

Fuel cell fuelled by gasification gas



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# Objective

- To produce a gas that can meet the requirements for fuel for solid oxide fuel cells through reliable, up-scalable and cost-effective staged gasification of biomass
- Build lab-scale pilot plants



# Partners



**Agricultural Research for  
Developing Countries, FR**



**Technical University of  
Denmark, DK**

***TK Energi AS***

**TK Energy, DK**



**Energy Research Centre of  
the Netherlands, NL**



**Risø National  
Laboratory, DK**



**The French Atomic Energy  
Commission, FR**

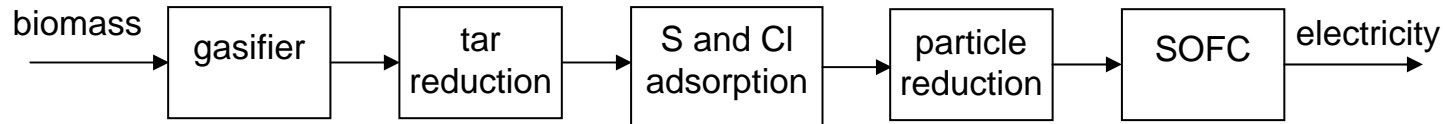


**FORCE  
Technology, DK**



**Institute of Chemical  
Technology Prague, CS**

# Project overview



WP1: project co-ordination

WP2 TKE char-bed

WP3 ECN char-bed

WP4 process evaluation

WP5 tar research

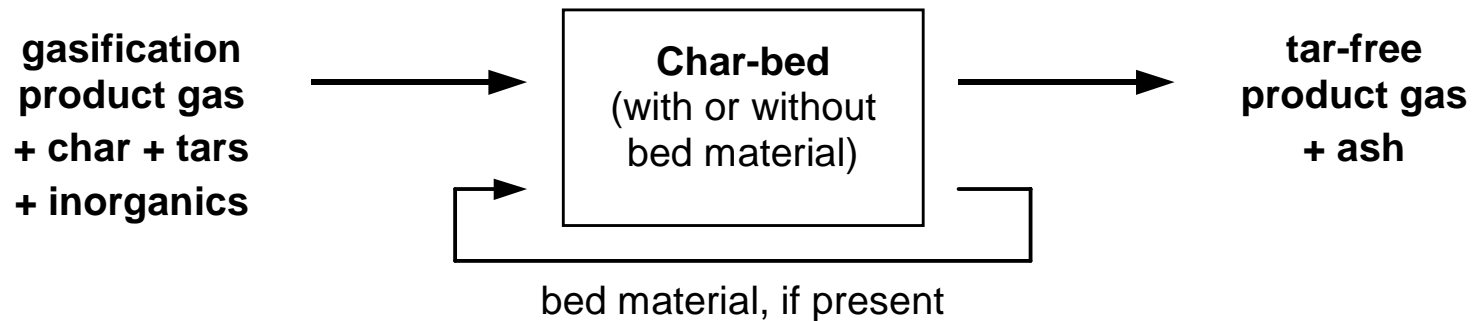
WP6 inorganics reduction

WP7: technical, economical and ecological assessment

SOFC sensitivity and proof-of-concept WP8

WP9: dissemination

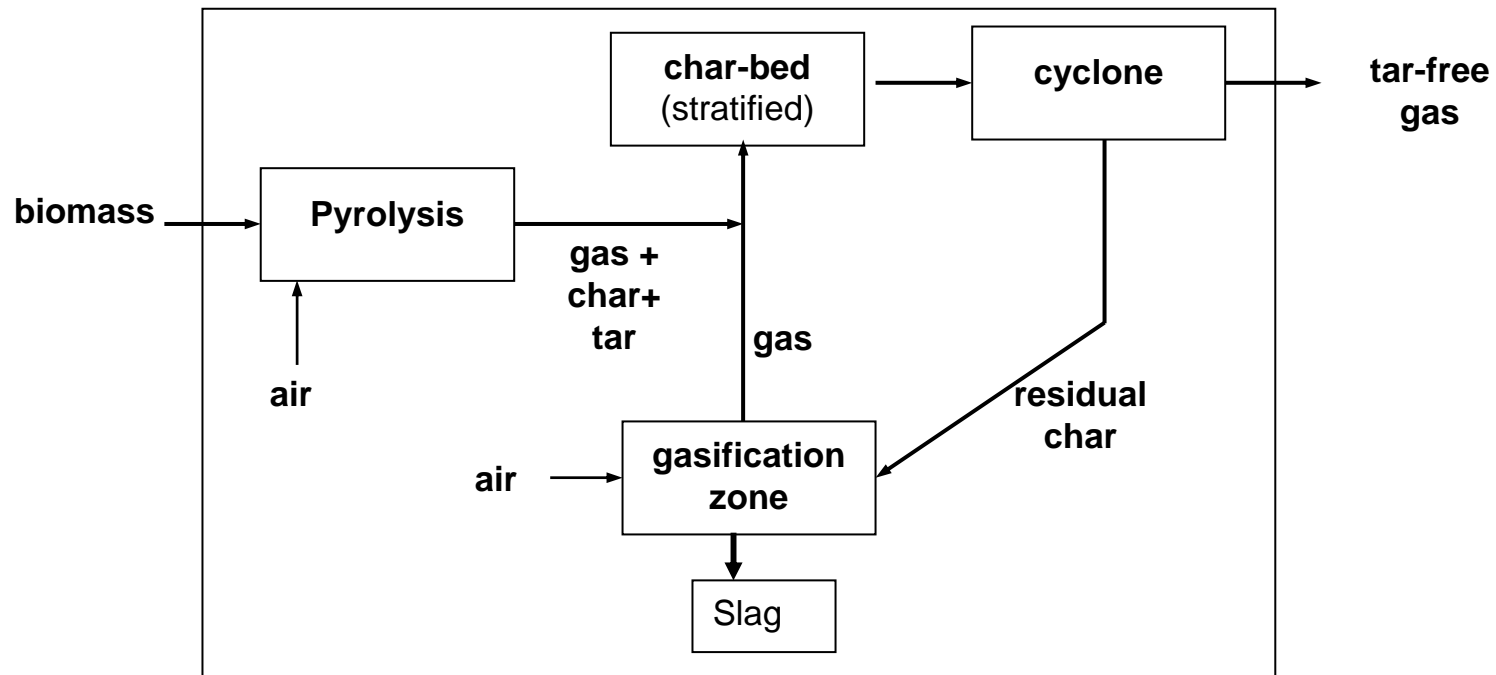
## Principle of tar removal with char bed



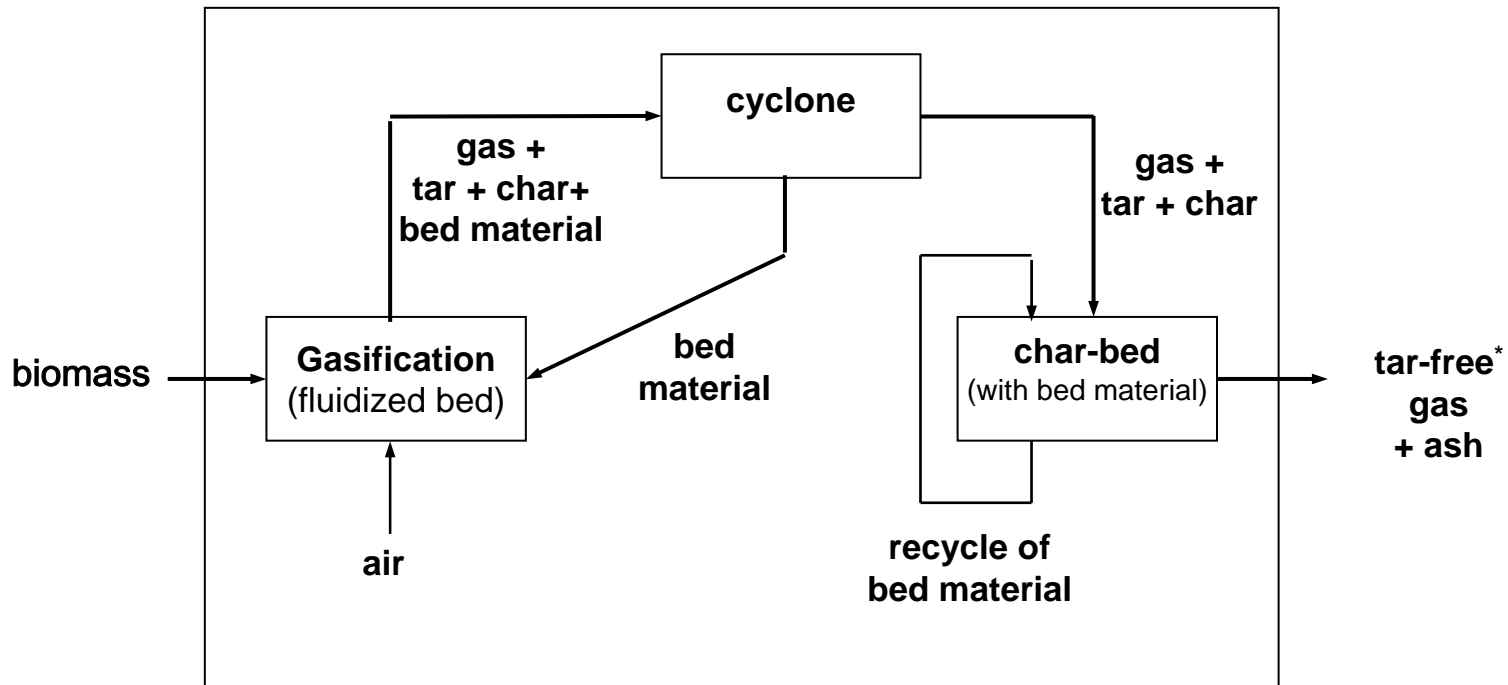
Two concepts:

- TKE concept – char bed without bed material
- ECN concept – char bed with bed material (TREC-reactor)

# TKE concept char bed without bed material



# ECN concept – char bed with bed material



# SOFC potential pollutants



Dust, solid particles

Organic components: light hydrocarbons, tars

Nitrogen components:  $\text{NH}_3$ ,  $\text{HCN}$ , ...

Sulfur components (gases):  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{COS}$ , ...

Halide components (gases):  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{HBr}$ ,  $\text{HF}$ ,  $\text{HI}$ , ...

Alkali salts (condensable):  $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{KOH}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{NaOH}$ , ...

Heavy metals (condensable except  $\text{Hg}$ )

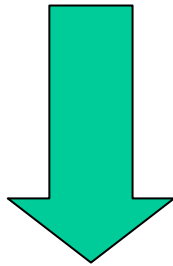
Knowledge of maximum content in gasification gas is limited; however for many inorganics  $< 1$  Vppm

- Hot gas cleaning chain – solide absorbents (moving granular beds or active filter reactors)
- Investigation of SOFC material sensitivity

- Optimizing gasifier design by using CFD
- WP leader of WP7 “Technical economical & environmental assessment”
  - Technical evaluation (verification): measurements
  - Market evaluation
  - Environmental evaluation - comparative analysis
- Overall system assessment

# Coherence with MicroCHeaP?

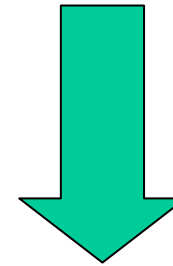
NO!



Plant size GFC: 1-30 MW<sub>el</sub>

MicroCHeaP: < 5 kW<sub>th</sub>

YES!



Clean gasification  
technology

Gas cleaning

SOFC applicable for  
micro CHP systems

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Thank you for attention!