Separation efficiency of salts in black liquor under hydrothermal condition

Na₂S and NaHS were determined as type 1 salts for the first time, and can be efficiently recovered from a salt separator. By adding potassium to shift the phase diagram of sodium salts mixture in black liquor, high salt separation efficiency was achieved.

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Development of an IR-based and online sensor for AD process monitoring

We aimed at developing an affordable online and IR-based sensor that helps AD monitoring by measuring volatile fatty acids and other parameters.

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Optimization of steam-explosion pretreatment conditions to enhance biogas yields in anaerobic digestion of cow manure

Steam-pretreatment enhances biogas yield, but care must be taken not to destroy and with that lose organic biomass during pretreatment.

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BIOGRIND: combined pre-treatment of fibrous biomass using mechanical grinding and thermal hydrolysis with organic-acids-rich effluents

We aim at increasing biogas production from fibrous biomass with an easy and relative economic technology using thermal energy surplus and by-products from anaerobic digestion and food industry.

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Performance and stability of commercial Ru/C catalysts for the supercritical water gasification of wet biomass to SNG

Ru/C catalysts are known to be stable & efficient methanation (and gasification) catalysts in SCW. However, catalyst deactivation occurs during accelerated ageing. Here we investigate the possible reasons leading to this activity loss.

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HYDROFIB: Mikroaerobe Hydrolyse fasergenreich Biomasse zur Steigerung der Biogasproduktion

Pilotierungskampagnen zur Erhöhung des Biomethanertrags ausgesuchter Substrate mit grossem nachhaltigen Nutzungspotenzial in der Schweiz: Ein Ansatz zur Steigerung der erneuerbaren Energieproduktion.

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HYKOM: Kombination von Hygienisierung und anaerober Hydrolyse vor der Vergärung

Wissenschaftlich begleitete Demonstration einer zweistufigen Vergärungsanlage zur Stabilisierung und Effizienzsteigerung des Biogasanlagenbetriebs der WIGAKO in Süderen.

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NETZ: Nährstoff- und Energietechnik-Zentrum

Auf der Suche nach einer sinnvollen Kombination von Systemkomponenten und Verfahrensketten zur flächendeckenden Erschließung des ungenutzten, nachhaltigen Energiepotenzials in Hofdüngern und Substraten landwirtschaftlicher Herkunft.

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RMP: Residual Methane Potential of Swiss Digestate

Finding key approaches to lower greenhouse gas emissions and higher profitability of biogas plants in Switzerland.

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Biogas cleaning to enable the use of fuel cells as small-scale electricity and heat generators

Biogas cleaning solutions and monitoring instruments are tested in real biogas in the field to enable future use of small-scale fuel cells on biogas

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Using Global X-Ray Tomography Data to Evaluate Local Optical Probe Measurements in a Fluidized Bed Methanation Reactor

How to improve optical measurements in fluidized bed methanation reactors by applying findings from X-Ray tomography measurements.

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Application of Biogas Upgrading Membranes for Hydrogen Recycle in Power-to-Methane Processes

A systematic study of operation parameters (pressure, temperature, flow rates, gas composition) showed that a commercial biogas upgrading membrane may serve as hydrogen recycling unit in a methanation pilot plant.

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Biogas upgrading via aqueous carbonation using wood ash & algae for liquid regeneration with added-value through improved fertilizer production

Bottom ashes can be used as an alkali agent for improving water scrubbers performances (for biogas upgrade), and can be added to digesters to balance nutrient and pH, to reduce CO₂ levels (through carbonation), while being stabilised and valorised into fertilizer.

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Methanogenesis - A microbial alternative to catalytic methanation

Microbiological methanogenesis is a promising alternative to catalytic methanation. While its potential was discovered in the 1970s, the hydrogen required for the reaction remains a limiting factor in biological systems. Novel bioreactor designs and in-depth kinetic studies can overcome these limitations.

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How to Design and Operate a Renewable and Grid-Neutral Hydrogen Production for the Mobility Sector

It is possible to supply twenty delivery vehicles with hydrogen from a grid-neutral plant using a combination of around 3 MW PV and electrolysis for hydrogen production and a suited system for seasonal storage. The latter can be comprised by around 300 kW methanation of surplus hydrogen in summer, storage of methane in the gas grid and methane steam-reforming in winter.

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Siloxane compounds in biogas from agricultural mixed organic waste: GC-ICP-MS/FID speciation analysis

Innovative analytics to reach the new specifications required for siloxane determination (application: biogas)

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Direct Integration of an Electrostatic Particle Separator into a Wood Boiler

The direct integration of an electrostatic particle separator into a wood boiler is a difficult task in which combustion and electrostatics come together to form a new multiphysical challenge.

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Development of a new low-cost low-emission micro-scale pellet stove with advanced process control

Transient modelling of wood stove based on experimental measurements of single pellet combustion provides the basis for advanced process control and low emissions.

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Wood pellet based electricity and heat micro-cogeneration

The distributed co-generation of renewable energy through small size plants for single-family homes enables an efficient use of the limited resource wood.

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The application of the Improved Hard Process for Phosphorus recovery from waste bio-feedstocks

The Improved Hard Process can be used to recover Phosphorus for high value application from a variety of waste bio-feedstocks.

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Techno-economic assessment of Phosphorus recovery from waste bio feedstocks using the Improved Hard Process

The preliminary TEA shows substantial gaps between industry and academia for economic evaluation of the IHP.

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Thermo-environomic evaluation of integrated consolidated bioprocessing and catalytic upgrading of lignocellulosic biomass to produce bio-jet fuel blend

The proposed bio-jet fuel blend prices are higher than the current fossil kerosene market price (1.77 CHF/liter), but in the same order of magnitude as other new bio-based fuels, therefore tax exemptions should applied to achieve competitive prices.

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WP4 Biomass to Liquid Fuels
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Model-based scale-up of a continuously operated consolidated bioprocess based on a microbial consortium for the production of ethanol

EtOH production by consortium-based consolidated bioprocessing (CBP) offers significant cost savings compared to conventional EtOH production from lignocellulosic biomass. Thus, CBP allows to gain profits at smaller scales making it an promising option for the valorization of Swiss lignocellulose, which is available in excess. However, a deep understanding on a chemical engineering level is necessary to perform the scale-up from 3l reactor volume to 19l and 150l reactor volume (lab scale) and moreover to demonstration, pilot and industrial scale.

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Insight into the Chemical Complexity of Bio-fuels

The implementation of descriptive and differential statistics approach together with non-target data screening and mining techniques are proposed to close the knowledge gap in the assessment of complex data sets produced by high-resolution mass spectrometry in the field of renewable energy science.

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Investigating the impact of substrate morphology on the enzymatic hydrolysis of lignocellulosic biomass

Tailoring enzyme usage and substrate loading to cellulose accessibility is key for a viable usage of lignocellulosic biomass.

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CO₂ recycling from biomass combustion to form syngas through the Reverse Water Gas Shift reaction

We have presented a catalyst for recycling biomass-derived CO₂ to form value-added chemicals.

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Oxymethylene dimethyl ethers as a sustainable alternative to Diesel: advances on heterogeneous catalysis for large-scale production

Oxymethylene dimethyl ethers (OME) are appealing, synthetic biofuels that can be used in Diesel engines with a clean combustion. Current research efforts focus on the development of active catalysts, comprehension of the reaction mechanisms and simplification the production route.

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Production of Vanillin from lignocellulosic Biomass

We develop a new route to produce vanillin from the lignin of biomass with high yield and selectivity.

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Bioenergy hotspots combined with socio-economic analysis: an important step to support the future energy transition

The results help to find hotspots where future bioenergy projects are best located from a resource and socio-economic view and allow bioenergy promotion strategies tailored to local circumstances.

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Energy and carbon flows modeling for the Swiss energy transition

The role of carbon is crucial for the defossilization of Switzerland, as it can be used both as a base for power storage but also as a resource for synthetic biofuels and biomaterials.

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Optimal design of biomass supply chains

The plant size is a crucial parameter as cost minimization favors the use of high capacity plants especially in geographic zones of high biomass availability.

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Next generation cogeneration system for industry – Combined heat and fuel plant using biomass resources

Seasonal storage of renewable surplus electricity is possible via the proposed cogeneration system producing biofuels and heat and it may have negative industrial heat price and avoids fossil carbon emissions.

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Techno-economic analysis of biogas plants producing electricity from cow manure only

Conventional biogas plants using only cow manure as substrate will need manure from more than 500 LSU to produce economically electricity at 20 Rp/kWh.

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How can forest wood contribute to the energy transition in Switzerland: A regional analysis

Potentials are not stable but dependent on forest management, wood market situation, wood energy prices. The consideration of regional aspects enables an increase in the energetic use of wood fuel from forests. A doubling of today’s use can be reached applying best practices in each region.

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SCCER Joint Activity: White Paper Power to X in Switzerland

The P2X production site, legal clarity and equal treatment of P2X and other storage technologies are decisive for the economic efficiency and necessary for successful promotion in Switzerland.

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