

# The Scuderi Split Cycle Engine

## Technical Outline

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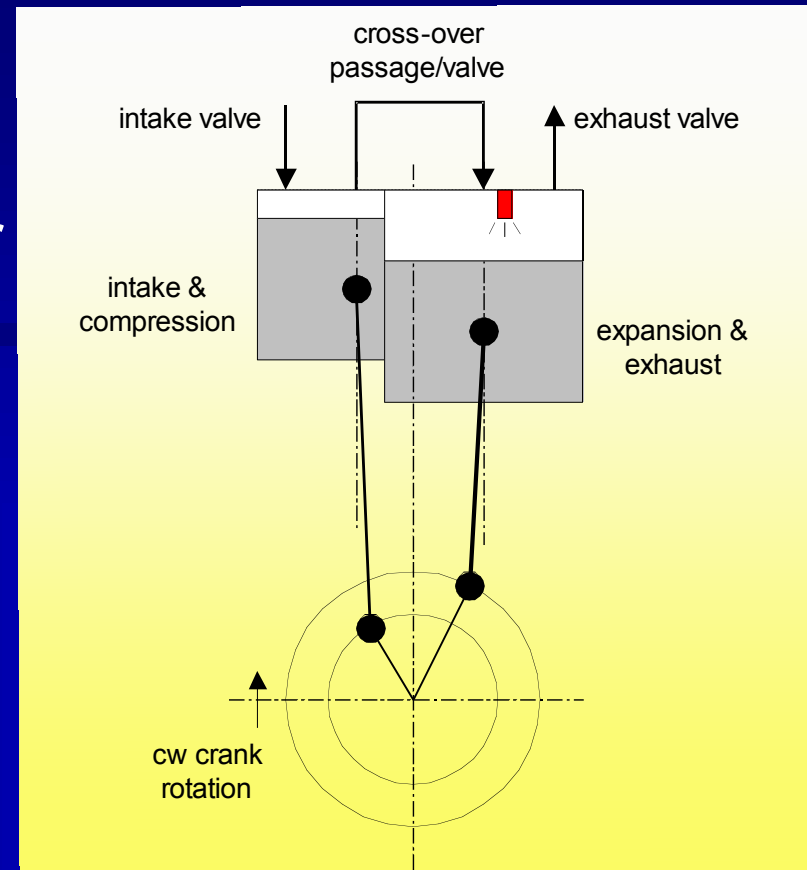
# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Background & History

- Original concept from Carmelo Scuderi (father), using experience derived from compressor technology
- Family continue and form the Scuderi Group
- 430 Patent applications filed and 122 granted
- SwRI commenced work Sep 2002
- Initial Evaluation completed July 2003
- Proof of Concept Study commenced July 2005
- Critical Issues Evaluation (Full Load) completed July 2007.
- Valvetrain Test Rig commissioned March 2008
- Prototype Research Spark Ignition engine design commenced October 2007
- Prototype Research Spark Ignition engine first firing achieved June 25, 2009



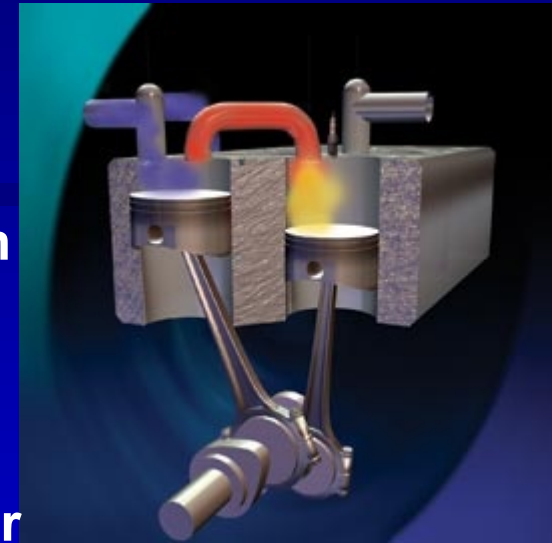
# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Basic Concepts

- Two adjacent cylinders joined by a crossover (Xover) gas transfer passage
- One cylinder is compressor, the other an expander.
- Expander is  $20^\circ\text{CA}$  in advance of compressor
- Cylinders may be offset
- Combustion after TDC
- Fueling in Xover or expander cylinder
- 4-stroke cycle achieved by Split 2-cycle compressor & expander cycles



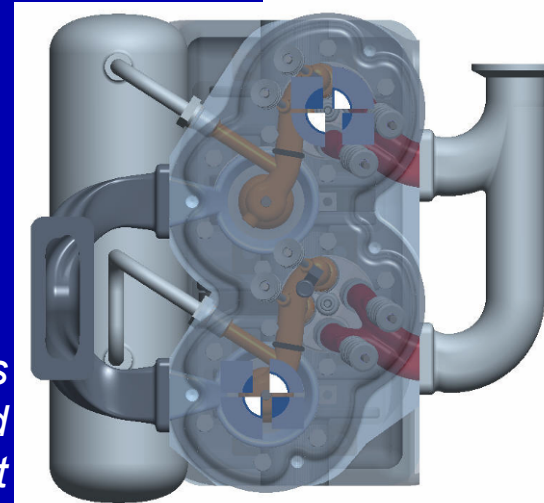
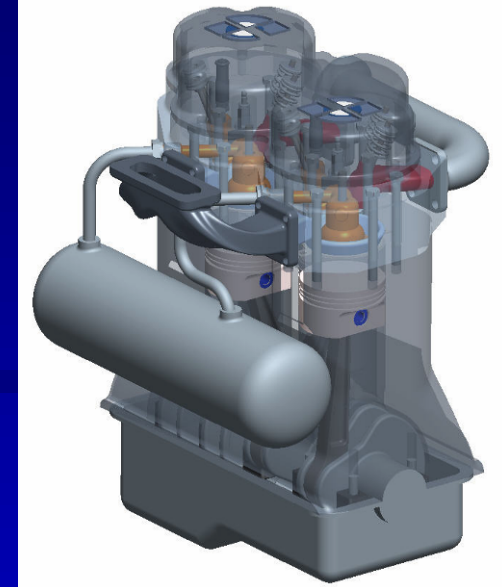
# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Operating Principle

- Intake charge is drawn into compressor cylinder
- Charge is compressed and driven into crossover gas passage via valve system
- Pressurized charge is admitted to expander cylinder near TDC, together with fuel
- Combustion takes place in expanding cylinder
- Exhaust gases are expelled from expander cylinder (as 4-stroke)



# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Operating Principle

- Split Cycle engine adapts very well to Air Hybrid operation
  - An air storage tank is connected to the cross-over gas passage by a control valve
  - Can operate in air motor mode with compressor cylinder disabled, consuming stored air from tank
  - Can operate in air braking mode with expander cylinder disabled, compressing air into tank (i.e. regenerative braking)

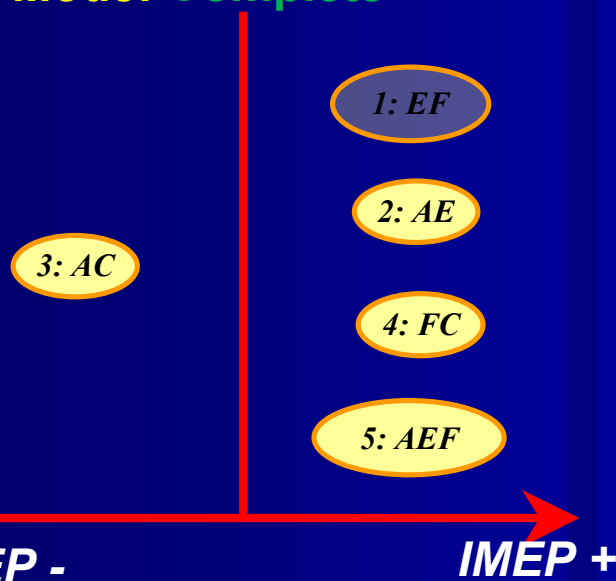


*Early impressions  
of an air hybrid  
concept*



# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Air Hybrid Operating Modes

- Engine Firing (EF) mode is to be correlated to measured data from the Prototype Research Engine
- 4 Air hybrid modes are simulated (Optimization Task 1)
  - AC Mode: Complete
  - AE Mode: Complete
  - AEF Mode: Complete
  - FC Mode: Complete



1. **EF** Engine Firing
2. **AE** Air Expander
3. **AC** Air Compressor
4. **FC** Firing and Charging
5. **AEF** Air Expander + Firing



# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Air Hybrid Study

*Initial Coarse optimisation of  
"within mode" engine valve timing  
to define suitable xovr and tank  
valve arrangement*

*Design study to  
determine feasibility of  
valve arrangement*

**OPTIMISATION  
TASK 1**

*All modes mapped  
for optimal fuel  
and/or air flow*

**Air tank  
size**

**Drive cycle  
(speed Vs time)**

**Vehicle  
specs**

**Vehicle  
performance**

**Engine Torque  
(positive and negative)**

**OPTIMISATION  
TASK 3**

*Mode Schedule  
on drive cycle  
(sec by sec)*

**Engine IMEP**

**OPTIMISATION  
TASK 2**

*Engine size  
and gear ratios*

**Fuel consumption  
mpg**



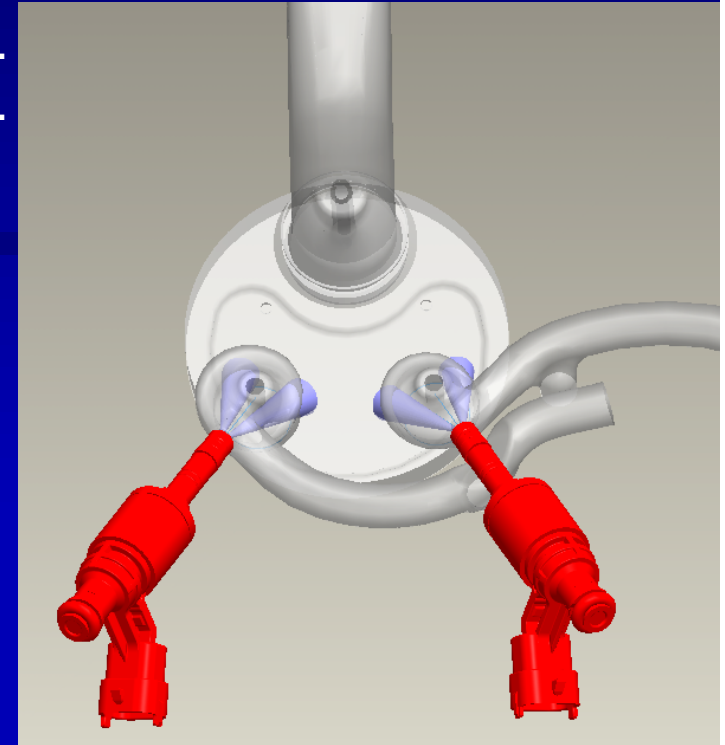
# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Design

## ■ Research Engine geometry features:

### ● Cylinder displacements:

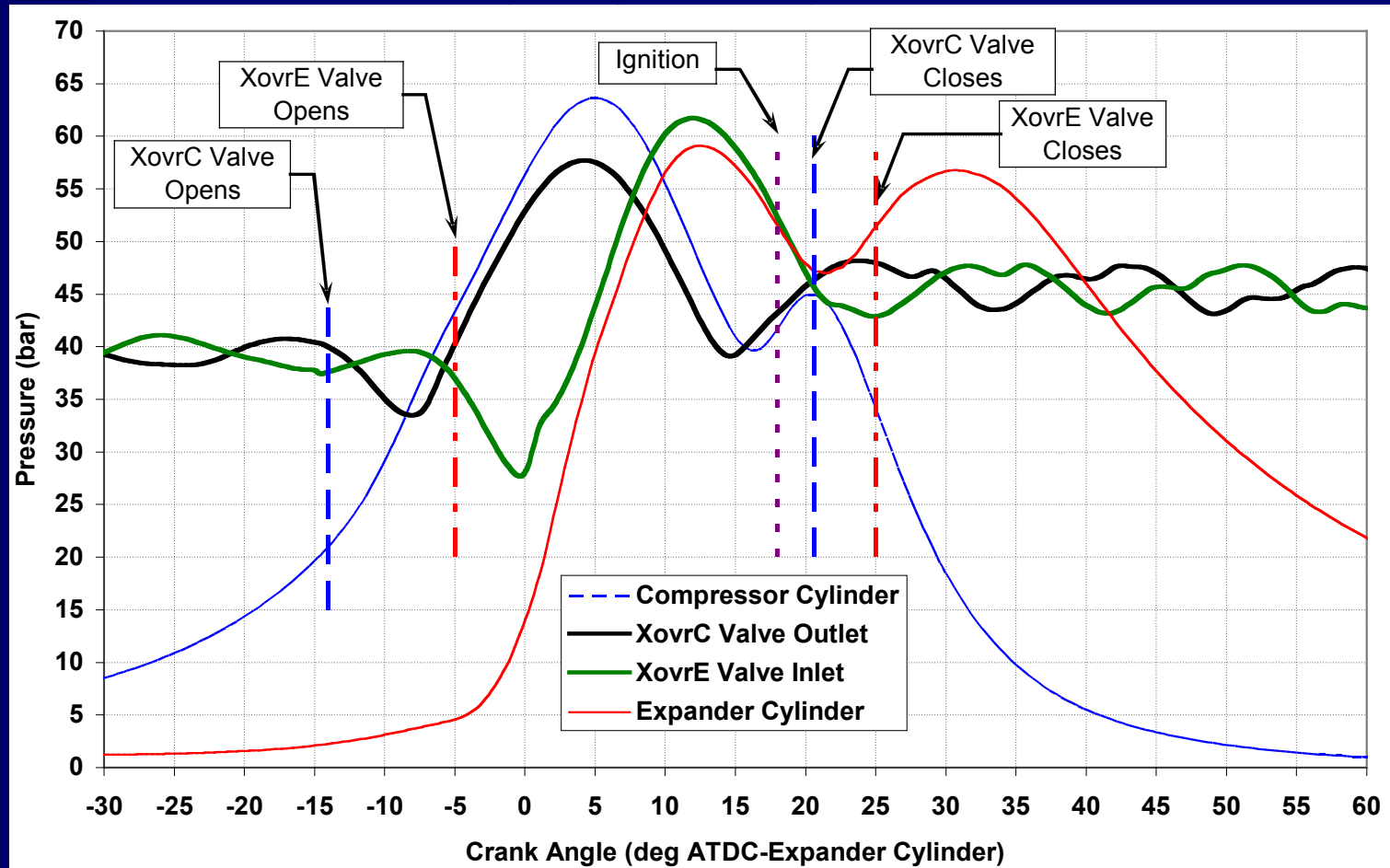
— Compressor:	NA 0.59 L	TC 0.48 L
— Power/Expander:	NA 0.52 L	TC 0.52 L

- Separate Xovr ports
- Single exhaust valve to allow twin spark plugs
- Shallow bowl in piston crown
- Bosch gasoline DI injection system,





# Scuderi SC NA Engine: Crossover Port and Cylinder Pressures



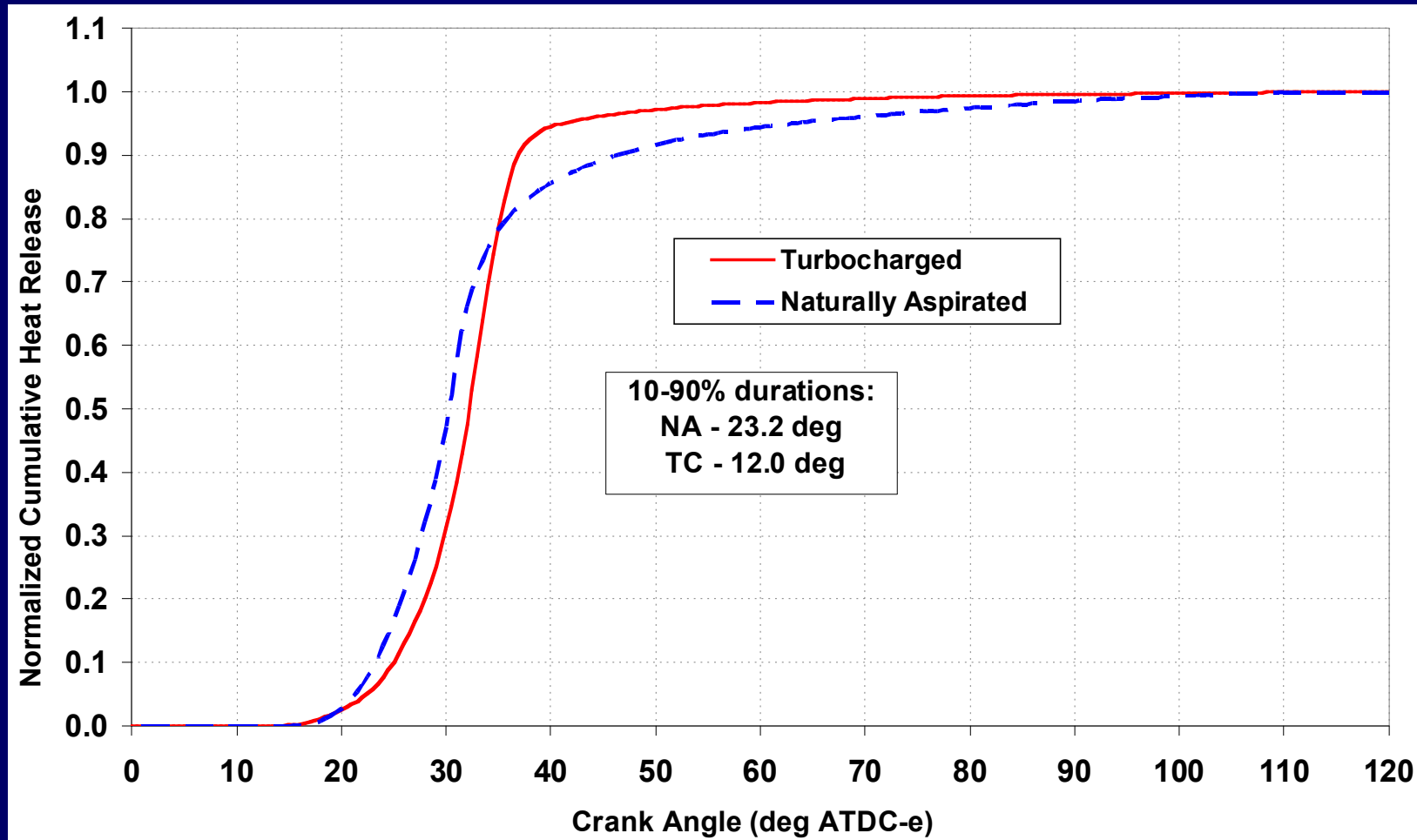
4000 rpm, full load predictions



# CFD Predictions

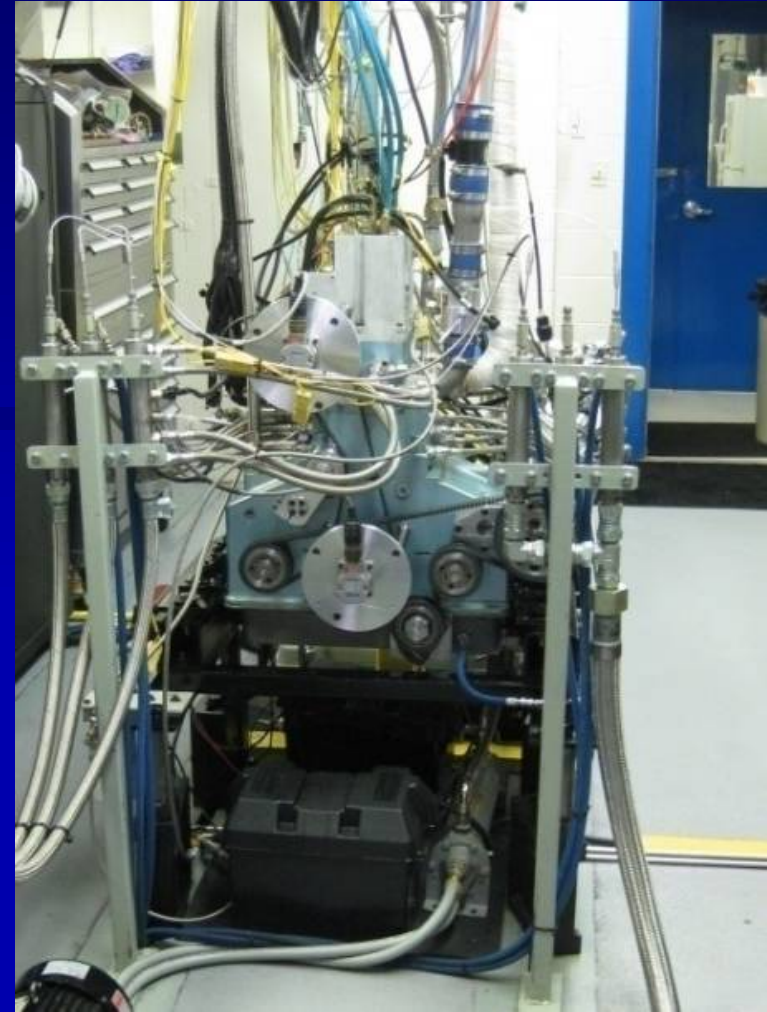
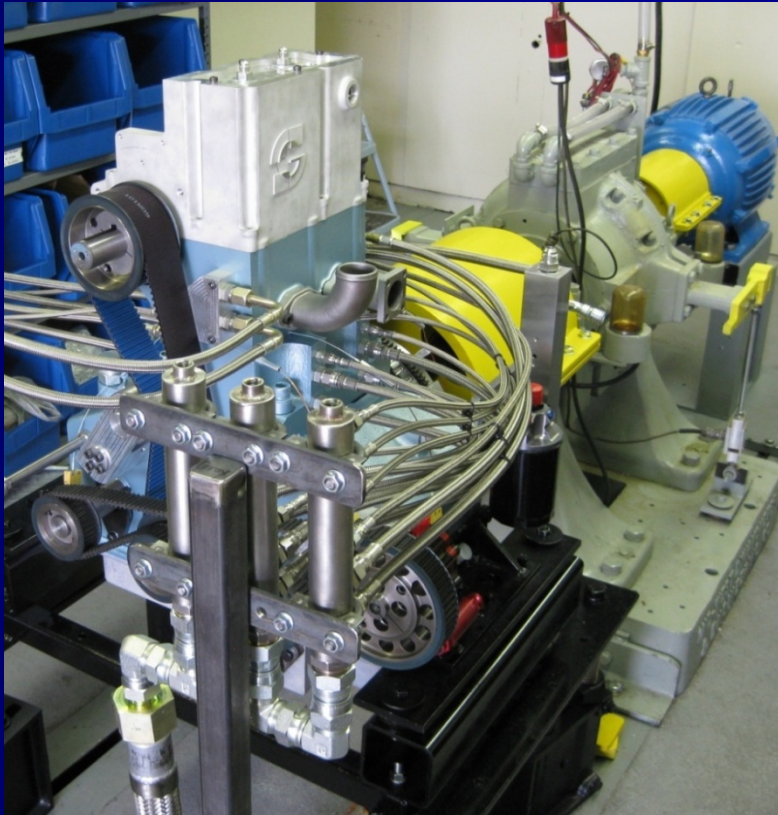
## Normalized Cumulative Heat Release

### 4000 RPM Full Load – NA & Turbocharged



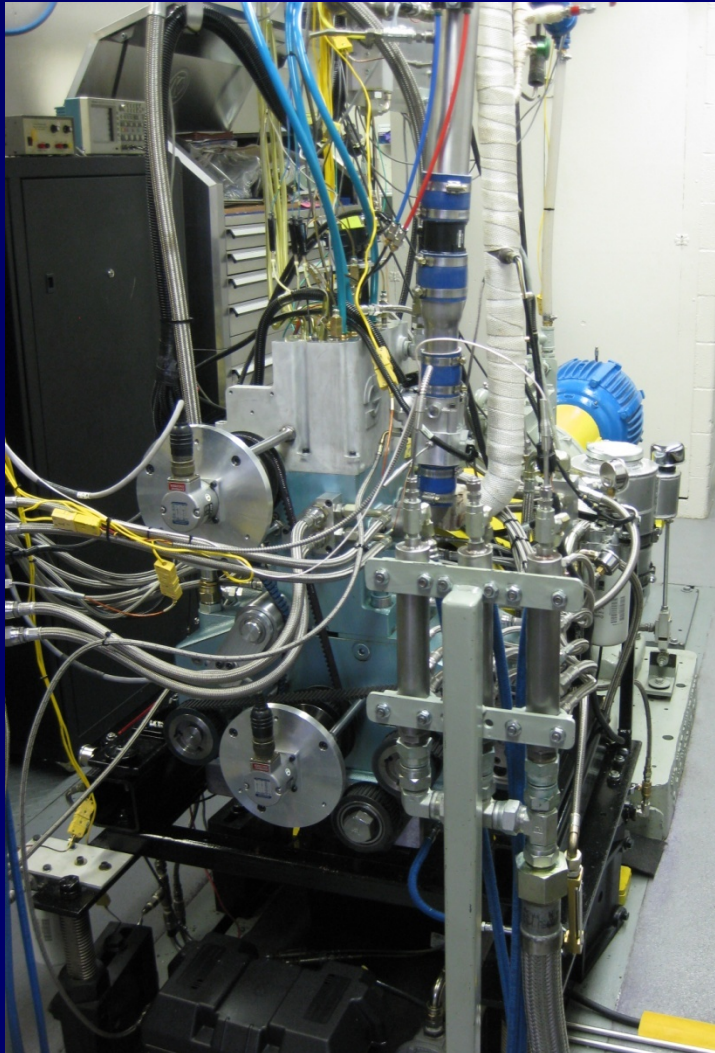
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- Engine installed on dyno with motoring capability
- First firing achieved with minimal adjustments



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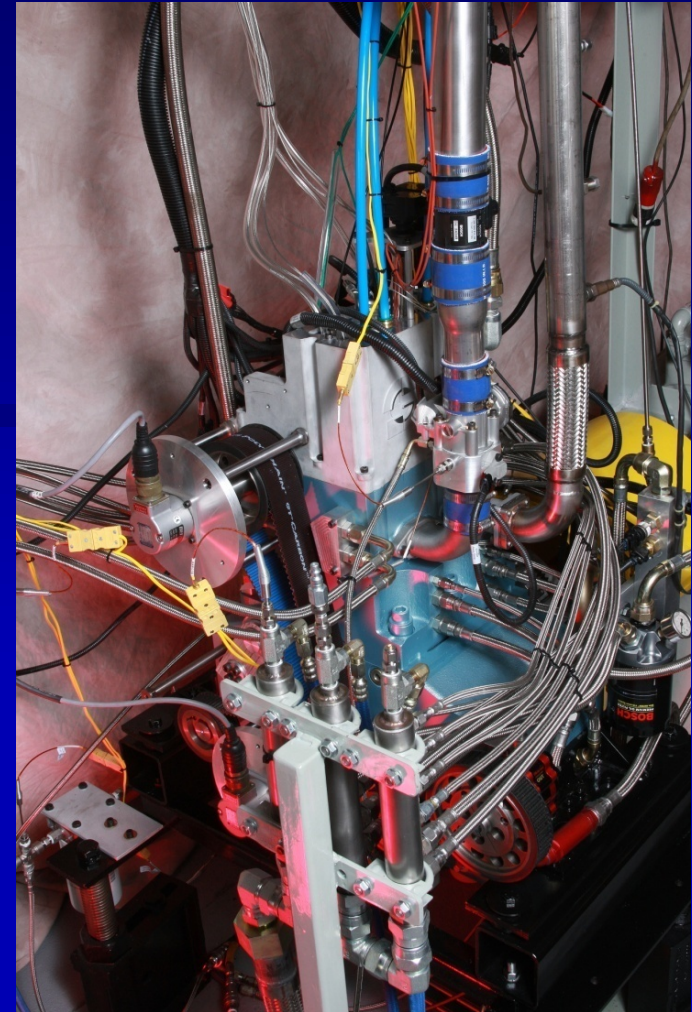
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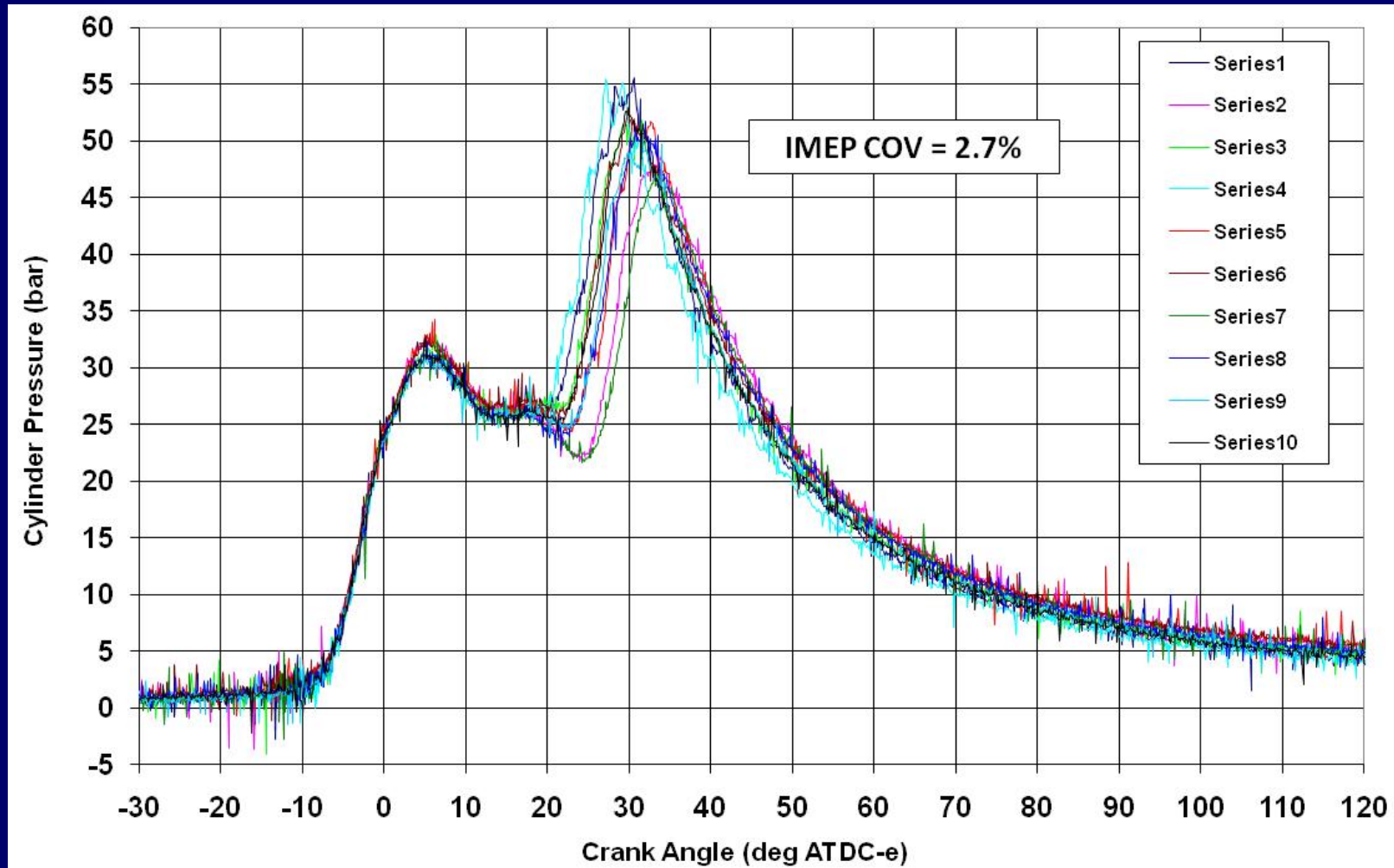
## ■ Current Status

- Engine speeds in the range 700 – 3250 RPM explored
  - 10-80% load mapped at most points
- Very successful and consistent combustion
  - IMEP COV: 1.5-4%
- Engine near-idle points explored at 1000-2000 RPM using intake valve and throttle plate control with electric motor assist
- Currently mapping engine to 4,000 RPM and 0-100% load
- Single Xovr port configuration successfully tested at light loads down to 700 RPM

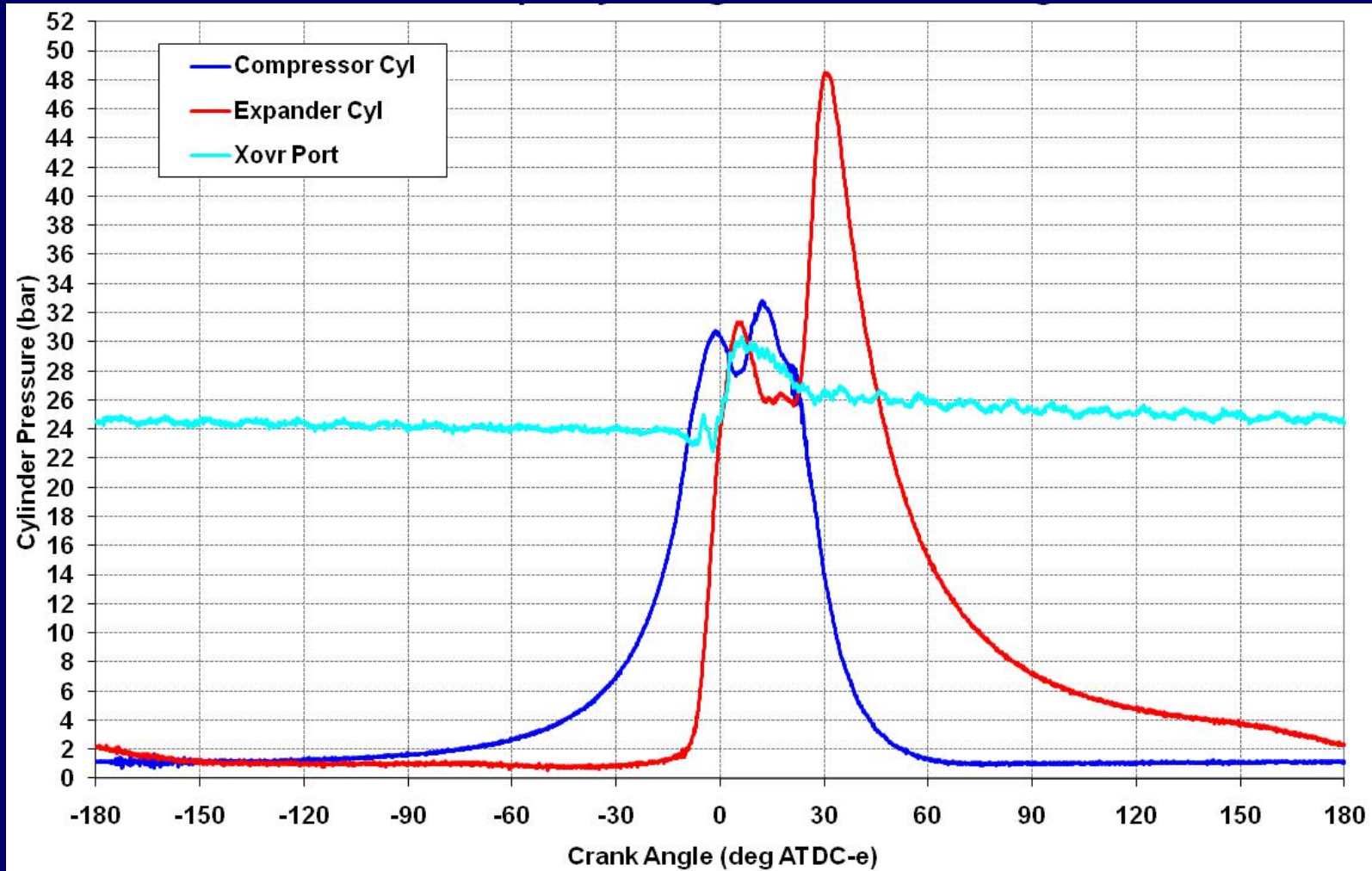


# Power Cylinder Pressures – Individual Cycles

## 2250 RPM – Run 675 – 70% Load

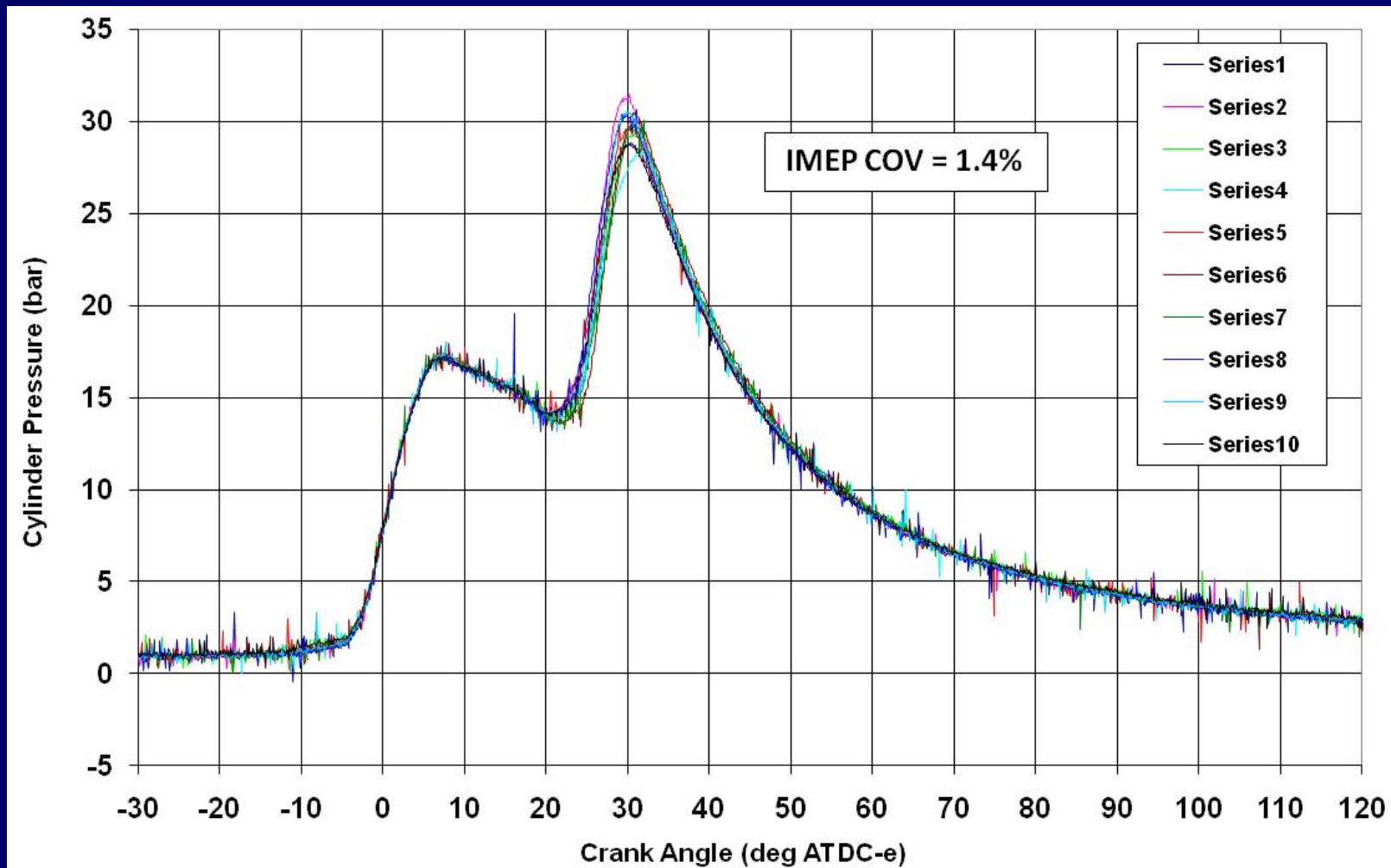


# Cylinder and Xovr Port Pressures – 50 Cycle Average 2250 RPM – Run 675 – 70% Load



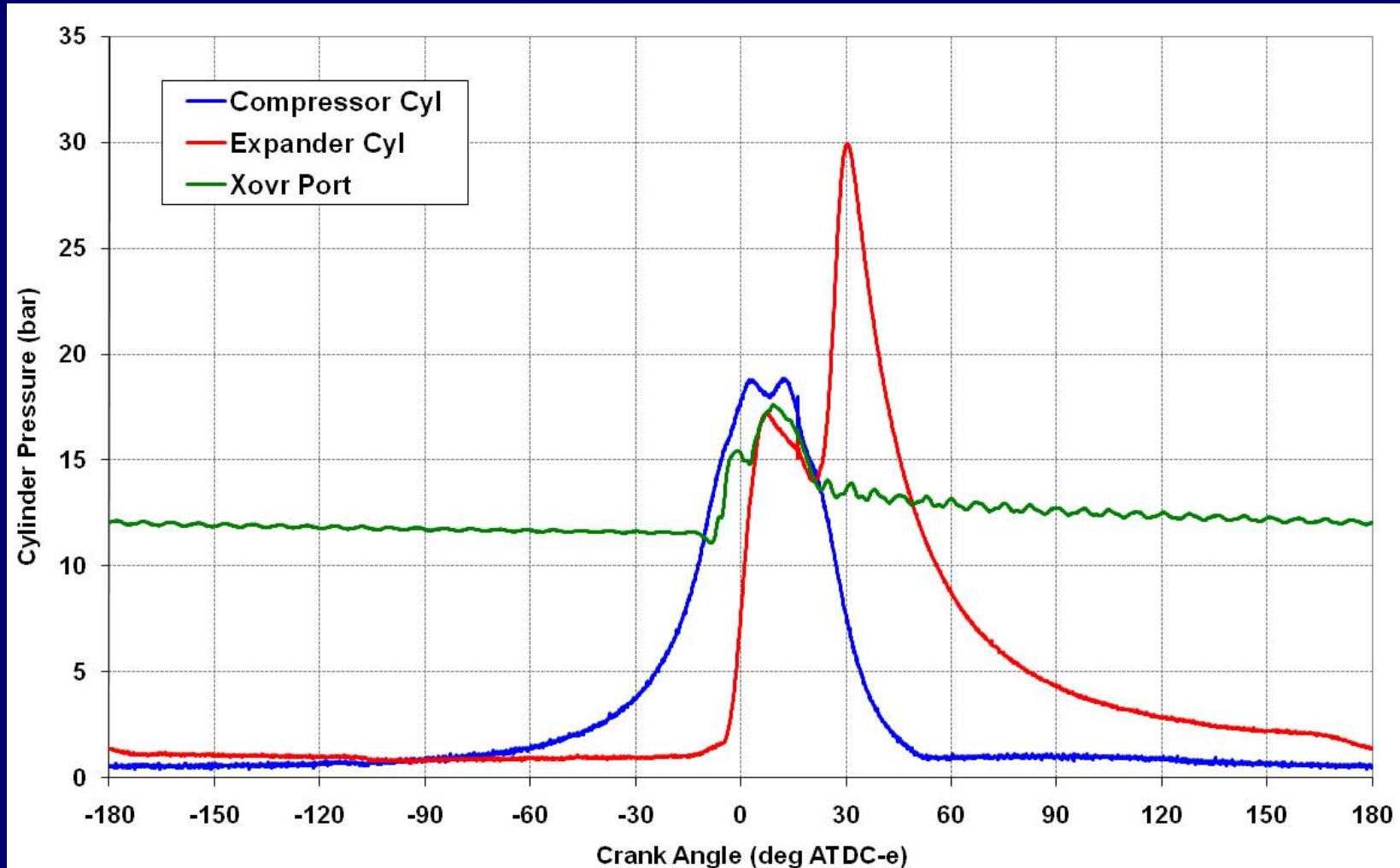
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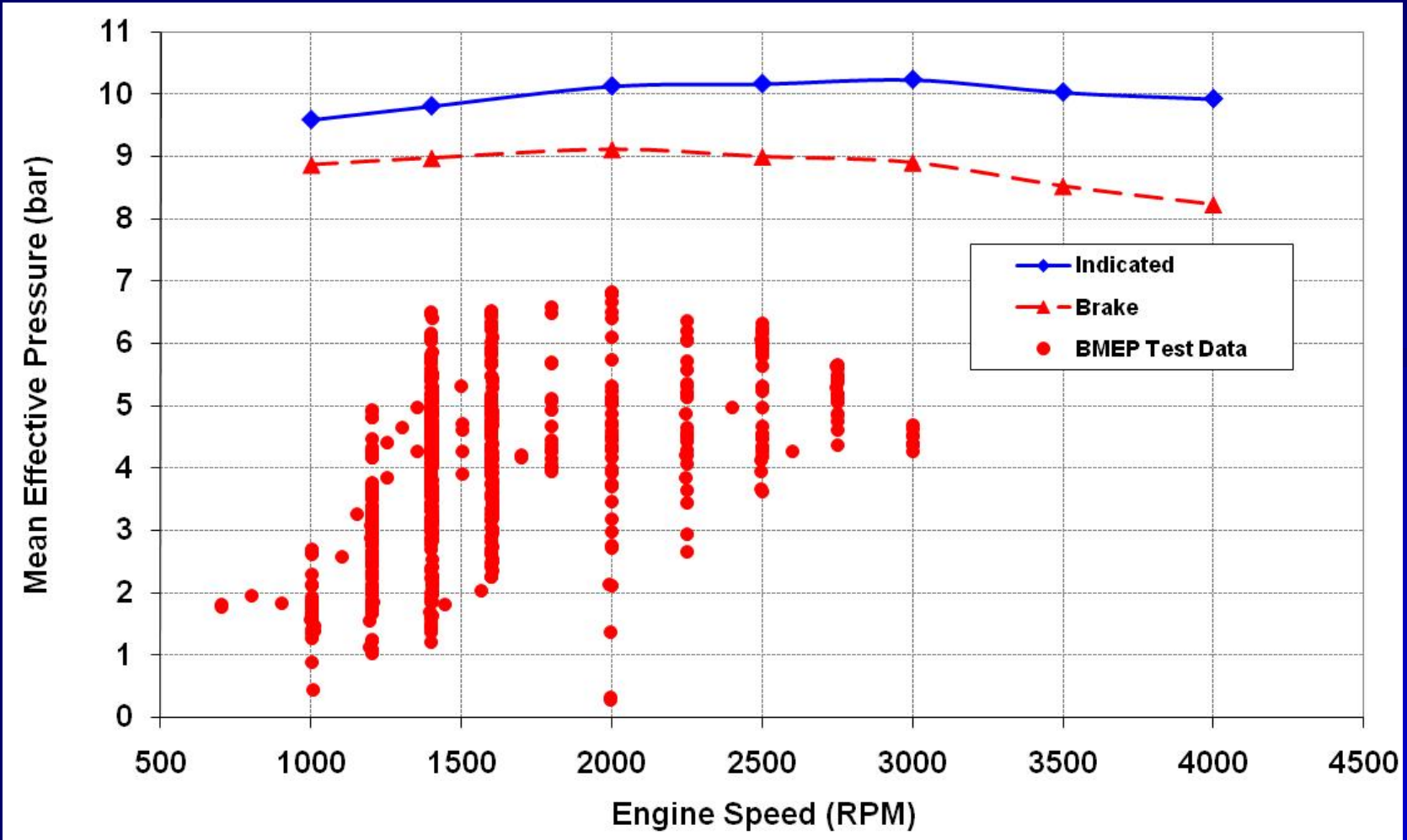




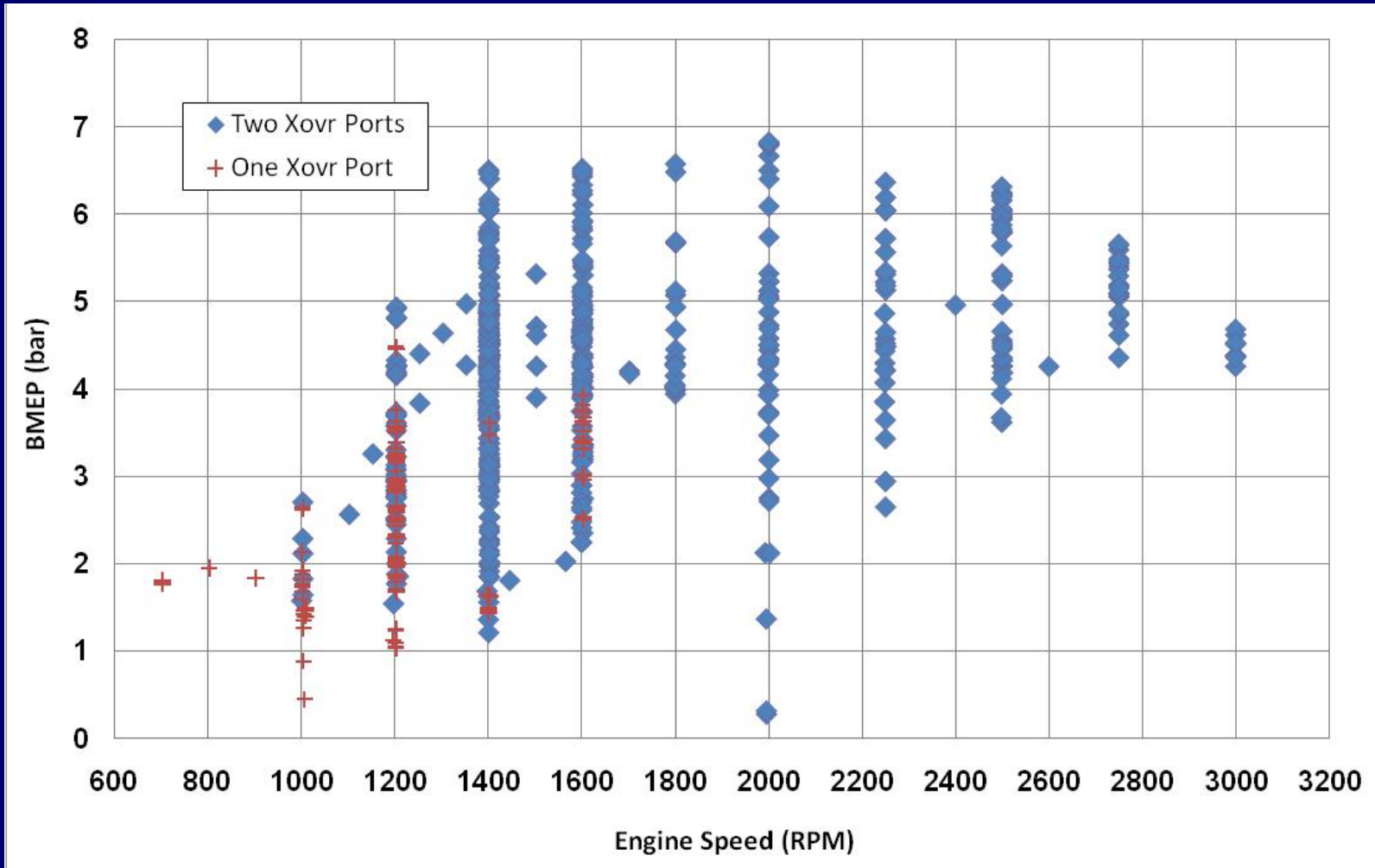
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# NA Mean Effective Pressures Predicted Maximums and Tested Data Points



# NA Brake Mean Effective Pressures Tested Data Points – One and Two Xovr Ports



# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine Potential Advantages

- Very low NOx by burning after TDC, even without EGR
- Potentially reduced detonation tendency vs conventional Spark Ignition (SI) combustion
- Relative ease of air hybrid vs conventional due to separated compressor & expander cylinders
- Applicable to SI and compression ignition cycles
- Interested parties are invited to enter into an NDA with Scuderi Group to allow exchange of further information



# Scuderi Split Cycle Engine

*Thank you for your attention*

*Any Questions?*

