

# Performance and emission characteristics of a diesel engine using biodiesel blended with nano additives

*Economic uncertainty, price escalation and depletion levels of fossil fuels increases the day-to-day need to look for alternative fuel to meet the world's energy needs. Biodiesel provides the best choice for energy in new world. Biodiesel can be a diesel fuel replacement. In this research, Biodiesel is made with the combination of cottonseed oil and diesel. To stabilize biodiesel and boost its properties, nano particles are added to improve fuel quality. In this study, Silicon oxide is mixed with biodiesel, evaluated and compared to existing diesel with its engine performance, and emission characteristics. Cottonseed oil biodiesel blends improved in properties high calorific value fuel attainment and elimination of toxic exhaust emission forming to the atmosphere by added silicon oxide nano particle promising technique for biodiesel/diesel use.*

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## 1.0 Introduction

In order to meet the demands of vehicle users, fossil fuels are increasingly declining and therefore need a change to alternative energy sources [1]. China, the United States, and India make full use of ~23, 17 and 9% of global energy demand, respectively [2]. The only substantial source of increasing energy demand was fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas [3]. Less energy supply availability contributes to the increase prices, which is an economic provocation, especially in the undeveloped countries [4]; the most permanent problem remains the environmental harm due to the use of fossil fuels. The fossil fuel emits hazardous gases as  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{SO}_x$ ,  $\text{NO}_x$  etc, acid rain, global warming and climate change [5].

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Researchers have been strongly committed to implementing effective systems that can meet the demands of energy without negatively influencing the climate [6]. The economic and environmental substitute of expanding energy security is renewable, alternative, energy resources such as hydro, wind, solar and biomass [7]. Biofuel may be sourced from living or organic (biological) organisms [8]. In addition, biodiesel fuel has more  $\text{O}_2$ . This contributes to better combustion compared to diesel and decreases thereby particle pollution, CO and hydrocarbons [9]. Examination of the diesel engine characteristics for various fractions of Diethyl ether (DEE) in cotton soils as an oxygen additive biodiesel combines leading to BTE reduction at maximum load, increases BSFC and  $\text{NO}_x$  [10]. The study focuses on advancement in biofuel technology in recent time. A particular emphasis has been put on the role of silicon oxide. Nano additives for the enhancement of engine performance and reduces emission characteristics.

## 2.0 Fuel preparation with silicon oxide

### 2.1. CHARACTERIZATION OF NANO ADDITIVES

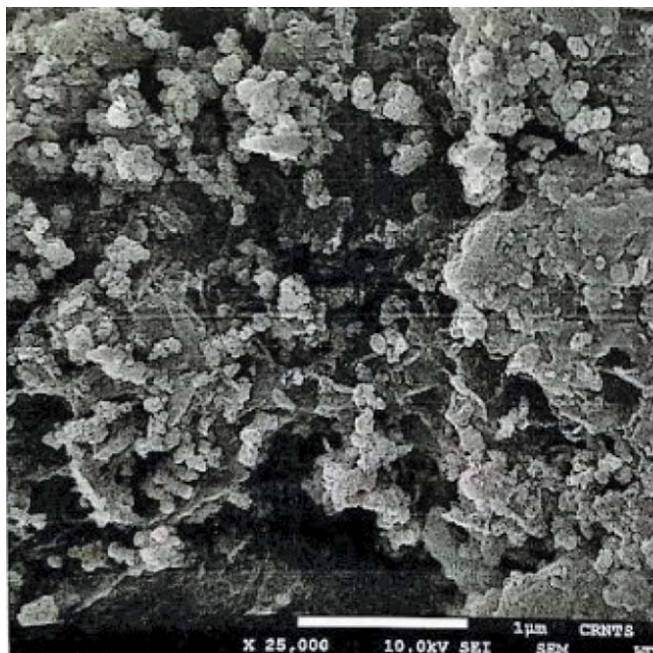
Several articles were studied based on biodiesel with additives used in diesel engine. To boost performance and reduce the emissions of adding additives in the biodiesel the main problems in the biodiesel are the lower heat value and higher viscosity than the convention in diesel engine. The addition of silicon oxide to diesel substantially reduces the weighted size in number substantially improved distributions and oxidation rate. Silicon oxide is an outstanding earth metal that has an exceptional catalytic activity because of its oxygen defending capability; nano research lab produces silicon oxide particles. Nano particle characteristics as presented in Table 1. The scanning electron microscope detects silicon oxide nano particle composition at magnification of 150.00KX as shown in the Fig.1.

### 2.2. PREPARATION OF BIODIESEL BLENDS

The blending of biodiesel in cotton is primarily carried out by the method of sonicisation (Fig.2). The ultrasound mixture enhances mass transfer and kinetic reactions, resulting in quicker transesterification. Higher yield prepared with 50-ppm

TABLE 1: THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SILICON OXIDE

Parameters	Silicon oxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> )
1 Manufacturer	Nano research lab
2 Chemical name	Silicon oxide
3 Form colour	Powder white
4 Particle size	25-50 nm
5 Specific surface area	250 m <sup>2</sup> /g
6 Molecular weight	60.08 g/mol

Fig.1: SEM image of SiO<sub>2</sub>

addition, with various blending ratios B10, B20, B30, and B40. Nano particles in silicon oxide mixed and investigated via a sonication process. Table 2 shows contains blended biodiesel at various proportions. The parameters of cottonseed bio diesel are presented in Table 3 by use of an ultrasonicator for equal dispersion of biodiesel and nano particles.

TABLE 2: CONTAINS BLENDED BIODIESEL AT VARIOUS PROPORTIONS

	Diesel	Cotton seed oil	Silicon oxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> )
1	90%	10%	50 ppm
2	80%	20%	50 ppm
3	70%	30%	50 ppm
4	60%	40%	50 ppm

TABLE 3: THE PROPERTIES OF COTTONSEED BIODIESEL IS TABULATED

Parameters	Diesel	B10+SiO <sub>2</sub> 50	B20+SiO <sub>2</sub> 50	B30 +SiO <sub>2</sub> 50	B40+SiO <sub>2</sub> 50
Calorific Value (kj/kg)	44800	42434	42012	41534	41054
Flash Point (°C)	51	104	106	110	116
Kinematic Viscosity at 40°C (cSt)	3.12	3.45	4.87	5.05	5.43
FFA (%)	0.02	0.09	0.08	0.073	0.07
Density at 15°C (g/CC)	0.831	0.843	0.852	0.862	0.871



Fig.2: The engine setup

### 2.3. EXPERIMENTAL SET UP

The experiment was performed using a Kirloskar diesel engine. In a diesel experiment the findings were analysed, tabled and compiled in graphs for discussion, as the basis reading and four additional fuels, the engine was run by the five fuels from 0 to 100 per cent load. The engine specification is illustrated in Fig.3 and Table 4.

## 3. Result and discussions

### 3.1 BRAKE THERMAL EFFICIENCY

Fig.4 shows that B40 csme+50ppm, B30 csme+50ppm and B20 csme+50ppm are thermal brake efficiency increases, the results (BTE) suggest a higher efficiency. Increased efficiency because enhancer of oxygen maximising biodiesel combustion process, the efficiencies of 7.5%, 10.6% and 21.3% compared to diesel fuel.

### 3.2 BRAKE SPECIFIC FUEL CONSUMPTION

Less specific biodiesel fuel consumption. Increasing the cotton oil content compared to diesel, fuel consumption dropped by 11.5 per cent. Due to higher impact combustion, silicon oxide mixes less fuel to provide additional brake power, with Nano additions. The B30 csme+50ppm mix has highly specific diesel fuel consumption (Fig.5).



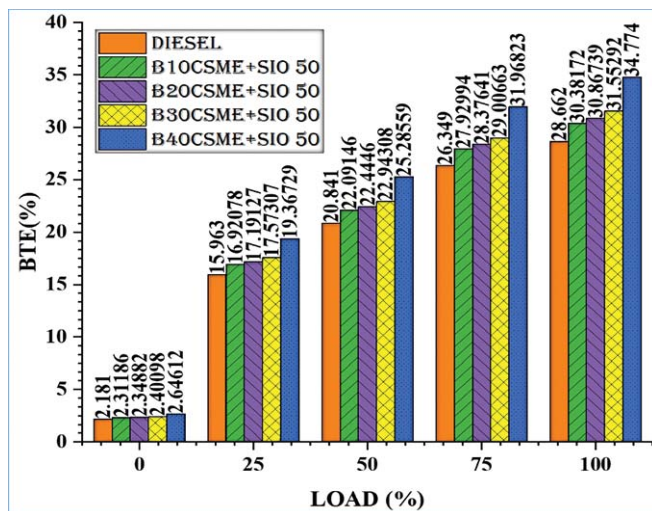


Fig.3: Brake thermal efficiency against load

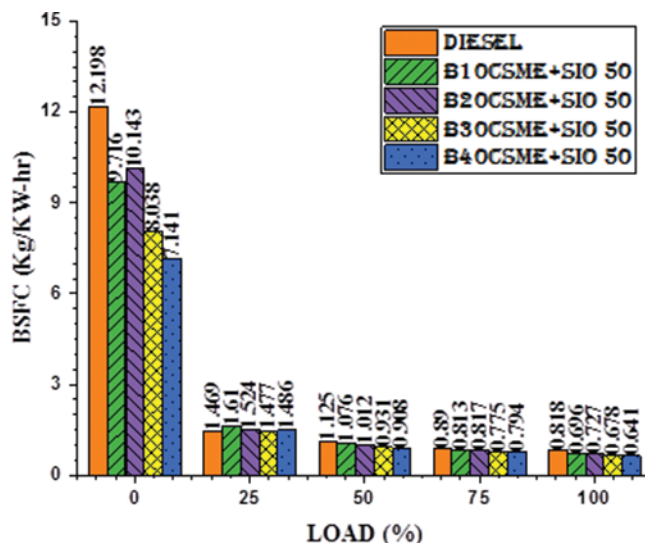


Fig.4: Brake specific fuel consumption against load

### 3.3 NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSION

Fig.6 noted a reduction of the production of hydroxyl radicals (OH) during the combustion process by the addition of biodiesel silicon oxide. This decrease in OH-radicals reduces CO and HC oxidation within the combustion chamber resulting in low temperatures and high NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for all bio-diesel additions of antioxidants.

### 3.4 CO EMISSION

B10 csme+Sio50ppm, B20 csme+Sio50ppm, B30 csme+Sio50ppm, B40 csme+Sio50ppm have least CO emission At 75% and 100% load, respectively. Reduction of biodiesel emissions compared to diesel. Silicon oxide improves the fuel's characteristics. The combustion of this increased oxygen presence leads to less emission of carbon monoxide. Biodiesel has a lower CO emission than diesel by up to 36.3 per cent. Fig.7 shows the investigation of emissions of carbon monoxide (CO).

TABLE 4: THE SPECIFICATION OF ENGINE

Description	Parameter/values
Engine	Make Kirloskar, power 3.5 kW at 1500 rpm, stroke 110 mm bore 87.5mm. CR17.5
Dynamometer	Type eddy current, water-cooled
Load indicator	Digital, Range 0-50 Kg, Supply 230VAC
Load sensor	Load cell, type strain gauge, range 0-50 Kg
Rotameter	Engine cooling 40-400 LPH; Calorimeter 25-250 LPH
Overall dimensions	W 2000×D2500×H1500 mm

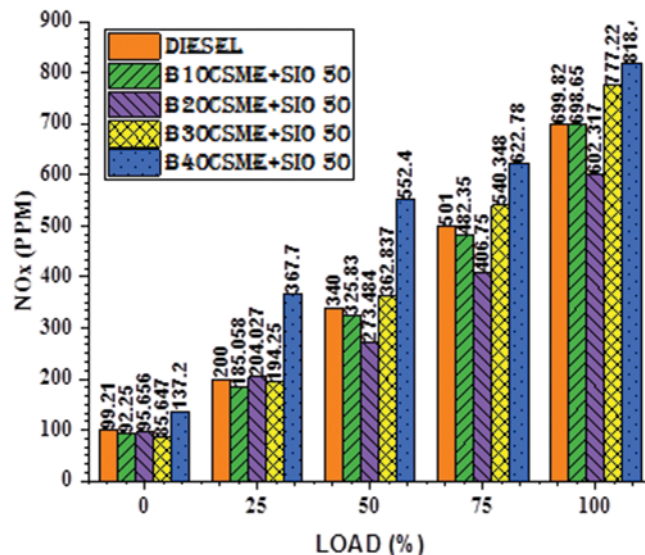


Fig.5: Oxides of nitrogen against load

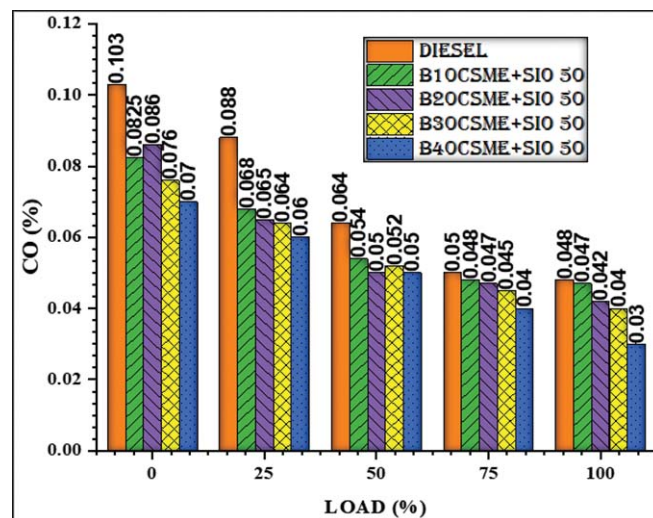


Fig.6: Carbon monoxide against load

### 3.5 HC EMISSION

Oil from cotton has a low percentage of moisture. The presence of hydrocarbon emissions from the engine exhaust decreases when combined with diesel. Silicon oxide-based biodiesel enhances combustion, leading to lower HC

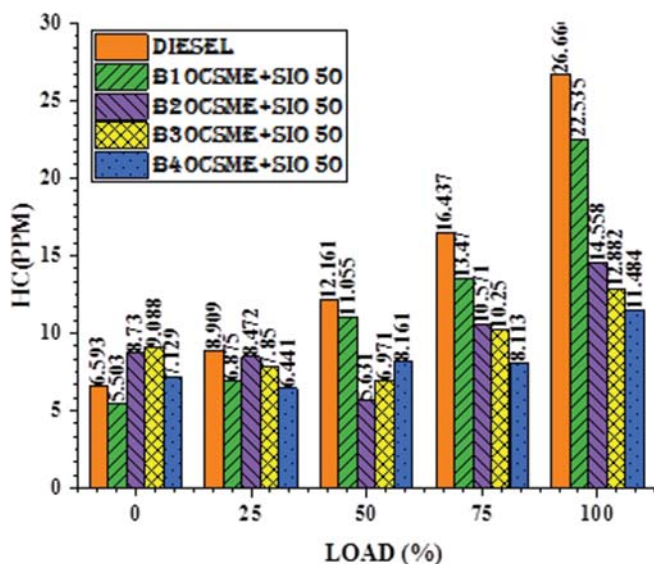


Fig.7: Hydrocarbon against load

emissions. Fig.8 refers to hydrocarbon emissions in diesel. hydrocarbon emissions. Biodiesel is relatively more efficient than diesel with a 46.14 per cent decrease.

#### 4.0 Conclusions

The investigation on the performance and emission characteristics of cottonseed oil combined fuel in the Kirloskar engine is based on the following experimental conclusion:

1. In addition to silicon oxide nanoparticles, calorific value, flashpoint and fire point were enhanced with cottonseed oil.
2. Fuel specific fuel consumption (SFC) by inclusion of sio nano particles is lowered to 13.8 per cent.
3. By mixing up to 22 per cent of cottonseed oil with SiO nanoparticles, brake thermal efficiency (BTE) is optimized.
4. The presence of SiO<sub>2</sub> emissions in biodiesel decreased by 36.3% and 36.4%, respectively, hydrocarbons (HC) and carbon monoxide (CO).
5. Due to the inclusion of the SiO and cotton oil in biodiesel, the NO has been raised because of enhanced combustion.
6. Biodiesel blends at B20 and B30 are reasonably efficient compared to diesel

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