



CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In this work, the mixed matrix membranes, ZSM5–polybenzoxazine, were successfully synthesized from bisphenol–A, formaldehyde and 1,6–hexadamine. The membrane separation performance was evaluated based on the gas permeability and CO₂/CH₄ selectivity. 1 wt.% of zeolite loading showed the highest CO₂ and CH₄ permeability and great CO₂/CH₄ selectivity when compared with those with higher % of ZSM–5 loading content. Increasing the zeolite loading did not significantly improve neither gas permeability nor CO₂/CH₄ selectivity since molecular sieving mechanism of ZSM–5 plays a minor role in CO₂/CH₄ separation.

By considering the effects of filler and interfacial adhesion between the filler and the polymer chains, the future work should focus on how to design high separation performance MMMs, which was suggested to improves by either thermal heat treatment of membrane or blending with another filler to improve the gas separation efficiency.