

# Developments in Internal Combustion Engine Technology

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# Steam Engine

Chauffeur (stoker)





## **Early IC Engines**

### First principles of IC engine

Hautefeuille (1676) Papin (1695)

### Modern engines :

Lenoir (1860) Rochas (1862) Otto (1876) Diesel (1892)





# Limitations for SI Engines



### Compression and Combustion

Friction Loss Heat Loss

Incomplete oxidation Slow burning Knock limit Efficiency limited by CR

### **Gas Exchange Process**

Heat Loss Pumping Losses Waste heat out Exhaust

Inefficient valve timing at varying speeds



(Source : Morey, 2011)

# Requirements for Sustainable Environment

«The machine that changed the World»

Controlling both the **emissions resulting from combustion process** and the **fuel consumption** 

- Developments in engine and vehicle technology
- o Utilization of some alternative fuels
- Electrification of the vehicle powertrain



## **Developments in Engine Technology**

Loss reduction (pumping, heat, frictional losses) Combustion process improvement (quality and speed of burning) Efficiency increase

some examples;

- o Boosting
- Variable valve timing
- o Variably reduced number of cylinders
- Start / Stop system etc



## **Developments in Engine Technology**



Spark Ignition Engines

Increase in BMEF (2000 - 2008) NA 1.4 % yearly TC 1.5

North America (2008 model year)

63 [kW/liter]
87
54
75
43

# **Transport Demand by Fuel**



(Source : Schuetzle and Glaze, 1999)





## **Advanced Combustion Concepts**

**Compression Ignition (CI) engines** have higher efficiency at part load operation, longer lifetime and relatively lower emissions of CO2, CO and unburned HC

**Spark Ignition (SI) engines** have higher power density and lower combustion noise.

In the history of engine design and development, there have been many attempts to combine the advantages of both CI and SI engines.



# **Gasoline Direct Injection Engines**

### **Conventional Spark Ignition Engines**

pre-mixed combustion homogeneous and stoichiometric mixture prepared in the manifold

### **GDI Engines**

in-cylinder mixture formation stratified charge with a globally lean mixture

# Spray guided GDI Engine

## **Gasoline Direct Injection Engines**







# **Gasoline Direct Injection Engines**

Spread of GDI engines in the market took a long time from 1970's to 1990

competitive cars 2-3 years all vehicles

approx. 10 years

First application was in 1954

with Mercedes 300SL





(6-cylinder 2996 cc 215HP SI engine)

(Source : Eckermann, 2001)

# Low Temperature Combustion

#### **Diesel Engine**

major pollutants are NOx and PM

There is a trade – off between these emissions





## Low Temperature Combustion





# **Advanced Combustion Concepts**





(Source : Ulas, PhD Thesis, TU Eindhoven, 2013)

# **HCCI Engines**

Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition engines : lean and homogeneous mixture is compressed until p and T are high enough for autoignition to ocur

HCCI ignition is governed by chemical kinetics and histories of cylinder pressure and temperature (inlet air temperature, compression ratio, residual gas ratio and EGR, wall temperature). Combustion starts simultaneously all over the cylinder

Reaction rate is much lower than knock in SI engines due to a higher dilution of the fuel with air or residual gases (EGR)



# **HCCI Engines**

High thermal efficiency due to high compression ratio, rapid heat release rateLow specific fuel consumption with lean mixtureLow NOx emissions

Difficulties in controlling ignition and combustion over a wide range of engine operating conditions



# **PCCI Engines**

**Premixed charge compression ignition engines :** mixture of the fuel with air is provided prior to the initiation of combustion due to early injection of the fuel into the cylinder at low pressure and temperature conditions for autoignition to take place.

Combustion is controlled by **chemical kinetics**. In cylinder temperature levels are controlled by applying heavy exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) rates to dominate ignition process, which also controls NOx and PM emissions.



Misfire especially at **low load conditions** is a potential problem

Rapid pressure rise at **high loads** and uncontrolled ignition timing are other issues which can cause low thermal efficieny and engine damage



# **Dual Fuel Combustion**

Premixed Natural Gas induced into the cylinder during the intake stroke and ignited by pilot injection of Diesel Fuel

Lean operation is possible providing reduction in emissions and improvement in fuel consumption

City Bus fleet in Asian part of Istanbul (1992)



# **RCCI Engines**

**Reactivity Controlled Compression Ignition engine** : mixture is formed with early injection of the fuel into the cylinder

Low octane fuel injected earlier can be blended with high octane fuel with post injection

Fuel blend ratio and injection timing are the parameters for control



(Source : Reitz, 2011)

# **RCCI Engines**

Varying the mixture ratio of fuel blends with different reactivity levels can provide considerably high thermal efficiencies.

Relatively low injection pressures, in comparison to fuel injection systems used in modern diesel engines, provide energy saving.

Low temperature combustion reduce NOx emissions while the level of uniformaty of the mixture reduce PM emissions.



# Conclusion

Using pre-mixed combustion in compression ignition engines can combine the advantages of the present CI and SI engines in one system

Considerably high thermal efficiencies can be achieved by varying the reactivity levels of the fuel blends used

Clean and efficient operation of IC engines can be achieved with new combustion concepts



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### Thank you for your attention

