



Engines

Chapter 5: Spark Ignition Engines (Otto engines)





Learning Objectives of Chapter 5

- ⇒ know the fuel properties required for an Otto cycle and recognize the different phases of the combustion process
- ⇒ know the operating principles of the most common fuel injection systems used in Spark Ignition Engines
- ⇒ understand the load regulation strategy of S.I engines and the influence of key control parameters on performances
- ⇒ identify the low & high efficiency regions in the operating map for S.I. Engines and their associated limits



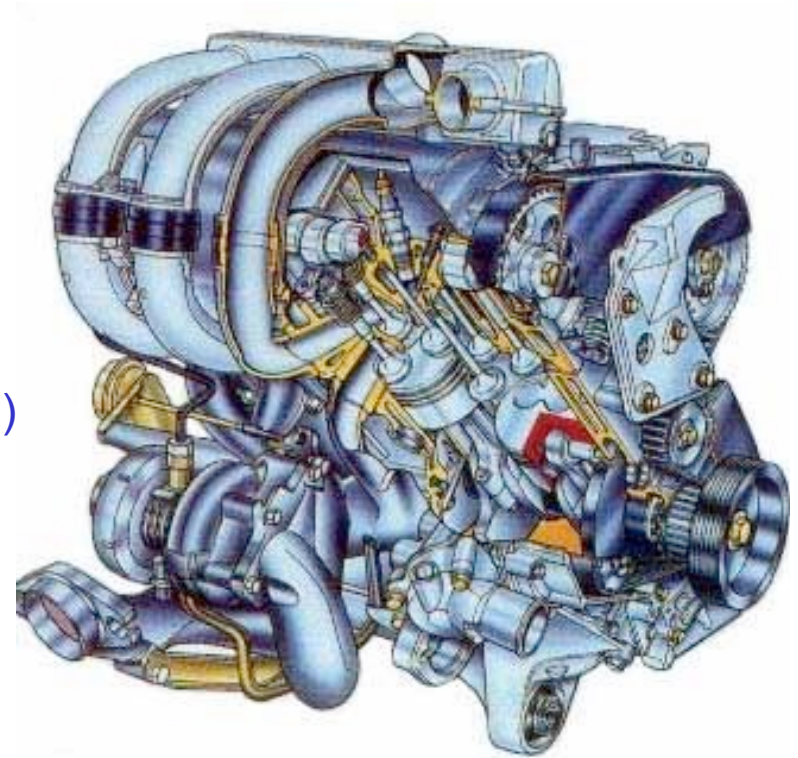
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Application range

- Common use and applications
 - 4-stroke cycle
 - Motorcycles ($V_{cyl} > 125 \text{ cm}^3$)
 - Passenger cars
 - High-speed marine engines
 - Agricultural machines (small V_{cyl})
 - Airborne vehicles (airplane, helicopters)
 - 2-stroke cycle (trend to $\searrow$)
 - Scooters
 - Motorcycles ($V_{cyl} \leq 125 \text{ cm}^3$)
 - Home-use (scale model)





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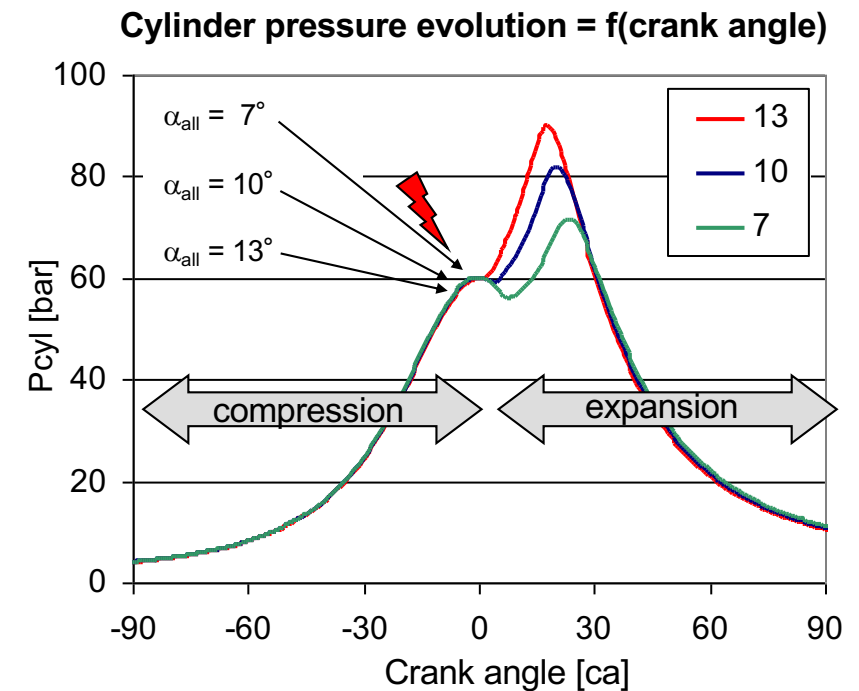
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Operating principle

■ General

- The combustion process in Spark Ignition (S.I.) engines is ignited by an external device (generally by a spark plug which produces an electric arc) at a given time (=given crank angle) of the engine cycle
- The electric arc enables to :
 - ⇒ obtain the favorable conditions for auto-ignition of the mixture
 - ⇒ initiate the combustion process
 - ⇒ control the start of the combustion
- α_{all} : spark advance angle (7,10,13,..)
(*'all=allumage (fr): spark ignition*)
 - ⇒ (degrees before TDC) defines the timing of the combustion in the engine cycle



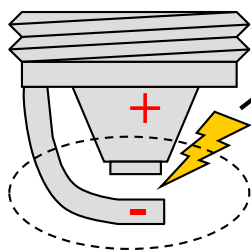
Rule-of thumb : the most efficient point for combustion is when peak-pressure is reached at +10 to +15 crank angle degrees



Operating principle

■ Representation of auto-ignition delays

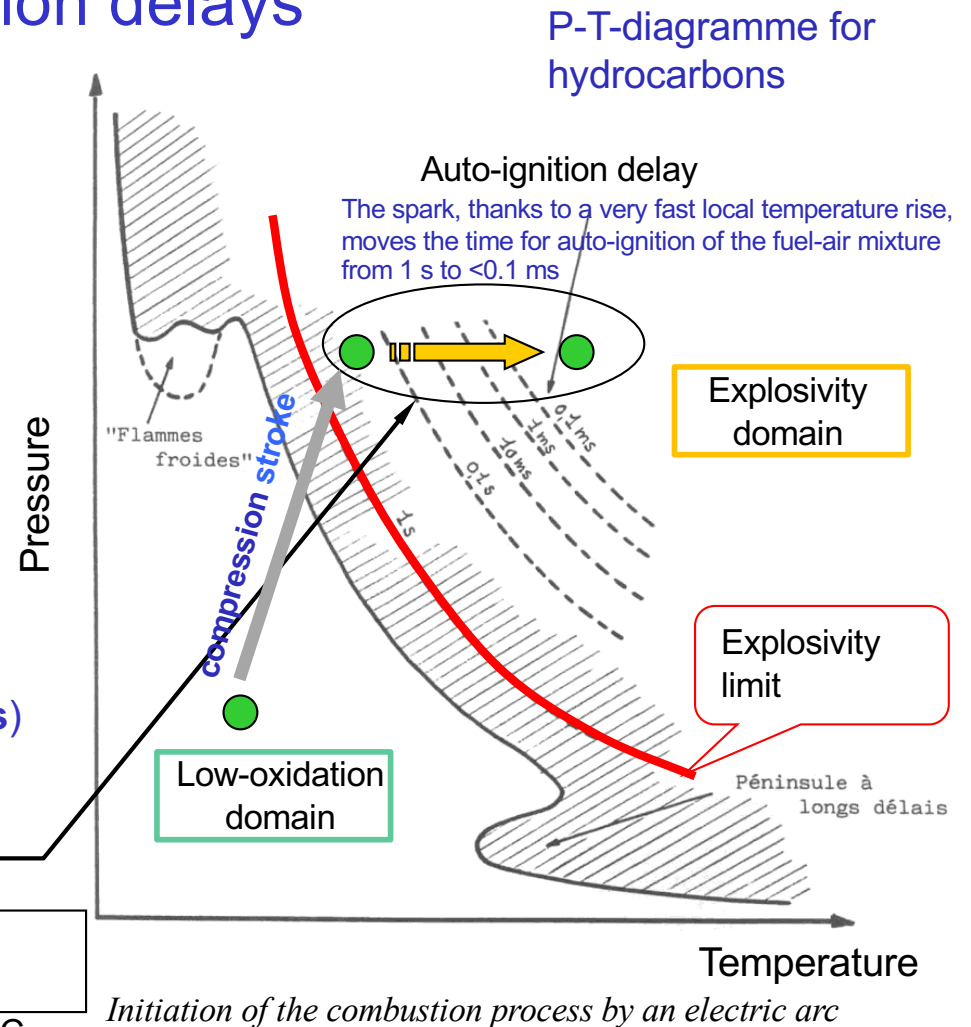
- **Low oxidation domain**
 - «Slow» oxidation of the mixture
 - Low Pressure & Temperature
- **Explosivity domain**
 - «Fast» combustion
 - Delay of auto-ignition $\tau < 1$ s
- **Spark plug**
 - Source of ignition
 - Reduces the delay of auto-ignition by $\nearrow$ the local temperature ($\tau \ll 1$ ms)



$$E_{el} \geq E_{min \text{ initiation}} \approx \text{ca. } 10 \text{ [mJ]}$$

$$100\text{W} \times 0.1 \text{ ms}$$

Local T of the electric arc $\gg 3000^\circ \text{C}$



The spark creates radicals and ionizes air which starts the combustion chain reaction



Operating principle

■ Fuel properties of gasoline



λ : relative to a homogeneous mixture

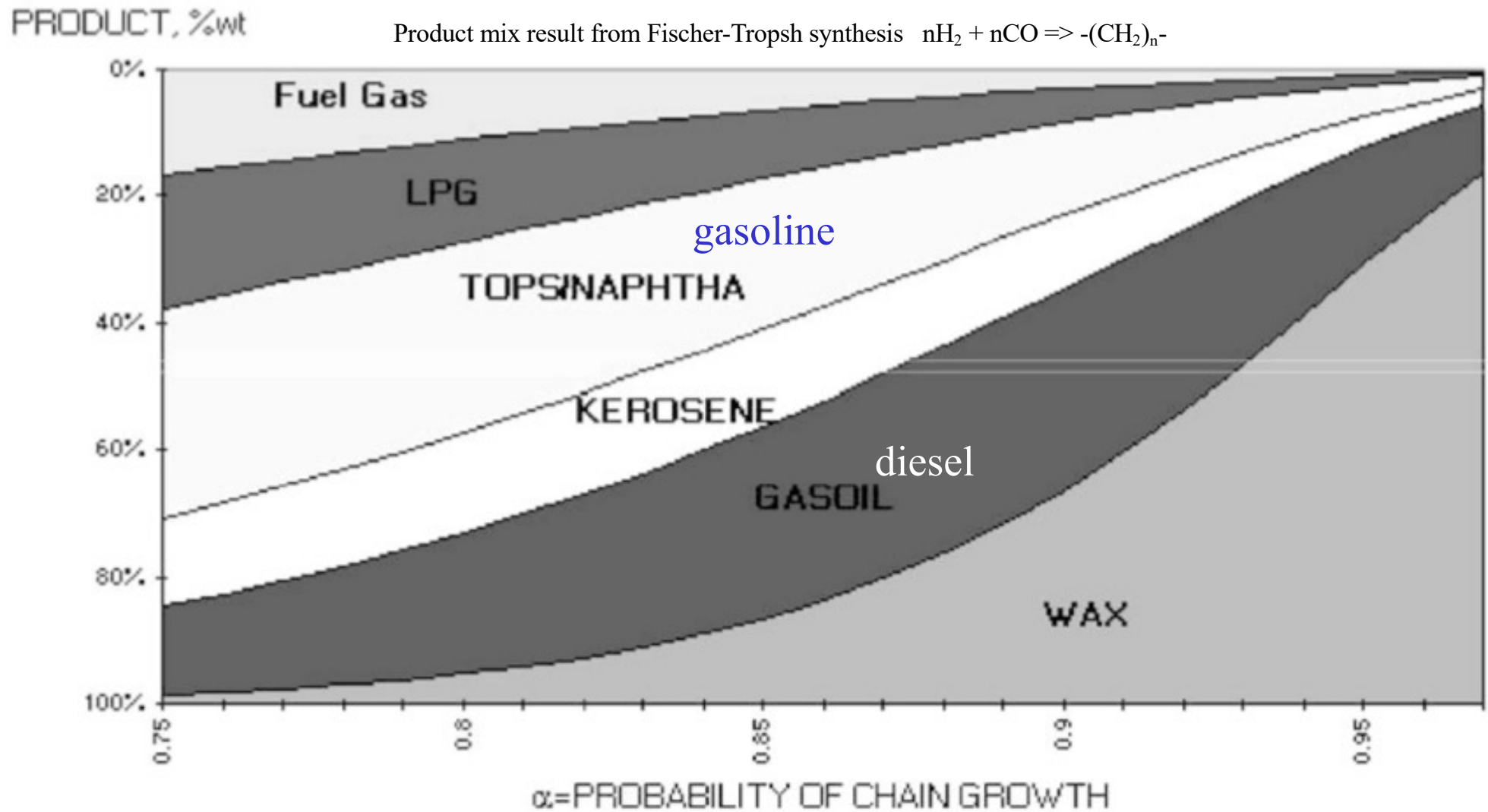
ρ [kg/L]	Distillation range [° C]		nmbr of carbon atoms	$R_{A/F}$ [kg _{air} /kg _{fuel}]	Upper flammability limit	Lower flammability limit
	Initial T°	Final T°			[ϕ] / [λ]	[ϕ] / [λ]
0.72 – 0.77	30 - 35	180 - 200	4 - 11	$\approx 14.4 - 14.7$	3.8 / 0.27	0.6 / 1.66

■ Octane Number : RON (Research) / MON (Motor)

- characterizes the resistance to the auto-ignition of a fuel
- RON xx $\Rightarrow$ corresponds to a binary mixture of 2 pure HC fuels with the same behavior than the one which is analyzed (i.e. knocking occurrence) on a reference engine (ε (CR) adjustable from 4:1 to 18:1)
 - RON 0 : corresponds to a fuel-mix identical to 100% n-heptane (very favorable for auto-ignition)
 - RON 100 : corresponds to a fuel-mix identical to 100% iso-octane (very resistant to auto-ignition)
 - RON 95 : corresponds to a fuel-mix identical to a mixture with 95% iso-octane and 5% n-heptane.
- Commercial fuels : RON = 95 to 98 (≈ 103 in F1)



Rem: fuel mixtures as f(carbon number)



from: Tijmensen, M.J.A. et al., Biomass&Bioenergy 23, pp. 129-152, 2002.

Corresponds to the different fractions from oil distillation



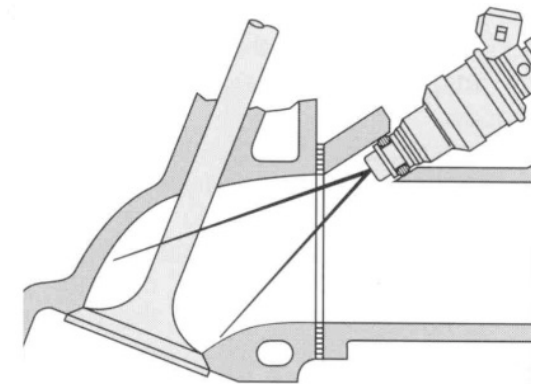
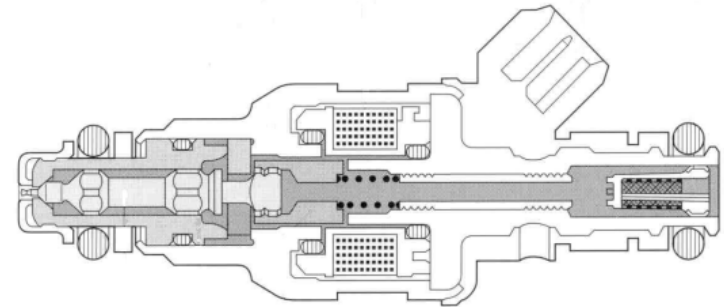
Operating principle

■ Injection systems (from old to new)

- Carburetor
 - Indirect injection
 - Direct injection
- Continuous fuel injection
- } electronic injection on timing with the engine cycle

■ Indirect injection

- Electronic actuators (magnet valves) ⇒
- Sequential injection
- Low pressure injection into the air circuit
 - in the range **between 3 and 6 bar**
 - **before the intake valves**
- Air-fuel mixture is **homogenous** (const. λ)
- Controlled by varying the current duration: $t_{\text{injection}}$
Injection duration gives the fuel quantity : $t_{\text{inj}} = f(M_F)$
⇒ requires an ECU (Electronic Control Unit)
⇒ requires sensors to know the thermodynamic conditions of the engine

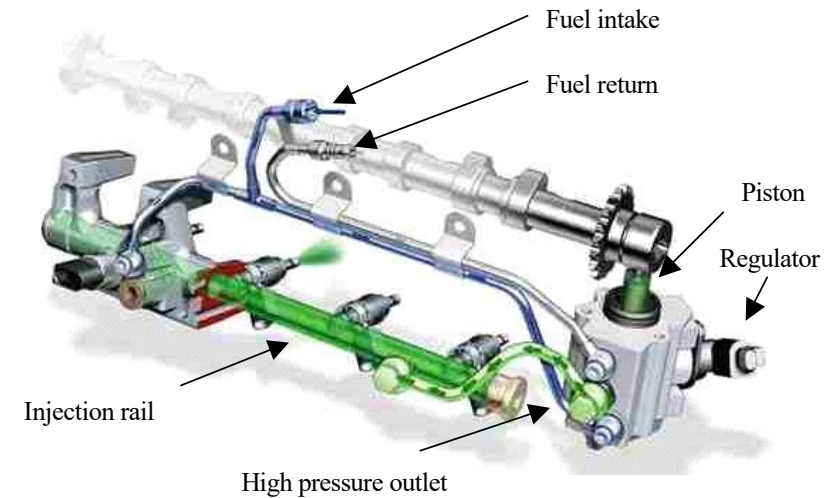




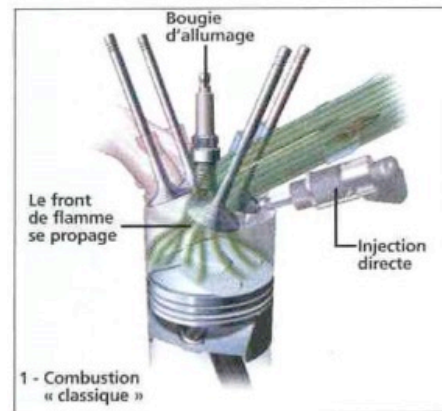
Operating principle

■ Direct injection

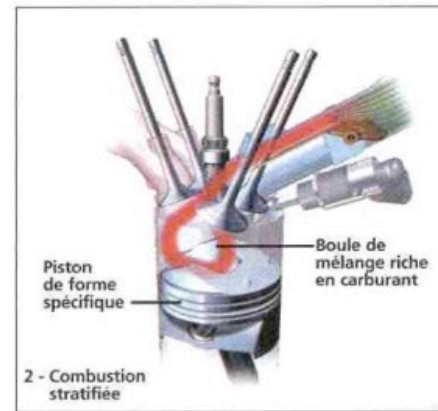
- Injection under high pressure directly **into the combustion chamber**
- P_{inj} set between 5 and **120 bar** (Diesel:2000 bar!)
- 2 strategies of injection are feasible:
 - A) During intake of the air/mixture
⇒ Air-Fuel mixture is **homogeneous**
 - B) At the end of the compression stroke
⇒ Air-Fuel mixture is **heterogeneous (or stratified)** – ‘diesel-like’



Injection in homogeneous mixture



Injection in heterogeneous (or stratified) mixture (FSI Fuel-stratified injection)





Operating principle

■ Direct injection

- **Homogeneous** mixture

*for
FULL
load*

or **Injection @few bar @BDC**
homogeneous operating mode $\Rightarrow$

$$\lambda(x, y, z) = \lambda_{global} = cte \quad \lambda = 0.3 \dots 1.7$$

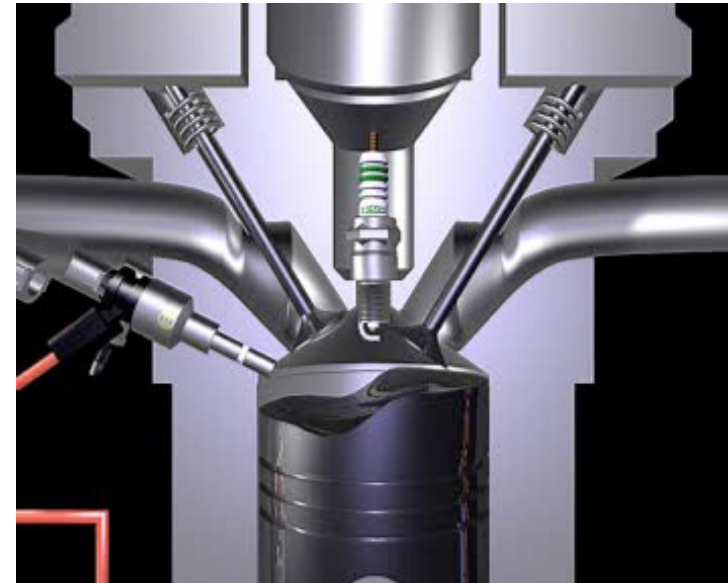
- **Heterogeneous** mixture

*for
PART
load*

or **Injection @30-40 bar @TDC**
heterogeneous operating mode
(**stratified mode**) $\Rightarrow$

$$\lambda(x, y, z) = \nabla_{x,y,z} \quad \lambda = \text{local}$$

Only air is compressed, the throttle valve does not have to be closed too much $\Rightarrow$ better part load efficiency





Operating principle

■ Ignition system

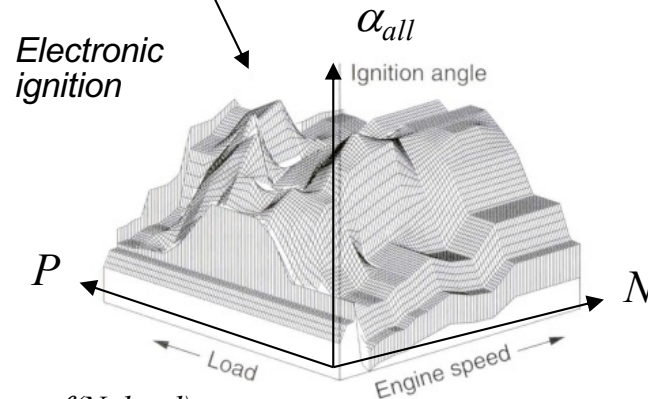
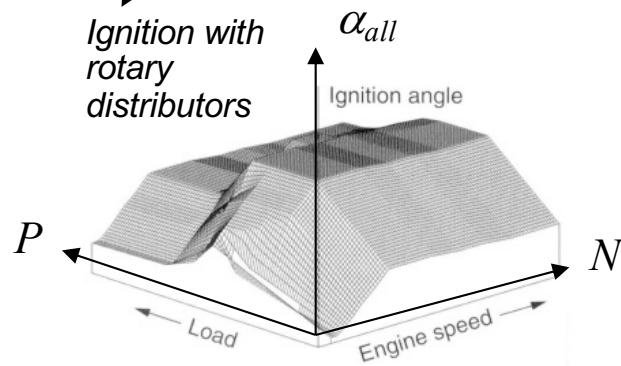
- Function : generate the required conditions to initiate the combustion process
- Energy input given by a spark $\Rightarrow$ produced at high voltage between 2 electrodes
 ≈ 10 to 20 kV ($10 \text{ kV} * 10 \text{ mA} = 100\text{W}$, for $0.1 \text{ ms} \Rightarrow 10 \text{ mJ}$)
- The optimal spark timing angle (advance angle) depends on the engine speed (N) and load (P_{adm}) = operating map
- Control device for spark angle α_{all}

1) Mechanical devices (=previously)

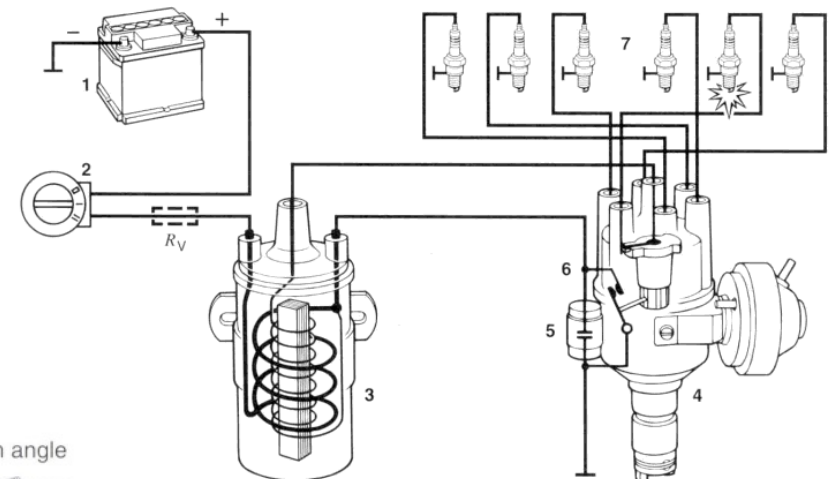
$\Rightarrow$ Conventional coil and rotary distributors

2) Electronic units (fully programmable) = today

$\Rightarrow$ ECU (ignition angle map)



= spark angle as $f(N, \text{load})$



Mechanical ignition system

(spark angle based on mech. load and N)

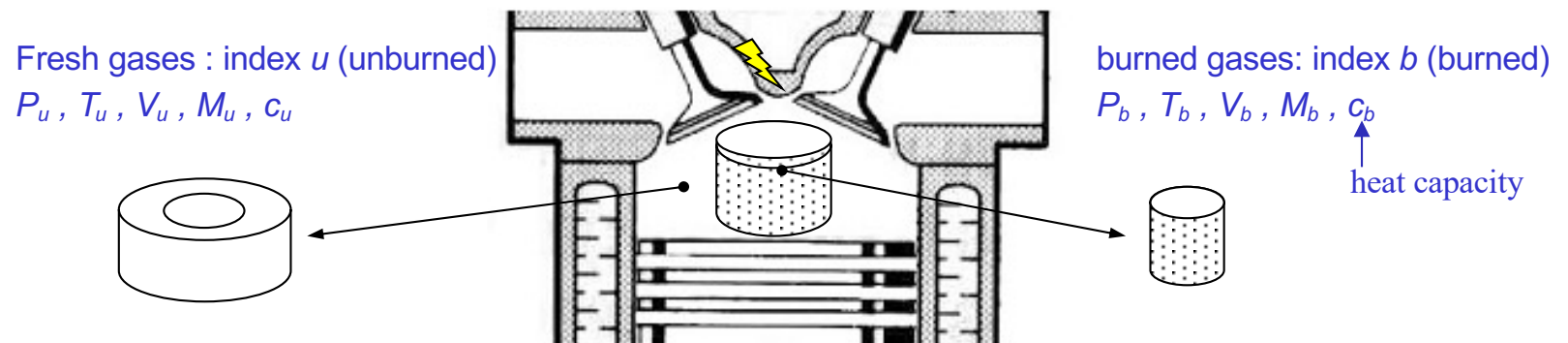
'all = allumage' (fr) = S.I.



Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

- According to the ignition system used (direct or indirect injection), there are 2 different combustion processes in S.I engines :
 - Combustion in homogeneous mixture
 - Combustion in stratified mixture
- For both cases, the mean to initiate the combustion is identical:
 - Ignition by an external source (spark generated by an electric discharge)
 - Propagation of a turbulent flame at high speed dividing the combustion chamber into 2 zones : fresh (unburned) gases (u) & burned gases (b) :





Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

● Homogeneous combustion process:

- Air / Fuel ratio is constant everywhere in the comb. chamber:

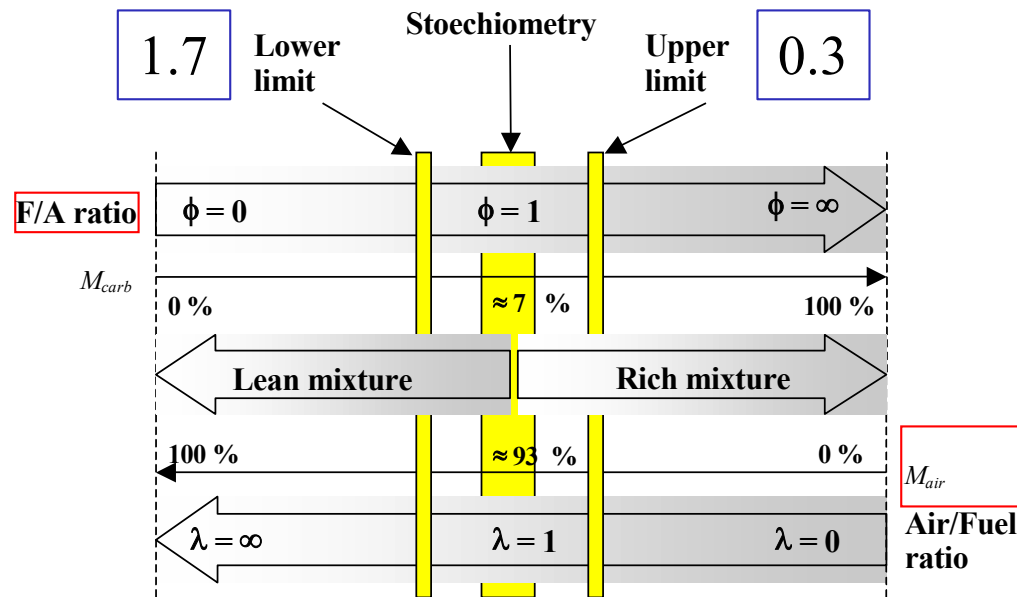
$$\lambda(x, y, z) = \lambda_{global}$$

- Condition for flame propagation during the combustion : $L_I < \lambda < L_S$

lower and upper
flammability limits (sl. 8)

$\lambda_{mixture}$ should be contained in the flammability range: $0.3 < \lambda < 1.7$

(going beyond these limits is only possible by stratified combustion)



In practice: $\lambda = 1.0$ for exhaust gas after-treatment by 3-way catalyst (catalytic converter)



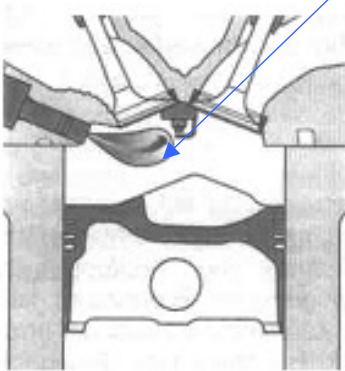
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■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

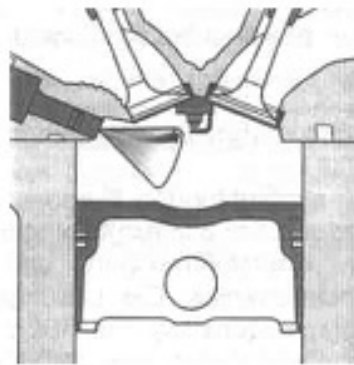
● Stratified combustion process:

- Heterogeneity of the Air / Fuel mixture in the C.C : $\nabla \lambda(x, y, z) \rightarrow \lambda(x, y, z) \neq \lambda_{global}$
- Stratification of the mixture $\Rightarrow$ consists of splitting the chamber in 2 zones:
 - 1) A/F mixture at $\lambda_{local} \approx 1$
 - 2) Fresh Air domain (inert for the process)

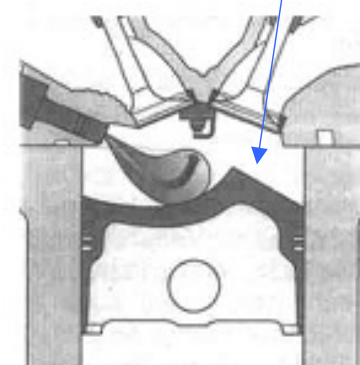
- 3 possibilities (ways) to control the stratification:



1) *by the injection system*
(orient fuel close to spark)



2) *by the internal air motion*
(vortex, turbulence)



3) *by the design (shape) of the chamber / piston*



Operating principle

Combustion process in S.I. engines

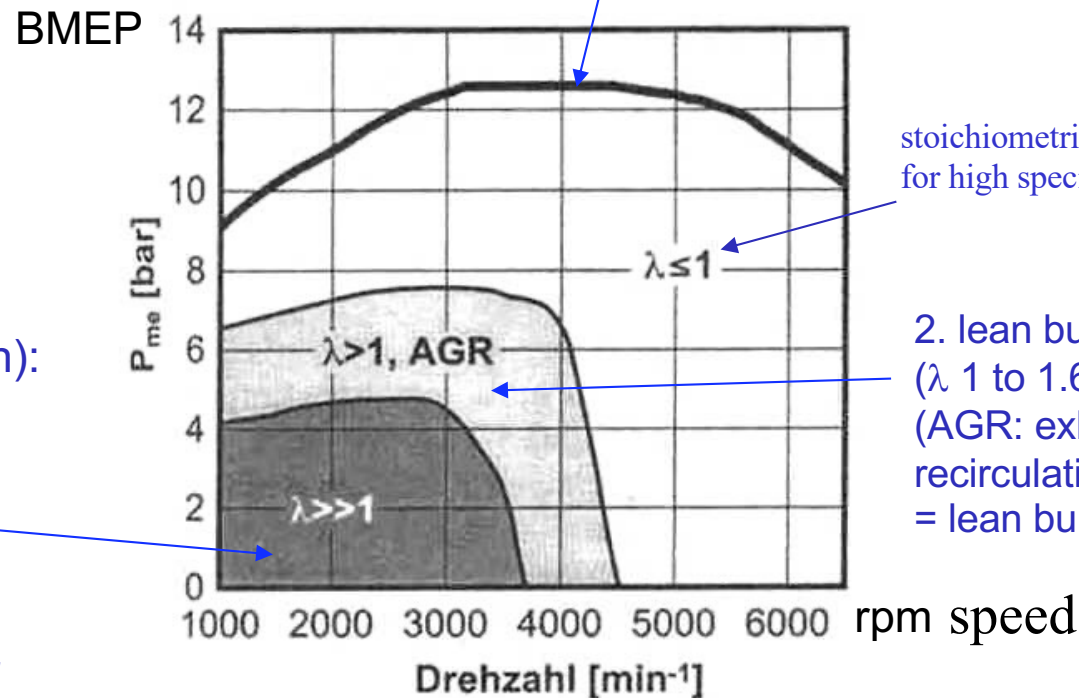
atmospheric engine:

higher global λ ,
2 to 5 (stratified)

3. stratified combustion
domain (local combustion):
used in **partial load**
operation to improve the
engine efficiency by
**reducing the pumping
losses.**

It represents only 1/5th of
the operating **map** but
most (80-90%!) of the
operating **time**!

1. **full load** curve : stoichiometric combustion (homog.)



stoichiometric $\lambda=1$, or λ down to 0.9
for high specific power, at high speed

2. lean burn, homogeneous
(λ 1 to 1.6)
(AGR: exhaust gas
recirculation
= lean burn combustion)

For turbocharged engines, the operating map is displaced a bit:
the engine is downsized => the full load curve goes down, the operating
regime of the stratified range is widened

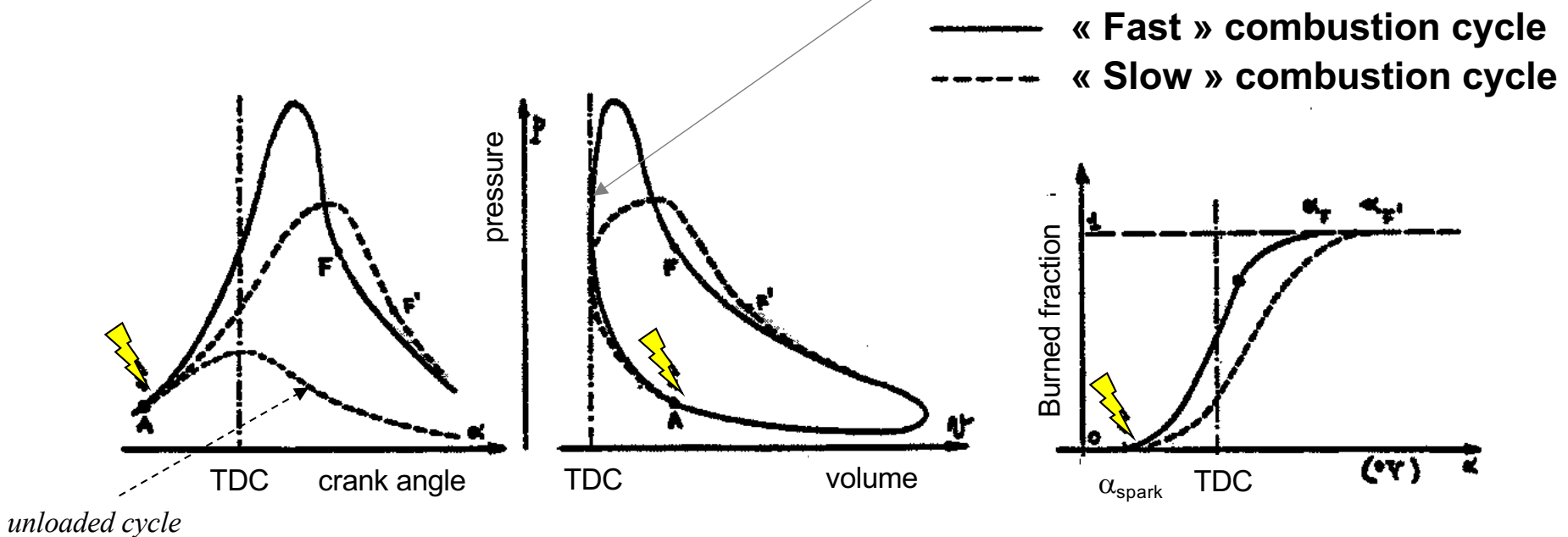


Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

Key parameters affecting the combustion

- Combustion **speed**:
 - Ideal spark ignition combustion cycle = constant volume cycle



=> we want to accelerate the combustion speed (to maximise efficiency) because the combustion process in Otto engines depends only on internal parameters (ϵ , γ)

≠ Diesel engine, where the rate of fuel injection influences the combustion duration



Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

Key parameters affecting the combustion (1):

- The combustion **speed** depends on the following 4 factors:

- 1) Type of fuel : example of laminar propagation speed at $\lambda \approx 1$: $\rightarrow$
- 2) Pressure and temperature conditions of the mixture
- 3) Internal air motion $\Rightarrow$ creation of vortex (**turbulence**)

v slow (laminar)
speed for all fuels

$$\begin{cases} \vec{v}_{CH_4} \approx 45 \text{ cm/s} \\ \vec{v}_{Isooctane} \approx 41 \text{ cm/s} \\ \vec{v}_{H_2} \approx 325 \text{ cm/s} \end{cases}$$

factor 100 $\hookrightarrow$

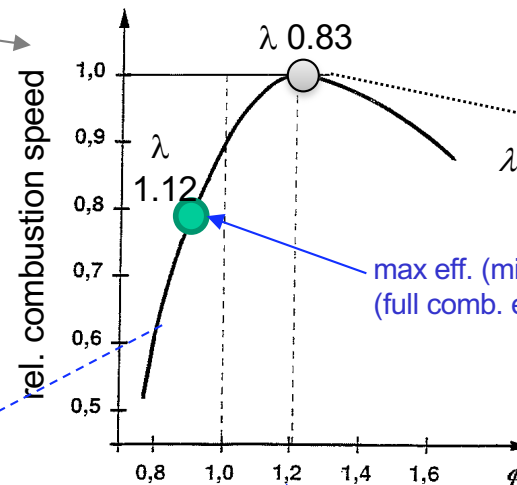
$\Rightarrow$ Laminar flame velocity $\approx 0.3\text{-}0.6 \text{ m/s}$

$\Rightarrow$ Turbulent flame velocity $\approx 10\text{-}50 \text{ m/s}$

4) A/F ratio :

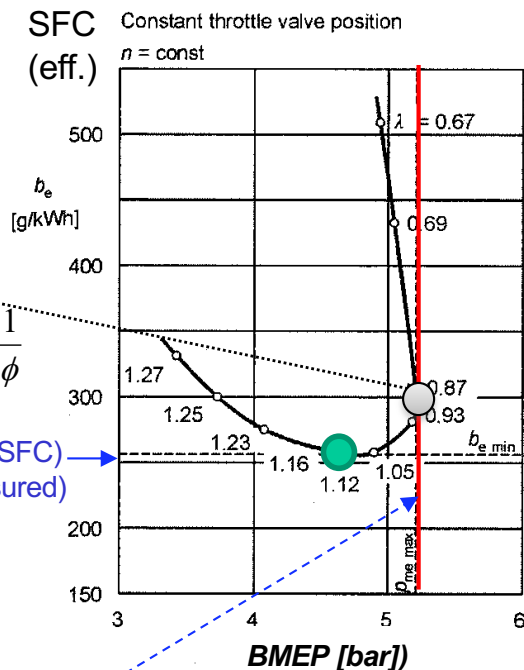
Criteria of $\dot{E}_{e \max}$
 $\neq$
Criteria of $\eta_{\max}$

steep reduction of
combustion speed at $\lambda > 1$



rich mixture! $\Rightarrow$ max power!

max eff. (min. SFC)
(full comb. ensured)



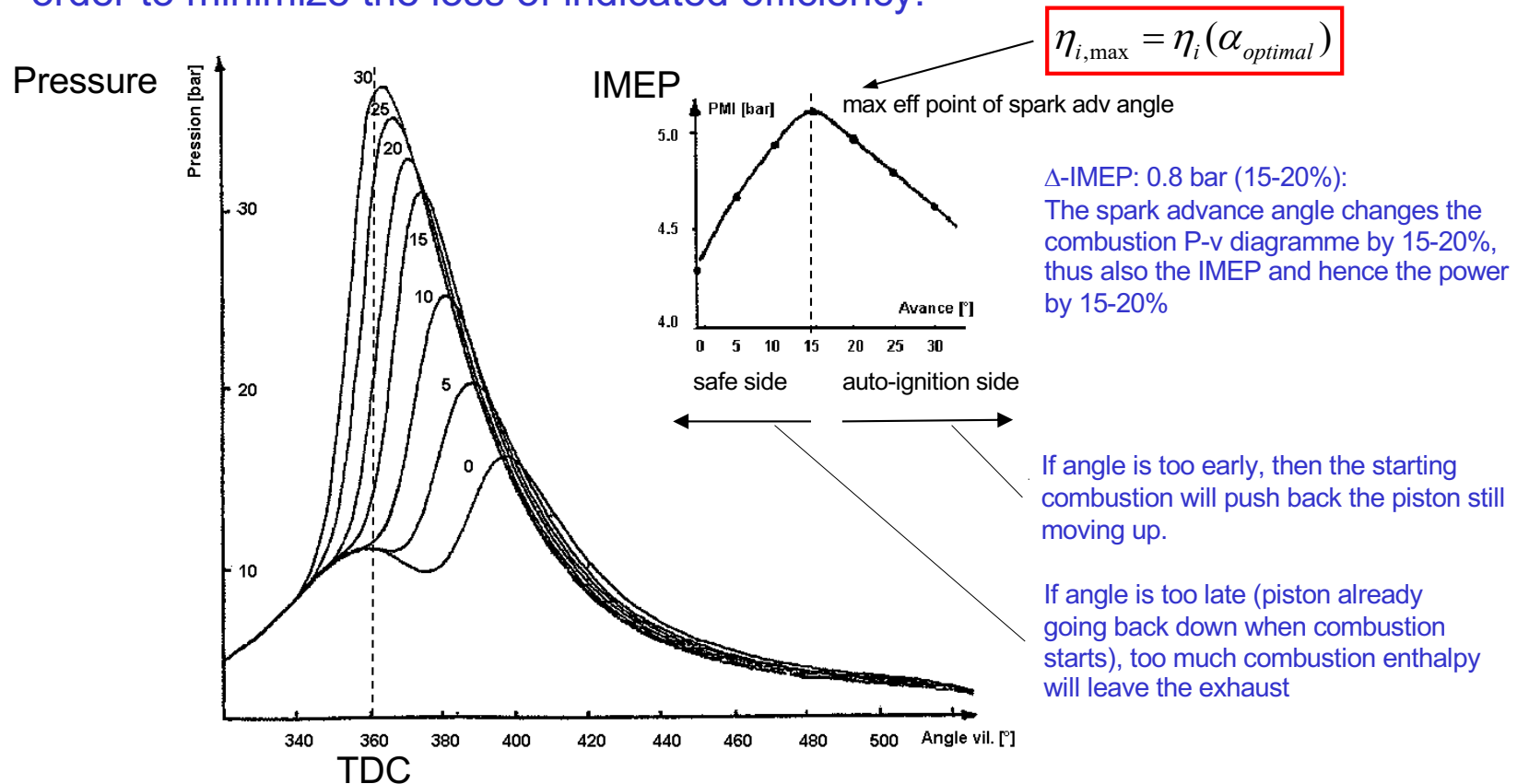


Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

Key parameters affecting the combustion (2) : spark advance angle

⇒ enables to “set” / “time” correctly the combustion process in the engine cycle in order to minimize the loss of indicated efficiency:



⇒ The « optimal » spark advance angle (called MBT: maximum break torque) maximizing the engine torque is directly linked to the combustion speed

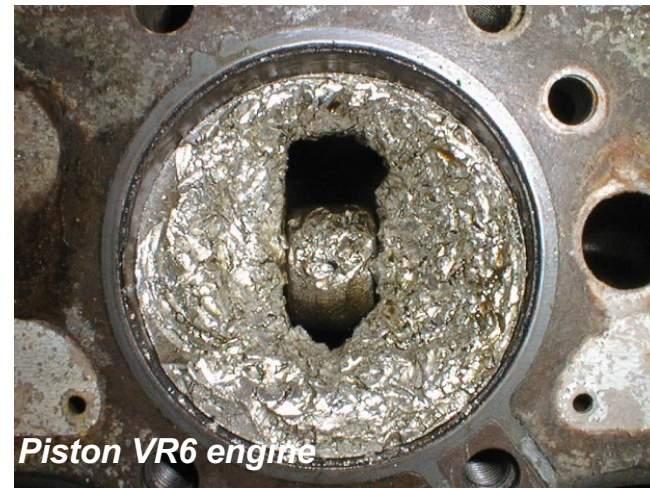
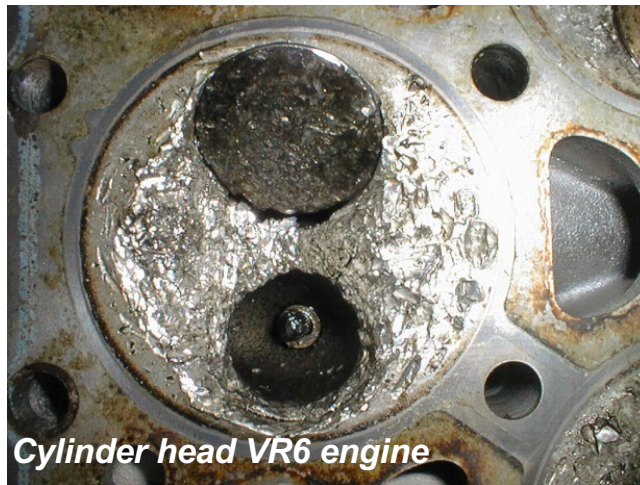


Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

Auto-ignition phenomenon: knocking (*in french: cliquetis*)

- The optimal timing of the combustion is limited by the **knock** phenomenon:
 - ⇒ corresponds to the auto-ignition of a part of the unburned fuel-air mixture (end-gas) still not reached by the flame propagation.
 - ⇒ This auto-ignition produces a spontaneous and rapid combustion (v_{comb} ↗↗) in a 2nd zone => 2 flame fronts collide, which causes high local pressure variations (shock waves) followed by high vibrations of the gases (propagation of pressure waves at a velocity of 500 to 900 m/s). (1 Mach = 340 m/s)
 - ⇒ engine components can be extremely damaged (in a matter of seconds):



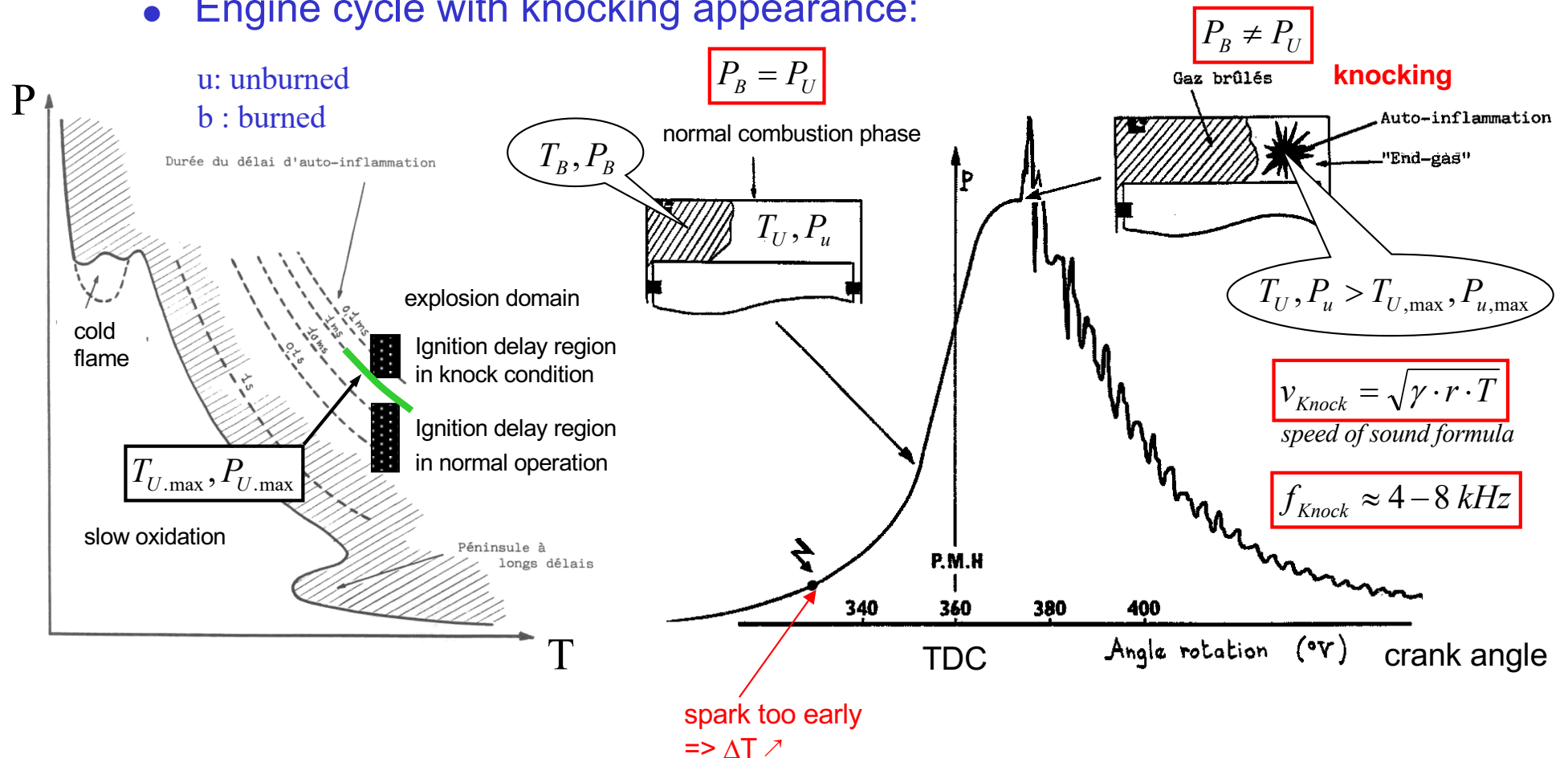


Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

Auto-ignition phenomenon: **knocking**

- Engine cycle with knocking appearance:



When the accelerometer registers 4-8 kHz vibrations, the ECU has to reduce the spark advance angle.



Operating principle

■ Combustion process in S.I. engines

Auto-ignition phenomenon: **knocking**

● Influence of operating parameters on knocking tendency:

1. Air/Fuel mixture composition

⇒ Tendency to increase the **RON** of the fuel

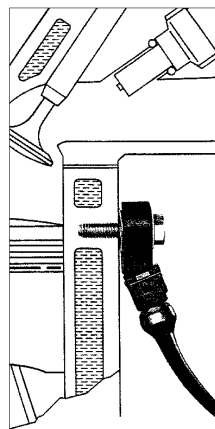
2. Temperature and pressure of the fresh gas mixture

⇒ Tendency to reduce (!) the compression ratio ($\varepsilon \nearrow$ for $\nearrow \eta_i$) !

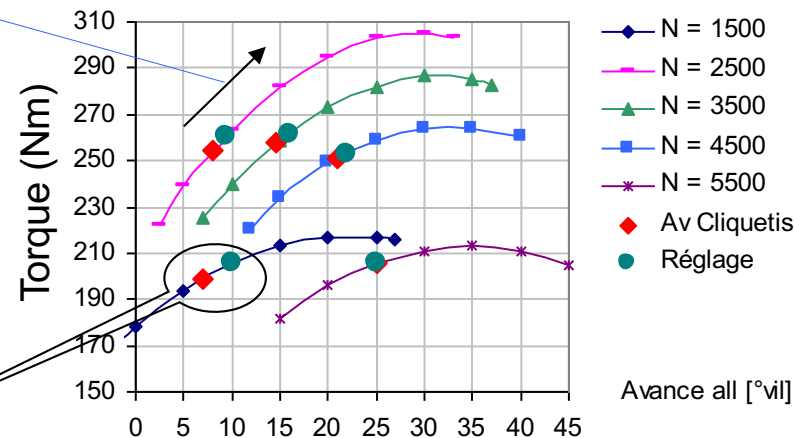
⇒ Tendency to reduce α_{all} (spark advance angle)
until knock occurrence

corresponds to RON increase
(higher resistance to auto-ignition)

knock sensor
(accelerometer)



Courbe de chapeau d'avance pleine charge du moteur
F4RT



@2500 rpm:
Torque 250 Nm → 300Nm:
we could have 20% more
power by moving the
advance angle by -20;
however, the knocking limit
prevents us from doing it.

Green : limit of knocking occurrence
Red : safety margin fixed by the ECU



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Load regulation parameters

■ Relations (cf. Diesel engine slides)

● Multicylinder :

- $\dot{E}_e$ as a function of $\dot{M}_A$:

$$\dot{E}_e = \underbrace{\eta_{mec} \cdot \eta_i}_{\eta_e} \cdot \underbrace{\dot{M}_A \cdot q}_{\dot{M}_F \cdot LHV}$$

with

$$q = \begin{cases} \frac{LHV}{R_{A/F}} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} & \text{if } \lambda \geq 1 \\ \frac{LHV}{R_{A/F}} & \text{if } \lambda \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

- $\dot{M}_A$ as a function of P_{coll} , T_{coll} :

$$\dot{M}_A = n_c \cdot \eta_{vol} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{P_{coll}}{r \cdot T_{coll}} \cdot V_u \cdot n}_{M_A}$$

with

$$V_{cyl} = n \cdot V_u$$

$\dot{M}_A$: Total mass air flow of the engine

n_c : Number of engine cycles per second

M_A : Mass of air introduced into a cylinder and per cycle

q : Energy content of the mixture : [kJ/kg_{air}]

- $\dot{E}_e$ as a function of P_{coll} , T_{coll} :

$$\dot{E}_e = \underbrace{\eta_{mec} \cdot \eta_i}_{\eta_e} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{N}{60 \cdot n_{TM}}}_{n_c} \cdot \underbrace{\eta_{vol} \cdot \frac{P_{coll}}{r \cdot T_{coll}} \cdot V_u \cdot n \cdot q}_{M_A}$$

Rem: 'coll(ector) = intake, admission'



Load regulation parameters

■ Load regulation for S.I. engines: summary

A) **Stoichiometric** engines :

$$\lambda = 1$$

$\lambda \neq$ no means of action !

● Effective power depends on $\Rightarrow$

$$\dot{E}_e = f(\eta_{mec}, \eta_i, \dot{N}, M_A, q(\lambda = 1))$$

Means of action on $\dot{E}_e$:

Mass of air : M_A

$$M_{air} = f(\eta_{vol}, T_{adm}, P_{adm})$$

Energy content of the mixture : q

$$q = f(LHV, R_{A/F}, \lambda)$$

Pressure variation into the manifold

$\Rightarrow P_{coll}$ is the only means of action to control the power

$\Rightarrow$ Problem: for atm. Otto engines: $P_{coll} \approx P_0$

$\Rightarrow$ creation of a pressure drop on the intake manifold system (throttle valve) in order to have $P_{coll} \ll P_0$

Fuel/Air ratio variation is limited by the **stoichiometric** operating mode of the engine

$$q = \text{cte}$$

$P_{adm} \Rightarrow$ means of action to reduce the power of stoichiometric engines

$\Rightarrow$ potential to increase the maximal power of the engine



Load regulation parameters

■ Load regulation for S.I. engines: summary

B) **Lean burn** engines :

$$\lambda > 1$$

● Effective power depends on $\Rightarrow$

$$\dot{E}_e = f(\eta_{org}, \eta_i, N, \overset{\checkmark}{M}_A, \overset{\checkmark}{q}(\lambda))$$

secondary action

Mass of air : M_A

$$M_{air} = f(\overset{\text{red}}{\eta}_{vol}, \overset{\text{red}}{T}_{adm}, \overset{\text{green}}{P}_{adm})$$

Means of action on $\dot{E}_e$:

primary action

Energy content of the mixture : q

$$q = f(\overset{\text{red}}{LHV}, \overset{\text{red}}{R}_{A/F}, \overset{\text{green}}{\lambda})$$

Pressure variation into the manifold

$\Rightarrow P_{coll}$ is a means of action to control the power

$\Rightarrow$ Creation of a pressure drop on the intake manifold system (throttle valve) in order to have $P_{coll} < P_0$

$P_{coll} \Rightarrow$ complementary means of action to change / control the engine load

Fuel/Air ratio variation

$\Rightarrow$ Problem : flammability range ($\lambda > 1.6$) homogeneous

$\Rightarrow$ Solution : F/A ratio gradient ($\nabla \lambda$) heterogeneous, global λ 2-5

Stratified engines

$\lambda \Rightarrow$ main means of action to change / control the engine load

A stratified engine still has a throttle valve, but it is more often wide open, and reduced only slightly.

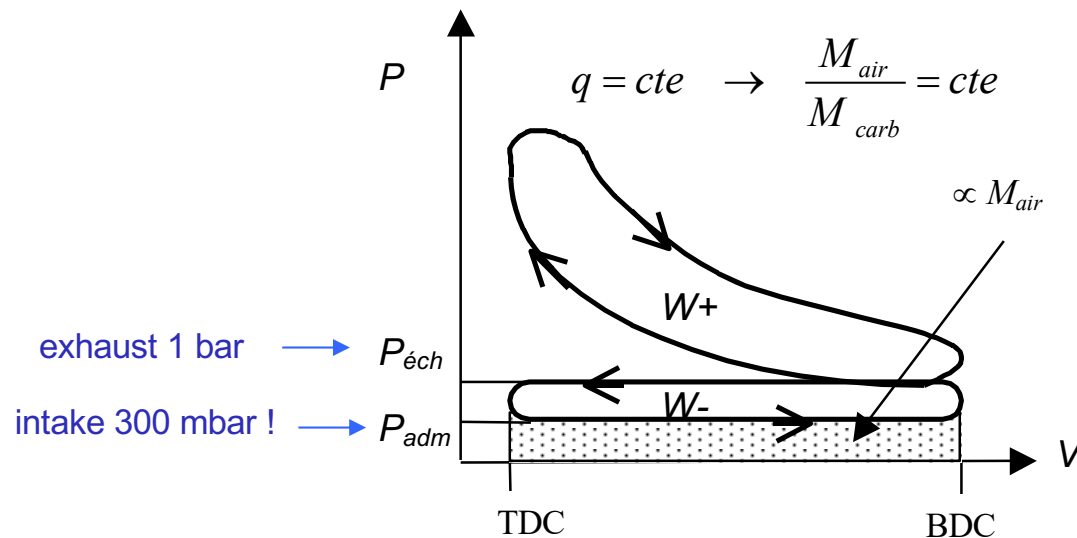


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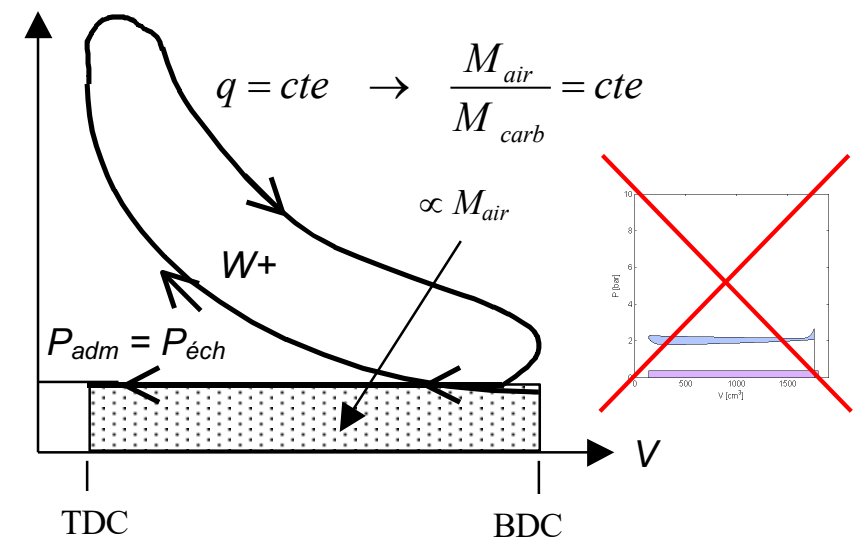
■ Partial load operation

1. Action on P_{coll} ($=P_{adm}$):

Partial load



Full load / Full throttle



$\Rightarrow$ Operation at a constant A/F ratio : $\lambda = 1$

$\Rightarrow$ During partial load operation, creation of a negative low-pressure loop in the engine cycle generates “pumping losses”:

$$IMEP_{LP} \approx \Delta P_{exh-adm} = P_{exh} - P_{adm}$$



Load regulation parameters

■ Partial load operation

- Control of $\dot{E}_e$ by action on the throttle valve in order to reduce the pressure into the intake manifold (to maintain $\lambda=1$)

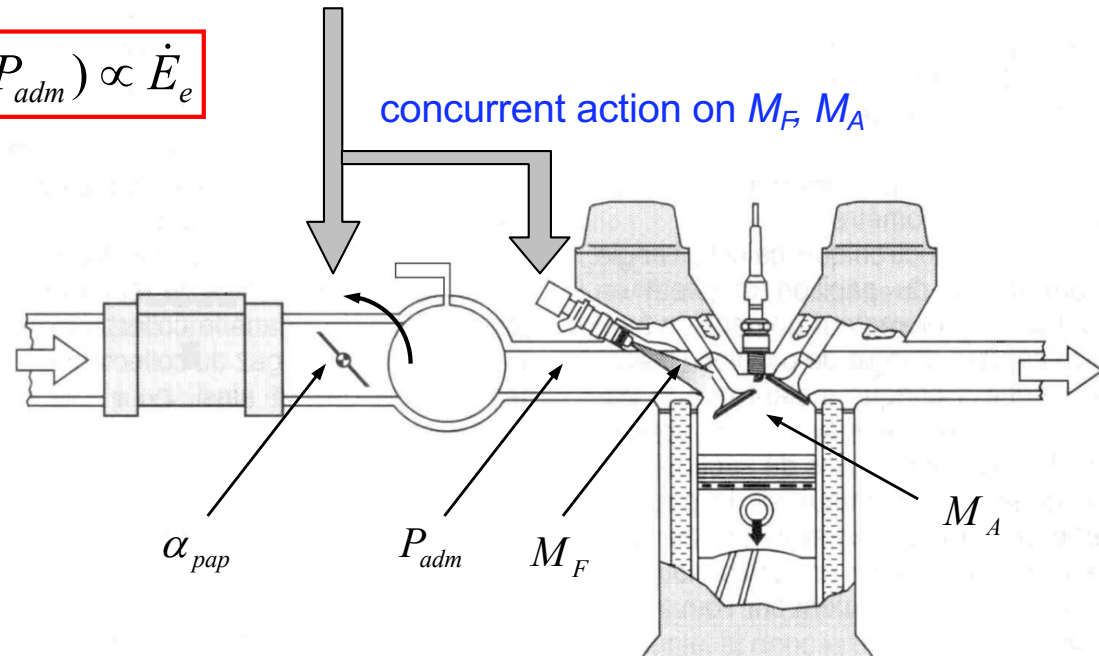
M_A	$\rightarrow$	var
P_{adm}	$\rightarrow$	var
M_F	$\rightarrow$	var
λ	$\rightarrow$	cte

$$\varphi \alpha_{pap} \rightarrow \varphi P_{adm} \rightarrow \varphi M_F (\propto \varphi M_A) \rightarrow \varphi \dot{E}_e$$

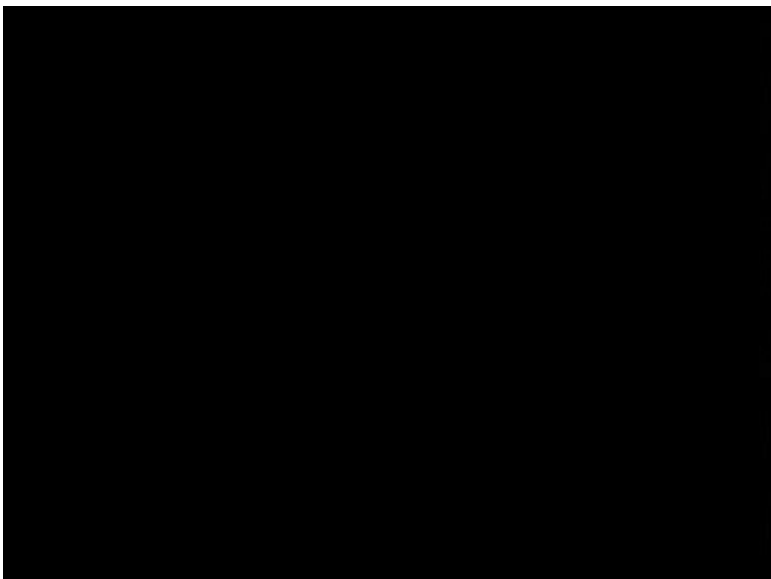
(vanne papillon)

$$M_A(P_{adm}) \propto \dot{E}_e$$

concurrent action on M_F M_A



Animation (throttle valve):



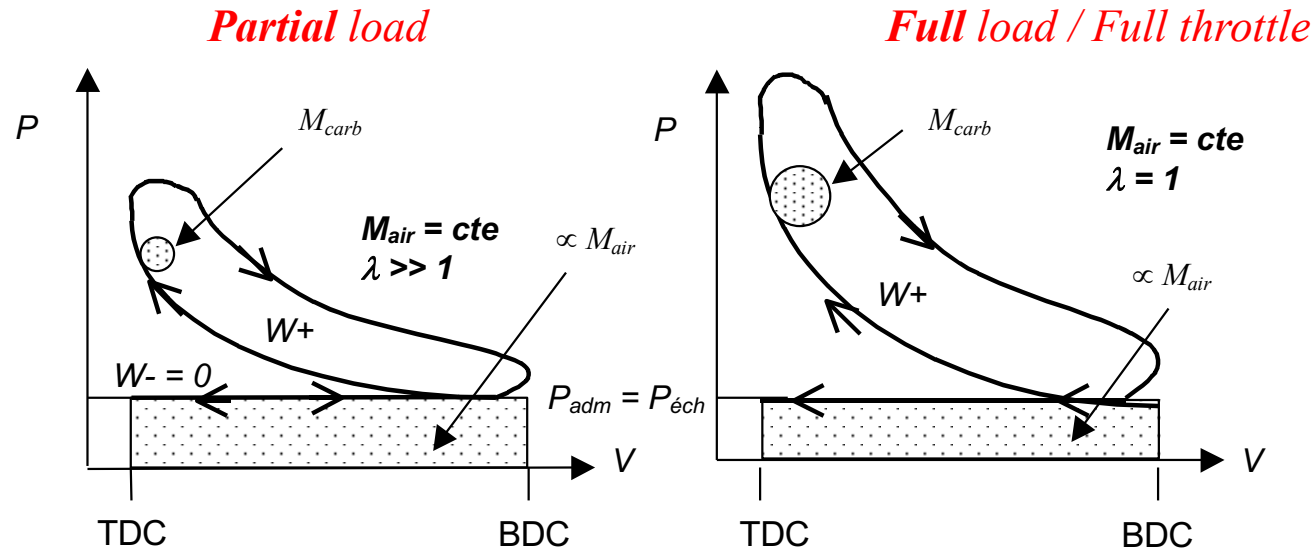


Load regulation parameters

■ Partial load operation

2. Action on λ :

with FSI, no need to reduce M_A as much (by the throttle valve)



- ⇒ λ_{global} is above the flammability limit, but $\lambda_{local} \approx 1$ so the flammability conditions of the mixture are locally satisfied
- ⇒ In both cases, absence of a negative low pressure loop in the engine cycle, leading to improvement of the global efficiency

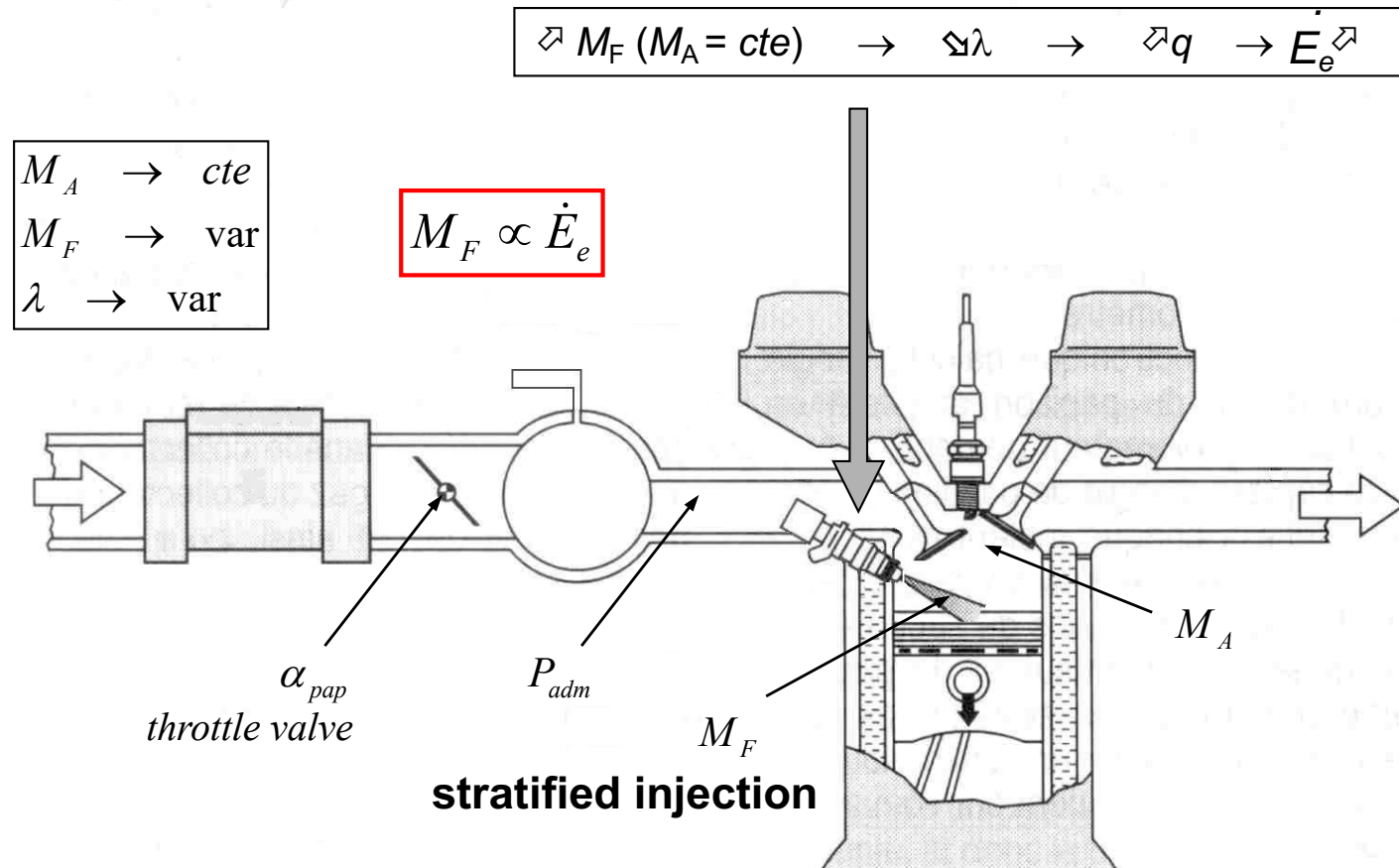
Avoid the low pressure loop by having a $\approx$ same amount of air in the cylinder, by the fuel stratified condition: controls the partial load without a throttle valve at the air inlet.



Load regulation parameters

■ Partial load operation

- Control of $\dot{E}_e$ by action on the injected fuel quantity :





Load regulation parameters

■ Full load operation

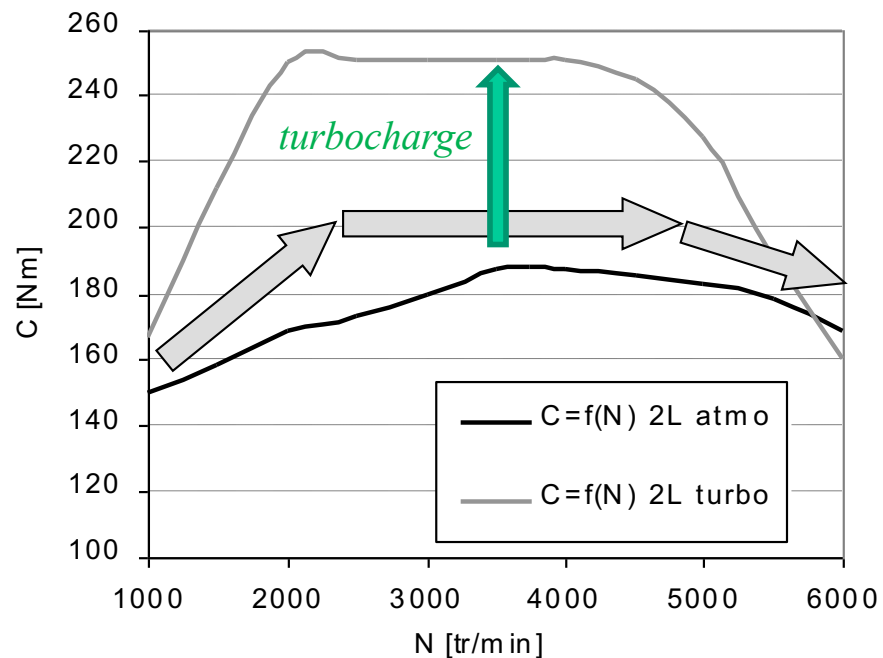
- Reminder : Effective power depends on $\Rightarrow \dot{E}_e = f(N, \eta_{vol}, P_{adm}, \eta_i, q)$

means of action

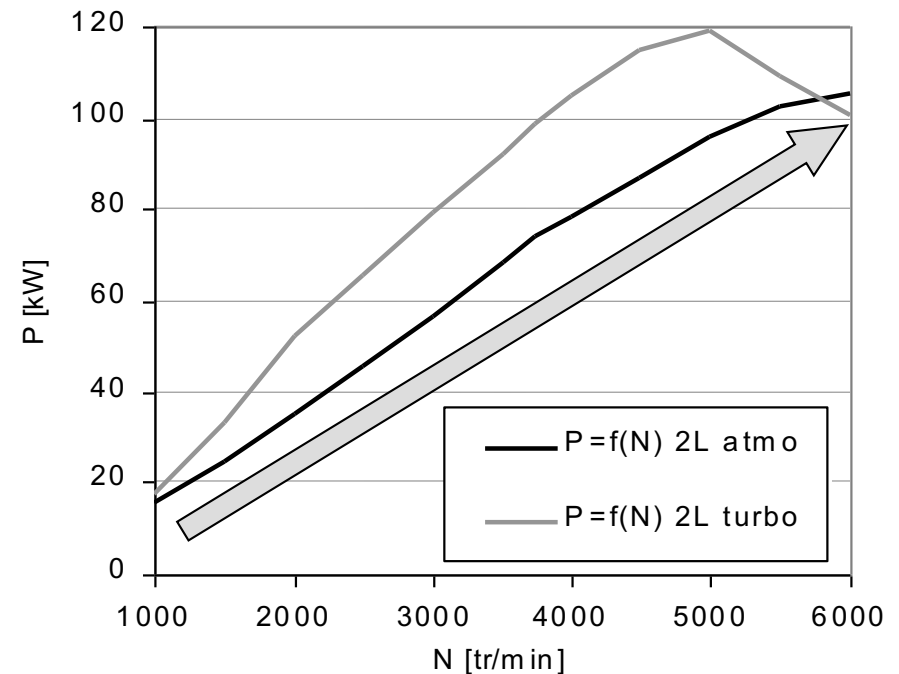


1. Engine speed : N

torque at full load



power at full load





Load regulation parameters

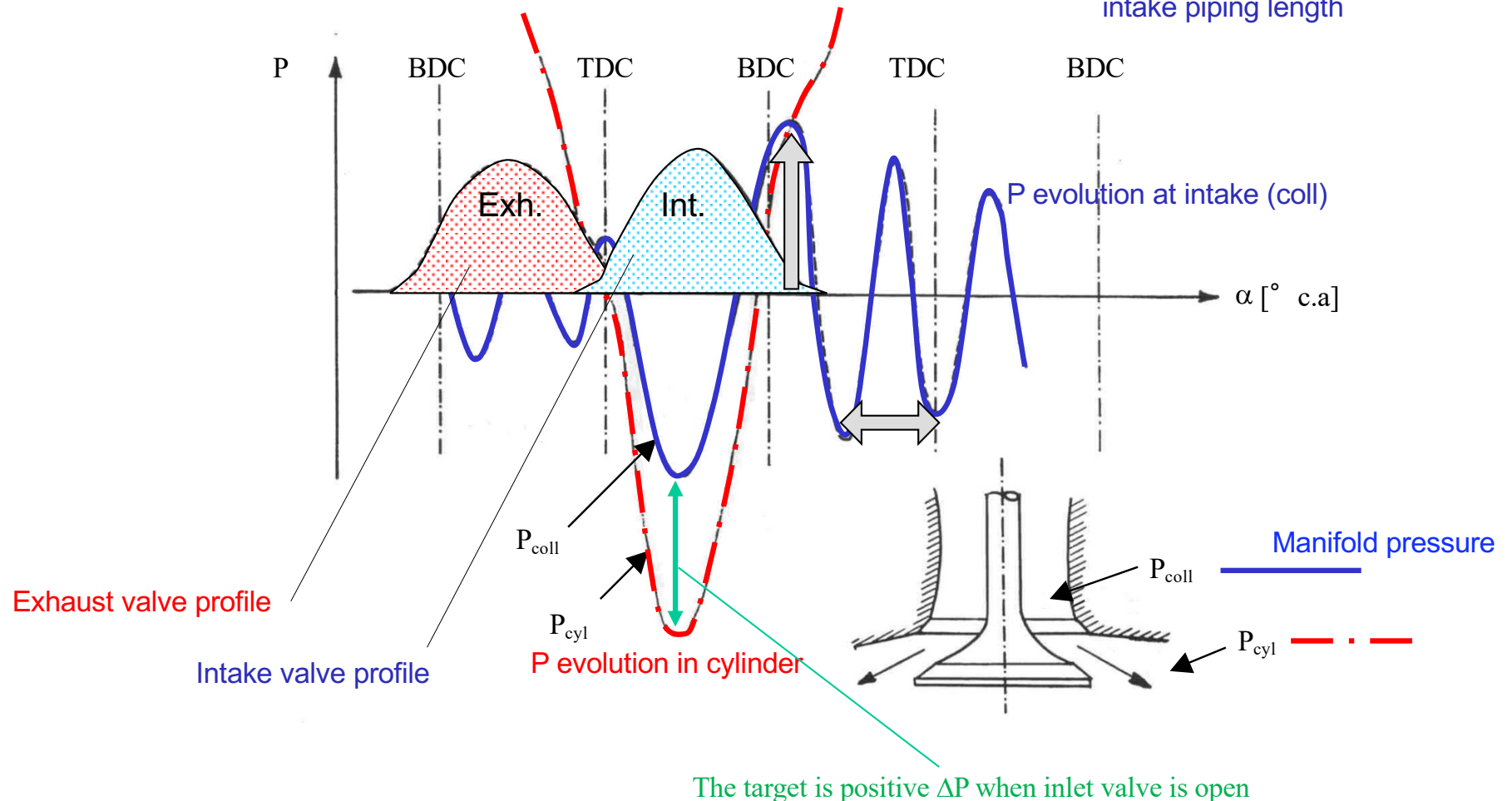
■ Full load operation

2. Volumetric efficiency : η_{vol}

crank angle at inlet valve opening (IO) and closing (IC)

$$\eta_{vol} = f(L_{pipes}, \alpha_{IO}, \alpha_{IC})$$

intake piping length





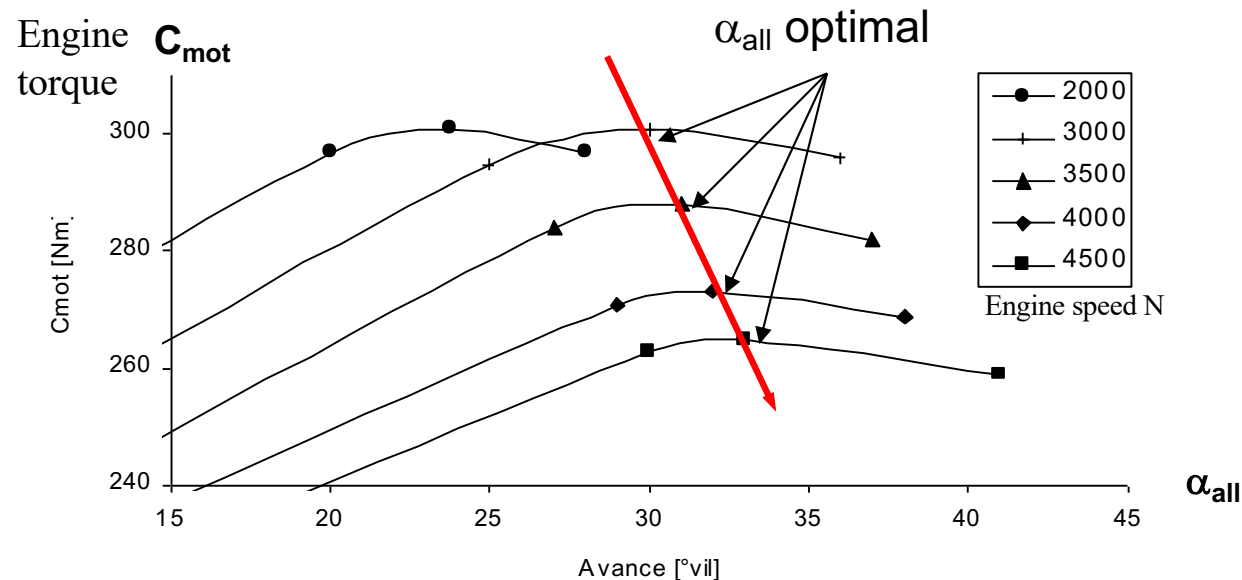
Load regulation parameters

■ Full load operation

3. Intake pressure : P_{coll} (Turbocharging, see Chapter 4)

- Compressor $\Rightarrow$ mechanical driveshaft on the crankcase
- Turbocharger $\Rightarrow h_{exhaust}$ recovery by a turbine

4. Indicated efficiency : $\eta_i \Rightarrow$ optimal spark advance angle α_{all} (limited action)



For each full load point (as fct of engine speed N) there is an optimal spark advance angle α_{all} , in order to maximize the torque C



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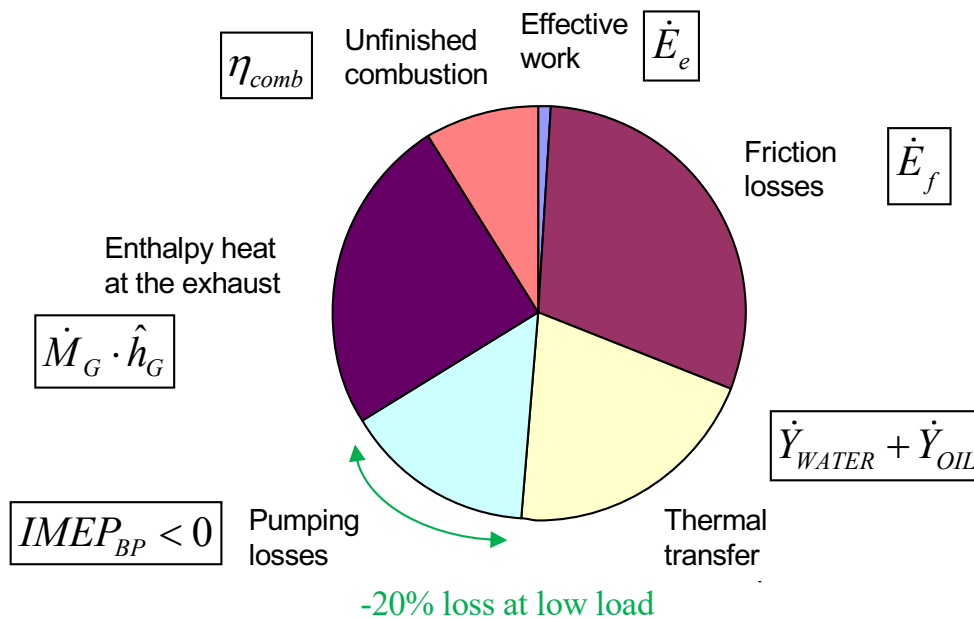
Energy distribution in S.I. engines

■ Energy balance for S.I. Engines

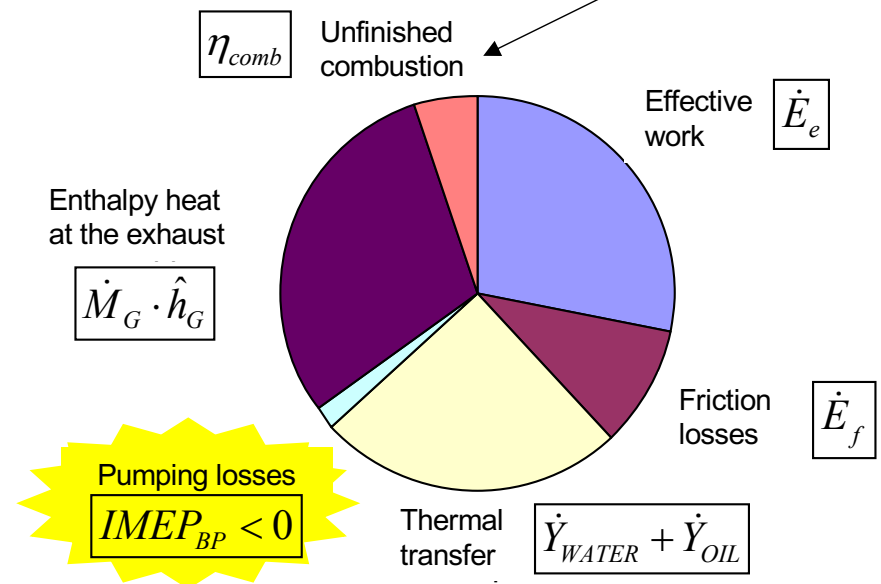
● Origin of losses :

- Losses by **unfinished combustion** (specially in full load operation if $\lambda < 1$, **rich burn** conditions)
- **Enthalpy** losses at the **exhaust** (T_{exh} is higher than C.I. engines because $\varepsilon = 9$ to $12:1$)
- Heat transmitted to **cooling** / oil circuits
- **Friction** losses and driving the auxiliary components
- **Pumping** losses in partial load operation ($IMEP_{BP} < 0$) (not the case with C.I.)

Idle operation



Full load operation



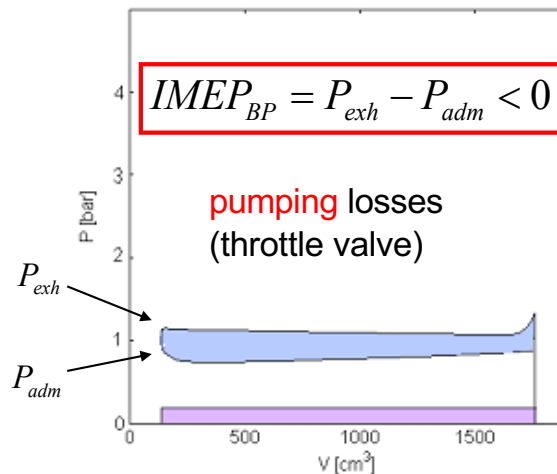
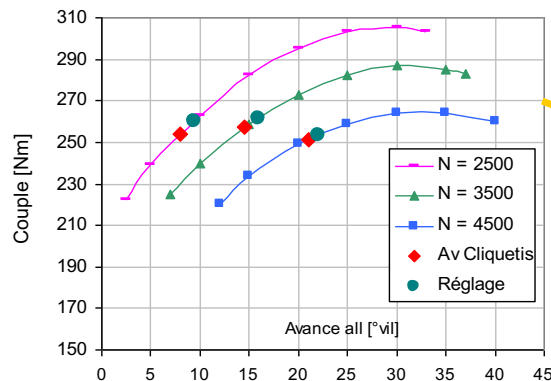


Energy distribution in S.I. engines

■ Energy balance for S.I. Engines

● Representation in operating map

knocking limit: spark advance angle has to be reduced=>lower efficiency



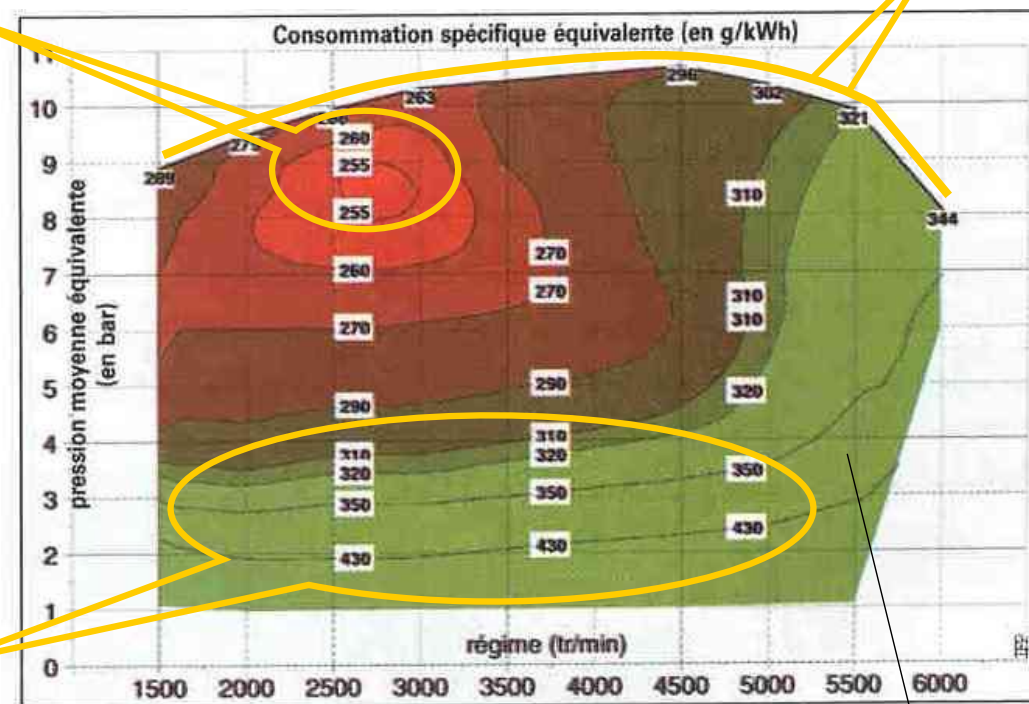
BMEP

red: high efficiency
green: low efficiency

SFC

Fuel **excess** for high power:
poor efficiency

$$\lambda(\dot{E}_{e,\max}) < 1$$



SFC [g/kWh]	η_g [%]
220	38.0
230	36.4
250	33.5
260	32.2
280	29.9
300	27.9
350	23.9
400	20.9
500	16.7
900	9.3
1500	5.6
3000	2.8

engine speed $\nearrow$: higher **friction** loss



Energy distribution in S.I. engines

■ Energy balance for S.I. Engines

- Origin of losses and operating map

SUMMARY :

- ⇒ Low efficiency by **low load** operation due to **pumping** losses for stoichiometric engines ($\lambda=1$)
- ⇒ Optimal efficiency at **high load** is limited by **knocking** phenomena (reduction of spark advance angle, towards TDC)
- ⇒ The use of a **low compression** ratio (limited by knocking) puts at a disadvantage the global efficiency in the whole operating map
- ⇒ The maximal power (in full load) is obtained for **rich burn** conditions ($\lambda<1$), hence efficiency degrades

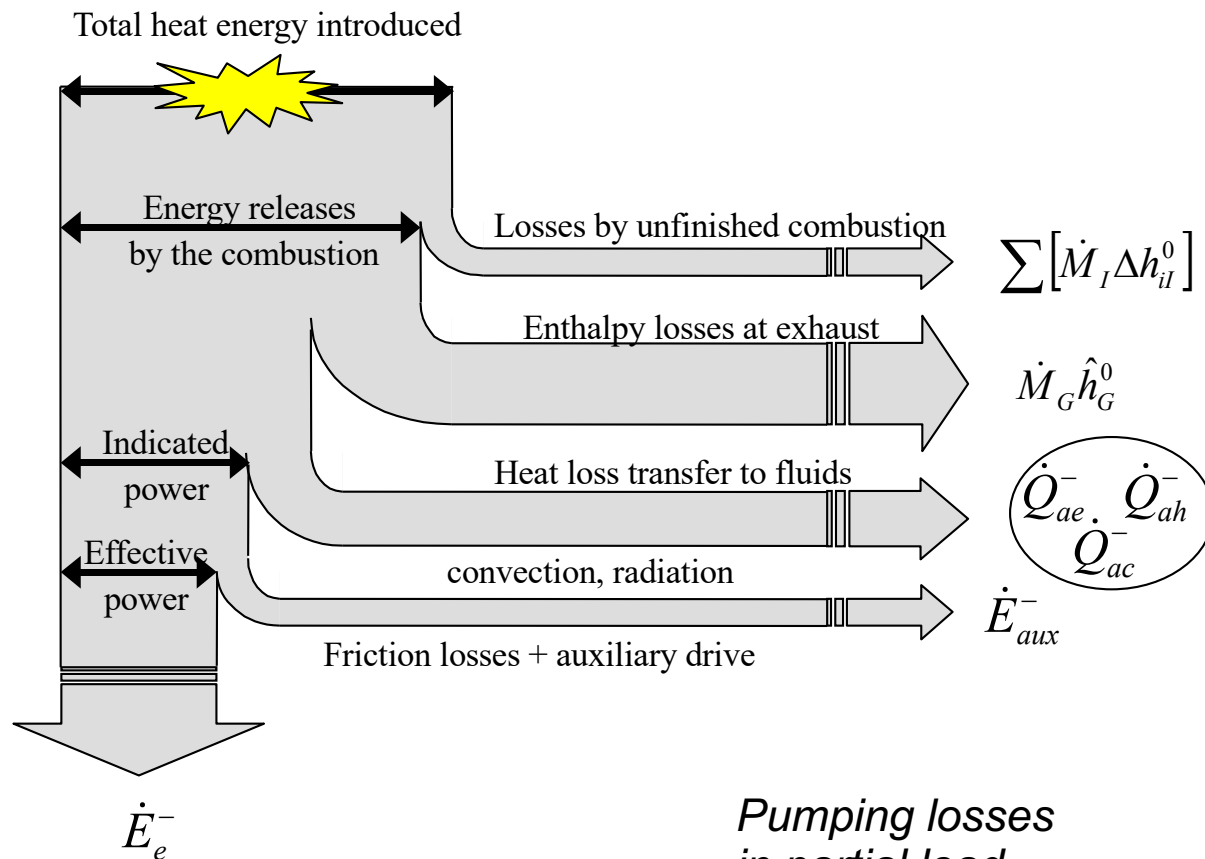
⇒ Development axes of S.I. engines are focused on the improvement of global efficiency



Energy distribution in S.I. engines

■ Comparison between C.I. and S.I. Engines

● Energy balance :



λ @ max power

$$\eta_{Otto} \approx 30 - 35\%$$

$$\eta_{Diesel} \approx 40 - 45\%$$

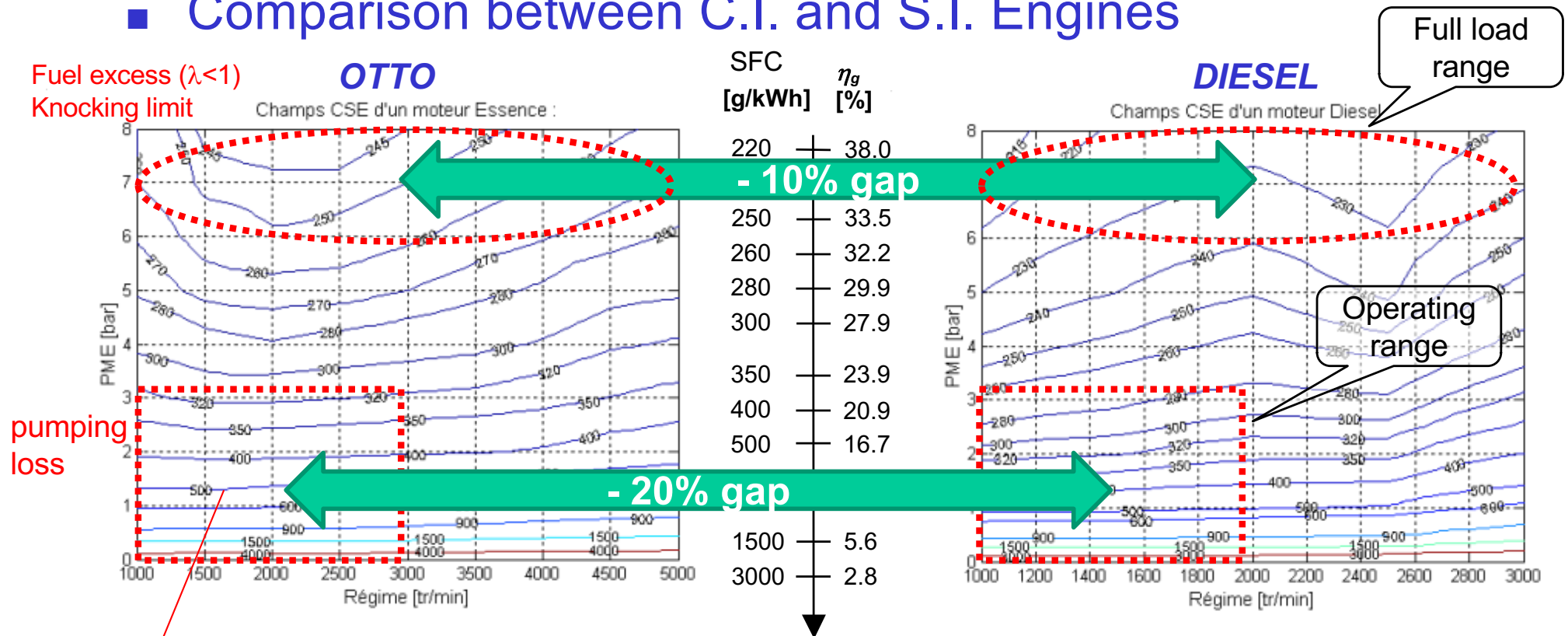
Otto (S.I.)	Diesel (C.I.)
- ($\lambda_{max} < 1$)	+ ($\lambda_{mean} > 1$)
-- $T_{exh} \approx 800-900^\circ \text{ C}$	+ $T_{exh} \approx 500-600^\circ \text{ C}$
=	=
+ (low auxiliaries)	- (injection syst.) (fuel injection pump)

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Energy distribution in S.I. engines

■ Comparison between C.I. and S.I. Engines



SYNTHESIS : advantages of Diesel engines over Otto (S.I.) engines:

- ⇒ Better efficiency at low / partial load (operating conditions of large vehicles)
- ⇒ Better consumption in the whole operating map
- ⇒ Load control (regulation) less complex than S.I. engines (cylinder air mass estimation)

80% of operating time