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# The Gasdyn code for 0D/1D Simulations of IC Engines Fed with Renewable Fuels

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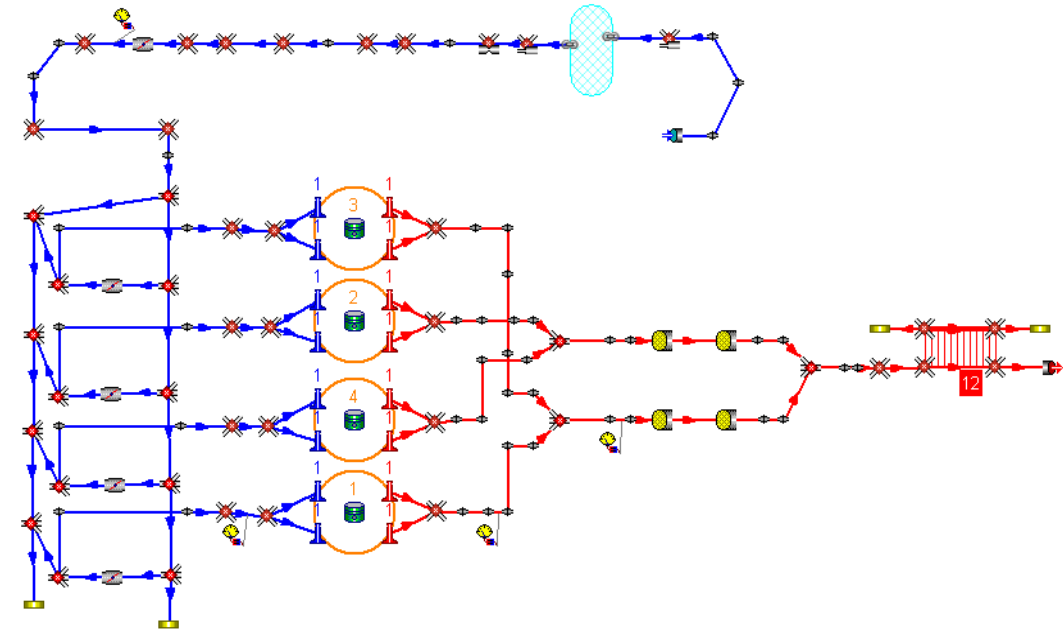
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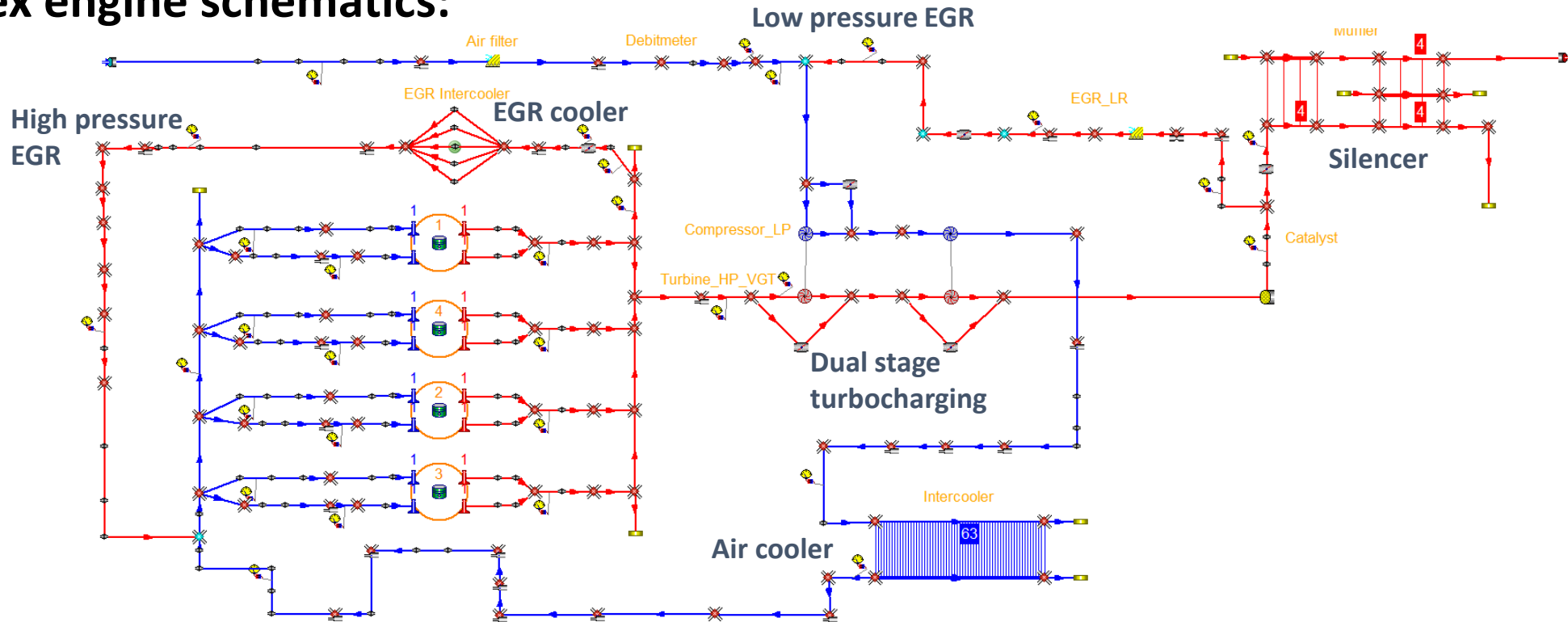
# Outline

1. **Gasdyn** brief history.
2. **0D/1D simulation** of a complete IC engine: numerical methods and sub-models.
3. **Applications of Gasdyn** to various configurations.
4. **New engines** fed with renewable fuels: hydrogen, ammonia, ...
5. **Boundary conditions** for CFD simulations (LibICE).



# 1D simulation code: Gasdyn

## Complex engine schematics:

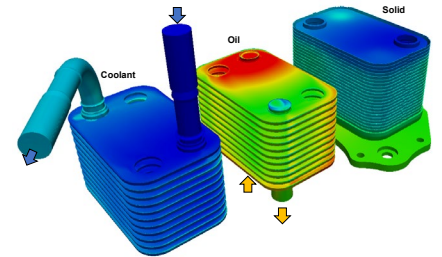
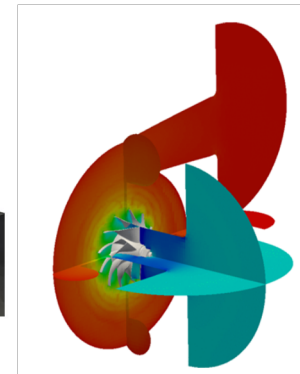
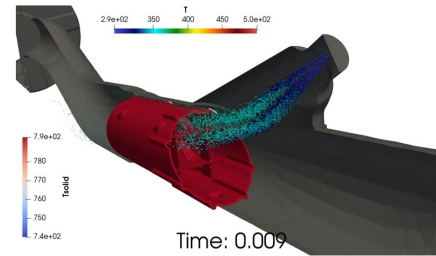
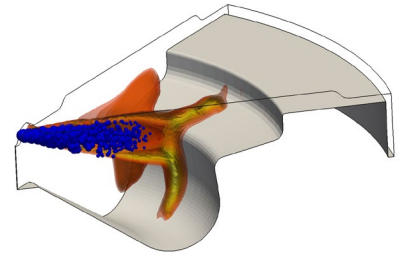
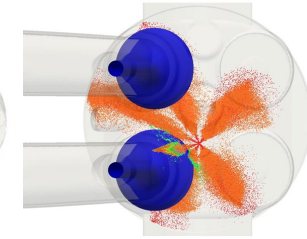
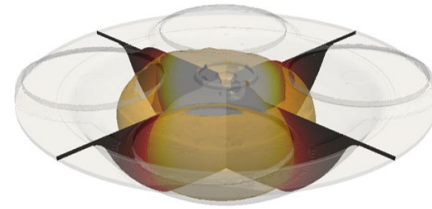
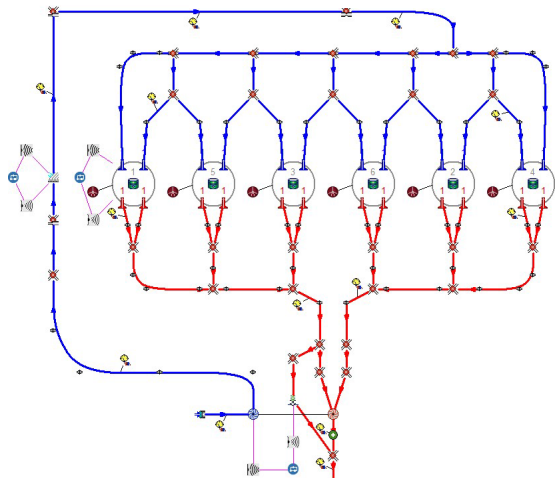
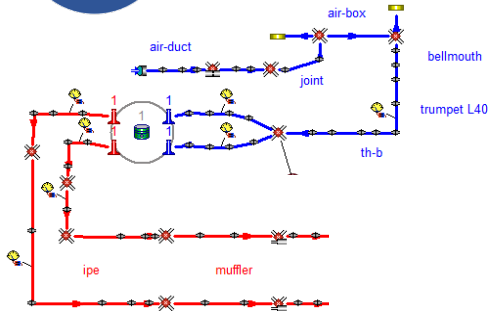


Developed at PoliMi during the last **25 years**. The name **Gasdyn** was given in 1998.

Ref.: Onorati A., Ferrari, «Modeling of 1D unsteady flows in IC engine pipe systems: numerical methods and transport of chemical species». (1998) SAE Technical Papers, DOI: 10.4271/980782

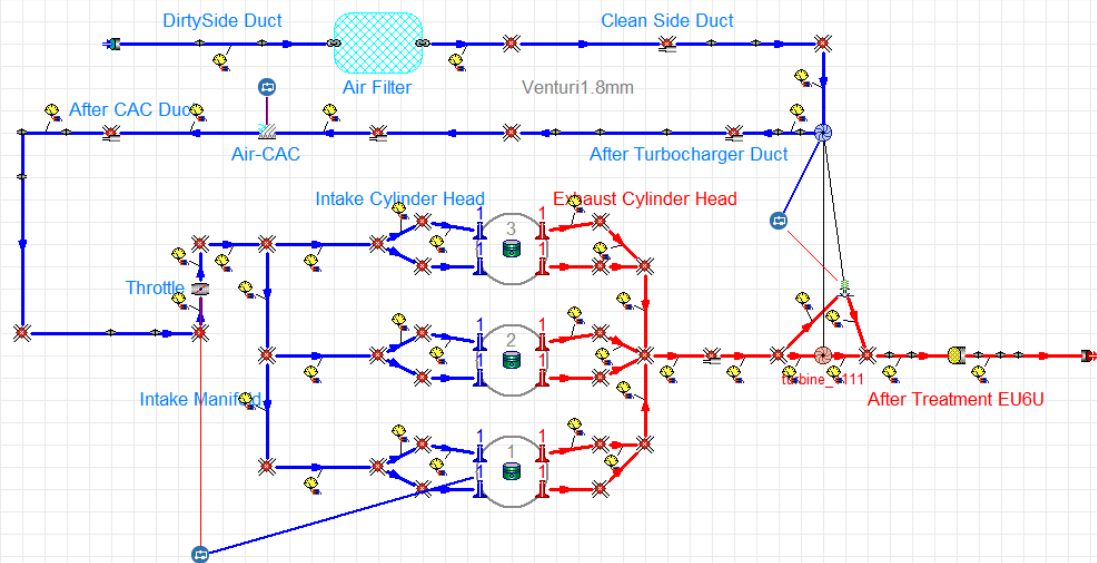
# ICEG research activities – numerical modeling

ICEG group: numerical modeling of IC engines, fluid machines and power systems



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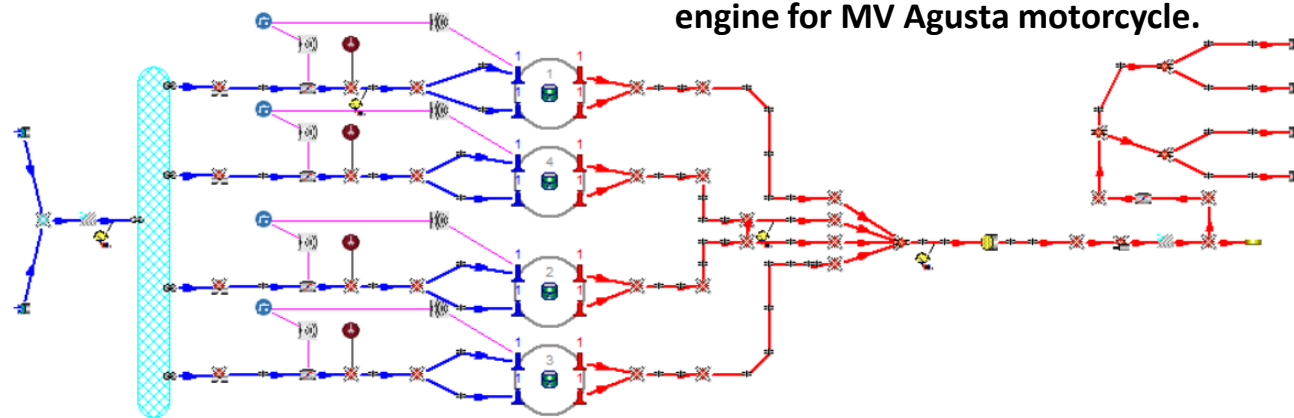
**1D schematics** of Renault 3 cyl. GDI engine (left) and MV Agusta motorcycle, 4 cyl. SI engine (right).



1L 3-cyl. turbo GDI engine for Renault Capture passenger car.



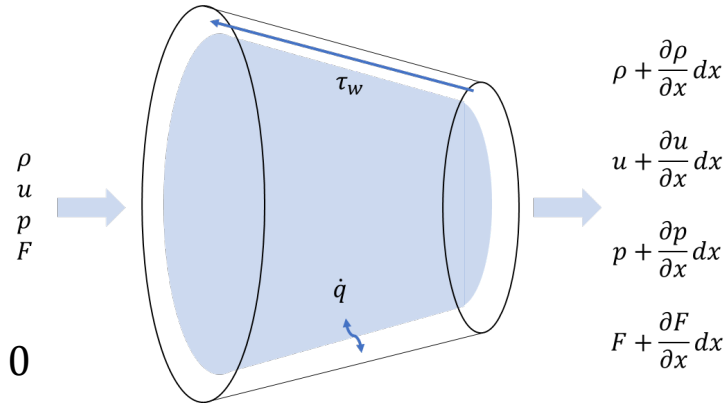
High performance 1L, 4-cyl. SI engine for MV Agusta motorcycle.



# 0D/1D simulation: numerical solvers for unsteady flows

**One-dimensional, unsteady, compressible**, reacting flow with area variations, friction and heat transfer with the walls:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial(\rho F)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u F)}{\partial x} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial(\rho u F)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho u^2 + p)F}{\partial x} - p \frac{dF}{dx} + \rho F G = 0 \\ \frac{\partial(\rho e_0 F)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho h_0 u F)}{\partial x} - (\dot{q}\rho + \Delta H_{react})F = 0 \end{cases}$$

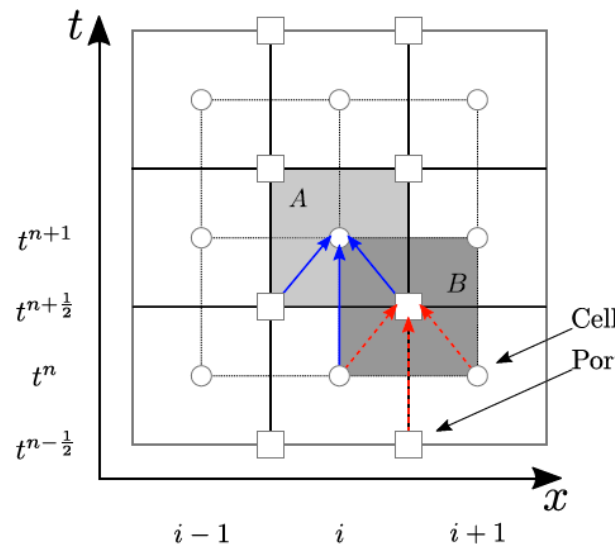


$$W(x, t) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho F \\ \rho u F \\ \rho e_0 F \\ \rho Y F \end{bmatrix}; F(W) = \begin{bmatrix} \rho u F \\ p F + \rho u^2 F \\ \rho u h_0 F \\ \rho u Y F \end{bmatrix};$$

$$B(W) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -p \frac{dF}{dx} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; C(W) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \rho G F \\ -(\rho \dot{q} + \Delta H_{react})F \\ \rho \dot{Y} F \end{bmatrix};$$

**Different solvers** available, based on:

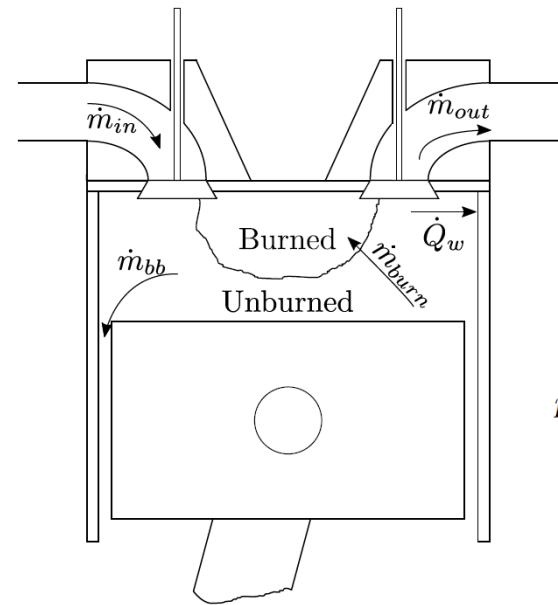
- explicit, staggered space-time **finite volume** method.
- explicit, shock-capturing **finite difference** methods.



$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} \text{O}_2 \\ \text{N}_2 \\ \text{Ar} \\ \text{CO}_2 \\ \text{H}_2\text{O} \\ \text{H}_2 \\ \text{CO} \\ \text{NO} \\ \text{C}_3\text{H}_6 \\ \text{C}_3\text{H}_8 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

# 0D/1D simulation: combustion prediction

- The in-cylinder phenomena and combustion are modelled by means of a **multi-zone** approach, solving the **energy and mass balance** of each sub zone.
- Zimont's **correlation** is used to compute **turbulent flame speed**  $\Rightarrow S_t = u'^{3/4} L_i^{1/4} S_l^{1/2} k_u^{-1/4}$



## Laminar flame speed evaluation

Old method



Empirical correlation

New method



Tabulated Kinetic approach

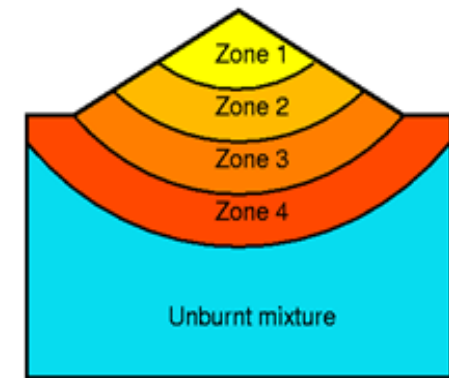
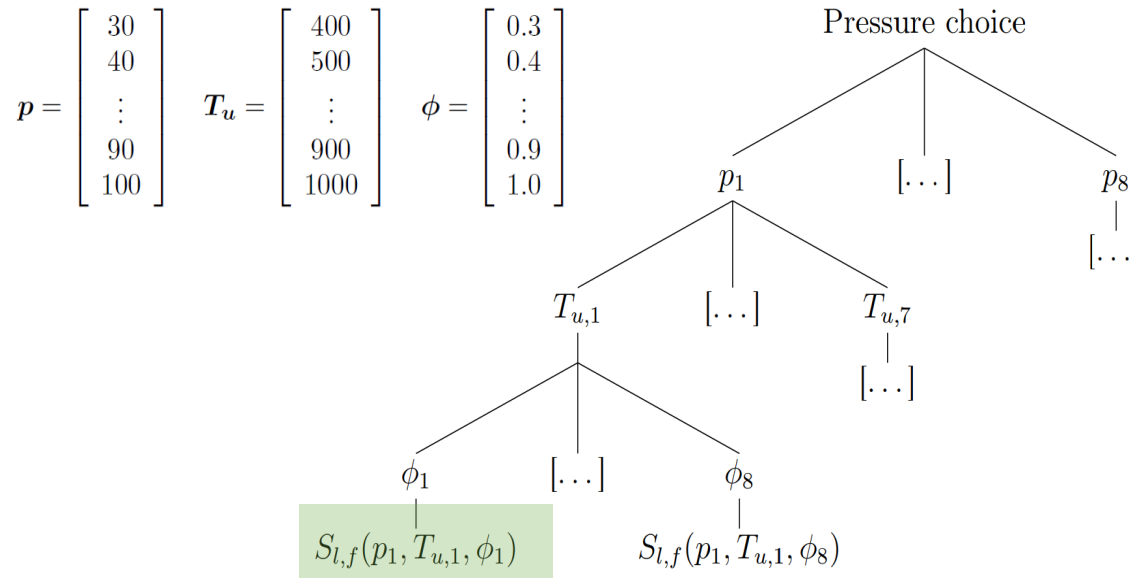


**Strict** validity limits



**Wider** limit ranges

(3D matrix with around 448 values)





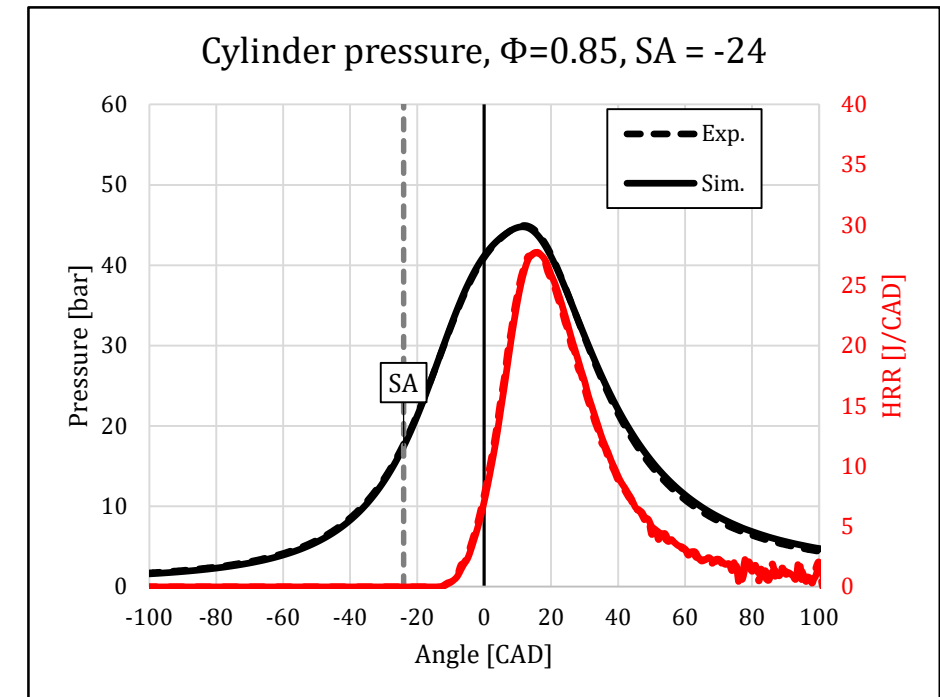
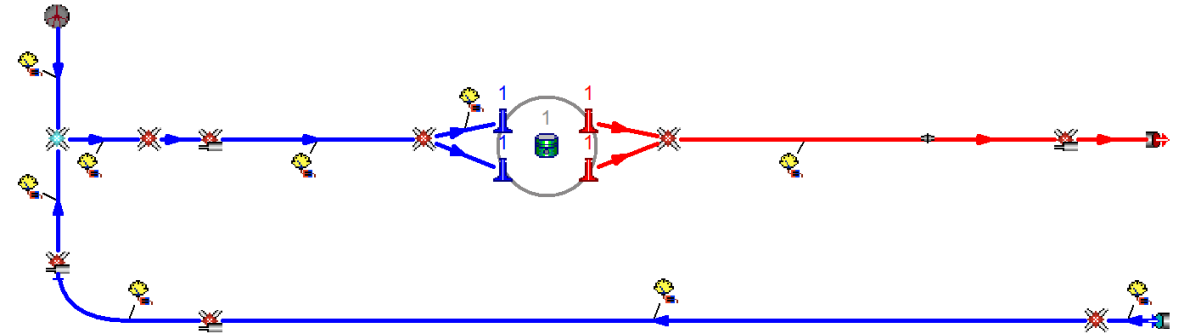
# Spark-ignition ammonia-fueled engine

**Gasdyn schematic** for a single-cylinder engine, experimental setup (at Orleans University):

- **Imposed combustion** from **experimental HRR**;
- **Predictive models** with specific sub-models (eg.  $S_L$ , chemical composition);



- Better evaluation of **pressure, temperature and composition** at IVC for CFD simulations;
- **Performance evaluation** of heavy-duty engines with **ammonia** as fuel.





# 0D combustion model for RCCI simulation

## Reactivity Controlled Compression Ignition

**Problems** linked to  $\text{NH}_3$  in SI engines:

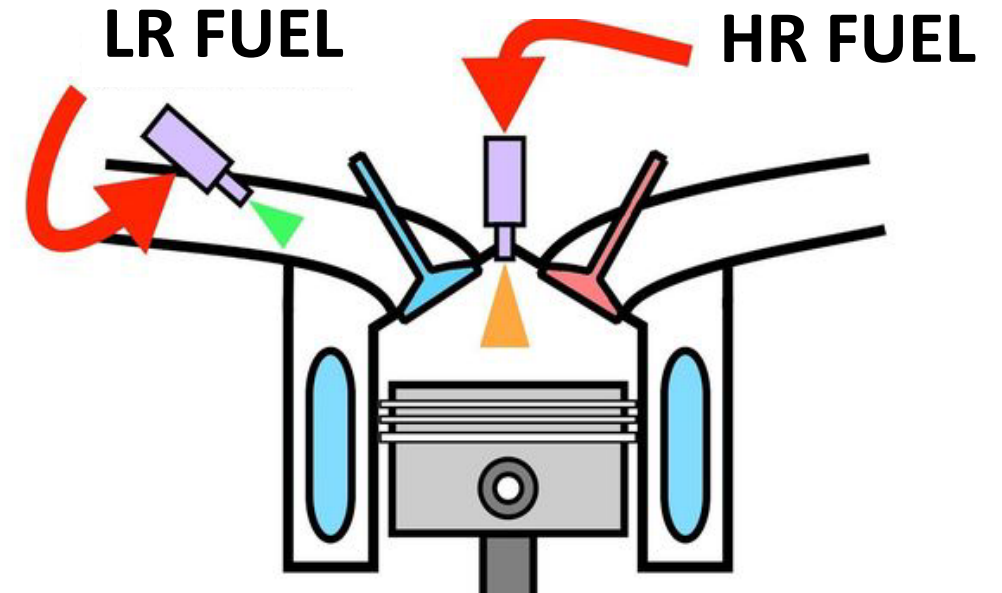
- low combustion rate;
- high production of  $\text{NO}_x$ .

RCCI to **better control** combustion:

- Low Reactivity fuel (injected in the pipes);
- High Reactivity fuel to start combustion.

**Advantages** with RCCI:

- faster combustion;
- lower temperatures (less  $\text{NO}_x$ );
- higher fuel conversion efficiency.

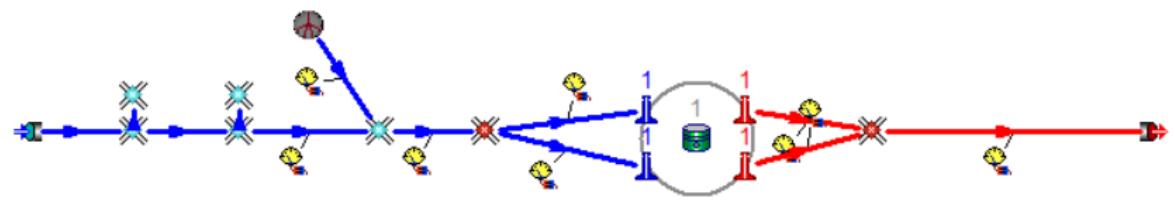


Quasi-Dimensional Model in development phase,  
main challenges:

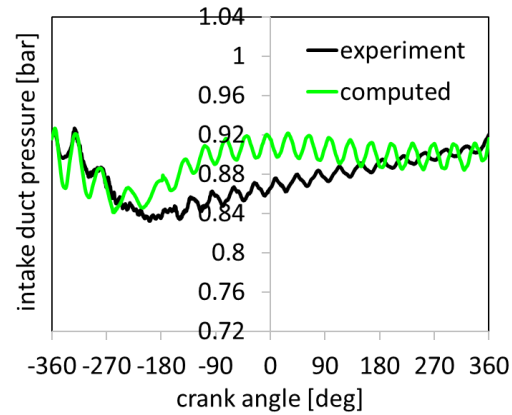
- **flame surface** evaluation;
- **local turbulence variation** due to fuel injection.

# H2 PFI single cyl. engine

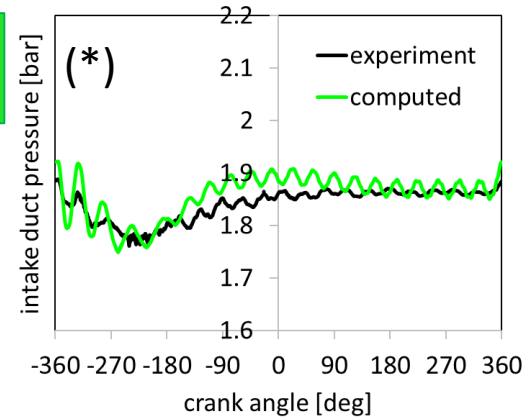
(in collaboration with CMT, Valencia)



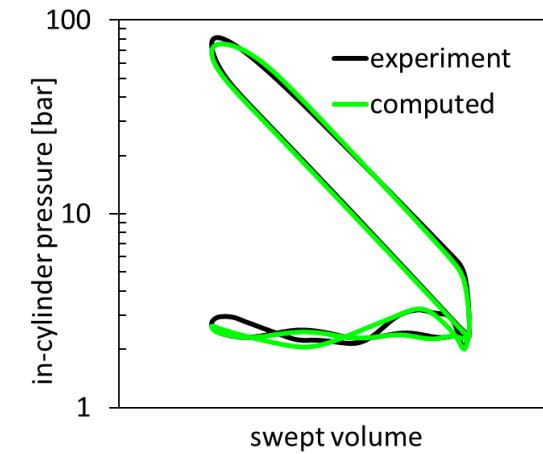
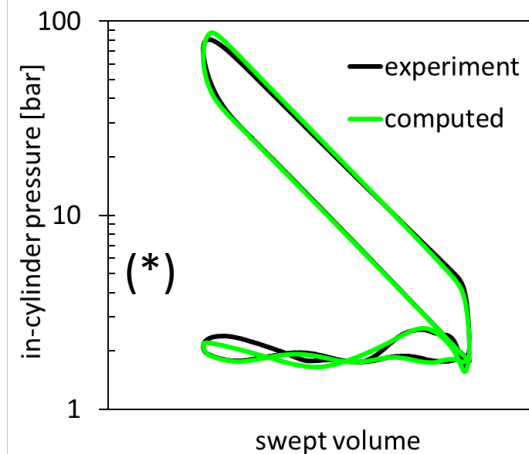
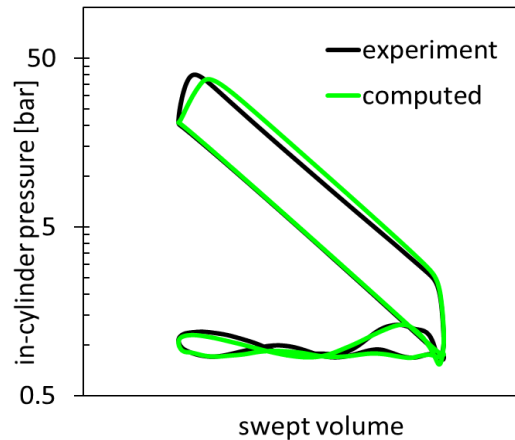
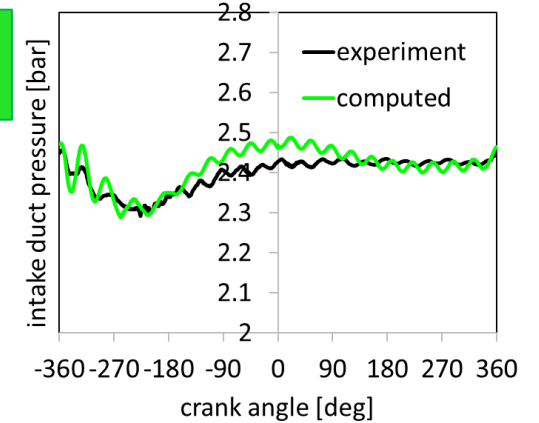
**Lambda 1.6,  
low load**



**(\*) Lambda 2.4,  
medium load**

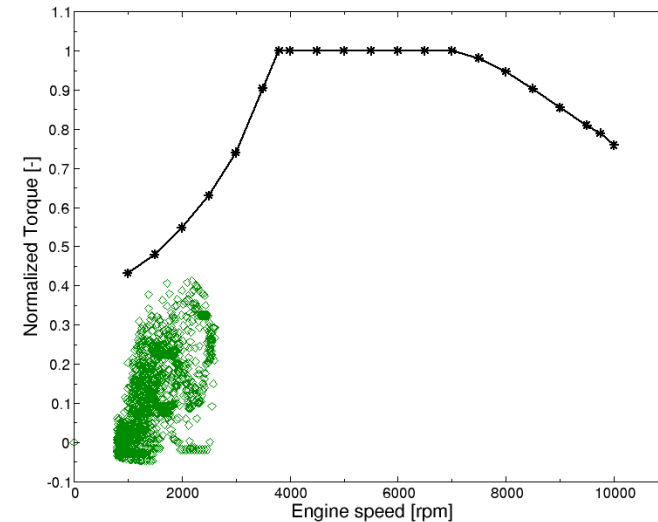
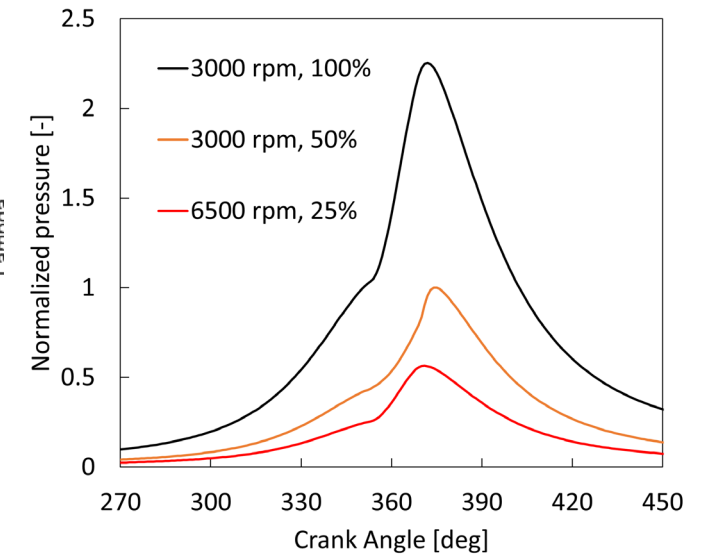
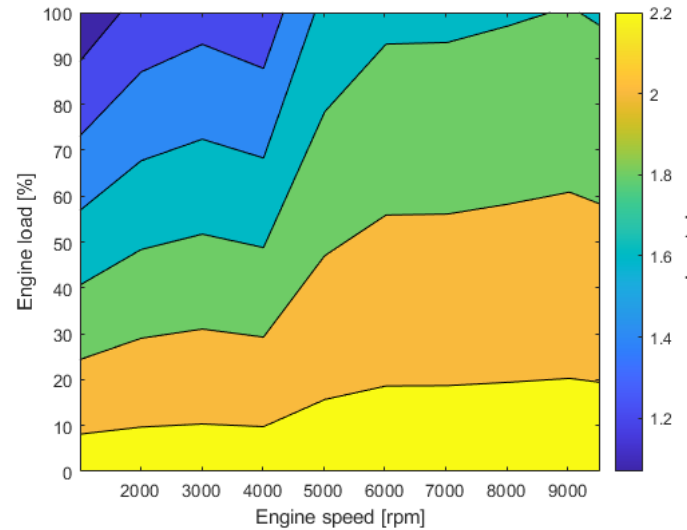
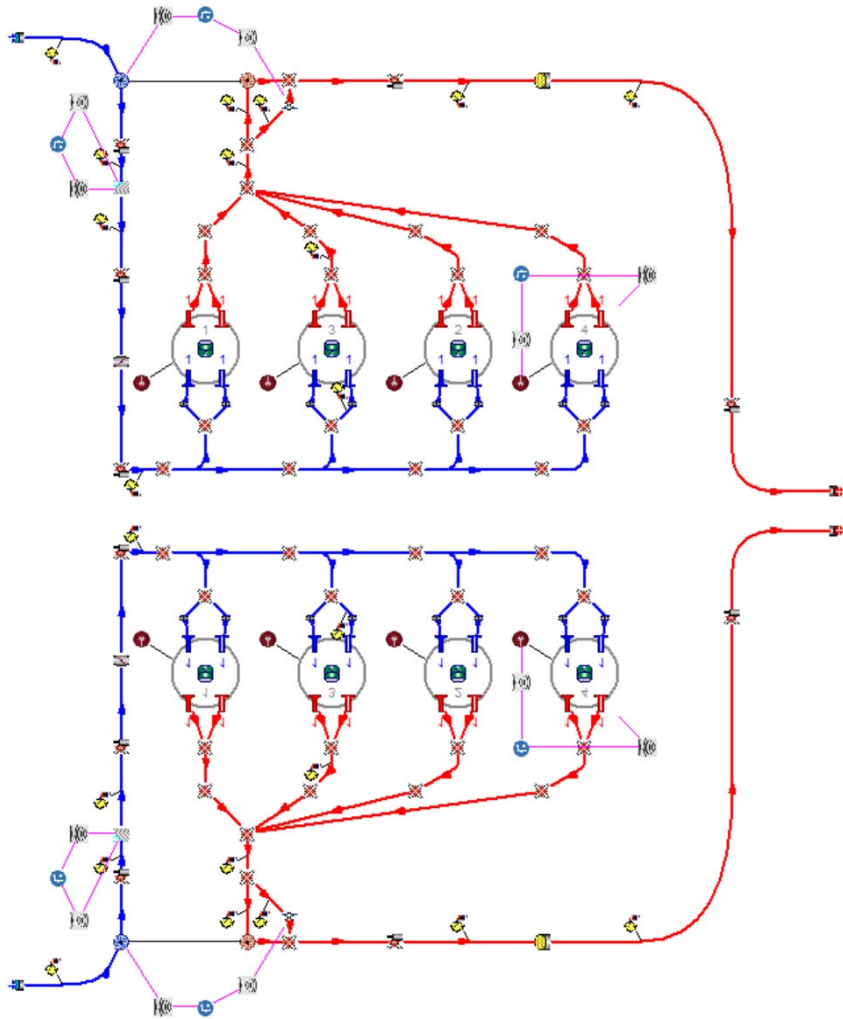


**Lambda 3.4,  
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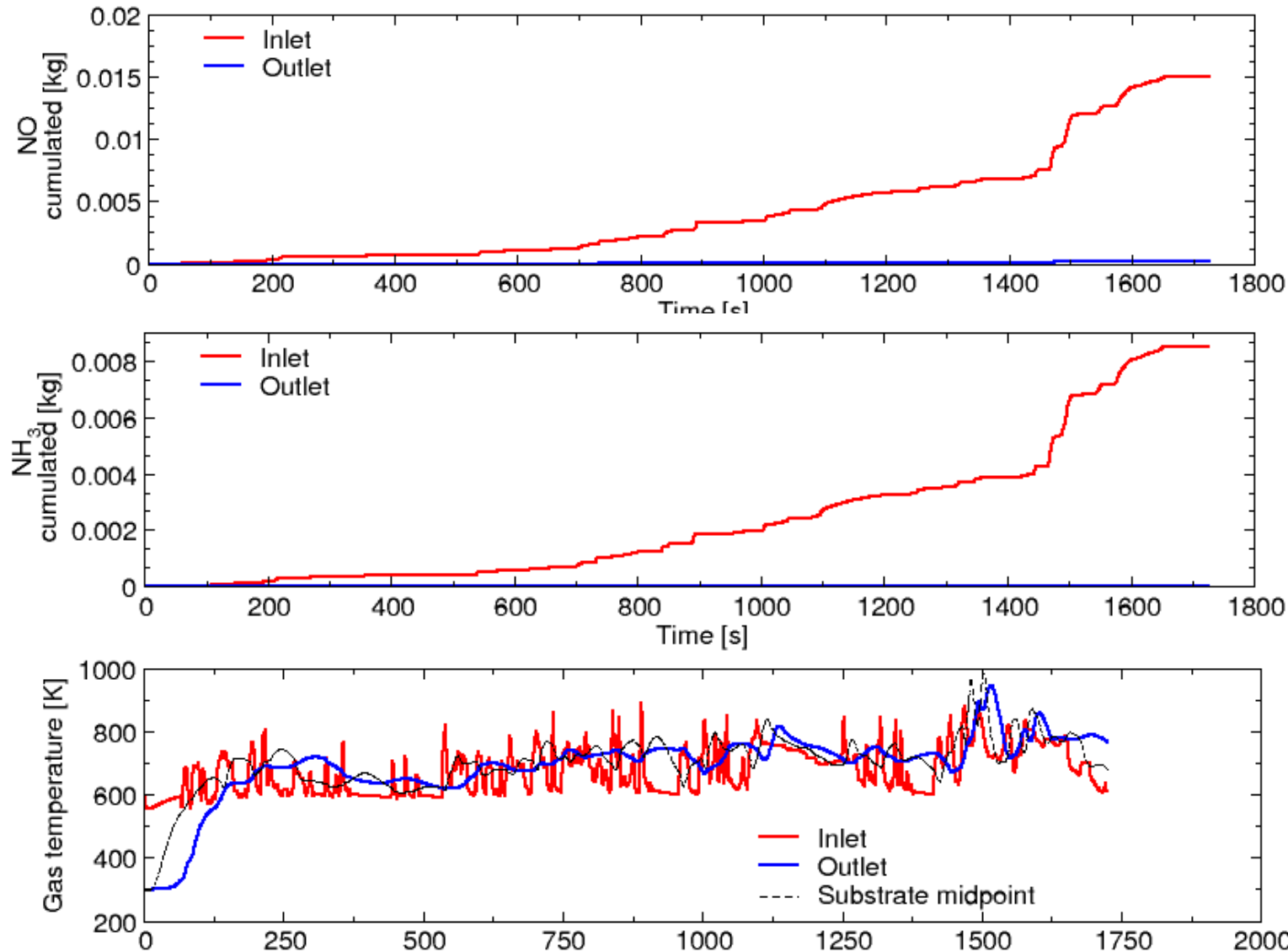


**(\*) Ref. operating point to calibrate the model**

# V8 H2 ICE concept with after-treatment system



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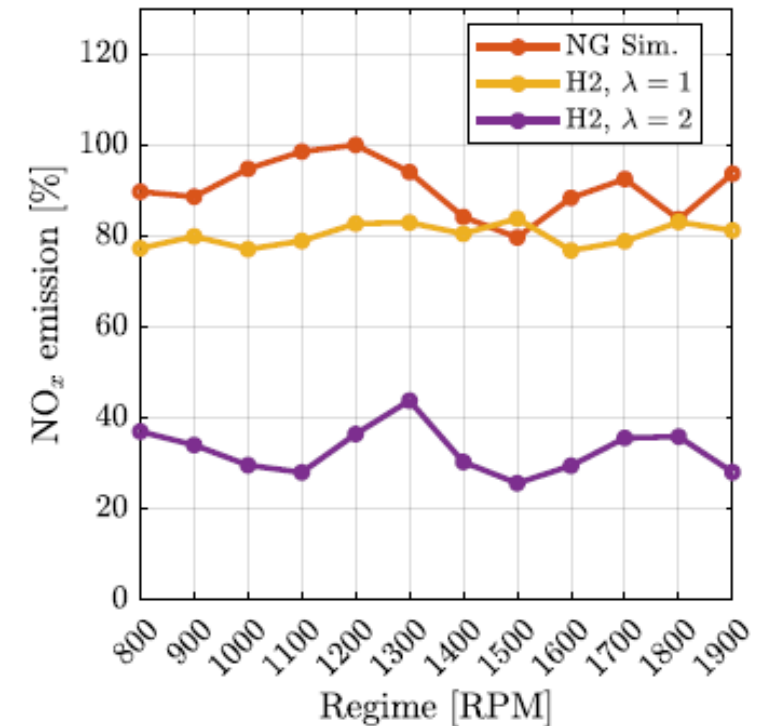
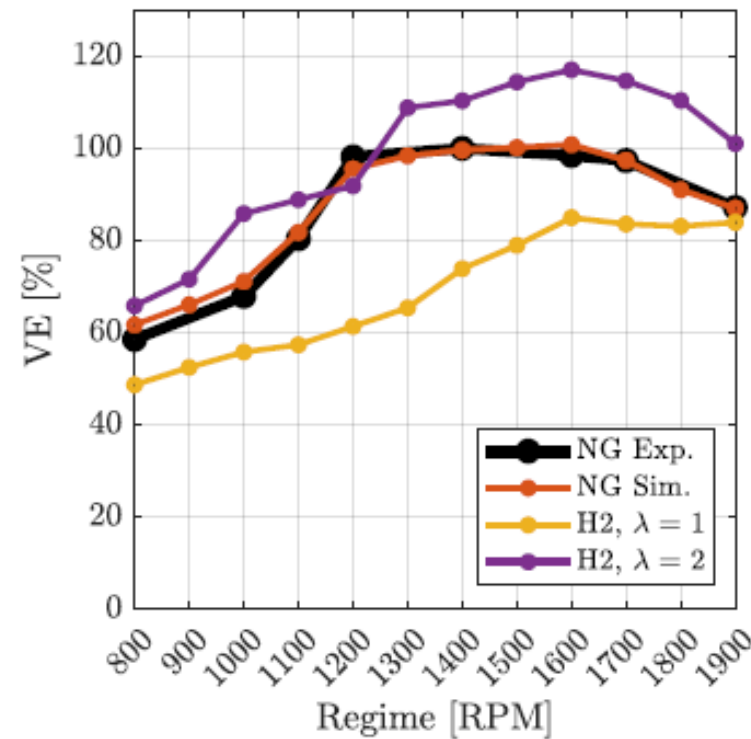
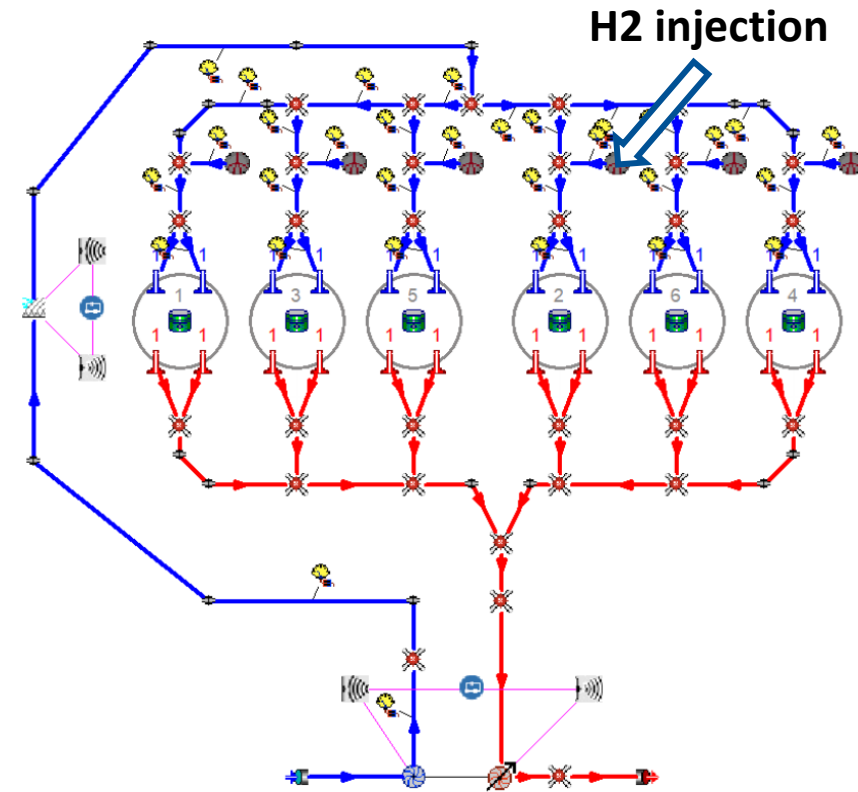
**Reacting flows** with chemical species transport in the pipes.

**SCR catalyst** modeled in **Gasdyn**:

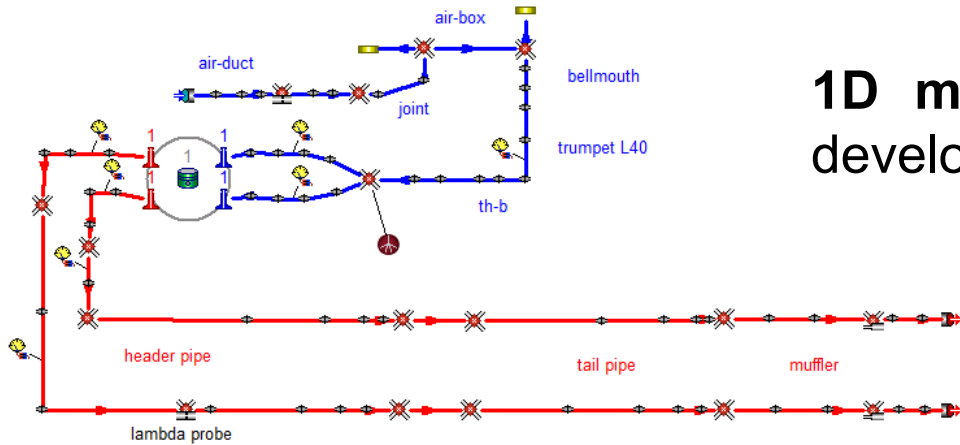
R1	$NO + 1/2O_2 \leftrightarrow NO_2$
R2	$NH_3 + 3/4NO_2 \rightarrow 7/8N_2 + 3/2H_2O$
R3	$NH_3 + 1/2NO + 1/2NO_2 \rightarrow N_2 + 3/2H_2O$
R4	$NH_3 + NO + 1/4O_2 \rightarrow N_2 + 3/2H_2O$
R5	$5/2H_2 + NO \rightarrow NH_3 + H_2O$
R6	$H_2 + 1/2O_2 \rightarrow H_2O$
R7	$H_2 + NO \rightarrow H_2O + 1/2H_2$
R8	$H_2O \leftrightarrow H_2O (L)$
R9	$NH_3 \leftrightarrow NH_3 (L)$

# Engine conversion from NG to H2

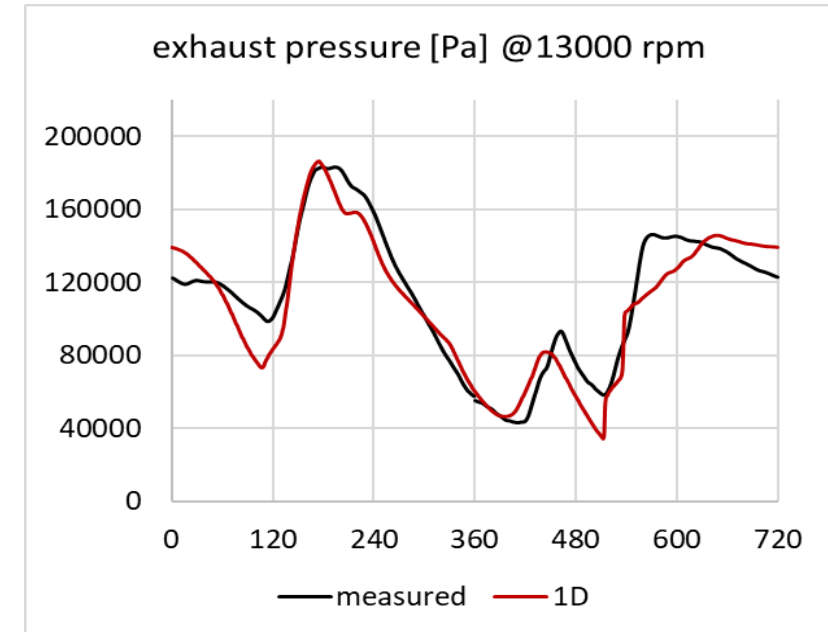
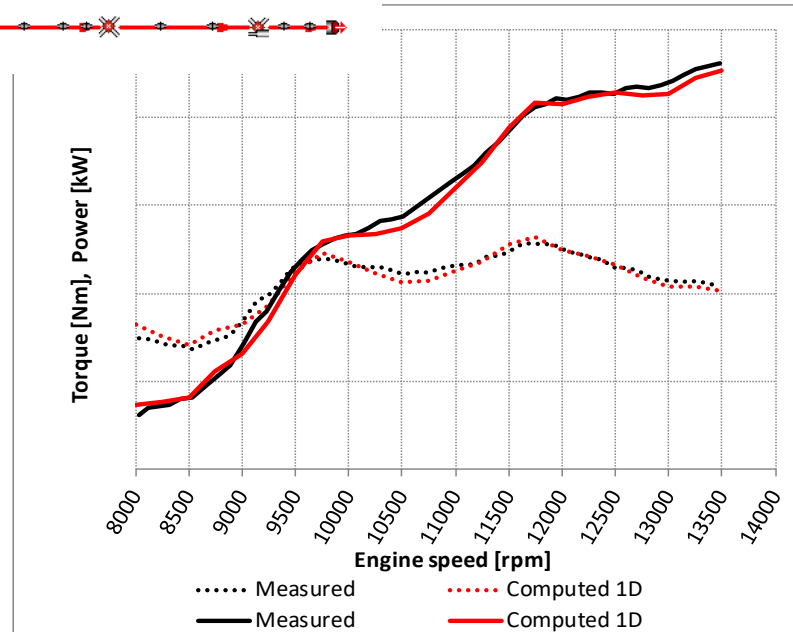
- Natural gas fuelled **heavy duty** in-line 6 cylinder featuring a **variable geometry turbine**
- $\lambda = 1$  and  $\lambda = 2$  feeding conditions have been considered



# Gasdyn: some application cases



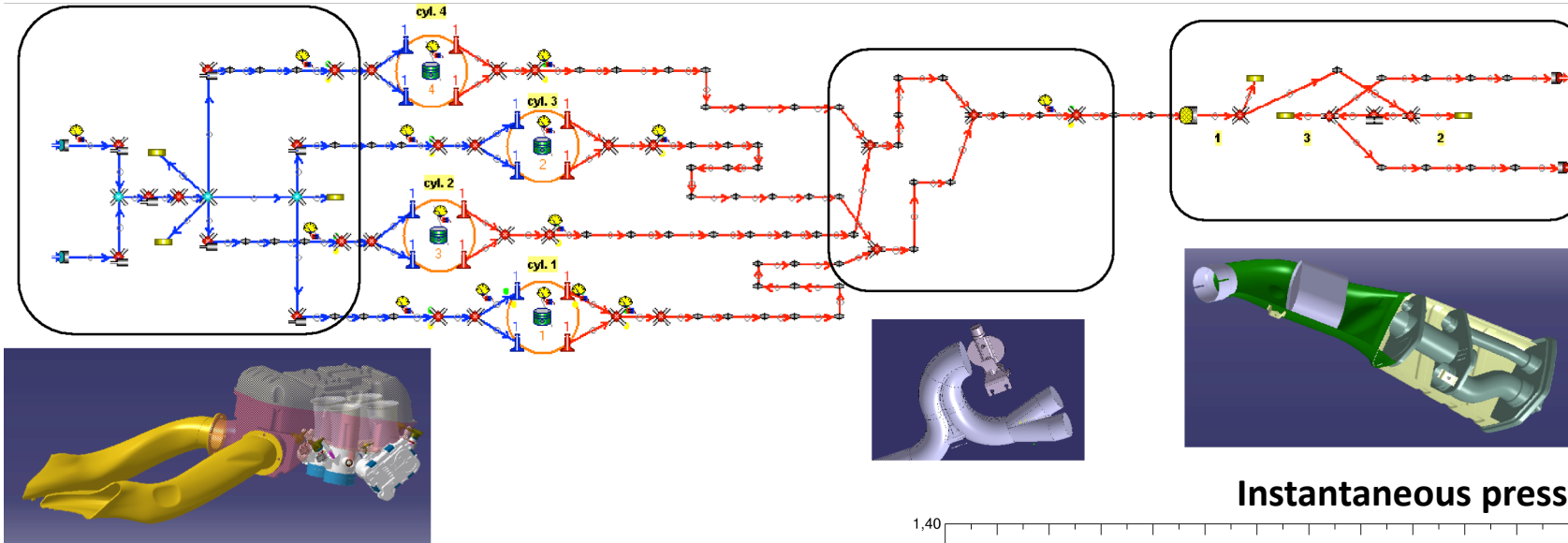
**1D model** of a single-cylinder, spark-ignition engine developed for a high-performance **Moto3** motorcycle.



Ref.: Montenegro, G., Cerri, T., Della Torre, A., Onorati, A. et al., Fluid Dynamic Optimization of a Moto3™ Engine by Means of 1D and 1D-3D Simulations, SAE Int. J. Engines 9(1):2016



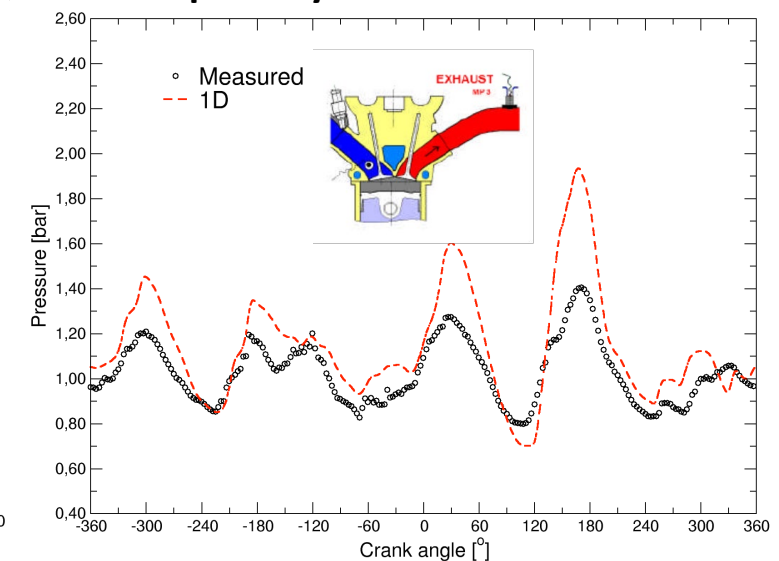
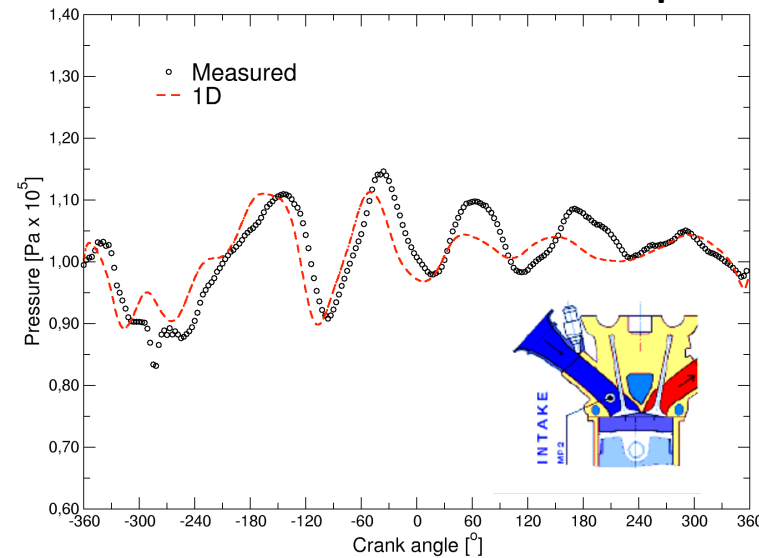
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## V4 high performance motorcycle SI engine

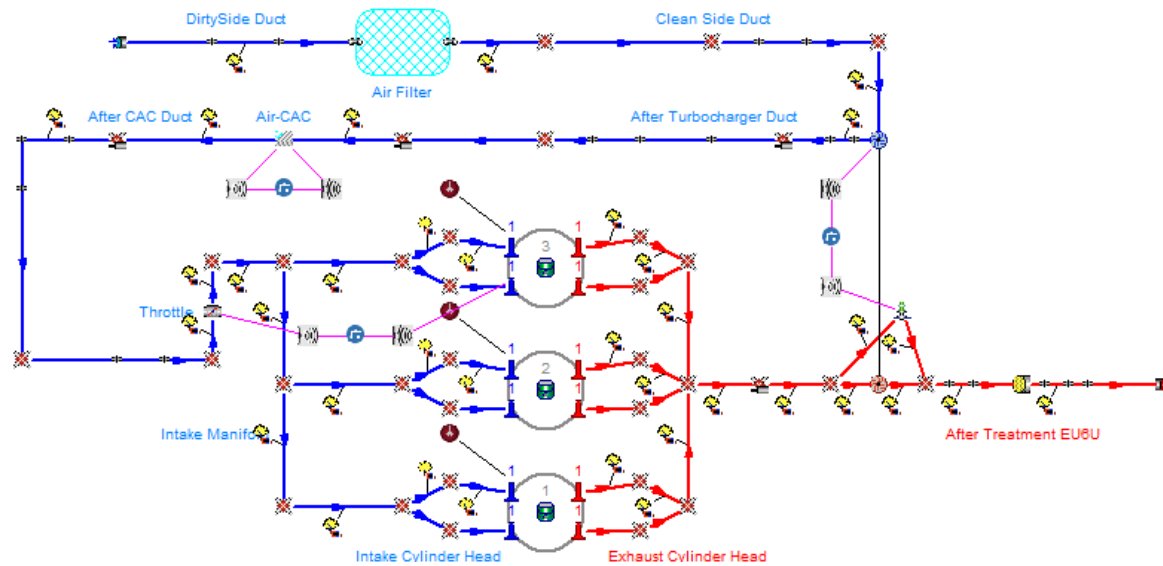
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Instantaneous pressures in the primary ducts





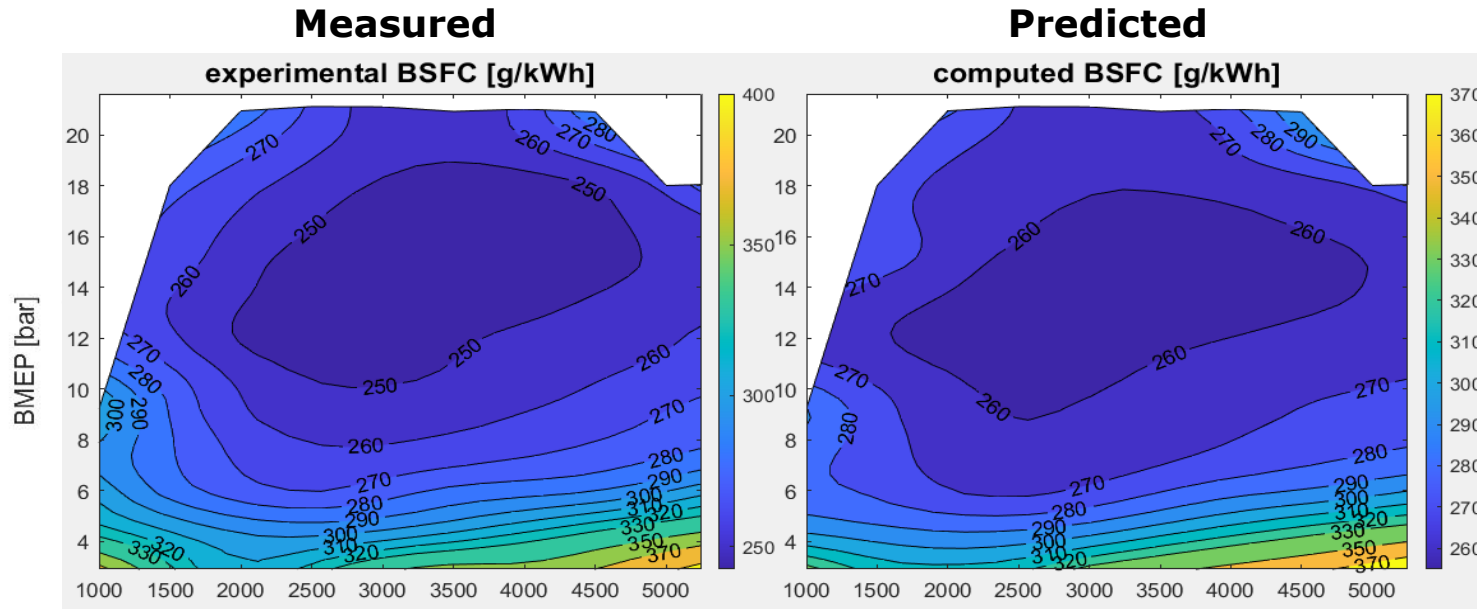
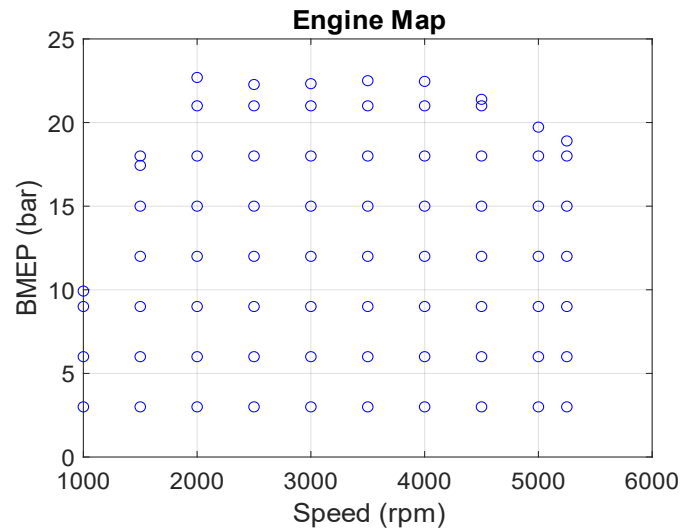
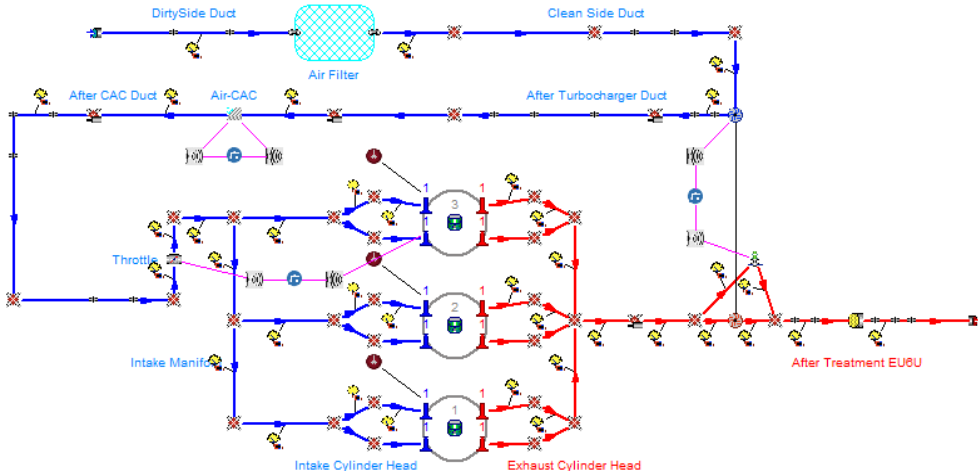
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## Renault 3-cyl. 1L, GDI engine

LAYOUT	in-line 3 cylinders
FUEL	gasoline
INJECTION	direct injection (GDI)
DISPLACEMENT	998.55 cm <sup>3</sup>
TURBOCHARGER	fix-geom turbine + WG + IC
MAX POWER	84 kW
MAX TORQUE	204 Nm
COMPRESSION RATIO	11:01
CYLINDER BORE-STROKE	72.2 cm - 81.3 cm
VALVES	12 (4 per cylinder) with VVA

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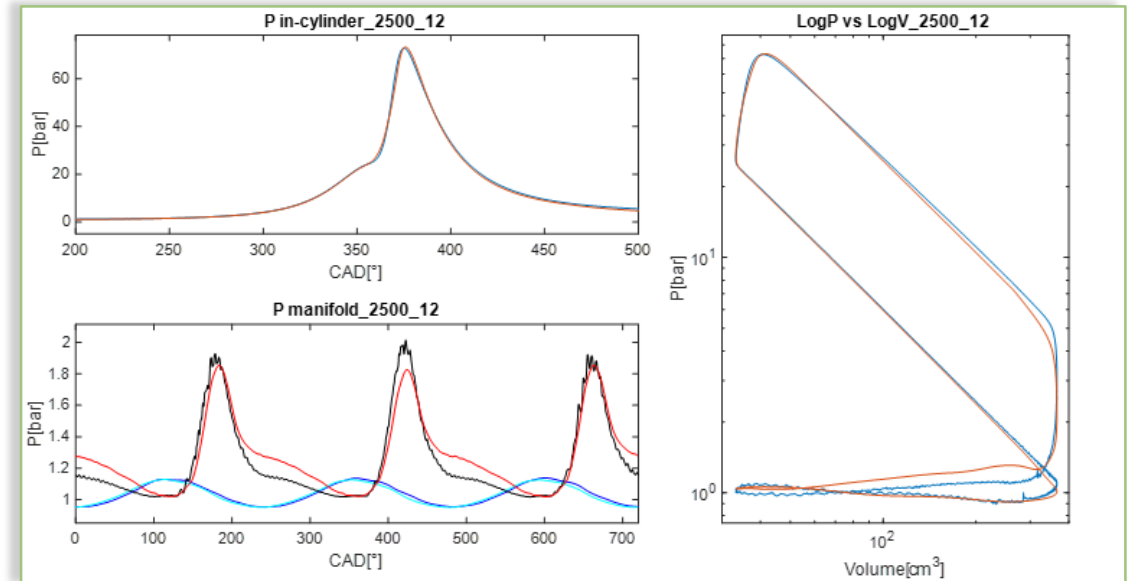
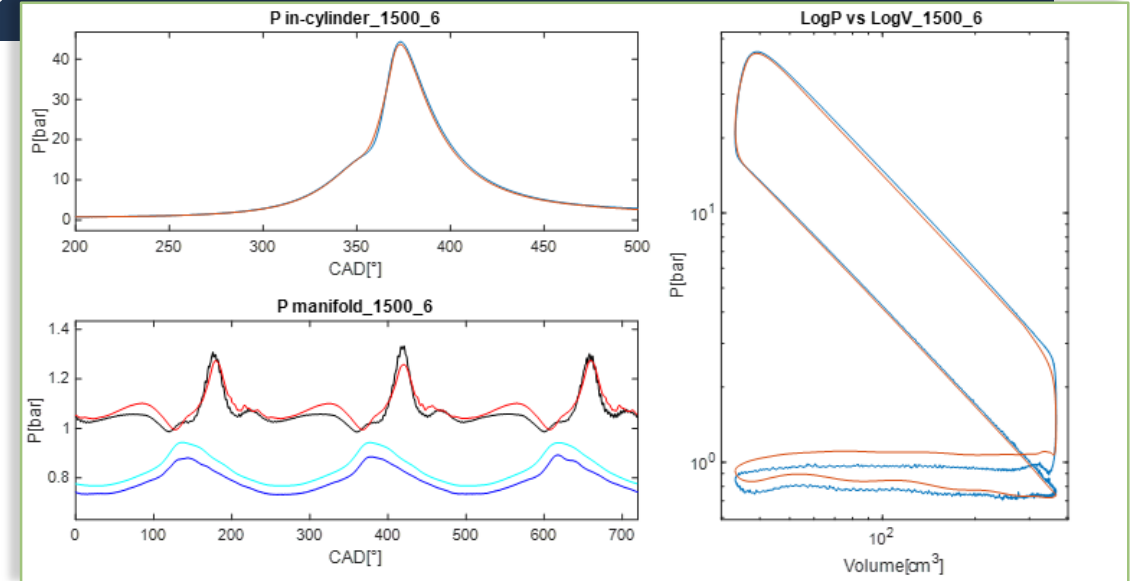
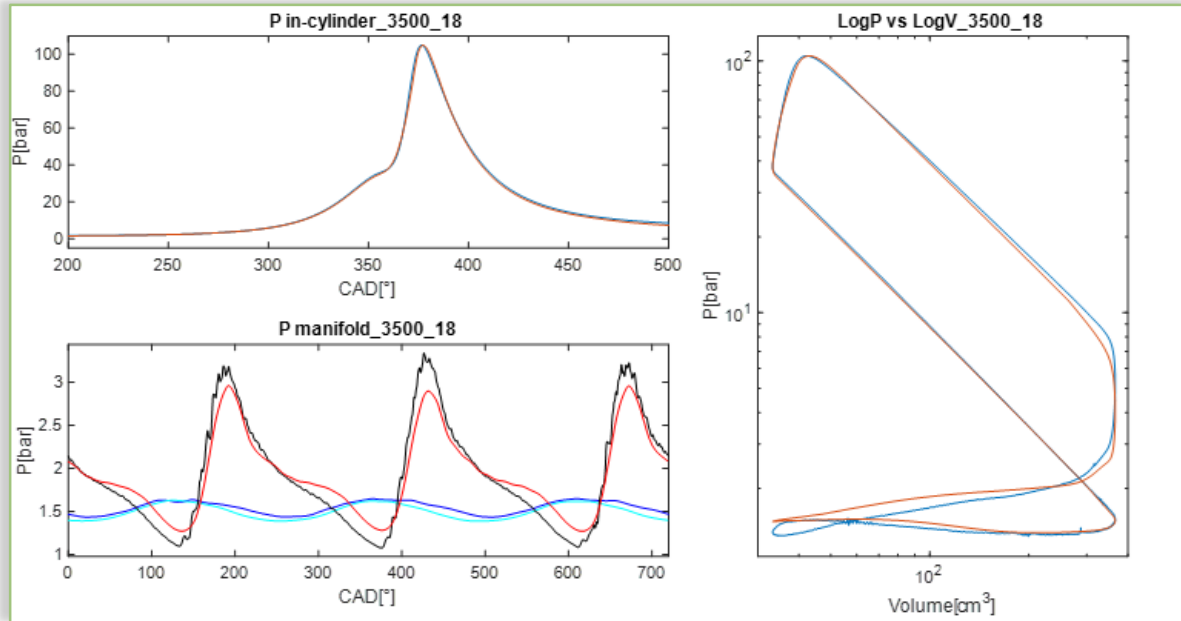


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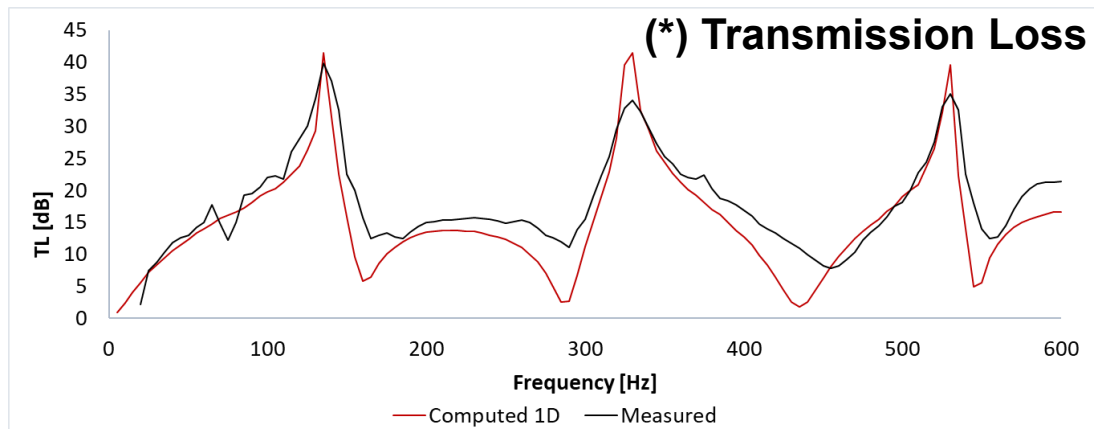
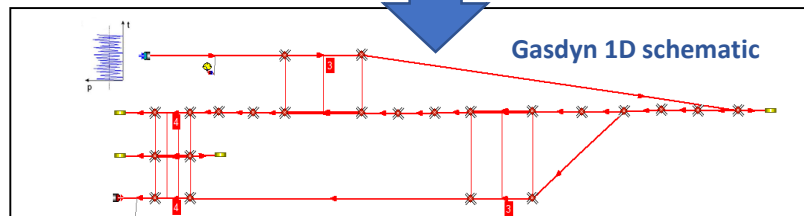
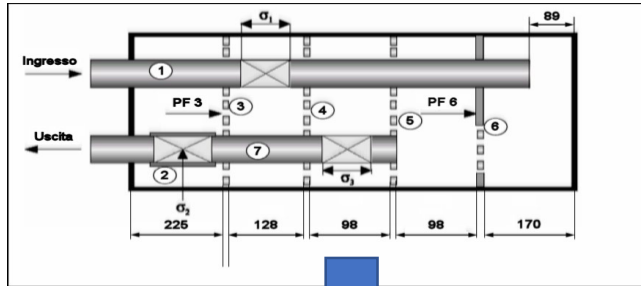
Comparisons of:

- In-cylinder pressure
- Intake and exhaust pressure

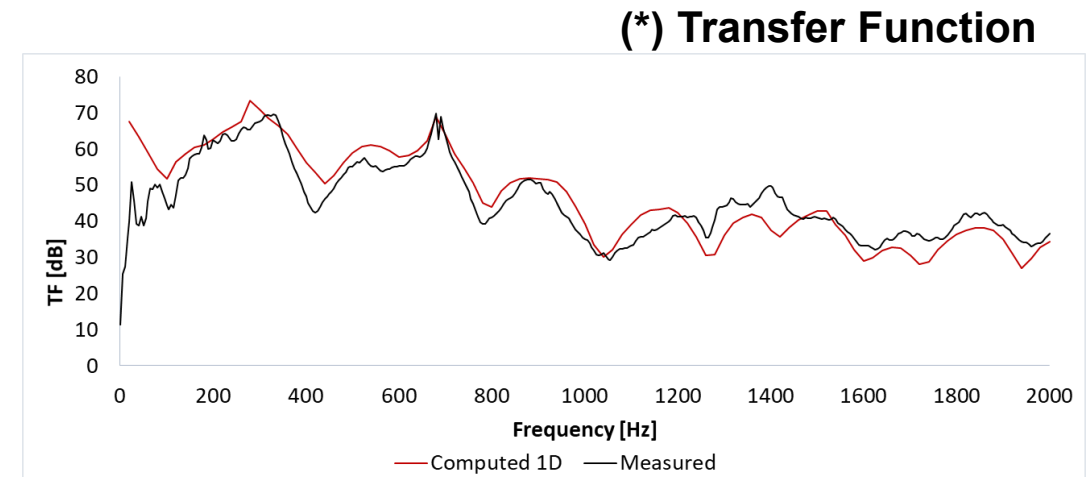
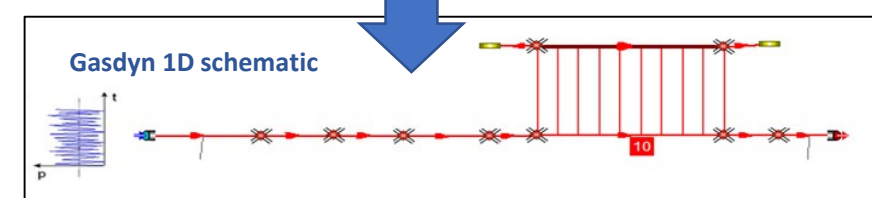
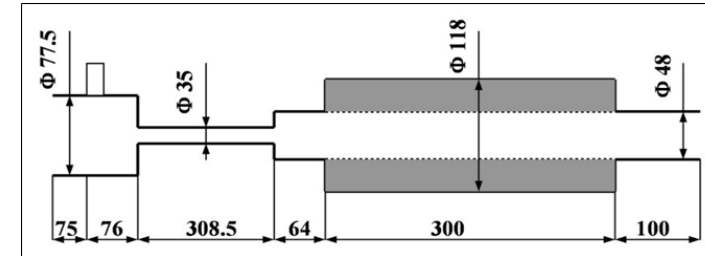


# Noise reduction: Transmission Loss and Transfer Function

## Multiple expansion chamber + perforated

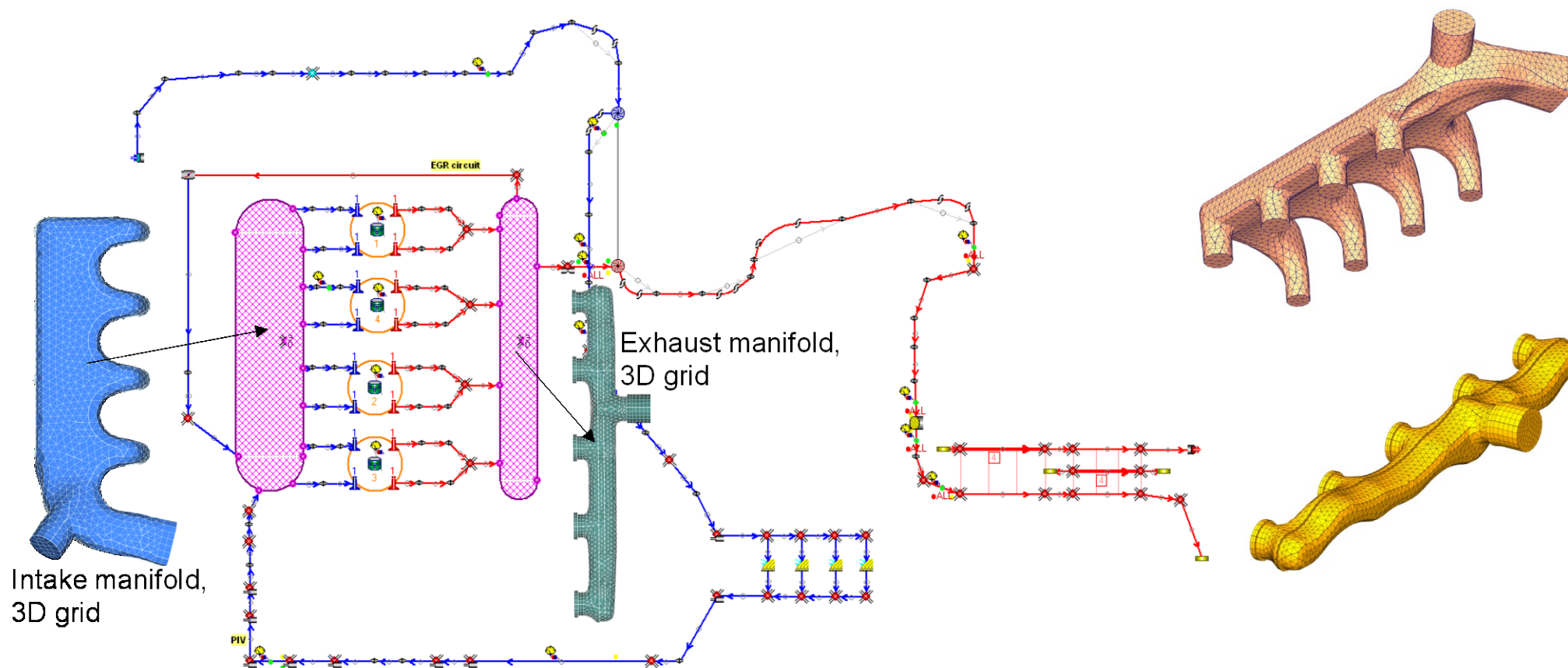


## Dissipative + perforated



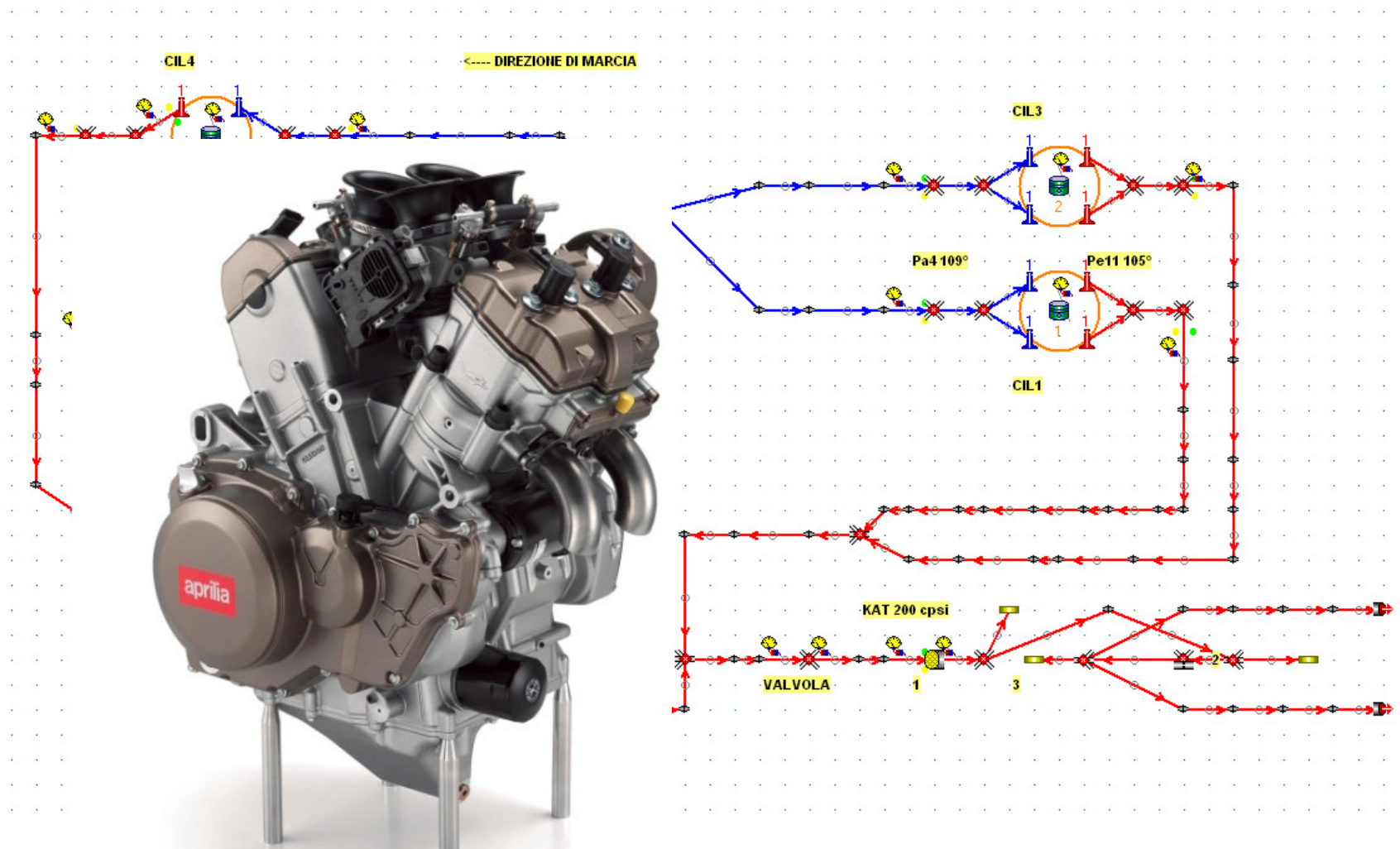
# Coupled 1D-3D simulations

Unsteady flows in intake and exhaust systems: 1D-3D coupling



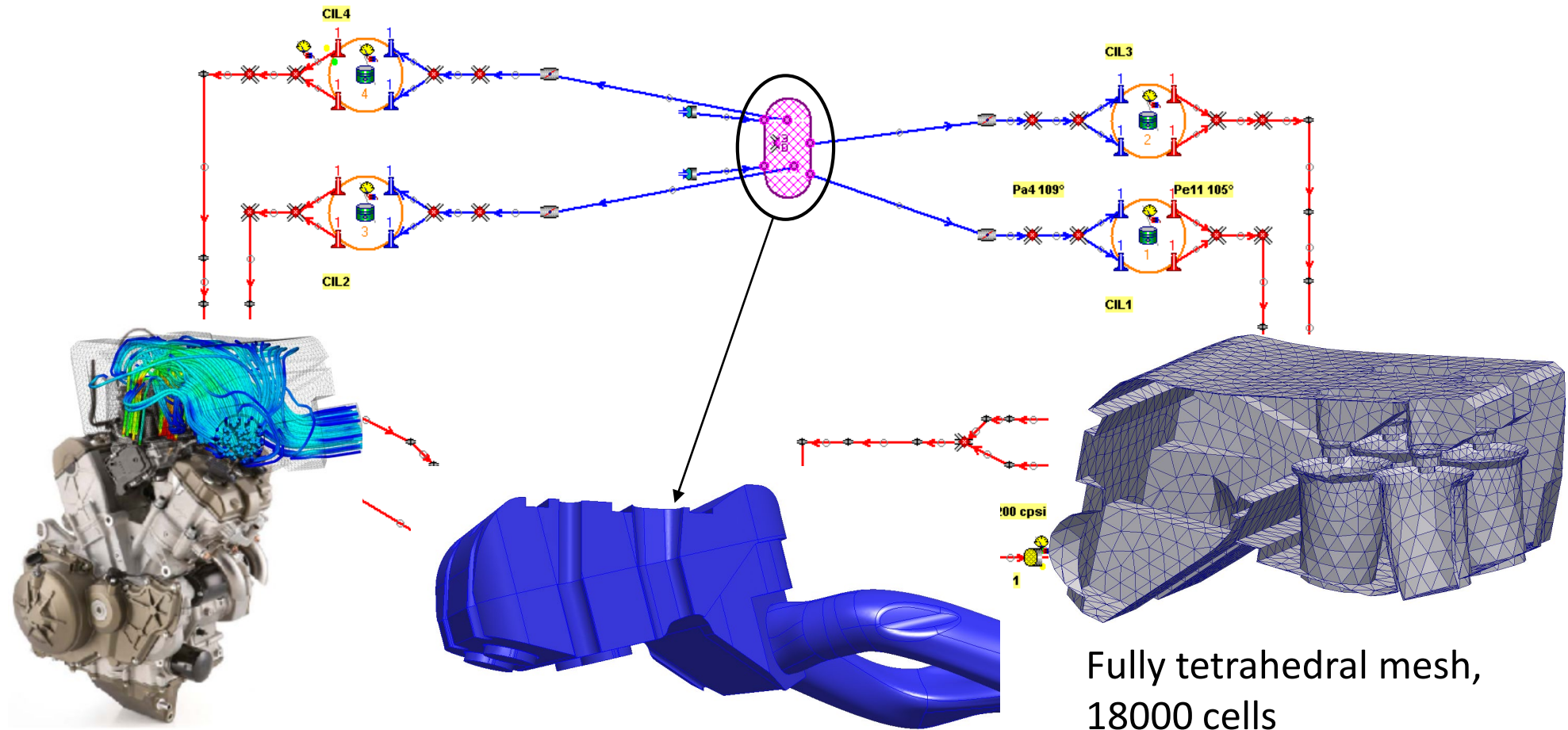


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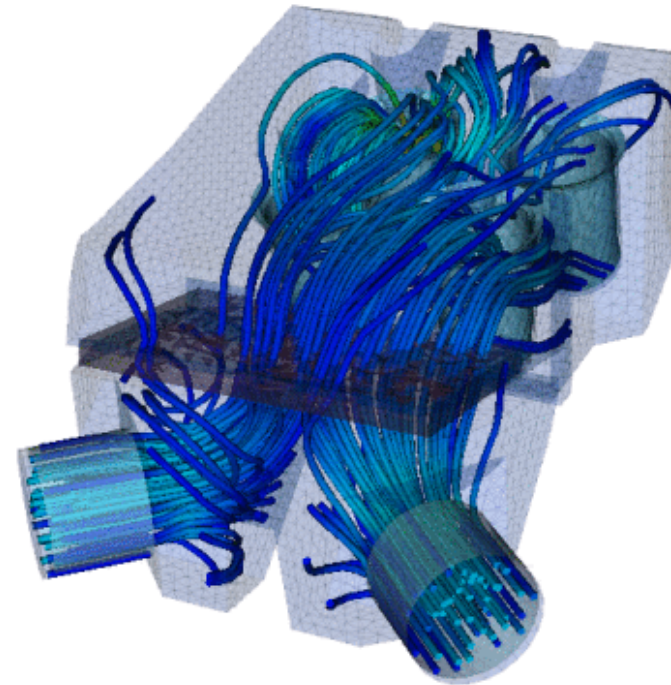
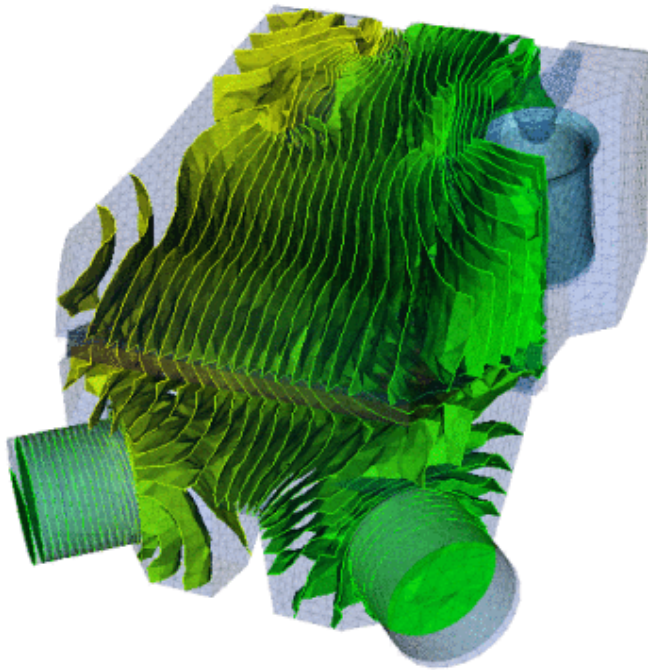
1D code GASDYN coupled to OpenFOAM:  
intake air-box, 3D domain





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**Pressure waves and gas velocity field in the air-box:**



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