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BIOMASS TO ENERGY AND CHEMICALS

HighBio2 (2011-2013)



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Overview

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- The project is co-financed by the EU Interreg IV A North Program
- The budget of the project is approx. 1.2 M€
- From June 2011 to December 2013

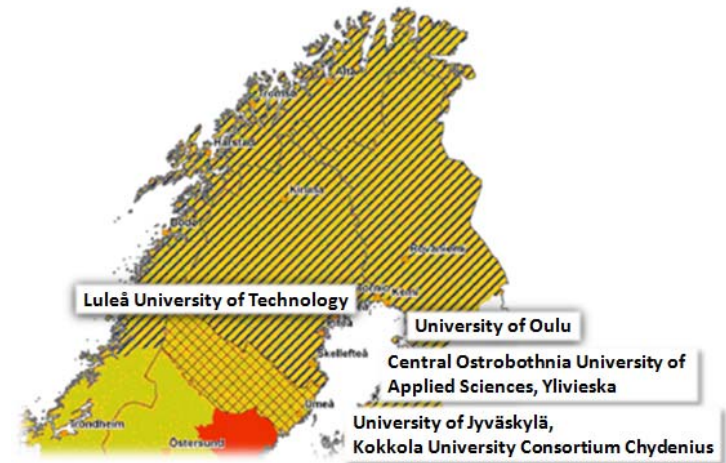
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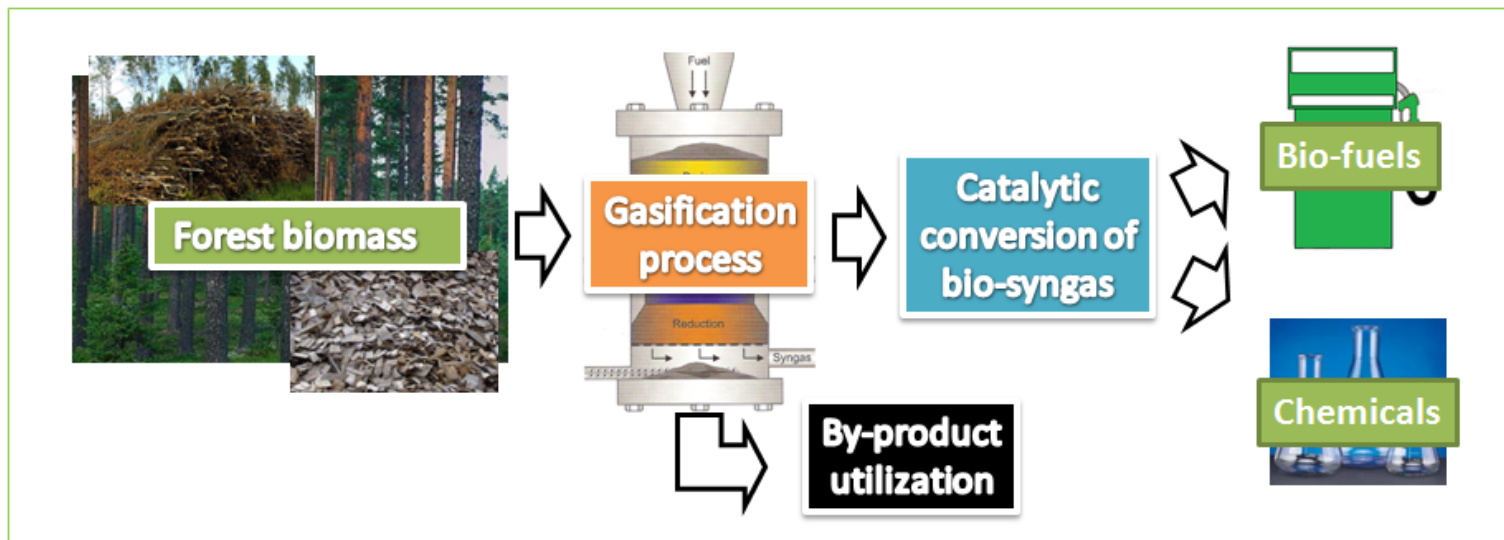
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Aims of the project

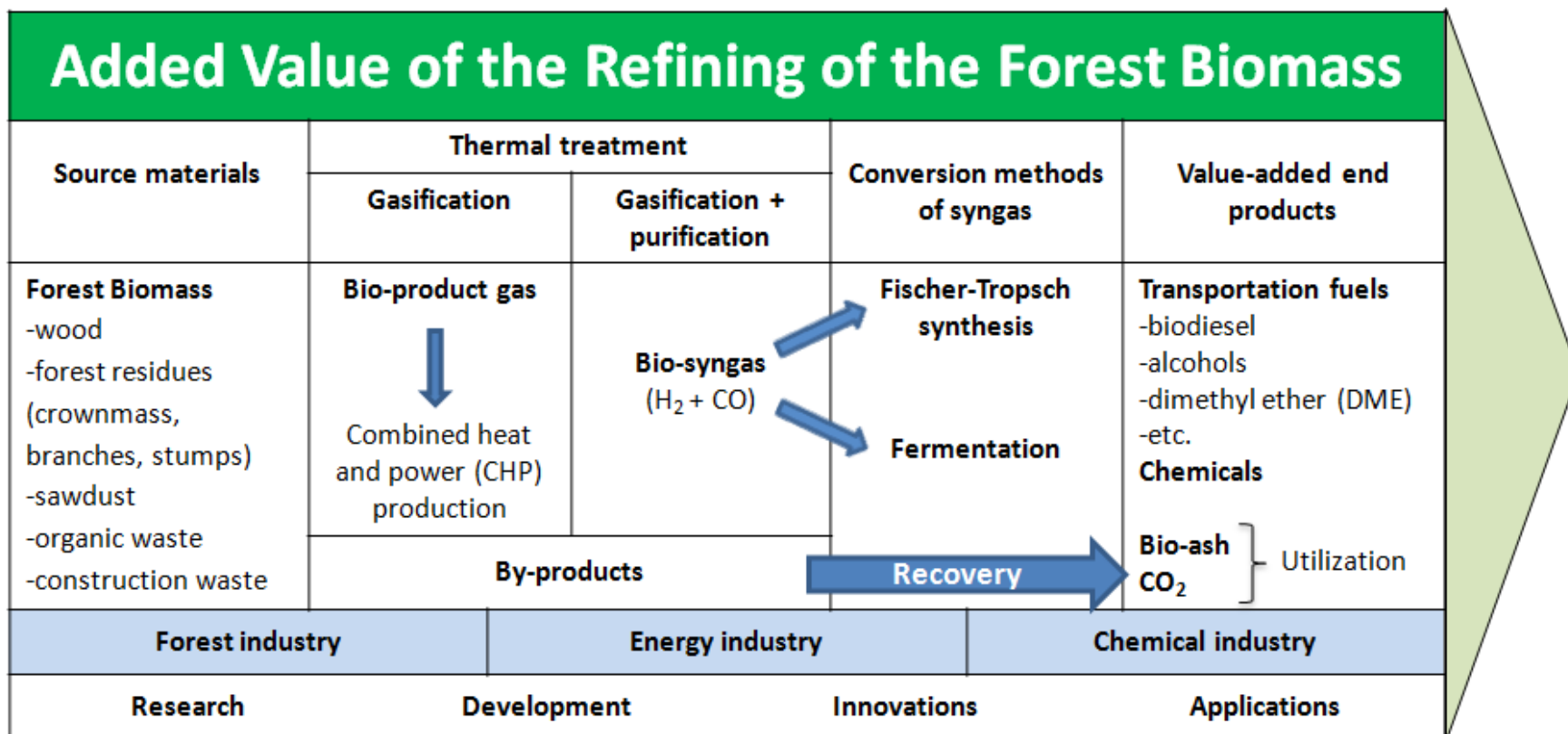
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- Based on distributed energy production model
- Utilization of renewable forest biomass
- Development of the gasification process
 - Optimization of gasification process
 - Purification of product gas (syngas)
- Production of biomass-based end products (fuels and chemicals)
- Utilization of by-products of gasification (CO₂, bioash)



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Research activities



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- **WP1 – Optimization of the gasification process**
- **WP2 – Purification of syngas**
- **WP3 – Utilization of purified syngas and gasification by-products**
- **WP4 –Information distribution**

Expertise of partners



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- Centria: Small scale gasification for combined heat and power production (gasifier pilot plant)
- University of Jyväskylä: Mathematic models for gasification
- LTU: Recovery of CO₂, Simulation programmes (Aspen Plus)
- Chydenius: Catalytic conversion of biomass-based syngas, analysis of tar compounds
- University of Oulu: Characterization of by-products

- **Optimization of the gasification process**
 - Improved control of the gasification process
 - temperature, source material, feed rate, etc.
 - Analysis of syngas quality
 - On-line monitoring of gases
 - Tar collection and analysis
 - Evaluation of material and energy balances
 - Experimental data
 - Mathematical models



- **Purification of syngas**

- Analysis of syngas and impurities

- syngas consists primarily of hydrogen (H_2) and carbon monoxide (CO)
- impurities: particles, metals, halogens, hydrocarbons (tars), etc.
- even low amounts of impurities may have unfavourable effects e.g. for catalysts

- Improved purification process

- scrubbers, fixed-bed adsorbents, catalytic cracking

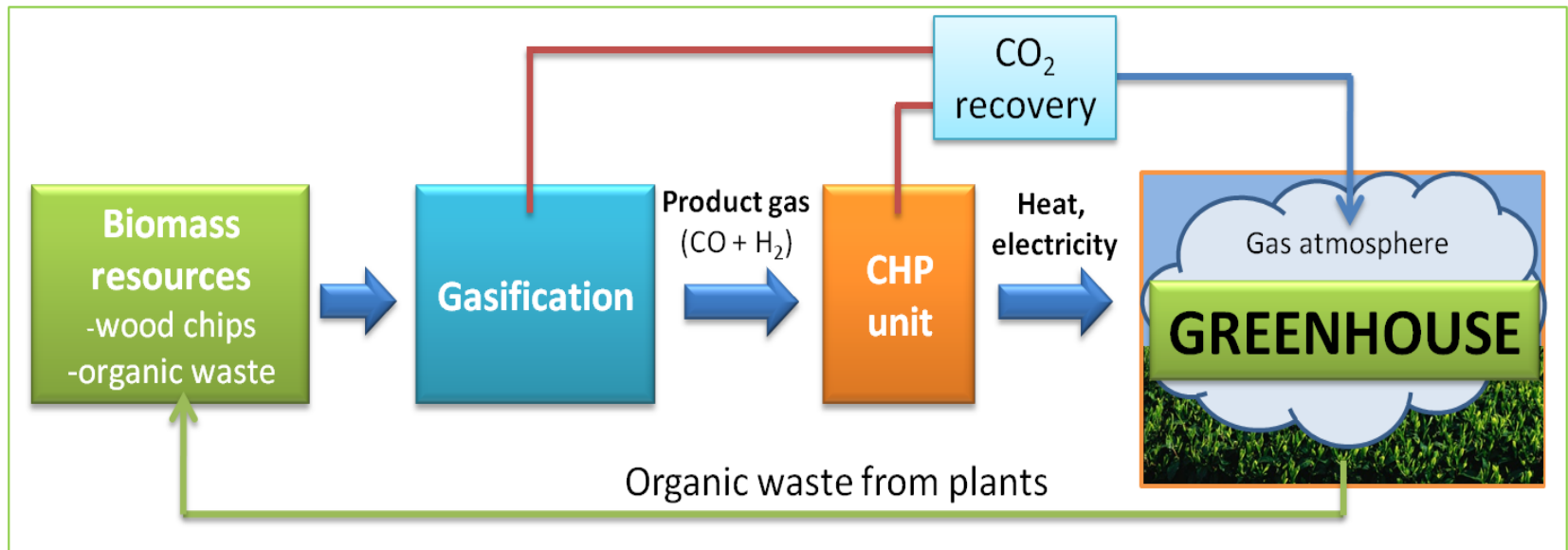
- Tar (sampling and) analysis

- Recovery of CO_2

- economical reasons
- amines, ionic liquids

Greenhouse 2011-2013

Possibilities - Example of energy and material integration in the greenhouse



- **Utilization of purified syngas and gasification by-products**
 - Production of value-added products
 - Fischer-Tropsch synthesis
 - a catalytic reaction that converts syngas into hydrocarbons
 - selective and active catalysts based of Co and Fe
 - end products: synthetic diesel, other hydrocarbons
 - Optimization of reaction conditions
 - temperature, pressure, gas flow
 - Other catalytic routes
 - mixed alcohol synthesis
 - higher alcohols (e.g. butanol)
 - Utilization of by-products
 - CO₂, bioash



- **Information distribution**
 - National and international information distribution
 - INFO sheets in HighBio web page
 - Scientific publications
 - Seminars

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More information:
www.chydenius.fi/yksikot/soveltava-kemia