# Study and Development of a Hydrogen Peroxide based Liquid Rocket Engine

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## Why Hydrogen Peroxide?

$$H_2O_2 \leftrightarrow H_2O + 1/2O_{2(g)} + 98kJ/mol$$

### Main characteristics



No toxicity

- High volumetric specific impulse
- Easy storable at room temperature



Reduced management, storage and processing costs

HTP (High Test Peroxide) Concentration > 80%

### Versatility:

- Monopropellant
- Bipropellant → combustion reaction with fuel

$$\downarrow \\ Isp_{MMH/N_2O_4} \hookrightarrow Isp_{HTP/RP-1}$$

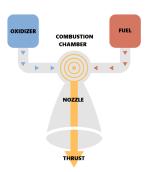
## CISAS knowledge



- Hybrid Rocket background
- HTP oxidizer
- Previous Liquid engine experience
- Equipped test facility



## Introduction to Liquid Rocket Motors



### Main characteristics

- Oxidizer and Fuel stored in tanks
- Two controllable feeding lines
- Different Cooling system solutions

### **Advantages**

- Operation flexibility
- Multiple shut down and re-ignition
- Mass flow throttling
- Mixture ratio control
- Long burning times

### Disadvantages

- High manufacturing costs
- Technological complexity

## Cooling systems

#### Passive methods

- Very expensive exotic materials
- Ablative materials
- Small scale thruster



200N Bipropellant Thruster, Orbital Propulsion Centre, Lampoldshausen, Germany

### Active methods

- Regenerative cycle
- Technological complexity
- Larger scale engine



RL10, Aerojet Rocketdyne

## PhD Project

### Liquid engine

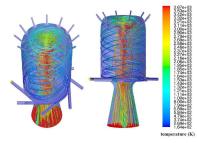
Oxidizer: HTP

Fuel: Kerosene

- Vortex oxidizer injection
- Double Vortex flow field

#### **Achievements**

- High combustion efficiency
- Cooled combustion chamber
- Low cost combustion chamber materials



CFD simulation, Chiaverini

#### Future work

- Numerical CFD simulations
- Fire tests

Thank you! Any questions?