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TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW – BIOENERGY SYSTEMS



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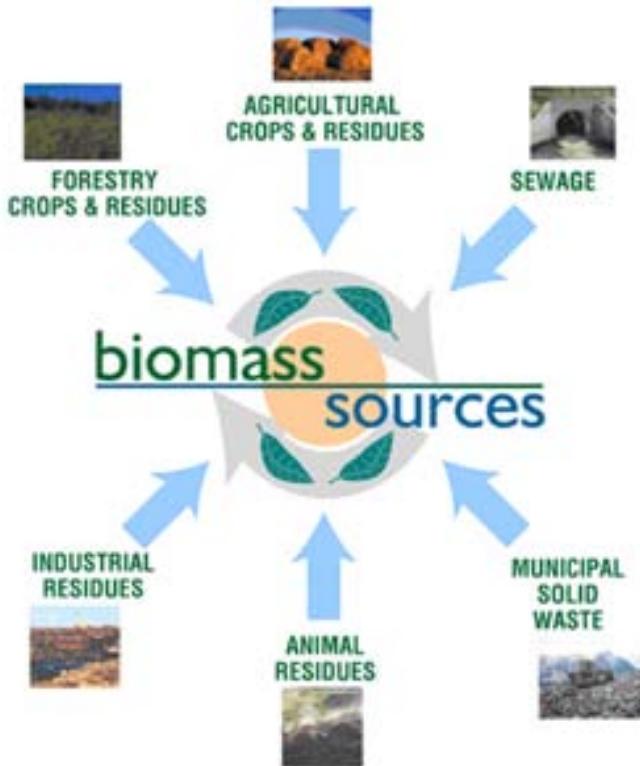
# Summary

- 1. Solena Technology**
- 2. Solena BioEnergy Platform**
  - 1. Bio Power plants**
  - 2. Bio Jet Fuel plants**
- 3. Solena CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Program**

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## 1. Technology

# 1 Energy Contained in Biomass Fuels

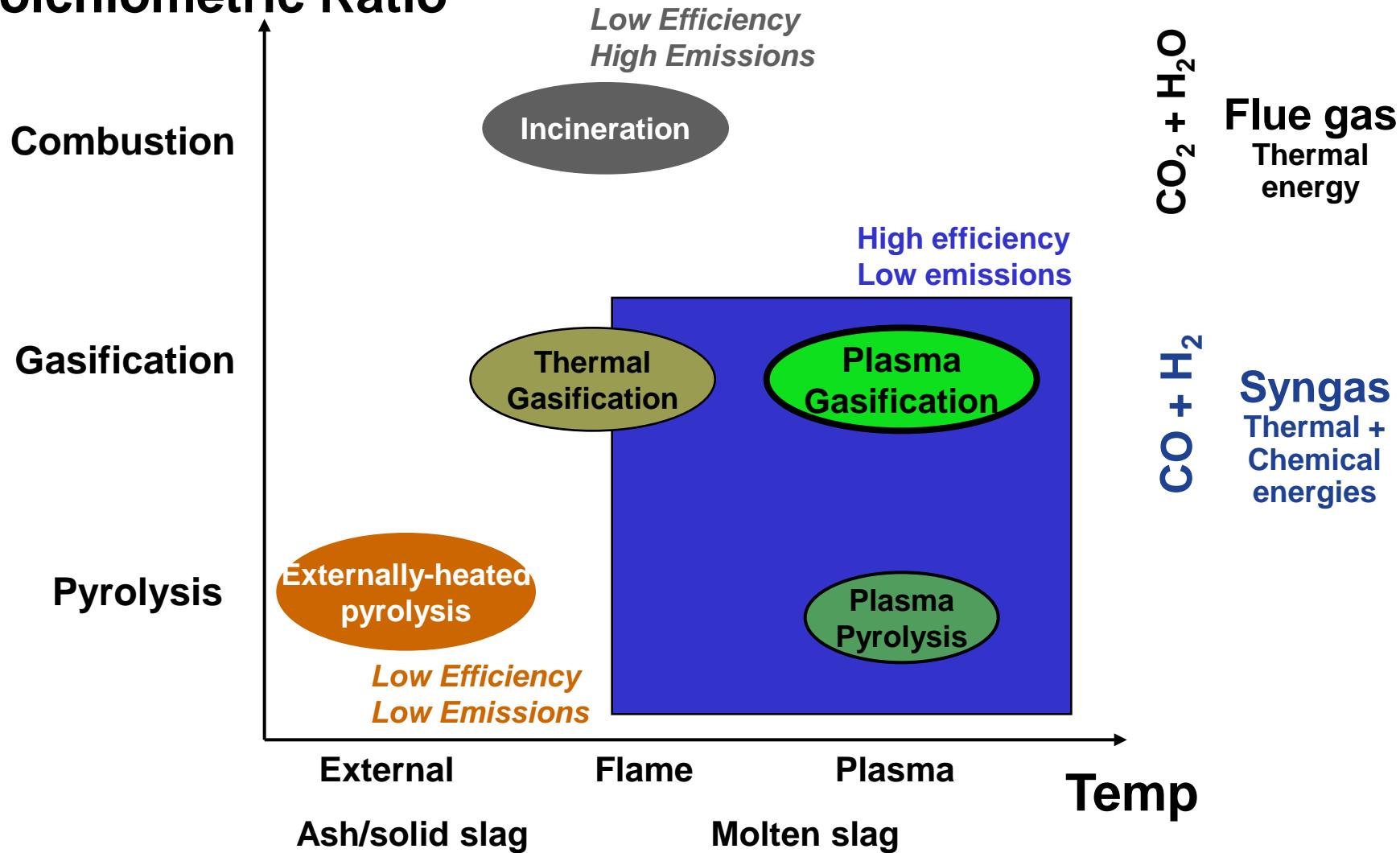


- Biomass / Organic residues are composed of hydrocarbons, and as such, contain energy.
- Biomass fuels are characterized by their proximate and ultimate analyses, as well as their heating content (HHV & LHV):
  - Proximate: Moisture, Volatile (given at 960 °C), Fixed-Carbon, and Inert
  - Ultimate: C, H, O, N, S, Cl
  - $HHV \text{ & LHV} = f(C, H, O, N, S, \text{Inert})$

1 kg of biomass = 4000 kcal = 16.8 MJ  
1 tonne per hour = approx. 5 MW

# 1 Thermal Conversion Technologies

## Stoichiometric Ratio



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	End-Product	By Product	Emissions
Incineration / Boiler	Hot flue gas (500°C)	Bottom Ashes Fly Ashes	Particulates, NOx, SOx, dioxins / furans
Ext. heated Pyrolysis	Oil ultimately upgraded into diesel / gasoline	Char and Syngas that contains soot and tar	Particles Low emissions
Plasma Pyrolysis (better efficiency than ext. heated pyrolysis)	Oil ultimately upgraded into diesel / gasoline	Char and Syngas that contains soot and tar	Particles Low emissions
Solena Plasma Gasification	Syngas Fuel (1100 °C) to produce electricity, biofuel, etc.	Inert Slag	Low emissions

# 1 Innovative Patented Technology

## Solena Plasma Technology

- **Plasma** technology: 5,000 °C
- **O<sub>2</sub> deprived environment**: No combustion
- **Residence time** in plenum > 2 seconds
- Solena's process is **fuel flexible**.
- I&C to **control operations** and reach steady state
- Independent variables to **control the Gasification process**.
  - **Conclusion**: Solena BioSynGas characteristics:
    - **HHV = 300 BTU/scf (1/3<sup>rd</sup> Nat Gas)**
    - **High CO & H<sub>2</sub> concentration (> 90% vol.)**
    - **Absence of SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, C<sub>x</sub>H<sub>y</sub>, dioxins, furans**

# 1 Innovative Patented Technology

Solena has developed and patented a thermal gasification technology

- Solena's plasma gasification vitrification (SPGV) technology is designed to be a cost effective and technically efficient atmospheric thermal gasification process
- Converts any biomass into a clean, high calorific BioSynGas
- Inorganic compounds are melted into an inert, non-toxic vitrified slag
- Average production of 2,000 kWh of electricity produced per ton of biomass processed<sup>(1)(2)</sup>
- Developed by Solena team members over 10+ year period



(1) Source: Solena; assumes mixed (RDF, wood waste and forestry) feedstock containing 4,000 kcal/ kilo

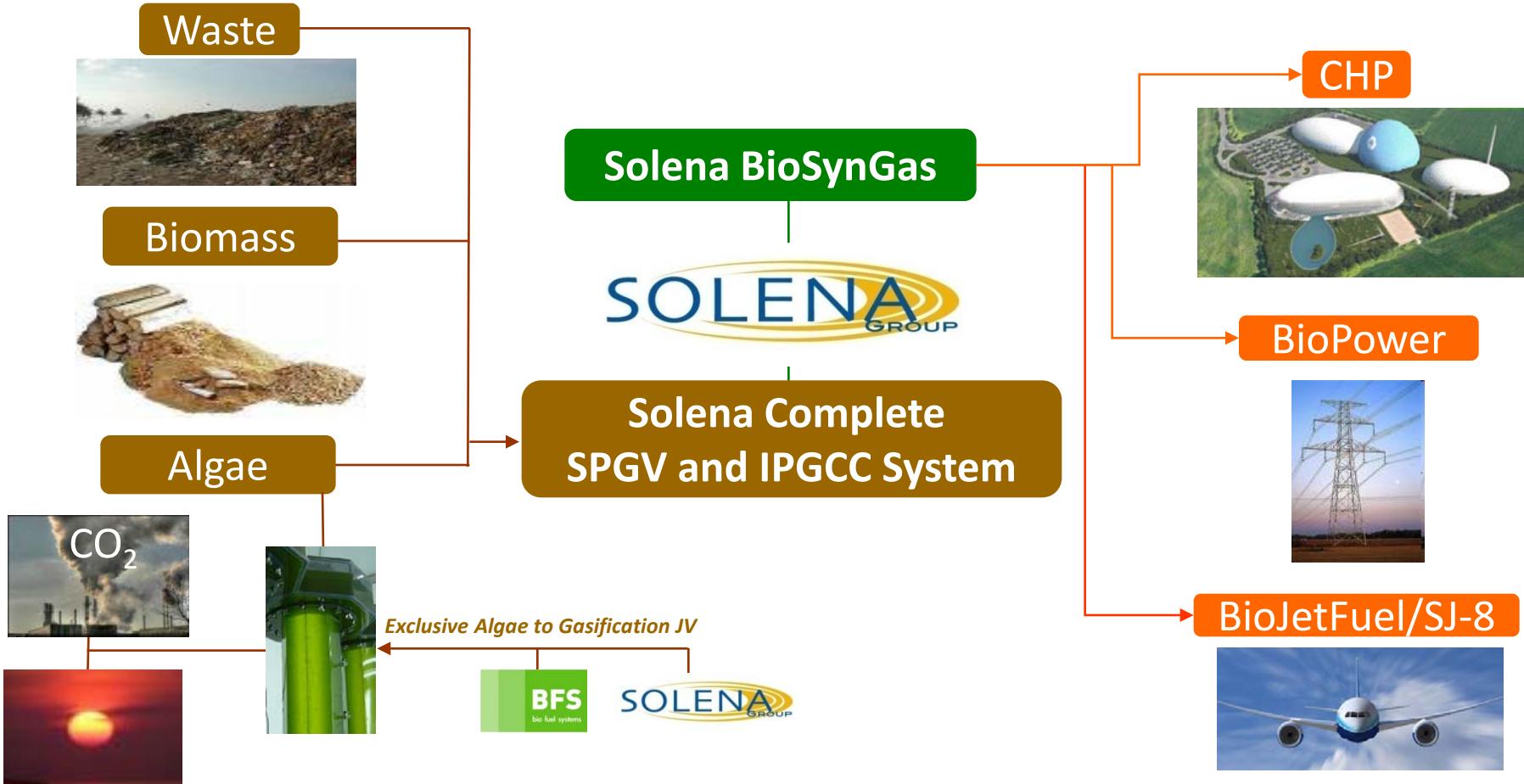
(2) Compared to 500 kWh per ton of biomass by means of traditional incineration

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## 2. Process

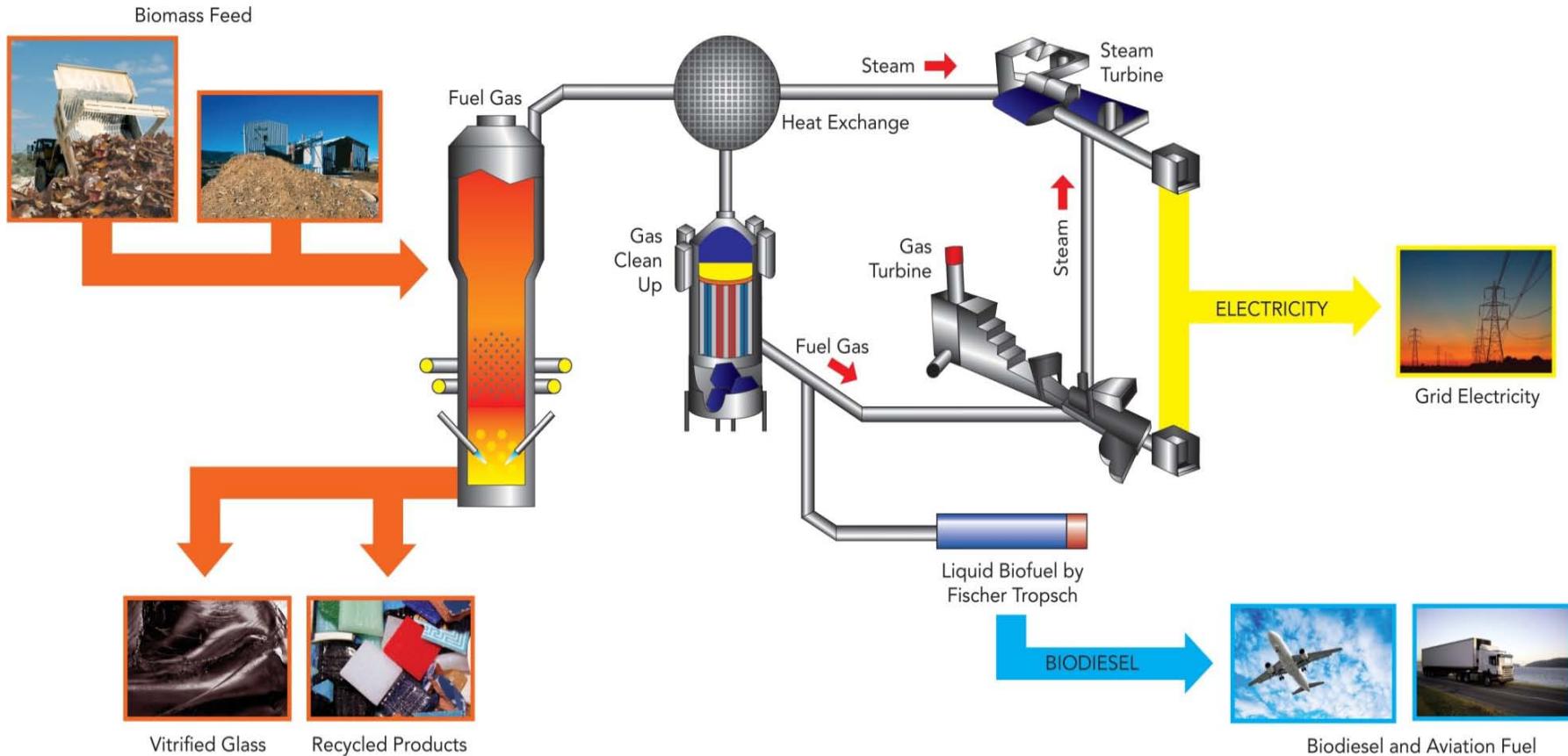
## 2. Solena BioEnergy Platform

Solena's platform is a complete bioenergy and CO<sub>2</sub> harvesting platform which can produce electricity or liquid transportation fuels

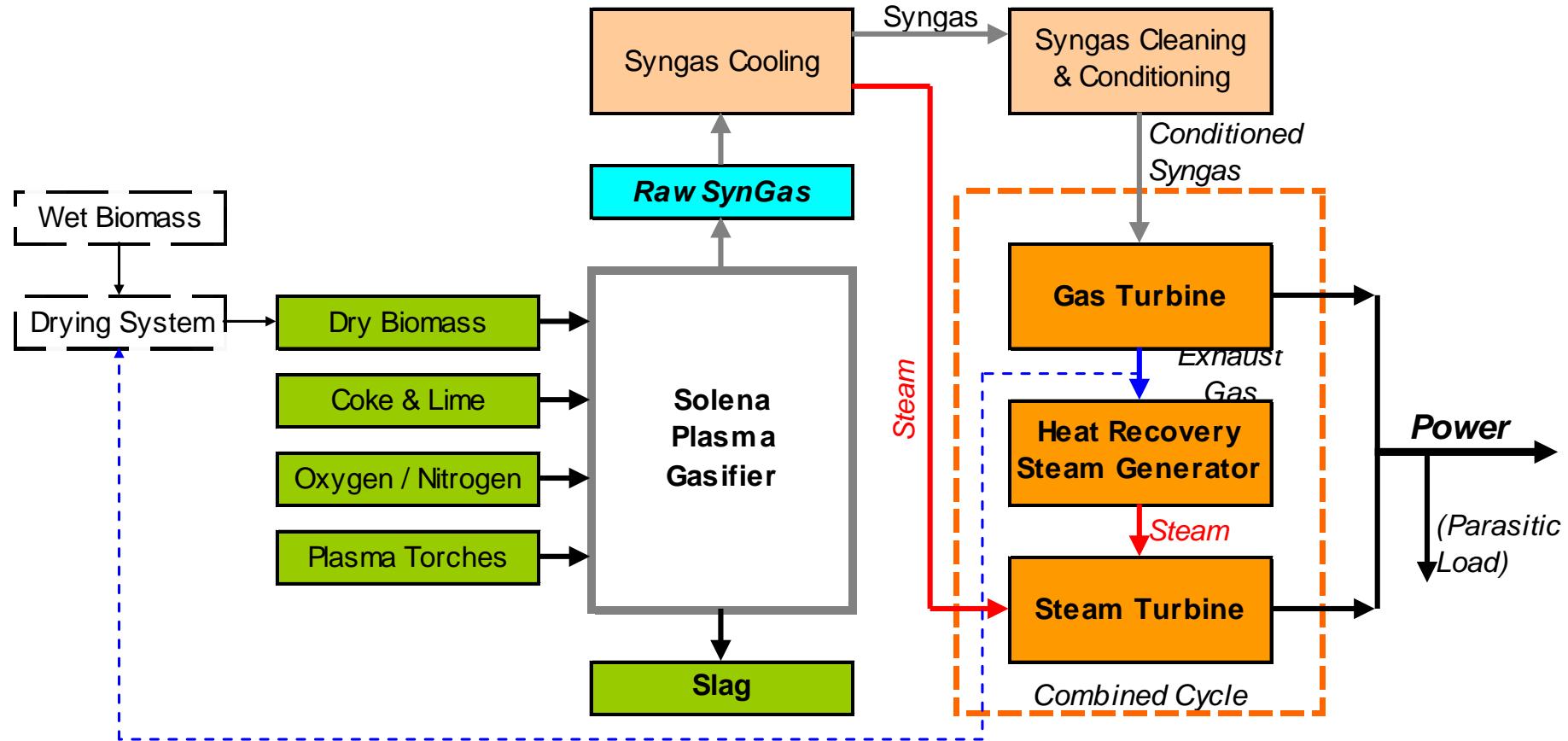


## 2. Solena's Process

**Solena's SPGV island is a core, proprietary technology which can be used in multiple, end-to-end solutions**



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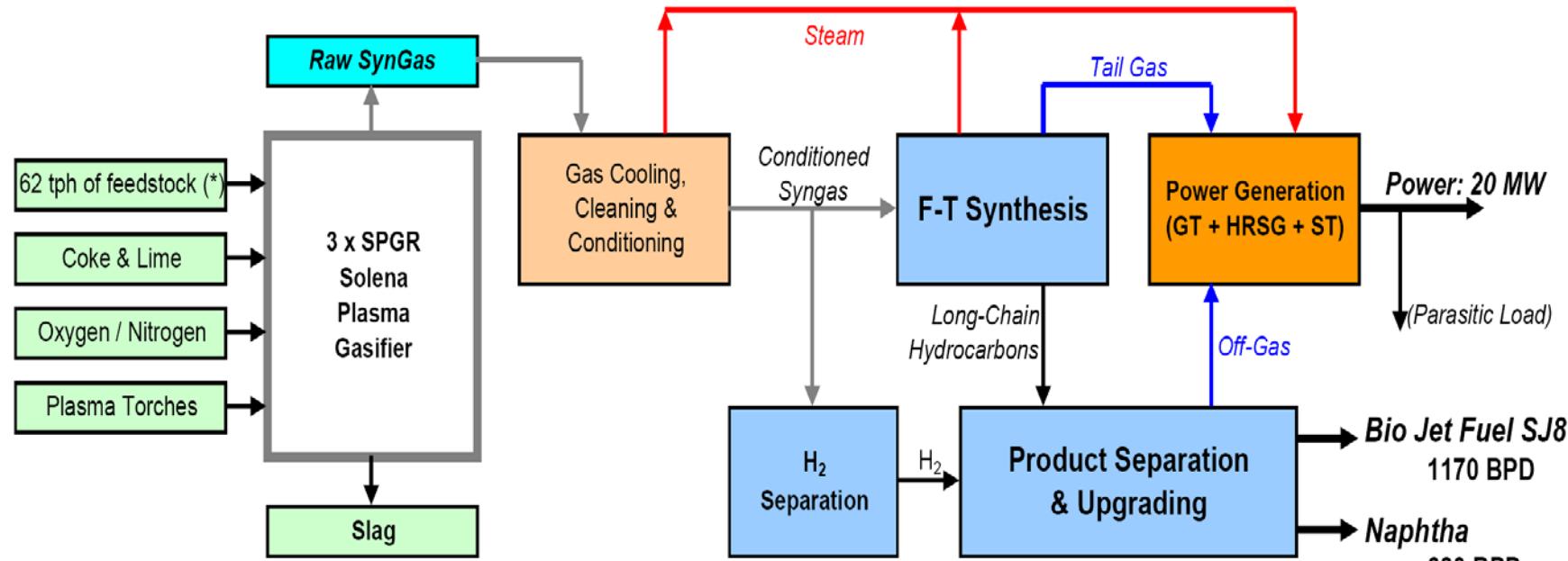
**Solena's SPGV island produces BioSynGas which can be used to power traditional gas-fired electric turbines**

- BioPower Plants utilize BioSynGas to generate electricity via standard industrial gas turbines (GE MS5001 CC)
- 20 tonnes / hour of RDF to generate 42 MW
- 3 tonnes / hour of RDF to generate 6 MW
- Syngas treatment / cleaning system
- Combustion Gas Turbine + Combined Cycle



## 2. 2 BioJetFuel Plants

IPGFT CONCEPT DIAGRAM



(\*) Any type of Biomass, MSW, Industrial waste, etc.

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- BioJetFuel Plants utilize BioSynGas to produce JP8/SJ8 Fuel via standard industrial Fischer Tropsch
- 60 tph of feedstock to produce 1800 barrels per day of Bio Jet Fuel and 20 MW net
- 3 x Solena Plasma Gasification Reactor
- Syngas treatment /cleaning system
- 1 Fischer Tropsch reactor
- 1 MS5001 Gas Turbine + CC



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## 3. CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

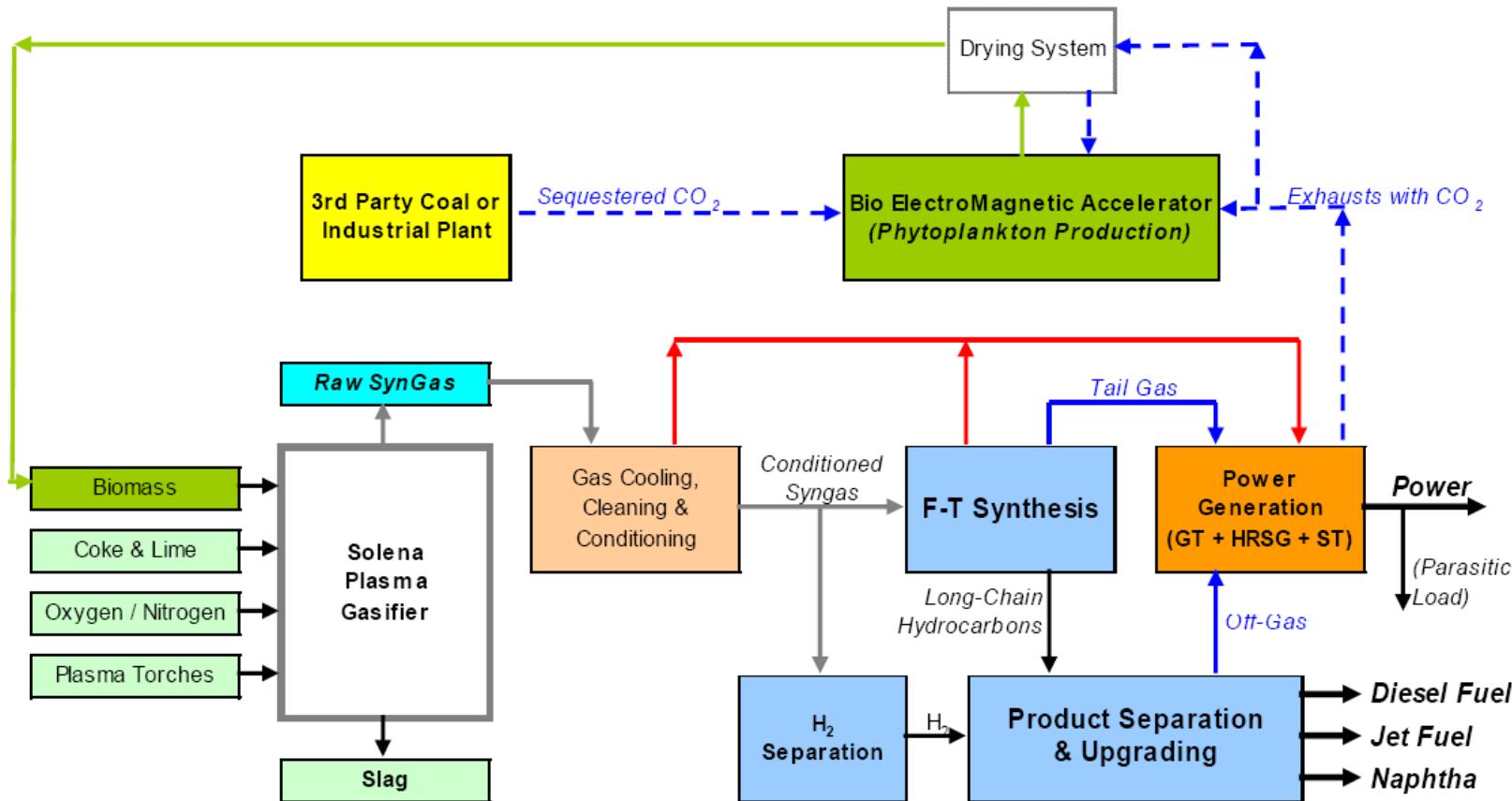
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#### Strategic JV Solena - BFS for Gasification of highly calorific algae

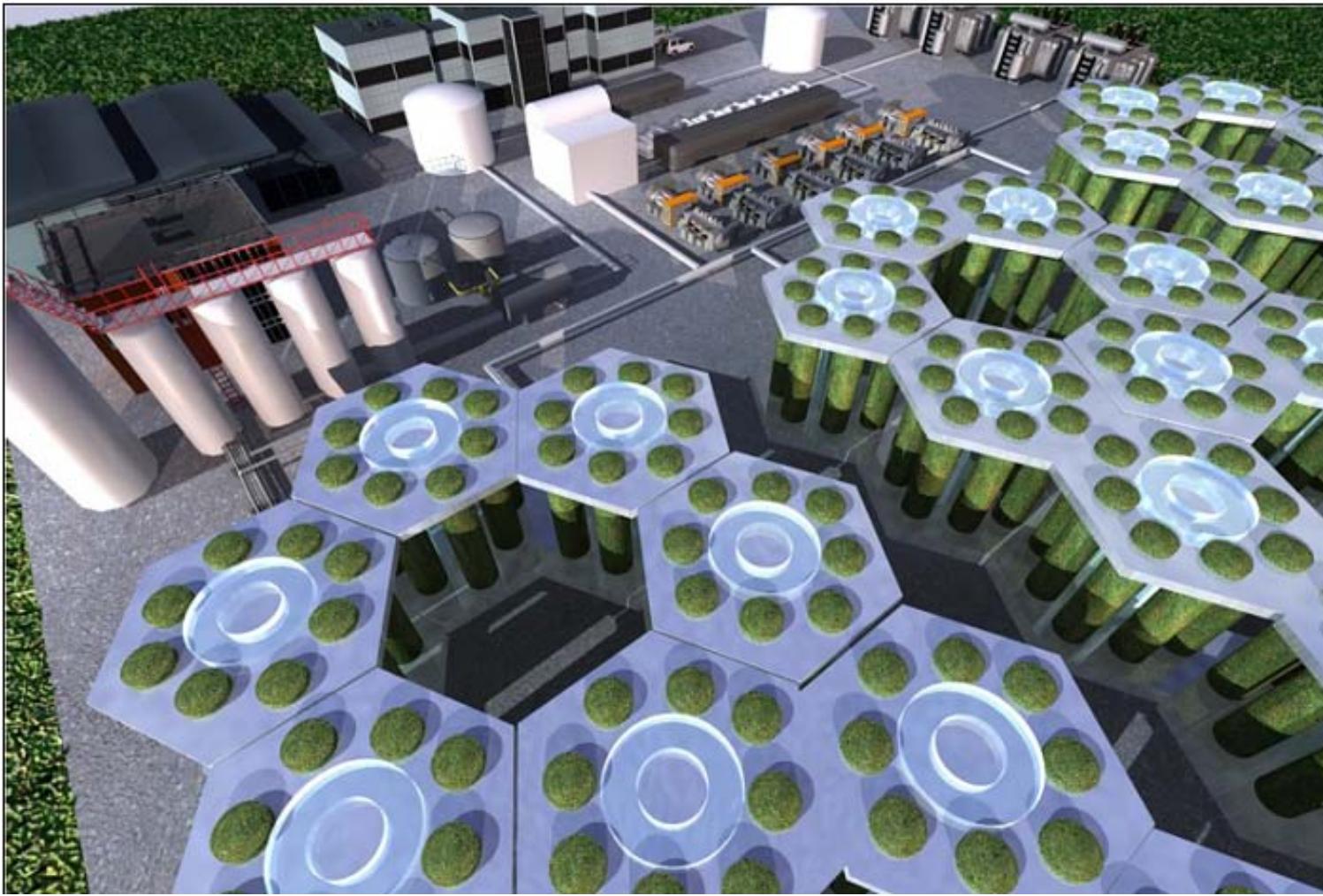
- Partnership with Bio Fuel Systems, S.L.
- Complete Sequestration of Exhaust gas from GT including CO<sub>2</sub> & NOx
- Closed Loop Production by Photosynthesis of Phyto-Plankton Species
- Biomass w/ 5500-6500 kcal/kg:
  - 35-40% Triglycerides Oils, 35-40% Hydrocarbon, depending on the algae species

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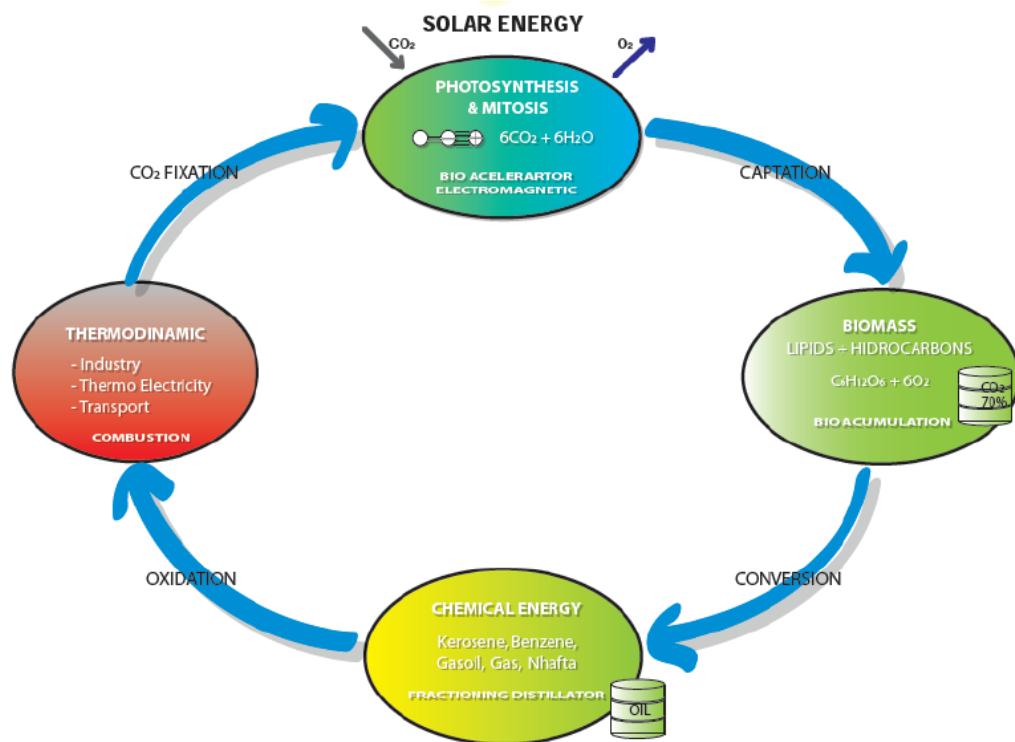
#### Solena-BFS BioJetFuel Production



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#### Solena BFS Production

- High Calorific Value = 6000 – 6500 kcal/kg
- Algae Bioreactor can produce 1 ton of dry algae from 1.8 ton of CO<sub>2</sub>
- 1 Ha (2.47 acres) of Solena BioFuel plant produces 10,500 tpy of algae VS 10 tpy of crop (straw).
- Production of algae from CO<sub>2</sub> entirely controlled within Bio-Electromagnetic Accelerators
- No competition with Food Market
- Solena BioFuel Process acts a carbon sink
  - Carbon credits
  - CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration

- **BioPower**
  - **28 tph of CO<sub>2</sub>**
  - **Power generated 42 MW**
- **BioJetFuel**
  - **90 tph of CO<sub>2</sub>**
  - **FT Reactor produces 1800 bpd**
  - **Power generated: 20 MW net to export**



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A dynamic, abstract background consisting of swirling, glowing light streaks in shades of green and yellow, creating a sense of motion and energy.

Thank you

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