# TG/DTG studies of Fresh Fishing Net and Waste Fishing Net

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## Introduction

Ocean pollution poses serious environmental problems in Korea

 $\rightarrow$  Need to treat marine wastes in more environmentally friendly manner

Main composition of marine wastes

- $\rightarrow$  Waste fishing nets (WFN), waste fishing tackles and waste lopes
- Characteristics of marine wastes
- $\rightarrow$  Floating, deposition and moving on seashore
- $\rightarrow$  Damage of marine ecosystem, cause of loss in the fishing industry

► Fishing nets: production, consignment(1997~2000 yr) [unit : Ton]

Year	Production	Consignment	Remark		
1997	11,057	11,571	-		
1998	9,607	9,895	-		
1999	10,066	10,442	-		
2000	10,916	11,033	_		

자료 : 통계청, "한국산업통계연보", 2001, p450

#### **Experimental**

#### Thermogravimetric Analysis

- → Thermogravimetric Analyzer (TGA; Cahn, TG-2171)
- → Sample : Fresh Fishing Net(Nylon-6), Waste Fishing Net(Nylon-6)
- $\rightarrow$  Mass : 400 mg
- $\rightarrow$  Heating rates : 0.5~2.0 /min (<500 )
- Micro-scale tubing reactor
  - $\rightarrow$  Reaction temperature : 440
  - $\rightarrow$  Reaction time : 60~100 min
- Product Analysis
  - → Carbon number distribution : GC (Younglin, M600D)
  - $\rightarrow$  FT-IR (Thermo Mattson, 60AR)

#### **Experimental**

Elemental analysis : fresh fishing nets(FFN), waste fishing nets(WFN)

		H/C ratio					
	С	Н	N S O		0		
FFN	62.68	10.66	12.24	_	14.42	2.04	
WFN	56.28	8.86	10.92	0.05	14.83	1.89	

## **Activation Energy**

**Conversion:** X

$$X = \frac{W - W_t}{W_0 - W_t} \tag{1}$$

Pyrolysis rate:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = k f(X) \tag{2}$$

**Reaction constant: k** 

$$k = A \exp\left(\frac{-E}{RT}\right) \tag{3}$$

**Conversion function: f**(**X**)

$$f(X) = (1 - X)^n$$
 (4)

▶ Eq.(3), Eq.(4)  $\rightarrow$  Eq.(2)

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = A \exp\left(\frac{-E}{RT}\right) (1 - X)^n \quad (5)$$

**Take logarithm Eq.(6)** 

$$\ln\left(\frac{dX}{dt}\right) = \ln\left[A\left(1 - X\right)^{n}\right] - \frac{E}{R}\frac{1}{T} \quad (6)$$

- A : pre-exponential factor (sec<sup>-1</sup>)
- n : reaction order
- E : activation energy (kJ/mol)
- R : gas constant (8.314Jg/mol K)
- T: temperature (K)
  - t:time (sec)
- Intercept of Eq.(6) is  $\ln \left[ A (1-X)^n \right] = \ln(A) + n \ln(1-X) \quad (7)$

#### **Decomposition mechanism of Nylon -6:**

R.S Lehrle et al., Polymer Degradation and Stability, 67, 21(2000)



#### **TGA curves : FFN and WFN**



#### DGT curves : FFN and WFN



#### Application of equation 5 : 0.5~2.0 /min



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#### Calculated activation energies



#### Application of Eq. (7) to calculate pre -exponential factor

		Conversion [ % ]										
		5	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	95
FFN	0 <sup>th</sup>	1.17 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	1.57 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.45 ×10 <sup>12</sup>	1.06 ×10 <sup>14</sup>	1.78 ×10 <sup>15</sup>	2.03 ×10 <sup>16</sup>	3.23 ×10 <sup>17</sup>	4.15 ×10 <sup>18</sup>	3.74 ×10 <sup>20</sup>	5.95 ×10 <sup>23</sup>	4.38 ×10 <sup>27</sup>
	1 st	1.23 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	1.75 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	3.07 ×10 <sup>12</sup>	1.52 ×10 <sup>14</sup>	2.96 ×10 <sup>15</sup>	4.06 ×10 <sup>16</sup>	8.07 ×10 <sup>17</sup>	1.38 ×10 <sup>19</sup>	1.87 ×10 <sup>21</sup>	5.95 ×10 <sup>24</sup>	8.76 ×10 <sup>28</sup>
WFN	Oth	1.23 ×10 <sup>5</sup>	9.61 ×10 <sup>5</sup>	2.25 ×10 <sup>7</sup>	2.88 ×10 <sup>8</sup>	2.67 ×10 <sup>9</sup>	3.49 ×10 <sup>10</sup>	7.58 ×10 <sup>11</sup>	8.35 ×10 <sup>13</sup>	3.44 ×10 <sup>16</sup>	5.39 ×10 <sup>23</sup>	5.84 ×10 <sup>36</sup>
	1 st	1.29 ×10 <sup>5</sup>	1.07 ×10 <sup>6</sup>	2.82 ×10 <sup>7</sup>	4.12 ×10 <sup>8</sup>	4.46 ×10 <sup>9</sup>	6.98 ×10 <sup>10</sup>	1.90 ×10 <sup>12</sup>	2.78 ×10 <sup>14</sup>	1.72 ×10 <sup>17</sup>	2.39 ×10 <sup>24</sup>	1.17 ×10 <sup>38</sup>

# Carbon number distribution : 440 , 60~100 min





#### Conclusion

- The apparent activation energies increased with an increase of conversion. The average activation energy for FFN was 266 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, while that of WFN was 220 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>.
- Pre-exponential factor was between 10<sup>12</sup> and 10<sup>21</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> when the slope of thermogravimetric curves was almost linear.
- The carbon number of C<sub>6</sub> like caprolactam was slightly increased with the increase of reaction time, but the selectivity of specific hydrocarbons was not observed from the pyrolyzed oil.