

# Experiments and Modeling of Two-Stage Combustion in Low-Emissions Diesel Engines

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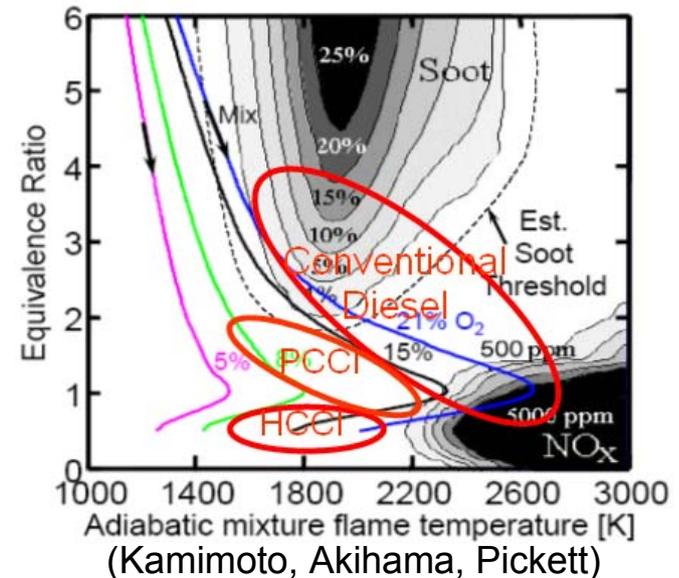
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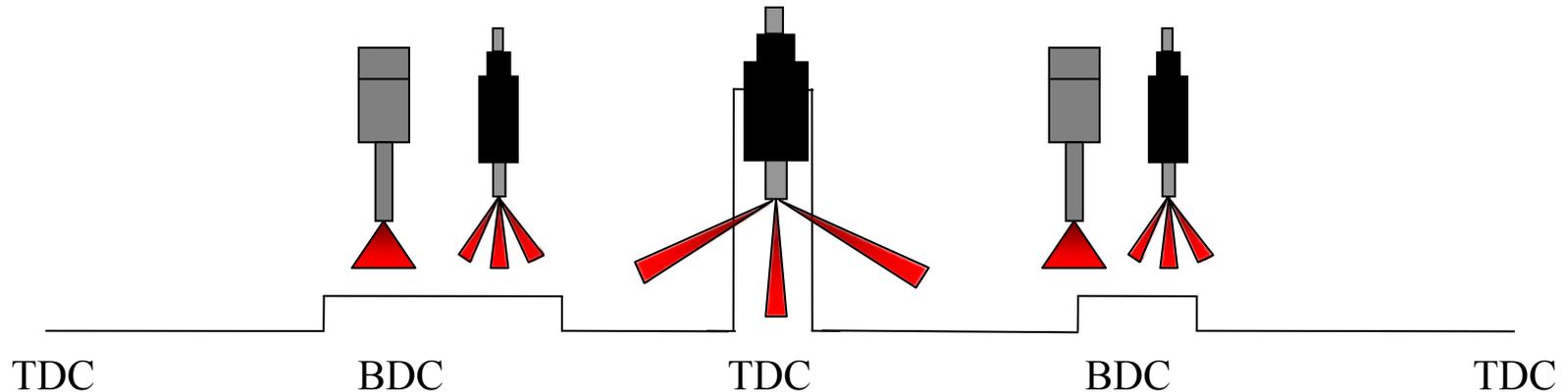
# Motivation and Background

- Emissions standards are becoming more and more stringent
- A focus on the reduction of greenhouse gases has driven a need for increased efficiency
- HCCI can yield high efficiency, low NO<sub>x</sub> & PM
- Y. Sun used the TSC concept to expand operating range of HCCI combustion in a heavy-duty engine (SAE 2008-01-0058)
- HCCI problems and solutions
  - Ignition control
    - EGR & VVA
  - Excessive pressure rise rates
    - Two-stage combustion (TSC)
  - Spray-wall impingement resulting from early injection
    - Adaptive injection strategies (AIS)



# AIS (Yong Sun SAE 2008-01-0058)

- **Low-pressure (<50MPa, 5~25MPa) narrow-angle injection**
  - Early injection: intake or early compression stroke → HCCI, PCCI combustion
  - Post injection: late expansion or exhaust stroke → DPF, LNT regeneration
- **High-pressure (>50MPa, above 100MPa) wide-angle injection**
  - Late injection: late compression or early expansion stroke → conventional diesel, PCCI combustion



- **Low load: HCCI combustion → early injection**
- **Medium load: Two-Stage Combustion (TSC) → early + late injections**
  - Sun, Y., SAE 2006-01-0027
- **High load: conventional diesel combustion → late injection**





# Specifications

## Engine Specifications

Base engine type	GM1.9 L
Bore	8.2 cm
Stroke	9.04 cm
Connecting Rod Length	16.1 cm
Squish height	0.0617 cm
Displacement	0.4774 L
Compression ratio	16.5:1
Swirl ratio	2.2
Bowl type	re-entrant
Intake valve opening	344° ATDC Firing
Intake valve closing	-132° ATDC Firing
Exhaust valve opening	112° ATDC Firing
Exhaust valve closing	388° ATDC Firing

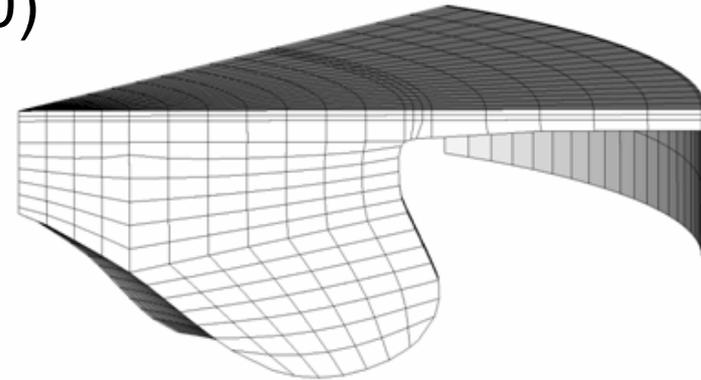
## Injector Specifications

Injector type	High-pressure solid-cone
Manufacturer	Bosch
Injection pressure	860 bar
Included angle	155°
Number of holes	7
Nozzle hole diameter	141 $\mu\text{m}$



# Numerical Models

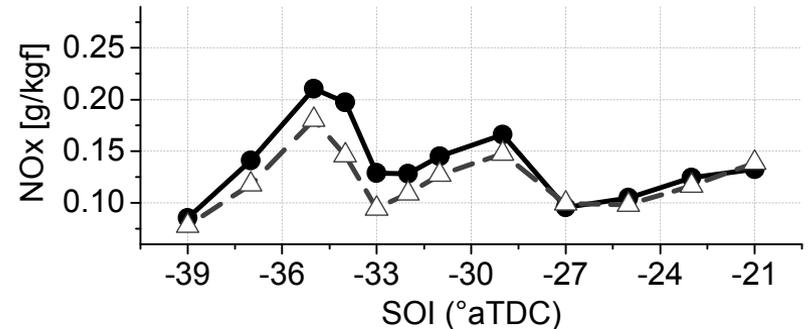
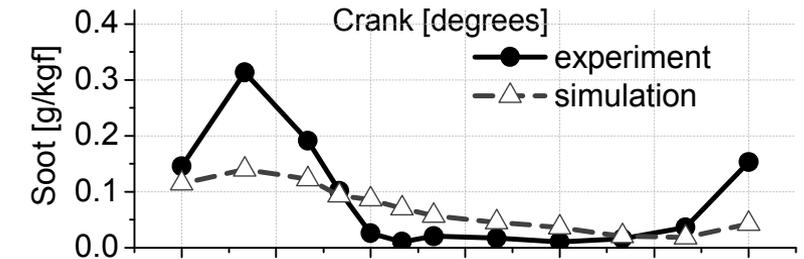
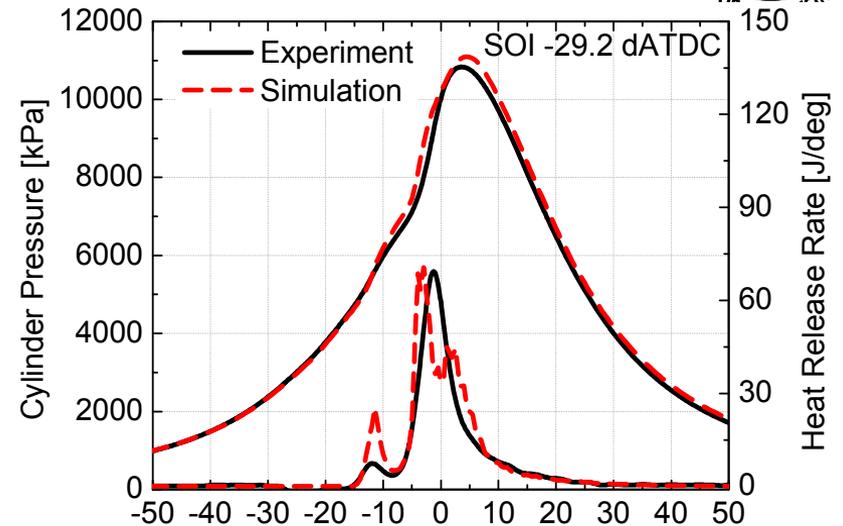
- KIVA-3V Release 2 code coupled with CHEMKIN II
  - 39 species and 131 reaction n-heptane mechanism
- RNG k-  $\epsilon$  turbulence model
- Gasjet theory used to model near nozzle droplet/gas relative velocity (SAE 2008-01-0970)
- KH-RT break up model
- Unsteady droplet vaporization
- Drop collision and coalescence
- Multi-objective genetic algorithm (MOGA) optimization



# Model Validation

- Validation was performed against PCCI experiments of Opat et al. (SAE 2007-01-0193)
- Engine was operated at the F4 condition

Engine speed (rev/min)	2000
Nominal IMEP (bar)	5.5
Fuel flow rate (kg/hr)	0.895
EGR rate (%)	65
IVC Temperature (K)	350
IVC Pressure (bar)	1.91
SOI (°ATDC)	-16.2 to -34.2



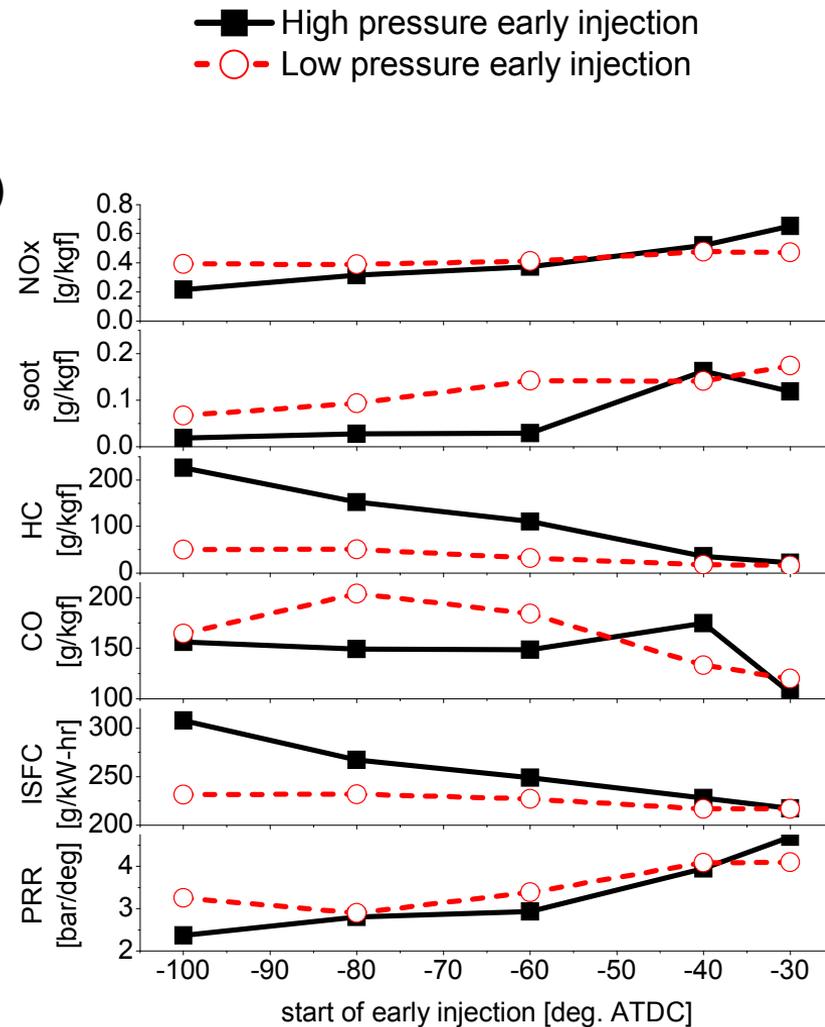
# Simulation Results & Discussion



## Preliminary investigation

- Fixed parameters to those of TSC case found by Kokjohn and Reitz (2008-01-2412)
- Swept early injection timing at two injection pressures
  - 100 bar and 860 bar
- Low pressure early injection showed a significant reduction in spray-wall impingement

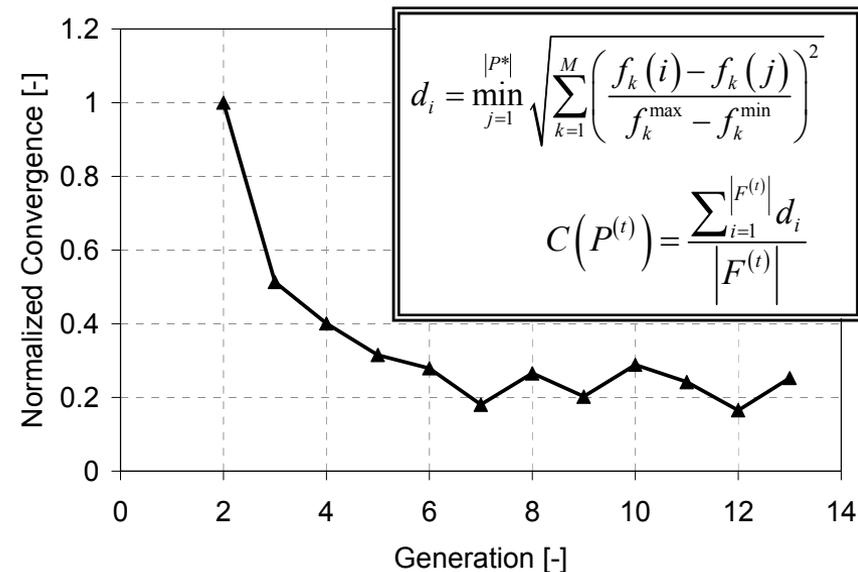
IVC Pressure (bar)	1.74
EGR rate (%)	54
SOLI timing (°ATDC)	2.9
Late injection pressure (bar)	860
Early injection fueling (mg)	5.36
Late injection fueling (mg)	9.54



# AIS Optimization

Early inj. pressure	100 ~ 1500 bar
Late inj. pressure	600 ~ 1500 bar
Early inj. timing	IVC ~ (SOLI-30) °ATDC
Late inj. timing	-10 ~ 25 °ATDC
IVC pressure	1.67 ~ 3.0 bar
Fuel split	10 ~ 90 % total fuel
EGR rate	0 ~ 65 %

- Multi-Objective Genetic Algorithm (MOGA)
- Seven optimization parameters
- Minimize six objectives
  - NOx, soot, HC, CO, ISFC, and PRR
- 13 generations with a population size of 24
  - 20 hours/case on 3.0 GHz AMD Athalon™ processor
  - Monitored convergence by comparing location of current generation Pareto front to the location of all other Pareto solutions



# AIS Optimization

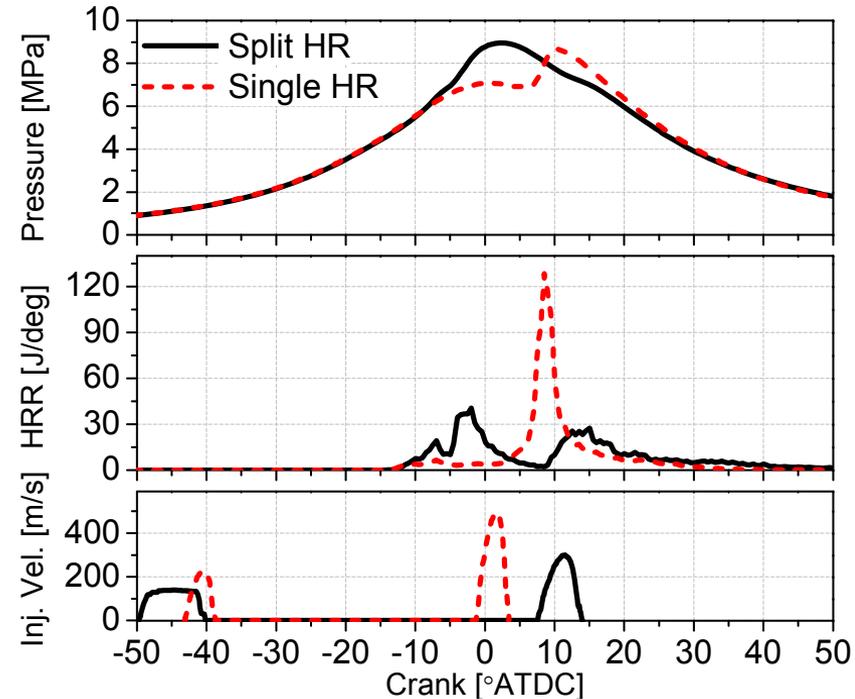
- Two promising types of combustion strategies found by GA optimization
- Both strategies utilize low pressure early injections

## 1) Split Heat Release

- ~50% fuel split
- Moderate EGR (43%)
- Very retarded second injection

## 2) Single Heat Release

- 30% fuel injected early
- Second injection near TDC
- Similar to UNIBUS strategy



	Parameters								Objectives					
	Early Inj. Pres.	Late Inj. Pres.	SOEI	SOLI	IVC Press.	frac	EGR	IVC	Max PRR	Net ISFC	soot	NOx	CO	HC
	bar	bar	°ATDC	°ATDC	bar	-	%	°ATDC	bar/deg	g/kW-hr				
Split HR	110	774	-49.7	7.5	2.5	0.5	43	-100	<b>4.8</b>	<b>194</b>	0.68	0.1	45	7.0
Single HR	563	1384	-43.1	-1.3	2.4	0.3	54	-104	6.7	<b>196</b>	0.21	0.1	23	8.4
Baseline-LTC	860	NA	-28.2	NA	1.91	1	65	-132	5.5	199	0.004	0.004	46	9.0



# Adaptation of AIS for Experiments

## Engine Specifications

Base engine type	GM1.9 L
Bore	8.2 cm
Stroke	9.04 cm
Connecting Rod Length	16.1 cm
Squish height	<b>0.11 cm</b>
Displacement	0.4774 L
Compression ratio	<b>15.5:1</b>
Swirl ratio	2.2
Bowl type	<b>Mexican-hat</b>
Intake valve opening	344° ATDC Firing
Intake valve closing	-132° ATDC Firing
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## Injector Specifications

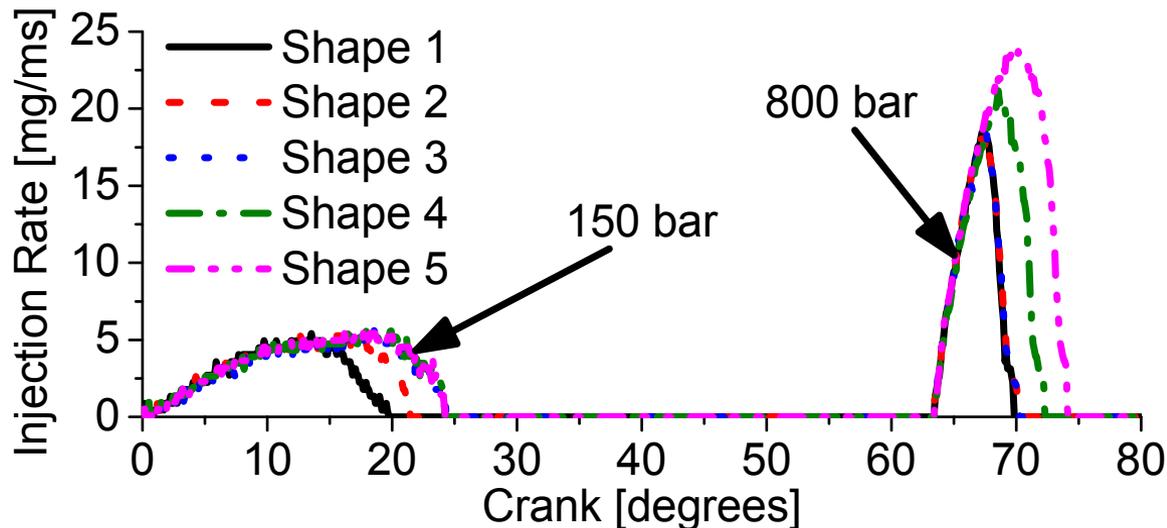
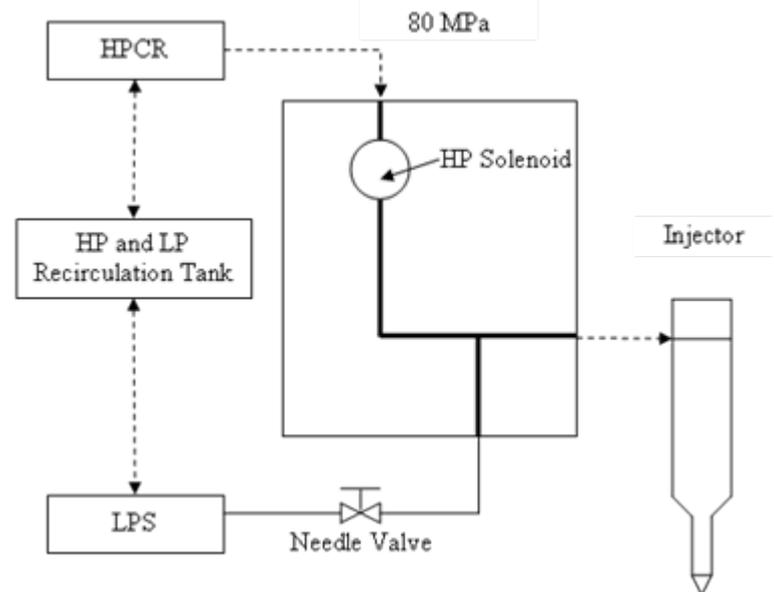
Injector type	High-pressure solid-cone
Manufacturer	<b>Denso</b>
Included angle	155°
Number of holes	<b>8</b>
Nozzle hole diameter	<b>128 μm</b>

- Hardware limitations prohibited use of VVA
- Lower compression ratio
- Mexican-hat combustion chamber
- 8 hole Denso injector



# Variable Pressure Pulse System

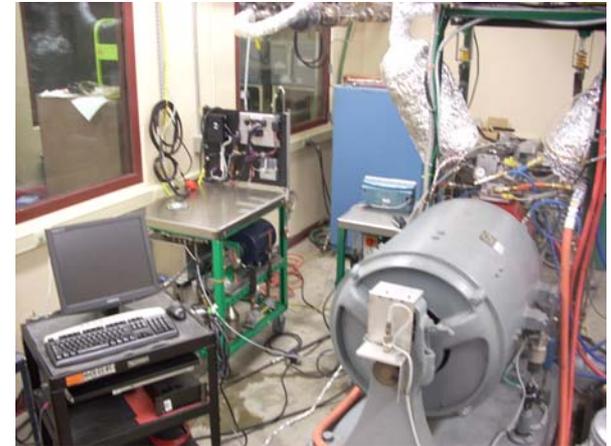
- Low pressure early injection and high pressure secondary injection
- Achieved by switching between a low and high pressure system



# Variable Pressure Pulse System



- Consists of:
  - High Pressure Common Rail
  - Low Pressure Fuel System
  - Switching Solenoid
  - Needle Valve
  - Relief Orifice
  - PFIM controller
    - Synchronize the solenoid and injector



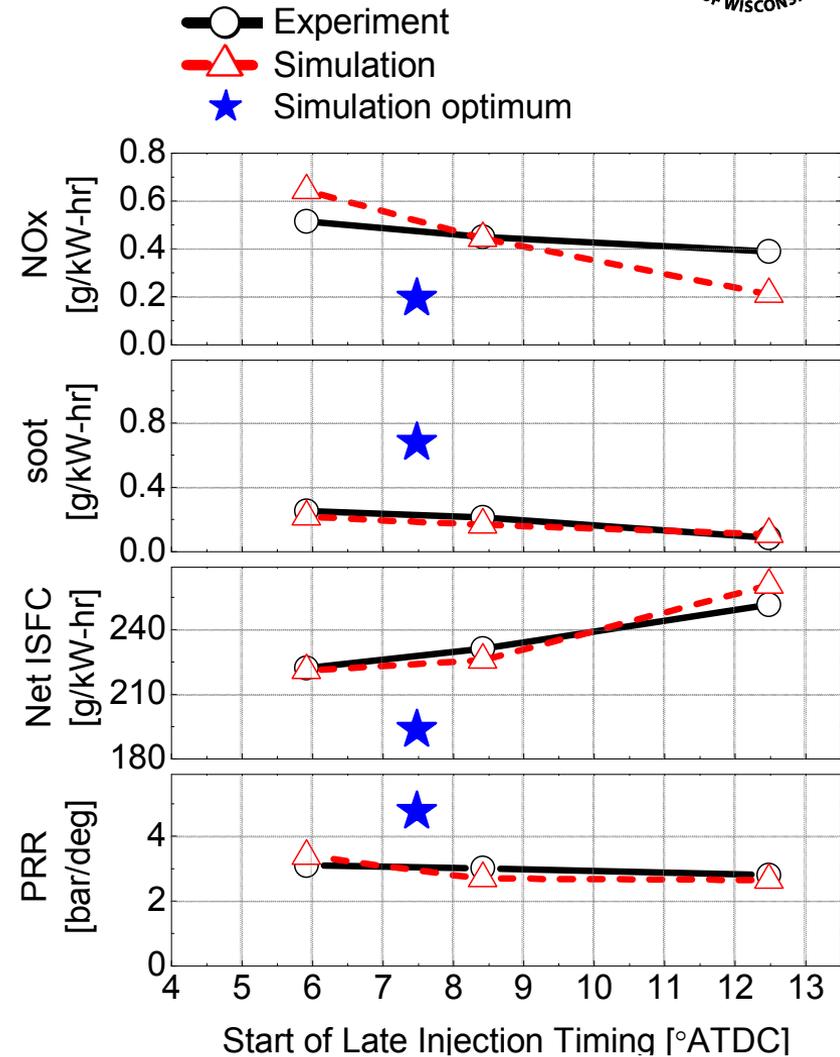
# AIS Experimental Results



## Split Heat Release Cases

	Experiments/ Simulations	GA Optimum Split Heat Rel.
Early inj. pressure	150 bar	110 bar
Late inj. pressure	800 bar	740 bar
Early inj. timing	-53 °ATDC	-49 °ATDC
Late inj. timing	5.8 ~ 12.8 °ATDC	7.5 °ATDC
Boost	1.55 bar	2.35 bar
IVC timing	-132 °ATDC	-100 °ATDC
Total Fuel	13 mg/stroke	14.9 mg/stroke
Early Inj. Fuel	40 %	50 %
EGR rate	47 %	43 %
Nominal IMEP	4.3 bar	5.5 bar

- Simulations capture emissions trends and magnitudes very well
- GA optimum shows that significant improvements in NOx and ISFC are possible with higher boost and early fueling



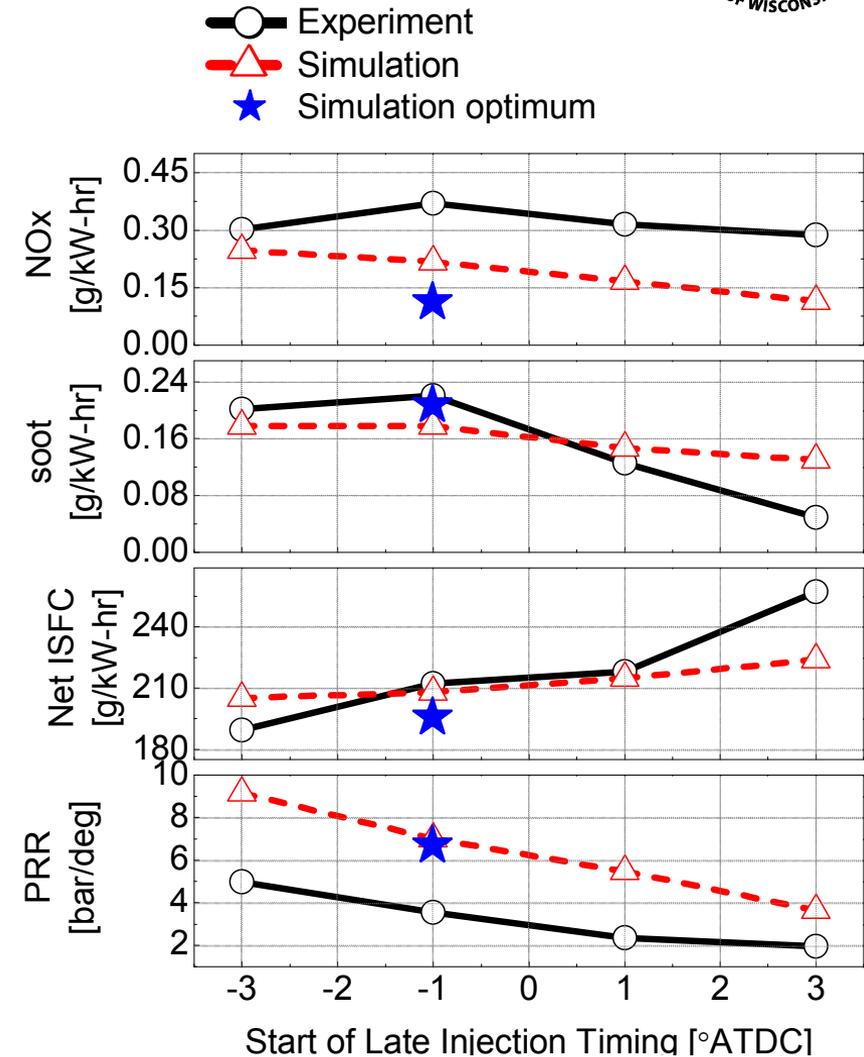
# AIS Experimental Results



## Single Heat Release Cases

	Experiments/ Simulations	GA Optimum Single Heat Rel.
Early inj. pressure	150 bar	560 bar
Late inj. pressure	1000 bar	1400 bar
Early inj. timing	-53 °ATDC	-43 °ATDC
Late inj. timing	-3 ~ 3 °ATDC	-1 °ATDC
Boost	1.62 bar	2.32 bar
IVC timing	-132 °ATDC	-104 °ATDC
Total Fuel	14.9 mg/stroke	14.9 mg/stroke
Early Inj. Fuel	10 %	30 %
EGR rate	57 %	54 %
Nominal IMEP	5.5 bar	5.5 bar

- Emissions trends are captured, but simulations over predict peak PRR and under predict NO<sub>x</sub>
- GA optimum shows that significant improvements in NO<sub>x</sub> and ISFC are possible with higher boost and early fueling



# Summary and Conclusions



- Significant reductions in ISFC and NO<sub>x</sub> were observed through the use of low-pressure early injection and high boost pressure
  - Net ISFC ~ 194 g/kW-hr and NO<sub>x</sub> ~ 0.1 g/kW-hr
- VVA has been shown to provide a means for premixed combustion phasing control
- A split heat release strategy (TSC) was used control pressure rise rate and reduce engine noise
  - Peak PRR ~ 4 bar/deg
- Low pressure early injections were shown to reduce spray-wall impingement, resulting in improved ISFC and HC emissions
- A variable injection pressure system was developed and used to validate the AIS/TSC computational results
- Future work will include validation of GA optimum points when VVA system is available

