

Demonstration of Ammonia-Gasoline Dual Fuel System in a Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engine

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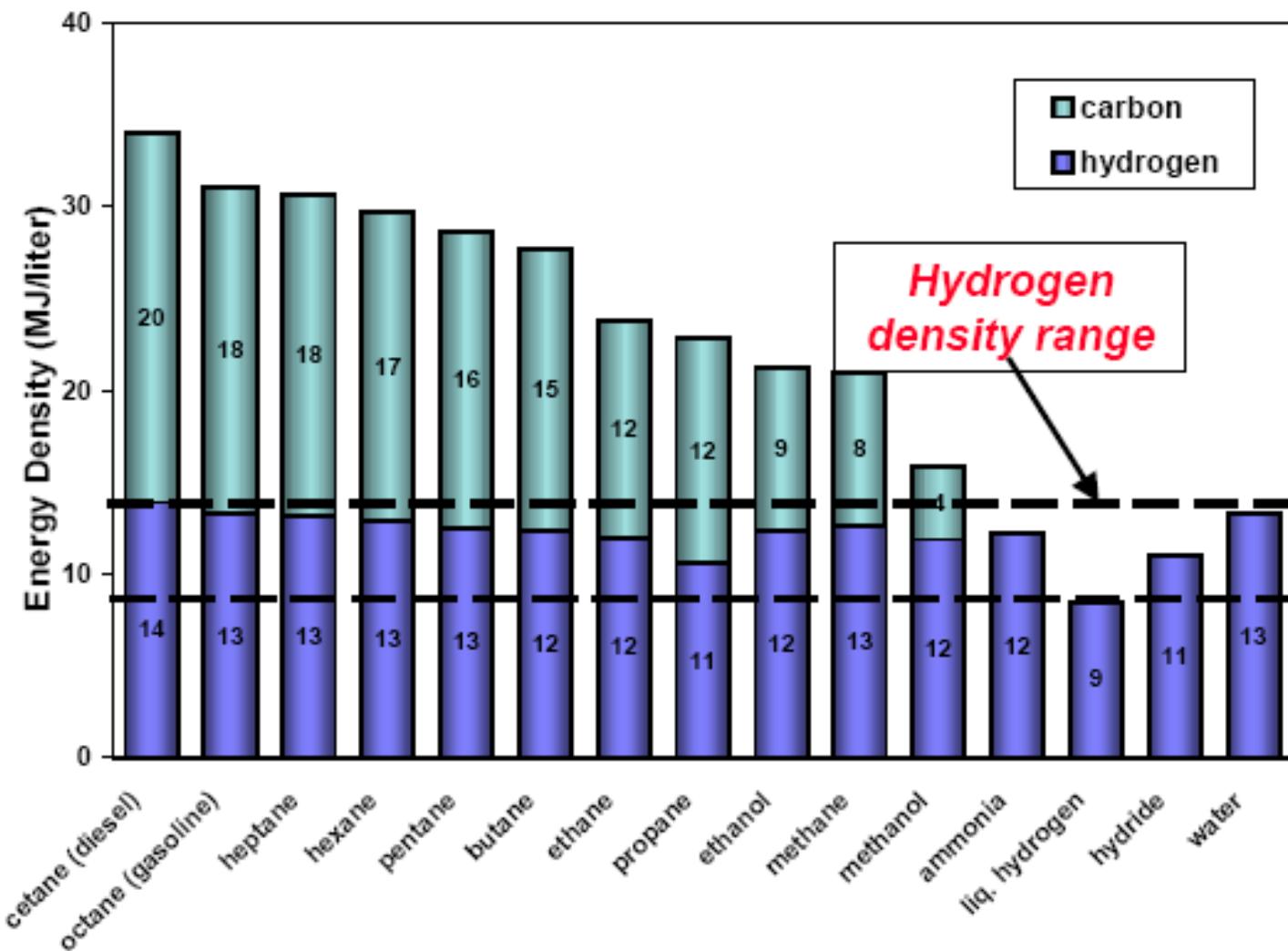
The Ideal Transportation fuel

- Can be produced from any raw energy source (i.e. wind, solar, biomass, coal, nuclear, hydro etc.)
- Is cost effective
- Has significant storage and delivery systems already in place
- Environmentally friendly
- Can be used in any prime mover (i.e. diesel engines, fuel cells, SI engines, gas turbines, etc.)
- Has a proven, acceptable safety record

Ammonia Basic

- Ammonia (NH₃) can be produced from any raw energy source, including all fossil, renewable and nuclear sources.
- Ammonia is cost competitive with gasoline as a transportation fuel
- Ammonia has extensive, worldwide transportation and storage infrastructure already in place
- Ammonia is very environmentally friendly when used as a transportation fuel and produces only N₂ and H₂O at the tailpipe with low-cost emissions controls.
- Ammonia has been successfully demonstrated in SI engines, CI engines, and fuel cells.

Energy density(LHV) for fuels in liquid state



End Use Applications

- Spark-Ignition Internal-Combustion Engines (w/**hydrogen** or ethanol)
- Diesel Engines (w/**biodiesel** and/or **DME**)
- Direct Ammonia Fuel Cells
- Gas Turbines
- Gas Burners (including residential furnaces)

Progress accomplished

- **Flex fuel (gasoline/ammonia) vehicle** successfully driven from Michigan to California (nh3 Car)
- Over **50% efficiency** demonstrated in a SI engine (HEC)
- **Irrigation pump** demonstration with SI engine (HEC)
- **Direct ammonia fuel cell** bench-scale demonstration (Howard U.)
- 1.5 Mw **wind to ammonia demonstration** funded, construction underway (U. Minn. Morris)
- 95% ammonia, 5% diesel, 110% rated power in a John Deere **diesel engine** (IEC/ISU)

Combustion Equation

- $$(0.790 \text{ N}_2 + 0.210 \text{ O}_2) + 0.024 \times b \text{ C}_6\text{H}_{11} + 0.280 \times (1-b) \text{ NH}_3 \Rightarrow (0.930 - 0.140 \times b) \text{ N}_2 + (0.420 - 0.288 \times b) \text{ H}_2\text{O} + 0.144 \times b \text{ CO}_2$$
- □ Gasoline is the combustion promoter.
- □ b = Chemical Equivalence basis gasoline fraction.
 $0 \leq b \leq 1.$

40% replacement of gasoline into NH₃ gives

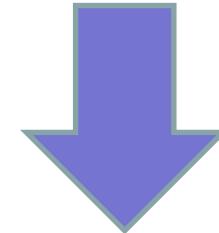
Reduction of CO₂ more than 200 Mton yearly

Objective

- Ammonia internal combustion engine
- A vehicle prototype



BI-FUEL : Gasoline / LPG

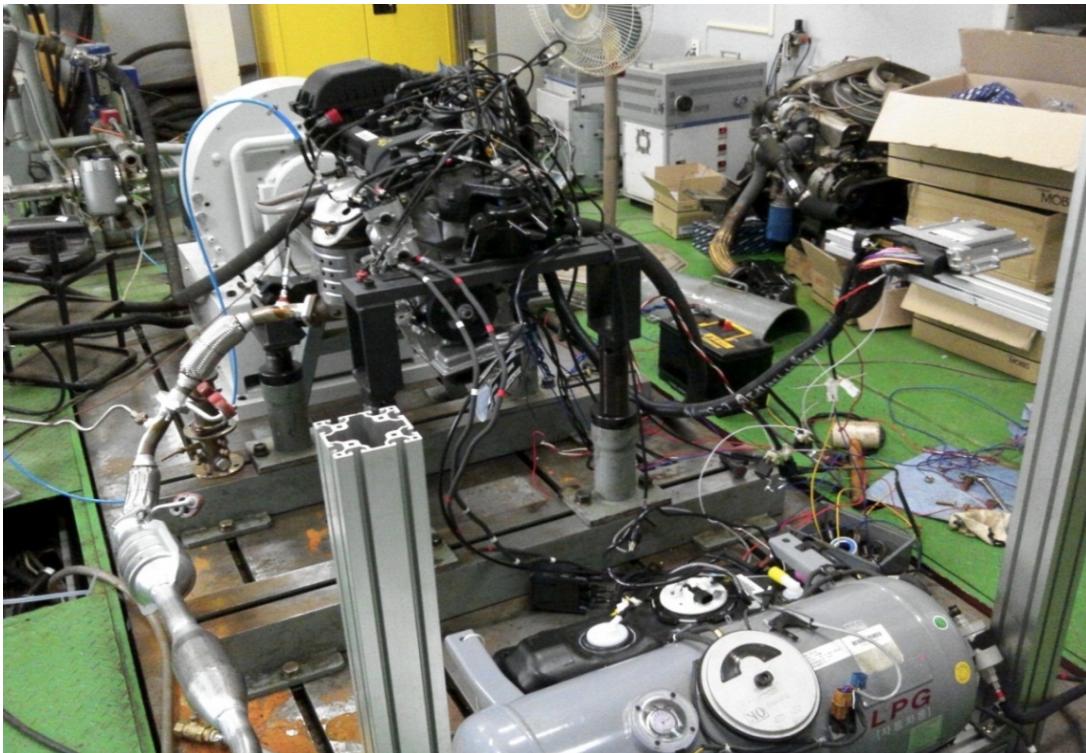


Dual fuel : Gasoline + Ammonia

- Performance development with ammonia fuel
 - Substitution of gasoline upto 70%
 - Gasoline equivalent power output
- Ammonia + Gasoline dual fuel vehicle prototype
 - Fuel consumption : above 10 km// (10 L/100 km)

Installation of the test engine

- HMC Kappa 1.0 LPG-gasoline bi-fuel engine
- Baseline test – LPG only
- RP-ECU – Wiring, Matching for Sensors/Actuators, Start problems



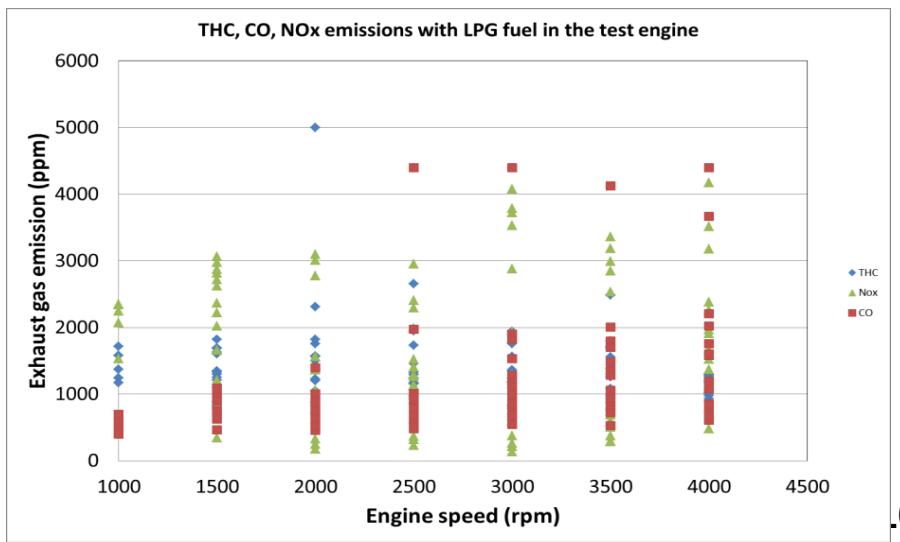
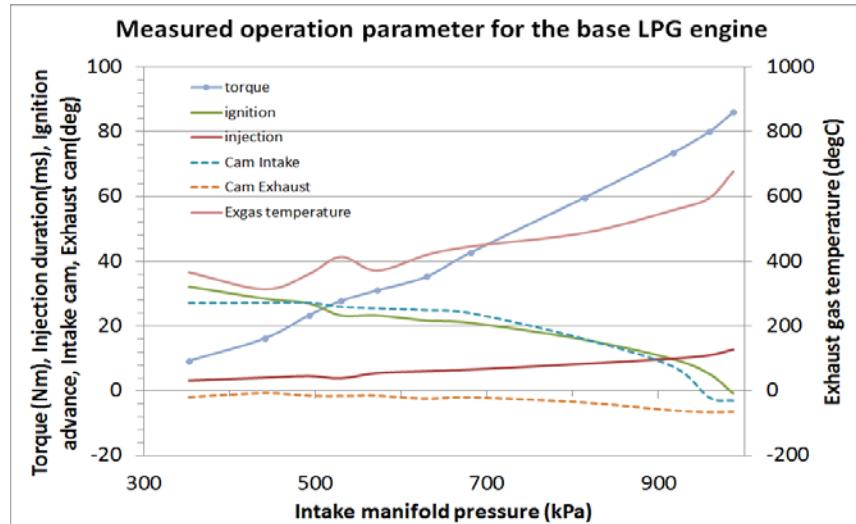
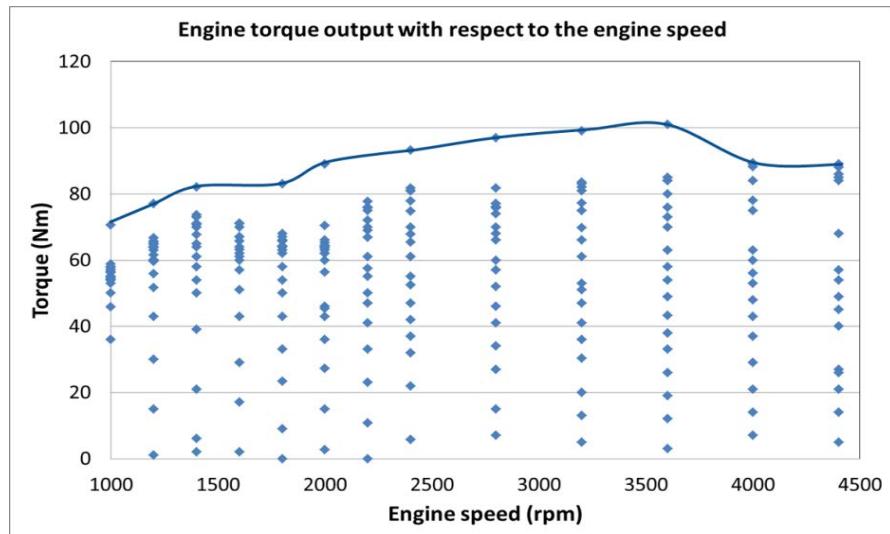
Specification of the test engine

Number of cylinders	3
Bore x Stroke (mm)	71.0 x 84.0
Displacement (cc)	998
Compression ratio	10.5 : 1
Firing order	1-2-3
Intake valve	Opening
	closing
Exhaust valve	Opening
	closing

- Separated LPG-Gasoline bi-fuel
- Full variable valve timing (VVT)
- Variable intake system (VIS)

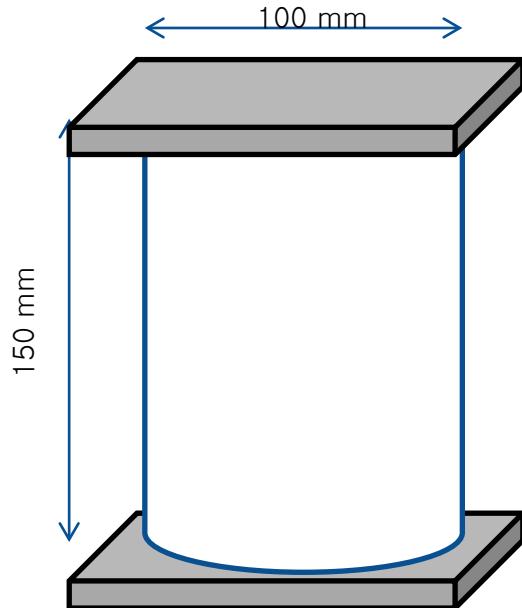
Baseline performance (LPG)

- Flat torque output with RPM
- Maximum torque = 101 Nm at 3600 rpm
- High level of NOx and moderate CO, HC emissions
- Target assessment for ammonia engine



Immersion test method

- Immersion of the relevant parts into ammonia liquid
- Reinforced glass window
- Corrosive material analyses



Immersion test for injectors and fuel line

- Corrosion checkup for the LPG parts (injectors, pump etc.)
- Some sealant was prune to be corrosive (1)
- HNMR, Kalrez elastomer are the substitutes



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HNBR

Kalrez



Immersion test for the fuel tank assembly

- Corrosion check for the parts inside fuel tank including LPG pump
- All the sealants and the level floater should be replaced.
- In-line type delivery pump is recommended for monitor and service.



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Feed pump Before immersion

After 12 hrs

Fuel injection effect

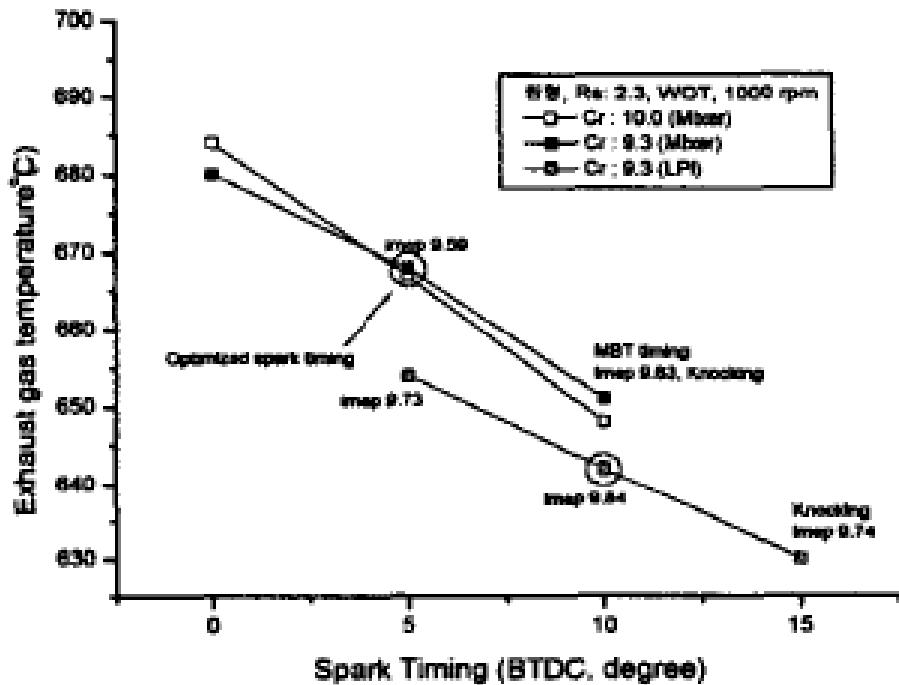


Fig. 7. Engine performance results of LPI and mixer fuel supply systems

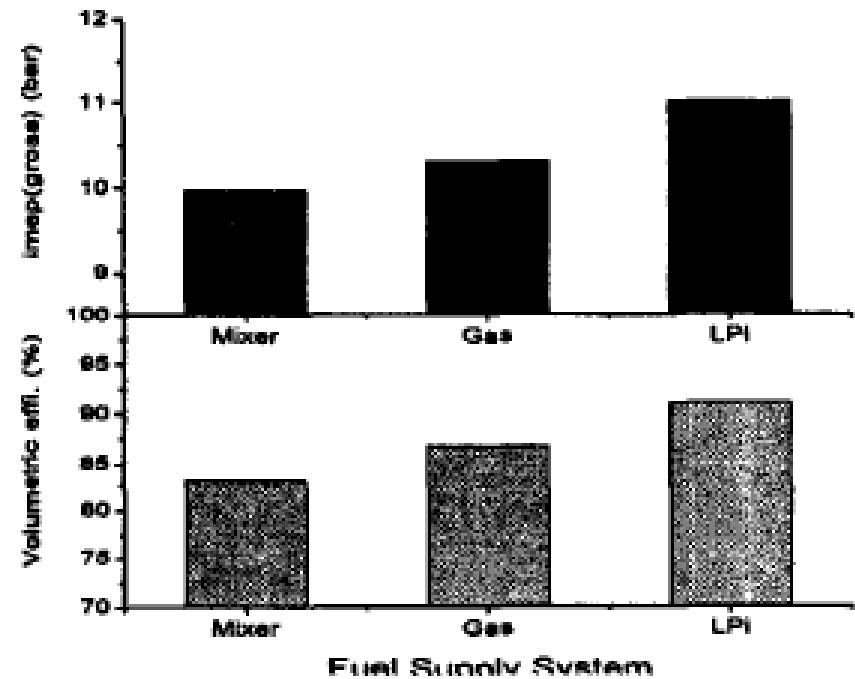
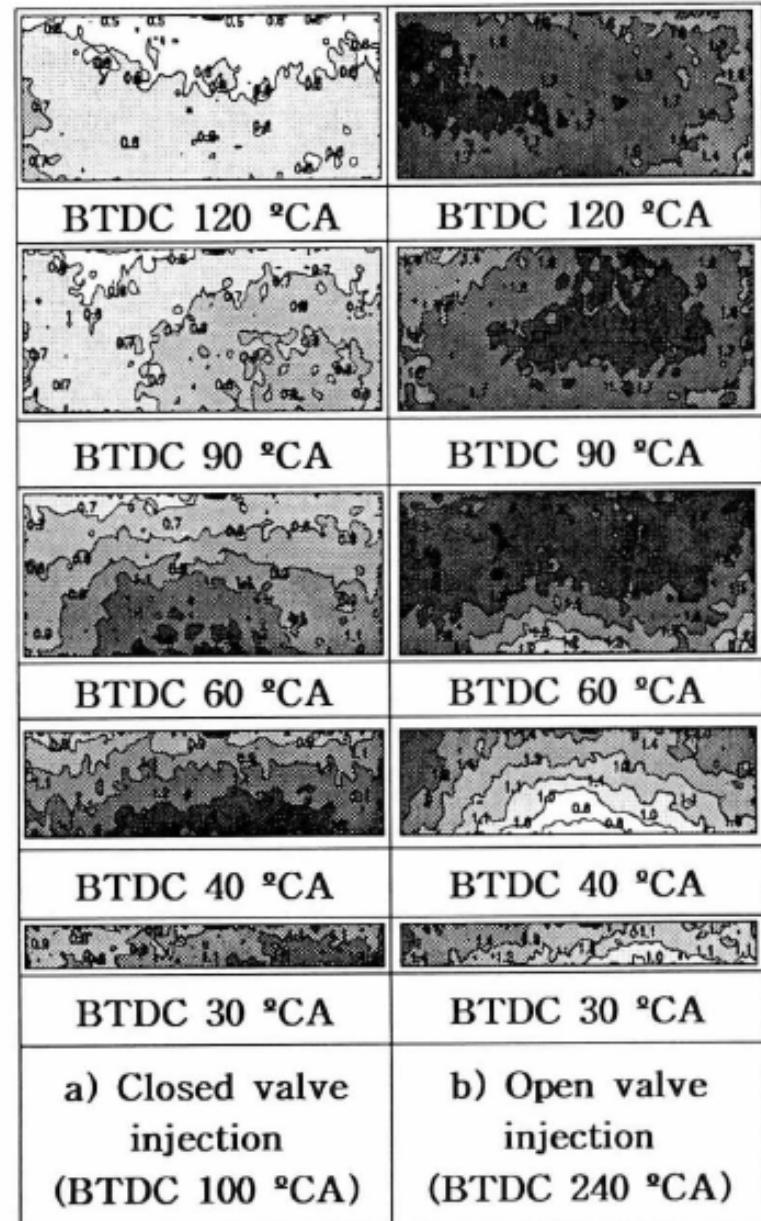
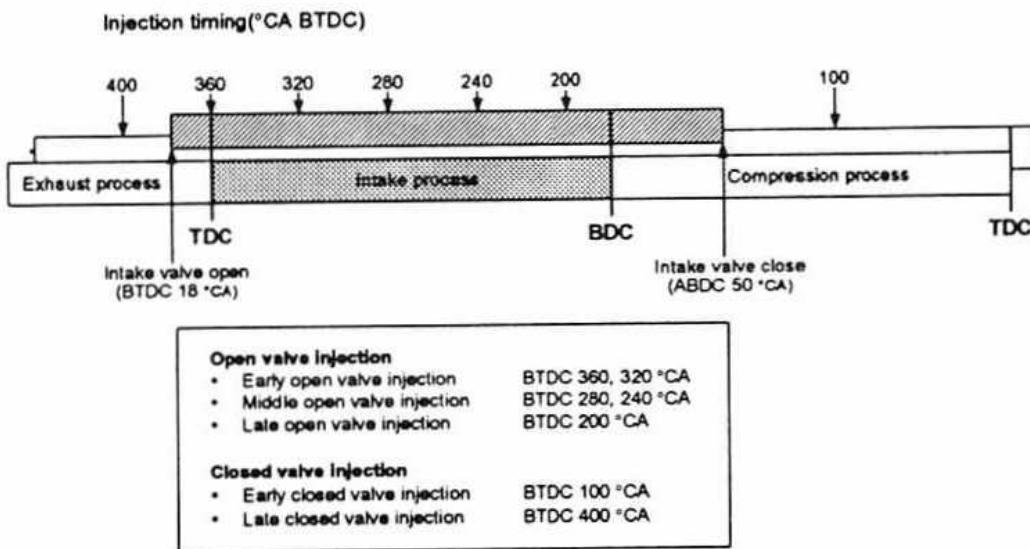


Fig. 8. Engine output and volumetric efficiency with LPG fuel supply systems

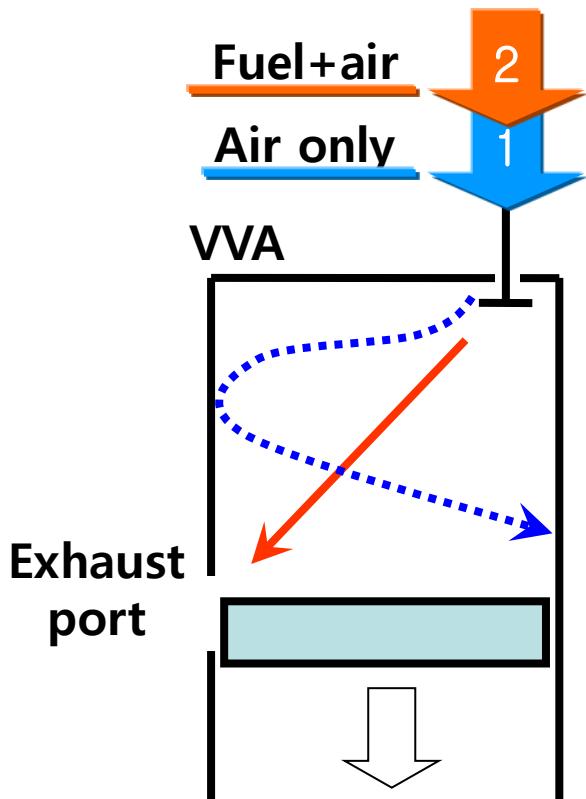
Source : LPG gas engine TFT in KIMM

Fuel injection strategy



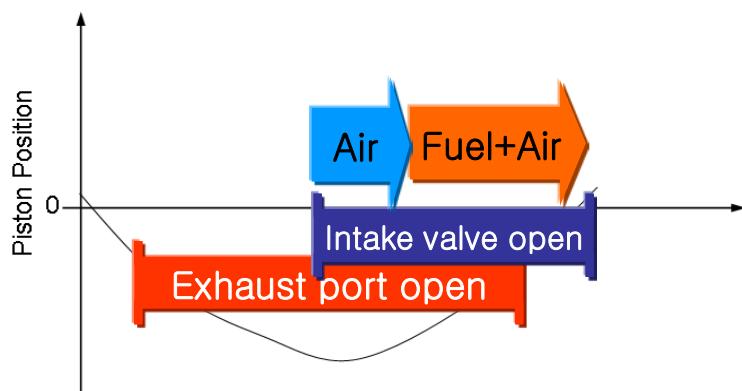
Source : Co-work with LPG gas engine TFT, KIMM

In a two stroke engine



Scavenging strategy

1. stable stroke attainment
2. Effective piston work
3. Minimizing port–valve overlap
4. Minimizing unburned fuel going out
5. Fuel stratification – rich mixture near the spark plug
6. Utilizing internal EGR – to suppress NOx formation



Injector icing

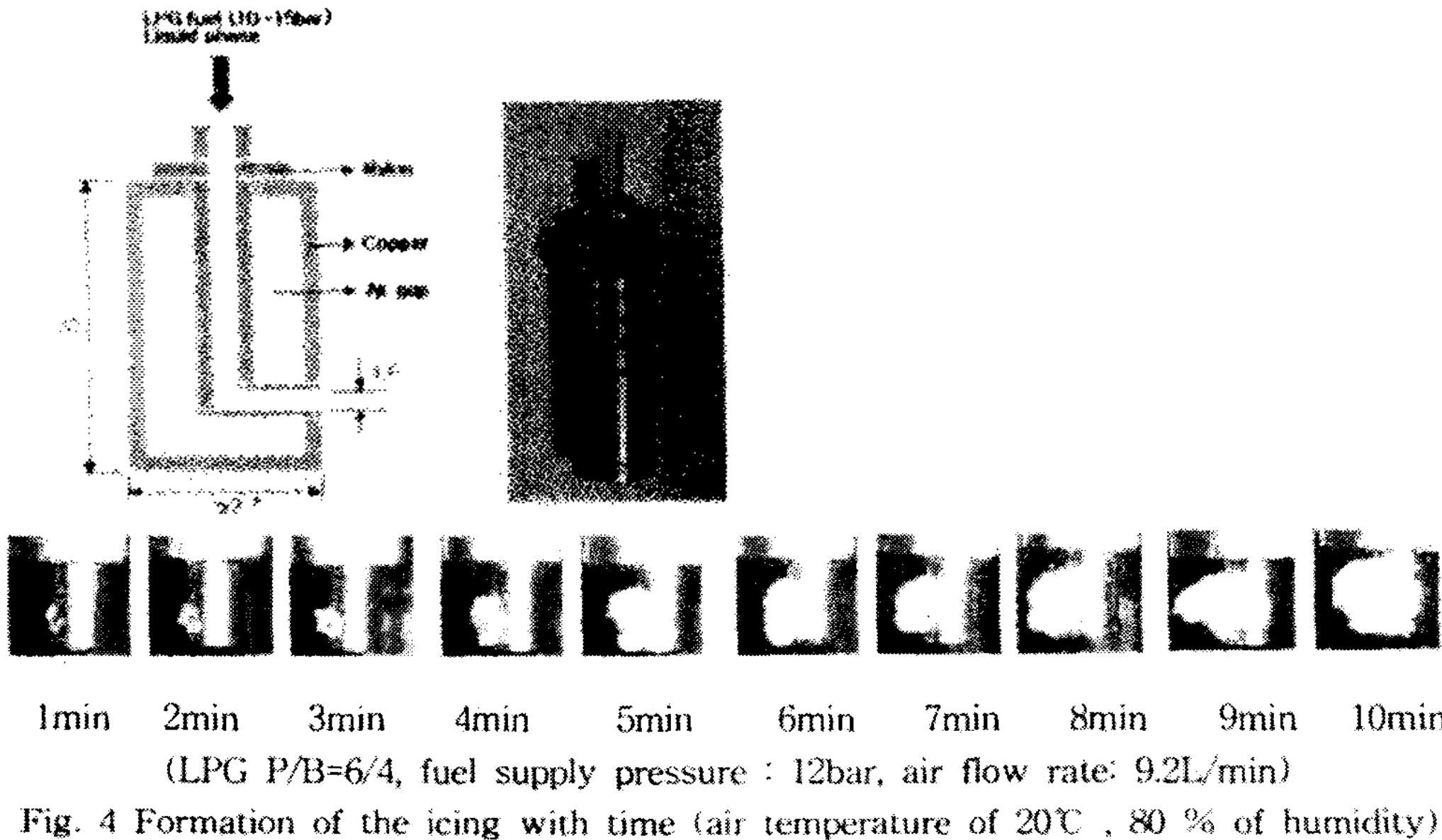
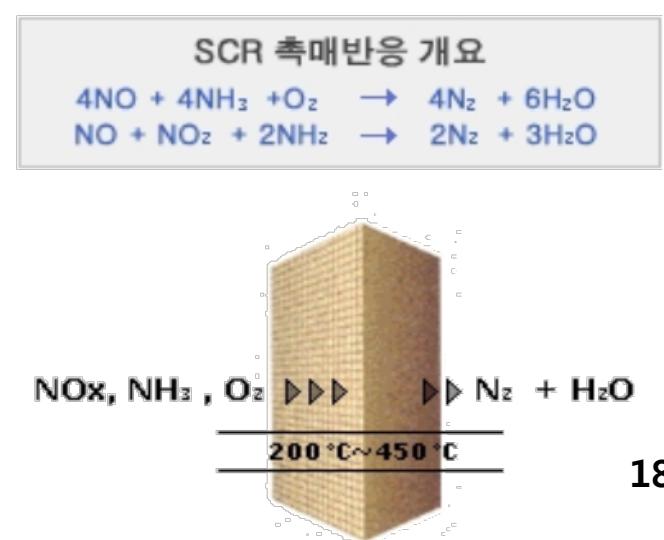


Fig. 4 Formation of the icing with time (air temperature of 20°C , 80 % of humidity)

NOx, NH3 slip problem

- Increase in NOx emission with fuel load
- NO emission is far from fuel mix ratio (relative gasoline quantity)
 - Small increase in NO₂ with ammonia combustion up to 10~40 ppm
 - Steep increase in the fuel lean conditions
- Unburned NH₃ (NH₃ slip) increases with NH₃
 - Not a big deal in fuel lean condition

- **AOC** (Ammonia Oxidation Catalyst)
 - to deal with NH₃ slip
- **SCR** (Selective Catalytic Reduction)
 - to reduce both NOx and NH₃



Summary 1

- LPG-gasoline dual fuel system conversion is completed
- NH_3 corrosion test was conducted to prepare the fuel supply system
- Considerations to lead better performance with respect to the fuel supply strategy

Future work

- LPG-gasoline dual fuel system
- Ammonia-gasoline dual fuel system
- Vehicle installation of the ammonia fuel system
- Vehicle evaluation (Fuel consumption)

Thank you
for your attention !