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APPENDIX

The total molar flow rate of the gaseous stream was calculated from the following equation:

$$N = q \times \left[\frac{P}{R \times T} \right]$$

Where N = total molar flow rate (mole/min)

q = total volumetric flow rate (determine by using soap bubble meter)

P = total pressure of the system (1 atm)

R = gas constant (82.051 atm.ml.mol⁻¹.min⁻¹.K⁻¹)

T = absolute ambient temperature (K)

The molar flow rate of each component can be determined by multiplying its percent volume derived from the GC analysis with the total molar flow rate.

The conversion is defined as:

$$\% \text{Conversion} = \frac{(\text{Mole flow rate reactant in} - \text{Mole flow rate reactant out}) \times 100}{\text{Mole flow rate reactant in}}$$

The selectivity of each product is defined based on the amount of reactant carbon converted into any specified products as the following equation:

$$\% C_P \text{ Selectivity} = \frac{P \times \text{Mole flow rate of } C_P \text{ produced} \times 100}{\sum (R \times \text{Mole flow rate of } C_R \text{ converted})}$$

Where P = number of carbon atom in product

R = number of carbon atom in reactant

C_P = product that has carbon P atom

C_R = reactant that has carbon R atom

To determine the energy efficiency of corona discharge system, the specific energy consumption was calculated in a unit of electron-volt per molecule of converted carbon (eV/m_c) from the following equation:

$$\text{Specific energy consumption} = \frac{P \times 60}{(1.602 \times 10^{-19}) \times \tilde{N} \times M_c}$$

Where P = Power (Watt)

\tilde{N} = Avogadro's number = 6.02×10^{23} molecules.g-mole⁻¹

M_c = Rate of carbon in feed gas converted (g-mole.min⁻¹)

1 eV = 1.602×10^{-19} watt.sec

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