

To Estimating the Overall Performance and Efficiency of C I Engine on Multi-Cylinder Engine (6&V8-cylinders) By using WVO and Biodiesel Blended oil

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ABSTRACT:

Currently, alternative fuels are being investigated in detail for application in compression ignition (CI) engines resulting in exciting potential opportunities to increase energy security and reduce emissions. The purpose of this research is to study the result of various blends of an environmental friendly alternative fuel “methyl ester” on the performance of a heavy load compression ignition engine. The biodiesel is obtained from a chemical process: the transesterification of waste oils. Due to the concern on the availability of recoverable fossil fuel reserves and the environmental problems caused by the use those fossil fuels, Tests were conducted on an engine test bench in accordance to DIN 2020 standards. (Deutsches Institut for Normung, 2020) Results obtained demonstrate that the biodiesel gives very interesting ecological advantages but engine working performance was reduced slightly comparatively to obtained with a pure diesel fuel. We had noted about 5% decrease in power and torque and about 2% in Nox emission for every 10% of biodiesel blend added comparatively to pure diesel. However, the use of biodiesel has slightly increased specific fuel consumption (about 6% for every 10% of biodiesel blend added).

Keywords:

multi-cylinders, biodiesel, blended oils, c i engine, performance, efficiency, emission analysis. WVO (waste vegetable oil).

INTRODCRTION:

Vegetable oils and their derivatives (especially methyl esters), commonly referred to as “biodiesel,” are prominent candidates as alternative diesel fuels. They have advanced from being purely experimental fuels to initial stages of commercialization.

They are technically competitive with or offer technical advantages compared to conventional diesel fuel. Besides being a renewable and domestic resource, biodiesel reduces most emissions while engine performance and fuel economy are nearly identical compared to conventional fuels. Several problems, however, remain, which include economics, combustion, some emissions, lube oil contamination, and low-temperature properties. An overview on all aspects of biodiesel is presented. In contrast to gasoline which is spark-ignited, DF after injection is ignited by the heat of compression in a diesel engine. The diesel engine is therefore also termed a compression-ignition (CI) engine. The differences in the ignition processes entail significant differences in chemical composition and physical properties of the fuels.

The use of vegetable oils in diesel engines is nearly as old as the diesel engine itself. The inventor of the diesel engine, Rudolf Diesel, reportedly used groundnut (peanut) oil as a fuel for demonstration purposes in 1900 [1]. Lower emissions are produced and other advantages include higher thermal efficiency and low engine noise compared to the diesel engine operating with conventional diesel fuel. It is recognized that petroleum resources are exhaustible and the world’s present oil reserves may be wiped out in about 40 yr. Also the use of petroleum as a fuel generates several environmental problems. The use of vegetable oils in diesel engines is not new; rather it is as old as the diesel engine itself. Rudolph Diesel, the inventor of the compression ignition engine presented an engine fuelled with peanut oil at the Paris exposition in 1900 [2]. However, the increased availability and low cost of petroleum derived diesel fuel, at that time, caused the use of vegetable oils to fade. During the Second World War era, research using vegetable oils was revived [3,4]. Conclusions from this research were very promising, demonstrating that vegetable oils have very similar characteristics

to diesel fuel and can be used in the same conditions as this fuel in all types of diesel engines [5]. Many studies on the performance and emissions of compression ignition engines, fuelled with pure biodiesel and blends with diesel oil, have been performed and are reported in the literature [12–18]. An excellent method to rapidly characterize the combustion and emission properties of these liquids was presented by Love et al. [19]. A good review on the use of biodiesel as alternative fuel for compression ignition engines was done by Van Gerpen et al. [1]. Biodiesels are obtained, in general, from transesterification which refers to a catalyzed chemical reaction involving vegetable oil origin, and an alcohol, usually methanol, to yield fatty acid alkyl esters and glycerol (i.e., crude glycerin) [9–11], with an enhancement of carbon deposits. But engine thermal efficiencies vary little comparatively to that obtained with diesel fuel [6,7]. Research has shown that these problems could be solved using dilution of diesel vegetable oils, especially methyl or ethyl esters. These fuels are called biodiesels [6,8].

The investigation of different blends of biodiesel (obtained from soybean, rapeseed or sunflower) and diesel oil (i.e., 100%, 80%, 70%, 50%, 30%, 20%, and 0% volume of biodiesel, respectively) on six cylinders direct injection diesel engine has been carried out by Carraretto et al. [20]. All the tests showed a slight reduction of the performance (e.g., 5% decrease of the power over the entire speed range) and a significant increase of fuel consumption (p15%). The presence of oxygen in biodiesel leads to more complete combustion processes, resulting in lower emissions of carbon monoxide (CO), particulates and visible smoke. However, an increase in nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions has been measured, due to higher temperatures. The same result was obtained by Moreno et al. [21] who investigates the torque, power, specific fuel consumption, and emission of pollutant of both pure diesel fuel and by mixing it with 0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, and 100% sunflower methyl ester (SME).

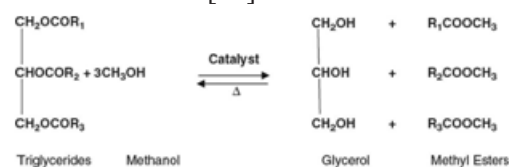
In this study, we investigated the effect of various blends of “methyl ester” biodiesel fuel, obtained from the transesterification of waste oils, on an eight cylinder Diesel Engine performance. This study was performed as a part of our main research to assess ecological and economic effects of biodiesel on heavy diesel engine vehicles. The effect of various biodiesel feedstocks (coconut, soybean, rapeseed, mustard, and safflower) on regulated emission has been reported by Peterson et al. [22].

The result demonstrated that lower iodine numbers correlate closely with reduced NOx. It is clear that the performance and characteristics of engine is strongly affected by fuel quality. However, the fuel quality varies in a wide range as a function of the process, raw material properties, etc. Our results agree well with many experimental results reported in literature. These tests demonstrated a significant environmental advantage of the methyl ester biodiesel (lower emissions of CO and smoke), however, a slight reduction of the engine performance (a decrease of the engine power and torque, and an increase of fuel consumption) are observed.

BIODIESEL PRODUCTION AND CHARACTERISTICS:

Vegetable oil esters are obtained from a chemical process called transesterification. This process produces also glycerin, which is used in pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. Transesterification is a reversible reaction of fat or oil (triglyceride) with a primary alcohol to form esters and glycerol. Alcohol combines with the triglycerides to form glycerol and esters [23].

The reaction is shown below. Biodiesel is a clean burning mono-alkyl, ester-based oxygenated fuel made from vegetable oils or animal fats. Biodiesel has similar physical and thermal properties compared to conventional diesel fuel. Biodiesel is compatible with conventional diesel and can be blended in any proportion with petroleum diesel to produce a stable blend [23].



A catalyst (alkalies, acids, or enzymes) is usually used to improve the reaction rate and yield. Several researchers have investigated the effect of different parameters like temperature, molar ratio of alcohol to oil, catalyst, reaction time, on transesterification process [24–27]. The biodiesel was blended with mineral diesel (B0) in various concentrations ranging from 15% to 40%. These biodiesel blends (B15–B40) were used as a fuel in the compression ignition (CI) engine for conducting various experiments.

The properties of these fuels are listed in Table 1.

Table 1 Properties of the fuels used in this research

Fuel method	Cetane number EN ISO 4264	Density (kg/m ³) @ 15 -C EN ISO 3675	Viscosity (cSt) @ 40 -C EN ISO 3104
B0 (pure diesel)	46.0	820.0	2.0
B15	54.2	842.3	2.8
B20	55.3	845.1	3.1
B25	56.6	847.5	3.5
B30	57.8	851.0	3.9
B35	59.1	854.8	4.4
B40	60.7	857.0	4.8



Table 2. Technical specifications and the test of diesel engine

Manufacturer	Deutz
Engine model	BF8L413F
Engine type	Eight Cylinders, V type
Compression ratio	16.5:1
Bore	125 mm
Stroke	130 mm
Total displacement	12.763 l
Advertised power/speed	190 kW/2300 rpm
Peak torque/speed	1050 N.m/1550 rpm
Cooling method	Air cooling
Aspiration	Turbo charged

EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP:

The study was performed on SCHENCK D400 engine test bench (Fig. 1). Two four-stroke diesel engines were tested: the first is a six cylinders, direct injection engine (model OM 352), manufactured by Mercedes Benz and the second is a V8 cylinders (model BF8L413F) manufactured by Deutz (see Table 2). Results presented through this research are for the second engine. NO_x emission measurements were done by the TESTO 350 gas analyzer. To measure the smoke opacity of exhaust gas, we used the Texa diesel smoke meter. The performance and emission tests were conducted under engine full load condition.

RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS:

Engine Performance Preliminary bench-tests have been performed to evaluate the variation of engine performances and emissions versus the percentage of biofuel. Figures 2 and 3 show torque and power evolution versus engine speed for different blends; the curves represent average results of different test series reported to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) conditions. No modification has been done on engine set-points, in order to allow complete fuel interchangeability. You can notice that the drop in diesel engine maximum performance is simply due to the limitation of the engine technology. The increase of biodiesel percentage in the blend involves a slight decrease of both power and torque over the entire speed range. We have noted about 5% decrease in power and torque for every 10% of biodiesel blend added comparatively to pure diesel. This decrease is probably due to the lesser heating value. The power and torque losses may be somewhat less important because biodiesel's higher viscosity reduces fuel system leakage and allows the fuel system to inject a greater volume of fuel.

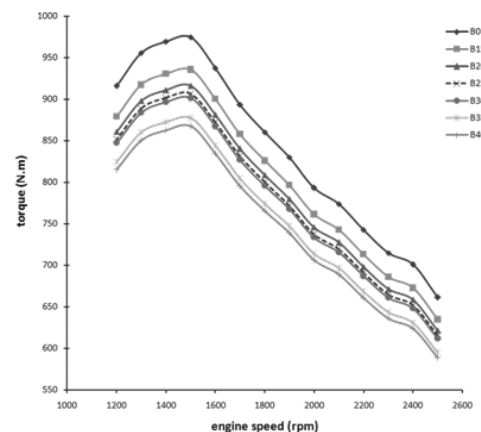


Fig. 2 Torque versus speed

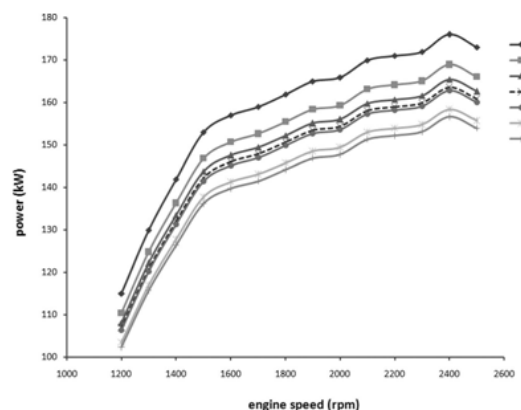


Fig. 3. Power versus speed

The Effect of Biodiesel Blend on Emissions and Fuel Consumption. Figures 4 and 5 show the effect of the biodiesel blend on emission of NO_x and particulate matter (PM) called here the smoke opacity. Figure 4 demonstrates that the NO_x emission decreased linearly with the increasing concentration of the biodiesel blend. Lower NO_x emission at higher biodiesel blend concentration is contradictory with those generally found in previous biodiesel studies (generally for non palm biodiesel fuels) [20,28,29]. In these studies, NO_x formation is higher in biodiesel fuels due to higher temperatures during combustion in diffusion burning. Whereas, the formation of NO_x emission is very complex process, which depends on fuel, engine technology, and test cycle factors, it is known also that NO_x formation is strongly influenced by the combustion temperature and oxygen availability. Therefore, our results seem to be acceptable and in agreement with some reported studies [31,32]. Biodiesel blends contain about 3% of oxygen, have more density and more amount of fuel is injected. Mixture preparation is delayed, peak temperatures are higher in diffusion burning phase which imply faintly more of NO_x produced with biodiesel blends [30].

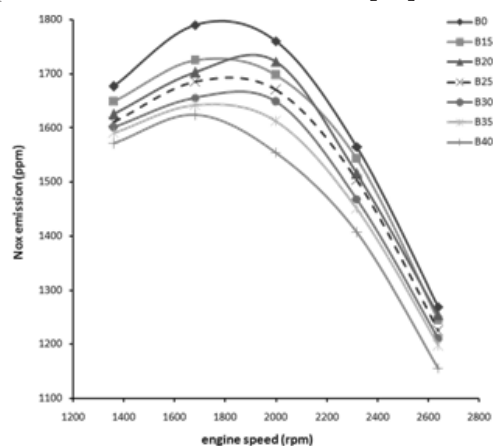


Fig. 4. NO_x emission versus speed

Actually, biodiesel fuel has a faster ignition ability, decrease the combustion chamber temperature and pressure, which would finally minimize the NO_x formation. Chemical and physical properties of the fuel, such as cetane number, also determine NO_x emission. There is a strong link between increasing cetane numbers and reducing NO_x emissions, but the response varies from engine to engine [22,31]. Groß [32] reported that the low NO_x emission potential of bio-diesel was believed to be due to the possibility to burn the fuel at high equivalence ratios.

The combination of low injection pressure, large nozzle hole diameters, and fast vaporization led to worse spray penetration and fuel/air mixing than that of diesel, which resulted in high local values of equivalence ratios. Since most of the NO_x was formed in the early burning zones, it was suggested that rich initial burning resulted in low NO_x formation. In Fig. 5, we present the smoke opacity versus different biodiesel blends. The smoke opacity of the exhaust gas is measured to quantify the PM present in the exhaust gas. We can see clearly that smoke opacity decreases for biodiesel blends lower than 15%. But beyond this value, the smoke opacity increases significantly.

It is known that there is a close relationship between fuel viscosity and atomization [33]. Higher viscosity of the fuel (the case of high blended biodiesels) tends to reduce the quality of fuel atomization, which could potentially lead to the higher smoke opacity and also fuel consumption. But at low blends (<20%), the presence of oxygen in biodiesel and the not very high viscosity (see Table 1) lead to more complete combustion processes, resulting in lower emissions of PM. Specific fuel consumption (SFC) is an important parameter to analyze the performance of the engine and fuel efficiency. SFC is the ratio between mass of fuel consumption and effective power, and for a given fuel, it is inversely proportional to thermal efficiency.

Graboski et al. [34] affirmed that if the thermal efficiency is unchanged for a fixed engine operation mode, the specific fuel consumption when using a biodiesel fuel is expected to increase by around 14% in relation to diesel fuel, corresponding to the increase in heating value in mass basis. In other words, the loss of heating value of biodiesel must be compensated with a higher fuel consumption. Figure 6 shows that the use of biodiesel has notably increased specific fuel consumption (about 6% for every 10% of biodiesel blend added). Many researchers [34–36] have reported increases in SFC ranging from 2% to 10%.

Most of the authors have explained these increases by the loss of heating value, although some others attributed them to the different densities of biodiesel and diesel fuels [37]. Monyem et al. [38] showed that biodiesel had higher specific fuel consumption when compared to fossil diesel. This reflects its lower heating value (about 12% lower than diesel).

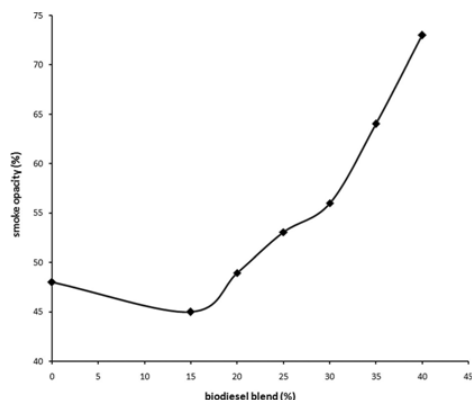


Fig. 5. Smoke opacity versus biodiesel blend

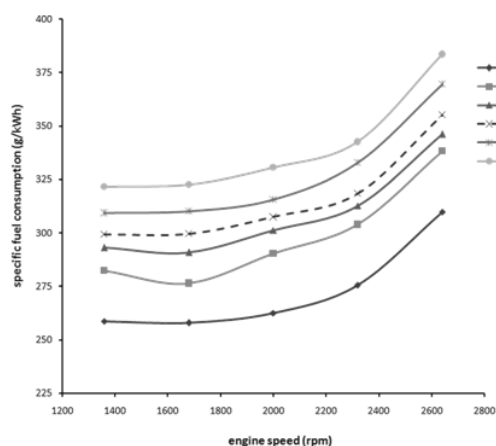


Fig. 6. Specific fuel consumption versus speed

CONCLUSIONS:

Investigation on engine test bench has been carried out to obtain comparative measurement of engine performance (torque, power, specific fuel consumption) and emission of pollutants, and to evaluate the behavior of a diesel engine running on vegetable oil biodiesel blend. The biodiesel was obtained from the transesterification of waste oils (frying oils). Tests demonstrated many interesting results: The emission of particle matter decreased notably at 10%–20% biodiesel blend. From this value it enhances sharply with the increase in biodiesel blend.

The results also show lower NO_x emission (about 2.5% of reduction for every 10% of biodiesel blend added) as well as lower torque and power (about 5% of reduction for every 10% of biodiesel blend added) for biodiesel blend compared to that of pure petrodiesel fuel. This result could be as a consequence of the properties of tested biodiesel, which has higher cetane number and lower viscosity value compared to the petrodiesel fuel sample.

Tests showed that the use of biodiesel has slightly increased specific fuel consumption (about 6% for every 10% of biodiesel blend added). This is due to the fact that the loss of heating value of bio-diesel is compensated with a higher fuel consumption.

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