

Anaerobic treatment of LCFA-containing synthetic dairy wastewater at 20°C: Process performance and microbial community dynamics

Facilitating anaerobic degradation of long-chain fatty acids (LCFA) is key for tapping the high methane production potential of the fats, oil and grease (FOG) content of dairy wastewaters. In this study, the feasibility of using high-rate granular sludge reactors for the treatment of mixed LCFA-containing synthetic dairy wastewater (SDW) was assessed at 20 °C. The effects of the LCFA concentration (33–45% of COD) and organic loading rates (2–3 gCOD/L·d) were determined using three parallel expanded granular sludge bed reactors. For the first time, long term anaerobic treatment of LCFA-containing feed at 20 °C was shown to be feasible and was linked to the microbial community dynamics in high-rate reactors. During a two-month operation, a soluble COD removal of 84–91% and COD to methane conversion of 44–51% was obtained. However, granular sludge flotation and washout occurred after two months in all reactors without volatile fatty acids (VFA) accumulation, emphasizing the need for sludge retention for long-term granular sludge reactor operation with LCFA-containing feed at low ambient temperatures. The temporal shifts in microbial community structure were studied in the high-rate treatment of SDW, and the process disturbances (elevated LCFA loading, LCFA accumulation, and batch operation) were found to decrease the microbial community diversity. The relative abundance of Methanosaeta increased with higher LCFA accumulation in the settled and flotation layer granules in the three reactors, therefore, acetoclastic methanogenesis was found to be crucial for the high-rate treatment of SDW at 20 °C. This study provides an initial understanding of the continuous anaerobic treatment of LCFA-containing industrial wastewaters at low ambient temperatures.

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Particle emissions of Euro VI, EEV and retrofitted EEV city buses in real traffic

Emission control technologies used in Euro VI buses are effectively reducing soot and NO_x emissions in real operation, but small sub-3 nm particles exist in variable concentrations in the exhaust of Euro VI, EEV and retrofitted EEV buses.

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Applicability of optical and diffusion charging-based particulate matter sensors to urban air quality measurements

High spatial resolution particulate matter measurements are necessary to accurately characterize urban air quality issues. This study investigates how sensors can be used in an urban area to complement existing air quality measurements. A measurement campaign was conducted during winter in Helsinki, Finland, where the performance of a custom-built optical instrument—the Prototype Aerosol Sensor (PAS; uses Shinyei PPD60PV and PPD42NS sensor modules)—and three commercial diffusion charging-based sensors (Pegasor AQ Urban, DiSCmini and Partector) was evaluated against reference instruments. The results showed that the PAS was able to measure the coarse ($PM_{2.5-10}$; range: 0–400 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and fine ($PM_{2.5}$; range: 0–50 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) fractions with reasonably high correlations ($R^2 = 0.87$ and 0.77) when compared to a gravimetric monitor. Likewise, the lung deposited surface area (LDSA) concentrations delivered by the three diffusion charging sensors indicated good performance (R^2 : 0.92–0.97) when compared to LDSA concentrations calculated from the size distribution data of the differential mobility particle sizer. A clear correlation ($R^2 = 0.77$) between the black carbon and Pegasor-measured LDSA concentrations, as well as similar diurnal cycles, was observed, suggesting a common source. The optical sensors were useful for measuring the mass concentrations of coarse local particles. By contrast, the diffusion charging sensors were applicable in urban environments, where ultrafine particles from traffic or other local combustion sources affect air quality.

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Emission measurements with gravimetric impactors and electrical devices: An aerosol instrument comparison

Particulate matter in the atmosphere is known to affect Earth's climate and to be harmful to human health. Accurately measuring particles from emission sources is important, as the results are used to inform policies and climate models. This study compares the results of two ELPI+ devices, two PM10 cascade impactors and an eFilter, in combustion emission measurements. The comparison of the instruments in a realistic setting shows what types of challenges arise from measuring an emission aerosol with unknown particle morphologies and densities, different particle concentrations and high temperature. Our results show that the PM10 cascade impactors have very good intercorrelation when the collected mass is greater than 150 μg , but below that, the uncertainty of the results increases with decreasing mass. The

raw signals of two ELPI+ devices were nearly identical in most samples, as well as the particle number concentrations and size distributions calculated from raw signals; however, transforming the current distributions into mass distributions showed variation in the mass concentration of particles larger than 1 µm. The real-time time signal measured by eFilter was similar to the total current measured by ELPI+. The eFilter and PM10 cascade impactors showed similar particle mass concentrations, whereas ELPI+ showed clearly higher ones in most cases. We concluded that the difference is at least partially due to volatile components being measured by ELPI+, but not by the mass collection measurements.

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Considerations in analysing elemental carbon from marine engine exhaust using residual, distillate and biofuels

Elemental carbon (EC) concentrations in the exhaust of a medium-speed marine engine was evaluated using thermal-optical analysis (TOA). Particulate matter (PM) samples were collected at 75% and 25% engine loads using residual and distillate fuels with sulphur contents of 2.5%, 0.5% and 0.1%, and a biofuel (30% of bio-component). The EC analysis of PM samples from a marine engine proved to be challenging. For example, transformations of structure of the sampled particles in the inert and the oxygen mode were observed for marine engine exhaust samples. The relationship between constituents present in the samples from the marine engine using different fuels, and phenomena observed in the thermograms are discussed. Temperature protocol selection and sample pre-treatment (extractions and drying) affected the reported EC mass. Modifications in the methodology were suggested to increase the accuracy of the analysis. Repeatability and reproducibility of the EC analysis was studied in the round-robin of three laboratories.

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Biological treatment of selenium-laden wastewater containing nitrate and sulfate in an upflow anaerobic sludge bed reactor at pH 5.0

This study investigated the removal of selenate (SeO_4^{2-}), sulfate (SO_4^{2-}) and nitrate (NO_3^-) at different influent pH values ranging from 7.0 to 5.0 and 20 °C in an upflow anaerobic sludge blanket (UASB) reactor using lactate as an electron donor. At pH 5.0, the UASB reactor showed a 20–30% decrease in reactor performance compared to operation at pH 5.5 to 7.0, reaching removal efficiencies of 79%, 15%, 43% and 61% for NO_3^- , SO_4^{2-} , Se_{total} and Se_{diss} , respectively. However, the reactor stability was an issue upon lowering the pH to 5.0 and further experiments are recommended. The sludge formed during low pH operation had a fluffy, floc-like appearance with filamentous structure, possibly due to the low polysaccharide (PS) to protein (PN) ratio (0.01 PS/PN) in the soluble extracellular polymeric substances (EPS) matrix of the biomass. Scanning electron microscopy with energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (SEM-EDX) analysis of the sludge confirmed Se oxyanion reduction and deposition of Se^0 particles inside the biomass. Microbial community analysis using Illumina MiSeq sequencing revealed that the families of Campylobacteraceae and Desulfomicrobiaceae were the dominant phylotypes throughout the reactor operation at approximately 23% and 10% relative abundance, respectively. Furthermore, approximately 10% relative abundance of both Geobacteraceae and Spirochaetaceae was observed in the granular sludge during the pH 5.0 operation. Overall, this study demonstrated the feasibility of UASB operation at pH values ranging from 7.0 to 5.0 for removing Se and other oxyanions from wastewaters.

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Remediation of sedimented fiber originating from pulp and paper industry: Laboratory scale anaerobic reactor studies and ideas of scaling up

Anaerobic treatment of sedimented fibers collected from bottom of a bay that had been receiving pulp and paper mill wastewater for about 70 years were studied for the first time in semi-continuously fed continuously stirred tank reactors (CSTR). Anaerobic treatment of the fiber sediment was shown to be feasible, without dilution and with nitrogen and buffer supplement, at organic loading rates (OLR) up to 2.5 kg VS/m³d and hydraulic retention times (HRT) of 60 d resulting in methane yields of 201 ± 18 L CH₄/kg VS. Co-digestion of sedimented fiber with sewage sludge at an OLR of 1.5 kg VS/m³d and HRT of 20 d resulted in a methane production of 246 ± 10 L CH₄/kg VS. The techno-economic feasibility of mono and co-digestion process together with several case dependent factors such as maximum operable OLR, digestate utilization needs to be evaluated before making further conclusions for larger scale remediation applications.

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Removal and recovery of uranium(VI) by waste digested activated sludge in fed-batch stirred tank reactor

This study demonstrated the removal and recovery of uranium(VI) in a fed-batch stirred tank reactor (STR) using waste digested activated sludge (WDAS). The batch adsorption experiments showed that WDAS can adsorb 200 (± 9.0) mg of uranium(VI) per g of WDAS. The maximum adsorption of uranium(VI) was achieved even at an acidic initial pH of 2.7 which increased to a pH of 4.0 in the equilibrium state. Desorption of uranium(VI) from WDAS was successfully demonstrated from the release of more than 95% of uranium(VI) using both acidic (0.5 M HCl) and alkaline (1.0 M Na₂CO₃) eluents. Due to the fast kinetics of uranium(VI) adsorption onto WDAS, the fed-batch STR was successfully operated at a mixing time of 15 min. Twelve consecutive uranium(VI) adsorption steps with an average adsorption efficiency of 91.5% required only two desorption steps to elute more than 95% of uranium(VI) from WDAS. Uranium(VI) was shown to interact predominantly with the phosphoryl and carboxyl groups of the WDAS, as revealed by in situ infrared spectroscopy and time-resolved laser-induced fluorescence spectroscopy studies. This study provides a proof-of-concept of the use of fed-batch STR process based on WDAS for the removal and recovery of uranium(VI).

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Vertical profiles of lung deposited surface area concentration of particulate matter measured with a drone in a street canyon

The vertical profiles of lung deposited surface area (LDSA) concentration were measured in an urban street canyon in Helsinki, Finland, by using an unmanned aerial system (UAS) as a moving measurement platform. The street canyon can be classified as an avenue canyon with an aspect ratio of 0.45 and the UAS was a multirotor drone especially modified for emission measurements. In the experiments of this study, the drone was equipped with a small diffusion charge sensor capable of measuring the alveolar LDSA concentration of particles. The drone measurements were conducted during two days on the same spatial location at the kerbside of the street canyon by flying vertically from the ground level up to an altitude of 50 m clearly above the rooftop level (19 m) of the nearest buildings. The drone data were supported by simultaneous measurements and by a two-week period of measurements at nearby locations with various instruments. The results showed that the averaged LDSA concentrations decreased approximately from $60 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$ measured close to the ground level to $36\text{--}40 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$ measured close to the rooftop level of the street canyon, and further to $16\text{--}26 \mu\text{m}^2/\text{cm}^3$ measured at 50 m. The high-resolution measurement data enabled an accurate analysis of the functional form of vertical profiles both in the street canyon and above the rooftop level. In both of these regions, exponential fits were used and the parameters obtained from the fits were thoroughly compared to the values found in literature. The results of this study indicated that the role of turbulent mixing caused by traffic was emphasized compared to the street canyon vortex as a driving force of the dispersion. In addition, the vertical profiles above the rooftop level showed a similar exponential decay compared to the profiles measured inside the street canyon. The high-resolution vertical profiles of lung deposited surface area obtained in this study are valuable with respect to exposure estimations, urban planning, and urban air quality models.

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Performance evaluation of the HR-ELPI + inversion

Data inversion methods used in aerosol measurement instruments have significant influence on the resolution and quality of the result. A freshly launched new electrical low pressure impactor (ELPI) instrument version, high resolution ELPI+ (HR-ELPI+, Dekati Ltd.), uses an iterative inversion calculation method to improve particle size resolution, concentration, and data analysis quality. In this article, the performance of the HR-ELPI + is critically analyzed by simulations and experiments in laboratory and field conditions, and the results are compared with a conventional inversion data analysis method (cut-point diameter concept) and with common reference instruments (e.g., SMPS and EEPs). The results showed that the HR-ELPI + inversion has limited performance at the lower and upper limits of the instrument's size range, and can suffer if the raw currents have signal dependent noise more than 50% or electric noise more than 1%. However, the HR-ELPI + clearly provide remarkably better resolution and quality with low oscillation risk compared to the

conventional cut-point diameter concept of the ELPI. The HR-ELPI + also showed generally very similar size distributions and number concentrations compared to the reference instruments.

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Quantitative characterization of pore structure of several biochars with 3D imaging

Pore space characteristics of biochars may vary depending on the used raw material and processing technology. Pore structure has significant effects on the water retention properties of biochar amended soils. In this work, several biochars were characterized with three-dimensional imaging and image analysis. X-ray computed microtomography was used to image biochars at resolution of 1.14 μm and the obtained images were analysed for porosity, pore size distribution, specific surface area and structural anisotropy. In addition, random walk simulations were used to relate structural anisotropy to diffusive transport. Image analysis showed that considerable part of the biochar volume consist of pores in size range relevant to hydrological processes and storage of plant available water. Porosity and pore size distribution were found to depend on the biochar type and the structural anisotropy analysis showed that used raw material considerably affects the pore characteristics at micrometre scale. Therefore, attention should be paid to raw material selection and quality in applications requiring optimized pore structure.

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Extending the Faraday cup aerosol electrometer based calibration method up to 5 μm

A Faraday cup aerosol electrometer based electrical aerosol instrument calibration setup from nanometers up to micrometers has been designed, constructed, and characterized. The set-up utilizes singly charged seed particles, which are grown to the desired size by condensation of diethylhexyl sebacate. The calibration particle size is further selected with a Differential Mobility Analyzer (DMA). For micrometer sizes, a large DMA was designed, constructed, and characterized. The DMA electrical mobility resolution was found to be 7.95 for 20 L/min sheath and 2 L/min sample flows. The calibration is based on comparing the instrument's response against the concentration measured with a reference Faraday cup aerosol electrometer. The set-up produces relatively high concentrations in the micrometer size range (more than 2500 1/cm^3 at $5.3 \mu\text{m}$). A low bias flow mixing and splitting between the reference and the instrument was constructed from a modified, large-sized mixer and a four-port flow splitter. It was characterized at different flow rates and as a function of the particle size. Using two of the four outlet ports at equal 1.5 L/min flow rates, the particle concentration bias of the flow splitting was found to be less than $\pm 1\%$ in the size range of 3.6 nm – $5.3 \mu\text{m}$. The developed calibration set-up was used to define the detection efficiency of a condensation particle counter from 3.6 nm to $5.3 \mu\text{m}$ with an expanded measurement uncertainty ($k = 2$) of less than 4% over the entire size range and less than 2% for most of the measurement points.

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Selenate removal in biofilm systems: Effect of nitrate and sulfate on selenium removal efficiency, biofilm structure and microbial community

BACKGROUND: Selenium (Se) discharged into natural waterbodies can accumulate over time and have negative impacts on the environment. Se-laden wastewater streams can be treated using biological processes. However, the presence of other electron acceptors in wastewater, such as nitrate (NO_3^-) and sulfate (SO_4^{2-}), can influence selenate (SeO_4^{2-}) reduction and impact the efficiency of biological treatment systems. **RESULTS:** SeO_4^{2-} removal by biofilms formed from an anaerobic sludge inoculum was investigated in the presence of NO_3^- and SO_4^{2-} using drip flow reactors operated continuously for 10 days at pH 7.0 and 30°C . The highest total Se ($\sim 60\%$) and SeO_4^{2-} ($\sim 80\%$) removal efficiencies were observed when the artificial wastewater contained SO_4^{2-} . A maximum amount of $68 \mu\text{mol Se cm}^{-2}$ was recovered from the biofilm matrix in SO_4^{2-} + SeO_4^{2-} exposed biofilms and biofilm mass was 2.7-fold increased for biofilms grown in the presence of SO_4^{2-} . When SeO_4^{2-} was the only electron acceptor, biofilms were thin and compact. In the simultaneous presence of NO_3^- or SO_4^{2-} , biofilms were thicker ($> 0.6 \text{ mm}$), less compact and exhibited gas pockets. **CONCLUSION:** The presence of SO_4^{2-} had a beneficial effect on biofilm growth and the SeO_4^{2-} removal efficiency, while the presence of NO_3^- did not have a significant effect on SeO_4^{2-} removal by the biofilms.

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Investigating the kinetics and biofuel properties of *Alstonia congensis* and *Ceiba pentandra* via torrefaction

Alstonia congensis (Ahun) and *Ceiba pentandra* (Araba) were chosen as representations of tropical wood in this study. The use of untreated wood for energy recovery could lead to a high loss in efficiency. One way of circumventing this in a developing country such as Nigeria is by exposing the fuel materials to a pre-treatment, such as torrefaction, prior to deployment. Attempts were made to improve the combustion properties of these resources and also to investigate their torrefaction kinetics. Derivations of kinetic parameters using Coats-Redfern method were discontinued due to inconsistent results. A non-linear regression method was then employed and the results compared to the average value obtained by the FWO method, which was considered more viable than the Coats-Redfern method. The kinetic parameters (E_a , A and n) derived by the regression method are 134.45 kJ/mol, $1.83E+13 \text{ min}^{-1}$ and 2.15, respectively, for Araba and 143.38 kJ/mol, $1.90E+10 \text{ min}^{-1}$ and 2.28, respectively, for Ahun. The thermal behaviour of the samples showed that a lower mass yield resulted in a lower energy yield, while the heating values increased with the temperature of torrefaction. The results obtained in this study affirm the possibility of obtaining an optimum conversion of these resources for energy recovery.

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Anaerobic digestion of 30–100-year-old boreal lake sedimented fibre from the pulp industry: Extrapolating methane production potential to a practical scale

Since the 1980s, the pulp and paper industry in Finland has resulted in the accumulation of fibres in lake sediments. One such site in Lake Näsijärvi contains approximately 1.5 million m³ sedimented fibres. In this study, the methane production potential of the sedimented fibres (on average 13% total solids (TS)) was determined in batch assays. Furthermore, the methane production from solid (on average 20% TS) and liquid fractions of sedimented fibres after solid-liquid separation was studied. The sedimented fibres resulted in fast methane production and high methane yields of 250 ± 80 L CH₄/kg volatile solids (VS). The main part (ca. 90%) of the methane potential was obtained from the solid fraction of the sedimented fibres. In addition, the VS removal from the total and solid sedimented fibres was high, 61–65% and 63–78%, respectively. The liquid fraction also contained a large amount of organics (on average 8.8 g COD/L), treatment of which also has to be considered. The estimations of the methane production potentials in the case area showed potential up to 40 million m³ of methane from sedimented fibres.

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Aqueous synthesis of Z-scheme photocatalyst powders and thin-film photoanodes from earth abundant elements

Solid-state narrow band gap semiconductor heterostructures with a Z-scheme charge-transfer mechanism are the most promising photocatalytic systems for water splitting and environmental remediation under visible light. Herein, we construct all-solid Z-scheme photocatalytic systems from earth abundant elements (Ca and Fe) using an aqueous synthesis procedure. A novel Z-scheme two-component Fe₂O₃/Ca₂Fe₂O₅ heterostructure is obtained in a straightforward manner by soaking various iron-containing nanoparticles (amorphous and crystalline) with Ca(NO₃)₂ and performing short (20min) thermal treatments at 820°C. The obtained powder materials show high photocatalytic performances for methylene blue dye degradation under visible light (45 mW/cm²), exhibiting a rate constant up to 0.015min⁻¹. The heterostructure exhibits a five-fold higher activity compared to that of pristine hematite. The experiments show that amorphous iron-containing substrate nanoparticles trigger the Fe₂O₃/Ca₂Fe₂O₅ heterostructure formation. We extended our study to produce Fe₂O₃/Ca₂Fe₂O₅ nanoheterostructure photoanodes via the electrochemical deposition of amorphous iron-containing sediment were used. The visible-light (15mW/cm²) photocurrent increases from 183μA/cm² to 306μA/cm² after coupling hematite and Ca₂Fe₂O₅. Notably, the powders and photoanodes exhibit distinct charge-transfer mechanisms evidenced by the different stabilities of the heterostructures under different working conditions.

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Indoor thermal environment, air exchange rates, and carbon dioxide concentrations before and after energy retro fits in Finnish and Lithuanian multi-family buildings

Impacts of energy retrofits on indoor thermal environment, i.e. temperature (T) and relative humidity (RH), as well as ventilation rates and carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations, were assessed in 46 Finnish and 20 Lithuanian multi-family buildings, including 39 retrofitted case buildings in Finland and 15 in Lithuania (the remaining buildings were control buildings with no retrofits). In the Finnish buildings, high indoor T along with low RH levels was commonly observed both before and after the retrofits. Ventilation rates (l/s per person) were higher after the retrofits in buildings with mechanical exhaust ventilation than the corresponding values before the retrofits. Measured CO₂ levels were low in vast majority of buildings. In Lithuania, average indoor T levels were low before the retrofits and there was a significant increase in the average T after the retrofits. In addition, average ventilation rate was lower and CO₂ levels were higher after the retrofits in the case buildings (N = 15), both in apartments with natural and mixed ventilation. Based on the results, assessment of thermal conditions and ventilation rates after energy retrofits is crucial for optimal indoor environmental quality and energy use.

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Bio-electrochemical conversion of industrial wastewater-COD combined with downstream methanol synthesis-an economic and life cycle assessment

Herein, a techno-economic and environmental performance evaluation (i.e. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)) of a 45 kW Microbial Electrolysis Cell (MEC) system is presented in the context of industrial wastewater remediation. This system produces H_2 and CO_2 -suitable for downstream CH_3OH synthesis-based on the bio-electrochemical conversion of chemical industry wastewater with an organic content of $3.9 \text{ g(COD) L}^{-1}$. A cost-benefit analysis indicates that the MEC system hardware costs, share of CO_2 captured from the MEC and MEC operating current density (i.e. 1.0 mA cm^{-2}) are crucial parameters influencing the total cost and represent areas for potential cost reductions. It was established based on the present study that MEC system operation with renewable electricity leads to H_2 production costs of $4\text{--}5.7 \text{ € kg(H}_2\text{)}^{-1}$ (comparable to H_2O electrolysis) and CH_3OH production costs of $900 \text{ € t(CH}_3\text{OH)}^{-1}$. At the current CH_3OH market prices, however, the production is currently not profitable. In turn, the cost-efficient construction of the MEC system and the use of less expensive materials could lead to improved CH_3OH production economics based on this route. Our results indicate that the use of low-cost materials has greater potential with regard to cost reduction compared to reducing the internal resistance and polarization losses via the use of expensive high-performance materials in MEC construction. A complementary LCA of the proposed system, based on a "cradle-to-gate" definition, indicates that waste-based is superior to fossil-based CH_3OH production with respect to global warming potential and cumulated fossil energy demand, provided the system is operated with 100% renewable electricity and CO_2 sourced only from the MEC. However, with regard to the impact categories Metal Depletion and Freshwater Eutrophication Potential, the system was found to perform less satisfactorily (i.e. in comparison with fossil-based CH_3OH production).

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Comparative performance of a thermal denuder and a catalytic stripper in sampling laboratory and marine exhaust aerosols

The performance of a thermal denuder (thermodenuder—TD) and a fresh catalytic stripper (CS) was assessed by sampling laboratory aerosol, produced by different combinations of sulfuric acid, octacosane, and soot particles, and marine exhaust aerosol produced by a medium-speed marine engine using high sulfur fuels. The intention was to study the efficiency in separating non-volatile particles. No particles could be detected downstream of either device when challenged with neat octacosane particles at high concentration. Both laboratory and marine exhaust aerosol measurements showed that sub-23 nm semi-volatile particles are formed downstream of the thermodenuder when upstream sulfuric acid approached 100 ppbv. Charge measurements revealed that these are formed by re-nucleation rather than incomplete evaporation of upstream aerosol. Sufficient dilution to control upstream sulfates concentration and moderate TD operation temperature (250°C) are both required to eliminate their formation. Use of the CS following an evaporation tube seemed to eliminate the risk for particle re-nucleation, even at a ten-fold higher concentration of semi-volatiles than in case of the TD. Particles detected downstream of the CS due to incomplete evaporation of sulfuric acid and octacosane aerosol, did not exceed 0.01% of upstream concentration. Despite the superior performance of CS in separating non-volatile particles, the TD may still be useful in cases where increased sensitivity over the traditional

evaporation tube method is needed and where high sulfur exhaust concentration may fast deplete the catalytic stripper adsorption capacity.

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Organisations: Physics, Research area: Aerosol Physics, Research group: The Instrumentation, Emissions, and Atmospheric Aerosols Group, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finnish Meteorological Institute

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Flow rate-independent electrical aerosol sensor

A new diffusion charging-based aerosol instrument design is presented, intended to be a starting point for a low-cost particle concentration sensor. The aim in the design is to minimize instrument response dependence on the sample flow rate. The operation principle, response functions of the components, and performance of a prototype instrument are reported. Based on the performance evaluation, the instrument response remained constant within $\pm 15\%$ over a wide sample flow rate range of 3 to 10 lpm. While in the design some sensitivity is sacrificed to minimize flow rate dependency, the detection limit is still sufficient for a practical sensor application.

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Technology review: prototyping platforms for monitoring ambient conditions

The monitoring of ambient conditions in indoor spaces is very essential owing to the amount of time spent indoors. Specifically, the monitoring of air quality is significant because contaminated air affects the health, comfort and productivity of occupants. This research work presents a technology review of prototyping platforms for monitoring ambient conditions in indoor spaces. It involves the research on sensors (for CO₂, air quality and ambient conditions), IoT platforms, and novel and commercial prototyping platforms. The ultimate objective of this review is to enable the easy identification, selection and utilisation of the technologies best suited for monitoring ambient conditions in indoor spaces. Following the review, it is recommended to use metal oxide sensors, optical sensors and electrochemical sensors for IAQ monitoring (including NDIR sensors for CO₂ monitoring), Raspberry Pi for data processing, ZigBee and Wi-Fi for data communication, and ThingSpeak IoT platform for data storage, analysis and visualisation.

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CFD based reactivity parameter determination for biomass particles of multiple size ranges in high heating rate devolatilization

This work presents a methodology that combines experimental measurements and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) modeling to determine the global reaction kinetics of high heating rate biomass devolatilization. Three particle size ranges of woody biomass are analyzed: small (SF), medium (MF) and large (LF) fractions. Devolatilization mass loss is measured for each fraction in a laminar Drop-Tube Reactor (DTR) in nitrogen atmosphere, using two nominal reactor temperatures of 873 and 1173 K. Single First Order Reaction (SFOR) kinetics are determined by coupling an optimization routine with CFD models of the DTR. The global pre-exponential factors and activation energies for the SF, MF and LF particles are 5880 1/s and 42.7 kJ/mol, 48.1 1/s and 20.2 kJ/mol, and 102 1/s and 24.8 kJ/mol, respectively. These parameters are optimized for the isothermal heat transfer model available in CFD programs, and it is recommended that the specific heat capacity that was used in the optimization (1500 J/kgK) is used together with the parameters. Using the SF kinetics for small wood particles and either of the MF or LF kinetics for large particles, it is expected that more accurate devolatilization predictions can be obtained for the whole fuel size distribution in large scale CFD simulations.

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Biohydrogen production from xylose by fresh and digested activated sludge at 37, 55 and 70 °C

Two heat-treated inocula, fresh and digested activated sludge from the same municipal wastewater treatment plant, were compared for their H₂ production via dark fermentation at mesophilic (37 °C), thermophilic (55 °C) and hyperthermophilic (70 °C) conditions using xylose as the substrate. At both 37 and 55 °C, the fresh activated sludge yielded more H₂ than the digested sludge, whereas at 70 °C, neither of the inocula produced H₂ effectively. A maximum yield of 1.85 mol H₂ per mol of xylose consumed was obtained at 55 °C. H₂ production was linked to acetate and butyrate production, and there was a linear correlation ($R^2 = 0.96$) between the butyrate and H₂ yield for the fresh activated sludge inoculum at 55 °C. Approximately 2.4 mol H₂ per mol of butyrate produced were obtained against a theoretical maximum of 2.0, suggesting that H₂ was produced via the acetate pathway prior to switching to the butyrate pathway due to the increased H₂ partial pressure. Clostridia sp. were the prevalent species at both 37 and 55 °C, irrespectively of the inoculum type. Although the two inocula originated from the same plant, different thermophilic microorganisms were detected at 55 °C. Thermoanaerobacter sp., detected only in the fresh activated sludge cultures, may have contributed to the high H₂ yield obtained with such an inoculum.

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Recovering Nitrogen as a Solid without Chemical Dosing: Bio-Electroconcentration for Recovery of Nutrients from Urine

This letter presents the proof of concept of a novel bio-electroconcentration system (BEC), a hybrid microbial electrolysis/electrodialysis cell specifically designed to recover nitrogen (as ammonia NH₄-N), phosphorus (as phosphate

PO₄-P), and potassium (as K⁺) from urine. Using a synthetic urine medium, the BECs could reach high current densities of up to 37.6 A m⁻² at E_{we} values of 0.0 versus the standard hydrogen electrode (SHE) and 50 A m⁻² at 0.2 V versus SHE, which in turn drove the removal and recovery of N, P, and K at rates of 7.18 kg of NH₄-N m⁻³ day⁻¹, 0.52 kg of PO₄-P m⁻³ day⁻¹, and 1.62 kg of K⁺ m⁻³ day⁻¹ into a concentrate stream (containing 1.87 M NH₄-N, 0.29 M PO₄-P, and 0.18 M K⁺). Finally, this communication demonstrates the recovery of a nitrogen-rich solid from the synthetic urine (in the form of pure NH₄HCO₃ crystals with 17% N content) without any chemical additions via the flash-cooling of the produced nutrient-rich concentrate to 4 °C. These two new products may help facilitate the reuse of urine nutrients in the fertilizer or protein production industries of the future.

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Chasing measurements for real-world emissions of city buses

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Differential diffusion analyzer

In this article, a proof of concept of a new measurement instrument, differential diffusion analyzer (DDA), is established. The DDA enables the measurement of the size distribution of sub-10 nm aerosol particles, and it can also be used as a size classifier to separate a certain particle size from a size distribution for subsequent analysis. The developed technique is based on the diffusion separation of different size particles. Thus, the main advantage of the DDA compared to other methods is that particle charging is not required. Simulated and experimentally measured transmission efficiencies show that the diffusion-based differential size classification is a feasible concept, and moreover, shows that particle size is inversely proportional to the square root of the total flow rate.

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Fate of metallic engineered nanomaterials in constructed wetlands: prospection and future research perspectives

Metallic engineered nanomaterials (ENMs) undergo various transformations in the environment which affect their fate, toxicity and bioavailability. Although constructed wetlands (CWs) are applied as treatment systems for waste streams potentially containing metallic ENMs, little is known about the fate and effects of ENMs in CWs. Hence, literature data from related fields such as activated sludge wastewater treatment and natural wetlands is used to predict the fate and effects of ENMs in CWs and to analyze the risk of nanomaterials being released from CWs into surface waters. The ENMs are likely to reach the CW (partly) transformed and the transformations will continue in the CW. The main transformation processes depend on the type of ENM and the ambient environmental conditions in the CW. In general, ENMs are expected to undergo sorption onto (suspended) organic matter and plant roots. Although the risk of ENMs being released at high concentrations from CWs is estimated low, caution is warranted because of the estimated rise in the production of these materials. As discharge of (transformed) ENMs from CWs during normal operation is predicted to be low, future research should rather focus on the effects of system malfunctions (e.g. short-circuiting). Efficient retention in the CW and increasing production volumes in the future entail increasing concentrations within the CW substrate and further research needs to address possible adverse effects caused.

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Performance of ventilation filtration technologies on characteristic traffic related aerosol down to nanocluster size

Near traffic routes and urban areas, the outdoor air particle number concentration is typically dominated by ultrafine particles. These particles can enter into the nearby buildings affecting the human exposure on ultrafine particles indoors. In this study, we demonstrate an aerosol generation system which mimics the characteristic traffic related aerosol. The aerosol generation system was used to determine the size-resolved particle filtration efficiencies of five typical commercial filters in the particle diameter range of 1.3–240 nm. Two different HEPA filters were observed to be efficient in all particle sizes. A fibrous filter (F7) was efficient at small particle sizes representing the nucleation mode of traffic related aerosol, but its efficiency decreased down to 60% with the increasing particle size. In contrast, the filtration efficiency of an electrostatic precipitator (ESP) increased as a function of the particle size, being more efficient for the soot mode of traffic related aerosol than for the nucleation mode. An electret filter with a charger was relatively efficient (filtration efficiency >85%) at all the observed particle sizes. The HEPA, F7 and electret filters were found to practically remove the particles/nanoclusters smaller than 3 nm. All in all, the filtration efficiencies were observed to be strongly dependent on the particle size and significant differences were found between different filters. Based on these results, we suggest that the particulate filter test standards should be extended to cover the ultrafine particles, which dominate the particle concentrations in outdoor air and are hazardous for public health.

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Improving urban air quality measurements by a diffusion charger based electrical particle sensors: A field study in Beijing, China

High aerosol loadings contribute significantly to the air quality problems of Asian megacities. To address this, monitoring data for aerosol mass and number that is spatially and temporally of high resolution is needed, while the cost of obtaining such data remains high. Here, we present a field study in a polluted megacity, Beijing, using a diffusion-chargebased electrical aerosol sensor, the Pegasor PPS-M, which is a robust and comparatively low-cost instrument for the monitoring of both aerosol mass and number simultaneously. We present data over several months in the year 2014, and for varying aerosol size distributions, and analyze the performance against particle number and mass (volume) measured using a wide range particle sizer (WPS) and beta-attenuation-based PM_{2.5} observations. We show that using a single trap voltage, the PPS-M correlates well with particle mass, but not so well with particle number due to the variability in particle size distributions. However, the instrument response to number was improved by running the instrument with a variable trap voltage, and using the ratio of the different signals to gain information on the particle average volume. With this method, we were able to improve the correlation of the PPS-M; with the observed particle number from R = 0.14 to R = 0.72 for the measurement time period. Altogether, the PPS-M instrument displayed robustness and low maintenance requirements, and it showed good correlation with the other instruments in this study.

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Methodological approaches for fractionation and speciation to estimate trace element bioavailability in engineered anaerobic digestion ecosystems: An overview

Optimal supply of trace elements (TE) is a prerequisite for microbial growth and activity in anaerobic digestion (AD) bioprocesses. However, the required concentrations and ratios of essential TE for AD biotechnologies strongly depend on prevailing operating conditions as well as feedstock composition. Furthermore, TE in AD bioreactors undergo complex physicochemical reactions and may be present as free ions, complex bound or as precipitates depending on pH, or on the

presence of sulfur compounds or organic macromolecules. To overcome TE deficiency, various commercial mineral products are typically applied to AD processes. The addition of heavy metals poses the risk of overdosing operating systems, which may be toxic to microbial consortia and ultimately the environment. Adequate supplementation, therefore, requires appropriate knowledge not only about the composition, but also on the speciation and bioavailability of TE. However, very little is yet fully understood on this specific issue. Evaluations of TE typically only include the measurement of total TE concentrations but do not consider the chemical forms in which TE exist. Thus detailed information on bioavailability and potential toxicity cannot be provided. This review provides an overview of the state of the art in approaches to determine bioavailable TE in anaerobic bioprocesses, including sequential fractionation and speciation techniques. Critical aspects and considerations, including with respect to sampling and analytical procedures, as well as mathematical modeling, are examined. The approaches discussed in this review are based on our experiences and on previously published studies in the context of the "COST Action 1302: European Network on Ecological Roles of Trace Metals in Anaerobic Biotechnologies."

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Real-time effective density monitor (DENSMO) for aerosol nanoparticle production

A new instrument, density monitor (DENSMO), for aerosol particle size distribution characterization and monitoring has been developed. DENSMO is operationally simple and capable of measuring the effective density as well as the aerodynamic and the mobility median diameters with a time resolution of 1 s, from unimodal particle size distributions. The characterization is performed with a zeroth order mobility analyzer in series with a low pressure impactor and a filter stage. The operation of DENSMO was investigated with sensitivity analysis and, based on the results, optimal operation parameters were determined. DENSMO was also compared, in lab test measurements, against a reference method with several particle materials with bulk densities from 0.92 to 10.5 g/cm³. The results show that the deviation from the reference method was less than 25% for suitable materials.

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Effect of temperature on selenium removal from wastewater by UASB reactors

The effect of temperature on selenium (Se) removal by upflow anaerobic sludge blanket (UASB) reactors treating selenate and nitrate containing wastewater was investigated by comparing the performance of a thermophilic (55 °C) versus a mesophilic (30 °C) UASB reactor. When only selenate (50 µM) was fed to the UASB reactors (pH 7.3; hydraulic retention time 8 h) with excess electron donor (lactate at 1.38 mM corresponding to an organic loading rate of 0.5 g COD L⁻¹ d⁻¹), the thermophilic UASB reactor achieved a higher total Se removal efficiency (94.4 ± 2.4%) than the mesophilic UASB reactor (82.0 ± 3.8%). When 5000 µM nitrate was further added to the influent, total Se removal was again better under thermophilic (70.1 ± 6.6%) when compared to mesophilic (43.6 ± 8.8%) conditions. The higher total effluent Se concentration in the mesophilic UASB reactor was due to the higher concentrations of biogenic elemental Se nanoparticles (BioSeNPs). The shape of the BioSeNPs observed in both UASB reactors was different: nanospheres and nanorods, respectively, in the mesophilic and thermophilic UASB reactors. Microbial community analysis showed the presence of selenate respirers as well as denitrifying microorganisms.

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Improving the signal-to-noise ratio of Faraday cup aerosol electrometer based aerosol instrument calibrations

This study introduces a new bipolar measurement routine for particle number concentration calibrations. In the new routine, singly-charged particles of opposite polarities are measured sequentially with a Faraday cup aerosol electrometer (FCAE). We compared the bipolar routine to the traditional FCAE routine, where particle signal and electrometer offset are

measured in turns, by calibrating a single CPC on a wide particle number concentration range (from 1000 to 77,000 cm⁻³) with both routines. By increasing the signal-to-noise ratio, the bipolar routine decreases the type A uncertainty of the calibration especially at low particle concentrations. In practice, the new routine enables shortening the measurement times by 80% at the lowest particle concentrations which, in practice, corresponds to hours.

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Release and characteristics of fungal fragments in various conditions

Intact spores and submicrometer size fragments are released from moldy building materials during growth and sporulation. It is unclear whether all fragments originate from fungal growth or if small pieces of building materials are also aerosolized as a result of microbial decomposition. In addition, particles may be formed through nucleation from secondary metabolites of fungi, such as microbial volatile organic compounds (MVOCs). In this study, we used the elemental composition of particles to characterize the origin of submicrometer fragments released from materials contaminated by fungi. Particles from three fungal species (*Aspergillus versicolor*, *Cladosporium cladosporioides* and *Penicillium brevicompactum*), grown on agar, wood and gypsum board were aerosolized using the Fungal Spore Source Strength Tester (FSSST) at three air velocities (5, 16 and 27 m/s). Released spores (optical size, $d_p \geq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$) and fragments ($d_p \leq 0.8 \mu\text{m}$) were counted using direct-reading optical aerosol instruments. Particles were also collected on filters, and their morphology and elemental composition analyzed using scanning electron microscopes (SEMs) coupled with an Energy-Dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDX). Among the studied factors, air velocity resulted in the most consistent trends in the release of fungal particles. Total concentrations of both fragments and spores increased with an increase in air velocity for all species whereas fragment-spore (F/S) ratios decreased. EDX analysis showed common elements, such as C, O, Mg and Ca, for blank material samples and fungal growth. However, N and P were exclusive to the fungal growth, and therefore were used to differentiate biological fragments from non-biological ones. Our results indicated that majority of fragments contained N and P. Because we observed increased release of fragments with increased air velocities, nucleation of MVOCs was likely not a relevant process in the formation of fungal fragments. Based on elemental composition, most fragments originated from fungi, but also fragments from growth material were detected.

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HPLC-SEC: a new approach to characterise complex wastewater effluents

This work investigates the use of HPLC-SEC to characterise dissolved organic matter (DOM) of complex wastewater effluents. A silica-based column, sodium acetate eluent and multiple detections were employed: UV-254 absorbance for humic-type, and tryptophan-like (Ex/Em = 270/355) and tyrosine-like (Ex/Em = 270/310) fluorescence for protein type compounds. Effects of eluent pH, eluent ionic strength and injection volume on separation efficiency were tested. Humic-type and protein-type fractions were clearly differentiated and eluted within and out of calibration range. Eluent ionic strength had the greatest influence on global resolution; the lowest eluent concentration of 0.01 M produced the best separation for all wastewater effluents tested at any detection. UV-254 absorbance was higher at neutral and basic eluent pH while tryptophan-like fluorescence depended on the sample composition rather than on the eluent pH or ionic strength. Tyrosine-like fluorescence decreased significantly with the increase of eluent ionic strength. Accurate molecular weight measurements could not be done, the separation being influenced by secondary interactions, but could be approximated using separate calibrations with sodium salts of polystyrene-sulfonates and protein standards. The results show that this method is suitable for determining DOM in wastewater at low eluent concentrations (up to 0.03 M), at neutral or slightly basic pH.

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Identification of single microbial particles using electro-dynamic balance assisted laser-induced breakdown and fluorescence spectroscopy

Online characterization of fungal and bacterial spores is important in various applications due to their health and climatic relevance. The aim of this study was to demonstrate the capability of the combination of electro-dynamic balance assisted laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) and laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) techniques for the online detection of single fungal spores (*Aspergillus versicolor* and *Penicillium brevicompactum*) and bacteria (*Bacillus aureus*). The method enabled sensitive and repeatable LIBS analysis of common elemental components (Ca, Na, and K) from single microbial particles for the first time. Significant differences in the concentrations of these elements were observed between the species, e.g., bacterial spores had over three orders of magnitude higher Ca concentration (2×10^{-12} g/particle) compared to fungal spores ($3-5 \times 10^{-16}$ g/particle). The LIF analysis has previously been used to distinguish bioaerosols from other aerosols due to their fluorescence ability. This study showed that combination of LIF and LIBS analysis is a promising tool for identification of different bioaerosol particle types.

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Triboelectric charging of fungal spores during resuspension and rebound

The triboelectric charging of fungal spores was experimentally characterized during rebound and resuspension. A fungal spore source strength tester (FSSST) was used as a primary aerosol generator for spores of three fungal species and two powders (silicon carbide and silver). The critical velocity of rebound was determined using a variable nozzle area impactor (VNAI), and the charging state of particles after resuspension and rebound was measured using the FSSST, different impactor setups, electrometers, and optical particle counters. In the impactor setups and the FSSST, five different surface materials relevant for indoor environments were used (steel, glass, polystyrene, paper, and polytetrafluoroethylene). The critical velocity of rebound was determined to be 0.57 m/s for fungal spores, which is relatively low compared to silicon carbide and previous results for micron-sized aerosol particles. Based on the rebound impactor measurements, we were able to define the crucial parameters of charge transfer for different particle-surface material pairs. A contact charge parameter, which describes the triboelectric charging during rebound, was found to have a negative correlation with the charging state of the particles after the resuspension from an impactor. This connects the triboelectric charging during rebound and resuspension to each other. Based on the contact charge parameter values, quantified triboelectric series could be formed. The results of this work show that fungal spores can be charged both positively and negatively during rebound and resuspension depending on the fungal species and surface material.

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Downstream integration of microalgae harvesting and cell disruption by means of cationic surfactant-decorated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles

Microalgal biofuel, albeit an exciting potential fossil-fuel-replacement candidate, still requires the development of more advanced downstream processing technology for its price competitiveness. The major challenge in a microalgae-based biorefinery is the efficient separation of microalgae from low-concentration culture broth. The post-harvesting cell-disruption step necessary to render microalgae suitable for lipid extraction, moreover, further raises energy consumption and cost. For the mitigation of biorefinery complexity and costs, we suggest herein a new scheme that integrates the critical downstream processes (harvesting and cell disruption) by means of cationic surfactant-decorated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles. The cationic surfactants' quaternary ammonium heads play an important role in not only flocculating negatively charged microalgae but also weakening thick cell walls. In the present study, the harvesting efficiency and cell-damaging effects of three cationic surfactants - cetrimonium bromide (CTAB), cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC), and cetylpyridinium bromide (CPB) - were evaluated. The CTAB-decorated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles, which were found to be the most effective, achieved a 96.6% microalgae harvesting efficiency at a dosage of 0.46 g particle per g cell. Next, for the purposes of magnetic nanoparticle recycling and high-purity microalgal biomass obtainment, microalgae detachment from microalgae-Fe₃O₄ flocs was performed by addition of an anionic surfactant, sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS). The detached CTAB-decorated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles showed a steady reuse efficiency of about 80%. Furthermore, microalgae harvesting by CTAB-decorated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles could contribute to a great improvement in the total extracted lipid content and greener wet extraction without the additional energy-intensive cell-disruption step, thus demonstrating the cell-disruption ability of CTAB-decorated Fe₃O₄ nanoparticles.

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Sorption of zinc onto elemental selenium nanoparticles immobilized in *Phanerochaete chrysosporium* pellets

The use of a novel hybrid biosorbent, elemental selenium nanoparticles ($n\text{Se}^0$) immobilized in pellets of *Phanerochaete chrysosporium*, to remove Zn from aqueous solutions was investigated. Fungal pellets containing $n\text{Se}^0$ ($n\text{Se}^0$ -pellets) showed to be better biosorbents as they removed more Zn ($88.1 \pm 5.3\%$) compared to Se-free fungal pellets ($56.2 \pm 2.8\%$) at pH 4.5 and an initial Zn concentration of 10 mg L^{-1} . The enhanced sorption capacity of $n\text{Se}^0$ -pellets was attributed to a higher concentration of sorption sites resulting in a more negative surface charge density, as determined by analysis of the potentiometric titration data. Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) analysis of fungal pellets prior to and after being loaded with Zn showed the functional groups, including hydroxyl and carboxyl groups, involved in the sorption process. The experimental data indicated that the sorption rate of the $n\text{Se}^0$ -pellets fitted well to the pseudo-second order kinetic model ($R^2 = 0.99$), and the sorption isotherm was best represented by the Sips model (Langmuir-Freundlich) with heterogeneous factor $n = 1$ ($R^2 = 0.99$), which is equivalent to the Langmuir model. Operational advantages of fungal pelleted reactors and the Zn removal efficiencies achieved by $n\text{Se}^0$ -pellets under mild acidic conditions make $n\text{Se}^0$ -pellet based bioreactors an efficient biosorption process.

General information

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Mesophilic anaerobic digestion of pulp and paper industry biosludge-long-term reactor performance and effects of thermal pretreatment

The pulp and paper industry wastewater treatment processes produce large volumes of biosludge. Limited anaerobic degradation of lignocellulose has hindered the utilization of biosludge, but the processing of biosludge using anaerobic digestion has recently regained interest. In this study, biosludge was used as a sole substrate in long-term (400 d) mesophilic laboratory reactor trials. Nine biosludge batches collected evenly over a period of one year from a pulp and paper industry wastewater treatment plant had different solid and nutrient (nitrogen, phosphorus, trace elements) characteristics. Nutrient characteristics may vary by a factor of 2-11, while biomethane potentials (BMPs) ranged from 89 to 102 NL CH_4 kg^{-1} VS between batches. The BMPs were enhanced by 39-88% with thermal pretreatments at 105-134 °C. Despite varying biosludge properties, stable operation was achieved in reactor trials with a hydraulic retention time (HRT) of 14 d. Hydrolysis was the process limiting step, ceasing gas production when the HRT was shortened to 10 days. However, digestion with an HRT of 10 days was feasible after thermal pretreatment of the biosludge (20 min at 121 °C) due to enhanced hydrolysis. The methane yield was 78 NL CH_4 kg^{-1} VS for untreated biosludge and was increased by 77% (138 NL CH_4 kg^{-1} VS) after pretreatment.

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Power generation in fed-batch and continuous up-flow microbial fuel cell from synthetic wastewater

Up-flow bioreactors have the advantages of retaining very high cell density and having high mass transfer efficiency. The recirculation rate could improve the up-flow rate in up-flow bioreactor. A two-chamber UFMFC (up-flow microbial fuel cell) is constructed with flat graphite electrodes and anion exchange membrane for electricity generation. The anode chamber is seeded with compost culture enriched on xylose and operated on synthetic wastewater with 0.5 g/L xylose, external resistance of 100 Ω , at pH 7.0 and 37 °C in fed-batch mode. The cathode chamber in the top of the UFMFC is filled with potassium ferricyanide (pH 7.0) as the electron acceptor. The effects of different recirculation rates of 1.2, 2.4, 4.8 and 7.2 RV (reactor-volumes)/h to increase the mass transfer and electricity production are determined in fed-batch mode. At a recirculation rate of 4.8 RV/h, a power density of $356 \pm 24 \text{ mW/m}^2$ with CE (coulombic efficiency) of $21.3 \pm 1.0\%$ is obtained. Decreasing HRT (hydraulic retention time) could improve the electricity production performance of UFMFC in continuous mode. The power generation is increased to $372 \pm 20 \text{ mW/m}^2$, while CE remains at $13.4 \pm 0.5\%$ with HRT of 1.7 d and optimum recirculation rate of 4.8 RV/h on continuous mode. Microbial communities were characterized with PCR (polymerase chain reaction) - DGGE (denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis). In the end of the experiment, the biofilm contained both fermenting and exoelectrogenic bacteria, while fermenting and nitrate-reducing bacteria were mainly present in the anodic solutions. Moreover, some changes occurred in the microbial communities of the anodic solutions when the MFCs were switched from fed-batch to continuous mode, while the differences were minor between different recirculation rates in fed-batch mode.

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Modelling new particle formation and growth using combined power law and log-normal distribution model

General information

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The critical velocity of rebound determined for sub-micron silver particles with a variable nozzle area impactor

The critical velocity of rebound was determined for spherical silver aerosol particles in the size range of 20-1000. nm. A novel instrument, a variable nozzle area impactor, was especially designed for measuring the particle-surface interaction as a function of the particle impact velocity. The experimental results were combined with a numerical model in order to obtain the impact velocities. The experiments were carried out using a plain aluminum collection substrate in the impactor. Our results show that the critical velocity of rebound decreases from 14 to 0.022. m/s as the particle size increases from 20 to 1000. nm. Furthermore, the critical velocity was found to be proportional to the power of -1.6 of the particle size, instead of the theoretical inverse proportionality. This result is in line with the previous studies for micron-sized particles. In the nanoparticle size range, the obtained values are approximately 3-10 times greater than the recent literature values. This discrepancy can most likely be explained by the different surface materials. All in all, our results give valuable information about the particle-surface interactions in the sub-micron size range.

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Organisations: Department of Physics, Research area: Aerosol Physics, Research group: Aerosol Synthesis, Research group: The Instrumentation, Emissions, and Atmospheric Aerosols Group, Engineering materials science and solutions (EMASS), Urban circular bioeconomy (UrCirBio)

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Experimental Investigation of Cyclic Variability on Combustion and Emissions of a High-Speed SI Engine

Cyclic combustion variability (CCV) is an undesirable characteristic of spark ignition (SI) engines, and originates from variations in gas motion and turbulence, as well as from differences in mixture composition and homogeneity in each cycle. In this work, the cycle to cycle variability on combustion and emissions is experimentally investigated on a high-speed, port fuel injected, spark ignition engine. Fast response analyzers were placed at the exhaust manifold, directly downstream of the exhaust valve of one cylinder, for the determination of the cycle-resolved carbon monoxide (CO) and nitric oxide (NO) emissions. A piezoelectric transducer, integrated in the spark-plug, was also used for cylinder pressure measurement. The impact of engine operating parameters, namely engine speed, load, equivalence ratio and ignition timing on combustion and emissions variability, was evaluated. The variations in mixture stoichiometry were found to have a strong effect on engine combustion variability. Rich cyclic mixture compositions exhibit lower coefficient of variation (COV) for the indicated mean effective pressure (IMEP) and NO emissions (COV_{NO}) compared with lean mixtures. The mean value of CO emission was found to be mainly affected by stoichiometry while COV_{CO} is affected by lambda fluctuations. At higher engine loads, maximum cylinder pressure and IMEP are increased, while COV_{IMEP} decreased. Furthermore, ignition timing was found to strongly affect combustion and NO emissions, as it is related with early flame kernel development and thereby with flame propagation. Maximum braking torque (MBT) operation exhibits maximum IMEP and minimum COV_{IMEP} . Compared to MBT operating conditions, advanced ignition timing leads to higher maximum cylinder pressure, higher NO and COV_{NO} , while retarded ignition timings lead to lower maximum cylinder pressure, lower NO concentration and higher NO variability (COV_{NO}).

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Modelling particle distribution using combined power-law and log-normal distribution model

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Organisations: Research area: Aerosol Physics, Department of Physics

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Breaking dormancy: An energy-efficient means of recovering astaxanthin from microalgae

Haematococcus pluvialis, in the dormant aplanospore (cyst) status after 30 d of cultivation, accumulates high levels of a superpotent antioxidant, astaxanthin, which has been demonstrated to have enormous therapeutic benefits. However, owing to the robust structure of its trilayered cell wall, the recovery of astaxanthin from the cyst cells remains an energy-intensive process. In the present study, a novel strategy utilizing a short-period germination based on the natural life cycle of *H. pluvialis* was developed as an energy-efficient pretreatment for the extraction of astaxanthin using ionic liquids (ILs) as green solvents. The germination resulted in damage and deconstruction of the cyst cell wall, and thereby facilitated the extraction of astaxanthin by ILs at room temperature. By this natural pretreatment with 1-ethyl-3-methylimidazolium ethylsulfate for a very short reaction time of 1 min, a high astaxanthin yield of 19.5 pg per cell was obtained, which was about 82% of a conventional volatile organic solvent extraction by strong, 30 000 psi French-pressure-cell homogenization. The maximal astaxanthin-extraction yield from *H. pluvialis* cells was observed for 12-18 h germination. The germination rate furthermore could be improved by manipulating the nutritional composition (especially the nitrate concentration) of the culture medium. In light of these results, it can be posited that natural germination following the principles of green chemistry can be a uniquely simple method of robust microalgal cyst cell pretreatment and extraction of astaxanthin with room-temperature ILs.

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Seasonal and diurnal variations of fluorescent bioaerosol concentration and size distribution in the urban environment

A recently introduced fluorescence based real-time bioaerosol instrument, BioScout, and an ultraviolet aerodynamic particle sizer (UVAPS) were used to study fluorescent bioaerosol particles (FBAP) in the Helsinki metropolitan area, Finland, during winter and summer. Two FBAP modes at 0.5–1.5 μm (fine) and 1.5–5 μm (coarse) were detected during the summer, whereas the fine mode dominated in the winter. The concentration and proportion of the coarse FBAP was high in summer (0.028 #/cm³, 23%) and low in winter (0.010 #/cm³, 6%). Snow cover and low biological activity were assumed to be the main reasons for the low coarse FBAP concentration in the wintertime. Both the fine and the coarse FBAP fraction typically increased at nighttime during the summer. Correlations between the BioScout and the UVAPS were high with the coarse ($R = 0.83$) and fine ($R = 0.92$) FBAP. The BioScout showed 2.6 and 9.7 times higher detection efficiencies for the coarse and fine FBAP, respectively, compared to the UVAPS. A long-range transport episode of particles from Eastern Europe increased the fine FBAP concentration by over two orders of magnitude compared to the clean period in the winter, but these FBAP probably also included fluorescent non-biological particles. Correlation analysis indicates that local combustion sources did not generate fluorescent non-biological particles that can disturb fine FBAP counting. The results provide information that can be used to estimate health risks and climatic

relevance of bioaerosols in the urban environment.

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Evaluating Particulate Emissions from a Flexible Fuel Vehicle with Direct Injection when Operated on Ethanol and Iso-butanol Blends

The relationship between ethanol and iso-butanol fuel concentrations and vehicle particulate matter emissions was investigated. This study utilized a gasoline direct injection (GDI) flexible fuel vehicle (FFV) with wall-guided fueling system tested with four fuels, including E10, E51, E83, and an iso-butanol blend at a proportion of 55% by volume. Emission measurements were conducted over the Federal Test Procedure (FTP) driving cycle on a chassis dynamometer with an emphasis on the physical and chemical characterization of particulate matter (PM) emissions. The results indicated that the addition of higher ethanol blends and the iso-butanol blend resulted in large reductions in PM mass, soot, and total and solid particle number emissions. PM emissions for the baseline E10 fuel were characterized by a higher fraction of elemental carbon (EC), whereas the PM emissions for the higher ethanol blends were more organic carbon (OC) in nature. The higher ethanol blends and the iso-butanol blend showed lower concentrations of accumulation mode particles and size distributions shifted to smaller particle sizes compared to E10. In addition, the majority of trace elements and metals showed clear reductions with increasing alcohol content into gasoline.

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Organisations: Urban circular bioeconomy (UrCirBio), University of California, Riverside, University of California Transportation Center (UCTC), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Instrumentation and Control Systems

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Simulation of the Formation Process of Diesel Exhaust Particle Emissions

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Organisations: Research area: Aerosol Physics, Department of Physics, Research group: The Instrumentation, Emissions, and Atmospheric Aerosols Group

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Review of motor vehicle particulate emissions sampling and measurement: From smoke and filter mass to particle number

Particulate emissions from motor vehicles have received increased attention over the past two decades owing to associations observed between ambient particulate matter (PM) levels and health effects. This has led to numerous changes in emissions regulations worldwide, including more stringent standards, the broadening of these to include non-road engines, and the adoption of new metrics. These changes have created a demand for new instruments that are capable of real time measurement, enhanced sensitivity, and on-board vehicle operation. In response, researchers and instrument manufacturers have developed an array of new and improved instruments and sampling methods. It is generally recognized that the exhaust aerosol concentration measured depends on both the sampling technique and the instrument used. Hence, many of the new instruments are complementary and offer merits in measuring a variety of particulate emissions attributes. However, selecting the best instrument for each application is not a straightforward task; it requires on one hand a clear measurement objective and, on the other, an understanding of the characteristics of the instrument employed. This paper reviews how vehicle exhaust particulate emission measurements have evolved over the years. The focus is on current and newly evolving instrumentation, including gravimetric filter measurement, chemical analysis of filters, light extinction, scattering and absorption instruments, and instruments based on the electrical detection of exhaust aerosols. Correlations between the various instruments are examined in the context of steadily more stringent exhaust emissions standards. The review concludes with a discussion of future instrument and sampling requirements for the changing nature of exhaust aerosols from current and future vehicles.

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Research output: Contribution to journal > Review Article > Scientific > peer-review

Building energy-efficiency interventions in North-East Europe: Effects on indoor environmental quality and public health

INSULAtE project aims to develop a common protocol for assessment of improving energy efficiency (EE) of dwellings on indoor environmental quality (IEQ) and public health in Europe. So far, measurement data on IEQ parameters (PM, CO, CO₂, VOCs, formaldehyde, NO₂, radon, T and RH) and questionnaire data from occupants were collected from 16 multifamily buildings (94 apartments) in Finland and 20 (96 apartments) in Lithuania before renovation. Most parameters were within recommended limits; however, the data revealed different baselines (before renovation) for each country both in terms of the IEQ parameters and the respondents' satisfaction regarding their residence and indoor air quality. Post renovation data (from one building in each country) showed potential changes in the measured parameters, while further analyses are needed once the data have been collected. The results of this project will be used in developing guidance and support the implementation of the related policies.

General information

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Organisations: Life Cycle Effectiveness of the Built Environment (LCE@BE), Research group: Concrete and Bridge Structures, Department of Civil Engineering, Research group: Responsible Construction, National Public Health Institute, Kaunas University of Technology

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Characterization of charge in airborne fungal spores

General information

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Organisations: Department of Physics, Research area: Aerosol Physics, Research area: Optics, Urban circular bioeconomy (UrCirBio), University of Cincinnati, Ita-Suomen yliopisto, Dekati Ltd

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Use of a PPS sensor in evaluating the impact of fuel efficiency improvement technologies on the particle emissions of a euro 5 diesel car

The effect of "Start & Stop" and "Gear Shift Indicator" - two widespread fuel saving technologies - on fuel consumption and particle emissions of a Euro 5 passenger car is evaluated in this paper. The vehicle was subjected to a series of different driving cycles, including the current (NEDC) and future (WLTC) cycles implemented in the European type approval procedure at cold and hot start condition and particle number was measured with an AVL Particle Counter. In addition, we have utilized two Pegasor Particle Sensor units positioned in different locations along the sampling line to assess the impact of the sampling location on the particle characteristics measured during highly transient events. The results showed that the particle number emission levels over the WLTC were comparable to the NEDC ones, whereas NO_x emissions were more than twofold higher. Both fuel saving technologies can lead to reduced fuel consumption and, subsequently CO₂ emissions, in the order of 5%. However, their impact on particle emissions was not straightforward, as the impact of the DPF loading was found much more significant than the effect of these technologies. However, in several occasions, the frequent start and stops of the engine actually led to an increase in particle emissions over the baseline. On the other hand, the reduced engine speed imposed when the gear shift indicator was respected generally led to lower particle emissions. Transient impacts on particle emissions such as those resulted by the fuel saving technologies studied can be much better monitored with raw exhaust sampling than following the type approval sampling procedure. This recommendation tends to be forgotten in regular research works.

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Impact of the dropping activity with vehicle age on air pollutant emissions

Road transport is a major source of air pollution especially in cities. Detailed calculations are needed to support road transport emission inventories due to the variance of technologies and operating conditions encountered on the roads. The annual distance driven by cars in relation to their characteristics is an important variable in such calculations. In this work, a large amount of mileage data were collected from second-hand car sellers in Italy and were then analyzed in order to understand the influence of vehicle age on annual mileage driven. The available data enabled the development of dropping functions of annual mileage with vehicle age. It was found that the average mileage of 10 year old cars is only approximately 40% of the mileage driven on year one. This drops to approximately only 10% for 20-year old cars. The findings are of paramount importance in environmental calculations as road transport NO_x and PM emissions drop by more than 20% when the corrected functions are used compared to using a constant mileage. Not introducing such a correction may result to an approximately 8% higher nation-wide NO_x emissions with negative implications towards meeting the national emission ceilings. In terms of policy implications, the dropping activity with age results to a decrease in the importance of accelerated scrappage schemes and of environmental zones in air quality.

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Biochemical changes of fresh water cyanobacteria *Dolichospermum flos-aquae* NTMS07 to chromium-induced stress with special reference to antioxidant enzymes and cellular fatty acids

This investigation examined the efficiency of *Dolichospermum flos-aquae* NTMS07 in the removal of Cr(VI) from exposure water at various concentrations (2.5, 5, 7.5, 10 mg/L) over different time intervals of contact (1-5 days). Chromium removal was maximum at 2.5 mg/L, and decreased with increased concentration. The responses of the antioxidative enzymes superoxide dismutase (SOD) and catalase (CAT) were measured, and the composition of fatty acids was evaluated at a concentration of 5 mg Cr/L. Significant increases in the activity levels of SOD and CAT were obtained. The level of total unsaturated fatty acids decreased with exposure to Cr. It is proposed that the observed decrease in total unsaturated fatty acid level is a defense mechanism against Cr-induced oxidative stress and cell membrane damage.

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Organic silicon compounds in biogases produced from grass silage, grass and maize in laboratory batch assays

In the present study the occurrence of volatile organic silicon compounds in biogas produced from grass silage, grass and maize in laboratory batch assays was analyzed and methane potentials were determined. Inoculum from a mesophilic farm digester was used, and its effects were subtracted. Methane yields from grass silage, grass and maize were 0.38, 0.42 and 0.34 m³CH₄/kg - volatile solids added (VS_{add}), respectively. Trimethyl silanol, hexamethylcyclotrisiloxane (D3), octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane (D4) and decamethylcyclopentasiloxane (D5) were detected from all the biogases. Higher yields of volatile organic silicon compounds in the grass (from 21.8 to 37.6 µg/kgVS_{add}) were detected than in grass silage or maize assays (from 14.7 to 20.4 and from 7.4 to 12.1 µg/kgVS_{add}, respectively). Overall, it is important to consider silicon-containing compounds also in biogases in energy crop digestion as the number of biogas plants using energy crops as feeding material increases and some biogas applications are sensitive to organic silicon compounds. © 2013 Elsevier Ltd.

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Application of the Pegasor Particle Sensor for the Measurement of Mass and Particle Number Emissions

The Pegasor Particle Sensor (PPS) is a small and lightweight sensor that can be used directly in raw exhaust to provide the mass and number concentration of exhaust aerosol. Its operation principle is based on the electrical charging of exhaust aerosol and determination of particle concentration by measuring the charge accumulated on the particles. In this paper we have applied the PPS in a variety of vehicle exhaust configurations to evaluate its performance characteristics. First, the output signal of the instrument was calibrated with diesel exhaust to deliver either the mass or the number concentration of exhaust aerosol. Linear response with the soot mass concentration measured by a Photo Acoustic Soot Sensor and number concentration measured by an Electrical Low Pressure Impactor was established. Based on this calibration, the instrument was then used to measure particle concentrations at levels produced by a gasoline direct injection vehicle and diesel exhaust filtered by particle filters of variable efficiency. Hence, the complete range of concentrations and particle characteristics typically encountered in automotive exhaust has been examined. The results show that the PPS signal can provide a repeatable measurement of aerosol concentration in the exhaust of current vehicles, offering a very good correlation both to the mass and number of particles, as measured by existing techniques.

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Use of a Catalytic Stripper as an Alternative to the Original PMP Measurement Protocol

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Evaluation of an oxidation catalyst ("catalytic stripper") in eliminating volatile material from combustion aerosol

Combustion aerosol is a mixture of solid and volatile particulate matter. Separation of solid particles for research or regulatory purposes is often conducted with thermal treatment of the aerosol. For example, European automotive emission regulations address solid particles above 23. nm, which are separated by dilution and heating in a volatile particle remover (VPR). This study evaluated an oxidation catalyst - often referred to as a "catalytic stripper" (CS) - as an alternative technique to remove volatile components. A version of the CS was examined in this paper, where the oxidation catalyst

was combined with a sulphur trap in order to oxidise hydrocarbon species and to bind sulphates on the CS surface. In order to characterise the performance of the CS, the position of the sulphur trap upstream or downstream of the oxidation catalyst was examined in relation to the light-off temperature, hydrocarbon oxidation efficiency, and sulphur storage capacity, defined as the point where sulphate particles start to form downstream of the CS. With the best performance achieved when the trap was positioned downstream of the oxidation catalyst, the CS was then characterised in terms of particle losses in the range 6-100. nm. Losses were found rather independent of particle size above 30. nm but significantly increased below 23. nm. The efficiency in removing volatile particles was characterised using tetracontane particles. Furthermore, the overall performance of the CS was compared against the VPR by using diesel nucleation mode particles as the challenge aerosol. Results showed that the CS could directly be used as an alternative to VPR for combustion aerosol measurements if only particles above 23. nm were considered. Extending the measurement below this range would also be possible. This would however require an evaporation tube to vaporise material before this reached the CS and attention in addressing the rapidly increasing losses with decreasing particle size in this range.

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Applicability of the Pegasor particle sensor to measure particle number, mass and PM emissions

The Pegasor Particle Sensor (PPS) has been earlier presented by Ntziachristos et al. (SAE Paper 2011-01-0626) as a novel small and robust instrument that can be directly installed in the exhaust line to measure exhaust particles without any dilution. The instrument is based on the electrical detection of aerosol. It is increasingly being used to measure exhaust particles from engines and vehicles with different exhaust configurations. In this study, a number of tests have been conducted using two sensors in parallel, one directly installed in the tailpipe and one installed in the CVS, side by side to the PM sampling filter. Aim of the study was to make recommendations on the proper use of the sensor and to check how the sensor signal compares to particulate mass, soot concentration, and particle number. A first finding is that external heating has to be provided to the sensor to avoid condensation. Second, very good linearity of the sensor signal is established for all three particle concentrations examined. The only exception was PM at very low concentrations, where positive adsorption artifacts determine the mass collected on the filter. Also, the original calibration provided with the sensor offers a satisfactory match with the absolute level of mass and number measured with other instruments. Improving this requires either specific calibration of the sensor for a particular emission source, or, at least, knowledge of the particle size distribution.

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Thermophilic anaerobic digestion of pulp and paper mill primary sludge and co-digestion of primary and secondary sludge

Anaerobic digestion of pulp and paper mill primary sludge and co-digestion of primary and secondary sludge were studied for the first time in semi-continuously fed continuously stirred tank reactors (CSTR) in thermophilic conditions. Additionally, in batch experiments, methane potentials of 210 and 230 m³CH₄/t volatile solids (VS) added were obtained for primary, and 50 and 100 m³CH₄/tVS added for secondary sludge at 35 °C and 55 °C, respectively. Anaerobic digestion of primary sludge was shown to be feasible with organic loading rates (OLR) of 1-1.4 kgVS/m³d and hydraulic retention times (HRT) of 16-32 d resulting in methane yields of 190-240 m³CH₄/tVS fed. Also the highest tested OLR of 2 kgVS/m³d and the shortest HRT of 14-16 d could be feasible, if pH stability is confirmed. Co-digestion of primary and secondary sludge with an OLR of 1 kgVS/m³d and HRTs of 25-31 d resulted in methane yields of 150-170 m³CH₄/tVS fed. In the digestion processes, cellulose and hemicellulose degraded while lignin did not. pH adjustment and nitrogen deficiency needs to be considered when planning anaerobic digestion of pulp and paper mill wastewater sludges. © 2012 Elsevier Ltd.

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Exhaust particle sensor for OBD application

Efforts to develop a sensor for on-board diagnostics (OBD) of diesel vehicles are intensive as diesel particulate filters (DPFs) have become widespread around the world. This study presents a novel sensor that has been successfully tested for OBD diagnosis of damaged DPFs. The sensor is based on the "escaping current" technique. Based on this, a sample of exhaust gas is charged by a corona-ionized flow and is pumped by an ejector dilutor built in the sensor's construction. While the majority of ions return to the grounded sensor's body, a small quantity is lost with the charged particles exiting the sensor. This "escaping current" is a measurement of the particle concentration in the exhaust gas. Such a sensor has been developed and tested in real-exhaust of a diesel car and a diesel engine. The sensor provides high resolution (1 Hz, 0.3 s response time) and high sensitivity superseding OBD requirements. The sensor was used on an engine to monitor the efficiency of damaged DPFs. The signal was found to perform similar to the smokemeter, a widespread instrument used for routine testing in automotive laboratories. The sensor was then installed in the exhaust of a vehicle to test the DPF efficiency of a well operating and a damaged DPF over a transient test. The sensor was found to be sensitive enough to clearly detect a defected from a well-operating particle filter even at levels as low as 6 mg km^{-1} . This study demonstrates that a soot sensor based on the escaping current technique has the potential to be used for OBD and DPF control on forthcoming light duty and heavy duty diesel vehicles.

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Weathering of gasification and grate bottom ash in anaerobic conditions

The effect of anaerobic conditions on weathering of gasification and grate bottom ash were studied in laboratory lysimeters. The two parallel lysimeters containing the same ash were run in anaerobic conditions for 322 days, after which one was aerated for 132 days. The lysimeters were watered throughout the study and the quality of leachates and changes in the binding of elements into ash were observed. The results show that organic carbon content and initial moisture of ashes are the key parameters affecting the weathering of ashes. In the grate ash the biodegradation of organic carbon produced enough CO_2 to regulate pH. In contrast the dry gasification ash, containing little organic carbon, was not carbonated under anaerobic conditions and the pH decreased only after aeration was started. During the aeration the CO_2 absorption capacity was not reached, indicating that intense aeration would be needed to fully carbonate gasification ash. The results indicate that in common weathering practice the main emissions-reducing processes are leaching and carbonation due to CO_2 from biodegradation. The results of the aeration study suggest that the role of atmospheric CO_2 in the weathering process was insignificant.

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The mechanism of the oxidation of benzyl alcohol by iron(III)nitrate: Conventional versus microwave heating

The mechanism of the oxidation of benzyl alcohol with iron(III)nitrate nonahydrate under conventional and under microwave heating conditions has been investigated and the reaction conditions have been optimized. A series of redox reactions leads to the formation of benzaldehyde and other products. Direct comparison between conventional and microwave heating revealed identical conversions profiles. Mastering the microwave induced heat, absence of a real microwave effect and byproduct formation are the major factors to advise a traditional batch-wise way of process development to a larger scale.

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Internal leachate quality in a municipal solid waste landfill: Vertical, horizontal and temporal variation and impacts of leachate recirculation

The aim of this study was to monitor and characterise internal leachate quality at a Finnish municipal solid waste landfill (Lahti, Kujala, in operation for approximately 50 years) to provide information about its horizontal and vertical variation as well as effects of leachate recirculation on leachate quality. The study area (approximately 4 h) of the landfill had 14 monitoring wells for leachate quality monitoring over a 2-year period. The leachate was monitored for COD, BOD, TKN, NH₄-N, Cl, pH and electric conductivity. The results showed high horizontal and vertical variability in leachate quality between monitoring wells, indicating that age and properties of waste, local conditions (e.g., water table) and degradation and dilution processes have a marked effect on local leachate quality. The mean COD values (642-8037 mg/l) and mean BOD/COD ratios (0.08-0.17) from the different monitoring wells were typical of landfills in the methanogenic phase of

degradation. The leachate in the monitoring wells was notably more concentrated than the leachate effluent used for leachate recirculation. In the landfill as a whole the effects of the leachate recirculation on leachate quality, although difficult to distinguish from those caused by other factors, appeared to be minor during the study period.

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Methane oxidation in a boreal climate in an experimental landfill cover composed from mechanically-biologically treated waste

The present study evaluated microbial methane (CH_4) oxidation in a boreally located outdoor landfill lysimeter (volume 112 m^3 , height 3.9 m) filled with mechanically-biologically treated waste (MBT residual) and containing a cover layer made from the same MBT residual. The calculations based on gas emission and pore gas measurements showed that, between April and October 2005, a significant proportion ($> 96\%$) of the methane produced ($< 23 \text{ l CH}_4 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$) in the lysimeter was oxidized. Methane was oxidized mainly at the depths of 35-75 cm, as indicated by the upward decrease both in the methane concentration and in the methane-to-carbon dioxide ratio in the pore gas. Lower methane oxidation ($< 0.8 \text{ CH}_4 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$; this was $< 22\%$ of the methane produced) was observed only during the coldest time of the year (January 2006), apparently due to the fall in temperature at the depths of 25-70 cm (from $9\text{-}25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ during April to October to $2\text{-}9 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ in January). Unexpectedly, the highest methane oxidation potential (MOP) was observed in samples from the top layer where exposure to methane was low. Overall, the results show that MBT residual is a suitable support medium for methane oxidation in landfill covers in field conditions in a boreal climate.

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Detailed internal characterisation of two Finnish landfills by waste sampling

The aim of this study was to characterise the internal structure and composition of landfilled waste at two Finnish landfills to provide information for active and post-landfill operations. The two sites, Ämmässuo and Kujala, have been in operation for 17 and 48 years, respectively. Waste was sampled (total 68 samples) and analysed for total solids (TS), volatile solids (VS), total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), biological methane potential (BMP) and leaching of organic material (determined as chemical oxygen demand, COD) and ammonium nitrogen ($\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$). The results showed high vertical and horizontal variability, which indicated that both the waste composition and state of degradation varied greatly in both landfills. Ämmässuo was characterised by 2- to 4-fold higher BMP, $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ and COD leaching than Kujala. Moreover, the ratio of VS to TS was higher at Ämmässuo, while TS content was lower. The highest mean BMPs (68 and 44 m^3/t TS), TKN content (4.6 and 5.2 kg/t dry weight) and VS/TS ratio (65% and 59%) were observed in the middle and top layers; and the lowest mean BMP (21 and 8 m^3/t TS), TKN content (2.4 kg/t dry weight, in both landfills) and VS/TS ratio (55% and 16% in Ämmässuo and Kujala, respectively) in the bottom layers. In conclusion, waste sampling is a feasible way of characterising the landfill body, despite the high variation observed and the fact that the minimum number and size of samples cannot easily be generalized to other landfills due to different methods of waste management and different landfilling histories.

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Landfill gas upgrading with countercurrent water wash

A pilot-scale countercurrent absorption process for upgrading landfill gas to produce vehicle fuel was studied using absorption and desorption units and water as absorbent. The height-to-diameter ratio of the absorption column used was 3:1 instead of the more conventionally used 20:1 ratio, and a higher pressure was used along with a lower water flow rate. The effects of pressure (10-30 bar) and water and gas flow-ratios on the upgrading process were studied. Methane content in the product gas increased to near or above 90% with both gas flows (50 and 100 l/min) used at over 20 bar pressure with 10 l/min water flow and at 30 bar pressure with 5 l/min water flow. Carbon dioxide content with these upgrading parameters ranged from 3.2% to 4.8%. The remaining fraction of the product gas was nitrogen (from 6% to 7%), while hydrogen sulphide was removed to below the detection limit with all of the upgrading parameters used. The methane content of exhaust gas increased with increasing pressure. In conclusion, the pilot-scale gas upgrading process studied here appears to be able to produce gas with high energy content (>90% methane), apparently suitable as vehicle fuel, from landfill gas.

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Mechanically-biologically treated municipal solid waste as a support medium for microbial methane oxidation to mitigate landfill greenhouse emissions

The residual fraction of mechanically-biologically treated municipal solid waste (MBT residual) was studied in the laboratory to evaluate its suitability and environmental compatibility as a support medium in methane (CH₄) oxidative biocovers for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from landfills. Two MBT residuals with 5 and 12 months total (aerobic) biological stabilisation times were used in the study. MBT residual appeared to be a favourable medium for CH₄ oxidation as indicated by its area-based CH₄ oxidation rates (12.2-82.3 g CH₄ m⁻² d⁻¹ at 2-25 °C; determined in CH₄-sparged columns). The CH₄ oxidation potential (determined in batch assays) of the MBT residuals increased during the 124 d column experiment, from <1.6 to a maximum of 104 μg CH₄ g_{dw}⁻¹ h⁻¹ (dw = dry weight) at 5 °C and 578 μg CH₄ g_{dw}⁻¹ h⁻¹ at 23 °C. Nitrous oxide (N₂O) production in MBT residual (<15 μg N₂O kg_{dw}⁻¹ d⁻¹ in the CH₄ oxidative columns) was at the lower end of the range of N₂O emissions reported for landfills and non-landfill soils, and insignificant as a greenhouse gas source. Also, anaerobic gas production (25.6 l kg_{dw}⁻¹ during 217 d) in batch assays was low, indicating biological stability of the MBT residual. The electrical conductivities (140-250 mS m⁻¹), as well as the concentrations of zinc (3.0 mg l⁻¹), copper (0.5 mg l⁻¹), arsenic (0.3 mg l⁻¹), nickel (0.1 mg l⁻¹) and lead (0.1 mg l⁻¹) in MBT residual eluates from a leaching test (EN-12457-4) with a liquid/solid (L/S) ratio of 10:1, suggest a potential for leachate pollutant emissions which should be considered in plans to utilise MBT residual. In conclusion, the laboratory experiments suggest that MBT residual can be utilised as a support medium for CH₄ oxidation, even at low temperatures, to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions from landfills.

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Landfill methane oxidation in engineered soil columns at low temperature

Though engineered covers have been suggested for reducing landfill methane emissions via microbial methane oxidation, little is known about the covers' function at low temperature. This study aimed to determine the methane consumption rates of engineered soil columns at low temperature (4-12°C) and to identify soil characteristics that may enhance methane oxidation in the field. Engineered soils (30 cm thick) were mixtures of sewage sludge compost and de-inking waste, amended with sand (SDS soil) or bark chips (SDB soil). At 4-6°C, we achieved rates of 0.09 gCH₄ kgTS⁻¹d⁻¹ (0.02 m³ m⁻²d⁻¹) and 0.06 gCH₄ kgTS⁻¹d⁻¹ (0.009 m³ m⁻²d⁻¹) with SDS and SDB soils, respectively. With SDS, good movement and exchange of oxygen in porous soil moderated the slowdown of microbial activity so that the rate dropped only by half as temperature declined from 21-23°C to 4-6°C. In SDB, wet bark chips reduced the soil's air-filled porosity and intensified non-methanotrophic microbial activity, thus reducing the methane consumption rate at 4-6°C to one fourth of that at 21-23°C. In conclusion, soil characteristics such as air-filled porosity, water holding capacity, quantity and stabilization of organic amendments that affect the movement and exchange of oxygen are important variables in designing engineered covers for high methane oxidation at low temperature.

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Anaerobic solubilisation of nitrogen from municipal solid waste (MSW)

This paper reviews anaerobic solubilisation of nitrogen municipal solid waste (MSW) and the effect of current waste management practises on nitrogen release. The production and use of synthetically fixed nitrogen fertiliser in food production has more than doubled the flow of excessive nitrogenous material into the community and hence into the waste disposal system. This imbalance in the global nitrogen cycle has led to uncontrolled nitrogen emissions into the atmosphere and water systems. The nitrogen content of MSW is up to 4.0% of total solids (TS) and the proteins in MSW have a lower rate of degradation than cellulose. The proteins are hydrolysed through multiple stages into amino acids that are further fermented into volatile fatty acids, carbon dioxides, hydrogen gas, ammonium and reduced sulphur. Anaerobic digestion of MSW putrescibles could solubilise around 50% of the nitrogen. Thus, the anaerobic digestion of putrescibles may become an important method of increasing the rate of nitrogen recycling back to the ecosystem. A large proportion of the nitrogen in MSW continues to end up in landfills; for example, in the EU countries around 2 million tonnes of nitrogen is disposed of annually this way. Nitrogen concentration in the leachates of existing landfills are likely to remain at a high level for decades to come. Under present waste management practices with a relatively low level of efficiency in the source segregation or mechanical sorting of putrescibles from grey waste and with a low level of control over landfill operating procedures, nitrogen solubilisation from landfilled waste will take at least a century.

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Thermophilic aerobic wastewater treatment, process performance, biomass characteristics, and effluent quality

Thermophilic aerobic wastewater treatment is reviewed. Thermophilic processes have been studied in laboratory and pilot-scale while full-scale applications are rare. The paper focuses on the microbiology of aerobic thermophiles, performance of the aerobic wastewater treatments, sludge yield, and alternatives to enhance performance of the thermophilic process. Thermophilic processes have been shown to operate under markedly high loading rates (30-180 kg COD m⁻³d⁻¹). Reported sludge production values under thermophilic conditions vary between 0.05 and 0.3 kg SS kg COD_{removed}, which are about the same or lower than generally obtained in mesophilic processes. Compared to analogous mesophilic treatment, thermophilic treatment commonly suffers from poorer effluent quality, measured by lower total COD and filtrated (GF-A) COD removals. However, in the removal of soluble (bacterial membrane filtered) COD both mesophilic and thermophilic treatments have produced similar results. Sludge settleability in thermophilic processes have been reported to be better or poorer than in analogous mesophilic processes, although cases with better settling properties are rare. Combining thermophilic with mesophilic treatment or ultrafiltration may in some cases markedly improve effluent quality.

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