

HCCI and Stratified-Charge CI Engine Combustion Research

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Overview

Timeline

- Project provides fundamental research to support DOE/Industry advanced engine projects.
- Project directions and continuation are evaluated annually.

Barriers

- Increase the efficiency of HCCI (LTC).
- Extend HCCI (LTC) operating range to higher loads.
- Improve the understanding of in-cylinder processes.

Budget

- Project funded by DOE/VT:
FY12 – \$760k
FY13 – \$740k

Partners / Collaborators

- Project Lead: Sandia \Rightarrow John E. Dec
- Part of Advanced Engine Combustion working group – 15 industrial partners
- General Motors – specific collaboration
- Cummins – spark-plug cylinder heads
- LLNL – support kinetic modeling
– CFD modeling
- Univ. of Michigan – thermal stratification
- Univ. of Calif. Berkeley – CFD modeling
- Chevron – advanced fuels for HCCI
- LDRD – advanced biofuels project



Objectives - Relevance

Project objective: to provide the fundamental understanding (science-base) required to overcome the technical barriers to the development of practical HCCI or SCCI engines by industry.

FY13 Objectives ⇒ Increased Efficiency, High Loads, Improved Understanding

- **Effects of Gasoline Ethanol Content:** Complete investigation of the effects of ethanol content of gasoline on HCCI/SCCI efficiency and load.
- **Improve Efficiency of HCCI/SCCI:** Determine the potential of raising the compression ratio (CR) to 16:1 vs. 14:1 to increase thermal efficiency (T-E) for both premixed fueling and with partial fuel stratification (PFS).
- **Thermal Stratification (TS) Imaging:** 1) Investigate the effect of piston-top temperatures on TS & cold-pocket distribution. 2) Explore the potential for obtaining thermal boundary-layer (BL) measurements from T-map images.
- **Facility Upgrade** for spark-assisted HCCI & higher GDI injection pressures.
- **Support Modeling** of chemical-kinetics at LLNL and TS at the University of Michigan (UM) and General Motors.



Approach

- Use a combination of metal- and optical-engine experiments and modeling to build a comprehensive understanding of HCCI/SCCI processes.
- Metal engine \Rightarrow high-quality performance data. Conduct well-characterized experiments to isolate specific aspects of HCCI/SCCI combustion.
 - Fuel Effects: Systematically investigate performance for premixed and partially stratified operation with E0, E10, E20, E100, and a high-AKI E0 fuel.
 - Improved efficiency: Install CR = 16 piston and seek the highest-efficiencies and highest-loads for a range of op. conditions. Compare with previous CR = 14 data.
- Optical engine \Rightarrow detailed investigations of in-cylinder processes.
 - Thermal stratification: Install instrumented aluminum piston top and variable air-jet cooling. Apply PLIF-based thermal imaging to bulk-gas & boundary layer (BL).
- Facility upgrade: Work with Cummins to modify heads for spark plugs, and with GM to obtain a high-pressure (300 bar) GDI injector and driver.
- Computational Modeling: Collaborate with LLNL, UM & GM, and UC-B.
 \Rightarrow Support by identifying key trends, providing data, discussion & feedback.
- Combination of techniques provides a more complete understanding.
- Transfer results to industry: 1) physical understanding, 2) improved models.

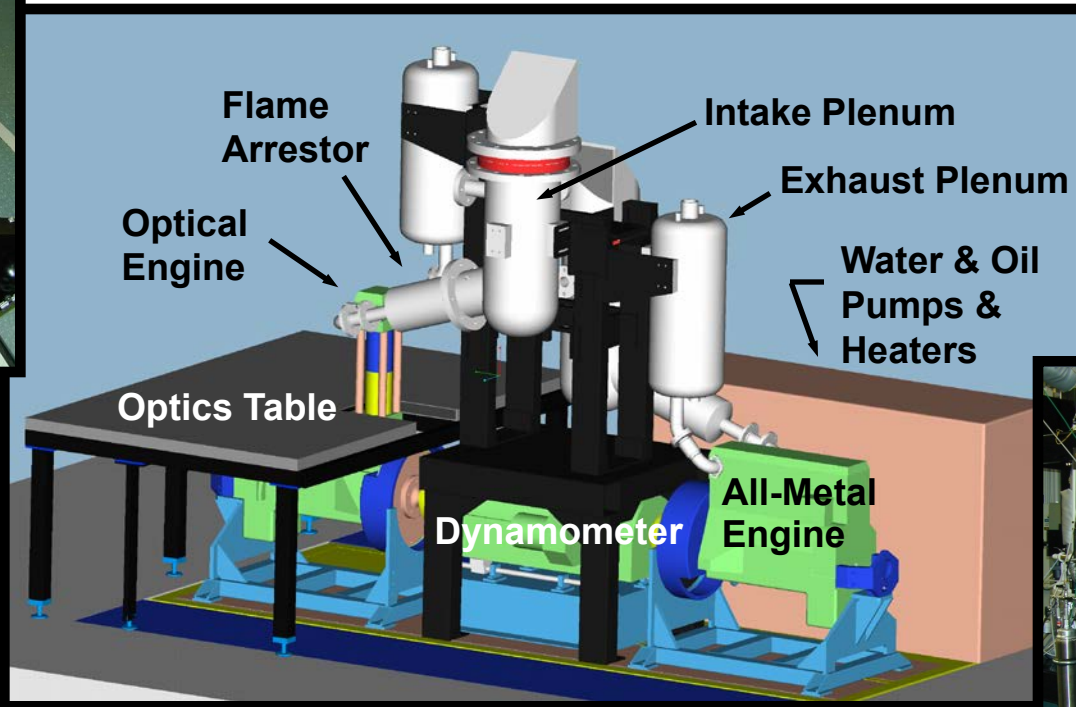


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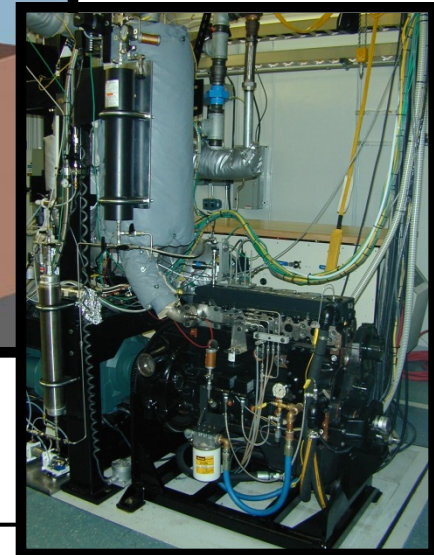
- Matching all-metal & optical HCCI research engines.
 - Single-cylinder conversion from Cummins B-series diesel.



Optical Engine

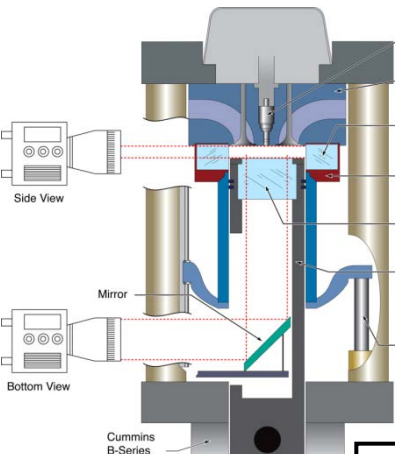


All-Metal Engine



- Bore x Stroke = 102 x 120 mm
- 0.98 liters, CR=14 & 16

Unless noted: Ringing $\leq 5 \text{ MW/m}^2$ & spd = 1200 rpm
 NO_x & soot emiss. > 10x below US-2010





Accomplishments

- Completed evaluation of performance affects of increasing ethanol content of gasoline, from E0 \Rightarrow E10 \Rightarrow E20. (Base fuel, E0 \Rightarrow AKI = 87, regular gas).
 - Evaluated effects on stability, efficiency, high-load limit, and ability to apply PFS.
- ◆ Expanded fuels study to include: **1)** E100 (pure ethanol), and **2)** effects of changing the base fuel composition \Rightarrow high AKI = 93 distillate fuel (CF-E0).
 - Evaluated performance and compared with ethanol addition.
- Determined the effect of increasing the CR from 14 to 16 on performance for both fully premixed and partially fuel stratified (PFS) operation.
 - Study is about 70% complete \Rightarrow on track to complete this FY.
- Optical Engine: designed and installed aluminum piston with variable air-jet cooling, & evaluated vignetting/camera-position effects for BL measurement.
 - On track to obtain TS and BL data as planned this FY.
- With Cummins, designed and fabricated spark-plug cylinder heads, and with GM, acquired ignition systems & high-pressure GDI injectors.
- ◆ Conducted a comparative study of Combustion Noise and Ringing Intensity.
- Supported chemical-kinetic & CFD modeling at LLNL, and TS modeling at U. Michigan & GM. Expanded task to include CFD at UC-Berkeley.



Effects of Gasoline Reactivity and Ethanol Content on Boosted HCCI / SCCI Combustion

- Efforts in HCCI/SCCI are moving toward a greater emphasis on high-load capabilities \Rightarrow potential for a full-time HCCI/SCCI-LTC engine.
- Important to understand how **fuel reactivity** can improve boosted HCCI performance: 1) stability, 2) efficiency, and 3) high-load capability.
 1. Vary the ethanol content of gasoline: **E0, E10, E20, & E100.**
 - > E10 and E20 \Rightarrow add 10 & 20% ethanol to base fuel (**E0**) \Rightarrow antiknock index, **AKI = 87.**
 \Rightarrow Eliminates effect of changes in base-fuel composition, but increases AKI.
 2. Increase the AKI of base fuel with no ethanol.
 - > Certification fuel (CF-E0) \Rightarrow a high-octane distillate fuel, **AKI = 93.**
- AKI of E0 base-fuel increases progressively with ethanol content.

	RON	MON	AKI SAE 2012- 01-1274	AKI Ethanol – linear blending
E0	91.0	82.7	86.9	N/A
E10	95	86	90.5	88.2
E20	98	87.5	92.8	89.4
E100	109	90	99.5	N/A
CF-E0	96.6	88.7	92.7	N/A

**CR = 14 for
Fuels Study**

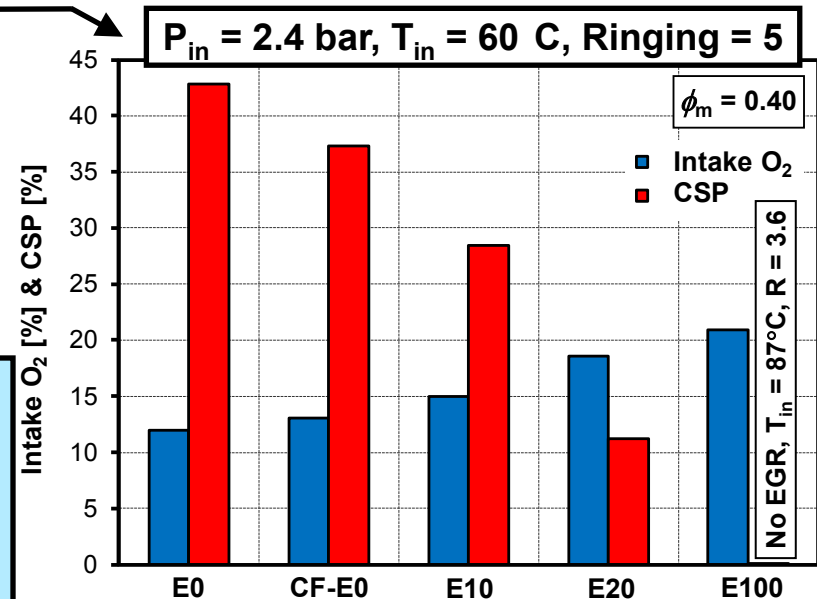
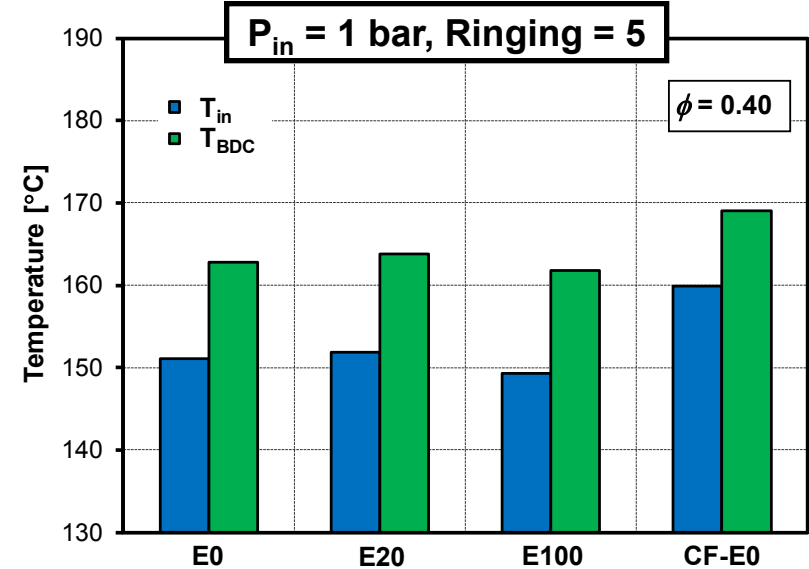
- CF-E0: AKI nearly the same as E20, RON is between E10 and E20.



HCCI Autoignition Reactivity – Fully Premixed

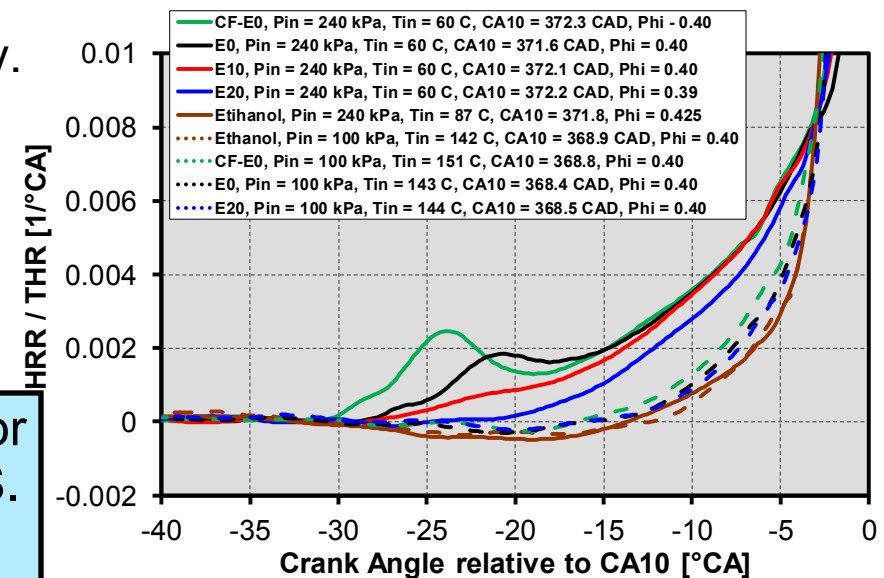
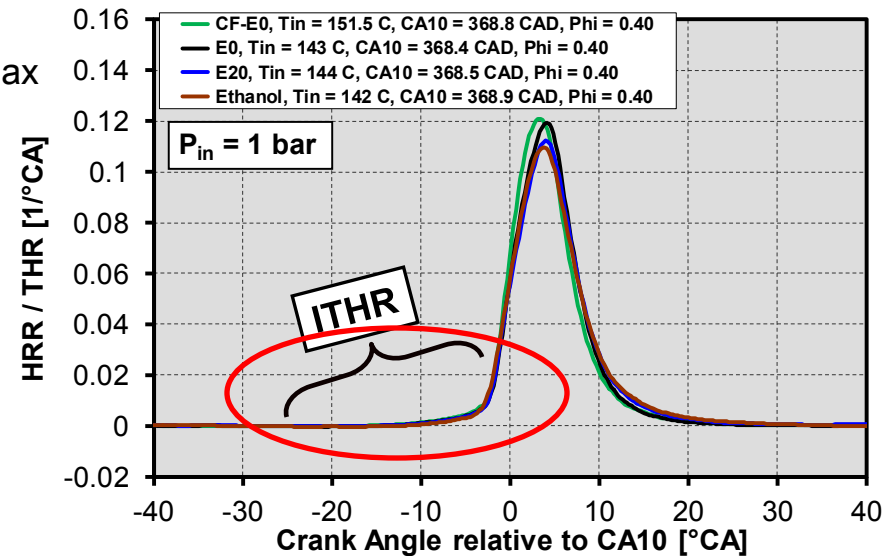
- Naturally Aspirated:
 - E0, E20 & E100 all autoignite with nearly identical T_{in} and T_{BDC} .
 - CF-E0 requires $\sim 8^\circ\text{C}$ hotter T_{in} .
- The autoignition reactivity of all fuels increases with boost.
 - Compensate with reduced T_{in} & EGR.
 - Select $T_{in} = 60^\circ\text{C}$ as min. for premixed.
- $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar, typical boosted behavior
Intake O_2 & CSP show amt. of EGR.
 - **Intake- O_2 :** $\text{E0} < \text{E10} < \text{E20} < \text{E100}$
 - Reactivity enhancement with boost is inversely correlated w/ ethanol content.
 - CF-E0 falls between E0 and E10.
 \Rightarrow Despite AKI \approx AKI of E20.

- Ethanol content \Rightarrow no effect nat. aspir.
 \Rightarrow Strong effect on reactivity for boosted
- CF-E0 less reactive than E0, N.A. & boost
- ON not a good indicator of HCCI reactivity



Stability – Effect of Fuel Type and P_{in} on ITHR

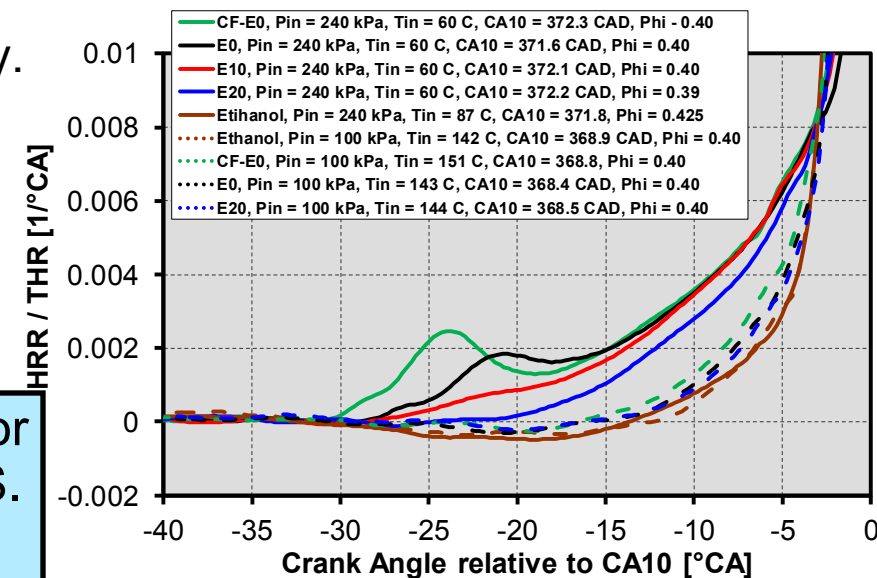
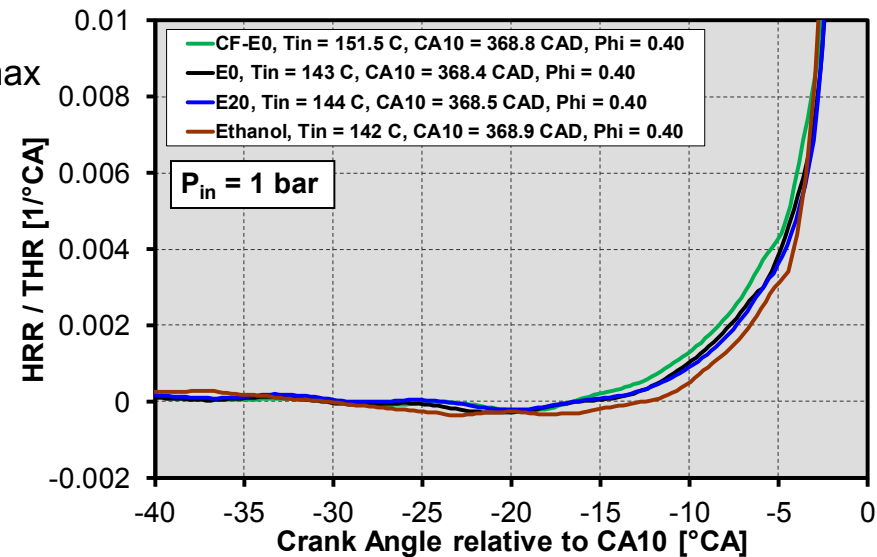
- Key to high-loads is ability to retard CA50 with good stability to ctrl. PRR_{max}
- ITHR keeps $dT/d\theta$ rising despite expansion, giving good stability.
- $P_{in} = 1$ bar: all fuels show low ITHR.
 - Retard limited to **CA50 \approx 373 CA.**
- Boosted, $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar (typical):
 - E0 & CF-E0 show large incr. in ITHR \Rightarrow good stability to **CA50 \approx 379 CA.**
 - E100 no change in ITHR, poor stability.
 - E10 similar ITHR to E0.
 - E20 between E0 and E100.
- Amount of ITHR also correlates with ϕ -sensitivity & ability to apply PFS.



- E0, E10 & CF-E0: expect good stability for high-load boosted oper., premixed & PFS.
- E100: poor stability & E20: in between

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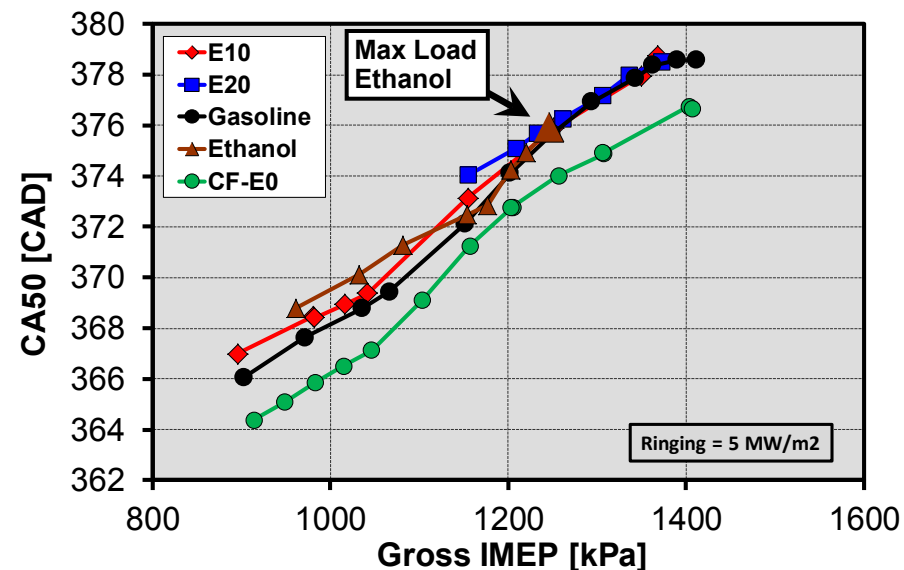
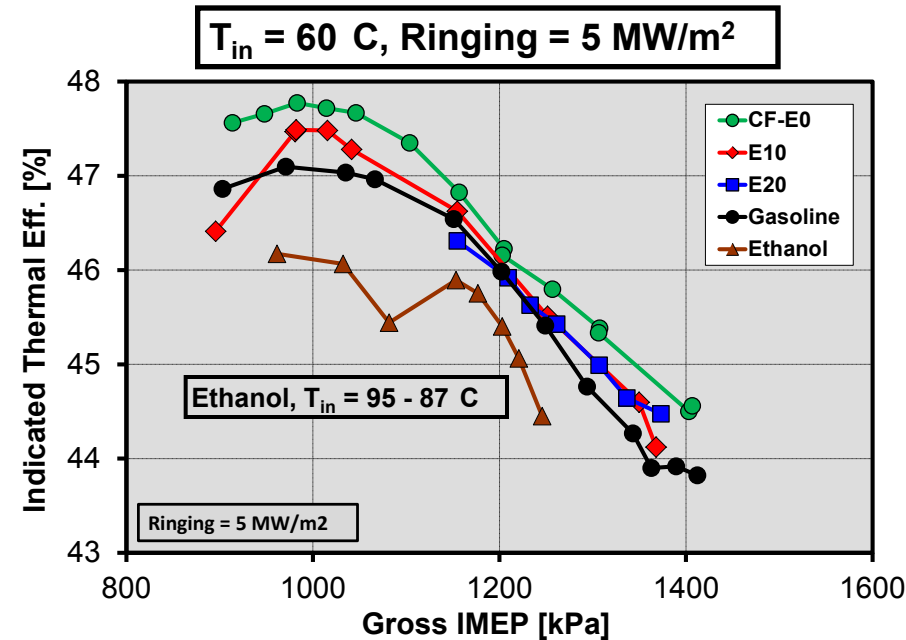
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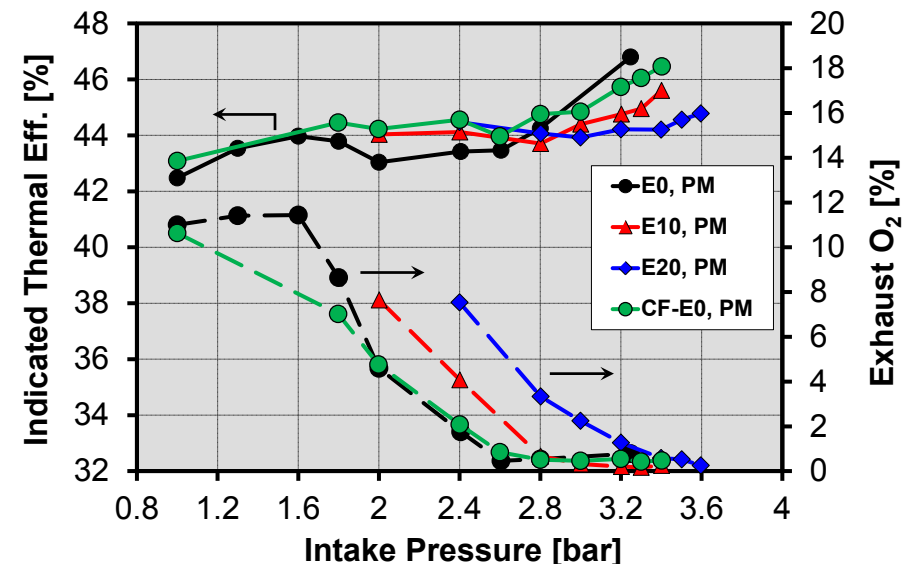
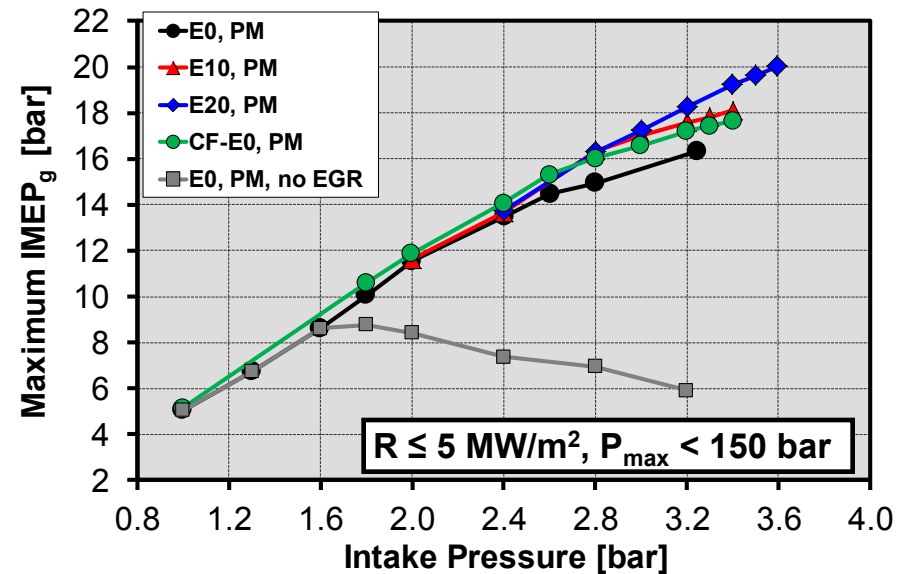
Efficiency – Premixed Fueling, $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar

- T-E falls with load due to CA50 retard.
 - Indicated Thermal Eff. (T-E) and max. load very similar for E0, E10 & E20.
 - Changes in EGR & C-E tend to cancel.
 - No low loads for E20 – need higher T_{in} .
 - E20 max. load & CA50 retard similar despite less ITHR.
 - Ethanol requires $T_{in} = 95 - 87$ C.
 - Lower T-E \Rightarrow more heat loss & lower γ .
 - CA50 v. load similar, but max. load is less \Rightarrow low ITHR limits CA50 retard.
 - Much less stable for loads acquired.
 - CF-E0 similar load range, higher T-E.
 - Higher sensitivity to TS, slows HR.
 - Allows CA50 to be more advanced.
- For premixed fueling, T_{in} & CA50 are the main factors affecting T-E.
 \Rightarrow CF-E0 gives a little better T-E.



High-Load Limit – Premixed (PM)

- Gasoline reactivity increases w/ boost
⇒ use EGR to control CA50.
- E0:** O₂ limited for $P_{in} \geq 2.6$ bar
⇒ Load limit = 16.3 bar IMEP_g.
- Blending with ethanol significantly reduces EGR requirement with boost.
 - More air in charge ⇒ higher fueling.
- E10:** ⇒ O₂ limited for $P_{in} \geq 2.8$ bar
⇒ Load limit = 18.1 bar IMEP_g.
- E20:** ⇒ O₂ limited for $P_{in} \geq 3.6$ bar
⇒ Load limit = 20.0 bar IMEP_g.
- CF-E0:** ⇒ O₂ limited for $P_{in} \geq 2.7$ bar
⇒ Load limit = 17.7 bar IMEP_g.
- Higher T-E for CF-E0 mainly due to less required CA50 retard for Ring ≤ 5.
- Ringings ≤ 5, ultra-low NO_x & soot.
- High-loads limited by $P_{max} < 150$ bar

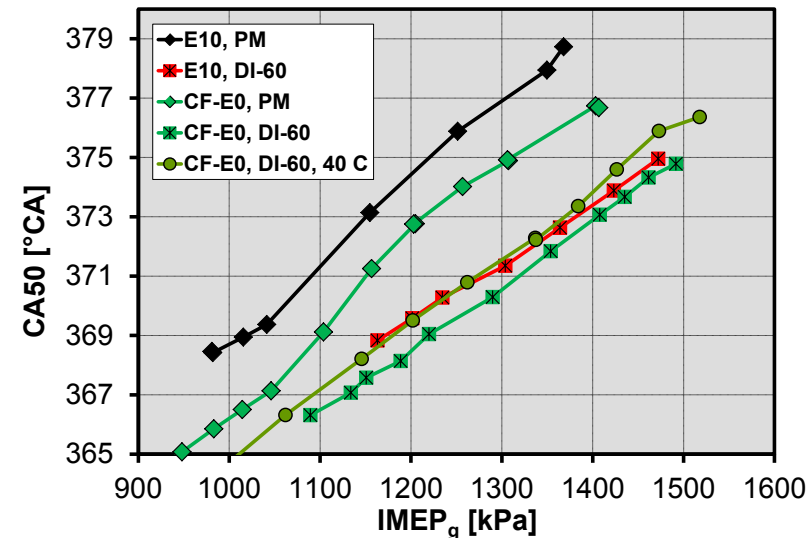
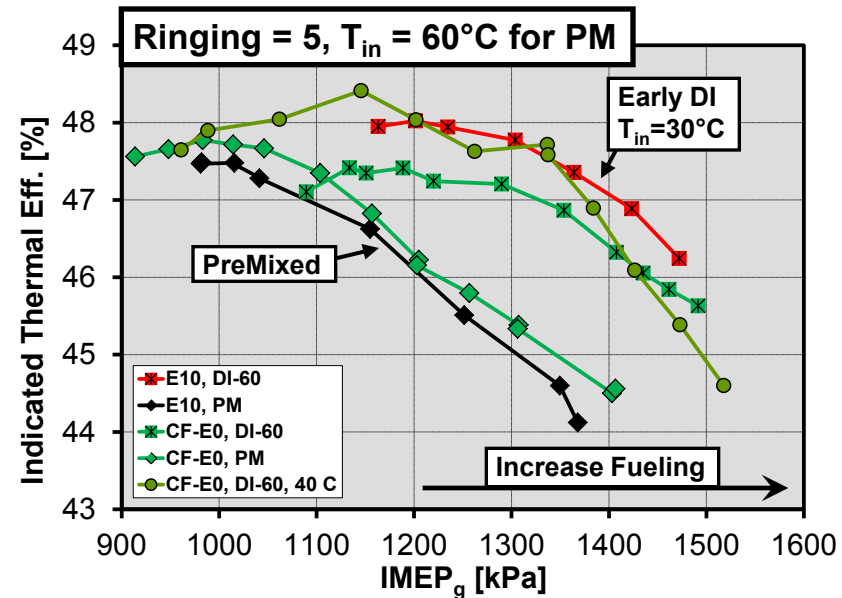




Fueling Strategies – PM, Std. PFS & Early-DI

Results for E10 & CF-E0 at $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar

- With boost, fuel autoignition becomes ϕ -sensitive, so partial fuel strat. (PFS) can reduce HRR.
 - Allows higher loads & more adv. CA50.
 - Std. PFS \Rightarrow Premix $\sim 90\%$ + late-DI
 - Early-DI \Rightarrow 100% at 60° CA, & lower T_{in} .
 - > PLIF images show not fully mixed.
- E10:** Std. PFS & Early-DI both increase T-E significantly for the same load.
 - Adv. CA50, & early-DI \Rightarrow lower T_{in} & T_{peak} .
 - Also increase max. load compared to PM
 - E0: similar improvements (not shown).
- CF-E0:** Like E10, Early-DI increases T-E and max. load compared to PM.
 - $T_{in} = 30^\circ\text{C}$, peak T-E of E-DI < PM & E10.
 - $T_{in} = 40^\circ\text{C}$, peak T-E of E-DI > PM & E10
 - > **Maximum T-E = 48.4%**, best yet.



- Both fuels, Early-DI PFS significantly improves T-E & increases max. load.

Fueling Strategies – PM & Early-DI

Results for E10, E20, & CF-E0 at $P_{in} = 2.8$ bar

E20: requires higher P_{in} for signif. ϕ -sensitivity.

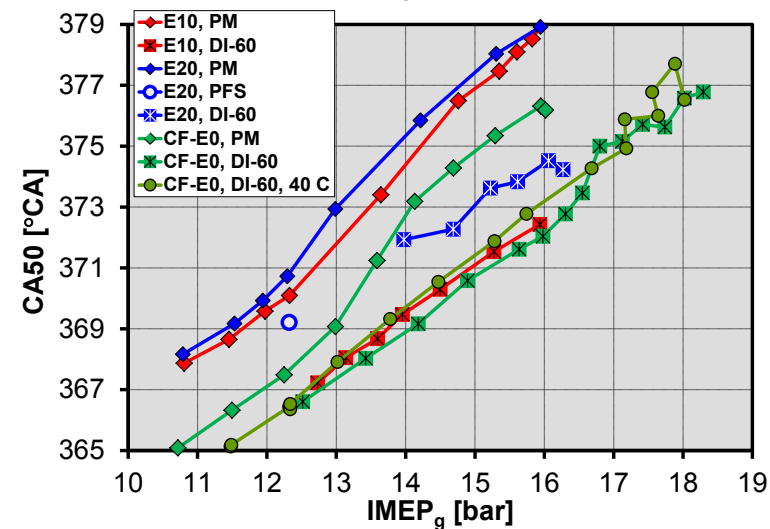
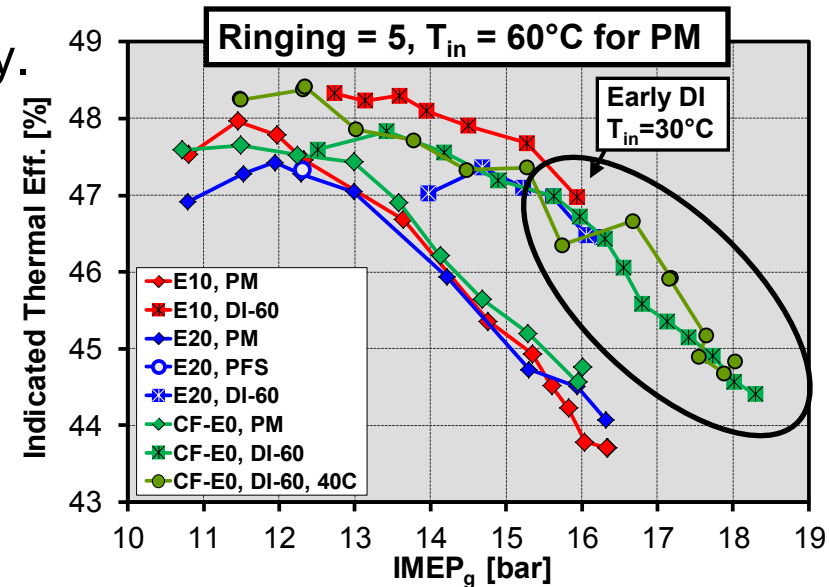
- PM: load sweep similar to $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar.
- Std. PFS: very unstable \Rightarrow took only one point \Rightarrow no improvement.
 - Likely due to low ϕ -sens. with low ITHR.
- Early-DI: same max. load with higher T-E \Rightarrow due to advanced CA50.
 - Load range limited and lower peak T-E.

E10: PM - very similar to E20.

- Early-DI: Higher T-E than E20 \Rightarrow adv. CA50.

CF-E0: PM - slightly higher T-E \Rightarrow adv. CA50.

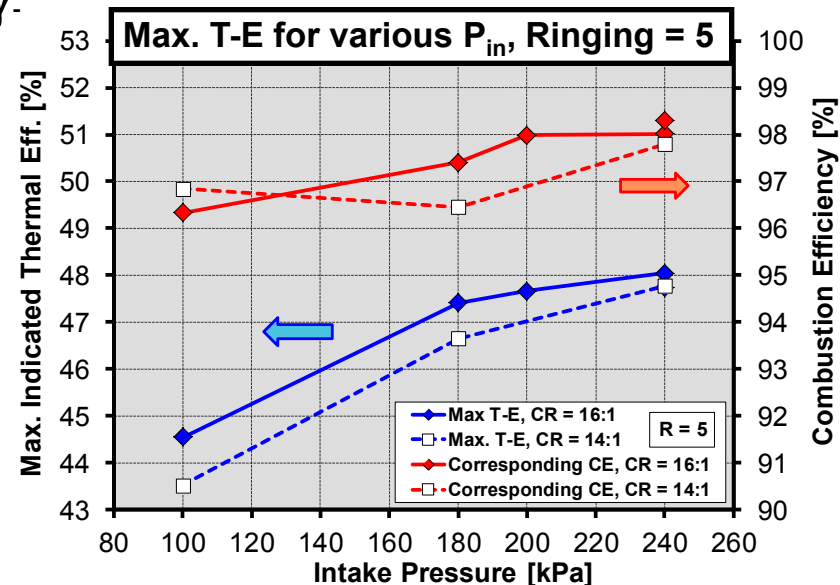
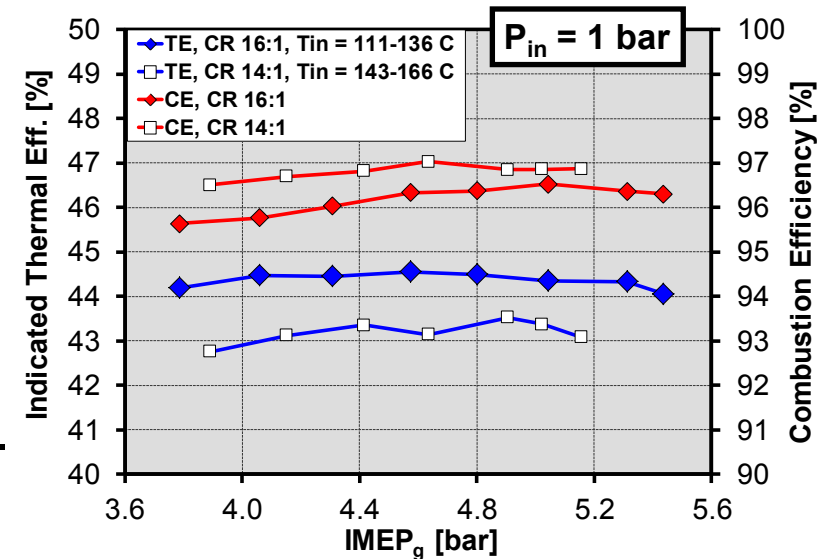
- Early-DI:
 - $T_{in} = 30^\circ\text{C}$: T-E > PM, but < E10 early-DI
 - $T_{in} = 40^\circ\text{C}$: higher T-E at low loads
 - > **Max. T-E = 48.4%**, matches $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar.
 - Good stability to much higher load than PM.



- E20: std.-PFS does not work well, & Early-DI has limited load range \Rightarrow low ITHR
- Early-DI: increases T-E all fuels, and for CF-E0, gives a large incr. in max. load.

Increase CR from 14:1 to 16:1 – PreMixed

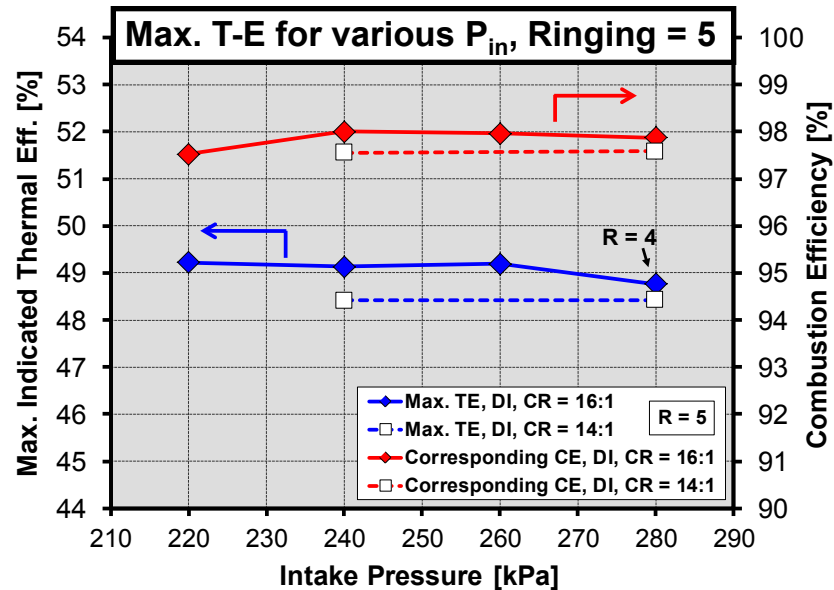
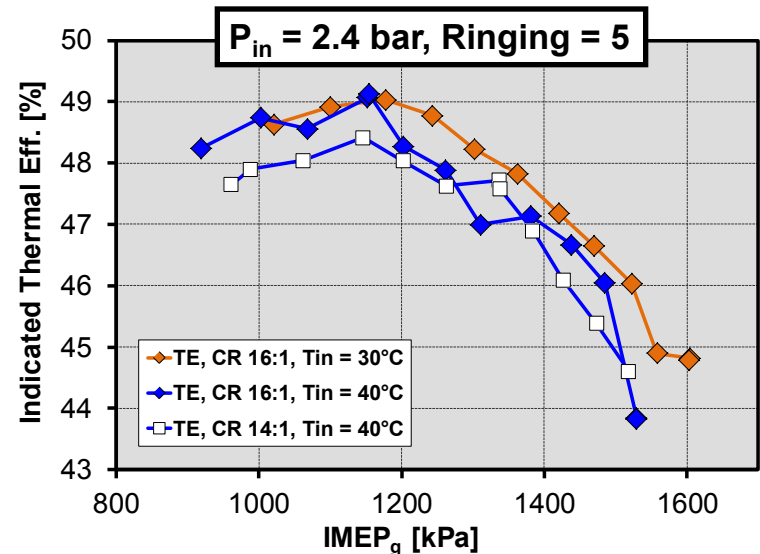
- Increase the CR from 14:1 to 16:1.
 - Investigate potential for increasing T-E.
 - Evaluate effects on load range
 \Rightarrow maximum load as a function of P_{in} .
 - Premixed and Early-DI PFS fueling.
- Naturally Aspirated: CR 16 has higher T-E.
 - Larger expansion ratio.
 - Lower T_{in} , $T_{peak} \Rightarrow$ less heat loss, higher γ .
 - C-E lower \Rightarrow incr. HC (from crevice?)
 - **Higher max. load due to lower T_{in} .**
- Boost up to 1.8 bar: T-E higher for CR 16.
 - T_{in} reduced to 60°C, but still zero EGR.
- $P_{in} = 1.8 - 2.4$ bar: efficiency advantage for CR 16 diminishes, despite better C-E.
 - $T_{in} = 60^\circ\text{C}$ for both CRs, but more EGR required for CR = 16.



- PreMixed: CR = 16 gives higher T-E, but advantage less w/ boost > 1.8 bar.

Increase CR from 14:1 to 16:1 – Early-DI

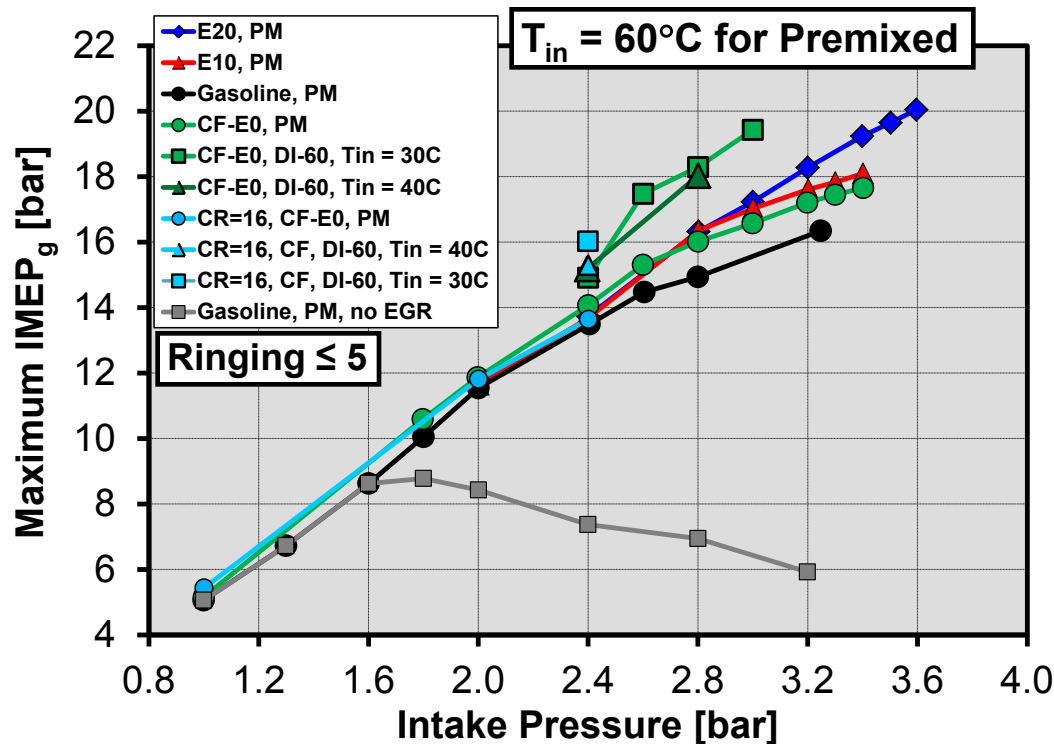
- Early-DI gives higher T-E than PM.
- $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar, $T_{in} = 40^\circ\text{C}$: CR = 16 gives \Rightarrow
 - Higher T-Es at low loads, $IMEP_g < 12$ bar
 - About the same T-E for $IMEP_g > 12$ bar.
 - Load range is similar.
 - Max. **T-E = 49.1%** vs. 48.4 for CR = 14.
- $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar, $T_{in} = 30^\circ\text{C}$: increases T-E over the load range, but not incr. max. T-E.
 - More advanced CA50 for same $IMEP_g$.
 - Lower T_{in} & $T_{peak} \Rightarrow$ less heat loss and higher γ .
 - **Higher maximum load.**
- CR=16 gives higher T-E for all P_{in} tested.
 - **Max. T-E = 49.2%** at $P_{in} = 2.2$ & 2.6 bar, vs. 48.4% for CR=14.
- Combustion efficiency is consistently a little higher with CR = 16.



- Early-DI: CR = 16 consistently gives higher T-E, max. = 49.2 vs. 48.4%.

High-Load Limit – Early DI, CR = 14 & 16

- Early-DI fueling \Rightarrow higher loads than PreMixed for same boost.
 - Gives benefits of PFS for reducing HRR & PRR_{max} , due to incomplete mixing.
 - Allows lower $T_{in} = 30$ or $40^{\circ}C \Rightarrow$ less EGR required ($> O_2$), more charge mass.



- CF-E0, Early-DI \Rightarrow $IMEP_g = 19.4$ bar @ $P_{in} = 3.0$ bar v. 3.45 bar for E20.
- CR = 16, PreMixed \Rightarrow Little effect on max. load up to $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar.
- CR = 16, Early-DI \Rightarrow Gives highest load at $P_{in} = 2.4$ bar, $IMEP_g = 16.0$ bar.

Imaging of Thermal Strat. & Boundary Layer

Objectives: 1) Investigate effect of $T_{\text{piston-top}}$ on bulk-gas TS & cold-pocket location.

2) Potential for thermal BL measurements.

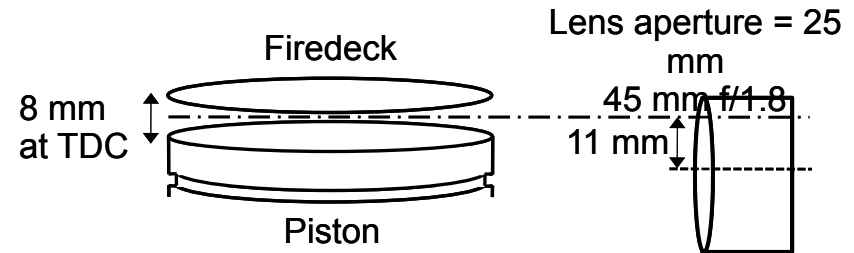
- T-map, PLIF imaging in optical engine.

- Installed aluminum top on ext'd. piston.
 - Instrumented with thermocouples.
 - Variable air-jet cooling from bottom side.

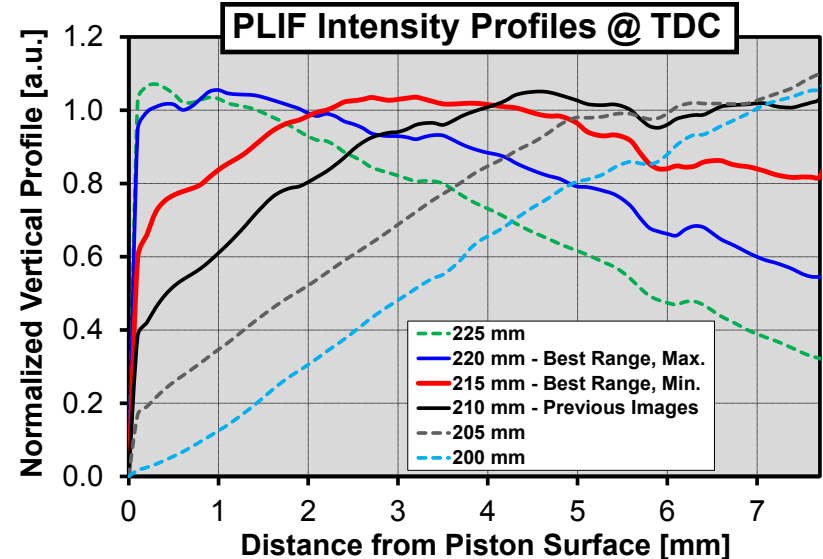
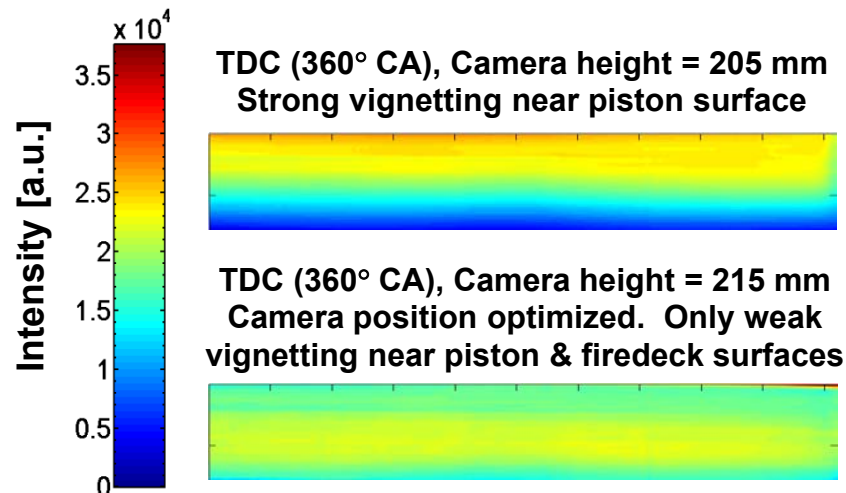
- Imaging BL at piston top is challenging because of piston motion and vignetting.

- Developed vignetting correction technique and selected optimal position.

Schematic showing why vignetting occurs for side-view imaging near TDC.



Vignetting corr. \Rightarrow normalize by uniform image. Sweep camera height for best profile.

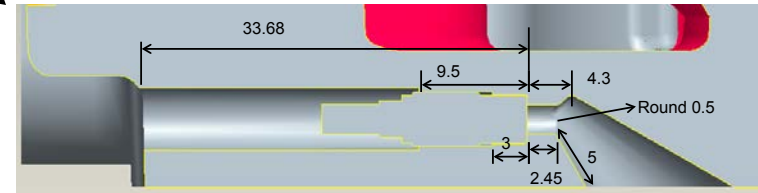
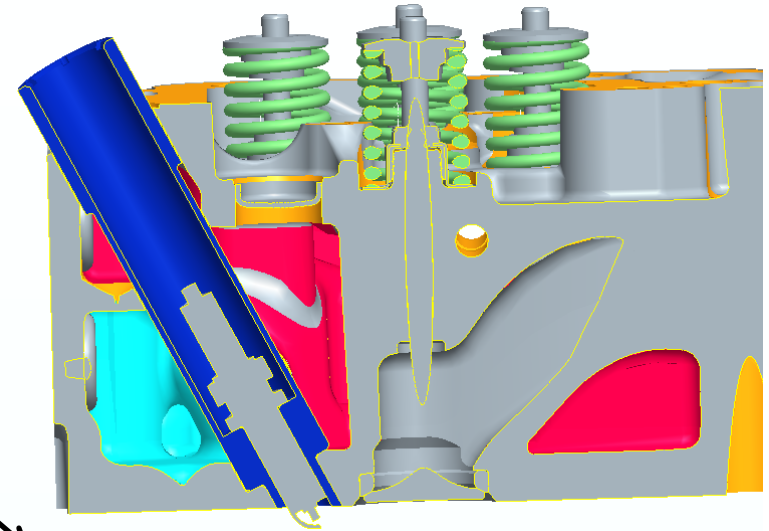




Facility Upgrade for Spark-Assist and High-Pressure GDI Injectors

Spark-Plug Head

- Worked with Cummins on design \Rightarrow Cummins provided heads & machining.
- Machining and installation of spark-plug passage tube are complete.
 - Keep centrally mounted GDI injector.
- Pressure transducer relocated.
- New port design gives low swirl without anti-swirl plate used in current head.



PT mounted horizontally through firedeck

Spark-Ignition System

- GM has provided ignition systems.
- Obtained spark plugs, 12 mm threads & 14 mm flats, with dual iridium tips.

High-Pressure GDI Injectors

- Discussed injector requirements and performance characteristics with GM.
- GM will supply new-generation Bosch 300 bar GDI injectors and a driver.
- New higher-pressure fuel-supply system designed and parts acquired.



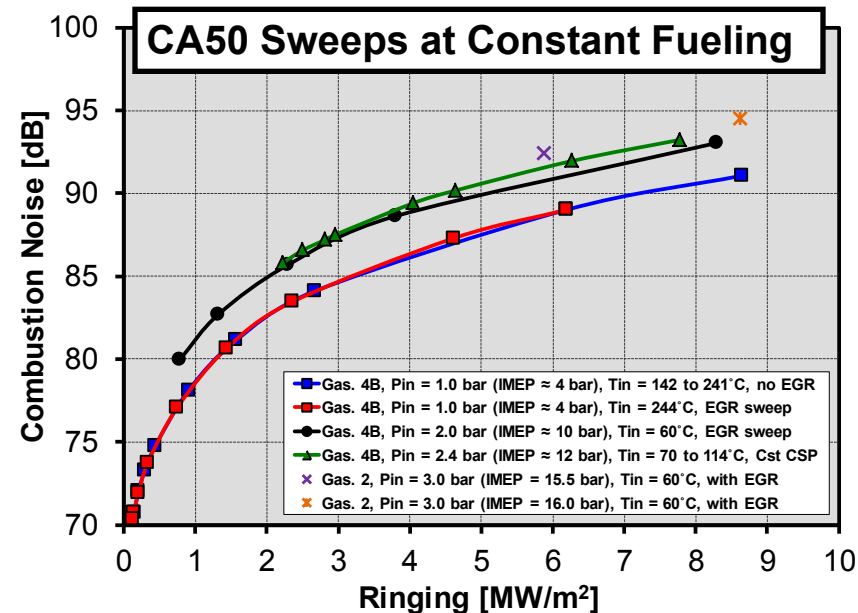
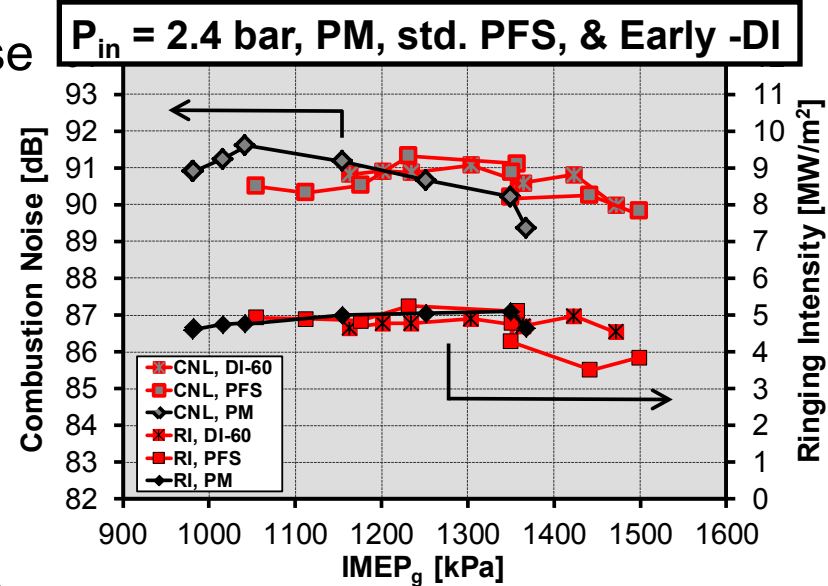
Combustion Noise vs. Ringing Intensity

- Adapted Matlab[®] code for combustion noise level (CNL) from UW (SAE 2013-01-1659) to read & analyze our cyl.-pressure data.
- Performed analysis for several datasets.
- 1st example shows fueling sweeps for PM, std-PFS, & Early-DI fueling, with E10.
 - Hold Ringing Intensity $\approx 5 \text{ MW/m}^2 \Rightarrow$ most adv. CA50 w/o knock, highest T-E.
 - CNL and Ringing have very similar trends.

● Ringing of 5 \approx CNL of 90 – 91 dB.

- CA50 sweeps show that CNL is reduced by retarding CA50 to reduce Ringing.
 - Only a small reduction in T-E.
- Note that CNL is approx. 3 dB higher for $P_{in} = 2.0$ & 2.4 bar vs. $P_{in} = 1.0 \text{ bar}$.

- Since Ringing > 5 is good indicator of knock, this discrepancy indicates that CNL is likely not a precise indicator of knock.



Collaborations

- Project is conducted in close cooperation with U.S. Industry through the Advanced Engine Combustion (AEC) / HCCI Working Group, under a memorandum of understanding (MOU).
 - Ten OEMs, Five energy companies, Four national labs, & Several universities.
- LLNL: 1) Support the development of a chemical-kinetic mechanism for gasoline/ethanol blends, Pitz *et al.*, and 2) CFD modeling, Flowers, *et al.*
- General Motors: Frequent internet meetings \Rightarrow in-depth discussions.
 - Provide data to support GM efforts on boosted HCCI & in modeling TS (with UM).
- Cummins, Inc.: Design and fabrication of spark-plug cylinder heads.
- U. of Michigan: Collaborate on modeling and analysis of TS (with GM).
- U. of California - Berkeley: Support CFD modeling of PFS-HCCI.
- Chevron: **Funds-In project** on advanced petroleum-based fuels for HCCI.
- SNL-LDRD: **Funds-In project** on biofuels produced by fungi \Rightarrow collab. with researchers in basic chemistry (C. Taatjes *et al.*) & Biofuels.



Future Work

Increase Efficiency and Loads of Boosted HCCI/SCCI

- Complete evaluation of performance with $CR = 16$ over a wider range of operating conditions. \Rightarrow Also, evaluate potential of a Miller-cycle cam.
- Conduct a comprehensive study of Early-DI-PFS to determine the extent to which its substantial benefits for T-E and load range can be applied.
 - Determine effects of operating cond. & fuel-injection parameters (P_{inj} & DI timing).
 - Expand study to include multiple injections for more-effective fuel stratification.
- Image fuel distributions in optical engine to guide fuel-injection strategies.
- Install spark-plug cylinder heads: 1) determine effects of new intake-port geometry, and 2) initiate studies of spark-assisted CI combustion.

Thermal Stratification

- Complete investigation of the effects of piston-top temperature on amount of TS and cold-pocket distribution. \Rightarrow Also, investigate potential over-mixing.
- Determine the potential for obtaining thermal BL profiles at the piston-top.

Support of HCCI/SCCI Modeling

- Continue to provide data, analysis, and discussion to support modeling at LLNL, U. of Michigan, and U. of California-Berkeley.

Summary

- Conducted an extensive study of the effects of “gasoline-like” fuel composition, including: 1) blending ethanol up to 20%, 2) increasing the AKI of the base fuel from 87 to 93 without ethanol, and 3) pure Ethanol.
- Early-DI-PFS fueling provides substantial benefits when ethanol content $\leq 10\%$, and for the high-AKI base fuel (CF-E0).
 - Gives higher T-E and higher loads for a given P_{in} . \Rightarrow Allowed **IMEP_g = 19.4 bar at P_{in} = 3.0 bar** vs. IMEP_g = 16.6 bar for PreMixed. \Rightarrow Ease turbo design.
- Explored the potential benefits of increasing the CR from 14:1 to 16:1.
 - Achieved a **peak T-E of 49.2% for CR 16**, compared to 48.4% for CR 14.
 - No significant penalty in maximum load for P_{in} up to 2.4 bar (using CF-E0).
- Thermal-stratification and boundary-layer (BL) measurements:
 - Installed aluminum piston-top with variable air-jet cooling.
 - Worked out vignetting correction for BL measurements.
- Facility upgrade: 1) worked with Cummins to design and build a “spark-plug” cyl. head, and 2) worked with GM to obtain high-press. GDI injectors.
- Combustion Noise Level (CNL) and Ringing Intensity are generally well correlated for HCCI/SCCI combustion, but the results indicate that CNL may not be a good indicator of knock over the operating range.



Technical Backup Slides



Detailed Summary – 1

- Conducted an extensive study of the effects of “gasoline-like” fuel composition, including: 1) blending ethanol up to 20%, 2) increasing the AKI of the base fuel from 87 to 93 without ethanol, and 3) pure Ethanol.
- For Premixed fueling:
 - Ethanol content has almost no effect on autoignition for naturally aspirated operation, but a large effect for boosted operation.
 - For boosted operation with $P_{in} \geq 2.4$ bar, blending with ethanol up to 20% has little effect on the T-E, but CF-E0 gives a slightly higher T-E.
 - Blending ethanol up to 20% is beneficial for extending the high-load limit.
⇒ Increased maximum load from $IMEP_g = 16.3$ bar at $P_{in} = 3.25$ bar for E0 to **$IMEP_g = 20.0$ bar at $P_{in} = 3.6$ bar for E20.**
 - For the high-AKI E0 fuel (CF-E0), performance was generally similar to E10.
- Early-DI-PFS fueling provides substantial benefits when ethanol content $\leq 10\%$, and for the high-AKI base fuel (CF-E0).
 - Gives higher T-E and higher loads for a given P_{in} compared to premixed.
⇒ Allowed **$IMEP_g = 19.4$ bar at $P_{in} = 3.0$ bar** vs. $IMEP_g = 16.6$ bar for premixed.
⇒ Beneficial for turbocharger design.
 - Early-DI PFS did not work well with E20 due to instabilities.



Detailed Summary – 2

- Explored the potential benefits of increasing the CR from 14:1 to 16:1.
 - Typically increased T-E by 0.5 – 0.8 thermal-efficiency percentage units.
 - Achieved a **peak T-E of 49.2% for CR 16**, compared to 48.4% for CR 14.
 - No significant penalty in maximum load for P_{in} up to 2.4 bar (using CF-E0).
- Thermal-stratification and boundary-layer (BL) measurements:
 - Installed aluminum piston-top with variable air-jet cooling.
 - Worked out vignetting correction for BL measurements.
- Facility upgrade: 1) worked with Cummins to design and build a “spark-plug” cyl. head, and 2) worked with GM to obtain high-press. GDI injectors.
- Combustion Noise Level (CNL) and Ringing Intensity are generally well correlated for HCCI/SCCI combustion, but the results indicate that CNL may not be a good indicator of knock over the operating range.