

EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES ON A HIGH SPEED SINGLE CYLINDER ENGINE FOR DUAL FUEL OPERATION

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INTRODUCTION



- > Dual Fuel engine technology is already existing for high speed engines
 - "Dual or Bi Fuel, Dynamic gas blending" engines supplied by OEM's as integrated solutions
 - Retrofit | Aftermarket kits for adaption of diesel engines in field
 - Substitution rates up to 70% are advertised
 - Full load capability in pure Diesel mode is kept

> Drivers for Dual Fuel technology

- Inconsistent gas infrastructure requires diesel mode back up or at least a limp home functionality
- Expected potential of annual cost savings

> Dual Fuel engine technology is a "bridge technology"

• Engine performance compromised over an optimized state of the art diesel engine with reduced compression ratio and deteriorated over an optimized gas engine

> Major issues

- High methane / total hydrocarbon and carbon monoxide emissions
- Limitation of achievable substitution rates (real duty cycles)
- Special injector requirements like as cooling situation and full load capability for Diesel mode
- Design of engine control system (high dynamic operation; switching strategies between diesel and gas; knock and misfire detection)

INTRODUCTION



> Investigated engine operating strategies

- Diesel mode with and without EGR and reduced compression ratio
- Substitution of Diesel fuel by Gas at reduced compression ratio
 - Variable Substitution rate with EGR 0-95%
 - Optimized Substitution rate > 95%
 - Lean burn combustion without EGR $~\lambda \sim 1.7$
 - Lean burn combustion without EGR $~\lambda \sim 1.4$
 - Stoichiometric operation with EGR $\lambda = 1.0$

Gas qualities

Range of methane number: 65 to 94 (Propane mixing)

AVL HIGH SPEED SINGLE CYLINDER ENGINE





	Unit	Baseline Engine
Cylinder displacement	dm³	≈5
Operation Mode	-	Diesel / Gas / Dual-Fuel
Rated Speed	rpm	max. 1900
Rated BMEP	bar	max. 30
PFP design limit	bar	< 250
Compression ratio	-	various
Fuel injection system	-	CR System (up to 2500bar)
Gas supply	-	Central Mixing or Port Injection

- "Flexible camshaft" (cam segments)
- Experimental EGR system
- Special measurement techniques
- Possibility for gas mixing, up to 6 components

DEFINITION OF DEVELOPMENT TARGETS



> Definition of a V12 Dual Fuel Engine concept

- Engine application:
- Test cycle:
- DF Combustion System:
- Turbocharging concept:
- After treatment:

Marine propulsion/auxiliary and non road

mobile machinery (NRMM)

ISO 8178-C1/-E3/-E2/-D2

- Quiescent type optimized compression ratio Tier 4 Diesel derivate
- Single stage turbo charging (SSTC) with Miller intake valve closure
 - Depending on engine concept:
 - Methane oxidation catalyst (MOC)
 - Diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC) + SCR

Development Methodology

- Single cylinder engine tests
- Supported by thermodynamic simulations
- Characterization of Methane oxidation catalysts using a mobile catalyst analyzer



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ENGINE RESULTS - AUXILIARY MODE

Substitution > 95%

Mode 1/2/3 of ISO 8178 - E2/D2-cycle | CR=13.5:1 | M520 | pRail 1000bar



- Dual Fuel w/o EGR λ≈1.7

 Dual Fuel w/o EGR λ≈1.4
- Dual Fuel w EGR $\lambda = 1.0$



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KNOCKING BEHAVIOR IN DUAL FUEL MODE



Impact of compression ratio and intake valve closing to measured knock limit



- With compression ratio 13.5 the margins to knock limit are reduced
 - △MN ~5
 - _∆T_IM ~6°C

- Further investigations were carried out with different compression ratios and Miller timings – intake valve closings:
 - ...CR=15.5 / M520: ~15% EGR is required for engine operation without knocking in rated power
 - ...CR=14.0 / M520: Light knocking detected at 50°C intake temperature and methane number 80
 - ...CR=14.0 / M500: Stronger Miller timing results in knock free engine operation
 - ...CR=14.8 / M500: No knocking; additional margin to lower methane number and/or increased intake temperatures



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INJECTOR REQUIREMENTS

- > Wide range of injection quantities must be covered
- > Pure Diesel to Dual Fuel mode with <3% Diesel quantity in mixture
 - DF operation at Full and high loads: < 18mg/stroke
 - DF operation at Part load:
 - Operation with 100% Diesel at Rated Power:
- > Generally, the design space is only for one injector available
- > "Idle Quantities" determine stability of DF operation at full load
- Closed loop quantity control is preferable (shot-to-shot variation,...)
- Improved cooling in Dual Fuel mode is required due to low Diesel flow rate through injector



- < 28mg/stroke
- ~ 540mg/stroke

INJECTOR REQUIREMENTS



Nozzle tip temperature = f(BMEP, Diesel Energy ratio) at 1800rpm

Hardware: CR=13.5 | M520 Rail pressure: Diesel 2200bar | Substitution/DF 1000bar Methane number 93 (Russian NG) NOx~3g/kWh (US EPA T4f NRMM)



Nozzle tip temperature at full load in DF > +100°C over Diesel operation

INJECTOR REQUIREMENTS



Open questions:

- Injector cylinder to cylinder deviation in Dual Fuel mode (smallest quantities)?
- Injector degradation over lifetime?
- Degradation of engine calibration over lifetime?
- Injector classification / coding standards not sufficient

Development and support from injector supplier is required



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CO versus PM – engine out emissions:





CO versus HC+NOx – engine out emissions:



US EPA T4 final: 600kW < P < 3700kW

- ...Stoicniometric concept w EGR
 ...Substitution concept w EGR
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CO versus HC+NOx – tail pipe emissions with oxidation catalyst (theoretical conversion rate 66%):



Substitution concept w EGR



CO versus HC+NOx – tail pipe emissions with SCR aftertreatment (theoretical conversion rate 60%):



- China I/II: 1.2dm³ < SV < 5.0dm³
- China I/II: 5.0dm³ < SV < 15.0dm³
- US EPA T4 final: 600kW < P < 3700kW

- ...Dual Fuel lean burn wo EGR
- ...Stoichiometric concept w EGR
- ...Substitution concept w EGR



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- For the Chinese Marine inland waterway legislation, the emission limits can be achieved with optimized Dual fuel lean burn combustion
- AVL's recommendation for stricter emission limits in Dual Fuel Marine business (IMO, EPA, EU or China) is a lean burn concept with SCR exhaust gas aftertreatment system
- > The advantages of the lean burn DF concept (EAR \sim 1.4) with SCR are:
 - Better efficiency
 - Better combustion stability; reduced covariance in IMEP
 - Significantly reduced THC and CH4 emissions
 - Significantly reduced CO emissions
 - Less requirements for the turbocharger compressor design:
 - Lower compressor pressure ratio (CPR) is required
 - Waste gate only is sufficient
 - Engine bypass is not needed (as for lean burn DF with EAR 1.7)
 - Design as single stage turbo charger

