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# **Abstract**

## **A Study on Fouling Characteristics of EGR Coolers in Diesel Engine**

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In recent years, HSDI (high speed direct injection) diesel engines have been largely applied to RV, SUV and passenger cars due to good fuel economy, high thermal efficiency and very low carbon dioxide emissions. However, worldwide environmental issues such as global warming have led to ever tightening exhaust emission legislations for passenger diesel vehicles, especially on NO<sub>x</sub> and PM emissions. For example, Euro-6 emission legislation enforced since 2014 mandates that NO<sub>x</sub> emissions should be reduced by 56% more than the current Euro-5.

An exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) system has been widely applied to diesel engines to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions without a large modification on the engine body. The principle of EGR is to reduce the temperatures of flame and the oxygen concentration of working fluid in a combustion chamber; thereby, reducing NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. The existing EGR system uses only EGR valve to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, resulting in increase in PM emissions. Therefore, modification on the system is required to avoid the PM penalty. Recently, numerous researches have been actively conducted to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions as

well as to overcome the disadvantages of deteriorating PM and fuel consumption through a new EGR cooler system.

In order to satisfy the strict Euro-6 NO<sub>x</sub> emission standard, the use of a high EGR rate becomes more crucial. If a high EGR rate is applied, PM emissions will be inevitably increased. Practically, high concentration of PM in the exhaust gas is relatively easy to be deposited on the surface of an EGR cooler. This is so-called fouling which deteriorates the thermal effectiveness of an EGR cooler and increases the pressure drop through it. As a result, the NO<sub>x</sub> reduction rate and the performance of an engine will be decreased. On the other hand, recent combustion technologies of HSDI diesel engine such as LTC (low temperature combustion) diesel engine and ultra-high pressure fuel injection system lead to severe fouling phenomena because smaller sized particles deposit on the inner surface of an EGR cooler. Accordingly, many studies have been conducted in the field of EGR cooler fouling. However, there are few researches concerning the cross correlation on the fouling phenomena between a test rig and a real engine.

In this study, the design features of existing and modified EGR coolers were reviewed to maintain desired performance against fouling resistance. The behavior of fluid such as velocity vector, temperature and pressure contour of exhaust gases in EGR cooler was analyzed through 3-D CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics). The results which consist of outlet temperatures, heat transfer effectiveness and pressure drops and so on were obtained by using 2 kinds of EGR coolers in production and another 2 kinds of modified EGR coolers.

Then, the characteristics of the above EGR coolers on a test rig were investigated at clean and fouled conditions. During this step, fouling resistances which are directly related to the heat transfer effectiveness were verified with gas velocities. In addition, the characteristics of EGR coolers on engine dynamometers were evaluated at clean and fouled conditions. The fouling test

mode was made on the basis of ESC 13 mode and proposal from an EGR cooler manufacturer. The characteristics of heat transfer effectiveness and pressure drop were examined with EGR mass flow rates. For the further analyses on the emission level of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM were performed according to EGR ratio. This work has the advantages to identify the change rate of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM for the purpose of evaluation of EGR coolers.

The fouling characteristics of each step, such as design review, rig test and engine test were evaluated through the aforementioned studies. On the basis of these results, the improved design specification was proposed. The effectiveness of improved EGR cooler was confirmed through CFD analysis. From these, it is possible to suggest proper methodology to obtain good characteristics against fouling of EGR cooler.

**Keywords:** Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR), High speed direct injection (HSDI) diesel engine, NO<sub>x</sub> emission, PM emission, EGR cooler, Fouling, Heat transfer effectiveness

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## Acronym

AFR	Air Fuel Ratio
CAD	Crank Angle Degree
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
DI	Direct Injection
DPF	Diesel Particulate Filter
EGR	Exhaust Gas Recirculation
ESC	European Stationary Cycle
FIE	Fuel Injection Equipment
FR	Fouling Resistance
HC	Hydrocarbon
HSDI	High Speed Direct Injection
LTC	Low Temperature Combustion
NO <sub>x</sub>	Nitrogen Oxides
PM	Particulate Matter
S&T	Shell and Tube
SOF	Soluble Organic Fraction

# Chapter 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Background and Technical review

### 1.1.1 Emission legislations

Diesel engine has several advantages such as high thermal efficiency, good fuel economy, and excellent durability over the gasoline engine. It also emits less carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO) and hydrocarbons (HCs) than the gasoline engine. Recently, high speed direct injection (HSDI) diesel engine is under the spotlight as countermeasures for realization of low emissions and good fuel economy. This engine achieved higher specific power and fuel efficiency than the previous engines using high pressure injection system and variable geometry turbo system [1, 2]. However, it is also the major source of more nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) which is one of the important air pollutants and particulate matter (PM) [3]. Nitrogen oxides are a critical precursor for other substances of much higher toxicity, including NO<sub>2</sub> and ground level ozone. Exposures to NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations of 100ppm are very dangerous, exposures to 200ppm may be fatal [4]. In response, governments are introducing stricter environmental regulations as shown in Figure 1.1. The representative regulation is European emissions legislation called Euro. The suggested Euro VI will put the law into effect in 2014. In accordance with Euro VI, NO<sub>x</sub> should be reduced by 56 %, while PM has to be maintained compared to the Euro V level as shown in Table 1.1.

The widely used measure to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in diesel engines is to return some part of the exhaust gas to the intake of the engine. Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) is a good method to reduce intake air temperature and oxygen concentration for reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> as shown in Figure 1.2 [5, 6]. However, as the

oxygen concentration is reduced, the reaction rate slows down and the flame temperature decreases. Consequently, PM formation is increased. This is NO<sub>x</sub>-PM trade off as shown in Figure 1.3 [7].

The important effects of EGR are lowering the flame temperature and oxygen concentration of the working fluid in the combustion chamber. Mixing the intake air with hot exhaust recirculation gas increases the temperature of intake air and affects the combustion temperature and NO<sub>x</sub> formation [8, 9]. The increased temperature of intake charge air reduces the mass of air drawn into the cylinder and lowers the heat capacity resulting in higher combustion temperature. These negative effects can be recovered by EGR cooler.

High concentration of particulate matter in the exhaust gases deposit on the EGR cooler tubes to form an insulating layer known as the fouling layer, which adds to thermal resistance between the coolant and the hot exhaust gases [10]. The fouling layer decreases the thermal effectiveness and increases the pressure drop in the EGR cooler. Accordingly, the efficiency deterioration of EGR cooler has an adverse effect on NO<sub>x</sub> reduction rate [11, 12].

Recently, to cope with stringent exhaust emission regulations, many engine manufacturers are developing new combustion technology, such as low temperature combustion (LTC) engine and extreme high pressure diesel common rail system [13-15]. As a result of the application of these techniques, the SOF contents in soot were increased and the mean particle was decreased [16-18]. This causes the thermophoretic deposits on the tube wall of the EGR cooler. Therefore, many researchers have pay attention to the fouling phenomena in the EGR cooler.

### **1.1.2 Previous researches on fouling phenomena**

Exhaust Gas Recirculation (EGR) is one of the key factors that influence on the exhaust gas emission characteristics of diesel engines since the EGR changes the combustion parameters such as valve timing, fuel injection timing, ignition delay, flame temperature, combustion speed [19-23].

Grillot et al. validated that the results concerning the mass accumulation and the heat exchanger (asymptotic) fouling resistance behavior outline the role of the soot particle thermophoresis and the fluid velocity. The proposed model, which explains the probe mass accumulation kinetics, emphasizes the modification of the deposit thermal conductivity during the deposition [24].

Storey et al. investigated the results of a study of fundamental aspects of EGR cooler fouling. The geometry of the EGR coolers also can influence its performance as they have to meet several technical requirements such as minimal deposition, least pressure drop and maximum effectiveness [25].

Kim et al. showed that the thermal effectiveness of various EGR coolers experimentally. Plate & fin heat exchangers turned out to be more efficient than shell & tube heat exchangers [26].

Zhang et al. investigated the influence of particulate matter in the exhaust gases of a diesel engine on the performance of an EGR cooler [27].

Zahn et al. measured particulate fouling of full scale EGR coolers with various exhaust treatment devices located upstream of the cooler [28].

Table 1.1 EU Emission Standards for Passenger Cars [29].

Stage	Date	CO	HC+NO <sub>x</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	PM	PN
		g/km				#/km
Euro 1†	1992.07	2.72 (3.16)	0.97 (1.13)	-	0.14 (0.18)	-
Euro 2, IDI	1996.01	1.0	0.7	-	0.08	-
Euro 2, DI	1996.01 <sup>a</sup>	1.0	0.9	-	0.10	-
Euro 3	2000.01	0.64	0.56	0.50	0.05	-
Euro 4	2005.01	0.50	0.30	0.25	0.025	-
Euro 5a	2009.09 <sup>b</sup>	0.50	0.23	0.18	0.005 <sup>d</sup>	-
Euro 5b	2011.09 <sup>c</sup>	0.50	0.23	0.18	0.005 <sup>d</sup>	6.0×10 <sup>11</sup>
Euro 6	2014.09	0.50	0.17	0.08	0.005 <sup>d</sup>	6.0×10 <sup>11</sup>

† Values in brackets are conformity of production (COP) limits

a. until 1999.09.30 (after that date DI engines must meet the IDI limits)

b. 2011.01 for all models

c. 2013.01 for all models

d. 0.0045 g/km using the PMP measurement procedure

Global Regulation Timeline by Region							
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>U.S.</b>	Locomotive & Marine Tiers 0-2	CA CVS Retrofit**	US-10 CVS On-highway Motorcycle Rule Tier 22	US off-road diesel Tier-4A*	Locomotive & Marine Tier 3 CA LEV 3	US Tier 3 LVS** Locomotive & Marine Tier 4	US off-road diesel Tier-4B*
<b>EUROPE</b>	EU Euro-5 CVS	EU Euro-5 LVS*	Netherlands Marine OE/Retrofit	EU off-road Stage 3B*	EU CO <sub>2</sub> /GHG 120g PM # LVS	EU-6 CVS**	EU off-road Stage 4 EU Euro-6 LVS*
<b>CHINA</b>	Euro-3 Two-wheel Beijing Euro-4 LVS	Beijing CVS Yellow Label		Euro-4 LVS/CVS	Euro-5 LVS*		Euro-5 CVS*
<b>JAPAN</b>	Cold-start restrictions LVS	Japan-09 LVS/CVS		NOx reductions LVS		JP-13 CVS	

\*Phase in  
\*\*Proposed

CVS – Commercial Vehicle Systems  
LVS – Light Vehicle Systems

**Stricter Emission Regulations** →

Figure 1.1 Trend and comparison of worldwide exhaust emission standards [30].

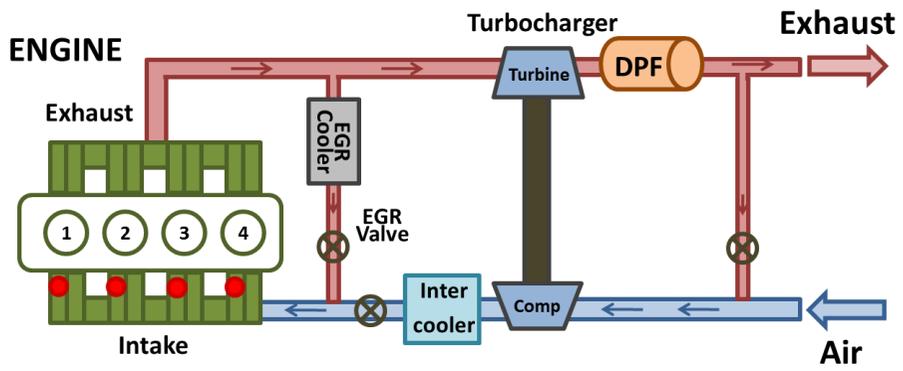


Figure 1.2 The layout of EGR system in diesel engines.

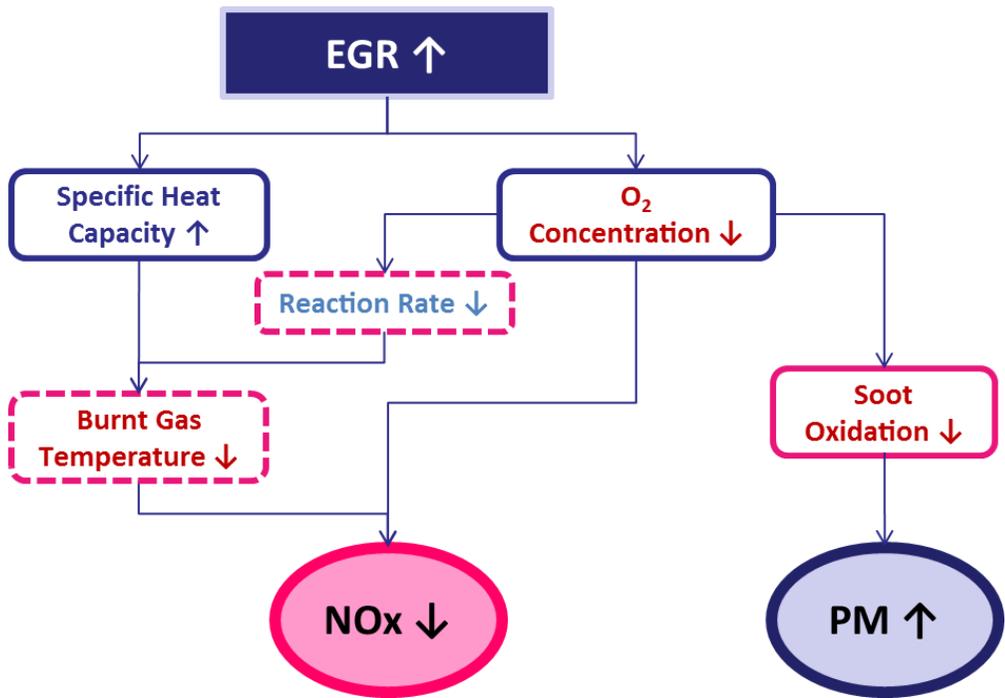


Figure 1.3 The effects of EGR on NOx and PM emissions in Diesel engines.

## **1.2 Objectives**

In this study, the design geometry of EGR cooler was reviewed and then the characteristics of fouling phenomena and correlation analysis on a test rig and engine dynamometer was evaluated. Finally proper design of EGR cooler which is less sensitive to fouling was proposed.

The detailed objectives of this study are:

1. Reviewing the design of existing and modified EGR coolers to keep the good characteristics against fouling resistance,
2. Evaluating the characteristics of fouling phenomena on both rig and engine, and
3. Suggesting a methodology to maintain heat transfer effectiveness.

## **Chapter 2. Theoretical basis**

In this chapter, the theoretical basis on the fouling mechanism is described.

### **2.1 Fouling mechanism**

The particles in exhaust gas are normally exposed to external forces. The external forces lead the particles to retreat from the main exhaust gas stream [31, 32]. As a result, particles are deposited on the tube wall in EGR cooler. The resulting deposit of PM in EGR coolers can produce critical problems. These problems include fouling, which has been extensively investigated. Fouling refers to the attachment of PM, SOF and HC deposits to the inside of an EGR cooler during engine operation [33-35]. This fouling mechanism is due to thermophoresis in a field with temperature gradient, gravitational settling, condensation of hydrocarbons and Brownian diffusion [36].

In a thermal gradient field, the particles in the exhaust gas are driven to move to cold zone. This phenomenon is known as thermophoresis. The cause of EGR cooler fouling is known to the occurrence of ingredients, such as the design of cooler, the operation mode, the temperatures of inlet gas and outlet gas, the corrosion by soluble organic fraction and PM and so on. This phenomenon not only reduces the heat transfer efficiency and NO<sub>x</sub> reduction capability of the cooler but also causes corrosion [37, 38].

#### **2.1.1 Thermophoresis by temperature gradient**

According to the research shown by Talbot et al., thermophoresis is the term describing the phenomenon wherein small particles, such as soot particles, aerosols or the like, when suspended in a gas in which there exists a temperature gradient

$\nabla T$ , experience a force in the direction opposite to that of  $\nabla T$ . The fundamental physical processes for the thermophoresis were first investigated by Maxwell. He showed that gas molecules on a small element of area will deliver more tangential momentum force to the wall if they come from the hotter zone than the colder zone. The net tangential momentum force is that a shear stress is exerted by the gas on the wall in the direction opposite to  $\partial T/\partial s$ , the temperature gradient parallel to the wall in the gas. Also, since an equal and opposite shear stress is exerted by the wall upon the gas, a flow of the gas adjacent to the wall occurs in the direction toward the hotter zone [36]. This is known as the main mechanism of particle deposition. The thermal force,  $F_{th}$ , on a particle is,

$$F_{th} = \frac{-p\lambda d_p^2 \nabla T}{T} \quad (2.1.1)$$

Where,  $T$  : absolute temperature of exhaust gas

$p$  : exhaust gas pressure

$\lambda$  : mean free path

$d_p$  : particle of diameter

$\nabla T$  : temperature gradient

### 2.1.2 Condensation and diffusion

The EGR cooler feed gas in a diesel engine consists of several HC species. Heavier HCs are more likely to condense at the coolant temperatures, 30-90°C typically encountered in diesel engine EGR coolers. The condensation would cause a lower concentration, resulting in a concentration gradient to drive diffusion. In a free stream of a gas at the condition of a certain pressure and temperature, a condensate film will be formed as shown in Figure 2.1.1.

The mass condensation flux ( $J_{g,i}$ ) from the gas stream to the surface is defined as [39],

$$J_{g,i}(x, t) = K_g(x, t) \rho_g(t) \ln \left( \frac{1-y_{i,int}(x,t)}{1-y_{i,gas}(x,t)} \right) \quad (2.1.2)$$

Where,  $y_{i,gas}$ : mole fraction of the vapor in the gas stream

$y_{i,int}$ : mole fraction of the vapor at the gas/liquid interface

$$K_g(x, t) = \left( \frac{h(x,t)}{\rho_g(t) C p_g(t)} \right) \left( \frac{Pr(t)}{Sc_{g,i}} \right)^{2/3} : \text{the mass transfer coefficient}$$

$h$  : heat transfer coefficient

$\rho_g$  : gas density

$C p_g$  : heat capacity

$Pr$  : Prandtl number

$Sc$  : Schemidt number

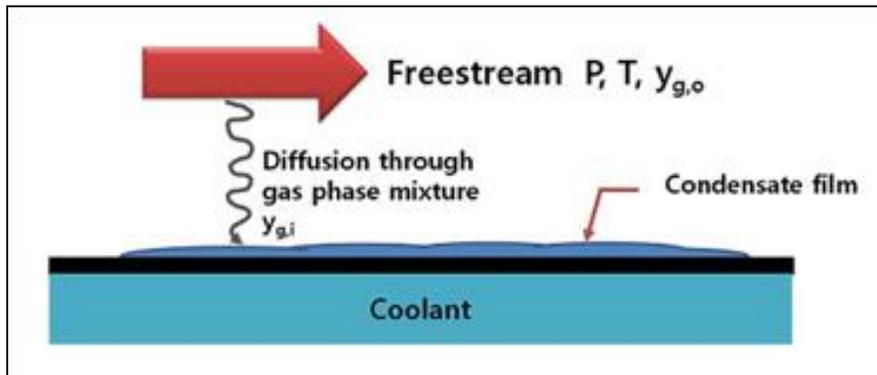


Figure 2.1 Condensation film forms on a surface of EGR cooler [36].

## 2.2 Principle of heat exchanger

Heat exchangers are normally classified by a flow arrangement and a type of construction. The simplest heat exchanger is one for which the hot and cold fluids move in the same or opposite direction in a concentric tube (or double-pipe) construction. In the parallel flow, the hot and cold fluids enter at the same end, flow in the same direction, and leave at the same end. In the counter flow, the fluids enter at opposite ends, flow in opposite direction, and leave at opposite ends. On the other hand, the fluids can enter in cross flow by the finned and unfinned heat exchangers. Another common heat exchanger is the shell and tube type [40-44]. Specific forms differ according to the number of shell and tube passes. A special class of configuration is compact heat exchanger which has a very large heat transfer surface area per unit volume [45].

### 2.2.1 Overall heat transfer coefficient

An essential part of any heat exchanger analysis is decision of the overall heat transfer coefficient. This coefficient is determined by accounting for conduction and convection resistance between fluids separated by plans and walls. The overall heat transfer coefficient may be expressed as [46],

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{UA} &= \frac{1}{U_c A_c} = \frac{1}{U_h A_h} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\eta_o h A)_c} + \frac{R''_{f,c}}{(\eta_o A)_c} + R_w + \frac{R''_{f,h}}{(\eta_o A)_h} + \frac{1}{(\eta_o h A)_h} \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.3)$$

Where,  $c, h$  : cold and hot fluids, respectively

$U$  : overall heat transfer coefficient

$A$  : total surface area

$h$  : convection heat transfer coefficient

$R_w$  : conduction resistance of wall separating cold and hot sides

$R_f''$  : fouling factor

$\eta_0$  : overall surface efficiency of a finned surface

$$\eta_0 = 1 - \frac{A_f}{A} (1 - \eta_f) \quad (2.1.4)$$

Where,  $A_f$  : entire fin area

$\eta_f$  : efficiency of a single fin

$$\eta_f = \frac{\tanh h (mL)}{mL} \quad (2.1.5)$$

Where,  $m = (2h/kt)^{1/2}$

$t$  : fin thickness

$k$  : thermal conductivity

### 2.2.2 The effectiveness of EGR cooler

To define the effectiveness of a heat exchanger, we must first determine the maximum possible heat transfer ( $Q_{\max}$ ).

To write the general expression as below,

$$Q_{\max} = C_{\min}(T_{g,i} - T_{c,i}) \quad (2.2.1)$$

Where,  $C_{\min}$  is equal to  $C_g$  or  $C_c$ .

$C_g$  and  $C_c$  are the exhaust gas and coolant heat capacity rates, respectively.

It is logical to define the effectiveness ( $\varepsilon$ ) as the ratio of the actual heat transfer rate for a EGR cooler ( $Q$ ) to the maximum possible heat transfer rate ( $Q_{\max}$ ):

$$\varepsilon = \frac{Q}{Q_{\max}} = \frac{C_g(T_{g,i} - T_{g,o})}{C_{\min}(T_{g,i} - T_{c,i})} \quad (2.2.2)$$

Where,  $T_{g,i}$  : the temperature of exhaust gas inlet

$T_{g,o}$  : the temperature of exhaust gas outlet

$T_{c,i}$  : the temperature of coolant inlet

The actual heat transfer rate can be determined from the expression as below,

$$Q = \varepsilon C_{\min}(T_{g,i} - T_{c,i}) \quad (2.2.3)$$

The number of transfer units (NTU) is a dimensionless parameter that is widely used for that heat exchanger analysis and is defined as below,

$$NTU \equiv \frac{UA}{C_{min}} \quad (2.2.4)$$

Where,  $U$  : the overall heat transfer coefficient of the EGR cooler

$A$  : the surface area of the EGR cooler

The effectiveness of the EGR cooler ( $\varepsilon$ ) is determined by the heat exchanger effectiveness relation with for mixed flow  $C_{max}$  and  $C_{min}$  for the unmixed flow geometry proposed by Holman [47].

$$\varepsilon = (1/C_r)(1 - \exp\{-C_r[1 - \exp(-NTU)]\}) \quad (2.2.5)$$

Where,  $C_r = \frac{C_{min}}{C_{max}}$

$C_{min}$  and  $C_{max}$ : the minimum and maximum capacity rates, respectively

For  $C_{min} = C_g$ ,

$$\varepsilon = \frac{T_{g,i} - T_{g,o}}{T_{g,i} - T_{c,i}} \quad (2.2.6)$$

## **Chapter 3. Design review for EGR coolers**

The objectives of this chapter are to design EGR coolers by Pro-engineer CAD software and to perform CFD analysis by Fluent software as shown in Table 3.1 for the design review.

### **3.1 CFD analysis**

#### **3.1.1 3-D Modeling**

Using 3-D full modeling by Pro-engineer, the gas tube, coolant passage and external housing were meshed [48, 49]. These modeling were performed about 2 different kinds of each EGR coolers, such as two kinds of shell & tube type with I-flow for 1.6L engine, and one kind of shell & tube type and another kind of wavy fin type with U-flow for 2.2L engine. Each heat transfer areas for 4 kinds of EGR coolers are shown in table 4.2 and 4.3. Figure and Table 3.4 show 3-D model of shell & tube type EGR cooler for 1.6L engine. Figure .2 and Table 3.5 show 3-D model of shell & tube type and fin type EGR cooler for 2.2L engine. The shell & tube type EGR cooler has a lot of spiral shapes which can induce rotating gas flow inside of tube as shown in Figure 3.3 [50-52]. The rotating turbulent flow prevents boundary layer in which hot exhaust gas gets in contact with cold tube and cooled gas contents and hence results in improvement of heat transfer. Consequently, high velocity rotating flow reduces fouling by improved self-cleaning effect. On the other hand, the fin type EGR cooler has a lot of wavy shaped fins which can induce turbulence gas flow inside of oval tube as shown in Figure 4. The waving turbulent flow which is much stronger than the rotating turbulent flow in shell & tube can

impact on the deposited soot on the fin surfaces can also reduce fouling by improved self-cleaning effect [53-57].

### **3.1.2 CFD analysis condition**

K- $\epsilon$  model was used for turbulence model and simple algorithm was used for pressure-velocity coupling. The boundary conditions are like follows. The mass flow rate is 30 kg/h at the condition of inlet gas temperature, 400°C for a 1.6L diesel engine. On the other hand, the mass flow rate is 30kg/h at the condition of inlet gas temperature, 450°C for a 2.2L diesel engine. Figure 3.5 shows the general view of CFD geometry and mesh for shell & tube type and fin type EGR cooler.

## **3.2 The results of analysis**

Figure 3.6 shows the computational mesh of I-flow (shell & tube type) EGR cooler. Figure 3.7 shows the visualization of the velocity vector representing the conditions of exhaust gas flow in gas tube. Figure 3.8 shows the temperature decrease of gas in section of gas tubes. The hot inlet gas is cooled by thermal exchange with the coolant and getting out to the exit. Figure 3.9 shows the coolant flow inside of the EGR cooler. The inlet coolant is cooling the gas tubes by turns and getting out to the exit.

In case of U flow (shell & tube type) EGR cooler for 2.2L engine, Figure 3.10, Figure 3.11, 3.12 and 3.13 show the computational mesh, the visualization of the velocity vector representing the conditions of exhaust gas flow in gas tube, the

temperature contour of gas in section of gas tubes and the pressure contour of gas in section of gas tubes, respectively.

In case of U flow (fin type) EGR cooler for 2.2L engine, Figure 3.14, Figure 3.15, 3.16 and 3.17 show the computational mesh, the visualization of the velocity vector representing the conditions of exhaust gas flow in gas tube, the temperature contour of gas in section of gas tubes and the pressure contour of gas in section of gas tubes, respectively.

The CFD input conditions and the results of I-flow (shell & tube type,  $\phi 8.0$  and  $\phi 7.5$ ) EGR coolers were shown in Table 3.2. In addition, the CFD input conditions and the results of U-flow (shell & tube type and fin type) EGR coolers were shown in Table 3.2.

In case of I-flow EGR coolers, the effectiveness of base specification #1( $\phi 8$ ) is about 4% higher than that of modified specification #2( $\phi 7.5$ ). In case of U-flow EGR coolers, the effectiveness of base specification #3(S & T type) is about 3% lower than that of modified specification #4(Fin type). In conclusion, the effectiveness of modified specification #4(Fin type) is the best among them.

Table 3.1 CFD analysis conditions.

Description	Specification
3-D modeling	Pro-engineer wildfire 5.0
Modeler	Gambit 2.2.30
Solver	Fluent 6.2.16
Meshing	Body pipe & gas tube (HEX/Cooper) Coolant pipe (HEX/Cooper) Flange (Hex/Map)
Mesh number	500,000 elements

Table 3.2 Input conditions and CFD results

Input conditions		
Gas inlet temperature	400°C	
Gas mass flow	30 kg/h	
Coolant inlet temperature	90°C	
Results		
Specification	#1 (ø 8.0)	#2 (ø 7.5)
Gas temperature difference	248°C	235°C
Gas pressure drop	1.0kPa	1.3kPa
Gas outlet temperature	152°C	165°C
Effectiveness	80%	76%

Table 3.3 Input conditions and CFD results

Input conditions		
Gas inlet temperature	450°C	
Gas mass flow	30 kg/h	
Coolant inlet temperature	90°C	
Results		
Specification	#3 (ø 8.0, S&T)	#4 (Fin)
Gas temperature difference	299 °C	311 °C
Gas pressure drop	3.6kPa	4.9kPa
Gas outlet temperature	151 °C	139 °C
Effectiveness	83%	86%

Table 3.4 Specifications of shell & tube type EGR cooler for 1.6L engine.

Specification	Pitch (A)	Radius (R)	Diameter (B)	Length
# 1	5.5 mm	0.8 mm	∅ 8.0 mm	230 mm
# 2	5.3 mm	0.8 mm	∅ 7.5 mm	230 mm

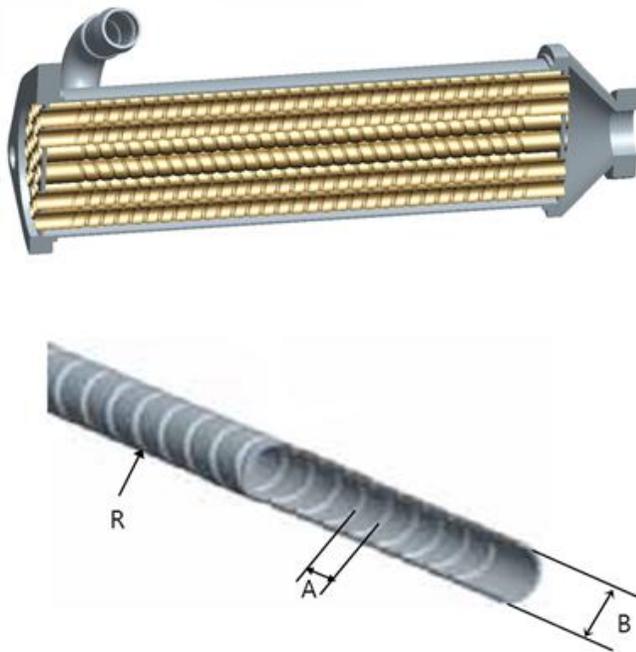


Figure 3.1 3-D model of shell & tube type EGR cooler with I-flow for 1.6L engine.

Table 3.5 Specifications of shell & tube type and fin type EGR cooler with U-flow for 2.2L engine.

Shell & tube type	Fin type
Length:210 mm	Length: 210 mm
Diameter: $\varnothing$ 8.0 mm	Height: 7.5 mm
Spiral tube: 42 EA	Oval tube: 6 EA

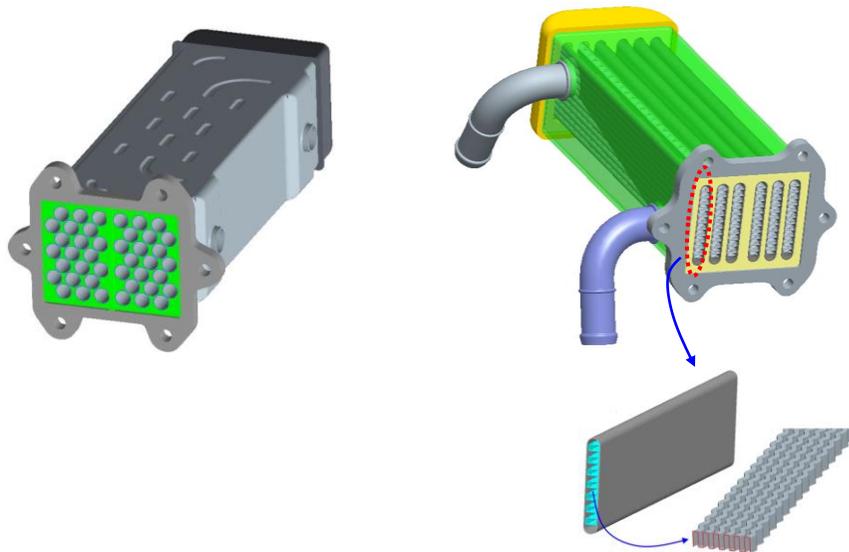


Figure 3.2 3-D models of shell & tube type and fin type EGR cooler with U-flow for 2.2L engine.

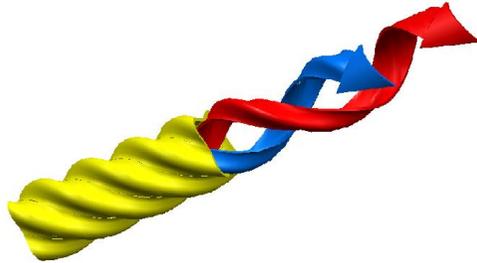


Figure 3.3 The rotating turbulent flow inside of shell & tube

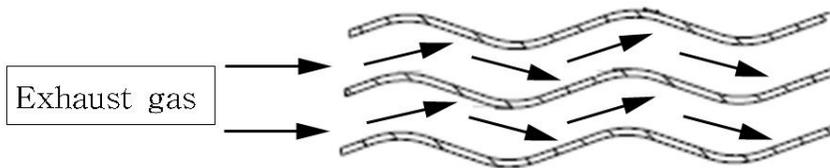


Figure 3.4 The waving turbulent flow inside of wavy fin channel.

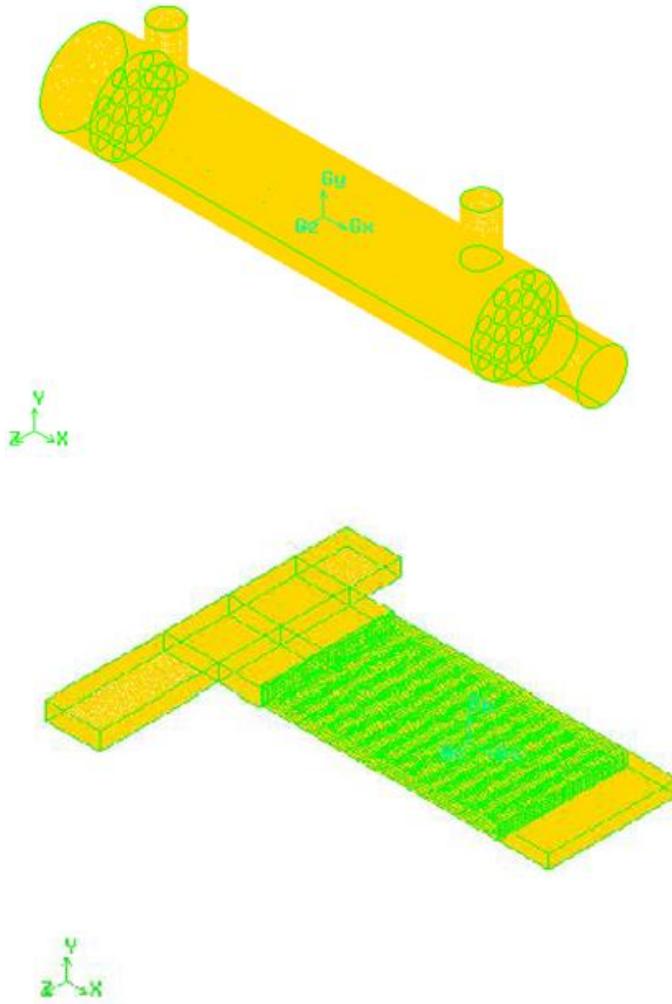


Figure 3.5 General view of CFD Geometry and mesh for shell & tube type and fin type.

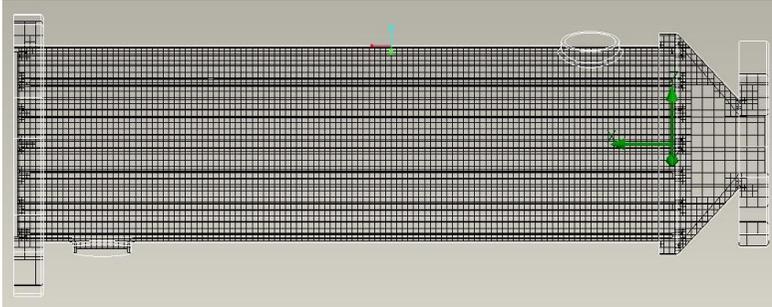


Figure 3.6 Computational mesh of I-flow EGR cooler.

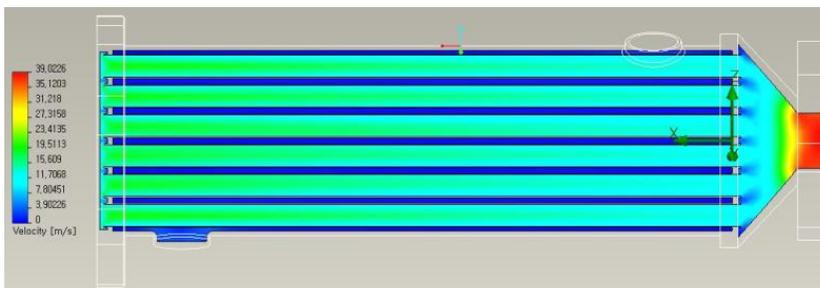


Figure 3.7 Velocity vector of gas inside of I-flow EGR cooler.

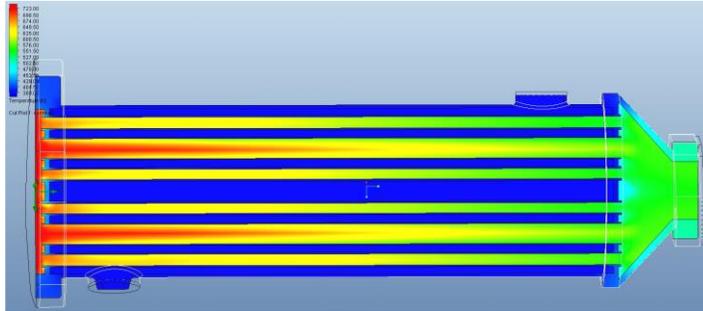


Figure 3.8 Temperature contour of exhaust gas.

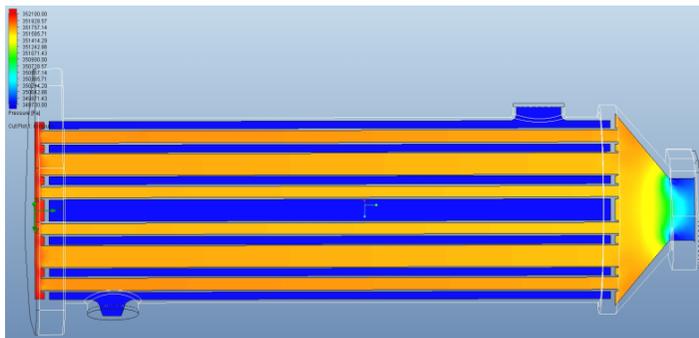


Figure 3.9 Pressure contour of exhaust gas

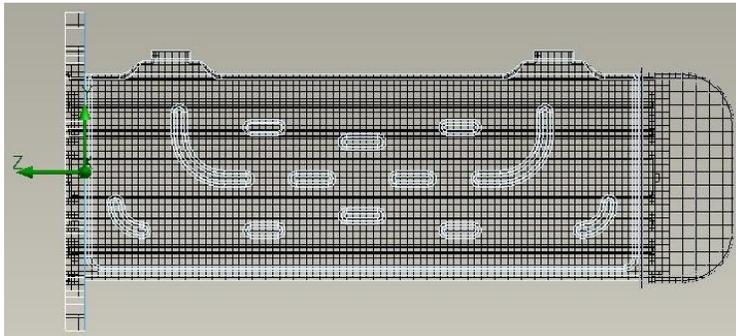


Figure 3.10 Computational mesh of U-flow (S&T) EGR cooler.

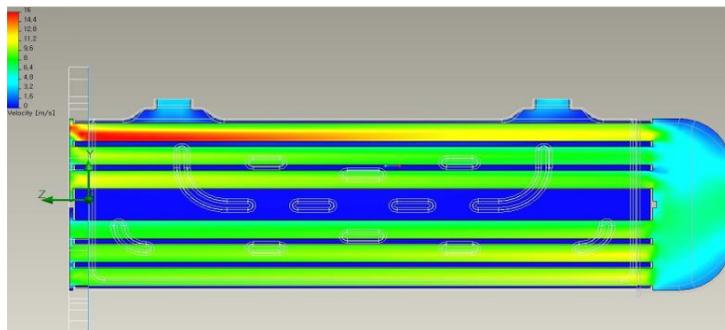


Figure 3.11 Velocity vector of gas inside of U-flow (S&T) EGR cooler.

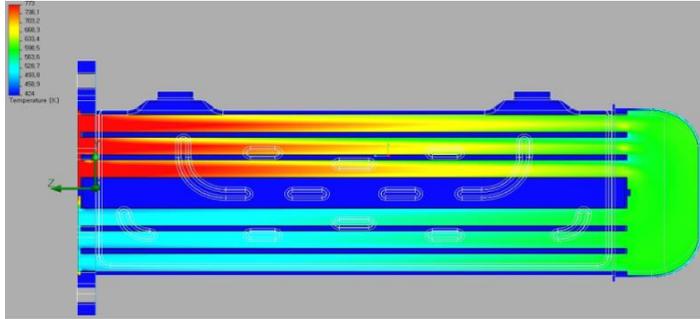


Figure 3.12 Temperature contour of gas in U-flow (S&T) EGR cooler.

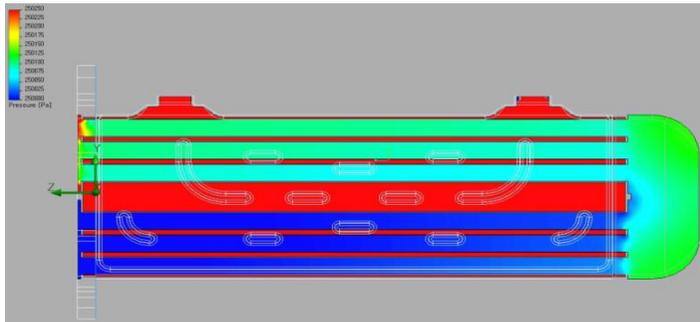


Figure 3.13 Pressure contour of gas in U-flow (S&T) EGR cooler

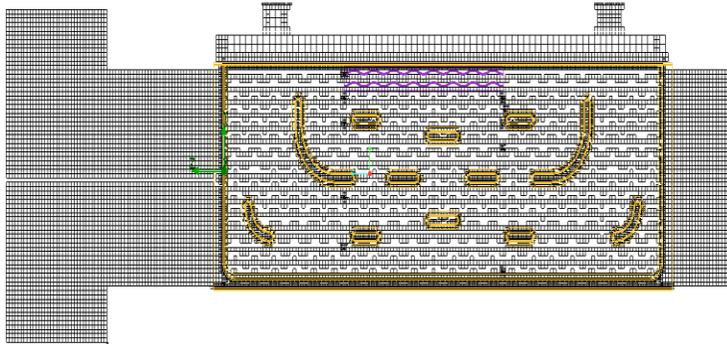


Figure 3.14 Computational mesh of U-flow (Fin) EGR cooler.

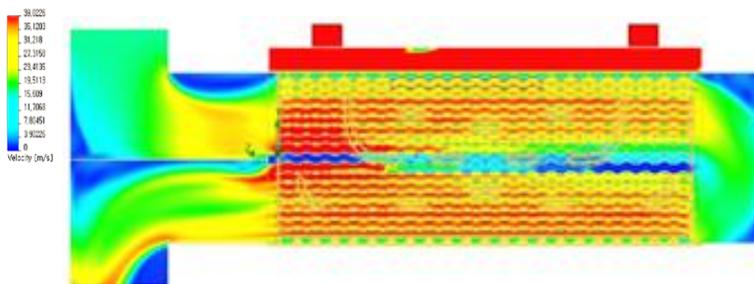


Figure 3.15 Velocity vector of gas inside of U-flow (Fin) EGR cooler.

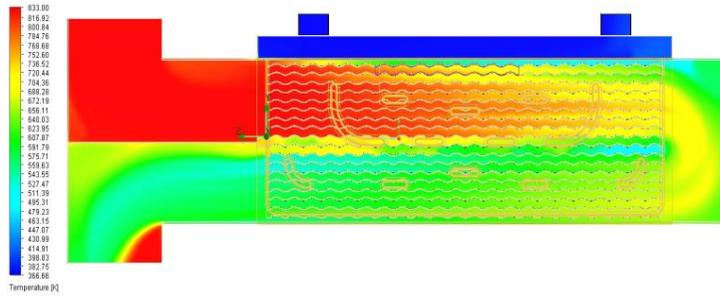


Figure 3.16 Temperature contour of gas in U-flow (Fin) EGR cooler.

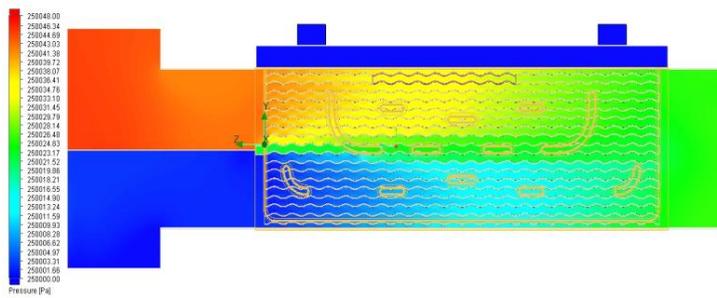


Figure 3.17 Pressure contour of gas in U-flow (Fin) EGR cooler.

## **Chapter 4. Experimental test on a test rig**

The objectives of this chapter are to test the effectiveness of EGR coolers by a test rig.

### **4.1 Experimental setup**

#### **4.1.1 Experimental apparatus**

The overall system of experimental test rig consist of dump combustor to generate high temperature exhaust gas and controller, PM feeder to supply particulate constantly, coolant temperature controller, differential pressure meter and thermal mass flow meter as shown in Table 4.1, Figure 4.1 and Figure 4.2.

In order to maintain stably the high temperature of exhaust gas, the total air flow rate in test rig was kept equally and the equivalence ratio in dump combustor was also maintained approximately at 0.7.

The carbon black similar to the characteristics of PM was used to simulate the fouling phenomena and was supplied with feeding rate, 0.7g/min into the section of the test rig constantly using PM feeder. The average particle diameter of carbon black was approximately 70nm.

To evaluate the performance of EGR cooler, a differential pressure meter was also installed to measure the pressure drop at front and rear side of the cooler. K-type thermocouple which would stand up to 1300°C was used to measure hot exhaust gas. T-type thermocouple was also used to measure and control the temperature of coolant. Thermal mass flow meter (FTM500-iG, ABB) which can cover up to 450kg/h was installed to measure the mass flow rate of exhaust gas.

Exhaust gas is flowing into the EGR cooler through the furnace, DPF and PM feeder by turns.

All adjustment and measurement devices were controlled and monitored by using a personal computer. Data collection and analysis were performed through the data acquisition system.

Table 4.1 Specification of test rig.

Description	Specification
Temperature range of combustor	90~800°C
Temperature range of coolant	40~100°C
Particulate diameter, mass flow	30nm, 0.5~1.0g/min

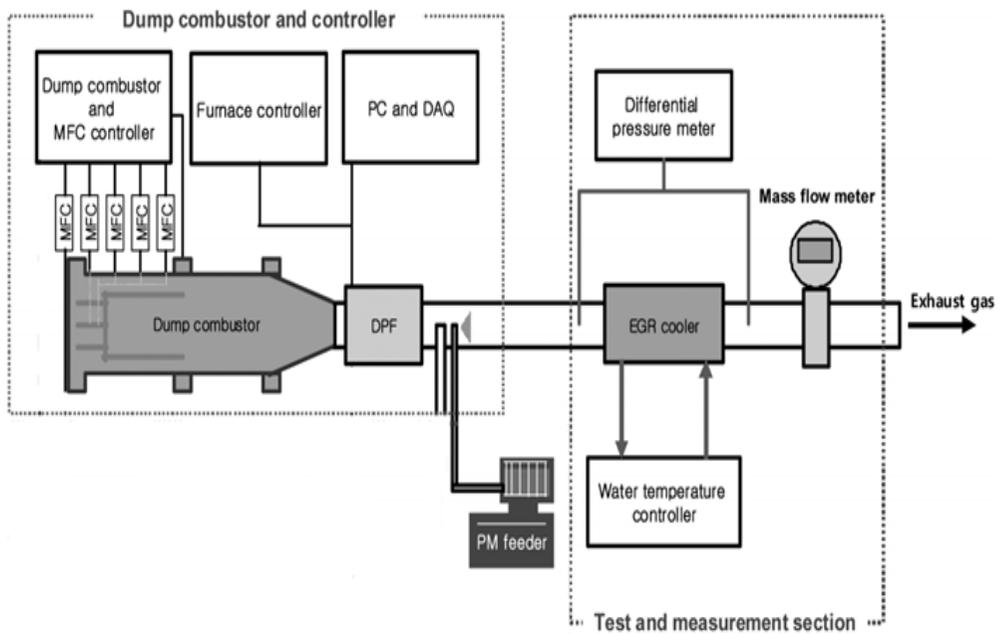


Figure 4.1 Schematic of a test rig set up.

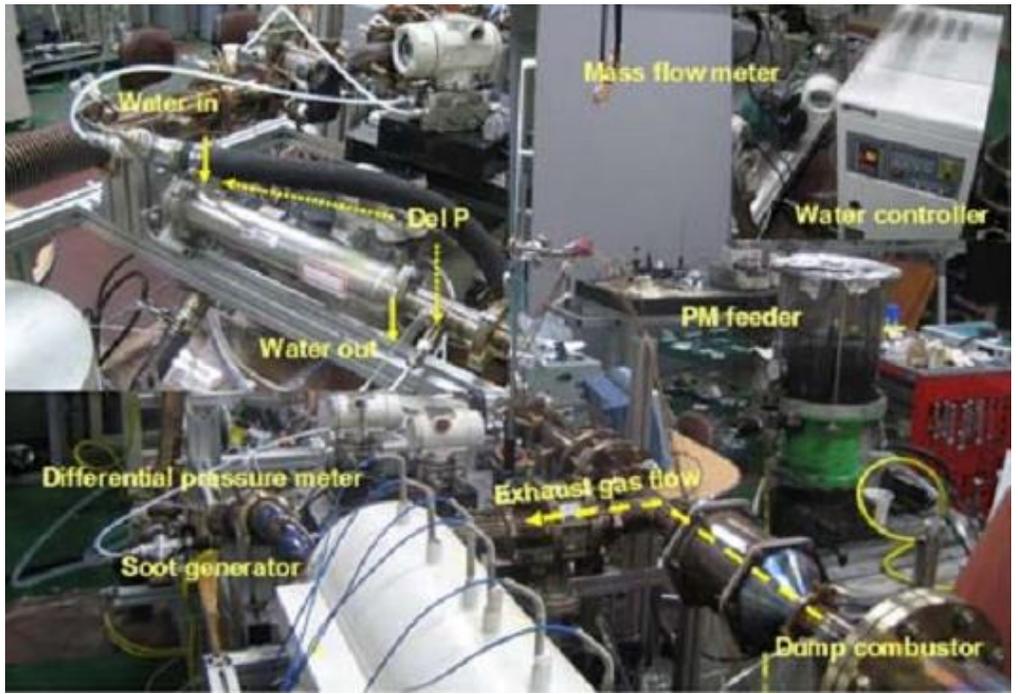


Figure 4.2 Pictures of test rig set up.

### **4.1.2 Experimental conditions**

In this study, the temperature and mass flow rate of exhaust gas, the supply volume of PM, and the temperature and flow rate of coolant were controlled in order to simulate the fouling phenomena in EGR cooler. The EGR coolers, which were used in the experiments, were a shell and tube type for 1.6L diesel engine, a shell and tube type and a wavy fin type for 2.2L diesel engine as shown in Table 4.2 and Table 4.3.

The conditions for EGR mass flow effects are defined as 5 different operation points, such as 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50kg/h. Laboratory experiments were carried out to evaluate the effectiveness and the pressure drop of EGR cooler in test rig. The temperature of exhaust gas and coolant were adjusted at 500°C and 90°C, respectively. The temperature deviations were controlled within  $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$  and the flow rate of coolant was kept in 25L/min. The variables, such as the temperature of exhaust gas and coolant, were confirmed to be adjusted independently. To analyze the fouling characteristics of EGR cooler, carbon black was supplied by 0.7g/min to the exhaust gas.

The heat exchange effectiveness of EGR coolers based on the experimental conditions was analyzed by equation (2.3.6).

Table 4.2 Comparison of heat transfer area of EGRC for 1.6L engine

Spec	Status	Type	Gas tube	No. of tubes	Length (mm)	Heat transfer area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	%
# 1	Base sample (in production)	Shell & tube, I - flow	φ8.0	28	230	1619	100
# 2	Modified sample	Shell & tube, I - flow	φ7.5	28	230	1517	94

Table 4.3 Comparison of heat transfer area of EGRC for 2.2L engine

Spec	Status	Type	Gas tube	No. of tubes	Length (mm)	Heat transfer area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	%
# 3	Base sample (in production)	Shell & tube, U - flow	φ8.0	42	210	2217	100
# 4	Modified sample	Wavy fin, U - flow	direct	6	210	1393	218
			indirect			3438	

\* direct : area between tubes and coolant  
indirect : area between fins and gas

## **4.2 Experimental results**

### **4.2.1 The effects of EGR mass flow**

The experimental tests were performed to measure how PM fouling in EGR cooler changes the heat exchange effectiveness.

There were positive and negative effects in shell & tube type EGR cooler. The positive effect is due to the fact that the outer surface area of spiral grooves at tubes contacting the coolant was big and resulted in an improved heat transfer. The negative effect was occurred because the PM deposited inside the tube was accumulated and resulted in an enhanced thermal resistance.

The outlet temperature of exhaust gas in case of specification #2( $\phi$ 7.5) was about 10°C higher than in case of specification #1( $\phi$ 8.0) as shown in Figure 4.3. This is due to the difference of heat transfer area. The pressure drops between 2 specifications were increased by 10% and 16% before and after fouling, respectively as shown in Figure 4.6 due to the difference of cross sectional areas.

### **4.2.2 The effects of PM feeding**

For fouling test in case of 2 kinds of specification, #1( $\phi$ 8.0) and #2( $\phi$ 7.5), the carbon black was supplied with the feeding rate of 0.7g/min for 12.5 hours as shown in Figure 4.1 and Figure 4.2.

Figure 4.4 and 4.5 show the effectiveness changes of EGR cooler, which has specification #1( $\phi$ 8.0) and specification #2( $\phi$ 7.5), respectively before and after fouling. The effectiveness of specification #1( $\phi$ 8.0) was decreased by 15%

approximately. The effectiveness of specification #2( $\phi 7.5$ ) was decreased by 18% approximately.

### 4.2.3 The heat exchange effectiveness

The pressure drop between the inlet and the outlet of exhaust gas is the quantitative index of the PM deposited inside the EGR cooler. The accumulation of PM deposit raised enhanced thermal resistance because of the increased pressure drop. The pressure drop of base specification #1( $\phi 8.0$ ) in production reached lower than that of modified specification #2( $\phi 7.5$ ), which means less PM deposited and smaller heat resistance as shown in Figure 4.6. Each pressure drop in case of specification #1( $\phi 8.0$ ) and specification #2( $\phi 7.5$ ) was increased by max 0.7kPa and max 1.0kPa, respectively at EGR mass flow, 50kg/h. The pressure drops between 2 specifications were increased by about 10% and 16% before and after fouling, respectively due to the difference of cross sectional areas. Figure 4.7 shows the effectiveness changes of EGR cooler as per EGR mass flow rate. The heat exchange effectiveness decreased gradually as the heat resistance increased.

Considering the above experimental results, the increase in exhaust gas outlet temperatures in 2 kinds of EGR cooler could be caused by PM deposited on the surface of shell & tubes. EGR cooler with specification #1( $\phi 8.0$ ) has lower pressure drop and lower gas outlet temperature and higher heat transfer effectiveness compared with EGR cooler with specification #2( $\phi 7.5$ ). The Thermal effectiveness of specification #1 is about 4% and 5% higher than that of specification #2 before and after fouling, respectively. The reduction of thermal effectiveness for both after fouling is 15~16% approximately.

In addition, for U-flow EGR coolers, the heat exchange effectiveness tests were also performed. One is shell and tube type with base specification #3( $\phi 8.0$ ) in

production and another is wavy-fin type with modified specification #4 as shown in Figure 3.2.

Figure 4.8 and 4.9 shows the pressure drop and thermal effectiveness of U-flow EGR coolers, respectively. Thermal effectiveness was decreased depending on the increase of EGR mass flow. Pressure drops between 2 specifications were increased by 12% and 17% before and after fouling, respectively due to the difference of cross sectional areas. Thermal effectiveness of specification #4(Fin) is about 8% and 12% higher than that of specification #3(S&T) before and after fouling, respectively.

In conclusion, the reduction of thermal effectiveness for fin type and shell & tube type is about 10% and 16%, respectively before and after fouling.

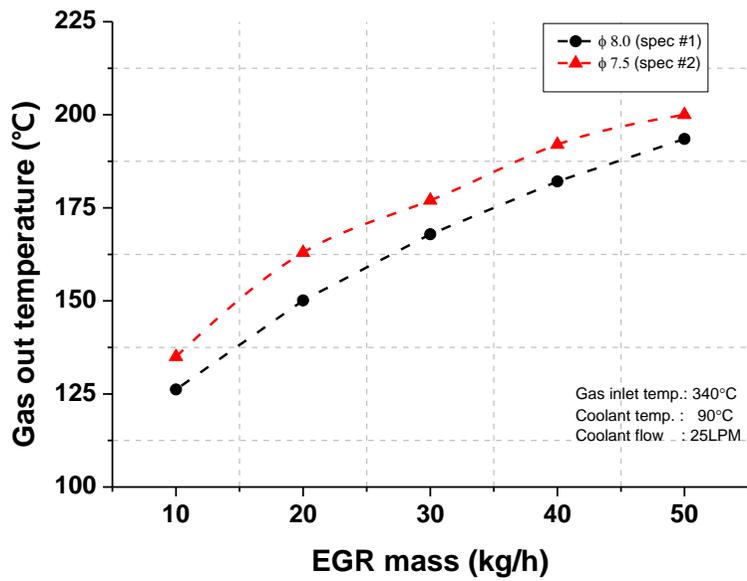


Figure 4.3 Outlet temperature of exhaust gas with EGR mass flow.

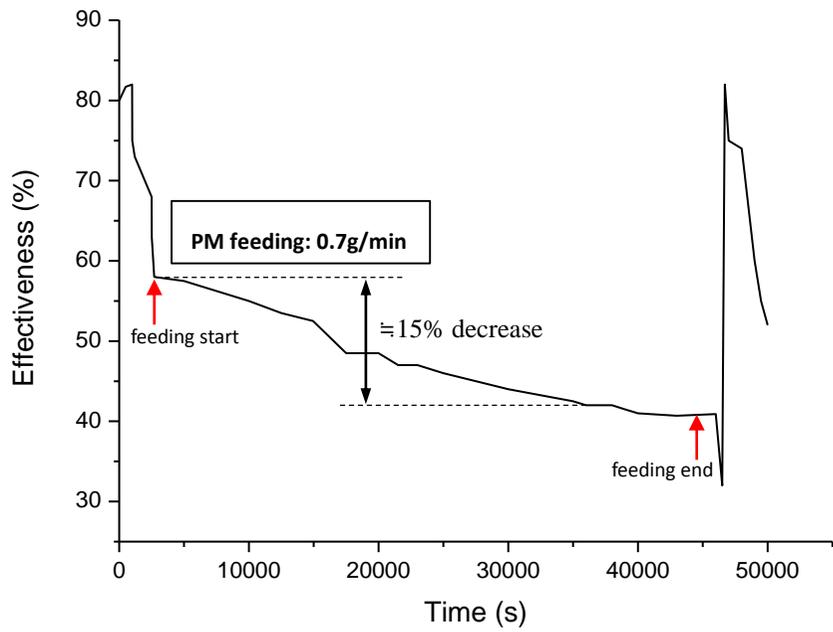


Figure 4.4 Effectiveness of EGR cooler ( $\varnothing 8.0$ ) with time.

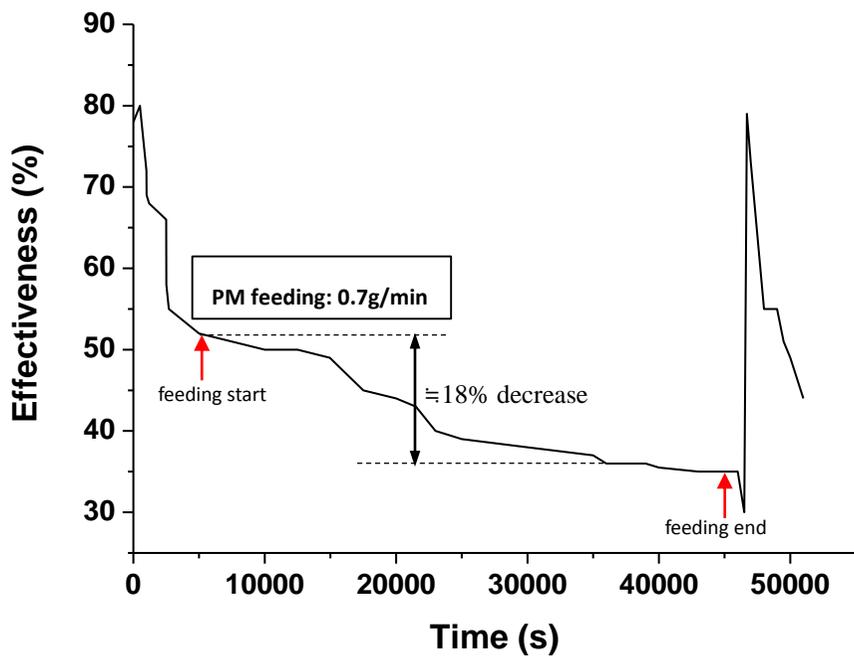


Figure 4.5 Effectiveness of EGR cooler ( $\varnothing 7.5$ ) with time

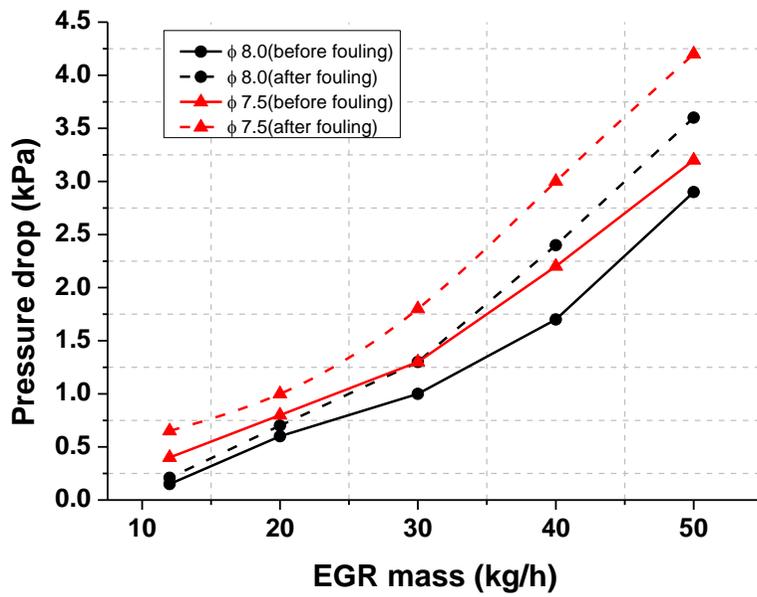


Figure 4.6 The pressure drop of I-flow EGR cooler with EGR mass.

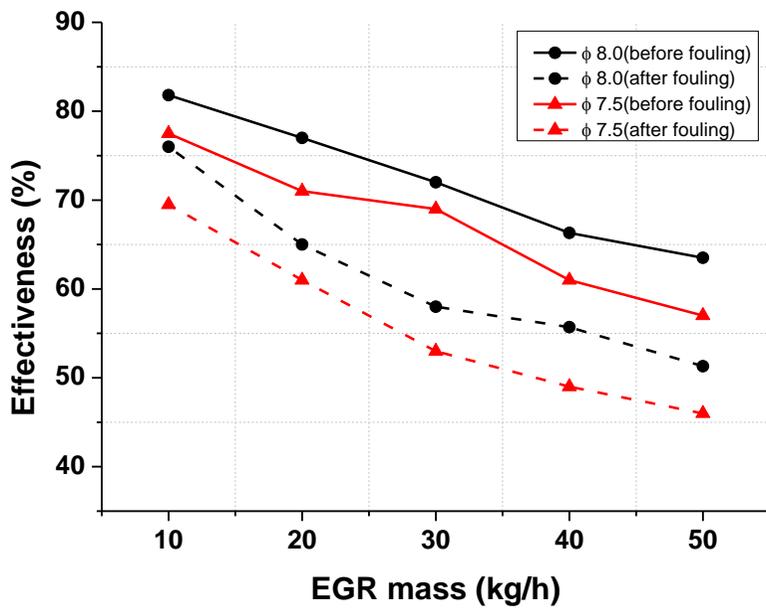


Figure 4.7 The effectiveness of I-flow EGR cooler with EGR mass.

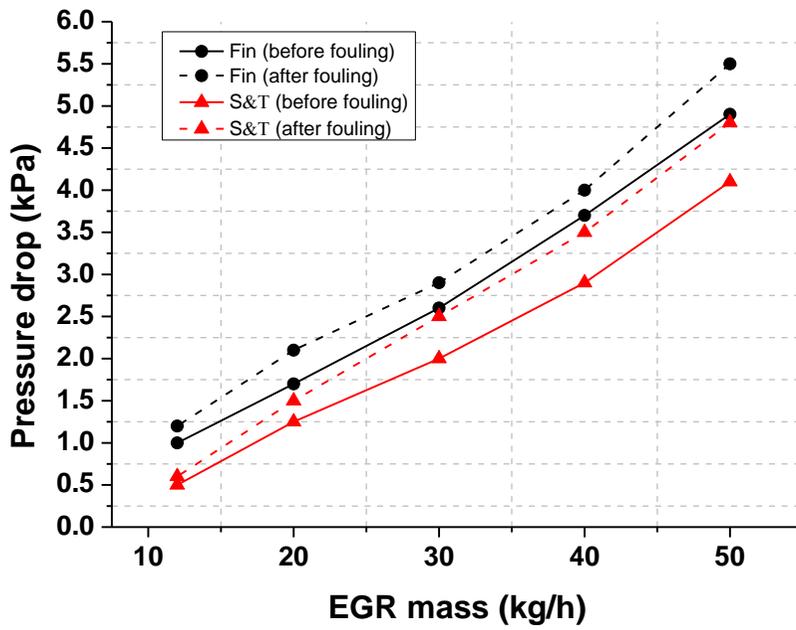


Figure 4.8 The pressure drop of U-flow EGR cooler with EGR mass.

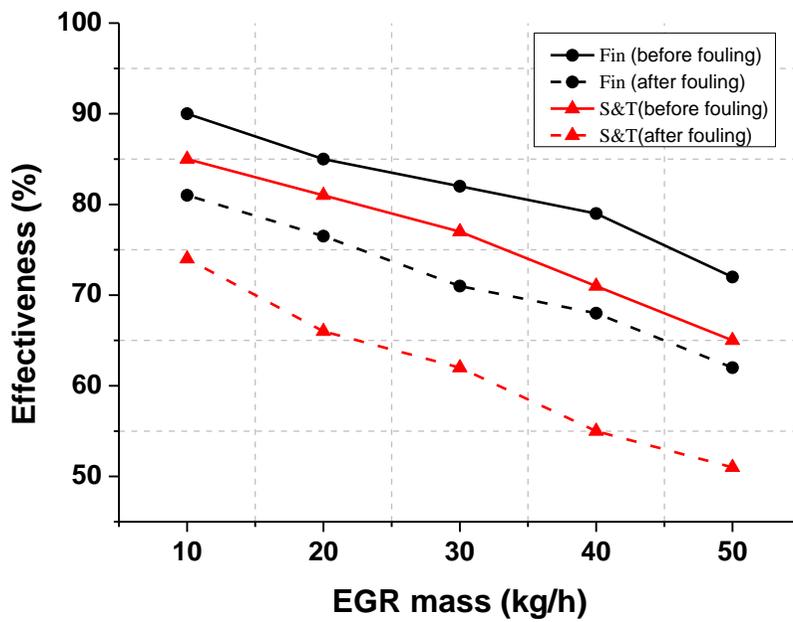


Figure 4.9 The effectiveness of U-flow EGR cooler with EGR mass.

## 4.3 Fouling mechanics of EGR cooler

Considering the fouling mechanics occurred inside of the tubes in EGR cooler, there is fouling resistance which is determined by two elements, such as the rates of mass deposition ( $\dot{M}_d$ ) and mass removal ( $\dot{M}_r$ ) of PM. Figure 4.10 shows the behavior of this.

Fouling resistance shows asymptotic behavior. At the stabilized condition, the rates of mass deposition ( $\dot{M}_d$ ) and mass removal ( $\dot{M}_r$ ) of PM are equal. The stabilized behavior is driven by the removal forces which are a function of gas flow velocity [58-62]. In particular, the removal forces are driven by the gas flow velocity near the tube wall of EGR cooler. The local gas flow velocity near the tube wall depends on the geometry shape of tubes, resulting in occurrence of wall shear stress as shown in Figure 4.11. Consequently, the shear force removes the PM deposition [63-66].

### 4.3.1 The equations for fouling resistance

According to the model and experiments reported by Abd-Elhady et al. [8], the forces acting on a particle of PM lying on x-axis and exposed to a shear flow are shown in Figure 4.12. Point O is the spot of rolling. In the figure, the various forces and symbols represents as follows,

$F_{adh}$ : van der Waals adhesion force

$F_b$ : buoyance force

$F_d$ : drag force

$F_g$ : gravity force

$F_l$ : lift force

$d$ : contact diameter

$\delta$ : deformation

$r$ : particle radius

$u$ : gas flow velocity

A hydrodynamic rolling moment is acting on a particle due to the drag force ( $F_d$ ), which tends to roll the particle along the horizontal surface around point O [67-69].

This moment is given by Sharma et al. [70] as,

$$\text{Hydrodynamic rolling moment} = F_d (1.399 - \delta) \quad (4.3.1)$$

Adhesion moment which tends to stick the particle to the surface exist as given by Hubbe [71] as,

$$\text{Adhesion resting moment} = (F_{adh} + F_g - F_l - F_b) d/2 \quad (4.3.2)$$

The ratio between the hydrodynamic rolling moment and adhesion resting moment is defined by Zhang et al. [72] as the rolling moment ratio, RM.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RM} &= \frac{\text{Hydrodynamic rolling moment}}{\text{Adhesion resting mopment}} \\ &= \frac{F_d (1.399r - \delta)}{(F_{adh} + F_g - F_l - F_b)d/2} \end{aligned} \quad (4.3.3)$$

In case of the value of rolling moment ratio larger than 1, rolling of particle will arise. The rolling moment is a function of drag force. Drag force is also a function of velocity of the shear flow. The increase of flow velocity brings out the increase of rolling moment.

The fouling thermal resistance,  $R_f$  is expressed as,

$$R_f = R_{th}(t) - R_c \quad (4.3.4)$$

The overall thermal resistance,  $R_{th}(t)$  is defined as,

$$R_{th}(t) = \frac{A_0 \times LMTD}{\dot{Q}} \quad (4.3.5)$$

$R_c$  is the overall thermal resistance under clean conditions.

where,  $\dot{Q} = U \cdot A \cdot LMTD$

$$= m_g C_p (T_{gas,in} - T_{gas,out})$$

where,  $U$  : overall heat transfer coefficient, [ $W/m^2 K$ ]

$A$  : area, [ $m^2$ ]

$$LMTD = \frac{\Delta T_2 - \Delta T_1}{\ln(\Delta T_2/\Delta T_1)} : \text{logarithmic mean temperature difference}$$

For counter flow heat exchanger,

$$\Delta T_1 = T_{gas,in} - T_{coolant,out}, \quad \Delta T_2 = T_{gas,out} - T_{coolant,in}$$

$m_g$  : mass flow rate of exhaust gas, [ $kg/h$ ]

$C_p$  : specific heat

The gas velocity,  $V$  through the EGR cooler is controlled by changing the rate of mass flow. The gas velocity through EGR cooler is calculated from the measured mass flow rate of the flowing gases and the cross sectional area,  $A_{cr}$  of the tubes of EGR cooler as below.

$$V = \frac{m_g}{\rho A_{cr}} \quad (4.3.6)$$

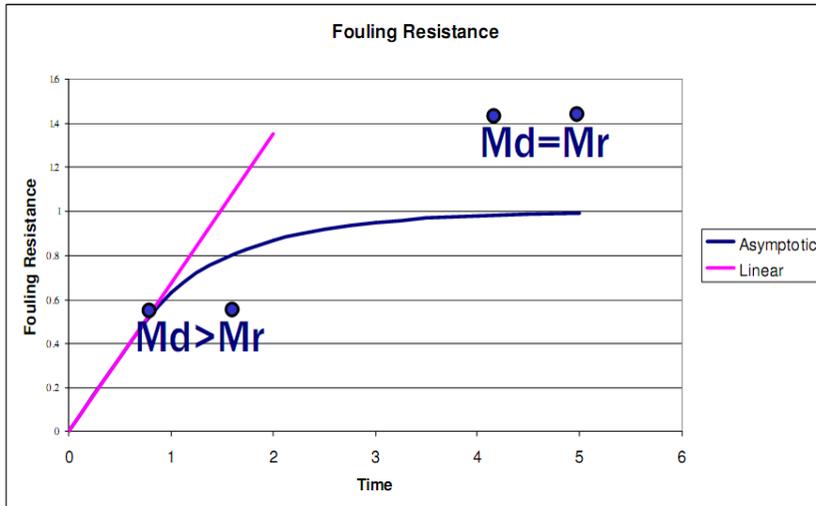


Figure 4.10 The behavior of fouling resistance inside of EGR cooler.

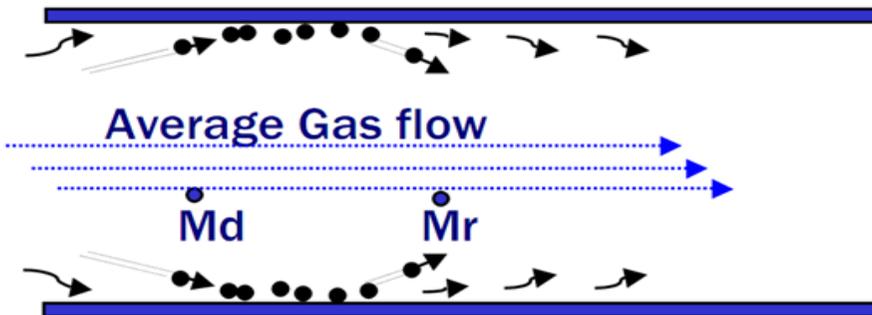


Figure 4.11 The local gas flow near the tube wall of EGR cooler.

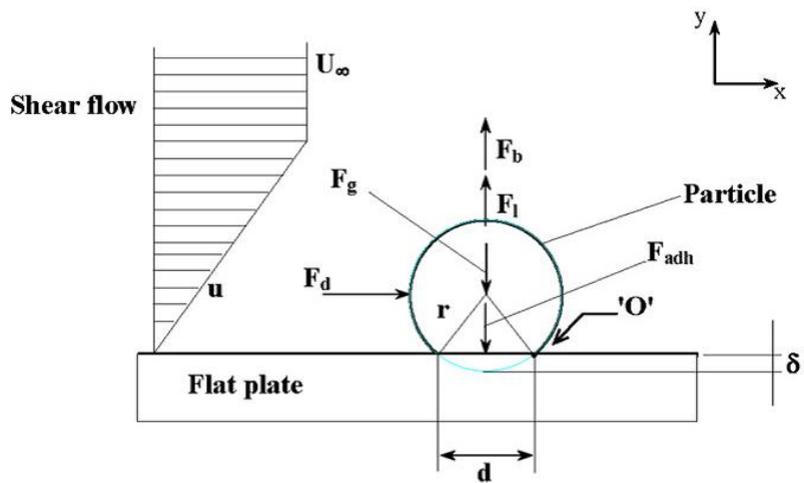


Figure 4.12 The forces acting on a particle lying on a flat surface and exposed to a shear flow [8].

### 4.3.2 The results of fouling resistance

The experiments were made for 4 kinds of EGR coolers, such as base specification #1(shell & tube  $\phi$ 8.0, I-flow type), modified specification #2(shell & tube  $\phi$ 7.5, I-flow type), base specification #3(shell & tube  $\phi$ 8.0, U-flow type) and modified specification #4(wavy fin, U-flow type) as shown in Figure 3.1 and 3.2.

The fouling resistances ( $R_f$ ) and the effectiveness of EGR cooler ( $\epsilon$ ) are shown in Figure 4.13 ~ 4.20 as a function of the exhaust gas flow velocity.

In case of specification #1(shell & tube type  $\phi$ 8.0, I-flow type), it is shown from Figure 4.13 that the fouling resistance continuously increased with time during the experiments with gas velocity 10m/s and 30m/s, while for the gas velocity 50m/s a constant asymptotic fouling resistance was arrived after 2.5 hours of operation.

The fouling resistance including initial thermal resistance ( $R_c$ ) and final thermal resistance ( $R_{final}$ ) were determined and listed in table 4.4. The thermal resistance for exhaust gas velocity of 50m/s was increased from  $1.14 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at clean condition to  $2.97 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at fouled condition after 6 hours of operation. The value of thermal resistance for 50m/s is a little less than for 30m/s and exceedingly less than for 10m/s. The fouling resistance after 6 hours of operation test with gas velocity of 10m/s is 3.18 times bigger than for gas velocity of 30m/s, and 6.12 times bigger than for gas velocity of 50m/s. The initial fouling rate at the beginning of fouling test is determined by the tangent to the fouling resistance curve verses horizontal curve of time at  $t = 0$  as shown in table 4.4. From these data we can see clearly the sensitivity of fouling rate and fouling resistance with regard to exhaust gas velocity. That is, the initial fouling rate for 10m/s is two times faster than for 30m/s and five times faster than for 50m/s.

The effectiveness of specification #1(shell & tube type  $\phi 8.0$ , I-flow type) was continuously decreased for gas velocity of 10m/s and 30m/s with elapsed time of operation, while for gas velocity of 50m/s it arrived at an asymptotic value of 60% as shown in Figure 4.14.

In case of specification #2(shell & tube type  $\phi 7.5$ , I-flow type), it is shown from Figure 4.15 that the fouling resistance continuously increased with time during the experiments with gas velocity 10 m/s and 30m/s, while for the gas velocity 50m/s a constant asymptotic fouling resistance was arrived after 4 hours of operation.

The fouling resistance including initial thermal resistance ( $R_c$ ) and final thermal resistance ( $R_{final}$ ) were determined and listed in table 4.5. The thermal resistance for exhaust gas velocity of 50m/s was increased from  $1.21 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at clean condition to  $5.23 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at fouled condition after 6 hours of operation. The value of thermal resistance for 50m/s is somewhat less than for 30m/s and for 10m/s. The fouling resistance after 6 hours of operation test with gas velocity of 10m/s is 2.4 times bigger than for gas velocity of 30m/s, and 3.7 times bigger than for gas velocity of 50m/s. The initial fouling rate at the beginning of fouling test is determined by the tangent to the fouling resistance curve verses horizontal curve of time at  $t = 0$  as shown in table 4.5. The initial fouling rate for 10m/s is 2.1times faster than for 30m/s and 4.6 times faster than for 50m/s.

The effectiveness of specification #2(shell & tube type  $\phi 7.5$ , I-flow type) was continuously decreased for gas velocity of 10m/s and 30m/s with elapsed time of operation, while for gas velocity of 50m/s it arrived at an asymptotic value of 55% as shown in Figure 4.16.

In case of specification #3(shell & tube type  $\phi 8.0$ , U-flow type), it is shown from Figure 4.17 that the fouling resistance continuously increased with time

during the experiments with gas velocity 15 m/s, while for the gas velocity 60m/s a constant asymptotic fouling resistance was arrived after 4.5 hours of operation.

The fouling resistance including initial thermal resistance ( $R_c$ ) and final thermal resistance ( $R_{final}$ ) were determined and listed in table 4.6. The thermal resistance for exhaust gas velocity of 60m/s was increased from  $1.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at clean condition to  $2.72 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at fouled condition after 6 hours of operation. The value of thermal resistance for 60m/s is significantly less than for 15m/s. The fouling resistance after 6 hours of operation test with gas velocity of 15m/s is 20.1 times bigger than for gas velocity of 60m/s. The initial fouling rate at the beginning of fouling test is determined by the tangent to the fouling resistance curve verses horizontal curve of time at  $t = 0$  as shown in table 4.6. The initial fouling rate for 15m/s is 4.3 times faster than for 60m/s.

The effectiveness of specification #3(shell & tube type  $\phi 8.0$ , U-flow type) was continuously decreased for gas velocity of 15m/s with elapsed time of operation, while for gas velocity of 50m/s it arrived at an asymptotic value of 62% as shown in Figure 4.18.

In case of specification #4(Fin type, U-flow type), it is shown from Figure 4.19 that the fouling resistance continuously increased with time during the experiments with gas velocity 15 m/s, while for the gas velocity 60m/s a constant asymptotic fouling resistance was arrived after 4.5 hours of operation.

The fouling resistance including initial thermal resistance ( $R_c$ ) and final thermal resistance ( $R_{final}$ ) were determined and listed in table 4.7. The thermal resistance for exhaust gas velocity of 60m/s was increased from  $1.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at clean condition to  $2.72 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2\text{K/W}$  at fouled condition after 6 hours of operation. The value of thermal resistance for 60m/s is significantly less than for 15m/s. The fouling resistance after 6 hours of operation test with gas velocity of 15m/s is 20.1 times bigger than for gas velocity of 60m/s. The initial fouling rate at the beginning

of fouling test is determined by the tangent to the fouling resistance curve verses horizontal curve of time at  $t = 0$  as shown in table 4.7. The initial fouling rate for 15m/s is 4.3 times faster than for 60m/s.

The effectiveness of specification #4(Fin type, U-flow type) was continuously decreased for gas velocity of 15m/s with elapsed time of operation, while for gas velocity of 50m/s it arrived at an asymptotic value of 62% as shown in Figure 4.20.

Table 4.4 Fouling resistance of experiment performed in case of specification #1.

Exhaust gas velocity (m/s)	Overall thermal resistance $R(m^2K/W)$		Fouling resistance $R_f = R_{final} - R_c$	$\frac{R_{f,10m/s}}{R_f}$	$\left. \frac{dR_f}{dt} \right _{t=0}$ ( $m^2K/W$ )
	$R_c$	$R_{final}$			
10	$3.29 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.45 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-2}$	1	$5.57 \times 10^{-5}$
30	$2.62 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.14 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.52 \times 10^{-3}$	3.18	$2.79 \times 10^{-5}$
50	$1.14 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.97 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.83 \times 10^{-3}$	6.12	$1.11 \times 10^{-5}$

Table 4.5 Fouling resistance of experiment performed in case of specification #2.

Exhaust gas velocity (m/s)	Overall thermal resistance $R(m^2K/W)$		Fouling resistance $R_f = R_{final} - R_c$	$\frac{R_{f,10m/s}}{R_f}$	$\left. \frac{dR_f}{dt} \right _{t=0}$ ( $m^2K/W$ )
	$R_c$	$R_{final}$			
10	$3.32 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.82 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.49 \times 10^{-2}$	1	$4.25 \times 10^{-5}$
30	$2.66 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.98 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.32 \times 10^{-3}$	2.4	$2.03 \times 10^{-5}$
50	$1.21 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.23 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.02 \times 10^{-3}$	3.7	$9.20 \times 10^{-6}$

Table 4.6 Fouling resistance of experiment performed in case of specification #3.

Exhaust gas velocity (m/s)	Overall thermal resistance $R(m^2K/W)$		Fouling resistance $R_f = R_{final} - R_c$	$\frac{R_{f,15m/s}}{R_f}$	$\left. \frac{dR_f}{dt} \right _{t=0}$ ( $m^2K/W$ )
	$R_c$	$R_{final}$			
15	$3.51 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.67 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.32 \times 10^{-2}$	1	$5.60 \times 10^{-5}$
60	$1.37 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.72 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-2}$	2.0	$1.33 \times 10^{-5}$

Table 4.7 Fouling resistance of experiment performed in case of specification #4.

Exhaust gas velocity (m/s)	Overall thermal resistance $R(m^2K/W)$		Fouling resistance $R_f = R_{final} - R_c$	$\frac{R_{f,15m/s}}{R_f}$	$\left. \frac{dR_f}{dt} \right _{t=0}$ ( $m^2K/W$ )
	$R_c$	$R_{final}$			
15	$3.73 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.72 \times 10^{-2}$	1	$5.72 \times 10^{-5}$
60	$1.43 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.45 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.02 \times 10^{-3}$	2.9	$1.42 \times 10^{-5}$

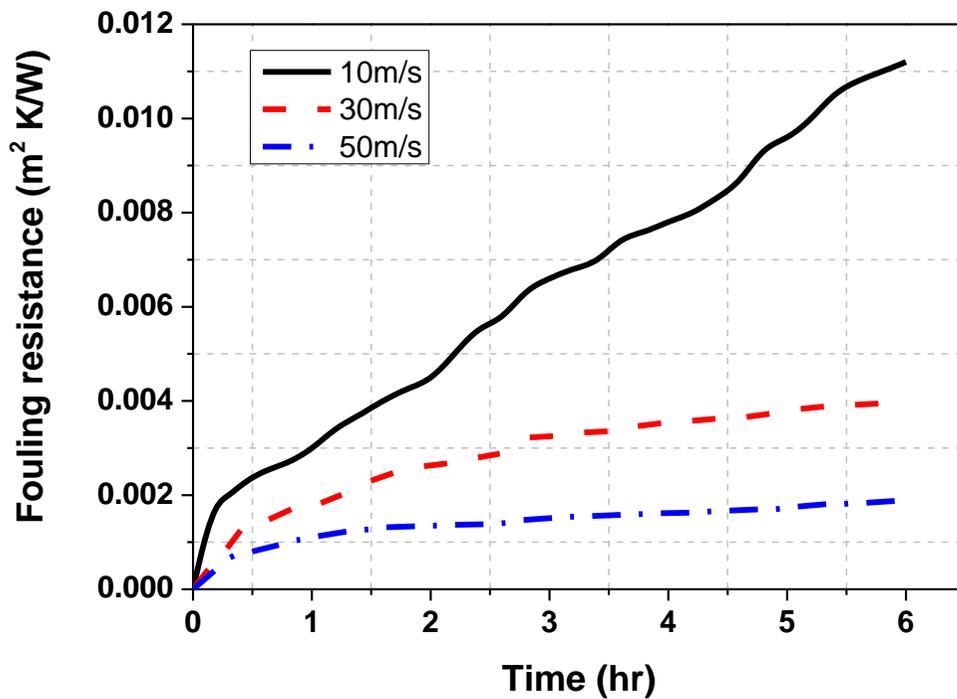


Figure 4.13 Fouling resistance of EGR cooler, specification #1 ( $\phi 8.0$ ).

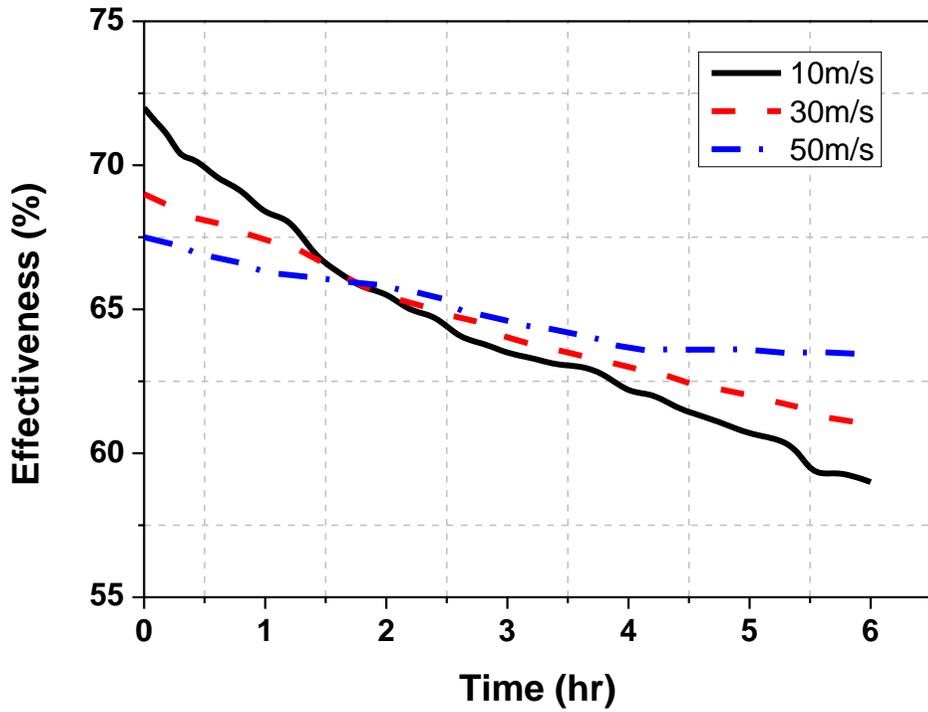


Figure 4.14 Effectiveness of EGR cooler, specification #1 ( $\phi 8.0$ ).

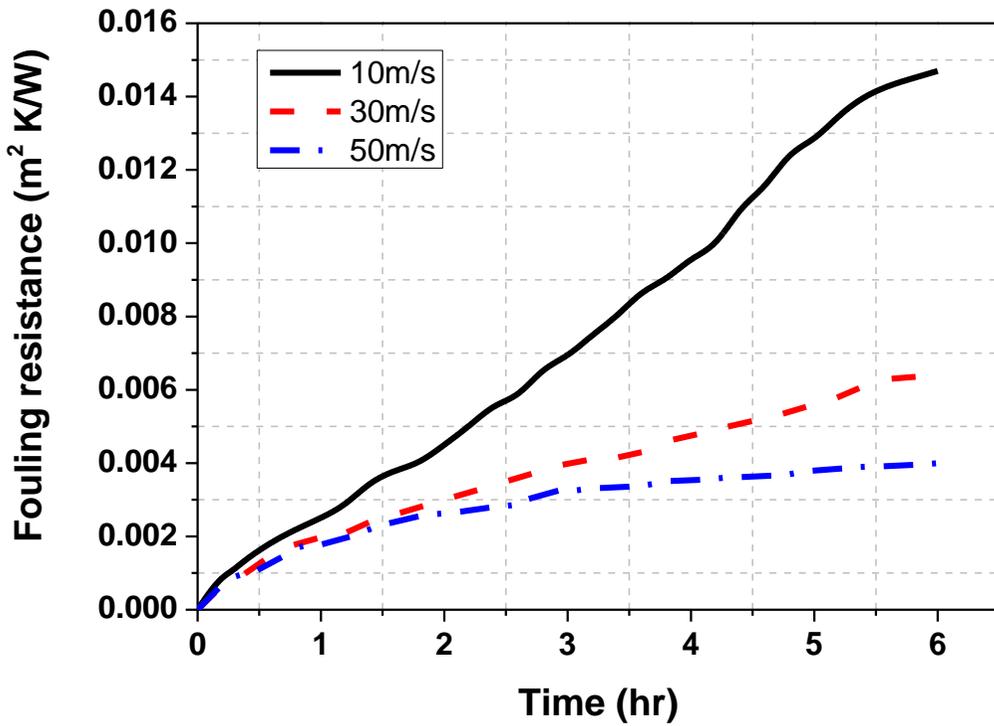


Figure 4.15 Fouling resistance of EGR cooler, specification #1 ( $\phi 7.5$ ).

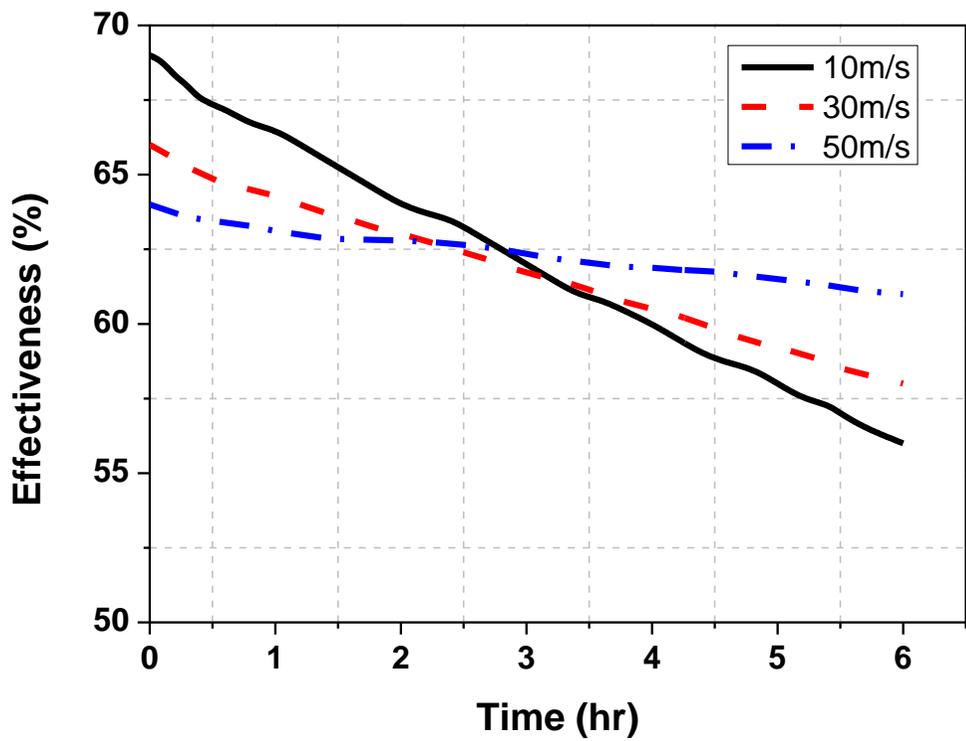


Figure 4.16 Effectiveness of EGR cooler, specification #1 ( $\phi 7.5$ ).

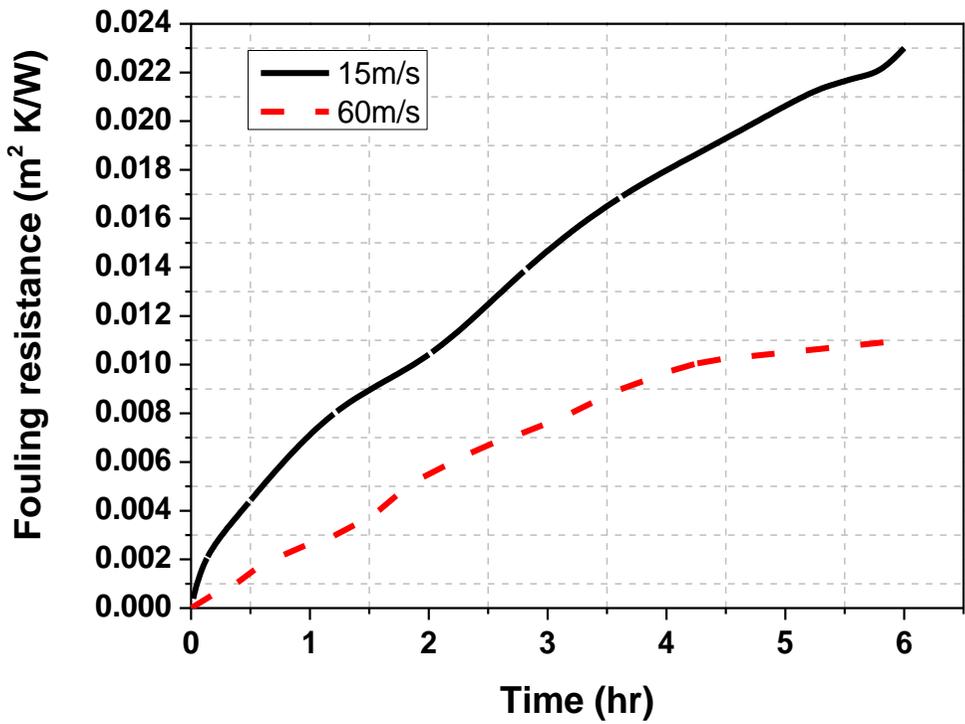


Figure 4.17 Fouling resistance of EGR cooler, specification #3 (Shell & tube type).

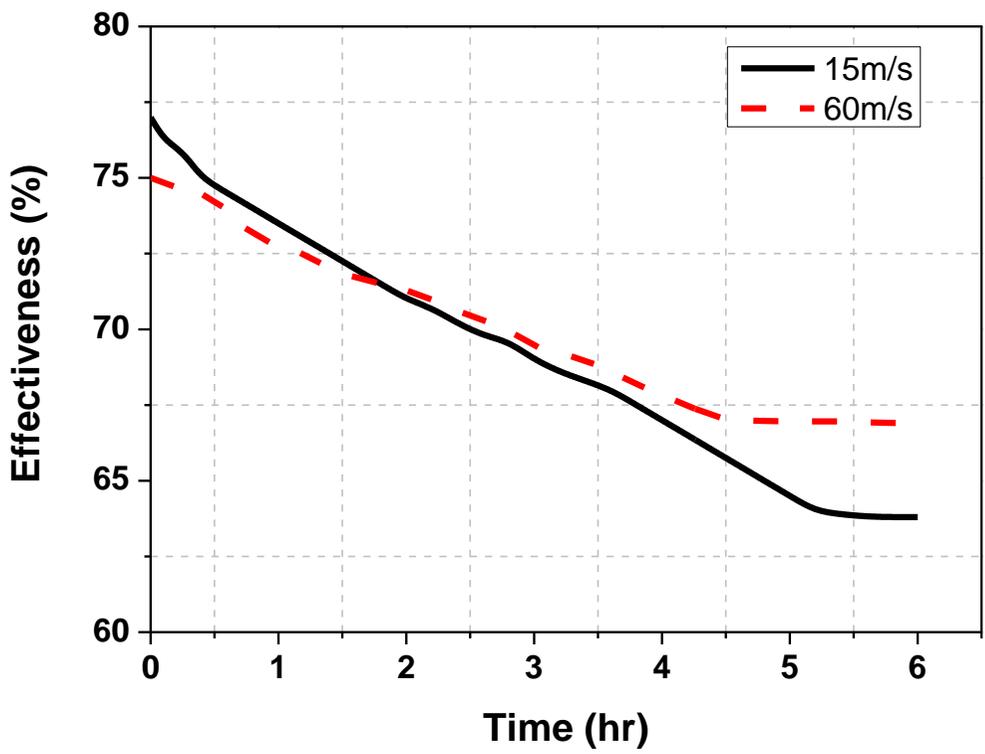


Figure 4.18 Effectiveness of EGR cooler, specification #3 (Shell & tube type).

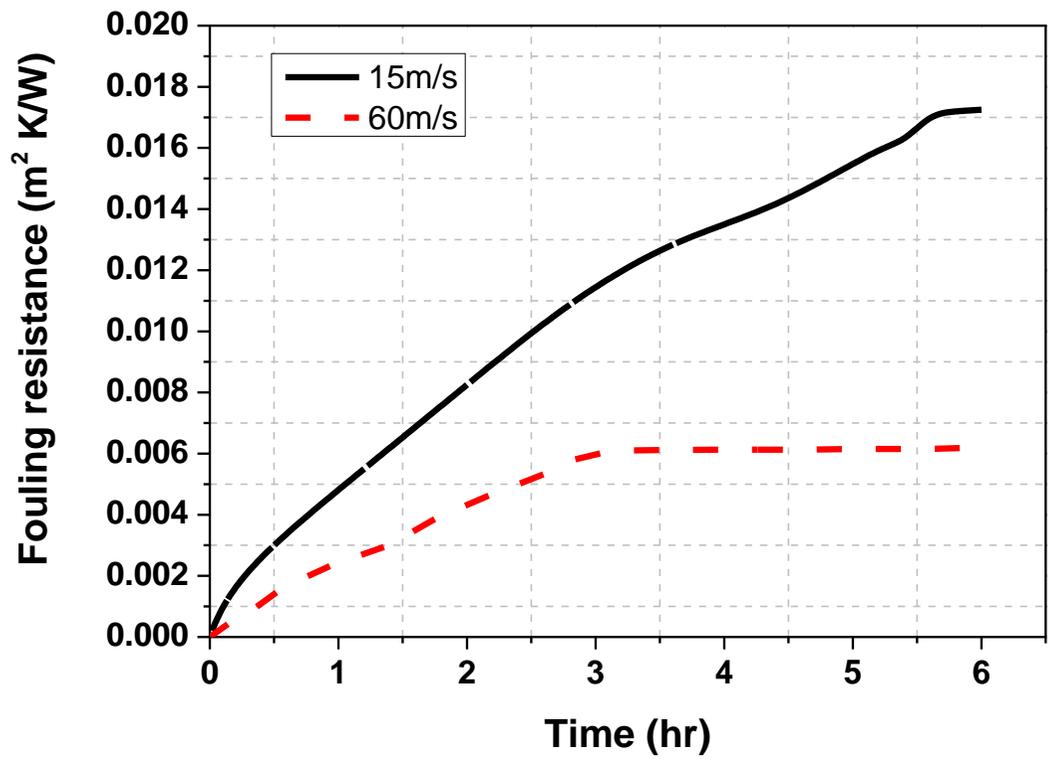


Figure 4.19 Fouling resistance of EGR cooler, specification #4 (Fin type).

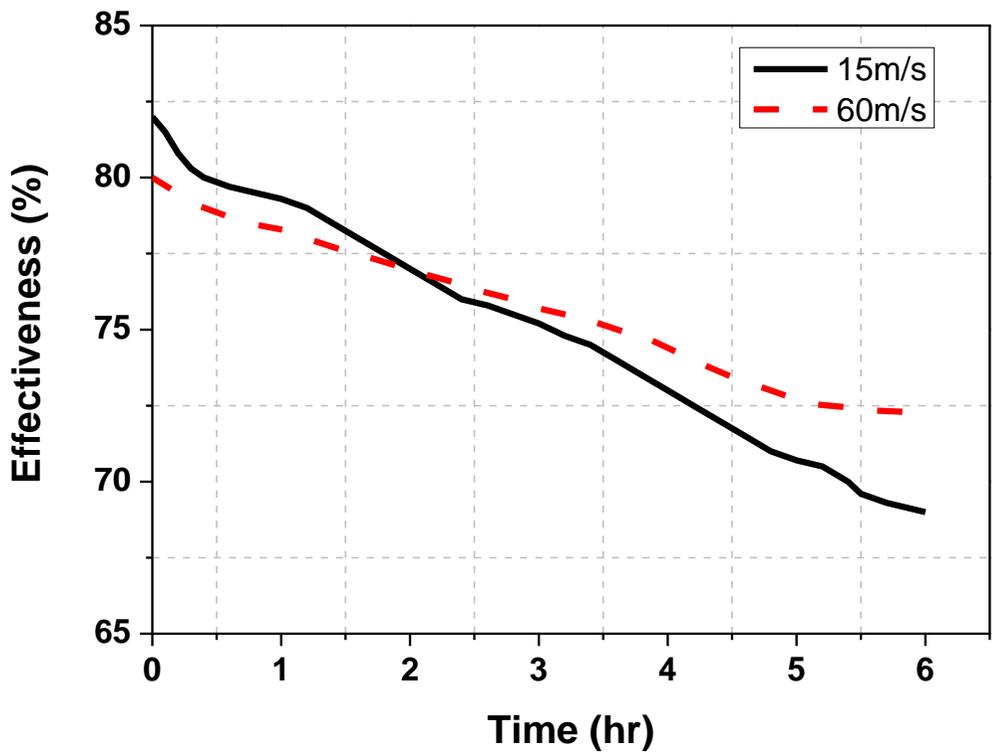


Figure 4.20 Effectiveness of EGR cooler, specification #4 (Fin type).

## **Chapter 5. Experimental test on an engine**

### **5.1 Experimental setup**

#### **5.1.1 Experimental apparatus**

The overall experimental apparatus on a dynamo cell consist of an engine with EGR cooler, a dynamometer and controller, exhaust gas analyzer, smoke meter and DMS 500 as shown in Figure 5.1.

A four-cylinder 2.2L and 1.6L direct injection Diesel engine as shown in Figure 5.2 and Figure 5.3 was used for experiment, respectively. These engines have a fuel injection equipment (FIE) including a piezo injector, a common rail, and a high pressure pump. Detailed specifications of engines and fuel injection equipments are shown in Table 5.1, Table 5.2 and Table 5.3, respectively. The test engine was connected to a 340 kW AC dynamometer which is able to operate both steady-state operations and transient state operations with the dynamometer controller. The specification of dynamometer is shown in Table 5.4. Oil and coolant temperature were controlled during the engine test using the PID controller, equipped in dynamometer control system. The quality of diesel was preserved from a large capacity fuel tank during the entire experiment period and fuel temperature was maintained to 40 °C using the fuel temperature controller. The temperature of the engine test cell was controlled by an air-conditioning system.

Exhaust gas composition of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub>, THC, CO, and PM were measured during the test. NO<sub>x</sub>, THC, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> were measured by the exhaust gas analyzer (HORIBA, MEXA-7100DEGR). All species were measured in volume fraction in wet condition. The measurement method of each emission is listed in Table 5.5. PM was measured by the smoke meter and DMS-500. The

specification of the smoke meter is shown in Table 5.6 and the specification of the DMS-500 is listed in Table 5.7. To monitor the AFR easily during the test, an AFR analyzer, as shown in Table 5.8, was installed at the exhaust manifold. It has an O<sub>2</sub> sensor and calculates AFR by the O<sub>2</sub> balance equation. AFR was calculated using measured O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, CO and THC from Spindt equation [73]:

$$AFR = \frac{(CO_2 \times 10000 + CO)}{(CO_2 \times 10000 + CO + THC)} \times (AA + BB) \quad (5.1.1)$$

where,

$$AA = \frac{11.4919 \times FC \times \left(1 + \frac{CO / (CO_2 \times 10000)}{2} + \frac{O_2}{CO_2}\right)}{\left(1 + \frac{CO}{(CO_2 \times 10000)}\right)} \quad (5.1.2)$$

$$BB = \frac{119.8074 \times (1 - FC)}{\left(3.5 + \frac{CO}{(CO_2 \times 10000)}\right)} \quad (5.1.3)$$

$$FC = \frac{12.011}{(12.011 + 1.008 \times HC\_ratio)} \quad (5.1.4)$$

### 5.1.2 Experimental conditions

In this study, the engine was warmed up and the temperatures of coolant and oil were stabilized. To flow the exhaust gas into the EGR cooler, the bypass valve line was disconnected. The engine was operated at the conditions of 5 different operation points, such as 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50kg/h. The experiments were carried

out to evaluate the effectiveness and the pressure drop of EGR cooler in dynamometer. The schematic position of temperature sensors in EGR cooler were shown in Figure 5.4. The temperature of coolant was adjusted at 90°C. The temperature deviations were controlled within  $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ .

The conditions illustrated in Figure 5.5 were utilized for the modified fouling test mode in engine dynamometer. These conditions were determined by combining the ESC-13 mode for emissions testing with the EGR cooler fouling procedure (76 hours) proposed by Modine, a manufacturer of EGR coolers as shown in Figure 5.6 and Figure 5.7, respectively [74-76]. The test conditions were designed to include a total of abbreviated 15 hours of engine operating time, with 5 hours of this period involving operating the engine at 1,100 rpm with no load and a high incidence of PM.

In the initial step of the fouling test, the engine was operated under the 3 conditions of 50, 80 and 120 kg/l of gas flow for a total of 1 hour at 25% engine load and 2,000 rpm. In the first step, the engine was operated for a total of 2 hours at 1,200 rpm under engine loads of 0, 20, 40, 60 and 80%. In the second step, the engine was operated for 5 hours at 0% engine load and 1,100 rpm. In the third step, the engine was operated for 1 hour at 1,200 rpm under engine loads of 20 and 80%. In the fourth step, the engine was operated for 3 hours at 75% engine load and 2,000 rpm. The fifth step was the same as the first step, and the final step was the same as the initial step. The engine was operated for a total of 15 hours to save the engine operating time and expenses.

Table 5.1 1.6L Engine specifications

Description	Specification
Engine type	In-line 4 cylinder 1.6 L
Max power(kW)/Torque(Nm)	94 / 259
Bore x Stroke (mm)	77.2 x 84.5
Compression ratio	17.3

Table 5.2 2.2L Engine specifications

Description	Specification
Engine type	In-line 4 cylinder 2.2 L
Max power(kW)/Torque(Nm)	147 / 436
Bore x Stroke (mm)	85.4 x 96.0
Compression ratio	16.0

Table 5.3 FIE specifications

Description	Specification
Fuel injector type	Piezoelectric type
Manufacturer	Bosch
No. of Nozzle Holes	8
Spray Angle	156 °
Nozzle Diameter (mm)	0.143

Table 5.4 Specifications of dynamometer

Description	Specification
Manufacturer	AVL ELIN
Model	MCA-231
Capacity	340kW
Type	AC
Cooling	Air cooling
Maximum rpm	7000

Table 5.5 The principle of measurement by the emission analyzer.

Emissions	Measurement principle
NO <sub>x</sub>	CLD
THC	FID
O <sub>2</sub> , CO <sub>2</sub> , CO	NDIR

Table 5.6 The specifications of the smoke meter.

Item	Specification
Manufacturer	AVL
Model	AVL 415S
Measurement range	0 ~ 10 FSN / 0 ~ 32,000 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Resolution	0.001 FSN / 0.01 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Repeatability (as standard deviation)	$\sigma \leq \pm(0.005 \text{ FSN} + 3 \% \text{ of measured value})$
Reproducibility (as standard deviation)	$\sigma \leq \pm(0.005 \text{ FSN} + 6 \% \text{ of measured value})$

Table 5.7 The specifications of the DMS-500

Item	Specification
Particle Size Range	5 nm – 1 μm (5 nm – 2.5 μm option)
Number of Electrometers	22
Size Classification	Electrical Mobility
Dilution Factor Range	1 – 3000
Maximum Primary Dilution Temperature	150 °C
Sample Flow rate	8 slpm (1 μm range) at 0 °C + 100 kPa
Instrument Zeroing	Automatic; internal HEPA filter
Spectral Elements	16 or 32/decade
Output Data Rate	10/sec – 1/min
Time Response	T 10–90 % 200 ms T 10–90 % 300 ms with 5m heated line
Calibrations: Non-agglomerate: Agglomerate (Diesel):	By NIST traceable PSL spheres & DMA size selected NaCl/H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> , comparison with standard electrometer DMA size selected soot, comparison with standard electrometer
Calibration Interval	12 months
Max Concentration	≈10 <sup>11</sup> dN/dlogD /cc (diluter on)

Table 5.8 The specifications of the AFR analyzer.

Item	Specification
Manufacturer	HORIBA
Model	MEXA-110λ
Measurement range (H/C = 1.85)	A/F 10.0 ~ 30.0
Accuracy (H/C = 1.85)	±0.3 A/F when 12.5 A/F ±0.1 A/F when 14.7 A/F ±0.5 A/F when 23.0 A/F
Exhaust gas temperature (°C)	-7 ~ 900 (recommend 200 ~800)

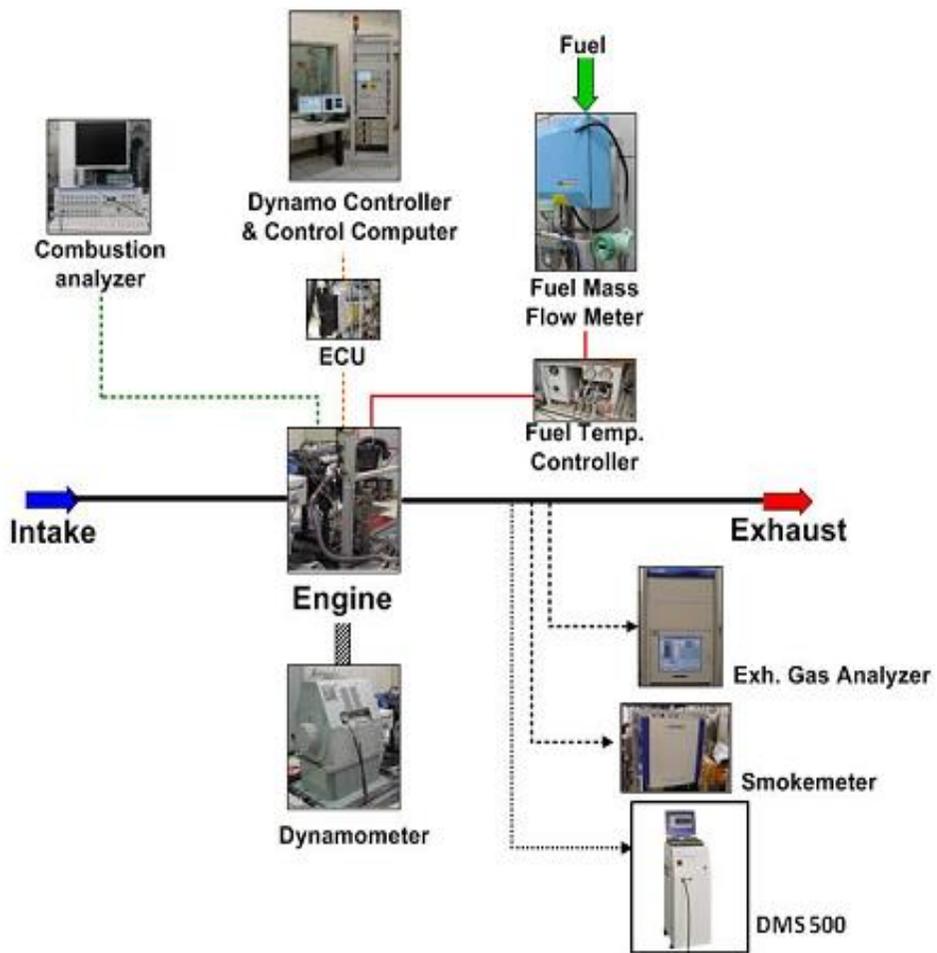


Figure 5.1 Schematic of engine test and measurement equipment



Figure 5.2 A four cylinder - 2.2Ldiesel engine.



Figure 5.3 A four cylinder - 1.6Ldiesel engine.

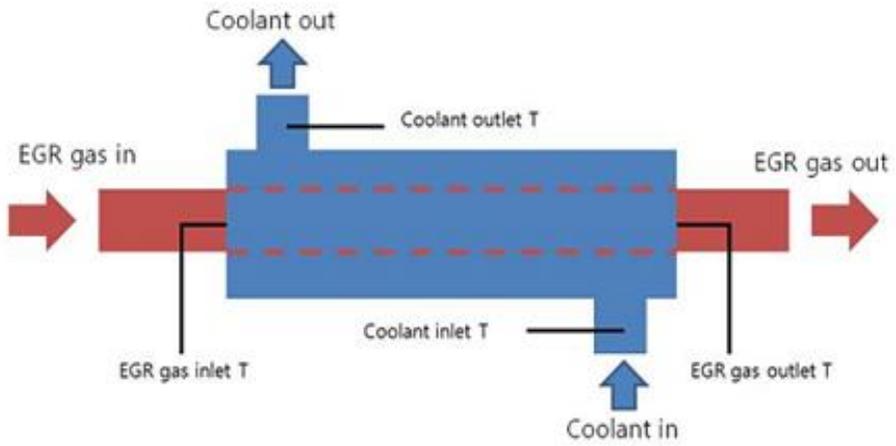


Figure 5.4 Schematic position of temperature sensors in EGR cooler.

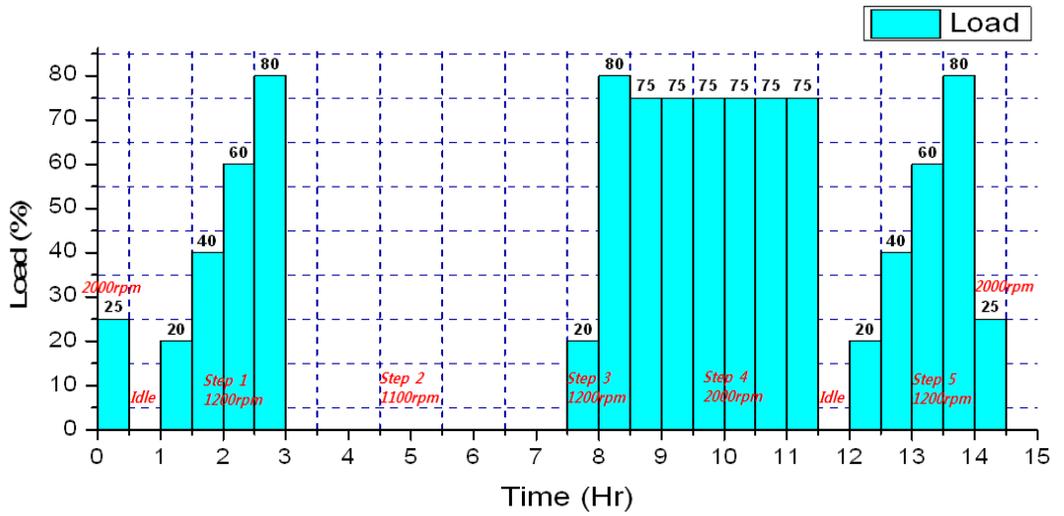


Figure 5.5 Modified fouling test mode.

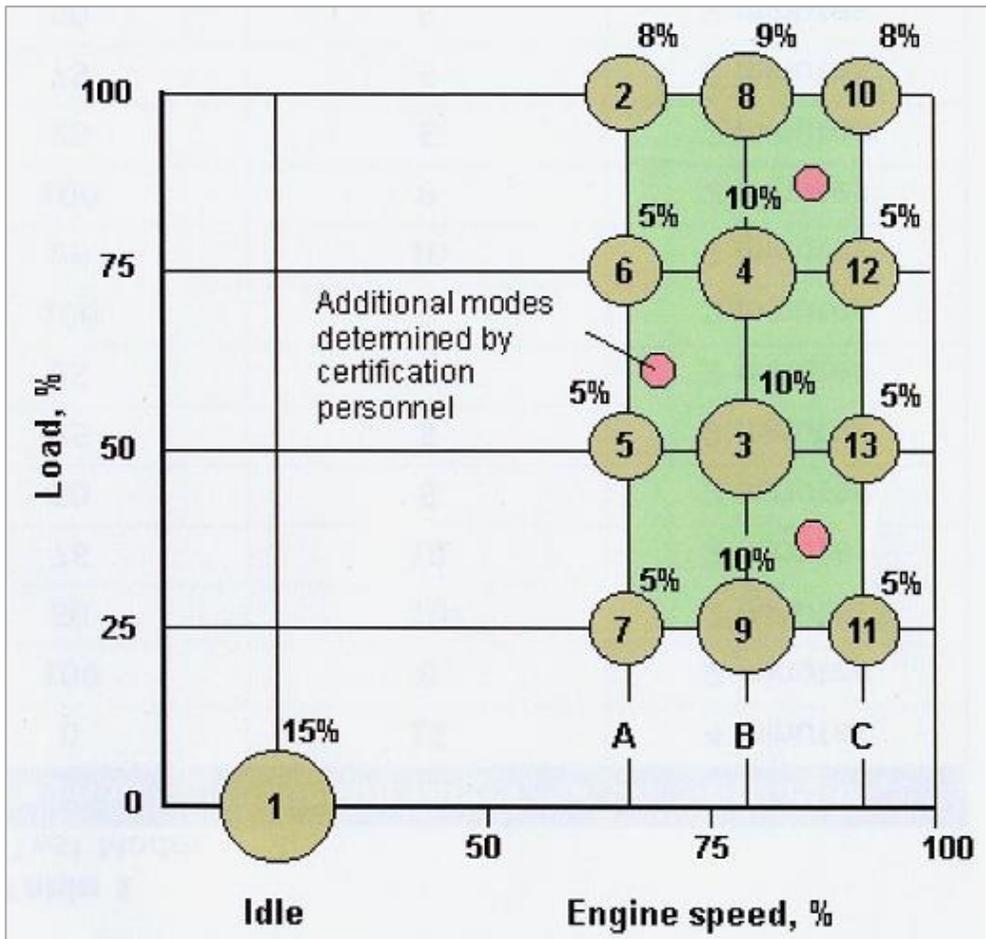


Figure 5.6 ESC-13 mode for diesel engine test.

*Proposed by Modine, US manufacturer of EGR cooler (2007),*

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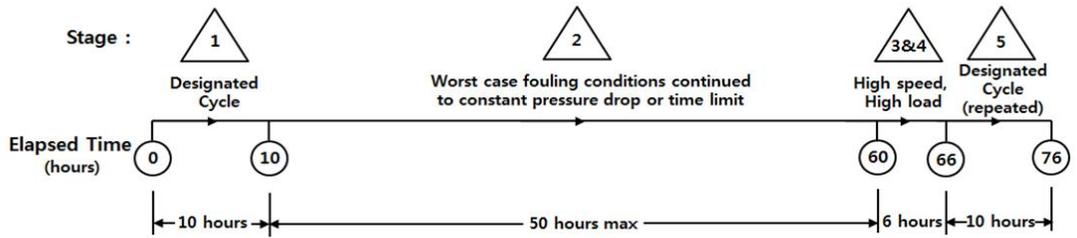


Figure 5.7 Fouling test mode of EGR cooler in Modine.

## **5.2 Experimental results**

### **5.2.1 Effectiveness characteristics of I-flow EGR coolers**

The experimental tests were performed to measure how PM fouling in I-flow EGR coolers changes the heat exchange effectiveness on engine dynamometer before and after fouling.

In case of specification #1(shell & tube type  $\phi 8.0$ , I-flow), the heat exchange effectiveness was decreased by max 14% after fouling as shown in Figure 5.8 and 5.11. The decreasing shapes are similar at both conditions. The outlet temperature of exhaust gas was increased, which have been caused by the PM deposited on the inner surface of the spiral tubes. The pressure drop between the inlet and the outlet of exhaust gas is the quantitative index of the PM deposited inside the EGR cooler. The accumulation of PM deposit raised enhanced thermal resistance because of the increased pressure drop. Accordingly, the pressure drop was increased by max 40%.

In case of specification #2(shell & tube type  $\phi 7.5$ , I-flow), the heat exchange effectiveness was decreased by max 17% as shown in Figure 5.9 and 5.11. The pressure drop was increased by max 54%.

In conclusion, the effectiveness of specification #1 was 5% and 9% higher than that of specification #2 before and after fouling, respectively. The pressure drops between two specifications were increased by 13% and 20% before and after fouling, respectively due to the difference of cross sectional areas as shown in Figure 5.10.

### 5.2.2 NO<sub>x</sub>/PM characteristics of I-flow EGR coolers

According to EGR ratio, the emission level of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM were investigated [77]. In case of specification #1, depending on the EGR rate fluctuation, NO<sub>x</sub> decreases very largely, while PM increases slowly as shown in Figure 5.12. In case of specification #2, depending on the EGR rate fluctuation, the reduction rate of NO<sub>x</sub> and the increase rate of PM are large, respectively as shown in Figure 5.13. For both the specification #1 and #2, the emission level of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM were investigated according to EGR ratio after fouling as shown in Figure 5.14. This figure shows that the emission rate of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM of specification #1 is lower than that of specification #2.

The results converted to NO<sub>x</sub> change per unit EGR rate is shown in Figure 5.15. NO<sub>x</sub> decreasing rate per unit EGR is about 4% larger in low EGR condition in case of specification #1 compared with specification #2. In addition, NO<sub>x</sub> decreasing rate per unit EGR is about 2% larger in high EGR condition in case of specification #1 compared with specification #2.

The results converted to PM change per unit EGR rate is shown in Figure 5.16. PM increasing rate per unit EGR is about 6% larger in low EGR condition in case of spec. #2 compared with specification #1. PM increasing rate per unit EGR is about 3% larger in high EGR condition in case of specification #2 compared with specification #1.

In conclusion, specification #1 is superior to specification #2 in consideration of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change characteristics.

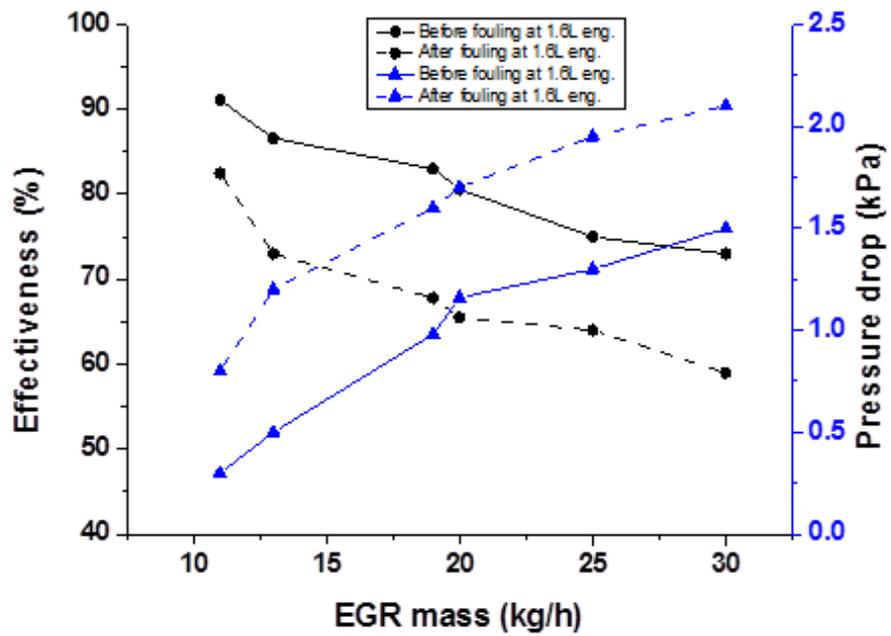


Figure 5.8 Effectiveness and pressure drop of I-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 8.0$  tube).

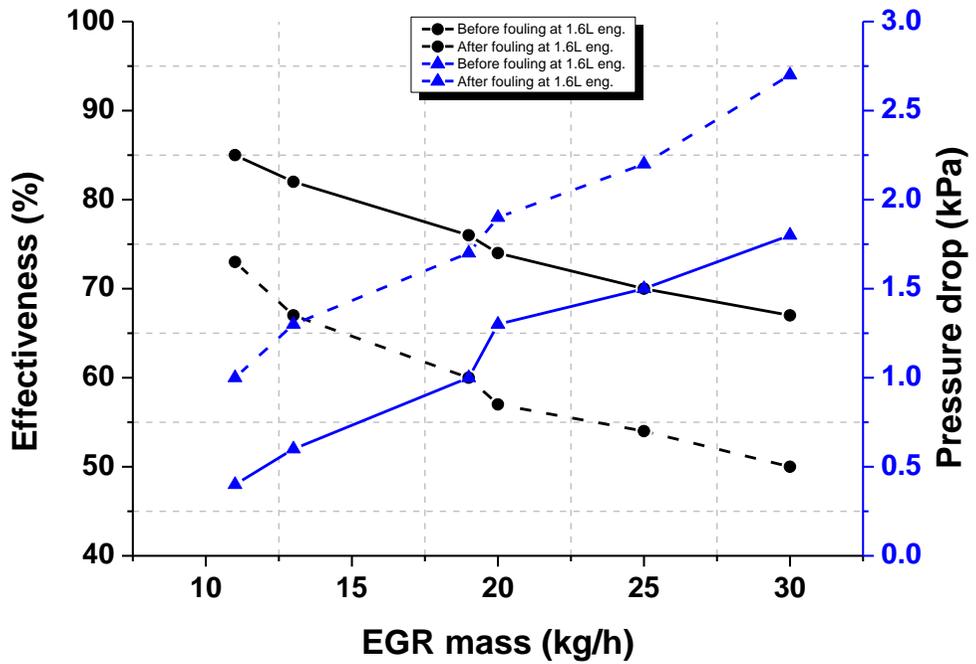


Figure 5.9 Effectiveness and pressure drop of I-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 7.5$  tube)

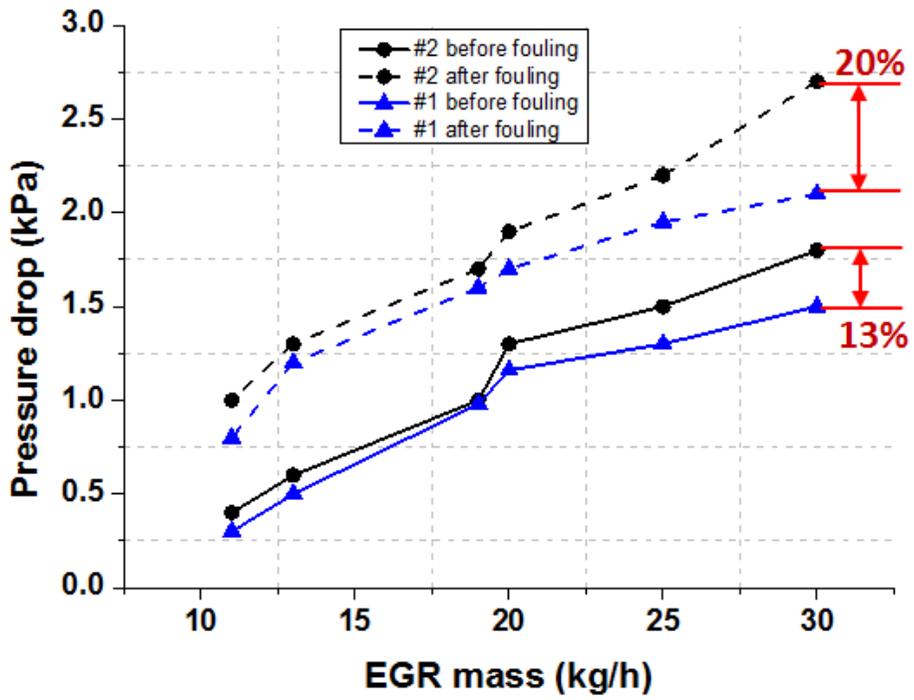


Figure 5.10 Pressure drop of I-flow EGR coolers (spec #1 and spec #2).

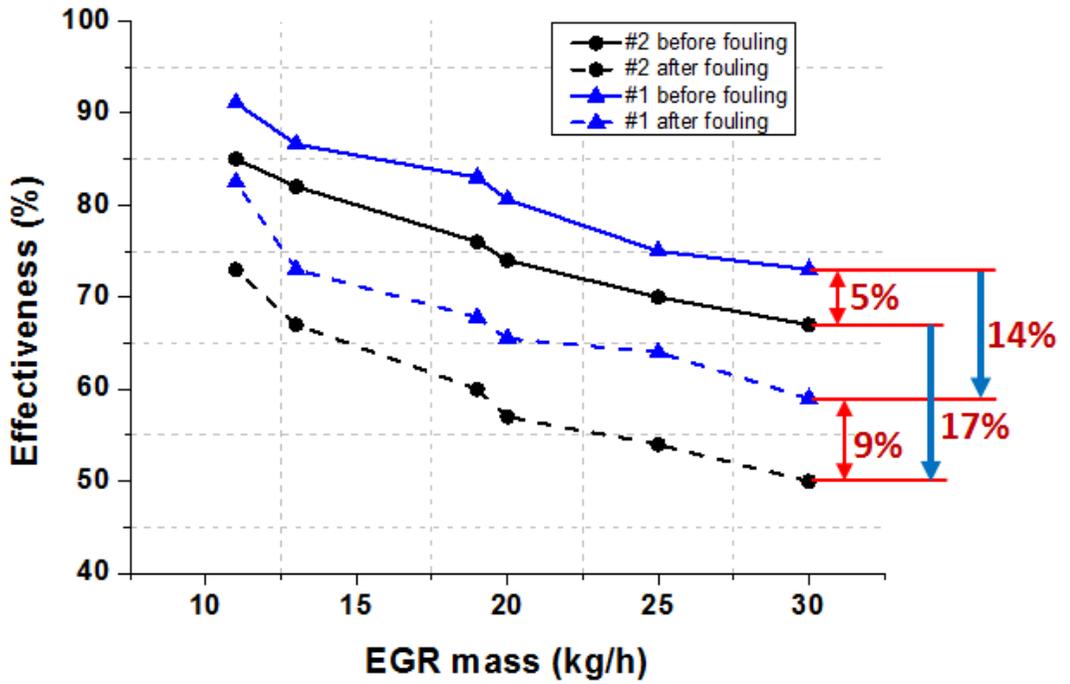


Figure 5.11 Effectiveness of I-flow EGR coolers (spec #1 and spec #2).

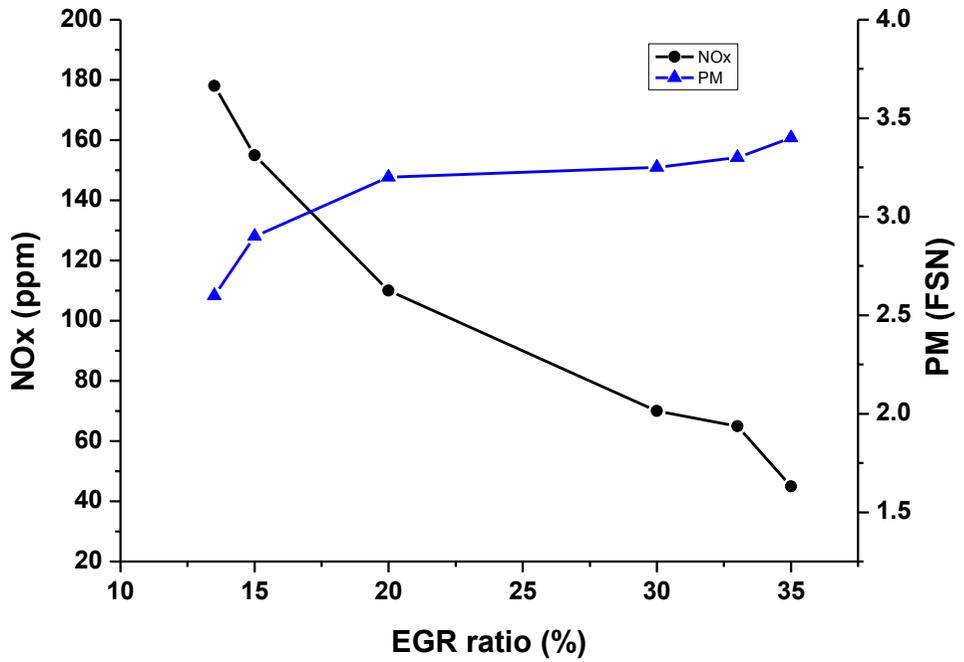


Figure 5.12 NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change corresponding to EGR ratio of I-flow EGR cooler (ϕ8.0 tube).

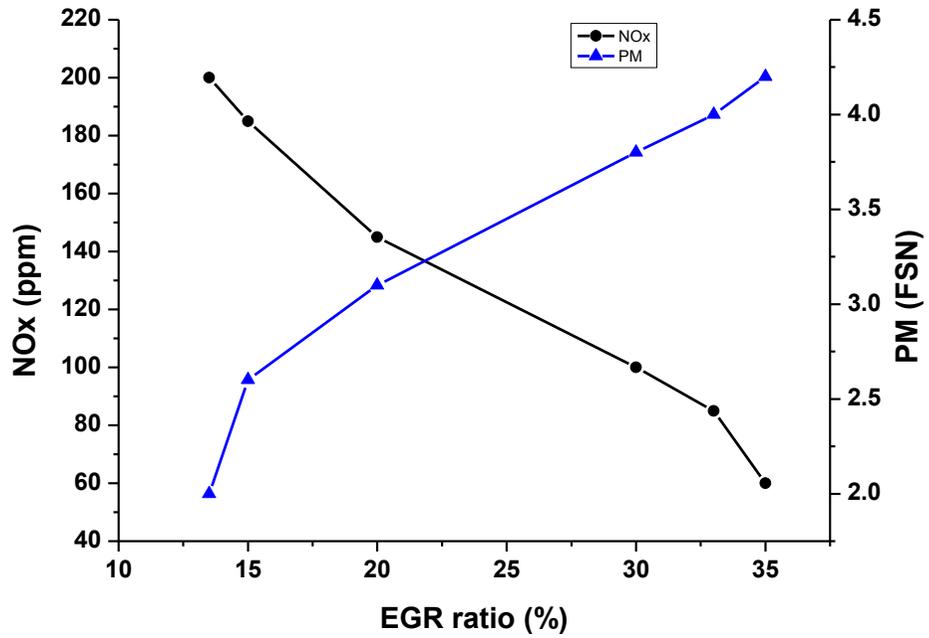


Figure 5.13 NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change corresponding to EGR ratio of I-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 7.5$  tube).

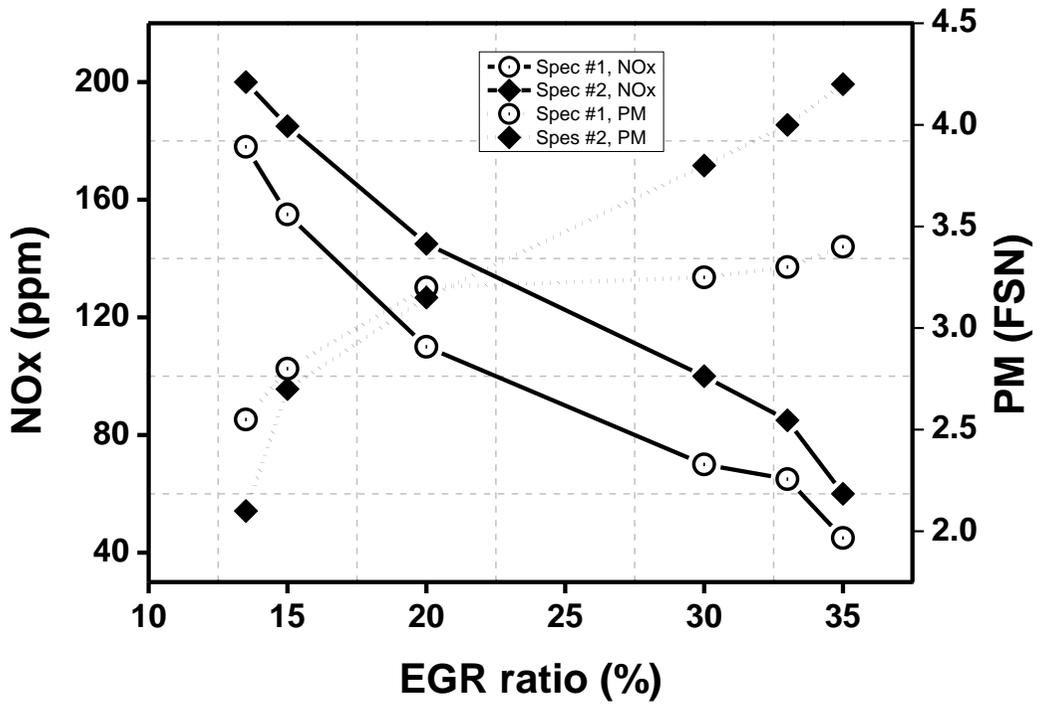


Figure 5.14 NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change corresponding to EGR ratio of I-flow EGR cooler (spec. #1 and spec. #2).

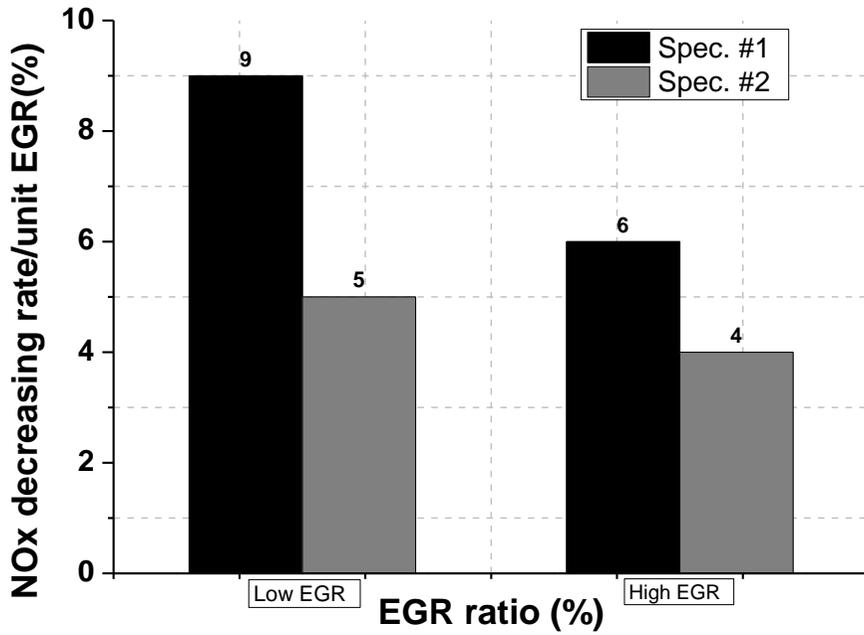


Figure 5.15 NO<sub>x</sub> change per unit EGR ratio.

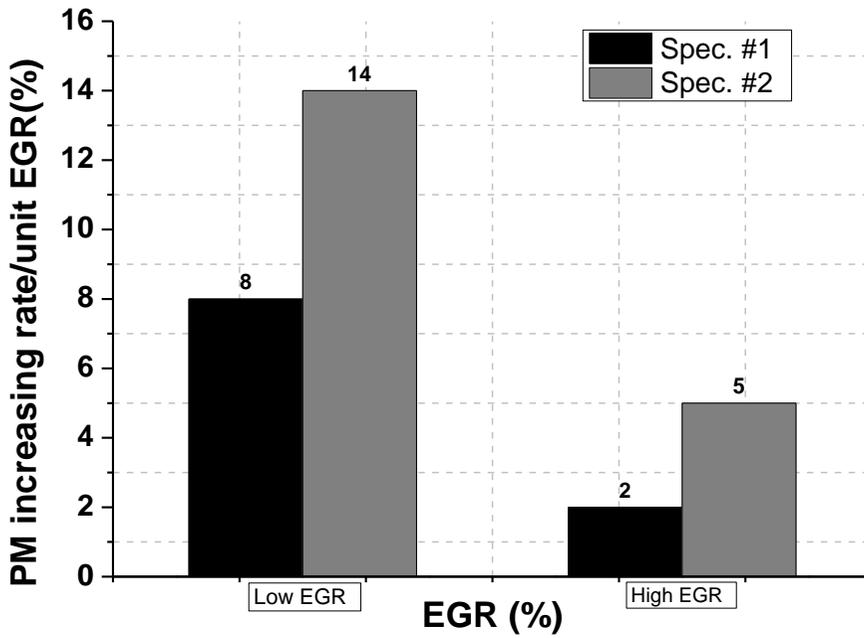


Figure 5.16 PM change per unit EGR ratio.

### **5.2.3 Effectiveness characteristics of U-flow EGR coolers**

The experimental tests were performed to measure how PM fouling in U-flow EGR coolers changes the heat exchange effectiveness on engine dynamometer before and after fouling.

In case of specification #3(shell & tube type  $\phi 8.0$ , U-flow), the heat exchange effectiveness was decreased by max 15% as shown in Figure 5.17 and 5.20. The pressure drop between the inlet and the outlet of exhaust gas is the quantitative index of the PM deposited inside the EGR cooler. The accumulation of PM deposit raised enhanced thermal resistance because of the increased pressure drop. Accordingly, the pressure drop was increased by max 16%.

In case of specification #4(Wavy-fin type, U-flow), the heat exchange effectiveness was decreased by max 10% as shown in Figure 5.18 and 5.20. The pressure drop was increased by max 17%.

In conclusion, the effectiveness of specification #4 was 4% and 9% higher than that of specification #3 before and after fouling, respectively. The pressure drop of specification #4 was nearly similar to that of specification #3.

### **5.2.4 NO<sub>x</sub>/PM characteristics of U-flow EGR coolers**

According to EGR ratio, the emission level of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM were investigated. In case of specification #3, depending on the EGR rate fluctuation, NO<sub>x</sub> decreases very largely, while PM increases slowly as shown in Figure 5.21. In case of specification #4, depending on the EGR rate fluctuation, the reduction rate of NO<sub>x</sub> and the increase rate of PM are similar to those of specification #3 as shown in Figure 5.22. For both the specification #3 and #4, the emission level of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM were investigated according to EGR ratio after fouling as shown in Figure 5.23.

This figure shows that the emission rate of NO<sub>x</sub> of specification #3 is higher than that of specification #4. On the other hand, the emission rate of PM of specification #3 is similar to that of specification #4.

In order to observe the trend clearly, the results converted to NO<sub>x</sub> change per unit EGR rate is shown in Figure 5. 24. NO<sub>x</sub> decreasing rate per unit EGR is about 2% larger in low EGR condition in case of specification #4 compared with specification #3. In addition, NO<sub>x</sub> decreasing rate per unit EGR is about 2% larger in high EGR condition in case of spec. #4 compared with specification #3.

The results converted to PM change per unit EGR rate is shown in Figure 5. 25. PM increasing rate per unit EGR is about 1% larger in low EGR condition in case of specification #3 compared with specification #4. PM increasing rate per unit EGR is about 0.5% larger in high EGR condition in case of specification #3 compared with specification #4.

In conclusion, specification #4 is somewhat superior to specification #3 in consideration of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change characteristics.

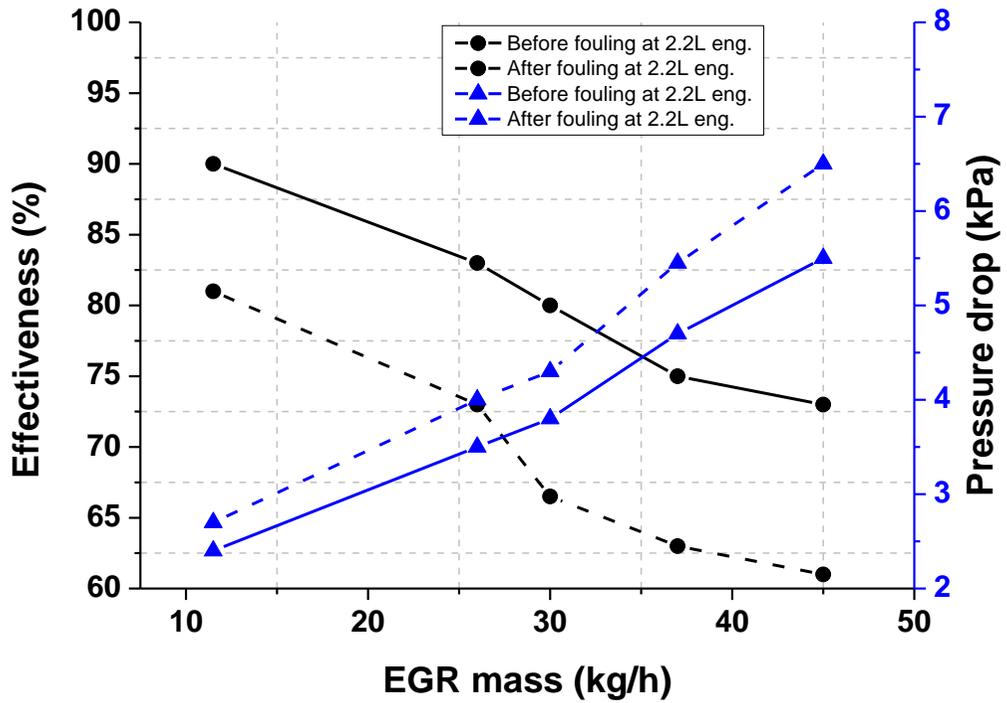


Figure 5.17 Effectiveness and pressure drop of U-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 8.0$  tube).

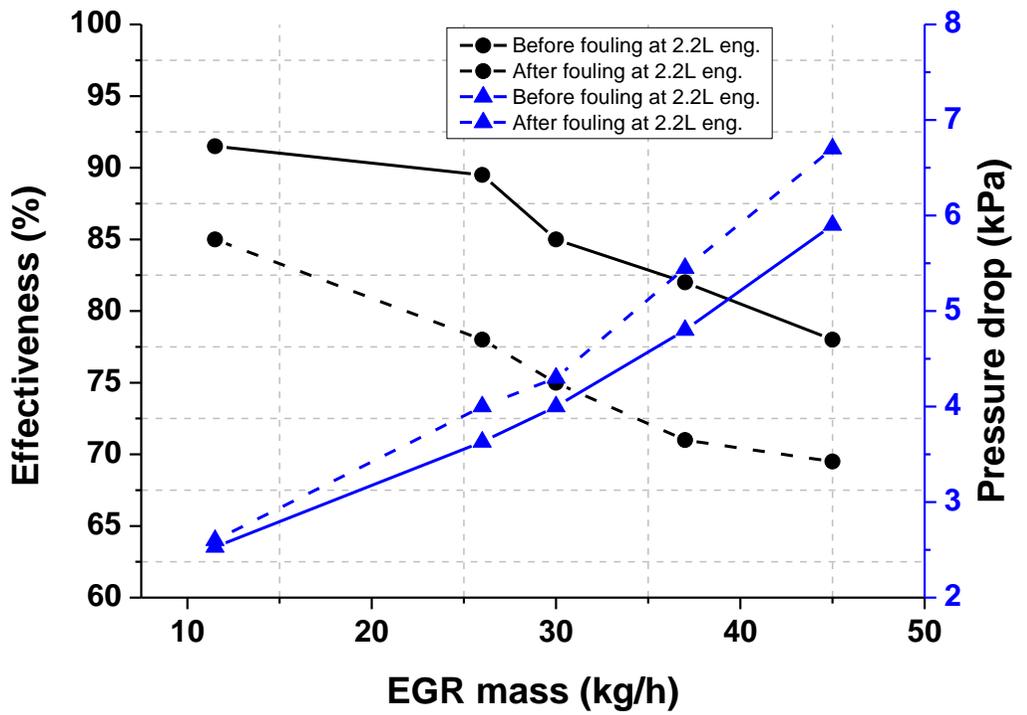


Figure 5.18 Effectiveness and pressure drop of U-flow EGR cooler (Wavy fin).

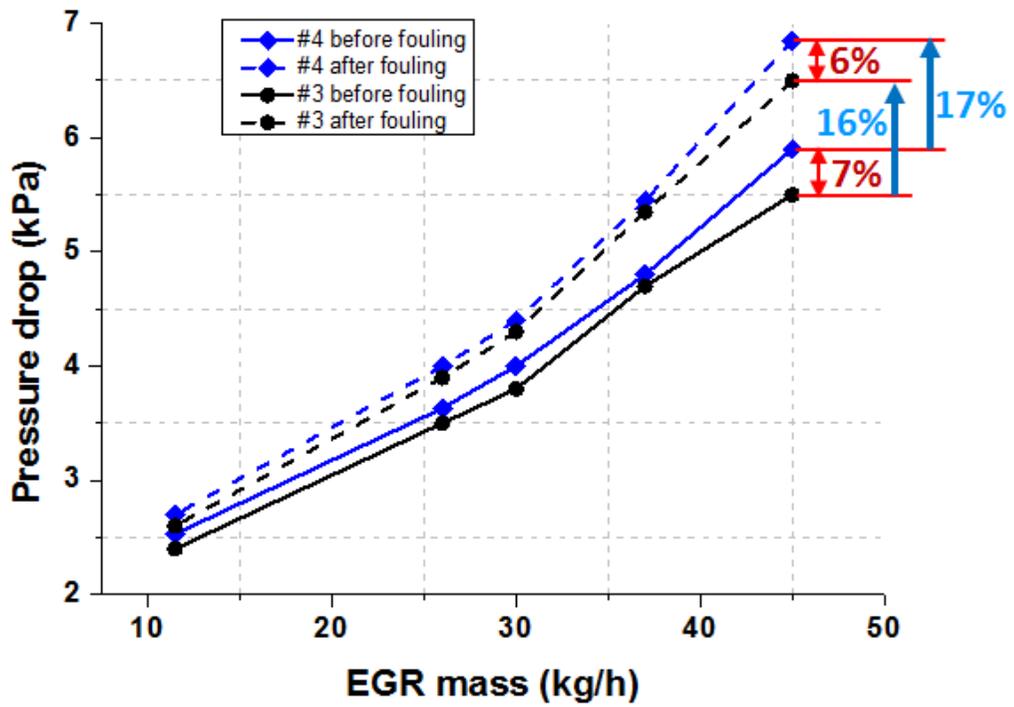


Figure 5.19 Pressure drop of U-flow EGR coolers (spec #3 and spec #4).

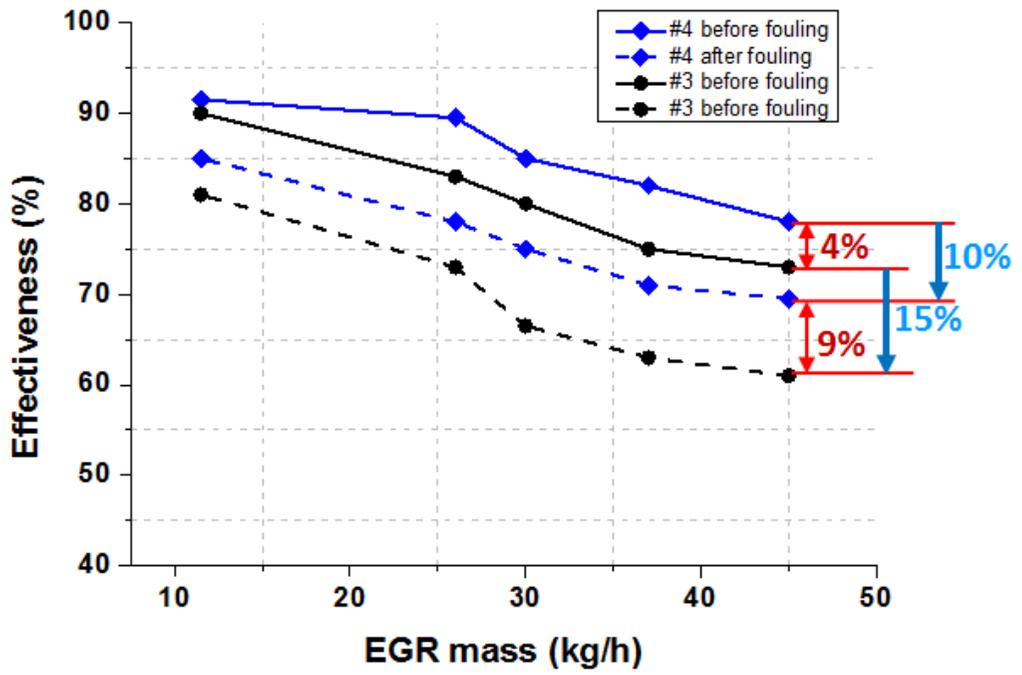


Figure 5.20 Effectiveness of UI-flow EGR coolers (spec #3 and spec #4).

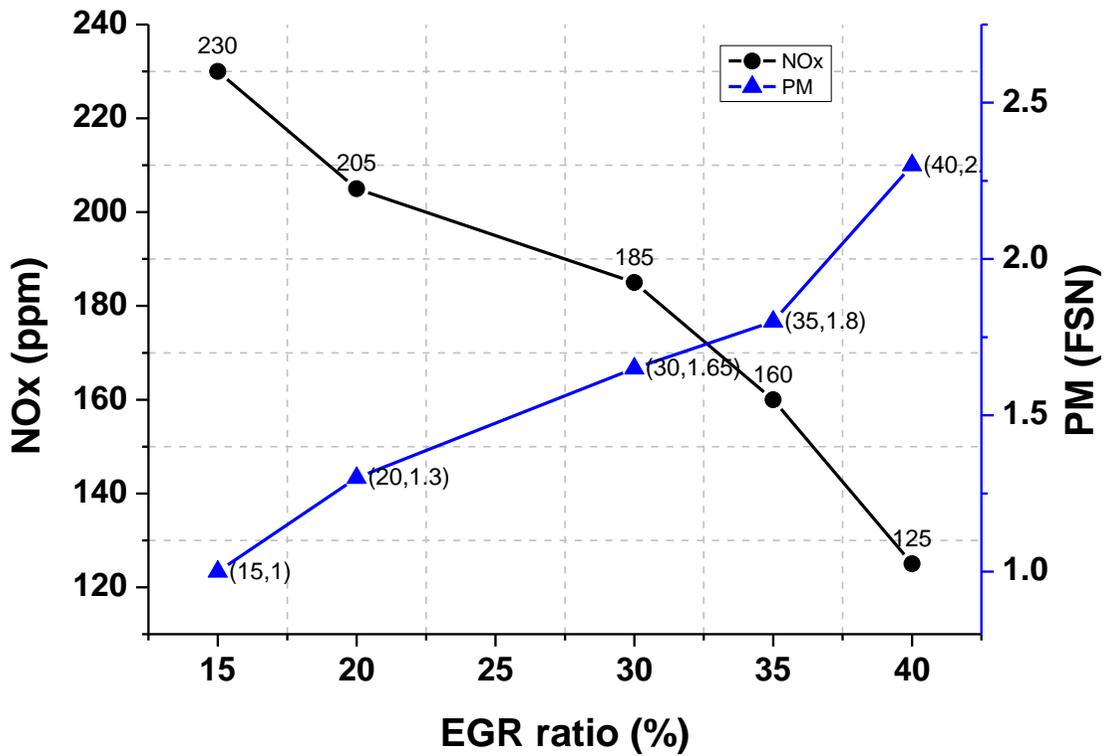


Figure 5.21 NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change corresponding to EGR ratio of U-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi$ 8.0 tube).

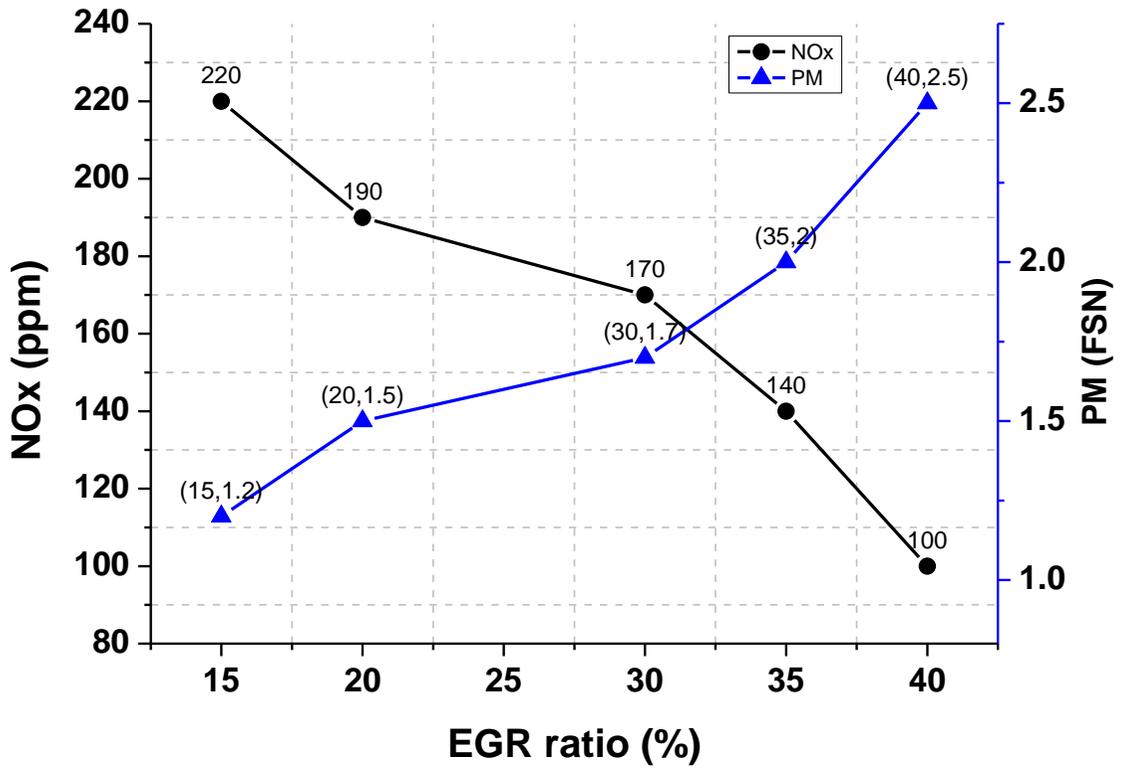


Figure 5.22 NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change corresponding to EGR ratio of U-flow EGR cooler (Wavy fin).

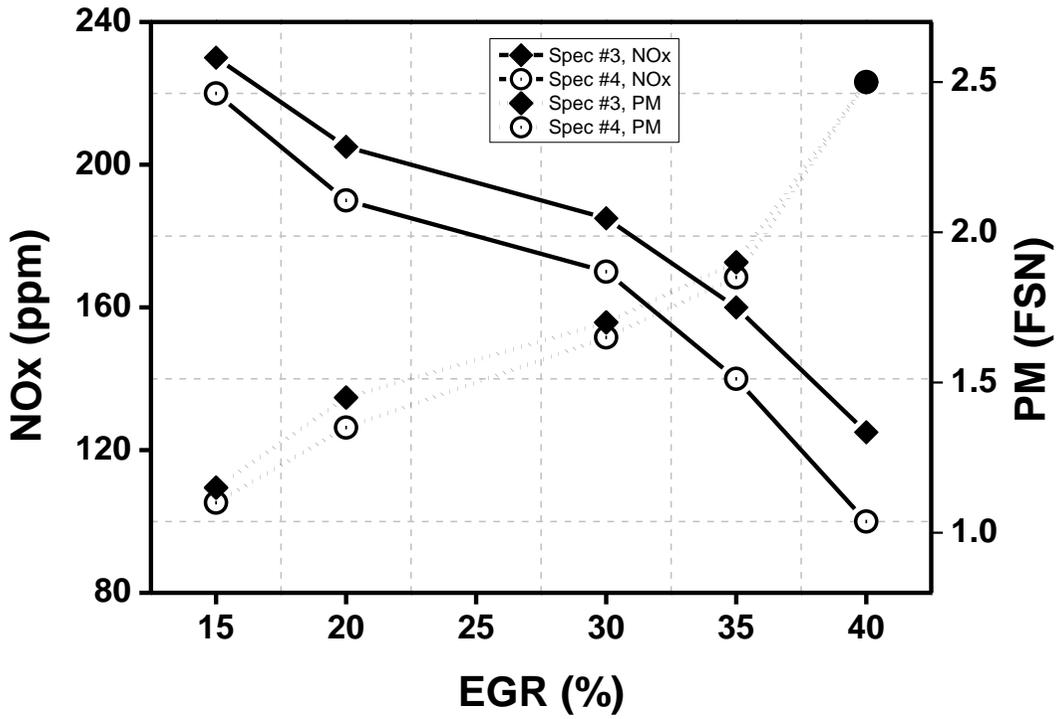


Figure 5.23 NO<sub>x</sub> and PM change corresponding to EGR ratio of I-flow EGR cooler (spec. #3 and spec. #4).

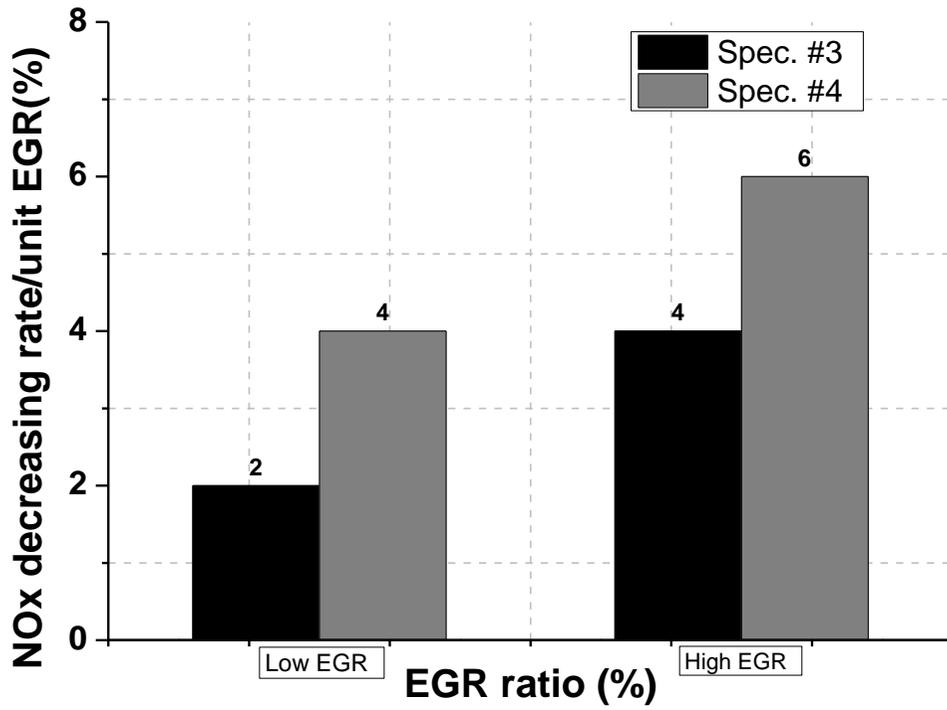


Figure 5.24 NO<sub>x</sub> change per unit EGR ratio.

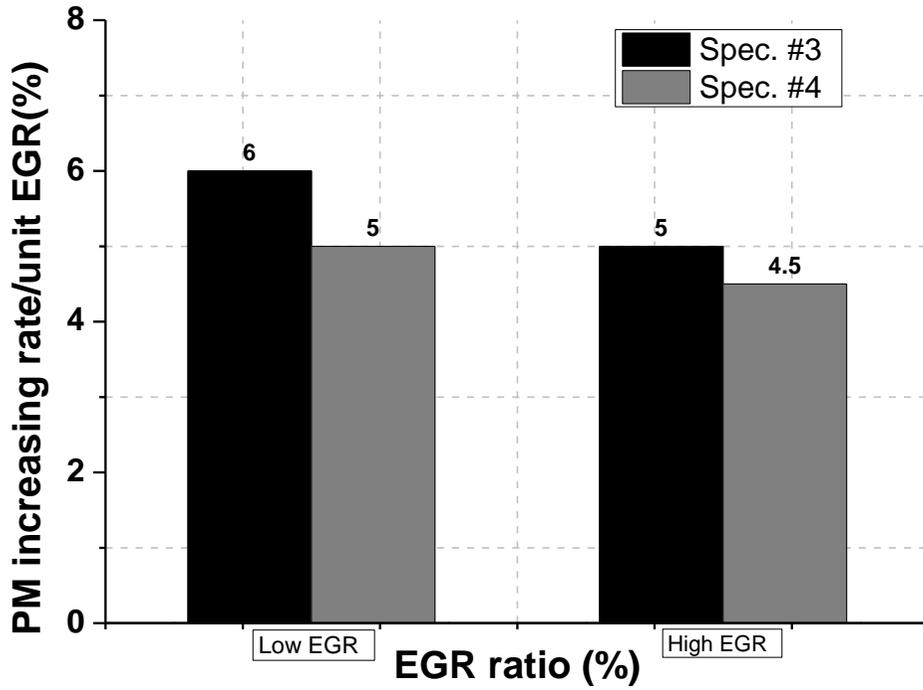


Figure 5.25 PM change per unit EGR ratio

### **5.2.5 PM characteristics of U-flow type at equivalent NO<sub>x</sub>**

When the emission levels of NO<sub>x</sub> are nearly equivalent for the specification #3 and #4, the PM size and numbers were investigated before and after fouling by using DMS-500 listed in table 5.7. The tests were performed at 2 kinds of conditions, such as 1250 rpm and 1750 rpm.

At 1250 rpm, the detail test conditions and PM characteristics for specification #3 at 24kg/h of EGR mass are shown in Figure 5.26. The detail test conditions and PM characteristics for specification #4 at 30kg/h of EGR mass are shown in Figure 5.27.

In case of specification # 3, there were no significant changes of the PM size and 5% decrease of the PM number before and after fouling.

In case of specification # 4, PM size in the range of 70~100nm were created mostly and the PM number were about 3.7E+08 before fouling. On the other hand, the PM size in the range of 65~85nm were created mostly and the PM number were about 2.2E+08 after fouling, which resulted in 41% decrease.

At 1750 rpm, the detail test conditions and PM characteristics for specification #3 at 45kg/h of EGR mass are shown in Figure 5.28. The detail test conditions and PM characteristics for specification #4 at 47kg/h of EGR mass are shown in Figure 5.29.

In case of specification # 3, there were no significant changes of the PM size and 7% decrease of the PM number before and after fouling.

In case of specification # 4, PM size in the range of 50~100nm were created mostly and the PM number were about 1.78E+08 before fouling. On the other hand, the PM size in the range of 50~85nm were created mostly and the PM number were about 1.26E+08 after fouling, which resulted in 29% decrease.

In conclusion, this result might be due to the superiority of heat transfer effectiveness of specification #4(fin type).

### Base specification # 3 (S & T type) type : 24kg/h

Speed	BMEP	Fuel cons.	Int. Air
1250rpm	4bar	16.9mg/st	57.1kg/h

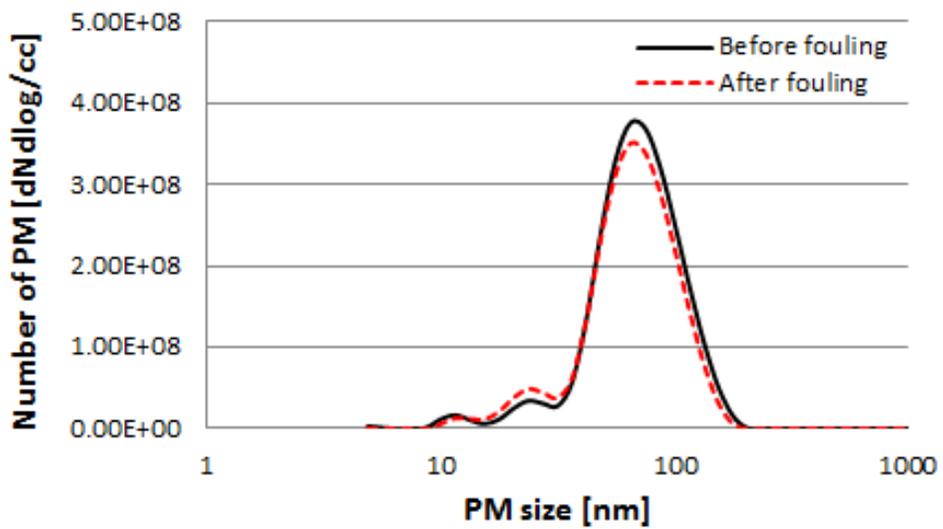


Figure 5.26 PM size distribution for equivalent NO<sub>x</sub> emission at 24kg/h.

### Modified specification # 4 (Fin type) : 30kg/h

Speed	BMEP	Fuel cons.	Int. Air
1250rpm	4bar	17.1mg/st	57.2kg/h

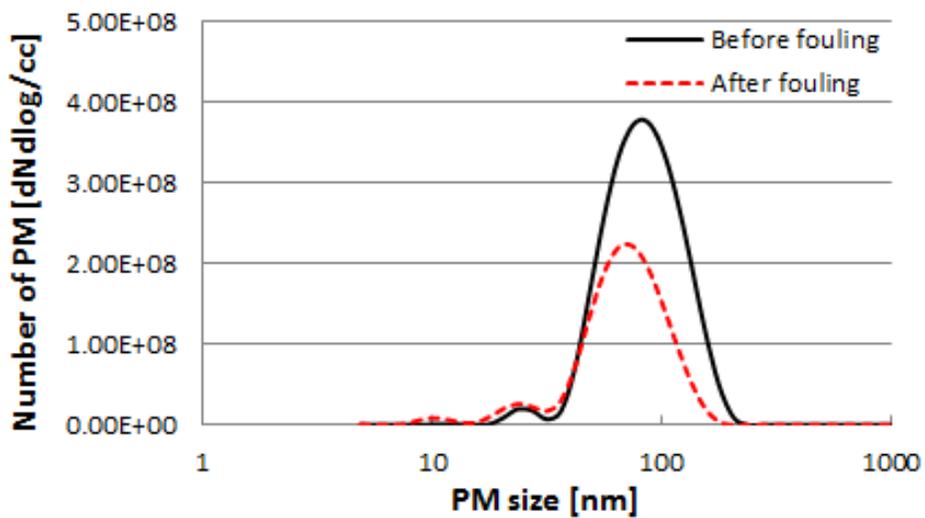


Figure 5.27 PM size distribution for equivalent NO<sub>x</sub> emission at 30kg/h.

### Base specification # 3 (S & T type) type : 45kg/h

Speed	BMEP	Fuel cons.	Int. Air
1750rpm	4bar	16.8mg/st	88.3kg/h

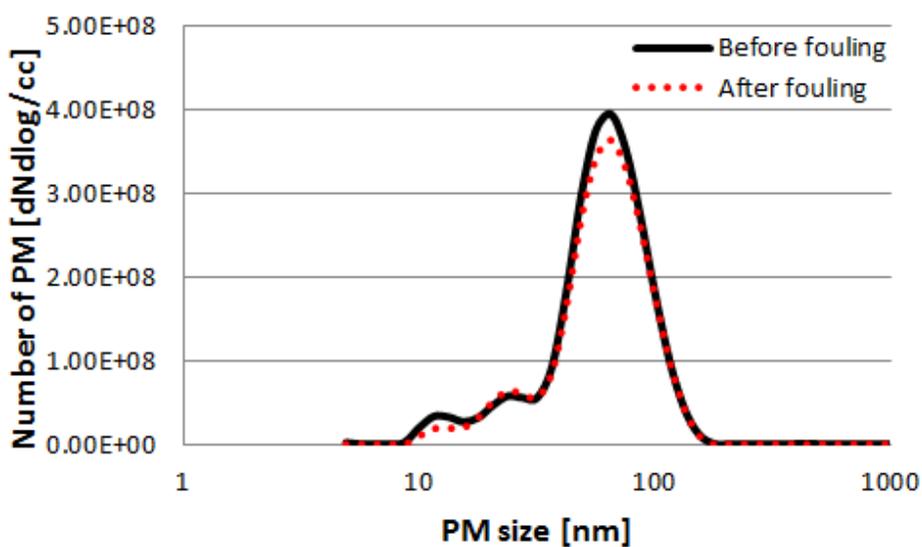


Figure 5.28 PM size distribution for equivalent NO<sub>x</sub> emission at 45kg/h.

## Modified specification # 4 (Fin type) : 47kg/h

Speed	BMEP	Fuel cons.	Int. Air
1750rpm	4bar	17.1mg/st	89.0kg/h

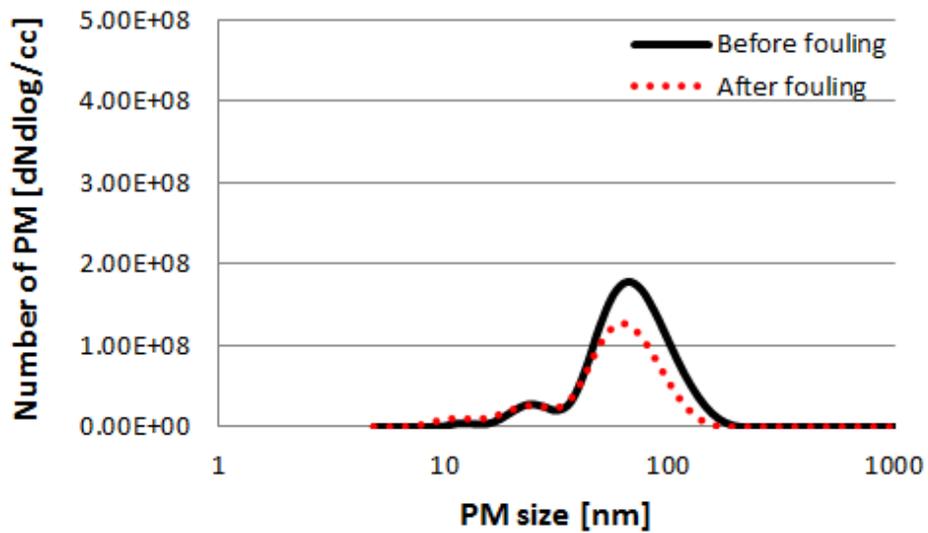


Figure 5.29 PM size distribution for equivalent NO<sub>x</sub> emission at 47kg/h.

### **5.2.6 Correlation of effectiveness between rig and engine**

The correlation of thermal effectiveness of EGR cooler between test rig and real engine were analyzed before and after fouling.

Figure 5.30 shows the correlation of effectiveness of base specification #1 of I-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 8.0$  tube). At clean condition, there was effectiveness difference of 2.5% at 20kg/h. There was no significant effectiveness difference at other EGR mass even after fouling. Figure 5.31 shows the correlation of effectiveness of modified specification #2 of I-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 7.5$  tube).. At clean condition, there was reversal graph of effectiveness between rig and engine according to EGR mass increase. In general, the effectiveness differences were within max. 5%.

Figure 5.32 shows the correlation of effectiveness of base specification #3 of U-flow EGR cooler ( $\phi 8.0$  tube). At clean condition, there was effectiveness difference of max. 5%. After fouling, there was effectiveness difference of max. 7% due to somewhat PM deposit. Figure 5.33 shows the correlation of effectiveness of modified specification #4 of U-flow EGR cooler (wavy fin). At clean and fouled conditions, the effectiveness differences were within max. 5%.

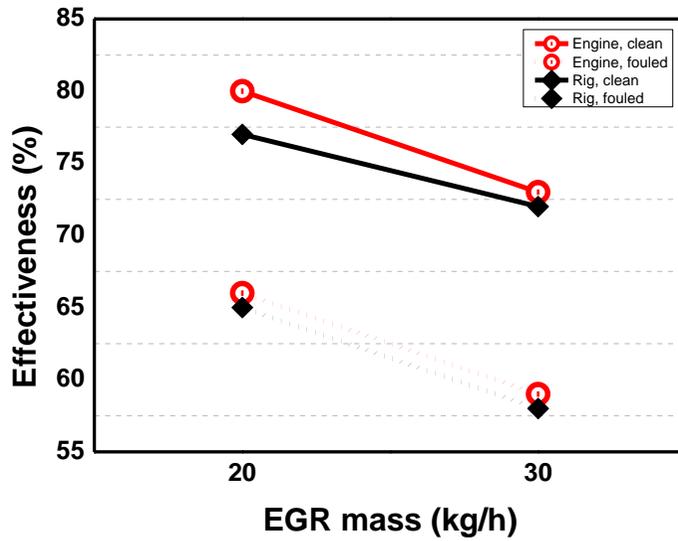


Figure 5.30 Base specification #1 of I-flow type (φ8.0 tube).

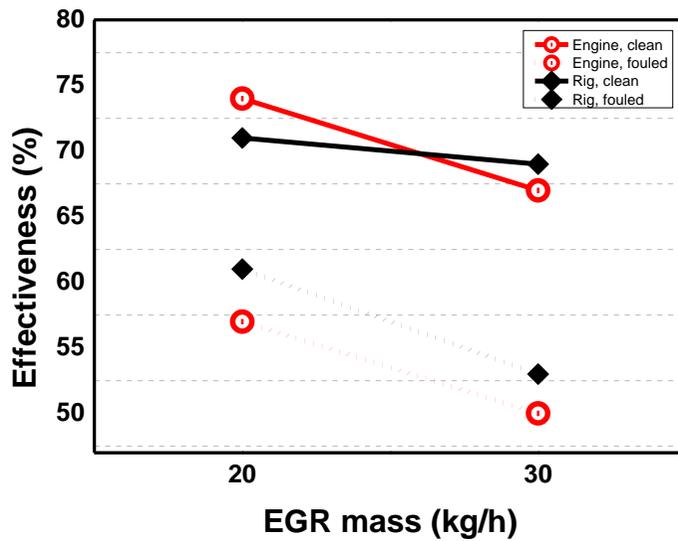


Figure 5.31 Modified specification #2 of I-flow type (φ7.5 tube).

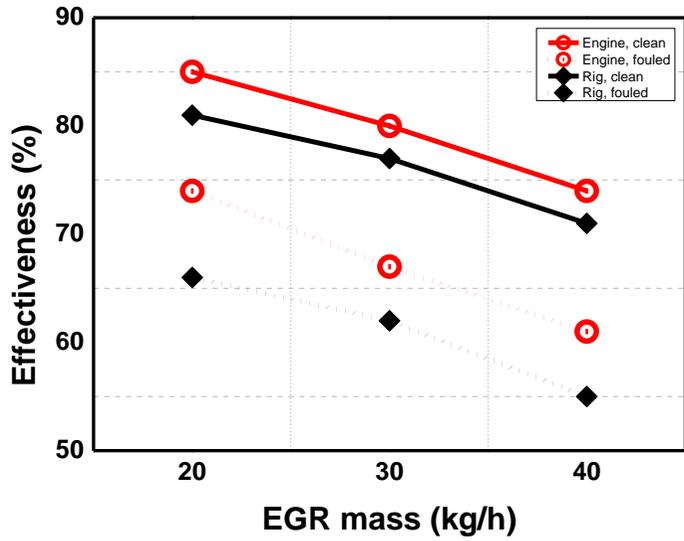


Figure 5.32 Base specification #3 of U-flow type ( $\phi 8.0$  tube).

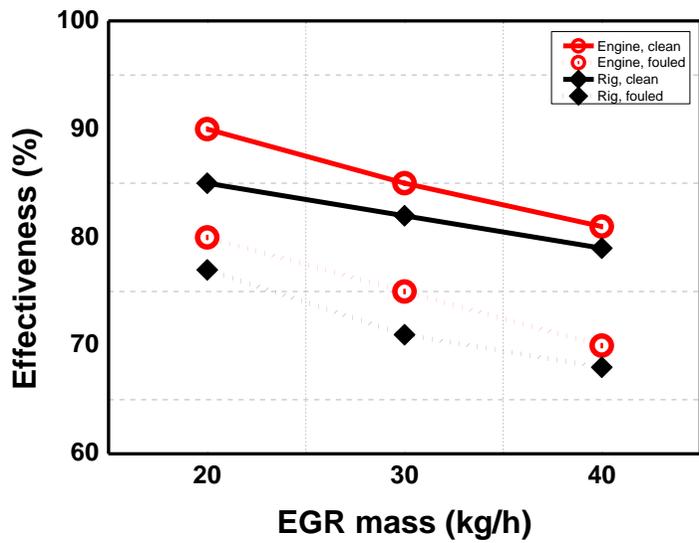


Figure 5.33 Base specification #3 of U-flow type (wavy fin).

## **Chapter 6. CFD analysis for virtual EGR cooler**

### **6.1 Virtual modification of fin geometry**

According to the research of Kim et al. [26], the modification of fin geometry, such as fin pitch and wave pitch in a small range of less than 10%, might be available in the improved thermal effectiveness despite a small increase in pressure drop. In order to confirm the better heat transfer effectiveness, the fin geometry of specification #4 was modified by CAD virtually for 8 cases as shown in Table 6.1 and CFD analysis were performed.

### **6.2 Results of CFD analysis**

The input conditions of analysis are the same with base specification #4. Figure 6.2 shows the computational mesh of U-flow EGR cooler with virtually modified wavy fin. Figure 6.3 shows the temperature contours and pressure contours of exhaust gas flow in gas tubes for 8 cases.

As a result, Figure 6.4 shows the gas outlet temperatures, pressure drops and effectiveness of modified specifications. In conclusion, the optimal point for best thermal effectiveness corresponds to the case of fin pitch, 3.1mm and wave pitch, 8.6mm as shown in Figure 6.5.

Table 6.1 The virtual specifications of modified fin.

Case	Base	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A (mm), Fin pitch	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
B (mm), Wave pitch	9.0	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.6	8.2

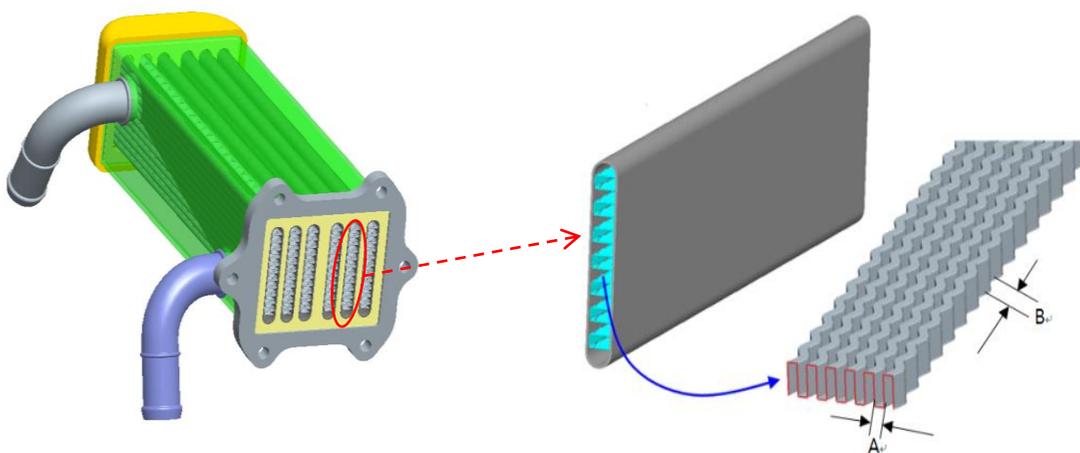


Figure 6.1 Virtual modification of fin geometry. .

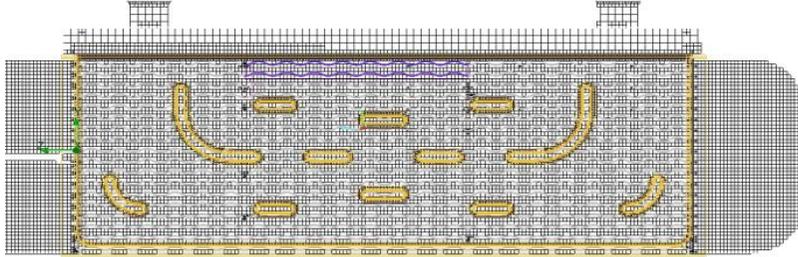


Figure 6.2 Computational mesh of EGR cooler (virtually modified Fin).

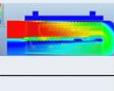
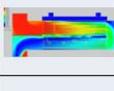
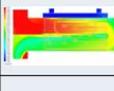
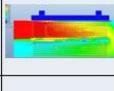
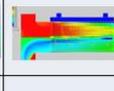
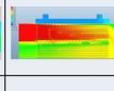
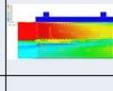
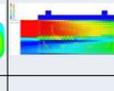
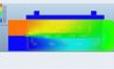
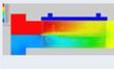
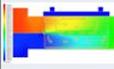
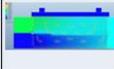
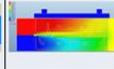
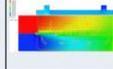
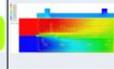
Case	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fin pitch, A (mm)	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
Wave pitch, B (mm)	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.6	8.2
Temperature contour								
Pressure contour								

Figure 6.3 CFD results based on fin geometry change.

Case	Base	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fin pitch, A (mm)	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	2.8
Wave pitch, B (mm)	9.0	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.6	8.2	9.0	8.6	8.2
Temperature, Gas outlet (°C)	139	133	144	137	128	139	148	144	151
Pressure drop (kPa)	4.9	5.1	5.4	5.1	5.3	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.5
Effectiveness (%)	86.0	88.0	85.0	87.0	89.5	86.0	84.0	85.0	83.0

Figure 6.4 Thermal effectiveness of CFD result.

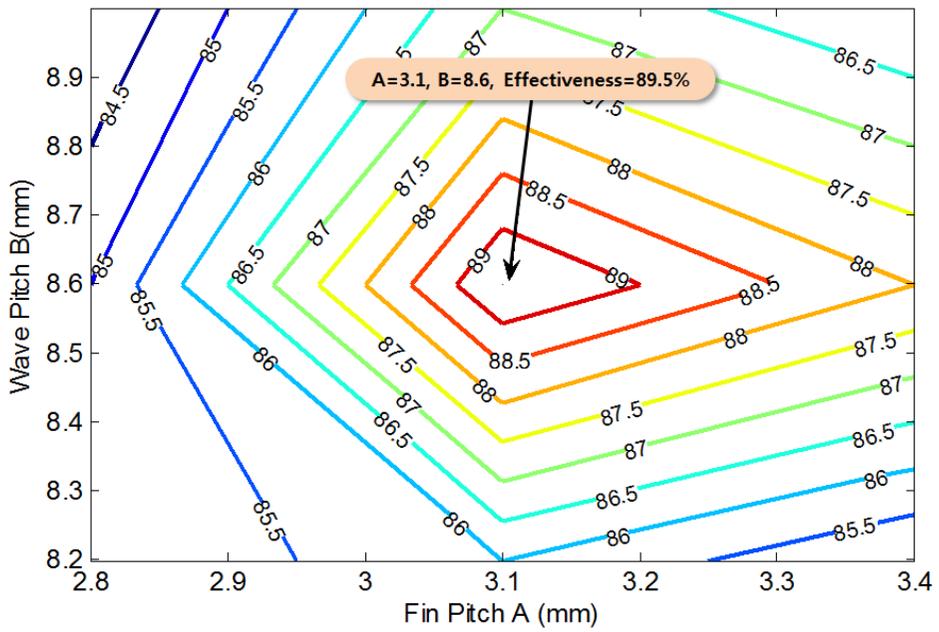


Figure 6.5 Optimal point for best effectiveness.

### **6.3 Validation process for the performance development of EGR cooler**

There are 4 steps in validation process for performance of EGR cooler as shown in figure 6.6.

At first step, 3-D modeling is needed by using Auto-CAD or Pro-Engineer software. At next step, CFD analysis will be performed with 3-D model for the purpose of feasibility study to predict the performance of EGR cooler. Then, at third step, the EGR cooler will be tested in a test rig, which is a short term and cost saving process. However, the level of accuracy may be low and somewhat different from vehicle operating condition. At final step, the EGR cooler will be tested in an engine dynamometer, which is a long term and expensive process. The level of accuracy may be high and equivalent to vehicle operating condition. After completion of performance development, EGR cooler will be produced.

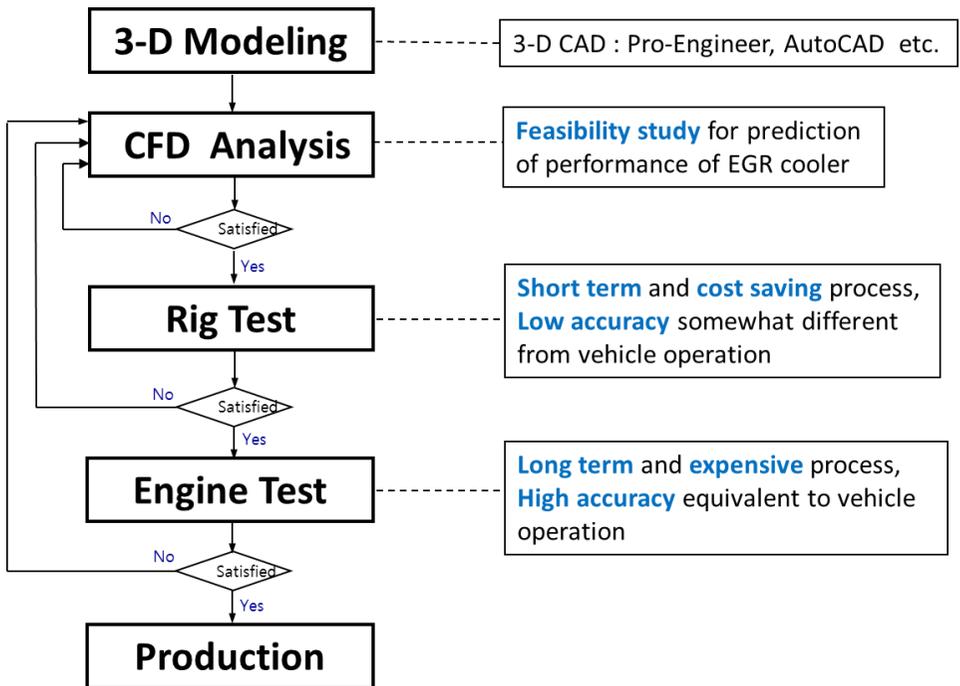


Figure 6.6 Validation process for the performance development of EGR cooler.

## **6.4 NO<sub>x</sub> trade-off as per improvement of effectiveness**

There are positive and negative effects. For positive effect, the increase of surface area contacting coolant inside of EGR cooler enhances heat transfer and results in lowering gas outlet temperature and decreasing NO<sub>x</sub>.

For negative effect, excessive increase of surface area contacting coolant inside of EGR cooler leads to narrow passage of gas and results in depositing PM inside tubes or fins and enhancing heat resistance. As a result, the pressure drop and gas outlet temperature will be increased and NO<sub>x</sub> will be emitted highly.

Further investigation of this trade-off relation will cause the optimization of EGR cooler design.

## Chapter 7. Conclusions

In this study, the fouling characteristics which deteriorate the heat exchange effectiveness of EGR cooler was evaluated to cope with the recent stringent diesel emission regulations. Especially, there were no researches concerning the cross correlation on the fouling phenomena between a test rig and a real engine.

The design features of existing and modified EGR coolers were reviewed to maintain desired performance against fouling resistance. The behavior of fluid such as velocity vector, temperature and pressure contour of exhaust gases in an EGR cooler was analyzed through 3-D CFD. The results which consist of outlet temperatures, heat transfer effectiveness and pressure drops and so on were derived from using 2 kinds of EGR coolers in production and another 2 kinds of modified EGR coolers. These results were vital to predict the performance of EGR coolers. In case of I-flow EGR coolers, the effectiveness of base specification #1( $\phi 8$ ) is about 4% higher than that of modified specification #2( $\phi 7.5$ ). In case of U-flow EGR coolers, the effectiveness of base specification #3(shell & tube type) is about 3% lower than that of modified specification #4(fin type). In conclusion, the effectiveness of modified specification #4(fin type) is the best among them.

The characteristics of EGR coolers on a test rig were examined at clean and fouled conditions. Fouling resistances which are directly related to the thermal effectiveness were verified with gas velocities. The thermal effectiveness of 4 kinds of EGR coolers were investigated in test rig before and after fouling, respectively. Fouling resistance is also related with the deposit of PM. There is a threshold flow velocity which is about 30m/s to decrease fouling and stabilize the effectiveness. The velocity depends largely on the geometry design of tubes in EGR coolers.

In addition, the characteristics of EGR coolers on engine dynamometers were evaluated at clean and fouled conditions through the fouling test mode made from

ESC 13 procedure and proposal from an EGR cooler manufacturer. The thermal effectiveness of EGR coolers were also reviewed on the basis of test results.

The emission level of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM were investigated according to the EGR ratio. This work has the advantages to identify the changing rate of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM for the purpose of evaluation of EGR coolers.

Especially, when the emission levels of NO<sub>x</sub> are nearly equivalent for specification #3 and specification #4, PM size and number of PM were measured in order to identify the superiority of heat transfer effectiveness of EGR cooler which resulted in increasing A/F by the cooling effect of an EGR cooler before and after fouling.

For the further confirmation, virtual modification of fin geometry through 3-D CAD was conducted. The virtual fin has 3.1mm of fin pitch and 8.6mm of wave pitch, which were decreased less than 10% compared with the specification #4. From the CFD analysis, the heat transfer effectiveness was confirmed about 3.5% higher than that of specification #4.

It can be concluded that fouling deposit layer on the wall surface of EGR cooler can have a huge impact on the performance and some important variables are summarized as follows,

- The stabilized thermal effectiveness against fouling resistance is driven by the removal forces which are a function of gas velocity near the wall
- The gas velocity may be higher than the critical flow velocity of 30m/s
- This velocity depends largely on the good geometry design of core parts, such as fin or shell and tube

It is found that the wavy fin type EGR cooler reveals the best effectiveness regarding heat transfer and fouling prevention. This study can suggest not only understanding for the fouling characteristics of EGR cooler but also validation for reduction of NO<sub>x</sub> and PM.

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## 초 록

최근 수년 동안, 고속 직접분사식 디젤엔진이 양호한 연비, 높은 열효율과 매우 낮은 이산화탄소배출 등에 기인하여 RV, SUV 및 승용차에 많이 적용되어 오고 있다. 그러나, 지구온난화와 같은 세계적인 환경문제로 인하여 승용디젤차량에 대한 배기가스규제, 특히 질소산화물( $\text{NO}_x$ )과 입자상 물질(PM)에 대한 강화가 선도되고 있다. 예를 들어, 2014 년부터 적용되는 Euro-6 배기규제는 현행 Euro-5 배기규제보다  $\text{NO}_x$ 를 56% 더 저감해야만 한다.

배기재순환(EGR)장치는 엔진 본체의 큰 변경 없이  $\text{NO}_x$ 를 줄이기 위해 디젤엔진에 널리 적용되어 오고 있다. EGR의 기본 원리는 연소실 내의 화염온도와 작동유체의 산소 농도를 낮추어  $\text{NO}_x$ 를 저감한다. EGR 밸브를 사용하여 배기가스를 재순환시키는 기존의 시스템은  $\text{NO}_x$ 를 저감시키기는 하지만 PM을 증가시킴으로써 그 효율성에 변화가 요구된다. 그러므로, 이런 단점을 보완하기 위해 시스템변경이 필요하다. 최근, 새로운 EGR cooler 시스템에 의해  $\text{NO}_x$ 를 저감시키면서 동시에 PM과 연비악화의 단점을 극복할 수 있는 다양한 연구들이 활발히 진행되고 있다.

엄격한 Euro-6의  $\text{NO}_x$ 규제를 만족하기 위해서 높은 EGR율을 사용하는 것이 보다 중요하다. 높은 EGR율을 적용하면 PM은 불가피하게 증가된다. 실제로, 배기가스 내에 PM농도가 증가하면 EGR cooler의 내부표면에 PM퇴적이 비교적 용이해진다. 이것이 EGR cooler의 열전달 효율을 떨어뜨리고 압력강하를 증가시키는 이른바, 파울링(fouling)이다. 결과적으로  $\text{NO}_x$ 저감율과 엔진성능이 저하된다. 한편, 저온연소 및 초고압 연료분사장치와 같은 고속 직접분사식 디젤엔진에 사용되고 있는 최근 연소기술은 EGR cooler의 내부표면에 보다 더 작은 입자들의 퇴적으로 인해 심각한 파울링 현상을 초래하고

있다. 따라서, EGR cooler 의 파울링에 대하여 많은 연구가 되고 있으나, 리그시험과 실 엔진간의 파울링 현상에 대한 상관성 연구는 거의 없었다.

본 연구에서는 파울링 저항에 대한 바람직한 열전달 성능을 유지하기 위하여 기존 및 사양 변경한 EGR cooler 들의 설계 특징을 평가하였다. 3 차원 전산유체해석을 통해 EGR cooler 내 가스의 속도벡터, 온도 및 압력 구배 등을 분석하였다. 그 결과, 생산 중인 2 종과 사양 변경한 2 종의 EGR cooler 에 대하여 출구온도 및 열전달 효율을 예측하였다.

리그시험기로 파울링 전, 후 상태에서 EGR cooler 들의 특성을 조사하였다. 이 단계에서 열 전달효율에 직접 관련된 파울링 저항들을 가스속도 별로 평가하였다. 그리고, 엔진 동력계에서 EGR cooler 들의 특성을 조사하였다. 파울링 시험모드는 ESC-13 모드와 EGR cooler 제조사의 자료에 근거하여 정하였다. 배기가스 유량에 따라 열전달 효율 및 압력강하 특성을 검토하였다. EGR 율에 따른 NO<sub>x</sub> 및 PM 의 배출수준에 대한 분석 작업도 추가로 수행하였다. 이 분석은 EGR cooler 의 평가를 위하여 NO<sub>x</sub> 및 PM 의 변화를 확인할 수 있는 장점을 가지고 있다.

이상과 같이 설계평가, 리그 및 엔진 시험의 각 단계별로 EGR cooler 들의 파울링 특성을 평가하였다. 이 결과를 토대로, 개선된 설계사양에 대한 전산유체해석을 통하여 효율성을 검증하였다. 이러한 연구에 의해, 파울링에 우수한 특성을 갖는 EGR cooler 의 적절한 설계방안을 제안할 수 있게 되었다.

주요어: 배기재순환, 고속직접분사식 디젤엔진, 질소산화물, 입자상 물질, 배기재순환 냉각기, 파울링, 열전달효율

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