



**“New and Specific Oils for Biodiesel  
Production – Non-food Oilseed Crops for  
Semi-arid Regions ”**

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**Worldwide there is a wide spectrum of different vegetable oils available**

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**There are many opportunities and options in feedstock supply, -  
evaluation has do be done however very carefully for:**

- **technical suitability and quality issues**
- **availability in volume**
- **logistic aspects and transport options**
- **sustainability in production and supply**
- **life cycle of an oilseed crop**
- **improvement potential by proper breeding**
- **competitiveness with other crops in the region**

**▶ assurance of high quality feedstock supply is step no. 1 !**

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### The biodiesel standard is influenced by type of oil

pr EN 14214 Fatty-acid-methyl-ester (FAME)			22.10.02
Parameter	Range	Unit	
Ester content	≥96.5	%m/m	
Density at 15°C	860 – 900	kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Viscosity at 40°C	3.5 – 5.0	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	
Viscosity (-20°C)	≤ 48	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	
Flash point	≥110	°C	
CFPP	see EN590	°C	
Sulfur content	≤ 10.0	mg/kg	▶ criteria influenced by origin of oil
CCR / 10% distill. residue	≤ 0.30	%m/m	
Cetane number	≥ 51.0	-	
Sulfated ash	≤ 0.02	%m/m	
Water content	≤ 0.05	%m/g/kg	
Total contamination	≤ 24	mg/kg	
Copper corrosion (3h at 50°C)	class 1	rating	
Oxidation stability	≥ 6.0	h	
Thermal stability	?	h	
Storage stability	-----	----	
Acid number	≤ 0.50	mg KOH/g	
Iodine number	≤ 120	-	
Polyunsaturated methyl esters: C 18:4 +	≤ 1.0	%m/m	
Linolenic acid methyl ester	≤ 12.0	%m/m	
Methanol content	≤ 0.20	%m/m	
Monoglyceride content	≤ 0.80	%m/m	
Diglyceride content	≤ 0.20	%m/m	
Triglyceride content	≤ 0.20	%m/m	
Free glycerol	≤ 0.02	%m/m	
Total glycerol	≤ 0.25	%m/m	
Group I metals (Na/K)	≤ 5.0	mg/kg	
Group II metals (Ca-Mg)	≤ 5.0	mg/kg	
Phosphorus content	≤ 10.0	mg/kg	

CFPP →  
Sulphur →  
Cetane →  
  
Oxidation stability →  
→  
→  
→  
Iodine no. →  
Polyunsaturated ME →  
  
Phosphorus →

▶ criteria influenced by origin of oil

### Property trade-offs: short-chain vs. long-chain

properties:	SHORTCHAIN	←		→	LONGCHAIN
1. oxygen content	higher	←		→	lower
<i>emissions</i>	<i>reduced</i>	☺	PM + soot		<i>increased</i>
<i>caloric value</i>	<i>lower</i>		performance	☺	<i>higher</i>
<i>combustion</i>	<i>improved</i>	☺			<i>worse</i>
2. boiling line	lower	←		→	higher
<i>emissions</i>	<i>reduced</i>	☺	PM, HC		<i>increased</i>
3. CFPP	lower	←		→	higher
<i>winter operability</i>	<i>better</i>	☺	°C		<i>worse</i>

Property trade-offs: saturated vs. unsaturated

	SATURATED	←		→	UNSATURATED
4. CFPP	higher	←		→	lower
winter operability	worse		°C	☺	better
5. Cetane	higher	←		→	lower
engine performance	improved	☺			lower
6. Iodine value	lower	←		→	higher
oxidation stability	better	☺			worse
polymerisation	lower	☺			higher

all the world's oilseeds ranked by IV

Can we find the ideal fatty acid profile ?

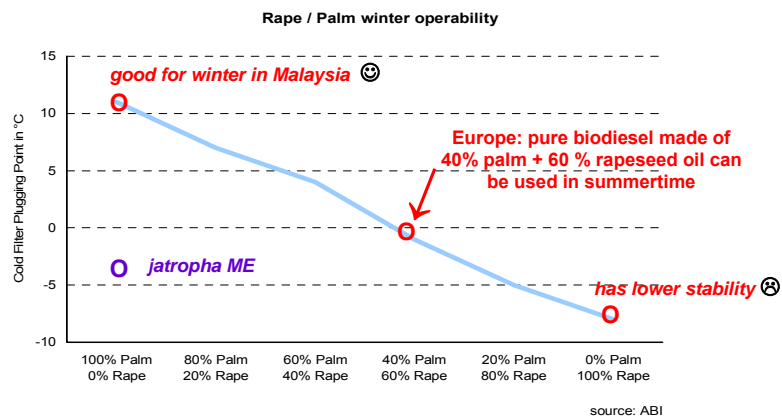
FAME	Labornr.	C 8:0	C 10:0	C 12:0	C 14:0	C 16:0	C 18:0	C 20:0	C 22:0	C 24:0	C 18:1	C 22:1	C 18:2	C 18:3	Gesamt: 1:99	Iodine Value 100 g / 1000 g
Coconut Fat - ME	05-308	7,0%	5,7%	42,4%	18,1%	11,3%	4,2%				8,7%		2,5%		100,0%	11,8
Acrocomia Nut Oil - ME	04-358	5,4%	4,5%	38,2%	8,8%	8,2%	3,3%				27,9%		3,6%		100,0%	30,2
Palm Fat - ME	05-141				1,3%	44,7%	5,4%	0,5%			37,2%		10,8%		100,0%	50,8
Lard - ME	04-319			0,4%	2,3%	29,6%	20,0%				33,2%		13,1%	1,5%	100,0%	55,0
Animal Fat - ME	05-107			2,3%	29,6%	17,1%					37,7%		11,5%	1,7%	100,0%	56,8
HO Sunflower Oil - ME	05-102				5,2%	4,2%		2,0%			78,7%		10,0%		100,0%	84,9
Soy Oil - ME HighOleic	05-710				5,4%	4,1%					81,3%		3,8%	5,3%	100,0%	90,4
Jatropha Oil - ME	05-728				17,7%	7,9%					37,8%		36,6%		100,0%	95,9
Used Frying Oil - ME high visc.	05-344				16,5%	5,9%	0,9%	1,2%			40,9%		26,8%	7,9%	100,0%	102,1
Canola Oil - ME	05-693				5,6%	2,4%	1,0%	0,8%			63,6%		23,4%	3,2%	100,0%	103,6
Used Frying Oil - ME low visc.	05-339				14,3%	5,0%	1,0%	1,2%			41,6%	0,8%	27,4%	8,8%	100,0%	106,8
Soy Oil - ME MidOleic	05-709				11,1%	5,0%	0,6%	0,9%			43,7%		35,5%	3,1%	100,0%	107,1
Rapeseed Oil - ME	05-333				6,0%	2,4%	0,9%				59,3%		28,6%	2,7%	100,0%	107,8
Milk Thistle Oil - ME	05-178				10,0%	6,2%		4,1%	3,9%	1,2%	22,7%		50,7%	1,2%	100,0%	110,4
Rapeseed Oil - ME	05-330				6,9%	2,5%	1,0%	0,8%			58,0%		20,9%	9,8%	100,0%	111,8
HEAR OIL - ME	05-093				4,3%	1,2%	0,9%	1,0%			14,0%	47,2%	15,5%	15,8%	100,0%	114,4
Rapeseed Oil - ME	04-280				6,3%	2,3%	0,9%				57,9%		22,2%	10,4%	100,0%	115,4
Rapeseed Oil - ME	05-348				5,7%	2,3%	0,9%	0,7%			57,1%		22,7%	10,5%	100,0%	115,9
Soy Oil - ME LowLin	05-701				12,1%	6,1%	0,5%	0,7%			24,2%		54,9%	1,5%	100,0%	119,8
Sunflower Oil - ME	05-078				8,0%	4,7%		1,2%			28,9%		56,5%	0,7%	100,0%	124,6
Soy Oil - ME	05-314				13,0%	4,9%	0,5%	0,8%			23,9%		49,6%	7,3%	100,0%	125,5
Rapeseed Soy Oil-ME	05-108				12,3%	5,6%		0,7%			22,1%		52,1%	7,3%	100,0%	128,3
Soy Oil - ME Regular	05-700				12,5%	5,2%					22,3%		50,2%	9,8%	100,0%	131,8
Camelina Oil - ME	04-321				6,7%	3,0%	2,3%	0,7%			14,3%	6,5%	18,2%	48,4%	100,0%	175,0
Linseed Oil - ME	05-166				6,1%	4,6%					17,5%		15,9%	55,9%	100,0%	188,9

## Actions for quality improvement of Biodiesel :

Fatty acid composition of an oil can be improved by

- **targeted breeding for dedicated oilseed plants**
  - **appropriate blending of various oils**
- ▶ **further improvements are necessary and can be expected**

## Optimise feedstock cost by intelligent blending





## What are the selection criteria ?

**Iodine number (IN):** indication for *fuel stability*, negatively influenced by higher number of double-bonds in fatty acids (FA).

**Net calorific value:** indication for *energy content*, negatively influenced by higher content of oxygen e.g. in short-chain fatty acids.

**Cold filter plugging point (CFPP):** indication for *winter operability*, negatively influenced by higher content of saturated FA.

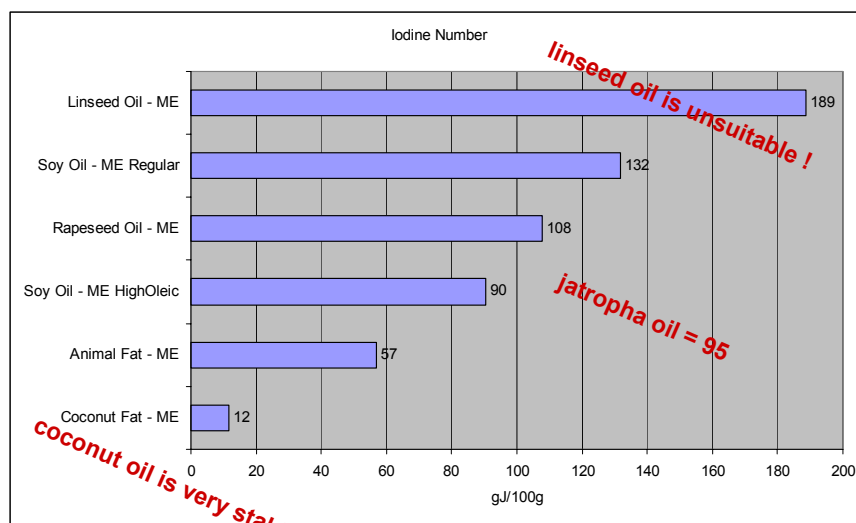
**Cetane number:** indication for *ignition behaviour*.

**Distillation curve:** indication for *smoothness of combustion*.

**A clever blend of various oils can result in the “super-biodiesel”**

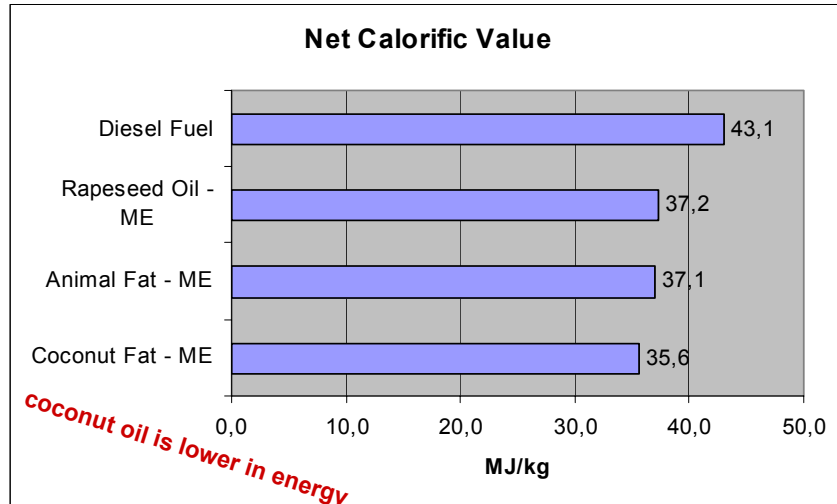


## Iodine number (IN) – indication for stability

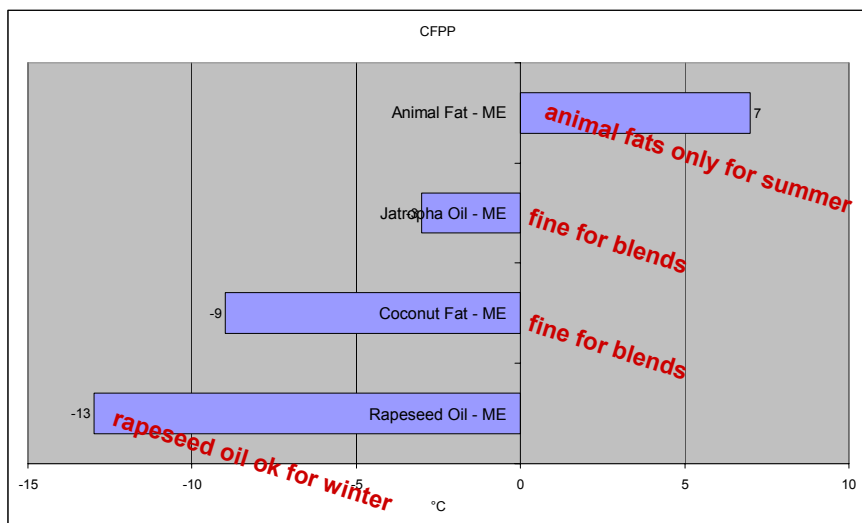




## Net calorific value – energy content

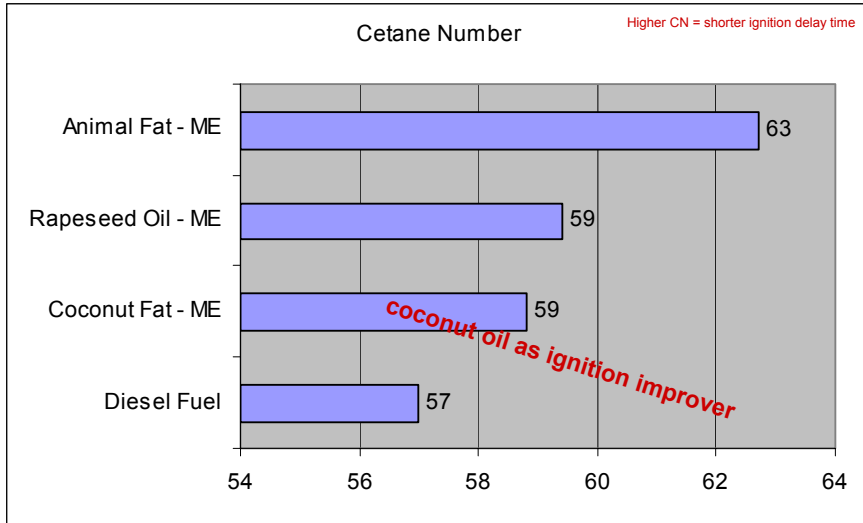


## Cold filter plugging point – winter operability

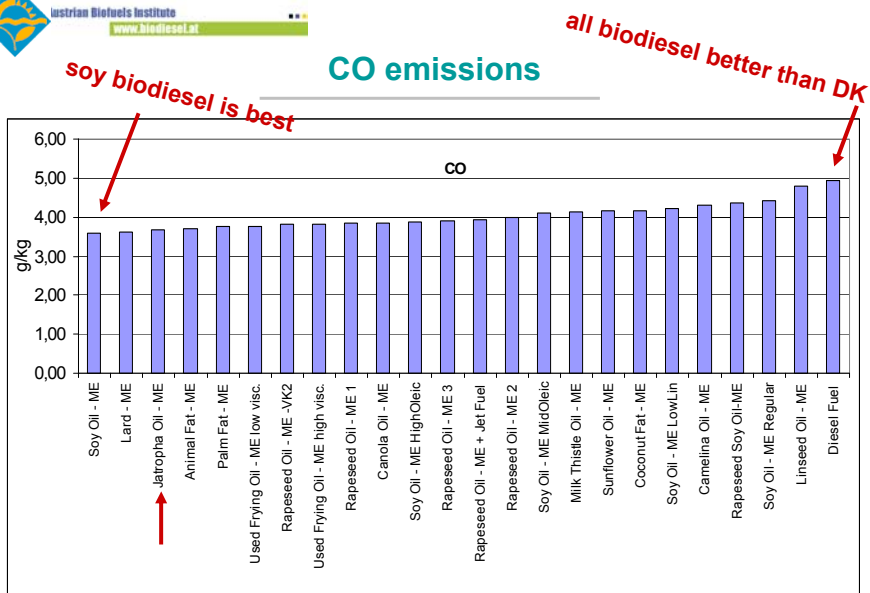




## Cetane number



## CO emissions

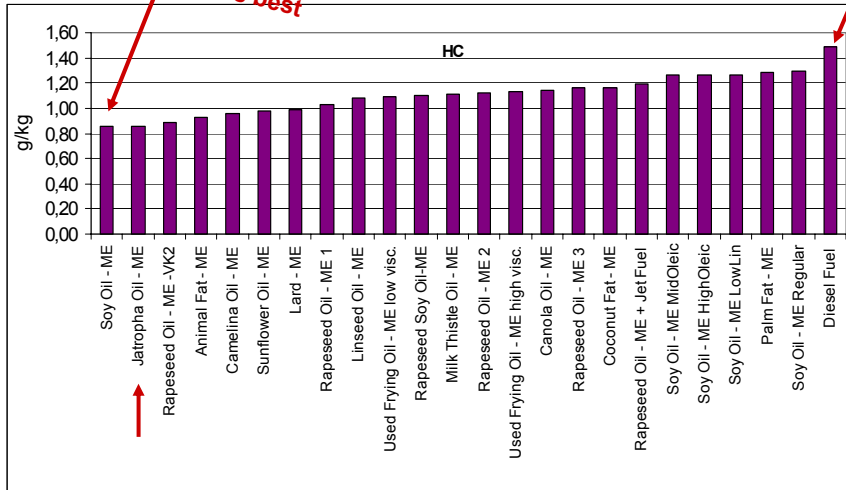




### HC emissions

soy biodiesel is best

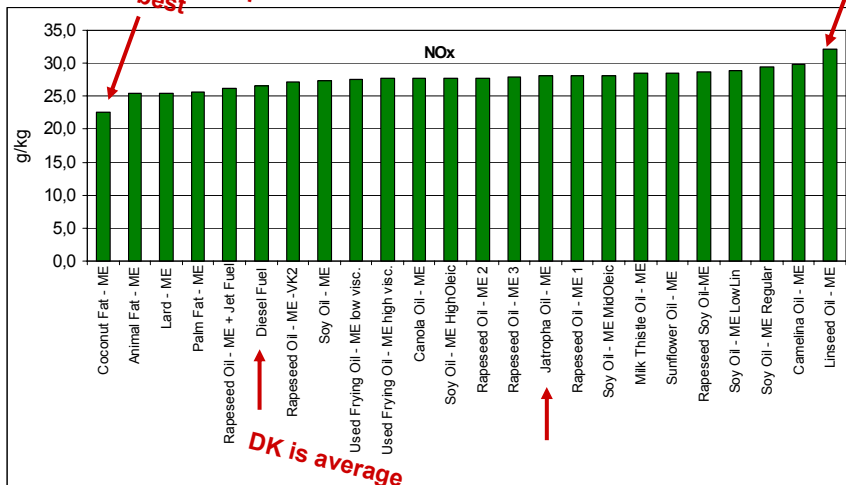
all biodiesel better than DK



### NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

coconut biodiesel is best

linseed biodiesel is worst

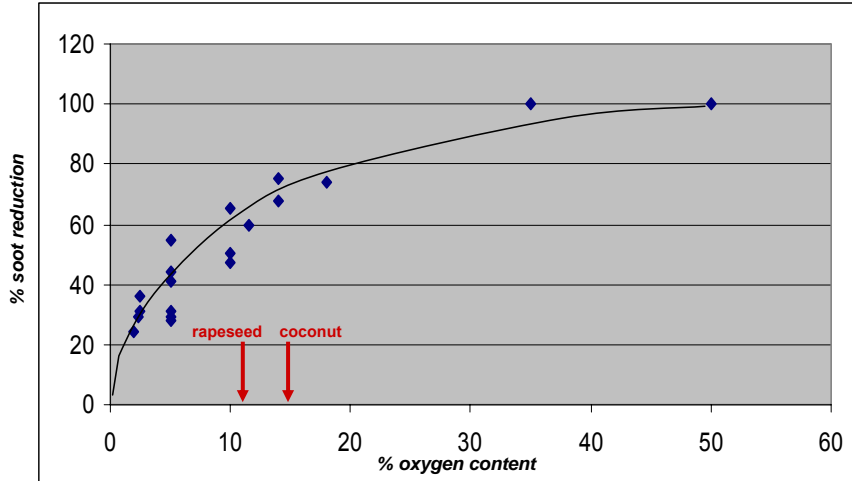


DK is average





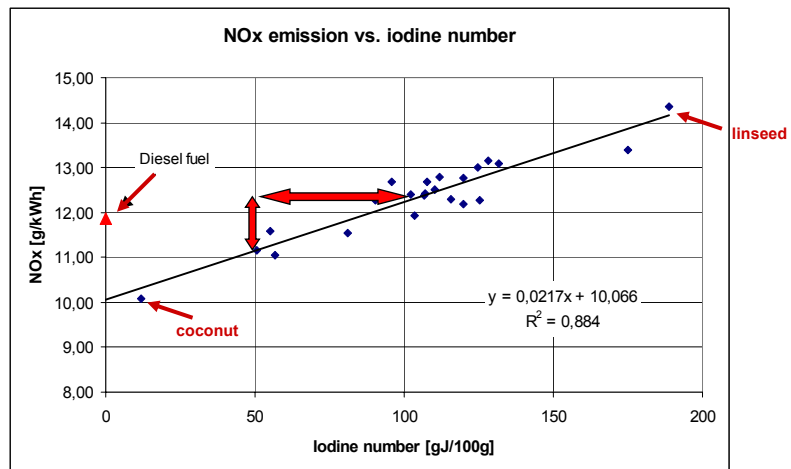
### Correlation: the higher the oxygen content the lower the soot emissions



Source: TU Graz



### Correlation: the lower the iodine number the lower the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions



**Conclusion: balancing all advantages and risks, opportunities and risks of new non-food feedstocks we can state that ...**

1. ... presently used food oils do not have the best suitability, while some non-food plants appear to be more attractive;
2. ... there is a wide of opportunities of not yet discovered and researched non-food oilseed crops;
3. ... their properties can be improved by proper breeding by traditional as well as gene modification methods for
  - \* optimised fatty acid profile leading to “super-biodiesel”,
  - \* improved suitability for marginal soils,
  - \* ability to be grown in semi-arid climate zones
  - \* at reasonable yields.

