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# **Engine Turbo/Super Charging**

# Super and Turbo-charging

## Why super/ turbo-charging?

- Fuel burned per cycle in an IC engine is air limited
  - $(F/A)_{\text{stoich}} = 1/14.6$

$$\text{Torq} = \frac{\eta_f m_f Q_{\text{HV}}}{2\pi n_R}$$

$$\text{Power} = \text{Torq} \cdot 2\pi N$$

$$m_f = \left(\frac{F}{A}\right) \eta_v \rho_{a,0} V_D$$

$\eta_f, \eta_v$  – fuel conversion and volumetric efficiencies

$m_f$  – fuel mass per cycle

$Q_{\text{HV}}$  – fuel heating value

$n_R$  – 1 for 2-stroke, 2 for 4-stroke engine

$N$  – revolution per second

$V_D$  – engine displacement

$\rho_{a,0}$  – air density

**Super/turbo-charging: increase air density**

## Super- and Turbo- Charging

Purpose: To increase the charge density

- Supercharge: compressor powered by engine output
  - No turbo-lag
  - Does not impact exhaust treatment
  - Fuel consumption penalty
- Turbo-charge: compressor powered by exhaust turbine
  - Uses 'wasted' exhaust energy
  - Turbo- lag problem
  - Affects exhaust treatment
- Intercooler
  - Increase charge density (hence output power) by cooling the charge
  - Lowers NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

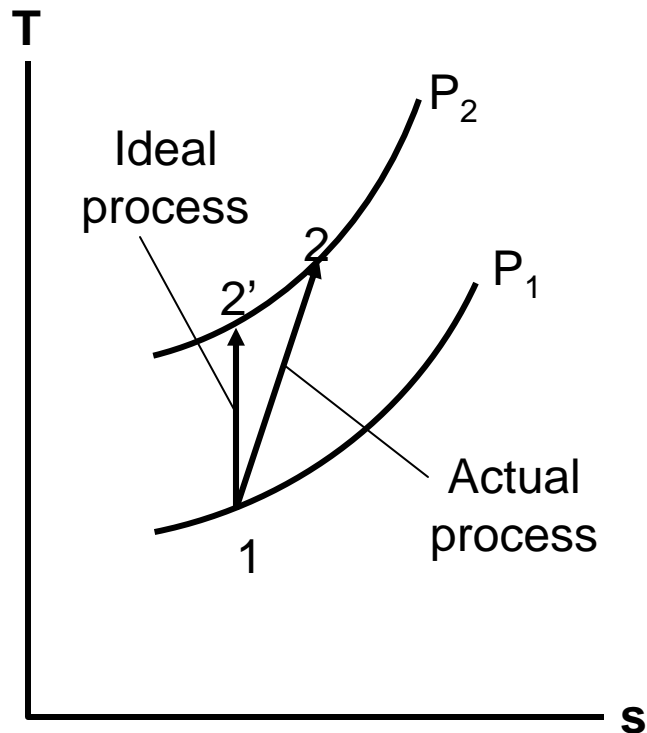
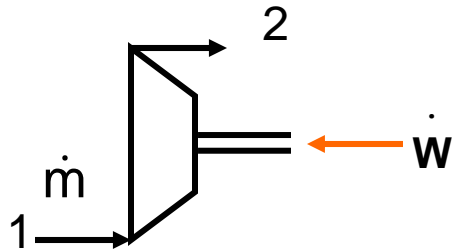
**Charge-air pressure regulation with wastegate on exhaust gas end.** 1.Engine, 2. Exhaust-gas turbochager, 3. Wastegate

**Exhaust-gas turbocharger for trucks**

1.Compressor housing, 2. Compressor impeller, 3. Turbine housing, 4. Rotor, 5. Bearing housing, 6. inflowing exhaust gas, 7. Out-flowing exhaust gas, 8. Atmospheric fresh air, 9. Pre-compressed fresh air, 10. Oil inlet, 11. Oil return

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# Compressor: basic thermodynamics



Compressor efficiency  $\eta_c$

$$\eta_c = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{ideal}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{actual}}}$$

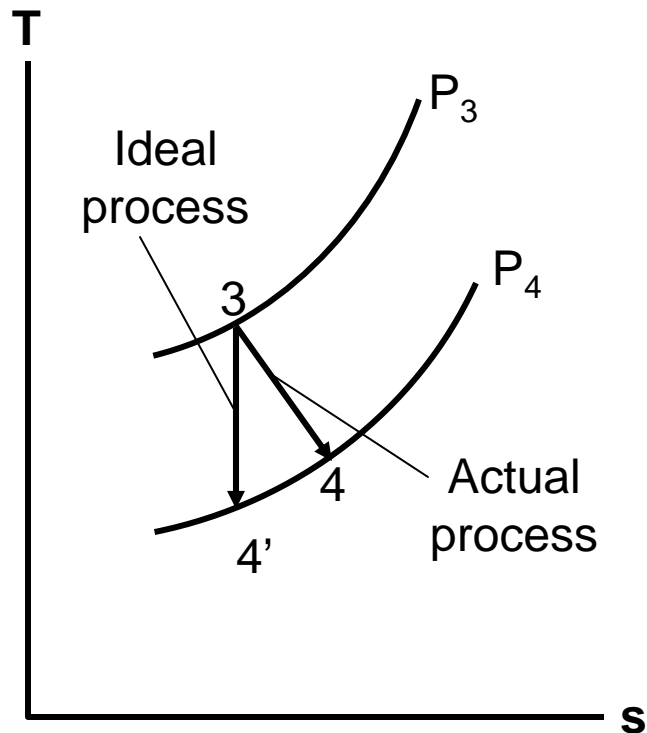
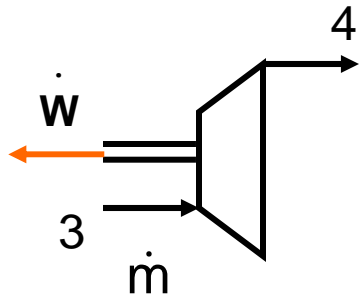
$$\dot{W}_{\text{ideal}} = \dot{m} c_p T_1 \left( \frac{T_2'}{T_1} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{T_2'}{T_1} = \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{1}{\eta_c} \dot{m} c_p T_1 \left( \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right)$$

$$T_2 = T_1 + \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{actual}}}{\dot{m} c_p}$$

# Turbine: basic thermodynamics



**Turbine efficiency  $\eta_t$**

$$\eta_t = \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{actual}}}{\dot{W}_{\text{ideal}}}$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{ideal}} = \dot{m}c_p T_3 \left( 1 - \frac{T_4'}{T_3} \right)$$

$$\frac{T_4'}{T_3} = \left( \frac{P_4}{P_3} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$\dot{W}_{\text{actual}} = \eta_t \dot{m}c_p T_3 \left( 1 - \left( \frac{P_4}{P_3} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right)$$

$$T_4 = T_3 - \frac{\dot{W}_{\text{actual}}}{\dot{m}c_p}$$

## Properties of Turbochargers

- Power transfer between fluid and shaft  $\propto \text{RPM}^3$ 
  - Typically operate at  $\sim 60\text{K}$  to  $120\text{K}$  RPM
- RPM limited by centrifugal stress: usually tip velocity is approximately sonic
- Flow devices, sensitive to boundary layer (BL) behavior
  - Compressor: BL under unfavorable gradient
  - Turbine: BL under favorable gradient



## Typical super/turbo-charged engine parameters

- Peak compressor pressure ratio  $\approx 3.5$
- BMEP up to 22 bar
- Limits:
  - compressor aerodynamics
  - cylinder peak pressure
  - NOx emissions

## Compressor/Turbine Characteristics

- Delivered pressure  $P_2$
- $P_2 = f(\dot{m}, RT_1, P_1, N, D, \mu, \gamma, \text{geometric ratios})$
- Dimensional analysis:
  - 7 dimensional variables  $\rightarrow (7-3) = 4$  dimensionless parameters (plus  $\gamma$  and geometric ratios)

$$\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right) = f\left(\underbrace{\frac{N}{\sqrt{\gamma RT_1}/D}}_{\text{Velocity}}, \underbrace{\left(\frac{P_1}{RT_1}\right)}_{\text{Density}} \underbrace{\sqrt{RT_1}D^2}_{\text{Velocity}}, \text{Re}, \gamma, \text{geometric ratios}\right)$$

High Re number flow  $\rightarrow$  weak Re dependence

For fixed geometry machinery and gas properties

$$\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right) = f\left(\frac{N}{\sqrt{T_1}}, \frac{\dot{m}\sqrt{T_1}}{P_1}\right)$$

# Compressor Map

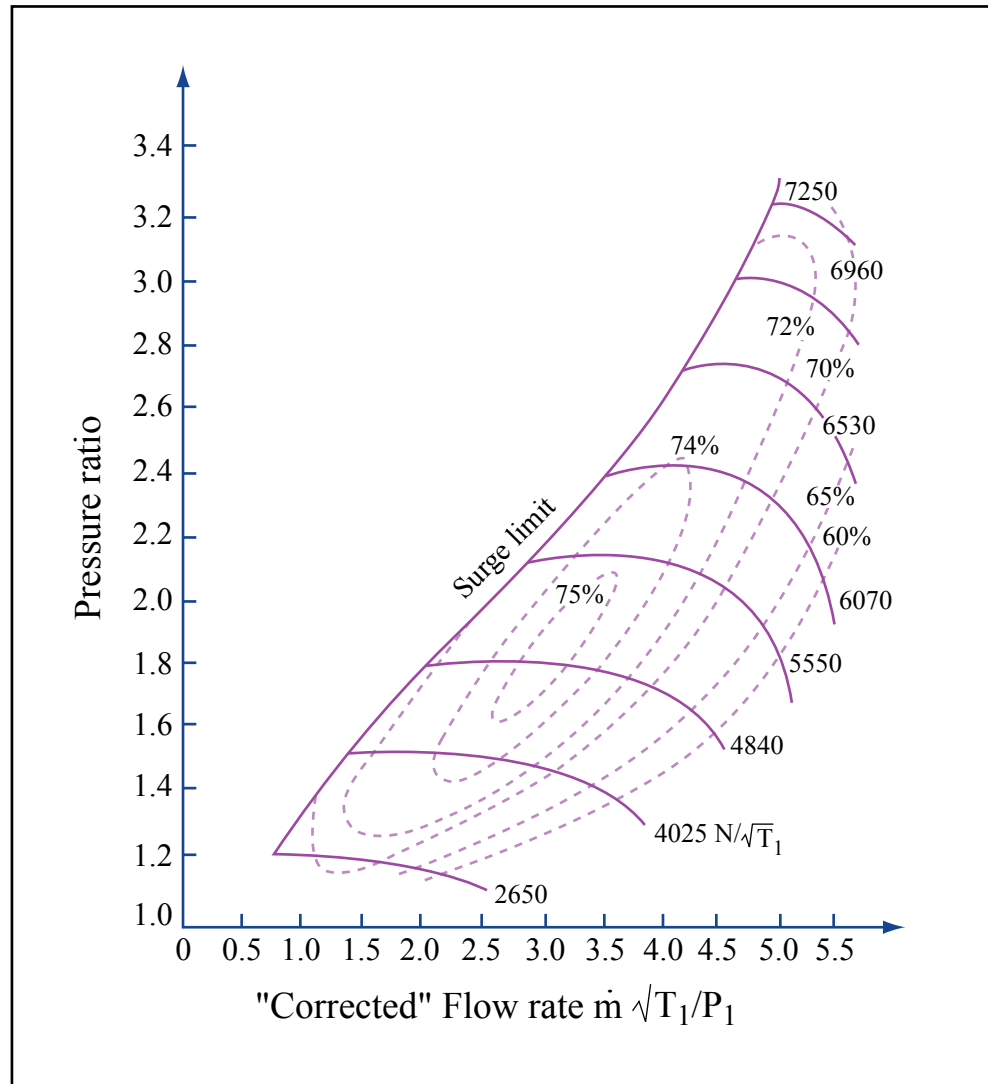


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$T_1$  = inlet temperature (K);  $P_1$  = inlet pressure (bar); N = rev. per min.;  $\dot{m}$  = mass flow rate (kg/s)  
 (From "Principles and Performance in Diesel Engineering," Ed. by Haddad and Watson)

# Compressor stall and surge

- Stall
  - Happens when incident flow angle is too large (large  $V_\theta/V_x$ )
  - Stall causes flow blockage
- Surge
  - Flow inertia/resistance, and compression system internal volume comprise a LRC resonance system
  - Oscillatory flow behavior when flow blockage occurs because of compressor stall
    - reverse flow and violent flow rate surges

# Turbine Map

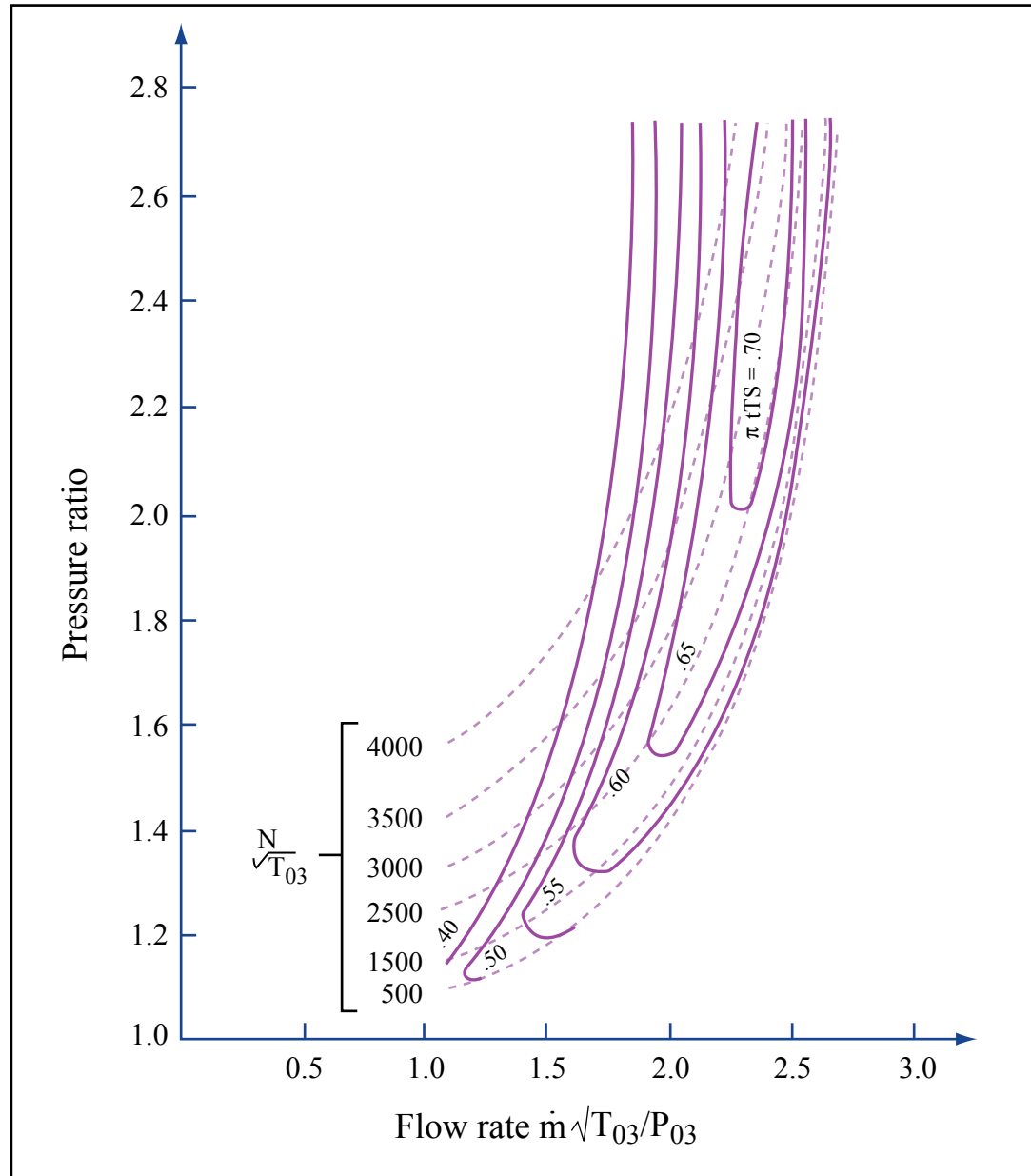


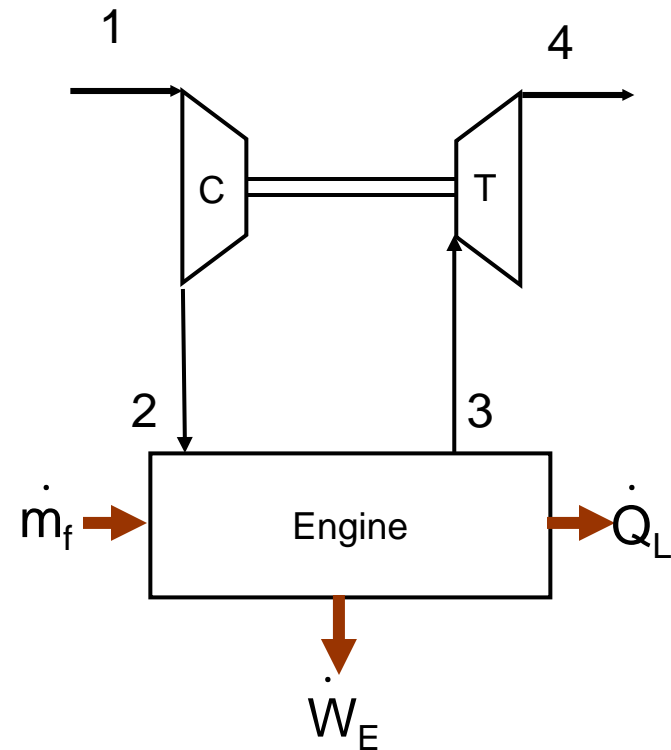
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$T_{03}$  = Turbine inlet temperature(K);  $P_{03}$  = Turbine inlet pressure(bar);  $P_4$  = Turbine outlet pressure(bar);  $N$  = rev. per min.;  $m$  = mass flow rate (kg/s)

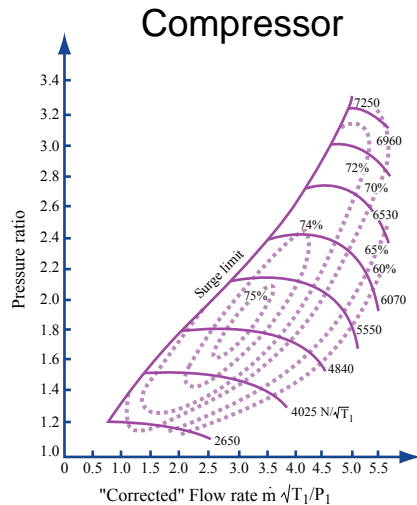
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## Compressor Turbine Matching Exercise

- For simplicity, take away intercooler and wastegate
- Given engine brake power output ( $\dot{W}_E$ ) and RPM, compressor map, turbine map, and engine map
- Find operating point, i.e. air flow ( $\dot{m}_a$ ), fuel flow rate ( $\dot{m}_f$ ) turbo-shaft revolution per second (N), compressor and turbine pressure ratios ( $\pi_c$  and  $\pi_t$ ) etc.



## Compressor/ turbine/engine matching solution



Procedure :

1. Guess  $\pi_c$ ; can get engine inlet conditions :

$$P_2 = \pi_c P_1 \quad T_2 = \frac{T_1}{\eta_c} \left[ (\pi_c)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1 \right]$$

2. Then engine volumetric efficiency calibration will give the air flow  $\dot{m}_a$  that can be 'swallowed'

3. From  $\dot{m}_a$  and  $\pi_c$  , the compressor speed  $N$  can be obtained from the compressor map

4. The fuel flow rate  $\dot{m}_f$  may be obtained from the engine map :

$$\dot{W}_E = \dot{m}_f \text{LHV} \eta_f (\text{RPM}, \dot{W}_E, A/F)$$

5. Engine exhaust temperature  $T_3$  may be obtained from energy balance (with known engine mech. eff.  $\eta_M$ )

$$(\dot{m}_a + \dot{m}_f) c_p T_3 = \dot{m}_a c_p T_2 + \dot{m}_f \text{LHV} - \frac{\dot{W}_E}{\eta_M} - \dot{Q}_L$$

6. Guess  $\pi_t$  , then get turbine speed  $N_t$  from turbine map

7. Determine turbine power from turbine efficiency on map

$$\dot{W}_t = \eta_t \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{\pi_t} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} \right]$$

8. Iterate on the values of  $\pi_c$  and  $\pi_t$  until  $\dot{W}_t = \dot{W}_c$  and  $N_t = N_c$

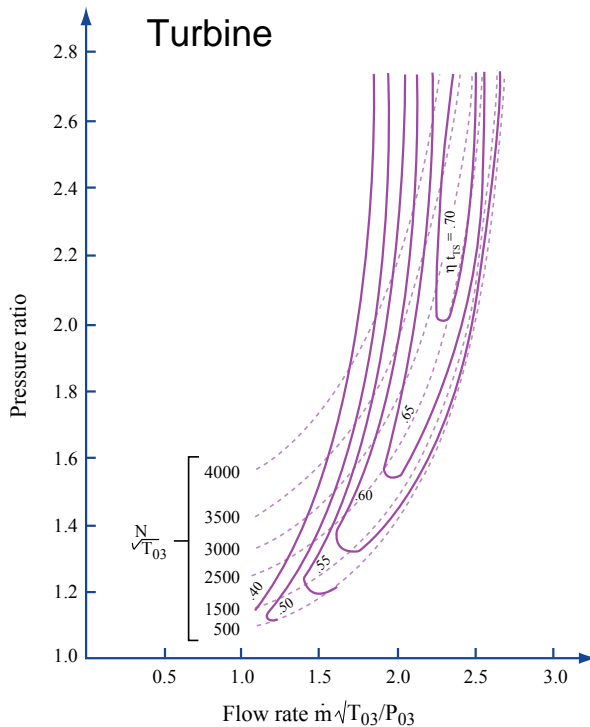


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# Compressor/ Engine/ Turbine Matching

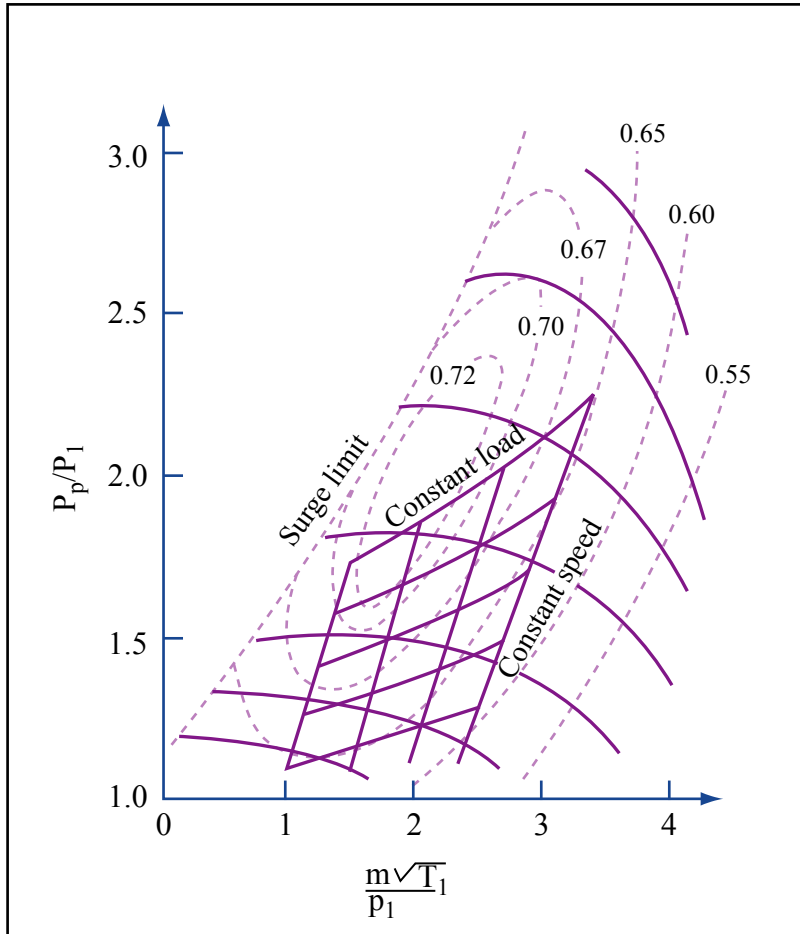
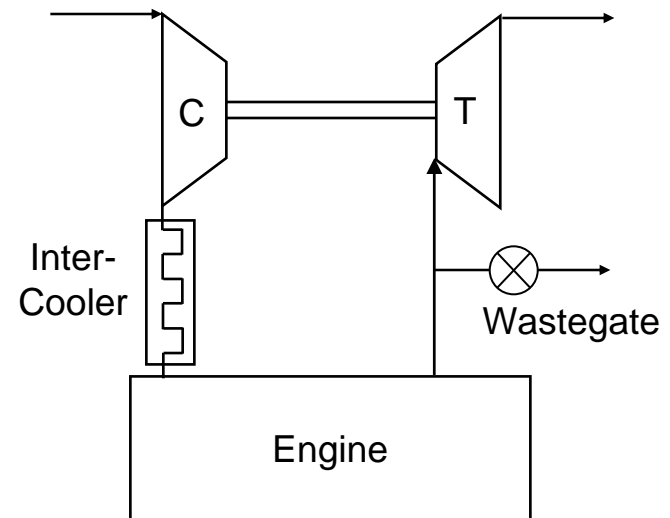


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Compressor characteristics, with airflow requirements of a four-stroke truck engine superimposed.

(From “**Principles and Performance in Diesel Engineering,**” Ed. by Haddad and Watson)

- Mass flows through compressor, engine, turbine and wastegate have to be consistent
- Turbine inlet temperature consistent with fuel flow and engine power output
- Turbine supplies compressor work
- Turbine and compressor at same speed

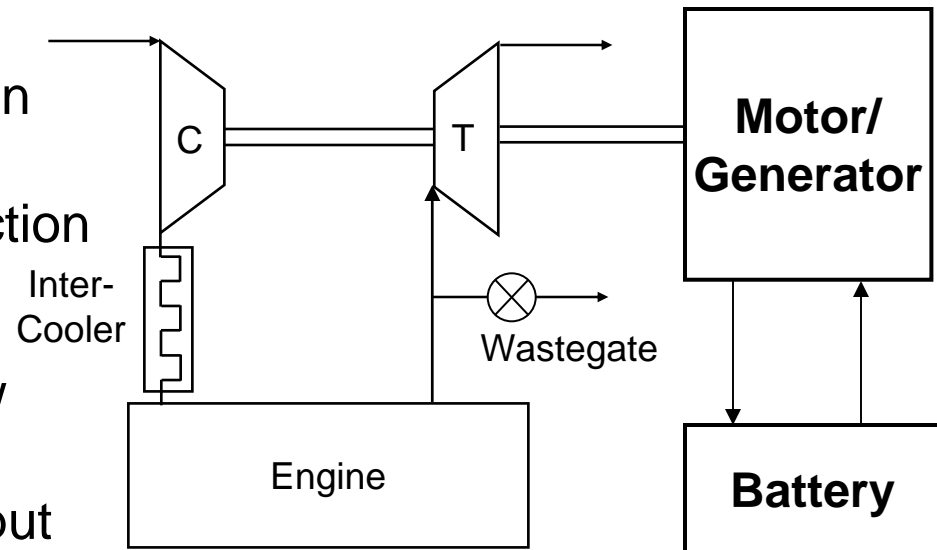




# Advanced turbocharger development

## Electric assisted turbo-charging

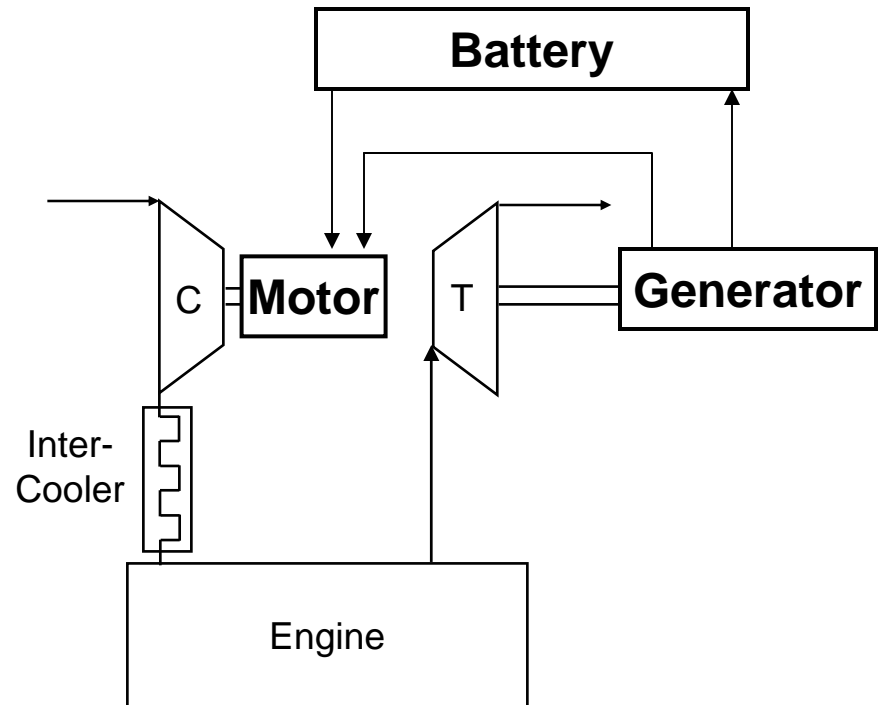
- **Concept**
  - Put motor/ generator on turbo-charger
  - reduce wastegate function
- **Benefit**
  - increase air flow at low engine speed
  - auxiliary electrical output at part load



# Advanced turbocharger development

## Electrical turbo-charger

- Concept
  - turbine drives generator;
  - compressor driven by motor
- Benefit
  - decoupling of turbine and compressor map, hence much more freedom in performance optimization
  - Auxiliary power output
  - do not need wastegate; no turbo-lag



## Advanced turbocharger development

### Challenges

- Interaction of turbo-charging system with exhaust treatment and emissions
  - Especially severe in light-duty diesel market because of low exhaust temperature
- Cost