Experimental Investigation on Usage of Cottonseed oil as Complete Substitute to a Mineral Oil as Lubricant in CI Engines

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ABSTRACT

Due to growing environmental concerns and the depletion of the world's crude oil, vegetable oils are finding their way into lubricants for industrial and transportation applications. Emphasis on the development of renewable, biodegradable, and environmentally friendly lubricants has resulted in the widespread use of natural oils and fats. The substitution of mineral oil with vegetable oil as a base stock for an environment friendly lubricant in a CI engine is explored in this study without adding any additives. The experiments have been conducted with cotton seed oil, and compared with SAE20W40 mineral oil. The viscosity and engine oil temperature. The engine performance and emission tests were carried out on a single cylinder, water cooled, 4-stroke CI engine. Bio based lubricant gave give good result and their viscosity was within range, the test were carried out for 96 hours it is observed that bio based lubricant start deteriorating after 96 hours of working.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Vegetable oils are promising candidates as base fluid for eco-friendly lubricants because of their excellent lubricity, biodegradability, viscosity-temperature characteristics and low volatility. Vegetable oil lubricants provide a renewable source of environmentally friendly lubricants, relating to the lubricant's ability to biodegrade into harmless products. Recently there has been an increased concern in enhancing the use of biodegradable vegetable oils in lubricants, mostly by environmental as well as health and safety issues, emerging due to changes in economic and supply factors From the viewpoint of emissions, biodegradable lubricants are expected to behave differently from conventional lubricants, mainly with respect to emissions soluble organic fraction of particulate emissions (SOF). Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which are absent in vegetable oils, pose a great contingency to human health. Vegetable oils are also low in potential pollutants like sulphur-containing compounds which can damage both environment and catalytic converter. The advantages of vegetable oils as base oil in lubricants as compared to mineral oils are non toxicity, biodegradability, resource renewability, affordable application cost, high viscosity index, and so forth. Vegetable oils are usually much cheaper than ester based oils and therefore provide more potential for the successful implementation as lubricants in
base oil.

2 Literature Review.

Researchers have worked on these methods, many got positive results. Schramm [1] carried out emission measurements on a chassis dynamometer to compare the emissions of CO, CO, NO_x, THC, PM, and lubricant-SOF from diesel vehicle, lubricant and fuel consumption were also carried out. They operated the vehicle on conventional crude oil-based fuels and alternative fuels. Lubricant samples were taken from the engine crankcase after driving 7500 km on the road and were analyzed in order to evaluate biodegradability of the used lubricant and engine wear.

Masjukietal.foremost[2] have demonstrated the benefits for particulate reduction provided by vegetable oil lubricants, which were derived from renewable resource materials. They carried out the experiment on single cylinder engine with and without thermal barrier coated components, with petroleum based lubricants and a vegetable oil lubricant for comparison purpose. Also their four-ball wear test data on this vegetable oil formulation showed similar or improved wear friction characteristics when compared with commercial petroleum and synthetic lubricants.K. Cheenkachorn and B. Fungtammasan[3] carried out a comparative study of wear, friction, viscosity, lubricant degradation, and exhaust emissions with palm oil and commercial lubricating oil.Their results revealed that the palm oil-based lubricating oil exhibited better performance in terms of wear and that the commercial oil exhibited better performance in terms of friction. However, the palm oil-based lubricant was more effective in reducing the emission levels of CO andhydrocarbon.

Boehmanetal.Cheenkachorn and Fungtammasan [4] investigated the use of palm oil as base oil for an environmentally friendly lubricant for small four-stroke motorcycle engines. Their study showed that, compared to mineral-based commercial oil, the palm oil-based lubricant showed superior tribological properties but offers no significant advantage on engine and emission performance

Durak [5] carried out experiment on using vegetable oil as alternative lubricating oil candidate, using Turkish originated rapeseed oil in different concentrations by volume percent with base oil. The author studied the effect of rapeseed oil as additive to mineral oil on specially designed experimental system and compared the lubricating oil in journal bearings. His experiments revealed that addition of rapeseed oil to mineral-based lubricant reduces the friction coefficient in journal even at high temperature.

Bekal and Bhat [6] investigated the substitution of mineral oil with vegetable oil as a lubricant in a CI engine. Their experiments were conducted with neat pongamia oil and blend of pongamia oil and mineral oil (50%V/V) in different proportions. For various combinations of fuel and lubricant, NO_x, smoke, CO, HC, BSEC, EGT, and FP were compared. They recorded best results for the fuel-lubricant combination.

Hassan et al [7] had done research work on the possibility of producing lubricating oil from vegetable oil with palm oil. Physical and chemical properties such as viscosity, flash/fire point, pour point, and specific gravity were analysed.Bleached sample was tested to determine the above mentioned properties. Finally, it was revealed that the crude palm oil and the bleached sample exhibit a good base as a lubricant.

Navindgi et al. [8] carried the performance parameters and emissions of a CI engine fuelled with straight vegetable oils of neem, mahua, linseed, and castor oil. They found out that the process of transesterification is found to be effective way of decreasing viscosity and eliminating operational and durability problems of vegetable oils. The performance parameters evaluated include thermal efficiency, BSFC, BSEC,and exhaust gas temperature and emissions smoke. Significant Improvements have been observed in the performance parameters of the engine as well as exhaust emissions with use of neem, mahua, and castor oil as compared to baseline data of diesel.

The objective was to investigate the usability of Cotton seed oil as complete lubricant 4-stroke diesel engines and to study the variation in the viscosity , engine oil temperature and flash and fire point of cotton seed oil as lubricant.

Table 1 Engine specification

Make	Kirloskar
Model	AVI
Cycle	4 strokes
Rated power	3.75kW (5HP)
Speed	1500 rpm
Bore diameter	80 mm
Stroke length	110mm
Cooling system	Water cooled
Cubic capacity	0.661 litres
Ignition system	Compression ignition
Compression ratio	17.5 : 1
Lubricating oil specification	SAE 20W40
Lubricating oil capacity	3.7 liters

3. Experimental Study

The engine used for the experimental investigation is Kirloskar, AV1, single cylinder, 4-stroke, water cooled, high speed diesel engine. The Kirloskar engine is mounted on the ground.The test engine was directly coupled to an Eddy current dynamometer with control facility for loading the engine. The experimental setup is shown in Figure 1. The specifications of the engine are shown in Table 1.

2.1. Experimental Methodology. The aim of this experimental study was to investigate an effect of cotton seed oil as lubricant instead of petroleum based lubricant oil and its effect of engine oil temperature and viscosity of oil for 4-stroke CI engines.Table2.The physical properties of 20W40 and cottonseed oil are shown in Table

Table 2 physical characteristics of SAE 20 W 40 and cottonseed oil

Typical properties	Cotton seed oil	SAE 20W40
Kinematic viscosity cSt @ 40°C	31.93	120
Kinematic viscosity cSt @ 90°C	6.8	14-16
Viscosity Index		188
Pour point		9
Flash point		280
Specific gravity		0.855

4. Results and Discussion

The experiments were conducted with cotton seed oil as lubricant in C.I. engine and their change in viscosity and engine oil temperature were recorded for 96 hours.

Photo1: diesel engine for experiment

4.1. Viscosity of cottonseed oil.

Figure 2 shows variation in Viscosity on periodic basis for the cotton seed oil used as lubricant in C.I. Engine, it can be seen we can use cotton seed oil as a lubricant for the small period of time like 96 hours but if we want to use it for long period modification are required.

Table 3 viscosity of oil after used in engine

Time in hours	**Viscosity centistokes**
0	6.824762
1	7.530909
10	8.22087

20	8.22087
30	8.22087
40	11.80246
50	14.25385
60	17.78623
70	20.07647
80	29.76667
90	64.83746
100	111.9219

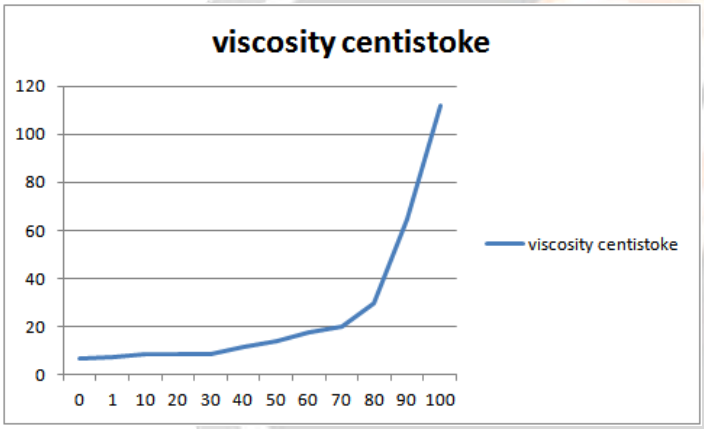

Figure 2: viscosity of lubricating oil

4.2. Lubrication oil temperature while engine running.

Figure 2 shows variation of lubrication oil temperature for the period of 96 hours and it is will show not much increase in temperature of engine oil when cottonseed oil is used as lubricant oil.

Table 4 Engine oil temperature while using cotton seed oil as lubricant

Time in hours	Engine oil temperature
0	30
1	50
10	55
20	56
30	57
40	56
50	55
60	58
70	60
80	61
90	60
100	70

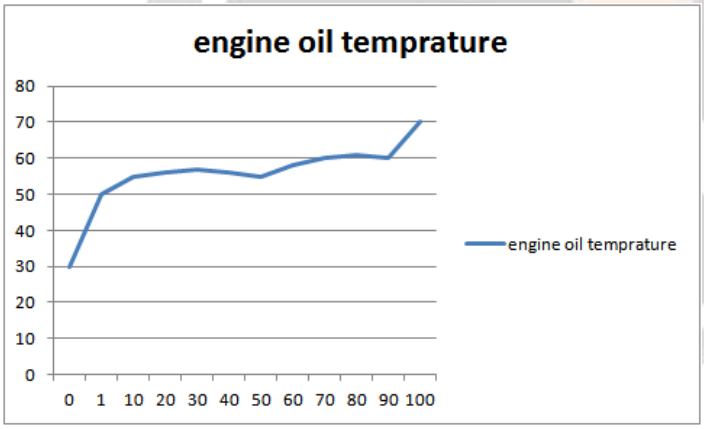

Figure 3: engine oil temperature

5. Conclusion

The cotton seed oil show similar properties compared to commercial SAE 20W40 oil in terms of, viscosity and engine oil temperature. It is observed that cotton seed oil shows similar to characteristics to commercial SAE 20W40 oil for the short duration of 96 hours. After that it has been observed cotton seed oil get degraded and gum like structure is formed when trial was extended. engine oil temperature is increased in first hours and then it almost remain constant till the cottonseed oil get degraded (oxidised). So cottonseed oil can be used as lubricant for the short duration but for long period modifications are required in cotton seed oil.

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