Thermodynamic Challenges in Combustion Development and Turbocharging of High BMEP Medium Speed Gas Engines



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## Leading Example: The New V35/44G TS

Main Technical Data



Specification	Dimension	50 Hz		60	Hz
Bore / Stroke	mm	350 / 440			
Swept volume	liter/cyl.	42.3			
V-Angle	0	55			
Speed	min <sup>-1</sup>	750		720	
Power	kWm/cyl.	620		590	
BMEP	bar	23.4			
Engine power	kWm	12V	20V	12V	20V
		7,440	12,400	7,080	11,800
Emissions		Acc. to TA-Luft			



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Main Technical Data





- Electrical power generation
- Focus: Maximum engine efficiency

## Applications

**Combined Cycle (CC)** 



- Electrical power generation with engine and steam bottoming cycle
- High exhaust gas temperature favorable
- Goal: Maximize total system efficiency
- Drawbacks in engine efficiency can be beneficial for total efficiency

#### Combined Heat and Power (CHP)



- Electrical power generation
- Heat generation, e.g. for district heating networks
- Utilization of all engine heats: oil, water, charge air, exhaust gas
- Optimization towards highest total efficiency or highest total earnings

**Reduction of Compression Work** 





- Reduction of compression work via two-stage compression with intercooling, approximation to ideal isothermic compression
- Higher pressure ratios achievable
- Enables enhanced Miller valve timings

Positive Effect on Pumping Work

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#### **Boundary conditions**

- Constant air-fuel ratio
- Constant valve timings

- Increase of scavenging pressure and gain from pumping loop
- Lowering of knock tendency due to better scavenging effect

Choice of Best Charge Air Pressure Control Strategy

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- Choice of optimal charge air pressure control device and strategy leads to further increase in turbocharging efficiency and even wider operating range regarding ambient pressures and temperatures
- Factors to consider: efficiency, compressor/turbine sizes, operation within compressor maps, VTA operational range

Choice of Best Charge Air Pressure Control Strategy

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Corrected volumetric flow rate [m<sup>3</sup>/s]

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#### Two-stage turbocharging as a key technology for higher BMEP and efficiency

### Miller Valve Timing Influence of Max. Valve Acceleration

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Influence factors on optimal Miller valve timing:

- Turbocharging efficiency and pressure ratio → utilization of two-stage turbocharging with intercooling
- Optimization of valve train with respect to mechanical boundary conditions, e.g. max. acceleration while sustaining cam-valve-contact, max. Hertzian stress
- Pumping loop losses because of lowered valve lift (constant acceleration) → optimization of valve train minimizes these losses
- Increased engine compression ratio  $\rightarrow$  efficiency high pressure cycle

#### Goal: Find optimum between pumping losses and gain from high pressure cycle

## **Optimization of Gas Admission**

Minimization of Fuel Consumption and HC Emissions

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- Optimization of gas admission pipes via 3D-CFD and single cylinder tests on 35/44G (one-stage)
- Configuration for best possible mixture homogeneity adopted for 35/44G TS
- Shorter inlet valve opening phase and higher cylinder power combined with more Miller requires adjustment of gas admission timing
- Earlier gas admission reduces fuel consumption and hydrocarbon emissions

#### Power increase shrinks the available window for perfect gas admission

# **Top of the Line Efficiency with CHP**

**Optimization of Cooling System Layout** 

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- Pre-Layout of cooling concept:
  - High degree of freedom due to 2 charge air coolers with 2 stages each (derived from SC engine)
- Pre-layout of engine configuration (compression ratio fit for high charge air temperatures)
- Optimization of parameters by DoE in GT-Suite for each layout concept:
  - Assumption of fixed temperature differences for heat exchangers
  - Engine side water flows and temperature levels, target: reach maximum thermal efficiency
- Decision for best overall concept

## **Top of the Line Efficiency**

What is the Best Overall Concept?

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- Constant earnings along the 4 lines shown
  - e.g. for power/heat value 2: loss of 1% η<sub>total</sub> can be compensated by gain of 1% η<sub>engine,el.</sub>
- Target for optimization: Max(C \* η<sub>engine,el.</sub> + η<sub>thermal</sub>)
  C : power/heat value

#### Optimization regarding application is needed with respect to energy type values

## **Top of the Line Efficiency**

What is the Best Overall Concept?

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- Heats available at certain temperature level
- Loss of heats that are below the current utility water level can be minimized by choosing an optimized system layout

#### Boundary conditions have impact on achievable efficiency

## **Efficiency Improvements CHP**

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## Summary

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- Motivation for two-stage turbocharging
  - Increased engine efficiency
  - Power density
  - Emissions reduction

#### Optimizations carried out for the new V35/44G TS

- Choice of charge air pressure control device
- Advanced Miller valve timing
- Gas admission timing
- CHP optimization

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