

# Thermo-Catalytic Reforming of sewage sludge and hydrogenation of resulting TCR®-oil – A route to renewable chemicals and fuels



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## Analysis of the products – TCR®-oil



High quality,  
engine-ready

LHV:  
≈34 MJ/kg

C	76.6 wt. %
H	9.0 wt. %
N	7.3 wt. %
S	1.6 wt. %
O (diff.)	3.5 wt. %
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2.0 wt. %
TAN	0.6 mg KOH/g
Ash	< 0.005 wt. %

- Thermal stable
- Low in O;S;N
- Low water content
- High heating value



Excellent  
Precursor for  
Hydrogenation

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## Analysis of the products – TCR®-gas



Engine-ready gas

HHV:  
≈14-18 MJ/m<sup>3</sup>

H <sub>2</sub>	38 ± 3 v/v%
CO	8 ± 2 v/v%
CO <sub>2</sub>	30 ± 3 v/v%
CH <sub>4</sub>	14 ± 2 v/v%
C <sub>x</sub> H <sub>y</sub>	3 ± 1 v/v%

- Required hydrogen for the hydrogenation can be used from TCR®-gas
- No further hydrogen source is needed

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## Product application – TCR®-oil and hydrogenated TCR®-oil

### TCR®-oil

CHP Engine

Dual Fuel Engine (with Syngas)

Fuel Blends



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## Upgrading of TCR®-oil - Catalytic hydrogenation

- Removal of N, O, S, Water

- C & H content increase

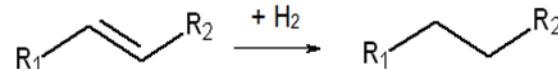
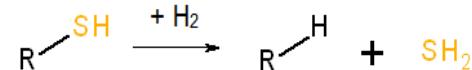
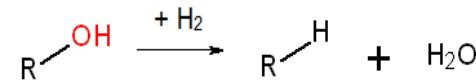
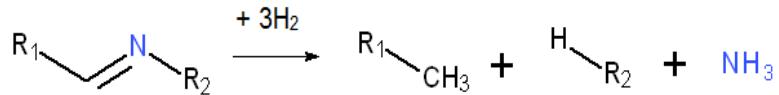
- Saturation of double bounds

- NiMo or CoMo on Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

- T = 240 - 400°C

- p = 40 - 150 bar

- Hydrogen consumption: 34.4 mmol H<sub>2</sub>/g<sub>oil</sub>



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### hydrogenated TCR®-oil

Green Diesel

Green crude Naphtha

Green Chemicals

ASG Analyse-Service Gesellschaft				
Ihr Zettel				Neumann
Ihr Antrag				e-Mail
Ihr Antrag wird				24.11.2015
Eingang am				Wien
Beginn der Prüfperiode				10.11.2015
Ende der Prüfperiode				08.11.2015
Ergebnis vom				Seite
Prüfbericht				1 von 2
Prüfbericht : 2307169-1				
Prüfmaschine : KL 400 HBD-H				
Prüfungstermin : 24.11.2015				
Besitzende : Glasturbo 250 ml				
Besitz-Nr. : 20001101				
Prüfparameter				
Calorific Value (MJ/kg)	Prüfmethodik	Prüfergebnis	Grenzwerte DIN EN ISO 2014 für min	Einheit
DIN 51 910-1	DIN 51 910	51,4	41,0	kJ/kg
Heizwertmethode KW	DIN 51 910	51,4	41,0	kJ/kg
Diametrische KW	DIN 51 910	5,4	—	kJ/m³
Dynamische KW	DIN 51 910	5,4	—	kJ/m³
Flüssigkraftstoffe KW	DIN 51 910	3,0	—	kJ/m³
Schwerölgehalt	DIN ISO 20881	2,0	—	mg/kg
Paraffinanteil	DIN ISO 20771	1,1	—	mg/kg
Kohlenwasserstoff	DIN ISO 20771	48,10	—	% (bezogen auf 100 mg/kg)
Wasser (Durchmesser bei 40 °C)	DIN ISO 21716-1	4,10	—	mg/kg
z	DIN ISO 21716-1	—	4,00	mg/kg
Kin. Viskosität (40 °C)	DIN ISO 2059	2,75	2,00	mm²/s
Reibungszahl	DIN 51 910	—	—	—
Wasserzufüllzeit	DIN 51 910	13,5	—	s
Wasserzufüllzeit (z)	DIN 51 910	—	—	s
Sauerstoffgehalt	DIN 51 912 metod	4,52	—	% (bezogen auf 100 mg/kg)
Spurenstoffe	DIN 51 900-1 metod	249,99	—	mg/kg
Hochwert (Hug)	DIN 51 900-2 metod	14	—	—
(Z)	DIN 51 900-2 metod	427,99	—	—
Dioxinsubstanzen	DIN EN 110	—	—	—
Volumen bei 25 °C	DIN 51 910	2,13	—	—
Kin. Viskosität	DIN EN ISO 3487	47,4	43	mm²/s
95 % Punkt	DIN EN ISO 3487	307,1	360	mm²/s
Temperatur	DIN EN ISO 3487	293,5	—	—

\*genau nominale Anforderungen

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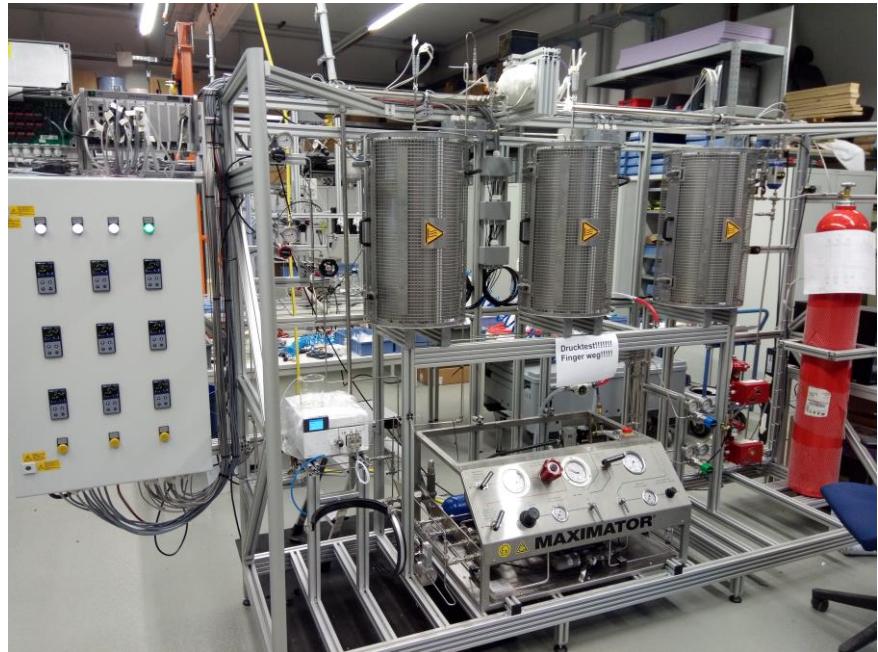
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## Hydrogenation plant – Batch and continuous plant



Batch-Reactor

- 500 ml reactor volume
- 30 ml sample volume



Continuous Reactor system

- 3 reactors with volume of 2.5 liter per reactor
- 3 kg/h feedstock input
- Gas recycling, GC online analysis

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## Analysis of TCR®-oil and hydrogenated TCR®-oil made of sewage sludge

TCR®-OIL		HYDROGENATION	HYDROGENATED TCR®-OIL				
	TCR®-Oil			TCR®-HDO-Oil			
C H N S O (diff.) $H_2O$ Ash	76.6 wt% 9.0 wt% 7.3 wt% 1.6 wt% 3.5 wt% 2.0 wt% < 0.005 wt%	LHV TAN Viscosity Density	34.8 MJ/kg 4.2 mg KOH/g 9,1 mm <sup>2</sup> /s 960 kg/m <sup>3</sup>	C H N S O (diff.) $H_2O$ Ash	86.2 wt% 13.8 wt% < 0.1 wt% 0.0015 wt% < 0.1 wt% 0.0016 wt% < 0.005 wt%	LHV TAN Copper corr. Flash point Yield	42.8 MJ/kg < 0.1 mg KOH/g Grade 1 < - 20 °C ~ 80 %

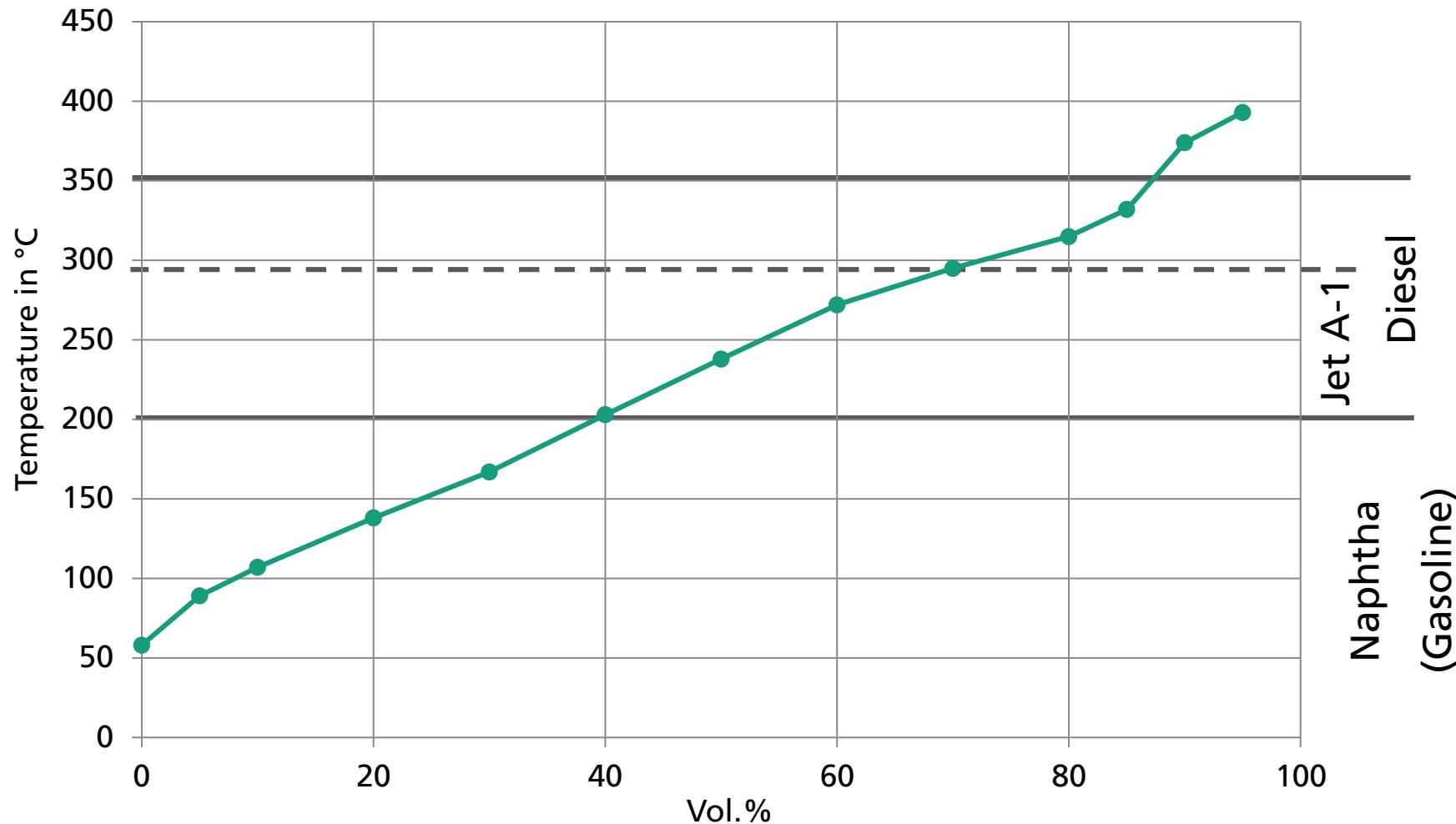
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## GC-analysis off-gas of the hydrogenation step

Species	Amount	Units [vol.-% /ppm]
H <sub>2</sub>	96.01	vol.-%
NH <sub>3</sub>	2.1	vol.-%
H <sub>2</sub> S	1.0	vol.-%
CO	0.01	vol.-%
CO <sub>2</sub>	0.01	vol.-%
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	1.76	vol.-%

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## Distillation of hydrogenated TCR®-oil sewage sludge



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## Comparison of the diesel fraction with EN 590

Test parameters	Test result	DIN EN 590 :2014	Unit
Cetane number (ICZ)	49,9 *	≥ 51	--
Cetane index (including density and distillation)	48,5	≥ 46	--
Density at 15 °C	824	820 - 845	kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	1,7	≤ 8,0	% (m/m)
Sulphur content	19,1 *	≤ 10,0	mg/kg
Flash point Pensky-Martens	69	> 55	°C
Coke residue (from 10% dest. residue)	< 0,10	≤ 0,30	% (m/m)
Ash content (775 °C)	< 0,001	≤ 0,01	% (m/m)
water content	101	≤ 200	mg/kg
Total Pollution	< 12	≤ 24	mg/kg
Corrosion effect on copper (3 h, 50 °C)	1	1	Korr.Grad
Fatty acid methyl ester content	< 0,1	≤ 7,0	% (V/V)
Oxidation stability (DIN EN ISO 12156-1 :2016)	5	≤ 25	g/m <sup>3</sup>
Oxidation stability (DIN EN 15751 :2014)	> 48	≥ 20	h
HFRR (lubricity) at 60 °C	320	≤ 460	μm
Kinematic viscosity at 40 °C	1,861 *	2,00 - 4,50	mm <sup>2</sup> /s
% (V/V) collected at 250 °C	66,7 *	≤ 65	% (V/V)
% (V/V) collected at 350 °C	> 98	≥ 85	% (V/V)
95 % (V/V) collected from	295,9	≤ 360	°C
CFPP / melting point (16.11-28.02)	-28	-20	°C
CFPP / melting point (01.10-15.11)	-28	-10	°C
CFPP / melting point (15.04-30.09)	-28	0	°C
Manganese content	< 0,5	≤ 2	mg/l
* Achievable by an adjustment of the hydrogenation			

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## Comparison of the crude gasoline fraction with EN 228

Test parameters	Test result	DIN EN 228 :2014	Unit
ROZ	61 *	≥ 95	--
MOZ	< 60 *	≥ 85	--
Lead content	--	≤ 5,0	mg/kg
Density [15 °C]	772,9	720,0 - 775,0	kg/m³
sulfur content	5,5	≤ 10,0	mg/kg
Manganese	< 0,5	≤ 2,0	mg/l
Oxidation stability	> 360	≥ 360	min
Evaporation residue	< 0,5	≤ 5,0	mg/100 ml
Corrosion effect on copper	1	Klasse 1	Korr.Grad
Olefin content	0,54	≤ 18,0	% (V/V)
aromatics content	21,66	≤ 35,0	% (V/V)
benzene content	0,52	≤ 1,0	% (V/V)
Total oxygen OK	< 0,01	≤ 2,7	% (m/m)
methanol	< 0,01	≤ 3,0	% (V/V)
ethanol	< 0,01	≤ 5,0	% (V/V)
Isopropanol	< 0,01		% (V/V)
isobutanol	< 0,01	up to max. 2.7% (m/m) Total oxygen content	% (V/V)
tert-butanol	< 0,01		% (V/V)
ether (≥ 5 C-Atoms)	< 0,01		% (V/V)
Other oxygenated compounds	< 0,01		% (V/V)
Vapour pressure DVPE	9,3	45/60 - 60/90	kPa
Start of distillation	94,3 --		°C
Evaporated quantity at 70 °C	0 **	20/22 - 48/50	% (V/V)
Evaporated quantity at 100 °C	0,8 **	46/46 - 71/71	% (V/V)
Evaporated quantity at 150 °C	84,7	≥ 75/75	% (V/V)
Boiling end point	190,5	≤ 210,0	°C
Distillation residue	1	≤ 2,0	% (V/V)

\* Achievable by further Catalytic reforming during the raffinery process

\*\* Lack of light boilers due to laboratory distillation without cryocooler

# Conclusion

- Crude TCR®-oil highlights
  - Thermally stable (atmospheric distillation)
  - Directly suitable for hydrogenation
  - Required hydrogen can be used from TCR®-gas
  
- Hydrogenation highlights
  - Renewable chemicals extractable
  - Renewable crude gasoline and diesel (EN 590)
  - TCR® / Hydrogenation demonstration EU-project: To-Syn-Fuel



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## Thank you for your Attention

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