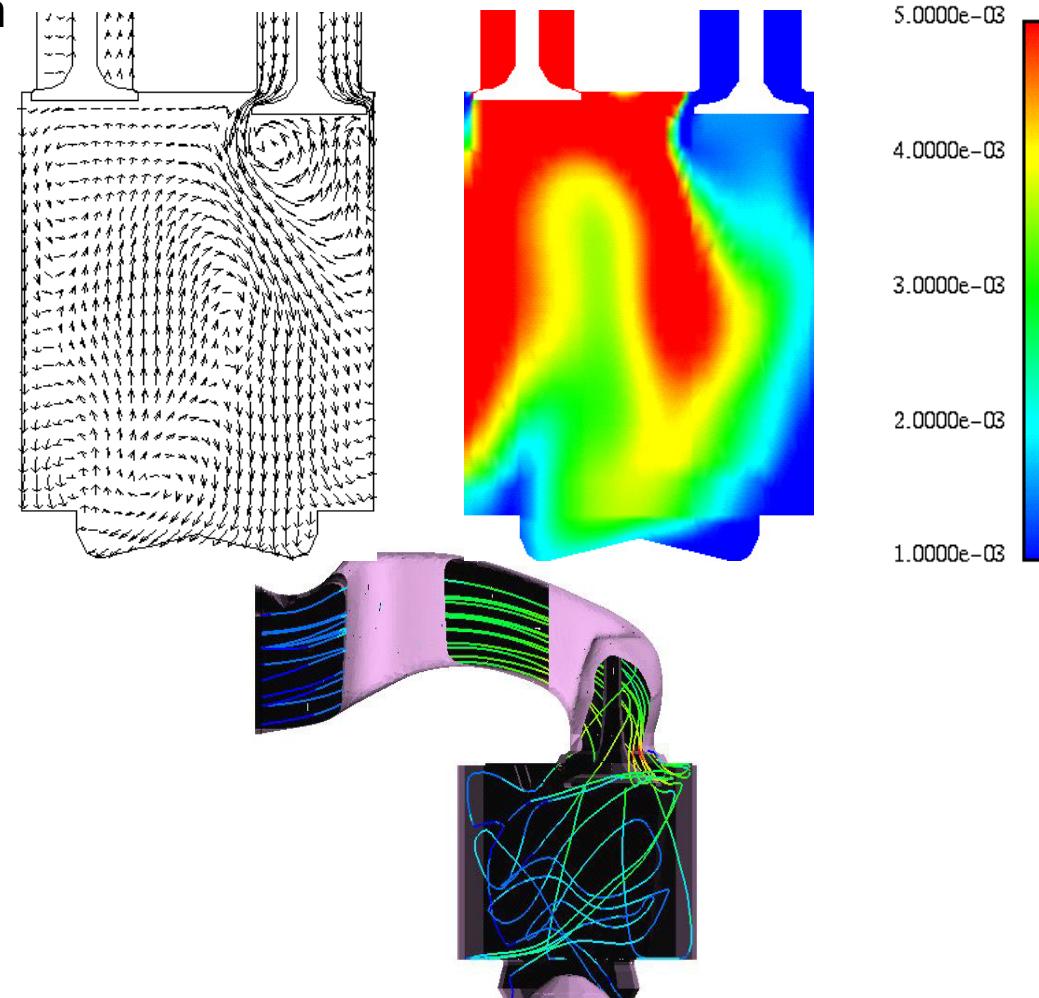
### CFD Prediction of volumetric efficiency

Accurate descriptions of valve flow losses require consideration of multi-dimensional flow separation phenomena and their effect initial conditions at intake valve closure (IVC)

Highest mixing of incoming fresh charge and combustion products occurs when intake flow velocities are largest due to high flow turbulence (half-way through Intake stroke)

Intake-flow-generated swirl and tumble flows greatly affect flow mixing

CFD flow velocity and residual gas distribution during gas exchange in plane of valves  
(intake valves about to close  
144 degrees ATDC - 1600 rev/min)





## 3-D CFD model equations

Solve conservation equations on (moving) numerical mesh

Mass

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u}) = \dot{\rho}^s$$

spray source terms

Species

$$\frac{\partial \rho_m}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_m \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot \left[ \rho D \nabla \left( \frac{\rho_m}{\rho} \right) \right] + \dot{\rho}_m^c + \dot{\rho}_m^s$$

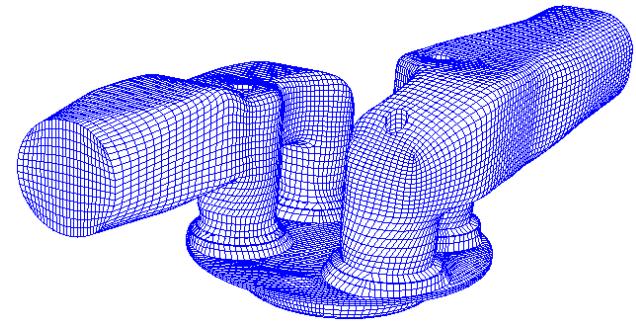
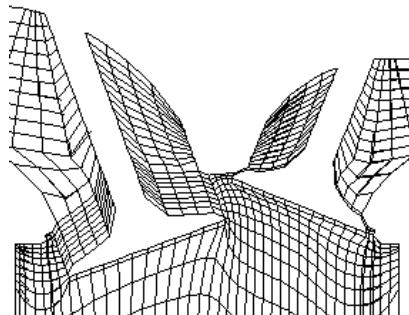
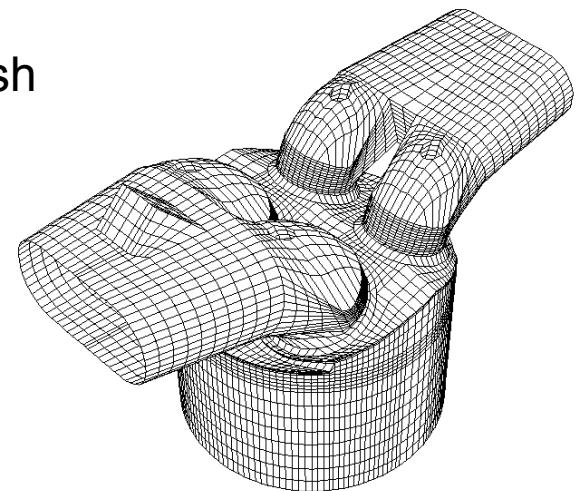
Momentum

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \mathbf{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} \mathbf{u}) = \rho \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{F}^s - \nabla p + \nabla \cdot \bar{\sigma}$$

combustion source terms

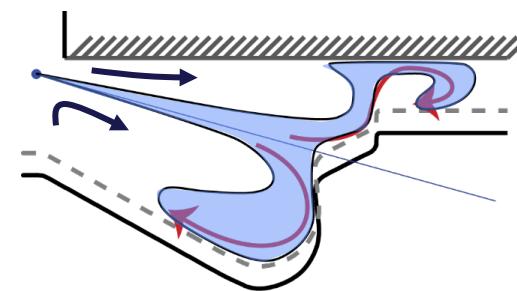
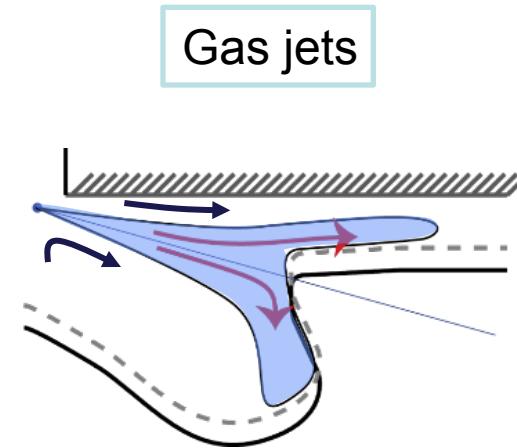
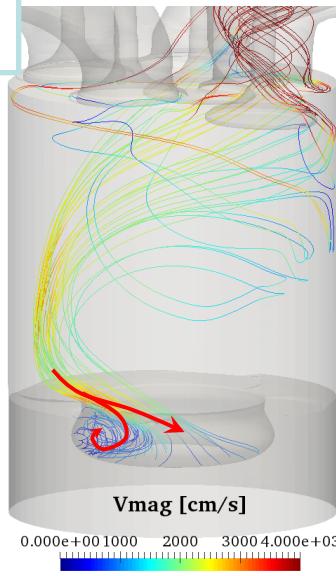
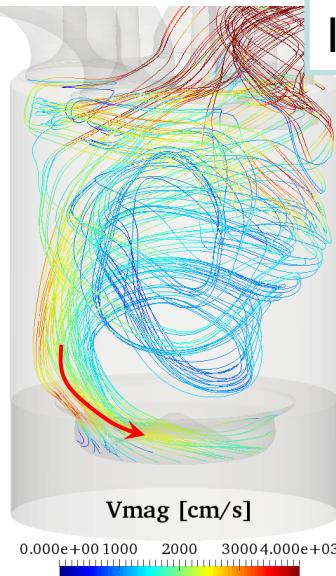
Energy

$$\frac{\partial(\rho I)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} I) = -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \dot{Q}^c + \dot{Q}^s - p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \bar{\sigma} : \nabla \mathbf{u}$$

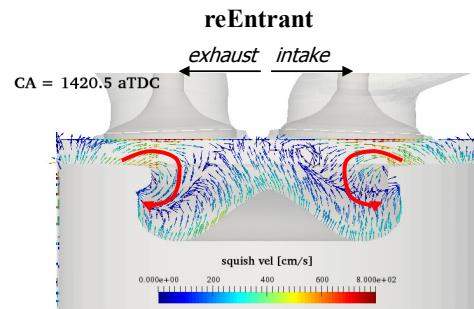
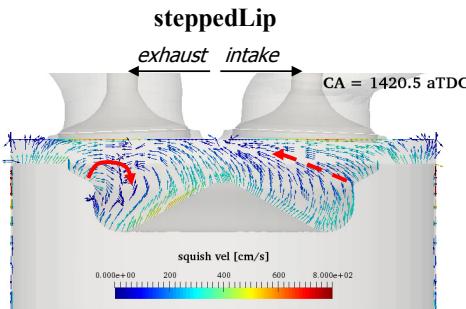




## Turbulence Modeling - generation mechanisms



### Squish-swirl interaction



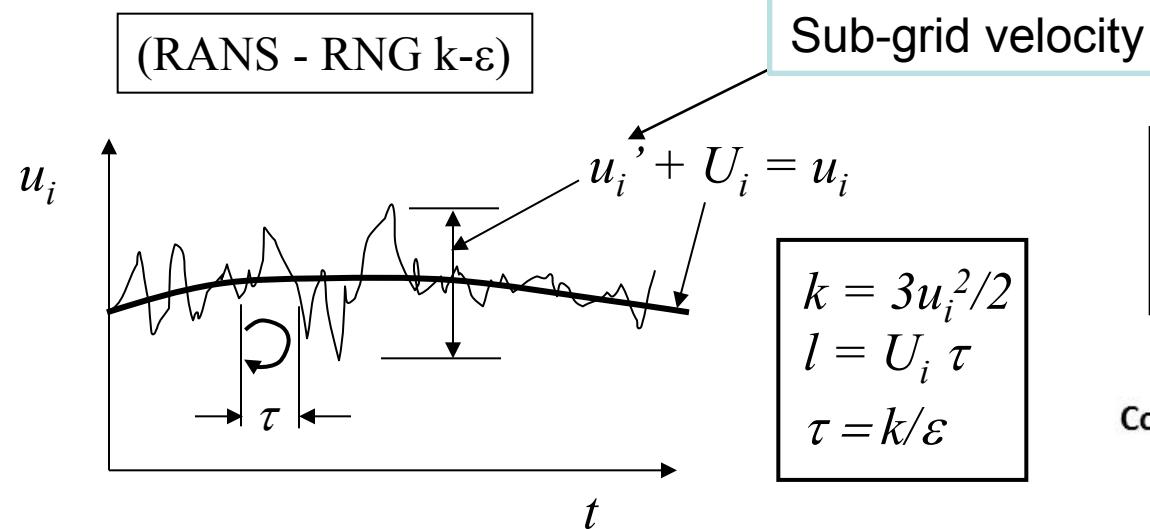
### Entrainment

### Jet-wall interaction

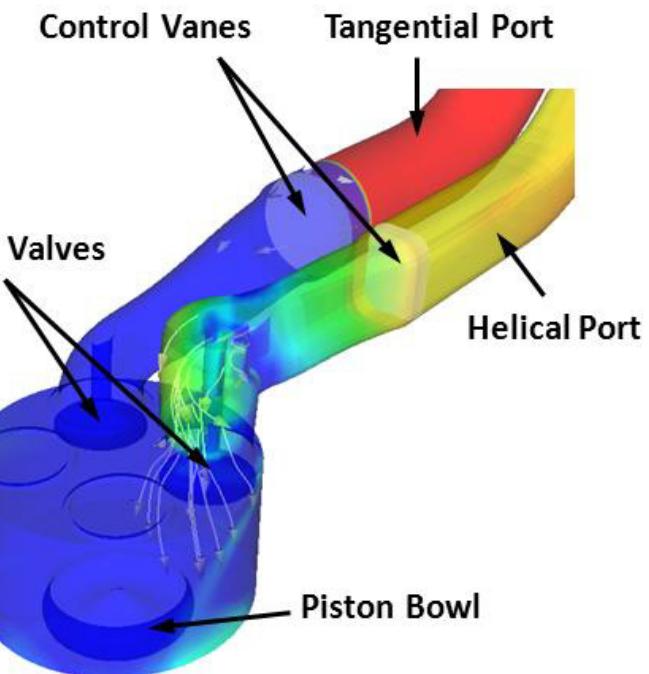


## Turbulence modeling

Rutland, 2011,  
Wang, 2013,  
Perini, 2017



RANS – Reynolds  
Averaged Navier Stokes  
LES – Large Eddy Simulation



LES      Filtered flow

- Smagorinsky
- Dynamic Smagorinsky

$$\nu_T = (C_S \Delta)^2 |\tilde{S}|$$

- Dynamic Structure
- One-Equation Eddy Viscosity



## k-epsilon Turbulence Model

The most widely adopted class of 2-equation isotropic models

Transport equations for turbulence kinetic energy and dissipation rate

$$\frac{\partial(\rho k)}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\rho k) = P - \rho \varepsilon + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_k \mu_t \nabla k) + P_{spray}$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho \varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\rho \varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{k} (C_1 P - C_2 \varepsilon) - \rho R + C_3 \rho \varepsilon \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_\varepsilon \mu_t \nabla \varepsilon) + c_s P_{spray}$$

Boussinesq assumption: linear stress-strain closure

**Mean flow  
strain rate**

$$\tilde{S}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

**Reynolds  
stress**

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = 2 \mu_t \mathbf{S} - \frac{2}{3} \rho k \delta_{ij}$$

**tke production**

$$P = -\boldsymbol{\tau} : \nabla \mathbf{u}$$



## ReNormalization Group closure

Result of a coarse-graining procedure: energy-invariant iterative wavelength-filtering from the Kolmogorov up to integral scale

$$\frac{\partial(\rho\varepsilon)}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla(\rho\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{k} (C_1 P - C_2 \varepsilon) - \boxed{\rho R} + \boxed{C_3 \rho \varepsilon \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}} + \nabla \cdot (\alpha_\varepsilon \mu_t \nabla \varepsilon) + c_s P_{spray}$$

$$R = \frac{C_\mu \eta^3 (1 - \eta/\eta_0) \varepsilon^2}{1 + \beta \eta^3} \frac{k}{\varepsilon}, \quad \eta = \sqrt{2} \|\mathbf{S}\|_F \frac{k}{\varepsilon},$$

- scale-invariant *renormalized* dissipation source R
- Based on turbulent-to-mean-strain time scales

$$C_3 = \frac{-4 + 2C_1}{3} + \frac{\partial \nu_0}{\partial t} \frac{1}{\nu_0 (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})} - \frac{\sqrt{6} C_\mu}{3 \beta \eta_0} \text{sgn}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u})$$

$$(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) k / \varepsilon \gg 1$$

$$C_\eta \eta \rightarrow -1 / (\beta \eta_0)$$

**Compressibility** (Han and Reitz)  
Rapid distortion limit assumption:

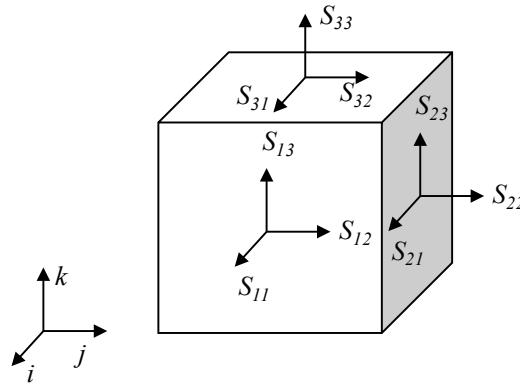
$$C_3 = \begin{cases} 1.726, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} < 0; \\ -0.90, & \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} > 0. \end{cases}$$

→ C3 is a constant:



## Generalized RNG k-epsilon

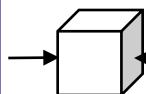
Incorporate effects of anisotropy from the strain rate tensor via *augmented* isotropic dissipation coefficients



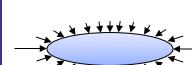
$$\begin{cases} a = 3(S_{11}^2 + S_{22}^2 + S_{33}^2) / (|S_{11}| + |S_{22}| + |S_{33}|)^2 - 1 \\ n = 3 - \sqrt{2a} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} C_{2,G} = b_0 + b_1 n + b_2 n^2, \\ C_{3,G} = -\frac{n+1}{n} + \frac{2}{3} C_1 + \sqrt{\frac{2+2a}{3}} C_\mu C_\eta \eta \operatorname{sgn}(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) \end{cases}$$

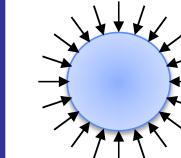
- ✓ Like a von-Mises-type measure of **effective strain**
- ✓ **a** = Weight of the normal components (compression/expansion)
- ✓ **n** = Effective flow ‘dimensionality’



**Unidirectional**  
 $a = 2$   
 $n = 1$



**Plane 2D (radial)**  
 $a = .5$ ,  $n = 2$

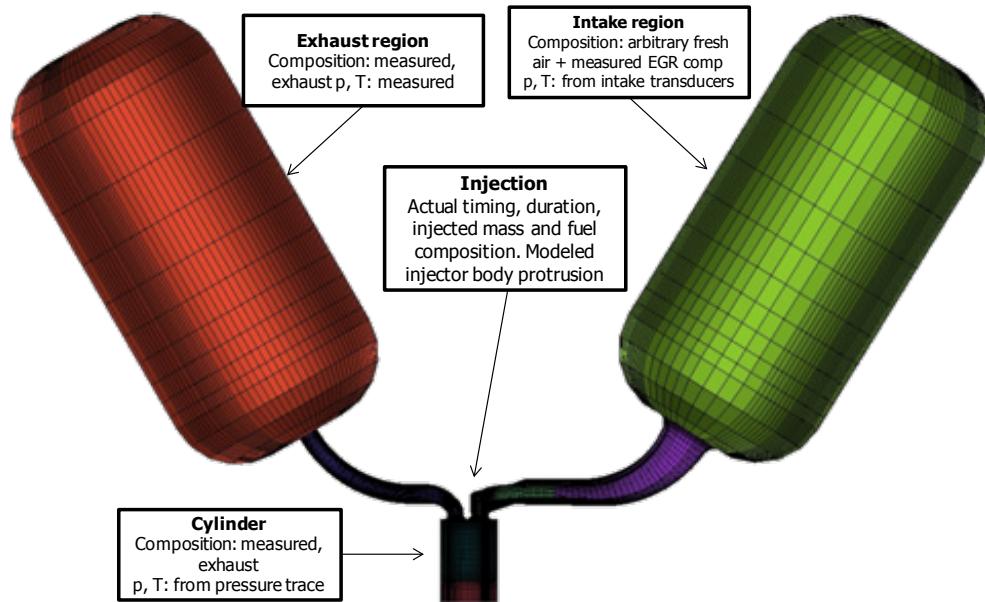
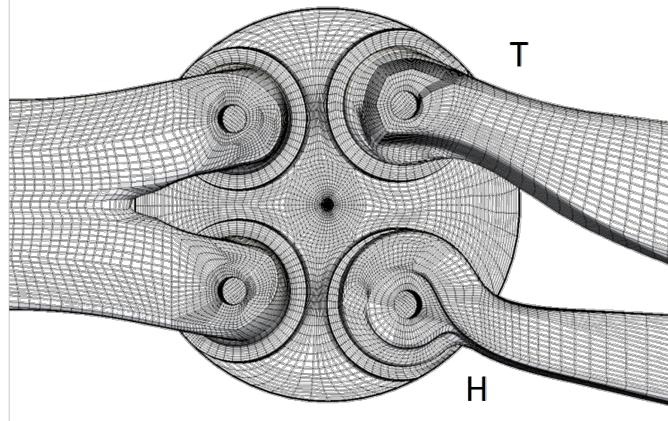


**Isotropic 3D (spherical)**  
 $a = 0$ ,  $n = 3$



## In-cylinder flow modeling

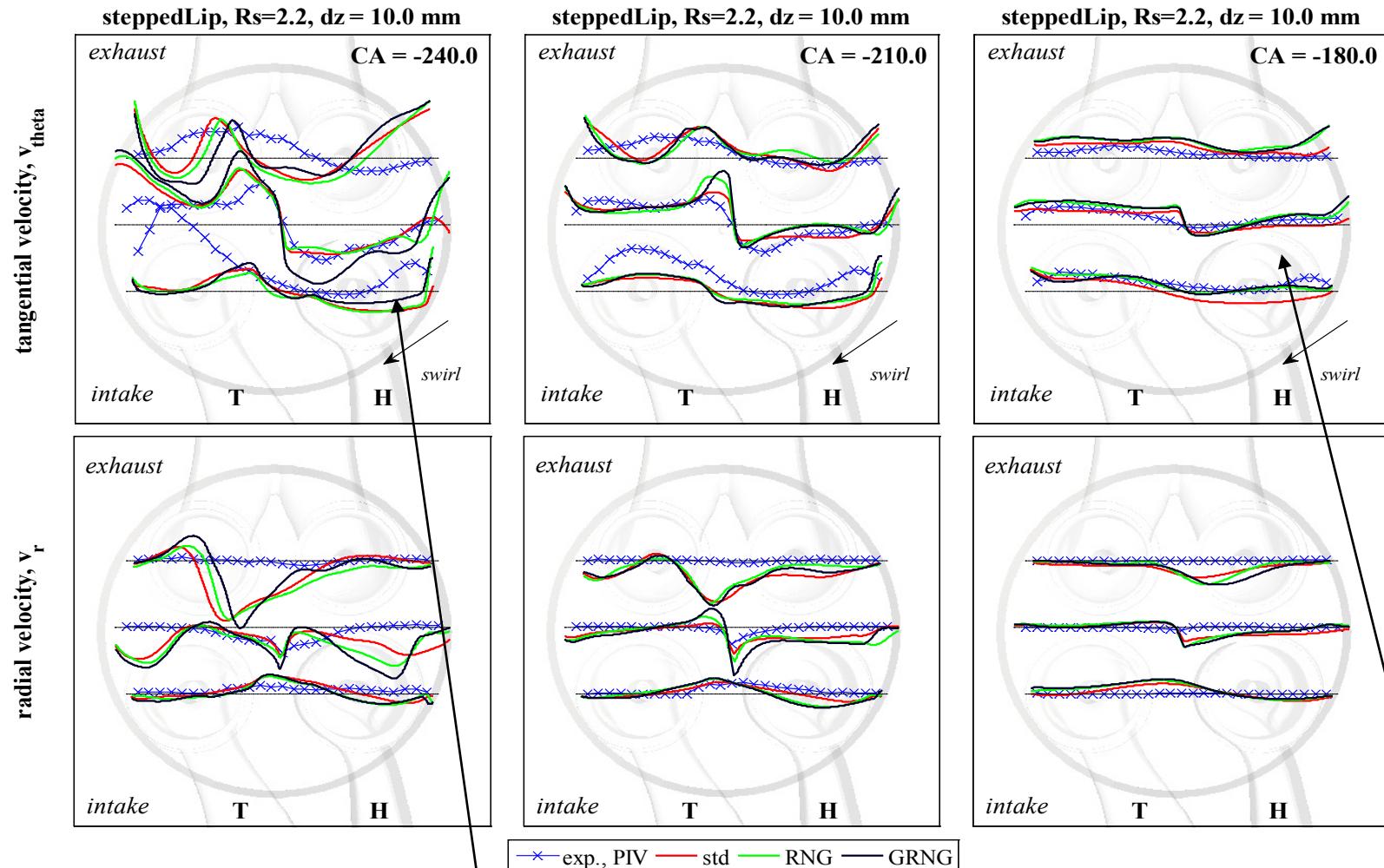
Engine configuration	
Compression ratio	16.1 : 1
Squish height at TDC [mm]	1.36
Piston bowl geometry	Stepped-lip
Operating conditions	
Engine speed [rev/min]	1500
Intake pressure [bar]	1.5
Intake temperature [K]	372
Swirl Ratio (Ricardo) [-]	2.2
Intake charge [mol fr.]	10% O <sub>2</sub> , 81% N <sub>2</sub> , 9% CO <sub>2</sub>
FRESCO solver setup	
mesh accuracy	Body-fitted, unstructured hexa
time accuracy:	hybrid 1st-order implicit (diffusion, momentum) / explicit (advection)
spatial accuracy:	2nd-order (diffusion) upwind (advection)



- Flow configuration from moderately-boosted, low-load operating condition ("LTC3")
- Experimental PIV measurement campaign provides ensemble-averaged flow structure at in-cylinder horizontal plane locations during the intake and compression strokes
- dz = 3.0, 10.0, 18.0 mm from fire-deck



## Intake flow



Peak tangential velocities overestimated  
early after IVO  
→ best predictions from std. k-epsilon

RNG models better during  
late intake (swirl +  
compression motion)



### Summary

Engine system models can be used to provide estimates of engine efficiencies, if combustion details (e.g., timing and duration) and heat transfer losses are assumed

Multi-dimensional (3-D) models are available to predict flow and combustion details (combustion to be discussed in next lectures)

3-D models require accurate turbulence modeling for compressible engine flows – DNS data useful for model formulation.





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