

# Conversion of biomass into energy and carbon negative commodities



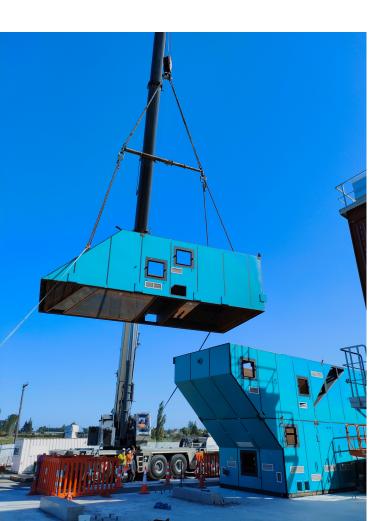


# Is there <u>a solution</u> to combat climate change?





# We are <u>part of it</u> by...



- meeting technological challenges with consistent research and development for highly efficient energy production, circular biomass torrefaction and carbonization plants for the defossilisation of the global industry

- coupling decentralized biochar production with a highly efficient generation of green electricity and heat from the pyrolysis gases

- substituting fossil carbon in the steel industry with CO<sub>2</sub>neutral, high-quality biochar made from various inexpensive (previously unused) biomass raw materials





# Quality with tradition

A two-man operation has become a global player. Since 1965, Polytechnik has built over 3,000 reference systems worldwide. Today, around 240 employees work in over 15 offices and agencies worldwide.





## Portfolio

Biomass combustion, gasification and carbonisation solutions

Carbonisation / biochar plants 3,000 to 12,000 t/a biochar

Torrefaction plant up to 60.000 t/a



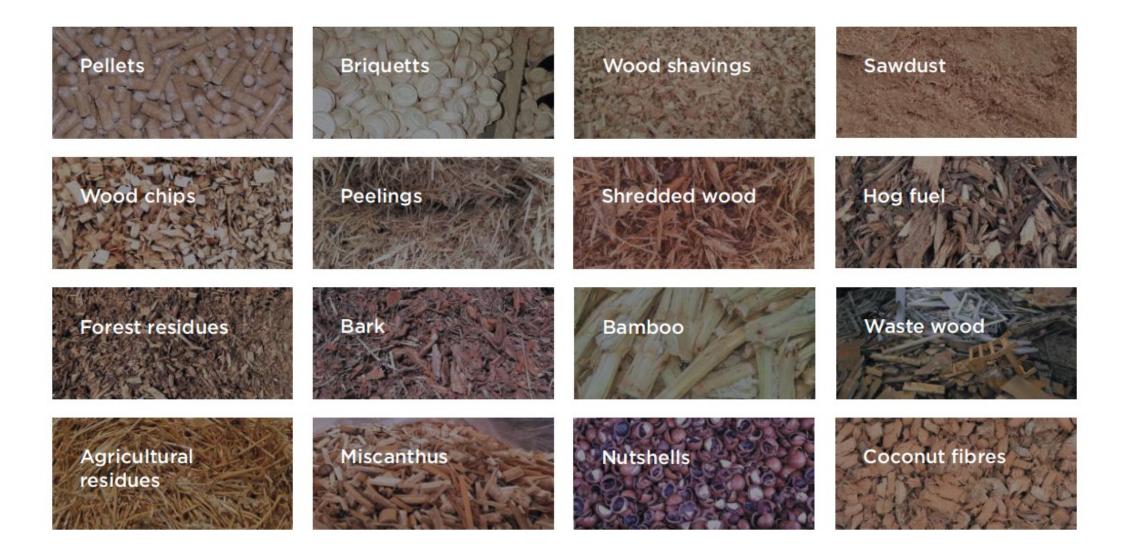








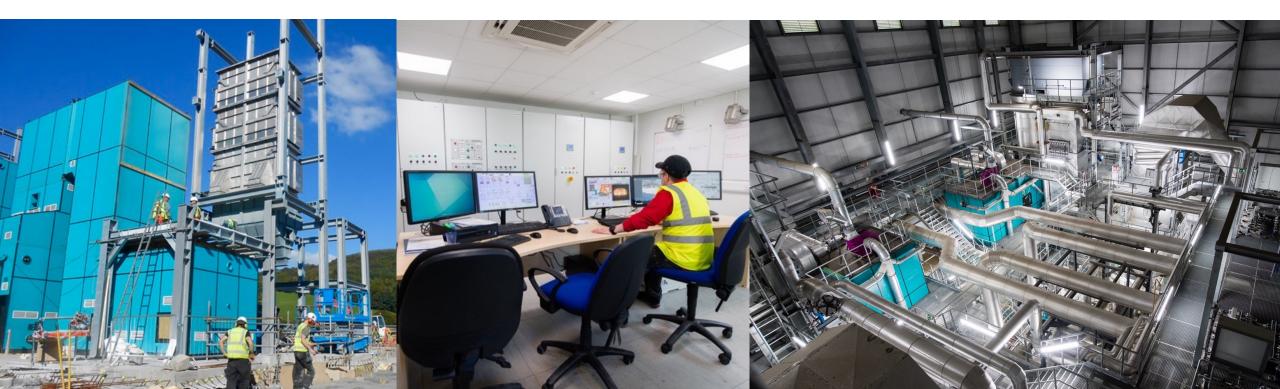
# Flexible use of feedstock





# Efficient use of biomass to heat and power

- thermal output of our boilers ranges from 1000 kW to 30 MW per unit
- power plants ranging from 200 kW to 20 MW electric
- advanced emission control and heat recovery for highest efficiencies and minimum environmental impact





## Fonterra, New Zealand



Boiler performance: 15.6 t/h (11.5 bar/190°C)

*Firing type:* hydraulic feed grate

#### Fuel:

Shredder wood, wood chips, bark

**Year of construction**: 2023



**Fonterra** is the second largest dairy company in the world and processes 2-3% of the world's milk supply. The dairy cooperative employs more than 20,000 people worldwide and generates sales of NZD 19.2 billion. At the Stirling site, an existing **coal-fired boiler was replaced with a biomass plant**.





# **POLYHELD** HIGH EFFICIENCY LOW DUST



- use a variety of fuels: residual materials from the wood and forestry industries and most woody fuels (with a water content of up to M45)
- efficiency: >92% (+5% compared to traditional burners)
- dust: <20mg/Nm3; 11% O2
  - > without additional emission purification)
- power range: 400 kW 3,000 kW
- modulating between 25-100% load
- low maintenance costs
- CHP option with direct gas ORC available



# **POLYHELD** HIGH EFFICIENCY LOW DUST

# USE A VARIETY OF FUELS

The innovative technology allows for the use of residual materials from the wood and forestry industries and most woody fuels with a water content of up to M45, as well as agricultural waste.





# RegaWatt Gasification Technology

- high efficient clean biomass gasification technology
- producing electricity, heat, cold, steam, synthesis gas or bio-oil
- power plants ranging from 2.000 to 10,000 kW thermal and 250 to 2,000 kW electric
- modular and easy to scale
- fuel flexibility up to 60% water content



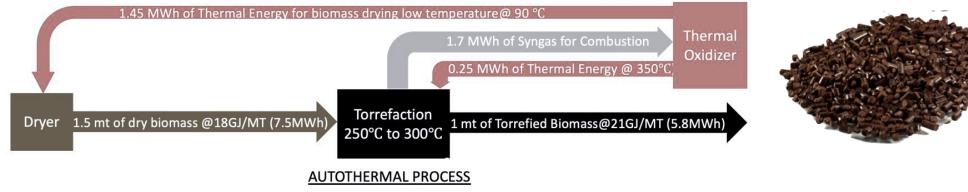






### TORREFACTION

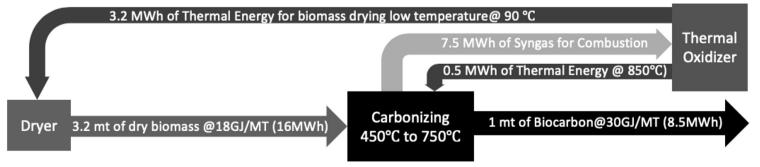
To produce 1 metric ton of torrefied biomass with an energy content of >21 GJ/mt we require ~ 1.5 metric tons of dry biomass @18GJ/metric ton (30% mass reduction)

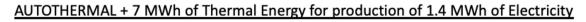




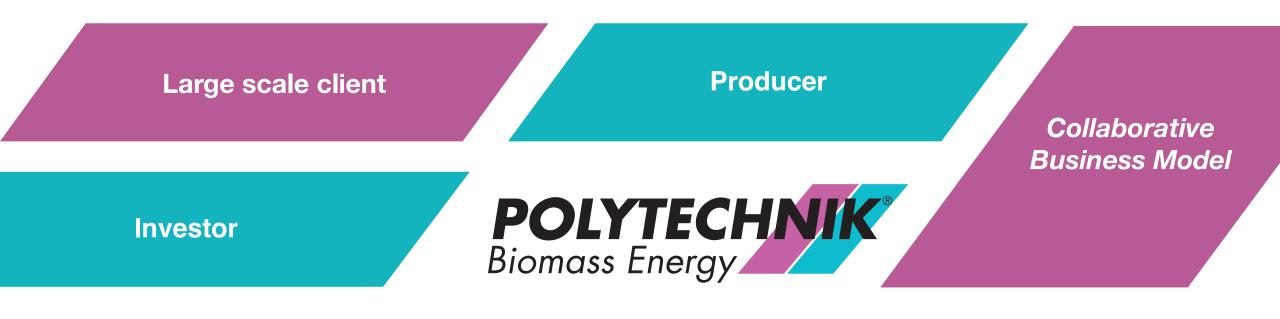
## CARBONIZATION

To produce high energy Biocarbon with an energy content of >30 GJ/mt we require 3.2 metric tons of dry biomass @18GJ/metric ton









Pilot torrefaction plant operating since 2013 in Austria 8,000 t/a of briquettes Carbonisation demonstration plant operating since 2016 in Germany 3,000 to 12,000 t/a of biochar

Industrial Torrefaction plant construction 2023 in Finnland up to 60.000 t/a of briquettes









## **Biomass Carbonisation**



# **Pyrolysis Plant** Green Carbon Plant Germany



Industrial scale demonstration plant

Operates continuously since 2016

First automated and controlled retort plant worldwide

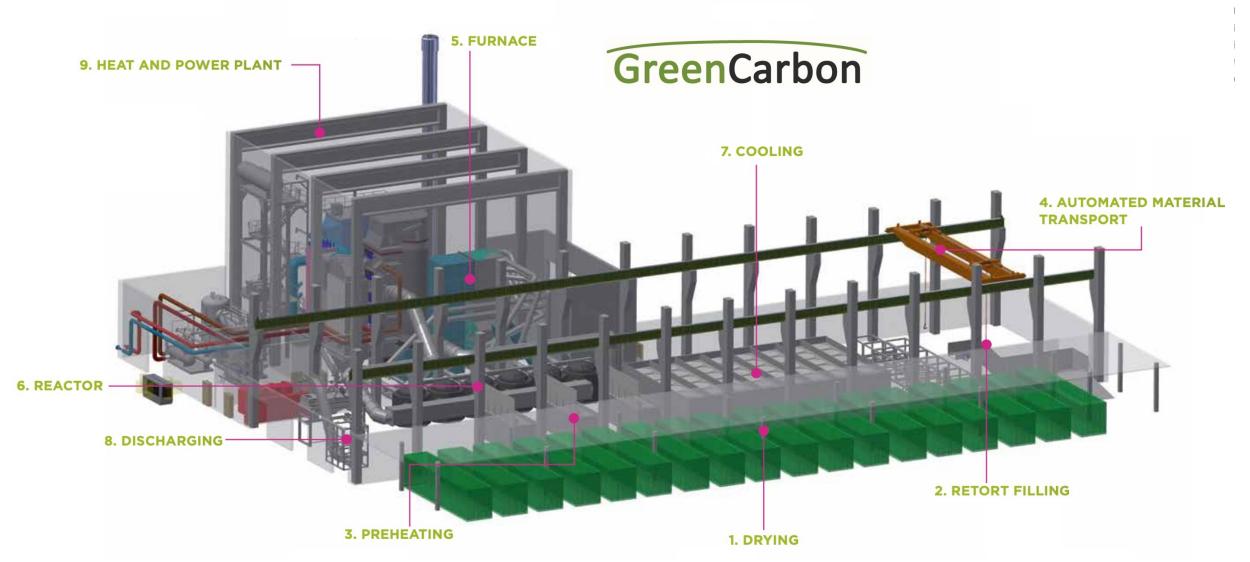
Environmentally-friendly with lowest possible emissions

Removal of over  $10,000 \text{ t } \text{CO}_2 \text{ per annum}$  from the atmosphere



# **Pyrolysis Plant** Plant Layout Co-Generation



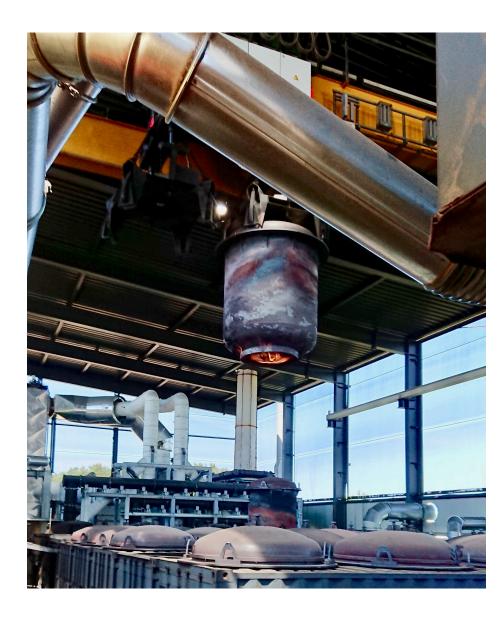


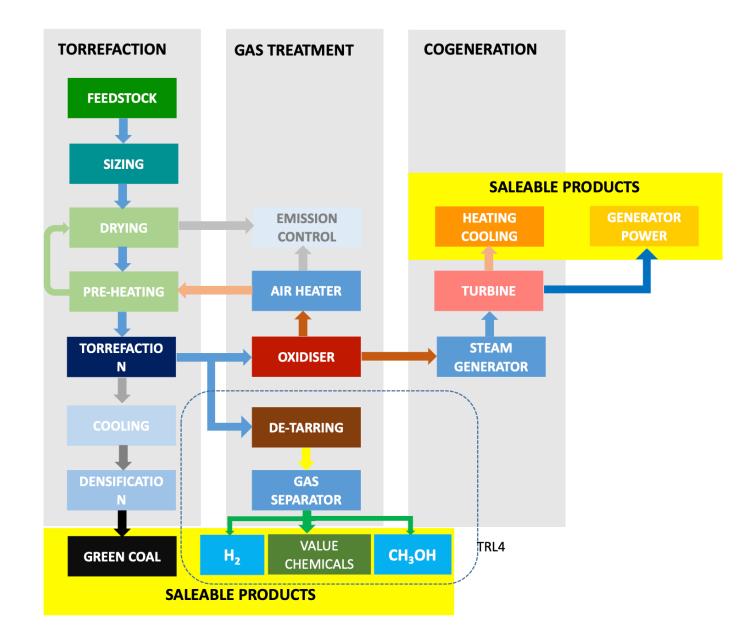


#### **Pyrolysis Plant** Feedstock



#### **Pyrolysis Plant** Carbon Negative Co- and Tri-Generation







# Markets for torrefied and carbonised biomasses

Energy	Power plants Industrial Process Energy Gasification Feedstock	Niche markets	Animal feed additive Toner black etc
		Water Treatment	
Industrial Production	Additive to many products		
Component	Activated Carbon	Soil application	Sequestration
	Carbon Black substitute		Soil quality upgrading
	Carbon additive for plastics		
	Steel Industry	Carbon Sink	Permanent sequestration
Input for Biorefinery			
Processes		BBQ	



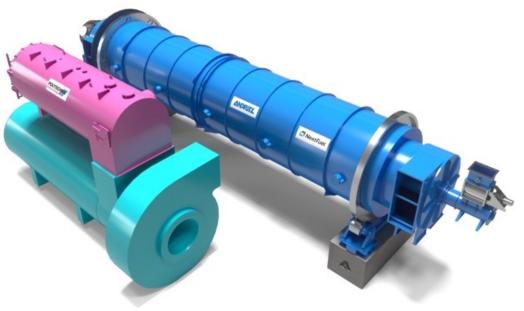


# **Biomass Torrefaction**

- bio-industrial plant in Finland, planned commissioning late 2024, largest of its kind in Europe
- 60,000 tons of biocoal briquettes per year which will replace fossil coal in various industrial processes
- utilising sustainably sourced by-products of local forestry (bark and low-grade biomass)
- enormous potential for CO2 savings for large-scale defossilisation









# Speeding up by collaboration

Lukas Schirnhofer, CEO about the need for new collaborative business models to achieve the much-needed speed in the defossilization of the global industry:

"Biomass torrefaction is going to play a key role in global coal substitution. Biomass sourcing and increasing the production capacity up to a reasonable scale will be key to achieve this.

Furthermore, we will require a collaborative approach of off-takers, producers and financiers to share the development risk rather than leaving it to the producers."





# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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