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# Decarbonization of the transport sector: The application of low and zero carbon fuels in internal combustion engines

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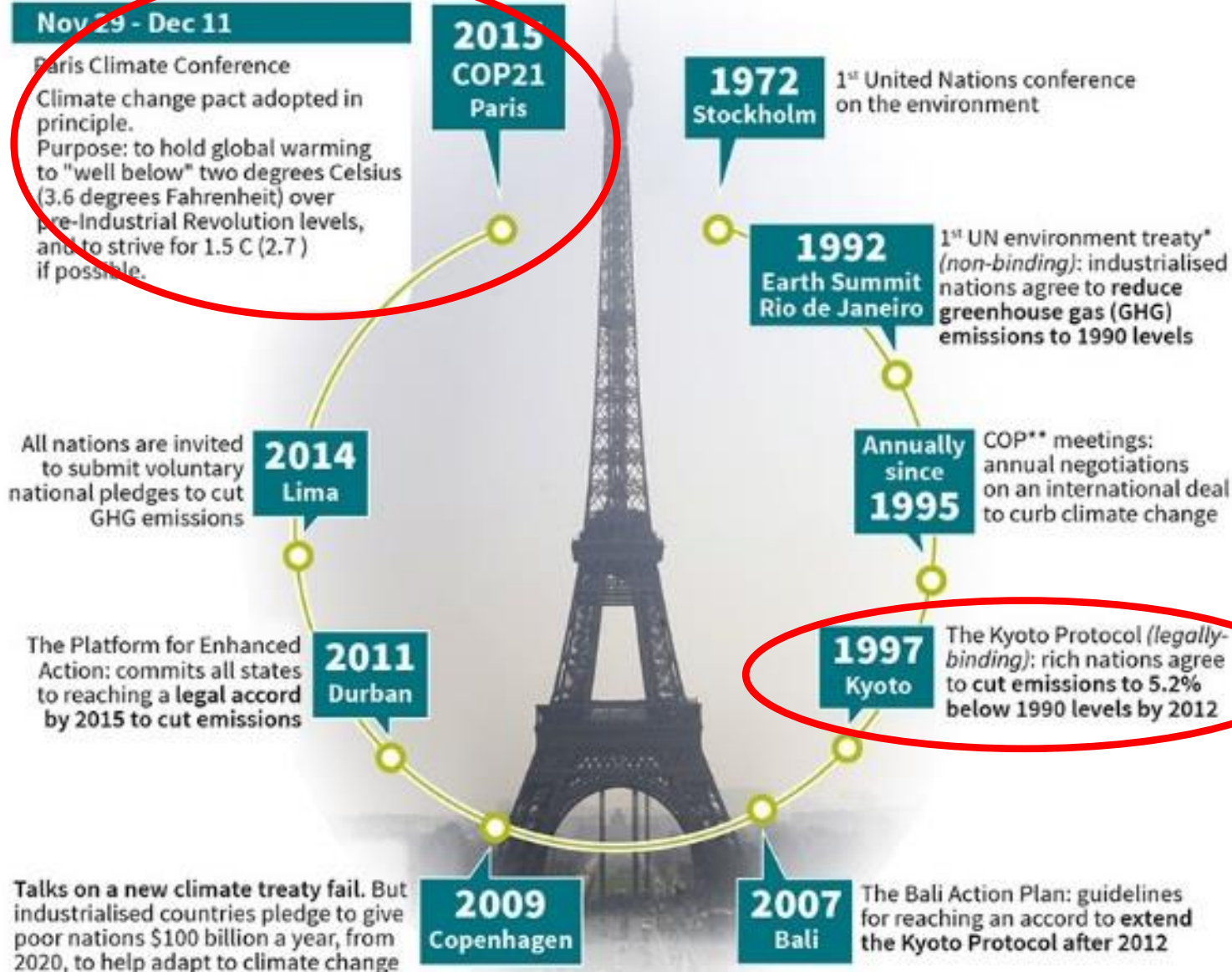
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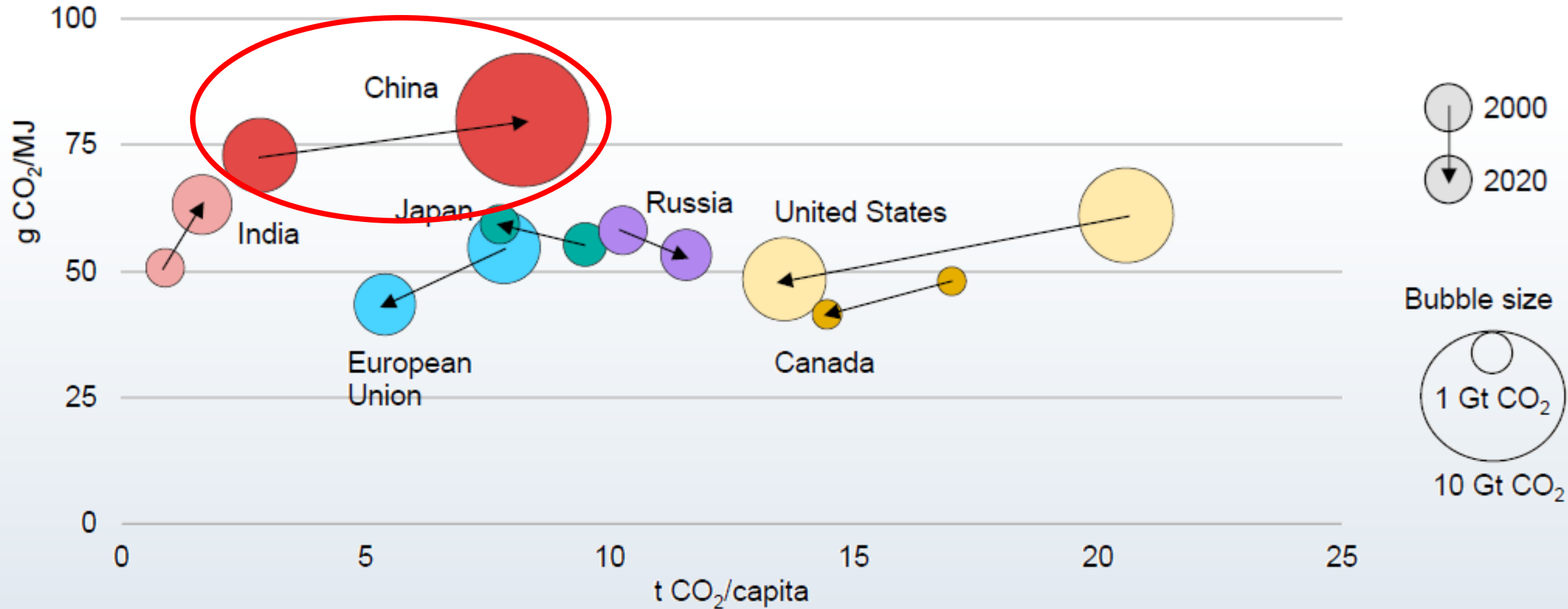
## Climate change: the long road to a global deal



# 1. Background



## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions intensity of primary energy demand relative to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per capita by country/region, 2000 and 2020

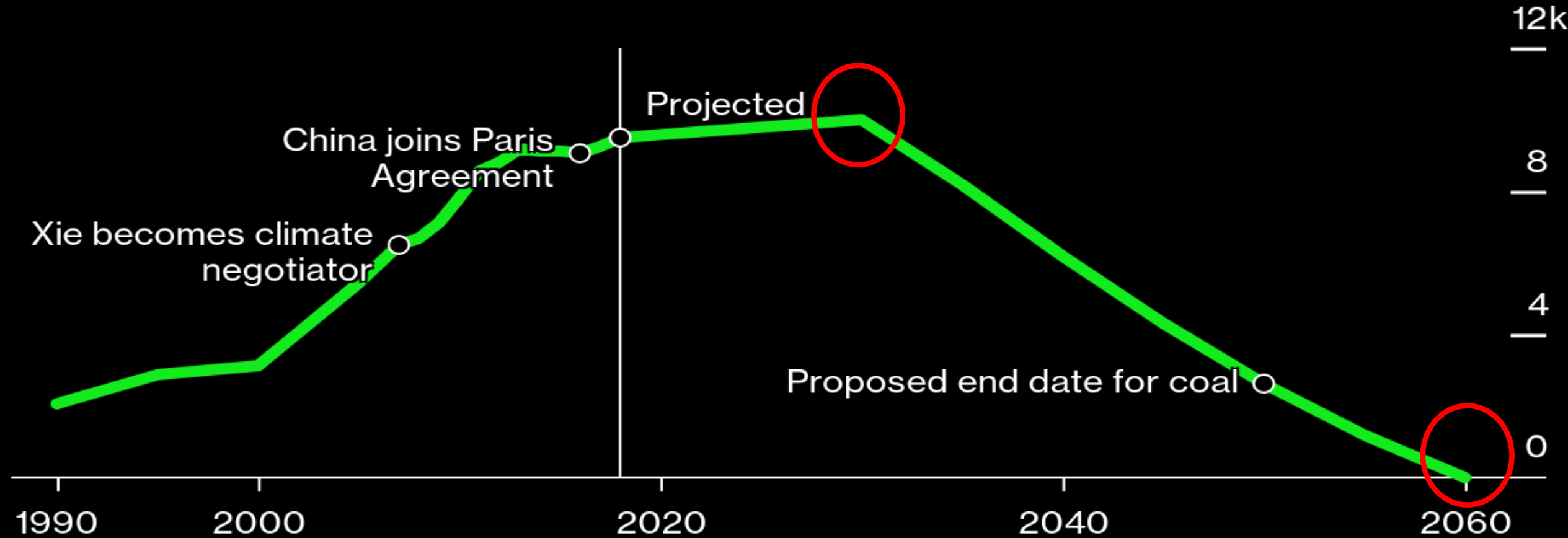


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## China's Long Road to Carbon Neutrality

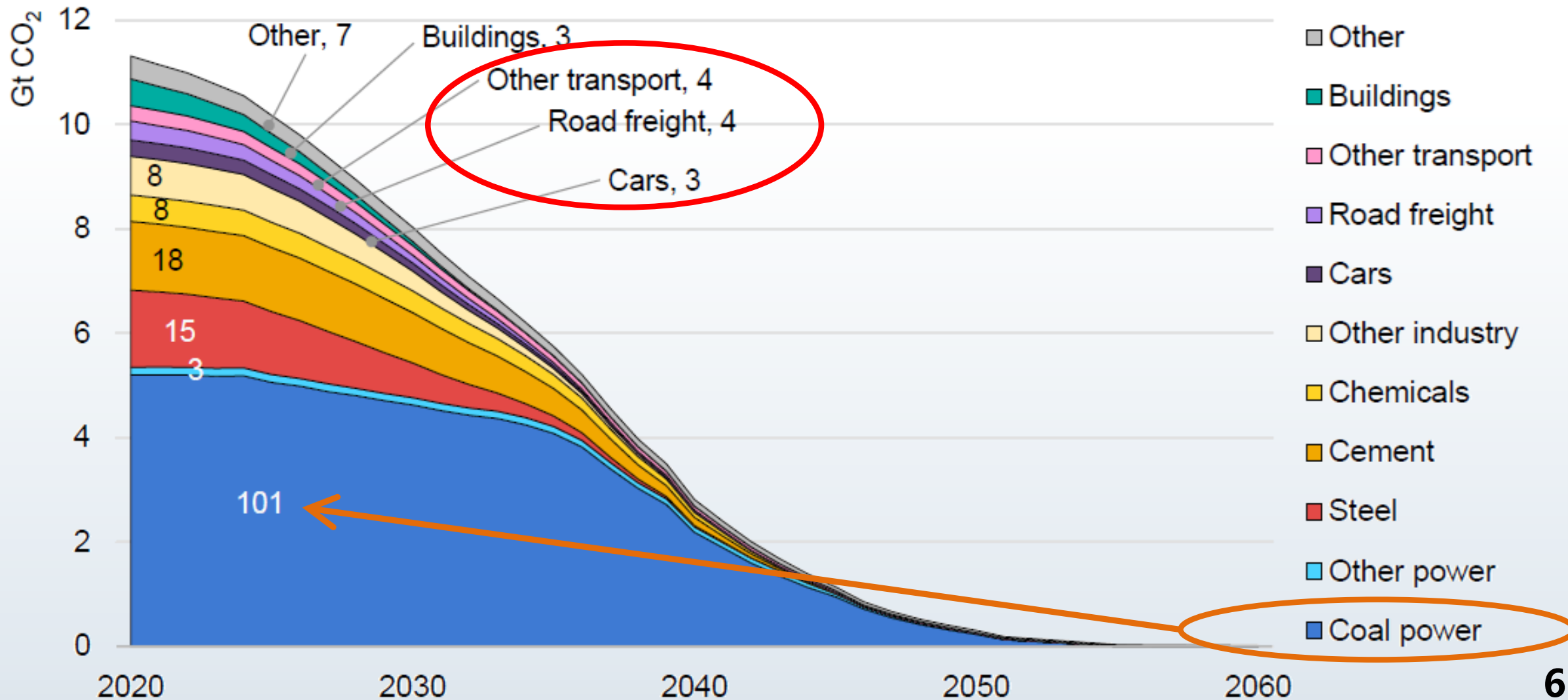
Emissions from consuming fossil fuels, million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>



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## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from existing energy-related infrastructure under typical lifetime assumptions and operating conditions in China





## 2. Internal combustion engines



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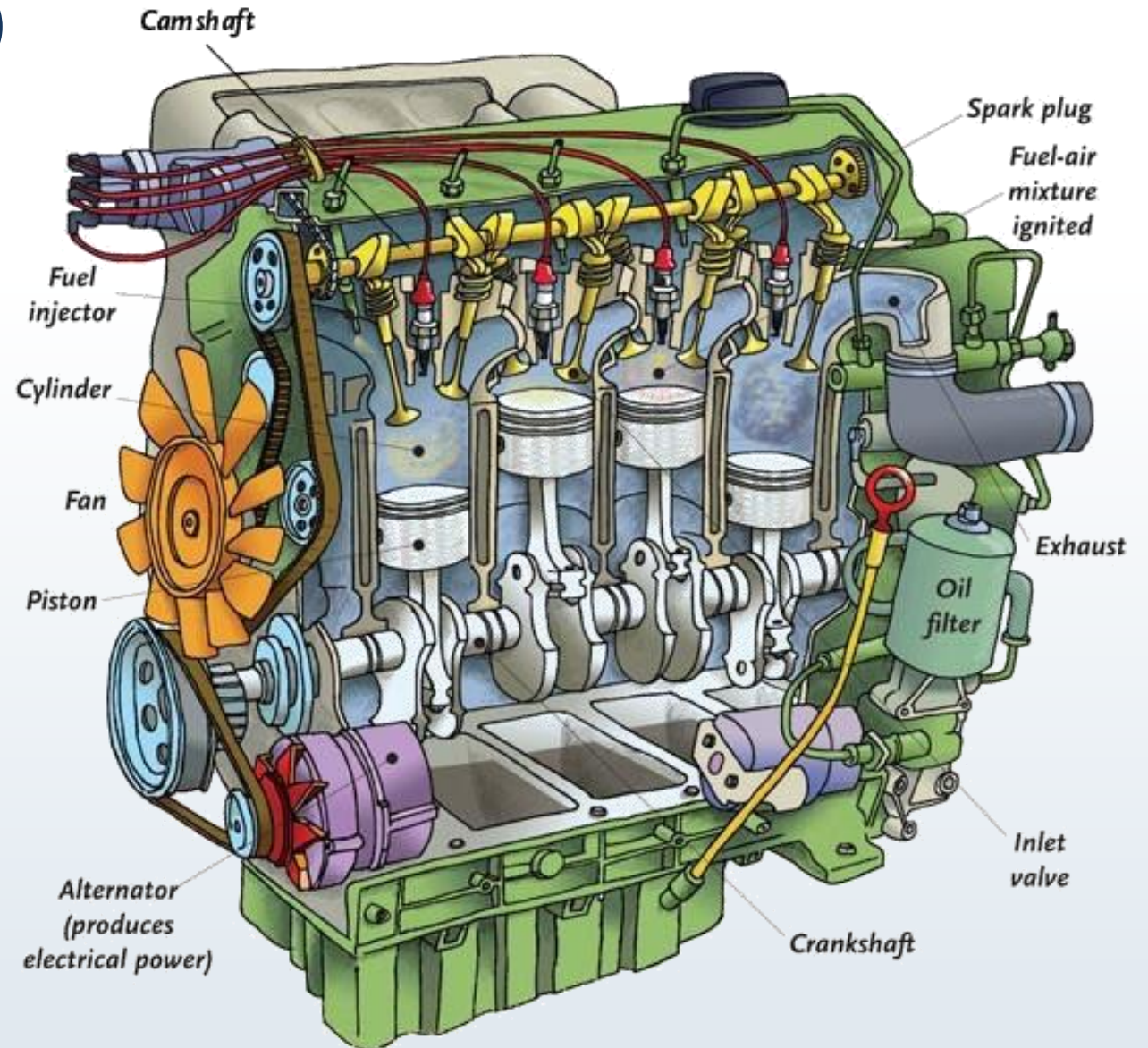


- Cars
- Trucks
- Locomotives
- Marine vessels
- Aircraft
- Stationary applications



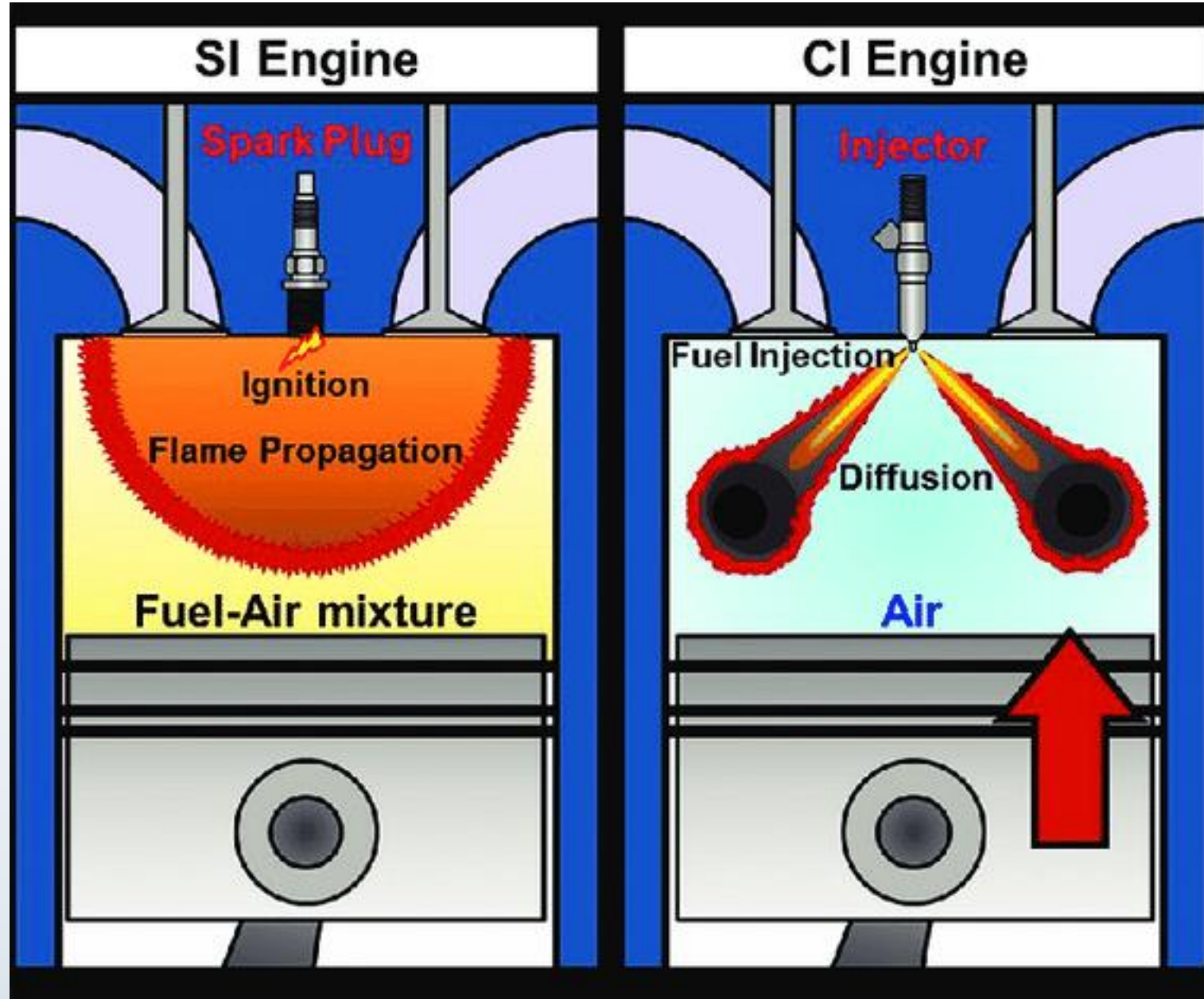
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- Internal combustion engines (ICEs) are **not** a source of pollution
- Emission pollution from internal combustion engines comes from fuel combustion
- The application of low-carbon fuels in ICEs can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Applying zero-carbon fuels in ICEs can help eliminate carbon-based emissions





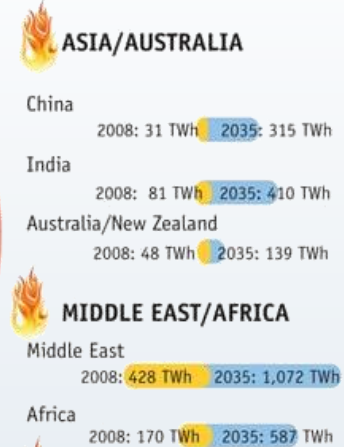
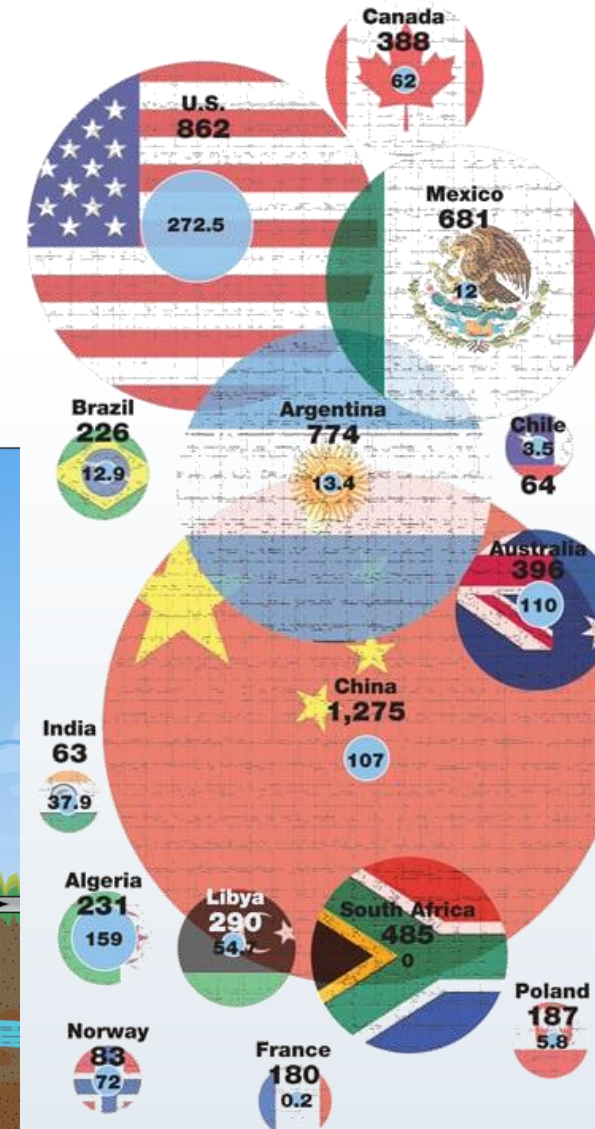
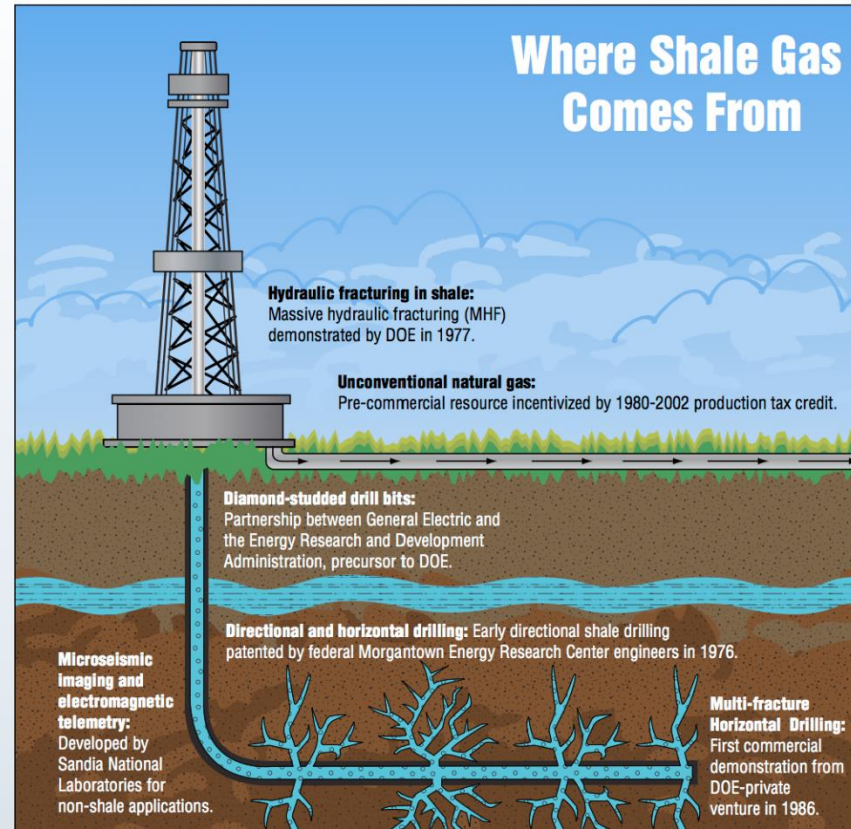
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# 3. Natural gas engines

## Natural gas (NG) fuel properties

- The main component is CH<sub>4</sub>
- A higher H/C ratio
- Abundant, low cost

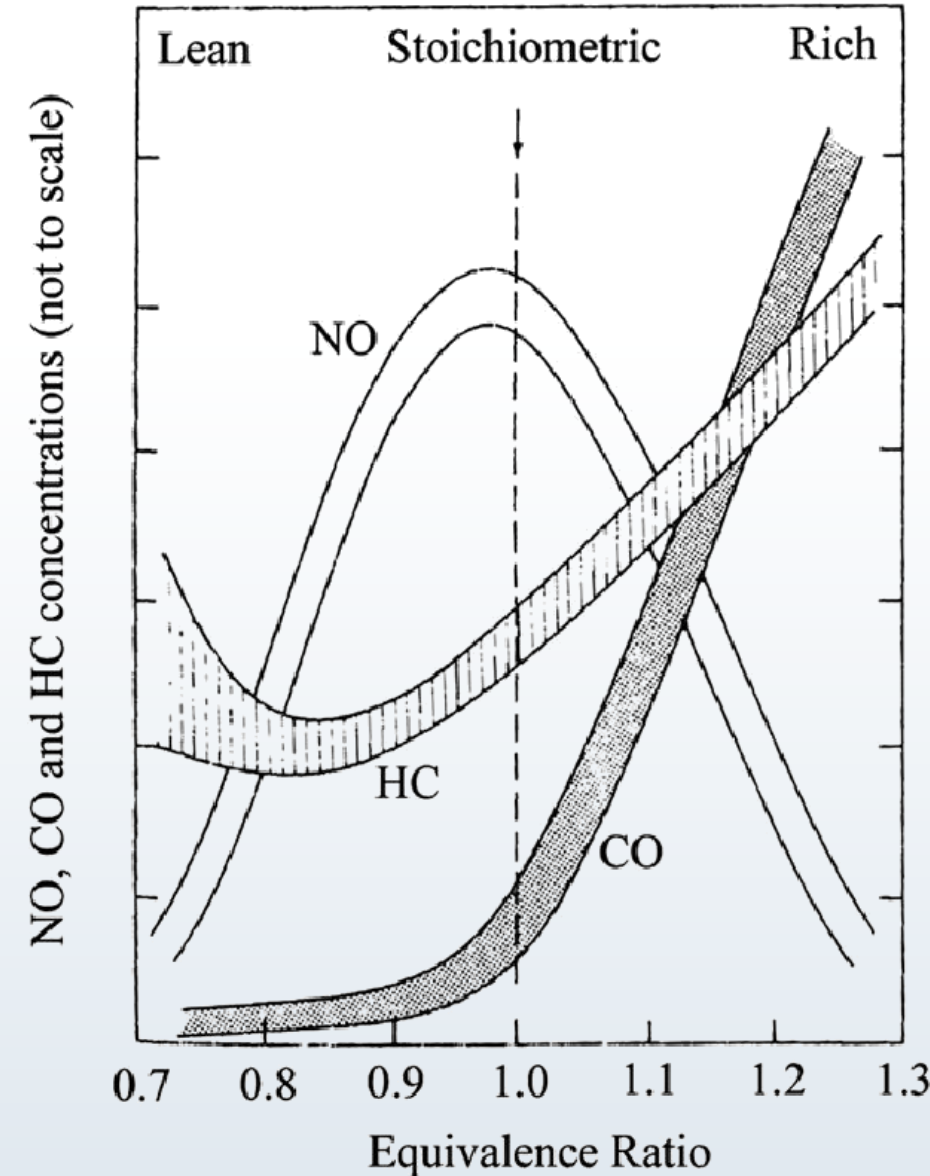


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## The benefits/challenges of natural gas (NG) engines

- Lower emissions ( $\text{CO}_2$ , soot,  $\text{NO}_x$ , CO, UHC)
- Higher compression ratio and lean-burn limit can increase thermal efficiency
- NG composition varies with geographical source, time of year, and treatments applied during production and/or transportation
- The non-methane compounds in the NG can have a strong influence on the engine efficiency and emissions

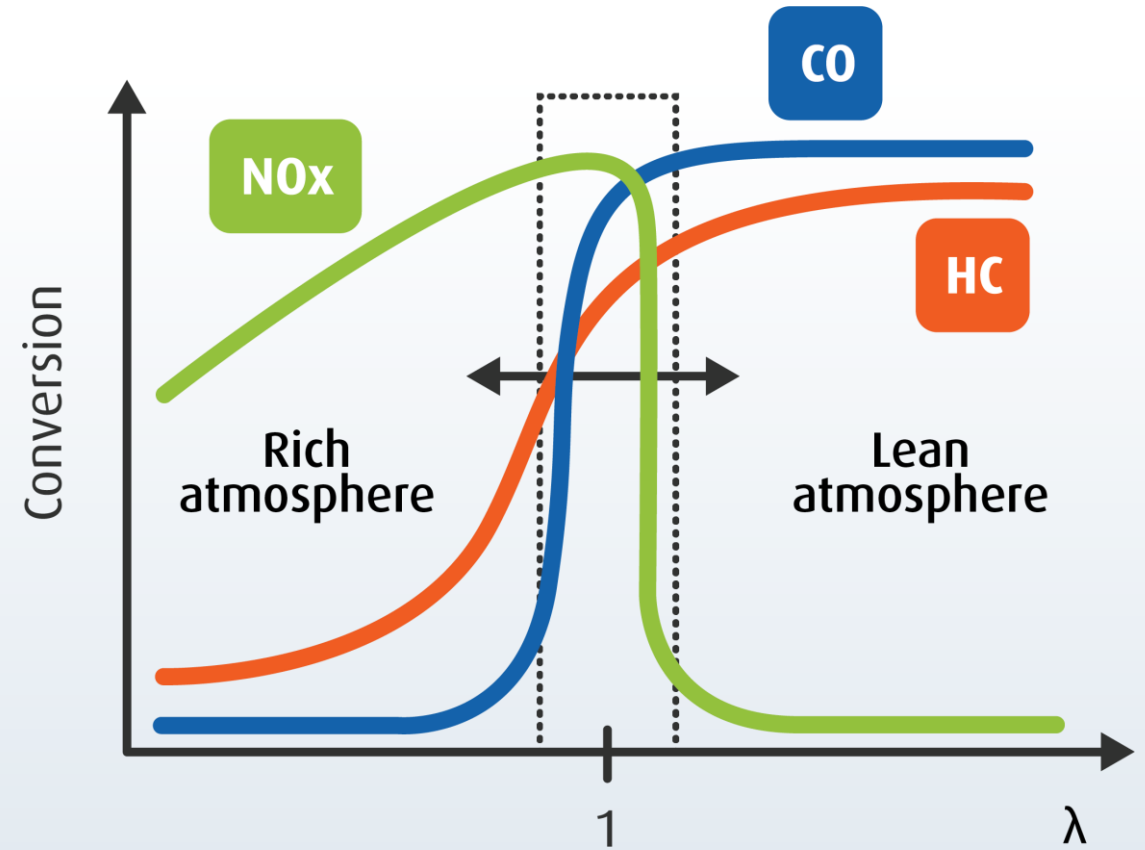
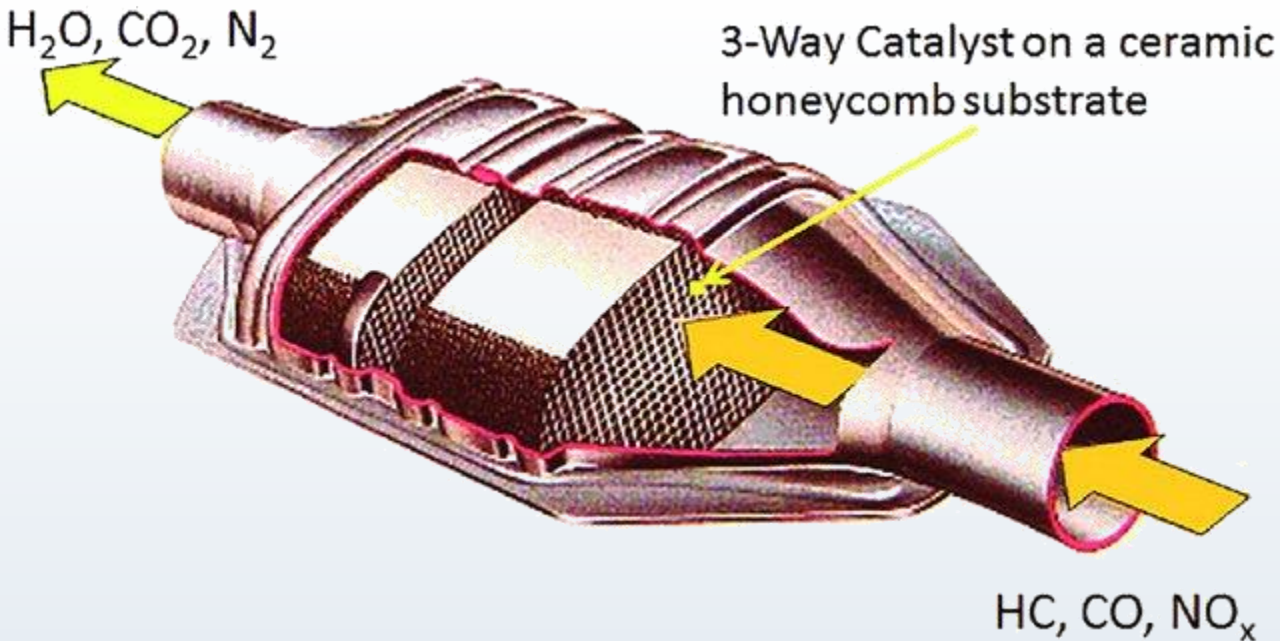




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## Natural gas (NG) spark ignition (SI) engines

- Lean or stoichiometric operation?

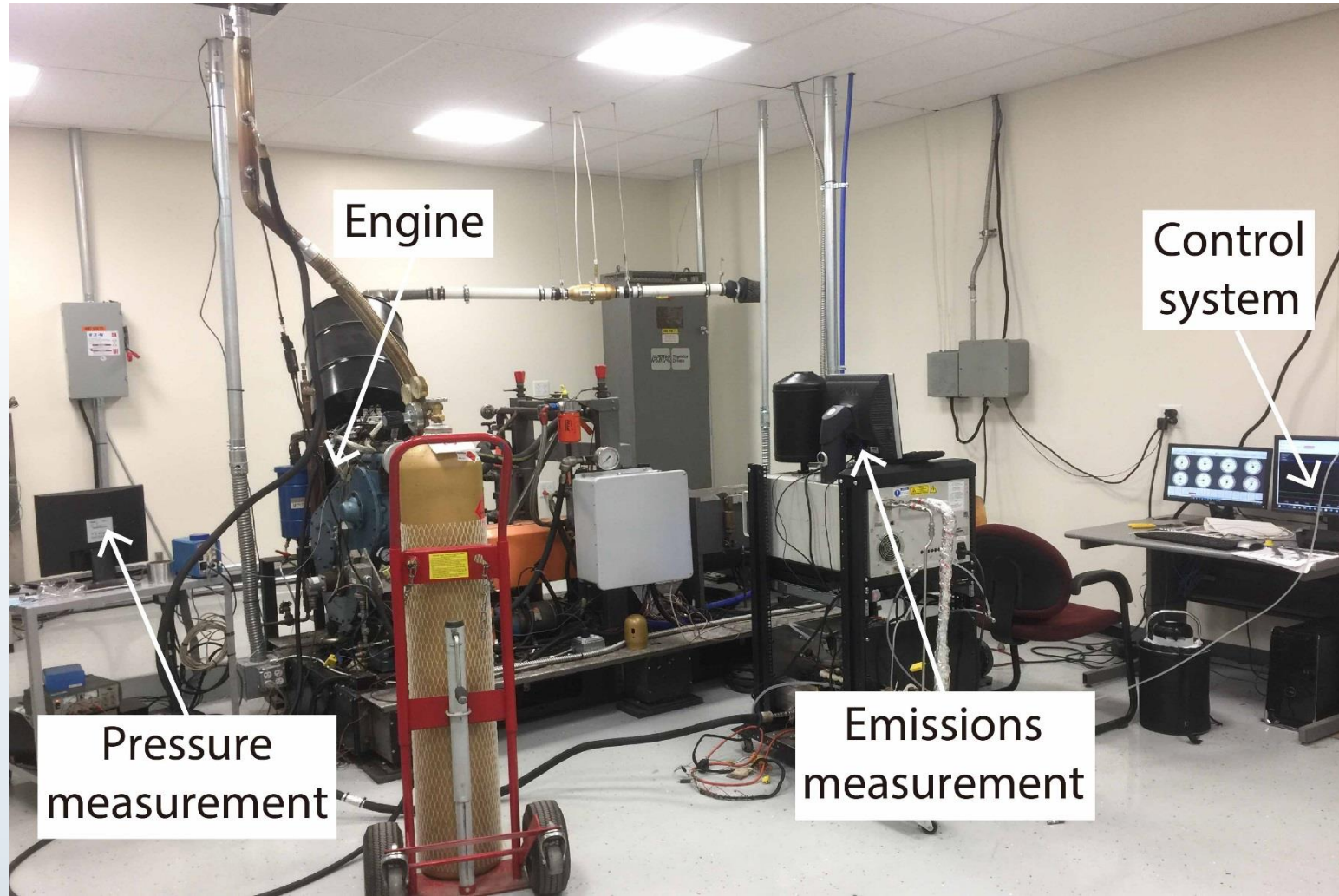


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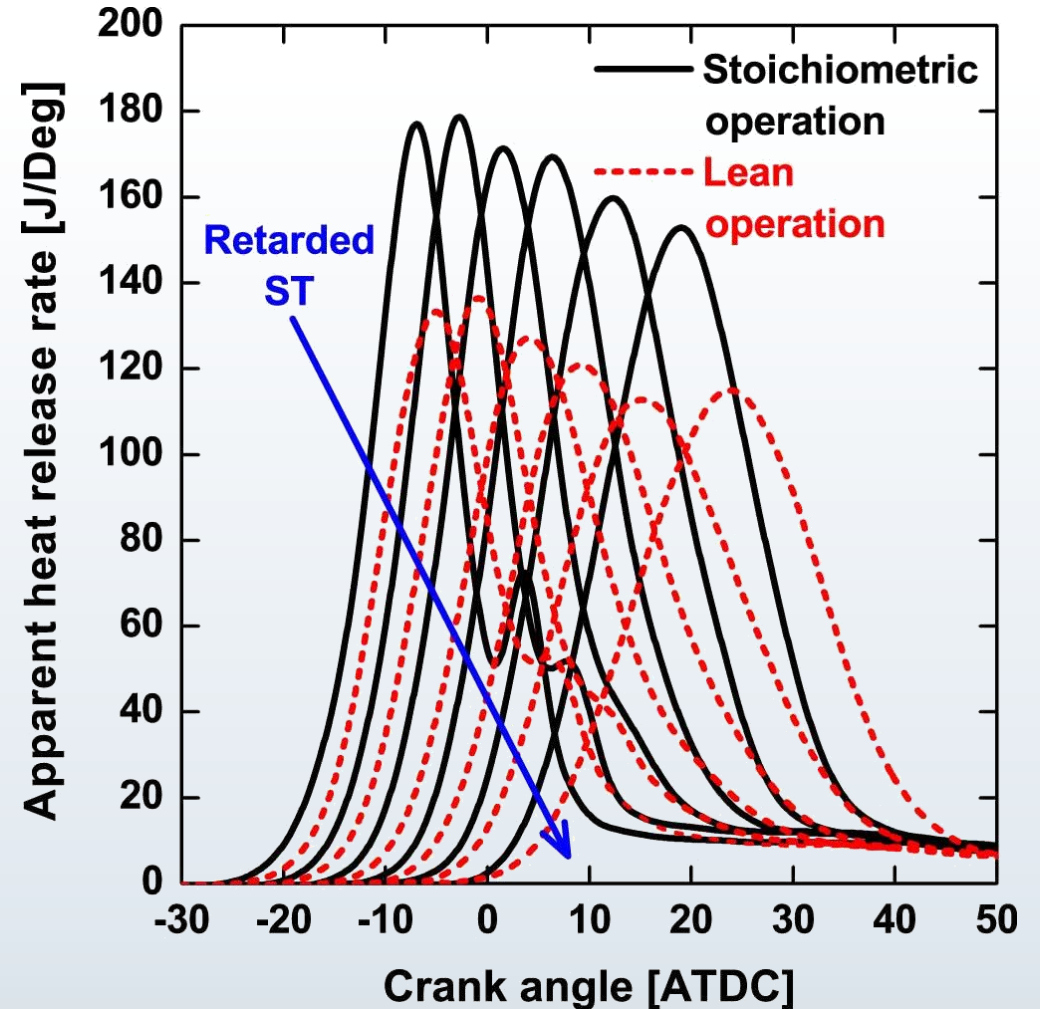
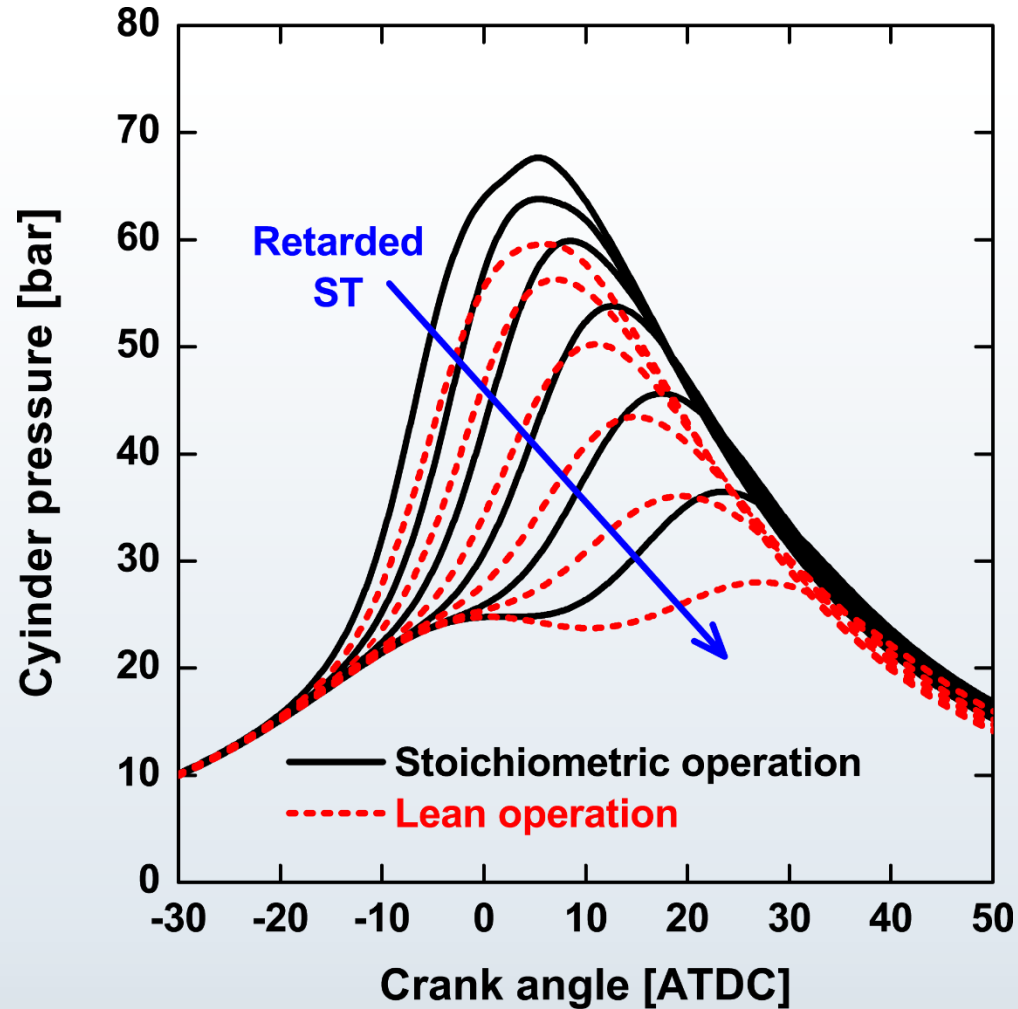
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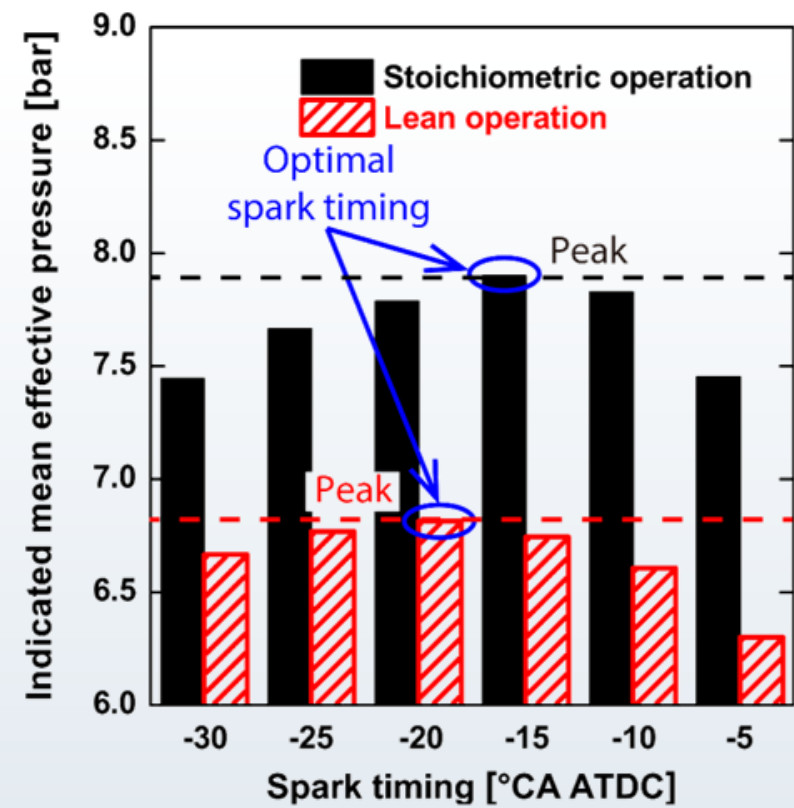
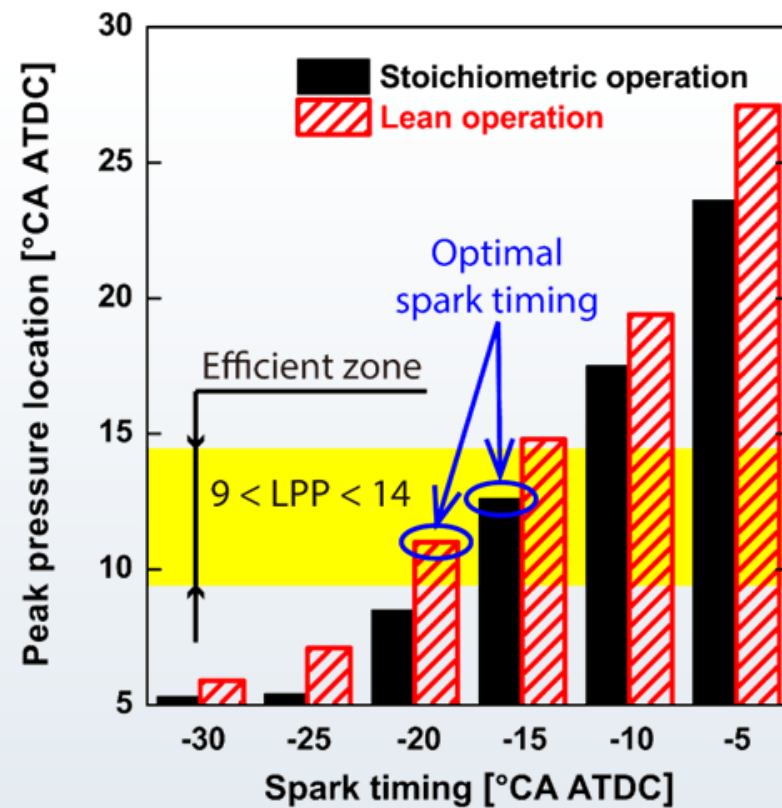
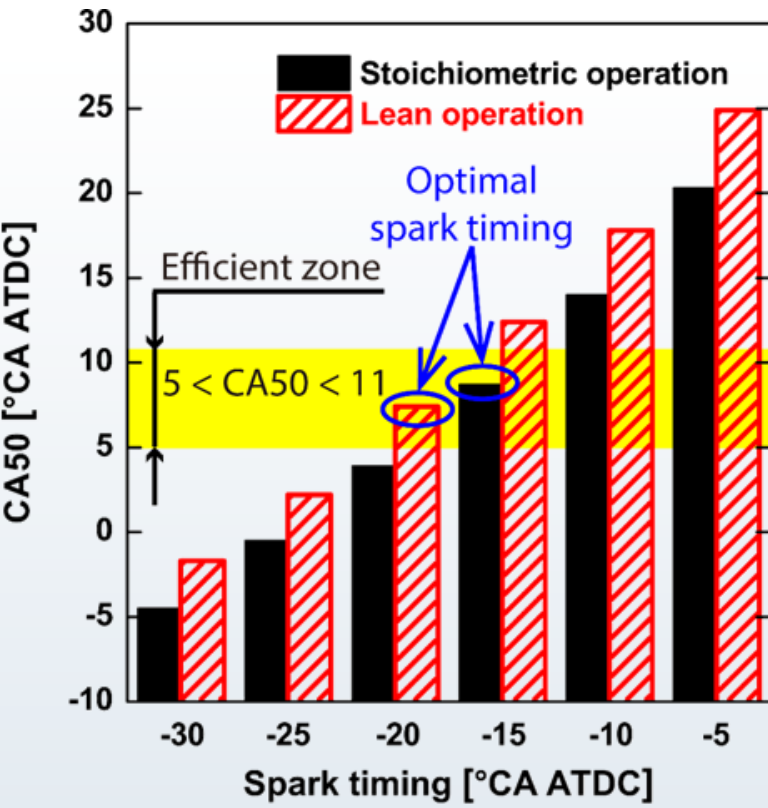


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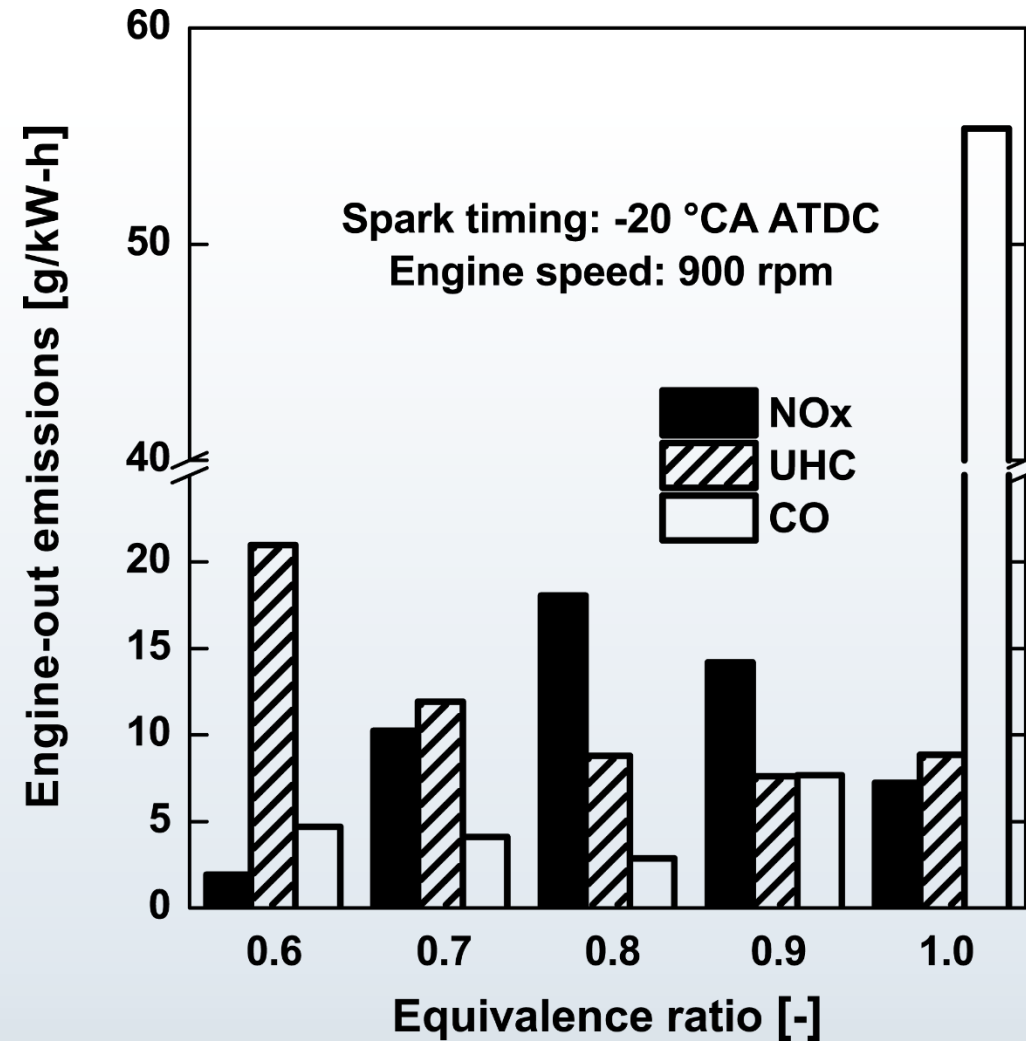


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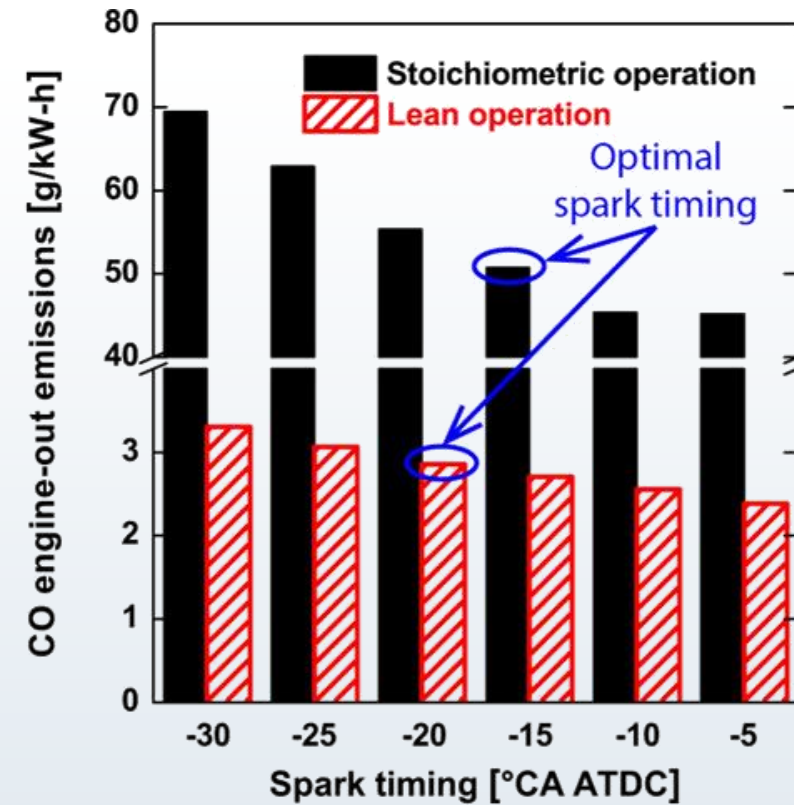
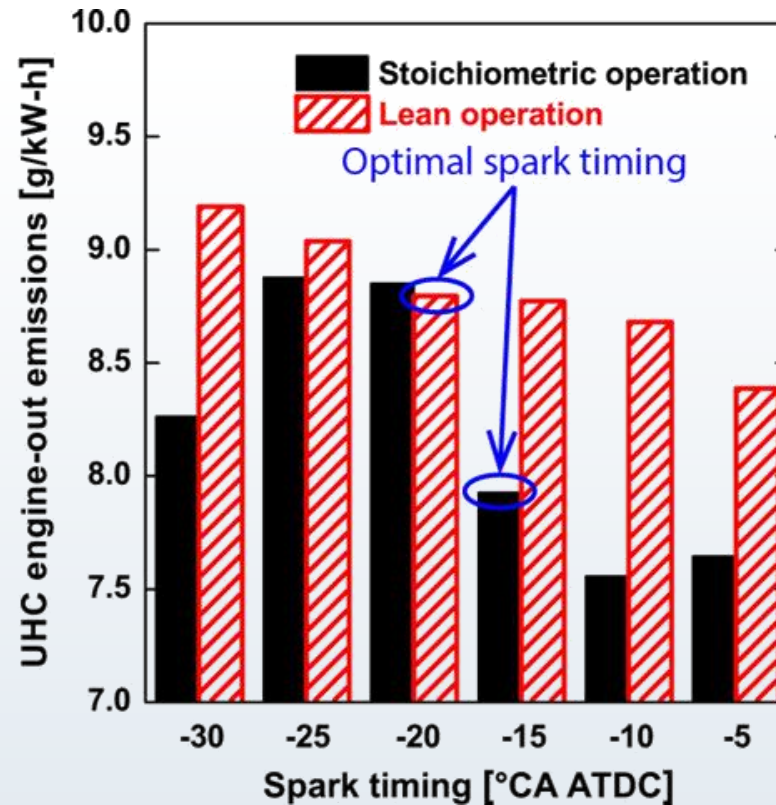
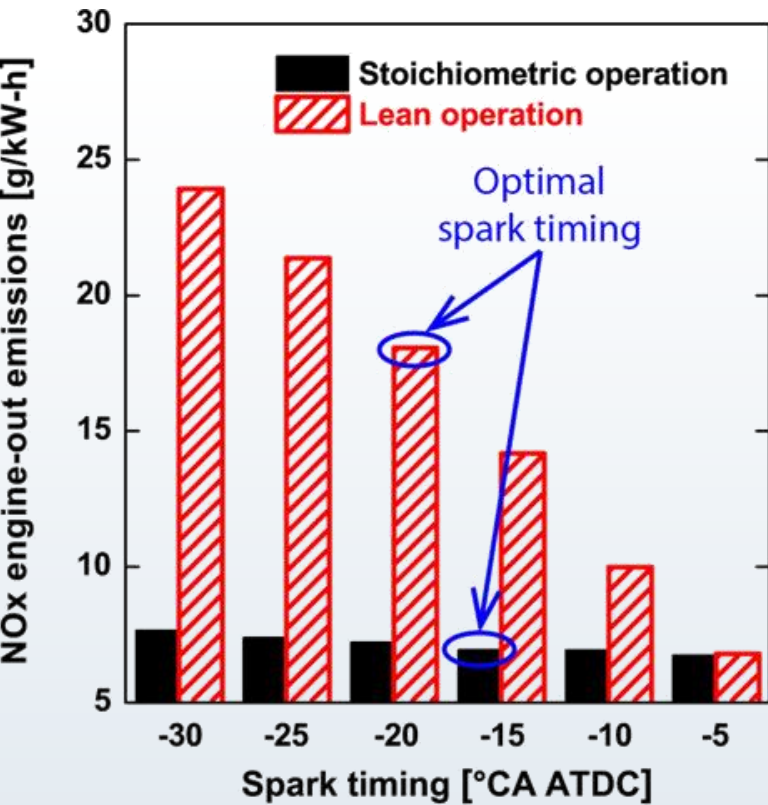


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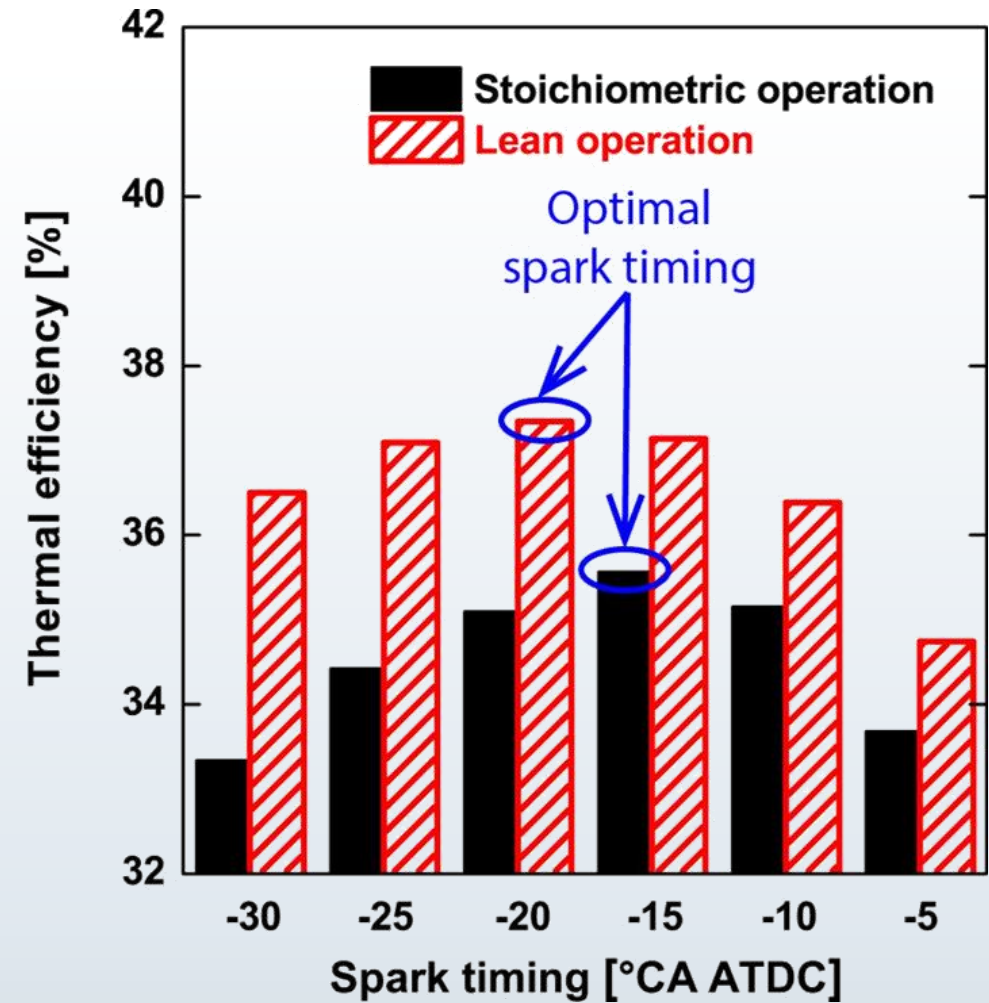
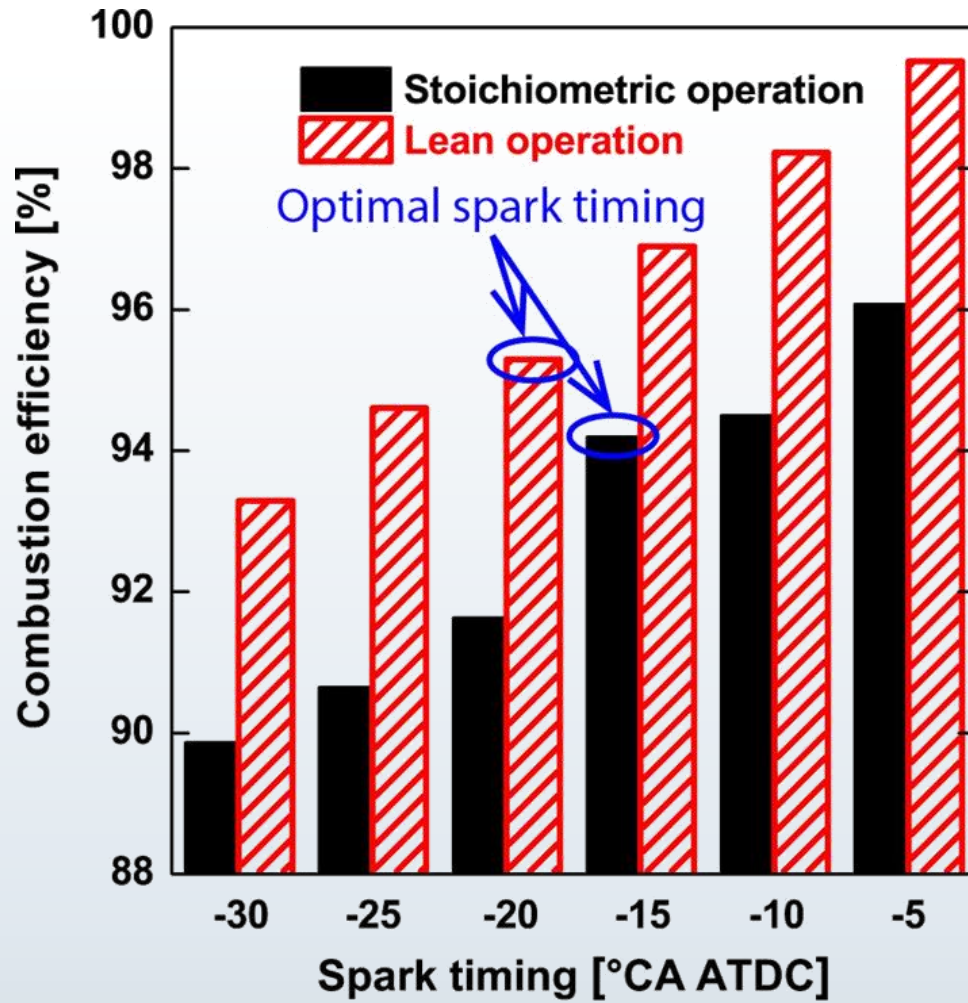




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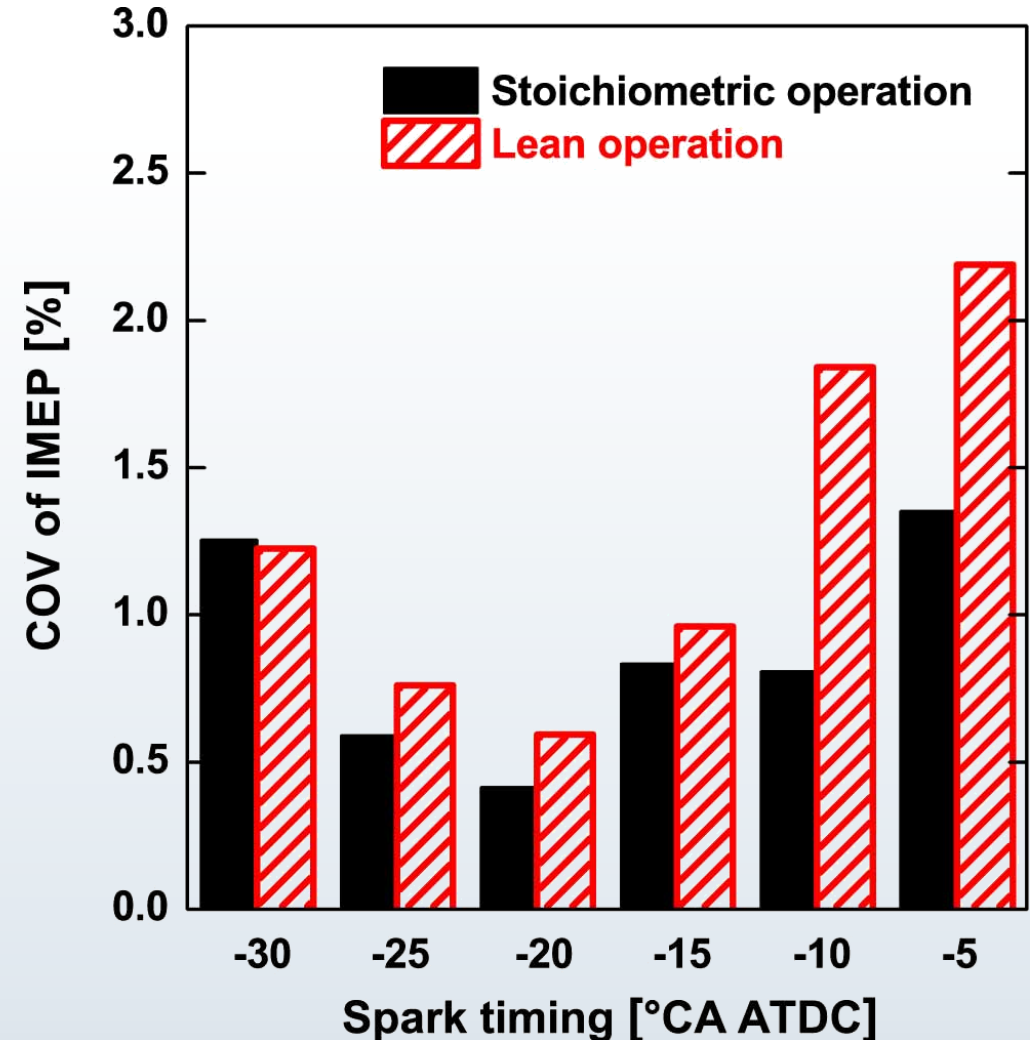


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  - ✓ Lean: Stationary applications
  - ✓ Stoichiometric: On-road vehicles

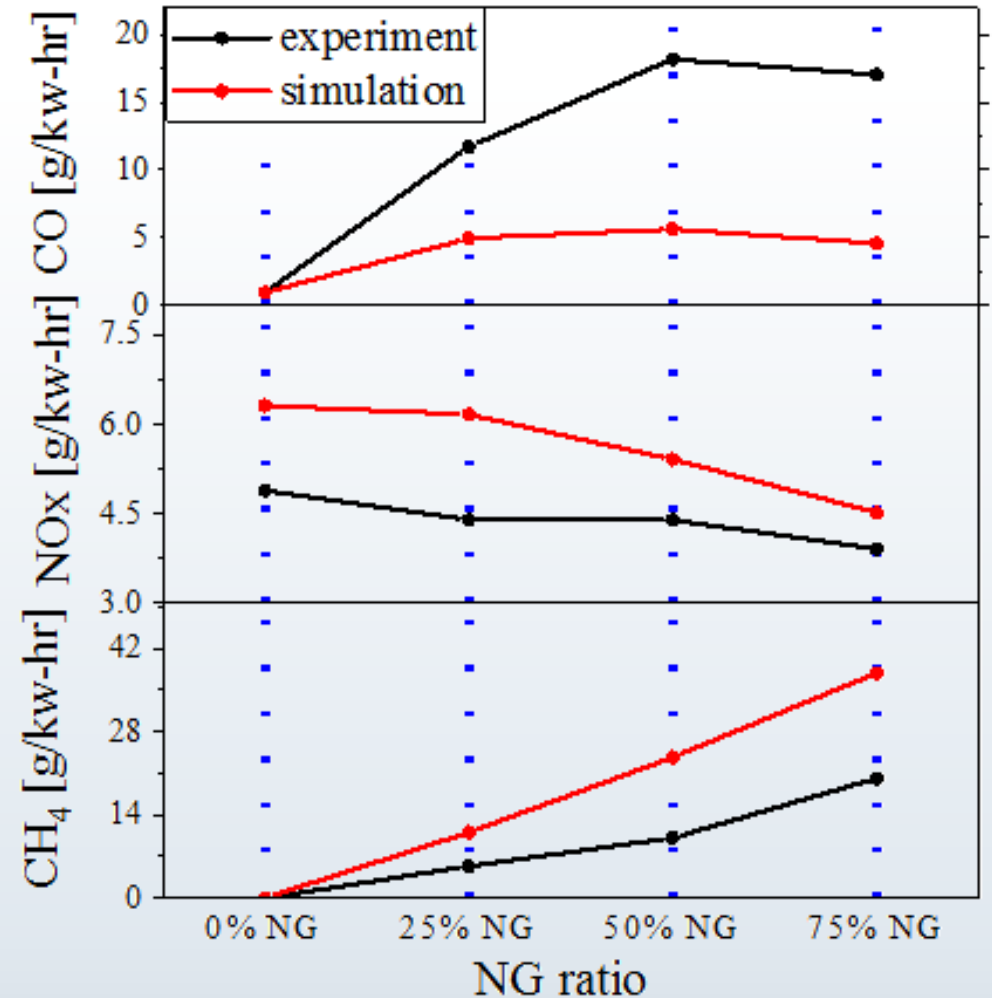
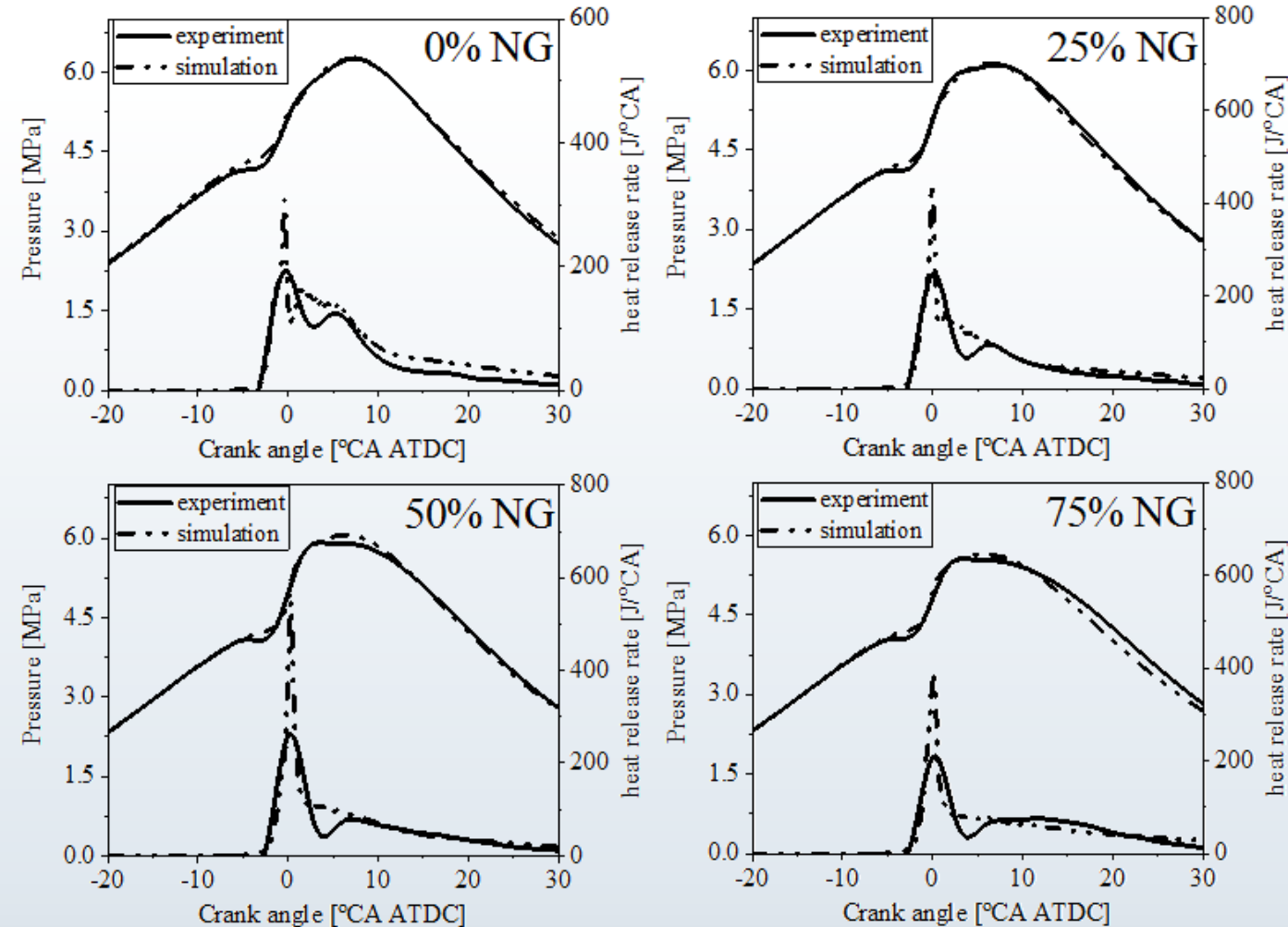


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## Pilot diesel ignition natural gas (NG) engines

- Natural gas/diesel fuel proportions?



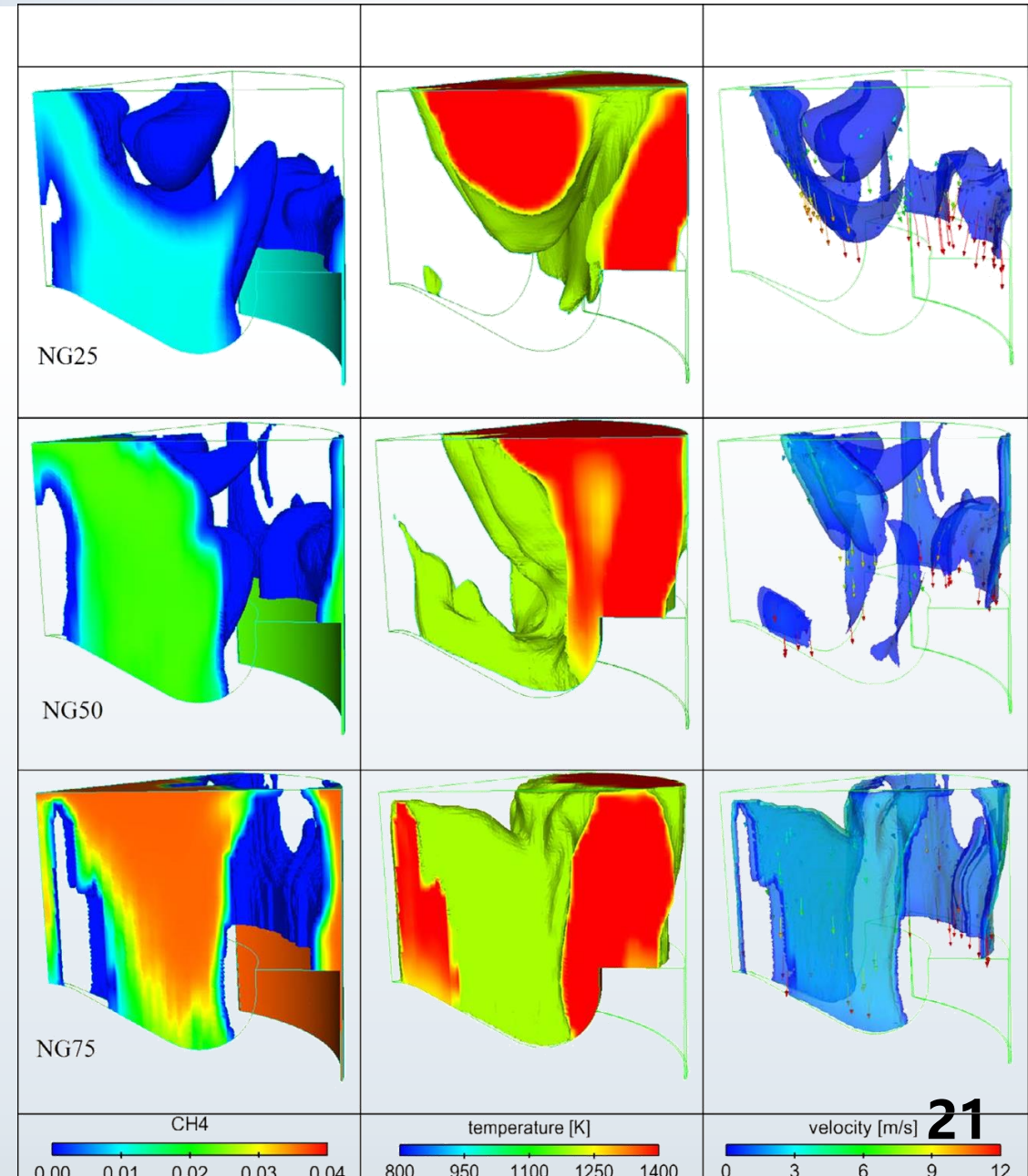
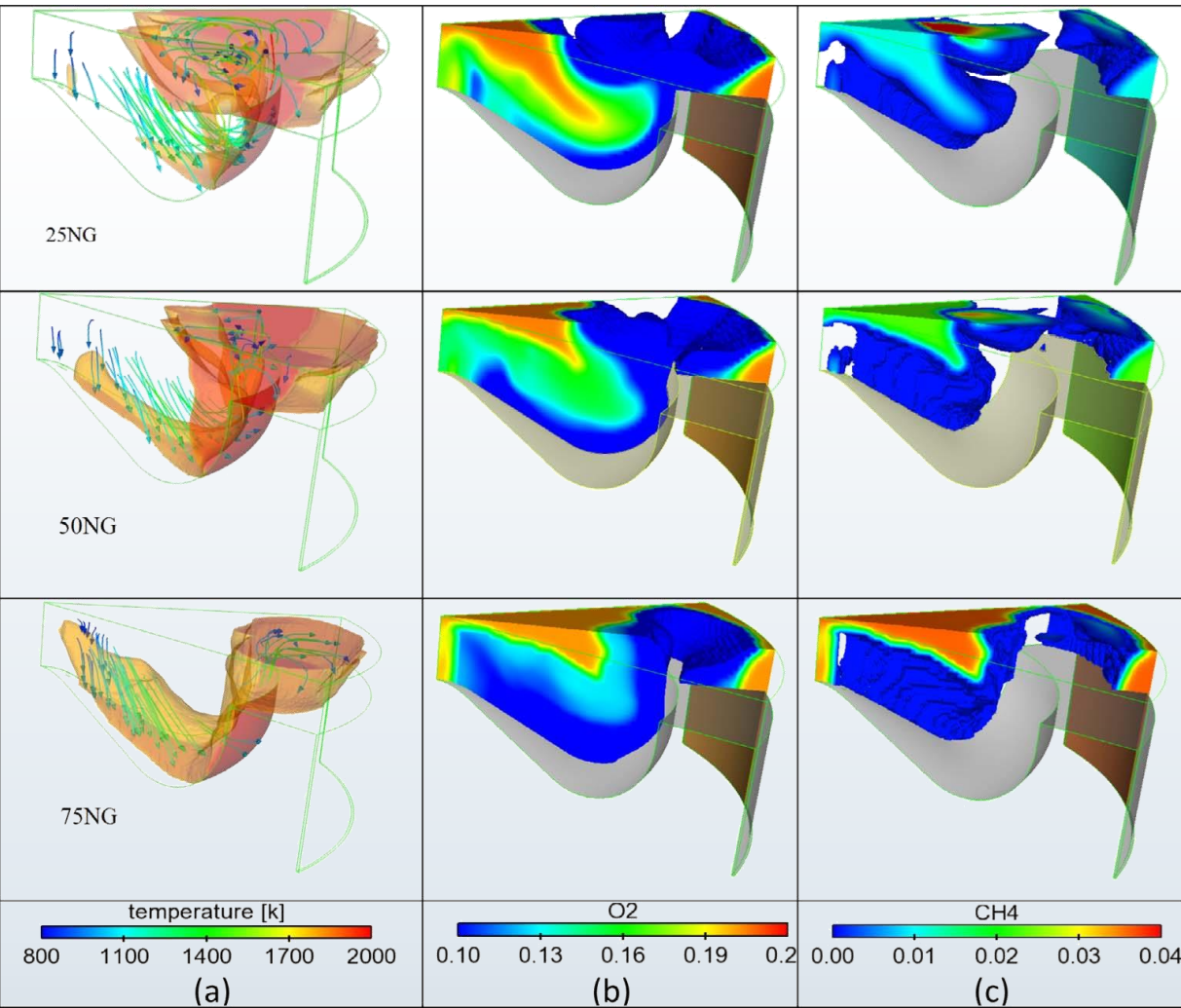


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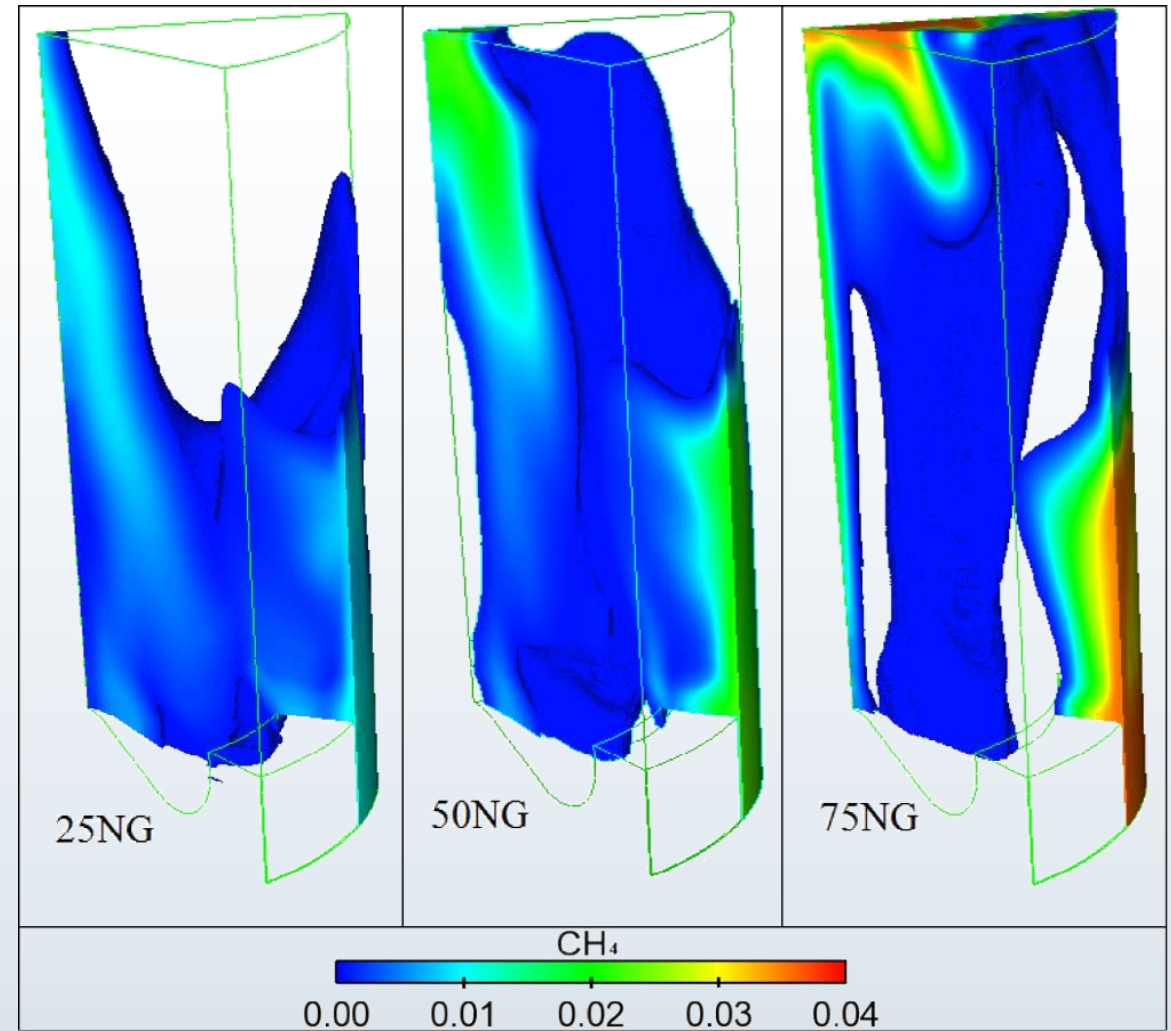


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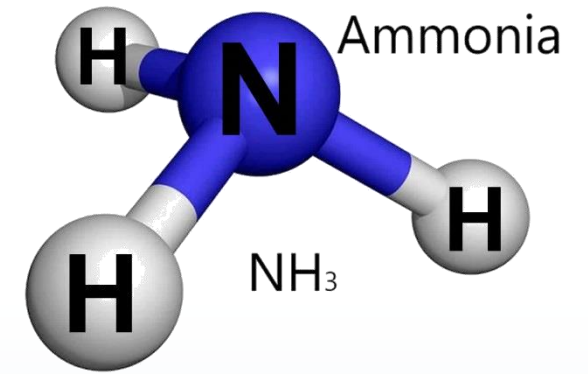
- Natural gas/diesel fuel proportions?
  - ✓ Methane slip
  - ✓ Low load low speed conditions



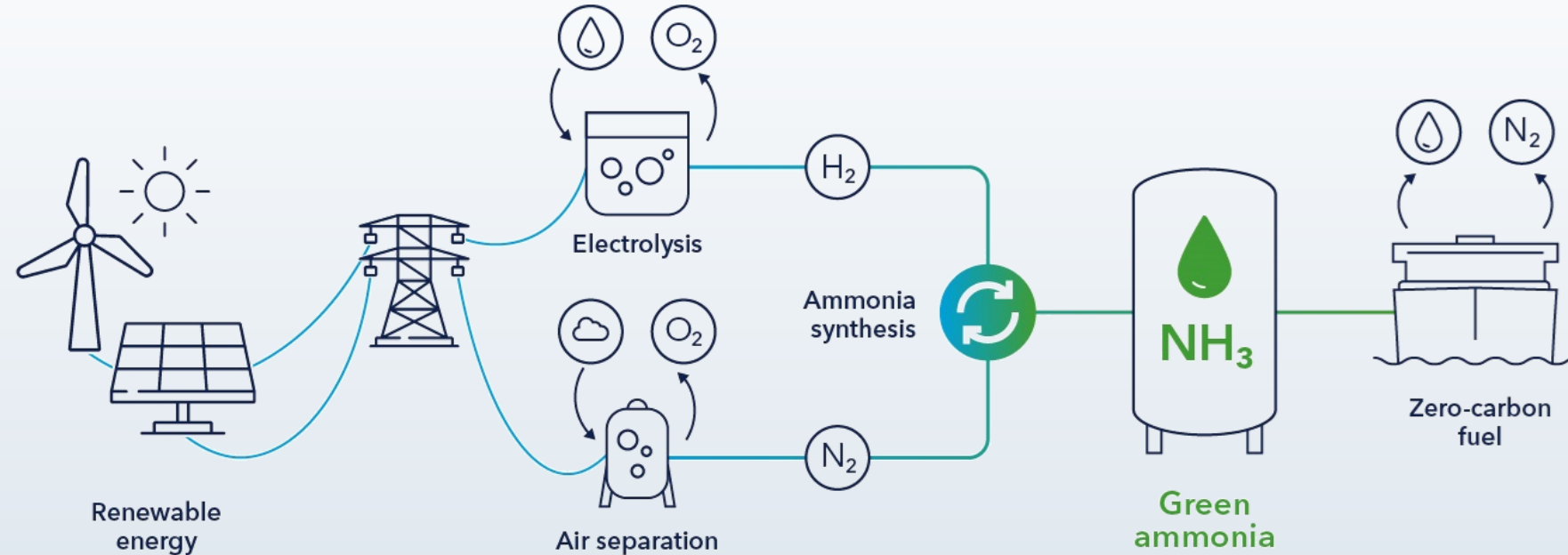
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## Ammonia fuel properties

- Easy to store and transport
- Mature production facilities
- Unfavorable combustion properties



Green ammonia - production and use





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## The benefits/challenges of ammonia engines

- Lower carbon-based emissions
- Slow laminar flame speed – reduced efficiency, high cycle-to-cycle variations
- Higher ignition energy
- Fuel NO<sub>x</sub>

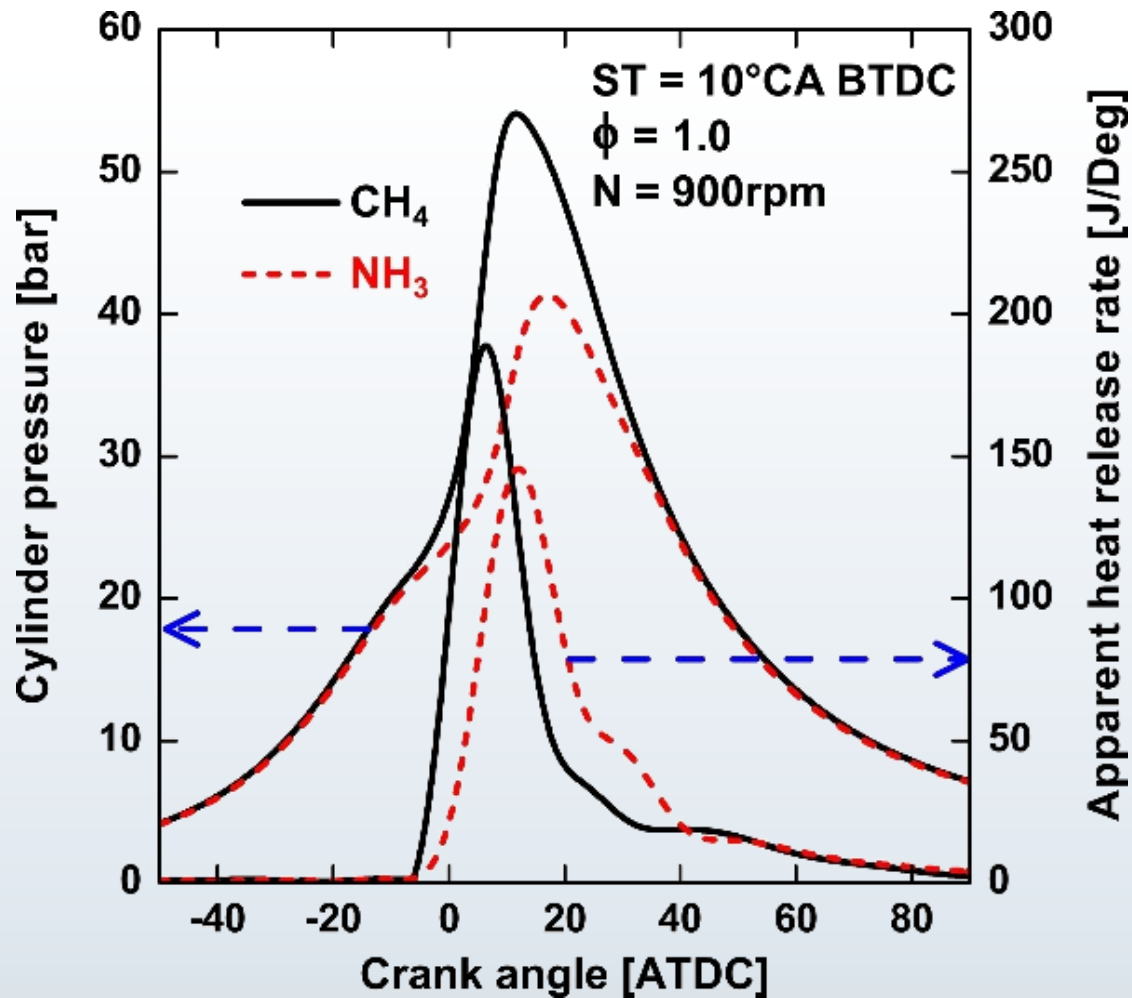


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## Ammonia spark ignition (SI) engines

- Hydrogen addition?



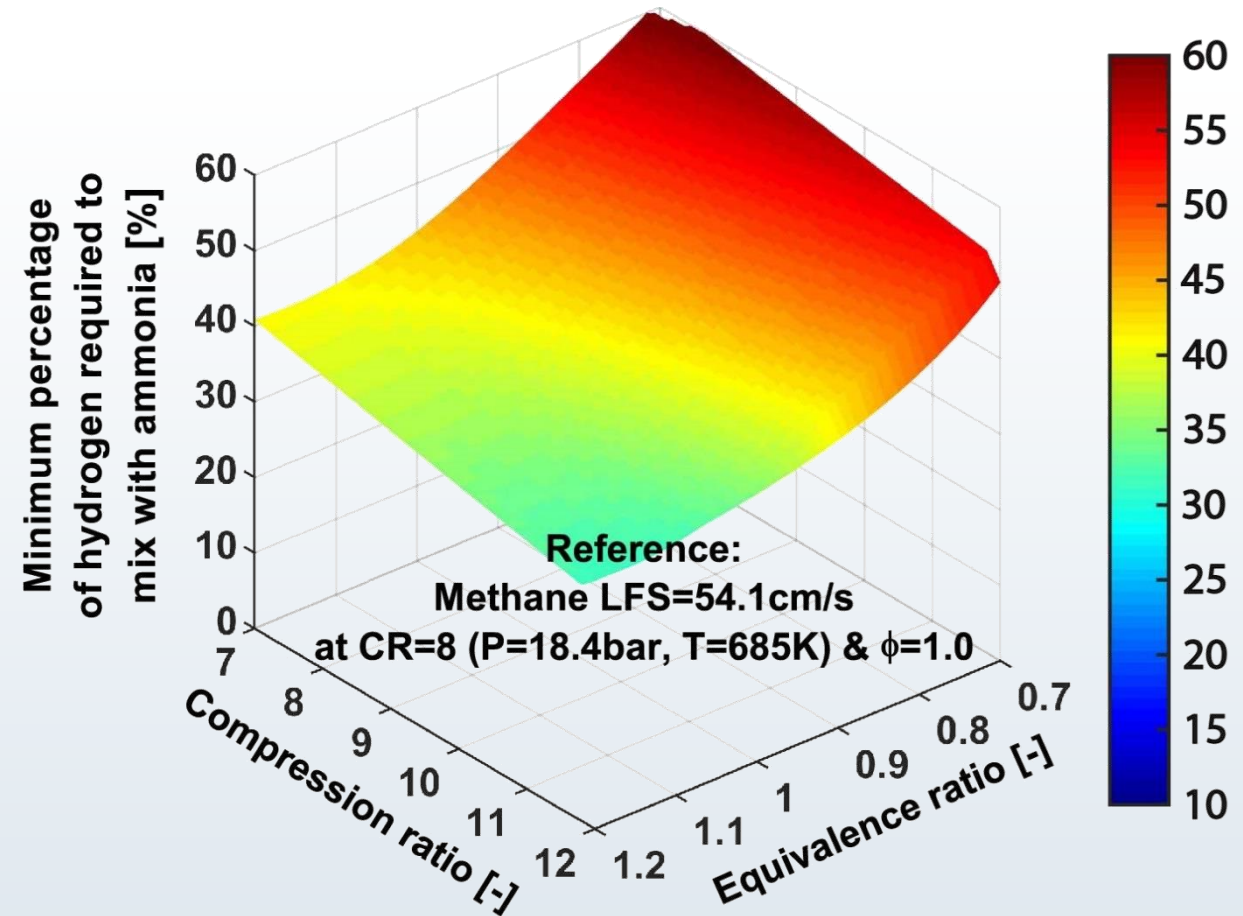
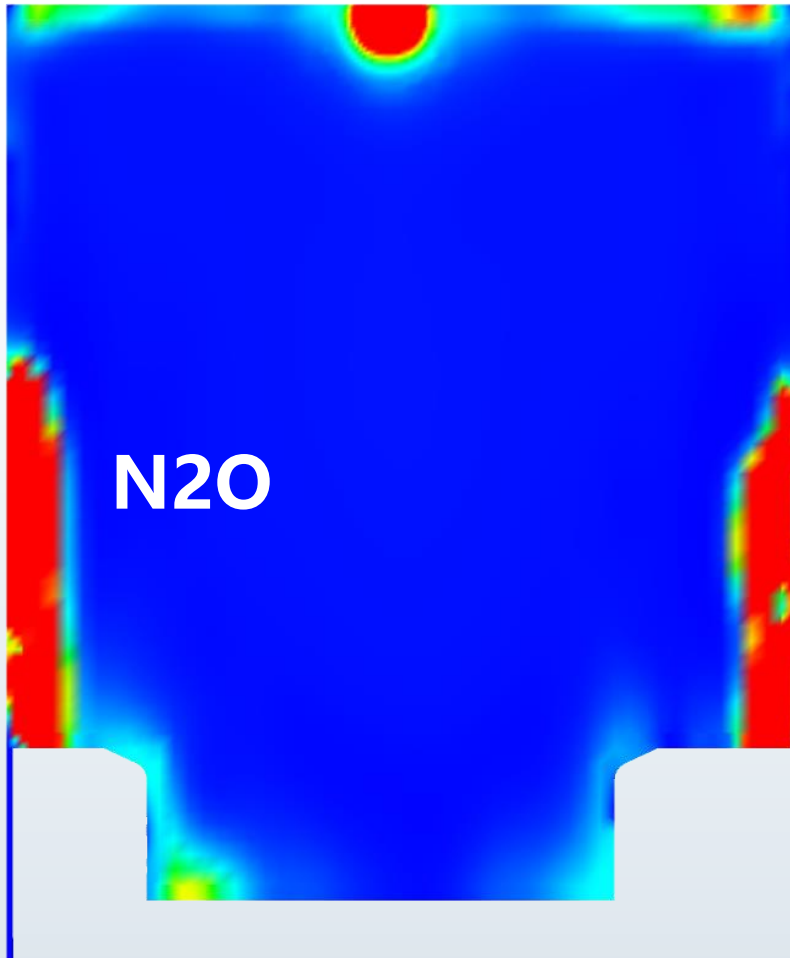
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DOC [°CA]	60.6	62.8
IMEP [bar]	9.28	8.46
ISFC [g/kW·h]	188.6	505.5
$\eta_{th}$ [%]	37.9	37.1
$\eta_{comb}$ [%]	98.3	95.0
ISNO [g/kW·h]	7.86	4.07
ISNO <sub>2</sub> [g/kW·h]	0.0014	0.0013
ISN <sub>2</sub> O [g/kW·h]	/	0.03
ISNO <sub>x</sub> [g/kW·h]	7.86	4.10
ISCO [g/kW·h]	5.80	/
ISCH <sub>4</sub> [g/kW·h]	0.70	/
ISNH <sub>3</sub> [g/kW·h]	/	11.62
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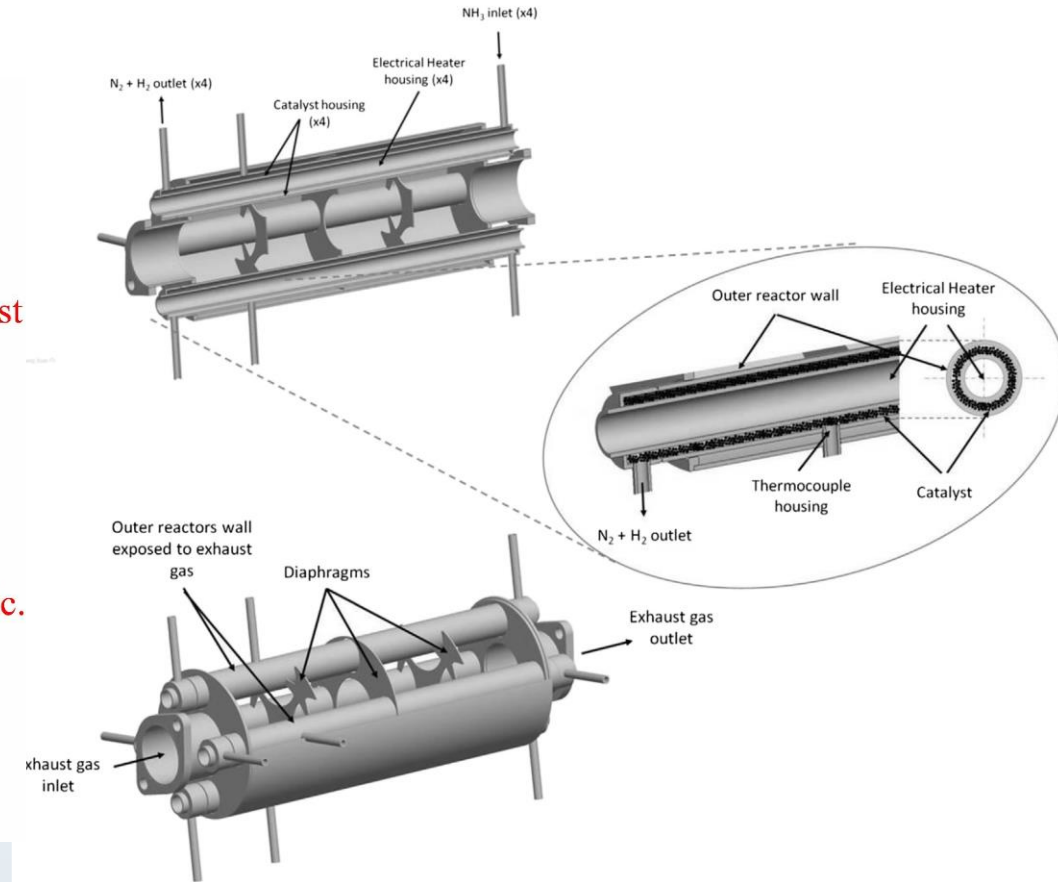
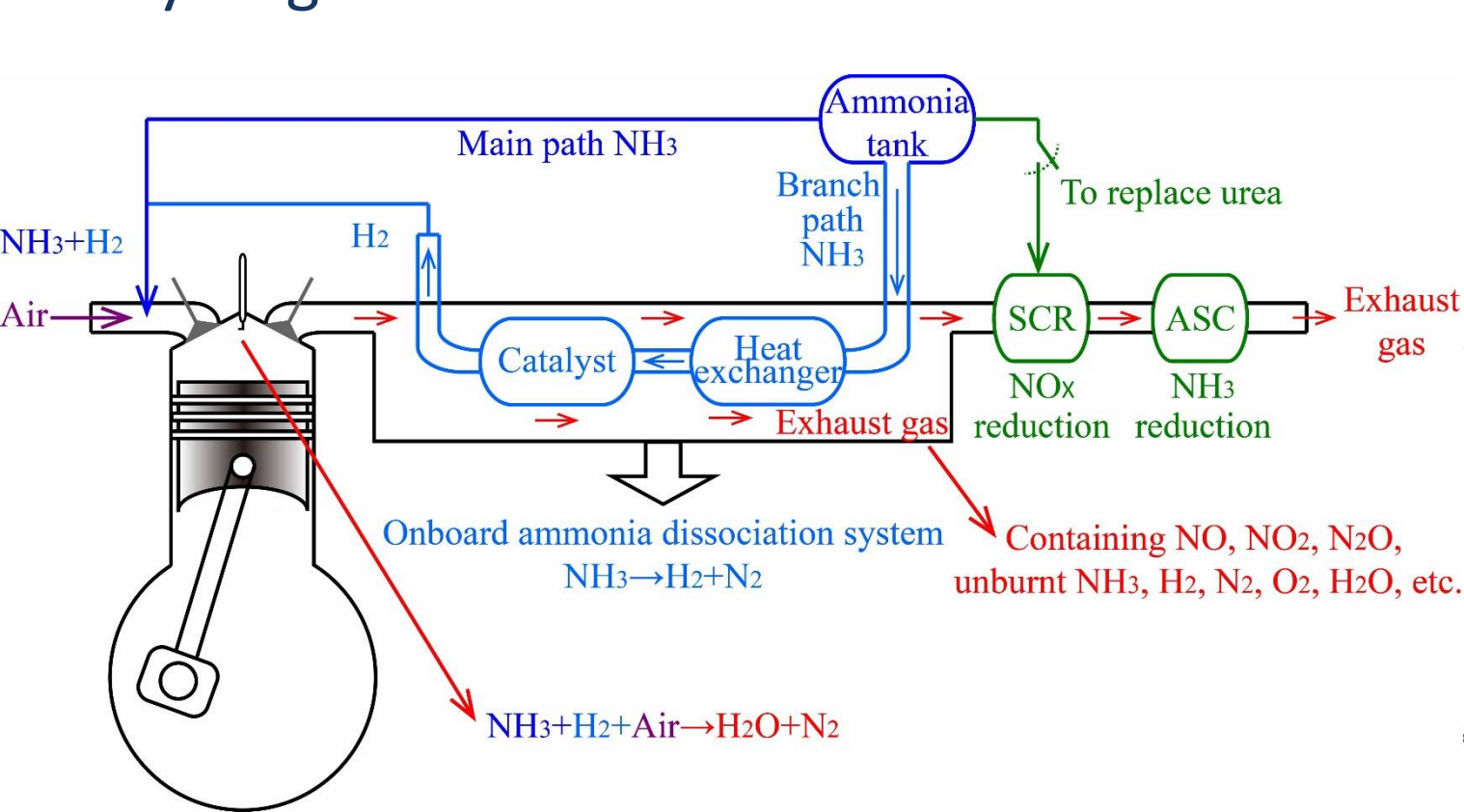




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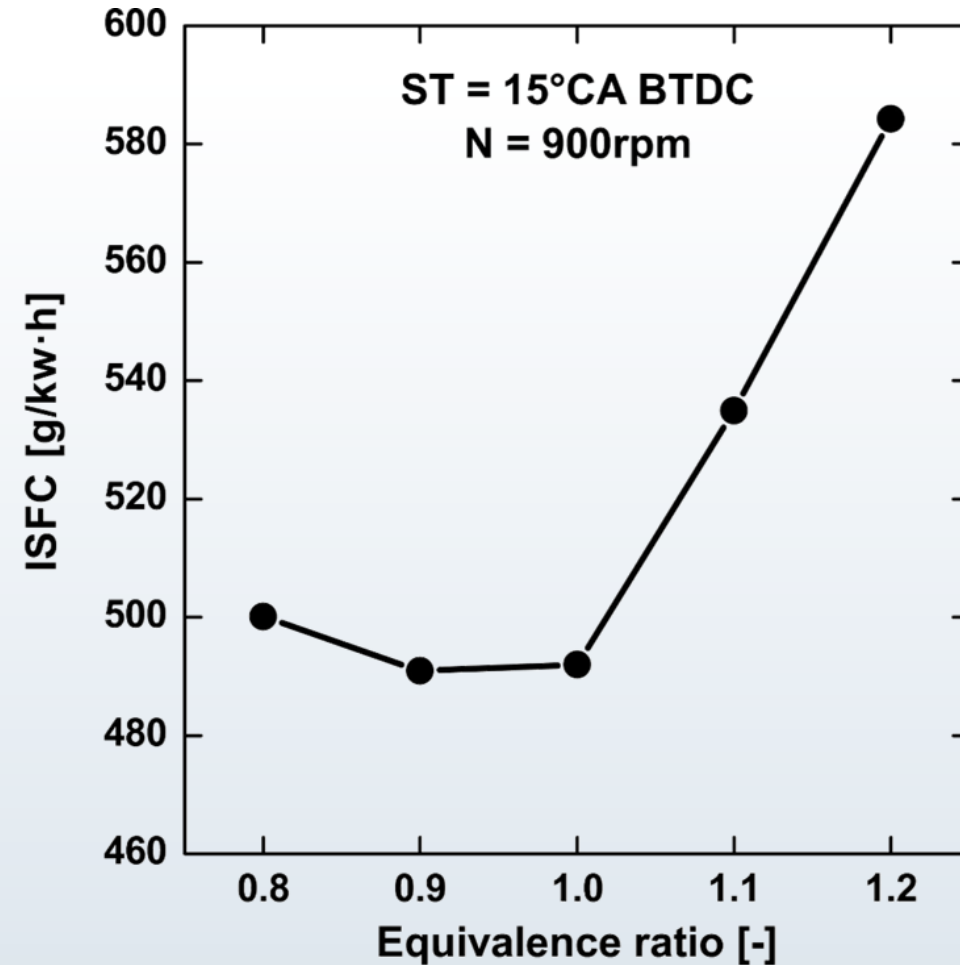
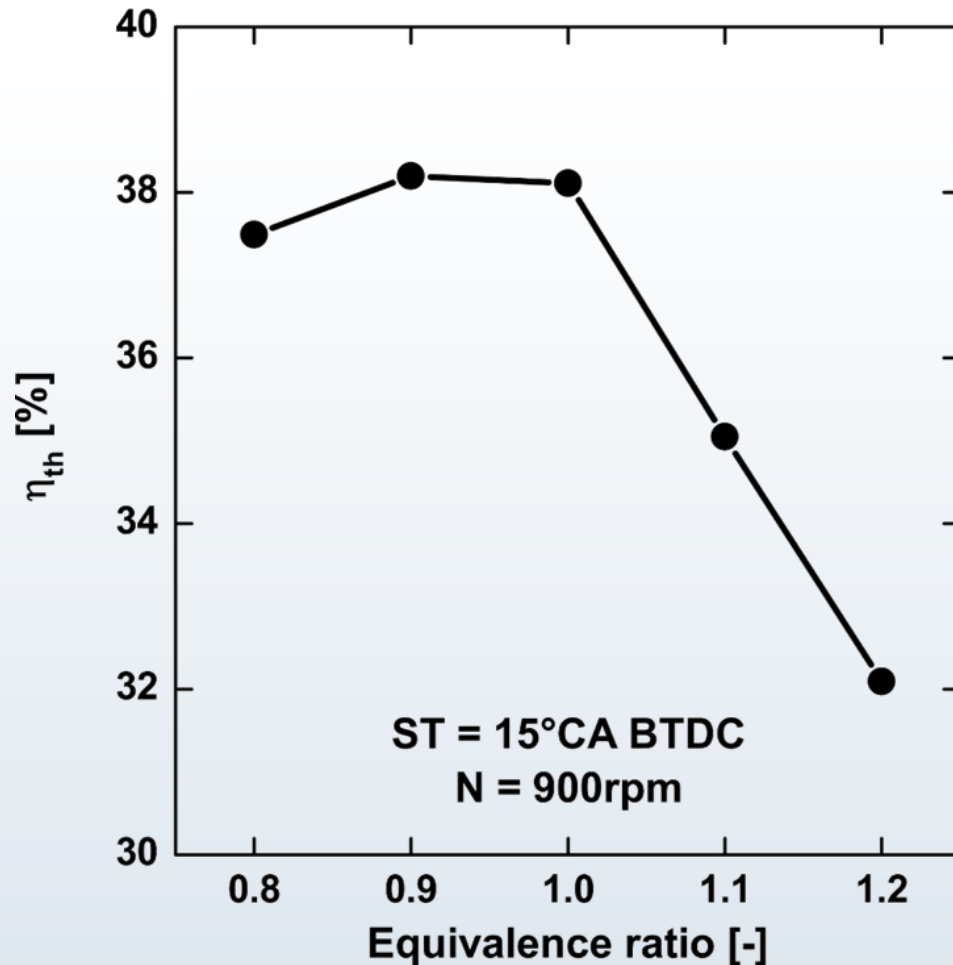


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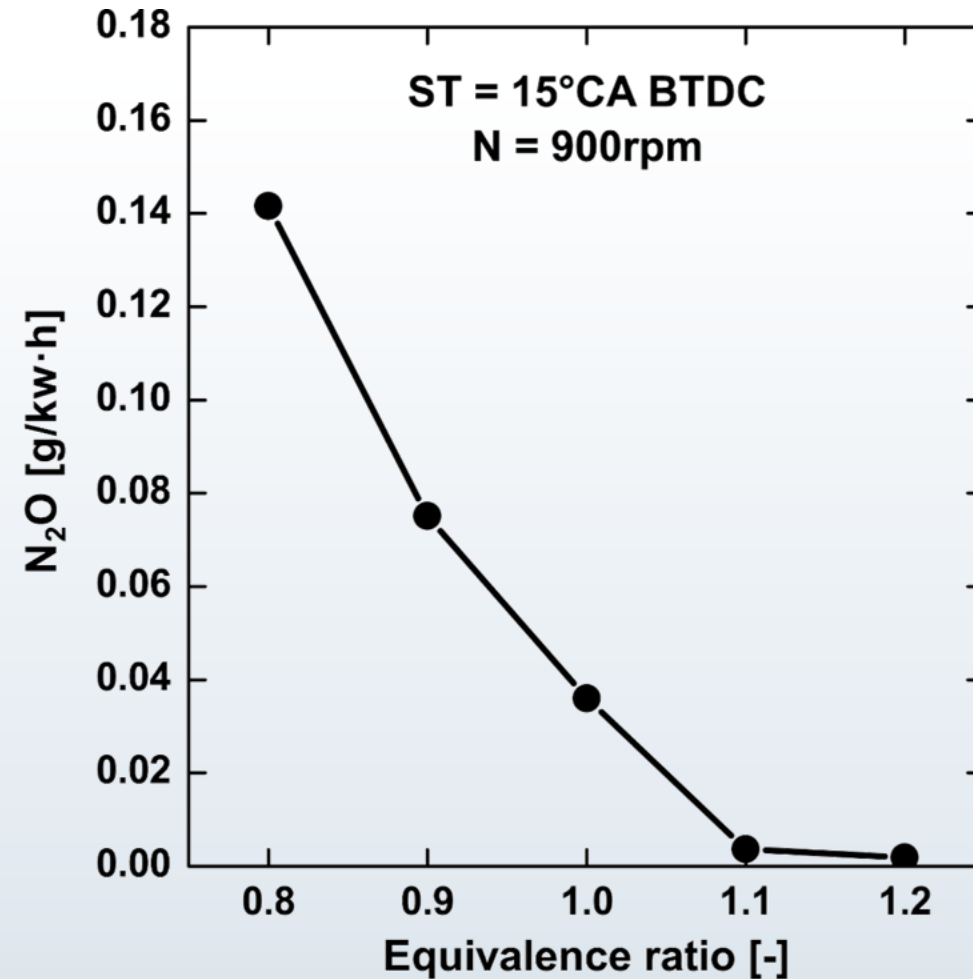
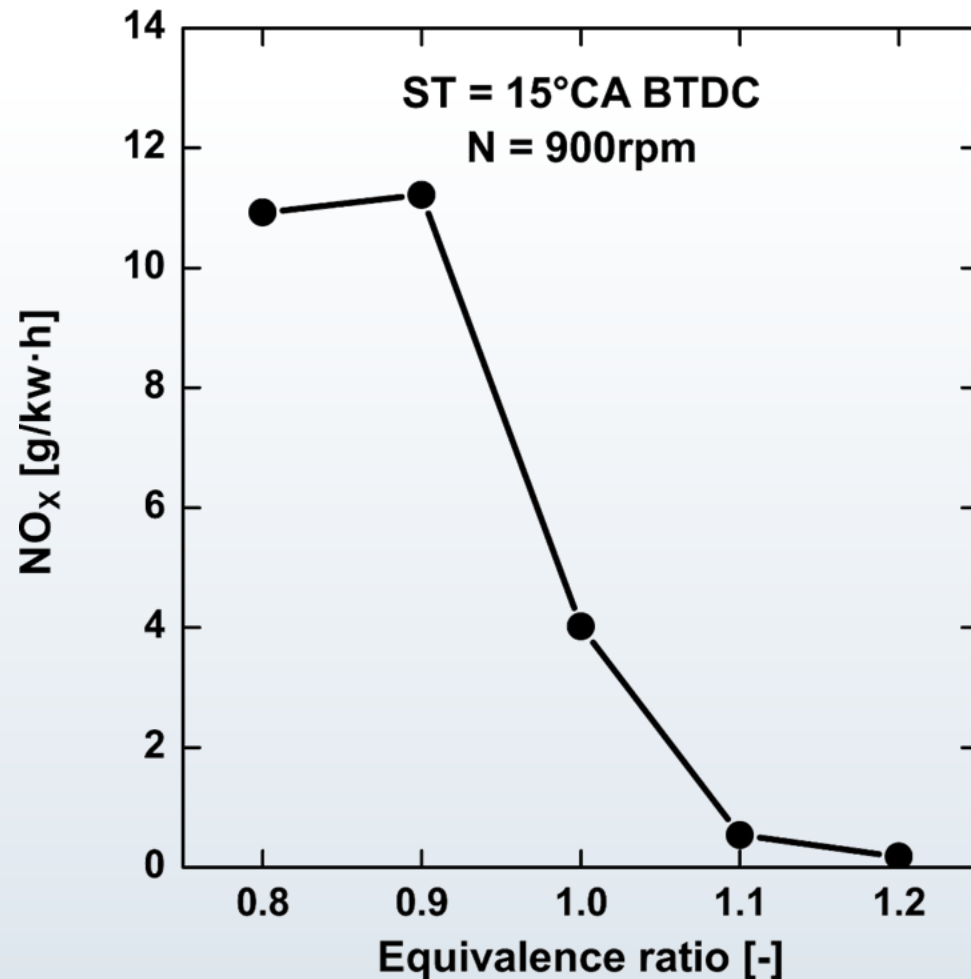


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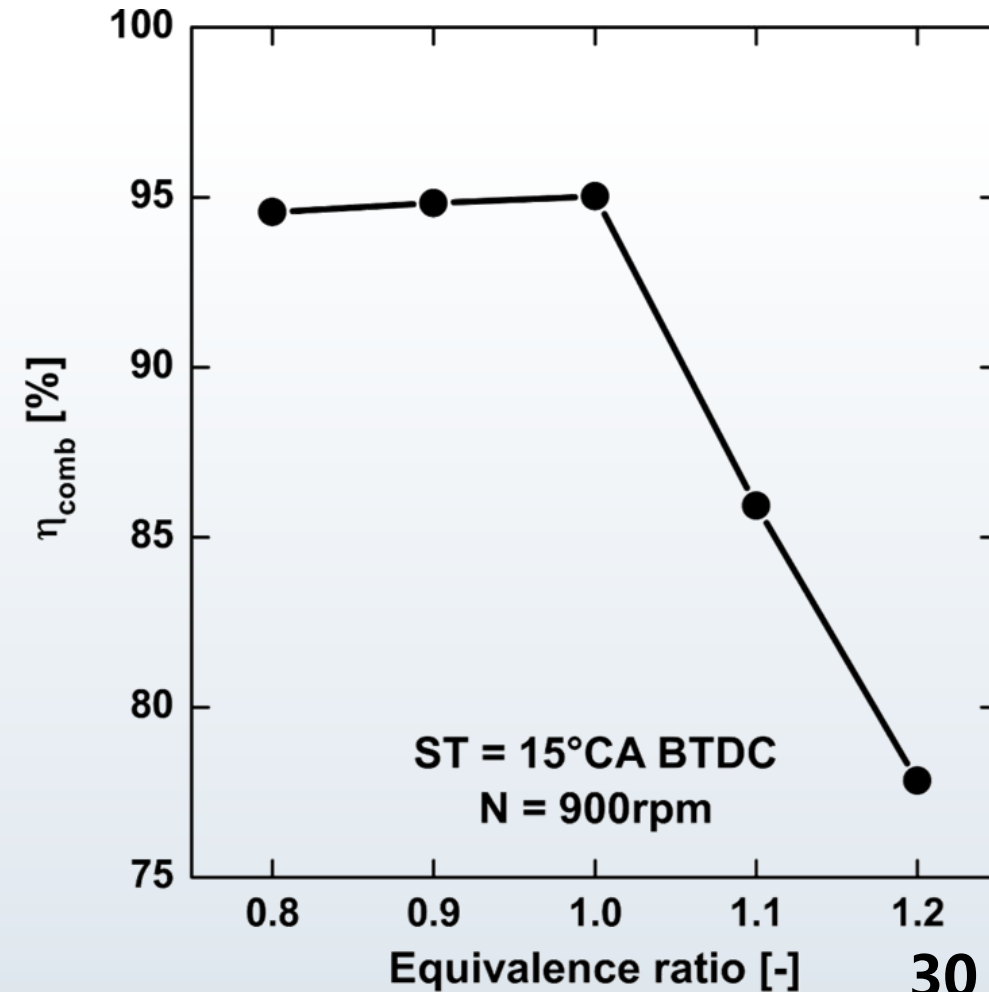
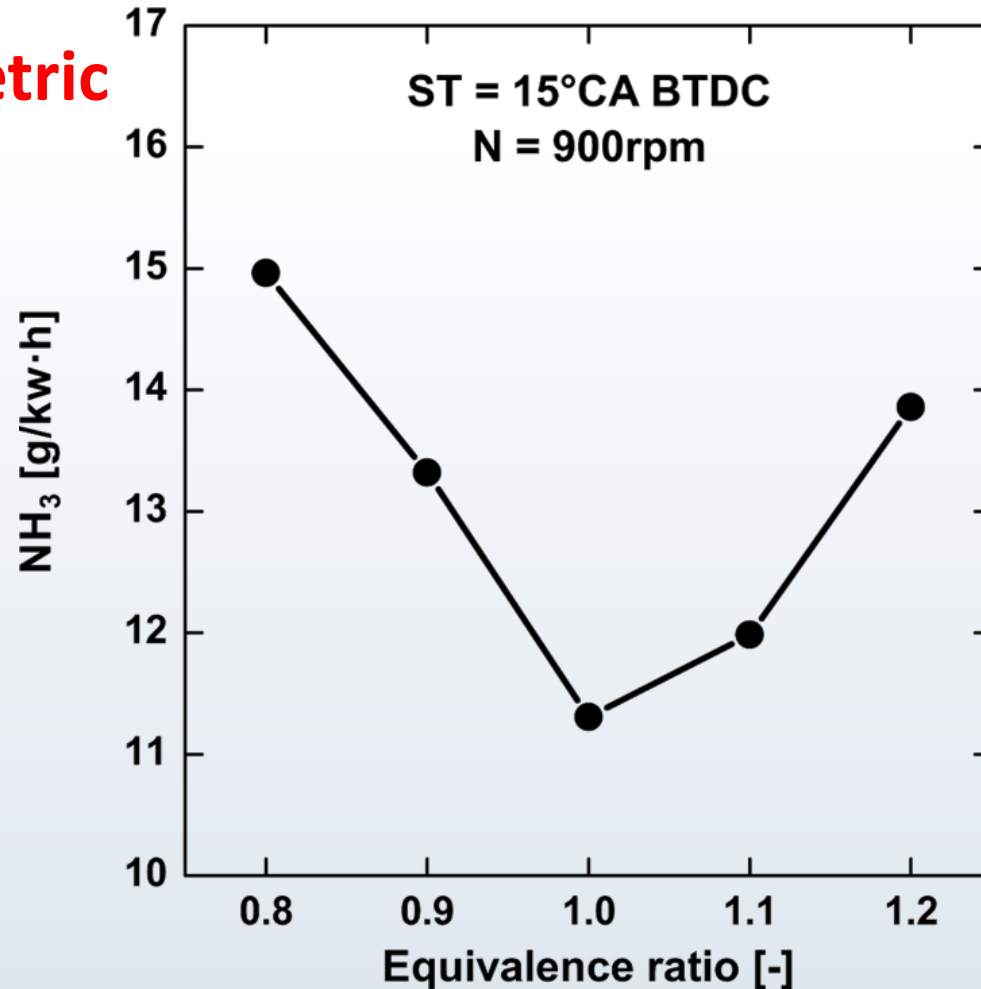
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✓ **stoichiometric**

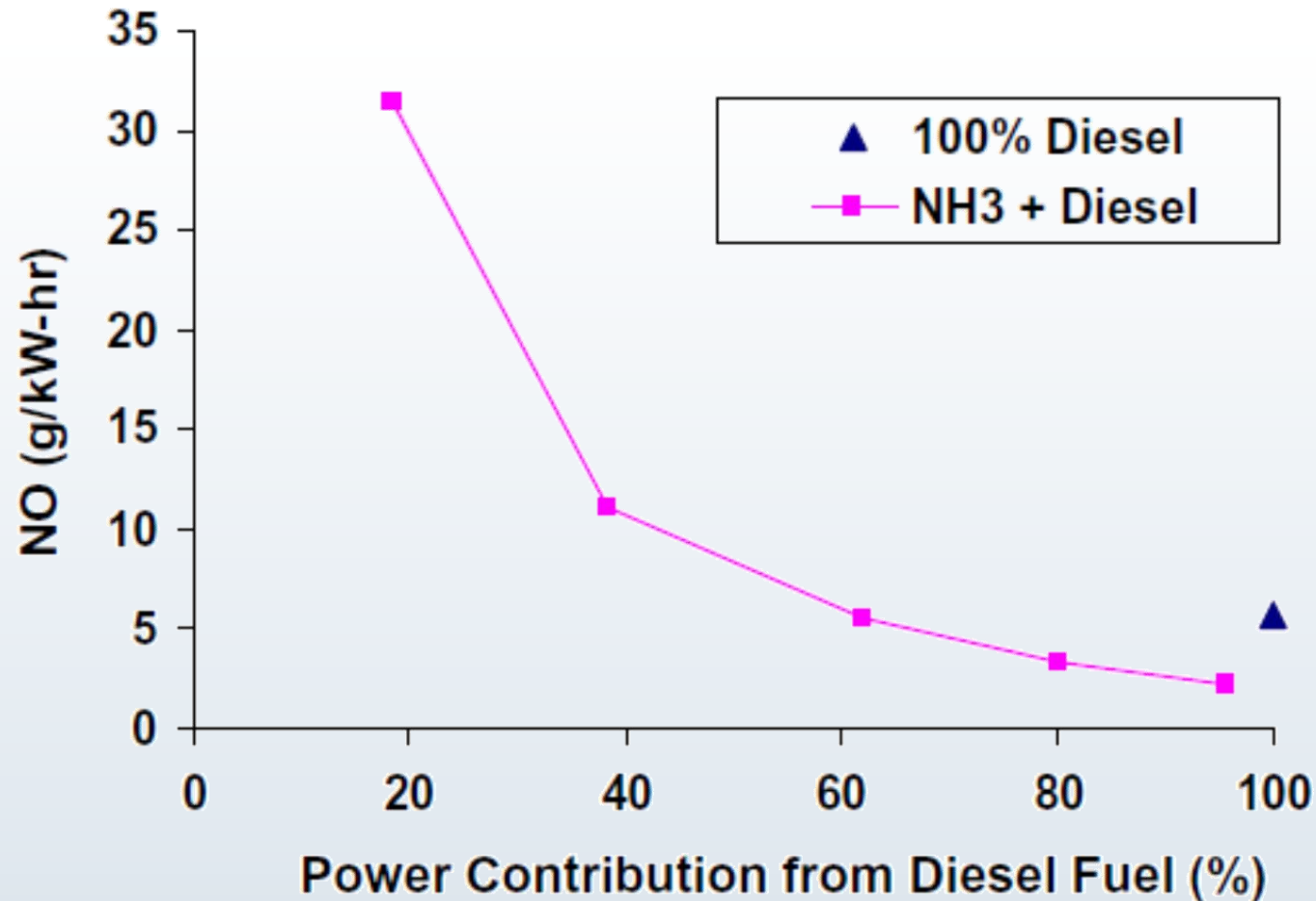


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## Pilot diesel ignition ammonia engines

- Ammonia/diesel fuel proportions?

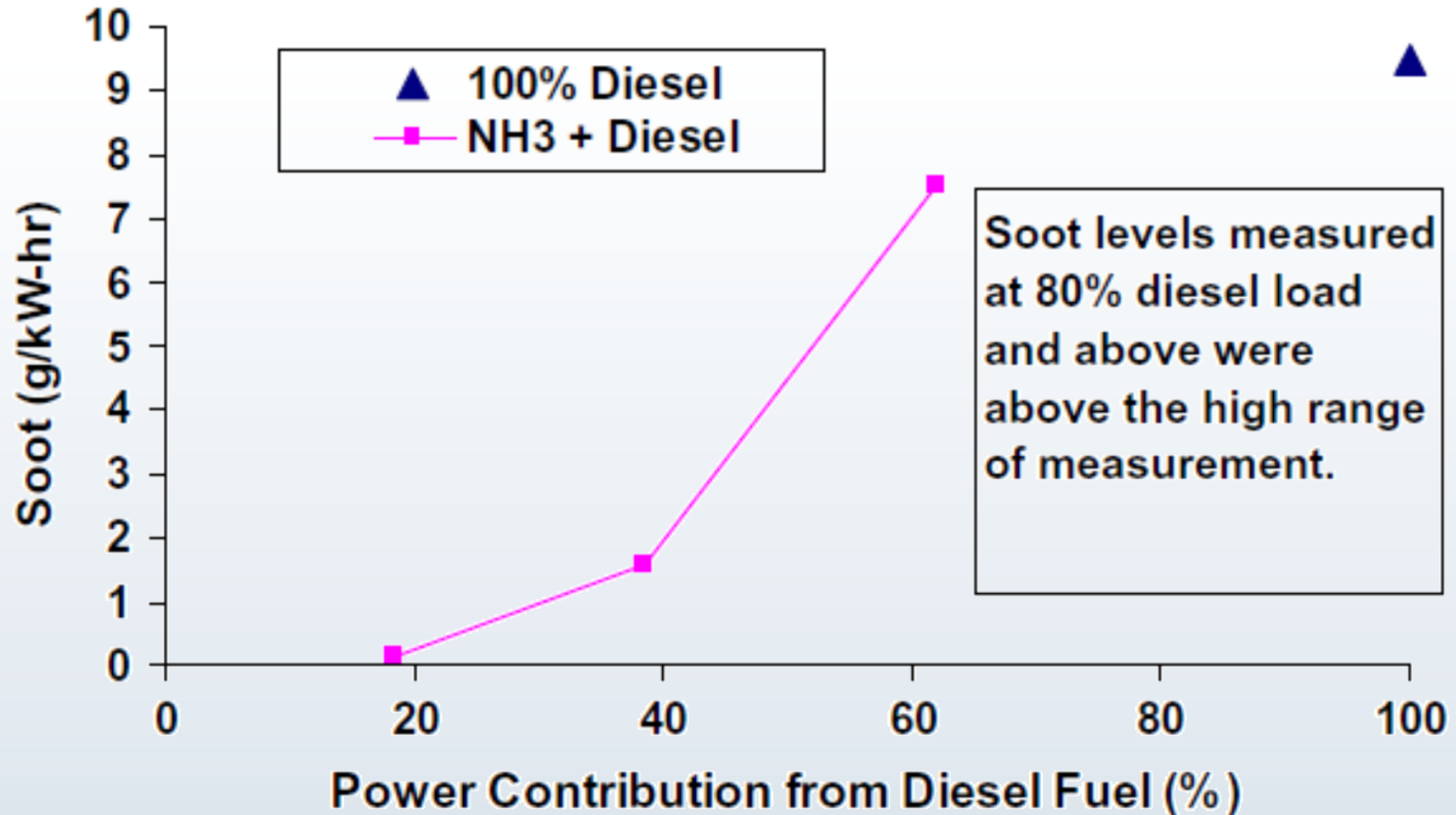


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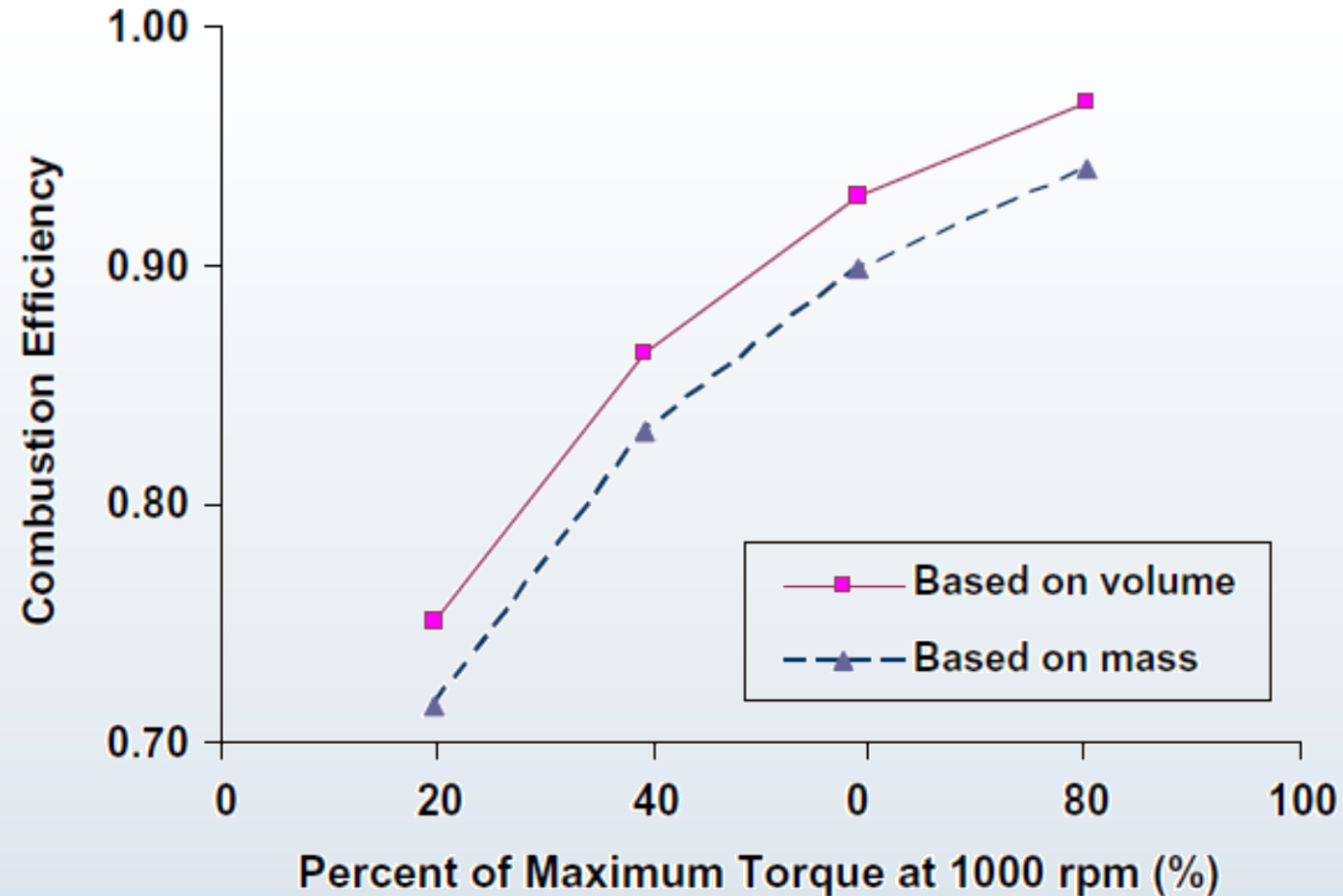


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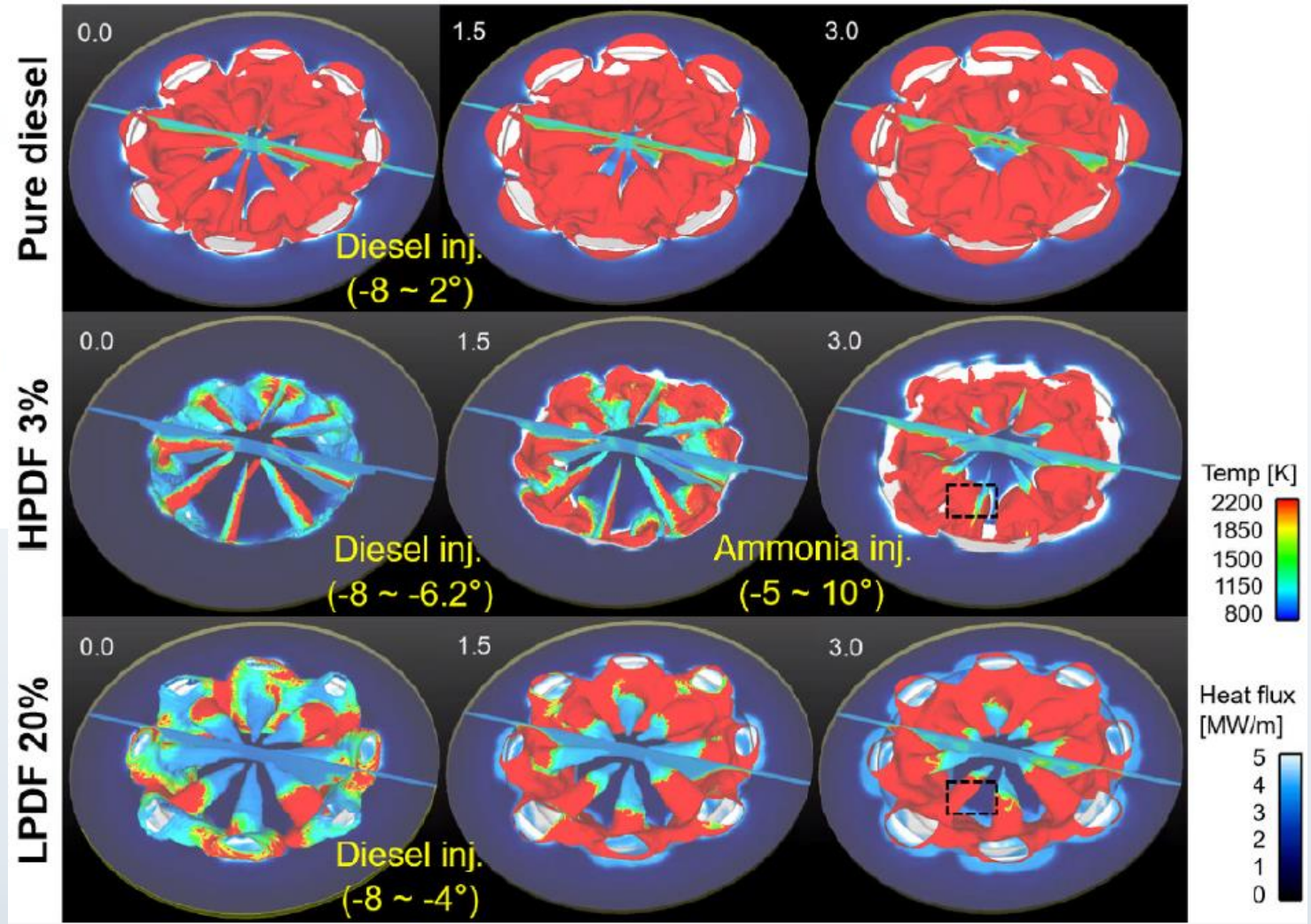
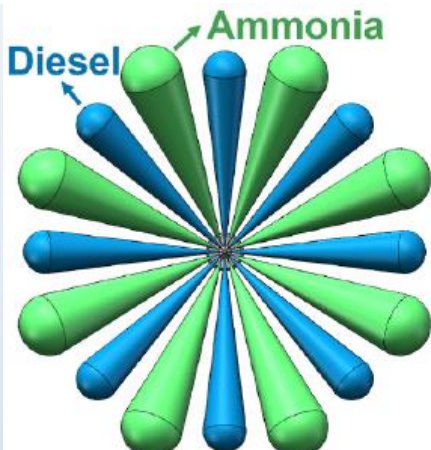
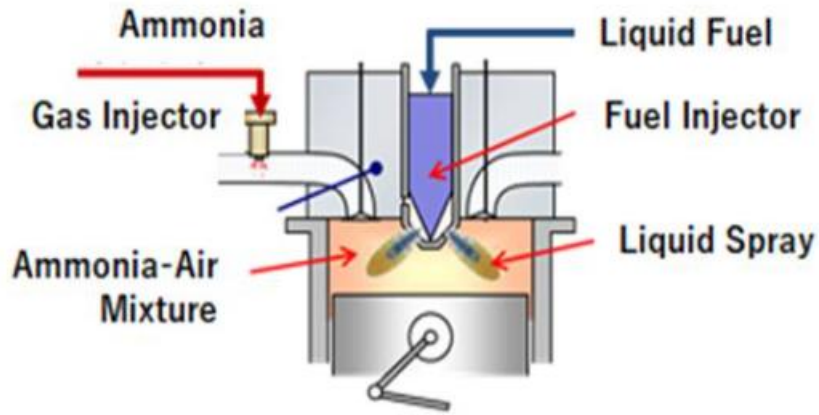


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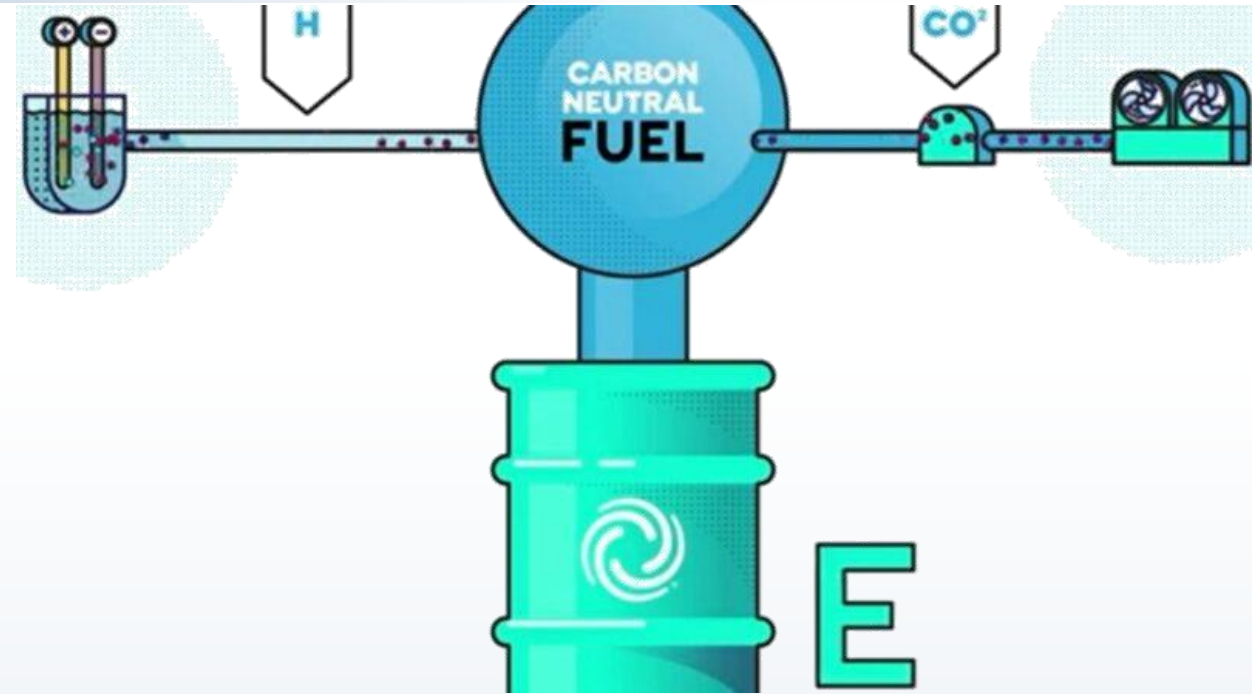
## Pilot diesel ignition ammonia engines

- Ammonia direct injection?



# 5. Future research directions

- Efficiency enhancement
- Co-optimization of fuels and engines
- Powertrain hybridization
- The application of carbon-neutral fuels
  - ✓ Hydrogen
  - ✓ Synthetic fuels: made by chemically hydrogenating carbon dioxide
  - ✓ Biofuels
  - ✓ E-fuel



- NG SI engine: stoichiometric for vehicles, lean for stationary applications
- NG/diesel dual fuel engine: to avoid low load conditions because of methane slip
- Ammonia SI engines: stoichiometric operation, hydrogen addition
- Ammonia/diesel dual fuel engine: combustion strategy optimization to reduce  $\text{NH}_3/\text{N}_2\text{O}$

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