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Abbreviations

CTH	Chalmers University of Technology
D	Deliverable
LEI	Lithuanian Energy Institute
TUM	Technical University of Munich
VMU	Vytautas Magnus University
WP	Work package
WtE	Waste-to-energy

1 Introduction

The overall objective of the TWIN-PEAKS project is to establish a research and innovation collaboration between LEI, VMU, TUM, CTH and WIP to raise the scientific excellence, capacities and international reputation of LEI and VMU in advanced waste gasification. That imposes the need to widen the network, transfer scientific and soft-skill knowledge and know-how between the TWIN-PEAKS project partners, as well as involving the high-level professionals from outside the project, and tackle gender equality issues etc. Summer schools are one of a list of the good platforms for doing so.

2 Task 4.2 - Summer schools

Task 4.2 aims at targeting PhD students and early-stage researchers to take participation in summer schools. The task has planned to be started in M10 and ended in M30.

The first summer school was organized and hosted by VMU in July 19-23, 2021 (M10), and the second one took place at LEI in May 22-24, 2023 (M30). The first summer school focused on the following topic:

- Topic of the 1st summer school: @VMU – High-quality research preparation and results dissemination
- Topic of the 2nd summer school: @LEI – Advanced Gasification Solutions

The 2nd summer school was announced and promoted in advance via various social media and web channels:

- [CYSENI – International conference on Energy and Natural Sciences issues](#)
- [TWIN-PEAKS Summer School on Advanced Gasification Solutions, 22-25 May 2023, Lithuania - TWIN PEAKS \(twinpeaks-h2020.eu\)](#)
- [TwinPeaksH2020 | Grupės | Facebook](#)
- [TWIN-PEAKS \(@TwinPeaksH2020\) / Twitter](#)
- [Tarptautinė vasaros mokykla "Advanced Gasification Solutions" vyks LEI - VDU Gamtos mokslų fakultetas](#)

Official invitation to the 2nd summer school on Advanced Gasification Solutions is shown in Figure 1. To make the summer school more attractive 3 ECTS credits were promised to give the attendees. 2 ECTS credits participating at the summer school with practical exercises and 1 extra ECTS credit for the ones who also presented at the Twin-Peaks section in the International Conference on Energy and Natural Sciences Issues (CYSENI-2023) on 25 May, 2023.



TwinPeaks

International Summer School on Advanced Gasification Solutions



Subjects covered:

- Traditional gasification technologies.
- Plasma gasification technologies.
- Practical lab works, individual assignment to get ECTS credits, excursion.
- Exclusive bonus: opportunity to participate in the international conference [CYSENI 2023](#). Selected papers will be published in MDPI journals: Applied Sciences, Plants.

Target group:
PhD and Master students.

Course aim:
Within the TwinPeaks summer school, you can gain more knowledge and practical experience in advanced gasification technologies. Also, meet new friends, have fun in the multicultural environment, and learn about Lithuanian culture.

Participants number is limited.

Organizers:



When
22-24 May 2023

Where
LEI, Lithuania

Language
English

Credits
3 ECTS

Fee
Free of charge

Registration deadline
1 May 2023

Registration to the TwinPeaks summer school [here](#):



www.twinpeaks-h2020.eu

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Figure 1.1: Invitation to the 2nd summer school on Advanced Gasification Solutions

2.1 Summer school programme

The summer school on Advanced Gasification Solutions have included not only lectures (six lectures in total), but also two practical exercises and study tour to Kaunas Waste Incineration Plant. Lectures were given by lectures from Technical University of Munich (TUM), Chalmers University of Technology (CTH) and Lithuanian Energy Institute (LEI). The agenda of the summer school is shown below:

22 May, 2023	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and agenda presentation
09:15 – 10:45	1 st lecture: <i>“Entrained flow gasification for biomass and waste processing”</i> , PhD Sebastian Bastek, Technical University of Munich (TUM) – Online presentation
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee brake
11:00 – 12:15	2 nd lecture: <i>“Thermochemical recycling of polymer rich waste”</i> , PhD Chahat Mandviwala, Chalmers University of Technology (CTH)
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:45	3 rd lecture: <i>“Gasification in stationary bed: from laboratory test to practical application”</i> , Dr. Nerijus Striūgas, Lithuanian Energy Institute (LEI)
14:45 – 15:00	Coffee brake
15:00 – 16:15	4 th lecture: <i>“Renewable transport fuel production opportunities combined with cogeneration plant operation”</i> , Dr. Raminta Skvorčinskienė, Lithuanian Energy Institute (LEI)
23 May, 2023	
09:00 – 10:15	5 th lecture: <i>“Plasma physics and application for energy recovery”</i> Dr. Liutauras Marcinauskas, Lithuanian Energy Institute (LEI)
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee brake
10:30 – 12:00	6 th lecture: <i>“Thermal arc plasma for various phase organic waste treatment: LEI experience”</i> , Dr. Andrius Tamošiūnas, Lithuanian Energy Institute (LEI)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch

13:00 – 16:00	Study tour to Kaunas Waste Incineration Plant, Kauno kogeneracinė jėgainė (kkj.lt)
18:00 – 22:00	Dinner at “Bernelių užėiga“, Address: M. Valančiaus g. 9, https://berneliuuzeiga.lt/
24 May, 2023	
09:00 – 12:00	Lab visits
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 16:00	Practices (two groups, two exercises)
16:00 – 16:30	Summary and closing
18:00 – 21:00	Dinner together with CYSENI conference
25 May, 2023	
All day	Participation at the CYSENI conference, CYSENI – International conference on Energy and Natural Sciences issues

A study tour to Kaunas Waste Incineration Plant was organized on 23 May. Process engineer, Marius Sadeckas, introduced the activities of the plant and the participants of the summer school were guided around the plant's site.



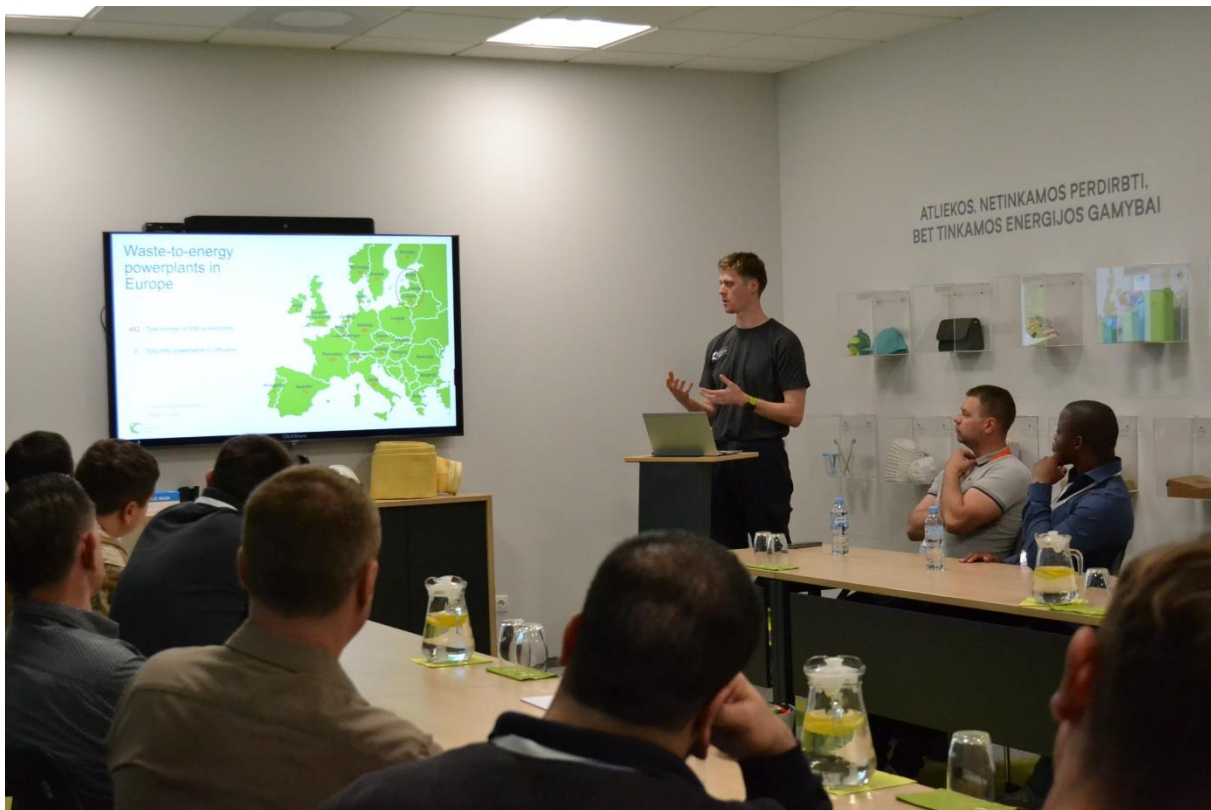


Figure 1.2: Participants of the 2nd Twin-Peaks summer school at LEI (May 2023)

After the summer school, on 25 May, a special section on 'Bioenergy, Biomass and Biofuels' dedicated to the TWIN-PEAKS project was organized at the CYSENI-2023 conference. Some summer school attendees have given presentation at the conference.

Shortcuts to lectures' ppt. slides are provided in the appendixes. Full material is not included due to a big size of presentations with animations and videos. Examples of practical exercises and pictures of labs visits are also added to the Appendixes.

2.2 Summer school participants

According to the project's KPIs set on the number of attendees, each summer school should host up to 24 participants. The 1st summer school attracted 51 PhD students, whereas the 2nd a bit less. However, in total both international summer schools hosted 70 participants, which is more than enough to reach the KPI of total 48 attendees set in the proposal.

Thirty participants from all around the world (Europe, Africa, and Asia) have registered and nineteen out of thirty have participated at the 2nd summer school in Kaunas. The biggest delegation was from Lithuania (9), Germany (7 participants), Sweden (3 participants). All attendees were PhD students of different courses representing various institutions: Technical University of Munich (Germany), TU Bergakademie Freiberg (Germany), Chalmers University of Technology (Sweden), Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania), Vytautas Magnus University (Lithuania), Lithuanian Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry (Lithuania), Lithuanian Energy Institute (Lithuania). The picture of summer school participants is shown in Figure 1.3. List of participants is added in Appendixes of this report.



Figure 1.3: Participants of the 2nd Twin-Peaks summer school at LEI (May 2023)

Regarding the gender balance, the 2nd summer school was rather imbalanced with only two participants being women. This is mostly attributed to the specifics of the topic of the summer school, as in general a relatively small number of women are studying engineering, especially thermal and mechanical engineering.

For comparison, the gender balance of the 1st summer school as well as other TWIN-PEAKS events was very positive (Figure 1.4). This is mostly attributed to the profile nature of the project partner Vytautas Magnus University (VMU) covering social sciences, i.e. management and business.

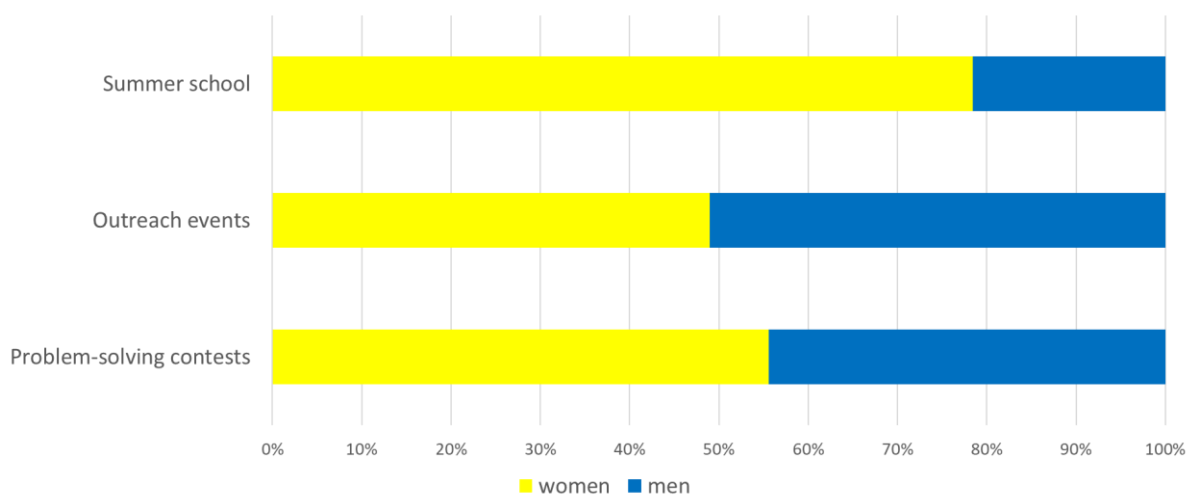


Figure 1.4: The gender spread among activities (1st summer school, outreach and problem-solving contest organized by VMU)

The summer school ended on 24 May and all participants have received certificates of attendance with ECTS credits provided. An example of the certificate is provided below in Figure 1.5.

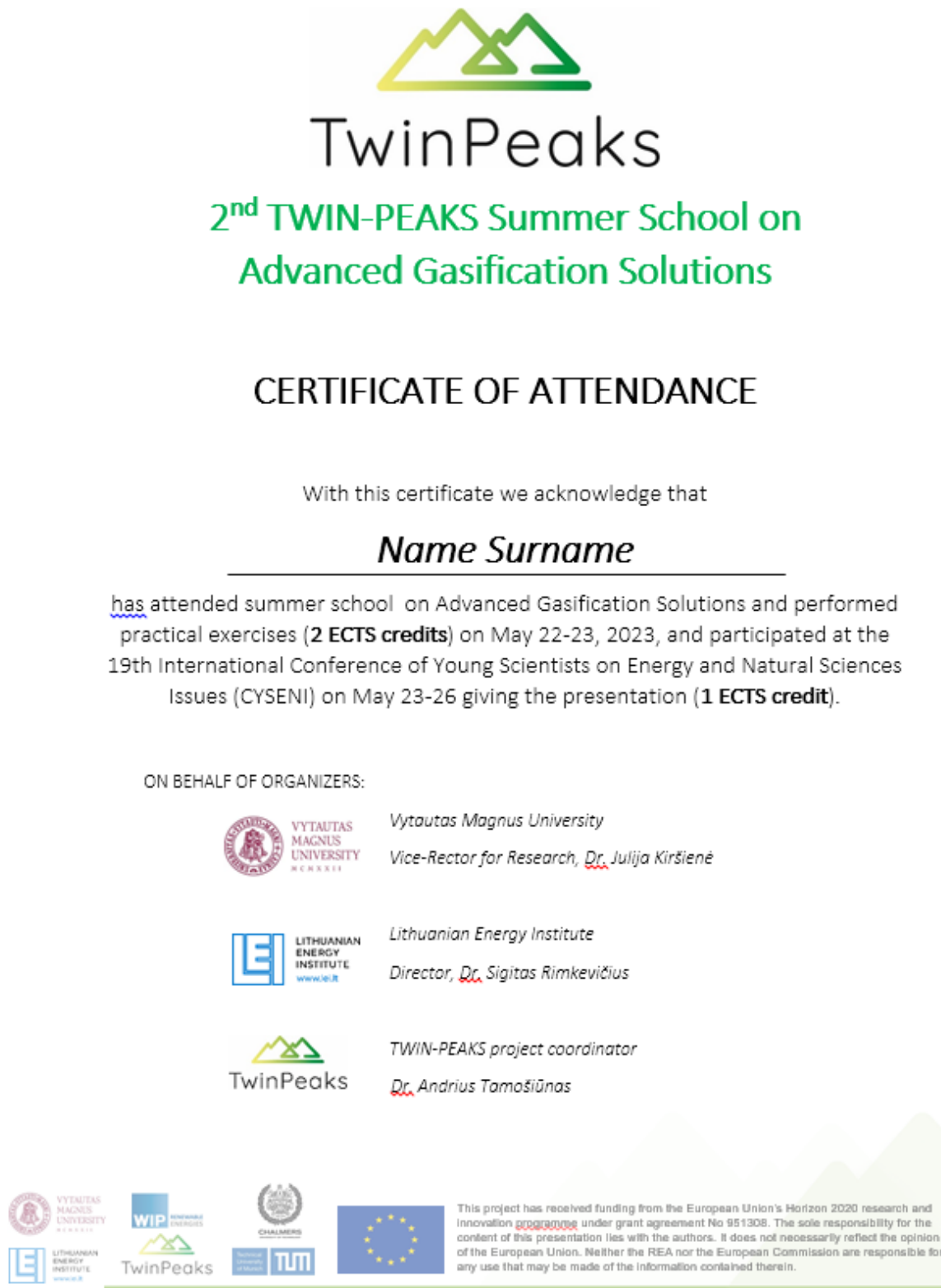


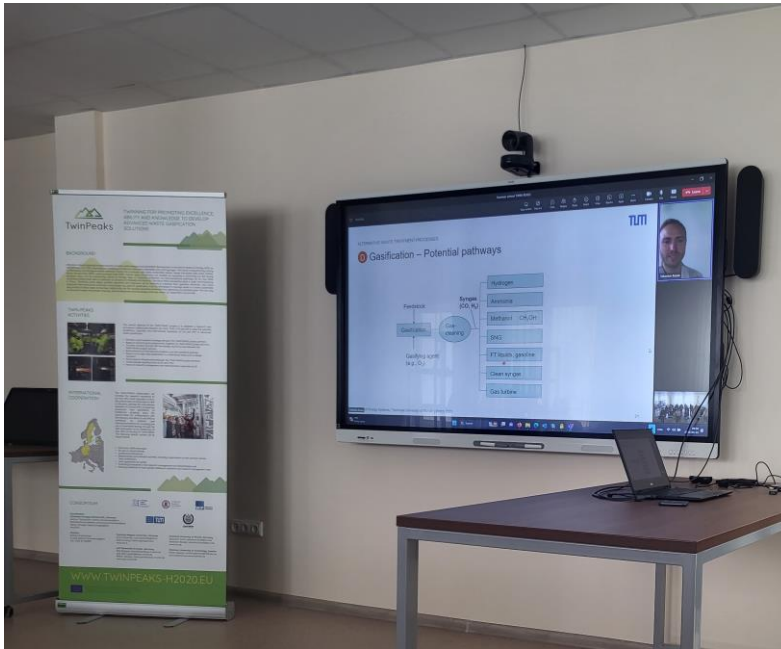
Figure 1.5: Certificate of attendance of the 2nd Twin-Peaks summer school

Summer school activities were accompanied by informal social networking that was also supported by the TWIN-PEAKS project.

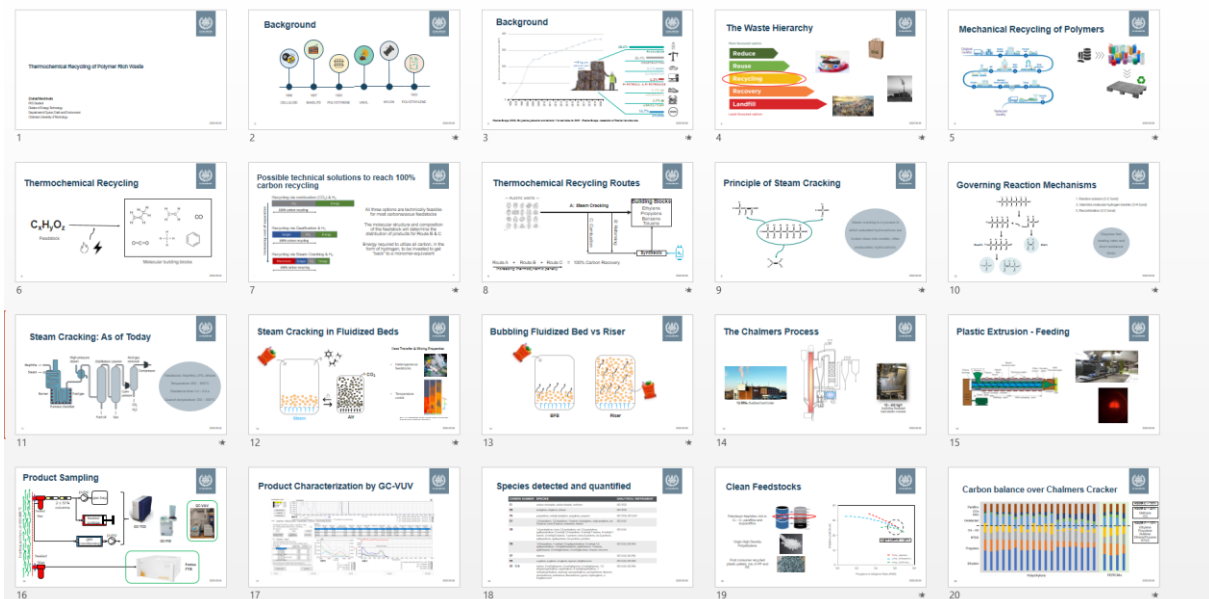
Appendixes

A Presentations of the 2nd summer school at LEI

Presentation by Sebastian Bastek (TUM):



Presentation by Chahat Mandviwala (CTH):



Presentation by Nerijus Striugas (LEI):

Presentation by Raminta Skvorčinskienė (LEI):

Presentation by Liutauras Marcinauskas (LEI):

This grid contains 24 slides from a presentation by Liutauras Marcinauskas. The slides cover various aspects of plasma physics and material science, including:

- Slide 1:** Introduction to Plasma Physics and its application for energy recovery.
- Slide 2:** What is Plasma? - Definition and properties.
- Slide 3:** Plasma sources: Thermal and non-thermal.
- Slide 4:** Gas and Plasma - Comparison of properties.
- Slide 5:** Ionization of plasma is measured by electronvolt (eV).
- Slide 6:** MAXIMALLY THERMALIZATION DISTRIBUTION - Maxwell-Boltzmann distribution.
- Slide 7:** Quasineutrality of plasma.
- Slide 8:** Debye sphere - Definition and Debye length.
- Slide 9:** Temperature versus density of electrons in various plasmas.
- Slide 10:** Variation of Debye length in plasmas.
- Slide 11:** The main parameters - Collision cross section and Mean free path.
- Slide 12:** Reaction rate - Rate coefficient and reaction rate.
- Slide 13:** Ionization energy - Definition and trends.
- Slide 14:** Ionization energy (I) depends on atomic number (Z).
- Slide 15:** Energy of ionization - Trends in the periodic table.
- Slide 16:** Energy of ionization - Trends in the periodic table.
- Slide 17:** Classification of Ionization Processes - Collision ionization by electron impact.
- Slide 18:** Ionization by collision of heavy particles - Ionization by positive ions and neutral atoms.
- Slide 19:** Different Mechanism of Electron Recombination in Plasmas - Radiative and dielectric recombination.
- Slide 20:** REACTIONS INVOLVING NEGATIVE IONS - Formation and reactions of negative ions.
- Slide 21:** Ion-Atom Charge Transfer Processes - Charge transfer reactions.
- Slide 22:** Characteristics are one of the physical and chemical processes in high-pressure variety of plasmas.
- Slide 23:** Transient Mechanism of Electron Recombination - Recombination in a step.
- Slide 24:** Ionization degree depends on the generalized amount of charge.

Presentation by Andrius Tamošiūnas (LEI):

This grid contains 20 slides from a presentation by Andrius Tamošiūnas, primarily focusing on DC arc plasma torches. The slides include:

- Slide 1:** Thermal arc plasmas for industrial plasma gas-metal treatments; LEI experience.
- Slide 2:** Content overview.
- Slide 3:** LEI in brief - Company statistics and infrastructure.
- Slide 4:** TwinPeaks logo and mission statement.
- Slide 5:** DC arc plasma torches and their characteristics.
- Slide 6:** Plasma torch in operation - Photograph of a torch.
- Slide 7:** Types of DC arc plasma torches (1) - Self-starting arc torch.
- Slide 8:** Types of DC arc plasma torches (2) - Plasma torches with a fixed arc length.
- Slide 9:** Types of DC arc plasma torches (3) - Plasma torches with the arc length greater than the self-starting (free electrode) torch.
- Slide 10:** Types of DC arc plasma torches (4) - Comparison of torch types.
- Slide 11:** Usually used by LEI (not only) - Diagrams of different torch designs.
- Slide 12:** Electric arc interaction with anode - Shunting.
- Slide 13:** Description of the anode arc discharge in the torch.
- Slide 14:** Stepped (edge) anode and its aerodynamics.
- Slide 15:** Electrical and thermal characteristics - Similarity theory and dimensionless parameters.
- Slide 16:** Similarity theory and dimensionless parameters.
- Slide 17:** Physical meaning of Similarity criteria.
- Slide 18:** Main generalizing equation.
- Slide 19:** Example (1): Graph of dimensionless parameters.
- Slide 20:** Example (2): Graph of dimensionless parameters.

B List of participants at the 2nd summer school

2nd TWIN-PEAKS Summer School on Advanced Gasification Solutions
May 22-23, 2023

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C Examples of practical exercises

1. Practical exercise on determining thermal characteristics of DC arc plasma torch.

Exercise:

Determine thermal characteristics of DC arc plasma torch.

Plasma-forming gas: air, H_1 (air) – 65 kcal/kg.

Parameter	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
Current (I), A					
Voltage (U), V					
Flow rate of air ($G_{1\text{ air}}$), kg/s					
Flow rate of air ($G_{2\text{ air}}$), kg/s					
Total flow rate of air ($\Sigma G_{1+2\text{ air}}$), kg/s					
Flow rate of cooling water (G_{cw}), kg/s					
Flow rate of cooling water ($G_{\Delta w}$), kg/s					
Temperature difference of cooling water, (ΔT_{cw}), °C					
Temperature difference of cooling water, ($\Delta T_{\Delta w}$), °C					
Thermal losses to cooling water (Q_w), kW					
Power of plasma torch (P), kW					
Power of plasma stream (Q_i), kW					
Thermal efficiency of plasma torch (η), %					
$(1-\eta)/\eta$					
Mean enthalpy of plasma stream (H_i), kcal/kg					
Mean enthalpy of plasma stream (H_i), kJ/kg					
Mean temperature of plasma stream (T_i), K					
Mean velocity of plasma stream (w_i), K					

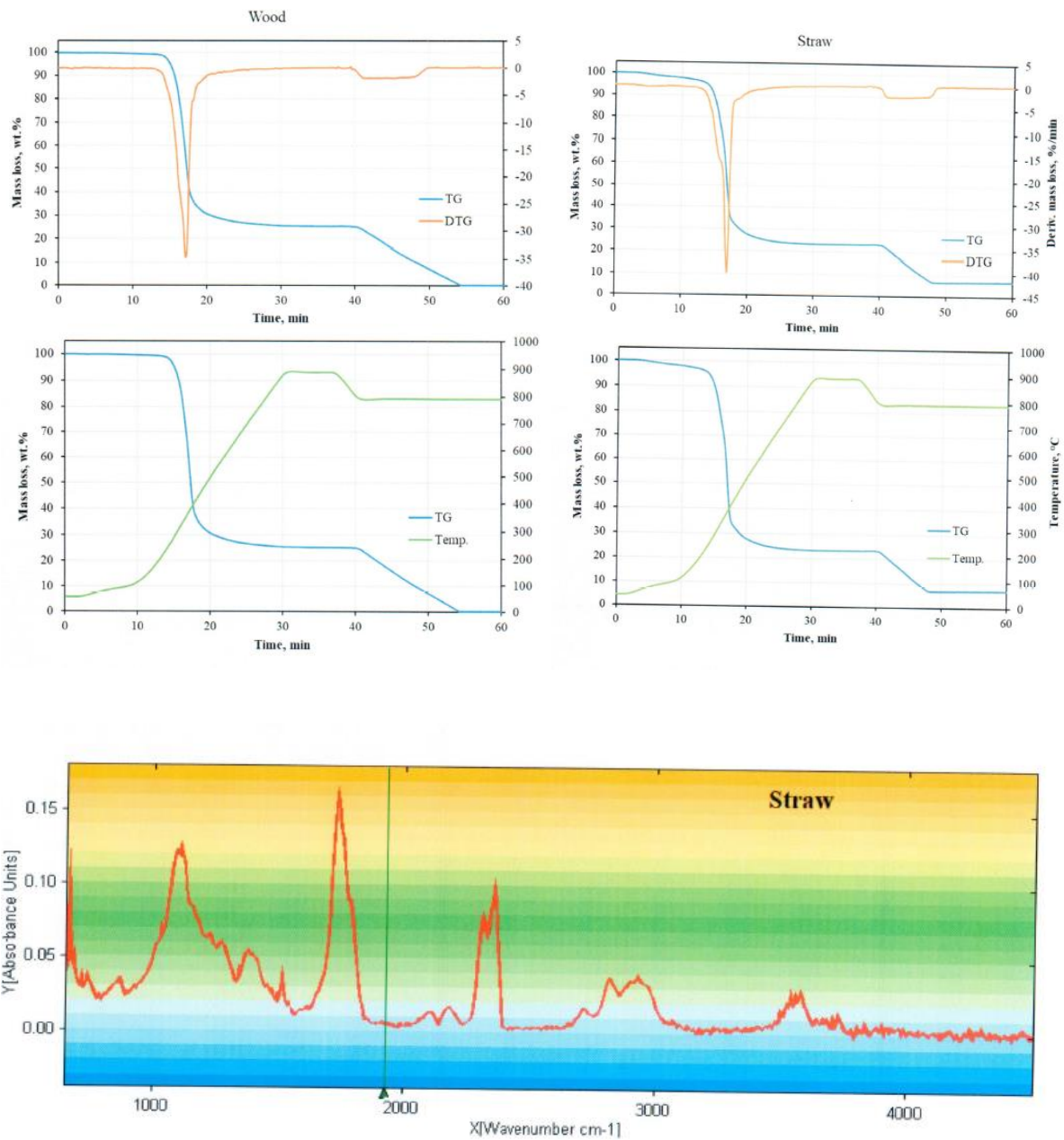
$$H_f = 238.8 \times \frac{Q_f}{\text{sum}G} + H_1, [\text{kcal/kg}]$$

Draw:

Figure 1. Volt-ampere characteristic of the DC arc thermal plasma torch using air as a plasma-forming gas.

Figure 2. Dependence of the thermal efficiency of the plasma torch on current intensity.

2. Practical exercise on proximate analysis of different feedstocks (wood, straw, sunflower husks) by TG-FTIR and TG-GC/MS.



D Labs visit at LEI

