



## Thermodynamic analysis for a regenerative gas turbine cycle in coking process

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### Abstract

A regenerative gas turbine cycle driven by residual coke oven gas is proposed in this paper. The thermal efficiency and the work output (per ton of coke) of the system are analyzed based on thermodynamics and the theory of gas turbine cycle. The influences of the gas release rate, the residual gas rate and the effectiveness of regenerator on the performance of the cycle are analyzed by using numerical examples. It is found that the work output increases with the increase of the residual gas rate while decreases with the increase of the gas release rate. The cycle with regenerator can reach higher thermal efficiency and bigger work output, which means that the coke oven gas is used more effectively. Moreover, there exist two optimal pressure ratios of compressor which lead the maximum thermal efficiency and the maximum specific work, respectively.

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### 1. Introduction

Steel is a crucial material in human technological development, and is widely used in our lives. China's iron and steel industry is the basis of the national economy, and has made considerable progress in the past two decades [1]. With technological progress and proper redistribution, China's iron and steel industry has made tremendous achievements in energy conservation [2-11]. However, in comparison with developed countries, there is a big potential to save energy in China's iron and steel industry.

Coke is one of the most important materials consumed by the steelmaking process. It performs several functions in the blast furnace. In the coking process, bituminous coals are carbonized, and form coke, tar and COG (coke oven gas). After residual heat recovery and a series of cleaning treatments, COG consists mainly of H<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>. COG is a prime fuel which has high heating value. It is an important fuel in steelmaking process. In the process of steelmaking, in order to maintain the mass flow rate in a constant, the energy input must be residual. As for gas system of an integrated iron and steel plant, the COG is always residual. Furthermore, with the progress in steelmaking process and metallurgy technology, the amount of residual COG will be more and more. Make good use of the residual COG can decrease the energy consumption in steelmaking process. Sun et al [12] designed a cogeneration system for producing

coke and generating electricity based on the principle of comprehensive and stepped utilization of energy. In the system, clean power generation with high efficiency is realized by decreasing the amount of air required for coking and supplying the combined cycle with enriched COG as much as possible. Hu et al [13] analyzed material flow, energy flow and sulfur flow of coking process in integrated iron and steel plants, and indicated that the utilization of COG should take into account various factors including the optimization of iron and steel manufacturing process and gas balance of plant, etc.. Villar et al [14] analyzed new waste-to-energy technologies in continuous industries in terms of conversion, energy saving, heat recovery, electricity generation, transportation fuel, storing energy and fuel, environmental emission, and recycling management. Mert et al [15] provided exergoeconomic analysis of an electricity and thermal energy cogeneration plant in an iron and steel factory.

Considering energy saving in steelmaking process, this paper proposes a regenerative gas turbine cycle by using residual COG as fuel. This system can reach higher thermal efficiency because the regeneration can recover a part of waste heat in exhausted gas, and the work output of the system can be used for generating electricity and driving blowers, etc. Furthermore, the thermal efficiency and work output of the system are analyzed based on classical thermodynamics and the theory of gas turbine cycles [16-31]. According to the thermodynamic analysis, one can estimate the system's work output in different amount of residual COG. This paper can provide a basis for the optimization of residual COG utilization in further steps.

**2. System description**

In the coking process, a large amount of COG is produced as a by-product. After residual heat recovery and a series of cleaning treatments, COG can be used as good fuel which consists mainly of H<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>. Part of COG is used in other process of ironmaking, and the residual coke oven gas is used as fuel in the regenerative gas turbine cycle proposed in this paper in order to save energy. COG is compressed in gas compressor, then is mixed with compressed air and burned in combustion chamber. The working fluid flows through the turbine and generates power, and the regenerator recovers waste heat in exhaust gas. The system layout of the regenerative gas turbine plant in coking process is shown in Figure 1. Figure 2 is the corresponding T-s diagram of the system.

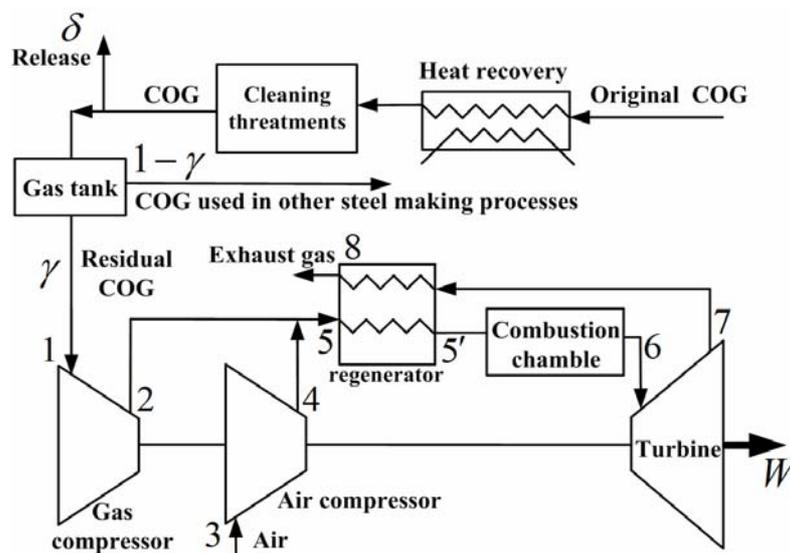


Figure 1. The system layout of a the regenerative gas turbine in coking process

**3. Performance analyses**

It is set that the COG's density is  $\rho_g=0.49 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and heating value is  $H = 16.706 \text{ MJ/m}^3 = 34.0939 \text{ MJ/kg}$ . Producing one ton coke can generate COG of  $430 \text{ m}^3$  or  $210.7 \text{ kg}$ . The mass of residual COG is

$$m_g \text{ (kg)} = 210.7(1 - \delta)\gamma \tag{1}$$

where  $\delta$  is gas release rate, and  $\gamma$  is residual gas rate.

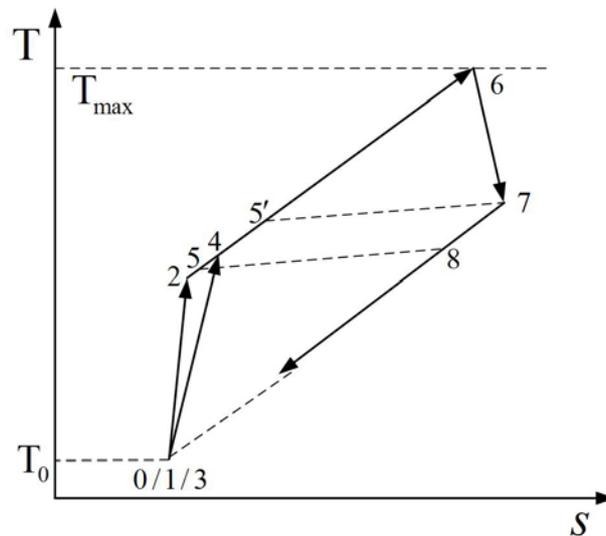


Figure 2. The T-s diagram of the system

Air consists 21%  $O_2$  and 79%  $N_2$  and its density is  $\rho_a = 1.169 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . According to COG's components listed in Table 1 and air's components, one can obtain theoretical air quantity for complete combustion of  $1 \text{ m}^3$  COG:

$$L_0 = \frac{100}{21} [56.83\%/2 + 22.49\% \times 2 + 5.49\%/2 + 2.54 \times (n + m/2)] \approx 3.8638 \text{ m}^3 \quad (2)$$

Table 1. Proportions of COG's component ( $T_0, p_0$ )

Component	$H_2$	$CH_4$	$CO$	$N_2 + Ar$	$CO_2$	$C_n H_m$	Other components
Volume ratio	56.83%	22.49%	5.49%	10.26%	2.04%	2.54%	0.35%

The air-fuel ratio is

$$m_g / m_a = \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_a \lambda L_0} \quad (3)$$

where  $\lambda$  is excess air ratio, and  $m_a$  is mass of air.

The gas compression process is adiabatic and irreversible, the efficiency of gas compressor is defined as

$\eta_{cg} = (T_{2s} - T_1) / (T_2 - T_1)$ , the isentropic temperature ratio across the gas compressor is  $T_{2s} / T_1 = (P_2 / P_1)^{\frac{k_g - 1}{k_g}}$ , and the temperature ratio of compression process is

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_{2s} - T_1} \left( \frac{T_{2s}}{T_1} - 1 \right) + 1 = 1 + \left[ (P_2 / P_1)^{\frac{k_g - 1}{k_g}} - 1 \right] / \eta_{cg} = 1 + (\varphi_{cg}^{n_g} - 1) / \eta_{cg} \quad (4)$$

where  $T$  is temperature,  $P$  is pressure,  $k_g$  is specific heat ratio of COG,  $n_g = (k_g - 1) / k_g$ , and  $\varphi_{cg} = P_2 / P_1$  is pressure ratio of gas compressor.

The work required for gas compressor is

$$W_{cg} = m_g (h_2 - h_1) = m_g c_{pg} T_1 (T_2 / T_1 - 1) = m_g c_{pg} T_1 (\varphi_{cg}^{n_g} - 1) / \eta_{cg} \quad (5)$$

where  $c_{pg}$  is isobaric specific heat of COG and  $T_1$  is ambient temperature.

The air compression process is adiabatic and irreversible, the efficiency of air compressor is defined as  $\eta_{ca} = (T_{4s} - T_3)/(T_4 - T_3)$ , the isentropic temperature ratio across the air compressor is  $T_{4s}/T_3 = (P_4/P_3)^{\frac{k_a-1}{k_a}}$ , and the temperature ratio of compression process is

$$\frac{T_4}{T_3} = \frac{T_4 - T_3}{T_{4s} - T_3} \left( \frac{T_{4s}}{T_3} - 1 \right) + 1 = 1 + \left[ (P_4/P_3)^{\frac{k_a-1}{k_a}} - 1 \right] / \eta_{ca} = 1 + (\varphi_{ca}^{n_a} - 1) / \eta_{ca} \quad (6)$$

where  $k_a$  is specific heat ratio of air,  $n_a = (k_a - 1)/k_a$ , and  $\varphi_{ca} = P_4/P_3$  is pressure ratio of air compressor. The work required for air compressor is

$$W_{ca} = m_a (h_4 - h_3) = m_g \frac{\rho_a \lambda L_0}{\rho_g} c_{pa} T_3 (T_4/T_3 - 1) = m_g \frac{\rho_a \lambda L_0}{\rho_g} c_{pa} T_3 (\varphi_{ca}^{n_a} - 1) / \eta_{ca} \quad (7)$$

The inlet temperature of regenerator depends on the temperature of compressed gas and compressed air. The mixing process of gas and air is defined as ideal gas mixing process. According to the temperature and quality of compressed gas and compressed air, one can derive the inlet temperature of regenerator:

$$\begin{aligned} T_5 &= \frac{m_g T_2 + m_a T_4}{m_g + m_a} = T_2 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g} \right) + T_4 \left( \frac{1}{1 + \rho_g / (\rho_a \lambda L_0)} \right) \\ &= T_1 \left\{ \left[ 1 + \frac{(\varphi_{cg}^{n_g} - 1)}{\eta_{cg}} \right] \left( \frac{1}{1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g} \right) + \left[ 1 + \frac{(\varphi_{ca}^{n_a} - 1)}{\eta_{ca}} \right] \left( \frac{1}{1 + \rho_g / (\rho_a \lambda L_0)} \right) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The turbine expansion process is adiabatic and irreversible, the efficiency of turbine is defined as  $\eta_t = (T_6 - T_7)/(T_6 - T_{7s})$ , the isentropic temperature ratio across the turbine is  $T_{7s}/T_6 = (P_7/P_6)^{\frac{k_w-1}{k_w}}$ , and the temperature ratio of expansion process is

$$\frac{T_7}{T_6} = 1 - \frac{T_6 - T_7}{T_6 - T_{7s}} \left( 1 - \frac{T_{7s}}{T_6} \right) = 1 - \eta_t \left[ 1 - (P_7/P_6)^{\frac{k_w-1}{k_w}} \right] = 1 - \eta_t \left[ 1 - (1 - 1/\varphi_t^{n_w}) \eta_t \right] \quad (9)$$

where  $n_w = (k_w - 1)/k_w$  is specific heat ratio of working fluid (after air and gas being mixed and burned), and  $\varphi_t = P_6/P_7$  is pressure ratio of turbine.

The work output of turbine is

$$\begin{aligned} W_t &= m_w (h_6 - h_7) = m_g (1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g) c_{pw} T_6 (1 - T_7/T_6) \eta_t \\ &= c_{pw} T_1 \tau m_g (1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g) (1 - 1/\varphi_t^{n_w}) \eta_t \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where  $c_{pw}$  is isobaric specific heat of working fluid, and  $\tau = T_6 / T_1$  is temperature ratio of the system.

According to the balance of heat,  $c_{pw} (T_7 - T_8) = c_{px} (T_{5'} - T_5)$ , and the effectiveness of regenerator,  $E_R = (T_7 - T_8)/(T_7 - T_5)$ , the outlet temperature of regenerator is

$$T_{5'} = \frac{E_R \tau T_1 \left[ 1 - (1 - 1/\varphi_t^{n_w}) \eta_t \right] + (c_{px} / c_{pw} - E_R) T_5}{c_{px} / c_{pw}} \quad (11)$$

where  $c_{px}$  is isobaric specific heat of mixed gas (air and gas are mixed before combustion).

According to the balance of heat in combustion chamber, the amount of heat added to the system is

$$Q_{in} = c_{px} (m_a + m_g) (T_6 - T_{5'}) = c_{px} m_g (1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g) (T_6 - T_{5'}) = m_g \eta_B H \quad (12)$$

Combing Eq. (2) with Eq. (11), the excess air ratio can be obtained

$$\lambda = \frac{\eta_B \rho_g H / [c_{px} (T_6 - T_{5'})] - \rho_g}{\rho_a L_0} \quad (13)$$

The work output of the system is

$$W = W_t - W_{cg} - W_{ca} \\ = m_g T_1 \left[ c_{pw} \tau \left( 1 + \frac{\rho_a \lambda L_0}{\rho_g} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\varphi_t^{n_w}} \right) \eta_t - \frac{c_{pg} (\varphi_{cg}^{n_g} - 1)}{\eta_{cg}} - \frac{\rho_a \lambda L_0}{\rho_g \eta_{ca}} c_{pa} (\varphi_{ca}^{n_a} - 1) \right] \quad (14)$$

The thermal efficiency of the system is

$$\eta = W / Q_{in} = \frac{c_{pw} \tau \eta_t (1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g) (1 - 1 / \varphi_t^{n_w}) - c_{pg} (\varphi_{cg}^{n_g} - 1) / \eta_{cg} - \rho_a \lambda L_0 c_{pa} (\varphi_{ca}^{n_a} - 1) / (\rho_g \eta_{ca})}{c_{pw} (1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g) \{ \tau - [E_R \tau [1 - \eta_t (1 - 1 / \varphi_t^{n_w})]] + (c_{px} / c_{pw} - E_R) \{ [1 + (\varphi_{cg}^{n_g} - 1) / \eta_{cg}] [1 / (1 + \rho_a \lambda L_0 / \rho_g)] + [1 + (\varphi_{ca}^{n_a} - 1) / \eta_{ca}] [1 / (1 + \rho_g / \rho_a \lambda L_0)] \} \} c_{pw} / c_{px}} \quad (15)$$

From Eq. (15), one can see that the residual gas rate and the gas release rate have no influence on the thermal efficiency of the system.

#### 4. Numerical examples

To see how the various parameters influence thermal efficiency and work output of the system, numerical examples are provided. In the calculations, it is set that the isobaric specific heat of air is  $c_{pa} = 1.004 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$ , isobaric specific heat of COG is  $c_{pg} = 2.69 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$ , the isobaric specific heat of mixed gas is  $c_{px} = 1.006 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$ , the isobaric specific heat of working fluid is  $c_{pw} = 1.013 \text{ kJ}/(\text{kg} \cdot \text{K})$ , the specific heat ratio of air is  $k_a = 1.400$ , the specific heat ratio of COG is  $k_g = 1.351$ , the specific heat ratio of working fluid is  $k_w = 1.392$ , the efficiencies of gas compressor and air compressor are  $\eta_{ca} = \eta_{cg} = 0.9$ , the efficiency of turbine is  $\eta_t = 0.85$ , the pressure ratios of gas compressor, air compressor and turbine are the same ( $\varphi_{cg} = \varphi_{ca} = \varphi_t = \varphi_c$ ), the efficiency of combustion chamber is  $\eta_B = 0.95$ , the ambient temperature is  $T_1 = T_3 = 300 \text{ K}$ , the ambient pressure is  $P_1 = P_3 = 0.1013 \text{ MPa}$ , the temperature ratio of the cycle is  $\tau = 5$ , the effectiveness of regenerator is  $E_R = 0.9$ , the gas release rate is  $\delta = 15\%$ , and the residual gas rate is  $\gamma = 20\%$ .

Figures 3 and 4 show the influences of the gas release rate  $\delta$  and the residual gas rate  $\gamma$  on the work output versus pressure ratio ( $W - \varphi_c$ ) characteristic, respectively. One can see that the work output (per ton of coke) increases with increase in the gas release rate  $\delta$  and decreases with the increase in the residual gas rate  $\gamma$ . In the practical steelmaking process, because of the heating value of coke oven gas is large, the residual coke oven gas should be used in generating electricity as much as possible. The amount of heat demanded in other procedures of steelmaking process can use blast furnace gas and basic oxygen furnace gas instead of coke oven gas. In this way, the amount of residual coke oven gas can be increased. Furthermore, the proper redistribution of the gas buffers such as gas tank and gas-fired boiler can decrease the gas release rate and make coke oven gas use effectively.

Figures 5 and 6 show the influences of the effectiveness of regenerator on the thermal efficiency versus pressure ratio ( $\eta - \varphi_c$ ) and  $W - \varphi_c$  characteristics. When  $E_R = 1$ , both thermal efficiency  $\eta$  and work output  $W$  decrease with the increase in pressure ratio of compressor  $\varphi_c$ . When  $E_R < 1$ , there exist two

optimal pressure ratios of compressor which lead to maximum thermal efficiency and work output, respectively. Furthermore, there is a critical pressure ratio of compressor, when  $\varphi_c$  is smaller than it, both thermal efficiency  $\eta$  and work output  $W$  increase with the increase in  $E_R$ ; when  $\varphi_c$  is larger than it, both thermal efficiency  $\eta$  and work output  $W$  decrease with the increase in  $E_R$ .

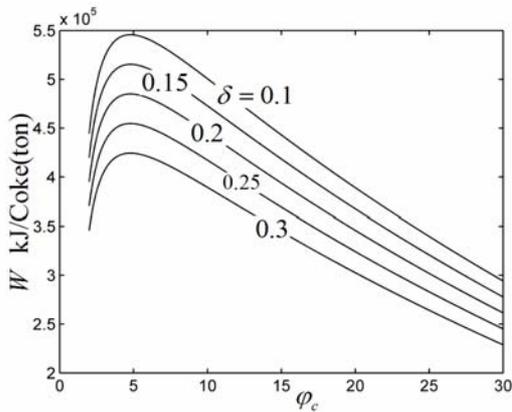


Figure 3. The influence of  $\delta$  on the  $W - \varphi_c$  characteristic

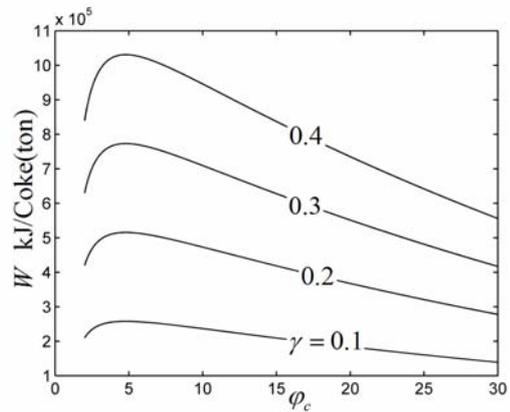


Figure 4. The influence of  $\gamma$  on the  $W - \varphi_c$  characteristic

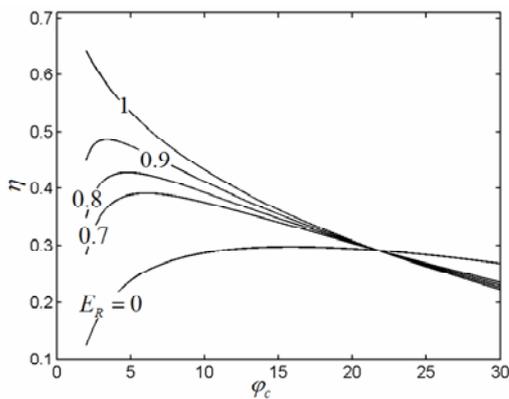


Figure 5. The influence of  $E_R$  on the  $\eta - \varphi_c$  characteristic

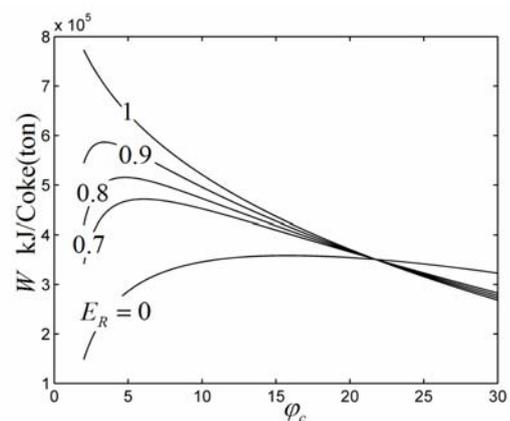


Figure 6. The influence of  $E_R$  on the  $W - \varphi_c$  characteristic

### 5. Conclusion

In order to meet the needs in energy conservation of steelmaking industry, a regenerative gas turbine cycle by using residual COG as fuel is proposed in this paper. Work output of the system (the regenerative gas turbine cycle) can be used for generating electricity and driving blowers, etc. Furthermore, the thermal efficiency and work output of the system are analyzed based on classical thermodynamics and the theory of gas turbine cycle. Using numerical calculations, the effects of the gas release rate, the residual gas rate and the effectiveness of regenerator on the performance of the system are analyzed. One can see that the work output (per ton of coke) increases with increase in the gas release rate and decreases with the increase in the residual gas rate. In the practical steelmaking process, the proper redistribution of the gas buffers such as gas tank or gas-fired boiler can decrease the gas release rate and make COG be used effectively. In the system, when the pressure ratio is smaller than the critical one, both thermal efficiency and work output increase with the increase in effectiveness of regenerator, so the system with regenerator uses COG effectively. This paper analyzes the thermodynamic processes of the system, estimates the system's work output in different amount of residual COG and can provides a basis for the optimization of residual COG utilization in further steps.

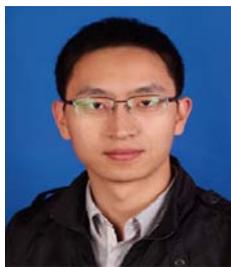
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