

# **Hydrogen enriched compression ignition internal combustion engine: A dual fuel study**

**Experimental investigation**

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# Presentation Outline

1. Introduction
2. Experimental setup and cases
3. Results and analysis
4. Conclusion and future work

# Decarbonizing CI engines

Carbon free pathways → Hydrogen



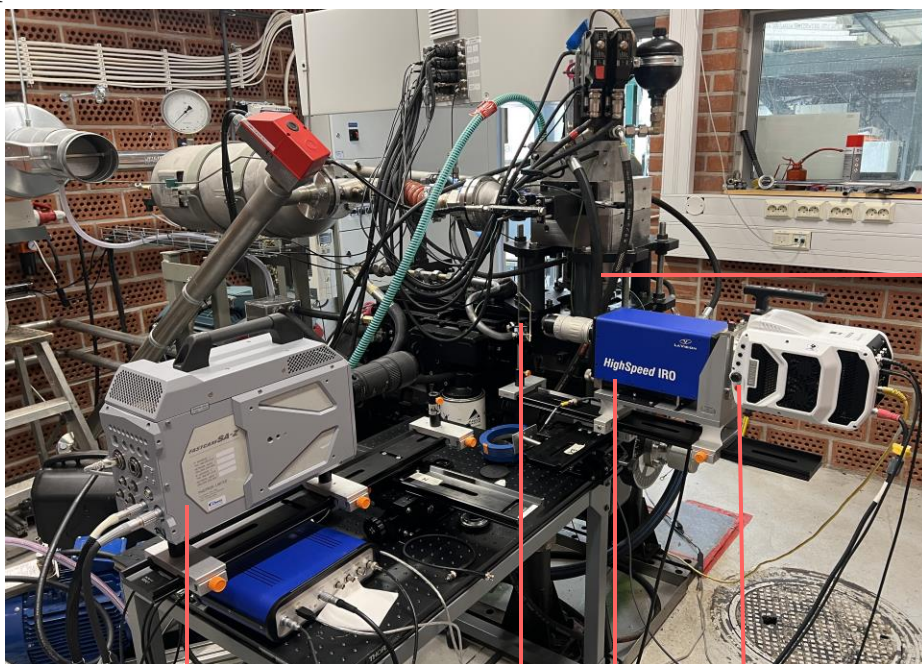
Ignition support + transitional technology → Diesel

**Dual fuel compression ignition internal combustion engine**

# Research engines

## Optical engine

1. Single cylinder, 4-stroke engine.
2. Cylinder displacement =  $1.40 \text{ dm}^3$ .
3. Compression ratio  $\sim 14.2:1$ .
4. Electrohydraulic valve actuation system (EHVA).
5. Optically accessible.
6. Rpm  $\sim 800$ -1200.



High speed color camera

Beam splitter

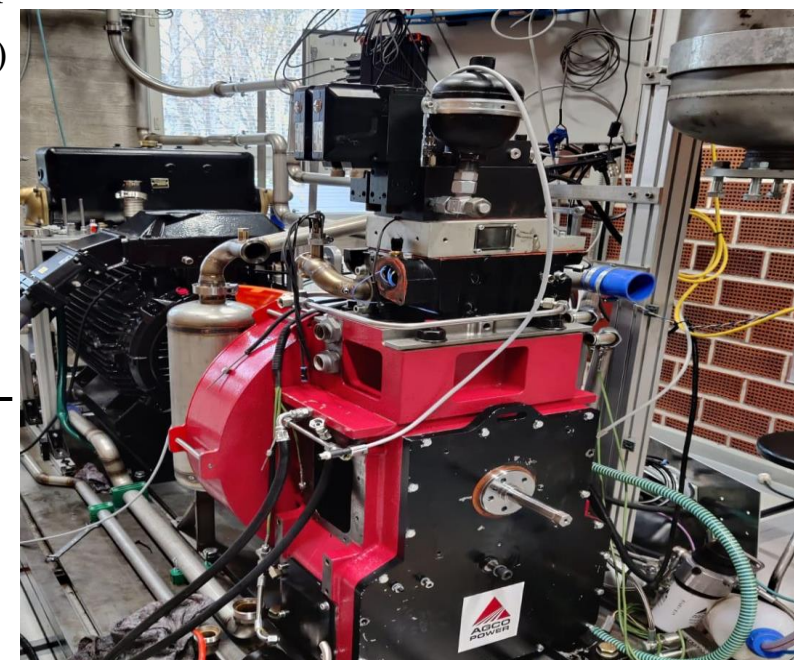
High speed intensifier

High speed monochrome camera

Optical piston assembly

## Full metal engine

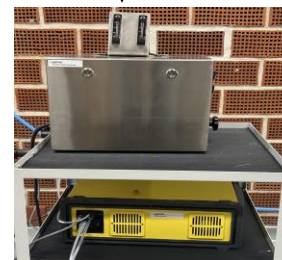
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2. Cylinder displacement =  $1.25 \text{ dm}^3$ .
3. Compression ratio  $\sim 17.3:1$ .
4. Electrohydraulic valve actuation system (EHVA).
5. Full metal cylinder engine.
6. Rpm  $\sim 800$ -2000.



Micro-soot sensor (MSS)



Particulate ↑ Emissions  
↓ Gaseous



Fourier transform infrared (FTIR)

# Full metal engine test cases

Parameter	Value
RPM	1000
Intake air mass flow rate (kg/h)	40
Hydrogen energy share (in %)	0,10,20,30,40,50
Global lambda	1.47-1.59
Gas lambda	17.49-3.50
CA50 (CA Degrees)	6,8,10
Diesel injection pressure (bar)	1000
Total input fuel energy (MJ/h)	80

- **Direct injection (non-premixed) strategy for introducing diesel.**
- **Port fuel injection (premixed) strategy for introducing hydrogen.**

\* Please note CA50 → Crank angle at which 50% of total heat release has been achieved.



# Optical engine test cases

Parameter	Value
RPM	1000
Intake air mass flow rate (kg/h)	30
Total input fuel energy (MJ/h)	60
Diesel injection pressure (bar)	1200
Hydrogen injection strategy	PFI
Start of diesel injection (DBTDC)	8
Hydrogen energy share (in %)	0,10,20,30,40
Gas lambda	17.65-4.41

## 30% H<sub>2</sub> energy share

Parameter	Value
Start of diesel injection (DBTDC)	8,10,12

➤ Skip firing strategy (firing every 7<sup>th</sup> cycle).

# FULL METAL ENGINE RESULTS

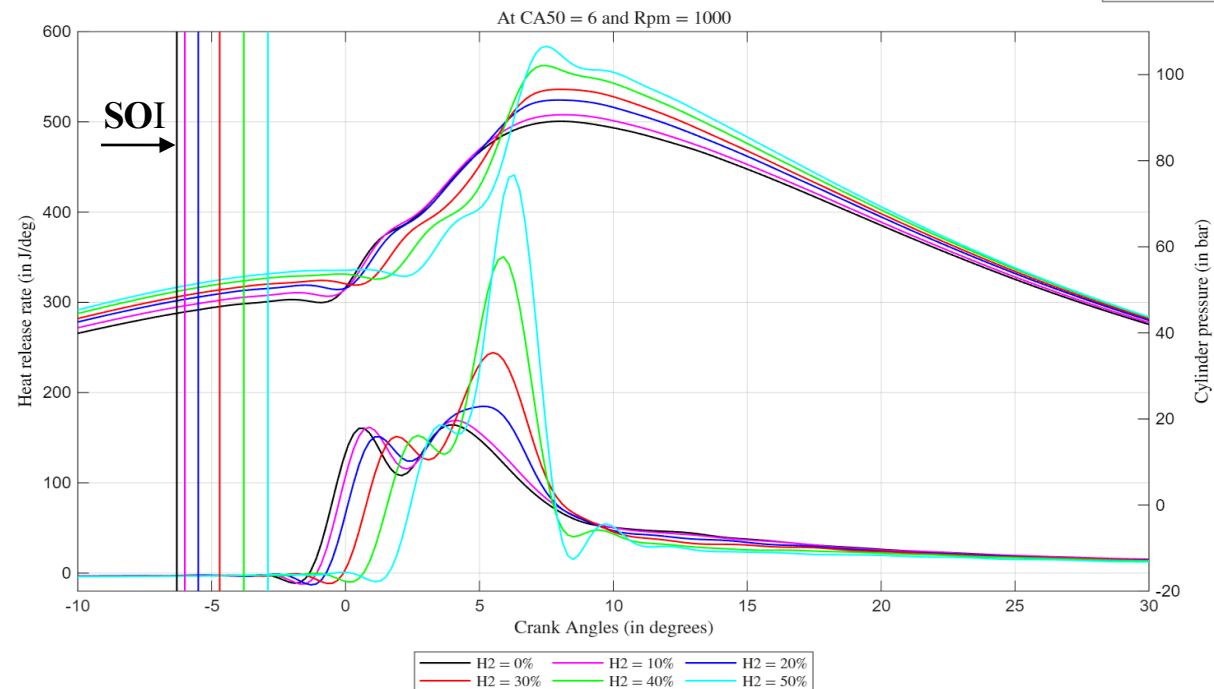
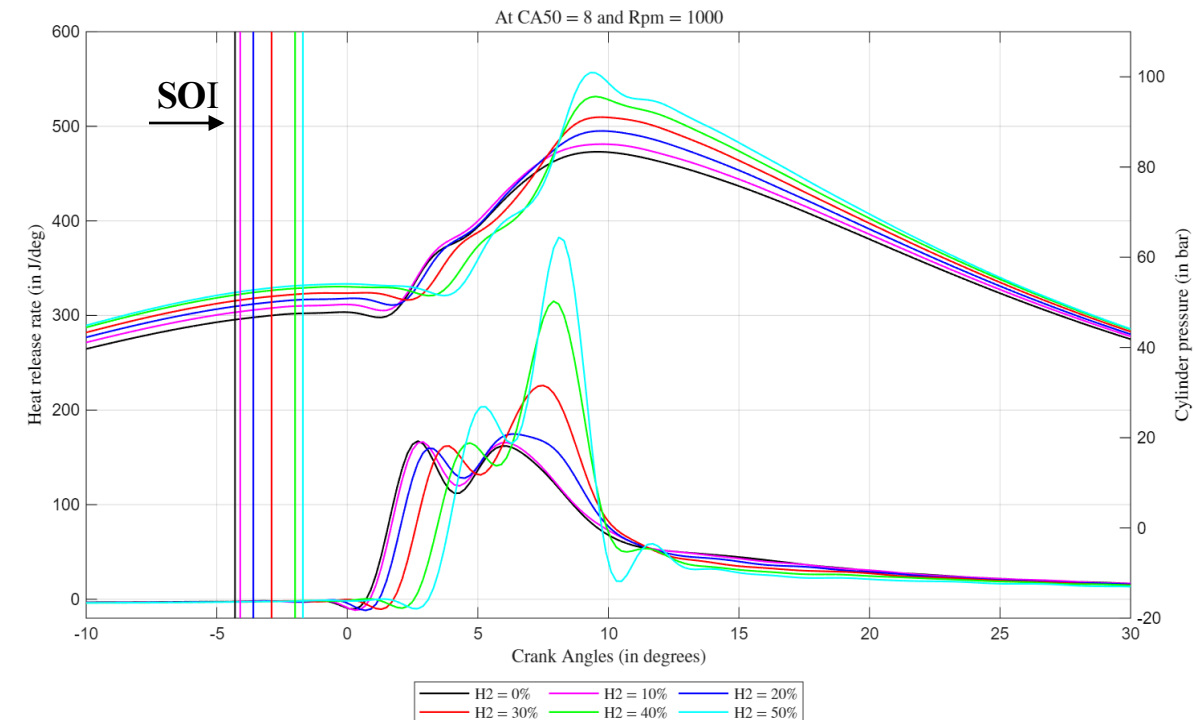
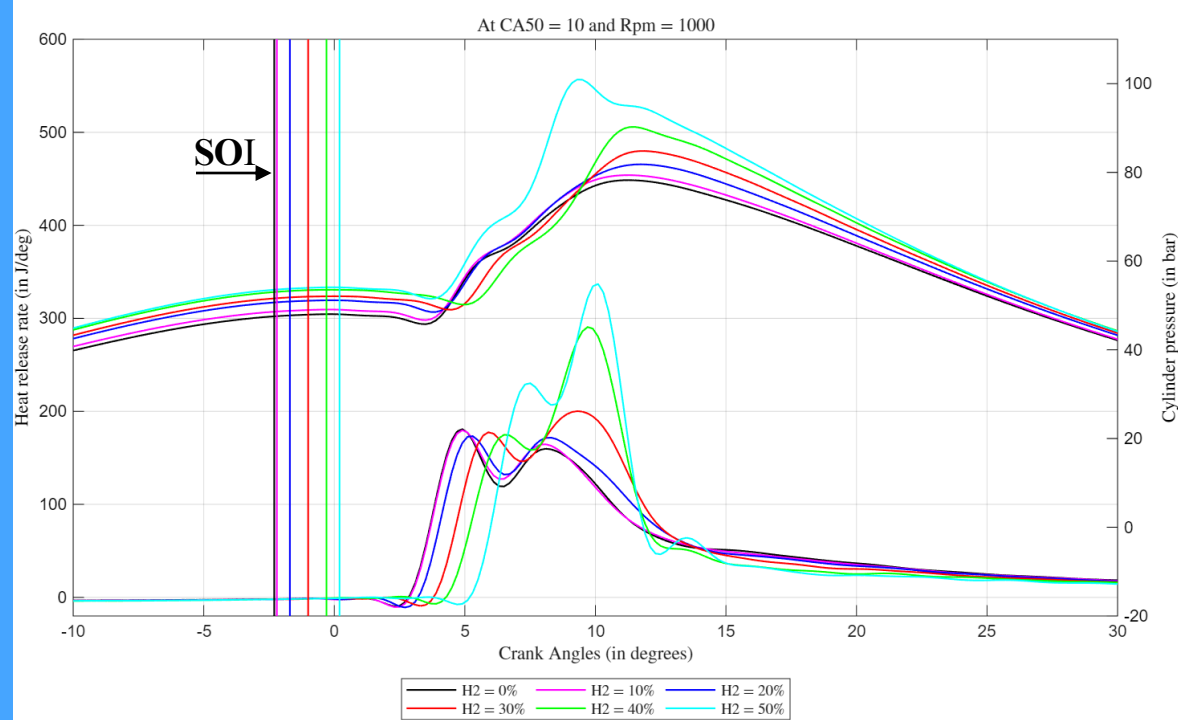
## COMBUSTION ANALYSIS

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- First HRR peak results from diesel.
- Second HRR peak results from premixed hydrogen.

\* Please note Start of injection (SOI) is in CA Degrees.

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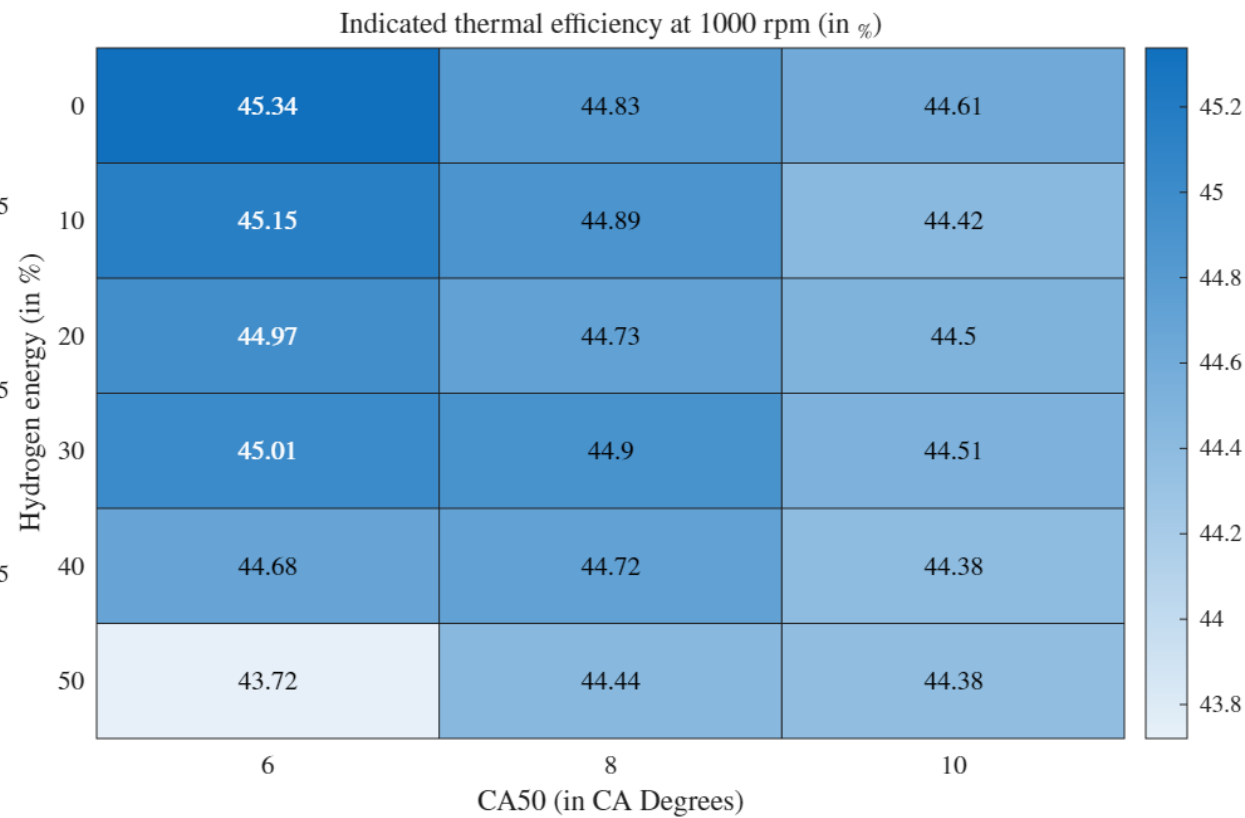
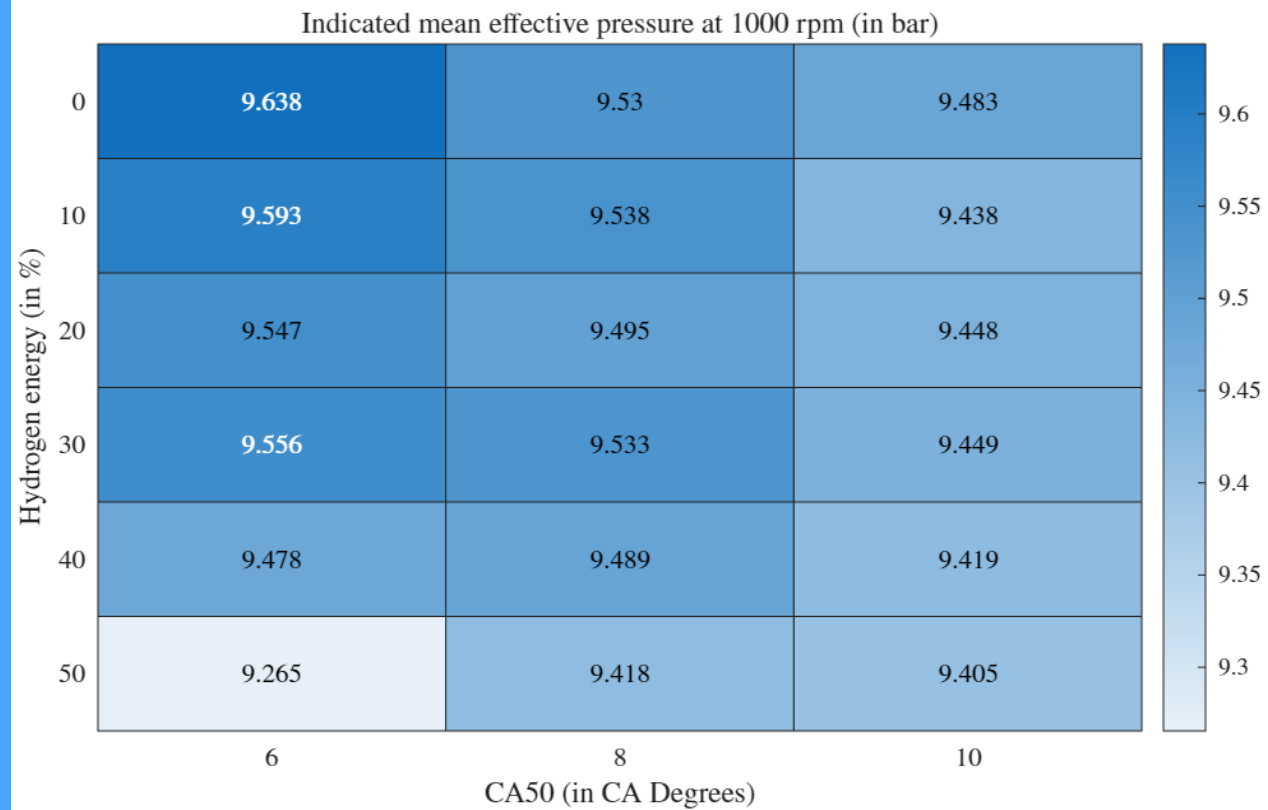


- With an increase in H2 energy share the peak cylinder pressure and HRR increases for all CA50.
- With early CA50 the second HRR peak (related to premixed H2) increases.



# PERFORMANCE METRICS

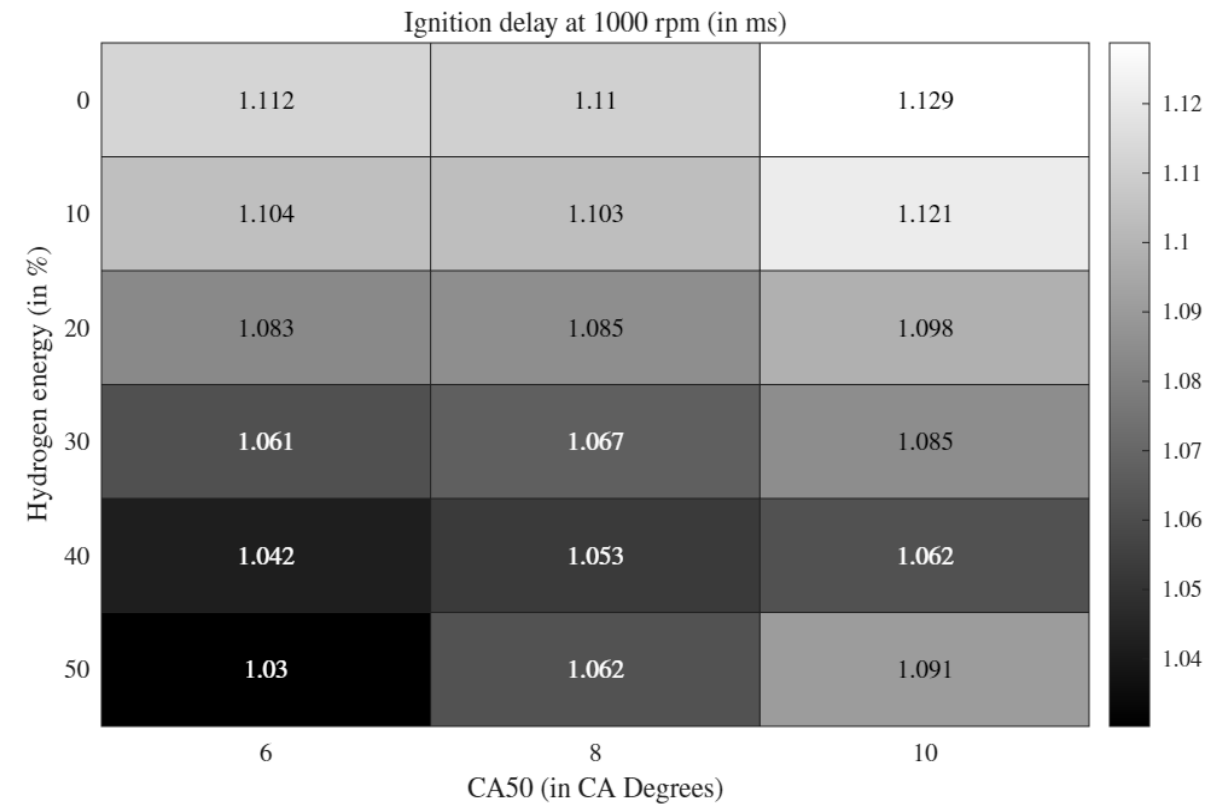
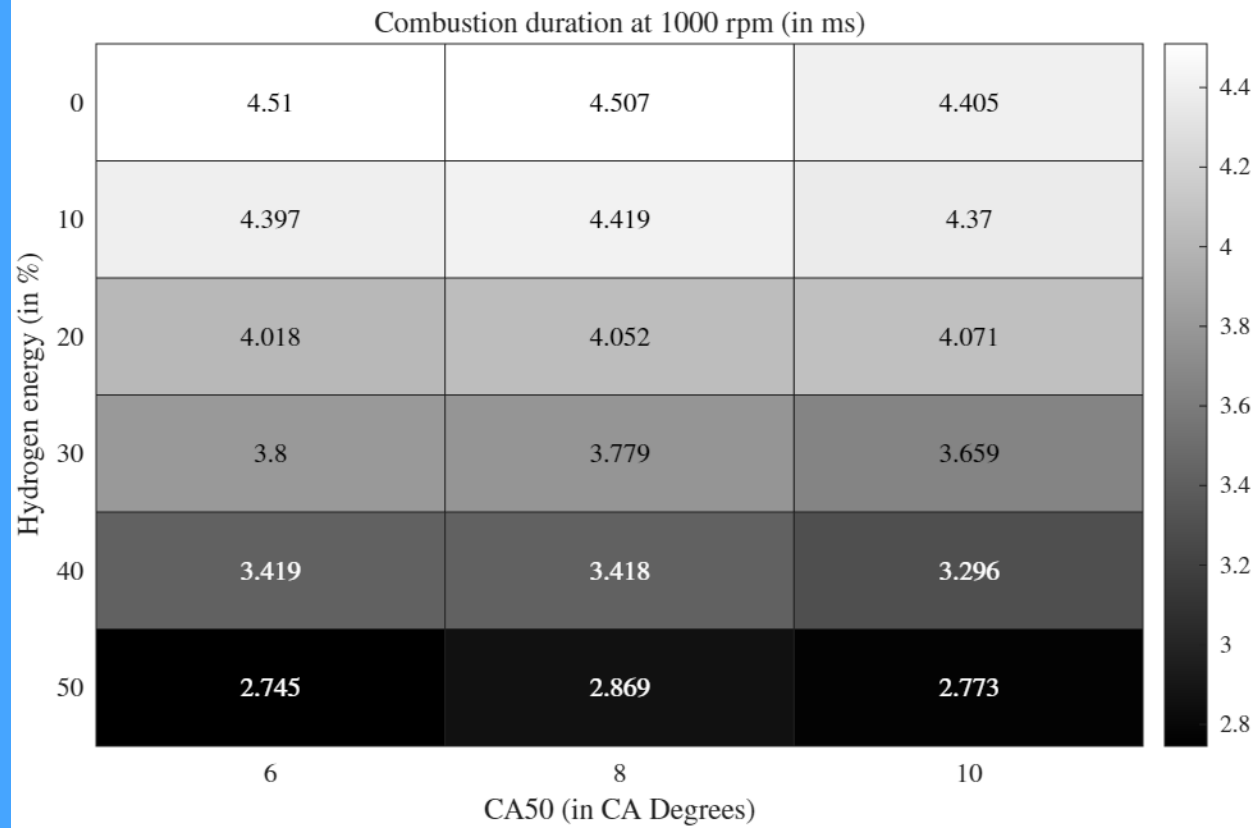
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➤ IMEP and ITE remains nearly constant.



Highlights the constant total energy condition.



➤ CD decreases with increasing HES



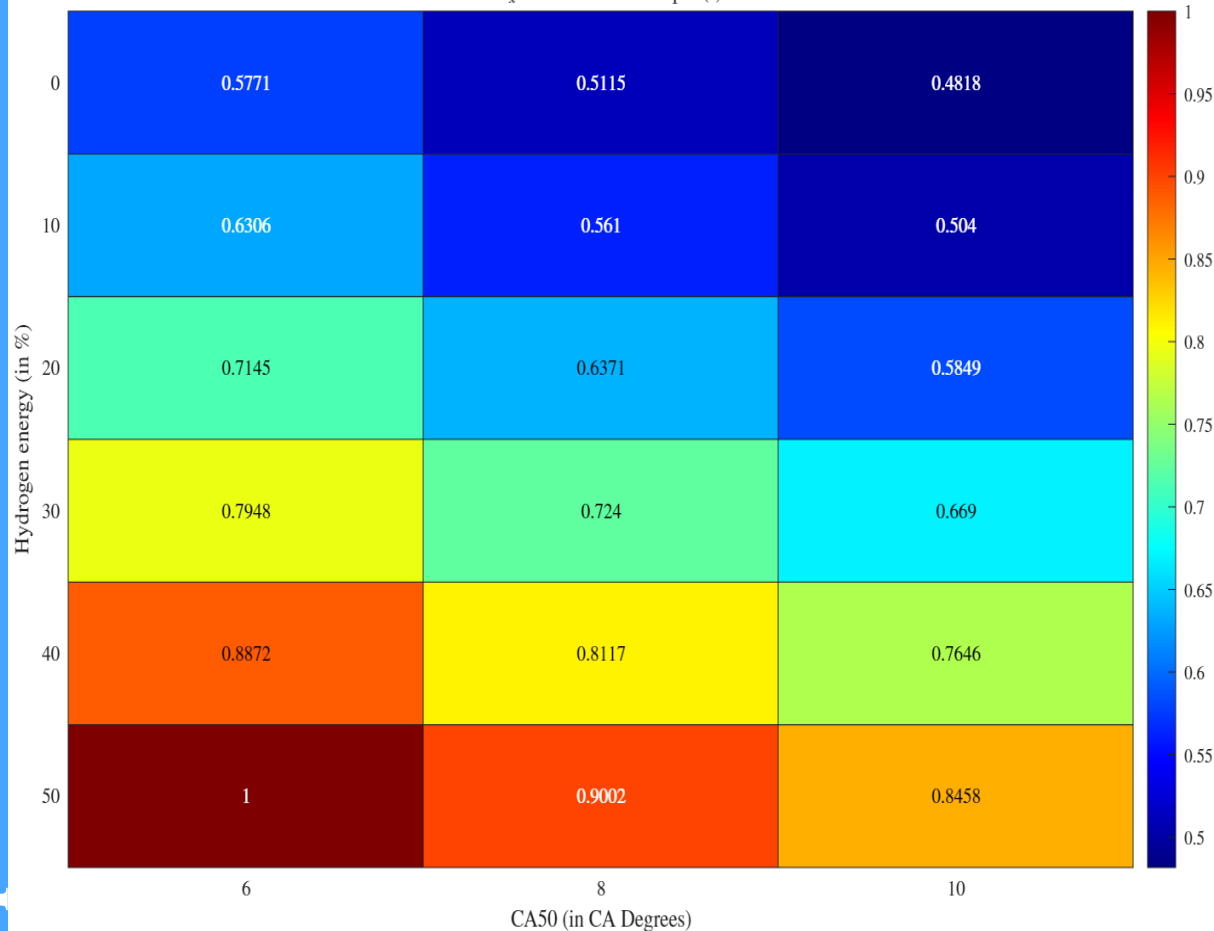
Indicating faster reaction rates.

➤ IDT remains constant for all the cases.

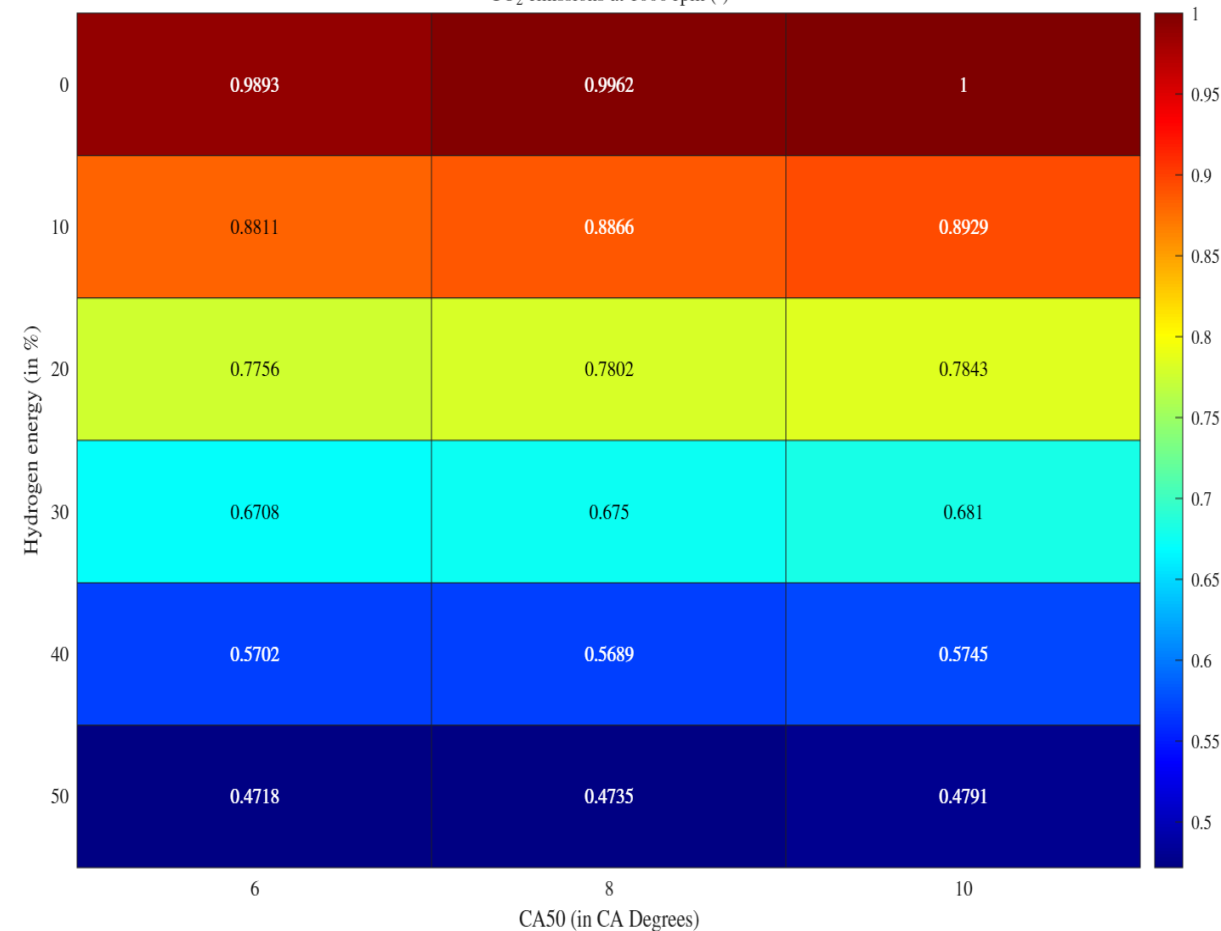
\* Please note  $CD = CA_{90} - CA_{05}$ ,  $IDT = CA_{05} - SOL$ .

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# EMISSIONS

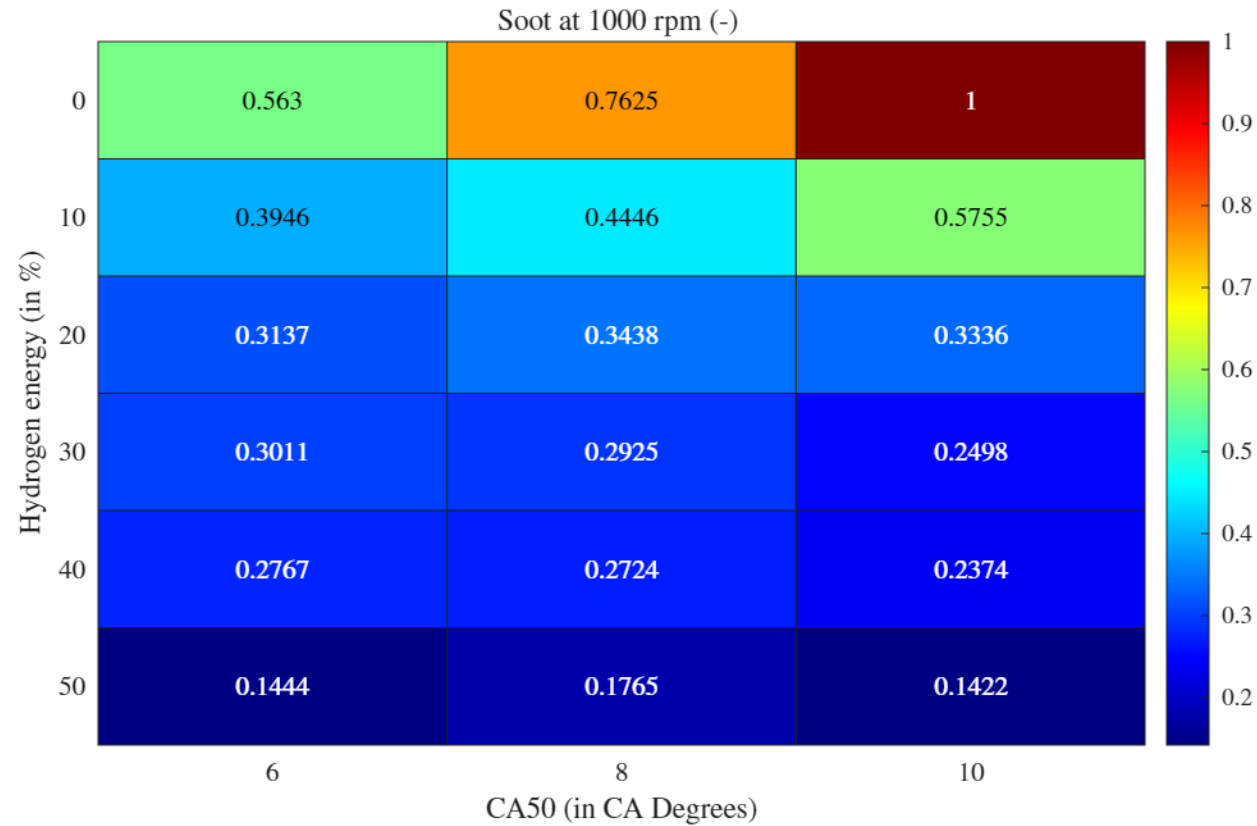
NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at 1000 rpm (-)

- At any constant CA50 with increase in H<sub>2</sub> energy share NO<sub>x</sub> increases.
- At constant H<sub>2</sub> energy share NO<sub>x</sub> decreases with later CA50 values.

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at 1000 rpm (-)

- At any constant CA50 with increase in H<sub>2</sub> energy share CO<sub>2</sub> decreases.
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are independent of CA50 values.

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- At any constant CA50 with increase in H2 energy share soot emissions decrease.
- Soot emissions do not seem to be dependent upon combustion phasing.



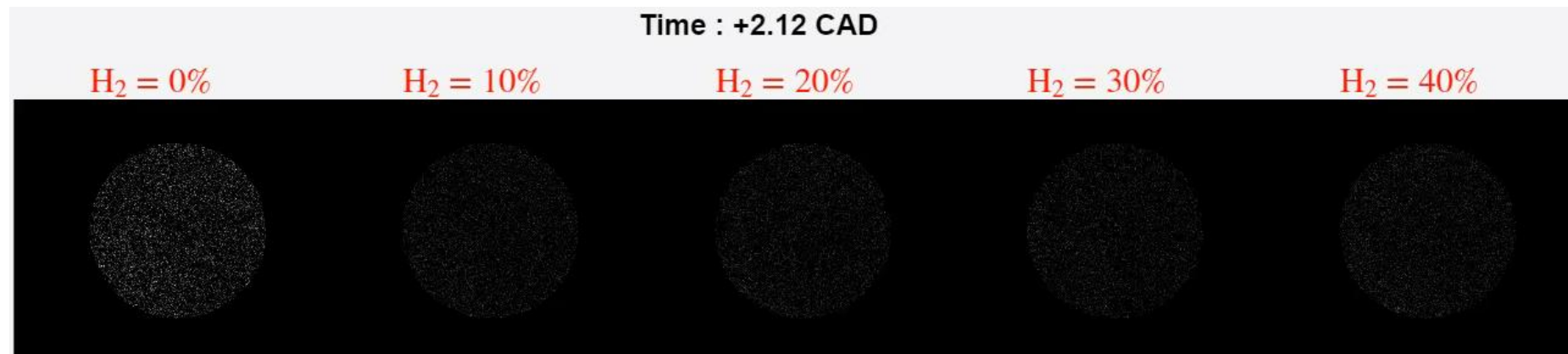
# OPTICAL ENGINE RESULTS

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# H2 energy ratio swept between 0 - 40% at constant SOI of 8 DBTDC



Natural  
Luminescence



OH\*  
Chemiluminescence

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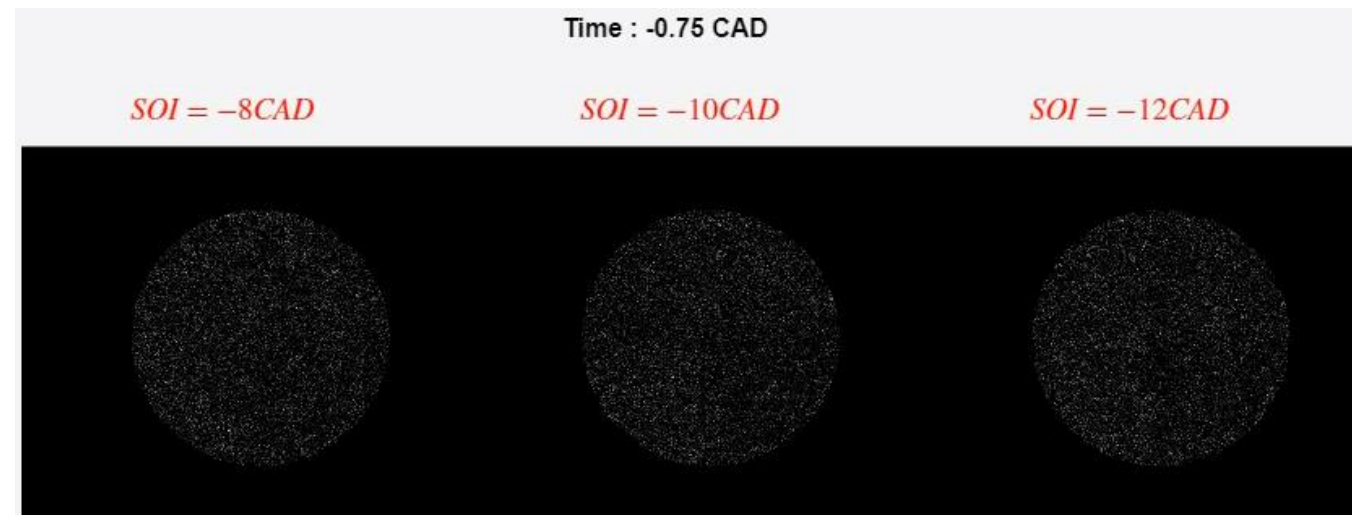
➤ H<sub>2</sub> increases → Later ignition, Natural luminescence decreases, OH\* increases

Decreased soot can be observed with decreasing flame natural luminescence intensity.

# SOI swept between 8-12 DBTDC at constant H2 energy ratio of 30%



**Natural Luminescence**



**OH\* Chemiluminescence**

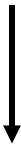
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➤ Early injection → Early ignition

# Summary & future work

Parameters	Hydrogen fraction	CA50
Heat release rate ↑	↑	Early ↑
NOx emissions ↑	↑	Early ↑
CO2 emissions ↑	↓	Independent
Soot emissions ↑	↓	Independent

- IDT in optical engine tests > full metal engine with increase in HES.



Check using chemical kinetics simulations.

- Limitations with HES (knocking observed)



Playing with lambda values (Full metal engine + Optical assessment).

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