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## SYSTEMATIC ANALYSIS OF TRANSESTERIFICATION OF VEGETABLE OILS ALONG COMPARISONS

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**Abstract-:** In today's world each & every sector private or public like agriculture, transportation, electricity, irrigation, industries etc requires energy & 80% demand has been being catered through fossil fuels. This main sources of this energy was wind, solar & nuclear products etc. The fossil fuels was ecologically & environmentally inconvenient as they produce harmful toxic pollutants responsible for green-house effect, global warming, climatic changes & the main concern has been also generation of some impasse diseases spreading in society. In this paper we discuss about analysis of Transesterification of Vegetable Oils along Comparisons. Results analysed according to collected data.

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### 1. Introduction

Its history starts sometime in the mid of the 1800's. From then till today glycerine has been a very useful product & widely covers the major industries like cosmetics, foods, explosives, pharmacy etc. So, through the transesterification process separation of glycerine from the oil was performed. Process to obtain a fuel from fats or oils has been known since a long time as early as 1853. This alternative concept of renewable energy has been in existence over a century. The first diesel

engine which ran on the fuel derived from the peanut oil was originally designed through Rudolf Diesel who has been accredited as its inventor [1].

Around then he cited that "all the nations using diesel motor which itself will help being developed of agribusiness significantly". In 1893 this German creator distributed a paper called "The Theory and Construction of a Rational Heat Engine". Rudolf Diesel's first prime model vehicle controlled biodiesel was a solitary 10 feet iron chamber along a flywheel at its base, that ran along the nut made bio fuel without precedent for Augsburg, Germany on August 10, 1893 receiving the "Fabulous Prix" at the World Fair in Paris, France in 1900 after exhibition of the motor fueled nut oil biofuel. Hence 10 August has been announced as "Global Biodiesel Day". In 1912 he expressed in his discourse saying "in present time the way toward using vegetable oils for motor energizes appears in huge, however throughout time these oil based will firmly ascend as the fills of things to come and will become as significant as the present oil and the coal-tar items [2].

The manufactured biodiesel has been produced from different vegetable oils varying in origin & quality. It has been renewable & also major growing alternative fuel in demand because of its resemblances & similarity from the petro-diesel. There should be some standards regarding the fuel quality to ensure its usage without any difficulty in the performance of the engine along along its working efficiency. So, standardization can be defined as the guidelines or standards required to maintain the quality of fuel, it has been a pre-requisite for successful market introduction & penetration of the product (biodiesel). Parameters defining the quality of fuel was divided into two groups- General parameter & secondly parameters determining the fuel quality related to the chemical composition & its purity [3].

In the present time worldwide the biodiesel properties & quality of the fuel was evaluated or tested according to the international standards

ASTM & EN Standards. In Europe, the standards for biodiesel was compiled in norms CEN EN14214 & in USA the standards for biodiesel was compiled in norms ASTM D6751. Most of the countries worldwide agree to these two standards as they was based on these two standards to a greater extent. There was various well known resources for the production of biodiesel & vegetable oil has been one of the major & most important resources for the production of biodiesel as they was renewable & eco-friendly in nature & can be produced on a large scale for commercialization. Hence, they was today's promising feedstock for the synthesis of biodiesel [4]. These vegetable oils constitute the parent atom for biodiesel production. Vegetable oils was triglyceride molecules containing one glycerol molecule bonded to three fatty acid chains. They was hydrophobic, water soluble substances including both edible & non-edible oils [5].

Among them edible oils covers 95% market as the feedstock of biodiesel production because of the easy availability everywhere & biodiesel synthesized from these edible oils can be most suitably used as a substitute of a diesel fuel [6]. Diesel does not contain any oxygen compound in itself whereas vegetable oils was of large sizes & consists of oxygen declaring that there has been some difference in fuel properties of oil from the petro-diesel. Vegetable oil consists of fatty acid, free fatty acids (FFAs 1%–5%), phospholipids, phosphatidyl, carotenes, tocopherol, sulphur compound, & traces of water. Mol. Wt lays between 800-900 & has been approx four times larger than diesel fuel molecules. The chain lengths, degree of insaturation & composition of fatty acids vary in different oils [7].

It's more than a century that the vegetable oils was being used in the production of biodiesel. Apart from the advantages there was some difficulties too. The primary obstacle has been feed-stock related cost which accounts for 70-85% production cost. This problem can be overcome through utilizing multiple feed-stocks along different %. As a result both cost of production as well as quality of the product both will be maintained another obstacles the oil market, utilizing edible oils

affects the food supply & simultaneously enhances the price of both the edible oil as well as the biodiesel [8]. Couple of obstacles was also related to high density, viscosity of vegetable oils & their low volatility & heating value. The above described obstacles leads to compression ignition resulting in problems like pumping, gumming, atomization, injection fouling, piston ring sticking etc & some more serious threats to the engine performance & its efficiency. Therefore these vegetable oils have 9 to 17 times greater viscosity than the diesel fuel & cannot be used directly in engines hence they have to undergo a chemical process to be used as a fuel of diesel quality so as to eliminate the engine problems. Therefore transesterification has been the chemical process which lowers the viscosity of the oil utilizing alcohol along the help of a catalyst [9].

Transesterification has been a natural response wherein an ester responds along a liquor to form another ester and another liquor. At the point when an ester responds along a liquor the cycle has been known as alcoholysis. It has been a response of an ester along liquor along an alternate structure to that of unique liquor moiety of ester delivers another ester gathering with the end goal that the first liquor moiety has been traded along a responding liquor [10]. It has been a synthetic cycle of changing fatty substance along alcohols to esters and glycerol within the sight of an impetus. Delineating it along a model in the transesterification of vegetable oils along methanol the three ester gatherings of fatty oil particle (three unsaturated fats was connected to a solitary liquor moiety) responds along three moles of methanol to deliver three atoms of esters each containing single unsaturated fat along a methanol moiety and a glycerol particles. As a result of this transesterification response biodiesel's overall synthetic name is Fatty Acid Methyl Esters (FAMES) [11].

The increasing graph of the demand of biodiesel production has been going to continue in the fourth coming decades. The main reason behind it has been environmental sustainability as the government of all the countries worldwide has been promoting use of eco-friendly

fuels due to increasing green-house effects, global warming, & sudden climatic changes in weather which was the major threats & unsolved issues in present society. Simultaneously the government has been also publishing sustainable directives promoting biodiesel fuels derived from oils & fats rather than the conventional fuels [12].

Catalysts was those substances which enhance the process of chemical conversion of feed-stocks (reactants) to the desired products. The main purpose of introducing a catalyst to a reaction has been to accelerate the rate of reaction to form the targeted products, which in their absence may be formed slow or maybe no reaction may take place at all. Therefore it has been a substance that increases the rate of reaction simultaneously lowering its activation energy [13]. They do not undergo any chemical change & was regenerated after the completion of the reaction. There was basically three types of catalysts used in the chemical conversion process. They was Enzymatic, Homogeneous & Heterogeneous catalysts. In the present decade among all the catalysts heterogeneous catalysts (80%) was being widely used in the industries followed through homogeneous catalysts (17%) then the enzymatic catalysts (3%) as shown in the Scheme 2 of the market share as well as the catalyst type [14].

Heterogeneous acid catalysts was the promising catalysts in the field the biodiesel production as they can simultaneously catalyse both the transesterification & esterification reactions as they was important for low quality feed-stocks. They was environment friendly, less corrosive & less toxic these catalysts hold industrial importance as they contain many acid sites along varying strengths as compared to homogeneous ones. Some of the heterogeneous catalysts was Nafion NR 50, zirconia (sulphated or tungstated) etc were promoted for biodiesel synthesis because of the sufficient acid sites They have some drawbacks like low surface areas & leaching problems which can be solved through utilizing the organically functionalised acid catalysts [15]. Paper organized as in section 2 Literature review has been described, in section 3 research methodologies described, Section 3 talk about

results & their discussions, & finally conclusion & future work described in section 5.

## 2. Literature review

After their view on existing studies, most relevant studies taken on Systematic Analysis of Transesterification of Vegetable Oils along Comparisons.

In [16] author have announced potassium impregnated blended oxides of La and Mg arranged through co-ppt strategy for the transesterification of utilized cotton seed oil along methanol coming about 96% change along a molar proportion of methanol to oil 1:1.54, impetus sum utilized 5 wt%, inside 20 minutes at 65 0C.

In [17] author have detailed CaO-ZnO and CaO-La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as strong base heterogeneous impetus for the transesterification of Jatropha oil along the most noteworthy transformation of 97.03% and 96.27% separately along a molar proportion of 1:26 and 1:30 oil to methanol, along an impetus stacking measure of 3.65% & 2.02%, in 4 and 3.84 hours at 120 0C and 160 0C individually.

In [18] author have announced K<sub>2</sub>O/CaO-ZnO as a strong base heterogeneous impetus arranged through co-ppt strategy and stacking of K<sub>2</sub>O was done through impregnation technique. The integrated impetus was utilized for the transesterification of soybean oil bringing about 81.08% yield along a molar proportion of methanol to oil 15:1, at 6 wt% impetus stacking in 4 hours at 60 0C.

In [19] author has revealed the amalgamation of a strong base heterogeneous impetus stacking KNO<sub>3</sub> on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. The best outcomes were 87% yield acquired at 15:1 methanol to oil proportion along an impetus stacking measure of 6.5% in 7 hours.

In [20] author has detailed Ca based blended oxides CaMgO and CaZnO for the transesterification of Jatropha oil. The change was over 80% along a methanol to oil proportion of 15:1 along a 4wt% impetus

stacking in 6 hours at 338 K. These impetuses were reused multiple times keeping up the transformation pace of over 80%.

In [21] author has announced an earth well disposed cycle for biodiesel amalgamation using Na/NaOH/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> heterogeneous base impetus for the combination of biodiesel from Soyabean oil. He additionally examined different advancing conditions like response time, mixing speed, oil to methanol proportion, and the measure of impetus utilized and proportion of co-solvents taken. The yields got were 94% in 2 hrs at 60 °C at a blending rate of 300 rpm using n-hexane as a co-dissolvable.

In [22] author has revealed the utilization of MgO upheld KOH framework as an impetus for the transesterification of canola oil along a yield of 95.05% in 9 hrs along a blending rate of 1000 rpm.

In [23] author have revealed the utilization of KF/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> impetus for the transesterification of palm oil, the FAME yields were over 90% in 3 hrs at 65 °C.

In [24] author utilized four diverse impetus powder of me/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (Me = Na, Ba, Ca, and K) to transesterified soybean oil along methanol along a FAME yield of 98.6% at 120 °C at 500 rpm in 6 hrs.

In [25] author have announced using KF/ $\gamma$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> as heterogeneous base impetuses for the transesterification of cottonseed oil along methanol delivering the cottonseed methyl esters. The best outcomes were gotten at a molar proportion of 12:1 methanol: oil at 4 wt% impetuses stacking at 65 °C temperature.

In [26] author has revealed the transesterification of rapeseed oil along methanol using CaO/MgO as a blended oxide heterogeneous base impetus. The change of rapeseed oil improved from 64.5% to 92% on using the CaO/MgO blended oxide heterogeneous base impetus. This shows the upheld impetus indicated the higher movement than the unadulterated CaO as an impetus.

In [27] author has revealed the co-precipitation technique utilized for the planning of the magnesium and lanthanide oxides (Mg/La) impetus along various proportion's at a consistent pH. The best outcomes were displayed through the impetus Mg/La along a proportion of 3:1 showing the most noteworthy synergist action and the greatest transformations.

In [28] author has revealed the biodiesel union of sunflower oil along methanol using Alumina/silica upheld  $K_2CO_3$  as a strong base heterogeneous impetus. The impetus was orchestrated using the sol-gel technique. In which the  $K_2CO_3$  was a functioning part upheld on alumina/silica arranged through drying the wet gel for 12 hours at 300 °C, 600 °C or 1000 °C in air. Different response boundaries were additionally contemplated and the best outcomes displayed at 120 °C along methanol to oil molar proportion of 15:1.

In [29] author have reported the biodiesel synthesis from the rapeseed oil along methanol utilizing low frequency ultrasonic along the mechanical stirring rate of 600 rpm utilizing various homogeneous & heterogeneous catalysts. Selection of the catalyst was based on the porosity & the basicity of the catalyst. Among them the Mg-Al catalyst exhibited the highest conversion rate of 97%.

In [30] author have reported the transesterification of the microalgae oil utilizing Mg-Al- $CO_3$  as a catalyst along a methanol to oil ratio of 6.4:1 & a catalyst loading of 1.7 wt% at 66 °C yielded 90.3 %. The hydrotalcites Mg-Al synthesized were along the molar ratio of 4 & were prepared utilizing the urea & the co-ppt methods.

In [31] author has reported the transesterification of palm oil along methanol utilizing KF/Ca-Mg-Al hydrotalcites as a catalyst. The various effects of loadings & varying ratios of KF were also studied. The reaction exhibited that the catalysts synthesized had a high activity & biodiesel yields obtained were 99.6% in 10 minutes along a molar ratio of methanol to oil 12:1 at 5 wt% catalysts loading at 338 K temperature.



In [32] author have reported the transesterification of rapeseed oil along methanol utilizing calcined Mg-Al hydrotalcites as a catalyst synthesised through urea & the co-precipitation methods. The results exhibited that the transesterification carried out utilizing the co-ppt method exhibited 90.5% conversion & the transesterification carried out utilizing the urea method of synthesis exhibited 94% conversion.

In [33] author have reported the transesterification of glyceroltributyrate along methanol utilizing calcined Mg-Al as a catalyst yielding 74.8% conversion of glyceroltributyrate. This catalyst has been found efficient for the transesterification of soybean oil along methanol & the conversion rate was calculated to be 67%.

In [34] author has detailed the transesterification of palm oil along methanol using Kloaded calcined Mg-Al impetus. The yields along this impetus were determined to be 96.7%.

In [35] author has revealed the transesterification of palm oil along methanol using KF/Hydrotalcites as an impetus. The yields of the unsaturated fat methyl esters were determined to be 85% along methanol to oil proportion of 12:1 along an impetus stacking of 3 wt% at 338 K in 3 hours. The yield expanded from 85% to 92% when the time was delayed from 3 hours to 5 hours keeping the various ideal conditions same.

### **3. Research methodology**

The expanded interest of the diesel fuel has brought about the shortage of fossil reserves[1]. Due to different natural issue like an unnatural weather change and green-house impact biodiesel union has been accomplishing impressive consideration now-a-days from the sustainable organic sources like plant based oils-consumable, on-palatable, creature fats and so on as these organic sources can possibly substitute oil diesel[2]. Biodiesel has been the following conceivable substitute of the regular diesel as it has numerous benefits over ordinary fuel like it has been biodegradable, non-poisonous, clean

consuming fluid fuel which lessens emanations of CO, NO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>etc, particulate issues, unburned hydrocarbons and unpredictable natural mixes.

### **3.1.Methods used**

Beginning materials and solvents were acquired from Laboratory synthetic providers and were utilized moving along without any more filtration. Items for example the biodiesel was portrayed through GC and the physiochemical properties of the biodiesel were described by the ASTM principles. GC investigations were recorded on Shimadzu GCMS QP 2010 or more (Japan) Column utilized Rtx-5 ledge GC-MS and mass range Scanned5amu to 350 am, GC-MS virtue has been accounted for through zone rate (%).The different physiochemical properties were likewise described by the ASTM D6791 principles as it recognizes those boundaries which a biodiesel (B 100) should meet before being utilized as an unadulterated fuel or a mixed fuel along oil based diesel [41].

### **3.2.Transesterification Reaction**

The transesterification of vegetable along methanol was completed in a cluster reactor comprising of a 500 ml three necked round base jar prepared along a refluxing condenser and a temperature controlled attractive stirrer. The reactor was at first filled along the deliberate measures of the impetus and the methanol was put on the attractive stirrer at room temperature and mixed for 10minutes with the goal that the impetus was homogeneously blended in methanol. After this the sunflower oil and the round base was prepared along the water cooled condenser and temperature was raised to 65 0C. The transesterification response was performed for an hour and a half under steady mixing. After the response was finished the item was moved in the isolating pipe for 24 hours. After 24hours two distinct layers were found in the isolating channel. The lower glycerol layer (through-result of the response) was emptied off and further purged and the above biodiesel layer was isolated and washed tenderly along water to eliminate the

lingering impetus or cleanser follows assuming any, at that point dried and sent for the GC Analysis.

The transesterification of Jatropha oil has been acted in two stages because of its high FFA esteem which has been pre-treated to decrease the FFA esteems. The initial step of corrosive estrification has been done through the technique utilized through C.C. Liao [64] the subsequent transesterification step has been finished by the above portrayed strategy General Procedure. All the response conditions were comparative aside from the time was 150 minutes and the impetus stacking sum was 3 wt%.

### 3.3. Research design

The transesterification response of sunflower oil was completed along oxides (CaO, MgO, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, ZnO) using the overall strategy as portrayed previously.

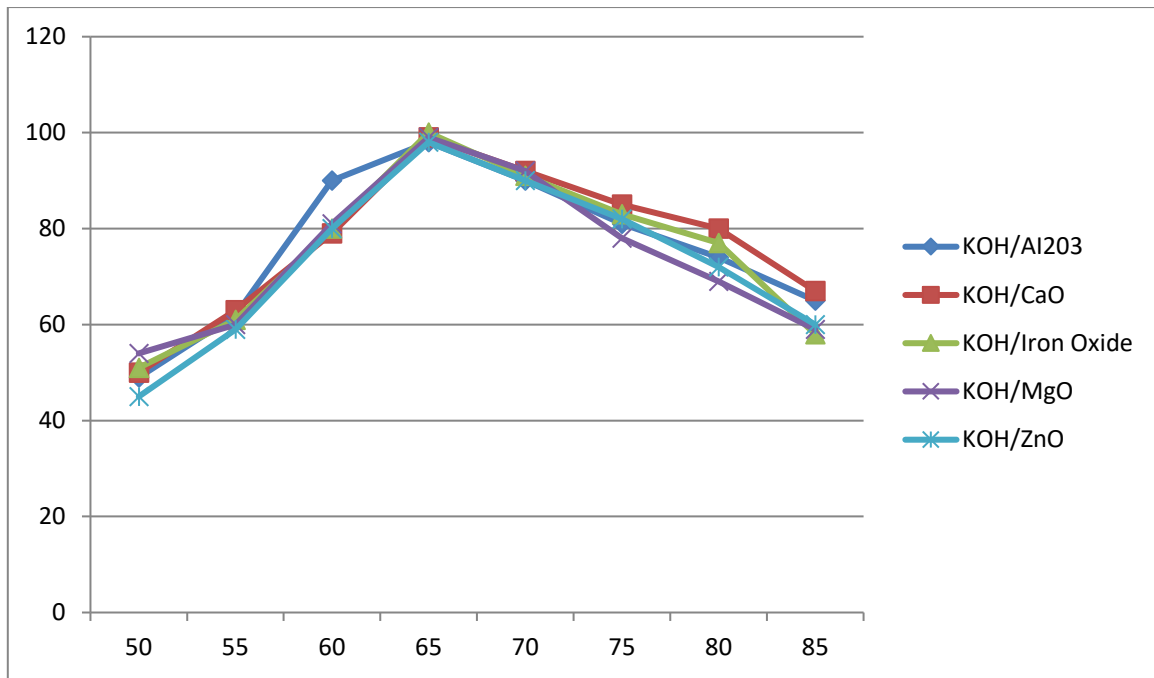
#### **Table 1: Yields of Biodiesel synthesized from Sunflower Oil utilizing Oxides as *acatalyst***

The Transesterification of Sunflower oil was done along the General Procedure as depicted above using KOH as an impetus. The outcomes was given in table beneath:

#### **Table 2: Yields of Biodiesel synthesized from Sunflower Oil utilizing KOH as a catalyst**

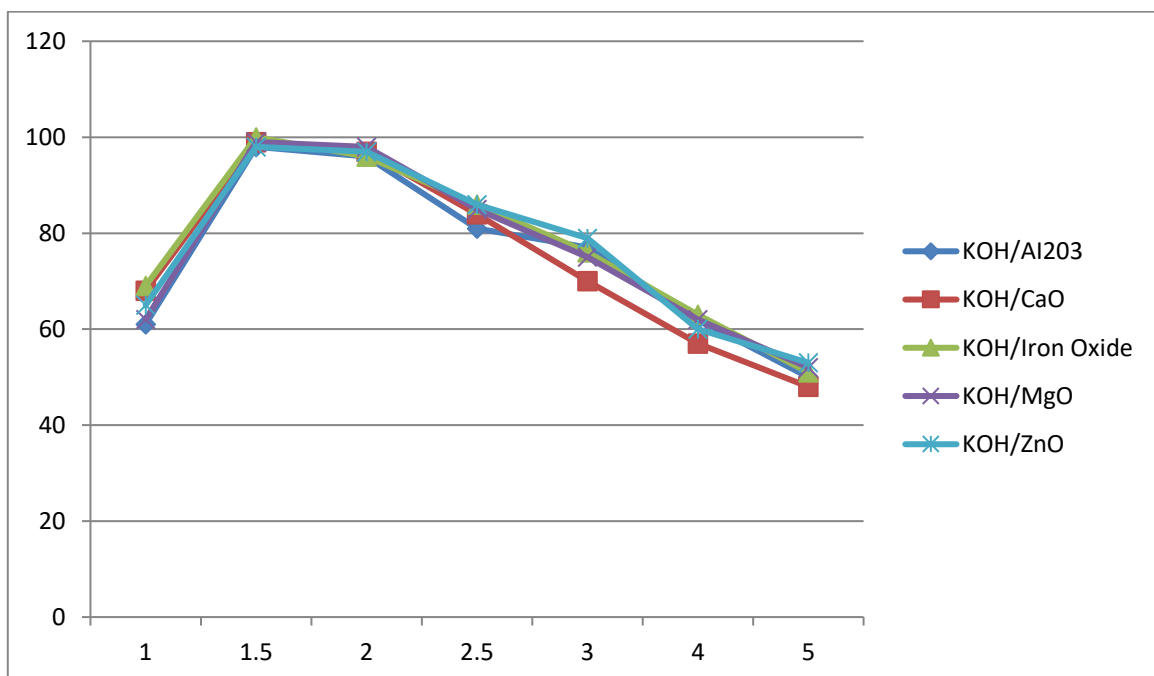
### 4. Results & discussion

There was different response factors which impact the transesterification response for example the transformation of Oils to Biodiesel. Subsequently all such response factors were inspected, among them the significant ones was the impact of molar proportion of methanol to oil, impact of response temperature, time, impetus stacking %, blending impact, and recyclability of the impetus. Thus, all these improvement boundaries was researched in detail and their consequences for biodiesel yields was as per the following:



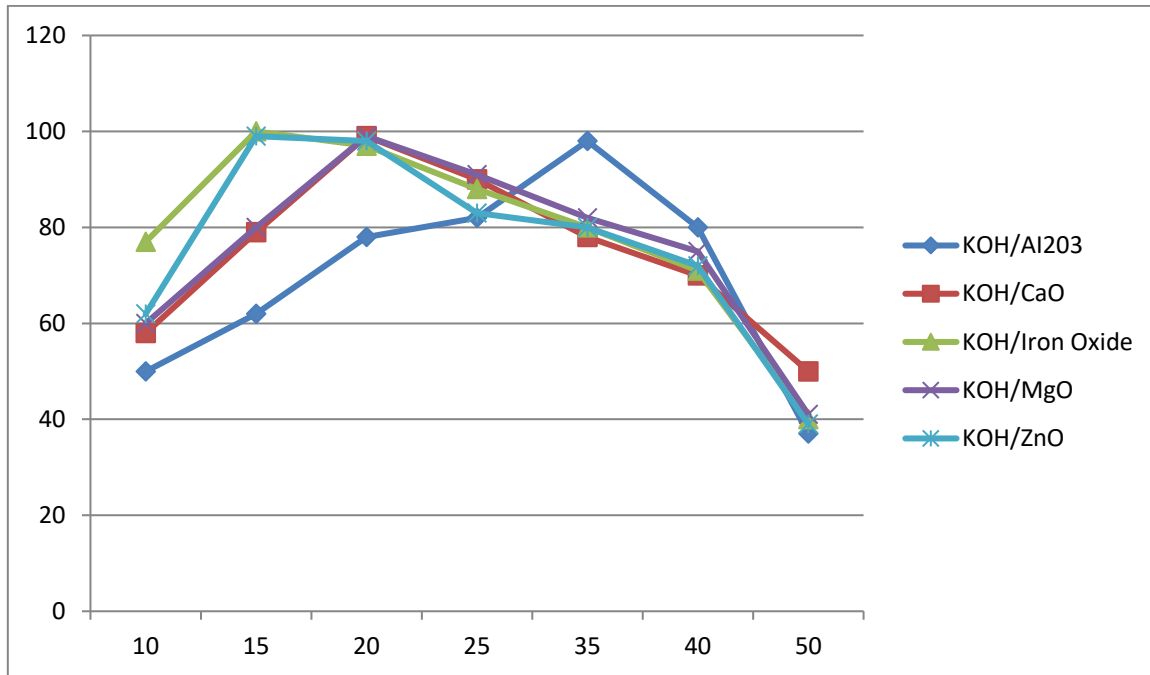
**Figure 1: Effect of temperature on yields of biodiesel**

The impact of response temperature has been a significant streamlining boundary as it impacts the response rate just as biodiesel yield as natural rate constants was the solid elements of temperature.



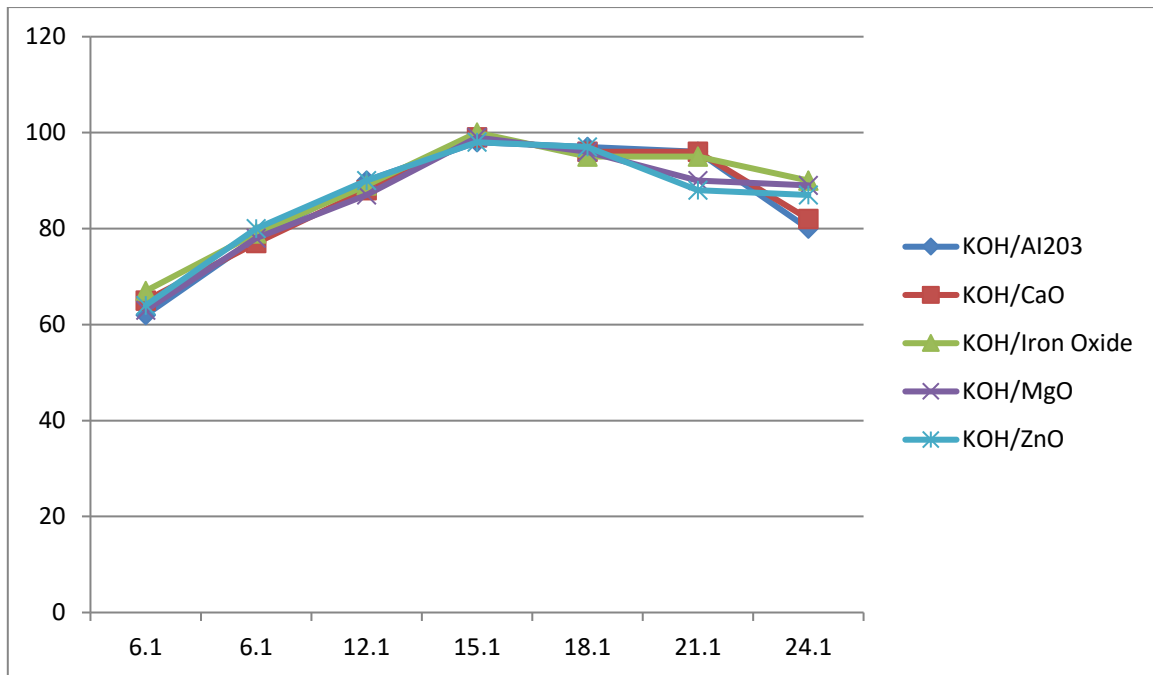
**Figure 2: Effect of Time on Biodiesel Yield**

This streamlining boundary has direct impact on the yields of biodiesel. The reliance of FAME yields on response time was researched. To consider the impact of time on the yields of methyl esters the responses were led between 1 hour to 5 hours. The biodiesel yields were expanded along increment in the response time.



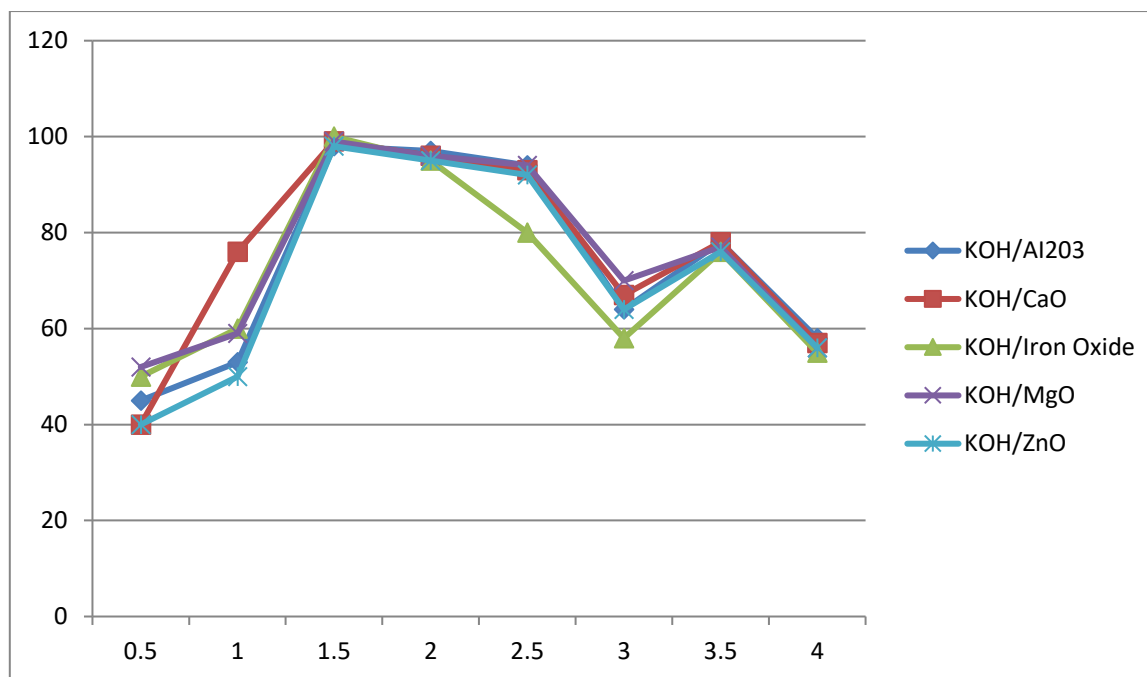
**Figure 3: Effect of KOH loading on various oxides**

The impact of KOH stacking on Oxides and their impact on biodiesel yields was likewise examined. The investigation of impact of stacking % of KOH on oxides a progression of impetuses were set up through changing the stacking % of KOH from 15, 20,25,30,35,40 and half as appeared in figure 3 given.



**Figure 4: Influence of molar ratio of Methanol to Oil**

The molar proportion of methanol to oil has been one of the significant boundary which influences the yield of FAMES and at the same time the expense of biodiesel. The stoichiometry proportion of the methanol sister has been three moles of methanol to one mole of oil. Yet, essentially more stoichiometry proportion of methanol to oil has been needed to advance the response towards the finishing and orchestrate more Fame and drive the response the positive way.



**Figure 5: Effect of catalyst loading percentage on Biodiesel Yield**

The impetus stacking % in the response assumes a significant part as it's high and low amounts legitimately influence the response and all the while the biodiesel yields. In the event that the impetus stacking sum has been high than the necessary sum than the slurry gets thick and countenances the blending issues subsequently requests a powerful utilization to beat the blending issues.

## 5. Conclusion & future work

It very well may be presumed that the blended oxides like KOH stacked on different oxides (Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, MgO, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, and ZnO) goes about as a proficient heterogeneous impetuses for the transesterification of vegetable oils. There were 7 kinds of vegetable oils transesterified using these impetuses naming Sunflower, Soybean, Palm, Rice Bran, Mustard, Groundnut and Jatropha Oil. By and large, due to the stage contrasts of oils, methanol and heterogeneous impetus require high temperatures and weights also long response time to show signs of improvement yield of the item. These response conditions firmly request muddled and expensive plan of the response which thusly upgrades or builds the creation cost of biodiesel. Our response conditions in correlation were more great as they

maintained a strategic distance from the utilization of cruel response conditions like high temperatures, drawn out response time, utilization of costly equipment's, higher stacking % of impetuses, high mixing rate thus diminishing the complete expense of the creation as the current framework spares vitality just as time. In the current examination, the impact of Methanol/Oil proportion, % of impetus stacking, temperature, time, blending and warming impacts have been discovered to be significant. This convention has a few favourable circumstances like high action of the impetus, simple stir up, recyclability and reusability just as most straightforward intends to fabricate without using any costly equipment's. The yields got in the current work has been over 98% along 7 sorts of oils like soybean, sunflower, palm, rice grain, mustard, groundnut, Jatropha oil using the above Mixed Oxides reactant framework along 15 wt%-20wt% KOH stacking on Oxides as an impetus along 15:1 molar proportion of oil to methanol, at 1.5 wt% stacking of the impetus along 300 rpm blending in 1 hours at 65 OC.

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