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## Power Generation from Exhaust Gas of an IC Engine

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**ABSTRACT:** In this project, we modify a stationary diesel engine for producing power using turbine. Nowadays in automobile field many new innovating concepts are being developed. We are using the power from vehicle exhaust to generate the electricity which can be stored in battery for the later consumption. In this project, we are demonstrating a concept of generating power in a stationary multiple cylinder diesel engine by the usage of turbines. Here we are placing a turbine in the path of exhaust in the silencer. The turbine is connected to a dynamo, which is used to generate power. Depending upon the airflow the turbine will start rotating, and then the dynamo will also starts to rotate. A dynamo is a device which is used to convert the kinetic energy into electrical energy. The generated power is stored to the battery. It can be stored in the battery after rectification. The rectified voltage can be inverted and can be used in various forms of utilities.

**KEYWORDS:** Power generation, turbine, nozzle, dynamo.

### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent the years the scientific and public awareness on environmental and energy issues has brought in major interests to the research of advanced technologies particularly in highly efficient internal combustion engines. Viewing from the socio-economic perspective, as the level of energy consumption is directly proportional to the economic development and total number of population in a country, the growing rate of population in the world today indicates that the energy demand is likely to increase. A heat engine is a system that performs the conversion of heat or thermal energy to mechanical work. Examples of everyday heat engines include the steam engine, the diesel engine, and the gasoline (petrol) engine in an automobile. Heat engines are designed to produce useful work only. The efficiency of a modern internal combustion engine is about 37% in a normal spark ignition engine. The energy in the form of heat is rejected by means of exhaust, circulating cooling water, lubrication oil & radiation.

Substantial thermal energy is available from the exhaust gas in modern automotive engines. Two-thirds of the energy from combustion in a vehicle is lost as waste heat, of which 40% is in the form of hot exhaust gas. There are many developments and technologies on waste heat recovery of exhaust gas from internal combustion engines (ICE).

If our idea is implemented effectively, the potential for energy conservation is massive. The report deals into the Working, Hardware requirements, and the advances made so far in implementing the idea. It also hints at future modifications intended.

### II. DESIGN OF EQUIPMENT

#### 2.1 COMPONENTS

- A diesel engine
- Nozzle
- Turbine

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- Dynamo
- A rechargeable DC battery
- Mild steel for constructing frames
- Connecting wires
- Sheet metal
- Bearing to mount turbine
- Shaft

### Turbine:

A steam turbine is a mechanical device that extracts thermal energy from pressurized steam, and converts it into rotary motion. It has almost completely replaced the reciprocating piston steam engine primarily because of its greater thermal efficiency and higher power-to-weight ratio. Because the turbine generates rotary motion, it is particularly suited to be used to drive an electrical generator – about 90% of all electricity generation in the United States is by use of steam turbines. The steam turbine is a form of heat engine that derives much of its improvement in thermodynamic efficiency through the use of multiple stages in the expansion of the steam, which results in a closer approach to the ideal reversible process.

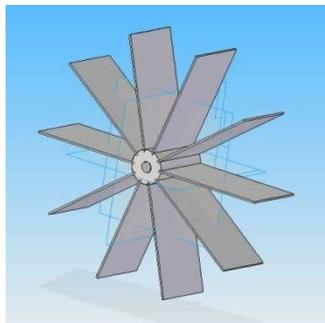


Fig. 2.1 Turbine

### Diesel engine:

The diesel engine is an internal combustion engine in which ignition of the fuel that has been injected into the combustion chamber is caused by the high temperature which a gas achieves (i.e. the air) when greatly compressed. Diesel engines work by compressing only the air. This increases the air temperature inside the cylinder to such a high degree that it ignites atomised diesel fuel that is injected into the combustion chamber.

### Specifications of diesel engine used:

Model	Tata 407
Type	Water cooled, naturally aspirated
No. Of cylinders	4 in line
Displacement	2956 cc
Maximum engine output	72 bhp
Maximum operating speed	3500 rpm
Idling speed	600 rpm
Firing order	1-3-4-2
Compression ratio	17:1

Table 2.1

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Fig. 2.2 Diesel engine

### Dynamo:

Dynamo is an electrical generator. This dynamo produces direct current with the use of a commutator. Dynamo was the first generator capable of the power industries. The dynamo uses rotating coils of wire and magnetic fields to convert mechanical rotation into a pulsing direct electric current. A dynamo machine consists of a stationary structure, called the stator, which provides a constant magnetic field, and a set of rotating windings called the armature which turn within that field. On small machines the constant magnetic field may be provided by one or more permanent magnets, larger machines have the constant magnetic field provided by one or more electromagnets, which are usually called field coils.



Fig. 2.3 Dynamo



Fig. 2.4 Sectional view of dynamo

### Nozzle:

Jet nozzles are also use in large rooms where the distribution of air via ceiling diffusers is not possible or not practical. When the temperature difference between the supply air and the room air changes, the supply air stream is deflected upwards to supply warm air or downwards to supply cold air. Nozzles can be described as convergent or divergent (expanding from a smaller diameter to a larger one). A de Laval nozzle has a convergent section followed by a divergent section and is often called a convergent divergent nozzle.

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Fig. 2.5 Nozzle

### **Battery:**

It is a device user to store the power. The power is stored in the form of DC current only. There are many types of batteries are used Lead acid, lithium fluoride and in this work 8Amp current and 12 voltage specification is used.



Fig. 2.6 Rechargeable dc battery

### **Shaft:**

A shaft is a rotating machine element, usually circular in cross section, which is used to transmit power from one part to another, or from a machine which produces power to a machine which absorbs power.



Fig. 2.7 Shaft

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## Bearing:

A bearing is a machine element that constrains relative motion to only the desired motion, and reduces friction between moving parts. The design of the bearing may, for example, provide for free linear movement of the moving part or for free rotation around a fixed axis or, it may prevent a motion by controlling the vectors of normal forces that bear on the moving parts. Most bearings facilitate the desired motion by minimizing friction. Bearings are classified broadly according to the type of operation, the motions allowed, or to the directions of the loads (forces) applied to the parts.

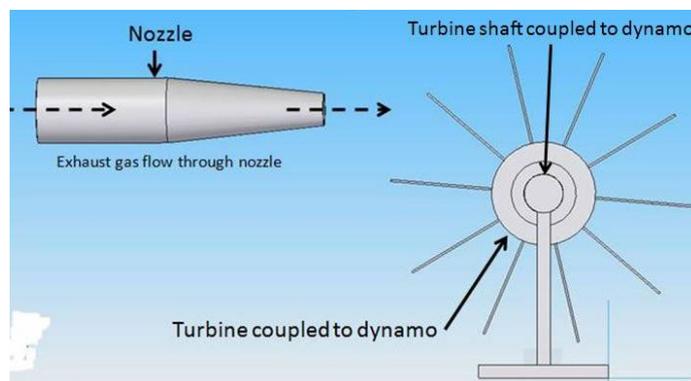
Rotary bearings hold rotating components such as shafts or axles within mechanical systems, and transfer axial and radial loads from the source of the load to the structure supporting it. The simplest form of bearing, the plain bearing, consists of a shaft rotating in a hole. Lubrication is often used to reduce friction. In the ball bearing and roller bearing, to prevent sliding friction, rolling elements such as rollers or balls with a circular cross-section are located between the races or journals of the bearing assembly.



Fig. 2.8 Bearing

## III. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

The nozzle is connected to the exhaust silencer of the engine. When the engine is started, exhaust gas starts flowing through the nozzle. The nozzle is placed so that the gases fall directly on the turbine blades. The turbine which is coupled to a dynamo starts rotating and power is generated in the dynamo. The power generated may be stored in a battery for further use.



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Fig. 3.1 Turbine setup with nozzle

## IV. CALCULATIONS

### 4.1 Exhaust gas flow rate

To determine theoretical nozzle outlet velocity:

Continuity equation,

$$Q = A_1 V_1 = A_2 V_2$$

Velocity at nozzle outlet,

$$V_2 = A_1 V_1 / A_2$$

$$V_2 = D_1^2 V_1 / D_2^2$$

Where  $A_1$  is the cross sectional area at section 1

$A_2$  is the cross sectional area at section 2

$V_1$  is the velocity of exhaust gases from silencer

Trial No	Speed of engine (rpm)	Velocity of exhaust gas at silencer end (m/s)	Expected velocity of exhaust at nozzle end (m/s)
1	950	12.9	51.6
2	1120	16.1	64.4
3	1230	18.1	72.4

Table 4.1 Exhaust gas Velocity test

Flow rate,

$$Q = A * V$$

Where A is c/s area of outlet in  $m^2$

V is velocity in m/s

$$A = \pi * d^2 / 4 = \pi * (2.5 * 10^{-2})^2 / 4 = 4.9087 * 10^{-4} m^2$$

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Therefore,

$$Q = 4.9087 \times 10^{-4} \times 51.6 \quad (\text{at an engine speed of 950 rpm})$$

$$Q = 0.0253 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

At an engine speed of 1120 rpm,

$$Q = 0.0316 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

At an engine speed of 1230 rpm,

$$Q = 0.0355 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

Area Swept,

$$A = (22/7) \times \text{radius of turbine}^2$$

Velocity of the Turbine,

$$V = ((22/7) \times D \times N) / 60$$

Where D=diameter of turbine

N=number of revolution per minute

Power available at the turbine,

$$P = (1/2) \times \text{Density} \times (\text{Velocity})^3 \times C_p \times \text{Area swept}$$

### 4.2 Model Calculation

Swept area by the turbine,  $A = (22/7) \times \text{radius}^2$

$$A = 3.14 \times (0.115)^2$$

$$A = 0.04152 \text{ m}^2$$

Velocity of the turbine,  $V = ((22/7) \times D \times N) / 60$

$$V = 3.14 \times 0.115 \times 60 / 60$$

$$V = 0.3611 \text{ m/s}$$

Power of the flowing exhaust gas =  $1/2 \times \rho \times \text{area} \times (\text{velocity})^3 \times C_p$

$$= 1/2 \times 1.23 \times 0.04152 \times (0.3611)^3 \times 0.4$$

$$= 4.8 \times 10^{-4} \text{ Watts}$$

### 4.3 Impulse force acting on the turbine

Mass flow rate,

$$m = \rho \times Q$$

Where  $\rho$  is the density in  $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$

Q is the volume flow rate in  $\text{m}^3/\text{s}$

Impulse force,

$$F = m \times V$$

Where V is the velocity of flow of exhaust gases in m/s

#### At engine speed of 950rpm,

Mass flow rate,

$$m = 1.23 \times 0.02503$$

$$m = 0.03079 \text{ kg/s}$$

Impulse force,

$$F = 0.03079 \times 51.6$$

$$F = 1.588 \text{ N}$$

#### At an engine speed of 1120rpm,

Mass flow rate,

$$m = 1.23 \times 0.0316$$

$$m = 0.03886 \text{ kg/s}$$

Impulse force,

$$F = 0.03886 \times 64.4$$

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$$F = 2.503 \text{ N}$$

**At an engine speed of 1230rpm,**

Mass flow rate,

$$m = 1.23 * 0.0353$$

$$m = 0.04347 \text{ kg/s}$$

Impulse force,

$$F = 0.04347 * 72$$

$$F = 3.129 \text{ N}$$

#### 4.4 Power generated by turbine

Torque,

$$T = F * R$$

Where F is impulse force in Newton

R is distance from centre of shaft to the point where exhaust gas hit the blades in metre

Power generated,

$$P = 2\pi NT / 60 \text{ watts}$$

Where N is speed of turbine in RPM

T is torque in Nm

#### At engine speed of 950rpm,

Torque,

$$T = 1.588 * 0.09$$

$$T = 0.1492 \text{ Nm}$$

Power generated,

$$P = 2\pi * 70 * 0.1492 / 60$$

$$P = 1.0936 \text{ Watts}$$

#### At engine speed of 1120rpm,

Torque,

$$T = 2.503 * 0.09$$

$$T = 0.225 \text{ Nm}$$

Power generated,

$$P = 2\pi * 125 * 0.225 / 60$$

$$P = 2.945 \text{ Watts}$$

#### At engine speed of 1230rpm,

Torque,

$$T = 3.129 * 0.09$$

$$T = 0.2816 \text{ Nm}$$

Power generated,

$$P = 2\pi * 171 * 0.2816 / 60$$

$$P = 5.04 \text{ Watts}$$



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## 4.5 Graphs

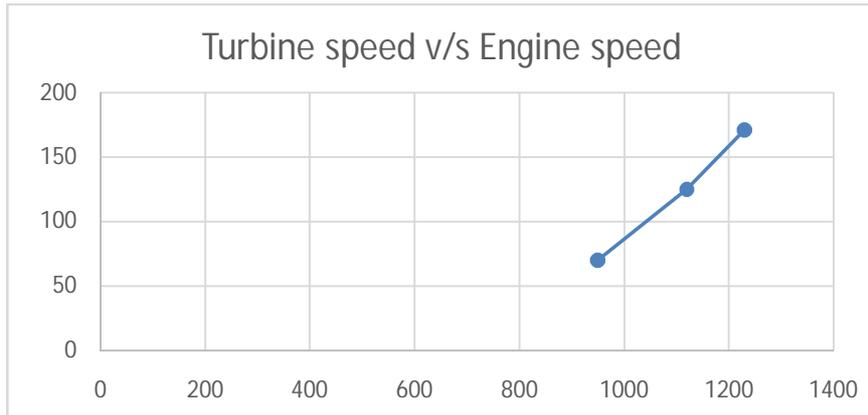


Fig. 4.1 Turbine speed (rpm) v/s engine speed (rpm)

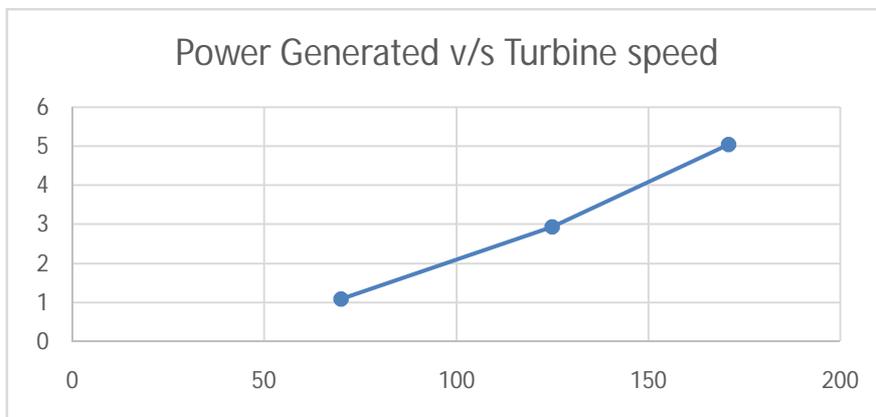


Fig. 4.2 Power generated (Watts) v/s Turbine speed (rpm)

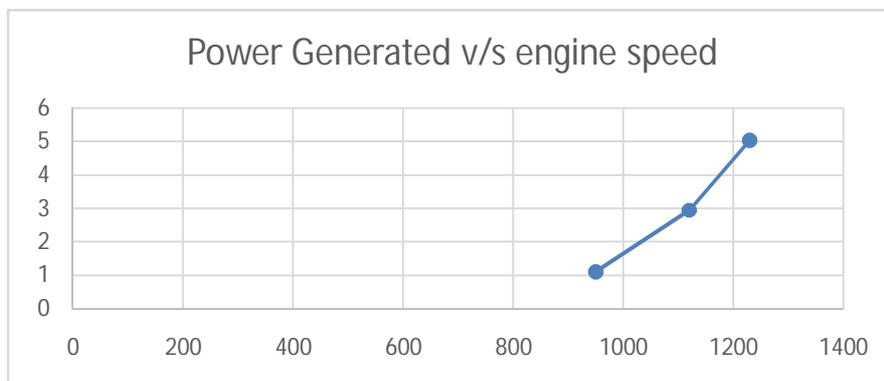


Fig. 4.3 Power generated (Watts) v/s Engine speed (rpm)

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## V. CONCLUSION

From this project, it has been identified that there are large potentials of energy savings through the use of waste heat recovery technologies. Waste heat recovery entails capturing and reusing the waste heat from internal combustion engine and using it for heating or generating mechanical or electrical work. It would also help to recognize the improvement in performance and emissions of the engine if these technologies were adopted by the automotive manufacturers.

The study also identified the potentials of the technologies when incorporated with other devices to maximize potential energy efficiency of the vehicles. The project carried out by us made an attempt to generate electricity in engine exhaust unit. This project has also reduced the cost involved in the concern.

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