

Multi-fuel range extender with high efficiency and ultra low emissions

Motivation and Objectives

Worldwide, there is a strong trend towards highly efficient low emission vehicles to facilitate the transition from conventional fuel-driven vehicles towards electrically driven vehicles.

There is a need for advanced plug-in hybrids and electrical vehicles with range extenders with highly efficient, compact, clean and low cost engines to provide battery charging over longer trips in areas where electric recharge infrastructure is not available.

Three types of promising compact spark-ignition engines will be studied, representing solutions for sub-compact cars up to light duty vehicles:

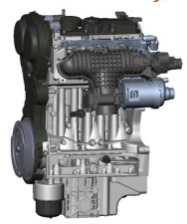
- An innovative rotary engine concept (AVL List) with smallest dimensions,
- A 3-cylinder piston engine (AVL Schrick/Volvo) for compact and medium size vehicles,
- A 2-cylinder piston engine (CRF) for potential application on light commercial vehicles.

Project Plan, Milestones and Deliverables

Range extender (RE) and vehicle level requirements	June 2011
Test bench results of complete RE	Mar. 2012
Vehicle test results	Sept. 2012
Comparison of the three RE concepts based on measurements	Dec. 2012
Dissemination and stakeholders workshop	Dec. 2012

Technical Approach

Design, packaging and optimization of engine for the dedicated target vehicle.



Achievements

- Range extender and vehicle level requirements have been defined and delivered.
- Design releases and hardware procurement are on schedule.

Budget	4.44 M€	Funding	2.40 M€
Duration	24 months	Start	January 2011
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