Investigations on Release and Fate of Phosphorous Species during **Co-Gasification of Sewage Sludge** with Coal and Wood

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## Background

### Why recovery of phosphorus?

• AbfKlärV, 2017: sewage sludge from wastewater treatment plants has to be recycled for the recovery of phosphorus from 2029 onwards



### **Carbothermal Reduction**

### **Wöhler-Process und RecoPhos**



### $2 Ca_3(PO_4)_2 + 10 C + 6 SiO_2 \rightarrow 6 CaSiO_3 + P_4 + 10 CO$



## **Concept of RWE**



# Samples

### Phosphor compounds + carbon

- P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, Ca<sub>3</sub>(PO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, FePO<sub>4</sub>\*8H<sub>2</sub>O, AIPO<sub>4</sub>, Na<sub>5</sub>P<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub>, Na<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, Adenosindi- (ADP) und -triphosphate (ATP)
- $P_2O_5:C = 1:5 \text{ (mol/mol)} = P:C = 1:1.2 \text{ (g/g)}$

#### Sewage sludge + carbon / hard coal / lignite coal / wood

• 10, 50 or 90 mass.% sewage sludge (dry)

|    | С    | Н    | 0    | Ν    | S    | Ρ    | CI   | AI   | Fe   | Ca   | Mg   | K    | Na   | Si   |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| SS | 17,9 | 3,0  | 43,9 | 2,7  | 0,7  | 2,4  | 0,06 | 1,7  | 3,7  | 2,5  | 0,4  | 0,5  | 0,2  | 20,3 |
| HC | 65.5 | 4.72 | 21.9 | 1.24 | 0.49 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 1.84 | 0.73 | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.32 | 4.89 |
| LC | 53.1 | 4.48 | 29.8 | 0.44 | 0.43 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.09 | 0.47 | 1.44 | 0.26 | 0.02 | 0.13 | 6.40 |
| W  | 46.4 | 6.05 | 45.7 | 0.2  | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 |      |      | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.03 |      | 0.02 |



## **Release Experiments**



## **Molecular Beam Mass Spectrometry**





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Time (Minute)

### **Release from Phosphates at 1200 °C**





## **Release of P-Species from Sewage Sludge**

KS:C = 10:90, He, 1200 °C



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Time (Minute)

# Influence of Speciation and O<sub>2</sub> Partial Pressure FactSage + GTOX, 1200 °C





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### **Influence of Temperature**



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# **Release during Pyrolysis**



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# **Release during Gasification**



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## **Condensation of P-Species (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)**

λ = 0.3





### Condensation of P-Species (H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>)

 $\lambda = 0.3$ 



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# Conclusions

- Release of phosphorus mainly influenced by
  - >  $O_2$  partial pressure (determined by  $\lambda$  and O in fuel)
  - ➤ Temperature
  - > Ash components, e.g. Fe
- Phosphorus in gas phase
  > P<sub>x</sub> @ high T and low λ
  > P<sub>x</sub>O<sub>y</sub> @ low T and high λ
- Condensation of P-species
   ▶ P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> @ T << 500 °C</li>
  - Reaction with alkalis possible





### **Modern Gasifiers @ Work**





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