

# **Towards Liquefaction of Sustainable Feedstock to Upgraded Intermediate Products**

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- Leading supplier of process technologies, automation and services for the pulp, paper and energy industries

# A strong financial profile and balanced business portfolio

## 2022 key figures of Valmet

**Orders received**  
EUR 5,194 million

**Net sales**  
EUR 5,074 million

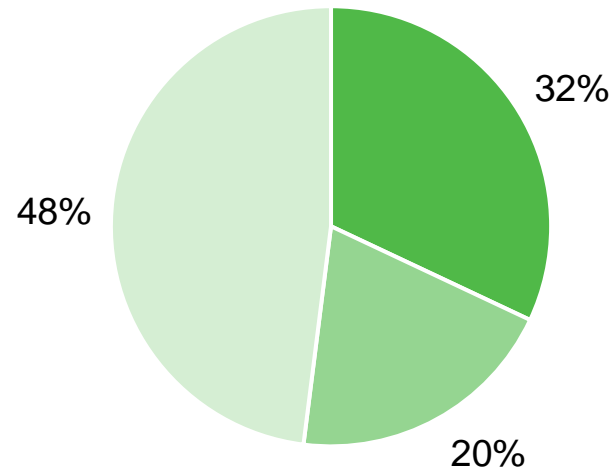
**Comparable EBITA**  
EUR 533 million

**Comparable EBITA margin**  
10.5%

**Order backlog**  
EUR 4,403 million

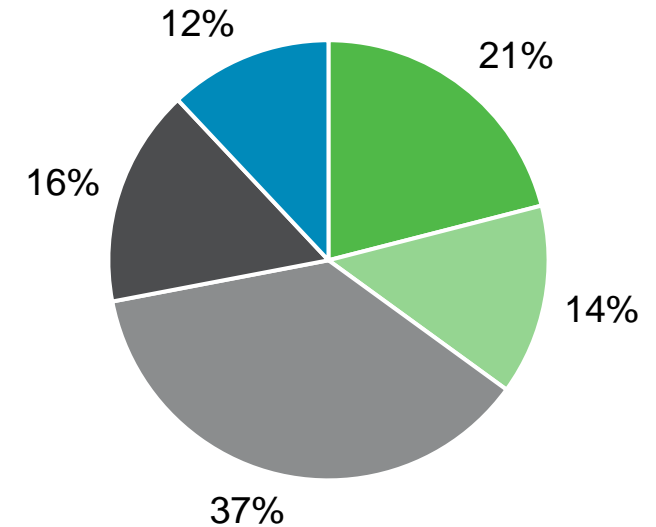
**Employees**  
17,548

Net sales by segment



- Services
- Automation
- Process Technologies

Net sales by area



- North America
- South America
- EMEA
- China
- Asia-Pacific

# Unique offering combining process technology, services and automation

## Board and paper technologies

- Board, paper and tissue production lines
- Rebuilds
- Machine sections

## Pulp technologies

- Complete pulp mills
- Pulp mill processes
  - Wood handling, Cooking and fiber line, Pulp drying and baling, Chemical recovery

## Energy technologies

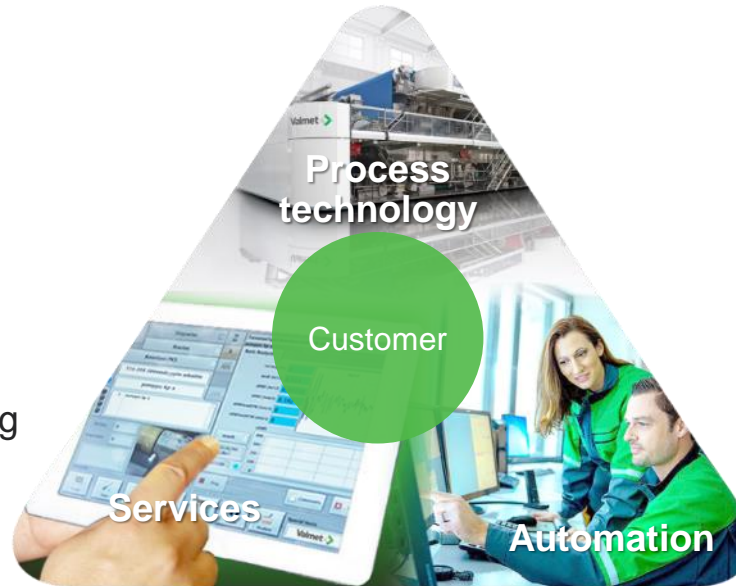
- Heat and power generation
- Air emission control
- Biofuels production

## Services

- Spare and process parts
- Workshop and roll services
- Fabrics
- Maintenance development and outsourcing
- Field services
- Process upgrades
- Industrial Internet solutions

## Flow Control and Automation Systems

- Valves
- Valve automation
- Valve controls
- Distributed Control Systems (DCS)
- Quality Management Systems (QMS)
- Analyzers and measurements
- Industrial applications
- Services and Industrial Internet solutions





# Leading technology supplier of biomass and multifuel boiler plants globally



Renewables to energy

Biomass to energy



Sorted waste to energy (RDF-  
refuse derived fuel)



Multifuel to energy

Co-firing biomass, waste (RDF,  
SRF) and fossil fuels (coal, gas)



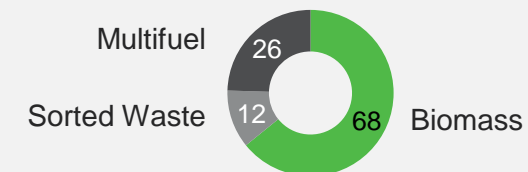
Industrial boilers

O&G / Process Gas Boiler plants  
Heat recovery boiler plants

## Air emission control

- Over 200 Bubbling Fluidized Bed boilers (BFB) since 1979  
Capacity 10-400 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Over 100 Circulating Fluidized Bed boilers (CFB) since 1980 Capacity 50 -1000 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Over 30 Modularized biomass power plants since 1999 Capacity 2-10 MW<sub>e</sub>
- 8 Gasification plants for waste and biomass

Since 2007 ~100 new boiler plants  
Total capacity ~ 12 000 MW<sub>th</sub>



# Strategic direction towards more valuable products

## Resources

### Biomass

- Forest residues
- Agro residues

### Industrial residual wastes

- Pulp & Paper
- Mechanical forest industries
- Process industries

### Municipal solid waste (MSW)

- Refuse-derived fuels

### Commercial & Industrial wastes (C&I)

- Refuse-derived fuels

### Plastics

## Thermochemical Conversion

Pyrolysis

Gasification

Combustion

## Value

Chemicals

Materials

Fuels

Electricity

Steam

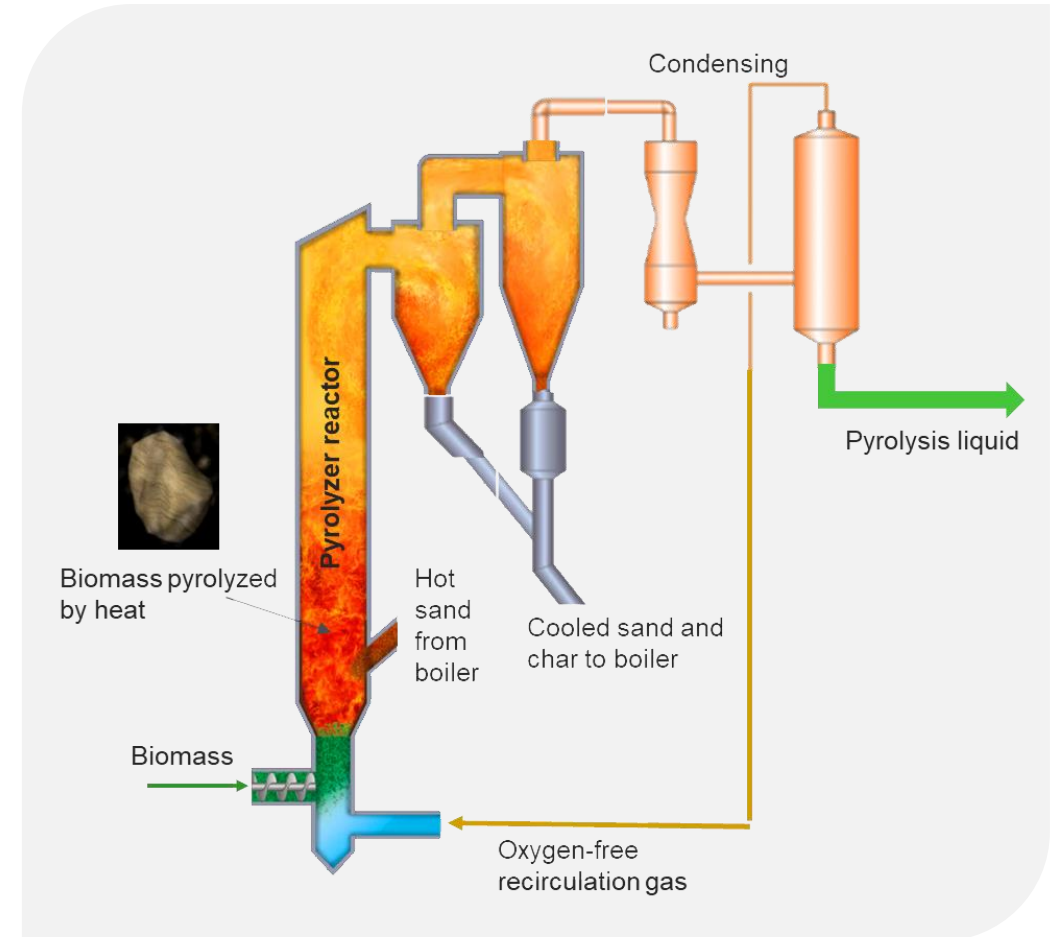
Heat

Value

Volume

# Pyrolysis

- Pyrolysis is the thermal decomposition of feedstock in absence of oxygen
- Pyrolysis produces three product streams:
  - Pyrolysis liquid
  - Char
  - Non-condensable gas
- Most biomasses and plastics are suitable for pyrolysis
  - Woody biomass: woodchips, sawdust or forest residue
  - Styrene or mixed waste plastics
- Pyrolysis liquid can be used
  - To replace heavy fuel oil in heating applications
  - For co-processing in refinery
  - As a feedstock biochemical production





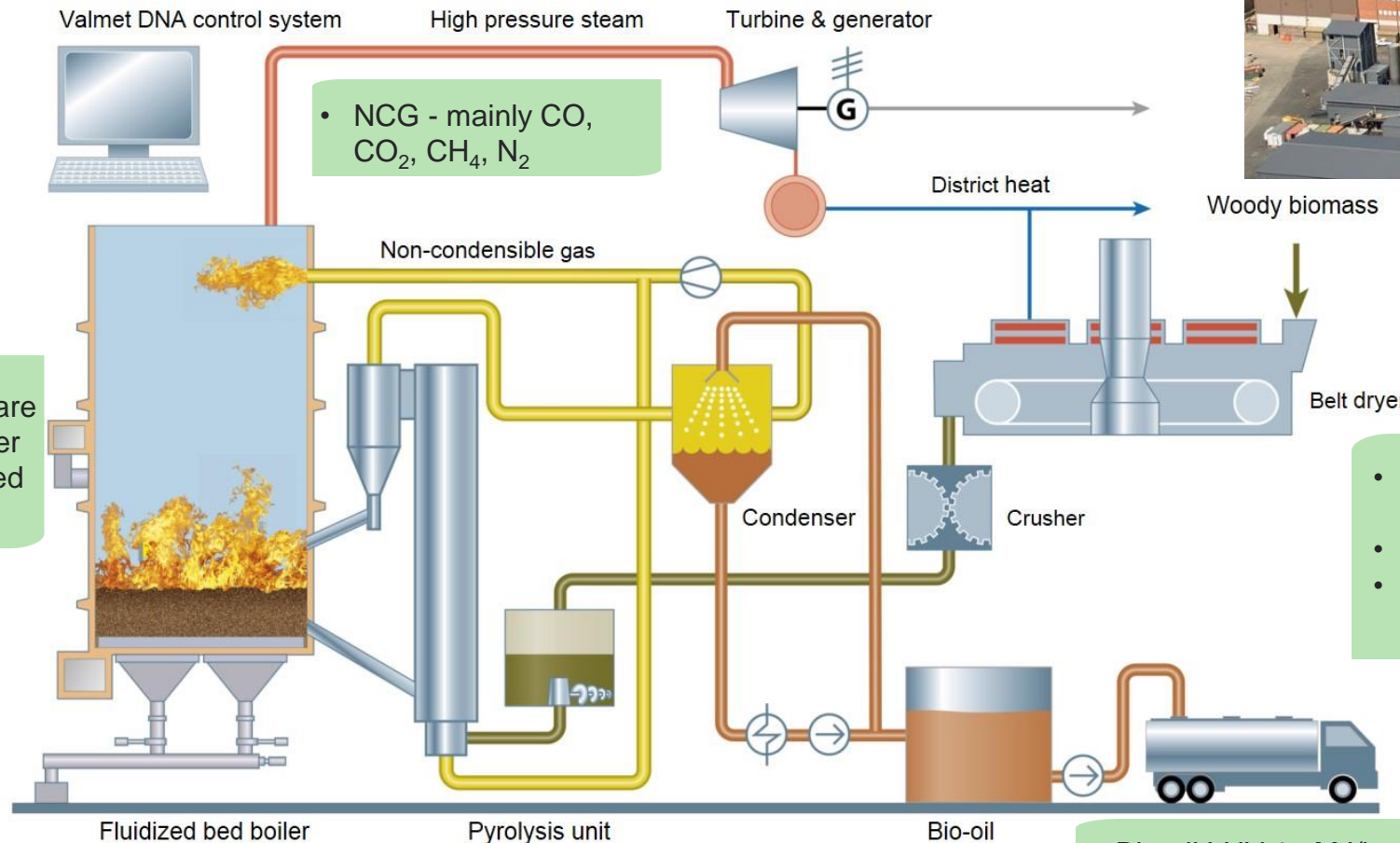
# Valmet Fast Pyrolyzer

Technical description: fluidized bed boiler integrated fast pyrolysis



Fortum plant, 50 kt  
Bio-oil per annum

woody biomass, forest  
residue, sawdust



- NCG - mainly CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>

- Residuals (char & NCG) are combusted in the FB boiler
- Excess energy is produced

- Dryer uses process excess heat, district heat, LP-steam
- Drying to < 10 % H<sub>2</sub>O
- Milling to < 5 mm size

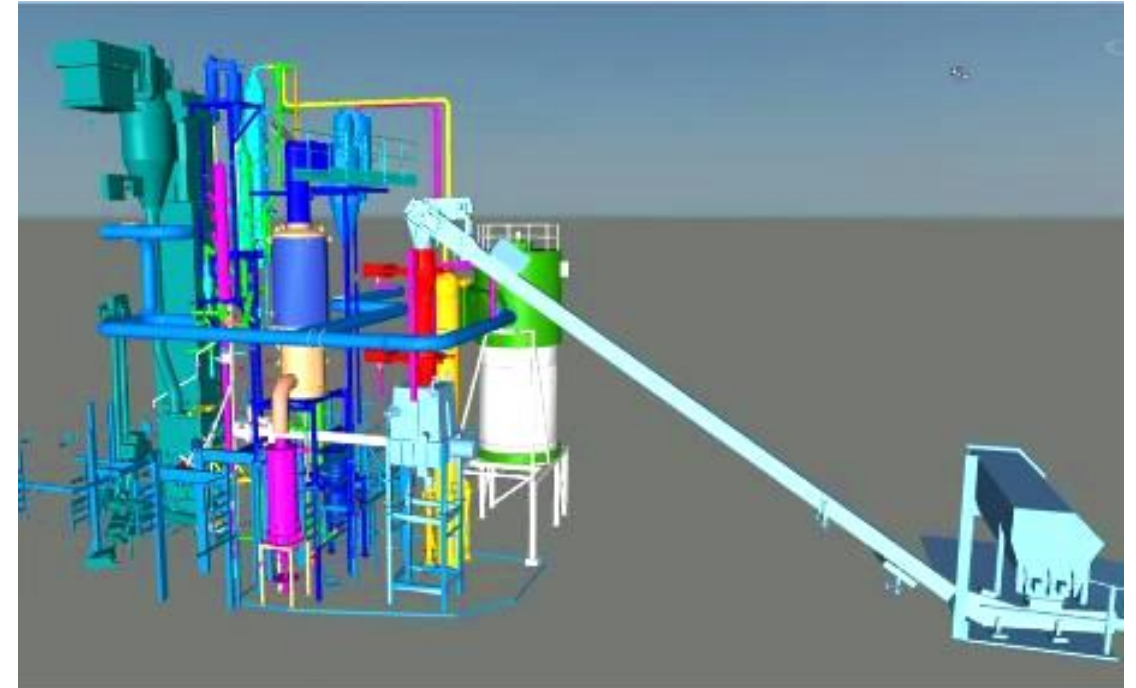
- Reactor temperature 460 - 500 °C
- Continuous circulation of hot bed material

- Bio-oil LHV 15 MJ/kg
- Water content 25 %
- pH: 2-3

# Valmet Pyrolyzer – development streams

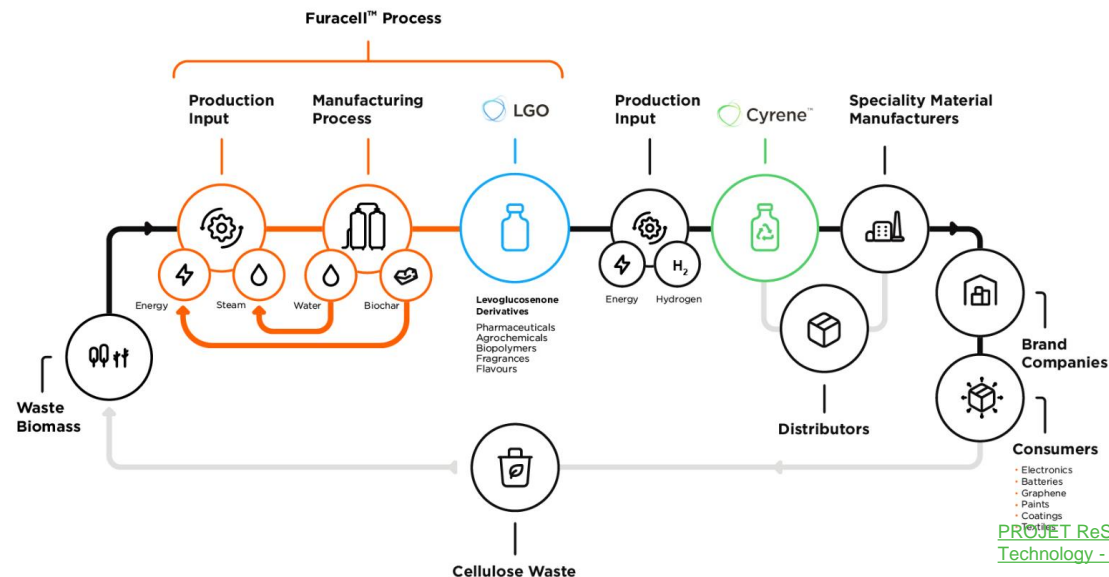
## Pyrolysis is Valmet's technology solution for:

- Biomass to chemicals
  - Pyrolysis liquid can be utilized as a raw material for renewable chemicals (for instance solvents)
- Biomass to traffic fuels
  - Catalytic pyrolysis of biomass can produce renewable feedstock to oil refinery (= biocrude)
- Chemical recycling of waste plastic
  - Pyrolysis can be applied also for plastics, targeting a feedstock for new plastics and chemicals



# Biomass to Chemicals

- Circa Group produces biochemicals through pyrolysis
  - Different platform chemicals in the product liquid
  - For instance, Circa converts LGO to Cyrene, environmentally friendly solvent
    - Cyrene could be a replacement for NMP or DMF solvents
- Valmet delivers the key equipment of the pyrolyzer to ReSolute project in Carling, France



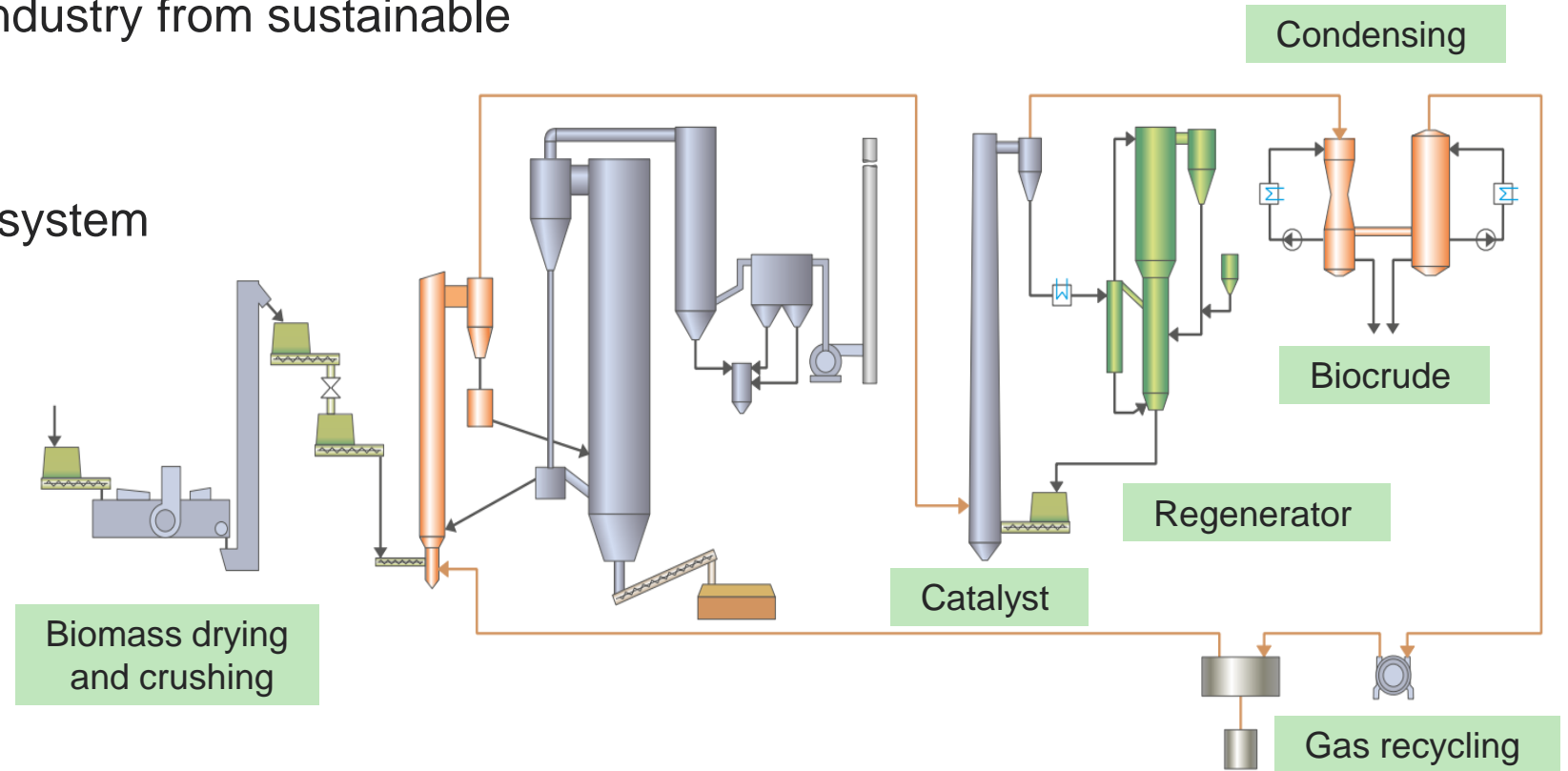
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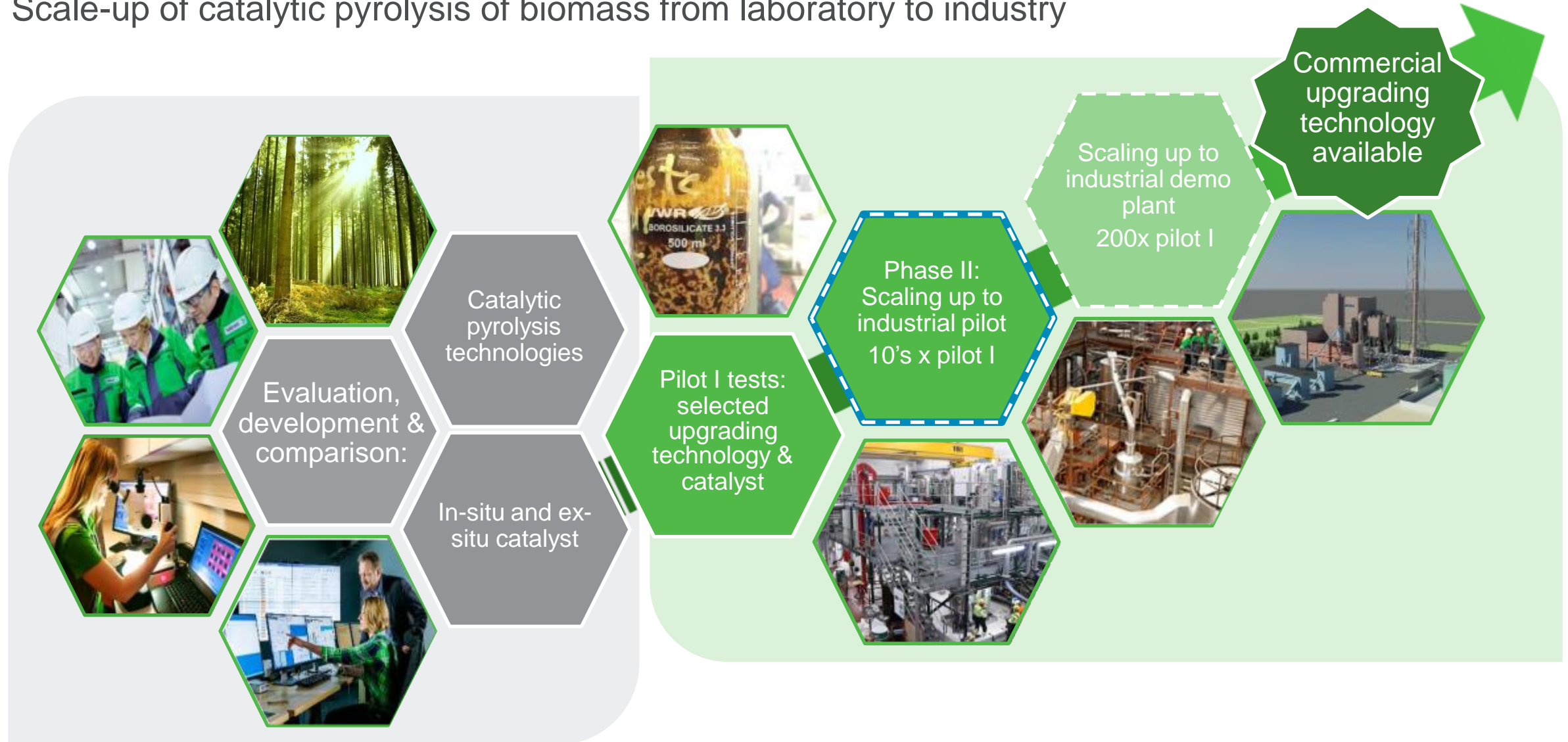
# Biomass to traffic fuels – pyrolysis with catalytic upgrading

- Target: to produce renewable feedstock (biocrude) to refineries and petrochemical industry from sustainable biomass sources
- Technology:  
dual reactor Valmet Pyrolyzer system
  - First stage: Fast pyrolysis
  - Second stage: Catalytic upgrading with catalyst regeneration



# Development of Valmet Pyrolyzer with catalytic upgrading

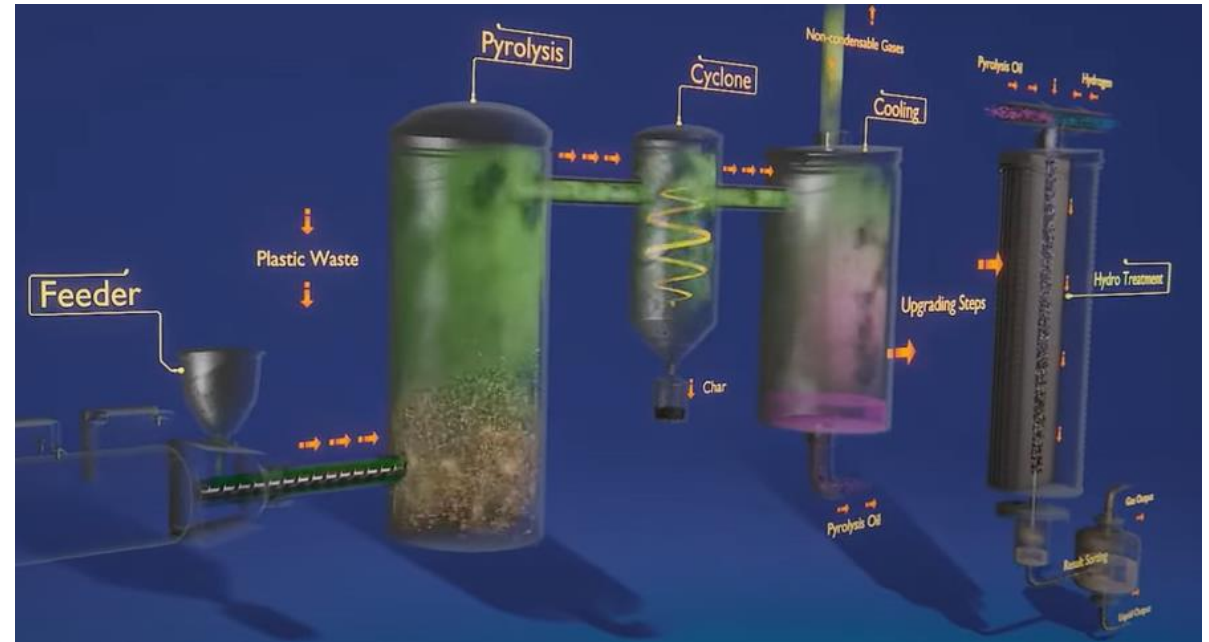
Scale-up of catalytic pyrolysis of biomass from laboratory to industry





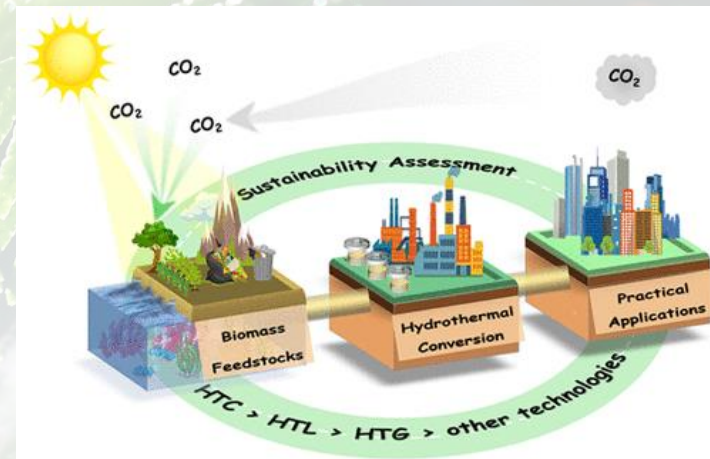
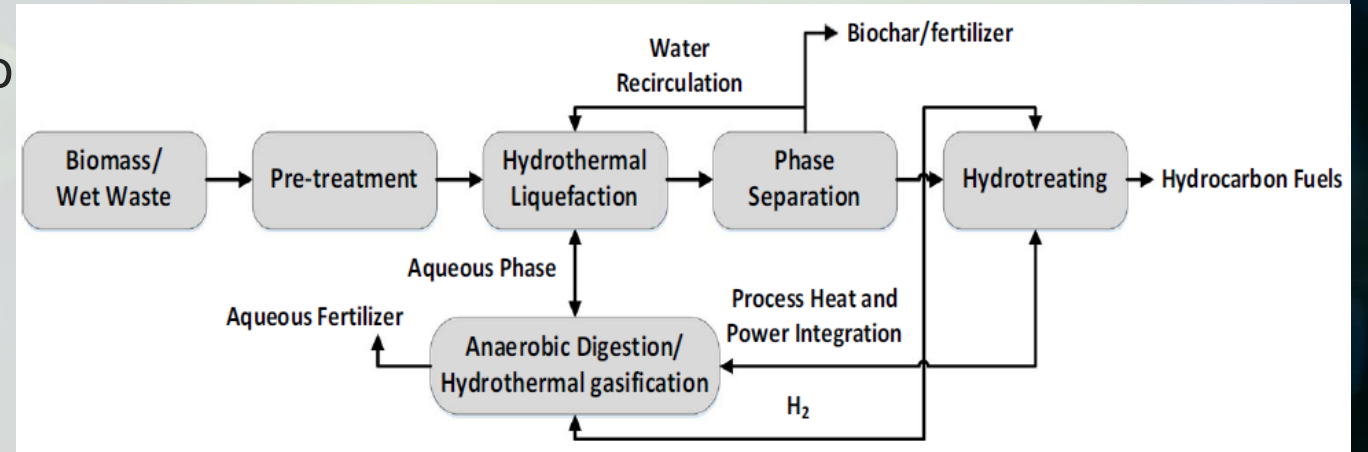
# Chemical Recycling with Plastic Pyrolysis

- Plastic recycling
  - Mechanical
  - Chemical
    - Pyrolysis is identified as a key promising technology
- Research currently in a small piloting scale to verify scale-up potential. Investigations on
  - Suitable feedstock
  - Feeding method
  - Removal of impurities and volatiles
  - Reactor type
  - Handling the side products
  - Post treatments: Fractionation and catalytic upgrading
  - Interesting final products



# HTL is a promising pathway for wet wastes

- HTL is one of the most promising new technologies to convert **wet** feedstocks to renewable fuels
- Wet feedstocks
  - Agro waste
  - Algae
  - Municipal solid waste
  - Bio waste/Food waste
  - Sludges
  - Black liquor
- The oil as the final product
  - Has high heat value
  - Has low oxygen
  - Can be separated from the aqueous phase
  - Is stable
  - Needs post-treatment (refining)



# Comparison of HTL and Pyrolysis

	Fast pyrolysis	Catalytic Pyrolysis	Hydrothermal liquefaction
Oil's oxygen content %	35-45%	10-35%	10-20%
Complexity	Low	Medium/High	High
Suitable feedstock	Dry biomass, plastic	Dry biomass, plastic	wet feedstock, biosludge, black liquor, algae, biomass and plastic
Challenges	Upgrading to fuel	Low oil yield	High-temperature pumps and handling the aqueous phase



## Summary

- Valmet has **experience** in the **fast pyrolysis** of woody biomass in the **pilot-, demo- and commercial-scales**
- Valmet is **actively developing** pyrolysis **technology for biochemical and biofuel** applications
  - The process can be **adjusted to customer's** applications
    - Examples: Joensuu plant and ReSolute plant
  - In-house **development of catalytic pyrolysis** to produce feedstock of **traffic biofuels**
    - Examples: Overall process needs to **reach maximum potential** in **commercial** operations, including **side-stream utilization**
- Development steps in the **chemical recycling** of waste **plastic** are progressing
- **Both** HTL and pyrolysis technologies have **pros and cons**, and Valmet closely follows up the advances in HTL technology

