

Energy balance lab report

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1 Lab data

1.1 1 bar

- $T_0 = 25$ degrees
- $T_1 = 23$ degrees
- $P_0 = 1$ bar
- $P_1 = 0.05$ bar
- $P_2 = 1$ bar
- $V_{in} = 285 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
- $N = 1430 \text{ revs}^{-1}$
- $F = 1.5\text{g N FIX THIS}$
- $\dot{W}_{el} = 1150 \text{ W}$

1.1.1 T_2 readings

Time (min)	T_2 (degrees C)
0	95
1	98
2	101
3	104
4	106
5	108
6	110
7	112
8	114
9	116
10	118
11	119
12	121
13	122
14	124
15	125
16	127
17	128
18	130
19	131
20	131

Table 1: T_2 readings from apparatus with 1 bar compressor

1.2 0.6 bar

- $T_0 = 25$ degrees
- $T_1 = 24$ degrees
- $P_0 = 1$ bar
- $P_1 = 0.06$ bar
- $P_2 = 1$ bar
- $V_{in} = 310 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
- $N = 1445 \text{ revs}^{-1}$
- $F = 1.5 \text{ kg}$ FIX THIS
- $\dot{W}_{el} = 1000 \text{ watt}$

1.2.1 T_2 readings

Time (min)	T_2 (degrees C)
0	63
1	68
2	71
3	74
4	77
5	79
6	81
7	84
8	86
9	88
10	89
11	91
12	92
13	94
14	95
15	97
16	98
17	99
18	101
19	102
20	103

Table 2: T_2 readings from apparatus with 0.6 bar compressor

1.3 0.3 bar

- $T_0 = 25$ degrees
- $T_1 = 25$ degrees
- $P_0 = 1$ bar
- $P_1 = 0.08$ bar
- $P_2 = 1$ bar
- $V_{in} = 320 \text{ L min}^{-1}$
- $N = 1459 \text{ revs}^{-1}$
- $F = 1.5 \text{ kg}$ FIX THIS
- $\dot{W}_{el} = 850 \text{ watt}$

1.3.1 T_2 readings

Time (min)	T_2 (degrees C)
0	52
1	55
2	58
3	60
4	62
5	63
6	65
7	67
8	68
9	69
10	70
11	71
12	72
13	73
14	74
15	75
16	76
17	76
18	77
19	78
20	78

Table 3: T_2 readings from apparatus with 0.3 bar compressor

2 Experiment 1 calculations

All the calculations completed below were done with data from the 1 bar experiment.

2.1 Volumetric flow rate

The formula for the volumetric flow rate is:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{V_{in}}{60 \times 10^3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

Thus, our volumetric flow rate (using equation (1)) is:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{285}{60 \times 10^3} = \frac{19}{4000} = 4.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf)}$$

2.2 Mass flow rate

The specific volume through flowmeter is given by the following equation

$$v_0 = \frac{RT_0}{P_0} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ where } R = 0.287 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad (2)$$

The mass flow rate is given by the following equation:

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{V}}{v_0} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \quad (3)$$

Calculating the specific volume (2) and inputting the volume flow rate calculated previously (from equation (1)) our mass flow rate is:

$$v_0 = \frac{0.287 \cdot (25 + 273.15)}{100} = 0.856 \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf)}$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{4.75 \times 10^{-3}}{0.856} = 5.55 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf)}$$

2.3 Energy added to air by compressor

The equation to calculate the energy added to air by compressor is:

$$\dot{H}_c = \dot{m}c_P(T_2 - T_1) \text{ W where } c_P \text{ is } 1005 \text{ kJ kg K}^{-1} \quad (4)$$

Inputting the variables into equation (4), we get:

$$\dot{H}_c = 5.55 \times 10^{-3} \times 1005 \times (131 - 23) = 602.296 \text{ W (3dp)}$$

2.4 Power out of motor

The equation for the power out of the motor is:

$$\dot{W}_m = \frac{19.62NFL\pi}{60} \text{ W} \quad (5)$$

Thus, our motor power is:

$$\dot{W}_m = \frac{19.62 \times 1430 \times 1.5 \times 0.2 \times \pi}{60} = 440.712 \text{ W (3dp)}$$

2.5 Heat losses in the compressor

The equation for the heat emitted from the compressor is:

$$\dot{Q}_c = \dot{W}_m - \dot{H}_c \text{ W} \quad (6)$$

Thus, our motor heat losses are:

$$\dot{Q}_c = 440.712 - 602.296 = -161.685 \text{ W (3dp)}$$

3 Experiment 1 discussion

3.1 Outlet temperature against time plot

Importing the data into MATLAB, I plotted the data on a graph.

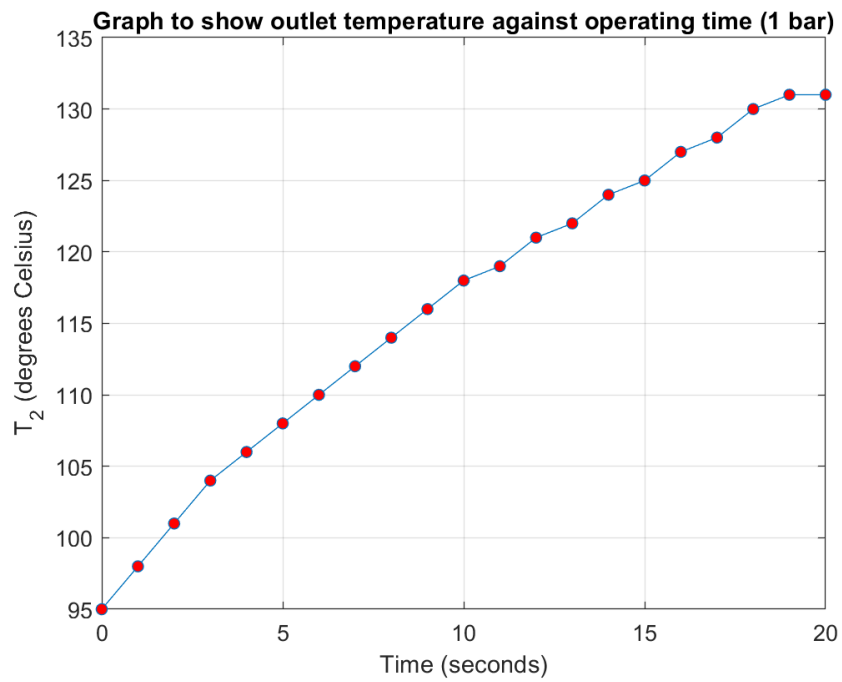


Figure 1: Plot of T_2 against the operating time of the apparatus (1 bar)

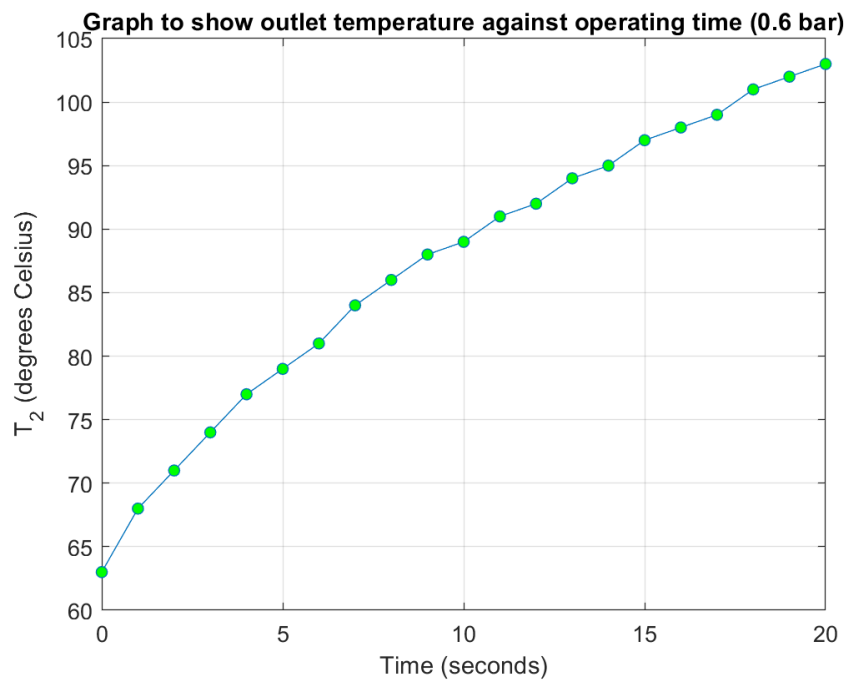


Figure 2: Plot of T_2 against the operating time of the apparatus (0.6 bar)

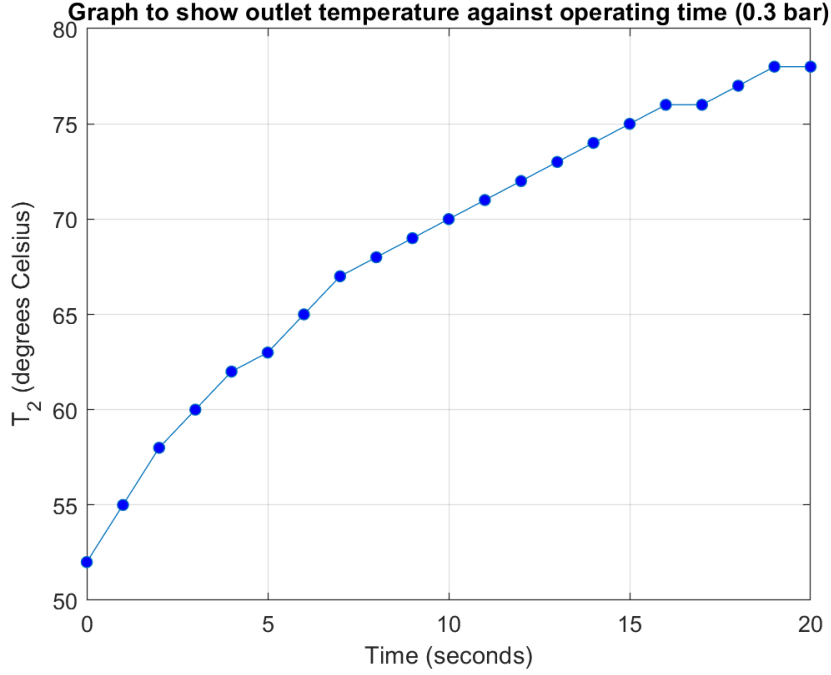


Figure 3: Plot of T_2 against the operating time of the apparatus (0.3 bar)

3.1.1 Why does the graph have this shape?

4 Experiment 2 calculations

4.1 Specific volume of air at atmosphere and the inlet and outlet of compressor

We can calculate the specific volumes at atmosphere, before and after the compressor using equation (2), which is shown below.

$$v_0 = \frac{RT_0}{P_0} \text{ (m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{) where } R = 0.287 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1} \quad (2)$$

Thus, at atmosphere our specific volume of air is:

$$v_0 = \frac{0.287 \times (25 + 273.15)}{100} = 0.856 \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ (3sf)}$$

The temperature is constant before the compressor and T_2 approaches a constant value after some time, hence we can use a formula for specific volume where T is constant:

$$v_1 = v_0 \times \left(\frac{P_0}{P_0 - P_1} \right) \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \quad (7)$$

Using equation (7), the specific volume before the compressor is:

$$v_1 = 0.856 \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - 5} \right) = \frac{428}{475} = 0.901 \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (1 bar)}$$

$$v_1 = 0.856 \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - 6} \right) = \frac{214}{235} = 0.911 \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.6 bar)}$$

$$v_1 = 0.856 \times \left(\frac{100}{100 - 8} \right) = \frac{107}{115} = 0.930 \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.3 bar)}$$

Using equation (7), the specific volume after the compressor is:

$$v_2 = 0.856 \times \left(\frac{100}{100 + 100} \right) = \frac{107}{115} = 0.428 \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (1, 0.6, 0.3 bar)}$$

4.2 Volumetric flow rate of air

Using equation (1) we can calculate the volumetric flow rate of air.

$$\dot{V} = \frac{V_{in}}{60 \times 10^3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{285}{60 \times 10^3} = \frac{19}{4000} = 4.75 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (1 bar)}$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{310}{60 \times 10^3} = \frac{31}{6000} = 5.17 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.6 bar)}$$

$$\dot{V} = \frac{320}{60 \times 10^3} = \frac{2}{375} = 5.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.3 bar)}$$

4.3 Mass flow rate of air

The mass flow rate of air can be calculated using equation (3)

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{V}}{v_0} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \quad (3)$$

Calculating the specific volume and inputting the volume flow rate calculated previously (from equation (1)) our mass flow rate is:

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$$\dot{m} = \frac{5.17 \times 10^{-3}}{0.856} = 6.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.6 bar)}$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{5.33 \times 10^{-3}}{0.856} = 6.23 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.3 bar)}$$

4.4 Theoretical mass flow rate of air

The compressors swept volume is $V_{comp} = 2.67 \times 10^{-4}$, hence we can calculate the theoretical mass flow rate using equation (3)

$$\dot{m} = \frac{\dot{V}_{comp} \times N}{60 \times v_0} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{2.67 \times 10^{-4} \times 1430}{60 \times 0.856} = 7.43 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (1 bar)}$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{2.67 \times 10^{-4} \times 1445}{60 \times 0.856} = 7.51 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.6 bar)}$$

$$\dot{m} = \frac{2.67 \times 10^{-4} \times 1459}{60 \times 0.856} = 7.58 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \text{ (3sf) (0.3 bar)}$$

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