

Integrated Biorefinery for the Direct Production of Synthetic Fuel from Waste Carbonaceous Feedstocks



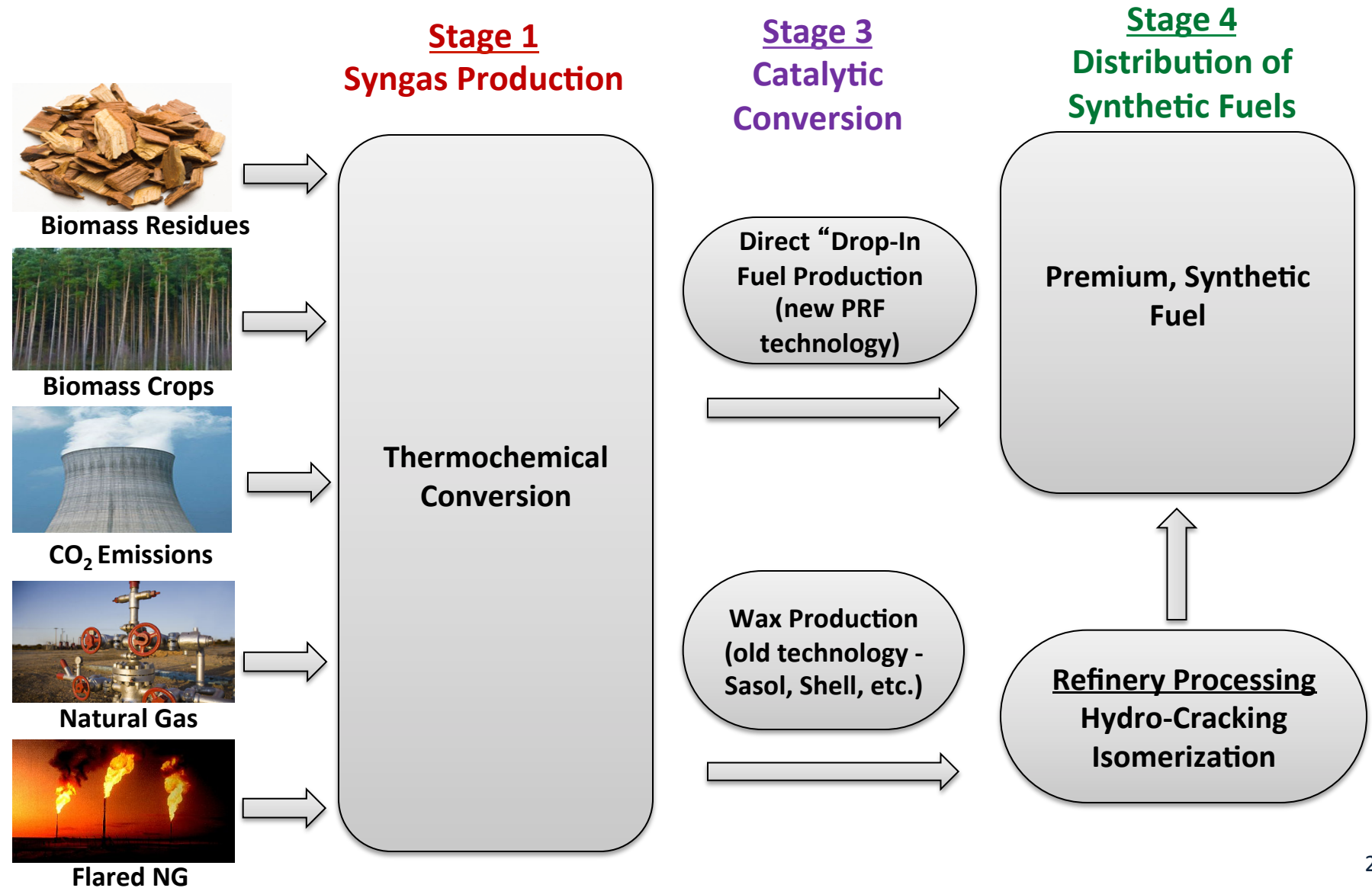
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REII Headquarters:	Sacramento, CA
Project Location:	Toledo, OH
Feedstock:	Wood (0.15"-2.00" chips) and Rice Hulls (whole)
Feedstock Input:	2.5 - 25 ton / day
Product Output:	56 gal/daft of transportation fuel

Thermochemical Conversion (TCC) Pyrolysis & Steam Reforming



Rice Harvest Residues

Wood Residues

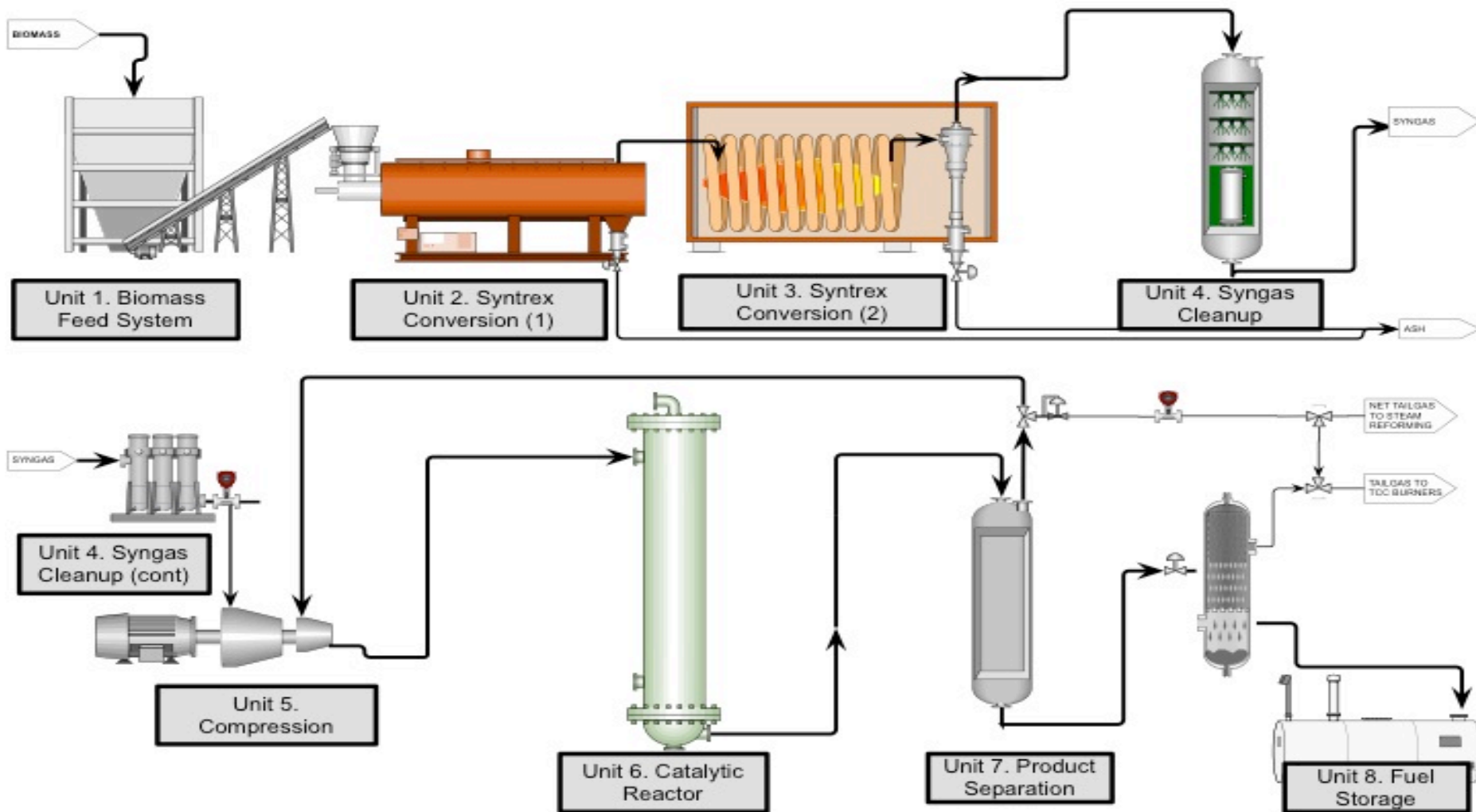


Syngas

Liquid Fuel Production (LFP) Direct Fuel Production



Direct Production of “Drop-In” Synthetic Fuels from Carbonaceous Resources using Thermochemical Processes – Unit Processes



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25 tpd Integrated Biorefinery (IBR) Plant [Construction Completed (3/2012)]



Thermochemical Conversion (TCC) System (Unit Processes #1-4A)



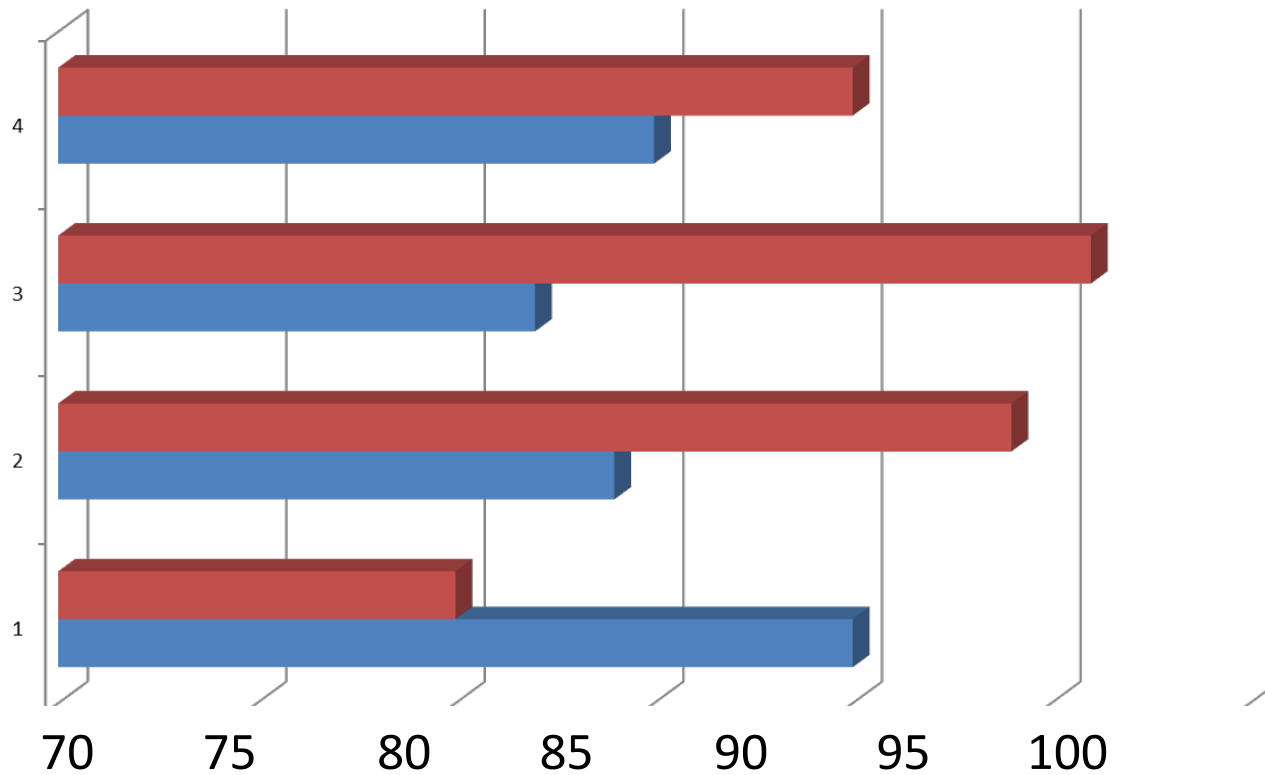
Liquid Fuel Production System (Unit Processes #4b-#8)



Carbon Mass Conversion Efficiency (Wood)



- Ash (Average % C Conversion = 85%)
- Syngas (Average % C Conversion = 90%)



Wood Carbon Mass Conversion Efficiency

2- Technical Performance Synthetic Diesel Fuel Tests on Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines



2 – Technical Performance Results of Heavy Duty Diesel Engine Tests



The % Difference in Emissions between the 20%
Synthetic Diesel Fuel Blend and Certification Diesel Fuel

% Difference (20% Blend vs. Certification Fuel)	Emission Species (grams/Kw-hr)						
	THC	CH ₄	NM HC	NO _x	CO	CO ₂	PM
Engine Out Emissions	-10.0	-9.2	-10.0	No Diff.	-11.0	-0.8	-21.0
Tail-Pipe Emissions (after control)	Near zero	Near zero	Near zero	Below 0.20 EPA std.	-16.0	-0.8	Near zero

The Difference in Fuel Economy, Work and Power at 1,200-1,600 rpm for the 20%
Synthetic Diesel Blend compared to the EPA/CARB Certification Fuel

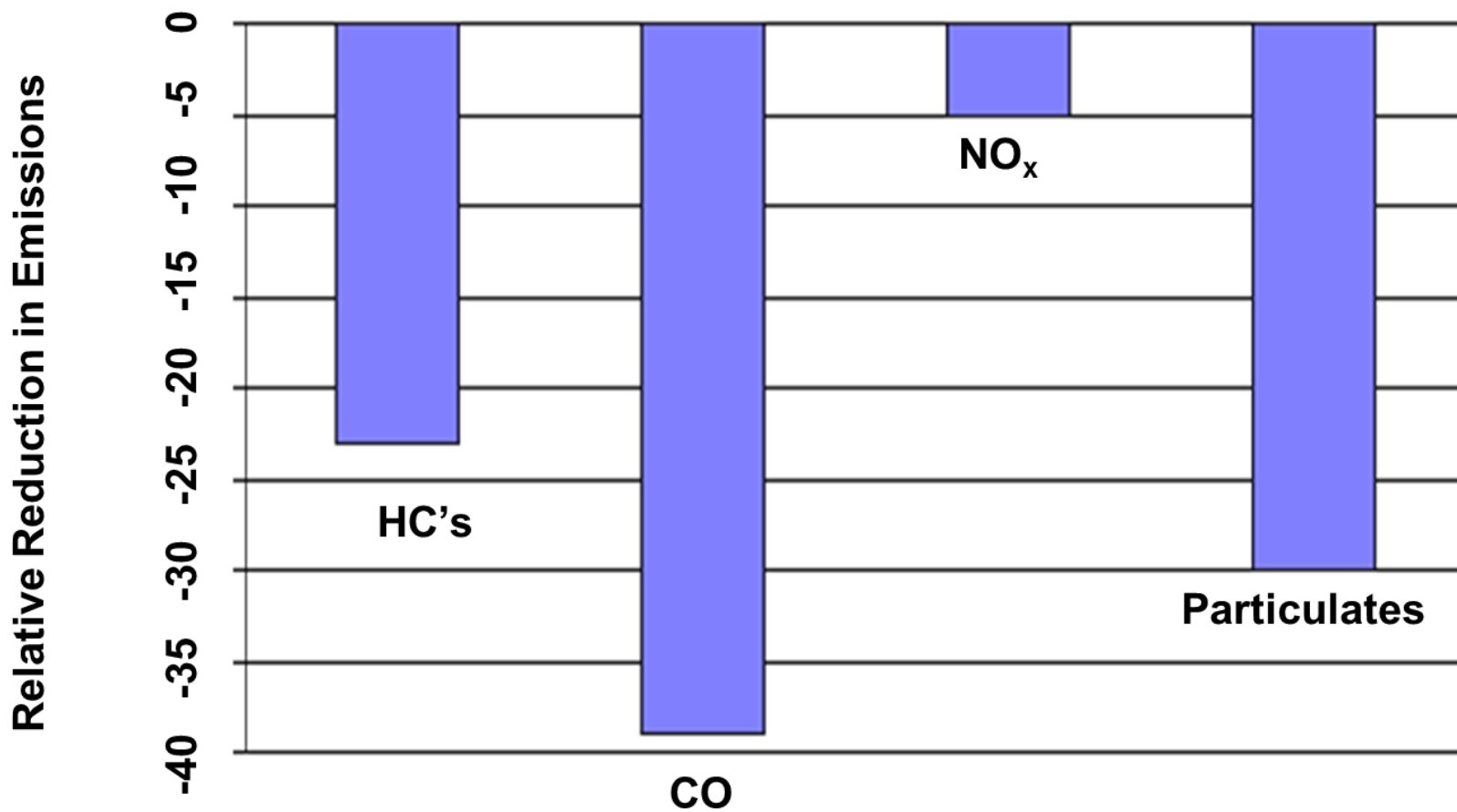
BSFC Fuel Economy (miles/gallon)	Work Output (KW-hr)	Power Output (KW-hr)
+ 0.7	+ 0.3	- 0.6

2 – Technical Performance

Synthetic Diesel Fuel Tests on In-Use Diesel Vehicles



Emissions Relative to Typical CA Diesel Fuel for In-Use (2000-2008) Diesel Vehicles



Technologies Successfully Validated & Additional RD&D Needed for Successful Deployment of Commercial Scale IBR Plants



IBR Plant - Unit Processes	FEL Level
<i>Additional RD&D Needed for Successful Commercial Deployment</i>	
UP #1 – Upgrade and validate the current ram charge feeder to insure robustness and reliable operation over the life of the IBR plant	FEL-1
UP #2 – Increase the capacity of the ash removal system to handle high ash content feedstocks	FEL-1
UP #3 – Design, build and validate a less costly and more energy efficient gases steam reforming system	FEL-1
UP #9 – Select and validate an efficient and inexpensive fuel distillation process	FEL-1
<i>Technologies Successfully Validated and Ready for Commercial Deployment</i>	
UP #4a – The IBR syngas purification system is directly applicable to the commercial scale plants	FEL-2
UP #4b-#8 – The liquid fuel production system is robust and immediately applicable for the commercial scale application	FEL-3
The IBR control systems and plant safety systems are directly applicable to the commercial scale plants	FEL-3

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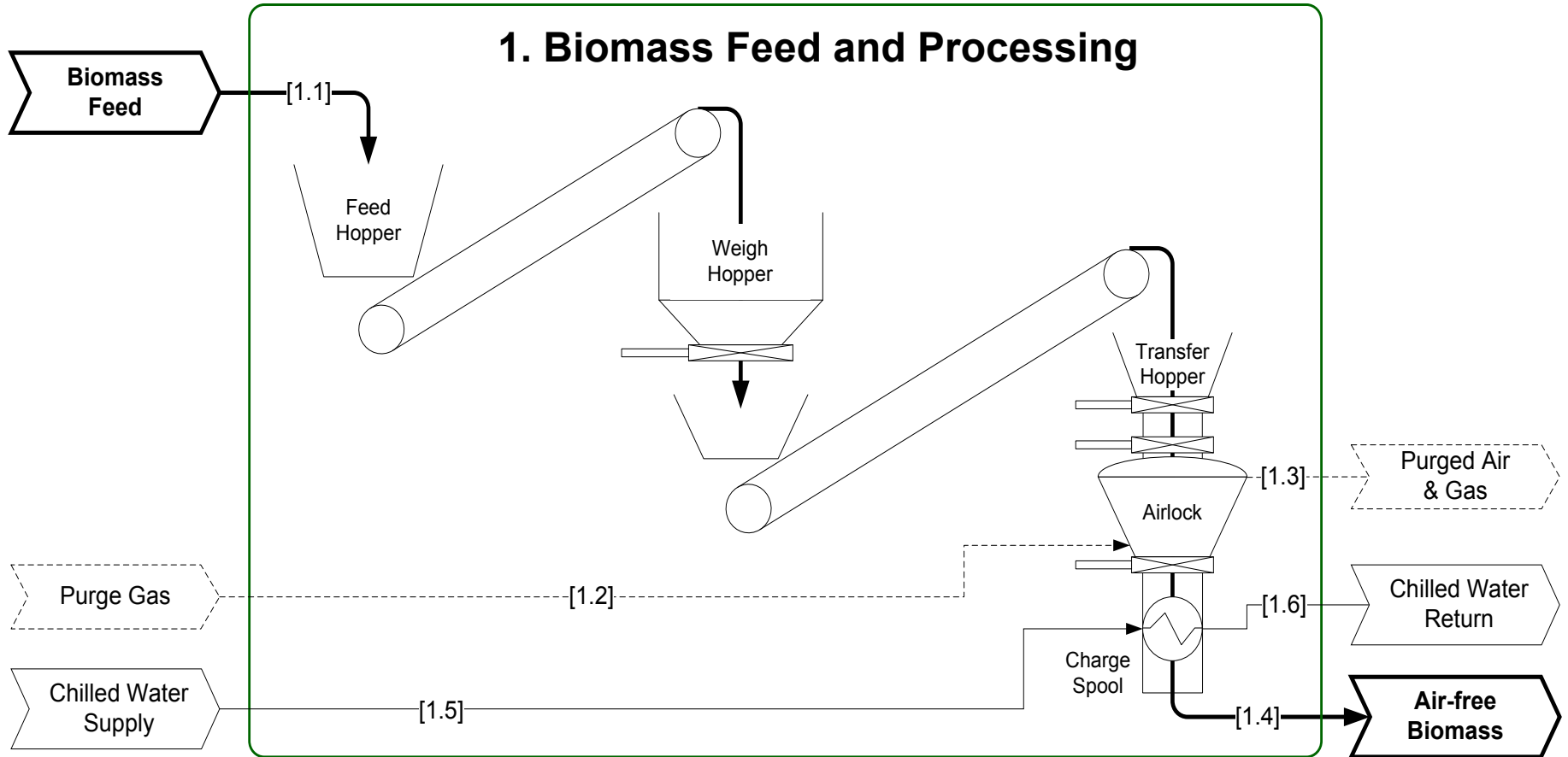
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<i>Additional RD&D Needed for Successful Commercial Deployment</i>	
Current syngas flow measurement systems are not reliable and more accurate and robust systems need to be developed and validated	FEL-1
<i>Technologies Successfully Validated and Ready for Commercial Deployment</i>	
Several, suitable U.S. equipment suppliers have been identified for the design and manufacture of the modular unit processes, instrumentation, control systems and components (e.g. valves)	FEL-3
A catalyst manufacturing capability has been validated for multi-ton quantity production of high quality catalysts	FEL-3

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IBR Plant - Environmental	FEL Level
<i>Additional RD&D Needed for Successful Commercial Deployment</i>	
Determine the potential of using the LFP water discharge for agriculture and other “gray water” uses	FEL-1
<i>Technologies Successfully Validated and Ready for Commercial Deployment</i>	
Incorporate low emission gas burners for heating unit processes #2 & #3	FEL-3

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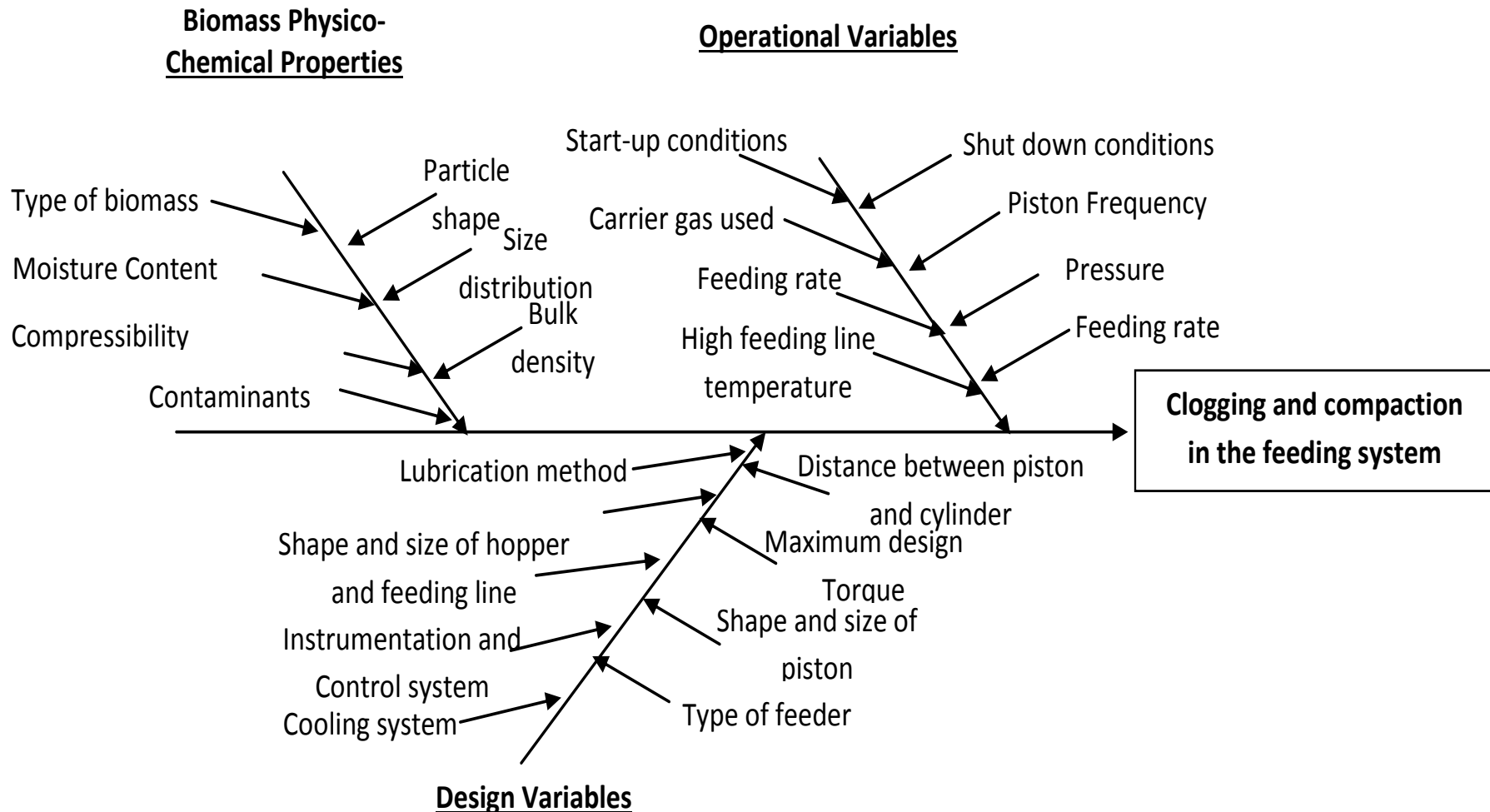


Unit Process #1 Biomass Feed & Processing	Technical Target	Results Achieved
Biomass input rate	25 dtpd	24 dtpd
Remove air (O ₂) with CO ₂ purge	< 500 ppm O ₂	< 500 ppm O ₂
Biomass size input	1.25" Minus	0.15-2.50"

Findings:

- Very finely ground feedstock (<0.15") can collect on the ram charge feeder seals causing leaks and become entrained into the gas stream and into unit process #3 which can adversely impacts carbon conversion and syngas purification efficiency.
- Feedstock greater than 1" in diameter is more difficult to convert.
- The introduction chamber needs to be emptied between runs.
- For commercial scale plants, the valves need to be re-designed and thoroughly tested to insure robust operation.

Biomass Feed Introduction System Cause-Effect Diagram used for System Upgrading



Recommended Upgraded Design for Biomass Feed Introduction System

