Studies on Alumina incorporated Polyesteramide Derived from *Melia azedarach* Seed Oil

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ABSTRACT

Polyesteramide resin (MAPEAM) was prepared from N,N-bis(2-hydroxy ethyl) Melia azedarach oil fatty amide (HEMAFA) a precursor of natural renewable resource using polycondensation reaction with maleic acid. With the view to improve the physico-mechenical properties aluminium was incorporated in backbone of the polymer to obtain the alumina incorporated polyesteramide resin of Melia azedarach seed oil (Al-MAPEAM). The physico-chemical analyses and spectroscopic techniques were used for the characterization of Al-MAPEAM polymeric resin. The film properties of the Al-MAPEAM were also investigated in different corrosive environments as per standard reported methods. Studies shows that syntheses of aluminium incorporated polyesteramide using Melia azedarach seed oil as a starting material provides a more practicable utilization to it.
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I. INTRODUCTION

Polyesteramide resins are amide modified alkyds embedded with both amide and ester groups, reported for improved performances in terms of hardness, ease of drying, water vapour resistance over normal alkyds which contain only ester linkages[1-3]. These resins are largely used as a coating materials or binder for paints used to protect the metals from environmental corrosion and wood from biological organism[4,5]. Furthermore, incorporation of metal in the polymers appreciably enhances the physico-mechanical properties in terms of hardness, resistance to scratch, flexibility and bending[5] as well as also reduces the curing temperature[6].

The petrochemicals have been used as primary raw material for the synthesis of commercially important polymers for the last few decades[7-9].In recent years search for alternative feedstock has been stimulated due to the depletion of petroleum reserves on one hand and the increasing demand for petroleum products on the other[10,11]. The vegetable oils especially those obtained from different seeds extensively utilized in developing polymeric resins like alkyds, polyesteramides, epoxies and many others[1,5]. These resins have got prominent applications in field paint and coatings industries[3]. To reduce the consumption of traditional vegetable oils like sunflower, linseed, coconut, soybean, it is required to utilize the non-traditional and non-edible vegetable oil in the polymer syntheses.

Melia azedarach (Bakain) is one of the oilseed bearing plants and largely grown in almost all climatic conditions in the country[12]. High iodine value of the triglyceride oil encourages us to utilize in the synthesis of polymeric materials of film forming ability. Survey of literature shows that *Melia azedarach* seed oil is abundantly available in the country still waits for practicable utilization especially in the polymer synthesis[12-14]. Keeping these facts in mind in present work efforts have been made to utilize the *Melia azedarach* seed oil in the synthesis of alumina incorporated polyesteramide using maleic acid as a dibasic acid (Al-MAPEAM) with the objective to utilization of renewable resource in making profitable materials. The synthesized polymeric resin was characterized by physic-chemical and spectral analyses. The film properties of the Al-MAPEAM were also investigated in different corrosive environment as per standard reported methods.

II. EXPERIMENTAL

Materials

Oil was extracted from air dried and crushed seeds of *Melia azedarach* (collected from the R.T.O. office compound, Shahjahanpur, India) through a soxhlet apparatus, using petroleum ether (boiling point range 60-80$^{\text{O}}$C) as a solvent. The results of physic-chemical characterization and fatty acid composition *Melia azedarch* seed oil[9,12] are summarized in Table 1. Maleic acid, aluminium hydroxide, xylene, methanol and diethanolamine were used of analytical grade (S.D. Fine Chemicals, India).

Syntheses
N, N-bis (2-hydroxyethyl) *Melia azedarach* oil fattyamide (HEMAFA)

HEMAFA was prepared as per reported method for the aminolysis of vegetable oils[13]. Diethanolamine (0.32 mole) and sodium methoxide(0.007 mole) were taken in a four necked round bottom flask fitted with an electrical stirrer, a thermometer, a dropping funnel and a condenser. Thereaction mixture was heated up to 120°C. The *Meliaazedarach* seed oil (0.1 mole) was added drop wiseinto the reaction mixture over a period of 60 minutes. The reaction was further continued for an hourunder the same condition. The progress of reactionwas monitored by thin layer chromatography (TLC).After the completion of reaction the end product was

Table 1: Characterization of MASO, HEMAFA, MAPEAM and Al-MAPEAM

S.No.	Characterization	MASO	HEMAFA	MAPEAM	Al-MAPEAM
1.	Oil content	40 %	-	-	-
2.	Gardener colour	6	6	8	7
3.	Specific gravity	0.930	0.938	0.940	0.950
4.	Refractive index	1.4691	1.4697	1.5080	1.5090
5.	Iodine value	134.7	65.8	37.8	36.8
6.	Acid value	4.45	-	4.60	1.8
7.	Saponification value	190.8	-	152	146
8.	Fatty acid Composition				
	Saturated(Palmitic and Stearic)	11.4%			
	Unsaturated(oleic and linoleic)	88.6%			

allowed cooled down at room temperature under continuous string. The product was dissolved in diethyl ether and washed with 5-wt% aqueous NaClsolution and dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate. The ethereal solution was filtered and excess solvent was removed in a rotary vacuum evaporator under reduced pressure to obtain HEMAFA.

Melia azedarach polyesteramide from maleicacid (MAPEAM)

MAPEAM was synthesized as per poly (condensation) technique between diol and dibasic acid1[15]. HEMAFA and maleic acid in equal molar ratio along with xylene as a solvent were placed in a four necked round bottom flask fitted with a Dean-Stark trap, a thermometer and a mechanical stirrer.

Reaction mixture was heated up to 180°C under continuous stirring and maintain till the completion of reaction. The progress of reaction was monitoredby taking acid value at regular intervals[17]. After thecompletion of reaction, the reaction product was allowed to cool at ambient temperature under string.The end product was taken out from the reaction flask and excess of xylene was removed in a rotaryvacuum evaporator under reduced pressure to obtainMAPEAM.

Synthesis of Alumina incorporated Polyesteramide(Al-MAPEAM)
Alumina was incorporated in MAPEAM byreacting the resin with Al(OH)$_3$. The mixture of Al(OH)$_3$ (0.006 mole) and MAPEAM (0.05 mole) along with
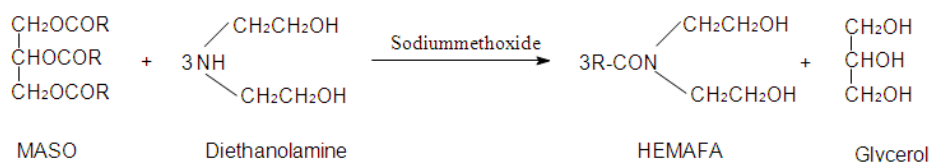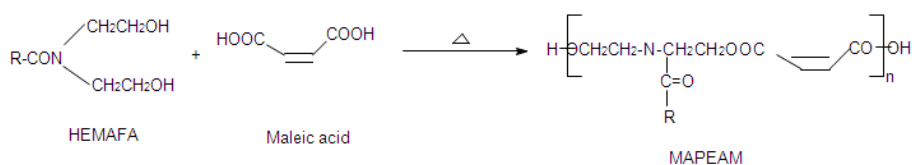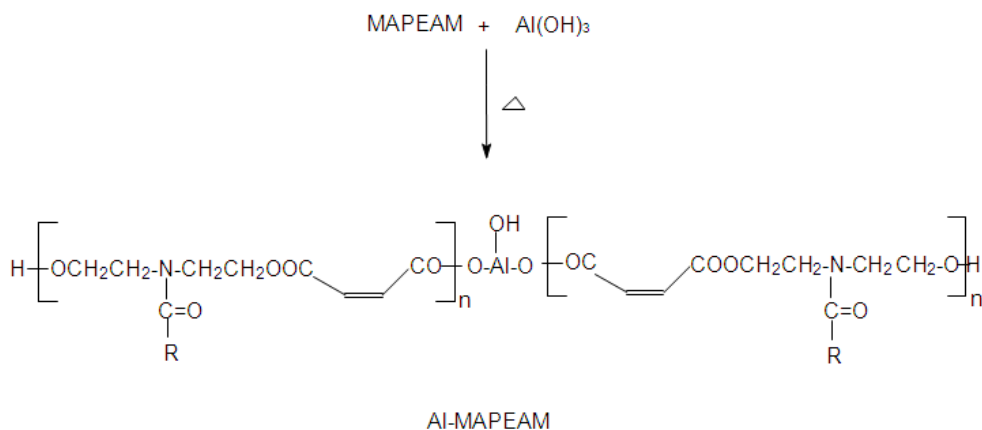
Fig. 1(a): Synthesis of HEMAFA

Fig. 1(b): Synthesis of MAPEAM

MAPEAM + Al(OH)₃

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H─OCH₂CH₂-N-CH₂CH₂OOC─CO─O-Al-O─OC─COOCH₂CH₂-N-CH₂CH₂-O-H

Al-MAPEAM

Fig. 1(c): Synthesis of Al-MAPEAM

Table 2: Coating properties of Al-MAPEAM

Test	Al-MAPEAM
Physico-mechanical properties	
Bending test (1/8 in)	Passes
Gloss at 45°	105
Impact resistance (lb/in)	250
Scratch hardness (Kg)	3.0
Chemical/corrosion resistance*	
H_2O (10 days)	E
HCl (3-wt%) 10 days	E
NaOH (2-wt%) 2 hrs	C
NaCl (3.5-wt%) 10 days	D

*A= Film detached; B= Film partially detached;
C=Loss in gloss; D= Slight loss in gloss;
E= Unaffected

50 ml xylene was heated in the aforementioned setupat the rate of 10^oC/min upto 60^oC. This temperature was maintained for one hour, followed by an increasein temperature upto 160 ± 5^oC and maintain till the completion of reaction. TLC was used to monitor theprogress of reaction. After the completion of reaction,the end product was allowed to cool down at ambienttemperature under stirring and diluted in ether, thenwashed with 5-wt % aqueous NaCl solution. The product was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphateand the excess of solvent was removed in a rotary vacuum evaporator under reduced pressure to obtainthe Al-MAPEAM polymeric resin.

Characterization

Physico-chemical characterizations like refractive index, specific gravity, acid value, iodine value of polymeric materials were performed as perstandard reported laboratory methods[16]. Spectral analyses of polymer samples were used for the structural elucidation. FT-IR spectrum of the polymer sample was recorded on FT-IR spectrophotometer (Perkin-Elmer Cetus instruments, Norwalk CT, USA) using a NaCl cell. ^{1}H-NMR and ^{13}C-NMR spectra were recorded on JEOL GSX 300 MHz FX-1000 spectrometer, using tetramethyl silane (TMS) as aninternal reference, where as deuterated chloroformwas used as a solvent.

Preparation of coatings

Coatings of Al-MAPEAM polymeric resinwere applied on mild steel coupons, 70x25x1 mm size for physico-mechanical test and 30x10x1 mm size for chemical/corrosion resistance test[13]. The mildsteel strips were polished on various grade of siliconcarbide papers, then washed with distilled water, degreased with alcohol and carbon tetrachloride. The 60-wt% solution of Al-MAPEAM resin was applied on these coupons by brush technique[13]. Coated samples were baked at 200ºC for 10 minutes. Coatingthickness were measured by Elcometer and found between $70\pm5\mu m$. Physic-mechanical propertiesof polymeric films like scratch hardness tests (BS 3900), bending tests on conical mandrels and impact resistance tests (IS: 101 part 5/Sec.31988) were investigated. Chemical resistance tests of thecoating samples were carried out in water, acid (3-wt % HCl), alkali

(2-wt% NaOH) and salt (3.5-wt%) by placing them in 3 in. diameter porcelain dishes, in aforementioned media. The coated samples were examined at usual intervals until coatings showed visual evidence of softening, deterioration in gloss,discoloration[16].

III.   RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 1 (a,b,c) depict the reaction schemes for the synthesis of HEMAFA, MAPEAM and Al-MAPEAM. The MAPEAM was synthesized by the aminolysis of MASO with diethanol amine followed bythe poly (condensation) polymerization of HEMAFA with maleic acid. MAPEAM was then reacted with $Al(OH)_3$ to obtain Al-MAPEAM polymeric resin. The acid values of the reaction mixture were decreases progressively during the conversion of HEMAFA toMAPEAM and then MAPEAM to Al-MAPEAM. Thisis due to formation of repeating ester linkages during the condensation polymerization and formation of aluminium carboxylate linkages.

The FT-IR spectrum of the Al-MAPEAM shows the band of alcoholic group at 3564 cm^{-1} (broad band of a primary alcohol), CH_2 asymmetric and symmetric stretching band at 2920 and 2864 cm^{-1} respectively[17]. The bands for carbonyls of repeating ester linkage and amide are observed at 1752 cm^{-1} and 1670 cm^{-1} respectively. The CN

stretching band (C-N group) appears at 1470 cm^{-1}, whereas the -C-O-C- asymmetric and symmetric bands are observed at 1380 cm^{-1} and 1270 cm^{-1}.The ^{1}H-NMR spectrum of Al-MAPEAM shows the peak at δ = 0.84-0.88 ppm for terminal methyl group. A broad peak of chain CH_2 group appears at δ = 1.34-

1.38 ppm, whereas peaks for the protons attached to double bonded carbons appear at δ=5.38-5.40 ppm, supporting the structure of Al-MAPEAM as shown in Figure 1. ^{13}C-NMR spectrum shows the characteristicsignal of carbonyl of ester at δ = 182 ppm confirmsthe formation of ester linkages[17]. The additional signal such as carbonyl of amide appears at δ = 178 ppm. The peaks for different CH_2 groups of the fatty acidchain appear at δ = 32-26 ppm, the peak for doublebonded carbon of a fatty acid chain appears at δ = 129.8 and δ = 129.2 ppm. Terminal methyl group of fatty acid chain appears at 16 ppm.

Coating Properties

Coatings of Al-MAPEAM were developed on standard size of mild steel strips for the evaluation of physico-mechanical and chemical/corrosion resistance properties. It has been observed that optimum baking time and temperature for the Al-MAPEAM coating system is 200°C and 10 minutes. Coatings of Al-MAPEAM were passing the bending test on 1/8 inch conical mandrel; no visual cracks were noticed like other vegetable oil based polymeric coating materials[7,9]. Coatings of Al-MAPEAM show remarkably high values for scratch hardness and impact resistance, reasonably dueto incorporation of aluminium which increase the chain length of polymer, ultimately cohesive forces among the polymeric chain (Table2). The presenceof pendent hydroxyl groups on the aluminium in thepolymer backbone also responsible for the better adhesion between polymeric chain and surface of metal. The Table 2 indicates that the coatings of Al-MAPEAM show the good protection ability in water, acid solutions and salty environment. These are reasonably due the presence of aluminium in the backbone of the polymer which provides high cross-linking density and better adhesion towards metal surfaces.

IV.   CONCLUSIONS

The synthesis of Al-MAPEAM from *Melia azedarach* seed oils provides a more profitable utilization of non-traditional, non-edible and renewable resource. The synthesize resin was characterized by spectral studies as well as by physico-chemical analyses. The physico-mechanical performances and chemical/corrosion resistance abilities of Al-MAPEAM were also investigated. The study concludes that the synthesis of Al-MAPEAM resin provides a fruitful route for the utilisation of *Meliaazedarach* seed oil, rot away in every season.

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