

MODULE - III

FUELS

- Fuel is a combustible substance containing C as main constituent which on proper burning gives large amount of heat that can be used for domestic & industrial purposes.
eg- wood, coal, charcoal, kerosene, petrol.

Fossil Fuel

The primary & the main sources of the fuel are coals & petroleum oils & these are stored fuel available in earth crust & are called fossil fuel.

Classification

(1) On the basis of occurrence:

Fuel has classified as two types. (a) natural
(a) natural \rightarrow Primary fuel
(b) artificial \rightarrow Secondary fuel.

Natural fuel: fuel which are found from nature. eg- wood, petroleum, coal, natural gas.

Artificial fuel: fuel which are derived artificially from primary fuel, is known as artificial fuel.

eg- kerosene, coal gas, LPG.

(2) On the basis of physical state of aggregation

These are of 3 types.

Solid - wood, coal, coke

Liquid - kerosene, petrol, diesel

Gas - LPG, coal gas, natural gas.

Unit of heat

L.S. system - Calorie :- It is the amnt. of heat required to raise the temp. of 1gm. of H_2O through 1°C .

MKS system - Kilo calorie; It is the amt. of heat required to raise the temp. of H_2O through 1°C .

$$1 \text{ Kcal} = 1000 \text{ cal.}$$

British thermal unit. (BTU/BTHU)

It is the amt. of heat required to raise temp. of 1 pound of H_2O through 1°F .

$$1 \text{ BTHU} = 252 \text{ cal.} = 0.252 \text{ Kcal.}$$

Centigrade heat unit. (CHU)

This is the amt. of heat required to raise the temp. of 1 pound of H_2O through 1°C .

$$1 \text{ Kcal} = 3.968 \text{ BTHU} = 2.2 \text{ CHU}$$

Calorific value. (CV)

- It is the total amount of heat liberated when a unit mass or vol. of fuel is burnt completely.
- It is of 2 types. (i) ^{gross} calorific value (HCV) (ii) Net calorific value (LCV/NCV)

HCV - It is the total amt. of heat liberated when unit mass or vol. of the fuel has been burnt completely & the products of combustion are cooled to room temp.

LCV / NCV - It is defined as the net heat produced when a unit mass or vol. of fuel is burnt completely & the combustion products are allowed to escape.

$$\text{LCV} = \text{HCV} / \text{HCV} - \text{Latent heat of vap} \quad \text{or} \quad 87$$

$$= \text{HCV} - (\text{mass of } \text{H}_2\text{O} \text{ latent heat of vaporisation})$$

(\because 2 parts of H_2 produce 18 parts of H_2O)

$$\text{HCV} = (\text{mass of H}_2 \times 9 \times \text{latent heat of vap.})$$

(∵ 2 parts of H_2 produce 1 part of H_2O)

Unit of calorific value.

For solid & liquid fuel unit is $\frac{\text{Solid Calorific}}{\text{gm.}}$
kcal/kgm, BTU/lb

$$\text{heat fuel} = \text{cal/cm}^3$$

$$= \text{kcal/m}^3$$

$$= \text{BTU}/(\text{in.}^3)$$

+ high Calorific Intensity

① is the maximum temp. attained when the fuel is burnt.

② Should be high to meet certain

Characteristic of good fuel.

- (i) It should have high calorific value.
- (ii) Moderate ignition temp.

- Low ignition temp. is dangerous for storage & transportation of fuel since it can cause fire hazard.

- High ignition temp. can cause difficulty in kindling or ignition. But the fuel is safe during storage, handling & transport. Hence the ideal fuel should have moderate temp.

Ignition temp. - The min. temp. required to preheat the fuel or to start combustion so that it starts burning smoothly

- (iii) Low moisture content - A good fuel should contain low moisture bcz moisture will reduce the calorific value.

- Low non-combustible matter content it reduces the total heat by producing ash.

(iv) Moderate velocity of combustion

(v) Harmless combustion bi-products

(vi) Low cost.

(vii) Easy transportation - Solid & liq. fuels are easy for transportation. But the transportation

- of gaseous fuel is very costly.
- (iii) combustion may be controllable
- (iv) It should not undergo spontaneous combustion without much smoke.

Comparison b/w solid, liquid, gaseous fuel

	Solid	Liquid	Gas
Calorific value	least	higher	highest
Cost	cheap	more costly than solid	costly
Storage & transportation	convenient	easy to transport through pipe line but care must be taken to store them in close containers.	should be stored in voluminous storage tank & can be distributed through pipe line
Risk of fire hazard	least	greater risk than solid fuel	highly risky as they are highly inflammable.
Rate of combustion	slow process	quick process	very rapid
Rate of control	not easy	it can be controlled or stopped when needed	possible by controlling air supply
handling cost	high b/c need more labour & space.	low	low

Solid	liquid	gas
Ash contain → Ash is always a problem or its disposal is also a problem	no ash	no ash.

smoke → More smoke	less smoke	least.
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use in IC engine → not possible	possible	possible
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thermal efficiency → least	higher	highest.
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Theoretical calculation of calorific value by Dulong's formula :-

CV of the fuel is the sum of CV due to all components present in the given fuel.

Constituent	C	H	S
CV in kcal/kg	8080	34500	2240

$$q_{cv} = \frac{1}{100} [8080c + 34500(H - 0/8) + 2240s]$$

$$NCV = [q_{cv} - 0.09 H \times 587] \text{ kcal/kg.}$$

Where C is the % of C.

H is the % of H.

S is the % of S.

Calculate the gross & net CV of a sample having following composition. C = 80%, H = 7%, O = 5%, S = 3.5%, N = 2.5%, Ash = 4.44%.

$$q_{cv} = \frac{1}{100} [8080 \times 80 + 34500(7 - 3/8) + 2240 \times 3.5]$$

$$= 8828.025$$

$$NCV = q_{cv} - 0.09 H \times 587$$

$$= 8458.215$$

(2) Calculate the HCV & NCV of a sample of coal having the following composition by wt. C = 75%, H = 5.2%, O = 12.1%, N = 3.2%, ash = 4.5%.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{HCV} &= \frac{1}{100} [8080C + 34520(H - 0.08)] \\
 &= \frac{1}{100} [8080 \times 75 + 34520(5.2 - 12.1)] \\
 &= 7332.1875 \text{ kcal/kg} \\
 \text{NCV} &= [HCV - 0.09H \times 582] \text{ kcal/kg} \\
 &= 7332.1875 - 0.09 \times 5.2 \times 582 \\
 &= 7057.4915 \text{ kcal/kg.}
 \end{aligned}$$

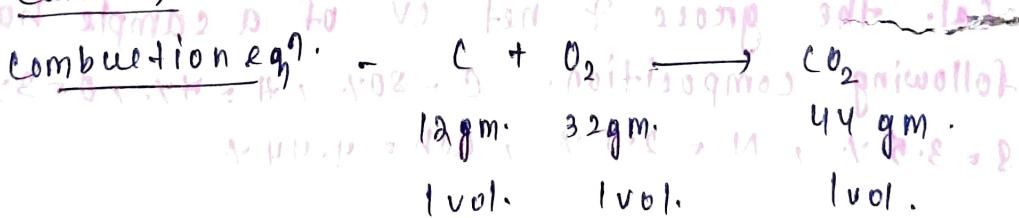
Combustion calculation

The process of oxidn of fuel producing heat & light at a rapid rate is called as combustion.

Calculation

Combustion calculation is based on balance chemical eqn of oxidn of constituents of fuel.

Carbon

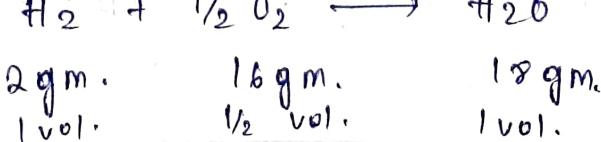


$$\text{Mass } O_2 \text{ required} = \frac{32}{12} \times \text{mass of C.}$$

$$\text{vol. of } O_2 \text{ required} = \frac{1}{12} \times \text{vol. of C.}$$

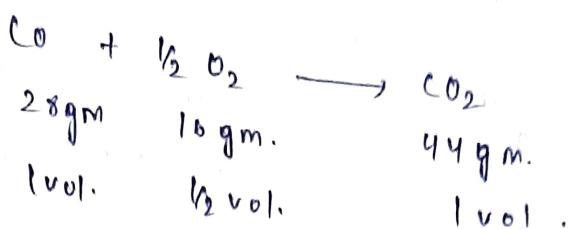
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Hydrogen



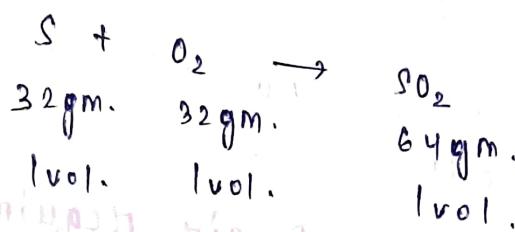
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of } O_2 &= \frac{16}{2} \times \text{mass of H}_2 \\ \text{Vol. of } O_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{vol. of H}_2\end{aligned}$$

CO₂



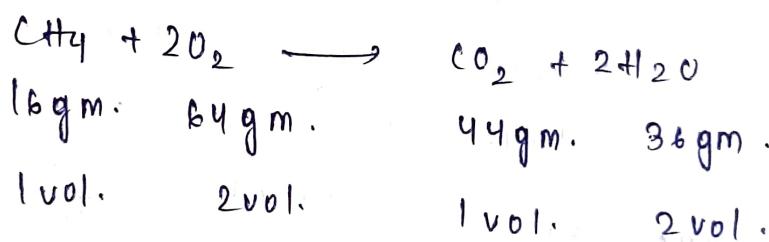
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of } O_2 &= \frac{16}{28} \times \text{mass of } CO_2 \\ \text{Vol. of } O_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \times \text{vol. of } CO_2\end{aligned}$$

S



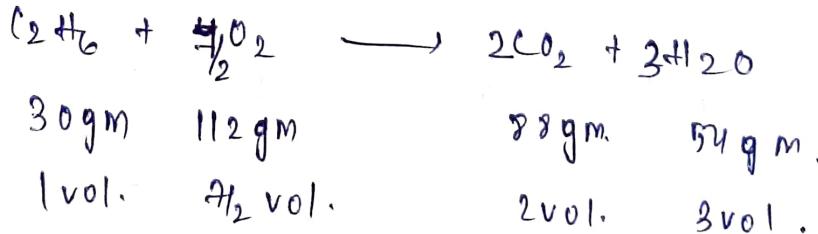
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of } O_2 &= \frac{16}{32} \times \text{mass of S} \\ \text{Vol. of } O_2 &= 1 \times \text{vol. of S}\end{aligned}$$

C₂H₆

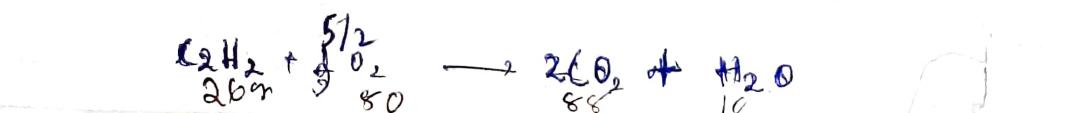


$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of } O_2 &= \frac{64}{16} \times \text{mass of } C_2H_6 \\ \text{Vol. of } O_2 &= 2 \times \text{vol. of } C_2H_6\end{aligned}$$

2H₂



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of } O_2 &= \frac{112}{30} \times \text{mass of } C_2H_6 \\ \text{Vol. of } O_2 &= \frac{7}{2} \times \text{vol. of } C_2H_6\end{aligned}$$



(i) total mass of theoretical O₂ required for combustion of fuel = (sum of the O₂ required for comb. of individual component of the fuel).

—(O₂ present in air required = (mass of O₂ required) $\times \frac{100}{23}$)

mass of O₂ by mass present in air.

Because 23% of O₂ by vol. present in air.

wt. of air required = (wt. of O₂ required) $\times \frac{100}{23}$

as, 23% of O₂ by vol. present in air.

As, 28.94 gm/mol. is taken as molare mass of

Note - 22.4 L of any gas at STP has mass equal to its 1mol.

(ii) Cal. the wt. & vol. of air required for combustion of 3kg of carbon.



$$12 \text{ gm.} \quad 32 \text{ gm.} \quad 44 \text{ gm.}$$

$$1 \text{ mol.} \quad 1 \text{ mol.} \quad 1 \text{ mol.}$$

$$\text{mass of O}_2 \text{ required} = \frac{32}{12} \times \text{mass of}$$

$$= \frac{32}{12} \times 3000$$

$$= 8000 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\text{mass of air required} = 8000 \times \frac{100}{23}$$

$$= 34.782160 \text{ kg.}$$

$$\text{vol. of air required} = \frac{\text{mass of air req}}{\text{molare mass of air}}$$

$$1 \text{ m}^3 = 10^3 \text{ L}$$

$$= \frac{34.78}{28.94} \times 22.4 = 26.1 \text{ L}$$

$$\text{Vol. of } \text{O}_2 \text{ reqd.} = \frac{1}{T} \times \text{Vol. of C} =$$

$$32 \text{ gm. of O}_2 \text{ occupied} = 22.4 \text{ lit.}$$

$$\text{or} \quad \frac{\text{Vol. of O}_2}{32} = \frac{22.4}{32}$$

$$8000 \text{ gm. of O}_2 \quad \frac{22.4}{32} \times 8000 = 5600 \text{ lit.}$$

$$\text{Vol. of O}_2 \text{ reqd.} = \frac{1}{T} \times 5600$$

$$\text{Vol. of air reqd.} = 5600 \times \frac{100}{21} = 26.66 \text{ m}^3$$

The % composition of coal sample is C = 80%, H = 4%, O₂ = 3%, N = 3%, S = 2%, Ash = 5%.
moisture = 3%. Cal. the comb. quantity of O₂ & air required for complete combustion of 1 kg coal.

$$1 \text{ kg} = 1000 \text{ gm. wt of coal.}$$

$$\text{mass of C} = \frac{80}{100} \times 1000 = 800 \text{ gm}$$

$$\text{mass of H} = \frac{4}{100} \times 1000 = 40 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\text{mass of O}_2 = \frac{3}{100} \times 1000 = 30 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\text{mass of N}_2 = 30 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\text{mass of S} = 20 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\text{mass of ash} = 50 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\text{mass of moisture} = 30 \text{ gm.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{mass of O}_2 \text{ required} &= \left[\left(\frac{32}{12} \times 800 \right) + \left(\frac{16}{2} \times 40 \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{32}{32} \times 20 \right) \right] - 30 \\ &= (2133.34 + 320 + 20) - 30 \\ &= 2443.33 \text{ gm.}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of air reqd.} &= \frac{2443.33 \times 100}{23} \\ &= 10623.18 \text{ gm.} \\ &= 10.623 \text{ gms kg.}\end{aligned}$$

(3) Cal. the quantity of air needed for complete combustion of 1kg of coal if 60% of excess air is supplied. Data same as above.

Solⁿ If 60% of excess air is supplied
then mass of air need is

$$10623.18 \times \frac{160}{100}$$

(4) Cal. the vol. of air required for complete combustion of 1lt. of gaseous fuel having composition $\text{CO} = 46\%$, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 = 10\%$, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2 = 4\%$, $\text{H}_2 = 4\%$, $\text{H}_2 = 4\%$, $\text{N}_2 = 1\%$.

$$1 \text{ lt} = 1000 \text{ cm}^3 = 1000 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\checkmark \text{Vol. of CO} = \frac{46}{100} \times 1000 = 460 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\checkmark \text{Vol. of C}_2\text{H}_4 = \frac{10}{100} \times 100 = 100 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\checkmark \text{Vol. of C}_2\text{H}_2 = 40 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\text{Vol. of H}_2 = 40 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total} = 1000 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Vol. of O}_2 \text{ reqd.} &= \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \times 460 \right) + \left(\frac{5}{2} \times 40 \right) + (2 \times 10) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 40 \right) \right] \cdot\end{aligned}$$

$$= 230 + 100 + 200 + 20$$

$$= 550 \text{ ml.}$$

$$\text{Vol. of air reqd} = \frac{5520 \times 100}{21} = 2619.04 \text{ ml.} \\ = 2.62 \text{ L.}$$

(5) **Ques.** Let us calculate wt. of vol. of air required for complete combustion of 1 kg of coal having the composition of C = 80%, H = 4%, O = 3%, S = 3.5%, N = 2.5%, ash = 4.4%.

Sol?

Ans \rightarrow

C = 80%	$1\text{kg} = 1000 \text{ gm}$
H = 4%	$\frac{80}{100} \times 1000 = 800 \text{ gm}$
O = 3%	$\frac{4}{100} \times 1000 = 40 \text{ gm}$
S = 3.5%	$\frac{3}{100} \times 1000 = 30 \text{ gm}$
N = 2.5%	$\frac{3.5}{100} \times 1000 = 35 \text{ gm}$
ash = 4.4%	$\text{ash} = 44 \text{ gm}$

$\text{mass of } \text{O}_2 \text{ reqd} = \left[\left(\frac{32}{12} \times 800 \right) + \left(\frac{16}{2} \times 70 \right) + \cancel{(35)} \right] - 30$

$$= 2698.33 \text{ gm}$$

$\text{mass of Air reqd} = \frac{2698.33 \times 100}{23}$

$$= 11731.86 \text{ gm}$$

$$= 11.731 \text{ Kg}$$

$\text{Vol}^m \text{ of Air reqd} = \frac{\text{mass of air reqd} \times 22.4}{\text{molar mass of air}}$

$$= \frac{11731}{28.94} \times 22.4$$

$$= 9.0800 \text{ m}^3$$

Liquid Fuel

The liquid fuel can be classified as into two categories.

- (i) Natural / Crude oil
- (ii) Artificial / manufactured oil

Advantages. (follow composition)

- They possess high energy unit mass than solid fuel.
- They burn without smoke.

Liquid Fuel

- These are used extensively in industrial & domestic field.
- The single largest source of liquid fuel is petroleum & crude oil.
- It is a dark, greenish, brown viscous oil - found in deep inside the earth crust.
- It is a mix of hydrocarbons such as straight chain paraffins, cyclo-paraffins, naphthalene, polyphenene, aromatic along with small amt. of organic compounds containing N_2 , O_2 & S.

Composition - Carbon = 79.5 - 87.1% }
 H_2 = 11.5 - 14.8% }
 S = 0.1 - 3.5%.
 N_2 = 0.4 - 0.9%.

Chemical. O_2 = 0.1 - 0.9%.

Physical Properties:

Petroleum are graded according to the following physico-chemical properties.

- (i) Specific gravity
- (ii) Calorific value.
- (iii) Flash pt. or ignition pt.
- (iv) Viscosity

- (ii) Contains:
 - (a) moisture & sediment content
 - (b) specific heat & the coefficient of expansion.
- (c) Crystallization of petroleum.
The chemical nature of the crude petroleum varies with the part of the world in which it is found.
It may appear in three varieties.
- (iii) Paraffinic base type crude:
 - It is mainly composed of saturated hydrocarbons from $C_{14}H_{30}$ to $C_{35}H_{72}$ & a little of naphthalene & aromatic compound.
 - The hydrocarbons from $C_{18}H_{38}$ to $C_{35}H_{72}$ are semi-solid and called as wax (low grade).
- (iv) Aromatic base type crude:
 - It contains mainly cyclo-paraphene or naphthalene with smaller amt. of paraffine & aromatic hydrocarbons. These are called Bitumens.
- (v) Mixed base type crude:
 - It contains both paraffinic & aromatic hydrocarbons & is generally rich in semi-solid waxes.
 - furnishes medium grade straight run gasoline.

Refining of Petroleum.

- The crude oil is separated into various streams having diff. boiling ranges by fractional distillation & finally converted into desired specific product by removing undesirable impurities & the process is known as refining of crude oil. This process involves three steps.

(ii) Separation of H₂O:

The crude oil is separated from H₂O by allowing the crude to flow betw highly charged electrodes.

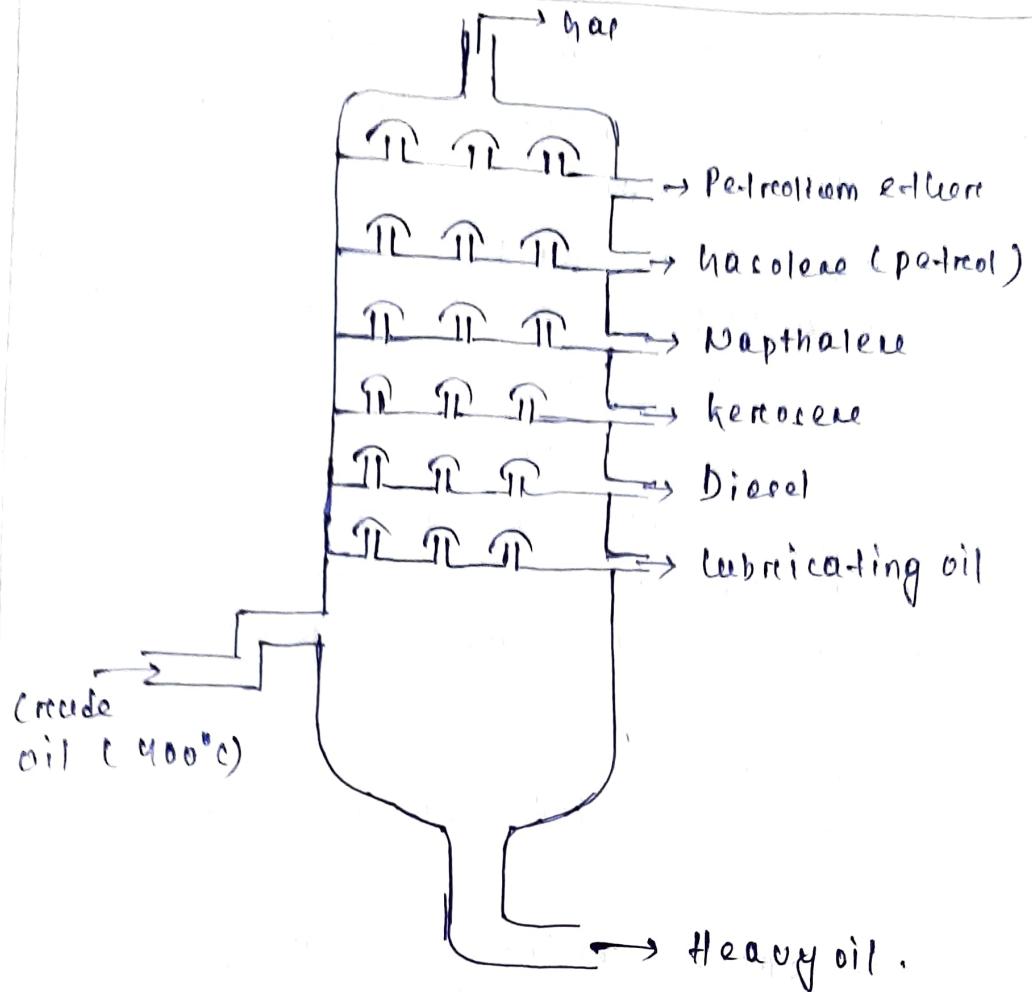
The colloidal water droplets combine to form large drop & separated from the oil.

(iii) Removal of S-compound:

S-compounds are removed by treating the crude oil with CuO & treatment results in the formation of CuS in solid form which can be easily removed by filtration.

(iv) Fractional distillation -

- The crude oil is heated to abt. 400°C in a pipe till all the volatile constituent are evaporated.
- The hot vapour then passes through a tall cylindrical tower known as fractionating column containing no. of horizontal stainless trays at short distance. Each tray is provided ~~as~~ with a chimney with loose cap.
- As the vapours goes up they become gradually cooler & fractional condensation takes place at diff. heights of the column.
- Higher boiling fractions are condensed first while lower boiling fractions are ~~condensed~~ afterwards.



<u>Fraction</u>	<u>Composition</u>	<u>Boiling pt.</u>
Gas	C ₁ - C ₄	Less than 20°C (LPG)
Petrolatum ether	C ₅ - C ₇	30 - 70°C
Petrol	C ₅ - C ₉	70 - 90°C
Light petrolatum	C ₈ - C ₁₀	90 - 120°C
Naphthalene	C ₉ - C ₁₀	120°C - 180°C
Kerosene	C ₁₀ - C ₁₆	180°C - 250°C
Diesel	C ₁₅ - C ₁₈	250°C - 320°C
Heavy oil	C ₁₈ - C ₃₀	320°C - 400°C

PETROL / GASOLINE / MOTOR SPIRIT

- (i) The composition of petrol is mix. of hydrocarbons from $C_5H_{12} \rightarrow C_{18}H_{38}$.
- (ii) The straight run fractn is collected betw $40^{\circ}C - 100^{\circ}C$.
- (iii) It is highly volatile & inflammable in nature.
- (iv) Its cv is 11250 kcal/kg.
- (v) It is used in IC engine.
- (vi) The consumption per unit is more.
- (vii) Its thermal efficiency is low.
- (viii) Combustion process is simple & requires IC engine.
- (ix) Costlier than diesel.
- (x) No compression is needed during combustion of gasoline.
- (xi) Its exhaust gasses contain higher amt. of pollutant gasses.

DIESEL

- The composition of diesel is $C_{15} - C_{18}$ ($C_{15}H_{32} - C_{18}H_{38}$).
- This fractn obtained betw $250^{\circ}C - 320^{\circ}C$.
- Its density is $0.86 - 0.95$.
- Its cv is about 11000 kcal/kg.
- It is used as fuel in diesel engine.
- Its consumption per unit is less.
- Its thermal efficiency is high.
- Combustion process is complex & requires a cylinder, a more expensive fuel injection device.
- Its combustion requires heavy equipments to compress air.
- Its exhaust gasses contain lesser amount of pollutant (CO_2 , oxides of N_2 & hydrocarbons).

PETROL ENGINE

Fuel used

Petrol & air mix.

Ignition → By sparking

Cause of Knocking → It is due to pre-ignition. → It is due to delayed ignition.

Knocking characteristic → Knocking characterised by Octane-reating.

Additives to reduce knocking → In this TEL, TML, BTX, (Tetraethyl Pb) (Tetramethyl Pb)
(Benzene + Toluene + xylene) are added to petrol, reduce knocking & to increase octane no.

→ In this alkali nitrites, acetone peroxides are used to reduce knocking & increase cetane no.

KEROSENE

- It is obtained betⁿ 180°C - 250°C during fractional distillation of crude petroleum.
- Composition of kerosene is a mix. of hydrocarbons from C₁₀H₂₂ - C₁₆H₃₄ i.e. from decane to hexadecane.

Its specific gravity 0.75 to 0.85.

Its CV is 1100 Kcal/kg. Due to high boiling pt. range kerosene doesn't vapourise easily.

It is used as domestic fuel in stove, as jet engine fuel & for making oil gas.

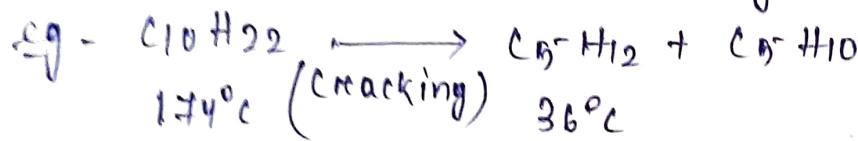
Conc. →

HEAVY OIL

- It is obtained b/w 300°C - 400°C during fractional distillation of crude petroleum.
- Lubricating oil is used as lubricants.
- Petroleum jelly (Vaseline) which is used as lubricants in medicine & cosmetics.
- Greases used as lubricants.
- Paraffin wax used as candle, boot polish, wax paper, dampening cloth for electrical insulation.

CRAKKING

It is defined as decomposition of high molecular weight hydrocarbons of high B.P. range into simple & lower mol. weight hydrocarbons of low B.P. range.



Decane Pentane Pentene

It is of 2 types. (i) thermal cracking
 (ii) catalytic cracking

Thermal Cracking-

When heavy oil is cracked at high temp. & pressure in absence of catalyst i.e. Liquid thermal cracking.

In this process the bigger hydrocarbon molecules break down to form smaller molecules of alkenes along with H_2 .

These are of 2 types. (a) Liq. phase thermal cracking.

(b) Vap. phase thermal

Catalytic cracking

Catalytic cracking is done in presence of catalyst like aluminium (Al₂O₃) or platinum. In this case both quality & quantity of gasoline is better. It requires much lower temp. & pressure compared to thermal cracking. The yield of petrol is higher. In this process the petrol produced by this process have better anti-knock characteristics due to branched chain compound. This product contains lesser amt. of undesirable substances like s.

Catalytic cracking are of two types,

- (i) moving bed
- (ii) fixed bed

KNOCKING

Due to premature instantaneous ignition of fuel, air mix. in the engine leading to production of an explosive sharp metallic sound known as knocking.

Causes of Knocking

- (i) Chemical str. of the fuel hydrocarbon.
- (ii) Presence of some constituents having high ratio of combustion in fuel.
- (iii) Design of the engine i.e. shape of the head, location of the plug.
- (iv) Running cond. of the vehicle.
- (v) Compression ratio i.e. C.R. = $\frac{V_1}{V_2}$.

Where V_1 is the vol. of the fuel at the end of stroke.

V_2 = Vol. of the fuel at the end of compression.

Note

With increase in compression ratio the effici. of IC-engine also increases but after certain compression ratio the tendency to knock also increases.

Critical Compression ratio - The CR at which fuel tends to knock is called as critical compression ratio.

Foer Petrol fuel

The knocking tendency decreases in the order

$n\text{-alkane} > \text{mono-substituted alkane} > \text{alkenes} >$
 $\text{Poly-substituted alkane} > \text{aromatics}$ (higher anti-knock propens)

- For st. chain hydrocarbon knocking increase with molecular wt. of & boiling pt.
i.e. $n\text{-hexane} > n\text{-pentane} > n\text{-butane}$.

Probable mechanism of chemical reaction that leads to knocking

- Free radical chain reactⁿ leading to cracking rxn of hydrocarbon is probably the mech of chemical reactⁿ that leads to knocking

Effect of knocking

- It increases the fuel consumption.
- It results in decreased power output.
- It causes mechanical damage by overheating the cylinder parts or piston.
- loss of energy.
- Increase in cost of maintenance.
- The driving being un-pleasant.

Prevention (Reduction/minimization of knocking)

- By suitable change in engine design.
- By using critical compression ratio. $(\text{CH}_3)_4\text{Pb}$.
- By using high octane fuel. $(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5)_4\text{Pb}$
- By using anti-knock agents like TEL, TML, BTX for petrol fuel. as they form branched C-chain.

Octane number. (For petrol fuel)

- The resistance offered by gasoline to knocking can not be defined in absolute terms.
- In order to classify knocking characteristics of petrol fuel & a rating system is proposed by Ham Edjere in 1926 is known as octane number. or octane reading.

Defn:- Octane number of petrol fuel is defined as the % of iso-octane in a mix. of iso-octane & n-heptane that produce the same knocking characteristic as the fuel. under same state of cond. & pressure.

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Octane no.</u>	<u>Characteristics</u>
n-heptane	0	knocking 100%.
$\text{CH}_3 + (\text{CH}_2)_5\text{CH}_3$		
iso-octane	100%	knocking = 0
$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_3 \\ \\ \text{CH}_2 - \text{C} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH} - \text{CH}_3 \end{array}$		

e.g.- 91-octane petrol is a mix. of 91% iso-octane & 9% of n-heptane. i.e. since iso-octane has good anti-knock properties so, it has greater octane no. & greater resistance to knocking.

- Automobile gasoline have octane no. ranging from 75 - 95.

- Aviation gasoline have greater knock resistance & their octane no. are greater than 100.

- In such case - the octane no. are compared using the relationship

$$\text{Octane no.} = \frac{[\text{Power no.} - 100] + 100}{3}$$

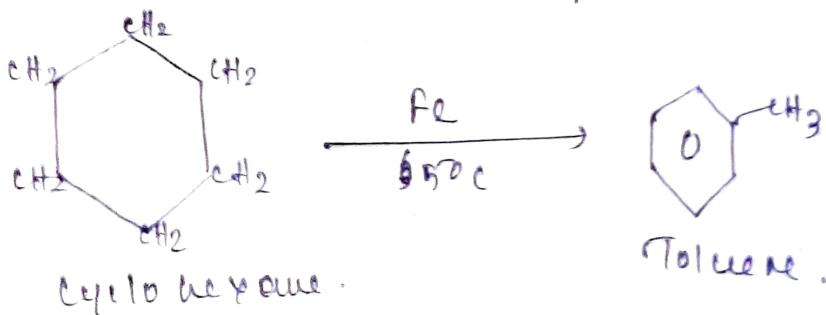
Where power no. → is an arbitrary no. proportional to the power being extracted by the engine.

- Increase of alkanes - the octane no. increases with the no. of branches in the chain & decreases with increase in chain length.
- Alkenes have higher octane no. than alkane containing same no. of carbon-atom.
- Cyclo alkanes have higher octane rating than alkanes with same no. of C-atom.
- The highest no. are associated with the aromatic hydrocarbon.

Ques How octane no. of fuel can be increased?

(i) By Isomerisation - St. chain hydrocarbons are converted to branched chain.

(ii) By aromatisation - Aliphatic compound are converted aromatic compound.



(iii) By adding anti-knock agent - TML, BTX

Ques IV) The octane rating of gasoline sample can be increased by the addn of certain organometallic compounds called anti-knocking agent like TML, TEL.

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Ans How TEL act as anti-knocking agent like TML, TEL

TEL gives rise to Pb & PbO during combustion these particles act as free radical chain inhibitor as they arrest the propagation of the explosive chain reaction responsible for knocking.

Ques Why a small quantity of ethyl-bromide is added to petrol along with anti-knocking agent like TEL?

Ans - If TEL alone is used the species Pb & PbO may get deposited ~~by cooling~~ on engine parts & cause mechanical damage & decrease the engine life. & also the vapour of Pb & PbO may pollute the air. So, in order to minimize the air pollution & damage to engine parts TEL is used along with ethyl bromide : $(C_2H_5Br)_2$.

- The functn of these ethylene bromide is to convert the less volatile Pb & PbO into more volatile $PbBr_2$ which escapes into air along with the exhaust gasses. But pollution problem still exist.

KNOCKING IN DIESEL ENGINE

The basic difference b/w petrol engine & diesel engine is that in case of diesel engine the fuel is ignited with the help of heat generated by the compression of air inside the combustion chamber & not by spark.

- The combustion of fuel in diesel engine is not instantaneous as that of petrol engine there is a time lag b/w fuel injection & its ignition & this is called as ignition delay or igniting lag.

- Ignition delay is due to time taken for the

- vapourisation of the individual droplets & heating of the vapour to its ignition temp.
- It depends on
 - engines design
 - efficiency of the mixing of the spray & air.
 - The injector design.
 - chemical nature of the fuel.
- If the ignition delay is long it will lead to full accumulation in the engine even before the ignition.
- When ignited ^{an} explosion results due to the combined effect of increased temp. & pressure & this is responsible for diesel knock.
- In order to grade the diesel fuel cetane rating is employed.

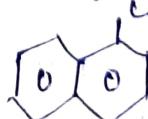
CETANE NUMBER

- Cetane no. is a measure of rate at which fuel ignites under compression.
- Cetane no. is defined as the % of n-hexadecane (C_{16}) in a mix of hexadecane & cetane 2-methylnaphthalene that has same knocking characteristic of fuel under consideration at the same set of cond'.

n-hexadecane - 100%

cetane no. - 100%.

very short ignition delay.

2-methylnaphthalene - 

Cetane no - 0

longer ignition delay.

St. chain hydrocarbons get ignited readily & have higher cetane rating. So, the order of cetane no. is as follows.

n-alkane > naphthalene > alkene > branched alkenes > aromatics

ignition delay increases from left to right & ignition quality increases from right to left.
cetane no. increases from right to left.

ADDITIVES TO INCREASE CETANE NO.

Ans: The cetane no. of fuel can be increased by addn of very small amount of compound called as pre-ignition dopes such as alkali-nitrate & ethyl-nitrate, ~~ethyl-nitrite~~, ~~aniline~~, ~~peroxide~~ etc.

~~Diezel fuel can be classified into 3 types~~

- (i) High speed diesel (cetane no. > 45)
- (ii) medium speed diesel ($C.N > 35$)
- (iii) low speed diesel ($C.N \approx 25$) (is about 25)

Ques: A sample of diesel fuel has same knocking characteristics as a 80ml of mix of cetane & 2-methylnaphthalene mixed in a ratio of 3:1 by vol. Cal. the cetane no.

$$80\text{ ml} \text{ Cetane} = 80\text{ ml}$$

$$\text{ratio } 3:1 \quad 3\text{ ml Cetane}$$

$$4\text{ ml} = 80\text{ ml}$$

$$1\text{ ml} = 20\text{ ml}$$

$$3\text{ ml} = 60\text{ ml}$$

$$\text{Cetane} = 60\text{ ml}$$

$$2\text{-M.N.} = 20\text{ ml}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cetane No.} &= \frac{60}{80} \times 100 \\ &= 75\end{aligned}$$

- St. chain hydrocarbons get ignited readily & have higher cetane rating. So, the order of cetane no. is as follows.

~~n-alkane > naphthalene > alkene > branched alkene >~~
- Ignition delay increases from left to right & ignition quality increases from right to left. Cetane no. increases from right to left.

ADDITIVES TO INCREASE CETANE NO.

Add: The cetane no. of fuel can be increased by addn of very small amount of compounds called as pre-ignition dopes such as alkali-nitrate & ~~ethyl-nitrate, methyl-nitrate, acetone peroxide~~.

- Diesel fuel can be classified into 3 types.
- (I) High speed diesel (cetane no. > 45)
 - (II) Med speed diesel (C.N. > 35)
 - (III) Low speed diesel (C.N. ≤ 25) (is about 25)

A sample of diesel fuel has same knocking characteristics as a 80ml mix of cetane & 2-methylnaphthalene mixed in a ratio of 3:1 by vol. Cal. the cetane no.

Sol: Cetane = 80ml

ratio 3:1 3m & m

4m = 80ml.

m = 20ml

3m = 60ml

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cetane no.} &= \frac{60}{80} \times 100 \\ &= 75 \end{aligned}$$

Cetane = 60ml.

2-m. N = 20ml.

Ques A sample of petrol fuel have same knocking characteristic as a 50 ml mix of iso-octane & n-heptane mixed in the ratio 3:2 by vol. cal. the Octane No.

Sol

$$50\alpha \rightarrow 50$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\alpha = 30 \text{ (Iso-octane)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha = 20 \text{ (n-heptane)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Octane No.} &= \frac{30}{50} \times 100^2 \\ &= 60\end{aligned}$$

Ques A sample of diesel has the same knocking charc. as 50 ml of cetane & 1-methyl-naphthalene mixed in the ration 2:3 by vol. What is the cetane no.

Sol

$$50\alpha \rightarrow 50$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\alpha = 20 \text{ (Cetane)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\alpha = 150$$

$$\text{Cetane No.} = \frac{20}{50} \times 100 = 40$$

UNLEADED PETROL.

- The petrol in which octane no. increased without the addition of Pb-compound is referred to as unleaded petrol.
- To improve the octane no. of the petrol some of high octane components like iso-pentane, iso-octane, ethyl benzene, isopropyl benzene are increased by the process molecular reforming.
- This process increases the contents of molecules having branched & aromatic str.
- Methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) can also be added to petrol to improve the octane rating of the fuel.
- MTBE has O_2 in the form of ether group & supplies O_2 for the combustion of the petrol in IC-engine reducing the formation of peroxy compound.

Advantages of unleaded petrol -

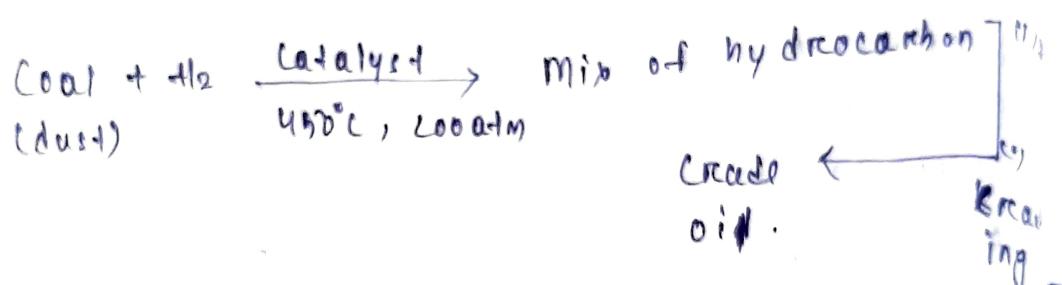
- It will reduce Pb-pollution.
- It permits the easy attachment of catalytic converter to the exhaust pipe in the auto-mobile. Catalytic converters contain Rhodium(Rh) catalyst which converts toxic gases like CO , NO into harmless gases like CO_2 & N_2 . It also oxidises unburnt hydrocarbon into CO_2 & H_2O .

SYNTHETIC PETROL

- It is the mix. of alkanes with composition resembling that of petrol, obtained artificially from coal.
- The two important methods for the preparation of this petrols are
 - I) Bergius Process
 - II) Fischer Process

Benzine process

- In this method coal is used as raw material.
- coal is a mix. of high molecular complex organic compound with low content of H_2 .
- The finely divided coal is made into a paste with heavy oil or coal tar & then a catalyst composed of organic compound of tin is added.
- The coal paste along with catalyst is prepared & then pumped into the converter, where it is heated to $400 - 500^\circ\text{C}$ under $200 - 250 \text{ atm}$. pressure in presence of H_2 .

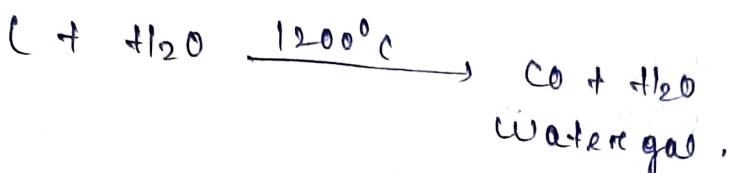


- Hydrogenation takes place to form higher saturated compound which undergoes cracking and hydrogenation process to yield mix. of alkanes.
- Thus the vapours leaving the converter upon condensation give crude oil or synthetic petroleum.
- Crude oil is fractionally distilled to give petrol, middle oil & heavy oil.
- The middle oil is again hydrogenated in the vapour phase in presence of a solid catalyst to give more gasoline.
- Actually the processing of middle oil gives 4 times the gasoline obtained by the primary hydrogenation of the coal.

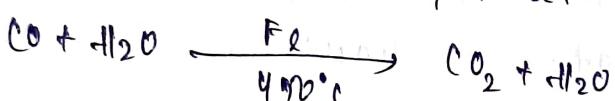
- Heavy oil is again used for making a paste with fresh coal dust.

Fischer - Tropsch process

- In this method hard coke is converted into a mix. of CO & H₂ by passing steam over a red hot ~~cool~~ coke.



- From a part of water gas CO is removed by converting it into CO₂ which is obtained by passing the water gas with extra steam over a promulgated iron oxide catalyst at 450°C.



- The residual CO₂ is again removed by absorption in Ammoniacuprous formate soln. The so obtained is mixed with rest of water gas in the ~~mix of~~ ratio of synthetic gas i.e. H₂ & CO in the ratio of 2:1.

- The synthesized gas is passed at the atm. pressure over a cobalt thorium oxide catalyst at 200°C. The reaction product is mainly st. chain paraffin & oilfines.

- The formation may be presented by following eqns:



- The gas a vapour leaving the reactⁿ vessel once passed through water cooled condenser to condense.

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- From the residual gaseous mix. propane, butane are octane by absorbing activated carbon.
- The liquid on fractional distillation products low grade motor diesel, high grade diesel oil, heavy oil & soft & hard waxes.
- A large amt. of the heavy oil after hydrocracking is used for the production of sodium alkylsulphonate.
- The soft wax is mainly oxidised to a fatty acid by air at $100 - 120^\circ\text{C}$ in the presence of KMnO_4 as catalyst.
- Higher fatty acids are used for soap manufacturing & also for the production of synthetic fat. The hard wax is used for the conventional uses.
- Although Fisher process is required a cheap raw material it can not be compared economically with petroleum as a source of gasoline. Hence this process is used for the production of no. of hydrocarbons.
- The gaseous mix. is ~~is~~ & then passed under the pressure through a fluid bed of finely divided iron at $350 - 450^\circ\text{C}$.
- The products obtained are gasoline, diesel fuel, an aqueous soln of oxygenated organic compounds namely alcohol, aldehydes, acids & ketones.

POWER ALCOHOL

- It is one of the most important non-petroleum fuel. The first four aliphatic alcohols are methanol, ethanol, propanol & butanol can be synthesized chemically & biologically.

& used as fuel for IC-engine. These are not used as prime-fuel but used in blends as additives. The chemical formula of power alcohol is $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} + 2\text{O}_2$.

Manufacturing

Methanol can be prepared from bio-mass.

Ethanol is commonly prepared from various biological organic substances through fermentation process.

However widely it is manufactured from molasses.

It is a viscous semi-solid material left after crystallisation of sugarcane juice.

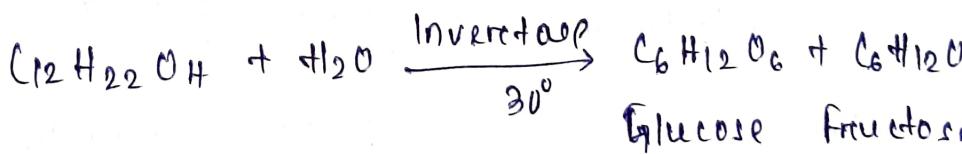
It is a mix. of sucrose, glucose & fructose. The molasses are diluted with H_2O to reduce sugar conc. from about 50-60% to 10-12%.

Amm. sulphate.

Nutrients like $\text{NH}_4(\text{SO}_4)_2$, Ammonium phosphate & some amount of CaCO_3 is added to maintain the pH value to 4-5.

Right proportion of yeast are added & maintain in the temp. is about 30°C .

The invertase enzyme of yeast converts entire sucrose into glucose.



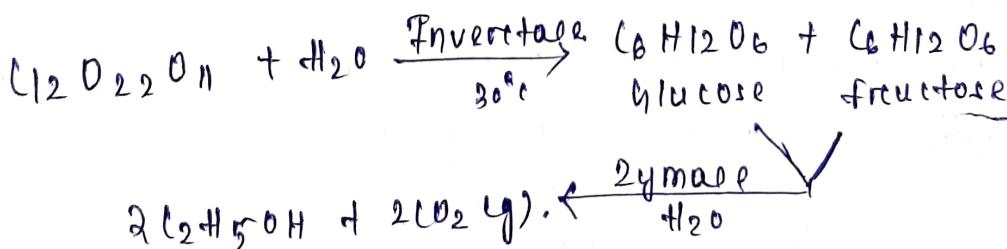
Advantages

- These are prepared from waste, hence it reduces the pollution. Hence, it is a good non-petroleum alternate source of energy.
- It can burn completely thereby increasing combustion efficiency.

- It has an octane value of 90-91 but the petrol is having 60-70. When alcohol is mixed with petrol, it increases the octane rating & this blended petrol posses better anti-knock property & reduces the CO emission.
- Petrol is blended with alcohol & it can absorb lesser amount of moisture.

Disadvantage

- Alcohol may cause corrosion due to easy bond with acids.
- Due to low calorific value of alcohol more fuel is required.
- Particularly at low temp. alcohol is difficult to get atomized ~~as~~ due to its considerable surface tension.
- The zymase enzyme of yeast converts entire glucose & fructose into ethyl alcohol & release CO_2 . During this process more CO_2 is produced. Hence this process is known as fermentation process.



- The fermentation process may be completed at about 36-38 hr. depending on the concn of alcohol, it is named as weak & rectified spirit & absolute alcohol.

WASH

- The fermented liquid containing 18-20% of alcohol.

of alcohol known as wack.

RECTIFIED SPIRIT

Fractionated distilled wack content 90-95%. alcohol & is known as rectified spirit.

ABSOLUTE ALCOHOL

Rectified spirit is digested with lime for about 2 days & then distilled to get 100% alcohol is known as absolute alcohol.

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GASEOUS FUEL

Gaseous fuels can be obtained in many ways.

(a) from nature :- Example - Natural gas, methane from coal mines.

(b) From solid fuels :- Example - producer gas, water gas, coal gas, and blast furnace gas.

(c) From petroleum :- Example Refinery gases, LPG, and gases from oil gasification.

(d) By fermentation of organic wastes :- Examples include biogas.

LPG \rightarrow Compositing C.V 27.808 Kcal/m³, m-butane + isobutane + ethylene + propane.

Advantages of LPG over gaseous fuel

- high efficiency & heating rate. Its CV is 3 times that of natural gas & 2 times that of coal gas.
- Need little care for maintenance, cleanliness in storage, handling & use.
- flexibility & easy control.
- Portability in steel cylinders make its use possible in remote places.
- less health hazard even in case of leakage since it contains no CO but risk of fire hazard is more.
- Use of well designed & heavily constructed burners ensures complete combustion with no smoke.

Advantages of LPG over motor fuel.

- It is cheaper than petrol.
- It can easily mix with air.
- Burning is smokeless, high knock resistance.
- Increase the engine life.

Disadvantages of LPG over motor fuel.

- Handling has to be done under pressure.
- leakage ^{can} ~~is not~~ easily detected.
- LPG is advantages only in engine working under high compression ratio.
- Its response to blending is very poor.

CNG NATURAL GAS

- It is generally found in associated with petroleum in nature & occurs near coal mines or oil field.
- It is used not only as fuels for domestic & industrial purposes but also as a raw material in various chemical synthesis.
- Natural gas i.e. derived from oil well may be dry or wet.
 - When natural gas found to be associated with petroleum in oil well is known as wet gas. It is obtained from the oil producing well & it is a mix of C₃H₈ & higher hydrocarbons such as n-propane, n-butane, iso-butane, isopentane etc.
 - When natural gas is found to be associated with crude oil it is termed as dry gas. It contains mainly C₃H₈ & ethane (C₂H₆) with small amount of CO, H₂, H₂S, N₂ & inert gases.
- Wet natural gas has a higher calorific value than dry gas because of higher % of heavier unburnt molecules.

Composition.

ethy	$\rightarrow 10 - 90\%$
C_2H_6	$\rightarrow 5 - 10\%$
H_2	$\rightarrow 3\%$
CO & CO_2	\rightarrow trace

$$CV = 12000 \text{ to } 14000 \text{ Kcal/m}^3$$

Application of natural gas.

Natural gas has wide range of application.

- It finds its use as a fuel in domestic & in industrial sectors as well as in motor vehicle.
- It is also used to prepare ethane, propane, butane, CH_3COOH etc.
- It serves as an important ingredient in the manufacture of various fertilizers, fabrics & antifreeze agents.

CNG (Compressed natural gas)

- It is obtained by compressing natural gas to a high pressure of about 1000 atm pressure.
- CNG is used as substitute for petrol & diesel.
- It is very economical & clean fuel.
- It is better than LPG & is preferred over gasoline because

- (i) Because its ignition temp. is higher than gasoline or diesel. So it is safer.
- (ii) It is lighter than air & disperses easily in air minimizing the risk of ignition but LPG being heavier than air settles at the ground level & hence is risky.
- (iii) As compared to gasoline CNG produces lesser CO on combustion.

- (iv) CNG operated vehicle donot emit the forbidden pollutant such as SO_2 , NO_x , C_6H_6 & CH_3CO .

OIL GAS

- It is obtained by base cracking of kerosene.
- It is obtained.

Production

- The plant used for the purpose consist of a strong cast iron retort enclosed in a coal fired furnace.
- A burner is fitted at the mouth of retort through a water seal.
- A pipe from the hydraulic main leads to the gas holder. This pipe has a testing tap from where the sample of gas taken for testing.

Working

- The retort is heated to red hot & a stream of oil is continuously allowed to fall on the red hot bottom of the retort.
 - The oil on coming in contact with red hot ~~retort~~ ^{bottom} ~~into~~ immediately get crack into the no. of lower gaseous hydro carbon.
- $$C_{12}H_{26} \rightarrow C_6H_6 + C_2H_6 + C_3H_8 + C_4H_8 + C$$
- tar
- oil gas.

- The gaseous mix. so obtained passes through the burner to a hydraulic tank, where tar get condensed. Then at the testing tap, proper colouring of gas ~~is tested~~ ^{is seen}. A good oil gas has an golden colour.

By properly adjusting the supply of air golden colour is obtained. The gas is firstly properly stored in gas holder. Yield of gas is 40-50%.

WATER GAS

- It is essentially a mix. of combustible gases like CO & H₂.
- It is also known as blue gas because it burns with a blue flame due to combustion of CO.
- The CV of Water gas is 10,000 - 11600 Kcal/m³
- The average composition of water gas is as follows

CO → 40 - 45%

H₂ → 45 - 50%

CO₂ → 4 %

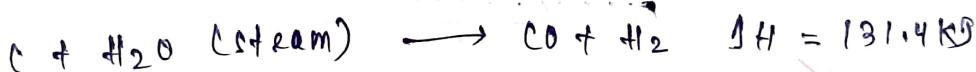
N₂ → 4 %

Manufacture

- It is produced by passing steam & little air alternatively through a bed of red hot coke, maintained at 1000°C.

Principle

- When steam is blown through a bed of red hot coke at 1000°C water gas is formed.



- The reaction being endothermic in nature, the temp. of coke bed gradually decreased with continuous passage of steam & the drop in temp. must be prevented.

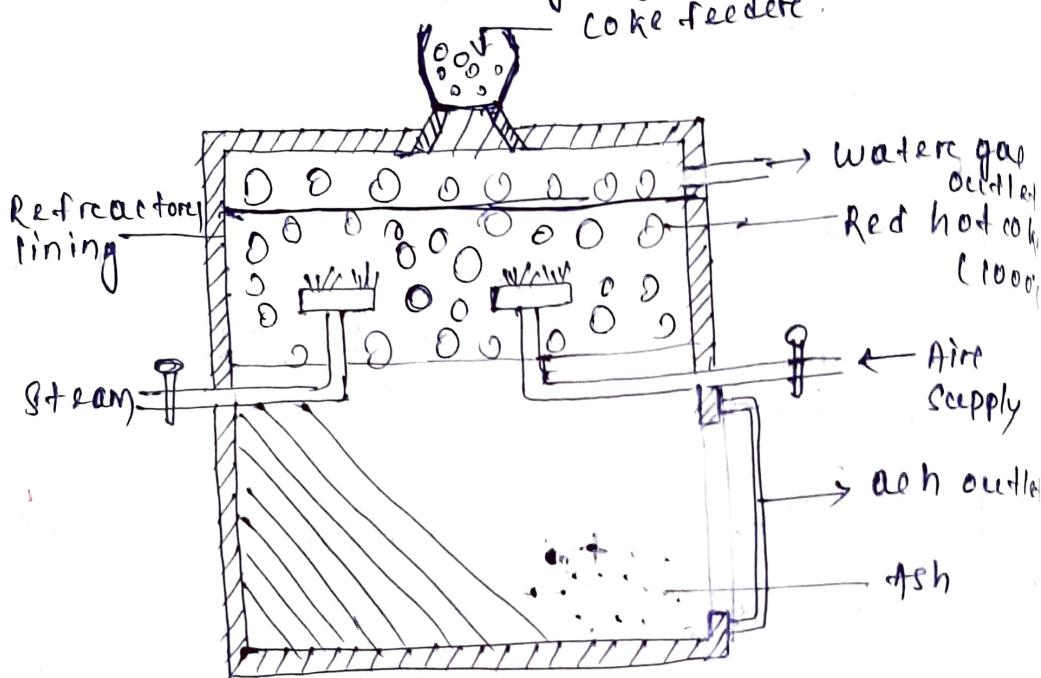
- For this the steam supply is temporarily cut off & air is blown in. The overall reaction during air blown is the formation of CO.



- The reaction being exothermic increase the temp. of the coke bed to about 1000°C. Thus by blowing steam & air alternatively the temp. of coke bed can be maintained at 1000°C.

Uses

- It is used for the production of H_2 .
- It is extensively used for the manufacture of CH_3-OH & synthetic petrol.
- It is used as a fuel in a glass & ceramic industry.
- Enriched water gas mixed with hydrocarbons which burns with luminescent flame is used as illuminating agent.



✓ PRODUCER GAS

- It is essentially a mix. of CO & N_2 .
- It is prepared by passing air mixed with little steam over a red hot coal bed maintained at $1100^\circ C$.
- The avg. composition of producer gas is as follows:

$$CO = 25\% - 30\%$$

$$N_2 = 50\% - 55\%$$

$$H_2 = 10\%$$

$$CO_2 = 5\%$$

$$HC = 2\% - 3\%$$

Its CV is $4000 - 5000 \text{ Kcal}/\text{m}^3$.

Manufacture.

- The producer's gas is charged with coal from the top & heated at about 1100°C . A mix of air & steam is passed over red hot coal through inlet at the bottom. The producer gas goes out through the outlet at the top.
- Reaction taking place in different zone of the fuel bed.

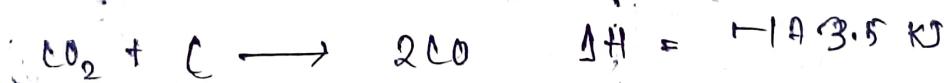
Oxidⁿ zone

- This is the lowest part of the coal bed. Here the carbon burns in presence of excess air to give CO_2 .



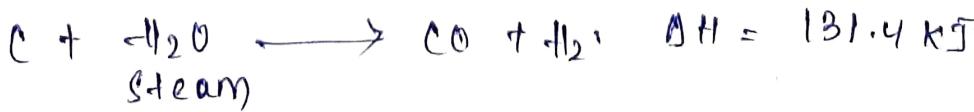
Redⁿ zone

CO_2 produced in the Oxidⁿ zone then rises through the hot bed & is reduced by CO to CO reduced by the coal to CO .



The overall reaction in the formation of CO being exothermic the fuel bed gets heated up beyond 1100°C . At high temp. the ash form clinkers on stage which are difficult to remove so, the grade bars on the refractory line get distorted.

- In order to avoid these problems to. in the producer a redn in temp. is achieved by passing air with steam instead of air alone.
- So, in the Redⁿ zone steam gets reduced to water gas



- This endothermic reactn brings down the temp.

to the optimum level.

Distillation zone:

- This is the upper most part of the coke bed where the distillation of volatile matters of coal occurs.

Uses

- It is used as a fuel in manufacture of steel, glass, coal gas.
- It is used as reducing agent in metallurgical operation.

