

Examples of Projects

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1. Industrial Projects











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Unit under test (UUT)



Strip-down method







Results

- array of tests
- torque of friction
- contribution of consumers









Total friction losses at 90°C and 0.5 l oil level





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Evaporative Emissions Detection





SHED system (Scheme)

(Sealed Housing for Evaporative emission Determination)



SHED chamber and equipment

- Gastight, block-shaped measuring chamber
- Impermeable to hydrocarbons
- Temperature control system for temperature in chamber
- Pressure constant ($\Delta p \le \pm 5$ mbar): Compensation of volume
- FID-analyser: Measurement of HC-concentration
- Heating system for fuel (optional)
- Temperature sensor: Temperature of chamber and fuel
- Equipment for recording pressure Δ p
- Fans for purging and mixing
- Equipment for determination of absolute humidity





Activated carbon trap

Evaporative Emission Control System (EVAP)

Types of losses:

- **Running losses** ۲
- **Diurnal losses** ۲
- Hot-soak losses ٠

Prove of:

- **Recovering capacity** ٠
- Storage capacity ullet



Purge canister (cut away)

- Volume:
- ECE: About 1 l
- US: About 4 I (because of ORVR)





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• Loading of purge canister

Purge canister normally loaded in vehicle, if access bad \rightarrow dismount it, load it outside vehicle





Creating and detecting breakthrough of purge canister (schematic)









On-board Refuelling Vapour Recovery (ORVR)





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ORVR







ORVR



Sealing systems during on-board refuelling

ORVR hot:
$$\dot{V}_{fuel}$$
= 15 to 38 l/min
 T_{fuel} = 38°C



2. R&D-related Projects





Real-time measurement of drive-line torque







Real-time measurement of drive-line torque

- Cooperation with engineering service provider
- Government-funded project
- Objectives:
 - •Simple and cost-effective solution for reading torque value in
 - power train for control systems
 - •Useful for real-driving emissions (RDE) applications, energy
 - management of battery-electric vehicles (BEV), etc.



Test setup drive-line torque





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Test setup drive-line torque



Locations of strain gauges

Pos1 and Pos2: 90° rosette Pos3a: 3-axes rosette Pos3b: Not mounted











- Cooperation with manufacturer of (rental) karts
- Idea of government-funded project was declined
- Objectives of main project:
 - Setting-up app for customers
 - Tyre data needed for mathematical model
 - Simple and cost-effective method of obtaining tyre data
 - Creating mathematical vehicle model, simulation of lap times

→ Task for sub project: Design and build test vehicle





Roadmap main project



Concept stage

- 1. First idea was 3-wheeled e-kart, with measuring wheel in the rear
- 2. Trailer guiding measuring wheel
- 3. Articulated trailer with symmetric arrangement of rear wheels



Design of measurement trailer







alignment of rear wheels

Measurement runs















E-Drive Measurement







The task of the project is to determine the efficiencies of an electric powertrain. This consists of:

- inverter
- electric motor
- gear box

In order to make the determination of the power losses more apparent, the temperature of individual components as well as the vibrations were recorded and evaluated.






- Current measurement
 System
- Torque measurement
 System
- DUT (device under test)







Results



1) Acceleration Sensor:

to measure the intensity of the vibrations. The measurement takes place in three axes.

2) Temperature Sensor Thermocouple Type K (TC)









Digital Torque Transducer from HBM Model: T12 Input = Torque Output = Frequency or Voltage



-5000 Nm	\rightarrow	30 kHz	or	-10 V
0 Nm	\rightarrow	60 kHz	or	0 V
5000 Nm	\rightarrow	90 kHz	or	10 V





Zero-Flux Current Transducers Model: PM-MCTS 1000 Input: Current Output: Voltage Range: DC, Peak up to 1000A RMS Sinus up to 700A





Data Acquisition System: Dewetron DEWE 800 Measure Module

- For Voltage:
- For Current:



HSI-HV Module HSI-LV Module

Input range: ±1400V Input range: 10mV up to 50V







AC-Measurements

- Sample rate 200 kHz
 - Electric Power can be calculated as a product of voltage and current



NVH-Analyses to check the mechanical system before tests





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3. Educational-based Projects









At the Institute a prototype car (CULT) was adapted from a CNG combustion engine concept into an electric drive concept with two independent drives, each like used in Renault Twizy. The chassis was sponsored by Magna Steyr.

The main goal of the project is to improve efficiency of the gearboxes which are connected to the electric engines. A test bench setup and testing procedure has been defined, to achieve this task. Additionally, a gearbox adapter was designed and will be built. The gearbox contains power losses in spur gears, ball bearings and seals. Possible improvements to these losses as well as to oil lifetime are 3D printed oil guidance and oil reservoirs, which are evaluated and designed here.



Task description







Every gearbox creates power losses in its components, e.g. bearings, seals and gears. Frictional losses occur in the rubber seal to rotating shaft interaction, in the ball bearing contact area and the gear mesh, especially under load. Additionally, churning losses are present when gear teeth submerge into the oil sump. The losses can be divided into static and dynamic losses. Static losses are found in the seal shaft interaction and during churning. Dynamic losses are present in the gear tooth interaction and bearings under load.

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A gearbox test bench at FH Joanneum will be used for the efficiency testing. A figure below shows the digital test bench setup. The main components (from left to right) are the asynchronous motor, the electromagnetic clutch, one bearing, the torque sensor, two servo couplings, the gearbox adapter, the connection flange for the gearbox input shaft and additional shafts. To temper the gearbox, a heater with a blower is available.



bench adapter

Test bench setup

Universal test

Test Bench Configuration



The main function of the adapter is to ensure the correct mounting position of the gearbox on the test bench. Some important requirements for the adapter are: variable mounting orientations of the gearbox on the adapter without sacrificing its functionality, high rigidity, and simple assembly and production. To fix the gearbox on the adapter a Comex gearbox specific adapter plate is used as can be seen above.

To minimize the test runs, a DoE was developed as a test plan. With the DoE it is possible to find the best input parameter setting for the optimum output with minimum effort. It was possible to reduce the amount of possible tests down to one third.



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Testing Procedure



A 3D scan of the existing gearbox housings interior was performed using a laser robotic arm. The scanned geometry was used to fit the polymer material parts precisely into the gearbox housing. A figure shows the CAD volume created off the 3D scan in grey. Additionally, the shafts (in dark blue) and the coloured polymer assembly are shown. A figure provides insights into the lubricant distribution after the gear pump elevates the lubricant.











- Production of the adapter and the improvement parts
- Test bench setup
- Testing based on the existing test plan (DOE)
- Testing results analysis

Prototype 3D printed lubrication improvement parts





















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Manufacturing



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Assembly







Assembly of vehicle





Testing and development





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Competition

Static eventEngineering designBusiness presentationCost event

Dynamic event
Acceleration
Skid pad
Autocross
Endurance



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Workshop





Engine calibration







Preparation for static competition with lecturers





Conceptual discussions with alumni



Integration in curriculum:

- Bachelor theses
- Master theses
- Design exercises: Bachelor's, Master's
- Project Work
- English Foundation: Poster presentation of sub projects and internships



Advantages for students and faculty:

- International comparison
- Part of a prospering community
- Development of entire(!) vehicle
- Areas of interest of vehicle engineer:
 - Design
 - Calculation/simulation
 - Manufacturing(assembly/quality assurance
 - Testing
 - Reporting and presenting
 - Sales and distribution
 - R&D
- Interdisciplinary activities
- Team work, dead lines, costs \rightarrow entrance card to job
- Contacts to industry, risk-free career entry



Drivetrain Efficiency







Drivetrain Efficiency

The aim of this project is the **investigation of a rear drive module (RDM)**, more precisely the drive shaft and the identification of its losses. Therefore a **literature study** concerning preloaded taper roller bearings and hypoid gearings is carried out. Based on that, the **relation between input torque and gearing forces** is worked out to use them for further calculations. To predict the influence of these gearing forces in combination with different operating temperatures and preloads, a **finite elements (FE) model** of the shaft bearing situation is set up.

With the help of a suitable calculation model for the losses within the bearings and the shaft seal, the **prediction of the frictional torque** is done. This model is implemented in **Matlab** to determine **the losses during a given drive cycle.**











Tin (+) Drivetrain Efficiency

The forces in the hypoid gearing depend on the geometry as well as on the transmitted torque. They are affected by the mean diameter d, the normal pressure angle α , the spiral angle β and the reference cone angle δ . The index 1 stands for the drive shaft and 2 for the ring gear.

> To find the radial bearing forces in dependency of the gearing forces, the equilibrium conditions are set up. The forces on the bearings are applied on the supporting points. Their distance is the supporting distance S.

> > Gearing forces Radial bearing forces


The shaft bearing consists out of to **preloaded taper roller bearings**. The main advantage is the higher axial stiffness with two relatively small bearings. Due to this preload, the system is **statically over-determined** and the compliances of the parts are needed for calculation.

To find the axial bearing forces, an **axisymmetric FE model** in Abaqus is set up. Therefore simplified models of the bearings and the housing are made. The stiffness of the **simplified bearings** is adapted via the Young's Modulus to reach the given stiffness data of the bearings. This is also carried out for the housing, where the stiffness is calculated out of the deformation due to an applied force.

The final axisymmetric model evaluates the **axial** bearing forces out of the contact definitions. The preload due to the oversized adjustment disc is applied via a temperature difference. This allows to simulate an operating temperature of the RDM. In a further calculation step the axial gearing force is applied on the right end of the shaft.



Model in Abaqus



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Preload according to temperature

The first result of the calculation is the **influence of the temperature** to the preload, which is shown in the graph below.

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Results





The second result shows the **bearing forces** according to preload and axial gearing force. The inner bearing load increases whereas the outer bearing load decreases with higher axial load.

Results





To calculate the losses in the bearings of the drive shaft, it is necessary to find a relation between the loads on the bearings and the **frictional torque**. The bearings in the investigated rear drive module are therefore investigated in terms of their behaviour concerning loads in **radial direction** and in **axial direction**.

The total frictional torque created in bearings is made up by four parts: **Rolling, sliding and seal friction** in the bearing and the torque due to the **displacement and churning** of the lubricant.



Frictional torque





torque loss during the EUDC.

The gained knowledge about calculating the **frictional torque** is implemented in **Matlab**. The drivetrain model is carried out for a vehicle with common dimensions and an **electric propulsion system**. This system is able to use the **braking energy for loading the accumulator**. This means that every frictional torque within the input shaft is seen as loss. The graphs show the velocity, the transmitted torque and the

Image: state of projectsImage: state of projects

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