

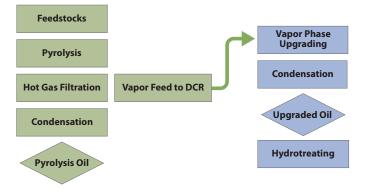
Vapor Phase Upgrading With NREL's Davison Circulating Riser (DCR)

Advancing technologies in biomass conversion to fuels and fuel intermediates



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DCR System With Custom Biomass Prolyzer



Highlights

- Custom biomass pyrolyzer provides vapors to the DCR for upgrading to hydrocarbon fuel intermediates
- 2 mass balance runs per 8 hrs: 3–6 liters of upgraded oil and 1–2 gallons raw oil produced
- Online quantitative vapor analysis
- Comprehensive condensed raw and upgraded oil analysis
- Comprehensive pre- and post-use catalyst characterization

Overview

Scale of Research

- 1–3 kg/hr biomass feed
- 2 kg DCR upgrading catalyst

Configuration

- Ex-situ upgrading of biomass pyrolysis vapors to condensed fungible hydrocarbon products
- Continuously pyrolyze biomass for 8–10 hr runs

Data Collection Periods

• Will be operated on a daily basis

Analytical Capabilities

Online

- Gas chromatographs
- NDIR and H2-TCD millisecond sampling
- MBMS (>400°C) for vapor species

Offline

- DI catalyst attrition testing
- 2D GCTOFS and FID, NMR, and HPLC for oil analysis
- Catalyst characterization via SEM, EDS, XRD, ICP, particle size, surface area

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