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A method of characterizing the oxygen mass transfer capabilities of fermentors was developed where volumetric oxygen mass transfer coefficients are obtained using a modified sulfite oxidation method in conjunction with on line digital data processing. Carboxymethylcellulose is used in the reaction media to simulate the viscosity of typical non-Newtonian fermentation broths. Using this method, instantaneous values of volumetric oxygen mass transfer coefficients can be obtained for various combinations of agitation and airflow rates in different fermentor configurations. This data is useful in the scale up or scale down of fermentors.

Data obtained using this method have revealed that for a given fermentor configuration, oxygen transfer capability decreases with increasing medium viscosity up to some critical value, after which further increases in
viscosity produce little change in oxygen transfer. Such data were obtained quickly and easily by this method thus demonstrating its usefulness as a tool in characterizing and comparing fermentor oxygen mass transfer capabilities. Accuracy of the data obtained is limited by the accuracy of the sensing devices and control instrumentation employed.

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## INTRODUCTION

Oxygen mass transfer capability is one of the major considerations when specifying equipment for aerobic fermentations. A properly designed fermentation process should operate at maximum productivity, which implies that the fermentor operate at cellular and metabolic levels limited only by the physical constraints of the system, usually oxygen mass transfer and occasionally specific limiting nutrients. The oxygen mass transfer capability of a fermentor can be characterized by measuring the volumetric liquid phase oxygen mass transfer coefficient, abbreviated as $K_{L}$ a. The determination of $K_{L}$ a provides a quantitative measure of the maximum oxygen transfer capability of the fermentor for a given set of fermentor conditions. The $K_{L}$ a for a given fermentor is dependent upon fermentor configuration (e.g. baffling), agitator speed, aeration rate, temperature, and broth characteristics such as viscosity and surface tension.

The determination of $K_{L}$ a values can be obtained by many techniques. A steady state oxygen balance on the fermentor gas stream will determine the oxygen transfer rate (OTR) and the simultaneous measurement of dissolved oxygen, along with assumptions regarding the flow patterns
of gas in the fermentor (e.g. well-mixed or plug flow) allows calculation of $K_{L}$ a during the fermentation. ${ }^{1}$ To compare fermentors on an oxygen transfer efficiency basis, it is often desirable to evaluate the $K_{L}$ a without the presence of biological growth. ${ }^{1}$ A method for determining $K_{L}$ a for the purpose of characterizing the oxygen mass transfer capability of a given fermentor, without the presence of biological growth is presented here. It is based on the sulfite oxidation method ${ }^{2}$, a steady state method involving the chemical oxidation of sodium sulfite to sodium sulfate. Gas analysis, rather than titration, will be used, in the method presented, to determine the oxygen transfer rate.

A material was sought which had non-Newtonian properties similar to that of an average fermentation broth. Aqueous solutions of sodium carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) have rheological properties similar to that of an average fermentation broth. Such solutions were used also because of the complete solubility of CMC in water. Another modification to the classical sulfite oxidation method for $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a determination was the use of an on-line computer which continuously logged important fermentation variables and calculated instantaneous values of $K_{L} a$ and oxygen transfer rates (OTR).

This thesis describes a practical method for characterizing the oxygen transfer capabilities of fermentors, utilizing an on-line computer to obtain instantaneous values of $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a under varying conditions of aeration and agitation. Aqueous solutions of sodium carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) were used to simulate the non-Newtonian behavior exhibited by many fermentation broths.

## I. REVIEW OF PAST METHODS

A general review of the various methods of measuring oxygen mass transfer coefficients was given by J. W. Richards ${ }^{8}$, and later by Tuffile and Pinho ${ }^{4}$. Included in their reviews are six commonly used methods:

1) Sulfite Oxidation
2) Gassing Out Method
3) Chemical or Winkler Method
4) Biological Method
5) Dynamic Gassing Out Method
6) Oxygen Balance Method

The sulfite oxidation method, originally used by Cooper, Fernstrom, and Miller ${ }^{2}$ is based on the catalytic oxidation of sulfite to sulfate by oxygen in the presence of copper or cobalt ions. The reaction between the dissolved oxygen and sulfite ions is rapid enough so that the rate of solution of oxygen in the liquid controls the rate of the reaction. The reaction rate is independent of sulfite ion concentration over a wide range. cooper, Fernstrom and Miller ${ }^{2}$ showed that the reaction could be considered to be of zero order with respect to both sulfite and sulfate concentration, and cited references indicating the reaction was exothermic and involved
negligible gas film resistance. The rate of sulfite oxidation was determined iodimetrically, back-titrating with standard thiosulfate solution to a starch indicator endpoint.

The sulfite method has been generally conducted in water only. The major criticism of the results obtained by this method, is that the aqueous sulfite solution does not possess the rheological properties, mainly viscosity, of most fermentation broths. ${ }^{3,4}$ west and Deindoerfer ${ }^{5}$ have shown several fermentation broths to exhibit nonNewtonian behavior, penicillin broth, for example, exhibits pseudo plastic behavior. They point out that because of interlacing mycelial networks or long flexible unidimensional cell chains, mold, actinomycetic, algal, and certain bacterial cultures should impart some degree of structural rigidity to their broths. They have shown that rheological properties of fermentation broths do influence the nature of the fluid regime in fermentors, and as a consequence, are important factors when considering mass transfer. Loucaide \& Mc Manamey ${ }^{6}$ used a paper pulp suspension, in conjunction with the sulfite method, to simulate a fermentation medium, however, they observed that the pulp moves away from the rotating agitator shaft,
leaving a region of clear liquid, which is not characteristic of fermentation broths. Paca \& Gregr ${ }^{7}$ used aqueous solutions of glycerol to simulate fermentation broth. Gas analysis can also be used to determine the sulfite oxidation rate. The volumetric oxygen mass transfer liquid phase coefficient, $K_{L} a$, can then be calculated from the oxygen mass balance equation generally used to describe transfer of oxygen to a respiring culture ${ }^{4}$ :

$$
\frac{d C_{L}}{d t}=K_{L} a \quad\left(C^{*}-C_{L}\right)-\mathrm{RO}_{2}
$$

where $C^{*}=$ oxygen concentration in the bulk liquid at equilibrium with the partial pressure of oxygen in the contacted gas, $t=$ time, $C_{L}=$ actual concentration of oxygen in bulk liquid, and $\mathrm{RO}_{2}=$ oxygen uptake rate of respiring culture. It is assumed that the fermentor is well-mixed so that the dissolved oxygen concentration is uniform throughout the bulk liquid. This is a reasonable assumption based on the experiments of Hanhart, Kramers, and Westerterp. ${ }^{9}$ Assuming steady state, $\frac{\mathrm{dC}_{\mathrm{L}}}{\mathrm{dt}}=0$,
and because the sulfite reaction rate is very rapid, $C_{L}$ is considered zero. Since the rate of sulfite oxidation
is used to simulate the oxygen uptake rate of the respiring culture, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}, \mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a is then equal to $\mathrm{RO}_{2} / \mathrm{C}$ *.

Tuffile and pinho ${ }^{4}$ have pointed out the disadvantages to this method, mainly that the oxidation of sulfite is quite complex and the mechanism poorly understood, and that aqueous sulfite solutions do not adequately simulate fermentation media in viscosity, the presence of surfaceactive agents, solute concentration, and the presence of the organism itself, all of which can effect $K_{L}$.

The gassing out method, used by Bartholomew, Karow, sfat, and wilhelm ${ }^{10}$, is carried out in a nonrespiring fermentation medium, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}=0$. The oxygen mass balance equation described above, is then integrated to obtain: $\ln \left(C^{*}-C_{L}\right)=-\left(K_{L} a\right) t+\ln C * K_{L}$ a is then determined as the slope of a semilog plot of $C *-C_{L}$ versus time, assuming $C *$ is constant. Using this method, the oxygen content of the liquid is first reduced to zero, usually by sparging with nitrogen, then aeration is started and $C_{L}$ is measured as a function of time using either a galvanic or polarographic oxygen probe, or samples can be periodically withdrawn and measured in a polarographic cell. The disadvantages of this method are that, in order to have no respiration demand, uninoculated broth or broth
which has been pasteurized or poisoned must be used, and only one $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a value can be calculated per fermentation run. The dynamic gassing out method, used by Taguchi and Humphrey, ${ }^{11}$ is conducted in an actively respiring medium. In it, aeration is stopped and the decrease in dissolved oxygen due to respiration is measured as a function of time to obtain the oxygen uptake rate, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$, from the equation $\mathrm{RO}_{2}=-\frac{d C_{L}}{d t}$. which applies under conditions of no aeration. Before the critical oxygen level is reached, the aeration is resumed and the increase in dissolved oxygen is measured as a function of time. The oxygen mass balance equation is rearranged to obtain the form:

$$
C_{L}=-\left(\frac{1}{K_{L^{a}}}\right)\left(\frac{d C_{L}}{d t}+R O_{2}\right)+C^{*}
$$

The term $\left(d C_{L} / d t\right)$ is obtained from a plot of $C_{L}$ versus time after aeration is resumed, $K_{L} a$ and $C *$ can be determined from a plot of $C_{L}$ versus $\left(\mathrm{dC}_{\mathrm{L}} / \mathrm{dt}+\mathrm{RO}_{2}\right)$ as the reciprocal of the slope and the intercept. The disadvantage of the method as pointed out by Tuffile and Pinho ${ }^{4}$ is that it assumes a rapid disengagement of air bubbles from the fermentation medium upon termination of aeration, which is not the case with highly viscous nonNewtonian media or in production scale fermentors where liquid height which the bubbles must traverse prior to disengagement is so much greater. Bandyopadhay and

Humphrey ${ }^{12}$ give a detailed description of this method. According to Dunn and Einsele ${ }^{11}$ the dynamic gassing out method is subject to large errors when gas phase dynamics and oxygen electrode response time are not considered. Linek, Sobotka, and Prokop ${ }^{13}$ found that the dynamic method gives accurate values of $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ only within a limited range of conditions. Linek and Vacek ${ }^{14}$ showed that substantial error could be introduced by neglecting the oxygen probe response during the startup period when aeration is re-initiated.

The chemical or Winkler method ${ }^{15}$ used extensively in water treatment, can be used when water only is aerated. It requires the periodic withdrawing of samples, the oxygen level is then determined by oxidation of manganous ions, excess of which is made to liberate iodine from potassium iodide. The iodine is back-titrated with sodium thiosulfate.

The biological method employs the use of an organism such as Aerobacter aerogenes whose growth rate is controlled in a known manner by oxygen uptake. The organism must be grown in a medium that does not limit growth. The attainment of the same growth rate in different fermentors indicate equal values of $K_{L}$ a. The


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use of this method in the scale-up of fermentors is described by Lumb, Mercer, and Wilkin. ${ }^{16}$


The oxygen balance method uses the steady state oxygen balance equation: $\mathrm{RO}_{2}=\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\mathrm{a}}\left(\mathrm{C} *-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}\right)$ It requires the direct measurement of oxygen concentration in the exhaust gas and of dissolved oxygen in the actual fermentation medium. From these measurements, all terms in the above equation can be calculated. Siegell and Gaden ${ }^{17}$ expressed the opinion that this is the best method of evaluating the oxygen transfer capabilities of fermentors because no assumptions need to be made about the effects of cells, surface active agents, and viscosity. The disadvantage in using this method to characterize the oxygen transfer capabilities of fermentors is that the actual fermentation medium, containing living cells, which is used, is difficult to reproduce exactly because a living culture in a batch fermentation is constantly changing with time. It would therefore appear that the oxygen balance method is more suitable in determining the oxygen uptake rates of specific fermentations rather than the oxygen transfer capabilities of fermentors.

Most of the above methods require the use of a steam sterilizable dissolved oxygen probe. There are two types
of probes generally used, the polarographic probe and the galvanic probe. A complete description of the galvanic probe and its operating principles are given by Phillips and Johnson, ${ }^{18}$ and Johnson, Borkowski, and Engblom, ${ }^{19}$ with recent improvements described by Borkowski and Johnson. 20 Polarographic probes are described by Bartholomew, Karow, Sfat, and Wilhelm, ${ }^{10}$ steel and Brierly, ${ }^{21}$ and Clark. ${ }^{22}$ Tuffile and pinho ${ }^{4}$ have evaluated both type probes, and although the polarographic probe was found to be more accurate and sensitive, the galvanic probe was declared more rugged and dependable.
II. THEORY

The equations used for the calculations of the volumetric liquid phase oxygen mass transfer coefficient, $K_{L}{ }^{a}\left(\mathrm{hr} .{ }^{-1}\right.$ ) and the oxygen transfer rate, OTR or $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$. (mmoles/l.hr.) are the following:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{~A}=\mathrm{RO}_{2} /\left(\mathrm{OXY} * .02077-\mathrm{DO}_{4} * .04350 \mathrm{E}-1\right) \text { and } \\
& \mathrm{RO}_{2}=\mathrm{AF} 4 * 273.1 / 297.1 *(20.95-\mathrm{OXY}) * 600.0 / 22.40 / \mathrm{WEIGHT}
\end{aligned}
$$

The above equations are written in Foxboro Process Language, the language of the Fox $2 / 10$ computer used, and can be found in the Computer Program Printout (see Figure I., underlined equations). These equations are developed below.

The instantaneous volumetric oxygen transfer or uptake rate, designated as $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ in the computer program printout, is determined from a steady state oxygen mass balance across the fermentor and the "broth" volume in the vessel:
$\mathrm{RO}_{2}=\frac{(\mathrm{AF} 4)(0.2095)(60)}{\mathrm{V}(0.0224)}-\frac{(\mathrm{AF} 4)(\overline{\mathrm{C}})(60)}{\mathrm{V}(0.0224)}=\frac{(\mathrm{AF} 4)(0.2095-\overline{\mathrm{C}})(60)}{\mathrm{V}(0.0224)}$
oxygen in oxygen out
where AF4 = Fermentor aeration rate in liters $/ \mathrm{min}$. expressed at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and 1.0 atmosphere absolute pressure (STP).

$$
\begin{aligned}
\overline{\mathrm{C}}= & \text { Decimal or mole volumetric fraction } \\
& \text { of } \mathrm{o}_{2} \text { in fermentor exit gas, deter- } \\
& \text { mined from the exit gas paramagnetic } \\
& \text { oxygen analyzer. } \\
\mathrm{V}= & \text { volume of "broth" in vessel, in liters. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The term 0.0224 is the molar volume of an ideal gas expressed as 0.0224 liters/millimole of ideal gas at STP. The factor 60 merely converts the aeration rate from liters per minute to liters per hour. Because the fermentor used was equipped with load cells, which measured the "broth" weight in kilograms, the "broth" volume in equation (1) was replaced with the "broth" weight, designated as WEIGHT in the computer program printout, assuming the densities of the CMC solutions used was approximately that of water. The volumetric \% oxygen in the exit gas, as measured by the paramagnetic oxygen analyzer, designated as OXY in the computer program printout, divided by 100 yields the decimal or mole fraction $\overline{\mathrm{C}}$.

Substituting WEIGHT for $V$ and $O X Y$ for $\bar{C}$ in equation (l) gives:
$\mathrm{RO}_{2}=(\mathrm{AF} 4)(273.1 / 297.1)(20.95-\mathrm{OXY})(600) /(22.4)$ (WEIGHT)
which is the exact form of the equation used in the
computer program printout. The factor $\frac{273.1}{297.1}$ in equation
(2) is a correction factor needed because the airflow controller output reading is defined at $24^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .\left(297.1^{\circ} \mathrm{K}.\right)$ and 1 atmosphere rather than $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and 1 atmosphere.

The volumetric oxygen mass transfer coefficient, $K_{L} a$, designated as $K$ L $A$ in the computer printout, is determined from an oxygen mass balance equation of the form:

| $\frac{d\left(V C_{L}\right)}{d t}$ | $=K_{L} a\left(C_{L}^{*}-C_{L}\right)(V)$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| accumulation (3) |  |  |
| rate of | rate of transfer | oxygen |
| oxygen in | of oxygen into | uptake |
| rate |  |  | liquid

where:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{V}= & \text { "broth" volume in liters } \\
t= & \text { time, in hours } \\
\mathrm{C}_{2}= & \text { actual concentration of oxygen in bulk } \\
& \text { liquid, in millimoles/l. } \\
\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}= & \text { liquid phase oxygen mass transfer co- } \\
& \text { efficient in hr. }{ }^{-1} \\
\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}^{*}=}= & \text { oxygen concentration in the bulk liquid } \\
& \text { at equilibrium with the partial pressure } \\
& \text { of oxygen in the contacted gas, in } \\
& \text { millimoles/l. }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{RO}_{2}= & \text { oxygen uptake rate by sulfite oxidation } \\
& \text { in millimoles } \mathrm{O}_{2} / \mathrm{l} . \mathrm{hr} .
\end{aligned}
$$

The above equation is valid assuming the dispersed gas and liquid phases are well-mixed. Assuming further steady state conditions and constant volume, equation 3 becomes:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{RO}_{2}=\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}\left(\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}^{*}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{L}}\right) \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Solving for $K_{L} a$ : $\quad K_{L} a=R_{2} /\left(C_{L}^{*}-C_{L}\right)\left(h r .^{-1}\right)$
In the above equation the term $C_{L}$ is usually assumed to be zero, when using the sulfite method, due to the rapid reaction rate of the sulfite oxidation reaction. ${ }^{4}$

In the experiments conducted, the term $C_{L}$, was often very close to zero, but the term was left in for completeness since it is present in the standard equation normally used to calculate $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}$ in actual biological fermentations. In equation (5) $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ is calculated using equation (2) and the term $\left(C_{L} *-C_{L}\right)$ can be written as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
\left(C_{L}^{*}-C_{L}\right)= & \left(\frac{0 X Y}{100}\right)\left(\frac{1253}{760}\right)\left(\frac{1.26 \text { mmoles } O_{2}}{1 \text { iter }}\right)-\left(\frac{\mathrm{DO} 4}{100}\right)(0.2095) \\
& \left(\frac{1253}{760}\right)\left(\frac{1.26 \text { mmoles } O_{2}}{1 \text { iter }}\right) \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\quad O X Y=$ the volumetric $\%$ oxygen in the exit gas, determined from the paramagnetic oxygen analyzer.

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text { DO4 }= & \text { the } \% \text { of saturation of dissolved oxygen } \\
& \text { at } 10.0 \text { p.s.i.g. back pressure as } \\
& \text { measured by a Johnson - Borkowski type } \\
& \text { membrane probe. }
\end{aligned}
$$

The 1.26 factor is the solubility of pure oxygen in water at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and partial pressure of 760 mm Hg . This factor must be corrected to represent the actual conditions of the dry exit gas, as follows:

Absolute pressure in fermentor $=1277 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ (10p.s.i.g.)
Vapor pressure water @ $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C} .=24 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$
Absolute pressure of dry exit gas $=1253 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{Hg}$ (by difference) The correction factor is therefore $\frac{1253}{760}$

It is assumed here that the solubility of oxygen in the CMC solutions used is essentially the same as in distilled water at the same temperature. Multiplication together of the various factors in equation (6) gives the equation found in the computer program printout:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{KLA}=\mathrm{RO} 2 /((\mathrm{OXY})(.02077)-(\mathrm{DO} 4)(.00435)) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

III. EXPERIMENTAL METHOD

A 380 liter jacketed and fully baffled stainless steel fermentor was used as the reaction vessel in all experiments conducted. (See Figure II.) The vessel was equipped with load cells, a 3 hp agitator with 3 fourbladed turbines, tachometer, torque meter, automatic vessel pressure control, automatic airflow control, automatic temperature control and a Johnson - Borkowski type membrane dissolved oxygen probe connected to a potentiometer and 0-10mv recorder.

A sample line was connected from the exhaust air line to a paramagnetic oxygen analyzer. The sample gas was first passed through a series of filters, condensers, a pressure regulator, and flowmeter before entering the analyzer to ensure that the sample was free from water vapor and any entrained liquid and was delivered at a controlled flowrate of about 2 CFH . This was necessary because of the sensitivity of paramagnetic oxygen analyzers to water vapor and flowrate. Output signals from load cells, temperature controller, vessel pressure controller, airflow controller, torque meter, tachometer, dissolved oxygen probe, and oxygen analyzer were all connected to an on line Foxboro $2 / 10$ computer. (See Figure III.) The computer was programmed to print out
these parameters as well as calculated values of volumetric oxygen uptake rates $\left(\mathrm{RO}_{2}\right)$ and volumetric oxygen mass transfer coefficients ( $K_{L}$ a) every two minutes on a teletype. (See Figure I. for computer program printout.) The reaction medium consisted of 230 to 250 kilograms of a solution of 100 centipoise sodium carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) in water. In order to completely dissolve the CMC in water, the mixture was heated, using steam on the jacket to $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, with vigorous agitation, and held at this temperature for 30 minutes, and then cooled down to $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The amount of carboxymethylcellulose was varied to simulate different fermentation viscosities. Medium viscosities of approximately $1,60,170,320$, and 730 centipoise were obtained using carboxymethylcellulose concentrations of approximately $0,32,36,48$, and 60 grams/liter, respectively. All viscometer measurements were made on a Brookfield Synchro-lectric Viscometer Model LVF, using a \#2 spindle at 30 r.p.m. and $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. for 60 seconds. The vessel temperature was controlled automatically at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. and the vessel pressure was controlled automatically at 10 p.s.i.g. The dissolved oxygen electrode was calibrated by applying maximum airflow and agitation rates and adjusting the potentiometer to achieve $100 \%$ of scale on the dissolved oxygen recorder, which
represents an oxygen saturation of $100 \%$. After the calibration, the vessel was de-pressurized, and enough sodium sulfite was manually added to achieve a 0.2 M solution. The vessel was then closed and re-pressurized at 10 p.s.i.g. The desired initial agitation and aeration rates were then set and after stabilization of airflow rate, temperature, and vessel pressure, approximately 30 liters of catalyst, a .003 M solution of copper sulfate $\left(\mathrm{CuSO}_{4}\right)$, was transferred into the fermentor from a pressurized holding tank which was hard-piped to the fermentor.

As the sulfite reaction proceeded the Foxboro $2 / 10$ computer printed out instantaneous values of temperature, aeration rate, back pressure, agitation speed, weight, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a every 2 minutes. After steady state was achieved, about 8 to 10 minutes, either the agitation or aeration rate was changed, all other parameters remaining constant, and the effect on $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a was readily observable on the computer printout.

## IV. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The actual instantaneous values of $K_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}$, along with instantaneous values of the oxygen transfer rate, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$, are tabulated in Tables I. through V. These instantaneous values were obtained from the computer printouts, examples of the actual computer printouts are found in the appendix. Results of the experiments are summarized in Table VI., showing average $K_{L}$ a values for different aeration rates, agitation rates, and "broth" or CMC solution viscosities. The $K_{L}$ a values in Table VI. are an average of three or more data points as printed out by the computer after a steady state was reached.

The data in Table VI. indicate that $K_{L}$ a increases with increasing aeration rates, which was expected. The data indicate that $K_{L}$ a increases with increasing agitation, which also was expected. $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}$ a is observed to decrease with increasing viscosity which is also expected. A close look at the data indicates that the effect on $K_{L} a$, of increasing either aeration or agitation, diminishes with increasing viscosity.

It is interesting to note that the corresponding $K_{L}$ a values at different aeration and agitation rates did not change appreciably when the viscosity of the CMC solution was increased from 320 centipoise to 730
centipoise, suggesting that after a critical viscosity is reached, there is no further influence of viscosity on $K_{L}$ a. This can be a topic for further investigation. It is also to be noted that at low viscosities and high agitation, the sulfite reaction was so fast that the percent oxygen in the exit gas as measured by the paramagnetic oxygen analyzer: went below scale, preventing the determination of $K_{L}$ a with the equipment used. During the course of each experiment, despite automatic temperature control, the temperature at times increased from $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. to $27^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. due to the exothermic nature of the sulfite reaction, causing $K_{\text {L }}$ a values to slightly increase during assumed periods of steady state, but this introduced only small error in the calculated $K_{L}$ a values. In view of the above results, it can be concluded that the modified sulfite oxidation method described can be a useful tool for obtaining $K_{L}$ a data which adequately characterize the oxygen mass transfer capability of a fermentor, when used in conjunction with a medium, such as CMC solution, which simulates the viscosity of a typical non-Newtonian fermentation broth.

To best use the method described, a material should first be found which closely simulates the rheological properties of the particular fermentation broth in
question. There undoubtedly exist materials, other than carboxymethylcellulose, which closely simulate the rheological properties of typical as well as atypical fermentation broths. This, however, would be a subject of a separate study.

It is noteworthy to emphasize the important role that the on line computer plays in this method in providing instantaneous $K_{L}$ a values as the agitation and aeration conditions of the fermentor are varied. Instantaneous $K_{L}$ a values enable us to determine how long it will take for the oxygen transfer rate to change in response to a change in aeration and/or agitation. The computer also provides faster results than any other method previously employed to obtain $K_{L}$ a data. The simultaneous printout of other instantaneous fermentor parameters, such as temperature, back pressure, vessel weight, agitation rate, and aeration rate, along with the instantaneous $K_{L}$ a values, provides written evidence and assurance that these parameters were in fact controlled during the course of the experimental run. The accuracy of the $K_{L}{ }^{a}$ values obtained are limited by how well other parameters, such as temperature, back pressure, agitation and aeration rates are controlled, as well as the accuracy of the measuring devices employed,
such as the dissolved oxygen electrode, the exit gas oxygen analyzer, and the load cells. Therefore, as the accuracy of these sensing devices and control instrumentation are improved, the accuracy of the $K_{L}$ a values obtained by this method will be improved.

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DEF:TASK:SULFITE204(1);
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ACT:D04;
ACT: OXY1;
ACT: OXY;

ACT:CO2;
ACT: B. 4 ;
ACT:AF4;
ACT:T4;
ACT:TORQUE;
ACT: WEIGHT;
ACT:SPEED;
LET:OGO1=0;
LET:OGO2=0;
LET:OGO $3=0$;
LET:OG04=1;
LET: RO2 $=$ AF4*273.1/297.1*(28.95-0XY)*608.8/22.48/WEIGHT;
LET: KLA $=$ RO2/(0XY*.02877-D04*.04350 E-1);
PRINT(1)"SULFITE EXPERIMENT TK204
2: $\operatorname{PRINT}(1)(1,3,8) \cdots D 02=\cdots D 04, " \pi$
LET: R02=AF4*273.1/297.1*(20.95-0XY)*600.8/22.48/WEIGHT;
LET:KLA=R02/(OXY*-02077-DO4*.04350 E-1);
PRINT(1)(1,4,2)"EXIT 02="OXY," 2
PRINT(1)(1,3,1)"TEMP. ="T4," DEG.C.
PRINT(1) (1, 3, 0 )"AIRFLOW="AF4," SLPM
PRINT(1)(1,3,1)"BACKPRESSURE="BP4," PSIG.
PRINT(1)(1,3, 0$)$ "AGIT.SPEED="SPEED," RPM
PRINT(1)(1,3, 0$)$ "TORQUE="TORQUE," IN.LBS.
PRINT(1)(1,3, 0 )"WEIGHT="WEIGHT," KGS.
$\operatorname{PRINT}(1)(1,3,2) " \mathrm{CO2}=" \mathrm{CO} 2, " \pi$
PRINT(1)(1,5,2)"RO2="RO2,"M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
PRINT (1)(1,5,2)"KLA $=" K L A, " 1 / H R$.

WAIT: 60;
GOTO:2;

FIGURE II.

## TANK CONFIGURATION

Drive:3 hp, 400 r.p.m. max. Shaft:64" length x $1 \frac{1}{4} "$ diam. Distance from bottom of shaft


Turbines (3): $9 \frac{1}{4} "$ diam
4 blades, $2 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime} \times 3 \frac{3}{8}{ }^{\prime \prime} \times \frac{1}{8}$ Aeration:600 S.L.P.M. $\max$.

Sparger: $\frac{3}{4}$ "diam. line with $5 \frac{1}{8}$ "diam. ring with 32 holes, $\frac{1}{8}$ " I.D.
spaced $\frac{1}{2} "$ apart Baffles (4) : 48"x2"x $\frac{3}{8}$ ", spaced $90^{\circ}$ apart Tank cap.:380 L. max. Tank Diam.: $T=22^{\prime \prime}$ Turbine Diam.:D $=9 \frac{1}{4}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ Blade Length:L $=3 \frac{3}{8} "$ Blade Width: $W=2 \frac{1}{2} "$ $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{T}=0.42 \mathrm{~L} / \mathrm{D}=0.37$ $W / D=0.27 L / W=1.35$



TABLE I.
INSTANTANEOUS VALUES OF KLa (hr. ${ }^{-1}$ ) AND VOLUMETRIC OXYGEN TRANSFER RATES, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ (mmoles/l.hr.)

VISCOSITY $=1 \mathrm{CP}$. @ 30 R.P.M. \& $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | Agitation r.p.m. | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 155 | 154 | 67.2 | 218 |
| 156 | 155 | 68.6 | 222 |
| 157 | 155 | 66.6 | 216 |
| 158 | 155 | 69.0 | 223 |
| 300 | 155 | 95.1 | 288 |
| 310 | 155 | 92.3 | 279 |
| 306 | 154 | 93.8 | 285 |
| 309 | 155 | 93.0 | 283 |
| 301 | 155 | 95.8 | 293 |
| 303 | 155 | 97.7 | 299 |
| 312 | 155 | 96.1 | 296 |
| 456 | 155 | 127 | 385 |
| 445 | 156 | 126 | 381 |
| 450 | 156 | 128 | 388 |
| 462 | 156 | 126 | 383 |
| 593 | 156 | 149 | 445 |
| 599 | 156 | 151 | 450 |
| 607 | 156 | 156 | 464 |

TABLE I.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $K_{L}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 599 | 156 | 155 | 462 |
| 611 | 303 | 249 | 813 |
| 626 | 302 | 256 | 859 |
| 618 | 303 | 251 | 843 |
| 623 | 0 | 51.3 | 133 |
| 604 | 0 | 51.0 | 132 |
| 595 | 0 | 53.0 | 137 |
| 609 | 0 | 51.7 | 134 |
| 622 | 0 | 50.6 | 131 |
| 449 | 0 | 35.9 | 92 |
| 464 | 0 | 34.6 | 88 |
| 455 | 0 | 33.7 | 86 |
| 456 | 0 | 34.5 | 88 |
| 298 | 0 | 21.3 | 54 |
| 301 | 0 | 20.1 | 51 |
| 301 | 0 | 20.0 | 50.4 |
| 153 | 0 | 8.9 | 22 |
| 155 | 0 | 7.9 | 20 |
| 151 | 0 | 7.9 | 20 |

TABLE II.
INSTANTANEOUS VALUES OF $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}\left(\mathrm{hr} .^{-1}\right.$ ) AND VOLUMETRIC OXYGEN TRANSFER RATES, RO 2 , (mmoles/l. hr.)
$\underline{V I S C O S I T Y}=60 \mathrm{CP}$. @ $30 \mathrm{R} \cdot \mathrm{P} \cdot \mathrm{M} . \& 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | Agitation r.p.m. | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 158 | 152 | 13.9 | 33.9 |
| 155 | 152 | 13.5 | 32.9 |
| 152 | 152 | 14.3 | 34.8 |
| 151 | 152 | 14.5 | 35.3 |
| 310 | 153 | 20.5 | 49.2 |
| 296 | 153 | 19.7 | 47.1 |
| 302 | 153 | 20.7 | 49.6 |
| 456 | 153 | 24.8 | 59.0 |
| 450 | 154 | 26.3 | 62.7 |
| 467 | 154 | 26.5 | 63.2 |
| 605 | 154 | 32.2 | 76.6 |
| 591 | 153 | 31.5 | 74.9 |
| 619 | 153 | 32.5 | 77.4 |
| 445 | 0 | 18.3 | 43.0 |
| 457 | 0 | 17.4 | 40.8 |
| 462 | 0 | 17.5 | 41.1 |
| 454 | 0 | 16.7 | 39.3 |
| 298 | 0 | 11.9 | 27.8 |

TABLE II.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.I.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 300 | 0 | 11.6 | 27.1 |
| 304 | 0 | 11.6 | 27.1 |
| 158 | 0 | 6.5 | 15.3 |
| 163 | 0 | 6.2 | 14.5 |
| 157 | 0 | 6.0 | 14.0 |
| 158 | 310 | 57.4 | 160 |
| 158 | 310 | 57.1 | 161 |
| 162 | 312 | 60.1 | 171 |
| 163 | 309 | 63.2 | 181 |
| 310 | 313 | 87.4 | 235 |
| 296 | 314 | 88.4 | 239 |
| 469 | 304 | 107 | 280 |
| 469 | 304 | 112 | 295 |
| 445 | 304 | 109 | 289 |
| 465 | 304 | 116 | 307 |
| 604 | 305 | 150 | 397 |
| 598 | 304 | 138 | 361 |
| 578 | 304 | 139 | 367 |
| 577 | 304 | 138 | 365 |
| 602 | 304 | 149 | 396 |
| 466 | 305 | 170 | 494 |
| 452 | 305 | 174 | 502 |

TABLE III.
INSTANTANEOUS VALUES OF $K_{\text {L }}$ a $\left(\mathrm{hr}^{-1}\right)$ AND VOLUMETRIC OXYGEN TRANSFER RATES, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$, (mmoles/l.hr.)

VISCOSITY $=170 \mathrm{CP}$. @ 30 R.P.M. \& $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 163 | 152 | 6.0 | 14.3 |
| 159 | 152 | 5.7 | 13.7 |
| 161 | 152 | 6.1 | 14.5 |
| 303 | 151 | 9.0 | 21.6 |
| 306 | 152 | 8.8 | 21.0 |
| 313 | 152 | 8.7 | 20.8 |
| 467 | 152 | 11.9 | 28.2 |
| 445 | 151 | 11.7 | 27.7 |
| 467 | 152 | 11.5 | 27.3 |
| 595 | 152 | 14.3 | 34.0 |
| 596 | 152 | 14.0 | 33.1 |
| 625 | 152 | 14.4 | 34.2 |
| 605 | 152 | 14.7 | 35.0 |
| 595 | 152 | 14.3 | 33.9 |
| 621 | 0 | 10.9 | 25.7 |
| 602 | 0 | 10.9 | 25.8 |
| 589 | 0 | 10.7 | 25.4 |
| 469 | 0 | 8.5 | 20.1 |

TABLE III.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 460 | 0 | 8.6 | 20.4 |
| 448 | 0 | 8.7 | 20.6 |
| 297 | 0 | 5.8 | 13.8 |
| 301 | 0 | 6.0 | 14.1 |
| 304 | 0 | 5.8 | 13.8 |
| 155 | 0 | 2.9 | 6.8 |
| 153 | 0 | 3.0 | 7.0 |
| 152 | 0 | 2.8 | 6.6 |
| 156 | 0 | 2.9 | 6.8 |
| 151 | 309 | 16.0 | 39.8 |
| 150 | 311 | 18.0 | 45.0 |
| 155 | 311 | 18.3 | 45.7 |
| 153 | 311 | 17.8 | 44.6 |
| 299 | 307 | 22.7 | 55.4 |
| 306 | 307 | 23.3 | 56.9 |
| 310 | 308 | 22.7 | 55.5 |
| 446 | 308 | 27.8 | 67.4 |
| 452 | 307 | 28.3 | 68.5 |
| 453 | 308 | 28.2 | 68.3 |
| 598 | 310 | 31.2 | 75.3 |
| 604 | 310 | 30.6 | 73.7 |
| 590 | 309 | 31.3 | 75.5 |

TABLE III.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | Agitation r.p.m. | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 153 | 404 | 32.2 | 84.9 |
| 151 | 405 | 32.5 | 86.1 |
| 152 | 387 | 32.2 | 85.5 |
| 151 | 388 | 33.2 | 88.0 |
| 301 | 400 | 40.6 | 103 |
| 312 | 402 | 41.0 | 104 |
| 299 | 401 | 41.4 | 105 |
| 467 | 405 | 47.2 | 117 |
| 449 | 405 | 48.4 | 120 |
| 469 | 405 | 47.9 | 119 |
| 445 | 406 | 48.3 | 120 |
| 610 | 407 | 60.1 | 149 |
| 598 | 407 | 61.0 | 152 |
| 596 | 410 | 61.5 | 153 |
| 613 | 410 | 62.5 | 156 |
| 601 | 408 | 63.2 | 158 |
| 602 | 407 | 64.5 | 161 |
| 612 | 407 | 64.9 | 163 |
| 604 | 408 | 66.2 | 166 |
| 606 | 407 | 63.7 | 160 |
| 602 | 410 | 64.5 | 162 |

TABLE IV.
INSTANTANEOUS VALUES OF $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}\left(\mathrm{hr}^{-1}\right)$ AND VOLUMETRIC
OXYGEN TRANSFER RATES, RO 2 , (mmoles/1.hr.)
VISCOSITY $=320 \mathrm{CP}$. @ $30 \mathrm{R} . \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M} . \& 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 155 | 150 | 3.5 | 8.8 |
| 158 | 150 | 3.5 | 8.6 |
| 157 | 150 | 3.5 | 8.7 |
| 155 | 149 | 3.5 | 8.7 |
| 157 | 310 | 7.9 | 19.5 |
| 156 | 309 | 8.1 | 20.5 |
| 156 | 309 | 8.3 | 20.6 |
| 157 | 309 | 8.2 | 20.4 |
| 157 | 309 | 8.5 | 20.9 |
| 157 | 409 | 13.8 | 34.5 |
| 155 | 410 | 15.0 | 37.5 |
| 155 | 412 | 15.4 | 38.4 |
| 154 | 411 | 15.6 | 39.1 |
| 157 | 0 | 2.3 | 5.6 |
| 157 | 0 | 2.2 | 5.3 |
| 159 | 0 | 2.2 | 5.3 |
| 295 | 0 | 4.2 | 10.0 |
| 309 | 0 | 4.1 | 9.7 |

TABLE IV.

| Airflow <br> S.L.P.M. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $K_{L}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 304 | 0 | 4.2 | 9.9 |
| 308 | 0 | 4.1 | 9.8 |
| 309 | 156 | 6.1 | 14.6 |
| 310 | 156 | 5.9 | 14.1 |
| 302 | 156 | 6.0 | 14.4 |
| 310 | 156 | 5.8 | 14.0 |
| 307 | 311 | 10.8 | 26.3 |
| 307 | 308 | 11.1 | 26.8 |
| 306 | 309 | 11.1 | 26.6 |
| 306 | 308 | 11.3 | 27.4 |
| 307 | 307 | 11.4 | 27.4 |
| 306 | 403 | 17.9 | 43.4 |
| 306 | 402 | 18.0 | 43.6 |
| 305 | 403 | 18.3 | 44.3 |
| 306 | 402 | 18.7 | 45.4 |
| 308 | 408 | 18.4 | 44.7 |
| 448 | 410 | 22.7 | 54.5 |
| 457 | 411 | 22.1 | 53.1 |
| 461 | 408 | 21.6 | 51.9 |
| 456 | 407 | 22.1 | 53.0 |
| 455 | 306 | 14.8 | 35.2 |

TABLE IV.

| Airflow <br> S.L.P.M. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 451 | 305 | 14.8 | 35.0 |
| 465 | 305 | 14.9 | 35.3 |
| 455 | 305 | 15.0 | 35.9 |
| 450 | 152 | 8.1 | 19.1 |
| 453 | 152 | 8.1 | 19.0 |
| 453 | 152 | 8.1 | 19.1 |
| 455 | 152 | 8.1 | 19.1 |
| 462 | 152 | 8.3 | 19.6 |
| 447 | 152 | 8.4 | 19.6 |
| 454 | 152 | 8.5 | 19.9 |
| 461 | 152 | 8.3 | 19.5 |
| 458 | 152 | 8.4 | 19.6 |
| 448 | 152 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| 452 | 152 | 8.1 | 19.1 |
| 451 | 152 | 8.3 | 19.6 |
| 455 | 152 | 8.4 | 19.7 |
| 459 | 152 | 8.3 | 19.4 |
| 464 | 152 | 8.6 | 20.1 |
| 448 | 0 | 6.5 | 15.2 |
| 447 | 0 | 6.4 | 15.1 |
| 450 | 0 | 6.4 | 14.9 |

TABLE IV.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.I.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | Agitation r.p.m. | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 448 | 0 | 6.5 | 15.1 |
| 451 | 0 | 6.7 | 15.6 |
| 464 | 0 | 6.7 | 15.7 |
| 457 | 0 | 6.6 | 15.4 |
| 462 | 0 | 6.7 | 15.6 |
| 454 | 0 | 6.8 | 15.8 |
| 599 | 151 | 11.2 | 26.2 |
| 604 | 152 | 10.9 | 25.4 |
| 605 | 152 | 10.8 | 25.3 |
| 597 | 152 | 10.9 | 25.6 |
| 597 | 151 | 11.0 | 25.7 |
| 615 | 151 | 11.2 | 26.3 |
| 622 | 151 | 10.9 | 25.5 |
| 604 | 151 | 10.8 | 25.3 |
| 609 | 151 | 10.9 | 25.5 |
| 598 | 310 | 18.5 | 43.7 |
| 619 | 310 | 18.2 | 43.0 |
| 620 | 310 | 18.5 | 43.7 |
| 609 | 310 | 18.8 | 44.6 |
| 621 | 409 | 25.7 | 61.3 |
| 622 | 410 | 26.0 | 61.9 |

TABLE IV.

| Airflow | Agitation |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S.L.P.M. | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{~K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}$ |  |
| 621 | 411 | 26.5 | 63.0 |
| 617 | 411 | 26.6 | 63.2 |
| 608 | 411 | 26.8 | 64.0 |
| 606 | 412 | 27.2 | 64.8 |
| 597 | 0 | 9.5 | 22.1 |
| 611 | 0 | 9.2 | 21.4 |
| 609 | 0 | 9.2 | 21.4 |
| 619 | 0 | 9.0 | 21.4 |
| 619 | 0 | 9.1 | 21.3 |
| 611 | 0 | 9.1 | 21.9 |
| 607 | 0 | 9.9 | 22.1 |

TABLE V.
INSTANTANEOUS VALUES OF $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}} \mathrm{a}\left(\mathrm{hr} .^{-1}\right)$ AND VOLUMETRIC OXYGEN TRANSFER RATES, $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$, (mmoles/1.hr.)

VISCOSITY $=730 \mathrm{CP}$. @ $30 \mathrm{R} \cdot \mathrm{P} \cdot \mathrm{M} . \& 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Agitation } \\ \text { r.p.m. } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 150 | 153 | 3.98 | 10.5 |
| 152 | 152 | 4.01 | 10.5 |
| 151 | 151 | 4.07 | 10.7 |
| 150 | 152 | 4.13 | 10.9 |
| 298 | 152 | 6.78 | 17.8 |
| 309 | 152 | 6.63 | 17.4 |
| 297 | 152 | 6.19 | 16.2 |
| 437 | 152 | 8.77 | 22.9 |
| 453 | 152 | 8.74 | 22.8 |
| 459 | 152 | 8.62 | 22.5 |
| 611 | 152 | 11.0 | 28.6 |
| 612 | 152 | 11.0 | 28.8 |
| 621 | 152 | 10.9 | 28.4 |
| 619 | 0 | 9.9 | 25.7 |
| 621 | 0 | 9.7 | 25.3 |
| 594 | 0 | 9.9 | 25.7 |
| 448 | 0 | 8.2 | 21.4 |
| 446 | 0 | 7.6 | 19.8 |

TABLE V.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Agitation } \\ & \text { r.p.m. } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 445 | 0 | 7.9 | 20.6 |
| 312 | 0 | 5.5 | 14.3 |
| 296 | 0 | 5.6 | 14.5 |
| 307 | 0 | 5.7 | 15.0 |
| 154 | 0 | 3.0 | 7.9 |
| 158 | 0 | 3.0 | 7.9 |
| 155 | 0 | 3.0 | 7.9 |
| 150 | 306 | 8.3 | 22.2 |
| 152 | 307 | 8.2 | 21.8 |
| 157 | 306 | 7.8 | 20.9 |
| 157 | 306 | 7.6 | 20.1 |
| 154 | 304 | 7.5 | 20.1 |
| 306 | 309 | 12.0 | 31.7 |
| 306 | 308 | 11.8 | 31.0 |
| 306 | 308 | 11.5 | 30.3 |
| 454 | 309 | 15.8 | 41.6 |
| 470 | 309 | 14.9 | 39.1 |
| 449 | 308 | 14.6 | 38.3 |
| 617 | 308 | 19.0 | 49.9 |
| 619 | 309 | 18.6 | 48.7 |
| 588 | 309 | 18.4 | 48.1 |

TABLE V.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \end{aligned}$ | Agitation r.p.m. | $\mathrm{RO}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{L}}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 162 | 387 | 10.5 | 28.1 |
| 161 | 389 | 10.8 | 28.8 |
| 161 | 389 | 10.9 | 29.3 |
| 300 | 420 | 16.9 | 45.1 |
| 300 | 415 | 17.0 | 45.1 |
| 307 | 404 | 17.2 | 45.6 |
| 309 | 406 | 16.9 | 44.9 |
| 299 | 397 | 16.4 | 43.6 |
| 302 | 401 | 17.1 | 45.3 |
| 450 | 404 | 20.1 | 53.1 |
| 453 | 406 | 21.2 | 55.9 |
| 467 | 404 | 21.0 | 55.2 |
| 454 | 407 | 20.1 | 52.9 |
| 611 | 408 | 26.3 | 69.0 |
| 612 | 408 | 25.3 | 66.5 |
| 597 | 408 | 25.1 | 65.7 |
| 609 | 408 | 26.2 | 68.8 |
| 624 | 409 | 26.4 | 69.2 |
| 597 | 411 | 25.8 | 67.5 |
| 594 | 410 | 27.2 | 71.0 |
| 621 | 409 | 27.4 | 71.5 |
| 615 | 410 | 26.2 | 68.5 |
| 587 | 413 | 26.6 | 69.5 |

TABLE VI.
AVERAGE VALUES OF $K_{L}$ a (hr. ${ }^{-1}$ ) MEASURED AT DIFFERENT
VISCOSITIES, AERATION AND AGITATION RATES

| Agitation r.p.m. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.L.P.M. } \\ & 150 \end{aligned}$ | 300 | 450 | 600 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Viscosity | 1 cp . | r.p. | $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| 0 | 21 | 52 | 88 | 133 |
| 150 | 220 | 289 | 384 | 455 |
| 300 | * | * | * | 838 |
| 400 | * | * | * | * |


|  | Viscosity $=60 \mathrm{cp} \cdot$ @ $30 \mathrm{r} \cdot \mathrm{p} \cdot \mathrm{m} \cdot \& 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |  |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 15 | 27 | 41 | 52 |
| 150 | 35 | 48 | 63 | 76 |
| 350 | 165 | 235 | 260 | 360 |
| 400 | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ | $*$ |

$$
\text { Viscosity }=170 \mathrm{cp} . \text { @ } 30 \text { r.p.m. \& } 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}
$$

| 0 | 7 | 14 | 20 | 26 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 150 | 14 | 21 | 28 | 34 |
| 300 | 45 | 55 | 68 | 75 |
| 400 | 86 | 103 | 120 | 140 |

TABLE VI.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Agitation } \\ & \text { r.p.m. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Airflow } \\ & \text { S.I.P.M. } \\ & 150 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 300 | 450 | 600 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Viscosity $=320 \mathrm{cp}$. @ $30 \mathrm{r} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} . \& 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 21 |
| 150 | 8.5 | 14 | 20 | 25 |
| 300 | 20 | 26 | 35 | 44 |
| 400 | 30 | 44 | 53 | 63 |
|  | Viscosity $=730 \mathrm{cp}$. @ $30 \mathrm{r} . \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} . \& 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |  |  |  |
| 0 | 8 | 15 | 21 | 25 |
| 150 | 11 | 17 | 23 | 29 |
| 300 | 21 | 31 | 40 | 49 |
| 400 | 29 | 45 | 54 | 69 |

* Unmeasurable \% oxygen off-scale

APPENDIX
'The following are selected representative portions of the actual computer printout from which the data in Table $I$. were obtained.

```
D02= 9%
    EXIT 02= 17.81 %
TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 300 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 155 RPM
TORQUE= 66 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2= .03%
RO2= 95.05 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 283.48 1/HR.
```

```
    DO2= 9 %
```

    EXIT 02 \(=17.83 \%\)
    TEMP. $=25.1$ DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 310 SLPM
QACKPRESSURE $=9.8$ PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=155$ RPM
TORQUE $=66$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS .
CO2 $=.03 \%$
RO2 $=92.32$ M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
$K L A=278.981 / H R$.
$\mathrm{DO2}=9 \%$
EXIT 02= $17.82 \%$
TEMP. $=25.4$ DEG.C.
AIRFLOW $=306$ SLPM
BACKPRESSURE $=9.8$ PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=154 \mathrm{RPM}$
TORQUE $=67$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS .
$\mathrm{CO2}=.03 \%$
RO2 $=93.81 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{MOLES} \mathrm{02/L.HR}$.
$\mathrm{KLA}=284.901 / \mathrm{HR}$.

```
DO2= 9%
EXIT 02= 17.76 %
TEMP. = 25.6 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 309 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 155 RPM
TORQUE= 66 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
C02= .03 %
    RO2= 93.00 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 283.20 1/HR.
```

```
    DO2=10% r r 
    EXIT 02= 18.12 %
    TEMP.= 25.5 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 456 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.9 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 155 RPM
    TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
    C02= .03 %
    RO2= 126.97 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
    KLA= 384.80 1/HR.
    DO2= 10%
    EXIT 02= 18.08%
    TEMP.= 25.7 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW=445 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 156 RPM
    TORQUE= 64 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
    CO2= .03 %
    RO2= 125.82 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 351.30 1/HR.
    DO2= 10%
    EXIT 02= 18.08 %
    TEMP.= 25.7 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW=450 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 156 RPM
    TORQUE= 64 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
    C02= . 03%
    R02= 127.81 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 388.40 1/HR.
    D02= 10%
    EXIT O2= 18.03 %
    TEMP.= 25.6 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW=462 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED = 156 RPM
    TORQUE= 64 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
    C02= .03 %
    RO2= 126.43 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 382.90 1/HR.
```

The following are selected representative portions of the actual computer printout from which the data in Table II. were obtained.

```
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.03%
1 TEMP.= 24.9 DEG.C.
| AIRFLOW= 155 SLPM
| BACKPRESSUPE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 69 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
CO2=.06%
RO2= 13.53 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 32.88 1/HR.
DO2= %
EXIT 02= 19.99%
TEMP.= 24.5 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 152 SLDM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.\emptyset PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 68 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 254 KGS.
CO2= .06%
RO2= 14.29 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 34.77 1/HR.
```

```
DO2= %
    EXIT O2= 19.98%%
TEMP. = 24.3 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 151 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= }152\mathrm{ RPM
TORQUE= 69 IN.LBS
WEIGHT= 254 KGS.
C02= .06%
RO2= 14.52 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA}=35.281/HR
```

DO2 $=\quad \%$
EXIT O2= $19.97 \%$
TEMP. $=24.1$ DEG.C.
AIRFLOW $=216$ SLPM
BACKPRESSURE $=10.3$ PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=153$ RPM
TORQUE $=68$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT $=254$ KGS.
CO2 $=.06 \%$
RO2 $=14.39$ M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
$K L A=34.981 / H R$.

```
    D02= %
    EXIT 02=20.26%
    TEMP.= 24.1 DEG.C.
    AIRFLON= 310 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE=10.\emptyset PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED=153 RPM
    TORQUE= 67 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
CO2= .07%
RO2= 20.53 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 49.18 1/HR.
```

TYPE:D04;.7500

```
D02= %
EXIT 02=20.27%
TEMP.= 24.1 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 296 SLPM
BACKPRESSUPE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 153 RPM
TORQUE= 66 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
CO2= .07%
RO2= 19.66 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 47.07 1/HR.
```

TYPE:DO4;.7226

```
DO2= %
EXIT 02= 20.26 %
TEMP.= 24.2 DEG.C.
AIRFLON= 302 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 153 RPM
TORQUE= 67 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
C02= .07 %
R02= 20.73 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 49.63 1/HR.
```



```
    D02= %
    EXIT 02 = 20.61%
    TEMP.= 24.7 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 587 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
    CO2=.07 %
    RO2= 19.91 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 46.78 1/HR.
    D02= %
    EXIT 02= 20.58 %
    TEMP.= 24.8 DEG.C.
    AIRFLON= 619 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
    C02= .07 %
    RO2= 22.19 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 52.23 1/HR.
    D02= %
    EXIT 02= 20.57 %
    TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 619 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 10. D PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE = 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
    CO2= .07%
    RO2= 22.28 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 52.43 1/HR.
I
D02= %
EXIT 02= 20.56 %
    TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 600 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
    C02= .07%
    RO2= 22.21 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 52.30 1/MR.
```

```
    DO2= %
    EXIT O2= 20.54 %
    TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW=445 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
    C02= .07 %
    RO2= 18.27 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 43.04 1/HR.
```

    TYPE:D04;.3242
    ```
    D02= %
    EXIT O2= 20.56 %
    TEMP.= 24.9 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 457 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
    CO2= .07%
    R02= 17.36 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA}=40.76 1/HP
    D02= %
    EXIT 02= 20.55 %
TEMP.= 24.9 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 462 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 45 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
C02= .07%
KLA= 41.06 1/HR.
```

D02 $=$ \%
EXIT 02=20.56\%
TEMP. $=24.9$ DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 454 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE $=9.6$ PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=3 \mathrm{RPM}$
TORQUE $=45$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT $=252$ KGS.
CO2 $=.07 \%$
R02 $=16.72$ M-MOLES O2/L.MR.
$K L A=39.281 / H R$.

The following are selected representative portions of the actual computer printout from which the data in Table III. were obtained.

```
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.61%
TEMP.= 24.5 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 303 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 151 RPM
TORQUE= 67 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
C02= . }09
R02= 9.04 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 21.56 1/HR.
```

TYPE:D04;1.9727

DO2 $=1 \%$
EXIT 02 $=20.63 \%$
TEMP. $=24.6$ DEG.C.
AIRFLOW $=306$ SLPM
BACKPRESSURE $=9.8$ PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=152$ RPM
TORQUE $=67$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT $=275 \mathrm{KGS}$.
$\mathrm{CO}=.09 \%$
RO2 $=8.83$ M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
$K L A=21.031 / H R$.

```
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02=20.63%
TEMP. = 24.6 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 313 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 66 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
CO2= .09 %
RO2= 8.72 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 20.77 1/HR.
```

```
D02= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.66%
TEMP. = 24.6 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=445 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=151 R.PM
TORQUE= 67 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
CO2= .09 %
RO2= 11.65 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 27.69 1/:1R.
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.67 %
TEMP. = 24.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=467 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
CO2= .09 %
RO2= 11.48 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 27.28 1/HR.
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.68 %
TEMP.= 24.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOU= 595 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 64 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
CO2= -09 %
RO2= 14.30 M-MOLES 02/L.HP.
KLA= 33.95 1/HR.
```

```
DO2= 1%
```

DO2= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.69%
EXIT 02= 20.69%
TEMP.= 24.7 DEG.C.
TEMP.= 24.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 596 SLPM
AIRFLOW= 596 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.5 PSIG.
BACKPRESSURE= 9.5 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
C02=.09%
C02=.09%
R02= 13.96 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
R02= 13.96 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA = 33.13 1/HR.

```
KLA = 33.13 1/HR.
```

```
    D02= 1%
    EXIT 02= 20.68%
    TEMP.= 24.7 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 625 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED=152 RPM
    TORQUE= 64 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
    CO2= .09 %
    RO2 = 14.39 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 34.16 1/HR.
    DO2= 1%
    EXIT 02= 20.68%
    TEMP. = 24.7 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 605 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED=152 RPM
    TORQUE= 64 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
    CO2=.09%
    RO2= 14.72 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
    KLA= 34.95 1/HR.
    D02= 1%
    EXIT 02= 20.68%
    TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 595 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE = 9.6 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED=152 RPM
    TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 275 KGS.
    CO2=
    KLA= 33.89 1/HR.
    9/58/20 SPEED 2.375 RPM LOAL 50.00
    D02= 1%
    EXIT 02=20.67%
    TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 598 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.5 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 2 RPM
    TORQUE= 43 IN-LBS.
    WEIGHT = 275 KGS.
    CO2= .09 %
    RO2= 14.42 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 34.22 1/HR.
```

```
D02 = 1 %
EXIT O2=20.75 %
TEMP.= 24.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 441 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 2 RPM
TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 274 KGS.
CO2= .08%
RO2= 7.92 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 18.70 1/HR.
```

D02= $\quad 1 \%$
EXIT 02= $20.74 \%$
TEMP. $=24.8$ DEG.C.
AIRFLOW $=469$ SLPM
BACKPRESSURE $=9.8$ PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=2$ RPM
TORQUE $=44$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 274 KGS .
C02 $=.08 \%$
RO2 $=8.52$ M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA $=20.121 / \mathrm{HR}$.
DO2 $=1$ \%
EXIT 02=20.74\%
TEMP. $=24.8$ DEG.C.
ATRFLOW $=460$ SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=1$ RPM
TORQUE $=44$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 274 KGS .
C02 $=.09 \%$
RO2 $=8.63 \mathrm{M}$ MOLES $02 / L \cdot H R$.
$K L A=20.381 / \mathrm{HR}$.


```
    D02= 1%
    EXIT O2=20.73%
    TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
    AIRFLON= 302 SLPM
    BACKORESSURE= 3.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 1 RPM
    TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 274 KGS.
    CO2= .08%
    RO2= 5.60 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 13.23 1/HR.
    DO2= 年 1%
    TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 297 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 1 RPM
TORQUE = 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 274 KGS.
    CO2= .09 %
    RO2= 5.84 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
    KL.A= 13.80 1/HR.
    D02= 1%
    EXIT O2= 20.73%
    TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 301 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 1 RPM
    TORQUE = 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 274 KGS.
    CO2= .08%
    RO2= 5.96 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 14.07 1/HR.
    DO2= 1%
    EXIT 02= 20.73%
TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW=304 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.9 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 1 RPM
    TORQUE = 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 274 KGS.
    CO2= .09%
RO2= 5.83 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 13.76 1/HR.
```

'The following are selected representative portions of the actual computer printout from which the data in Table IV. were obtained.

```
DO2= 2%
EXIT 02= 20.74%
TEMP.= 23.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 309 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.2 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 156 RPM
TORQUE= 23 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
RO2= 6.12 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
KLA= 14.58 1/MR.
```

DO2 $=2$ :
EXIT $02=20.75 \%$
TEMP. $=23.6$ DEG.C.
AI RFLOW= 310 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.2 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED $=156$ RPM
TORQUE $=22$ IN.LBS.
WEIGHT $=250 \mathrm{KGS}$.
$\mathrm{CO2}=.05 \%$
RO2 $=5.94$ M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
$\mathrm{KLA}=14.141 / \mathrm{HR}$.

```
DO2= 3%
EXIT 02= 20.75%
TEMP. = 23.5 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 302 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 156 RPM
TORQUE= 23 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .06%
RO2= 6.00 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
KLA= 14.38 1/HR.
```

```
DO2= 3%
EXIT 02= 20.75%
TEMP. = 23.5 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 310 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.2 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= }156\mathrm{ RPM
TORQUE= 23 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .06 2
R02= 5.83 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 13.98 1/HR.
```

```
DO2= 2%
    EXIT O2= 20.58 %
    TEMP. = 23.7 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 307 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 308 RPM
    TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
    CO2= .05 %
    RO2= 11.13 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 26.85 1/HR.
DO2= 2%
EXIT 02=20.58 z
TEMP. = 23.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 306 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 309 RPM
TORQUE= 62 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
R02= 11.05 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 26.56 1/HR.
```

```
DO2= 3 2
```

DO2= 3 2
EXIT 02= 20.57 %
EXIT 02= 20.57 %
TEMP. = 23.8 DEG.C.
TEMP. = 23.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 306 SLPM
AIRFLOW= 306 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 308 RPM
AGIT.SPEED= 308 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2=.05 %
CO2=.05 %
RO2= 11.31 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
RO2= 11.31 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 27.43 1/HR.
KLA= 27.43 1/HR.
DO2= 2%
EXIT 02=20.57 %
TEMP. = 23.9 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 307 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 307 RPM
TORQUE= 68 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 z
RO2= 11.37 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
KLA= 27.37 1/HR.

```
```

DO2= 2%
EXIT 02= 20.35 %
TEMP. = 24.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 306 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=402 RPM
TORQUE= 105 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= - Ø4%
RO2= 17.98 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 43.59 1/HR.
D02= 2%
EXIT 02= 20.34 z
TEMP.= 24.9 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 305 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 403 RPM
TORQUE= 113 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
C02= .05 %
R02= 18.30 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 44.29 1/HR.
DO2= 2%
EXIT 02=20.33 %
TEMP. = 25.1 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 306 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= =10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=402 RPM
TORQUE= 106 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= . }04
RO2= 18.72 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 45.43 1/HR.
DO2= 2%
EXIT 02=20.33 %
TEMP. = 25.3 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 308 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.2 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=408 RPM
TORQUE= 105 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .04 Z
RO2= 18.44 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 44.66 1/HR.

```
```

D02= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.44%
TEMP. = 25.6 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 448 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=410 RPM
TORQUE= 92 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
R02= 22.69 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 54.53 1/HR.

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D02= 1%
EXIT 02=20.45 %
TEMP.= 25.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 457 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=411 RPM
TORQUE= 95 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
R02= 22.10 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 53.06 1/HR.
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02=20.45 %
TEMP. = 25.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 461 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.2 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=408 RPM
TORQUE= 94 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT=250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
RO2=21.62 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 51.85 1/HR.

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D02= 1%
EXIT 02= 20.46%
TEMP. = 25.5 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 456 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 407 RPM
TORQUE = 88 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
C02= .05 %
RO2= 22.11 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
KLA= 53.02 1/HR.

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DO2= 12
EXIT 02=20.62 %
TEMP. = 24.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 455 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 306 RPM
TORQUE = 57 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
RO2= 14.83 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 35.23 1/HR.
DO2= 1%
EXIT 02=20.62%
TEMP. = 24.3 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=45I SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.1 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= }305\mathrm{ RPM
TORQUE= 57 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2= .05 %
RO2= 14.76 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 35.03 1/HR.
D02 = 1%
EXIT 02= 20.61 %
TEMP. = 24.1 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 465 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.2 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 305 RPM
TORQUE= 58 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
CO2=.05 z
RO2= 14.85 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KlA= 35.34 1/HR.

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DO2= 2%

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DO2= 2%
EXIT 02=20.62 %
EXIT 02=20.62 %
TEMP. = 24.1 DEG.C.
TEMP. = 24.1 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 455 SLPM
AIRFLOW= 455 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 305 RPM
AGIT.SPEED= 305 RPM
TORQUE = 56 IN.LBS.
TORQUE = 56 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
C02= .05 %
C02= .05 %
RO2= 15.04 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
RO2= 15.04 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 35.89 1/HR.
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KLA= 35.89 1/HR.

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The following are selected representative portions of the actual computer printout from which the data in rable \(V\). were obtained.
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DO2= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.68 %
TEMP:= 24.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=150 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 153 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2= .08%
RO2= 3.98 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
KLA= 10.48 1/HR.
DO2= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.67 %
TEMP.= 24.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 152 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE = 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2= . }88
RO2= 4.01 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 10.54 1/HR.
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DO2= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.67 %
TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 151 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 151 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2= .08%
RO2= 4.07 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 10.71 1/HR.
DO2= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.67 %
TEMP.= 24.8 DEG.C.
AI RFLOW= 150 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
C02= .08 %
R02= 4.13 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 10.87 1/HR.

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DO2= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.75 %
TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 437 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 1\varnothing. | PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=152 RPM
TORQUE = 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2= .09 %
RO2= 8.77 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 22.92 1/HR.
D02= 11%
EXIT 02=20.75%
TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=453 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
CO2= .08 %
RO2= 8.74 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 22.84 1/HR.
D02 = 11%
EXIT 02= 20.76 %
TEMP. = 24.9 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=459 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED=152 RPM
TORQUE = 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
C02= .08 %
RO2= 8.62 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 22.51 1/HR.
D02= 11 %
EXIT 02= 20.76 %
TEMP. = 24.8 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 611 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE = 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2= .08 %
RO2= 10.96 M-MOLES O2/L.HR.
KLA= 28.63 1/HR.

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; DO2= 11%
EXIT O2= 20.76%
TEMP. = 24.7 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 612 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 65 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
C02= -08 %
RO2= 11.03 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 28.80 1/HR.
DO2= 11%
EXIT 02=20.76%
TEMP.= 24.6 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW=621 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 10.0 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 152 RPM
TORQUE= 65 1N.LBS.
WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
CO2= .08 %
RO2= 10.89 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 28.43 1/HR.
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DO2= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.78%
TEMP.= 24.4 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 619 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.9 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 253 KGS.
C02= .08 %
RO2= 9.86 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 25.71 1/HR.
D02= 11%
EXIT 02= 20.78%
TEMP. = 24.4 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 621 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
CO2=.08%
RO2= 9.69 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 25.27 1/HR.

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    D02= 11%
    EXIT 02= 20.78%
    TEMP.= 24.3 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 594 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
    C02= .08 %
    RO2= 9.87 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 25.73 1/HR.
    D02= 10%
    EXIT 02= 20.76%
    TEMP. = 24.3 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 448 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.2 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 250 KGS.
    C02= . 08 %
    RO2= 8.20 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 21.38 1/HR.
    D02= 10%
    EXIT 02= 20.78 %
    TEMP. = 24.2 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 446 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE = 9.5 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
CO2= .08 %
RO2= 7.61 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 19.84 1/HR.

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DO2 \(=10 \%\)
    EXIT 02=20.77 \%
    TEMP. \(=24.2\) DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 445 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE \(=9.5\) PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED \(=2\) RPM
    TORQUE \(=44\) IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
    \(\mathrm{CO2}=.08 \%\)
    RO2 \(=7.92\) M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    \(\mathrm{KLA}=20.651 / \mathrm{HR}\).
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    DO2= 10%%
    EXIT 02= 20.74%
    TEMP.= 24.1 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 162 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 8.3 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT = 25I KGS.
    CO2= .08%
    R02= 3.17 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 8.27 1/HR.
    D02= 10%
    EXIT O2= 20.75 %
    TEMP. = 24.1 DEG.C.
    AIRFLOW= 154 SLPM
    BACKPRESSURE= 9.7 PSIG.
    AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
    TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
    WEIGHT= 252 KGS.
    C02= .08%
    R02= 3.03 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
    KLA= 7.89 1/HR.
    D02= 10%
    EXIT 02= 20.74%
    TEMP.= 24.1 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 158 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.8 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 2 RPM
TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
C02= .08%
R02= 3.05 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA= 7.92 1/HR.
D02= 10%
EXIT 02= 20.74 %
TEMP.= 24.1 DEG.C.
AIRFLOW= 155 SLPM
BACKPRESSURE= 9.6 PSIG.
AGIT.SPEED= 3 RPM
TORQUE= 44 IN.LBS.
WEIGHT= 251 KGS.
C02= .08%
RO2= 3.03 M-MOLES 02/L.HR.
KLA}=7.891/\textrm{HR}

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