Effect of Injection Pressures on Emissions of Direct Injection Diesel Engine By Using CFD Simulation

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Abstract: Internal combustion engines, now a days is the best available reliable source of power for all domestic, large scale industrial and transportation applications. The major issue arises at the efficiency of these engines. The major pollutants are Un Burned Hydro Carbons (UBHC), and Oxides of Nitrogen (Nox). These are formed due to incomplete combustion of the fuel in combustion chamber of diesel engine. One of the important factors which influence the performance and emission of diesel engine is fuel injection pressure. An experimental study was performed on a light duty direct injection diesel engine at 150 bar, 200 bar and 250 bar injection pressure to study its effect on performance and emission. These emissions can be controlled by different techniques like EGR, changing the injection pressure of fuel into the combustion chamber etc. It is a well known fact that as the injection pressure of fuel increases, the mass flow rate of fuel will vary for proper mixing of fuel and air in the combustion chamber. In the present work, it is proposed to investigate the effect of variations in injection pressure on emissions and for this STAR-CD will be used as a tool. To aid the setup of these calculations, visualization and interpretation of results, CD - Adapco has developed a pre and post-processor environment, es-ice which is a special tool in STAR-CD solver which will be used for this analysis. The performance and emission characteristics were presented graphically and concluded that they were found better at the fuel injection pressure 200 bar for the light duty engine.

Keywords: Sector mesh, Injection pressure, Diesel Engine, Emissions (Soot & Nox), CFD Simulation.

I. Introduction

The diesel engine is a type of internal combustion engine more specifically, it is a compression ignition engine, in which the fuel ignited solely by the high temperature created by compression of the air-fuel mixture. The engine operates using the diesel cycle. The diesel engine is more efficient than the petrol engine, since the spark-ignition engine consumes more fuel than the compression-ignition engine. In present diesel engines, fuel injection systems have designed to obtain higher injection pressure. So, it is aimed to decrease the possibilities of homogeneous mixing decrease and combustion efficiency falls down during the compression stroke. Near top dead center (TDC), the air/fuel mixture, you can achieve better and more efficient combustion, which leads to more power. The bowls have a variety of different shapes; some are also designed to optimize fuel economy. With direct injection becoming the hottest new technology for gasoline engines, expect uniquely bowled pistons to become more and more popular. In high-speed direct-injection Diesel engines, the flow conditions inside the cylinder at the end of the compression stroke, near top dead center (TDC), are critical for the combustion process. These are determined by the air flowing into the cylinder through the intake valves during the induction process and by its evolution during the compression stroke. The mixing of fuel and air becomes better during ignition delay period which causes low smoke level and CO emission. But, if the injection pressure is too high ignition delay become shorter. So, possibilities of homogeneous mixing decrease and combustion efficiency falls down. Therefore,
smoke is formed at exhaust of engine. For this work hemispherical bowl shape is taken into account, which are shown in Fig1. This piston bowl shape is prepared from the standard CAD design package.

II. Computational Procedure

CFD simulation subtle elements with creating the sector grid using es-ICE (Experts systems in Internal Combustion Engine). A 450 Sector grid is made taking the favorable position symmetric way of the dish shape. This is appeared in Fig.1.

![Fig.1 45° sector mesh at TDC](image)

Subsequent to making the part work in es-ICE, this sector grid is utilized as a part of STAR-CONTROL for applying the initial conditions, boundary conditions like beginning temperature, initial pressure, and cylinder crown temperature and so on. At that point this sector grid is utilized as a part of PRO-STAR for applying the fuel properties and injection parameters like injection temperature, nozzle hole diameter etc. After completion of PRO-STAR, simulation is begins in SOLVER. Then after results are gotten from post processing in es-ICE. Injection droplets in cylinder bowl of direct injection diesel engine at different injection pressures at 2 deg before TDC are shown in Fig2, Fig3 and Fig4.

![Fig2. At Injection Pressure 150 bar](image)

![Fig3. At Injection Pressure 200 bar](image)
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Fig4. At Injection Pressure 250 bar

III. Engine Parameters & Details

Engine Specifications:
The engine parameters for which the piston bowl mesh is generated is given Table.1.

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IV. Equations

In CFD analysis, for change the injection pressure of diesel engine it has to be change the mass flow rate of fuel. Here calculating the mass flow rate of fuel at different injection pressures

\[ m = \frac{V}{\rho} \]

\[ m(kg/s) = \text{Density} \times \text{Area of Nozzle} \times \text{Velocity of Fluid} \]

At injection Pressure 150 bar

\[ V = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (150 - 50) \times 10^5}{832}} = 155.04 \text{ m/s} \]

\[ m(kg/s)=832 \times 1.256 \times 10^{-7} \times 155.04 = 0.0162 \text{ kg/s} \]

At Injection Pressure 200 bar

\[ V = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (200 - 50) \times 10^5}{832}} = 189.88 \text{ m/s} \]

\[ m(kg/s)=832 \times 1.256 \times 10^{-7} \times 189.88 = 0.0198 \text{ Kg/s} \]

At Injection Pressure 250 bar

\[ V = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times (250 - 50) \times 10^5}{832}} = 219.26 \text{ m/s} \]

\[ m(kg/s)=832 \times 1.256 \times 10^{-7} \times 219.26 = 0.0229 \text{ Kg/s} \]

Where,
\[ V= \text{Velocity of the fluid, m/sec.} \]
\[ m= \text{mass flow rate of the fluid, kg/sec.} \]

V. Results And Discussions

Cylinder pressure, Cylinder temperature, Apparent Heat release rate, NOx and soot emissions are obtained by CFD simulation for the same piston geometry which is used literature [1]. Injection Pressures are varied from 150 bar to 250 bar. The cylinder pressures increases till 736 deg CA due to diffusion combustion and thereafter decreases gradually. It is found that the peak pressure during the simulation reaches nearly 47
bars at nearly 740°CA for Injection Pressure 180 bar, At Injection Pressure 250 bar the cylinder pressure increases to 52.6 bars. The Cylinder temperature are also increases from 1080°K to 1300°K and also apparent heat release rate is increases from 18 J/deg to 23.5 j/deg. The variation of cylinder pressures, Cylinder temperatures and Apparent heat release rate with respect to crank angle at different Injection Pressure are shown in Fig 5, Fig 6 and Fig 7.

NOx and Soot formation also increases from 6.22 g/Kg of fuel to 10.65 g/kg of fuel and 0.17 g/kg of fuel to 0.215 g/ kg of fuel. The variation of NOx and Soot with respect to crank angle at different Injection Pressure is shown in Fig 8 and Fig 9.
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VI. Conclusion

In this present work, combustion parameters such as cylinder pressure, cylinder temperature, apparent heat release rate, NOx and Soot are studied at different injection pressures by CFD analysis. The following conclusions are obtained.

- When the injection pressure increased from 150 bar to 250 bar the cylinder pressure increases by nearly 6 bar.
- The cylinder temperature increased by 16.9% when injection pressures increased from 150 bars to 250 bars.
- Apparent heat release rate increased by 23.5%.
- NOx formation increased by 41.5% when injection pressure increases from 150 bar to 250 bars.
- Soot level increases by 20.9% as as injection pressure increased from 150 bar to 250 bars.

References


