Co-processing of wood and wheat straw derived pyrolysis oils with FCC feed—Product distribution and effect of deoxygenation

The behavior of bio-oils when co-processed with conventional fossil feed in a fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) unit is suitably tested using a microactivity testing unit (MAT). In the present study, non-catalytic fast pyrolysis oils originating from wood and wheat straw were co-processed in a MAT at a 20/80 weight blend (bio-oil/FCC feed). In addition, bio-oil obtained from deoxygenating the straw derived vapors over a steamed HZSM-5/Al₂O₃ extrudate catalyst was tested. The bio-oils were characterized for elemental composition and moisture content to calculate energy recoveries, amounting to 35% and 30% for the non-catalytically obtained wood and straw oils, while it was 19% for the partly deoxygenated straw oil. Wood oil showed higher acidity (61mg KOH/g) and molar O/C ratio (0.35) compared to straw oil (54mg KOH/g and O/C=0.24). The acidity and O/C ratio was reduced for the straw-derived bio-oil from catalytic vapor treatment (3mg KOH/g, O/C=0.08). At constant conversion (77.5%) at the MAT, the wood pyrolysis oil showed a product distribution quite similar to the reference oil while the wheat straw pyrolysis oil gave a 1.6% points higher coke yield and a 1.2% points lower liquid petroleum gas (LPG) yield. For the catalytically treated wheat straw pyrolysis oil, an even higher coke yield (2.6% points) and 1.9% points lower LPG yield resulted. The observations are attributed to the higher content of aromatics, phenolics, and nitrogen containing compounds of the catalytically upgraded straw fast pyrolysis oil.
Biomass Fly Ash Deposition in an Entrained Flow Reactor

Fly ash deposition on boiler surfaces is a major operational problem encountered in biomass-fired boilers. Understanding deposit formation, and developing modelling tools, will allow improvements in boiler efficiency and availability. In this study, deposit formation of a model biomass ash species (K₂Si₄O₉) on steel tubes, was investigated in a lab-scale Entrained Flow Reactor. K₂Si₄O₉ was injected into the reactor, to form deposits on an air-cooled probe, simulating deposit formation on superheater tubes in boilers. The influence of flue gas temperature (589 – 968°C), probe surface temperature (300 – 550°C), flue gas velocity (0.7 – 3.5m/s), fly ash flux (10,000 – 40,000g/m²h), and probe residence time (up to 60min) was investigated. The results revealed that increasing flue gas temperature and probe surface temperature increased the sticking probability of the fly ash particles, thereby increasing the rate of deposit formation. However, increasing flue gas velocity resulted in a decrease in the deposit formation rate, due to increased particle rebound. Furthermore, the deposit formation rate increased with probe residence time and fly ash flux. Inertial impaction was the primary mechanism of deposit formation, forming deposits only on the upstream side of the steel tube. A mechanistic model was developed for predicting deposit formation in the reactor. Deposit formation by thermophoresis and inertial impaction was incorporated into the model, and the sticking probability of the ash particles was estimated by accounting for energy dissipation due to particle deformation. The model reasonably predicted the influence of flue gas temperature and fly ash flux on the deposit formation rate.

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Catalytic deoxygenation of vapors obtained from ablative fast pyrolysis of wheat straw using mesoporous HZSM-5

Steam treated HZSM-5 with different Si/Al ratios were tested as catalysts for the upgrading of wheat straw pyrolysis vapors and their performance was compared to hierarchical counterparts, which were prepared by desilication followed by acid washing. Pyrolysis vapors were generated in an ablative system, hot gas filtered, and upgraded in an ex-situ catalyst bed to remove oxygen functionalities and reduce the oils' total acid number (TAN). Besides elemental analysis and TAN, the collected liquids were analyzed for water, chemical composition by gas chromatography mass spectrometry with flame ionization detection (GC–MS/FID), size exclusion chromatography (SEC), thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), and selectively by ¹H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), ¹³C NMR, and two-dimensional heteronuclear single-quantum correlation (2D HSQC) NMR. Hierarchical and conventional catalysts were analyzed with X-ray fluorescence (XRF), ammonia temperature-programmed desorption (NH₃-TPD) and ethylamine TPD, N₂ and Ar-physisorption, transmission electron microscopy (TEM) and X-ray diffraction (XRD) to investigate changes induced by the desilication process. In addition, samples were analyzed after several reaction and regeneration cycles to investigate catalyst stability. The hierarchical samples showed an increased coking propensity compared to their parent version. The introduction of mesopores after desilication of HZSM-5 with molar Si/Al ratios of 29 and 39 lead to prolonged activity in deoxygenation and improved carbon recovery in the collected oil fractions compared to the parent counterparts. The results indicate that mild deoxygenation may be a viable way of pretreating pyrolysis oil before co-processing with fossil oil in refineries.

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Catalytic Hydropyrolysis of Biomass using Molybdenum Sulfide Based Catalyst. Effect of Promoters

Catalytic hydropyrolysis of beech wood was conducted in a fluid bed reactor at 450°C and a total pressure of 26 bar. The differences in hydrodeoxygenation activity, selectivity and the resulting product composition between sulfided Mo/MgAl₂O₄, CoMo/MgAl₂O₄ or NiMo/MgAl₂O₄ catalysts have been investigated. The acidity and molybdate species in the oxide catalyst precursors were characterized with ammonia temperature programmed desorption and Raman spectroscopy. The spent sulfided catalysts were also extensively characterized by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and by scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) coupled with energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS). The catalytic hydropyrolysis of beech wood produced four kinds of products: Liquid organic and aqueous phases, solid char and gases. The solid char and aqueous phase yields were not affected by the type of catalyst. The sum of condensed organics and C₄+ gas yield varied between 24.3 and 26.4 wt.% on dry, ash free basis (daf) and was highest for the Mo catalyst and lowest for the NiMo catalyst. The NiMo catalyst had the highest hydrogenation, cracking, and de-carbonylation activity. The oxygen content in the condensed organic phase was between 9.0 and 12 wt.% on dry basis (db) and was lowest for the CoMo catalyst and highest for the Mo catalyst. The carbon recovery in the condensable organics was 39 % for both the CoMo and the Mo, and 37 % for the NiMo catalyst. These results indicate that the CoMo, due to its high deoxygenation activity and high carbon recovery, is the most suitable catalyst for catalytic hydropyrolysis. The carbon content on the spent CoMo was between 1.5 and 3.3 wt.% and between 0.9 and 3.1 on the spent NiMo catalyst, but between 5.0 and 5.5 wt.% on the spent Mo catalyst. The higher carbon content on the spent Mo catalyst was probably due to its lower deoxygenation and hydrogenation activity. Calcium particles and small amounts of potassium (≤1.5 wt.%) were detected on all spent catalysts using STEM-EDS, showing that alkali metals are transferred from the biomass to the catalyst, which potentially could lead to catalyst deactivation.
Deoxygenation of wheat straw fast pyrolysis vapors using HZSM-5, Al₂O₃, HZSM-5/Al₂O₃ extrudates, and desilicated HZSM-5/Al₂O₃ extrudates

HZSM-5 extrudates, its two constituents (HZSM-5 zeolite and alumina binder), and SiC for reference were tested after steam treatment for the upgrading of wheat straw fast pyrolysis (FP) vapors from an ablative bench scale system. In addition, mesoporosity was added to the HZSM-5 crystals of the zeolite/Al₂O₃ extrudates by desilication, which decreased the microporous volume and led to enhanced weak acidity and less strong acidity compared to the parent extrudates. For increasing biomass-to-catalyst ratios (w/w, B:C), oils were collected and analyzed for elemental composition, total acid number (TAN), moisture, molecular weight, evaporation characteristics, and chemical composition by gas chromatography mass spectrometry with flame ionization detection (GC-MS/FID), 1H nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), 13C NMR, and two-dimensional heteronuclear single-quantum correlation (2D HSQC) NMR. Compared to Al₂O₃, catalysts containing HZSM-5 promoted aromatization and limited the coke formation due to its shape selective micropores. Nevertheless, Al₂O₃ was effective in deoxygenation. At B:C ~7, 23 wt-% carbon/25 % energy recovery in the oil fraction was obtained while reducing the oxygen content by 45 % relative to a thermal reference oil fraction obtained over a SiC bed. As such, Al₂O₃ offers certain benefits compared to HZSM-5 based catalysts due to its lower cost and better hydrothermal stability with respect to acidity. At a catalyst temperature of 500 °C, the introduction of mesopores to HZSM-5 extrudates led to higher energy recovery as oil compared to the parent HZSM-5 extrudates. At B:C = 6.3, 23 wt-% carbon/26% energy recovery in the oil phase was achieved while removing 45% of the oxygen functionalities relative to the thermal reference bio-oil. Compared to deep deoxygenation for direct hydrocarbon production, mild deoxygenation improved the energy recoveries of the oil fractions and appears viable for pretreating pyrolysis vapors before co-processing bio-oils with fossil oil in refineries.

Effect of the catalyst in fluid bed catalytic hydropyrolysis

Catalytic hydropyrolysis of beech wood was conducted in a fluid bed reactor followed by a hydrodeoxygenation reactor with a sulfided NiMo/Al₂O₃ catalyst. In order to evaluate the effect of the catalyst in the fluid bed reactor, six different bed materials were tested. Conducting the hydropyrolysis using only the catalyst support materials MgAl₂O₄ or zeolite mixed with Al₂O₃ (H-ZSM-5-Al₂O₃) gave a high char and coke yield (18.7-21.1wt.% dry ash free (daf)), CO and CO₂ (18.9 and 20.0wt.% daf), and low yield of condensed organics and C₄+ gases (17.8-20.4 wt.% daf). Using the supported catalysts CoMo/MgAl₂O₄ or NiMo/H-ZSM-5-Al₂O₃ significantly decreased the char yield to between 11.4 and 13.1 wt.% daf, while the condensed organics and C₄+ yield increased to 21.5 wt.% daf for the CoMo/MgAl₂O₄ and 24.0 wt.% daf for the NiMo/H-ZSM-5-Al₂O₃. As an alternative to the (commercial) supported catalysts, a cheap natural mineral bog iron was tested as catalyst and gave a condensed organics and C₄+ yield of 22.8 wt.% daf when pre-sulfiding the bog iron, while
the yield was 24.7 wt.% daf when the bog iron was used un-sulfided, but reduced prior to the experiment. This indicates that bog iron is the most suitable catalyst in the fluid bed reactor.

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From wood chips to pellets to milled pellets: The mechanical processing pathway of Austrian pine and European beech
This study assesses the changes in physical properties (particle size, shape, density) of Austrian pine (softwood) and European beech (hardwood), as they are mechanically processed from wood chips to pellets and then to milled pellets. A series of semi-industrial hammer mills and a semi-industrial pellet mill were used. The specific pelleting and grinding energy, as well as the pellet mill and hammer mill capacity, were determined. Size, shape, and bulk density of the wood particles obtained at each processing step were studied. The pellet quality was analyzed according to international standards. Results show that the pelleting modifies the internal pellet particle shape and length due to the breakage of particles across their longest dimension, leading to more circular and less elongated particles. However, the particle width was nearly unaffected, indicating a directional fracture behavior for wood particles during pelleting. The particle breaking effect was more dominant for beech particles. Beech contained a lower amount of extractives than pine that led to higher specific pelleting energy. In addition, beech pellets had a lower quality concerning durability and density. Relationships between specific grinding energies and characteristic product particle sizes were also determined. E.g., the specific energy for grinding pine pellets was about 10 kWh/t oven-dry wood for a characteristic product size of 0.8mm, while grinding beech pellets required about 7 kWh/t oven-dry wood for a characteristic product size of 0.6mm. The study concludes that less energy is needed to pelletize pine than beech under the same processing conditions, but more energy is needed to mill pine than beech.

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Impact of ZSM-5 Deactivation on Bio-Oil Quality during Upgrading of Straw Derived Pyrolysis Vapors

In this work, we provide detailed information on the change in product distribution and bio-oil quality during extended feeding of biomass derived fast pyrolysis vapors over ZSM-5. The effect of catalyst deactivation by coking on the resulting oil product characteristics was clarified in order to determine when the vapor upgrading should be stopped and the regeneration initiated. Obtaining a stable catalytically enhanced pyrolysis (CFP) oil while maintaining good energy recovery is important within the context of potential coprocessing of these oils with petroleum feedstocks via fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) or hydrotratment of the whole CFP oil. Wheat straw derived fast pyrolysis vapors were upgraded in an ex-situ fixed bed reactor containing a steamed ZSM-5 catalyst at 500 °C. Oils were collected both for runs starting the upgrading over a fresh (or regenerated) catalyst and for runs which were continued over an increasingly coked zeolite. The oils were characterized for water content, elemental analysis, total acid number (TAN), chemical composition by gas chromatography mass spectrometry with flame ionization detection (GC-MS/FID), size exclusion chromatography (SEC), evaporation characteristics by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA), $^{1}H$ nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), $^{13}C$ NMR, and two-dimensional heteronuclear single-quantum correlation (2D HSQC) NMR. With increasing biomass-to-catalyst mass ratio (B:C), the yield of deoxygenated hydrocarbons decreased, accompanied by a breakthrough of primary pyrolysis vapors leading to an increasing organic liquid yield. The oxygen content of the condensed, phase separated oil fraction increased and the molar O/C ratio of 0.05 and TAN of 6 mg KOH/g for oil collected during B:C = 0–1.1 increased to O/C = 0.18 and TAN = 14 mg KOH/g for oil collected during B:C = 3.6–6.2. Oil produced at 90% reduced catalyst amount and B:C = 0–6.5 and 0–12.9 increased the carbon recovery into the oil product to 23% and 27%, respectively but led to an increase in O/C ratio from 0.18 to 0.22, thus approaching the noncatalytic reference case (SiC bed at 500 °C) of O/C = 0.24. Clear differences in the evaporation behavior of the collected oils were observed, with a shift to more volatile fractions and less charring for products obtained at low B:C ratio. Characterization of the upgraded oils with $^{13}C$ NMR and $^{1}H$ NMR indicated a clear enhancement of the aromatics content and a reduction of sugar and aldehyde compounds. The concentration of carbon within carbonyl, carboxylates, and methoxy/ hydroxy groups was effectively reduced for oils obtained at low B:C ratios. Catalyst characterization was performed with X-ray fluorescence (XRF), ammonium temperature-programmed desorption (NH$_3$-TPD), N$_2$ and Ar-physisorption, transmission electron microscopy (TEM), and X-ray diffraction (XRD). After steaming and four repeated upgrading/regeneration cycles corresponding to an accumulated B:C ratio of 40, the zeolite’s concentration of strong acid sites measured by NH$_3$-TPD ($T_{des} > 275$ °C) reduced from 0.43 mmol/g for the calcined version to 0.07 mmol/g and the Brunauer–Emmett–Teller (BET) surface area decreased from 468 to 385 m$^2$/g. The hot gas filter upstream of the zeolite bed was found effective in preventing accumulation of potassium on the catalyst.
Kinetic Parameters for Biomass under Self-Ignition Conditions: Low-Temperature Oxidation and Pyrolysis

Pulverized biomass may self-heat and spontaneously ignite when stored or processed at intermediate or even low temperatures. In this work, reaction kinetic parameters for biomass oxidation and pyrolysis were determined for the temperature range 423–523 K. Thermogravimetric analysis was used to determine mass loss kinetics in a stepwise-isothermal heating program. Two wood species (pine and beech), two agricultural residues (wheat straw and sunflower husks), and two commercial wood pellet samples were investigated. Atmospheres with 0, 20, and 80% oxygen were used in the experiments. A pyrolysis model of four parallel reactions for extractives, hemicellulose, cellulose, and lignin fit the experimental data for 0% O2 well. Oxidation kinetics could be modeled by additional reactions in parallel to the pyrolysis mechanism. Two mechanisms were tested: (1) considering oxidation of a lumped “volatilizable” component plus oxidation of char; and (2) separate oxidation reactions for volatilizable extractives, hemicellulose, cellulose, and lignin, plus char. The more complex mechanism did not give a clear advantage over the simpler mechanism. It was further found that pyrolysis and oxidation reactions for the components could be modeled with the same activation energy, regardless of which biomass they appear in. For the lumped component oxidation model, an apparent activation energy of 130 kJ/mol was found. The observed reaction order in oxygen was in the range 0.4–0.5. The models also compared favorably to additional experimental data between 373 and 773 K for a heating rate of 5 K/min. The kinetic models presented here are intended mainly to describe low-temperature reactions, such as self-heating of biomass and the onset of smoldering combustion.

KOH capture by coal fly ash

The KOH-capture reaction by coal fly ash at suspension-fired conditions was studied through entrained flow reactor (EFR) experiments and chemical equilibrium calculations. The influence of KOH-concentration (50–1000ppmv), reaction temperature (800–1450°C), and coal fly ash particle size (D50=6.03–33.70μm) on the reaction was investigated. The results revealed that, at 50ppmv KOH (molar ratio of K/(Al+Si)=0.048 of feed), the measured K-capture level (CK) of coal fly ash was comparable to the equilibrium prediction, while at 250ppmv KOH and above, the measured data were lower than chemical equilibrium. Similar to the KOH-kaolin reaction reported in our previous study, leucite (KAlSi2O6) and kaliophilite (KAlSiO4) were formed from the KOH-coal fly ash reaction. However, coal fly ash captured KOH less effectively compared to kaolin at 250ppmv KOH and above. Studies at different temperatures showed that, at 800°C, the KOH-coal fly ash reaction was probably kinetically controlled. At 900–1300°C it was diffusion limited, while at 1450°C, it...
was equilibrium limited to some extent. At 500ppmv KOH (molar ratio of K/(Al+Si)=0.481), and a gas residence time of 1.2s, 0.063gK/(g additive) and 0.087gK/(g additive) was captured by coal fly ash (D_{50} =10.20μm) at 900 and 1450°C, respectively. Experiments with coal fly ash of different particle sizes showed that a higher K-capture level were obtained using finer particle sizes, indicating some internal diffusion control of the process.

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**New insights into the effect of pressure on catalytic hydropyrolysis of biomass**
Catalytic hydropyrolysis of beech wood has been conducted in a fluid bed reactor at 450°C with a sulfided CoMo catalyst followed by a fixed bed hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) reactor with a sulfided NiMo catalyst at hydrogen pressures between 3.0 and 35.8bar. Using both reactors the condensable organic yield (condensed organic and C_{4+} in gas) varied between 18.7 and 21.5wt% dry ash free basis (daf) and was independent of the hydrogen pressure. At 15.9bar hydrogen or higher the condensed organic phase was essentially oxygen free (<0.01wt% dry basis (db)), but decreasing the hydrogen pressure to 3.0bar increased the oxygen content to 7.8wt% db. The char and coke yield was close to constant (11.0–12.7wt% daf) at hydrogen pressures between 15.9 and 35.8bar, but increased to 15.7wt% at 3.0bar hydrogen due to an increase in the polymerization of pyrolysis vapors. The measured carbon content on the spent catalysts from both the fluid bed and HDO reactor showed that coking of the catalysts increased when the hydrogen pressure was decreased below 15.9bar. The increased coking at low hydrogen pressure (<15.9bar) was ascribed to the polymerization of the more reactive oxygenates produced in the fluid bed reactor.

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Potassium capture by coal fly ash $K_2CO_3$, KCl and $K_2SO_4$

The potassium capture behavior of two coal fly ashes at well-controlled suspension-fired conditions was investigated through entrained flow reactor (EFR) experiments and chemical equilibrium calculations. The impact of local reaction conditions, i.e., the type of K-salts ($K_2CO_3$, KCl or $K_2SO_4$), K-concentration in flue gas (molar K/(Al + Si) ratio in reactants), reaction temperature, and coal ash type on the reaction was studied. The results show that the K-capture level of coal fly ash at a K-concentration of 500 ppmv (K/(Si + Al) = 0.481) was considerably lower than the equilibrium data as well as the measured K-capture level of kaolin. However, at 50 ppmv K (with a molar K/(Si + Al) ration of 0.048), no obvious difference between kaolin and coal fly ash was observed in this work. Comparison of results for different K-species showed that coal fly ash captured KOH and $K_2CO_3$ more effectively than KCl and $K_2SO_4$. Additionally, a coal fly ash with higher content of Si and a lower melting point captured KCl more effectively than the reference coal fly ash.

Aerodynamic and physical characterization of refuse derived fuel

Physical and aerodynamic characteristics of several refuse derived fuel (RDF) samples were studied. Each RDF sample was tested in a wind sieve to classify the particles into different fractions according to their terminal velocity. The individual particles from the wind sieve were then manually separated according to the material type and physically characterized by weight measurement and 2D photographing. For the tested samples, despite the overall weight distribution of the fractions from the wind sieve was similar, the material distribution of particles in each fraction was significantly different. It has been shown that regardless of the particle material, for each group of particles from the wind sieve test, the ratio of particle maximum projected area to particle mass lies in a narrow range. A new approach based on the particle maximum projected area was proposed to predict the terminal velocity of particles and was tested for each group of particles from the wind sieve experiment. The maximum deviation of the mass-based averaged terminal velocity predicted from the drag model compared to the mid-point wind sieve velocity was smaller than 14%. A procedure was proposed for physical characterization of RDF particles based on the wind sieve test and 2D imaging of particles. This characterization can be used as an input for Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) calculations of RDF-fired cement calciners and rotary kilns.
Biomass ash induced agglomeration in fluidized bed. Part 2: Effect of potassium salts in different gas composition

Agglomeration is one of the main challenges for combustion and gasification of biomass in fluidized beds. Bed agglomeration is related to K species present in biomass. Understanding the role of different types of K species on formation of agglomerates at different conditions can reveal the mechanisms of biomass ash induced agglomeration. Extensive experiments are conducted in a laboratory scale fluidized bed reactor, using mixtures of quartz sand and K species, including KCl, K2SO4 and K2CO3, to study the agglomeration mechanisms. The effects of gas composition, including air, H2- and H2O-containing gas are investigated. The morphology and elemental analyses of the agglomerate samples are examined by SEM/EDS analysis. Thermodynamic equilibrium calculations are performed for verifying the proposed mechanisms. The results show that the role of various forms of potassium salts on agglomeration in fluidized beds is different. Gas composition also has strong impact on the agglomeration tendency. In the air and H2-containing gas, defluidization of KCl in a sand bed is caused by the melt of KCl. However, KCl reacts with SiO2 to form K-silicates in the H2O-containing gas, which results in a lower defluidization temperature. No defluidization is observed for K2SO4 in the presence of oxygen or water. However, K2SO4 decomposes and reacts with SiO2 to form K-silicates, causing defluidization at 850°C in the H2-containing gas. In the air, H2– or H2O-containing gas, K2CO3 would react with SiO2 to form potassium silicates and KOH may be additionally formed in the H2– and H2O-containing gas. The possible mechanisms of agglomeration of various potassium salts at different conditions are discussed.
**Combustion Behavior of Single Particles of Raw Wood and Pelletized Wood**

What were our motivation and research objectives?

We present a single particle combustion (SPC) study examining the relationship between combustion behavior and particle density.

- There are limited data on the combustion behavior of raw and pelletized wood at suspension-fired conditions.
- Understanding the effect of pelletizing conditions (temperature, pelletizing pressure) on the combustion behavior of pine and beech pellets compared to raw wood in a SPC reactor.
- SPC studies allow to predict the particle combustion behavior in full-scale furnaces.

**Deposition Properties of Biomass Fly Ash**

This study investigated deposit formation of biomass fly ash on steel tubes, in a lab-scale Entrained Flow Reactor. Experiments were conducted using model biomass fly ash, prepared from mixtures of K2Si4O9, KCl, K2SO4, CaO, SiO2 and KOH, as well as three different boiler fly ashes: a wood fly ash, a straw fly ash, and a straw + wood cofired fly ash. The fly ashes were injected into the reactor, to form deposits on an air-cooled deposit probe, simulating deposit formation on superheater tubes in boilers. The results revealed that increasing flue gas temperature, probe surface temperature, time, fly ash flux and fly ash particle size increased the rate of deposit formation. However, increasing flue gas velocity resulted in a decrease in the deposit formation rate. A mechanistic model was developed for predicting deposit formation in the reactor. Inertial impaction was the primary mechanism of deposit formation, when pure K2Si4O9, SiO2 or CaO was injected into the reactor, forming deposits only on the upstream side of the steel tube. However, feeding KCl, K2SO4 or KOH into the reactor resulted in deposit formation on both sides of the steel tube, via condensation, thermophoresis, and inertial impaction.

**Devolatilization of wood and torrefied wood with different apparent density: Experimental and modelling study**

In this work, single particle combustion experiments on 3 mm raw and torrefied wood cubes of 5 different wood species with apparent density varying from 243 to 698 kg/m3 were conducted, under conditions (1256 °C, 2.8% O2, 27% H2O) simulating the local conditions in a pulverized fuel boiler. The devolatilization time was determined based on flame...
extinction time, which was measured by a charge-coupled device (CCD) camera [1]. The devolatilization process was modelled by a non-isothermal single particle model presented in a previous paper [2]. The modelling results are in good agreement with experimental data as shown in Fig. 1. Both experimental and modelling results show that the devolatilization time increases linearly with the particle mass, even though different wood species with different apparent density are used in the experiments. The reason is that the devolatilization process is dominated by heat transfer. When the particle size is the same, higher density particles result in lower heating rate, mainly due to the increased thermal capacity of the particles. The results suggest that under the studied conditions, particle mass is a primary parameter that influences the devolatilization time of biomass particles.

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From Wood Chips to Pellets to Milled Pellets: the Mechanical Processing Pathway of Wood

We present a study focusing on the mechanical processing pathway of wood, including pellet feedstock size reduction, pelletization, and pellet comminution, because:
• Operators of wood suspension-fired power plants need information about the physical properties (i.e., size, shape, density) of milled pellet particles for optimizing particle burnout.
• An understanding of how pelletization and comminution alter the physical properties of wood is valuable for pellet producers, who want to produce pellets of desirable quality for power plants.
• Pellets after milling in coal mills are believed to show the original particle size distribution (PSD) before pelletizing.
• The effect of the size and shape of milled wood particles on the pelletizing process and pellet quality has hardly been studied.

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High Heating Rate Devolatilization Kinetics of Pulverized Biomass Fuels
Devolatilization kinetics for the biomass fuels miscanthus, leached miscanthus, and KCl-doped pinewood were determined at high heating rates (~10^5 K s^-1), high peak temperatures (1405–1667 K), and short residence times (<70 ms). The particle temperature and residence time distribution were obtained from computational fluid dynamic simulations. The measured devolatilization rates, formulated in terms of single first-order reactions, were significantly faster than data reported in the literature. This difference was attributed partly to the fast heating rate/high-temperature conditions of the present study and partly to a more accurate estimate of the particle temperature. The current results indicate that neither the biomass type nor the alkali content of the biomass has a significant impact on the devolatilization rate under the investigated conditions. The development in the particle morphology was studied by electron microscopy as each fuel underwent partial to full conversion. The char yields ranged from 0.02 (leached miscanthus) to 0.11 (KCl-doped pinewood), indicating that even during fast heating, the biomass alkali content promotes char formation.

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Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis. Effect of temperature and pressure
Beech wood has been converted into a mixture of oxygen-free naphtha and diesel boiling point range hydrocarbons by using catalytic hydropyrolysis in a fluid bed reactor with a CoMoS/MgAl2O4 catalyst, followed by deep hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) in a fixed bed reactor loaded with a NiMoS/Al2O3 catalyst. The effect of varying the
temperature (365–511°C) and hydrogen pressure (1.6–3.6MPa) on the product yield and organic composition was studied. The mass balance closed by a mass fraction between 90 and 101% dry ash free basis (daf). The yield of the combined condensed organics and C4+ varied between a mass fraction of 17 and 22% daf, corresponding to an energy recovery of between 40 and 53% in the organic product. The yield of the non-condensable gases varied between a mass fraction of 24 and 32% daf and the char yield varied between 9.6 and 18% daf. The condensed organics contained a mass fraction of 42–75% aromatics, based on GC×GC-FID chromatographic peak area, and the remainder was primarily naphthenes with minor amounts of paraffins. The condensed organics were essentially oxygen free (mass fraction below 0.001%) when both reactors were used. Bypassing the HDO reactor increased the oxygen concentration in the condensed liquid to a mass fraction of 1.8%. The results show that catalytic hydropyrolysis may be a viable way to process solid biomass into liquid and gaseous fuels.

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Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels
Fast pyrolysis of biomass produces a high yield of bio-oil through well-established technologies [1]. To utilize this oil as liquid fuel the oxygen content must be reduced from 15-30 wt.% down to <1 wt.%, which increases heating value and stability and decreases acidity [1]. Upgrading bio-oil by catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) is challenged by severe polymerization and coking upon heating the oil. Alternatively, performing fast pyrolysis in high-pressure hydrogen atmosphere in a fluid bed reactor with a HDO catalyst as bed medium, could immediately stabilize reactive pyrolysis vapors [2]. An additional HDO reactor could ensure removal of oxygen down to <1 wt%. A schematic diagram for such a process is shown in Figure 1. A simplified bench scale setup has been constructed at DTU Chemical Engineering for proof-of-concept for the continuous conversion of solid biomass to low oxygen, fuel-grade bio-oil.

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1. Introduction

Fast pyrolysis of biomass is a well-known technology for producing bio-oil. However, in order to use the oil as transportation fuel the oxygen content must be decreased from approximately 40 wt.% to below 1 wt.% [1]. This can be achieved by catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO). Unfortunately, deactivation due to coking of the catalyst is a severe problem for this technology [1]. The objective of the present work is to produce oxygen free gasoline and diesel from biomass by hydrogen assisted catalytic fast pyrolysis.

2. Experimental

Fast pyrolysis of beech wood (feeding rate: 270 g/h) has been performed in 26 bar hydrogen (flow: 55-90 NL/min) in a fluid bed reactor operated at 450 °C with several different catalysts as bed material followed by an additional vapor phase, fixed bed HDO reactor (operated at 370-400 °C) using a sulfided commercial Ni-Mo/Al2O3 catalyst. The time on stream varied between 0.75 and 3.5 h. The tested catalysts in the fluid bed include olivine sand (OS), MgAl2O4 (MgAl), CoMo/MgAl2O4 (CoMo), zeolite HZSM5 mixed with alumina (ZA), NiMo impregnated on zeolite mixed with alumina (NiMoZA), and a cheap and non-toxic catalyst (HYCP). The HYCP catalyst was tested both in reduced (HYCP-R) and sulfided forms (HYCP-S), while the other catalysts, with the exception of OS, were sulfided prior to the experiment.

3. Results and discussion

The product distribution for the experiments where the HDO reactor was used is shown in Figure 1. The obtained bio-oil from these experiments was essentially oxygen free and was in the diesel and gasoline boiling point range. Using MgAl and ZA gave a high char yield and a lower yield of condensable organics compared to the supported active catalysts (CoMo and NiMoZA). Using the HYCP-R catalyst gave a condensable organic yield of 25 wt. % daf corresponding to the highest ob-tained energy recovery of 58 %. Using the HYCP-R catalyst in the fluid bed reactor and by-passing the HDO reactor decreased the C1-3 yield from 12 to 3 wt. % daf and increased the condensable or-ganic yield from 25 to 34 wt. % daf. However, the oxygen concentration in the produced oil increased to 14 wt. % db. GC×GC-MS/FID showed that the oxygenates were mainly phenols (22 % FID-area) and oxygenated aliphatics (21 % FID area).

The carbon content on the spent catalysts was investigated using scanning electron microscopy (SEM) combined with energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS). This showed that there was up to 3 times as much carbon on the surface of the spent support materials (MgAl and ZA) compared to the supported catalysts (CoMo and Ni-MoZA) and the HYCP catalysts. Thus, having a more active catalyst in the fluid bed decreases the coking of the catalyst.

4. Conclusions

Our work indicates that hydrogen assisted catalytic pyrolysis is a feasible path for production of liquid renewable fuels. The presence of an active catalyst in the fluid bed is essential and has a significant impact on the product distribution. It is possible to obtain a high yield of condensable organics with the cheap HYCP catalyst, thus showing that it is not necessary to use expensive formulated catalysts. In our ongoing research the differences between CoMo, NiMo and Mo catalysts in the fluid bed is further investigated. Furthermore the effect of the metal loading and the effect of using different supports are also studied and the spent catalysts characterized by use of SEM and transmission electron microscopy (TEM).

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Fast pyrolysis of biomass is a well-known technology for producing bio-oil. However, in order to use the oil as transportation fuel the oxygen content must be decreased from approximately 40 wt.% to below 1 wt.%. This can be achieved by catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO). Unfortunately, deactivation due to coking of the catalyst is an inhibitive problem for this technology. The objective of the present work is to produce oxygen free gasoline and diesel from biomass by hydrogen assisted catalytic fast pyrolysis. Fast pyrolysis of beech wood (feeding rate: 275 g/h) has been performed in 26 bar hydrogen (flow: 55-90 NL/min) in a fluid bed reactor operated at 450 °C with several different catalysts as bed material followed by an additional vapor phase, fixed bed HDO reactor (operated at 370-400 °C) using a commercial NiMoS/Ai2O3 catalyst. The time on stream varied between 0.75 and 3.5 h. The tested catalysts in the fluid bed include olivine sand (OS), MgAl2O4 (MgAl), CoMo/MgAl2O4 (CoMo), zeolite mixed with alumina (ZA), NiMo impregnated on zeolite mixed with alumina (NiMoZA), and a cheap and non-toxic catalyst (HYCP).

The HYCP catalyst was tested both in reduced (HYCP-R) and sulfide forms (HYCP-S), while the other catalysts, with exception of OS, were sulfided prior to the experiment. Using both reactors, essentially oxygen free oil has been obtained with condensed oil and C4+ yields between 16 and 25 wt. % daf depending of the catalyst in the fluid bed (Figure 1), which corresponds to an energy recovery up to 58 %. Using MgAl and ZA gave a high char yield and a low yield of condensable organics compared to the supported active catalysts (CoMo and NiMoZA). Characterization of the spent catalyst with scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) showed a significant higher carbon content on the spent support materials (MgAl and ZA) compared to the supported catalysts (CoMo and NiMoZA) and the HYCP catalysts. Using the HYCP-R in the fluid bed reactor and bypassing the HDO reactor decreased the C1-3 yield from 12 to 3 wt. % daf and increased the condensable organic yield from 25 to 34 wt. % daf. However, the oxygen concentration in the produced oil increased to 14 wt. % db. GC×GC-MS/FID showed that the oxygenates were mainly phenols (22 % FID-area) and oxygenated aliphatics (21 % FID area). Our work indicates that hydrogen assisted catalytic pyrolysis is a feasible path for production of liquid renewable fuels. The catalyst in the fluid bed is essential and has a significant impact on the product distribution. It is possible to obtain a high yield of condensable organics with the HYCP catalyst, thus showing that it is not necessary to use expensive formulated catalysts. In our ongoing research the differences between CoMo, NiMo, Mo catalysts in the fluid bed is further investigated. Furthermore, the effect of the metal loading and the effect of using different supports are also studied and the spent catalysts characterized by use of SEM and transmission electron microscopy (TEM).

Figure 1. Effect of the catalyst in the fluid bed on the product distribution

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Measurements of the NOx precursors and major species concentrations above the grate at a waste-to-energy plant

Satisfactory results from modelling of NOx formation in CFD during combustion of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in grate-fired waste-to-energy plants is highly depended on accurate descriptions of the temperature field in the free-board above the waste bed. Accurate modelling of the temperature field relies on an accurate determination of the boundary conditions; the species concentration, gas temperature and gas velocity from the waste bed into the computational domain. In this study the gas temperature and the gas concentration profiles of O2, H2O, CO, CO2, CH4, C2H2, C2H4, NH3 and HCN along the waste bed were measured. The measurements were performed on a 9 t/h grate-fired waste-to-energy plant, Affald+ unit 4 in Denmark. The species concentration profiles were determined by gas extraction using a 6 m water cooled probe and FTIR spectroscopy, while the gas temperatures were determined by suction pyrometer. The major combustible gasses were determined to be CO, CH4 and C2H4, which are only found above the first half of the grate. Furthermore, it
was determined that during grate-fired MSW combustion the majority of the NOx precursors are released as NH3; more than 80%. The influence of NOx precursor composition on the NOx formation was examined through CHEMKIN simulations. It was shown that for reliable modelling of the NO formation at high excess air ratios, λ > 1.1, it is important to determine the correct ratio between NH3 and HCN. The importance of an accurate precursor determination increases considerably with decreasing temperatures.

Melting behaviour of raw materials and recycled stone wool waste

Stone wool is a widely used material for building insulation, to provide thermal comfort along with fire stability and acoustic comfort for all types of buildings. Stone wool waste generated either during production or during renovation or demolition of buildings can be recycled back into the stone wool melt production. This study investigates and compares the thermal response and melting behaviour of a conventional stone wool charge and stone wool waste. The study combines differential scanning calorimetry (DSC), hot stage microscopy (HSM) and X-ray diffraction (XRD). DSC reveals that the conventional charge and stone wool waste have fundamentally different thermal responses, where the charge experiences gas release, phase transition and melting of the individual raw materials. The stone wool waste experiences glass transition, crystallization and finally melting. Both DSC and HSM measurements indicates that the wool waste initiates melting at a lower temperature than the conventional charge. Also DSC measurements show that the wool waste requires less energy for heating and melting than the conventional charge, making stone wool waste recycling desirable both for environmental and for process purposes.
Optimizing catalytic tar-deoxygenation of fast pyrolysis vapors

The concept of de-centralized smaller scale pyrolysis plants that locally valorize available biomass by densifying its energy content into a bio-crude is of increasing interest world-wide. Fast pyrolysis of biomass produces a high yield of bio-oil through well-established technologies at optimized temperature, pressure, and residence time of the liberated pyrolysis vapors\(^1\)\(^2\). Operating conditions and chemical transformations that reduce the oil’s oxygen content and acid number to stabilize the oil deserve prioritized attention\(^3\) and allow further processing in oil refineries. Deoxygenation can be obtained by catalytic upgrading oversolid acid catalysts. A close coupled process operating at similar temperature and atmospheric pressure conditions to those preferred for optimum yields of bio-oil potentially offers economic advantages for zeolite deoxygenation over high pressure hydrotreating\(^4\). To date, the medium pore size ZSM-5 zeolite yields a high aromatic yield and the least amount of coke\(^5\) in upgrading of pyrolysis vapors. However, coke formation in the reaction of pyrolysis vapors over the zeolites and steam dealumination still leads to rapid deactivation\(^6\)\(^7\)\(^8\)\(^9\). Enhancement of ZSM-5 performance besides optimal Si/Al ratio and operating temperature is obtained by either synthesis modifications, or post-synthesis treatment. Incorporation of Ga to a ZSM-5 catalyst was shown to increase the aromatic yields considerably\(^10\), and the combination of several types of catalysts in order to exploit their unique advantages was demonstrated for physically mixing with mesoporous catalysts\(^11\) and dual beds comprised of solid acid and basic catalysts\(^12\)\(^13\). Despite promising laboratory results, long term experiments of pilot plants showing stable catalyst operation with multiple regeneration steps are needed to prove the economic attractiveness of bio-oil plants.

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Performance of mesoporous ZSM-5 for the upgrading of straw derived pyrolysis vapors

In order to allow processing of biomass derived fast pyrolysis oils in oil refineries, reduction of the oil’s oxygen content and acid number is required [1]. Deoxygenation can be obtained by direct upgrading of the pyrolysis vapors over solid acid catalysts. A close coupled process operating at temperature and pressure conditions close to those for optimum liquid yield in pyrolysis units offers potential economic advantages over high pressure hydrotreating [2]. To date, the medium pore size ZSM-5 zeolite provides a high aromatic yield and the least amount of coke in upgrading of pyrolysis vapors.
vapors [3]. However, the coke caused by reactive pyrolysis vapors causes a rapid decay in site accessibility and requires frequent regeneration to recover activity. In addition, irreversible dealumination can be caused by steam from the pyrolysis process, the dehydration reactions during upgrading and the steam produced during oxidative regeneration. We address the reversible deactivation due to coke by introducing an auxiliary mesopores network to improve the accessibility and prolong the zeolite's active time on stream. In order to reduce the irreversible deactivation, the zeolites acid site strength and density have been balanced with modifications by phosphorous stabilization.

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**Performance of mesoporous ZSM-5 in deoxygenation of straw derived pyrolysis vapors**
Fast pyrolysis of biomass produces a high yield of bio-oil through well-established technologies at optimized temperature, pressure, and residence time of the liberated pyrolysis vapors [1], [2]. In order to allow processing in oil refineries, further conversion that reduces the oil’s oxygen content and acid number deserve prioritized attention [3]. Deoxygenation can be obtained by catalytic upgrading over solid acid catalysts. A close coupled process operating at temperature and pressure conditions close to those for optimum liquid yields in pyrolysis units offers potential economic advantages for zeolite deoxygenation over high pressure hydrotreating [4]. To date, the medium pore size ZSM-5 zeolite provides a high aromatic yield and the least amount of coke [5] in upgrading of pyrolysis vapors. The coke caused by reactive pyrolysis vapors may form an envelope covering the zeolite crystals and block the pore mouth entries. The rapid decay in site accessibility requires frequent regeneration to recover activity. In addition, irreversible dealumination can be caused by steam from the pyrolysis process, the dehydration reactions during upgrading and the steam produced during oxidative regeneration. We address the reversible deactivation due to coke by introducing an auxiliary mesopores network to improve the accessibility and prolong the zeolite’s active time on stream. In order to minimize the irreversible deactivation, the zeolites acid site strength and density have to be carefully balanced with additional metal promoters or modification by phosphorous.

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**Potassium Capture by Kaolin, Part 1: KOH**
The reaction of gaseous KOH with kaolin and mullite powder under suspension-fired conditions was studied by entrained flow reactor (EFR) experiments. A water-based slurry containing kaolin/mullite and KOH was fed into the reactor and the reacted solid samples were analyzed to quantify the K-capture level. The effect of reaction temperature, K-concentration in the flue gas, and, thereby, molar ratio of K/(Al+Si) in reactants, gas residence time, and solid particle size on K-capture reaction was systematically investigated. Corresponding equilibrium calculations were conducted with FactSage 7.0. The experimental results showed that kaolin reached almost full conversion to K-aluminosilicates under suspension-fired conditions at 1100–1450 °C for a residence time of 1.2 s and a particle size of D_{50} = 5.47 μm. The amount of potassium captured by kaolin generally followed the equilibrium at temperatures above 1100°C, but lower conversion was observed at 800 and 900 °C. Crystalline kaliophilite (KAlSiO4) was formed at higher temperatures (1300 and 1450 °C), whereas, amorphous K-aluminosilicate was formed at lower temperatures. Coarse kaolin (D_{50} = 13.48 μm) captured KOH less effectively than normal (D_{50} = 5.47 μm) and fine(D_{50} = 3.51 μm) kaolin powder at 1100 and 1300 °C. The difference was less significant at 900°C. Mullite generated from kaolin captured KOH less effectively than kaolin at temperatures below 1100 °C. However, at 1300 and 1450 °C, the amount of potassium captured by mullite became comparable to that of kaolin.
Potassium Capture by Kaolin, Part 2: K$_2$CO$_3$, KCl, and K$_2$SO$_4$

The reaction of kaolin powder with K$_2$CO$_3$, KCl, and K$_2$SO$_4$ under suspension-fired conditions was studied by entrained flow reactor experiments and equilibrium calculations. The influence of reaction temperature, K-concentration in the flue gas, molar ratio of K/(Al + Si) in the reactants, and gas residence time on the reaction was investigated. The results showed that the K-capture level ($C_K$) (g potassium reacted per g kaolin available) of K$_2$CO$_3$ and KCl by kaolin generally followed the equilibrium predictions at temperatures above 1100 °C, when using a kaolin particle size of $D_{50}$ = 5.47 μm and a residence time of 1.2 s. This revealed that a nearly full conversion was obtained without kinetic or transport limitations at the conditions applied. At 800 and 900°C, the measured conversions were lower than the equilibrium predictions, indicating that the reactions were either kinetically or diffusion controlled. The measured $C_K$ of K$_2$SO$_4$ by kaolin was much lower than the equilibrium predictions. Kaliophilite (KAlSiO$_4$) product was predicted by the equilibrium calculations of the K$_2$SO$_4$ capture reaction; however the XRD results revealed that leucite (KAlSi$_2$O$_6$) was formed. Compared with the $C_K$ of KOH reacting with kaolin, the $C_K$ of K$_2$CO$_3$ was similar, while the $C_K$ values of KCl and K$_2$SO$_4$ were both lower.
Predicting Biomass Char Yield from High Heating Rate Devolatilization using Chemometrics

This study provides a simple model for biomass char yield obtained under conditions relevant for suspension firing. Using the multivariate data analysis methods, principal component analysis (PCA) and partial least-squares regression (PLS regression), an equation is presented, which predicts the char yield for wood and herbaceous biomass. The model parameters are heating rate (0.1–12 · 10³ K/s), average particle size (0.13–0.93 mm), maximum temperature (873–1673 K), potassium content (from 0.02 wt %db and upward), and char yield (1–15 wt %daf). The model is developed based on wood biomass data and subsequently expanded to include straw and other herbaceous biomass. It is validated against experimental data from the literature, and in general, it exhibits the same characteristics. Independent data sets of wood are predicted with an average error (RMSEP) of 0.9 wt %point daf and straw with an RMSEP = 0.9 wt %daf for the model, when a slope/intercept correction is applied or RMSEP = 1.1 wt %daf otherwise. To include herbaceous biomass, the model introduces a potassium cut off level at 0.53 wt %db, because the catalytic effect of potassium on the devolatilization process levels off above this concentration. The model consists of one equation, making implementation into CFD and devolatilization models possible without adding to the computational costs.

Reaction kinetics for biomass self-ignition at 150–230°C

Replacing coal with pelletized biomass on pulverized-fuel CHP-plants has led to an increased fire risk in storages and processing facilities. Accurate models to predict this behavior are scarce, mainly owing to a lack of reaction kinetic data for low temperatures.

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Reactive additives for alkali capture in biomass combustion

Biomass, as a renewable and CO2 neutral fuel, is combusted in fluidized bed, grate and pulverized fuel-fired boilers for heat and power production. The gaseous alkali species released from biomass combustion, such as KCl and KOH, can cause several operation problems in the boilers, including ash deposition, corrosion, bed agglomeration, and deactivation of SCR catalysts. To address these problems, reactive additives that can convert the harmful gaseous alkali species to less harmful species, have been studied extensively through experiments and modelling. This paper aims to provide a discussion of the current understanding and applications of reactive additives for alkali capture in biomass combustion. The focus is on the thermodynamics, reaction mechanism, kinetics, and application aspects of sulfur based additives and Al-Si based additives.

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Tensile Adhesion Strength of Biomass Ash Deposits: Effect of the Temperature Gradient and Ash Chemistry

Replacing coal with biomass in power plants is a viable option for reducing net CO2 emissions and combating climate change. However, biomass combustion in boilers may exacerbate problems related to ash deposition and corrosion, demanding effective deposit removal. The tensile adhesion strength of model biomass ash deposits, containing mixtures of KCl, K2SO4, CaO, CaSO4, and K2Si4O9, has been investigated in this study. The deposits were prepared on superheater steel tubes and sintered in an oven. The superheater steel tube was cooled by air, incorporating a temperature gradient across the deposits. After sintering, the deposits were removed using an electrically controlled arm and the corresponding tensile adhesion strength was measured. The influence of the flue gas temperature (500–700 °C), steel surface temperature (500–650 °C), and deposit composition were investigated. The results revealed that increasing the flue gas temperature as well as the steel surface temperature led to a sharp increase in the tensile adhesion strength of the model deposits. The sharp increase was typically observed near the melting temperature (or deformation temperature) of the investigated model deposits. Furthermore, migration of molten/vapor species from the outer layer of the deposit to the deposit–tube interface, causing liquid-state sintering, was observed at high flue gas temperatures, leading to an increase in the tensile adhesion strength. Varying the ash chemistry of the model deposits revealed that the melt fraction of the deposit was highly influential in determining the deposit adhesion strength. The addition of compounds that increased the melt fraction of the deposit increased the tensile adhesion strength, whereas the addition of inert compounds with a high melting point, such as CaO, decreased the tensile adhesion strength. Moreover, the results suggested that the adhesion strength of the deposits was influenced by the corrosion occurring at the deposit–tube interface.

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The Role of Inorganic Matter in Biomass Self-Ignition

Solid biomass, such as wood pellets, can replace coal for heat and power generation in existing combined heat and power plants. This requires storing and processing such materials in large quantities, where they have shown a tendency to self-heat, and possibly spontaneously ignite. From a plant operator’s point of view, it is highly relevant to model and predict such behavior, ideally based on available fuel data. Inorganic matter present in biomass has been known to promote thermal conversion, both under oxidative and inert atmospheres. In this study, biomasses with different inorganic content and composition (pine, beech, wheat straw, sunflower husks) are screened in lab-scale fixed-bed heating experiments, and reaction rates for these materials are determined by thermogravimetric analysis. No clear connection between ash-forming elements naturally present in the biomass materials on one side, and reaction onset behavior or reaction rates at 150–230 °C on the other was found. However, adding KCl to pine wood increased reaction rates compared to the raw sample. The results presented here suggest that catalytic effects play a role, but across different materials, the low-temperature behavior is (likely) dominated by the composition in terms of cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin, and extractives. Further research is necessary to confirm these findings.

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Transportation fuels from biomass fast pyrolysis, catalytic hydrodeoxygenation, and catalytic fast hydropyrolysis

This review presents and discusses the progress in combining fast pyrolysis and catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) to produce liquid fuel from solid, lignocellulosic biomass. Fast pyrolysis of biomass is a well-developed technology for bio-oil production at mass yields up to ~75%, but a high oxygen content of 35–50 wt% strongly limits its potential as transportation fuel. Catalytic HDO can be used to upgrade fast pyrolysis bio-oil, as oxygenates react with hydrogen to produce a stable hydrocarbon fuel and water, which is removed by separation. Research on HDO has been carried out for more than 30 years with increasing intensity over the past decades. Several catalytic systems have been tested, and we conclude that single stage HDO of condensed bio-oil is unsuited for commercial scale bio-oil upgrading, as the coking and polymerization, which occurs upon re-heating of the bio-oil, rapidly deactivates the catalyst and plugs the reactor. Dual or multiple stage HDO has shown more promising results, as the most reactive oxygenates can be stabilized at low temperature prior to deep HDO for full deoxygenation. Catalytic fast hydropyrolysis, which combines fast pyrolysis with catalytic HDO in a single reactor, eliminates the need for reheating condensed bio-oil, lowers side reactions, and produces...
a stable oil with oxygen content, H/C ratio, and heating value comparable to fossil fuels. We address several challenges, which must be overcome for continuous catalytic fast hydropyrolysis to become commercially viable, with the most urgent issues being: (i) optimization of operating conditions (temperature, H₂ pressure, and residence time) and catalyst formulation to maximize oil yield and minimize cracking, coke formation, and catalyst deactivation, (ii) development of an improved process design and reactor configuration to allow for continuous operation including pressurized biomass feeding, fast entrainment and collection of char, which is catalytically active for side reactions, efficient condensation of the produced oil, and utilization and/or integration of by-products (non-condensable gasses and char), and (iii) long-term tests with respect to catalyst stability and possible pathways for regeneration. By reviewing past and current research from fast pyrolysis and catalytic HDO, we target a discussion of the combined processes, including direct catalytic fast hydropyrolysis. By critically evaluating their potential and challenges, we finally conclude, which future steps are necessary for these processes to become industrially feasible.
pellet comminution and subsequent particle classification (i.e., the classifier cut size) are affected by the internal pellet particle size distribution obtained after pellet disintegration in hot water. Furthermore, optimal conditions for comminuting pellets were identified. The milling behavior was assessed by determining the specific grinding energy consumption and the differential mill pressure. The size and shape of comminuted pellets sampled from burner pipes were analyzed by dynamic image analysis and sieve analysis, respectively. The results showed that the internal pellet particle size distribution affected both the milling behavior and the classifier cut size. I2 pellets with coarser internal particles than I1 pellets required more energy for milling, led to a higher mill pressure drop and showed a larger classifier cut size.

Comminuted pellet particles sampled from burner pipes were notably finer than internal pellet (feed) particles. At similar mill-classifier conditions, characteristic particle sizes of 0.50mm for comminuted I1 pellets (compared to 0.83mm for material within I1 pellets) and of 0.56mm for comminuted I2 pellets (compared to 1.09mm for material within I2 pellets), respectively, were obtained. Pellet comminution at lower mill loads and lower primary airflow rates reduced the mill power consumption, the mill pressure drop, and the classifier cut size. However, this was at the expense of a higher specific grinding energy consumption. Derived 2D shape parameters for comminuted and internal pellet particles were similar. Mill operating changes had a negligible effect on the original elongated wood particle shape. To achieve the desired comminuted product fineness (i.e., the classifier cut size) with lower specific grinding energy consumption, power plant operators need to choose pellets with a finer internal particle size distribution.

Biomass ignition in mills and storages – is it explained by conventional thermal ignition theory?
Self-ignition temperatures determined in the framework of conventional thermal ignition theory does not explain why biomass is much more susceptible to spontaneous ignition in power plant mills or storages. Examining the onset of reactions at low temperatures may provide a better understanding of the process, which can then be incorporated into refined models of self-ignition for biomass and other organic solids. In the present study, the slow, transient heating of several lignocellulosic biomasses and a bituminous coal from ambient temperature to around 300° C were investigated in a lab scale tube oven, with sample sizes between 11–40 g. Tests were carried out under oxidizing (20 % O2) and inert atmospheres. Judged by off-gas measurements of CO and CO2, a reaction onset could be seen at temperatures below 100° C. Under oxidizing atmosphere, reactions were more intense and set off earlier, suggesting that a heterogeneous oxidation is the dominating mechanism in self-ignition. It could also be shown that both mechanisms compete for reactive material. While oxidation was exothermic, pyrolysis was largely thermally neutral in these experiments. Reaction behavior was seen to depend highly on the material, and the results indicate that higher ash contents may promote reaction onset. However, further work is needed to arrive at a comprehensive model of self-ignition.
Camera Measurements in Cement Kilns – Impact of Alternative Fuels on Kiln Flames

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CFD simulations on marine burner flames
The marine industry is changing with new demands concerning high energy efficiency, fuel flexibility and lower emissions of NOx and SOx. A collaboration between the company Alfa Laval and Technical University of Denmark has been established to support the development of the next generation of marine burners. The resulting auxiliary boilers shall be compact and able to operate with different fuel types, while reducing NOx emissions.

The specific boiler object of this study uses a swirl stabilized liquid fuel burner, with a pressure swirl spill-return atomizer (Fig.1). The combustion chamber is enclosed in a water jacket used for water heating and evaporation, and a convective heat exchanger at the furnace outlet super-heats the steam.

The purpose of the present study is to gather detailed knowledge about the influence of fuel spray conditions on marine utility boiler flames. The main goal of work presented in this paper was to obtain a spray description to setup a particle injection region in the CFD simulations of the boiler.

Deposit Shedding in Biomass-Fired Boilers: Shear Adhesion Strength Measurements
Ash deposition on boiler surfaces is a major problem encountered in biomass combustion. Timely removal of ash deposits is essential for optimal boiler operation. In order to improve the understanding of deposit shedding in boilers, this study investigates the adhesion strength of biomass ash from full-scale boilers, as well as model fly ash deposits containing KCl, K2SO4, CaO, CaSO4, SiO2, K2CO3, Fe2O3, K2Si4O9, and KOH. Artificial biomass ash deposits were prepared on superheate rtubes and sintered in an oven with temperatures ranging from 500 to 1000 °C. Subsequently, the deposits were sheared off by an electrically controlled arm, and the corresponding adhesion strength was measured. The effect of sintering temperature, sintering time, deposit composition, thermal shocks on the deposit, and steel type was investigated.

The results reveal that the adhesion strength of ash deposits is dependent on two factors: ash melt fraction, and corrosion occurring at the deposit–tube interface. Adhesion strength increases with increasing sintering temperature, sharply increasing at the ash deformation temperature. However, sintering time, as well as the type of steel used, does not have a significant effect under the investigated conditions. Addition of compounds which increase the melt fraction of the ash deposit, typically by forming a eutectic system, increases the adhesion strength, whereas addition of inert compounds with a high melting point decreases the adhesion strength. Furthermore, the study indicated that sulfation of ash deposits leads to an increase in adhesion strength, while cooling down the deposits after sintering decreases the adhesion strength. Finally, it was observed that adhesion strength data follow a log-normal distribution.
Fly Ash Formation during Suspension-Firing of Biomass. Effects of Residence Time and Fuel-Type

The objective of this work was to generate comprehensive data on the formation of residual fly ash during the initial stages of suspension-firing of biomass. Combustion experiments were carried out with pulverized biomass fuels (two straw fuels and two wood fuels), in an entrained flow reactor at 1200-1400 °C, simulating full-scale suspension-firing of biomass. By the use of a movable, cooled and quenched gas/particle sampling probe, samples were collected at different positions along the vertical axis in the reactor, corresponding to gas residence times ranging from 0.25 – 2.0s. The collected particles were subjected to various analyses, including char burnout level, particle size distribution, elemental composition, and particle morphology and composition. Furthermore, the transient release, i.e. the vaporization of the flame-volatile inorganic elements K, Cl and S, from the burning fuel particles to the gas phase, has been quantified by using two different calculation methods. The ash formation mechanisms were found to be quite similar for straw and wood. The degree of conversion (char burn-out level) was generally good at residence times ≥ 1s. The size distribution of the residual fly ash particles evolved with residence time. For all ashes at long residence times a peak of residual ash particles in the range of 20 – 100 µm was observed. The residual ash particles were rich in Si, K and Ca. Further, at long residence times, submicron particles consisting primarily of KCl (condensed aerosols) became abundant in the ashes from straw combustion. Release of K to the gas phase was nearly 100 % for the two wood fuels and one of the straw fuels. A straw sample (Straw 2) with high Si/K molar ratio and a relative shortage of Ca showed a limited release of K in the range of 65 %; this suggests larger retention of K in Si-rich, Ca-lean fuels, due to incorporation of K into silicate structures. All S and Cl were nearly completely released to the gas phase for all studied samples.
Full-scale Milling Tests of Wood Pellets for Combustion in a Suspension-Fired Power Plant Boiler

The size reduction of pelletized wood is crucial in suspension-fired power plants, and hence its milling characteristics are of interest to optimize the milling and combustion process. The objective of the study was to compare the size and shape of pellets disintegrated in hot water with that from pellets comminuted at different mill loads. The milling performance of two industrial wood pellet qualities in large-scale coal vertical roller mills at different mill operating conditions was studied. The milling performance was assessed by determining the specific grinding energy consumption (SGEC), and analyzing the comminuted particle shape and particle size distribution (PSD). Large-scale pellet comminution produced finer and wider PSDs than pellet disintegration in hot water, but only slightly altered the particle shape. The mill pressure loss, absorbed mill power, and hence SGEC depended on the pellet quality. Decreasing the mill load produced finer and wider PSDs, and reduced the mill pressure loss and absorbed mill power. However, the SGEC was negatively correlated with the mill load. Adjustments of mill operating conditions had a minor effect on the comminuted particle shape.

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H₂CAP - Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels

Fast pyrolysis of biomass produces a high yield of bio-oil through well-established technologies [1]. To utilize this oil as liquid fuel the oxygen content must be reduced from 15-30 wt.% down to <1 wt.%, which increases heating value and stability and decreases acidity [1]. Upgrading bio-oil by catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) is challenged by severe polymerization and coking upon heating the oil. Alternatively, performing fast pyrolysis in high-pressure hydrogen atmosphere in a fluid bed reactor with a HDO catalyst as bed medium, could immediately stabilize reactive pyrolysis vapors [2]. An additional vapor phase HDO reactor could ensure removal of oxygen down to <1 wt.%, resulting in separate hydrocarbon oil and water phases being recovered. A schematic diagram for such a process is shown in Figure 1. A simplified bench scale setup of this process has been constructed at DTU Chemical Engineering. With a capacity of 100 to 300 g/h solid biomass, the aim is to provide a proof-of-concept for the continuous conversion of solid biomass to low oxygen, fuel-grade bio-oil.

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H₂CAP – Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels
Biomass such as wood, straw and energy crops are considered renewable sources of carbonaceous fuels, however biomass is still a limited resource. It is therefore desirable to utilize biomass where no other source of renewable energy is readily available, such as fuels for the transportation sector. The objective of the present work is to convert biomass into gas and diesel. Fast pyrolysis of beech wood has been conducted at high hydrogen pressure in a fluid bed reactor with a hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) catalyst as bed medium followed by a fixed bed HDO reactor for complete oxygen removal before oil condensation. Depending on reactor temperatures the organic liquid yield including C₄+ gases varied between 16.3 and 21.3 wt.%daf (dry, ash free basis). The oxygen content of the oil was always <1 wt.%, corresponding to an energy recovery in the oil between 40 and 52%. Ongoing work includes optimization of reaction conditions and catalysts to improve the yield of oxygen free bio-oil.

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Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels
Fast pyrolysis of biomass is a well-known technology for producing bio-oil, however in order to use the oil as transportation fuel the oxygen content must be decreased from approximately 30 wt.% to below 1 wt.%. This can be achieved by catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO). Unfortunately, deactivation due to coking of the catalyst is an inhibitive problem for this technology. The objective of the present work is to produce oxygen free gasoline and diesel from biomass by hydrogen assisted catalytic fast pyrolysis. Fast pyrolysis of beech wood has been performed in high-pressure hydrogen atmosphere in a fluid bed reactor with a commercial CoMoS/MgAl₂O₄ catalyst as bed medium followed by an additional vapor phase, fixed bed HDO reactor using a commercial NiMoS/Al₂O₃ catalyst. The obtained bio-oil is essentially oxygen free. Oxygen specific GC-AED showed only traces of phenols, benzofurans and naphtols (< few ppm) as the remaining oxygenates. The temperature in the fluid bed reactor has been varied between 365 and 470°C and pressure has been varied between 15 and 35 bar in order to investigate the impact on yields and oil composition. The char yield decreased with increasing temperature and decreasing pressure. Increasing the pressure also increased the water yield and decreased the CO/CO₂ yield, indicating that the reaction pathway for the oxygen removal is highly pressure dependent. GCxGC-FID analysis of the condensed oil product showed a chromatic area up to 79% for aromatics, indicating that the aromatic content in the oil is equilibrium controlled. Elemental analysis showed that the oxygen content in the char decreased with increasing temperature in the fluid bed reactor. Oil yields of up to 21.6 wt.% were obtained, corresponding to an energy recovery of 51%. An experiment without the HDO reactor showed that most oxygen is removed in the fluid bed reactor.

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Imaging of Flames in Cement Kilns To Study the Influence of Different Fuel Types
The cement industry aims to use an increased amount of alternative fuels to reduce production costs and CO2 emissions. In this study three cement plants firing different kinds and percentages of alternative fuel were studied. A specially developed camera setup was used to monitor the flames in the three cement kilns and assess the effect of alternative fuels on the flame. It was found that cofiring with solid recovered fuel (SRF) would delay the ignition point by about 2 m and lower the intensity and temperature of the kiln flame compared to a fossil fuel flame. This is related to a larger particle size and moisture content of the alternative fuels, which lowers the conversion rate compared to fossil fuels. The consequences can be a lower kiln temperature and cement quality. The longer conversion time may also lead to the possibility of localized reducing conditions in the cement kiln, which can have a negative impact on the clinker quality and process stability. The burner design may alleviate some of the issues encountered with SRF cofiring. At one of the test plants the burner was changed from a design with an annular channel for axial air to a jet design. This proved to be beneficial for an early ignition and improved dispersion of the fuel and led to an increase in cement quality and higher use of SRF.

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Impact of KCl impregnation on single particle combustion of wood and torrefied wood

In this work, single particle combustion of raw and torrefied 4 mm wood particles with different potassium content obtained by KCl impregnation and washing was studied experimentally under a condition of 1225 °C, 3.1% O_2 and 26.1% H_2O. The ignition time and devolatilization time depended almost linearly on the fuel particle mass. The char conversion time was influenced by both the char mass and char reactivity. Both KCl impregnation and torrefaction promoted char yield, while washing slightly inhibited char formation. The char reactivity was increased by KCl impregnation, decreased by washing, and unchanged by torrefaction. Compared to the raw wood particle, the char conversion time was increased by torrefaction, decreased by washing, and almost unchanged by KCl impregnation due to its promoting effect on both char yield and reactivity.

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Measurements of NOx precursor concentration profile above the bed at a full scale W-t-E plant and the effect of precursor speciation on the NOx formation

Satisfactory result from CFD modelling of NOx formation during combustion of waste in grate-fired waste-to-energy plants relies heavily on an accurate description of the temperature field in the free-board, this is a consequence of the high dependency of the temperature on the fuel NOx chemistry [1,2]. Modelling of the temperature field in the free-board in a CFD code relies on an accurate determination of the boundary conditions from the bed into the computational domain, e.g., species concentrations, gas temperature and gas velocity. Most CFD models of grate-fired waste-to-energy plants use a stand-alone model of the bed, describing the waste devolatilisation and the partial oxidation of volatiles, which have been coupled with the CFD model. The drying, devolatilisation and volatile oxidation in the bed is strongly coupled with the combustion of gaseous species in the free-board due to the radiation onto the bed as indicated in figure 1. The devolatilisation of the fuel and partial oxidation of the volatiles in the bed, generated during devolatilisation, has been coupled with the combustion of gaseous species in the freeboard and been applied with success in previous studies [3, 4].

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Mechanistic Model for Ash Deposit Formation in Biomass Suspension-Fired Boilers. Part 2: Model Verification by Use of Full Scale Tests

A model for deposit formation in suspension firing of biomass has been developed. The model describes deposit build-up by diffusion and subsequent condensation of vapors, thermophoresis of aerosols, convective diffusion of small particles, impaction of large particles and reaction. The model describes particle sticking or rebound by a combination of the description of (visco)elastic particles impacting a solid surface and particle capture by a viscous surface. The model is used to predict deposit formation rates measured during tests conducted with probes in full-scale suspension-fired biomass boilers. The rates predicted by the model was reasonably able to follow the rates observed in the tests, although with some variation, primarily as overestimations of the deposit formation rates. It is considered that the captive properties of the deposit surface are overestimated. Further examination of some physical parameters related to the description of surface capture are suggested. Based on these examinations of the model ability to describe observed deposit formation rates, the proposed model can be regarded as a promising tool for description of deposit formation in full-scale biomass suspension fired boilers.

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Mechanistic Model for Ash Deposit Formation in Biomass Suspension Firing. Part 1: Model Verification by Use of Entrained Flow Reactor Experiments

Two models for deposit formation in suspension firing of biomass have been developed. Both models describe deposit buildup by diffusion and subsequent condensation of vapors, thermophoresis of aerosols, convective diffusion of small particles, impaction of large particles, and reaction. The models differ in the description of the sticking probability of impacted particles: model #1 employs a reference viscosity in the description of the sticking probability, while model #2 combines impaction of viscoelastic particles on a solid surface with particle capture by a viscous surface. Both models were used to describe the deposit formation rates and deposit chemistry observed in a series of entrained flow reactor (EFR) experiments using straw and wood as fuels. It was found that model #1 was not able to describe the observed influence of temperature on the deposit buildup rates, predicting a much stronger influence of this parameter. Model #2
was able to provide a reasonable description of the influence of temperature on the deposit buildup rates observed in the EFR experiments. A parametric study was conducted to examine the influence of some physical parameters, including ash concentration, viscosity of ash and deposits, surface tension, Young's modulus, and porosity. On the basis of this model evaluation, where a wide range of temperatures (700–1000 °C) and fuels (straw and wood) were applied, model #2 can be regarded as a promising tool for the description of deposit formation from biomass ashes.

Optimizing catalytic deoxygenation of biomass derived fast pyrolysis vapors

Understanding Biomass Ignition in Power Plant Mills

Converting existing coal fired power plants to biomass is a readily implemented strategy to increase the share of renewable energy. However, changing from one fuel to another is not straightforward: Experience shows that wood pellets ignite more readily than coal in power plant mills or storages. This is not very well explained by applying conventional thermal ignition theory. An experimental study at lab scale, using pinewood as an example fuel, was conducted to examine self-heating and self-ignition. Supplemental experiments were performed with bituminous coal. Instead of characterizing ignition temperature in terms of sample volume, mass-scaling seems more physically correct for the self-ignition of solids. Findings also suggest that the transition between self-heating and self-ignition is controlled both by the availability of reactive material and temperature. Comparison of experiments at 20% oxygen with those under inert atmosphere revealed two distinct pathways, pyrolysis and exothermic heterogeneous oxidation. At low temperatures and sufficient oxygen availability, heterogeneous oxidation of the solid seems to be favored over pyrolysis for wood, but not for coal. Current ignition models do not reflect the existence of these different pathways, which may be the reason behind the discrepancy between theory and observations.
Adhesion Strength of Biomass Ash Deposits

Ash deposition on boiler surfaces is a major problem encountered during biomass combustion. Ash deposition adversely influences the boiler efficiency, may corrode heat transfer surfaces, and may even completely block flue gas channels in severe cases, causing expensive unscheduled boiler shutdowns. Therefore, timely removal of ash deposits is essential for optimal boiler operation. In order to improve the qualitative and quantitative understanding of deposit shedding in boilers, this study investigates the shear adhesion strength of biomass ash deposits on superheater tubes. Artificial biomass ash deposits were prepared on superheater tubes and sintered in an oven at temperatures up to 1000 °C. Subsequently, the deposits were sheared off by an electrically controlled arm, and the corresponding adhesion strength was measured. The results reveal the effect of temperature, ash/deposit composition, sintering duration, and steel type on the adhesion strength.

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Agglomeration and Deposition Behaviour of Solid Recovered Fuel
Waste-derived fuels, such as solid recovered fuel (SRF), are increasingly being used in, e.g., the cement industry as a means to reduce cost. The inhomogeneous nature of SRF makes it difficult to combust, and many problems may arise within, e.g., combustion control, feeding of fuel, deposit formation, or accumulation of impurities. The combustion of polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), wood, and SRF were studied in a rotary drum furnace. The combustion was recorded on a camera (60 frames per second), so that any agglomeration or deposition of fuel or ash could be monitored. PE and PP pose no significant risk of forming deposits in a combustion environment (T > 800 °C) as a result of a rapid devolatilization, while PET may cause deposits as a result of a sticky char residue. The deposition tendency of the investigated SRF is low, and it may be managed by a careful combustion control. The ash from SRF or wood does not pose a significant risk of melting and deposits at temperatures up to 1000 °C, but the presence of glass impurities in some SRF may limit operation temperatures to 900 °C as a result of ash melting.

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A review: Fly ash and deposit formation in PF fired biomass boilers
In recent years suspension fired boilers have been increasingly used for biomass based heat and power production in several countries. This has included co-firing of coal and straw, up to 100% firing of wood or straw and the use of additives to remedy problems with biomass firing. In parallel to the commercialization of the suspension biomass firing technology a range of research studies have improved our understanding of the formation of fly ash and the impact on deposit formation and corrosion in such boilers. In this paper a review of the present knowledge with respect to ash and deposit formation in biomass suspension fired boilers is provided. Furthermore the influence of co-firing and use of additives on ash chemistry, deposit properties and boiler operation is discussed.

Atmospheric Hydrodeoxygenation of Biomass Fast Pyrolysis Vapor by MoO₃
MoO₃ has been tested as a catalyst in hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of both model compounds (acetone and guaiacol) and real biomass pyrolysis vapors under atmospheric pressure. The pyrolysis vapor was obtained by fast pyrolysis of wood or lignin in a continuous fast pyrolysis reactor at a fixed temperature of 500 °C, and it subsequently passed through a downstream, close coupled, fixed bed reactor containing the MoO₃ catalyst. The influences of the catalyst temperature and the concentration of H₂ on the HDO of the pyrolysis vapors were investigated. The level of HDO of the biomass pyrolysis vapors was not significant at temperatures below 400 °C. At 450 °C catalyst temperature and 93 vol % H₂ concentration, the wood pyrolysis vapor was more active toward cracking forming gas species instead of performing the desired HDO forming hydrocarbons. The lignin pyrolysis vapor was more resistant to cracking and yielded 16.2 wt %daf organic liquid, while achieving 52% degree of deoxygenation at 450 °C catalyst temperature under 89 vol % H₂ concentration. The corresponding energy recovery in the liquid phase was 23.5%. The spent catalyst showed two deactivation routes, coke formation and reduction of MoO₃ to MoO₂, which is inactive in HDO. The catalyst experienced severe reduction at temperatures higher than 400 °C. The yield of coke relative to the fed biomass were in the range of 3–4 wt %daf for lignin and 5–6 wt %daf for wood. Compared to untreated bio-oil the upgraded lignin organic liquid showed improved compatibility with hydrocarbons and was miscible with a toluene/heptane mixture.
Behavior of Alkali Metals and Ash in a Low-Temperature Circulating Fluidized Bed (LTCFB) Gasifier

A low-temperature circulating fluidized bed system (LTCFB) gasifier allows for pyrolysis and gasification to occur at low temperatures, thereby improving the retention of alkali and other inorganic elements within the system and minimizing the amount of ash species in the product gas. In addition, the low reactor temperature ensures that high-alkali biomass fuels can be used without risk of bed defluidization. This paper presents the first investigation of the fate of alkali metals and ash in low-temperature gasifiers. Measurements on bed material and product gas dust samples were made on a 100 kW and a 6 MW LTCFB gasifier. Of the total fuel ash entering the system, the largest fraction (40–50%) was retained in the secondary cyclone bottoms, while a lower amount (8–10%) was released as dust in the exit gas. Most of the alkali and alkaline earth metals were retained in the solid ash, along with Si and a minor fraction of Cl. Most Cl and S were released in gaseous form, with chlorine partly as methyl chloride. The tar in the product gas from the LTCFB gasifier contained only negligible amounts of potassium and other inorganic elements. The release of condensed ash species from the system was controlled by the particle size and the cut size of the primary and secondary cyclones. A model accounting for the ash collection by the plant cyclones was shown to predict the product gas ash particle release reasonably well.

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Characterization of free radicals by electron spin resonance spectroscopy in biochars from pyrolysis at high heating rates and at high temperatures

The concentration and type of free radicals from the decay (termination stage) of pyrolysis at slow and fast heating rates and at high temperatures (above 1000°C) in biomass char have been studied. A room temperature electron spin resonance spectroscopy study was conducted on original wood, herbaceous biomass, holocelluloses, lignin and their chars, prepared at high temperatures in a wire mesh reactor, an entrained flow reactor, and a tubular reactor. The radical concentrations in the chars from the decay stage range up between $7 \times 10^{16}$ and $1.5 \times 10^{18}$ spins g$^{-1}$. The results indicated that the biomass major constituents (cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin) had a minor effect on remaining radical concentrations compared to potassium and silica contents. The higher radical concentrations in the wheat straw chars from the decay stage of pyrolysis in the entrained flow reactor compared to the wood chars were related to the decreased mobility of potassium in the char matrix, leading to the less efficient catalytic effects of potassium on the bond-breaking and radical re-attachments. The high Si levels in the rice husk char caused an increase in the char radical concentration compared to the wheat straw because the free radicals were trapped in a char consisting of a molten amorphous silica at heating rates of $10^2-10^4$ K s$^{-1}$. The experimental electron spin resonance spectroscopy spectra were analyzed by fitting to simulated data in order to identify radical types, based on g-values and line widths. The results show that at high temperatures, mostly aliphatic radicals ($g = 2.0026-2.0028$) and PAH radicals ($g = 2.0027e2.0031$) were formed.

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Comparison of high temperature chars of wheat straw and rice husk with respect to chemistry, morphology and reactivity

Fast pyrolysis of wheat straw and rice husk was carried out in an entrained flow reactor at hightemperatures(1000e1500) C. The collected char was analyzed using X-ray diffractometry, N2-adsorption,scanning electron microscopy, particle size analysis with CAMSIZER XT, $^{29}$Si and $^{13}$C solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy and thermogravimetric analysis to investigate the effect of inorganic matter on the char morphology and oxygen reactivity. The silicon compounds were dispersed throughout the turbostratic structure of rice husk char in an amorphous phase with a low meltingtemperature (z730 C), which led to the formation of a glassy char shell, resulting in a preserved particlesize and shape of chars. The high alkali content in the wheat straw resulted in higher char reactivity, whereas the lower silicon content caused variations in the char shape from cylindrical to near-sphericalchar particles. The reactivities of pinewood and rice husk chars were similar with respect to oxidation, indicating less influence of silicon oxides on the char reactivity.© 2016 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Deactivation of Ni-MoS2 by bio-oil impurities during hydrodeoxygenation of phenol and octanol

The stability of Ni-MoS2/ZrO2 toward water, potassium, and chlorine containing compounds during hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of a mixture of phenol and 1-octanol was investigated in a high pressure gas and liquid continuous flow fixed bed setup at 280 °C and 100 bar. To maintain the stability of the catalyst, sufficient co-feeding of a sulfur source was necessary to avoid oxidation of the sulfide phase by oxygen replacement of the edge sulfur atoms in the MoS2 structure. However, the addition of sulfur to the feed gas resulted in the formation of sulfur containing compounds, mainly thiols, in the oil product if the residence time was too low. At a weight hourly space velocity (WHSV) of 4.9 h−1 the sulfur content in the liquid product was 980 ppm by weight, but this could be decreased to 5 ppm at a WHSV of 1.4 h−1. A high co-feed of sulfur was needed when water was present in the feed and the H2O/H2S molar ratio should be below ca. 10 to maintain a decent stability of the catalyst. Chlorine containing compounds caused a reversible deactivation of the catalyst when co-fed to the reactor, where the catalytic activity could be completely regained when removing it from the feed. Commonly, chlorine, H2O, and H2S all inhibited the activity of the catalyst by competing for the active sites, with chlorine being by far the strongest inhibitor and H2S and H2O of roughly the same strength. Dissimilar, potassium was a severe poison and irreversibly deactivated the catalyst to <5% degree of deoxygenation when impregnated on the catalyst in a stoichiometric ratio relative to the active metal. This deactivation was a result of adsorption of potassium on the edge vacancy sites of the MoS2 slabs.
measurements with sand and pure potassium salts (KCl and K₂CO₃) as well as with bed material samples obtained from a 6 MW Low Temperature Circulating Fluidized Bed (LTCFB) gasifier using straw as a fuel. It was seen that in sand + KCl agglomerates, the sand particles were bound by KCl melts. Only very limited chemical reaction was observed between KCl and the sand particles and no presence of silicate melts in the agglomerates. For sand + K₂CO₃ mixtures and for LTCFB bed material samples, agglomeration could be attributed to viscous silicate melts formed from reaction of inorganic alkaline and alkali earth species with silica from the bed particles. A mathematical model that addresses the defluidization behavior of alkali-rich samples was developed based on the experiments performed in the bench-scale fluidized bed reactor as well as on results from literature. The model was then used to predict the defluidization behavior of alkali-rich bed material in a large-scale LTCFB gasifier.

Deposit Shedding in Biomass-fired Boilers: Shear Adhesion Strength Measurements
Ash deposition on boiler surfaces is a major problem encountered during biomass combustion. Ash deposition adversely influences the boiler efficiency, may corrode heat transfer surfaces, and may even completely block flue gas channels in severe cases, causing expensive unscheduled boiler shutdowns. Therefore, timely removal of ash deposits is essential for optimal boiler operation. In order to improve the understanding of deposit shedding in boilers, this study investigates the shear adhesion strength of biomass ash deposits on superheater tubes. Artificial biomass ash deposits were prepared on superheater tubes and sintered in an oven at temperatures up to 1000 °C. Subsequently, the deposits were sheared off by an electrically controlled arm, and the corresponding adhesion strength was measured. The results reveal the effect of temperature, deposit composition, sintering duration, and steel type on the adhesion strength.
reactor (LFR) using solid fuel feed rates on the order of 10-20mgh⁻¹. Employing a simple single step first order (SFOR) mechanism with an Arrhenius type rate expression, the best fit of the pyrolysis kinetics was found to be: A=18.9×10³s⁻¹, E_a=21305Jmol⁻¹. The accuracy of the derived global kinetics was supported by comparing predictions to experimental results from a 15kW furnace. The work emphasizes the importance of characterizing the temperature history of the biomass particles when deriving pyrolysis kinetics. The present results indicate faster kinetics than found in the literature, leading to predicted residence times required for full conversion one order of magnitude lower than when compared to thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) derived kinetics.

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Direct upgrading of fast pyrolysis lignin vapor over the HZSM-5 catalyst
Lignin has been pyrolyzed in a continuous fast pyrolysis reactor and the vapor was subsequently upgraded in situ over a downstream, close coupled HZSM-5 catalyst in a fixed bed reactor. The effect of the catalyst temperature on the HZSM-5 upgrading of lignin derived pyrolysis vapor was investigated. The results show that a high catalyst temperature (600 °C) is required in order to produce oxygen free aromatics. At a catalyst temperature of 600 °C, an organic liquid product, which contains 70 wt% oxygen free aromatics (mainly benzene and toluene), is obtained. However, the yield of the organic liquid is reduced from 27.6 wt%daf without a catalyst to 5.7 wt%daf (600 °C catalyst temperature). The energy recovery in the liquid organics is 8.7% (600 °C catalyst temperature), compared to the 33.0% energy recovery in the organic liquid from the non-catalytic run. Oxygen is removed from the pyrolysis vapor mainly in the form of H₂O and CO when using the HZSM-5 zeolite, which is less optimal compared to if CO₂ was the product. The organic liquid fraction, obtained from the 600 °C catalyst temperature experiment, has a low oxygen content of 4.0 wt%, compared to the 23.4 wt% oxygen content in the untreated organic liquid.

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Effect of fast pyrolysis conditions on biomass solid residues at high temperatures

Fast pyrolysis of wood and straw was conducted in a drop tube furnace (DTF) and compared with corresponding data from a wire mesh reactor (WMR) to study the influence of temperature (1000-1400°C), biomass origin (pinewood, beechwood, wheat straw, alfalfa straw), and heating rate (103 °C/s, 104 °C/s) on the char yield and morphology. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM), elemental analysis, and ash compositional analysis were applied to characterize the effect of operational conditions on the solid residues (char, soot) and gaseous products. The char yield from fast pyrolysis in the DTF setup was 3 to 7% (daf) points lower than in the WMR. During fast pyrolysis pinewood underwent drastic morphological transformations, whereas beechwood and straw samples retained the original porous structure of the parental fuel with slight melting on the surface. The particle size of Danish wheat straw char decreased in its half-width with respect to the parental fuel, whereas the alfalfa straw char particle size remained unaltered at higher temperatures. Soot particles in a range from 60 to 300 nm were obtained during fast pyrolysis. The soot yield from herbaceous fuels was lower than from wood samples, possibly due to differences in the content of lignin and resin acids.

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Effects of several types of biomass fuels on the yield, nanostructure and reactivity of soot from fast pyrolysis at high temperatures

This study presents the effect of biomass origin on the yield, nanostructure and reactivity of soot. Soot was produced from wood and herbaceous biomass pyrolysis at high heating rates and at temperatures of 1250 and 1400 °C in a drop tube furnace. The structure of solid residues was characterized by electron microscopy techniques, X-ray diffraction and N2 adsorption. The reactivity of soot was investigated by thermogravimetric analysis. Results showed that soot generated at 1400 °C was more reactive than soot generated at 1250 °C for all biomass types. Pinewood, beechwood and wheat straw soot demonstrated differences in alkali content, particle size and nanostructure. Potassium was incorporated in the soot matrix and significantly influenced soot reactivity. Pinewood soot particles produced at 1250 °C had a broader particle size range (27.2–263 nm) compared to beechwood soot (33.2–102 nm) and wheat straw soot (11.5–165.3 nm), and contained mainly multi-core structures.
Entrained Flow Reactor Study of K-Capture by Solid Additives

A method to simulate the reaction between gaseous K-species and solid additives, at suspension fired conditions has been developed, using an entrained flow reactor (EFR). A water slurry containing solid additives (kaolin or coal fly ash) and KCl, is injected into the EFR and the solid products are collected from the cyclone and filter. The K-capture reaction is evaluated by determining the fraction of water-insoluble K in the products. The results showed that KCl can effectively be captured by kaolin and coal fly ash, forming water-insoluble K-aluminosilicates. The amount of K, captured per gram of additives, rose when increasing the molar ratio of K/(Al+Si) in the reactants. A change of the reaction temperature, from 1100 °C to 1450 °C, did not significantly influence the extent of the reaction, which is in contradiction to the trend observed in previous fixed-bed reactor studies. The method using the EFR, developed in this study, will be applied for further studies on the reaction of different additives and alkali species.

Entrained Flow Reactor Study of KCl Capture by Solid Additives

An option for abating deposition and corrosion caused by alkali species during biomass combustion, is the introduction of additives into boilers for transforming harmful gaseous alkali compounds (e.g. KCl,KOH) into less corrosive ash species with a higher melting point. Kaolin and coal fly ash have been proved to be very promising additives and have received extensive studies during the past decades. However, most previous studies were carried out in fixed-bed reactors where the reaction conditions are obviously different from that in suspension fired boilers. Detailed knowledge on the reaction between K-species and solid additives under suspension-fired conditions is still limited. In this study, a water slurry containing K-salt and solid additives was introduced into an entrained flow reactor (EFR) to study K-capture at suspension-fired conditions. A model will be developed based on experimental data and recommendations for optimal use of additives in full scale boilers will be provided.
Extension of apparent devolatilization kinetics from thermally thin to thermally thick particles in zero dimensions for woody biomass

This work aims to provide an accurate and simple model, predicting the time dependent devolatilization of woody biomass at conditions (T_{gas} < 2000 K) and particle sizes (<2 mm) relevant to suspension fired boilers. The zero dimensional model is developed from reference calculations with a one-dimensional heat transport model coupled with a drying and a devolatilization model. The model output has been used to generate pyrolysis kinetics corrected for non-isothermal effects, i.e. intraparticle heat transport limitations. Analysis of the modeling results indicate that heat transport corrections of even small particles are necessary. The current work divides a given particle size distribution into suitable size categories based on their internal heat transport properties. The devolatilization is described by size category specific rate constants based on a single first order reaction mechanism. This approach allows for significantly more accurate devolatilization predictions of any particle size distribution to be described by simple kinetic mechanisms and isothermal particle heat balances. Such an approach is easily implemented into most commercial CFD (computational fluid dynamics) codes without adding any additional strain to the computational requirements.

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In-Flame Characterization of a 30 MWth Bio-Dust Flame

This work presents a comprehensive flame characterization campaign on an operating full-scale Danish power plant. Amagerværket Unit 1 (AMV1, 350 MWth, 12 identical burners on 3 burner levels) is 100 % fuelled with wood dust burned in suspension and stabilized by swirling flows in a triple concentric low-NOx configuration. The measurements focus on a single 30 MWth flame and include: Quantification of the gas temperature, the gas phase composition: O2, CO, CO2, H2O, and light hydrocarbons by intrusive probe measurements. It also includes both seeded and unseeded 2D laser doppler anemometry (LDA) velocity measurements, flame shape observations by video imaging, and particle entrainment by high speed infrared (IR) imaging. The flame is characterized along the geometrical centreline as well as in the horizontal and vertical plane of the flame. The results shed light on the flame anatomy of a full-scale burner and provide a comprehensive data set that quantifies key parameters: Gas phase temperature, composition, and flow field required in order to evaluate the performance of CFD simulations of complex combustion systems.

Influence of Torrefaction on Single Particle Combustion of Wood

This study focuses on the influence of torrefaction on the char reactivity, char yield, and combustion time of 3-5 mm spherical wood particles in a single particle combustion reactor (SPC) operating at a nominal temperature of 1231 °C. The devolatilization times were reduced and the char burnout times were increased with increasing torrefaction degree. The devolatilization time depended linearly on the particle mass. The torrefaction pretreatment resulted in a marked increase in char yield and char particle density but no intrinsic reactivity change as determined by thermogravimetric analysis. The char yield and char particle density increased from 9 wt % and 123 kg/m3 for raw particles to 14 wt % and 259 kg/m3 for particles pretreated at 290 °C for 4 h. The results of this study demonstrate that the higher char yield and density are the main reasons for the longer combustion time of torrefied wood.
Influence on nickel particle size on the hydrodeoxygenation of phenol over Ni/SiO₂

Hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of phenol over nickel nano-particles of different size (5-22 nm) supported on SiO₂ has been investigated in a batch reactor at 275 °C and 100 bar. Deoxygenation was only observed as a consecutive step of initial hydrogenation of phenol at the given conditions. Both the hydrogenation and deoxygenation reaction were found to be Ni-particle size dependent. Rapid hydrogenation of phenol to cyclohexanol was achieved over the catalysts with large particles, while the rate of deoxygenation of cyclohexanol was slow. For the catalysts with small Ni particles, the opposite behavior was observed. Specifically, the turn over frequency (TOF) of hydrogenation was 85 times slower for 5 nm particles than for 22 nm particles. On the contrary, the TOF of cyclohexanol deoxygenation increased by a factor of 20 when decreasing the particle size from 20 nm to 5 nm. A simple kinetic model showed that the rate limiting step for phenol HDO shifted from deoxygenation to hydrogenation when the particle size was below 9-10 nm. Surface site population theory evidenced that the deoxygenation reactions were favored on step/corner sites, giving higher deoxygenation rates at small particles. For hydrogenation, the influence of particle size on the rate could be related to the size of the Ni facets with larger facets thus being better.

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K-capture by Al-Si based Additives in an Entrained Flow Reactor

A water slurry, consisting of KCl and Al-Si based additives (kaolin and coal fly ash) was fed into an entrained flow reactor (EFR) to study the K-capturing reaction of the additives at suspension-fired conditions. Solid products collected from the reactor were analysed with respect to total and water-soluble K content to quantify the extent of the K-capturing reaction. The results showed that under suspension-fired conditions (1100 °C-1450 °C), kaolin and coal fly ash can effectively capture gaseous KCl. When increasing the mass ratio of KCl to Al-Si additives in the reactants, the conversion of KCl to K-alumino-silicate decreased. When reaction temperature increased from 1100 °C to 1450 °C, the conversion of KCl does not change significantly, which differs from the trend observed in fixed-bed reactor.

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Rotor for a pyrolysis centrifuge reactor
The present invention relates to a rotor for a pyrolysis centrifuge reactor, said rotor comprising a rotor body having a longitudinal centre axis, and at least one pivotally mounted blade being adapted to pivot around a pivot axis under rotation of the rotor body around the longitudinal centre axis. Moreover, the present invention relates to a pyrolysis centrifuge reactor applying such a rotor.

Activity and stability of Mo$_2$C/ZrO$_2$ as catalyst for hydrodeoxygenation of mixtures of phenol and 1-octanol
Mo$_2$C/ZrO$_2$ was investigated as catalyst for hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of phenol in 1-octanol as a simplified bio-oil model system in a fixed-bed setup at 100bar. Mo$_2$C/ZrO$_2$ selectively converted phenol to benzene above 320°C. During long-term testing, limited stability of the catalyst was observed, with the conversion of 1-octanol and phenol decreasing from 70% to 37% and from 37% to 19%, respectively, over 76h of operation. Repeating the experiment but also co-feeding 30% water, the catalyst deactivated completely within 12h of operation. Thermodynamic calculations and in situ XRD analysis showed that Mo$_2$C is transformed to MoO$_2$ in the presence of water at the given conditions, and this was probably the source of deactivation in the experiments. Thus, Mo$_2$C-based catalyst for HDO seems interesting, but requires further stabilization or regeneration of the carbide phase as bio-oil contains high levels of water and water is a by-product during HDO.
Adhesion Strength of Biomass Ash Deposits
This study investigates the shear adhesion strength of biomass ash deposits on superheater tubes. Artificial biomass ash deposits were prepared on superheater tubes and sintered in an oven at temperatures up to 1000°C. Subsequently, the deposits were sheared off with the help of an electrically controlled arm. Higher sintering temperatures resulted in greater adhesion strengths, with a sharp increase observed near the melting point of the ash. Repetition of experiments with fixed operation conditions revealed considerable variation in the obtained adhesion strengths, portraying the stochastic nature of the debonding process.

Agglomeration and Deposition Behaviour of Solid Recovered Fuel
Waste derived fuels such as Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) are increasingly being used in the cement industry as a means to reduce cost [1]. SRF is produced by separating the combustible fraction from industrial or municipal solid waste (MSW). The recovered fraction has a higher content of combustible materials such as plastic and paper than mixed MSW [2]. The inhomogeneous nature of SRF [3] makes it difficult to combust and many problems may arise concerning e.g. combustion control, feeding of fuel [2,4], deposit formation [5], or accumulation of impurities [3]. Laboratory ash fusion tests typically show that SRF ash starts melting in the range of 1150-1200 °C [6–8], which is somewhat lower than most coal ashes. However, experiments performed in fluidized bed has shown agglomeration taking place as low as 970-990 °C [9,10], and the predictability by ash fusion tests is generally poor [10]. SRF contains significant quantities of common plastics such as polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), and polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Fluidized bed experiments to examine the pyrolysis of polymers have shown that bed agglomeration can result from melting plastics or sticky char residues in the case of PET [11,12]. The main objective of this study was to characterize the combustion of SRF and especially the deposition propensity of SRF and the main constituents of SRF. This relates both to the low temperature deposits formed during plastic pyrolysis and the high temperature deposits formed by ash. The issues reported in the literature regarding plastic pyrolysis will here be investigated at temperatures above 800 °C that are more common in combustion. It will also be attempted to determine if SRF ash may cause issues below 1000 °C, as indicated by some literature results.
A Scientific Basis for the Development of the Next Generation of Biomass Burners

A set of simple kinetic parameters for biomass devolatilization has been derived and validated by tying together experimental setups of different thermal through puts by measurements and CFD simulations. Scaling up combustion processes for qualitative trend assessment all the way from single particle behavior to full-scale industrial application is well on the way.

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Combustion Characterization of Individual Bio-oil Droplets

Single droplet combustion characterization has been investigated for bio-oil slurries, containing biomass residue, and compared to conventional fuels for pulverized burners, such as fuel oil (start up) and wood chips (solid biomass fuel). The investigated fuels ignition delays and pyrolysis behavior was tested in a single particle reactor at conditions relevant for suspension firing (A: 1200 °C, 5.5 % O2; B: 1200 °C, 2.9 % O2 and C: 990 °C, 5.5 % O2). The slurries were tested to optimize the bio-oil composition for use as an alternative power plant start-up fuel. Pyrolysis times for 5 mg bio-oil samples (app. dp 1 mm) were generally in a similar range (1300 to 2700 ms) as fuel oil, (app 1800 ms) and wood blocks (app 2400 ms), within the 600 ms standard deviation. The 5 different bio-oil slurries samples showed considerable data variability, indicating some extent of sample heterogeneity. With respect to the ignition delay, the bio-oils were in contrast to the fuel oil (125±70 ms), associated with either a longer ignition delay or an ignition phase with sporadic gas phase ignitions (350 to 1050 ms with no stable flame), which could be a cause for concern for a start-up fuel, due to flame lift above the nozzles and thereby decreased flame stability. Most promising were oil or diesel (not palm oil) containing slurries (1 and 5) with heating values in the range of 15 MJ/kg.

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Effect of Fast Pyrolysis Conditions on Structural Transformation and Reactivity of Herbaceous Biomasses at High Temperatures

Fast pyrolysis of wheat straw and rice husks was carried out in an entrained-flow reactor (EFR) and compared with the results from the wire-mesh reactor (WMR) in terms of the char yield at high-temperatures (1000-1500°C) to study the effect of heating rate, final temperature, ash content and particle size on the char yield. X-ray diffractometry (XRD), N-adsorption ( BET), scanning electron microscopy (SEM), particle size analysis (CAMSIZER XT), nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (29Si NMR; 13C NMR) and electron spinning resonance spectroscopy (ESR) were conducted to investigate the effect of organic and inorganic matter on the char structural transformations. The results indicate no influence of the free radicals on char reactivity and burnout. The formation of free radicals in fast pyrolysis is related to the differences in the ash composition, namely presence of K+ ions in the wheat straw and formation silanol silicons at higher temperatures. The microscopy and 2D imaging analysis show that the differences in ash and extractives of rice husks and wheat straw affect significantly the char particle size and shape. The char yields of rice husks in the EFR, correspond to the WMR results, emphasizing its excellent properties as an ash tracer for the more precise recovery of elemental mass balances in pyrolysis.
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Effect of Fast Pyrolysis Conditions on the Biomass Solid Residues at High Temperatures (1000-1400°C)
Fast pyrolysis of wood and straw was conducted in a drop tube furnace (DTF) and compared with the experimental work on the wire-mesh reactor (WMR) to study the influence of temperature (1000-1400°C), biomass origin (softwood, hardwood, grass) and heating rate (1000°C/s, 10^4 °C/s) on the char yield and morphology. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM/EDS), elementary analysis, CAMSIZER XT, ash compositional analysis were applied to characterize the effect of operational conditions on the solid and gas products. Char yield from fast pyrolysis in the DFT setup was 2 to 6 % (daf) lower than in the WMR apparatus. During fast pyrolysis pinewood underwent drastic morphological transformations, whereas beechwood and straw samples retained the original porous structure of the parental fuel with the slight melting on the surface. Particle size of Danish wheat straw char decreases in a half-width with respect to the parental fuel, whereas alfalfa straw char particle size remained unaltered with the higher temperatures. In this study, the retained shape of beechwood and herbaceous biomass samples is related to the presence of extractives and formation of silicates. Soot yield from herbaceous fuels occurs lower than from wood samples. During fast pyrolysis, additionally to the soot and char particles, spherical solid residues of particle size (60-300 nm) were obtained. Based on the previous studies, these smooth spherical particles are associated with the formation of condensed tars under fast heating rates and at very high temperatures.

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Entrained Flow Reactor Test of Potassium Capture by Kaolin

In the present study a method to simulate the reaction between gaseous KCl and kaolin at suspension fired condition was developed using a pilot-scale entrained flow reactor (EFR). Kaolin was injected into the EFR for primary test of this method. By adding kaolin, KCl can effectively be captured, forming water-insoluble K-aluminosilicate. The amount of K captured by 1 g kaolin rose when increasing the molar ratio of K/Si in the reactant. Changing of reaction temperature from 1100 °C to 1300 °C did not influence the extent of reaction, which is different from the results observed in previous fixed-bed reactor. The method using the EFR developed in this study will be applied for further systematic investigation of different additives.

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Influence of fast pyrolysis conditions on yield and structural transformation of biomass chars

Fast pyrolysis of biomass (wood, straw, rice husk) and its major components (cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin) was conducted in a wire mesh reactor. The aim of this study was to understand the influence of temperature (350-1400 ° C), heating rate (10-3000 ° C/s), particle size (0.05-2 mm) and holding time (1-4 s) on the char morphology and char yield. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and elemental analysis were conducted to determine the effect of operating conditions on char softening and melting during pyrolysis. The char yield decreased with heating rate for rates ≤ 600 ° C/s; above this value a similar biomass char yield was obtained. The potassium content affected the char yield stronger than other minerals, while the distribution of the three major biomass constituents (cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin) affected the char yield only to a minor degree. Moreover, it was found that the heat treatment temperature had a larger influence on the char yield than the heating rate. Scanning electron microscopy indicated different types of biomass char plasticization influenced by the applied temperatures, heating rates, particle sizes and holding times, except for the rice husk char that formed chars with a structure similar to the parental fuel at all conditions. The less severe morphological changes of rice husk char were attributed to a high silica content.

General information
The behavior of ash species in suspension fired biomass boilers

While fluid bed and grate fired boilers initially was the choice of boilers used for power production from both wood and herbaceous biomass, in recent years suspension fired boilers have been increasingly used for biomass based power production. In Denmark several large pulverized fuel boilers have been converted from coal to biomass combustion in the last 15 years. This have included co-firing of coal and straw, up to 100% firing of wood or straw and the use of coal ash as an additive to remedy problems with wood firing. In parallel to the commercialization of the pulverized biomass firing technology a long range of research studies have been conducted, to improve our understanding of the influence and behavior of biomass ash species in suspension fired boilers. The fuel ash plays a key role with respect to optimal boiler operation and influences phenomena's as boiler chamber deposit formation, corrosion of steam coils, deactivation of SCR catalysts and utilization of residual products. A broad range of research tools as probe measurements on power plants, entrain flow reactor studies and deposit modelling have been used to gain an improved understanding of ash transformation and ash deposit formation in suspension fired boilers. The presentation provides an overview of the knowledge obtained with respect to ash species behavior in suspension fired biomass boilers. A mechanistic understanding of the fly ash formation process in biomass fired PF boilers is obtained today. A high fraction of alkali salt species are released to the gas phase during the initial fuel combustion process. The salt species are present in gas phase in the boiler chamber and upon cooling in the convective pass aerosols are formed. Recent studies indicate that a large fraction of the residual condensed phase ash fragments to generate ash particles typically in the size range of 50 to 200 μm on biomass suspension fired power plant boilers. A fragmentation rate of fuel particles of 3 have been used to describe the residual ash formation process in laboratory entrained flow reactors and in full scale boilers. A range of advanced deposit probe measurements have been conducted on biomass powerplants. The measurements have provided insight into the relations between the chemical composition of fuel ash, fly ash and deposits. Furthermore the measurements have provided quantitative data on deposit formation rates as a function of fuel composition, and local surface and flue gas temperature. The processes of deposit removal by both natural shedding and soot blower induced deposit shedding have also been studied by the probe measurements. In most cases deposits are removed by de-bonding, where the deposits break up near the interface to the steam tube metal surface. Especially an increased tube temperature makes it more demanding to remove the ash deposit. Modelling of the deposit formation process have been developed by combining sub-models of the ash formation process, the condensation of ash species on tube surfaces, ash particle deposition, heat transfer in the deposit and deposit sintering. The model mainly provides information on how changes in fuel ash composition and local conditions influences deposit formation rate and deposit chemistry. Comparison of the modeling results with laboratory and full scale data shows that further development of both the particle adherence model and the alkali condensation model is wanted. The speciation of potassium from the biomass in the boiler chamber as salts or aluminosilicates and other species with high melting temperatures strongly influence the operation of both the boiler and flue gas cleaning equipment. Different additive types can be used to reduce the alkali salt content in the boiler chamber. The additive often works by reaction with the salts thereby binding the alkali metal to high melting temperature species and release the chlorine to the gas phase as HCl. Presently coal fly ash with a high content of Si and Al is used as an additive on wood fired plants to reduce the problems with alkali salt de-activation of SCR catalysts. While the fundamental chemistry of the additives are well known detailed reaction models of the interaction of salts and additive particles are presently not available.
A Comparative Study of Two Full-Scale Swirl Stabilized Bio-Dust Flames Power Plant Flames

A way of a single biomass particle shape characterization in a CFD model

In this study, sieving, 2D imaging analysis (CAMSIZER/CAMSIZER XT) and optical microscopy were applied to the characterization of the size and shape of biomass particles. The 2D imaging technology was found to be the most convenient characterization method, providing information on the shape and external surface area of the particles.

Different biomass samples were measured with an optical microscope and the results were compared with those from 2D imaging analysis. The main result of this study is that the data on particle width, measured by these two techniques, is identical. However, for the particle length, measured by 2D imaging analysis, it is proposed to apply a correction factor equal to \( \cos(45^\circ) \). Based on the analysis of different biomass types, it is recommended to set the particle's thickness to \( \frac{2}{3} \) of its width. In this study, a way to quantify all three dimensions of biomass particles was established.

For the shape representation of biomass particles in the combustion model, measurements on CAMSIZER/CAMSIZER XT were carried out to estimate geometrical parameters as sphericity, aspect ratio and symmetry of the total particle size distribution. Additionally, a calculation of shape factors was conducted, in which shape factors were determined by relating irregular-shaped biomass particles to regular geometrical bodies such as a cylinder, parallelepiped, sphere and ellipsoid. Based on the calculated shape factors and the main principles of the combustion phenomena, it is recommended to represent a biomass particle in CFD models as an infinite cylinder with the ratio of volume to surface area (V/A) measured with CAMSIZER/CAMSIZER XT technology for the total particle size distribution and multiplied with the estimated correction factor 1.5. Alternatively, the ratio of volume to surface area (V/A) can be implemented by using equations for the volume and surface area of different geometrical forms, correlated to three dimensions, measured either by 2D imaging technology with the main advantage to conduct measurements quickly with the reproducible results by using small amount of samples, or optical microscopy.

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Deposit Probe Measurements in Large Biomass-Fired Grate Boilers and Pulverized-Fuel Boilers

A number of full-scale deposit probe measuring campaigns conducted in grate-fired and suspension-fired boilers, fired with biomass, have been reviewed and compared. The influence of operational parameters on the chemistry of ash and deposits, on deposit build-up rates, and on shedding behavior has been examined. The firing technology and the fuel utilized influence the fly ash and deposit chemical composition. In grate-firing, K, Cl, and S are enriched in the fly ash compared to the fuel ash, while the fly ash in suspension-firing is relatively similar to the fuel ash. The chemical composition of the deposits formed is determined by the fly ash composition and the flue gas temperature; increases in the local flue gas temperature lead to higher contents of Si and Ca and lower contents of Cl in the deposits. The net deposit build-up rates in grate-fired and suspension-fired boilers are at similar levels, 0–100 g/m²·h, while the ash deposit propensity is an order of magnitude larger in grate-fired boilers than in suspension-fired boilers. Deposit build-up rates were found to increase at flue gas temperatures close to the melting temperatures of the fly ash. Furthermore, the rate of deposit build-up increased with the K-content of the fuel ash and fly ash for grate-fired boilers. For suspension-fired boilers, deposition rates are comparatively low for wood-firing and increase with increasing fuel straw shares. Shedding of deposits occurs by melting during straw-firing on a grate at high flue gas temperatures (>900 °C). At lower flue gas temperatures, the deposits can be removed by soot blowing. The required soot blower impact pressure is strongly influenced by the surface temperature, such that a high surface temperature makes the deposit more difficult to remove. During straw/wood-firing in suspension-fired boilers, shedding occurred by debonding with incomplete removal at flue gas temperatures of 600–1000 °C and by debonding with complete removal during wood-firing in suspension-fired boilers at high flue gas temperatures (1300 °C). Shedding events were not observed during wood suspension-firing at low flue gas temperatures.

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Effect of pyrolysis conditions and composition on the char structure and char yield of biomass chars

The char yield as well as physical and chemical structure of chars generated from different types of biomass divided into five different particle size fractions from 50μm to 1mm were studied to better understand the influences of holding time, final temperatures and heating rates on the pyrolysis characteristics of biomass chars. An additional study of the char phase-organic transformation was conducted on the biomass organic matter. Char samples were generated in a wire-mesh reactor up to 1400°C, and with the heating rates between 10 K/s and 3000 K/s. The results were compared with the data gained from slow (10 K/min) and fast heating (600 K/min) by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA). Scanning electron microscopy (SEM/EDS), elementary analysis and Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR) were conducted to determine the effect of operating conditions and the biomass composition on the char structural changes.

A significantly different char yield was observed between heating rates 10 K/s and 1000 K/s. For heating rates > 600 K/s a similar biomass char yield was obtained. Overall, it was found that the final temperature has more influence on the char yield than the heating rate. The scanning electron microscope indicated different types of softening and melting of the biomass chars at all applied temperatures, heating rates and holding times, except for rice husks, which formed chars with a structure similar to the parent fuel. The char particles generated at high pyrolysis temperatures had many small pores and showed complete melting, while the biomasses like wheat straw and beech wood showed larger pores and not complete melting with the remaining carbon skeleton of different forms. FTIR analysis was conducted to estimate the
remaining organic composition of the char consisting mainly of hemicellulose and lignin.

Electron microscopy study of the deactivation of nickel based catalysts for bio oil hydrodeoxygenation

Hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) is proposed as an efficient way to remove oxygen in bio-oil, improving its quality as a more sustainable alternative to conventional fuels in terms of CO2 neutrality and relative short production cycle [1]. Ni and Ni-MoS2 nanoparticles supported on ZrO2 show potential as high-pressure (100 bar) catalysts for purification of bio-oil by HDO. However, the catalysts deactivate in presence of sulfur, chlorine and potassium species, which are all naturally occurring in real bio-oil.

The deactivation mechanisms of the Ni/ZrO2 have been investigated through scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM), energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX), scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and X-ray diffraction (XRD). Catalytic testing has been performed using guaiacol in 1-octanol acting as a model compound for bio-oil. Addition of sulphur (0.3 vol% octanethiol) in the feed resulted in permanent deactivation of the catalyst by formation of a catalytically inactive Ni-S phase, as suggested by the very similar spatial distribution of nickel and sulphur signals in STEM-EDX elemental maps (Figure 1) and confirmed by XRD and X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) techniques. Deactivation by chlorine (0.3 vol% chlorooctane) co-feeding was found to be reversible, as the catalyst could regain close to its initial deoxygenation activity upon restoration of a clean feed. SEM-EDX investigations excluded the presence of chlorine species; however, XRD analysis revealed sintering of nickel nanoparticles (Figure 2). Impregnating KCl and KNO3 on two different batches of catalysts decreased permanently their deoxygenation activity, suggesting the adsorption of potassium at low coordinated nickel sites [2]. The high mobility of potassium under the electron beam [3] prevented the spatial distribution study of this element through STEM-EDX. Moreover, nickel sintering was observed in the KCl poisoned sample and was ascribed once again to the formation of mobile Ni-Cl species upon reaction of HCl with surface oxides [4].

Furthermore, environmental transmission electron microscopy (ETEM) has been used in order to investigate the oxidation of Ni-MoS2/ZrO2 catalyst active phase as a function of different HDO reaction conditions and using methanol as a model molecule for bio-oil.
**H₂CAP - Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels**

Pyrolysis of biomass produces a high yield of condensable oil at moderate temperature and low pressure. This bio-oil has adverse properties such as high oxygen and water contents, high acidity and immiscibility with fossil hydrocarbons. Catalytic hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) is a promising technology that can be used to upgrade the crude bio-oil to fuel-grade oil. The development of the HDO process is challenged by rapid catalyst deactivation, instability of the pyrolysis oil, poorly investigated reaction conditions and a high complexity and variability of the input oil composition. However, continuous catalytic hydropyrolysis coupled with downstream HDO of the pyrolysis vapors before condensation shows promise (Figure 1). A bench scale experimental setup will be constructed for the continuous conversion of solid biomass (100g/h) to low oxygen, fuel-grade bio-oil. The aim is to provide a proof-of-concept for the proposed process (Figure 1), to understand the reaction mechanisms of HDO, to develop highly active and durable catalysts for hydropyrolysis and HDO and to optimize the operating conditions; all in order to develop a sustainable production of green transportation fuels from biomass. To support the process development, the conversion of different bio-oil model compounds over a wide range of catalyst classes (reduced types, oxides, phosphides and sulfides) will be investigated. Special attention will be paid to operating conditions (e.g. temperature, H₂ partial pressure, residence time) and tolerance against water, sulfur, chlorine and potassium which are abundant in bio-oil.

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considerably impacted by solid loading (0e20 wt%) and temperature (25e60 C), especially in the phase transition region. The slurry viscosities with 20 wt% char loading, 20 wt% ground char loading and 15 wt% wood loading (at a shear rate of 100 s1) are 0.7, 1.0 and 1.7 Pa.s, respectively at 60 C and these values increases 1.2e1.4 times at 40 C and 3e4 times at 25 C. The wood, char and ground char slurry samples with 5e20 wt% solid loading obtain a volumetric energy density of 21e23 GJ/m3. The slurry sample with 20 wt% ground char having a d80 of 118 mm was pumped successfully into a pressurized chamber (0e6 bar) while plugging appeared when the slurry samples with 15 wt% char having a d80 of 276 mm was pumped into the pressurized chamber.

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Release of Chlorine and Sulfur during Biomass Torrefaction and Pyrolysis
The release of chlorine (Cl) and sulfur (S) during biomass torrefaction and pyrolysis has been investigated via experiments in two laboratory-scale reactors: a rotating reactor and a fixed bed reactor. Six biomasses with different chemical compositions covering a wide range of ash content and ash-forming elements were torrefied/pyrolyzed in the temperature range of 150-500 degrees C. The relative release of chlorine and sulfur was calculated based on mass balance and analysis of the biomass before and after torrefaction. In selected cases, measurement of methyl chloride (CH3Cl) in the gas from straw torrefaction has furthermore been conducted. The release of chlorine from straw was first observed at 250 degrees C and peaked with about 60-70% at 350 degrees C. Analysis of the released gas showed that most of the chlorine was released as methyl chloride. Increasing the straw content in the reactor resulted in a lower fractional release of Cl, probably due to more reactive sites in contact with gas phase Cl species leading to secondary binding of Cl to the solid product. Almost complete release of chlorine was observed for woody biomass at 350 degrees C. This result is in agreement with previous studies reporting that biomasses with a lower chlorine content release a higher fraction of chlorine during the pyrolysis process. A significant sulfur release (about 60%) was observed from the six biomasses investigated at 350 degrees C. The initial sulfur content in the biomass did not influence the fraction of sulfur release during torrefaction.

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Residual Ash Formation during Suspension-Firing of Biomass. Effects of Residence Time and Fuel-Type

Through 50+ years, high quality research has been conducted in order to characterize ash and deposit formation in utility boilers fired with coal, biomass and waste fractions. The basic mechanism of fly ash formation in suspension fired coal boilers is well described, documented and may even be modeled relatively precisely. Concerning fly ash formation from biomass or waste fractions, the situation is not nearly as good. Lots of data are available from campaigns where different ash fractions, including sometimes also in-situ ash, have been collected and analyzed chemically and for particle size distribution. Thus, there is a good flair of the chemistry of fly ash formed in plants fired with biomass or waste fractions, either alone, or in conjunction with coal. But data on dedicated studies of the physical size development of fly ash, are almost non-existing for biomasses and waste fractions. The objective of this work was to generate novel and comprehensive data on the formation of residual fly ash during the initial stage (0.25 – 2.0 s) of suspension-firing of biomass (pulverized wood and straw). Combustion experiments were carried out with bio-dust (pulverized straw and wood), in an entrained flow reactor, simulating full-scale suspension-firing of biomass. By the use of a movable, cooled and quenched gas/ particle sampling probe, samples were collected at different positions along the vertical axis in the reactor, corresponding to gas residence times, varying in the range [0.25 – 2.0 s]. The collected particles were subjected to various analyses, including STA-analysis for determination of carbon/char burn-out level, light-scattering technique (Malvern Mastersizer) for determination of particle size distribution, bulk chemical analysis (ICP-EOS) for elemental composition, and, SEM/EDS analysis for investigation of particle morphology and composition. The transient release of inorganic species such as alkali metals, Cl and S from the fuel particles, was quantified by two different calculation methods. The char burn-out level of the residual ash was found to be both time dependent and highly fuel dependent. The degree of conversion in the first 1.0 – 1.1 s of the combustion process was rather low. The physical size distribution of the residual fly ash particles evolved with residence time, towards a multi-modal particle size distribution. For both wood and straw, the particles shifted towards smaller particles with increasing time, due to char oxidation/pyrolysis, fragmentation, and ash formation. For straw, an increase in the concentration of large particles at 1.0 – 2.0 s, indicated melting and agglomeration of ash particles. The transient release of K was massive (> 60 wt. %) for all fuels and throughout the temperature range tested. An increasing trend with increasing residence time indicated that the release of K is a time dependent process. For a Si-rich straw fuel with relatively shortage of Ca, results further indicated retaining effects on the release of K, probably due to incorporation of K into silicate structures. The release of Cl and S was generally close to complete for all fuels, independent on residence time and temperature.
Stability and resistance of nickel catalysts for hydrodeoxygenation: carbon deposition and effects of sulfur, potassium, and chlorine in the feed

The long term stability and resistance toward carbon deposition, sulfur, chlorine, and potassium of Ni/ZrO₂ as a catalyst for the hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of guaiacol in 1-octanol (as a model compound system for bio-oil) has been investigated at 250 degrees C and 100 bar in a trickle bed reactor setup. Without impurities in the feed good stability of the Ni/ZrO₂ catalyst could be achieved over more than 100 h of operation, particularly for a sample prepared with small Ni particles, which minimized carbon deposition. Exposing the catalyst to 0.05 wt% sulfur in the feed resulted in rapid deactivation with complete loss of activity due to the formation of nickel sulfide. Exposing Ni/ZrO₂ to chlorine-containing compounds (at a concentration of 0.05 wt% Cl) on-stream led to a steady decrease in activity over 40 h of exposure. Removal of the chlorine species from the feed led to the regaining of activity. Analysis of the spent catalyst revealed that the adsorption of chlorine on the catalyst was completely reversible, but chlorine had caused sintering of nickel particles. In two experiments, potassium, as either KCl or KNO₃, was impregnated on the catalyst prior to testing. In both cases deactivation was persistent over more than 20 h of testing and severely decreased the deoxygenation activity while the hydrogenation of guaiacol was unaffected. Overall, sulfur was found to be the worst poison, followed by potassium and then chlorine. Thus, removal/limitation of these species from bio-oil is a requirement before long term operation can be achieved with this catalyst.

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Structural and Compositional Transformations of Biomass Chars during Fast Pyrolysis

In this work the physical and chemical transformations of biomass chars during fast pyrolysis, considered as a 2nd stage of combustion, has been investigated. Seven biomasses containing different amount of ash and organic components were reacted at up to 1673 K with high heating rates in a wire-mesh reactor and the resulting chars were retrieved. In order to obtain information on the structural and compositional transformations of the biomass chars, samples were subjected to elemental analysis, scanning electron microscopy with EDX and Raman spectrometry. The results show that there are significant changes in both the organic and inorganic constituents of the chars. Under high heating rates (> 100 K/s) char particles underwent different types of melting and pores of different size were developed in dependency on the temperature and biomass composition. The Si-rich rice husks char did not show any melting behavior up to 1673K. Samples with high lignin content tended to melt completely and developed micropores, while the samples with the high hemicellulose content softened and transformed into the separated molten carbon skeleton particle with the form similar to the virgin biomass particle and with inner and outer macropores. From the lab-scale experiments on the wire-mesh reactor, it was observed that the final temperature has more significant effect on the char yield than heating rate. The applied variation of holding time from 1 to 4 sec and a particle size fraction from 50 micron up to 1 mm showed that the char yield depends mainly on the biomass type.
Treatment of Lignin and Waste residues by Flash Pyrolysis: Final report

Lignin, sewage sludge and macroalgae (nonconventional biomasses) fast pyrolysis properties has been studied through experimental investigations on a laboratory Pyrolysis Centrifugal Reactor (PCR) and a model on lignin pyrolysis have been developed. Furthermore the nonconventional biomass pyrolysis properties were compared with the pyrolysis properties of wood and straw. The PCR treatment of sewage sludge provides an oil that can be used for energy purposes and a solid residue rich in organic nutrients that may be used as fertilizer product. By fast pyrolysis of lignin from the IBUS ethanol plant a bio-oil can be produced with oil yields of 36% (daf) and an energy recovery of 45%. This is a relatively low bio-oil yield compared to other feedstocks, however, it may increase the value of the lignin residual product, such that the lignin char is used for combustion on the ethanol plant, and the bio-oil is sold for use on heavy oil burners. The macroalgae is a promising feedstock with a high bio-oil yield of 54 wt% daf and an energy recovery of 76 % in the liquid oil. Detailed characterization of the pyrolysis products in the form of bio-oil, gas and char has been performed. It was shown that slurries made of mixtures of wood and bio-oil can be pumped into pressurized systems. A new patented version of the PCR rotor unit, which can be operated at low rotational speed was constructed. The new rotor systems should make it easier to make an up-scaling of the process.

A Comparison of Lignin, Macroalgae, Wood and Straw Fast Pyrolysis

A fast pyrolysis study on lignin and macroalgae (non-conventional biomass) and wood and straw (conventional biomass) were carried out in a pyrolysis centrifugal reactor at pyrolysis temperature of 550 °C. The product distributions and energy recoveries were measured and compared among these biomasses. The fast pyrolysis of macroalgae showed a promising result with a bio-oil yield of 65 wt% dry ash free basis (daf) and 76 % energy recovery in the bio-oil while the lignin fast pyrolysis provides a bio-oil yield of 47 wt% daf and energy recovery in bio-oil of 45 %. The physiochemical properties of the bio-oils were characterized with respect to higher heating value (HHV), molecular mass distribution, viscosity, pH, density, thermal behaviors, elemental concentrations, phase separation and aging. The lignin and macroalgae oil properties were different compared to those of the wood and straw oils with respect to carbon and oxygen contents, HHV, thermal behaviors and mean molecular weight. The HHV of wood, straw, lignin and algae oils were 24.0, 23.7, 29.7 and 25.7 MJ/kg db, respectively. The distributions of metals, Cl and S in char and bio-oil were investigated for the biomasses. Almost all the metals (Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, P and Si) were contained in the chars at the pyrolysis temperature of 550 °C.
The char properties were characterized and their potential applications are discussed.

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**Characterization and quantification of deposits build up and removal in straw suspension fired boilers**
This project deals with ash deposit formation in suspension fired biomass power plant boilers. The project has been conducted in a tight collaboration between Vattenfall and the CHEC Research Centre at DTU Department of Chemical Engineering. A large part of the project has been performed by conducting advanced probe measurements at the Amagerværkets Vattenfall owed boilers. It was the objective of the project to provide an improved understanding of ash deposit formation and removal in biomass suspension fired boilers. The project have provided a large amount of knowledge on the following issues: 1) The influence of local boiler conditions on deposit formation in suspension fired boilers using wood or co-firing straw and wood, 2) quantification of deposit removal in biomass suspension firing boilers with regards both to natural shedding and soot blower induced shedding, 3) established relations of the properties of fuel ash, fly ash and deposits, 4) use of coal ash to remedy biomass ash induced boiler deposit problems.

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Characterization of Residual Particulates from Biomass Entrained Flow Gasification
Biomass gasification experiments were carried out in a bench scale entrained flow reactor, and the produced solid particles were collected by a cyclone and a metal filter for subsequent characterization. During wood gasification, the major part of the solid material collected in the filter is soot. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) images coupled with energy dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) show agglomerated nanosize spherical soot particles (<100 nm) that are very rich in carbon. In comparison to wood gasification, the soot content in the filter sample from straw gasification is quite low, while the contents of KCl and K2SO4 in the filter sample are high. SEM images of the straw filter samples show that with steam addition during gasification, where the soot yield is lower, the filter sample becomes richer in KCl and K2SO4 and appears as irregular crystals, and the typical particle size increases from below 100 nm to above 100 nm. During gasification of dried lignin, the filter sample mainly consists of soot and nonvolatilizable inorganic matter. SEM images of the parent wood particles and the derived char samples show that they have similar structure, size, and shape but the derived char particle surface looks smoother indicating some degree of melting. The reactivity of the organic fraction of the samples was determined by thermogravimetry, and it was found that char was more reactive than soot with respect to both oxidation and CO2 gasification. The activation energy for the soot conversion is higher than for the char conversion. These results support the observation from gasification experiments that char is more easily converted than soot. Surprisingly, the soot produced at a higher temperature is more reactive than the soot produced at a lower temperature.

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Co-firing of Coal with Biomass and Waste in Full-scale Suspension-fired Boilers
The energy policy in Denmark has for many years focused on lowering the net CO2 emission from heat and power production by replacing fossil fuels by renewable resources. This has been done by developing dedicated grate-fired boilers for biomass and waste fuels but also by developing coal-based suspension-fired boilers to accept still higher fractions of biomass or waste material as fuels. This last development has been challenging of many reasons, including pre-treatment of fuels, and solving potential emission and operational problems during the simultaneous development of supercritical steam cycles with steam temperatures close to 600°C, providing power efficiencies close to 50% [Hein, 2008]. For 25 years the CHEC (Combustion and Harmful Emission Control) Research Centre at DTU Chemical Engineering, has attained a leading role in research, supporting power producing industry, plant owners and boiler manufacturers to optimize design and operation and minimize cost and environmental impact using alternative fuels in suspension fired boilers. Our contribution has been made via a combination of full-scale measuring campaigns, pilot-scale studies, lab-scale measurements and modeling tools. The research conducted has addressed many issues important for co-firing, i.e. fuel processing, ash induced boiler deposit formation and corrosion, boiler chamber fuel conversion and emission formation, influence on flue gas cleaning equipment and the utilization of residual products. This paper provides an overview of research activities, aiming at increasing biomass shares during co-firing in suspension, conducted in close collaboration with the Danish power industry. The research has lead to an improved understanding of the alternative fuels interaction with coal in the boiler chamber. Further, the applied research has provided results with implications for
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**Deposit formation in a full-scale pulverized wood-fired power plant with and without coal fly ash addition**
Ash transformation and deposition in a pulverized wood-fired power plant boiler of 800 MWth were studied with and without the addition of coal fly ash. The transient ash deposition behavior was investigated by using an advanced deposit probe system at two different boiler locations with flue gas temperatures of ~1300°C and ~800°C, respectively. It was found that during pulverized wood combustion, the deposit formation at the high-temperature location was characterized by a slow and continuous growth of deposits followed by the shedding of a large layer of deposits, while the deposit formation at the low-temperature location showed a slow initial build-up and a stable mass of deposits after approximately 1-5 h. The deposits collected during pulverized wood combustion contained a considerable amount of K₂SO₄, KCl, and KOH/K₂CO₃. With the addition of coal fly ash (~4 times of the mass flow of wood ash) to the boiler, these alkaline species were effectively removed both in the fly ash and in the deposits, and a more frequent shedding of the deposits was observed. The results imply that coal fly ash can be an effective additive to reduce ash deposition and corrosion problems in a pulverized wood-fired boiler.

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**Efficient Fuel Pretreatment: Simultaneous Torrefaction and Grinding of Biomass**
Combining torrefaction and grinding of biomass in one reactor may be an attractive fuel pretreatment process. A combined laboratory torrefaction and ball mill reactor has been constructed for studies of the influence of temperature and residence time on the product yields and particle size reductions of Danish wheat straw, spruce chips, and pine chips. On the basis of initial experiments, which evaluated the influence of reactor mass loading, gas flow, and grinding ball size and material, a standard experimental procedure was developed. The particle size reduction capability of the torrefaction process has
been evaluated by the relative change in d50, and this method was compared to the Hardgrove grindability index (HGI), showing reasonably similar results. Significant differences in torrefaction behavior have been observed for straw and spruce chips torrefied at 270–330 °C. Torrefaction of straw for 90 min yielded a higher mass loss (27–60 wt %) and relative size reduction (59–95%) compared with spruce (mass loss of 10–56 wt % and size reduction of 20–60%). The two types of biomass investigated differ with respect to hemicellulose type, lignocellulosic composition, particle morphology, and ash composition, where straw has a higher alkali content. This and other studies indicate that the large difference in the alkali contents of the biomasses is the main cause for the observed difference in torrefaction characteristics. Experiments with separate particle heating and grinding showed a swift grinding of the torrefied biomass. This implies that the rate-limiting step in the laboratory reactor is the heat transfer and not the grinding process. Large pine particles (8–16 mm) showed a slightly higher mass loss than 4–8 and <4 mm particles. This could be the consequence of exothermic reactions in the particle core, which locally increase the temperature and conversion.

Experimental investigation of flash pyrolysis oil droplet combustion

The aim of this work is to investigate and compare the combustion behaviour of a single droplet of pyrolysis oil derived from wheat straw and heavy fossil oil in a single droplet combustion chamber. The initial oil droplet diameters were in between 500 μm to 2500 μm. The experiments were performed at a temperature ranging between 1000 and 1400°C with an initial gas velocity of 1.6 m/s and oxygen concentration of 3%. The evolution of combustion of bio-oil droplets was recorded by a digital video camera. It was observed that the combustion behaviour of pyrolysis oil droplet differ from the heavy oil in terms both of ignition, devolatilisation and char oxidation. The pyrolysis oil is more difficult to ignite and has a shorter devolatilisation time and a longer char oxidation time. Copyright © 2013, AIDIC Servizi S.r.l.
Experimental Study on Effects of Particle Shape and Operating Conditions on Combustion Characteristics of Single Biomass Particles

An experimental study is performed to investigate the ignition, devolatilization, and burnout of single biomass particles of various shapes and sizes under process conditions that are similar to those in an industrial combustor. A charge-coupled device (CCD) camera is used to record the whole combustion process. For the particles with similar volume (mass), cylindrical particles are found to lose mass faster than spherical particles and the burnout time is shortened by increasing the particle aspect ratio (surface area). The conversion times of cylindrical particles with almost the same surface area/volume ratio are very close to each other. The ignition, devolatilization, and burnout times of cylindrical particles are also affected by the oxidizer temperature and oxygen concentration, in which the oxygen concentration is found to have a more pronounced effect on the conversion times at lower oxidizer temperatures.

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Fast Pyrolysis of Lignin Using a Pyrolysis Centrifuge Reactor

Fast pyrolysis of lignin from an ethanol plant was investigated on a lab scale pyrolysis centrifuge reactor (PCR) with respect to pyrolysis temperature, reactor gas residence time, and feed rate. A maximal organic oil yield of 34 wt % dry basis (db) (bio-oil yield of 43 wt % db) is obtained at temperatures of 500–550 °C, reactor gas residence time of 0.8 s, and feed rate of 5.6 g/min. Gas chromatography mass spectrometry and size-exclusion chromatography were used to characterize the chemical properties of the lignin oils. Acetic acid, levoglucosan, guaiacol, syringols, and p-vinylguaiacol are found to be major chemical components in the lignin oil. The maximal yields of 0.62, 0.67, and 0.38 wt % db were obtained for syringol, p-vinylguaiacol, and guaiacol, respectively. The reactor temperature effect was investigated in a range of 450–600 °C and has a considerable effect on the observed chemical components and molecular mass distribution of the lignin oils. The obtained lignin oil has a very different components composition when compared to a beech wood oil.

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Impact of coal fly ash addition on ash transformation and deposition in a full-scale wood suspension-firing boiler

Ash transformation and deposition during pulverized wood combustion in a full-scale power plant boiler of 800 MWth were studied with and without the addition of coal fly ash. The transient ash deposition behavior was characterized by using an advanced deposit probe system at two boiler locations with flue gas temperatures of about 1300 C and 800 C, respectively. The mechanisms of ash transformation and deposit formation were elaborated through a detailed characterization of the collected deposits and fly ashes. The results implied that during pulverized wood combustion, the formation of deposits at the location with high flue gas temperatures was characterized by a slow and continuous growth of deposits followed by the shedding of a large layer of deposits, while at the location with low flue gas temperature the deposit formation started with a slow build-up and the amount of deposits became almost constant after a few hours. The formed deposits, especially those at the location with low flue gas temperatures, contained a considerable amount of K2SO4, KCl, and KOH/K2CO3. With the addition of a large amount (about 4 times of the mass flow of wood ash) of coal fly ash to the boiler, these alkali species were effectively removed both in the fly ash and in the deposits. Although the ash deposition rate at the location with high flue gas temperature was increased with coal fly ash addition, the removability of the deposits was significantly improved, resulting in a more frequent shedding of the deposits. Overall, the results from this work suggest that coal fly ash can be an effective additive to minimize the possible ash deposition and corrosion problems during suspension-firing of wood. © 2013 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved.
In-Flame Measurements on Full-Scale Swirl Stabilized Bio-Dust Burners at Different Operational Conditions

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Influence of Biomass Chemical Properties on Torrefaction Characteristics
Different biomass types may differ with respect to torrefaction characteristics, and an improved understanding and ability to predict the torrefaction performance is, therefore, desired. In this study, the influence of the chemical properties (lignocellulose composition and alkali content) on the torrefaction behavior with respect to mass loss and grindability is investigated by simultaneous thermal analysis (STA) and by using a combined torrefaction and grinding reactor. The torrefaction behavior of six raw biomass samples and selected pretreated samples (washed and impregnated with KCl and K2CO3) has been studied. The investigated biomasses have reasonably similar carbohydrate compositions (hemicelluloses 18–25 wt % db; cellulose 38–48 wt % db; lignin 17–29 wt % db) with the exception of spruce bark, which is lower in hemicellulose content (12.9 wt % db) and cellulose content (24 wt % db), and higher in lignin content (36.8 wt % db). An increasing biomass potassium (K) content decreases the temperature of maximal conversion for both raw and alkali-impregnated biomass samples, thus decreasing the solid product yield at 270 and 300 °C. This was especially pronounced when the biomass potassium content increased from 0 to 0.2 wt %. However, the higher lignin content in bark causes a higher solid yield than what would be expected from the alkali content, illustrating that both potassium content and lignocellulose composition affect the solid yield obtained by torrefaction. The grindability of the torrefied products was evaluated by determining the d50 value of the particle size distribution of the biomass before and after torrefaction in the combined torrefaction and mill reactor. A significant decrease in d50 value was observed when the alkali content increased from 0 to 0.2 wt % db, whereas no additional effect is seen for higher potassium contents.

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Influence of the Pyrolysis Temperature on Sewage Sludge Product Distribution, Bio-Oil, and Char Properties
Fast pyrolysis may be used for sewage sludge treatment with the advantages of a significant reduction of solid waste volume and production of a bio-oil that can be used as fuel. A study of the influence of the reaction temperature on
Sewage sludge pyrolysis has been carried out using a pyrolysis centrifugel reactor (PCR) at 475, 525, 575, and 625 °C. Maxima of both organic oil yield of 41 wt % on a dry ash free feedstock basis (daf) and a sludge oil energy recovery of 50% were obtained at 575 °C. The water-insoluble fraction, molecular-weight distribution, higher heating value (HHV), and thermal behaviors of sludge oils were found to be considerably influenced by the applied pyrolysis temperatures. The sludge oil properties obtained at the optimal temperature of 575 °C were an HHV of 25.5 MJ/kg, a water-insoluble fraction of 18.7 wt %, a viscosity of 43.6 mPa s at 40 °C, a mean molecular weight of 392 g/mol, and metal concentrations lower than 0.14 wt % on a dry basis (db). Less optimal oil properties with respect to industrial applications were observed for oil samples obtained at 475 and 625 °C. Char properties of the 575 °C sample were an ash content of 81 wt % and an HHV of 6.1 MJ/kg db. A total of 95% of the sewage sludge phosphorus content was recovered in the char. The solid waste amount (char compared to sludge) was reduced to 52% on a bulk volume basis at the pyrolysis temperature of 575 °C.

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**Mechanistic Insight in Hydrodeoxygenation on Nickel Based Catalysts**

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Performance of diesel particulate filter catalysts in the presence of biodiesel ash species

The utilization of bio-fuels, such as biodiesel, is expected to contribute significantly towards the planned 10% of renewable energy within the EU transport sector by 2020. Increased biodiesel blend percentages may change engine exit flue gas ash composition and affect the long-term performance of cleaning technologies, such as oxidation catalysts and diesel particulate filters. In this work the performance of a commercial catalyst has been studied for conversion of diesel particulate matter (SRM 2975) at 10% O2, in the presence of salts simulating ash species derived from engine oil and biodiesel. Simultaneous thermal analysis experiments of the diesel particulate matter showed that it was dominated by soot with approximately 10 wt.% condensed hydrocarbons. The presence of a commercial catalyst (5:1 wt. ratio of catalyst to soot), in tight contact with the diesel particulate matter, decreased the temperature at which the oxidation rate peaked from 662 ± 1 °C to 526 ± 19 °C. The introduction of biodiesel ash species such as Na2CO3, K2CO3 or K3PO4 decreased the peak conversion temperature further (422 ± 12; 404 ± 4 and 423 ± 7 °C), with a limited dependence on ash concentration. A deterioration in catalytic conversion, i.e. increased peak conversion temperatures, was seen for two engine oil ash species and one mixed ash species (from engine oil and biodiesel) – CaSO4 (569 ± 6 °C), Ca(H2PO4)2 (699 ± 13 °C) and K2SO4 (581 ± 16 °C).

Kinetic parameters (A and Ea), obtained from Arrhenius plots of the data, showed a lower activation energy in the presence of the commercial catalyst (Ea = 91 ± 5 kJ/mol) or CeO2 (Ea = 62 ± 8 kJ/mol) compared to pure SRM 2975 (Ea = 220 ± 3 kJ/mol). The obtained kinetic data were able to describe the peak conversion temperature and the associated part of the mass loss curve, but an initial low-temperature gradual increase in conversion was not adequately described.
Screening of Catalysts for Hydrodeoxygenation of Phenol as Model Compound for Bio-oil

Four groups of catalysts have been tested for hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) of phenol as a model compound of bio-oil, including: oxide catalysts, methanol synthesis catalysts, reduced noble metal catalysts, and reduced non-noble metal catalysts. In total 23 different catalysts were tested at 100 bar H2 and 275 °C in a batch reactor. The experiments showed that none of the tested oxides and methanol synthesis catalysts had any significant activity for phenol HDO at the given conditions, which were linked to their inability to hydrogenate the phenol. HDO of phenol over reduced metal catalysts could effectively be described by a kinetic model involving a two-step reaction were phenol initially was hydrogenated to cyclohexanol and then subsequently deoxygenated to cyclohexane. Among reduced noble metal catalysts ruthenium, palladium, and platinum were all found to be active, with decreasing activity in that order. Nickel was the only active non-noble metal catalyst. For nickel, also the effect of support was investigated and ZrO2 was found to perform best. Pt/C, Ni/CoO2, and Ni/CoO2-ZrO2 were the most active catalysts for the initial hydrogenation of phenol to cyclohexanol, but were not very active for the subsequent deoxygenation step. Overall, the order of activity of the best performing HDO catalysts was: Ni/ZrO2 > Ni-V2O5/ZrO2 > Ni-V2O5/SiO2 > Ru/C > Ni/Al2O3 > Ni/SiO2 >> Pd/C > Pt/C. The choice of support influenced the activity significantly. Nickel was found to be practically inactive for HDO of phenol on a carbon support, but more active than the carbon supported noble metal catalysts when supported on ZrO2. This observation indicates that the nickel based catalysts require a metal oxide as carrier on which the activation of the phenol for the hydrogenation can take place through heterolytic dissociation of the O-H bond to facilitate the reaction.

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Trace elements in co-combustion of solid recovered fuel and coal

Trace element partitioning in co-combustion of a bituminous coal and a solid recovered fuel (SRF) was studied in an entrained flow reactor. The experiments were carried out at conditions similar to pulverized coal combustion, with SRF shares of 7.9 wt.% (wet basis), 14.8 wt.% and 25.0 wt.. In addition, the effect of additives such as NaCl, PVC, ammonium sulphate, and kaolinite on trace element partitioning was investigated. The trace elements studied were As, Cd, Cr, Pb, Sb and Zn, since these elements were significantly enriched in SRF as compared to coal. During the experiments, bottom ash was collected in a chamber, large fly ash particles were collected by a cyclone with a cut-off diameter of ~2.5 μm, and the remaining fly ash particles were gathered in a filter. It was found that when coal was co-fired with SRF, the As, Cd, Pb, Sb and Zn content in filter ash/cyclone ash increased almost linearly with their content in fuel ash. This linear tendency was affected when the fuels were mixed with additives. The volatility of trace elements during combustion was assessed by applying a relative enrichment (RE) factor, and TEM–EDS analysis was conducted to provide qualitative interpretations. The results indicated that As, Cd, Pb, Sb and Zn were highly volatile when co-firing coal and SRF, whereas the volatility of Cr was relatively low. Compared with coal combustion, co-firing of coal and SRF slightly enhanced the volatility of Cd, Pb and Zn, but reduced the volatility of Cr and Sb. The Cl-based additives increased the volatility of Cd, Pb and As, whereas addition of ammonium sulphate generally decreased the volatility of trace elements. Addition of kaolinite reduced the volatility of Pb, while the influence on other trace elements was insignificant. The results from the present work imply that trace element emission would be significantly increased when coal is co-fired with SRF, which may greatly enhance the toxicity of the dusts from coal-fired power plant. In order to minimize trace element emission in co-combustion, in addition to lowering the trace element content in SRF, utilizing SRF with low Cl content and coal with high S and aluminosilicates content would be desirable.

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Ash transformation and deposit build-up during biomass suspension and grate firing: Full-scale experimental studies

An attractive option for reducing the net CO2 emissions is to substitute coal with biomass in large power plant boilers. However, the presence of chlorine (Cl) and alkali metals (K, Na) in biomass may induce large operational problems due to ash deposit formation on the superheater tubes. The aim of this study was to investigate ash transformation and deposition behavior in two biomass-fired boilers, firing wheat straw and/or wood. The influence of strawfiring technology (grate and suspension) on the ash transformation, deposit formation rate and deposit characteristics has been investigated. Bulk elemental analysis of fly ashes revealed that fly ash from suspension firing of straw has high contents of Si, K and Ca, while fly ash from straw firing on grate was rich in the volatile elements K, Cl and S. Investigations of deposit formation rates were made in the superheater and convective pass regions of the boilers by use of an advanced online deposit probe. During straw firing on grate, the measured deposit formation rates were close to 38 g/m²/h. The deposit formation rate increased to 41 g/m²/h with 100% straw firing. The influence of co-combustion of wood with straw on deposit formation rate, probe heat uptake and deposit characteristics was also investigated during suspension firing conditions. Data from 35% straw suspension firing with wood showed a deposit formation rate of 41 g/m²/h. The deposit formation rates during straw suspension firing and straw grate firing were on similar levels. This was observed even though the concentration of fly ash in the flue gas was significantly higher during straw suspension firing. The influence of co-combustion of wood with straw on deposit formation rate, probe heat uptake and deposit characteristics was also investigated during suspension firing conditions. Data from 35% straw suspension firing with wood showed a deposit formation rate of 33 g/m²/h for the first 12 h. The deposit formation rate increased to 41 g/m²/h with 100% straw firing. The probe heat uptake reduction up to 40 h of
exposure time was 3.0, 7.3, 8.4 and 16.5 kW/m² during 35, 65, 80 and 100% straw firing, respectively.

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**Ash transformation and deposition behavior during co-firing biomass with sewage sludge**
In the present work, the ash transformation and deposition behavior during wheat straw and wood waste combustion were investigated by combustion experiments in an entrained flow reactor. The influence of sewage sludge addition on ash chemistry and deposition tendency was also studied. During combustion wheat straw, fine fly ash particles smaller than 2.5 μm are mainly formed due to vaporization, nucleation and condensation of K, Cl, S and P species. Large fly ash particles consist of condensed potassium chloride crystals and molten/partial molten spherical particles rich in K-silicates and K-Ca-silicates. The deposits formed on a well-controlled sampling probe are dominated by molten particles rich in K silicates. Over 70% of K in the fly ash is water soluble. The fine fly ash from wood waste combustion consists of mainly KCl and NaCl. Both ash clusters and molten spherical particles are found from the ash deposits, which mainly contain K-silicates, K-Al-silicates and K-Ca-silicates. The sewage sludge addition significantly reduced the water soluble K and Na in the fly ash from wheat straw and wood waste combustion. Compared to pure wheat straw and wood waste, the ash deposition rates were increased due to sewage sludge addition. However, the ash deposition propensity decreased significantly. In addition, the content of water soluble K and Cl in the deposits reduced as a result of sewage sludge addition. The results from present work suggest co-firing of sewage sludge could alleviate deposit formation during suspension firing of risky biofuels.

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Biomass Gasification Behavior in an Entrained Flow Reactor: Gas Product Distribution and Soot Formation

Biomass gasification and pyrolysis were studied in a laboratory-scale atmospheric pressure entrained flow reactor. Effects of operating parameters and biomass types on the syngas composition were investigated. In general, the carbon conversion during biomass gasification was higher than 90% at the optimal conditions of 1400 °C with steam addition. The biomass carbon that was not converted to gas in the gasification process only appeared as soot particles in the syngas in all of the experiments, except for the two experiments performed at 1000 °C, where a very small amount of char was also left. In comparison to pyrolysis, lower yields of soot, H2, and CO were produced during gasification. The yield of soot could be reduced by a longer residence time, larger feeder air flow, lower oxygen concentration, higher excess air ratio, higher steam/carbon ratio, and higher reactor temperature. Changes in residence time, feeder air flow, and oxygen concentration did not show a noticeable influence on H2 and CO yields. Increasing the excess air ratio decreased both the H2 and CO yields; increasing the steam/carbon ratio increased the H2 yield but decreased the CO yield; and increasing the reactor temperature increased both the H2 and CO yields. Wood, straw, and dried lignin had similar gasification behavior, except with regard to soot formation. The soot yield was lowest during straw gasification possibly because of its high potassium content.

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Catalytic Conversion of Syngas into Higher Alcohols over Carbide Catalysts

This work investigates the use of the bulk carbides Mo2C, WC, and NbC as catalysts for the conversion of syngas into higher alcohols. K2CO3/WC produces mainly CH3OH and CH4 with a low activity. NbC has a very low activity in CO hydrogenation. K2CO3/Mo2C produces mixed alcohols with a reasonable activity and selectivity. In a 94 h test the activity and the specific surface area of the K2CO3/Mo2C catalyst decreased significantly, but X-ray diffraction and transmission electron microscopy did not indicate a strong sintering of the carbide. A likely cause for the deactivation is the formation of carbonaceous deposits on the catalyst. At the same general activity level Li, K, and Cs provide similar promotional effects for Mo2C, although K at a loading level of alkali metal/Mo = 0.164 mol/mol provides the better behavior at equal conditions. The effect of further additives on the K2CO3/Mo2C system was evaluated, but only Cu yielded an improvement.

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Danish Experiences with Deposit Probe Measurements in Grate and Pulverized Fuel Biomass Power Boilers

Several measuring campaigns with focus on deposition behavior have been conducted at full-scale power plants firing biomass in Denmark. These campaigns have been reviewed in this work. The focus is the obtained experiences on deposit formation, shedding and chemistry.

When comparing results from grate- and suspension-firing, it is found that the rates of deposit formation are comparable, while the chemical composition of the fly ashes are quite different, even for the same type of fuel. The flue gas temperature is considered to be an important parameter in the deposit behavior. Increasing the flue gas temperature leads to increased deposition rates and deposits with higher contents of Si and Ca and lower contents of K and Cl.

The shedding behavior is influenced by both probe surface temperature, flue gas temperature and deposits chemistry. The influence of temperature on the degree of sintering varies with the fuel type. Possibly, increased contents of Si and Ca leads to increases in the sintering temperature and thus altered shedding behavior.

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Corresponding samples of fuels, ash deposits and fly ash have provided information on the transformation of inorganics in the boiler. Generally, grate fired boilers provide a fly ash containing high contents of K, Cl and S compared to the fuel ash, while suspension fired boilers fly ash has a composition nearly similar to the fuel ash. Inner most biomass deposits are always salt-rich, while thicker deposit layers also contain some Si and Ca.

Deposit probe formation rate measurements have been performed in different ways on several boilers. Grate and suspension fired boilers seem to cause similar deposit formation rates. Suspension fired boilers generate more fly ash, while grate boilers form a fly ash with a higher fraction of melt formation (and thereby a higher sticking probability) at similar temperatures. For suspension fired units it is observed that wood with a lower ash content than straw gives rise to lower deposit formation rates.

The flue gas temperature is an important parameter in the deposit behavior of biomass-fired boilers. Increases in the flue gas temperature of both grate and suspension fired boilers leads to increased deposition rates and deposits with higher contents of Si and Ca. This can be explained by increased deposition by inertial impaction due to higher melt fractions of ash particles (containing Si and Ca) at increased temperatures.
The shedding behavior is influenced by exposure time, probe surface temperature, flue gas temperature and deposits chemistry. The influence of temperature on the degree of sintering varies with the fuel type. Possibly, increased contents of Si and Ca will lead to increases in the sintering temperature and thus to altered shedding behavior. It is recognized that the exposure time of the deposits in the flue gas influences the removability of the deposits.

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**Flash pyrolysis properties of algae and lignin residue**
A fast pyrolysis study on lignin and macroalgae (non-conventional biomass) and wood and straw (conventional biomass) were carried out in a pyrolysis centrifugal reactor. The product distributions and energy recoveries were measured and compared among these biomasses. The fast pyrolysis of macroalgae showed a promising result with an yield of 54 wt% dry ash free basis (daf) and 78% energy recovery in the bio-oil. The physiochemical properties of the bio-oils were characterized with respect to higher heating value, molecular mass distribution, viscosity, pH, density and elemental compositions. The lignin and macroalgae oil properties were quite different to those of the conventional oils.

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**Full-scale ash deposition measurements at Avedøre Power Plant unit 2 during suspension-firing of wood with and without coal ash addition.**
The formation of deposits during suspension-firing of wood at Avedøre Power Plant unit 2 (AVV2) was studied by using an advanced deposit probe system. The tests were conducted both with and without coal ash addition, and at two different locations with flue gas temperatures of 1250-1300 oC and 750-800 oC respectively. The deposit formation process was studied quantitatively though the mass uptake data from the load-cell of the probe, while camera pictures were used to qualitatively verify the obtained mass uptake data and to explain the deposit buildup/shedding mechanisms. The collected deposits along with the fly ash and bottom ash from the plant were characterized extensively by SEM-EDS, ICP-OES/IC and XRD. Based on the results from the present work, the deposit formation and shedding mechanisms under different operational conditions were proposed and discussed. The influence of coal ash addition on deposit formation during wood suspension-firing at AVV2 was evaluated. It was revealed that the addition of coal fly ash could significantly influence the ash deposition/shedding behaviors and the deposit properties. The effect was evident at both measurement locations. At the location with a high flue gas temperature of 1250-1300 oC, although the addition of coal fly ash increased the differential deposit formation rate (DDF-rate) and the ash deposition propensity, the deposit removal frequency were considerably increased and the major shedding mechanism was changed from soot-blowing induced shedding to natural shedding. This implied that the deposits at high temperatures were more easily removable when coal ash was added.
Besides, the amount of K2SO4 in the high-temperature deposits was considerably reduced when coal ash was added, which was probably favorable in order to minimize corrosion. At the location with a low flue gas temperature of 750-800 oC, the addition of coal fly ash reduced the ash deposition propensity and caused the formed deposits being easily removable. Moreover, the KCl and KOH/K2CO3 found in the low-temperature deposits without coal ash addition disappeared when coal ash was added, which was also favorable from a corrosion point of view.

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High-temperature entrained flow gasification of biomass
Biomass (wood and straw) gasification has been studied in a laboratory scale atmospheric pressure entrained flow reactor. Effects of reaction temperature, steam/carbon molar ratio, excess air ratio, and biomass type on the solid, liquid and gas products were investigated. The biomass was completely converted at all investigated operating conditions and the syngas contained nearly no tar but some soot at the highest applied reaction temperature of 1350°C. With a rise of reaction temperature from 1000°C to 1350°C, the yield of producer gas (defined as the sum of H2, CO, CO2 and hydrocarbons up to C3 species) increased dramatically by 72%. The H2/CO molar ratio in syngas was close to 1 at reaction temperature above 1200°C with steam addition. Higher temperature was beneficial to lower the amount of tar while the soot yield showed a peak of 56.7g/kg fuel at 1200°C. With steam addition, the producer gas yield and in particular the H2 yield increased gradually, while the CO yield decreased slowly. The molar ratio of H2/CO was equal to 1 with the largest supplied amount of steam addition (H2O/C=1). Steam addition gave an obvious reduction in the soot yield, but it was not possible to completely avoid soot. Increasing excess air ratio from 0.25 to 0.50 gave no significant change in the producer gas yield, but the yields of H2, CO, and soot decreased, the CO2 yield increased, and the molar ratio of H2/CO decreased. Moreover, wood and straw gasification provided similar product compositions. At 1350°C and with steam addition, the syngas composition is close to equilibrium as verified by calculation.

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Suspension-Firing of Biomass: Part 1, Full-Scale Measurements of Ash Deposit Build-up
This paper is Part 1 in a series of two describing probe measurements of deposit build-up and removal (shedding) in a 350 MWth suspension boiler, firing straw and wood. The influence of fuel type (straw share in wood), probe exposure time, probe surface temperature (500, 550, and 600 °C), and flue gas temperature (600–1050 °C) on ash deposit formation rate has been investigated. Investigations of deposit formation rate were made by use of an advanced online deposit probe that allowed nearly continuous measurement of the deposited mass. Two different measures of deposit formation rate are used in the analysis of the data. The first is the integral deposit formation rate (IDF-rate) found by dividing the integral mass change over integral time intervals (of order several hours) by the time interval. The IDF-rate is similar to deposit formation rates based on total deposit mass uptake divided by probe exposure time reported in previous full-scale investigations, but it is a relatively crude measure that includes all deposit shedding in addition to actual deposit formation. To remove major shedding events from the determination of deposition rates a second measure, the derivative-based deposit formation rate (DDF-rate), was devised. This was determined by averaging the deposit mass uptake signals over short time intervals (on the order of minutes), calculating the local values of the time derivative of the mass uptake, removing large negative values signifying major shedding events, and finally time smoothing the derivatives to remove excessive noise. The DDF-rate was influenced by flue gas temperature and straw share, while changes in probe surface temperature had no significant influence. The IDF-rate, qualitatively related to the ratio between the time-integrated DDF-rate and the integration time, followed the same trends. Ash transformation was investigated by bulk ash analysis of the fuel, fly, and bottom ash during straw and/or wood suspension firing. Bulk ash analysis of fly ashes showed that the contents of volatile elements (K, Cl, S) were slightly greater than in the fuel ash, while Ca and Si remained either in the same proportion or were slightly reduced. It was also found that, with an increase in fuel ash K/Si molar ratio, the concentration of the volatile elements, K, Cl, and, to some extent, S, increased in the fly ash. The bottom ash was dominated by Si and Ca, with almost no S and Cl, possibly as a result of the high volatility of S and Cl during combustion at higher temperatures.

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Suspension-Firing of Biomass: Part 2, Boiler Measurements of Ash Deposit Shedding

This paper is the second of two papers, describing probe measurements of deposit buildup and removal (shedding), conducted in a 350 MWth suspension-fired boiler, firing straw and wood. Investigations of deposit buildup and shedding have been made by use of an advanced online deposit probe and a sootblowing probe. The influences of feedstock (i.e., straw share in wood), flue gas temperature (600−1050 °C), probe surface temperature (500 and 600 °C), and probe exposure time on deposit shedding have been quantified. Quantification of naturally occurring deposit shedding and deposit shedding during plant sootblowing was made via deposit mass uptake signals obtained from the deposit probe. The deposit shedding process was characterized by calculation of the amount of deposit removed at a shedding event (g/m²) and the frequency of the shedding events (h⁻¹). The results showed that the shedding process is stochastic and that the amount of deposit shed varies even at constant local conditions. However, the deposit shedding rates showed an increasing trend with increase in flue gas temperatures and probe deposit mass loads. The deposit shedding rate was in most cases higher at a probe temperature of 500 °C than at a probe temperature of 600 °C. A possible reason for this is partial melting and/or sintering of the innermost deposit layer (rich in K, Cl, and S) at higher probe surface temperature. This could cause the adhesion strength of the deposit to the probe to increase at the higher probe temperature.

Quantification of the necessary peak impact pressure (PIP) needed to remove the deposit was also made by use of a sootblowing probe in conjunction with the deposit probe. Results of deposit removal by artificial sootblowing showed that the deposits formed on a 500 °C probe temperature and at exposure times of <91 h can be removed with a PIP of <55 kPa. However, increase in probe exposure time and/or probe surface temperature (600 °C) significantly increases the PIP needed to remove the deposits.
This report is about full-scale probe measurements of deposit build-up and removal conducted at the Avedøreværket Unit 2, a 800 MWth suspension boiler, firing wood and natural gas with the addition of coal ash. Coal ash was used as an additive to capture potassium (K) from wood-firing. Investigations of deposit formation rate were made by use of an advanced online ash deposition/shedding probe. Quantification of ash deposition and shedding was made via deposit mass uptake signals obtained from the deposit probe. The influence of coal ash, flue gas temperature, probe surface temperature and boiler load on ash deposition propensity was investigated. Results of ash deposition propensity showed increasing trend with increasing flue gas temperature. Video monitoring revealed that the deposits formed were not sticky and could be easily removed, and even at very high flue gas temperatures (> 1350 oC), deposit removal through surface melting was not identified. SEM-EDS analysis of the deposits showed significant presence of Ca, Al and Si, indicating that a significant amount of K has been captured by coal ash to form deposits rich in calcium-aluminum-silicates, and possible release of Cl to the gas phase as HCl(g). Effect of boiler operational parameters on gas emissions has also been investigated.

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A review of catalytic upgrading of bio-oil to engine fuels
As the oil reserves are depleting the need of an alternative fuel source is becoming increasingly apparent. One prospective method for producing fuels in the future is conversion of biomass into bio-oil and then upgrading the bio-oil over a catalyst, this method is the focus of this review article. Bio-oil production can be facilitated through flash pyrolysis, which has been identified as one of the most feasible routes. The bio-oil has a high oxygen content and therefore low stability over time and a low heating value. Upgrading is desirable to remove the oxygen and in this way make it resemble crude oil. Two general routes for bio-oil upgrading have been considered: hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) and zeolite cracking. HDO is a high pressure operation where hydrogen is used to exclude oxygen from the bio-oil, giving a high grade oil product equivalent to crude oil. Catalysts for the reaction are traditional hydrodesulphurization (HDS) catalysts, such as Co–MoS2/Al2O3, or metal catalysts, as for example Pd/C. However, catalyst lifetimes of much more than 200h have not been achieved with any current catalyst due to carbon deposition. Zeolite cracking is an alternative path, where zeolites, e.g. HZSM-5, are used as catalysts for the deoxygenation reaction. In these systems hydrogen is not a requirement, so operation is performed at atmospheric pressure. However, extensive carbon deposition results in very short catalyst lifetimes. Furthermore a general restriction in the hydrogen content of the bio-oil results in a low H/C ratio of the oil product as no additional hydrogen is supplied. Overall, oil from zeolite cracking is of a low grade, with heating values approximately 25% lower than that of crude oil. Of the two mentioned routes, HDO appears to have the best potential, as zeolite cracking cannot produce fuels of acceptable grade for the current infrastructure. HDO is evaluated as being a path to fuels in a grade and at a price equivalent to present fossil fuels, but several tasks still have to be
addressed within this process. Catalyst development, understanding of the carbon forming mechanisms, understanding of the kinetics, elucidation of sulphur as a source of deactivation, evaluation of the requirement for high pressure, and sustainable sources for hydrogen are all areas which have to be elucidated before commercialisation of the process.
cooled probe during the experiments, it was found that the ash deposition propensity in co-combustion was decreased
with increasing share of SRF. The addition of NaCl and PVC significantly increased the ash deposition propensity,
whereas the addition of ammonium sulphate or kaolinite showed a slight reducing effect. The chlorine content in the
deposits generally implied a low corrosion potential during co-combustion of coal and SRF, except for the experiments
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Dust-Firing of Straw and Additives: Ash Chemistry and Deposition Behavior
In the present work, the ash chemistry and deposition behavior during straw dust-firing were studied by performing
experiments in an entrained flow reactor. The effect of using spent bleaching earth (SBE) as an additive in straw
combustion was also investigated by comparing with kaolinite. During dust-firing of straw, the large (>∼2.5 μm) fly ash
particles generated were primarily molten or partially molten spherical particles rich in K, Si, and Ca, supplemented by Si-
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Effects of Feed Composition and Feed Impurities in the Catalytic Conversion of Syngas to Higher Alcohols over Alkali-Promoted Cobalt–Molybdenum Sulfide

Alkali-promoted cobalt–molybdenum sulfide is a potential catalyst for the conversion of syngas into higher alcohols. This work is an investigation of how the feed composition influences the behavior of the sulfide catalyst. In a sulfur-free syngas the production of higher alcohols is observed to be optimal with an equimolar mixture of CO and H2 in the feed, while the methanol production benefits from an increasing hydrogen content in the feed. The influence of NH3 and H2O in the syngas feed has also been investigated. Ammonia (741 ppmv) in the feed is observed to cause a general and largely reversible deactivation of the catalyst. Operation with elevated water levels in the syngas feed (4.7–13.4 mol %) is observed to cause a deactivation of the catalyst, and it is especially the chain growth that is affected.

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Influence of fast pyrolysis temperature on biochar labile fraction and short-term carbon loss in a loamy soil

Production of bio-oil, gas and biochar from pyrolysis of biomass is considered a promising technology for combined production of bioenergy and recalcitrant carbon (C) suitable for sequestration in soil. Using a fast pyrolysis centrifuge reactor (PCR) the present study investigated the relation between fast pyrolysis of wheat straw at different reactor temperatures and the short-term degradability of biochar in soil. After 115 days incubation 3–12% of the added biochar-C had been emitted as CO2. On average, 90% of the total biochar-C loss occurred within the first 20 days of the experiment, emphasizing the importance of knowing the biochar labile fraction when evaluating a specific biochars C sequestration potential. The pyrolysis temperature influenced the outputs of biochar, bio-oil and syngas significantly, as well as the stability of the biochar produced. Contrary to slow pyrolysis a fast pyrolysis process may result in incomplete conversion of biomass due to limitations to heat transfer and kinetics. In our case chemical analysis of the biochars revealed unconverted cellulosic and hemicellulosic fractions, which in turn were found to be proportional with the short-term biochar degradation in soil. As these labile carbohydrates are rapidly mineralized, their presence lowers the biochar-C sequestration potential. By raising the pyrolysis temperature, biochar with none or low contents of these fractions can be produced, but this will be on the expense of the biochar quantity. The yield of CO2 neutral bio-oil is the other factor to optimize when adjusting the pyrolysis temperature settings to give the overall greatest climate change mitigation effect.
Katalytisk omdannelse af syntesegas til højere alkoholer: 3. Kan et karbid klare katalysen?

Leaching from waste incineration bottom ashes treated in a rotary kiln
Leaching from municipal solid waste incineration bottom ash treated in a rotary kiln was quantified using a combination of lab-scale leaching experiments and geochemical modelling. Thermal treatment in the rotary kiln had no significant effect on the leaching of Al, Ba, Ca, Mg, Si, Sr, Zn, sulfate and inorganic carbon. Leaching of these elements from the treated residues remained unchanged and was, in general, controlled by solubility of the same minerals as in the untreated residues. Leaching of Cd, Co, Ni, Ti, Be, Bi, and Sn from both untreated and treated residues was found to be close to or below their detection limits; no effects of the thermal treatment on leachability of these metals were observed. The leaching of Cl, dissolved organic carbon (DOC), Cu and Pb decreased by at least one order of magnitude after the thermal treatment. This could be explained by evaporation of Cl and by a better burnout of organic matter which then limited metal–DOC complexation and mobility. At the same time, leaching of Mo and Cr appeared to increase by a factor of 4 and more than two orders of magnitude, respectively. The large changes in Cr leaching may be explained by decreases in Al reduction capacity after the thermal treatment. Overall, rotary kiln thermal treatment of bottom ashes can be recommended to reduce the leaching of Cu, Pb, Cl and DOC; however, increased leaching of Cr and Mo should be expected.
Modeling char conversion under suspension fired conditions in O2/N2 and O2/CO2 atmospheres

The aim of this investigation has been to model combustion under suspension fired conditions in O2/N2 and O2/CO2 mixtures. Experiments used for model validation have been carried out in an electrically heated Entrained Flow Reactor (EFR) at temperatures between 1173 K and 1673 K with inlet O2 concentrations between 5 and 28 vol.%. The COal COMbustion MOdel, COCOMO, includes the three char morphologies: cenospheric char, network char and dense char each divided between six discrete particle sizes. Both combustion and gasification with CO2 are accounted for and reaction rates include thermal char deactivation, which was found to be important for combustion at high reactor temperatures and high O2 concentrations. COCOMO show in general good agreement with experimental char conversion profiles at conditions covering zone I–III. From the experimental profiles no effect of CO2 gasification on char conversion has been found. COCOMO does however suggest that CO2 gasification in oxy-fuel combustion at low O2 concentrations can account for as much as 70% of the overall char consumption rate during combustion in zone III.
Probe Measurements of Ash Deposit Formation Rate and Shedding in a Biomass Suspension-Fired boiler

The aim of this study was to investigate ash deposit formation rate, heat uptake reduction and deposit removal by using advanced online ash deposition and sootblowing probes in a 350 MWth suspension-fired boiler, utilizing wood and straw pellets as fuel. The influence of fuel type (straw share in wood), probe exposure time, probe surface temperature (500, 550 and 600 °C) and flue gas temperature (600 - 1050 °C) on ash deposit formation rate, heat uptake by the probe, the fly ash and deposit characteristics, and deposit removal have been investigated. The results indicated that increase in flue gas temperature increased the ash deposition rate. It was also found that probe heat uptake reduction was not strongly sensitive to the deposit mass load on the probe. This indicated that the heat transfer from the flue gas to the probe was dominated by the rear side, where little material was accumulated on the probe if the deposit mass load was very high on the flue gas facing side of the probe. Results of deposit removal by using sootblowing probe indicated that probe exposure time and surface temperature significantly influence the Peak Impact Pressure (PIP) needed to remove the deposits. The video recordings of all deposit probe experiments revealed that deposit shedding was primarily through debonding from the surface of the tubes in the superheater region. Chemical analysis of fly ashes indicated that during suspension-firing of straw and wood, the fly ashes were rich in Si, K, Ca and Cl, but the relative percentage of volatile elements (K, Cl and S) was much less compared to grate-firing conditions. The chemical analysis of the deposits showed that the inner most layer was dominated by contents of K, Cl and S compared to the upper layers rich in K, Si and Ca

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In this project the production of DME/methanol from biomass has been investigated. Production of DME/methanol from biomass requires the use of a gasifier to transform the solid fuel to a synthesis gas (syngas) - this syngas can then be catalytically converted to DME/methanol. Two different gasifier types have been investigated in this project: • The Two-Stage Gasifier (Viking Gasifier), designed to produce a very clean gas to be used in a gas engine, has been connected to a lab-scale methanol plant, to prove that the gas from the gasifier could be used for methanol production with a minimum of gas cleaning. This was proved by experiments. Thermodynamic computer models of DME and methanol plants based on using the Two-Stage Gasification concept were created to show the potential of such plants. The models showed that the potential biomass to DME/methanol + net electricity energy efficiency was 51-58% (LHV). By using waste heat from the plants for district heating, the total energy efficiencies could reach 87-88% (LHV). • A lab-scale electrically heated entrained flow gasifier has been used to gasify wood and straw. Entrained flow gasifiers are today the preferred gasifier type for commercial coal gasification, but little information exists on using these types of gasifiers for biomass gasification. The experiments performed provided quantitative data on product and gas composition as a function of operation conditions. Biomass can be gasified with less oxygen consumption compared to coal. The organic fraction of the biomass that is not converted to gas appears as soot. Thermodynamic computer models of DME and methanol plants based on using entrained flow gasification were created to show the potential of such plants. These models showed that the potential torrefied biomass to DME/methanol + net electricity energy efficiency was 65-71% (LHV). Different routes to produce liquid transport fuels from biomass are possible. They include production of RME (rapeseed oil methyl ester), ethanol from fermentation or gasification based synthesis of DME, methanol, Fisher Tropsch fuels etc. A comparison of these different methods to provide biomass based transport fuels has shown that the gasification based route is an attractive and efficient technology.

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The reduction of CO2 emissions is of highest concern in relation to limiting the anthropogenic impacts on the environment. Primary focus has gathered on the large point sources of CO2 emissions constituted by large heat and power stations and other heavy, energy-consuming industry. Solutions are sought which will enable a significant reduction of the anthropogenic CO2 emissions during the transformation period from the use of fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy. Carbon capture and storage (CCS) has the potential to significantly reduce CO2 emissions from power stations while allowing for the continuous utilisation of the existing energy producing system in the transformation period. Oxyfuel combustion is one of the possible CCS technologies which show promising perspectives for implementation in industrial scale within a relatively short period of time. Oxyfuel combustion deviates from conventional combustion in air by using a mixture of pure oxygen and recirculated flue gas as the combustion medium thereby creating a flue gas highly concentrated in CO2 making the capture process economically more feasible compared to technologies with capture from more dilute CO2 streams. This project has investigated a number of the fundamental and practical issues of the oxyfuel combustion process by experimental, theoretical, and modelling investigations in order to improve the knowledge of the technology. The subjects investigated cover: general combustion characteristics of coal and biomass (straw) and mixtures thereof, formation and emission of pollutants, ash characteristics, flue gas cleaning for SO2 by wet scrubbing with limestone and for NOx by selective catalytic reduction (SCR), corrosion of boiler heat transfer surfaces, operation and control of large suspension-fired boilers, and the perspectives for the implementation of oxyfuel combustion as a CO2 sequestration solution in the Danish power production system. Regarding the fundamental combustion characteristics (combustion, emissions, and ash), the project has not identified any disqualifying characteristics. On the contrary, oxyfuel has the potential to improve fuel burnout and significantly reduce NOx emissions compared to conventional combustion in air. However, the significantly increased levels of CO2, H2O, CO (and SO2) within the boiler will have a negative effect on the risk of corrosion through a number of mechanisms such as carburisation (CO2 and H2O), water wall corrosion due to reducing conditions (CO), and both high- and low-temperature sulphur-induced corrosion (SO2/CO). Both the wet flue gas desulphurisation and the selective catalytic reduction process for NOx removal have shown satisfying performance in oxyfuel atmospheres. At the same time, process calculations have shown that it is possible to retrofit an existing boiler to oxyfuel combustion. Different configurations; cold and hot recirculation of flue gas; are possible each with differences in the associated uncertainty, necessary level of process re-design, and reductions in the plant efficiency. It was generally seen that the configuration with the highest level of re-design, i.e. hot recirculation of flue gas, provided the possibility of the highest electrical efficiency but also the largest number of technical challenges. Generally, it has been concluded that it would be beneficial to mainly apply the oxyfuel technology to new-build plants rather than as a retrofit solution. In that respect, it is unlikely that oxyfuel power plants are commissioned in Denmark before 2020. However, in order to meet the very strict demands for the reduction of CO2 emissions within EU by 2050 application of oxyfuel combustion capture at power stations burning CO2 neutral fuels (biomass) could be an advantageous solution due to the associated, negative CO2 emissions.
PSO Project 10085: Final Report – Co-Firing of Coal and RDF in Suspension

Co-combustion of refuse derived fuels (RDF) with coal in pulverized coal-fired power plants can potentially increase the electrical efficiency of utilizing RDF and reduce the formation of some harmful pollutants such as dioxins. The objective of this project was to provide a general assessment of the technical issues related to co-combustion of coal and RDF, and to improve the fundamental understandings of this subject. The project was carried out in collaboration between the CHEC Research Centre at DTU Chemical Engineering and DONG Energy Power A/S, and was financially supported by Energinet.dk. The project work mainly involved conducting pilot-scale experiments in the CHEC entrained flow reactor, carrying out full-scale aerosol measurements at the Esbjergværket (ESV), doing global equilibrium calculations, and performing thermogravimetric experiments. Through performing co-combustion experiments in the CHEC entrained flow reactor, the burnout, NO and SO2 emissions, the transformation of ash forming species, the formation of deposits, and the partitioning of trace elements during co-combustion of coal and solid recovered fuel (SRF) were studied systematically. The effect of different coal properties, SRF properties, and mass share of SRF on co-combustion was investigated. Besides, global equilibrium calculations were conducted to interpret the results of the entrained flow experiments. The formation of fine particles during cocombustion of coal and SRF was also investigated, through performing full-scale aerosol measurements at the Esbjergværket (ESV). The influence of co-combustion on the concentration and composition of the fine particles was evaluated, and the impact on the dust emissions was discussed. In addition, a fundamental study on the interactions of coal and different waste materials during pyrolysis was conducted through thermogravimetric experiments. In general, the results obtained from this project have significantly improved the understandings of fuel conversion, ash transformation, ash deposition, and pollutant formation during co-combustion of coal and refuse derived fuels. These results have also provided essential knowledge regarding the fuel selection and process optimization of co-firing refuse derived fuels and coal under suspension-firing conditions.

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Quantification of Ash Deposit Build-up and Removal in a Straw and Wood Suspension-Fired Boiler

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This project expands present knowledge regarding diesel engine emissions and diesel particulate filter (DPF) performance and regeneration during biodiesel usage. This is done through a literature survey, a pilot-scale experimental study of DPF performance and thermo gravimetric studies of PM/catalyst/ash interactions. A pilot-scale experimental study of DPF performance and NO2 influence indicated a lower engine out particulate concentration while using Rapeseed methyl ester (RME, 26 mg/m3) compared to ultra low sulphur diesel (ULSD, 58 mg/m3). Filter regeneration with a 50 % diluted exhaust also showed an improved performance with RME (regeneration at 475 oC and 120 mbar filter pressure loss) compared to ULSD (500 oC and 125 mbar filter pressure loss). The improved filter performance was most likely due to the lower particulate concentration when using RME (lower deposition flux to overcome), because no significant differences in particulate reactivity or engine out NOx concentration were seen. The introduction of 400 ppm NO2 to the RME exhaust (normal NOx concentration ~ 250 ppm (can be oxidized to NO2 by an oxidation catalyst)) caused an improved filter regeneration performance (regeneration at 435 oC and 80 mbar filter pressure loss), which illustrates the importance of NO2 for particle oxidation and thereby the importance NO to NO2 conversion either in a separate oxidation catalyst or as part of the DPF’s catalytic performance. Thermo gravimetric (TG) studies of PM/catalyst/ash interactions in N2 with 10 % O2 showed that diesel PM conversion (5:1 wt. ratio with commercial catalyst) benefits from the presence of biodiesel salts such as Na2CO3, K2CO3 or K3PO4 – TG peak conversion temperature decreased from 526 ± 19oC to ~ 400-420 oC, with a limited dependence on salt concentration. Other lube oil derived salts (CaSO4 and Ca(H2PO4) or combinations of lube oil and fuel (K2SO4) can have a detrimental effect on catalytic PM conversion. However, utilization of high biodiesel fractions over a prolonged period of time will likely be necessary before any of these effects can be seen, because of the stringent fuel specifications (EN 14214: ≤ 5 mg Na + K/kg; ≤ 5 mg Ca + Mg/kg; ≤ 4 mg P/kg).
Release and Transformation of Inorganic Elements in Combustion of a High-Phosphorus Fuel

The release and transformation of inorganic elements during grate-firing of bran was studied via experiments in a laboratory-scale reactor, analysis of fly ash from a grate-fired plant, and equilibrium modeling. It was found that K, P, S, and to a lesser extent Cl and Na were released to the gas phase during bran combustion. Laboratory-scale experiments showed that S was almost fully vaporized during pyrolysis below 700 °C. Sixty to seventy percent of the K and P in bran was released during combustion, in the temperature range 900–1100 °C. The release of K and P was presumably attributed to the vaporization of KPO3 generated from thermal decomposition of inositol phosphates, which were considered to be a major source of P and K in bran. The influence of additives such as CaCO3, Ca(OH)2, and kaolinite on the release was also investigated. Ca-based additives generally increased the molar ratio of the released K/P, whereas kaolinite showed an opposite effect. Thermodynamic modeling indicated that the fly ash chemistry was sensitive to the molar ratio of the released K/P. When the molar ratio of the released K/P was below 1, KPO3 and P4O10(g) were the main stable K and P species at temperatures higher than 500 °C. Below 500 °C, the KPO3 and P4O10 (g) may be converted to H3PO4(l), which may cause severe deposit build-up in the economizers of a grate-fired boiler. By increasing the molar ratio of the released K/P to above 2, the equilibrium distribution of the K and P species was significantly changed and the formation of H3PO4(l) was not predicted by thermodynamic modeling.
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Ash behavior in the combustion of phosphorus rich biofuels - literature survey and experimental studies
Utilization of biofuels such as grain, bran and rapeseed meal in energy production is considered to have ecological and economical benefits. These seed-originated biofuels usually contain significantly higher phosphorus contents than other biofuels, which may induce some ash related operation problems. In this report, the behaviors of inorganic species during the combustion of phosphorus rich biofuels are studied through literature review and experiments. It is found that the majority of P, Mg and K in these biofuels would be present as phytic acid/phytate or other inositol phosphate. During the combustion of phosphorus rich biofuels, the K, P, and S are the main inorganic species released to the gas phase. The release of K and P occurs in a temperature range of 900-1100 °C, and the primarily reason is attributed to the vaporization of phosphate compounds. The addition of Kaolin and Ca-based additives shows some retention effects on the K or P release. By performing thermodynamic calculations, the interactions among the released K, P, and S in the flue gas are investigated, showing that the ash chemistry would be significantly affected by the molar ratio of the released K/P. The results from the thermodynamic calculations are supported by some experimental findings, and are used to explain some practical problems observed in the combustion of bran in a grate-fired power plant. Other operational problems related with the combustion of phosphorus rich biofuels are also discussed and the possible countermeasures are suggested.

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Ash Deposit Formation and Removal in a Straw and Wood Suspension-Fired Boiler
Utilization of biomass on large suspension-fired boilers is a potentially efficient method to reduce net CO2 emissions and reduce the consumption of fossil fuels. However, ash deposit formation on heat transfer surfaces may cause operational problems and in severe cases lead to boiler stop and manual cleaning. Most studies on ash deposition and removal has been done on biomass grate boilers, while only limited data is available from biomass suspension-firing. The aim of this study was to investigate deposit mass uptake, heat uptake reduction, deposit characteristics, and deposit removal by using an advanced online deposit probe in a full scale suspension-fired boiler using wood and straw pellets as fuel (Amageværket Unit 2, AMV2). The 250 MWth boiler has maximum capacity of 60t/h biomass, owned by Vattenfall, and located in Copenhagen, Denmark. The maximum operation period of boiler was limited to two weeks when 100% straw was fired due to ash deposition in the superheater region that has tube spacing specified for coal-firing (113mm). A series of 3-8 days deposit probe experiments were conducted utilizing 35 to 100% straw with wood on mass basis. The applied deposit probe was water and air cooled, and it was possible to register deposit mass uptake, heat uptake, and flue gas temperature. The surface temperature of the probe was kept at 500 °C, and in some of the experiments, a CCD camera registered the deposit formation and removal process on the probe. The probe was placed in the superheater region (1st draught, flue gas temperature, 820-865 °C) and in the tube bank region (2nd draught, flue gas temperature, 580-605 °C). The percentage of ash in the applied straw and wood was 5.9 % and 3.3 %, while the K contents were 0.81% and 0.09% respectively. During 35% straw share, the initial two hours deposit mass uptake rate was 52.8 (g/m2/h), while it was 353.8 (g/m2/h) during 100% straw-firing. All tests in the superheater region for all applied straw shares indicated that with
increase in straw share, final deposit mass uptake increased. The comparison of current and previous full scale experimental studies conducted by CHEC indicated that there was not a big difference regarding final deposit mass uptake during straw suspension-firing and combustion on grate. The shedding (deposit removal) events were investigated when the nearby plant sootblower was shutdown. It was identified that the mass uptake signal increased linearly and then suddenly dropped when a complete layer of deposits was removed. The shedding events were confirmed through imaging data collected through a CCD camera and a complete layer of deposits removed can be clearly identified (shedding through debonding). The shedding investigation was also made when the nearby plant sootblower (4m below) was working. It was identified that the mass uptake signal remained stable and the deposits in small pieces were continuously removed during 35% and 65% straw-firing. Previous findings of Vattenfall indicated that a mixture of 50% straw with wood gave up to more than one month of continuous boiler operation, because plant sootblowers made the boiler operation stable. During 80% and 100% straw-firing, deposits were removed in small pieces but overall deposit weight uptake signal increased. The probe heat uptake reduction, in the superheater region, was reasonably similar for all applied straw shares. Even with a significant deposit build up on the windward probe direction, heat uptake remained approximately constant. This indicated that the heat transfer from the flue gas to the probe was dominated along the rear side, where little material was accumulated. Elemental analysis of the fuel ash, fly ash and deposit samples was made using Inductively Coupled Plasma-Optical Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-OES) to determine elemental percentage of Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, P, Si, S and Cl. Elemental composition of fly ash samples during straw suspension-firing indicated significant amounts of Si and Ca, compared to grate-firing fly ashes that has a higher content of K and Cl. Elemental analysis of the probe front side deposits indicated that the amount of K and Cl increased by increasing straw share, while Ca contents decreased. It was found that increased deposit surface temperature (> 550 °C) caused reduction of the Cl contents in the front layer of deposits. Based on the current findings, recommendations for the optimal operation strategy of straw and wood suspension-fired boilers with respect to minimization of deposit related problems could be provided.
Catalytic conversion of synthesis gas into higher alcohols

Characterization and Quantification of Deposits Buildup and Removal in Biomass Suspension-Fired Boilers

Utilization of biomass as wood or straw in large suspension-fired boilers is an efficient method to reduce the use of fossil fuels consumption and to reduce the net CO2 formation. However, the presence of chlorine and alkali metals in biomass (straw) generate ash with a low melting point and induce large problems of ash deposit formation on the superheater tubes. Full scale studies on biomass ash deposition and removal had been done on biomass grate boilers, while only limited data is available from biomass suspension-firing. The aim of this study was to investigate deposit mass uptake, heat uptake reduction, fly ash and deposit characteristics, and deposit removal by using an advanced online deposit probe in a suspension-fired boiler using wood and straw pellets as fuel. The influence of fuel type and probe exposure time on the ash deposition rate, the heat uptake, the fly ash and deposit characteristics, and deposit removal have been investigated. The final deposit mass signal after a residence time of 3 to 5 days region was 1041, 1475, 1520 and 1670 g/m² for 35, 65, 80 and 100% straw share respectively in the superheater region (flue gas temperature, 800-900 oC), while the mass uptake was very small in the tube bank region (flue gas temperature, 550-605 oC) during pure wood-firing. It was found that during suspension-firing of pure straw at low boiler load, the overall weight uptake is comparable with grate-firing, even though the amount of fly ash generated was significantly higher during suspension-firing. Deposit removal through debonding was the main mechanism of deposit shedding when no plant sootblower was in operation. Elemental analysis of fly ashes and deposit samples was made in order to determine concentrations of the major elements Al, Ca, Fe, K, Mg, Na, P, Si, S and Cl. It was identified that the straw suspension-firing fly ashes contain high contents of Si and Ca, while grate-firing fly ashes contain higher contents of volatile elements K, Cl and S.
Coal devolatilization and char conversion under suspension fired conditions in O2/N2 and O2/CO2 atmospheres

The aim of the present investigation is to examine differences between O2/N2 and O2/CO2 atmospheres during devolatilization and char conversion of a bituminous coal at conditions covering temperatures between 1173 K and 1673 K and inlet oxygen concentrations between 5 and 28 vol.%. The experiments have been carried out in an electrically heated entrained flow reactor that is designed to simulate the conditions in a suspension fired boiler. Coal devolatilized in N2 and CO2 atmospheres provided similar results regarding char morphology, char N2-BET surface area and volatile yield. This strongly indicates that a shift from air to oxy-fuel combustion does not influence the devolatilization process significantly.

Char combustion experiments yielded similar char conversion profiles when N2 was replaced with CO2 under conditions where combustion was primarily controlled by chemical kinetics. When char was burned at 1573 K and 1673 K a faster conversion was found in N2 suggesting that the lower molecular diffusion coefficient of O2 in CO2 lowers the char conversion rate when external mass transfer influences combustion. The reaction of char with CO2 was not observed to have an influence on char conversion rates at the applied experimental conditions.

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Coupling of Alcohols over Alkali-Promoted Cobalt-Molybdenum Sulfide

Double or nothing: Higher alcohols are produced by the hydrogenation of CO with a K-promoted Co-MoS2/C catalyst. Ethanol, which is passed over the sulfide catalyst along with CO and H2, is mainly converted into 1-butanol, which indicates that alcohol condensation contributes to the build-up of higher alcohols over the sulfide catalyst. In a nitrogen
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**Effect and Modeling of Glucose Inhibition and In Situ Glucose Removal During Enzymatic Hydrolysis of Pretreated Wheat Straw**
The enzymatic hydrolysis of lignocellulosic biomass is known to be product-inhibited by glucose. In this study, the effects on cellulolytic glucose yields of glucose inhibition and in situ glucose removal were examined and modeled during extended treatment of heat-pretreated wheat straw with the cellulolytic enzyme system, Celluclast (R) 1.5 L, from Trichoderma reesei, supplemented with a beta-glucosidase, Novozym (R) 188, from Aspergillus niger. Addition of glucose (0-40 g/L) significantly decreased the enzyme-catalyzed glucose formation rates and final glucose yields, in a dose-dependent manner, during 96 h of reaction. When glucose was removed by dialysis during the enzymatic hydrolysis, the cellulose conversion rates and glucose yields increased. In fact, with dialytic in situ glucose removal, the rate of enzyme-catalyzed glucose release during 48-72 h of reaction recovered from 20-40% to become approximate to 70% of the rate recorded during 6-24 h of reaction. Although Michaelis-Menten kinetics do not suffice to model the kinetics of the complex multi-enzymatic degradation of cellulose, the data for the glucose inhibition were surprisingly well described by simple Michaelis-Menten inhibition models without great significance of the inhibition mechanism. Moreover, the experimental in situ removal of glucose could be simulated by a Michaelis-Menten inhibition model. The data provide an important base for design of novel reactors and operating regimes which include continuous product removal during enzymatic hydrolysis of lignocellulose.

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Oxy-fuel combustion of solid fuels

Oxy-fuel combustion is suggested as one of the possible, promising technologies for capturing CO2 from power plants. The concept of oxy-fuel combustion is removal of nitrogen from the oxidizer to carry out the combustion process in oxygen and, in most concepts, recycled flue gas to lower the flame temperature. The flue gas produced thus consists primarily of carbon dioxide and water. Much research on the different aspects of an oxy-fuel power plant has been performed during the last decade. Focus has mainly been on retrofits of existing pulverized-coal-fired power plant units. Green-field plants which provide additional options for improvement of process economics are however likewise investigated. Of particular interest is the change of the combustion process induced by the exchange of carbon dioxide and water vapor for nitrogen as diluent. This paper reviews the published knowledge on the oxy-fuel process and focuses particularly on the combustion fundamentals, i.e. flame temperatures and heat transfer, ignition and burnout, emissions, and fly ash characteristics. Knowledge is currently available regarding both an entire oxy-fuel power plant and the combustion fundamentals. However, several questions remain unanswered and more research and pilot plant testing of heat transfer profiles, emission levels, the optimum oxygen excess and inlet oxygen concentration levels, high and low-temperature fireside corrosion, ash quality, plant operability, and models to predict NOx and SO3 formation is required.

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Reactor design for minimizing product inhibition during enzymatic lignocellulose hydrolysis II. Quantification of inhibition and suitability of membrane reactors

Product inhibition of cellulolytic enzymes affects the efficiency of the biocatalytic conversion of lignocellulosic biomass to ethanol and other valuable products. New strategies that focus on reactor designs encompassing product removal, notably glucose removal, during enzymatic cellulose conversion are required for alleviation of glucose product inhibition. Supported by numerous calculations this review assesses the quantitative aspects of glucose product inhibition on enzyme-catalyzed cellulose degradation rates. The significance of glucose product inhibition on dimensioning of different ideal reactor types, i.e. batch, continuous stirred, and plug-flow, is illustrated quantitatively by modeling different extents of cellulose conversion at different reaction conditions. The main operational challenges of membrane reactors for lignocellulose conversion are highlighted. Key membrane reactor features, including system set-up, dilution rate, glucose output profile, and the problem of cellobiose are examined to illustrate the quantitative significance of the glucose product inhibition and the total glucose concentration on the cellulolytic conversion rate. Comprehensive overviews of the available literature data for glucose removal by membranes and for cellulose enzyme stability in membrane reactors are given. The treatise clearly shows that membrane reactors allowing continuous, complete, glucose removal during enzymatic cellulose hydrolysis, can provide for both higher cellulose hydrolysis rates and higher enzyme usage efficiency (kg(product)/kg(enzyme)). Current membrane reactor designs are however not feasible for large scale operations. The report emphasizes that the industrial realization of cellulosic ethanol requires more focus on the operational feasibility within the different hydrolysis reactor designs, notably for membrane reactors, to achieve efficient enzyme-catalyzed cellulose degradation. (C) 2010 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Reactor design for minimizing product inhibition during enzymatic lignocellulose hydrolysis: I. Significance and mechanism of cellobiose and glucose inhibition on cellulolytic enzymes

Achievement of efficient enzymatic degradation of cellulose to glucose is one of the main prerequisites and one of the main challenges in the biological conversion of lignocellulosic biomass to liquid fuels and other valuable products. The specific inhibitory interferences by cellobiose and glucose on enzyme-catalyzed cellulose hydrolysis reactions impose significant limitations on the efficiency of lignocellulose conversion especially at high-biomass dry matter conditions. To provide the base for selecting the optimal reactor conditions, this paper reviews the reaction kinetics, mechanisms, and significance of this product inhibition, notably the cellobiose and glucose inhibition, on enzymatic cellulose hydrolysis.

Particular emphasis is put on the distinct complexity of cellulose as a substrate, the multi-enzymatic nature of the cellulolytic degradation, and the particular features of cellulase inhibition mechanisms and kinetics. The data show that new strategies that place the bioreactor design at the center stage are required to alleviate the product inhibition and in turn to enhance the efficiency of enzymatic cellulose hydrolysis. Accomplishment of the enzymatic hydrolysis at medium substrate concentration in separate hydrolysis reactors that allow continuous glucose removal is proposed to be the way forward for obtaining feasible enzymatic degradation in lignocellulose processing. (C) 2010 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Release of Corrosive Species above the Grate in a Waste Boiler and the Implication for Improved Electrical Efficiency

A relatively low electrical efficiency of 20–25% is obtained in typical west European waste boilers. Ash species released from the grate combustion zone form boiler deposits with high concentrations of Cl, Na, K, Zn, Pb, and S that cause corrosion of superheater tubes at high temperature. The superheater steam temperature has to be limited to around 425 °C, and thereby, the electrical efficiency remains low compared to wood or coal-fired boilers. If a separate part of the flue gas from the grate has a low content of corrosive species, it may be used to superheat steam to a higher temperature, and
thereby, the electrical efficiency of the plant can be increased. In this study, the local temperature, the gas concentrations of CO, CO2, and O2, and the release of the volatile elements Cl, S, Na, K, Pb, Zn, Cu, and Sn were measured above the grate in a waste boiler to investigate if a selected fraction of the flue gas could be applied for increased steam superheating. On a 26 ton/h grate-fired waste boiler, Vestforbrænding unit 5 in Denmark, local probe measurements were performed in five ports along the grate and in the top of the boiler chamber. New extraction probe equipment were designed and used to extract a flue gas with high contents of tar. Gas concentration measurements of O2, CO, and CO2 showed that the waste experienced pyrolysis and combustion on grate sections 1 and 2, some char combustion takes place on section 3, and the slag was cooled on sections 4 and 5. The measurements showed that the waste grate combustion process can provide a flue gas with a high energy content and a relatively low concentration of corrosive species. This opens up for the possibility of using an additional superheater section to increase the steam temperature and, thereby, increase electrical efficiency.

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Ash Properties of Alternative Biomass
The ash behavior during suspension firing of 12 alternative solid biofuels, such as pectin waste, mash from a beer brewery, or waste from cigarette production have been studied and compared to wood and straw ash behavior. Laboratory suspension firing tests were performed on an entrained flow reactor and a swirl burner test rig, with special emphasis on the formation of fly ash and ash deposit. Thermodynamic equilibrium calculations were performed to support the interpretation of the experiments. To generalize the results of the combustion tests, the fuels are classified according to fuel ash analysis into three main groups depending upon their ash content of silica, alkali metal, and calcium and magnesium. To further detail the biomass classification, the relative molar ratio of Cl, S, and P to alkali were included. The study has led to knowledge on biomass fuel ash composition influence on ash transformation, ash deposit flux, and deposit chlorine content when biomass fuels are applied for suspension combustion.

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Ash transformation in suspension fired boilers co-firing coal and straw: Final report, PSO-Eltra 4766

To study the influence of local conditions on the reaction between gaseous KCl and kaolin or coal fly ash experiments were done on CHECs electrically heated entrained flow reactor, which can simulate the local conditions in suspension fired boilers. The experimental results were compared with model calculations to support the interpretation. The extent of the reaction between KCl vapor and coal minerals was evaluated by the amount of formed water insoluble potassium in the product. The effects of reaction temperature, residence time and potassium load on the potassium capture by coal minerals were studied. Due to not completely well controlled conditions during the experiments only preliminary conclusions can be provided. For experiments done at 1100°C with a molar ratio of K/Si=0.3 and a residence time of 1.07s approximately 80% of potassium from KCl reacted with kaolin. A changed temperature (1100-1300 °C) or a changed amount of KCl (K/Si = 0.1 – 0.34) did only change the KCl conversion slightly. Si and Al rich coal ash seems to be less efficient to react with KCl compared to kaolin. However the applied coal ash had a larger particle size (d50 = 22μm) compared to the kaolin (d50 = 10μm).

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Ash transformation in suspension fired boilers co-firing coal and straw: Final report, PSO-Eltra 4766

The properties of the ash from co-firing of coal and straw have a large influence on boiler operation, flue gas cleaning equipment and appropriate utilization of the fly ash. A study on the fuel composition and local conditions influence on fly ash properties has been done by making entrained flow reactor experiments with co-firing of coal and straw, making mineral and alkali vapor laboratory reactor experiments and by developing a model of KCl reaction with kaolin. The results include correlations that can be used to estimate the speciation of potassium in the fly ash when co-firing straw and bituminous coal. The laboratory experiments indicated which mineral types and local conditions that provide the most efficient binding of potassium to species with a high melting point, and where a simultaneous release of chlorine as gaseous HCl takes place.

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Biochar soil application to mitigate climate change

Production of energy carriers (oil, gas) and biochar from pyrolysis of biomass is by many considered a promising technology for combined production of bioenergy and recalcitrant C suitable for sequestration in soil. The mechanism behind biochar-C sequestration is straightforward: Due to its recalcitrant characteristics the microbial decomposition of biochar is much slower in comparison to the mineralization of the original feedstock. Conversion of organic residues like household waste or cereal straw to biochar is hence proposed a way to withdraw CO2 from the atmosphere and sequester it on a long term basis in the soil. The experiments presented here illustrate the C sequestration potentials of biochar originating from fast pyrolysis of wheat straw. It is documented that after 47 days in soil 95 % of the added biochar-C is still present in the soil as compared to only 56 % if straw is applied untreated to the soil. The type and settings of pyrolysis influence the chemical quality of the biochar produced significantly. Biochar chemical analysis revealed that the degradation of biochar in soil appears to be proportional with the biochar cellulosic and hemicellulosic fraction. Furthermore, the pyrolyzer temperature settings strongly influence the proportion of cellulose and hemicellulose remaining in the biochar. As these biochar fractions relatively rapidly are mineralized to CO2 by microbial respiration they are – in climate mitigation perspective - unwanted. At the upcoming Climate Conference in Copenhagen (COP15) December 2009, the use of biochar as a mitigation tool will be on the agenda and for the time being (July 2009) 20 countries and Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have made submissions to the UNFCCC seeking the inclusion of biochar as a climate mitigation and adaptation tool.

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Biomass Suspension Combustion: Effect of Two-Stage Combustion on NOx Emissions in a Laboratory-Scale Swirl Burner
A systematic study was performed in a suspension fired 20 kW laboratory-scale swirl burner test rig for combustion of biomass and co-combustion of natural gas and biomass. The main focus is put on the effect of two-stage combustion on the NO emission, as well as its effect on the incomplete combustion. When two-stage combustion was applied, the NO emission level can be significantly reduced. The experimental results show that an optimal first-stage combustion stoichiometry (λ1) exists, at which a minimum NO emission can be achieved. An optimal stoichiometry of around 0.8 in the fuel-rich zone exists with respect to minimizing NO emissions. When using wood and straw as co-firing fuels, 15−25% of the fuel-N is converted to NO. Straw appears to give the lowest conversion of fuel-N to NO. The results indicate that the optimal stoichiometry in the fuel-rich (λ1) zone for gaining the lowest NO may result from the homogeneous reaction, by comparing the NO emissions when firing natural gas with NH3 addition and co-firing natural gas and biomass. The experimental results also show no significant increase of incomplete combustion of gas and char by applying optimized two-stage combustion.

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Co-combustion of coal and SRF in an entrained flow reactor: a preliminary study

Investigations on co-firing of SRF with two kinds of bituminous coal were carried out in an entrained flow reactor. The experimental results showed that co-combustion of coal and SRF increased the unburnt carbon in fly ashes. The emissions of NO and SO2 were reduced with an increasing share of SRF both due to the low nitrogen and sulphur contents in the SRF and the synergy effects of the fuels. Influences of co-combustion on the deposit formation rate on an air-cooled probe were rather different for the two coals. For COPRIB coal and SRF co-combustion, the deposit formation rate decreased slightly with an increasing share of SRF. For SAKLEI coal and SRF co-combustion, the deposit formation rate showed an increasing trend up to 10 mass percent of SRF, and started to decrease at a higher SRF share. By analyzing the ash samples, it has been found that the concentrations of some trace elements such as Cd, Cu, Pb and Zn were highly enriched in the fly ashes from coal and SRF co-combustion. The effect may due to there are more organically associated trace elements in SRF than coals, and the high Cl content in SRF may enhance the enrichment of trace elements in fly ashes.
procedure based on a generalised equation for predicting higher heating value. By analysing pure organic substances, literature data, and fuels it is demonstrated that the method can provide hydrogen estimates within +/- 0.7% daf. and carbon and sum of oxygen, nitrogen, and sulphur estimates within +/- 2% daf. for fuels containing less than 90% ash db., 2% nitrogen daf., and 1% daf. sulphur.

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Effect of experimental conditions on biomass gasification in an entrained-flow reactor

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Effects of H2S and process conditions in the synthesis of mixed alcohols from syngas over alkali promoted cobalt-molybdenum sulfide
The present work is an investigation of how the process conditions influence the synthesis of mixed alcohols from syngas over a K2CO3/Co/MoS2/C catalyst. The emphasis in the investigations is upon the effects of H2S in the syngas feed. However the effects of the temperature and of the partial pressures of H2 and CO are also investigated. With or without H2S in the feed the pre-sulfided catalyst requires an initiation period to reach a stabilized behavior, but the duration of this period depends upon the H2S level. Operation with a feed containing more than 103 ppmv H2S leads to a fairly rapid stabilization of the product distribution and ensures that higher alcohols are the dominant reaction products. With less than 57 ppmv H2S in the feed the stabilization of the product distribution is much slower, and methanol is the dominant product. An investigation of the reaction kinetics indicates a high CO coverage and low hydrogen coverage. Hydrogen sulfide in the syngas feed generally promotes chain growth for both alcohols and hydrocarbons, but lowers the alcohol selectivity by enhancing the hydrocarbon formation. The highest alcohol productivity reached in these investigations was 0.276 g/g cat./h, and this was achieved at 350 °C, 100 bar, GHSV = 5244 h−1, Feed: 49.9 vol% H2, 50.1 vol% CO. Finally it is found that sulfur fed to the reactor as H2S is incorporated into the condensed alcohol product, and the incorporation of sulfur species into the product continues for some time after H2S has been removed from the feed. When the catalyst is operated with an S-free syngas feed, the amount of sulfur in the condensed liquid product decreases over time, but after 35 h of operation with an S-free syngas the alcohol product still contains 340 ppmw of sulfur. Thiols appear to be the dominant sulfur compounds in the product.

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Experimental and numerical investigation of gas phase freeboard combustion: Part II: Fuel-NO formation

In part 1 of the present work (10.1021/ef900752a), experimental data and computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling predictions for velocity field, temperatures, and major species were compared for a 50 kW axisymmetric, non-swirling natural gas-fired combustion setup, constructed to simulate the conditions in the freeboard of a grate-fired boiler. Here, in part 2, the ability of CFD to predict volatile N oxidation to NO and N(2) is evaluated. Trace amounts of ammonia were added to the natural gas, and local measurements of NH(3) and NO in the reactor were compared to modeling predictions. Different modeling approaches, including global schemes and analytically reduced mechanisms, were tested in the CFD calculations. In addition, the simplified schemes were compared to reference calculations with a detailed mechanism under isothermal plug flow reactor conditions. While none of the global ammonia schemes was able to provide satisfactory predictions over a wider range of conditions, an analytically reduced nitrogen scheme generally provided a satisfactory agreement with the detailed mechanism. Application of the selected schemes in a CFD analysis showed that both the standard Fluent postprocessing approach with the De Soete global scheme and the combination of a skeletal combustion mechanism with the analytically reduced N scheme provided reasonable agreement with the experimental data. Most of the tested ammonia oxidation schemes were able to qualitatively predict the trends in NO formation going from one operational case to the other, but the main combustion solution on which the ammonia oxidation was based proved to have a large impact on the quantitative NO prediction.
Experimental and numerical investigation of gas phase freeboard combustion. Part I: Main combustion process

Experimental data for velocity field, temperatures, and gas composition have been obtained from a 50 kW axisymmetric non-swirling natural gas fired combustion setup under two different settings. The reactor was constructed to simulate the conditions in the freeboard of a grate-fired boiler but under well-defined conditions. The experimental results are compared to computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling predictions, using the eddy dissipation model (EDM) as well as the eddy dissipation concept (EDC). The use of EDC allows for implementation of more advanced combustion schemes; we have tested the four-step global mechanism by Jones and Lindstedt (Combust. Flame 1988, 73, 233-249), and the 16 species and 41 reaction skeletal mechanism by Yang and Pope (Combust. Flame 1998, 112 16-32). The CFD model captured the main features of the combustion process and flow patterns. The application of more advanced chemical mechanisms did not improve the prediction of the overall combustion process but did provide additional information about species (especially H(2) and radicals), which is desirable for postprocessing pollutant formation.

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Modelling solid-convective flash pyrolysis of straw and wood in the Pyrolysis Centrifuge Reactor

Less than a handful of solid-convective pyrolysis reactors for the production of liquid fuel from biomass have been presented and for only a single reactor a detailed mathematical model has been presented. In this article we present a predictive mathematical model of the pyrolysis process in the Pyrolysis Centrifuge Reactor, a novel solid-convective flash pyrolysis reactor. The model relies on the original concept for ablative pyrolysis of particles being pyrolysed through the formation of an intermediate liquid compound which is further degraded to form liquid organics, char, and gas. To describe the kinetics of the pyrolysis reactions the Broido-Shafizadeh scheme is employed with cellulose parameters for wood and modified parameters for straw to include the catalytic effect of its alkali-containing ash content. The model describes the presented experimental results adequately for engineering purposes for both wood and straw feedstock even though conditions for ablative pyrolysis from a reaction engineering point of view are not satisfied. Accordingly, even though the concept of an ablatively melting particle may constitute a limiting case, it can still be used to model flash pyrolysis provided that the reacting particle continuously shed the formed char layer.

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Shedding of ash deposits

Ash deposits formed during fuel thermal conversion and located on furnace walls and on convective pass tubes, may seriously inhibit the transfer of heat to the working fluid and hence reduce the overall process efficiency. Combustion of biomass causes formation of large quantities of troublesome ash deposits which contain significant concentrations of alkali, and earth-alkali metals. The specific composition of biomass deposits give different characteristics as compared to coal ash deposits, i.e. different physical significance of the deposition mechanisms, lower melting temperatures, etc. Low melting temperatures make straw ashes especially troublesome, since their stickiness is higher at lower temperatures, compared to coal ashes. Increased stickiness will eventually lead to a higher collection efficiency of incoming ash particles, meaning that the deposit may grow even faster. Deposit shedding can be defined as the process of deposit removal from the heat transfer surfaces. Mechanical and thermal shock devices for deposit removal can be implemented within into the boiler, which can be then referred to as artificial shedding. Sootblowing is one such process, where a pressurized fluid is used to cause a mechanical and/or thermal shock that would cause a failure or fissure in the deposit. On the other hand, shedding can be caused without any operational or mechanical influence by erosion, gravity shedding, or simply by a thermal shock. The mechanism that will be dominant depends on the ash characteristics and the boiler operation. Different deposit characteristics will govern the ash deposit behaviour, and thus the mechanism of deposit shedding. The deposit strength will influence the erosion and gravity shedding mechanisms. The ash viscosity and the melting behaviour will govern the gravity shedding mechanism, while the thermal expansion coefficient will influence the thermal shock behaviour of the deposit.

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A kinetic study of gaseous potassium capture by coal minerals in a high temperature fixed-bed reactor
The reactions between gaseous potassium chloride and coal minerals were investigated in a lab-scale high temperature fixed-bed reactor using single sorbent pellets. The applied coal minerals included kaolin, mullite, silica, alumina, bituminous coal ash, and lignite coal ash that were formed into long cylindrical pellets. Kaolin and bituminous coal ash that both have significant amounts of Si and Al show superior potassium capture characteristics. Experimental results show that capture of potassium by kaolin is independent of the gas oxygen content. Kaolin releases water and forms metakaolin when heated at temperatures above 450°C. The amounts of potassium captured by metakaolin pellet decreases with increasing reaction temperature in the range of 900-1300°C and increases again with further increasing the temperature up to 1500°C. There is no reaction of pre-made mullite with KCl at temperatures below 1300°C. However, the weight gain by mullite is only slightly smaller than that by kaolin in the temperature range of 1300-1500°C. A simple model was developed for the gas-solid reaction between potassium vapor and metakaolin pellet at 900°C.

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Alkali/chloride release during refuse incineration on a grate: Full-scale experimental findings
Waste to energy (WtE) plants are utilised for the production of heat and electricity. However, due to corrosion at super heater surfaces a relatively low 25% of the waste lower heating value can with the present technology be converted to electricity. High contents of Cl, Na, K, Zn, Pb and S in waste cause relatively high super heater corrosion rates. The Cl-content in waste is one of the key-factors for volatilisation of alkali and heavy metals in WtE plants. Little is known about the release of Cl, Na, K, Zn, Pb, and S along grate of waste incineration plants. The 26 t h(-1) WtE plant Vestforbraending unit 5 has 6 ports distributed along the 13 in long grate between 1.5-1.8 in above the grate. Five of these ports were used for measurements. Two aqueous absorption systems containing a solution of NH3 or a solution of H2O2/HNO3 were used to collect the gaseous samples. Tar was found to condense in the sampling system at the ports near the fuel inlet. The experiments showed the majority of Cl, Na, and K to be volatilised during the early stages of combustion. The maximum release of Cl, Na, and K was measured in port 2 as 177 ppm(nu), 71 ppm(nu) and 44 ppm(nu) respectively. The maximum average gas temperature of 1140 was measured in port 3 compared to the temperatures at ports 2 and 4 of 816 and 551 respectively. It has been suggested to use flue gas from the area of the grate near port 3 with a high temperature, that contains relatively low amounts of corrosive elements, and lead to a separate high temperature super heater and thus increase the electrical efficiency.

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**Co-Combustion of Pulverized Wood with Oil and Gas-Power Plant and Pilot Scale Investigation of Burn Out, no Emissions and Deposit Formation**

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**Co-firing of biomass and antural gas and NOx emission from pulverized biomass firing: Final report. Energinet.DK Research PSO Project 6526**

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Contributors: Madsen, O. H., Bejer, M., Jensen, P. A., Dam-Johansen, K.
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Release of Potentially Corrosive Constituents from the Grate of a Waste-to-energy Boiler – A detailed investigation

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Combustion of wood for heat and power production may cause problems such as ash deposition, corrosion, and harmful emissions of gases and particulate matter. These problems are all directly related to the release of inorganic elements (in particular Cl, S, K, Na, Zn, and Pb) from the fuel to the gas phase. The aims of this study are to obtain quantitative data on the release of inorganic elements during wood combustion and to investigate the influence of fuel composition.

Quantitative release data were obtained by pyrolyzing and subsequentlycombustingsmall samples of wood (~30 g) at various temperatures in the range of 500–1150 °C in a laboratory-scale tube reactor and by performing mass balance calculations based on the weight measurements and chemical analyses of the wood fuels and the residual ash samples.

Four wood fuels with different ash contents and inorganic compositions were investigated, including wood chips from spruce and beech, bark, and fiber board. The results showed a high release of Cl (~85–100%) and S (~50–70%) already at 500 °C, so that only small variations in the release trends of Cl and S were seen between the different fuels in the range of 500–1150 °C. The release of the alkali metals K and Na was, however, strongly dependent on both the temperature and the fuel composition under the investigated conditions. The release of the heavy metals Zn and Pb started around 500 °C and increased sharply to more than 85% at 850 °C in the case of spruce, beech, and bark, and was therefore mainly dependent on the temperature. By comparing the data to literature data, and by using tools such as scanning electron microscopy, chemical fractionation analysis, and equilibrium calculations, a better understanding of the release mechanisms was obtained. Mechanisms for the release of Cl, S, K, Na, Zn, and Pb during wood combustion are proposed.

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Research: peer-review
Suspension Combustion of Wood: Influence of Pyrolysis Conditions on Char Yield, Morphology, and Reactivity
Chars from pine and beech wood were produced by fast pyrolysis in an entrained flow reactor and by slow pyrolysis in a thermogravimetric analyzer. The influence of pyrolysis temperature, heating rate and particle size on char yield and morphology was investigated. The applied pyrolysis temperature varied in the range 673–1673 K for slow pyrolysis and between 873 and 1573 K for fast pyrolysis. The chars were oxidized in a thermogravimetric analyzer and the mass loss data were used to determine char oxidation reactivity. Char yield from fast pyrolysis (104–105 K/s) was as low as 1 to 6% on a dry ash free basis, whereas it was about 15–17% for slow pyrolysis (10–20 K/min); char yield decreased as pyrolysis temperature increased. During fast pyrolysis wood particles underwent melting, yet to different extents for the two investigated fuels: pine wood produced chars of porous spherical particles, whereas beech sawdust chars showed a somewhat less drastic change of morphology with respect to the parent fuel. Char produced by low heating rate pyrolysis fully retained the original fibrous structure of wood. Fast pyrolysis chars were significantly more reactive than slow pyrolysis chars; moreover, char oxidation reactivity decreased as pyrolysis temperature increased. The amount and composition of the ash forming matter of the wood fuels seems to play an important role in determining the differences in char yield, morphology and reactivity.

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Ablative Flash Pyrolysis of Straw and Wood: Bench-scale Results

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Aerosol Formation during the Combustion of Straw with Addition of Sorbents
The influence of six sorbents on aerosol formation during the combustion of straw in a 100 MW boiler on a Danish power plant has been studied in full-scale. The following sorbents were studied: ammonium sulfate, monocalcium phosphate, Bentonite, ICA5000, clay, and chalk. Bentonite and ICA5000 are mixtures of clay minerals and consist mainly of the oxides from Fe, Al, and Si. The straw used was Danish wheat and seed grass. Measurements were also made with increased flow of primary air. The experiments showed between 46% and 70% reduction in particle mass concentrations when adding ammonium sulfate, calcium phosphate, Bentonite, ICA5000, and clay. The addition of chalk increased the aerosol mass concentration by 24%. Experiments in a laminar flow aerosol condenser with the six sorbents were carried out in the laboratory using a synthetic flue gas to avoid fluctuations in the alkali feeding. These experiments showed similar reductions to the ones found in full-scale. When feeding ammonium sulfate, the aerosol mass concentration
increased as a result of the feeding method. The chemical compositions of the fine particles suggest that there is chemical equilibrium in the gas for the sulfation reaction at temperatures above 812 degrees C.

A kinetic study of gaseous potassium capture by coal minerals in a high temperature fixed bed reactor

Ash Deposits Removal in Biomass Power Plant Boilers

Ash transformation during co-firing coal and straw

Co-firing straw with coal in pulverized fuel boilers can cause problems related to fly ash utilization, deposit formation, corrosion and SCR catalyst deactivation due to the high contents of Cl and K in the ash. To investigate the interaction between coal and straw ash and the effect of coal quality on fly ash and deposit properties, straw was co-fired with three kinds of coal in an entrained flow reactor. The compositions of the produced ashes were compared to the available literature data to find suitable scaling parameters that can be used to predict the composition of ash from straw and coal co-firing. Reasonable agreement in fly ash compositions regarding total K and fraction of water soluble K was obtained between co-firing in an entrained flow reactor and full-scale plants. Capture of potassium and subsequent release of HCl
can be achieved by sulphation with SO2 and more importantly, by reaction with Al and Si in the fly ash. About 70-80% K in the fly ash appears as alumina silicates while the remainder K is mainly present as sulphate. Lignite/straw co-firing produces fly ash with relatively high Cl content. This is probably because of the high content of calcium and magnesium in lignite reacts with silica so it is not available for reaction with potassium chloride. Reduction of Cl and increase of S in the deposits compared to the fly ashes could be attributed to sulphation of the deposits.

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**Deposit probe measurements in the Avedøre and Ensted straw fired grate boilers**

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**Dynamic mechanistic model of superheater deposit growth and shedding in a biomass fired grate boiler**

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Harvesting Straw Bio-Oil on the Field

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How to deal with one of the main obstacles for an increased use of CO2 neutral biomass in power plant boilers - Optimal ash deposits removal in straw fired boilers

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Product inhibition of cellulases during enzymatic hydrolysis of the pre-treated ligno-cellulose

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Quantification of glucose inhibition of enzymatic cellulose degradation in pre-treated wheat straw

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Release of K from the system: K-Ca(-Si)-P - The Effects of the a/Si- and Ca/P-ratios

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Wood in Pulverized Fuel Power Plants: Char Characterization and Char Combustion

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Ash transformation in suspension fired boilers co-firing coal and straw: Final report, PSO-Eltra 4786
In this literature report is provided a status for the present knowledge level on ash properties when co-firing coal and biomass. The fly ash formed in boilers using co-firing of coal and straw do have a large influence on ash deposit formation, boiler corrosion, fly ash utilization and operation of flue gas cleaning equipment. This survey includes discussions on the inorganic constituents transformation during straw and coal combustion, alkali-ash and alkali sulfur reactions, a survey of power plant and test rig co-firing experiments, a discussion of equilibrium calculations, a discussion of alkali getter experiments and a discussion of modeling of alkali reaction with kaolin. Presently there is still a need for a better understanding of especially the reaction of potassium with coal ash, thereby making better predictions of co-firing ash properties.

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Experimental Investigation of Ash Deposit Shedding in a Straw-Fired Boiler

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Final report – Ash deposit formation and removal in biomass fired boilers. Fundamental data provided with deposit probes

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During wood combustion, inorganic elements such as alkali metals, sulfur, chlorine, and some heavy metals are partly released to the gas phase, which may cause problems in combustion facilities because of deposit formation and corrosion. Furthermore, it may cause harmful emissions of gases and particulate matter. The aim of this study is to obtain quantitative data on the release of inorganic elements during wood combustion, which will serve as input data for models aiming to address ash-related problems. Three quantification methods were developed. In all three methods, the release of inorganic elements was quantified by a mass balance based on the weights and inorganic compositions of the fuel and the ash residues obtained by high-temperature (500-1150°C) treatment in a laboratory-scale tube reactor. However, method A involved the pyrolysis and combustion of a small fuel sample (~30 g) in this reactor, whereas methods B and C involved initial pyrolysis and combustion, respectively, of a large fuel sample (~5 kg) in a bench-scale fixed-bed reactor at 500°C. The methods were evaluated by comparing the data on the release of Cl, S, K, Na, Zn, and Pb from fiber board obtained by the three methods. The release data were interpreted by use of literature information, equilibrium calculations, and scanning electron microscopy analysis of the ash samples. Large differences in the release trends (especially for S, Na, and Zn) were observed for the three methods because of the differences in sample size, oxidizing/reducing conditions, and the ash formation process. The combined results of the three methods provide a good understanding of the ash transformations and release of inorganic elements during wood combustion on a grate. Method A gives information on the local (or primary) release, whereas methods B and C provide insight into the influence of secondary reactions taking place in larger fuel beds.
REtrol vision: Preliminary Techno-Economical Analysis

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Shedding of Ash Deposits in a Straw-fired Boiler

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The Effects of Ca-based Sorbents on Sulfur Retention in Bottom Ash from Grate-fired Annual Biomass

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Transformation of K, Cl and S during Co-firing of Coal and Straw

General information
Combustion experiments with biomass fuels and additives in a suspension fired entrained flow reactor – Test of Ca and P rich additives used to minimize deposition and corrosion

Databook entry of deposit measurements in bio boiler Avedøre 2 using additives performed by CHEC, DTU, November 2004

Heat transfer in ash deposits: A modelling tool-box
Numerical modeling of straw combustion in a fixed bed

Straw is being used as main renewable energy source in grate boilers in Denmark. For optimizing operating conditions and design parameters, a one-dimensional unsteady heterogeneous mathematical model has been developed and experiments have been carried out for straw combustion in a fixed bed. The straw combustion processes include moisture evaporation, straw pyrolysis, gas combustion, and char combustion. The model provides detailed information of the structure of the ignition flame front. Simulated gas species concentrations at the bed surface, ignition flame front rate, and bed temperature are in good agreement with measurements at different operating conditions such as primary air-flow rate, pre-heating of the primary air, oxygen concentration, moisture content in straw, and bulk density of the straw in the fixed bed. A parametric study indicates that the effective heat conductivity, straw packing condition, and heat capacity of the straw have considerable effects on the model predictions of straw combustion in the fixed bed.

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Retention of Organic Elements during Solid Fuel Pyrolysis with Emphasis on the Peculiar Behavior of Nitrogen

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Secondary Capture of Chlorine and Sulfur during Thermal Conversion of Biomass
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Measurements on sootblowing of ash deposits in a convective pass of a straw fired boiler (AVV2)

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Contributors: Zhou, H., Hansen, J., Jensen, P. A.
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Quantification of the release of Cl, K and S to the gas phase from combustion of annual biomass.

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Quantification of the Release of CL, K and S to the Gas Phase from Combustion of Annual Biomass

Release of inorganic elements during wood combustion.

SEM Investigation of Superheater Deposits from Biomass-Fired Boilers

Straw is used as fuel in relatively small-scale combined heat and power producing (CHP) grate boilers in Denmark. The large content of potassium and chlorine in straw greatly increases the deposit formation and corrosion of the superheater coils, compared to boilers firing coal. In this study, mature superheater deposit samples were extracted from two straw-fired boilers, Masnedø and Ensted, with fuel inputs of 33 MWth and 100 MWth, respectively. SEM (scanning electron microscopy) images and EDX (energy dispersive X-ray) analyses were performed on the deposit samples. Different strategies are adopted to minimize deposit problems at the two boilers. At Masnedø the final superheater steam temperature is 520 °C, no soot blowing of the superheaters is applied and a relatively large superheater area is used. At Ensted, an external wood-fired superheater is used in order to obtain a final steam temperature of 542 °C, while the steam exit temperature of the straw-fired boiler is 470 °C. The mature Masnedø deposit had a thickness of 2 to 15 centimeters and consisted of three distinct main layers. The thick
intermediate layer was depleted in chlorine but rich in Si, K, and Ca. This Masnedø intermediate layer was probably generated by in-situ reaction between KCl and Si-rich ash particles, which leads to release of chlorine-containing gases. The innermost layer contained many sublayers of mainly iron oxide, KCl, and K2SO4. The Ensted deposit had a maximum thickness of a few centimeters. The intermediate Ensted layer consisted of melted KCl with inclusions of Ca- and Si-rich particles, and the innermost layer was an iron oxide next to a potassium sulfate layer. Compared to deposits formed on a probe during short-time experiments, the mature superheater deposits contained larger dense inner sublayers of pure KCl and K2SO4. The present study indicates that the innermost layer of the superheater deposits expands by condensation of KCl, even when the deposit has a thickness of several centimeters.

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Simultaneous Thermal Analysis (STA) on Ash from High-Alkali Biomass

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Sulfur Transformations during Thermal Conversion of Herbaceous Biomass

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: CHEC Research Centre, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Contributors: Knudsen, J. N., Jensen, P. A., Lin, W., Frandsen, F., Dam-Johansen, K.
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Publication date: 2004
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Publication information
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The Joint Project – Straw Combustion on a Grate, Physical, Chemical and Reaction Kinetic Data for Grate Modeling

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: CHEC Research Centre, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering
Number of pages: 150
Publication date: 2004

Transformation and Release to the Gas Phase of Cl, K, and S during Combustion of Annual Biomass

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: CHEC Research Centre, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Pages: 1385-1399
Publication date: 2004
Peer-reviewed: Yes

Ash and Deposit Formation in the Biomass Co-Fired Masnedø Combined Heat and Power Production Plant

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Pages: 1-17
Publication date: 2003
Peer-reviewed: Yes
Heat Transfer in a Fixed Bed of Straw Char

A model for the thermal conductivity of a straw char bed has been developed. The model extends the work of Yagi and Kunii to describe heat transfer in a bed of cylinders, using a relationship between the interparticle distance and the external porosity. To verify the model, thermal conductivity experiments were performed on shredded and un-shredded straw char samples, varying particle size, bed packing (loose or dense), and temperature. Predictions with the model, using the measured external porosity and particle diameter as input parameters, are in agreement with measurements within the experimental uncertainty over the range of conditions investigated. The heat transfer model was used in a parametric study to evaluate the effect of gas flow rate, particle diameter, porosity, and temperature on the thermal conductivity in a straw char bed.

Deposit Formation and Corrosion in the Air Pre-heater of a Straw-fired Combined Heat and Power Production Boiler

Experimental study of char thermal deactivation
HCl and SO2 Emissions from Full-Scale Biomass Fired Boilers

Investigation of Superheater Deposits From Two Straw Fired Boilers, Effects of Coal Quality on Power Plant Management: Ash Problems, Management and Solutions

Laboratory Investigation of the Release to Gas Phase of Potassium, Sulphur and Chlorine at Grate Combustion Conditions
Low-Temperature Ash Deposit Formation and corrosion in Biomass-Fired Combined Heat and Power Production Boilers

Abstract

Pretreatment of straw for power production by pyrolysis and char wash

Removal of K and Cl by leaching of straw char

The Influence of Inorganic Materials on the Thermal Deactivation of Fuel Chars
Experimental Investigation of the Transformation and Release to Gas Phase of Potassium and Chlorine during Straw Pyrolysis

Grate Firing of Straw: Activities in the CHEC Research Centre

Deposition and Corrosion in Straw- and Coal-straw Co-Fired Utility Boilers - Danish Experiences
Host publication information
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Place of publication: New York
Publisher: Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers
Editor: et al., G.
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DOI: 10.1007/0-306-46920-0_20
Source: orbit
Source ID: 176090
Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding › Article in proceedings – Annual report year: 1999 › Research › peer-review

EFP 96, Final Report Journal No 1323/96-0007, Clean and Efficient Utilization of Biomass for Production of Electricity and Heat - Phase I in a Long-Term Strategic Research Project

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Contributors: Frandsen, F., Jensen, P. A., Jensen, A., Lin, W., Johnsson, J. E., Michelsen, H. P., Andersen, K. H., Dam-Johansen, K.
Publication date: 1999

Publication information
Original language: English
Source: orbit
Source ID: 174522
Research output: Book/Report › Report – Annual report year: 1999 › Research › peer-review


General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Elsam A/S
Contributors: Jensen, P. A., Sander, B., Dam-Johansen, K.
Publication date: 1999

Publication information
Original language: English
Source: orbit
Source ID: 174582
Research output: Book/Report › Report – Annual report year: 1999 › Research › peer-review

Pretreatment of straw by pyrolysis and char wash

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Elsam A/S
Contributors: Jensen, P. A., Dam-Johansen, K., Sander, B.
Pages: 105-112
Publication date: 1999

Host publication information
Title of host publication: Pretreatment of straw by pyrolysis and char wash
Source: orbit
Source ID: 174419
Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding › Article in proceedings – Annual report year: 1999 › Research › peer-review
Release of Potassium and Chlorine during Straw Pyrolysis

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Contributors: Jensen, P. A., Dam-Johansen, K.
Publication date: 1999

Host publication information
Title of host publication: Release of Potassium and Chlorine during Straw Pyrolysis
Source: orbit
Source ID: 174420
Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding – Article in proceedings – Annual report year: 1999 – Research – peer-review

Possibilities and evaluation of straw pretreatment.

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Nordjyllandværket A/S, Elsam A/S
Pages: 224-228
Publication date: 1998

Host publication information
Title of host publication: Biomass for Energy and Industry
Place of publication: Rimpar, Germany
Publisher: C.A.R.M.E.N.
Source: orbit
Source ID: 170895
Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding – Article in proceedings – Annual report year: 1998 – Research

Pretreatment of Biofuels for Power Production. 2nd annual progress report (1997)

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Elsam A/S
Contributors: Jensen, P. A., Sander, B., Dam-Johansen, K.
Number of pages: 10
Publication date: 1998

Publication information
Original language: English
Source: orbit
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Deposition investigation in straw-fired boilers

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Jensen, P., Stenholm, M., Hald, P.
Pages: 1048-1055
Publication date: 1997
Peer-reviewed: No

Publication information
Journal: Energy Fuels
Volume: 11
Original language: English
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Pretreatment of Bio Fuels for Power Production, JOULE III-OPTEB: 1st annual progress report, 1996, Task No: 19/20:
ELSAMPROJEKT A/S/CHEC, Technical University of Denmark

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Elsam A/S, Hempel AS
Publication date: 1997

Pretreatment of straw by pyrolysis and char wash

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering, Hempel AS, Elsam A/S
Publication date: 1997

Host publication information
Title of host publication: Pretreatment of straw by pyrolysis and char wash
Source: orbit
Source ID: 176059
Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding → Article in proceedings – Annual report year: 1997 → Research

Biomasses brændsels- og fyringskarakteristika. Analysearbejde

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Stenholm, M., Westborg, S., Jensen, P. A.
Number of pages: 42
Publication date: 1996

Publication information
Place of publication: dk-Teknik, Søborg
Publisher: Forskningscenter Risø
Original language: Danish
(Energiministeriets Forskningsudvalg for produktion og fordeling af el og varme. Brændsler og forbrændingsteknik).
Source: orbit
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Research output: Book/Report → Book – Annual report year: 1996 → Research → peer-review

Biomasses brændsels- og fyringskarakteristika. Fyringsforsøg

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Stenholm, M., Jensen, P. A., Hald, P.
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Deposition investigation in straw fired boilers

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Stenholm, M., Jensen, P., Hald, P.
Publication date: 1996
Peer-reviewed: No
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Source: orbit
Research output: Book/Report – Annual report year: 1996 – Research

Tjærenedbrydning i lavtemperatur forgassere til biomasse. Fase 1

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Jensen, P. A., Haahr Jørgensen, K., Larsen, E.
Number of pages: 40
Publication date: 1996
Publication information
ISBN (Print): 87-550-2268-5
Original language: Danish
(Denmark. Forskningscenter Risoe. Risoe-R; No. 957(DA)).
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Source: orbit
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Deposition investigation in straw fired boilers

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Jensen, P., Stenholm, M., Christensen, K.
Pages: 738-742
Publication date: 1995
Host publication information
Title of host publication: 210th ACS national meeting
Place of publication: Washington, DC
Publisher: American Chemical Society. Division of Fuel Chemistry
(American Chemical Society preprints of papers, vol. 40, no. 3).
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Source ID: 293708
Research output: Chapter in Book/Report/Conference proceeding – Article in proceedings – Annual report year: 1995 – Research

Deposition investigation on straw fired boilers

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Jensen, P., Stenholm, M., Hald, P.
Publication date: 1995
Peer-reviewed: No
Event: Abstract from Meeting of the Nordic energy research programme: Ash chemistry properties and behaviour. Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg (SE), 8-9 Jun, .
Investigation of burn out and deposition at straw fired boiler plants

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Jensen, P.
Publication date: 1995
Peer-reviewed: No
Event: Abstract from Nordic seminar on thermochemical conversion of solid fuels. NTH, Trondheim (NO), 13-14 Dec.

Modelling of swirl stabilised pulverised-coal flames in an axi-symmetric 1.3 MW furnace

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Bech, N. M., Jensen, P. A.
Number of pages: 25
Publication date: 1995

Publication information
ISBN (Print): 87-550-2045-3
Original language: English
(Denmark. Forskningscenter Risoe. Risoe-R; No. 792(EN)).
Keywords: Risø-R-792, Risø-R-792(EN)
Source: orbit
Source ID: 293525
Research output: Book/Report › Report – Annual report year: 1995 › Research

Interview og litteraturundersøgelse af halms udbrændings- og belægningsegenskaber

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Jensen, P. A., Stenholm, M., Haahr Jørgensen, K.
Number of pages: 39
Publication date: 1994

Publication information
ISBN (Print): 87-550-2038-0
Original language: Danish
(Denmark. Forskningscenter Risoe. Risoe-R; No. 786(DA)).
Keywords: Risø-R-786, Risø-R-786(DA)
Source: orbit
Source ID: 291748
Research output: Book/Report › Report – Annual report year: 1994 › Research

Afprøvning og verifikation af laserbaserede metoder i kulstøvfyret kedel

General information
Publication status: Published
Organisations: Risø National Laboratory for Sustainable Energy
Contributors: Clausen, S., Jensen, P. A., Rathmann, O.
Number of pages: 80
Publication date: 1990

Publication information
Projects:

**Particle deposition in high temperature processes**
Wang, X., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Dam-Johansen, K., Supervisor
01/04/2019 → 31/03/2022
Project: PhD

**Optimization of geo-polymer cement production technology**
Segura, I. P., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, P. A., Main Supervisor
Dame, A. J., Supervisor
Canut, M. M. C., Supervisor
Jensen, L. S., Supervisor
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Project: PhD

**Ash transformation in waste boilers and optimization of novel steam superheater**
Dotti, M., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, P. A., Main Supervisor
Clausen, S., Supervisor
01/04/2019 → 29/01/2023
Project: PhD

**Optimized high temperature cyclones used for stone wool production by CFD modelling**
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Zhou, H., Supervisor
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Industrial PhD
15/04/2018 → 06/06/2021
Award relations: Optimized high temperature cyclones used for stone wool production by CFD modelling
Project: PhD

**Use of Zeolites for Tar De-Oxygenation**
Eschenbacher, A., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, A. D., Main Supervisor
Ahrenfeldt, J., Supervisor
Henriksen, U. B., Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
01/02/2017 → 31/01/2020
Award relations: Use of Zeolites for Tar De-Oxygenation
Project: PhD

**Alternative liquid fuels in burners optimized for low NOx emissions and high burn out**
Cafaggi, G., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, P. A., Main Supervisor
Alternative liquid fuels in burners optimized for low NOx emissions and high burn out

Nox formation and reduction in fluidized bed combustion of biomass

Design af fremtidens energianlæg

Oxy-fuel forbrænding af kul og biomasse

Brændselsfleksible brændere til cement- og mineralindustri
**Katalytisk syntese af langkædedede alkoholer fra syntesegas fremstillet ved forgasning af kul og biomasse**

Christensen, J. M., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering  
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Jensen, P. A., Supervisor  
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Dahl, S., Examiner  
DTU stipendium  
Award relations: Katalytisk syntese af langkædedede alkoholer fra syntesegas fremstillet ved forgasning af kul og biomasse  
Project: PhD

**Emissioner fra forbrænding af biomasse**

Knudsen, J. N., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering  
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Jensen, P. A., Supervisor  
Lin, W., Supervisor  
Livbjerg, H., Examiner  
Hupa, M. M., Examiner  
Pedersen, L. S., Examiner  
Nordisk finansiering - SU  
01/04/2001 – 10/01/2005  
Award relations: Emissioner fra forbrænding af biomasse  
Project: PhD

**Optimized recycling in an integrated melting furnace for production of stone wool melt**

Schultz-Falk, V., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering  
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Hansen, L. E., Supervisor  
Solvang, M., Supervisor  
Industrial PhD  
01/08/2016 – 13/02/2020  
Award relations: Optimized recycling in an integrated melting furnace for production of stone wool melt  
Project: PhD

**Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Study of Bio-Dust Combustion**

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01/05/2016 – 16/09/2019  
Award relations: Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Study of Bio-Dust Combustion  
Project: PhD

**Biomass Particle ignition in mill equipment**

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Umeki, K., Examiner  
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15/12/2015 – 14/06/2019  
Award relations: Biomass Particle ignition in mill equipment  
Project: PhD
Biomass Particle Morphology and Combustion Properties
Masche, M., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Henriksen, U. B., Supervisor
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Shang, L., Examiner
Dahl, J., Examiner
Samfinansierede - Virksomhed
01/01/2016 → 17/06/2019
Award relations: Biomass Particle Morphology and Combustion Properties
Project: PhD

Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels
Stummann, M. Z., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, A. D., Main Supervisor
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Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
Hansen, B. B., Examiner
Knudsen, K., Examiner
Prins, W., Examiner
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Samfinansieret - Andet
01/10/2015 → 08/04/2019
Award relations: Hydrogen assisted catalytic biomass pyrolysis for green fuels
Project: PhD

HCI emission from cement plants
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Yrjas, P. K., Examiner
Samfinansierede - Virksomhed
15/05/2015 → 04/03/2019
Award relations: HCI emission from cement plants
Project: PhD

Burners for Cement Kilns
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Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
Jensen, L. S., Supervisor
Christensen, J. M., Examiner
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Tokheim, L., Examiner
Samfinansierede - Virksomhed
01/03/2015 → 17/09/2018
Award relations: Burners for Cement Kilns
Project: PhD

NOx reduction in grate-firing solid waste power plants
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Norman, T., Supervisor
Jappe Frandsen, F., Examiner
Løvås, T., Examiner
Hvid, S. L., Examiner
Industrial PhD
15/12/2014 → 16/08/2018
Award relations: NOx reduction in grate-firing solid waste power plants
Project: PhD

**Prediction of Deposit Formation in Biomass Fired Suspension Boilers - Gaining fundamental Data neede for Mechanistic Deposit Modelling**

Laxminarayan, Y., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Wedel, S., Examiner
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Norman, T., Examiner
Sander, B., Supervisor
Samfinansierede - Virksomhed
15/10/2014 → 22/05/2018
Award relations: Prediction of Deposit Formation in Biomass Fired Suspension Boilers - Gaining fundamental Data neede for Mechanistic Deposit Modelling
Project: PhD

**Using Coal Ash and other Additives in Suspension Fired Biomass Power Plant Boilers using Coal Ash and other Additives in Supension Fired Biomass Power plant Boilers**

Wang, G., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, P. A., Main Supervisor
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Lin, W., Examiner
Pettersson, A., Examiner
Sander, B., Supervisor
Wu, H., Supervisor
Wadenbäck, J., Examiner
Eksternt finansieret virksomhed
01/10/2014 → 22/05/2018
Award relations: Using Coal Ash and other Additives in Suspension Fired Biomass Power Plant Boilers using Coal Ash and other Additives in Supension Fired Biomass Power plant Boilers
Project: PhD

**Flashpyrolyse af Halm in Situ**

Bech, N., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
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Madsen, O. H., Examiner
InnovationsPhD
01/09/2004 → 29/08/2008
Award relations: Flashpyrolyse af Halm in Situ
Project: PhD

**Reactivity and Burnout of Wood Fuels**

Dall'Ora, M., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Jensen, A. D., Main Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
Glarborg, P., Examiner
Jensen, J. P., Examiner
Skreiberg, Ø., Examiner
Eksternt finansieret virksomhed
01/12/2004 → 14/12/2011
Award relations: Reactivity and Burnout of Wood Fuels
Project: PhD

**Gas-phase Sulfur, Chlorine and Alkali Metal Chemistry in Biomass Combustion**
Lej, L. H., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Glarborg, P., Main Supervisor
Jappe Frandsen, F., Supervisor
Livbjerg, H., Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Examiner
Hupa, M. M., Examiner
Kristensen, P. G., Examiner
Eksternt finansieret virksomhed
01/09/2003 → 03/09/2007
Award relations: Gas-phase Sulfur, Chlorine and Alkali Metal Chemistry in Biomass Combustion
Project: PhD

**Release of inorganic metal species, sulfur and chlorine during biomass combustion on a grate**
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Glarborg, P., Main Supervisor
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01/01/2002 → 24/01/2006
Award relations: Release of inorganic metal species, sulfur and chlorine during biomass combustion on a grate
Project: PhD

**Flash Pyrolysis of Energy Crops**
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Dame, A. J., Examiner
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Stipendie fra uelandet
01/07/2007 → 21/11/2012
Award relations: Flash Pyrolysis of Energy Crops
Project: PhD

**NO Formation and destruction in the freeboard of Grate Boilers: CFD Model Development and Verification by Bench Scale Measurements**
Andersen, J., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Glarborg, P., Main Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
Hassager, O., Examiner
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Levás, T., Examiner
Hvid, S. L., Supervisor
DTU stipendium
01/04/2006 → 01/09/2010
Award relations: NO Formation and destruction in the freeboard of Grate Boilers: CFD Model Development and Verification by Bench Scale Measurements
Project: PhD

**Pre-Treatment (and Enzymatic Hydrolysis) of Ligno-Cellulose**
Andric, P., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Meyer, A. S., Supervisor
Villadsen, J., Examiner
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Olsen, H. S., Examiner
DTU stipendium
01/10/2005 → 21/12/2010
Award relations: Pre-Treatment (and Enzymatic Hydrolysis) of Ligno-Cellulose
Project: PhD

Lignocellulose Pretreatment for Lignin Removal and Maximal Enzymatic (Ligno) Cellulose Degradation
Pedersen, M., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Meyer, A. S., Main Supervisor
Johansen, K. S., Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Examiner
Zacchi, G. N., Examiner
Larsen, J., Examiner
Pedersen, S., Supervisor
DTU, Samfinansiering
01/04/2007 → 01/09/2010
Award relations: Lignocellulose Pretreatment for Lignin Removal and Maximal Enzymatic (Ligno) Cellulose Degradation
Project: PhD

Model for deposition build-up in biomass boilers
Hansen, S. B., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Glarborg, P., Main Supervisor
Jappe Frandsen, F., Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
Dama, A. J., Examiner
Jensen, J. P., Examiner
Gupta, R., Examiner
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01/01/2010 → 22/02/2016
Award relations: Model for deposition build-up in biomass boilers
Project: PhD

Clinker Burning Kinetics and Mechanisms
Telschow, S., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
Dam-Johansen, K., Main Supervisor
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Wedel, S., Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Examiner
Hupa, M. M., Examiner
Jensen, L. S., Examiner
DTU stipendium
01/03/2008 → 24/05/2012
Award relations: Clinker Burning Kinetics and Mechanisms
Project: PhD

Production, Refining and Utilization of Biomass for Energy Services
Saleh, S. B., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Ahrenfeldt, J., Examiner
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Brink, A. S., Examiner
Stipendie fra udlandet
01/01/2010 → 26/02/2014
Award relations: Production, Refining and Utilization of Biomass for Energy Services
Project: PhD

Upgrading Fuel Properties of Biomass Fuel and Waste by Torrefaction
Shang, L., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Henriksen, U. B., Supervisor
Holm, J. K., Supervisor
Jensen, P. A., Examiner
Nordin, A., Examiner
Teislev, B. I. B., Examiner
Programbevilling
01/01/2010 → 24/06/2013
Award relations: Upgrading Fuel Properties of Biomass Fuel and Waste by Torrefaction
Project: PhD

Biomass and Coal Gasification in entrained-flow reactor
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Jensen, P. A., Supervisor
Lin, W., Supervisor
Henriksen, U. B., Examiner
Engvall, K., Examiner
Jensen, J. P., Examiner
Forskningsrådsfinansiering
01/01/2009 → 01/03/2013
Award relations: Biomass and Coal Gasification in entrained-flow reactor
Project: PhD

Characterization and quantification of deposits build up and removal in straw suspension fired boilers
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01/09/2008 → 30/09/2012
Award relations: Characterization and quantification of deposits build up and removal in straw suspension fired boilers
Project: PhD

Treatment of Lignin and Waste Residues by Flash Pyrolysis
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Award relations: Treatment of Lignin and Waste Residues by Flash Pyrolysis
Project: PhD

Modeling and Experimental Investigation of Entrained-Flow Gasification of Biomass and Fossil Fuels
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Award relations: Modeling and Experimental Investigation of Entrained-Flow Gasification of Biomass and Fossil Fuels
Project: PhD

Gas-Solid reactions and reactor systems
Azizaddini, S., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
New Catalytic materials for combined particulate and NOx removal
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Award relations: New Catalytic materials for combined particulate and NOx removal
Project: PhD

selective and efficient synthesis of ethanol from dimethyl ether and syngas
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15/12/2011 → 30/09/2015
Award relations: selective and efficient synthesis of ethanol from dimethyl ether and syngas
Project: PhD

Single Biomass Particle Combustion and Fuel Characterization
Trubetskaya, A., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Jensen, A. D., Supervisor
Shapiro, A., Supervisor
Ahrenfeldt, J., Examiner
Thuhan, H., Examiner
Wadenbäck, J., Examiner
Forskningsrådskonferens
01/04/2012 → 18/08/2016
Award relations: Single Biomass Particle Combustion and Fuel Characterization
Project: PhD

Ash Chemistry in Circulating Fluidized Bed
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01/07/2011 → 24/06/2016
Award relations: Ash Chemistry in Circulating Fluidized Bed
Project: PhD

**Catalytic Steam reforming of Bio-Oil to Hydrogen Rich Gas**
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15/08/2010 → 18/12/2013
Award relations: Catalytic Steam reforming of Bio-Oil to Hydrogen Rich Gas
Project: PhD

**Power plant burners for biodust combustion**
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01/09/2011 → 20/04/2016
Award relations: Power plant burners for biodust combustion
Project: PhD

**Catalytic Conversion of Bio-oil to Fuel for Transportation**
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15/08/2010 → 23/04/2014
Award relations: Catalytic Conversion of Bio-oil to Fuel for Transportation
Project: PhD

**Simultaneous fast pyrolysis and in situ hydrogenation of lignin to obtain a marine diesel fuel**
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01/10/2012 → 14/03/2016
Award relations: Simultaneous fast pyrolysis and in situ hydrogenation of lignin to obtain a marine diesel fuel
Project: PhD

**Enzymatic Upgrading of Plant Biomass**
Tsai, C. T., PhD Student, Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Award relations: CHEC
Project: Research

Efficient and Clean Use of Biomass for Power and Heat Production. Phase I.

Pretreatment of biomass fuels for power production. Fluid bed combustion of biomass. Ash formation and emission of trace compounds. Formation and sinting of deposits.

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Activities:

**Modelling Thermal Runaway of Pulverized Biomass**
Period: 7 Sep 2018
Lars Schwarzer (Speaker)
Peter Arendt Jensen (Other)
Peter Glarborg (Other)
Jens Kai Holm (Other)
Kim Dam-Johansen (Other)
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The Hempel Foundation Coatings Science and Technology Centre (CoaST)
Degree of recognition: International
Documents:
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Links:
https://meeting-agh.wixsite.com/psn2018 (Conference website)

Related event

Joint meeting of the Polish and Scandinavian-Nordic Sections of the Combustion Institute
06/09/2018 → 07/09/2018
Krakow, Poland
Activity: Talks and presentations › Conference presentations

**Parameters important for char yield prediction for biomass devolatilized under high heating rates determined by chemometrics**
Period: 7 Sep 2018
Anna Leth-Espensen (Speaker)
Peter Glarborg (Other)
Peter Arendt Jensen (Other)
Department of Chemical and Biochemical Engineering
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Degree of recognition: Regional
Links:
https://meeting-agh.wixsite.com/psn2018 (Conference website)

Related event

Joint meeting of the Polish and Scandinavian-Nordic Sections of the Combustion Institute
06/09/2018 → 07/09/2018
Krakow, Poland
Keywords: char yield, high heating rate, devolatilization, biomass, chemometrics
Reaction kinetics for biomass self-ignition at 150–230°C
Period: 29 Jul 2018 → 3 Aug 2018
Lars Schwarzer (Other)
Peter Arendt Jensen (Other)
Peter Glarborg (Other)
Jens Kai Holm (Other)
Kim Dam-Johansen (Other)
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Description
Poster
Degree of recognition: International
Documents:
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Links:
http://www.combustionsymposia.org/2018/home (Conference website)

Related event
37th International Symposium on Combustion
29/07/2018 → 03/08/2018
Dublin, Ireland
Activity: Talks and presentations › Conference presentations

Camera Measurements in Cement Kilns – Impact of Alternative Fuels on Kiln Flames
Period: 10 Oct 2017 → 11 Oct 2017
Morten Nedergaard Pedersen (Guest lecturer)
Mads Nielsen (Guest lecturer)
Sønnik Clausen (Guest lecturer)
Peter Arendt Jensen (Guest lecturer)
Lars Skaarup Jensen (Guest lecturer)
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Description
Presentation and extended abstract given at Nordic Flame Days 2017
Documents:
Extended Abstract Nordic Flame Days 2017 - Morten Pedersen - v2

Related event
Nordic Flame Days
10/10/2017 → 11/10/2017
Stockholm, Sweden
Activity: Talks and presentations › Conference presentations