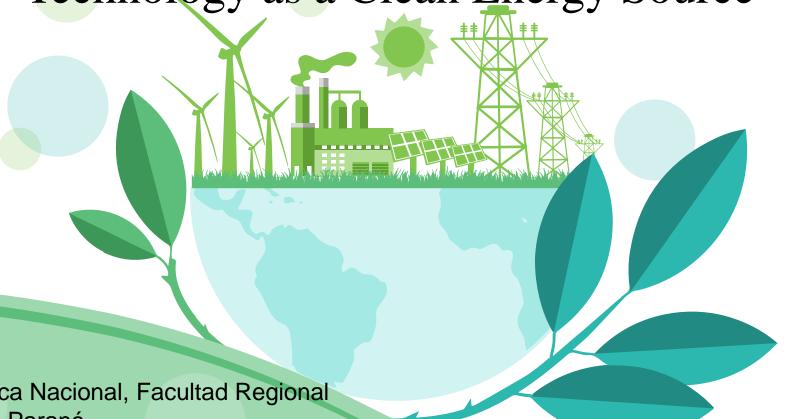
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INTRODUCTION

Current state of the world



Overpopulation

With such a large number of people having little to no awareness of sustainable ways of life, it leads to problems that directly affect everyone.





INTRODUCTION

Aligning with Sustainability
Objectives

United Nation's Agenda

The SDGs addressed in this work

are:













THESIS STATEMENT

But, is it enough?

Current state of the world



A cutting-edge solution is needed

Plasma gasification converts materials into synthetic gas through high temperatures, useful for energy and waste management.



OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The key outcomes encompass:

- Promoting Awareness
- Evaluating Viability
- Expanding Outreach Efforts



MAP OF THE PRESENTATION

- 01 Waste Generation and its Consequences
- Understanding

 102 Plasma

 Technology
- 2.1 Introduction to plasma
- 2.2 Gasification and Chemical Reactions
- 03 The System's Operation
 - 3.1 Descriptive Analysis







IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

Key results include:

- Changing Energy Generation Paradigm
- Giving Use to Waste
- Cleaning the Planet





Problem Statement

WASTE GENERATION AND ITS IMPACTS

- Generation of 2.01 billion tons of waste annually
- 75% of plastic disposal in oceans
 - > Loss of biodiverisity
- Inadequate waste management
 - Emission of millions of tons of greenhouse gases per year



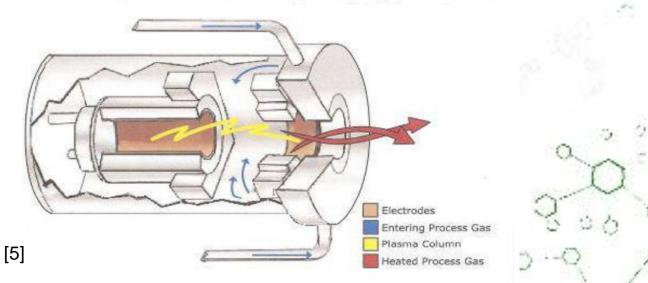
PLASMA
TECHNOLOGIES:
AN INNOVATIVE
METHOD FOR
ENERGY
GENERATION

Introduction to Plasma

- An extremely heated gas, known as "The Fourth State of Matter"
- Useful for its reaction to electromagnetic fields and capability to conduct electricity



Formation process



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Gasification and Chemical Reactions

Each individual reaction is as follows:

$$CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$$

 $CO + H_2O \rightarrow CO_2 + H_2$
 $C + H_2O \rightarrow CO + H_2$
 $C + CO_2 \rightarrow 2CO$
 $2C + O_2 \rightarrow CO$

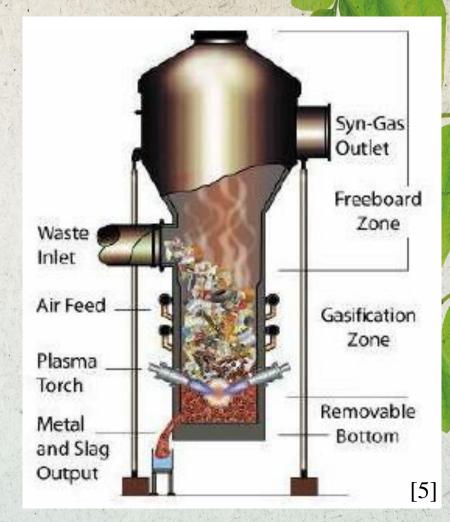
The global gasification reaction is:

CHxOy + wH₂O + mO₂ + 3,76mN₂ \rightarrow aH₂ + bCO + cCO₂ +dH₂O + eCH₄ + fN₂ + gC

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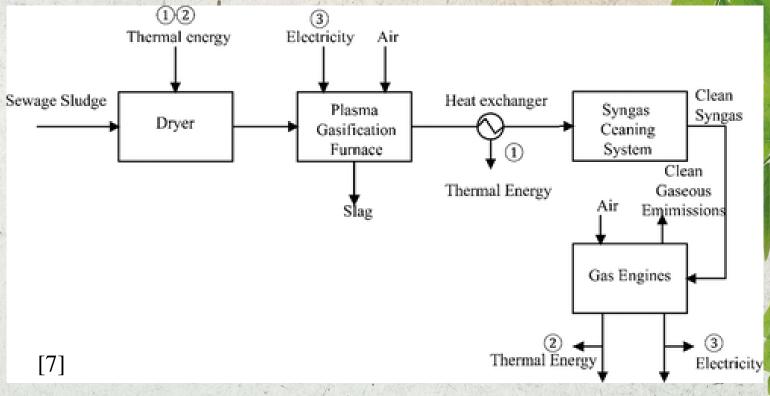
The System's Operation

- Freeboard Zone: Upper area where waste breaks down and dries, enhancing gasification.
- Waste Inlet: Introduction point for waste feed, metallurgical coke, and limestone.
- Plasma Torches: devices positioned near the bottom to heat a coke bed and create a heat reservoir.
- Gasification Zone: place where waste materials undergo gasification, forming syngas.
- Removable Bottom: section where inorganic materials melt, creating molten metals and vitrified residue.



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The System's Operation

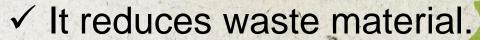


"The H2 and CO generated during the gasification process can be a fuel source. Therefore, plasma gasification process has been combined with many other technologies to recover energy from the syngas" [5].

Viability Assessment

VIRTUES, FLAWS, & GENERAL PERFORMANCE





- ✓ It generates sustainable energy.
- ✓ It has high energy efficiency.
- ✓ It generates minimal levels of pollution.

Viability Assessment

VIRTUES, FLAWS, & GENERAL PERFORMANCE

Flaws



- It has a high initial investment cost.
- It requires superior skilled maintenance personnel.
- It is a complex technology.
- It has deficiency in regulatory terms.

Conclusion





Sustainable Future Through Innovation

Revolutionizing waste treatment and clean energy production for a sustainable future.



Optimization

Ongoing development is crucial to enhance efficiency and affordability.



Public Awareness

Essential for responsible adoption and continuous improvement.



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