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**(57) Abrégé/Abstract:**

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**ABSTRACT**

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**A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR THE PYROLYSIS  
AND GASIFICATION OF ORGANIC SUBSTANCES OR  
MIXTURES OF ORGANIC SUBSTANCES**

**5 Field of the Invention**

The invention relates to a method for the pyrolysis and gasification of organic substances or mixtures of organic substances and to an apparatus for carrying out such a method.

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**Background of the Invention**

A series of methods are known for the treatment and utilisation of organic substances and mixtures of organic substances by, for example, gasification and pyrolysis. The 15 methods differ according to the oxidation or reduction gas used and according to the type of contact between the solid and the gas. In solid bearing or gas bearing a distinction is made between, among others, a circulating fluidised-bed gasifier, an entrained-bed gasifier, a rotary furnace 20 gasifier and a moving-bed gasifier with counterflow gas bearing, co-current gas bearing or cross-flow gas bearing. The majority of known gasification methods is not suitable for smaller, decentralised systems due to the high apparatus effort. Smaller, decentralised systems are

advisable in particular when biomass is used as the application material.

The operating behaviour of gasification methods in accordance with the principle of the circulating fluidised bed is highly dependent on the respective particle size household of the fluidised bed consisting of the application material to be gasified and the also circulating inert material. Corresponding demands result from this on the unit size of the application material.

Extremely higher demands on the preparation of the fuel result in the case of entrained-bed gasification which only allows the use of pulverised fuel particles.

Further substantial disadvantages of the known gasification methods are that the proceeding process stages of drying, degassing, gasification and incineration of the application material proceed in zones which are directly next to one another and which merge into one another. As a result, the individual zones within a reactor are undefined and the degassing, gasification and incineration can proceed incompletely at points. In further known methods, an attempt is made to eliminate these disadvantages by the

separation of the individual process stages proceeding at the fuel of degassing, gasification and incineration.

In DE 197 20 331 A1, a method and an apparatus for the 5 gasification or incineration of dry or damp, fine-particle or fragmentary biomass and of waste are proposed in which due to the hot walls of an incinerator and due to the inflow of hot waste gas from the incinerator into a degassing furnace, biological raw materials degas in this, 10 whereby coke and pyrolysis gas are produced, with the coke arriving at the glow bed of the gasification reactor after passing the shredder, whereas the pyrolysis gas burns in the incineration chamber of the gasification reactor under the supply of a limited amount of air and the waste gas 15 produced subsequently flows through the glow bed of the gasification reactor in which an oxidation of the carbon to CO takes place with a simultaneous reduction of waste gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) and steam (H<sub>2</sub>O) to a combustible lean gas (CO, H<sub>2</sub>). Due to the fact that the pyrolysis is carried out due to 20 the heating because of the contact with hot combustion waste gases and that furthermore a partial incineration of the pyrolysis gas is carried out, only a product gas with a low calorific value can be produced with the method proposed in DE 197 20 331 A1. When fuels with a high

content of volatile components and a low pyrolysis coke yield are used, there is a risk of an insufficient formation of the glow bed of the gasification reactor consisting of pyrolysis coke, whereby the oxidation of the 5 carbon to CO with a simultaneous reduction of waste gas and steam to a combustible lean gas proceeds insufficiently at the cost of the product gas calorific value.

A method is furthermore known from US 4,568,362 for the 10 gasification of organic substances and mixtures of organic substances in which the organic substances are led into a pyrolysis reactor in which the organic substances come into contact with a heat transfer medium, whereby a rapid pyrolysis takes place which transforms the organic 15 substances into pyrolysis products which consist of pyrolysis gases with condensable substances and a solid carbonaceous residue and the required heating energy for the pyrolysis is produced by incinerating the solid carbonaceous residue in a combustion reactor and in a 20 second reaction zone of the pyrolysis reactor, the pyrolysis gases containing tar are subjected to such crack reactions and reactions with steam that a product gas with a high calorific value is obtained. In these methods, both the pyrolysis and the incineration of the solid

carbonaceous residue take place in a fluidised bed. A reaction zone for the pyrolysis gases containing tar is provided in the upper part of the pyrolysis fluidised bed. The operation of the fluidised beds requires a high effort 5 and a control of the reactions of the pyrolysis gases in the reaction zone is hardly possible.

The German patent application DE 197 55 693 discloses a method for the gasification of organic substances and 10 mixtures of organic substances.

#### **Summary of the Invention**

It is the underlying object of the invention to provide a method which is simple to carry out for the pyrolysis and 15 gasification of organic substances or mixtures of organic substances and an apparatus to generate a gas with a high calorific value. These objects are solved by the features of the invention.

20 In a method for the pyrolysis and gasification of organic substances or mixtures of organic substances, this object is solved in accordance with the invention in that the pyrolysis is carried out in a moving-bed reactor or a rotary reactor, that a gasification agent, for example

steam and/or oxygen, is optionally added to the pyrolysis gases and that they are led into a reaction zone in which the pyrolysis gases react with the gasification agent. The solid carbonaceous residue and, optionally, a portion of 5 the pyrolysis gas are led to a fluidised-bed combustion reactor on their own or together with the fluidised-bed material and incinerated there. The fluidised-bed material is heated up there. The combustion waste gases and the fluidised-bed material are brought into contact with the 10 reaction zone such that their thermal content can be used for the reaction of the pyrolysis gases with the gasification agent. Fluidised-bed material taken from the fluidised-bed combustion reactor and consisting of ash, unburned coke and, optionally, additionally supplied 15 refractory fluidised-bed material, is returned to the pyrolysis reactor as a heat transfer medium, with the heat transfer to the application material for the carrying out of the pyrolysis taking place by contact with the fluidised-bed material and, optionally, additionally 20 through the hot wall of the fluidised-bed combustion reactor.

The hot fluidised-bed material supplied to the pyrolysis reactor from the combustion fluidised bed effects a fast

drying and pyrolysis of the application material by contact. A shaft furnace is suitable as the reactor, with the mixture of the application material and the fluidised-bed material migrating from the top to the bottom through

5 the shaft furnace. In order to ensure the solid transport through the shaft furnace, fixed equipment, conveyor spirals or agitators can be provided in accordance with the prior art. The pyrolysis reactor can, for example, also be designed as a rotary reactor, whereby a good mixing of the

10 application material and the hot fluidised-bed material is achieved and, at the same time, the solid transport is achieved. The steam which escaped from the application material during drying and the pyrolysis gases leave the pyrolysis reactor and enter into a further reaction zone.

15 The mixture of the remaining solid carbonaceous pyrolysis residue and the fluidised-bed material is conveyed together into the combustion fluidised-bed, with conventional components such as screw conveyors or star wheels with inclined tube carrying-in being able to be used. A screw is

20 preferred in the apparatus of the invention.

Due to the fact that the pyrolysis is preferably carried out in a shaft oven, the supply of a fluidising medium required for a pyrolysis fluidised-bed can be omitted. In

this way, the possibility exists to carry out the pyrolysis completely without supplying gas or, unlike a pyrolysis fluidised bed to which a minimum amount of gas must be supplied for fluidising, to add any desired low amounts,

5 for example of the product gas or of a gasification agent such as steam, oxygen or air. In this way, the possibility exists to add gas or a gasification agent to the pyrolysis reactor as a technical method adaptation to the respective application material. In the method of the invention, the

10 pyrolysis is preferably carried out in the pyrolysis reactor in the absence of air and of gas. Another advantage of the carrying out of the pyrolysis in a separate process stage consists of the crushing effect which occurs during pyrolysis allowing the use of coarser fragmentary material

15 than normally used in fluidised-bed reactors due to the smouldering and degassing. Alternatively, the possibility exists of interposing a crushing apparatus such as a roller crusher before the carrying-in apparatus for the solid carbonaceous pyrolysis residue and the fluidised-bed

20 material into the combustion fluidised bed, whereby the demands on the application material particle sizes can be further reduced. The energy to be used for the crushing of pyrolysis coke is here substantially lower than that for the crushing of, for example, biomass such as wood.

The carbonaceous solid pyrolysis residue is incinerated with air in the fluidised bed, itself thereby becomes fluidised-bed material as ash and, due to the energy

5 release, further heats up or again heats up fluidised-bed material already present. The combustion fluidised bed can be designed and operated according to the level of knowledge of fluidised bed technology. A stepped addition of air can be advantageous with respect to the emissions of

10 the combustion fluidised bed. The combustion reactor is designed as a stationary fluidised bed, that is the gas amount of the fluidised medium must be sufficient, on the one hand, to exceed the minimum fluidisation rate of the solid and must not, on the other hand, exceed the speed for

15 the yield. From a fluidised bed height of approximately 2.5 m to 3 m, fixed equipment is required to prevent the formation of a pulsing fluidised bed and the accompanying pressure pulsations. The fluidised-bed material heated up by the combustion procedure is finally again supplied to

20 the pyrolysis reactor. The fluidised-bed material consists of the ash which remains from the incineration of the solid carbonaceous residue. If an incomplete combustion of the pyrolysis coke within the combustion fluidised bed takes place, the fluidised-bed material which is guided in the

circuit as the heat transfer medium consists of the ash of the application material and of unburned carbonaceous pyrolysis residue. As the solid carbonaceous residues of the organic substances and mixtures of organic substances 5 as a rule transform rapidly in the combustion fluidised bed and in part can only have low portions of material which cannot be gasified or incinerated, it is optionally necessary to add additional material in order to form a fluidised bed. Additional material does not need to be 10 added if the application materials have large amounts of material which cannot be gasified or incinerated, which are suitable to build up a fluidised bed. All refractory materials such as sand with a grain diameter of less than 1.5 mm are suitable as the material to be added which 15 serves to form a fluidised bed. The removal of the hot fluidised-bed material and the transport into the pyrolysis reactor is preferably effected by means of one or more overflows which are provided at the reactor wall or project through the reactor wall into the fluidised bed. The method 20 has the advantage that, in addition to the transfer of the hot fluidised-bed material into the pyrolysis reactor, the fluidised bed height of the combustion fluidised bed can be set in a simple manner. The removal of the fluidised-bed material can also be carried out by means of other known

conveyors such as a screw conveyor; however in this case the technical method effort is higher.

The invention is based on the basic idea of structuring the  
5 method into process stages which are simple to carry out.

The individual process stages and their interplay can accordingly be ideally designed while taking into account the special properties of the application material and with respect to the intended product gas quality to be achieved.

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In a first broad aspect, the present invention seeks to provide an apparatus for pyrolysis and gasification of a substance mixture containing organic substances, the apparatus comprising:

15 (a) a pyrolysis reactor comprising an upper region and a lower region;

      (b) a combustion fluidized-bed having a fluidized-bed material for pyrolysis residue and comprising an upper region and a lower region;

20 (c) a reaction zone for pyrolysis gases, having a heat transfer inlet to receive the pyrolysis gases; wherein

      (i) the pyrolysis reactor is selected from a shaft reactor and a rotary reactor and further comprises

25 (A) at its upper region, an inlet sluice for the substance mixture and a fluidized-bed material inlet to receive material from the combustion fluidized-bed, and a

heat transfer outlet operatively connected to the heat transfer inlet of the reaction zone; and

(B) at its lower region, an outlet operatively connected to an inlet in the lower region of the combustion

5 fluidized-bed for transporting a mixture of solid pyrolysis residue and combustible fluidized-bed material into the combustion fluidized-bed; and

(ii) the combustion fluidized-bed comprises at its upper region

10 (A) a heat transfer outlet for waste gases, operatively connected to a waste gas inlet of the reaction zone for heat exchange with the pyrolysis gases; and

(B) at least one overflow outlet, proximate to and underneath the heat transfer outlet, and operatively

15 coupled to the pyrolysis reactor and comprising a downwardly sloping circulation path towards the pyrolysis reactor.

#### **Brief Description of the Drawings**

20 Further advantages of the invention are shown by the drawings described in the following in which preferred embodiments of the invention are shown by way of example, in which

25 Fig. 1 shows the mass flows and energy flows of the pyrolysis stage, of the reaction zone and of the combustion fluidised bed of the method in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2 shows an embodiment of the method in accordance with the invention in a schematic representation; and Fig. 3 shows an embodiment of the apparatus in accordance 5 with the invention in a schematic representation.

#### **Detailed Description of the Figures**

It can be seen from Fig. 1 that the application material 10 and the fluidised-bed material 35 are supplied as the heat 10 transfer medium into the pyrolysis stage 1. The heat flow transported with the fluidised-bed material 35 results from the temperature of the combustion fluidised bed 3, from the condition and the mass flow of the fluidised-bed material 35 and of the application material flow 10 and from the 15 desired pyrolysis temperature. Furthermore, a gasification agent 11 is supplied and a heat flow 34 transferred from the combustion fluidised bed 3. There exits from the pyrolysis stage 1 pyrolysis gas 13 which is guided into the reaction zone 2, pyrolysis gas 15 which is guided into the 20 combustion reactor (to the combustion fluidised bed 3), a mixture of fluidised bed material and solid carbonaceous pyrolysis residue 14 and a heat loss flow 12.

The mixture of fluidised-bed material and solid carbonaceous pyrolysis residue 14 is guided into the combustion fluidised bed 3 together with pyrolysis gas 15 and air 31. The fluidised-bed material 35 heated up by the 5 incineration is guided back into the pyrolysis reactor 1. The hot waste gas 37 exits the combustion fluidised bed 3. A portion of the heat 36 contained in the waste gas is transferred to the reaction zone 2. There furthermore exits the combustion reactor 3 a heat loss flow 33 and fluidised-10 bed material 32 which has to be removed in order to regulate the overall solid components in stationary operation.

The pyrolysis gas 13 supplied to the reaction zone 2 is 15 transformed together with the gasification agent 21 of steam into the product gas 23 with the aid of the supplied heat 36 in the presence of a catalyst. The product gas 23 and a heat loss flow 22 finally exit the reaction zone 2.

20 In the following example, the preferred design of the method of the invention and of the apparatus of the invention is described. The preferred method in accordance with Fig. 2 and the preferred apparatus in accordance with Fig. 3 serves for the pyrolysis and gasification of 900 kg

of wood per hour. The wood used as an example substantially consists of 52.3 percent by weight of carbon, 5.9 percent by weight of hydrogen and 41.8 percent by weight of oxygen, in each case with respect to the fuel substance free of  
5 water and ash, and furthermore has an ash portion of 0.51 percent by weight with respect to the raw application material. The calorific value of the wood amounts to  $H_u = 17.2 \text{ MJ/kg}$  with respect to the state free of water; the thermal gasifier power thus amounts to 3.92 MW.

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In the preferred embodiment described in Figure 2 of the method for wood gasification, wood 10 is subjected to crushing and/or drying in a preparation stage 4 depending on the condition of the application material before it is  
15 passed into the pyrolysis stage 1. The wood has a water content of 8.9 percent by weight after the preparation stage 4.

The pyrolysis is carried out at a temperature of 580°C. The  
20 fluidised-bed material 35 introduced into the pyrolysis reactor 1 has a temperature of 900°C so that the 4.1-fold amount of fluidised-bed material, that is 3.7t/h, has to be supplied and be in circulation in order to heat up the application material to the pyrolysis temperature of 580C.

On the pyrolysis of the wood, there finally remains 20.3 percent by weight (with respect to the fuel, raw) as the solid pyrolysis residue which has a calorific value of  $H_u = 30 \text{ MJ/kg}$ . The remaining products from the drying and 5 pyrolysis leave the pyrolysis reactor 1 as the gas 13 and enter into the reaction zone 2. The mixture of solid pyrolysis residue and fluidised-bed material 14 is supplied to the combustion fluidised bed 3 and burned there with air 31. The enthalpy flow supplied to the combustion fluidised 10 bed 3 with the solid pyrolysis residue of the wood amounts to 1.52 MW. In the present example, a power excess coupled to the flue gas flow 37 remains in the combustion fluidised-bed material 35 after removal of the heat loss 33, of the removed fluidised-bed material 32, of the 15 fluidised-bed material 35 and of the energy amount 36 transferred to the reaction zone 2. For this reason, a superheated steam flow is generated with a water flow 70 subjected to treatment 7 while taking into account the firing efficiency in the heat transfer member 8. If the 20 flow of steam 21, which is supplied to the reaction zone 2, is taken from the superheated steam flow generated in heat transfer member 8, a superheated steam flow 71 remains with a power of 0.45 MW which is stress relieved via a turbine 9.

Under the supply of the gasification agent of steam 21, the pyrolysis gases 13 are led into the reaction zone 2 consisting of a heat transfer element (not shown) which is 5 fitted with a catalyst to improve the tar cracking. The energy required for the reaction of the pyrolysis gas 13 with the steam 21 is emitted to the heat transfer element of reaction zone 2 via the hot flue gas flow 36 from the combustion fluidised bed 3, with the reaction taking place 10 at 850 °C to 900 °C depending on the operation management of the combustion fluidised bed 3. Air or oxygen can also be mixed to the gasification agent of steam 21 for a further temperature increase by a partial incineration of the pyrolysis gas. After heat loss, the product gas 23 obtained 15 has a calorific value of 9.87 MJ/M<sup>3</sup>(V<sub>N</sub>) and is made up of the following gas components: 48.7 percent by volume H<sub>2</sub>; 36.1 percent by volume CO, 0.1 percent by volume CH<sub>4</sub>; 6.1 percent by volume CO<sub>2</sub>; 9 percent by volume H<sub>2</sub>O. The product gas 23 is subsequently dust-separated and quenched in a 20 preparation stage 5. The cold gas efficiency, that is the chemical energy of the application material with respect to the chemical energy content of the product gas, amounts to 80.8%.

Figure 3 shows a preferred embodiment of the apparatus of the invention for pyrolysis and degasification as an example sketch. The wood 10 is added to the pyrolysis reactor 1 via a gas-impermeable carry-in apparatus, a star wheel 16 in the example case illustrated here. The drying and the pyrolysis of the application material takes place by the contact with the hot fluidised-bed material 35 supplied by an overflow from the combustion fluidised bed 3. The produced pyrolysis gas 13 is led into the reaction zone 2 while adding steam 21, said reaction zone being designed by way of example here as a tube heat transfer member. After transformation of the pyrolysis gas 13 with the steam 21, the product gas 23 is cooled and cleaned in the preparation stage 5. To avoid the unwanted exchange of gases between the pyrolysis reactor 1 and the combustion fluidised bed 3, the fan 17 of the line for product gas 50 and the fan 18 of the line for flue gas line 60 must be matched to one another. Due to the fact that the overflow from the combustion fluidised bed 3 to the pyrolysis reactor 1 is designed such that this is constantly filled with fluidised-bed material 35, then in combination with fans 17, 18, the exchange of gas between both reactors is prevented in a simple manner. A screw is preferably provided to transport the mixture of solid pyrolysis

residue and circulating fluidised-bed material 14 into the combustion fluidised bed 3. The screw is designed such that the pressure loss through the screw passages filled with material is larger than via the fluidised bed 3 so that the 5 air 31 supplied to the combustion fluidised bed 3 does not flow in the by-pass through the pyrolysis reactor 1. A steam flow 71, which is pressure-relieved for example via a turbine 9, is produced from a water flow with the heat of the flue gas flow 37 via a heat transfer member 8. Part of 10 the steam flow 71 can be used as steam 21 for the reaction zone 2. The flue gas 60 is supplied to a flue gas cleaning unit 6.

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The embodiments of the invention for which an exclusive privilege or property is claimed as defined as follows:

1. An apparatus for pyrolysis and gasification of a substance mixture containing organic substances, the apparatus comprising:
  - (a) a pyrolysis reactor comprising an upper region and a lower region;
  - (b) a combustion fluidized-bed having a fluidized-bed material for pyrolysis residue and comprising an upper region and a lower region;
  - (c) a reaction zone for pyrolysis gases, having a heat transfer inlet to receive the pyrolysis gases; wherein
- 15 (i) the pyrolysis reactor is selected from a shaft reactor and a rotary reactor and further comprises
  - (A) at its upper region, an inlet sluice for the substance mixture and a fluidized-bed material inlet to receive material from the combustion fluidized-bed, and a heat transfer outlet operatively connected to the heat transfer inlet of the reaction zone; and
  - (B) at its lower region, an outlet operatively connected to an inlet in the lower region of the combustion fluidized-bed for transporting a mixture of solid pyrolysis residue and combustible fluidized-bed material into the combustion fluidized-bed; and
- 25 (ii) the combustion fluidized-bed comprises at its upper region
  - (A) a heat transfer outlet for waste gases, operatively connected to a waste gas inlet of the reaction zone for heat exchange with the pyrolysis gases; and

(B) at least one overflow outlet, proximate to and underneath the heat transfer outlet, and operatively coupled to the pyrolysis reactor and comprising a downwardly sloping circulation path towards the pyrolysis reactor.

5 2. An apparatus in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the combustion fluidized-bed further comprises at least one fluidized-bed material removal outlet.

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3. An apparatus in accordance with Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the combustion fluidized-bed comprises a plurality of overflow outlets for conveying the fluidized-bed material to the pyrolysis reactor.

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4. An apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the combustion fluidized-bed is provided with an inlet constructed and arranged to receive refractory substances.

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5. An apparatus in accordance with any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the combustion fluidized-bed comprises an inlet constructed and arranged to receive uncombusted and ungasified residue of the substance mixture.

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6. A method for pyrolysis and gasification of a substance mixture containing organic substances utilizing the apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 5, and comprising the steps of:

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(i) introducing the mixture into at least one drying and pyrolysis reactor and bringing the organic substances into

contact with a fluidized-bed material and a selected one of a combustion fluidized-bed and a reactor wall of the combustion fluidized-bed;

(ii) conducting a drying and pyrolysis process in which the organic substances are transformed into steam and pyrolysis products consisting of gases together with condensable substances and solid carbonaceous residue;

(iii) guiding an output selected from

(a) solid carbonaceous residue and

10 (b) solid carbonaceous residue together with portions of the steam and of the pyrolysis gases with condensable substances and the fluidized-bed material back into the combustion fluidized-bed;

(iv) incinerating the carbonaceous residue in a combustion fluidized-bed operated as a stationary fluidized-bed;

15 (v) heating the fluidized-bed material and returning it into the pyrolysis reactor;

(vi) treating the steam and the pyrolysis gases with condensable substances in a second reaction zone to produce

20 a product gas with a high calorific value; and

(vii) transferring the pyrolysis gases into an indirect heat exchanger,

wherein thereafter the fluidized-bed material consists only of material selected from ash of the organic substances,

25 ash and unburned carbonaceous residues of the organic substances, ash of the organic substances and of additional fluidized material, and ash and unburned carbonaceous residues of the organic substances and of additional fluidized material.

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7. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 6, wherein steps (i) and (ii) are performed in at

least two pyrolysis reactors selected from moving bed reactors, rotary reactors or combinations thereof.

8. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to  
5 Claim 6 or Claim 7, wherein in step (vii) a gasification agent is supplied to the pyrolysis gases.

9. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 8, wherein the gasification agent is selected from  
10 steam, oxygen, air and mixtures thereof.

10. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 6, comprising after step (vii) the further step of (viii) bringing a product selected from firing waste gases  
15 and firing waste gases together with the fluidized-bed material of the combustion fluidized-bed into contact with the indirect heat exchanger and using the thermal content of the selected product for the reaction of the pyrolysis gases with the solidifying agent.

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11. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to any one of Claims 6 to 10, wherein the pyrolysis is carried out at a temperature of between 450°C and 750°C.

25 12. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to any one of Claims 6 to 11, wherein the product gas of step (vi) is guided back into the pyrolysis reactor.

30 13. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to any one of Claims 6 to 12, wherein a gasification agent is added into the pyrolysis reactor.

14. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 13, wherein the gasification agent is selected from steam, oxygen, air and mixtures thereof.

5 15. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to any one of Claims 6 to 14, wherein a surface of the reactor wall of the combustion fluidized-bed has a closed geometrical shape on the side of the pyrolysis reactor and the combustion fluidized-bed.

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16. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to any one of Claims 8, 9, 13 or 14, wherein the reaction of the pyrolysis gases with the gasification agent is carried out at temperatures between 800°C and 1,050°C.

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17. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 16, wherein the reaction of the pyrolysis gases with the gasification agent is carried out in the presence of a catalyst.

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18. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 17, wherein the reaction with the gasification agent is carried out in a solid bed of catalyst material.

25 19. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to Claim 17, wherein the reaction with the gasification agent is carried out in a fluidized-bed of catalyst material.

30 20. A method of pyrolysis and gasification according to any one of Claims 17 to 19, wherein the catalyst is added to the pyrolysis gas in the entrained flow.

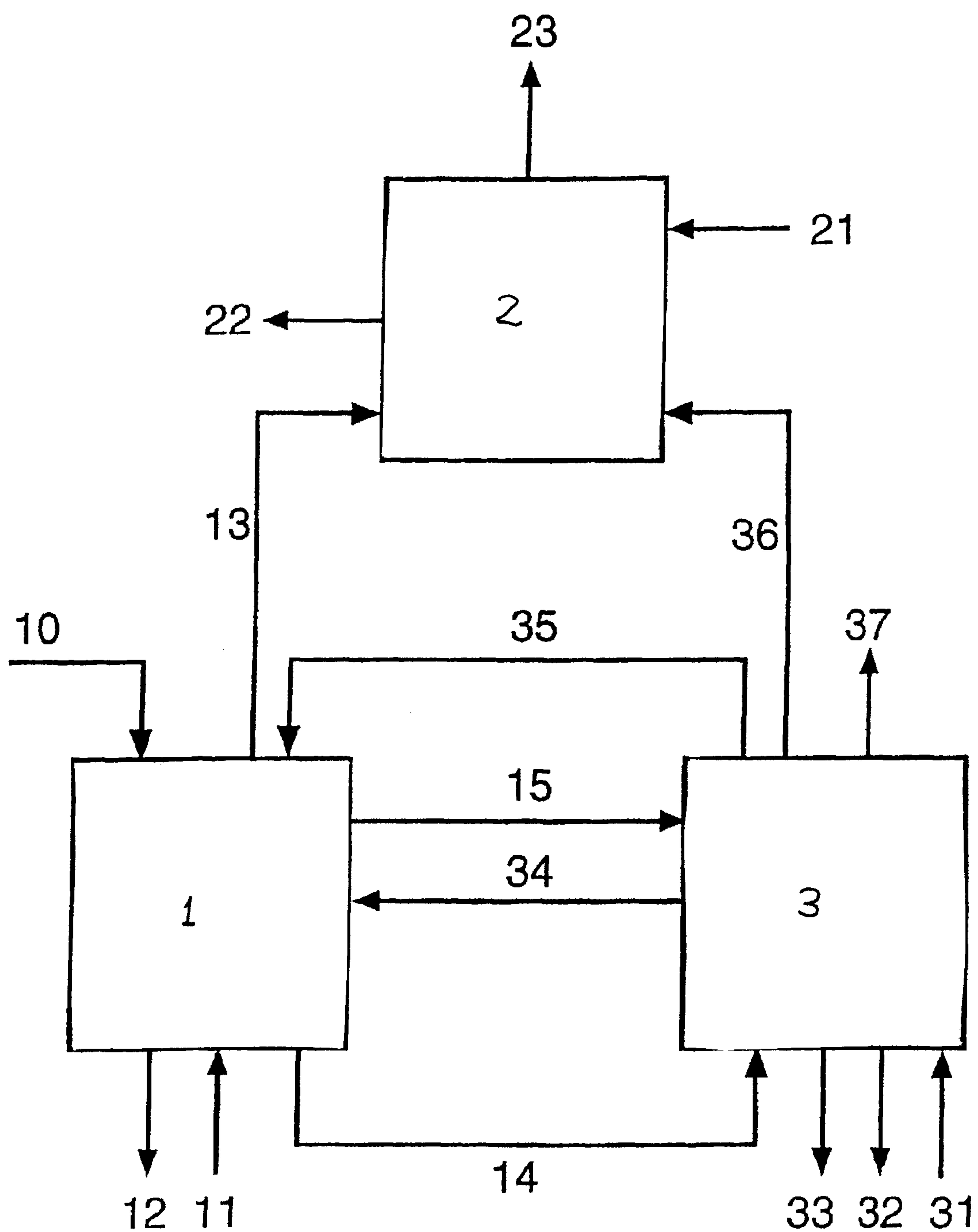


Fig. 1

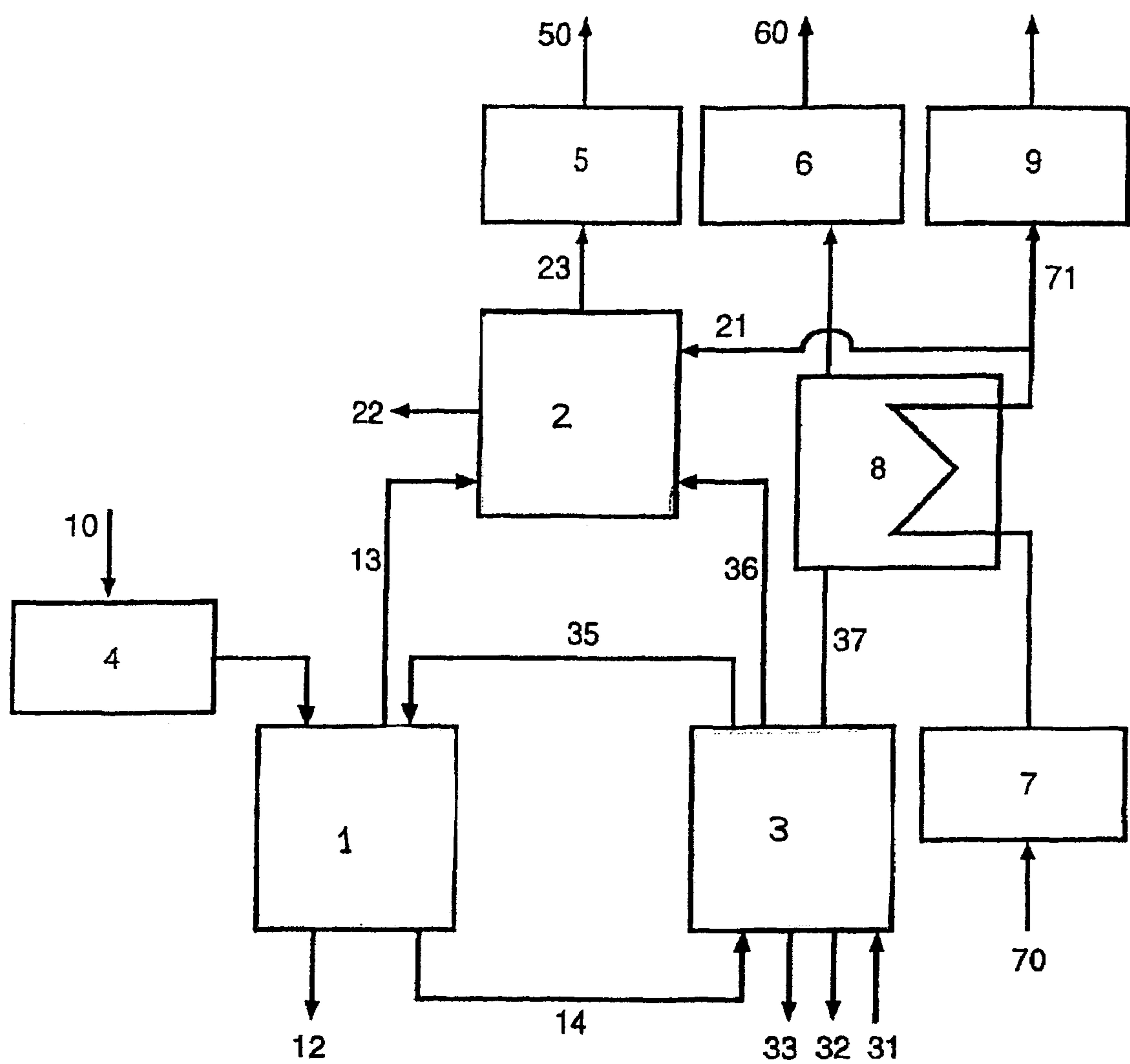


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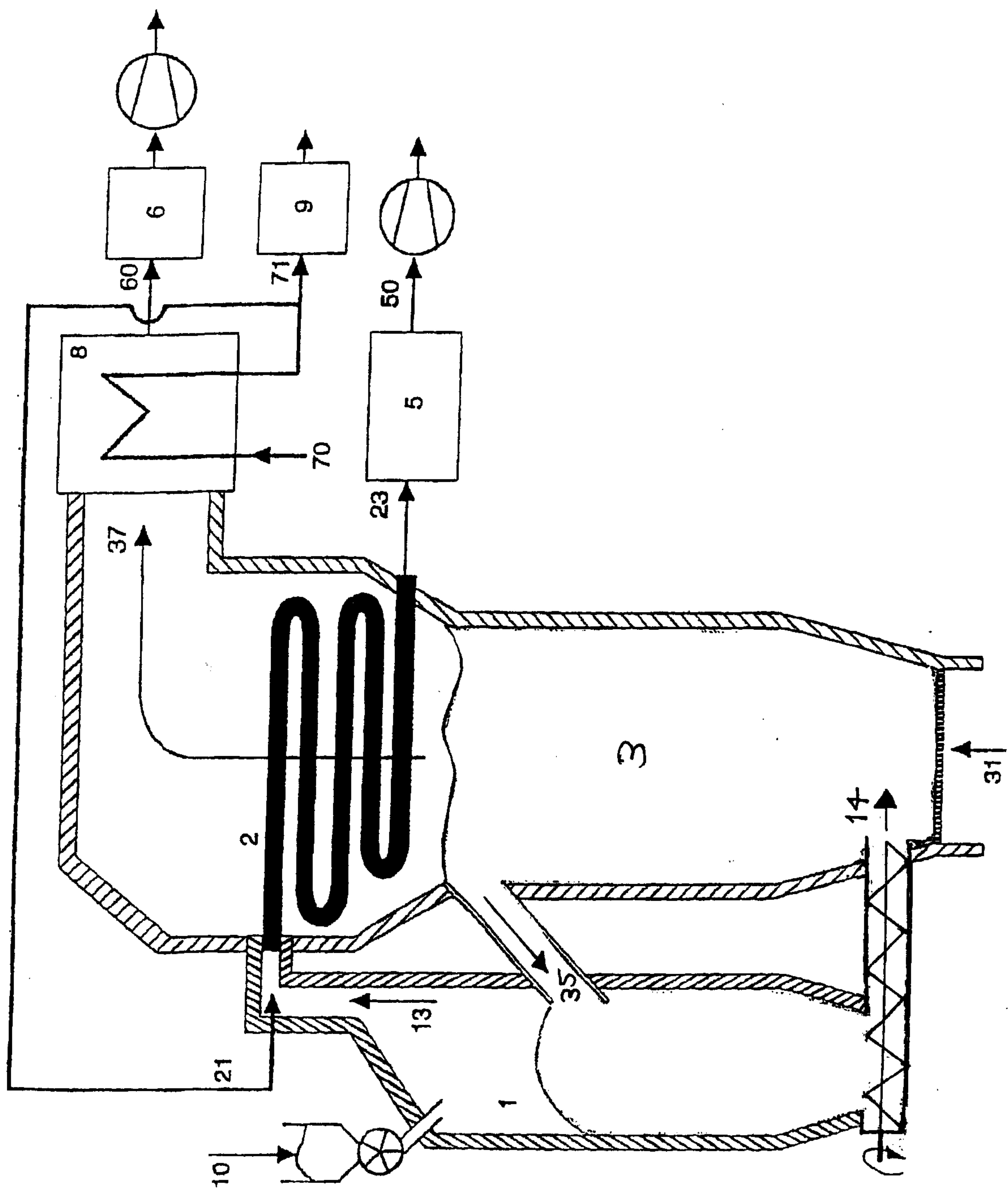


Fig. 3