



Derivation of Specific Heat Rejection Correlation in an SI Engine; Experimental and Numerical Study

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ABSTRACT

The thermal balance analysis is a useful method to determine energy distribution and efficiency of internal combustion (IC) engines. In engines cooling concepts, estimation of heat transfer to brake power ratio, as one of the most significant performance characteristics, is highly demanded. In this paper, investigation of energy balance and derivation of specific heat rejection is carried out experimentally and numerically. Experiments are carried out on an air-cooled, single cylinder, four-stroke gasoline IC engine. The engine is simulated numerically and after validation with experimental data, the code is run to find out total and instantaneous thermal balance of engine. Results indicate that about one-third of fuel energy is converted to brake power and major part of energy is dissipated through exhaust and heat transfer. Experimental and numerical results show that by increasing engine speed, heat transfer to brake power ratio decreases. It is also observed that increasing engine speed leads to increase of exhaust power to brake power ratio. Finally two correlations for estimation of heat transfer and exhaust power to brake power ratios are obtained.

1. Introduction

Fossil fuels play an extremely important role in transportation industrial all over the world. Most of the internal combustion engines consume liquid petroleum-based fuels in order to produce effective power. It is impossible to convert total fuel energy to output power and major part of fuel energy is wasted in form of heat losses, friction and exhaust. Thermal balance analysis is a useful method in order to determine energy distribution and performance characteristics of engines. It is highly significant to specify each term of energy

balance equation in various engine operating conditions.

Ozcan and Soylemez [1] investigated the effect of water injection on a spark ignition engine thermal balance and performance experimentally. They used a four stroke, four cylinder engine with LPG as fuel. Different water to fuel ratios by mass were used with variable engine speed ranging from 1000 to 4500 rpm. Their results showed that as the water injection level to the engine increased, the percentage of useful work

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increased, while the losses other than unaccounted losses decreased. Additionally, the specific fuel consumption decreases, while the engine thermal efficiency increases.

Magno et al. [2] investigated the energy distribution and the waste heat recovery characteristics of a compression ignition engine at different engine speeds and loads. The experimental activity was carried out on a three-cylinder, 1028 cc engine. Tests were performed with diesel fuel and 20% biofuel blend. The quantity and the quality of the waste heat energy were studied through energy and exergy analysis. It was found out that the addition of 20% biodiesel blend to diesel fuel does not affect significantly the brake fuel conversion efficiency. On the other hand, biodiesel blend allows to reduce the combustion noise and the pollutants emissions in most of the operating conditions.

Yusri et al. [3] conducted an experimental investigation of butanol as an alternative fuel. A four stroke, four-cylinder gasoline engine was used to investigate the engine combustion emissions and thermal balance characteristics using 2-butanol-gasoline blended fuels. The thermal balance analysis mainly exhibited an improvement in effective power, cooling energy and exhaust energy.

Khoobakht et al [4] analyzed the exergy and energy in a four-cylinder, diesel engine using blended levels of biodiesel and ethanol in diesel fuel with the assistance of the first and second laws of thermodynamics. They also investigated the effect of operating factors of engine load and speed as well as blended levels of biodiesel and ethanol in diesel fuel on the exergy efficiency. Their results depicted that the exergy efficiency decreased with increasing percent by volume biodiesel and ethanol fuel. The fuel blend of 0.4 L ethanol added to 1 L diesel at 2800 rpm and 20% load was realized to have the least exergy efficiency (8.1%). Also, the results of exergy and energy analysis indicated that the 43.09% of fuel exergy was destructed and the average thermal efficiency was approximately 36.61%.

Duan et al. [5] investigated the fuel utilization efficiency of gasoline-powered vehicle. In order

to evaluate and improve the fuel utilization efficiency, the vehicle energy flow test was conducted on chassis dynamometer under the new European driving cycle (NEDC) of cold starting. Research results showed that the distributions of various kinds of energy flow were largely influenced by vehicle operating conditions. Apart from idling conditions, the brake thermal efficiency of internal combustion engine was mainly between 10% and 35%. At the initial stage of NEDC, the brake thermal efficiency was very low due to the cold starting. Also, the exhaust gas energy was mainly influenced by the mass flow rate of exhaust gas, while its percentage in total fuel energy depended largely on exhaust gas temperature. Moreover, the coolant energy flow was less sensitive to the engine conditions, but its percentage fluctuated widely under the transient conditions of NEDC.

Li et al. [6] studied energy distribution in a diesel engine using low heat rejection concepts. In this study, the low heat rejection operating condition is implemented by increasing the engine coolant temperature. Their results demonstrate that rising coolant temperature yields slight improvements in net indicated fuel conversion efficiency, with larger improvements observed in brake fuel conversion efficiency.

Ajav et al. [7] investigated the thermal balance of a constant speed stationary compression ignition engine on diesel, ethanol-diesel blends at different loading conditions of the engine. The thermal balance was in respect of useful work, heat lost to cooling water, heat lost through exhaust, heat carried away by the lubricating oil and other losses. They also compared thermal balance of the engine operating on different diesel-ethanol blends. Their results indicate that the thermal balance of the engine operating on 5 and 10% ethanol-diesel blends and fumigated ethanol was not significantly different at the 5% level of significance when compared to diesel. However, in the case of 15 and 20% ethanol-diesel blends, the thermal balance was significantly different compared to diesel.

Ghareghani et al. [8] investigated the thermal balance and performance of a turbocharged gas spark ignition engine. The first law of

thermodynamics was used for control volume around the engine to calculate the output power, transferred energy to the cooling fluid, exhaust gases and also unaccounted losses. Thermal balance tests were performed for various operational conditions. They concluded that by increasing engine load and coolant temperature, the percentage of transferred energy to the exhaust gases increased while the percentage of coolant energy decreased.

Yingjian et al. [9] examined the energy balance and the efficiency analysis for power generation in an internal combustion engine sets using biogas. Their results of energy balance and efficiency showed that the engine set could generate electricity of 70kW. Their results showed that the thermal energy dissipated from the engine exhaust was the greatest term of all thermal balance terms.

Abedin et al. [10] examined energy balance of internal combustion engines using alternative fuels. The basic energy balance theory was discussed in details along with the variations in energy balance approaches and terms. The theoretical energy balance also explored with help of thermodynamics models. There are some significant variations observed in energy balance when the engine operating fuel is changed and devices like turbocharger or supercharger are used to boost the intake air pressure.

Payri et al. [11] conducted experimental methodologies in order to perform and analyze the energy balance to evaluate the potential of different engine strategies. This work deals with the complete description of an experimental energy balance tool, including the comprehensive description of the specific designed experimental installation used to the determination of each energy term involved in the energy balance. A direct injection (DI) diesel engine was used and the influence of the engine speed and load was examined on each energy term. Their results indicated that the variation of the coolant temperature has an almost negligible effect in term of efficiency whilst cooling the air yields improvement.

Durgun and Sahin [12] investigated theoretically to evaluate energy balance for three different DI diesel engines in various conditions. To analyze energy balance, a zero-dimensional multi-zone thermodynamic model was developed and used. From numerical applications, it was determined that, what portion of available fuel energy is converted to useful work, what amount of fuel energy is lost by exhaust gases or lost by heat transfer. In addition, heat balance was analyzed for gasoline fumigation and it was found that brake effective power and brake specific fuel consumption increase and brake effective efficiency decreases for gasoline fumigation for turbocharged diesel engines.

Yuksel and Ceviz [13] studied the effects of adding constant quantity hydrogen to gasoline-air mixture on SI engine thermal balance and performance. A four stroke, four-cylinder SI engine was used in order to carry out this research. Thermal balance tests were conducted for thermal engine efficiency, heat loss through the exhaust gases, heat loss to the cooling water and unaccounted losses, while performance tests were in respect to the brake power, specific fuel consumption and air ratio. The experiments were performed in three different mass flow rates of hydrogen and variable engine speeds ranging from 1000 to 4500 rpm. Their results indicated that supplementation of hydrogen to gasoline decreases the heat loss to cooling water and unaccounted losses, and the heat loss through the exhaust gas in nearly the same with pure gasoline experiments. Furthermore, specific fuel consumption decreases, while the engine thermal efficiency and the air ratio increase.

Taymaz [14] investigated the effect of insulated heat transfer surfaces on diesel engine energy balance experimentally. The research engine was a four-stroke, direct injected, six cylinder, turbocharged and inter-cooled diesel engine. This engine was tested at different speeds and load conditions. Combustion chamber surfaces, cylinder head, valves and piston crown faces were coated with ceramic materials. The results showed a reduction in fuel consumption and heat losses to engine cooling system.

In this study, an air-cooled, single cylinder, four stroke IC engine investigated experimentally and numerically. Experiments are conducted in various engine speeds using gasoline. Furthermore, validation is implemented and engine is simulated in order to determine and compare thermal balance terms. In present research, Derivation of specific heat rejection correlation is performed which is not considered widely in previous works. Additionally, instantaneous energy balance in cylinder per cycle is studied in this paper.

2. Experimental Apparatus

2.1. Engine Test Setup

The motorcycle engine which is studied in this research is 125 cc, single cylinder, air-cooled, spark ignition and four-stroke. The engine is coupled with a prony brake dynamometer in order to measure the torque produced by the engine. The engine technical specifications and operation conditions of the experiments are provided in Table 1, Fig. 1[15].

Table 1. Engine Technical Specifications

Cylinder Type	Single Cylinder, Four-Stroke
Displacement (cm ³)	124.1
Bore (mm)	56.5
Stroke (mm)	49.5
Valves Sorting	Two OHC Valves
Compression Ratio	9.1:1
Max. Power (kW)	7.4 @ 8492 rpm
Max. Torque (N.m)	9.23 @ 6997 rpm
Intake Valve Timing	5 Degrees bTDC/35 Degrees aBDC
Exhaust Valve Timing	30 Degrees bBDC/5 Degrees aTDC

2.2. Measurement Equipment

Specific measurement instruments such as thermocouples, flow meter, etc. are used in this experimental study. Temperatures of intake air and exhaust gases are measured by K-type thermocouples. This type of thermocouple can be used with a service temperature range between -270 °C and +1260 °C. The sensitivity and measurement accuracy of these thermocouples are 41 μV/°C and ±2.2 °C respectively[16]. The sample thermocouple and its wire and socket are shown in Fig. 2. A dual channel temperature data logger is used in order to display and record temperatures of thermocouples. Fuel delivery system is fabricated with the assistance of scaled storage tank and a flow meter is used in order to

estimate fuel consumption. A digital tachometer which is attached to the engine is used to measure engine speed and its accuracy is ±5 rpm. The accuracy of torque measured by prony dynamometer is ±0.1 N.m. Calibration checks of measuring instruments are performed two times during each experiment.

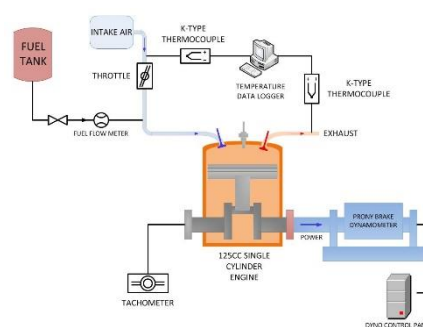


Figure 1: Schematic Diagram of Engine Test Setup

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θ	crank angle, degree	\dot{Q}_{fuel}	fuel power, kW
γ	specific heat ratio	\dot{W}_b	brake power, kW
x_b	mass fraction burned	\dot{Q}_{ex}	dissipated power by exhaust, kW
q_w	engine's wall heat loss, J	\dot{Q}_{HT}	dissipated power by heat transfer, kW
V	in-cylinder volume, m ³	Q_{HV}	fuel heating value, kJ/kg
V_C	cylinder clearance volume, m ³	η_c	combustion efficiency
B	cylinder bore, m	\dot{m}_a	mass flow rate of air, kg/s
l	connecting rod's length, m	\dot{m}_f	mass flow rate of fuel, kg/s
a	crank radius, m	T_{ex}	exhaust gases temperature, °C
s	distance between piston pin axis and crank axis, m	T_a	ambient temperature, °C
a	adjustable parameter	C_{ex}	average specific heat of exhaust gases, kJ/kg.K
m	adjustable parameter	V_d	displacement volume, m ³
θ_0	start of combustion, degree	n	number of cylinders
h	heat transfer coefficient, W/m ² K	$bmep$	brake mean effective pressure, bar
T	temperature, K	$imep$	indicated mean effective pressure, bar
ω	average cylinder gas velocity, m/s	$fmep$	friction mean effective pressure, bar
A_w	wall area, m ²	HtB	Heat transfer to brake power ratio
T_w	wall temperature, K	Etb	Exhaust power to brake power ratio
T_g	In-cylinder gas temperature, K		
C_1	constant parameter		
\bar{S}_p	mean piston speed, m/s		
C_2	constant parameter		
T_r	working-fluid temperature, K		
P_r	working-fluid pressure, kPa		
V_r	working-fluid volume, m ³		
P_{max}	in-cylinder maximum pressure, kPa		
P_m	motored cylinder pressure, kPa		
N	engine speed, rpm		
\dot{E}	rate of energy, kJ		

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