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## **ABSTRACT**

Alternative fuels are fetching attention among the researchers due to growing environmental concerns all over the globe. One most prominent candidate of alternative fuels is hydrogen due to its higher calorific value per unit mass basis, lower fuel consumption and clean burning properties. Using hydrogen as an energy source has opened up a new direction for its highest calorific value based on its mass basis. This research work focuses on the utilization of hydrogen in diesel engine in gaseous form along with air at a fixed mass flow rate of 40gm/hr at a fixed injection timing and fixed injection pressure while operating the engine at varied loads and different compression ratios (16-22) in Variable Compression Ratio Engine set up 240PE. Compression ratio 21 is found to be the optimum compression ratio in terms of maximum brake thermal efficiency when the engine is run with diesel only. Performance parameters and combustion analysis of hydrogen enriched diesel has been discussed and it has been observed the brake thermal efficiency decreases and BSEC increases when hydrogen enriched diesel fuel is used, but sustainable reduction in diesel mass flow rate has been observed as hydrogen takes part in reaction, which is desirable. However, the exhaust gas temperature and cylinder pressure and temperature is found to be higher during hydrogen enriched fuel as compared to the results obtained when the engine is run with diesel only. For appraisal any source of energy in a large scale basis, generates the need of determining its viability. This research study will assist the researchers to carry out their researches further on hydrogen at various compression ratios and will aid them with an outlook in its implementations.

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## NOMENCLATURE

$A$	Area
$C_d$	Coefficient of discharge
$D$	Piston diameter, m
$f$	Coefficient of friction,
FF	Friction Factor
FC	Coefficient Of Friction
L	Length of the stroke, m
A	Area of the piston, m <sup>2</sup>
N	Rotational speed of engine, RPM
$P_m$	Mean Effective Pressure (in bar)
ppm	Parts per million
$R_e$	Reynold's number
S	Sommerfeld number (dimensionless)
T	Torque, Nm
$\mu$	Dynamic viscosity of fluid, Pa-s.
U	Linear velocity, m/s
V	Total Volume, m <sup>3</sup>
$V_a$	Volume flow rate of air, m <sup>3</sup> /s
$V_S$	Swept Volume, m <sup>3</sup>
$V_c$	Clearance Volume, m <sup>3</sup>
kW	KiloWatt

## Greek symbols

$\eta_{bth}$	Brake Thermal Efficiency
$\eta_{it}$	Indicated Thermal Efficiency
$\eta_m$	Mechanical efficiency
$\eta_v$	Volumetric Efficiency
$\theta$	Crank Angle
$\rho_w$	Density of water, kg/m <sup>3</sup>
$\rho_a$	Density of air, kg/m <sup>3</sup>

## **Abbreviations**

A/F	Air-Fuel Ratio
BDC	Bottom Dead Center
BMEP	Brake Mean Effective Pressure
BP	Brake Power
BSEC	Brake Specific Energy Consumption
BSFC	Brake Specific Fuel Consumption
BSN	Bosch Smoke Number
BTDC	Before Top Dead Centre
BTE	Brake Thermal Efficiency
CAE	Computer Aided Engineering
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
CI	Compression Ignition
CO	Carbon Monoxide
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon Dioxide
CNG	Compressed Natural Gas
CR	Compression Ratio
CV	Calorific Value
DI	Direct Injection
EGT	Exhaust gas Temperature
EGR	Exhaust Gas Recirculation
FCV	Fuel Cell Vehicle
FDM	Finite Difference Method
FEA	Finite Element Analysis
FMEP	Frictional Mean Effective Pressure
FP	Frictional Power
HC	Hydrocarbon
HCCI	Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition
ICE	Internal Combustion Engine
IDC	Inner Dead Center
IMEP	Indicated Mean Effective Pressure

IP	Indicated Power
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LPM	LitrePer Minute
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides
ODC	Outer Dead Center
PBDF	Petroleum Based Diesel Fuel
PM	Particulate Matter
P-V	Pressure Volume
SCR	Selective Catalytic Reduction
SI	Spark Ignition
TMI	Timed Manifold Injection
TDC	Top Dead Center
UHC	Unburned Hydrocarbon
VCR	Variable Compression Ratio