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# Becoming an IMM Certified WELDING Professional is the Best Way to Reach Greater Professional Opportunities.



Welding inspection professionals play a crucial function in the fabrication industry. Their responsibilities have a direct impact on the end product's quality. They are essential in supporting industry in avoiding costly project delays and corrections by adhering to specifications and putting in place an inspection plan. It's important for welding inspection professionals to possess validated welding skills. IMM Certified Welding Certification verifies the industry's essential welding skills in accordance with ISO standards.

The institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) has been established over past three decades in personnel competence assurance certification. A comprehensive approach that allows individuals to demonstrate their knowledge and/or competence in a wide range of industry-required job categories to be assessed and certified.

IMM has expanded its certification portfolio to include critical disciplines such as welding for new construction and in-service inspection. The original goal was to get national recognition and industry acceptability as a technique of recognizing and validating an individual's competency.

To give its certification activities more credibility, IMM implemented a system in accordance with ISO/IEC 17024, Conformity Assessment – General in 2021.



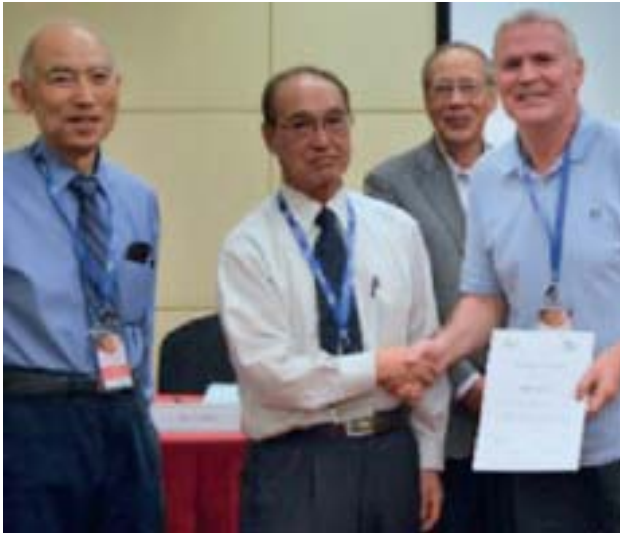
Certification is the best way for you to demonstrate your competency and knowledge to the employers.





## Welding Engineer Course

Welding Engineers employ their extensive knowledge of physics, engineering, metallurgy, materials, welding, and standards to design, examine, and evaluate welds as well as to plan, supervise, and document welding operations in accordance with relevant codes, contracts or drawings.



The Institution of Materials Malaysia (IMM) has been in collaboration with the Japan Welding Engineering Society (JWES) since 2010 to conduct certification courses and examinations for Welding Engineer Certification in accordance to JWES – WES8013:2008 Standard of certification of Welding Coordination Personnel and ISO 14731 Welding Coordination Tasks and Responsibilities. JWES is an organization accredited by the Japan National Accreditation Board (JNAB) to Certified Personnel according to the requirement of ISO 17024.

This course is to provide participants with advanced certification for aspiring leaders/ instructors to produce skilled welding engineers in the future, candidates may apply for one of the following certification categories:

- a) Associate Welding Engineer (AWE) – Level 1
- b) Welding Engineer (WE) – Level 2
- c) Senior Welding Engineer (SWE) – Level 3

*Welding Engineer Certification in accordance to JWES - WES8013:2008 Standard of certification of Welding Coordination Personnel and ISO 14731 Welding Coordination Tasks and Responsibilities.*

## Welding Inspector Course

Welding inspectors are responsible for inspecting and assessing the quality and strength of welding work. Their job is to ensure welds are safe and ready to function as part of the device or structure. Welding inspectors also inspect the equipment used and ensure welders adhere to company and state safety regulations.

The Institute of Material, Malaysia's (IMM) welding Inspector (WI) Certification Scheme will equip the candidates with the technical knowledge and skills required by industries recognized by both clients and contractors. They are able to work as welding inspectors or quality control inspection personnel in the oil & gas, construction, and other industries by maintaining the quality of works and fulfil the contractual requirements.

The program is developed with reference to API 577 API 577 Welding Inspection and Metallurgy, ISO 17637 Non-Destructive Testing of Welds – Visual Testing of Fusion-Welded Joints and operated in accordance with the ISO/IEC 17024 Standard for The Certification of Persons. There are three (3) categories of certification, candidates may apply for one of the following certification categories:

- d) Associate Welding Inspector (AWI) – Level 1
- e) Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) – Level 2
- f) Senior Welding Inspector (SWI) – Level 3



Upon completion, inspectors will equip with comprehensive knowledge to identify the different welding methods and typical defects or other associated challenges. Increase the understanding of how welding affects the component's integrity as encountered with fabrication and repair of equipment and piping components. Common welding processes, welding procedures, welder qualifications, metallurgical effects from welding, and inspection techniques are described to aid the inspector in fulfilling their role implementing.





# TECHNICAL TRAINING



## IMM WELDING & JOINING TECHNOLOGY FOR NON WELDING PERSONNEL

This is a one day welding technology course for engineering Management Personnel. This course is specially designed for both practicing engineers and technical managers as well as those specifically interested in keep abreast with the current welding technology and wishing to gain some knowledge on how a welding procedure specification (WPS) and a welder through welder qualification test (WQT) being qualified and certified accordingly in the Oil and Gas Industry. Furthermore, using the current effective non-destructive / inspection techniques as quality control tools can be applied to ascertain that quality welds are consistently produced/ maintained.



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  - 17 years as the Principal Materials and Corrosion Engineer cum Technical Authority in the maintenance and operations
  - 5 years in Shell Malaysia Deepwater Engineering Design Project Office as a Team Lead/Senior Materials and Welding Engineer and a Technical Authority
- 7 years experiences as a Research Scientist with ICI Advanced Materials Research, United Kingdom.
- A Doctorate Degree in Materials Engineering from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, Royal School of Mines, University of London.
- Fellow member of Institute of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM), Institute of Materials, Mineral and Mining (IOM3) UK (FIMMM) & Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM)

### COURSE CONTENT

- Introduction
- Welding Quality
- Welding Procedure Qualification
- Welding Processes
- Materials and Weldability
- Welder Qualification
- Welding Inspection

### COURSE DURATION

1 Day

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is most beneficial to administrative staff, technical management personnel of all levels including junior and senior engineers, inspectors, designers, manufacturers, fabricators, technical managers and practicing engineers who are involve in the management and planning of welding and inspection related activities as well as maintenance activities in upstream oil and gas.



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# IMM CERTIFIED WELDING INSPECTOR



The IMM Certified Welding Inspector course is a 5-day certification program comprised a 4-day theory, practical class sessions and 1-day final written examination. Participants will be exposed to different aspects of industrial welding technology and fabrication, welding personnel.

## COURSE CONTENTS

- Introduction on CWI Roles & Responsibilities Welding Quality.
- World-wide Standards Supporting Quality of Welds.
- Welding Safety & Health
- Materials & Behaviors During Welding.
- Basic Metallurgy & Steels
- Types of Joints & Welds.
- Welding Symbols: BS 499 Part2, ISO 2552, ISO vs. AWS.
- Welding Processes (Overall View, Shielded Metal Arc Welding, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, Gas Metal Arc Welding)
- Welding Procedure Qualification.
- Welding Procedure Specification.
- WPS, WQT, WPQT & WPQR
- Review WPS & PQR.
- Non-destructive Examination (NDE)

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for professionals with working experience in welding and fabrication, who are willing to upgrade their skills according to International standards.

Participants can choose any two of the standards from API1104, ASME IX, AWS D1.1 and ISO 5817 for their assessment.

## CERTIFICATE

IMM Certified Welding Inspector Level 1 / Level 2



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## OBJECTIVES

- To improve safe welding practices
- To understand the welding practices carried out in their industry
- To implement good welding practices in their industry
- To select right welding equipment in the industry
- To identify common welding defects and ways to overcome them
- To make right selection of electrodes & materials
- To understand WPS, PQR, WQT for repair of pressure & unfired pressure vessels

## PRE-REQUISITES

- SPM or equivalent Engineering (5 years of working experience)
- Diploma in Engineering /Technology (3 years of working experience)
- Vocational Diploma in Engineering /Technology (3 years of working experience)
- Degree in Engineering (1 year of working experience)

## DURATION

5 Days

Eligible for



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# TECHNICAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



## IMM-JWES WELDING ENGINEER



- Associate Welding Engineer (AWE)
- Welding Engineer (WE)
- Senior Welding Engineer (SWE)

IMM in collaboration with the Japan Welding Engineering Society (JWES) will conduct certification courses and examinations leading to the status of certified ASSOCIATE WELDING ENGINEER (AWE), WELDING ENGINEER (WE) & SENIOR WELDING ENGINEER (SWE). JWES is an organization accredited by Japan National Accreditation Board (JNAB) to certify personnel according to the requirement of ISO 17024.

### Course Objectives

- To provide training, knowledge and examination leading to the Welding Engineer Certification in accordance to JWE5-WES 8013:2008 Standard of Certification of Welding Coordination Personnel and ISO 14731 Welding Coordination Tasks and Responsibilities.
- To provide participants with advanced level of certificate "ASSOCIATE WELDING ENGINEER (AWE), WELDING ENGINEER (WE) & SENIOR WELDING ENGINEER (SWE)" to be leaders Instructors to produce skilled welding engineers in the future.
- To enhance the participants' flexibility through exercises in this training course.

### Pre-requisites

#### Associate Welding Engineer (AWE)

Welding engineers who are in-charge of welding engineering / teaching in welding engineering / inspected welded products.

#### Welding Engineer (WE)

Passed AWE Examination and have experience in attending a past AWE training course

#### Senior Welding Engineer (SWE)

Passed WE Examination and have experience in attending a past WE training course

### Course Content

#### Associate Welding Engineer (AWE)

1. Welding Process and Equipment
2. Materials and their behaviour during welding
3. Design and construction
4. Fabrication and application engineering

#### Welding Engineer (WE)

1. Advanced welding process and equipment
2. Advanced materials and their behaviour during welding
3. Advanced design and construction
4. Advanced fabrication and application engineering

### Course Duration

- 5 days class + 1 day written exam (AWE & WE)

### Certificate

IMM - JWES Associate Welding Engineer  
IMM - JWES Welding Engineer

### Date

Online Training Date: 19 - 23 September 2022

F2F Examination Date: 26 September 2022

### Venue

Online Training via Microsoft Teams


F2F Examination at Shah Alam, Selangor and Miri, Sarawak




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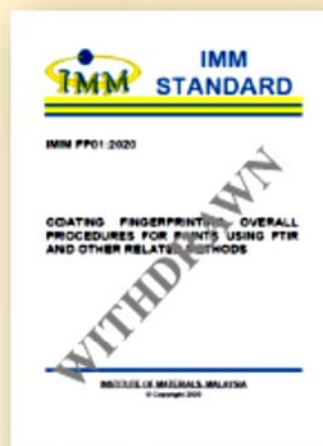
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# MIGRATION OF IMM STANDARD (FP01) TO MALAYSIAN STANDARD

Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) is delighted to announce the successful migration of **IMM Standard FP01:2020** on **Coating Fingerprinting Overall Procedures for Paints using FTIR and Other Related Methods** to **Malaysian Standard (MS2736:2022)**.



This Standard emphasizes the evaluation of the manufacturer's paint fingerprint, with the aim of reaffirming the consistency of the paint supplied with reference to the qualified paint. This Standard covers the fingerprint requirement of both single-pack and multi-pack paints for qualification, quality control and verification.

- ✓ This Standard includes:
  - i. Coating fingerprinting qualification
  - ii. Test method to fingerprint the paint supplied in the manufacturer's container
  - iii. Criteria and execution of Coating Fingerprint Certificate

### User's requirement on Coating Fingerprint Certificate is listed here:

- ✓ Shell Global Solutions International B.V. (Shell GSI), Design and Engineering Practice (DEPs) (Technical Specification) (2017) (**DEP30.48.0031-Gen**) on Protective Coatings for onshore and offshore facilities
- ✓ PETRONAS Technical Standards (2019) (**PTS15.20.03**) (Protective coatings and linings)

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## The Effect of GTAW Process Welding Parameter on Weld Bead Geometry and Mechanical Properties of 2205 DSS Materials

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### Abstract

Research on Duplex Stainless Steel (DSS) welded with Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) was conducted to determine the impact of weld bead geometries, and mechanical properties on the weldment by varying the current values setting (80, 105, 140 and 164 A) and controlling the heat inputs (1.1KJ/mm  $\pm$  25%). The string and weave welding methods are used with a tungsten nozzle diameter of 9.5 mm for root and hot passes and a nozzle diameter of 12.7 mm for fill and cap passes. One of the four (4) test specimens capping has been welded with two different nozzle diameters for the weld capping; one half of the length has been welded with nozzle diameter 9.5 mm and the other lengths have been welded with nozzle diameter 12.7 mm. According to the findings, the nozzle diameter of 9.5 mm produces a rough weld surface geometry and has a greater influence on the weld metal dilution and mechanical properties of the heat affected zone. It was revealed that the weld geometry is very much dependent on the current intensity and travel speed as it influences the deposition rate, weld contour appearance, weld bead size and depth penetration.

**Keywords:** Duplex stainless steel, weld geometry, nozzle diameter, dilution, ferrites

### Introduction

SAF2205 is a specially designed corrosion resistance alloy (CRA) material for application in offshore processes containing corrosive chloride medium. The welding metallurgy has significant impact to the characteristics of weld metal (WM) and heat affected zone (HAZ) in the reduction of corrosion resistance and toughness

properties. The welding process parameters in joining these materials are crucial particularly the thermal cycle imposed on the base metal [1], as it affects the amount of austenite and ferrite contents in weld metal. The fast heating and the cooling cycles of the WM and HAZ regions contribute significantly to the development of higher ferrite contents in the welded joint [2]. Welding is still the preferred welding process for small bore piping and root passes [3] because of its weld quality in weld bead geometry and mechanical-metallurgical features of the weld metal [4]. There have been numerous studies on the effect of CRA-DSS mechanical properties and pitting corrosion resistance influenced by welding parameters [5]. However, no reported research work or explanation on the impact of changing the TIG welding nozzle diameter influences on the plasma arc and heat concentration on WM and heat affected zone due to higher shielding gas velocity by maintaining the flow rate with a smaller nozzle diameter is available (i.e., 9.5 mm). This research aims to study the effect of weld geometry and mechanical properties by varying the welding currents and the selected nozzle diameter size using manual TIG process.

### Methodology

The material used in this study is UNS S31803 S2205 duplex stainless-steel pipe with outside diameter 60.32 mm with thickness of 5.54 mm. ER2209 of 2.4 mm diameter filler wire was chosen to match the material chemistry and mechanical properties. Table 1 present the compositions of the base and filler materials in TIG process.

**Table 1** Chemical composition (wt.%) for base and filler materials

| Type   | C    | N    | Si  | Cr   | Mn  | Ni   | Mo  |
|--------|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| S2205  | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.4 | 22.7 | 1.7 | 6.02 | 3.4 |
| ER2209 | 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.5 | 23.0 | 1.6 | 9.00 | 3.2 |

**Table 2** The welding parameter conditions

| Test | Weld Passes | Amps (A) | Volts (V) | Travel Speed (mm/min) | Heat Input (kJ/mm) |
|------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| S1   | 1           | 80       | 11        | 66                    | 0.80               |
|      | 2           | 80       | 11        | 52                    | 1.02               |
|      | 3           | 80       | 11        | 48                    | 1.11               |
| S2   | 1           | 105      | 11        | 80                    | 0.87               |
|      | 2           | 105      | 11        | 63                    | 1.10               |
|      | 3           | 105      | 11        | 55                    | 1.06               |
| S3   | 1           | 140      | 12        | 105                   | 0.96               |
|      | 2           | 140      | 12        | 90                    | 1.12               |
| S4   | 1           | 164      | 12        | 145                   | 0.81               |
|      | 2           | 164      | 12        | 124                   | 0.95               |



The welding groove configuration is designed with Root Gap, 3.2 mm, and Root face, 0 mm, with bevel angle of 32.5°. A horizontal groove (2G) welding position is chosen for this experiment. This is because this position is more difficult to weld due to molten metal tends to sag or flow when the weld parameter has not been appropriately adjusted. In this particular experiment, argon (Ar) with a purity of 99.994 percent is chosen because it produces a more concentrated and penetrated welding arc. The flow rate for shielding gas is maintained in the range of 23-25 L/min and purging gas is ranging from 16-18 L/min.

All four (4) test specimens were welded with different heat inputs by adjusting the welding amperes at 80A, 105A, 140A & 164A. The inter-pass temperatures were maintained at 120-140°C. The heat inputs were controlled within the range of 1.1 kJ/mm  $\pm$  25% as recommended [1] by varying the currents and travel speeds in a controlled manner. Both stringing and weaving welding methods with nozzle diameter 9.5 mm for root and hot passes and nozzle diameter 12.7 mm are used for the fill and the cap passes. The number of passes depend on the influence of welding currents and travel speeds as shown in the welding parameter conditions (Table 2).

## Results and Discussions

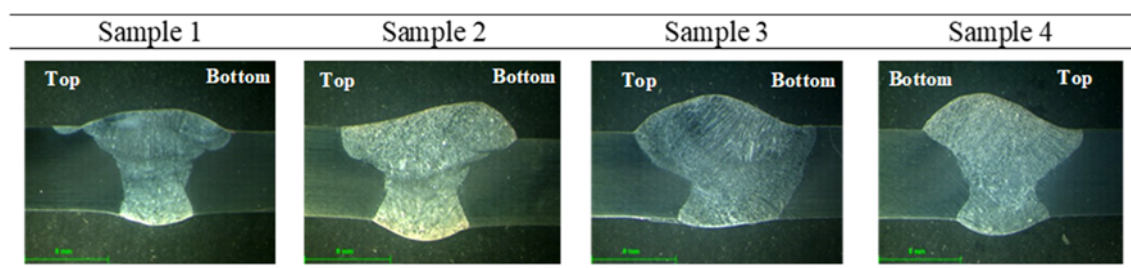
**Weld Geometry:** The quality of weld geometry is very important to ensure high reliability joints are produced. Visual inspection on the weld bead geometry was carried out for these specimens. It was observed that all the welded specimens were completely fused together with no detectable defects except for the surface profiles which show slightly sagging/concave configurations (Fig. 1) with the increasing of welding currents. This is possibly influenced by the electromagnetic force and conductive heat induced to the surface tension of materials [6]. The experiment has clearly indicated that the welding currents and the travel speed variations have great influences on weld bead width, penetration, deposition rate, contour and discoloration.

The welding parameters as shown in Table 2 indicate that by increasing welding current values and travel speeds, the weld bead width and deposition rates also increased proportionally. It is observed that high current

intensity has induced more depression and caused turbulence to the molten pool. Macrographs in Fig.1 have shown that sample 1 is an acceptable weld profile and selected as benchmark for the comparison with other welded samples (except the flushed tack weld on the left). Sample 2 has indicated the increase of dimension with the increment of welding current as also reported by Kumar [9], even though an average of heat input is the same with sample 1 as indicated at Table 2.

Sample 3 showed a significantly increase of deposition rate in respective to the changes of welding current with smaller nozzle diameter. It is observed that nozzle diameter 9.5 mm has produced more surface roughness as shown in Fig. 3 with greatest influence of weld metal dilution on the heat affected zone. This is due to a smaller area of weld nozzle diameter 9.5 mm with jet stream flow rate as compared to nozzle diameter 12.7 mm. Smaller welding nozzle is difficult to control the molten pool especially to cover wider groove area, excessive weaving in welding and higher travel speed are required to complete the desired bead size as a result of high heat concentration as evidence shown in Fig. 2 & 3 for the welded sample 3. The finishing of welded sample 4 has similar dimension as compared to welded sample 2 except for the volume of deposition rate is greater.

The colour of the surface finishing for welded samples is also examined in order to better understand the cooling effect brought on by convective heat produced to the surface of materials. Fig. 3 illustrates how the specimen's colour changed from bright to darker as the welding currents increased. Sample 3 has experienced higher heat input with slow cooling rates to allow sufficient time at high temperature for austenite formation [1], ferrite testing on weld metal has validated this and shown that the root and cap had the lowest ferrite values as indicated in Graph 1 and this observation has also been reported by Muthupandi [10]. Sample 4 has indicated increment of ferrite contents due to the lowest heat inputs as tabulated in Table 2. This is affected by high travel speed causing higher cooling rate that inhibits the formation of austenite nucleation growth process along the ferrite boundaries as also reported by Chakrabarti [11].



**Figure 1:** Surface profile of welded samples

Note: Sample 3 indicates the pipe section is being welded with nozzle diameter 9.5mm, other samples (1, 2 & 4) are welded with nozzle diameter 12.7mm



**Figure 2:** Sample no. 3 weld bead geometry

Note: Left weld cap is welded with nozzle diameter 12.7mm and right cap is weld with 9.5mm

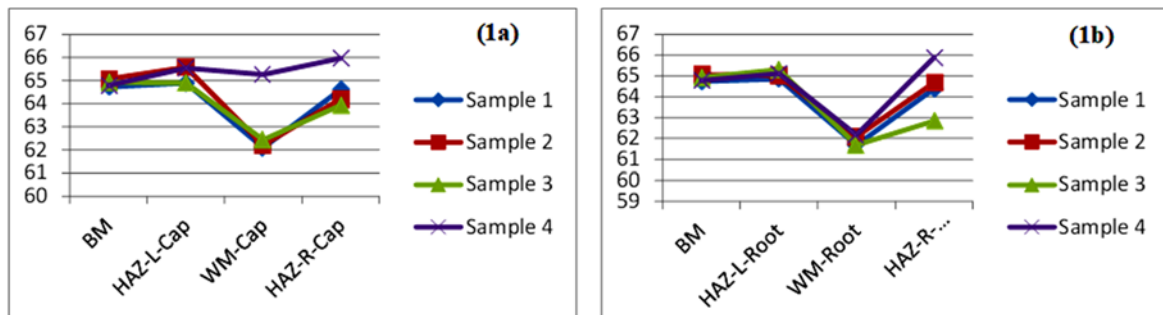
|     | Sample 1     | Sample 2    | Sample 3   | Sample 4    |
|-----|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| WM  | Light yellow | Light Brown | Dark Brown | Light Black |
| HAZ | Blue         | Dark Blue   | Dark Blue  | Dark Brown  |

Figure 3 Discoloration of welded samples

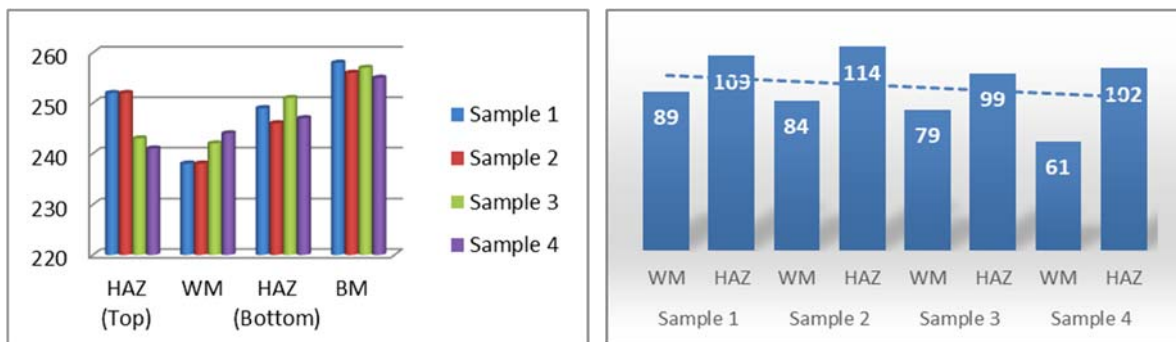
**Mechanical Properties.** Varying the welding parameters does affect the weld bead geometries and mechanical properties of weld joints. The results of tensile tests have indicated that all specimens have passed successfully with ductile failure with the evident of shear lips and necking modes. Sample 4 has shown the highest value of 800 N/mm<sup>2</sup>, this can be concluded that the consistent volume of ferrite content at weld mental (Graph 1) has shown the remarkably influence the tensile strength; this is attributed to the fast cooling rate from the heat input [8] [10].

Both tensile and hardness experiments were also conducted. WM ferrite numbers have revealed higher values from 61.67% to 65.26%, these ferrite numbers/values are considered high as compared to most of the company requirements which have the range from 30% to 70% in the weld metal [12][13]. In this case, it can be observed that the base metal itself is having higher proportion of ferrite of 64.73- 65.06% (Graph 1) in respective high hardness average 255 -258 HV10 (Graph 2).

The other possibility contribution the higher ferrite in the weldment/welded joint is due to the lower heat input as shown in Table 2. The relationship of mechanical properties has been analyzed. It is confirmed that the tensile and the hardness values are directly proportional with ferrite count and it is also noted that the charpy impact values are reduced due to increase in ferrite proportion as shown Graph 3 [20]. The notch toughness test results have shown a consistent decreasing of impact energy (Joule) in lieu with the increment of ferrite contents as shown on Graph 2 [14]. Sample 4 has shown a drastic drop from average 80-90J to 60J, this can be reported the result of excessive dissolved nitrogen content (measured at 0.56 wt.%) in the WM-Cap, as indicated in Table 3. The recommended dissolved nitrogen content should not be more than 0.2 wt.% for S31803/SAF 2205 in accordance to ASTM A790. This will increase the hardness and ferrite values but lower the toughness properties of weld metal [11][15] as shown in Graph 3.



Graph 1 Ferrite content for root and capping



Graph 2 Hardness test results

Graph 3 Charpy impact test results

Table 3 Nitrogen content at weld metals

| Location | Sample 1 | Sample 2 | Sample 3 | Sample 4 |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Root     | 0.17     | 0.12     | 0.00     | 0.00     |
| Cap      | 0.04     | 0.00     | 0.13     | 0.56     |



**Weld Metal Dilution.** The chemical elemental dilution effect across the weldment (i.e. the weld & the HAZ) of the base metal has significant influence by the travel speed, cooling rate and heat intensity. It has been observed that the different travel speeds in between minimum and maximum in Table 4 have great influence to the dilution rates. These values will indicate the amount of heat absorbed into material and produced with the desired grain structures of HAZ due to length of heat exposed at the particular location. The sample 3 has shown the lowest value in different of travel speed (15mm/min). This indicated that heat absorption in the weld pool is more closer/tighter control in travel speed and the cooling rate is considered to be slower, therefore the dilution effect is greater (35.04%) as shown in Table 4 and Fig. 1. Any component that contributes to the increase in metal dilution is caused by a smaller weld nozzle that results in a greater jet stream flow. The samples 1, 2 and 4 have been observed with lesser dilutions (15.78% to 19.34%) these are influenced by inconsistency in the control of

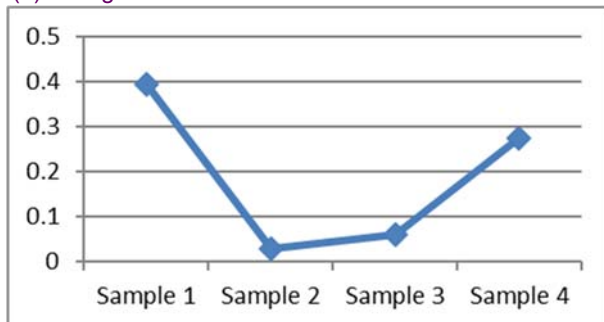
caused higher values in different travel speeds that affected variable cooling rates and thus reduce the area of dilution.

**Pitting Corrosion.** The results of this experiment have shown that the increment ferrite content will also affect the amount pitting corrosion test performance. The possible corrosion attacks will generally start on the ferrite grains around the precipitated free zone and this observation has also been reported Fourie [1] and discontinuity of passive film oxides at F.L. [17]. From this experiment, the evidence in Graph 4a shows that Samples 2, 3, and 4 have shown that metal losses generally increase with increasing ferrite values as indicated in Graph 4b. Sample 1 has experienced excessive weight loss (0.394 g/m<sup>2</sup>) due to the breakdown of protective passive oxide film and the suspected formation of secondary austenite affected by reheating process in subsequent weld layers (Fig. 4a) resulting in the regions of ferrite in between island type secondary austenite phase which are easily corroded

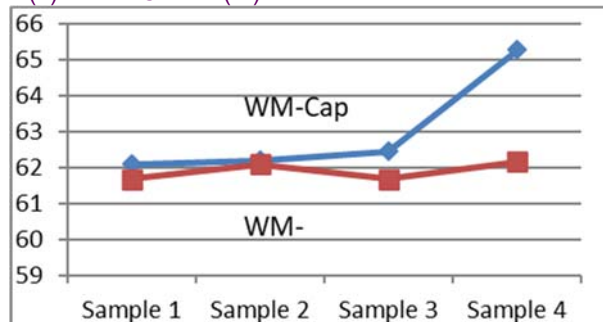
**Table 4** Different in travel speeds correspondence with weld dilutions

| Sample | Current (A) | Travel Speed (mm/min) |     |       | Cooling Rate | Average Heat Input (kJ/mm) | Dilution (%) |
|--------|-------------|-----------------------|-----|-------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
|        |             | Min                   | Max | Diff. |              |                            |              |
| 1      | 80          | 48                    | 66  | 18    | Lower        | 0.98                       | 15.78        |
| 2      | 105         | 55                    | 80  | 25    | Higher       | 1.08                       | 19.17        |
| 3      | 140         | 90                    | 105 | 15    | Lower        | 1.04                       | 35.04        |
| 4      | 164         | 124                   | 145 | 21    | Higher       | 0.88                       | 19.34        |

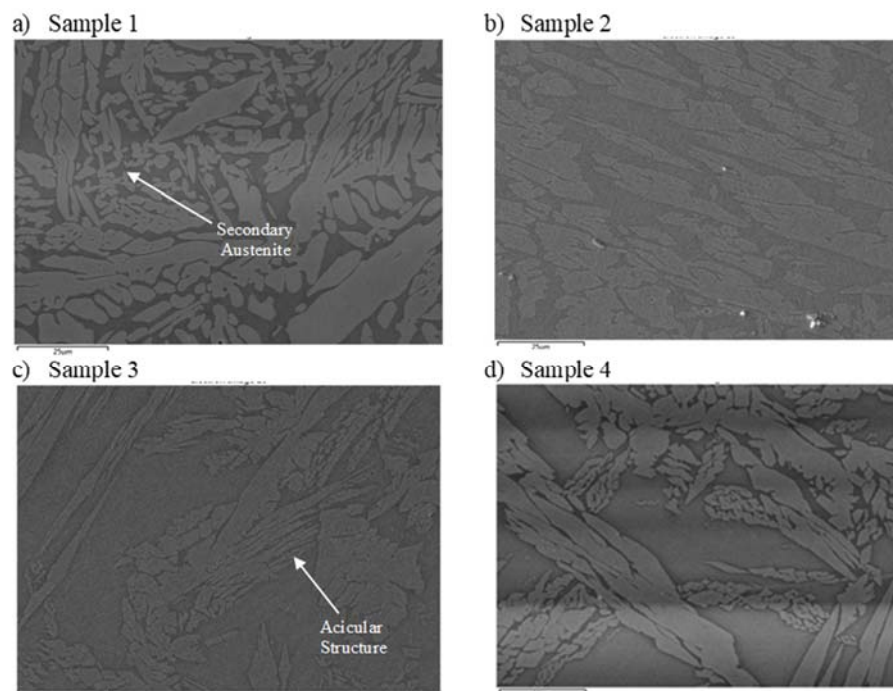
(a) Pitting Corrosion – Metal Loss



(b) Ferrite Counts (%)



**Graph 4** Mechanical properties of weld metals



**Figure 4** Scanning electron micrograph of root specimens

## Conclusion

Varying the welding parameters does affect the weld bead geometries and mechanical properties of the weld joints. Based on the experiments and test results obtained, we can conclude the following remarks.

- Smaller weld nozzle diameter has significant impact on the roughness of surface profile and the effect of dilution is comparatively greater.
- Lowering heat inputs with faster travel speed will increase faster cooling rates and lead to a greater amount of ferrite formation and, it limits the transformation nucleation of austenite along the ferrite boundaries.
- The weight loss from the pitting corrosion test appears to be in proportional with ferrite count, the coarse grain zone with the secondary austenite also tends to be more susceptible to localized corrosion attacks leading weight loss too.

## Recommendation for Further Works

Further investigation is needed to determine the trace of higher amount of nitrogen in weld metal sample no.4. The dissolved nitrogen is reported as high as 0.56% with no additional supplement nitrogen added to shielding gas. From many researchers, an amount greater than 0.2% wt% will cause an adverse effect to the welded joint due to its high hardness values with lower Charpy impact properties.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> IMM Council Meeting

Term: 2022 - 2024

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (Friday)

Mode: Online via Zoom Meeting

Time: 3.00 p.m.



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- 1) Chairman's welcome address
- 2) Adoption of agenda
- 3) Confirmation of minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (Term: 2020-2022)
- 4) Matters arising from minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting
- 5) Review of minutes of 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM and matters arising
- 6) Membership report
- 7) List of elected council members, appointed co-opted council members, elected and appointed chairpersons of working committees, appointed board of trustees, appointed board of directors and appointed external auditor
- 8) Financial reports for IMM & IMMR and appointment of internal auditor
- 9) Discussion of issues, proposals & activities from working committees
- 10) MoU/MoA, Guidelines, Policies and Proposals for approval
- 11) Any Other Business

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- Daniel Sagoh** 04:11  
Good Afternoon
- Melissa Chan** 07:48  
Good afternoon to all council members and chairpersons and the secretariat team.
- Mark Hew** 02:00:49



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- Daniel Sagoh** 04:11  
Good Afternoon
- Melissa Chan** 07:48  
Good afternoon to all council members and chairpersons and the secretariat team.
- Mark Hew** 02:00:49  
I got to leave the meeting. Thank you everyone.

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MINUTES OF IMM COUNCIL MEETING NO. 8  
(Decemr 2020-2022)

Date : 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (Friday)  
Time : 3:00 p.m.  
Mode : Virtual via Zoom

Attendance

| No. | Attendee   | Position/Committee   | Attendance |
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| 1.  | Ts. Dr. Chew Khoon Hee                                 | Deputy President<br>Chairman of Membership Committee/<br>Co-Chairman of Polymer Committee                        | 6/8        |
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- Mark Hew** 02:00:49

# Participation in the IMM-Miri Awareness Seminar: “Behaviours of Steel Materials during Welding”



Reported by:

Ms. Sheron Lim, IMM-Miri Public Liaison Officer, c/o Sarawak Shell Berhad/Sabah Shell Petroleum Company, Miri, Sarawak and Ir. Dr. Christine Yeo, IMM-Miri Education Officer cum IMM-Curtin Student Advisor, Curtin University Malaysia, Miri, Sarawak.

Edited by: Ir. AP. Dr. Edwin Jong, IMM-Miri Committee Chairman AMW Technology Sdn Bhd, Miri, Sarawak

Through the outcomes from the IMM-Miri’s Second Committee Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022 via virtual Google Meet Platform and following the co-leaderships and initiatives, Ms Sheron Lim, Public Liaison Officer and Ir. Dr. Christine Yeo, Education Officer cum IMM-Curtin Student Advisor, IMM-Miri Regional Chapter have successfully organized a half-day welding technology awareness seminar entitled, “**Behaviours of Steel Materials during Welding**” on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 from 1.00pm until 5.00pm (as depicted in Figure-1), venue at SK3-206, Curtin University Malaysia (CUM) via both physical and virtual google meet platform as illustrated in Figures 2 to 4. The venue set-up by IMM-CUM student chapter and the complete set of systems/facilities at SK3-206 have been kindly provided by CUM management free of all charges.



Figure 3 Showing a group photo of the participants including the trainer, Ir. AP. Dr. Edwin who were physically present in the seminar hall.

## Forthcoming Activity for IMM-Miri Chapter

Jointly organized by IMM-Miri and IMM-Curtin Student Chapter

Figure 1 IMM-Miri Regional Chapter organized the first awareness seminar on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Figure 4 A view showing those participants on-line via the Google Meet Platform



Figure 2 showing a view of the awareness seminar hall at SK3-206 in CUM with some participants physically participated in the seminar hall.

The objectives of this unique event are primarily to provide some insight technical knowledge on the behaviours of various types of steels during heat treatment processes at different elevated high temperatures in relation to the Fe-C binary equilibrium phase diagram and thus to appreciate its practical applications in welding production, especially in the weld quality control in fulfilment of the relevant welding codes and specifications. Hence, this awareness seminar can also provide an unique opportunity for all working participants from various Malaysian industries to network and exchange their understanding with highly influential decision-makers especially in the practical applications of steel materials including the commonly used groups of stainless steels.



From the record of registration, all 15 registered participants, who are mainly operations and maintenance engineers from the oil and gas sector of the industries have participated in the half-day awareness seminar. Furthermore, from this half-day technical session, IMM-Miri was required to strictly adhere the CUM's mandatory safety and health requirements in order to conduct for both in-person/face-to-face and hybrid attendees connecting virtually with other seminar attendees simultaneously during the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. However, the seminar has successfully and practically covered the essential technical knowledge of engineering materials especially on various types of commonly used steels in the Malaysian industries, the interpretation and applications of Fe-C Binary Phase Equilibrium Diagram on various heat treatment processes as well as during and after welding processes, changes of materials properties (for both carbon steels and stainless steels) across weldment including weld metal, heat affected zone (HAZ) and base metals, interpretation and possible predictions using carbon equivalent,  $C_{eqn}$  on the weldment harnesses with reference to the materials' chemical compositions. And, the relation between weld cracking susceptibility and Chemical Composition of steel can also be evaluated by weld cracking parameter,  $P_c$  that consists of weld cracking susceptibility index,  $P_{cm}$  in order to predict whether cold cracking may possibly encounter during normal welding process.

In general, feedbacks from participants are considered to be excellent with many affirmative remarks and further requesting IMM-Miri for more technical webinars of this nature to nurture our local Malaysian community.

Last but not least, this half-day awareness seminar has successfully completed with a short session for questions and answers at 5.20pm. Before seminar being adjourning, the organizing chairperson, Ir. Dr. Christine presented the certificates of participation to participants as illustrated in Figure-5. Likewise, Ms Sheron also sent out the e-copy of certificates of participation to those on-line participants via their registered e-mails respectively too.



Figure 5 Photos showing the presentation of certificates to participants after the half-day awareness seminar

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# The 9<sup>th</sup> Sabah Oil & Gas Conference & Exhibition 2022 (9<sup>th</sup> SOGCE 2022)



Reported by: Nurhasanah Sahri, IMM Secretariat  
 Reviewed by: Aberamy Dayalam, Assistant Manager of IMM Secretariat  
 Edited by: Mr. Wong Wing Kiong, General Manager of IMM Secretariat

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Venue: Sabah International Convention Centre, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

The Sabah Oil & Gas Conference & Exhibition (SOGCE) is the only oil and gas conference and exhibition aimed at providing an industry platform for oil and gas companies to meet and discussed pivotal industry issues to help grow and explore opportunities in the Sabah Oil and Gas Industries. The 9<sup>th</sup> SOGCE 2022 was organised across two days of the full-day conference, with various interesting individual topics of paper presentations as well as panel sessions and a 2-day exhibition that showcased the latest equipment, technology and solutions to demonstrate competitive advantages and competencies that include international and regional energy companies, service providers and oil companies.

The Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) had the opportunity to become one of the exhibitors at the SOGCE 2022. IMM booth was located at C11 and exhibited co-jointly with Materials Technology Education Sdn. Bhd. (MTE) (Associate Training Partner), Advance Multiskills Training Centre Sdn. Bhd. (AMTC) (Authorised Training Body) and Eurofins NM Laboratory Sdn. Bhd. (Recommended 3<sup>rd</sup>-party testing laboratories in relation to Coating Fingerprint Certificate for retained paint sample). We attracted and engaged more than 100 visitors by promoting IMM certification programs such as coating, coating fingerprinting etc., conferences organized by IMM, IMM memberships and etc. IMM participation met with an enthusiastic response from the visitors. The Coating Inspector and Protective Coating Technician are the two most popular IMM Certification Programs that were highly enquired by visitors at the SOGCE 2022.

During the walkabout session, the Deputy Chief Minister cum Minister of Industrial Development of Sabah, Datuk Dr. Joachim Gunsalam and the SOGCE 2022 Organising Chairperson, Ms. Dolly Jimayol were honoured to drop by the IMM booth and provided a certificate of participation of SOGCE to IMM. Overall, the SOGCE 2022 was a successful event where IMM

received lots of responses and enquiries, especially on the IMM Certification Programs.



Figure 2 Ms. Aberamy Dayalam promoted the IMM Certification Schemes to the visitors at SOGCE 2022.



Figure 3 Aberamy Dayalam gave an explanation of the IMM Certification Schemes to Datuk Dr. Joachim Gunsalam and Ms. Dolly Jimayol.



Figure 4 A group photo at IMM Booth. From Left: Ms. Dolly Jimayol (SOGCE Organising Chairperson), The Honourable Datuk Dr. Joachim Gunsalam (Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Industrial Development, Sabah), Ms. Karen Cheng (Director of Material Technology Education Sdn. Bhd.), Aberamy Dayalam (Assistant Manager, IMM), Mr. Windri Lewi Tukin (Manager Sales & Marketing, Eurofins NM Laboratory Sdn. Bhd.) and Mr. Henry Siban (Managing Director, AMTC).



Figure 1 Centre: Mr. Chan Wai Sing (IMM Coating Committee Member) visited the IMM booth at SOGCE 2022. Left: Aberamy Dayalam (IMM Assistant Manager) Right: Nurhasanah Sahri, (IMM Admin Executive).





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|---|---|
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| IMM Certification Schemes and Courses   | Technical Training Courses (Non-certification)   |
|---|--|
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|--|--|
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|---|--|
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- ☞ Certified Thermal Spray Coating Applicator
- ☞ Basic Knowledge on Corrosion Protection for Technicians and Engineers
- ☞ Corrosion Control by Protective Paints
- ☞ Corrosion Control by Protective Coating

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- ☞ Certified Corrosion Monitoring Practitioner Level 3
- ☞ Certified Cathodic Protection Practitioner Level 1
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- ☞ Practical Approach to Precision Balancing Methods
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- ☞ Basic Course on Operation of Mobile Air Compressor

# Technical Article 2

## Rapporteurs' Report of 1-DAY Rheology Workshop on Polymers

Studio live streaming at Cloud Events Sdn Bhd, (1378708-K), Unit C-2-20, Damen USJ Komersial, Persiaran Kewajipan, USJ 1, 47500, Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm**

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UiTM 1-day rheology workshop on Polymer highlights: <https://fb.watch/8B1fAy16sG/>

A 1-Day Rheology Workshop on Polymers was successfully held on September 28, 2021 at Cloud Events Sdn. Bhd. studio, Damen USJ Komersial, Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia. The workshop was organized by the Postgraduate Chemistry Club (PCC), Faculty of Applied Sciences (FSG), Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM), and jointly organized by the Malaysian Institute of Chemistry (IKM). Anton Paar (M) Sdn. Bhd., Institute of Materials, Malaysia (IMM) and Malaysian Institute of Food Technology (MIFT) were the collaborating partners of this workshop. The workshop was conducted live at the Cloud Events Sdn. Bhd. studio and *via* the Zoom platform. Up to 190 participants from higher learning institutes and private companies attended the full day virtual workshop.

### Summary of the presentation sessions:

- 1) Prof. Ts. ChM. Dr. Chan Chin Han explained the basic concept and the classification of polymers.
- 2) Mr. Nigel Foong demonstrated the measurement of polymeric samples using a rheometer. He emphasized on good practice and precautions for sample analysis and data analysis.
- 3) Ms. Nurul Fatahah Asyqin Zainal touched on the basic interpretation of rheological data of immiscible polymer blends.
- 4) Ms. Hairunnisa Ramli presented a hands-on session on data analysis.
- 5) Mr. Thomas G. Mezger and Mr. Markus Nemeth highlighted general result interpretation of polymers and some experimental designs such as amplitude sweep, frequency sweep that includes TTS function & temperature sweep.

### Q & A Session

**Q1:** Can cheese be considered a thermoset?

**A1:** Thermosets form after curing the resins by the formation of covalent bonds between polymer chains. This is an irreversible process. Cheese is a mixture of networks and depending on the ratio of water and oil, they

there are many possible different structures. Different kinds of cheese might behave differently. Cheese begins as a solid or more or less pasty but when heated (but not overheated) can become more or less viscous liquid. When the melted cheese is cooled, it regains a solid form. Reheat it and it flows again. It behaves like thermoplastics. In that sense, cheese is not a thermoset.

**Q2:** Can we consider a *graft*-copolymer as a branched polymer or a crosslinked polymer?

**A2:** Branched polymer is a linear polymer with side polymer chains. Crosslinked polymer is the polymer chains that are linked with covalent or ionic bonds, which form network-like structure. Graft-copolymer is a segmented copolymer with a linear polyA as a backbone and polyB as graft-chains. Normally, polyA and polyB do not mix. Graft-copolymer can be considered as a special type of branched polymer but not as a crosslinked polymer.

**Q3:** What is the effect of molar mass of a polymer to its thermo-physical properties (e.g., solid or liquid phase)?

**A3:** Almost all properties of polymers depend on the molar mass, molar mass distribution and dispersity. Low and high molar mass polymers have vastly different mechanical and thermo-physical properties. Oligomers (low molar mass) are soft or rubbery solids or low viscous liquids and possess little or no strength whereas high molar mass polymers are solid and have much improved mechanical properties. In general, one observes a steep rise in the mechanical and viscoelastic properties with increasing molar mass until a certain molar mass is reached, beyond which the properties are nearly independent of the molar mass.

**Q4:** Explain further on viscoelasticity and their applications.

**A4:** Viscoelasticity of polymers affect their properties under different conditions for different applications. Some examples:



- squeezing toothpaste out of its tube
- rubbing facial cream between palms
- applying body shampoo on your body
- spreading soft butter
- pouring out tomato ketchup
- mixing a cake batter
- stirring paint and brushing paint on wall

**Q5:** For sustainability, any suggestion on recycling the thermosets?

**A5:** Thermosets (e.g., crosslinked epoxies, polyurethanes, rubbers etc) are found in many products that have to be durable and heat-resistant for applications. One drawback to thermosets is that they typically cannot be easily recycled or broken down after use. Reducing the usage of thermosets should be prioritized for sustainability.

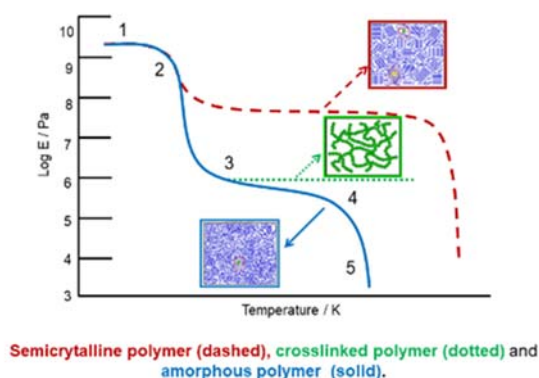
Some strategies to recycle thermosets:

- 1) Modify thermosets with a chemical linker that makes the materials much easier to break down, but still allows them to retain the mechanical strength that makes them so useful [1].
- 2) Using a combination of pressure, heat and a supercritical solvent to decrosslink thermosets, such as crosslinked polyethylene (XLPE), XLPE foam and phenolic or epoxy resins [2].
- 3) Etc.

**Q6:** Can rheology analysis be used to identify different classes of polymers (e.g., thermoplastic, thermoset, elastomer etc).

**A6:** One suggestion is running oscillatory test with temperature sweep. Observation in **Figure 1** may be recorded. Refer to reference [1].

### Viscoelastic behavior of polymeric materials

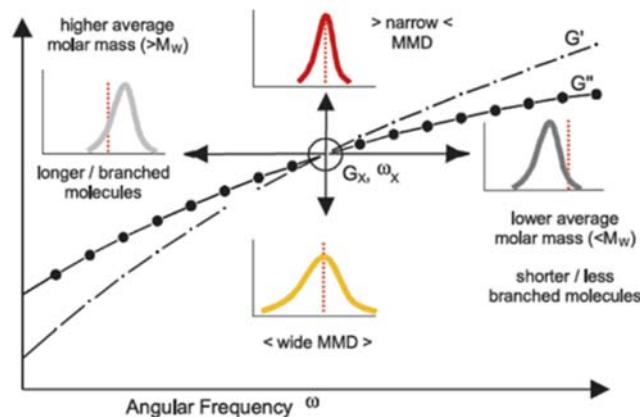


**Figure 1** Viscoelastic behavior of semicrystalline, crosslinked and amorphous polymer

**Q7:** Can rheological analysis be used to differentiate polyA with different molar masses?

**A7:** One suggestion is running oscillatory test with frequency sweep. Observation in **Figure 2** may be recorded.

**Q8:** Can you explain the creep test for gel using rheometer?



**Figure 2** Correlation between molar mass and molar mass distribution and the viscoelastic behaviour of polymers. Adopted from reference [2].

**A8:** Creep test is a test whereby shear stress is applied at a certain duration. The stress later will be relieved and the deformation is observed by the shear strain detected by the deformed sample.

For more info on past Anton Paar Webinar: <https://www.anton-paar.com/my-en/services-support/webinars/detail/event/creep-testing-of-polymers-as-a-characterization-method-complementing-dynamic-mechanical-analysis-fo/>

**Q9:** For the density to be inserted into the software, is it the density of the solid or the melt?

**A9:** It depends on the sample's state whether it is in solid or melt. If the measurement is for solid, you must input the density of the solid and likewise for melt sample.

Density value changes according to temperature and hence the state of sample will affect the calculation that involves density parameter.

**Q10:** How to measure cheese sample using the instrument?

**A10:** We can measure cheese sample depending on its state; liquid, gel or solid. From there, you may choose to evaluate viscosity or viscoelastic behaviour through tests offered by rheometer.

For more info on Anton Paar application note: <https://www.anton-paar.com/corp-en/services-support/document-finder/application-reports/rheological-characterization-of-cheese/>

**Q11:** How much should the solid sample's thickness (like PE plastic film) be placed in the rheometer?

**A12:** In order to follow the measurement principle according to DIN 53019 and ISO 3219, the measurement gap for plate system should be approximately 1 mm.

For more info on Anton Paar website description: <https://www.anton-paar.com/corp-en/products/details/rheological-measuring-systems/>

**Q13:** For a very low viscous sample (watery sample), a negative result of viscosity is obtained during the rheological test. What are the suitable settings to be used for this type of sample?

**A13:** You can use the measuring system/spindle/geometry that has the largest surface area in contact to sample. This will increase the sensitivity of the decoder of rheometer/viscometer. The setting in terms of shear rate should be from medium to high shear rate as low shear rate does not give reasonable results.

For more info on Anton Paar application note:

<https://www.anton-paar.com/corp-en/services-support/document-finder/application-reports/joe-flow-measurement-range-limits/>

**Q14:** Why did this inconsistency happen in the analysis?

**A14:** The inconsistency may be due to the type of test template used for your test. Please recheck the settings such as test parameter and data acquisition setting.

**Q15:** What is the frequency range to be used in a frequency sweep measurement? What can we observe from the frequency sweep measurement?

**A15:** Most of the rheometer in the market has the range of 0.01 to 100 Hz. If the frequency studied is beyond the stated range, you need to perform a Time-Temperature Superposition (TTS) experiment.

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**Q16:** For a temperature sweep measurement, do we fix the strain and frequency? How do we decide on these values?

**A16:** You need to perform amplitude sweep on the sample at starting temperature and ending temperature and obtain their respective linear viscoelastic (LVE) range. Once you obtained them, you can apply in logarithm manner with temperature ramping.

**Q17:** Should we change to a fresh sample each time when moving from viscosity measurement, amplitude sweep measurement, and frequency sweep measurement, even though we are doing the tests at room temperature?

**A17:** It is always recommended to use fresh sample for every measurement. This will ensure that measurement is applied to the original sample state.

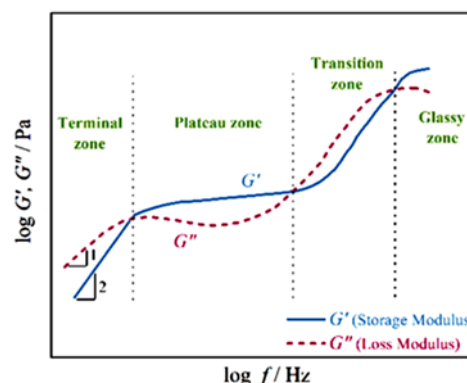
**Q18:** What is the suitable temperature to be used for the rheological experiment to study the flow behaviour of polymers?

**A18:** To study the flow behaviour of a semicrystalline polymer, the temperature used shall be above the melting temperature (10 or 20 °C above the melting temperature). At this temperature, the polymer is at its molten state. One should also take note that the

temperature should not exceed the degradation temperature of the polymer. One needs to check the degradation temperature of a polymer (by performing the thermogravimetry analysis by TGA) before the rheological experiment.

**Q19:** What happens in the transition zone as  $G'' > G'$ ?

**A19:** In the transition zone, the period of oscillation is similar to that of one or other molecular movements in the polymer chains. The molecular movements lag the imposed oscillation and dissipate a large amount of energy and thus giving a high loss modulus ( $G''$ ), hence contributing to a greater viscous component as shown in **Figure 3**.



**Figure 3** A typical viscoelastic spectrum of a polymer

**Q20:** In your rheological experiment, did you apply the standards procedure stated in the ASTM D3835 or ASTM D4440?

**A20:** No, in this fundamental work we do not apply the procedures from both standards.

**Q21:** What is the suitable amount of sample needed for a rheological test?

**A21:** In this rheological test, we used the 20-mm parallel plate geometry in the oscillation test. It means that the sample diameter is 20 mm, and the thickness of the polymer films are roughly between 0.3 – 0.4 mm.

**Q22:** What is the difference between the crosslinked and uncrosslinked polymers in terms of the  $G$  values?

**A22:** In a frequency sweep test, a crosslinked polymer shows the  $G' > G''$  over the entire frequency range. The two curves do not display a crossover point, but are quite close to each other. On the other hand, for the uncrosslinked polymer, the  $G'' > G'$  is observed at lower frequencies, where it shows a viscous behaviour. At higher frequencies,  $G' > G''$  is observed.

**Q23:** Must the slopes of the  $G'$  and  $G''$  curves be determined using a log-scale graph?

**A23:** Yes, both of the  $G'$  and  $G''$  curves against frequency must be plotted in a bilogarithmic graph. This is because the slopes of  $G'$  and  $G''$  curves in the lower frequency range is based on power law equations.

**Q24:** In your opinion, what are the direct applications of this blend [poly(ethylene oxide)/natural rubber-graft-



poly(methyl methacrylate) (PEO/NR-*g*-PMMA)] and why is it important to obtain the  $G'$  and  $G''$  slopes?

**A24:** This PEO/NR-*g*-PMMA blend may be potentially used as polymer host in polymer electrolyte applications. At molten state, the PEO may serve as the ion-percolation phase. The NR component in NR-*g*-PMMA may serve as an impact resistance component and PMMA may provide the mechanical strength. The information of  $G'$  and  $G''$  slopes for the blends may describe the viscoelastic behaviour (*i.e.*, flexibility or restriction of the polymer chain). However, further investigation on this blend should be done, thus, it is important to understand the flow behaviour of different blend compositions before dwelling on the applications.

**Q25:** In a temperature sweep test, the transition temperature of  $G'$  curve is observed due to the phase transition of a polymer. Can you explain this in terms of the molecular phase changes?

**A25:** If we run a temperature sweep (low to high temperature) test for a semicrystalline polymer, we will observe  $G' > G''$  in the low temperature region. At this stage, there are some regions where the molecules show an ordered crystalline region which are surrounded by amorphous regions. Next, the  $G''$  curve increases with temperature until it reaches its maximum. The glass transition temperature,  $T_g$  is evaluated at  $G''$  maximum. With increase in temperature, a rubber-elastic plateau (plateau of  $G'$  and  $G''$  curves) is observed where the amorphous part is already molten, but most parts of the crystalline phase are not completely molten yet. Finally, the  $G'$  and  $G''$  curves will cross each other and the melting temperature,  $T_m$  is evaluated at the crossover point of  $G'$  and  $G''$ . At this stage, the polymer now is completely at molten state.

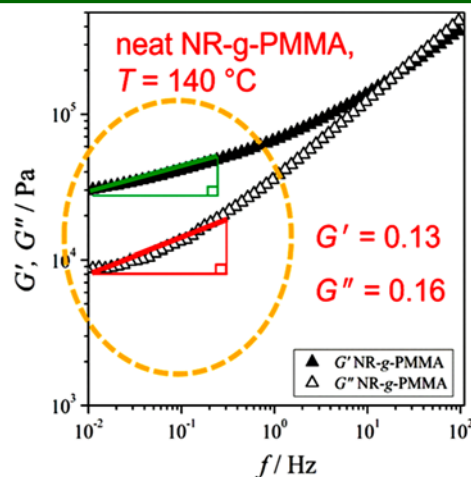
**Q26:** What is the relationship of the relaxation time with the behaviour of the polymeric materials in the low frequency region?

**A26:** Based on the Maxwell model, a polymer melt is fully relaxed when  $G'$  and  $G''$  obey the power law dependence in the low-frequency region with the slopes equal to 2 and 1, respectively. The viscoelastic properties in the low-frequency region reflected the long-range motion of polymer chains. Larger deviation of the power law exponent from the Maxwell model causes the polymer chains do not return to equilibrium (or not fully relax) due to restriction of the long-range motion of polymer chains.

**Q27:** Why do we need to have  $R^2$  close to 1 when you fit the data using linear regression? What does it mean if the  $R^2$  value is very low (not close to 1)?

**A27:** In regression, the  $R^2$  means coefficient of determination which is a statistical measure of how well the regression predictions approximate the real data points. An  $R^2$  of 1 indicates that the regression predictions perfectly fit the data. In general, the higher the  $R^2$ , the better the model fits your data.

**Q28:** Referring to the case study 3 (neat NR-*g*-PMMA, melted at  $T = 140^\circ\text{C}$ ), how can we estimate the terminal slope since the low frequency region now is no longer at the terminal zone?



**Figure 4** Case study 3 (neat NR-*g*-PMMA melted at  $T = 140^\circ\text{C}$ )

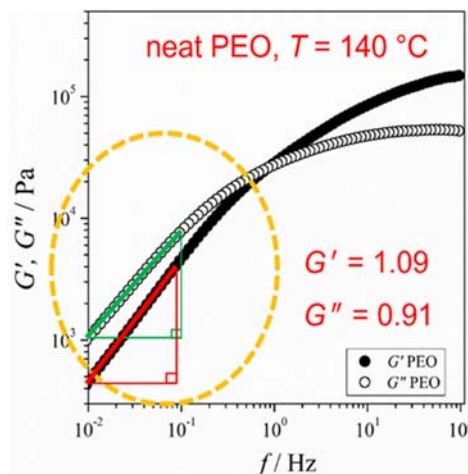
**A28:** In this case, at low frequency region ( $f$  range =  $10^{-2}$  to  $10^{-1}$  Hz), the  $G' > G''$  which means the solid-like behaviour is dominant than the liquid-like behaviour and this shows the trend as in at the plateau zone. Hence, even if the slopes of  $G'$  and  $G''$  are estimated as in **Figure 4**, these are the values which cannot be assumed to be the terminal slopes at low frequency region within the experimental condition of this sample.

**Q29:** Why do we need to change the scale from linear graph to  $\log_{10}$  graph?

**A29:**  $\log_{10}$  plots display data in two dimensions where both axes ( $x$  and  $y$ -axes) use logarithmic scales. When one variable changes as a constant power of another, a  $\log_{10}$  graph shows the relationship as a linear graph. For example, if the data points do not follow a linear line, we should know that both  $x$  and  $y$ -axes do not have a power law relationship.

**Q30:** In the case study 1 (neat PEO, melted at  $T = 140^\circ\text{C}$ ), the slope of the  $G' = 1.09$  while according to Maxwell model,  $G'$  should equal to 2. Is the deviation acceptable as long as the  $G'' > G'$  value at the terminal zone?

**A30:** Maxwell model is considered as an ideal case. Variation of the slope values are depending on the temperatures chosen to melt the viscoelastic material. The deviation from the Maxwell indicates the material do not behave ideally but at the terminal zone, it is always  $G'' > G'$  where the viscous part dominant than the elastic part.



**Figure 5** Case study 1 (PEO melted at  $T = 140^\circ\text{C}$ )

**Q31:** What can you deduce from the terminal and plateau zone for the behaviour of the viscoelastic polymer?

**A31:** Liquid-like behaviour showing viscous dominant, where  $G'' > G'$  can be observed in the terminal zone (low frequency region) while in the plateau zone, it is always the  $G' > G''$ , where the elastic behaviour (solid-like) is dominant. Refer to **Figure 3**.

Other than that, the frequency at crossover between  $G'$  and  $G''$  at the transition frequency of terminal to plateau zone indicates the chain relaxation at long-range (low frequency) motion.

**Q32:** How do we determine  $T_g$  from the  $G'$  and  $G''$  profile?

**A32:** Recommendation to determine  $T_g$  from a diagram  $G'$  and  $G''$  versus the temperature  $T$ : (1) at the  $G''$  peak (e.g., according to ASTM D4065, D4092, E1640); (2) sometimes the  $\tan \delta$  peak can also be used to determine  $T_g$ .

**Q33:** Is frequency sweep (FS) test similar to temperature sweep (TS) test?

**A33:** No. FS show values of rheology parameters (e.g.,  $G'$  and  $G''$ ) over a selected range of frequencies  $f$  at a constant temperature  $T$  (e.g., to evaluate the time-dependent behaviour at this temperature). TS show these values over a desired  $T$  range at a constant frequency,  $f$  (and e.g., constant deformation amplitude). If you measure both you can show it in a 3D-diagram, and on the three axes may be:  $G' \& G'' / f / T$

**Q34:** Is the  $T_g$  value determined by rheometer be much different from DSC?

**A34:** DSC values are measured at rest and oscillatory data, however, at a certain frequency (i.e., in motion). The lower the preset frequency the more comparable will be the obtained results.

**Q35:** Is creep analysis suitable for particle type sample such as swelled microgel?

**A35:** In principle, creep tests are suitable for gels. However, we prefer oscillatory tests, and in this case especially amplitude sweeps, since we get more useful data in a clearly shorter time.

**Q36:** Is it appropriate to measure creep properties of material under magnetic influence?

**A36:** If the rheometer is equipped with a magnetorheological device (MRD) you can perform all kinds of tests (e.g., rotation, oscillation, creep, relaxation) at a desired constant or variable magnetic field strength. It is useful to keep one part of the measuring condition constant (magnetic field or shear load).

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### Abstract

The ever-increasing demand for energy, especially electricity has drawn the attention of people over the past decade as most of the electricity that the world uses today is generated largely by non-renewable energy sources. Therefore, searching for renewable energy sources is desirable. This study provides an overview of the various methods employed to synthesize and characterize indium sulphide nanoparticles ( $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs). This promising photocatalytic can efficiently convert solar energy into electricity and photocatalytically can degrade harmful compounds. This study aims to compare methods currently available for the fabrication of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs in terms of their advantages and disadvantages as well as how the methods are fair in terms of their fit to the green chemistry concept and scalability. Methods for synthesizing  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs such as digestive ripening, colloidal, solvothermal, and hydrothermal methods were compared. It concludes that co-precipitation and hydrothermal methods are two of the best candidates among others, when the feasibility of upscaling and green chemistry approaches are considered. In light of the conclusions, a room temperature co-precipitation method was recommended as a novel method to synthesize  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs that save energy when compared to a hydrothermal approach since no heating is required. Preliminary testing of the proposed method was carried out and it was found to have the potential to be implemented in the near future after the completion of a future complete study.

### Objectives

- To compare methods that are currently available for the fabrication and characterization of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs.
- To evaluate and provide recommendations on future perspectives and trends relating to the application of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs, including the challenges faced.
- To propose a green and sustainable method to synthesize  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs which addresses the SDGs targets advocated by United Nations.

### Literature Review

#### Methods for the Fabrication of Indium Sulphide Nanoparticles

A bottom-up approach engaging established colloidal chemistry represents one of the most versatile means of synthesizing nanoparticles. These methods are relatively simple without costly and high-end equipment that may be challenging to maintain. Furthermore, the bottom-up approach allows tailoring of surface chemistry by exploring the molecules or surfactants bound to the surface of nanoparticles to impart colloidal stability, solvent dispersibility and even chemical recognition which could prove valuable when linked to biomedical applications.

Shinjita et al. (2012) reported the successful synthesis of  $\beta\text{-In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanosheets by using high-temperature colloidal method, where indium diethyl dithiocarbamate

trihydrate ( $\text{In-DDTC}$ ) was first synthesized from indium chloride and sodium diethyl dithiocarbamate trihydrate, follow by adding of hexadecylamine (HDA) or octadecylamine (ODA) and an inert atmosphere were created by purging in nitrogen gas for 15 minutes before heating the solution to 200 °C for 30 minutes and 300 °C for 2 hours. Since the nanosheets produced by colloidal methods are formed by self-organization and orientation of nanocrystals, hence the thickness of the nanosheets' is controllable by choosing the right ligand.

Solvothermal synthesis is a bottom-up process where the synthesis is conducted under high temperature and pressure, for example, in an autoclave, carried out on a non-aqueous solution (Feng & Li, 2017). Selvaraj et al. (2011) reported the synthesis of three dimensional (3D)  $\beta\text{-In}_2\text{S}_3$  hollow microsphere built up by  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanosheet using indium nitrate and thiosemicarbazide (TSC) as a precursor. Firstly, indium nitrate and TSC were dissolved in 1:1 ethanol/water and stirred for 30 minutes, followed by autoclaved at 180 °C for 10 to 24 hours, and finally centrifuged and washed with deionized water and ethanol before dried in the oven at 70 °C for 24 hours. In addition, a similar approach to the synthesis  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs solution also had been reported by Xu et al. (2018), where indium chloride was first dissolved in oleylamine and cyclohexane, at the same time sulphur sublimed was dissolved in oleylamine and N-dodecyl mercaptan. Then, the indium chloride solution was added drop by drop into sulphur sublimed solution and stirred for 30 minutes before being placed into an autoclave at 180 °C for 2 hours. Lastly, the mixture was mixed with methanol and allowed to stand for 1 hour, followed by centrifuging at 9000 rpm for 10 minutes to obtain  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  precipitate.

Due to its reliability and relatively simple procedure, the hydrothermal method can be one of the most common methods to synthesize  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs. In a study done by Chen and Liu (2018), indium chloride and thiourea were used as the precursor, with the facilitation of indium tin oxide (ITO) glass to allow the NPs growth on its surface and  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs with different thicknesses as well as size were obtained when the reaction carried out for the different duration. Table 1 summarises the differences and compares the pros and cons of methods classified under bottom-up liquid phase syntheses.

#### Characterisation of Indium Sulphide Nanoparticles

$\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanoparticles can be characterized by using UV-Vis spectroscopy, transmission electron microscopy (TEM), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) with energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy and powder X-ray diffraction (XRD). The UV-Vis spectral of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanoparticles has an absorption band at 375 nm and by overlooking most of the journals that reported the synthesized of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs, the most common crystal faces are (311), (400), and (440). A typical XRD diffraction peak of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs also can be determined by the presence of strong peak at  $2\theta = 27.5, 33.0, 44.0$  and  $48.5$ .



*Table 1 Comparison of Synthesis Methods.*

| Method                       | Advantage  | Disadvantage  |
|------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Digestive Ripening</b>    | Size of the produced nanoparticles can be controlled by parameter such as temperature or binding ligand                        | Required high-end equipment like Schlenk system and high temperature for reaction to occur  |
| <b>Colloidal</b>             | Simple to set up and able to control the size of nanoparticles formed  | Not green chemistry approach as many solvent will be used and hard to be recovered  |
| <b>Solvothermal</b>          | Able to control the size of nanoparticles produced   | Time consuming, high temperature and expensive equipment like autoclave are required  |
| <b>Gases Phase Synthesis</b> | Green chemistry approach, able to control size of nanoparticles produced and product usually have high crystallinity structure | Hard to be apply in major scale synthesis process and the safety hazard that might happen due to the usage of toxic, corrosive, flammable, and/or explosive precursor gases |
| <b>Hydrothermal</b>          | Simple procedure to synthesis nanoparticles, and the size of nanoparticles are controllable base on reaction time              | High temperature and pressure as well as expensive equipment like autoclave are required  |

### Future Perspective, Trend and Recommendation

$\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs are a promising semiconducting material which has the potential to be used in a wide array of applications. However, there are several downsides of this material that need to be overcome. Currently, a lot of effort was put into modulating  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  through defective engineering, doping and coupling of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  with other inorganic materials or polymers to maximize the photoconversion properties of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$ , hence suggesting an uptrend for  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  based nanomaterials. The challenges facing  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs to be addressed are as follow:

Firstly, the surface structures of the semiconductors will cause a significant effect on the charge carriers, thus affecting the electrons excitation and holes generation which will be responsible for the further chemical reaction (Sun et al., 2019). Consequently, defective engineering has come to the place, where atom coordination number, electronic structure and vacancies distribution in crystalline structure or 2D nanosheets of semiconductor will be modified, hence improving its photocatalytic properties (Zhang et al., 2019). In the research work of Gao et al. (2018), they found out that the surface defective  $\beta\text{-In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanoplates that are treated by acid have an enhanced absorption range in the visible-light region and significant improvement in terms of photoelectrocatalytic activity compared with untreated  $\beta\text{-In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanoplates. Due to smaller charge transfer resistance, higher efficiency of charge transfer at the surface, higher carrier density and greater carry transport. Much other research works also had been done and proven that the photocatalyst characteristic of indium sulphide can be improved by designing the right defective surface structure.

Secondly, doping is one of the most common and reliable ways to enhance the properties of semiconductors, and it also had been applied to  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs to enhance their photocatalytic activities. According to Tiss et al. (2018), they had successfully synthesized silver (Ag) doped  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  thin film. It showed excellent performance with as high as 90% optical transmittance in visible light and near-infrared light region together with an increase of direct band gap energy from 2.63 to 2.97 eV, making it a good material for an optical window in photovoltaic cells. In addition, findings of doping of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  thin films with Ag also had been carried out by Aydin et al. (2014), in higher photosensitivity, an increase in charge carrier concentration and improving the electrical conductivity. Research has also been carried out to dope  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  with aluminium (Al), copper (Cu) and many other rare earth elements.

Last but not least, coupling of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  with another compound or semiconductor, also known as heterostructure hybridization of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$ , could be the future research trend of this semiconductor. In 2015, Chen et al. reported the successfully synthesise of bismuth sulphide/indium sulphide ( $\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_3/\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$ ) composite superstructure, which show improvement in the photocatalytic activities of both semiconductors due to the enhancement of light absorption ability as well as photogenerated electron-hole pairs separation and transportation in the semiconductors. These effects are likely due to the synergistic effect between two semiconductors and the defective surface of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  that cause multiple light reflection between 2 semiconductors' surface, hence improving the light-harvesting properties of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{S}_3/\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  composite.

Moreover, hybridization of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  with zinc sulphide (ZnS) to form a  $\text{ZnS}@ \text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  core@shell composite had been reported by Liu et al. (2017). By using polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP) and thioacetamide (TAA) as the surfactant for the composite, the structure of this hybrid semiconductor becomes a hollow spherical-like shape, which enhances the intensity of light scattering within the semiconductor. At the same time, it provides more active sites for reactant and oxygen, hence increasing the photocatalytic efficiency of the material. We also noted that the thickness of hybrid semiconductors has to be considered when such a hybrid semiconductor is being synthesised, since the thickness of semiconductor will affect its degree of transparency, hence affecting its light absorption coefficient.

In short, all three methods stated above are effective to improve the characteristics of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  as a semiconductor. They can change the intensity of light scattering, increase the electrical conductivity, light absorption efficiency and carriers' mobility of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$ , making the semiconductor a better material for photoconversion application.

### Challenges

- Reliability – long-term reliability of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs in photoactivity and photoconversion related fields might decay overtime
- Environmental and safety issue – hard to degrade/oxidize in nature and toxicity toward living organisms remains uncertain
- Hard to upscale synthesize – complexity, cost or environmental related problems

### Preliminary Study

#### Methodology

First, a water soluble surfactant dissolved in 25 mL of distilled water was mixed well with water-soluble indium chloride (solution 1). On the other hand, fresh sodium sulphide solution was prepared by dissolving sodium sulphide in 5 mL of distilled water (solution 2). Solutions 1 and 2 were mixed to produce colloidal  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanoparticles, evidenced by the appearance of a bright yellow solution. The  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  nanoparticles were then purified and isolated via centrifugation at 9000 rpm and 4 °C for 10 minutes. The yellow product was re-dispersed in distilled water via ultrasonication prior to characterization using ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis)(Hitachi U-2900) scan ranging from 200 nm to 800 nm, dynamic light scattering (DLS)(Anton Paar Litesizer 500) and zeta potential (Anton Paar LitesizerTM500).

#### Results and Discussion

In the synthesis of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs, the mole ratio of  $\text{In}^{3+}$  ions to  $\text{S}^{2-}$  ions is 2:3, while PVP was used as a surfactant to control the size of the nanoparticles to prevent them to aggregate together. The overall equation of the reaction is as follows:

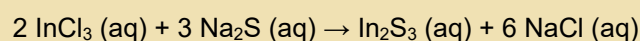


Figure 1 Concentrated  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs Solution

Ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy (UV-Vis), dynamic light scattering (DLS) and zeta potential was done to characterize the solution. The UV-Vis absorption peak matched well with the UV-Vis absorption peak of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs reported by other researchers, but with a slightly blue shift where the peaks move to a shorter wavelength. This condition might be due to a too high concentration of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs solution or the presence of PVP as surfactant. Further dilution of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs solution needs to be done to determine the reason for the blue shift. The Tauc curve of our product seems to be imperfect as it suggested the product has a band gap of 2.84 eV, which varies a lot from the band gap of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs (2 to 2.3 eV). This might be due to the solution concentration that is not diluted enough, as we can see a step increase in absorbance intensity in the UV-Vis absorption spectrum, which reflects the step in the Tauc curve.

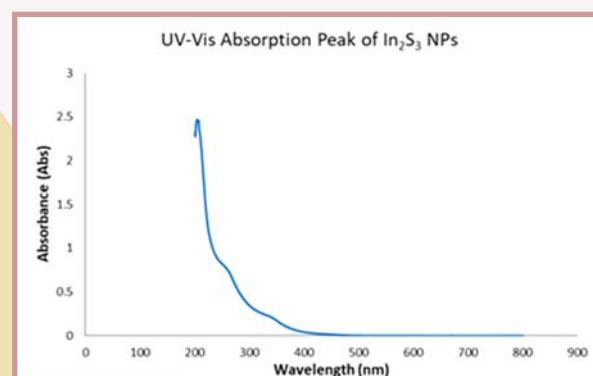


Figure 2 UV-Vis Absorption Peak of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs

On the other hand, the DLS of the product suggested that the hydrodynamic diameter of the particles is 82.59 nm, which is the range of nanosize. However, this result cannot be counted for the actual size of our particles, but it is only a preliminary study on the size of the particles. The result from DLS also suggests that our particles are monodispersed, with a low polydispersity index of 25.3%.

Finally, the zeta potential of the product compound suggested that our particles are relatively stable as a nanoparticle since the mean zeta potential is -23.3 mV. The negatively charged on the surface of our particles repel each other and prevent them from aggregating, so the particles are stable.



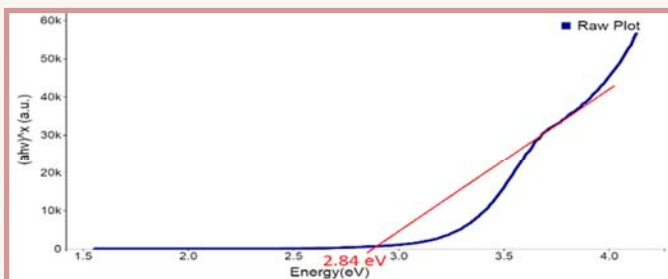
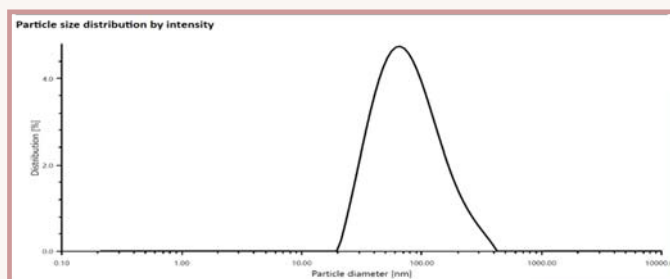
Figure 3 Tauc Curve of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs

Figure 4 Results of DLS

## Data output

|                        |                              |                      |                 |
|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hydrodynamic diameter  | 82.59 nm                     | Polydispersity index | 25.3 %          |
| Intercept $g^2$        | 0.8747                       | Mean intensity       | 141.3 kcounts/s |
| Filter optical density | 0.4988                       | Baseline             | 1.024           |
| Focus position         | -0.8 mm                      | Angle used           | Side scatter    |
| Processed runs         | 7                            | Transmittance        | 87.4 %          |
| Diffusion Coefficient  | $5.9 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ |                      |                 |

Figure 5 Particle Size Distribution

## Conclusion

In summary, a bottom-up hydrothermal method is evaluated as the best method for the synthesis of  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs with excellent industry scale-up potential. The proposed solution-based synthesis closely related to hydrothermal synthesis constitutes a simpler and greener method to synthesize  $\text{In}_2\text{S}_3$  NPs with well-controlled qualities which are summarized as follows:

- 1) Average hydrodynamic diameter = 82.59 nm
- 2) Average zeta potential = -23.2 mV
- 3) Estimated band gap = 2.84 eV

Future work on more detailed structural characterization and evaluation of other optical properties should be conducted.

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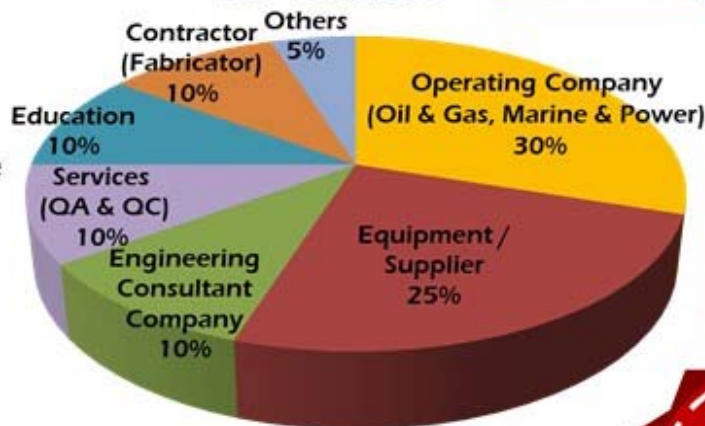


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