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If necessary, a list of notations and used symbols must be given here, before the INTRODUCTION, together with their measuring units, in alphabetical order. Proper acknowledgments are usually made after the Conclusions.

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Figure 1 - Polyampholyte molecular composition prepared by random, free-radical polymerization. (Bold, size 10)

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Figure 1 – Digital structure of a hybrid velocity/position fuzzy-PID controller.
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<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Mean length / mm</th>
<th>Mean width / µm</th>
<th>Fines / %</th>
<th>Vessel / #</th>
<th>Vessel length / mm</th>
<th>Vessel width / µm</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Arithmetic average</td>
<td>0.719</td>
<td>16.43</td>
<td>0.689</td>
<td>6.5</td>
<td>0.533</td>
<td>133.48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Standard deviation</td>
<td>0.006</td>
<td>0.096</td>
<td>0.059</td>
<td>2.082</td>
<td>0.032</td>
<td>9.194</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note: The number of fibers counted was 3000. The fine fraction was classified as such if the fibrous elements had an effective dimension between 0.05 and 0.2 mm. (Table notes must be given in Font Size 9 and aligned to the left)

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\[ \frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = \nabla (D_{\text{eff}} \nabla X) \] (1)

where X is the moisture content, [kg H₂O/kg dry mass], t is time, [s], and \(D_{\text{eff}}\) is the effective diffusivity, [m² s⁻¹].

REFERENCES

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