
Measurement of the Instantaneous In-Cylinder Soot Temperature and Concentration in a Multi- Cylinder Engine

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OVERVIEW

GOALS: Correlation between in-cylinder and engine-out soot emissions

Characterize cylinder and cycle specific soot emissions in a multi - cylinder engine

- Overview of instrumentation and measurements
- Selection and evaluation of a suitable correlation between FSN and Pyrometry
- Use of the correlation to investigate cycle to cycle soot emission variations
- Investigation of soot formation and oxidation processes

INTRODUCTION

SOOT INSTRUMENTATION

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FSN

- Measurement of the steady-state, engine-out soot emissions (in exhaust system)
- Extracted exhaust is drawn through filter paper – paper blackening is measured
- A measure of all particulate components

Pyrometry

- In-cylinder measurement of soot formation and oxidation processes
- Light radiated from soot is used to determine:
 - Soot temperature
 - KL-Factor (\sim soot concentration)
- Considers only hot (glowing) soot

MEASUREMENTS

TESTBENCH/INSTRUMENTATION

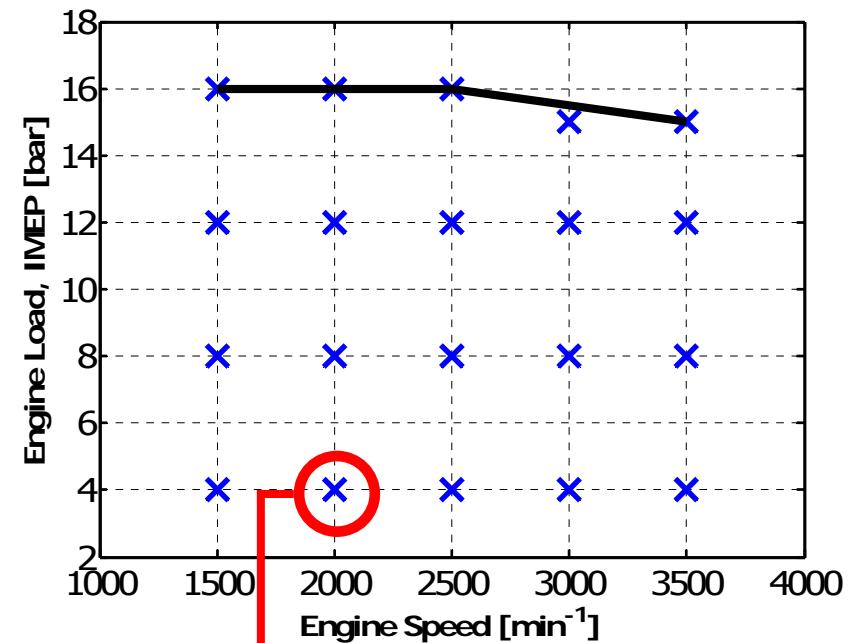
- VW TDI, 4 cyl. (Kistler)
- Soot instrumentation
 - In-cylinder 3 color pyrometry (KL-factor)
 - Exhaust mounted AVL 415S (FSN)
- Additional parameters
 - Cylinder pressure (cylinders 1, 2, 4)
 - Intake air pressure (1 Sensor)
 - Air mass flow rate (venturi)
 - Exhaust CO₂ concentration for λ



MEASUREMENTS

- 20 steady state operating points from the entire map
- Wide soot emission range:
 $FSN = 0.4 \dots 4.1$
- Reference point
- Cylinders 1, 2, 4 with 3 color pyrometry und cylinder pressure

OPERATING POINTS

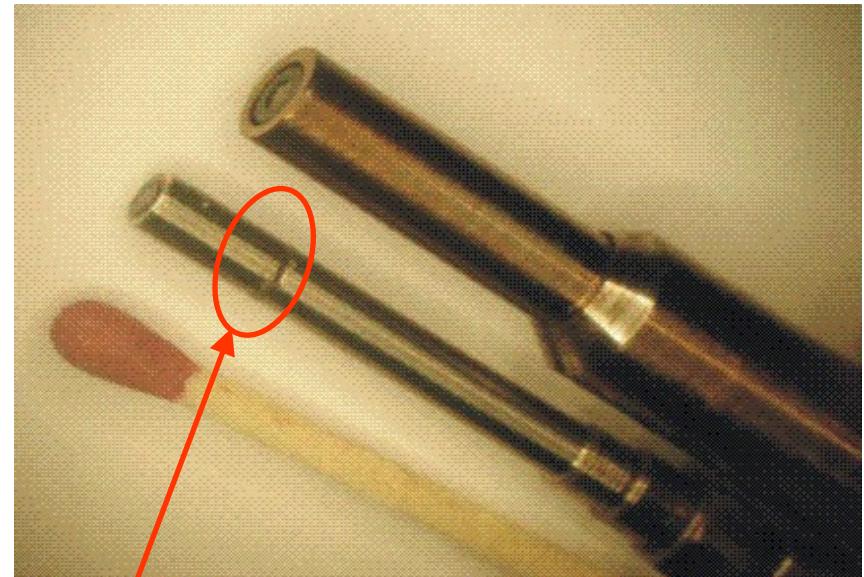


Reference point
repeated 4x

3 COLOR PYROMETRY

- System developed by:
 - Kistler AG
 - LAV (ETH Zürich)
 - Sensoptic
- Uses 3 wavelengths for redundancy
- Window heated to 600°C to prevent contamination
- Small size permits use in production engines (glowplug adapter, for eg.)

IMPLEMENTED SENSOR



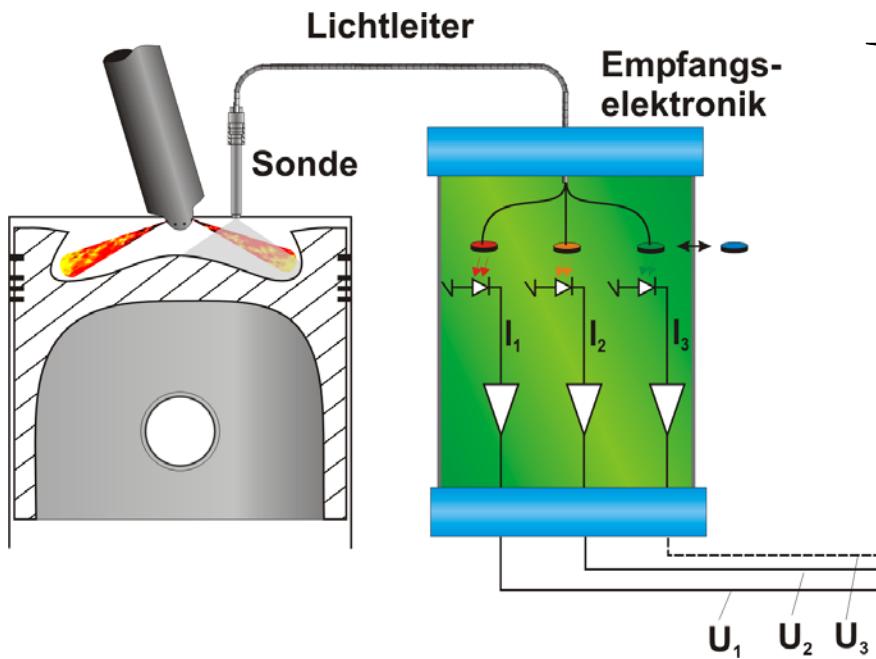
$d_{\text{Sensor}} = 3\text{mm}$

KISTLER
measure. analyze. innovate.

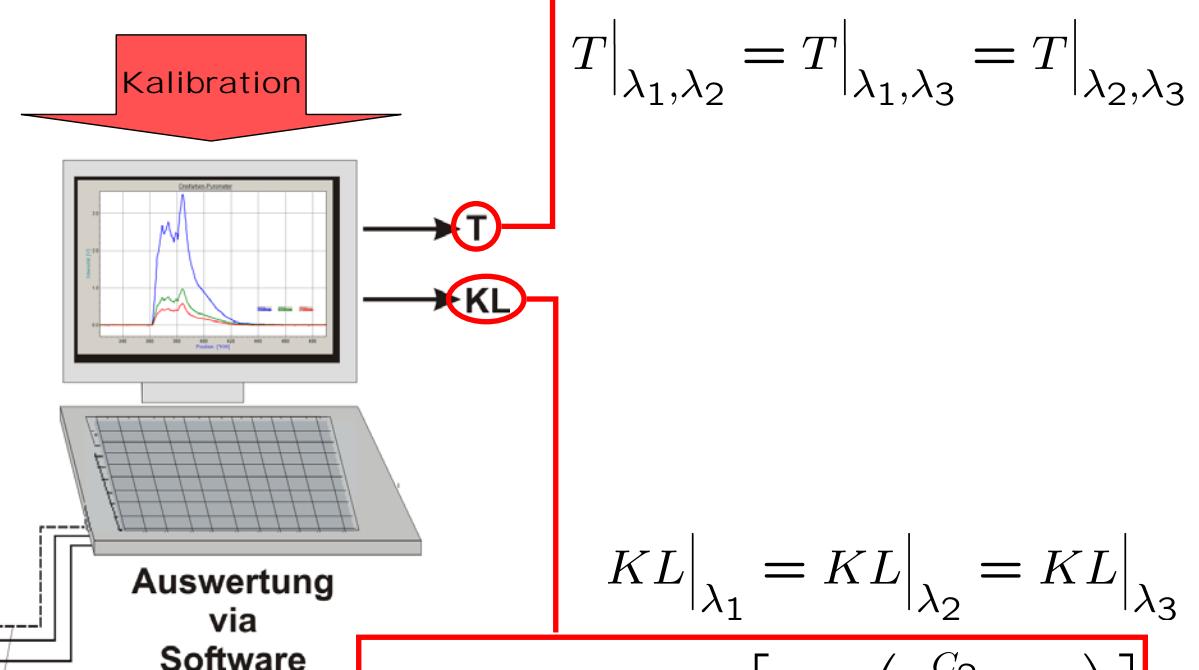
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3 COLOR PYROMETRY

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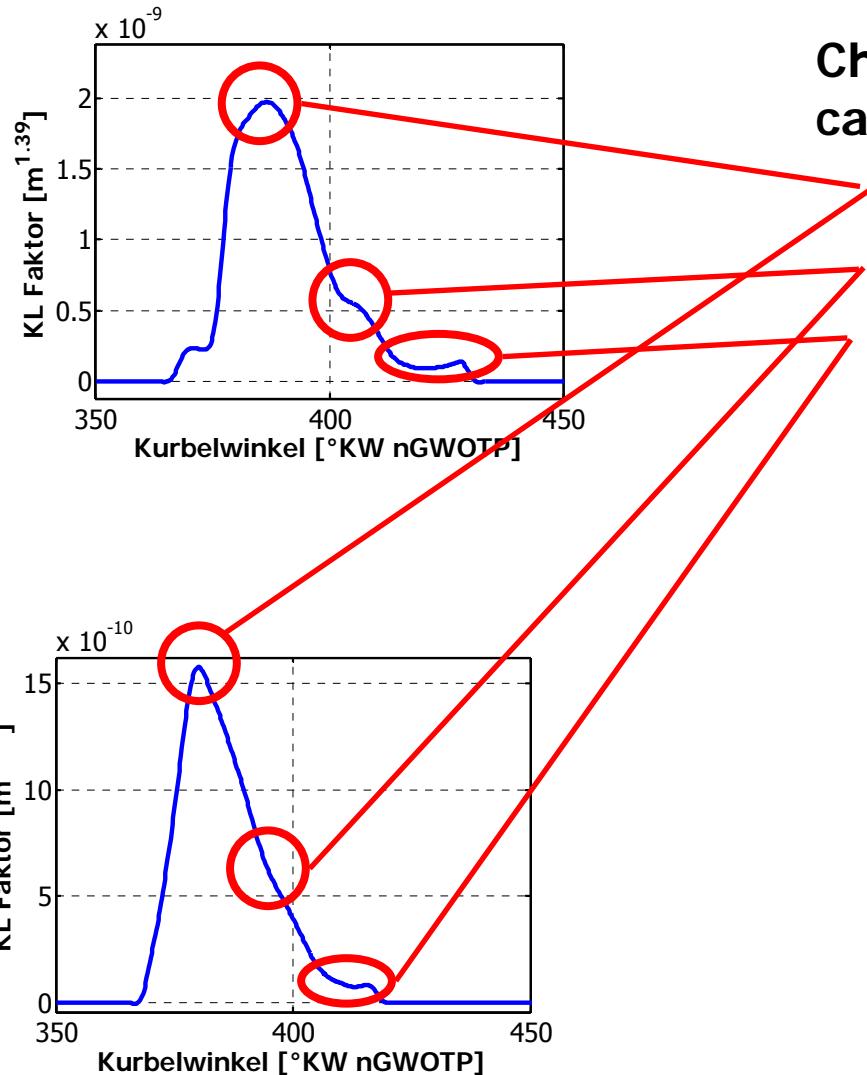
$$\left[1 - \left(\frac{e^{\frac{C_2}{\lambda_1 T}} - 1}{\frac{C_2}{e^{\lambda_1 T_{s,1}} - 1}} \right) \right]^{\lambda_1^{1.39}} = \left[1 - \left(\frac{e^{\frac{C_2}{\lambda_2 T}} - 1}{\frac{C_2}{e^{\lambda_1 T_{s,2}} - 1}} \right) \right]^{\lambda_2^{1.39}}$$



$$KL = -\lambda^{1.39} \ln \left[1 - \left(\frac{e^{\frac{C_2}{\lambda T}} - 1}{\frac{C_2}{e^{\lambda T_s} - 1}} \right) \right]$$

KL-FACTOR

TYPICAL FEATURES



Characteristics of the KL-factor that can potentially be correlated to FSN

- Maximum KL-factor value
- 1st plateau
- 2nd plateau (KL_{end})

$$\sum_{i=1,2,4} KL|_{Cyl.i}$$

CORRELATION OF KL VALUES WITH FSN OVER ALL POINTS

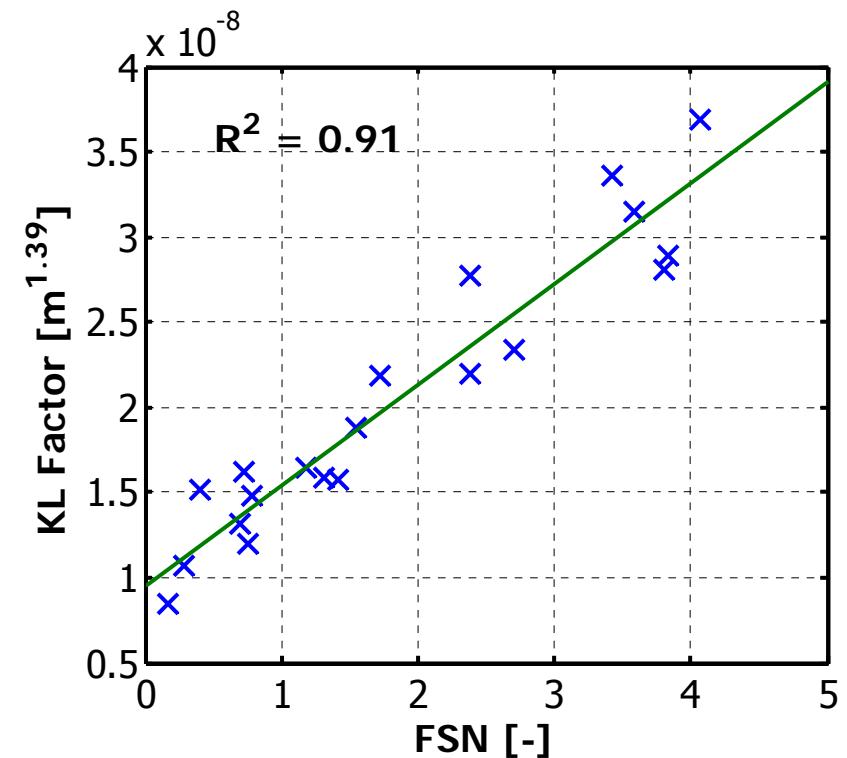
R ²	Cyl. 1	Cyl. 2	Cyl. 4	All Cyl.
1. Plateau	0.79	0.80	0.91	0.84
2. Plateau	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.91

KL-FSN CORRELATION

- Maximum KL-Factor value – no correlation with FSN
- Investigation of the correlation between 1st and 2nd plateau and FSN
- Correlations using cylinder specific and summed KL factor values
- Best correlation with the summed KL factors from all cylinders

R^2	Cyl. 1	Cyl. 2	Cyl. 4	All Cyl.
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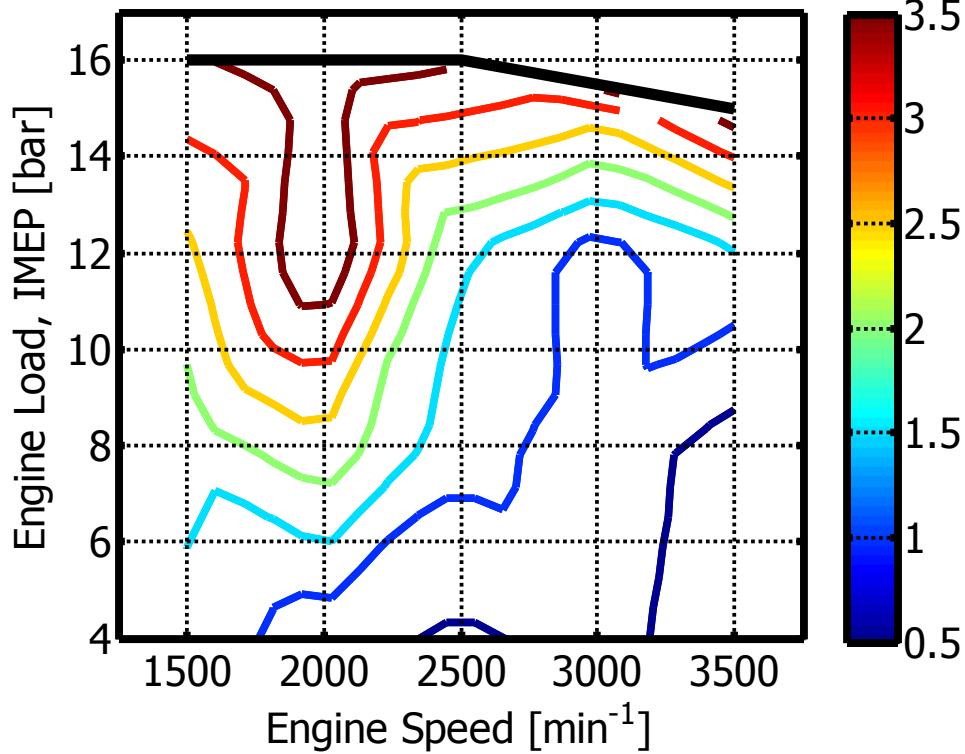
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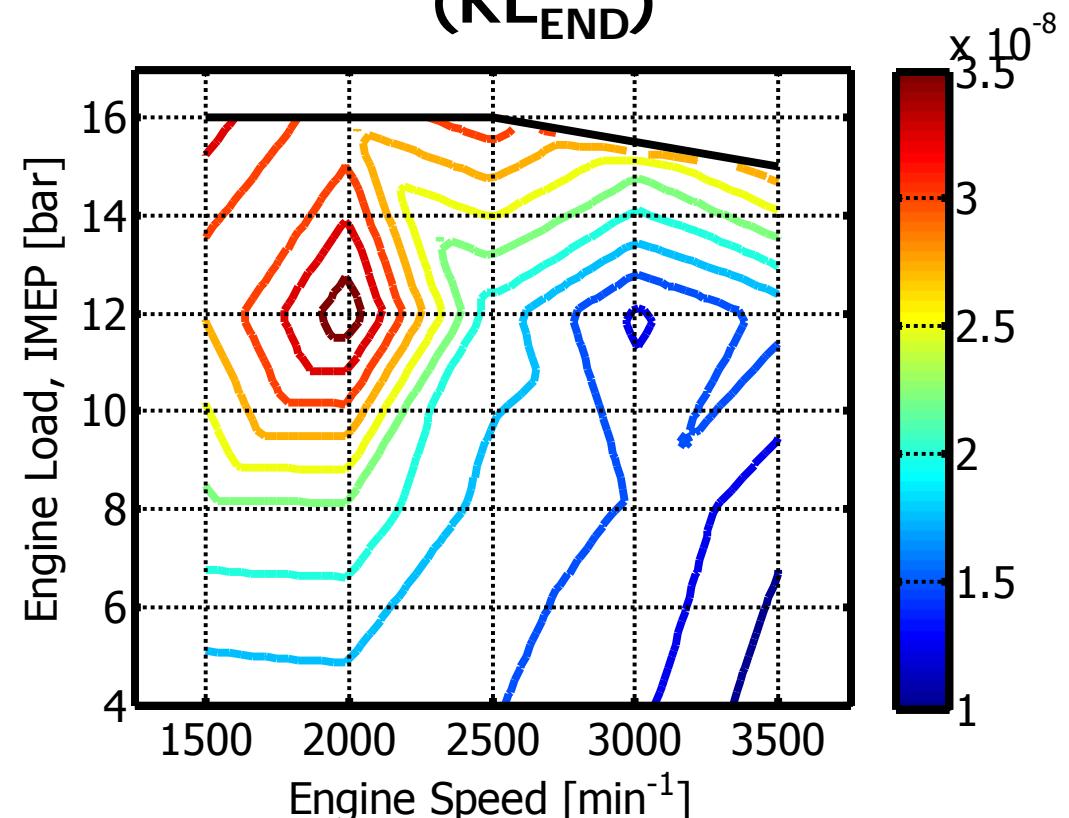
$$\sum_{i=1,2,4} KL|_{Cyl.i}$$

FSN and KL COMPARISON

FSN



Pyrometry
(KL_{END})



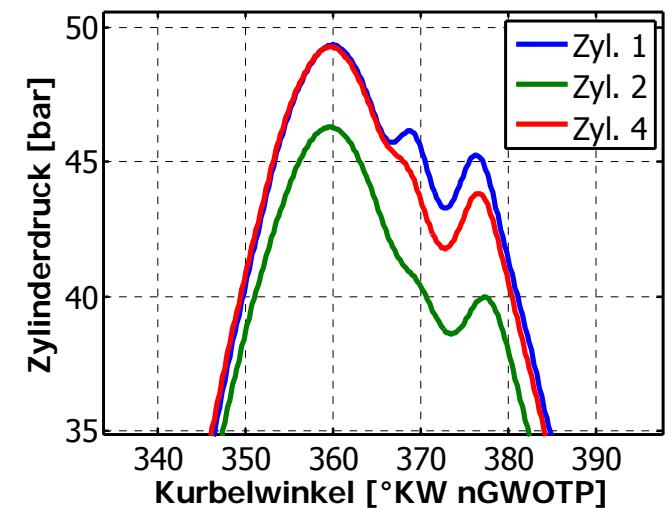
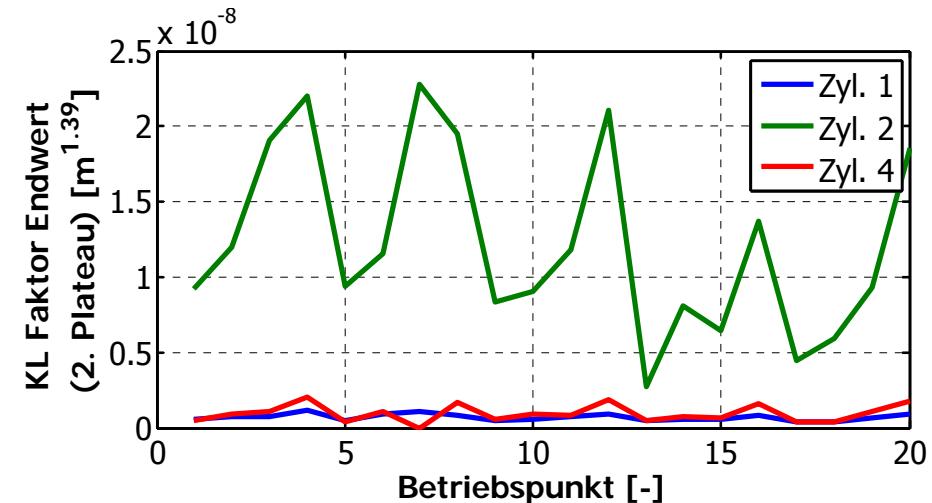
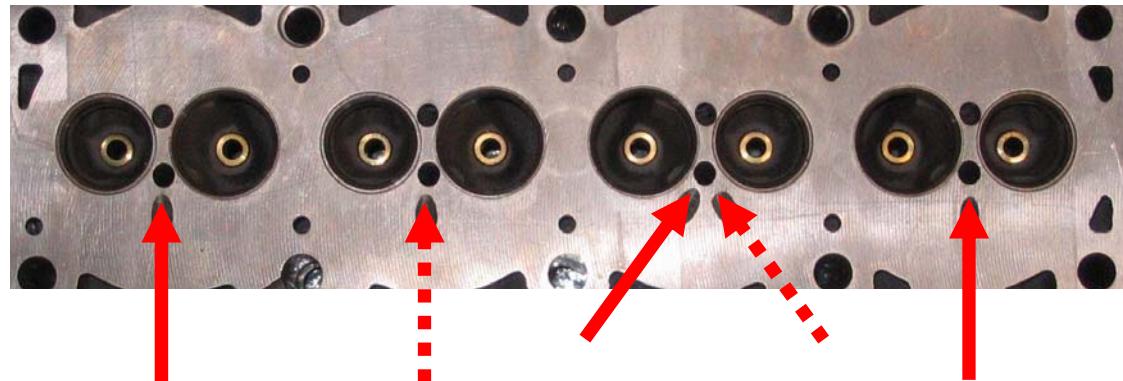
- Time averaged, engine-out soot emissions
- Qualitative soot emission tendencies are reproduced by both methods

KL_{END} VALUES

CYLINDER SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS

- **Cylinder 2:**
 - KL_{end} is an order of magnitude higher than other cylinders
 - Non-perpendicular sensor installation
 - Additional sensor access (lower compression ratio)
- **Combustion and KL-factors in cylinders 1 and 4 are similar**

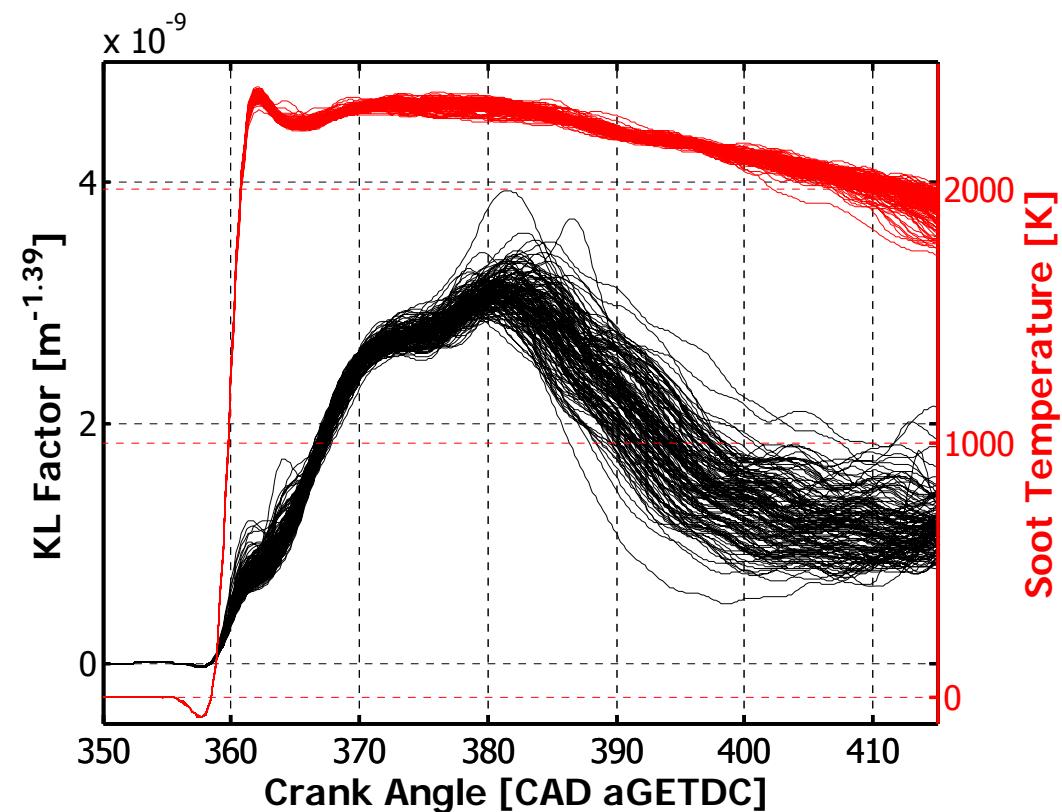
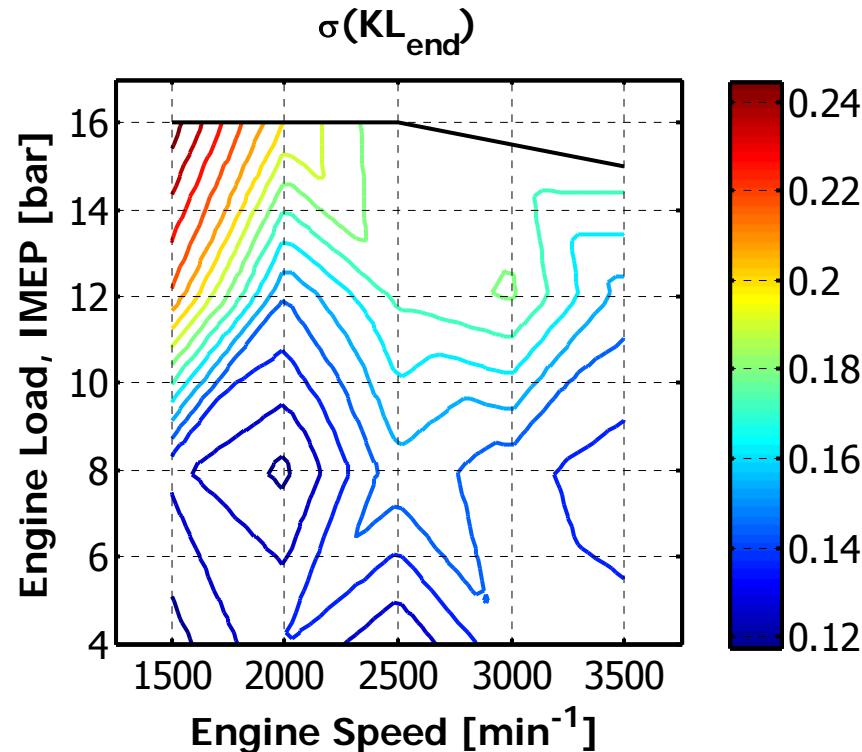
Cyl. 4 Cyl. 3 Cyl. 2 Cyl. 1



$n=2000 \text{ [min}^{-1}\text{]}; \text{IMEP}=4.0 \text{ [bar]}$

CYCLE TO CYCLE VARIATIONS

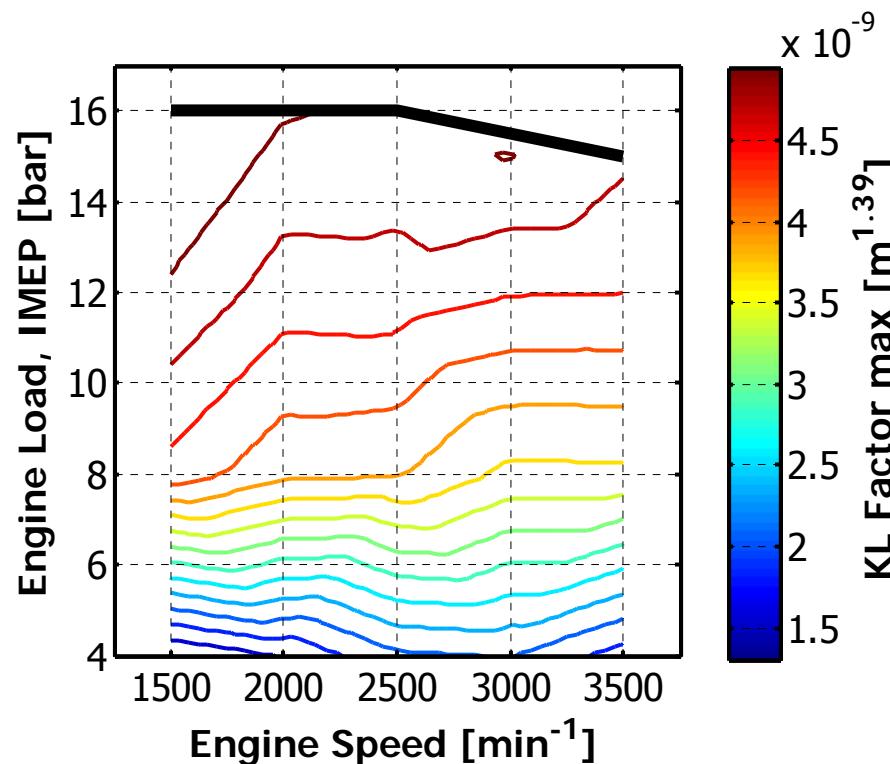
- KL history compared for 144 consecutive operating cycles during steady state operation ($n_e = 2500 \text{ [min}^{-1}]$, IMEP = 16 [bar])
- Soot formation process $\sim \text{const.}$
- Soot oxidation higher variability



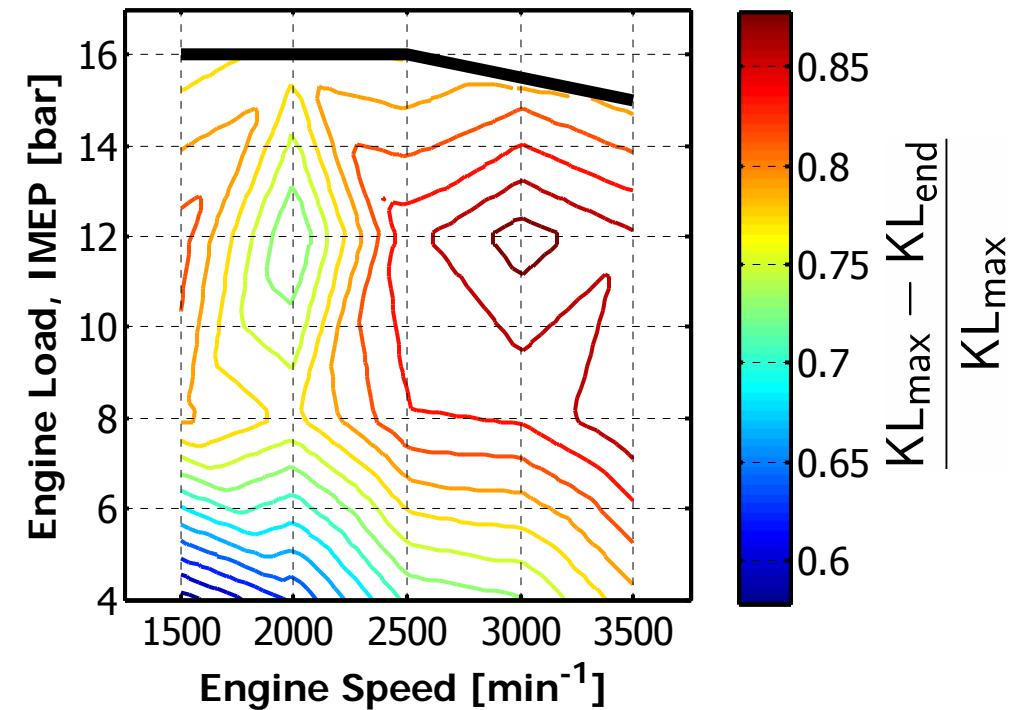
KL_{MAX} AND KL_{END}

SOOT FORMATION AND OXIDATION

- KL_{max} -> maximum soot concentration
- KL_{end} -> soot quantity after oxidation



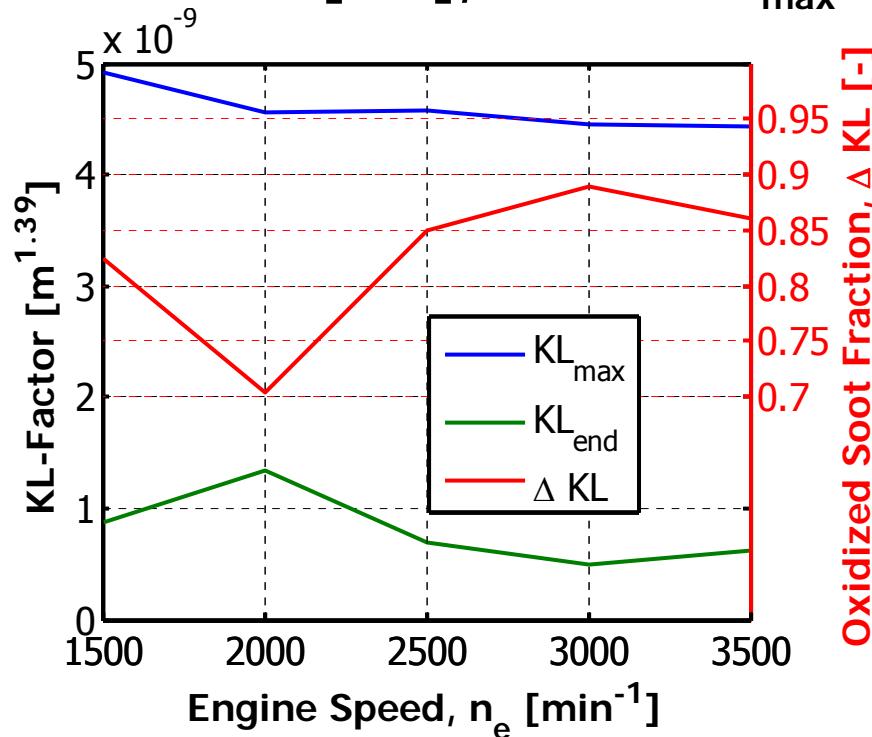
- More soot formed at higher loads (NOT the same as engine out)



- Oxidized soot fraction strongly influenced by operating point...

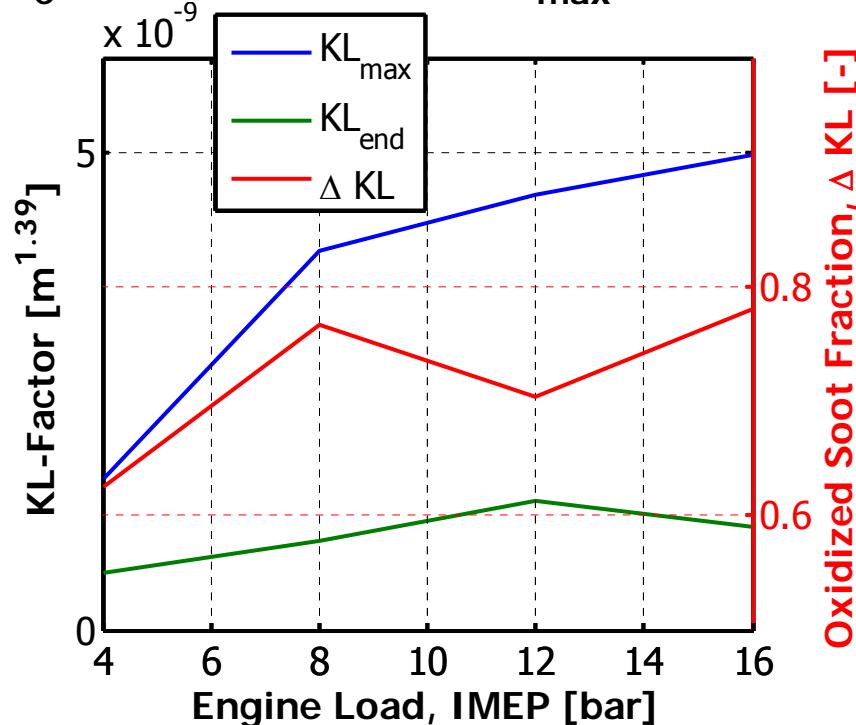
KL_{MAX} AND KL_{END}

- IMEP = 12 [bar], ~const KL_{max}



LOAD AND SPEED VARIATIONS

- $n_e = 2000 [\text{min}^{-1}]$, KL_{max} increasing



- Oxidation influenced by:

- Turbulence (n_e , p_{inj})
- Oxygen concentration (EGR, λ)
- Temperature
- Time available for oxidation

CONCLUSIONS / SUMMARY

- Engine out and in-cylinder soot emissions from a production, multi-cylinder engine were measured using FSN and 3 color pyrometry
- The KL_{end} value provides a measure of the cylinder and cycle specific cylinder out soot emissions
- FSN correlates well to the sum of the average cylinder specific KL_{end} values
- Cylinder out soot emissions are defined by:
 - Soot formed (~injected fuel quantity)
 - Soot oxidized:
 - Turbulence
 - Oxygen availability
 - Temperature
- Fluctuations in KL_{end} values during steady state operation are predominantly due to fluctuations in the oxidation process

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