Limits of Engine Downsizing for Reduced Fuel Consumption

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Engine Downsizing



Fuel Consumption Map



Figure: Fuel consumption maps for a naturaly aspirated engine and an equivalently powered downsized engine



Megaknock



Figure: G.T. Kalghatgi 2009



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Figure: Pre-ignitions for regular and low ash polyalphaolefine base oils (A. Zahdeh 2008)



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Engine Test Cell





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Contaminant Testing





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Questions?

