# **Thermodynamic Cycles**

<u>Air-standard analysis</u> is a simplification of the real cycle that includes the following assumptions:

- 1) Working fluid consists of fixed amount of air (ideal gas)
- 2) Combustion process represented by heat transfer into and out of the cylinder from an external source
- 3) Differences between intake and exhaust processes not considered (i.e. no pumping work)
- 4) Engine friction and heat losses not considered

# SI Engine Cycle vs Air Standard Otto Cycle



## **Air-Standard Otto cycle**

Process  $1 \rightarrow 2$  Isentropic compression

Process  $2 \rightarrow 3$  Constant volume heat addition

Process  $3 \rightarrow 4$  Isentropic expansion

Process  $4 \rightarrow 1$  Constant volume heat rejection







$$R = \frac{P_2 v_2}{T_2} = \frac{P_1 v_1}{T_1} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{T_2}{T_1} \cdot \frac{v_1}{v_2}}$$

2→3 Constant Volume Heat Addition

$$(u_3 - u_2) = \left(+\frac{Q_{in}}{m}\right) - \frac{W}{m}$$
$$\frac{Q_{in}}{m} = (u_3 - u_2)$$
$$w = \frac{P_2}{RT_2} = \frac{P_3}{RT_3} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{P_3}{P_2} = \frac{T_3}{T_2}}$$



 $3 \rightarrow 4$  Isentropic Expansion

$$(u_4 - u_3) = \frac{\cancel{Q}}{m} - (+\frac{W_{out}}{m})$$





$$\frac{v_{r_4}}{v_{r_3}} = \frac{v_4}{v_3} = r$$

$$\frac{P_4 v_4}{T_4} = \frac{P_3 v_3}{T_3} \rightarrow \boxed{\frac{P_4}{P_3} = \frac{T_4}{T_3} \cdot \frac{v_3}{v_4}}$$

#### 4 → 1 Constant Volume Heat Removal





#### **First Law Analysis**

Net cycle work:

$$W_{cycle} = W_{out} - W_{in} = m(u_3 - u_4) - m(u_2 - u_1)$$

Cycle thermal efficiency:

$$\eta_{th} = \frac{W_{cycle}}{Q_{in}} = \frac{W_{out} - W_{in}}{Q_{in}} = \frac{(u_3 - u_4) - (u_2 - u_1)}{(u_3 - u_2)}$$

$$\eta_{th} = \frac{(u_3 - u_2) - (u_4 - u_1)}{u_3 - u_2} = 1 - \frac{u_4 - u_1}{u_3 - u_2}$$

## **Cold Air-Standard Analysis**

• For a cold air-standard analysis the specific heats are assumed to be constant evaluated at ambient temperature values ( $k = c_p/c_v = 1.4$ ).

• For the two isentropic processes in the cycle, assuming ideal gas with constant specific heat using  $Pv^k = const$ . Pv = RT yields:

$$1 \rightarrow 2: \qquad \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{v_1}{v_2}\right)^{k-1} = r^{k-1} \qquad \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}}$$
$$3 \rightarrow 4: \qquad \frac{T_4}{T_3} = \left(\frac{v_3}{v_4}\right)^{k-1} = \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^{k-1} \qquad \frac{T_4}{T_3} = \left(\frac{P_4}{P_3}\right)^{\frac{k-1}{k}}$$
$$\eta_{th}_{const c_v} = 1 - \frac{c_v (T_4 - T_1)}{c_v (T_3 - T_2)} = 1 - \frac{T_1}{T_2} = \left[1 - \frac{1}{r^{k-1}}\right]$$

#### **Effect of Specific Heat Ratio**



Cylinder temperatures vary between 20K and 2000K where 1.2 < k < 1.4