

A Numerical Study of the Transport and Combustion Phenomena in the Gasification of Wood Fuel

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Abstract

In gasification and combustion of biomass including wood, the main problem is the transfer of alkali compounds on the surfaces of the energy systems. The deposition of these compounds on the surfaces may lead to erosion and corrosion of surfaces as well as flow blockage and vibrations. In this paper the gasification and combustion of wood particles in cyclone gasifiers are simulated and the parameters that affect on the reduction of alkali compound transfer to energy systems are studied. The Eulerian conservation equations of the gas phase are solved using the control volume approach and the Lagrangian equations of motion of solid particles are solved by a step-wise integration. The verifying of results including the distributions of temperature and chemical species, devolatilization time, particle trajectory and residence time of wood particles shows that the equivalence ratios ranging from 0.15 to 0.4 and particle sizes from 150 to 600 microns, provide satisfactory conditions for reduction alkali compounds and effective combustion of particles. Comparisons between predicted and measured results show good agreement.

Key words: Gasification of wood fuel, Cyclone gasifiers, Simulation of two phase flow

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$$m \frac{\partial \bar{u}_w}{\partial t} = F_c + F_D + F_B \quad ()$$

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$$F_D = \frac{1}{8} \pi d_w^2 \rho Z_D |v_R| v_R \quad ()$$

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$$0.5 \leq Re \leq 1000$$

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$$Z_D = \frac{24}{Re} (1 + 0.15 Re^{0.687}) \quad () \quad []$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho |v_R| d_w}{\mu}$$

$$m_w C_p \frac{dT_w}{dt} = Q_C + Q_R + Q_M \quad (1)$$

$$F_B = \frac{1}{6} \pi d_w^3 (\rho_w - \rho) g \quad (2)$$

$$Q_M \quad Q_R \quad Q_C$$

$$g \quad \rho_w$$

$$Q_C = \pi d_w \lambda Nu (T - T_w) \quad (3)$$

$$T_w \quad T \quad \lambda$$

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$$l_t = 1.5^2 C_\mu^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{\kappa}{\varepsilon} \quad (4)$$

$$Nu = 2 + 0.6 Re^{0.5} \left(\mu \frac{C_p}{\lambda} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad (5)$$

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$$\mu \quad C_p$$

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$$Q_R = \varepsilon_w \pi d_w^2 \lambda Nu (I - \sigma T_w^4) \quad (6)$$

$$Q_R \quad d_w$$

$$\frac{\partial \vec{x}_w}{\partial t} = \vec{u}_w \quad (7)$$

$$\sigma \quad \varepsilon_w \quad T_w$$

$$s \quad I$$

$$(\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}^4)$$

$$\vec{u}_w$$

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$$\frac{dI}{ds} = -aI + \frac{a\sigma T^4}{\pi} \quad (8)$$

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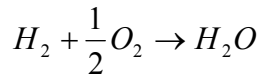
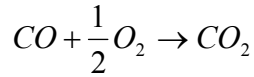
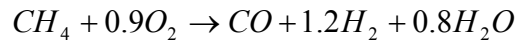
$$\frac{dC_{Char}}{dt} = [(1-Y_1)k_1 + (1-Y_2)k_2]w_o \quad ()$$

$$Q_M = \frac{dm_w}{dt} V \quad ()$$

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$$\frac{dV}{dt} = (Y_1 k_1 + Y_2 k_2) w_o \quad ()$$

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$$k_1 = A_1 \exp\left(\frac{-E_1}{RT_p}\right), k_2 = A_2 \exp\left(\frac{-E_2}{RT_p}\right) \quad ()$$

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$$R_{char} = 5.06 \times 10^{-7} \frac{T_m^{0.75}}{d_w} P_o \quad ()$$

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$$\varepsilon_{in} = C_\mu k^3 / 2 / (0.002D) \quad k_{in} = 0.002 = W_{in}^2 / D$$

$$\frac{\partial(\rho u_i \varphi)}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\Gamma_{\varphi,t} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i}) - \frac{\partial(\overline{\rho u'_i \varphi'})}{\partial x_i} + S_\varphi \quad ()$$

$$S_\varphi \varphi \quad \Gamma_{\varphi,t} \quad ()$$

$$- \overline{\rho u'_i \varphi'}$$

$$\tau_{wall} = - \frac{\rho_n u_n^2}{\left[\frac{1}{x} \ln \left(E \frac{(\tau_{wall} / \rho_n)^{1/2}}{v_n} \right) y_n \right]^2}$$

$$- \overline{\rho u'_i \varphi'} = C_\mu \frac{\rho \kappa^2}{\varepsilon \sigma_t} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x_i} \quad ()$$

$$\varepsilon_n = \frac{k_n^{3/2} C_\mu^{3/4}}{xy_n}$$

$$k_n = \frac{\tau_{wall}}{\rho_n C_\mu^{1/2}} \quad ()$$

$$\rho = \frac{P}{RTV_{mix}} \sum_j \frac{m_j}{M_j} \quad ()$$

$$\varepsilon_n \quad k_n \quad u_n \quad y_n \quad n$$

$$M_j \quad m_j \quad j$$

$$E \quad x$$

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$\varepsilon \quad \kappa$

$$J_\phi = \frac{\tau_{wall}}{u_n} (\phi_{wall} - \phi_n) \quad ()$$

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$$m_{ox,wall} = m_{ox,n} - \left(\frac{m_{w,s}}{u_n} \right) \quad ()$$

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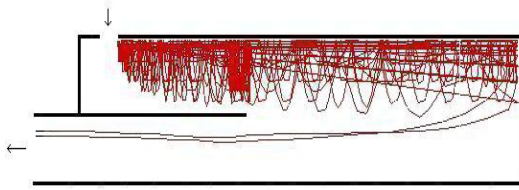
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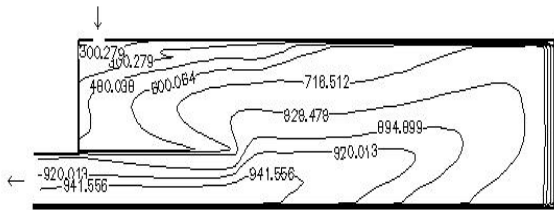
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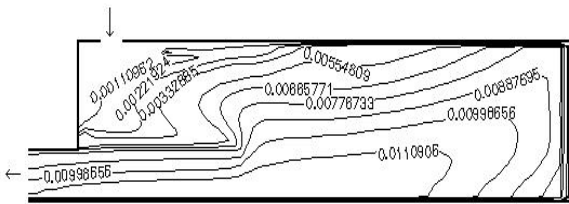
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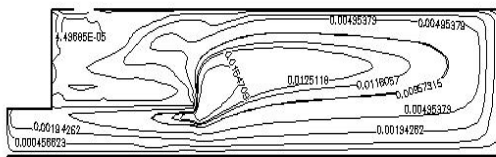


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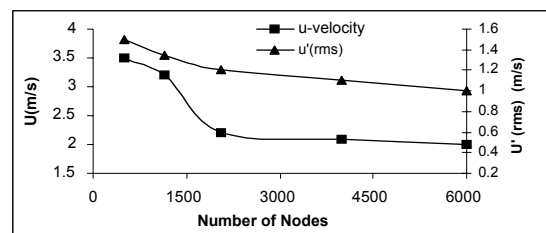
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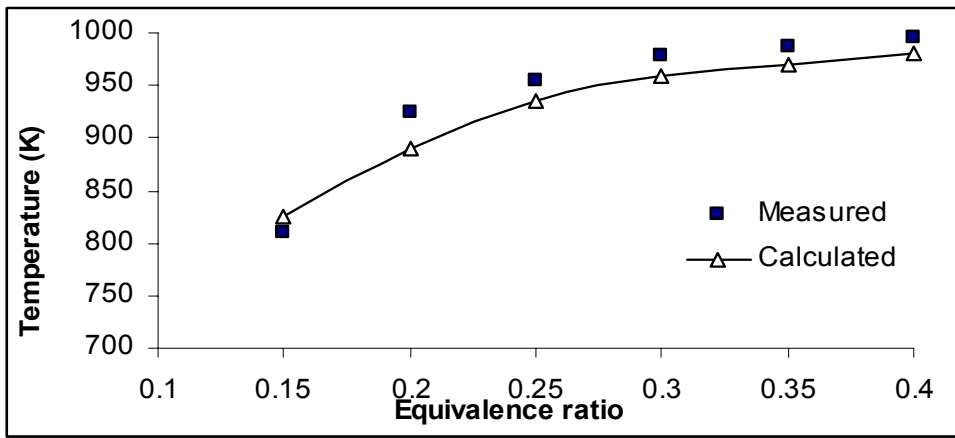
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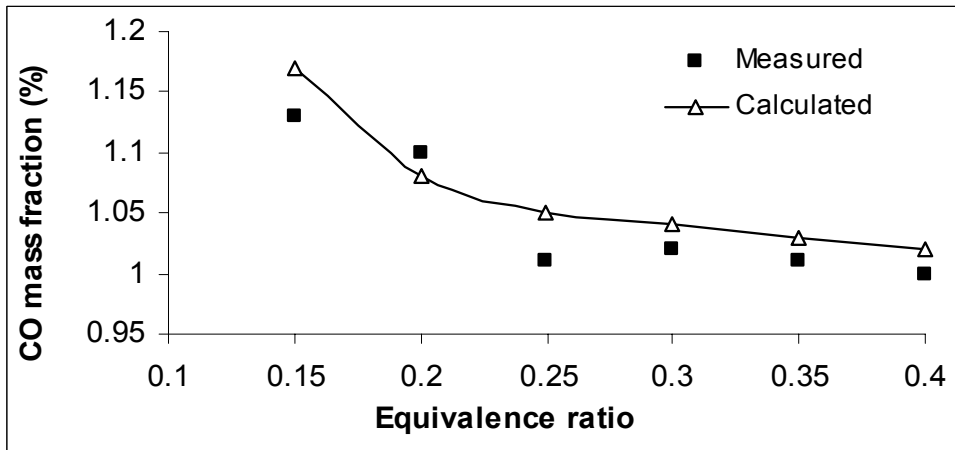
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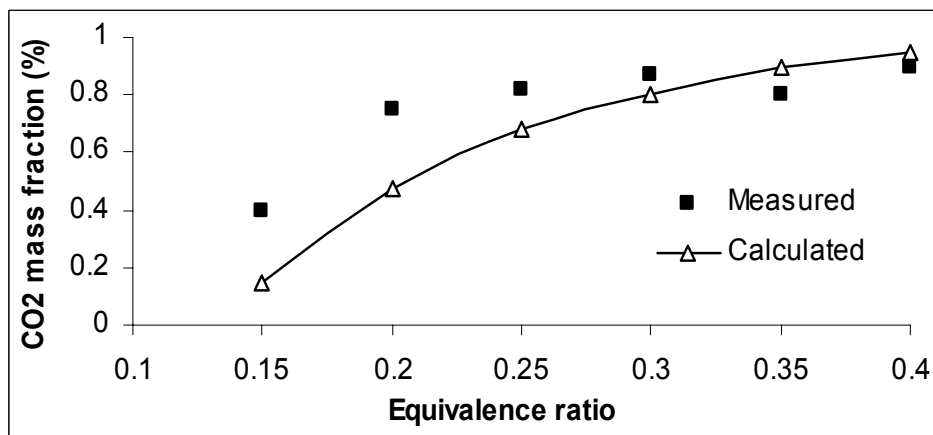
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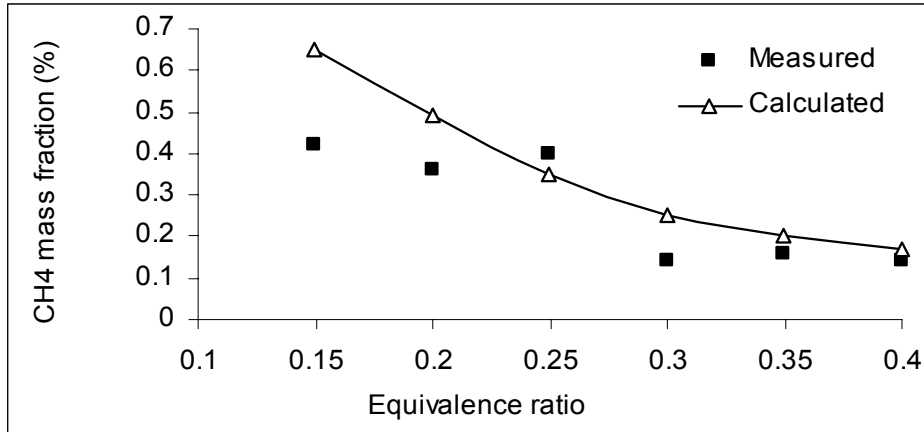
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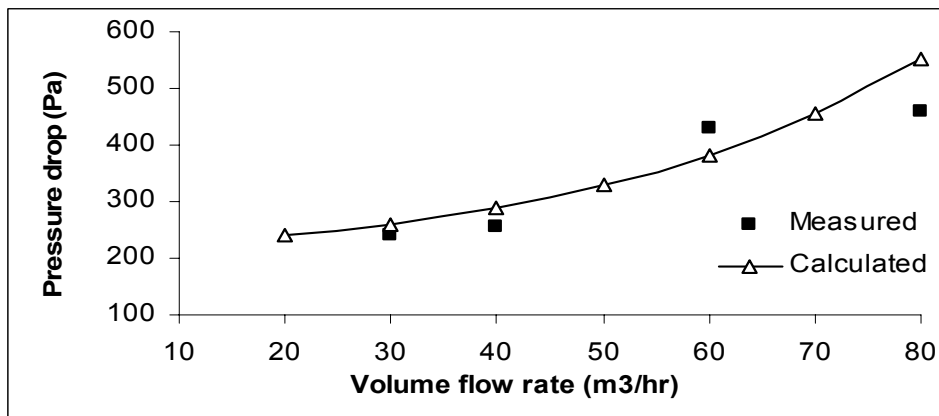
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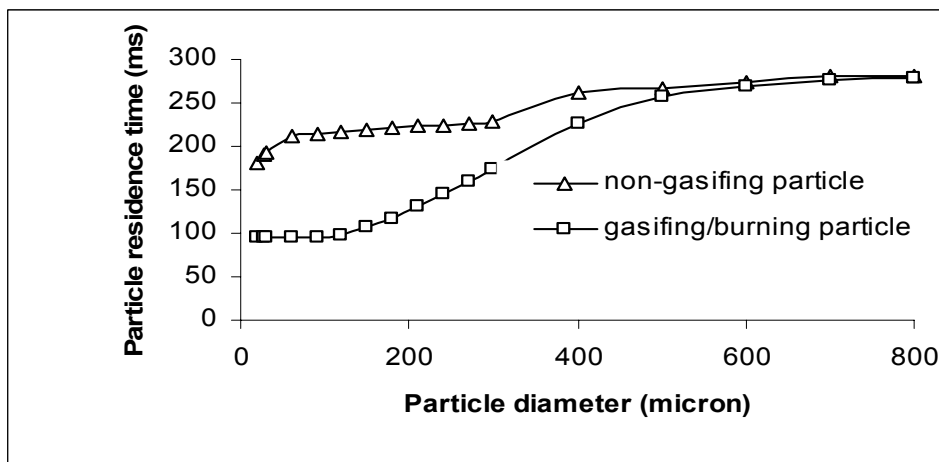
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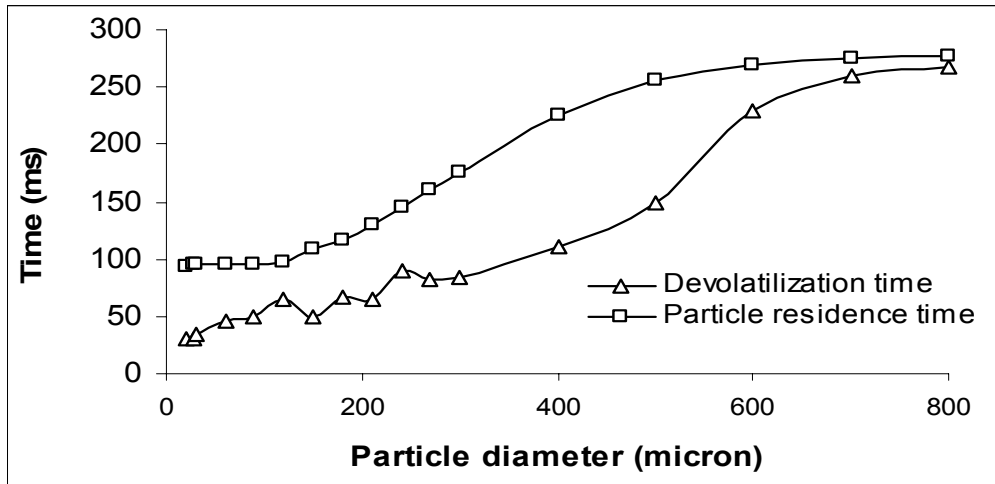
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