



# Purification and Performance of Emission Characteristics on Two Stroke Petrol Engine using Bio-Gas as an Alternate Fuel

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## ABSTRACT

This project provides information about energy system by the use of bio gas... Biogas contains primarily CH<sub>4</sub> with the balance being mostly CO<sub>2</sub> and a small amount of trace components. Now a day's alternate fuel appears during possessions, by better understanding its components, biogas can be processed and utilized in a more efficient, cost-effective way because of reducing fuel cost, demand of fuel, and emission influence in global warming. The most important of this work is, to produce bio gas from organic waste and reduce the usage of petrol fuel. The increase in population leads to depletion of diesel fuel. Another reason is instead of disposing the organic waste in landfill, this can be converted into a useful product (bio-gas). The bio gas can be stored in a cylinder and be placed in a luggage side box of a vehicle. A regulator is fixed on the top of the cylinder. A hose tube from a vacuum kit which is placed beneath the seat is fixed to the cylinder, so that the gas can be passed to the carburetor. The needle of the carburetor is taken out and the gas would pass on the engine directly. The air filter is partially closed in the vehicle. On kicking the bio gas from the cylinder easily pass on from vacuum gas kit to engine. A spark plug which is above the engine is used to burn the biogas. In this manner, bio gas can be used run the vehicle. The pickup and efficiency is more comparing the existing system of the vehicle has not been reduced by using bio gas. A two Stroke Petrol engine is used for this project, 2 Kg Cylinder is used. It gives 110 kilo meter for one liter of bio gas. So that it can be used in the presented vehicle without any modification. So, the compression ratio of the engine is also high 15:1 Due to high compression ratio power developed by the engine is also high. By less consumption of the fuel, the power produced is more. Petrol produces more toxic gases like HC, CO etc...But we find that methane is less toxic, and emission is very less eco-friendly compare to petrol. It makes "GREEN EVOLUTION".

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## Introduction

Energy is a critical issue. We urgently need to develop strategies to use energy more efficiently and develop new, sustainable, renewable and alternative energy supplies. The term 'biogas' is commonly used to refer to a gas which has been produced by the biological breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen. The gases methane, hydrogen and carbon monoxide can be combusted or oxidized with oxygen and the resultant energy release allows biogas to be used as a fuel. It is primarily a mixture of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and inert carbonic gas (CO<sub>2</sub>). One of the main environmental problem is increasing the production of organic waste. Instead of disposing the waste into open atmosphere, energy recovery and recycling nutrients of organic matter is aimed. Production of biogas by anaerobic digestion of animal waste and organic waste into a renewable energy. The fossil resources of oil, gas and coal are available in limited level. Actually the biogas which is produced by the fermentation of animal dungs, human sewage or agricultural residues is rich in methane and has the same characteristics as the natural gas (anaerobic digestion). This alternate source should not produce pollution problem, as well as should not have bad smell, while running the engine. Also should not

create noise in the engine. Biogas not alone used in the engine. It is combined with diesel fuel (50%, 75%, 100%) at varying load condition. M.Kubaská\*, S.Sedláček, I.Bodík, B.Kissová in Bratislava at May 24 – 28, 2010 the presented contribution deals with laboratory testing of biodegradable municipal organic substrates for biogas production. The anaerobic fermentation and biogas production from biodegradable organic substrates such as expired wine, beer, bread, meat and dairy products, food oils and fats, were tested in the laboratory anaerobic models [1]. M.Saev, B.Koumanova, IV.Simeonov at 12 January 2009 Anaerobic co-digestion of wasted tomatoes (WT) and cattle dung (CD) was investigated in semi-continuous mode at mesophilic conditions [2]. Stefan MIHIC at Serbia in 2004 the problems of biogas use for powering internal combustion engines. Modification of internal combustion engines for tractors and light duty trucks is reviewed [3]. D.Deepa, T.Mythili at 2013 The main objective of this work is, to produce bio gas from organic waste and reduce the usage of diesel fuel. The increase in population leads to depletion of diesel fuel. Another reason is instead of disposing the organic waste in landfill, this can be converted into a useful product (bio-gas). So that it can be used in the existing engine without any

modification. The dual fuel engine is a combination of diesel and biogas. By varying the amount of biogas and varying load conditions the engine was tested. This fuel can be used in the engine without any modification [4]. Venkata Ramesh Mamilla, V. Gopinath, C.V. Subba Rao at 2008 this paper deals with the study and performance of 4-stroke petrol engine fueled with Bio gas /L.P.G blends. The various blends of L.P.G and Biogas are used and conducted the tests on 4-stroke, single cylinder, air cooled SI engine. The experimental results were analyzed for the selection of better blend of L.P.G and Biogas suitable for SI engine for better performance with reduced pollution [5]. The objectives of this study: (i) Evaluate the performance and variability an extensive monitoring of biogas composition (ii) Determine and assess the performance of biogas processing systems best suited for in these operations. (ii) Bio-gas is used as a fuel in four wheeled diesel engine carried out on petrol engine.

#### Experimental methodology

The specification of the vehicle shown in table.1 in this test is done to ensure the reliability of using biogas in a running vehicle. Vehicle is made to run with petrol and biogas change in mileage is found out.

**Table 1. Specification of the vehicle**

Name of vehicle	Two stroke petrol engine
Number of cylinder	1
Number of strokes	2
Fuel	Petrol
Oil	Used
Engine Displacement	98.20cc
Maximum Power	7.8 bhp @ 5500 rpm
Transmission	4-speed constant mesh
Front Brake & Rear Brake	130mm
Front Suspension	Telescopic oil damped
Rear Suspension	Swing arm and hydraulic absorber
Wheel Base	1217mm

The gas kit is shown in Fig.1. It is made up of Aluminum (Al). There are three gas tubes used. One tube is connected between regulator and gas kit. Another tube is connected between gas kit and carburetor. The third tube is connected between gas kit and vacuum.



**Fig 1. gas kit**

The gas cylinder is shown in fig.2. The gas Cylinder is made up of Iron. The capacity of cylinder is 2kg that means 3litre



**Fig 2. gas cylinder**

The carburetor connector is shown in fig3. The connection from petrol tank is closed off and then a tester is connected to the carburetor inlet connection for petrol. The vehicle is made to run with petrol and biogas the presence of biogas supply to carburetor. At the same time the distance covered in a specific consumption of petrol. It is observed that while the biogas generating unit active the distance covered for the specified amount of petrol is increased.



**Fig.3**

#### Properties of Biogas used as Fuel in S.I. Engines

Biogas contains 50% to 70% of  $\text{CH}_4$ , 5-10% of  $\text{H}_2$  and up to 30-40% of  $\text{CO}_2$ . Table-1 After being cleaned of carbon dioxide, this gas becomes a fairly homogeneous fuel containing up to 80% of methane with the calorific capacity of over  $25 \text{ MJ/m}^3$ . The most important component of biogas, from the calorific point of view, is methane. Table-2 The other components are not involved in combustion process, and rather absorb energy from combustion of  $\text{CH}_4$  as they leave the process at higher temperature than the one they had before the process.

**Table 1. Composition of biogas**

S.no	Components	Amount(%)
1	Methane( $\text{CH}_4$ )	50-70
2	Carbon Dioxide( $\text{CO}_2$ )	30-40
3	Hydrogen( $\text{H}_2$ )	5-10
4	Nitrogen( $\text{N}_2$ )	1-2
5	Water Vapour( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )	0.3
	Hydrogen Sulphide ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ )	Traces

#### Properties of Biogas for engine performance

The actual calorific value of biogas is a function of the  $\text{CH}_4$  percentage, the temperature and the absolute pressure, all of which differ from case to case. The actual calorific value of biogas is a vital parameter for the performance of an engine. The consumption of biogas in actual volume will differ from these data according to the actual conditions of biogas fed to the engine in terms of temperature, pressure and  $\text{CH}_4$  content.

#### Technical parameters of biogas

Technical parameters of biogas are very important because of their effect on the combustion process in an engine. Those properties are: -Ignitability of  $\text{CH}_4$  in mixture with air:  $\text{CH}_4$ : 5...15 Vol. %, Air: 95...85 Vol. % Mixtures with less than 5 Vol. % and

mixtures with more than 15 Vol. % of CH<sub>4</sub> are not properly ignitable with spark ignition. Combustion velocity in a mixture with air at  $p = 1$  bar:  $cc = 0.20$  m/s at 7% CH<sub>4</sub>,  $cc = 0.38$  m/s at 10% CH<sub>4</sub>. The combustion velocity is a function of the volume percentage of the burnable component, here CH<sub>4</sub>. The highest value of  $cc$  is near stoichiometric air/fuel ratio, mostly at an excess air ratio of 0.8 to 0.9. It increases drastically at higher temperatures and pressures. Temperature at which CH<sub>4</sub> ignites in a mixture with air  $T_i = 918K \dots 1023 K$  Compression ratio of an engine, at which temperatures reach values high enough for self-ignition in mixture with air (CO<sub>4</sub> content increases possible compression ratio)  $\epsilon = 15 \dots 20$  Methane number, which is a standard value to specify fuel's tendency to knocking (uneven combustion and pressure development between TDC and BDC). Methane and biogas are very stable against knocking and therefore can be used in engines of higher compression ratios than petrol engines. Stoichiometric air/fuel ratio on a mass basis at which the combustion of CH<sub>4</sub> with air is complete but without unutilized excess air.

**Table 2. Thermodynamic properties**

S.no	Thermodynamic properties of CH <sub>4</sub> at 273K and 101325Pa	
1	Specific heat (C <sub>p</sub> )	C <sub>p</sub> = 2.165 kJ/kgK
2	Molar mass (M)	M = 16.04 kg/kmol
3	Density ( $\rho$ )	$\rho = 0.72$ kg/m <sup>3</sup>
4	Individual gas constant R	R = 0.518 kJ/kgK
5	Lower calorific value H <sub>v</sub>	H <sub>v</sub> = 50000 kJ/kg,
		H <sub>v</sub> , n = 36000 kJ/m <sup>3</sup> n

#### Problemstouse Biogas in S.I. Engines

High CO<sub>2</sub> content reduces the power output, making it uneconomical as a transport fuel. It is possible to remove the CO<sub>2</sub> by washing the gas with water. The solution produced from washing out the CO<sub>2</sub> is acidic and needs careful disposal. H<sub>2</sub>S is acidic and if not removed can cause corrosion of engine parts within a matter of hours. It is easy to remove H<sub>2</sub>S, by passing the gas through iron oxide (Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-rusty nails area good source) or zinc oxide (ZnO). These materials can be re-generated on exposure to the air, although the smell of H<sub>2</sub>S is unpleasant. There is high residual moisture which can cause starting problems. The gas can vary in quality and pressure.

#### Fuels used in S.I. Engines & Limitations

There are so many fuels used in S.I. Engines, but they have certain physical and chemical properties. In other words, fuels used in S.I. Engine re-designed to satisfy performance requirements of engine system, in which they are used. The limitations of fuels that are used presently are as follows. Gasoline contains many impurities. It has high octane number. All petroleum fuels oxidize slowly in presence of air. The oxidation of unsaturated hydrocarbons result in formation of resinous materials called gum and reduces its lubricating quality and tends to form sludge and warmish on piston and rings. It has less knock resistance as well as energy per unit mass. It has less efficiency compared to other fuels. In alcohol, higher latent heat of vaporization reduced charge temperatures before combustion. Alcohols suffer disadvantages of water absorption, corrosive and lubricant incompatibility. In LPG, it reduces volumetric efficiency due to its high heat of vaporization. The road sensitivity is very high. It is very corrosive. Response to blending is very poor. It has higher cost of transportation. It has higher cost for conversion kit, installation of extensive. In electricity, they use in initially generated power stations that use fossil fuel or nuclear power. There are other problems too. The problem is with batteries in these vehicles. These batteries are quite heavy and life of these is also low. Cost of replacing these batteries is high.

#### Performance & function parameters

The performance of S.I engines in dual fuel mode has been found almost equal to the Performance of using diesel fuel alone as long as the calorific value of biogas is not too low. The inlet channel and manifold of petrol engine are dimensioned in such a way that at the maximum speed and power output of the engine sufficient air can be sucked in to obtain an air/gas fuel ratio, which is optimal for operation at this point. When the petrol fuel is reduced and an air/biogas mixture is sucked in instead of air alone, part of the air is replaced by biogas. With less air fed to the engine an excess air ratio necessarily maintained. This decrease is less significant than in modified petrol engines. For operation in medium and low speeds the air inlet is larger than necessary and allows a relatively larger amount of air/fuel mixture to be sucked in. Hence the power output will not be significantly lower than in bio-gas operation.

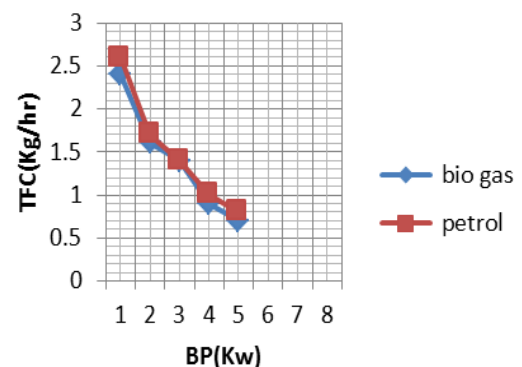
#### Exhaust emission

The exhaust emission contains three specific substances which contribute to air pollution, hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide & oxides of nitrogen. Hydrocarbons are the unburned fuel vapour coming out with the exhaust due to incomplete combustion. Hydrocarbon also occurring in crankcase by fuel evaporation. The emission of hydrocarbon is closely related to many design & operating factors like induction system, combustion chamber design, air fuel ratio, speed, load. Lean mixture lower hydrocarbon emission. Carbon monoxide occurs only in engine exhaust. It is the product of incomplete combustion due to insufficient amount of air in air-fuel mixture. Some amount of CO is always present in the exhaust even at lean mixture. When the throttle is closed to reduce air supply at the time of starting the vehicle, maximum amount of CO is produced. Oxides of nitrogen are the combination of nitric oxide & nitrogen oxide & availability of oxygen are the two main reasons for the formation of oxides of nitrogen. With biogas, CO emission levels are low than that of petrol and diesel engine.

#### Results And Discussions

Test. 1 [using test rig]

Experiment on two stroke petrol engine with bio gas and petrol. At first gear the torque produced is high so the fuel consumed will be higher as compared to other gears TFC vs. BP curve without bio gas lies above the curve with hydrogen. This indicates that fuel consumed in kg per hour is reduced when bio gas is mixed with petrol when rpm is held constant. From this graph it is clear that at constant fuel consumption the brake power is more when biogas is added also at constant brake power the fuel consumed is reduced.



**Fig. TFC Vs BP (rpm 105)**



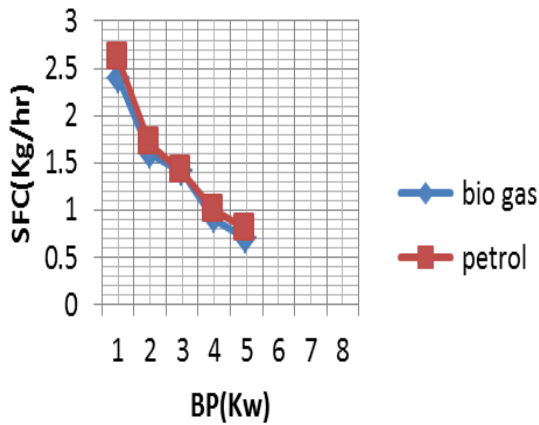


Fig.SFC Vs BP

TFC Vs. BP curve and SFC Vs BP with petrol lie above the curve with bio gas. This indicates that fuel consumed in kg per hour is reduced when bio gas and petrol rpm is held constant. From this graph it is clear that at constant fuel consumption the brake power is more when bio gas is added also at constant brake power the fuel consumed is reduced. This is because when bio gas burns more heat energy is produced. Specific fuel consumption is plotted vs. Brake power. At second gear the fuel consumed is lower than that consumed in first gear.

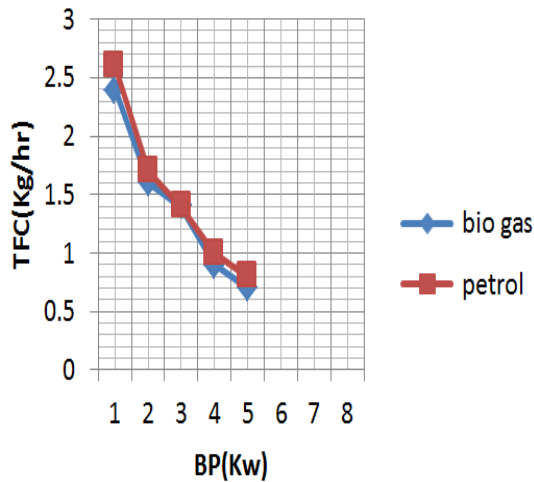


Fig.TFC Vs BP (rpm 190)

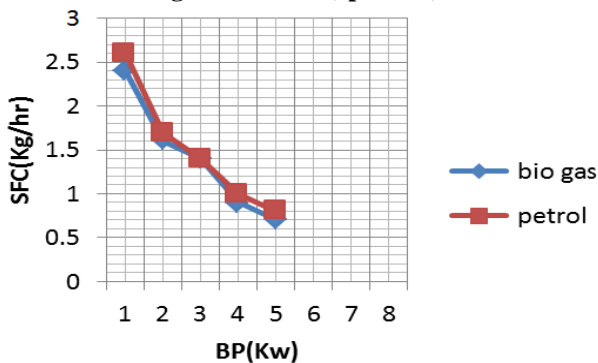


Fig.SFC Vs BP

At third gear fuel consumed is lower than that of first and second gear due to lower torque produced. This indicates that fuel consumed in kg per hour is reduced when bio gas and petrol rpm is held constant. From this graph it is clear that at constant fuel consumption the brake power is more when bio gas is added also at constant brake power the fuel consumed is reduced. This is because when bio gas burns more heat energy is produced. Specific fuel consumption is plotted vs. Brake power. At second

gear the fuel consumed is lower than that consumed in third gear.

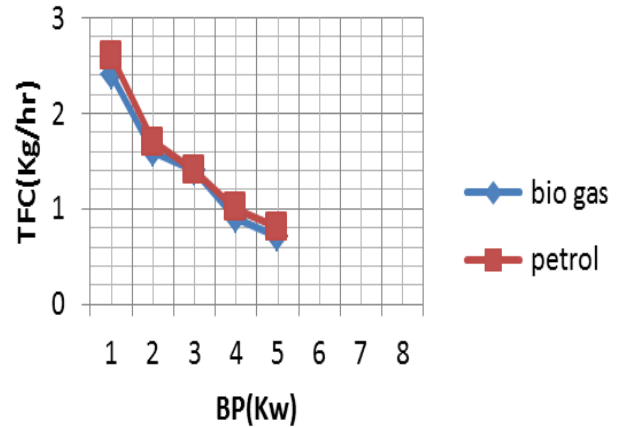


Fig.TFC Vs BP (rpm 250)

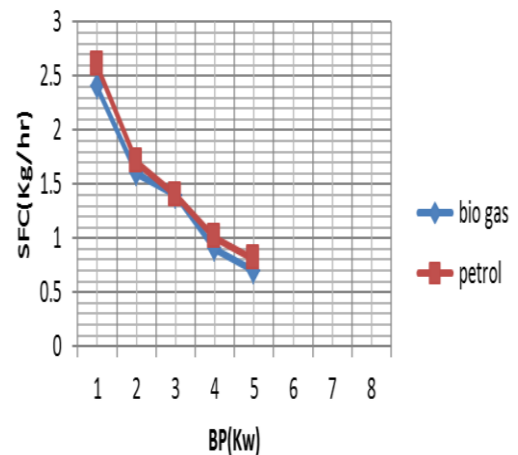


Fig.SFC Vs BP

TFC vs. BP curve with petrol lies above the curve with bio gas. This indicates that fuel consumed in kg per hour is reduced when biogas and petrol when rpm is held constant. From this graph it is clear that at constant fuel consumption the brake power is more when biogas is added also at constant brake power the fuel consumed is reduced. This is because when biogas burns more heat energy is produced. Specific fuel consumption is plotted vs. Brake power. From the above observations we observe that mileage of vehicle is increased in second case i.e. when vehicle is made to run with biogas mixture. We can observe that on an average the mileage of vehicle is increased by 11 km/liter of petrol.

### Conclusions

Biogas is a fuel with heat content nearly three times that of petrol engine. From our work we experimentally found out that the efficiency of an S.I engine can be rapidly increased by bio gas. We conducted two tests. Experiment with test rig and a road test with two wheeler. In both cases we observed reduction in fuel consumption. It is clear evidence that addition of biogas can results in increase in the power of the engine or increase in mileage. Moreover the various emissions normally produced from S.I engines can be reduced. Thus use of biogas in S.I engines as a fuel can be considered a huge leap in the field of automobile engineering. The study concludes the biogas production from organic wastes, its composition and properties for use In S.I.Engines. In this research study, Investigation of engine performance was found by operating on biogas in a two wheeler SI engine at constant speed and varying load condition were carried out. Different techniques for CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S

scrubbing are discussed, among which water scrubbing is a simple continuous and cost effective method for purification. Attention is also focused for making biogas as alternate fuel in petrol Engines and dual fueling is recommended to be the best one for biogas S.I operation. Drop of CO<sub>2</sub> in biogas for dual fueling increases the thermal efficiency. Therefore it is recommended to use biogas as alternate fuel in petrol engines. Fuel consumption was saved by 90% by using biogas at varying load condition. The study and analysis can be extended to the following levels. Next we are going to or its planned to implement biogas petrol engine in light duty and heavy duty petrol engine vehicles. It acts as a fuel (Biogas). It's going to be used in petrol engine as fuel with some composition. Afterwards it may be proposed to a government project through our institution. It's possible the filling station of bio fuel can be implemented by the use available resources of our intuitions. Exhaust gas analysis which includes variations in the quantities of the various combustion products including nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxides, sulfur dioxides etc. When biogas is employed the harmful emissions can be reduced.

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