

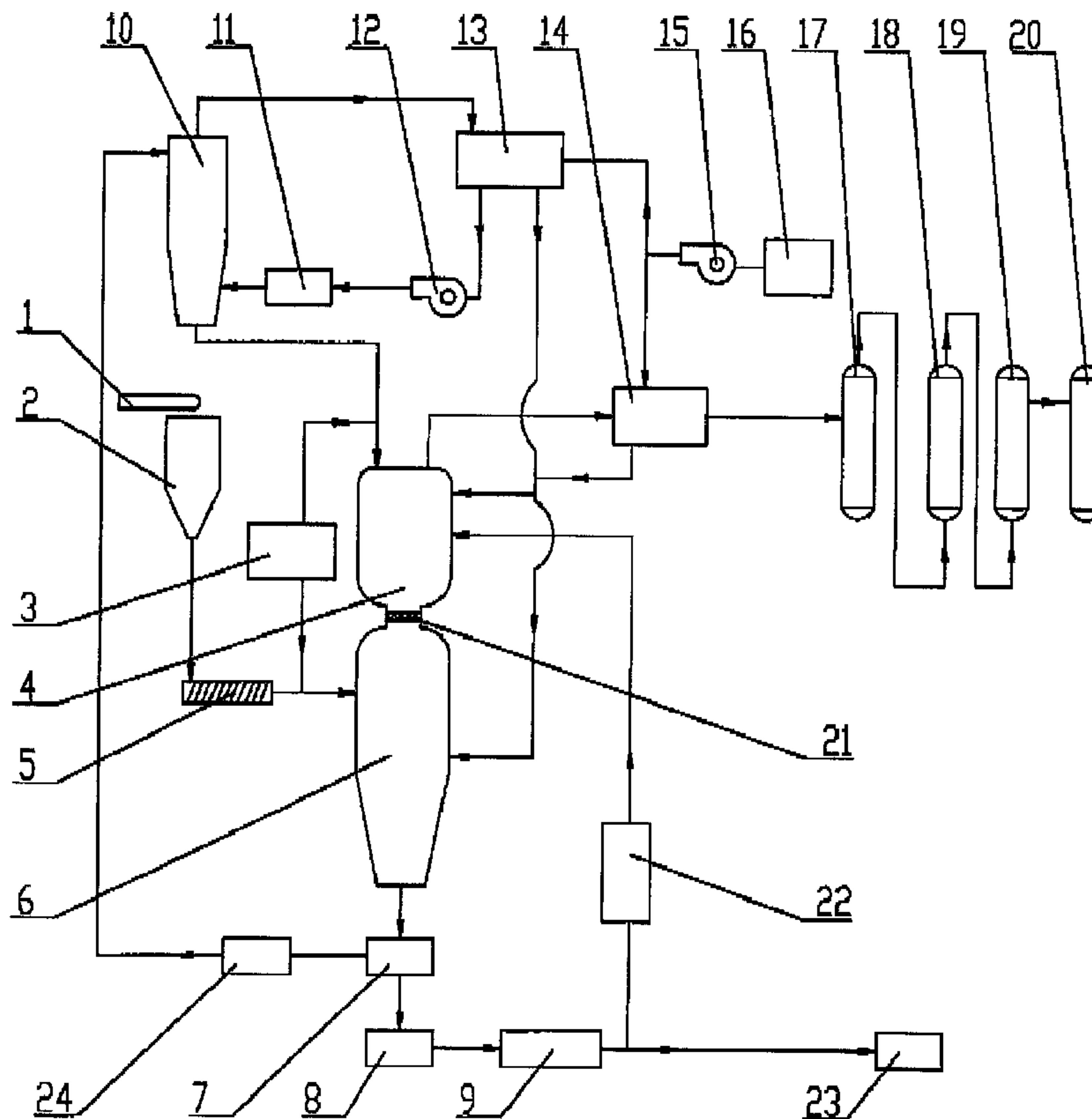


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ABSTRACT

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BIOMASS PYROLYSIS GASIFICATION VIA TWO INTERCONNECTED FURNACES

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The invention relates to a technology for transforming combustible materials into clean and highly efficient synthetic gas, and more particularly to a method and a system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass using two interconnected furnaces.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Gasification technology of combustible materials has achieved an amazing development in the later twentieth century, especially the gasification technology of combustible coal, which has been very mature. Researchers have successfully developed a process for gasifying coal that is widely applicable, highly efficient in gasification, and pollution free. Gasification technology of biomass, like tree twigs, straws, and other agriculture and forest wastes, is a new technology for comprehensive energy utilization in the 21st century. The conventional biomass gasification technology includes: fixed bed gasification, fluidized bed gasification, and two stages gasification, all of which are direct gasification technologies. The processes of direct gasification technologies are characterized in that the heat produced by part of the biomass supplies energy resource for gasification, the air, oxygenized air, or a combination of the oxygenized air and water vapor is functioned as an oxidant during the gasification reaction. However, studies have shown that technologies of direct gasification of the biomass are disadvantageous in the following aspects:

[0003] First, the components and the heat value of the biomass fuels are unstable, the biomass has low fire point and fast combustible reaction, thus, explosion

easily occurs. When part of regions are superheated and coked, the operating temperature of the gasifier is very difficult to control.

[0004] Second, when the air works as an oxidant in which the content of the inactive gas of N_2 is prominent, it results in a higher content of N_2 , a lower content of effective gas ($CO + H_2$), and a lower ratio of H_2/CO , besides, the heat value of the synthetic gas is low and unstable, which only maintains at 5000 KJ/Nm^3 below and hardly meets the need of the later industrial utilization.

[0005] Third, when the oxygenized air works as an oxidant, although the content of N_2 is relatively lowered, an additional air separating device is necessitated. Because of a large capacity and high energy consumption of the air separating device, such a process largely increases the production cost.

[0006] Fourth, when the oxygenized air and the water vapor work as both oxidants, although the content of N_2 in the synthetic gas is lowered, and the content of H_2 is increased, the water vapor working as a reacting medium still consumes a large amount of heat energy, plus the energy consumption in the air separation, the process largely maximizes the production cost.

[0007] Fifth, about 15-20% of the biomass is necessitated to self-ignite for providing the energy resource for gasification, but at the same time a large amount of CO_2 is produced in the combustion, correspondingly, the content of effective gas ($CO + H_2$) is lowered. Furthermore, the high temperature synthetic gas and the mixed air carry a large amount of sensible heat, and thus, the conversion of the heat energy into the chemical energy is largely minimized, and the efficiency of the cooled gas is also lowered, which is generally 70% below and no higher than 80% in exceptional conditions.

[0008] Sixth, the operating temperature of the gasifier is generally controlled at $800-1200^\circ\text{C}$, at such a temperature, the gasification of the biomass produces a

large amount of tar which is difficult to remove, and too much of tar aggregated in the device and pipes is apt to cause pipe blocking and device contamination.

[0009] Seventh, the gash produced in the gasification of the biomass contains a prominent content of alkali metal oxides comprising K and Na, which is general 20-40 wt. % of the total ash. However, at a temperature higher than 800°C, the alkali metal oxides is apt to be gasified and mixed into the synthetic gas, which not only affects the property of the synthetic gas, but also adheres to the pipes and devices together with the tar, thereby resulting a serious corrosion on the devices and pipes.

[0010] In view of the above existing problems, technologies of direct gasification of biomass are difficult to be applied in practical production. Thus, a method for gasifying the biomass which can be applied in industrial production and converted to commercial benefits is desired.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0011] In view of the above-described problems, it is one objective of the invention to provide a method and a system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass. The method features easy control, energy saving, and low cost. The produced synthetic gas has a high efficiency and high heat value, with absence of tar or alkali metal dioxides.

[0012] To achieve the above objective, there is provided a method for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass. The method employs a solid particle having a high thermal capacity as an energy carrier and a saturated water vapor as an oxidant. The pyrolysis and gasification of the biomass are conducted in a pyrolysis furnace and a gasifier, respectively, and thus clean synthetic gas is obtained. The method comprises the following steps:

[0013] a) Disposing the gasifier on the pyrolysis furnace, interconnecting an inner cavity of the gasifier and an inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace; and introducing the solid particles from an upper end of the gasifier into the gasifier and the pyrolysis furnace in sequence. Heat energy of the solid particles is supplied by an external heating device, for example, a plasma torch heater, and generally, the solid particles are heated to a temperature of 1400-1800°C. In the gasifier, the solid particles release one part of the heat energy to maintain the inner cavity of the gasifier at an operating temperature of 1200-1600°C; when falling down to the pyrolysis furnace, the solid particles release another part of the heat energy to maintain the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace at an operating temperature of 500-800°C. Thus, self-ignition of the biomass is not necessitated in the pyrolysis and the gasification, and a conversion of the biomass is highly improved.

[0014] b) Grinding the biomass, feeding the biomass into the pyrolysis furnace while spraying the saturated water vapor into the pyrolysis furnace, contacting the biomass with the saturated water vapor for pyrolyzing the biomass into crude synthetic gas and ash comprising a coke. Because the operating temperature of the pyrolysis furnace is below sublimation points of alkali metal oxides comprising K and Na, the alkali metal oxides exist in the ash comprising the coke, and the crude synthetic gas comprises no tar or minor tar.

[0015] c) Separating the ash comprising the coke from the solid particles, reheating the solid particles, and transporting the solid particles into the gasifier for a next circulation. The heated solid particles supplies heat energy for the biomass pyrolysis and gasification but do not participated in any chemical reactions, so that the circulation of the solid particles lowers the energy consumption as well as the production cost.

[0016] d) Cooling down the ash comprising the coke generally to a temperature of 150°C below, and separating the coke from the ash. The coke is used for producing synthetic gas in a following step, and the ash comprising the alkali metal oxides are transported to an ash storehouse for comprehensive utilization.

[0017] e) Introducing the crude synthetic gas into the gasifier via the interconnected inner cavities, transporting the coke into the gasifier while spraying the saturated water vapor into the gasifier, contacting the coke and the crude synthetic gas with the saturated water vapor for gasifying the coke and the crude synthetic gas into primary synthetic gas. Because the operating temperature of the gasifier is above a temperature to form tar, the crude synthetic gas and the coke are fully gasified, and the acquired primary synthetic gas comprises no tar.

[0018] f) Cooling, removing dust, deacidifying, and desiccating the primary synthetic gas to transform the primary synthetic gas into clean synthetic gas. The process of cooling not only is a necessity in the whole process for production of synthetic gas, but also recovers a large amount of sensible heat for comprehensive utilization. The process of dust removal separates the dust from the crude synthetic gas, and lowers the dust concentration of the gas to 50 mg/Nm³ below. Harmful ingredients, like H₂S, COS, HCL, NH₃, and HCN, are removed from the synthetic gas in the deacidification process. After desiccation, the primary synthetic gas is transformed into the clean synthetic gas, which is stored for latter industrial application.

[0019] The solid particle having a high thermal capacity is a rare earth particle, ceramic particle, or quartz sand; and a diameter of the solid particle is less than 5 mm. The solid particle has stable physical and chemical properties even at a temperature of 1400-1800°C, high enthalpy value, the temperature of the solid particle is easy to control when being heated, and thus, the solid particle is very suitable to work as an energy

carrier. Meanwhile, a relatively small particle size ensures a larger total surface area, compared with the same number of solid particles; the small size is not only conducive to transmission of heat from the solid particles to the biomass, but also helpful to form a flowing filter layer at the intersection between the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier, so that the dust in the crude synthetic gas is removed.

[0020] A nitrogen protecting device is connected to a feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace and a particle inlet of the gasifier, in case of fire and explosion caused by leakage of the crude synthetic gas from the pyrolysis furnace.

[0021] A preferable operating temperature of the pyrolysis furnace is controlled at 500-650°C, an operating pressure of the pyrolysis furnace is controlled at 105-109 kPa. An input speed of the saturated water vapor into the pyrolysis furnace is 35-50 m/s; a retention time of the crude synthetic gas in the pyrolysis furnace is 15-20 s, and an output speed of the crude synthetic gas from the pyrolysis furnace is 15-20 m/s. The pyrolysis furnace operates at a normal pressure, and no special pressure device is needed, thereby lowering the production cost. The biomass in the pyrolysis furnace is fast desiccated, separated from volatile matters, and pyrolyzed during the contact with the crude synthetic gas and the saturated water vapor. Furthermore, the operating temperature of the pyrolysis furnace is much lower than sublimation points of the alkali metal oxides, which are about 800°C, so that the alkali metal oxides are removed from the crude synthetic gas. The relatively low output speed from the pyrolysis furnace prevents the ash from aggregating in the outlet of the pyrolysis furnace and the gas pipes.

[0022] A preferable operating temperature of the gasifier is controlled at 1200-1400°C, and a preferable operating pressure of the gasifier is controlled at 105-109 kPa. An input speed of the saturated water vapor into the gasifier is 35-50 m/s; a retention time of the primary synthetic gas in the gasifier is 15-20 s, and an output speed of the primary synthetic gas from the gasifier is 15-20 m/s. The gasifier operates at a normal pressure,

and no special pressure device is needed, thereby lowering the production cost. A high input speed of the saturated water vapor into the gasifier largely improves the contact and mix of the crude synthetic gas and the coke. The operating temperature range of the gasifier is suitable and ensures a total gasification of the crude synthetic gas and the coke during the contact with the saturated water vapor, the acquired primary synthetic gas comprises no tar; at the same time the energy consumption is lowered as much as possible, and the performance of the gasifier is largely improved.

[0023] The primary synthetic gas is cooled down to a temperature of 260-320°C, and then cleaning processes is conducted. As the temperature of the primary synthetic gas output from the gasifier is still high, about 1200-1400°C, the cooling process is not only conducive to the later dust removal, deacidification, and desiccation, but also helpful to recover the sensible heat in the primary synthetic gas, thereby achieving a comprehensive utilization of the waste heat.

[0024] A system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass according to the above method, comprises: the pyrolysis furnace, the gasifier; a particle heater; a plasma torch heater; an exhaust blower; a first heat exchanger; a water storage tank; a water pump; and a second heat exchanger. The gasifier is disposed on the pyrolysis furnace, and the inner cavity of the gasifier and the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace are interconnected vertically.

[0025] The water storage tank is connected to a water inlet of the first heat exchanger and a water inlet of the second heat exchanger via the water pump; both a vapor outlet of the first heat exchanger and a vapor outlet of the second heat exchanger are connected to both a vapor nozzle of the pyrolysis furnace and a vapor nozzle of the gasifier. An air outlet of the first heat exchanger is connected to an air inlet of the plasma torch heater via the exhaust blower, an air outlet of the plasma torch heater is connected to an air inlet of the particle heater, and an air outlet of the particle heater is connected to an air inlet of the first heat exchanger.

[0026] A feed outlet of the particle heater is connected to a particle inlet of the gasifier; a gas outlet of the gasifier is connected to a gas inlet of the second heat exchanger; a gas outlet of the second heat exchanger is connected to a dust collector, a deacidification tower, and a desiccator in sequence. An ash outlet of the pyrolysis furnace is connected to a feed inlet of a particle separator; an ash outlet of the particle separator is connected to an ash inlet of an ash cooler; and an ash outlet of the ash cooler is connected to a feed inlet of an ash-coke separator.

[0027] As the plasma torch heater is advantageous in ultra-high temperature heat, fast transfer of heat and mass, high efficiency, and adjustable heat power; it can instantly heat the circulated air to a temperature of 1800-2000°C. Then the high temperature circulated air is used to heat the solid particles, thereafter, solid particles at the required temperature are output to the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier for maintaining stable operating temperatures. The first heat exchanger and the second heat exchanger effectively recover a large amount of the sensible heat of circulated air and the primary synthetic gas, respectively. The water in the water storage tank is preheated and transformed into the saturated water vapor due to the sensible heat, thus, the energy consumption of the plasma torch heater is lowered, and comprehensive utilization of heat energy is achieved.

[0028] A nitrogen protecting device is connected to both a feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace and the particle inlet of the gasifier. When the biomass is input into the feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace, the nitrogen protecting device supplies nitrogen to the pyrolysis furnace via the feed inlet; and when the solid particles are input into the gasifier, the nitrogen protecting device supplies nitrogen to the gasifier via the particle inlet, so that nitrogen sealing layers are formed, which prevent the synthetic gas from leaking out of the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier, and keep the air outside the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier, the fire and explosion are eliminated and the property of the synthetic gas is assured.

[0029] The vapor nozzles arranged on the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier are grouped into 2-4 height levels, respectively, and the vapor nozzles of each level are evenly and tangentially arranged along a circumferential direction. Thus, the saturated water vapor is sprayed into the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier from different levels, and an even and stable temperature field is maintained at different height levels, resulting in a fully contact between the saturated water vapor and the reactants.

[0030] An intersection of the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace and the inner cavity of the gasifier is bottle necked, and at least one layer of a mesh screen is disposed at the intersection. The minimized cross area at the bottle necked intersection and the arrangement of the mesh screen can effectively control the descending speed of the high temperature solid particles; the solid particles fully release the heat energy in the gasifier and then fall into the pyrolysis furnace, so that stable operating temperatures of the gasifier and the pyrolysis furnace are achieved. At the same time, the solid particles blocked by the mesh screen form a flowing filter layer, which is helpful to remove the dust in the ascending crude synthetic gas.

[0031] A coke outlet of the ash-coke separator is connected to a coke inlet of the gasifier via a coke transporter. A particle outlet of the particle separator is connected to a feed inlet of the particle heater via a particle transporter. For example, a screw feeder is employed to directly transport the coke to the gasifier, and a pneumatic transporting pipe is used to transport the solid particles to the particle heater, so that the intermediate manual transportation is saved, which improves the stability and the succession of the whole system.

[0032] Based on the inherent characteristics of the water, ash, volatile matters, and ash fusion point of the biomass, and combined with the operating features of the gasifier, the method of the invention employs the saturated water vapor, rather than the conventional oxidant air or oxygenized air, as an oxidant, and the solid particles having a high thermal

capacity as an energy carrier to produce a synthetic gas from biomass by low temperature pyrolysis and high temperature gasification. Advantages of the invention are summarized hereinbelow:

[0033] First, the solid particles are used to heat the biomass indirectly, and the saturated water vapor works as an oxidant in the biomass pyrolysis and gasified at different temperatures. Not only are the energy carrier and the oxidant independent of each other, applicable to different kinds of biomass, and convenient in operation; but also is the air or the oxygenized air not necessitated as an oxidant any more, thereby minimizing the energy consumption in the whole process and the total production cost.

[0034] Second, no self-ignition occurs in the biomass during the pyrolysis and the gasification, thereby effectively solving the problems in conventional gasify process, such as fuel explosion in the pyrolysis furnace or the gasifier, regional cokings, and difficulties in controlling each stage. Because the air or the oxygenized air is not necessary in the reaction anymore, the synthetic gas has a high ratio of H_2/CO , and a high content of the effective gas ($CO + H_2$), which is 85% above, thus, the heat value of the synthetic gas is largely improved, and the use of the synthetic gas is much wider.

[0035] Third, the main reaction devices are the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier, both of which are interconnected, so that the structure is simplified. The biomass is at first pyrolyzed into the crude synthetic gas and the coke at a low temperature; the crude synthetic gas flows up into the gasifier, the coke is transported into the gasifier, and both the crude synthetic gas and the coke are gasified at a high temperature. Since the temperature ranges are suitably set, the produced crude synthetic gas comprises no alkali metal oxides; the tar and coke are all transformed into the primary synthetic gas; thus, the carbon conversion is very high, the

acquired primary synthetic gas is absent of impurities that are dirty and corrosive to the devices and pipes, and the later cleaning process becomes much simpler.

[0036] Fourth, the plasma torch heater heats up the solid particles by employing a circulated air as an medium, the high temperature solid particles supplies all the heat energy which is necessary for biomass pyrolysis and gasification. The heat energy of the biomass fuel is all transformed into a chemical energy, and the efficiency of the cooled gas is 88% above, which is 8% higher than that of the conventional.

[0037] Fifth, the plasma torch heater has a high heat efficiency, and adjustable input power. When the components of the biomass fuel changes, the power of the plasma torch heater can be adjusted, so that it is very convenient to control the temperature of the saturated water vapor, maintain the gasifier work stably, and assure a stable output of the primary synthetic gas and a stable property.

[0038] The method and the system of the invention is applicable to different kinds of biomass fuels, and is especially applicable in industries of the integrated biomass gasification cycle combination and the biomass liquid fuel.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0039] FIG. 1 is a structure diagram of a system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

[0040] A method and a system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass is specifically described combined with accompanying drawings:

[0041] As shown in FIG. 1, a system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass, comprises: a belt conveyer 1; a hopper 2; a screw feeder 5 for transporting the biomass; a pyrolysis furnace 6 and a gasifier 4 functioning as main reactors, the gasifier 4 being disposed on the pyrolysis furnace 6, and an inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace 6 and an inner cavity of the gasifier 4 being interconnected vertically; a particle heater 10, a plasma torch heater 11, an exhaust blower 12, and a first heat exchanger 13 being connected one by one to form a circulation for heating solid particles and a saturated water vapor successively; a water storage tank 16, a water pump 15, and a second heat exchanger 14 for cooling down primary synthetic gas and producing the saturated water vapor; a dust collector 17, a deacidification tower 18, and a desiccators 19 for a latter cleaning of the synthetic gas.

[0042] An output end of the belt conveyer 1 is arranged above an inlet of the hopper 2, an outlet of the hopper 2 is connected to a feed inlet of the screw feeder 5, and a feed outlet of the screw feeder 3 is connected to a feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6.

[0043] The gasifier 4 is disposed on the pyrolysis furnace 6; the inner cavity of the gasifier 4 and the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace 6 are interconnected. An intersection of the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace 6 and the inner cavity of the gasifier 4 is bottle necked. The intersection is a gas outlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6 as well as a gas inlet of the gasifier 4. At least one layer of a mesh screen is disposed at the intersection for lowering and controlling the descending speed of the solid particles. The pyrolysis furnace 6 and the gasifier 4 comprise a casing comprising a water cooled jacket or an air cooled jacket, and has effective thermal insulation.

[0044] The feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6 is arranged on an upper part; to assure an even biomass addition and a stable flow field inside the pyrolysis furnace 6, the number of the feed inlet is two to four. The pyrolysis furnace 6 comprises an ash outlet arranged at a bottom; the number of the ash outlet is one or two. Ash discharged from the ash

outlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6 is in a liquid state. The ash outlet is connected to an ash inlet of a particle separator 7 for separating the solid particles from the ash. An ash outlet of the particle separator 7 is connected to an ash inlet of an ash cooler 8 for cooling the ash comprising a coke. An ash outlet of the ash cooler 8 is connected to a feed inlet of an ash-coke separator 9 for separating the coke from the ash.

[0045] Preferably, a particle outlet of the particle separator 7 is connected to a feed inlet of the particle heater 10 via a particle transporter 24. A coke outlet of the ash-coke separator 9 is connected to a coke inlet of the gasifier 4 via a coke transporter 22. Compared with the manual transportation, the method of the invention is energy saving and assures a stable and continuous operation of the gasifier 4.

[0046] The coke inlet of the gasifier 4 is arranged on an upper part or an upper end. To assure an even coke addition and a stable flow field inside the gasifier 4, the number of the coke inlet is one or two in compliance with the capacity. A gas outlet of the gasifier 4 is arranged on the upper part and connected to a gas inlet of the second heat exchanger 11, a gas outlet of the second heat exchanger 11 is connected to the dust collector 17, the deacidification tower 18, and the desiccator 19 in sequence, and an outlet of the desiccator 19 is connected to a gas storage tank 20.

[0047] As an improvement, a nitrogen protecting device 3 is connected to the feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6 and the particle inlet of the gasifier 4, so that a nitrogen sealing layer is formed for effectively separating the synthetic gas from the air.

[0048] The saturated water vapors sprayed into the pyrolysis furnace 6 and the gasifier 4 is transformed from a soft water or a desalted water in the water storage tank 16 after heat exchanging with the circulated air and the primary synthetic gas in the first heat exchanger 13 and the second heat exchanger 14, respectively. The water storage tank 16 is connected to a water inlet of the first heat exchanger 13 and a water inlet of the second heat exchanger 14 via the water pump 15. Both a vapor outlet of the first heat exchanger

13 and a vapor outlet of the second heat exchanger 14 are connected to both a vapor nozzle of the pyrolysis furnace 6 and a vapor nozzle of the gasifier 4. As an improved structure, the vapor nozzles arranged on the pyrolysis furnace 6 and the gasifier 4 are grouped into 2-4 height levels, respectively, and the vapor nozzles of each level are evenly and tangentially arranged along a circumferential direction. Thus, an even and stable vapor field is maintained, and a fully contact between the saturated water vapor and the reactants is achieved.

[0049] The solid particles are heated indirectly by the plasma torch heater 11 via an intermediate process of heating the circulated air. An air outlet of the first heat exchanger 13 is connected to an air inlet of the plasma torch heater 11 via the exhaust blower 12, an air outlet of the plasma torch heater 11 is connected to an air inlet of the particle heater 10, an air outlet of the particle heater 10 is connected to an air inlet of the first heat exchanger 13. A feed outlet of the particle heater 10 is connected to a particle inlet of the gasifier 4 for supplying a stable heat energy resource to the biomass.

[0050] The system also comprises the ash storehouse 23. The ash output from the ash-coke separator 9 is transported to the ash storehouse 23 by manual or mechanical mode.

[0051] A method for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass using the above system is specifically described as follows:

[0052] A) Start the exhaust blower 12 and the plasma torch heater 11, gradually heat the circulated air to a temperature of 1800-2000°C. The circulated air exchanges heat with the solid particles in the particle heater 10. After the heat exchange, the solid particles are heated to a temperature of 1400-1800°C; the circulated air is cooled down to a temperature of 500-650°C and transported to the first heat exchanger 13 for utilization of waste heat. The high temperature solid particles are transported to the particle inlet of the gasifier 4, and fall down to the gasifier 4 and the pyrolysis furnace 6 in sequence due to

the gravity. The temperature and the flow rate of the solid particles are adjusted until an operating temperature of the gasifier 4 is 1200-1400°C and an operating temperature of the pyrolysis furnace 6 is 500-650°C.

[0053] B) Ground biomass is transported to the pyrolysis furnace 6 via the belt conveyor 1, the hopper 2, and the screw feeder 5 in turn, at the same time nitrogen is input from the nitrogen protecting device 3 to both the feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6 and the particle inlet of the gasifier 4. When the biomass is a gray straw, for example, twigs and roots of trees, a particle size of the biomass is controlled at 50 mm × 50 mm below, and a water content of the biomass is controlled at 40% below. When the biomass is yellow straw, for example stalks of threshed grain, thatch, stalks of corns, the particle size of the biomass can be relatively large.

[0054] C) The desalted water is output from the water storage tank 16 to both the water inlet of the first heat exchanger 13 and the water inlet of the second heat exchanger 14 via the water pump 16. In the first heat exchanger 13, the desalted water extracts a waste heat of the circulated air, and the circulated air is cooled down from the temperature of 500-650°C to 200°C below; at the same time 0.4-0.6 Mpa of a saturated water vapor is produced. The cooled air is then transported to the plasma torch heater 11 for reheating. In the second heat exchanger 14, the desalted water extracts a sensible heat of the primary synthetic gas which is cooled down to a temperature of 260-320°C, and at the same time 0.4-0.6 Mpa of a saturated water vapor is produced. Saturated water vapors from the vapor outlet of the first heat exchanger 13 and the vapor outlet of the second heat exchanger 14 are introduced to both the vapor nozzles of the pyrolysis furnace 6 and the vapor nozzles of the gasifier 4.

[0055] D) The saturated water vapor is input into the pyrolysis furnace 6 at a speed of 35-50 m/s; operating parameters of the pyrolysis furnace 6 are: 500-650°C of the temperature, and 105-109 kPa of a pressure; so that the biomass is fully contacted with

the saturated water vapor and pyrolyzed into the crude synthetic gas and the ash comprising the coke. The crude synthetic gas is maintained in the pyrolysis furnace 6 for 15-20 s, and output from the pyrolysis furnace 6 is at a speed of 15-20 m/s.

[0056] E) The ash comprising the coke is at the temperature of 500-650°C and is mixed with the solid particles, after being transported from the ash outlet of the pyrolysis furnace 6 into the particle separator 7, the solid particles are separated from the ash comprising the coke. The solid particles return to the particle heater 10 via the particle transporter 24 for a next circulation. The ash comprising the coke is transported to the ash cooler 8, after a heat recovery, the temperature of the ash comprising the ash is cooled down to 150°C below. The coke is separated from the ash by the ash-coke separator 9 and then transported into the gasifier 9 via the coke transporter 22, while the ash from the ash-coke separator 9 is transported to the ash storehouse 23 by a manual or mechanical mode.

[0057] F) The crude synthetic gas at the temperature of 500-650°C crosses the mesh screen 21 at the bottle necked intersection and flows up into the gasifier 4, at the same time the saturated water vapor is input into the gasifier 4 at a speed of 35-50 m/s; the gasifier 4 is controlled at the operating temperature of 1200-1400°C and an operating pressure of 105-109 kPa, so that the crude synthetic gas and the coke is fully contacted with the saturated water vapor to gasify into the primary synthetic gas. The primary synthetic gas is maintained in the gasifier 4 for 15-20 s, and output from the gasifier 4 at a speed of 15-20 m/s.

[0058] G) The primary synthetic gas at the temperature of 1200-1400°C is transported from the gasifier 4 to the gas inlet of the second heat exchanger 14 via the pipe. After being cooled down to the temperature of 260-320°C by the desalted water, the primary synthetic gas is output from the gas outlet of the second heat exchanger 14 to the dust collector 17. Dust in the primary synthetic gas is arrested in the dust collector 17, and a

dust concentration of the primary synthetic gas at the outlet of the dust collector 17 is 50 mg/Nm³ below.

[0059] H) After dust removal, the primary synthetic gas is transported to the deacidification tower 18, in which harmful ingredients like H₂S, COS, HCL, NH₃, and HCN are removed.

[0060] I) After deacidification, the primary synthetic gas is transported into the desiccator 19, in which the water is removed, and the clean synthetic gas is acquired. The clean synthetic gas is transported into the gas storage tank 20 and is stored for later industrial application.

[0061] After many times of tests and data detections, main components and characteristics thereof of the clean synthetic gas are shown in Table 1. As shown in Table 1, the clean synthetic gas produced by the method comprises 90% of a total content of (CO+H₂), a ratio of H₂/CO is equal to or larger than 1, a heat value of the synthetic gas is 12.5-13.4 MJ/Nm³, and an efficiency of the cooled gas is about 87%. Thus, the synthetic gas can bring great commercial benefits, and is especially applicable in industries of the integrated biomass gasification cycle combination and the biomass liquid fuel.

Table 1

Number	Component	Unit	Value
1	CO	% (vol.)	30-40
2	H ₂	% (vol.)	40-50
3	N ₂ +Ar	% (vol.)	< 1.0
4	CO ₂	% (vol.)	15-20
5	CH ₂	% (vol.)	5-6
6	C _n H _m	% (vol.)	< 2
7	Heat value of a synthetic gas (LHV)	MJ/Nm ³	12.5-13.4
8	Efficiency of a cooled gas	%	- 87.0

CLAIMS

1. A method for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass, the method employing solid particles having a high thermal capacity as an energy carrier and saturated water vapor as an oxidant, the solid particles being rare earth particles, ceramic particles, or quartz sand, conducting pyrolysis and gasification of the biomass in a pyrolysis furnace and a gasifier with inner cavities thereof interconnected, and finally producing clean synthesis gas; the method comprising the following steps:
 - a) disposing the gasifier on the pyrolysis furnace, interconnecting the inner cavity of the gasifier and the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace; heating the solid particles, introducing the solid particles from the upper end of the gasifier into the gasifier and the pyrolysis furnace in sequence; controlling the operating temperature of the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace at 500-800°C and the operating temperature of the inner cavity of the gasifier at 1200-1600°C;
 - b) grinding the biomass, feeding the biomass into the pyrolysis furnace while spraying the saturated water vapor into the pyrolysis furnace, contacting the biomass with the saturated water vapor at 500-800°C for pyrolyzing the biomass to yield crude synthesis gas and ash comprising coke;
 - c) separating the ash comprising the coke from the solid particles, heating the solid particles, and recycling the solid particles into the gasifier;
 - d) cooling down the ash, and separating the coke;
 - e) introducing the crude synthesis gas into the gasifier via the interconnected inner cavities, transporting the coke into the gasifier while spraying the saturated water vapor into the gasifier, contacting the coke and the crude synthesis gas with the saturated water vapor at 1200-1600°C for gasifying the coke and the crude synthesis gas to yield primary synthesis gas; and

- f) cooling, removing dust, deacidifying, and desiccating the primary synthesis gas to yield clean synthesis gas.
2. The method of claim 1, **characterized in that** the diameter of the solid particles is below 5 mm.
3. The method of claim 2, **characterized in that** in step a) a nitrogen atmosphere is provided at feed inlets of the pyrolysis furnace and the gasifier.
4. The method of claim 1, 2, or 3, **characterized in that**
- the operating temperature of the pyrolysis furnace is controlled at 500-650°C, the operating pressure of the pyrolysis furnace is controlled at 105-109 kPa;
 - the input speed of the saturated water vapor into the pyrolysis furnace is 35-50 m/s; and
 - the retention time of the crude synthesis gas in the pyrolysis furnace is 15-20 s, and the output speed of the crude synthesis gas from the pyrolysis furnace is 15-20 m/s.
5. The method of claim 1, 2, or 3, **characterized in that**
- the operating temperature of the gasifier is controlled at 1200-1400°C, and an operating pressure of the gasifier is controlled at 105-109 kPa;
 - the input speed of the saturated water vapor into the gasifier is 35-50 m/s; and
 - the retention time of the primary synthesis gas in the gasifier is 15-20 s, and the output speed of the primary synthesis gas from the gasifier is 15-20 m/s.
6. The method of claim 1, 2, or 3, **characterized in that** the primary synthesis gas is cooled down to a temperature of 260-320°C, and then separated from

dust, deacidified, and desiccated to yield a clean synthesis gas.

7. A system for pyrolysis and gasification of biomass according to the method of claim 1, the system comprising:

the pyrolysis furnace (6) having a vapor nozzle and an ash outlet;

the gasifier (4) having a vapor nozzle, a particle inlet, a coke inlet, and a gas outlet;

a particle separator (7) having a feed inlet, an ash outlet, and a particle outlet;

an ash cooler (8) having an ash inlet and an ash outlet;

an ash-coke separator (9) having a feed inlet and a coke outlet;

a particle heater (10) having an air inlet, an air outlet, a feed inlet, and a feed outlet;

a plasma torch heater (11) having an air inlet and an air outlet;

an exhaust blower (12);

a first heat exchanger (13) having a water inlet, a vapor outlet, an air inlet, and an air outlet;

a water storage tank (16);

a water pump (15);

a second heat exchanger (14) having a water inlet, a vapor outlet, a gas inlet, and a gas outlet;

a dust collector (17);

a deacidification tower (18);

a desiccator (19);

a particle transporter (24); and

a coke transporter (22);

characterized in that

the gasifier (4) is disposed on the pyrolysis furnace (6), and the inner cavity of the gasifier (4) and the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace (6) are interconnected;

the water storage tank (16) is connected to the water inlet of the first heat exchanger (13) and the water inlet of the second heat exchanger (14) via the water pump (15); both the vapor outlet of the first heat exchanger (13) and the vapor outlet of the second heat exchanger (14) are connected to both the vapor nozzle of the pyrolysis furnace (6) and the vapor nozzle of the gasifier (4);

the air outlet of the first heat exchanger (13) is connected to the air inlet of the plasma torch heater (11) via the exhaust blower (12), the air outlet of the plasma torch heater (11) is connected to the air inlet of the particle heater (10), the air outlet of the particle heater is connected to the air inlet of the first heat exchanger (13);

the feed outlet of the particle heater (10) is connected to the particle inlet of the gasifier (4); the gas outlet of the gasifier (4) is connected to the gas inlet of the second heat exchanger (14); the gas outlet of the second heat exchanger (14) is connected to the dust collector (17), the deacidification tower (18), and the desiccator (19) in sequence; and

the ash outlet of the pyrolysis furnace (6) is connected to the feed inlet of the particle separator (7);

the ash outlet of the particle separator (7) is connected to the ash inlet of the ash cooler (8); and the particle outlet of the particle separator (7) is connected to the feed inlet of the particle heater (10) via the particle transporter (24);

the ash outlet of the ash cooler (8) is connected to the feed inlet of the ash-coke separator (9); and

the coke outlet of the ash-coke separator (9) is connected to the coke inlet of the gasifier (4) via the coke transporter (22).

8. The system of claim 7, **characterized in that** a nitrogen protecting device (3) is connected to both a feed inlet of the pyrolysis furnace (6) and the particle inlet of the gasifier (4).
9. The system of claim 7 or 8, **characterized in that** the vapor nozzles arranged on the pyrolysis furnace (6) and the gasifier (4) are grouped into 2-4 height levels, respectively, and the vapor nozzles of each level are evenly and tangentially arranged along a circumferential direction.
10. The system of claim 7 or 8, **characterized in that** an intersection of the inner cavity of the pyrolysis furnace (6) and the inner cavity of the gasifier (4) is bottle necked, and at least one layer of a mesh screen is disposed at the intersection.

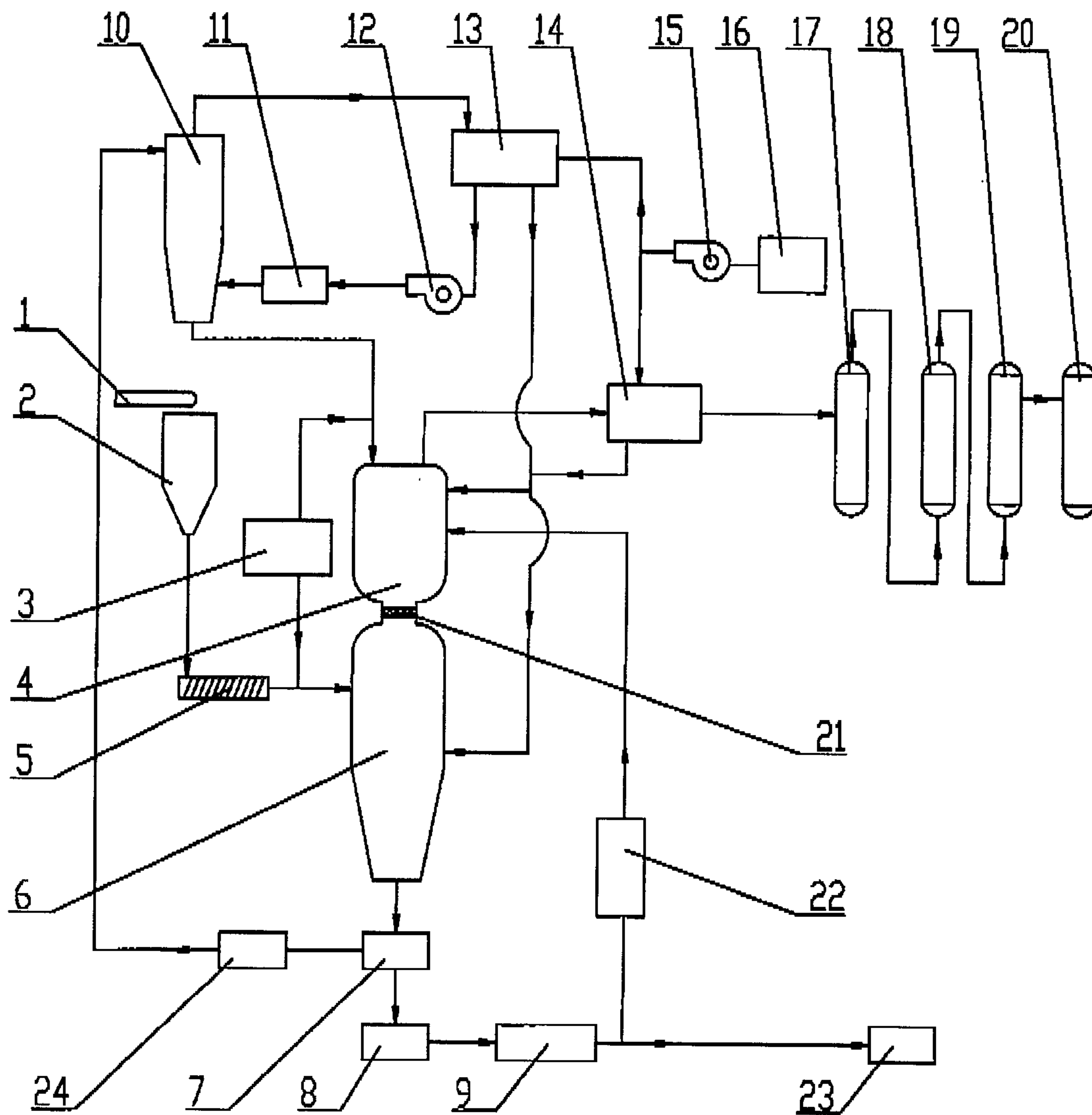


FIG. 1

