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- Students

- Kokkola n. 1750
- Ylivieska n. 1050
- Pietarsaari n. 290
- Haapajärvi n. 100

- Approximately 3200 students

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CENTRIA`s RESEARCH MISSION

CENTRIA Ylivieska unit study designed to investigate the efficiency measurements, based on looking for the scientific justification for the whole gasification process

The research from August 2008 has progressed as follows:

- Experiences and the identification of properties
- The measurement points determination and placement
- Product gas analysis with Gasmeter-analyzer
- Temperature measurements
- Wood chips consumption and gas volume measurements of the different power
- Searching for a theory to explain the measurement





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OPERATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS DURING HIGHBIO PROJECT.

The gasifier was placed in the industrial hall and equipped with an automatic feed of chips. Heat of the engine can be used in radiator network of the hall.

During tests we have added fuel manually, so that it has been easier to measure consumption of fuel.

We have two engines Mopar V8 5,6 litre and Scania straight 6 7,8 litre.

Most measures we have done with Scania.

Running speed of both engines are 1500 rpm





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FUEL

As fuel we have used the normal chips. The humidity has ranged from 30-40% and a calorific value 9,05-12,51 MJ/kg (2,51-3,475 kWh/kg)

Below analyzes of two samples



		Sample 1	Sample 2
Humidity	%	44,61	29,87
Ash content in dry matter	%	1,09	0,81
Caloric heating value, MJ / kg □	MJ/kg	19,71	20,27
Effective heating value dry matter □	MJ/kg	18,31	18,88
Effective heating value income humidity	MJ/kg	9,05	12,51



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WOODGAS IN BURNER USE

In one test we used in one hour 57 liter chips which corresponds to about 16 kilograms of density 280 kg/m^3

We had blower for aspirating the gas from reactor to burner 16 l/s. So one kilo produced $3,61 \text{ m}^3$ gas.

Burning was a very peaceful and the actual flame is not visible in daylight. A clear development target is the air volume control, because the burner was for use of natural gas.

Air and woodgas mixture ratio should be 1 part of gas and 1.24 of the air when the over-air coefficient is 1.1





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WOODGAS IN ENGINE USE

ENGINE POWER with woodgas

Our engine is a 7,8-liter V6.

Below is the VTT's presented by the naturally aspirated engine power for woodgas

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1000	4,4
1200	5,25
1500	6,5
1800	7,35

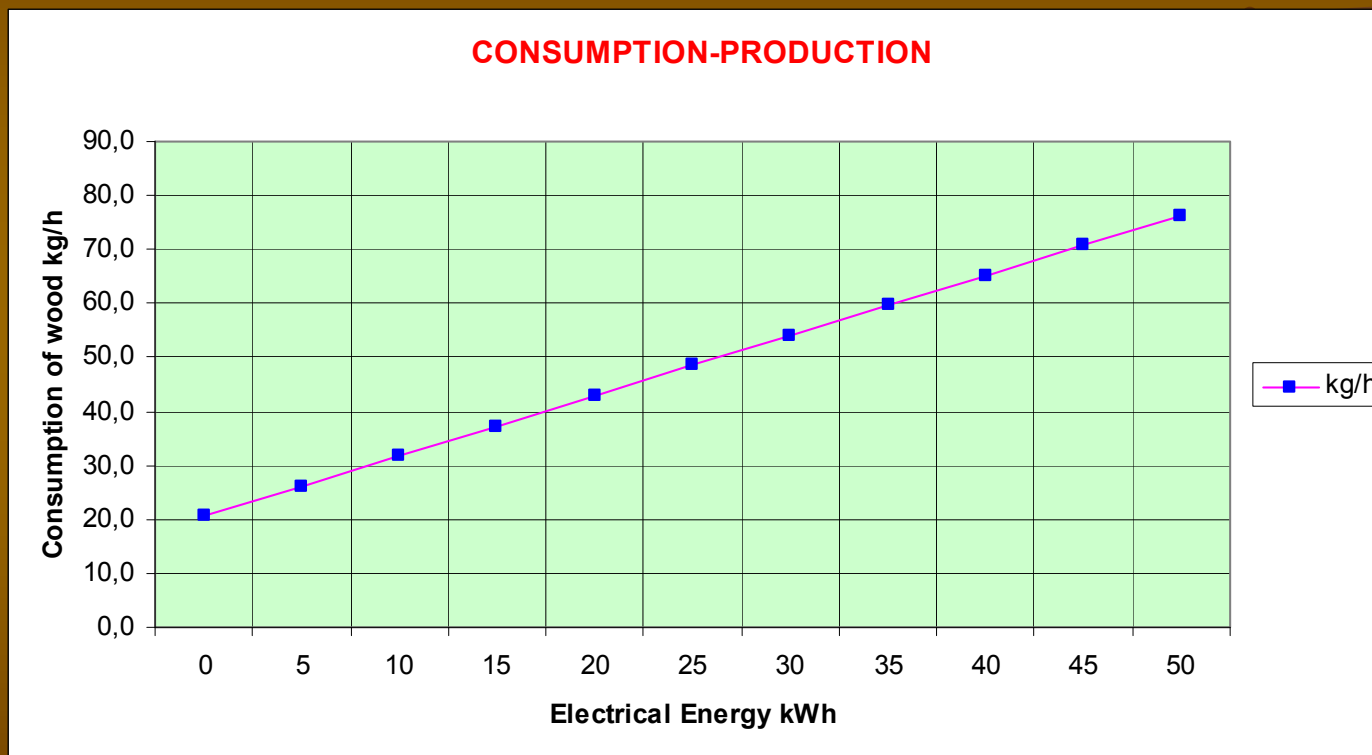


Running speed of generator is 1500 rpm, so the achieved power is a $8 \times 6,5 = 52$ kW. Engine size seems a suitable, if the aim is to produce electricity 50 kW.



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The table is prepared in such a way that is measured for wood consumption with powers 9 kW, 18 kW and 27 kW.



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ELECTRIC POWER	0 kW	9 kW	18 kW	27 kW
Measurement 1	20,2 l/s	26,6 l/s	35,0 l/s	42,5 l/s
Measurement 2	19,0 l/s	25,0 l/s	33,0 l/s	42,5 l/s
Measurement 3	19,0 l/s	27,0 l/s	35,0 l/s	41,5 l/s
Measurement 4	20,0 l/s	26,0 l/s	35,0 l/s	41,5 l/s
Average	19,6 l/s	26,2 l/s	34,5 l/s	42,0 l/s
Average	70 m3/h	94 m3/h	124 m3/h	151 m3/h
Electricity production	0 kWh	9 kWh	18 kWh	27 kWh
Gas consumption	70,4 m3/kWh	2,6 m3/kWh	3,0 m3/kWh	3,0 m3/kWh

This table is made of gas flow in different amounts of power.

At the moment we do not have a sufficiently precise measure of the hydrogen and nitrogen to determine the amount, if these gas components are known, as may be determined by the gas heat value and allows the gas output. At a general level, the gas heating value is around 4,5-5 MJ/nm³.



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Thank you for your attention!

