





# **Small Scale CHP Technology**



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# Biomass Technology Prime Movers Options and Scale

- Steam Turbines and Engines
   500 kWe-10 MWe
- Wood Gas Engine gensets
   10 kWe- 2000 kWe
- Stirling Engines10 kWe-140 kWe
- ORC gensets250 kWe 2 MWe

## **Existing Gensets 75 kWe-1 MWe**

- Existing population of gensets
- Operating MODE (Ownership, and operation)
  - Private
  - Native corporation
  - Utility
- Costs
- Incentive for change
  - Costs
  - Opportunities
    - Lower fuel cost
    - Reliability

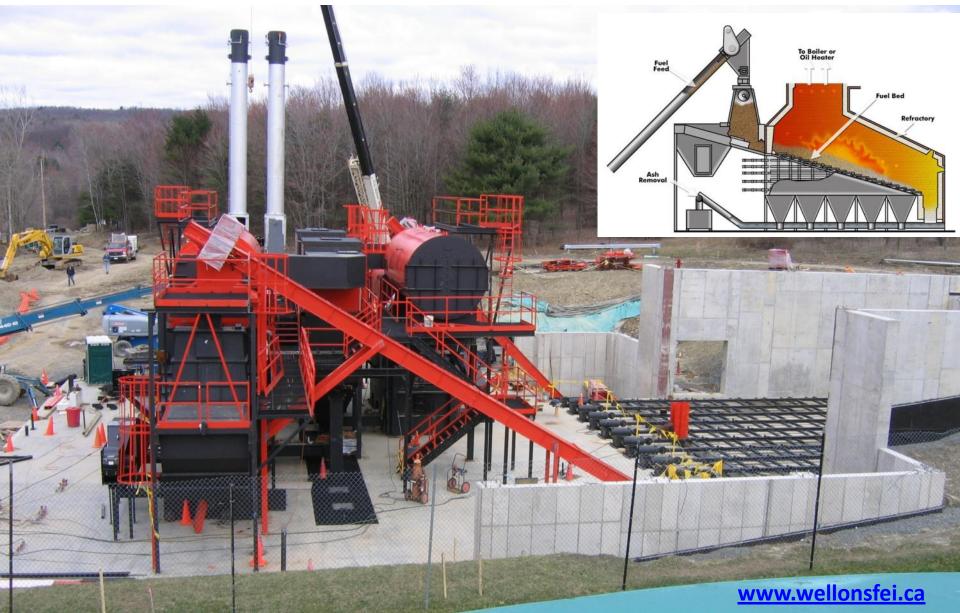




#### **Constraints and Demand**

- Constraints for Small Power Generation
  - Cost
  - Opportunities for Combined Heat and Power
  - Heat and Power Contracts, PPA
  - Infrastructure/Logistics
- Demand for Small Power
  - Size and distribution of gensets
  - Annual fuel and power consumption
  - Biomass availability (SE, Interior)
  - Heat and power consumers
    - Tourism
    - Government Military
    - Industry (Wood, Fish)
  - Existing infrastructure
    - Oil
    - Propane
    - Biomass

# Wood Fired Boilers Are Common to Steam or Thermal Oil



# **Spreader Stokers 1-10 MWe**







3 MWe Wood Boiler, Chile <a href="https://www.mcburney.com">www.mcburney.com</a>





0.5 MWe Turbine + Dry Kilns www.hurstboiler.com

# **Gasifiers Power Boilers and Engines**



Nexterra Gasifiers and Boiler at Hefley Plywood, Tolko, BC (2006)



Energy Products of Idaho Gasifier at BFC Gas & Electric, IA (1998)

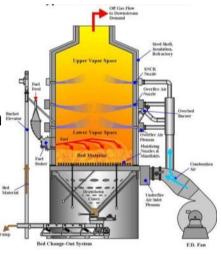
- 1. Wood Fuel Bin
- Gasification Hearth
- 3. Ash removal
- 4. Gas exit

Engine applications to 2 MWe in development

www.nexterra.ca

- Fluidized Bed gasification/combustion
- Staged gasification
- Ag waste fuels





www.energyproducts.com

# Steam Turbines and Engines Require Heat Loads



500 kWe Back Pressure Turbine NH



AESI Turbine 500 kWe+

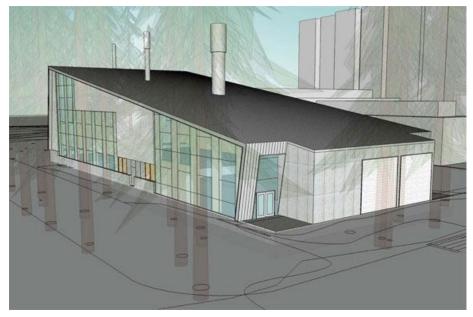


800 kWe 1930s Skinner Steam Engine, WA



No recent US steam engine installations

# Nexterra 2 MWe CHP Project: University of British Columbia



Capacity: 2 MW electricity and 9,600 lbs/hr steam

#### Process:

- •Wood biomass is gasified to produce syngas
- •Syngas goes through a conditioning system to remove impurities
- •Syngas is then directly fired into a GE Jenbacher gas engine to produce heat and electricity

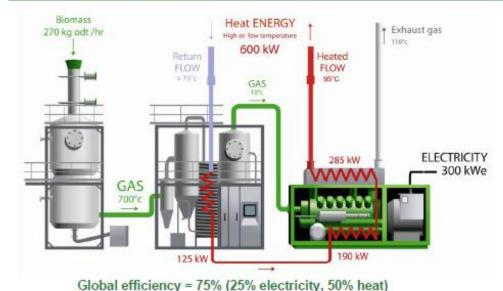
## **European Suppliers Expand Small CHP Capacity**

**Xylowatt NOTAR Gasifier** 

# Combined Heat & Power plant: heat & electricity (xW300 model)









300 kWe Module

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www.xylowatt.com

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# Community Power Corporation 100 kWe Development and Demonstration Gasifier-Generator



Dixon Ridge Walnut Farm 17,000 hrs CHP 30 + Gasogens 25-100 kWe Syngas to liquid fuel demo

www.gocpc.com



40 kWe CHP Development Gasifier Heats CA Greenhouse **Biochar Used as Growing Media** 

## **Heat and Power for Icy Straits**

- Power \$0.65/kWh
- Heat even in summer.



10-20 kWe Development gasifier

- 1. Developed by a Creative Community
- 2. Tested by Students at Colorado State University
- 3. Field tested in Alaska sawmill
- Demonstrated to cruise customers

USDOE/Sealaska/Merrick & Company







Hoonah

#### 200 Hr Test All Power Labs 10 kWe Power Pallet Genset

Engines and Energy Conversion Laboratory, Colorado State University, April 2011

www.eecl.colostate.edu



Hopper-Dryer-Gasifier-Char



**Engine Exhaust Pyrolyzes Chips** 



**Chipped Fuel** 



Filter-Engine Intake

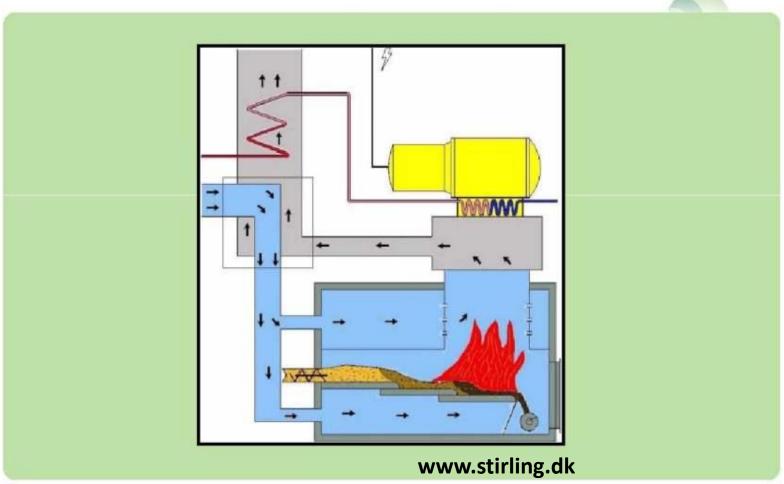


Computer Control www.gekgasifier.com

## Stirling Engine Principle

Engine Driven by External Heat Source









All Heat and 60% of Power and biochar to Danish Organic Farm

www.blackcarbon.dk

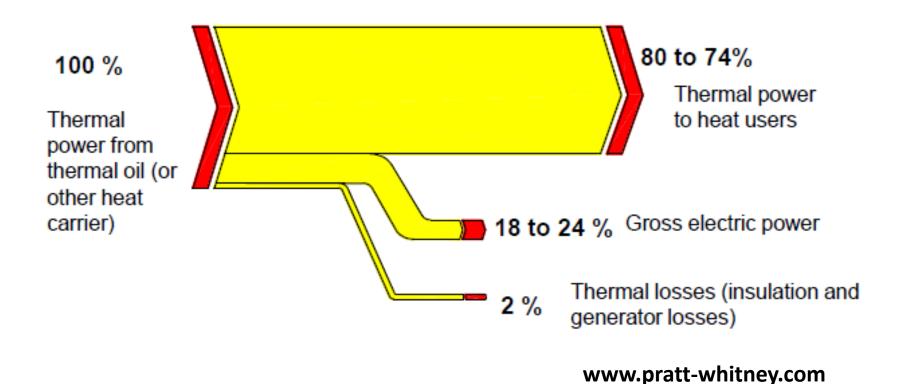
Engine and Combustion Chamber

Gasifier

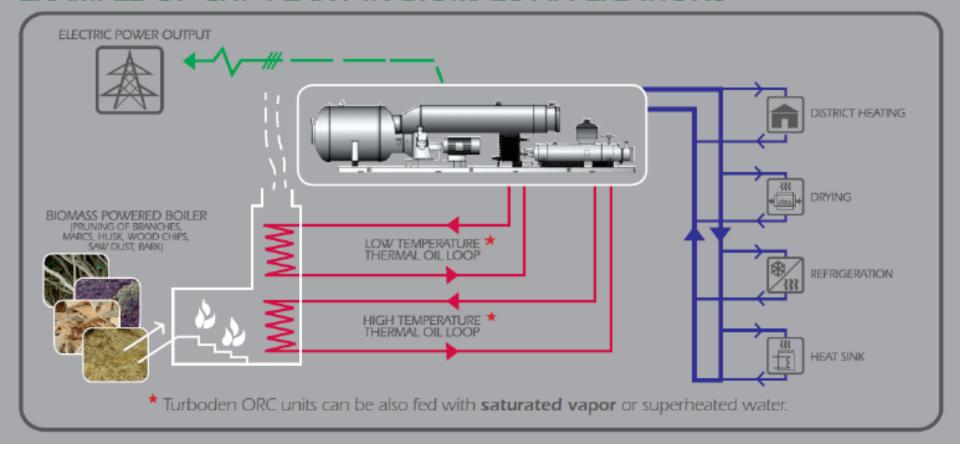
Combined heat and power modules with an output of 35-140 kWe power and 140-560 kWth heat.

www.stirling.dk

# Organic Rankin Cycle Systems Convert Low Quality Heat to Power 250 kWe-2000 kWe

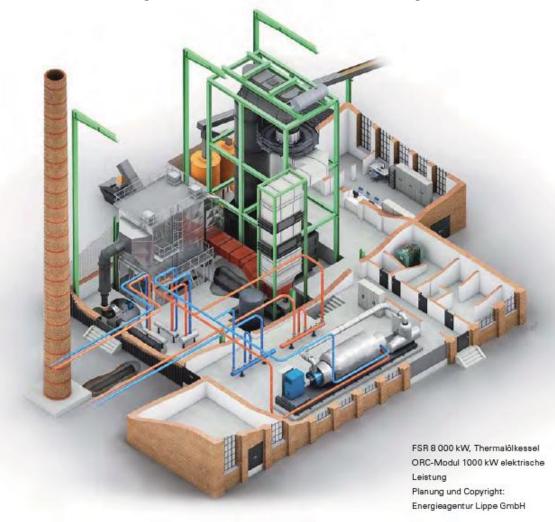


#### **EXAMPLE OF CHP PLANT IN BIOMASS APPLICATIONS**



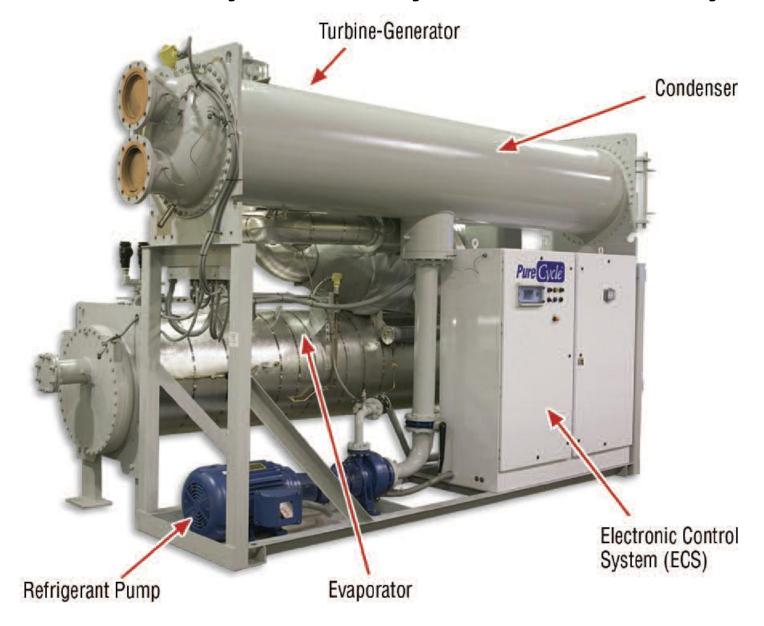
**180 Turboden and Pratt & Whitney Industrial Installations** 

# 1000 kWe Turboden ORC CHP System (Viessman, GER)



www.viessmann.de/de/Industrie-Gewerbe/Produkte/Holzfeuerungsanlagen.html

## 250 kWe PureCycle ORS by Pratt & Whitney



# K&K Recycling, AK: 600 kWe ORC



SHRED FUEL 1 tph



THERMAL OIL HEATER 10 MMBtu



50% HEAT TO 1 ACRE **GREENHOUSE** 



5 MMBuh

1400 kWt

600 kWe



**HEAT TO ORC** 

(4) 125 kWe Turbines

#### Potential For Small Scale CHP

- Need heat demand
- Gasifiers available through 2000 kWe. Reliability needs to be proven.
- Stirling applications limited to 140 KWe, high cost.
- ORC needs 250 KWe plus loads plus heat demand. Integrate with process, e.g. pellet mill.
- Steam systems suitable to large continuous heat loads.



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