

Waste-based value-added feedstocks from tire pyrolysis oil distillation: defossilization of the petrochemical industry

Supplementary Information

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Tables

Table S1. Experimental campaign and detailed GC characterization of the light fraction

| Run | Temp. Reboiler (°C) | RR | LTT (wt%) | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| | | | Benzen e | Toluen e | Ethyl- benzene | p+m- Xylen e | Styrene + o-Xylene | BTEX | Limonen e |
| 1 | 190 | --- | 19.51 | 47.65 | 3.18 | 8.33 | 1.47 | 80.14 | 0.01 |
| 2 | 210 | --- | 14.35 | 40.19 | 6.31 | 18.16 | 4.22 | 83.20 | 0.05 |
| 3 | 230 | --- | 11.98 | 34.15 | 6.49 | 20.29 | 5.68 | 78.60 | 0.12 |
| 4 | 250 | --- | 9.71 | 28.52 | 5.95 | 18.57 | 5.47 | 68.20 | 0.26 |
| 5 | 270 | --- | 8.95 | 26.23 | 5.47 | 17.37 | 5.21 | 63.20 | 0.23 |
| 6 | 190 | 1.5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 7 | 210 | 1.5 | 14.25 | 41.33 | 6.75 | 19 | 4.19 | 85.50 | 0.02 |
| 8 | 230 | 1.5 | 11.73 | 33.53 | 6.71 | 20.66 | 5.49 | 78.10 | 0.03 |
| 9 | 250 | 1.5 | 10.18 | 29.11 | 5.91 | 18.52 | 5.13 | 68.90 | 0.09 |
| 10 | 270 | 1.5 | 10.59 | 29.95 | 5.85 | 18.77 | 5.23 | 70.40 | 0.08 |

Table S2. Experimental campaign and detailed GC characterization of the heavy fraction

| Run | Temp. Reboiler (°C) | RR | HTT (wt%) | | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| | | | Benzen e | Toluen e | Ethyl- benzene | p+m- Xylen e | Styrene + o-Xylene | BTEX | Limonen e |
| 1 | 190 | --- | 0.64 | 1.89 | 3.22 | 9.42 | 3.09 | 18.26 | 0.19 |
| 2 | 210 | --- | 0.63 | 1.53 | 0.99 | 5.48 | 2.74 | 11.37 | 0.51 |
| 3 | 230 | --- | 0.44 | 1.27 | 1.34 | 1.55 | 0.93 | 5.53 | 0.44 |
| 4 | 250 | --- | 0.27 | 1.28 | 0.52 | 1.78 | 0.64 | 4.49 | 0.12 |
| 5 | 270 | --- | 0.04 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.39 | 0.16 | 0.89 | 0.08 |

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| 6 | 190 | 1.5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 7 | 210 | 1.5 | 0.21 | 1.52 | 1.24 | 2.74 | 1.88 | 7.59 | 0.19 |
| 8 | 230 | 1.5 | 0.44 | 2.11 | 0.82 | 2.48 | 1.05 | 6.90 | 0.19 |
| 9 | 250 | 1.5 | 0.54 | 2.49 | 0.83 | 1.87 | 0.94 | 6.67 | 0.19 |
| 10 | 270 | 1.5 | 0.38 | 1.13 | 0.27 | 0.93 | 0.29 | 3.0 | 0.08 |

Tale S3. BTEX concentrations reported in the literature from the pyrolysis of ELTs

| Type of waste tire | Pyrolysis conditions | Catalyst | Pyrolysis yields | BTEX in the TPO | Ref |
|---|--|--|--|--|-----|
| Truck tires | Reactor: Fixed-bed. Sample: 300g. Temperature: 800 °C. Heating rate: 15-25 °C/min | No catalyst | TPO: 44.7 wt%; TPG: 16.8 wt%; RRCB: 38.52 wt% | Aromatics: 65.4 wt% | RS1 |
| Passenger car tires | Reactor: Py-GC/MS. Sample: ~10 g. Temperature: 400-500 °C | No catalyst | Yields predicted by mathematical models | Optimum pyrolytic condition for yield of BTX (26.5 g per 100 g tire rubber) | RS2 |
| From a recycling plant | Reactor: Self-designed optical precision heat control device. Sample: 0.40 g. Temperature: 425 - 575 °C. Heating rates: 60 - 6000 °C/min | No catalytic | TPO yields in the range of 55-57 wt% | Up to 41.5 area% with high heating rates | RS3 |
| Passenger cars | Reactor: Fixed bed. Temperature: 500 °C. Heating rate: 10 °C/min. Gas residence time: 30 s approx.) | ZSM-5 (si/Al 40). Y-Zeolite (CBV-400). Y-Zeolite (CBV-780). Catalyst/feed ratio: 0-1.5 | TPO yields in the range of 32-33 wt%. Catalyst presence reduces TPO yield. Increasing catalyst/tire feed ratio decreases TPO yield further and increases gas and coke formation. | Toluene reached a maximum value in the oil of 24 wt.%, benzene 5 wt.%, m/p-xylenes 20 wt.% and o-xylene 7 wt.%. (Total= 56wt%) | RS4 |
| Origin not provided | Reactor: Fixed-bed. Sample: 1g. Temperature: 400-600 °C | Fe ₂ O ₃ , CuO, CaO. Addition ratios: 5, 10, and 15 % of metal oxide | TPO: 48-50 wt% ; TPG: 9-12 wt%; RRCB: 39-40 wt% | Fe ₂ O ₃ promotes cyclization and dehydrogenation to produce monoaromatics (57.4% relative area) | RS5 |
| Sidewall rubber of automotive vehicle scrap tires | Reactor: Continuous stirred batch. Sample: 150g of scrap tires. Temperature: 430-500 °C. Heating rate: 15 °C/min | ZSM-5, USY, β, SAPO-11, and ZSM-22. The catalytic pyrolysis was performed using 1.0 wt% (on a scrap tire weight basis) | HZSM-5: TPO: 55.65 wt%; TPG: 6.49 wt%; RRCB: 37.86 wt%. USY: TPO: 53.49 wt%; TPG: 9.97 wt%; RRCB: 36.54 wt%. β zeolite: TPO: 54 wt%; TPG: 8.24 wt%; RRCB: 37.76 wt% | HZSM-5: MAHs: 45.8 wt% (PAHs: 4.3 wt%). USY: MAHs: 45.4 wt% (PAHs: 3.4 wt%). β zeolite: MAHs: 46.7 wt% (PAHs: 3.3 wt%) | RS6 |
| Origin not | Reactor: Fixed bed. Sample: 30 g. | Zeolites: KL, | TPO: 42-43 wt%; TPG: | MAHs = 44-45 wt% | RS7 |

| Type of waste tire | Pyrolysis conditions | Catalyst | Pyrolysis yields | BTEX in the TPO | Ref |
|----------------------|---|---|--|---|------|
| provided | Temperature: 500 °C. Heating rate: 10 °C/min | HMOR, HBeta, HZSM-5, and HY | 11-13 wt%; RRCB: 41-43 wt% | | |
| Small domestic cars | <p><u>Initial Evaluation:</u> Reactor: Pyroprobe coupled with GC/MS. Sample: 0.60 mg. Temperature: 500-800 °C. Residence time: 5-30 s. Atmospheres: He, CH₄, H₂, N₂, O₂</p> <p><u>Catalytic Pyrolysis:</u> Reactor: fixed-bed. Sample: 3g. Temperature: 750 °C. Heating rate: 500 °C/s. Carrier Gas: CH₄. Residence time: 30 s</p> | Different zeolite catalysts. The catalysts were loaded in a quartz tube by mixing with the raw materials at 10 wt. %. | The yields of pyrolysis products are not shown. | <p><u>Non-catalytic:</u> 40.91 % MAHs were obtained at 500 °C/s and 750 °C in helium atmosphere.</p> <p><u>Catalytic:</u> The Hβ catalyst is conducive to the formation of MAHs (up to 53.09 area %). The MCM-41Q catalyst is beneficial to the formation of BTEX (22.35 area %), as the content of MAHs was 46.09 area%</p> | RS8 |
| Origin not provided. | Reactor: Py-GC/MS. Sample: 1 mg. Temperature: 400-450 °C. Heating rate: 2000 °C/s | Noble metals (Pd, Pt, Au) supported on titanate nanotubes (NT-Ti). The catalysts to feedstocks mass ratio was held at 1:4 | The yields of pyrolysis products are not shown | The BTX production was enhanced by the presence of catalysts with a selectivity order as follows Pd > Pt \approx Au > support > non-catalys. Values up to 50 area % of Monoaromatics | RS9 |
| Origin not provided | Reactor: Two-staged pyrolysis–catalysis (fixed bed reactor). Sample: 10g. Temperature: 500 °C | Y-type (USY) zeolite. Catalyst/tire ratios of 0.25, 0.5, 0.75 and 1.0 | <p>Non-catalytic: TPO: 45.9 wt%; TPG: 16.5 wt%; RRCB: 37.59 wt%.</p> <p>TPO yield decreased as increasing the catalyst/tire ratio. Values lower than 30 wt%</p> | Values up to 63 wt% of BTEX (catalyst/tire ratio of 0.5) | RS10 |
| Origin not provided | Reactor: CDS 5200 Pyroprobe coupled to GC/MS. Sample: 10g. Temperature: 350, 400, and 450 °C | (Pd, Ni or Co)/SiO ₂ . Metal catalysts based on Ni, Co, and Pd | The yields of pyrolysis products are not shown | BTX: Pd (30.1 %) > Ni (22.2 %) > Co (10.2 %) > non-catalyzed (8.8 %) | RS11 |

| Type of waste tire | Pyrolysis conditions | Catalyst | Pyrolysis yields | BTEX in the TPO | Ref |
|---------------------|---|--|---|--|----------|
| | | supported on SiO ₂). Catalyst-to-tire ratio of 8:1 | | | |
| Truck tire | Reactor: Quartz Tube. Sample: 2 g. Temperature: 500 °C | Metal-modified USY (Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn). 2 g of waste tire and 0.4 g catalyst | TPO yield decreased from 42 to 34 wt%, approximately. | The highest relative content of monoaromatics reached 63.70 relative area % over 1%Cu/USY (42.92 mg/g) | RS1 2 |
| Origin not provided | Reactor: Tandem micro pyrolyzer (Rx-3050 TR) coupled with GC/MS. Sample: 1 mg. Temperature: 400-600 °C. Investigations: Zinc content and catalytic temperature. | RRCB and Zinc loaded RRCB was used as catalyst. Catalyst-to-tire ratio (5:1, 10:1, 15:1, 20:1, 25:1, and 30:1) | The yields of pyrolysis products are not shown | BTEX yield which was 2.4 times higher than that from uncatalyzed case. The optimal TPO products were obtained at 600 °C with catalyst-to-tire ratio of 20. The relative content of BTEX reached 54.70% | RS1 3 |

Table S4. Elemental and calorific analyses of the resulting heavy fraction

| Run | Temp. Reboiler (°C) | RR | Elemental composition, as received (wt%) | | | | HCV (MJ/kg) |
|-----|---------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| | | | C | H | N | S | |
| 1 | 190 | No | 89.0 | 8.6 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 40.1 |
| 2 | 210 | No | 89.0 | 8.6 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 39.5 |
| 3 | 230 | No | 89.2 | 8.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 39.2 |
| 4 | 250 | No | 89.7 | 8.1 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 39.3 |
| 5 | 270 | No | 89.0 | 8.0 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 40.1 |
| 6 | 190 | 1.5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 7 | 210 | 1.5 | 89.1 | 8.2 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 39.3 |
| 8 | 230 | 1.5 | 89.4 | 8.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 41.1 |
| 9 | 250 | 1.5 | 89.1 | 8.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 41.4 |
| 10 | 270 | 1.5 | 89.2 | 8.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 39.8 |

Table S5. GC/MS results of the resulting heavy fraction

| Run | Temp. Reboiler (°C) | RR | BTEX | | Substituted Benzenes | | Indanes, indenes | | Heterocyclic compounds | | PAH | | Others | | Total |
|-----|---------------------|-----|--------|---------|----------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------|
| | | | RA (%) | RSD (%) | RA (%) | RSD (%) | RA (%) | RSD (%) | RA (%) | RSD (%) | RA (%) | RSD (%) | RA (%) | RSD (%) | |
| 1 | 190 | No | 40.2 | 2.0 | 36.0 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 19.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 3.5 | 100.0 |
| 2 | 210 | No | 32.4 | 2.5 | 40.3 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 22.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 100.0 |
| 3 | 230 | No | 29.6 | 1.4 | 46.8 | 0.1 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 18.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 100.0 |
| 4 | 250 | No | 9.1 | 1.4 | 27.6 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 4.7 | 0.8 | 52.9 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 100.0 |
| 5 | 270 | No | 3.0 | 3.0 | 21.0 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 65.6 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 100.0 |
| 6 | 190 | 1.5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 7 | 210 | 1.5 | 19.7 | 0.3 | 39.7 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 0.7 | 2.7 | 9.8 | 33.8 | 0.5 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 100.0 |
| 8 | 230 | 1.5 | 17.2 | 0.5 | 42.5 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.3 | 2.9 | 1.2 | 33.0 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 0.4 | 100.0 |
| 9 | 250 | 1.5 | 16.3 | 0.5 | 38.8 | 0.8 | 2.9 | 1.1 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 37.0 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 100.0 |
| 10 | 270 | 1.5 | 9.7 | 1.4 | 26.0 | 0.5 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 55.6 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 100.0 |

Figures

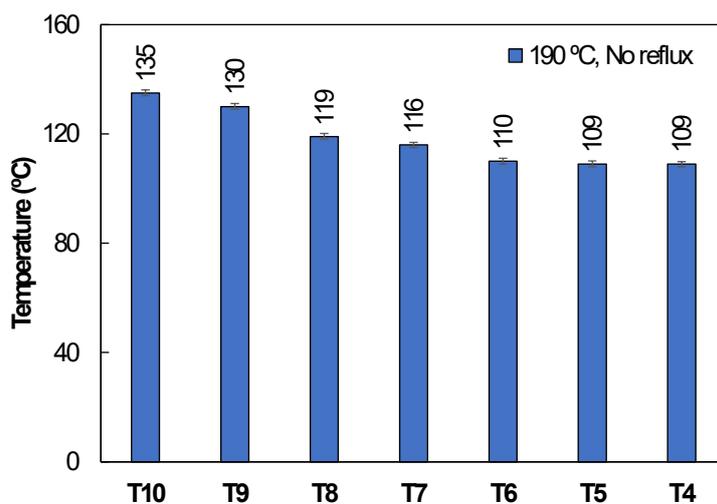


Fig. S1. Steady-state temperature profile of the column (run # 1)

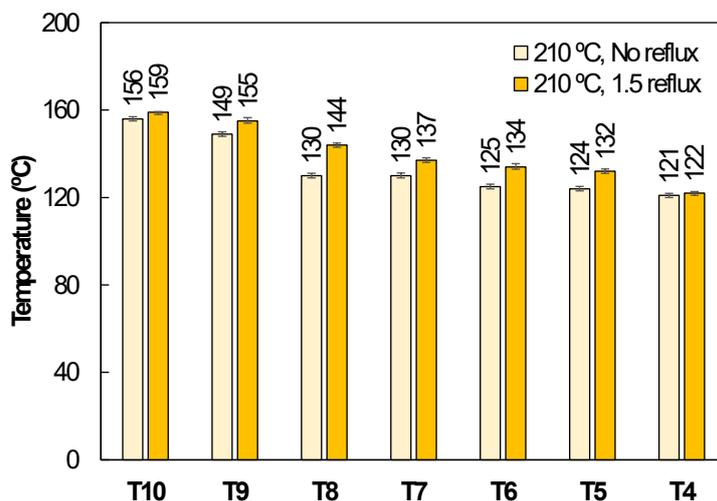


Fig. S2. Steady-state temperature profile of the column (runs 2 and 7)

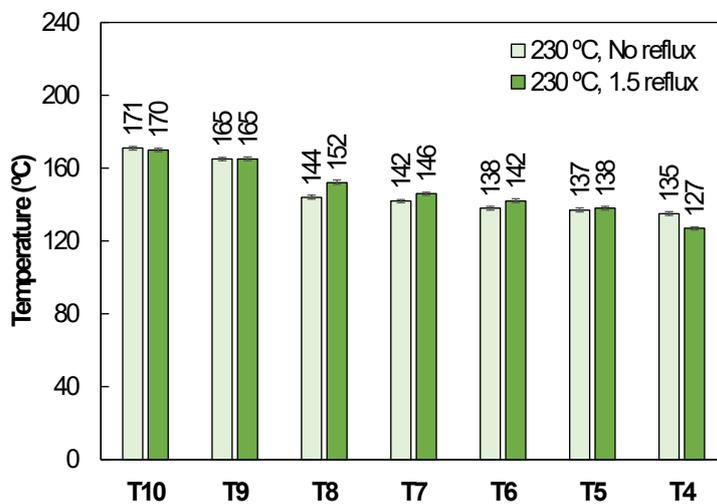


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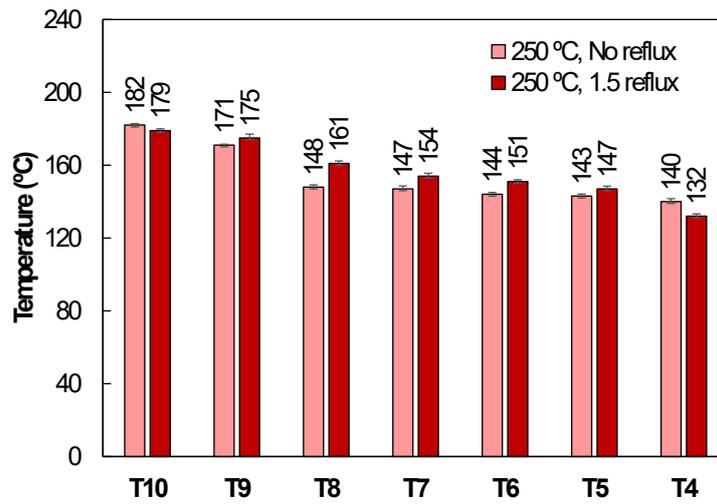


Fig. S4. Steady-state temperature profile of the column (runs 4 and 9)

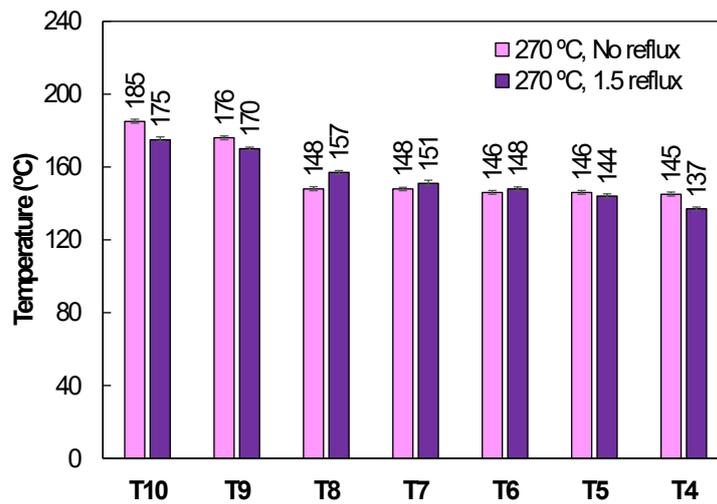


Fig. S5. Steady-state temperature profile of the column (runs 5 and 10)

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