

Lecture on the subject  
**KKE/TSM - Boosting combustion engine theory**

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# **Boosting combustion engine theory**

## **Supercharging of petrol engines (gasoline and gas engines)**

### **Supercharging of petrol engines**

#### **. Aims of supercharging:**

- . Increase engine power
- . Economy aspect
- . Decrease emission in exhaust gasses

#### **. Increasing of efficiency is limited by detonation combustion**

- . It's necessary to avoid detonation combustion during normal operation condition of the engine
- . Used fuel
  - Liquid fuel – petrol engines (BM) stoichiometric mixture  $\lambda=1$
  - Gas fuel- stoichiometric mixture  $\lambda=1$ , lean mixture  $\lambda>1$

### **Supercharging of petrol engines**

#### **Principles and aspects of detonation combustion:**

- . Anti-knock properties of the fuel and a mixture  $\lambda$
- . Temperature and pressure at the end of the compression given by:
  - . Compression ratio  $\varepsilon$
  - . Degree of supercharging  $p_s, t_s$
  - . Ignition timing  $\alpha_z$
  - . Degree of cooling
- . Susceptibility and resistance of the combustion chamber to detonation combustion

# Supercharging of petrol engines

## **Complication**

- *Economical at very small range of the mixture approximately  $\lambda=1$*
- *Ecological aspect – necessary a three-component catalytic converter (with  $\lambda$ -probe) – must work with higher specific fuel consumption*

# Detonation combustion

## **Effect of compressed medium at the beginning of the compression ( for $n=\text{konst}$ and $\lambda=\text{konst}$ , $ON= \text{konst}$ )**

- Compression ratio  $\epsilon$  affects mixture temperature and pressure
- Near the detonation combustion limit, according compression ratio  $\epsilon$  decrease inlet pressure  $p_s$
- Decrease  $\epsilon$  of help to avoid detonation combustion but decrease  $\eta_t$ ,  $\eta_l$ .
- Intercooling have very big effect in this process.

# Detonation combustion

## **Effect of fuel resistance ( for $n=\text{konst}$ and $\epsilon$ )**

- Inlet pressure is decreased  $p_s$  but inlet temperature  $t_s$  is increased
- At given fuel, the limit of the detonation combustion is increasing according to richness of the fuel
- The limit of the detonation combustion is increasing according to octane number

## **Conclusions for supercharging**

- High octane number
- Low inlet temperature (intercooler)
- Rich mixture

# Detonation combustion

## **Effect of ignition timing**

- Effect to combustion temperatures and their gradients
- Smaller ignition timing values cause increase of the effective and inlet pressure
- If  $p_s = \text{constant}$ , then  $p_e$  decrease according to  $\alpha_z$  decrease
- Effect of intercooling –  $p_s$  increase even if  $\alpha_z$  decrease

## Detonation combustion prevention – gasoline engines

- Higher fuel octane numbers + additives:
  - special (methyl-terc-butyléter – MTBE)
  - Mixture with methanol, ethanol etc.
- Richer mixture
- Air/mixture cooling
- Optimizing the valve shape
- Two ignition sparks ( short combustion time)
- Higher RPM (no time for detonation combustion)
- **Turbocharger control**

## Turbocharger control – gasoline engines

### Inlet pressure control $p_{sT}$ :

- Exhaust gasses blow-off (most effective)
- Throating exhaust gasses behind the turbine:
  - Slower inlet pressure  $p_{sT}$  increase – complicated stabilization
  - Negative work increase
- Throating at compressor input (increasing underpressure at compressor inlet, increase temperature)
- Air Blow-off behind compressor
- Air By-pass back to the compressor inlet

## Turbocharger control – gasoline engines

### Basic possibilities of turbocharger control for :

- Control of inlet pressure  $p_{sT}$  for:
  - Avoid detonation combustion
  - Obtain necessary torque for the turbine  $M_t$
- Increasing acceleration possibilities
- Avoid compressor stall

## Turbocharger control – gasoline engines

### Increasing acceleration:

Exhaust gasses mass flow rate depends just on the engine load (negligible effect of RPM) → decrease of the load causes rapid decrease of turbocharger (long time acceleration). Better acceleration could be obtained with:

- The flap before compressor
  - Faster acceleration
  - Better position of working point in compressor map (avoid stall)
  - Better sealing is necessary

# Turbocharger control – gasoline engines

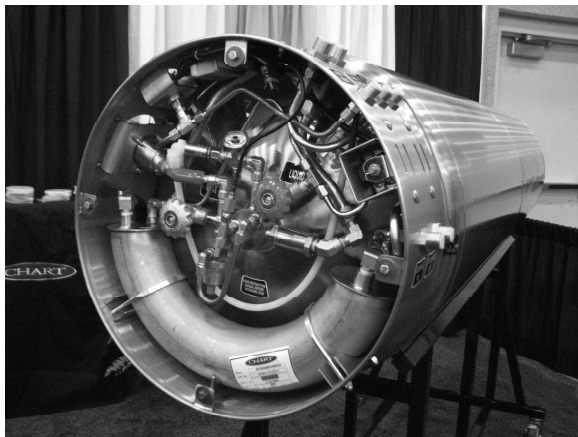
## Increasing acceleration:

- The flap behind compressor
  - Turbocharger's efficiency decrease  $\eta_{TD}$
  - Working points near by surge line – necessary further control
- Flaps behind and before compressor
  - Universal - for gasoline and diesel engines

# Gas engines

- Wide range of the mixture richness
- Fuels – Metan, propan, natural gas, LPG
- Commercial – propan-butan(PB), CNG, LNG
- Engine arrangement depends on used fuel (on ignition type, on catalytic system)
- **Catalytic system:**
  - Controlled three-component (operation with stoichiometric mixtures)
  - Oxidation (operating with a lean fuel mixture)
- **Ignition type:**
  - **Spark (petrol engine)**
  - Auxiliary jet fuel (diesel engine)

# Gas engines



*Fuel tank for gas engine[8]*

# Gas engines

## Operation with stoichiometric mixture ( $\lambda=1$ )

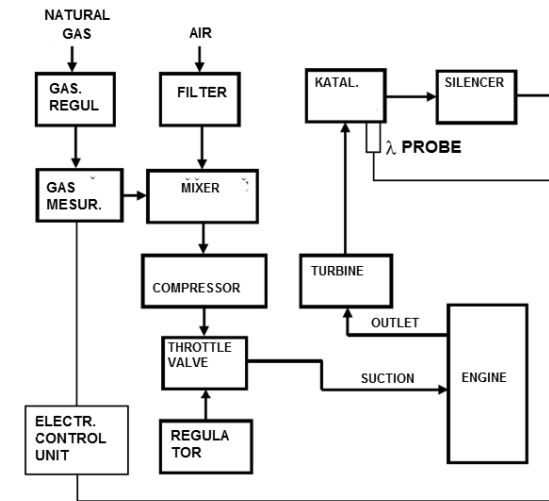
- Supercharging is unnecessary
- Tendency to detonation combustion, is necessary
  - Decrease compression ration  $\epsilon$
  - Decrease inlet pressure  $T_s$
  - Swirl combustion chamber, etc..
- Higher octane number of gaseous fuels (supercharging is unnecessary)
- Mixture richness is controlled by control system according to data from  $\lambda$ -probe
- Fuel supply is controlled
  - By changing of the delivery nozzle cross-section by stepping motor
  - Blown gas supply management

# Gas engines

## Turbocharger control

- Exhaust gasses blow-off (most effective)
- Integrated throttling flap -  $f(n)$
- Throating compressor output -  $f(n)$
- Air By-pass back to the compressor inlet
- Mixture richness control according to engine load and RPM

# Gas engines



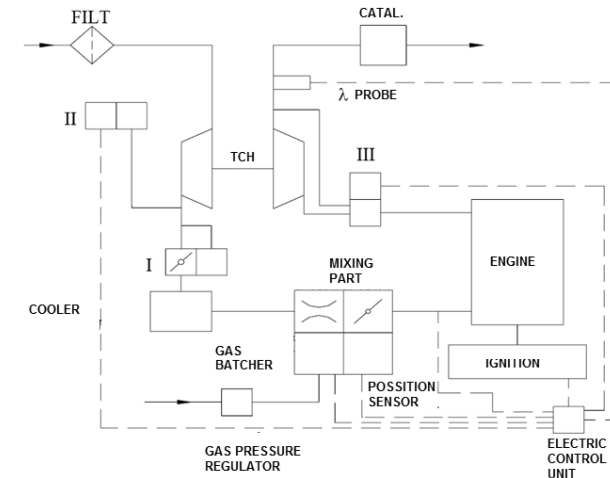
Engine arrangement with stoichiometric mixture[2]

# Gas engines

## Operation with a lean fuel mixture ( $\lambda > 1$ )

- Wide range of ignition
- For smaller values of mixture richness is necessary to improve ignition system
- Usually supercharged
- **Turbocharger regulation :**
  - Exhaust gasses blow-off (most effective)
  - Integrated throttling flap -  $f(n)$
  - Throating compressor output -  $f(n)$
  - Air By-pass back to the compressor inlet
  - Mixture richness control according to engine load and RPM

# Gas engines

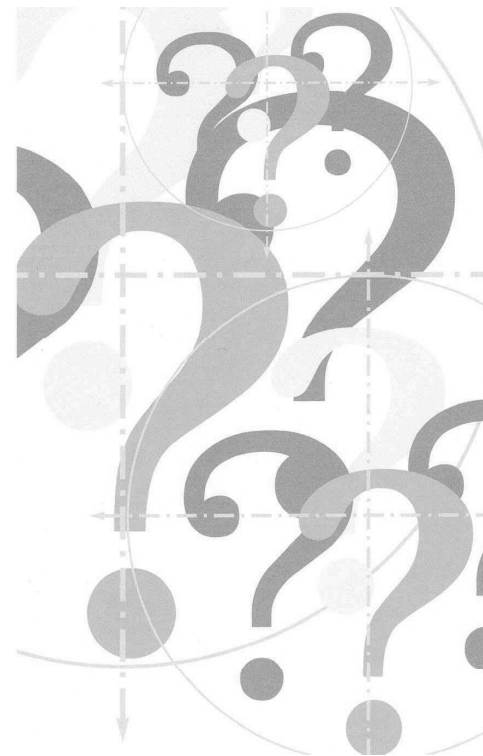


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**DISCUSSION...**  
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