

Review of Performance and Emmissions Characteristics of Bio-Additive Fuel on SI Engine Fuelled by Biopetrol

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Abstract. Bio-additive is biodegradable and produces less air pollution thus significant for replacing the limited fossil fuels and reducing threats to the environment from exhaust emissions and global warming. Bio-additives can remarkably improve the fuel economy for SI engine and some of the bio-additive has the ability to reduce the total CO₂ emission from the internal petrol engine. This review paper focuses to determine a new approach in potential of bio-additives blends operating with bio-petrol on performance and emissions of a spark ignition engine. It is shown that the variant in bio-additives blending ratio and engine operational condition are reduced engine-out emissions and increased efficiency. It seems that the bio-additives can increase the maximum cylinder combustion pressure, improve exhaust emissions and largely reduce the friction coefficient. The review concludes that the additive usage in bio-petrol is inseparable for the better engine performance and emission control and further research is needed to develop bio-petrol specific additives.

Introduction.

Nowadays fuel additive in the marketplace is very synonym for the engine fuel. The main purposes of these additives are to improve the engine performance and decrease the fuel consumption. Most of the additives are fuel-soluble chemicals that can be added into the petrol with the certain volume. Basically, additive can be classified according to their functions such as antiknocks, antioxidants, antirust agent and etc.[1-3]. Now, the researcher and manufacturer are starting looking to produce the additive with environment friendly and the same time very economically of fuel use of goods and services[4]. Ethanol, butanol and methanol are the types of bio-additive that mixture with petrol in high concentration to decrease the fuel consumption and at the same time can increase the engine performance and less pollution [5-6]. In Brazil, ethanol is widely used as additive as an anti-knocking agent and able to enhance the engine performance [7-8]. Ethanol can be produced from sugar cane, corn, wheat and then will undergo the fermentation process. In Malaysia, palm oil was introduced as alternative additive also in purpose to minimize the consumption of fossil fuel rather than just rely on non-biodegradable chemical additive [9]. On environmental issue, some additive acting as a rescue by reducing the emission from the engine. The main gases produced from the internal combustion engine that contribute to the overall emission level are carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxide (NOx), hydrocarbons (THC) and many more [10]. Every bio-additive has their own special capability to reduce the emission for the environment. Ethanol-petrol mixture for flex fuel engine has the capability to reduce the NOx emission [11] CO, volatile organic compound (VOC) and unburned hydrocarbon [13].

Effect of Bio-Ethanol in petrol engine

A brief review of the effect of this ethanol is presented here. Most of the researcher has reported that the performance of blend petrol is higher when an ethanol is used. Koç et al [14] investigated the engine performance of spark ignition engine using ethanol. A single cylinder four stroke spark ignition engine with two compression ratios (10:1 and 11:1) was used in the tests. The author found

that the ethanol addition to unleaded petrol increase the engine torque and power. Turner et al [15] investigated the combustion performance of bio-ethanol at various blend in single 4 stroke spark-ignition engine. There are two types of injection strategy used and these summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 Test condition [15].

Fuel blends (%Vol. ethanol)	0, 10, 20, 30, 50, 85, 100		
Spark timing ($^{\circ}$ bTDC)	19, 24, 29, 34 ^a , 39		
Injection strategies	No. of injections	Sol ($^{\circ}$ bTDC)	Designation
	Single	280	280
	Double ^b	1st 371 2nd 141	371/141
Stoichiometry	$\lambda = 1$		
Engine speed (rpm)	1500		
IMEP (bar)	3.4		

^a MBT for standard gasoline, single injection.

^b Equal injection duration.

It has been found the 280Sol case that efficiency is increase as the ethanol content is increased. Al-Hasan[8] performed the test by using 99% purity of ethanol blended with unleaded petrol to investigate the engine performance and exhaust emission. The best engine performance was found in 20% of ethanol fuel blend. This result was conducted on four cylinder SI engine (type TOYOTA, TERCEL-3A). The comparison between experimental and theoretical investigation by using petrol-ethanol blends in spark-ignition engines has be made by Bayraktar[16]. From the experimental result, the blend of 7.5% ethanol was the most suitable for engine performance and from the numerical applications, 16.5% ethanol was the most suited blend for SI engine.

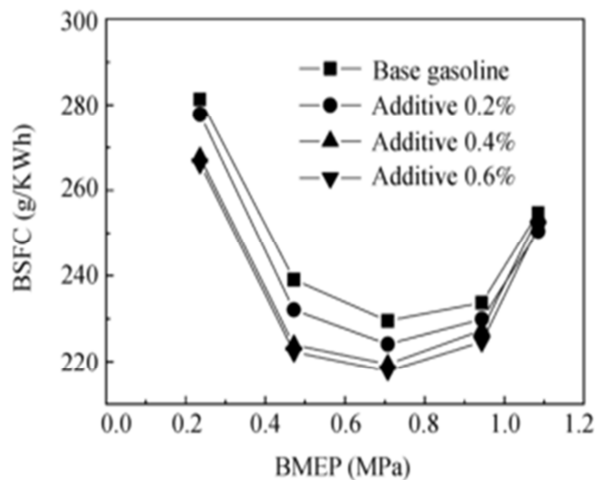


Figure 1: Fuel consumption of prime petrol with additive [17].

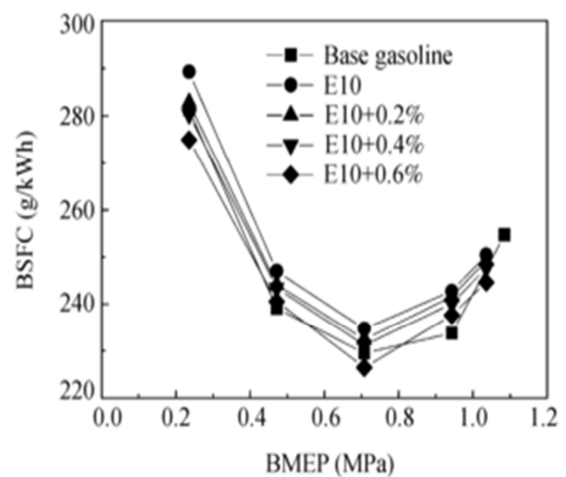


Figure 2: Fuel consumption of E10 petrol with additive [17].

Effect of Bio-Additive in petrol engine

Yao et al. [17] investigated the effect of bio-additive extracted from the palm oil on fuel economy of the petrol engine. All the investigation has been done by five types of fuels; prime petrol, petrol with known components, petrol blended with 10% and 20% of methanol, and 10% ethanol. Result in Fig. 1 shows the petrol with different ratios of bio-additives have lower fuel consumption in all engine loads and the best blending ratio for the fuel consumption is 0.6% of additive meanwhile results in Fig. 2 shows the 10% ethanol with the 0.6% bio-additive is the best mixture for the brake specific fuel consumption (BSFC). Labeckas and Slavinskas[18] investigated the effect of ethanol and petrol addition on rapeseed oil on the brake mean effective pressure (bmep), brake specific fuel consumption (bsfc), brake thermal efficiency (bte). Test was conducted on four strokes, four cylinder engine, direct injection of diesel engine D-243. Three type of blended fuel were prepared such as rapeseed oil and ethanol (ERO), petrol and rapeseed oil (PRO) and ethanol, petrol and

rapeseed oil (EPRO) under various blending ratio, speed (RPM) and loads. From the result, ERO of 2.5% ratio ethanol can improve the efficiency of a fully loaded engine. For the PRO the best ratio to improve efficiency is 2.5% ratio and for EPRO the best ratio is 5-7.5% ratio at the full load engine. Srinivasan and Saravanan [19] experimentally investigated the effect of SI engine fuelled with ethanol and oxygenated as a fuel additive. Oxygenated additive was used in volumetric percentage in ethanol-petrol blends with 0.2%, 0.3%, 0.4% and 0.5% of composition. The results showed that, brake thermal efficiency (BTE) is increasing 31.89% for cycloheptanol oxygenated additives and 32.15% for cyclooctanol oxygenated additives.

Emission Characteristic

Many studies regarding the emission effect of ethanol-petrol shows it is can reduce some of the emission gases. Al-Hasan [8], investigated the effect of using unleaded petrol-ethanol (with 99% purity) blends with different percentage on SI engine performance and exhaust emission.

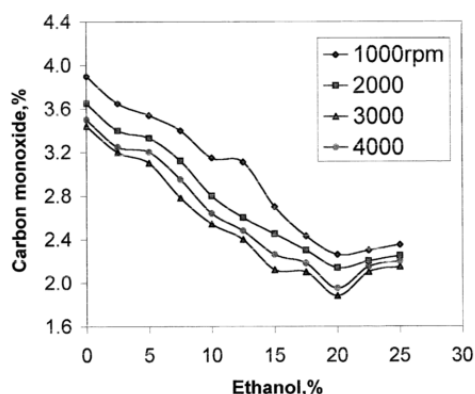


Figure 3 : The effect of ethanol addition on CO emission [8]

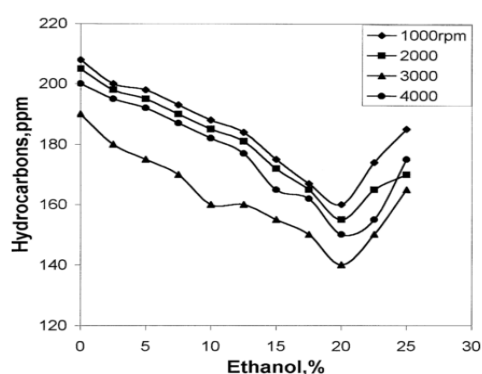


Figure 4 : The effect of ethanol addition on HC emission [8]

Fig. 3 and 4 shows the effect of emission gases in the fuel blend. The figure showed that the addition of ethanol to unleaded petrol decreased the CO and HC emission concentration. The author concluded these effects occurred due to oxygen content in ethanol fuel. This is supported by J.Y. Favez et al. [12] which study the emission of CO and HC from the four-stroke motorcycle. The results show the cold start emission by using petrol-ethanol blend decreased compared to unleaded petrol. Koc et al. [14] using high ethanol concentration 0%, 50% and 85% mixture with petrol with two different compression ratios of 10:1 and 11:1.

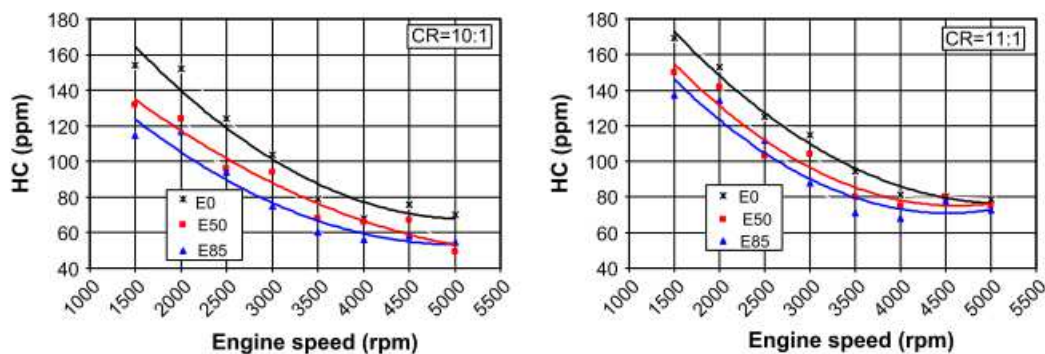


Figure 5 : The effect of unleaded petrol-ethanol blends on HC emission at different compression ratios [14]

Fig. 5 shows all the emission decrease with the increase of ethanol concentration. All the emission of petrol at CR 11:1 is slightly higher than those of ethanol-petrol blend at a CR of 10:1. Author concludes that the reduction of HC is due to the presence of oxygen in the ethanol.

Srinivasan and Saravanan [19] studied the effects of ethanol-blended petrol with oxygenated additives on multi-cylinder SI engine. Table 2 and 3 shows the setup of sample volumetric composition. Fig 6 shows that the blend decreased the CO emission.

Table 2 : Stage I Sample volumetric composition [19]

Sample Name	Gasoline	Ethanol	Oxygenated Additive [Cycloheptanol]
Sample 1	50.00	49.80	0.20
Sample 2	40.00	59.70	0.30
Sample 3	35.00	64.60	0.40
Sample 4	30.00	69.50	0.50
Sole Fuel	100.00	-----	-----

Table 3 :Stage II Sample volumetric composition [19]

Sample Name	Gasoline	Ethanol	Oxygenated Additive [Cyclooctanol]
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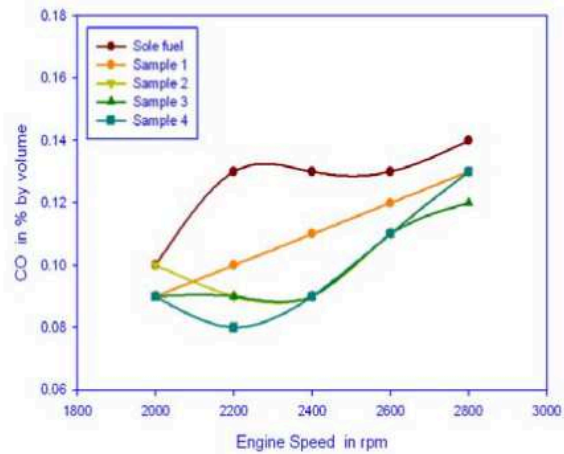
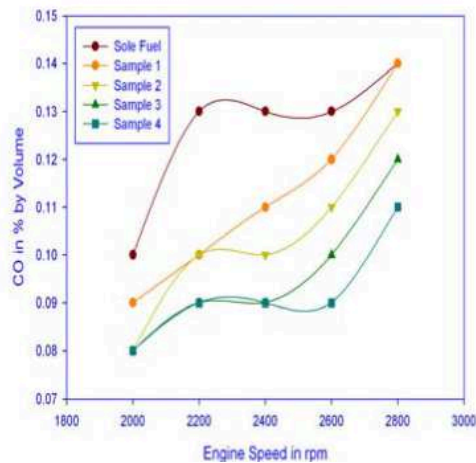


Figure 6 :Stage I and II CO vs engine speed [19]

Conclusion

In order to minimize the consumption of fossil fuel, bio additive start to be introduced as the alternative instead of chemical based additive in purpose to reduce the emission and at the same time at least sustain the engine performance. These bioadditive can be extract from nature such sugar cane, corn, wheat and Malaysia start looking into palm oil as bio additive for diesel and petrol. Ethanol as the famous bio-fuels is widely used has the good antiknocking characteristic, meanwhile the combination of ethanol with the bio additive could be considered to enhance the engine performance. Although the number of studies is small, it does appear this combination has the capability to enhance the engine performance and reduce the emission gases. Further study on combination of bio-fuels with bio-additive is necessary to extend the knowledge in understanding the chemical reaction between these two substance.

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