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The Progress of Advanced Marine Fuels and the Specific Role of Dual-Fuel Technology in Decarbonising Shipping



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Setting the stage

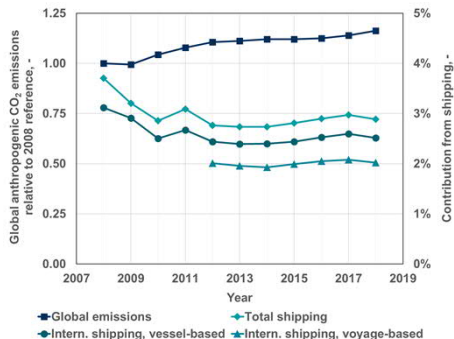
AMF Task 60 (formerly Annex 60)

Purpose: Assessment of fuel options that have emerged or significantly developed since the 2013 report (AMF Annex 41).

Table 13. Summary of Evaluation of Propellant Systems

	IFO	LSFO	MGO/GTL/BTL	HVO/SVO/FAME	MeOH	DME/LPG	LNG/LBG
Engine and fuel system cost	Drop in	Drop in	Drop in	Drop in	Dual fuel	Gas tank	Dual fuel Cryo tanks
Projected fuel cost		Refining	Refining	Land use		Infra structure	Infra structure
Emission abatement cost	SOx, NOx, PM, CO ₂	NOx, PM, CO ₂					
Safety related cost					Flash point	Ventilation	Press/temp
Indirect cost				Ethics	Cargo space	Cargo space	Cargo space

- ✖ Serious impediment
- ✖ Significant cost
- ✖ Feasible solution available



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AMF Task 60 (formerly Annex 60): The Progress of Advanced Marine Fuels

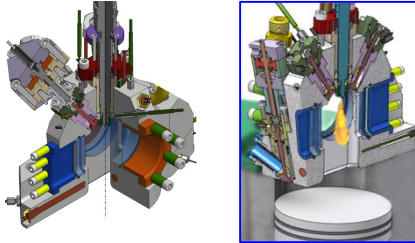
- Purpose: Assessment of fuel options that have emerged or significantly developed since the 2013 report (AMF Annex 41).
- Coordination: Kim Winther, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark
- Timeframe: November 2019 to November 2022
- Participants: Canada, Denmark, Finland, Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, USA, China, Austria
- Co-sponsor: Methanol Institute

Swiss contribution:

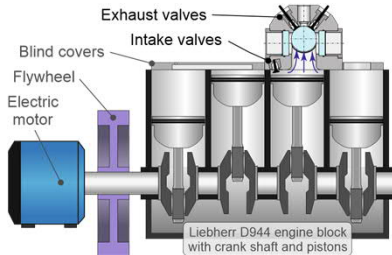
Assessment of the state of the art of dual fuel technology for large two-stroke engines (WinGD)

Investigation of ignition and combustion properties of mixtures of methane and gases with lower carbon intensity at conditions relevant for large two-stroke dual-fuel engines (FHNW, WinGD)

Principle, specifications and features

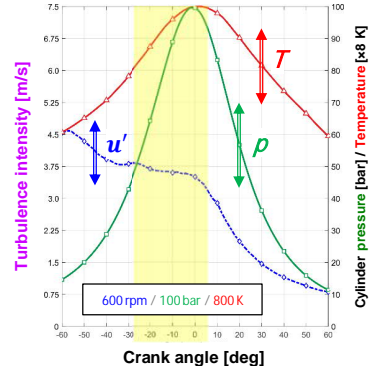
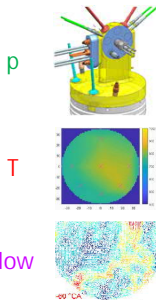


Optical combustion chamber

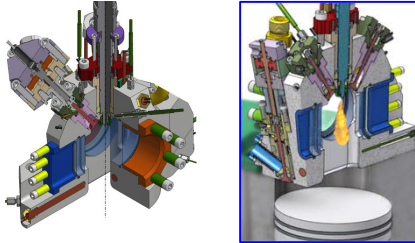


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- Engine-like compression/combustion pressure / temperature
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Operating conditions:

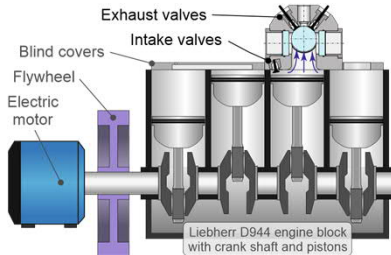


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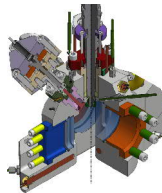


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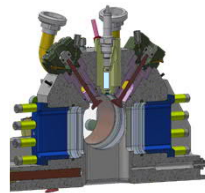
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- Flexible operation: mixture charge, injection parameter, timing, ...
- Variability to adapt test rig to a variety of DF combustion processes



low pressure

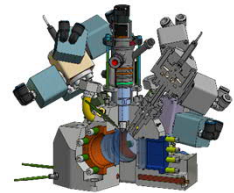


pilot spray



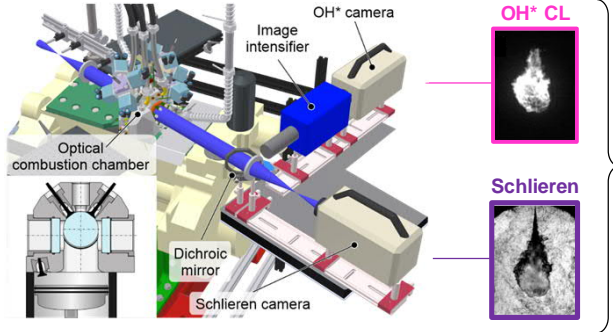
prechamber jet

high pressure

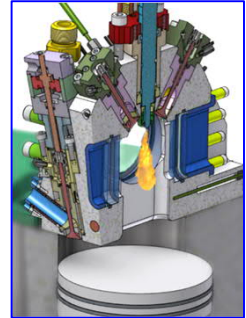
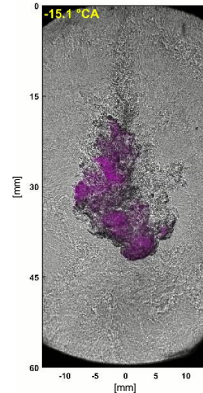
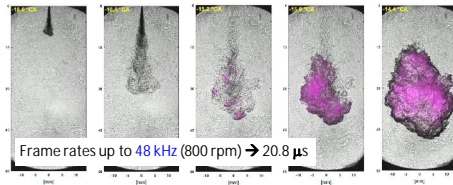


gas injector

Lean-premixed pilot fuel ignited dual-fuel combustion



Simultaneous Schlieren / OH* chemiluminescence

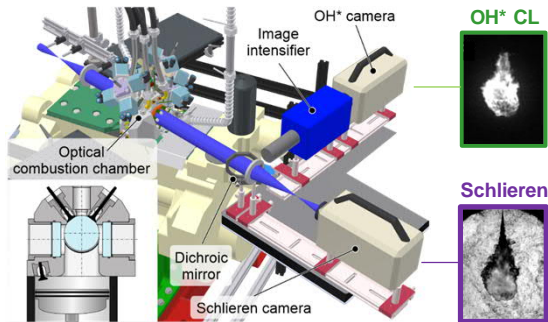


D. Humair, et al.: "Characterization of dual-fuel combustion processes", 6th Rostock Large Engine Symposium 2020

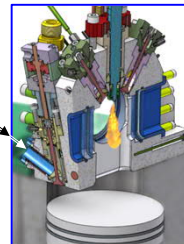
Investigations

- \rightarrow Ignition delay (location): OH* chemiluminescence
- \rightarrow Flame propagation: Schlieren
- \rightarrow Heat release/cyclic stability: pressure measurements

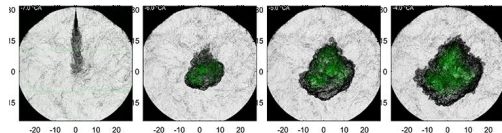
Experimental setup / operation parameter variation



- Gaseous NH_3 /air charge
- Pilot fuel ignition (dodecane)
- Operation parameter variation:
 - air/fuel ratio
 - pressure
 - temperature
 - flow conditions
 - start/duration of injection



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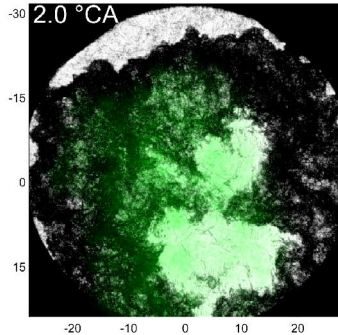
NH_3 combustion characteristics

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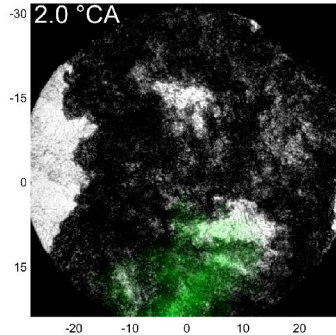
Variation of air/fuel ratio λ (mixture charge)

$p_{\text{comp}} = 70 \text{ bar}$ / $T \approx 810 \text{ K}$ / $\text{SOI} = -10 \text{ deg}$ / $\text{ET} = 500 \mu\text{s}$

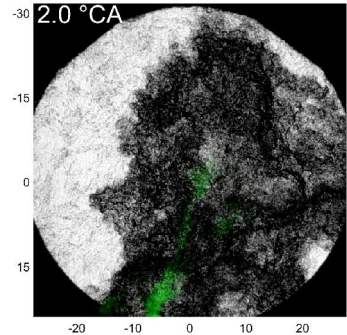
$\lambda = 1.0$



$\lambda = 1.5$



$\lambda = 2.0$



Low-speed engine DF technology state of the art

Variants of dual-fuel engine concepts applied on two-stroke engines

The MAN ME-GI concept:

- Diesel-type combustion of a gas jet
- Injection pressure in the range of 150 to 315 bar, depending on engine load
- Ignition by means of pilot fuel via backup fuel system

Fuel varieties covered by the concept and derivatives:

- LNG, bio-methane, synthetic methane
- Ethane (ME-GIE)
- LPG (ME-LGIP)
- Methanol (ME-LGIM)
- VOC (LNG/VOC blends ME-GIE)

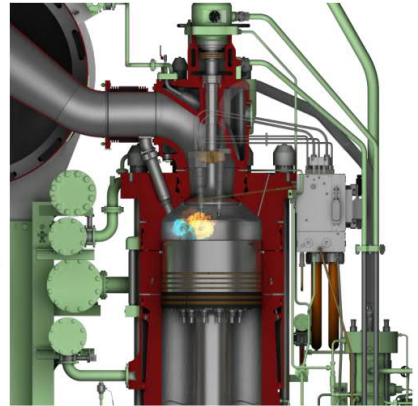
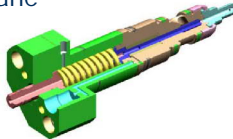


Illustration of ME-GI working principle (right) and gas injector (left) as key system feature, from L. Ryberg Juliussen et al, 2013, The MAN ME-GI engine: From initial system considerations to implementation and performance optimisation, CIMAC

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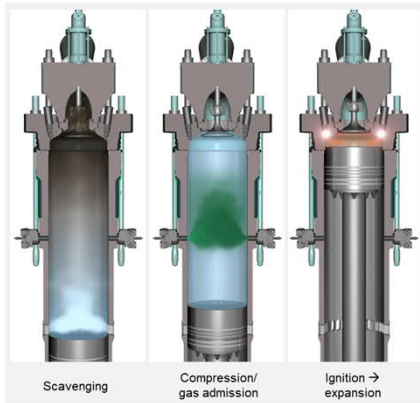


Illustration of WinGD X-DF working principle, from I. Nylund I., M. Ott, 2013, Development of a dual fuel technology for slow-speed engines, CIMAC

The WinGD X-DF concept:

- Engine operating according to the Otto process
- Pre-mixed 'Lean burn' technology
- Low pressure gas admission at 'mid stroke'
- Ignition by pilot fuel in prechamber
- Combustion in main chamber initiated and enhanced by hot jets

Largely similar approach used on MAN ME-GA engines

Fuel varieties covered by the concept:





- LNG, bio-methane, synthetic methane
- VOC (LNG/VOC blends)

Low-speed engine DF technology state of the art

Future fuel development plans of large two-stroke engine developers

Fuel types	MC	ME-B	ME-C	ME-GI	ME-GA	ME-GIE	ME-LGIM	ME-LGIP
0-0.50% S VLSFO	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design
HFO	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design
Biofuels	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design	Design
LNG	-	-	Retrofit	Design	Design	Retrofit	Retrofit	Retrofit
LEG (Ethane)	-	-	Retrofit	Retrofit	-	Design	Retrofit	Retrofit
Methanol / Ethanol	-	-	Retrofit	Retrofit	-	Retrofit	Design	Retrofit
LPG	-	-	Retrofit	Retrofit	-	Retrofit	Retrofit	Design
Ammonia	-	-	Retrofit	Retrofit	-	Retrofit	Retrofit	Retrofit

Fuel Type	Drop-in capable	X-engines	X-DF engines
0 – 0.5% S VLSFO	n/a	Available	Available
HFO	n/a	Available	Available
Bio-diesel	✓	Available	Available
LNG	n/a	Retrofit	Available
Bio-methane	✓	Retrofit	Available
Synthetic methane	✓	Retrofit	Available
Ammonia	Dual- / Tri-Fuel	In Development	In Development
Methanol/ Ethanol	Dual- / Tri-Fuel	In Development	In Development
Lignin-derived biofuel	(✓)	Available	Available

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Item	Assignment	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Main Engine	 Japan Engine Corporation	2-stroke engine development & fabrication, shop trial etc.					Delivery	
Aux. Engine	 IHI Power System	4-stroke engine development & fabrication, shop trial etc.						
Ship Design & Buildings	 Nihon Shipyard	Hull Design, buildings, sea trial etc.						
Operation	 NYK Line	Regulation clearance, formulate operation manuals, business model evaluation etc.						Demonstration & Commercialization



3D-view of hydrogen-fueled engine



Image of hydrogen-powered ship

Top row: Overview of fuel types and their applicability / retrofit ability on different engine design variants, MAN (left) from R. Bidstrup, 2021, MAN B&W Ammonia fueled engine development status, 42. Informationstagung zur Schiffsbetriebsforschung, WinGD (right), from D. Schneider, S. Goranov, P. Krähenbühl, D. Schäpper, M. Spahn, G. Weisser, 2021, WinGD's X-act initiative:

A holistic approach towards sustainable shipping, 18th Symposium „Sustainable Mobility, Transport and Power Generation“

Bottom row: JEng development plans: Ammonia-fueled ammonia gas carrier demonstration project (left) „Agreement for Trial of Hydrogen-fueled Engine equipped Onboard (right), Illustrations from press releases retrieved from <https://www.i-eng.co.jp/en/news> (last accessed November 18, 2021)

Thank you!



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