

The pyrolysis model in Morvan and Dupuy 2004 is

$$\frac{d}{dt}\alpha\rho = (\nu_{char} - \nu_{soot} - 1)\dot{\omega}_{pyr}, \quad (1)$$

where $\alpha\rho$ is the mass and the pyrolysis model is

$$\dot{\omega} = \frac{Q}{\delta h} \frac{T - 400}{100}. \quad (2)$$

Q is the heat received by the solid fuel, that is:

$$\alpha\rho C \frac{dT}{dt} = Q. \quad (3)$$

The constant quantities are: C specific heat of the material, δh latent heat of pyrolysis 0.418×10^6 , ν_{char}, ν_{soot} the stoichometric coefficients of the reactions.

Substituting equation (3) and (??) into equation (4) gives

$$\frac{d}{dt}\alpha\rho = (\nu_{char} - \nu_{soot} - 1) \frac{\alpha\rho C}{\delta h} \frac{T - 400}{100} \frac{dT}{dt}. \quad (4)$$

Changing variables from t to T gives

$$\frac{d}{dT}\alpha\rho = (\nu_{char} - \nu_{soot} - 1) \frac{\alpha\rho C}{\delta h} \frac{T - 400}{100}. \quad (5)$$

Then writing $M = \alpha\rho$ gives us an ode we can solve

$$\frac{d}{dT}M = (\nu_{char} - \nu_{soot} - 1) \frac{MC}{\delta h} \frac{T - 400}{100}, \quad (6)$$

$$M = M(0) \exp(\quad (7)$$

The other parameters are somewhat guessed. $C \approx 1900$ is guessed from data available on the internet. $\nu_{char} = 8/3$ Poitere, Morvan, et al. 1998 $\nu_{soot} = 1$ because it gives a nice fit.

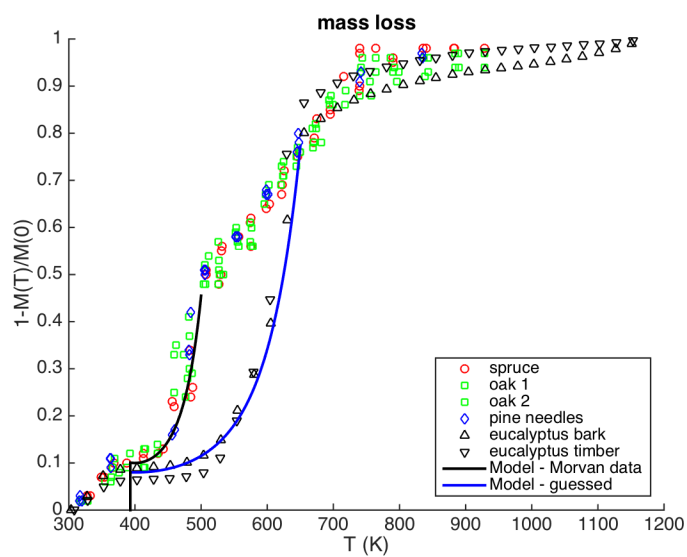


FIGURE 1. Dominique's and Rahul's TGA data with models