

'Free Piston Engines' entering mainstream R&D













FPE advantages

- Low cost
- High efficiency
- Low emissions
- Compact format
- Low maintenance
- Fuel-flexibility
- Low vibration
- Low noise
- Oil-free

Libertine's 'Linear Power Systems': Linear e-machines and free piston devices

Benefits for FPE developers

- 1. Libertine's research engine hardware addresses the major challenges of FPE control, system losses and complexity
- 2. 'Developer toolkit' library of lab-validated simulation tools available for electromechanical and thermal optimisation
- 3. Proven electrical machine architecture, integrated into a free piston expander system
- 4. Compact, flexible, modular design is readily scaled to suit client research applications



R&D resources freed up to focus on high value combustion development

Free piston research engine for PETRONAS UNIVERSITITEKNOLOGI PETRONAS is evaluating the use of Libertine's Linear Power Systems to

help us accelerate our pioneering Free Piston Engine combustion research" Deputy Vice Chancellor, UTP



Evolution of combustion engine control

2000s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2010s 2020s **Ignition** Mechanical Analogue Digital (Via ECU) **Fuelling** Mechanical Analogue Digital (Carburettor) (EFI) (Via ECU) Air Variable valve Mechanical Digital (e-valves. (Cam driven valves, turbochargers) lift/timing e-superchargers) **Motion FPE 'digital** Mechanical (Crankshaft) piston motion'

New possibilities for future powertrains

- Variable compression & expansion ratios
 - Flex-fuel (Ethanol / gasoline)
 - ➤ Start-up
 - ➤ Transient
 - Lean-burn & EGR optimisation
- **Advanced combustion cycles**
 - HCCI
 - Split cycle FPE
- Heat recovery integration