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# Please Bring Your “Out of the Box” Ideas to the High Pressure Combustion Workshop

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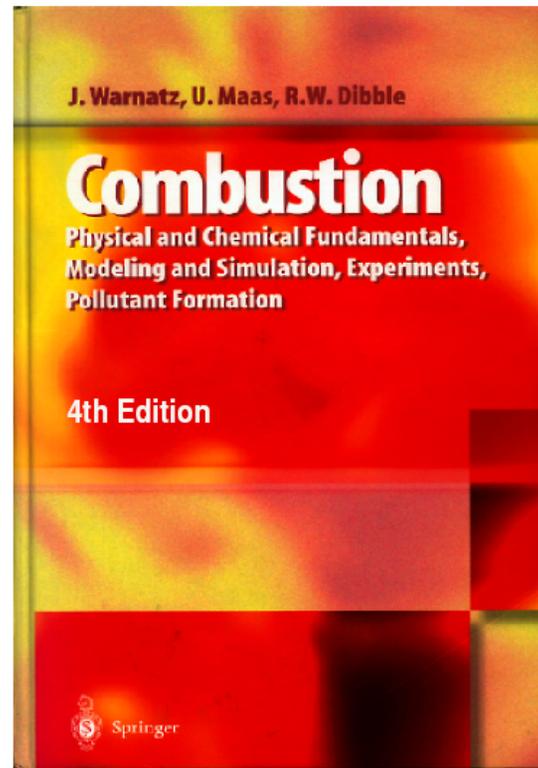
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## The W number

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All chemical reactions should get a permanent number that is Decimal. As new reactions are discovered, they can be assigned Numbers close to other reactions.

Thus  $\text{CO} + \text{OH} \Rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$  could be W 2.3

hypothetical new reaction

$\text{CO} + \text{OOH} \Rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{OH}$  could be W 2.3101 for example

W for Westbrook, Warnatz, Wolfrum, Woolbridge, Wolker  
And Joe Micheals and Jim Miller (because “M” is “W” upside down)

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1....Rudy Marcus visits Berkeley

(Marcus is the “M” in RRKM )

He Lectures on

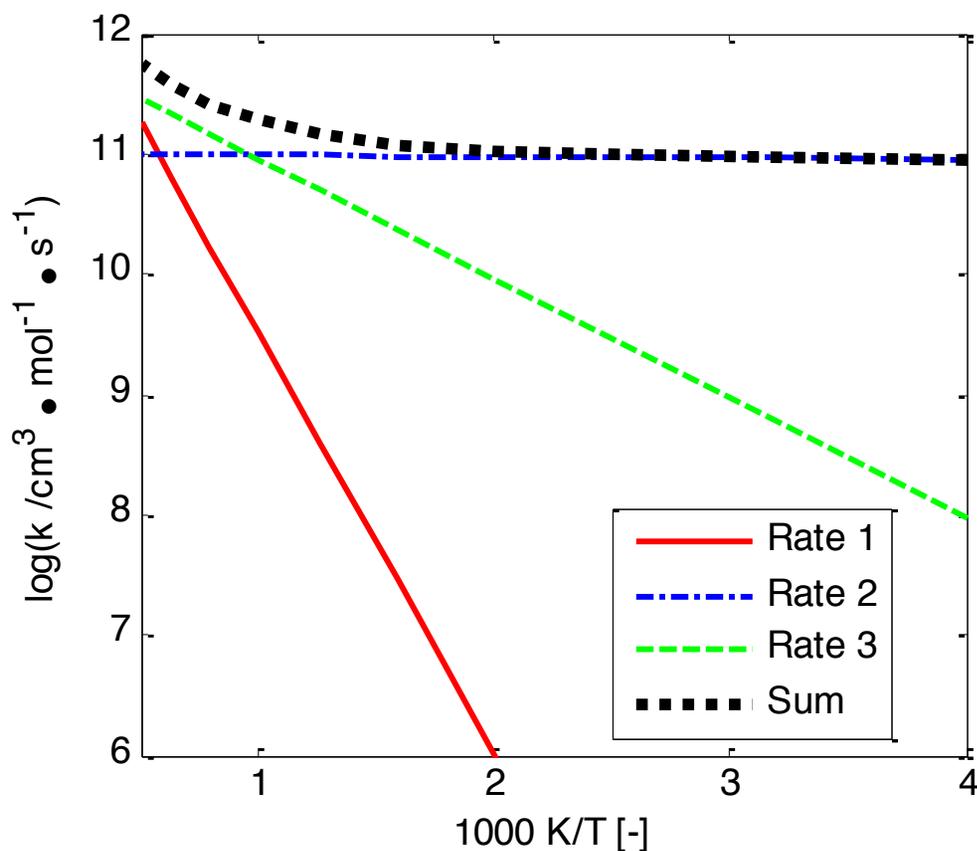
1...H<sub>2</sub>O(18) in ocean is different than H<sub>2</sub>O(18) in air

And

2.....  $\text{CO} + \text{OH} = \text{CO}_2 + \text{O}$  “strange reaction”

He was so excited about 1, that he never got to 2

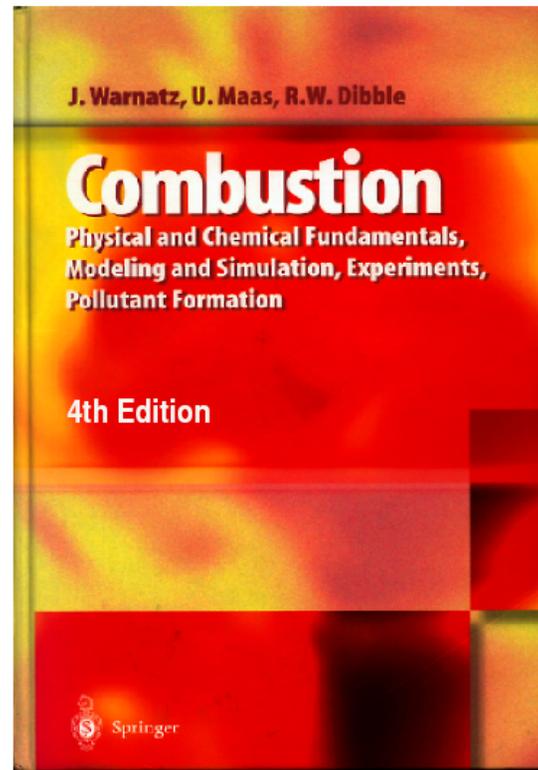
# Rate 2 governs at low temps; Rates 1 and 3 govern at high temperatures



					$A_0$ (cc/mol-s)	$b$	$E_a$ (kJ/mol)	
Rate 1	CO	+OH	=CO <sub>2</sub>	+H	} $1.00 \cdot 10^{13}$	0.0	66.9	
Rate 2	CO	+OH	=CO <sub>2</sub>	+H		$1.01 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.0	0.25
Rate 3	CO	+OH	=CO <sub>2</sub>	+H		$9.03 \cdot 10^{11}$	0.0	19.1

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## REVIEW

1...Need to be hot, to have OH radicals,

OH needs to Burn out fuel *before*

OH can burn out CO  $\text{CO} + \text{OH} = \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$

2...do not be too hot !

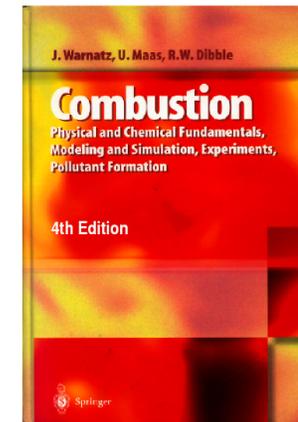
You will make NO

3...Do not be too cold !

need to be hot enough to have OH

to react with CO

4...buy the book !



# Out of the Box

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1....Downsizing is leading to turbocharging,  
Thus higher pressures, thus more demand on  
Spark electronics and electrodes. Advanced  
Spark systems are being explored

**“1kg reduction of engine mass,  
2kg reduction in vehicle mass “**

# Out of the Box (about 1970)

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[Rolls-Royce Diesel | Rolls-Royce.Edmunds.com](#)

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*A Diesel Wankel from Rolls-Royce* By DAVID SCOTT / PS European Editot Ljp to now, all *Wanke*.

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The rotor can take much more pressure,  
say 400 bar “Wankel boosting Wankel”

Benjamin Wolk – UC Berkeley

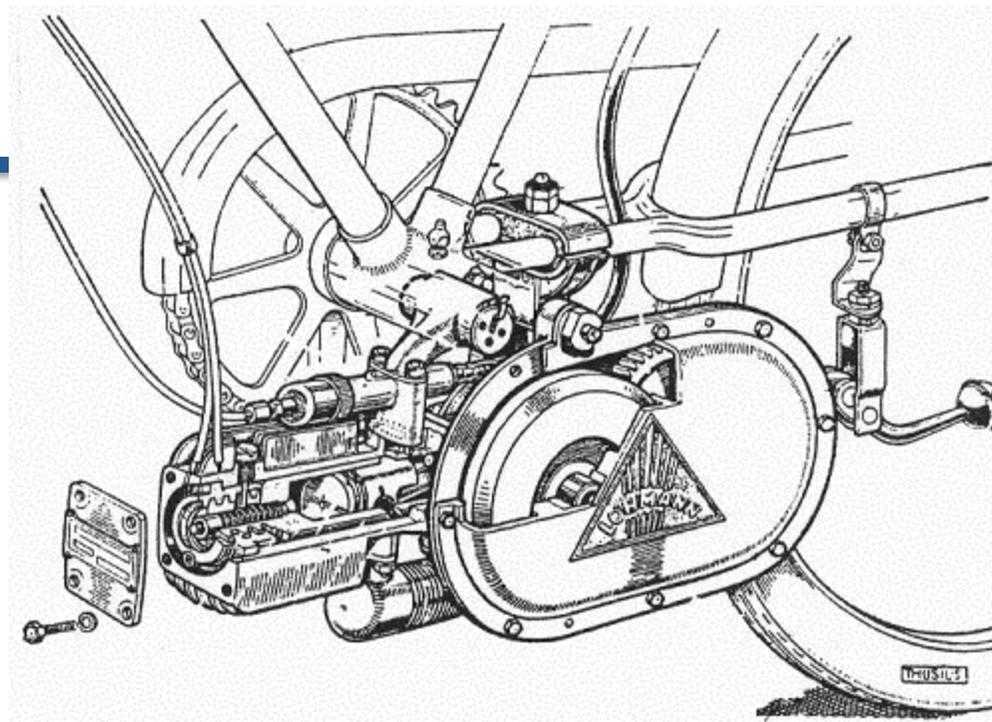
# HCCI is not new !

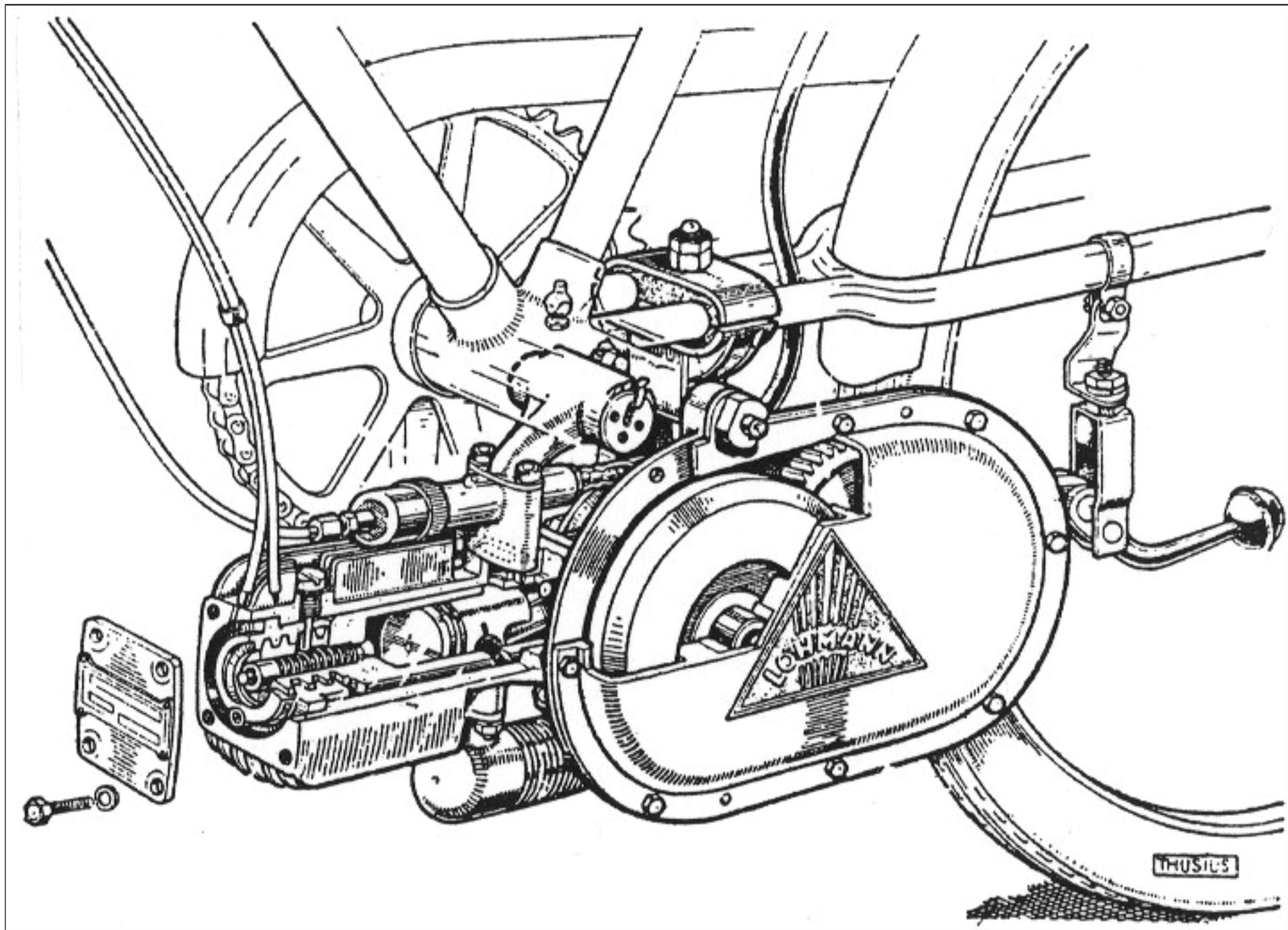
Lohmann HCCI engine, ca 1952 (> 1949)

notice: no spark plug carbureted, 70\$

ALL: find one (or earlier, bulb engines ca 1900.

Also, there are web sites; old farm machines





# Out of the Box

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## The Argon Engine at Argonne Labs

Argon, mono atomic, with  $\gamma=1.67$

No vibrational or rotational degrees of freedom

Converting Chemical energy to vibrational energy

Is wasteful, thus,

nitrogen in engines is not optimal

# The Argon Engine Project

H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>-Ar Internal Combustion Engine:  
the Mechanical Equivalent of a Fuel Cell

“We believe we can build the cleanest and most efficient engine in history (~50% and zero emissions) by optimizing the working medium (argon instead of nitrogen)”

Professors Dibble and Chen  
Collaboration with Dr. Aceves at LLNL  
UC Berkeley

April 1, 2008

*Low temperature combustion requires high  
dilution levels - A challenge at high load*

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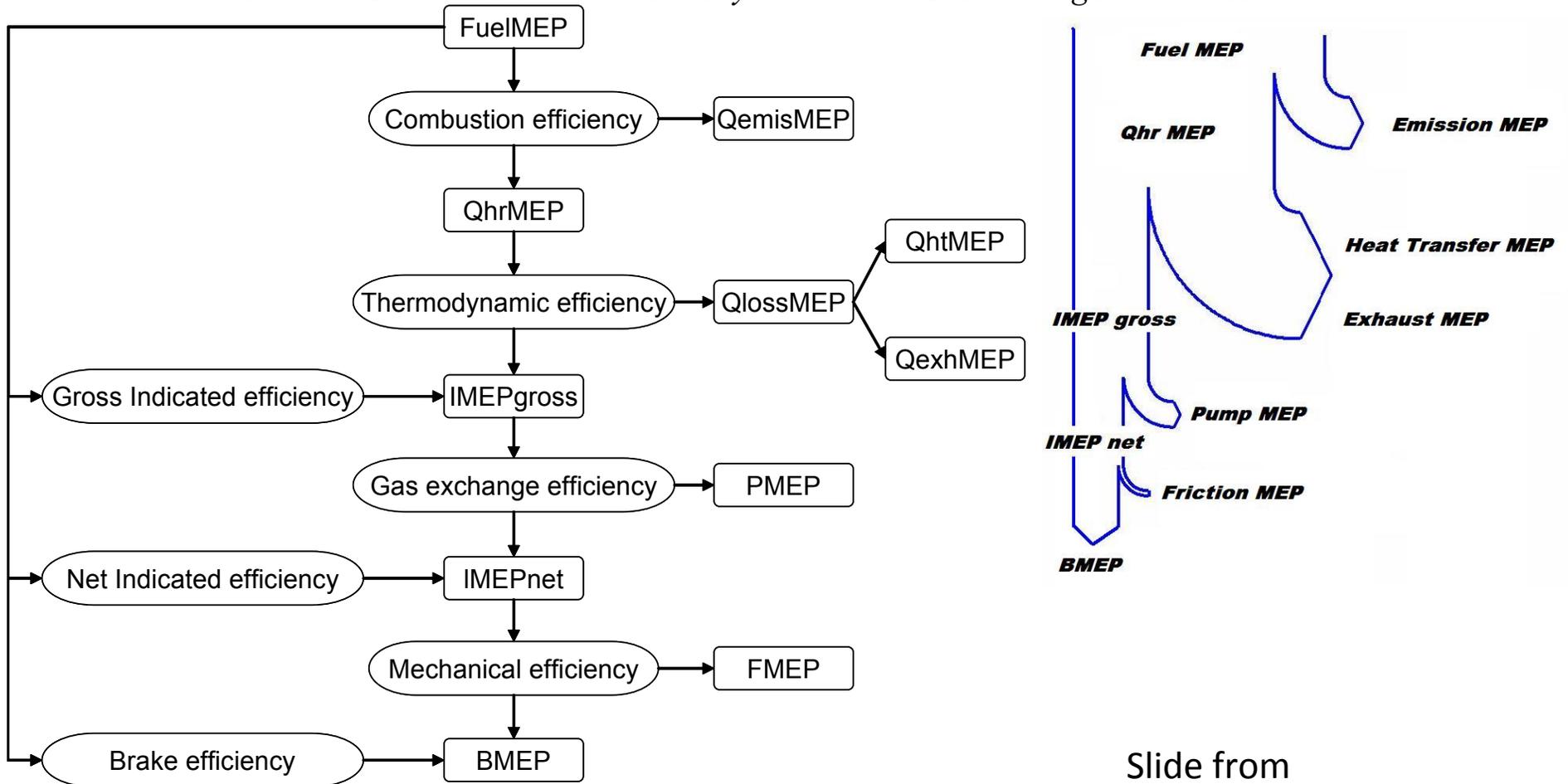
**LUND UNIVERSITY**

**Prof. Bengt Johansson**

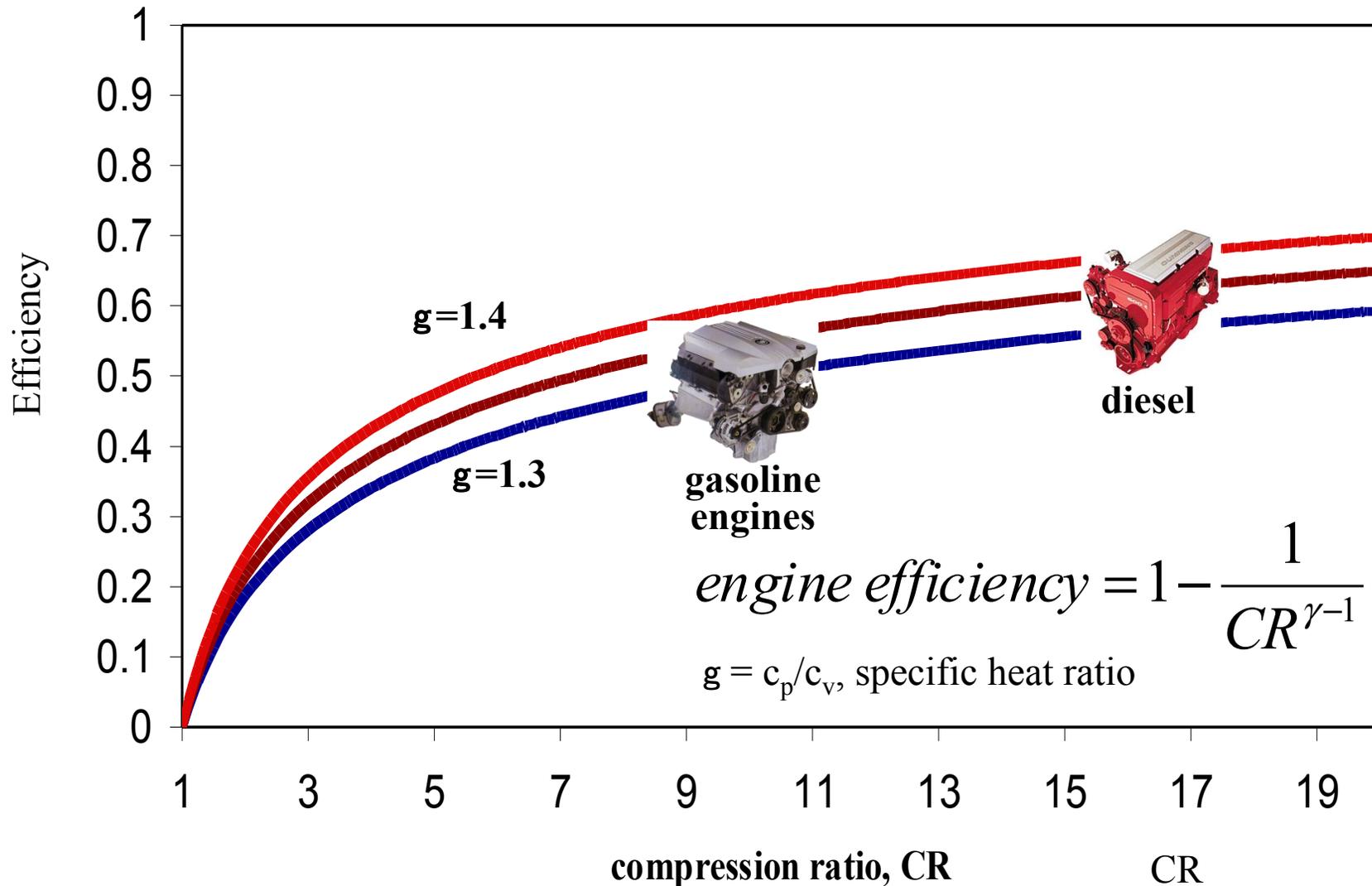
Div. of Combustion Engines, Dept. of Energy Sciences

# Energy flow in an IC engine

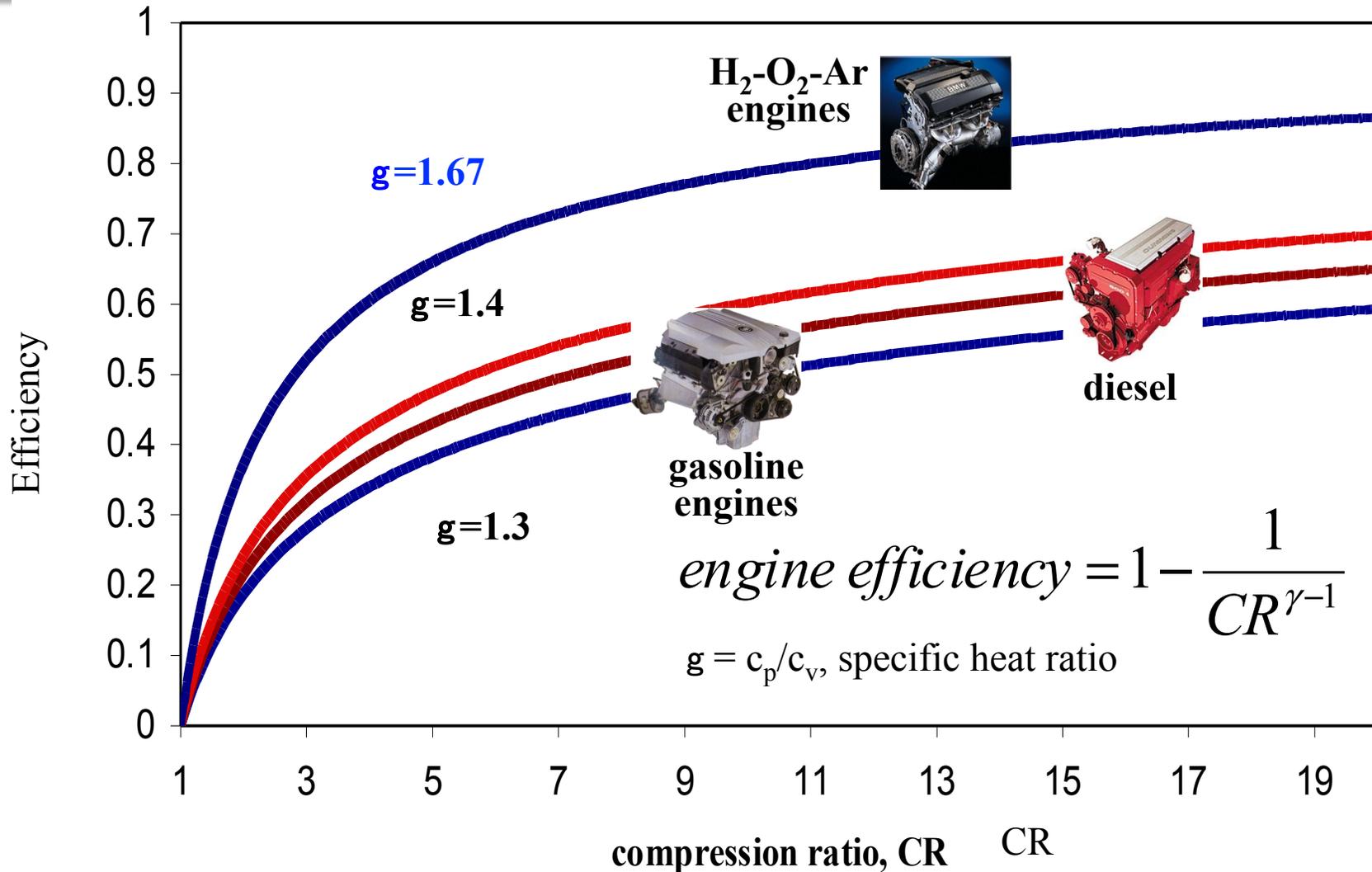
$$\eta_{Brake} = \eta_{Combustion} * \eta_{Thermodynamic} * \eta_{GasExchange} * \eta_{Mechanical}$$



mixtures (specific heat ratio  $c_p/c_v = \gamma < 1.4$  for air, 1.67 for Argon)



# by optimizing the working medium (argon instead of nitrogen)



# H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>-Ar Internal Combustion Engine System:

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The Mechanical Equivalent of a Fuel Cell

Salvador M. Aceves (LLNL) Robert Dibble (UC Berkeley)

Next Steps

Stopped by Knock, Thus

Convert to Diesel Mode

Inhale Argon plus 10% hydrogen

Inject liquid : H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub>O or ?

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# Limits of MicroWave Assisted Combustion (mWASP) in Constant Volume Combustion Chamber

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# Research Into Spark Plugs is Electrifying Topic !



- **SwRI's DCO™ Ignition System tapped for R&D 100 Award**
- *For immediate release*
- [Download](#) this image
- San Antonio — June 22, 2011 — A novel ignition system for gasoline engines that creates a continuous spark of variable energy and duration has received a 2011 R&D 100 Award. R&D Magazine selected Southwest Research Institute's Dual Coil Offset (DCO™) Ignition System as one of the 100 most significant technological achievements of the past year.
- The DCO Ignition System is a continuous ignition system that uses two automotive-style ignition coils connected by a diode to create a continuous spark of variable duration in high-dilution engines. It has been shown to be more successful than other spark ignition systems in initiating combustion and allowing the engine to operate at high dilution rates. A high-dilution engine uses excess air or high levels of exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) to cool combustion temperatures, leading to cleaner emissions and less fuel consumption. It also lessens the potential for engine knock, which can lead to severe engine damage.

# Electrically Controlled Combustion Optimization System (ECCOS)

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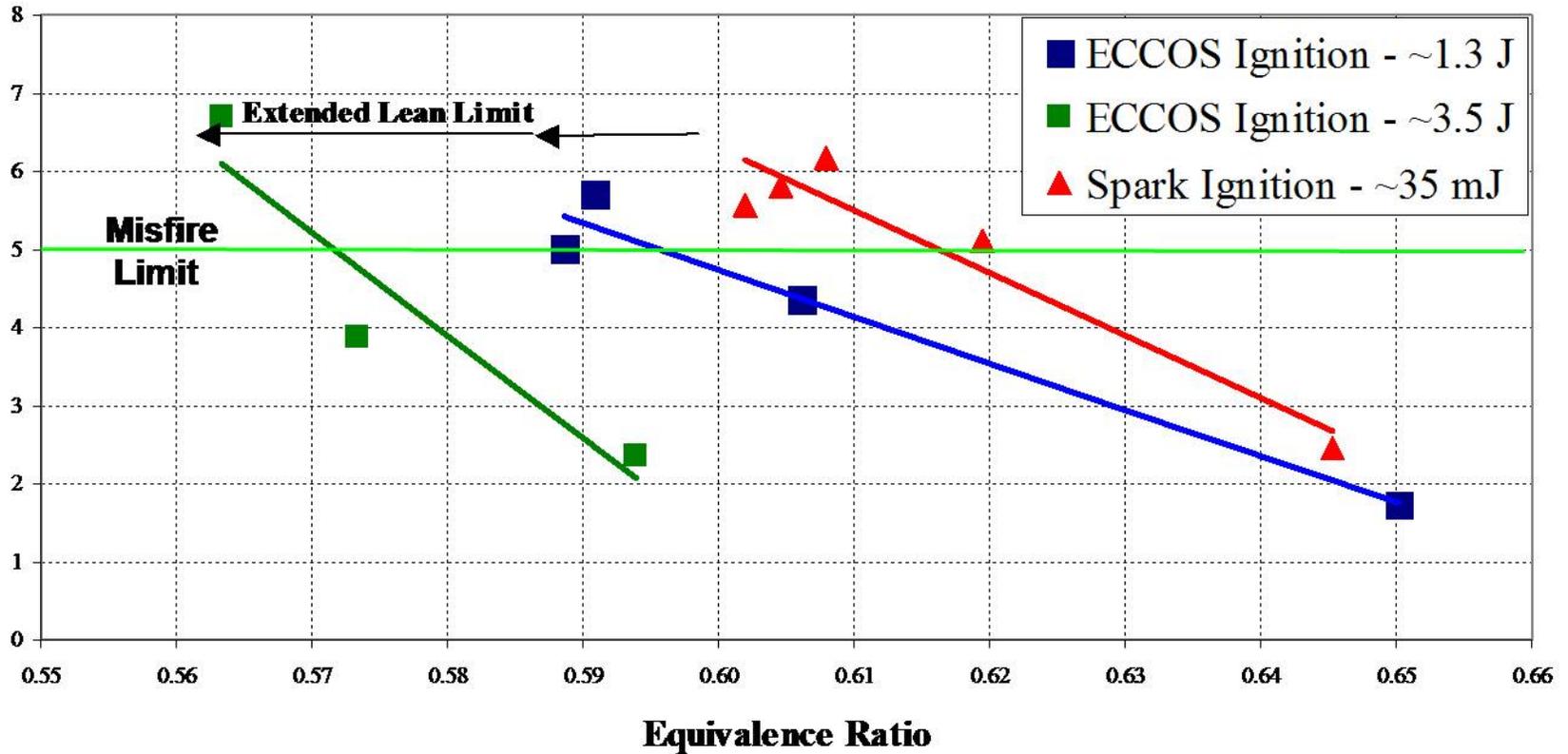
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Combustion Characteristics  
and Engine Performance



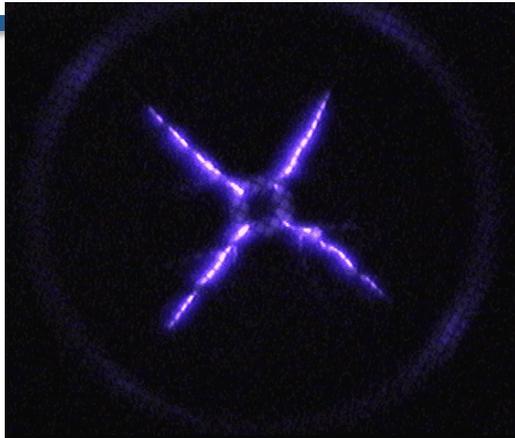
# Lean Misfire Limit Comparison at 690 kPa BMEP

Coefficient of Variance of the Indicated Mean  
Effective Pressure

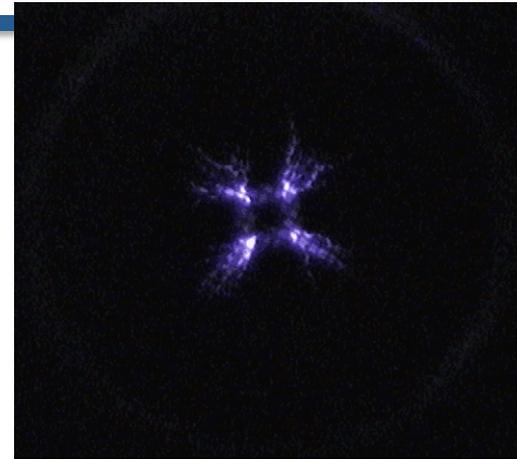


# ECCOS Corona Discharge at Various Air Pressures

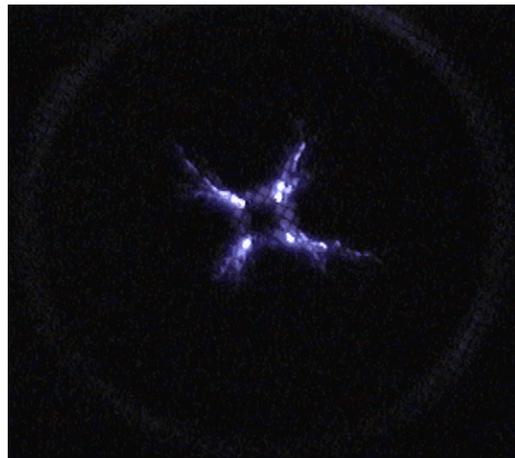
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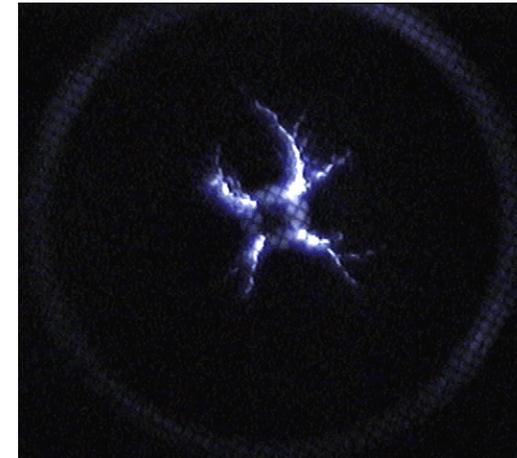
0 Bar, 200mj



6.9 Bar, 1600mj



13.8 Bar, 1800mj



20.7 Bar, 1700mj

# Electrically Controlled Combustion Optimization System (ECCOS)

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## Combustion Characteristics and Engine Performance

Historical notes:

Isupport from California Energy Commission

about 2009

Bought out by Borg Warner

“Anticipating need for sparks at higher pressures, lean burn, higher EGR”



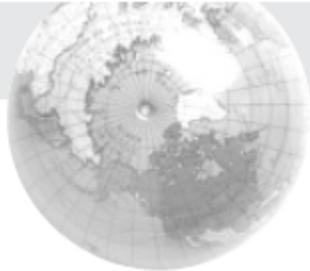
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1....Laser Spark Plug at Argonne Labs

# *MTZ: June 2006 p476*

## *article by Spicher et al. from Karlsruhe*



You will find the figures mentioned in this article in the German issue of MTZ 06/2006 beginning on page 476.

Mikrowellenbasiertes Zündprinzip  
für Ottomotoren mit Direkteinspritzung  
und strahlgeführtem Brennverfahren

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## **Microwave-based Ignition Principle for Gasoline Engines with Direct Injection and Spray Guided Combustion System**

Engines with gasoline direct injection and spray guided combustion concept promise an increase in efficiency mainly due to the overall lean mixture and reduced pumping losses at part load. Thereby the requirements on the ignition system increase. Against this background a microwave-ignition principle was investigated at the Institute for Reciprocating Engines of the University of Karlsruhe (TH). The ignition plasma was visualised by a high speed photomultiplier camera.

# Concept of new plasma generation technique

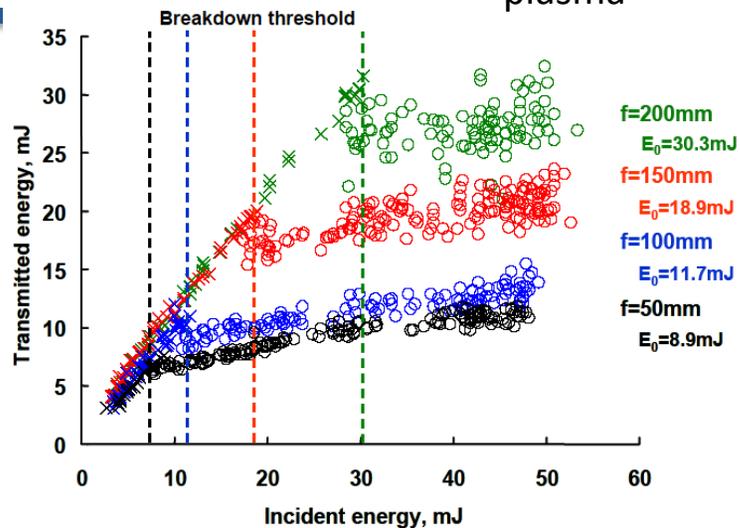
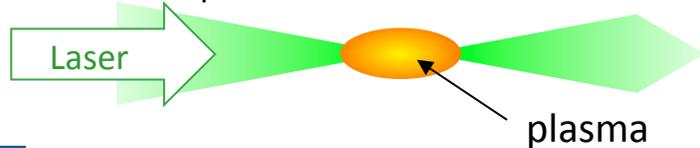
> Plasma absorb the light

→ charge of spark ignition absorb the microwave

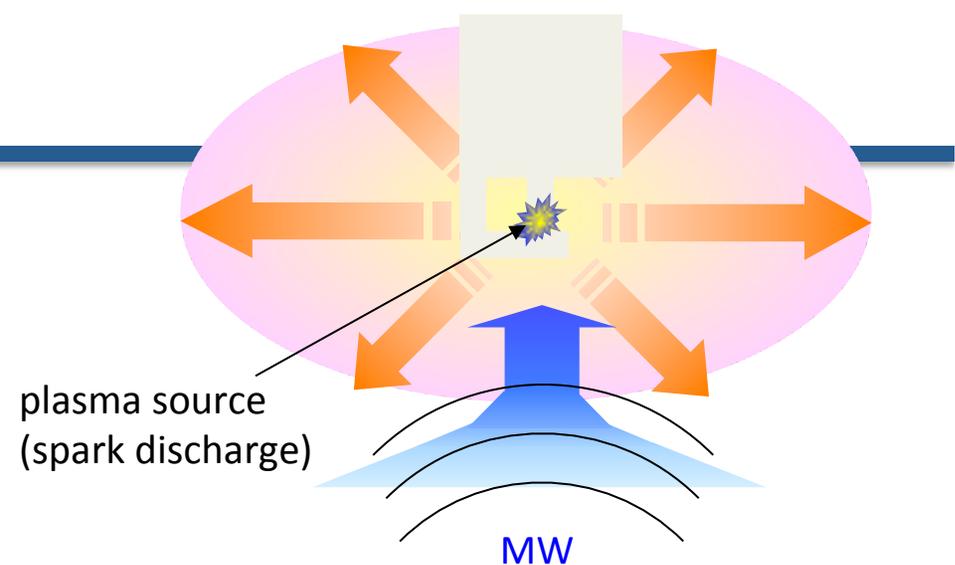
> It is difficult to make stable cold pressure plasma in atmospheric, high pressure

→ Plasma is made by spark ignition before, microwave is used by pumping energy

Relation between incident energy and transmitted energy of laser induced plasma †



Small plasma source (spark) + Pumping (MW)

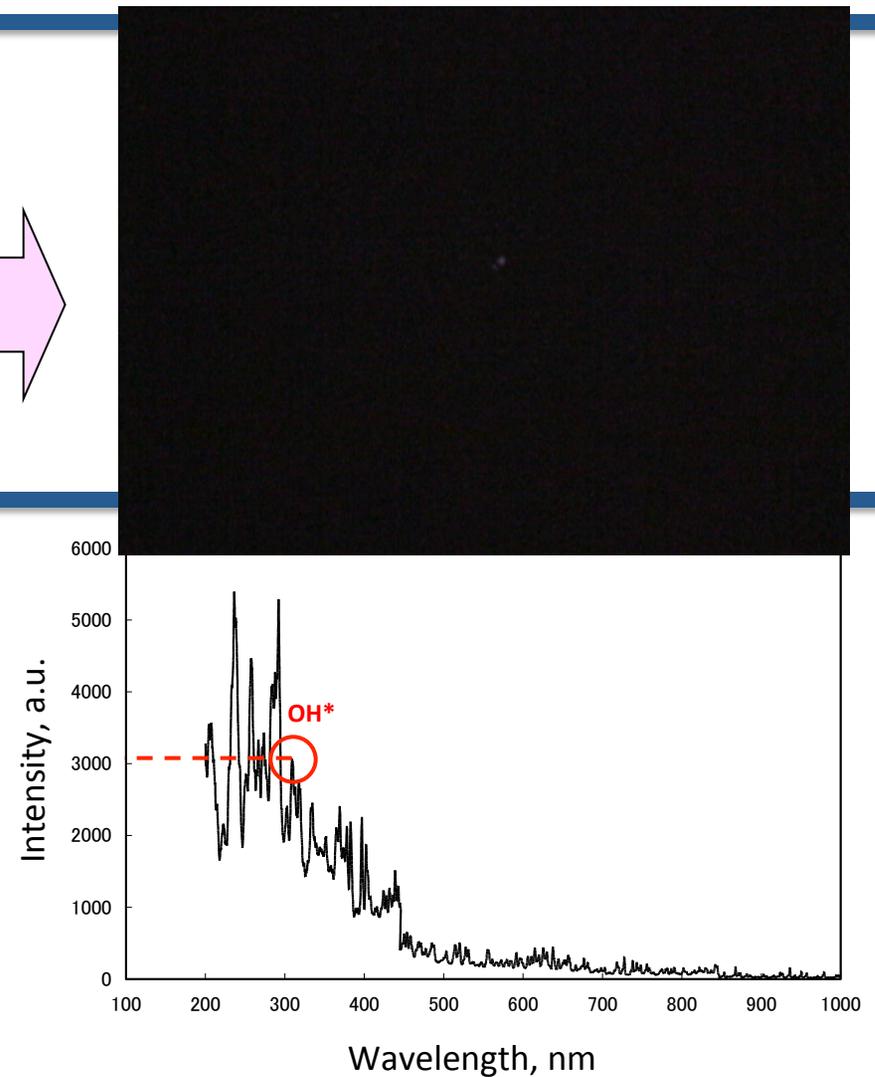
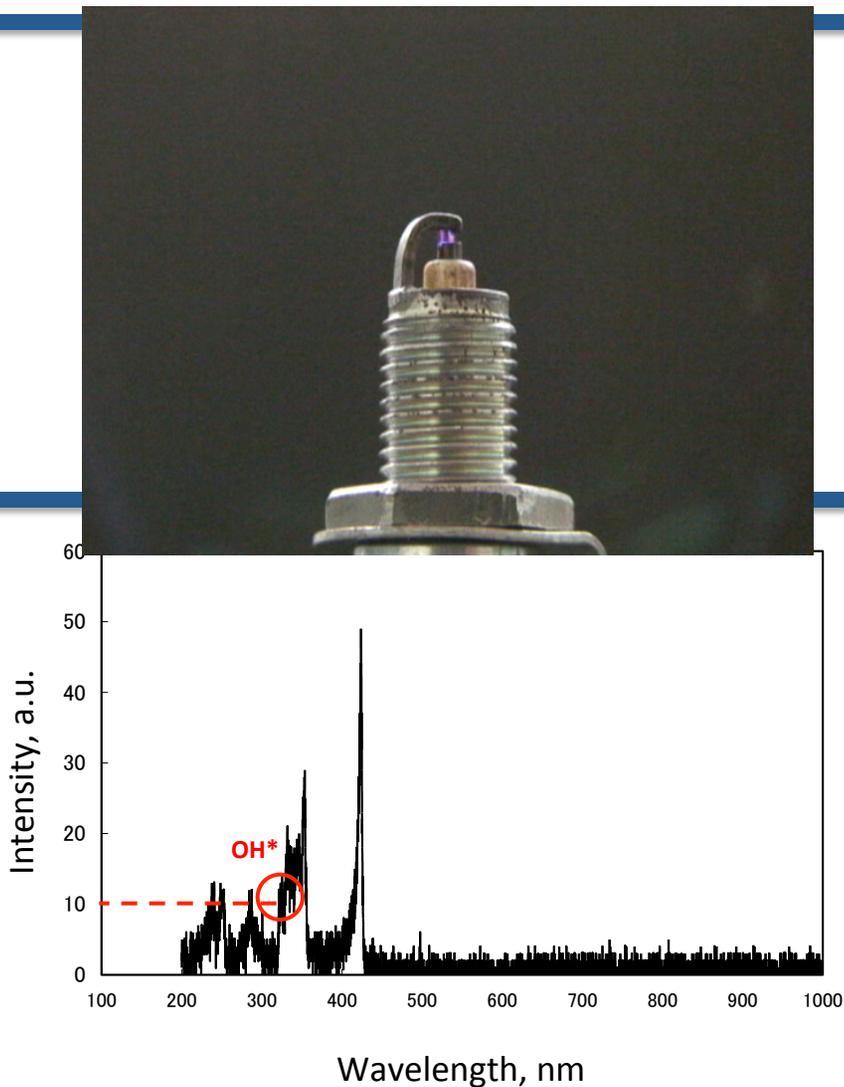
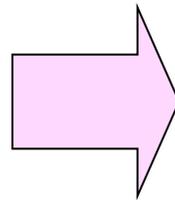


†Y. Ikeda, et. Al., 44th AIAA Aerospace Sciences Meeting and Exhibit, 9-12January 2006, Reno, Nevada, AIAA Paper No.2006-965, 2006.

# Spark discharge → Microwave enhanced plasma

Spark plug for automobile

Microwave enhanced plasma



# Development of antenna in spark plug

Prototype of spark plug having a microwave antenna

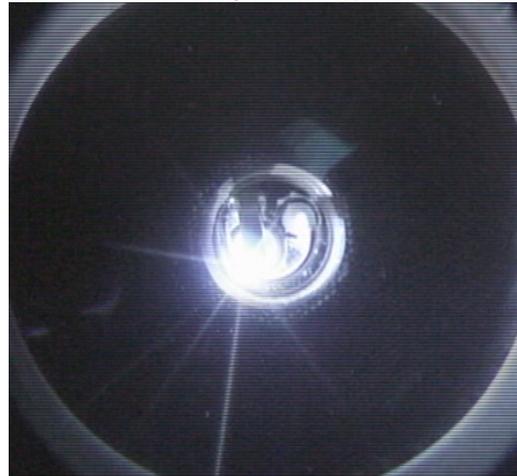


- > In order to generate and sustain plasma in engine cylinder **without changing exiting engine system**, a microwave antenna was built into a spark plug.
- > Antenna was made by tungsten wire having diameter of  $\varnothing$ 1mm.
- > Plasma was successfully generated **elevated pressure condition of 1.0 MPa** with the prototype spark plug.

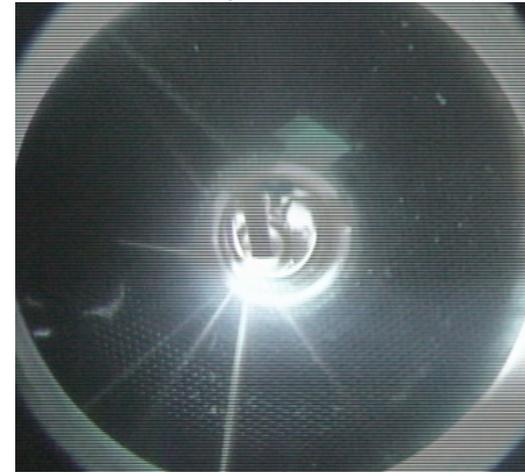
Spark discharge (0.1MPa)



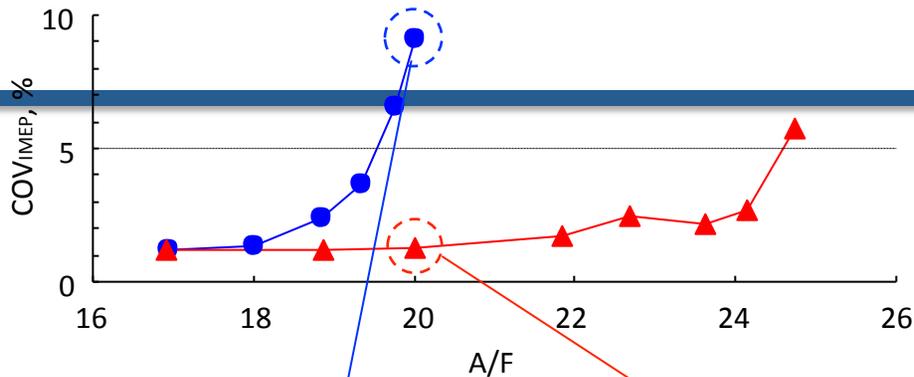
MW enhanced plasma (0.1MPa)



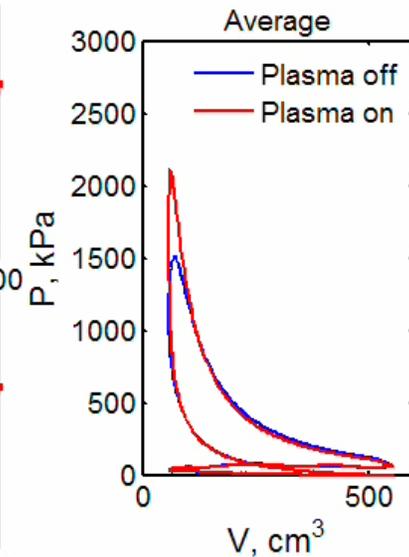
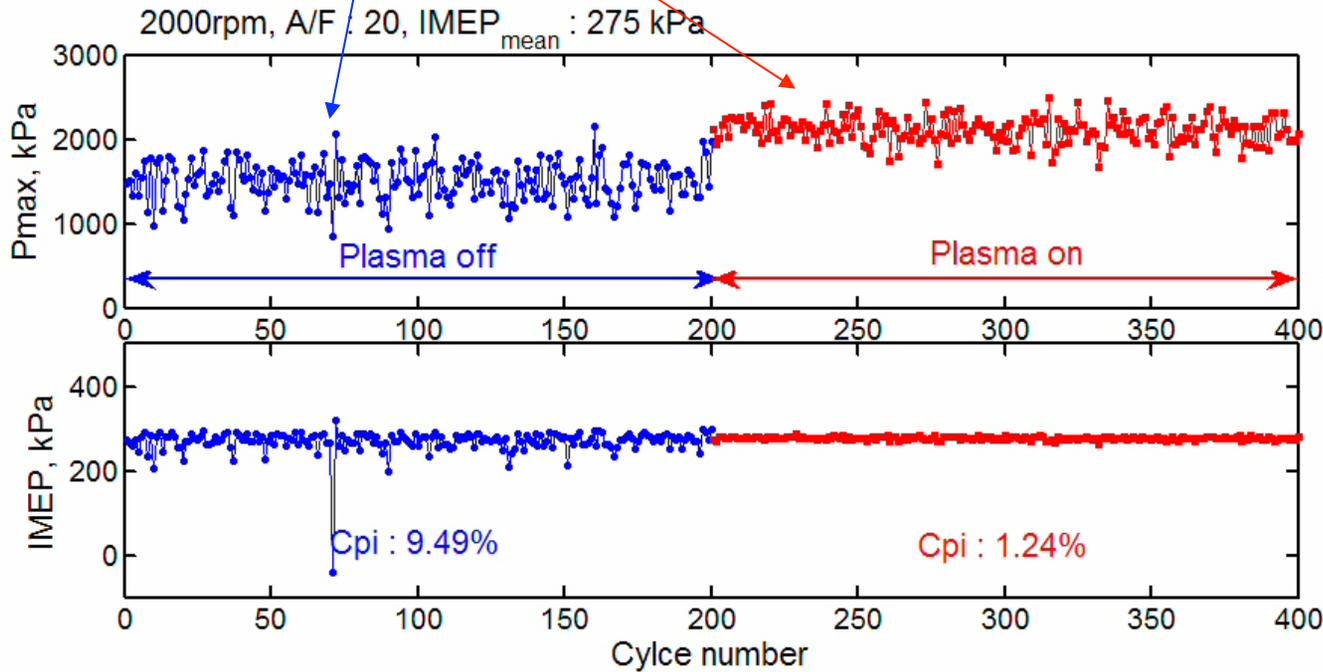
MW enhanced plasma (1.0MPa)



# Effect of microwave ignition - Reduction of cyclic variations -



Engine speed	A/F	MW	$q_{ig}$ deg.BTDC	$P_{max}$ kPa	IMEP kPa	Cpi %
2000rpm	20	Off	48 (MBT)	1506	270.7	9.49
2000rpm	20	On	56 (MBT)	2098	277.2	1.24



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OK, several examples of novel sparks:

Now:

Internal Combustion Engine Operation  
with a microWave Assisted Spark Plug

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DeFilippo, Chen, and Dibble

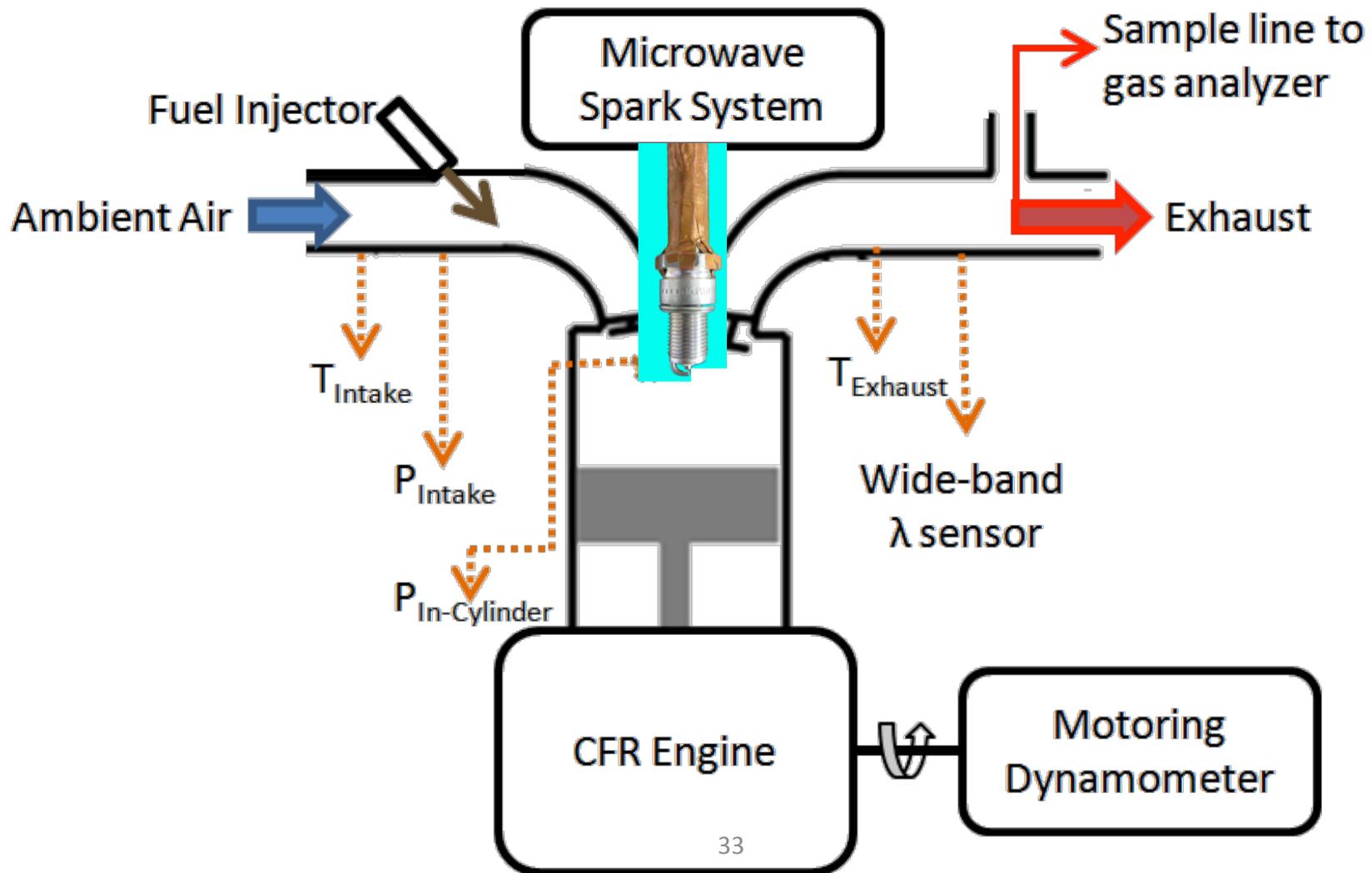
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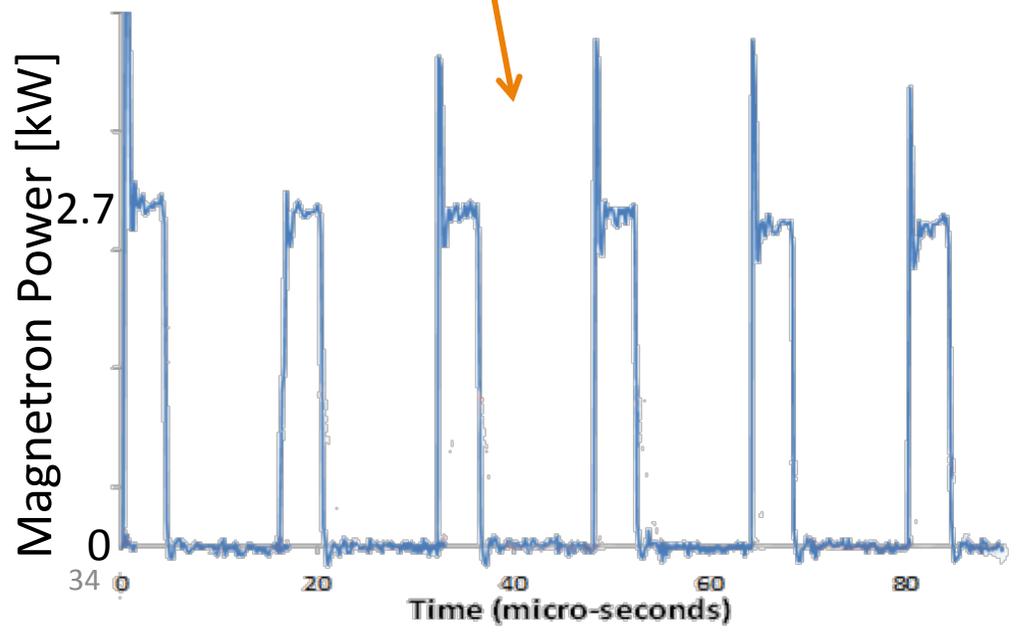
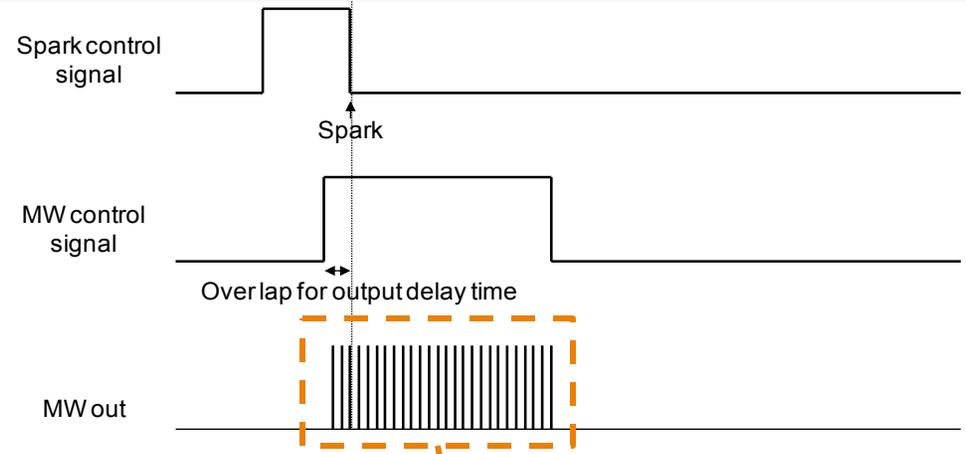
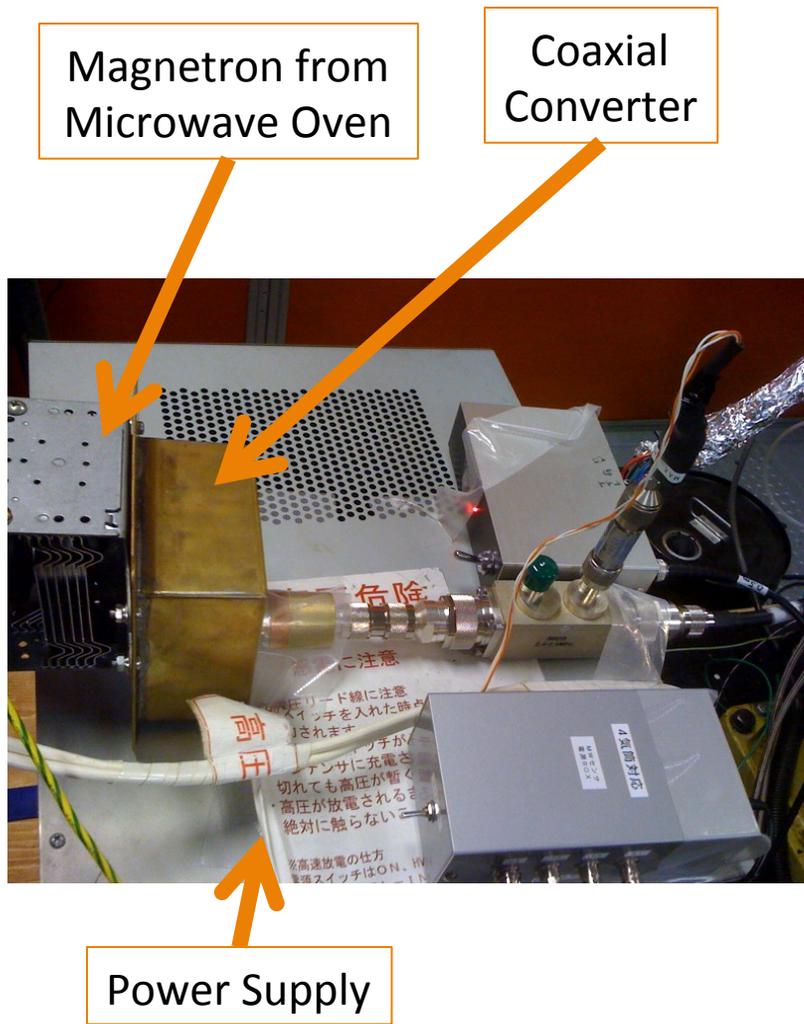
Imagineering, Kobe, Japan

Spring 2011 meeting of DoE AEC at Sandia Livermore CA

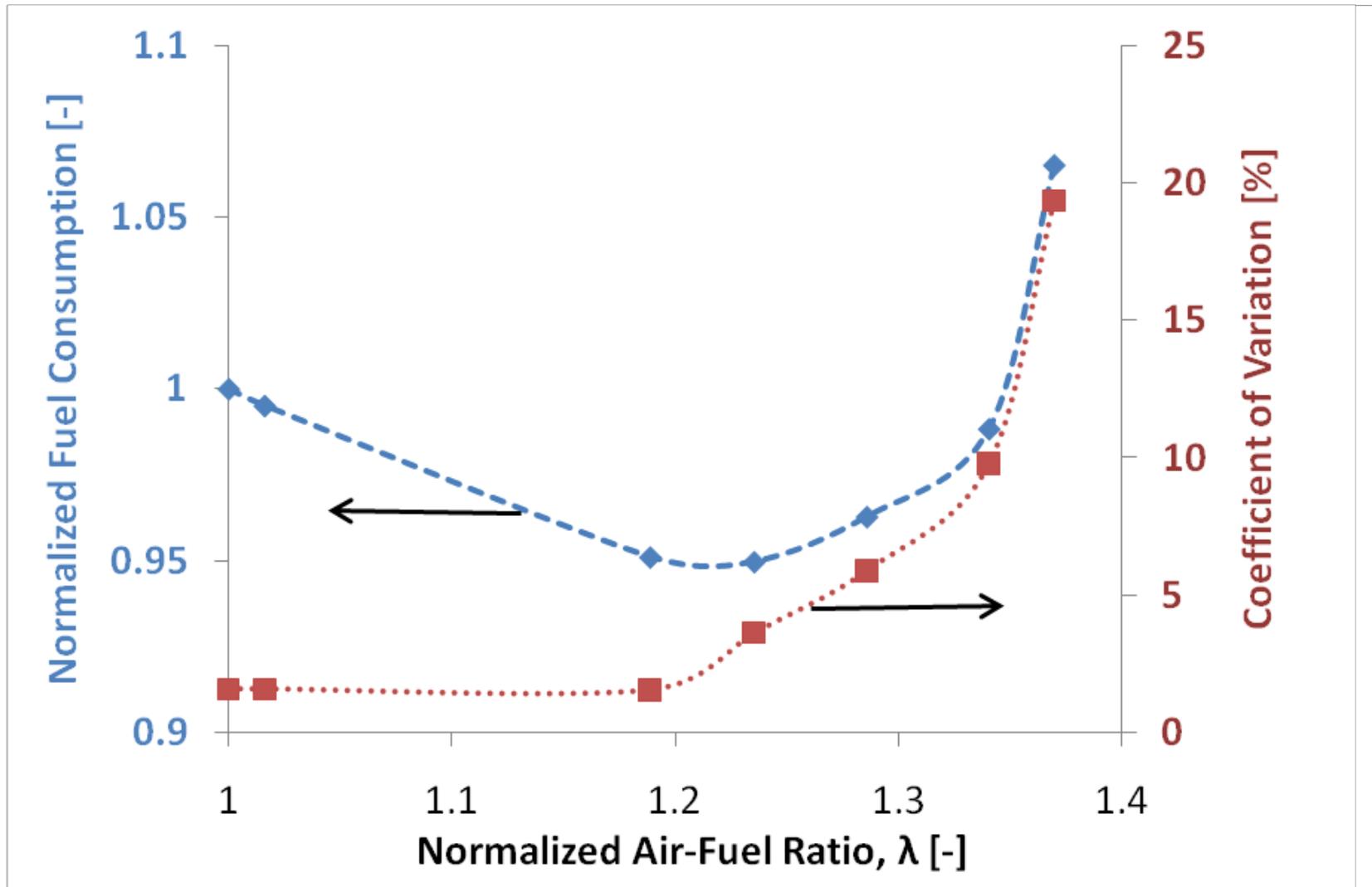
# A microwave-assisted spark plug was tested on a CFR single-cylinder engine



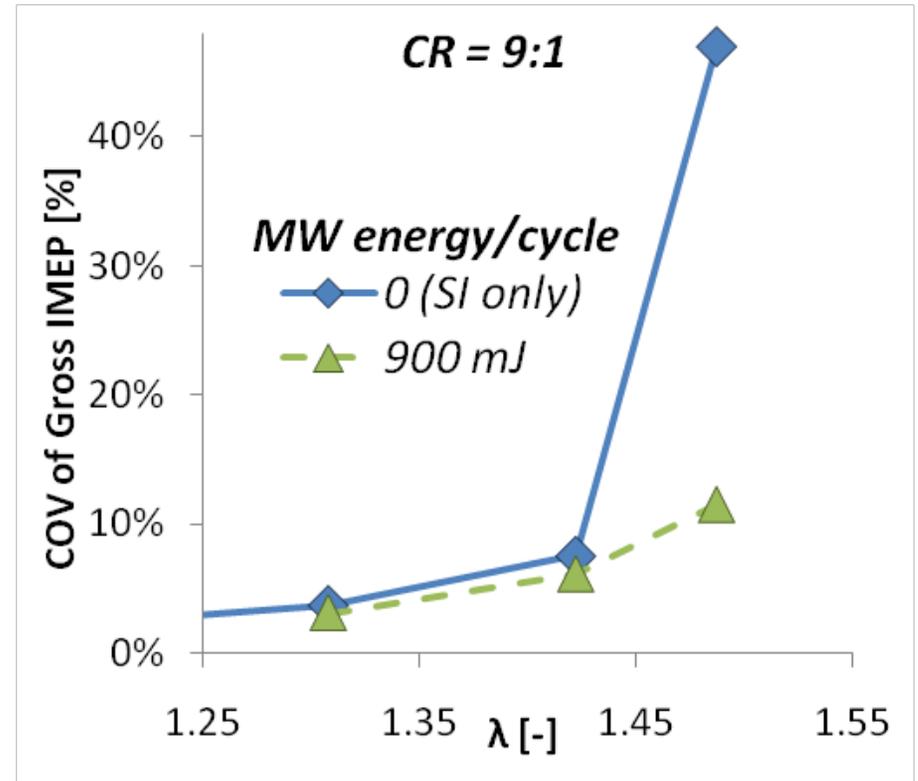
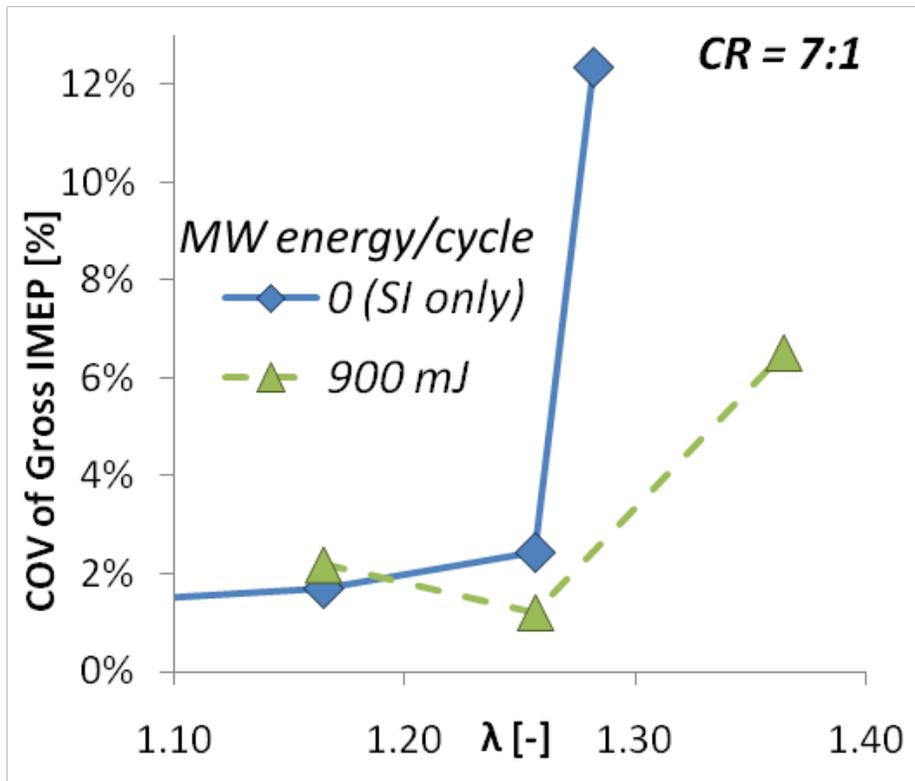
# The microwave spark plug fires a regular spark and emits microwaves



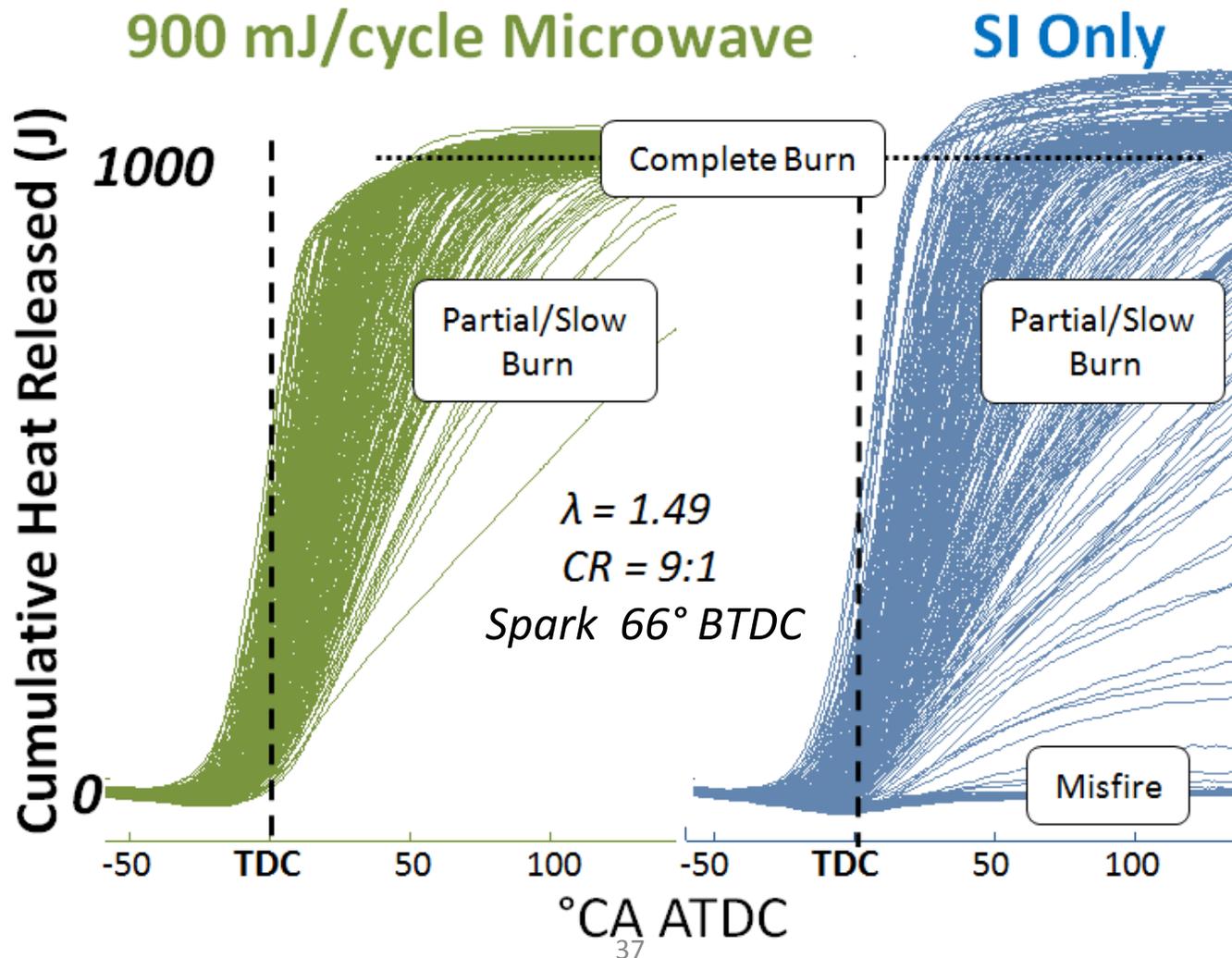
# Lean combustion improves efficiency



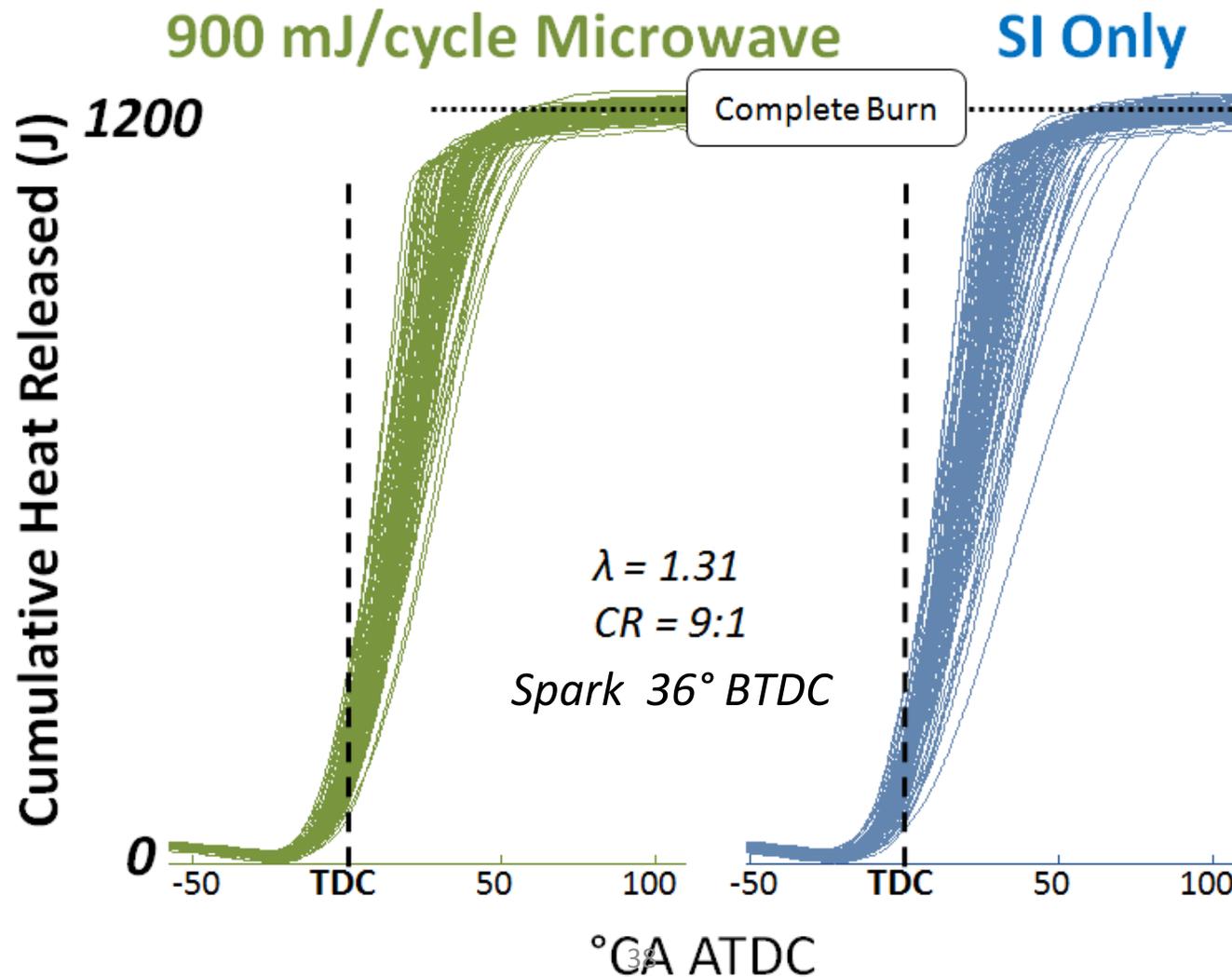
# Microwave enhancement extends lean limit



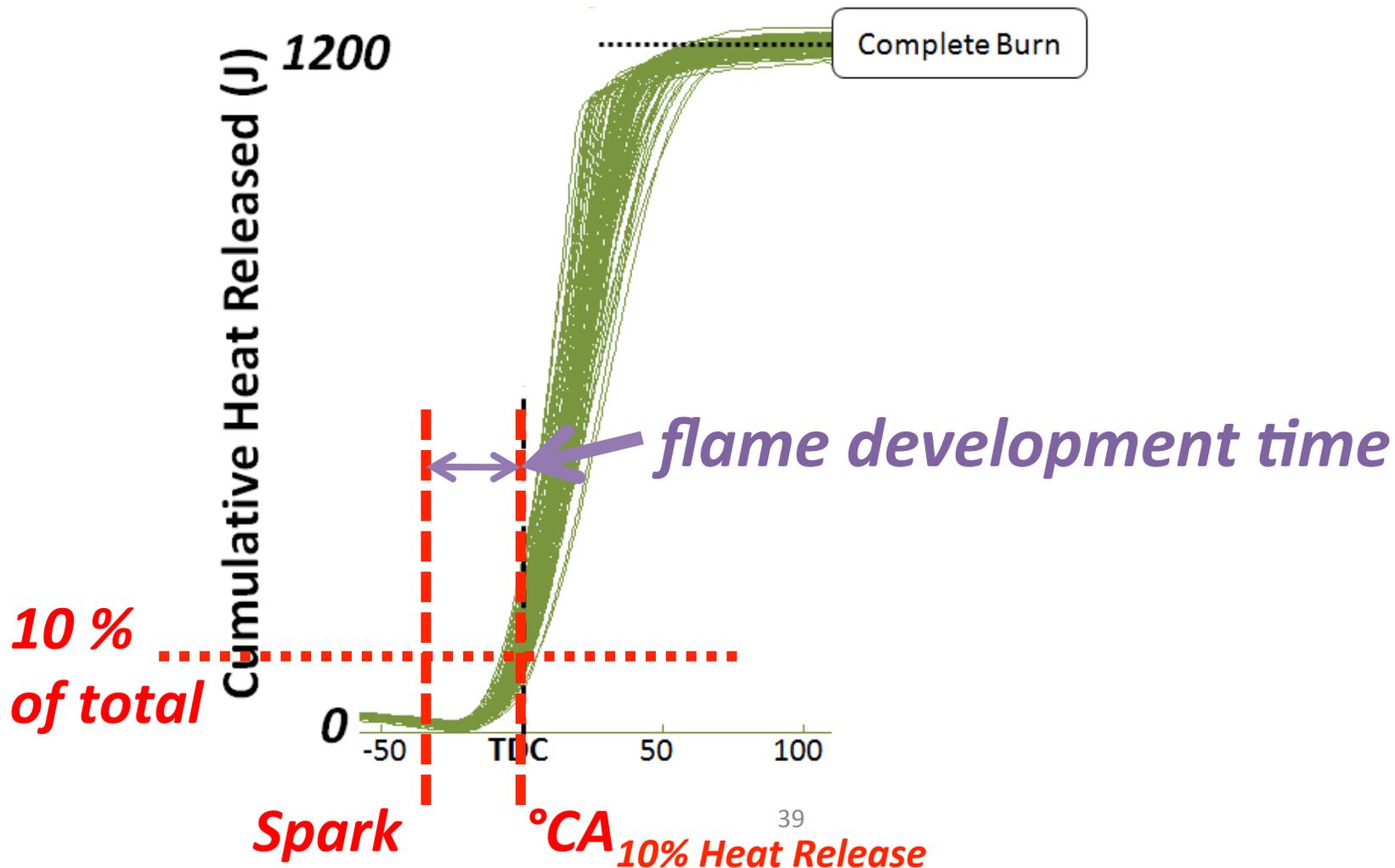
# At lean conditions, microwaves reduces misfire and “partial-burn”



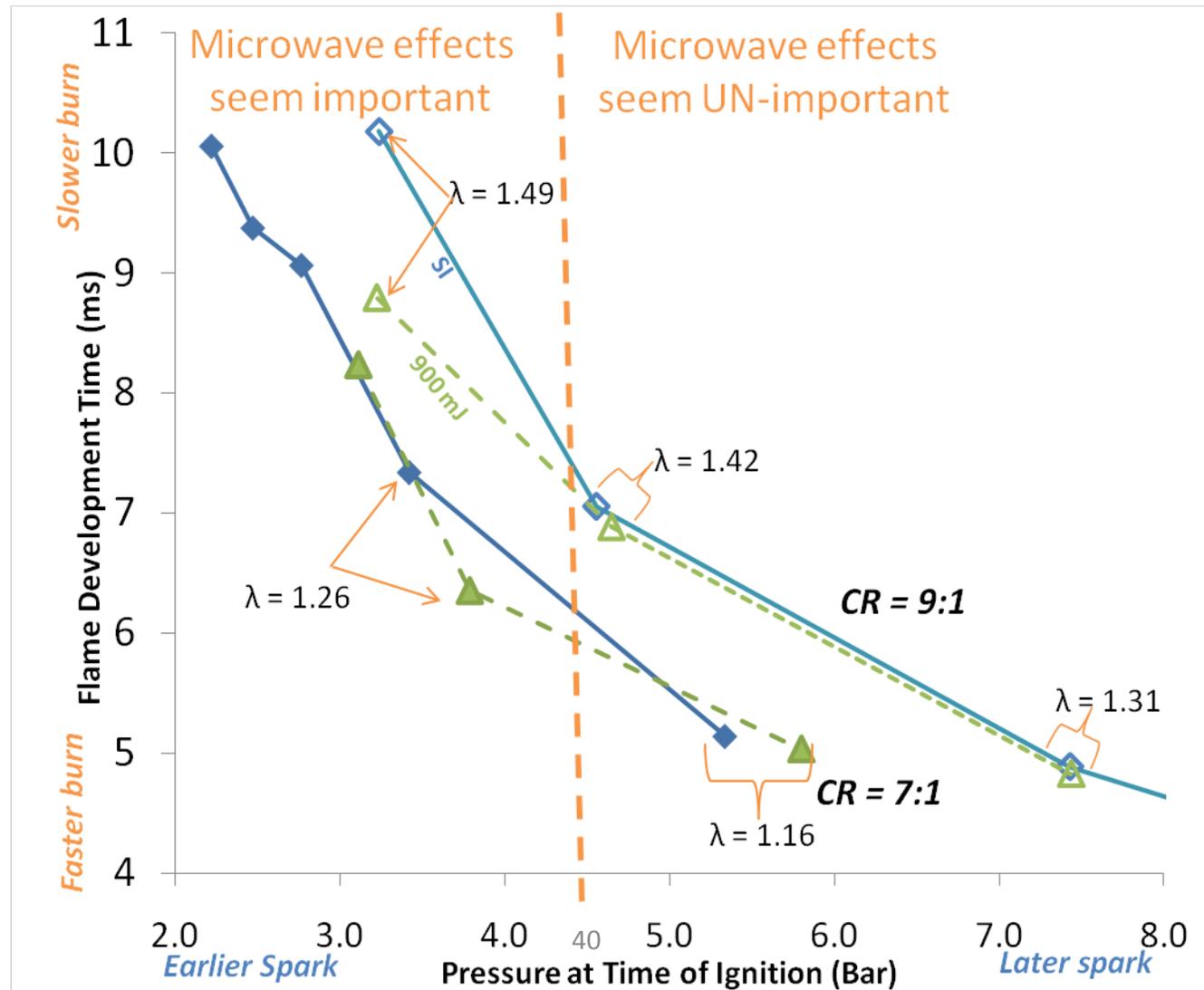
# At stable conditions, combustion is unaffected by microwave enhancement



“Flame development time” is time from spark to 10% of cumulative heat release

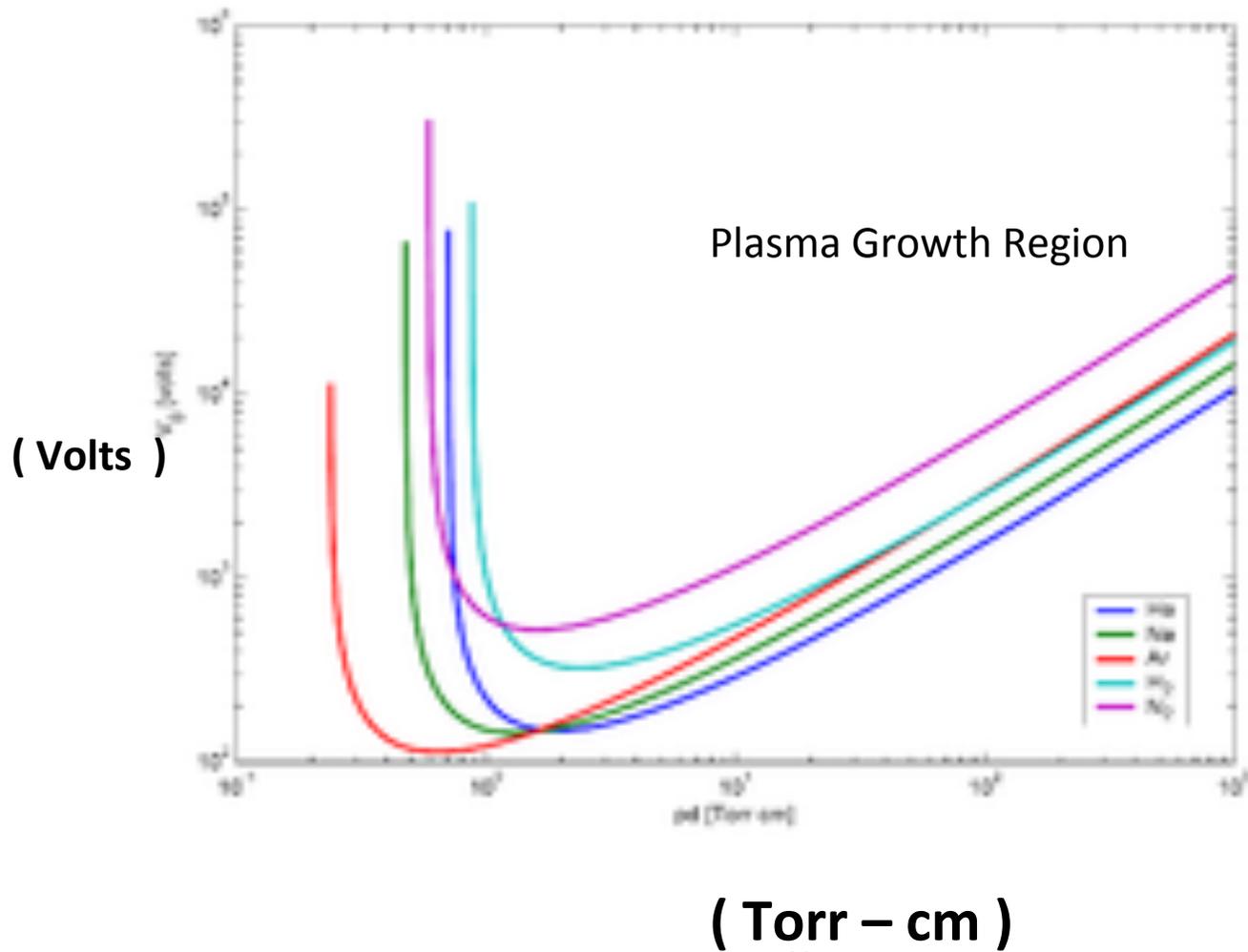


# Our mWASP is less effective at pressures higher than ~4.5 bar, why?



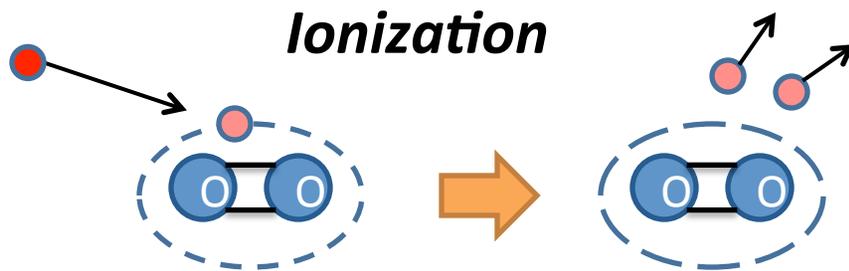


# Paschen Curve (1889)

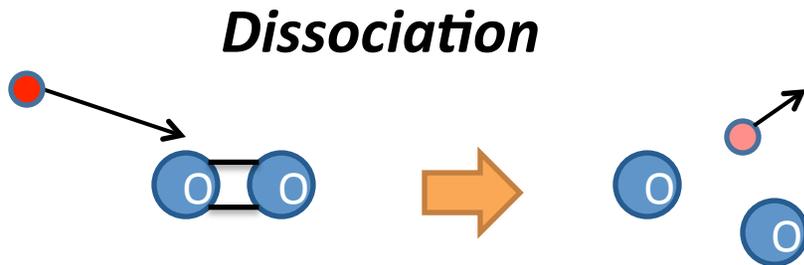


# High-energy electrons ionize molecules and cause chemical reactions

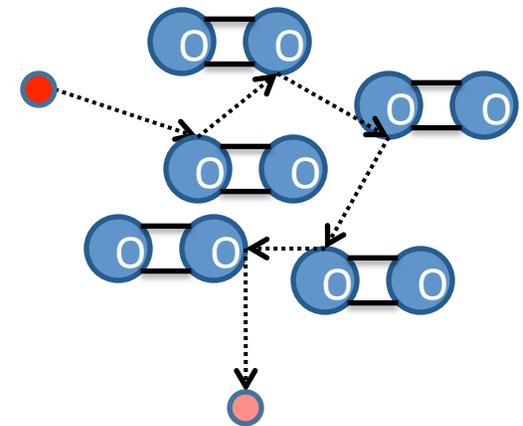
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Included ions:  $\text{CH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{O}_2^+$ ,  $\text{O}^+$ ,  $\text{N}_2^+$ ,  $\text{NO}^+$ ,  $\text{O}_2^-$ ,  $\text{CHO}^+$ ,  $\text{CO}_3^-$ , etc.



**...but electrons lose energy through elastic collisions**

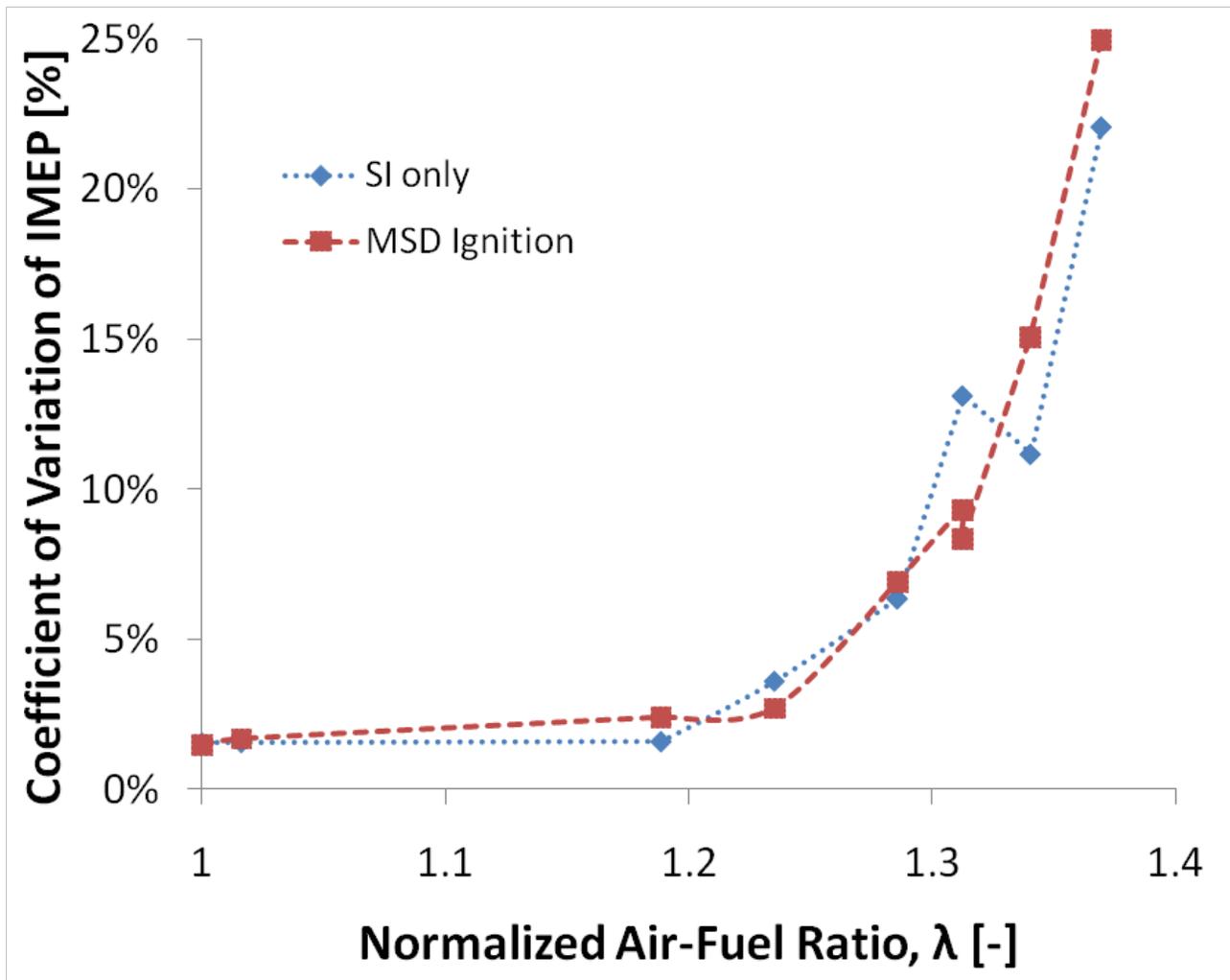


# Widely used Race Car Ignition System

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# The MSD ignition system did not outperform the standard spark plug



Conclusion:  
Conventional spark  
plugs, with Multiple  
Spark Discharge  
“MSD”  
Does not improve  
Ignition

# Next steps:

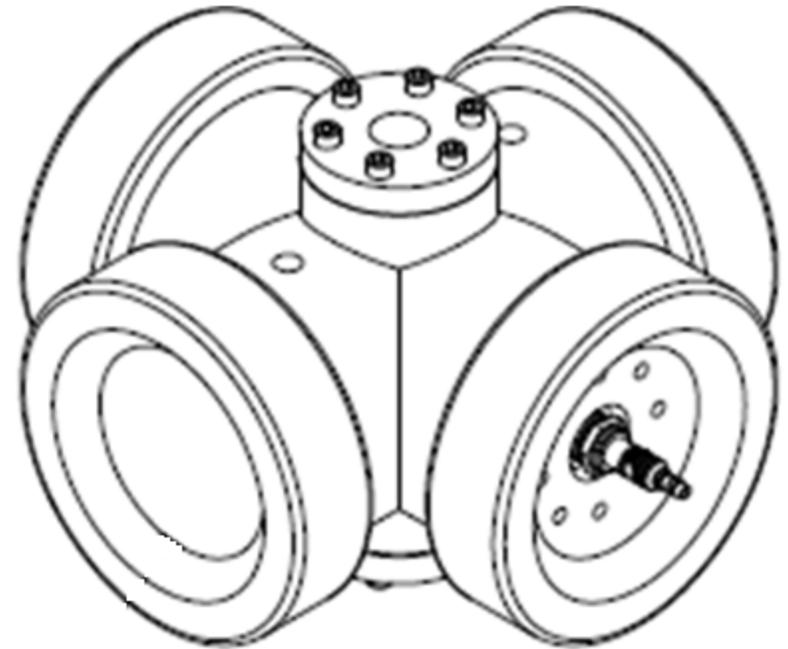
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- Investigate pressure effects
  - Boosted pressure in CFR
  - Combustion Bomb
- Expand numerical modeling capabilities
  - Complete chemical mechanism
  - 3-D ignition simulation
- Upgrade microwave generator by factor of 10

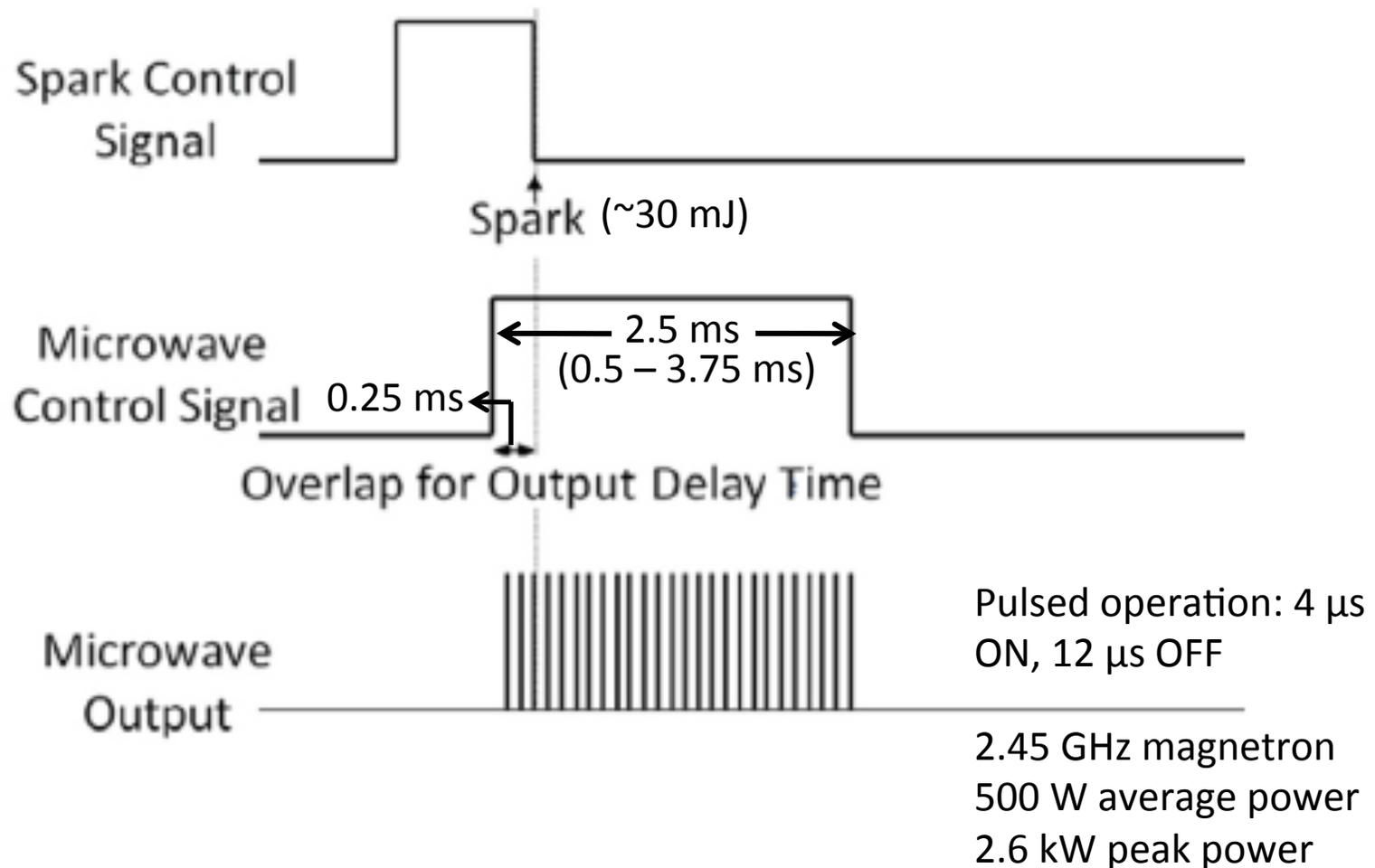
# Experiment Conditions and Metrics

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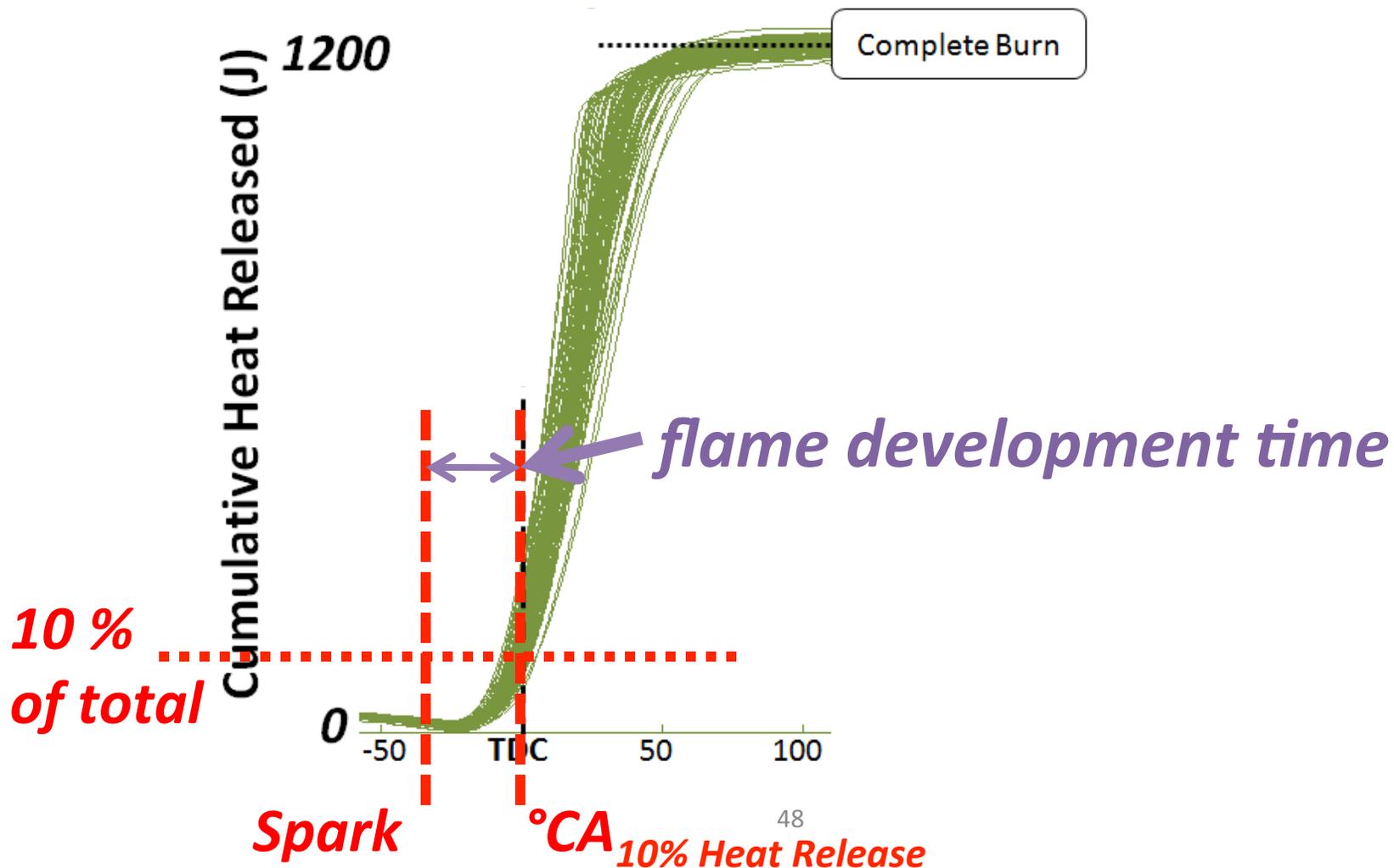
- 1.6 L internal volume
- Premixed methane-air
- Flame Development Time (FDT)
  - Time from spark to 10% of total heat release
- Flame Rise Time (FRT)
  - Time from 10% to 90% of total heat release



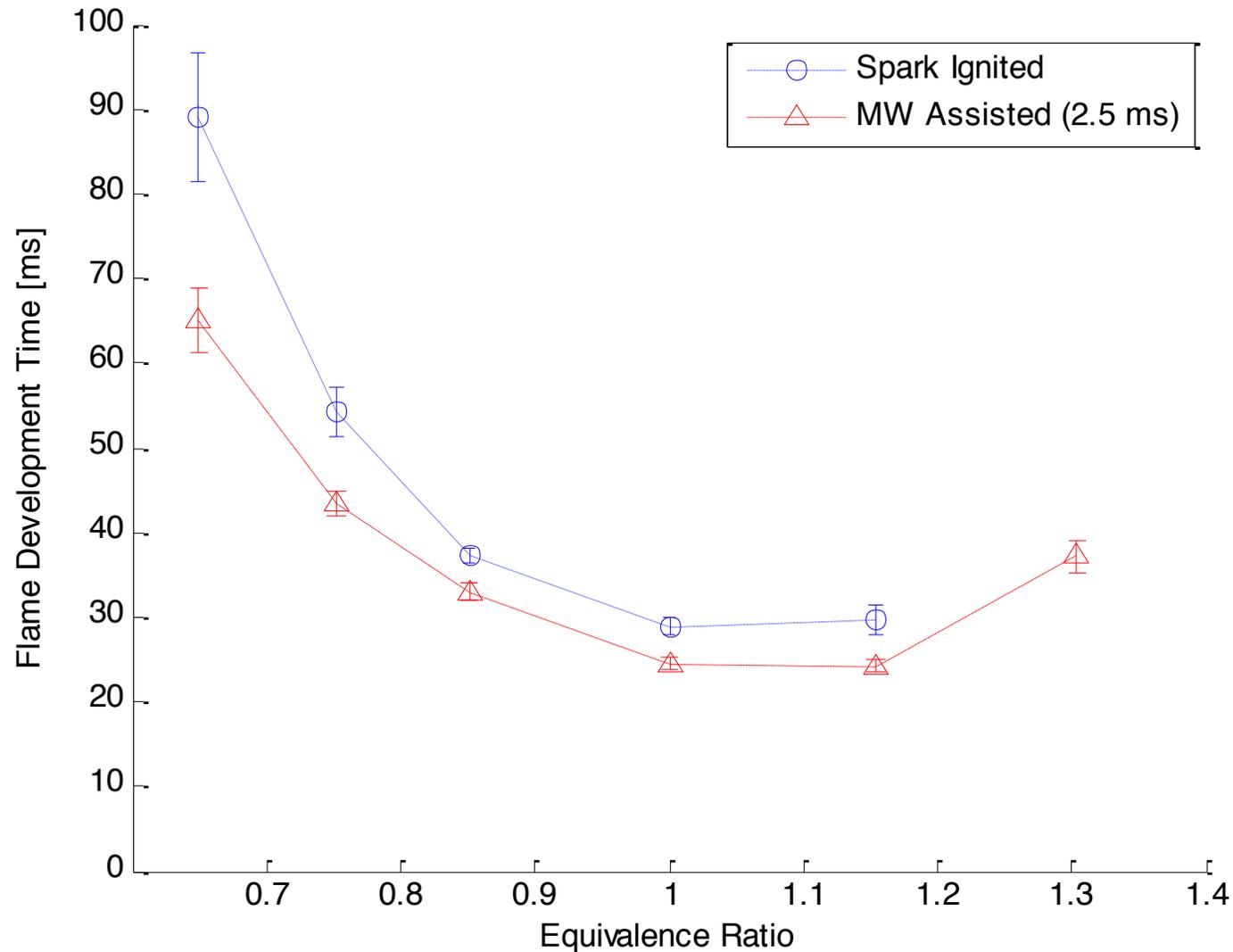
# Timing Diagram for Spark Event and MW Emission



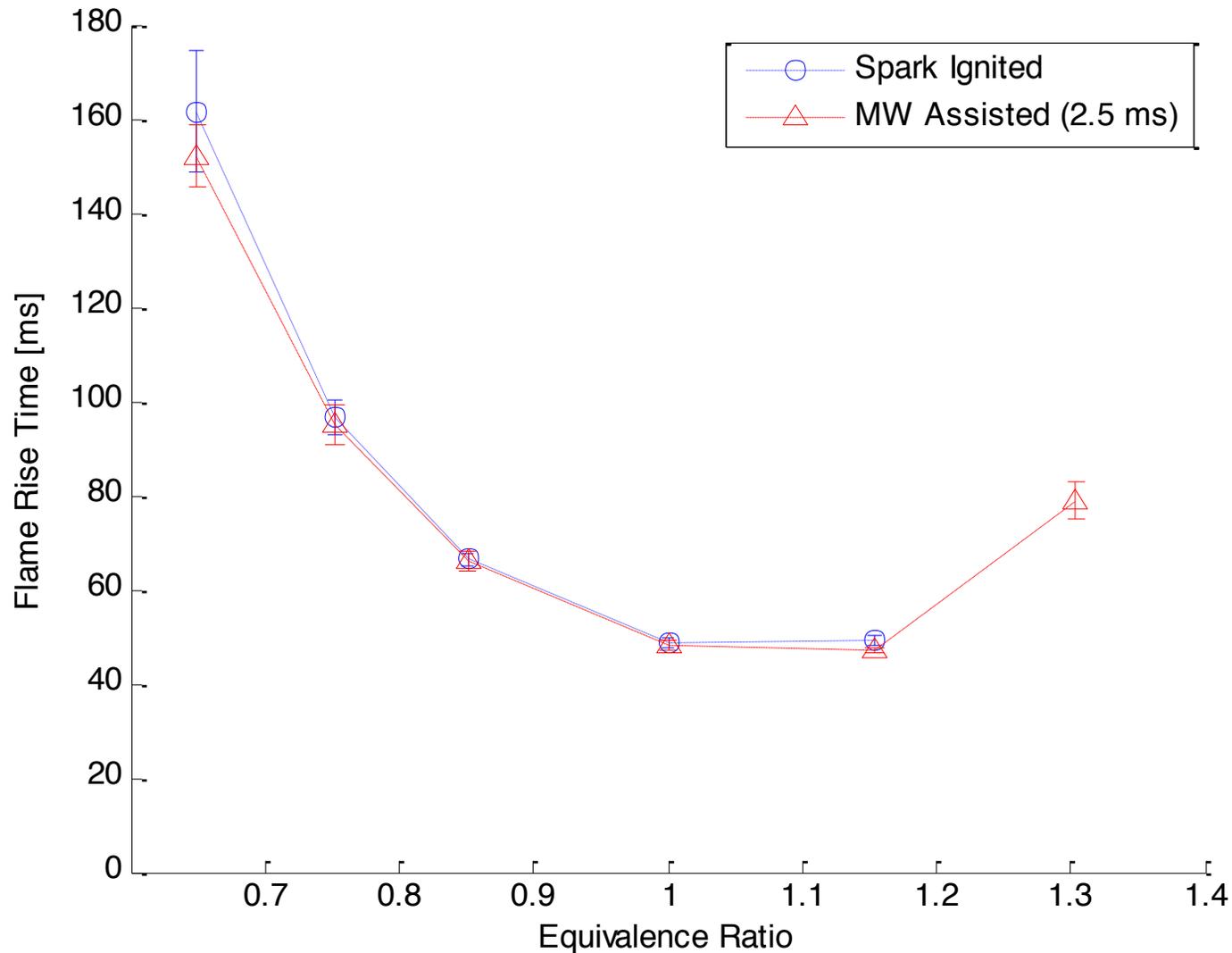
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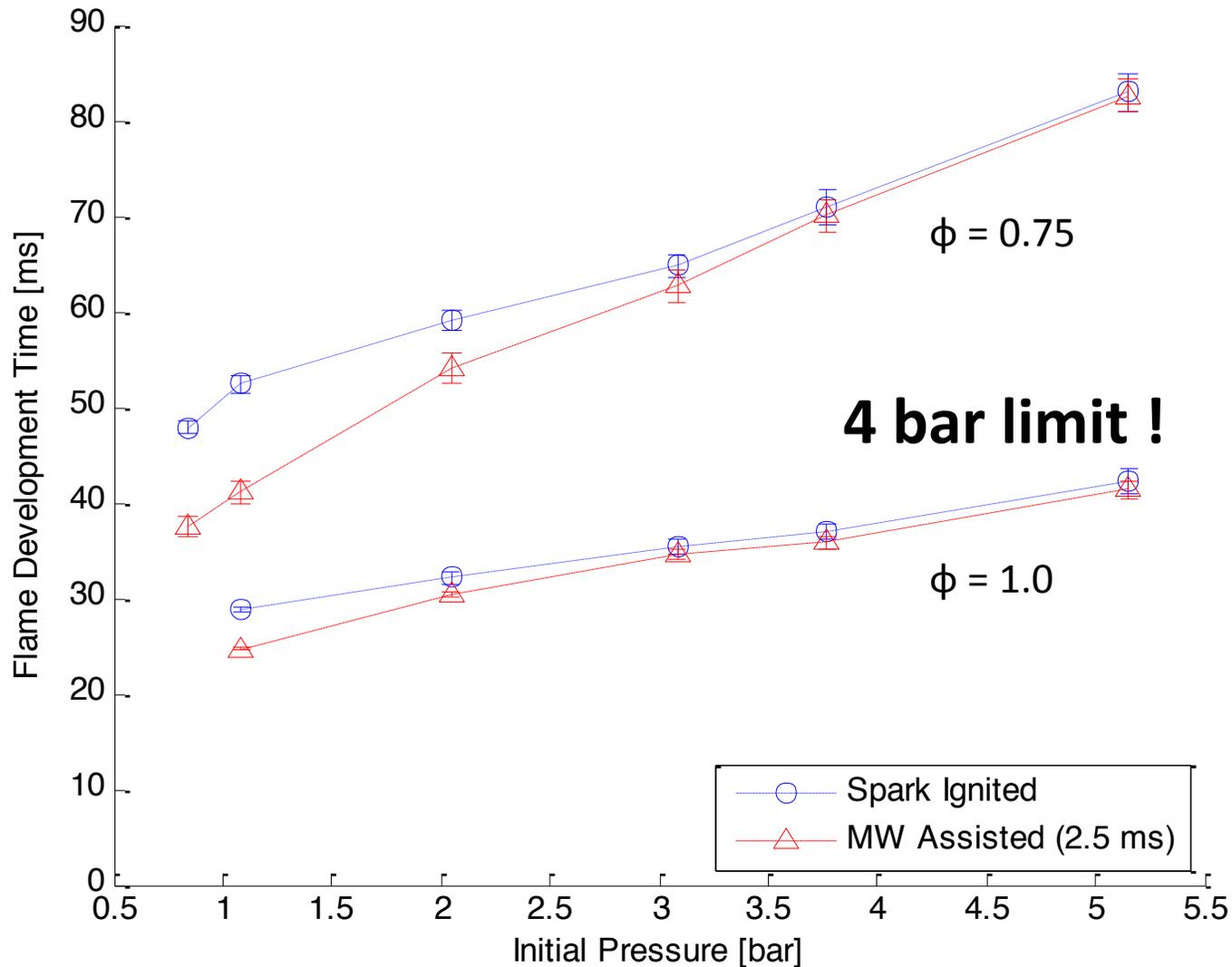
# MW Decreases Flame Development Time (0-10%) for all Equivalence Ratios (1 bar)



# Flame Rise Time (10-90%) Unaffected by mWASP for all Equivalence Ratios (1 bar)



# mWASP Enhancement of FDT (0-10%) diminishes with Pressure



# ***Boosted HCCI for High Power Output Using Ion Sensing for Ringing Detection***



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**Argonne National Laboratory**

**August 29, 2011**

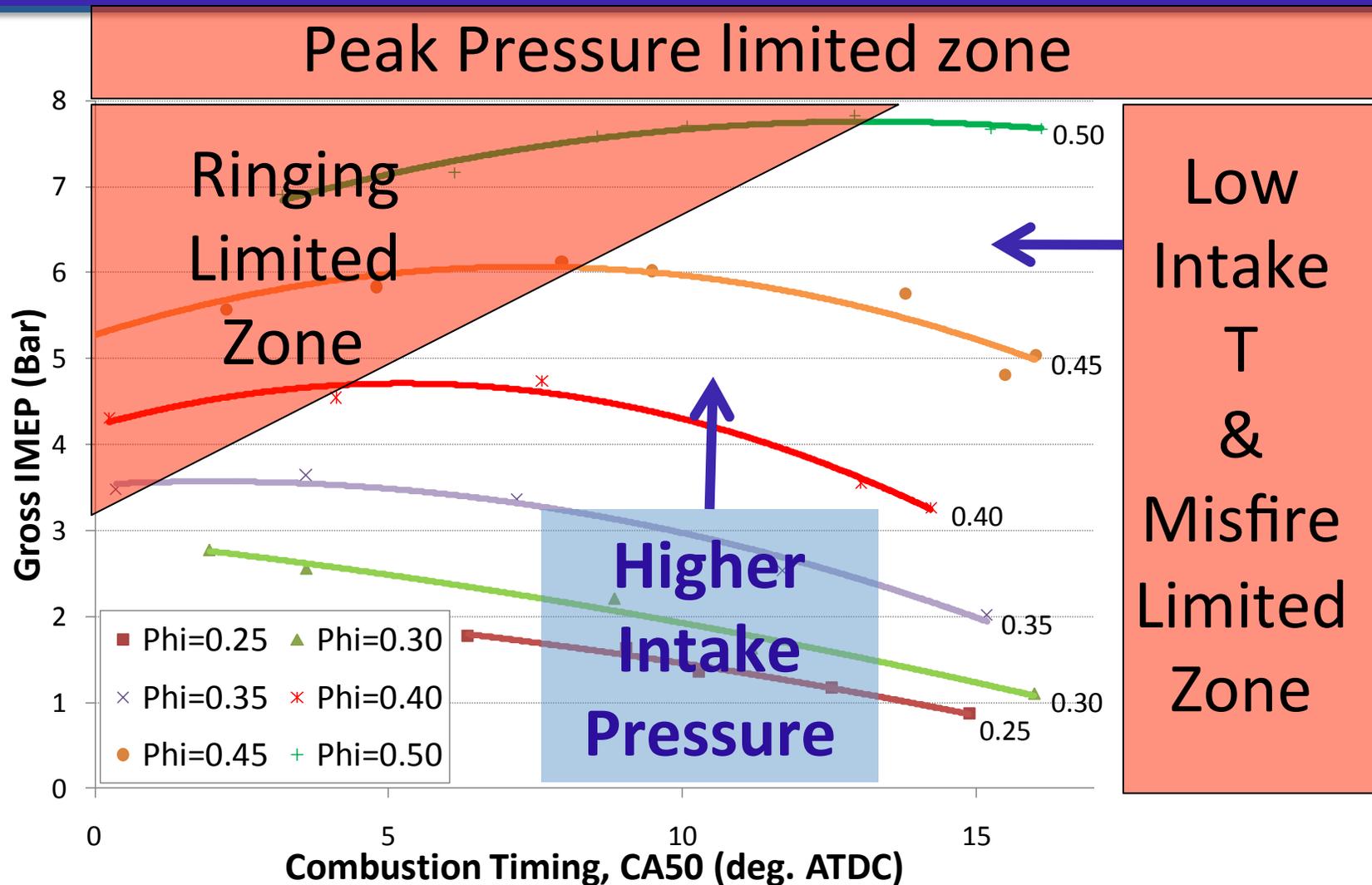
# Transportation in the 1800s



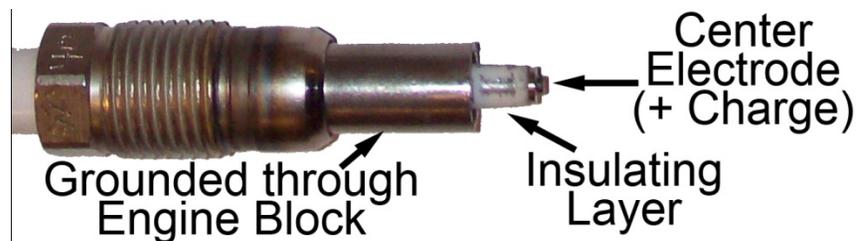
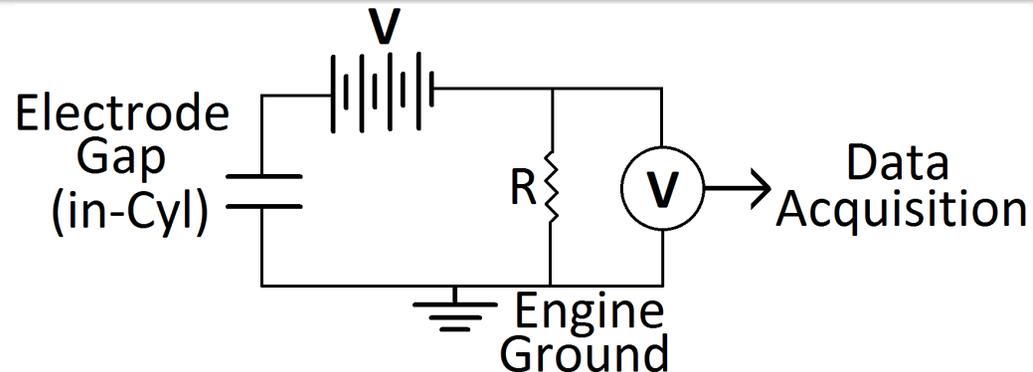
Source: [www.histografica.com](http://www.histografica.com)

- Most vehicles had
- 1 HP
- Exhaust emissions 1000X higher than today's vehicles
- New jobs to deal with "exhaust"
- Lot's of noise, and a foul odor
- Growing horse-fuel takes up 1/3 of available cropland

# The Limits Constraining HCCI Power Output



# Ion Sensing in HCCI Engines



Ion sensors detect electrons from  
chemi-ionization reactions



# Ion sensing vs. Pressure sensing

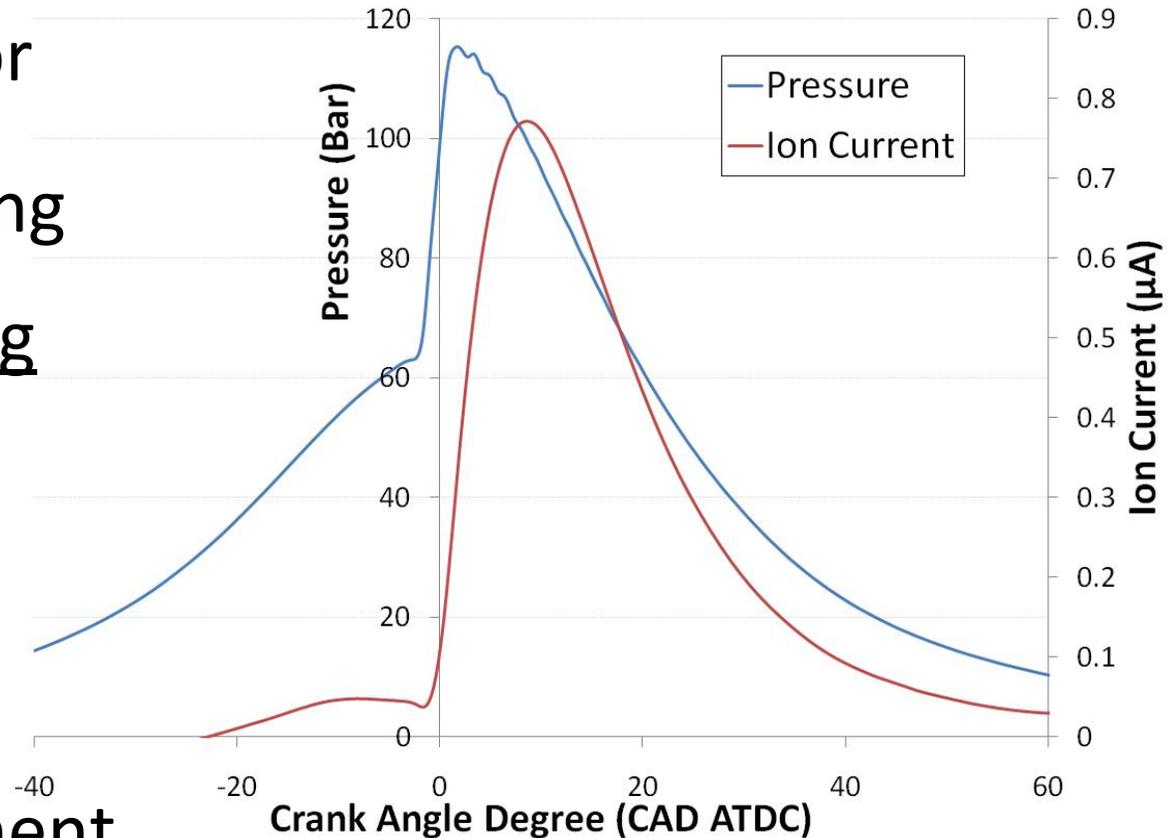
Require a sensor for detecting combustion timing

## Pressure Sensing

- Global measurement
- Expensive

## Ion Sensing

- Local measurement
- Inexpensive



# Ion Sensing ineffective at low $\phi$ , but useful for ringing

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- Ion sensors can effectively detect combustion timing in HCCI for control
- Ineffective at low equivalence ratio, where there is a low concentration of ionized species
  - Saxena, et al. Increasing signal-to-noise ratio of sparkplug ion sensors..., 33<sup>rd</sup> International Combustion Symposium
- Ringing occurs at higher equivalence ratios - Ion signal useful for detecting ringing
  - Saxena, et al. Characterization of HCCI ringing behavior using ion sensors, accepted for 2011 SAE Powertrains, Fuels, Lubricants Meeting - SAE 2011-01-1777

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# Please Bring Your “Out of the Box” Ideas to the High Pressure Combustion Workshop

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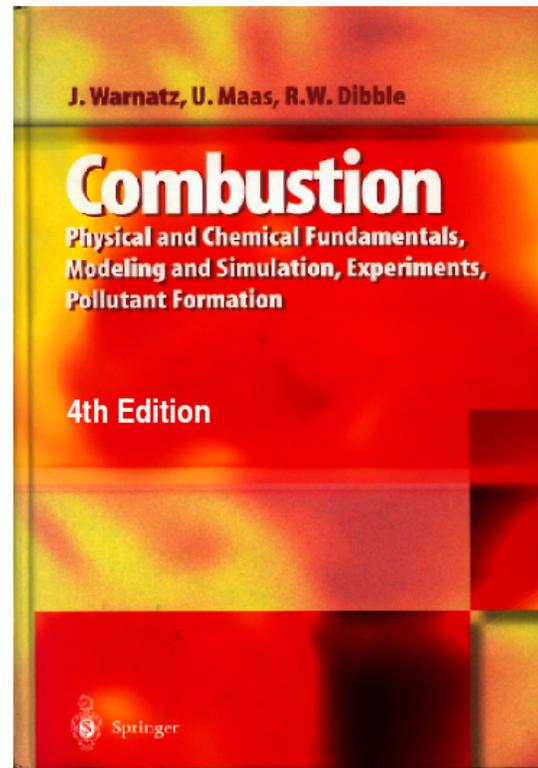
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## REVIEW

1...Need to be hot, to have OH radicals,

OH needs to Burn out fuel *before*

OH can burn out CO  $\text{CO} + \text{OH} = \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$

2...do not be too hot !

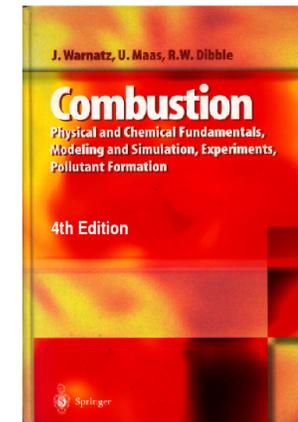
You will make NO

3...Do not be too cold !

need to be hot enough to have OH

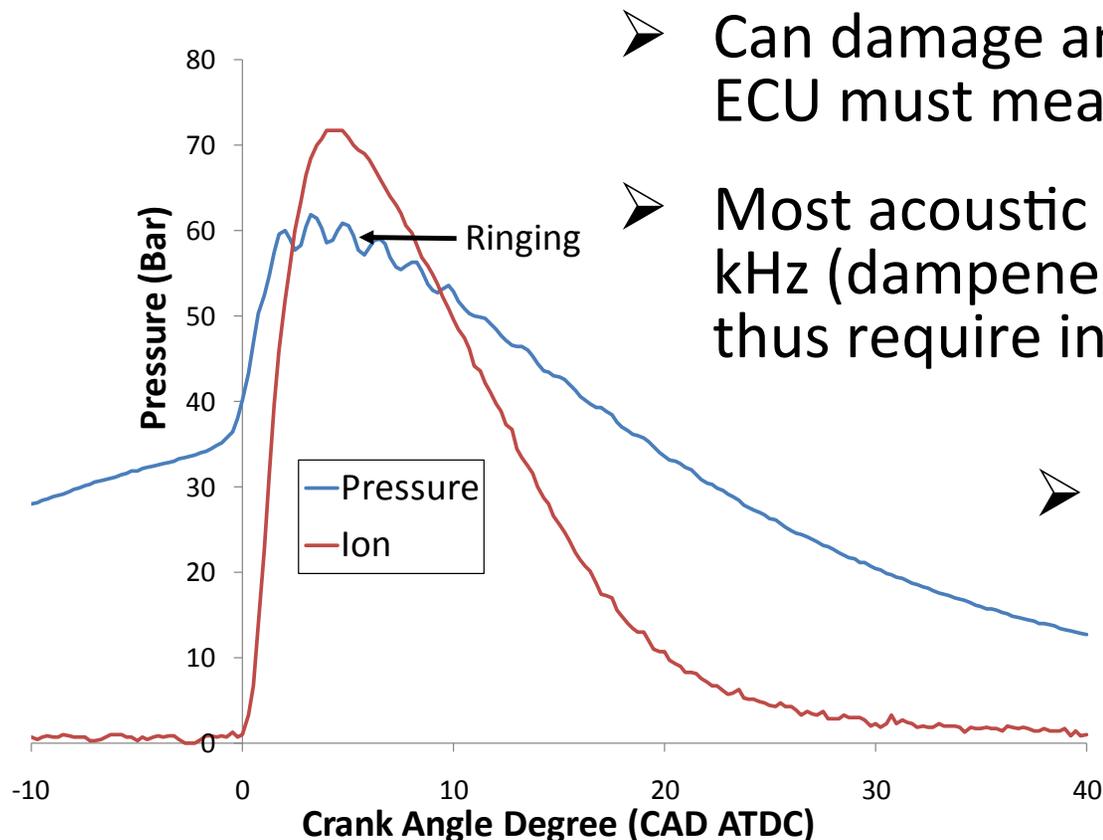
to react with CO

4...buy the book !



# Require effective sensing to avoid ringing damage to an engine

- Ringing – pressure waves coinciding with excessive heat release rates



- Can damage an engine over time – ECU must measure ringing intensity

- Most acoustic wave energy near 5 to 6 kHz (dampened by cylinder block/lining, thus require in-cylinder sensor)

- Pressure pulsations can be order of magnitude larger than knocking

# Ringling Intensity vs. Ion Ringling Intensity



## Ringling Intensity

$$RI \approx \frac{1}{2\gamma} \frac{\left( \beta \frac{dP}{dt}_{\max} \right)^2}{P_{\max}} \sqrt{\gamma RT_{\max}}$$

J.A. Eng  
SAE 2002-01-2859

**Requires expensive  
in-cylinder P sensing**

## Ion Ringling Intensity

$$\text{Ion RI} \approx \frac{\alpha \cdot \left( \frac{P_{in}}{P_{atm}} \cdot \frac{dIon}{dt}_{\max} \right)^2}{\sqrt{Ion_{\max}}}$$

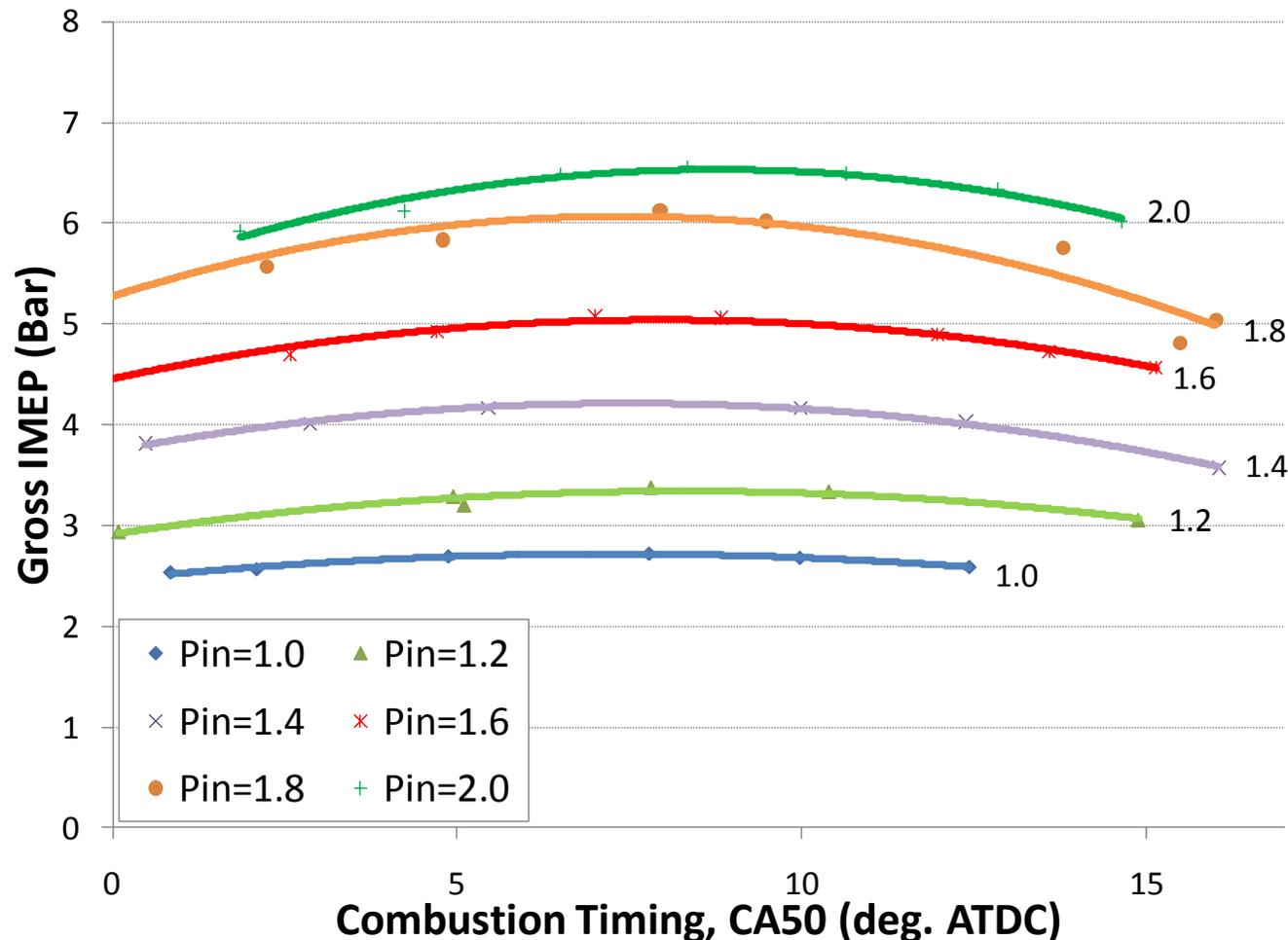
S. Saxena  
SAE 2011-01-1777

**No in-cylinder  
P required**

# Power output increases with higher $P_{in}$ , max at intermediate CA50



$\phi=0.45$ , 1800 RPM



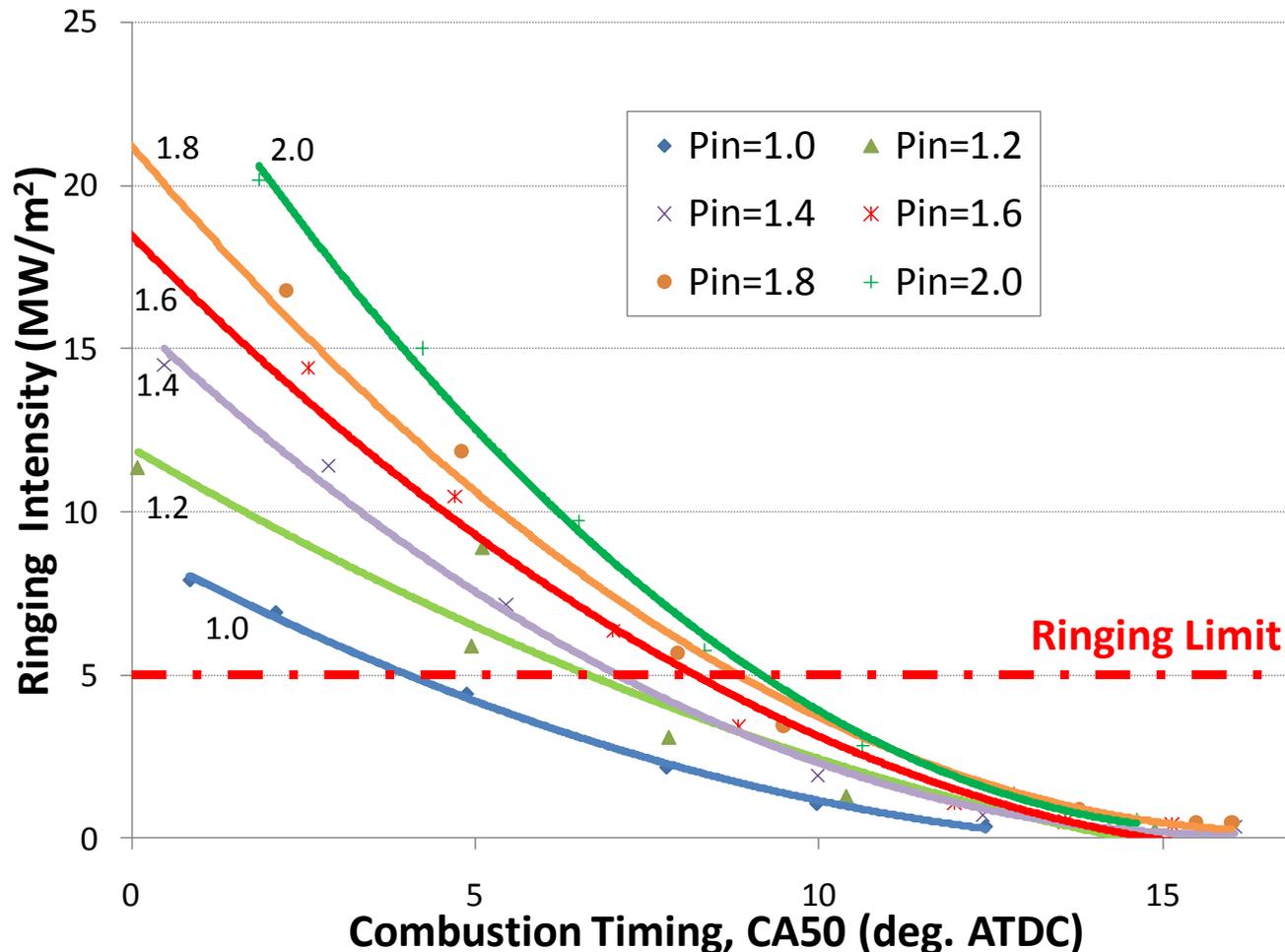
## Overall Trends:

- IMEP increases with higher  $P_{in}$
- IMEP is highest at intermediate CA50s

# Ringings becomes a more significant constraint at higher $P_{in}$



$\phi=0.45$ , 1800 RPM



## Overall Trends:

- Ringing decreases with lower  $P_{in}$
- Ringing decreases with delayed CA50

# Out of the Box

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