

**Division Engines**

# **ePCC System Waukesha VHP**

*Engine Upgrade Packages*

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# Lean Burn Combustion

## The Challenge

- A leaner mixture is more difficult to ignite and has typically a slower flame propagation

## The Obvious Idea

- Improved ignition (key issue)

## The solution

- Pre Combustion Chamber
  - Order of magnitude higher ignition energy
  - **BUT**, it requires precise air/fuel ratio control to ensure stable main chamber combustion



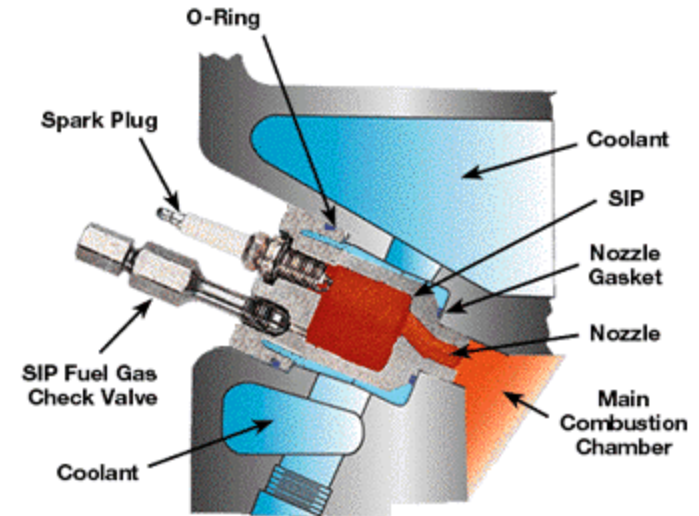
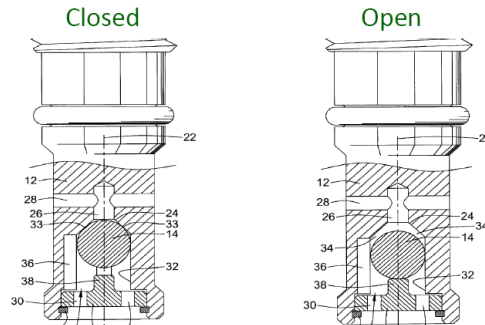
# PCC Ignition

## PCC – Pre Combustion Chamber

- Small cavity providing an easy to ignite environment (stoichiometric)
- Order of magnitude higher ignition energy compared to open chamber ignition

## State of the Art

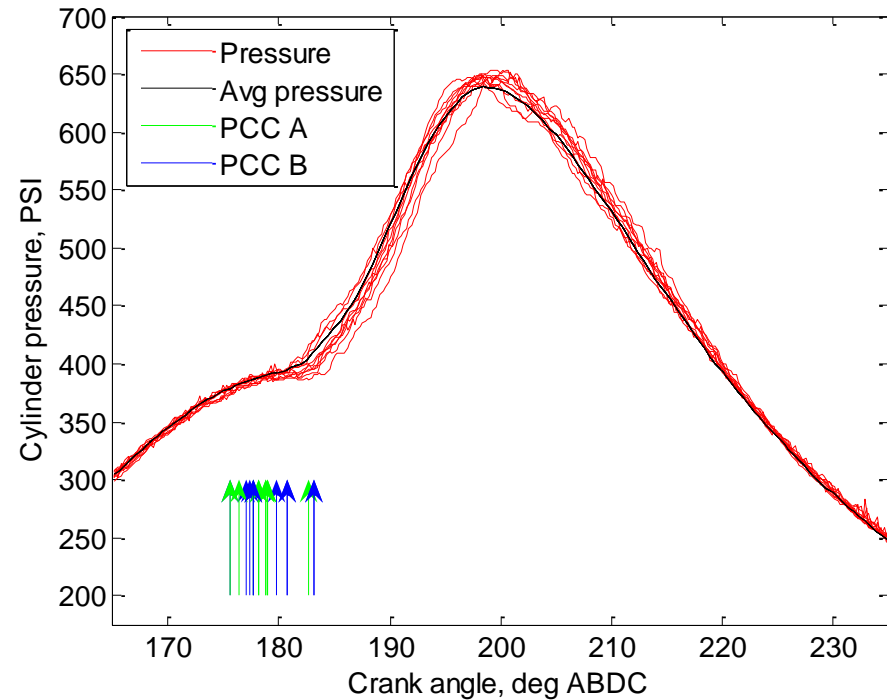
- Check valves
- Problems:
  - Inconsistent fueling
  - Frequently clogged / quit working
  - Varying Air/Fuel ratio
  - Too rich Air/Fuel ratio during startup
  - Fuel slip



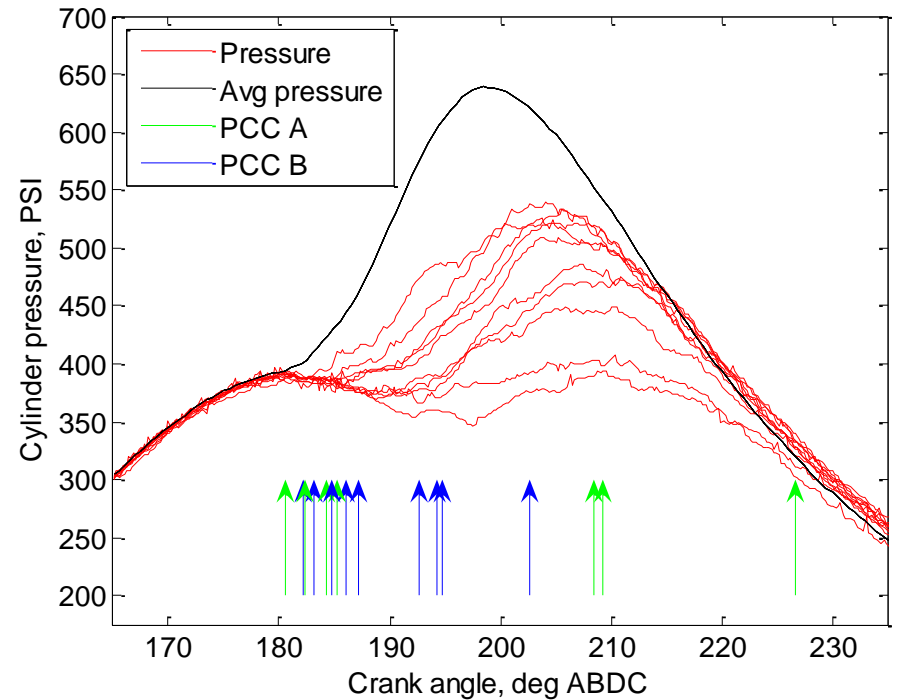
# Combustion Stability at Lean Mixtures

## Ignition (Pre Chamber)

- Evaluation of PCC performance – MCC pressure and PCC ion sense



***Stable main chamber  
combustion due to  
perfect PCC firing***

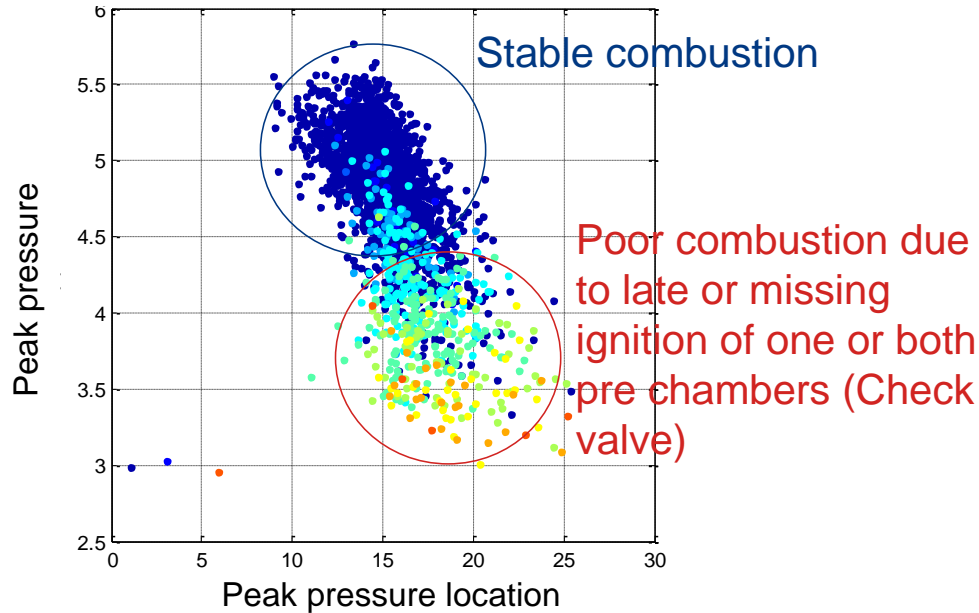


***Slow and late main  
chamber combustion due  
to delayed PCC firing***

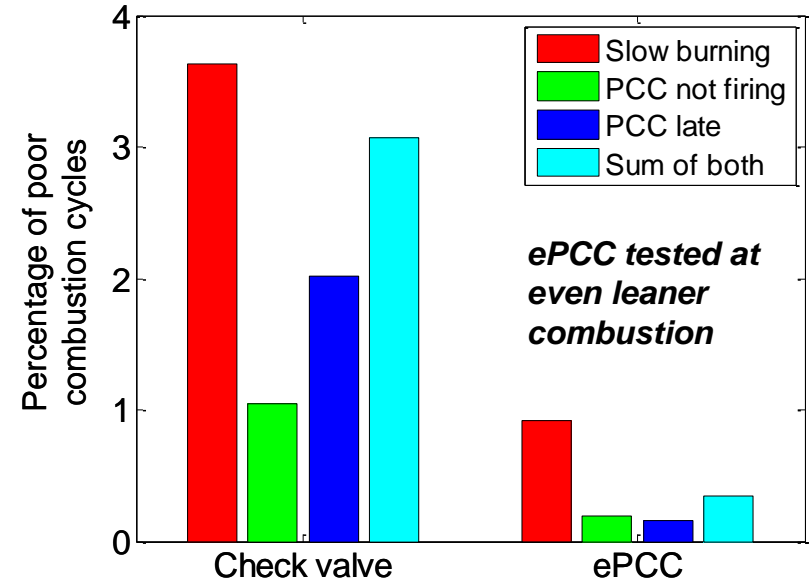


# Combustion Stability with ePCC

## Check Valve Performance



## Check Valve vs. Electronic Valve



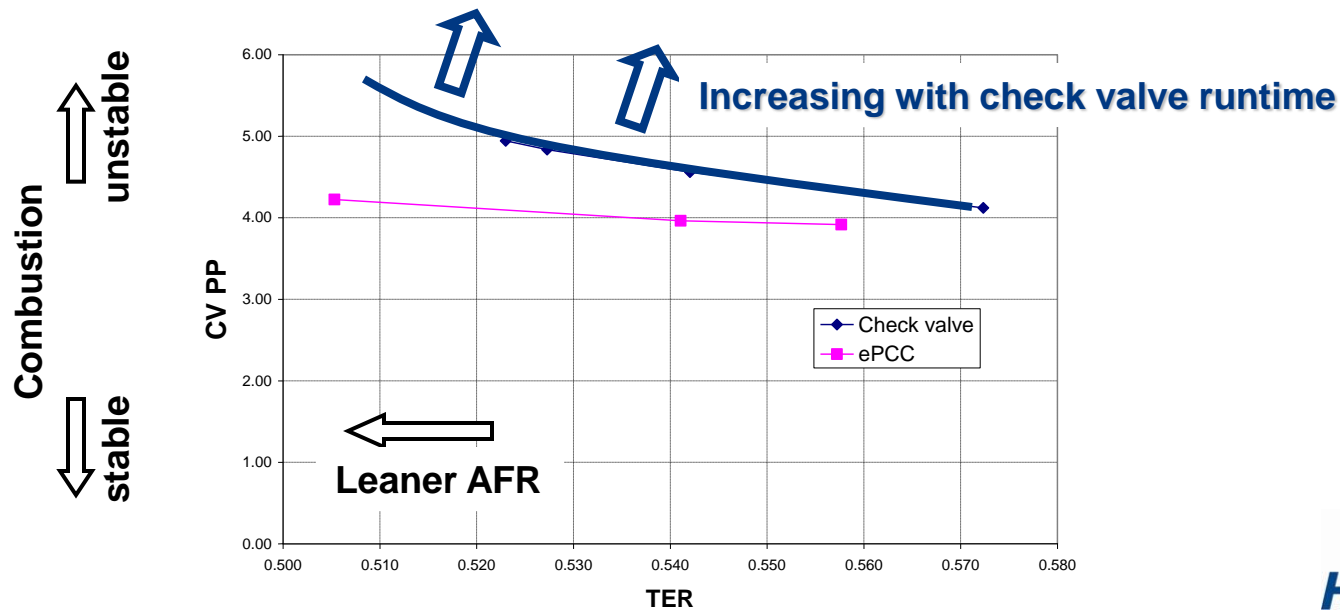
⇒ The real solution is a pre combustion chamber with electronic fuel injection

⇒ **ePCC**

# Implementation on High-Speed Engines

## Results Waukesha 7042GL

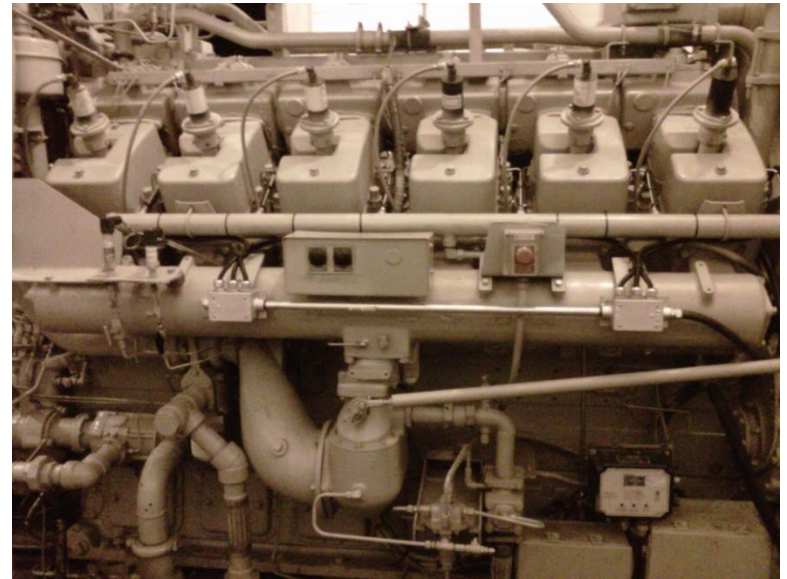
- Bulk engine PCC fueling optimization (same pulse width for all cylinders, individual adjustment possible)
- Improvements with ePCC could be demonstrated compared to new and optimal adjusted check valve fueling



# ePCC Waukesha 7042GL Package

## Field and Lab Test Results

- Improved combustion stability at rated operating conditions as well as reduced hydrocarbons emission and slightly improved fuel consumption
- Achieved stable combustion down to 0.5g/bHp-hr NO<sub>x</sub>



  
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# ePCC Waukesha 7042GL Package

## Field Installation





# ePCC Installation Experience

## Slow Speed Engines

- 100+ engines are running successfully in the field
- Very positive customer feedback due to outstanding performance
- First installation in operation for more than 10 years

## High Speed Gas Engines

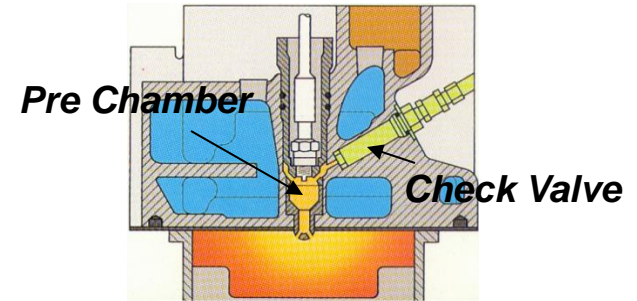
- 20+ installations on Superior 825 and Waukesha VHP engines
- Combustion performance improvements are identical to large bore engine results
- First installation in operation since Nov 2011



# ePCC Highspeed Package – Summary

## The Need

- Most lean burn engines require pre combustion chambers for igniting the lean mixture. The fueling is controlled via check valves, which perform poorly:
  - Frequently clogged / quit working
  - Inconsistent fueling; varying Air/Fuel ratio
  - Too rich Air/Fuel ratio during startup; fuel slip
  - **Root cause #1 for combustion issues**



## The Solution

- Electronically controlled pre chamber fuel valve – ePCC
  - No maintenance issues
  - Precise and consistent fueling (each cycle)
  - Stable combustion even at very lean mixtures
  - Improved startup, smooth and efficient idling
  - Small Fuel Saving's





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