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## PhD Public Defence

- Title:** PIUS – HYDROFACTION™ TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM WITH INTEGRATED UPGRADING STEP
- Location:** Pontoppidanstræde 111, auditorium
- Time:** Wednesday 11 April at 13.00
- PhD defendant:** Claus Uhrenholt Jensen
- Supervisor:** Professor Lasse Rosendahl and Steen B. Iversen
- Moderator:** Associate Professor Rudi P. Nielsen, Department of Chemistry and Bioscience, AAU Esbjerg
- Opponents:** Associate Professor Marco Maschietti, Department of Chemistry and Bioscience, AAU Esbjerg (Chairman)  
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Senior Research Scientist Brajendra K. Sharma, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, Prairie Research Institute, University of Illinois, USA

**All are welcome. The defence will be in English.**



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**Abstract:**

Steeper Energy's proprietary Hydrofaction™ pathway for production of tomorrow's diesel, jet and marine fuel, comprise conversion of biomass residues through hydrothermal liquefaction (HTL) to liquid biocrude. Similar to petroleum crude oil, the oxygenated biocrude is an intermediate that needs further upgrading to meet liquid fuel specifications. On that basis, the thesis focuses on development of an integrated separation, demineralization and upgrading technology platform, so the Hydrofaction™ technology provides the entire path from tree to tank.