

Grinding Studies of Mango Ginger: Mathematical Modelling of Particle Size Distribution and Energy Consumption

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Abstract Mango ginger was ground in hammer mill with three different classifying screens and pin mill to study the particle size distribution and energy consumption. The Rosin-Rammler Bennet (RRB) model fitted well the particle size distribution data over the entire range of the size distribution for grinding in both hammer mill and pin mill with high coefficient of determination (R^2) and low values of residual sum square, root mean square error and Chi-square. Relationship between RRB model parameters with hammer mill screen size was obtained with high R^2 . All the three classical models such as Rittinger's, Kick's and Bond's law were found suitable to explain the energy consumption for grinding. Energy consumption increased exponentially with decrease in classifying screen size of hammer mill. The Work index for grinding increased with increase in size reduction ratios and were in the range of 0.075-0.58 kW/kg.

Keywords: mango ginger, hammer mill, pin mill, particle size distribution, specific energy consumption, work index

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1. Introduction

Curcuma amada popularly known as mango ginger is a perennial, rhizomatous herb and unique species belonging to Zingiberace family resembles Zinger but imparts raw mango flavor. *C.amada* originated in the Indo-Malayan region is widely distributed and cultivated in different parts of India. Due to its exotic flavor of raw unripe mango it is used in pickles, candies, curries, salads, etc. in Indian subcontinent [1,2]. The volatile oils of the mango ginger contain the mixture of compounds present in both raw mango and turmeric [3,4]. The spice is credited with applications in traditional Ayurveda and Unani medicine system as appetizer, antipyretic, laxative, diuretic, emollient etc. It is also having biological properties like antioxidant [5,6], antimicrobial [7], antifungal [8], anti-inflammatory [9] activity etc. Mango ginger is also an unconventional source of starch having potential functional properties [10].

Size reduction or comminution is an important unit operation that changes the particle size and shape, increases the bulk density, improves the flow properties, increases porosity and generates new surface area. However physical and flow properties of biological material are highly dependent on particle size and distribution [11,12]. The extraction of naturaceuticals

from plant material requires the pre-processing of the extraction material in order to reduce the particle size. Increased surface increases the contact points for the extraction of the bioactive compounds thereby improving the efficiency of extraction.

Several empirical models have long been used to describe the Particle size distribution (PSD) of powders. Most commonly used distribution functions are Rosin-Rammer (RR), Gaudin-Schuhmann (GS) and log-normal. Out of these various models, RR equation is reportedly found fitting the best to the experimental size data for wide range of materials [13,14,15].

Grinding is a very inefficient process and it is important to use energy as efficiently as possible. Mechanical energy is required to breakdown the materials and also to overcome the friction between the moving parts of the machine. Almost all of the energy in the grinding process is wasted as heat and only 0.06 - 1% of the input energy is utilized for the size reduction of the material [16,17]. The energy consumption of grinding material depends on the reduction ratio, moisture content, bulk density, feed rate of the material and machine variables [18]. The energy required to obtain small particle size is relatively high. Classification screen size was the most significant factor affecting the performance of the hammer mill [19]. Unfortunately, it is not easy to calculate the minimum energy required for a given reduction process, but some theories have been advanced which are useful. Models

such as Kick, Rittinger and Bond have been used by many researchers to predict the energy consumption during the grinding of agricultural material [20]. Effect of various types of milling equipment such as attrition, abrasion, pin and hammer mill on physic-chemical properties of finger millet have been studied [21]. Several studies have been found on energy for grinding of wheat [22], carrot [23], gum karaya [24], maize [25], pepper [26], coconut [27], turmeric [13] and cumin [28]. Extensive analysis of PSD of turmeric powder obtained in conventional and cryogenic grinding process has been dealt [13].

The aims of the present investigation are: **a)** mathematical modeling of the particle size distribution of mango ginger powder ground in hammer mill with different classifying screen sizes and pin mill using different mathematical models and **b)** to relate energy consumption for comminution with the particle size using various energy laws.

2. Materials and Method

2.1. Material

Fresh mango ginger rhizomes were procured from the local market, Mysore. Rhizome were washed to remove dirt and sliced using a vegetable slicer (M/s Robot coupe, USA, Model: CL 50 Gourmet). Sliced mango ginger was dried in a hot air tray drier (M/s Technico Laboratory Products, Chennai) dryer 40 °C till the moisture level reduces to 8%. The dried material is used further in grinding studies. Moisture content was estimated by toluene distillation method as per ASTA.

2.2. Grinding Experiment

Dried mango ginger was ground in impact type hammer mill (model: CMC/CM- Q/753/97, M/s Cadmach Machinery Company Pvt. Ltd, Ahmedabad, India) with three different classifying screens (AP125, QS36, QS31 having screen openings 3 mm, 1.6 mm 0.5 mm respectively) and pin mill (model: 160 UPZ, M/S Alpine, Germany) at a feed rate of 5.7 kg/hr. Energy meter (Milestone™ LD-15U, Milestone™ Electronics Pvt. Ltd., India) was used to measure the energy consumption during the process of grinding. The energy reported in our studies is the net energy for grinding after deducting the energy required for running the equipment with no loads.

2.3. Sieve Analysis

Ground mango ginger powder was separated into different particle size fractions using a set of sieves in a laboratory sieve shaker (M/s Muhlenbau, Germany). The set of standard sieves was arranged serially in a stack with smallest mesh sieve at bottom and the largest at the top. About 100g of ground mango ginger powder was loaded on the top screen and the stack was shaken for 15 minutes. The material retained on each screen was removed, weighed, and the mass fraction also determined. Three set of experiments were carried out and average values were reported.

2.4. Mathematical Function for Particle Size Distribution

Particle size distribution data of mango ginger powder obtained by grinding in hammer mill and pin mill are represented by mathematical functions. The mathematical functions used to describe the size distribution data of PSD of powders of vary types and sizes are presented as follows:

(1) Rosin-Rammler-Bennett (RRB) equation [29,30,31]

$$Y = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{x}{x_R}\right)^{n_R}} \quad (1)$$

(2) Gaudin-Schuhmann (GS) equation [31,32]

$$Y = \left(\frac{x}{x_G}\right)^{n_G} \quad (2)$$

Where Y is the cumulative mass fraction (%), x is the particle size, x_R , x_G are size parameter of RRB and GS model respectively, n_R , n_G are distribution parameter of RRB and GS model respectively.

(3) Log-normal distribution

Another function which has been in wide use for the analysis of comminution is the log-normal distribution function [33] which is as below:

$$dY = \xi \exp\left[-b \log_e^2\left(\frac{x}{x_m}\right)\right] dx \quad (3)$$

where b is the steepness constant = $1/\left(2 \ln^2 \sigma_g\right)$, σ_g is the size ratio corresponding to the 84% cumulative undersize mass fraction (x_{84}) and the 50% cumulative undersize mass fraction (x_{50}).

$$\xi = \left(\frac{b}{\pi}\right)^{0.5} \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{4b}\right)}{x_m} \quad (4)$$

x_m represents the mode of the distribution which is equal to x_{50} .

$$c = \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2b}\right) \quad (5)$$

2.5. Mathematical Function for Grinding Energy Calculation

After carrying out sieve analysis of the powder, the final particle size (L_2) was evaluated by

$$L_2 = \int_0^{1.0} D_p \Delta\phi \quad (6)$$

Where $\Delta\phi$ is the weight fraction of particles of diameter D_p , where D_p is the average of the aperture sizes of the sieves [23,34].

The size reduction is quantified by comparing the new surface area generated to the energy consumed for generating that area. Mathematically, it is expressed as

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial L} = K(L)^n \quad (7)$$

Where ∂E is the differential energy required to produce a change, ∂L , in a particle of typical size dimension, L, and K and n are constants [34,35]. For Kick, Rettinger and

Bond models, values of n were assumed as -1, -2, -3/2, respectively and the following expressions derived:

$$E = K_K \ln \left(\frac{L_1}{L_2} \right) \quad (8)$$

$$E = K_R \left(\frac{1}{L_2} - \frac{1}{L_1} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$E = 10 * W_i \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{L_{2,80}}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_{1,80}}} \right] \quad (10)$$

Where L_1 and L_2 and $L_{1,80}$ and $L_{2,80}$ are initial and final particle size of mango ginger at 100 and 80% of cumulative weight fraction.

The greatest use of these equations is in making comparisons between power requirements for various degrees of reduction [34].

2.6. Size parameters of the Distribution

From the graph of cumulative weight fraction vs particle size (Figure 1), one can obtain particle size x_i corresponding to any cumulative weight % (Y_i) where 'i' denotes percentage value. For example, x_{80} is the value of particle size in x-axis of the graph corresponding to Y value of 80% for a particular grinding setup. To analyze the distribution width, Mass relative span used as an indicator and can be calculated using Eq.

$$RS_m = \frac{(x_{90} - x_{10})}{x_{50}} \quad (11)$$

RS_m provides a dimensionless measure of particle size distribution [36]. x_{90} , x_{50} , x_{10} are the particle size at 10, 50 and 90 % of cumulative mass fraction. x_{50} and x_{10} is also known as media length and effective size respectively [37].

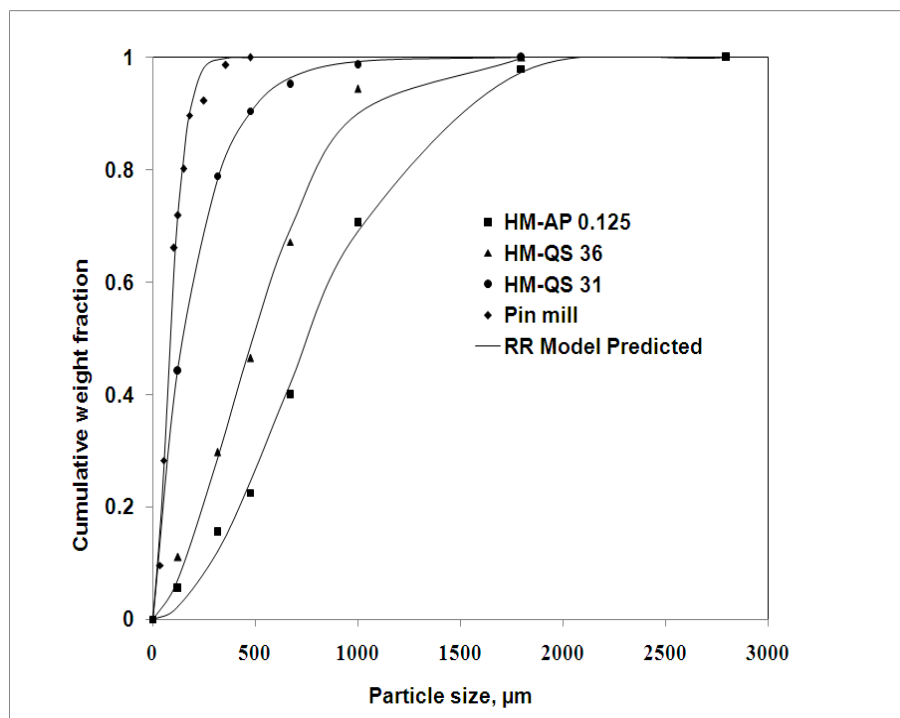


Figure 1. Particle size distribution of mango ginger powder

Skewness is another important characteristic among the PSD. It measures degree of asymmetry of normal distribution curve and its sign denotes whether a curve has an asymmetrical tail to its left of right when distribution is plotted versus particle size. Inclusive graphic skewness of particle distribution which includes 90% of the curve (Folk, 1974) was calculated from the Eq.

$$IGS = \frac{(x_{16} + x_{84} - 2x_{50})}{2(x_{84} - x_{16})} + \frac{(x_5 + x_{95} - 2x_{50})}{2(x_{95} - x_5)} \quad (12)$$

Where IGS is Inclusive graphic skewness and x_5 , x_{16} , x_{84} and x_{95} are particle sizes in μm corresponding to 5, 16, 84 and 95 % of cumulative mass fraction. The interval between x_5 and x_{95} points on normal probability curve should be exactly 2.44 times the interval between x_{25} and x_{75} points. It represents the departure from the above ratio or normality. Kurtosis measures the sorting in central portion. The kurtosis of PSD which includes 90% of the curve is presented in Eq.

$$K_g = \frac{(x_{95} - x_5)}{2.44(x_{75} - x_{25})} \quad (13)$$

Where K_g is the graphic kurtosis, x_{25} and x_{75} are the particle sizes corresponding to 25 and 75% cumulative undersize mass fraction respectively [38].

Canadian Fertilizer Institute [39] procedure was used generally to determine uniformity index and size guide number. Due to some limitations modified relations were used in this study as described by [40].

$$IU = 100e^{-\frac{5.80423}{n_R}} \quad (14)$$

Where IU is the uniformity index (%) and n_R is the rosin rammer distribution parameter.

$$SGN = 100x_p = 100x_{50} \quad (15)$$

Where SGN is the size guide number (dimensionless), x_p is the particle size in μm and x_{50} is the median length μm . Substituting $F(x) = 50$ and $x_p = x_{50}$ in Eq.15, the median length was derived by

$$x_{50} = x_R e^{\frac{0.566515}{n_R}} \quad (16)$$

Where x_R and n_R are Rosin-Rammler size parameter and distribution parameter respectively.

Then Eq. 15 becomes

$$SNG = 100 x_R e^{\frac{0.566515}{n_R}} = 100 x_R (0.693147)^{\frac{1}{n_R}} \quad (17)$$

The coefficient of uniformity and the coefficient of graduation of the particle size distribution were evaluated as follows [37].

$$C_u = \frac{x_{60}}{x_{10}} \quad (18)$$

$$C_g = \frac{x_{30}^2}{(x_{10} * x_{60})} \quad (19)$$

Where C_u and C_g are the coefficient of uniformity and coefficient of gradation, they are dimensionless numbers. x_{10} is the effective size, μm and x_{30} and x_{60} are the particle sizes in μm corresponding to the 30 and 60% cumulative undersize masses respectively.

Distribution of standard geometric deviation of high region (GSD_1 - between x_{16} and x_{50}) and the Distribution of standard geometric deviation of low region (GSD_2 - between x_{84} and x_{16}) and the Distribution of standard geometric deviation of the total region (GSD_{12} -between x_{84} and x_{16}) was determined as follows [41].

$$GSD_1 = \frac{x_{84}}{x_{50}} \quad (20)$$

$$GSD_2 = \frac{x_{50}}{x_{16}} \quad (21)$$

$$GSD_{12} = \sqrt{\frac{x_{84}}{x_{16}}} \quad (22)$$

Where x_{16} , x_{50} and x_{84} are the particle size in μm corresponding to 16, 50 and 84% cumulative undersize mass fraction respectively.

x_R , x_{50} , x_{10} , SGN are called size related parameters whereas n_R , RSS_m , IU , C_u , C_g and GSD are called distribution related parameters.

2.7. Statistical Analysis

Nonlinear Least square method using the SOLVER tool based on the Generalized Reduced Gradient (GRG) method of iteration available in Microsoft Excel (Microsoft Office 2010, USA) was used to fit the experimental data to selected models. For evaluating the goodness of fit, four statistical parameters such as residual sum square (RSS), root mean square error (RMSE), chi square (CS) were used in addition to coefficient of determination (R^2) as primary criterion. The values of R^2 were one of the primary criterions for selecting the best model and can be used to test linear relationship between experimental and model predicted values.

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pre},i})^2 \quad (23)$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pre},i})^2}{N}} \quad (24)$$

$$CS = \frac{1}{N-p} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pre},i})^2 \quad (25)$$

$$RPD = \frac{100}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{|Y_{\text{exp},i} - Y_{\text{pre},i}|}{Y_{\text{exp},i}} \quad (26)$$

Where N is the total number of observations, p is number of factors in the mathematical model, $Y_{\text{exp},i}$ and $Y_{\text{pre},i}$ are the experimental and predicted cumulative mass fraction at any observation i .

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Effect of Grinding Conditions on Particle Size Distribution (PSD)

The values of weights of the different particle size obtained in the sieving operations are converted to the mass fraction and cumulative mass fractions were obtained for each experimental runs. The values of cumulative weight fraction were regressed against the sieve size to selected mathematical models (Section 2.4) to describe the particle size distribution. The statistical values and model parameters were presented in Table 1 and Table 2. RRB equation was selected model which fit best to the experimental data with higher R^2 and lower value of RSS, chi-square and RMSE (Figure 1). The distribution parameter (n_R) values decreased with decrease in hammer mill screen size indicating decreasing of uniformity of particle size distribution as screen size decreased in hammer mill. In pin mill also uniformity index is having higher values. The size parameter values of RRB equation also decreased with decrease in screen size.

Table 1. The estimated values of model parameters and statistical values of RRB and GS functions at different grinding conditions

	Statistical parameters								Model Parameters			
	RR				GGS				RRB		GS	
	R^2	RSS	RMSE	CS	R^2	RSS	RMSE	CS	x_R	n_R	x_G	n_G
Hammer mill												
AP 0.125	0.998	0.0033	0.0206	0.00057	0.963	0.11011	0.1173	0.0183	919.98	1.919	2800.00	0.619
QS 36	0.997	0.0047	0.0262	0.00096	0.965	0.07881	0.1061	0.0157	605.37	1.663	1799.99	0.547
QS 31	0.999	0.0002	0.0057	4.7E-05	0.963	0.06211	0.0941	0.0124	208.85	1.027	1600.01	0.173
Pin Mill	0.9963	0.0101	0.0318	0.00127	0.927	0.21889	0.1479	0.0273	107.92	1.648	474.999	0.359

R^2 - Coefficient of Determination, **RSS**-Residual sum square, **RMSE**-Root Mean Square Error, **CS**- Chi Square, x_R and x_G are size parameters, n_R and n_G are distribution parameter.

Table 2. Numerical values of log-normal distribution parameters and statistical values

	Hammer mill			Pin mill	
	AP0.125	QS36	QS31		
Log Normal Distribution parameters	Mean	6.5131	6.2757	6.2757	4.9804
	Std. Dev	1.0558	0.9297	0.9297	0.8335
	84% size(μm)	1300.0	800.00	350.00	160.00
	50% (μm)	750.00	500.00	150.00	80.000
	σ	1.7333	1.6.00	2.3333	2.0000
	b	1.6526	2.2634	0.6964	1.0406
	c	0.7389	0.8017	0.4877	0.6185
	$X_m(\text{mode})$	554.19	400.89	73.165	49.4802
	ξ	0.0011	0.0018	0.0045	0.00914
Statistical Parameters	R	0.9778	0.9923	0.8672	0.9542
	RSS	0.0728	0.0544	0.7931	0.4408
	RMSE	0.0091	0.0077	0.1133	0.0440

The correlation as developed between the hammer mill screen size and RRB mathematical function parameters. The screen size related distribution parameter using logarithmic equation ($n_R = 0.5085 \ln H_{ss} - 2.1268$) which gave the best fit for the experimental data with R^2 of 0.9946. Another correlation has developed between hammer mill sieve size and size parameter and correlated with power law ($X_R = 1.0979 H_{ss}^{0.99373}$) which gave best fit with the experimental data with R^2 of 0.993. Where y_{ss} is the hammer mill screen size, n_R and x_R is RRB models distribution parameter and sieve parameter respectively. Average particle size the ground sample decreased with decrease in hammer sieve size and also in pin mill average particle size decreased. The power law ($Y_{avg} = 2.2182 H_{ss}^{0.7419}$) describes the relation between average particle size and the hammer mill sieve size with correlation of determination of 0.999. Where Y_{avg} is average particle size and H_{ss} is hammer mill sieve size.

3.2. Effect of Grinding Conditions on Energy Consumption

Energy consumed during different grinding conditions was calculated using Eq.27 and expressed in kJ/kg.

$$\text{Energy Consumption}(E) = \frac{\text{Input electrical energy(kj)}}{\text{Weight of sample(kg)}} \quad (27)$$

Energy consumption is directly proportional to hammer mill sieve size. As the sieve size of hammer mill decreased, the grinding energy consumption increased rapidly. Power consumption in pin mill is much higher compared to hammer mill. There is a strong relationship between hammer mill sieve size and energy consumption.

An exponential model ($E = 91.504e^{-0.0002776 H_{ss}}$) fits best to the experimental data with R^2 value of 0.999. Where E is the energy consumed during grinding process in kJ/kg and H_{ss} is hammer mill screen size in μm .

Reduction ratio is a dimensionless number indicates the ratio between initial particle sizes to final particle size. It explains the degree of reduction of particle size in feed and ground material. It was calculated as follows

$$\text{Reduction Ratio}(R_R) = \frac{\text{Initial particle size in } \mu\text{m}}{\text{Final particle size in } \mu\text{m}} \quad (28)$$

Reduction ratio is inversely proportional to the hammer mill sieve size. Due to decrease in sieve size, the reduction increased rapidly. This shows the extent of grinding and by using lower sieve size in hammer mill finest particle can obtain. In the reduction ratio is very high compared to hammer mill because average particle size is very less. Another correlation has developed between hammer mill sieve size and size parameter and correlated with power law ($RR = 1578 y_{ss}^{0.741}$) which gave best fit with the experimental data with R^2 of 0.999. The energy consumption logarithmically ($E = 29.717 \ln R_R - 0.6438; 0.9827$) increases with increase in reduction ratio. Where E is the energy consumption in kJ/kg and R_R is reduction ratio.

Specific energy consumption is the ratio energy consumed during to reduction ratio obtained at that grinding condition. It was calculated using following expression

$$\text{Specific Energy consumption} = \frac{\text{Energy consumed in kJ/kg}}{\text{Reduction ratio}} \quad (29)$$

Specific energy consumption was decreased with decrease in hammer mill sieve size. In pin mill it is slighter higher than the smaller sieve size of the hammer mill. Specific energy values are presented in Table 3.

Other three classical models viz, Rittinger's, Kick's and Bonds law selected to relate the energy consumption to particle size also gave reasonably good results. All the numerical values for Rittinger constant, kicks constant and Bonds work index was presented in Table 3. Work index increased with increase in hammer mill sieve size and it is very high for the pin mill. In general more energy is required to grinding smaller particles. The work index also increases logarithmically ($W_i = 0.088 \ln R_R - 0.046; R^2 = 0.999$) with increase in hammer mill sieve size. The work index values of present work were compared with the previous literature available for grinding studies of different food materials (Table 3).

Table 3. Constant values of various energy laws with reduction ratio, specific energy consumption and work index

Grinding Equipment	Rittinger's Constant (K_R), kJ/kg	Kick's Constant (K_K), kJ/kg	Bonds Work Index (W_i), kW/kg	Specific Energy (SE)	Average Particle size (μm)	Reduction Ratio
HM AP0.125	43770	27.88	0.079	9.53	834	4.2
HM QS36	36867	30.97	0.12	8.92	538	6.5
HM QS31	19178	29.12	0.20	5.12	225	15.6
Pin Mill	19311	51.20	0.58	5.36	104	33.6

3.3. Data analysis of Particle Size Distribution

The entire sieve related and distribution related parameters were calculated using the equations presented in section 2.6. The median length, effective size, RRB sieve parameter and Size guide number are size related parameters. The median length increases with increase in hammer mill sieve size due to fine skewness of the distribution. Same trend was followed by effective size. The size guide number also directly proportional to the hammer mill sieve size and values increased with increase in hammer mill sieve size. The median length, effective size and size guide number values of in mill are less compared to hammer mill due to the less particle size of the ground range. There was a strong correlation between hammer mill sieve size and size parameters and successfully predicted by the logarithmic equation with high coefficient of determination values. The numerical values with R^2 are presented in Table

n_R of RRB equation, relative mass span, uniformity index, coefficient of uniformity, coefficient of gradation

and geometric standard deviation are distribution related parameters. The graphic skewness and kurtosis decreased with increase in sieve size of the hammer mill. The uniformity index increased with increase in the hammer mill sieve size due to decrease in relative mass span and skewness as screen size increased. Coefficient of uniformity and coefficient of gradation also decrease with increase in hammer mill sieve size. Coefficient of uniformity is more than 4 indicate a wide range of distribution and well graded particle size distribution. Coefficient of gradation range between 1 to 3 shows well graded particles. But the values are little out of range. The Distribution geometric standard deviation of high range and low range also decreased with increase in the hammer mill sieve size. The Distribution geometric standard deviation for total region also followed the same trend. The correlation was developed between Hammer mill sieve size and the distribution parameter. Logarithmic equation explains the relation best with the higher value of R^2 . The regression coefficients along with the parameter values are presented in Table 4.

Table 4. Size and distribution parameters of PSD of hammer mill process

		Hammer Mill			Pin	Correlation with hammer mill sieve size		
		QS31	QS 36	AP 0.125		a	b	R^2
Size Related	Median length	150	510	760	82.00	339.86	-1975.3	0.996
	Effective size	25.0	120	220	38.00	106.5	-645.67	0.967
	RRB Sieve parameter	209	605.37	919.98	107.92	106.45	-525.18	0.994
	SGN	141	252.27	332.21	45.366			
Distribution related	RRB Distribution parameter	1.02	1.67	1.92	1.64			
	Skewness	0.60	0.062	0.22	0.538	-0.252	2.10	0.651
	Kurtosis	1.20	0.837	0.93	1.316	-0.173	2.23	0.681
	Uniformity index	0.03	0.102	0.14	0.099	0.0641	-0.37	0.998
	Coefficient of uniformity	8.00	5	3.86	2.526	-2.364	22.65	0.992
	Coefficient of gradation	4.50	3.612	3.09	1.843	-0.792	9.44	0.999
	GSD1	2.46	1.607	1.72	1.951	-0.459	5.23	0.785
	GSD2	3.75	3	2.37	1.863	-0.76	8.51	0.986
	GSD	3.04	2.196	2.02	1.906	-0.593	6.69	0.961
	Relative span	3.00	1.509	1.64	1.719	-0.829	8.02	0.819

4. Conclusion

Particle size is the important single physical characteristics of solid which is necessary to determine the correct particle size distribution, prior to utilization in extraction. The Rosin Rammer Bennet equation produces reasonably good fit of Particle size distribution over entire range of cumulative weight fraction with high values of coefficient of determination. On the other hand Gudin Schuman equation and Log normal distribution does not properly fit the experimental data. Energy consumption increased with the hammer mill decrease in hammer mill sieve size. Reduction ratio is very high at lower hammer mill sieve size.

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