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The main target of this research is to apply the static mixer to biodiesel production to enhance the reaction rate and reduce requirements for chemicals and energy in biodiesel production. The comparisons between conventional mechanical mixer and the static mixer were carried out on three different reactions. These reactions are the alkali-catalyzed tranesterification reaction, the acid-catalyzed esterification reaction, and the tranesterification reaction with heterogeneous catalyst. The evaluations of the conversion efficiency and the reaction kinetics were conducted to show the performances of each mixer. The contents of this study have been divided into six chapters as follows:

The first chapter introduces background of biodiesel and the details of the production reaction. Previous works were discussed to present the problem of the conventional processes and stated the challenges in the development of biodiesel production. These challenges lead to the utilization of the static mixer in this research and the application and advantage of this static mixer are also explained in this chapter.

In chapter 2, the comparative studies on the conventional mixer and the static mixer under the batch process were studied. Both the conventional mechanical stirrer and the static mixer were used to produce biodiesel under the alkali-catalyzed tranesterification reaction and investigated the potential of reaction enhancement by the static mixer.

The results showed that the static mixer has the potential of reaction enhancement since it can obtain better mixing intensity than the conventional mixer, especially in the first stage of the reaction. In addition, two different raw materials were tested in this chapter, the pure vegetable oil and the waste cooking oil, in order to confirm that the same results can still be achieved.

Chapter 3 focused on the mechanism of enhancement or the reaction kinetics of the tranesterification reaction by the static mixer was investigated in comparison with the conventional mixer. The mechanism is investigated by comparing droplet size measurement of methanol in raw oil and the reaction rate coefficient. There are three operating stages in the reaction that need to be considered, the slow initial mass transfer stage, then the fast chemical controlled stage, and the final slow equilibrium stage.

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The results showed that the static mixer has the potential to deliver better rigorous mixing between the raw oil and methanol, to make the dispersed droplets of methanol in the raw oil smaller and more uniform, which results in enhancement of the reaction. Also, static mixer demonstrated much larger value of the reaction rate than the mechanical mixer which means that the static mixer can accelerate the transesterification reaction significantly. However, the static mixer gave effects on the reaction only in the initial stage of the reaction.

This chapter also included the calculation of the new reaction order which is the most suitable for these experimental results and found that it is in higher order than the ones proposed by other researchers, which means that the reaction mechanism changed following the time change since the catalyst also promoted the reaction rate proportionally.

In chapter 4, another comparative study between conventional mechanical mixer and the static mixer was performed on acid-catalyzed esterification of *Jatropha curcas* oil. When the high free fatty acids oil such as *Jatropha* oil is utilized, an acid-catalyzed esterification reaction is needed to neutralize the raw material as the pre-treatment reaction. The reaction kinetics are also studied and compared between the two mixers.

The results showed that the minimum requirement of methanol and the catalyst can be reduced by using static mixer, and the kinetic studies also showed that the static mixer could enhance the forward reaction and the activation energy was slightly decreased which might be the reason of this enhancement.

Chapter 5 is focusing on a continuous production system with the use of the heterogeneous catalysts, which can reduce the production costs and energy requirement. Many researches have been focused on the replacement of the homogeneous catalysts by the heterogeneous catalysts in biodiesel production but only a few can be utilized in the commercial production.

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In this chapter, the static mixer is applied to the heterogeneous catalysts to investigate the possibility of reaction enhancement since there is the mass transfer limitation which is the same problems as the homogeneous catalysts which can be resolved by the static mixer. Two catalysts are compared in this chapter to see the performance by using different reactors and mixers. The results showed that using the high activity catalyst could help to promote the reaction enhancement with the use of the static mixer. A scale-up experiment with the usage of the activated carbon was also conducted to demonstrate the combination of the continuous tranesterification process and the static mixer.

In the last chapter 6, main achievements in this research were summarized and the future works are proposed.

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