



DSC-Materials
is a
Metal-Matrix-Composite



DSC Al as a Piston Material

- (a) Light Vehicle Diesel for OE Market
- (b) Forged Lightweight Gasoline Pistons in DSC Al and DSC Mg for High Performance Applications

Light Vehicle Diesel (LVD) Pistons

Turbo-charged direct injection (TDi)



Light Vehicle Diesel Engines

Main Market Driver

- Emission / Fuel consumption
- Weight / NVH
- Durability/ Reliability

Technology Trends

Engine Technology

- Combustion development
Higher thermal and mechanical load
- Downsizing/higher specific power output
Higher thermal and mechanical load
- Filter technology for emissions
Higher transient temperatures

Piston Technology Requirements

- New materials for high temperatures and pressures
- Improved piston cooling
- Pin bore bushes (if possible)

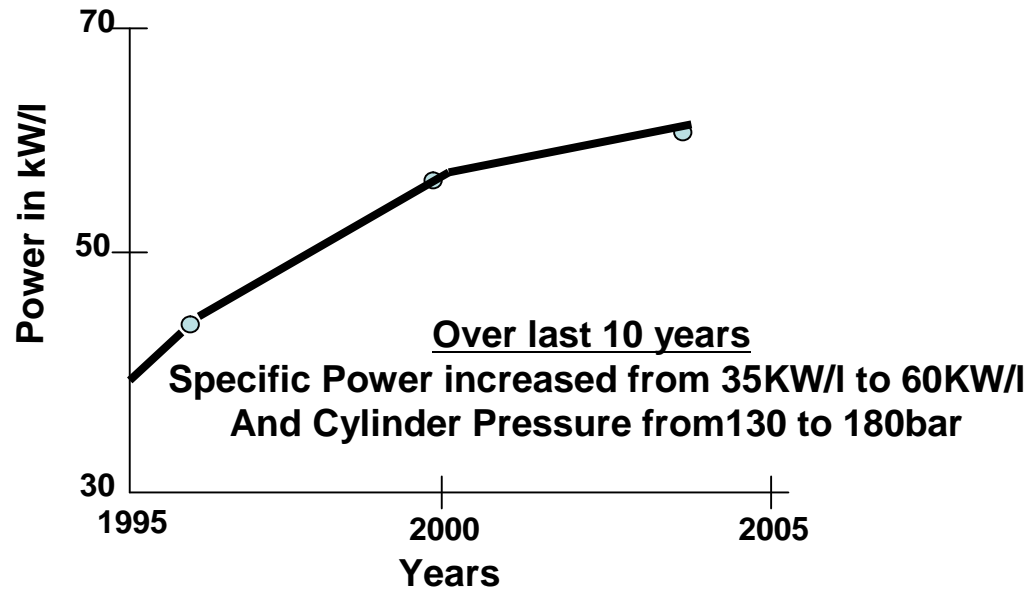
Light Vehicle Diesel Pistons

Technology Drivers

Increased Specific Power / Cylinder Pressure

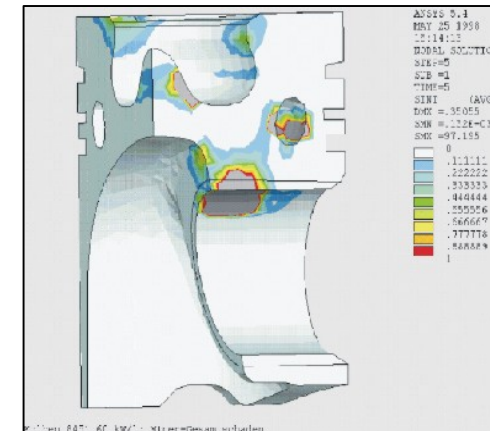
New Materials

Better Piston Cooling



Projected: 2010
Specific Power: 75 + kW/l
Peak Cylinder Pressure: 200 + bar

FEA risk areas - piston



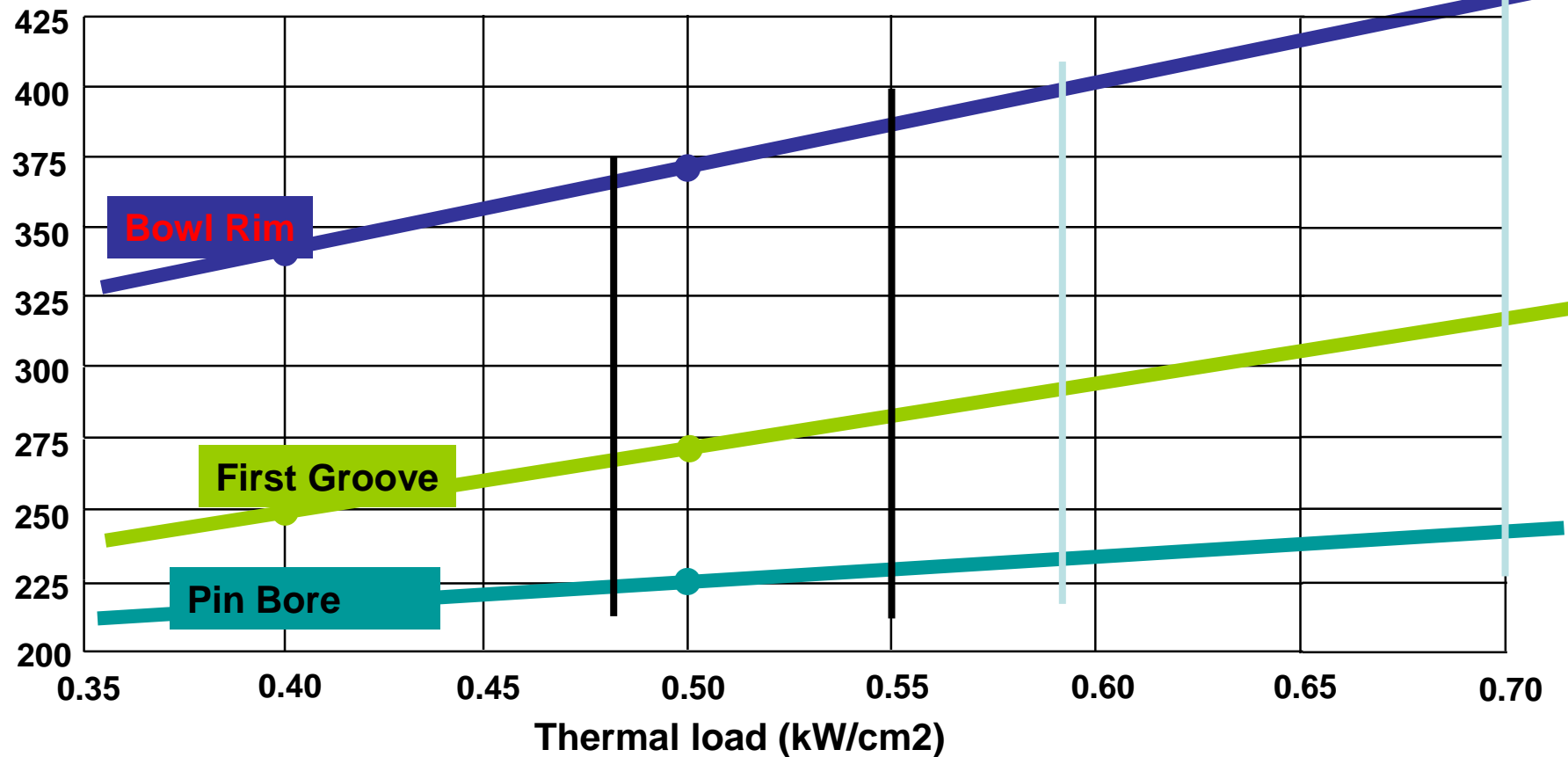
Engine downsizing is continuing!
Further reduction of oil consumption
Particulate filters
Multi point injection

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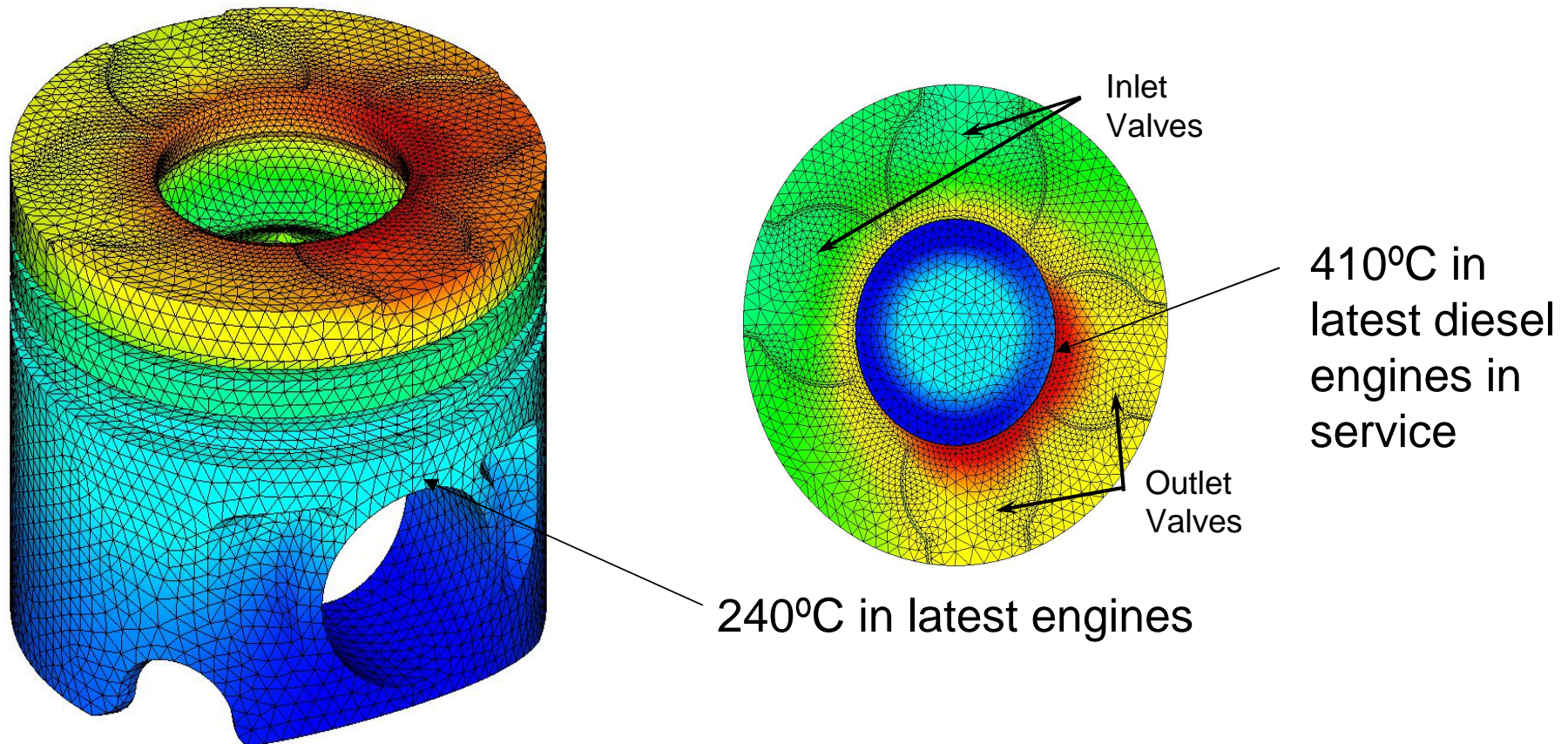
Increasing Thermal Load results in Increased Piston Operating Temperature

By 2010 – expecting bowl rim temperatures of 430-440 C

Piston Temperature (C)



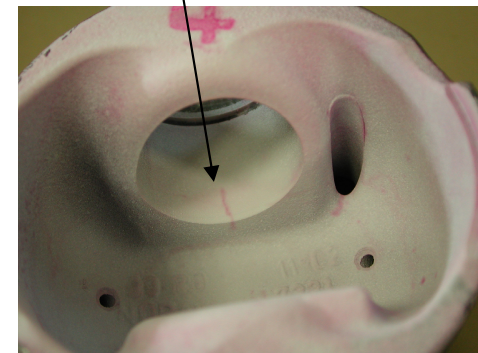
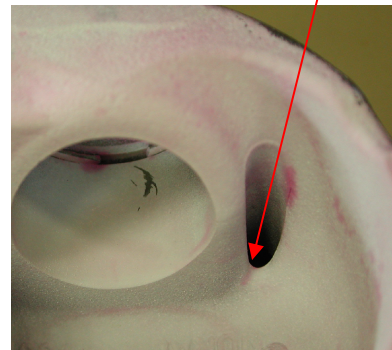
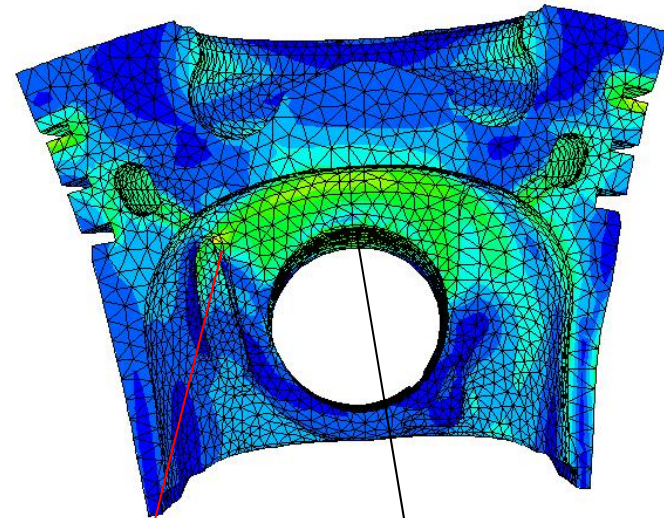
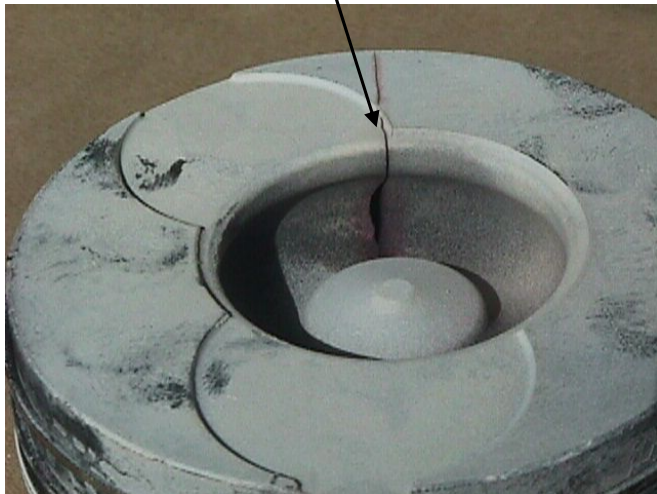
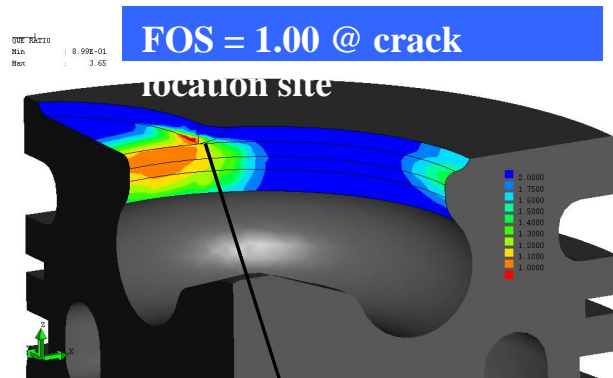
Temperature Distribution in the LVD Piston



- High cycle mechanical fatigue at elevated temperatures (200-400°C) due to combustion loading with long time exposure to temperature
- Low cycle strain controlled fatigue due to temperature changes in the piston during operation (stop-start, deceleration)

Stress Distribution in the LVD Piston

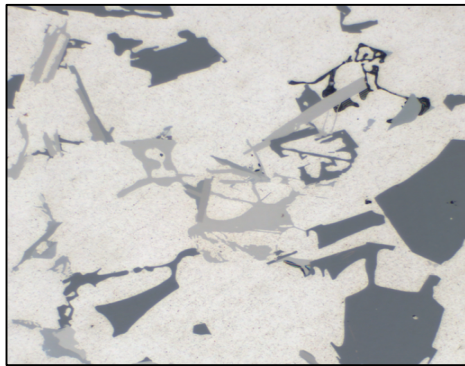
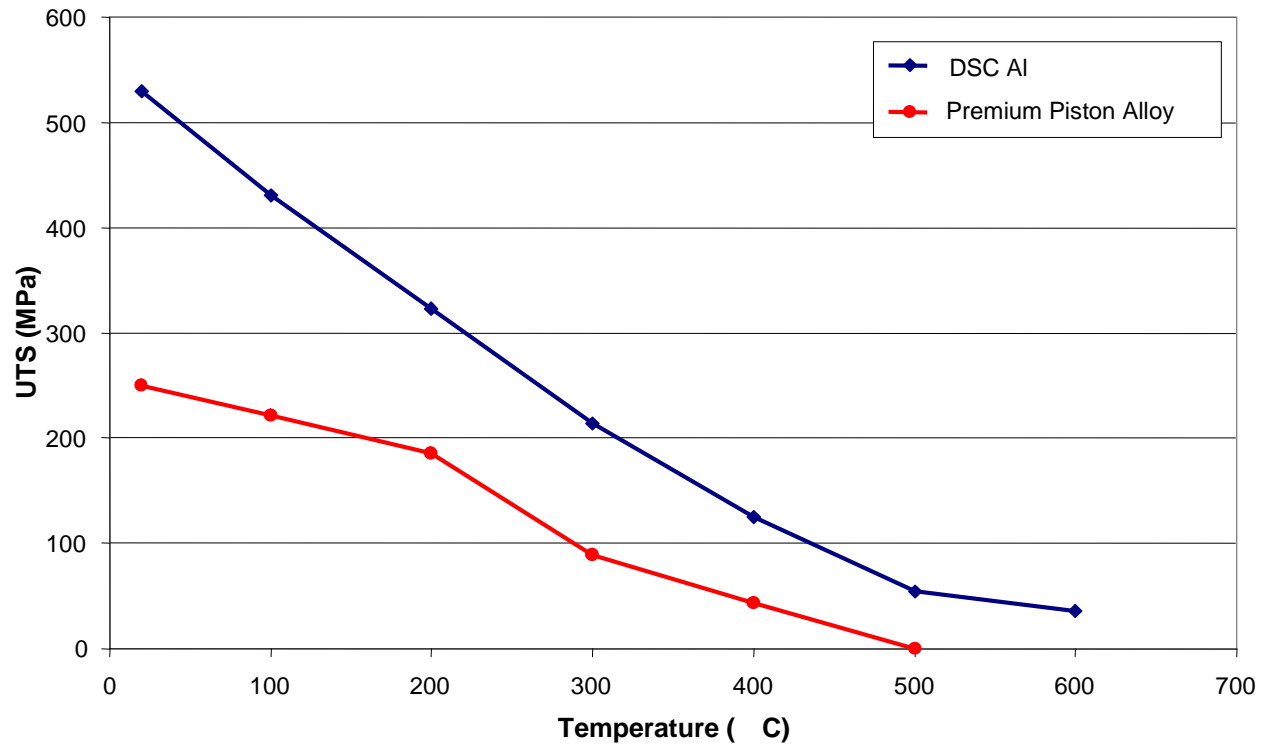
Piston is essentially trying to bend around the steel pin
High mechanical stresses on bowl and pin hole



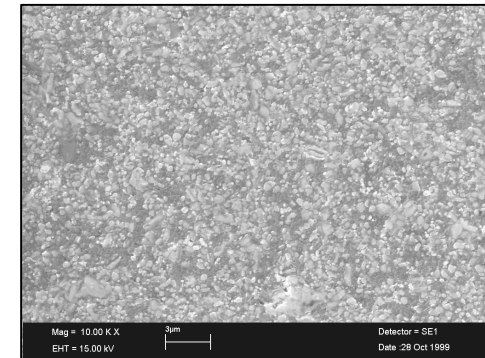
Piston Materials

- Achieving increases in low and high temperature fatigue strength with a new casting alloy is very difficult.
- To increase high temperature strength leads to reductions in ductility, more difficult casting (so more defects), reduced defect tolerance and lower melting temperature.
- All the major piston manufacturers are working on piston alloys but recognise that other solutions are needed if piston temperatures and cylinder pressures keep rising.
- DSC Al is a possible solution for high temperatures and pressures.
 - Very high fatigue strength at highly elevated temperatures
 - High melting point
 - Similar expansion coefficient to current piston alloys
 - Very good thermal stability since only an aluminium matrix + Al_2O_3

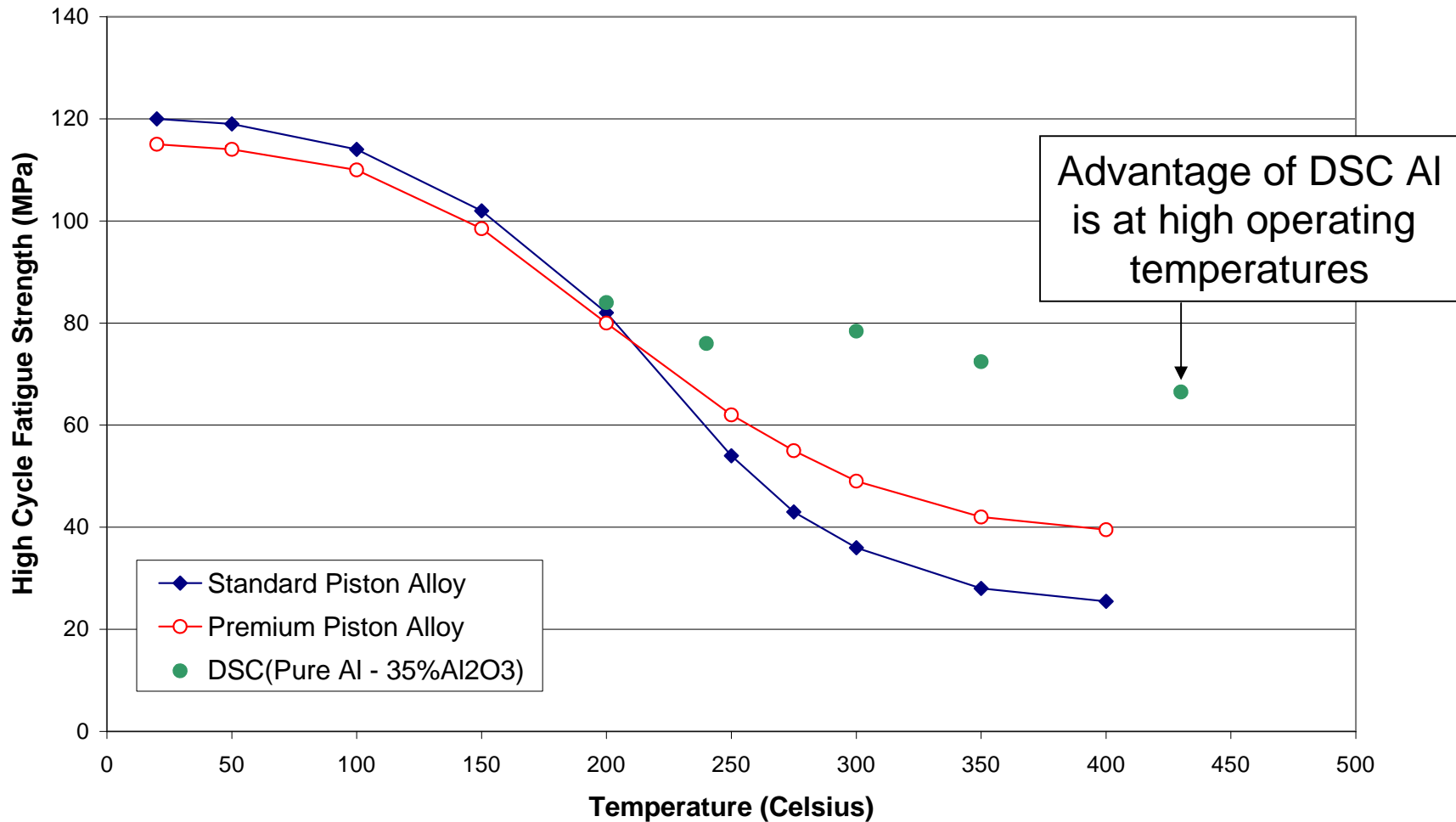
Ultimate Tensile Strength vs Premium Piston Alloy



Very much finer microstructure
in DSC Al than in standard
cast piston alloy



High Cycle Fatigue Behaviour of DSC Al



A huge improvement over current premium piston alloys at elevated temperatures. Increases in low temperature fatigue strength will be obtained with an alloyed matrix rather than pure Al

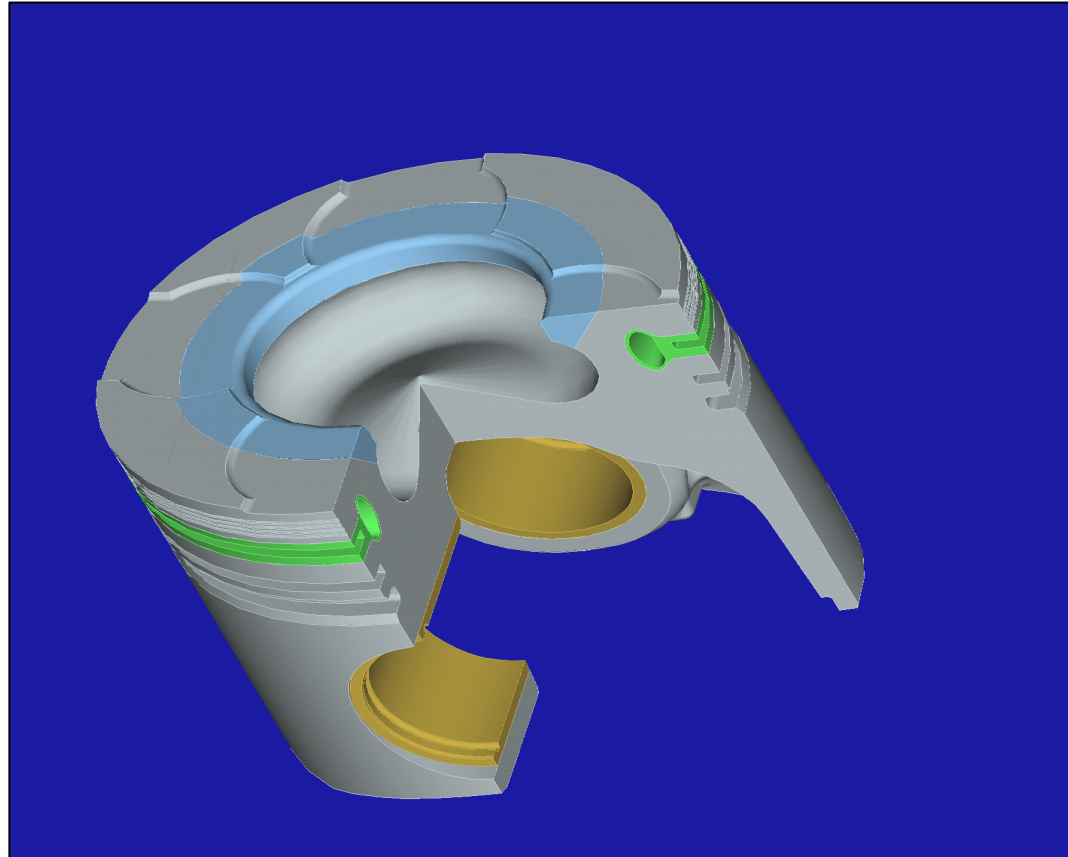
General Properties of DSC-Al with pure Aluminum as Matrix alloy

Temperature	(°C)	20	100	150	200	220	240	275	280	300	340	350	400	430	
C.T.E.	[ppm]	16.2	16.8	17.2	17.6	17.7	17.9	18.2	18.3	18.3	18.7	18.7	19.1	19.4	
Therm. Cond.	[W/mK]	120.0	118.2	117.0	115.9	115.5	115.0	114.2	114.1	113.7	112.8	112.5	111.4	110.7	
Specific Heat	[J/gK]	0.893	0.941	0.971	1.001	1.013	1.025	1.046	1.049	1.061	1.085	1.091	1.121	1.139	
Density	[g/cm ³]	3.11	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.09	3.09	3.09	3.09	3.09	3.08	3.08	
Youngs Modulus	[GPa]	138.0	132.5	129.0	126.0	124.0	121.5	119.0	118.5	117.0	113.5	113.0	108.5	105.5	
U.T.S.	[MPa]	490.0	400.0	350.0	290.0	270.0	250.0	215.0	210.0	190.0	150.0	140.0	100.0	90.0	
0.2 P.S.	[MPa]	450.0	360.0	310.0	255.0	235.0	215.0	185.0	180.0	165.0	125.0	120.0	80.0	70.0	
10 ³ Fatigue Strength	50%	[MPa]	194.9	184.4	177.9	171.3	168.7	166.0	161.4	160.8	158.1	152.9	151.6	145.0	141.1
	95%	[MPa]	178.3	167.1	160.1	155.0	151.0	147.0	143.0	143.0	140.0	129.5	127.0	126.0	125.0
10x7 Fatigue Strength	50%	[MPa]	100.6	95.4	92.1	88.8	87.5	86.2	83.9	83.9	82.3	79.6	79.0	75.7	73.7
	95%	[MPa]	91.6	86.1	82.6	81.0	78.5	76.0	73.5	73.5	72.0	68.5	66.5	66.0	65.5
10x8 Fatigue Strength	50%	[MPa]	85.3	80.9	78.1	75.3	74.2	73.1	71.1	71.1	69.7	67.5	67.0	64.2	62.5
	95%	[MPa]	77.9	73.2	70.2	68.5	66.5	64.5	63.0	63.0	61.0	57.5	56.5	56.0	55.5

Note: The strength increases significantly if DSC-Al is infiltrated with an alloy instead of pure Aluminum.

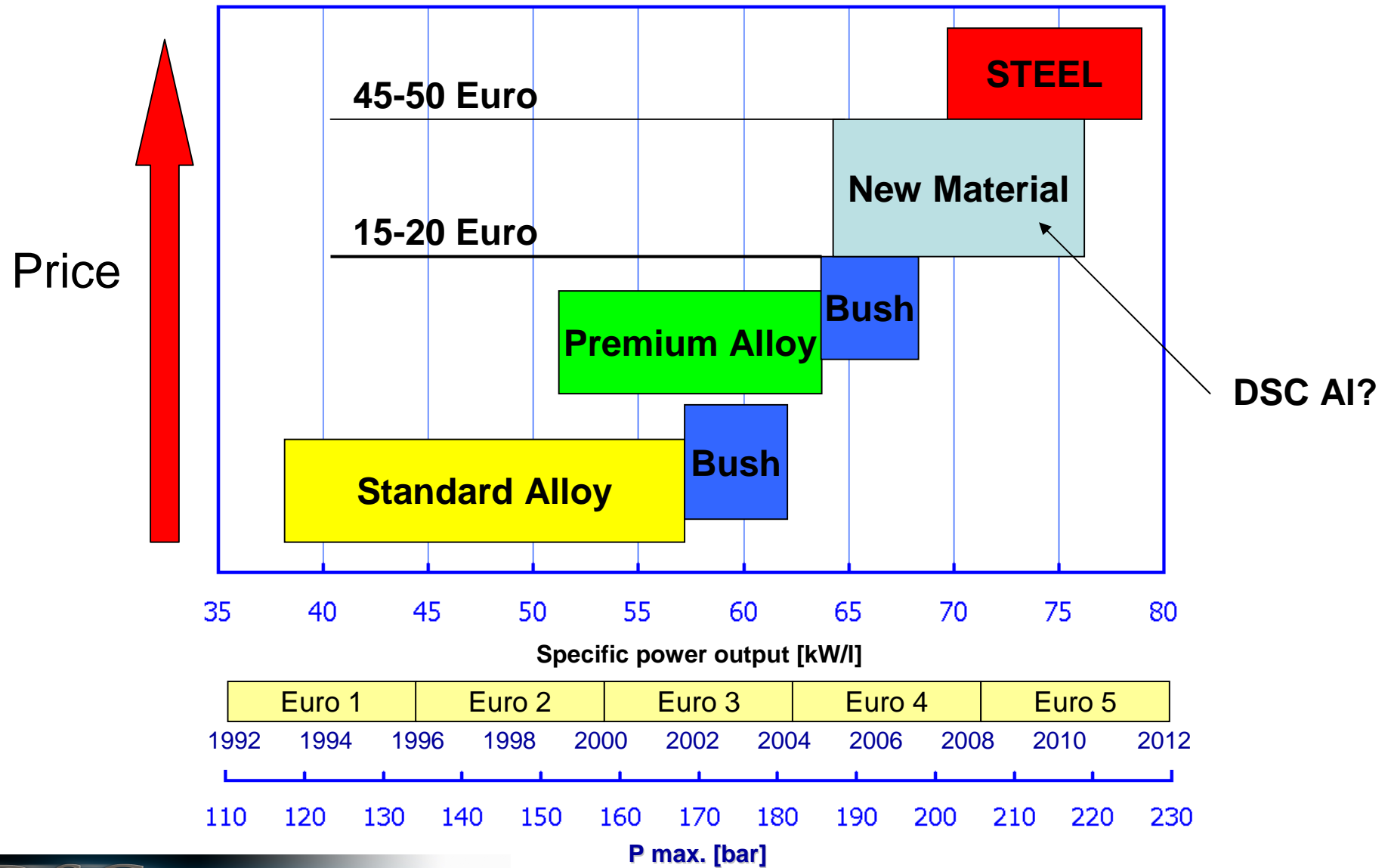


DSC Aluminium for Turbo-charged Highly Rated Direct Injection Diesel Pistons

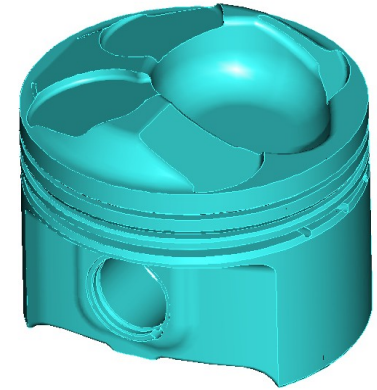
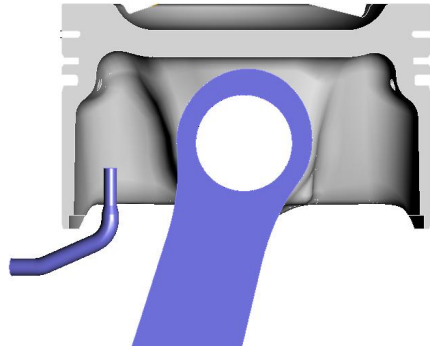


Bowl edge insert using DSC Aluminium is the logical way forward
Only use it where it is needed to keep costs down!
Infiltration of DSC Al preform by squeeze casting or low pressure

Piston Material and Product Options

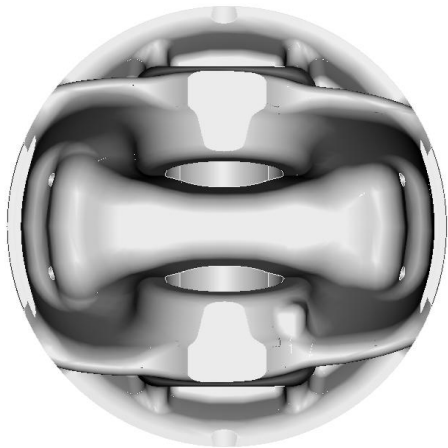


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High Performance Gasoline Pistons in DSC Al and DSC Mg

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DSC-Al as a Material for Brake Systems

- DSC-Al is the material of choice for high performance Brake Calipers
- Brake Caliper design is driven by stiffness. DSC-Al shows a 80% increase in stiffness compared to other high performance Aluminum alloys
- DSC-Al is now selected as a material for current and future brake systems for high performance and electro cars



High performance Brake Caliper

DSC-AI is selected as a material of choice by leading brake system companies for brake calipers and other brake system components.

DSC-AI will be introduced for high performance automotive brake calipers.



Aluminum Brake Drum for an electro car

As a material of choice for brake systems it is now selected also for electro car brake components. DSC-Al lightweight and temperature resistance will help the car designer to reduce the weight. Because of the excellent perspective of electro cars in the near future this is a very important application.