High Pressure liquid Ammonia Injection ?

- A Bosch solenoid injector with a convergent single hole nozzle (300 μm).
- ♣ High-pressure container, heated up to increase pressure
- Liquid ammonia extracted from the container, cooled down to prevent cavitation + fed into a high-pressure pneumatic pump.
- ▲ Return-leakage line : pressure increased up to 1MPa
 ▲ Injector holder with a cooling system with glycol (15°C)
 ➢ Injection pressure of 80MPa.



Accuracy of vaporisation model/CFD ? Diesel model consistant ?

nme (ms)

Figure 3. Liquid and vapor phase penetration at injection pressure of 60MPa. NH3 and diesel comparison.





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Direct injection ammonia spray characterization under nonreacting diesel-like conditions

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Best Ammonia / Reactive Fuel injections ?



lation. However, there is no available experimental data for high-pressure injection liquid ammonia spray under the thermodynamic conditions near the top dead center, while liquid ammonia has the rather different properties such as significantly lower boiling point and higher latent heat than liquid hydrocarbon fuels, causing calibration of spray sub-models very critical for engine combustion simulation.

tion, an in-house pressure accumulator capable of the maximum fuel injection pressure of 300 MPa and a single-hole diesel injector with the hole diameter of 0.22 mm were used for ammonia injection. For the fuel



For the HPDF mode, accurate predictions of the spray mixture formation processes are very critical, because the heat release rate will be controlled by the fuel-air mixing rate. As a result, the turbulence and



Pilot diesel-ignited ammonia dual fuel low-speed marine engines: A comparative analysis of ammonia premixed and high-pressure spray combustion modes with CFD simulation

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Ammonia as fuel for ICE engines

- Port-vapor fuel injection :
 - Displacement of the air supplied to the combustion chamber
 - Reduction of volumetric efficiency of the engine.
- Direct-vapor fuel injection
 - Reduction of in-cylinder temperature (ammonia's high latent of heat)
- Liquid ammonia injection
 - better volumetric efficiency (no air displacement r and intake mixture cooling).
- Limited by narrow flammability limits and low flame speed
 - Uncomplete combustion ?
 - Misfire : ignition process ? Intrinsic flame instabilities ?
 - Ammonia more suitable for lower engine speeds due to its low flame speed ?
- One possible way to enhance mixing and thereby facilitate combustion of ammonia :
 - to increase turbulence in the combustion chamber ?



Example of SI Ammonia engine

Iow flame speed + narrow flammable limits of ammonia

= combustion instability (misfire)

Iow combustion efficiency especially at low loads

= more unburnt NH₃

Frigo et al. [15] investigated the cold start of a two-cylinder engine burning NH_3 with an external H_2 supply provided by a gas cylinder and concluded that the required flow rate of H_2 was 4.8 times larger than that of NH_3 . The results of this prior work suggested that a H_2 sub-tank might be necessary in the case of cold starts.

Cold-start emissions remain a serious challenge associated with the use of NH_3 as a fuel. Specifically, unburned NH_3 will simply be released into the environment through the exhaust



Analysis of the behaviour of a 4-stroke Si engine fuelled with ammonia and hydrogen

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One solution : increase the CR

Easy way : Compression Ignition engine with Spark Plug !
 Retrofit 'current' Diesel engine (less expensive ..)
 High Compression ratio : better for Ignition and Flame propagation

🖵 But

No turbulence ? Only strong swirl motion ?
 'classical piston bowl : unburnt ammonia ?

SI architecture



TKE+ Turbulent vortices

Diesel architecture



no TKE, no Turbulent vortices, only big motion

One solution : increase the CR



areNH₃a https://arenha.eu/

Engine Type	Current PSA EP6DT	SAD PSA DV6
Displacement Volume V _{cyl}	400 cm ³	400 cm ³
Compression Ratio	10.5	14 to 17
Valves	4	2
Tumble ratio	2.4	
Swirl ratio		2

- Good improvement of NH₃ combustion with CR increase despite of flow field
- No H₂ needs
- Extension of low load limits
 - 1.7 b IMEP (as Koike et al. with Reformer)
 - CR 17, 650 rpm,
 - Iower limit with slightly rich

Other examples





Other solutions ?



Ignition Improvement?

30-60 mJ → 60-90mJ

with high CR at all engine speeds

4%vol. of H2 at high engine speed



Effect of compression ratio and ignition energy on ammonia pre-mixed combustion process in a single cylinder engine

and - STELLANTIS - Con

Other solutions ?







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Pressure sensor
 Spark plug

Intake (I) & Exhaust (E) v



Fig. 8. High-speed NFL imaging for various ignition cases fired at a ST of -30 CAD aTDC for λ : 1.0 case.

Visualisation of ammonia flame propagation In ICE

3 images/CAD

DUAL FUEL NH₃ -Decane



-10 CAD to 57 CAD ATDC

- Start of Injection : -22 CAD, duration 6 CAD
- Pinj = 600 b,
 % decane/total fuel = 11% in Energy input
- E.R. total = 1.07, '*higher*' IMEP = 7.4 b

Spark Ignition in Compression Ignition



• Spark timing : -40 CAD

• IMEP = 6.7 b