

Gasification based co-generation

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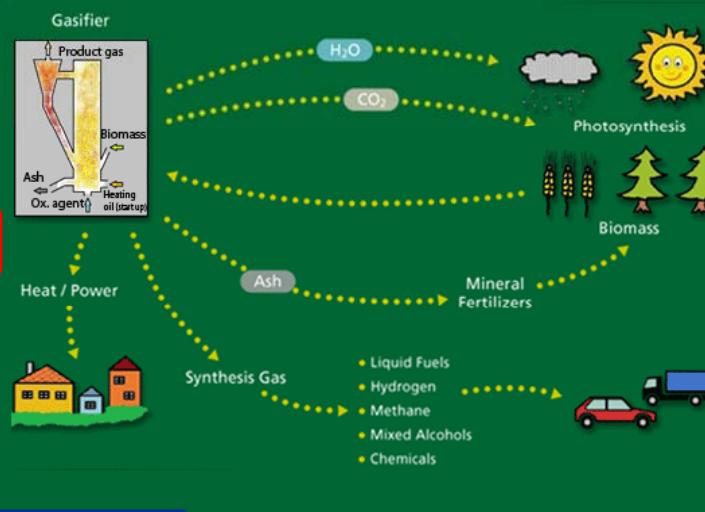
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Thermal biomass gasification is a process converting cellulosic biomass into:

- heat/power and steam and/or
- synthesis gas, which can be used for production of:
 - liquid fuels (biodiesel)
 - hydrogen
 - methane
 - mixed alcohols
 - other chemicals

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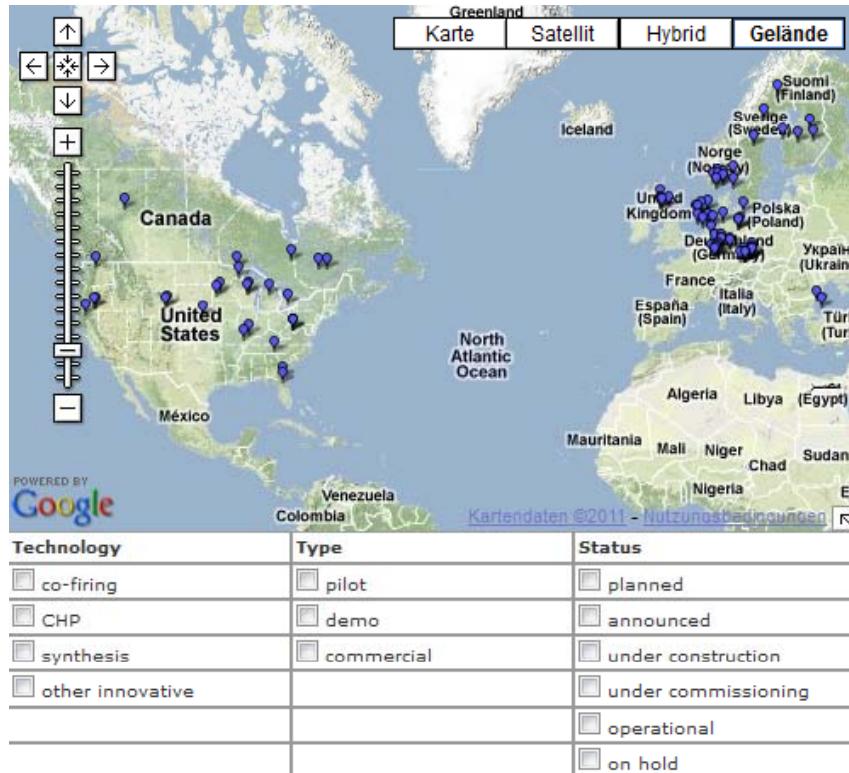
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Thermal gasification facilities - database



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Gasification unit - example

FICFB Oberwart
FICFB Oberwart
Oberwart, Austria
CHP conversion of lignocellulosics into heat, power
commercial facility, operational, start-up 2008
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Technology **Type** **Status**

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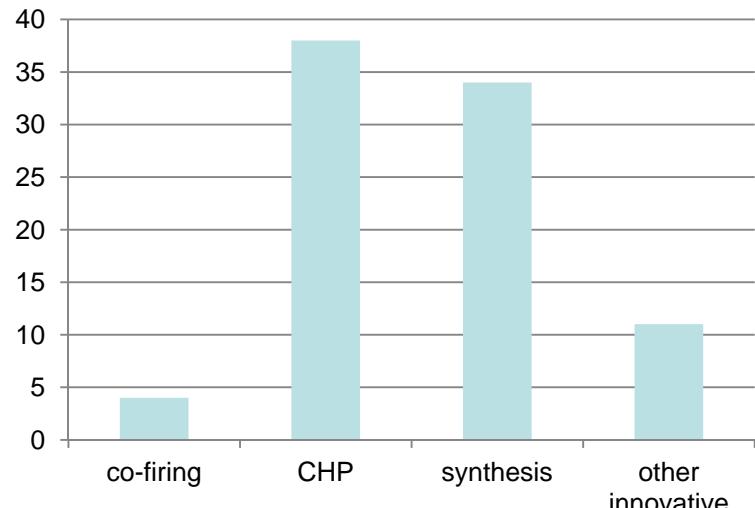
Data sheet:	
Coordinating Organisation/Company	FICFB Oberwart
Project Name	FICFB Oberwart
Location	Oberwart, 7400, Austria
Technology	CHP conversion
Raw Material	lignocellulosics; wood chips
Input	8,7 MWfuel
Product	heat; power;
Output	1-6 MWth; 2,7 MWe
Facility Type	commercial
Partners	Ortner Anlagenbau
Total Investment	16 M Euro
Status	operational
Start-Up	2008
Technology Brief	FICFB, steam as oxidizing agent in gasification zone, air in combustion zone In Oberwart the second Biomass CHP with the concept of the FICFB gasification system was realised. It consists similar to the biomass CHP Güssing of gas generation in a DFB system, gas cooling and gas clean-up in a bag filter followed by a tar scrubber. The cooled and cleaned producer gas is fed into two gas engines for power generation. In addition there is an biomass drying unit and an organic rankine cycle (ORC) integrated, to have a higher electric efficiency. For the ORC all heat at the biomass CHP is collected by thermo-oil and transferred in the ORC in electricity.
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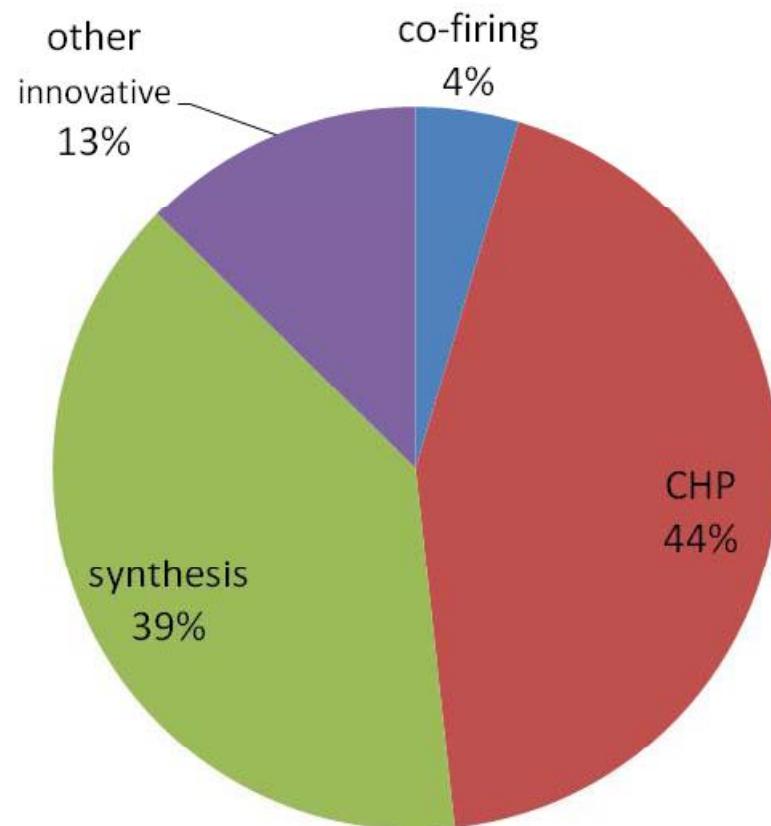
Technology



co-firing	4
CHP	38
synthesis	34
other innovative	11

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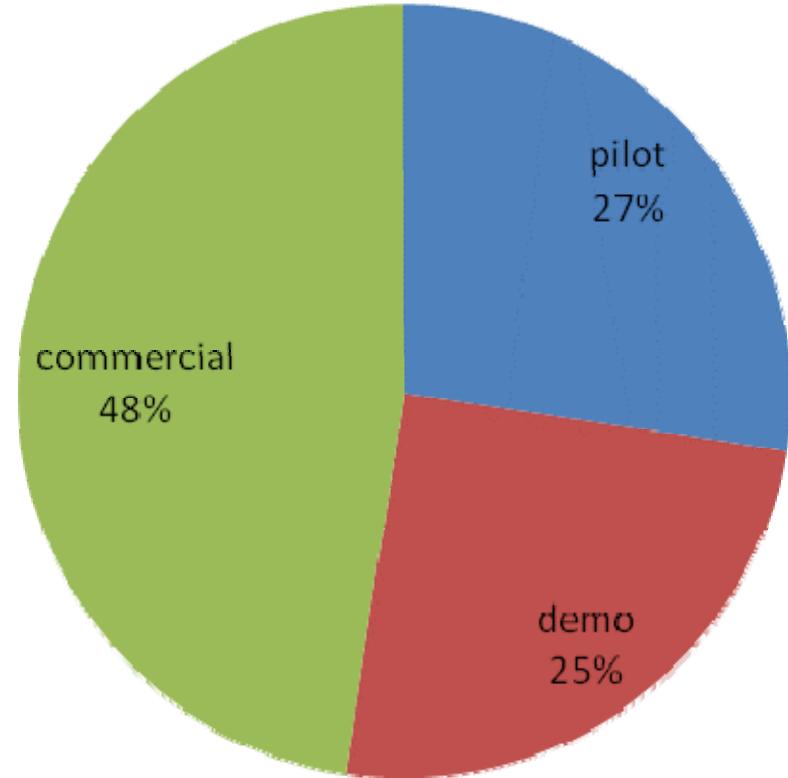
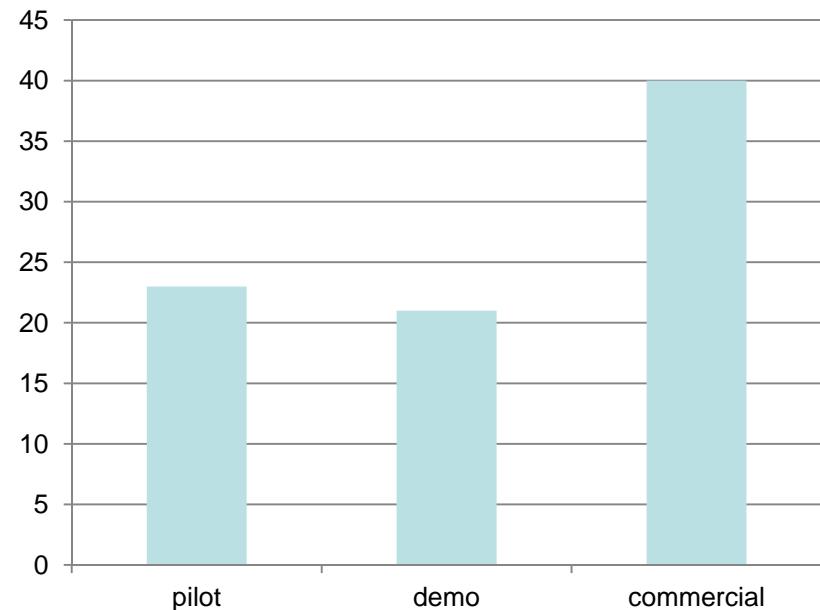
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Scale



pilot	23
demo	21
commercial	40

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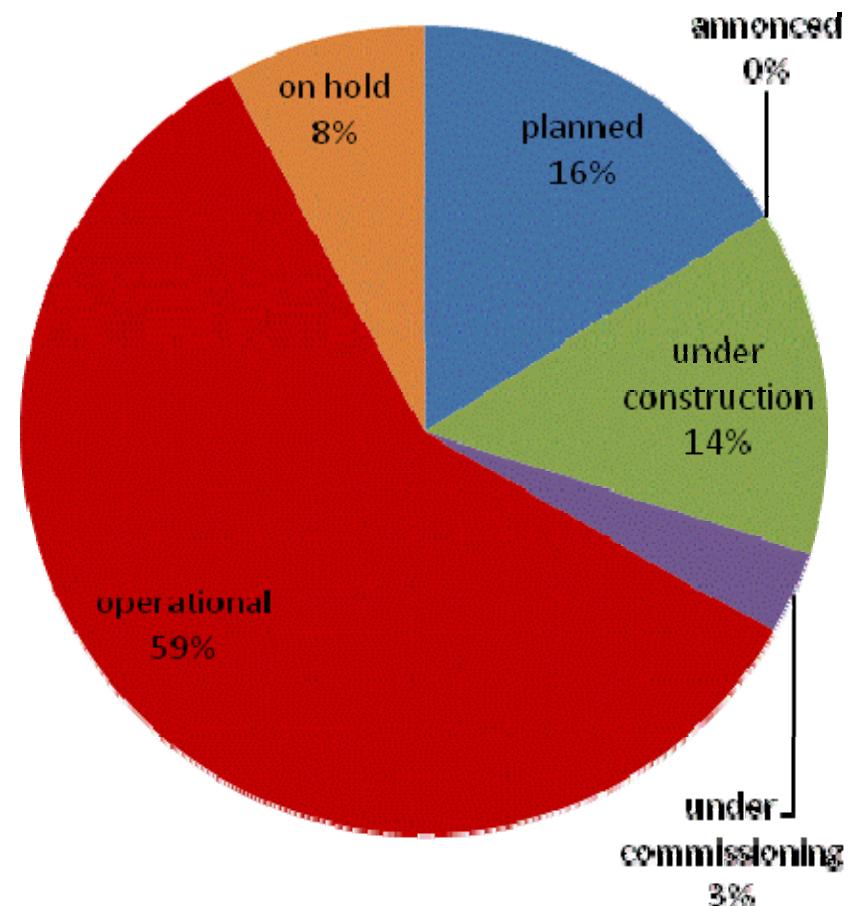
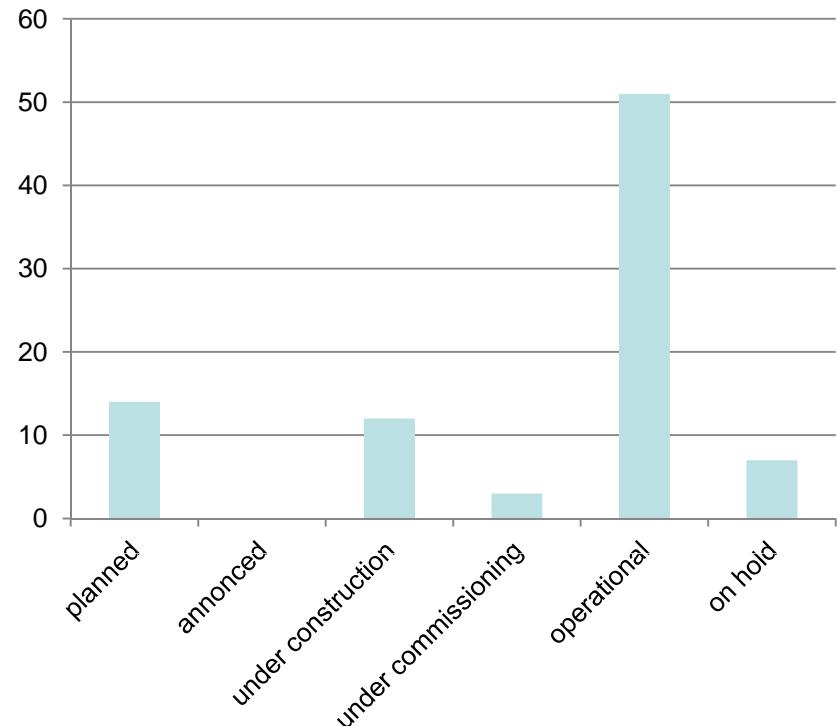
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Status

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planned	14
announced	0
under construction	12
under commissioning	3
operational	51
on hold	7

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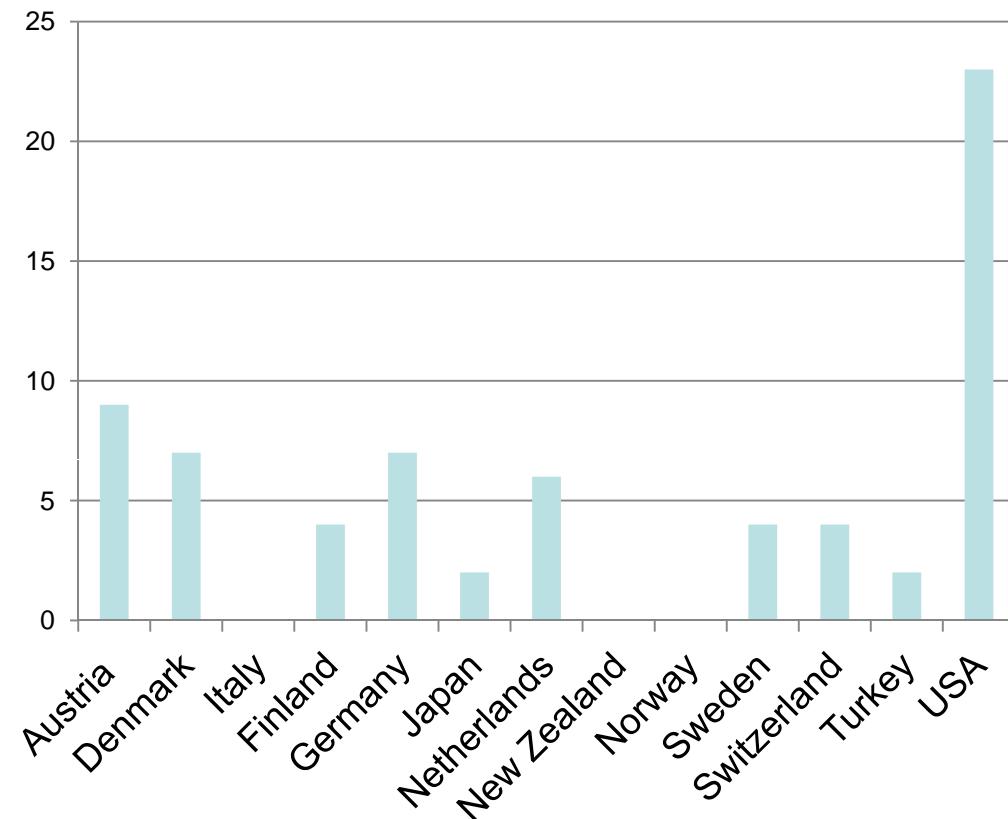


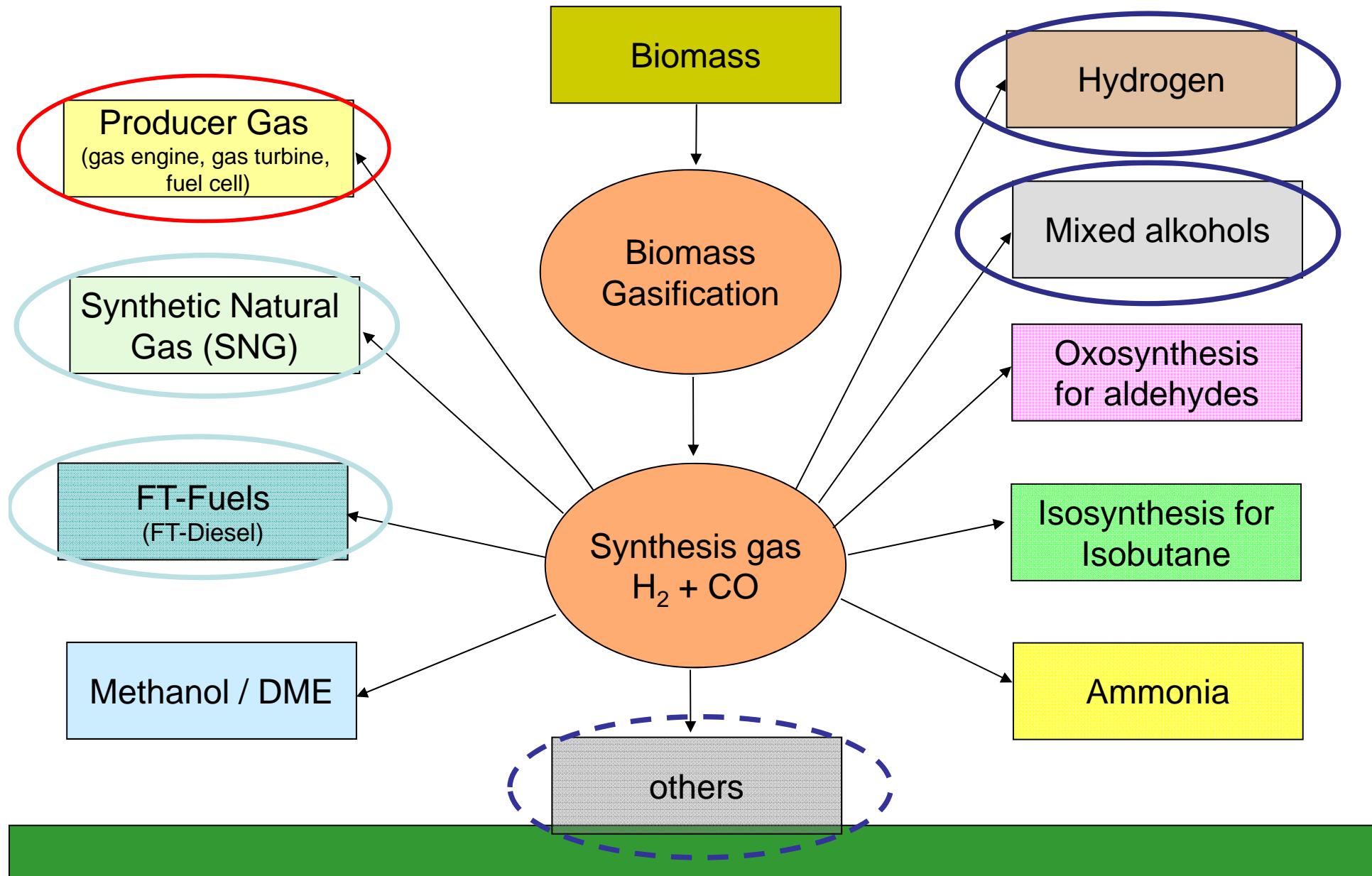
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Active gasifiers as in the database

Austria	9
Denmark	7
Italy	0
Finland	4
Germany	7
Japan	2
Netherlands	6
New Zealand	0
Norway	0
Sweden	4
Switzerland	4
Turkey	2
USA	23





Economic frame conditions in Austria

- Biomass costs: 1.8-1.9 c€/kWh (80-90 €/t_{dry})
- Feed in rate for electricity (not valid anymore): 16 c€/kWh for electricity from forest wood chips, <2MW_{el}, independent on technology
- Price of heat: 2.0-4.0 c€/kWh, depends on average biomass price and light heating oil price
- No funding of investment costs, except if a demonstration plant

- Scientific partners



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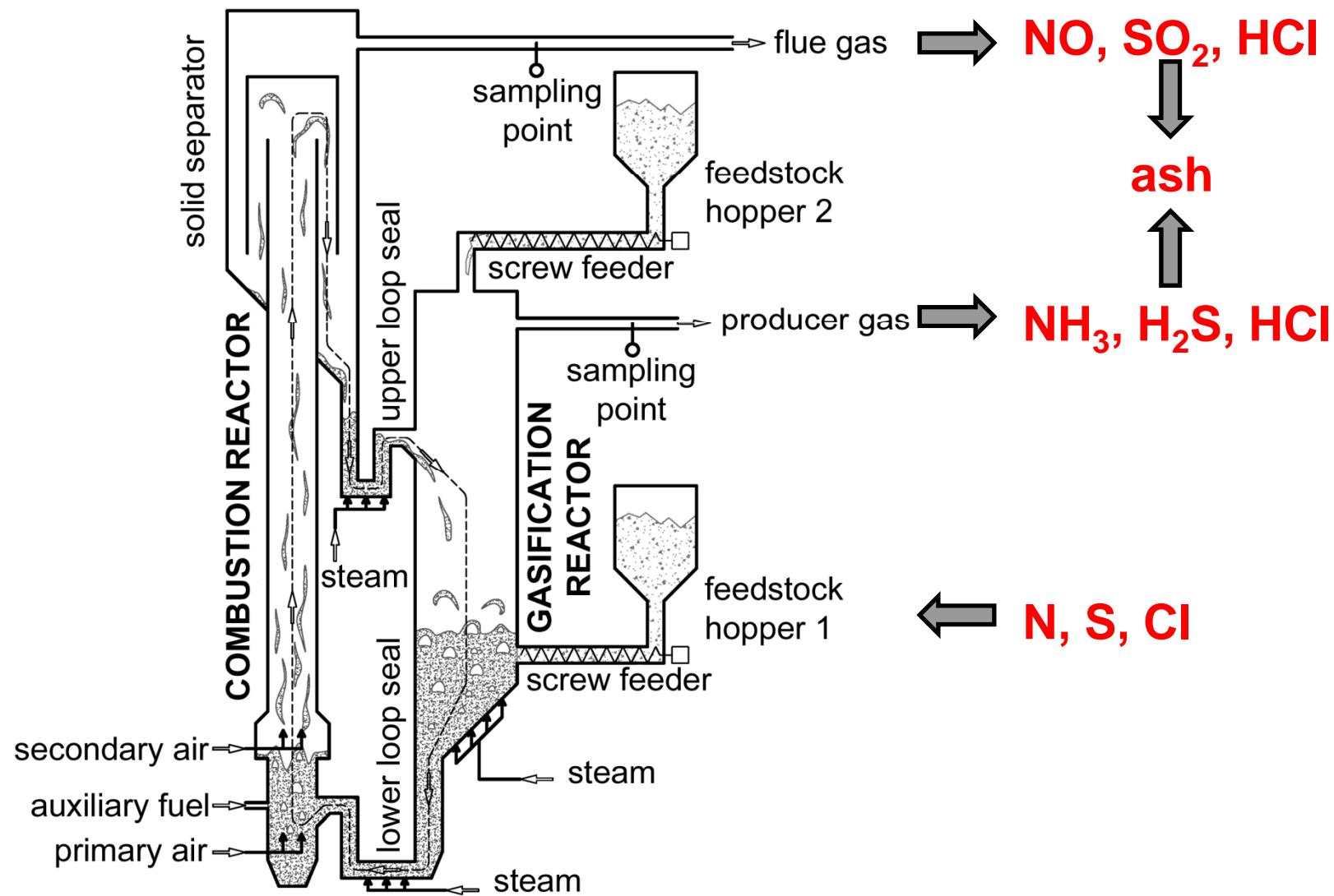
- Engineering (as example)



- Operators (as example)

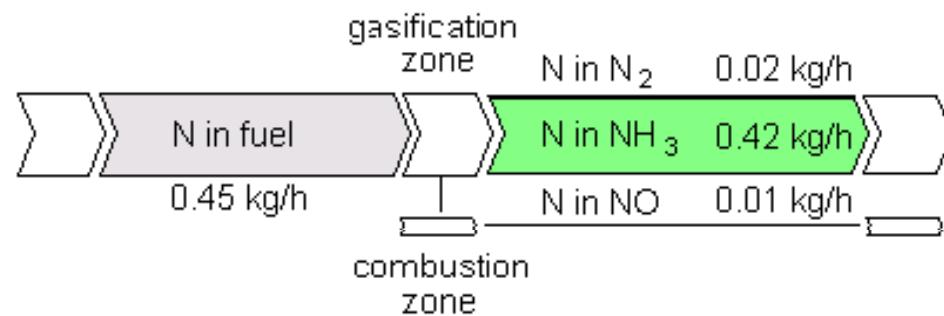


Distribution of elements in the DFB gasifier

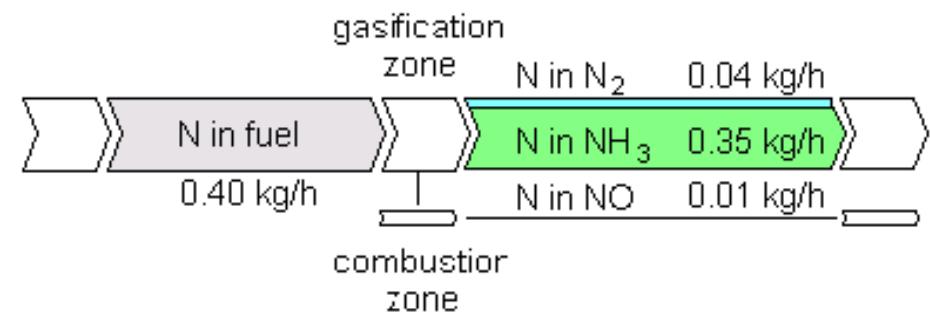


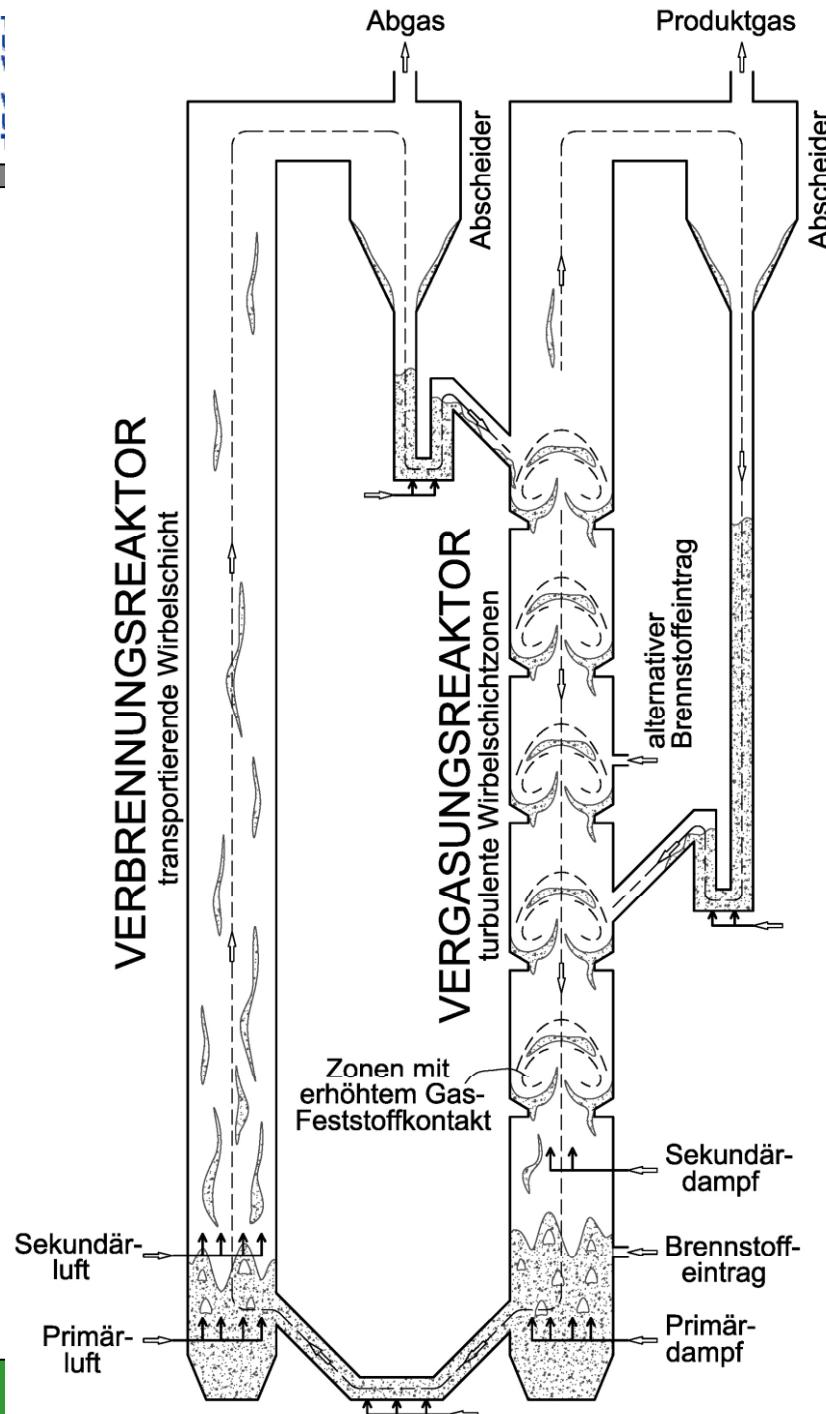
Distribution of nitrogen

Waste wood A



Waste wood B





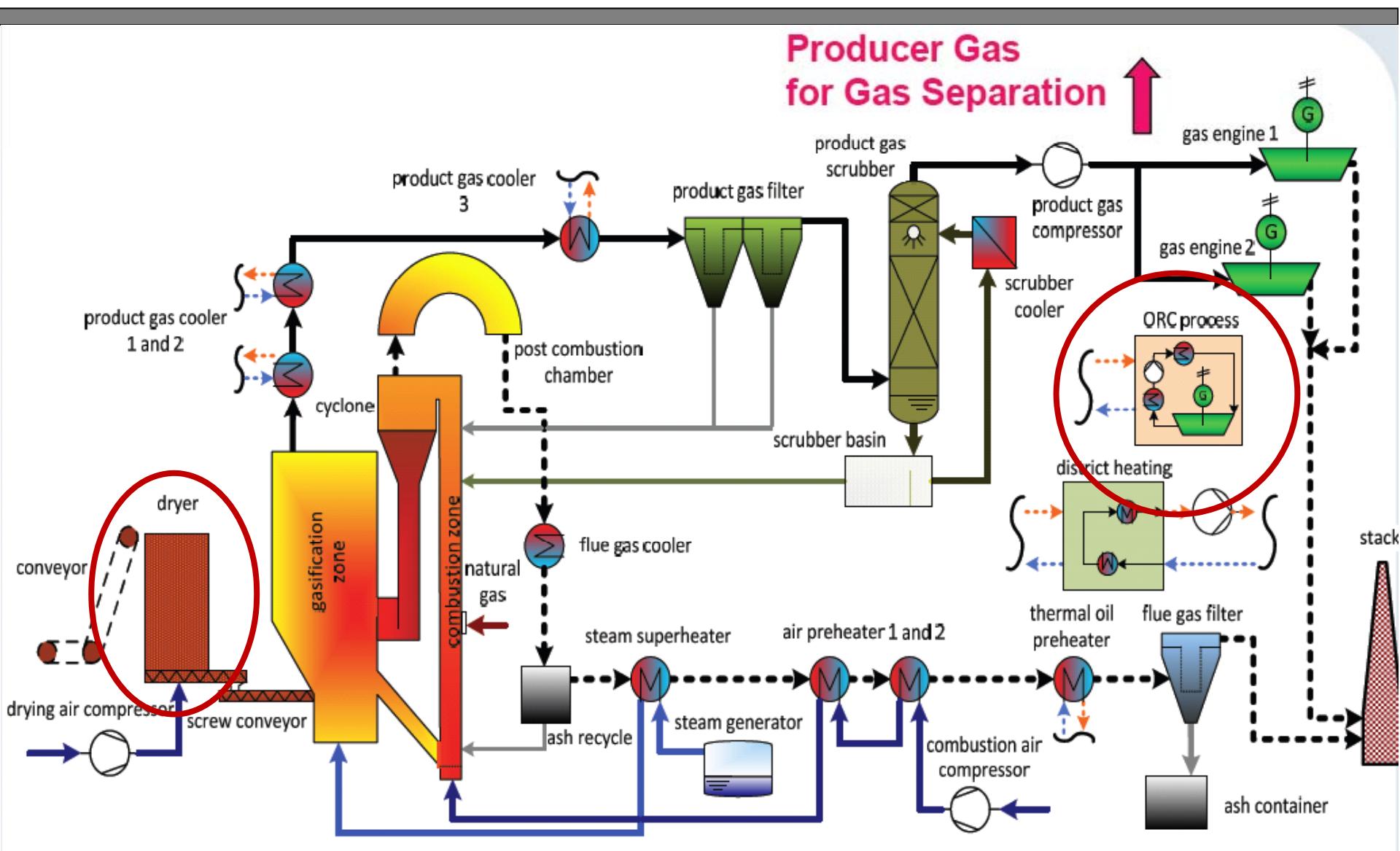
G-volution System



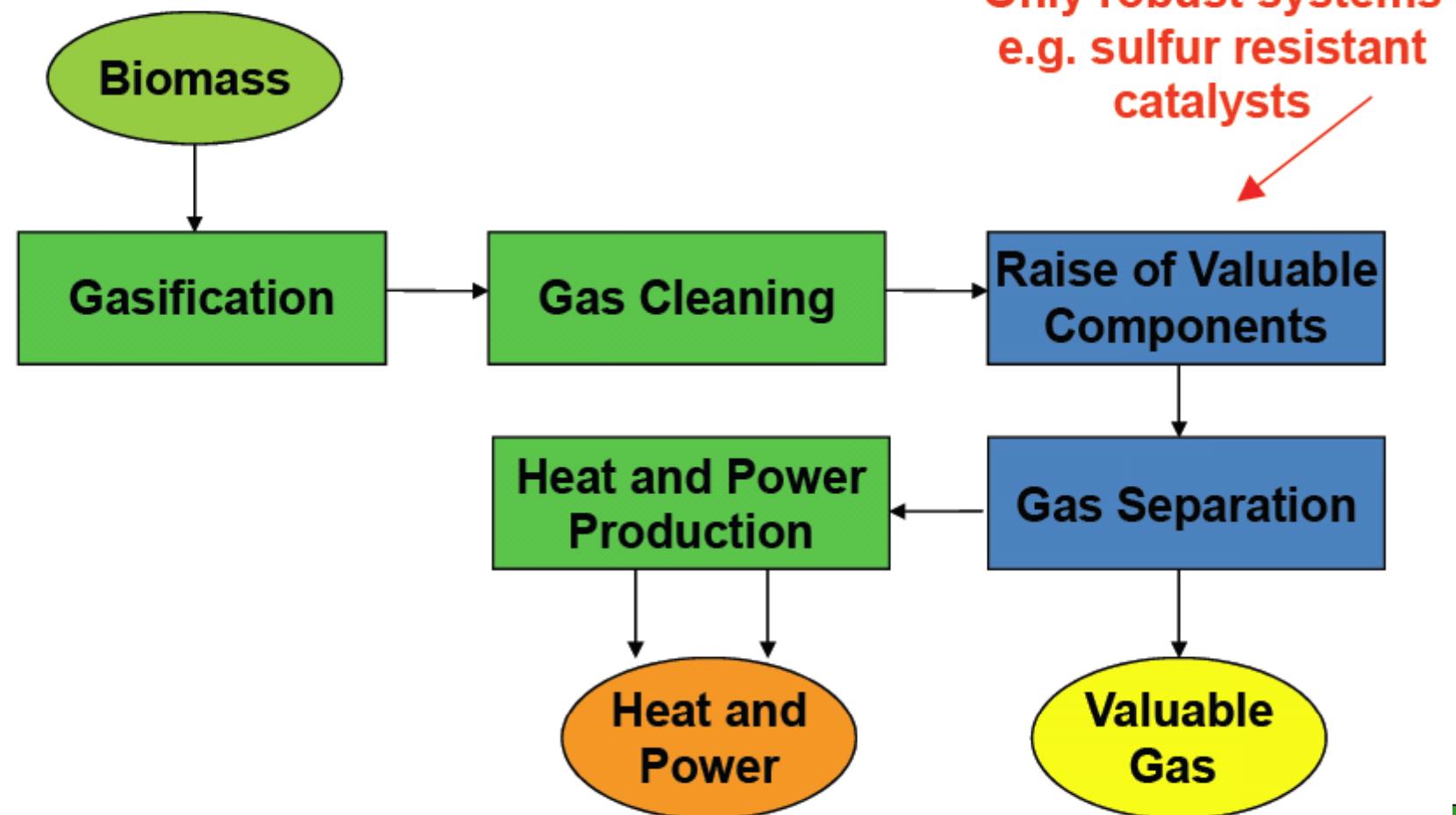
Location	Product	Fuel / Product MW, MW	Start up	Supplier	Status
Güssing, AT	Gas engine	8.0 _{fuel} / 2.0 _{el}	2002	AE&E / Repotec	Operational
Oberwart, AT	Gas engine / ORC	8.5 _{fuel} / 2.8 _{el}	2008	Ortner	Operational
Villach, AT	Gas engine	15 _{fuel} / 3.7 _{el}	2010	Ortner	Commissioning
Klagenfurt, AT	Gas engine	25 _{fuel} / 5.5 _{el}	?	Ortner	planing
Ulm, DE	Gas engine / ORC	14 _{fuel} / 5 _{el}	2011	Repotec	Under construction
Göteborg, Sweden	BioSNG	32 _{fuel} /20 _{BioSNG}	2012	Repotec	planing
Vienna, OMV	Hydrogen	50 _{fuel} /30 _{hydrogen}	2015	Repotec	planing

Schema Oberwart

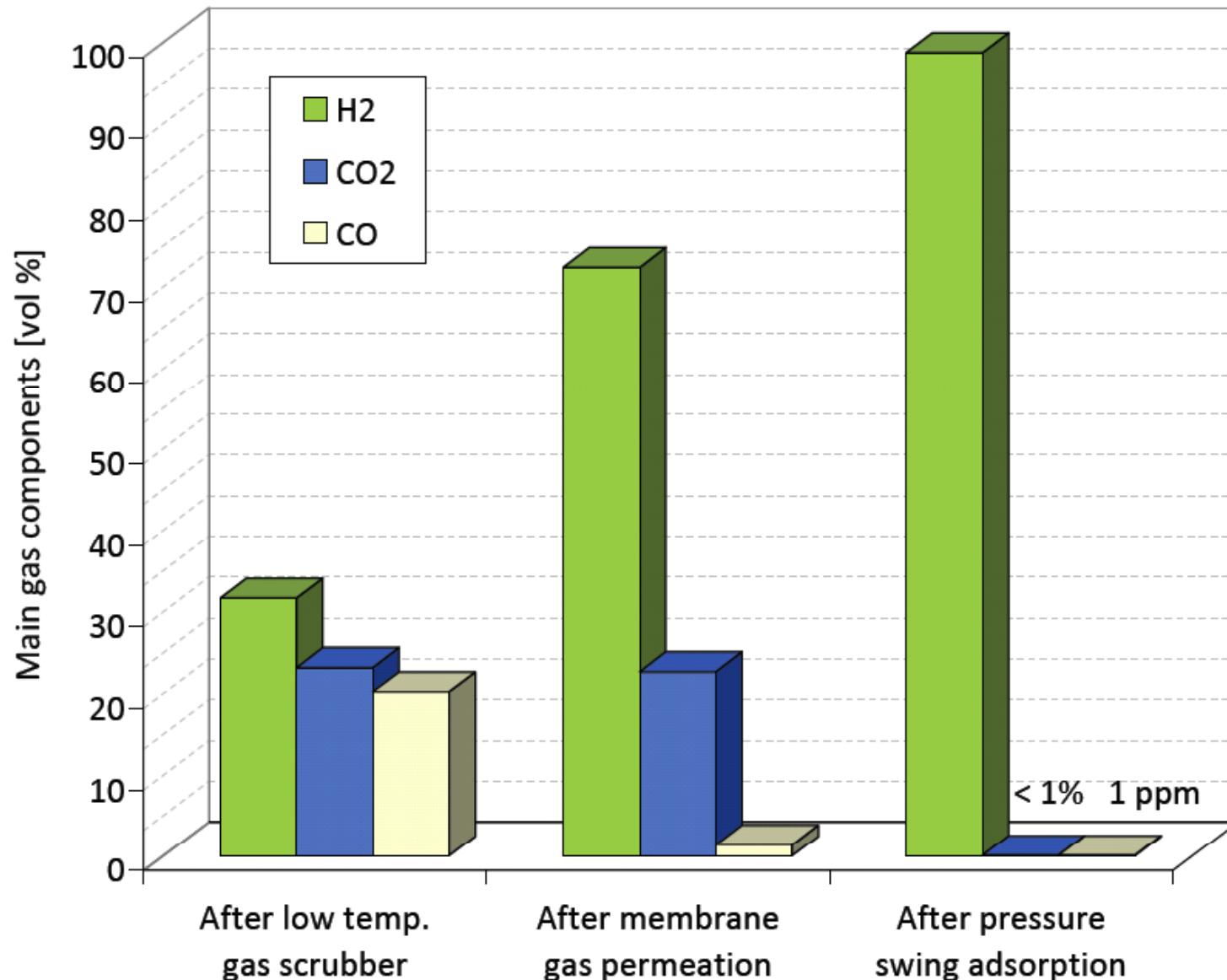
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Generalized Flow Sheet of a Polygeneration Process - Advanced Case

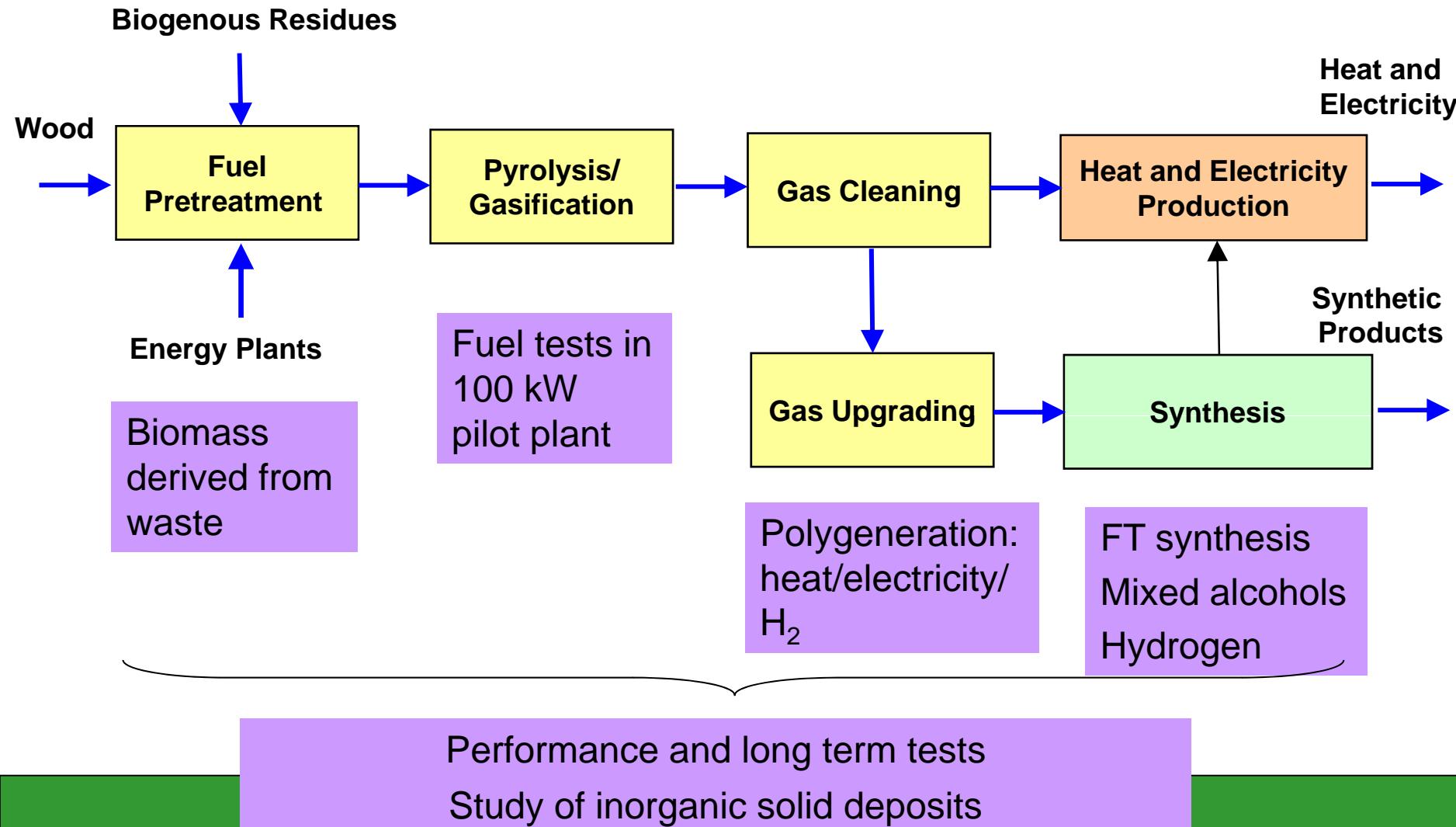


Results simple H₂



Gasification and synthetic biofuels

Research along the process chain



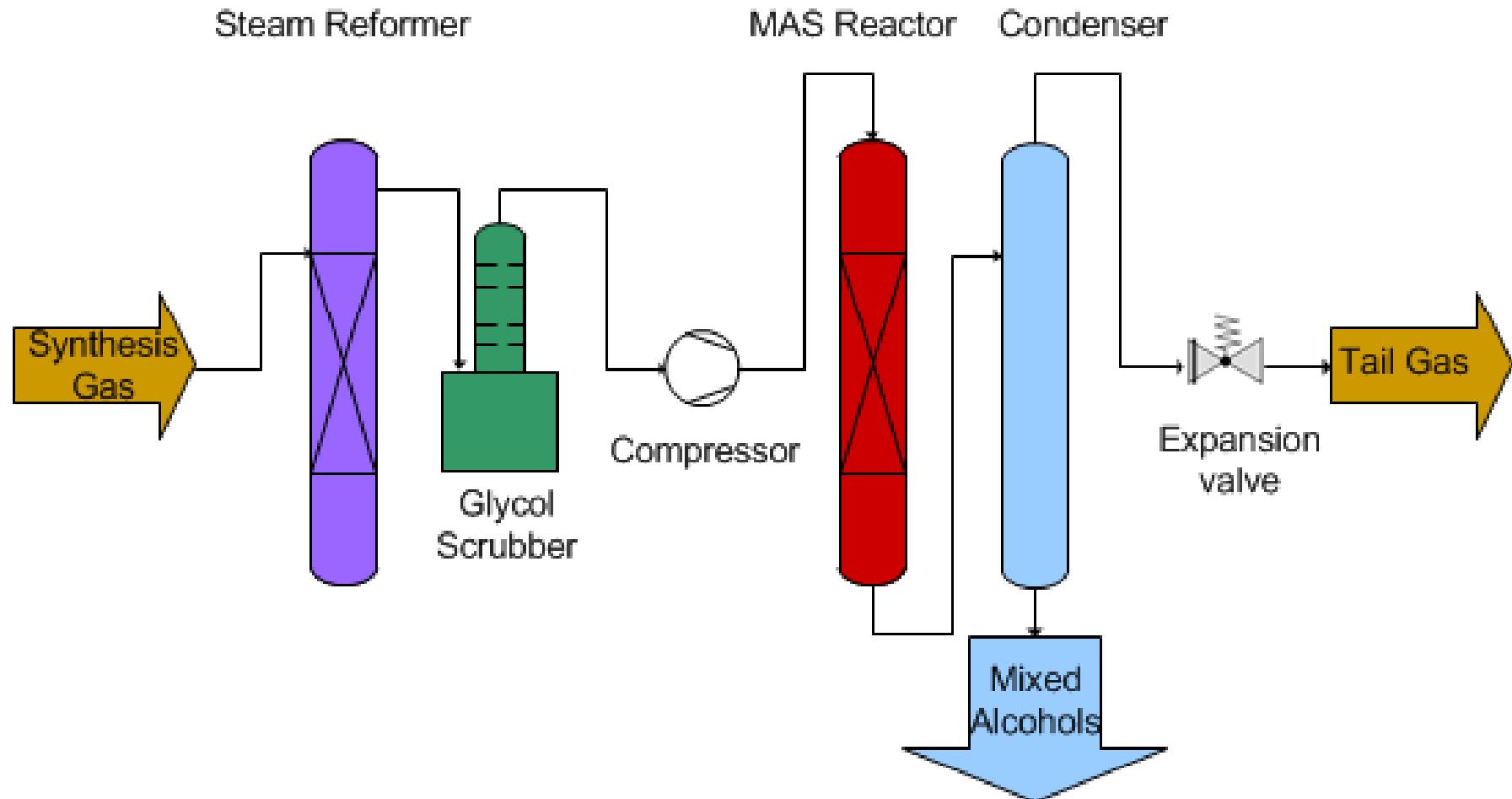
Mixed alcohols

- Funded by „Klima und Energiefonds“ and Bioenergy 2020+
- Aim is to get fundamental know how in the synthesis of mixed alcohols from biomass
- Main advantage is very simple gas cleaning, due to sulphur resistant catalyst

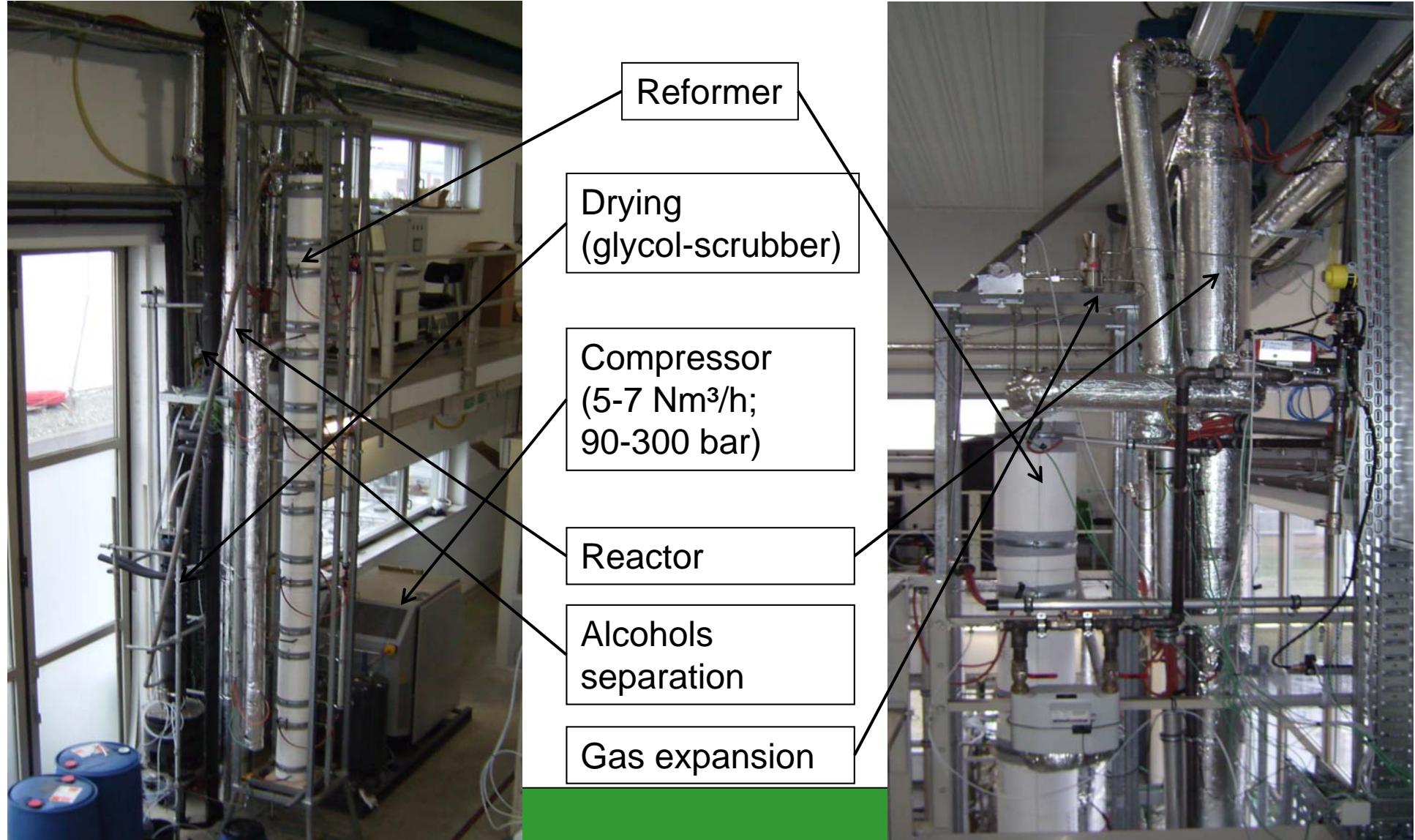
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Mixed Alcohols Synthesis



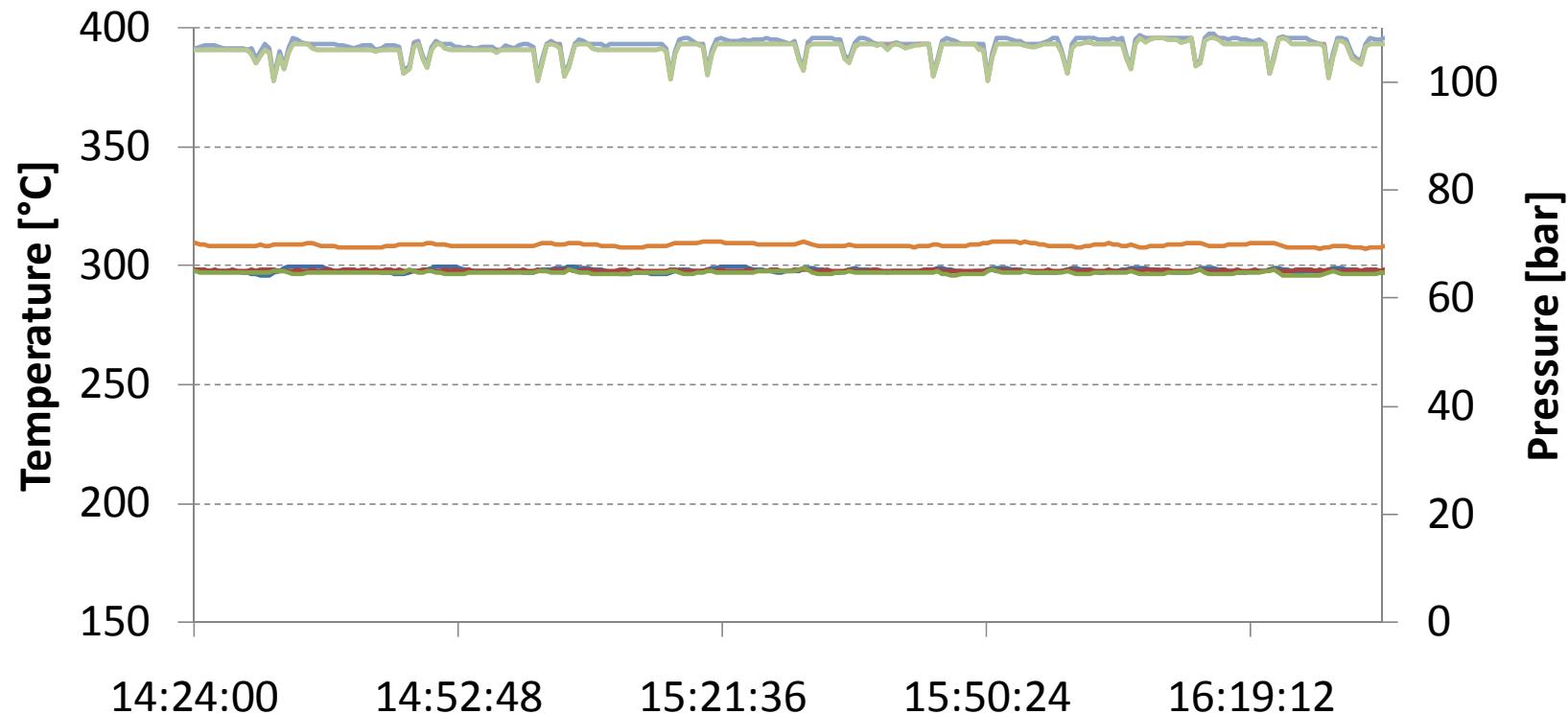
Actual status: first experiments are done



Temperatures and Pressures

MAS - Reactor

— TH MAS_R top — TH MAS_R middle — TH MAS_R bottom — MAS_R bottom
— p before MAS_R — p after MAS_R — p after separation — MAS_R top



Summary

- Biomass CHP Güssing has excellent frame conditions for R&D on synthesis gas applications
- Focus of R&D is on small CHP and on synthesis gas applications (BioSNG, Fischer Tropsch, Mixed Alcohols, Hydrogen)
- Gasification enables the conversion of biomass to many useful products

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