

Experimental and Modeling of Efficiency and Emissions of a Diesel Engine Operated by Diesel-Waste fish oil biodiesel mixtures Containing Nano-additives Using Artificial Neural Networks

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Abstract

In this study, waste fish oil biodiesel and pure diesel fuel were mixed containing Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles as a catalyst. The Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles were evaluated at 50 and 100 ppm added to B10 at different engine speed under full load condition. Results show that adding nanoparticles could improve the combustion and efficiency of diesel engine as well as emissions. Then, multi-layer networks with feed-forward back diffusion neural network model, the algorithm of levenberg-marquardt (trainlm) as the algorithm of training, and thetansig, logsig and purelin transmission function as an activation function were employed in the present research. The input or independent parameters included fuel mixture, engine speed, and fuel consumption, while, the target parameters individually included engine power, UHC, CO_2 , CO, NO_x and torque. The result shows that in the optimal network, there are two hidden layer with 15-15 neurons and transmission function of logsig- logsig, for hidden layer one and two, respectively. This study implies that ANN can be a robust tool for predicting efficiency, and emission of diesel engines with high correlation between experimental data and predicted model.

Keywords: ANN model, Biodiesel, efficiency, Emissions, Nano-additives.

1. Introduction

Nowadays, more than 80% of all of energy requirements, and near 98% of carbon emissions are due to fossil fuel and its combustion [1,2]. Due to most widely use of diesel engines, it has been reported that diesel engines exhaust emissions are the essential source of air pollution [3]. Therefore, Nowadays, the researchers' focus is on clean and renewable fuels due to growing energy

demand, harmful ecological impacts of using fossil fuel and also in order to decrease the emissions [1,4,5]. It has been reported that it is possible to use biofuels (biodiesel and bioethanol) as a supplement or alternative to gasoline/diesel fuel derived from fossil fuels [1,6,7]. Biodiesel as an alternative to diesel fuel is one of the most used renewable fuel for diesel engines. It is an oxygenated, non-toxic, sulfur-free, biodegradable and mixable fuel in

any proportion mixture with diesel fuel [8].

Based on various researches that has been done, it is obvious, addition of nanoparticles additives could enhance the efficiency and emissions characteristics of the biodiesel/diesel fuel mixture in diesel engine [9]. Therefore, in this research the metal base nanoparticles selected to add in diesel-waste fish oil biodiesel mixed in order to measure the efficiency, and emissions characteristic of a single-cylinder diesel engine. Latterly, because of flexibility, precision and quick response properties of Artificial neural network (ANN), it was opted as a positive and attractive techniques in the literature for modeling and solving the complicated problems [10].

Artificial neural networks (ANNs) are computer systems which are able to produce, form and explore modern knowledge automatically and with no aid such as the human brain [11]. They have been utilized for solving those types of problems in science and engineering, specifically when the conventional modeling techniques fail to solve them [11]. ANN as a robust tool can apply multiple input variables to predict multiple output variables [12]. In the following, some researches on applying ANNs in the case of the efficiency and emission of the engines with various biofuels are reviewed.

Rao et al. analyzed the diesel engine efficiency and exhaust emission employing biodiesel with ANN. They identified the standard back diffusion algorithm as the most appropriate choice for training the model. They also used a multi-layer perception (MLP) network for non-linear mapping between the input and output parameters [13]. In another research, predicting the diesel engine efficiency applying biofuels with ANN was studied. The discovered artificial intelligence model was identified as a proper model for evaluating the efficiency of the engine applied in the experiments [11]. Ghobadian et al. analyzed the diesel engine efficiency and exhaust emission applying waste cooking biodiesel fuel with ANN. Their result showed that the ANN model predicted the engine efficiency and exhaust emissions well enough [14]. Karonis et al. employed the neural network technique for studying the correlation of exhaust emissions from a diesel engine. They showed that very good predictions were achieved for any kind of emissions [15].

Karthickeyan et al. Developed the ANN model for predicting efficiency and emission features of Variable compression ratio (VCR) engine with orange oil biodiesel mixtures. The ANN model showed that the Levenberg–Marquardt with log and tan sigmoidal transmission function could give the optimal outcomes [16]. Parlak et al. examined the employment of

artificial neural network for predicting specific fuel consumption and exhaust temperature for a Diesel engine. The result showed that a back diffusion neural network model with a 3–7–2 (number of input layer–hidden layer–output layer nodes) configuration was the best model to predict certain fuel consumption and exhaust temperature in a diesel engine [17]. Deh Kiani et al. employed the ANN model for predicting the output torque, engine brake power and exhaust emissions of the spark ignition engine by mixture of ethanol-gasoline. They reported that the ANN model based on algorithm of standard back-diffusion supplies the finest result in the emission modeling [18]. Rezaei et al. employed ANN for predicting efficiency of homogeneous charge compression ignition engines (HCCI) with ethanol and butanol fuels. The results of validating indicated that by both FF and RBF models, HCCI engine efficiency metrics can be predicted with an error of less than 4% for ethanol and butanol fueled engines [19].

According to the literature review, no research has been done in the field of experimental analysis of using diesel-waste fish oil biodiesel mixed containing Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles at different speed under full load condition on single-cylinder diesel engine and also applying ANNs for prediction of the efficiency, and emissions of diesel engine. Hence, because of lacking the studies on applying diesel-waste

fish oil biodiesel mixture containing Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles, this study aims to evaluate experimental analysis of diesel engine by this fuel and present a neural network model to predict engine efficiency, and emissions of a single-cylinder diesel engine.

2. Materials and Test Methods

In order to conduct experiments, a four-stroke single-cylinder diesel engine was employed. In this engine, a governor controls and stabilizes the rotational speed. A dynamometer was implemented to apply the load to the engine. An eddy current dynamometer was applied to assess the brake power and the torque of the engine under rotational speeds and applied engine loads. In this research, waste fish oil biodiesel and standard diesel fuel were mixed then Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles as an additive were added to the mixture. Two fuel mixtures of D100, B10 (90% pure diesel and 10% waste fish oil biodiesel) were provided. After it, Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles as an additive were added to B10 mixture by dosage of 50 and 100 ppm. An ultrasonic homogenizer (Hielscher UP400S, Germany) device was employed to prepare and homogenize the fuel mixtures. Totally, four fuels i.e., D100 (Pure diesel), B10 (90% pure diesel and 10% waste fish oil biodiesel), B10-50 ppm NP (90% pure diesel and 10% waste

fish oil biodiesel containing 50 ppm Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles) and, B10-100 ppm NP (90% pure diesel and 10% waste fish oil biodiesel containing 100 ppm Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles) were tested.

Here, the experiments were conducted on full-load engine condition and three engine speeds of 1700, 2300, and 2900 rpm. The Torque, power, and BSFC as a efficiency parameters and CO, CO_2 , UHC and NOx as an emissions parameters were recorded and transferred to a computer during each test.

3. ANN Modeling

Predicting the efficiency and emissions of a single-cylinder diesel engine by ANN is the

major focus of this research. For this purpose, a program in Matlab software was developed for predicting the efficiency, and emissions of a diesel engine at various conditions. Here, engine speed, kind of fuel and fuel consumption were utilized as input layer. The output parameters included engine power, BTE, UHC, CO, CO_2 and NOx emissions. Figure 1 depicts neural network architecture diagram. The input-output parameters in data sets are ordered and normalized in the range of 0 and 1 before training the model. Due to the output layer activation function being linear in all architectures; just the input parameters were normalized.

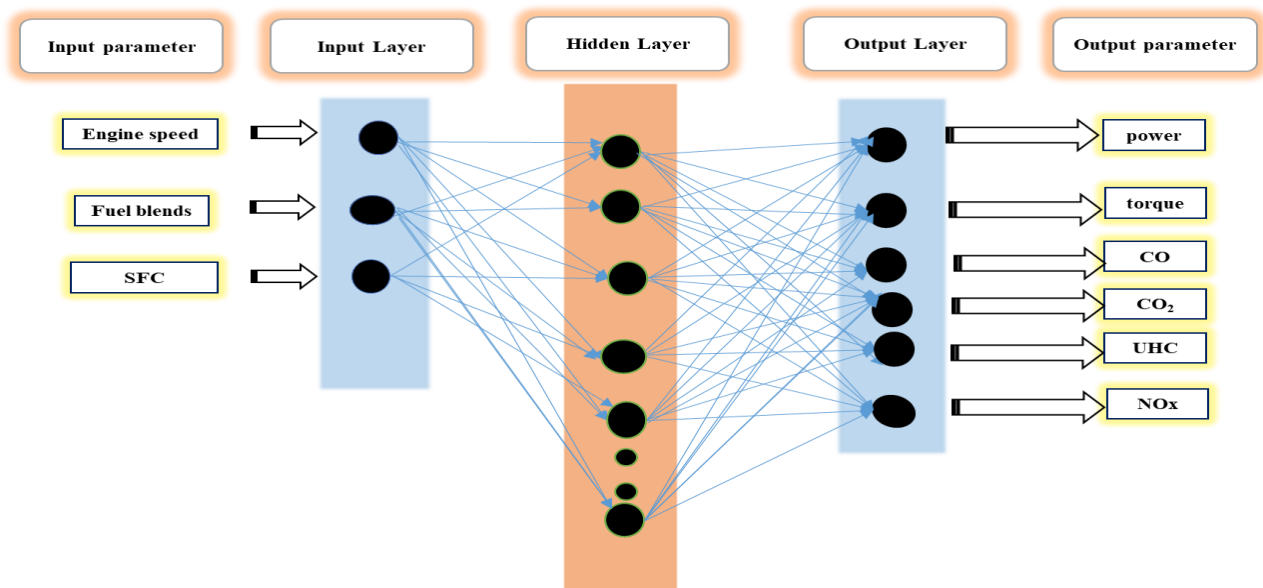


Fig. 1. Neural network architecture diagram.

In the present model, 70% of the whole datasets has been freely chosen for training the model, whilst the remaining data was partitioned uniformly, 15% for validating and 15% for testing. MLP with feed-forward back diffusion neural network model has been implemented. The algorithm of levenberg-marquardt (trainlm) was applied as the algorithm of training. The tan-sig, log-sig and purelin transmission function have been applied as an activation function in the present study, governed by Eqs. (1) and (2).

$$\text{logarithmic sigmoid} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}, (1)$$

$$\text{tangent sigmoid} = \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2x}} - 1, (2)$$

where x is the input data.

In this study, the network training was conducted with different numbers of hidden layers and neurons in order to choose the optimal network model. The statistical techniques of MSE and correlation coefficient were utilized for comparing. The optimal network model was driven by minimum quantity of MSE and maximum quantity of (R) calculated by Eqs. (3) and (4), respectively.

$$MSE = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (T_i - O_i)^2 (3)$$

$$R = 1 - \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (T_i - O_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (T_i - \bar{O})^2} \right) (4)$$

In Eq. (3) and (4), and ' n ' is the number of tests, ' T_i ' is the evaluated quantities, ' O_i ' is the predicted quantities and ' \bar{O} ' is the mean of predicted quantities.

4. Results and Discussion

In this section, power, torque, and BSFC at speed of 1700, 2300, and 2900 rpm are analyzed. Also, the results for emissions of CO, CO₂, UHC, and NO_x are argued. Then, the ANN model used performed for efficiency and emissions of diesel engine that used in the present research to find the optimal model.

4.1. Efficiency

4.1.1. Torque and Power

In Figure 2 the trend of Fe₂O₃ Nano-additives added to B10 (diesel-Waste fish oil biodiesel mixtures) on the engine torque is presented. As shown in figure 2, the maximum torque occurs in 1700 rpm for all fuel mixtures. As a result, the torque reduces by 11.75% and 21.14%, respectively, by enhancement of the engine speed from 1700 to 2300 and 2900 rpm. In all engine speed, B10 mixtures create the minimum torque. It could be because of the lower biodiesel heating

quantity compared to the all fuel mixtures that tested [5,20]. Also, the result shows that nanoparticles added to B10 leading to increase the torque of diesel engine. It could be due to

that nanoparticles as an additives in fuel mixture leading to enhance the engine combustion quality and improved the combustion [5,7]

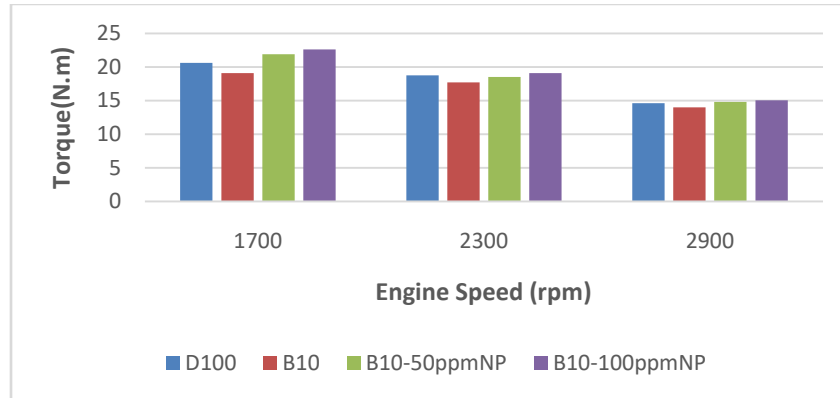


Fig.2. Diagram of an engine torque at speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 rpm for several fuel mixtures.

In Figure 3, the impact of Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles added to B10 on the engine power is shown. Results show the power increases from speeds of 1700 to 2900 rpm. Overall, the trend of brake power is analogous to that of engine torque for tested fuel mixtures. The fuel mixtures of B10-100 NP have the maximum power, whilst B10 have the lowest power in all of engine speed

tested. In view of nanoparticles added to fuel mixture, it could be concluded that the Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles added in the fuel mixture (B10), leading to improve combustion quality. It can be attributed to the nanoparticles added to fuel leading to produce more energy inside the cylinder [5,21].

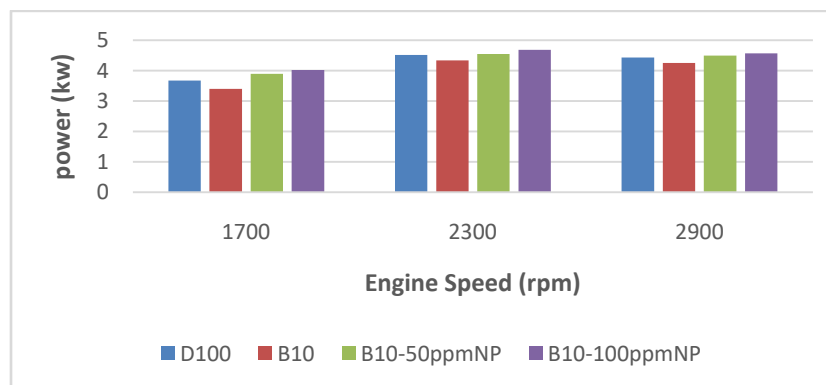


Fig.3. Diagram of an engine power at speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 rpm for several fuel mixtures.

4.1.3. BSFC

The impact of Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles added to B10 on the BSFC of engine is shown in Figure 4. As a results shows, the BSFC increases by 8.33% and 14.58%, respectively, by enhancing the speed of the engine from 1700 to 2300 and 2900 rpm. In the all engine speed, B10 mixtures create the maximum BSFC. This can be caused by the lower heating quantity of

biodiesel and subsequently the quantity of heating of the diesel-biodiesel mixture is decreased compared to the all fuel mixtures that tested [20,22]. Also, the results show that nanoparticles added to B10 leading to decrease the BSFC of diesel engine. It could be due to that nanoparticles as an additives in fuel mixture leading to enhance the engine combustion quality and improved the combustion [5,7]

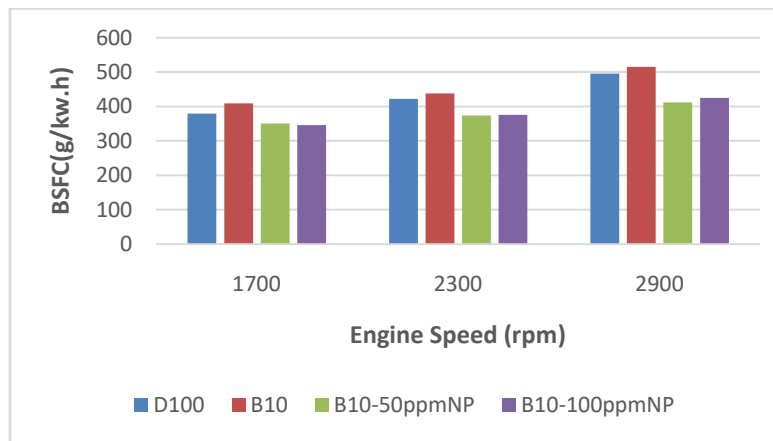


Fig.4. Diagram of an engine SFC at speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 rpm for several fuel mixtures.

4.2. Emissions**4.2.1. CO and CO_2**

Figure 5 shows the CO emissions for all fuel mixtures under several engine speeds. It is perceived that in all engine speeds, the amount of CO emission in diesel fuel is maximum. The lowest amount of CO emission is for the cases of B10, and B10-100

ppm NP. It can be funded that the combination of B10 and 100 ppm Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles has created the lowest of CO at the 1700 and 2300 rpm. This can be lead to the best conditions of reaction is provides cause of the temperature of the exhaust gases [5,7].

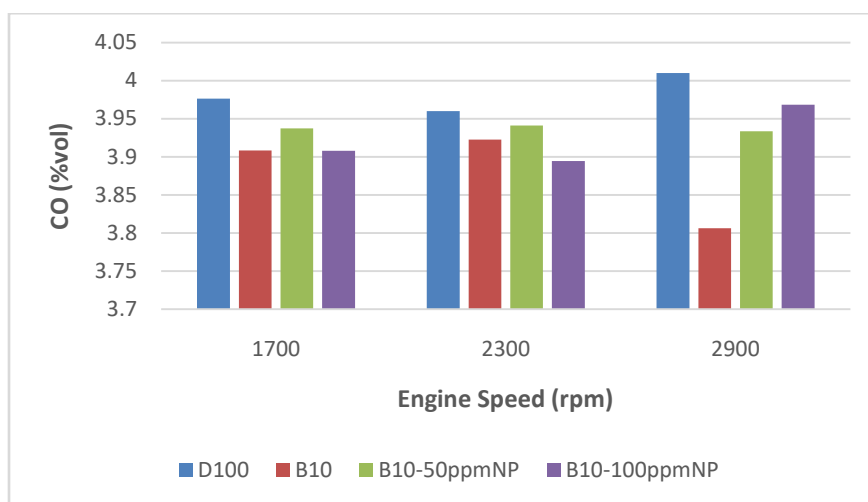


Fig. 5. Diagram of CO emission at engine speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 for several fuel mixtures.

Figure 6, displays the CO_2 emissions for all fuel mixtures under various engine speeds. According to this figure, in all engine speeds, the amount of CO_2 emission increasing by added Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles to B10 fuel mixture. The lowest amount of CO_2 emission is for the cases of pure diesel, and B10 mixture. Also, the highest amount

of CO_2 emission is for the cases of B10-100 ppm NP. It can be funded that the combination of B10 and Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles has created the highest of CO_2 at all engine speed. This can be attributed to the conditions of reaction is provides from of the temperature of the exhaust gases [5,7].

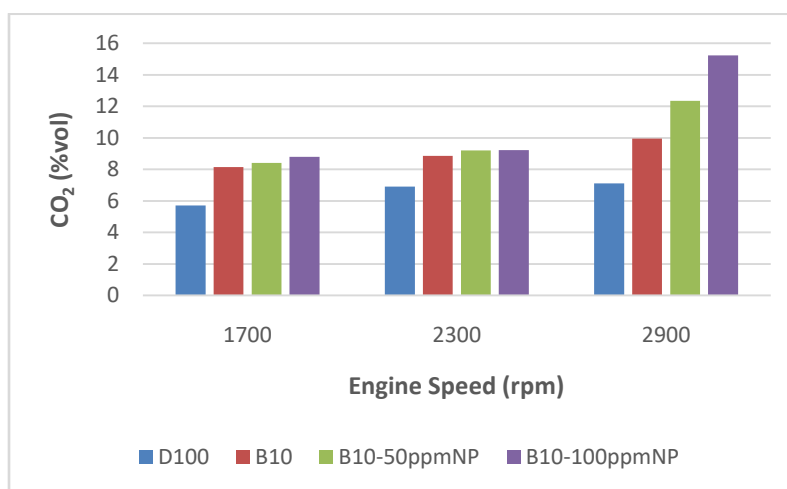


Fig. 6. Diagram of CO_2 emission at engine speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 for several fuel mixtures.

4.2.2. UHC and NO_x

The impact of Fe₂O₃ nanoparticles added to B10 on the UHC emission of diesel engine tested is shown in Figure 7. As a result it shows that generally, the minimum UHC emissions are produced in speed of 1700 rpm and the maximum amount of UHC emissions are created in 2300 rpm wherein the engine functions close

to the rated speed. This can be attributed that is possibly a great increment in exhaust temperature [5,7]. Also, the results show that nanoparticles added to B10 lead to decrease the UHC of diesel engine in comparison with diesel fuel. This can be due to that nanoparticles as an additives in fuel mixture lead to enhance the engine combustion quality and improved the combustion [5,7].

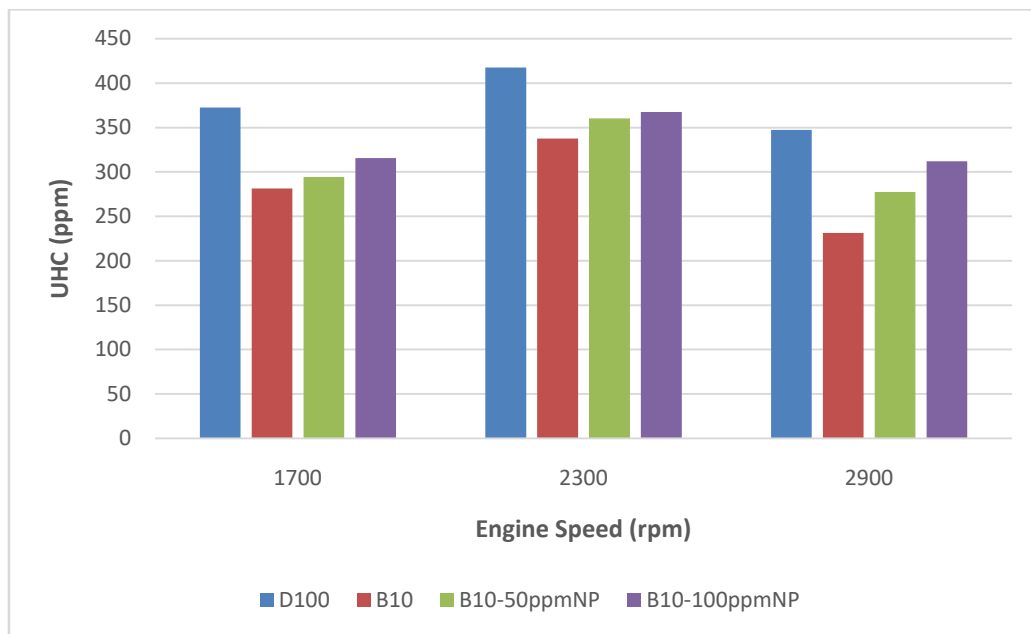


Fig. 7. Diagram of UHC emission at engine speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 for several fuel mixtures.

Figure 8, depicts the impact of Fe₂O₃ nanoparticles added to B10 on the NO_x emission of diesel engine tested. As a result, B10 mixture created the more NO_x in comparison with diesel fuel. It could be contributed that exhaust temperature is increased by added

biodiesel to diesel because of O₂ in the biodiesel structure. Also, in view of nanoparticle added to fuel mixture, the NO_x emission increased. It could be due to that nanoparticles as an additives in fuel mixture leading to enhance the engine combustion

quality and improved the combustion as a temperature[5,7].
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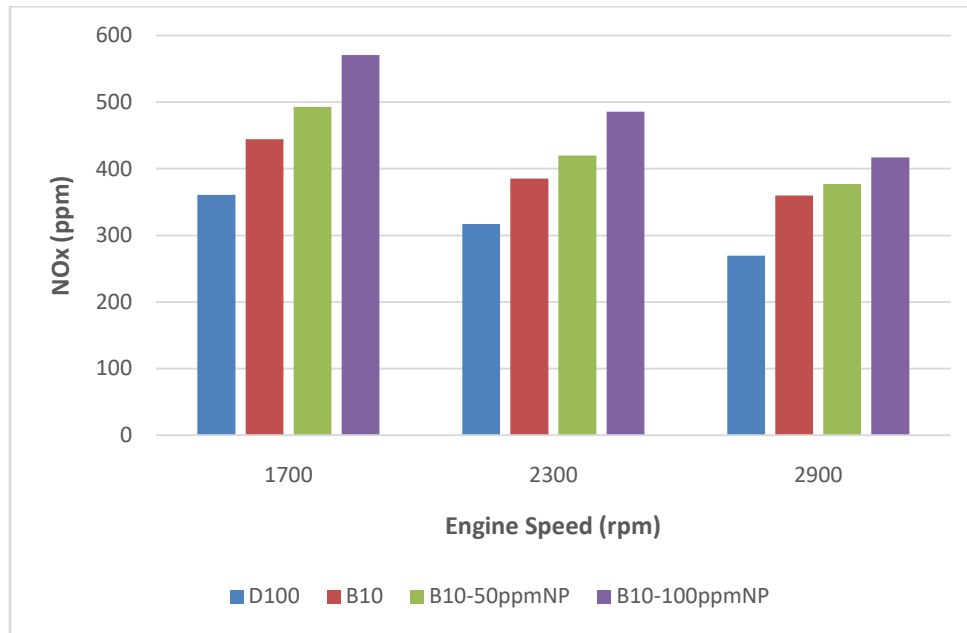


Fig. 8. Diagram of NOx emission at engine speed of 1700, 2300 and 2900 for several fuel mixtures.

4.3. ANN model results

ANN model was carried out for efficiency, and diesel engine emission with diesel-biodiesel including Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles fuel mixtures under different engine speeds.

Several network models were applied to discover the most appropriate prediction by the ANN model. In Table 1, a summary of various network models estimated to give the criteria of network efficiency are presented. The algorithm of trainlm, purelin transmission function for output layer and the transmission

function of log-sig, tan-sig with 2 hidden layers are chosen in this table. There are two hidden layer in the optimal network with 15-15 neurons and transfer function of logsig- logsig, for hidden layer one and two, respectively. In Figure 9, the efficiency and overall R quantities of optimal ANN model is shown. The optimal topology correlation coefficient for training, validating and testing are 0.99985, 0.99904 and 0.99791, respectively. Besides, the MSE quantities of optimal topology model for training, validating and testing are acquired as 0, 2.0624, and 2.4481, respectively.

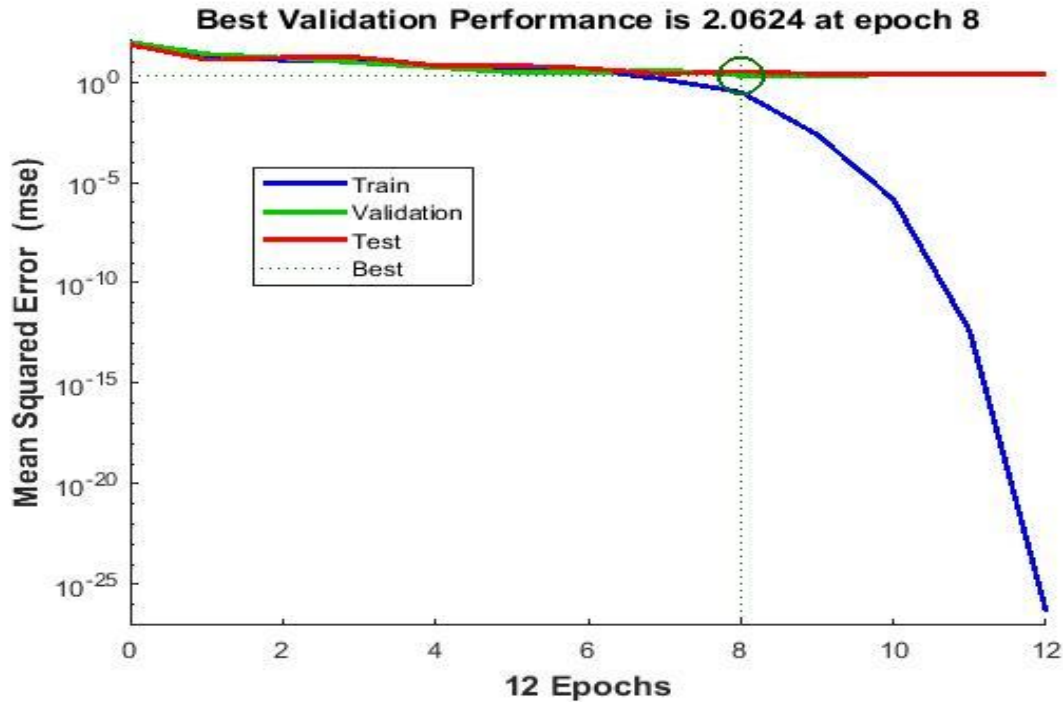


Fig.9.Efficiencyof the optimal network.

In order to study the network response in more detail a regression analysis between the corresponding targets and the network output was carried out. The result shows that the developed model adequately predict the efficiency, and diesel engine emission. In Figures 10 and 11, the predicted outputs by ANN versus measured quantities for efficiency, and emissions are demonstrated. Quantities of efficiency regression coefficient obtained from ANN are 0.97349 and 0.991663 for torque and

power, respectively. Additionally, quantities of emissions regression coefficient obtained from ANN are 0.98921, 0.992678, 0.994744, and 0.903677 for CO, CO₂, UHC, and NO_x, respectively. This shows that predicted model and experimental data have high correlation with each other in optimal ANN model.

As a conclusion, it can be said that ANN is a robust application for predicting efficiency and emission parameters of engines with acceptable precision.

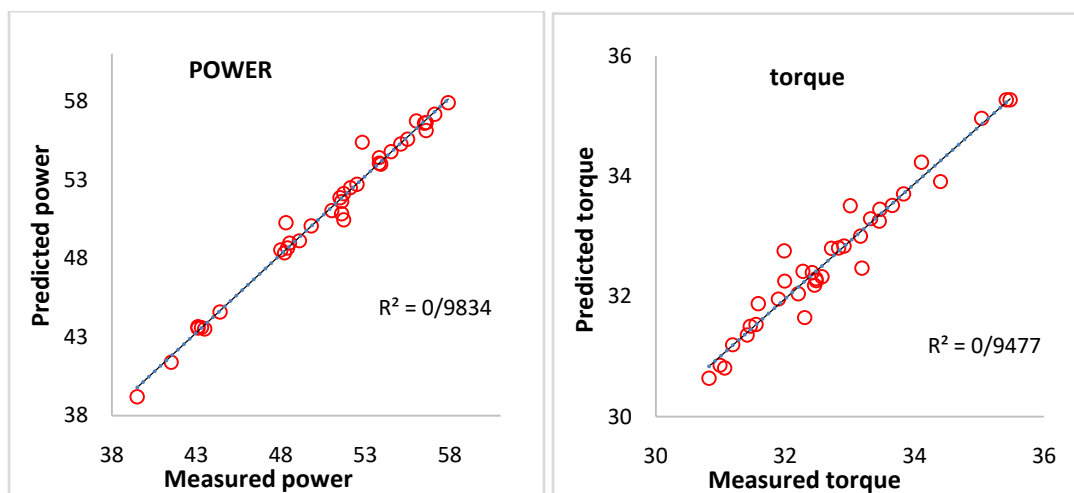


Fig. 10. Predicting quantities of ANN and experimental for efficiency parameters.

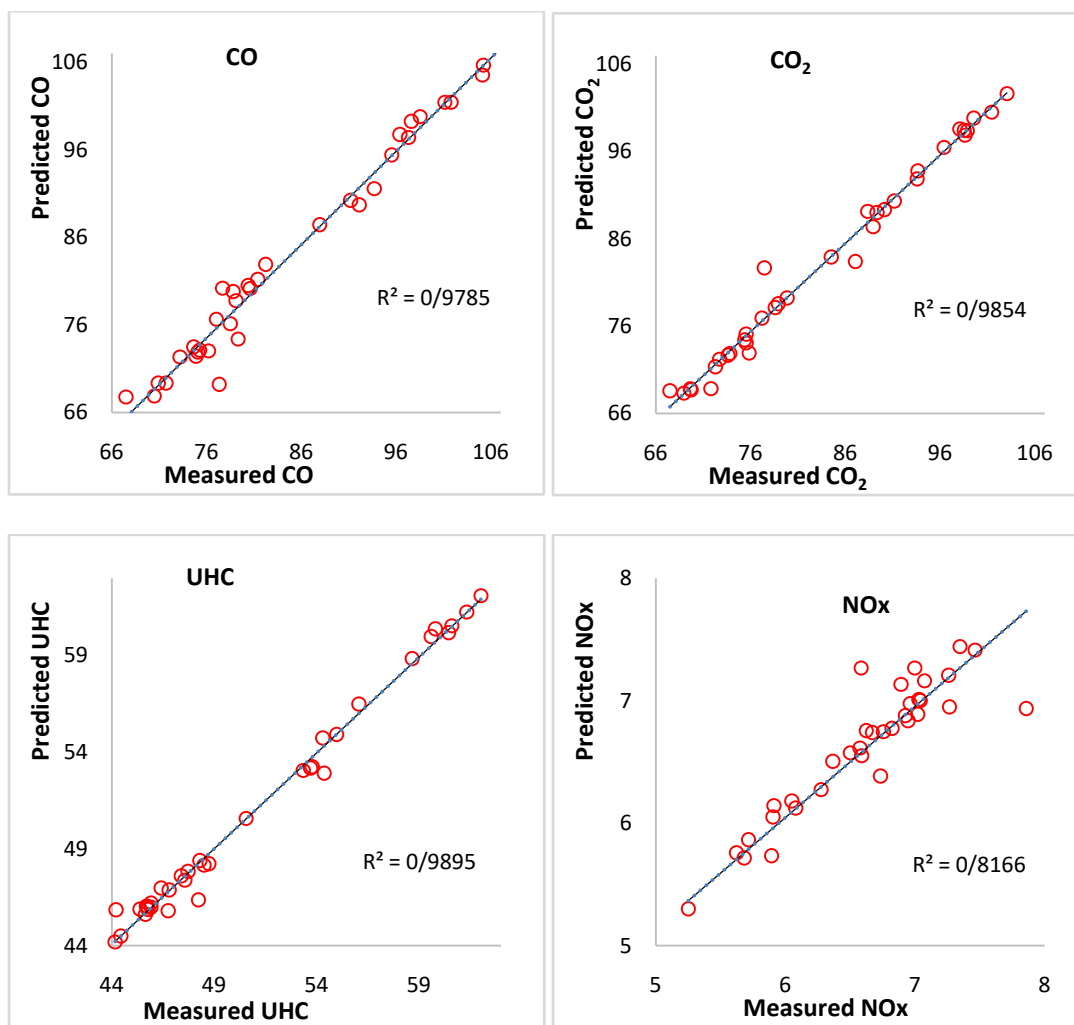


Fig. 11. Predicting quantities of ANN and experimental for diesel engine emissions.

Table 1. Summary of various network models estimated to give the criteria of network efficiency.

Networks number	Activation function	Training rule	Neurons in hidden layers		MSE			R			Epoch	Time (s)
			Layer 1	Layer 2	Training	Validating	Testing	Training	Validating	Testing		
1	Tan/Pur	trainlm	5	-	0.5551	2.6503	3.3427	0.99969	0.99866	0.99759	17	0
2	Tan/Pur	trainlm	10	-	0.1229	8.2202	5.1181	0.99962	0.99702	0.99752	7	0
3	Tan/Pur	trainlm	20	-	0.0029	6.8496	3.0467	0.99963	0.999777	0.99895	5	0
4	Tan/Pur	trainlm	30	-	0.0004	2.4587	4.9500	0.99996	0.99912	0.99767	4	0
5	Log/Pur	trainlm	5	-	0.4286	5.3832	4.3969	0.99926	0.99721	0.99727	1	2
6	Log/Pur	trainlm	10	-	0.0996	5.1054	8.9605	0.9999	0.99768	0.99476	13	0
7	Log/Pur	trainlm	20	-	0.0098	7.8996	9.6203	0.99984	0.99602	0.99606	4	0
8	Log/Pur	trainlm	30	-	0.0000	7.0798	8.3383	0.9996	0.99596	0.99626	4	0
9	Log/Log/Pur	trainlm	10	10	0.0926	8.2989	2.8820	0.9994	0.99652	0.99775	7	0
10	Log/Log/Pur	trainlm	15	15	0.0000	2.0624	2.4481	0.99985	0.99904	0.99791	8	0
11	Log/Log/Pur	trainlm	20	20	0.0000	8.0083	7.0152	0.99963	0.99547	0.99631	7	0
12	Log/Log/Pur	trainlm	20	25	0.0044	8.3046	6.6949	0.99858	0.99492	0.99609	3	0
13	Log/Log/Pur	trainlm	25	20	0.0000	9.2814	4.9946	0.99979	0.99551	0.99721	8	0
14	Log/Log/Pur	trainlm	25	25	0.0000	13.1199	10.7911	0.99956	0.99396	0.99505	3	0
15	Tan/Tan/Pur	trainlm	10	10	0.0317	4.8273	9.9892	0.99985	0.99737	0.99463	7	0
16	Tan/Tan/Pur	trainlm	15	15	0.0118	11.7747	7.7339	0.99717	0.99685	0.99593	5	0

17	Tan/Tan/Pur	trainlm	20	20		0.0000	13.3989	7.4388		0.99992	0.99375	0.99641	5	0
18	Tan/Tan/Pur	trainlm	25	25		0.0000	10.6364	12.8336		0.99693	0.99027	0.98548	5	0
19	Tan/log/Pur	trainlm	10	10		0.1351	9.0990	7.0104		0.9981	0.996	0.99596	5	0
20	Tan/log/Pur	trainlm	15	15		0.0039	15.9094	4.0175		0.99229	0.99668	0.99296	7	0
21	Tan/log/Pur	trainlm	20	20		0.0000	14.3756	12.4895		0.99699	0.99313	0.99399	3	0
22	Tan/log/Pur	trainlm	20	25		0.0016	5.8147	19.6947		0.99692	0.9964	0.9863	2	0
23	Tan/log/Pur	trainlm	25	20		0.0000	11.9491	8.0112		1	0.99494	0.99611	8	0
24	Tan/log/Pur	trainlm	25	25		0.0000	5.9878	6.9302		0.99959	0.99728	0.99625	5	1
25	Log/Tan/Pur	trainlm	10	10		0.1194	4.5388	8.3300		0.99871	0.99841	0.99641	4	0
26	Log/Tan/Pur	trainlm	15	15		0.0021	9.4714	8.9846		0.9998	0.99545	0.99507	6	0
27	Log/Tan/Pur	trainlm	20	20		0.0000	7.7820	13.0252		1	0.99683	0.97407	8	0
28	Log/Tan/Pur	trainlm	20	25		0.0000	3.6960	8.1147		1	0.99762	0.9954	9	0
29	Log/Tan/Pur	trainlm	25	20		0.0000	10.1197	6.3902		0.99998	0.99496	0.997	5	0
30	Log/Tan/Pur	trainlm	25	25		0.0000	3.2329	6.9756		1	0.99817	0.99806	9	0

In the suggested ANN model, just restricted amounts of obtained data is needed for training, while in the usual look-up table technique in the ECU of internal combustion engine, lots of experimental data is required for predicting or calibrating the engine efficiency, control emissions, and reducing the engine knocking utilizing vibration signal [19]. Here, it is possible to use the suggested ANN model for decreasing ECU calibration cost and computation time.

5. Conclusion

The objective of this study was to evaluate the Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles added to B10 at different engine speed under full load condition. Then, a model of neural network for prediction of the engine efficiency, and emissions of a single-cylinder diesel engine using diesel-biodiesel mixtures containing different dosage of Fe_2O_3 nanoparticles as a catalyst. Results show that adding nanoparticles could improve the combustion and efficiency of diesel engine as well as emissions. Then, in next section of this study, 70% of the whole datasets has been freely chosen for training the ANN model, whilst the remaining data has been partitioned uniformly, 15% for validating and 15% for testing. MLP with feed-forward back diffusion neural network model, the algorithm of levenberg-marquardt (trainlm) as the algorithm

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