Development of a Gas Propulsion System for Harbour Tug Applications

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Off-Highway Applications Requirements



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Gas for mobile applications Key Drivers



* LNG: Liquified Natural Gas

** ECA: Emission Controlled Area

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Engine Concepts for Marine Applications What are the options for IMO3?



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Drivers for Gas – Emissions of Green House Gases Comparison of Gas & Diesel Engines





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Off Highway Applications Example: Marine Engine for Harbour Tug





Source: Damen - ASD TUG 2810

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Gas Propulsion System for Harbour Tug Applications

Example : Design of the RSD TUG 2512 CNG



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Engine Design S4000 Gas Engine for Marine Applications

Engineering Targets:

Application	Marine Commercial
Emissions	IMO3 / EPA T4 & low Methane Slip
Base-Engine	S4000 M63 Bore: 170 mm Stroke: 210 mm
Combustion	Otto-Gas (λ>1)
Engine Mapping	like M63
Engine Dynamics	like M63
Safety concept	IGF-Code: Gas-safe



Multi Point Injection (MPI)

→ Double walled gas supply

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Engine Design Multi Point Injection with Electric Valves

High flexibility to influence the air / gas mixture with MPI-valves:

- Begin of injection
- Gas rail pressure

Flexible injection strategy:

 Opportunity to optimize mixture quality for combustion stability at each engine operating point from cycle to cycle





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Thermodynamic Design Required Engine Dynamics

Data logging in a TUG boat - "Standard" - TUG Manoeuvers



Typical TUG manoeuvre: acceleration along propeller curve.

Source: Damen

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Thermodynamic Design Required Engine Dynamics

"Worst Case" TUG Manoeuver - Emergency Crash Stop



1. Start condition: Sailing full speed ahead Engine Speed: maximum Engine Torque: high

- 2. Emergency Stop: Turn the thrusters 180° against original direction
 → thrust reversal
 Engine Speed: high
 Engine Torque: maximum
- 3. Station keeping: Thrusters in neutral position Engine Speed: low Engine Torque: low

Manoeuver Goal: Realization of minimal stopping distance to avoid crash!

Source: Damen

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Thermodynamic Design Required Engine Dynamics

Data logging in a TUG boat - "Worst Case" - TUG Manoeuver *



"Worst Case" TUG manoeuvre: Emergency crash stop

* Data from crash stop manoeuvre with DAMEN ASD Tug 2411

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Engine Dynamics Investigations of Real Vessel Operation on Test Bed

Simulation of TUG maneuver with ship model \rightarrow Hardware in the Loop



Source: Damen

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Engine Dynamics Investigations of Real Vessel Operation on Test Bed

Results: Hardware in the Loop Emergency Crash Stop



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MTU's options for future Marine Applications Diesel and Gas Engines for IMO3

Diesel + SCR



- + proven, established
- + fuel logistics and handling
- complexity: SCR
- operational cost
- limited oil reserves

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- + operational costs
- + engine complexity: lean burn no EAT

Natural Gas

- + global gas reserves
- gas infrastructure
- gas storage system

Diesel and Gas Engines are future fuel options for marine applications!

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