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# Investigation of In-Cylinder Soot Formation and Oxidation during Transient Engine Operation

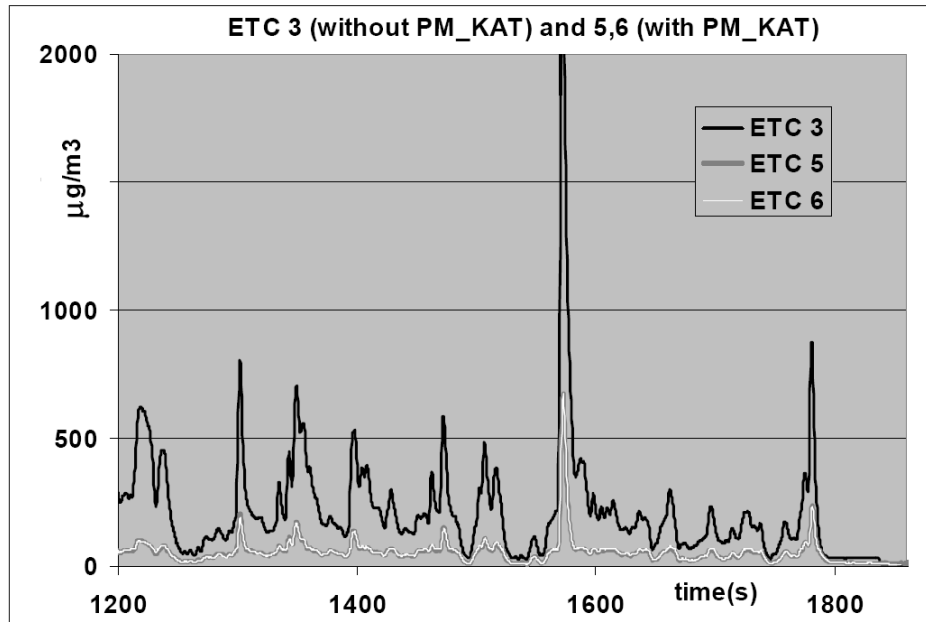
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# INTRODUCTION



Source: Schindler et al, 2004-01-0968

- Soot emissions measured using an AVL Micro Soot Sensor during ETC cycle
- Significant challenge to total emissions are „transients“

- Cycle specific characterization is necessary to understand processes
- Existing soot instrumentation is neither cylinder nor cycle specific
- 11<sup>th</sup> ETH Conference – correlation of exhaust stream and in-cylinder measurements
- 12<sup>th</sup> ETH Conference – Exhaust stream measurement of transient soot emissions
- Today: Combination of these two works to consider transient, in-cylinder processes

# OUTLINE

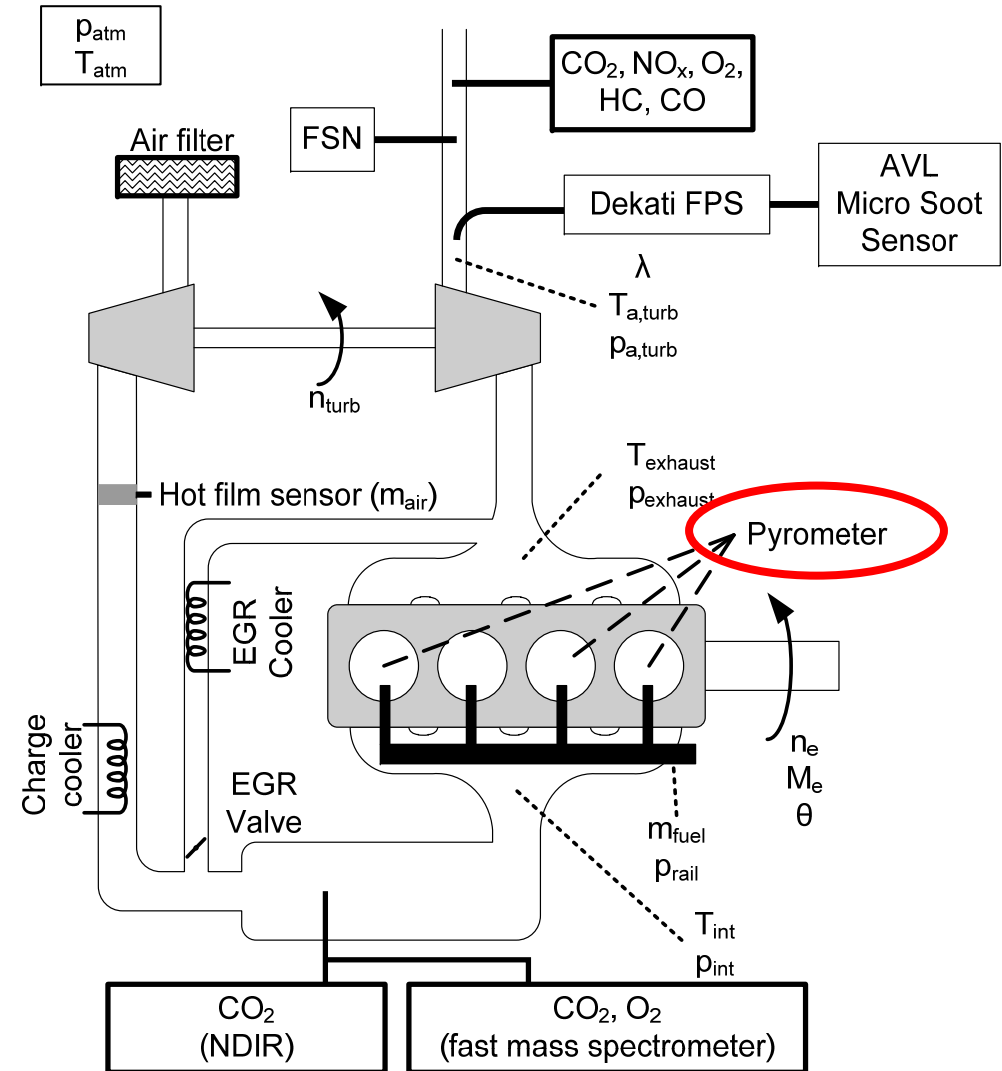
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- **Testbench and instrumentation**
- **Overview of in-cylinder pyrometry**
- **Overview of exhaust stream measurements**
- **Detailed analysis of in-cylinder measurements and observed phenomena**

## TESTBENCH AND INSTRUMENTATION

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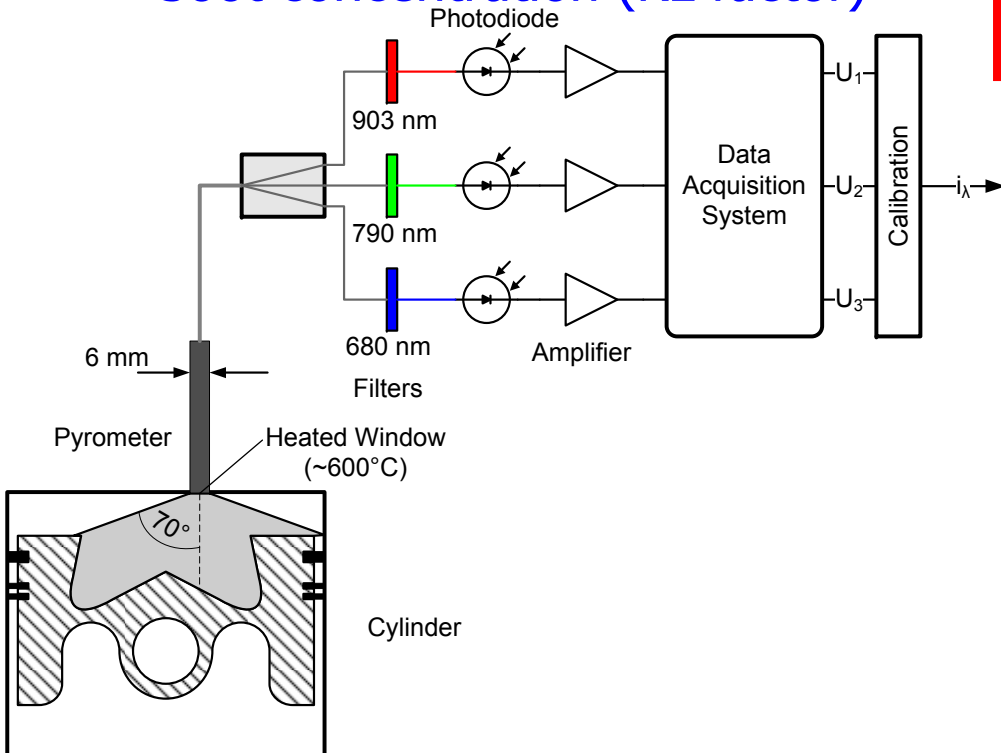
- Passenger car, common rail engine:
  - DaimlerChrysler OM611
  - VTG, EGR,  $p_{inj,max} \sim 1350$  bar
- Exhaust stream soot emissions:
  - Dekati Fine Particle Sampler
  - AVL Micro Soot Sensor
- Transient characterization of instrumentation ( $\Delta t$ ,  $\tau$ )
- Pyrometers mounted in cylinders 1,3 and 4 provide:
  - Soot concentration
  - Soot temperature



# SOOT MEASUREMENT

## IN-CYLINDER PYROMETRY

- Multi-color pyrometry considers light intensity to determine in-cylinder:
  - Soot cloud temperature
  - Soot concentration (KL factor)
- Considers only hot ("glowing") soot
- Limited to soot within field of view



$$\left[ 1 - \left( \frac{C_2}{e^{\lambda_1 T} - 1} \right) \right]^{\lambda_1^\alpha} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{C_2}{e^{\lambda_2 T} - 1} \right) \right]^{\lambda_2^\alpha}$$

$$T|_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2} = T|_{\lambda_1, \lambda_3} = T|_{\lambda_2, \lambda_3}$$

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

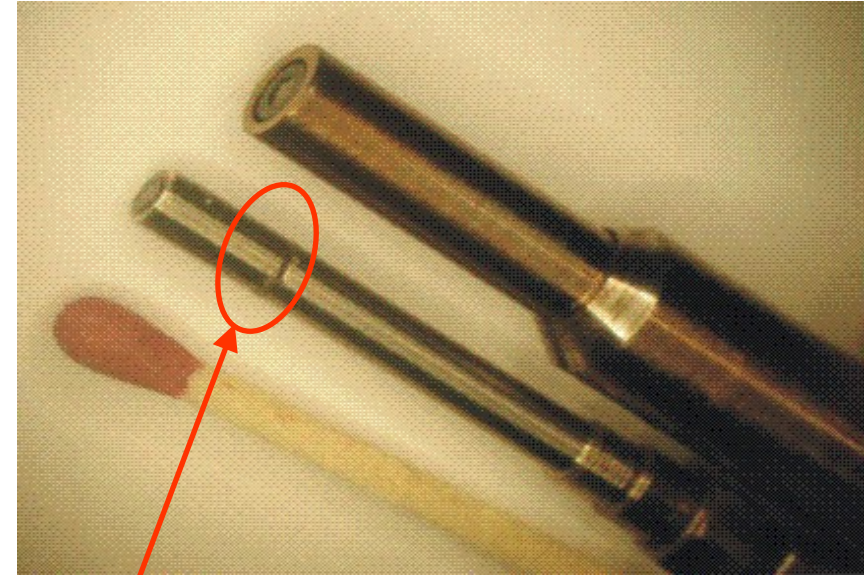
$$KL|_{\lambda_1} = KL|_{\lambda_2} = KL|_{\lambda_3}$$

Hottel and Broughton. *Ind. Eng. Chem.*, 1932. 4(2)

## 3 COLOR PYROMETRY

- System initially developed by LAV<sup>1</sup>; later in conjunction with Kistler AG and Sensoptic<sup>2</sup>
- Uses 3 wavelengths for redundancy (T, KL cross-verification)
- Wide field of view (140°) considers “most” of the cylinder
- Window heated to ~600°C to prevent contamination and provide long-term signal stability
- Very small size permits use in production engines (glowplug adapter, for eg.)

## IMPLEMENTED SENSOR



$$d_{\text{Sensor}} = 4\text{mm}$$

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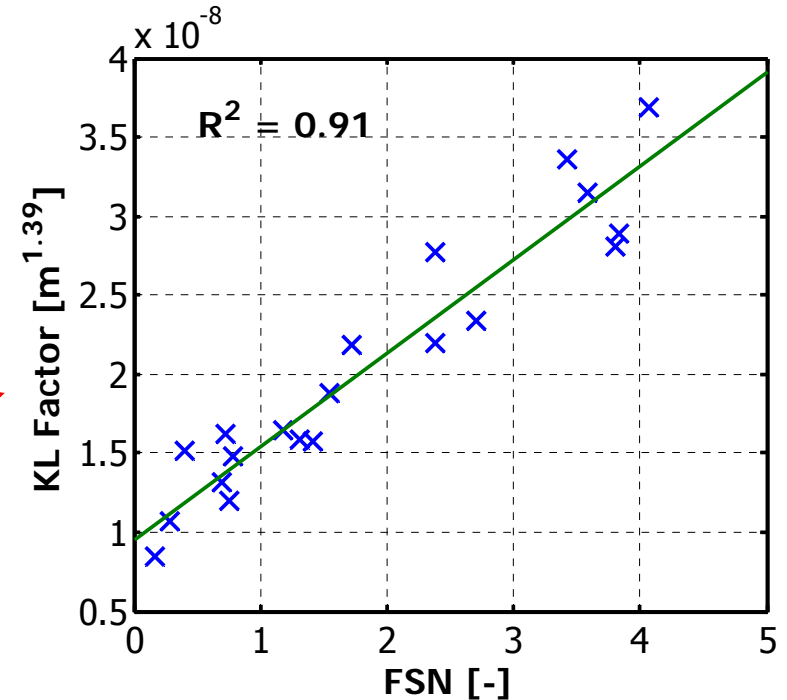
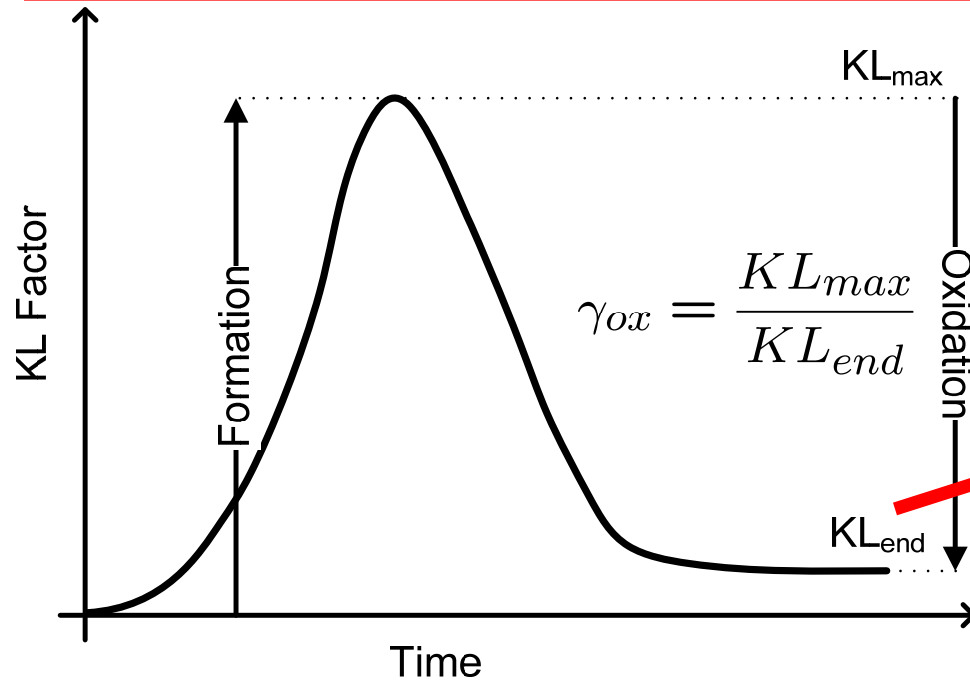
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<sup>1</sup> R. Schubiger *et al.* MTZ, 2002. 5(63):342-353

<sup>2</sup> S. Kunte *et al.* KTI Technical Report, 2005.

# 3 COLOR PYROMETRY

## USEFUL PARAMETERS



- $KL_{end}$  – correlates with exhaust stream measurements ( $R^2 \sim 0.8...0.9$ )

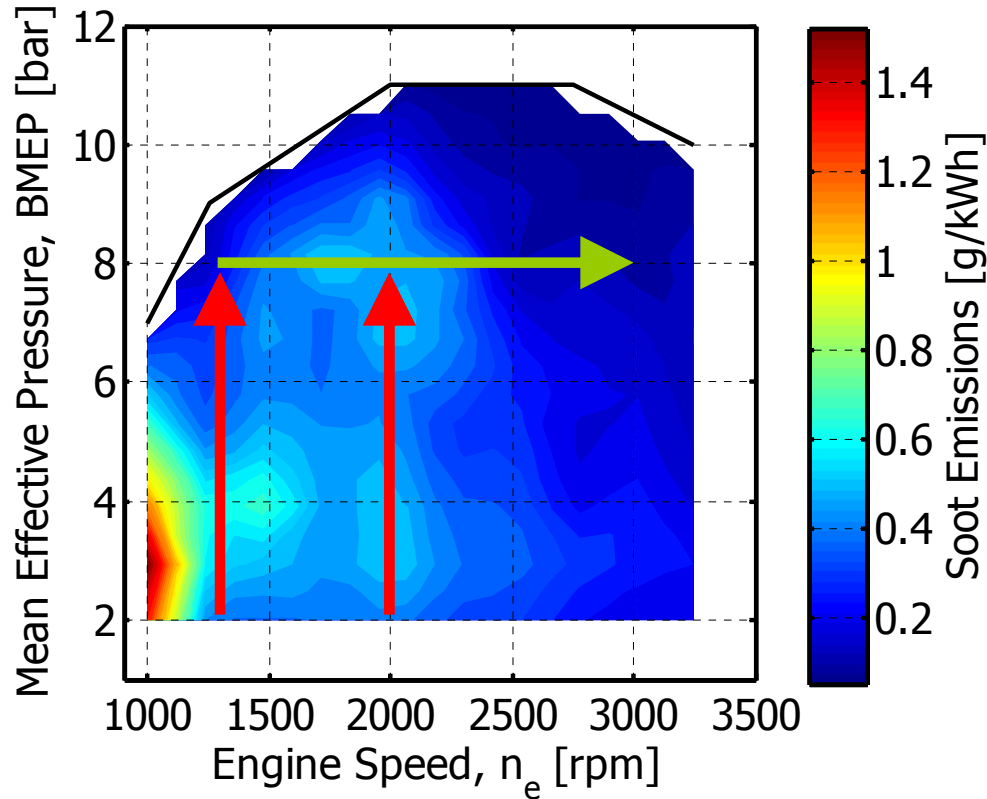
➔ Cycle resolved engine out soot emissions

- $KL_{max}$  – measure of soot formation
- $\gamma_{ox}$  – measure of soot oxidation
- ➔ Relative characterization of formation and oxidation processes

Kirchen *et al.* Proc. Stuttgart Symposium, 2008. 2:129-145

## TRANSIENT MEASUREMENTS

## CONSIDERED TRANSIENTS



- **Acceleration** (speed increase)
  - No notable change over steady-state
- **Tip-in** (load increase)
  - 1250 and 2000 rpm
  - $\Delta t = 0.5 \dots 5$  s

$$QSS = f(n, p_{me})$$

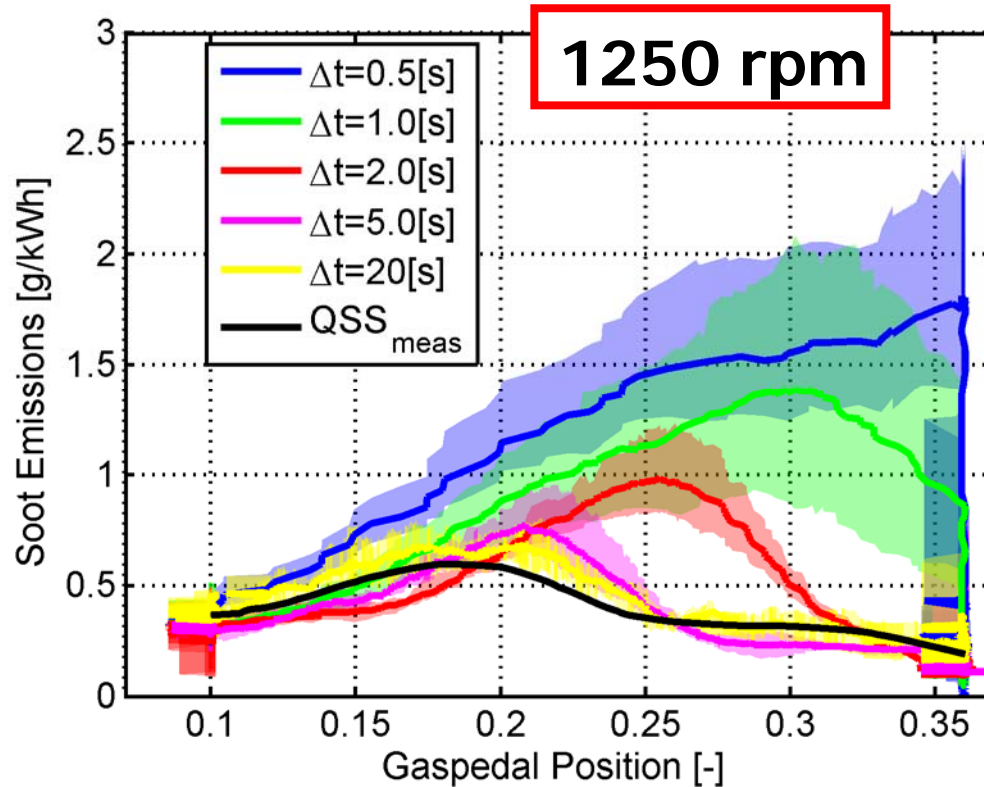
- **Transient and steady-state emissions compared using a Quasi Steady State (QSS) approximation<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Hagena *et al.* SAE 2006-01-1151, 2006

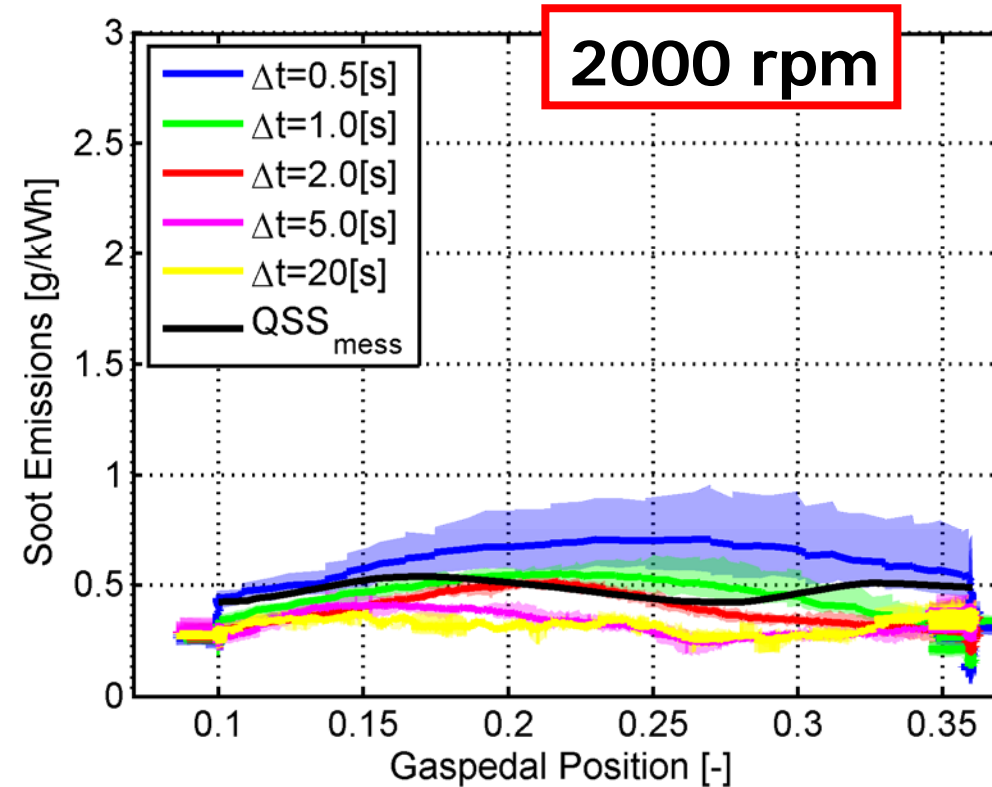


## TRANSIENT SOOT MEASUREMENTS

TIP-IN



1250 rpm



2000 rpm

- Transient soot emissions generally higher than steady-state (QSS)
- Faster transients result in much higher emissions

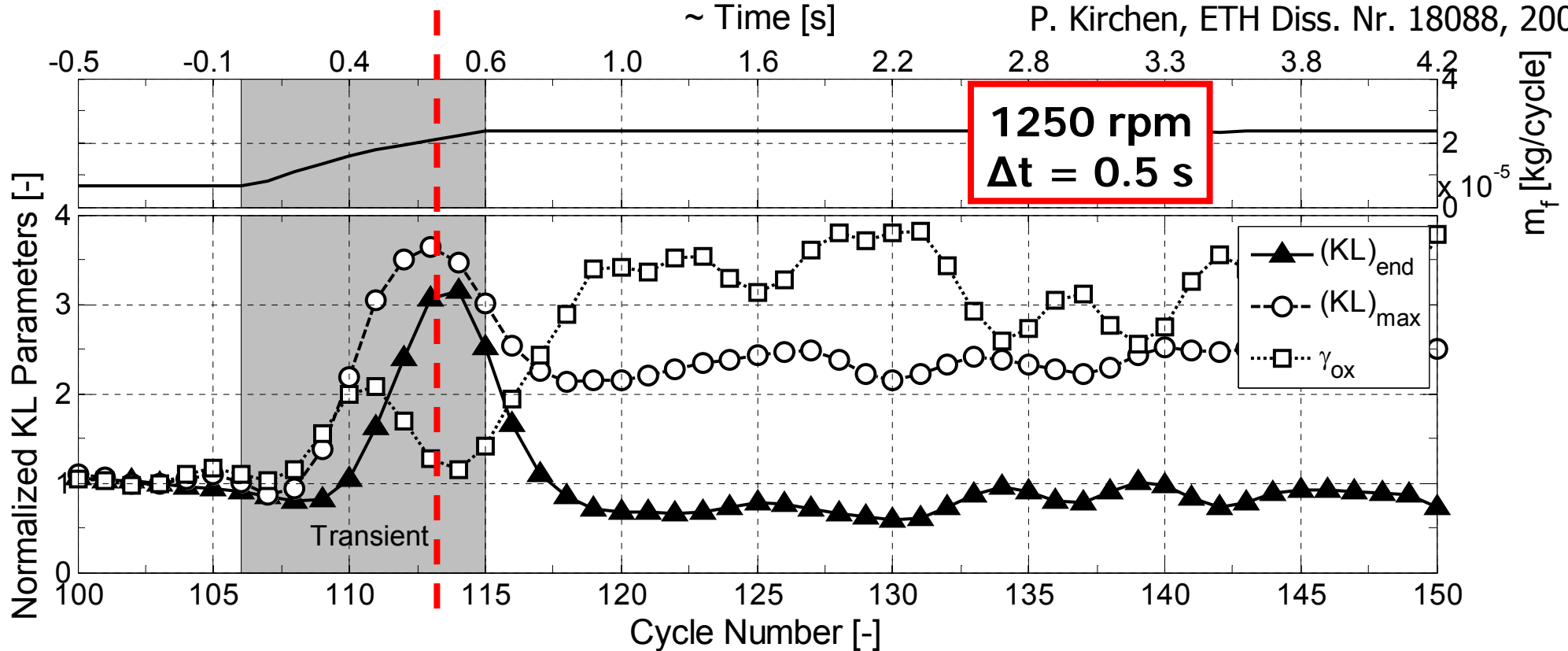
- Transient soot emissions lower than at 1250 rpm
- Only the fastest transient results in increased soot emissions

Kirchen and Boulouchos. SAE, 2009. 2009-01-1904

## IN-CYLINDER PYROMETRY

## TIP-IN TRANSIENT (1250 rpm)

P. Kirchen, ETH Diss. Nr. 18088, 2008

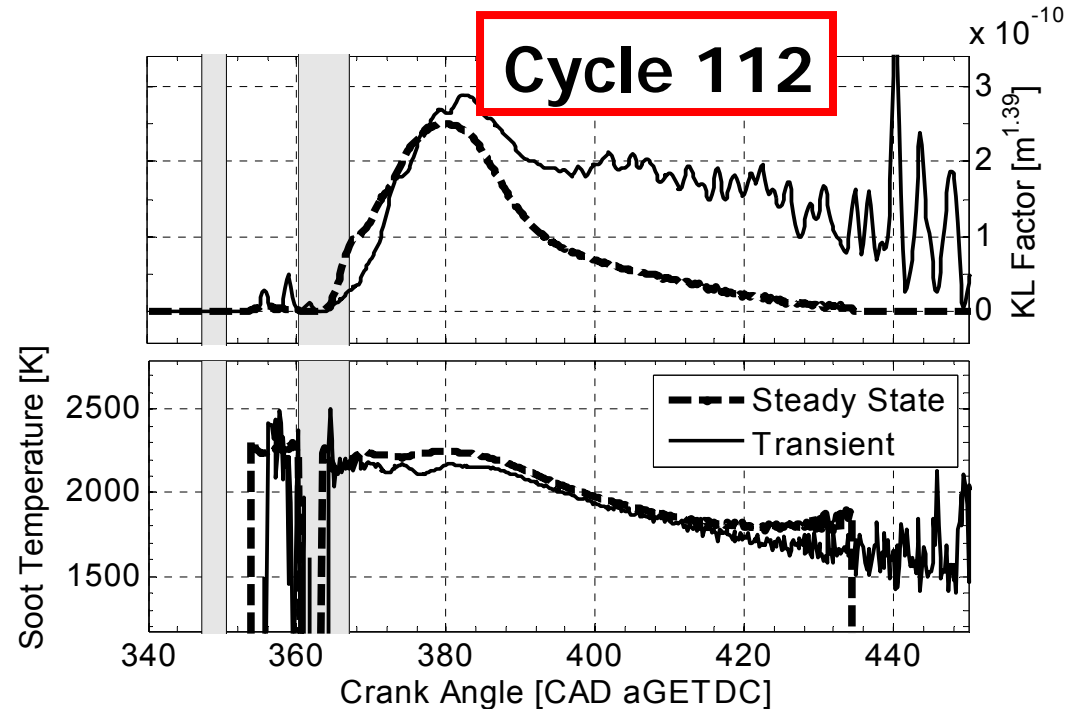


- Comparison of normalized KL parameters during transient
- Increase in fuel quantity -> increase in  $KL_{max}$

- Corresponding increase in oxidation ( $\gamma_{ox}$ ) lags behind
- ➔ Poor oxidation leads to increased engine-out emissions ( $KL_{end}$ )
- What causes the poor oxidation?

## PYROMETRY (KL &amp; T)

## TRANSIENT vs. STEADY-STATE

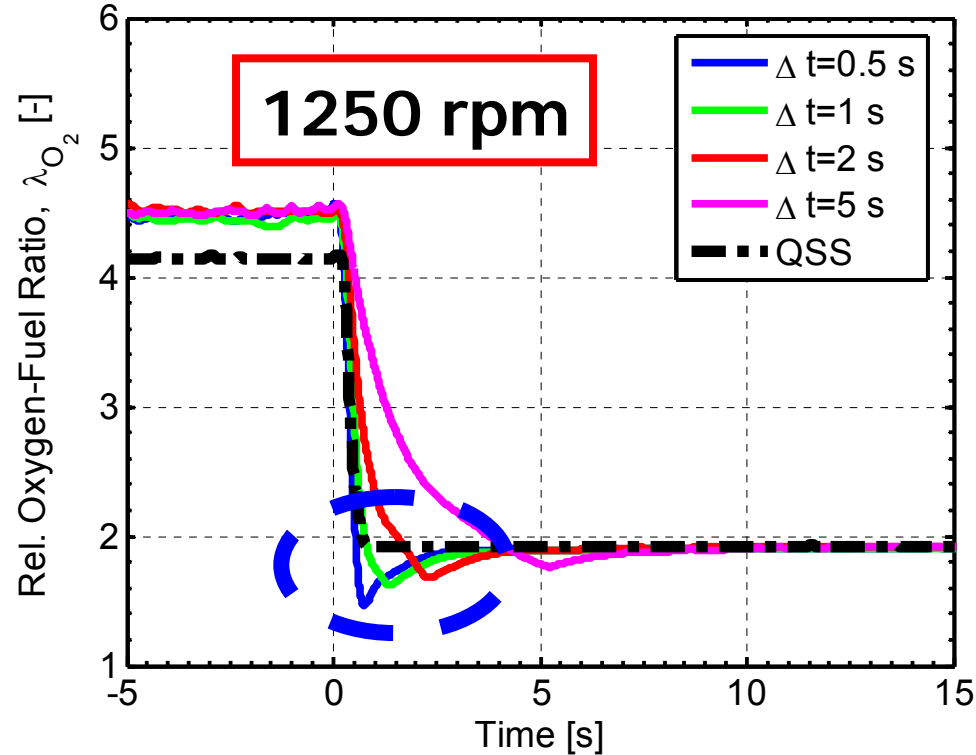


- $KL_{\max}$  not strongly influenced by transient operation
- Oxidation considerably slower during transient operation and stops earlier
- No significant differences between steady state and transient soot temperatures
- ➔ **Oxidation inhibited due to lack of  $O_2$**

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# OXYGEN AVAILABILITY

## TIP-IN TRANSIENT (1250 RPM)

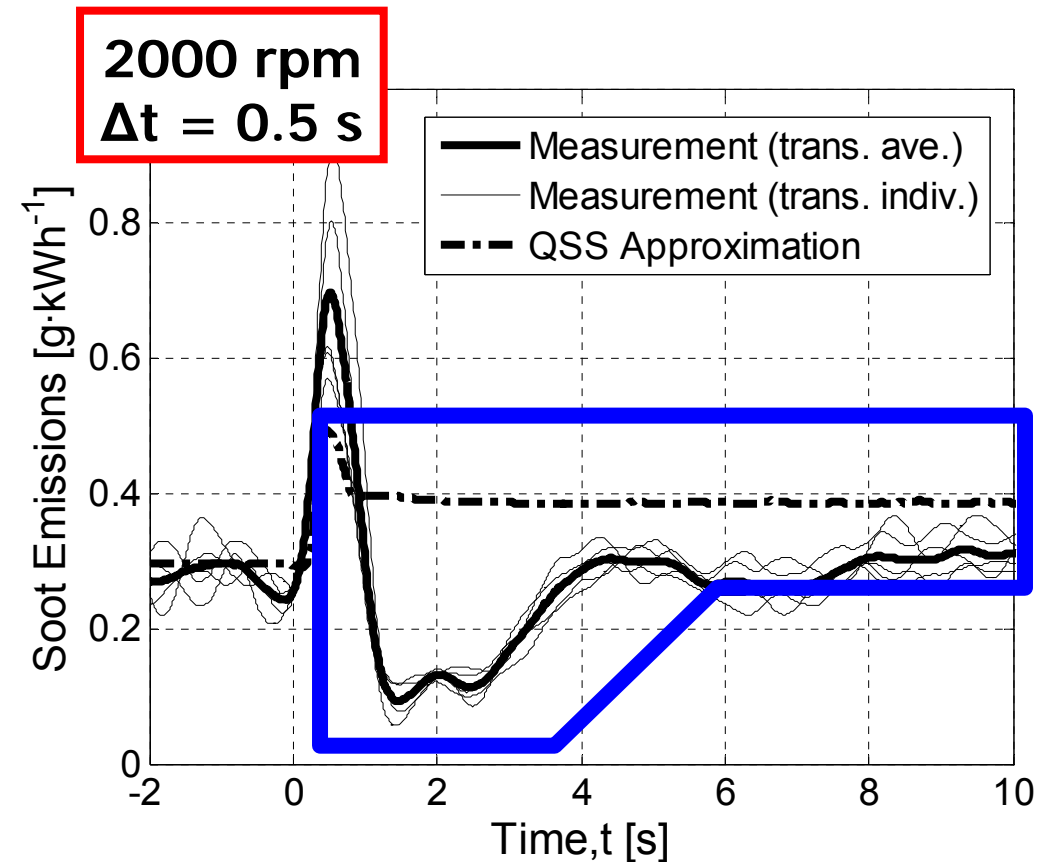


- **Short term oxygen deficit caused by:**
  - Slow EGR valve closing
  - Slow increase in charge pressure
  - Rapid increase in fuel quantity

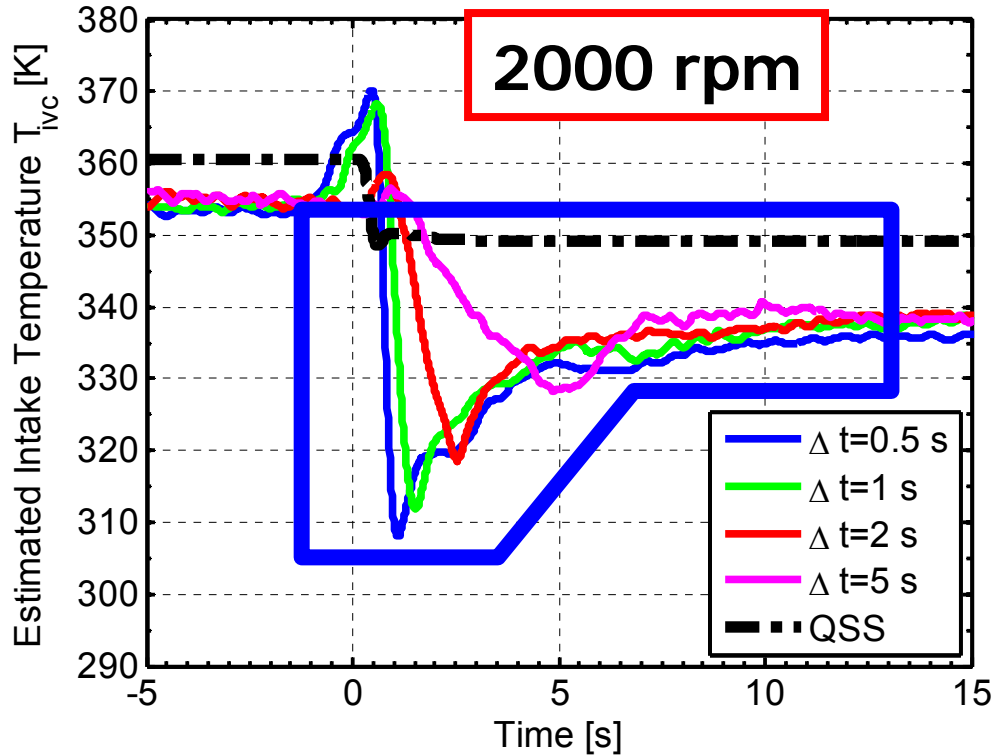
# POST-TRANSIENT PHENOMENA

## TIP-IN AT 2000 RPM

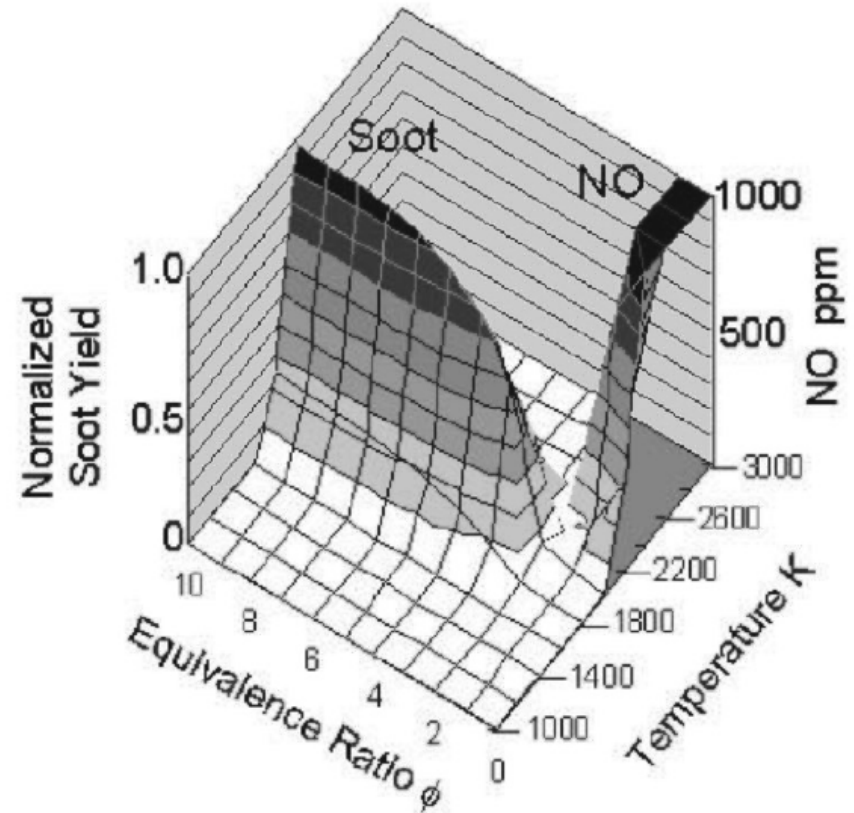
- **After transient:**
  - Transient soot emissions are lower than steady state
  - Only gradually increase and reapproach steady state value ( $\sim 60s$ )
- **Phenomena correlates with a gradual increase in intake charge temperature**
- **Mechanism for reduction of engine-out emissions is unclear...**



# T DURING TIP-IN TRANSIENTS



- Lower temperature after transient, when compared to QSS
- Intake charge temperature provides estimate of soot formation temperature



Akihama *et al.* SAE 2001-01-0655, 2001

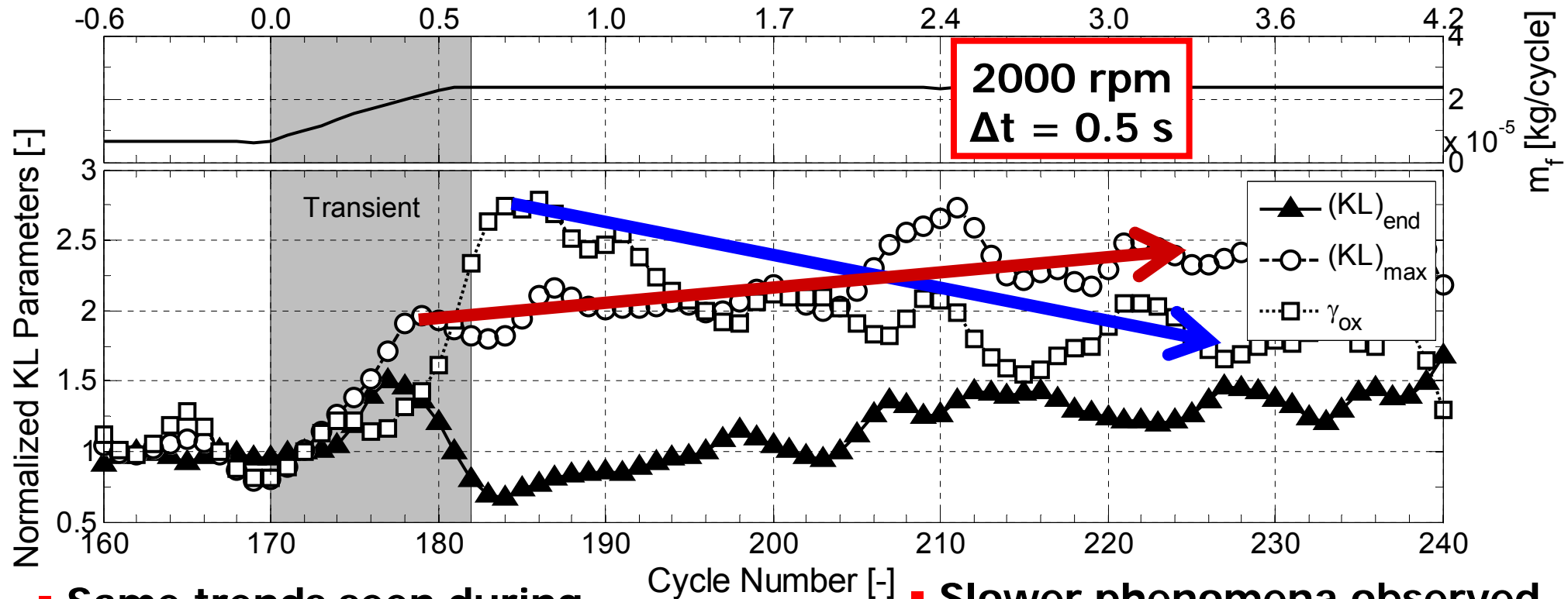
- Reduction of formation temperature results in lower soot emissions

## IN-CYLINDER PYROMETRY

## TIP-IN TRANSIENT (2000 rpm)

~ Time [s]

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- Same trends seen during transient as at 1250 rpm
- Influence of transient less extreme due to higher charge pressure

- Slower phenomena observed after transient (correlates with intake charge temperature)
- Causality focus of current research...

# CONCLUSIONS

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- **Multicolor pyrometry is a powerful tool for the measurements of cylinder and cycle specific, in-cylinder soot concentration and temperature**
- **During tip-in transients:**
  - Soot formation is approximately the same as during steady-state ( $KL_{\max}$ )
  - Soot oxidation is weaker due to an oxygen deficit ( $\gamma_{\text{ox}}$ )
- **Only 5-10 cycles responsible for high engine out soot emissions**
- **Slow increase in intake charge temperature after transient results in:**
  - Gradual increase in engine-out soot emissions to final steady-state values
  - Gradual increase in  $KL_{\max}$  to steady state value
- **Precise influence of charge temperature is not yet completely understood ...**



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