

# EQUILIBRIUM CALCULATIONS FOR SULPHAT REACTIONS IN BIOMASS COMBUSTION



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# 1. Motivation.



Pollution and chlorine corrosion are the main cause of the operation time limitation.

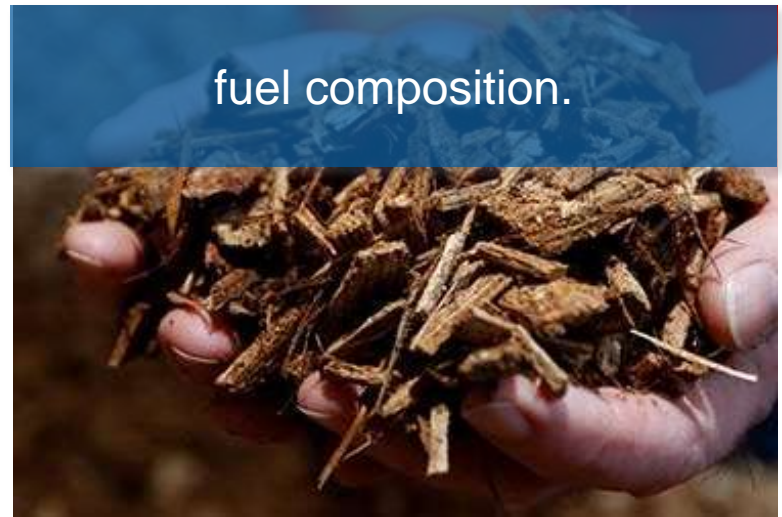
## 2. State of the art.

influence of corrosion.

combustion conditions.



fuel composition.



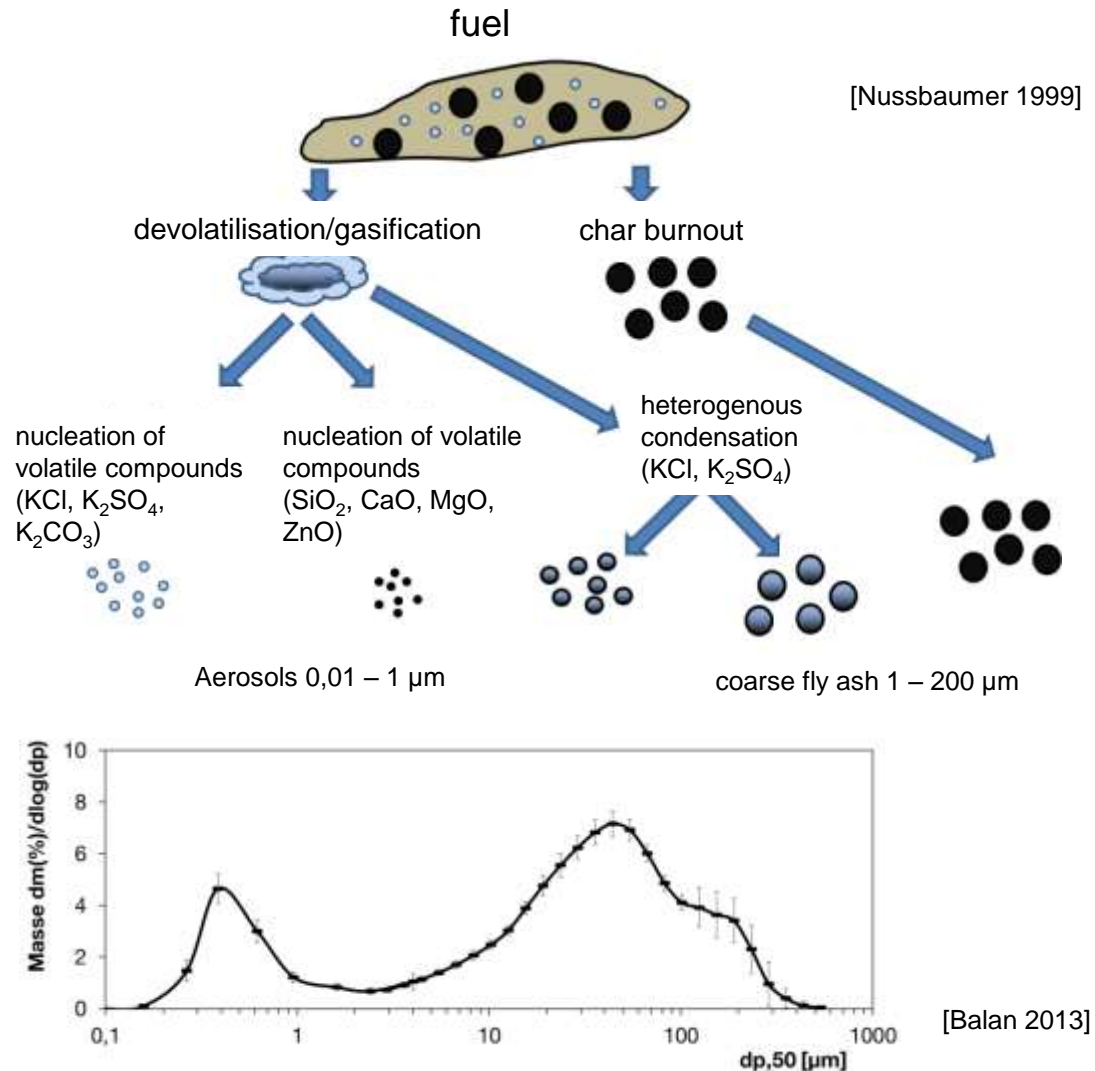
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## 2. State of the art.

First step.

combustion.

aerosol and  
particle formation.



## 2. State of the art.

Second step.

deposition.

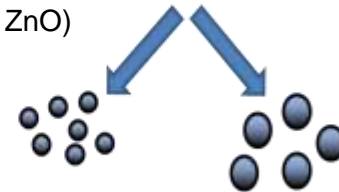
nucleation of volatile  
compounds  
(KCl, K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>)



nucleation of volatile  
compounds  
(SiO<sub>2</sub>, CaO, MgO, ZnO)



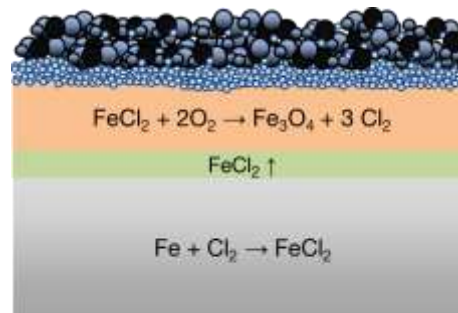
heterogenous condensation  
(KCl, K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)



Aerosols 0,01 – 1 μm m

coarse fly ash 1 – 200 μm

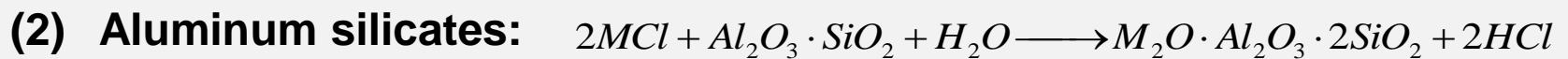
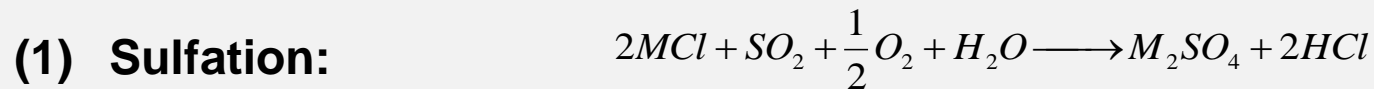
corrosion.



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## 2. State of the art.

### Reduction options - Reaction with alkali metals M



**CAUTION: competing reactions with Ca can inhibit the reactions!**

### 3. The project aims.

Increasing energy and material efficiency.



Development of a corrosion reduction concept.



#### **Innovation.**

- Innovative insights by combination of established and proven measurement techniques.
- Online measurements in corrosion testing facility under controlled condition.



### 3. The project aims. Overview.

#### Fuel analysis.



#### natural and doped fuels.

- Elemental analysis
- Brief analysis
- Ash analysis
- Ash melting analysis
- Heat value analysis

#### Measurement in testing facility

- Variation of fuel composition
- Constant operation conditions
- Particle sampling
- Flue gas analysis
- Deposition analysis
- Online & Offline corrosion measurement

#### Validation

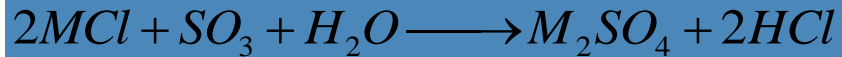
FactSage

#### Measurement in power plant

Biomass plant  
Schkölen

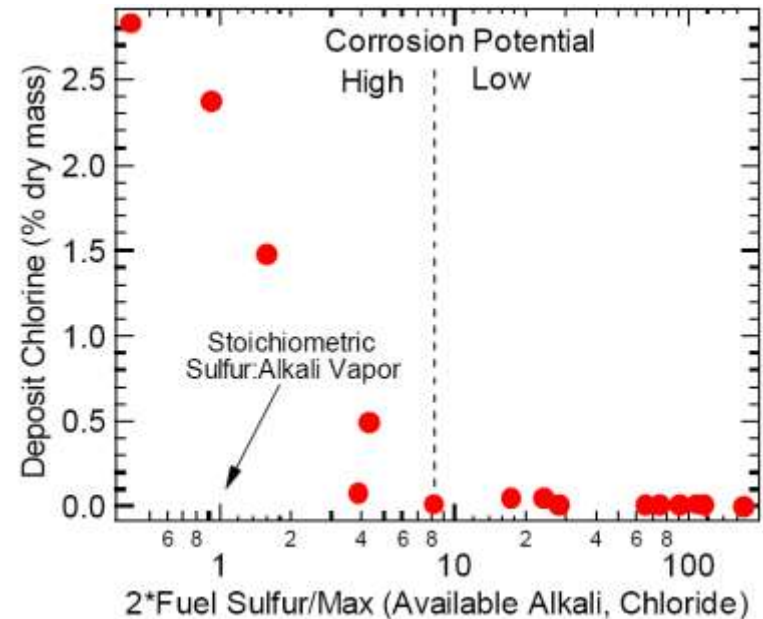
#### Corrosion reduction concept

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.



### Dependencies:

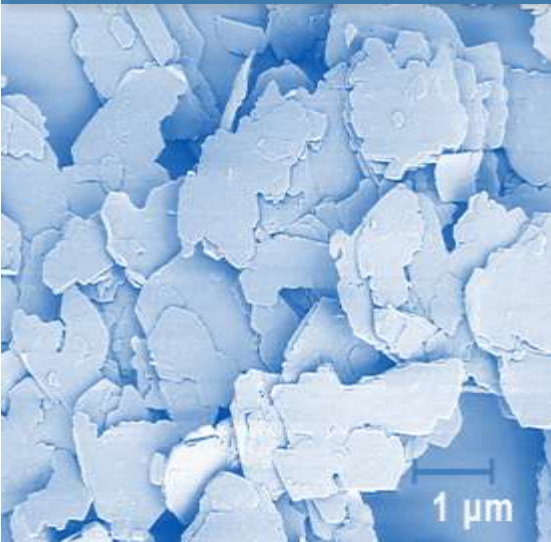
- Sulfur supply
- Vapor content
- Oxygen content (SO<sub>3</sub> formation)
- Temperature
- Residence time
- Competing reactions (Ca, Mg)
- Catalysts (iron oxides)



[Baxter 1997]

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.

### Additives:



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- Elemental sulfur,
- Sulfates: gypsum,  $(\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$  (Chlorout / patent: SE 0100220-3),  
 $\text{Al}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$
- Sulfides (pyrite)
- $\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{SO}_2$ , sulfur carriers from flue gas cleaning, sulfur recirculation
- Sulfuric acid

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.

### Effects on emission:

↑ SO<sub>2</sub>

### Effects on aerosols and particles:

Aerosols  $d_p < 1 \mu\text{m}$ :

↑ Particle size & ↑ particle number

↓ Cl- content

Coarse fly ash  $d_p > 1 \mu\text{m}$ :

Number of particles does not change

↑ Ca- and Si- content

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.

### Effects on deposition:

↑ Deposition rates

Stronger correlation between S and K content recognizable

↓ Cl- content

### Effects on corrosion:

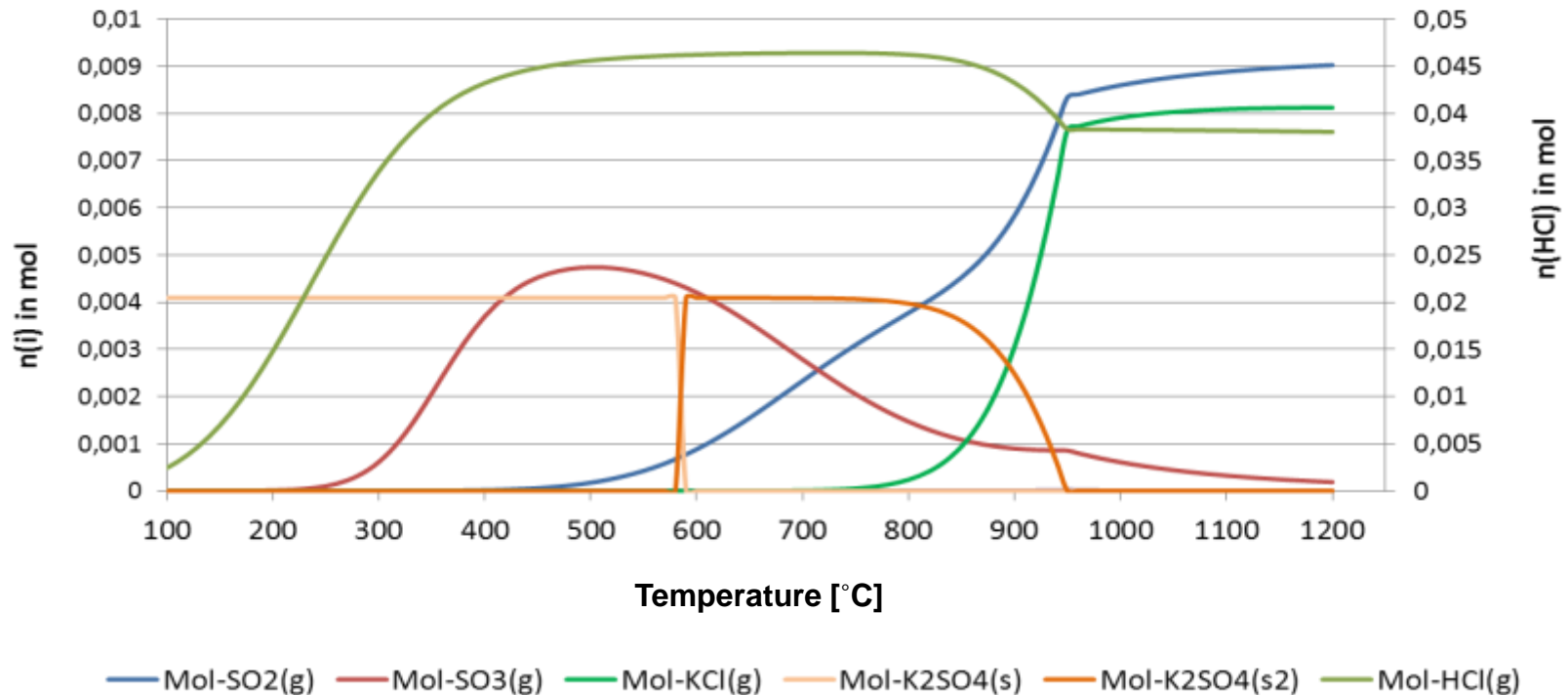
Sulfation in flight phase      positive

Sulfation of tube surface      negative

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.

### Equilibrium of sulfation

equilibrium position of sulfation (FactSage)



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## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Embedding reactions.



### Dependencies:

- Temperature / pressure
- Al / Si ratio and the reactivity
- Water content
- Residence time
- Getter (Specific surface area and particle size, etc.)
- Competing reactions (Ca, Mg)
- Type of co-combustion

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Embedding reactions.

### Additives:



- Ash, glass, sand, vessel dust, clay minerals, limestone, burnt lime, dolomite, ophit,
- Zeolite, kaolin (Patent 250568), halloysite,
- Acid-activated bentonite and oxidic melts (Patent WO 98/03616)
- Sewage sludge, paper sludge, coal combustion mixed with biomass and peat



## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.

### Effects on emission:

↑ HCl

### Effects on aerosols and particles:

Aerosols $d_p < 1 \mu\text{m}$ :	↓ Number of particles (particle size remains the same) Cl and K dominant
Coarse fly ash $d_p > 1 \mu\text{m}$ :	↑ Particle number ↑ Al content ↓ K and Cl

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Sulfation.

### Effects on deposition:

↑ Deposition rates

↑ Al content

↓ Cl content

↑ Ash melting temperature (no sticky particles & depositions)

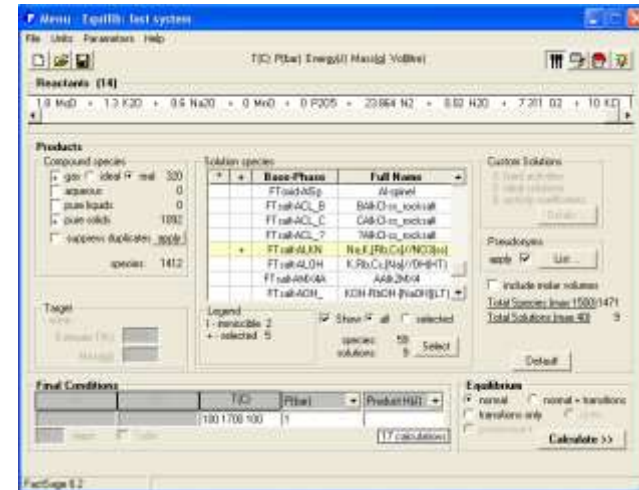
### Effects on corrosion:

Tendency decline (?)

## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Embedding reactions.

### Input FactSage (ICP analysis & TGA settings)

Input in %	Kaolin (SM)	Sand (SS)	E-Glas	Ash (SWM)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	59,84	93,31	59,24	47,80
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	36,10	2,90	12,94	30,40
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1,25	0,83	0,94	6,90
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0,29	0,60	0,15	2,0
CaO	0,12	0,03	22,75	7,4
MgO	0,29	0,03	2,77	1,8
K <sub>2</sub> O	0,91	0,49	0,26	1,3
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0,02	n.n.	0,39	0,6
MnO	0,01	n.n.	0,01	n.n.
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0,02	n.n.	0,02	n.n.
KCl	10,00	10,00	10,00	10,00
H <sub>2</sub> O	0,02	0,02	0,02	0,02
N <sub>2</sub>	23,86	23,86	23,86	23,86
O <sub>2</sub>	7,31	7,31	7,31	7,31
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub>	0,6	0,03	0,22	0,64



#### Database:

FT misk-FeLQ  
 FT oxid SLAGA  
 FT oxid MeO\_A  
 FT oxid CORU  
 FT oxid MULF  
 FT salt ACL\_B  
 FT salt-AMX4A  
 FT salt SALTB

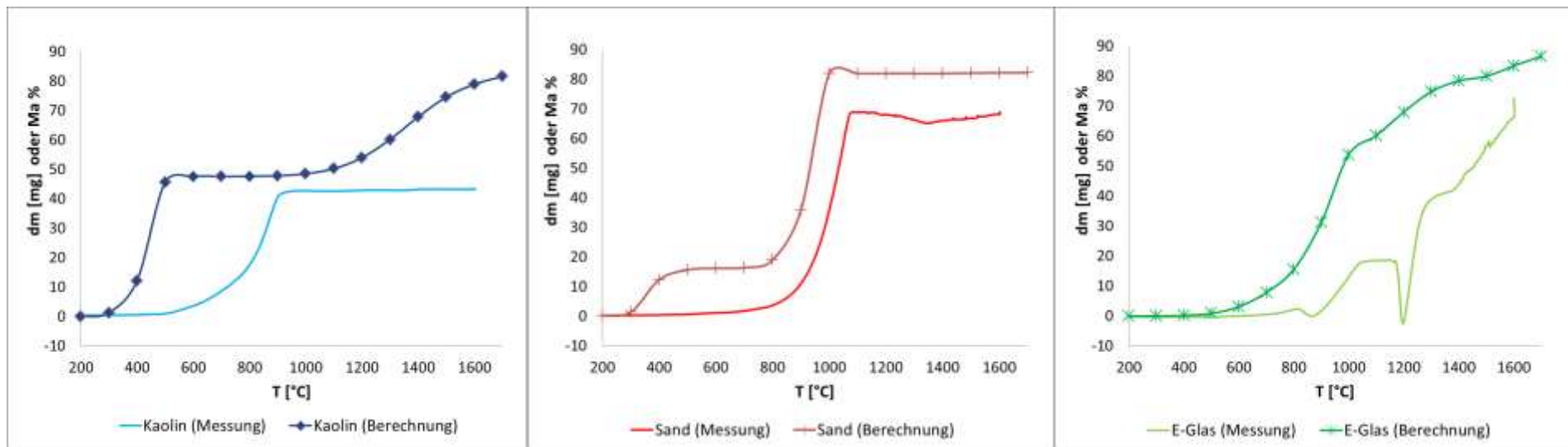
## 4. Mechanisms of corrosion reduction. Embedding reactions.

### Alkali release

Kaolin

Sand

E-Glas



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## 5. Test facilities.

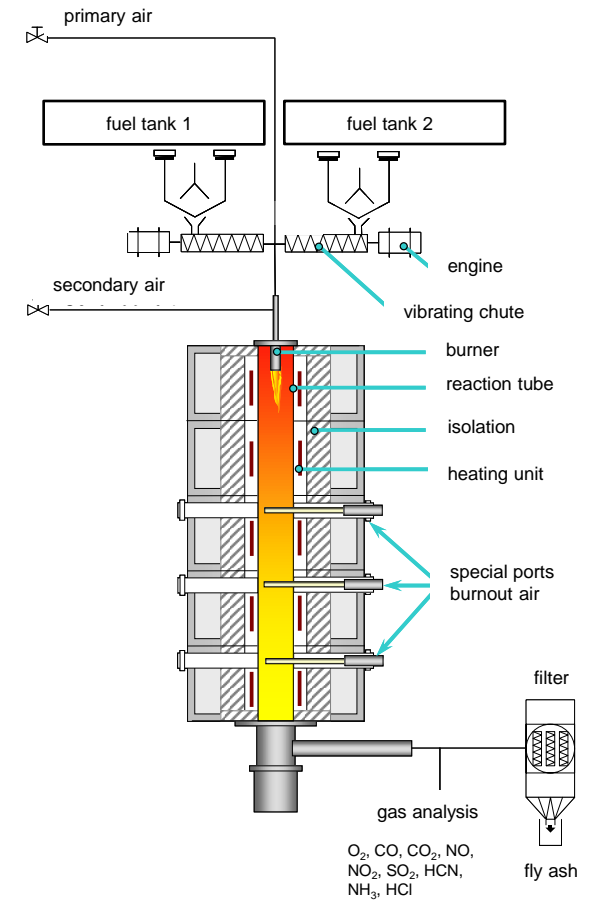
### Biomass power plant – Schkölen.

Fuel:	Wood
Thermal input:	19,5 MW
Turbine power:	5,36 MW <sub>el</sub>
Use of th. energy:	ca. 75%
Amount of steam:	22 t/h
Hot steam temp.	485 ° C
Pressure:	68 bar



### Entrained flow reactor

Constant defined operating conditions  
 Use of defined fuels (milled)  
 Minimal damage to risky operating conditions  
 Fuel mass flow: 2.5 - 5 kg / h  
 Max. heating temperature 1600 ° C  
 Heating power: 50 kW



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## 6. Summary.

### Pollution.



Pollution and chlorine corrosion are the main cause of the operation time limitation.

### Corrosion.



Pollution and chlorine corrosion are the main cause of the operation time limitation.

Investigation of the corrosion reduction by sulfation and reactions with getter material.

- Entrained flow reactor
- Biomass power plant

## 7. Forecast.



- Simulation and validation of sulfation by FactSage.
- Rating of the gettermaterial by FactSage.
- Development of a corrosion reduction concept.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.**



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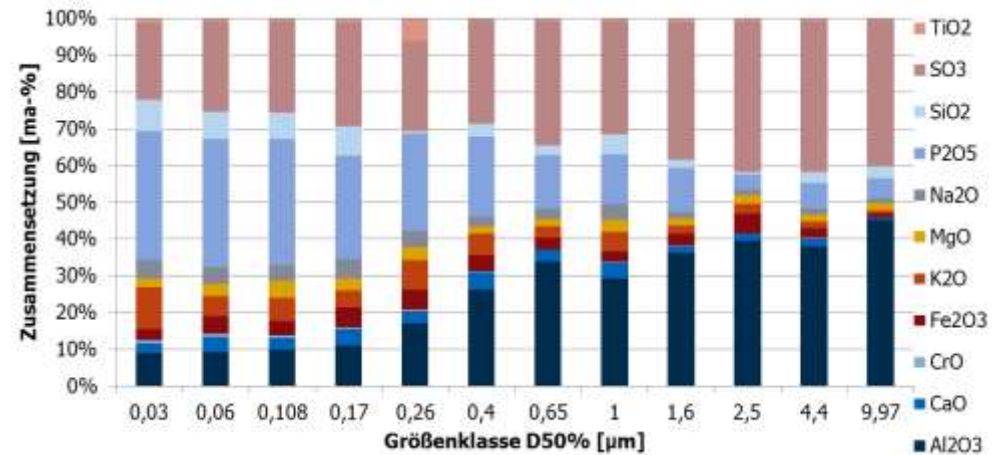
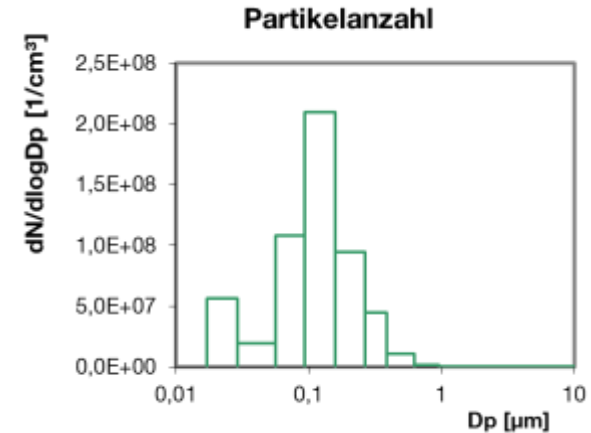
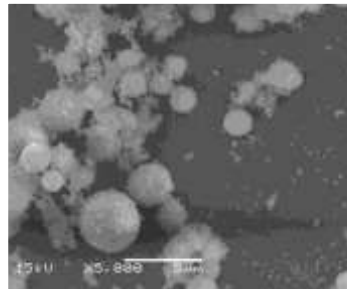
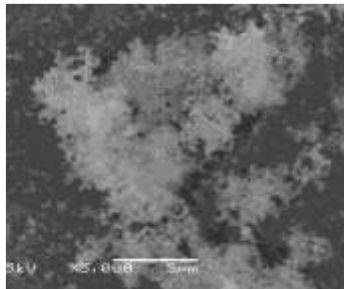
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wirklich Backup?

# Backup.

## 6. Vorstellung der Messtechnik

### Entnahme von Aerosolen und Partikeln

- Partikelgrößenverteilung: 0,007  $\mu\text{m}$  – 10  $\mu\text{m}$  (Online)
- Partikelmorphologie
- Partikelzusammensetzung
- Entnahme an unterschiedlichen Ebenen im Reaktor



## 5. Vorstellung der Anlagen

### Brennstoffe

- naturbelassen & mit Chemikalien dotiert nach folgenden Kriterien

Dotierung	Kategorie I	Kategorie II	Kategorie III	Kategorie IV	Kategorie V
<b>K</b>	n	↑	↑	↑	↑
<b>Cl</b>	n	↑	↑	↑	↑
<b>S</b>	n	n	↑	n	n
<b>Ca</b>	n	n	n	n	↑
<b>Al-Si</b>	n	n	n	↑	↑

(n) normaler Anteil des Elements, (↑) erhöhter Anteil durch Dotierung

**Kategorie I:** Naturbelassenen Brennstoffen

**Kategorie II:** Simulation einer korrosiven Atmosphäre

**Kategorie III:** Simulation von Sulfatierungsreaktionen an Alkalichloriden

**Kategorie IV:** Simulation von Einbindungsreaktionen von Alkalien durch Aluminosilikate

**Kategorie V:** Untersuchung des Einflusses von Konkurrenzreaktionen mit Ca auf die Sulfatierungsreaktionen und die Einbindungsreaktionen durch Aluminosilikate