







Feedstock and Catalyst Impact on Bio-Oil Production and FCC Co-Processing to Fuels

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- Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) Oil Production
 - Catalysts and Feedstocks
 - Pyrolyzer/DCR System
 - CFP Oil Composition and Fractionation
- Co-Processing (CP) Bio-Oils to Fuels

Catalysts and Feedstocks



Feedstocks

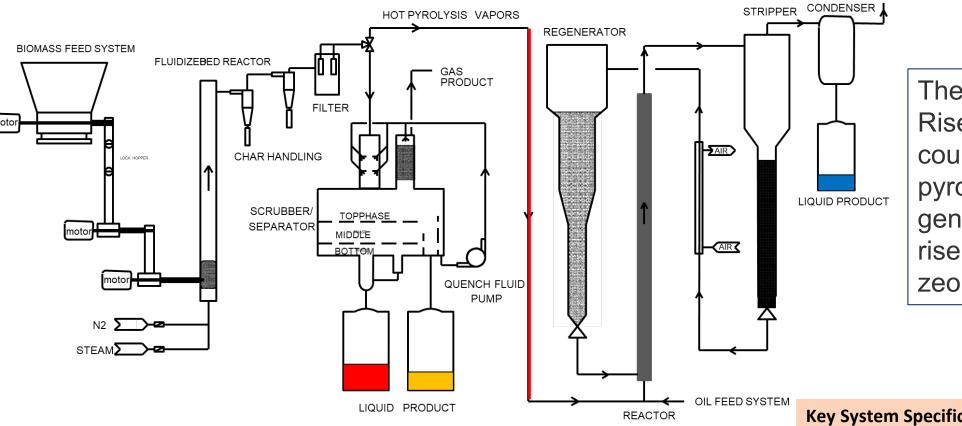
- Miscanthus
- Pine residues
- Debarked clean pine



Johnson Matthey Catalysts

- HZSM-5 (SAR = 30),
- 25 and 40% [HZSM-5]
- Ga-HZSM-5

Davison Circulating Riser (DCR): CFP Overview



The Davison Circulating Riser System when coupled with a biomass pyrolyzer is used to generate bio-oils from a riser reactor leveraging zeolite-based catalysts

Key System Specifications – DCR for CFP

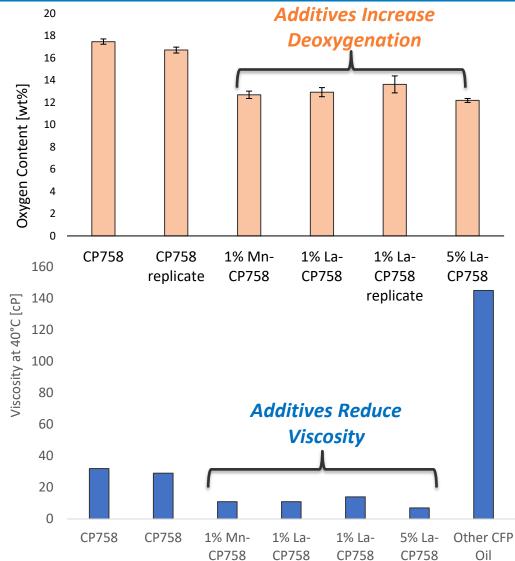
Key System Specifications - Pyrolyzer

- Feedstock Type and Form Factor/Size: Wood and grasses, milled to 2 mm. Feed rate: 1-2 kg/hr
- Bed material: Olivine, 0.5 kg, 200-300 μm
- Operating Temperature/Pressure: 450-550°C, 2 bar
- Reactor Configuration: Bubbling fluidized bed

- Feed Rate: 1 kg/hr (pyrolysis vapors + product gases + inert gases)
- Catalyst Type and Form Factor/Size: Refinery-type, zeolite-based, fluidizable (FCC), 80 μm
- Catalyst Charge/Feed Rate: 1.8 kg, circulation rate 7-10 kg/hr
- Operating Temperature/Pressure: 500-600°C, 1.8 bar
- Reactor Configuration: Riser reactor + stripper + regenerator
- Additional Specifications: Catalyst recirculated for regeneration (coke removal).

Properties of CFP Bio-Oil: Tailored by Basic Catalyst Modification

- High oxygen content impacts hydrotreating and co-processing
 - Decreased miscibility
 - Increased reactivity
 - Increased corrosivity
- High viscosity can impede biocrude introduction into conversion reactors

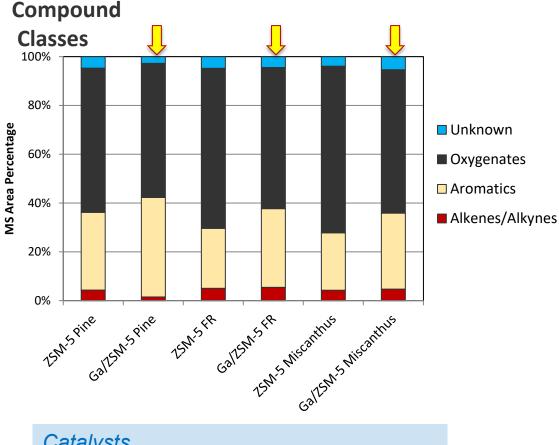


- JM impregnated commercial (CP758) zeolite catalyst with metals known to be Lewis acids
- DCR CFP experiments with pine FP vapor and analyzed liquid crude

Outcome: Metal loading reduced oxygen content by 30% and viscosity by 75%

Pyrolyzer: 500°C, transfer lines at 400°C, pine feedrate of 1.2 kg/h in ~1.8 kg/h nitrogen fluidization gas Riser: 550°C

Catalyst and Feedstock Impacts on Bio Oil 2D GC² TOFMS Oil Analysis



Oxygenates 100% ■ Ethers Acids 80% **MS Area Percentage** Methoxies 60% Phenols Furans 40% Esters Carbonyls 20% GaltSM-5 IR Miscanthus TSM-5 Miscanthus GaltSM-5 Miscanthus GaltSM-5 Miscanthus Alcohols 0% Caltant Spine 15M5FR 15M5 Pine

Feedstocks

- Pine and pine forest residues (FR)
- **Miscanthus**
- Pine, FR and Miscanthus
 - Pine and FR similar oxygenates
 - Miscanthus: reduced phenolics (less lignin), enhanced carbonyls and furans

Catalysts

- ZSM-5
- Ga/ZSM-5 •
 - increased aromatics, phenols
 - reduced oxygenates (furans, carbonyls: cellulose deoxygenation)

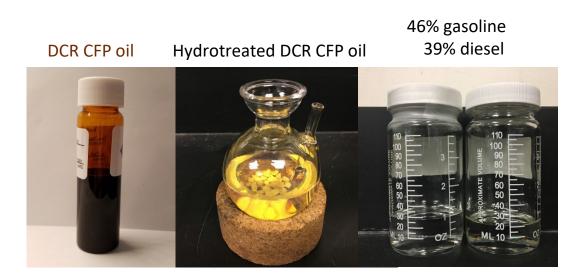
Hydrotreated CFP Oil: 100% Biogenic Fuels

DCR conditions:

- CP758 zeolite, 550°C
- Residence time ~1s,
- 30% carbon efficiency with 500°C pine pyrolysis vapor at a 1:1 biomass:N₂ ratio.

Hydrotreating:

- 400 °C
- LHSV 0.20h⁻¹ for ~90 h

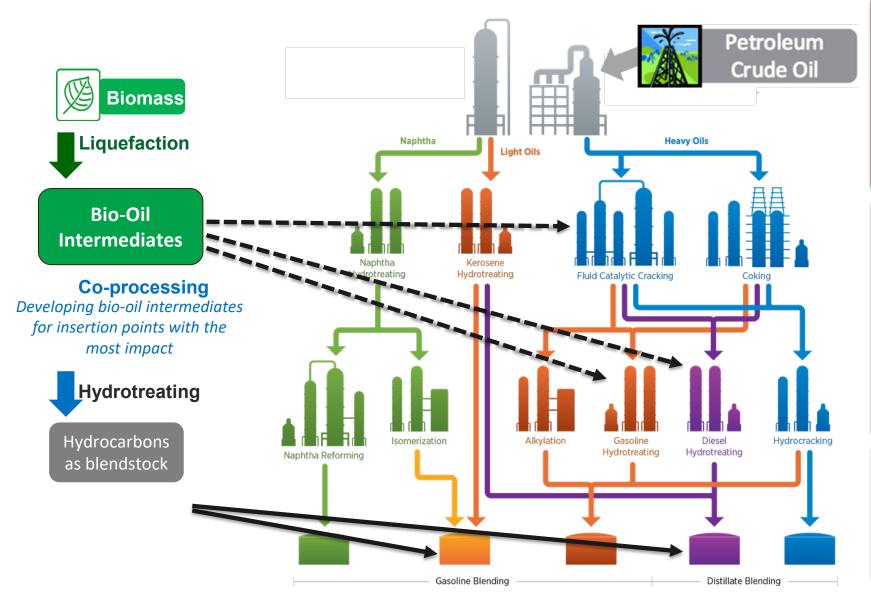


	Net Weight (g)	Percent	Volume				
Boiler Initial	51.53	100%	60				
Lights	1.68	3					
Gasoline (71-182)	23.91	46					
Diesel (182-320)	20.20	39					
	Fraction Recovery	45.79	89%				
	Total Recovery	49.97	97%				
	Losses	1.57	3%				
Gasoline: RON	74						
MON	69						
AKI	71						
P _{vapor} , psi	1.8						
Diesel: CN	22						

- Challenges: fuel composition
- Low octane numbers due to naphthenes (cycloparaffins)
- Low cetane numbers due to multi-ring compounds
- Ring opening and/or C-C coupling required, less hydrogenation for gasoline

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Co-Processing: FCC co-processing of bio-oils leverages existing refining infrastructure leverages with billions US\$ in CAPEX and 5 million bpd of crude refining



Objective: Produce fungible bio- oils that can be coprocessed in petroleum refineries to produce biogenic carbon containing fuels

Outcome:

• Tailoring CFP oil composition for refinery insertion

- Modified refinery
- compatible FCC catalysts
- Co-processing strategies to refiners

Impact: Faster introduction of renewable fuels into the transportation sector to reduce GHG by 2030

DCR: Co-Processing Overview

Evaluate refinery FCC, co-processing strategies by feeding CFP oils or other biogenic materials (FOGs, waxes) with VGO into the riser to produce BC-containing fuels

Key System Specifications – DCR for Co-processing

Feed Type: Liquids

Feed Rate: 1.2 kg/hr

Catalyst Type and Form Factor/Size: Refinery-type, zeolite-based, fluidizable (FCC), 80-100 micron.

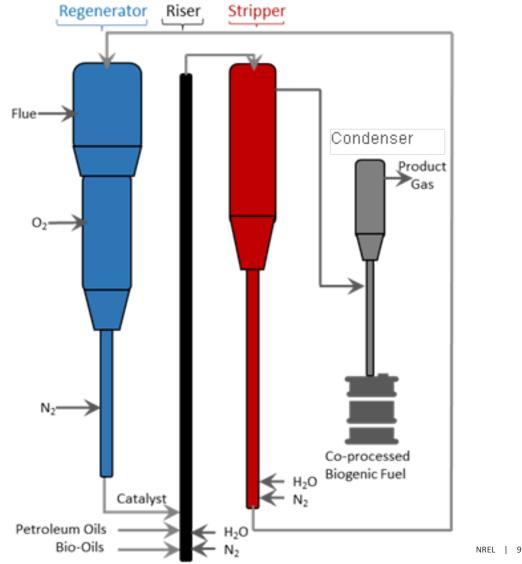
Catalyst Charge/Feed Rate: 1.8 kg, circulation rate 7-10 kg/hr

Operating Temperature Range: 475-550°C

Operating Pressure Range: 2-2.6 bar

Reactor Configuration(s): Riser reactor + stripper + regenerator

Additional Specifications: Catalyst recirculated for stripping (HC removal) and regeneration (coke removal). DCR mimics FCC refinery operations by cracking large molecules to fuel-range molecules.



FCC Co-Processing

High biogenic C incorporation demonstrated

Co-Processing in FCC

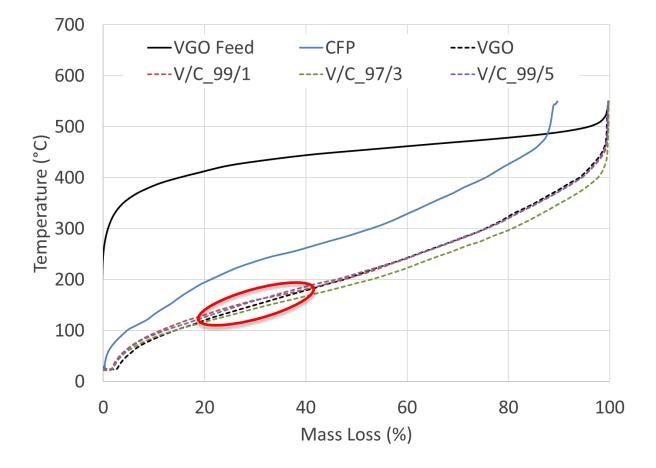
Product ID	VGO (vol %)	CFP Oil (vol %)*	% BC* in CFP/VGO	% BC in HC Product
VGO	100	0	0	
V/C_99/1	99	1	0.8	na
V/C_97/3	97	3	3.0	na
V/C_95/5	95	5	3.8	3.1

Rcn. T, P = 520°C, 25 psig; Feed rate = 1.2 liter/h CP758 Johnson Matthey zeolite catalyst Pine CFP oil in VGO

* Biogenic carbon measured by ¹⁴C analysis

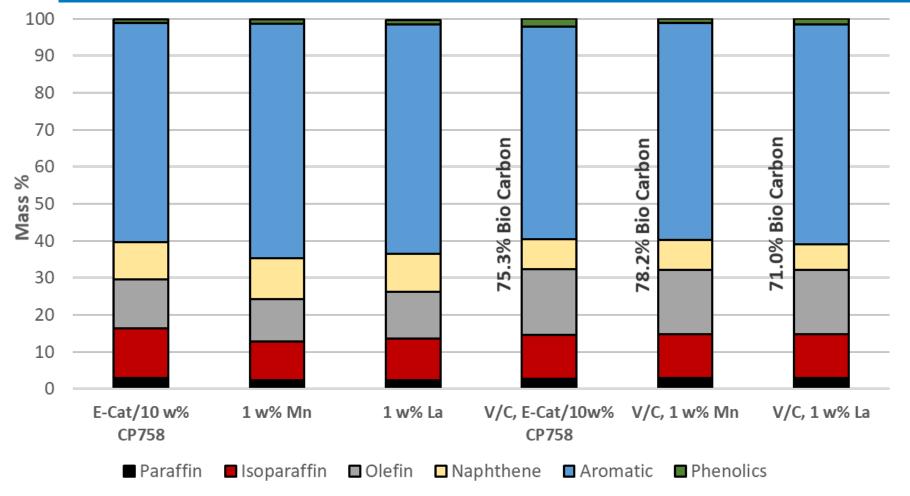
>80% biogenic carbon incorporation in fuel products for:

- Woody CFP bio-oils with VGO
- Potential for MSW-derived biomass feedstocks



Simulated distillation shows similar BP range (expected at the low CFP concentrations)

FCC (DCR) Co-Processing Bio Oil with VGO using Metallized Catalysts



- Product compositions (GC-VUV PIONA) from co-processing VGO with 5wt% CFPO (32% oxygenates) and JM modified zeolite catalysts (10wt% mixtures in E-Cat)
- Increased olefins, reduced naphthenes with metallized catalysts
- > 70% biogenic carbon content determined by ¹⁴C analysis

VGO: 60.3% paraffins and isoparaffins, 14.7% olefins and cycloparaffins, 5.5% aromatics, non-detectable thiophenes

CFPO: 53.4% carbon, 32.7% oxygen, 11.9% water, and < 15 ppm sulfur

Summary

- Consistent quality, low oxygenate (< 18%) CFP oils produced with a coupled pyrolyzer/FCC system and varied feedstocks and catalysts
- Feedstock impact on oil composition:
 - Pine enhances aromatics, alkenes and buta/enone compared to oak, possibly due to lignin, hemicellulose, and cellulose content
 - Pine and pine FR CFP oils are similar
 - Miscanthus produces less phenolics (less lignin)
- Catalyst impact on oil composition:
 - Ga addition to HZSM-5 increases aromatics as does increased [HZSM-5]
 - Ga increases phenolics, reduces carbonyls
 - La and Mn increase olefins
- Biogenic carbon in hydrocarbon fuels from CFP oil co-processing with VGO > 70% dependent on catalyst and feed type
- Hydrotreating pine CFP oil produces biogenic gasoline, jet and diesel hydrocarbons

Co-Processing Presentations

- Stable Carbon Isotope Approach for Tracking Biogenic Carbon Distribution in Biooil/crude Co-processing with VGO, Zhenghua Li, LANL
- Co-Processing in Refineries of Thermal Liquefaction Products from Biomass and Waste, Huamin Wang, PNNL
- Biocarbon Tracking in FCC Coprocessing of Biogenic Feedstocks, Reinhard Seiser, NREL
- Coprocessing Biocrudes with Petroleum Gas Oil in Hydrotreating, Huamin Wang, PNNL
- Quantification of Biogenic Carbon in Fuel Blends through LS C14/C Measurement and Assessment, James Lee, LANL

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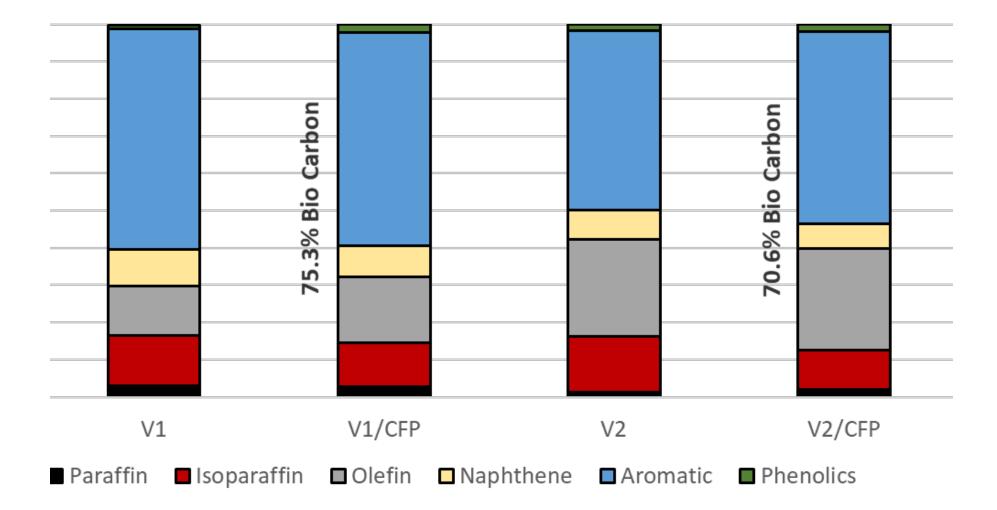
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FCC (DCR) Co-Processing Bio Oil with Low and High-S VGO



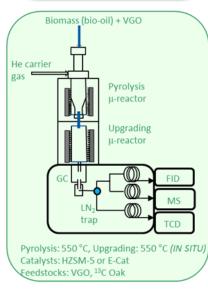
Liquid product compositions from GC-VUV from co-processing low-S (V1) and high-S VGO (V2) experiments with 5wt% pine CFPO (32% oxygenates) and 10/90 wt% CP758/E-Cat catalyst mixture.

Catalyst Impact to Fuel Chemistry: FCC Co-Processing

FCC of VGO, oak or CFPO, and 10% oak—90% VGO mixture over E-Cat and Johnson Matthey CP758 at 550 °C, product analysis with

С %

Products identified by GC-MS,



Targeted FCC catalyst development produces bio-oils for varied refinery insertion points

E-Cat	Feed	Catalyst	% Bio-based Carbon (%C _{bb})*	(%C _{bb})product/ (%C _{bb})feed	Wt.% coke	Breakthrough Mass % Liq.
80 – CO2 Alkanes Alkenes	VGO	E-Cat	0.0	NA	2.75	NA
□ Aromatics	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat	9.7	1.01	1.09	6.03
60 – Oxygenates	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI 5 wt Mn	[%] 7.3	0.76	0.83	5.19
40	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI 5 wt La	9.2	0.96	0.62	0.49
	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI 5 wt ⁴ Ca	[%] 5.5	0.57	0.68	5.39
20 -	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI no meso	10.4	1.08	2.8	4.25
	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/MFI mes	o 8.8	0.91	1.1	1.88
0	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/HZSM-5	5.4	0.66	0.23	1.80
E-Cat co-processed product has:	VGO/CFPO	E-Cat/HZSM-5	5.9	0.72	Nd	2.33
• Enhanced aromatics, CO, CO ₂	MFI and M		-	-		
 Reduced alkanes 	%BC, wt% coke, oxygenate breakthrough					

- to be tested for FCC CP