

## Study on Utilizing Graphene and Graphite Nanoparticles as Fuel Added Substances in Squander Cooking Oil Biodiesel

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### Abstract

Using waste cooking oil biodiesel in gas powered motors for power age and transport is of expanding significance, as it is the least poison removal strategy for squander cooking oil. Additionally, specialists have as of late shown a rising interest in using graphene and its subordinators in various applications because of its extraordinary warm and actual attributes, including improving the burning qualities of biofuels. Consequently, this article concentrates on the qualities of waste cooking oil biodiesel mixed with not many layered graphene and graphite nanoparticles added substances and their effect on burning and motor outflows and benchmark them against flawless biodiesel and diesel fills. The biodiesel was incorporated through a transesterification strategy from squander cooking oil and mixed with diesel or butanol in the wake of adding not many layered graphene and graphite nanoparticles. Few-layered graphene and graphite nanoparticle added substances prompted more prominent top in-chamber tension by 0.5-2.5% addition and 1-4% lower heat delivered rate at full burden. In that capacity, utilizing not many layered graphene and graphite in a fuel blend diminished NOx emanation by 0.7-5 % contrasted with 100 percent diesel partner. Furthermore, at full motor burden, squander cooking biodiesel mixed with 100 ppm few-layered graphene and graphite nanoparticles showed an augmentation in brake warm proficiency by 8-10% contrasted with unadulterated fossil diesel and waste cooking biodiesel. The outcomes show the practicality of utilizing graphene-based nanoparticle added substances in biodiesel to upgrade biodiesel fuel ignition attributes, thus bringing down NOx discharges.

**Keywords:** Biodiesel; Combustion; Emissions; Graphene; Graphite; Nanoparticle

### Introduction

Overall energy utilization is constantly developing. It is presently not practical to depend on fossil-based energy sources like petrol, flammable gas, and coal due to their limited accessibility and negative natural effects. What's more, fossil-based energy sources are profoundly contamination and cause carbon heightened emanations that cause a worldwide temperature alteration and ozone consumption. Accordingly, there has been a rising interest for inexhaustible based elective hotspots for genuine applications. Among the accessible inexhaustible based energy sources, biomass is the strongest and has influences definitely more minor than petroleum derivatives. Also, it is the most far and wide, as it represents 80% of the sustainable based energy created around the world, explicitly for transportation, warming, and power age [1].

As of late, there has been a rising interest in using waste cooking oil (WCO) to deliver elective energizes for Compression Ignition (CI) motors, as it is viewed as the least contamination removal strategy for WCO and to encourage the variety of energy blend and roundabout bioeconomy. To basically combust WCO in IC motors, it very well may be blended in with oil diesel, preheated, or goes through a transesterification cycle to deliver biodiesel. The basic benefits of WCO-based biodiesel are its moderateness, natural lubricity, and appropriateness for CI with insignificant central changes to the motor plan or design. Additionally, CI motors are broadly utilized for power age and transportation. In this manner, using WCO-based biodiesel in such applications can advance the take-up of bioenergy to encourage the roundabout economy in numerous Societies. All things being equal examined the suitability of utilizing WCO-based biodiesel in Pakistan and fostered a dynamic measurement to lighten the public monetary weights because of the significant petroleum derivative imports [2].

There are a few advantages of using biofuels, including WCO-

based biodiesel. The oxygen content in biodiesel is by and large around 10% contrasted with non in petrol diesel. From one perspective, it diminishes fumes gas discharges like hydrocarbon, PM, CO<sub>2</sub>, and CO however could somewhat expand NOx. Then again, the low warming worth and cetane number of WCO-based biodiesel, 8-10% lower than oil diesel, somewhat diminishes the most extreme motor force and increments brake explicit fuel utilization (BSFC). Utilizing biofuel mixes (e.g., biodiesel-ethanol) is a road to improve its ignition properties, upgrade the NOx discharge presence, and defeat other physiochemical disadvantages, for example, unfortunate dissolvability in cool environments. On the other hand, biodiesel's NOx emanation and explicit fuel utilization can be upgraded utilizing oxygenated added substances, for example, triethylene glycol mono-methyl-ether. Moreover, controlling the burning outflows lightens the requirement for after-treatment gear that influences the CI motor's general exhibition, for example, expanding siphoning power [3].

Utilizing nanoparticles (NPs) added substances in biofuel is an arising way to deal with improve the ignition of biofuels and help motor execution. The high level warm qualities joined with the especially high surface region per unit volume of nanoparticle added substances

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give a wide unique surface to synthetic responses. In view of a survey concentrate over an extensive variety of nanoparticle added substances, an improvement of BSFC by up to 23%, brake power by up to 2.5%, and a huge decrease in CO and PM outflow were finished up. Ferrão et al. examined the burning qualities of hydro-handled vegetable oil mixed with aluminum nanoparticles at various sizes (40 nm and 70 nm) and focuses (0.5 wt% and 1.0 wt%). The burning pace of the biofuel was improved by expanding the nanoparticle fixation at the same time with lessening the molecule size by up to 42.5% at 40 nm and 1.0 wt% blend [4].

Utilizing oxygenated nanoparticles could likewise upgrade the outflows of biofuel ignition. The utilization of aluminum oxide ( $Al_2O_3$ ) and titanium oxide ( $TiO_2$ ) nanoparticles at 100 ppm fixation in diesel-bioethanol fuel mixes and benchmarked them against customary diesel fuel and diesel-bioethanol mix without nonadditive. The more extensive surface region per unit volume of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles added substances, their high level thermophysical properties, and the oxygen contents improved the instability of diesel-bioethanol (DF90E10) fuel mixes [5]. They detailed that contrasted with perfect diesel, the NOx gas outflow without nano-added substance was expanded by 3.6%. Then again, the NOx discharge was diminished by 3.02% and 1.57%, separately, when  $Al_2O_3$  and  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles added substances were added independently in DF90E10 mixes. The ideal amount of  $Al_2O_3$  and  $TiO_2$  nanoparticles utilizing mahua oil-based biodiesel. Other work on utilizing oxygenated nanoparticles, Chromium oxide ( $Cr_3O_3$ ), in Flaxseed oil biodiesel, which improved the motor execution and the outflow level of the tried diesel motor [6].

Numerous specialists explored nanoparticle added substances in WCO-based biodiesel. Researched the usage of  $Al_2O_3$ - $SiO_2$  nanocomposite mixed with WCO-based biodiesel at various focuses (30, 60, 90, and 100), which improved the brake power and force by up to 1.44% and 1.64%, individually, contrasted with petrol diesel fuel. Utilizing Zinc oxide (ZnO) nanoparticle added substances to WCO-based biodiesel, improved the BSFC, HC, CO, and NOx. Utilizing the fumes gas distribution (EGR) helped the decrease of NOx from 15% to 20%; notwithstanding, the low calorific worth of the mix adversely impacted the pinnacle pressure esteem thus the BP and BTE. Cerium oxide nanoparticles were added to WCO-based biodiesel at various fixations and combusted in factor pressure proportion diesel motor, which upgraded the BTE and BSFC by 3.62% and 3.3%, separately, contrasted with oil diesel option to an impressive improvement in CO and NOx emanation [7].

Graphene is a solitary layer of carbon molecules organized in a hexagonal shape. A solitary graphene layer shows a high warm conductivity of up to 5300 W/mK and a high surface area of around 2600  $m^2/g$ . In any case, the warm conductivity of graphene-based materials can be decreased by expanding the quantity of carbon nuclear layers. For instance, graphite comprises of stacked graphene layers of 1950 W/mK mass warm conductivity. The high level warm attributes of graphene and its subsidiaries caused researchers to notice upgrading biofuels' burning qualities. In this manner, examined the impact of graphene oxide (GO) added substance on *Ailanthus altissima* biodiesel mixes. Given the high level warm attributes of GO and oxygen contents, it upgraded the brake power, SFC, and CO and HC emanations however expanded NOx as a result of expanding the burning temperature. In 2020, GO added substances into biodiesel were delivered from many feedstocks, for example, *Oenothera Lamarckian*, *Ailanthus altissima*, *Camelina sativa*, and rice grain oil, were researched. Comparative patterns in motor execution and emanations were noticed. In 2021,

explored the utilization of graphene quantum dabs as biodegradable nanoparticles added substance to a diesel-biodiesel-water mix [8]. The created mix upgraded the brake power, SFC, and HC and diminished NOx by 3.8%. GNP beat GO added substances in NO, CO, and HC discharges, which presumed that GO and GNP are promising fuel added substances for better emanation control without huge impacts on motor parts, for example, injector wear.

Given the flow writing, the latest exploration works underline utilizing GO, NGP, and other metal nanoparticle added substances for different biofuels. Nonetheless, the impact of a more extensive scope of minimal expense graphene-based added substances, for example, graphite nanoparticles, is yet to be perceived. Hence, this work means to concentrate on the more extensive use of not many layered graphene and graphite as fuel added substances to improve the motor's emanations ignition qualities [9]. As needs be, three key goals were recognized: (1) creating four base mixes of waste cooking oil biodiesel, diesel and 1-butanol like B40 (40% Waste Cooking Biodiesel, 40% Fossil Diesel and 20% Butanol), B50 (half Waste Cooking Biodiesel, 40% Fossil Diesel and 10% Butanol), B80 (80% Waste Cooking Biodiesel and 20% Butanol) and B90 (90% Waste Cooking Biodiesel and 10% Butanol) individually; (2) creating multi-part fuel mixes by adding not many layered graphene (NCP) and graphite (C) at 50 ppm and 100 ppm; (3) concentrating on the burning and motor emanation qualities for those three of 20 created mixes: B40, B40NCP1 (40% Waste Cooking Biodiesel, 40% Fossil Diesel and 20% Butanol with 100 ppm of graphene) and B40C1 (40% Waste Cooking Biodiesel, 40% Fossil Diesel and 20% Butanol with 100 ppm graphite).

## Literature Review

Squander cooking oil (WCO) was chosen to combine the biodiesel mix because of its far reaching accessibility, the rising interest in involving it in CI motors as the least poison removal technique and, cultivate the round bioeconomy. Utilized sunflower cooking oil was acquired from the University food court. Potassium hydroxide (KOH), butanol (98% immaculateness), and methanol (98% virtue) were obtained from Thermo Fisher Scientific. Few-layered graphene (1-5 carbon layers) was obtained from Graphitene Ltd. Graphite nanoparticles were obtained from Sigma Aldrich. Butanol was acquired from Fisher Scientific Ltd. (UK) [10].

## Biodiesel synthesis

Transesterification, a notable synthetic strategy, was utilized to synthesize WCO-biodiesel (WCOB) in groups of 2 L each. Initial, 1 L of crude WCO was set into a round base jar and warmed to 55°C second, a methylic arrangement comprising of methanol and KOH was added to the warmed oil and upset at 600 rpm for 1 h. The methylic arrangement comprised a 4:1 methanol-to-oil proportion and 1 wt% KOH of the oil weight. The blend was then moved to an isolating pipe to settle for the time being. Thus, a dark glycerol layer was framed at the base and a light methyl ester layer (ME) shaped on the top. The glycerol was taken out, and the biodiesel was washed with refined water at 90°C to eliminate any leftover methanol. Following 60 minutes, the washed fuel was warmed at 105°C to eliminate dampness content, and a dry WCOB was gotten [11].

## Nanoparticle blends synthesis

In this review, butanol was utilized to weaken the nano-emulsified fuel. Butanol has particular properties that assist with getting ready stable fuel mixes and go about as a fuel folio. Writing proposed that up to 20% butanol can be utilized in the fuel mixes to accomplish

ideal motor execution and ignition qualities. Right off the bat, four base examples were ready by mixing WCOB, diesel and butanol: B40, B50, B80, and B90. Besides, NCP and C were added at 50 ppm and 100 ppm. 20 mixes were ready from graphene and graphite NP. A two-step blending process was accomplished to foster a homogeneous scattering: a magmatic stirrer for 15 min followed by a ultrasonic bath at 50 kHz for 30 min [12].

### Engine experimental setup

The burning characterisation tests were led on a normally suctioned Lister Petter Alpha series, water-cooled, three-chamber circuitous infusion (IDI) diesel motor. The motor was controlled to keep up with its speed at 1500 rpm while the force shifted. Five motor burdens were utilized for this review: 20 % (1.9 kW), 40 % (3.8 kW), 60 % (5.7 kW), 80 % (7.6 kW), and 100 % (9.75 kW). A Froude Hofman AG80HS vortex current dynamometer was utilized to stack the motor. A Kistler pressure sensor (Kistler 6125C11) was introduced in the chamber head to record the in-chamber pressure, and a wrench point encoder (model) was put on the driving rod record the wrench point position. A fuel pressure sensor (model - Kistler 4618A0 sensor) was joined to the fuel line close to the top of the fuel injector. Every one of the three sensors were coordinated with an information lumberjack KiBox provided by the Kistler Instruments Ltd. KiBox programming was utilized to examine the burning information by taking a normal of 51 cycles and produced in-chamber pressure, heat delivery, and fuel infusion pressure concerning wrench point Bosch BEA 850 gas analyser was utilized to test motor fumes gas outflows [13].

## Results and discussions

### Fuel characteristics

The instruments utilized for the estimation of different physical and substance properties are Canon Fenski u-tube viscometers (with an estimation vulnerability of somewhere in the range of 0.16% and 0.22%) and a thermostatic water shower ( $\pm 0.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) to quantify the kinematic viscosities; densities were estimated utilizing a hydrometer as per ASTM-D7544; Parr 6100 bomb calorimeter was utilized to gauge the higher warming qualities (HHV). The glimmer point was estimated utilizing a Setaflash series 3 or more shut cup streak point analyzer (model 33000-0) as indicated by ASTM121 D1655 standard. The estimation correctnesses of the calorimeter and the glimmer point analyzer were  $\pm 0.1\%$  and  $\pm 0.5$ . Properties of butanol were taken from writing [14].

The mixes' properties were estimated and contrasted with fossil diesel and W100, including warming worth, thickness, and glimmer point temperatures. The properties of 22 tried examples, including five base fuel mixes and NP-added substance mixes. The thickness test was led at room temperature ( $18^\circ\text{C}$ ). W100 showed the most elevated thickness of  $0.88\text{ g/m}^3$ , lessening the thickness when blended in with diesel and butanol. The thickness of B40, B40NCP1, B40NCP0.5, B40C1 and B40C0.5 were lower than W100 by 3.86 %, 3.7%, 3.8%, 3.9% and 3.97%. Furthermore, the higher NCP and C added substance rates, the higher the mix's thickness. For instance, B40NCP1 ( $0.847\text{ g/m}^3$ ) thickness was higher than B40NCP0.5 ( $0.846\text{ g/m}^3$ ). Mixes with NCP added substances showed a moderately of 1.5% higher thickness than fossil diesel fuel. Biodiesel and other mixes' consistency were estimated at  $40^\circ\text{C}$  as indicated by EU and ASTM principles [15].

The consistency of W100 (5.563 cSt) was higher than as far as possible; consequently, it could be trying to utilize perfect biodiesel in the motor. The thickness of the mix fills was seen inside as far as

possible as this weakened by the expansion of diesel and butanol. The expansion of nanoparticles likewise affected the thickness of the fuel; it somewhat expanded. For instance, the consistency of B40NCP1 (3.262 cSt) was higher than B40 (2.864). The consistency isn't expanding for B50, B80 and B90 mixes with the increment of nano-added substance.

Interestingly, it was seen that for mix B40, the thickness was impacted by expanding the nanoparticle portions. Mix B40 comprises of 40% W100 + 40% diesel + 20% biodiesel, the portion of W100 is less in this mix. In this way, the B40 mix gave lower thickness, near fossil diesel fuel. On account of B50, B80 and B90, the portion of W100 was expanded, which prompted expanding the consistency. These examples as of now have high thickness; thus, when a modest quantity of nanoparticle was added, the consistency of these mixes was not observable [16].

Streak point (FP) is the most minimal temperature at which the fuel fume touches off, deciding the protected stockpiling condition. W100 showed the most elevated FP of  $165^\circ\text{C}$ , as the blaze direct was diminished for all mixes due toward butanol expansion. The FP for every one of the mixes lies between diesel fuel and biodiesel fuel, inside the biodiesel principles limits. Likewise, it was seen that changing the NCP and C added substance rate affected the fostered mixes' glimmer point hardly. B80 mix gave lower FP than B50; the vacillation in FP is chiefly because of the expansion of butanol. Butanol is profoundly unpredictable and has a lower streak point than diesel and biodiesel. While testing the FP of the mix tests, there is plausible that butanol made flammable fume with not many measures of biodiesel fume and gave a lower streak point [17].

Diesel fuel showed the most noteworthy calorific worth (CV) because of oxygen lack, as biofuel mixes bound 9-11% oxygen. Likewise, butanol brought down the CV of the created mixes because of its lower CV and higher dormant intensity of vaporization. The presence of fossil diesel in B40 and B50 mixes prompted CVs generally higher than B80 and B90. The somewhat high calorific upsides of NCP and C added substances and the shortfall of oxygen prompted expanding the CVs of the created mixes by expanding their rate. For instance, the CV for B40NCP0.5 was 0.18% lower than B40NCP1, and CV of B40C0.5 was 0.30% lower than B40C1. Moreover, the CV for C added substance mixes (B40C1) was around 1.5% lower than B40NCP1. The rate changes in CV for all mixes for diesel fuel and slick biodiesel.

The fuel characterisation uncovered the capability of NCP and C added substances to improve the fuel properties. In this manner, the accompanying area will use the trial motor arrangement to concentrate on the burning attributes of three chose mixes in view of their high CV and low consistency and benchmark them with fossil diesel (D100) and squander cooking oil biodiesel (W100): B40, B40NCP1 and B40C1 [18].

### Engine combustion analysis

Fuel properties of three examples, for example, B40, B40NCP1 and B40C1 were viewed as near diesel fuel. Subsequently, these mixes were chosen for motor testing. The burning qualities of the chose powers were concentrated by deciding a few variables, for example, in-chamber pressure, heat discharge rate (HRR), the beginning of burning (SoC), end of burning (EoC), copy span (BD), start delay (ID) at wrench point position (CA). What's more, the pace of the premixed burning stage not entirely settled through in-chamber gas tension and intensity discharge rate [19].

The impact of combusting the chose mixes at various motor burdens



on the beginning of ignition (SoC), end of ignition (EoC), consume length (BD) and the start delay (ID). The beginning of ignition (SoC) was taken at a wrench point of 5% of the complete intensity delivered, and the finish of burning (EoC) was taken at 90% of the all out heat delivered [20]. The beginning of infusion (SoI) was steady at 20 oCA bTDC for every one of the tried fills.

## Conclusion and prospects

This article expected to concentrate on the more extensive utilization of few-layered graphene and graphite as fuel added substances to upgrade the motor's discharges ignition qualities. In this way, graphene and graphite nanoparticles' different measurements in squander cooking biodiesel mixes and their effect on ignition and motor execution were examined. At first, 22 fills, including fossil diesel and waste cooking oil biofuel, were incorporated and portrayed. Then, tests were led on the motor with five fills under factor loads at a steady speed of 1500 rpm: fossil Diesel D100, W100, B40, B40NCP1 and B40C1. An accentuation was on using waste cooking oil biodiesel to advance its take-up, subsequently cultivating the round bioeconomy and discarding it securely. The key discoveries can be finished up as underneath.

Mix with graphite added substance (B40C1) showed lower HRR by 1.7% and 4% than D100 and W100 powers, separately, at full burden.

Mixes with NP added substances showed generally higher thickness, which expanded the beginning of burning (SoC), end of burning (EoC), start delay (ID), and the consume length (BD) for both B40NCP1 and B40C1 fills.

Fuel mixes with NP added substances showed higher BTE at full motor burden. B40NCP1 and B40C1 showed an augmentation in BTE by 8-10% at full motor burden contrasted with D100 and W100 powers.

BSFC for biodiesel and fuel mixes were higher than fossil diesel. In any case, B40NCP1 and B40C1 mixes gave 8-8.5% lower BSFC than W100 because of their higher warming qualities.

Utilizing not many layered graphene and graphite NP in the mix diminished NO gas emanations by 5%, yet expanded CO<sub>2</sub>, CO and smoke discharges contrasted with fossil diesel. The CO emanations for B40NCP1 and B40C1 were higher by 57% and 42% at low burden, 75% and half at medium burden, and 11% and 0.1% at full burden than the W100 fuel, individually.

Generally speaking, nanoparticle added substances in biofuel showed an extraordinary potential to control NO discharges and further develop motor productivity. Besides, the ignition qualities recommend that the motor combusts the nanoparticle fuel mixes all the more proficiently; hence, a decline in NO emanations was unmistakable.

Examining such encouraging multi-part fuel mixes under different motor working circumstances, like in double fuel mode under cutting edge low-temperature burning, is a theme for additional exploration.

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