

Mass balance

Based on (C.Elliott, 2012), the liquid hydrocarbon/biomass yield in hydrothermal pyrolysis is between 26-37 wt%. This is also supported by (U.S. Department of Energy, 2014) which stated that bio-crude yield is 34.6% while the yield of other products of hydrothermal liquefaction are stated as following:

Products	mass
Organic portion of Biocrude	34.6
Organics in Aqueous Phase	35.4
Solids	5.7
Reaction Water	6.8
Gas	17.5



Basis: 100 kg/s of feed produced by TESCO

Overall mass balance

$$\dot{m}_1 = \dot{m}_2 + \dot{m}_3 + \dot{m}_4 + \dot{m}_5 + \dot{m}_6$$

Mass balance for recycle water/ reaction water

$$\dot{m}_2 = \frac{100kg}{s} \times \frac{6.8}{100} = 6.8 \frac{kg}{s}$$

Mass balance for non-condensable gas

$$\dot{m}_{3} = \frac{100kg}{s} \times \frac{17.5}{100} = 17.5 \frac{kg}{s}$$

$$x_{5a} + x_{5b} + x_{5c} + x_{5d} + x_{5e} + x_{5f} = 1$$

$$\dot{m}_{CO_{2}} = x_{5a} \dot{m}_{5}$$

$$= 17.5 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{90.2}{100} = 15.79 \frac{kg}{s}$$

$$\dot{m}_{CH_{4}} = x_{5b} \dot{m}_{5}$$

$$= 17.5 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{3}{100} = 0.53 \frac{kg}{s}$$

$$\dot{m}_{H_{2}} = x_{5c} \dot{m}_{5}$$

$$= 17.5 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{0.9}{100} = 0.16 \frac{kg}{s}$$

$$\dot{m}_{ethane} = x_{5d} \dot{m}_{5}$$

$$= 17.5 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{2.5}{100} = 0.48 \frac{kg}{s}$$
$$\dot{m}_{propane} = x_{5e} \dot{m}_{5}$$
$$= 17.5 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{1.9}{100} = 0.33 \frac{kg}{s}$$
$$\dot{m}_{butane} = x_{5f} \dot{m}_{5}$$
$$= 17.5 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{1.5}{100} = 0.27 \frac{kg}{s}$$

Mass balance for bio-crude

$$\dot{m}_{4} = 100 \frac{kg}{s} \times \frac{34.6}{100} = 34.6 \frac{kg}{s}$$

$$x_{4a} + x_{4b} = 1$$

$$\dot{m}_{organics} = x_{4a} \dot{m}_{4}$$

$$= \frac{34.6kg}{s} \times \frac{95.5}{100} = 33.04 \frac{kg}{s}$$

$$\dot{m}_{H_{2}0} = x_{4b} \dot{m}_{4}$$

$$= 34.6 \frac{kg}{s} - 33.04 \frac{kg}{s} = 1.56 \frac{kg}{s}$$

Mass balance for aqueous phase

$$\dot{m}_5 = \frac{100kg}{s} \times \frac{35.4}{100} = 35.4 \frac{kg}{s}$$

Mass balance for solids

$$\dot{m}_6 = \frac{100kg}{s} \times \frac{5.7}{100} = 5.7 \frac{kg}{s}$$

Input	Output				
Slurry (food waste)	Recycle water	Non-condensable gas	Bio-crude	Aqueous phase	Solids
100 kg/s	6.8 kg/s	17.5 kg/s	34.6 kg/s	35.4 kg/s	5.7 kg/s

Mass input = Mass output

Process flow diagram (PFD)



