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## Organic Rankine Cycle

The Rankine Cycle is a thermodynamic cycle which converts heat into work. The heat is supplied externally to a closed loop, which usually uses water as working fluid. The Rankine Cycle based on water provides approximately 85% of worldwide electricity production.

**Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC)** is a well-known and widely used form of energy production, mostly in biomass and geothermal applications, but solar and heat recovery applications are increasing. Environmental concerns over climate change and unstable fossil fuel prices are driving the explosive growth of this efficient, clean and reliable technology.

The **Organic Rankine Cycle** uses other working fluids instead of water: Hydrocarbons like Isopentane, Isooctane, Toluene, Silicon oil etc. The working fluid properties dictates the heat source temperature requirements.



# Organic Rankine Cycle

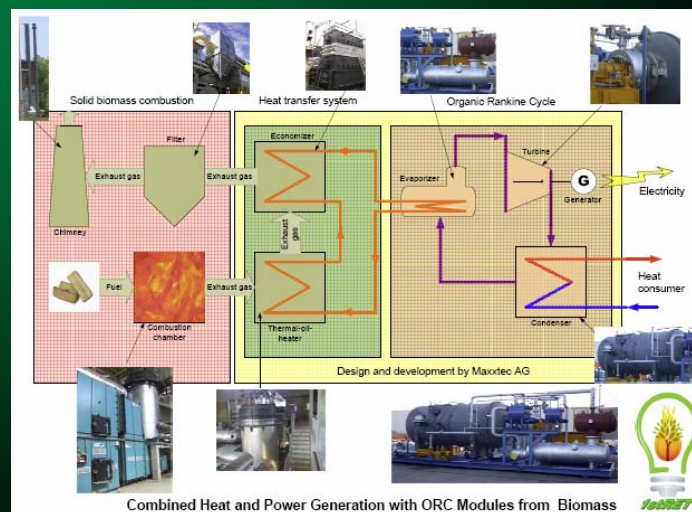
## Advantages

- ✓ Combined Heat & Power
- ✓ Highly Efficient
- ✓ Commercially Proven Technology
- ✓ Low Temperatures and Pressures
- ✓ Low Operating & Maintenance Costs
- ✓ Wide Operating Range (10 - 100% of capacity)
- ✓ Fuel Diversity
- ✓ Unattended Operation is Possible

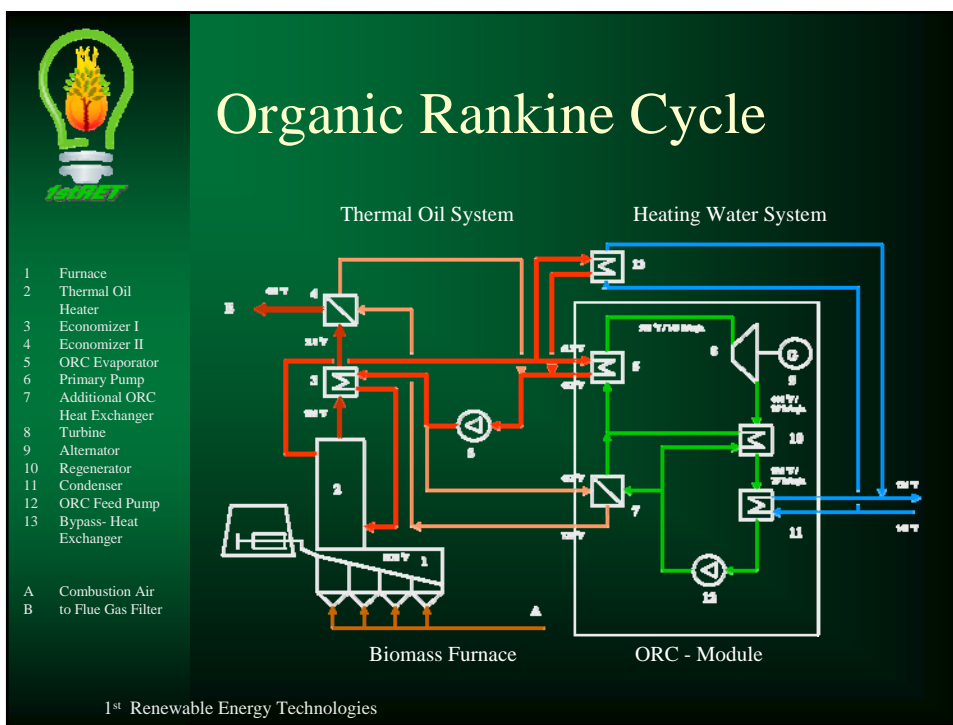
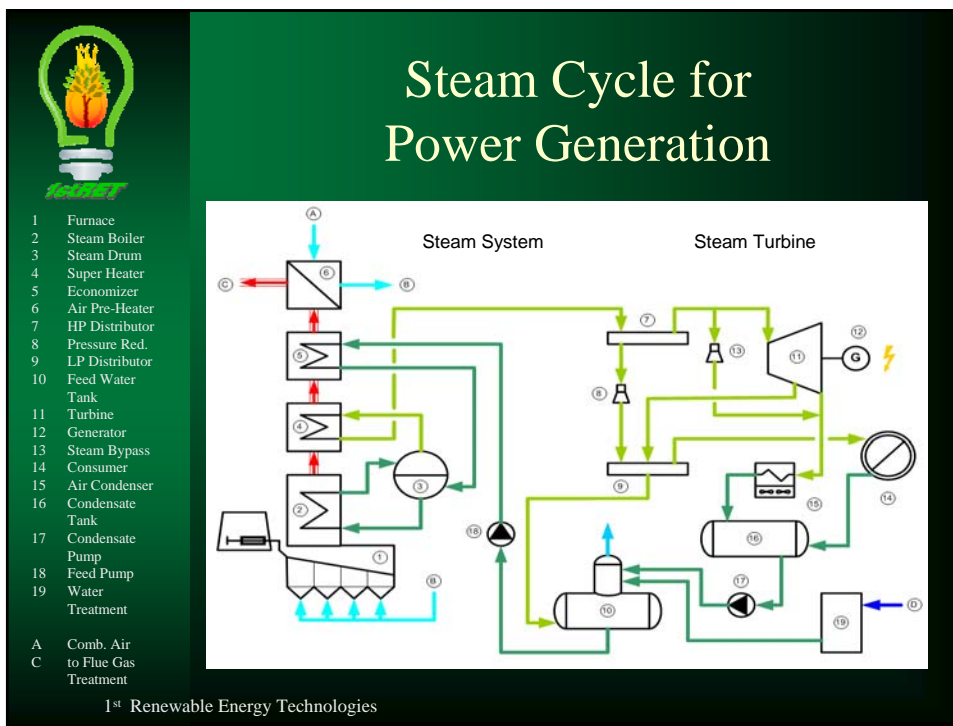
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# ORC CHP Process



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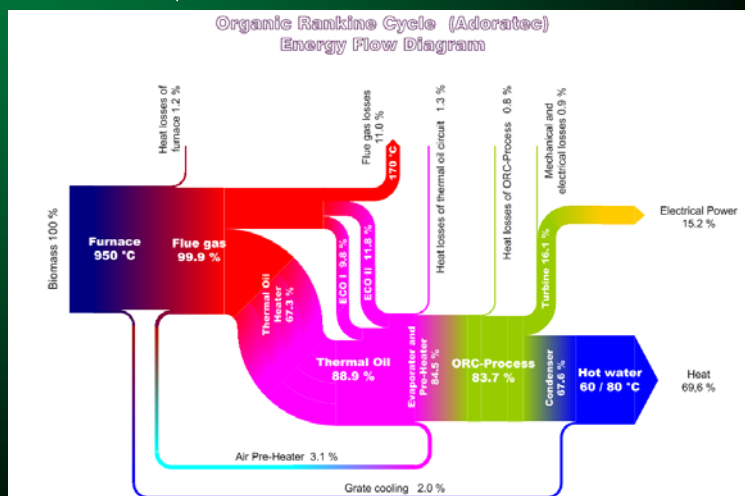
# 85% Total Efficiency

## Energy In vs. Energy Out (Thermal & Electrical)

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# ORC Energy Flow Diagram (Fuel Input to Energy Output)




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# Proven European Technology

> 120 Plants in Operation  
1<sup>st</sup> Plant - 20+ Years Old

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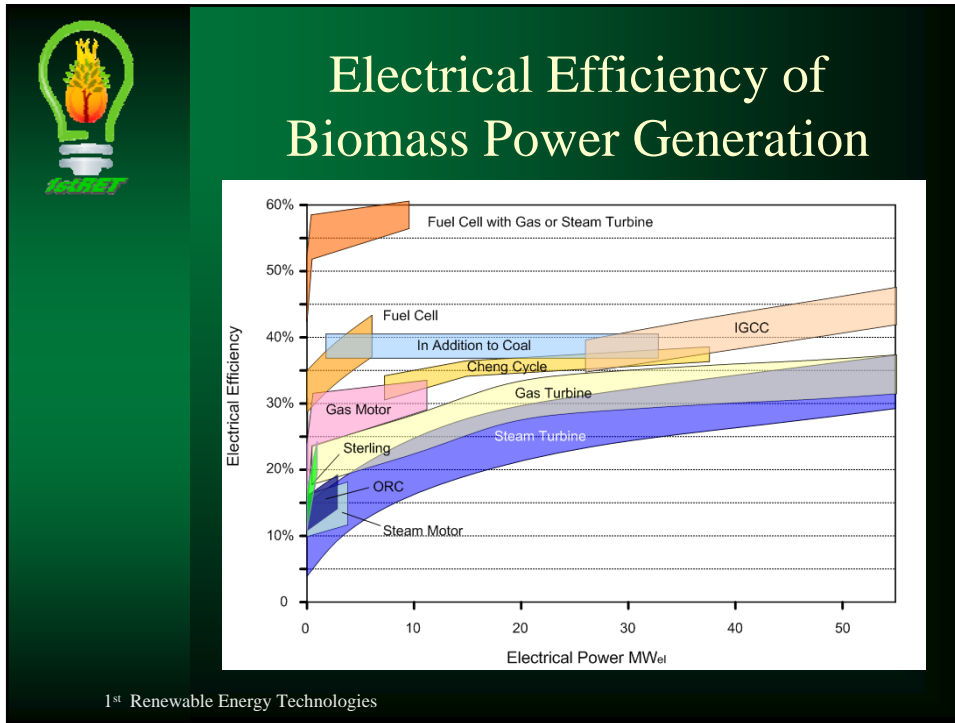
# Power Generation by Biomass



The diagram illustrates two main biomass conversion paths:

- Burning,  $\lambda > 1$** : This path leads to a "Stage of Technology" box, which then branches into several power generation technologies: Steam Turbine, Organic Rankine Cycle, Steam Motor, Sterling Motor, Kalina Cycle, Hot Air Turbine, Direct Gas Turbine, and Inverse Gas Turbine.
- Gasification,  $\lambda < 1$** : This path leads to a "Stage of Technology" box, which then branches into several power generation technologies: Gas Motor, Diesel-Otto Motor (Pyrolyse), Gas Turbine, IGCC - Plant, Cheng Cycle (STIG), and Fuel Cell.

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**Combined Heat & Power (CHP)**

- Efficient Hot Water
- Renewable Electric Generation

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## ORC Module - Generator



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## Reciprocating Grate Combustion System

- ✓ Advanced European System Designs are 98.8% Efficient
- ✓ Designed for fuels up to 60% Moisture Content
- ✓ Hydraulic Grate designed for Dirty & Low Energy Fuels
- ✓ Water-Cooled Grate – Improves System Efficiency
- ✓ Flue Gas Recirculation
- ✓ Complete Combustion via Robust Computer Controls
- ✓ Post Combustion Chamber
- ✓ Automatic Ash Removal



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# Fuel Diversity

- Woody Biomass
- Agriculture Waste
- Forest Debris
- Food Waste
- Energy Crops
- Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)

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## Fuel Diversity

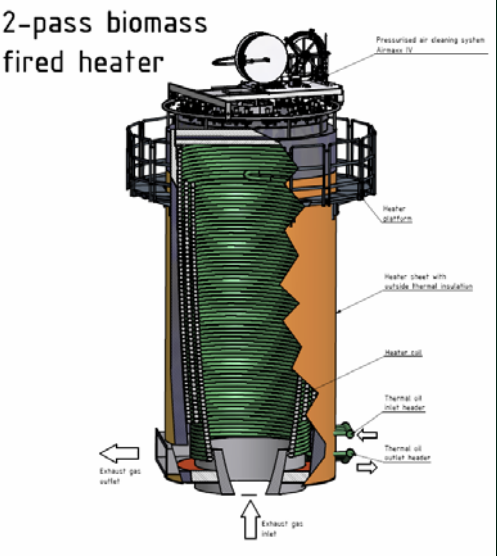


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## Thermal Oil Heater

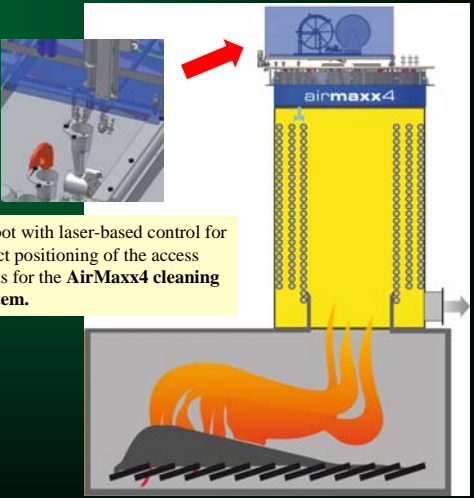


2-pass biomass fired heater

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## AirMaxx4 – Heating Surface Cleaning System (8,000 Hours Per Year)

Modern firing systems allow long-term operation without interruption.

Increasing demands on cost-efficiency increase the demands on heating surface cleaning systems.

Robot with laser-based control for exact positioning of the access ports for the AirMaxx4 cleaning system.

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## ORC Plant Sizes



**ORC – Biomasse Fernheizwerk Schluderns Glurns**  
District heating and electricity supply

**ORC – Module AD 270 TF-plus**

Generator output	270 kW <sub>el</sub>
Heating water capacity	1,250 kW <sub>th</sub>



**ORC – Biomasse Heizkraftwerk EPC-Torgau**  
Heat and electricity supply for pellet production

**2 ORC – Modules AD 1600 TF-plus**

Total Generator output	3,100 kW <sub>el</sub>
Total heating water capacity	15,180 kW <sub>th</sub>

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## Skid-Mounted ORC Module



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# Applications

- ✓ District Heating/Cooling
- ✓ Process Heat (176 - 248°F)
- ✓ Pre-Heating Steam Condensate
- ✓ Desalination

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# Pre-Heating Steam Condensate

- ✓ Steam Turbine Condensate @ 120°F
- ✓ Steam Boiler Heating System Condensate @ 180°F
- ✓ Biomass Use With Easy Integration
- ✓ Improved Overall System Efficiency
- ✓ Plus Renewable Electric Generation

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# Low Cost Biomass Energy Output

- ✓ 50% MC Biomass @ \$40/Ton  
 = \$5.47/MMBTU of Thermal and Electrical Energy at 85% Efficiency
- ✓ Natural Gas @ \$4.50/MMBTU  
 = \$5.63/MMBTU at 80% Thermal Efficiency
- ✓ Coal @ \$70/Ton in Large Steam Plant  
 = \$6.93/MMBTU at 33% Electrical Efficiency

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## CHP ORC – 2.4 MWe & 36.07 MMBTU

### Renewable Energy Combined Heat & Power (CHP) Facility AD-2400 Biomass ORC – 10,570 kW Thermal & 2,400 kW Electrical Output Budgetary Economic Evaluation

FACILITY CHARACTERISTICS			
Generator (Asynchronous):	2,400 kWe (Gross)	(245 BHP)	(~1709 Households)
Thermal Output (194°F Hot Water):	10,570 kWth	(1078 BHP)	(36.07 MMBTU/Hr)
Thermal to Electrical Ratio:	4.40		
Overall Efficiency:	84.97%	(Fuel Energy Input vs. Total Energy Output)	
Total ORC Plant Station Load:	552 kWe	(23.00% of Electric Output)	
Biomass Fuel Cost (Est.):	\$40.00 per ton	(\$4.65/Million Btu)	
Biomass Fuel Energy Content:	4,300 Btu/lb	(8.60 MMBtu/Ton)	
Biomass Fuel Annual Consumption:	48,451 tons/year	(71,841 Barrels of Crude Oil)	
Biomass Fuel Hourly Consumption:	6.06 tons/hour	(8,980 Barrels of Crude Oil)	
Operating Availability @ Full Power:	8,000 hours	(333 days or 91%)	
Planned & Unplanned Outages:	760 hours	(32 days or 9%)	
Annual Electrical & Thermal Generation:	103.76 Million kWh (Gross)		
Project Cost Excluding Land (Est.):	\$11,637,300		
Initial Equity & Grants (Est.)	\$11,637,300		
Loan:	\$0 for 10-Year Term		
Interest Rate:	8.00%		
Annual Interest Payment (Year 1):	\$0		
Footprint:	<2 Acres		
Construction Time:	12 – 18 months		
Installed Combined kW Cost:	\$897 / kW		
ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES (91% Availability or 8,000 Hours per year)			
Breakout of Generation Cost			
• Cost of Capital (on \$0.00M Loan)	\$0.000000 / kWh	(0.00%)	\$0
• O&M (Includes wages, insurance, & spare parts)	\$0.003631 / kWh	(16.27%)	\$376,719
• Biomass Fuel (\$40.00/ton)	\$0.018678 / kWh	(83.73%)	\$1,938,042
<b>TOTAL GENERATION COSTS</b>	<b>\$0.022309 / kWh</b>	<b>(100.00%)</b>	<b>\$2,314,761</b>
FINANCIAL PROJECTIONS (91% Availability or 8,000 Hours per year at 100% capacity)			
Payback:	6.32 Years		
ROI Percent:	15.8%		
Project IRR (Operation Year 30):	15.28%		
Value of Electric Energy:	\$60.00 (Sale Price) and \$60.00 (Current Rate) / MWh		
Value of Thermal Energy:	\$10.00 (Sale Price) and \$0.00 (Current Rate) / MMBtu		
Eligible for Government Grant:	Time sensitive application required.		
Annual Gross Revenue:	\$4,156,350		
Annual Operating Expenses:	\$2,314,761		
Annual Net Income (EBTDA):	\$1,841,589 (Includes stated cost of capital)		

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## ORC Plants



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