

# IMPACT OF ENGINE OIL CONSUMPTION ON DIESEL ENGINE EMISSIONS

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## Outline

- **Motivation - Impact of Oil Consumption on Emissions**
- **Measurement Methods**
- **Sensitivity to Engine Make, Engine Type, and to Operating Conditions**
- **Sensitivity to Oil Properties**
- **Real-Time Steady-State Measurements**
- **Real-Time Transient Measurements**



# Motivation for R&D in Oil Impact on Emissions

- ☞ Customer Satisfaction
- ☞ Regulated Engine-Out Emissions
- ☞ Regulated Tailpipe-Out Emissions - Catalyst Deterioration
- ☞ Unregulated Emissions

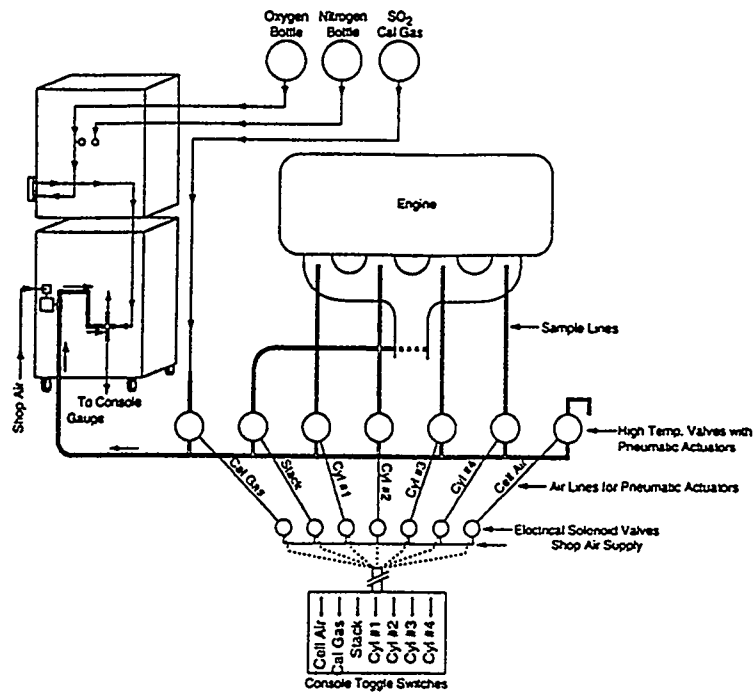


## Measurement Methods

- ☞ Gravimetric (Direct)
- ☞ Volumetric
- ☞ Tracer
  - SO<sub>2</sub>
  - Tritium
  - Pyren
  - Oil Additives
- ☞ This Presentation Will Focus on Results Obtained With SwRI's SO<sub>2</sub>-Analyzer



# Experimental Setup: SO<sub>2</sub>-Tracer Technique



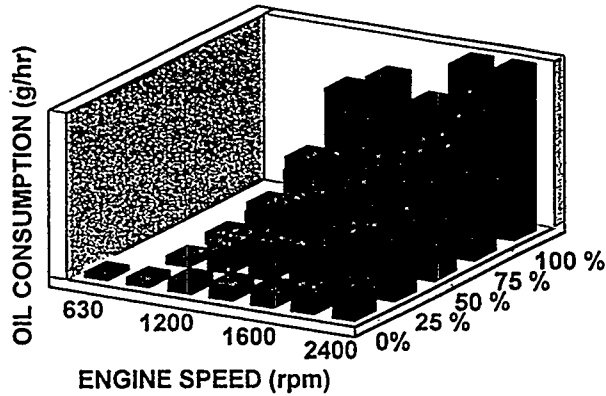
## Advantages SO<sub>2</sub>-Tracer Technique

- ☞ Real-Time Steady-State Engine OC
- ☞ Real-Time Transient Engine OC
- ☞ Component Break-Down OC:
  - ☞ Power-Cylinder
  - ☞ Valve
  - ☞ PCV-Valve
  - ☞ Turbocharger
- ☞ Burned and Unburned Engine OC



# Sensitivity to Operating Conditions

HD DI-MEDIUM  
MY 1994, ~7 l

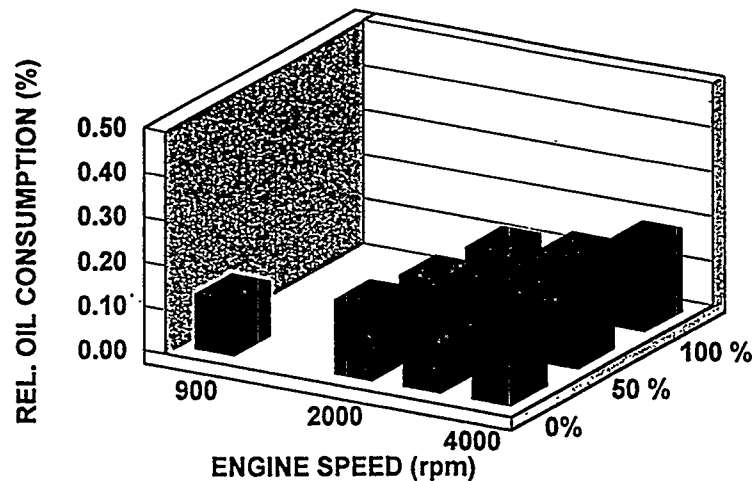


*Absolute Oil Consumption Not Appropriate  
for Comparison Between Operating Conditions*



# Sensitivity to Operating Conditions

DI-MEDIUM  
MY 1997, 2 l, I-4

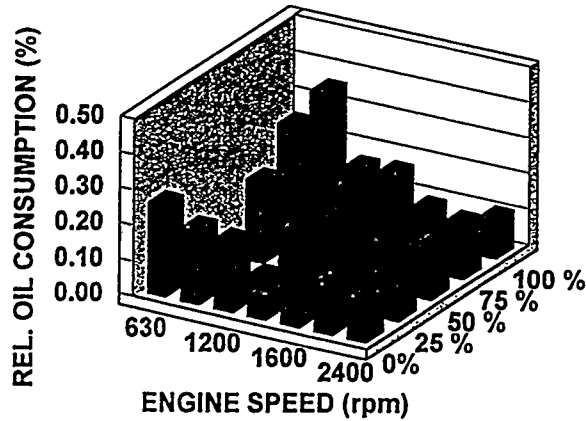


*Good Diesel Engine As of Today Less Than 0.10%  
Relative Oil Consumption Regardless of Operating  
Condition*



# Sensitivity to Operating Conditions

HD DI-MEDIUM  
MY 1993, ~7 l, I-6

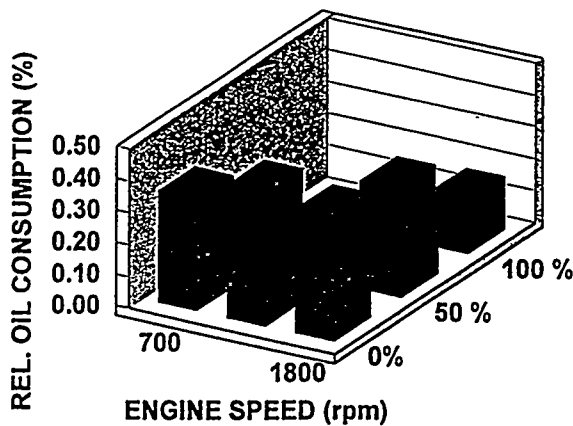


*Characteristic: Low Speed Problems*



# Sensitivity to Operating Conditions

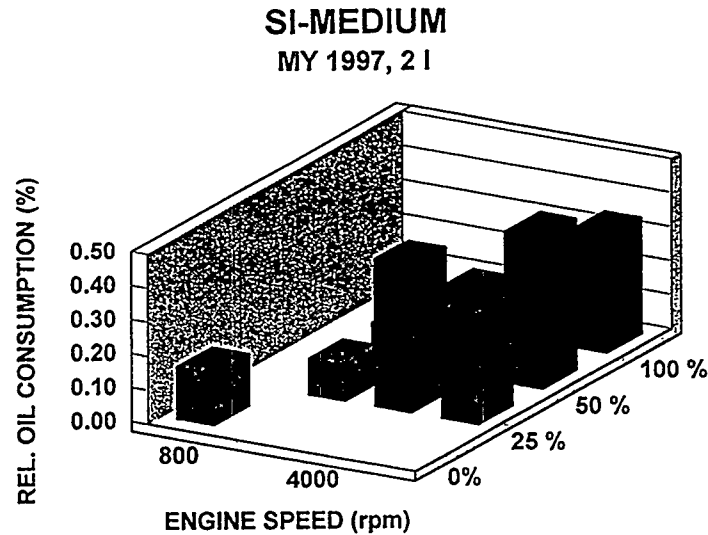
HD DI-LARGE  
MY 1994, >10 l, I-6



*Characteristic: Low Load Problems*



# Sensitivity to Operating Conditions



*Relative Oil Consumption Enables A Comparison Between Operating Conditions and Engines!*



## Summary of Findings

- ➡ **Relative Oil Consumption is a Good Data Analyzing Tool for Comparing Engine Conditions and Engine Makes**
- ➡ **Gasoline Engines With Less Than 0.2% Relative Oil Condition Is Considered Good (1998)**
- ➡ **Diesel Engines With Less Than 0.1% Relative Oil Consumption is Considered Good (1998)**

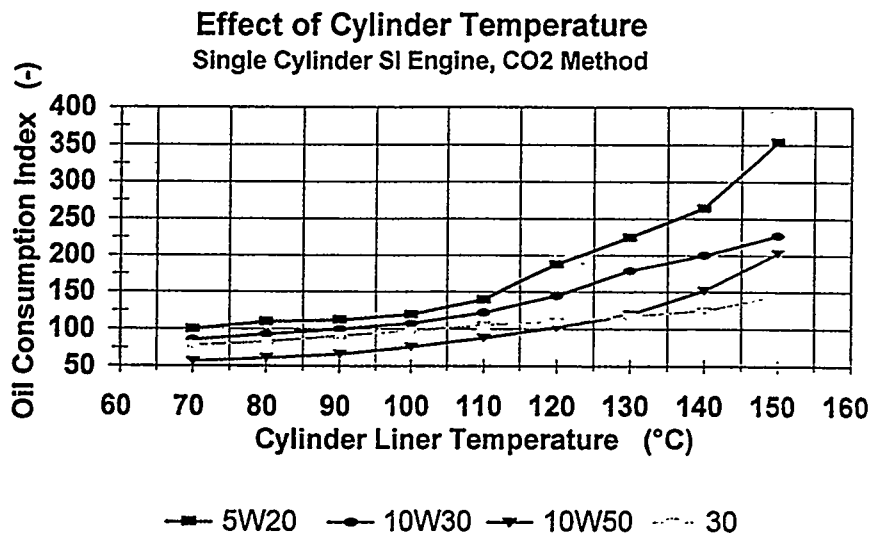


# Summary of Findings (Cont'd)

- ➔ Every Engine is Exhibiting its Own Oil Consumption Characteristics - It Leaves a "Fingerprint"



## Viscosity



***Decreasing Viscosity Increases Oil Consumption!***

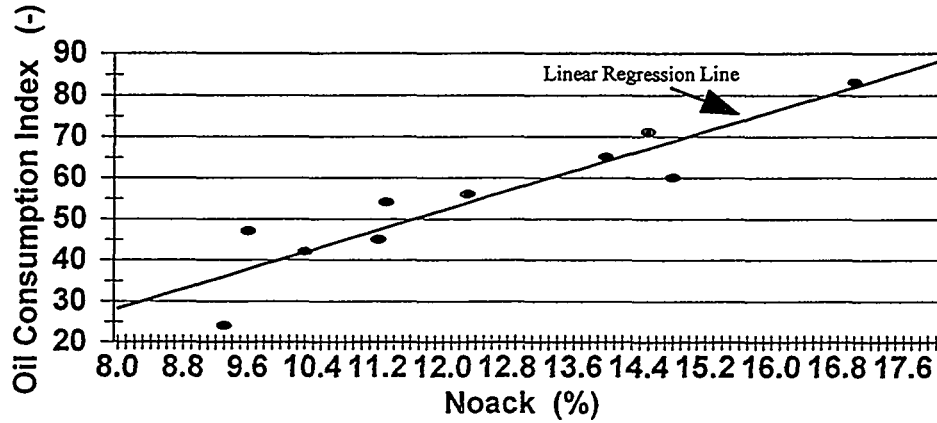
Ref.: Furuhamo et al., Lub. Eng. 1977

Ref.: Froelund et al., SAE Paper 971699



# Volatility

Oil Consumption Index Versus Noack  
6 Cylinder, SI-engine, 5W30 Oil



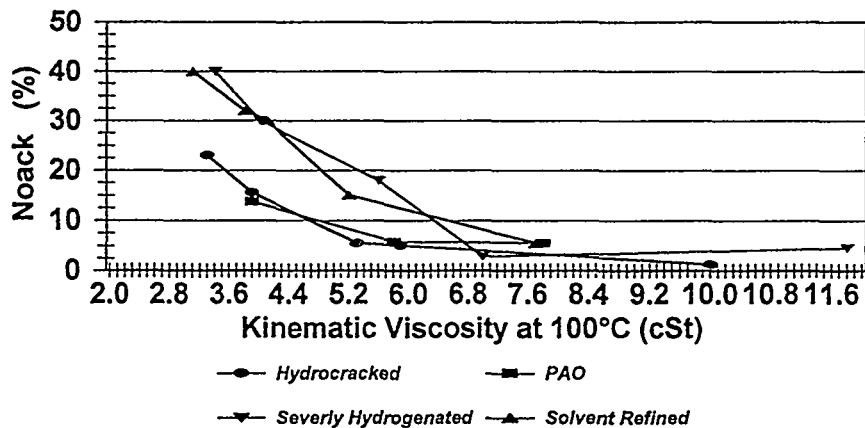
***Increasing Volatility Increases Oil Consumption!***

Ref.: Hanada et al., Nissan Motors, JSAE Review 1990



# Coupling Viscosity and Volatility

Evaporation Versus Base Oil Viscosity  
NOAC (DIN 51851)



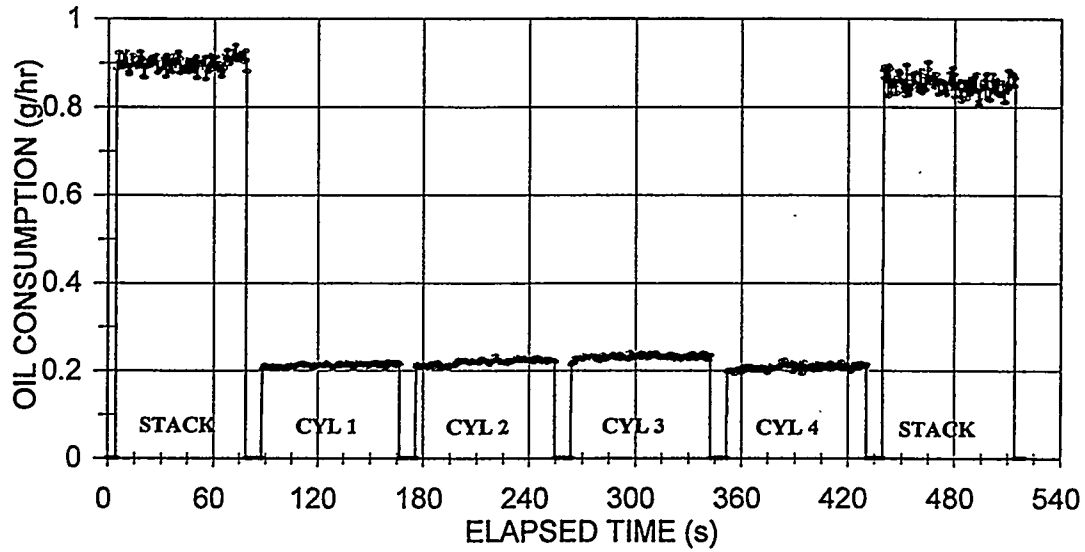
***Desirable Oil: Lowest Volatility at Any Given Viscosity!***

Ref.: Kiovsky et al., BP Oil Company, Lub. Eng. 1993





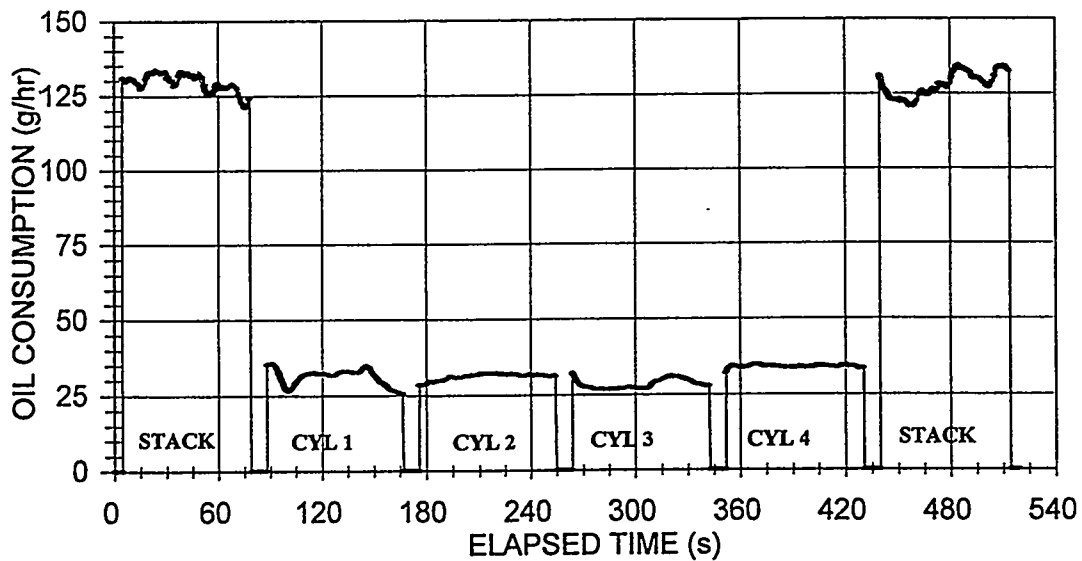
# 800 rpm Under 0% Load (Idle)



- ☞ TOC Constant in Time
- ☞ IOC Constant Among Cylinders



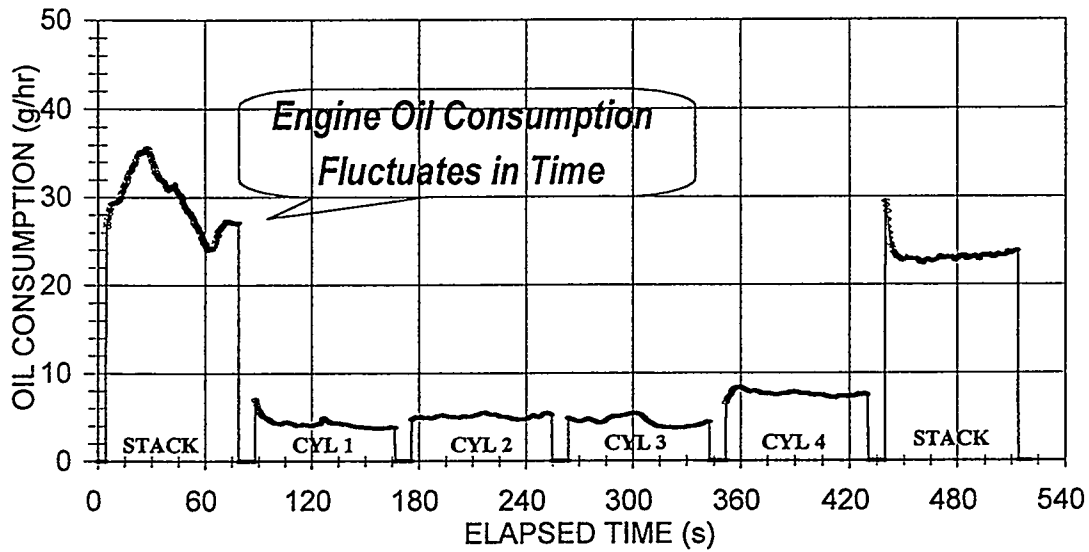
# 6000 rpm Under 100% Load (Rated Power)



- ☞ TOC Constant in Time
- ☞ IOC Constant Among Cylinders



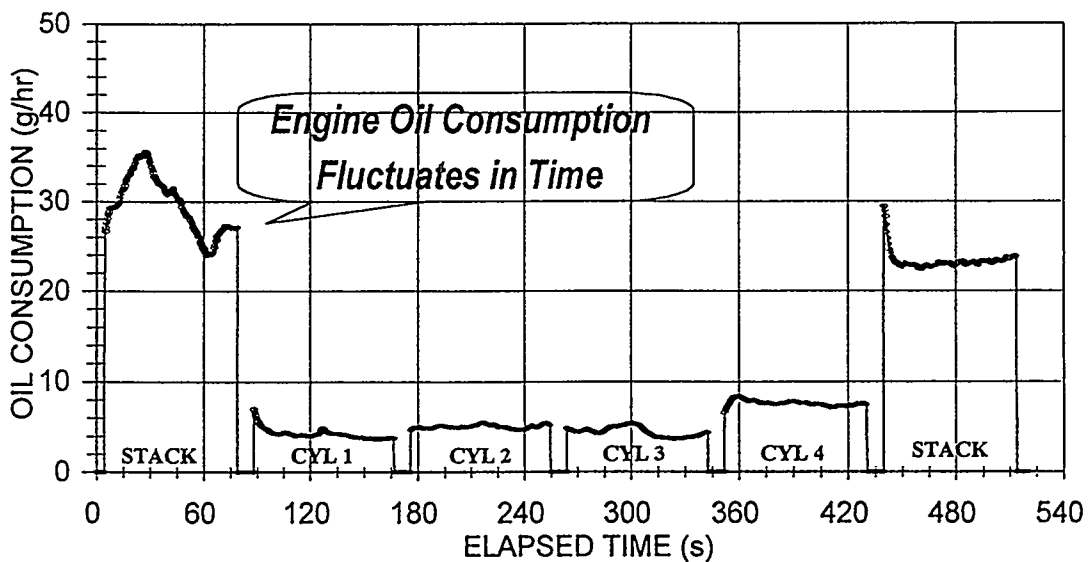
# 4000 rpm Under 25% Load 1'st Run



- ☞ TOC Fluctuates in Time
- ☞ IOC Varies Among Cylinders



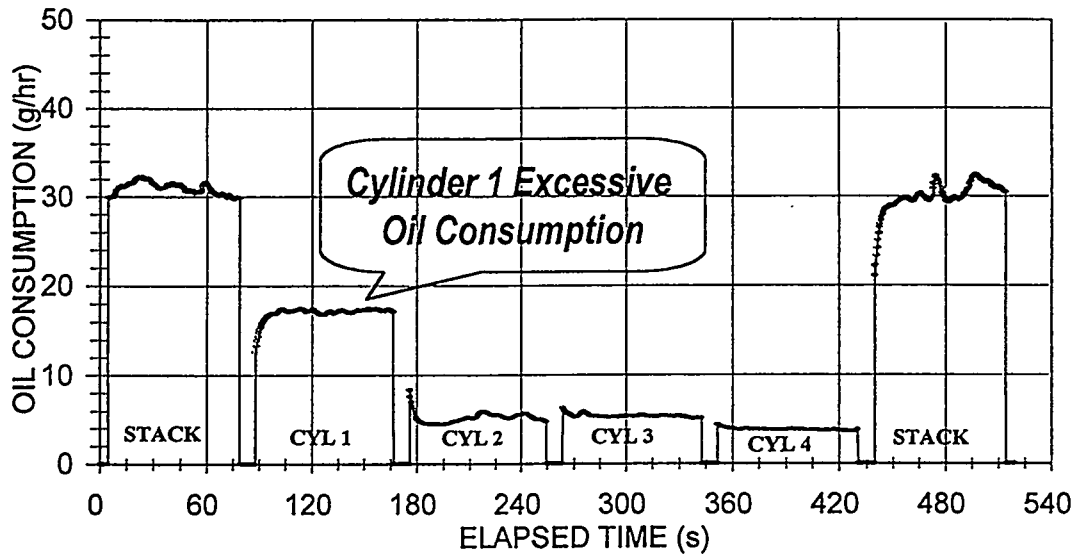
# 4000 rpm Under 25% Load 1'st Run



- ☞ TOC Fluctuates in Time
- ☞ IOC Varies Among Cylinders



# 4000 rpm Under 25% Load 2'nd Run - Repeat Next Day



- ☞ TOC Constant in Time
- ☞ IOC Varies Among Cylinders

