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### ABSTRACT

In view of the existing fossil fuel deposits may come for another 30 to 40 years and Costs of these Fissile Fuels are day by day increasing. As we know that all over the world the diesel vehicle population is growing at an alarming rate. The emission will irritate skin, eyes, nose and throat and also leads to bronchitis asthma in the long run and has been led to air pollution. It is a serious concern with the pollution point of view. Developing Countries like India depends on its fossil fuel requirements on foreign countries for which spars a huge foreign currency in purchase of crude oil. The increasing pressure on crude oil reserves and environmental degradation as an outcome. Hence in view of the above drawbacks there is an urgent need to find an alternative fuels in the existing engines. Fuels like (Low Cetane Fuels) like Apricot oil blended with ethanol may promise and present a sustainable solution as it can be produced from a wide range of plants and seeds.

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## INTRODUCTION

Rising petroleum prices, increasing threat to the environment from vehicle exhaust emissions and fastly depleting stock of fossil fuels have generated an intense international interest in developing alternative renewable fuels for IC engines. Bio fuel is an oxygenated fuel which increases the combustion and makes reduce exhaust emission. It can be produced from crops with high sugar or starch content. Some of these crops include sugarcane, sorghum, corn, barley, cassava, linseedplants, sugar beets etc. Besides being a biomass based renewable fuel, Biofuel has cleaner burning and higher octane rating than the various vegetable oils [1-5]. Jason and Marc (2002) presented the exegetic environmental assessment of lifecycle emissions from M-85, E-85 (used for the gasoline engine) and other alternative fuels [6]. Diesel exhaust is a major contributor to various types of air pollution, including particulate matter (PM), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), and carbon monoxide (CO) [7]. It has been demonstrated that the formation of these air pollutants can be significantly reduced by incorporating or blending oxygenates into the fossil fuels matrix [8]. Diesel engines are an important part of the public and private transportation sector and their use will continue and grow into the future. But their smoke has become biggest threat to health and environment [9]. Keeping in mind the higher octane

number of the ethanol, variable compression ratio engine is a good option in this direction using the ethanol diesel blend as fuel; Shaik *et al.* (2007) demonstrated VCR engine has great potential for improving part-load thermal efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions [10]. There were many attempts made to use Biofuel in compression ignition (CI) engine. Huang *et al.* (2008) carried out tests to study the performance and emissions of the engine fuelled with the ethanol diesel blends [11]. They found it feasible and applicable for the blends with n-butanol to replace pure diesel as the fuel for diesel engine. Bhattacharya and Mishra (2002) evaluated the feasibility of preparing diesel-ethanol blends using 200° (anhydrous ethanol) and ethanol lower proof [12]. They found that ethanol blends indicated power producing capability of the engine similar to that of diesel. Hansen *et al.* (2001) found that the properties of ethanol-diesel blends have a significant effect on safety, engine performance, durability and emissions [13]. Wang *et al.* (2003) analyzed that the most noteworthy benefits of E-diesel use lie with petroleum fuel reductions and reductions in urban PM<sub>10</sub> and CO emissions by heavy vehicle operations [11]. Ajav and Akingbehin (2002) experimentally determined some fuel properties of local ethanol blended with diesel to establish their suitability for use in compression ignition engines [14]. Eckland *et al.* (1984)

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presented, State-of-the-Art Report on the Use of Alcohols in Diesel Engines [15].

Techniques that have been evaluated for concurrent use of diesel and alcohols in a compression-ignition engine include (1) alcohol fumigation, (2) dual injection (3) alcohol/diesel fuel emulsions, and (4) alcohol/diesel fuel solutions. Heisey and Lestz (1981) reported significant reductions in particulate generation; however, NOx generation increases [16]. Likos *et al.* (1982) reported increased NOx and hydrocarbon emissions for diesel-ethanol emulsions [17]. Khan and Gollahalli (1981) reported decreased NOx and hydrocarbon emissions with increased particulate emissions for diesel-ethanol emulsions [18]. Lawson *et al.* (1981) reported increased NOx and decreased particulate emissions with diesel methanol emulsions [19].

Performance and Emission Characteristics of Twin Cylinder CI Engine Using Cottonseed Oil Blended With Methanol [20]. Ahmed (2001) found Diesel engines are major contributors of various types of air polluting exhaust gasses such as particulate matter (PM), carbon monoxide (CO), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), sulfur, and other harmful compounds [21]. Experimental Investigation of Twin Cylinder Diesel Engine Using Linseed oil blend with Ethanol [22]. Rao *et al.* (2008) carried out experiment in order to found out optimum compression ratio, experiments were carried out on a single cylinder four stroke variable compression ratio diesel engine [23]. Experimental Investigation of Twin Cylinder Diesel Engine Using Diesel & Methanol [24] Investigation of Methanol in Twin cylinder in line 4 Stroke liquid cooled Diesel Engine [25] Investigation of Alternative fuels in Diesel Engine [26-37]

**Experimental Setup**



Fig 1 Test engine (Twin cylinder Diesel Engine)

**Objective**

Objective of the present study is to

1. It is proposed to use Bio Fuel blended with Ethanol in the diesel engine.
2. The emissions like HC, CO<sub>2</sub>, NOx and Smoke in the exhaust gases are proposed to reduce during the combustion itself.
3. To study the performance evaluation of the using Bio fuel blended with Ethanol in the diesel engine.

4. To analyse the exhaust emissions and measurement, reduction in the exhaust gas.

**Properties of Bio Fuel Blended With Alcohol**

Table-1

Sl.No	Biofuel	CV KJ/Kg
1.	Diesel	44800
2.	Camfer oil blended with Ethanol	35785

**Engine Specification**

Table-2

Test Engine specification	
Injection Pressure	1800 bar
Engine type	Four stroke Twin cylinder diesel engine
No. of cylinders	02
Stroke	100 mm
Bore Diameter	87 mm
Engine Power	15KVA
Compression ratio	17.5:1
RPM	1500

**RESULTS**

**Performance Graphs**

**Brake Specific Energy Consumption**

%	BSEC			
	Diesel Conventional Piston	Diesel Modified Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Conventional Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Modified Piston
0	23214.5	24762.23	25167.22	27199.24
10	18779.1	19822.43	20183.32	22215.05
25	14243.4	13587.15	16142.02	18241.43
50	12082.4	11406.47	14111.36	16994.45
75	11157	10758.58	13839.45	15716.97
100	11548.2	11315.11	14922.51	16656.26

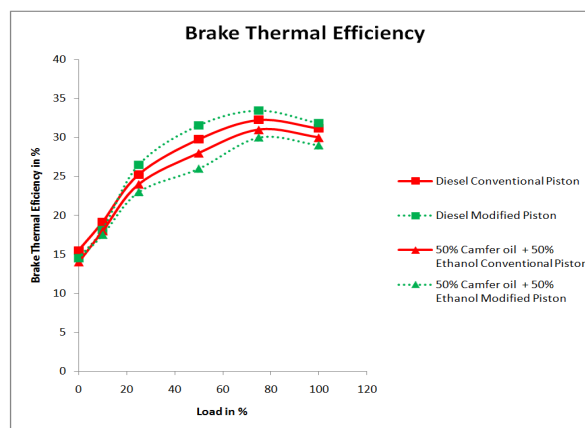


Fig-2 shows the variations of Brake Specific Energy Consumption for Diesel and Camfer blended with Ethanol in Conventional and Modified pistons

**Brake Thermal Efficiency**

%	Brake thermal efficiency			
	Diesel Conventional Piston	Diesel Modified Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Conventional Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Modified Piston
0	15	14	14	14.5
10	19	18	18	17.5
25	25	26	24	23
50	29	31	28	26
75	32	33	31	30
100	31	31	30	29

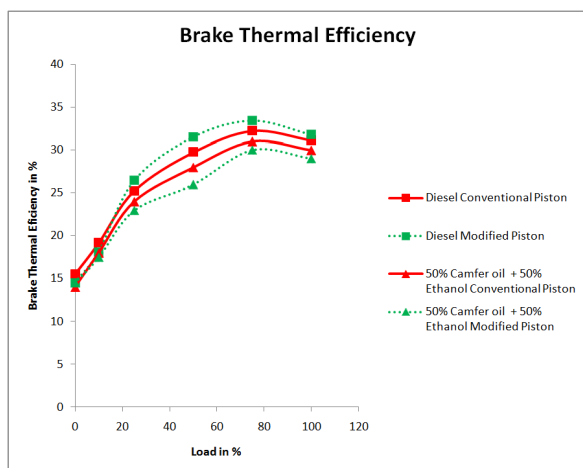


Fig-3 shows the variations of Brake Thermal Efficiency for Diesel and Camfer blended with Ethanol in Conventional and Modified pistons

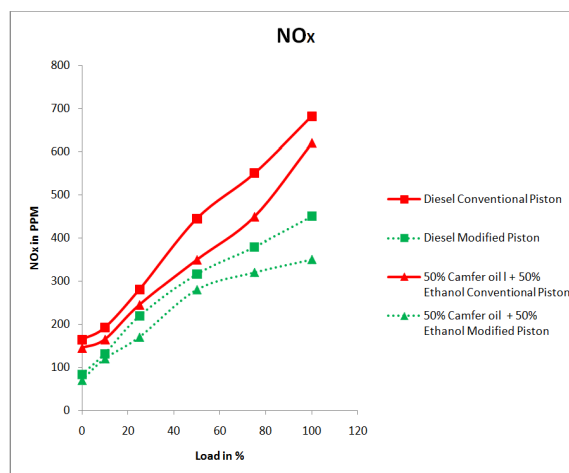


Fig-5 shows the variations of Nitrogen dioxide for Diesel and Camfer blended with Ethanol in Conventional and Modified pistons

Emission Graphs

Unburnt Hydro Carbon

%	HC			
	Diesel Conventional Piston	Diesel Modified Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Conventional Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Modified Piston
0	145	110	140	135
10	155	125	145	140
25	175	140	160	145
50	180	155	170	155
75	190	170	175	165
100	200	185	180	170

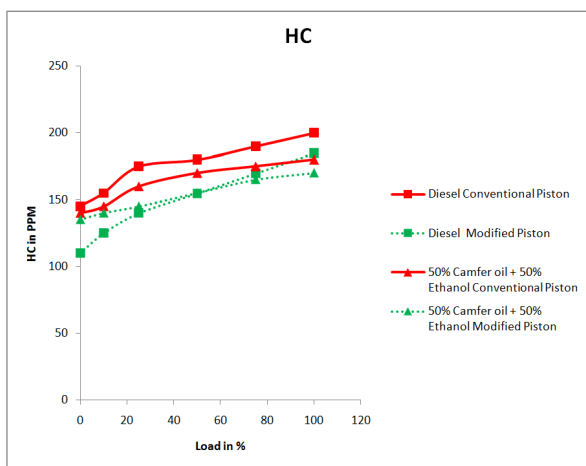


Fig-4 shows the variations of Unburnt Hydro Carbon for Diesel and Camfer blended with Ethanol in Conventional and Modified pistons

Carbon Dioxide

%	CO <sub>2</sub>			
	Diesel Conventional Piston	Diesel Modified Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Conventional Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Modified Piston
0	15	1.03	14	1
10	18	1.82	16	1.2
25	20	2.82	18	2
50	25	3.1	22	2.2
75	26	5.06	24	3.8
100	28	8.07	26	5.5

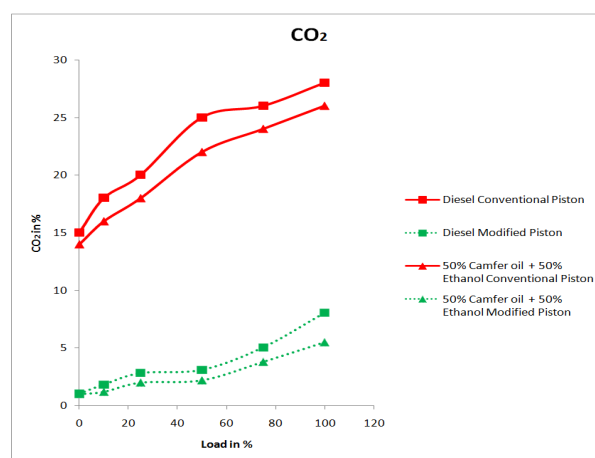


Fig-6 shows the variations of Carbon dioxide for Diesel and Camfer blended with Ethanol in Conventional and Modified pistons

Nitrogen Dioxide

%	NOX			
	Diesel Conventional Piston	Diesel Modified Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Conventional Piston	50% Camfer oil + 50% Ethanol Modified Piston
0	164	84	145	70
10	192	132	165	120
25	280	219	245	170
50	445	317	350	280
75	550	380	450	320
100	682	450	620	350



## Smoke

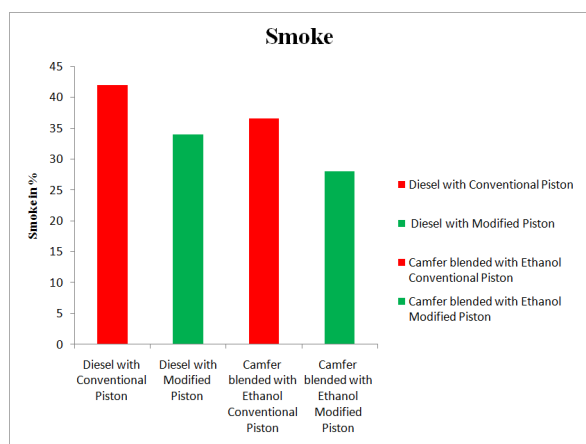


Fig-7 shows the variations of Smoke for Diesel and Camfer blended with Ethanol in Conventional and Modified pistons

## CONCLUSION

From the evaluation and comparison of the various types of fuels that have been experimented with in the twin cylinder diesel engine, it is inferred that the Ethanol Blend with Camfer oil is suitable for running compression ignition engines. Ethanol Blend with Camfer oil emits less pollutant compared to diesel in Conventional as well in Modified Piston.

From this project we tried to use Ethanol Blend with vegetable oil as substitute to diesel, run the engine and succeeded, this show that Ethanol Blend with vegetable oil alternative to diesel fuel. The HC, CO<sub>2</sub>, Nox, Smoke emissions are measured in exhaust gases using gas analyzer and it is observed that HC, CO<sub>2</sub>, Nox, Smoke emissions in Ethanol Blend with Camfer oil are less compare to diesel in Conventional as well in Modified Piston.

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