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EXTENDED SUMMARY

Due to tightening emissions legislations, both within the US and Europe, including concerns regarding greenhouse gases, next-generation combustion strategies for internal combustion (IC) diesel engines that simultaneously reduce exhaust emissions while improving thermal efficiency have drawn increasing attention during recent years. In-cylinder combustion temperature plays a critical role in the formation of pollutants as well as in thermal efficiency of the propulsion system. One way to minimize both soot and NO_x emissions is to limit the in-cylinder temperature during the combustion process by means of high levels of dilution via exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) combined with flexible fuel injection strategies. However, fuel chemistry plays a significant role in the ignition delay; hence, influencing the overall combustion characteristics and the resulting emissions. The Advanced Vehicles, Fuels, and Lubricants (AVFL) committee of the Coordinating Research Council (CRC) specified and formulated a matrix of nine test fuels for advanced combustion engines (FACE) based on the variation of three properties, namely, cetane number (CN), aromatic content, and 90 percent distillation temperature (T90).

The primary objective of this work was to study the effects of various FACE diesel fuels on the nanoparticle formation during low temperature combustion processes. An experimental study was performed at West Virginia University's Engine and Emission Research Laboratory (EERL) to determine the FACE property effects on the low temperature combustion (LTC) process in a turbo-charged GM 1.9L light-duty compression ignition engine under steady-state operating conditions (2100rpm/3.5bar BMEP). A comprehensive test matrix was developed including intake oxygen (O_2), as a surrogate for EGR fractions, and rail-pressure parameter variations during single injection timing settings. Furthermore, the influence of varying injection timing and fuel fraction during split injection strategy onto nanoparticles was investigated as well.

Diluted exhaust gas emissions extracted from the full-flow CVS tunnel were measured continuously using a Horiba MEXA-7200D gaseous emissions analyzer and included total hydrocarbons (THC), carbon monoxide (CO) as well as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x). NO_x and O₂ concentrations were measured in the raw exhaust and intake manifold using zirconia-oxide type sensors (Horiba MEXA-720 NO_x), respectively.

Furthermore, the AVL Micro Soot Sensor (MSS-483), consisting of a measuring unit and an exhaust conditioning unit, was used to measure the soot concentration in the raw exhaust.

Nanoparticle concentration and size distributions were determined using the Exhaust Emissions Particle Sizer (EEPSTM) spectrometer from TSI Inc. (model 3090) as well as the Differential Mobility Spectrometer (DMS) from Cambustion (model DMS500). Continuous exhaust gas samples were extracted from the CVS tunnel (dilution ratio DR \approx 10) and routed through a double stage dilution system using ejector type dilutors (AirVac, TD H-110). The first stage was maintained at 140°C (DR \approx 6) in order to suppress condensation of organic materials onto carbonaceous particles as well as particle nucleation phenomena, while the second stage utilized dilution air at ambient temperatures (~25°C, DR \approx 11) in order to further reduce the partial pressures of any volatile compounds and reduce the sample temperature to the required instrument inlet conditions.

Results showed that particle number concentration increased with a simultaneous increase in particle

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diameter for both single and split injection strategies in case of FACE diesel fuels with increasing CN for the low NO_x , low soot and highest BTE tests. Advancing the start of injection timing led to a decrease in total particle number concentration, but a simultaneous increase in nanoparticle (< 50nm) emissions was observed for low CN fuels.

Table 1 lists the FACE diesel fuel target values together with actual values resulting from ASTM International standard analyses.

Fuel	Cetane		Aror	Aromatic 90%		Distill.	Specific	H/C Ratio	Net Heat of
	Nun	nber	Con	tent	Tempe	erature	Gravity		Combustion
	[•	-]	[Mas	s %]	[°	C]	[-]	[-]	[MJ/kg]
	Tgt.	Act.	Tgt.	Act.	Tgt.	Act.	Actual	Actual	Actual
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FACE 3	30	32.02	45	50.0	270	270	0.8401	1.749	42.147
FACE 4	30	28.44	45	40.7	340	337	0.8355	1.819	42.495
FACE 5	55	54.20	20	22.2	270	276	0.8086	1.967	42.897
FACE 6	55	53.30	20	21.1	340	341	0.8411	1.871	42.797
FACE 7	55	44.30	45	46.2	270	267	0.8375	1.773	42.359
FACE 8	55	50.00	45	43.5	340	342	0.8682	1.704	42.196
FACE 9	42.5	44.95	32.5	37.0	305	321	0.8465	1.788	42.465
ULSD	-	44.00	-	34.7	-	306	0.8496	1.796	42.857

Table 1 FACE Diesel Fuel Properties

Note: Tgt. = Target Value; Act. = Actual Value

The particle size distribution for the optimal split injection tests for low NO_x condition is depicted on a double-logarithmic scale in Figure 1. The particle diameter D_p in nanometers is plotted versus the normalized particle concentration, which is integrated over each size bin (instrument channel), in number of particles per volume (cm³). In general, there was an increase in particle number concentration with simultaneous increase in particle diameter as the fuel CN increases for the low NO_x tests, as indicated by an arrow in Figure 1. The shorter ignition delay for higher CN fuels leads to a greater inhomogeneity of the cylinder charge and therefore, increased particle emissions due to higher fuel fractions allocated to the diffusion burning, as compared to lower CN fuels.



Figure 1 Particle Size Distribution for Optimal Split Injection Tests for Low NO_x – Filled Markers for EEPSTM, Hollow Marker for DMS-500

In Figure 2, selected test runs for the low cetane group are shown. There was a trend towards a more pronounced bimodal distribution observed when comparing FACE 4 (high T90 / high aromatics) with FACE 1 (low T90 / low aromatics) and FACE 3 (low T90 / high aromatics), which could be explained by the difference in distillation temperature (T90) between FACE 4, FACE 1 and FACE 3.



Figure 2 Particle Size Distribution for Low Cetane Fuels – Filled Markers for EEPSTM, Hollow Marker for DMS-500

In general, advancing start of injection (SOI) timing provides more time for homogenization; hence, leading to a decrease in particle concentration. This is shown in Figure 3 for a low and high CN fuel, namely FACE 4 and 8, respectively. Even though this trend is observed for both, high and low CN fuels, it is somewhat restricted to accumulation mode particles, since a simultaneous increase in nanoparticle emissions was observed for low CN fuels, shown here for FACE 4 (see arrows). Due to higher variability in the data, this trend in enhanced nanoparticles could not be confirmed for FACE 8.



Figure 3 Particle Size Distribution for Low and High CN and Varying SOI Timing





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Experimental Setup - Engine



Test Engine Specifications:

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Stroke	90.4mm
Compression Ratio	17.5:1
Turbocharger	Garret VGT (Intercooler)
Injection System	Common Rail
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- Drivven Automotive Control ECU
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Fuel	Tes	st #	H [g/k	C Wh]	N [g/k	O _x Wh]	C [g/k]	O Wh]	So [mg/l	oot xWh]	B] [%	FE 6]
	Split	Single	Split	Single	Split	Single	Split	Single	Split	Single	Split	Single
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FACE 9	21	49	1.86	1.12	0.599	0.182	9.72	10.37	128.6	266.8	31.7	33.7
FACE 8	13	51	1.38	1.11	0.575	0.186	7.37	15.02	314.0	924.9	31.8	32.2
FACE 6	16	49	1.82	1.02	0.460	0.159	11.56	15.54	264.2	749.4	31.8	33.0
FACE 5	29	49	1.09	1.12	0.384	0.122	6.63	13.83	131.8	271.9	31.5	33.5

Emissions Comparison of Optimal Split and Single Injection Tests for Low NO_x:

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	4 40 35*	6.749x10 ⁷	694	2.10	61.8	0.657	1689	10.73	31.4
	2 40 35*	8.923x10 ⁷	804	2.52	54.2	0.586	1781	11.48	30.0
FACE 8	0 40 35*	9.226x10 ⁷	907	2.88	48.9	0.524	1762	11.45	29.2
	-2 40 35*	1.058x10 ⁸	861	2.72	47.7	0.513	1689	10.96	28.9
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Emissions Comparison for Low and High CN and Varying SOI Timing:

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ULSD	29	50	1.90	1.30	0.438	0.134	10.18	10.93	138.6	103.3	31.4	33.4
FACE 7	20	50	1.77	1.38	0.501	0.137	10.11	13.73	161.8	168.7	31.1	32.1
FACE 9	21	49	1.86	1.12	0.599	0.182	9.72	10.37	128.6	266.8	31.7	33.7
FACE 8	13	51	1.38	1.11	0.575	0.186	7.37	15.02	314.0	924.9	31.8	32.2
FACE 6	16	49	1.82	1.02	0.460	0.159	11.56	15.54	264.2	749.4	31.8	33.0
FACE 5	29	49	1.09	1.12	0.384	0.122	6.63	13.83	131.8	271.9	31.5	33.5

Emissions Comparison of Optimal Split and Single Injection Tests for Low NO_x:

Note: Split / Single = Split / Single Injection Strategy



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Backup - Emissions Comparison

	Test	TNC	НС	НС	NO _x	NO _x	СО	СО	BTE
	Parameters	[#/cm ³]	[ppm]	[g/kWh]	[ppm]	[g/kWh]	[ppm]	[g/kWh]	[%]
FACE 4	10 40 35*	2.640x10 ⁷	1735	5.63	85.8	0.927	2325	15.12	29.1
	8 40 35*	2.232x10 ⁷	1817	5.80	58.3	0.615	2653	17.11	29.4
	6 40 35*	2.552x10 ⁷	2295	7.35	45.0	0.476	3056	19.72	29.4
	4 40 35*	3.217x10 ⁷	2667	8.64	38.7	0.408	3540	22.88	28.8
	2 40 35*	4.584x10 ⁷	2681	8.70	36.2	0.381	3634	23.73	28.3
FACE 8	4 40 35*	6.749x10 ⁷	694	2.10	61.8	0.657	1689	10.73	31.4
	2 40 35*	8.923x10 ⁷	804	2.52	54.2	0.586	1781	11.48	30.0
	0 40 35*	9.226x10 ⁷	907	2.88	48.9	0.524	1762	11.45	29.2
	-2 40 35*	1.058x10 ⁸	861	2.72	47.7	0.513	1689	10.96	28.9
	-4 40 35*	9.299x10 ⁷	838	2.67	42.5	0.463	1816	11.98	28.9

Emissions Comparison for Low and High CN and Varying SOI Timing:

*Note: Parameters x yy zz: x = SOI [°BTDC]; yy = Pilot SOI [°BTDC]; zz = Fuel Split of Pilot [%]

