An integrated development methodology of low noise accessory drive system in internal combustion engines 내연기관의 저소음 보기류구동 시스템을 위한 통합 개발 방법론

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ABSTRACT: A systematic development process for the low noise FEAD (Front End Accessory Drive) system is presented by combining CAE (Computer Aided Engineering) and the experimental rig test. In the estimation of the belt drive noise, two main difficulties arise from the high non-linearity due to the stick-slip contacts on the interfaces of the belt and pulleys, and the interaction of the belt drive system with the powertrain rotational parts. In this work, a recently developed analysis method of the belt drive has been employed considering powertrain rotational dynamics. As results, it shows good correlation with the vehicle tests in various operational modes. The established model has been employed to validate the new design improving the stick-slip noise of the problematic FEAD system. Furthermore, the best proposal of FEAD system in terms of functionality [NVH (Noise, Vibration and Harshness), fuel economy, cost. etc.] has been suggested in the concept design stage of new engine through this presented methodology.

Keywords: FEAD, Belt dive, Belt layout, Stick-slip, NVH, Fuel economy

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로: 자동차의 저소음 보기류 구동 시스템을 개발하는 체계적인 방법론이 전산해석과 리그 실험을 통해 제시되었다. 벨트 구동 소음 예측의 두 가지 난제는 1) 벨트와 풀리 접촉면에서의 스틱-슬립 비선형성과 2) 벨트 구동 시스템과 파워트레인 회전진동계와의 연성이다. 본 연구에서는 최근 개발된 해석 방법을 이용하여 벨트 구동시스템과 엔진 회전진동계를 통합한 해석 모델을 구축하였고, 다양한 파워트레인 운전 조건에서 정합성을 확보하였다. 통합 모델을 이용하여 스틱-슬립 소음이 발생하는 벨트 시스템을 개선할 수 있음을 확인하였다. 또한 새로운 방법론을 통해 신엔진 개념설계에서 NVH (Noise, Vibration and Harshness), 기능, 연비 등을 고려한 개념 설계안을 제시하였다.
핵심용어: FEAD, 벨트 구동, 벨트 레이아웃, 스틱-슬립, NVH, 연비

I. Introduction

In the belt driven FEAD (Front End Accessory Drive) system, there are several notorious noises categorized as 1) buzzing 2) chirping, 3) squealing, and 4) tapping. These noises are especially annoying because belt is exposed to

air without any sound covering, and they usually arise in low engine rpm, where the engine firing noise cannot mask them. These noises can also be classified as stick-slip and belt span resonance according to the noise mechanisms.

In the field of belt resonances and longitudinal dynamics with no slip condition, there have been many researches in academia. Among them, Mote and Wickert^[1] made a pioneering contribution to the industrial belt vibration

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analysis by modeling the belt as the axially moving beam. Ulsoy *et al.*^[2] argued the stability of the belt dynamic responses and suggested the critical speed of the belt system under which the belt system kept stable. Parker *et al.*^[3] presented an efficient method to calculate the eigensolutions of the serpentine belt system by modeling the belt as the hybrid discrete-continuous system and applying the Galerkin discretization with orthogonal polynomials for the continuous parts.

Aside from the academic achievement, many NVH (Noise, Vibration and Harshness) issues in the belt system due to the stick-slip are far from theoretical estimation. Main difficulties are caused by the complexity of highly nonlinear characteristics of the composite rubber belt and the contact process on the surface of the pulley and the belt. Natural approach to overcome these difficulties is to discretize the whole belt with small segments and the contact condition is checked over each interactions of belt segment and the pulleys, as has been done in well-known commercial multi-body dynamics software such as ADAMS, Recurdyne, AVL PU, Ricardo Valdyn, etc. The pitfall of this method is the excessively long solving time to avoid the numerical instability, precluding the simulation over the diverse engine operating modes with various environment conditions. Moreover, the belt segment is not well characterized by standard analytic element such as beam, string, etc.

Recently, some researchers^[4] have made breakthrough advancement in the belt stick-slip analysis both in practical application as well as in the theoretical modeling. First the belt is considered as two string element, one of which corresponding to the contact surface with the pulley and the other corresponding to the power carrying cord of the belt. The important properties of the two string belt model are shear, normal, and bending stiffness of the belt, and the corresponding damping properties. Other important properties are the friction coefficients on the belt-pulley interfaces. These should be measured via strenuous experimental setup on the belt of interest over different types of pulleys. This method was proved to give reasonably good correlation results for the belt slip dynamics, reducing also the analysis time to $1/10^{\text{th}}$ as compared with the other commercial tools.

In this work, the aforementioned belt analysis model was employed to investigate the optimal belt layouts considering interactions with relevant powertrain subsystems. First, the discrete CAE (Computer Aided Engineering) model for the belt drive as well as the engine main moving parts is constructed and its validity has been proven by comparing its results with those of the vehicle test. Second, based on the simulation model, the modification of the current design of the FEAD layout has been suggested to enhance the noise vulnerability especially in wet condition. Third, the optimal FEAD layout for the new engine in the concept design stage has been proposed in terms of NVH, functionality, fuel economy and cost. This layout has been physically constructed and tested in the newly established belt rig. Finally, the whole development procedure of the belt drive system was summarized and the conclusions are drawn.

II. Integrated modeling of FEAD and engine main moving system

To build big analytic model consisting of multiple subsystems, it is recommended to start from small subsystems and integrate those afterwards in a connected final model, which is known as 'crawl-walk-run' approach. In this section, the modeling procedure for each subsystem is presented, such as crank train with firing piston, FEAD, transmission with torque converter or dual mass flywheel. In the end, all the subsystems are integrated into one system model.

2.1 Engine main moving system modeling

For the crank train system model, the crankshaft is first considered as in Fig. 1.

The most accurate crankshaft model is the high dimensional FE model as in Fig. 1(a). To reduce the computation time, the FE crankshaft can be replaced by the 3D lumped model as in Fig. 1.(b). Each node in the 3D lumped model

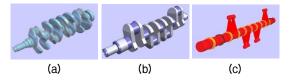


Fig. 1. Simplification of the crankshaft modeling: (a) FEM modeling, (b) 3D discrete modeling, (c) 1D torsional discrete modeling.

Table 1. Torsional mode of the crankshaft.

1 st torsion mode	FEM 3D Discret		1D Discrete	
Free-Free	975 Hz	987 Hz	-	
Bearing Support	-	1128 Hz	1119 Hz	

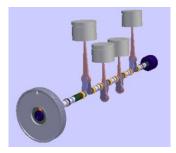


Fig. 2. 1D Crank train model with reciprocating moving parts and the damper pulley.

contains the mass and stiffness of the surrounding FE mesh. As the main interaction of the belt with the crankshaft is rotational, the interest is confined to the rotational behavior of the crankshaft. Thus, the irrelevant DOFs (Degress of Freedom) of 3D lumped model can be eliminated and only rotational DOFs remain, resulting in the 1D lumped model as in Fig. 1(c). The difference of the crankshaft rotational modes for three models lies within 2 % as shown in Table 1.

The in-cylinder pressures apply torques to the crankshaft via reciprocating moving part, and these are also considered as well as the inertia torques by attaching the pistons and conrods to the base crankshaft. The damper pulley is attached to the base crankshaft, where Voigt-Kelvin elastomer is used to connect the inertia ring with the crankshaft nose as shown in Fig. 2.

2.2 FEAD modeling of the current design In practice, the FEAD system model is provided by the

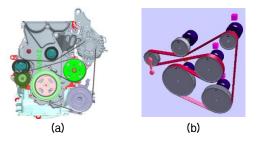


Fig. 3. Current design of FEAD and its modeling: current layout, (b) analysis modeling.

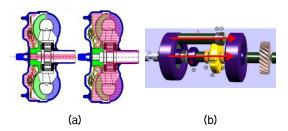


Fig. 4. Torque Converter modeling: (a) lockup clutch torque transmission, (b) fluid coupling torque transmission, (c) simulation model.

belt system supplier considering the rotational inertia and the corresponding load for each accessory. The current layout of FEAD design contains air-con, alternator and water pump, which are driven by damper pulley via poly V-belt as shown in Fig. 3.

The belt properties and the friction coefficients of the belt-pulley interfaces are measured on the experimental setup as designated by VDA (Verband der Automobilindustric). These are normal, and bending stiffness of the belt and the corresponding damping properties. The experimental autotensioner characteristics are provided by the supplier and curve-fitted analytic model is included in the FEAD model.

2.3 Transmission modeling

The torque converter in automatic transmission has two torque paths according to the internal pressure difference, one via lockup clutch or the other via fluid coupling as shown in Fig. 4. In the torque converter modeling, each path is implemented by clutch with switch which is activated for its own function.

In the present powertrain the dual clutch transmission is

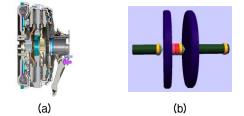


Fig. 5. Outer damper of dual clutch transmission.

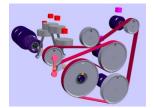


Fig. 6. Integrated analysis model for FEAD and engine rotational components.

widely accepted for its fuel efficiency. It is usually equipped with the external damper similar to the dual mass flywheel in the manual transmission. In a simple representation, it is modeled as a two-inertia element with non-linear stiffness and damping as shown in Fig. 5.

The gear box for each speed range is considered as an effective inertia with respect to the engine speed.

2.4 Integrated model for FEAD and engine rotational system

All the previously mentioned sub-models from engine to transmission are integrated into one model as shown in Fig. 6. Here, in-cylinder pressure at each piston is the measured data in time or at specific rpm according to the simulation interest. The accessory loads are represented as a curve for each rpm, and the interpolated values are used for a transient time simulation.

III. The correlation of analysis results with vehicle test

To use the established simulation model for further investigation, it should be proved whether it gives correlated results with the experimental results. For the correlation check, the typical engine operation modes are selected in which main belt noises occur, where the important belt dynamic responses are compared.

3.1 Operation modes for correlation check

The engine operational modes for correlation are shown in Table 2. Cranking (Key-on) and idle (N/D range) with changes of humidity (dry/wet) are both measured and simulated for comparisons. In addition, rpm sweep in 3rd gear is also considered with various accessory loads, in which the alternator loads and air-con loads are varied separately for their heaviest and lightest cases.

3.2 Vehicle measurement setup

The dynamic characteristic data for belt drive includes 1) overall belt slip, 2) belt span vibration, 3) tensioner movement, 4) dynamic belt tension, etc. In this work, the vehicle measurement was performed to provide the above dynamic data for simulation comparison for the specified operational modes in Table 2. For the overall belt slip, rotary speed at each accessory pulley is measured and the slip ratio on each pulley with respect to belt speed is calculated. The belt speed is replaced with idler pulley speed. Transversal belt span vibration and tensioner movement are measured directly with laser displacement sensors. The crankshaft irregularities are also measured at the core and the rim of the damper pulley. As a note, the crankshaft irregularities are the output of the simulation as opposed to the conventional belt simulation, being caused by the combustion pressure. Thus, the combustion pressure for

Table 2. Correlation modes of simulation and test.

Exp	perimental mode	Accessory load (ALT/AC)
1	Key on	X/X
2	Key on (Wet)	X/X
3	Idle N	X/X, 20 %/X, Full/X, Full/Full
4	Idle N (Wet)	X/X, 20 %/X, Full/X, Full/Full
5	Idle D	X/X, 20 %/X, Full/X, Full/Full
6	Idle D (Wet)	X/X, 20 %/X, Full/X
7	3 rd range WOT	X/X, Full/X

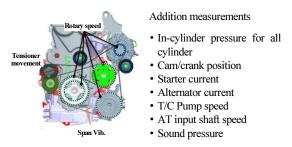


Fig. 7. In-vehicle measurement for simulation inputs and experimental correlation for FEAD and powertrain rotational dynamics.

each cylinder is also measured with crankshaft angle. For cranking simulation, starter current is measured and transformed to starting torque applied to the crankshaft, according to the current-torque curve of the starter. As for engine rotational dynamics, pump speed in the torque converter as well as the input shaft speed in the gear box are measured. These measurement items are shown in Fig. 7.

3.3 Simulation and measurement comparisons

3.3.1 Engine cranking modes

Engine cranking is one of the most difficult modes to simulate. It requires appropriate torque reproduction in simulation model both for the starter and for the combustion pressure. As for the starter, electric current rushes in for a short time, in which the initial current rush is not converted into torque to overcome internal resistance of the starter

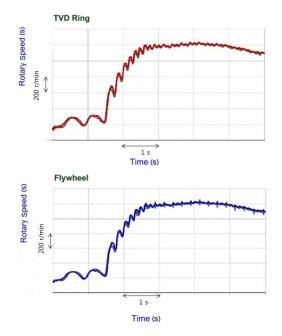


Fig. 9. Correlated responses for cranking mode.

motor. Thus, as shown in Fig. 8, the starter torque is applied to the crankshaft with a current limiter to neglect the initial current rush.

The simulation and experimental data are compared in Fig. 9. As can be seen, the engine rotational response at every points are almost same with the experimental results.

3.3.2 Idle N/D range verification

For the constant engine rpm such as engine idle, the

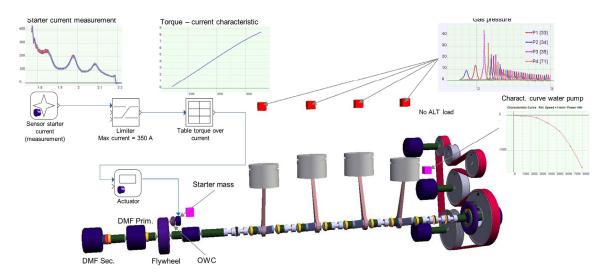


Fig. 8. Cranking analysis model: applied torques come from starter motor and combustion pressure.

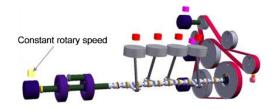


Fig. 10. Constant speed analysis model.

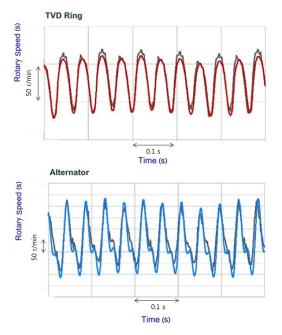


Fig. 11. Correlated response for the engine idle mode.

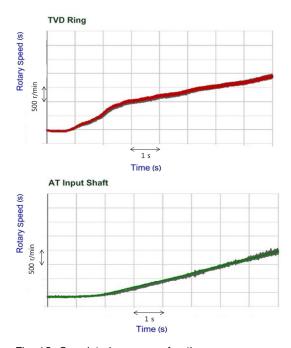


Fig. 12. Correlated response for the rpm sweep.

rotary speed is applied at the AT (Automatic Transmission) input shaft as shown in Fig. 10, and the simulation results are also correlated well with the experimental data (Fig. 11).

3.3.3 LOT (Light open throttle) vehicle run-up

For rpm run-up, the vehicle resistance is also considered such as air drag and rolling resistance in addition to the powertrain system. Figure 12 shows the simulation results correlate well with the experiments for crank pulley rotation as well as the transmission response

IV. Optimal FEAD layout for new engine

The verified analysis approach in the previous section has been employed to investigate FEAD concept in the new engine design. Although the FEAD layout has significant effects on the belt dynamics, the fixed FEAD layout was suggested by design engineer previously. Thus, the aim of this study is the selection of the proper devices among affordable variations in terms of NVH, durability, fuel economy and cost.

4.1 Variations of models

The possible combinations of the devices for FEAD and crank train are shown in Fig. 13.

To decouple the alternator inertia form the belt drive, OAP (Overrunning Alternator Pulley) and OAD (Overrunning Alternator Decoupler) was considered as opposed to the solid pulley. To reduce the transmission of the engine fluctuation to the belt, crank pulley devices are considered such as torque filter, pulley decoupler, isolation pulley, as opposed to conventional damper pulley. For the crankshaft irregularity itself, a dynamic order damper, so-called CPVA (Centrifugal Pendulum Vibration Absorber) was considered and the application point of it was varied. To keep the total number of analyses in control, 18 combinations are selected as candidates, i.e., 6 variations on the decoupling

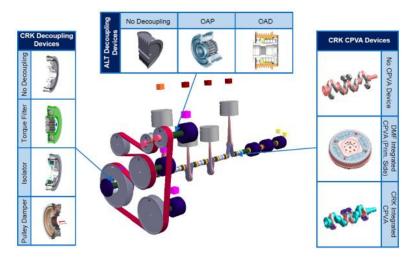


Fig. 13. Possible combination of vibration devices for the FEAD concept design at alternator, crank pulley, and crankshaft.

Table 3.	Candidates	for	new	FEAD	design.
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Decoupling devices	CPVA position (3 choices)
No decoupling	No CPVA/Crankshaft/Flywheel
Torque filter	\uparrow
Isolation pulley	1
Pulley damper	1
OAP	1
OAD	\uparrow

Table 4. Operation	condition fo	or candidate	survey.
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Enviro	onment	Operation condition		
	Dry	1000-6500 WOT		
Warma	Wet	0-1500 Start		
Warm	Dry	1000-6500 WOT		
	Wet	0-1500 Start		
0.14	Dry	0-1500 Start		
Cold	Wet	0-1500 Start		

Table 5.	Grading	system	tor	candidate	survey.

		Threshold Values				
Simulation responses	Unit	Exclusion criterion	Value for biggest penalty (5)	Value for lowest penalty (1)		
Integrated slip	%	Yes	5	0.5		
Stick zone	%	No	35	100		
Max. Belt tension	Ν	Yes	2200	365		
Tensioner motion	deg	No	10	0.5		
Belt power loss	W	No	800	400		
Belt deflection	%	No	10	1		

devices multiplied by 3 variations on the CPVA position.

For each device combination, the number of engine operation condition is also reduced to 6 as shown in Table 4. Therefore total number of simulation reaches at 108 cases (18×6) .

4.2 Assessment of the simulation result: Introduction of grading system

For each simulation case, the resulting dynamic responses are produced such as integrated slip, stick zone, belt tension, tensioner movement, etc. However, as the number of simulation case reaches over 100, it becomes formidable if not impossible to interpret the simulation result.

To avoid this cumbersome interpretation, a grading system was devised as follows. First, for each response characteristic, the lowest acceptable limit is set and the biggest penalty of 5 points was given. As for the best value the lowest penalty of point 1 was allotted. Some critical responses such as integrated slip and max belt tension have their own exclusion value under which the candidate gets out of the list.

The penalty points of 18 candidates are summarized in Table 6, where pulley damper and torque filter seems to be comparably the best choice, irrespective of the CPVA. Along with the lowest cost, the OAP at alternator pulley seems to be the best budget choice.

	(1) No Decoupling		(2) Isolator			(3) Torque Filter			
(1) No	3.7 SL-ALT 5	2.0 SL-CRK 3.6	1.9 SL-CRK 4.2	1.7 SL-CRK 3.1	1.9 SL-CRK 5	1.8 SL-CRK 5	1.4 BT-CRK 2.2	1.3 BT-CRK 2.4	1.3 BT-CRK 2.3
CPVA	3.8 SL-WP 5	1.7 BT-CRK 3.3	1.8 SL-CRK 3.5	1.7 SL-CRK 3.7	1.8 SL-CRK 5	1.7 SL-CRK 5	1.4 BT-CRK 2.2	1.3 BT-CRK 2.4	1.3 BT-CRK 2.3
CEVA	5			5				1.3 (2.4)	
(2) CPVA	2.1 SL-CRK 3.6	2.3 SL-CRK 3.1	2.0 SL-CRK 3.1	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.7 SL-CRK 3.3	1.7 SL-CRK 3.38	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0
Prim	2.2 SL-CRK 3.3	2.3 SL-CRK 3.3	2.1 SL-CRK 3.2	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.6 SL-CRK 2.9	1.6 SL-CRK 3.00	1.4 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0
		2.2 (3.6)			1.5 (3.3)			1.3 (2.1)	
(3) CPVA	2.5 SL-CRK 4.1	1.8 BT-CRK 2.9	1.8 BT-CRK 2.7	1.4 BT-CRK 2.2	1.6 BT-CRK 2.9	1.6 SL-CRK 2.88	1.3 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0
CS CS	2.6 SL-CRK 4.0	1.9 BT-CRK 3.3	1.8 BT-CRK 3.0	1.5 BT-CRK 2.3	1.6 BT-CRK 3.0	1.5 BT-CRK 2.7	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 2.0
ω 	2.2(4.1)		1.5 (3.0)			1.3 (2.1)			
	(•	4) Pulley Damper		(5) ALT OAP			(6) ALTOAD		
(1) No	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.4 BT-CRK 2.2	1.4 BT-CRK 2.2	2.7 SL-CRK 4.1	1.5 BT-CRK 2.8	1.4 BT-CRK 2.7	2.1 SL-CRK 3.2	1.3 BT-CRK 1.7	1.3 BT-CRK 1.7
CPVA	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.4 BT-CRK 2.2	1.3 BT-CRK 2.1	2.8 SL-CRK 4.5	1.4 BT-CRK 2.8	1.4 BT-CRK 2.7	2.2 SL-CRK 3.5	1.2 BT-CRK 1.7	1.3 BT-CRK 1.7
CIVA		1.4 (2.2)			2.1 (4.5)			1.7 (3.5)	
(2) CPVA	1.4 BT-CRK 2.1	1.2 BT-CRK 1.8	1.2 BT-CRK 1.8	2.1 SL-CRK 3.5	1.7 SL-CRK 2.4	1.7 SL-CRK 2.5	2.1 SL-CRK 4.9	1.6 SL-CRK 2.4	1.6 SL-CRK 2.4
Prim	1.5 BT-CRK 2.1	1.2 BT-CRK 1.8	1.2 BT-CRK 1.8	2.1 SL-CRK 3.3	1.8 SL-WP 2.6	1.8 SL-WP 2.61	2.1 SL-CRK 4.5	1.7 BT-CRK 2.5	1.6 SL-CRK 2.3
	1.3(2.1)			1.9 (3.5)		1.9 (4.9)			
(3) CPVA	1.4 BT-CRK 2.0	1.2 BT-CRK 1.7	1.2 BT-CRK 1.7	2.1 SL-CRK 3.4	1.6 BT-CRK 2.7	1.7 BT-CRK 2.6	2.0 SL-CRK 4.7	1.5 SL-CRK 2.3	1.5 SL-CRK 2.3
CS	1.4 BT-CRK 2.0	1.3 BT-CRK 1.7	1.3 BT-CRK 1.7	2.2 SL-CRK 3.6	1.7 BT-CRK 2.9	1.7 BT-CRK 2.9	2.1 SL-CRK 4.4	1.6 SL-CRK 2.5	1.6 SL-CRK 2.4
	1.3(1.7)			1.9 (3.6)			1.8(4.7)		

Table 6. Resulting grades for 18 candidates.

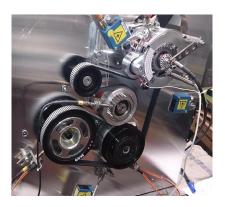


Fig. 14. The belt rig experimental setup for recommended belt layout and device combination.

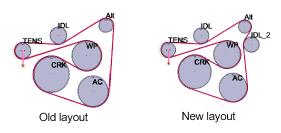


Fig. 15. The change of the layout to remove the belt stick-slip noise by enhancing stick zone range.

V. Experimental RIG verification of the selected FEAD device combination

Based on the simulation recommendation, the lowest cost case was tested on the bread board rig (Fig. 13). In the

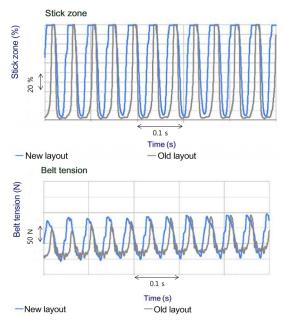


Fig. 16. The Improvement of Stick zone with small increase of belt tension.

rig, the most severe conditions are simulated including 1000 rpm WOT (Wide Open Throttle), with deteriorated belt and auto-tensioner. Throughout rig tests, it is ensured to be free of malfunctioning of the belt drive with minimum chance of noise generation.

VI. Noise enhancement case study

The established simulation method was also utilized for the remedy of the current belt layout design. The current layout has been generating stick-slip noise under wet belt condition and seems to be cured by adding idler pulley in the AC-ALT (Air Conditioner Compressor-Alternator) belt span (Fig. 15).

As can be seen in Fig. 16, the simulation results predicted improvements of stick zone up to 40 % which is marginally acceptable as shown in Table 5, with a small increase of belt tension.

VII. Summary

All the simulation and experimental verification work done were summarized and conclusions were drawn for FEAD development as follows :

- 1) A newly developed belt simulation tool was adopted for the diverse engine operating modes under various environment, enabling the investigation over large number of candidate designs.
- 2) The CAE model has proved to be correlated well with experimental results, even for rapid transient simulation cases including cranking, etc.
- 3) The established model was utilized to find the best candidate FEAD for the new engine design, and the experiment on the rig test shows no drawback for the selected design with more severe conditions.
- 4) In the other application, a new design was supported by the simulation as opposed to the current FEAD layout with noise under wet condition.

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