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#### **APPENDICES**

### Appendix A Temperature Controller Calibration

Two types of heating tapes were evaluated to establish the actual heating rate used during the transesterification reaction for each of the experimental conditions. The heating tapes were connected to the Digi-Sense® Temperature Controller, which was set up with the ramp/soak mode at a heating rate of 5°C.min<sup>-1</sup>.

Figure A1 shows the temperature profile as a function of time for heating tape I, set up at a maximum temperature of 45°C. This graph shows that the actual temperatures measured by the thermocouple (square symbols) as a function of time are different from the temperature profile set up at the temperature controller (cross symbol). A maximum temperature overshot of 52°C was observed for few minutes followed by a progressive reduction until the temperature reaches 45°C.



**Figure A1** Temperature profile obtained for heating tape I for a setting temperature of 45°C. The square symbols represent the actual temperature and cross symbols represent the set temperature in the temperature controller.

Figures A2 and A3 show the same behaviour observed previously. The heating tape response indicates that temperature overshot takes place for few minutes

and then, it levels off to the set temperature. The same procedure was repeated using the heating tape II to determine the heating rate.



**Figure A2** Temperature profile obtained for heating tape I for a setting temperature of 55°C. The square symbols represent the actual temperature and cross symbols represent the set temperature in the temperature controller.



**Figure A3** Temperature profile obtained for heating tape I for a setting temperature of 65°C. The square symbols represent the actual temperature and cross symbol represent the set temperature in the temperature controller.

Figures A4 to A6 indicate that in all cases, temperature overshooting takes place. However, heating tape type II shows lower temperature overshooting at the same heating rate compared to type I. Consequently, heater type II was chosen to conduct the experimental work to ensure a lower temperature overshooting during the reaction period.



**Figure A4** Comparison between type I and type II actual temperature profile for heating tape type I and type II at 45°C at the heating rate of 5°C.min<sup>-1</sup>. The square symbols and diamond symbols represent the temperature profile of Heater Type I and Type II respectively.



**Figure A5** Comparison between type I and type II actual temperature profile for heating tape type I and type II at 55°C and at a heating rate of 5°C.min<sup>-1</sup>. The squares symbols and cross symbols represent the temperature profile of Heater Type I and Type II respectively.



**Figure A6** Comparison between type I and type II actual temperature profile for heating tape type I and type II at 65°C at a heating rate of 5°C.min<sup>-1</sup>. The squares symbols and cross symbols represent the temperature profile of Heater Type I and Type II respectively.

# Appendix B Calibration of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR for biodiesel yield determination

A calibration curve was obtained for reliable results from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis. A biodiesel standard, which contains 99.8% of fatty acid methyl ester derived from canola oil, was used and mixed with consumable grade canola oil to get a series of biodiesel concentrations as follows: B0 which is canola oil at 100%wt concentration, B20 which has 20%wt of biodiesel standard mixed with 80%wt of canola oil, B40 which has 40%wt of biodiesel standard mixed with 60%wt of canola oil, B50 which has 50%wt of biodiesel standard mixed with 50%wt canola oil, B60 which has 60%wt of biodiesel standard mixed with 40%wt canola oil, B60 which has 80%wt of biodiesel standard mixed with 40%wt canola oil, B80 which has 80%wt of biodiesel standard mixed with 20%wt of canola oil, and B100 which contains 100%wt of the biodiesel standard. The actual weight of each runs were calculated and compared to the results obtained from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis.

A biodiesel standard, which contains 99.8% of fatty acid methyl ester derived from canola oil, was used and mixed with consumable grade canola oil to get a series of biodiesel concentrations as shown in Table A1.

	Weight of (g)		Total (g)	Actual %	
	B100	Canola Oil	- 10tal (g)	of B100	
<b>B0</b>	0	1.002	1.002	0.00	
B20	0.201	0.800	1.001	20.08	
B40	0.403	0.598	1.001	40.26	
B50	0.502	0.503	1.005	49.95	
B60	0.604	0.400	1.004	60.16	
<b>B80</b>	0.800	0.203	1.003	79.76	
B100	1.006	0	1.006	100.00	

**Table B1** Actual compositions of biodiesel standard for yield determination by

 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis calibration

	%Yield calcula	Avonago		
	Run 1	Run 2	Average	
BO	0	0	0	
B20	18.99	19.13	19.06	
<b>B40</b>	39.49	39.72	39.60	
B50	48.63	49.23	48.93	
B60	61.37	61.55	61.46	
<b>B80</b>	79.83	80.42	80.12	
B100	100.63	100.45	100.54	

 Table B2
 Percentage of biodiesel yield obtained from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis



Figure B1 Biodiesel standard calibration curve obtained from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis.

Figure B1 shows the biodiesel concentration calibration curve. The biodiesel yield calculated from <sup>1</sup>H-NMR analysis corresponded to the actual fatty acid methyl ester contained in the mixture. The calibration curve shows a coefficient of determination of  $R^2 = 0.9994$ . The mixture B0 does not show an ester peak in the <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum because it contains only pure canola oil. The other biodiesel standard samples: B20, B40, B50, B60, B80, and B100 showed the following biodiesel concentrations 19.104%, 39.603%, 48.928%, 61.460%, 80.124%, and 100.473% respectively.

# Appendix C Analytical Data for B100 Used for <sup>1</sup>H-NMR Analysis Calibration Obtained from the Third Party Company

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	÷	Description: Sample identification:	Biodiesel B-100 ??	

TESTS	UNITS	METHODS	SPECIFICATIONS	RESULTS
Paraffins	% wt	GCMS Confirmation		< 1.0
Fatty Acid Methyl Esters (FAME)	% v/v	EN 14078		99.8

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Figure C1 Report of analysis for B100 from Interlek

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