

Characterisation of a Retro-Fit Engine Intake Water Doping Device
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Abstract

A novel intake manifold water injection device that has emerged for its special abilities in emission reductions is the Econokit. The Econokit's performance in reducing emissions has varied however and the gas outputs that it injects into the intake manifold are yet to be known. Therefore, this project characterises the Econokit device to understand its gas outputs and to understand why its performance varies from one engine to the other.

An experimental bench was set up to simulate the same conditions that the Econokit experiences in a car engine. These conditions were varied and using a humidity sensor and gas analyser the gas composition of the Econokit's output was analysed. From the results it was seen that as the bubbler temperature was increased, the water content in the Econokit output air flow also increased. It was also seen that the Econokit's reactor does indeed change the air flow composition. When high temperatures were applied to the reactor, from 200-450 °C, both CO, up to 192 ppm, and CO₂, up to 5100 ppm, were detected. From reactor temperatures of 410 °C, there was also a slight detection of H₂, up to only 13 ppm.

The changes in gas composition noticed for the outputs at the high reactor temperatures give an indication as to why the Econokit is more effective on some engines than others, it has shown that the temperatures that the Econokit is being subjected to has a huge effect on; the water content it injects, the gas outputs it injects and on its performance in reducing engine emissions.

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Nomenclature

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|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| CI | Compression Ignition |
| CO | Carbon Monoxide |
| CO₂ | Carbon Dioxide |
| CV | Co-efficient of Variance |
| DI | Direct Injection |
| Dr | Dilution Ratio |
| DWI | Direct Water Injection |
| EGR | Exhaust Gas Recirculation |
| H₂O | Water |
| HFO | Heavy Fuel Oil |
| HC | Hydrocarbon |
| IMWI | Intake Manifold Water Injection |
| IMI | Intake Manifold Injection |
| LFO | Light Fuel Oil |
| N₂ | Nitrogen |
| NO | Nitric Oxide |
| NO_x | Nitrogen Oxides |
| PM | Particulate Matter |
| SD | Standard Deviation |
| SI | Spark Ignition |
| SO₂ | Sulphur Dioxide |
| WI | Water Injection |

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1 Introduction

Greenhouse gas emissions and harmful air pollutants represent an ongoing, evolving threat on worldwide human health and well-being. Emission levels have increased by 80% since 1970 [International Energy Agency 12], causing; a constant increase in global warming, smog and ozone air pollution and most importantly an overall deterioration in average human health and average human life expectancy [Government of Canada 2017; What's Your Impact 18]. Transportation presents a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, it is the largest contributor to harmful emissions in the UK at 26% of total greenhouse gas emissions [Gabbattis 18], as well as the largest contributor in the US at 28% of total emissions [EPA 18]. On the global scale, emissions from transportation accounts to 14% of all greenhouse gas emissions [EPA 18].

Emissions from transportation, produced from petrol and diesel engines are particularly dangerous on human health. Harmful emissions from transportation include; carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter and hydrocarbons [Vehicle Certificate Agency 18]. These gases, if inhaled, will block the passage of oxygen from the heart and the brain, they would also result in lung irritation and respiratory illness [Vehicle Certificate Agency 18; Union of Concerned Scientists 18]. Particulate matter in particular can also penetrate deep into the lungs and cause deaths in many occasions. In the UK alone for example, 29000 deaths a year are credited to particulate matter pollution [Public Health England 14].

Measures are therefore being taken to try and limit the level of emissions. The introduction of electric vehicles has been a major factor in attempts to reduce emission levels. Electric vehicles can emit less than half the amount of emissions that are emitted from petrol and diesel engines [Neslen 18]. However, electric vehicles only account to a very small percentage of total vehicles in use, for example, in the UK, in 2018, only about 0.53% of total vehicles in use will be electric [Department for Transport 18; Hull 18]. The percentage of electrical vehicles in use is even lower in the less developed countries [Statista 2018], and only by 2040 is electric vehicles expected to be the primary source of transportation [Leahy 18].

Consequently, in an attempt to lower emission levels, governments have been introducing emission standards to limit the maximum amount of emissions from vehicles [Government of Canada, 2018]. To meet the new government emission standards, new techniques and innovations are constantly being studied and developed. A technique that has been proven to reduce harmful gas emissions in vehicles is water injection. Water injection has proven to cause a decrease in levels of emissions from exhausts when applied to engines [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10].

A newly developed water injection retro-fit device is the Econokit. Econokit has shown very promising results in reducing harmful gas emissions. Econokit manufacturer, Econokit France [2018], claim that through testing the Econokits performance on a 1.4l turbo diesel engine with Bureau Veritas [2018], the Econokit was able to reduce; CO₂ emissions by 15.5%, NO_x emissions by 33.9%, CO emissions by 17.3% and carbon particles by 73.4%. However, the results for Econokit have varied, where it has provided very positive results in terms of emission reduction upon testing on some vehicles, and then results that are not to the same standard when tested on other vehicles [Lindley 16]. The reasons for the variation in Econokit emission reduction performance has yet to be fully determined.

Therefore, this study aims to characterise the Econokit device to further understand it and to understand at what conditions it functions to its maximum capabilities. Econokit is a retro-fit water doping system for combustion engines that improves combustion efficiency by increasing the humidity rate and modifying the gas composition of air that is injected into the air intake manifold [Econokit France 18]. Figure 1 below shows the main components of the Econokit device.



Figure 1. Econokit Components [Econokit India 13]

As seen in Figure 1 above, Econokit consists of a water tank, which acts as the bubbler. This is fitted in the vehicle's bonnet and placed in a hot area to allow the water in the tank to heat up. It also consists of, from right to left; a hose which is used for the air flow, clamps to hold the hose and tighten it onto the other components, the reactor which allows the processing of the humid air, the diffuser which inserts the humid processed air flow into the air intake manifold and additional fixtures to aid assembly.

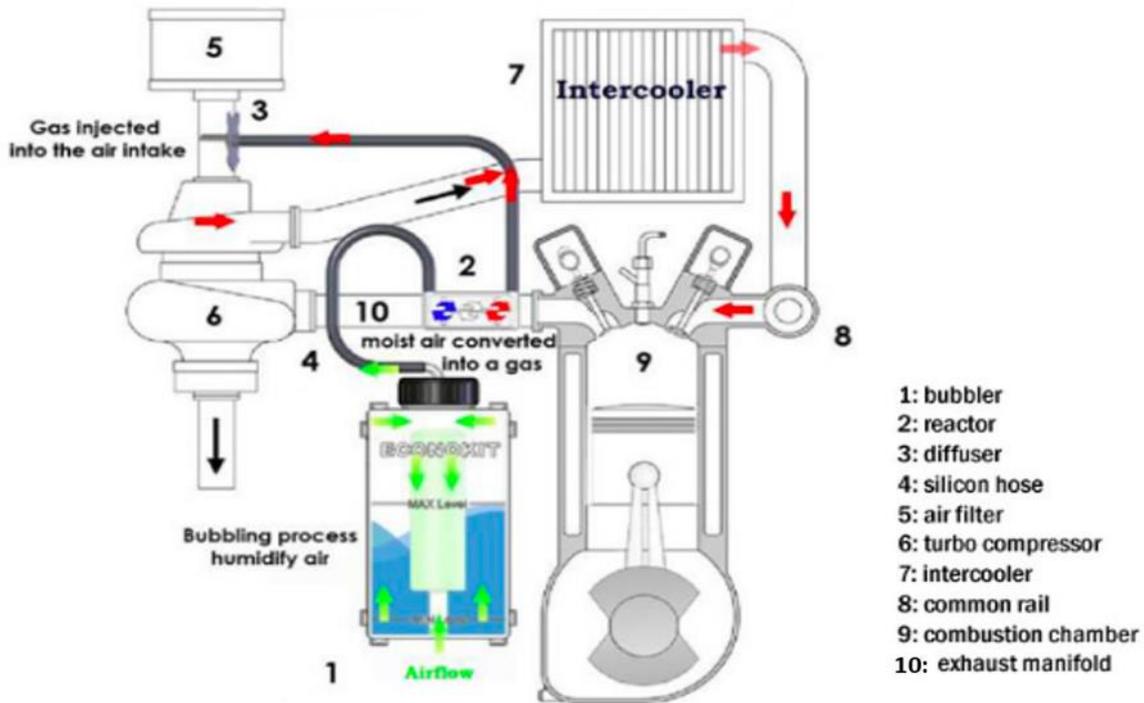


Figure 2. Econokit Air Flow [Econokit India 13]

Figure 2 above shows how the Econokit operates. As seen in figure 2, through a hole situated at the bottom of the bubbler, air is pulled into it. The air then bubbles through the hot water inside of it. The humid air then exits the bubbler and flows within the hose and through the reactor which is clamped onto the exhaust manifold. The reactor then gains heat from the exhaust manifold which is used to process the vaporised water. The placement of the reactor onto the exhaust manifold also allows for the polarisation of the water molecules within the humid air flow going through it [Econokit France 18]. The humid air and the produced gas then exit the reactor and flow through the diffuser into the air intake manifold. The introduction of the water molecules and the processed gas into the air intake manifold helps in controlling the temperature and pressure of combustion to reduce the harmful exhaust gas emissions [Econokit France 18].

2 Aims and Objectives

The aim of this thesis is to characterise and understand the Econokit device by; setting up a test bench to simulate the same conditions that the Econokit experiences in a car engine, then analysing the Econokits outputs as these engine conditions are varied.

The objectives include:

- Conducting extensive literature review on; emissions improvement systems, water injection systems, the effect of intake manifold water injection on engine emissions and on the Econokits catalytic reactor, to improve current knowledge on the Econokit system and to identify further gaps in literature that could be explored.
- Designing a test bench experiment to simulate the conditions that the Econokit would experience in a car engine while retaining the ability to vary these conditions.
- By varying the bubbler temperature, analyse its effect on Econokit injected water content and water injection rate.
- Analyse the Econokit output air flow composition as the reactor temperature is varied.
- Observe and explain the results that emerge from the tests.
- Use the literature review and the test results to identify; what differs the Econokit from other intake manifold water injection systems, and why the Econokits performance in reducing emissions has varied.

3 Literature Review

The literature being reviewed here focuses on gathering and analysing information that is relevant to understanding and testing the Econokit system.

3.1 Emission Improvement Systems

Econokit is, as mentioned earlier, an innovative water injection device that is used to reduce exhaust emissions. There are however other systems and methods currently used to reduce engine emissions. This includes exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) and post-combustion control methods. These methods are discussed and explained in this section to be able to compare them with water injection and the Econokit device later in the study.

3.1.1 Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR)

Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) is a system used to reduce NO_x emissions from engines [Zheng, Reader and Hawley 04]. The system is implemented by taking a portion, about 10-25%, of the exhaust gas and re-rerouting it into the inlet manifold [Fernando, Hall and Jha 06]. The exhaust gas being re-circulated into the inlet is inert and so it does not react in the combustion chamber [Fernando, Hall and Jha 06]. The inert exhaust gas replaces a portion of the intake air and causes a reduction in the concentration of oxygen [Khalilarya et al 11]. A lower oxygen concentration means that the combustion becomes slower and the heat release rate slows down and so the in-cylinder temperature decreases [Sher 98; Khalilarya et al 11]. Also, the specific heat capacity of the inert exhaust gas is higher than the specific heat capacity of the oxygen and nitrogen in the intake air, and so the injection of exhaust gas increases the overall heat capacity of the inlet cylinder charge, which also results in a lower in-cylinder temperature [Zheng, Reader and Hawley 04]. Since NO_x formation requires high energy, which is obtained from high temperatures, a lower in-cylinder temperature would mean that there would be less NO_x formation [Tesfa et al 12].

By using EGR, up to 50% reductions in NO_x emissions can be achieved [Tesfa et al 12]. Using EGR would also reduce knocking tendency and it would allow the engine to operate under a higher compression ratio [Ibrahim and Bari 09]. It does however have some major drawbacks, for example when high-pressure EGR is used, some components in the engine

might get damaged when exposed to the un-processed exhaust gases [Mira LTD and PBA 02]. The other main drawback of EGR is that even though it reduces NO_x emissions, it increases other emissions, especially PM emissions [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10].

3.1.2 Post-composition Control Methods

The other main method used to reduce emissions is post combustion control of the exhaust gases. A way of controlling the exhaust gases is using a catalytic converter. A three-point catalytic converter for example can be used to convert emissions of; NO_x to N₂, unburned hydrocarbons into H₂O and CO to CO₂ [Fernando, Hall and Jha 06]. There are however drawbacks to using catalytic converters, these include that the materials used in catalytic converters are palladium, platinum, and rhodium, which are all very expensive [Tesfa et al 12]. Another drawback is that the catalytic converters work best with a stoichiometric air to fuel ratio of about 14.7:1 [Fernando, Hall and Jha 06]. Diesel engines however tend to run lean, running lean makes the catalytic converters less efficient and less effective in reducing NO_x emissions. Running lean also means that the engine temperature is higher and a higher engine temperature results in more NO_x formation [Fernando, Hall and Jha 06].

3.2 Water Injection

Water injection, which is also known as Anti-Detonant Injection (ADI), was found in the 1920s, it is a method that involves adding water to the cylinder and fuel-air mixture of engines to cool the combustion chamber [Babu, Amba Prasad Rao and Hari Prasad, 2015]. There are two main methods of WI; direct water injection and intake manifold water injection. Both direct and indirect injection are discussed in detail in the following sections.

3.2.1 Direct Water Injection

Direct water injection (DWI) is a form of WI where the water is directly injected into the combustion chamber [Wartsila 18]. It is a method used to increase fuel efficiency and decrease emission outputs. Both water and fuel are injected using a combined injection valve, one needle injects the water and the other injects the fuel [Wartsila 18]. Water is injected into the combustion chamber first to cool it down, then the injection of fuel follows [Wartsila 18]. The water to fuel ratio is adjusted and controlled by modifying the duration of injection [Wartsila 18]. The ability to adjust the water to fuel ratio acts as an advantage for direct water

injection as the ratio can be modified in accordance to the engine loads and in accordance to the required engine outputs in terms of performance and emissions [Zhang et al 2017].

The main function of DWI is to reduce exhaust gas emissions. This is achieved through the injected water absorbing heat and decreasing the local adiabatic flame temperature in the combustion chamber [Tesfa et al 12]. The formation reaction of NO_x requires a high activation energy, energy for NO_x formation is obtained from the peak flame temperature, and so when the peak flame temperature is reduced through the injected water, NO_x emissions are also reduced [Tesfa et al 12]. Through the lower combustion temperatures, better fuel economy for the engine can also be achieved [Collie 18].

The exact effects of direct water injection on engine performance and emission outputs have been studied and analysed upon being installed on different engines. Tschalamoff et al [2007] examined the effects of DWI on a turbocharged 13.6 litre natural gas engine. By using a water to fuel ratio of 1 to 5, Tschalamoff et al [2007] observed a reduction of 50% in NO_x emissions. However, although a significant reduction in NO_x was observed, a small increase in HC and CO emissions was also observed as well as a lower engine efficiency [Tschalamoff, Laaß and Janicke 07]. The lower engine efficiency is a result of slower combustion and lower combustion temperature which is induced by the addition of water into the intake manifold [Tschalamoff, Laaß and Janicke 07].

Sarvi et al [2009] also investigated the effects of DWI, this time on a turbo charged diesel engine, emission tests were performed on the engine with different loads and by using different types of fuel, light fuel oil (LFO) and heavy fuel oil (HFO) (characteristics for both types of fuel is shown in appendix 1). In agreement with Tschalamoff et al [2007] results, Arto Sarvi et al [2009] also noticed a significant decrease in NO_x emissions. As seen from the results shown in figure 3 below, the NO_x emissions were reduced by an average of 35% on the different tests with the different fuel types and engine loads, where the reduction reached up to 50-60% in some occasions. What they did notice however, is that for the engine operating on a low load while using HFO, the effect of DWI on NO_x emissions was minimal. Therefore, from Sarvi et al [2009] results, shown in figure 3, it can be seen that engine load has a huge effect on DWI performance, DWI becomes effective in reducing NO_x emissions at high loads where it can be ineffective at lower loads. Sarvi et al [2009] results, figure 3 below, also show that the type of fuel being used on the engine also has an

implication on the effectiveness of DWI in NO_x reduction, when LFO was used a lower NO_x emission is observed than when HFO is used. This is due the lower cetane number of LFO than HFO [Sarvi, Kilpinen and Zevenhoven 09].

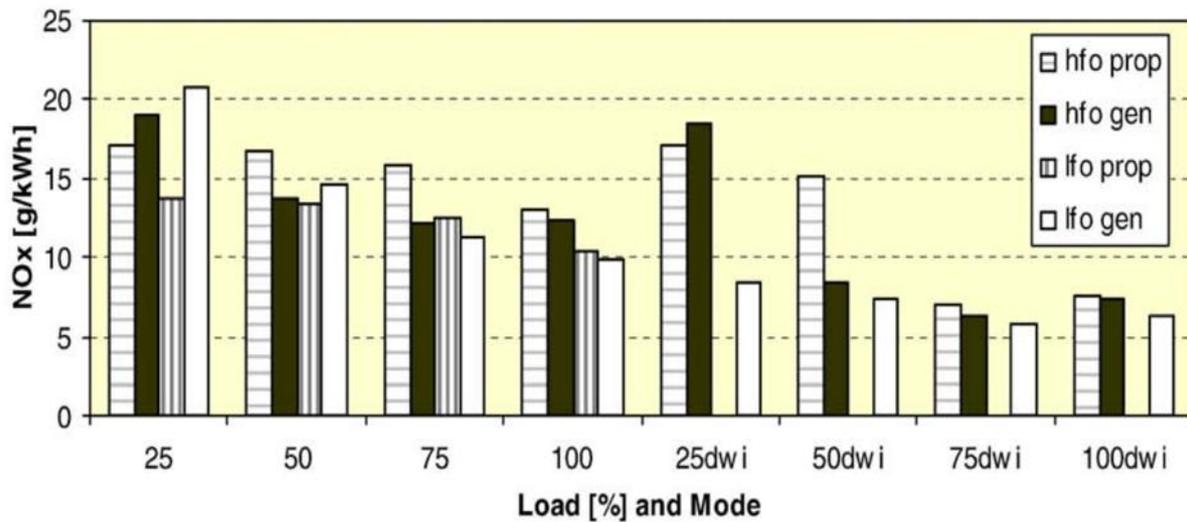


Figure 3. NO_x emissions with/without DWI on a diesel engine vs. engine load and operation mode (propulsion and generator) and fuel type (LFO and HFO) [Sarvi, Kilpinen and Zevenhoven 09].

As for other harmful emissions, Sarvi et al [2009] observed an increase of; 10% in CO emissions, 15% in soot and 10% in PM. Therefore, it can be seen that although DWI can reduce NO_x emissions significantly, it will increase CO, soot and PM emissions.

3.2.2 Intake Manifold Water Injection

The Econokit, studied in this project, is a novel form of an indirect water injection system (IMWI), and therefore, IMWI is carefully reviewed and studied in this paper. This section focuses on the method by which IMWI affects emissions and section 3.3 focuses on the actual effect of IMWI on each of the emissions.

IMWI is a form of water injection where the water is injected directly into the intake manifold. When IMWI is introduced onto an engine, it has three main effects on it, it is these effects that allow IMWI to cause a reduction in engine emissions. The first effect is the thermal effect. As discussed for DWI in the previous section, the thermal effect involves IMWI lowering the flame temperature, lower flame temperature then results in less NO_x formation [Ma et al 14]. The second effect that IMWI has on an engine is the chemical effect, the chemical effect only has a small impact on engine emissions and combustion. It is the effect associated with the increase in OH radicals as a result of water injection, OH radicals

contribute in soot oxidation which results in a reduction of overall soot emissions [Farag et al 17]. The final effect that IMWI has on an engine is the dilution effect. This involves the cooling of the intake charge and occurs due to the endothermal process caused by the evaporating water upon in the intake manifold [Arruga et al 17]. The cooling of the intake charge results in the density of the in-cylinder air to increase [Farag et al 17]. The total injected mass then increases at the same volume, water then vaporises in the droplets of fuel as the fuel droplets are being heated, causing a sudden expansion [Greeves, Khan and Onion, 77; Farag et al 17]. The expansion then causes a drop in the in-cylinder pressure. The dilution effect therefore results in a huge decrease in both the in-cylinder pressure and temperature [Farag et al 17]. The dilution effect also improves the mixing of air and fuel before combustion [Farag et al 17]. The reduction in pressure and temperature, as well as the enhanced air and fuel mixing allow the dilution effect to have a huge influence in reducing both NO_x emissions and soot formation [Farag et al 17].

The reason as to why water is injected into the intake manifold and not another element is because, out of the elements, water causes the most significant decrease in in-cylinder temperature and pressure when injected [Ma et al 14]. This is mainly attributed to the high specific heat capacity and high latent heat of vaporisation of water in comparison with the other elements [Farag et al 17]. To analyse the effects of using water in comparison to using other elements for intake manifold injection (IMI) and to also demonstrate the thermal, chemical and dilution effects induced by IMWI, Ma et al [2014] used different compositions of water, oxygen and nitrogen for IMI and measured the in-cylinder pressure, temperature and NO_x emissions. From Ma et al [2014] results, shown in figures 4 and 5 below, it can be seen that the in-cylinder pressure and temperature were both lowered when a percentage of oxygen was replaced with either water or nitrogen in the intake charge. The significant difference in reduction in in-cylinder pressure and temperature is due to the water and nitrogen having the ability to induce the dilution effect once introduced into the manifold, whereas oxygen on the other hand, when introduced into the manifold, it does not induce the dilution effect [Ma et al 14].

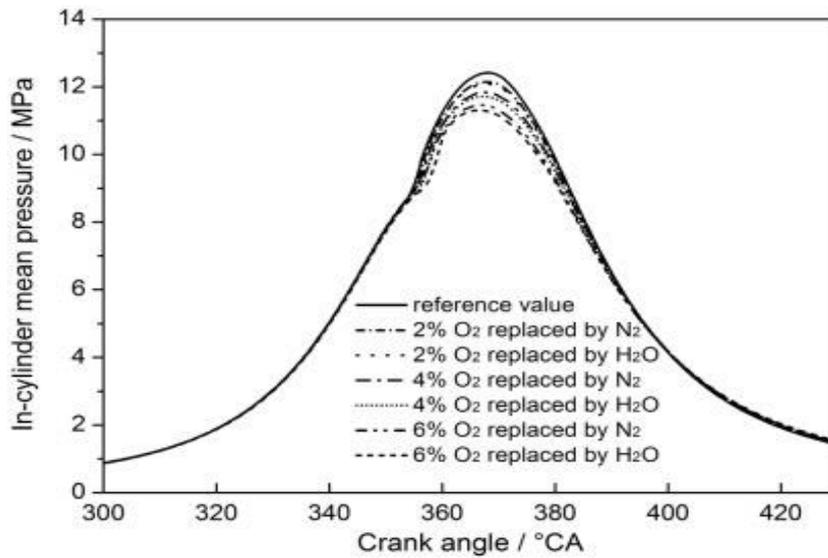


Figure 4. In-cylinder pressure vs crank angle for different intake manifold injection compositions [Ma et al 14].

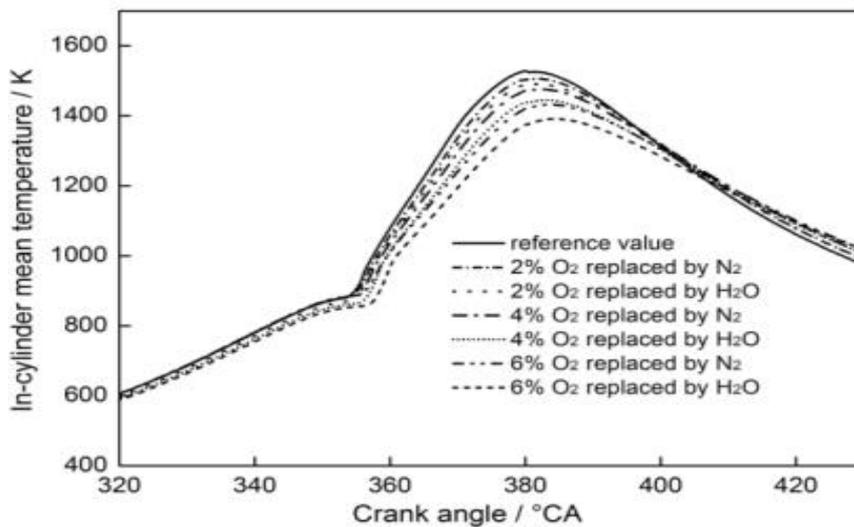


Figure 5. In-cylinder temperature vs crank angle for different intake manifold injection compositions [Ma et al 14].

From Ma et al [2007] results of engine NO_x emissions at different inlet charge compositions, shown in figure 6 below, it can be seen that although both water and nitrogen injection induce the dilution effect, as discussed above, the injection of water has the largest effect on reducing NO_x emissions. This is due to the chemical and thermal effects of water injection that have been discussed earlier. Since the dilution effect has the largest influence on NO_x emissions as concluded by Tautzia et al [2009] and Farag et al [2017], only a small, but important difference in reduction in emissions is caused by using water instead of nitrogen in the inlet charge, as seen in figure 6 below.

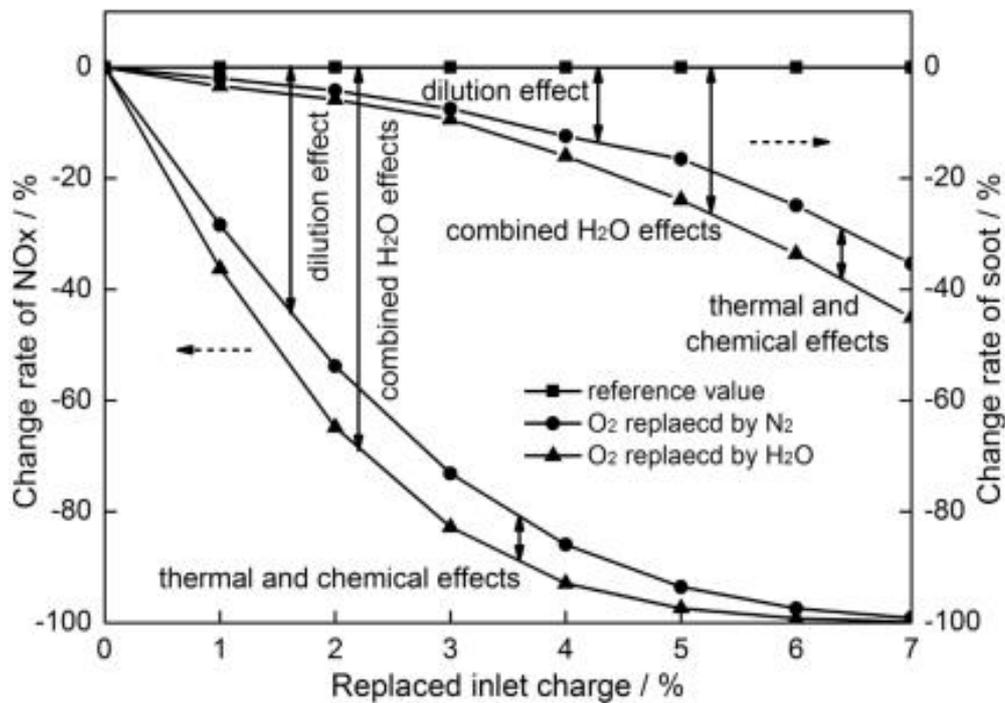


Figure 6. Change rate of NO_x and soot emissions vs inlet charge composition [Ma et al 14].

3.3 Effect of IMWI on Emission Reduction

This section carefully studies and analyses the effect of using IMWI on each of the different exhaust emissions.

3.3.1 Effect of IMWI on NO_x Emissions

Through reducing the in-cylinder pressure and temperature as well as through the thermal, chemical and dilution effects discussed in section 3.2.2 above, IMWI can drastically reduce the engines NO_x emissions [Ma et al 14]. Upon testing IMWI on a hydrogen-fuelled engine, Subramanian et al [2007] were able to realise a 32% reduction in NO emissions without any losses in break thermal efficiency. Tauzia et al [2009] also experienced up to 50% reductions in NO_x emission when they applied the IMWI system on a direct injection diesel engine.

The effect of IMWI on NO_x emissions however depends significantly on the rate of water injection. To analyse the effect of the rate of water injection on engine NO_x emissions, Tauzia et al [2009] applied an IMWI system onto a direct injection diesel engine, NO_x emissions were recorded at different water injection rates for the diesel engine operating under four different loads, **a-d**, as shown in figure 7 below. To compare with the IMWI system, the emissions produced for the same engine but with the EGR system applied is also

shown on figure 7 below. As seen in figure 7, the results obtained by Tauzia et al [2009] agree with Subramanian et al [2007] in that using IMWI results in a significant reduction in NO_x emissions. The reduction was observed for all 4 engine loads, with load **a** being the lowest engine load and load **d** being the highest (operating loads used by Tauzia et al [2009] are given in appendix 2). What is more important is that from Tauzia et al [2009] results, figure 7, it can be seen that as the rate of water injection increases, the NO_x emissions decrease. It is also seen that IMWI, when compared with EGR, performs better in reducing NO_x emissions.

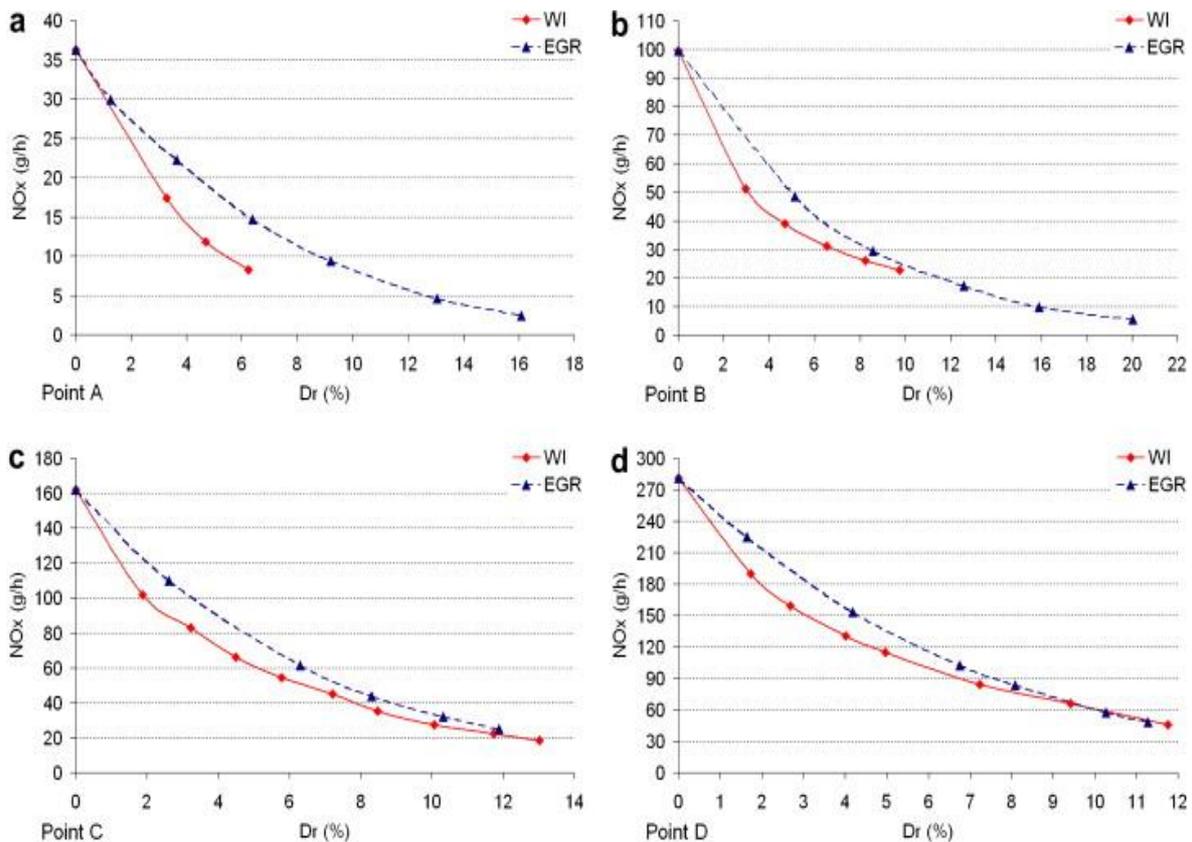


Figure 7. NO_x emissions vs WI rate (Dr %) for operating loads **a-d** - comparison with EGR [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10].

As seen from the results observed by Tauzia et al [2009], figure 7 above, the effect of IMWI on NO_x emission reduction also depends on the engine's operating engine load. As the engine load or engine speed increases, the NO_x emissions also increase. This is due to the NO_x emissions depending on engine temperature, and so when the load increases, the engine temperature increases which results in higher NO_x emissions [Babu, Amba Prasad Rao and Hari Prasad, 2015]. Babu et al [2015] tested the IMWI on a spark ignition engine and measured the NO_x emission levels as the engine speed was varied. From the results obtained

by Babu et al [2015], shown in figure 8 below, it can be seen that IMWI decreases NO_x emissions at all engine speeds. More interestingly, it is seen that IMWI has the highest effect on NO_x emissions when the engine is operating at medium speeds. The highest reductions in NO_x emissions were observed by Babu et al [2015] when the engine was operating at speeds between 3000 rpm and 4500 rpm.

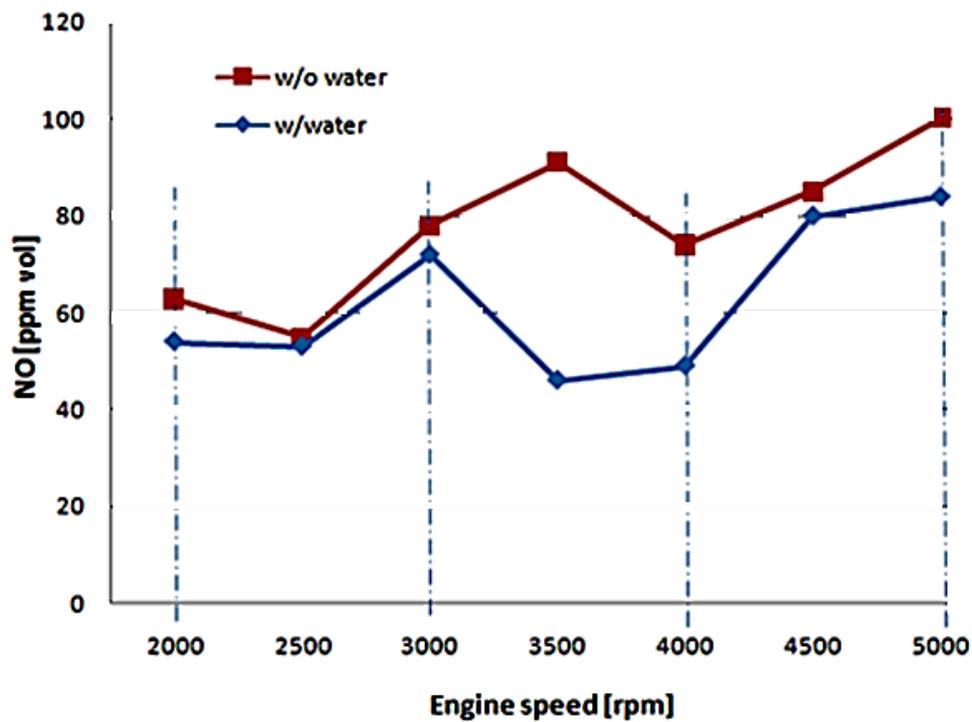


Figure 8. NO emissions vs engine speed with and without IMWI [Babu, Amba Prasad Rao and Hari Prasad, 2015]

Another factor that influences the performance of an IMWI system on NO_x emission reduction is the combustion phasing [Arruga et al 17]. Arruga et al [2017] applied IMWI on a spark ignition, NO_x emissions were then observed as the combustion phasing was varied. Combustion phasing, which is the time in the engine cycle while combustion occurs [Wildhaber 11], was varied by Arruga et al [2017] through changing the air/fuel ratio and the spark timing. From the results observed by Arruga et al [2017], shown in figure 9 below, it can be seen that IMWI will reduce NO_x emissions of ignition engines operating under any combustion phasing, also seen is that the lower the combustion phasing is, the higher the NO_x emissions will be.

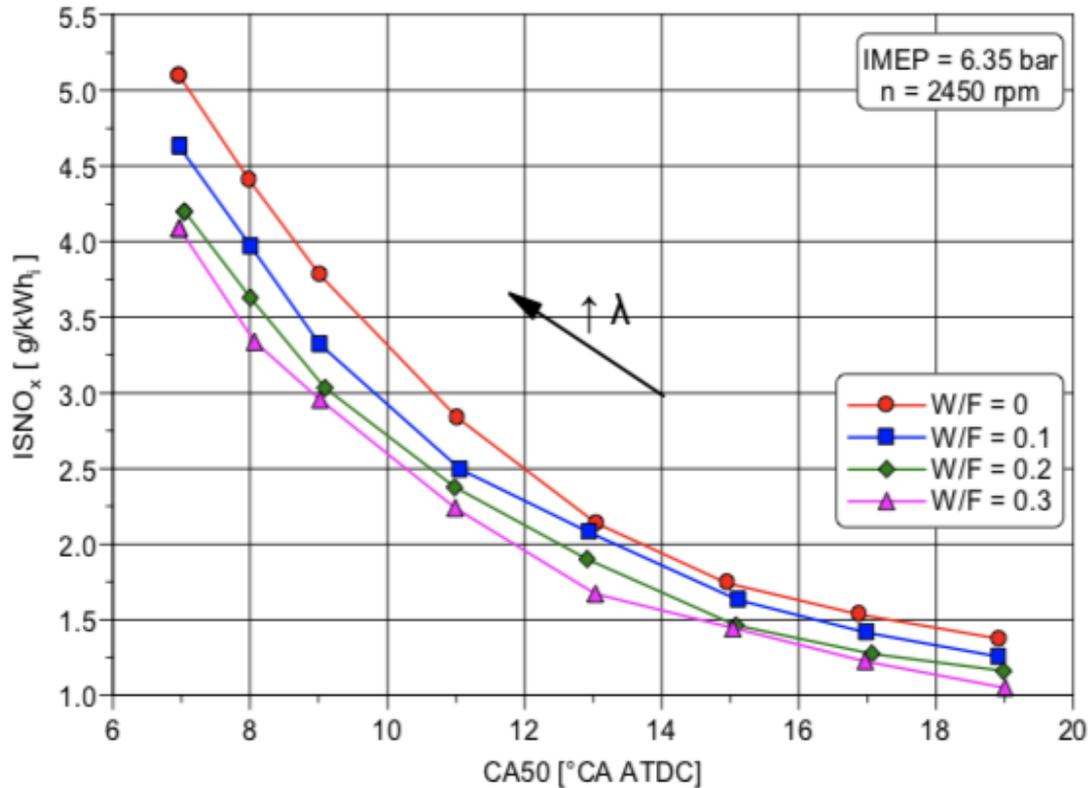


Figure 9. NOx emissions vs combustion phasing CA50 [Arruga et al 2017].

3.3.2 Effect of IMWI on CO Emissions

Intake manifold water injection also has an effect on the CO emissions of an engine. As with NOx emissions, the effect of IMWI on the CO emissions also depends on the engine load, engine speed and rate of water injection.

IMWI was applied onto a compression ignition engine by Tesfa et al [2012] to analyse the effect it has on the engine's CO emissions. CO emission levels were measured by Tesfa et al [2012] for the CI engine operating under two different loads while the engine speed was varied as two different water injection rates were used. From the results obtained by Tesfa et al [2012], presented in figures 10 a-d below, it can be concluded that IMWI has a negative effect on CO emissions. When IMWI was added to the CI engine, the CO emissions increased. The increase in CO emissions were also seen to increase as the water injection rate increased, as seen in figures 10 a-d. This is because, as explained earlier, the injection of water results in a reduction in pre-combustion temperature, although the reduction in pre-combustion temperature reduces the NOx formation as seen in section 3.3.1 above, it does the contrary with CO emissions [Tesfa et al 12]. As the combustion temperatures decrease,

the chemical conversion of CO to CO₂ slows down and so less CO is converted to the less harmful CO₂ [Tesfa et al 12]. It is also seen that at higher engine loads and higher engine speeds, the CO emissions are lower, this is because at the higher speeds and engine loads, the engine temperature is higher, and again, with the higher temperatures more CO converts to CO₂ [Tesfa et al 12].

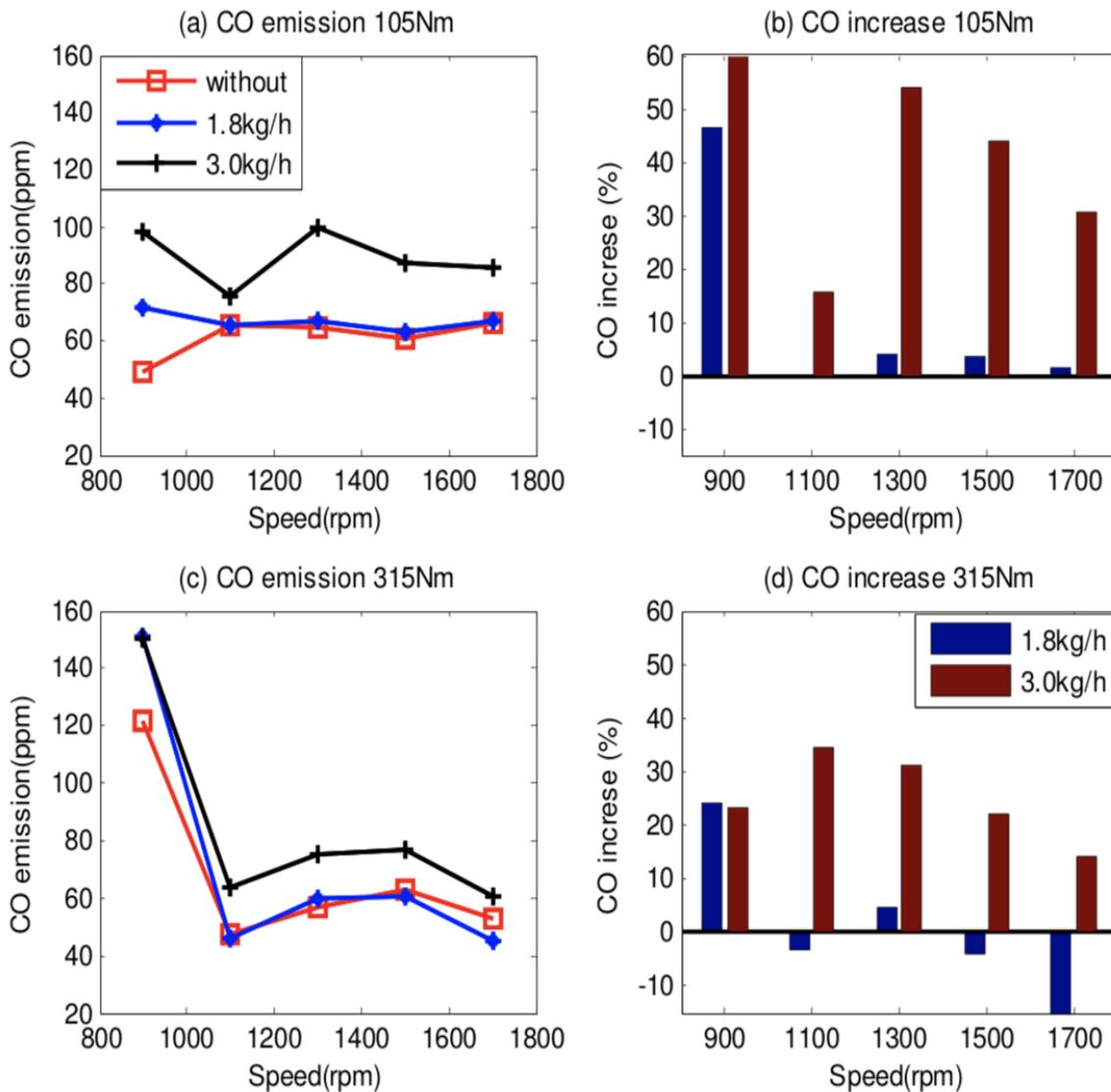


Figure 10. CO emission vs engine speed and CO percentage increase for two different engine loads and two water injection rates [Tesfa et al 2012].

Babu et al [2015] however disagree with Tesfa et al [2012]. Upon applying IMWI onto a spark ignition engine, Babu et al [2015] only experienced a very slight increase in CO emissions at high engine speeds, at all other engine speeds CO emissions did not increase, as seen in figure 11 below.

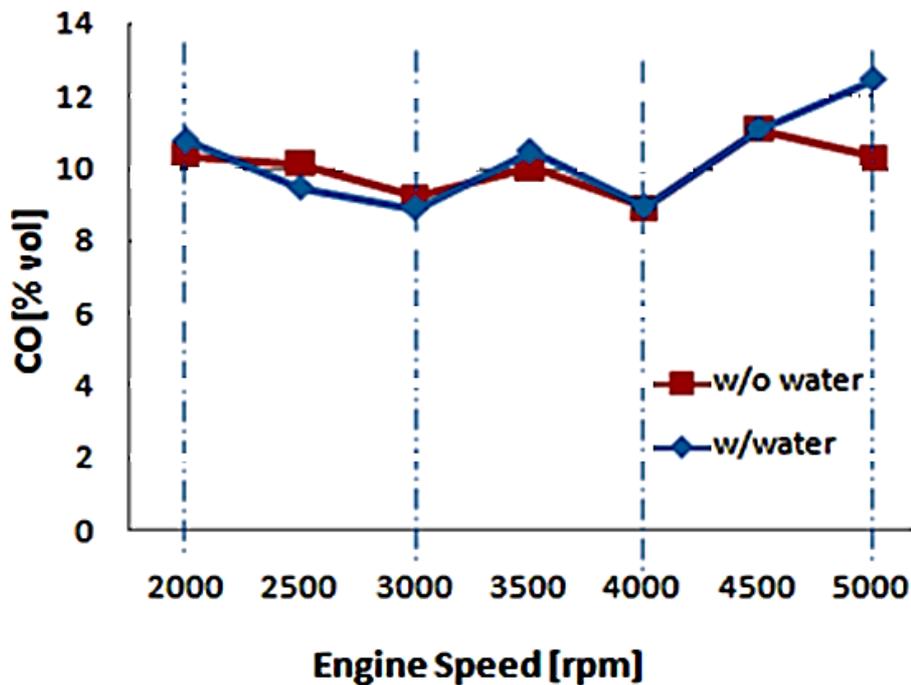


Figure 11. CO emission vs engine speed with and without IMWI for a SI engine [Babu et al 2015]

Overall, as seen, in most occasions IMWI results in an increase in CO emissions, however not always, as IMWI's effect on CO emissions depends on, as discussed above, WI rate, engine type, engine speed and engine Load.

3.3.3 Effect of IMWI on PM Emissions

IMWI also has a huge influence on particulate matter emission. In most occasions, applying water injection results in an increase in PM emissions [Frag et al 17; Kettner et al 16; Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10]. This is because, as explained earlier, water injection results in a reduction in temperature. A reduction in temperature limits soot oxidation which in turn results in more PM exiting into the atmosphere from the engine exhaust [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10].

To understand the effect of IMWI on PM emissions, Tauzia et al [2009] applied an IMWI system onto a DI diesel engine. PM emissions were observed for four different engine loads **a-d**, **a** being the lowest load and **d** the highest, as the water injection rate was varied. Results were also compared with the effect of EGR on PM emissions when added onto the same engine. From the results observed by Tauzia et al [2009], shown in figure 12 below, it can be seen that IMWI increased the PM emissions for the higher loads **b**, **c** and **d** (engine loads are shown in appendix 2). As seen in figure 12 below, as the operating load of an engine is

higher, IMWI causes a larger percentage increase in PM emissions. This is because at higher loads the engine temperature is higher, WI causes a larger temperature reduction when the engine temperature is already at a high level, this results in, as explained, less soot oxidising and so more PM exiting from the exhaust [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10]. Another reason as to why IMWI causes an increase in PM emissions is that IMWI also affects the air to fuel ratio [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10]. A slight decrease in the air to fuel ratio, of about 5-7% was observed by Tauzia et al [2009] when the IMWI was applied to the diesel engine. A lower air to fuel ratio acts to limit PM oxidation and so it results in higher PM emissions [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10]. From the results obtained by Tauzia et al [2009], shown in figure 12, it is also visible that as the water injection rate increases, so does the PM emissions, this is due to the higher cooling effect at the higher injection rates, which in turn results in less soot oxidising [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10].

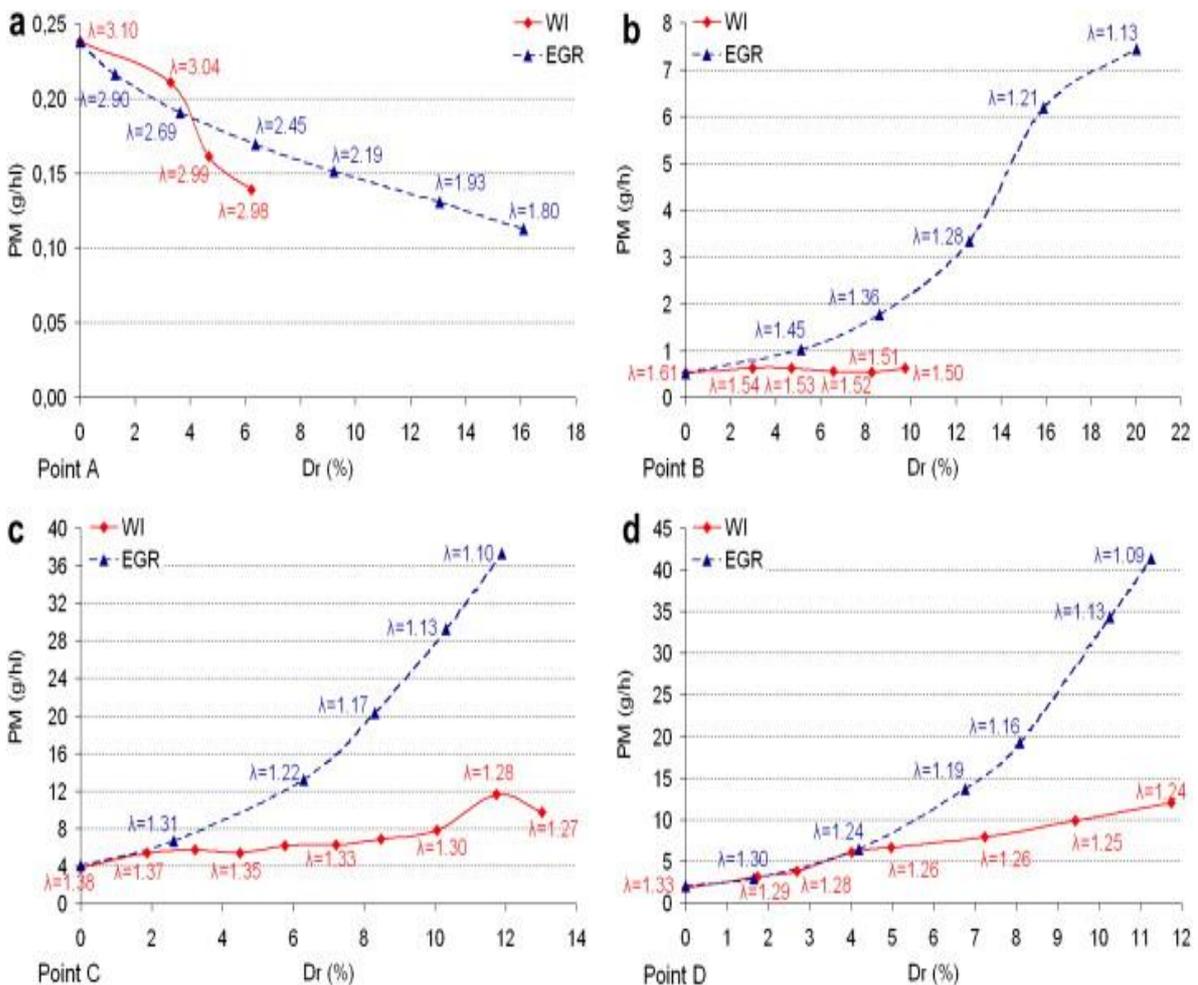


Figure 12. PM emissions vs WI rate (Dr %) for operating loads **a-d** - comparison with EGR [Tauzia, Maiboom and Shah 10].

Contrary to operating loads **b**, **c** and **d**, when the engine was operating under the lower load, load **a**, the PM emissions obtained by Tazua et al [2009] was seen to decrease when IMWI was applied. The reason for this is that since for the low operation loads the combustion temperature is already low, the addition of WI would result in the temperature becoming even lower. Very low temperatures would then allow the engine to enter a low temperature combustion mode [Tazua, Maiboom and Shah 10]. Even if the low temperature combustion would mean that soot oxidation would be very limited, the very low combustion temperatures observed at the low combustion mode would become too low for PM formation [Tazua, Maiboom and Shah 10]. A major drawback though is that at these very low temperatures, CO and HC emissions increase, and the combustion efficiency decreases [Tazua, Maiboom and Shah 10]. Also seen in figure 12 above, in comparison with EGR, the increase in PM emissions caused by IMWI is much lower.

Overall, from section 3.3, it can be concluded that using IMWI can significantly reduce NO_x emissions, however it can also be concluded that using IMWI can increase CO and PM emissions. Therefore, since the Econokit is a novel form of IMWI, with analysing its outputs in this study, it will be determined if it can decrease the NO_x emissions without causing an increase in other harmful emissions such as with the other IMWI systems.

3.4 Econokits Catalytic Reactor

The reactor in the Econokit acts as the technology that differentiates it from other IMWI systems. Therefore, to further understand how the Econokit functions and to be able to characterise its outputs in this project, an overview of it is given in this section.

The Econokit reactor is a nickel-iron alloy catalyst [DRAEAUK Ltd 18]. It is mounted on the hottest part of the car engine, usually the exhaust manifold. When water flows from the bubbler as steam into the heated catalytic reactor, the friction caused by the steam on the sides of the reactor causes the potential difference between the hydrogen and oxygen molecules to increase [Econokit France 18]. The polarised water molecules, when injected, act to lower the local temperatures in the engine such as with other IMWI systems, they also act to assist with fuel combustion [Econokit France 18]. With the help of the polarised water molecules fuel can burn completely, which in turn means that less un-burnt gases will exit the engine's exhaust [Econokit France 18].

Mr. Alan Cooper [2018] an innovator in the field of IMWI and an Econokit user has claimed that, when the reactor is subjected to elevated temperatures 200 – 450 C°, it changes the gas composition [Cooper 18]. He also claims that the Sabatier reaction occurs within these temperatures and that methane is produced [Cooper 18].

3.5 Sabatier Reaction

The Sabatier reaction involves the reaction of carbon dioxide with hydrogen at high temperatures, between 300-400 C° in the presence of a nickel catalyst to produce methane and water [Frontera et al 17].

There are two main reactions involved with the Sabatier reaction [Frontera et al 17], these are:



With the side reaction of:



Since the Econokit reactor is formed of a nickel catalyst, and since Mr. Alan claims that the Sabatier reaction does occur within the reactor, by performing the gas analysis on the Econokits outputs in this project, it will be determined if these claims are correct and the reaction does indeed occur.

3.6 Methane Injection

Little study has been conducted on injecting methane into the inlet manifold. Methane however has been used in co-combustion as a secondary fuel. If methane is injected by the Econokit into the intake manifold it will combust with the fuel in the combustion chamber in the same as it does in methane-diesel or natural gas-diesel co-combustion.

To analyse the effect of using methane or natural gas for co-combustion with diesel fuel on the engine emissions, Karagoz et al [2016] used different fuel compositions of natural gas

and diesel on a CI engine and analysed the engine emissions. By adding natural gas in the fuel, Karagoz et al [2016] observed an increase in NO_x emissions. At lower natural gas compositions, the increase in NO_x was slight, however when a fuel mixture consisting of 75% natural gas was used, an increase of 89.4% in NO_x emissions was observed by Karagoz et al [2016]. As for CO emissions when Karagoz et al [2016] used a low composition of natural gas in the fuel, an increase in CO emissions was observed, however when a higher natural gas composition was used, 75% natural gas composition, a decrease of 57.1% in CO emissions was observed. For PM emissions, the addition of natural gas in the fuel mixture at all natural gas compositions resulted in a reduction in overall PM emissions, where for a low natural gas composition of 15%, Karagoz et al [2016] observed a 84.8% reduction in PM emissions.

Egúsquiza et al [2009] agrees with Karagoz et al [2016] in that adding natural gas with diesel for co-combustion increases CO emissions. Upon analysing the CO emissions of a DI engine at various natural gas-diesel fuel compositions, the CO emissions were seen to increase significantly at low compositions of natural gas. At higher compositions of natural gas however, of above 75%, same as with Karagoz et al [2016], Egúsquiza et al [2009] observed that the CO emissions decrease. For the NO_x emission, on the DI engine, using natural gas for co-combustion, Egúsquiza et al [2009] observed that at all natural gas to diesel fuel compositions the NO_x emissions decrease, which is in disagreement with Karagoz et al [2009].

Overall it can be concluded from the results obtained by Karagoz et al [2016] and Egúsquiza et al [2009] that adding methane or natural gas in the combustion chamber would result in an increase in CO emissions and a possible increase in NO_x emissions, however adding methane or natural gas would also result in a significant decrease in PM emissions.

4 Test Methodology

The tests performed in this project aim to understand and analyse the yet to be known outputs produced by the Econokit device as the Econokit is subjected to different engine-like conditions. The tests also aim to understand why the Econokit has performed better on some engines as opposed to others in terms of Emission reduction.

To characterise the Econokit device and understand its outputs and what effects its performance, an experimental test bench was set up. The test bench was set up to imitate the same conditions that the Econokit would experience in a car engine. The set-up bench allowed these conditions to be varied to understand their effect of the Econokits outputs and performance.

This section explains in detail; how the test bench was set-up, how the different conditions were varied and how the tests were carried out.

4.1 Experimental Set-Up

The Econokit consists of many different parts, these include, the bubbler, the reactor and the diffuser. Each of these parts are placed in a different part in the engine. They each function in a different way, and the conditions of the engine bay or the engine has a huge influence on how they operate. Therefore, the test bench was created so that each of the Econokits parts are set up in way that they experience the exact same conditions that they would in a vehicle's engine while retaining the ability to vary these conditions. The set-up for each of the Econokits parts is explained in the following sections.

4.1.1 Bubbler Set-Up

The Econokit bubbler, or water tank, is placed in the area under the car bonnet (the engine bay). The water vapour that the air flow picks up as it goes through the bubbler depends on the bubbler's temperature. The temperature of the bubbler depends on the temperature of the engine bay that the Econokit is being used on. A hotter engine bay would mean a hotter bubbler and vice versa.

To imitate the same conditions that the bubbler experiences in an engine, the bubbler in the experimental set up is placed in an ABS 344 x 289 x 117.4mm enclosure, the enclosure acts

as the under-bonnet area heated by the engine (the engine bay), for the bubbler in this set-up. Before placing the bubbler in the enclosure, sixteen 1 cm diameter holes were drilled onto the face of the ABS enclosure, these were drilled to allow air to flow into the enclosure and into the bubbler, they were also drilled to allow for the heating of the enclosure using an external heater fan. Another two 1.5 cm diameter holes were drilled at each side of the enclosure to allow air to recirculate into and out of the enclosure. A final 1.8 cm diameter hole was drilled at the top of the enclosure for the hose connection between the bubbler, inside of the enclosure, and the reactor outside of the enclosure. The enclosure with the 21 drilled holes is shown in figure 13 and 14 below.



Figure 13. ABS enclosure with the 16 holes drilled on the front and the 2 holes drilled on the sides.



Figure 14. ABS Enclosure with the hole drilled at the top for hose connection.

After drilling the holes, the bubbler was filled, and using tape, it was placed in the middle of the ABS enclosure, as shown in figure 15 below.



Figure 15. Econokit bubbler fixed in the ABS enclosure with tape.

To characterise the effect of the engine bay temperature on the bubbler and on the Econokits performance, the temperature inside of the enclosure was varied. To vary the temperature, a Dimplex heater fan was subjected onto the face of the enclosure, as shown in figure 16 below. A thermocouple was placed on the inside of the enclosure, as shown in figure 17 below, and connected to a Fluke 54 B thermocouple reader to give continuous readings of the temperature on the inside of the enclosure.

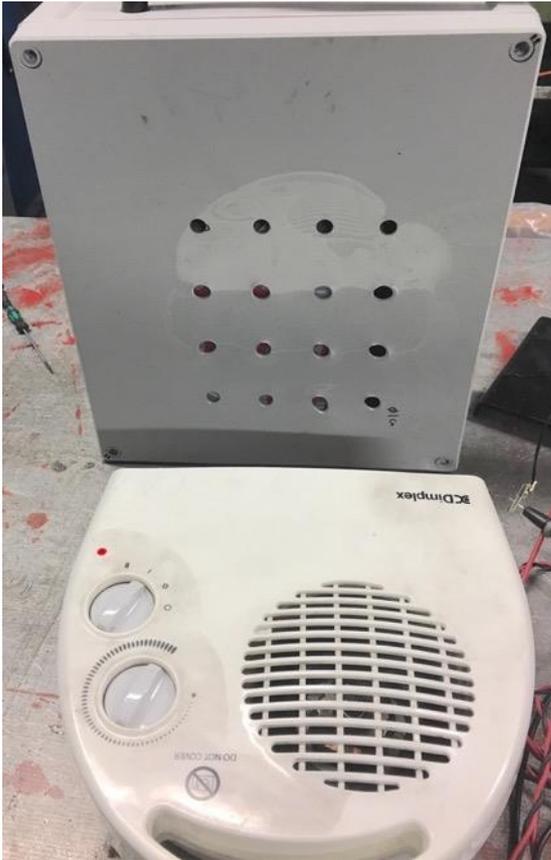


Figure 16. Heater fan subjected onto ABS enclosure to vary enclosure temperature.



Figure 17. Thermocouple placed inside of ABS enclosure for continuous enclosure temperature readings.

This set-up for the bubbler allowed the temperature of the bubbler's ABS enclosure, which acts as the area under the vehicle's bonnet, to be varied using the heater fan, while the temperatures is simultaneously being measured using the thermocouple reader.

4.1.2 Catalytic Reactor Set-Up

The reactor has a huge influence on the Econokits performance. It is where the water is polarised and where the gas composition is expected to change. The reactor is placed on the hottest part of the car engine, the exhaust manifold. The performance of the reactor depends significantly on its temperature. The exhaust manifold temperature however varies from one engine to another which means that the reactor temperature and performance also varies when it is applied on different engines. To characterise the effect of the reactor temperature on the Econokits outputs, the reactor was set up on the test bench in a way that allows its temperature to both be varied and measured simultaneously.

In the set-up, the catalytic reactor is held tightly onto a clamp stand. To apply heat to the reactor and vary its temperature, a Steinel 2000W heat gun was directed at it. To connect the reactor to the rest of the set-up, a hose was used. Hose clamps were used to tighten the hose onto the reactor. Figures 18 below shows the reactor on the clamp with the heat gun directed at it. The heat guns position was also fixed using a clamp.

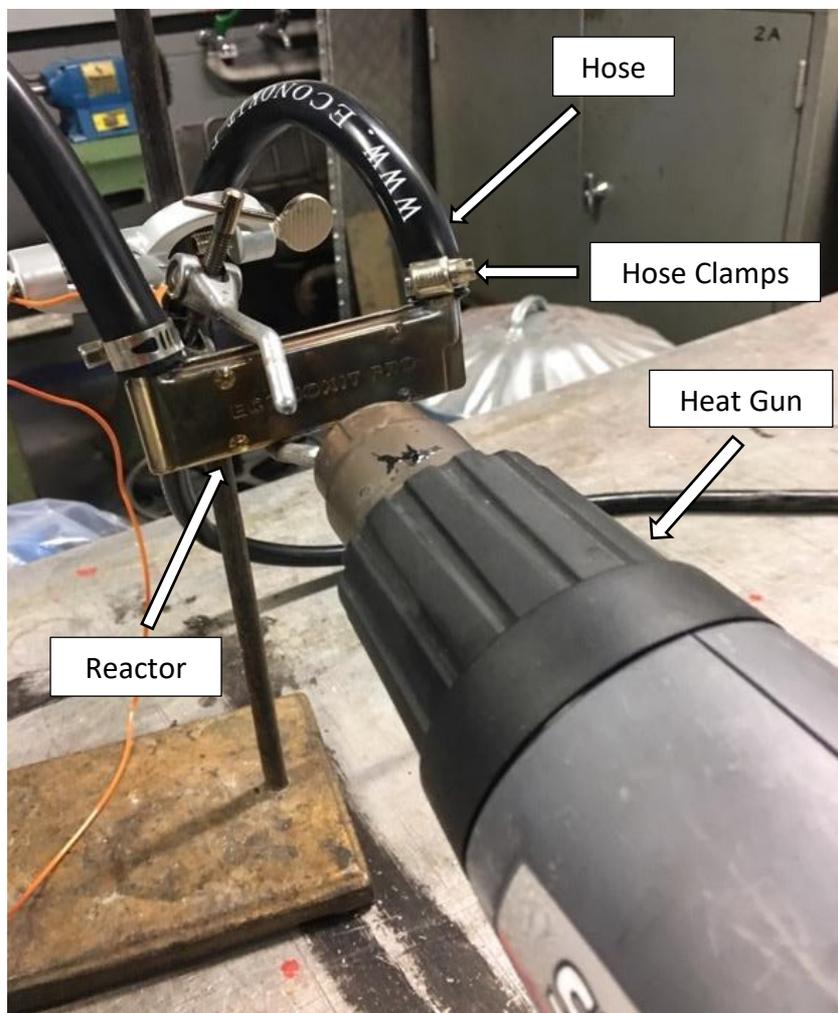


Figure 18. Reactor and heat gun set up.

Temperature readings of the reactor was taken by attaching a thermocouple onto the reactor, this was done by passing the thermocouple through the hose clamps until it was in touch with the reactor, the hose clamps were then tightened holding the thermocouple in place. The thermocouple was then connected to the Fluke 54 B thermocouple reader to allow for continuous readings of the reactor temperature while the temperature was being varied using the heat gun. The attachment of the thermocouple to the reactor is shown in figure 19 below.

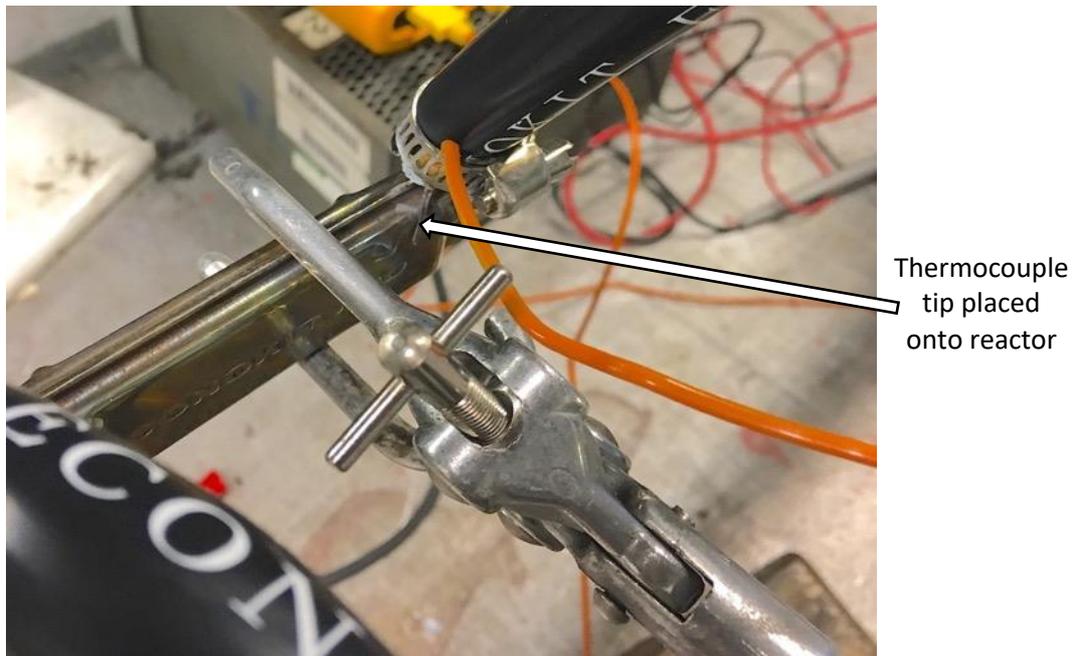


Figure 19. Thermocouple placed onto reactor for reactor temperature readings.

The Steinel heat gun could only however get the reactor's temperature up to 220 C°, where the temperatures for the tests were required to go up to 450 C°. To increase the reactor's temperature further and reach the 450 C° mark, a blowtorch was subjected onto the reactor, as shown in figure 20 below.

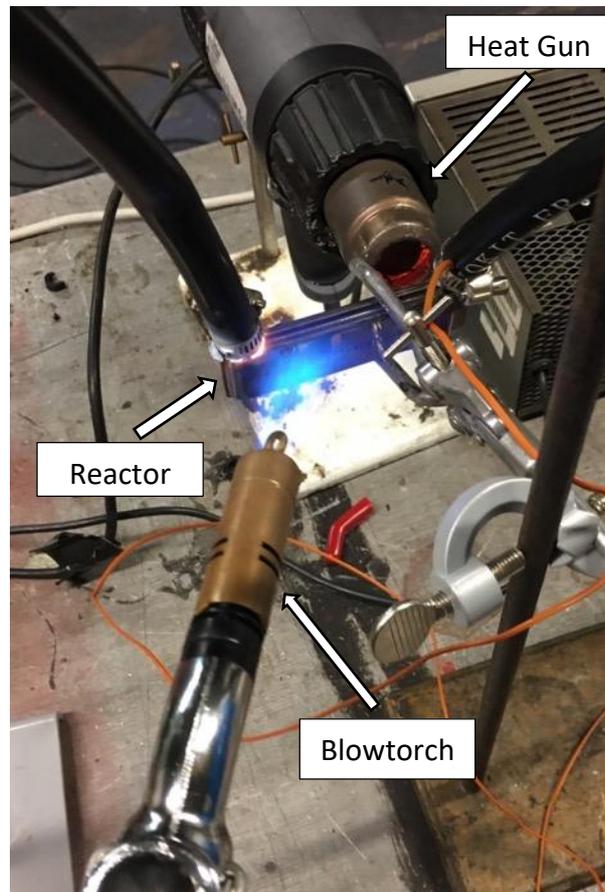


Figure 20. Varying the reactor temperature with heat gun and blowtorch.

4.1.3 Diffuser Set-Up

The diffuser, which is placed into the intake manifold, creates the air flow for the Econokit and injects the Econokits products into the intake manifold. When placed into the intake manifold, using the pressure difference that it creates, the venturi tube diffuser pulls air through the bubbler, through the reactor and into the intake manifold. To simulate the same function of the diffuser, a suction pump was used in the bench set-up. The suction pump was connected at the end of the Econokit setup and was used to act as the diffuser in pulling air through the Econokit device. The air flow rate created by the suction pump was kept constant and was not varied throughout all tests. The suction pump and its connection are shown in figure 21 below.



Figure 21. Suction pump used to stimulate air flow through the Econokit device a) connection between suction pump and Econokit set-up b).

4.1.4 Humidity Sensor Set-Up

To understand and characterise the Econokit device, a humidity sensor was used to measure the water content at the different operating conditions. A TE Connectivity HM1500LF Relative Humidity Sensor was added to the set-up and placed between the bubbler, in its enclosure, and the reactor. To add the humidity sensor to the set-up and get continuous humidity readings without hampering the air flow, the hose connecting the bubbler to the reactor was cut in half and an insertion for the sensor was added in-between. To create the humidity sensor insertion, two pieces of 20 cm long, 22 mm diameter copper pipes were connected together using a brass tee compression fitting, the third connection of the tee fitting was used to insert the humidity sensor. The humidity sensor diameter however is only 12 mm whereas the diameter of the tee fitting in which it would be inserted into is 22 mm.

This means that if the copper pipes with the humidity sensor are added into the Econokit set-up, the air flow will escape out of the tee fitting where the humidity sensor is, which will damage the tests and results. Therefore, a fitting was created for the humidity sensor in the UCL lab, shown in figure 22 below, that allows the sensor to be fitted tightly into the tee fitting without any leakage in the air flow. The copper pipe with the added humidity sensor is shown in figure 23 below.



Figure 22. The humidity sensor and its fittings.



Figure 23. Humidity sensor fitted into copper pipes.

Upon the addition of the sensor to the tee fitting and copper pipes, the pipes were added to the set-up and connected with a hose on each end to the bubbler and reactor. The hose inner diameter however is only 9.5 mm whereas the copper pipe outer diameter is 22 mm. Therefore, to connect the hose to the copper pipe, a hose tail, threaded fitting and a compression fitting were used. The copper pipe with the humidity sensor was then added to the bench set-up between the bubbler and the reactor using the three fittings on each side. The set-up of the three fittings is shown in figure 24 below.

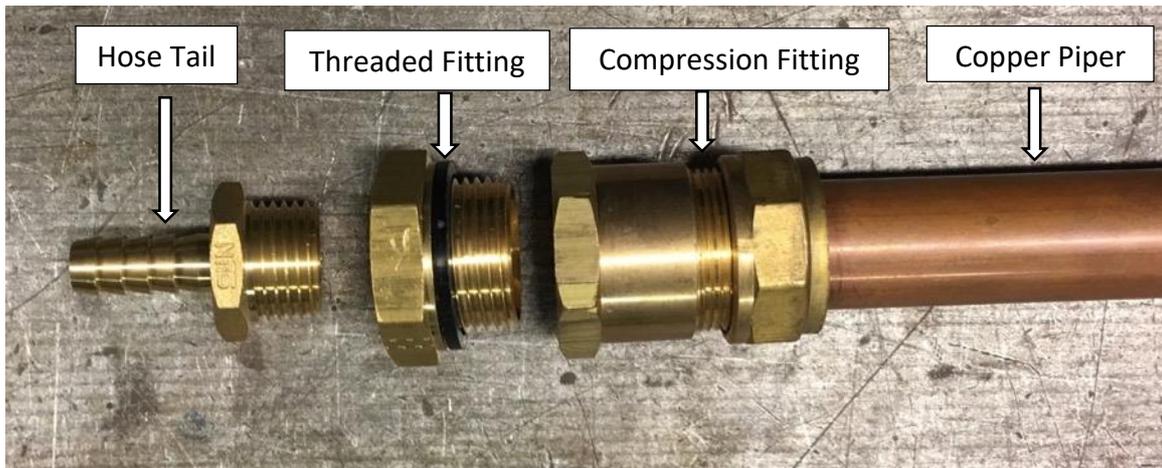


Figure 24. Fittings used to connect Econokit hose to the copper pipe with the humidity sensor.

Upon installing the humidity sensor in the test bench set-up, the sensor was connected to a Metrix MX23 multimeter and a 5V voltage was supplied to it. Continuous readings of the Econokit air flow humidity was then observed as a voltage value from the multimeter. Using the voltage readings, the relative humidity of the air flow was figured by using the voltage to relative humidity reference chart and reference table from the data sheet provided by TE Connectivity which is shown in appendix 3.

4.1.5 Gas Analyser Set-Up

To be able to analyse the gas composition and characterise the effect of bubbler and reactor temperature on the Econokits outputs, a GFM 406 Gas Analyser was added to the bench set-up. The gas analyser was connected at the output of the suction pump using a hose. Using the analyser, readings of CO, CO₂, H₂ and CH₄ were taken at the varying engine conditions.

4.1.6 Full Bench Set-Up

The full set-up of the bench involved the connection of the different parts explained above. The full bench set-up is shown in figure 25 and 26 below.

As seen from figure 25 and 26 below, the set-up consisted of; the bubbler, inside of the enclosure, which is connected to the copper pipe humidity sensor setup, which is connected to the reactor which is then connected to the suction pump that is then connected to the gas analyser. Also seen is the heat gun and fan that are applied to the reactor and enclosure. The blowtorch is not visible in the figure as it was operated manually when the higher reactor temperatures were required.

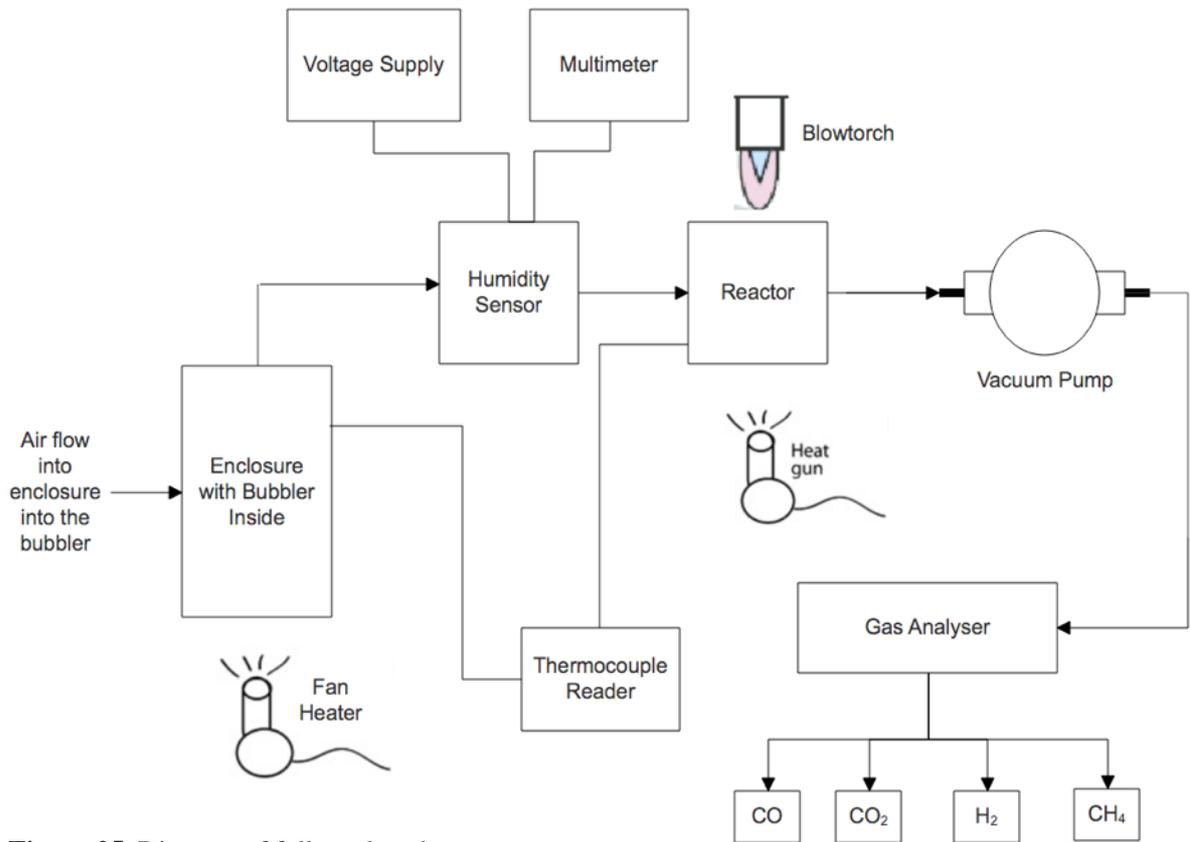


Figure 25. Diagram of full test bench set-up.

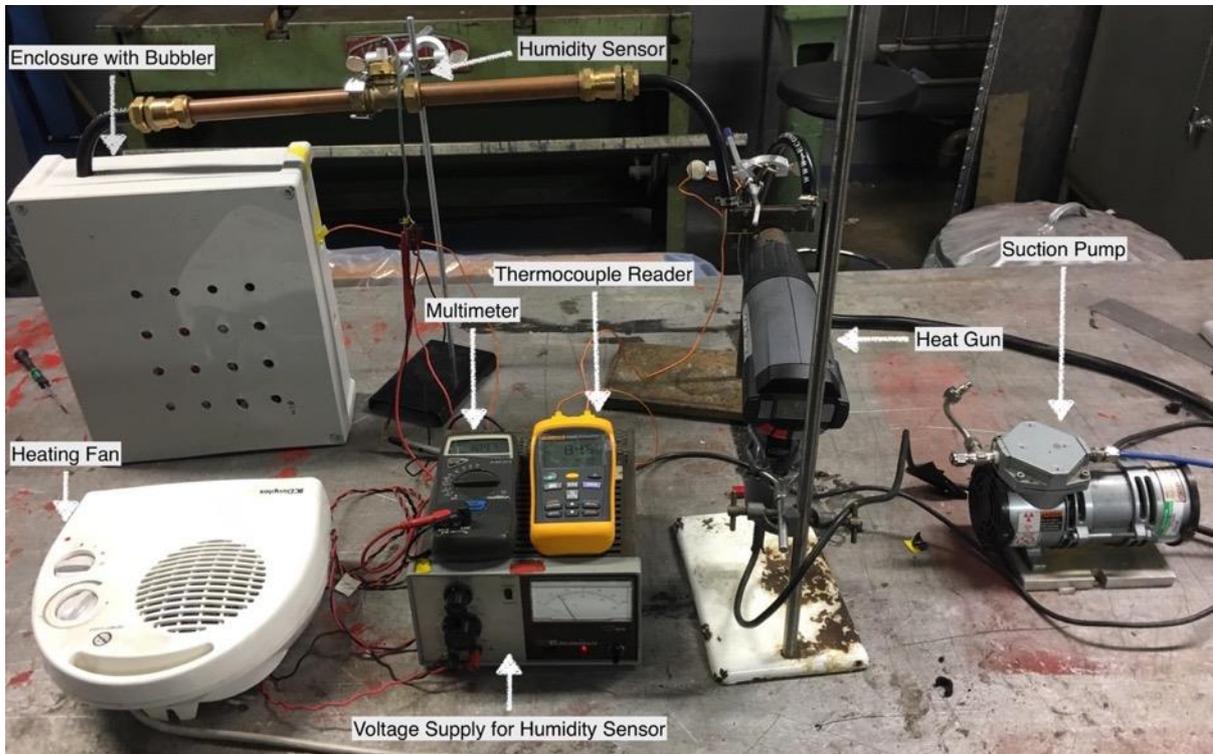


Figure 26. Full in-lab test bench set-up.

4.2 Test Procedure

To understand the outputs of the Econokit and to characterise the effect of bubbler temperature and reactor temperature on the Econokits outputs and performance, two main tests were carried out.

4.2.1 Characterisation of Bubbler Temperature to Water Vapour Content

Using the heater fan in the test bench set-up, shown in figure 26 above, the bubbler temperature was varied. Then using the humidity sensor, the water content in the air flow was noted. The temperature of the enclosure, which acts as the engine bay, was varied from room temperature 23 C° to 65 C°. Using the thermocouple reader, the enclosure temperature was observed, and at intervals of 2 C° the humidity voltage reading was noted. The voltage reading was then transformed to the relative humidity using the reference chart provided. The effect of engine bay temperature on the water content injected by the Econokit was then analysed.

4.2.2 Characterisation of Reactor Temperature to Econokit Outputs

Using the bench set-up, shown in figure 25 and 26 in section 4.1.6 above, the reactor temperature was varied, the gas composition was analysed at the different reactor temperatures. Using both the Steinel heat gun and blowtorch, the temperature of the reactor was varied from 0 – 450 C°. At temperature intervals of 5 C°, the gas analyser was used to determine the output gas composition. CO, CO₂, CH₄ and H₂ readings were taken with the gas analyser at the varying reactor temperatures. The test was run multiple times and the effect of reactor temperature on the Econokits outputs was analysed.

5 Results and Discussion

In this section, results are given for; the effect of bubbler temperature on the amount and rate of water injected by the Econokit, and the effect of reactor temperature on the gas composition of the Econokits outputs. The results obtained from each of tests are also discussed and analysed in this section.

5.1 Characterisation of Bubbler Temperature to Water Vapour Content

As mentioned earlier, this test was carried out by varying the temperature of the ABS enclosure, which represents the under-bonnet area in a vehicle, from room temperature, 23 °C, to 65 °C. Readings of humidity, or water vapour content, were then taken from the multimeter as voltage values at temperature intervals of 2 °C. The test was run multiple times and the readings for three runs is shown in Table 1 below.

| Humidity Readings (mV) | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Enclosure Temperature (C°) | Run 1 | Run 2 | Run 3 |
| 23 | 2792 | 2856 | 2982 |
| 25 | 2832 | 2869 | 3012 |
| 27 | 2879 | 2881 | 3067 |
| 29 | 2884 | 2892 | 3078 |
| 31 | 2880 | 2898 | 3086 |
| 33 | 2887 | 2901 | 3105 |
| 35 | 2890 | 2939 | 3128 |
| 37 | 2906 | 2952 | 3187 |
| 39 | 2939 | 2969 | 3226 |
| 41 | 2987 | 2961 | 3265 |
| 43 | 2995 | 2997 | 3357 |
| 45 | 3023 | 3054 | 3382 |
| 47 | 3065 | 3114 | 3378 |
| 49 | 3087 | 3151 | 3369 |
| 51 | 3103 | 3201 | 3365 |
| 53 | 3134 | 3231 | 3359 |
| 55 | 3122 | 3236 | 3356 |
| 57 | 3175 | 3246 | 3359 |
| 59 | 3205 | 3305 | 3376 |
| 61 | 3267 | 3342 | 3390 |
| 63 | 3289 | 3358 | 3416 |
| 65 | 3303 | 3364 | 3433 |

Table 1. Humidity in mV of Econokit air flow vs enclosure temperature.

Table 1 above shows the readings of the relative humidity of the air flow in the Econokit set-up as the temperature of the enclosure was varied for three different runs. The readings were taken in mV off of the multimeter. To get the relative humidity % from the voltage values, the reference graphs and table provided by TEConnectivity, shown in appendix 3, were used.

To accurately find the relative humidity, along with the table and graphs mentioned above, the following equation, which was also provided in the data sheet for the sensor, was used:

$$\text{Relative Humidity (\%)} = 0.03892 V_{out}(mV) - 42.017 \quad (4)$$

Using the equation given, the relative humidity of the Econokit air flow at the different enclosure temperatures was calculated and is given in table 2 below.

| Relative Humidity (%) | | | |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Enclosure Temperature (C°) | Run 1 | Run 2 | Run 3 |
| 23 | 66.65 | 69.14 | 74.04 |
| 25 | 68.20 | 69.64 | 75.21 |
| 27 | 70.03 | 70.11 | 77.35 |
| 29 | 70.23 | 70.54 | 77.78 |
| 31 | 70.07 | 70.77 | 78.09 |
| 33 | 70.35 | 70.89 | 78.83 |
| 35 | 70.46 | 72.37 | 79.72 |
| 37 | 71.08 | 72.87 | 82.02 |
| 39 | 72.37 | 73.54 | 83.54 |
| 41 | 74.24 | 73.23 | 85.06 |
| 43 | 74.55 | 74.63 | 88.64 |
| 45 | 75.64 | 76.84 | 89.61 |
| 47 | 77.27 | 79.18 | 89.45 |
| 49 | 78.13 | 80.62 | 89.10 |
| 51 | 78.75 | 82.57 | 88.95 |
| 53 | 79.96 | 83.73 | 88.72 |
| 55 | 79.49 | 83.93 | 88.60 |
| 57 | 81.55 | 84.32 | 88.72 |
| 59 | 82.72 | 86.61 | 89.38 |
| 61 | 85.13 | 88.05 | 89.92 |
| 63 | 85.99 | 88.68 | 90.93 |
| 65 | 86.54 | 88.91 | 91.60 |

Table 2. Relative humidity of Econokit air flow vs enclosure temperature.

As seen in table 2 above, as the temperature of the enclosure increased, so did the relative humidity of the air flow. Also seen from the table is that the relative humidity values were different from one run to the other, for example at the enclosure temperature of 23 C°, the relative humidity for runs 1, 2 and 3 were 66.65%, 69.14% and 74.04% respectively. The difference in relative humidity between runs is mainly attributed to the fact that the runs were completed on three different days. The relative humidity of the atmosphere before starting the runs on each of the three days was different, thus for each of the runs the starting relative humidity before the Econokit effecting the humidity of the air flow was different. Therefore, given in table 3 below is the relative humidity of the atmosphere on the three different days of which the test was run. By using table 3 below, the effect of the bubbler temperature on the relative humidity of the Econokit air flow, shown in table 2, can be better understood.

| | Run 1 | Run 2 | Run 3 |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Relative Humidity (%)</i> | 55.36084 | 60.61504 | 65.013 |

Table 3. Relative humidity of atmosphere on the day of which each run was conducted.

The aim of this test however is to characterise the effect of the engine bay temperature on the bubbler and in turn on the water content injected by the Econokit. Although the results for the relative humidity of the air flow, shown in table 2 above, give an indication to the effect of enclosure temperature on water content, it does not give the actual water content and injection rate for the Econokit. Therefore, to find the direct effect of enclosure temperature on the water injected, the absolute humidity of the air flow is calculated. The absolute humidity represents the total mass of vapour present in a m³ of air. So, when calculated, the absolute humidity gives the mass of water vapour present in a m³ of air flowing through the Econokit and into the intake manifold. Since the air flow injection rate of the Econokit is constant, the absolute humidity also gives the Econokit water injection rate, a higher absolute humidity for the Econokit air flow for example would mean that more water is being injected by the Econokit into the manifold per unit time.

The absolute humidity of the air flow for the different enclosure temperatures was calculated with the following equations [Vaisala 13]:

$$Absolute\ Humidity = C * \frac{P_W}{T_1} \quad (5)$$

Where,

$$P_W = P_{WS}(T_2) * \text{Relative Humidity \%} \quad (6)$$

And,

$$P_{WS} = A * 10^{\frac{m * T_2}{T_2 + T_n}} \quad (7)$$

P_W = Vapour pressure in Pa

P_{WS} = Water vapour saturation pressure in hPa

C = Constant 2.16679 gK/J

T_1 = Temperature in K

T_2 = Temperature in C°

A, m, T_n = constants, given in appendix 4

Using the equations shown above and the relative humidity % values given in table 2, the absolute humidity was calculated at the different enclosure temperatures for the three different runs and is shown in table 4 and figure 27 below.

| Absolute Humidity (g/m³) | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| <i>Enclosure Temperature (C°)</i> | Run 1 | Run 2 | Run 3 |
| 23 | 13.70 | 14.21 | 15.22 |
| 25 | 15.70 | 16.03 | 17.31 |
| 27 | 18.02 | 18.04 | 19.91 |
| 29 | 20.17 | 20.26 | 22.34 |
| 31 | 22.43 | 22.65 | 25.00 |
| 33 | 25.05 | 25.24 | 28.07 |
| 35 | 27.87 | 28.62 | 31.53 |
| 37 | 31.18 | 31.97 | 35.98 |
| 39 | 35.15 | 35.72 | 40.57 |
| 41 | 39.86 | 39.32 | 45.67 |
| 43 | 44.19 | 44.24 | 52.55 |
| 45 | 49.43 | 50.22 | 58.56 |
| 47 | 55.60 | 56.97 | 64.36 |
| 49 | 61.80 | 63.77 | 70.48 |
| 51 | 68.31 | 71.62 | 77.16 |
| 53 | 76.02 | 79.61 | 84.35 |
| 55 | 82.73 | 87.35 | 92.21 |
| 57 | 92.79 | 95.93 | 100.93 |
| 59 | 102.75 | 107.59 | 111.02 |
| 61 | 115.31 | 119.27 | 121.80 |
| 63 | 126.85 | 130.81 | 134.14 |
| 65 | 138.85 | 142.66 | 146.97 |

Table 4. Absolute humidity of air flow vs enclosure temperature.

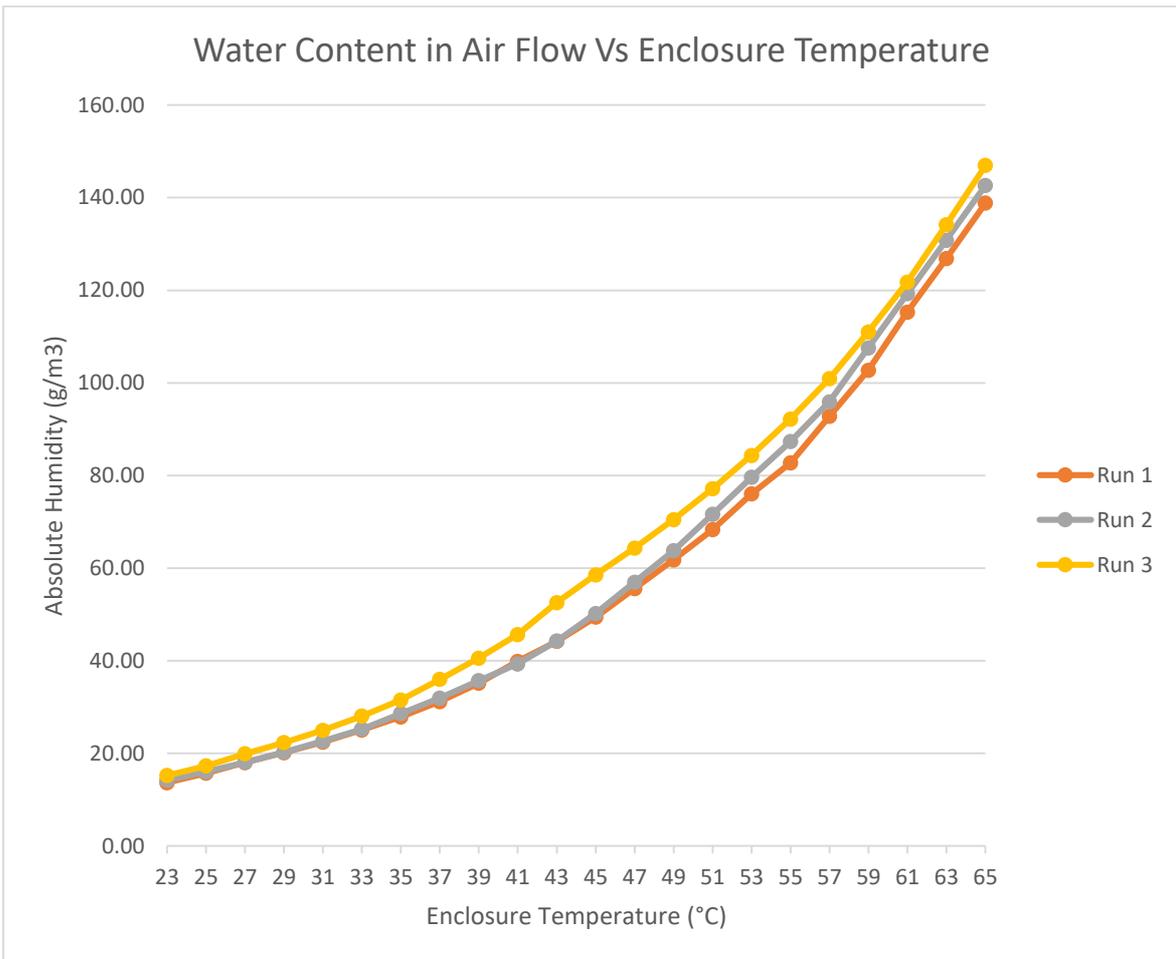


Figure 27. Absolute humidity vs Enclosure temperature.

As seen in table 4 and figure 27 above, the temperature of the enclosure, which represents the temperature of the under-bonnet area in a vehicle, has a huge effect on the amount and rate of water being injected by the Econokit. Remarkably, what was seen is that for all three runs, the mass of water per m³ of air being injected increased significantly from enclosure temperature 23 °C to enclosure temperature 65 °C. Where for the three runs, the mass of water per m³ of air flow was 13.70 g, 14.21 g and 15.22 g at enclosure temperature 23 °C, whereas when the enclosure temperature was increased to 65 °C, the mass of water per m³ of air flow was seen to increase to 138.85 g, 142.66 g and 146.97 g for each of the runs respectively. It is also seen from figure 27 that the increase in amount of water in a m³ of the air flow increased in an exponential matter with the increase in enclosure temperature. Since the Econokit injection air flow rate does not change, as mentioned earlier, the absolute humidity also represents the water injection rate, and so as seen from table 4 and figure 27, as the enclosure temperature increases the water injection rate increases, again in an exponential matter.

The main reason for the increase in water vapour content in the air flow as the enclosure temperature, or engine bay temperature, is increased is attributed to the fact that when the enclosure or engine bay temperature is higher, the temperature of the water inside of the bubbler is also higher. A higher temperature for the water inside the bubbler would mean that the water evaporates and turns into water vapour at a quicker rate. A higher evaporation rate at the higher bubbler temperatures would therefore mean that for a constant injection air flow rate, such as that of the Econokit, more water vapour is being added per m³ of air passing through the bubbler.

The increase in absolute humidity of the air flow observed, which is about a 10 time increase between the two enclosure temperatures of 23 °C and 65 °C, is massive, and gives an explanation as to why the Econokit is very effective on reducing emissions when applied in some engines but is not as effective in other engines. From the results, it is seen that if the Econokit and the Econokit bubbler are placed on a vehicle with a low engine bay temperature, it will not inject much water into the manifold, the water injection rate will also be low. If the Econokit and the bubbler are however placed on a vehicle with a high engine bay temperature, more water will be injected by the Econokit in a period of time, the water injection rate will be higher.

From the literature reviewed and from section 3.3 specifically, it is seen that the water injection rate for an IMWI system, such as the Econokit, has a huge effect on the emissions. As explained in section 3.3, a higher water injection rate will result in higher NO_x emission reductions, it also however results in slightly higher PM and CO emissions. Therefore, since, as seen from the results, the water injection rate of the Econokit depends substantially on the bubbler temperature; to control the injected rate of the Econokit and control the vehicle's emissions, the temperature of the bubbler must be carefully monitored, controlled and adjusted. As mentioned, the results give an indication as to why the Econokit has not been very significant with emission reductions on some engines, if the engine bay temperature of the vehicle that the Econokit is being used on is too low, the bubbler temperature will also be low, and the injection rate could be too slow for the Econokit to have an effect on the engine emissions. Therefore, to ensure that the water injection rate of the Econokit is sufficient, for a vehicle with a low engine bay temperature, the bubbler should be installed onto a hotter component in the engine so that its temperature would high enough for an adequate water injection rate.

5.2 Characterisation of Reactor Temperature to Econokit Outputs

The outputs of the Econokit that are injected into the intake manifold include water and a processed gas. The processed gas, produced in the catalytic reactor, is unknown. In this test, the gas output of the Econokit is analysed at different reactor temperatures. The temperature of the reactor was varied from 0 – 450 °C and at intervals of 5 °C, CO, CO₂, H₂ and CH₄ emissions in the Econokit output were measured using the gas analyser.

5.2.1 Carbon Dioxide Detection

The test was run to measure the amount of CO₂ in the output of the Econokit at the varying reactor temperatures. The test was performed multiple times and CO₂ was indeed detected in the output gas at high reactor temperatures. CO₂ concentration readings were obtained at the varying reactor temperature as a % volume of the output gas composition using the gas analyser. The % volume concentration was then converted to volumetric parts per million (ppm). The results for the CO₂ concentration in the output air flow at the different reactor temperatures for three runs is given in figure 28 below. Also given on figure 28 is the mean CO₂ concentration at the varying reactor temperatures.

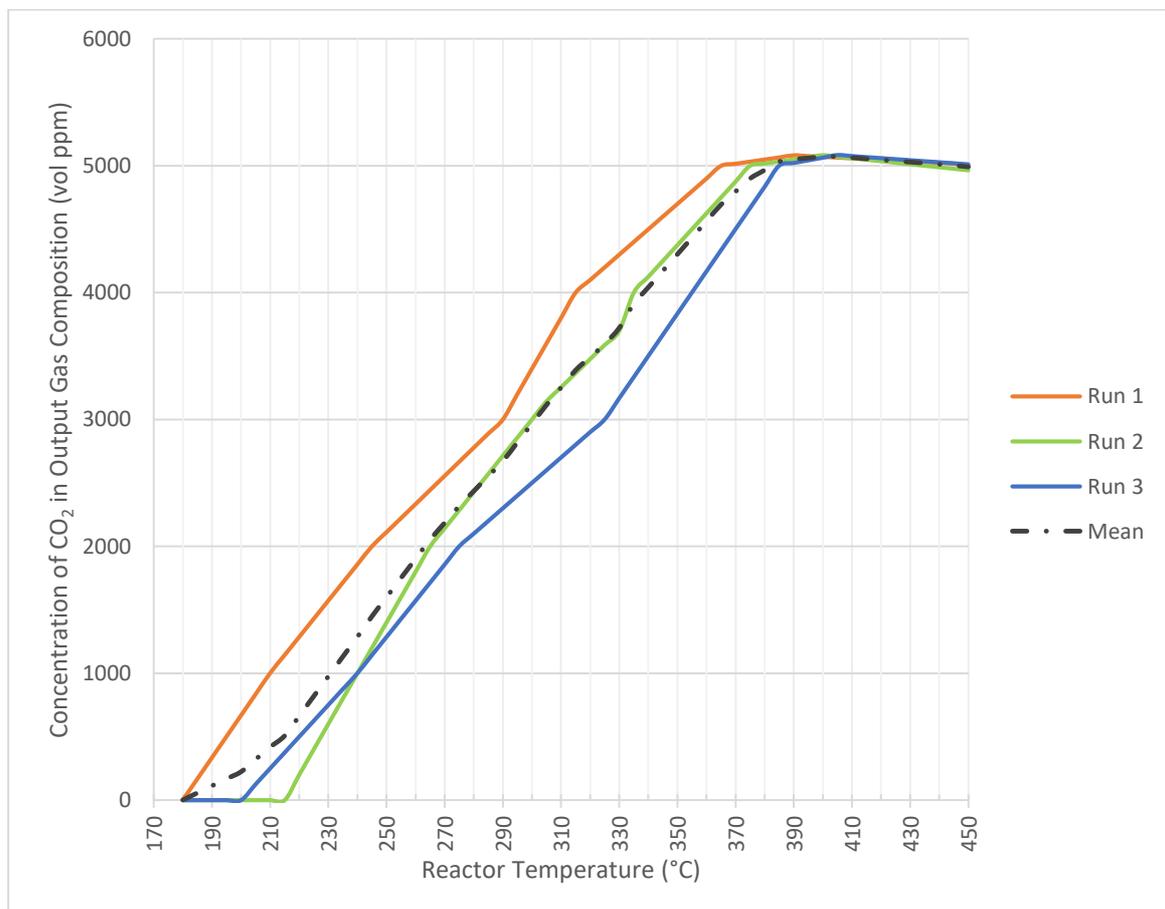


Figure 28. Concentration of CO₂ in Econokit output air flow vs Reactor temperature.

As seen in figure 28 above, the reactor did indeed change the composition of the output air flow of the Econokit. For reactor temperatures up to 180 °C, the reactor did not produce any CO₂ gas. However, when the reactor temperature reached 180 °C, as seen for Run 1 in figure 28 above, the reactor started to change the gas composition and produce CO₂. As for Run 2 and 3, it can be seen from figure 28 that the reactor also produced CO₂, however the CO₂ production began from reactor temperatures of 215 °C and 200 °C respectively. The results above therefore show that when the reactor temperature reaches 180 – 215 °C, it will start to affect the output gas composition and produce CO₂ gases which are then injected into the intake manifold.

Also seen from figure 28 is that the concentration of CO₂ in the output flow increased with the increase in reactor temperature. The maximum amount of CO₂ concentration observed in the air flow was around 5100 ppm for all three runs. For Run 1,2 and 3, the maximum CO₂ concentration in the output air flow was observed at reactor temperatures between 380 °C and 410 °C, as seen in figure 28. When the temperature of the reactor was further increased however, a very slight decrease in CO₂ concentration was observed.

There are two logical explanation as to why CO₂ is produced in the reactor, these are; either the carbonates in the water vapour in the air flow decompose at higher reactor temperatures to form CO₂, or the rubber hose attached to the reactor oxidises at the high reactor temperatures to form CO₂. To understand whether the CO₂ is produced from the oxidising of the rubber hose or from the decomposition of the carbonates in the water vapour, the reactor temperature was again varied and the CO₂ composition in the output air flow was analysed however with the reactor disconnected from the water tank. When the reactor was disconnected from the water tank, no CO₂ was detected in the output flow at all reactor temperatures and therefore this indicates that the CO₂ produced is from the decomposition of the carbonates in the water vapour flowing through the heated reactor and not from the oxidising of the rubber hose.

To understand the variability of data and to determine the variation of CO₂ production expected from the reactor at each reactor temperature, the standard deviation from the mean and the coefficient of variance for the CO₂ output at each reactor temperature was calculated. In appendix 5, the standard deviation and the coefficient of variance of CO₂ at each reactor temperature is given, shown in table 5 below however is a summary of the calculations. In

the summary in table 5 below, for a given range of reactor temperatures, the range of values of SD and CV calculated for each of the temperatures in that range is given.

| Range of Reactor Temperatures | SD of the CO ₂ Output from the Mean (ppm) | CV of the CO ₂ Output from the Mean (%) | Average of SD in Temperature Range (ppm) | Average of CV in Temperature Range (%) |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| From 180 °C to 225 °C | From 96.225 to 582.573 | From 173.205 to 66.115 | 401.783 | 136.041 |
| From 230 °C to 380 °C | From 116.644 to 600.338 | From 53.702 to 2.348 | 428.106 | 17.58 |
| From 385 °C to 450 °C | From 9.038 to 33.298 | From 0.661 to 0.178 | 17.920 | 0.355 |

Table 5. Summary of standard deviation and co-efficient of variance for CO₂ concentration in output air flow at each reactor temperature.

From table 5 above, it can be seen that for low reactor temperatures, the standard deviation and the coefficient of variance for the CO₂ output from the mean CO₂ output, shown in figure 28, is high. This means that the CO₂ output at the low reactor temperatures can vary from the mean given in figure 28, however the variation would have little significance as at the low reactor temperatures the CO₂ output is already low and insignificant in affecting engine emissions and with any deviation in the concentration of CO₂ at these low reactor temperatures, the CO₂ output would still remain insignificant in affecting engine emissions. Also seen from table 5 above, is that for higher reactor temperatures, where the CO₂ production is high, both the SD and the CV are low, therefore this indicates that at the high reactor temperatures there will be little variation in the concentration of CO₂ produced from the mean in figure 28 above, and that the concentration of CO₂ in the Econokits injected output will always be precisely close to 5100 ppm at these high reactor temperatures.

Overall, from the results it is seen that, if the reactor temperature is above 180 °C, it will produce CO₂ with a concentration of up to 5100 ppm, which means that with the water vapour being injected by the Econokit into the manifold, CO₂ will also be injected with a concentration of up to 5100 ppm. As seen from the literature review, section 3.1.1, one of the methods used to lower engine emissions is EGR. EGR injects CO₂ and CO into the intake manifold to reduce NO_x emissions. The concentration of 5100 ppm detected in the Econokit output air flow at the high reactor temperatures indicates that the Econokit might be able to

induce the effect of EGR in emissions reduction through the injected CO₂. However, whether the 5100 ppm of CO₂ injected by the Econokit would be sufficient to induce the effects of EGR or not depends on the engine that the Econokit is being used on and the mass of the total intake air mixture of that engine. If the 5100 ppm of CO₂ introduced accounts to a significant percentage of the total intake air mass of the engine then it would be effective in inducing the effects of EGR explained in section 3.1.1, if the 5100 ppm of CO₂ is insignificant in regard to the mass of the total intake air mixture of the engine however, then it will not induce the effects of EGR.

5.2.2 Carbon Monoxide Detection

The test was again run multiple times to detect the concentration of CO in the output air flow at the different reactor temperatures. Figure 29 below shows the CO concentration in the output air flow at the different reactor temperatures for three different runs. Also given on figure 51 is the mean CO concentration at the varying reactor temperatures.

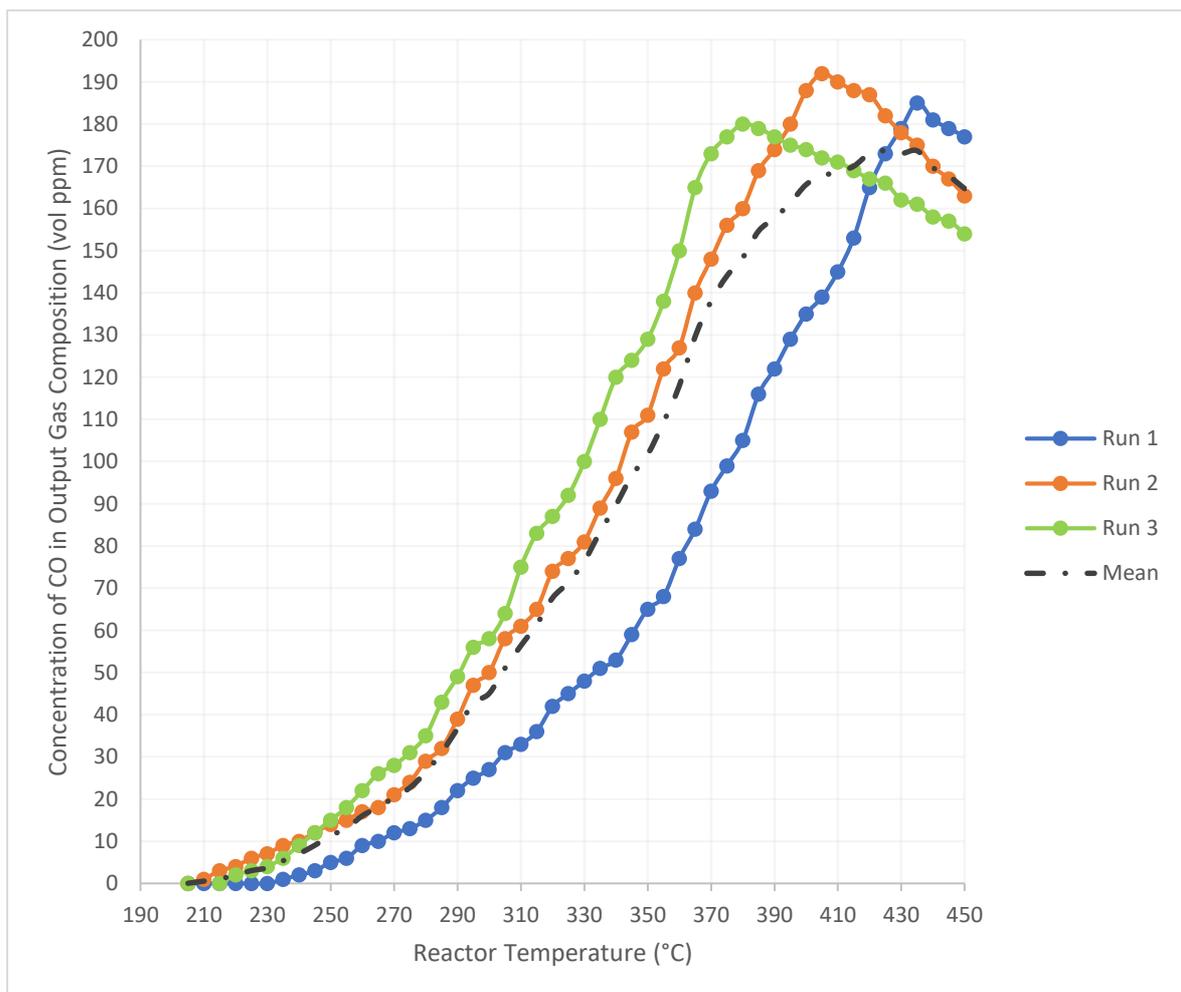


Figure 29. Concentration of CO in Econokit output air flow vs Reactor temperature.

As seen from figure 29 above, at elevated temperatures, the reactor produces CO gas. From temperatures of 220 °C, 215 °C and 205 °C for Run 1,2 and 3 respectively, CO was detected in the output gas composition. As the temperature of the reactor was increased, the CO concentration was also seen to increase. For Run 1 the maximum concentration of CO obtained, 185 ppm, was achieved at reactor temperature 425 °C. For Run 2 and 3 however the maximum concentration of CO obtained was 192 and 180 ppm and were obtained at reactor temperature 405 °C and 380 °C respectively. For the three runs it was seen that upon reaching the maximum concentration of CO at the reactor temperatures mentioned, any further increase in reactor temperature would act to reduce the CO concentration in the output air flow composition. As explained in section 5.2.1 above, the reason for the CO production in the Econokits reactor, is the same as that for the CO₂ production, which is at the high reactor temperatures, carbonates in the water vapour passing through the reactor decompose to form CO.

Again, to understand the variability of data and to determine the variation of CO production expected from the reactor at each reactor temperature, the standard deviation from the mean and the coefficient of variance for the CO output at each reactor temperature was calculated. Shown in table 6 below is the summary for the calculated SD and CV of CO concentration in Econokit air flow output at the reactor temperatures. The SD and CV at each reactor temperature is shown in appendix 6.

| Range of Reactor Temperatures | SD of the CO Output from the Mean (ppm) | CV of the CO Output from the Mean (%) | Average of SD in Temperature Range (ppm) | Average of CV in Temperature Range (%) |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| From 205 °C to 235 °C | From 0.5774 to 4.0414 | From 75.78 to 173.21 | 2.4771 | 119.66 |
| From 240 °C to 350 °C | From 4.3588 to 33.9460 | From 32.46 to 62.27 | 16.8768 | 40.25 |
| From 355 °C to 450 °C | From 8.0208 to 41.4769 | From 4.62 to 24.94 | 24.9365 | 17.03 |

Table 6. Summary of standard deviation and co-efficient of variance for CO concentration in output air flow at each reactor temperature.

As seen from table 6 above, for low reactor temperatures, the CV is high. The SD is however very low at the lower reactor temperatures and indicates that the even if the CO concentration at the low temperatures can vary considerably from the mean of CO output shown in figure 29 above, the amount of which the CO will vary will not have a significant influence on the effect of the injected CO. For higher reactor temperatures, where the CO production and concentration is also higher, it is seen from table 6 that the SD for CO outputs is also higher. The CV however is lower at the higher reactor temperatures and indicates that at these temperatures the CO produced and injected would be similar to that shown on the mean curve in figure 29 above.

Overall from the results of CO concentration, it is seen that if the reactor temperature is between 390 – 430 °C, it can produce CO at a concentration of up to 192 ppm. However, this amount indicates that the CO produced by the reactor, which is then injected into the intake manifold, is insufficient for it to have an effect on emissions in the same way that it does in the EGR system. In the EGR system, CO is injected in the intake manifold to reduce engine emissions. The amount of CO produced by the Econokit however would be insignificant in instigating the effects of EGR. Although the CO injected by the Econokit does not have a huge effect on engine emissions, it will combust in the combustion chamber which will in turn increase engine power.

5.2.3 Hydrogen Detection

The test was run multiple times to detect the concentration of H₂ in the output air flow at the varying reactor temperatures. Figure 30 below shows the concentration of H₂ in the output air flow at the different reactor temperatures for three different runs conducted. Also shown on figure 30 is the mean H₂ concentration at the varying reactor temperatures.

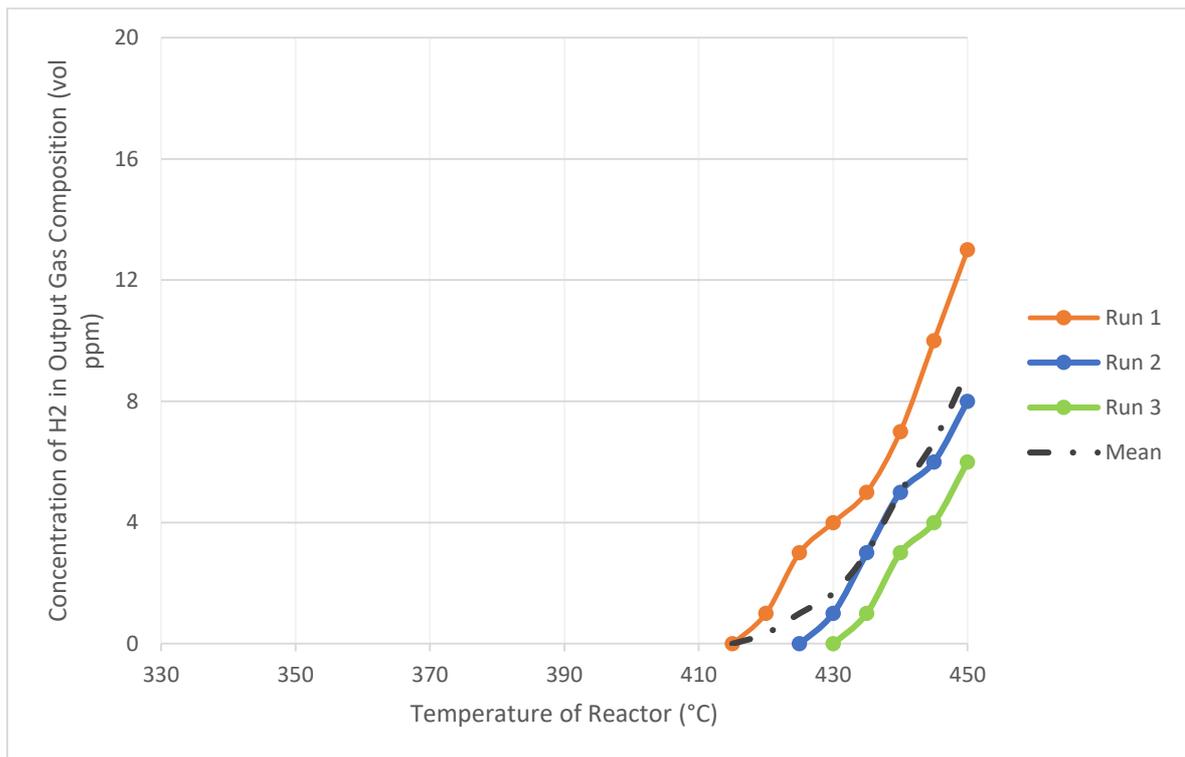


Figure 30. Concentration of H₂ in Econokit output air flow vs Reactor temperature.

As seen in figure 30 above, at very high temperatures, the reactor also produces H₂. For Run 1, hydrogen was detected from reactor temperature 415 °C, whereas for Run 2 and 3, hydrogen was detected at reactor temperatures 420 °C and 430 °C. Also seen from figure 30 is that when the reactor temperature reached maximum temperature, 450 °C, the concentration of H₂ in the output was 13 ppm, 8 ppm and 6 ppm for Runs 1, 2 and 3 respectively. This shows that even though H₂ is produced in the reactor, the amount produced is minimal and would not have an effect on the engine emissions when injected into the manifold. From the results however, it is also seen that as the temperature is increased, the concentration of H₂ also increases. This indicates that if the reactor temperature is further increased, above 450 °C, there would be a higher concentration of H₂ where it can reach a point where it can be high enough to affect the engine emissions.

If the reactor temperature does increase above 450 °C and the H₂ production becomes sufficient, this will mean that Econokit is injecting H₂, CO, CO₂. These three gases are the constituents of syngas, therefore at very high reactor temperatures, the Econokit would be injecting syngas. Syngas when injected would act as a secondary fuel in the combustion chamber [Feng 17]. It assists in combustion, and when injected it would act to reduce PM emissions by achieving more complete combustion and would also act to increase the engine power [Feng 17].

5.2.4 Methane Detection

The tests were again run multiple times, this time to detect the concentration of methane in the output gas composition at the varying reactor temperatures. Upon varying the temperature of the reactor from 0 – 450 °C for the multiple runs, no methane was detected.

CO however was detected in the output gas composition, as shown in section 5.2.2 above, CO is a by-product of the Sabatier reaction, as shown in section 3.5. Also, the gas analyser used to detect methane has a minimum detection level of 10000 ppm, and so the detection of CO indicates that the Sabatier reaction might have occurred, however the methane produced might have had a concentration of less than 10000 ppm and so was not detected by the gas analyser. If the methane however was produced at a concentration of less than 10000 ppm, it would still not be enough to affect the engine emissions upon injection into the intake manifold. For future work however, to confirm whether the methane was produced at a concentration lower than 10000 ppm, a gas analyser with a lower minimum methane detection should be used.

5.2.5 Effect of Reactor Temperature on Injected Water Content

Overall, from the gas analysis tests conducted in section 5.2, it can be seen that at high reactor temperatures, the reactor produces CO₂, CO and H₂ which are injected into the intake manifold. However, it should also be noted that for all the gas analysis tests carried out, section 5.2, as the reactor temperature was increased, the water content in the air flow was seen to slightly decrease. This means that although at elevated reactor temperatures the Econokit produces and injects CO₂, CO and H₂ into the intake manifold, when the reactor is at these elevated temperatures, the amount of water being injected decreases. As discussed in literature section 3.3.1, the higher the water injection rate, the more the IMWI system will reduce NO_x emissions. Therefore, the slight reduction in water injection rate observed when the reactor temperature was increased could mean that at the higher reactor temperatures the effect of the Econokit in NO_x emissions reduction could be reduced.

6 Conclusion

With the aim of characterising and understanding the Econokit device, a test bench was set up. The test-bench was set up to simulate the same conditions that the Econokit experiences on an engine, with the ability to alter and change these conditions. Two main tests were carried out, these are; the characterisation of the effect of bubbler temperature on water injection rate and the characterisation of the effect of reactor temperature on Econokit outputs.

From the first test it was clear that the temperature of the bubbler has a huge effect on the amount of water injected and the water injection rate of the Econokit. It was seen that as the bubbler temperature was increased, so did the water injection rate. When the temperature of the bubbler enclosure, which represents the under-bonnet area in a vehicle, was increased from 23 °C to 65 °C, the water injection rate experienced up to a significant 10 times increase.

In the second test, the reactor temperature was varied from 0 – 450 °C and the output gas composition was analysed. From the tests it was clear that the reactor does indeed change the composition of the Econokit output gas. When the reactor temperature was between 180 °C and 220 °C, both CO₂ and CO were produced and detected in the output composition. As the temperature of the reactor was further increased, the concentration of CO₂ and CO in the output flow was also seen to increase, where at reactor temperatures between 380 °C and 420 °C, the concentration of CO₂ and CO in the Econokit output flow was up to 5100 ppm and 192 ppm respectively. From the gas analysis tests, it was also seen the reactor produces H₂, at elevated reactor temperatures, above 415 °C, H₂ was detected in the gas analyser. The concentration of hydrogen detected however was minimal, where it only reached up to 13 ppm at the reactor temperature of 450 °C. The tests were also run to detect methane in the output composition, however no methane was detected at all reactor temperatures. CO detection however indicates that there might have been methane in the output gas, however with a concentration too little to be detected by the gas analyser. Also, although it was observed that the Econokit produces CO₂, CO and H₂, it was also seen however that at the high reactor temperatures, when these gases are produced, the amount of water injected by the Econokit reduces, a lower water injection rate could mean that the Econokits performance in reducing NO_x emissions would be reduced.

Overall from the results of both tests, the elements that differentiate the Econokit from other IMWI systems can be seen. The high CO₂ concentration, of 5100 ppm, at the high reactor temperatures indicates that the Econokit can reduce the engine emissions by acting as an IMWI system through the injection of water, but that it also has the potential to reduce the engine emissions by inducing the effects of an EGR system through the injected CO₂. However, whether the CO₂ produced and injected could affect the engine in the same way as in EGR depends on the engine that the Econokit is used on and the intake air mass of that engine as discussed in section 5.2.1. Also, as seen, both CO and H₂ are produced and injected by the Econokit. These two gases are the constituents of syngas. Syngas when injected into the intake manifold also acts to reduce NO_x emissions. Additionally, CO and syngas, when injected into the intake manifold, they will act as a secondary fuel and will combust in the combustion chamber, this allows for more complete combustion and thus less PM emissions and will also generate additional engine power.

Through both the literature reviewed and the tests conducted, multiple explanations as to why the Econokits performance in reducing engine emissions has varied when applied on different vehicles, can be given. From the literature reviewed it can be concluded that the performance of an IMWI system, such as the Econokit, in reducing emissions depends on multiple factors, these include; the engine type and engine load. The Econokit will be more effective on reducing engine emissions for an engine running on a high load than an engine running on a low load, if the engine load is too low, the effect of an IMWI system on reducing emissions, NO_x emissions in particular, can become negligible. From the tests, an explanation can also be given to the variance in Econokit performance. As seen from the results, the water injection rate of the Econokit depends significantly on the temperature of the bubbler, and since the performance of an IMWI depends substantially on the water injection rate, as seen from the literature, this indicates that the performance of the Econokit will depend on the temperature of the engine bay it is placed in. A high engine bay temperature would result in a higher bubbler temperature and so a higher water injection rate, whereas a low engine bay temperature would result in a lower bubbler temperature and a lower water injection rate. Also seen is that for the Econokit reactor to change the gas composition and produce CO₂, CO and H₂, it needs to be at a very high temperature. Therefore, whether the Econokit will inject these gases into the intake manifold or not will depend on the exhaust manifold temperature of the engine that the Econokit is applied to.

7 Future Work

Suggestions for future work include:

- Ramp the reactor temperatures to even higher than 450 °C to check if at the higher temperatures more H₂ is produced.
- Further analyse the amounts of H₂ and CO produced to determine if they will be sufficient to induce the effects of syngas upon injection into the intake manifold.
- Analyse the emissions of an engine upon applying the Econokit while ensuring; that the bubbler temperature is higher than 60 °C, to ensure maximum water injection rate, and while ensuring that the reactor temperature is above 400 °C, to ensure that the output gases mentioned above are being produced and injected.
- Compare the effect of the Econokit on an engine's emissions; with the reactor applied, and with the reactor disconnected. As seen in this study, the reactor acts to introduce CO₂, CO and H₂ into the intake manifold, however at the same time the reactor also reduces the amount of water being injected by the Econokit. Therefore, it should be analysed whether using the reactor and introducing these gases with a lower water injection rate would cause a larger reduction in engine emissions or disconnecting the reactor and ensuring a higher water injection rate would cause a larger reduction in engine emissions.

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Appendix

1) Fuel characteristics for section 3.2.1

Table 3. Test—fuel properties

| | | LFO | HFO |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Density (15 °C) | kg/m ³ | 834 | 940 |
| Viscosity (80 °C) | mm ² /s | 3.32 | 66.6 |
| HHV | MJ/kg | 45.5 | 43.2 |
| LHV | MJ/kg | 42.8 | 41.1 |
| CCAI | – | 806 | 857 |
| Enthalpy of vapor | kJ/kg | ~ 287 | ~ 252 |
| Stoich. air/fuel ratio | kg/kg | 14.3 | 13.8 |
| H/C ratio | mol/mol | 1.96 | 2.06 |
| Aromaticity | vol % | ~ 14 | ~ 78 |
| Cetane number | – | ~ 50 | ~ 35 |
| FBP | °C | ~ 355 | ~ 577 |

[Sarvi et al 09

2) Engine loads a-d for section 3.3.1 and 3.3.3

Table 2

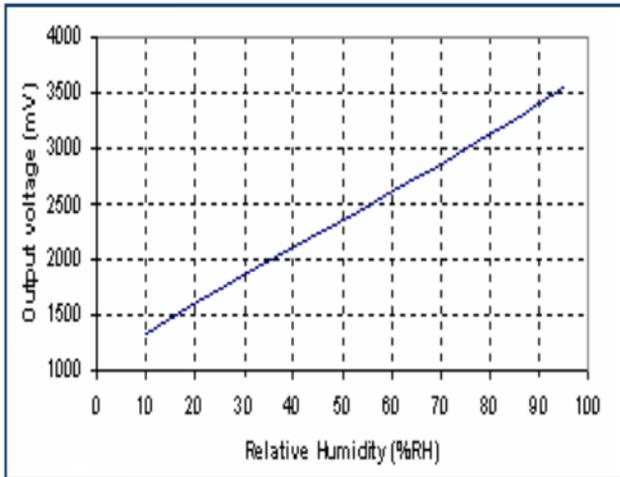
Operating points.

| Point | A | B | C | D |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Engine speed (rpm) | 1500 | 1665 | 2050 | 2000 |
| Torque (N m) | 45 | 114 | 140 | 200 |
| Pilot quantity (mg/stroke) | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| Principal quantity (mg/stroke) | 11.2 | 22.8 | 30.7 | 39.7 |
| BMEP (bar) | 2.8 | 7.1 | 9.5 | 12.7 |
| P_{rail} (bar) | 600 | 865 | 1028 | 1154 |

[Tauzia et al 10]

3) Reference chart and table to calculate relative humidity for section 4.4.1 and 5.1

- **Modeled Signal Output**



| RH (%) | Vout (mV) | RH (%) | Vout (mV) |
|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 10 | 1325 | 55 | 2480 |
| 15 | 1465 | 60 | 2605 |
| 20 | 1600 | 65 | 2730 |
| 25 | 1735 | 70 | 2860 |
| 30 | 1860 | 75 | 2990 |
| 35 | 1990 | 80 | 3125 |
| 40 | 2110 | 85 | 3260 |
| 45 | 2235 | 90 | 3405 |
| 50 | 2360 | 95 | 3555 |

4) Constants used to calculate absolute humidity is section 5.1

| | A | m | Tn | max error | Temperature range |
|-------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------------|
| water | 6.116441 | 7.591386 | 240.7263 | 0.083% | -20...+50°C |
| | 6.004918 | 7.337936 | 229.3975 | 0.017% | +50...+100°C |
| | 5.856548 | 7.27731 | 225.1033 | 0.003% | +100...+150°C |
| | 6.002859 | 7.290361 | 227.1704 | 0.007% | +150...+200°C |
| | 9.980622 | 7.388931 | 263.1239 | 0.395% | +200...+350°C |
| | 6.089613 | 7.33502 | 230.3921 | 0.368% | 0...+200°C |
| ice | 6.114742 | 9.778707 | 273.1466 | 0.052% | -70...0°C |

[Vaisala 13]

5) Standard deviation and co-efficient of variance for CO₂ concentration at each reactor temperature (section 5.2.1)

| | A | B | C | D | E | J | K |
|----|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Reactor Temperature | Run 1 CO2 (g/m3) | Run 2 CO2 (g/m3) | Run 3 CO2 (g/m3) | Mean | Standard Deviation | CV |
| 39 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 40 | 185 | 166.6666667 | 0 | 0 | 55.55555556 | 96.22504486 | 173.20508 |
| 41 | 190 | 333.3333333 | 0 | 0 | 111.1111111 | 192.4500897 | 173.20508 |
| 42 | 195 | 500 | 0 | 0 | 166.6666667 | 288.6751346 | 173.20508 |
| 43 | 200 | 666.6666667 | 0 | 0 | 222.2222222 | 384.9001795 | 173.20508 |
| 44 | 205 | 833.3333333 | 0 | 125 | 319.4444444 | 449.4080469 | 140.68426 |
| 45 | 210 | 1000 | 0 | 250 | 416.6666667 | 520.4164999 | 124.89996 |
| 46 | 215 | 1142.857143 | 0 | 375 | 505.952381 | 582.5736063 | 115.14396 |
| 47 | 220 | 1285.714286 | 200 | 500 | 661.9047619 | 560.6725796 | 84.705929 |
| 48 | 225 | 1428.571429 | 400 | 625 | 817.8571429 | 540.726552 | 66.115037 |
| 49 | 230 | 1571.428571 | 600 | 750 | 973.8095238 | 522.9592666 | 53.702419 |
| 50 | 235 | 1714.285714 | 800 | 875 | 1129.761905 | 507.5995596 | 44.929782 |
| 51 | 240 | 1857.142857 | 1000 | 1000 | 1285.714286 | 494.8716593 | 38.490018 |
| 52 | 245 | 2000 | 1200 | 1142.857143 | 1447.619048 | 479.2284048 | 33.104594 |
| 53 | 250 | 2111.111111 | 1400 | 1285.714286 | 1598.941799 | 447.2173514 | 27.969583 |
| 54 | 255 | 2222.222222 | 1600 | 1428.571429 | 1750.26455 | 417.618213 | 23.860291 |
| 55 | 260 | 2333.333333 | 1800 | 1571.428571 | 1901.587302 | 390.9791573 | 20.560674 |
| 56 | 265 | 2444.444444 | 2000 | 1714.285714 | 2052.910053 | 367.9436751 | 17.92303 |
| 57 | 270 | 2555.555556 | 2142.857143 | 1857.142857 | 2185.185185 | 351.1250799 | 16.068436 |
| 58 | 275 | 2666.666667 | 2285.714286 | 2000 | 2317.460317 | 334.4651985 | 14.432402 |
| 59 | 280 | 2777.777778 | 2428.571429 | 2100 | 2435.449735 | 338.9412373 | 13.916988 |
| 60 | 285 | 2888.888889 | 2571.428571 | 2200 | 2553.439153 | 344.7965917 | 13.503223 |
| 61 | 290 | 3000 | 2714.285714 | 2300 | 2671.428571 | 351.9624284 | 13.175064 |
| 62 | 295 | 3200 | 2857.142857 | 2400 | 2819.047619 | 401.3582382 | 14.23737 |
| 63 | 300 | 3400 | 3000 | 2500 | 2966.666667 | 450.9249753 | 15.199718 |
| 64 | 305 | 3600 | 3142.857143 | 2600 | 3114.285714 | 500.6118705 | 16.074693 |
| 65 | 310 | 3800 | 3253.968254 | 2700 | 3251.322751 | 550.0047718 | 16.916339 |
| 66 | 315 | 4000 | 3365.079365 | 2800 | 3388.359788 | 600.3386408 | 17.717677 |
| 67 | 320 | 4100 | 3476.190476 | 2900 | 3492.063492 | 600.1574497 | 17.186327 |
| 68 | 325 | 4200 | 3587.301587 | 3000 | 3595.767196 | 600.0447899 | 16.687532 |
| 69 | 330 | 4300 | 3698.412698 | 3166.666667 | 3721.693122 | 567.0252152 | 15.235679 |
| 70 | 335 | 4400 | 4000 | 3333.333333 | 3911.111111 | 538.8602512 | 13.777677 |
| 71 | 340 | 4500 | 4125 | 3500 | 4041.666667 | 505.1814855 | 12.499336 |
| 72 | 345 | 4600 | 4250 | 3666.666667 | 4172.222222 | 471.5027198 | 11.300997 |
| 73 | 350 | 4700 | 4375 | 3833.333333 | 4302.777778 | 437.8239541 | 10.175379 |
| 74 | 355 | 4800 | 4500 | 4000 | 4433.333333 | 404.1451884 | 9.1160569 |
| 75 | 360 | 4900 | 4625 | 4166.666667 | 4563.888889 | 370.4664227 | 8.117341 |
| 76 | 365 | 5000 | 4750 | 4333.333333 | 4694.444444 | 336.787657 | 7.1741749 |
| 77 | 370 | 5016.649155 | 4875 | 4500 | 4797.216385 | 266.9631162 | 5.5649588 |
| 78 | 375 | 5033.29831 | 5000 | 4666.666667 | 4899.988325 | 202.747236 | 4.1377086 |
| 79 | 380 | 5049.947465 | 5016.649155 | 4833.333333 | 4966.643318 | 116.6441524 | 2.348551 |
| 80 | 385 | 5066.59662 | 5033.29831 | 5000 | 5033.29831 | 33.29830977 | 0.6615604 |
| 81 | 390 | 5083.245774 | 5049.947465 | 5020.811444 | 5051.334894 | 31.24028068 | 0.6184559 |
| 82 | 395 | 5077.299648 | 5066.59662 | 5041.622887 | 5061.839718 | 18.30789154 | 0.3616845 |
| 83 | 400 | 5071.353521 | 5083.245774 | 5062.434331 | 5072.344542 | 10.44105543 | 0.2058428 |
| 84 | 405 | 5065.407394 | 5071.362925 | 5083.245774 | 5073.338698 | 9.081834137 | 0.179011 |
| 85 | 410 | 5059.461267 | 5059.480075 | 5075.125854 | 5064.689066 | 9.038528812 | 0.1784617 |
| 86 | 415 | 5053.515141 | 5047.597226 | 5067.005934 | 5056.039433 | 9.947538656 | 0.1967457 |
| 87 | 420 | 5047.569014 | 5035.714376 | 5058.886013 | 5047.389801 | 11.58685798 | 0.2295614 |
| 88 | 425 | 5041.622887 | 5023.831527 | 5050.766093 | 5038.740169 | 13.69672446 | 0.2718284 |
| 89 | 430 | 5035.67676 | 5011.948678 | 5042.646173 | 5030.090537 | 16.09311886 | 0.319937 |
| 90 | 435 | 5029.730634 | 5000.065828 | 5034.526253 | 5021.440905 | 18.66600971 | 0.3717262 |
| 91 | 440 | 5023.784507 | 4988.182979 | 5026.406332 | 5012.791273 | 21.35168829 | 0.4259441 |
| 92 | 445 | 5017.83838 | 4976.300129 | 5018.286412 | 5004.14164 | 24.11249671 | 0.4818508 |
| 93 | 450 | 5000 | 4964.41728 | 5010.166492 | 4991.527924 | 24.02248231 | 0.4812651 |

5) Standard deviation and co-efficient of variance for CO concentration at each reactor temperature (section 5.2.2)

| | A | B | C | D | E | J | K |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Reactor Temperature | Run 1 CO (g/m3) | Run 2 CO (g/m3) | Run 3 CO (g/m3) | Mean | Standard Deviation | CV |
| 45 | 210 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.333333 | 0.577350269 | 173.2050808 |
| 46 | 215 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1.732050808 | 173.2050808 |
| 47 | 220 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 100 |
| 48 | 225 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 100 |
| 49 | 230 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 3.666667 | 3.511884584 | 95.77867048 |
| 50 | 235 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 5.333333 | 4.041451884 | 75.77722283 |
| 51 | 240 | 2 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 4.358898944 | 62.26998491 |
| 52 | 245 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 9 | 5.196152423 | 57.73502692 |
| 53 | 250 | 5 | 14 | 15 | 11.333333 | 5.507570547 | 48.59621071 |
| 54 | 255 | 6 | 15 | 18 | 13 | 6.244997998 | 48.03844614 |
| 55 | 260 | 9 | 17 | 22 | 16 | 6.557438524 | 40.98399078 |
| 56 | 265 | 10 | 18 | 26 | 18 | 8 | 44.44444444 |
| 57 | 270 | 12 | 21 | 28 | 20.333333 | 8.020806277 | 39.44658825 |
| 58 | 275 | 13 | 24 | 31 | 22.666667 | 9.073771726 | 40.03134585 |
| 59 | 280 | 15 | 29 | 35 | 26.333333 | 10.26320288 | 38.97418815 |
| 60 | 285 | 18 | 32 | 43 | 31 | 12.52996409 | 40.41923899 |
| 61 | 290 | 22 | 39 | 49 | 36.666667 | 13.65039682 | 37.22835496 |
| 62 | 295 | 25 | 47 | 56 | 42.666667 | 15.94783162 | 37.37773036 |
| 63 | 300 | 27 | 50 | 58 | 45 | 16.09347694 | 35.76328209 |
| 64 | 305 | 31 | 58 | 64 | 51 | 17.57839583 | 34.46744281 |
| 65 | 310 | 33 | 61 | 75 | 56.333333 | 21.38535324 | 37.96216552 |
| 66 | 315 | 36 | 65 | 83 | 61.333333 | 23.71356855 | 38.66342698 |
| 67 | 320 | 42 | 74 | 87 | 67.666667 | 23.15887159 | 34.22493338 |
| 68 | 325 | 45 | 77 | 92 | 71.333333 | 24.00694344 | 33.65459361 |
| 69 | 330 | 48 | 81 | 100 | 76.333333 | 26.31222783 | 34.47016746 |
| 70 | 335 | 51 | 89 | 110 | 83.333333 | 29.90540642 | 35.88648771 |
| 71 | 340 | 53 | 96 | 120 | 89.666667 | 33.94603561 | 37.85803227 |
| 72 | 345 | 59 | 107 | 124 | 96.666667 | 33.70954365 | 34.87194171 |
| 73 | 350 | 65 | 111 | 129 | 101.666667 | 33.00505012 | 32.46398372 |
| 74 | 355 | 68 | 122 | 138 | 109.333333 | 36.67878588 | 33.54767001 |
| 75 | 360 | 77 | 127 | 150 | 118 | 37.32291521 | 31.62958916 |
| 76 | 365 | 84 | 140 | 165 | 129.666667 | 41.4769012 | 31.98732741 |
| 77 | 370 | 93 | 148 | 173 | 138 | 40.92676386 | 29.65707526 |
| 78 | 375 | 99 | 156 | 177 | 144 | 40.36087214 | 28.02838343 |
| 79 | 380 | 105 | 160 | 180 | 148.333333 | 38.83726733 | 26.18242741 |
| 80 | 385 | 116 | 169 | 179 | 154.666667 | 33.8575447 | 21.8906539 |
| 81 | 390 | 122 | 174 | 177 | 157.666667 | 30.92463958 | 19.61393631 |
| 82 | 395 | 129 | 180 | 175 | 161.333333 | 28.11286775 | 17.42533125 |
| 83 | 400 | 135 | 188 | 174 | 165.666667 | 27.46512941 | 16.57854894 |
| 84 | 405 | 139 | 192 | 172 | 167.666667 | 26.76440422 | 15.96286534 |
| 85 | 410 | 145 | 190 | 171 | 168.666667 | 22.5905585 | 13.39361176 |
| 86 | 415 | 153 | 188 | 169 | 170 | 17.52141547 | 10.30671498 |
| 87 | 420 | 165 | 187 | 167 | 173 | 12.16552506 | 7.032095411 |
| 88 | 425 | 173 | 182 | 166 | 173.666667 | 8.020806277 | 4.618506493 |
| 89 | 430 | 179 | 178 | 162 | 173 | 9.539392014 | 5.51409943 |
| 90 | 435 | 185 | 175 | 161 | 173.666667 | 12.05542755 | 6.941704921 |
| 91 | 440 | 181 | 170 | 158 | 169.666667 | 11.50362262 | 6.780131209 |
| 92 | 445 | 179 | 167 | 157 | 167.666667 | 11.01514109 | 6.569666657 |
| 93 | 450 | 177 | 163 | 154 | 164.666667 | 11.59022577 | 7.038598644 |