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Le prospettive future dei motori a combustione interna

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Sviluppi futuri per una combustione più pulita ed efficiente nei MCI

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ICE/mobility research project

GREENING THE PROPULSION

Sviluppo di uno strumento di simulazione e valutazione tecnologica per un sistema propulsivo aeronautico ibrido (PON2007-2013)

MALET

Sviluppo di tecnologie per la propulsione ad alta quota e lunga autonomia di velivoli non abitati (PON2007-2013)

SEB

Ricerca e sviluppo di sistemi per la produzione efficiente, la gestione e l'accumulo di energia elettrica e termica, integrati e interconnessi in un virtual power plant (PON2007-2013)

SUNLIFE

Prototipo VEUS (Veicolo Elettrico Urbano Solare) (Progetto Interreg III/A Italia-Grecia)

MEA

Gestione ibrida dell'energia per applicazioni aeronautiche (PON2007-2013)

ICE/mobility research project

PRIME

Progetto di ricarica intelligente per la mobilità elettrica

CSEEM

Center for Sustainable Energy, Environment and Mobility

TACOM

Sistema di propulsione ibrido per un veicolo MSV (Maneuver Sustainment Vehicle)

Collaborations - Academy

 Center for Automotive Research



The von Karman Institute
for Fluid Dynamics



Collaborations - Companies



Mercedes-Benz



Das Auto.



ALSTOM



SOCOGES
GALANTO GROUP



G.E. Nuovo Pignone

Facilities

ICE1 Lab



2 AVL eddy-current engine test bench
(160 kW, 400 Nm, 10000 rpm;
240 kW, 600 Nm, 10000 rpm)

PEMS

Average fuel consumption (AVL 733 Fuel Balance) and emissions (AVL AMA i60, AVL smoke meter, microsoot sensor)

Facilities

ICE2 Lab



Constant-volume vessel for high pressure spray imaging and granulometric characterization (w and w/o combustion)

AVL single cylinder Diesel engine with optical accesses on Zollner test bench, with engine videoscope; it can be fueled with biodiesel, CNG, H₂, LPG, gaseous mixtures of CO, CO₂, H₂, CH₄, N₂ in variable %

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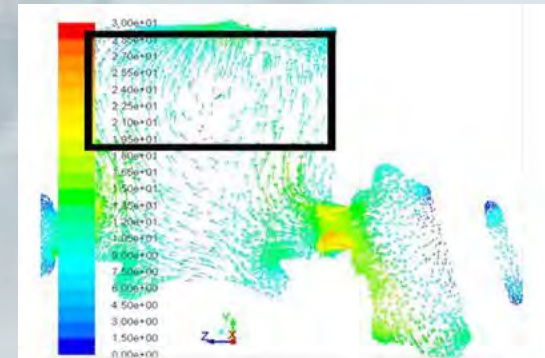
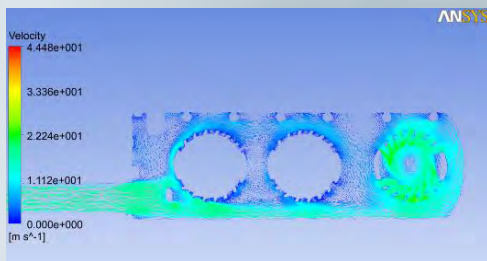
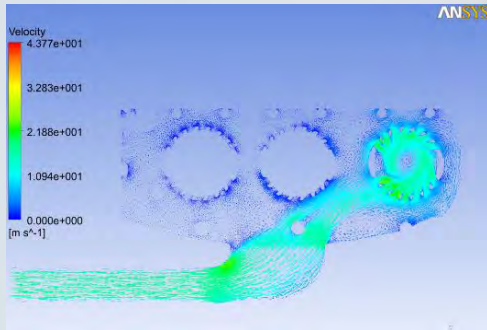
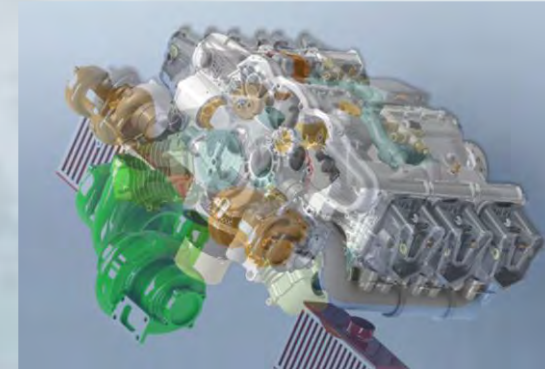
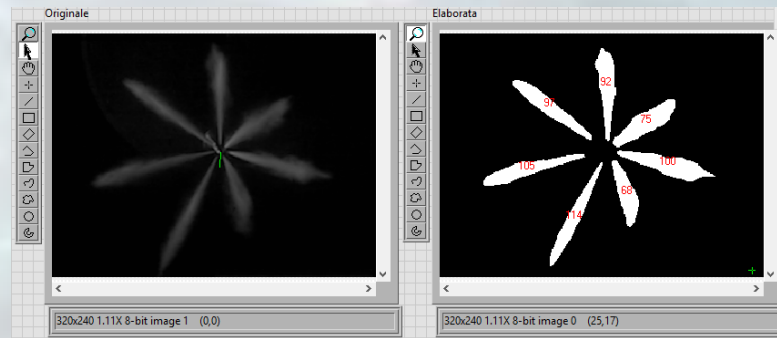
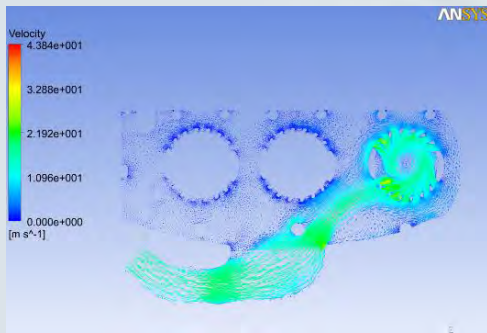
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- Electrification
- Control oriented modeling
- Alternative fuels
- Dual-fuel combustion
- Photo-thermal ignition

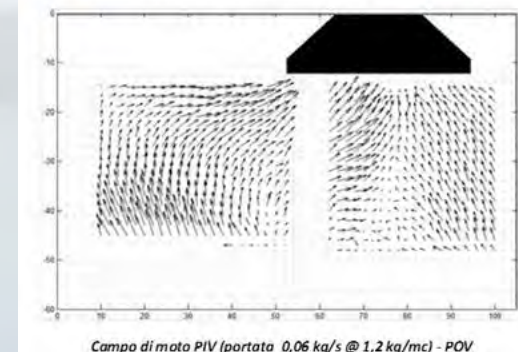
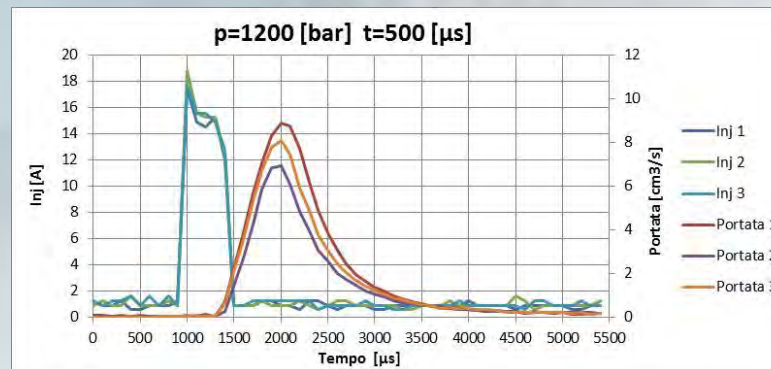
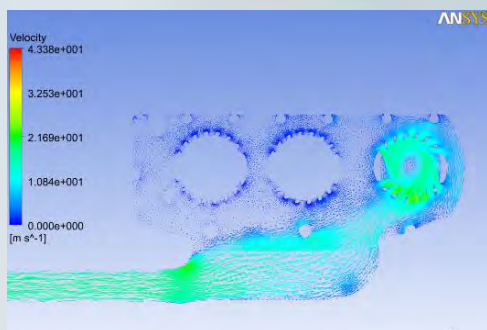
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MALET project - GF56

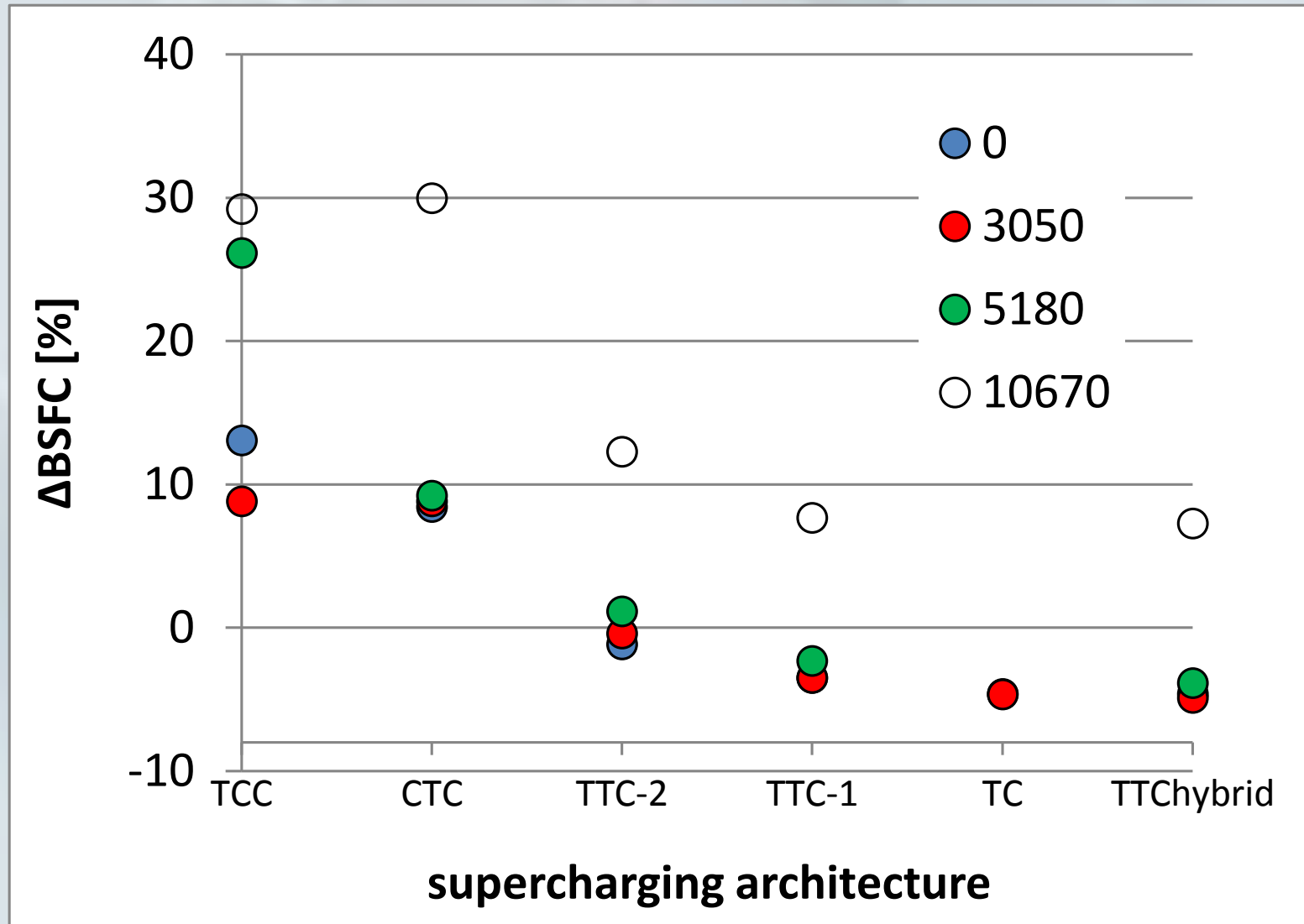


Simulazioni CFD Flussaggio (portata 0,13 kg/s @ 2,58 kg/mc) - POV



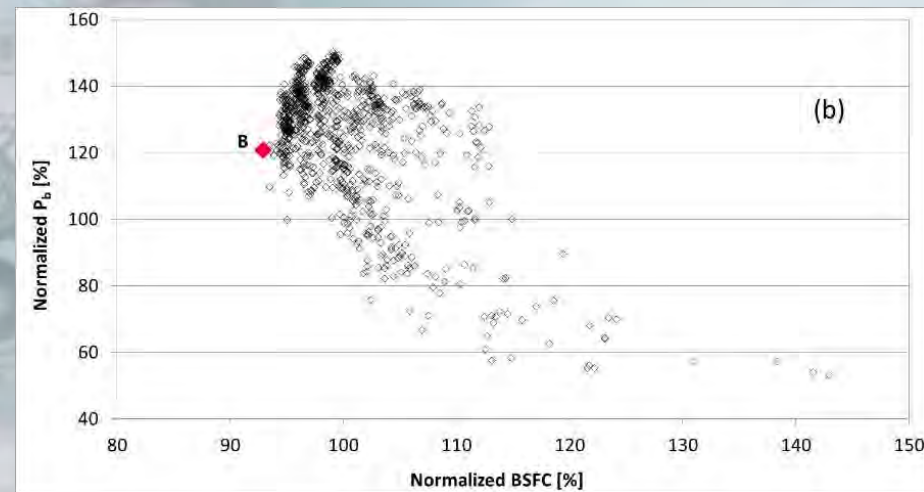
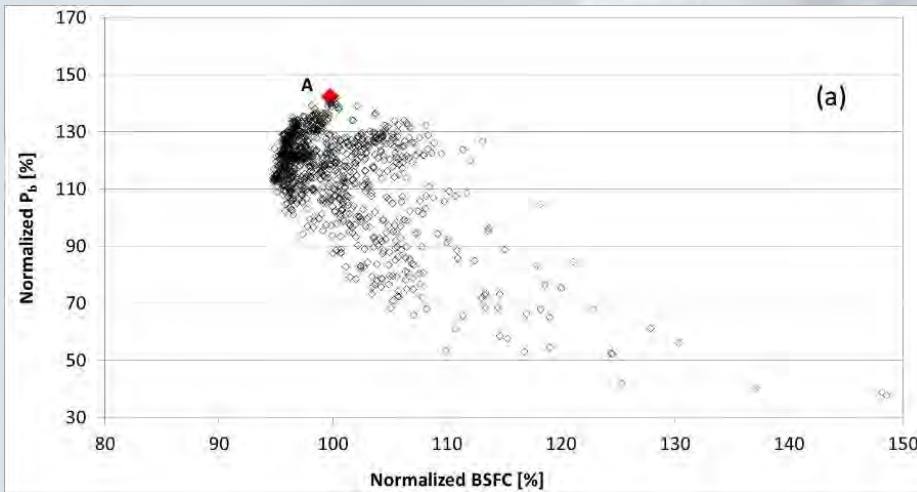
Campo di moto PIV (portata 0,06 kg/s @ 1,2 kg/mc) - POV

Comparative study of different supercharging architectures

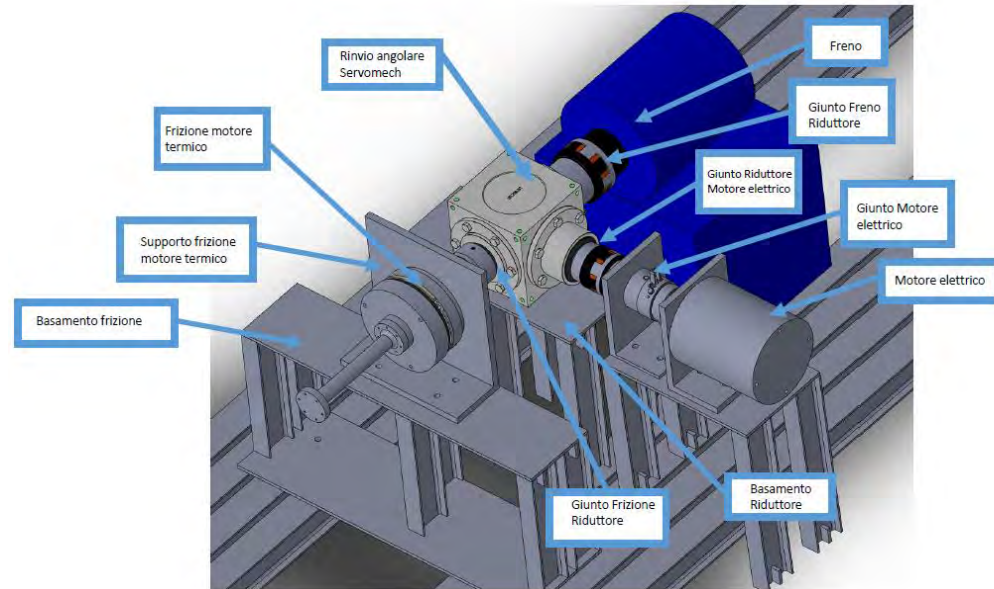
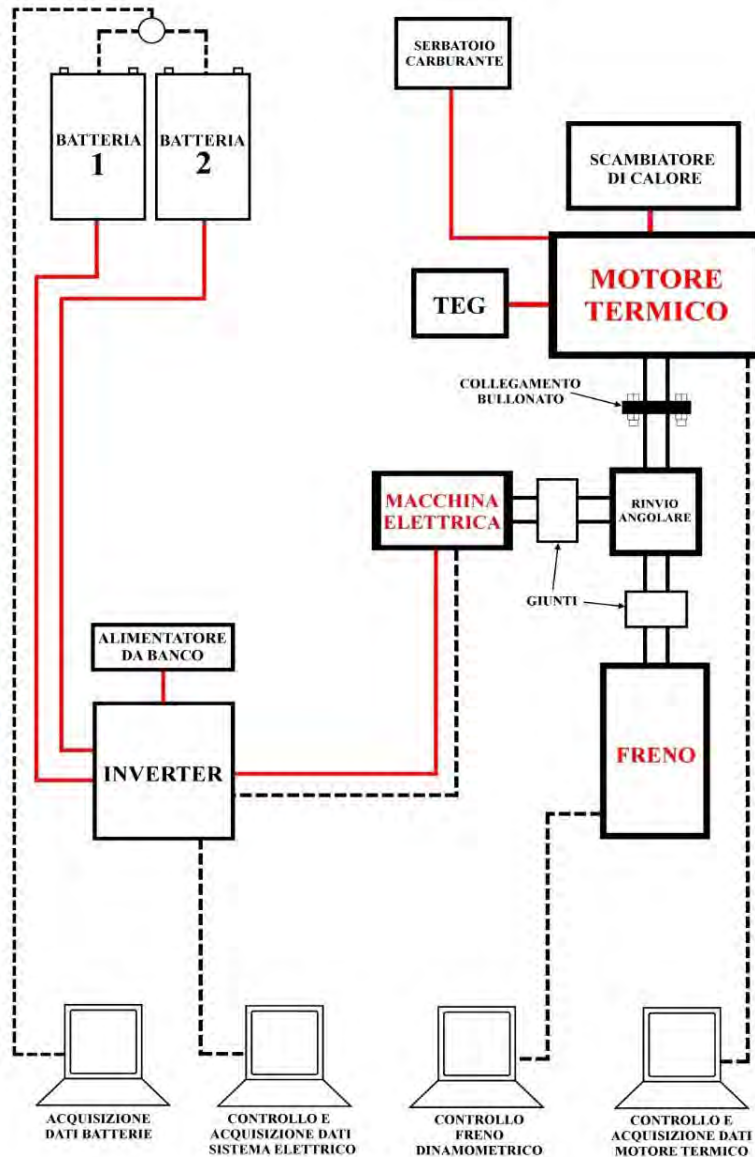


GF56 optimization

Flight level	P_b [%]	BSFC	A	AFR	CR	EVC	EVO	HBI	IPO	HEV	PR_{LP}	PR_{HP}	n	TE	SE
SL	142	99.75	240	17	16	270	110	1	115	10.5	1.7	2.1	10	0.92	0.69
CC	121	92.92	225	18.5	18	240	95	2	122.5	11	2.7	2.7	17	0.89	0.75



A.P. Carlucci, , A. Ficarella, G. Trullo; “Performance optimization of a Two-Stroke supercharged diesel engine for aircraft propulsion”, **Energy Conversion and Management** 122 (2016) 279-289



Hybrid electric power systems: optimization & analysis



mode **FRONTIER**

multi-objective
genetic
algorithms



STEP 1:
Vehicle & powertrain



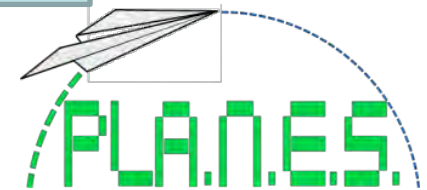
STEP 2:
Size of components



STEP 3:
Performances



STEP 4:
Consumption on mission



a simulation PLAtform for New
Environmental-friendly Solutions

Hybrid electric power systems: scalable models

Energy conversion

A library of fuels and engines (**piston**, turbine, rotary)

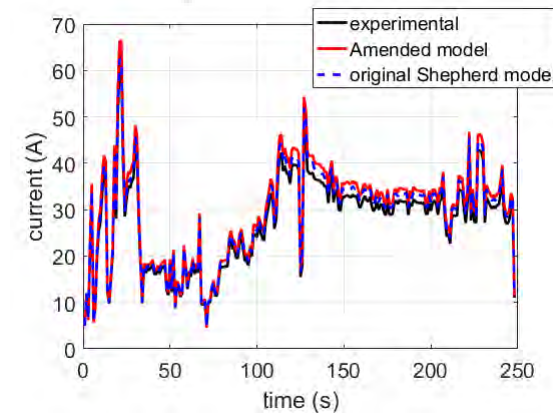
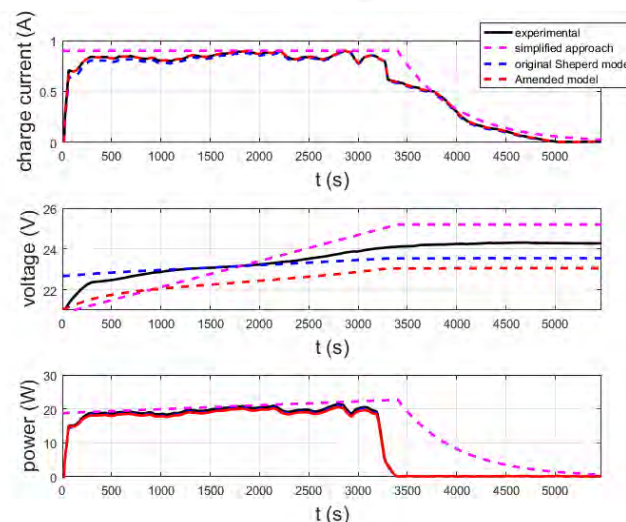
A library of electric machines

PEM and advanced fuel cells

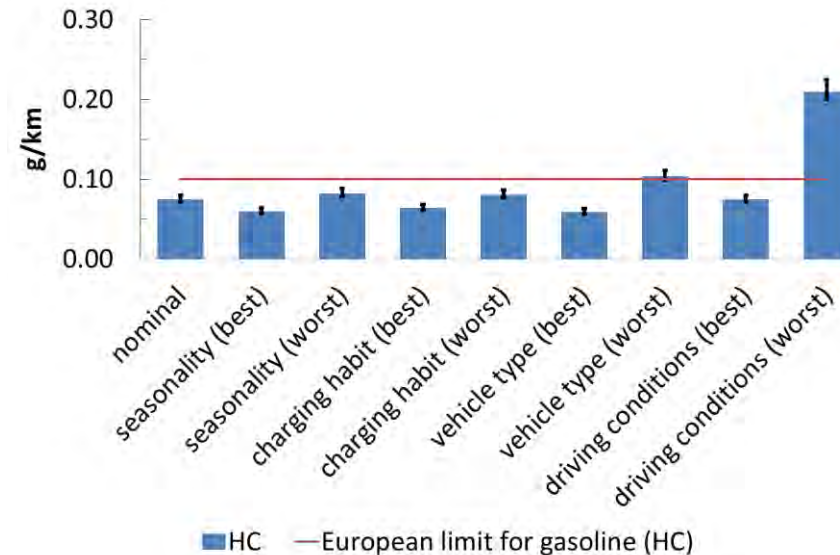
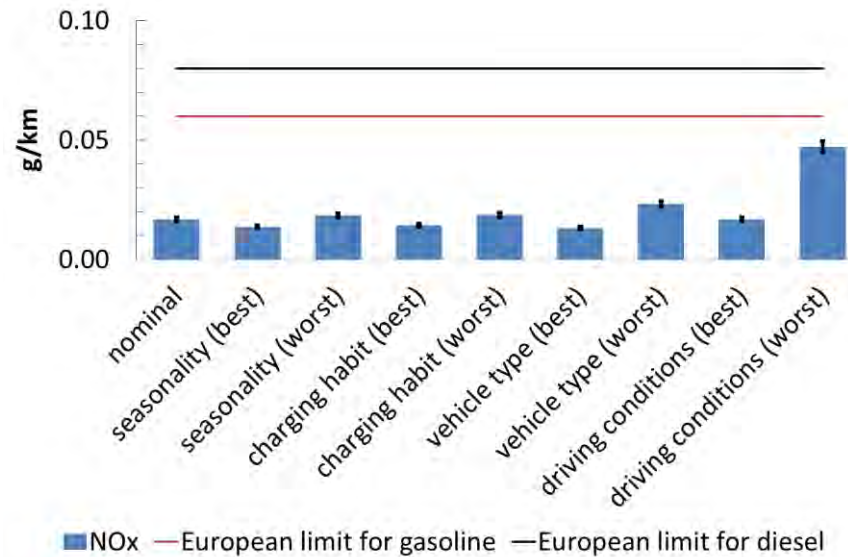
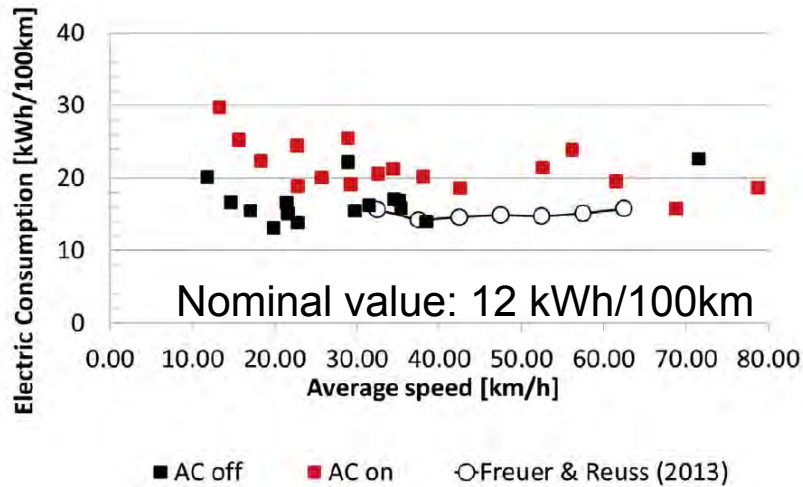
Quasi-stationary models

Energy storage

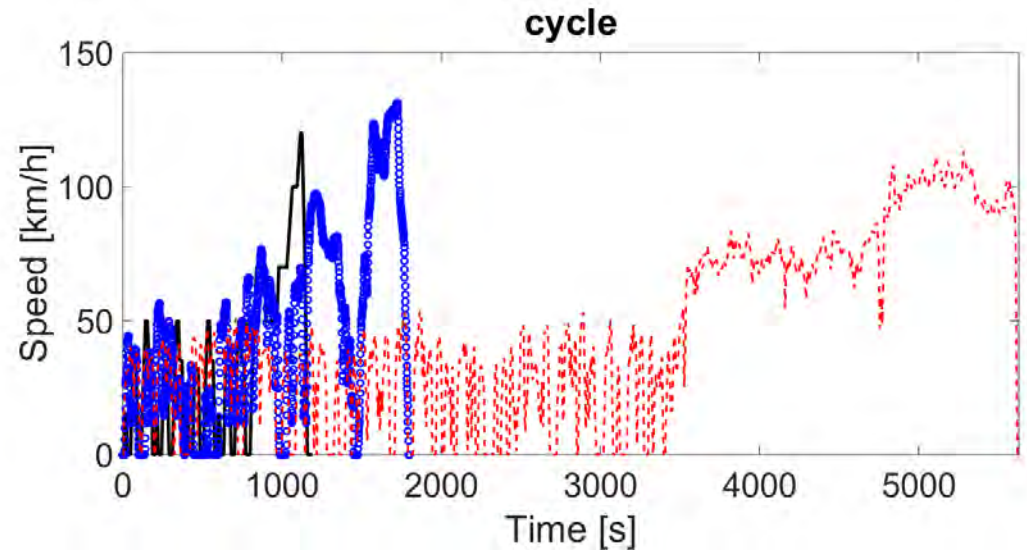
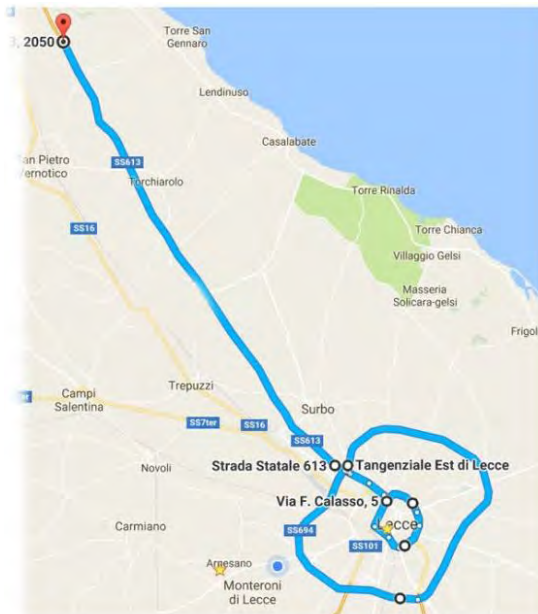
A modified version of the Shepherd model, extensively validated against experimental data of Lithium-polymer and Zebra batteries in charging and discharge.



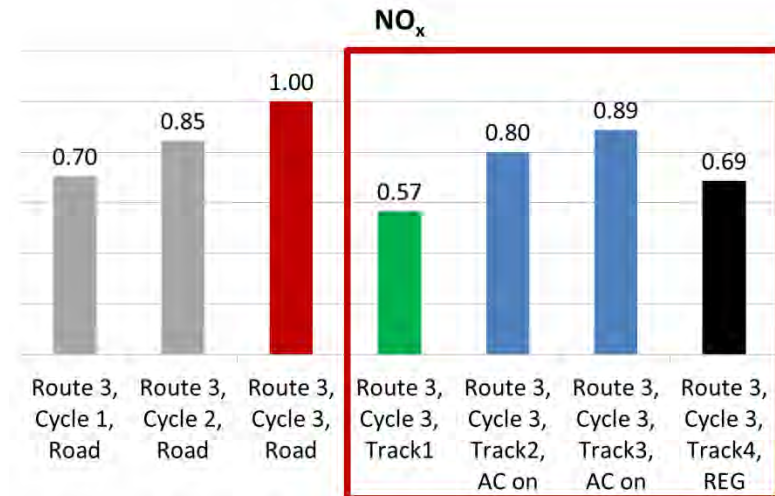
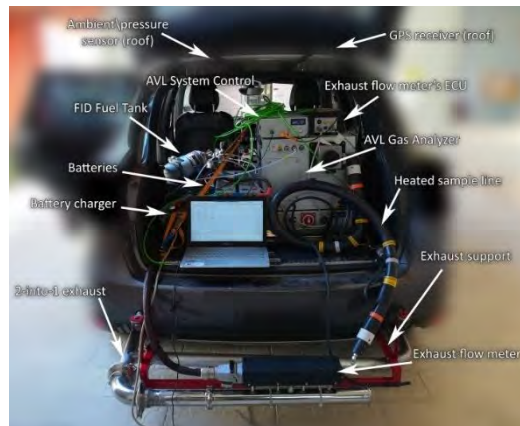
Real world consumption & emissions: Electric cars



Real world consumption & emissions: Diesel cars



Execution of RDE cycles and repeatability on track



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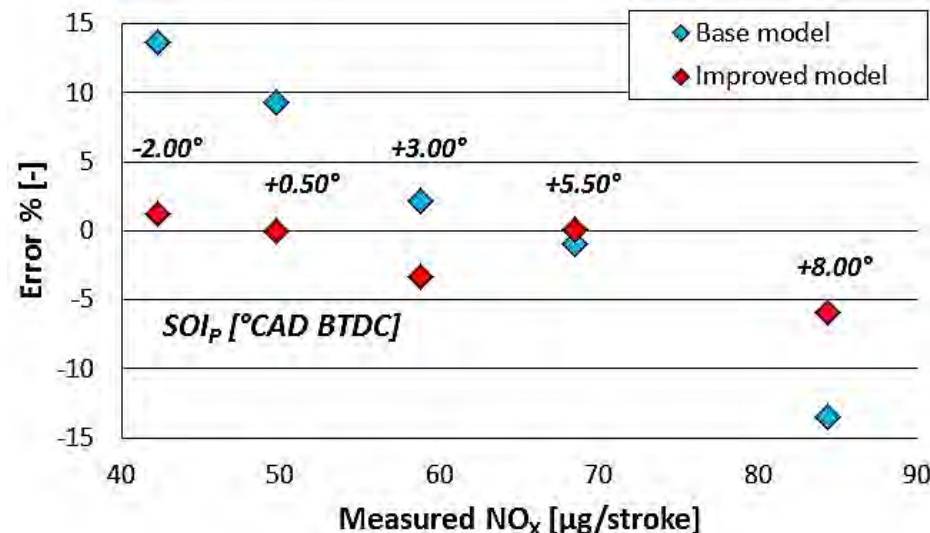
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“Combustion features estimation for Diesel engines, based on cylinder pressure signal and speed oscillations”

- inner torque estimation model able to detect combustion changes (related to fuel injection quantity variations) affecting inner torque curves and IMEPH;
- exploitation of crankshaft speed and one in-cylinder pressure sensor;
- rigid body model of the crankshaft.

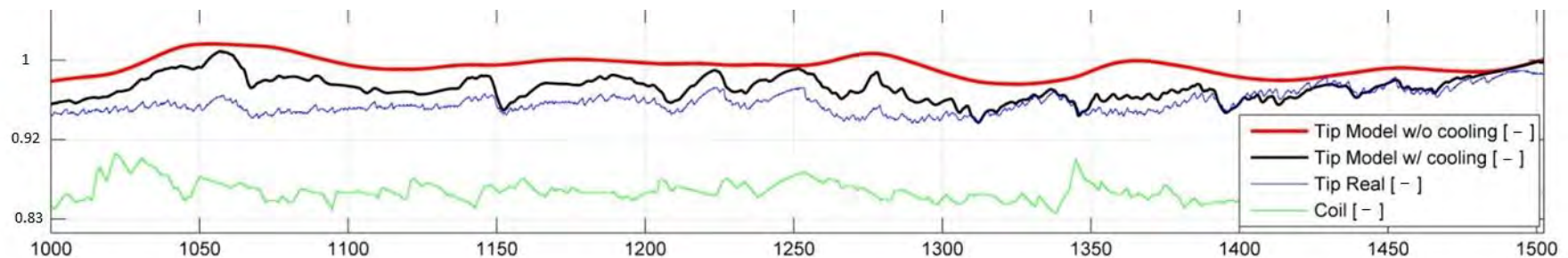
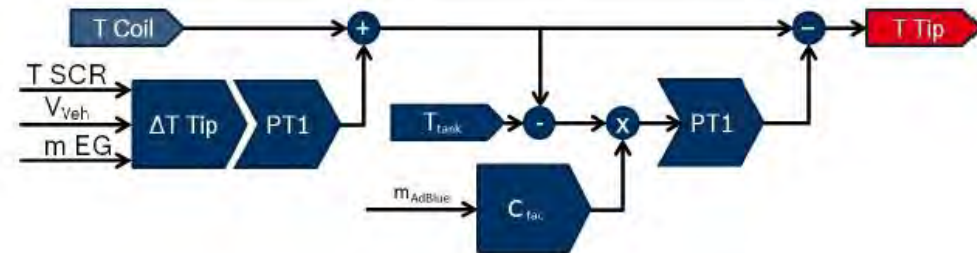
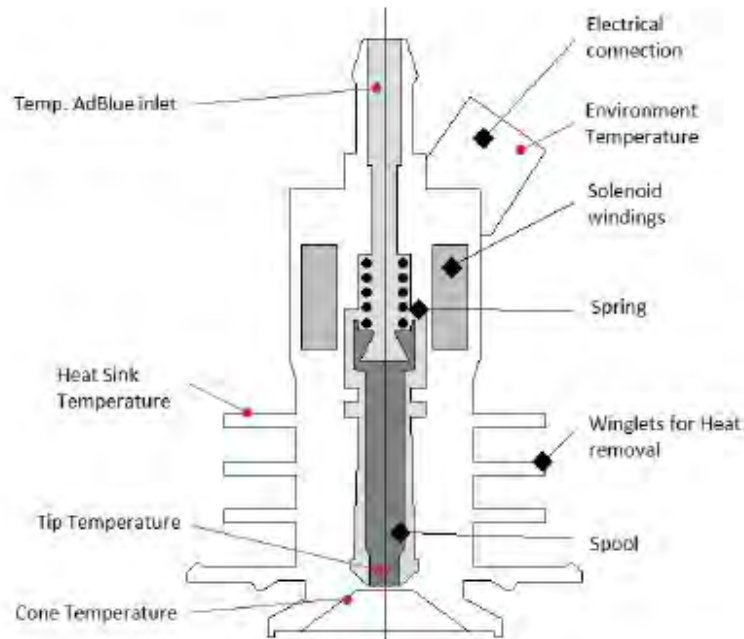
“Development of a semi-empirical in-cylinder pressure-based model predicting diesel engines NO_x emission in dynamic conditions”

$$m_{NO_x, improved} = K_1 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2000} \right)^{K_2} \cdot \int_{\theta} HRR(\theta) \cdot \left(1 + \frac{|dV_{CYL}(\theta)|}{V_{CYL}(\theta)} \right)^{K_4} \cdot \exp\left(\frac{K_3}{T_{AD}(\theta)} \right) \cdot d\theta$$



Parameter	Improved model		Base model	
	Training	Testing	Training	Testing
RMSE [ppm]	37	39	70	90
RMSE [%]	18.8	18.3	24.8	28.6
R ²	0.97	0.97	0.91	0.86

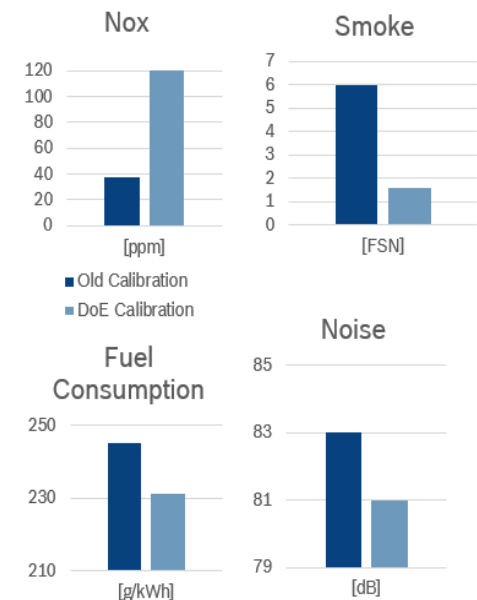
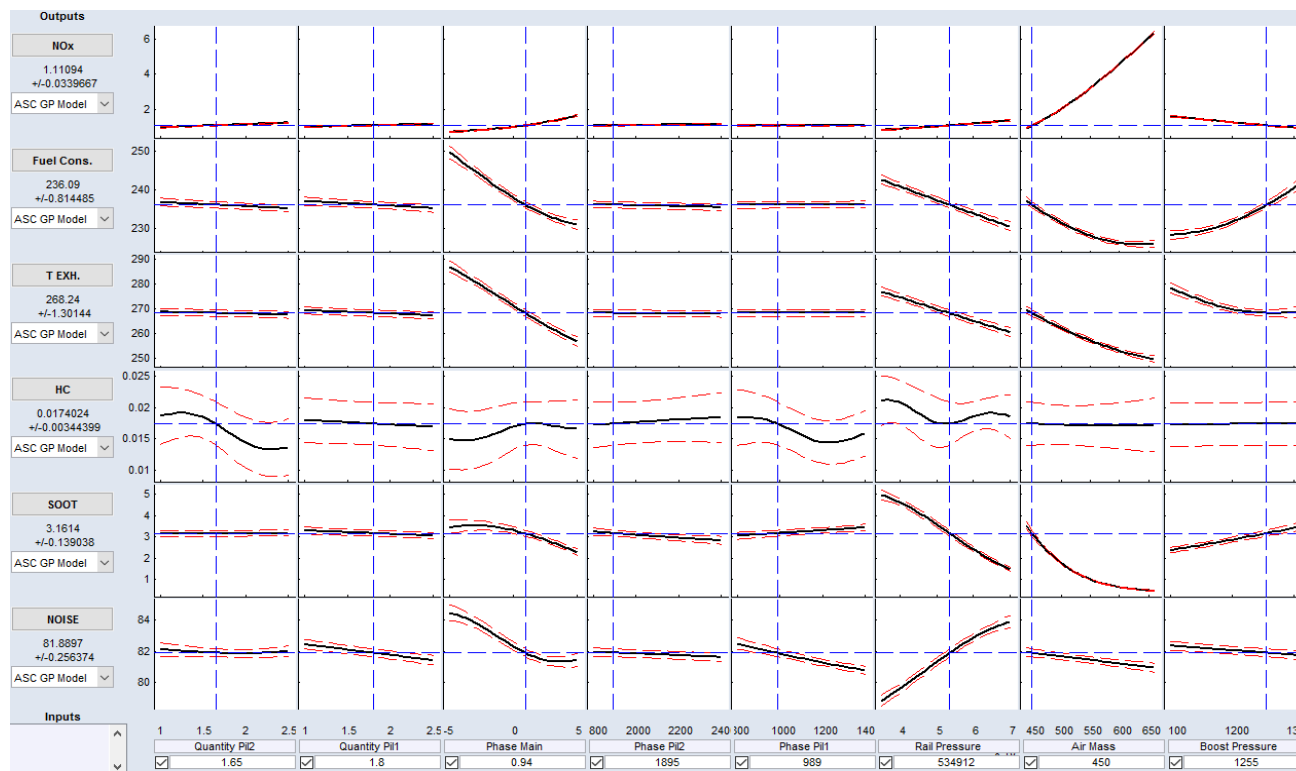
“Diesel engine aftertreatment calibration: evaluation of potential in term of accuracy and efficiency of self-learning, remote controlled algorithms and physical modeling”



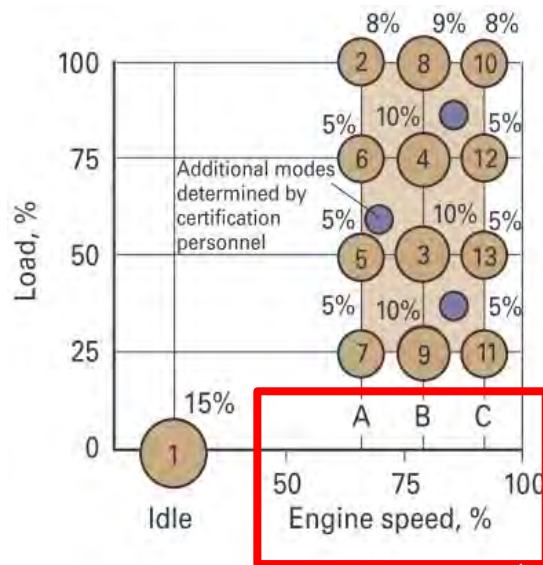
“Study of emissions and fuel consumption optimization strategies for RDE applications”

Effect of: Air mass; Rail pressure; Boost pressure; Main injection phase; pilot injections quantities and phases;

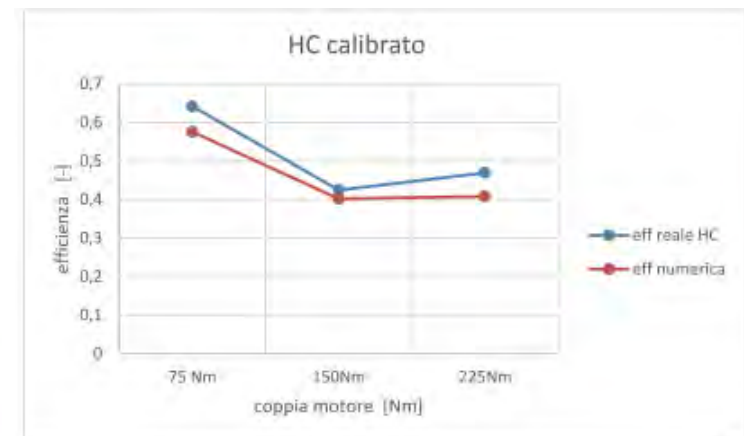
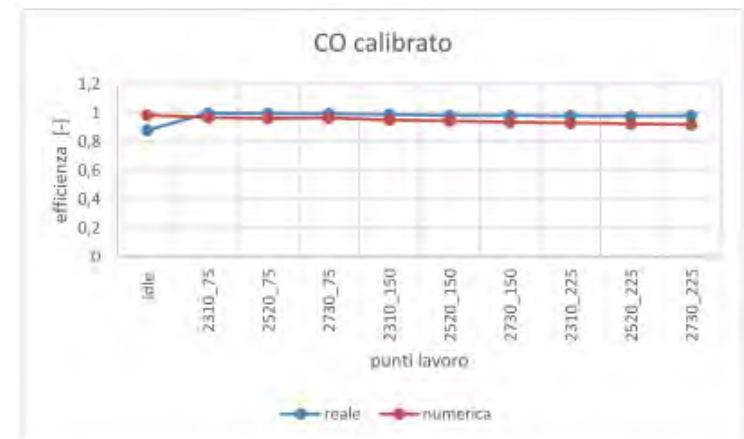
Outputs: Regulated emissions; Fuel consumption; Exhaust temperature; Combustion noise.



“Validazione sperimentale del modello numerico di un sistema di post trattamento per motori ad accensione per compressione”



Normativa 88/77/EC : ESC



“Analisi dati e creazione di modelli per la gestione dell’anticipo di accensione per motori con tecnologia VVA”

Scopo del modello proposto è quindi quello di cercare una relazione matematica che leghi l’anticipo di accensione alla massa complessivamente intrappolata e all’intake valve closing angle.

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Biodiesels in ICE

Coffee grounds



↓ 8-10%



Cynara cardunculus *var. altilis*



↓ 1300 kg/ha



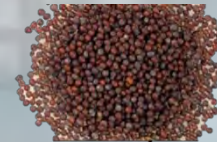
↓ 25-30%



Brassica carinata



↓ 1100-1800 kg/ha



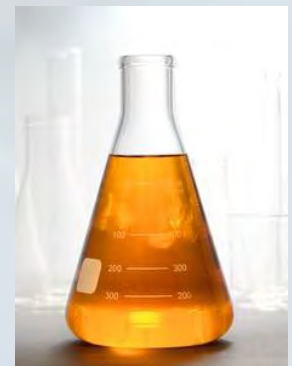
↓ 35-40%

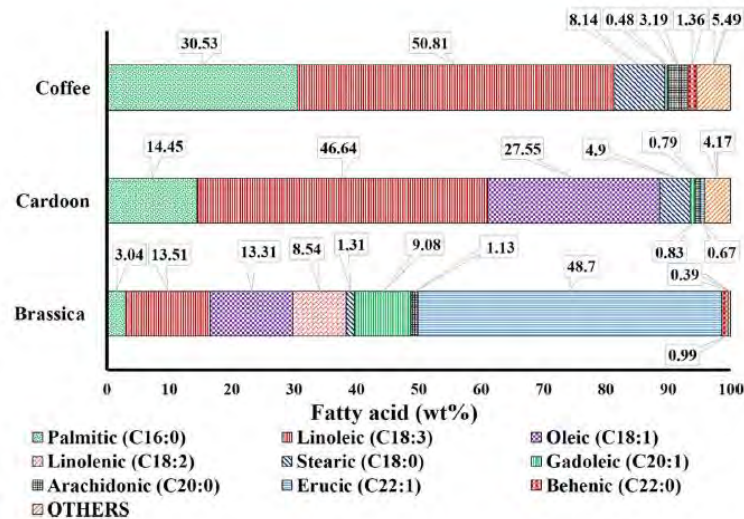


Waste oil



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Characteristics of produced biodiesels.

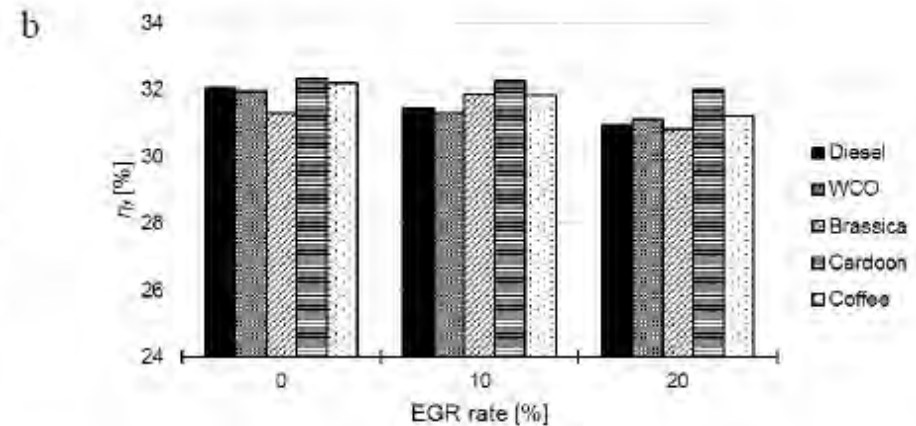
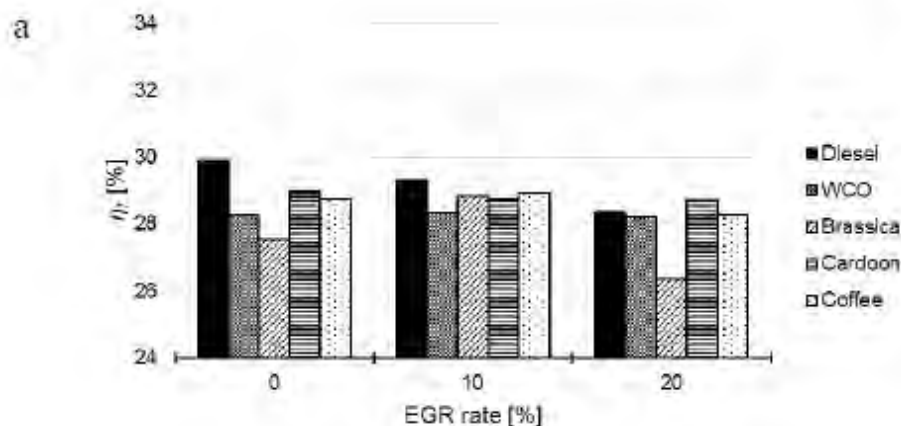
Parameter	Standard	Unit	Limits	Cardoon	Coffee	Brassica	Diesel
Flash point	ASTM D93	°C	93 min	309	292	296	78
Calcium	EN14538	mg/g	–	4.83	21.75	9.8	–
Magnesium	EN14538	mg/g	–	0.1	0.98	0.1	–
Calcium + Magnesium	EN14538	mg/g	0.005 max	4.93	22.73	9.9	–
Sodium	EN14538	mg/g	–	1.86	1.77	1.08	–
Potassium	EN14538	mg/g	–	1.54	0.58	0.84	–
Sodium + Potassium	EN14538	mg/g	0.005 max	3.4	2.35	1.92	–
Monoglycerides	ASTM D6584	% m/m	0.4 max	0.04	0.06	0.05	–
Methanol content	EN14110	% m/m	0.2 max	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	–
Water and sediment content	ASTM D2709	% v/v	0.05 max	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01	–
Dynamic viscosity at 40C	ASTM D445	cSt	1.9–6.0	9.5	5.7	6	3.5
Sulfated Ash	ASTM D874	% m/m	0.02 max	< 0.02	< 0.02	< 0.02	–
Total sulfur	ASTM D5453	% m/m	0.015 max	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	–
Copper Strip Corrosion	D130	–	No. 3 max	Exceeded	Exceeded	Exceeded	–
Carbon Residue 100% sample*	D4530	% m/m	0.05 max	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	–
Acidity number	D664	mgKOH/g	0.5 max	0.3	0.7	0.6	–
Phosphorus Content	D4591	mg/g	0.001 max	1.58	4.93	0.86	–
Distillation	D1160	°C	360 max	> 300	> 300	> 300	–
Cetane number	ASTM D 613	–	47 min	57.44	56.11	56.44	48
oxidation stability	EN 15751	h	3 min	> 12	9	> 12	–
Visual aspect	ASTM D 4176	–	–	Clear yellow	Clear yellow	Clear yellow	–
Lower heating value	–	MJ/kg	–	40.69	39.18	40.10	–
Oxygen content	–	%	–	10.91	7.77	13.44	0
Surface tension	Drop shape method	mN/m	–	40.99	37.62	42.05	34.1

Biodiesels in ICE

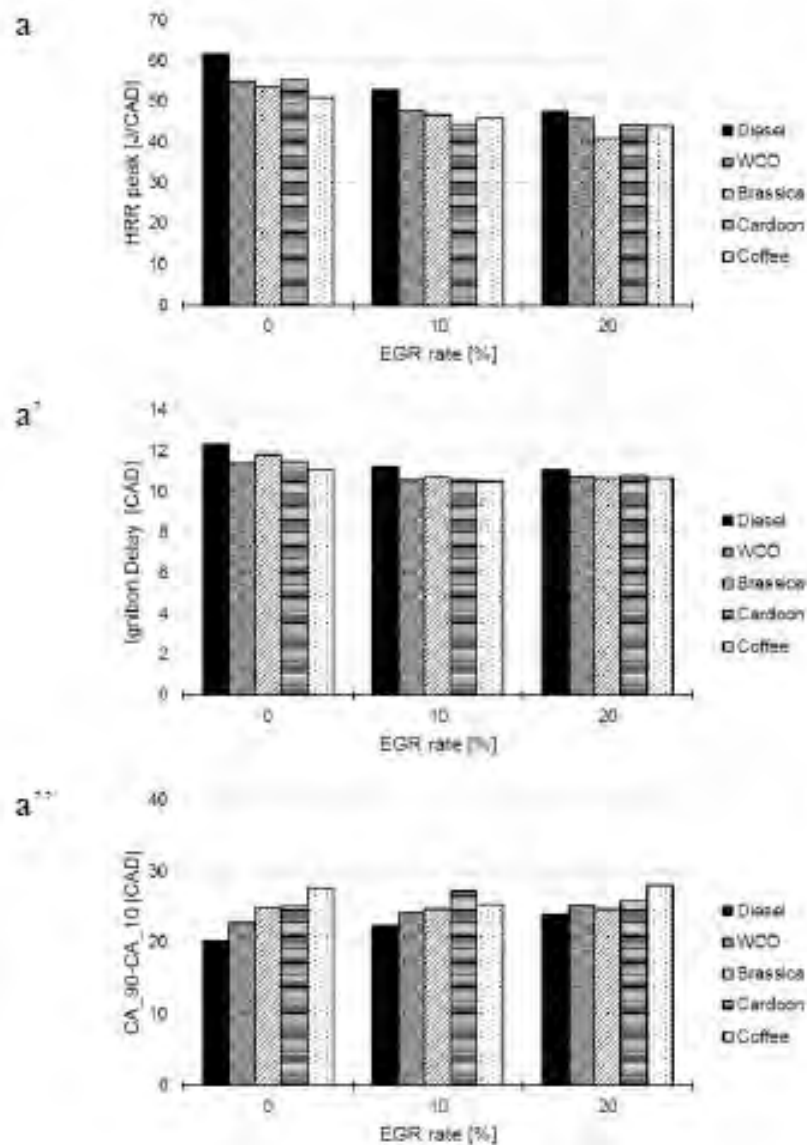
Description	Abbreviation	Tested levels
Engine Speed	n	1500 [rpm]
Rail injection pressure	p_{rail}	500 [bar]
Injection timing	SOI	-6 [CAD ATDC]
Engine load	EL	7 / 14 [Nm]
Exhaust Gas Recirculated rate	EGR	0 / 10 / 20 [%]

Low load

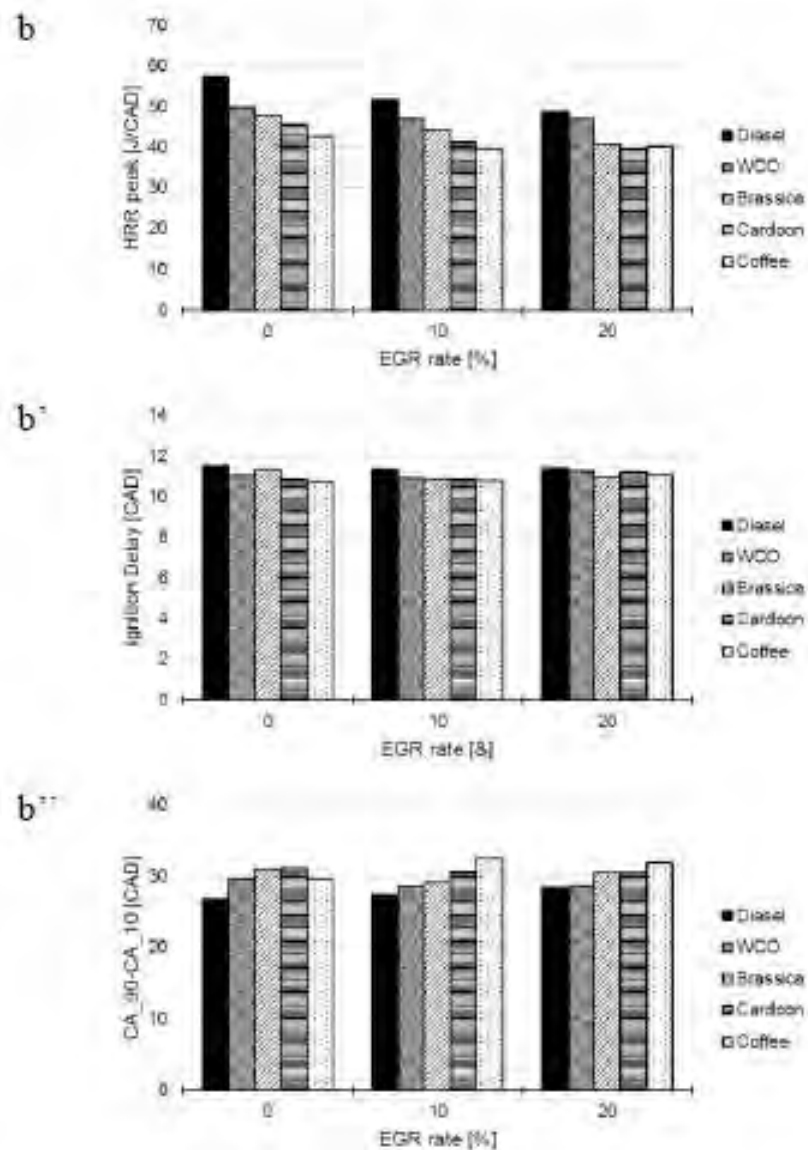
Medium load



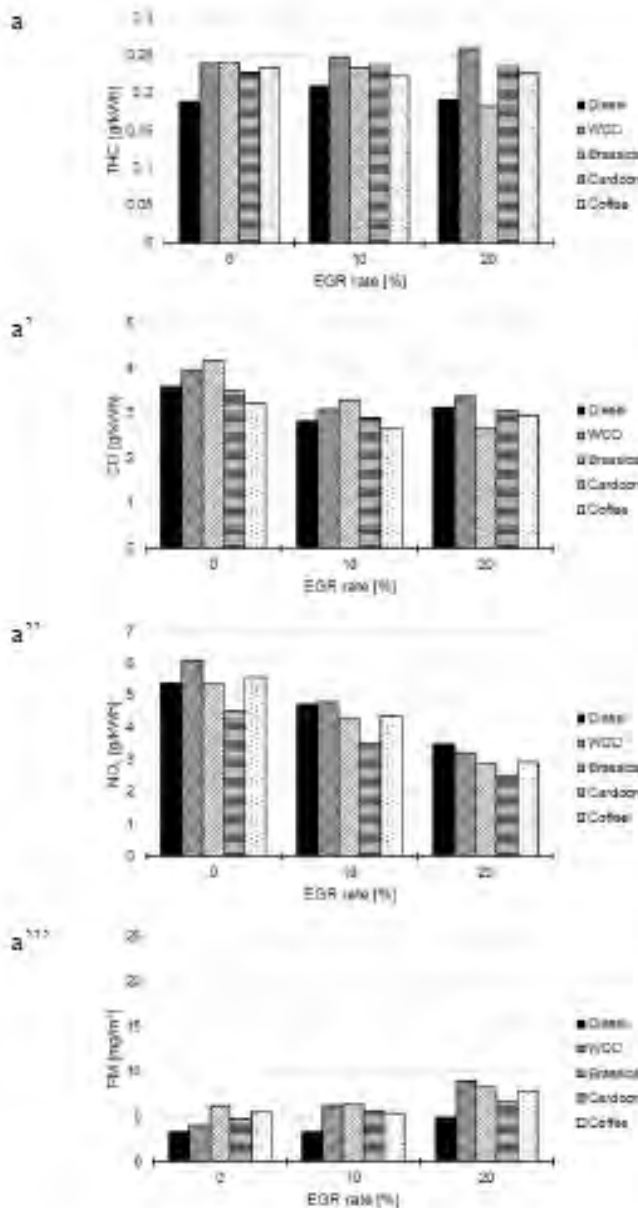
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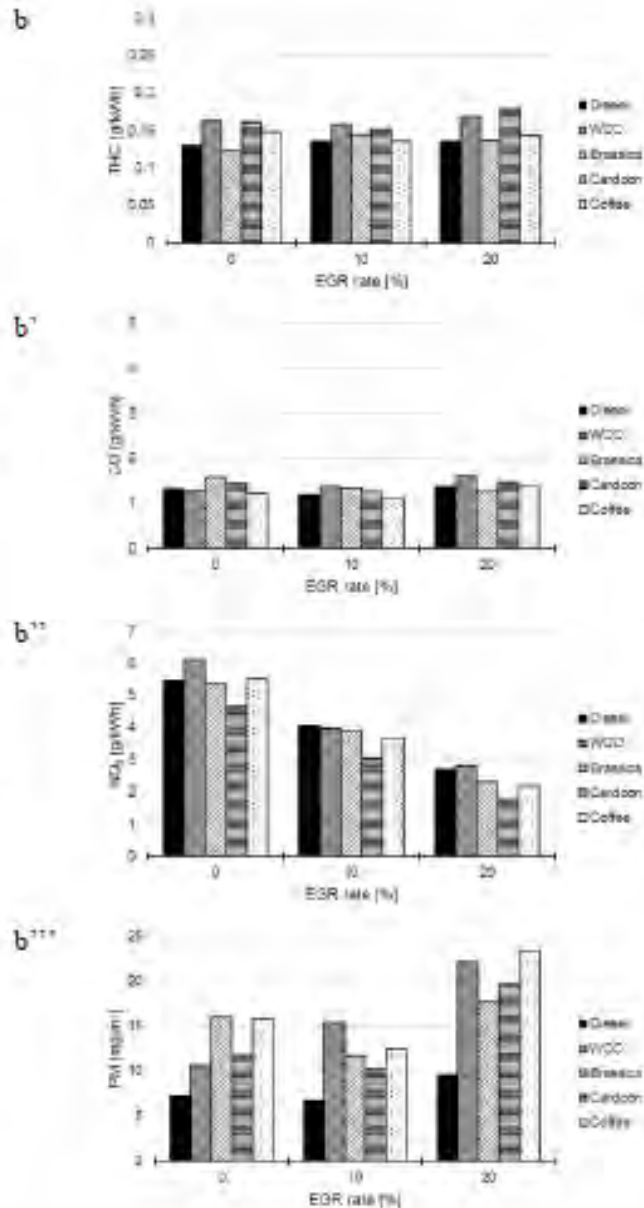
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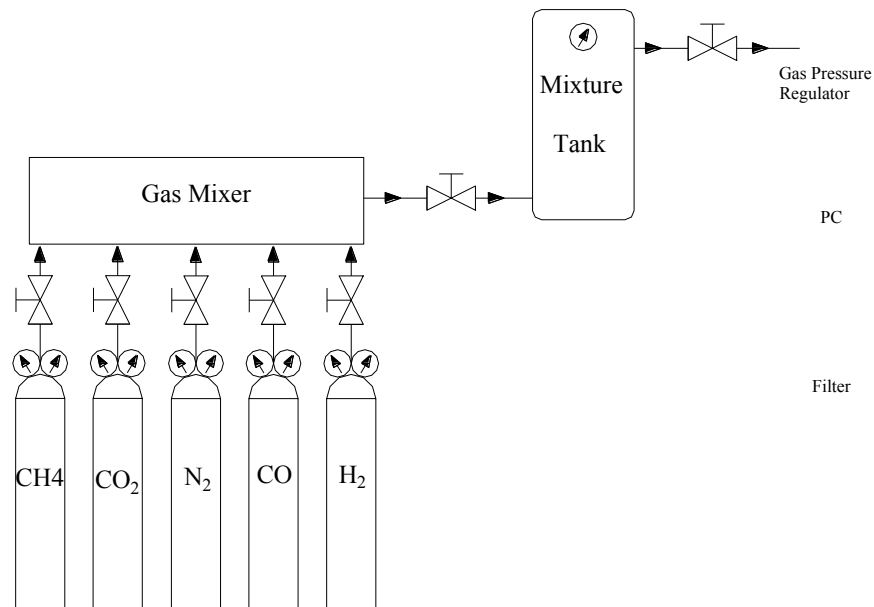
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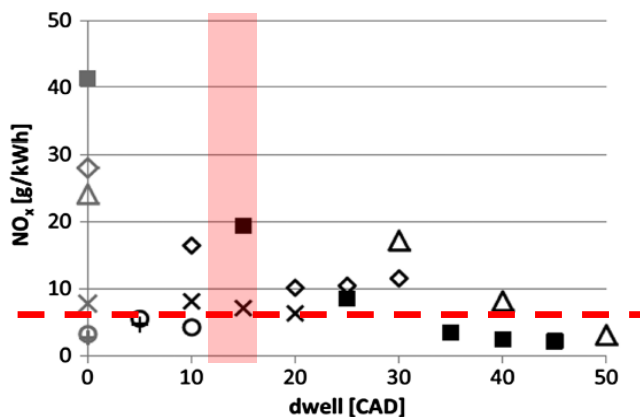
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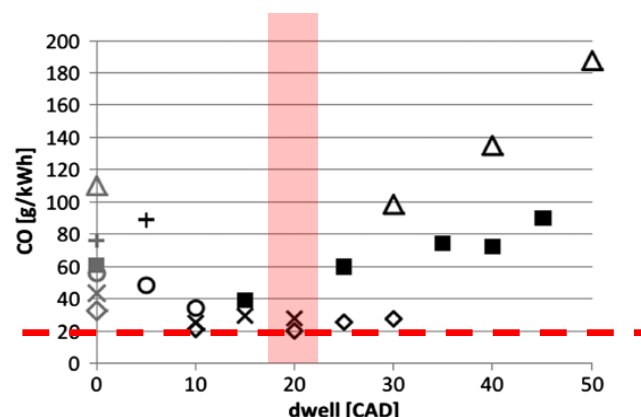
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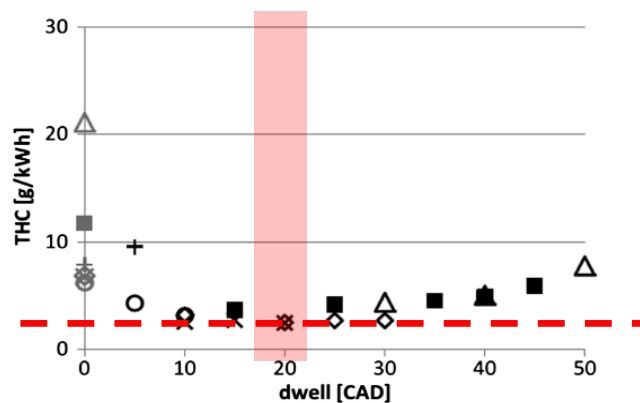
Syngas DF – Splitting of diesel fuel injection



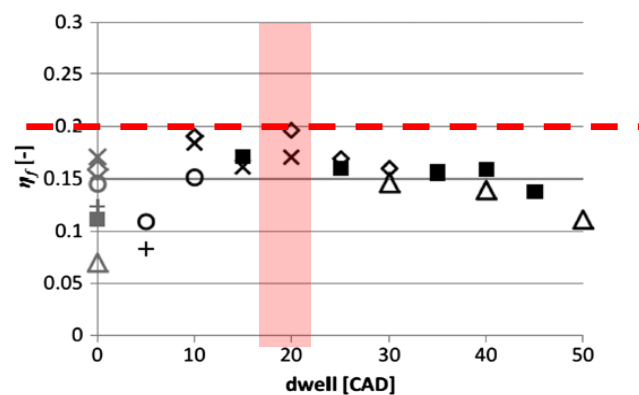
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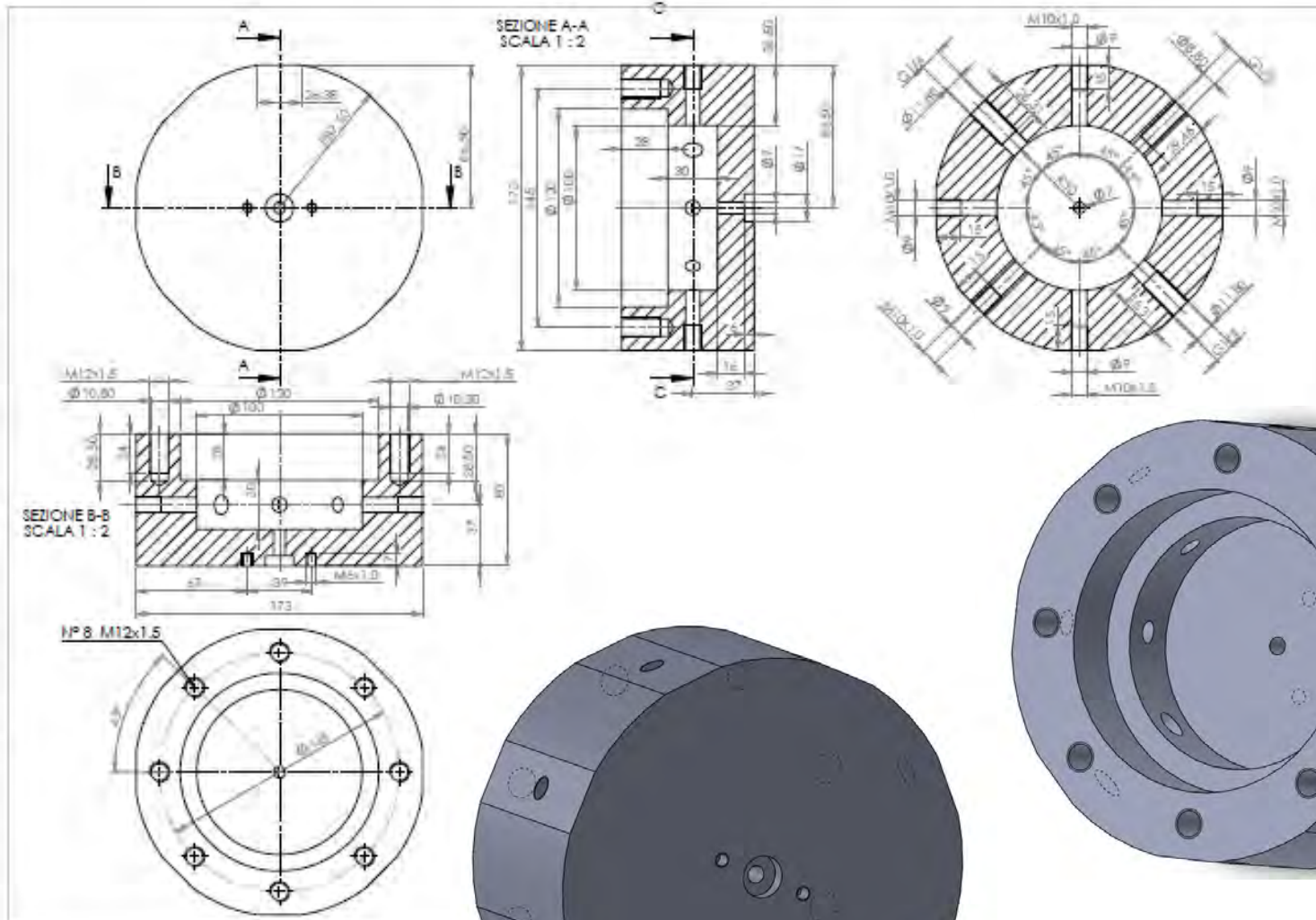


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Methane DF – Splitting of diesel fuel injection



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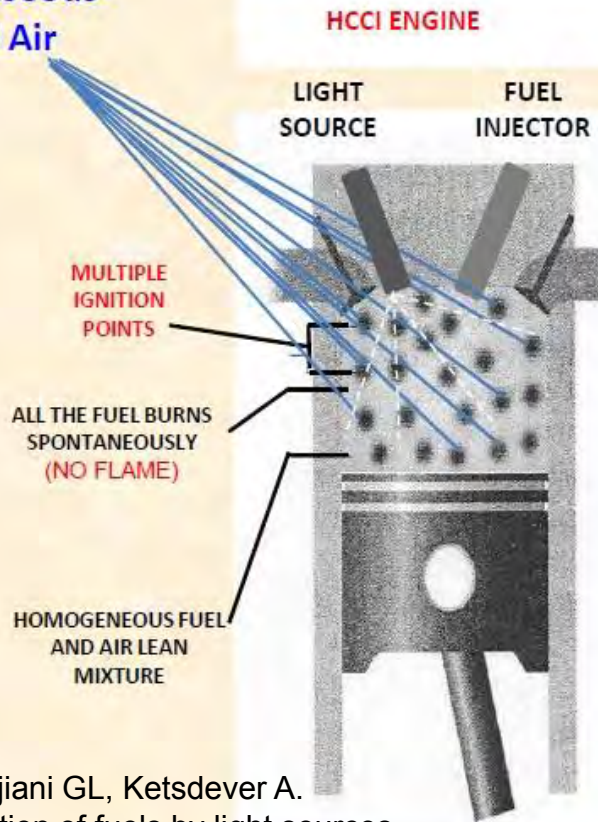
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Distributed ignition with nanotubes

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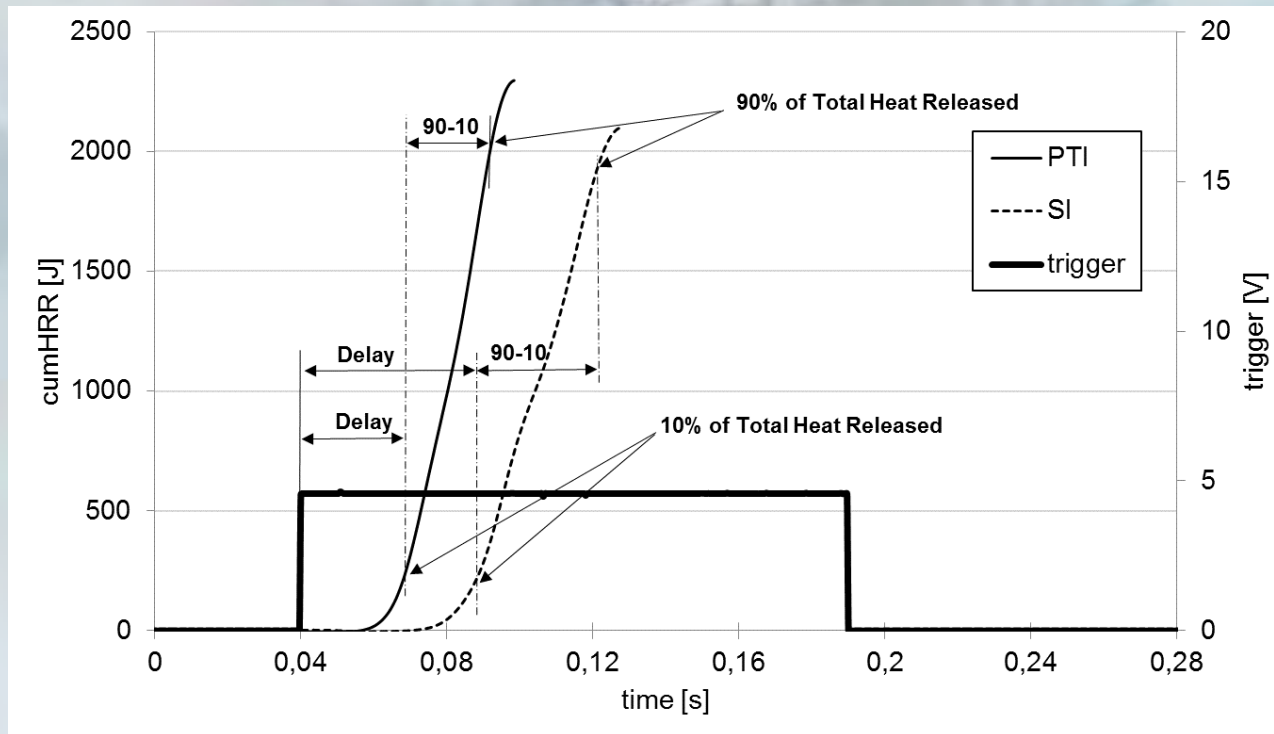
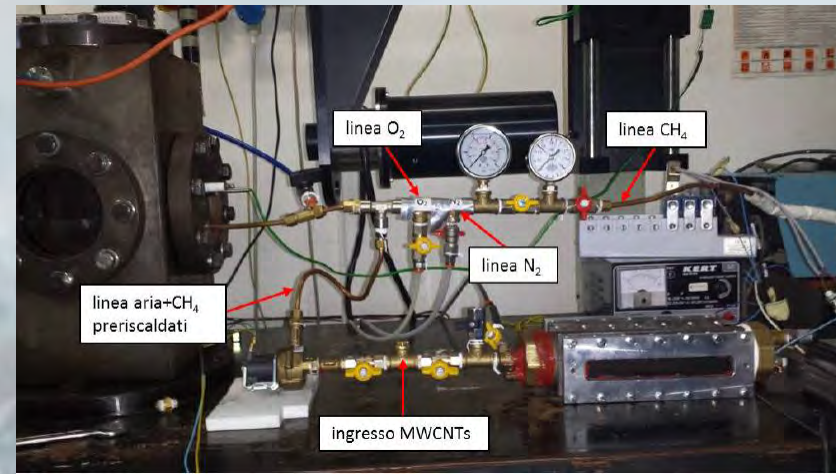
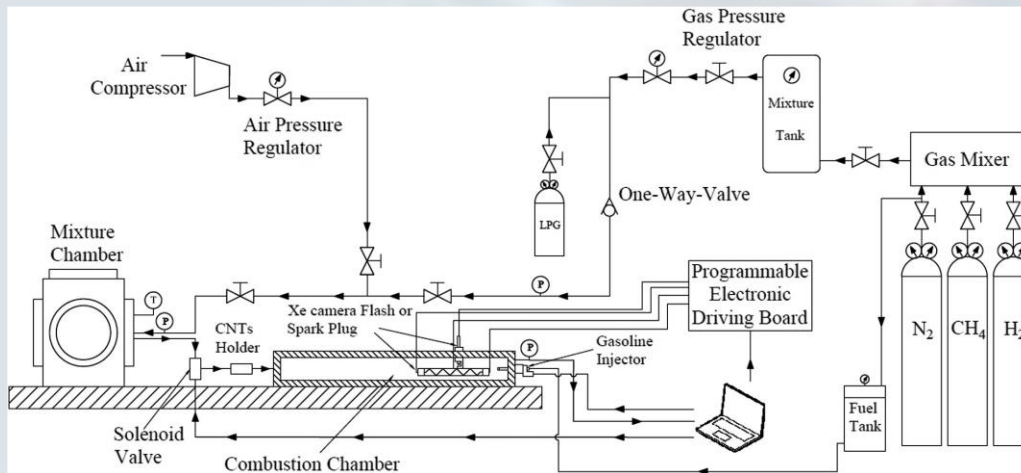
**Carbon Nanotubes distributed
in a Homogeneous Gaseous
Mixture of fuel and Air**



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Method for distributed ignition of fuels by light sources.
US Patent 7,517,215 B1; April 14, 2009.

- Photo-ignition of CNT can be used to:
 - manages the HCCI combustion process
 - On-demand autoignition of homogeneous gaseous air-fuel mixture
- **Photo-ignition of CNT is a new technology for a precise control/initiation of autoignition process in HCCI engines**
- **Other possible applications: DPF more uniform regeneration**

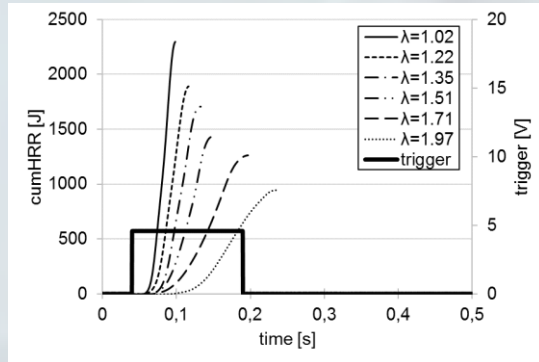
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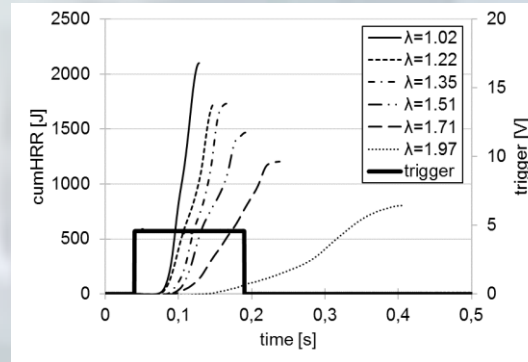
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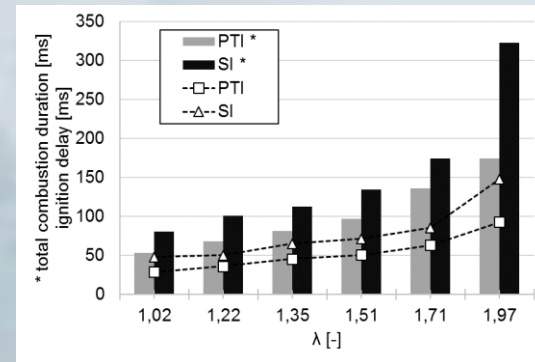
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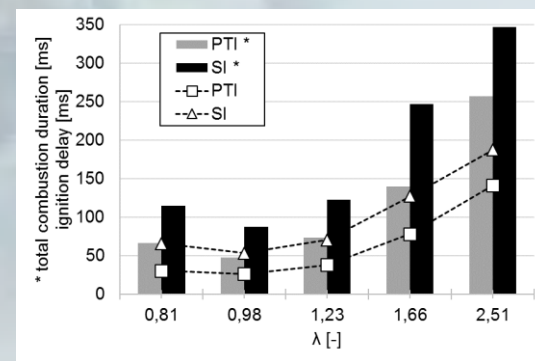
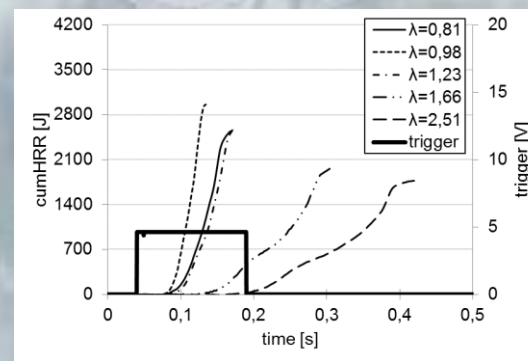
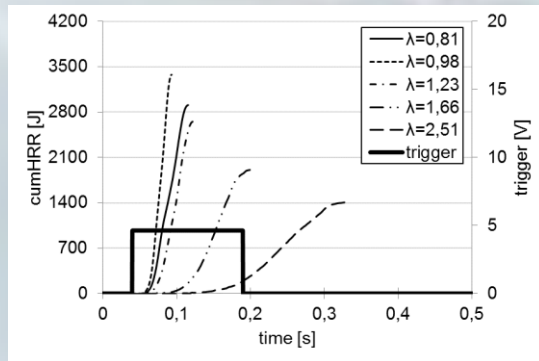
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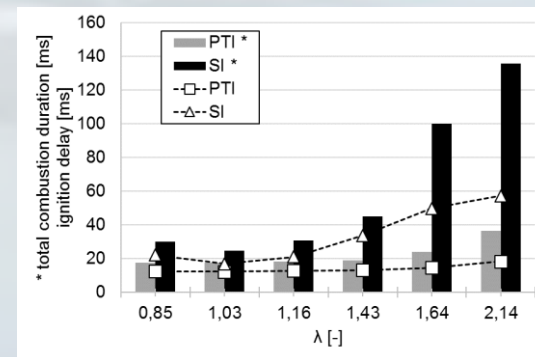
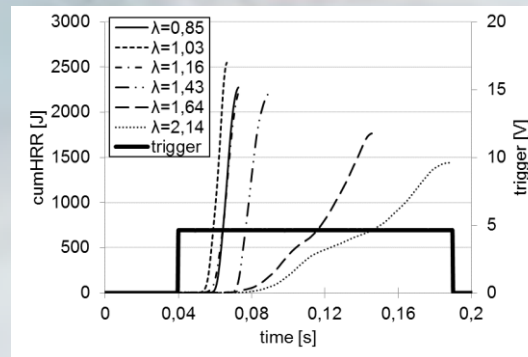
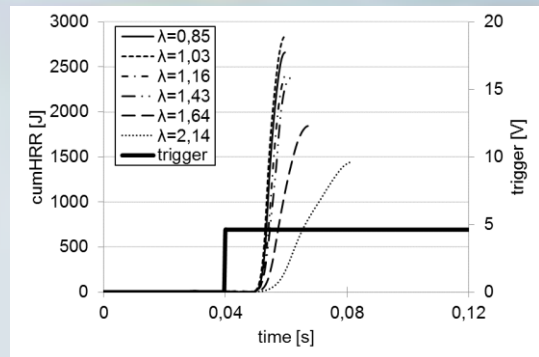
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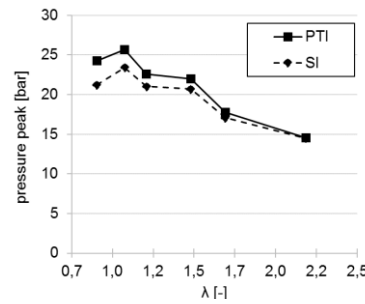
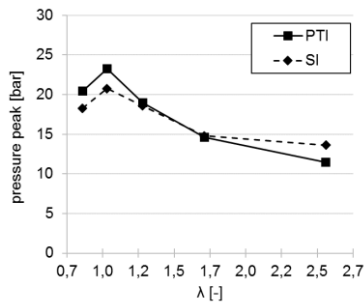
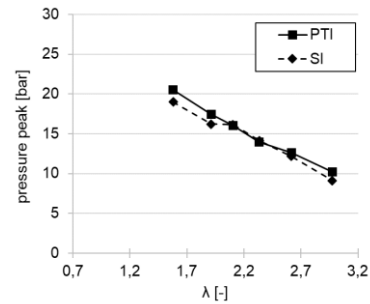
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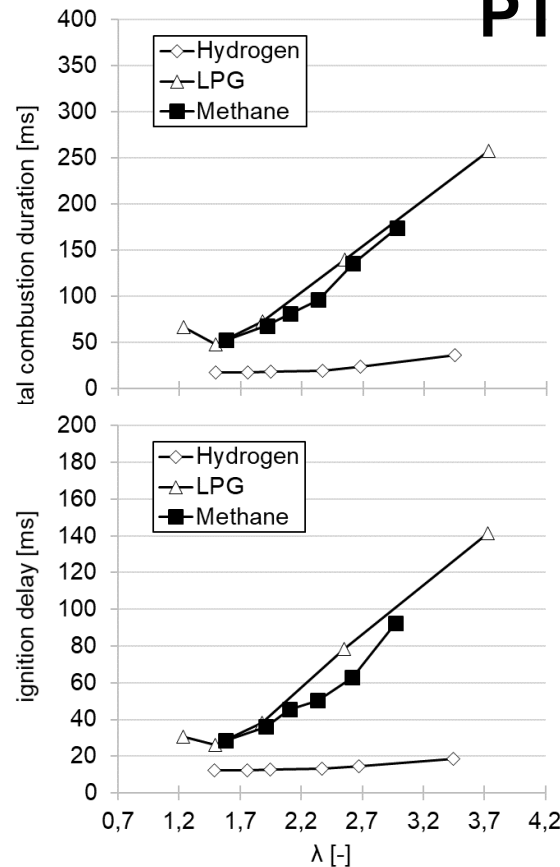
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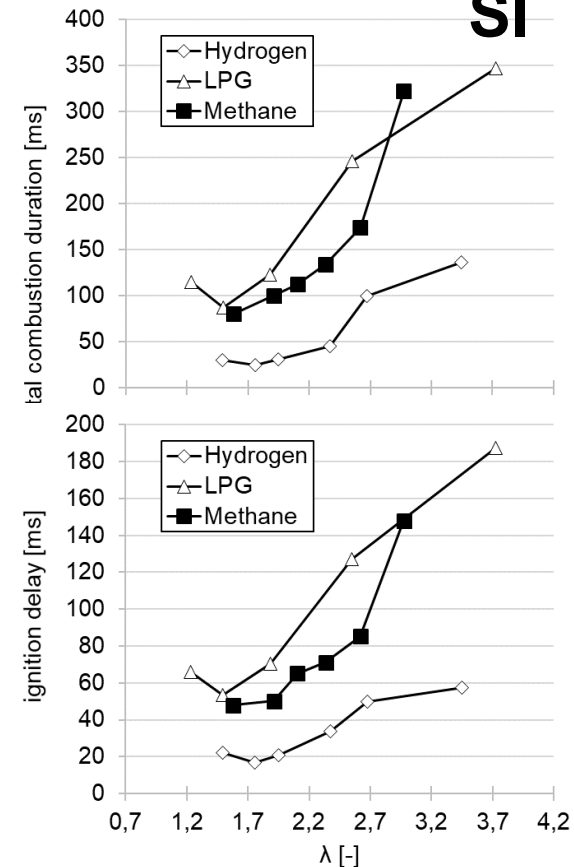
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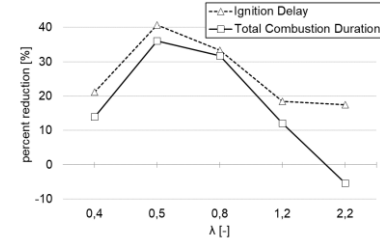
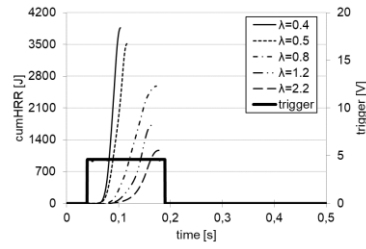
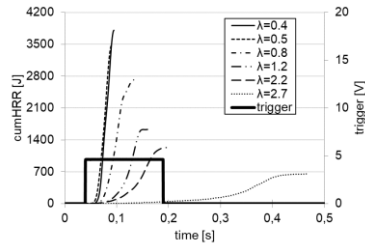
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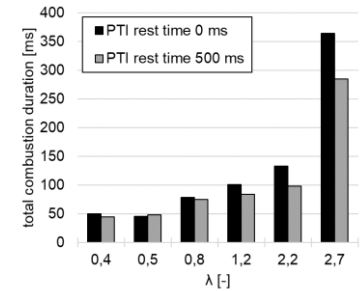
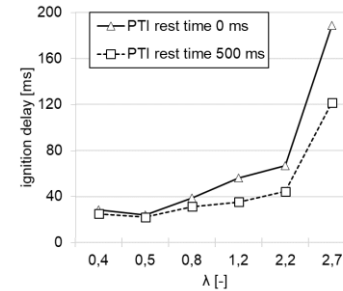
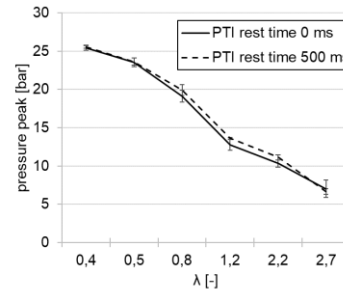
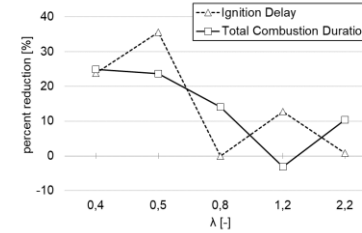
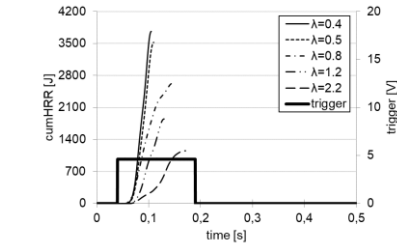
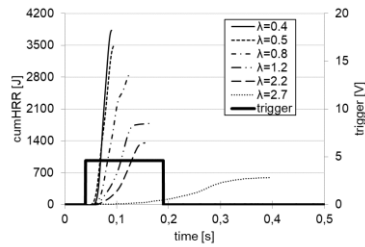
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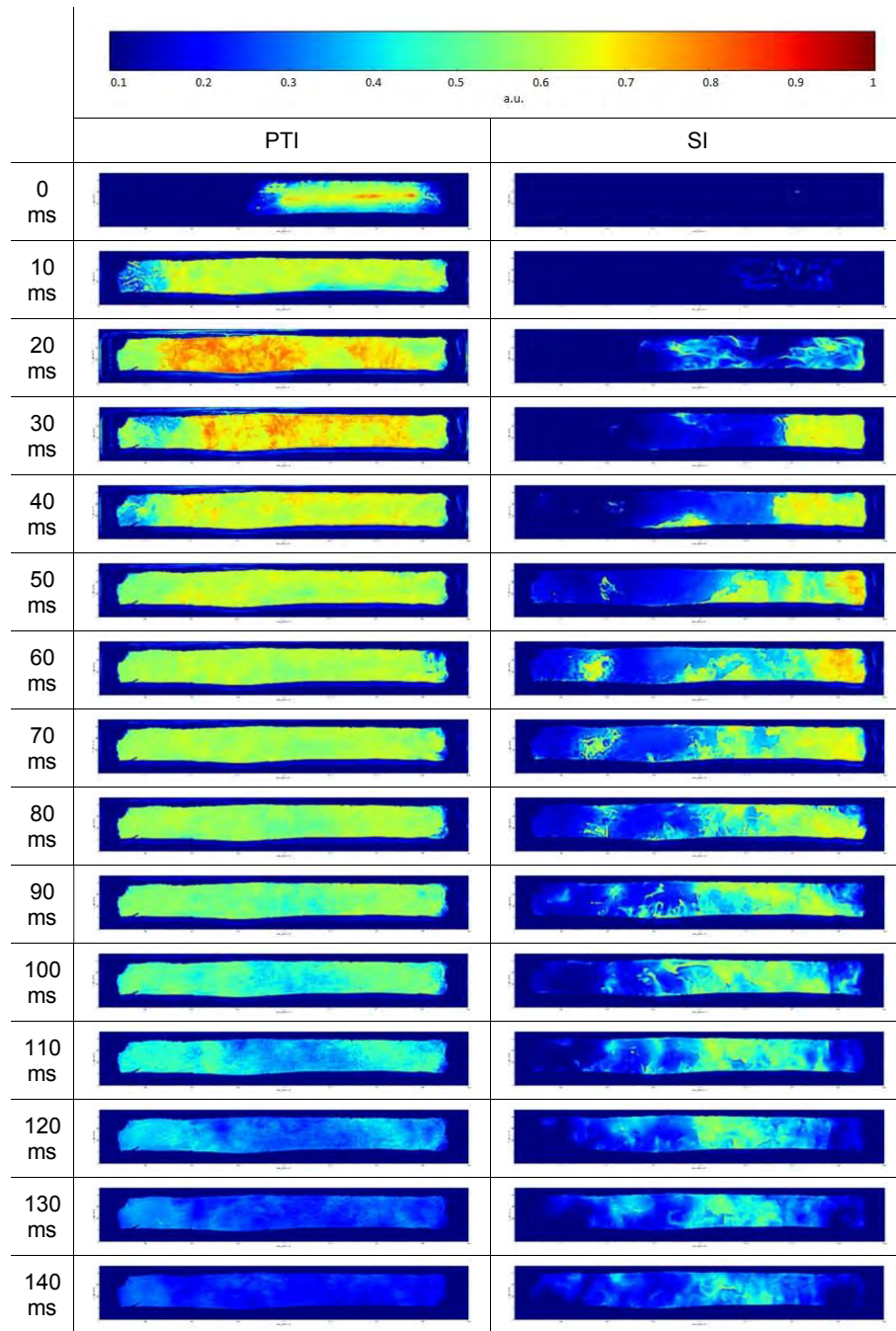
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