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# Fueling the future: Emission characteristics and sustainability of high-octane gasoline biofuels derived from lignocellulosic biomass

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## ABSTRACT

The current study demonstrates a safe and effective approach for generating gasoline biofuels RON 98 and RON 92 using light straight-run naphtha, isomerate, and reformat as base components. These biofuels are based on isopropyl alcohol, which has strong anti-detonation qualities. The impact of isopropanol as a clean, renewable, sustainable, and environmentally beneficial additive on the gasoline pool was demonstrated by analyzing the physical and chemical characteristics of the generated blends. Commercial gasoline with a rating of 92 octane and gasoline biofuel with ratings of 98 and 92 octane were compared using the exhaust emissions properties, which include carbon monoxide (CO), unburned hydrocarbons (HC), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), nitrogen oxides (NOX), and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>). Engine speeds at which the analysis emissions were conducted were 1000, 1950, and 2650 rpm, respectively. The results of the experiment demonstrated an improvement in both the quantity and light naphtha grade. The findings reported that gasoline biofuels, particularly the 98 RON blend, reduced HC and CO emissions compared to commercial gasoline, with more significant improvements at higher engine speeds. Moreover, gasoline biofuel RON 98 showed superior fuel efficiency with the lowest specific fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across all engine speeds. The produced gasoline biofuel 98 RON demonstrated the lowest CO emissions, with a marked drop from 1.99 % at 1000 rpm to 0.65 % at 2650 rpm. Lastly, 98 RON gasoline biofuel exhibited the highest air velocity at higher engine speeds, indicating potential improvements in engine performance under those conditions. These results suggest that gasoline biofuel RON 98 could be a cleaner and more efficient alternative to traditional gasoline, particularly in high-performance engine applications.

## 1. Introduction

Issues about energy and air pollution have received a lot of attention throughout the years, particularly from the automotive industry due to its significant energy consumption from fossil fuels and emissions [1], [2]. The increasing use of internal combustion engines has led to greater environmental concerns due to their emission of harmful exhaust pollutants [3]. People began to rely more on private cars for mobility as a result of their improved quality of living and diminished interest in

public transportation, which caused an increase in the number of gasoline-powered cars [4],[5]. As a result, the environment is starting to suffer. Governments have lately established strict emission rules and pushed researchers to hunt for renewable fuel sources[6]. This is due to the rising consequences of global warming and the ensuing harm to human health[7]. Globally, the development of biofuels has been propelled by petroleum fuel resources and the escalating ecological problems[8],[9]. Moreover, Flex-fuel engines that run on a variety of regional or seasonal biofuels are desperately needed for sustainable

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future mobility and power-generating applications[10]. Alcohols have been the subject of substantial research as alternative engine fuels among various biofuels due to their great potential for enhancing the efficiency of engines and lowering emissions from exhaust pollutants [11],[12].

Many alcohols can be mixed straight with gasoline obtained from petroleum; however, fuels with three or four carbon atoms, such as methanol[13] and ethanol[2], still have the advantageous ability to suppress combustion[14]. According to the US Department of Energy's Co-Optima project, isoalcohols and alcohols show promise based on a tiered screening technique. Because isoalcohol/gasoline blends have fewer reactive combustion intermediates and more effective radical scavenging than blends with their linear equivalents, they offer higher knock resistance[15].

Spark ignition engines have long utilized gasoline blends with alcohols; in fact, the use of alcohol with hydrocarbons has been studied since the early 1970s [16]. This is because of the enormous global requirement for hydrocarbons, which propels the world's exploitation of crude oil [17]. One of the main harmful air pollutants that endangers people is gasoline, which contains tetraethyl lead in addition to raising the octane rating. Given that alternative fuel technologies are now being tested in controlled environments, the quest to create an environment that is both pollution-free and energy-efficient is still ongoing[18]. Automotive gasoline is the finished product that is often given to the consumer at a gas station via the fuel pump. All blendstocks are included in motor gasoline, which is fully blended [19]. One of the blendstocks is isopropyl alcohol. Isopropanol is a colorless liquid that catches fire with a potent smell[20],[21]. This material yields several industrial and home compounds and is used in many industries. The first commercially available synthetic alcohol was isopropanol. Higher-order alcohols, like isopropanol, have drawn more interest lately due to their high calorific value and octane ratings.

Additionally, it is a crucial component of other compounds, including preservatives, disinfectants, and detergents. Acetone is often manufactured by hydrogenation, direct hydration, and indirect hydration [22]. Isopropyl alcohol is the most widely used and well-liked disinfectant in hospitals, clean rooms, pharmaceuticals, and medical device manufacturing [23],[24]. Isopropyl alcohol can mix with ether, water, ethanol, and chloroform[25],[26]. It dissolves various oils, alkaloids, gums, natural resins, ethyl cellulose, and polyvinyl butyral[27]. By including salt, like sodium chloride, isopropanol can be isolated from water-based solutions, unlike ethanol or methanol, which are miscible with salt solutions. Concentrated isopropyl alcohol separates into separate layers as a result of the procedure, known as "salting out." When diluted with 60 % to 90 % alcohol and 10 % to 40 % filtered water, isopropyl alcohol acts as a potent antibacterial agent against bacteria, viruses, and fungi. Table 1 summarizes these additives' key fuel properties and performance aspects.

Fig.1 illustrates the global isopropanol market trends and its forecast (2023-2029), regional analysis in 2022, and application segment overview. The market for isopropanol is projected to expand at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 8.2%, from US\$ 28.17 billion in 2022 to US\$ 48.91 billion by 2029. This notable increase suggests that during the projection period, demand for isopropyl alcohol would rise across a number of industries. This statistic highlights the market's substantial growth potential due to its many uses, rising industrial demand, and the contributions of major international competitors. The cleaning agent and process solvent segments are anticipated to dominate its applications, while the Asia Pacific and North American regions seem to be driving market demand [38].

Only a limited number of experimental measurements have been conducted to determine the impact and advantages of C3 alcohols in SI engines. Isopropanol-n-butanol-ethanol (IBE) was combined with petrol by Li et al. [39] and conducted testing in SI engines with port fuel injection. Furthermore, IBE was mixed in different volumes (0–60 %). IBE30 performed better concerning emission properties and the

**Table 1**

Properties of gasoline fuel additives and performance aspects.

| Properties                                | Gasoline<br>[28,29] | Ethanol<br>[28,30,<br>31] | Methanol<br>[32,33,<br>34] | n-<br>butanol<br>[35,36] | Isopropanol<br>[37,36] |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| RON                                       | 92                  | 108                       | 112                        | 92                       | 118                    |
| Latent heat at<br>298 K, (kJ/kg)          | 380–500             | 904                       | 1170                       | 582                      | 758                    |
| MON                                       | 78.2                | 90                        | 91                         | 85                       | 99                     |
| Heat of<br>evaporation at<br>25°C (kJ/kg) | 351                 | 919.6                     | 1089                       | 707.9                    | 756.6                  |
| Oxygen content,<br>wt %                   | 0                   | 34.8                      | 50                         | 21.6                     | 26.6                   |
| Stoichiometric<br>air–fuel ratio<br>(AFR) | 14.7                | 9.0                       | 6.43                       | 11.2                     | 10.4                   |
| Density at 298 K<br>(kg/m <sup>3</sup> )  | 715–765             | 795                       | 798                        | 813                      | 786                    |
| Auto-ignition<br>temperature<br>(°C)      | 228–470             | 420                       | 465                        | 343                      | 399                    |
| Flash point, °C                           | –45                 | 17                        | 12                         | 36                       | 11.67                  |
| Carbon content,<br>wt%                    | 86                  | 52.14                     | 38                         | 65                       | 59.96                  |
| Boiling<br>temperature<br>(°C)            | 38–204              | 78                        | 65                         | 118                      | 84                     |
| Hydrogen<br>content, wt%                  | 14                  | 13.13                     | 12                         | 13.60                    | 13.42                  |
| Lower heating<br>value (LHV)<br>(MJ/kg)   | 43.4                | 26.8                      | 20.1                       | 33.1                     | 30.4                   |
| Laminar flame<br>speed (cm/s)             | 33–44               | 48                        | 48                         | 48                       | 45                     |

efficiency of the engines, according to the experimental results. Compared to gasoline, IBE30 demonstrated increased thermal efficiency and decreased emissions of CO and NOx. Besides, Wang et al. [40] used isopropyl alcohol and isobutyl alcohol as gasoline additives in automobile gasoline and their measurement of the critical temperature and pressure. Except for the isobutanol + n-hexane system, the results indicated that the inclusion of isopropyl alcohol and isobutyl alcohol in the petrol constituents examined in the current work had a beneficial influence on the decline of the critical temperature and the increase of the necessary pressure. In an experiment, Dhamodharan et al. [41] blended gasoline and di-isopropyl ether in volumetric ratios of 30, 20, and 10 % to evaluate the engine's efficiency, emissions, and burning properties. Experiments were conducted in a four-cylinder MPFI system at 2800 rpm and 1400 rpm under two load conditions of 20 Nm and 25 Nm. Compared to gasoline, the addition of alcohol increased the cylinder pressure, heat release rate, and brake thermal efficiency. Along with a minor increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, there were also fewer HC and CO emissions. Additionally, Goldsborough et al. [42] utilized isopropyl and isobutyl alcohols to examine the autoignition characteristics by experimental and mathematical models. It is discovered that while major ignition periods are prolonged at low temperatures, iso-alcohols reduce first-stage reactivity and the accompanying heat release.

For this experiment, blends with gasoline offer sufficient control over fuel attribute fluctuation, so neat biofuels were not recommended [43]. For example, depending on the engine load requirement, the higher calorific value of gasoline may offset the smaller calorific value of these biofuels [44]. For the C1–C4 alcohol family combinations, the effect of alcohol-carbon chain length on engine burning was investigated [45]. The current work examined isopropanol because, in comparison to other propanol isomers, due to its branching structure, it has an increased octane number, which helps with upper load limit extension during engine operation.

Higher RON fuels are often better for engines built for higher compression ratios or advanced ignition timing. By enabling more

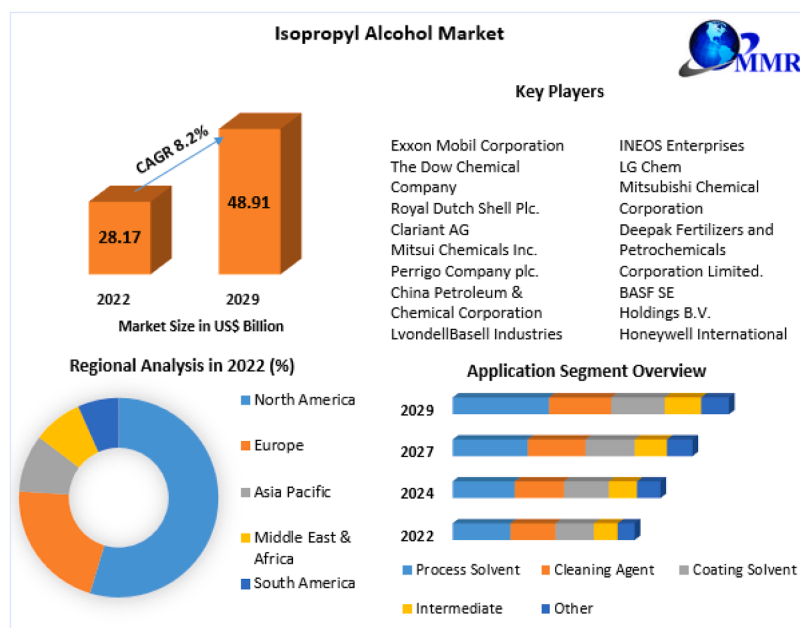


Fig. 1. Global isopropanol market trends and its forecast (2023-2029), regional analysis in 2022, and application segment overview[38].

thorough and effective combustion, the enhanced knock resistance reduces emissions of carbon monoxide (CO) and unburned hydrocarbons (UHCs) compared to lower RON fuels[46]. Higher RON fuels allow for more accurate control over the combustion process by withstanding higher pressures and temperatures without pre-ignition. The use of higher RON fuels in high-performance engines leads to cleaner exhaust emissions because of improved combustion stability. On the other hand, in high-performance engines, lower RON fuels are more likely to knock due to their lower octane content, which may result in incomplete combustion. Engines running on lower RON fuels may therefore emit more CO and HC, particularly when they are under high load. However, because ordinary or low-compression engines do not completely benefit from higher-octane fuels, the emissions variations between higher and lower RON fuels are frequently less noticeable [47].

The motivation behind this research lies in the urgent global demand for renewable energy solutions that not only reduce reliance on fossil fuels but also mitigate the environmental impacts of traditional gasoline. Therefore, the present work aims to address the growing need for cleaner and more sustainable fuel alternatives by focusing on the clean production of gasoline biofuel with high octane rating, particularly RON 98 and RON 92, based on isopropyl alcohol with high anti-detonation properties, with petroleum-based gasoline components, involving light straight-run naphtha, isomerate, and reformate. Furthermore, the physical and chemical characterizations of the produced blends were examined to illustrate the influence of isopropanol as a sustainable, clean, renewable, and eco-additive. The emissions analysis, including CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and unburned hydrocarbons, was studied to make the comparison between commercial gasoline RON 92 as standard gasoline with gasoline biofuel RON 98 and gasoline biofuel RON 92. The emissions analysis was conducted at engine speeds of 1000, 1950, and 2650 rpm, respectively. Specific fuel consumption for the produced gasoline biofuel was studied. The study also investigates the specific fuel consumption of the produced gasoline biofuels, which is critical for understanding their efficiency and potential for widespread adoption. The findings from this work aim to contribute to the development of cleaner, more efficient biofuels that can be seamlessly integrated into existing fuel infrastructures, thereby offering a viable solution for reducing automotive emissions and promoting the use of renewable energy in the transportation sector.

## 2. Experimental campaign

The experimental setup used to measure the mechanical, chemical, environmental, and physical parameters is described in this section for generating gasoline biofuel with a rating of 98 and 92 octane based on isopropanol as oxygenated gasoline with refinery gasoline fractions, such as light straight-run naphtha.

### 2.1. Materials

Two gasoline blendstocks were prepared to produce gasoline biofuel RON 98 and gasoline biofuel RON 92 using bio-isopropyl alcohol from the gasification of lignocellulosic biomass, light straight run naphtha from the distillation of crude oil, isomerate from the isomerization

Table 2

Characteristics of isopropyl alcohol as a renewable and sustainable gasoline additive.

| Parameter name                                   | Value                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Appearance                                       | Colorless with a powerful odor                                                                |
| Research octane number                           | 117                                                                                           |
| Motor octane number                              | 98                                                                                            |
| The degree of cleanliness                        | 99.9 %                                                                                        |
| Fuel density at 15 °C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>         | 786 kg/m <sup>3</sup>                                                                         |
| Specific heat, liquid at 20 °C, J/(kg. K)        | 2510.4                                                                                        |
| Latent heat of vaporization at 101.3 kPa, kJ/mol | 39.8                                                                                          |
| Molecular weight                                 | 60.10                                                                                         |
| Reid vapor pressure, kPa                         | 14.6 kPa                                                                                      |
| Boiling point at first (IBP), °C                 | 80.5 °C                                                                                       |
| Ultimate boiling point (FBP), °C                 | 82.5 °C                                                                                       |
| Freezing point, °C                               | -88.5 °C                                                                                      |
| Heat of combustion at 25 °C, kJ/mol              | 2005.8                                                                                        |
| Autoignition temperature, °C                     | 399 °C                                                                                        |
| Toxicology                                       | May cause headache, coma, and anesthesia                                                      |
| Flash point, oC                                  | 11.7 oC                                                                                       |
| Solubility                                       | Soluble in water, ether, benzene, acetone, and ethanol, as well as insoluble in salt solution |
| Another name                                     | Propan-2-ol, Rubbing alcohol, isopropanol, 2-propanol                                         |

process for crude oil, and reformat from the catalytic reforming process of heavy straight run naphtha. Table 2 shows the characteristics of isopropyl alcohol as a renewable and sustainable gasoline additive. Moreover, Table 3 presents the characteristics of light straight-run naphtha, reformat, and isomerate as petroleum-based gasoline fractions.

There is a lot of attention being paid to biofuels as a renewable and sustainable energy source. Isopropanol, a biofuel that belongs to the higher alcohol class (alcohols with three carbon atoms), has the potential to replace gasoline due to its superior stability, better miscibility, lower corrosivity, greater energy density, and reduced hygroscopicity in comparison with ethanol[48]. In the last ten years, numerous studies have documented effective methods for converting biomass to make these two alcohols, including metabolic engineering and synthetic biology. Fig. 2 depicts the schematic diagram of producing isopropanol as a renewable and sustainable gasoline additive. In the long run, it is anticipated that the development of less expensive feedstocks and cutting-edge technologies will make the generation of these renewable and ecologically benign bioalcohols economically viable, even though it is still necessary to overcome technical obstacles to decrease costs for generation on an industrial scale. However, because isopropyl alcohol has a higher vaporization enthalpy than gasoline, using it directly as fuel during the winter might provide difficulties for engines starting cold. Here, mixing gasoline with isopropanol could be a desirable way to enhance the fuel's qualities. According to recent studies, these mixtures may help improve engine thermal efficiency while lowering emissions of CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, and unburned hydrocarbons[18].

## 2.2. Methods

The work examined physical, chemical, mechanical, and ecological characteristics, including MON, gasoline octane sensitivity (S), and RON. Furthermore, emissions analysis involved CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and unburned hydrocarbons to evaluate the ecological influence. Besides, key petrol fuel characteristics, like benzene proportion, sulfur proportion, fuel density, vapor pressure, isopropyl alcohol proportion, aromatics content, petrol oxidation stability, and olefins concentration were also assessed. Additionally, parameters such as water inlet radiator temperature, air velocity, the corrosiveness of gasoline during the storage, existing gum, initial boiling point, final boiling point, residual in the flask during the distillation, and specific fuel consumption were examined. Fig. 3 exhibits the schematic presentation and appearance of the engine test. An engine with four strokes, four cylinders, water cooling, combined injection spark ignition, isopropanol/gasoline dual fuel, and natural aspiration was used for the experimental investigation. Table 4 summarizes the engine specification utilized for experimentation. The engine speeds when it was running were 1000, 1950, and 2650 rpm, respectively, with no load.

**Table 3**

Characteristics of light straight run naphtha, reformat, and isomerate as petroleum-based gasoline fractions.

| Factor                   | Light naphtha | Reformat | Isomerate |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| Specific gravity         | 0.6699        | 0.8287   | 0.6613    |
| Reid Vapor Pressure, kPa | 85.6          | 15.4     | 92        |
| I.B.P, °C                | 32            | 73       | 33        |
| 10 % Distilled, °C       | 44            | 106      | 41        |
| 50 % Distilled, °C       | 53            | 130      | 47        |
| 90 % Distilled, °C       | 67            | 170      | 66        |
| F.B.P, °C                | 72            | 217      | 93        |
| Total Sulfur, PPM        | 0.23          | 0.37     | 0.2       |
| RON                      | 66            | 100.1    | 87        |
| MON                      | 62            | 83.5     | 83.9      |
| Paraffin, vol% %         | 85.64         | 22.74    | 86.16     |
| Olefins, vol% %          | 00.00         | 00.45    | 00.00     |
| Naphthenes, vol% %       | 11.45         | 02.43    | 13.83     |
| Aromatic, vol% %         | 02.91         | 74.38    | 00.01     |

A multi-component gas analyzer system that can detect important pollutants like CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, HC, NO<sub>x</sub>, and O<sub>2</sub> was used to assess gasoline exhaust emissions precisely. A Non-Dispersive Infrared (NDIR) analyzer, which measures how much infrared light is absorbed by gas molecules, was used to test the levels of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide. A Flame Ionization Detector (FID), which ionizes hydrocarbon molecules in a hydrogen flame and monitors the resulting ion current, was used to quantify hydrocarbons. Using a chemiluminescence detector, which produces excited NO<sub>2</sub> molecules that emit light proportionate to concentration when NO interacts with ozone, nitrogen oxides were examined. A paramagnetic analyzer based on the magnetic susceptibility of O<sub>2</sub> molecules was used to measure the oxygen concentration. To guarantee accuracy and consistency, all equipment was calibrated using approved calibration gases before testing. In order to avoid condensation and guarantee accurate identification of every species, the exhaust sample was supplied via hot pipes. The integrated system made it possible to collect data in real time and offered precise, ongoing emission level monitoring across a range of engine operating circumstances.

Additionally, Table 5 clarifies the technical specification of the gas analyzer utilized for experimentation.

## 2.3. Uncertainty Analysis

Uncertainty and error are inherent aspects of any experimental work and can lead to deviations from accurate measurements. In this study, most of the observed errors stem from the inherent limitations of the measuring instruments and tools used. Additionally, the use of different brands of equipment contributed to variations in the results. The current uncertainties associated with the measuring devices are summarized in Table 6.

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. Physical and chemical characteristics

Because of their low sooting tendencies, oxygenated fuels have garnered attention as potential blending agents when combined with fossil fuels. Ethers, esters, alcohols, and other compounds are examples of oxygenated fuels[49]. Improved fuel efficiency, decreased emissions, decreased reliance on fossil fuels, and increased engine performance are just a few advantages of blending such oxygenates, like isopropanol, with gasoline[1],[50]. The available gasoline components should be investigated to generate gasoline of high quality with good environmental properties, in terms of preparing the optimum gasoline blend. In this regard, the authors have investigated the available gasoline components and found that the utilization of isopropanol, isomerate, reformat, and light straight-run naphtha will be potential within the production of gasoline biofuel.

Therefore, the authors made many types of gasoline biofuel blends to choose the optimal gasoline samples. Besides, Table 7 provides the composition of the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. To estimate the quality of those optimal gasoline blends, the physical and chemical gasoline properties should be investigated. The physical and chemical properties contained RON, fuel density, octane sensitivity (S), vapor pressure, isopropyl alcohol proportion, petrol oxidation stability, olefins concentration, aromatics content, benzene proportion, sulfur proportion, the corrosiveness of gasoline during the storage, existent gum, boiling point at first, ultimate boiling point, residual in the flask during the distillation, and lead content. Table 8 displays the gasoline characteristics of marketable gasoline RON 92 and gasoline-isopropyl alcohol blends the gasoline characteristics of marketable gasoline RON 92 and generated gasoline-isopropyl alcohol blends.

One of the gasoline anti-knock quality indices, petrol octane sensitivity (S), is essential to the efficient design of next-generation spark ignition (SI) gasoline engines. The concept of the sensitivity to octane

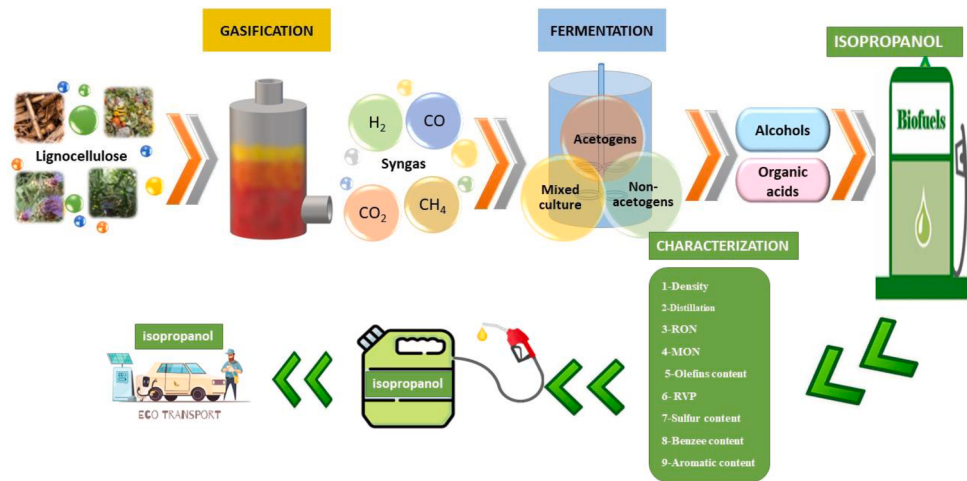


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of producing isopropanol as a renewable and sustainable gasoline additive.

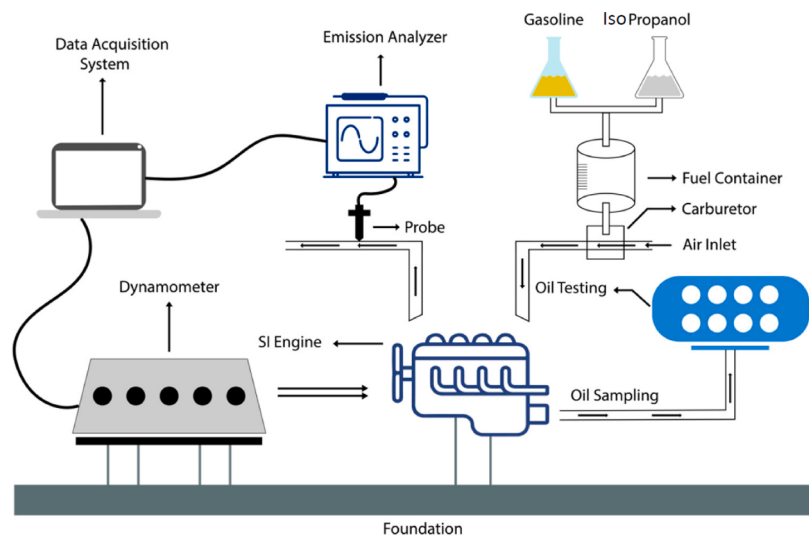


Fig. 3. Schematic presentation and appearance of the engine test.

**Table 4**  
The engine specification was utilized for experimentation.

| Type                | Gasoline                    |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bore/ Stroke        | 71.5 mm/83.5 mm             |
| Number of cylinders | 4                           |
| Compression ratio   | 9.5                         |
| Ignition time       | 9° ± BTDC                   |
| Max Torque          | 116.7 N.m at 3000 rpm       |
| Maximum power       | 61.7 kW at 5500 rpm         |
| Injection Fuel      | Multi-Point Injection (MPI) |

**Table 5**  
Technical specification of the gas analyzer utilized for experimentation.

| Empty Cell                | Measuring range | Accuracy |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| CO <sub>2</sub> , vol%    | 0–10            | 0.04     |
| CO, vol%                  | 0–20            | 0.1      |
| O <sub>2</sub> , vol%     | 0–25            | 0.4      |
| Unburned hydrocarbon, ppm | 0–10,000        | 20       |
| NO <sub>x</sub> , ppm     | 0–5,000         | 1 %      |

**Table 6**  
Existing uncertainty levels of the testing equipment.

| Component                          | Number | Uncertainty                                                    |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Optical sensor                     | 1      | ±100 rpm                                                       |
| Carbon monoxide (CO)               | 1      | ±0.1 %                                                         |
| Unburned hydrocarbon (HC)          | 1      | ±10 ppm                                                        |
| Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )           | 1      | ±1 % of reading                                                |
| Ambient temperature                | 2      | ±1 °C                                                          |
| Nitrogen oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> ) | 1      | ±10 ppm                                                        |
| Exhaust flow rate                  | 1      | ±1.5 % of full scale                                           |
| load cell                          | 1      | Accuracy tolerance of ±0.025 % of the load cell's rated output |
| Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )  | 1      | ±0.1 %                                                         |

has been presented; it is the distinction between RON and MON. But in addition to octane sensitivity and RON, other fuel-specific characteristics are also crucial for determining knock tendency, which can lead to a departure from the expected octane index. When higher pressure/temperature operation is anticipated, it has been observed that great S petrol fuels have superior anti-detonation in comparison with other fuels with identical RON and smaller S. Fig. 4 depicts the octane sensitivity for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98

**Table 7**

Composition of the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

| Component            | 92 RON marketable gasoline | 92 RON gasoline biofuel | 98 RON gasoline biofuel |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Light naphtha (LSRN) | 0                          | 30.00                   | 17.00                   |
| Reformate (R)        | 40                         | 35.00                   | 45.00                   |
| Isomerase (I)        | 60                         | 15.00                   | 10.00                   |
| Isopropanol (IP)     | 0                          | 20.00                   | 28.00                   |
| Total                | 100                        | 100                     | 100                     |

**Table 8**

Fuel properties of commercial gasoline RON 92 and produced gasoline-isopropyl alcohol blends.

| Parameter                                         | 92 RON marketable gasoline | 92 RON gasoline biofuel | 98 RON gasoline biofuel |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Appearance                                        | Visual                     | Visual                  | Visual                  |
| RON                                               | 92                         | 92                      | 98                      |
| MON                                               | 84                         | 80.2                    | 84.2                    |
| Anti-Knock index (AKI)= (RON+MON)/2               | 88                         | 86.1                    | 91.1                    |
| S= RON-MON                                        | 8                          | 11.8                    | 13.8                    |
| Vapor pressure, RVP, kPa                          | 51                         | 47.2                    | 34                      |
| Fuel density@15 °C, kg/m <sup>3</sup>             | 745.2                      | 746.88                  | 772.52                  |
| Isopropyl alcohol, vol %                          | 0                          | 20                      | 28                      |
| Petrol oxidation Stability                        | >480                       | >480                    | >480                    |
| Olefins, vol %                                    | 0.8                        | 0.2                     | 0.2                     |
| Aromatics, vol %                                  | 37.8                       | 26.2                    | 33.1                    |
| Benzene, vol %                                    | 0.9                        | 0.1                     | 0.1                     |
| Sulfur proportion, ppm                            | 2.1                        | 0.2                     | 0.2                     |
| The propensity of gasoline to corrode when stored | Category 1                 | Category 1              | Category 1              |
| Existent gum, mg per 100 cm <sup>3</sup>          | 1                          | No gum                  | No gum                  |
| Boiling point at first (IBP), °C                  | 53                         | 55                      | 61                      |
| Ultimate boiling point (FBP), °C                  | 183                        | 128                     | 142.3                   |
| Residual in flask during the distillation, %      | 0.8                        | 0.7                     | 0.6                     |
| Lead content                                      | 0.01                       | 0.002                   | 0.001                   |

RON gasoline biofuel. The experimental results reported that S for produced gasoline mixtures can be ranked as the series of 98 RON gasoline biofuel > 92 RON gasoline biofuel > 92 RON marketable gasoline. It was noted that the octane sensitivity for gasoline biofuel RON 98 was the highest one because it had RON of 98 and MON of 84.7, and the difference between them was 13.8. The values of the octane sensitivity for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel were 8, 11.8, and 13.8, respectively. It may be inferred that the great amount of isopropanol in the gasoline pool helps us to increase the octane sensitivity. Spark timing advance is made possible by increased gasoline octane, which also increases torque output and engine efficiency. Higher anti-knock grade gasoline can also be used to construct engines with higher compression ratios.

The degree of corrosion in gasoline is revealed by the copper corrosion test. Products made using gasoline do not experience copper corrosion in "Class 1" (1a or 1b). Because gasoline has a higher corrosion resistance than copper, a larger that one copper corrosion is not acceptable. This is typically because sulfur compounds are present in gasoline. The results reported that the corrosiveness of gasoline during storage for commercial and produced gasoline was "Class 1".

Because of environmental restrictions, the amount of benzene, olefins, and aromatics in the gasoline pool is strictly regulated. Benzene is limited to less than 1% of gasoline, olefins to less than 18%, and aromatics to less than 35%, according to the European regulations for good

gasoline standards. The results indicated that the percentages of aromatics for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel were 37.8 %, 26.2%, and 33.1%, volumetrically, respectively. It can be noted that the commercial gasoline RON 92 contained a high aromatic content due to its constituent of reformat of 60 vol%. It's known that reformat, as a gasoline component, contains a high amount of aromatics. The findings reported that the aromatic content for produced gasoline blends can be ranked as the series of 92 RON marketable gasoline > 98 RON gasoline biofuel > 92 RON gasoline biofuel. The benzene content for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 0.9, 0.1, and 0.1, respectively. The experimental results proved that both commercial and produced gasoline were in the range of the European regulations for benzene content, which stated that the percentage of benzene should be less than 1 % volumetrically. In reference to the presence of olefins in the gasoline pool, the volumetric content of olefins in both manufactured and commercial gasoline was less than 18 percent. The olefin content for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 0.8, 0.2, and 0.2, respectively.

Certain kinds of hydrocarbons found in gasoline products—olefins and diolefins in particular—can slowly react with airborne oxygen during storage at room temperature[51]. Gums form because of the oxidation products that are produced[52]. The weight of residue left over after a standard volume of fuel is carefully evaporated is known as the "existent gum value," which represents the gum that is truly present in the fuel. As a precaution against storage instability, the accelerated gum test (ASTM D873, IP 138) forecasts the likelihood of gum formation during storage and the antiknock additive's breakdown. The experimental results showed that there was no existing gum in the two produced samples of gasoline biofuel RON 98 and RON 92, while the existing gum in the commercial gasoline RON 92 was 1. To determine whether gum formation could occur in the gasoline product, the oxidation stability of gasoline is tested in a lab. For a set amount of time, the gasoline sample is evaluated in an atmosphere with only oxygen.

The experimental results stated that the resistance of petrol to oxidation, concerning the induction period, was more than 480 min. The volatility of gasoline fuel affects how quickly it evaporates in the cylinder and intake channel. A good air-fuel mixture may form when the fuel volatility is low, but when the fuel volatility is great, vapor bubbles could potentially develop in the suction channel and obstruct the fuel flow when the local temperature rises. Since Reid vapor pressure (RVP) has an impact on vehicle emissions, it is a crucial criterion in the regulation of gasoline and other petroleum products. During the winter, gasoline with a higher RVP is usually used since it makes starting simpler in cold weather. Fig.5 demonstrates the Reid vapor pressure for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The obtained results displayed that the greater the amount of isopropanol in the sample, the lower the vapor pressure value. This was due to the low value of RVP of isopropanol in comparison with gasoline fractions, where the value of RVP of isopropanol was 14.6 kPa. The values of RVP for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel were 51, 47.2, and 34 kPa, respectively. The RVP for the 92 RON marketable gasoline was higher than the value of RVP for the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, because the 92 RON marketable gasoline did not contain isopropanol percentage, as well as this sample consisted of 60 % isomerase, where the RVP for isomerase was high (92kPa).

The many types of hydrocarbons found in gasoline can be used to assess its density. As the hydrogen content of the molecule increases, the fuel's specific mass and density decrease. In order of increasing density, paraffins, naphthenes, and aromatics are mentioned first. Fig. 6 illustrates the density at 15 °C for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The acquired results stated that fuel density for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 745.2,

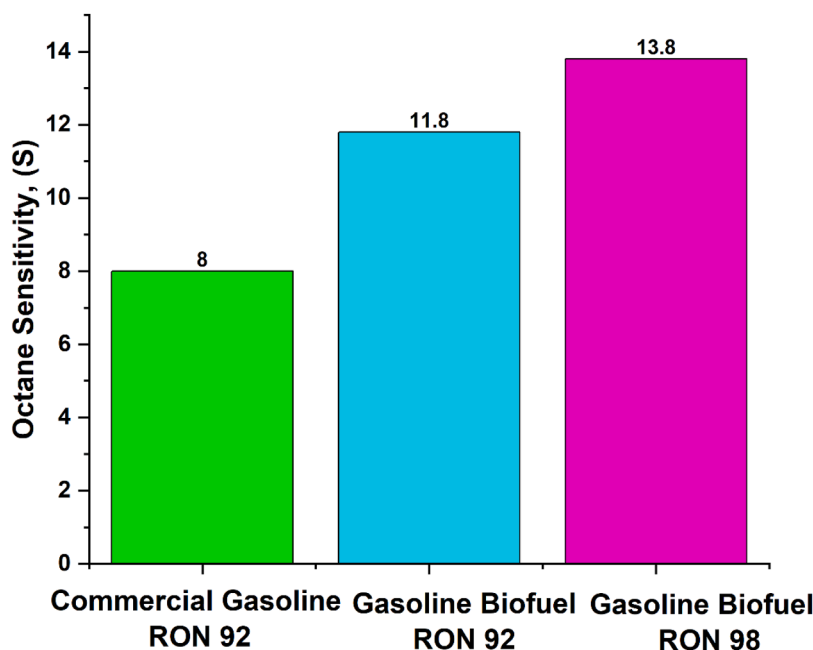


Fig. 4. Octane sensitivity (S) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

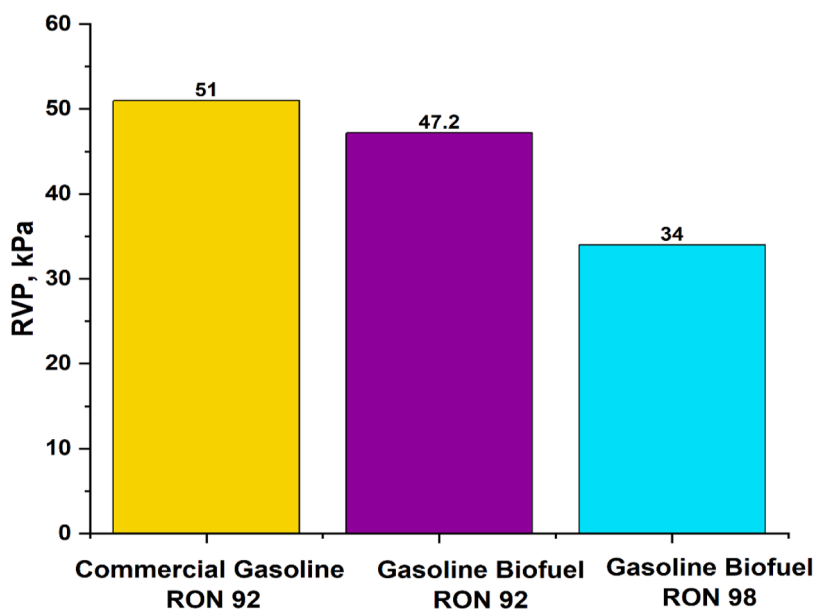


Fig. 5. Reid vapor pressure for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

746.88, and 772.52, respectively. The findings reported that the density for both commercial and produced gasoline blends can be ranked as the series of 98 RON gasoline biofuel > 92 RON gasoline biofuel > 92 RON marketable gasoline.

Petrol fuel is a complicated blend of several hydrocarbons with unique characteristics[53]. As a result, when heated, various substances would evaporate at various temperatures. The fuel's distillation profile, or how much gasoline vaporizes at low temperatures, medium temperatures, and high temperatures, influences performance in a variety of ways. Initial and final boiling temperatures should be examined through the distillation properties for all produced gasoline biofuel samples. Initial boiling temperatures for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel were 53 °C, 55 °C, and 61 °C, respectively, whereas the final boiling temperature for

both previous gasoline blends was 183 °C, 128 °C, and 142.3 °C, respectively. Generally, fuels with a lower boiling temperature showed reduced particle emissions, a greater flame temperature, and less visible flame.

Finally, the investigation's findings showed that both the amount and quality of light straight naphtha had improved. Moreover, with its good physical and chemical qualities, the mixed fuel of isopropanol and gasoline has a lot of potential for use as an alternative fuel. Isopropanol also possesses more advantageous qualities than commercial gasoline, such as being higher in energy content and octane number, less corrosive to engine parts, etc. For fuel application in SI engines, isopropanol hence seems more appealing than commercial gasoline. Increasing the sustainability of transportation fuels can be achieved by adding sustainable and renewable alternatives to petroleum-based fuels. For spark ignition

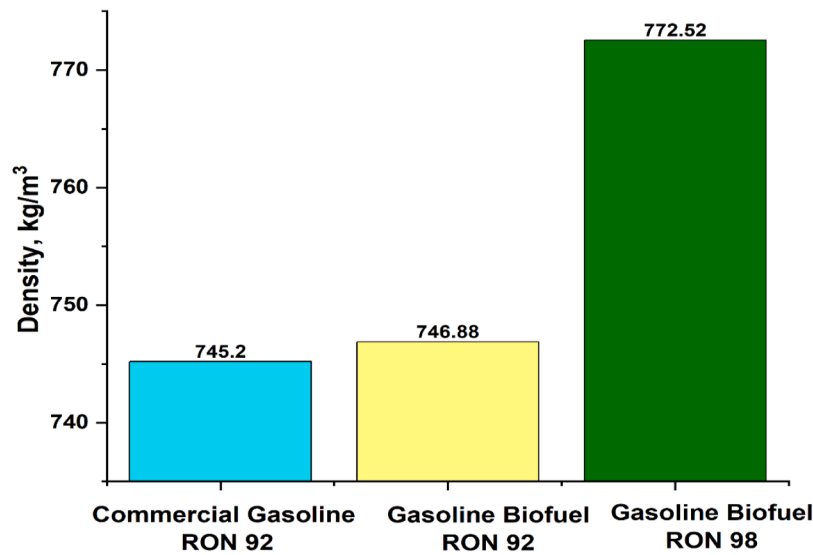


Fig. 6. Density for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

engines (SI), alcohol blendstocks are especially appealing because of their favorable fuel characteristics, which include high octane, evaporative cooling, and a decreased inclination to soot. While SI engines are widely used globally, mostly for light-duty cars, worries about carbon dioxide emissions and other sustainability issues require higher engine efficiency, fewer lifecycle carbon emissions, and reduced exhaust pollutants. One potential strategy for accomplishing these objectives is the blend of bio-isopropanol with motor fuel. Renewable alcohols can be produced in a variety of ways, including gasification and mixed alcohol fuel synthesis processes from biomass made of lignocellulosic materials, as well as fermentation from first-generation feedstocks (corn and sugar) and second-generation raw materials (biomass made of lignocellulosic materials).

### 3.2. Environmental and mechanical characteristics

This section examines how adding isopropanol changes the environmental discharges of O<sub>2</sub>, HC, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, and CO<sub>2</sub>, water inlet radiator temperature, air velocity, water outlet radiator temperature, and specific fuel consumption. One possible partial replacement for gasoline is isopropanol. It is crucial to consider these important features to maximize the burning and environmental discharge efficiency of isoalcohol-petrol blends in engines[54]. At amounts present in ambient air, the majority of hydrocarbons do not pose a health risk [42]. Vehicle emissions change their levels, thus, it's critical to comprehend how much of them are released into the environment [55]. The result of incomplete combustion is these unburned hydrocarbons. Smog is created when the

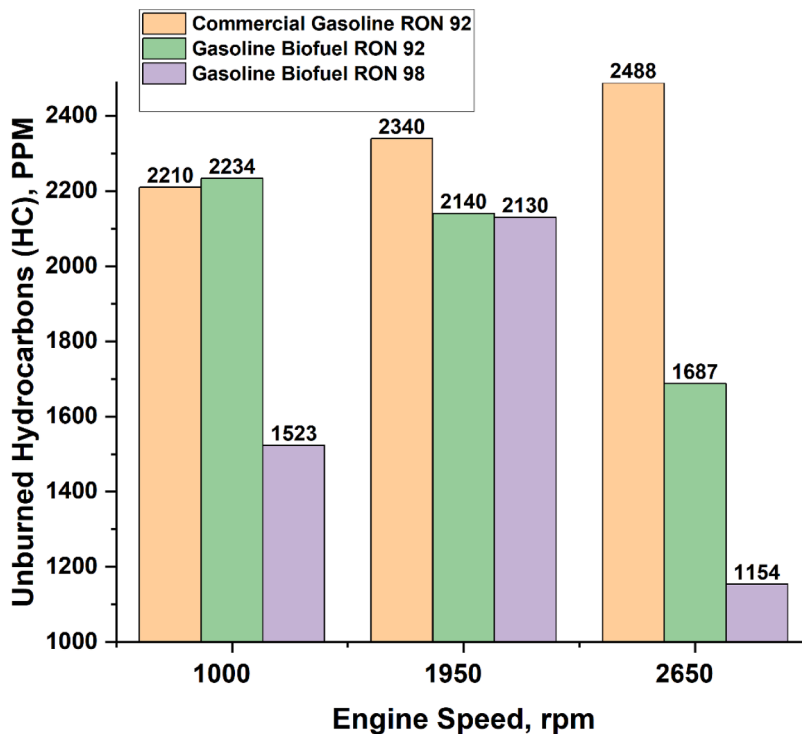


Fig. 7. Variation of unburned hydrocarbon (HC) exhaust emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

volatile organic molecules in these hydrocarbons combine with nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide[56]. Even a small amount of pollution exposure can occasionally result in early death and serious health issues like asthma[57].

Fig.7 demonstrates the variation of unburned hydrocarbon (HC) exhaust emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The engine speeds when it was running were 1000, 1950, and 2650 rpm, respectively. The results indicated that the value of unburned hydrocarbon emission at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 2210, 2340, and 2488 ppm, respectively. On the contrary, for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of unburned hydrocarbon exhaust emission at an engine speed of 1950 rpm was 2234, 2140, and 1687 ppm, respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of unburned hydrocarbon exhaust emission was 1523, 2130, and 1154 ppm for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The findings from the experiment demonstrated that isopropanol can reduce the environmental discharge of unburned hydrocarbons in the case of 92 RON gasoline biofuel and 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. On the contrary, the value of unburned hydrocarbon emission in the absence of isopropanol in the case of 92 RON commercial gasoline increased as the engine speed increased. Furthermore, the higher the percentage of isopropyl alcohol in the gasoline pool, the lower the unburned hydrocarbon emission value. Notably, the 98 RON gasoline biofuel has the lowest HC emissions at this speed, at only 1154 ppm. When compared to regular gasoline, the results clearly showed that gasoline biofuels, particularly the higher octane 98 RON blend, dramatically reduce unburned hydrocarbon emissions. This reduction is more noticeable at higher engine speeds.

Being an oxygen-containing fuel, isopropanol can help fuels oxidize more fully by minimizing the development of localized oxygen-deficient zones in the cylinder. However, isopropanol caused the chain reaction to respond more thoroughly during combustion, releasing more OH radicals and promoting adequate fuel oxidation and combustion. In addition, a significant contributing cause to the production of unburned hydrocarbon emissions is the disruption of the chain reaction brought on by the low temperature of the combustion chamber wall. Because of the

isopropanol addition during the chain reaction process, there were more OH and HO<sub>2</sub> radicals produced, which reduced the likelihood that the chemical reaction would be interrupted or quenched by low temperatures. Consequently, in turn, it decreased the amount of unburned hydrocarbon emissions.

Fig. 8 displays the variation of O<sub>2</sub> emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The results indicated that the value of O<sub>2</sub> emission at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 11.11, 14.20, and 15.78 % volumetrically, respectively. On the contrary, for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of unburned hydrocarbon exhaust emission at an engine speed of 1950 rpm was 12.94, 13.96, and 15.63 % volumetrically, respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of unburned hydrocarbon exhaust emission was 11.25, 10.65, and 10.11 % volumetrically for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, respectively.

The experimental result noted that the values of oxygen exhaust emission increased for both 92 RON commercial gasoline and 92 RON gasoline biofuel, while it decreased in the case of 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. The value of oxygen exhaust emission was reduced in the case of 98 RON gasoline biofuel because it contained 28 % isopropyl alcohol. Finally, according to these findings, 98 RON gasoline biofuel continuously reduces oxygen emissions at increasing engine speeds, which may be a sign of more effective burning. On the other hand, 92 RON biofuel and commercial gasoline both show rising oxygen emissions as engine speed increases, which is indicative of variations in combustion behavior and operating surplus air levels.

Fig. 9 exhibits the variation of NO<sub>x</sub> emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. the value of NO<sub>x</sub> emission at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 21, 65, and 50 ppm, respectively. On the contrary, the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of NO<sub>x</sub> emission at engine speed of 1950 rpm was 176, 189, and 199 ppm, respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of NO<sub>x</sub> emission was 210, 230, and 270 ppm for the 92 RON

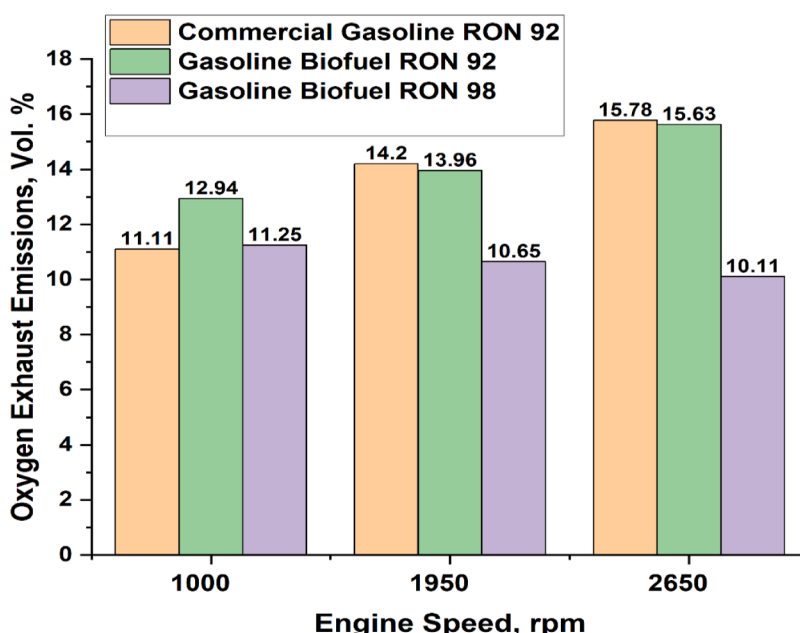


Fig. 8. Variation of O<sub>2</sub> emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

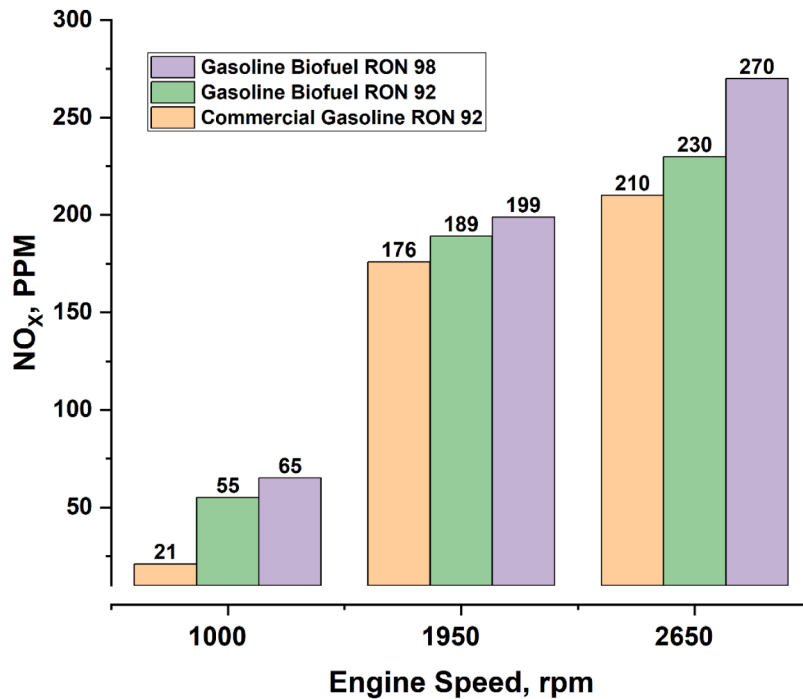


Fig. 9. Variation of NOx emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, respectively. The results derived from the experiments proved that adding oxygenated additives, like isopropanol, increased the NOx emissions due to the greater cylinder temperature and more oxygen supply by the additives. Furthermore, the result demonstrated that adding isopropanol to the gasoline pool can increase the NOx emissions as the engine speed increases. A catalytic converter lowers the amount of NOx emissions.

Finally, these experimental results indicated that although biofuels might have benefits in terms of oxygen and hydrocarbon emissions, they also have a tendency to produce higher NOx emissions, particularly when engines are running at higher speeds. Increased oxygen availability and higher combustion temperatures, especially in biofuel blends, are probably the causes of the NOx increase with engine speed.

Fig. 10 presents the variation of CO emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The experimental results exhibited that the value of CO emission at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 2.61, 1.86, and 1.99 % volumetrically, respectively. On the contrary, for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of CO exhaust emission at an engine speed of 1950 rpm was 2.7, 1.92, and 1.22 % volumetrically, respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of CO exhaust emission was 3.4, 2.26, and 0.65 % volumetrically for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, respectively. The result noted that the values of CO emissions increased for both 92 RON commercial

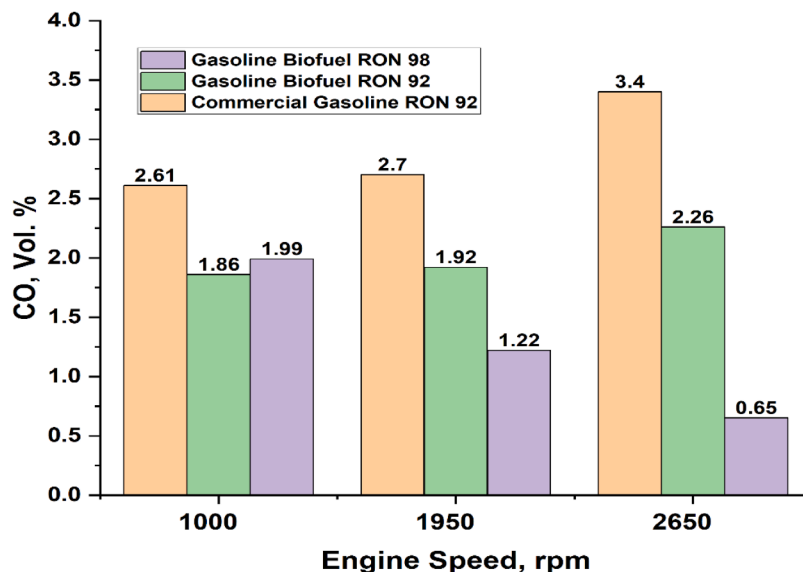


Fig. 10. Variation of CO emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

gasoline and gasoline biofuel, while it decreased in the case of 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. The value of CO emission was reduced in the case of 98 RON gasoline biofuel because it contained 28 % isopropyl alcohol.

Finally, the cleanest alternative at higher engine speeds is gasoline biofuel RON 98, which notably shows a distinctive trend: its CO emissions begin at 1.99% at 1000 rpm and drop dramatically to 0.65% at 2650 rpm. Moreover, biofuels with higher octane ratings can considerably lower CO emissions when compared to regular gasoline, especially when engine speeds are higher.

Fig. 11 illustrates the variation of CO<sub>2</sub> emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The experimental results exhibited that the value of CO<sub>2</sub> emission at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 2.61, 1.86, and 1.99 % volumetrically, respectively. On the contrary, for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of CO<sub>2</sub> exhaust emission at an engine speed of 1950 rpm was 2.7, 1.92, and 1.22 % volumetrically, respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of CO<sub>2</sub> exhaust emission was 3.4, 2.26, and 0.65 % volumetrically for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, respectively. The obtained results indicated that the values of CO<sub>2</sub> exhaust emission increased for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. Hence, the addition of isopropanol in the gasoline pool can increase CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as the engine speed increases.

Finally, commercial gasoline RON 92 continuously generates the greatest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at all tested engine speeds, including 1000, 1950, and 2650 rpm, followed by gasoline biofuel RON 92, while gasoline biofuel RON 98 provides the lowest emissions. For all fuels, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions increase with engine speed, but the increase is most noticeable for biofuels, especially RON 92, which at the greatest speed almost equals commercial gasoline. The potential environmental benefit of gasoline biofuel RON 98 over both commercial gasoline and lower-octane biofuel blends is highlighted by the fact that it maintains noticeably lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across all engine speeds.

Figs. 12 and 13 show the variation of water inlet radiator temperature and water outlet radiator temperature against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The result noted that the values of water

inlet radiator temperature increased for 92 RON commercial gasoline, while it decreased in the case of both 92 RON gasoline biofuel and 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. Consequently, the incorporation of isopropanol in the gasoline pool can decrease the water inlet radiator temperature as the engine speed increases. On the other hand, the result observed that the values of water outlet radiator temperature decreased for 92 RON commercial gasoline, while it increased in the case of both 92 RON gasoline biofuel and 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. Therefore, the blending of isopropyl alcohol into motor gasoline can increase the water outlet radiator temperature as the engine speed increases.

Finally, commercial gasoline RON 92 consistently exhibits the highest water inlet radiator temperatures across all engine speeds, while gasoline biofuel RON 98 shows the lowest. All fuels see an increase in temperature as engine speed rises from 1000 to 2650 rpm. Notably, the temperature difference between commercial gasoline and biofuel RON 98 is substantial, indicating better cooling performance or different heat generation characteristics for the biofuel RON 98. Additionally, for all fuels, the water outlet temperature tends to grow with increasing engine speed, albeit the amount of the increase varies; the biofuel RON 98 exhibits a lesser temperature increase than the other two fuels. In comparison to commercial gasoline RON 92 and gasoline biofuel RON 92, this implies that gasoline biofuel RON 98 may lead to efficient heat transfer or reduced total heat generation in the engine cooling system.

Fig. 14 exhibits the variation of specific fuel consumption against engine speed for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The obtained results exhibited that the value of specific fuel consumption at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 0.2557, 0.1705, and 0.1345 kg/hr, respectively. On the contrary, for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of specific fuel consumption at an engine speed of 1950 rpm was 1.32, 0.6787, and 0.1421 kg/hr., respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of specific fuel consumption was 2.5, 1.3443, and 0.7171 kg/hr. for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, respectively. The acquired findings suggested that the values of specific fuel consumption increased for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. Hence, the addition of isopropanol in the gasoline pool can increase specific fuel consumption as the engine speed increases.

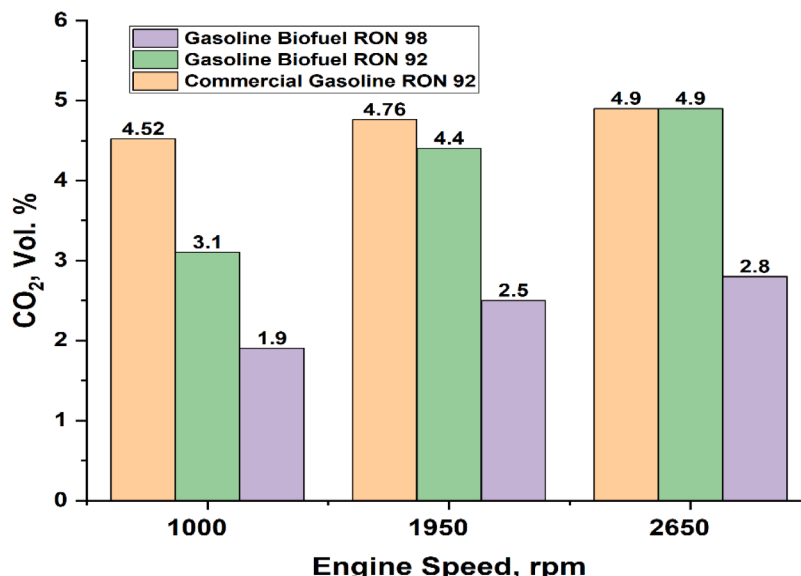


Fig. 11. Variation of CO<sub>2</sub> emission against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

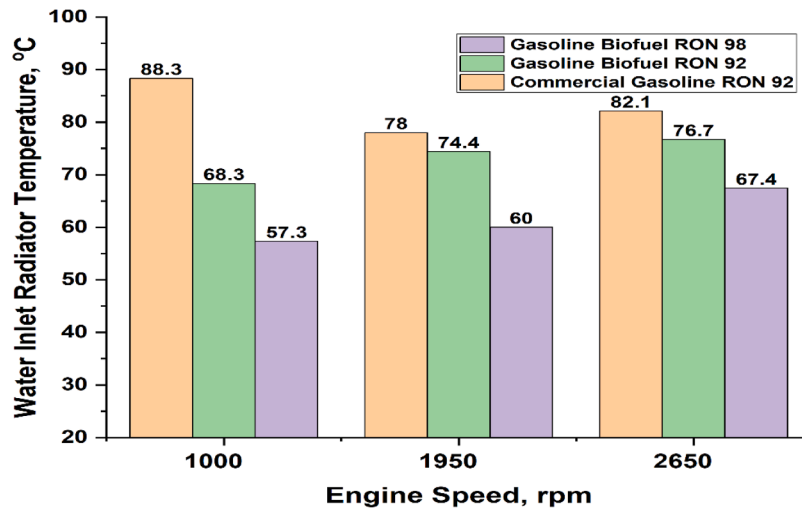


Fig. 12. Variation of water inlet radiator temperature against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

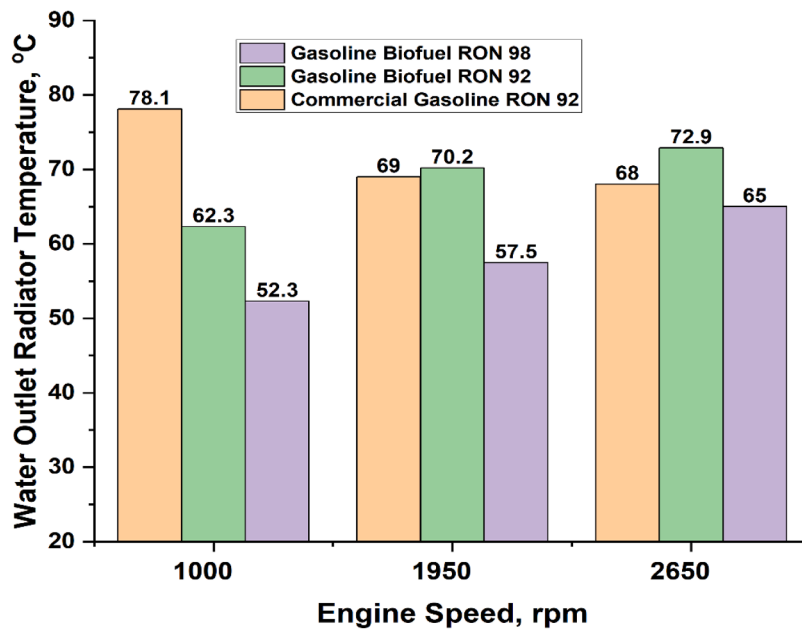


Fig. 13. Variation of water outlet radiator temperature against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

Lastly, commercial gasoline RON 92 continuously exhibits the highest specific fuel usage across all engine speeds. For commercial gasoline RON 92, the specific fuel consumption increases dramatically with engine speed, whereas it increases much less for the two biofuels. In comparison to the other two fuels, gasoline biofuel RON 98 has the lowest fuel use across all engine speeds, demonstrating superior fuel efficiency.

Fig. 15 displays the variation of air velocity (FPM) against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel. The value of air velocity at an engine speed of 1000 rpm for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel was 71.8, 102.8, and 235 FPM, respectively. On the contrary, for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the value of air velocity at an engine speed of 1950 rpm was 491.3, 460, and 706 FPM, respectively. On the other hand, at an engine speed of 2650 rpm, the value of air velocity was 720.8, 539, and 1242 FPM for

the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, respectively. The obtained results indicated that the values of air velocity increased for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. Hence, the addition of isopropanol in the gasoline pool can increase the air velocity as the engine speed increases. In conclusion, compared to the commercial gasoline fuels 92 RON, 98 RON gasoline biofuel seems to deliver the highest air velocity at higher engine speeds, indicating that it may provide better engine performance in those circumstances.

Internal combustion engines have received a lot of attention lately due to the emergence of renewable fuels. Since isopropanol is easily made from biomass, it has long been the primary alternative fuel used to replace gasoline. In this work, light straight run naphtha, isomerate, and reformat are used to demonstrate the clean manufacture of 98 RON gasoline biofuels and 92 RON gasoline biofuels, based on isopropyl alcohol's strong anti-detonation qualities with gasoline components.

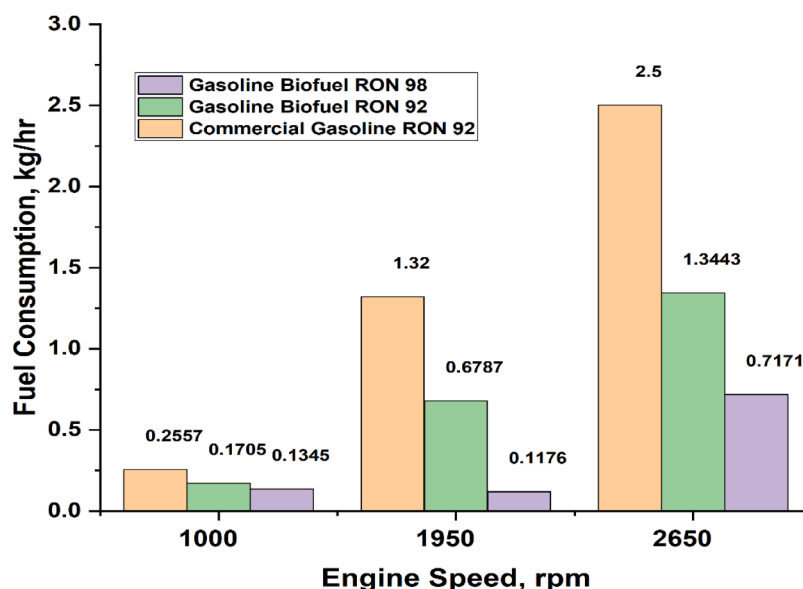


Fig. 14. Variation of specific fuel consumption (kg/hr) against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON commercial gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

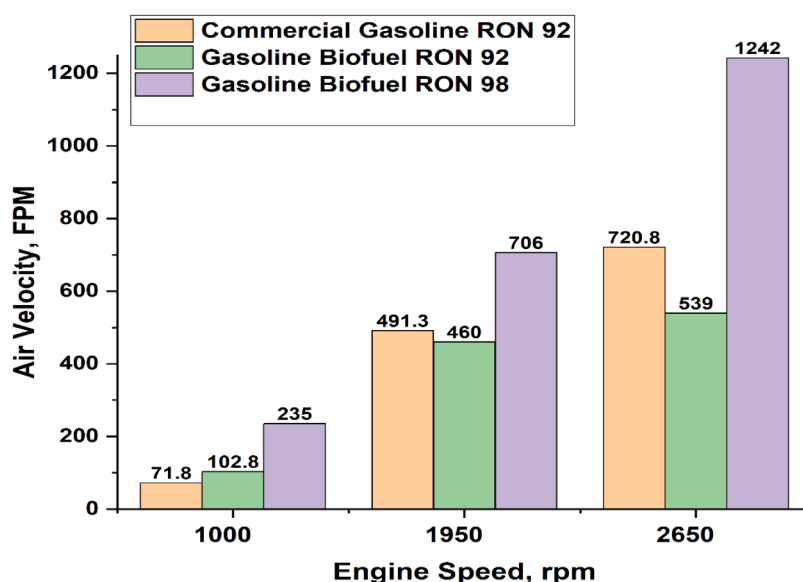


Fig. 15. Variation of air velocity (FPM) against engine speed (rpm) for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel.

Examining the physical and chemical characteristics of the resulting mixes allowed us to show how isopropanol functions as a clean, sustainable, renewable, and environmentally friendly additive.

To compare the 92 RON marketable gasoline with the 92 RON gasoline biofuel and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel, the emission analysis covering CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and unburned hydrocarbons was examined. Engine speeds at which the analysis emissions were conducted were 1000, 1950, and 2650 rpm, respectively. The investigation's findings showed that both the amount and grade of light naphtha had improved. The acquired findings suggested that the values of specific fuel consumption increased for the 92 RON marketable gasoline, the 92 RON gasoline biofuel, and the 98 RON gasoline biofuel as the engine speed increased. Hence, the addition of isopropanol in the gasoline pool can increase specific fuel consumption as the engine speed increases.

When compared to isopropanol-gasoline blends, isopropanol-gasoline blends had a higher potential for improving energy efficiency

and lowering pollutant emissions. Isopropanol also possesses more advantageous qualities than commercial gasoline, such as being higher in energy content and octane number, less corrosive to engine parts, etc. For fuel application in SI engines, isopropanol hence seems more appealing than commercial gasoline. Lastly, the research that needs to be done is emphasized and explored to determine the ideal alcohol blend combinations and engine designs.

Finally, the physical and chemical properties of larger alcohols (C3), like energy density, miscibility, corrosivity, and water absorptivity, are more similar to those of regular gasoline. Isopropyl alcohol may now take the place of conventional fuels since they are far less hazardous. The quality, economy, and usability of isopropyl alcohol can all be improved. Even if certain fuels have problems, adding nanoparticles can fix them. It is feasible to increase isopropyl alcohol production without using renewable resources. In the future, they could prove to be beneficial endeavors.

#### 4. Conclusion

The present work exhibits the clean production of gasoline biofuel RON 98 and gasoline biofuel RON 92 based on the isopropyl alcohol as high anti-detonation properties with petroleum-based gasoline components, involving light straight-run naphtha, isomerate, and reformate. The emissions analysis, including CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, and unburned hydrocarbons, was studied to make the comparison between commercial gasoline RON 92 as standard gasoline with gasoline biofuel RON 98 and gasoline biofuel RON 92, with the following conclusions achieved:

- Despite the benefits of biofuels in terms of reducing oxygen and hydrocarbon emissions, they tend to increase NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at higher engine speeds. This is likely due to increased oxygen availability and higher combustion temperatures in biofuel blends, which contribute to the higher NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.
- The 98 RON gasoline biofuel continuously reduces oxygen emissions with increasing engine speeds, indicating more effective combustion. In contrast, both 92 RON biofuel and commercial gasoline show rising oxygen emissions, which suggest variations in combustion behavior and surplus air levels.
- The 98 RON gasoline biofuel achieves the lowest HC emissions (1154 ppm) at higher engine speeds compared to commercial gasoline. This demonstrates that gasoline biofuels, especially the higher octane 98 RON blend, significantly reduce unburned hydrocarbon emissions, with a more noticeable reduction at higher engine speeds.
- The 98 RON gasoline biofuel exhibits the cleanest CO emissions at higher engine speeds, starting at 1.99% at 1000 rpm and dropping to 0.65% at 2650 rpm. This highlights that biofuels with higher octane ratings, particularly the 98 RON blend, can considerably lower CO emissions, especially at higher engine speeds.
- Commercial gasoline RON 92 consistently produces the highest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions across all tested engine speeds, followed by gasoline biofuel RON 92. In contrast, gasoline biofuel RON 98 maintains the lowest CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, showing a significant environmental benefit over both commercial gasoline and lower-octane biofuels.
- Commercial gasoline RON 92 exhibits the highest water inlet radiator temperatures at all engine speeds. Gasoline biofuel RON 98, however, shows the lowest temperatures, indicating better cooling performance or different heat generation characteristics. The temperature increase at the water outlet is less for biofuel RON 98 compared to commercial gasoline and 92 RON biofuel, suggesting efficient heat transfer or reduced heat generation.
- Commercial gasoline RON 92 shows the highest specific fuel consumption at all engine speeds, with a dramatic increase as engine speed rises. Both gasoline biofuels exhibit lower and more stable fuel consumption, with gasoline biofuel RON 98 showing the lowest fuel usage across all engine speeds, indicating superior fuel efficiency.
- Gasoline biofuel RON 98 delivers the highest air velocity at higher engine speeds compared to commercial gasoline RON 92, indicating that it may offer better engine performance under such conditions.

The study demonstrated that 98 RON gasoline biofuel offers significant reductions in emissions and improved fuel efficiency, especially at higher engine speeds. However, the increase in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions at elevated speeds indicates a need for further optimization. Future research should focus on refining biofuel blends to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions while maintaining performance benefits. Further support the viability of gasoline biofuels, future studies should focus on long-term engine durability testing to assess wear and deposit formation. Comprehensive life cycle assessments and economic analyses are also recommended to evaluate the cost-effectiveness and environmental impact of biofuel production and use. Additionally, fuel stability and storage performance under various climatic conditions should be examined to ensure reliability across real-world applications. Additionally, exploring alternative additives or oxygenates could further enhance combustion

efficiency. Overall, gasoline biofuels, particularly 98 RON, show promise as a cleaner, more efficient alternative to conventional fuels, with continued advancements needed for broader adoption.

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