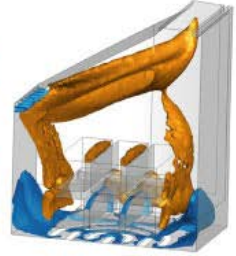


# WoodCFD



Clean and efficient wood stoves through improved batch combustion models and CFD modelling approaches

## Newsletter 2-2017

### Introduction

The WoodCFD project is proceeding as planned, focusing on achieving the overall objective, which is development of clean and efficient wood stoves through improved batch combustion models and CFD modelling approaches through:

- Model development: improved transient wood log and gas release models, transient heat transfer and storage models, reduced kinetics models (NOx and soot), and transient models and approaches for heat distribution in the building; and verification of these
- Simulations: transient and stationary CFD simulations of wood stoves, and room and building integration simulations; and verification of these

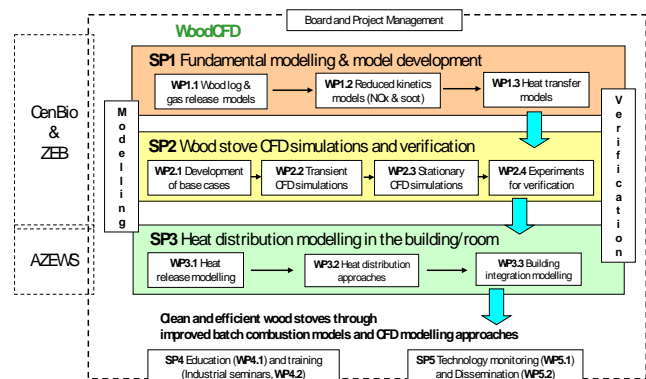
The sub-objectives are:

- Develop improved sub models to be included in the CFD simulations
- Develop a numerical tool that is suitable to study concept improvements for wood stoves and to recommend new improved concepts with respect to high energy efficiency and low emissions based on simulation results
- Develop improved transient heat distribution models - giving reliable prediction of the effect of various heat transfer concepts in buildings and providing design guidelines for optimum wood stoves for tomorrows (energy efficient) buildings
- Education of highly skilled candidates within this area and training of industry partners
- Monitoring of activities and state-of-the-art within this area and dissemination of knowledge to the industry partners, and other interested parties when applicable

The anticipated results of the project are clean and efficient wood stoves through improved batch

combustion models and CFD modelling approaches. Improved models and modelling approaches, in combination with targeted experiments, are keys in the development of future's downscaled clean burning and energy efficient wood stoves. This will have a potentially huge impact on the most important bioenergy value chain in Norway today, targeting key bottlenecks in the value chain, i.e. reducing today's still relatively high emissions from wood stoves and improving their energy efficiency, especially in low load wood stoves, as well as ensuring optimum room and building integration.

The Work Breakdown Structure of WoodCFD is:



WoodCFD will run for four years (2015-2018) and has a total budget of 17.5 million NOK which is 80% financed by the [Research Council of Norway](#) through the [ENERGIX](#) program and 20% financed by the industrial partners [Jøtul AS](#), [Dovre AS](#), [Norsk Kleber AS](#), [Morsø Jernstøberi AS](#).

### Progress in 2017

In 2017 the work has focused on testing and use of developed sub-models in CFD simulations, and the PhD candidate focus on further development of the decomposition model for wood logs, and has now several publications on this. The thermal comfort work in 2017 has focused on experimental activity to

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provide detailed data for further development and validation of models.

The work with the sub-models, also for stationary CFD simulations, was continued in **2016**. The employed PhD candidate in the project focus on development of a thermal decomposition model for wood logs. In parallel work is ongoing regarding improvement of models and tools used for simulation of thermal comfort in energy effective buildings with wood stoves. In **2015** the scientific focus was on initial studies and establishment of sub-models for use in transient CFD simulations, as well as modelling of heat transfer in stoves and analysis of heat distribution to other rooms in a building.

### WoodCFD at the upcoming IConBM 2018

Two WoodCFD abstracts have been accepted for presentation at the IConBM 2018 in Bologna, Italy, 17-20 June, 2018:

- 1) Øyvind Skreiberg, Morten Seljeskog. Performance history and further improvement potential for wood stoves.
- 2) Øyvind Skreiberg, Laurent Georges. Transient heat production profiles for wood log combustion in wood stoves.

### WoodCFD at the upcoming EUBCE 2018

One WoodCFD abstract has been accepted for presentation at EUBCE 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark, 14-17 May, 2018:

Mette Bugge, Nils E. L. Haugen, Morten Seljeskog, Øyvind Skreiberg. Hysteresis in wood log combustion, demonstrated through transient CFD simulations and experiments.

### WoodCFD at the upcoming Cold Climate HVAC 2018

Two WoodCFD works have been accepted for presentation at Cold Climate HVAC 2018 in Kiruna, Sweden, 12-15 March 2018:

- 1) Validation of a zonal model to capture the detailed indoor thermal environment of a room heated by a wood stove
  - 2) Assessment of the effects of using wood stoves on indoor air quality in two types of Norwegian houses
- Corresponding papers have been accepted for publication in Springer Proceedings in Energy.

### WoodCFD in Energy & Fuels

The WoodCFD PhD candidate published her 2<sup>nd</sup> major work entitled "[Drying of thermally thick wood particles: A study of the numerical efficiency, accuracy and stability of common drying models](#)" in Energy & Fuels. The abstract is given below.

"The primary focus of this paper is on studying different numerical models for drying wet wood. More specifically, the advantages and disadvantages of the models, with respect to numerical efficiency, stability, and accuracy, are investigated. The two basic models that are studied in detail are the thermal drying model and the kinetic rate drying model. The drying models have been implemented in an in-house simulation tool that solves for drying and devolatilization of a one-dimensional cylindrical wood log. It is found that the choice of drying model can significantly influence the computational time associated with the thermal conversion. Furthermore, the occurrence of numerical pressure oscillations in the thermal drying model has been found and investigated. The numerical oscillations are reduced by introducing an evaporation fraction,  $f_{\text{evap}}$ . When the thermal drying model is applied, the drying zone is very thin, commonly only including one grid point, which can result in numerical instabilities. The evaporation fraction allows the smearing of the drying zone by reducing the heat flux used for evaporation of liquid water and using the residual heat flux for heating the grid points. Reducing the evaporation fraction also resulted in reduced CPU times. It was found that model accuracy was not significantly influenced by the choice of drying model."

### WoodCFD in EERA Bioenergy News

An article entitled "[Computational Fluid Dynamics for improving micro- to large-scale woody biomass and municipal solid waste combustion units](#)" presented WoodCFD and also GrateCFD (Enabling optimum Grate fired woody biomass and waste to energy plant operation through Computational Fluid Dynamics) in an EERA Bioenergy newsletter.

### WoodCFD in Progress in Energy and Combustion Science

A comprehensive review paper with the WoodCFD PhD candidate Inge Haberle as first author has been published in Progress in Energy and Combustion Science:

Inge Haberle, Øyvind Skreiberg, Joanna Lazar, Nils Erland L. Haugen. [Numerical models for thermochemical degradation of thermally thick woody biomass, and their application in domestic wood heating appliances and grate furnaces](#). Progress in Energy and Combustion Science 63(November 2017):204-252. The abstract is given below.

"This paper reviews the current state-of-the-art of numerical models used for thermochemical degradation and combustion of thermally thick woody biomass particles. The focus is on the theory of drying, devolatilization and char conversion with respect to their implementation in numerical simulation tools. An

introduction to wood chemistry, as well as the physical characteristics of wood, is also given in order to facilitate the discussion of simplifying assumptions in current models. Current research on single, densified or non-compressed, wood particle modeling is presented, and modeling approaches are compared. The different modeling approaches are categorized by the dimensionality of the model (1D, 2D or 3D), and the one-dimensional models are separated into mesh-based and interface-based models. Additionally, the applicability of the models for wood stoves is discussed, and an overview of the existing literature on numerical simulations of small-scale wood stoves and domestic boilers is given. Furthermore, current bed modeling approaches in large-scale grate furnaces are presented and compared against single particle models."

### WoodCFD at ICAE 2017

Three WoodCFD or connected works were presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Energy in Cardiff, UK, 21-24 August 2017:

- 1) Øyvind Skreiberg, Laurent Georges. Wood stove material configurations for increased thermal comfort.
- 2) Inge Haberle, Nils Erland L. Haugen, Øyvind Skreiberg. Comparison of numerical efficiency of the thermal and the kinetic rate drying model applied to a thermally thick wood particle.
- 3) Alexis Sevault, Roger Khalil, Bjørn Christian Enger, Øyvind Skreiberg, Franziska Goile, Liang Wang, Morten Seljeskog, Rajesh Kempegowda. Performance evaluation of a modern wood stove using charcoal.

These works have been accepted for publication in Energy Procedia.

### WoodCFD at 25<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference & Exhibition

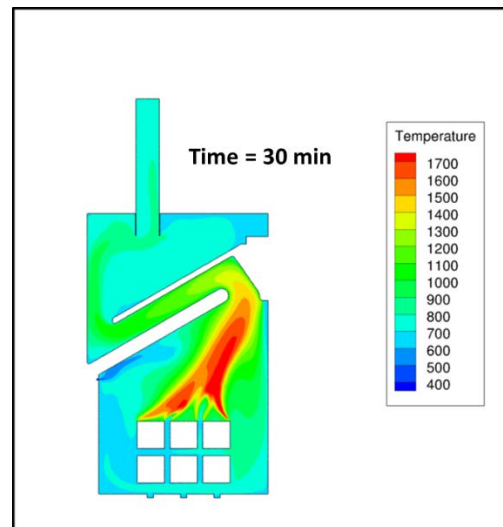
Four WoodCFD or connected works were presented at the 25<sup>th</sup> EUBCE conference in Stockholm, Sweden, 12-15 June 2017:

- 1) Mette Bugge, Nils E. L. Haugen, Øyvind Skreiberg. Transient CFD simulations of wood log combustion in a wood stove.
- 2) Inge Haberle, Øyvind Skreiberg, Nils Erland L. Haugen. [Numerical simulation of devolatilization of wood logs and pressure generation in the wood log center](#). Published in proceedings, pp. 561-565.
- 3) Alexis Sevault, Roger Khalil, Bjørn Christian Enger, Øyvind Skreiberg, Franziska Goile, Liang Wang, Morten Seljeskog, Rajesh Kempegowda. Performance evaluation of a modern wood stove when using charcoal.

- 4) A. Cablé, L. Georges, P. Peigné, Ø. Skreiberg, K. Chetehouna. [Coupled ventilation system and wood logs-stove for use in low energy dwellings: an](#)

[investigation using dynamic energy simulations](#).

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Transient CFD simulations of wood log combustion

### WoodCFD at CenBio Final Conference

Øyvind Skreiberg gave a presentation at the CenBio Final Conference in Ås, Norway, 13-14 March 2017. The title of the presentation was "[The ultimate wood stove](#)".

### WoodCFD at ICAE 2016. Papers now published in Energy Procedia

WoodCFD related work was presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Energy in Beijing, China, 8-11 October 2016. Two papers were presented by Morten Seljeskog, with the titles "[Variables affecting emission measurements from domestic wood combustion](#)" and "[Recommended revisions of Norwegian emission factors for wood stoves](#)". The papers have now been published in Energy Procedia.

### PhD work

The PhD work "Numerical simulations of the transient behavior of wood log decomposition and combustion" is progressing. The candidate, Inge Haberle from Austria, has very good progress in her research work, focusing on modelling of the thermal decomposition of thermally thick biomass particles. Several publications have already resulted from her work.

### WoodCFD publications

Inge Haberle, Nils Erland L Haugen, Øyvind Skreiberg. Drying of thermally thick wood particles: [A study of the](#)

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## Other news

### IEA Task 32 Biomass Combustion and Co-firing

The last IEA Bioenergy Task 32 meeting of the year was arranged in September in Ottawa, Canada. The meeting was combined with field trips and two workshops arranged at the [Wood Pellet Association conference](#), on 1) biomass co-firing and dedicated firing in PC boilers and 2) wood pellet heating markets. An [IEA Bioenergy Task 32](#) meeting was arranged in connection with the 25<sup>th</sup> European Biomass Conference and Exhibition in Stockholm, Sweden, 12-15 June 2017. For information about IEA Bioenergy Task 32 activities, see the webpage and newsletters, and for IEA Bioenergy news, see this [newsletter](#). Øyvind Skreiberg from SINTEF Energy Research is the Norwegian participant in IEA Bioenergy Task 32.

### EERA Bioenergy – SP5 Stationary Bioenergy

The effort this year has been focused on revising the SP focus and the description of work. For more info on EERA Bioenergy, visit the brand new [website](#), and see the [newsletters](#). Berta Matas Güell from SINTEF Energy Research is leading SP5 Stationary Bioenergy in EERA Bioenergy.

### RHC technology platform

The activity level of the [RHC platform](#) picked up after a period where new financing solutions were sought and the originally planned strategy documents had been delivered. The "new" European Technology and **Innovation** Platform on Renewable Heating & Cooling (RHC-ETIP) brings together stakeholders from the biomass, geothermal and solar thermal sector - including related industries such as District Heating and Cooling, Thermal Energy Storage, Hybrid Systems and Heat Pumps - to define a common Research, Development and Innovation strategy for increasing the use of renewable energy technologies for heating and cooling.

Previously concrete work has been carried out by the Biomass Panel in the RHC-ETIP connected to giving input to the SET-plan issues paper on renewable fuels and bioenergy, as well as work connected to the

Implementation of the biomass technology roadmap of the Biomass Panel. The aim of the latter was to update the progress in R&I priorities identified by the Biomass technology roadmap.

This work continues through different efforts, whereof a Biomass Panel steering committee meeting was arranged 20 June in Brussels.

Øyvind Skreiberg from SINTEF Energy Research is a member of the Biomass Panel Steering Committee and the leader of Issue group 2: Residential/small scale heating devices and building integration.

As a continuation of the SET-plan work, workgroups were established to provide specific input to the SET-plan work, e.g. Action 5 Energy Efficiency in Buildings with the sub-action 5.2 Heating and Cooling Technologies for Buildings and Action 8 Renewable Fuels and Bioenergy. The work is still ongoing, and Øyvind Skreiberg has been involved in the Action 5 work, representing the Biomass Panel.

See the RHC [newsletters](#) for other news.

**Links** (click on the links or logos to get there)

[StableWood](#)

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[Renewable Heating and Cooling technology platform](#)

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