

# INVESTIGATION ON DIESEL ENGINE FUELLED BY MAHUA BIODIESEL

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**Abstract:** The primary objective of this study is to discover the effects of injection timing on performance, emission and combustion characteristics effect of advanced and retarded injection timing of the engine fuelled with mahua oil biodiesel blends. The engine performance, combustion and emission characteristics of the mahua oil biodiesel blends (B20, B40, B60, B80 and B100) are investigated in this experimentation without any modification of the diesel engine. At this advanced pressure the efficiency of engine by means of CO, Unburned HC gases and smoke emissions with higher oxides of nitrogen was observed compared to diesel. The obtained results are compared with a neat diesel and mahua oil biodiesel blends are shown through the graphs. From this study, identifies optimum fuel blend of this work. Thus, the combustion of duration is similar in all variance in pressure. This research paved a way to bio-diesel in mahua oil mixture and draws best outcome in emission less and to maintain eco-friendly environment.

**Keyword:** Mahua Biodiesel, Diesel Engine, Blending, Performance, Combustion, Emission

## Introduction

An Improvement of diesel engine performance efficiency fuelled by mahua biodiesel blends with octanol using the transesterification process has been performed to prepare biodiesel through mahua oil. Based on the analysis, CO emissions decreased when octanol mixtures increased [1-9]. In all load conditions, total CO emissions were observed to decrease by 6.8 % and 7.4 % for M80O20 and M90O10 compared to pure mahua biodiesel. Also, it shows a decrease in the NOx, HC, and smoke

emissions with an increase in octanol proportions. The 20 % octanol blend showed a significant decrease in overall engine emissions [10]. The effect of the high - octane fuel induction combustion behavior of the engine fuelled by mahua biodiesel. The engine was powered by a jet carburetor especially designed for the supply of high octane fuels for dual fuel mode. At full load condition, the experiment results revealed a major development in cylinder pressure and the highest pressure increase with dual fuel mode of all tested fuels. Dual fuel mode is a higher ignition delay due to the mixing of both fuels in comparison to single-mode fuels. The duration of combustion lowered in the dual fuel operation at full load condition compared to Neat Mahua Oil (NMO) but increased at a 40% load [11]. The B20 fuel showed better results than the diesel base, such as lower partial load performance, combustion, and emissions. In this Research, parametric optimization study for the performance and emissions of the direct injection diesel Mahua biodiesel engine. Experiments have measured various combustion, performance, and emission characteristics and have been validated using the Grey Relational Grade (GRG) method an approach to desirability was used to find the optimum combination [12].

## Experimental Set-Up

Figure 1 shows the experimental setup of the engines. The setup consists of a four-stroke, single cylinder, water - cooled, vertically mounted direct injection engine with a constant speed of 1500 rpm and a fixed compression ratio of 16, with eddy current dynamometer loading. This type of engine is used in India as a primary mover for industrial, agricultural, power generation and construction purposes. The engine setup is provided with the instruments required to measure operating parameters such as fuel flow, air flow, crank angle, temperatures, cylinder pressure, and load [13-15].

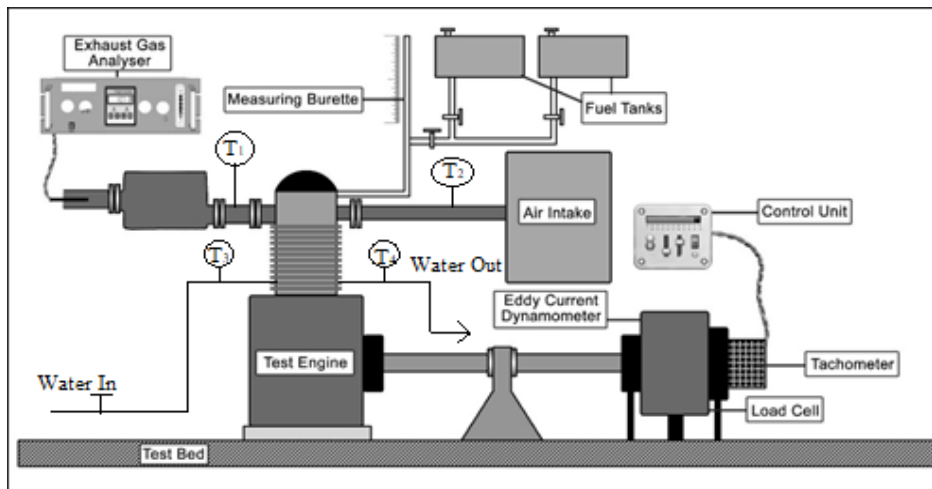


Figure 1. Experimental Engine setup

A computer was directly interfaced with the various measuring instruments via signals via a data acquisition system. The experimental engine technical specifications are set out in Table 1.

Table 1. Experimental engine details

<b>Make</b>	Kirloskar
<b>General Details</b>	Four stroke, Compression Ignition, Direct Injection
<b>Number of cylinders</b>	One
<b>Cooling type</b>	Water cooling
<b>Bore</b>	87.5 mm
<b>Stroke</b>	110 mm
<b>Cubic Capacity</b>	780°cc
<b>Compression ratio</b>	17.5: 1
<b>Swept volume</b>	737.8
<b>Clearance volume</b>	42.2
<b>Rated output</b>	5.81 kW at 1500 rpm
<b>Duration of injection</b>	26° BTDC
<b>Inlet Valve Opens at</b>	4.5BTDC
<b>Inlet Valve Closes at</b>	35.5°ABDC
<b>Exhaust Valve Opens at</b>	35.5°BBDC
<b>Exhaust Valve Closes at</b>	4.5A°TDC

## Results & Discussion

### Brake Thermal Efficiency

The deviation of brake thermal efficiency (BTE) with respect to the brake power of all tested fuels is shown in Figure 2. From the graph, it shows the brake thermal efficiency raise with increases of

brake power of various load conditions with different fuel blends [16]. Because of reduced heat loss obtained at maximum loads that will lead to increasing the flow rate of the fuel and brake power of an engine. However, flow rate of fuel was increased with increasing the brake power higher load conditions and slightly thermal efficiency is decreased of all loads and that pure biodiesel (B100) shows lower BTE than other blends [17]. But remaining biodiesel blends like B40, B60, B80, and pure biodiesel B100 shows lower than that of diesel fuel and B20 blend fuel also. Because of increasing the biodiesel blends percentage simultaneously there will be decreasing in the calorific value (CV) of fuel. It has observed that BTE is decreased in higher blend ratios. The calorific values of fuel lead to increasing the efficiency of an engine [18].

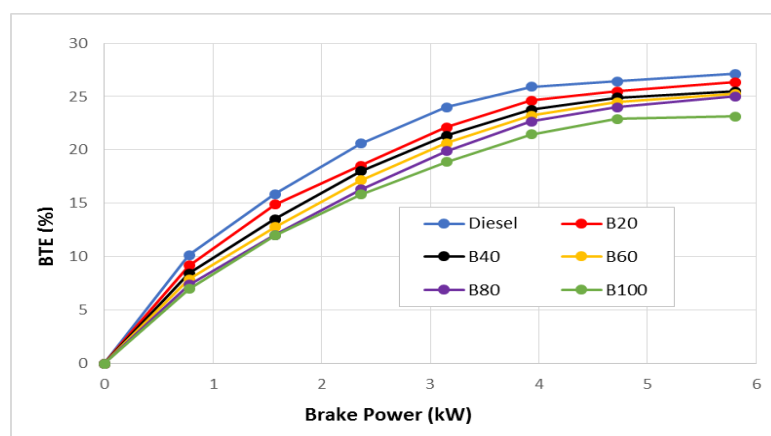
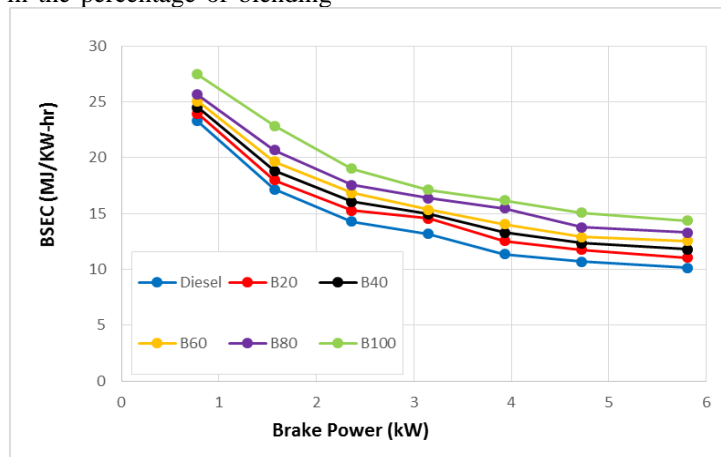


Figure 2. BTE for different blends

**Brake Specific Energy Consumption**

Brake Specific Energy Consumption (BSEC) is equal to the product of Brake Specific Fuel Consumption (BSFC) and Calorific Value (CV) of the fuel. It is one of the engine parameters for measuring the engine fuel consumption by energy thus it means that how efficiently energy from fuel is obtained. Figure 3. shows the variation in the Brake Specific Energy Consumption (BSEC) at the engine speed of 1500 rpm with respect to brake power. In general, the BSEC values of biodiesel fuels for all brake powers are marginally higher than that of diesel and are increased with a rise in the percentage of blending

[19-20]. The specific energy of the fuel depends on the properties of fuel including density, flash, fire point, calorific value, Cetane number and viscosity. For comparing the diesel with biodiesel, calorific value is less and having high viscosity and Cetane number in it. Hence it is led to increase the fuel consumption in biodiesel blends [21]. Specific energy depends on how much the heat energy is release from combustion in the engine cylinder. The BSECs of B20, B40, B60, B80 and B100 are 8.5%, 19.2%, 24.1%, 26.3%, and 29.6% higher than that of diesel with full load conditions.

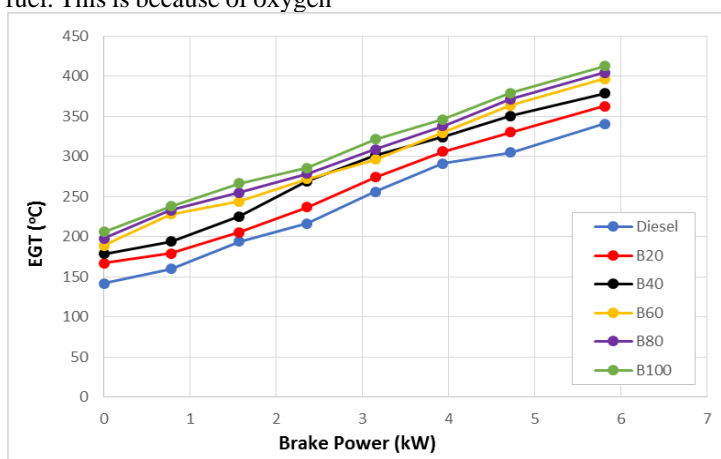


**Figure 3. BSEC for different blends**

**Exhaust Gas Temperature**

In the Figure 4. illustrates the Exhaust Gas Temperature (EGT) is varying with the brake power at the same time temperature of the exhaust gas is increases with the raise of brake power. All the combinations of percentage of biodiesel blends have more EGT than diesel fuel. This is because of oxygen

present in it, which develops the combustion process and leads to a higher exhaust gas temperature. The EGT of B20, B40, B60, B80 and B100 at a brake power of 5.81 kW (maximum load condition) is 6.5%, 10.3%, 14.8%, 15.8% and 17.6% higher than of a neat diesel fuel [22].



**Figure 4. EGT for different blends**

**In-cylinder Pressure**

The engine performance and exhaust emission can be analysed efficiently by means of In-cylinder pressure. The same data pressure may help to define the heat release rate of an engine cylinder during combustion process, which is based on the first law of thermodynamic. During the preliminary combustion

stage (premixed burning phase), the maximum In-cylinder pressure of a compression ignition engine depends upon on the fraction of fuel burnt in it. The obtained pressure in engine cylinder is having an ability to mix proper air-fuel. Figure 5. revealed the In-cylinder pressure for a different crank angle of engine specified for various biodiesel blends and

diesel fuel. The figure shows the significant data at 1500 rpm with the maximum load condition for simplicity. This illustrates that 69 bar at 10°CA ATDC was peak In-cylinder pressure obtained for diesel fuel. In addition to that diesel of 65.4 bar at 12°CA ATDC was the second highest pressure obtained in the B20 blend. Peak pressure of engine

decreases while using a high percentage of blend ratios. This may be caused by the lesser range of biodiesel cetane number. Less the cetane number means a more the ignition delay, taking longer time to vaporize the fuel before it start of the combustion process [23].

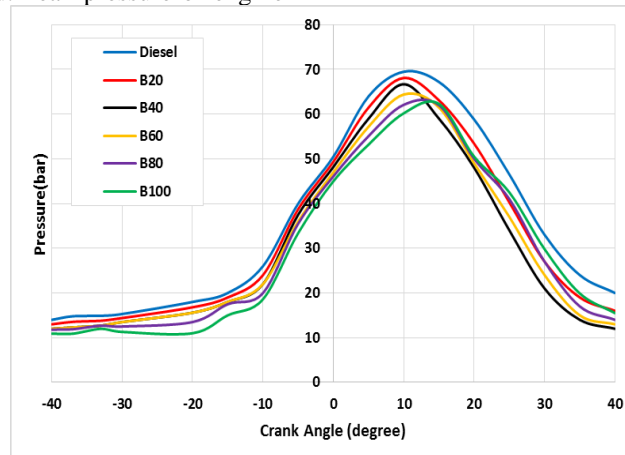


Figure 5. In-cylinder pressure for Different Blends

#### Heat Release

Figure 6. illustrates the deviation of the heat release (HR) of diesel and mahua oil biodiesel blend at maximum load relative to the crank angle. At the beginning of the combustion, a negative heat release (HR) was observed because of the delay in the vaporization of the fuel collected through the ignition delay. After the initiation of combustion began, this became positive. From this graph, it can be

understood that the maximum heat release was 10° CA BTDC for pure diesel and 12°CA BTDC for the B20 blend. It also shows that highest heat release obtained in the use of diesel (89Joule/°CA). And second highest was B20 blend (78Joule/°CA) compared to remaining blends of biodiesel fuel. In comparison to biodiesel blends, diesel fuel has better mixing properties with air and also heat release with highest volatility during combustion process [24].

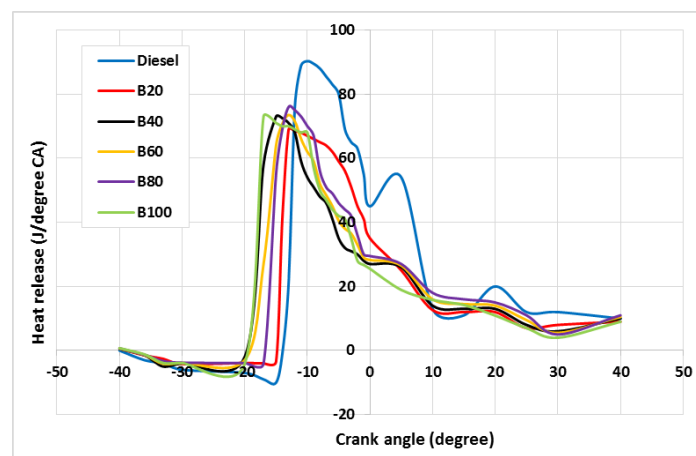


Figure 6. Heat Release for Different Blends Fuel

#### Ignition Delay

Actually in CI-engine combustion ignition delay was derived of two types. One is the physical delay and another one chemical delay [25]. The physical delay means the delay of mixing fuel and air during the combustion process due to a mechanical imbalance in the engine. The chemical delay means an occurrence in air/fuel mixture's pre-combustion effects. Engine ignition delay was reduced with increased brake power due to this the cylinder gas temperature of the

engine is increased and reduced the physical delay. Engine ignition delay variation from the brake power for all experimental tested fuels revealed in Figure 7. As per the graph due to the increasing blend ratio of a biodiesel, increased the ignition delay due to the biodiesel properties like Viscosity, density, cetane number etc. As similar to found in full load condition (break power of 5.81 kW), the B20 blend ignition delay is 2.1°CA longer than diesel fuel. Expect B20,

Remaining blending ratio are high ignition delay [26-28].

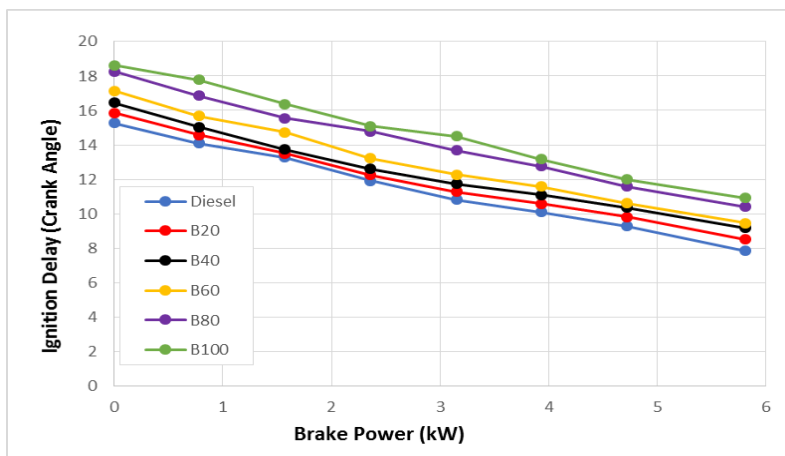


Figure 7. Ignition delay for different Biodiesel blends

**Unburned Hydrocarbon Emission**

Hydrocarbons (HC) are the result of incomplete combustion of a fuel. Figure 8.gives the clear idea of the hydrocarbon emissions with brake power for different blends of biofuel. For diesel fuel, the HC emission decreases with an increased in engine load as the combustion temperature is increased with a higher engine load [29]. For a blended biodiesel, HC emissions are lower than diesel emissions and

decrease with an increase in the biodiesel fuel. The graph shows that the HC emissions for B20, B40, B60, B80, and B100 are 15.4%, 26.7%, 28.72%, 32.2% and 42.1% is lower respectively when compared with diesel fuel at full load brake power. Fuel must properly atomize thoroughly mixed and ignite for efficient combustion. Atomization and fuel mixing are again depend upon on the fuel's physical properties.

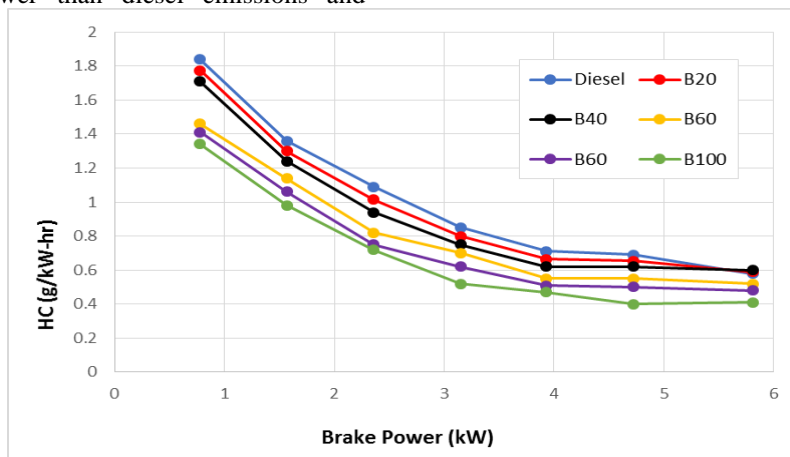


Figure 8. HC emission for Different Blends

**Carbon Monoxide Emission**

Figure 9.shows the variation in emissions of carbon monoxide (CO) from the brake power. At lower loads conditions, carbon monoxide emissions are higher than the maximum loads. This trend may be due to the presence of a rich combustible mixture with a maximum load. Like HC emissions, biodiesel emissions also have their mixtures lower than diesel fuel.CO emissions are maximum for pure diesel due

to poor spray characterization, resulting the insufficient combustion, which increases the formation of CO. B20, B40, B60, B80, and B100 produced 7.6%, 14.6%, 22.7%, 30.4%, and 35.4% less CO emissions than diesel at full load. The presence of oxygen in the fuel, which in turn helps to support combustion processes and reduces the CO emissions from diesel fuel [30].

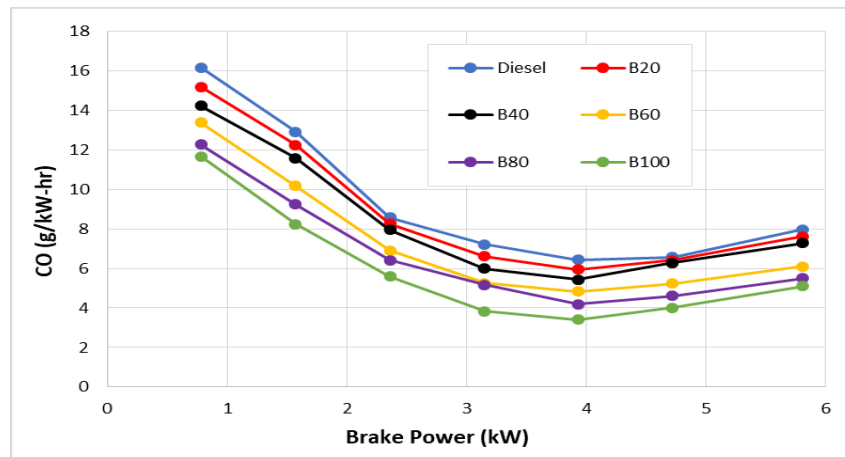


Figure 9. CO for Different Blends

**Oxides of Nitrogen Emission**

The Nitrous oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) of nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) and nitric oxide (NO) are in the exhaust gas emissions. The formation of NO<sub>x</sub> depends on the exhaust gas temperature, duration of the fuel reaction and the oxygen concentration in the fuel. Figure 10 gives the NO<sub>x</sub> formation decreases for the all tested fuels with increased brake power. At maximum load, however they decreased

considerably. NO<sub>x</sub> emissions for B20, B40, B60, B80, and B100 were 14.4%, 17.8%, 21.6%, 28.5% and 32.9% higher compared to full load diesel. Increased biodiesel ignition delay promotes premixed combustion by allowing more fuel to be injected before ignition and can also be an alternative cause for increased NO<sub>x</sub> levels. And also the reason for increased NO<sub>x</sub> is low heat release [30].

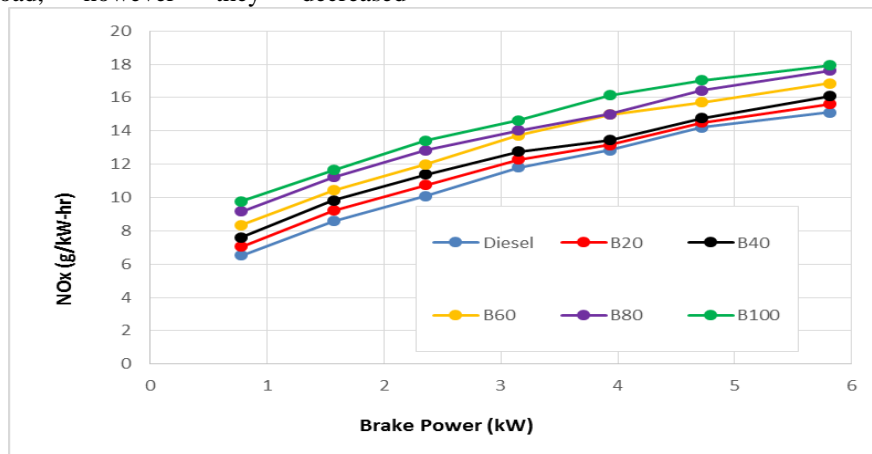


Figure 10 NO<sub>x</sub> for Different Blends

**Smoke Emissions**

Variations in the smoke emissions from different blended fuels during the test are shown in Figure 11. The engine smoke is a function of the engine load, when there is an increase in the load of the engine, it leads to increase in the smoke density. In this connection, the smoke density rises from 5.6 % to

10.3 % compared to diesel. The Figure 11 shows that the density of smoke value is increasing as the blending percentage of biodiesel increases, which is maximum than neat diesel. The maximum smoke density of neat biodiesel fuel is observed. The increase in smoke emissions results from the poor atomization of the biodiesel mixtures [29-30].

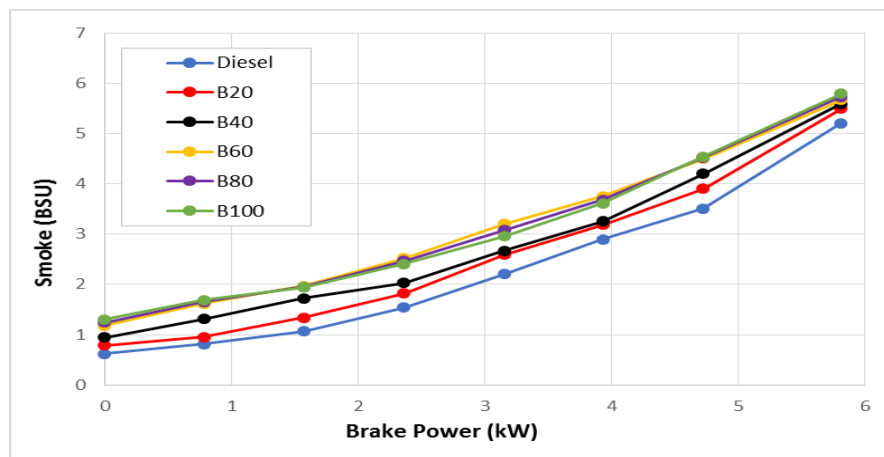


Figure 11. Smoke emission for Different Blends

### Conclusion

A keen explore from experimental investigations are discussed in this analysis part. As per this the Conventional diesel engine runs with diesel fuel and mahua oil biodiesel blends (B20, B40, B60, B80 and B100). The results are compared and analyzed through the performance, combustion and emission characteristics of engine. The best blend is B20 compared to other blends. Compared to diesel fuel, B20's BTE 2.59% less, BSEC is 8.9% more, EGT is 6.5% more, HC is 15.4% less, CO is 7.6% less, NO<sub>x</sub> is 14.4% high and smoke is between 5.6% to 10.3% more. The calorific value of B20 is better compared to other blends. This leads to enhance the thermal properties of the blend. B20 blend is decided as the optimal blend compared to diesel fuel.

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