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## ABSTRACT

Petroleum product-based materials have gained significant interest in replacing the petroleum-based oil chemicals with environmentally friendly materials. A lubricating oil-based demulsifier has been successfully synthesized by the condensation reaction of lubricating oil with diethanolamine in the presence of a catalyst applied during separation via a water-in-oil (W/O) emulsion. The demulsifier was characterized by FTIR, GC-MS, and SEM analyses. The surfactant's separation efficacy was studied using the bottle test. The results showed that this new product efficiently demulsified the W/O emulsion with 98% separation achieved. The influence of settling time, demulsifier dosage, temperature on the demulsification efficiency, effect of salt were investigated. The separation efficiency increased with increasing settling time, demulsifier dose, the temperature conditions and effect of salt accelerate the demulsification process. As well, the interfacial tension decreases with increases of the demulsifier dose.

Keywords:

Water in oil emulsion, lubricating oil, demulsification, crude oil, separation of water.

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**LIST OF SYMBOLS**

°C	-	Degree Celsius
%	-	Percentage
H	-	Hours
ppm	-	Parts per million
ml	-	Milli Litre
rpm	-	Revolutions per minute
wt%	-	Weight percent
vol%	-	Volume percent
IFT	-	Interfacial Tension Measurement
$\rho$	-	Density
$\mu$	-	Viscosity
$\Delta P$	-	Pressure Drop
cP	-	Centi Poise



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# CHAPTER 1

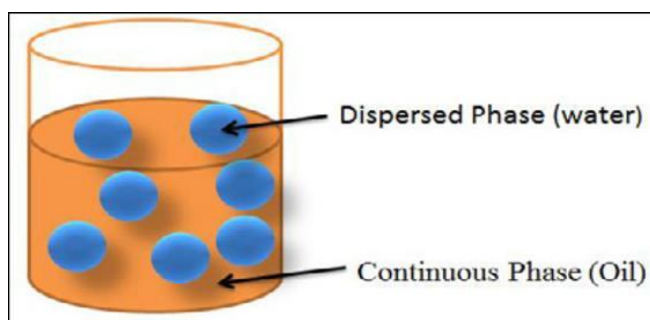
## 1. INTRODUCTION

The creation of intricate and exceptionally stable emulsions with saline water is a significant difficulty frequently faced during the production and transportation of crude oil in the petroleum industry. A class of privileged chemicals or surfactants known as demulsifiers is employed, often in little amounts, to separate the water from oil and water in emulsions (Neogi, P et al 2018). The amount of salty water used in the production of crude oils is significant. To prevent problems with processing, this salty water has to be removed from the crude. The main reason for this is that this saline water may cause corrosion in the facilities, which caused serious issues for the sector. Demulsifiers or surfactants are organic particles comprising of two parts: the polar portion that is attractive to the water phase (hydrophilic) and the nonpolar portion that is attractive to the oil phase (hydrophobic). Commonly, demulsifiers can be categorized into four groups: surfactant nonionic, ionic, amphoteric and polymer surfactant.

Water-in-oil emulsions allocated the largest interest during the production of crude oil. These emulsions need to be separated into two phases to fulfill the needs of crude oil for transportation or need to be sent to a refinery (Kakati, D. K., et al 2019). Water-in-oil emulsion (often named as “chocolate mousse” or “mouse”) is commonly known as regular, while the oil-in-water emulsion is known as inverse or reverse. About 95% of the crude oil in the world produced the water-in-oil emulsion type. As discussed earlier, crude oil consists of two immiscible liquid phases: oil and water. It tends to separate into water droplet formation which dispersed in all through the continuous oil phase. During production, an adequate mixing or presence of emulsifiers/surfactant added to the volume of the crude oil leads to corrosion in the pipelines and growing transportation and refining cost and promotes the formation of stable emulsions (Feitosa, Filipe X., et al 2019). One of the important parameters during the transportation is the crude oil viscosity. The emulsion viscosity is affected by the droplet size distribution because the smaller the droplet size of the droplet, the higher the viscosity and stability of the water-in-oil emulsions.

Lubricating oils are composed of 80–90% petroleum hydrocarbon distillate with 10–20% additives to impart specific properties to the oil. The petroleum hydrocarbon distillate generally consists of paraffinic or naphthenic compounds. Lubricating oils are produced from the finishing (deasphalting, hydrotreatment, solvent extraction, and dewaxing) of heavy vacuum gas oils (Hosiberto B. de Sant'Ana et al 2020).

W/O emulsions have high potential for cosmetic, pharmaceutical, agricultural, and food industries. They are greasy and not easily washed by water. They are used externally to provide a cooling effect, for example, vanishing cream. Water-soluble drugs are more quickly released from O/W emulsions. They are preferred for oral formulations as the taste of oils can be masked (Raissa S. Alves, et al 2019).



**Fig 1.1 water in oil emulsion type**

### **1.1 Characteristics of the light crude oil.**

Density	0.8628 (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
Viscosity	35 (N/m <sup>2</sup> )
API Gravity	35 – 45
Surface Tension	13.678 (mN/m)
Interfacial Tension	14.731 (mN/m)
Melting point	23.5 <sup>0</sup> C
Boiling point	180 - 360

## CHAPTER 2

### LITRATURE REVIEW

**Reza Zolfaghari et al., (2021) “Demulsification techniques of water-in-oil and oil-in-water emulsions in petroleum industry”**- The difficulties associated with transportation and refining of crude oil emulsions and produced water discharge limitations are among the conspicuous clues that have led the oilfield researchers to probe into practical demulsification methods for many decades. Inconsistent research outcomes observed in the literature for a particular demulsification method of a typical emulsion (i.e., water-in-oil or oil-in-water) arise not only from the varied influential parameters associated (such as salinity, temperature, pH, dispersed phase content, emulsifier/demulsifier concentration, and droplet size) but also from the diverse types of emulsion constituents (namely oil, surfactant, salt, alkali, polymer, fine solids, and/or other chemicals/impurities).

**Sofiah Atirah Rayal et al., (2020) “A critical review of development and demulsification mechanisms of crude oil emulsion in the petroleum industry”**- The need for efficient demulsification process to treat emulsions in the petroleum industry is well acknowledged. For decades, numerous researches have been conducted to examine mechanisms of emulsification and demulsification. Untreated emulsion has both technical and commercial implications in the industry, especially in terms of treatment facilities, refining and transportation. Effective treatment is needed to ensure optimum production of hydrocarbons. The present paper is to review reported works on the formation of petroleum emulsions, demulsification treatments, characteristics of fit for-purpose demulsifiers as well as research trends in emulsion treatment. Crude oils are naturally combined with natural surfactants having high tendency to form stable emulsion. The stable emulsion must be treated well to meet industrial requirements since crudes with a high volume of stable emulsion have a less value.

**Alves et al. (2020) “Synthesis and application of castor oil maleate and castor oil maleate-styrene copolymers as demulsifier for water-in-oil emulsions”** – Castor oil maleate and castor oil maleate styrene copolymers were synthesized. Two different Brazilian crude oils, deionized water, sodium chloride, NaOH and HCl for synthetic emulsion formation. These were characterized by FTIR, SEC, and TGA. Bottle tests were carried out at 60 °C in graduated ASTM test tubes for 2 h, varying additive concentration from 100 to 5000 ppm. Interfacial tension

measurements were performed. These results were discussed on the basis of the oil characterization, mechanisms of demulsifying action, as well as interfacial tension data.

**Saad et al., (2021) “Synthesis, characterization, and demulsification of water in crude oil emulsion via a corn oil-based demulsifier”**- A corn oil-based demulsifier has been successfully synthesized. The demulsifier was characterized by FTIR, GC-MS, and LC-QTOF-MS analyses. The surfactant's separation efficacy was studied using the Sany-glass test. The results showed that this new product efficiently demulsified the W/O emulsion with 98% separation achieved. The influence of settling time, demulsifier dosage, and temperature on the demulsification efficiency were investigated.

**Feitosa et al., (2019) “Synthesis and application of additives based on cardanol as demulsifier for water-in-oil emulsions”**- Ethoxylation and resins synthesis were based on hydrogenated cardanol. Three different Brazilian crude oils, deionized water, sodium chloride, NaOH and HCl for synthetic emulsion formation. These additives were characterized by FTIR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis. Bottle test was done for water separability tests. These results were discussed on the basis of the oil characterization and effects of additives

**Javadian et al., (2020) “Demulsification of water in oil emulsion by surface modified  $\text{SiO}_2$  nanoparticle”**-  $\text{SiO}_2$  @ oleic acid (OA),  $\text{SiO}_2$  @ sodium dodecyl benzene sulfonate (SDBS) and GO- $\text{SiO}_2$  nanocomposite was synthesized and was characterized with SEM, FESEM, BET, XRD, FT-IR, TGA, and zeta potential. The performance of nano demulsifiers was evaluated with bottle test. The effects of temperature and salt were surveyed. Interfacial tension measurement, Total acid number determination, Viscosity measurement of the emulsions are done. These results were discussed on the basis of the oil characterization, temperature effect, salt effect and interfacial tension data.

## 2.1 RESEARCH GAP

Researchers in petroleum industry is trying to replace petroleum-based surfactants for natural demulsifiers, as a result of their low biodegradability that can cause hazardous risk to the ecosystem. Development of new surfactant molecules remains still a challenge for petroleum industry. Many researches have carried out in kerosene oil, castor oil based demulsifiers. As a first attempt lubricating oil is chosen for the demulsification process in this study.

## **2.2 AIM**

To use lubricating oil as demulsifiers for demulsification of oil water emulsion in crude oil and to study the demulsifier efficiency.

## **2.3 OBJECTIVES**

- To synthesize a lubricating oil based demulsifier to separate water from crude oil emulsion by demulsification method.
- To study the demulsification efficiency in the most stable emulsion (W/O emulsion) by examining the effects of the settling time, demulsifier dosage, temperature, the impact of additives and to measure the interfacial tension of emulsion by varying the concentration of demulsifier.
- To enhance the demulsification efficiency by passing the emulsion with demulsifier into the coalescer column by optimizing the parameters like demulsifier concentration, bed height and flow rate.
- To develop faster and efficient emulsion-breaking route, as well as impose less economic problems in the petroleum industry.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

#### **3.1 MATERIALS**

The Light crude oil sample was obtained from Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), Chennai. the Lubricating oil was purchased from petrol bunk. Sodium chloride (NaCl) for brine preparation Emulsifying agent (cityl trimethyl ammonium bromide). , beakers, heating mantle, 10 mL centrifuge tubes for bottle test and water bath. Coalescer column, Condenser, beakers, measuring flasks and Heating mantle.

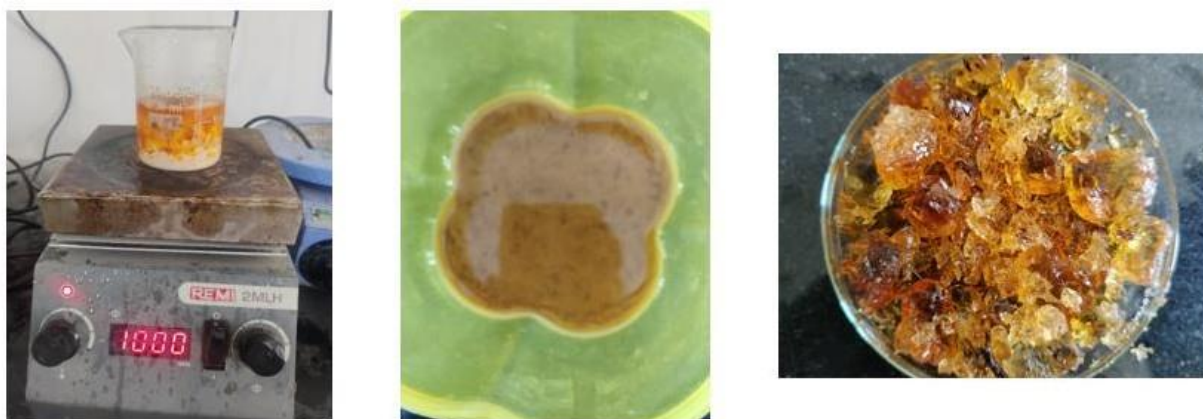
#### **3.2 EMULSION PREPARATION**

The water-in-oil (W/O) emulsions were prepared at volumes of (30/70) vol.%. This work then used a homogenizer (IKA, Ultra Turax T25 Basic) at a mixing rate of 1000 rpm for 30 min at room temperature. Domestic tap water was used as the dispersed phase, and crude oil served as the continuous phase. The agent was followed in the oil process, i.e., the emulsifying agent was dissolved in the continuous step (oil). Water was slowly added to the mixture (oil + emulsifier). The cityl trimethyl ammonium bromide product used as emulsifier produced a stable emulsion



### 3.3 SYNTHESIS OF LUBRICATING OIL BASED RESINS

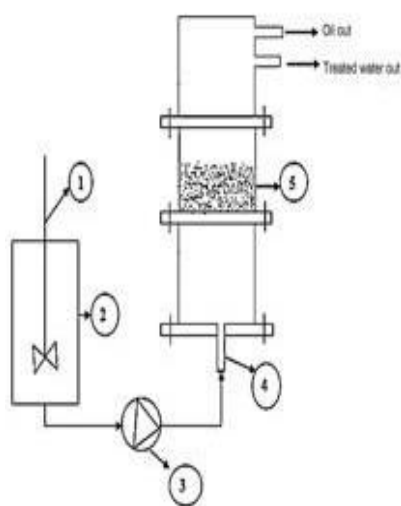
The two-step alcoholysis–polyesterification synthesis was carried out by maintaining its desired temperature at each step in a nitrogen atmosphere using a mechanical stirrer. A volume of 38.68 g of lubricating oil was taken in a three-necked round bottom flask of 100 mL, 7.36 g of glycerol and 0.05 wt% (based on oil) of NaOH was added to the oil. The reaction mixture was then stirred continuously for 1 h at a constant temperature of 230 °C and a constant speed of 1000 rpm (rounds per min). A small amount of resultant monoglyceride was removed and mixed with methanol; the complete dissolution of the mixture confirms the formation of monoglyceride in the product. After the monoglyceride test, the temperature of the reaction mixture was lowered to 120 °C prior to the addition were added to the mixture, and the 0.12 mol of finely ground acid anhydride and 1.98 g of glycerol were added to the mixture, and the temperature was raised up to 220 °C. The mixture was quenched till the temperature reached 25 °C, and the resin was poured in the sample holder. Curing of the alkyd resins was carried out by blending with epoxy resin .2 g of the resin was blended with 1.33 g of epoxy resin, 0.6g of epoxy hardener in a Petri dish and stirred manually for 10 min.



**Fig 3.1** lubricating oil based resins

### 3.4 EXPERIMENTAL SETUP COALESCENCE FLOW TEST

The Construct a coalescence column of 25 cm in height and diameter of 18 cm. Pack the coalescence column by adding porous particles into the bed holder. Connect the pump, emulsion tank, coalescence column, and settling unit. Pump 1000 mL of the emulsion, at 10 ml /min, to flow through the coalescence column. Keep the collected oil and water in the settling unit, at the same temperature, for 4 hours to allow water droplets to settle by gravity. Take an oil sample from the oil layer in the settling unit for determining water content of the oil (1) Stirrer, (2) mixing vessel, (3) peristaltic pump, (4) inlet of emulsion, (5) resin bed (Moses, S. F., & Ng, K. M., 1985).



**Fig 3.2 experimental setup in coalescence column**

### 3.5 INSTRUMENTAL ANALYSIS

The prepared demulsifier, packing material and emulsion was analysed by using FTIR, GC-MS and SEM analysis. The added amine functionality that access demulsifier was confirmed through FTIR an GCMS analysis. The morphology of the emulsion and presence of moisture content was found through SEM analysis.

## CHAPTER 4

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

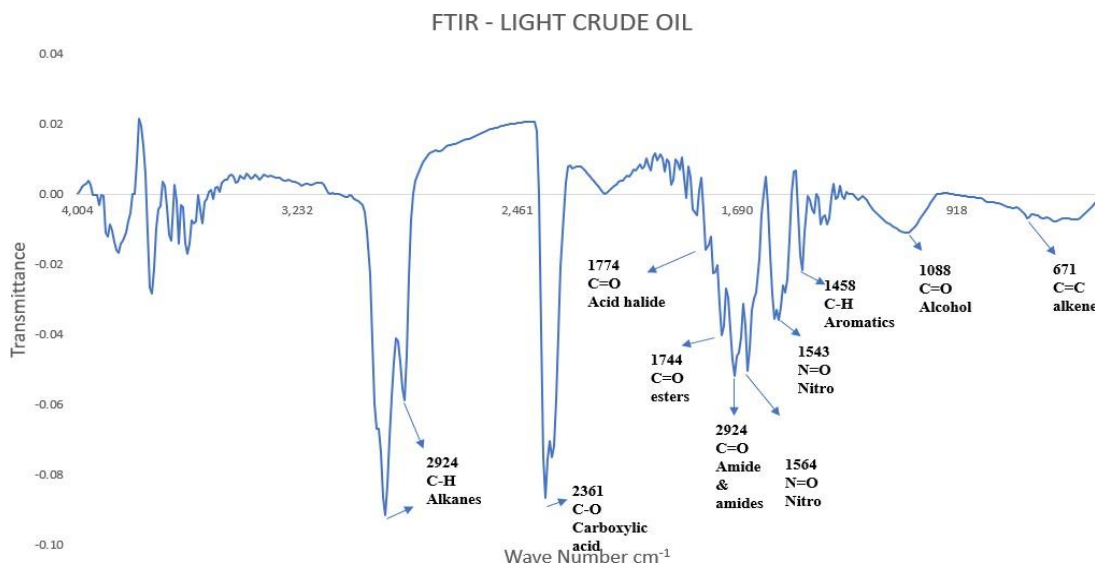
#### 4. CHARACTERIZATION

##### 4.1 FOURIER TRANSFORM INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY

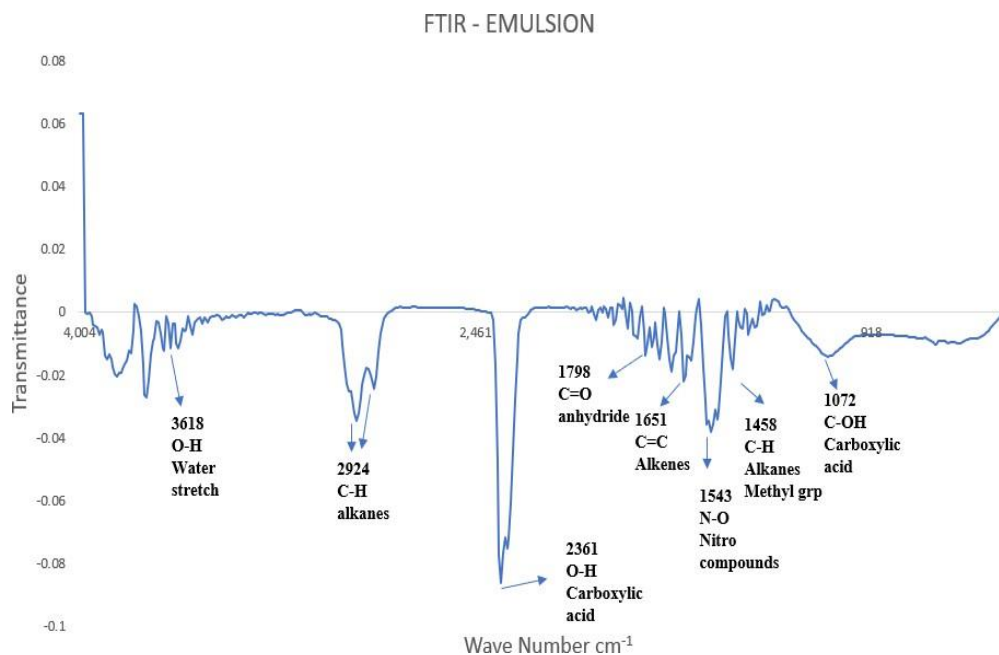
The objective of Fourier Transform Infrared study was to determine the functional groups present in the crude oil. Using an Agilent Cary 630 spectrometer, Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) was used to evaluate the unprocessed neem oil and the synthetic neem oil-based demulsifier. With a spectral resolution of 1  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , the FTIR spectrum was acquired spanning the wavenumber range of 400–4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (Babu K et al. 2015).

The most intense peaks present at 2924  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 2854  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C-H) represent single bonded alkanes while 671  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

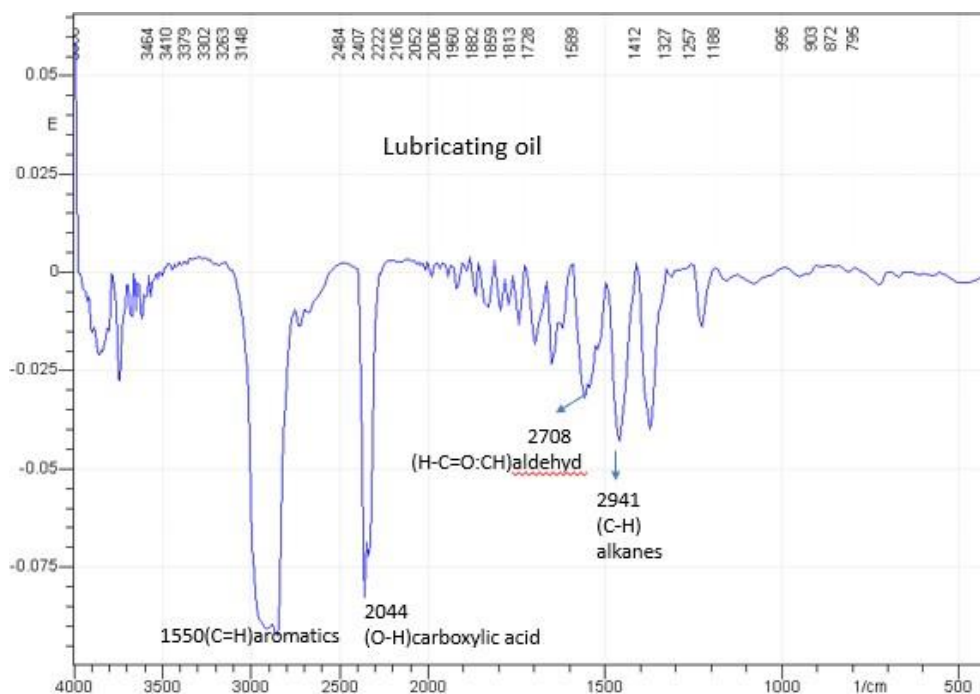
$\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=C) represent double bonded alkenes. Presence of aromatics, carboxylic acid, alcohol amines, amides, nitro compounds, halides and esters at wave numbers 1458  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C-H), 2361  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C-O), 1088  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O), 2924  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C-N), 1564  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (N=O), 1774  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O) and 1744  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O) respectively.



**Fig 4.1 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)- Light Crude Oil**



**Fig 4.1.1 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) – crude oil emulsion**

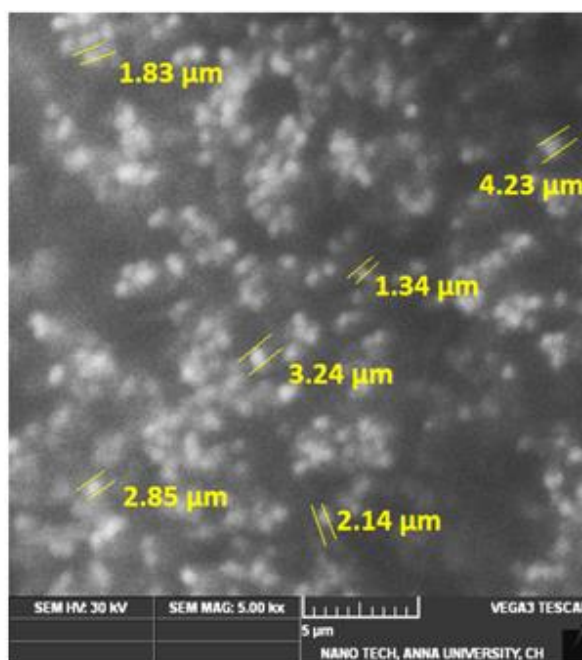


**Fig 4.1.2 Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)- lubricant oil**

The intense peaks present at  $2924\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C-H) represent single bonded alkanes and  $1458\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C-H) methyl group. O-H water stretch is shown by the peak  $3618\text{ cm}^{-1}$  which confirms the presence of water. The peaks  $2361\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1072\text{ cm}^{-1}$  represent the carboxylic acid group (C-OH) stretch. The peak at  $1798\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=O) represent anhydride. The peak at  $1543\text{ cm}^{-1}$  represent nitro (N=O).

The intense peaks present at  $2941\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C-H) represent single bonded alkanes and  $2708\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (H-C=O:CH) Aldehyd. The peaks  $1541\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=H) aromatics. The peak at  $2044\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (O-H) carboxylic acid (Javadian, Soheila, et al 2020).

#### 4.1.1 SEM ANALYSIS FOR EMULSION SAMPLE

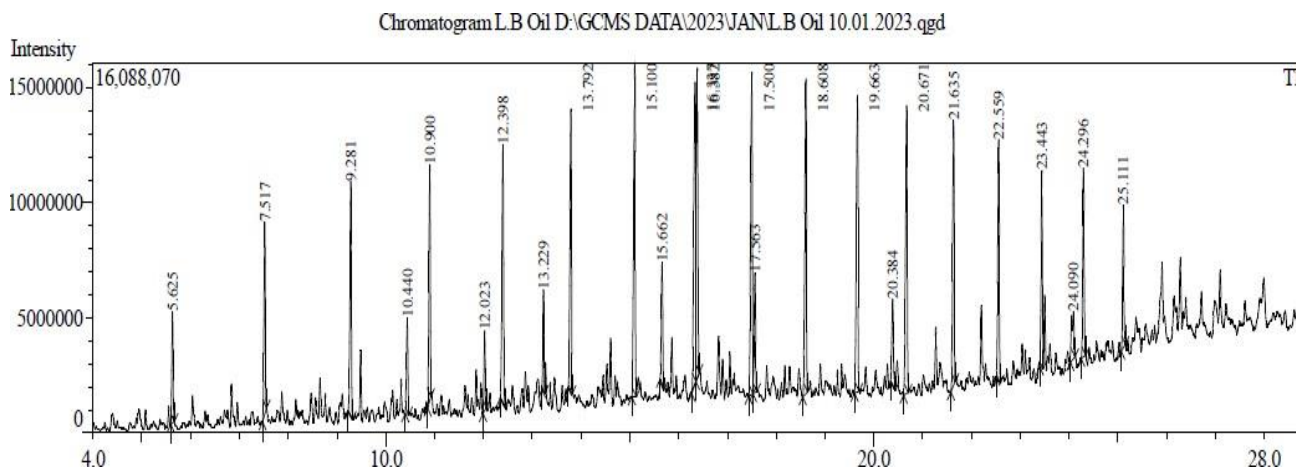


**Fig 4.2 SEM image for Stable emulsion sample**

A scanning electron microscope was used to examine a synthetic emulsion. A stable emulsion is produced by water droplets with a size between 1 and  $100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . It was observed that the emulsions with the smaller particle sizes were more stable than their larger counterparts. The emulsions with an average particle size of  $1\text{--}5\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  were found to be stable even after 30 days at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ . The smaller the droplet size the larger the stability of emulsion (S. Morteza Sadrpour et al 2020).

#### 4.1.2 GC-MS ANALYSIS OF DEMULSIFIER

After introducing the sample into an Agilent 7890 gas chromatograph connected to a 5973 quadrupole mass spectrometer, the synthesised demulsifier was subjected to gas chromatography-mass spectroscopy (GC-MS) examination. There were 25 100% composition composites. The identified compounds are included in Table 1 along with their retention time (RT), composition rate, and molecular formula as determined by PubChem. The surfactant's GC-MS characterisation in terms of retention time (min) and chemical abundance is displayed in Fig. 4. Esters, amines, hydrocarbons, carboxyles, amides, and fatty acids were among the substances discovered ( Biswadeep, et al. 2021). Due to their high molecular weight, which acts as a flocculant in adsorption and contact activities, amines and fatty acids are present in high concentrations, aiding in the demulsification process.



**Fig. 4.3 GC-MS of lubricating oil in terms of retention time an intensity**



**Table 4.1 Components present in lubricating oil by GC-MS**

Peak#	R.Time	I.Time	F.Time	Area	Area%	Height	Height%	A/H	Mark	Name
1	5.625	5.590	5.665	8545715	1.75	4850335	2.16	1.76		Decane
2	7.517	7.470	7.555	15701374	3.22	8316072	3.70	1.89		Undecane
3	9.281	9.230	9.315	20203141	4.14	10192255	4.54	1.98		Dodecane
4	10.440	10.395	10.470	8411873	1.72	4202468	1.87	2.00		3,6-DIMETHYLOCTANE
5	10.900	10.855	10.925	19604161	4.02	10251814	4.57	1.91		Tridecane
6	12.023	11.990	12.055	5644168	1.16	3453941	1.54	1.63		HEXADECANE, 2,6,10,14-TETRAMETH
7	12.398	12.345	12.445	23326973	4.78	11225532	5.00	2.08		TETRADECANE
8	13.229	13.195	13.255	6905469	1.41	4423641	1.97	1.56		2,6,10-Trimethyltridecane
9	13.792	13.735	13.820	25998271	5.33	12277491	5.47	2.12		Heptadecane
10	15.100	15.040	15.130	34875705	7.14	14512593	6.46	2.40		Heneicosane
11	15.662	15.620	15.695	10701201	2.19	5314662	2.37	2.01		2,6,10-TRIMETHYLPENTADECANE
12	16.337	16.270	16.355	38118075	7.81	13104317	5.84	2.91		Heptadecane
13	16.382	16.355	16.420	28258378	5.79	13443336	5.99	2.10	V	Hexadecane, 2,6,10-trimethyl-
14	17.500	17.435	17.525	33610317	6.89	13989137	6.23	2.40		Octadecane
15	17.563	17.525	17.605	10833125	2.22	5211473	2.32	2.08	V	HEXADECANE, 2,6,10,14-TETRAMETH
16	18.608	18.545	18.640	32044702	6.56	13668222	6.09	2.34		Heneicosane
17	19.663	19.605	19.700	30514984	6.25	12864667	5.73	2.37		EICOSANE
18	20.384	20.345	20.435	8153520	1.67	3753950	1.67	2.17		Heptyl hexacosyl ether
19	20.671	20.610	20.705	28805908	5.90	12491664	5.56	2.31		HENEICOSANE
20	21.635	21.580	21.665	24950551	5.11	11504837	5.12	2.17		DOCOSANE
21	22.559	22.505	22.590	21613264	4.43	10466261	4.66	2.07		Tetracontane
22	23.443	23.400	23.470	15967287	3.27	8583861	3.82	1.86		Tetracosane
23	24.090	24.025	24.120	7154749	1.47	2016621	0.90	3.55		9-Octadecenoic acid (Z)-, oxiranylmethyl es
24	24.296	24.250	24.340	16215802	3.32	8191110	3.65	1.98		PENTACOSANE
25	25.111	25.070	25.155	12005027	2.46	6211460	2.77	1.93		Dotriacontane
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## 4.2 PATERAMETRIC OPTIMIZATION – BOTTLE SEPARATION METHOD

To better understand the demulsification efficiency of the most stable emulsions (W/O emulsions), the influence of the settling time, demulsifier dosage, and temperature on demulsification efficiency was evaluated. The results obtained for lubricating oil based demulsifier is compared with chemical octylamine demulsifier.

### 4.2.1 EFFECT OF DEMULSIFIER DOSAGE ON THE SEPARATION PERFORMANCE

Higher demulsifier concentrations are necessary for treating more stable emulsions, however using too little demulsifier could cause the emulsion to disintegrate rather than stabilise. In a total volume sample of 10 ml (4 times), a 3:7 (vol%) water-in-oil emulsion was created. The formation of small, homogeneous emulsion droplets that enable emulsion stability is visible in the SEM pictures (Tarun Kumar Naiya et al 2021). The demulsifier's effectiveness at breaking apart emulsions was evaluated using a bottle test. To make the emulsion, 10 mL of various demulsifier concentrations (0.5-2 mL) were added. The tubes are kept in a 50oC water bath. Equation (1) was used to calculate the percentage of water separation efficiency (SE%) from the observed volume of water in the graduated measurement container in mL.

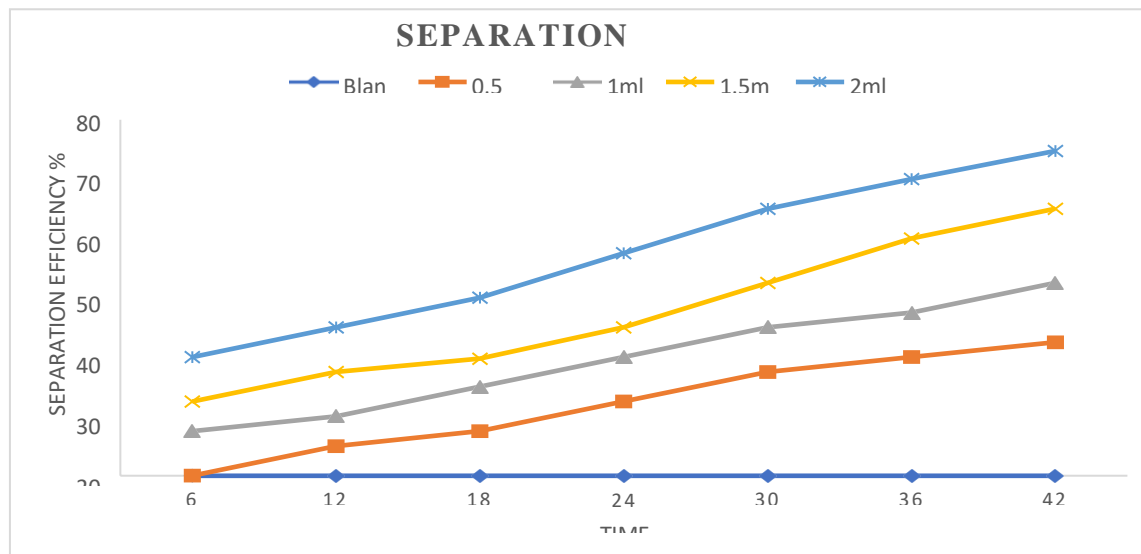
$$\text{Separation efficiency (SE\%)} = \frac{\text{volume of collected in ml}}{\text{Original volume of water in the emulsion in mL}} \quad (1)$$

It was noted that the separation of phases was a function of time. These findings suggested that as demulsifier concentration rises, more demulsifier molecules are deposited on the water-oil interface, taking the place of natural asphalt emulsifiers. This reduces the interfacial film's mechanical stability (E. Drickson, et al 1992). This film's stability begins to decrease until it is weaker and then collapses entirely with more demulsifier agent adsorption on the interface

**Table 4.2 Demulsification dosage and separation efficiency**

		0.5 MI		1 mL		1.5 mL		2 mL		Average
Time (hr)	Blank	Water separated mL	SE %	Water separated mL	SE %	Water separated MI	SE %	Water Separated	SE %	Separation Efficiency %
6	0	0	0	0.3	10	0.5	16.6	0.8	26.6	13.33
12	0	0.2	6.66	0.4	13.3	0.7	23.3	1	33.3	19.14
18	0	0.3	10	0.6	20	0.8	26.6	1.2	40	23.08
24	0	0.5	16.6	0.8	26.6	1	33.3	1.5	50	31.66
30	0	0.7	23.3	1	33.3	1.3	43.3	1.8	60	39.99
36	0	0.8	26.6	1.1	36.6	1.6	53.3	2	66.6	45.79
42	0	0.9	30	1.3	43.3	1.8	60	2.2	73	51.58

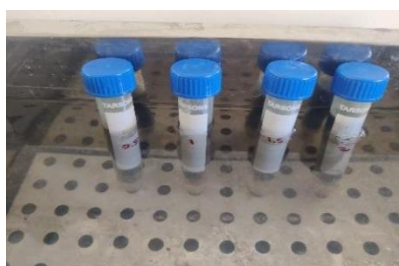




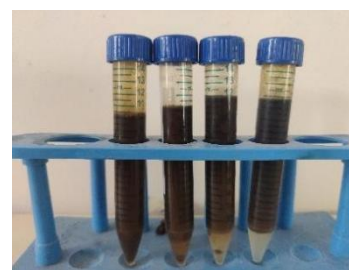
**Fig 4.4 Separation efficiency of demulsifier vs demulsifier doses**



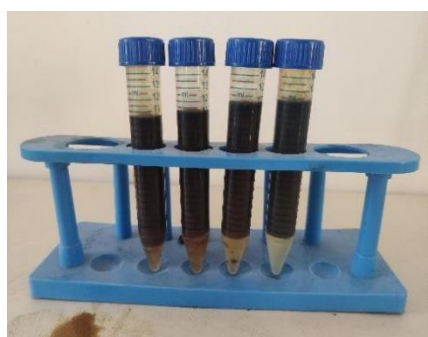
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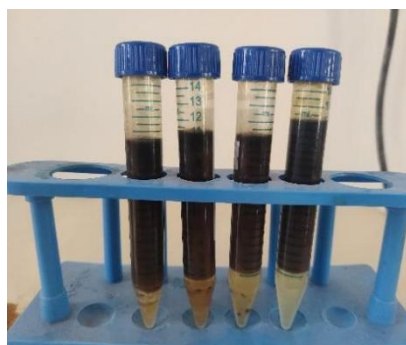
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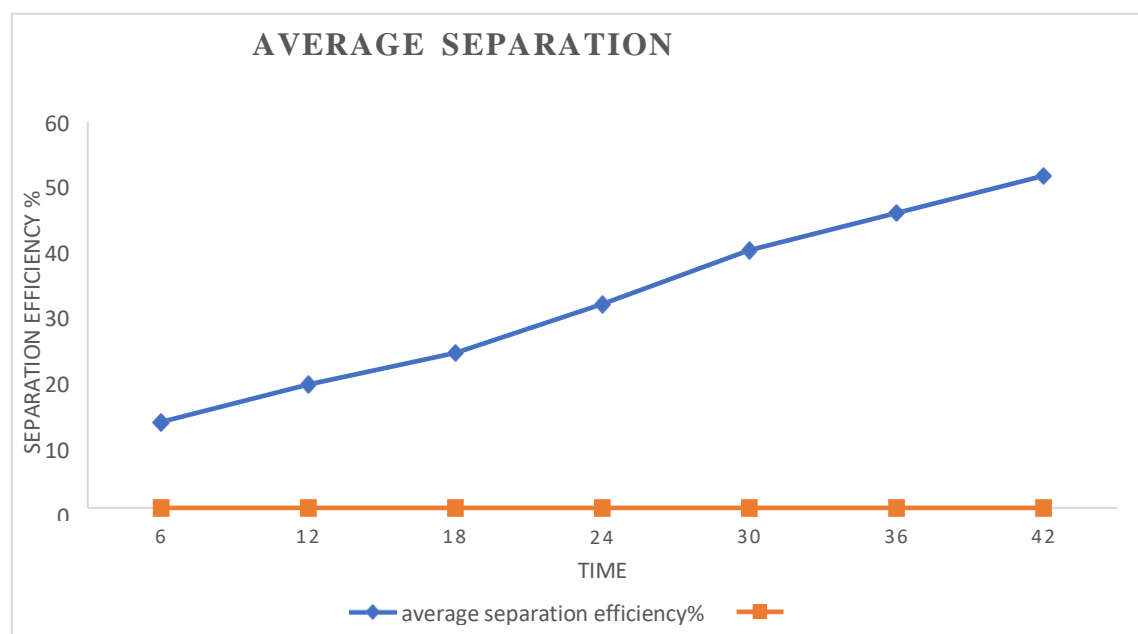


**(e)**

**Fig 4.4.1 (a) stable blank emulsion, (b) tubes maintained at 50°C in water bath, (c) demulsification at 6 h period, (d) demulsification at 24 h period, (e) demulsification at 42 h period.**

#### 4.2.2 EFFECT OF SETTLING TIME

The average separation efficiency as a function of time achieved during four different concentrations (0.5-2 mL) of lubricating oil. The findings showed that when settling time rose, there was a greater separation of water. (T. N. Poyarkova et al. 2010). Since there are less water droplets in the emulsion as time goes on, the separation rate drops. As a result, water molecules disperse and lessen the likelihood of water droplets colliding and coalescing. According to Raynel G. et al.2021, the amount of water separated grows as the settling time increases. For each concentration, there is more water separated at the end of 42 hours. The results indicated that settling time is a significant factor affecting demulsification efficiency.



**Fig 4.5 Average separation efficiency (%) of emulsion vs time (h)**

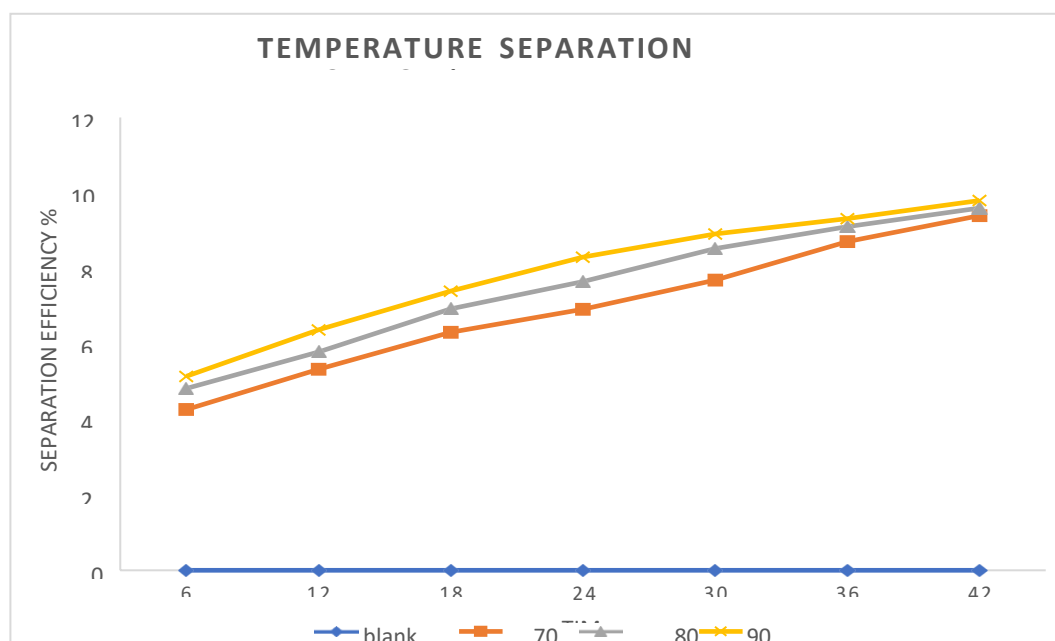
#### 4.2.3 INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE ON THE SEPARATION PERFORMANCE

The emulsion can also be demulsified using heat. The demulsification process is one of many chemical processes where temperature is important. Factors that hinder crude oil's capacity to create the film can affect the stability of the emulsions (Kokal S, et al 2019). The viscosity of these films can then be continuously reduced by raising the temperature, which facilitates the kinetic motion of the dispersed water droplets. This causes the film to relax more, rupture, and coalesce more, as well as change its physical properties. heating's impact on the demulsification procedure. With a change in temperature, the amount of water that progressively separated from the emulsion increased. The process of separating the water from the emulsion was faster than the experiments conducted at room temperature. Same amount of demulsifier concentration of 2.5 mL was applied to every 10 mL of the emulsion prepared. By keeping the demulsifier dosage, volume constant the temperature of the water bath was varied (70°C , 80°C and 90°C).

It was noted that the separation of phases was a function of time. Results show the emulsion's ability to separate as a function of temperature when lubricating oil is applied to act as a demulsifier. The separation efficiency was shown in the figure to rise with temperature, and water separated more quickly than in studies done at room temperature (Zhang H, et al 2015). As previously mentioned, when the temperature was raised from 70 °C to 90 °C, the amount of water eliminated increased significantly within the first 6 h and then gradually until demulsification was complete. The values then reached 94 and 96% at temperatures of 70 and 80 °C. No further separation was seen during this period. Same procedure is followed with using additive added lubricating oil as demulsifier of 2.8 mL concentration by varying temperature from 80 to 90°C. The highest value 98% was obtained at the 42 h period at 90°C itself i.e., it got separated at the faster rate than the lubricating oil demulsifier. The demulsification of water in an oil emulsion is supported by heating. The time required for settling was shortened by the use of heat during the demulsification of the emulsion.

**Table 4.3 Influence of temperature for lubricating oil demulsifier at varying temperature (70°C, 80°C, and 90°C)**

		70°C		80°C		90°C	
Time (hr)	Blank	Water separated mL	SE%	Water separated mL	SE%	Water separated mL	SE%
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	1.2	42.6	1.4	48.2	1.5	51.4
12	0	1.5	53.3	1.7	57.9	1.9	63.7
18	0	1.8	63.1	2	69.3	2.2	74
24	0	2	69.2	2.3	76.5	2.4	83
30	0	2.3	76.9	2.5	85.3	2.6	89.1
36	0	2.6	87.1	2.7	91.1	2.8	98.2
42	0	2.7	94	2.8	96	2.9	98



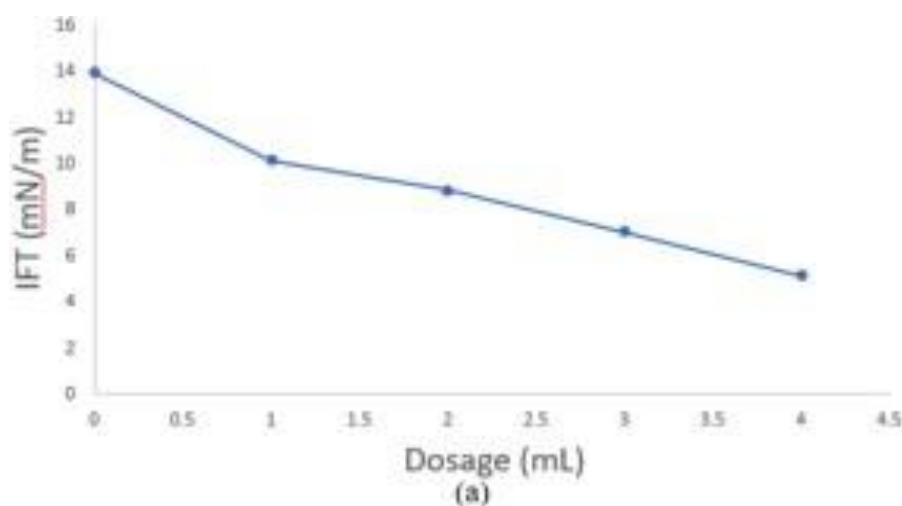
**Fig 4.6 Influence of temperature for separation efficiency.**

#### 4.2.4 INTERFACIAL TENSION MEASUREMENT

The effect of lubricating oil on interfacial tension between crude oil-water emulsions. The interfacial tension of the oil–water interface at various dosed tested at 25 °C with pendant drop test consisted of calculating the IFT of a droplet of crude oil produced in a phase of water. IFT result have been calculated and recorded in Table 4. The crude oil/ water interfacial tension was 13.8 mN/m. With the addition of various demulsifier concentrations, interfacial tension decrease was obtained down to 3 mN/m at 4 mL of lubricating oil surfactant which is shown in table 4 the demulsifier occupied in interfacial layer decreases the film strength and accelerate the separation (Hassan, Faheem, et al.2018).

**Table 4.4 Interfacial Tension for lubricating oil**

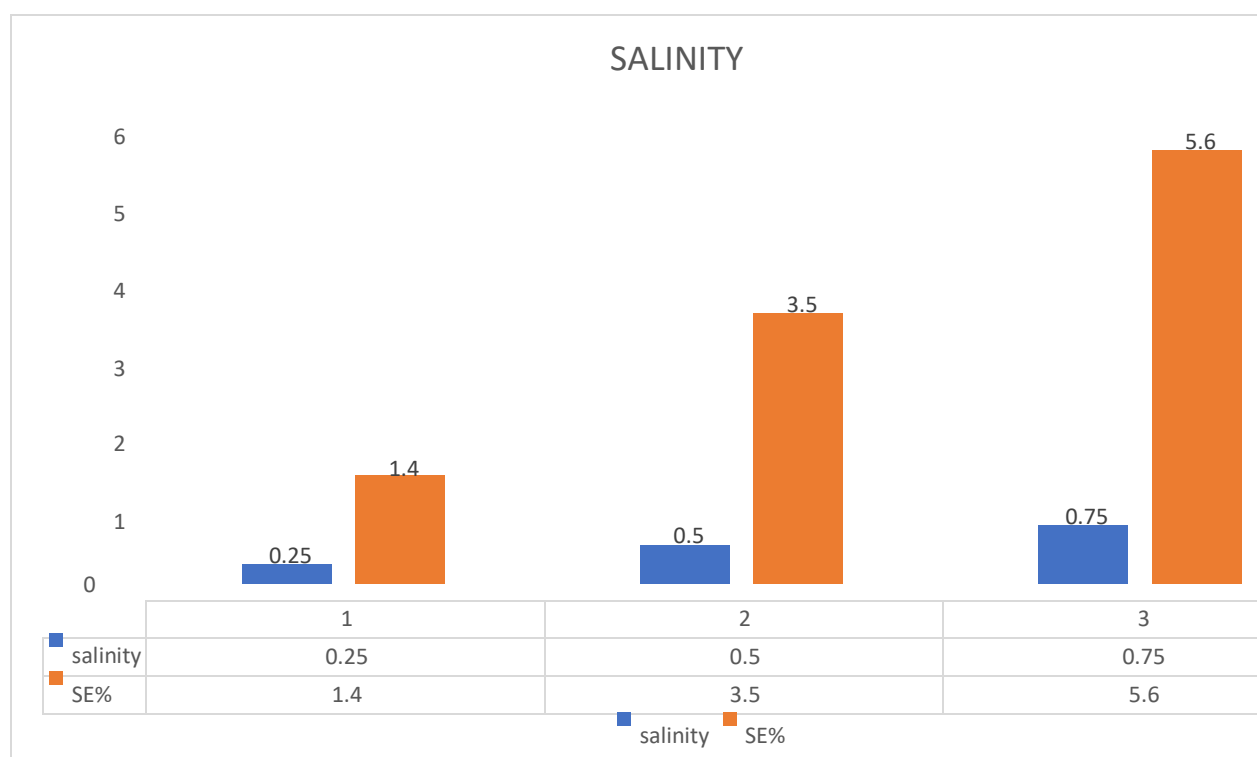
Demulsifier	Dosage (ml)	IFT (mN/m)
Blank	0	13.8
Demulsifier	1	10.1
	2	9.2
	3	6
	4	4



**Fig 4.7 IFT (mN/m) vs Dosage (mL) for lubricating oil surfactant**

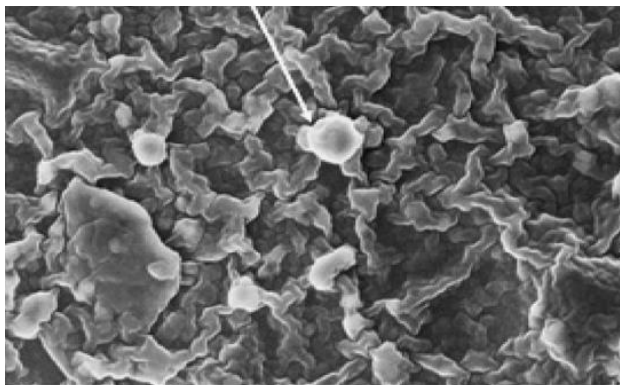
#### 4.2.5 EFFECT OF SALINITY

The effect of salinity on demulsification efficiency played a crucial role in between oil-water interfaces. Increasing in salinity create a separate phase by lowering the emulsion stability which improve its portioning behavior and coalescence of water droplet. After reaching the optimum separation at a particular salt concentration, higher salt concentration increases the emulsion stability. As a result slightly less separation of water was found (Raissa S., et al 2020).



**Fig 4.8 Effect of salinity for separation efficiency**

### 4.3 SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE FOR BED



**Fig 4.9 SEM for lubricating oil based resin bed**

The resin material is composed of hydrophobic core and hydrophilic outer shell. When the emulsified oil passed through the resin bed, the emulsified oil particles interacted with the hydrophilic part of the resin. As a result, the emulsified oil molecules adsorbed over the resin surface and formed a film covering the resin surface. This film is clearly seen in the SEM micrograph of the regenerated resin (Basu. S et al.,1993)

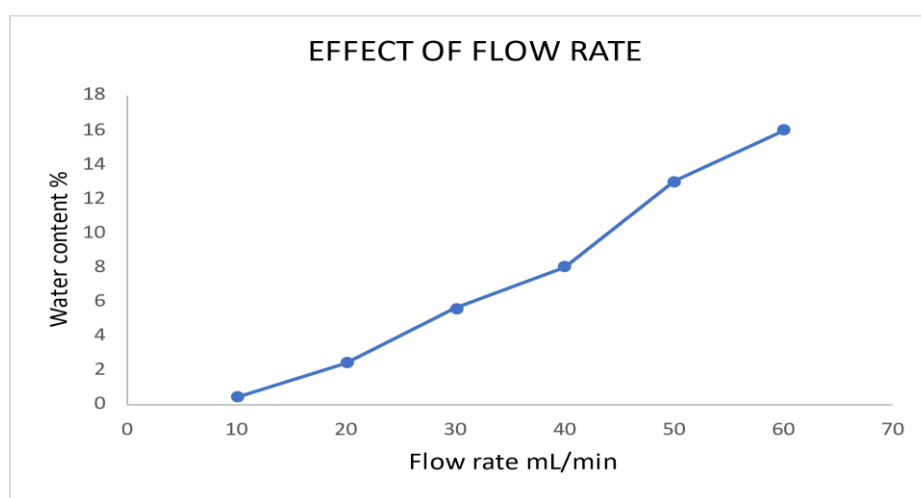
### 4.4 EFFECT OF FLOW RATE

The effect of the flow rate in the range from 60 ml/min on the removal efficiency at an influent oil concentration of 5000 ppm and a bed height of 12 cm. with an increase in the flow rate, the oil removal efficiency decreased. The removal efficiencies of oil were found to be 16, 13, 8, 5.6, 2.4, 0.4% for emulsion flow rates of 60, 50, 40, 30, 20 and 10 ml/min, respectively. Attraction of oil droplets from the bulk emulsion phase to the droplets attached to the resin surface. This facilitates the coalescence of oil droplets and the removal efficiency of oil gets improved. As the flow rate increases, the contact time decreases, and the coalescence is adversely affected due to upward of the flow. This reduces the efficiency of oil removal from the emulsion (Zhou, Y. B et al., 2009).

$$\text{Water content in oil (\%)} = \frac{\text{Volume of water collected in mL}}{\text{original volume of emulsion taken in mL}} \times 100$$

**Table 4.5 flow rate ml/min vs water content %**

Flow rate ml/min	Water collected ml	Water content %
60	8	16
50	6.5	13
40	4	8
30	2.8	5.6
20	1.2	2.4
10	0.2	0.4

**Fig 4.10 Effect of flow rate**

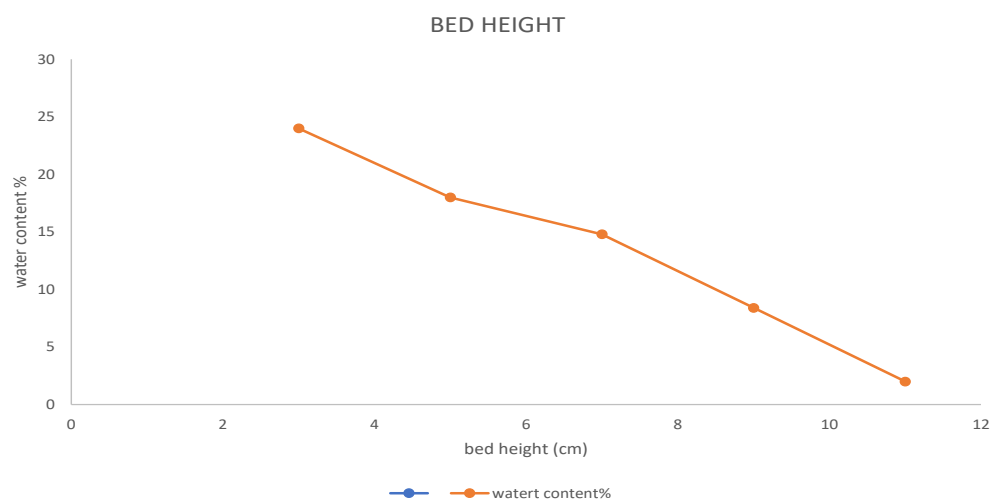
#### 4.4.1 EFFECT OF BED HEIGHT

The effect of bed height on calculating the water content present in the collected oil was studied at an influent demulsifier concentration of 10000 ppm and a flow rate of 10 mL/min. At any flow rate bed height is directly proportional to the contact time between the bed and the flowing emulsion (Li, Y et al., 2016). The bed height should be sufficient for providing adequate and satisfactory contact time between the lubricating oil based resin and the emulsion for droplets to coalesce. Fig. shows the effect of bed height on water content %. As the bed height increased from 3 cm to 11 cm the water content % present in the collected oil was found to be decreased (Maiti S et al., 2009).



**Table 4.6 bed height cm vs water content %**

Bed height (cm)	Water collected ml	Water content %
3	12	24
5	9	18
7	7.4	14.8
9	4.2	8.4
11	1	2

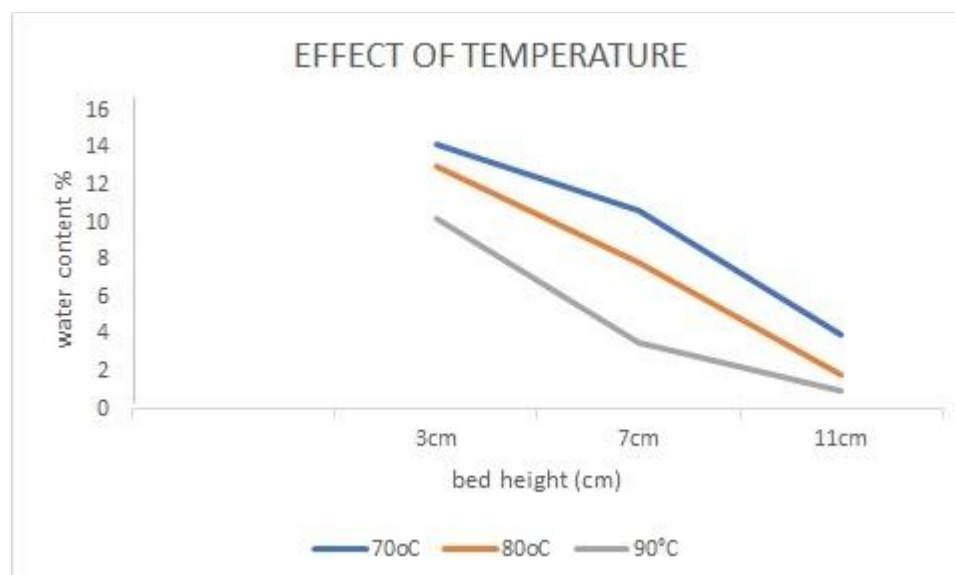
**Fig 4.11 Effect of bed height**

#### 4.4.2 EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE IN COALSCENCE COLUMN

To increase the temperature of emulsion in 70<sup>0</sup>c, 80<sup>0</sup>c and 90<sup>0</sup>c. for separation and using the peristaltic pump is discharge to the emulsion into coalescence column. The heated emulsion has contact with lubricating oil based resin bed.and finally to get the outlet and to calculate the water content % from the outlet sample. The water content% decreased with increased in temperature (Saad, M. Aet al., 2021)

**Table 4.7 bed height (cm) vs Temperature**

Bed height (cm)	70°C		80°C		90°C	
	Water collected ml	Water content %	Water collected ml	Water content %	Water collected ml	Water content %
3	7.1	14.2	6.5	13	5.1	10.2
7	5.3	10.6	3.9	7.8	1.8	3.6
11	2	4	0.9	1.8	0.5	1



**Fig 4.12 effect of temperature**

#### 4.5 DETERMINATION OF DENSITY OF THE EMULSION

Using a specific gravity bottle and distilled water as the foundation liquid, the density of the emulsion was calculated as follows:

Weight of empty specific gravity bottle (W<sub>1</sub>) = 20.58 g

Weight of specific gravity bottle + Distilled water (W<sub>2</sub>) = 50.59 g

Weight of specific gravity bottle + Sample Liquid = 50 g

$$\text{Density of emulsion } (\rho_2) = \frac{\text{Mass of Liquid}}{\text{Mass of Equal Volume of water}}$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{W_3 - W_1}{W_2 - W_1}$$

$$\rho_2 = \frac{50 - 20.58}{50.59 - 20.58} = 0.980 \text{ g/ml}$$

Density of Emulsion ( $\rho_2$ ) = 0.980 g/ml

Density of distilled water at room temperature ( $\rho_1$ ) = 0.997 g/ml

##### 4.5.1 DETERMINATION OF VISCOSITY (OSTWALD VISCOMETER)

Viscosity of the emulsion with demulsifier was determined by using Ostwald Viscometer as follow:

$$\text{Viscosity of Emulsion } (\mu_2) = \frac{\rho_2 t_2}{\rho_1 t_1} \times \mu_1$$

$\rho_1$  = Density of water ( 0.997 g/ml)

$\rho_2$  = Density of emulsion ( 0.980 g/ml)

$\mu_1$  = Vicosity of water (cP)

$\mu_2$  = Viscosity of emulsion (cP)

t<sub>1</sub> = Mean time of flow of water from A to B

t<sub>2</sub> = Mean time of flow of emulsion from A to B

Liquid Sample	Mean Time (sec.)	Density ( $\rho$ ) g/ml	Viscosity cP
Distilled Water	t1 = 20	0.997	0.8937
Emulsion	t2 = 52	0.980	2.2883

Viscosity of distilled water( $\mu_1$ ) = 0.8397 cP

Viscosity of emulsion ( $\mu_2$ ) = 2.283 cP

#### 4.5.2 DETERMINATION OF POROSITY

Porosity is a measure of the pore volume. It is either expressed as a percentage or fraction. The minimum range of porosity is 0.3 to 0.6,

$$\text{Porosity } (\Phi) = \frac{\text{Total Volume} - \text{Volume of bed}}{\text{Total Volume}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total volume} &= \pi r^2 h \\ &= (3.14) (3.5)^2 (25) \\ &= 961.625 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of bed} &= \pi r^2 h \\ &= (3.14) (3.5)^2 (9) \\ &= 346.185 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Porosity } (\Phi) = \frac{961.625 - 346.185}{961.625}$$

$$\Phi = 0.64$$

### 4.5.3 DETERMINATION OF SPHERICITY

Sphericity is a measure of how spherical an object is. If the value is 1 then it is a perfect sphere.

$$\text{Sphericity of the particle} = \frac{6 \times \text{Volume of one particle}}{\text{Equivalent diameter of particle}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of one particle} &= \text{weight/density} \\ &= 0.2/2.3 \\ &= 0.0869 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Equivalent diameter} = 4\text{mm}$$

$$\text{Sphericity of the particle} = 6 (0.0869)/4$$

$$\psi = 0.13$$

### 4.5.4 DETERMINATION OF SUPERFICIAL VELOCITY

The velocity of a fluid moving to the column, If change or increase in radius of the bed with decrease the superficial velocity. Pressure drop and superficial velocity are inversely proportional to each other. if superficial velocity decreases, the pressure drop increases.

$$V_o = \frac{2gr^2(\rho_w - \rho_e)}{9\eta}$$

$$\rho_w \quad - \quad \text{Density of water}$$

$$\rho_e \quad - \quad \text{Density of emulsion}$$

$$R \quad - \quad \text{Radius of the column}$$

$$V_o = \frac{2(9.81)(3.5)(3.5)(0.997 - 0.887)}{9(9.647)}$$

$$V_o = 0.304 \text{ m/s}$$

#### 4.5.5 PRESSURE DROP ACROSS THE COALESCER BED

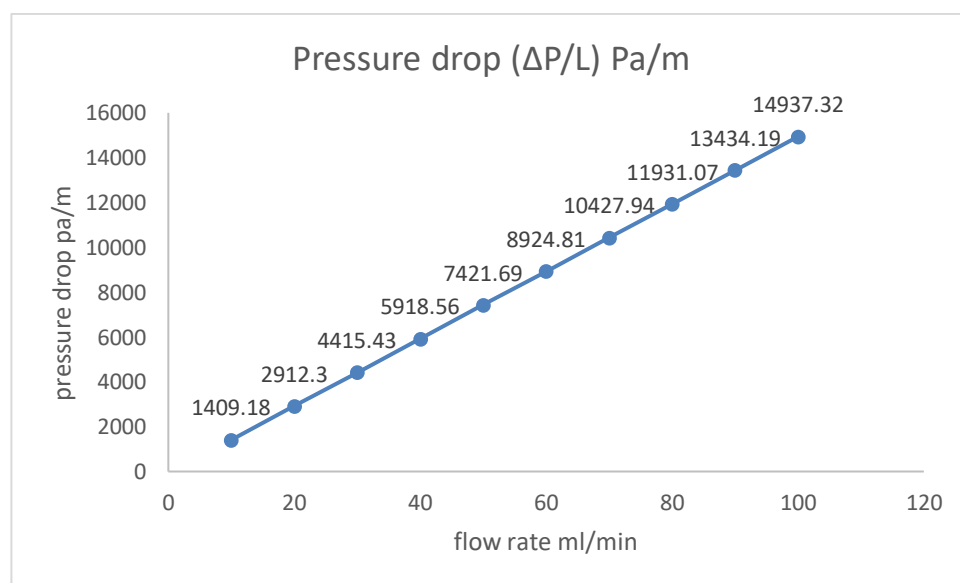
The pressure drop across the coalescing beds is calculated by using the Kozeny Carmen equation for the w/o emulsion flow through a coalescing bed with an intermediate porosity (0.3–0.6). The general Kozeny Carmen equation for predicting the pressure drop across a coalescing bed is given as follows

$$\frac{\Delta P}{L} = \frac{150 u_o \mu}{\phi_s^2 D_p^2} \times \frac{(1-\epsilon)^2}{\epsilon^3}$$

fig. 5 shows the pressure drop of coalescer column against emulsion viscosity. The experimental data have been fitted with Kozney Carmen equation by using the values of porosity ( $\epsilon$ ), emulsion viscosity ( $\mu$ ), average particle diameter ( $D_p$ ), Sphericity of the particle ( $\phi$ ) and the superficial velocity ( $u_o$ ) of the emulsion (M. Belkacemi, et al 2007). It is clear from table 4.8 and fig 4.13 that/ pressure drop in the coalescer column increases linearly with increase in the viscosity

**Table 4.8 Superficial velocity and Pressure drop of coalescer bed**

S. NO	Flow rate ml/min	Pressure drop ( $\Delta P/L$ ) Pa/m
1	10	1409.18
2	20	2912.30
3	30	4415.43
4	40	5918.56
5	50	7421.69
6	60	8924.81
7	70	10427.94
8	80	11931.07
9	90	13434.19
10	100	14937.32

**Fig 4.13 flow rate ml/min vs pressure drop pa/m**

## CHAPTER 5

### CONCLUSION

This article's main goal is to employ an environmentally friendly demulsifier to break the emulsion in order to increase water separation. An artificial emulsion was created. FTIR, GC-MS, and SEM analyses of the emulsion sample were used to describe the demulsifier and see how water globules dispersed in the crude oil. Demulsification efficiency of the most stable emulsions (W/O emulsions) was assessed, along with the effects of temperature, settling time, and demulsifier dosage. In comparison to the traditional lubricating oil demulsifier, the demulsifier demonstrated effective separation performance at a reduced settling time at a faster pace. The demulsification process is sped up and separation efficiency is improved when heating the emulsion. Studies measuring interfacial tension (IFT) show that the IFT decreases as demulsifier dosage is raised. The demulsifier performed incredibly well at separating water. the emulsified oil molecules adsorbed over the resin surface and formed a film covering the resin surface. It was used as packing materials in coalescence column to increase the efficiency of W/O emulsion. Experiment were conducted by changing the parameters like bed height of packing material, flow rate and temperature of the emulsion which is sent inside the coalescence column. As the bed height increased from 3 cm to 11 cm the water content % present in the collected oil was found to be decreased. As the flow rate increases, the contact time decreases, and the coalescence is adversely affected due to upward of the flow. The water content% decreased with increased in temperature. Pressure drop in the coalescer bed was calculated and it increases linearly with increase in the viscosity and flow rate.



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