

# Methods of reducing transportation energy and petroleum consumption and environmental impacts.



A discussion of internal combustion engine fundamentals, efficiency sources, and fuel-related powertrain opportunities.

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# TRANSPORTATION CONSUMPTION AND REDUCTION LEGISLATION

- LD Transportation Consumes Petroleum [1]

- 2011 LD Hwy transportation =  $17.4 * 10^{15}$  BTU

- Equivalent to  \* 8,215,000 per Day!

Or  \* 26,291 [2, 3]

- ≈+222 Mile long train PER DAY!
      - ORNL to ~ Birmingham, AL [4]

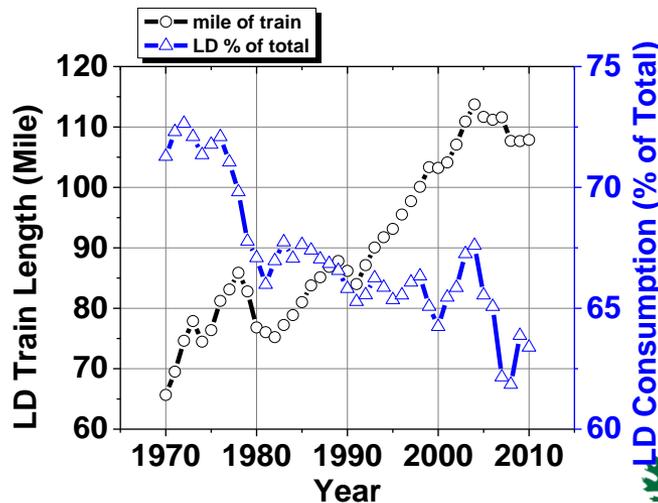
- LD & Total consumption increasing

- In 2011 NHSTA legislation passed [5]

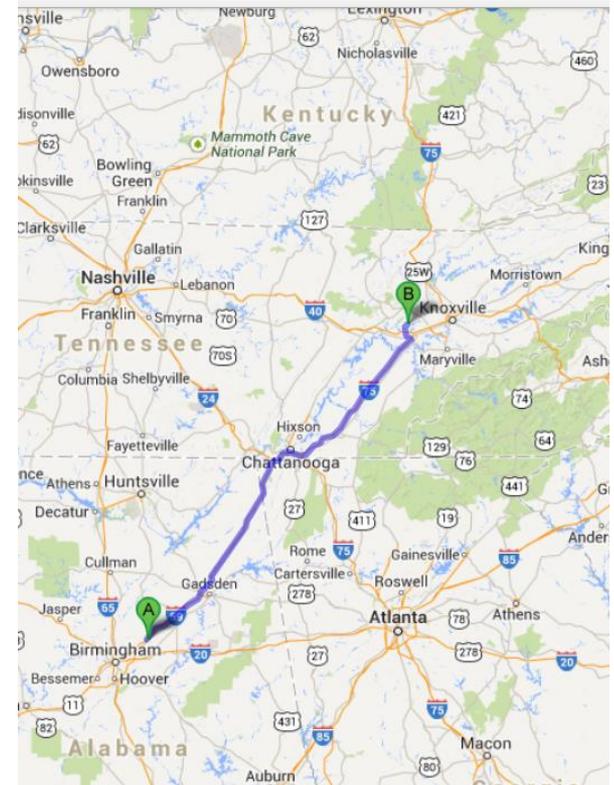
- 2 fold increase in corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards

- 54.5 U.S. miles/gal by 2025

- Cars 99% gasoline



I-59 N and I-75 N 222 mi, 3 hours 17 mins  
 ● In current traffic: 3 hours 19 mins



# Methodology to Reduce Fuel Consumption

- **Fundamentally what is going on in internal combustion engines**
- **What do we need to be concerned about in terms of efficiency?**

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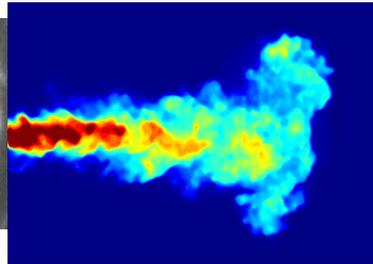
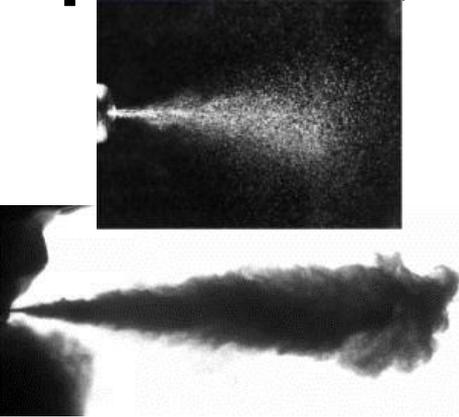
- **Alternative combustion processes (LTC)**
- **LTC efficiency paradox**
- **Gross to brake efficiency challenges**

**"The engine is the ideal teaching tool – it features all of the elements of engineering: materials, fluids, thermodynamics, lubrication, chemistry, electronics, etc. The only thing missing is nuclear reaction."**

***-Phil Myers***

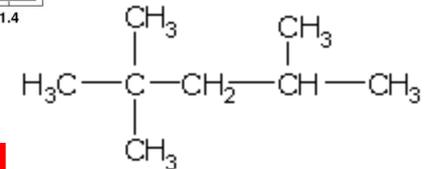
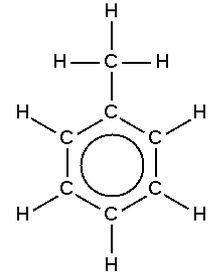
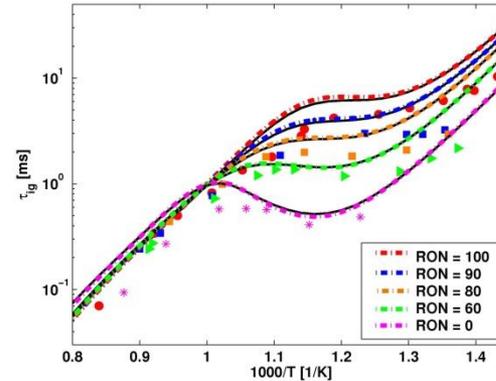
# Engine Research Areas

## Sprays (fluid dynamics)



## Fuel Chemistry

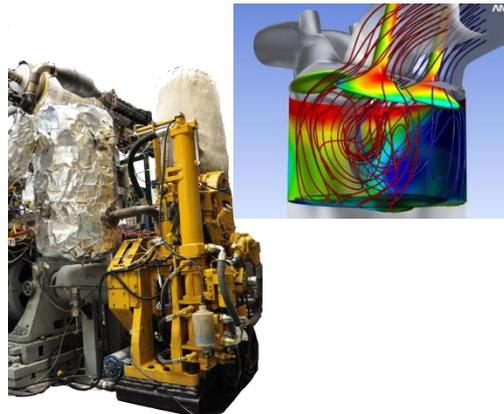
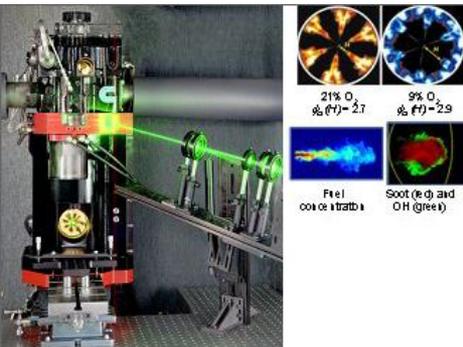
(chemical kinetics, organic chemistry)



iso-octane (2,2,4-trimethylpentane)  
Octane number assumed to be 100

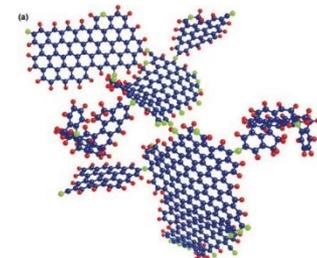
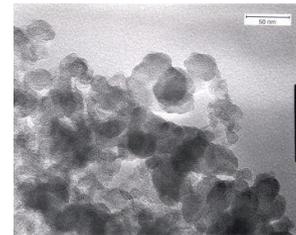
## Combustion

(thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, heat transfer)



## Emissions

(particle dynamics, chemistry)



# Combustion Fundamentals

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# How Efficiently Can I Get Work Out of My Engine?

- **Internal Combustion Engines are NOT a thermodynamic cycle!**
  - Not governed by Carnot Efficiency!
- **Engine is a chemical reaction constrained to a changing volume to convert chemical potential to work**
  - new working fluid every fired cycle + working fluid changes composition!

**Max work from fuel**

$$W_{max,useful} = -\Delta G_{T_o, P_o}$$

**Max work from device**

$$\eta_{thermal} = 1 - \left( \frac{1}{r_c^{(\gamma-1)}} \right)$$

- Efficiency is dependent on amount work ( $W_{max,useful}$ ) and how well work is extracted in the cycle
  - Engine efficiency couples chemical reaction to the device

# Maximum Work Cares About Temperature and Composition

$$W_{max,useful} = -\left(H_p - H_r\right) + T_o \left(S_p - S_r\right)$$

Δcomposition      Surroundings      Δ Irreversibility  
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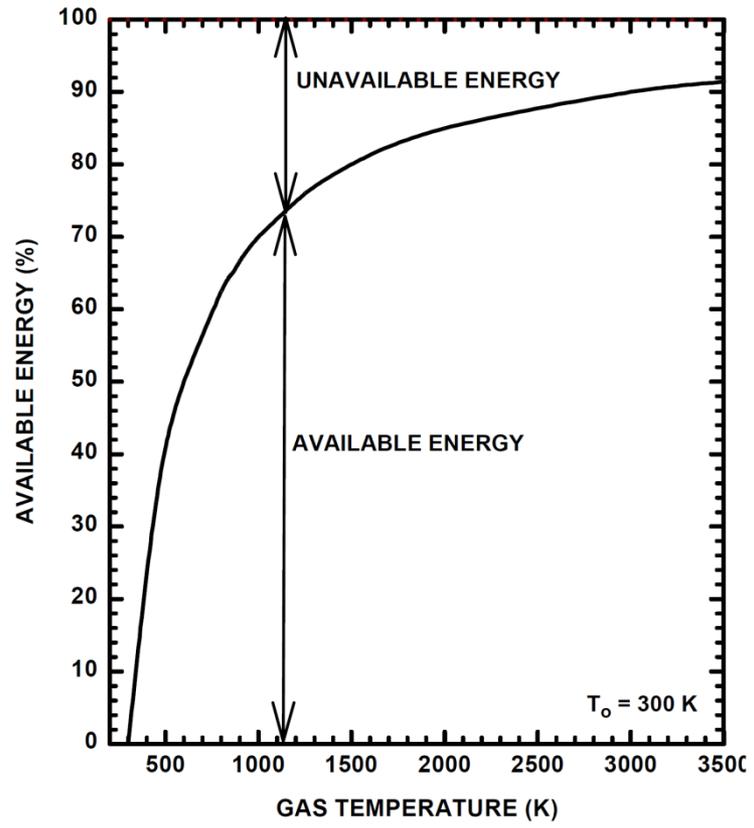
$$h = \sum n_i (\bar{h}^o_f + \Delta \bar{h})_i$$

For an ideal gas  $h = c_p * T$

For an ideal gas  $\Delta s = c_p \ln \frac{T_2}{T_1} + R \ln \frac{p_2}{p_1}$

$$W_{max,useful} \propto T$$

- work available from fuel is directly dependent on T
- High temperature affects engine operation and lowers eff.
  - Heat transfer and  $\gamma$



# In-practice Combustion Processes and Fuel Property Efficiency Enablers

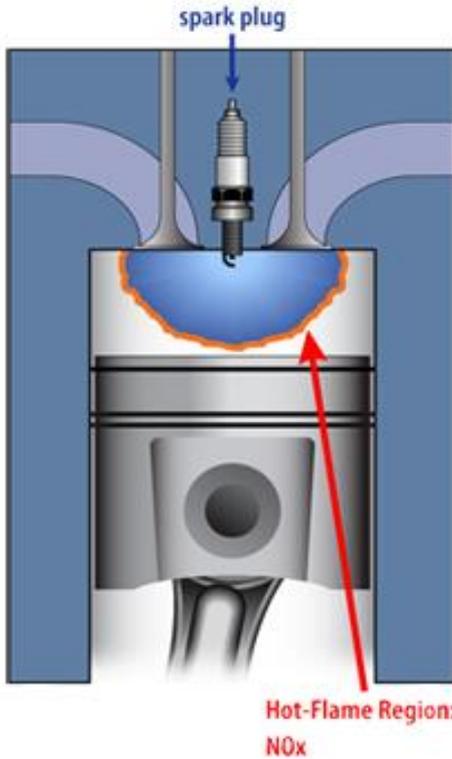
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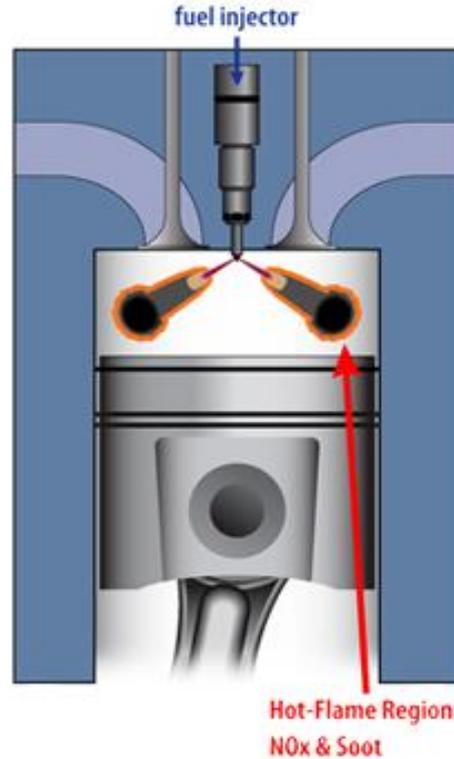
# What Forms of Combustion are Used?

**Gasoline Engine**  
(Spark Ignition)



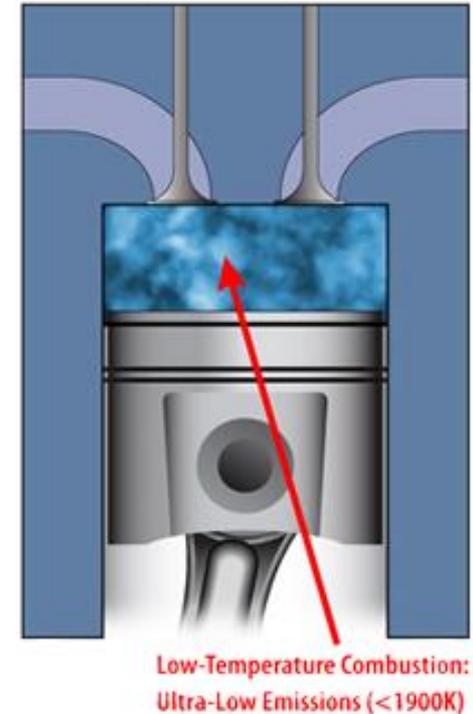
**Flame propagation**

**Diesel Engine**  
(Compression Ignition)



**Mixing controlled**

**HCCI Engine**  
(Homogeneous Charge  
Compression Ignition)



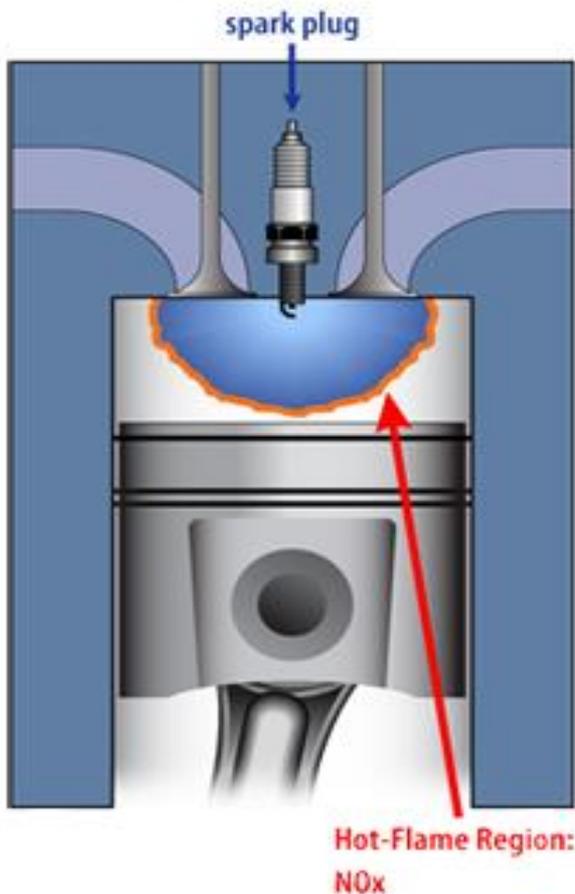
**Autoignition**

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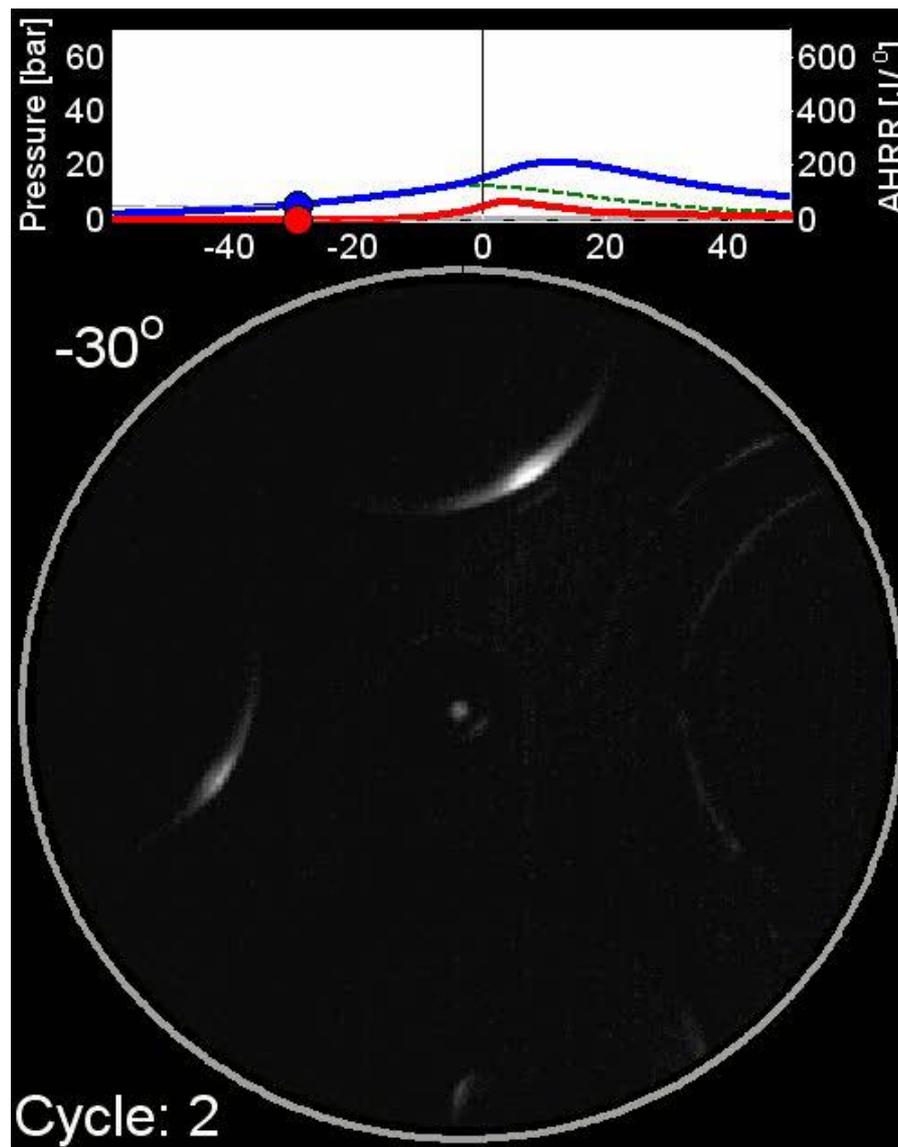
# Flame Propagation (gasoline)

## Gasoline Engine

(Spark Ignition)



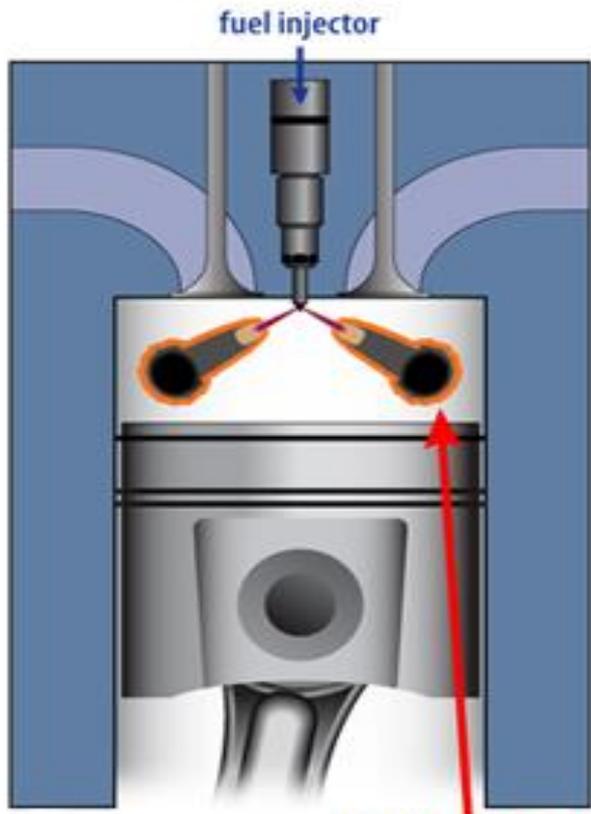
**Easy to control**  
**Command Spark**



Video courtesy of Sage Kokjohn, UW Madison

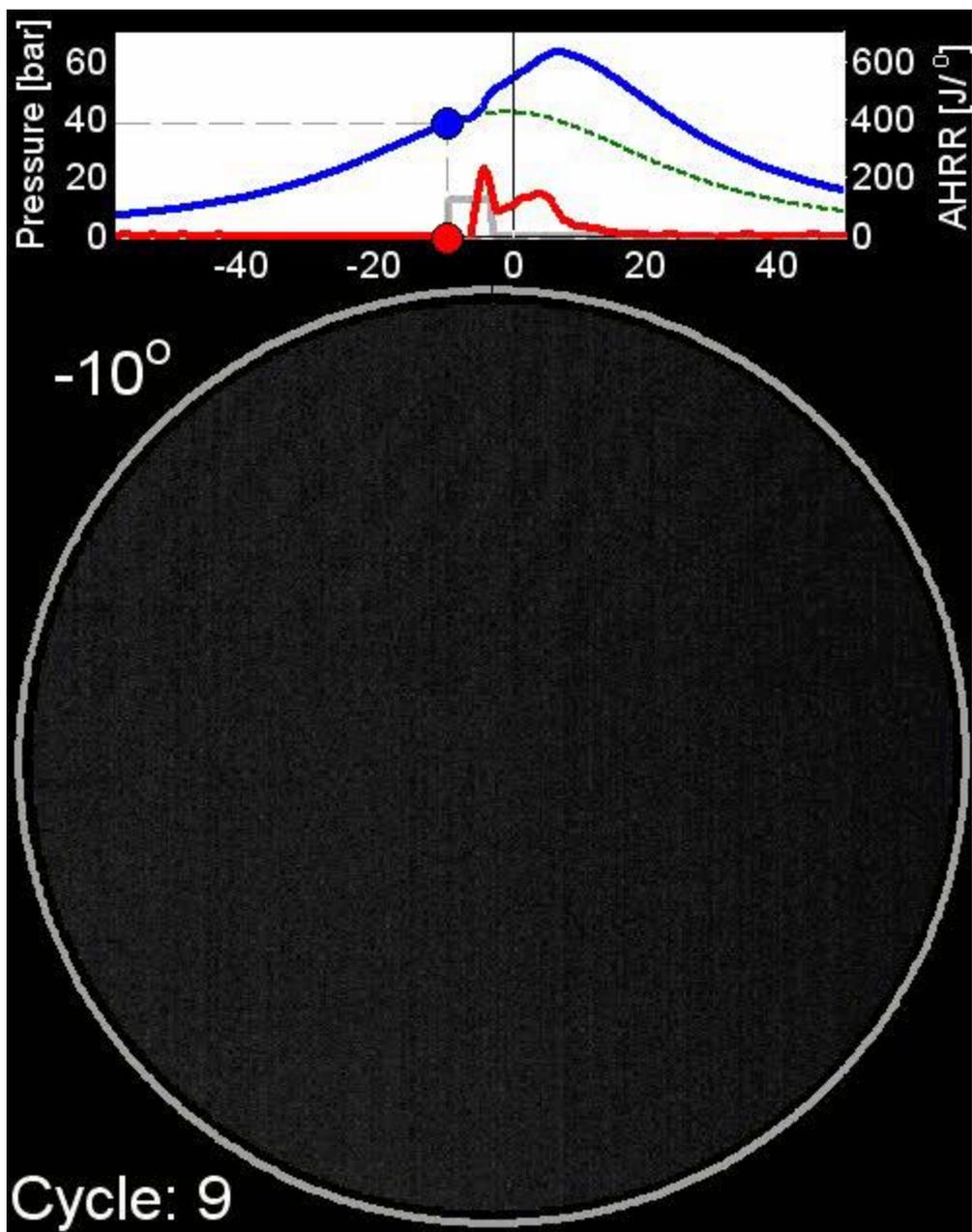
# Mixing Controlled (diesel)

## Diesel Engine (Compression Ignition)



Hot-Flame Region:  
NOx & Soot

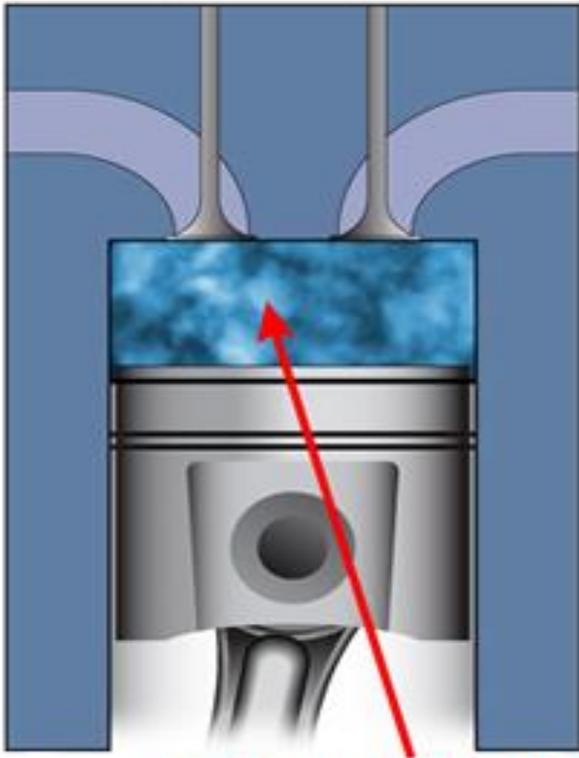
**Easy to control**  
**Command Spray**



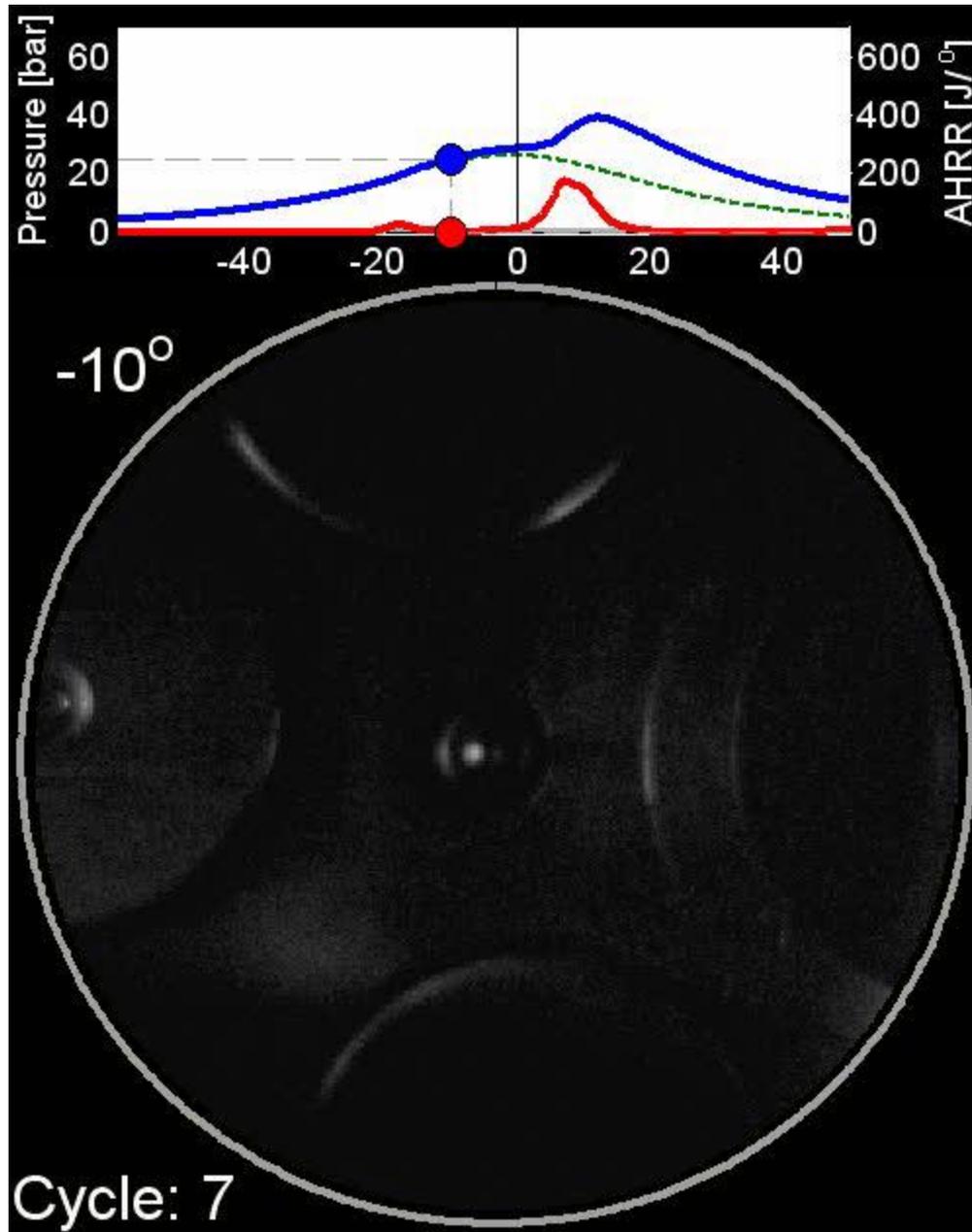
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# Bulk Autoignition (HCCI)

**HCCI Engine**  
(Homogeneous Charge  
Compression Ignition)



Low-Temperature Combustion:  
Ultra-Low Emissions (<1900K)

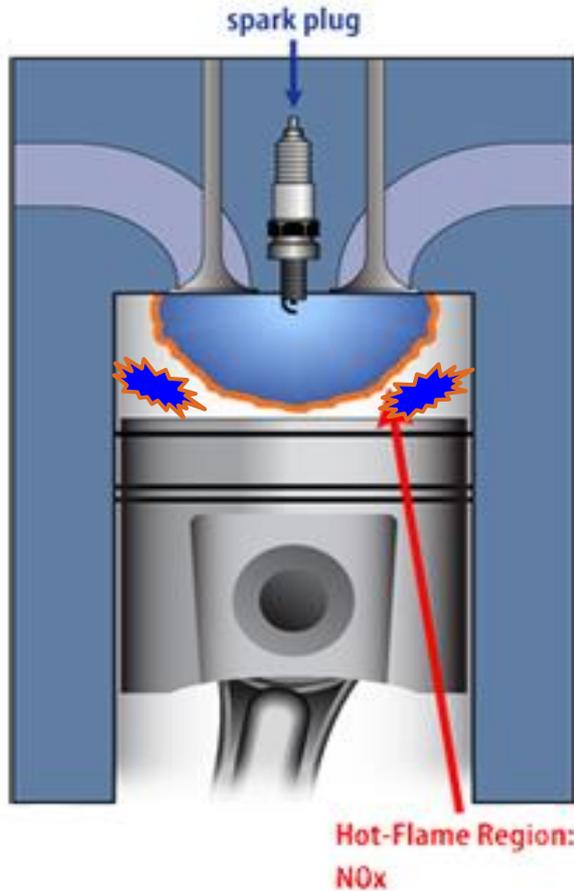


**Difficult to control**  
**is fuel specific**

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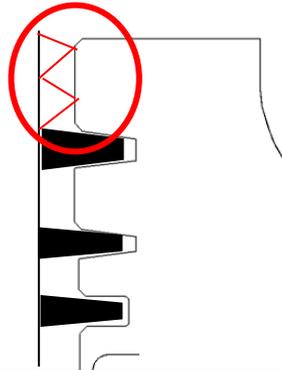
# Knock Limits SI Engine Efficiency

## Gasoline Engine (Spark Ignition)



$$autoignition_{time} = Ae^{\left(\frac{E_a}{RT}\right)}$$

- Knock can create oblique shocks
  - Shock compression down ringland
  - $P_{local} > \text{material yield}$

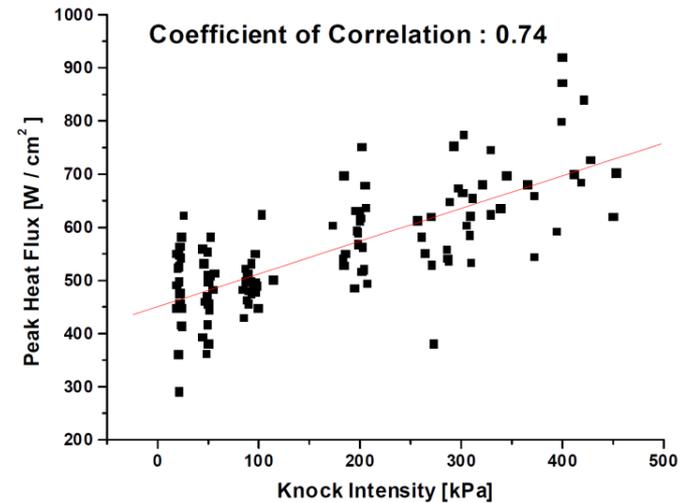


Knock sets  
compression ratio ( $r_c$ )  
(i.e., cycle efficiency)

$$\eta_{thermal} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{r_c^{\gamma-1}}\right)$$



- Knock increases heat transfer



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# Lower Octane Number Reduces Maximum Load and Increases High-Load Fuel Consumption

- To avoid knock combustion phasing is retarded

$$\longrightarrow \text{autoignition}_{time} = Ae^{\left(\frac{E_a}{RT}\right)}$$

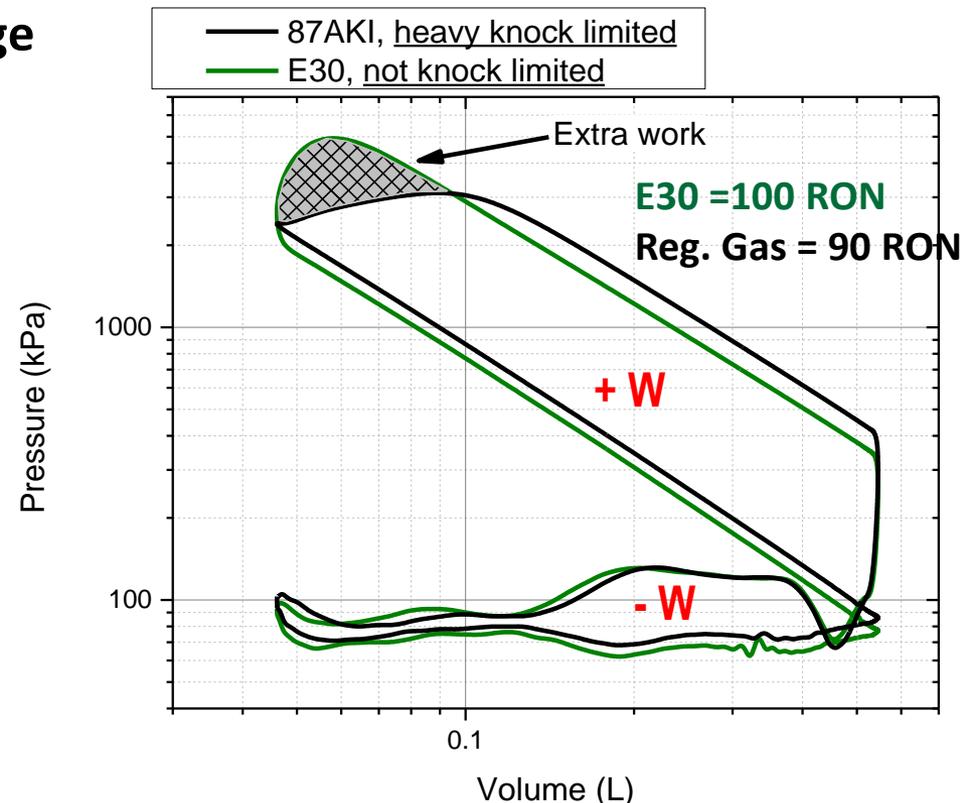
- During combustion unburned charge

$$PV = nRT$$

- Couple chemical reaction ( i.e.,  $W_{max,useful}$ ) to the engine cycle

$$W = \int P dv$$

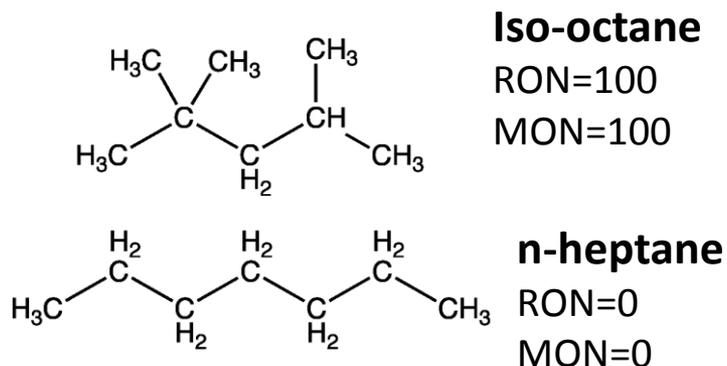
- Want most P and DV
- Knock avoidance reduces efficiency



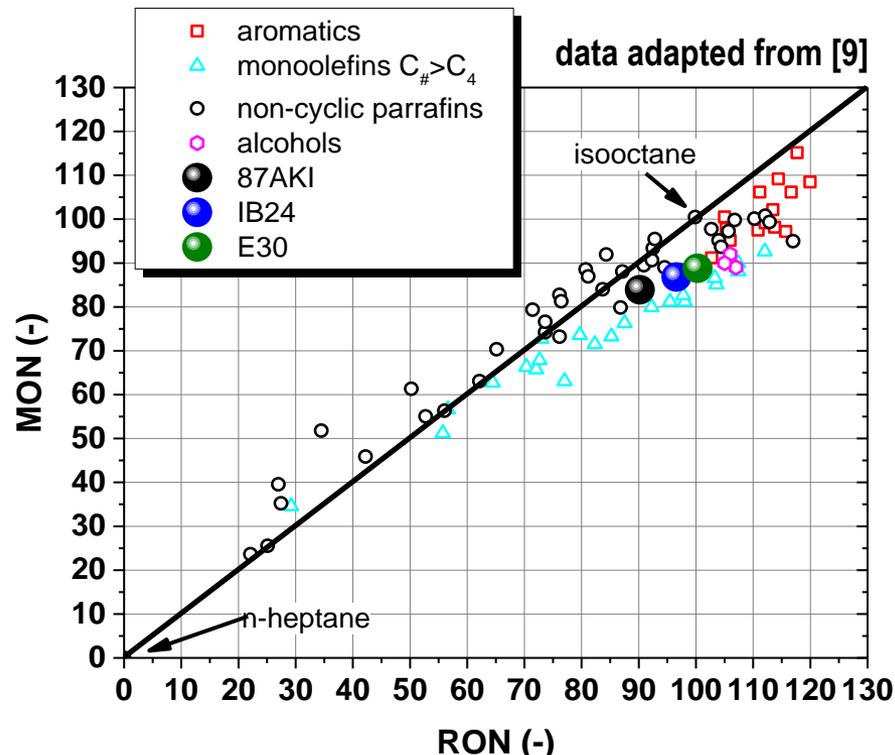
Propensity to knock is reduced with higher octane number

# Octane Number is a Rating Relative to a Reference

- Octane scale defined long ago...



- Octane number factors
  - bonds, statistics, conditions, etc...
- Correlate real fuels to reference
  - Non-cycle paraffin define scale
    - These are highly sensitive to pressure!



- Octane number tells only part of the story
- Referenced to normal paraffin

# HIGH OCTANE FUELS ALREADY ON MARKET...

Consumers are not choosing E85 when it is available

- More than 14 million FFVs on the road
- **Ave. FFV less than 4 gal. E85 per year!**

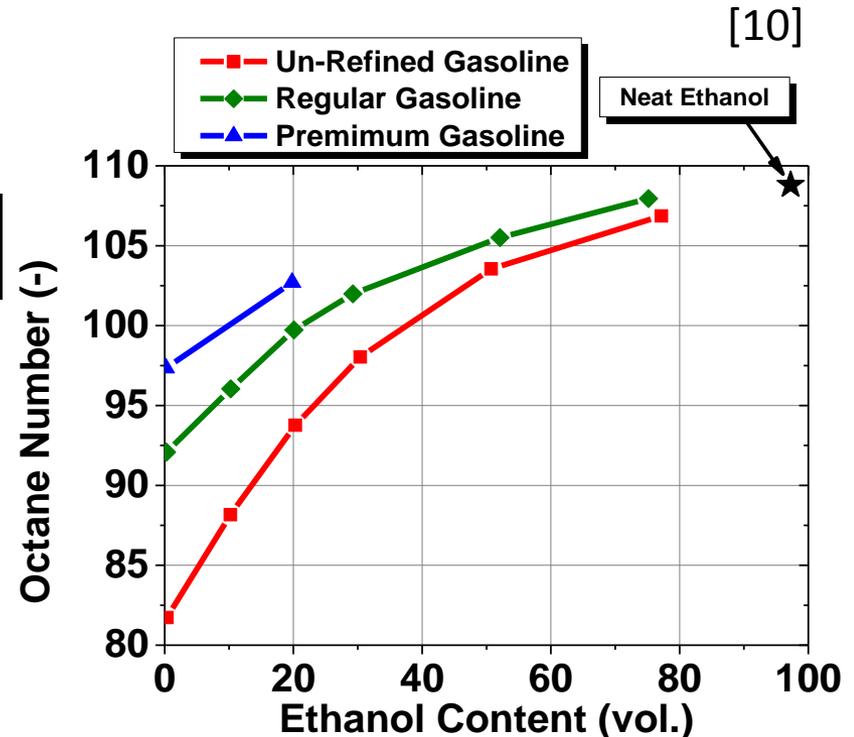
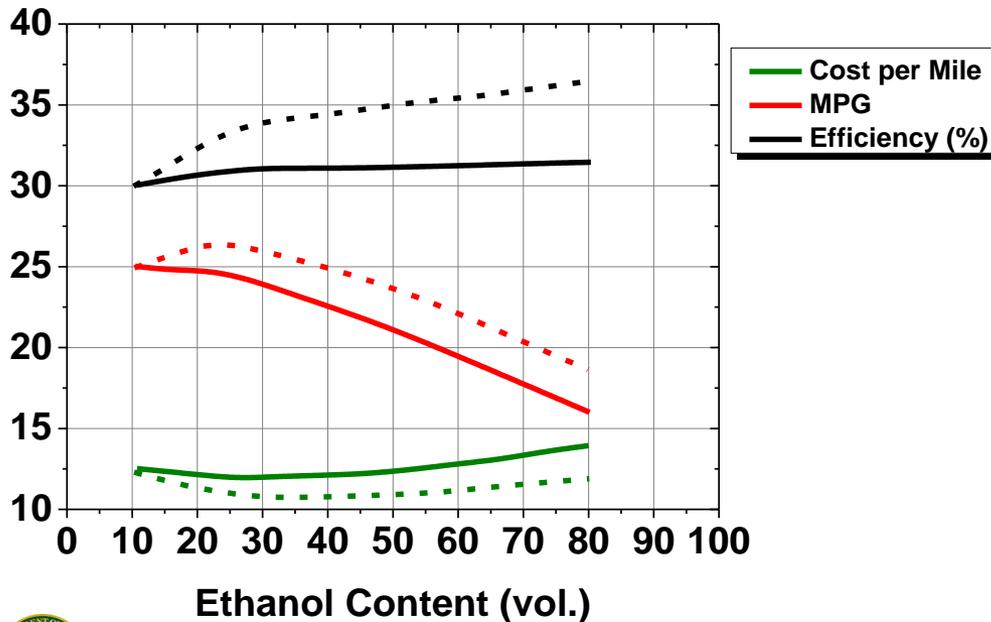


IS A "RENEWABLE SUPER PREMIUM" A BETTER PATH FOR ETHANOL?

- It is likely that optimum blend is E20-E40

Solid = FFV

Dashed = EtOH optimized engine



# Recent High Octane SI Bio-Fuel work at ORNL Shows Optimization in Efficiency and Fuel Energy

## • 3 Fuels Tested

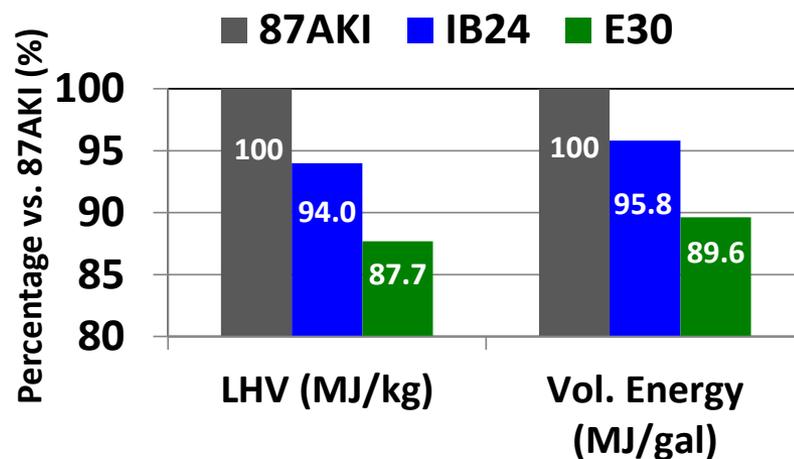
- 87 AKI
  - “regular” pump gasoline, 0% EtOH
- **IB24**
  - 87 AKI + 24% Iso-butanol (vol./vol.)
- **E30** (renewable super premium)
  - 87 AKI + 30% Ethanol (vol./vol.)

	87 AKI	IB24	E30
RON (-)	90.2	96.6	100.3
MON (-)	83.9	86.8	88.8
S (-)	6.3	9.8	11.5

### • FFV customer w/E30

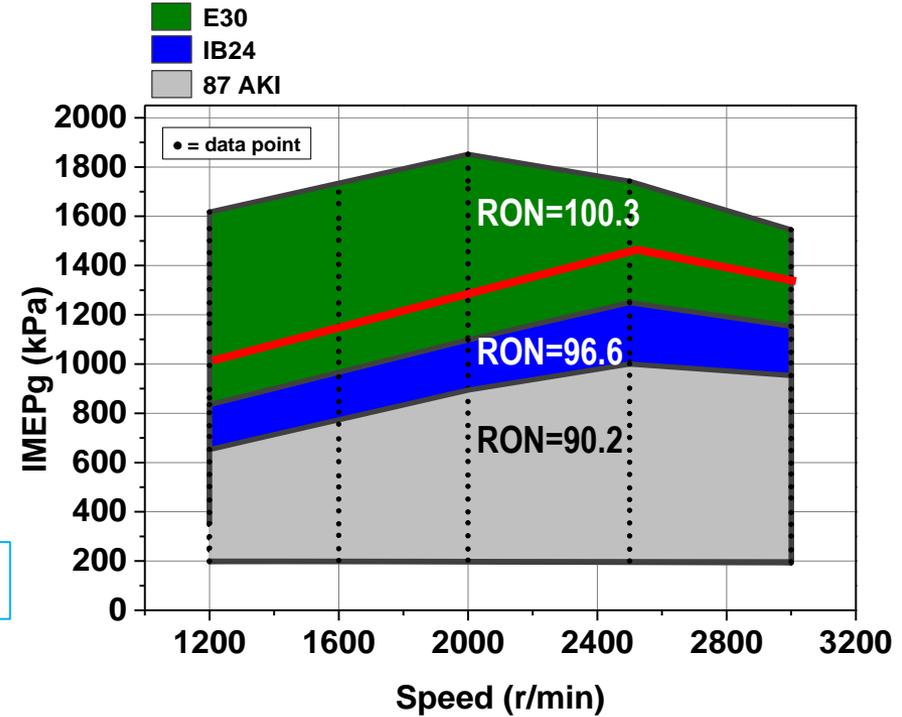
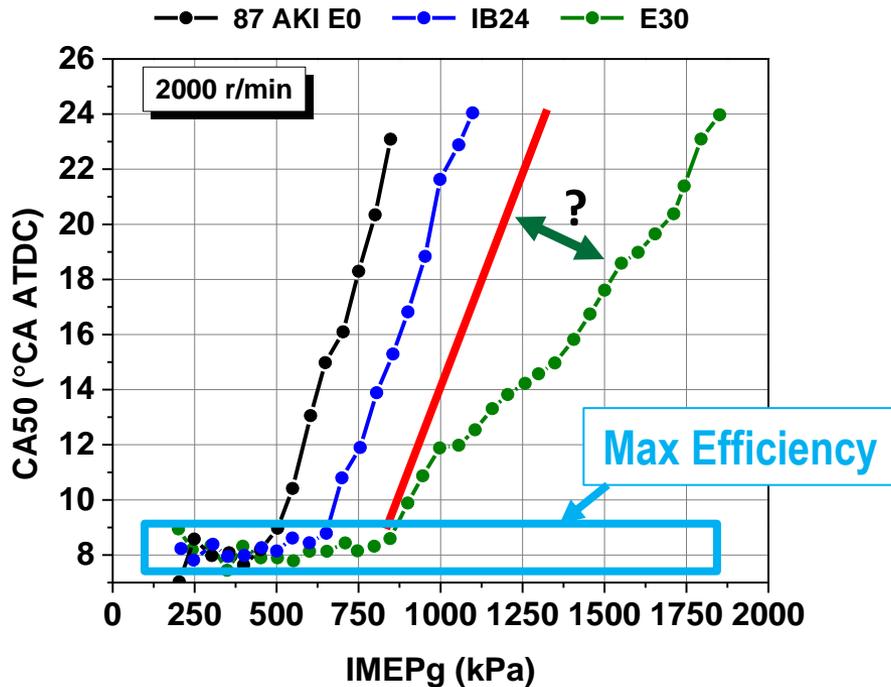
- ~12% MPG reduction

### • Engine must capitalize on other fuel properties to offset ethanol energy deficit

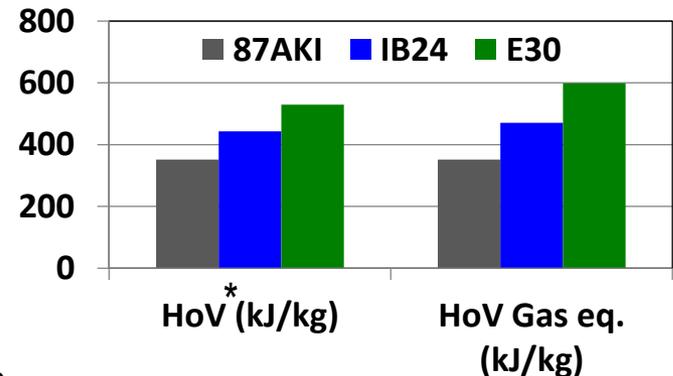


# E30 Benefits are Beyond Octane Number.....

- Knock limits SI Engine Load &  $\eta$



**E30 Benefits are Beyond AKI**



\*API Pub. 4261, June 2001

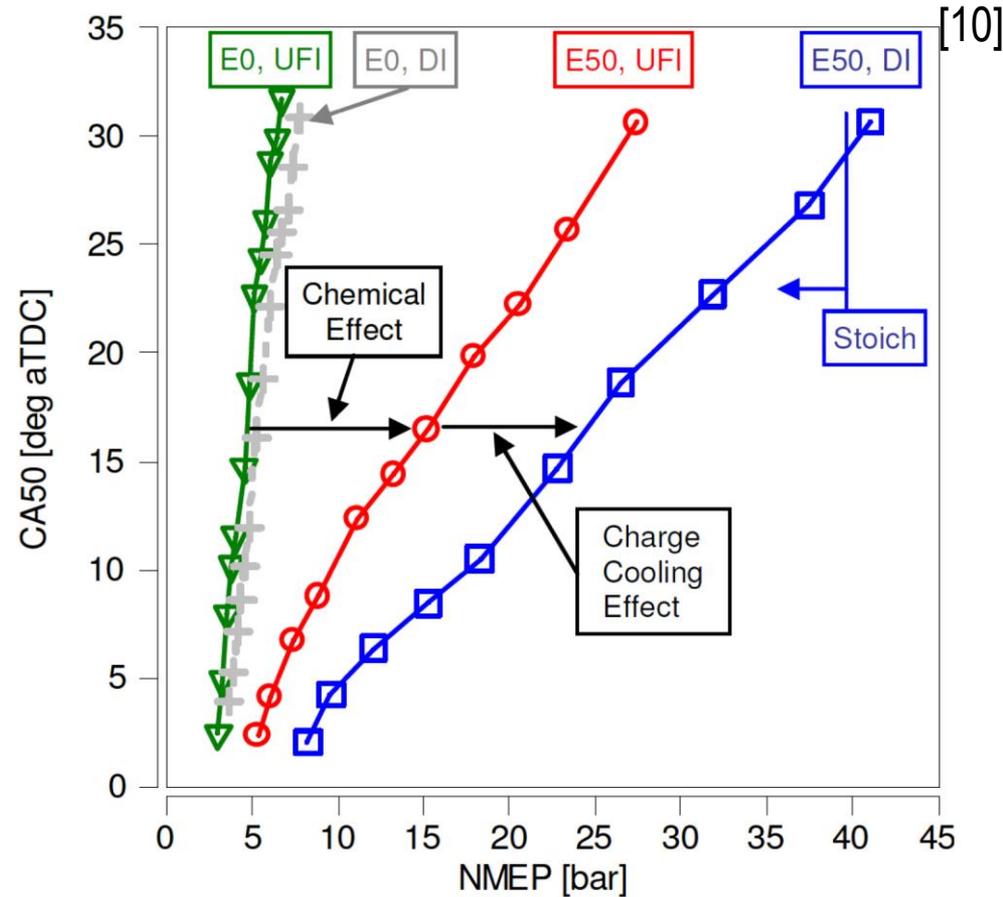
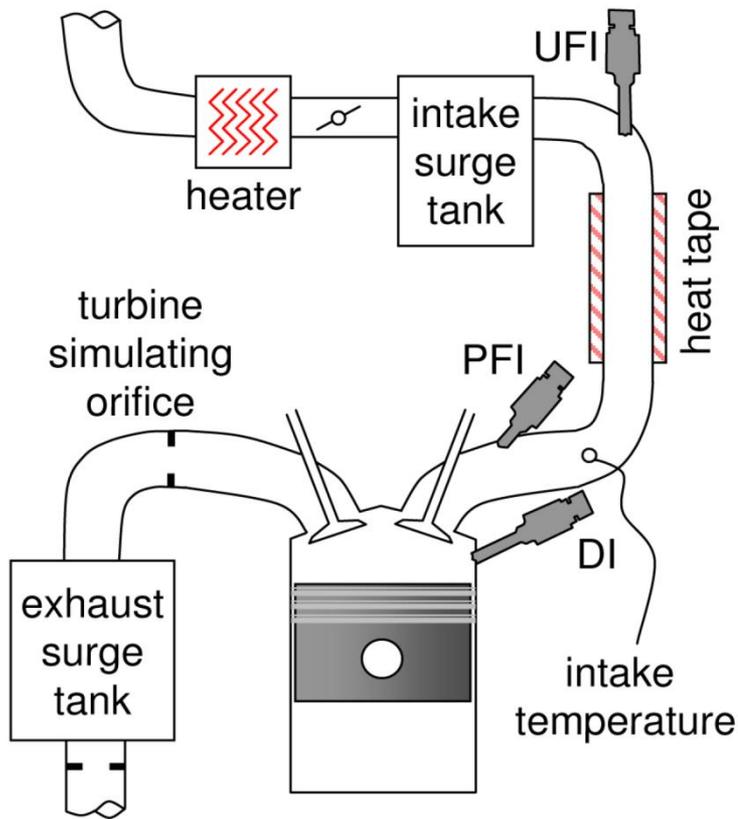
\*NREL, "Utilization of Renewable Oxygenates as Gasoline Blending Components", 2011

# Charge Cooling is Critical Additional Factor for Improving Anti-Knock Properties

- HoV affects in-use anti-knock

$$\text{Knock} \rightarrow T_2 = r_c^{(\gamma-1)}$$

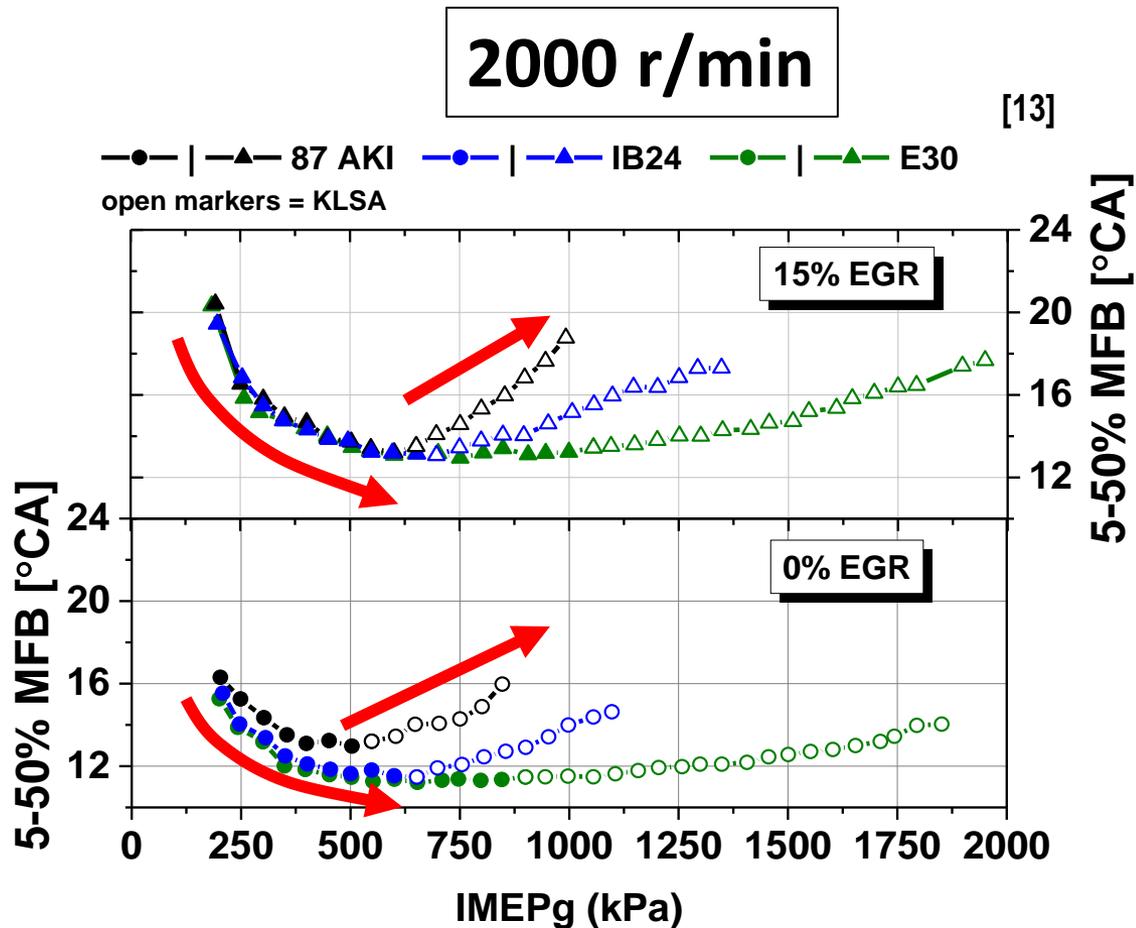
$$\text{HoV} \rightarrow T_1$$



# E30 Combustion Rate Faster Than Other Fuels

- **Faster combustion reduces knock**
- **IB24 and E30 have fester combustion**
- **Why?**
- **Burning velocities of ethanol and i-butanol faster than gasoline\***

**Is faster duration fuel, phasing, or load dominated?**



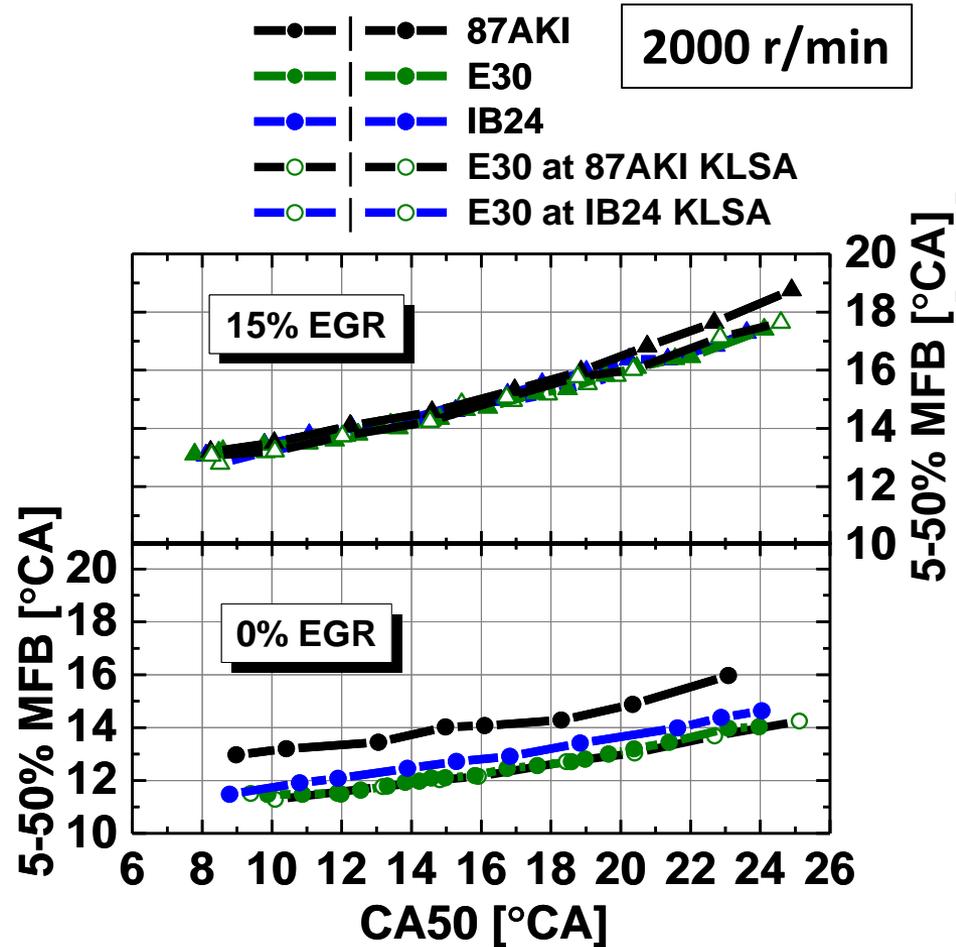
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# Dilution is Most Dominant on 5-50 MFB Time

- Prematurely retard E30
- E30 and IB24 offer chemical benefits to reducing end gas knock

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- 5-50 Rate Load Independent
- 0% EGR
  - Fuel dominates 5-50 time
- 15% EGR
  - Fuel & load independent, phasing dominates
- Kinetic & Dilution Tradeoff



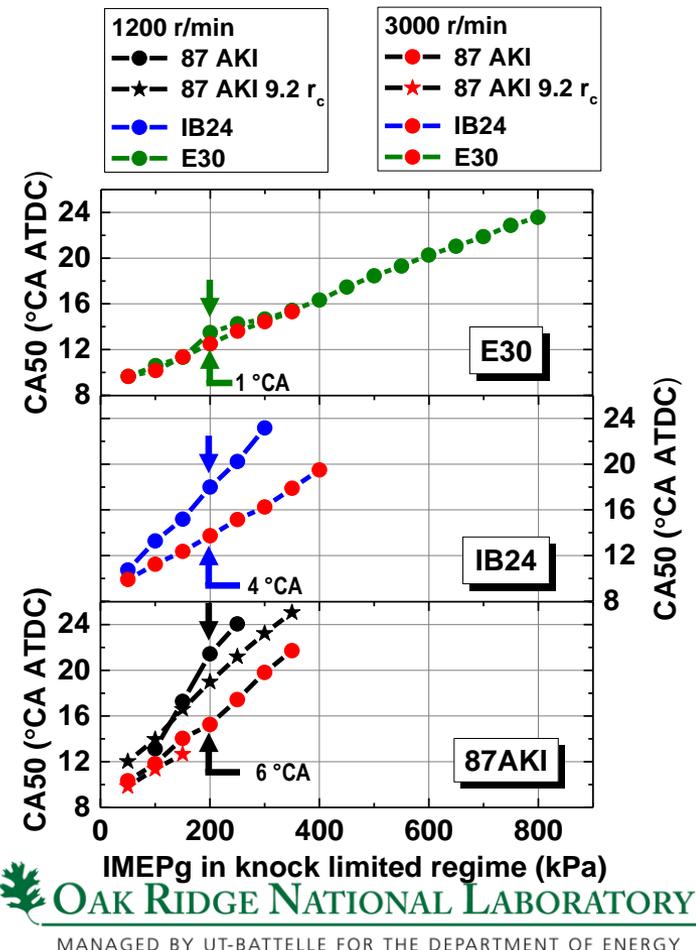
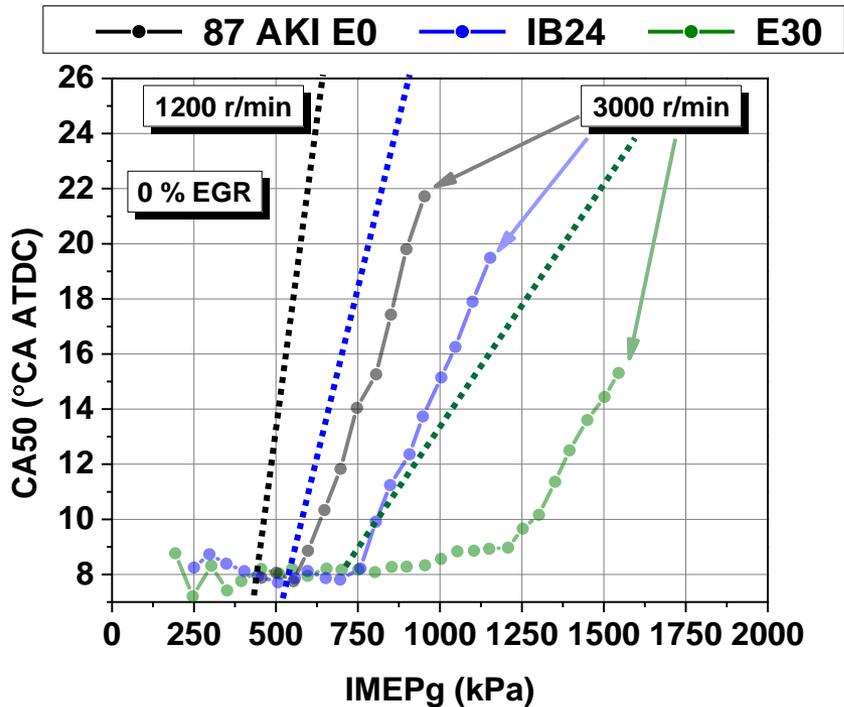
# Reduced Speed Sensitivity of E30 Improves Low-End Torque

- E30 low-speed load much higher
- Onset of Knock speed dependent
- E30 knock trend speed independent

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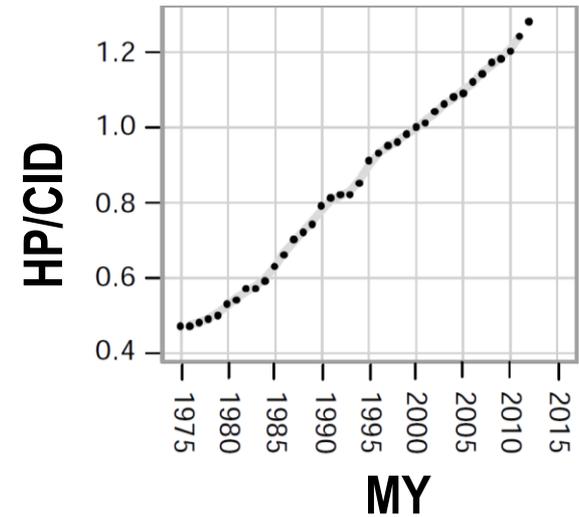


Fuel sensitivity is important “other” factor

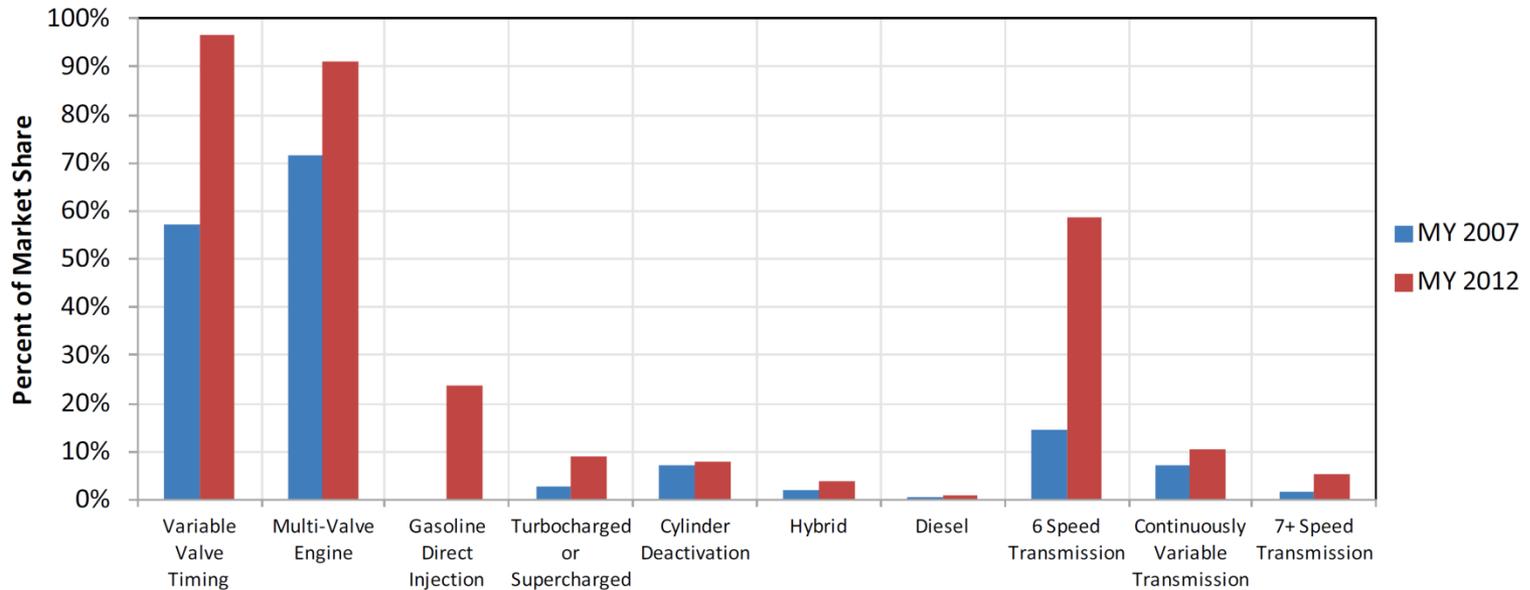


# History Has Shown That Technology Enters the LD Market

- LD technology adoption occurring
- Historically has increased specific power
  - Downsizing?



Light Duty Vehicle Technology Penetration Share



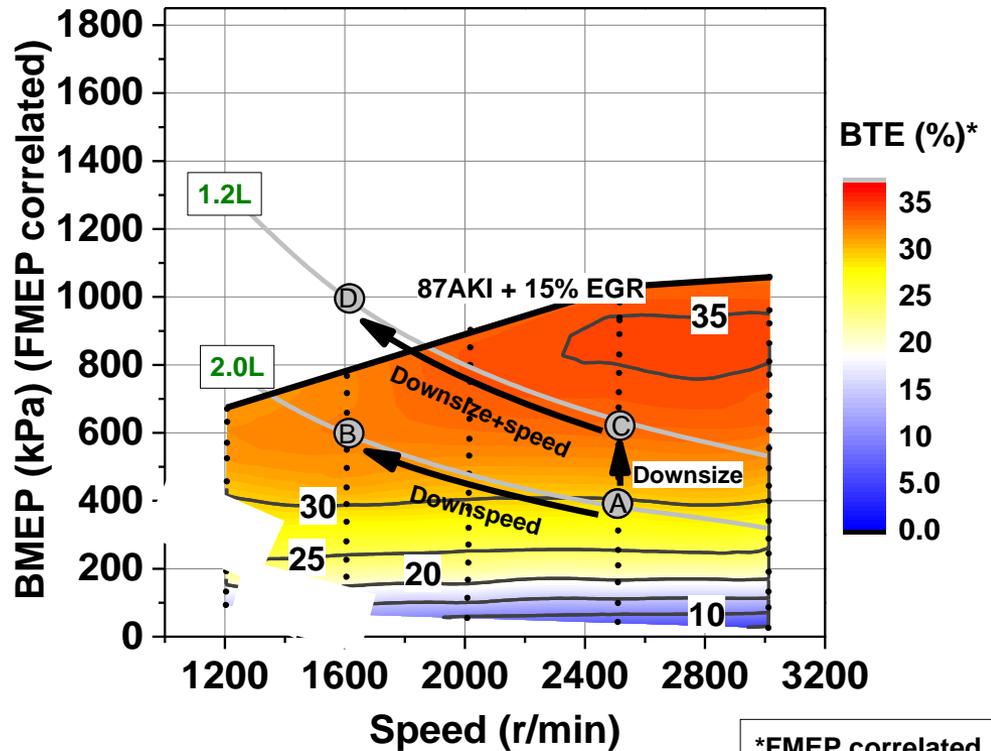
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# Evolutionary Changes to Cars

- $\lambda=1$  Engine Map
- Typical midsize U.S. car
  - 65 MPH cruise = 16kW
- Lines of constant power
  - $Power = \frac{BMEP * V_d * Speed}{2 * 10^3}$
  - $V_d = 1.2$  and 2L engines
    - Assume all losses same
- Assume 2.0L & transmission
- Evolutionary changes



— 16 Kw Power (typical midsize car 65 MPH road load)



- B** Transmission “Downspeed”
- C** Displacement “Downsize”
- D** Displacement + Transmission “Downsize+speed”

**87AKI Limits Options!**

# E30 Estimates of Economy & CO<sub>2</sub>

## Fuel Economy [MPG]

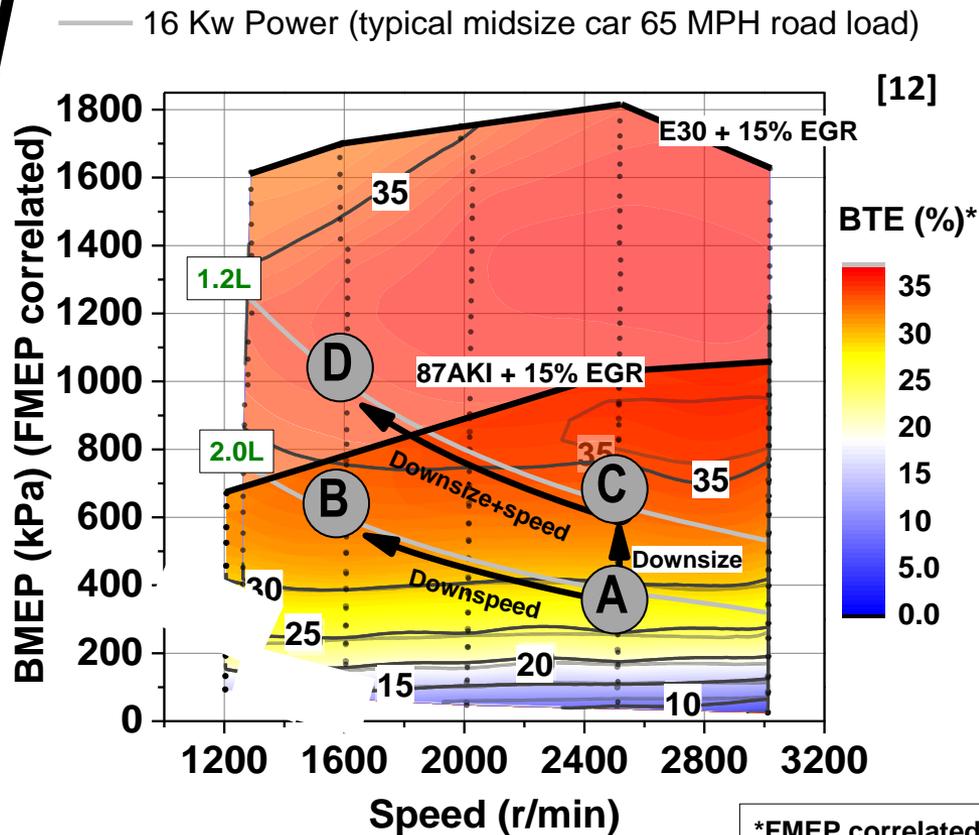
	A	B	C	D
87 AKI	39.7	44.9	46.1	NA
E30	35.7	40.7	40.9	43.9
E30 (gas eq.)	39.6	45.2	45.5	48.8

## Engine out [g CO<sub>2</sub>/mi]

	A	B	C	D
87 AKI	209.6	187.2	181.0	NA
E30	210.5	181.8	177.8	166.0

**At Steady 65 Mph Cruise Up to:**  
 ~13.8% increase in MPG!  
 ~23.5% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>!

- Surpasses 2020 CAFE est.
- close to 2025
- Vehicle same as 2012



# Summary

- Engines couple chemistry and mechanics
- Fuel Octane offers established technological pathway for higher  $\eta$  engines
- Renewable feedstocks for high octane fuels possible
  - Optimization of fuels and engines must be congruent
- Ethanol offers unique properties “beyond octane”
- EGR anti-knock effects are somewhat fuel dependent
- E30 enabled Downsized Engine (40% smaller disp. assumed)
  - Reserve power (cruise control, terrain changes, safety maneuvers, etc...)
  - 13.8% increase in MPG & 23.5% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>
  - NHTSA 2020 MPG (Hwy) predicted, no changes to 2012 vehicle

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