Kinematic activation of the barrel
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Assumptions of research process

Constant factors:

- Screw type and geometry; D=25, L/D=24
- Processed polymer
  PE-LD Malen E FGNX 23D-006
- Plasticizing system and extrusion head heating zones temperatures:
  - $T_0 = 40^\circ C$
  - $T_I = 80^\circ C$
  - $T_{II} = 160^\circ C$
  - $T_{III} = 170^\circ C$
  - $T_{IV} = 180^\circ C$
  - $T_V = 175^\circ C$
  - $T_{VI} = 165^\circ C$
  - $T_{VII} = 165^\circ C$
Constant factors:

- Length of the rotating sleeve of the barrel – 5D
- Rotating sleeve of the barrel geometry

Fig. 1. The rotating sleeve of the barrel with 6 rectilinear grooves, with triangular cross section
Assumptions of research process

Variables:

- Rotational speed of the screw:
  \[ n_s = 1.67; 3.33; 5.00; 6.67 \text{ and } 8.33 \text{ RPS} \]

- Rotational speed of the rotating sleeve of the barrel:
  \[ n_c = 0.83; 1.66; 2.50 \text{ and } 3.33 \text{ RPS} \]

- Direction of rotation of the rotating sleeve of the barrel:
  - Co-rotating and **counter-rotating** in the relation to the screw rotation
Assumptions of research process

Variables:

- Location of the rotational sleeve of the barrel

Fig. 2. The scheme indicating the partitioning of the heating zones 0—V of the plasticizing system equipped with a rotating sleeve of the barrel positioned in zones II (a) and III (b)
Impact of the rotating sleeve activity on the selected properties of the extrusion process

Analyzed parameters:

- Temperature of the barrel wall and extrusion head
- Polymer pressure
- Mass flow rate of the polymer
- Specific total energy consumption
- MFR and tensile strength
Temperature of the barrel wall and extrusion head

Fig. 3. The temperature ($T_s$) of the barrel wall and the extruder head as a function of the length ($L$) in the plasticizing system at a screw rotational speed ($n_s$) of 8.33 RPS. The rotational speed ($n_c$) of the sleeve of the barrel positioned in zone III: 1—0.00 RPS, 2 — 0.83 RPS, 3—1.67 RPS, 4—2.50 RPS, 5—3.33 RPS; the plasticizing system heating zones are marked 0—V, while VI and VII stand for the extruder head heating zones.
Polymer pressure

**Fig. 4.** Polymer pressure \( (p) \) as a function of the length \( (L) \) of the plasticizing system at a screw rotational speed \( (n_s) \) of 8.33 RPS; the rotational speed of the barrel sleeve \( (n_c) \): 1 — 0.00 RPS, 2 — 3.33 RPS; rotational sleeve of barrel positioned in zone II — dashed line, **zone III positioning**—solid line, II—V— heating zones of the plasticizing system
Mass flow rate of the polymer

Fig. 5. Mass flow rate ($G$) of the polymer as a function of the barrel sleeve rotational speed ($n_c$) at a screw rotational speed ($n_s$) of: 1—1.67 RPS, 2—3.33 RPS, 3—5.00 RPS, 4—6.67 RPS, 5—8.33 RPS; rotational sleeve of barrel positioned in zone II — dashed lines, zone III positioning — solid line
Fig. 8. Specific total energy consumption ($E_{jc}$) of the extruder as a function of the barrel screw rotational speed positioned in zone II (dashed line) and zone III (solid line) of the plasticizing system at a screw rotational speed of: 1 — 1.67 RPS, 2 — 3.33 RPS, 3 — 5.00 RPS, 4 — 6.67 RPS, 5 — 8.33 RPS
Impact of the rotating sleeve activity on the selected extrudate properties

Fig. 9. The mass flow rate (MFR) of the extrudate processed at the lowest and highest values of the rotational speed \( n_c \) of the barrel sleeve positioned in zones II and III of the plasticizing system, and the screw rotational speed \( n_s \) of: 1 — 1.67 RPS, 2 — 8.33 RPS

Fig. 10. The values of tensile strength \( \sigma_M \) of the extrudate processed at the lowest and highest values of the rotational speed \( n_c \) of the barrel sleeve positioned in zones II and III of the plasticizing system, and the screw rotational speed \( n_s \) of: 1 — 1.67 RPS, 2 — 8.33 RPS
Summary

• Positioning of the rotating sleeve of the barrel determines the efficiency of the plasticizing system

• The rotating sleeve of the barrel improves the efficiency of the extrusion process only when located in the zone III

• Increasing of the rotational speed of the rotating sleeve results in the extrusion efficiency improvement

• Introduction of the rotational sleeve of the barrel to the plasticizing system does not affect properties of the extrudate
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