

Efficient Syngas Fermentation of Gasified Woody Biomass

Introduction to the SynFerm project

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The SynFerm project

Project partners: Cortus, Linköping University, NSR AB, Q Power, St1 Biokraft (former Biokraft) and Baltic Energy Innovation Centre (coordinator)

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The SynFerm project

The SynFerm project is based on the Cortus' WoodRoll® gasification technology and Q Power's "solid-state" biological methanation technology.

WoodRoll® provides a nitrogen free syngas with a high H₂ content

Q Power's methanation technology admits efficient water-gas shift (WGS)

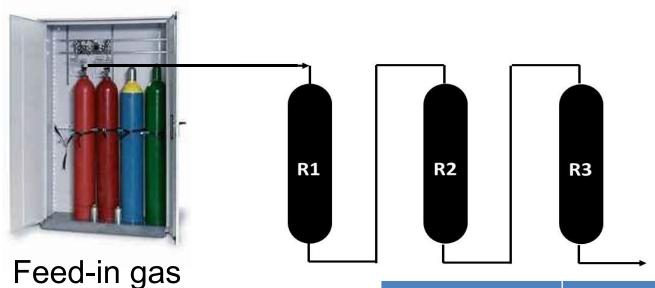
Thermal gasification of woody biomass makes the C and H content in the lignocellulose available for methane production microbes.

Several advantages compared to catalytic methanation which requires extensive and expensive gas cleaning at elevated pressure and temperature.

Project goals

- Achieve 10 L methane per L reactor volume and day
- Achieve a power consumption of < 0.02 kWh_{el} per kWh methane
- Achieve complete conversion of CO
- Achive less than 2% hydrogen in the final product (to fulfill SS EN 16723 2 2017 EN)

Laboratory test with model gas



| | Feed-in gas | R1 | R2 | R3 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------|------|-------|
| CH ₄ [vol-%] | 2.5 | 15.1 | 51.4 | 60.7 |
| H ₂ [vol-%] | 56.0 | 44.4 | 11.1 | 3.6 |
| CO ₂ [vol-%] | 11.0 | 19.9 | 29.7 | 35.7 |
| CO [vol-%] | 30.5 | 20.7 | 7.8 | (0.0) |

Tests with real-life syngas



The WoodRoll® plant in Höganäs





Q Power's mobile pilot plant



Thank you for your attention!



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