

Engine cycle analysis of internal combustion engines

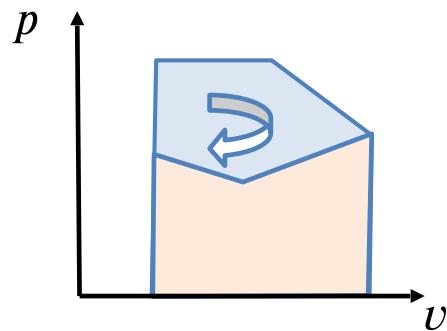
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4A13 Internal Combustion Engines

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Heywood: Ch 5. Ideal Models of Engine Cycles
Stone: Ch. 2: Thermodynamic principles

Cycles



$$w = \oint p \, dv = w_{in} - w_{out}$$

$$w = q$$

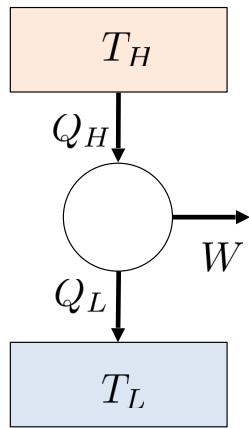
$$q = \oint T \, ds = q_{in} - q_{out}$$

Efficiency:

$$\eta = \frac{w}{q_{in}}$$

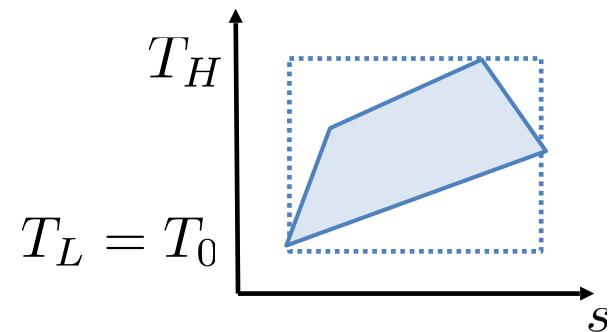
Net work
Heat input

Cycle efficiency

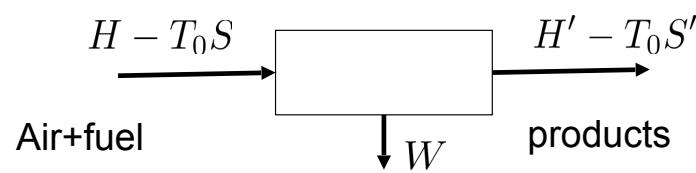


$$\eta_c = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

$$\eta_c = \frac{W}{Q_H}$$



Exergy efficiency

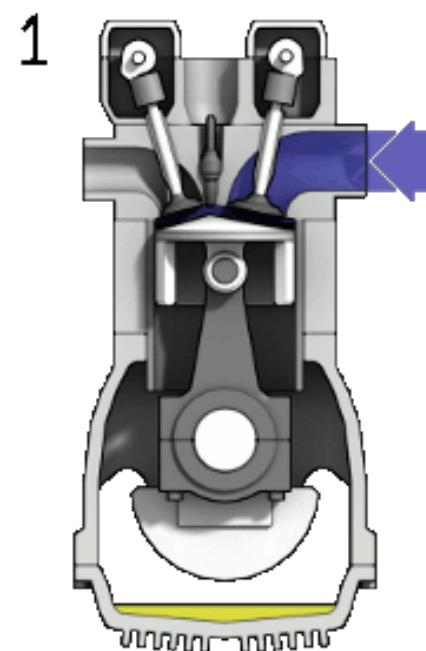


$$\eta_e = \frac{(H - H') - T_0(S - S')}{(H - H_0) - T_0(S - S_0)} \approx \frac{W}{(H - H_0)} = \frac{W}{Q}$$

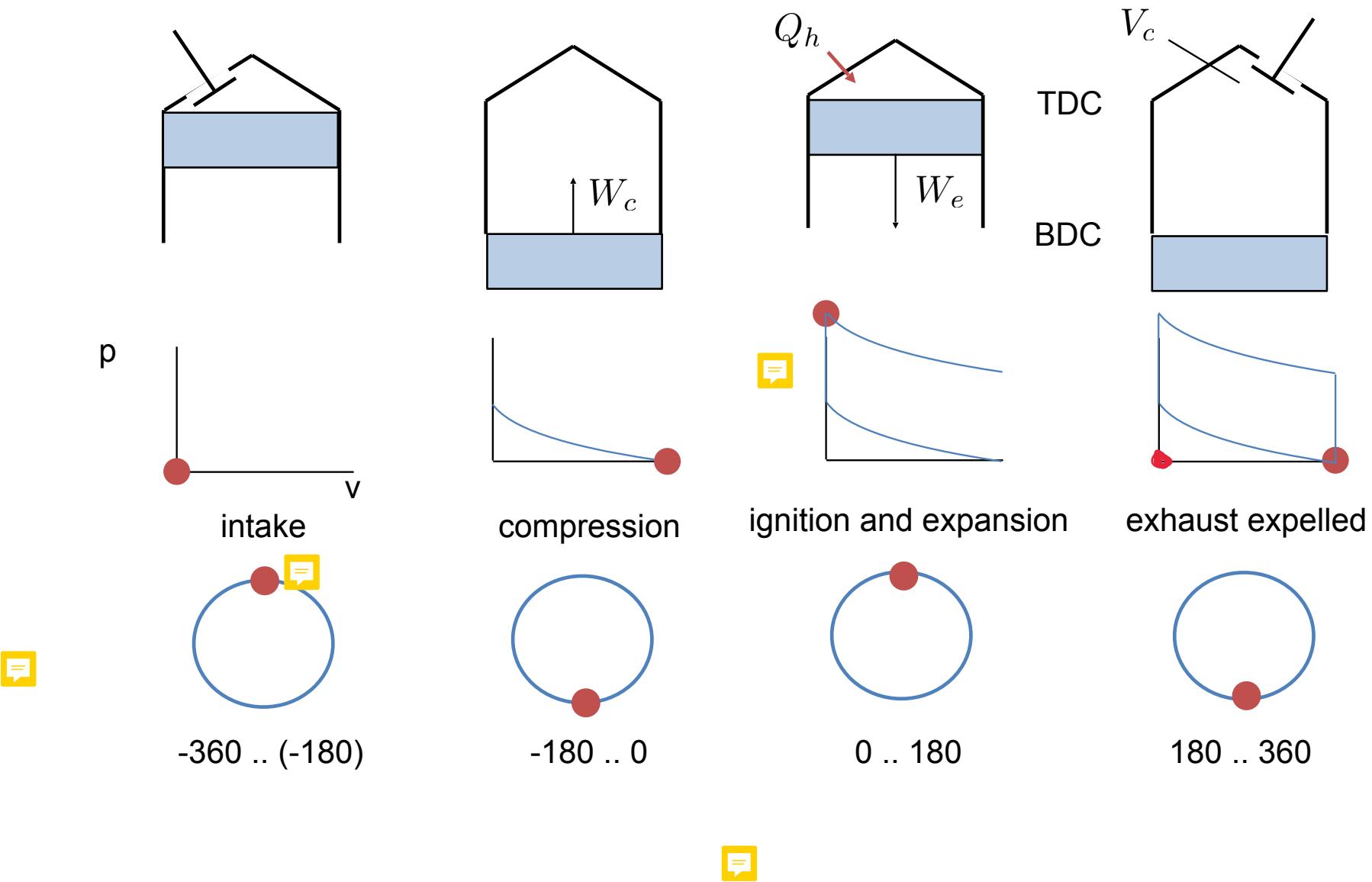
$$(H - H_0) \gg T_0(S - S_0)$$

Energy efficiency \sim Exergy efficiency

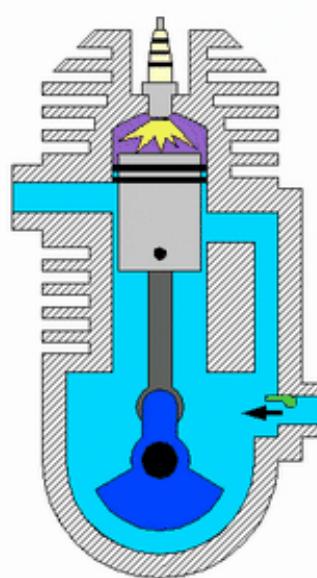
4-stroke SI engine operation



Reciprocating engines: four-stroke

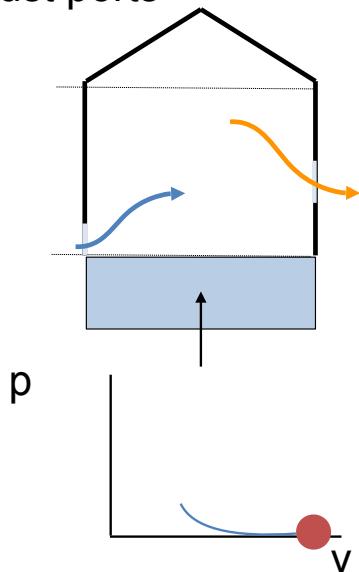


2-stroke engine operation

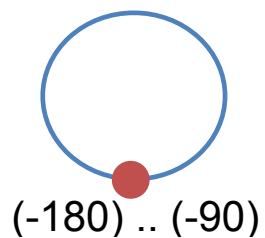


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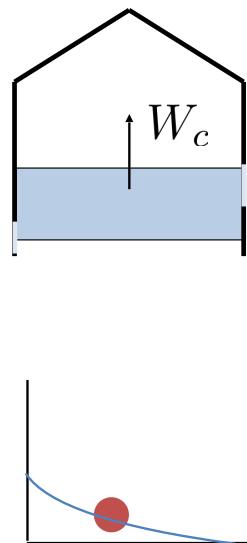
No valves, just ports



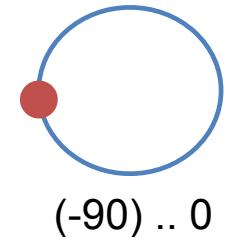
intake



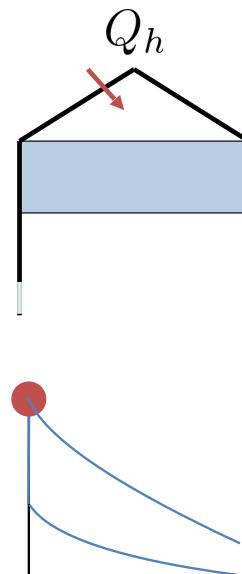
$(-180) \dots (-90)$



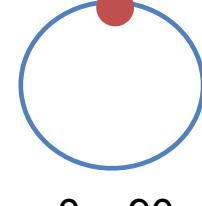
compression



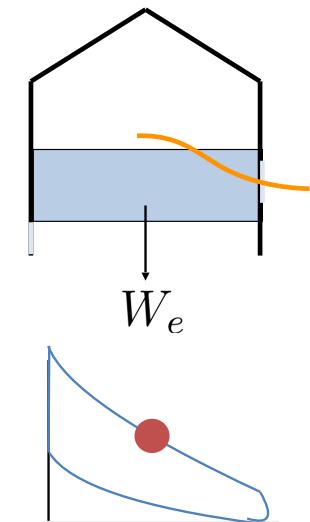
$(-90) \dots 0$



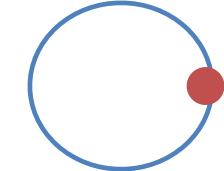
combustion
and expansion



$0 \dots 90$

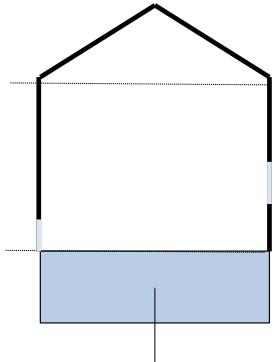


expansion
and exhaust

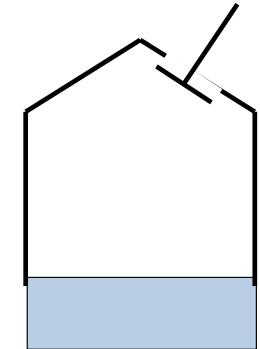


$90 \dots 180$

Two-stroke vs Four-stroke



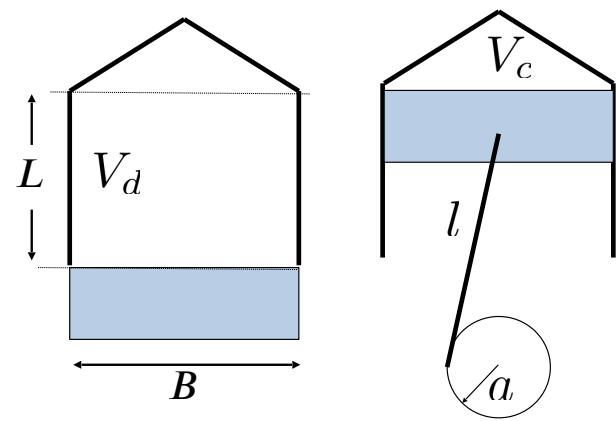
	2	4
Power per stroke	+	-
Power density	+	-
Efficiency	-	+
Scavenging	-	+
Emissions	-	+



Higher power density for 2-stroke (useful for hand-held or portable engines)

Short circuiting of fresh mixture difficult to avoid in 2-stroke: higher emissions and lower combustion efficiency for 2-stroke.

Geometric and kinematic parameters

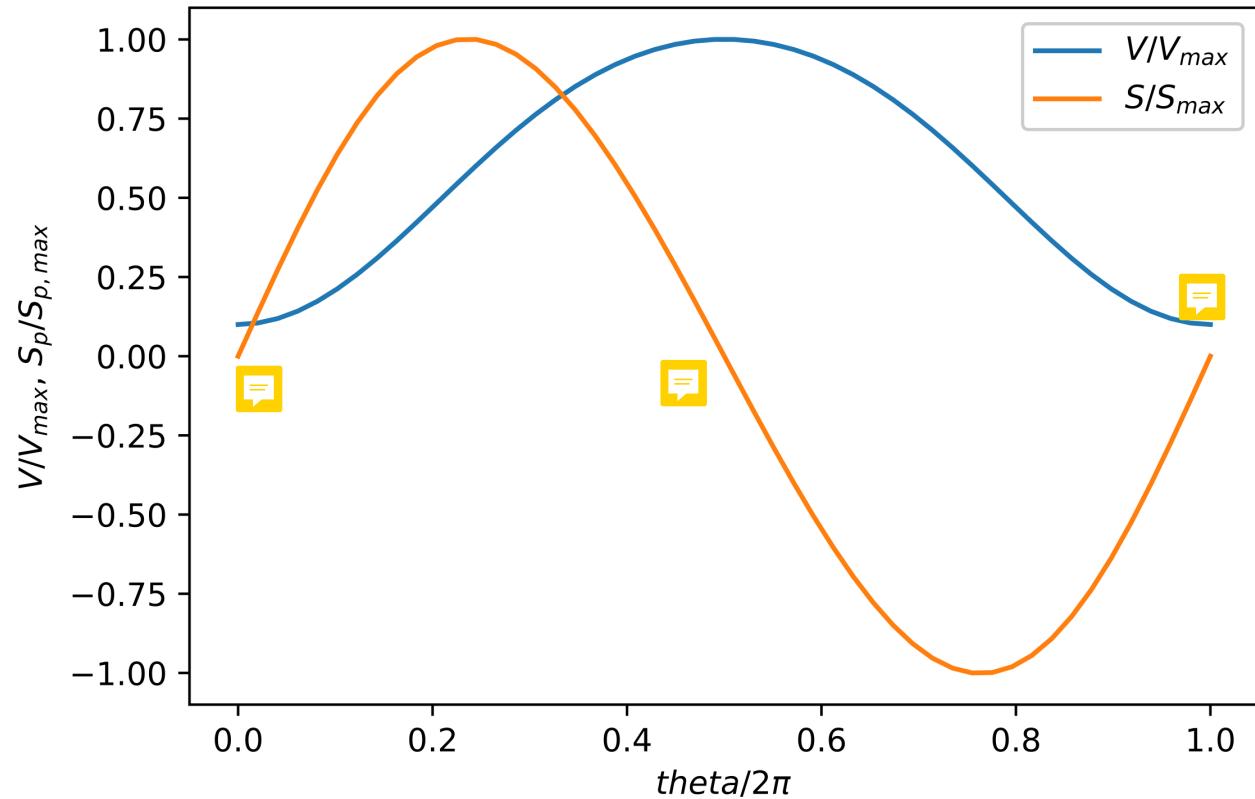


N revolutions/time

n_R revolutions/cycle
(1 for 2-stroke or 2 for 4-stroke)

B	bore	
L	stroke	
V_d	displaced volume	
V_c	clearance volume	
$r_c = \frac{V_d + V_c}{V_c}$	geometric compression ratio	
l	crankshaft length	
a	crankshaft radius	

Volume history and piston speed: four-stroke



TDC

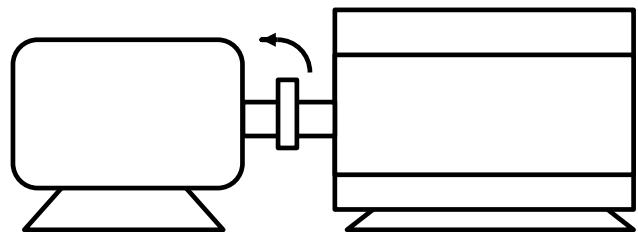
BDC

TDC

$$\frac{V}{V_{max}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(r_c - 1)\left(\frac{a}{l} + 1 - \cos \theta - \sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}\right)^{1/2}$$

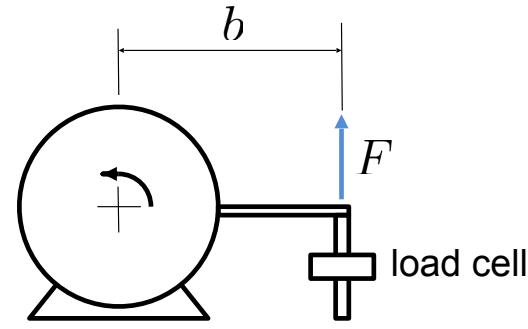
$$\frac{S}{S_{max}} = \frac{\pi}{2} \sin \theta \left[1 + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{a}{l}\right)^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \right]$$

Torque and power



engine

dynamometer/brake
(cooled electric motor that
absorbs or provides power)



torque

$$T = Fb$$

brake power

$$P_b = 2\pi NT$$



net power delivered to powertrain



gross power

$$P_g = P_b + P_f$$



brake friction

gross power is delivered by the fluid to the mechanical crankshaft, and some power is lost by friction (pistons, crankshaft)

mechanical efficiency

$$\eta_m = \frac{P_b}{P_g} = 1 - \frac{P_f}{P_g}$$



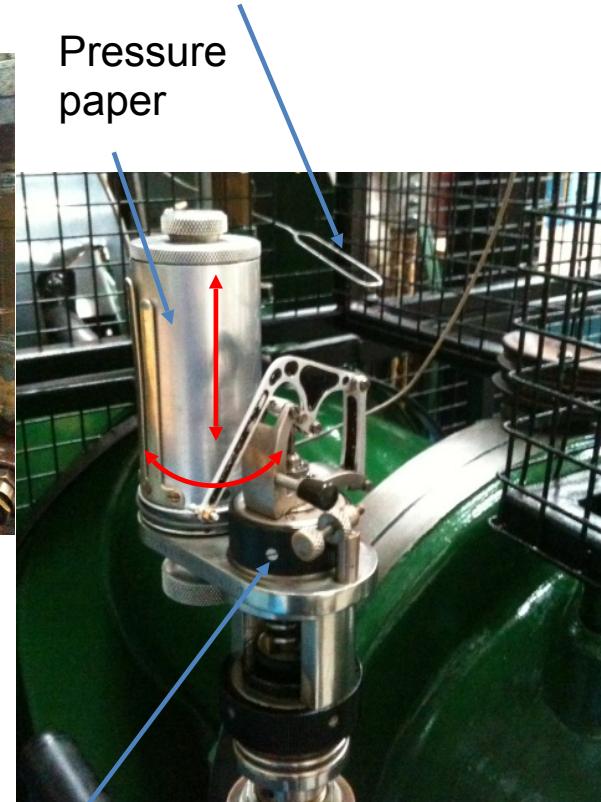
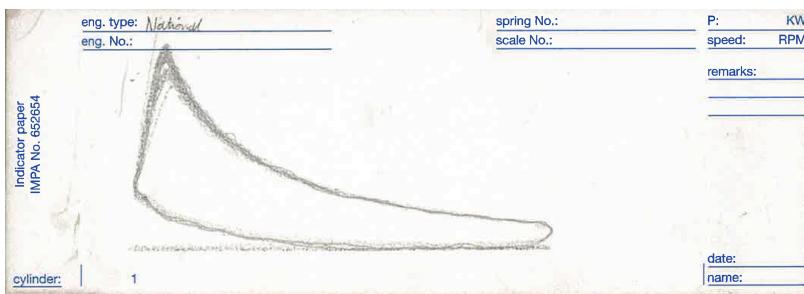
lost friction power increases, and mechanical efficiency decreases with speed

A purely mechanical p-v indicator diagram

National gas engine (1st year experiment)

CR = 6

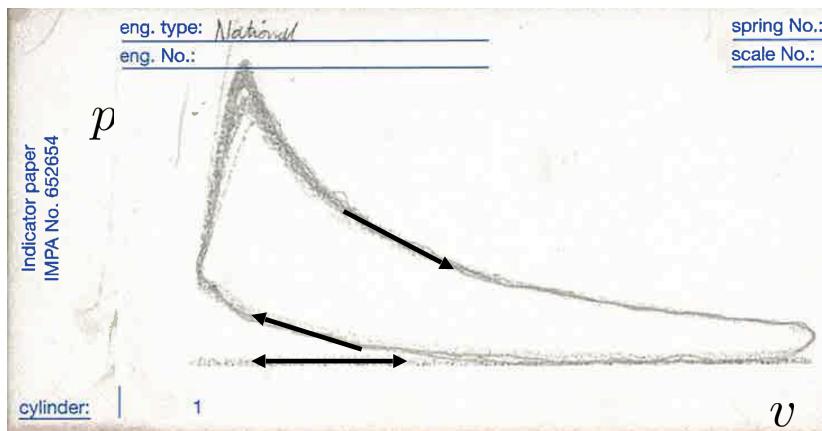
Crank indicator (to pulley)



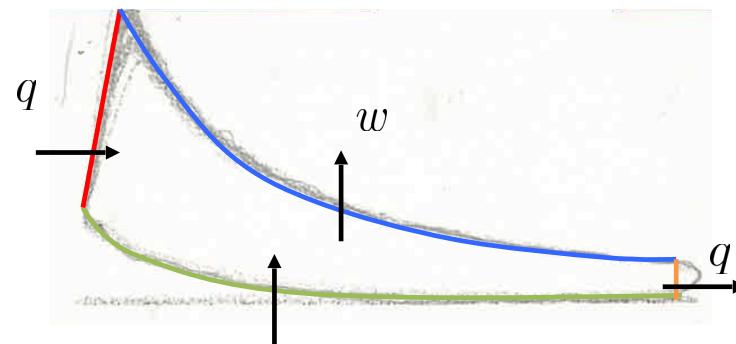
Pressure poppet

Indicator diagram and standard air cycles

Indicator diagram



Equivalent air cycle



National natural gas engine
6:1 compression ratio
Spark ignited
4 stroke
Atmospheric intake

Single working fluid
Constant mass
Constant properties
Ideal gas

Simplification allows analysis of the process

Engine operating parameters

gross indicated work per cycle ($J = N.m$)

$$W_{i,g} = \oint p \, dV$$

net indicated work per cycle ($J = N.m$)

$$W_{i,n} = W_{i,g} + W_p$$

negative when $p_i < p_e$

torque ($N.m$)

$$T = \frac{P}{2\pi N} = \frac{W}{2\pi n_R}$$

power (W)

$$P = 2\pi NT = \frac{WN}{n_R}$$

thermal/fuel efficiency (-)

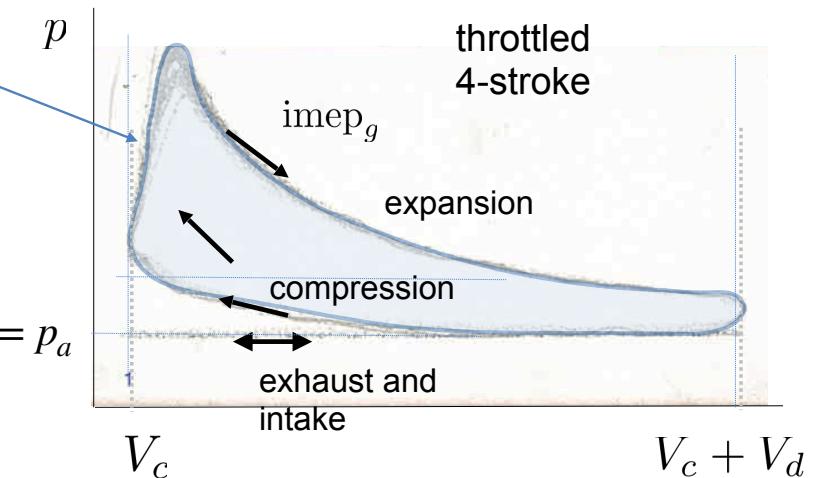
$$\eta_f = \frac{W}{m_f q_f} = \frac{P}{\dot{m}_f q_f}$$

specific fuel consumption (sfc, g/kWh)

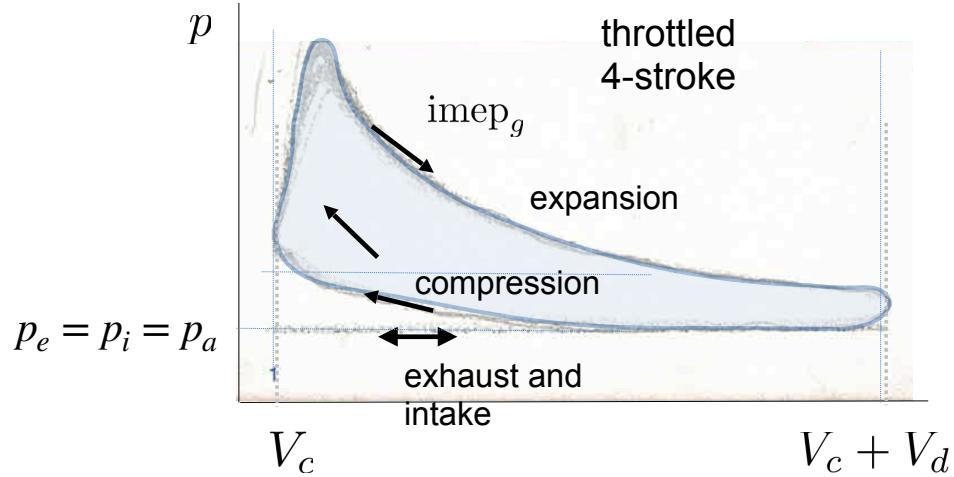
$$sfc = \frac{1}{\eta_f q_f}$$

volumetric efficiency (-)

$$\eta_v = \frac{\dot{m}_a}{\rho_{a,i} V_d} \frac{n_R}{N} = \frac{m_a}{\rho_{a,i} V_d}$$



Performance parameters: load and imep



Work/displaced volume:
indicated mean effective pressure

$$(i) \text{mep} = \frac{W_i}{V_d}$$

$$\frac{W}{V_d} = \eta_f \left(\frac{m_f q_f}{m} \right) \frac{m}{V_d} \quad Q^* = \frac{m_f q_f}{m}$$

$$m = \rho_1 (V_d + V_c)$$

Depends on initial state
(throttling, turbocharging,
residuals)

Heat release per
unit mass in the
cylinder. Depends
on AFR, dilution,
volumetric
efficiency

Power density/load (**imep**) depends on efficiency and ability to bring enough mass into the cylinder: displace burned gas and bring fresh mixture

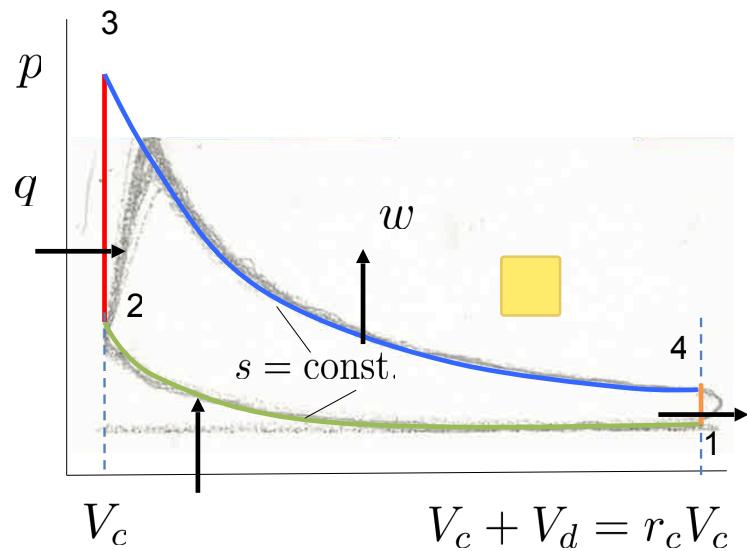
$$\text{imep} = \eta_f Q^* \rho_1 \frac{r_c}{r_c - 1}$$

Example

Measurements are made on a 4-stroke engine with a displacement of 1.4 litres. The measured brake torque at 1500 rpm is of 12 N.m. The measured fuel consumption is $\dot{m}_f = 0.12 \times 10^{-3}$ kg/s, and the measured induced air flow is $\dot{m}_a = 2.0 \times 10^{-2}$ kg/s at an atmospheric density of 1.2 kg/m³. The pumping work is zero, and the estimated mechanical efficiency is 95%. Determine the brake power, gross work per unit cycle, imep, overall efficiency, volumetric efficiency and specific fuel consumption in g/kWh.

Standard Ideal Cycles

Otto (constant-volume) cycle



Equivalent air cycle

1-2: Isentropic compression $p_1 v_1^\gamma = p_2 v_2^\gamma$

2-3: Isochoric heat addition $\frac{p_3}{T_3} = \frac{p_2}{T_2}$ █

3-4: Isentropic expansion $p_4 v_4^\gamma = p_3 v_3^\gamma$

4-1: Isochoric heat rejection $\frac{p_1}{T_1} = \frac{p_4}{T_4}$

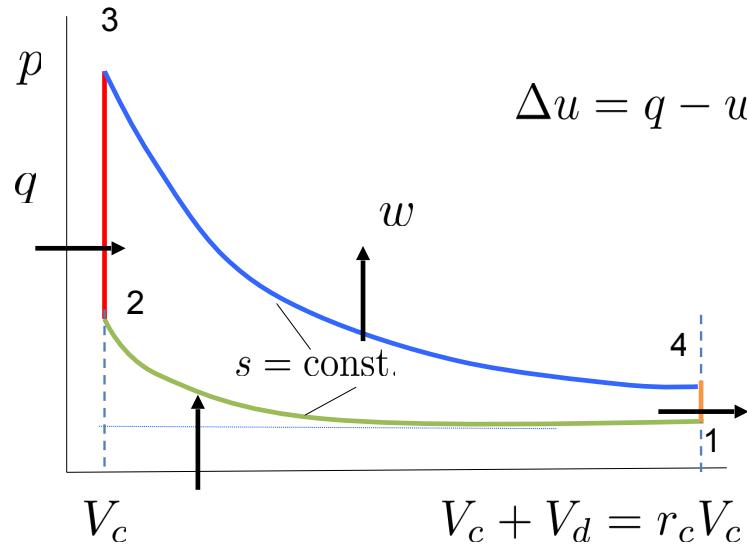
$$p_2 = p_1 (v_1/v_2)^\gamma = p_1 r_c^\gamma$$

$$T_2 = T_1 r_c^{\gamma-1}$$
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$$p_3 = T_3/T_2 p_2$$

$$T_4 = T_3 r_c^{-(\gamma-1)}$$

Otto (constant-volume heat addition) cycle first law analysis



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$$\begin{array}{ll} q_{12} = 0 & w_{12} = -c_v(T_2 - T_1) \\ q_{23} = c_v(T_3 - T_2) & w_{23} = 0 \\ q_{34} = 0 & w_{34} = c_v(T_3 - T_4) \\ q_{41} = -c_v(T_4 - T_1) & w_{41} = 0 \end{array}$$

$$w = \oint \delta w = c_v((T_3 - T_4) - (T_2 - T_1))$$

$$q = \oint \delta q = c_v((T_3 - T_2) - (T_4 - T_1))$$

$\eta = \frac{w}{q_{23}} = 1 - \frac{T_4 - T_1}{T_3 - T_2}$

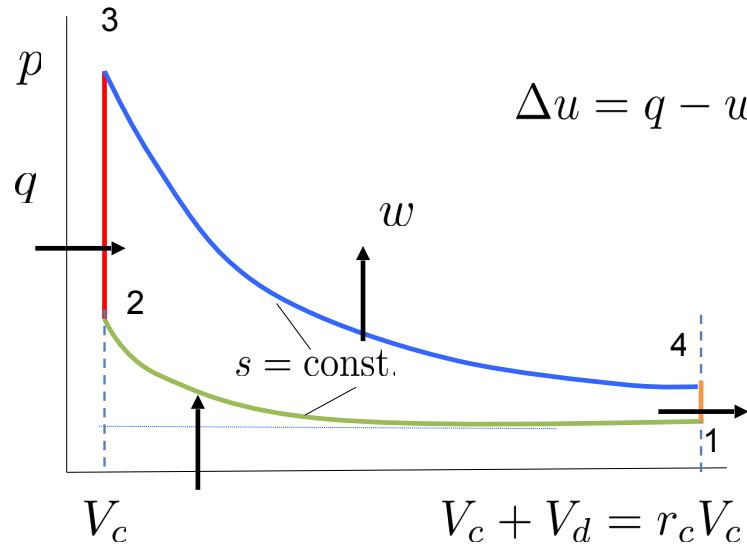
$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_3 r_c^{-(\gamma-1)} - T_1}{T_3 - T_1 r_c^{\gamma-1}}$$

$\eta = 1 - r_c^{-(\gamma-1)}$



Ideal cycle efficiency **only** depends on the compression ratio

Otto (constant-volume heat addition) cycle first law analysis



$$\Delta u = q - w$$

$$\eta = \eta_f = 1 - r_c^{-(\gamma-1)}$$

$$\frac{\text{imep}}{p_1} = \frac{Q^*}{c_v T_1} \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{r_c}{r_c - 1} \eta_f$$

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$$p_2 = p_1 (v_1/v_2)^\gamma = p_1 r_c^\gamma$$

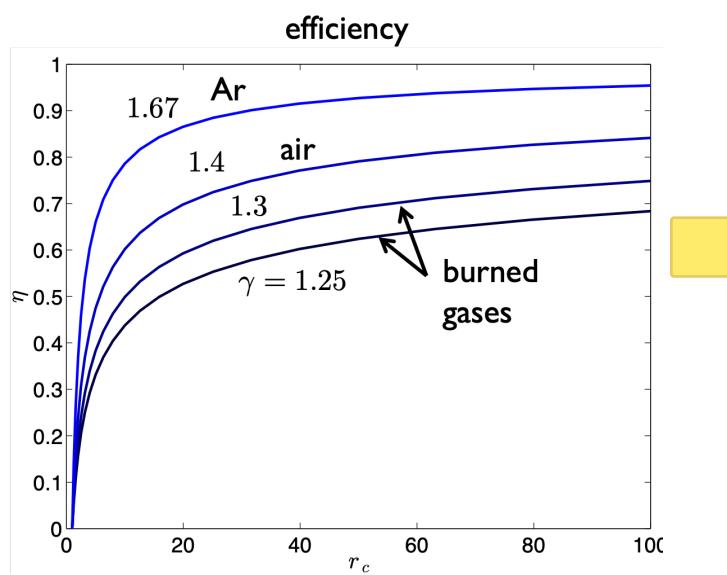
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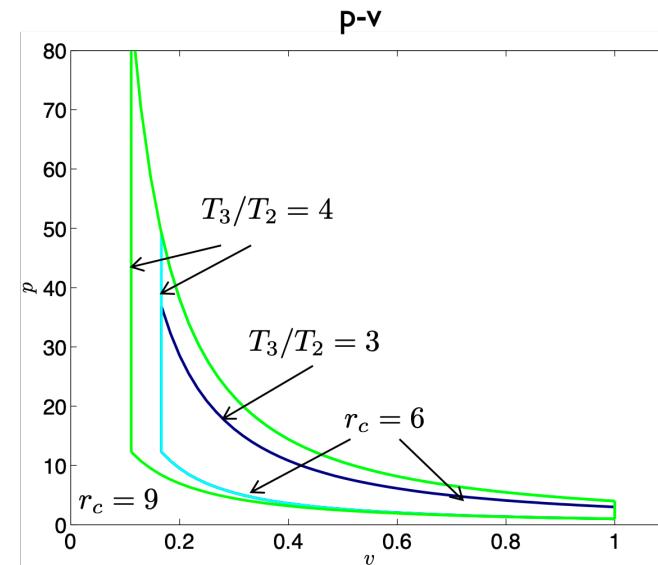
$$T_4 = T_3 \ r_c^{-(\gamma-1)}$$

Ideal imep depends on heat release per unit mass of charge and compression ratio

Efficiency of constant volume cycle



Effect of heat release and r_c



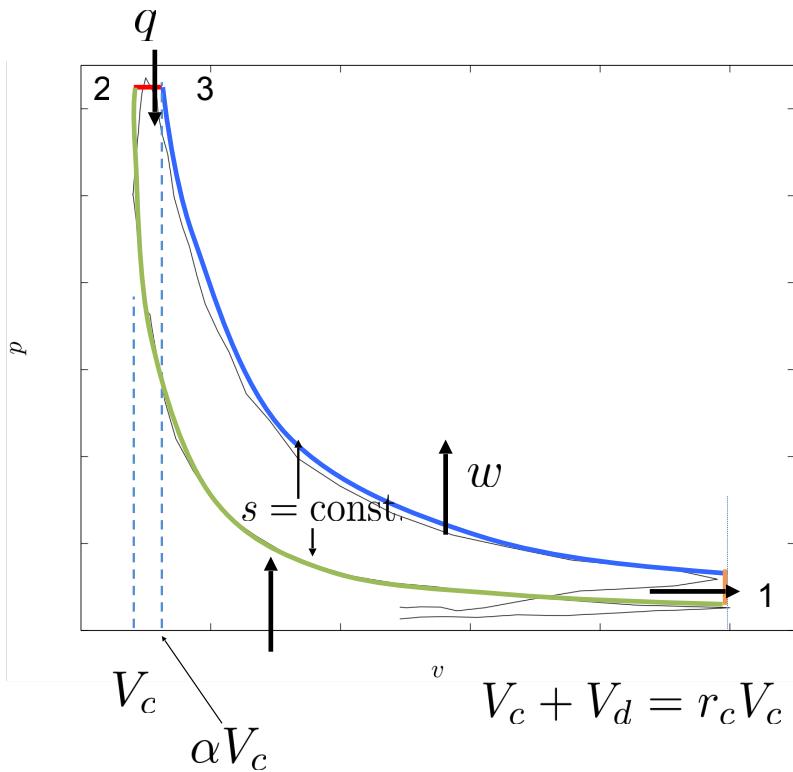
Smaller molecules lead to higher efficiencies

limited by autoignition, NOx

$$\eta_f = 1 - r_c^{-(\gamma-1)}$$

function of gas composition

CI (constant pressure heat addition) cycle



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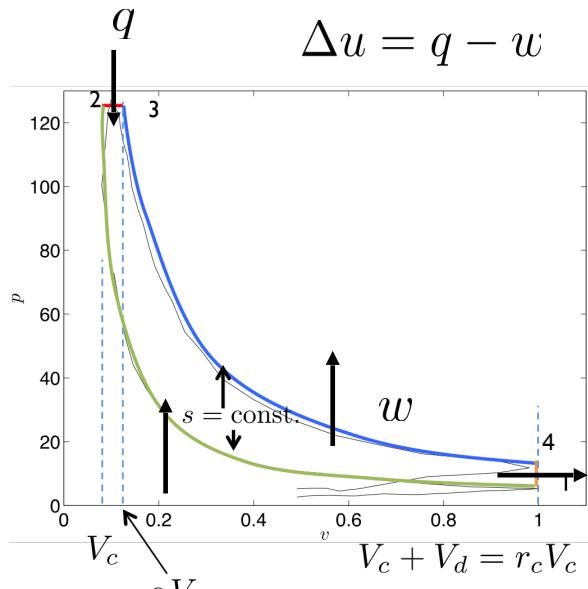
$$T_2 = T_1 r_c^{\gamma-1}$$

$$T_3 = T_2 v_3/v_2 = \alpha T_1 r_c^{\gamma-1}$$

$$T_4 = T_3 \left(\frac{v_4}{v_3} \right)^{\gamma-1} = T_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{r_c} \right)^{\gamma-1} = \alpha^\gamma T_1$$



CI (constant pressure heat addition) cycle first law analysis



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$$T_2 = T_1 r_c^{\gamma-1}$$

$$T_3 = T_2 v_3 / v_2 = \alpha T_1 r_c^{\gamma-1}$$

$$T_4 = T_3 \left(\frac{v_4}{v_3} \right)^{\gamma-1} = T_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{r_c} \right)^{\gamma-1} = \alpha^\gamma T_1$$

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$$q_{41} = -c_v(T_4 - T_1) \quad w_{41} = 0$$

$$w = \oint \delta w = -c_v(T_2 - T_1) + p_2(v_3 - v_2) + c_v(T_3 - T_4)$$

$$q = \oint \delta w = c_p(T_3 - T_2) + c_v(T_4 - T_1)$$

$$\eta = \frac{w}{q_{23}} = \frac{q}{q_{23}} = \frac{q_{23} + q_{41}}{q_{23}} = 1 - \frac{c_v(T_4 - T_1)}{c_p(T_3 - T_2)} = 1 - \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{(T_4/T_1 - 1)}{T_2/T_1 - T_3/T_1}$$

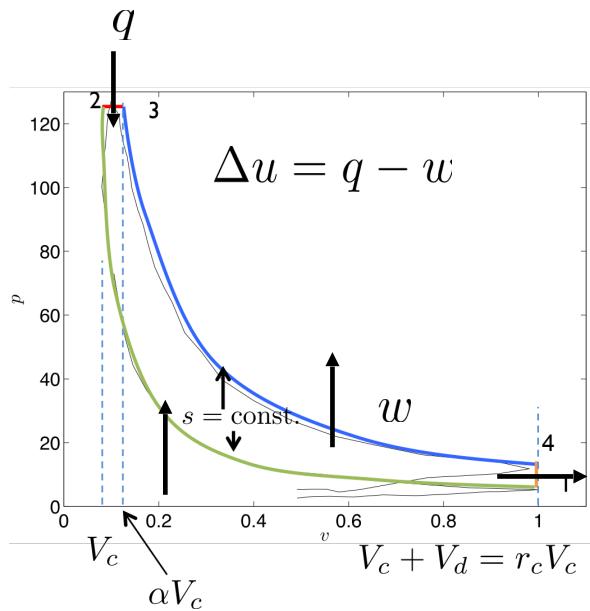
$$\boxed{\eta = 1 - \frac{1}{r_c^{(\gamma-1)}} \frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\alpha^\gamma - 1}{\alpha - 1}}$$

Const. v $\xrightarrow{>1}$



Limited pressure cycle efficiency is lower than the constant volume cycle efficiency for the same compression ratio.

CI (constant pressure heat addition) cycle first law analysis



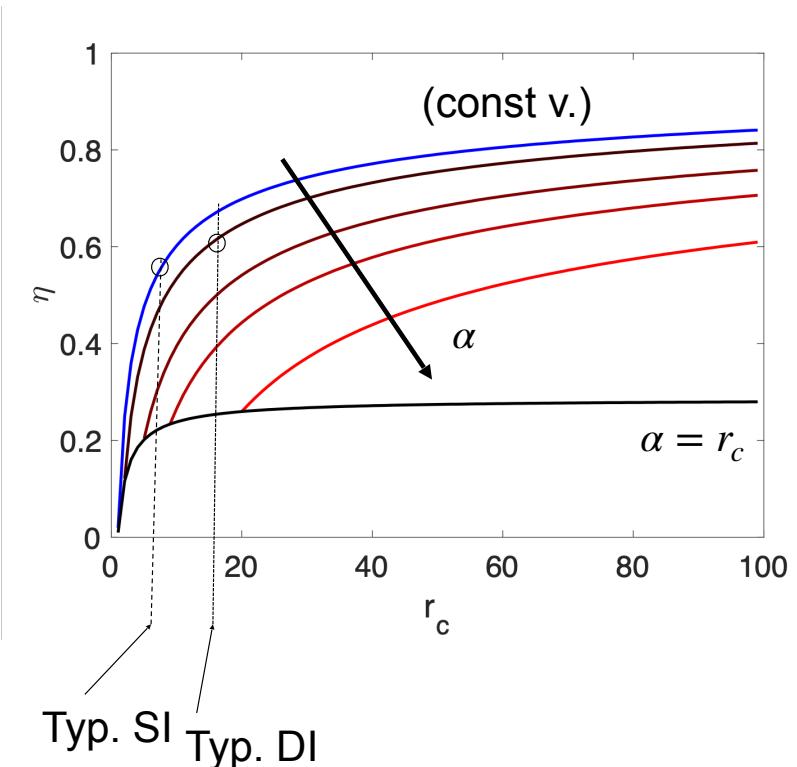
$$\eta_f = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{\gamma} \frac{\alpha^\gamma - 1}{\alpha - 1} \right) r_c^{-(\gamma-1)}$$

$$\frac{Q^*}{c_v T_1} = \gamma(\alpha - 1) r_c^{\gamma-1}$$

$$\frac{\text{imep}}{p_1} = \frac{Q^*}{c_v T_1} \frac{1}{\gamma - 1} \frac{r_c}{r_c - 1} \eta_f$$

$$\frac{\text{imep}}{p_1} = \frac{1}{(\gamma - 1)} \frac{r_c}{r_c - 1} ((\alpha - 1) r_c^{\gamma-1} - \alpha^\gamma - 1)$$

Constant volume vs. constant pressure heat addition



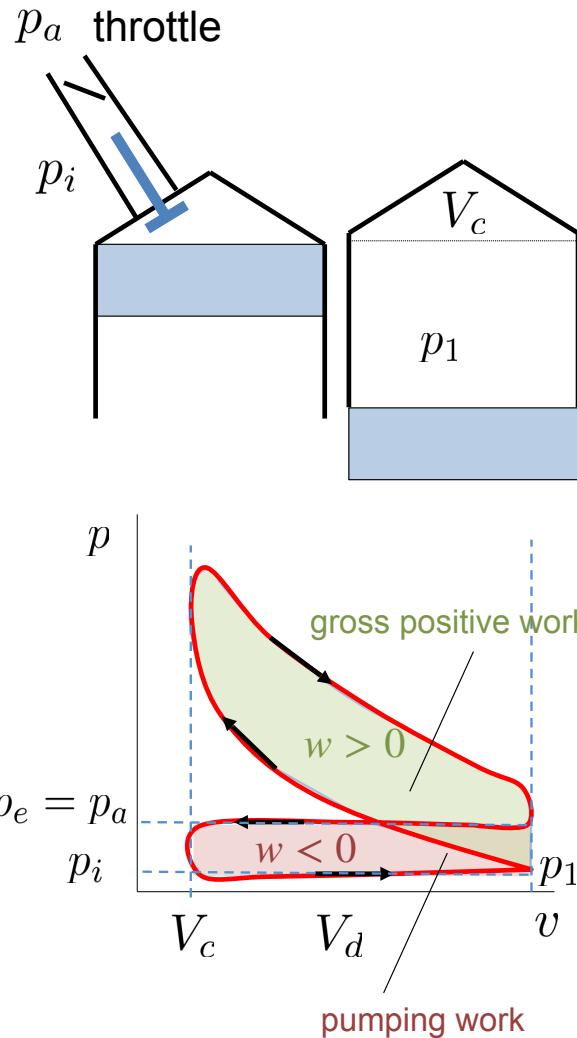
$$\eta_v = 1 - \frac{1}{r_c^{\gamma-1}}$$

$$\eta_p = 1 - \frac{1}{r_c^{\gamma-1}} \frac{\alpha^\gamma - 1}{\gamma(\alpha - 1)}$$

$$\eta_v > \eta_p$$

For given r_c , constant volume gives higher efficiency, but...
Compression ignition cycles (constant pressure) use higher r_c than spark-ignition engines

Pumping and friction losses in throttled engines: ideal cycle



Pumping mean effective pressure

$$p_{mep} = -\frac{W_p}{V_d} = \frac{p_e - p_i}{V_d}$$

can be positive (turbo)

$$\text{bmep} = \frac{W_i - W_p - W_f}{V_d} = \text{imep}_g - p_{mep} - f_{mep}$$

brake gross (positive) friction

$$\eta_f = \frac{W_{net}}{m_f q_f} = \frac{P_{net}}{\dot{m}_f q_f}$$

- **Throttling** flow to obtain low intake pressures usual method for controlling mean imep for SI (constant fuel/air ratio): lower pressure leads to lower total mass in cylinder and additional work losses via pumping
- **Efficiency gains** if engine can operate unthrottled, via gas dilution (keeping valves open longer) or fuel-lean
- Load control using **dilution** by exhaust gases can increase efficiency, with a penalty in power density

Example

A 4-stroke engine with compression ratio $r_c = 10$, bore and stroke $B = L = 80 \text{ mm}$ is operating with inlet pressure $p_i = 0.8 \text{ bar}$, temperature $T_i = 300 \text{ K}$ and $N=2000 \text{ rpm}$. The fuel specific heating value is 45 MJ/kg , and $c_v = 800 \text{ J/kg}$, the ratio of specific heats $\gamma = 1.4$, the fraction of fuel in the charge is 5%. Estimate the gross efficiency, gross and net imep, and net power based on the standard constant volume air cycle.



$$\eta_f = 1 - r_c^{-(\gamma-1)} = 1 - 10^{-(1.4-1)} = 0.60$$

$$\frac{\text{imep}}{p_1} = \eta_f Q^* \frac{\rho_1}{p_1} \frac{r_c}{r_c - 1} = \eta_f \frac{Q^*}{c_v(\gamma - 1)T_1} \frac{r_c}{r_c - 1} = (0.6) \frac{(0.05)(45 \times 10^6 \text{ J/kg})}{(800 \text{ J/kgK})(300 \text{ K})} \frac{1}{0.4} \frac{10}{9} = 15.6$$

$$\text{imep}_g = (0.8)(15.6) = 12.5 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{pme} = (1.0 - 0.8) = 0.2 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{imep}_n = 12.5 - 0.2 = 12.3 \text{ bar}$$

$$\eta_n = \frac{\text{imep}_n}{\text{imep}_g} \eta_f = \frac{12.3}{12.5} \cdot 0.60 = 0.59$$

$$P_n = \frac{\text{imep}_n V_d N}{n_R} = (12.3 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2) \frac{(\pi(0.08)^2(0.08) \text{ m}^3)}{4} \frac{2000}{(60)(2)} \text{ s}^{-1} = 8.2 \text{ kW}$$



Quiz



<https://www.vle.cam.ac.uk/mod/quiz/view.php?id=11751692>

Summary

- First law analysis: air cycles
 - Constant volume heat addition
 - Constant pressure heat addition
 - Limited pressure cycles
- Efficiency depends on:
 - Compression ratio
 - Gas properties
 - Pumping losses
 - Friction losses

