

# BTG Bioliquids Pyrolysis technology

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1. BTG Bioliquids company introduction
2. Fast pyrolysis technology
3. Bio oil applications
4. Conclusions



# BTG Bioliquids – We replace fossil fuels

## Company introduction

- As a **technology provider** and **product leader** we are committed to the commercial deployment of our fast pyrolysis technology.
- Explicitly made from biomass residues which is known as **second generation** (2G) or advanced biofuel which means that it does not compete with the food chain.



# Our company milestones



**1987**

BTG starts as a spin-off from the University of Twente



**2008**

BTG Bioliquids established by BTG



**2015**

Start up of Empyro in the Netherlands



**2016**

Cooperation agreement with TechnipFMC

Starting BTG Bioliquids webshop



**2019**

Empyro sold to Twence, the Netherlands

Green Fuel Nordic, Finland

Pyrocell, Sweden



**2020**

Start up of Green Fuel Nordic plant in Finland

A photograph of a male worker in a white hard hat and safety glasses, wearing a dark blue jacket with a yellow stripe and a bioliquids logo. He is working on a large industrial pipe with a blue valve. The background shows a complex network of pipes and industrial structures.

# Our technology

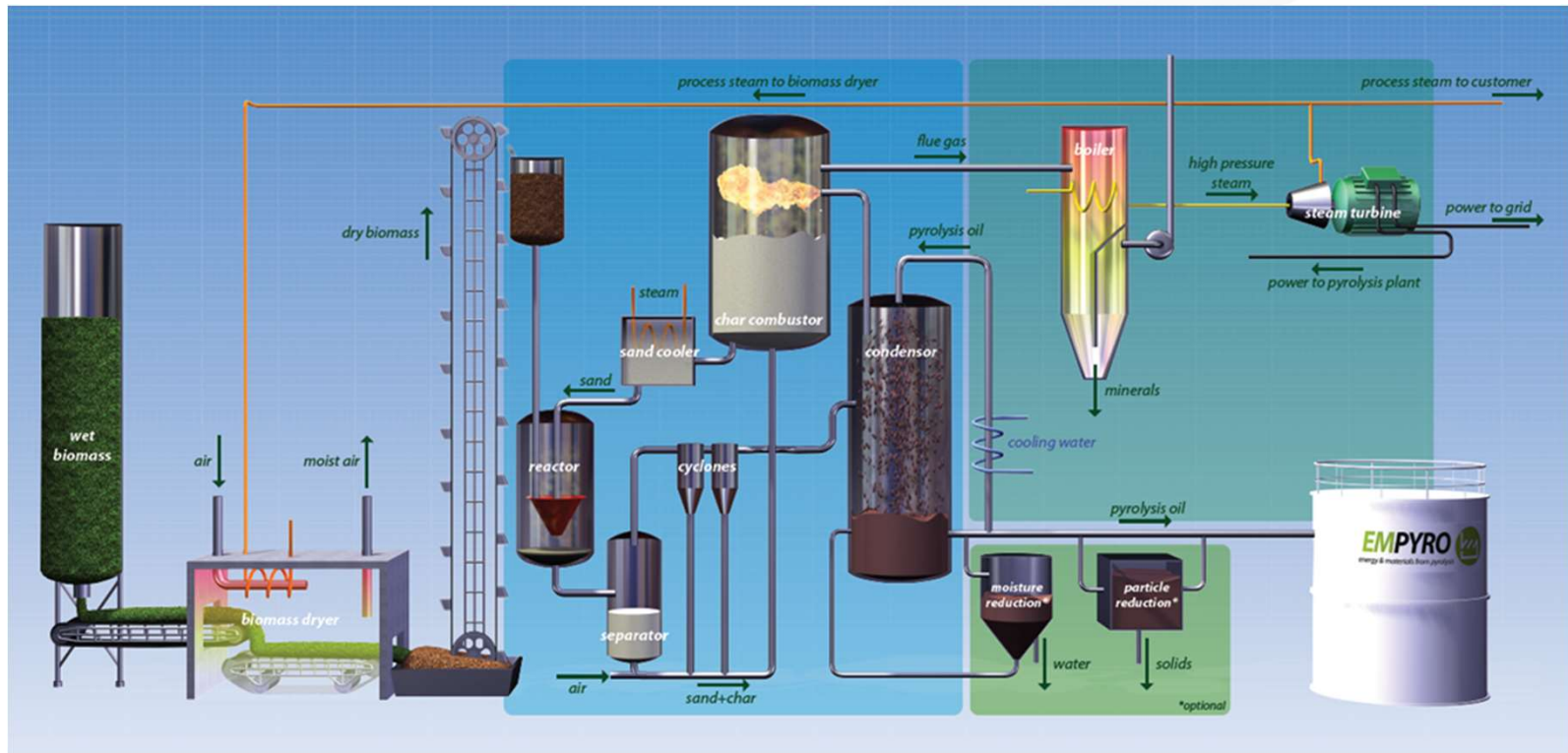




# Fast pyrolysis technology

- **Thermochemical decomposition** of biomass residues through rapid heating (450-600 °C) in absence of oxygen.
- Different types of biomass residues can be converted into homogeneous energy carrier: **Fast Pyrolysis Bio Oil** (FPBO).
- By products are **heat** (steam) and **power** (electricity)

# Our process from biomass to FPBO



# Empyro The Netherlands

## In 24/7 operation since 2015

First commercial FPBO plant in the world at Twente/Empyro in the Netherlands, in 24/7 operation since 2015. Empyro is sold to Twente at the beginning of 2019.

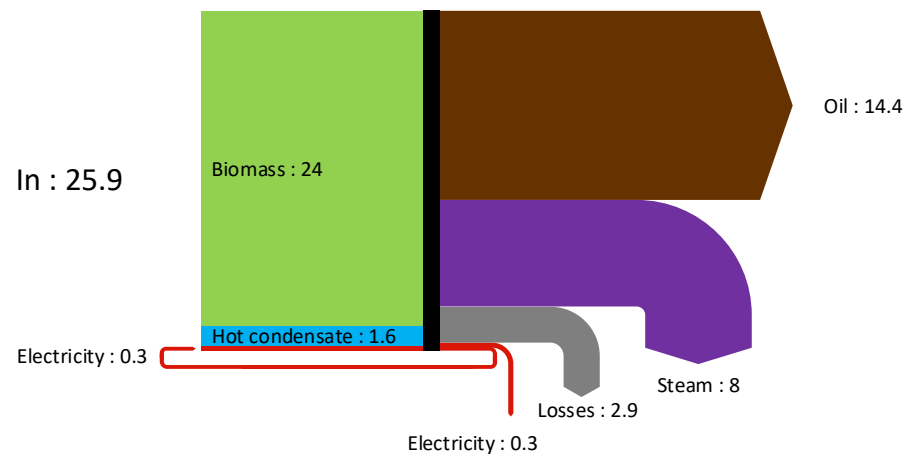
- Biomass feedstock – wood residue
- Biomass input – 36.000 ton/year
- FPBO output – 24.000 ton/year
- Steam output – 80.000 ton/year
- Electricity output – 2.200 MWh/year



Front view of Empyro plant including bulk silo



# Empyro energy balance (MW) overall efficiency 85%



- All FPBO sold and used by off-take customer since 2015
- FPBO used to replace natural gas in a boiler to make sustainable steam.
- Switch from natural gas to FPBO give 93% GHG reduction
- Steam is sold to neighbouring salt production facility
- Excess power is sold to the grid

# Empyro and more



# GreenFuel Nordic project (Finland)



- Input: sawdust, out pyrolysis oil for heating applications.
- Delivery of modules to site summer 2020
- Mechanical complete October 2020
- First oil produced December 2020
- Small plant optimizations December 2020 and January 2021
- Continue production January 2021





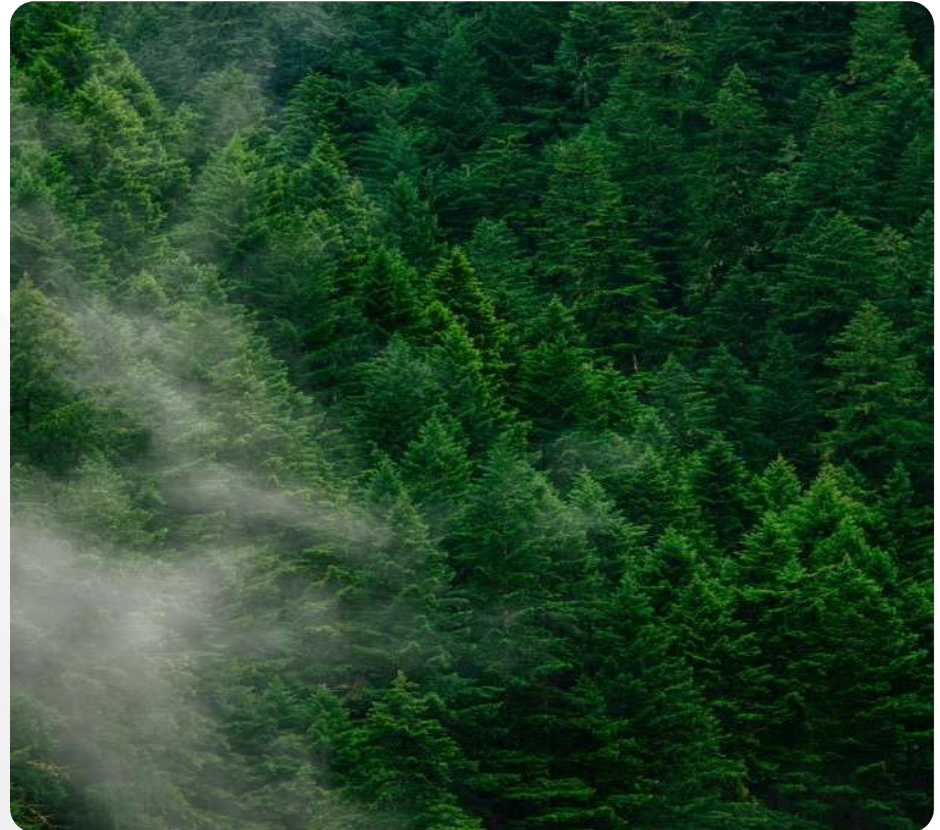
# Pyrocell project (Sweden) from sawdust to tank

- Cooperation of Setra and Preem
- Production of bio-oil from sawdust – startup 2021
- Fast pyrolysis technology – annual bio-oil production 25,000 tonnes – GHG reduction vs fossil oil 80-90%. Oil is used in refinery to replace crude oil.
- Equivalent of 15,000 family cars can be powered per year
- Comply with the European RED II directive



# Why **pyrolysis**?

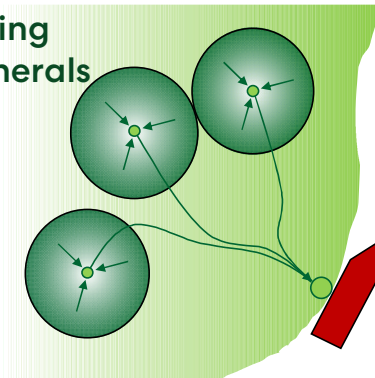
- Works with a variety of biomass feedstocks
- GHG savings well above other biofuels
- Versatile application e.g. heat, transportation fuels and bio chemicals
- Utilize existing fossil fuel infrastructure
- Viable link agriculture and (petro-) chemical industry
- Renewable feedstock for second generation bio fuels



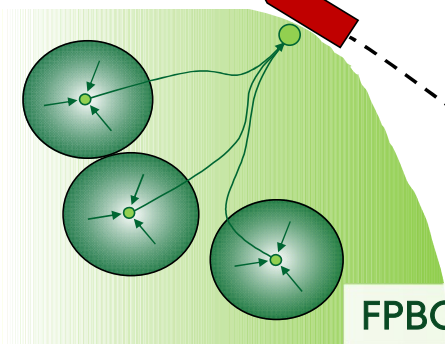
# Fast Pyrolysis in the Bio-Based Economy

## 1. Biomass conversion

- Local processing
- Returning minerals



Biomass Collection  
Fast Pyrolysis  
Conversion



## 2. FPBO transport

- Biomass liquified
- 12x densified

FPBO, the link between agricultural & petrochemical industries!

## 3. Processing & distribution

- Centralized
- Existing infrastructure



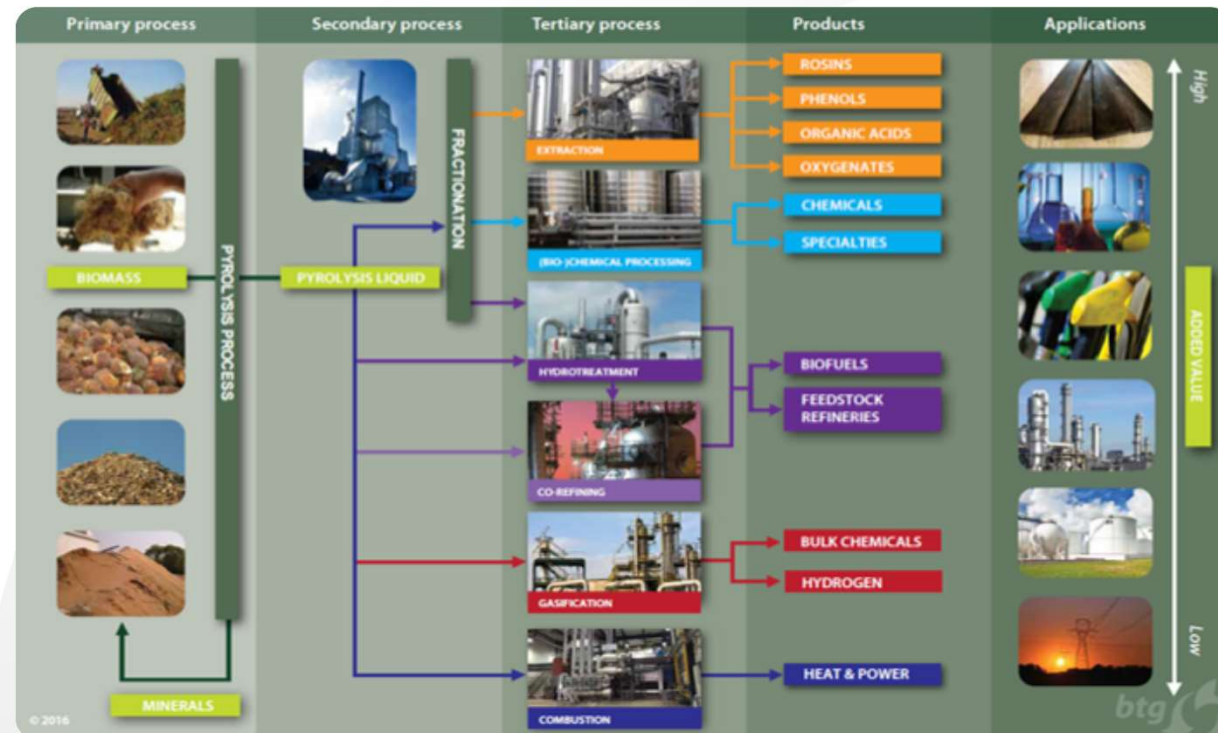
Power & Heat  
Production





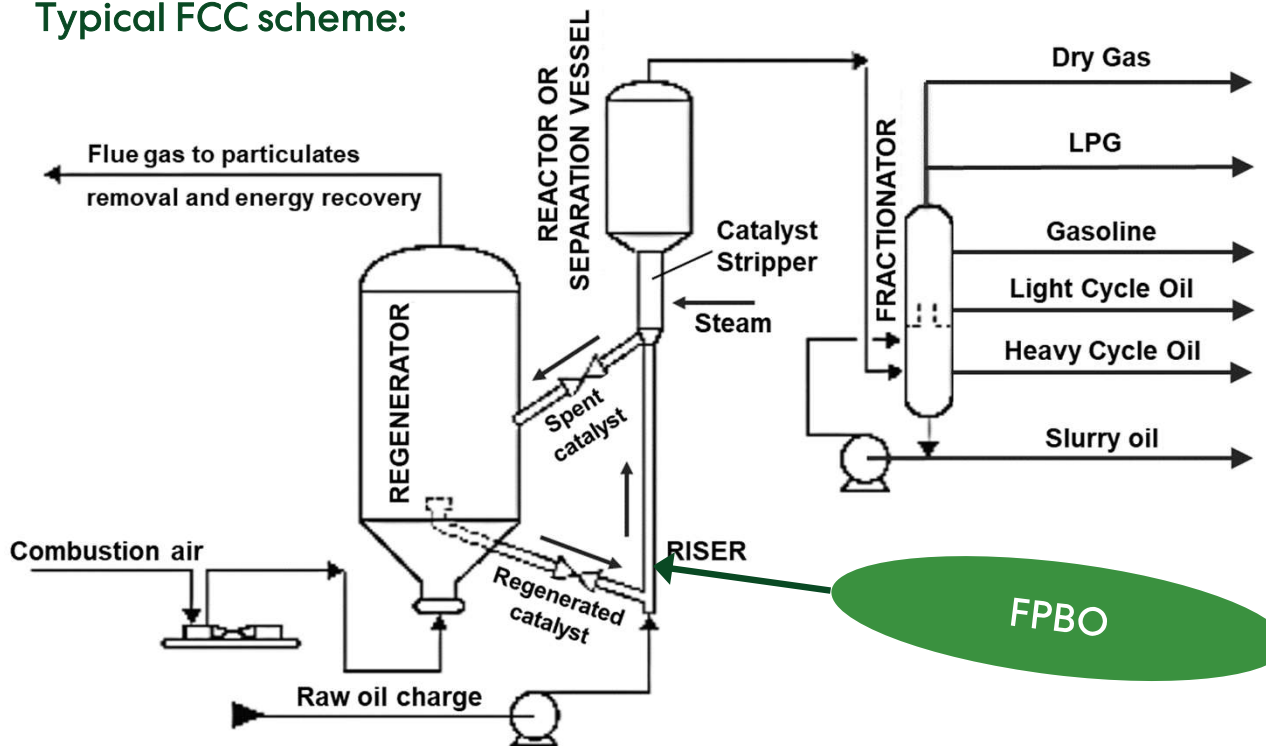
# Fast pyrolysis bio oil applications

- Commodity link between agriculture and (petro-) chemical industry
- Current applications:
  - Heat at FrieslandCampina and heating customers in Finland.
  - Co-refining at the Preem refinery in Sweden
- Future markets:
  - High value applications like chemicals and additives
  - Bulk markets like jet and marine fuels
  - Production of Hydrogen



# Co-refining of FPBO, how does it work?

Typical FCC scheme:





# Summary and perspectives

- Fast pyrolysis is proven at commercial scale, worldwide capacity is expanding
- Current FPBO application is as renewable heating oil (e.g. replacing natural gas)
- High interest in co-processing crude FPBO in FCC units as this is a low CAPEX option to comply with RED II in Europe
- First co-processing refinery customer starting 2021
- More applications of pyrolysis oil under development, pyrolysis as starting point of bio liquids refinery



# Thank you

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