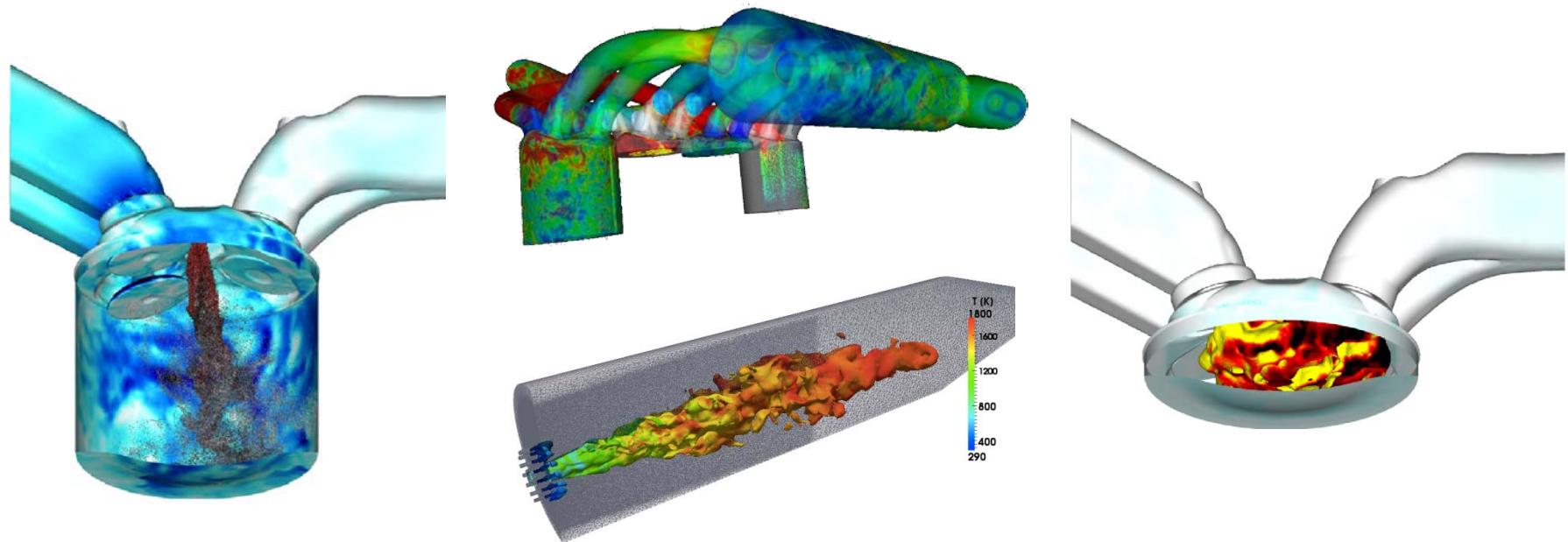


# Modélisation LES d'écoulements turbulents réactifs industriels

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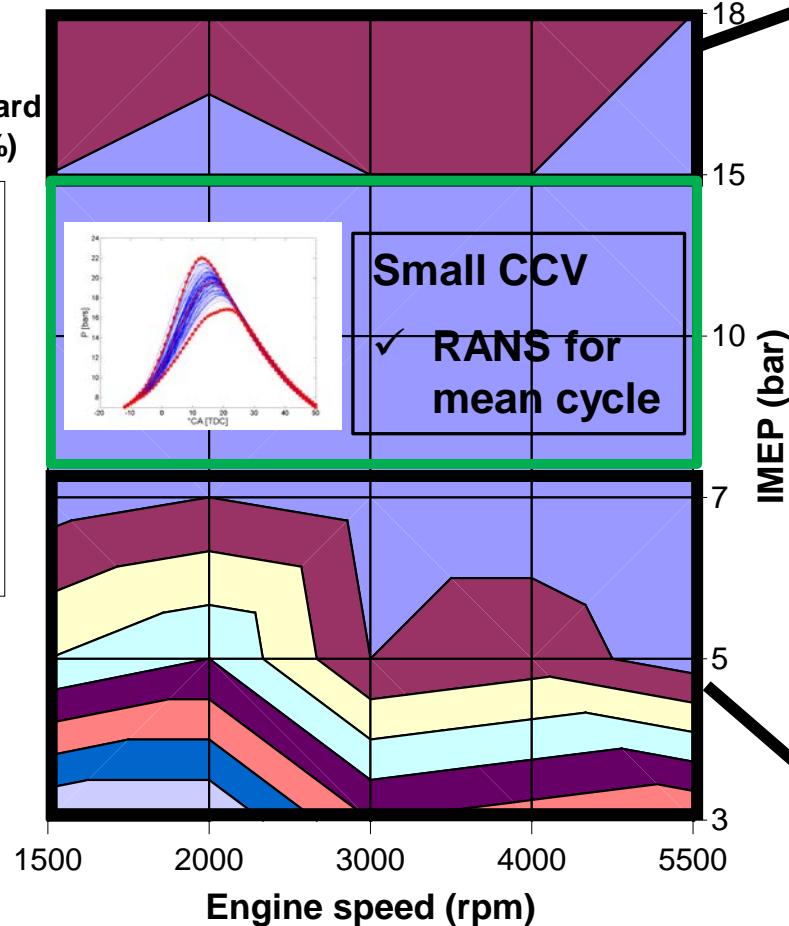
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# **Intérêt de la LES pour prédire la combustion dans les moteurs à piston**

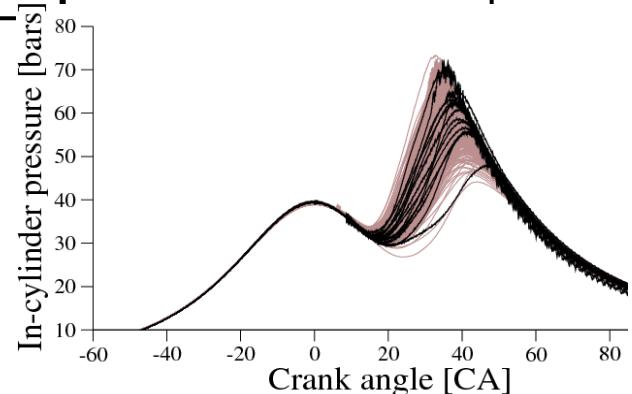
# Cyclic Combustion Variability (CCV) in spark-ignition engines

IMEP standard deviation (%)

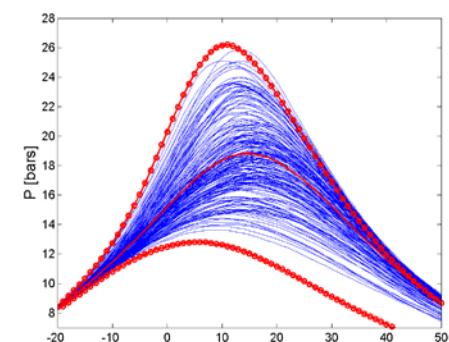
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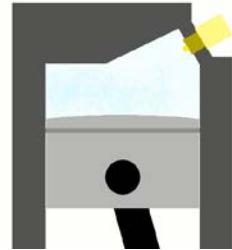
High CCV at high load  
 ✓ due to enrichment  
 ✓ impacts knock limit



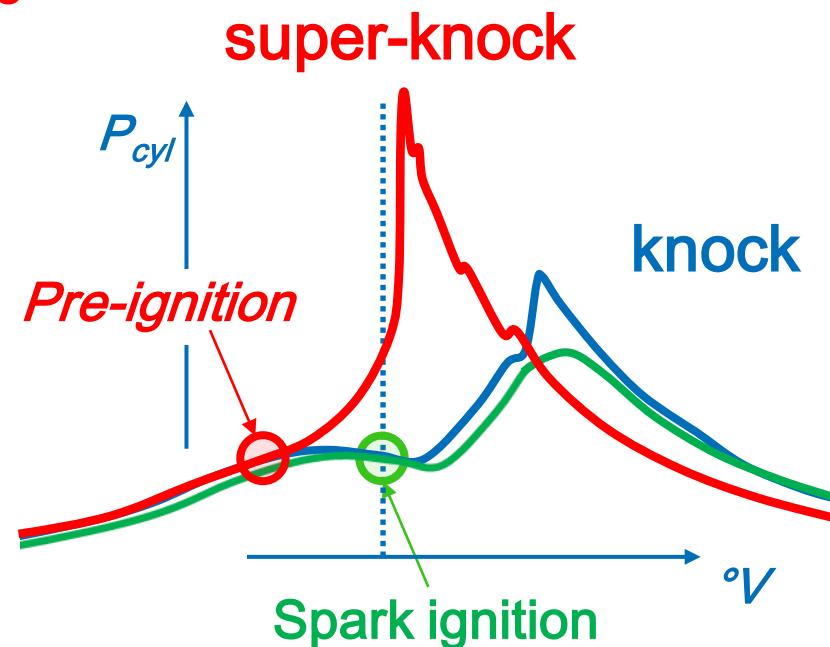
High CCV at low load & idle  
 ✓ due to high EGR rates



# Abnormal combustion & CCV



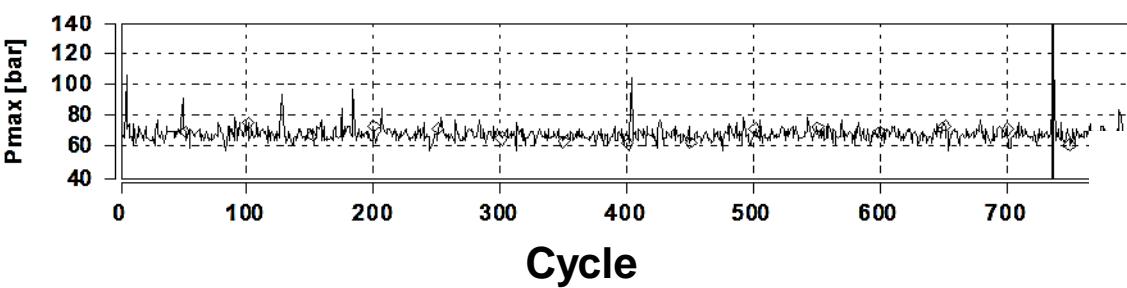
Immediate damage



Fatigue damage



Normal combustion

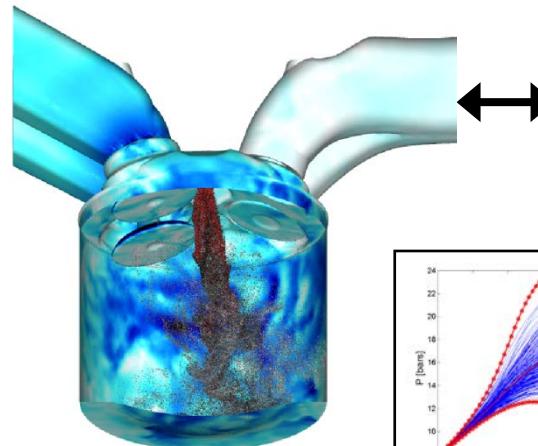


- Limits of abnormal combustion intrinsically linked to cyclic variability

# The difficulty of predicting Cyclic Combustion Variability in SI engines

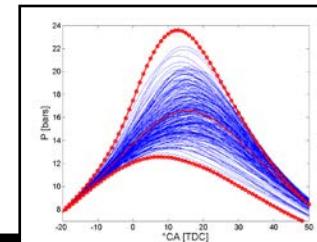
**Intake system**

- ✓ turbulence
- ✓ flow dynamics
- ✓ acoustics



**Exhaust system**

- ✓ turbulence
- ✓ flow dynamics
- ✓ acoustics



## Combustion chamber

- ✓ trapped mass
- ✓ global composition (EGR, IGR, F/A eq. ratio)
- ✓ large scale flow (swirl, tumble)
- ✓ small scale turbulence
- ✓ Injection strategy
- ✓ wall conditions
- ✓ Ignition (spark & auto)

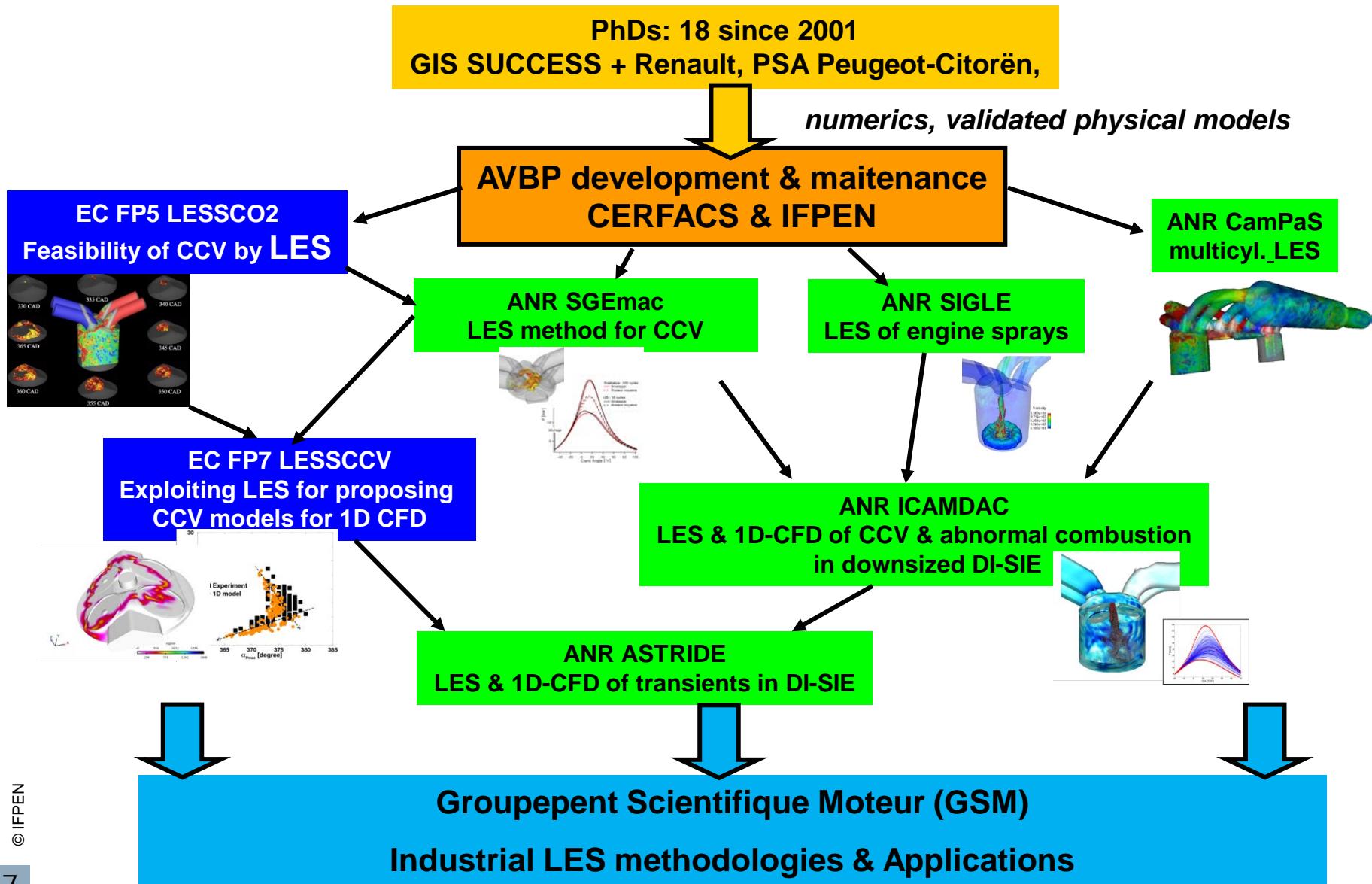
■ CCV result from interactions between many non-linear phenomena

■ Predicting CCV requires a 3D CFD approach

LES

- that predicts individual engine cycles
- and gives access to detailed, instantaneous & local flow phenomena

# The French concerted research framework around LES for ICE around AVBP

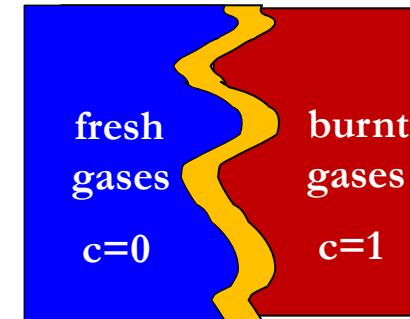


# **Etude LES du cliquetis dans un moteur à allumage commandé downsizé**

# Predicting “normal” combustion: The ECFM-LES model

- Transport equation for a progress variable

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{c}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \tilde{u} \tilde{c}) = \nabla \cdot \left( \bar{\rho} \frac{\nu_t}{S_{ct}} \nabla \tilde{c} \right) + \rho^u S_t \bar{\Sigma}_{\tilde{c}}$$



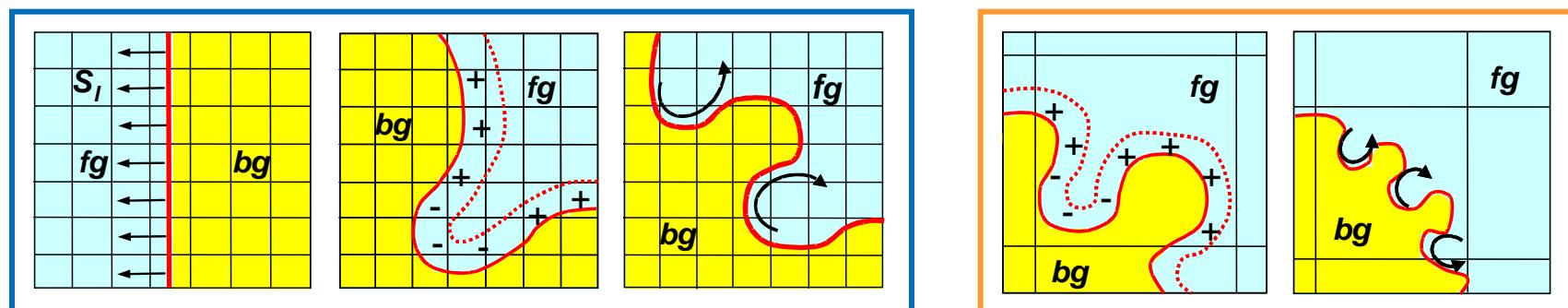
- Transport equation for the flame surface density

Richard & al., 31st  
Symp. Comb. 2007

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\Sigma}_{\tilde{c}}}{\partial t} = T_{res} + P + C_{res} + S_{res} + T_{sgs} + C_{sgs} + S_{sgs}$$

resolved contributions

unresolved contributions



+ spark ignition + flame-wall + burnt gases chemistry

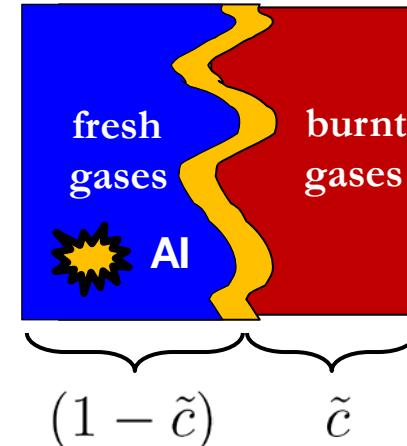
# Predicting fresh gases' auto-ignition: The *Tabulated Kinetics of Ignition (TKI-LES<sup>2</sup>) model*

## ■ Definition of auto-ignition progress

$$c^{TKI} = \tilde{Y}_{fuel}^{TKI} / (\tilde{Y}_{fuel}^{TKI} + \tilde{Y}_{burnt}^{TKI})$$

*consumed by AI*

*available for AI*



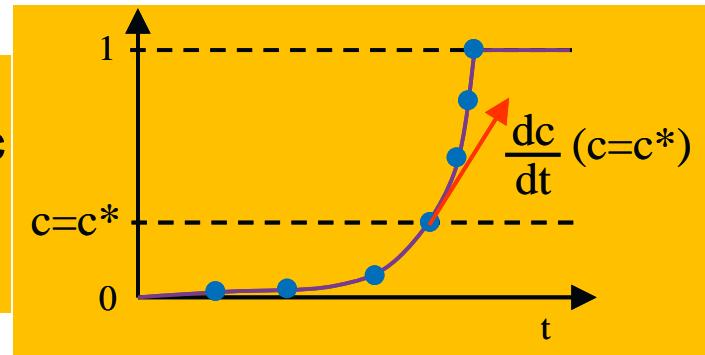
## ■ Total progress reaction rate

$$\bar{\rho}\tilde{\omega}_c = \rho_u S_l \bar{\Sigma}_{\tilde{c}} + (1 - \tilde{c})\bar{\rho}\tilde{\omega}_c^{AI}$$

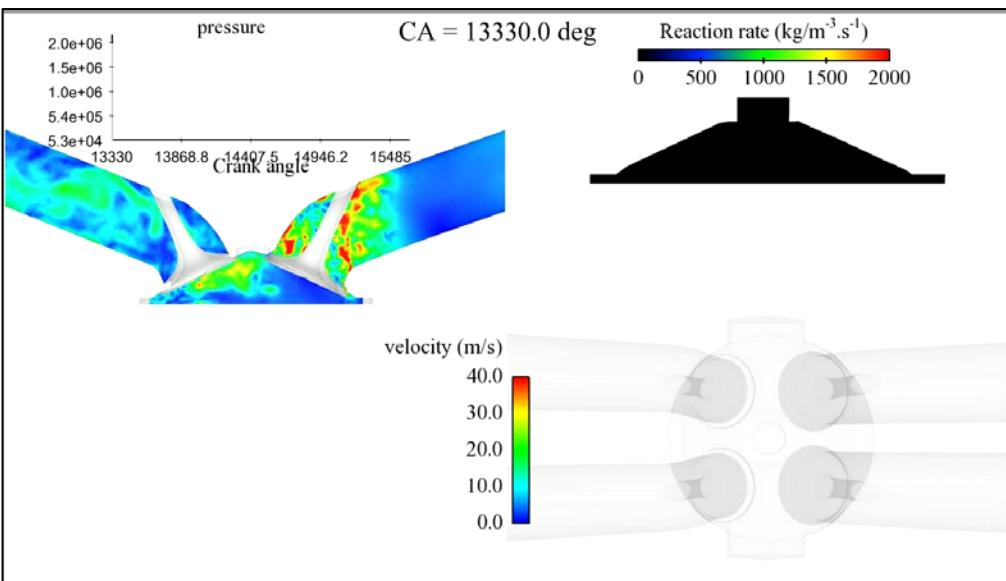
*Propagation with ECFM-LES*

*AI*

- A priori tabulated for isobaric homogeneous reactors as a function of  $T^u$ ,  $p$ ,  $\phi$ , dilution and  $c$
- Read during the computation from this table based on filtered local conditions

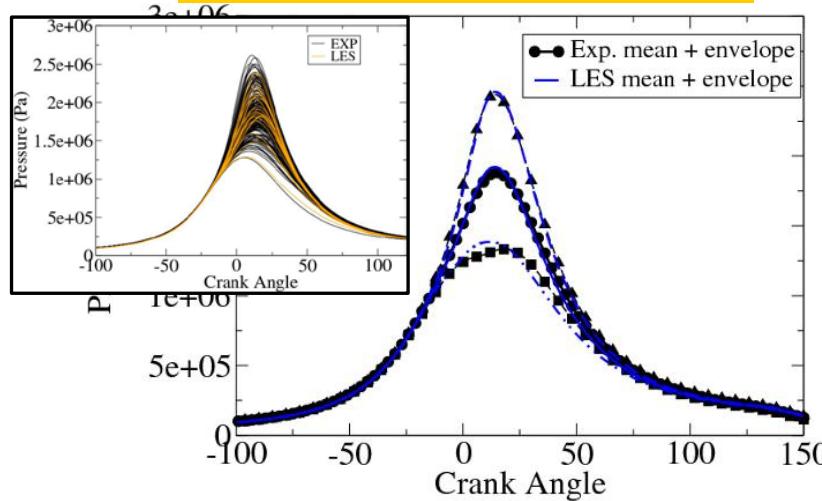


# Quantitative prediction of CCV by LES for the two unstable points

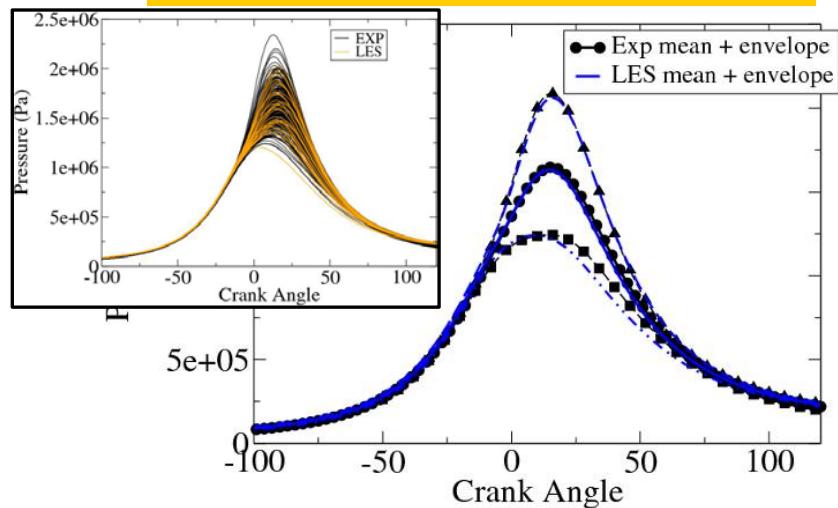


- Multiple consecutive cycles simulated by LES
- Approx. 20h/cycle on 350 cores
- Meshes 2-12Mcells (tetrahedra)

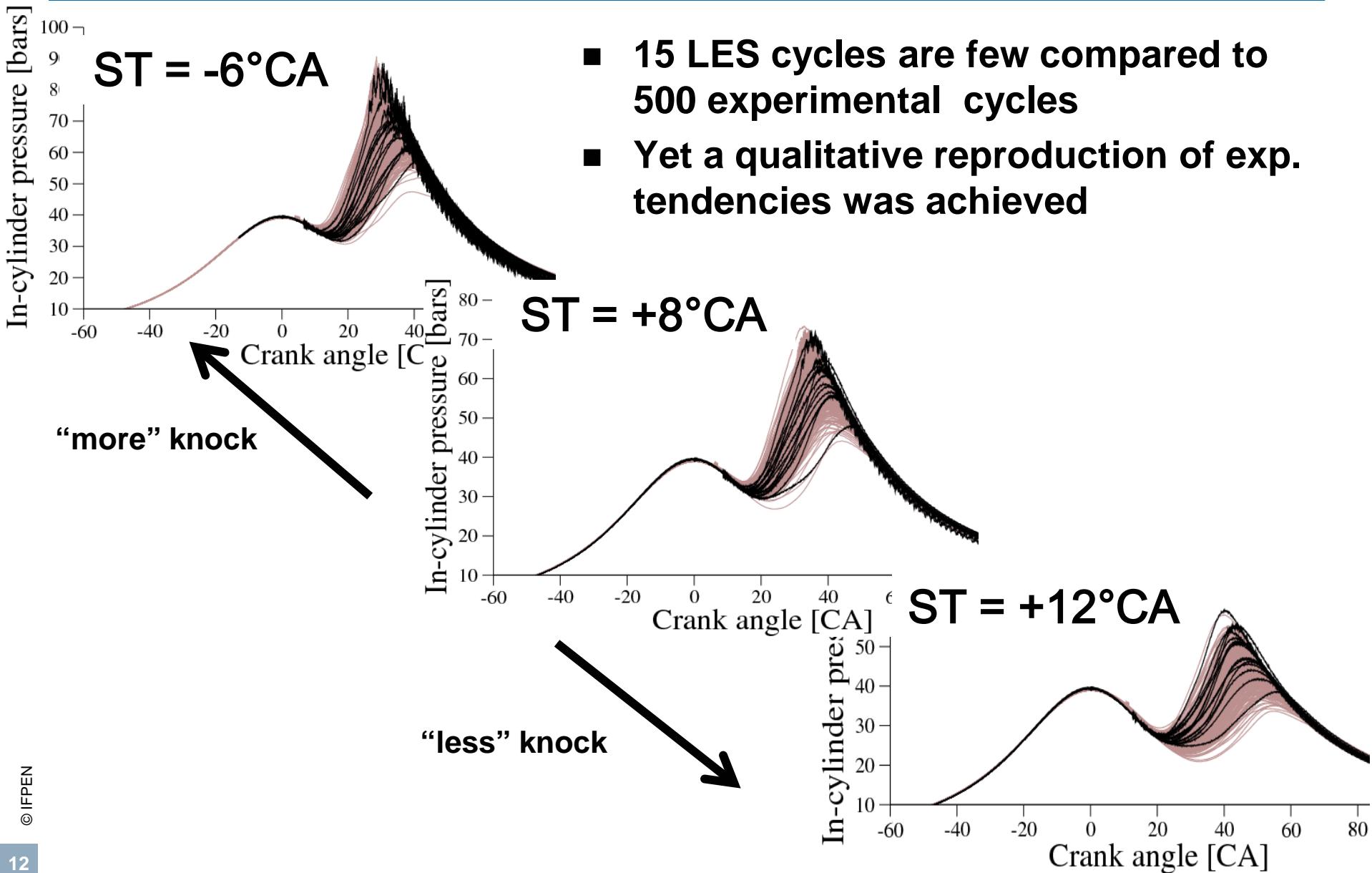
## Instability by dilution



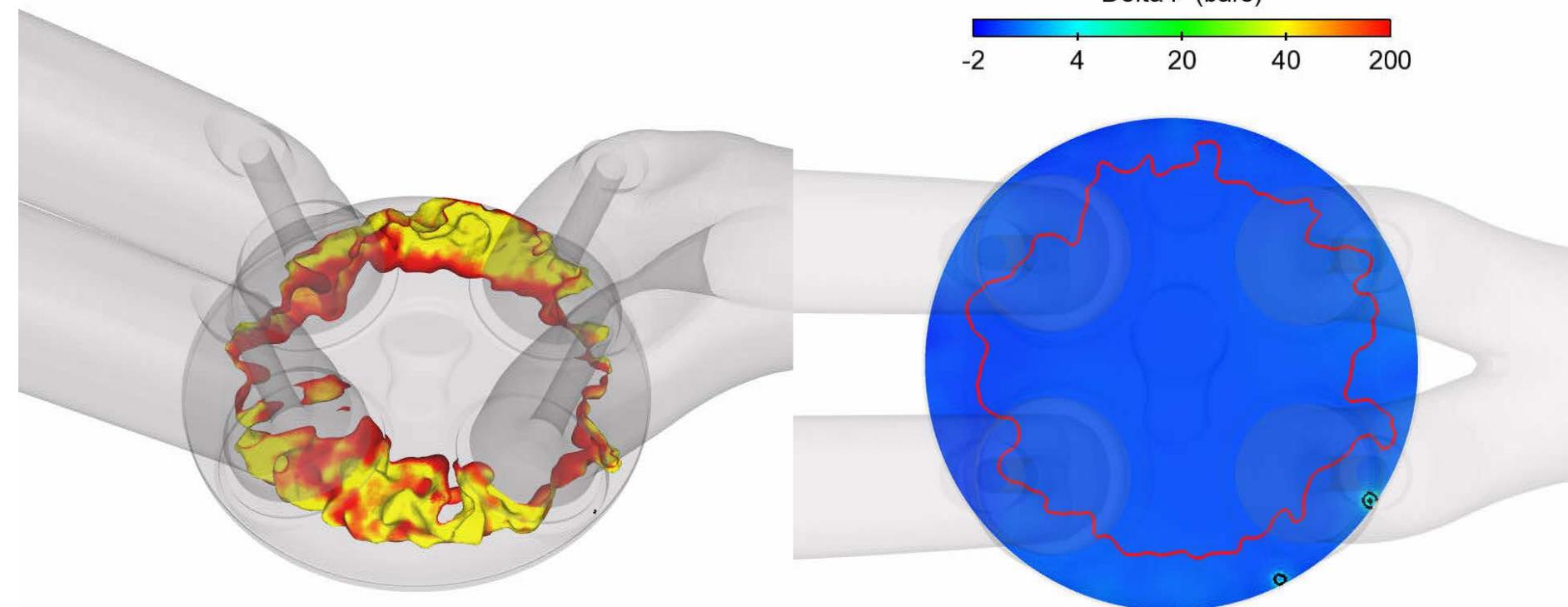
## Instability by leaning out



# Comparing LES predictions with experimental findings

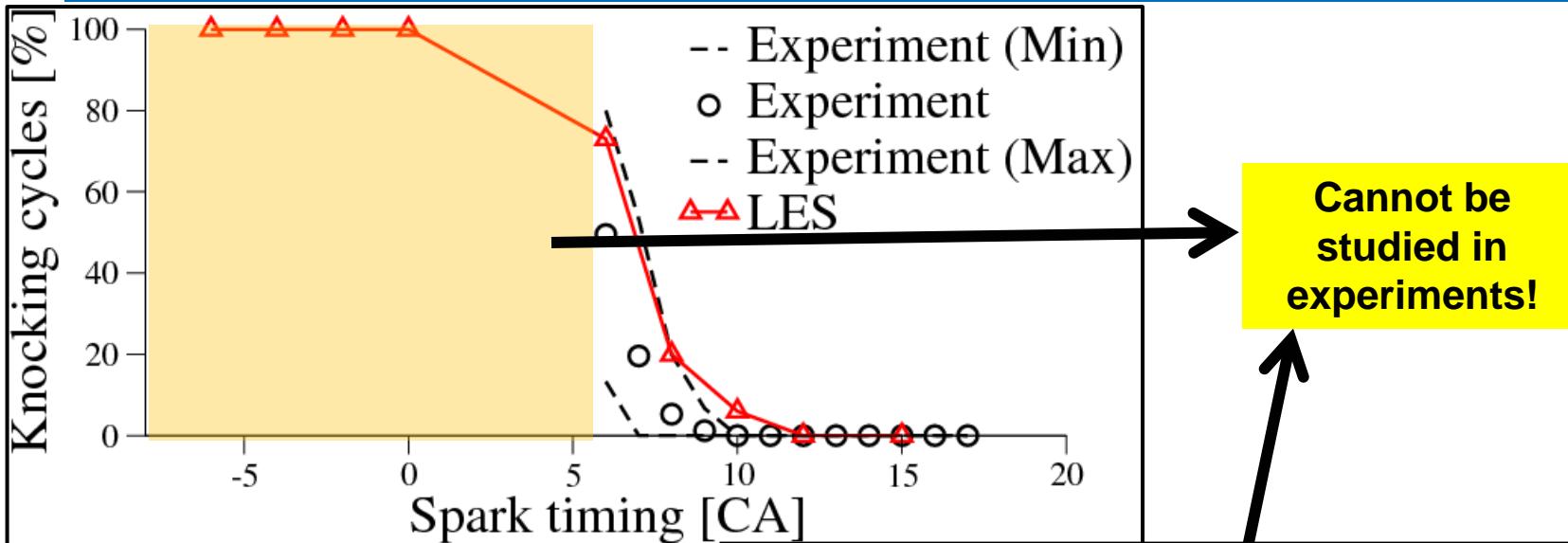


# Temporal zoom on an extreme knocking cycle predicted by LES

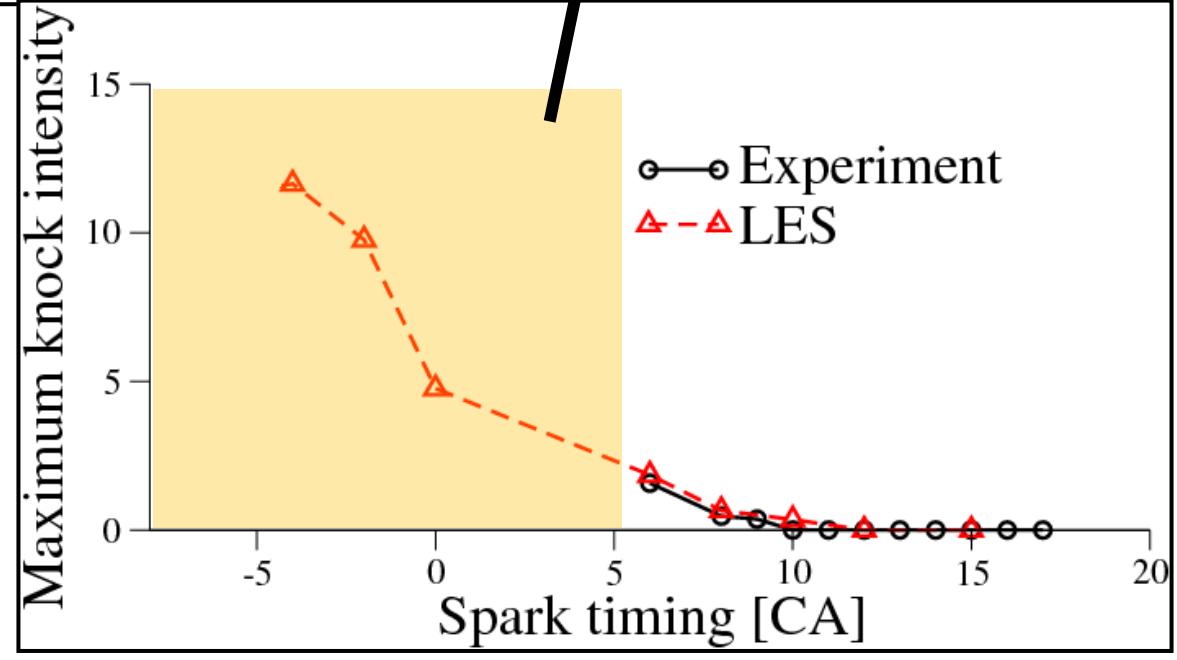


Time = 13.02 CA

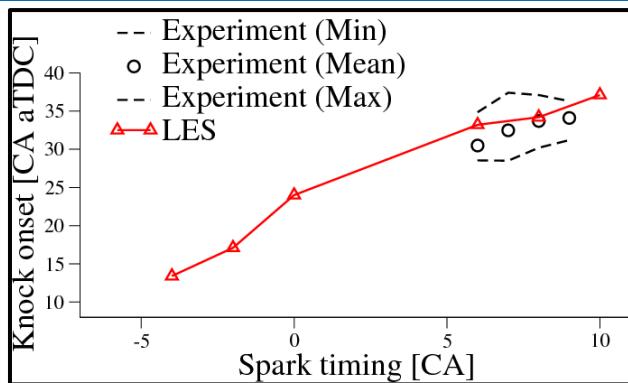
# Quantitative study of knock : % knocking cycles & max. intensity



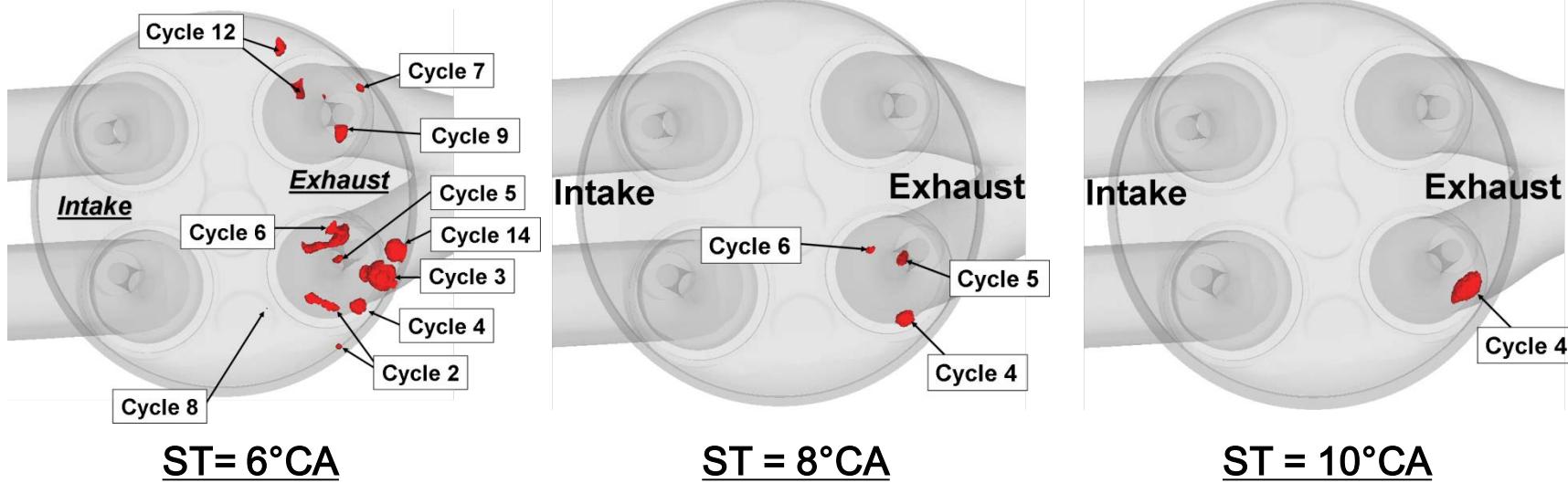
- All post-processing of knock characteristics were performed using the same tool for LES and experiments



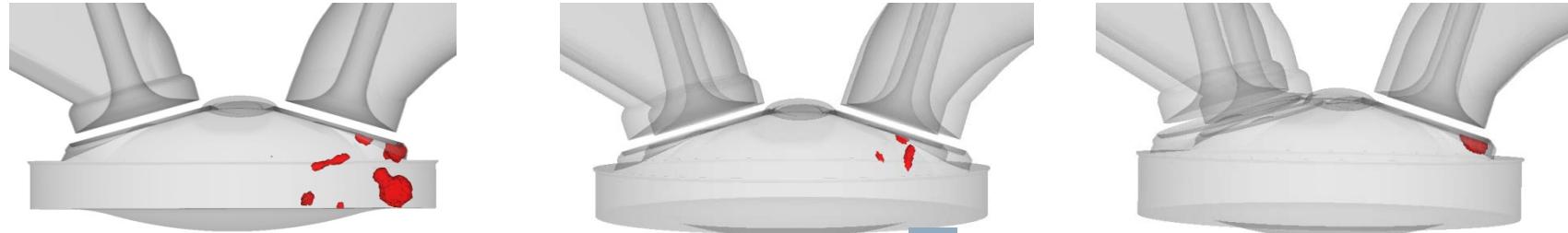
# Spatial & temporal occurrence of knock onset



Top view

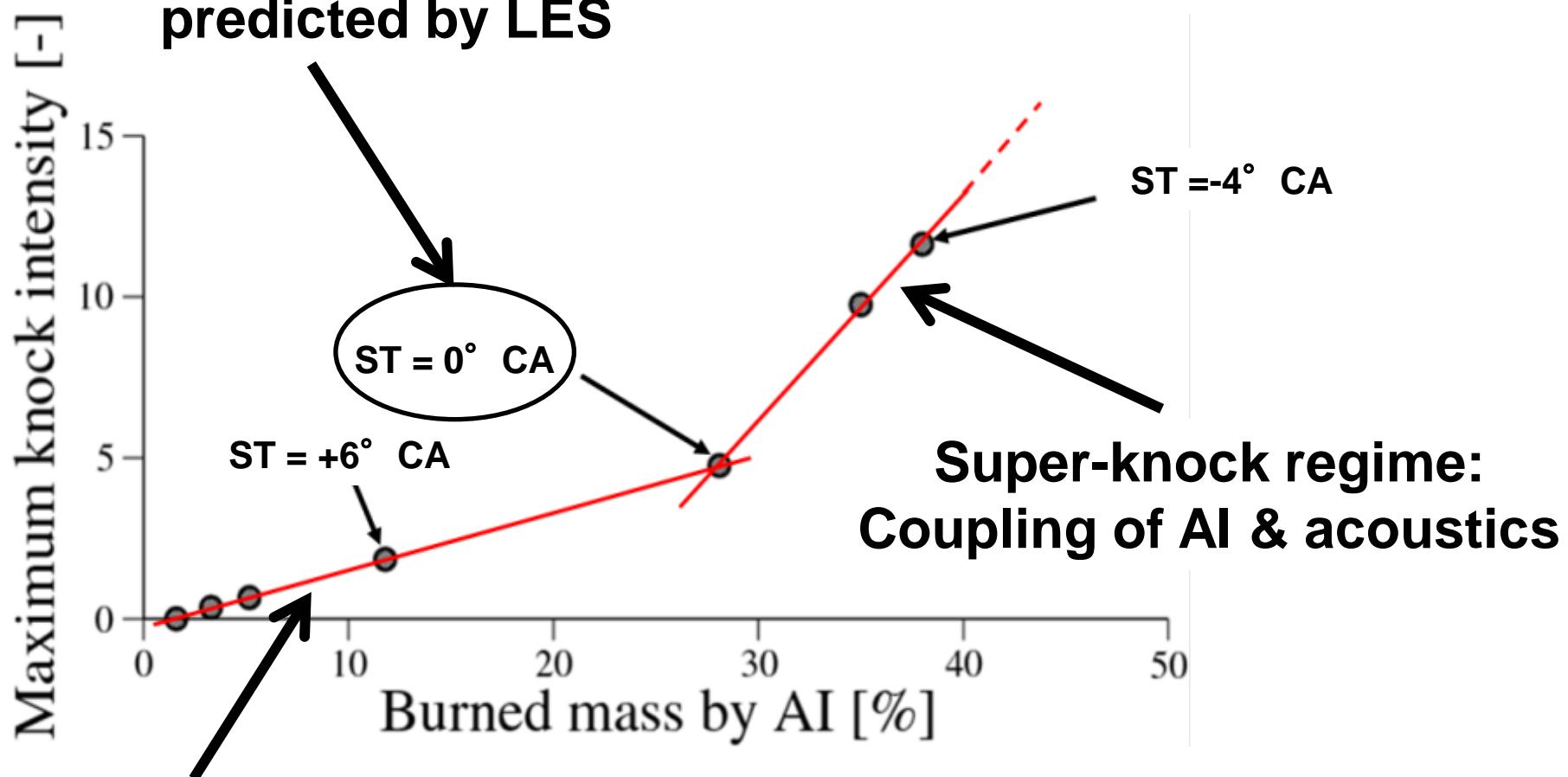


Side view



# Different scenarios depending on the spark advance

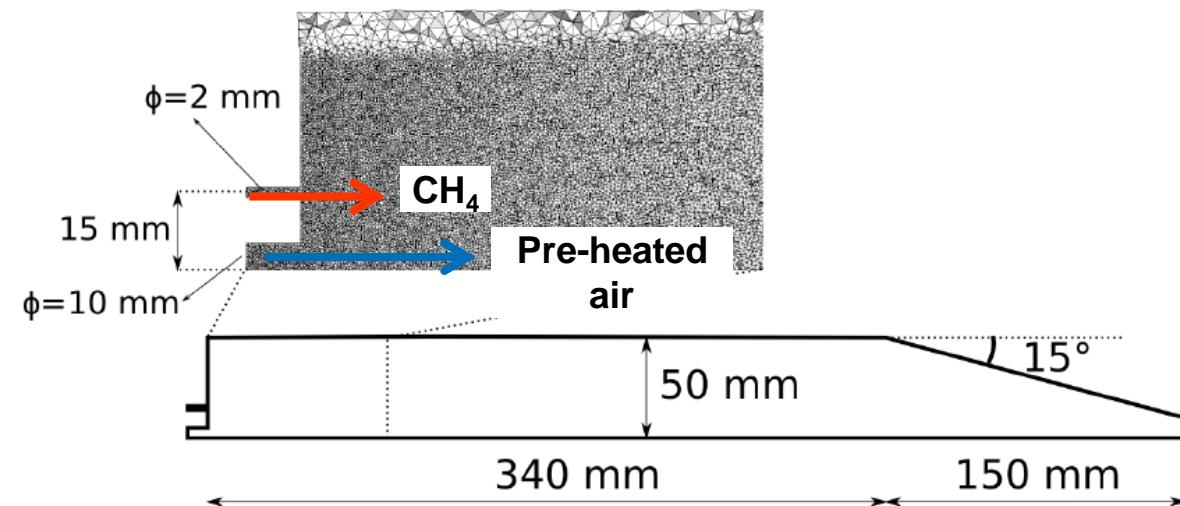
Transition can be predicted by LES



“Standard” knock regime:  
Isolated spots

# LES de combustion sans flamme

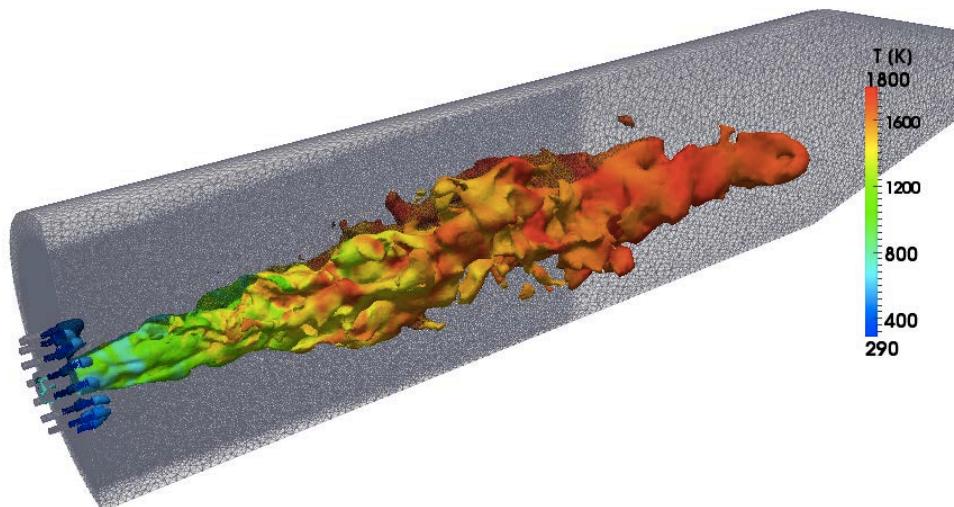
# The flameless model burner of Verissimo



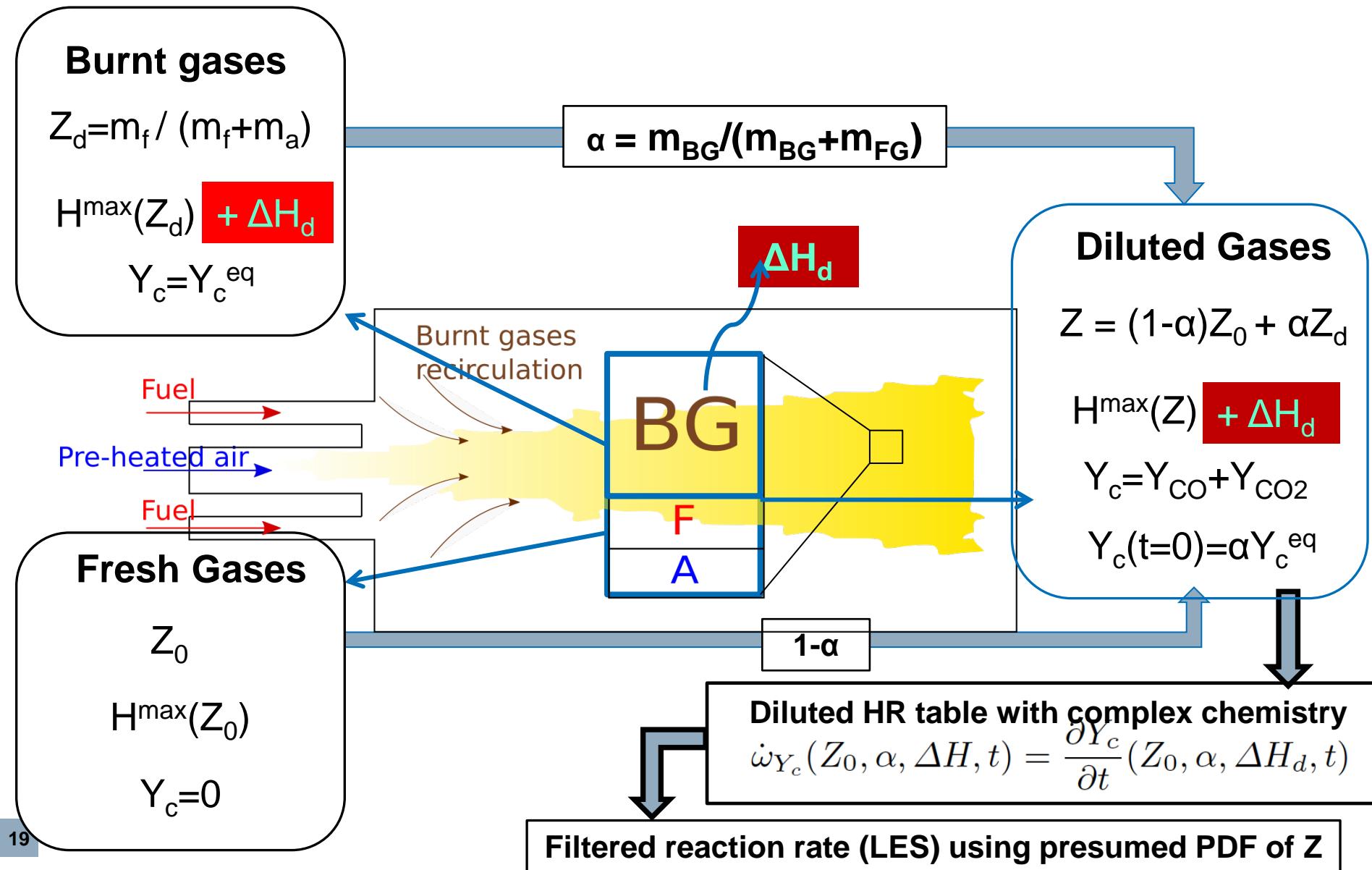
- Main inlet
  - Heated air at 673 K
  - Velocity 113.2 m/s
- 16 CH<sub>4</sub> injectors
  - Velocity 6.2 m/s
- Burnt gases recirculation favored by high air momentum
- 10 KW of total power

## Numerical setup:

- 20 million tetrahedral cells
- Minimum cell size: 0.3 mm

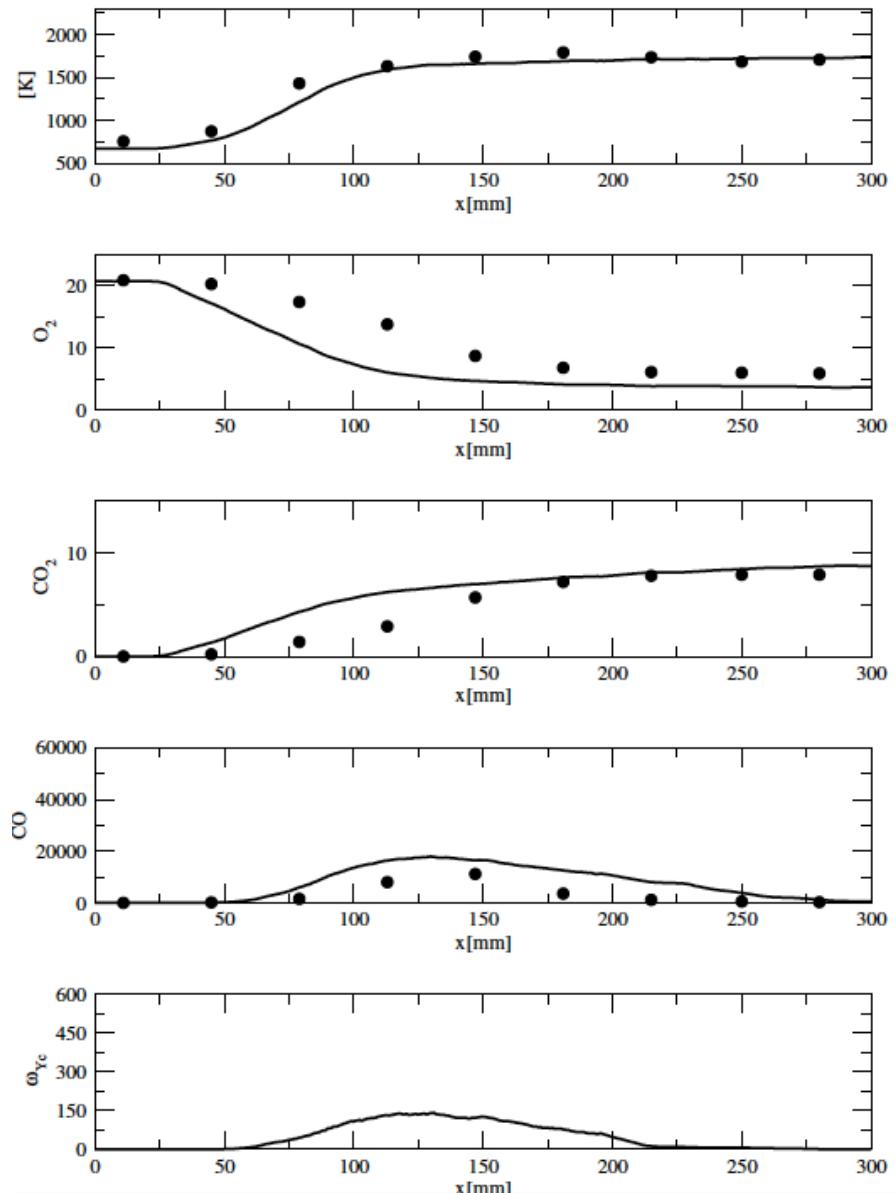
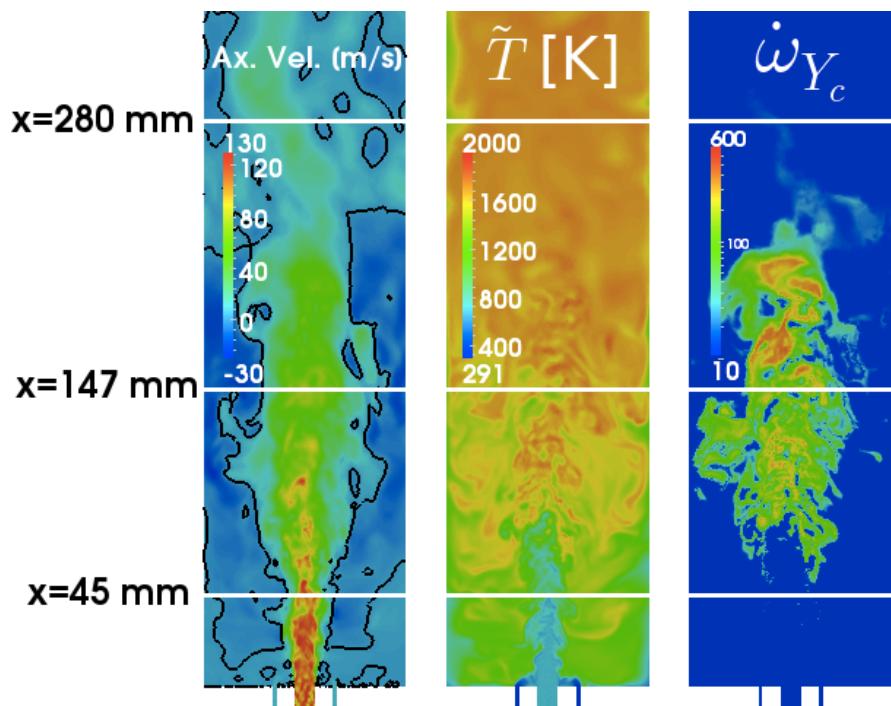


# Modelling flameless combustion: The Diluted Homogeneous Reactor (DHR) model

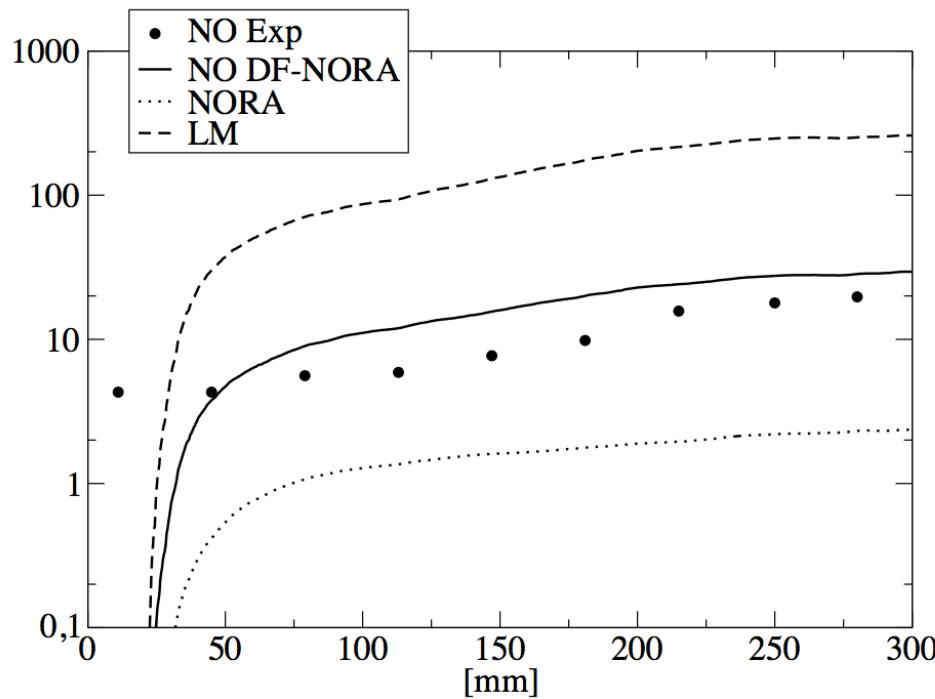


# LES predictions of time-averaged mean profiles

Instantaneous LES fields



# Prédiction des NOx en sortie brûleur



	Strain	Strain=0	Enthalpy loss	NO non linear
NORA [Vervisch,2011]	●	●	●	● (No Prompt)
LM [Ihme,2008] (FPV)	●	●	●	●
Zoller [2011] (PDF)	●	●	●	●
DF-NORA (PCM)	●	●	●	●

# Conclusions & Perspectives

- **Standard CFD tools based on RANS reach their limits when it comes to certain physical questions**
  - RANS allows fast evaluations of design variations under the hypothesis of small cyclic variations
- **LES on practical meshes require accurate sub-grid models**
  - Combustion, sprays, mixing, pollutants
- **LES allows predicting & understanding cyclic combustion variability in piston engines**
  - Illustrated for studying and understanding knock in downsized engines )
- **LES generally allows improving predictions of flows where mixing phenomena are crucial**
  - Illustrated using flameless combustion
- **LES will also allow gaining a deeper insight into other non-cyclic engine phenomena**
  - Super-knock, fast operating point transients, cold starts, combustion mode switching, ...



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