

This document shows how **Thermo Utilities, MS Excel Add-ins** can be used for calculation of combustion.

A fossil fuel with the following composition by mass:

**C 70%; H 18.5%; O 3%; N 4%; S 1.5%; ash 3%**

has been burned in a boiler, when **100% excess air** is supplied. Combustion efficiency is **0.75** Calculate:

- 1- the stoichiometric air-to-fuel (A/F) ratio
- 2- the A/F ratio
- 3- analysis of combustion products (dry and wet)
- 4- temperature of exhaust gases

Air is supplied at atmospheric pressure and 18 C with 0.008 specific humidity. The fuel has an average temperature of 35 C when enters the boiler. Use Dulong formula to estimate the net calorific value of the fuel. The specific heat capacity of fuel is 3.2 kJ/kg.K.

**Combustion Equations**

Combustion equation for coal:

**C + O2 => CO2** (12 kg C)+(32 kg O) => (34 kg CO2)

Combustion equation for hydrogen:

**2 H2 + O2 => 2 H2O** (4 kg H)+(32 kg O) => (36 kg H2O)

Combustion equation for sulphur:

**S + O2 => SO2** (32 kg S) + (32 kg O) => (64 kg SO2)

<b>Fuel Analysis</b>			
<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Mass fraction</b>	<b>Required oxygen kg/kg fuel</b>	<b>Product mass kg/kg fuel</b>
Carbon	0.700	1.867	2.567
Hydrogen	0.185	1.480	1.665
Oxygen	0.030	-0.020	0.010
Nitrogen	0.040	0.000	0.040
Sulphur	0.015	0.015	0.030
Ash	0.030	0.000	0.030
	<b>1.000</b>	<b>3.342</b>	<b>4.342</b>
<b>Analysis of Supplied Air</b>			
Specific Humidity	0.008		
<b>Composition by mass</b>			
<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Dry Air</b>	<b>Humid Air</b>	
N2	0.76280	0.75670	
O2	0.23290	0.23104	
CO2	0.00300	0.00298	
Ar	0.00130	0.00129	
H2O	0.00000	0.00800	
SO2	0.00000	0.00000	
	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	

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Air required per kg of fuel	14.46	Stoichiometric A/F ratio	kg/kg
Excess Air	1		
Actual A/F ratio kg/kg	28.92757		
<b>Exhaust Gases</b>		<b>Wet Mass</b>	<b>Dry Mass</b>
<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Composition</b>	<b>Composition</b>
N2	21.92942	0.73373	0.78344
O2	3.34167	0.11181	0.11938
CO2	2.65276	0.08876	0.09477
Ar	0.03730	0.00125	0.00133
H2O	1.89642	0.06345	0.00000
SO2	0.03000	0.00100	0.00107
	<b>29.88757</b>	<b>1.00000</b>	<b>1.00000</b>
<b>Exhaust Gases</b>			<b>Volume</b>
<b>Constituent</b>	<b>Kg/kmol</b>	<b>Mole Fraction</b>	<b>Composition</b>
N2	28	0.02620	0.74260
O2	32	0.00349	0.09901
CO2	44	0.00202	0.05716
Ar	40	0.00003	0.00088
H2O	18	0.00353	0.09990
SO2	64	0.00002	0.00044
		0.03529	1.00000
<b>Mass balance</b>			
<b>Fuel</b>	1.00000		
<b>Supplied Air</b>	28.92757		
	<b>29.92757</b>		
<b>Exhaust Gases</b>	29.88757		
<b>Ash</b>	0.03000		
	<b>29.91757</b>		
<p>Dulong suggests the following formula for gross calorific value (GCV) of fossil fuels when oxygen content is less than 10%</p> <p><b>GCV = 337 C +1442 (H - O/8) + 93 S</b></p> <p>GCV is in (kJ/kg). C, H, O, S are percentages on weight basis for carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and sulphur. The net calorific value for a constant pressure combustion is:</p> <p><b>NCV = GCV - mc * hfg</b></p> <p>mc is the mass of condensate per unit quantity of fuel and hfg is the latent heat of steam at 25 degree Celsius which is 2442 kJ/kg.</p>			
Supplied Air Temp.	18		
Fuel Cp	3.2	<b>kJ/(kg.K)</b>	
Gross Calorific Value, GCV	49866	<b>kJ/kg</b>	
Net Calorific Value, NCV	49711	<b>kJ/kg</b>	
Combustion efficiency	0.75		
	<b>Enthalpy</b>	<b>Mass Flow</b>	<b>m*h</b>
	<b>kJ/kg</b>	<b>kg/s</b>	<b>kJ/s</b>

