



# Challenges of Renewable Fuels in Existing Heating Equipment Fit for Purpose Tests

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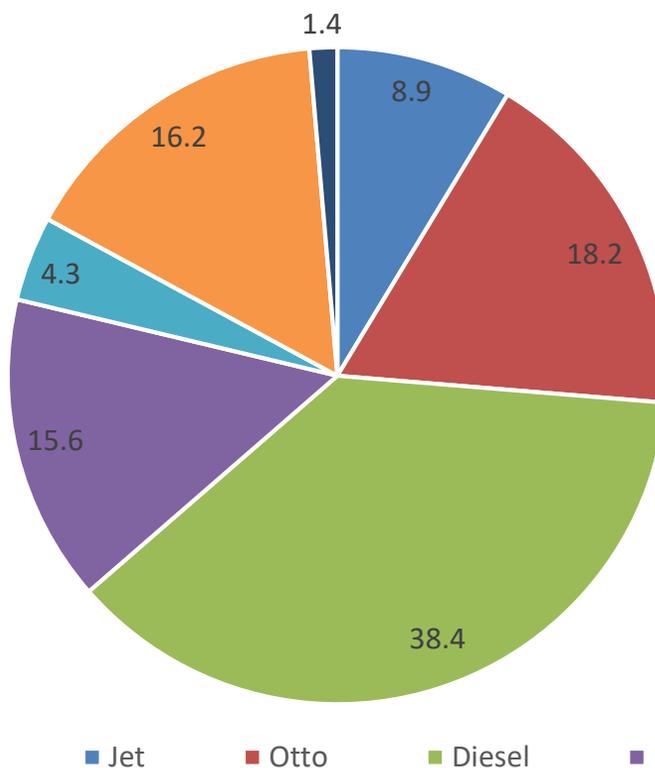
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## Market for Mineral oil products – example Germany 2016

**Outlet 104 Mio. t**  
(corresponds to. 1.100 TWh DK-Eq.)

- **Naphtha**
  - Outlet: 16,2 Mio. t
  
- **Heavy fuel oil**
  - Outlet: 4,2 Mio. t
  - Mineral oil tax: 25,00 €/t
  
- **Domestic heating oil**
  - Outlet: 15,6 Mio. t
  - Mineral oil tax : 61,35 €/m<sup>3</sup>

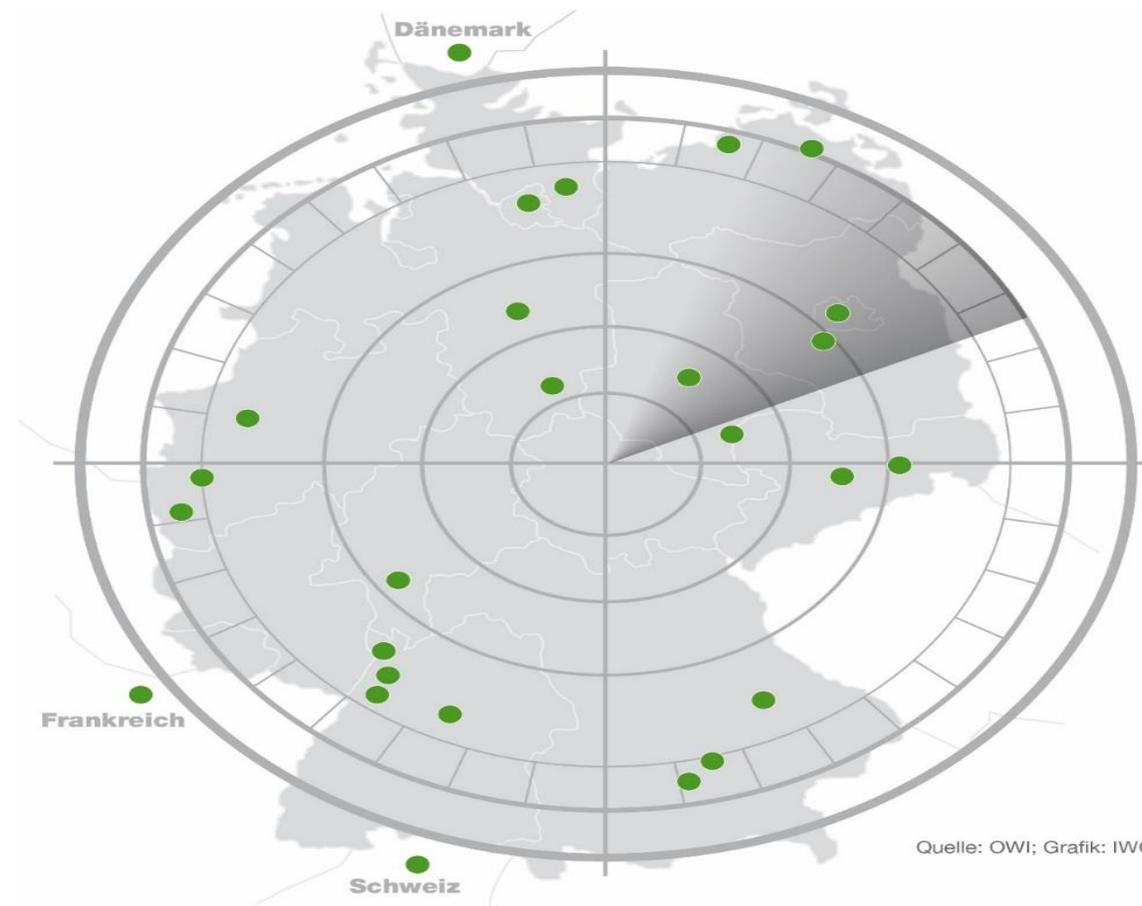


- **Jet**
  - Outlet: 8,9 Mio. t
  
- **Gasoline**
  - Outlet: 18,2 Mio. t
  - thereof bio.: 1,1 Mio. t
  - Mineral oil tax 654,50 €/m<sup>3</sup>
  
- **Diesel**
  - Outlet: 38,4 Mio. t
  - Thereof bio: 2,1 Mio. t
  - Mineral oil tax: 470,40 €/m<sup>3</sup>

Source: Mineralölwirtschaftsverband

## Intensive research activities for innovative liquid fuels

- **Green perspective as well for Domestic heating oil possible**
- **Science and industry are already working on new CO<sub>2</sub>-reduced liquid fuels**
- **Multiple projects are already realized in pilot / demo or laboratory plants**

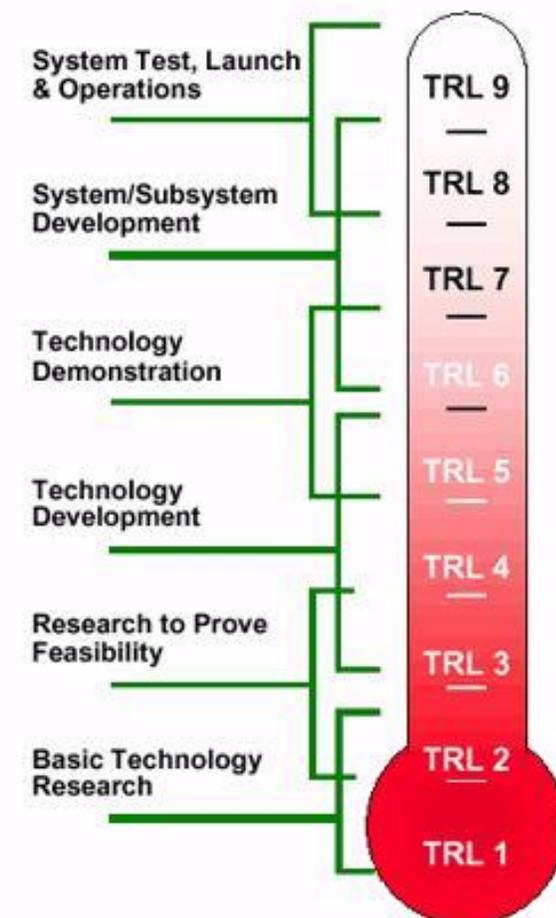


## Science radar

- Out of the study related to research and development activities for „Future Fuels“ of the OWI Institute **38 projects have been chosen**, which are displayed in the **science radar**
- Research projects which are currently in the state of a **Pilot-, Demo- or Laboratory plant.**
- A **technology readiness level TRL** of minimum 4 has to be already achieved

## State of the art

- Realized plants
  - Shell / Qatar – Fischer-Tropsch of gas
  - SASOL / RSA – Fischer-Tropsch of coal/gas
  - Nest Oy / EU – Hydro treating of plant oils
  
- TRL 7 – 9
  - Approx. 5 - 8 technologies
  - Mostly on the base of Biomass, Waste
  - Some are electricity based
  
- TRL <6
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## „Biomass-to-Liquid (BTL)“- project at Karlsruher Institut for Technologie (KIT)

- **bioliq®-Pilot plant for the production of synthetic fuels out of biomass:**
  - gasoline
  - Jet-fuels
  - OME ( Oxymetylenether) for Diesel applications
  - More alternative fuels are possible
- **Input: biogenic leftovers aus agricultural use (especially straw and residual wood)**
  - No additional land use is necessary
  - As well no food competition



Graph: Synthesis plant Bioliq®-Pilotanlage at Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT)

- **TRL 6 (out of 1- 9)**  
„Technology tested in relevant environment“
- **Total investment: 64 Mio €**  
public funding and industrial partners

## „Power-to-Liquids (PTL)“ Pilot plant at Sunfire Dresden

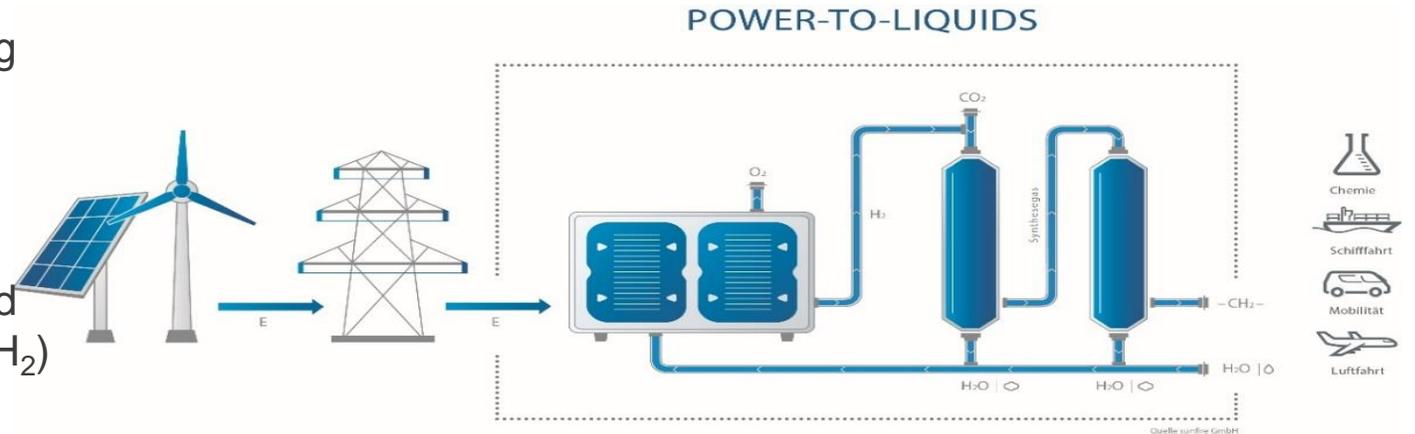
- Pilot plant for production of a synthetic „Blue Crude“ as first step for CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral liquid „e-fuels“
  - Diesel
  - Kerosene
  - Blending component to other liquid fuels
- **Input (regenerative):**
  - Electricity from wind- or solar
  - Water
  - CO<sub>2</sub> from atmosphere, flue gases or separation from Biogas plants



- Bild: „PTL“-Pilotanlage zur Herstellung von synthetischen flüssigen Energieträgern aus Wasser, CO<sub>2</sub> und Ökostrom („e-fuels“) am Standort der Firma Sunfire, Dresden
- TRL: 7 (out of 1- 9)  
„Test eines System-Prototyps im realen Einsatz“
- Total investment: 10,4 Mio €  
public funding and industrial partners

# „Blue Crude“ from Sunfire - Power-to-Liquids in three steps

- 1. High temperature- electrolysis:** Erzeugung von Wasserstoff ( $H_2$ ) aus Wasserdampf mittels erneuerbarem Strom
- 2. Conversion:** Reverse Shift-Reaktion von Wasserstoff ( $H_2$ ) und Kohlenstoffdioxid ( $CO_2$ ) zu Synthesegas ( $CO + H_2$ ) und Wasserdampf ( $H_2O$ )
- 3. Fischer-Tropsch-Synthesis:** Technisches Verfahren zur Umwandlung von  $CO + H_2$  (Synthesegas) in flüssige Kohlenwasserstoffe („Blue Crude“) für die weitere Aufbereitung zu „e-fuels“

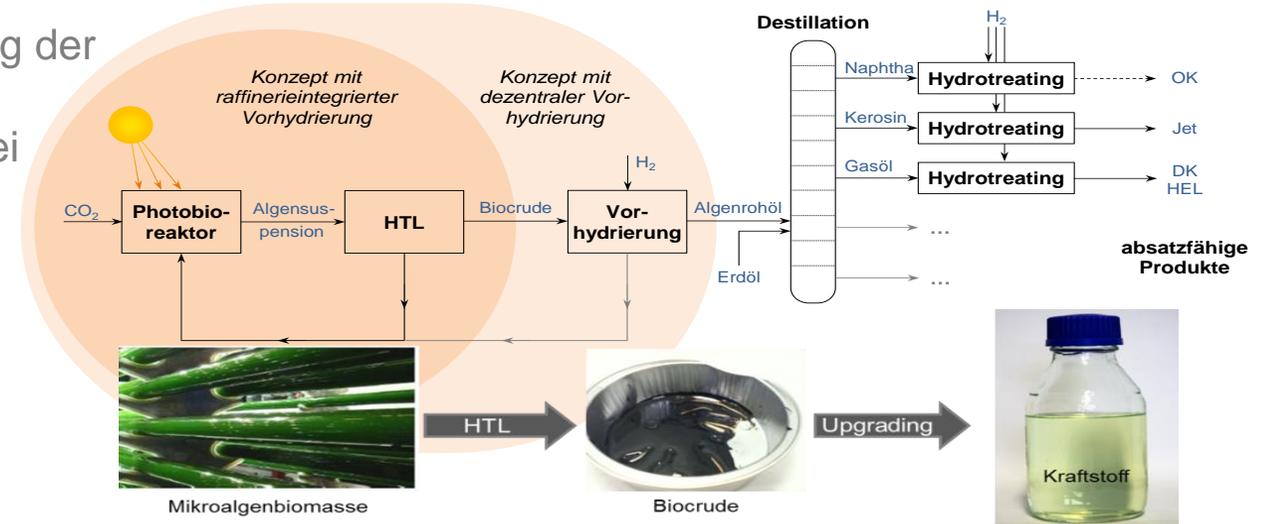


# Conversion of micro algae to fuels: Usage of the complete biomass

**1. Hydrothermale Verflüssigung (HTL):** Umwandlung der feuchten Biomasse in ein schweröartiges „**Biocrude**“ (Spaltungsreaktion bei 280-370° C und 100 bis 250 Bar)

**2. „Milde“ (Vor-) Hydrierung:** Veredlung zu „**Algenrohöl**“ durch Zugabe von Wasserstoff (H<sub>2</sub>)

**3. Weiterverarbeitung in Raffinerieprozessen:** Einspeisung optimaler weise vor der Rohöldestillation



## Projekt „Konversion von Mikroalgen zu Kraftstoffen bzw. Kraftstoffkomponenten“

- TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Institut für Energieverfahrenstechnik und Chemieingenieurwesen;
- BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg, Fachgebiet Thermodynamik

- **TRL 3-6\*** (out of 1-9) \*Schätzung OWI
  - Biocrude aus Algen: 3-4\*
  - Hydrierung von Biocrude: 4-6\*
- **Project volume: 500 T€**  
public funding

## „Biomass-to-Liquid (BTL)“: liquid fuels out of micro algae



**Project „AlgenFlugKraft“; „Algentechnikum“ der TU München,**  
Ludwig Bölkow-Campus, Ottobrunn (Bild: © Andreas Heddergott / TU München)

- Produktion biologischer Flugkraftstoffe auf der Basis von Algen
- Algenprozesse in Abhängigkeit von Klima, Algenstämmen und Kultivierungstechnologien
- **TRL 3-6 (out of 1-9)** Schätzg. OWI
- **Total investment: 12 Mio €**  
mit staatlicher Förderung und Industriepartnern



**Project „Aufwind“; „Algen Science Center“ des**  
**Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH**

- Technische und wirtschaftliche Möglichkeiten zur Herstellung von Algen und deren Umwandlung zu Biokerosin
- Züchtung von Mikroalgen in Foto-Bioreaktor-Systemen: platzsparende Aufstellung auf ungenutzten Flächen mit hoher Ausbeute
- **TRL: 3-6\* (out of 1-9)\***Schätzg. OWI
- **Total investment: 7,4 Mio €**  
mit staatlicher Förderung und Industriepartnern

## Prerequisites for the market introduction of GHG reduced fuels

### Important Markets:

- Mobility and Room heating

### Lead questions:

- What amounts of fuels can be produced in short middle and long term?
- Direct costs / Total Cost of Ownership TCO?
- Sustainability?
- Technical requirements?



## Demands towards innovative liquid fuels

### Compliance of Renewable Energy Directive I + II (RED)

- GHG reduction potential has to higher than 70%
- Necessary potential of resources is available
- Avoidance of competition of usage

### Demands of the DECHEMA- position paper

- Save use usage with existing infrastructure
- Downward compatibility with systems in the market
- „Drop-in-Quality“ with possible improvement of fuel quality
- Customer acceptance

See [www.dechema.de/studien.html](http://www.dechema.de/studien.html)

➤ **Fuels have to be „Fit-for-Purpose“**



## „Fit for purpose“: Testing of new fuels before market entry

- 1 • Interaction of material, fuels and components
- 2 • Check of the combustion behaviour
- 3 • Long term testing under laboratory environment
- 4 • Field- and captive fleet tests in model regions



## Opportunities in HiL testing

- **For specific tests, not always the complete system is required; smaller, less complex test benches.**
- **Test principle can be transferred to different fuel types and fields of use**
  1. Domestic heating
  2. Methanol base fuels, DME, MNE, Octanol, ...
  3. Paraffinic fuels, HVO, GtL, ...
  4. FAME
  5. ....

# Testing of Fuel and Additive Packages

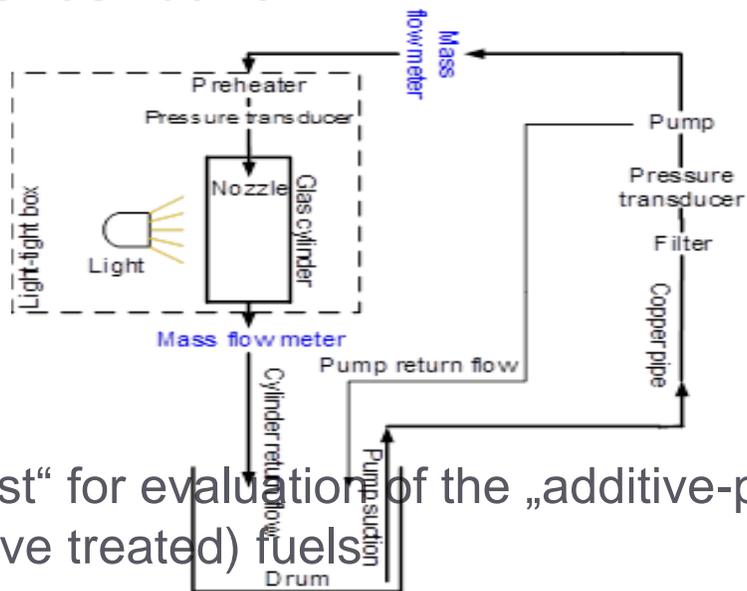
## - task and approach

- **Identification of claimed effect of additive/fuel – and translation into a value that can be measured**
  1. “keeps the system clean” -> detergent => run a fouling test
  2. “prolongs storage time” -> antioxidant => stress the fuel and check oxidation stability
  3. “Corrosion protection” -> corrosion inhibitor => steel pin corrosion test
  4. ....
- **These claims should best be verified in the real system; challenge: high fuel consumption and/or test time**
- **Good experience in different fields of testing: “Hardware in the loop”. Principle: “complete” real system, but no combustion  
=> forced testing and low fuel demand**

## Example: „Premium“ heating oil

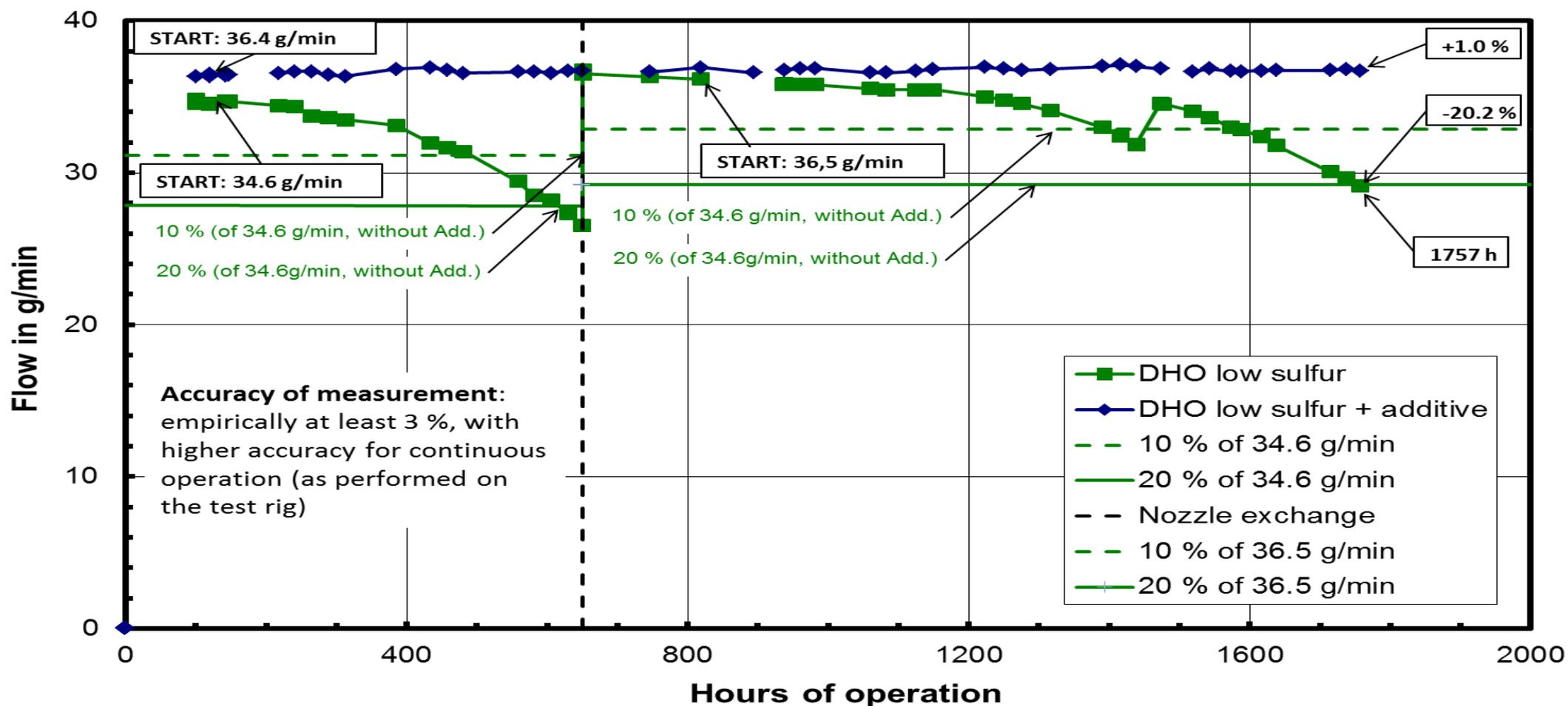
- **Definition according to BDH (German association of manufacturers of heating devices):**
  1. Long term storage stability
  2. High thermal stability
  3. Corrosion protection
  4. Protection against water take up
  5. Keep-Clean/Clean-Up
  6. Resistance against microbial contamination
  7. Odor
  8. No ash forming additives
- **Approach: use the same base fuel, add the additive to one part and test in a HiL bench. Eventually, the fuel will degrade strong enough to show a deterioration in these values. The Additive should prevent or at least delay this deterioration.**

## ATES Fuels test bench



- „Stress-test“ for evaluation of the „additive-performance“ of (not additive treated) fuels
  - Hardware-in-the-loop-test principle
    - ▶ complete heating-oil-system: filter, pump, pre-heater, nozzle
  - Fuel is pumped in a circle through all fuel-leading parts (no combustion)
  - Defined fuel-aging: light, heat, oxygen, copper
- => Periodic fuel analysis shows difference between base fuel and additised fuel; further measurements in test bench deliver additional data (keep clean)

## Results - examples



➔ Base fuel failed twice, additised fuel retained the initial flow

## Results - examples



1000  
Hours of  
operation



with additive



380 Hours of operation

570 Hours of operation  
(testing time  
380-950h)

50 Hours of operation  
(testing time  
950-1000h)



1000  
Betriebsstunden

without additive

➔ Additive prevented corrosion in two different heating oils

## Results - examples

HEL-1



HEL-1+Add.



HEL-2

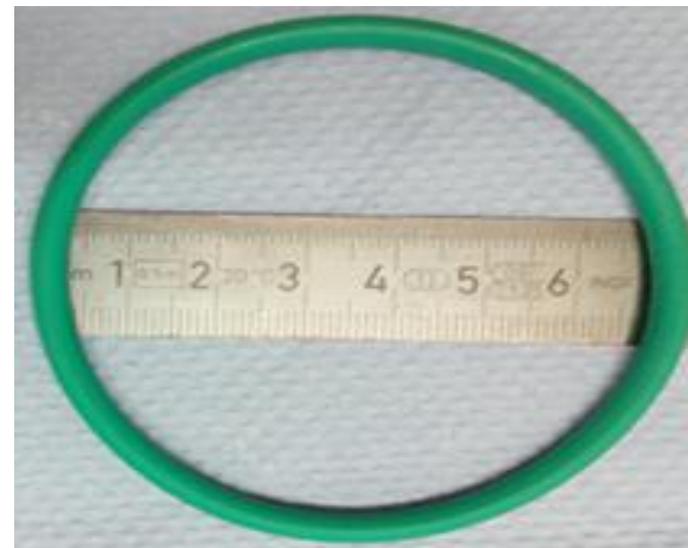


HEL-2+Add



➔ Additive prevented corrosion in two different heating oils

## Results – OME and sealings



- Swelling of the sealings (FKM with PTFE Überzug)
- Crosssection of O-Rings increases from 3,5 mm to 4 mm
- Alternative EPDM sealings

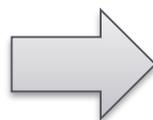
## Results – OME Blending and aging



- Usage of 15 % and 30 % OME in two different DHOs
- Beide 15 % Blends unauffällig
- 1 Blend 30 % without change
- 2 Blend 30 % from red → green

# Results – HVO Blending and deposit formation

## Long term Combustion tests



HEL S-arm



iso-H100



iso-H50



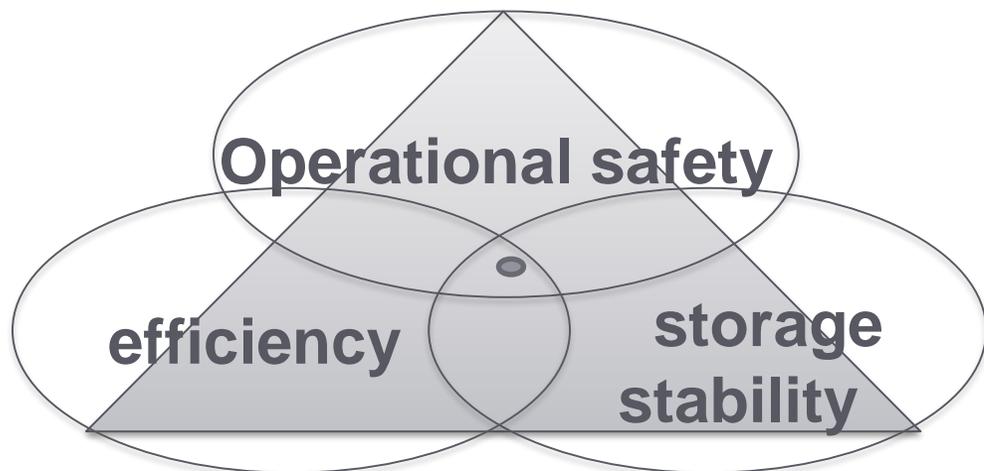
HEL S-arm



iso-H100



iso-H50



# Looking forward to discussion...

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