



GLOBAL JOURNAL OF RESEARCHES IN ENGINEERING
MECHANICAL AND MECHANICS ENGINEERING
Volume 13 Issue 11 Version 1.0 Year 2013
Type: Double Blind Peer Reviewed International Research Journal
Publisher: Global Journals Inc. (USA)
Online ISSN:2249-4596 Print ISSN:0975-5861

The Modified Pyrolysis Process to Minimize the Energy Consumption by Preheating the Opaque Reactor using Solar Energy and Determination of Possibility in Case of using it in Diesel Engine

By Md. Tasruzzaman Babu, Md. Abdur Rahim & Md. Sohel Rana

Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology, Bangladesh

Abstract- This paper represents the difference between conventional process and modified process in pyrolysis technology. In this experiment it was tried to lessen the fuel cost and energy consumption using a parabolic solar collector, some side glasses and some magnifying glasses to concentrate sun beams and magnify the solar intensity for heating up the opaque reactor. The energy consumption in the conventional process was obtained as 9900000 J. The energy consumption obtained in case of modified pyrolysis process using solar energy was 7290000 J. Hence, the energy consumption was lessened by modified process by 26% than the conventional process. Here physical analysis of obtained oil has also been shown to determine the possibility of using it in diesel engine.

Keywords: *pyrolysis; biomass oil; diesel; preheating.*

GJRE-A Classification : *FOR Code: 660199p, 091399*



Strictly as per the compliance and regulations of:



The Modified Pyrolysis Process to Minimize the Energy Consumption by Preheating the Opaque Reactor using Solar Energy and Determination of Possibility in Case of using it in Diesel Engine

Md. Tasruzzaman Babu ^α, Md. Abdur Rahim ^σ & Md. Sohel Rana ^ρ

Abstract- This paper represents the difference between conventional process and modified process in pyrolysis technology. In this experiment it was tried to lessen the fuel cost and energy consumption using a parabolic solar collector, some side glasses and some magnifying glasses to concentrate sun beams and magnify the solar intensity for heating up the opaque reactor. The energy consumption in the conventional process was obtained as 9900000 J. The energy consumption obtained in case of modified pyrolysis process using solar energy was 7290000 J. Hence, the energy consumption was lessened by modified process by 26% than the conventional process. Here physical analysis of obtained oil has also been shown to determine the possibility of using it in diesel engine.

Keywords: *pyrolysis; biomass oil; diesel; preheating.*

I. INTRODUCTION

A reliable, affordable and clean energy supply is of major importance for society, economy and the environment- and will prove to be crucial in the 21st century. In this context modern use of biomass (as opposed to traditional use) is considered very promising. The promise includes a widely available, renewable and CO₂-neutral resource, suited for modern applications for the power generation, fuels and chemicals. Biomass has a distinct advantage over the use of other renewables, like solar cell and wind power, which are restricted because of the intermittent power generation. Biomass is by far the most applied renewable at this moment and a further increase is believed to be possible [1].

The standard of living and quality of life of a nation depend on per capita energy consumption. Bangladesh is a developing country, and is one of the most populated (914 persons/km²) countries in the world. Her per capita energy consumption in 2005 stands at 227 kgOE (kilograms of oil equivalent), which is much below the world average of 1778 kgOE. The energy consumption mix was estimated as: indigenous biomass 60%, indigenous natural gas 27.45%, and imported oil 11.89%, imported coal 0.44% and hydro 0.23% [2] More than 76% of the country's population

lives in rural areas, meeting most of their energy needs from traditional biomass fuels. Around 32% have access to electricity, while in rural area the availability of electricity is only 22%. Only 3-4% of the households have connection of natural gas for cooking purposes. Only about 2-3% households use kerosene for the same purpose and the rest (over 90%) of people depend on biomass for their energy needs [3]. Due to mitigate the large demand of electricity, there are lots of power plants established every year in Bangladesh. Most of the power plants are steam based. So, a large amount of furnace oil is required for running a boiler. Pyrolysis oil can be used both as furnace oil and fuel oil for cooking purpose. Pyrolysis oil has been successfully tested in engine, turbines and boilers, and been upgraded to high quality hydrocarbon fuels although at a presently unacceptable energetic and financial cost. Thus, it is crucial to find out alternative and sustainable resources such as pyrolysis oil to mitigate the energy crisis in Bangladesh.

II. PYROLYSIS AND ITS CHEMICAL REACTION

Pyrolysis is an attractive method to recycle scrap tires has recently been the subject of renewed interest. Pyrolysis of tires can produce oils, chars, and gases, in addition to the steel cords, all of which have the potential to be recycled. Tire pyrolysis liquids (a mixture of paraffins, olefins and aromatic compounds) have been found to have a high gross calorific value (GCV) of around 41-44 MJ/kg, which would encourage their use as replacements for conventional liquid fuels [4, 5, 6]. In addition to their use as fuels, the liquids have been shown to be a potential source of light aromatics such as benzene, toluene and xylene (BTX), which command a higher market value than the raw oils [7, 8]. Similarly, the liquids have been shown to contain monoterpenes such as limonene [1-methyl-4-(1-methylethenyl)-cyclohexene] [9, 10].

Authors ^{α σ ρ}: Department of Mechanical Engineering, Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology, Rajshahi-6204, Bangladesh.
e-mail: tasrubabu@gmail.com

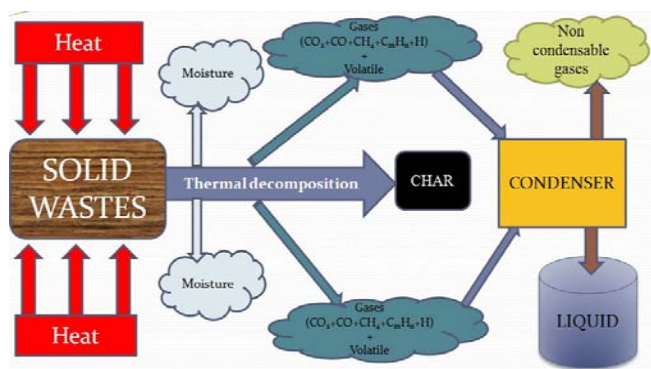
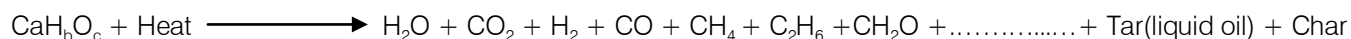


Figure 1 : Thermal decomposition of organic solid wastes

Pyrolytic char may be used as a solid fuel or as a precursor for the manufacture of activated carbon [11, 12]. It was found that another potentially important end use of the

Pyrolysis can be presented by the following equation



The three classes of products of pyrolysis, then, are volatiles, tar and char.

Table 2 : Thermochemical conversion technologies, products and application

Technology	Primary product	Example of application
Pyrolysis	Gas Liquid Solid char	Fuel gas Liquid fuel and chemical
Liquefaction	Liquid	Solid fuel or slurry fuel
Gasification	Gas	Liquid fuel substitution
Combustion	Heat	Fuel gas Heating

pyrolytic carbon black (CBp) may be as an additive for crude bitumen [13]. Some of the previous research group studied the composition of evolved pyrolysis gas fraction and reported that it contains high concentration of methane, ethane, butadiene and another hydrocarbon gases with a GCV of approximately 37 MJ/m³, a value sufficient to provide the energy required by the pyrolysis process [14].

Table 1 : Proximate and elemental analysis of solid waste tires [15]

Proximate analysis (wt %)		Elemental analysis (wt %)	
Moisture	0.82	Carbon (C)	80.30
Volatile	62.70	Hydrogen (H)	7.18
Fixed carbon	32.31	Nitrogen (N)	0.50
Ash	4.17	Oxygen (O)	8.33
H.C.V (MJ/kg)	33.30	Others	3.69

III. PYROLYSIS TECHNOLOGY USING AN OPAQUE REACTOR PREHEATED BY SOLAR ENERGY

Though pyrolysis is not a new technology in this modern age, it is not so familiar yet using solar energy especially in case of opaque reactor. Some works have been carried out using transparent reactor made of glass implementing green house effect. But these are not suitable for mass production as the reactors made of glass cannot carry much load. To solve this problem an

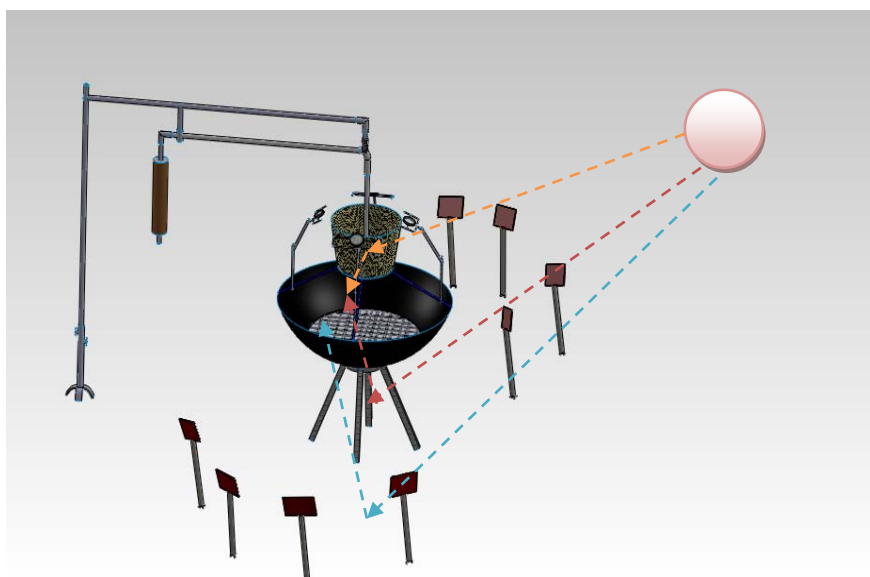


Figure 2 : Methodology of Preheating



Figure 3 : Experimental Setup of Preheating



Figure 4 : Experimental Setup of Heating by Electrical Heater

experiment on 'The modified pyrolysis process to minimize the energy consumption by preheating the opaque reactor using solar energy and determination of possibility in case of using it in diesel engine' has been

carried out in the month of July, 2013 in Rajshahi University of Engineering & Technology (RUET), Bangladesh.



Feed tire

Pyrolytic oil

Char

Figure 5 : Feed tire, Pyrolytic oil obtained by our process and Cha

IV. WORKING PROCEDURE

a) With the Preheated Reactor by Solar Energy

- The reactor was poured with desired amount of biomass products (tyre).
- Then the atmosphere into the reactor was made inert with the aid of nitrogen.
- The reactor was heated up to 112°C with solar energy which was concentrated by the parabolic solar collector, magnifying glasses and side glasses also.
- After that the reactor was heated up to 285°C using fuel using electric heater. At this moment pyrolysis was started. Then the temperature was increased up to 350°C.
- The gaseous products after burning were condensed into the condenser using condensing water.
- The nitrogen gas was supplied within a regular interval so that burning could not take place into the reactor.
- After condensing, the oil was gotten with some portion of flue gases which were burnt for the safety of atmosphere.
- After burning the solid product (char) was gotten in the reactor.
- After finishing the tire pieces into the reactor completely, new tire pieces were fed again to continue the process.

b) Without using Solar Energy

In this case, similar process from (d to i) were done again and two processes were compared.

c) Calculation of the Average Value

Similar operations were performed for 3 times for both partially using solar energy and without using solar energy to calculate the average value.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Energy consumed} &= 81 \times 60 \times 1500 \text{ J} \\ &= 7290000\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Save for } 9900000 \text{ J is } &(9900000 - 7290000) \text{ J} \\ \text{Save for } 100 \text{ J is } &(9900000 - 7290000) \times 100 / 9900000 \text{ J} \\ &= 26.36\end{aligned}$$

So, the save is 26.36 %

i. For the Second Observation

Similarly the percentage of saving is 25.79

ii. For the Third Observation

Similarly the percentage of saving is 25.29

Hence, the average saving of energy is 26%.

V. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

a) Result

The average saving of energy is 26%.

b) Discussion

There are various graphs shown below to describe the relation among various parameters and these are also drawn to express the reasons of their relations.

VI. CALCULATION

For the first observation

Ambient temperature = 40.5°C

Amount of feed material = 500gm

Amount of pyrolysis oil = 190gm

a) Pyrolysis Without Solar Energy

Total working time = 110 minutes

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Energy consumed} &= 110 \times 60 \times 1500 \text{ J} \\ &= 9900000 \text{ J}\end{aligned}$$

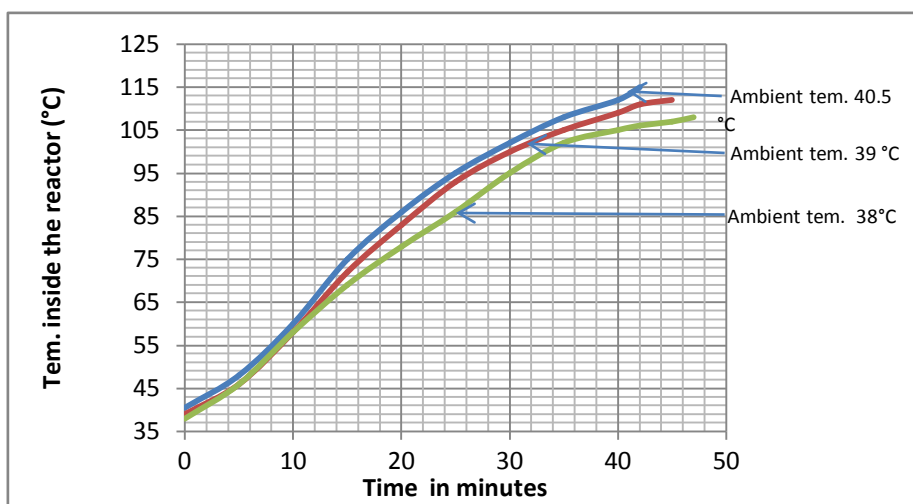


Figure 6 : Time vs Temperature curve inside the reactor

Since in case of preheating the temperature inside the reactor is increased with the increase of ambient temperature at approximately proportional rate. And at the initial time the temperature inside the reactor is same with the ambient temperature. For this reason it

starts with a certain initial temperature which is equal to the ambient temperature. When the ambient temperature is comparatively higher then increasing temperature inside the reactor was also higher than other.

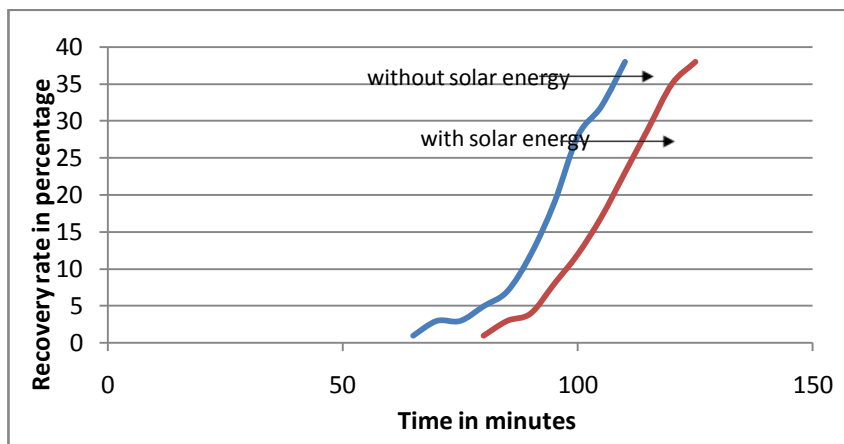


Figure 7 : Time vs recovery rate curve

Since the recovery starts at a certain temperature, in case of solar energy this certain temperature is obtained after sometimes comparatively to the conventional process. But after getting this

temparatrure with the help of electrical energy the recovery rate is approximately same and for this reason the curves patterns are also approximately same.

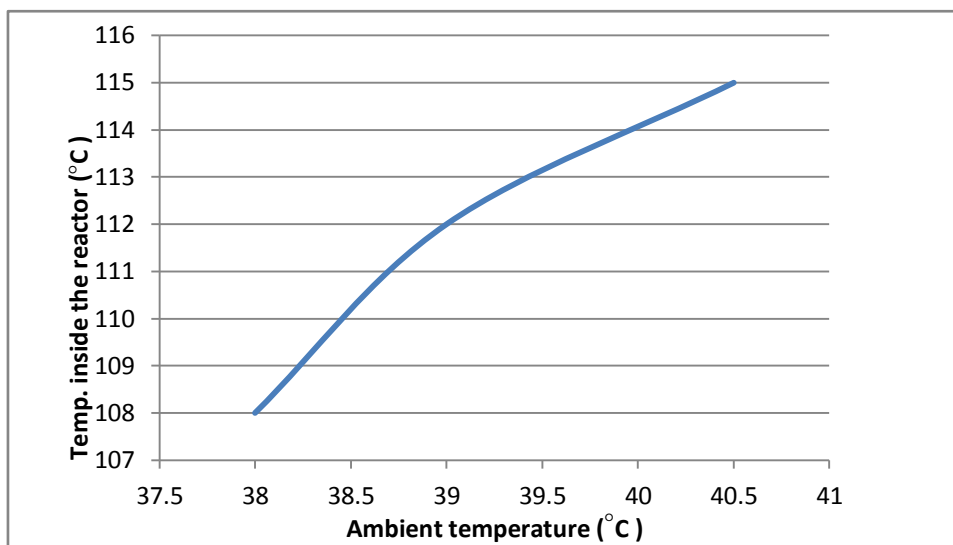


Figure 8 : Ambient temperature vs temperature curve inside the reactor

Since temperature inside the reactor is a proportional function with the ambient temperature up to a certain range and after that the increasing rate is lower than previous increasing rate, the curve is like to that pattern.

Table 3 : Physical characteristics of tire pyrolysis oil after some treatments and its comparison with diesel

Analysis	Tire pyrolytic oil	Diesel [16]
Kinematic viscosity at 35°C (cSt)	3.1	2.61*
Density (kg/m ³)	920	827.1*
Flash Point (°C)	56	53
HHV(MJ/kg)	42.24	45.18

*at 20°C

VII. CONCLUSION

Experimentally it has been seen from result that the cost and energy was saved by 26 % approximately than the conventional process. That contains a good probability to make more profit. And this process may become more attractive commercially and beneficial in the developing countries. From the comparison in table 1, it is seen that the properties of tire pyrolysis oil obtained by authors are quite similar to diesel. That is why, there is a great possibility to use tire pyrolytic oil as an alternative of diesel. Though obtained properties of tire pyrolytic oil are comparatively lower than diesel, but if some treatments are taken then it will be useful as diesel. That will be helpful to meet the demand of fossil oil in future. Though treatment may increase the oil cost than diesel but it will be beneficial when mass production will taken.

REFERENCES RÉFÉRENCES REFERENCIAS

1. Faaij A. Potential contribution of bioenergy to the world's future energy demand. S.I.: IEA Bioenergy; 2007. ExCo: 2007:02.
2. Islam, M.R., Islam, M.R., Beg, M.R.A., 2008a. Renewable energy resources and technologies practice in Bangladesh. Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews 12.
3. Islam, M.R., Islam, M.R., Beg, M.R.A., 2008a. Renewable energy resources and technologies practice in Bangladesh. Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews 12.
4. Diez, C., Martinez, Cara, J., Moran, A., 2004. Pyrolysis of tires. Influence of the final temperature of the process on emissions and the calorific value of the products recovered. Waste Management 24.
5. Cunliffe, A.M., Williams, P.T., 1998. Composition of oils derived from the batch pyrolysis of tires. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 44 (3).
6. Laresgoiti, M.F., Caballero, B.M., De Marco, I., Torres, A., Cabrero, M.A., Chomon, M.J.J., 2004. Characterization of the liquid products obtained in tire pyrolysis. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 71.
7. Cunliffe, A.M., Williams, P.T., 1998. Composition of oils derived from the batch pyrolysis of tires. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 44 (3).
8. Laresgoiti, M.F., Caballero, B.M., De Marco, I., Torres, A., Cabrero, M.A., Chomon, M.J.J., 2004. Characterization of the liquid products obtained in tire pyrolysis. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 71.
9. Cunliffe, A.M., Williams, P.T., 1998. Composition of oils derived from the batch pyrolysis of tires. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 44 (3).
10. Roy, C., Chaala, A., Darmstadt, H., 1999. Vacuum pyrolysis of used tires End-used for oil and carbon black products. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 51 (4).
11. Barbooti, M.M., Mohamed, T.J., Hussain, A.A., Abas, F.O., 2004. Optimization of pyrolysis conditions of scrap tires under inert gas atmosphere. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 72.
12. Cunliffe, A.M., Williams, P.T., 1998. Composition of oils derived from the batch pyrolysis of tires. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 44 (3).
13. Roy, C., Chaala, A., Darmstadt, H., 1999. Vacuum pyrolysis of used tires End-used for oil and carbon black products. Journal of Analytical and Applied Pyrolysis 51 (4).
14. Islam, M.R., et al. Feasibility study for thermal treatment of solid tire wastes in Bangladesh by using pyrolysis technology. Waste Management (2011). doi: 10.1016/j.wasman.2011.04.017.
15. Islam M.R, "Limonene-Rich Liquids from Pyrolysis of Heavy Automotive Tire Wastes."- Journal of Environment and Engineering, Vol. 2, No. 4, 2007, pp-683.
16. Andrews, R.G. and Patniak, P. C., 1996. Feasibility of utilizing a biomass derived fuel for industrial gas turbine applications. In: Bridgwater AV, Hogan EN, editor. Bio-Oil Production & Utilization, Berkshire: CPL Press, pp. 236-245.

NOMENCLATURE

BTX	benzene, toluene and xylene
CBp	pyrolytic carbon black
GCV	gross calorific value
HHV	higher heating value
kgOE	(kilograms of oil equivalent)