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Combustion Quality



Combustion chambers





Some classic combustion chambers



Two stroke diesel

Chapter 1 – Introduction to the Two-Stroke Engine



Pressure/volume indicator diagram for a two stroke engine



Dotted line = four stroke

Indicator diagrams from two-stroke engines: Dotted lines show estimate of corresponding four-stroke diagram.

Configu- ration	Cylinder	Exhaust Lead°	CA_e/CA_i
A	18 x 22 in gas engine loop scav	0	
D	$3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ in poppet values	7	1.25
\mathbf{E}	$3\frac{1}{4} \ge 4\frac{1}{2}$ in poppet values	14	1.25
\mathbf{F}	$3\frac{1}{4} \ge 4\frac{1}{2}$ in poppet values	21	1.25



Two stroke designs





(e)



a'= rotary valve loop scavenge

b=reverse loop scavenge

C= opposed piston

d=U-cylinder

e= poppet valve

F = sleeve valve



Fig 7-1. Two-stroke cylinder types: (a) conventional loop-scavenge; (a') loop-scavenge with rotary exhaust valve; (b) reverse-loop scavenge; (c) opposed-piston; (d) U-cylinder; (e) poppet-valve; (f) sleeve-valve.







Photo 32-6 First diesel truck (1924): The MAN four-ton truck and its combustion chamber. Six months earlier in the same year, Benz completed a truck based on the prechamber system (MAN Museum).



AVL advanced 2 stroke automotive concept 1996





Hesselman injector 1908



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1910 McKechnie of Vicars





Diesel's pump with spill valve wedge control



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1914 Rotary valve Francois Feyens of Belgium





1910 Peter Bowman Denmark Pintle valve. Bosch took on patent in 1935





Electro magnetic injector

• This was patented by Thomas T Gaff in the USA 1913



1905 Unit injector combined nozzle and pump





The pre-combustion chamber





The Wirl-chamber process





Sheathed element glow plug

Configuration in the turbulence chamber. 1 Injection nozzle, 2 Sheathed-element glow plug, 3 Turbulence chamber.





DI Configuration



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DI with wall distribution



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Mechanical Energy



PV Diagram



Working PV diagram made 9th May 1876 by Mr Otto



What you would see on your screen

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Phasing Efficiency

- Overall engine loss when spark timing differs from overall engine MBT
- Individual cylinder loss when individual cylinder MBT differs from overall engine MBT
- Individual cycle loss when individual cycle phasing (CA50) differs from optimal phasing

> There will always be phasing efficiency loss

Power required to overcome rotating and reciprocating losses



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Cylinder Pressure Measurements

Cylinder Pressure vs.Crank Angle



Otto Cycle

Cylinder Pressure (kPa) vs.Cylinder volume (cc)





Cylinder Pressure Measurements Cylinder Volume vs.Crank Angle

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Tyres, brakes, drive train friction





PV Diagram

Cylinder Pressure(kPa)



Cylinder Volume (cc)

Real Gas Loss

Cylinder Pressure (kPa) vs.Cylinder volume (cc)



Heat and mass Losses

Cylinder Pressure (kPa) vs.Cylinder volume (cc)



Incomplete combustion Losses




Pumping Losses



Time to combust Losses



Real Gas Loss



Otto Cycle



Magnitude of efficiency losses

Thermal Efficiency (%)





Torque versus spark timing for a complete engine

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Combustion phasing loss away from MBT



Spark Timing (Degrees before Top Dead Centre)

Phasing loss

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Individual cylinder MBVT is not equal to the overall engine MBT



Spark Timing (Degrees BTDC)



IMEP v CA of 50% mass burned

One cylinder average at 5 different spark timings

Combustion phasing loss deducted from

individual cylinder MBT





MBT Ignition and Fuel





IMEP vCA50 mass burned, individual cycles at five different spark timings



Combustion phasing loss away from MBT



Indicated cycle Crank angle 50% burn



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Types of Combustion Diagnostics



Understanding what is happening inside the combustion space

•In cylinder pressure measurement

•Optical

•Ion Gap



AVL optical sparking plug. *8 fibre optic tubes look at the light generated by the burn

FEV Ion Gap





Cylinder-Pressure Based Combustion Analysis

Measurement and interpretation of

combustion chamber pressure to determine:

- Piston and crankshaft loads
- Torque produced from the burning air/fuel charge
- Torque required to induct the fresh charge and exhaust the burned charge
- Time required for the combustion flame to develop and propagate
- Spark timing relative to MBT
- Presence and magnitude of knock
- Cycle to cycle and cylinder to cylinder variability

Cylinder-Pressure Based Combustion Analysis

Some uses of combustion analysis

- Assessing inlet/exhaust port and manifold geometries
- Optimising combustion chamber shape
- Quantifying compression ratio trade offs
- Comparing spark plug parameters
- Selecting valve timing overlap and duration
- Optimising fuel injector timing and opening duration
- Investigating transient response
- Measuring mechanical friction
- Automated mapping (MBT,Knock/Pre ignition control)
- Calibration optimisation



Combustion Performance Parameters

- Mean Effective Pressure
- Combustion Phasing
- Cyclic Variability
- Heat Release
- Equation Summary

Indicated Work IMEP

Positive work done Negative work done to the piston due to by piston due to P heat release & charge compression expansion 3 $\mathbf{W}_{3,4} = {}_{3}f^{4}\mathbf{P}\mathbf{d}\mathbf{v} =$ $W_{1,2} = f^2 P dv +$ 2 4 +

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W<sub>i</sub>=fPdv
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Indicated Pressure IMEP



PV Diagram



PV Diagram





Cylinder volume (cc)



Cylinder Pressure (kPa)

Cylinder Volume (cc)



MEP Summary





Combustion Performance Parameters

Cylinder Pressure vs Cylinder Volume-Influence of Load





Combustion Performance Parameters Cylinder Pressure vs Cylinder Volume-

Cylinder Pressure vs Cylinder Volume-Influence of Spark Timing





Combustion Performance Parameters

Cylinder Pressure vs Crank Angle-Influence of Spark Timing



Combustion Phasing



Angular relationship between the combustion process and piston position. Normally expressed as either the crank angle at which 50% of the inducted charge mass has burned(CA50), or the crank angle location of peak pressure (LPP)

Combustion Phasing



Poor phasing, either advanced or retarded, reduces efficiency (less torque from a given mass of fuel and air)

Combustion Phasing

Cyclic combustion variability produces cyclic phasing varaibility





Heat Release

Analysis of cylinder pressure from a firing engine to determine the burn history of the combustion event on a crank-angle –by- crankangle basis

Approximate Heat Release



Approximate Heat Release



Heat Release Approximate Heat Release



Heat Release

Approximate Heat Release

- Advantages
 - Computationally simple—can be performed in real time
 - Requires relatively few, readily available inputs
- Major assumptions
 - All cycles have 100% combustion efficiency
 - Polytropic coefficients are equal and constant
- Recommended Application
 - Stable operating condition with no partial burns

Heat Release

Thermodynamic Heat Release

Advantages:

- Thermodynamically tracks the mass of fuel burned on an individual cycle basis, permitting..
 - Quantifying partial burns and misfires
 - Quantifying residual fraction and residual composition
 - Quantifying heat losses
- Provides accurate statistics on burn rate variability


Heat release

<u>Thermodynamic Heat Release</u>

- Assumptions:
 - Heat transfer can be modelled by an empirical correlation (modified Woschni)
 - Pressure data and other inputs are accurate
- Other Inputs:
 - Swirl number, fuel flow, stoichiometry, combustion efficiency, lower heating value of fuel, combustion chamber surface area, valve timing
- Recommendations:
 - Combustion evaluation at conditions with high cycle variability

Heat Release

Processing Options for CAS

- Approximate -- as in ACAP currently
- Modified Thermodynamic -- First Law without heat loss term -- greatly simplifies analysis ** CAS Real Time **

$$\delta Q(i) = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} [\gamma P \partial V + V \partial P] = \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} [\gamma P_i (V_i - V_{i-1}) + V_i (P_i - P_{i-1})]$$

Full Thermodynamic ** CAS Post Process **

Heat Release Thermodynamic Heat Release

First Law $\delta Q = \Delta U + \Delta KE + \Delta PE + \Delta Q + \delta w$

 δQ = heat released, ΔU = internal energy = $mC_v \partial T$, ΔKE = kinetic energy, ΔPE = potential energy, ΔQ = heat losses (and mass losses), δw = work performed = /PdV, m = trapped mass, C_v = specific heat at constant volume, T = bulk average cylinder temperature, P = cylinder pressure, and V = cylinder volume.





Heat Release Processing Options for CAS, cont..

Cumulative Heat Release...





Heat Release Processing Options for CAS cont.

Rate of Heat Release...



Look again at cycle to cycle differences !!!





Heat Release

Sample Analysis

- Idle assessment
- Combustion phasing
- Burn rate profile analysis for knock



What is it ?

Variation in combustion (IMEP) from cycle-to-cycle and cylinder-tocylinder.

Engine cycles are like fingerprints--- no two are the same.

How does it manifest itself

- Engine roughness
 - Cyclic and cylinder-to –cylinder variations in torque and engine speed
- Compromised torque/power
- Lower resistance to knock
- Efficiency losses
 - Higher emissions
 - Lower fuel consumption
 - Compromised spark timing
 - Compromised dilution tolerance

<u>Causes</u>

- Mixture motion at the location and time of spark
- Variation in the amount of air and fuel inducted each cycle
- Mixing of the air, fuel, and exhaust residuals
- Fuel preparation(droplet size,cone angle,targeting)
- Long burn duration due to poor combustion system hardware design
- Low ignition energy, small plug gap

- Combustion variability impacts engine performance at all operating conditions:
 - Idle
 - Instability is typically driven by variations in fuel flow and exhaust residuals
 - Part-Load
 - Variability is driven by fuel flow variations and EGR
 - **WOT**
 - Combustion instability is typically dictated by variations in airflow



How is it Identified?

- Analysis of cylinder pressure versus time for 10 consecutive engine cycles shows that substantial variation exists.
- This variation is being dictated by cyclic combustion variability.
- Similar variability is present from cylinder-to-cylinder



Effect on Burn Rate 1.0 3.0 2.5 Rate of Burn (%/deg) Mass Fraction Burned 2.0 0.5 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 0.0 0 20 Crankangle (deg) -20 40) 20 4 Crankangle (deg) -20 40 60 0



How is it Quantified ?

- The most common methods to quantify cycle-to-cycle and cylinder-to-cylinder variability includes:
 - Standard deviation of IMEP
 - Coefficient of variation of IMEP
 - Lowest normalized value of IMEP
 - Standard deviation of rev/min
 - IMEP imbalance
 - RMS of the Delta IMEP
 - Variation of burn parameters

Standard Deviation of IMEP

• Standard deviation of the IMEP quantifies how widely values are dispersed from the mean:

STDEV of IMEP =
$$\sqrt{\frac{n\sum_{i=1}^{n}(IMEP_{i} - \overline{IMEP})^{2}}{(n-1)}}$$

where: $i = sample of interest$
 $n = number of samples$

 This calculation can be performed on an individual cylinder to quantify cyclic variability, or on all cylinders to globally characterize engine stability (EAIMEP; STD, ELSIMEP; STD)

Coefficient of Variation of IMEP

 COV of IMEP quantifies variability in indicated work per cycle by expressing the standard deviation as a percentage of the mean IMEP: COV of IMEP = <u>STDEV of IMEP</u> * 100

IMEP

 While opinions vary, a degradation in vehicle driveability can typically be noticed when the COV of IMEP exceeds 3% - 5%.



Lowest Normalized Value of IMEP

• LNV of IMEP, an indicator of misfires and partial burning cycles, is determined by normalizing the lowest IMEP value in a data set by the mean:

$$LNV \text{ of IMEP} = \frac{IMEP_{min}}{IMEP} *100$$

- LNV < 0 for a misfire
- 0<LNV<89 indicates partial burn



IMEP Imbalance

• IMEP imbalance, a measure of cylinder-to-cylinder variation, is quantified by subtracting the average IMEP in the weakest cylinder from the average IMEP in the strongest cylinder, and then normalising by the mean IMEP

IMEP imbalance=IMEP i,max - IMEP i,min *

IMEP engine

Potential Pitfall

• Engine average COV of IMEP can be misleading:



Some thoughts to ponder

- Do the combustion stability metrics already discussed provide the best measure of combustion stability?
- What does the driver feel?
- What about the difference in work from each cylinder event in firing order ?
- Is the phasing of the cylinder events important



RMS of the Delta IMEP

• RMS of the delta IMEP characterizes the difference in work performed each cylinder event, in firing order

RMS of
$$\Delta IMEP = \sqrt{\frac{\sum \Delta IMEP^2}{(n_c * x) - 1}}$$

where:

 n_c = number of cylinders x = number of cycles



Differential Imbalance Percentage

 DIP quantifies the variation in the indicated work done between cylinder firing events by expressing the RMS as a percentage of the mean:

Differential imbalance Percentage = $\frac{RMS \text{ of } \Delta IMEP}{\overline{IMEP}} * 100$

Six cylinder engine at idle with retarded combustion phasing



Sorting the same data from highest to lowest IMEP



How is it Quantified ?

- Variations in Burn Duration are sometimes used to quantify combustion variability
 - A significant amount of combustion instability is driven by variation in the development of the flame kernel (0-2.5 to 10% mass burn duration)

- Still, none of the combustion stability metrics discussed comprehend the physical phasing of the events
 - What happens if the cylinder events are unevenly spaced ?

<u>Rules of Thumb</u> ** <u>-</u>

- Combustion stability improves with...
 - Increased speed and load
 - Higher compression ratios
 - Lower overlap cams
 - Higher energy (at the gap) ignition systems
 - Higher temperature
 - Lower humidity

****** These generalities do not always hold true !

<u>rade offs-</u>

Unfortunately, there is typically a trade off between high airflow for power and high -cylinder motion for increased burn rates and less combustion variability



Steps to improve stability

- Well balanced combustion system hardware
 - Equal-length, replicated intake/exhaust runners & ports
 - Replicated combustion chambers (fast burning)
 - Good EGR, air, fuel, PCV & purge distribution
 - Good fuel injectors
 - Small droplets
 - Good targeting (back of valve, minimize wall-wetting)

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Residuals

<u>Residuals</u> -- combustion products in the combustion chamber left over from the previous engine cycle

- highest tolerable energy (RFI is Ex
- largest tolerable gap (plug darability
- lowest resistance wires (RFI)



Residuals – Backflow of exhaust

gas into the intake system occurs during valve overlap.



Residuals



Residuals

Residuals are increased by:-

- Large valve overlap area
- Low engine speed (more time for back flow)
- Low induction manifold pressure
- High exhaust back pressure
- Low compression ratio



Residuals — SAE Paper 931025

presents a regression equation derived to predict residual fraction as follows:-

$$\chi_{r} = 1.266 \frac{OF}{N} \left(\frac{P_{i}}{P_{e}}\right)^{-0.87} \sqrt{\left|P_{e} - P_{i}\right|} + 0.632 \frac{\Phi\left(\frac{P_{i}}{P_{e}}\right)^{-0.74}}{r_{c}}$$

- where, χ_r = residual fraction, OF = overlap factor,
 - N = engine speed,
 - P_i = intake pressure,
 - P_e = exhaust pressure,
 - Φ = equivalence ratio, and
 - $r_c = compression ratio.$


Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR)





EGR- Increases net thermal efficiency by reducing pumping work



Volume (cc)



EGR-Output reduced with addition of EGR at constant manifold pressure



Volume (cc)



EGR – Must open throttle to recover load, thereby reducing pumping loss (spark ignition only)



Volume (cc)



EGR – Performs the same function as the throttle, with out the associated pumping work (Spark ignition only)





EGR – Reduces NOx emissions by reducing the combustion temperatures





EGR – To much has distinct disadvantages !!!!!





EGR trade offs

- High EGR
 - Positive aspects
 - Increases efficiency (improve fuel economy)
 - Reduces NOx emissions
- High EGR
 - Negative aspects
 - Increases HC emissions
 - Decreases combustion stability
 - Complicates transient control



Abnormal Combustion

- Incomplete burn (misfires and partial burns)
- Pre-ignition
- Knock



Misfires and Partial Burns occur when flame propagation is either never properly initiated, or fails to propagate fully across the combustion chamber prior to exhaust valve opening.



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Flame Initiation

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Misfire occurs without proper spark discharge

Flame Propagation



Misfire occurs likewise if the rate of conductive heat losse exceeds the rate of heat production from combustion

Complete Burn

Burn is complete when the flame fully propagates across the combustion chamber





Incomplete Combustion Misfire



Cylinder Volume (cc)



Incomplete Combustion Misfire





Causes of Misfire

- Insufficient ignition energy (spark or compression ~ cetane number !)
- Conditions at the spark plug at time of spark(S.I.Engine)that are not conductive to ignition
 - Excessive residuals
 - Excessive EGR
 - Air/fuel ratio (Too lean or too rich)
 - High compression pressures
 - Low temperatures
 - Mean flow velocity too high (+ 320feet/min)
 - S.I.Engine excessive plug fouling



Partial Burn



Cylinder Volume (cc)



Partial Burn





Causes of Partial Burns

- Burn duration too long (slow burn)
 - Insufficient charge motion
 - Low compression pressures
 - Excessive dilution (residual exhaust, air, EGR)
- Spark timing is too retarded (Diesel injection is too retarded)
- Fuel/air cylinder contents are not well mixed

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Explosive spontaneous ignition of fuel-air mixture ahead of the normal propagating flame and the subsequent cylinder pressure oscillations



Knock is not:

- Any combustion-induced noise
 - Knock is the result of uncontrolled auto ignition and will respond to changes in fuel octane
 - Rumble is the result of high pressure rise rate and will not respond to changes in fuel octane
- Detonation
 - Typical knock induced pressure oscillations are acoustic (sonic). Detonation is supersonic !
- Preignition
 - Preignition is the initiation of combustion prior to spark discharge, often the result of a hot spot induced by knock



Who needs to worry about it ?

- Fuel Formulation Chemists
- Base Engine Designers
- Calibration Engineers

- When does knock occur ?
- f Temp d t is high
- Engine speed is low and MAP is high
- Combustion duration is long
- Temperatures are high (ambient, coolant, combustion chamber surface)
- Charge dilution is low
- Many particulate deposits
- Spark (point of injection) advance is high

Why is it a problem ?

Cost if it occurs:

- Potentially destructive
- Annoying to the customer

Cost of prevention:

- Fuel quality costs money
- Reducing compression ratio sacrifices power and fuel economy
- Retarding spark (point of injection) reduces torque and fuel economy
- Enriching the air-fuel ratio increases emissions and fuel consumption



How do we control it ?

Fuel Chemist:

- Blending agents (aromatics and MTBE) to raise octane
- Additive packages to minimise deposits

Base Engine Designer:

- Fast burn combustion chambers
- Low cyclic variability
- Low cylinder to cylinder mal-distribution
- Excellent structural cooling

Calibration Engineer:

- Fuel Enrichment
- Spark (Diesel Injection) Retard

How does one quantify it ?

- Trained ear(customer, historic development engineer)
- Accelerometer (vehicle ECM)
- Cylinder pressure measurement

(modern development engineer)

- Maximum rate of pressure rise
- Peak and hold on filtered pressure trace
- Peak and hold on smoothed pressure trace



Knock Example of cylinder-pressure based knock analysis





Knock Data Processing Options

Smoothing...



Fixed 41-point filter...



NO GOOD!



Knock Data Processing Options

Smoothing...



Two-period filter...



GOOD!



Knock Data Processing Options

Filtering...



BOTH GOOD!



Knock <u>Data Processing Options</u> <u>Comparison</u>





Knock System Summary

ACAP:

- Analogue band-pass filter in dedicated module **CAS**:
- Smoothing to user-specified width}
- Smoothing to two-period width }user selectable
- Digital FIR filtering

ALL SOFTWARE—NO DEDICATED MODULE

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Knock System Summary,continued

How does CAS (combustion analysis system) determine knock

- Encoder decimation allows user to increase or decrease encoder resolution within software
- Knock software will reside in it's own coprocessor, and will automatically set the encoder resolution to the appropriate level during the user-selected knock window
- Customer will need to purchase a knock coprocessor to enable knock calculations



Knock Sample analysis, old vs.new

Problem:Excessive low-speed knock Solution:Lower compression ratio WRONG !

Correct Solution

- 1. Is knock excessive in all cylinders?
- 2. Is combustion variability dictating knock?
- 3. What is the true knock limited torque?
- 4. Is the burn rate profile conducive to good knock limited performance?
- 5. Can we adequately detect knock?
- 6. Is the compression ratio too high?

Preignition —ignition in the

combustion chamber prior to spark discharge. Where will NOx start ?


Preignition

<u>Preignition</u> is undesirable because:

- Rapidly produces very high pressures and temperatures in the combustion chamber
- May cause piston to melt or break in the middle of the piston crown (top)
- May lead to some other form of catastrophic failure (crankshaft, connecting rod, valves etc,....)



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Calibration Optimisation, Constant Speed Dilution Jtilisation





Calibration Optimisation, Constant Speed Dilution Utilisation





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Calibration Optimization, Constant Speed Dilution Utilization ==> Optimization Conflicts



Spark Timing Calibration Strategy



Retard spark slightly from MBT to optimize tradeoff between efficiency and emissions.





Spark Timing Calibration Strategy



Spark Timing Calibration Strategy







Advanced Calibration Methodology FTP City Cycle Engine out HC





Advanced Calibration Althodology FTP City Cycle Engine out NOx





Advanced Calibration Alethodology FTP City Cycle Engine out Emissions Summary





Vast majority of hydrocarbon emissions occur during cold start and subsequent warm up













Sensitivity Summary



*Heat flow



Cold Start Calibration – What to do ?

- Calibrate to a specific combustion stability limit
- Operate at the highest engine speed acceptable from a noise and vibration perspective during the cold idle
- Optimise trade off between spark retard and air-fuel enleanment to minimize cumulative HC emissions prior to catalyst light off



Combustion as a Calibration Tool

- **Combustion Phasing:**map to an optimum phasing value (crank angle (CA) 50 of around 10deg.),use CA50 to check calibration 'precision'
- **Combustion Stability:**map within acceptable driveability limits, use COV of IMEP and IMEP imbalance to check calibration drivability
- **Knock and Preignition Monitoring:**map within acceptable knock and pre-ignition limits
- **OBDII Misfire Diagnostic Tuning:**tune diagnostic to trigger only on true misfires

How is it achieved ?

By understanding the magnitude and causes of variation present in the combustion data acquisition process and then using that knowledge to identify and remove causes that do not occur naturally

Understanding sources of variability

- Daily checks
 - Daily checks provide the information necessary to understand variability
 - Record combustion data daily at the same test condition
 - Control all variables to the greatest extent possible

Daily Checks

- Ideally, record data under both firing and motoring conditions
 - Select a firing condition representative of the majority of actual test conditions
 - If most of your testing is done at low speeds and loads, select the daily check condition accordingly
 - Perform the motoring test at the same speed and WOT (Full rack)

Daily checks: Maintain consistent engine and environmental conditions

- Engine:
 - Follow the same warm-up procedure
 - Constant speed
 - Constant load
 - Brake,torque,MEP, MAP
 - Always conduct motoring and firing tests in the same order (Always firing first)

- Environment:
 - Temperatures
 - Inlet air, coolant,oil, fuel
 - Pressures
 - Inlet air humidity
 - Same fuel type
 - Same test technician running the test if possible



Daily Checks

• Now that you are conducting daily checks and gathering lots of interesting data, what are you going to do with it ?

Plot it on a Control Chart

What is a control chart ?

- A statistical tool used to distinguish *naturally* occurring variation in a process from variation due to *special causes*.
 - Naturally occurring variation is inherent to any process over time and effects all outcomes
 - Special causes, or assignable causes, such as a failed pressure transducer or an air leak in an emission sampling tube, are not always present and do not affect all outcomes
What will a Control Chart do for me?

- Control charts are useful in identifying
 - Engine problems
 - Scuffing pistons, leaking rings, damaged camshaft lobes...
 - Insufficient break-in
 - Stability of emissions, friction...
 - Instrumentation problems
 - Dirty, damaged transducers
 - Failing emissions analyzers
 - Equipment 'drift'

Control Charts

- Two types of control charts prove most useful for understanding variation in combustion data
 - X-bar
 - Tracks the value of a particular variable (engine average IMEP in following example)
 - Range
 - In this example, it quantifies the range (maximum value –minimum value) of IMEP between six cylinders

Data Integrity: Control Charts



Data Integrity: Control Charts



Control Chart Set up and Maintenance

- Be diligent and keep good records
 - When you detect a value 'out of control' record the findings in a log
 - Review the charts regularly
 - Recalculate the limits only when a change has been made to the engine/data acquisition system
 - New camshaft, cylinder head, new fuel batch etc....

Interpreting Control Charts

- The control chart provides the basis for taking action to improve a process
 - A process is considered in control when there is a random distribution of the plotted points within the control limits
 - If there are points outside the limits, or if the process is unstable
 - Take action to remove the special cause of variation !



Data Integrity Interpreting Control Charts

On April 8, the load was set to a brake torque. The *special cause* of the high IMEP was traced to a torque meter that needed to be recalibrated. The MAP would have been another good indicator that the process was unstable.





Interpreting Control Charts

What caused IMEP to shift? new head gasket, fuel injectors, piston scuffing causing higher friction,...

Identify the cause and either fix the problem or recalculate the control limits and mean.



What data should one put on a Control Chart?

- Firing Checks
 - IMEP, PMEP, NMEP, BMEP, FMEP, MAP, rev/min
 - All load should be in agreement
 - Variation may indicate dirty transducers, recalibration for torque meter.. Your conclusions can be supported with fuel flow or emissions data
 - HC, NOx, CO, CO₂
 - Carbon and Oxygen balance, A/F ratios, A/F from O2 sensor, fuel flow rate, air flow rate, BSFC
 - Polytropic coefficients, PP, LPP, CA50

What data should one put on a Control Chart?

- Motoring Checks
 - IMEP, PMEP, NMEP, BMEP, FMEP, MAP, rev/min
 - IMEP is a good indicator of transducer 'health'
 - PP, LPP
 - Motoring peak pressures and their location are relatively consistent.PP provides a good transducer check while LPP confirms encoder phasing
 - Polytropic coefficients
 - These coefficients typically do not vary much and a little change will cause them to exceed the control limits, you must use your judgement and cross reference.

Good test practises

- Make redundant measures a part of normal testing !
 - Typically, any one measurement can be supported by several devices or other measurements- an example being Air Fuel Ratio

Redundant Measures

- How many ways can you quantify/qualify your air fuel ratio ?
 - Carbon and oxygen-balance air fuel ratio
 - Exhaust O2 sensor
 - Inlet air and fuel measurement
 - CO emissions
 - Specific fuel consumption, cylinder pressure, torque,..



Good test practices

- Whenever possible, perform test replications-do not make a decision based on a single test
- Random test points
- Support your data by understanding the variability present in your equipment

How many cycles of combustion data should one record?

- Rules of thumb:
 - As variability increases, record more data
 - Idle-very low speed and light load >500-1000 cycles
 - Part-load-better combustion stability>300-500 cycles
 - High load, high speed >300 or fewer cycles-balance the number of cycles against things like propensity to knock..
 - Motoring- very repeatable pressure traces>less than 300 cycles



• Daily checks, control charting, and redundant measures require a small investment of time to establish and maintain, but save many times the capital investment by reducing development and test time through improved data quality

Compression Ratio Optimisation (S I Application)





Compression Ratio Optimisation

Advantages of Maximising Compression Ratio

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Peak Power: Air-Fuel Ratio Distribution

This amount of mal-distribution costs about 7 BHP when global spark timing is used and 4 BHP when individual cylinder spark optimisation is used.



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Even with individual cylinder spark timing optimisation, power contributions of the individual cylinders differ significantly





Peak Power Cylinder Replication

Goal is to have each cylinder perform as well as the best cylinder (potential 22 BHP gain)





Replicated Chambers, Ports & Runners

Cylinder-to-cylinder imbalance in any of a variety of areas degrades the combustion system performance:

- Air fuel ratio (air flow / fuel flow)
 - Intake restriction
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Combustion System Replication

Design issues to achieve

- Pastry cutter design replication of the combustion system, inlet runners, and exhaust runners
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- Control of the manufacturing process

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Asymmetries are inherent in a single carburetor system ...

- distribute fuel and air uniformly
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Trapped Mass Replication



Sources of Trapped Mass Assymetries

- single-point air introduction (throttle body, carburetor)
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Trapped mass varies as a function of engine speed due to induction system tuning





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Trapped Mass & Knock Propensity

Knock occurs when trapped mass is high. Therefore, maldistribution in trapped mass leads to maldistribution in knock tendency.


Trapped Mass, Corner & Centre Cylinders : In this example,

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Torque Curve Optimisation

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Average torque curve is broad and non-optimum





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Automatic mapping

- The trend toward automatic mapping is a ongoing cause for concern.
- There are many and disparate variables to be considered, for example
 - > Fuel and ignition timing and duration
 - Variable valve timing
 - Variable Induction length
 - Variable EGR
 - Variable boost



Automatic mapping

- Changing many parameters simultaneously runs contrary to the engineers training, the mantra was change one thing at a time.
- > Times have changed, and we must use the available tools effectively
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- Steady state loop studies in the running envelope are still required, and again when running the tests, warning bells should ring if the results are too good





Mechanical Energy



Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR)





EGR- Increases net thermal efficiency by reducing pumping work



Volume (cc)



EGR-Output reduced with addition of EGR at constant manifold pressure



Volume (cc)



EGR – Must open throttle to recover load, thereby reducing pumping loss (spark ignition only)



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EGR – Reduces NOx emissions by reducing the combustion temperatures





EGR – To much has distinct disadvantages !!!!!





EGR trade offs

- High EGR
 - Positive aspects
 - Increases efficiency (improve fuel economy)
 - Reduces NOx emissions
- High EGR
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 - Decreases combustion stability
 - Complicates transient control



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