



**Cedar Ridge CE  
and  
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present  
Integration of a solid biomass fuelled  
CHP generator to wood pellet  
production technologies**



# Introduction

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# Context

- **Slovak dependence on external energy:**
  - Russian gas crisis in January 2009
- **EU Energy Policy / SmartGrids**
  - Decentralised alternative energy sources
- **Slovak Act 309 of 19 June 2009**
  - Promotion of renewable energy sources and high-efficiency cogeneration / URSO regulation
- **ENEF 2010 results:**
  - Slovak biomass can support production of 4 GW with agriculture and 4 GW with silvaculture



# Requirements

- **Alternative energy must be carbon neutral, but also:**
  - **Efficient in small decentralised facilities**
  - **Minimise environmental impact**
  - **Use market-ready solutions**
  - **Sustainable locally through experience and expertise**
  - **Meet EU Standards**



## Requirements: EU Standards

For biomass fired generators under 300 kW, standard EN 303-5 applies for most of the member states in Europe, including Slovakia, with some exceptions:

Substance monitored	Emission Limit Value up to 300 kW (mg/MJ)			
	Czech Rep.	Austria	EU	Slovakia
Standard	CZ 352/2002	EN 303-5 Annex A1	EN 303-5	EN 303-5
PM	167,5	60,0	74,0	74,0
VOC/OGC	33,5	40,0	39,0	39,0
CO	435,5	500,0	613,0	613,0
NOx	435,5	150,0	-	-
SO <sub>2</sub>	1675,0	-	-	-

**Up to 1MW, EU standards vary, but PM +/- 50,  
VPC/OGC +/- 20, CO +/- 340, NOx +/- 150 (mg/MJ)**



# Demand

- **Simple, economical and efficient biomass generation under 1MW:**
  - **Secure, reliable and cost-effective alternative energy**
  - **Remote power sources**
  - **Adapted to biomass sources**



# Solutions

- **Steam technology is inefficient and expensive below 1 MWe**
- **Existing smaller scale biomass power generation systems are both inefficient and/or unreliable:**
  - **Anaerobic digestion and gas engine**
  - **Gasifier and gas engine**
- **Modular micro-turbine biomass generators are efficient and clusters are secure**





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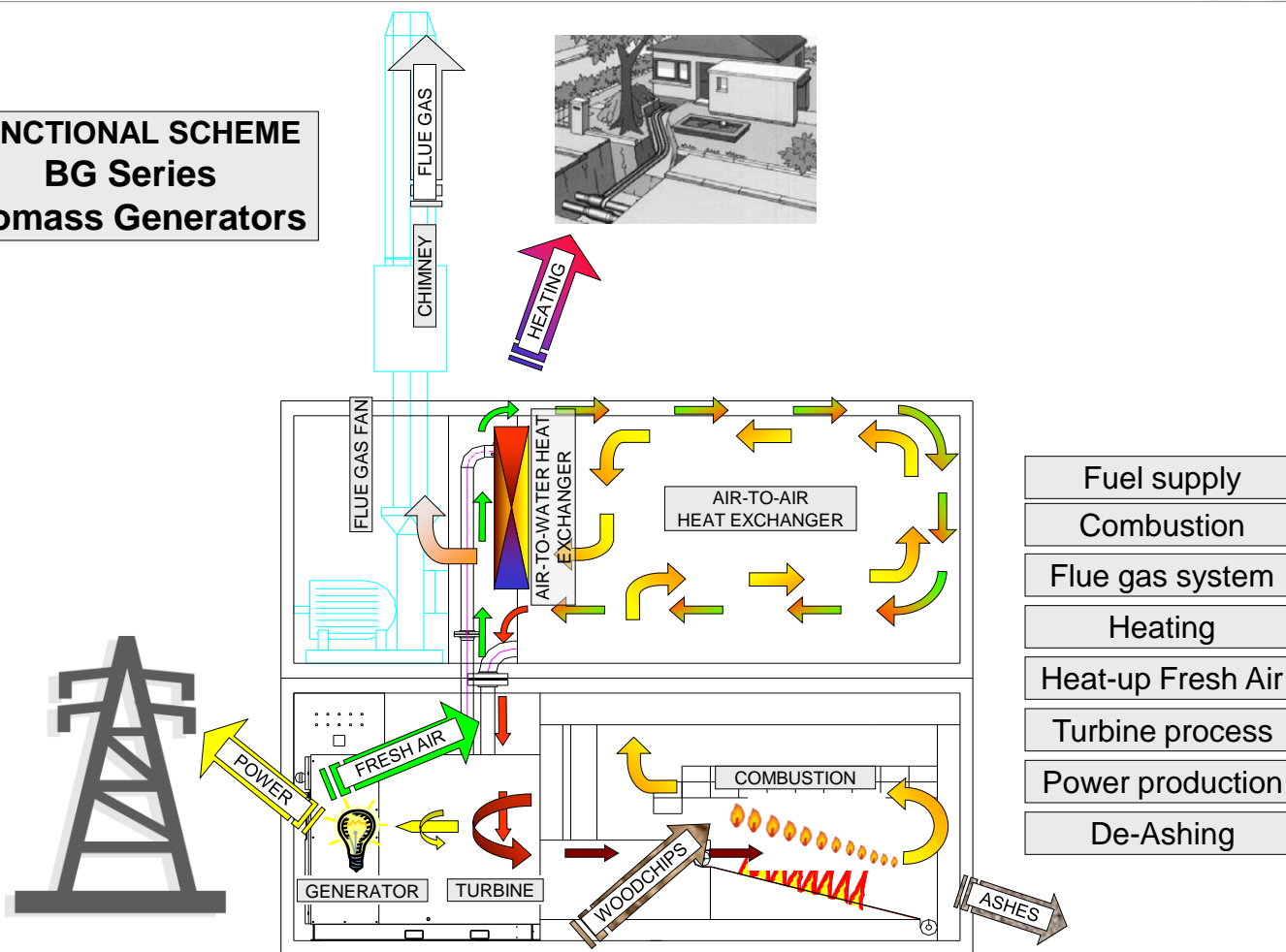
# Micro-turbine Biomass Generators







### FUNCTIONAL SCHEME BG Series Biomass Generators





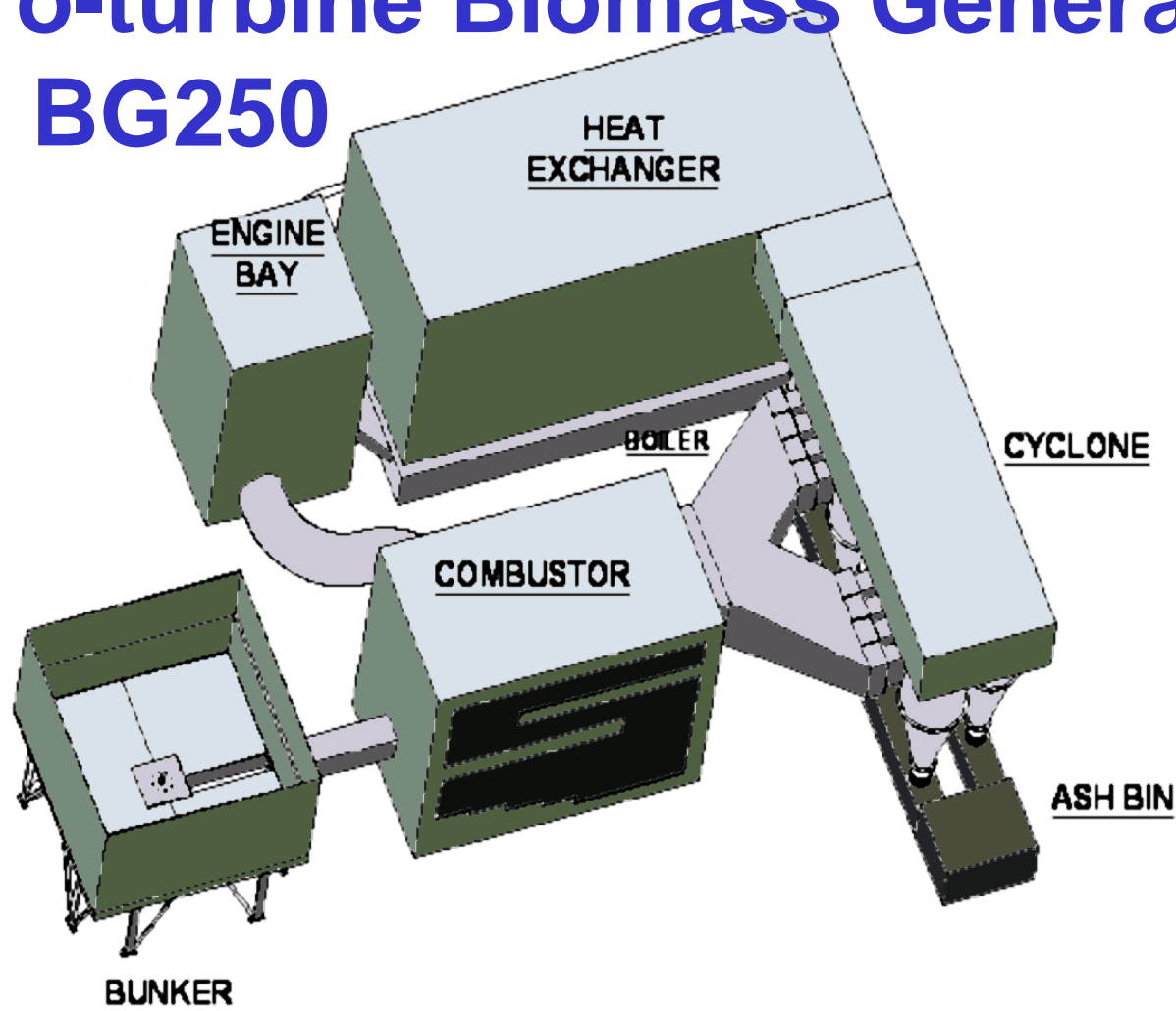
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# Micro-turbine Biomass Generators

## BG250





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**Emissions monitoring results for BG25 and BG50 units (under 300 kW) conforms to EU standards:**

Substance monitored	BG25-BG50 Monitoring Result		Conformity
	mg/m <sup>3</sup> 11% O <sub>2</sub>	mg/MJ*	Pass / Fail
PM	54,7 & 60,4	38,6 (average)	Pass
VOC/OGC	4,39	2,94	Pass
CO	204,4	137,0	Pass
Formaldehyde**	<0,6	<0,4	Not required
NOx	Not tested	est. <150,0	Not required
SO <sub>2</sub>	Not tested	est. not significant	Not required

\* Conversion from mg/m<sup>3</sup> to mg/MJ made according to table in Swiss Federal Environment Office (OFEV) publication G412-1063 of October 19<sup>th</sup> 2007

\*\* For fuels containing adhesives used in multi-density fibreboard (MDF) and Chipboard

**And technology conforms to EU standards up to 1 MW (BG250)**



# Micro-turbine Biomass Generators

- **Fuel requirement**
  - Size

EU G50	% by weight of relevant chip size (mm)				Extreme Values (mm)	
	20% max	60 – 100%	20% max	4% max	Cross section	Length
	>31,5	31,5 – 5,6	5,6 – 1,0	<1,0	50	120

- Non-polluting
- Non-corrosive
- Ash content <5%
- Preferred MC <25% (start-up), maximum 40%



# **Micro-turbine Biomass Generators**

- Key factors in achieving energy conversion efficiency
  - High temperature combustor
  - Heat exchangers
  - Micro turbine generator
  - Computer controlled combustion



# Micro-turbine Biomass Generators

- Key factors in investment cost efficiency
  - Compact design
  - Modular design
  - Integration of standard components
  - Series manufacturing

*(Cost per W is foreseen to progressively approach that of large central facilities)*





## **Micro-turbine Biomass Generators**

- **Key factors in operating cost efficiency**
  - **Installation local to energy needs, particularly direct heat utilisation**
  - **Flexible fuel types**
  - **Fully automatic computer controls**
  - **Maintainability:**
    - **Designed for easy cleaning**
    - **Low annual cost (+/- 2% of technology investment)**
  - **EU energy policy**



## **Micro-turbine Biomass Generators**

- Reduction in annual carbon emissions
  - **BG25: 212 tonnes (8000 hours)**
  - **BG50: 375 tonnes (8000 hours)**
  - **BG250: 2650 tonnes (8500 hours)**
  - Based on :
    - 0,45kg CO<sub>2</sub> produced per kW electricity for fossil fuel fired power station,
    - 0,19kg CO<sub>2</sub> produced kW of heat generated by a gas-fired boiler.

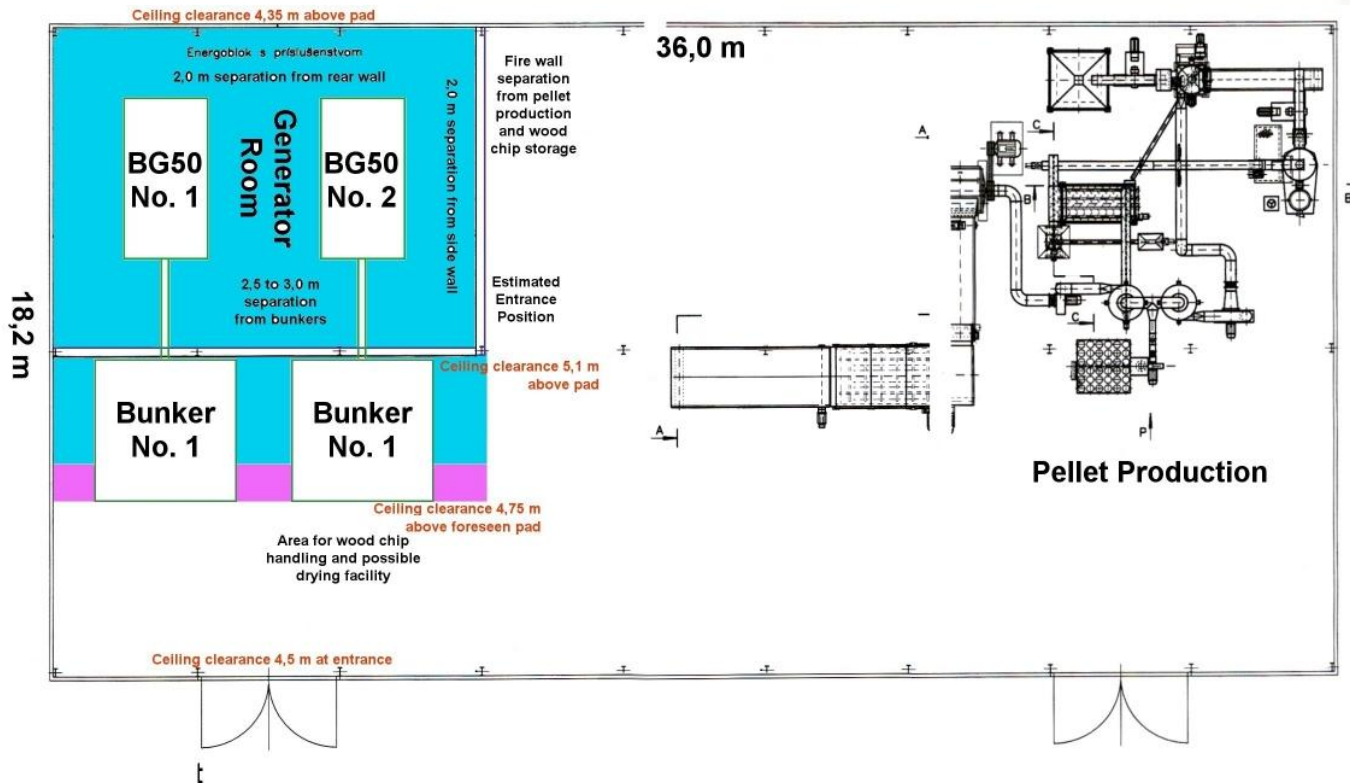


# Application to Pellet Production

- Dual BG50 integration to pellet production line and domestic heat:
  - Pellet production line requirement of 180 kWe
    - Direct electrical supply to pellet line
    - Supply to grid when not operating
  - Domestic building heating network uses 95 kWth according to seasonal demand
  - During warm season heat is used the dry pellet production material to improve pellet line efficiency, but no evaluation of cost savings is made



# Application to Pellet Production



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- Dual BG50 Investment and Operating Performance:
  - Installation cost: 1,0 €/W for total CHP energy production (within EU investment project)
  - Input: 2 x 650 tonnes wood chips at <40% m.c. (or equivalent)
  - Output: 2 x 50kWe + 95kWh (>8000 hours/year) (heat recovery foreseen to be increased to 120 kWth)
  - Operating cost:
    - Summer heat used to dry pellet material, but cost incidence is not evaluated
    - Winter heating with 50% heat usage including maintenance, depreciated over 15 years: 0,074 €/kWh



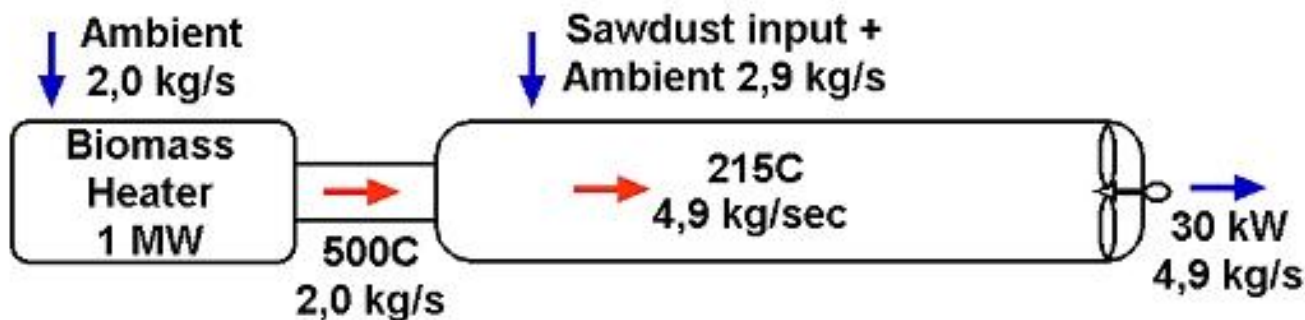
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- **BG250 Integration to pellet production lines:**
  - Fuel is primarily sawdust from wood industry, but also woodchips as required
  - Each BG250 replaces existing 1 MW biomass heat production units
  - Electrical production for each BG250 is foreseen to be directly supplied to grid (250 kWe for 8500 hrs)
  - “Clean” exhaust gases at 300 C are directly used to dry pellet production material

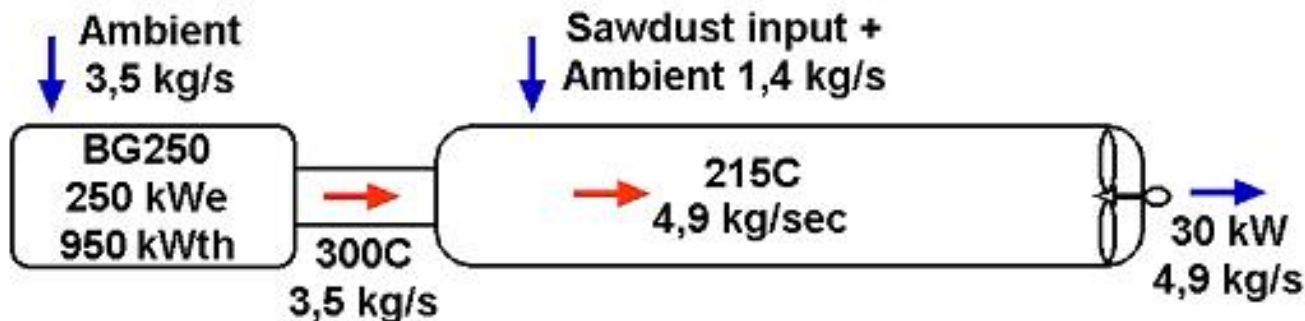


# Application to Pellet Production

## Current pellet production technology



## Proposed Biomass Generator Solution





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  - “Clean” exhaust gases at 300 C are directly used to dry pellet production material
  - Efficiency can exceed 95%



## Industrial applications in general

- Clusters of 4 x BG250 units:
  - Secure energy supply where installation cost: <math><1,5 \text{ €/W}</math>
  - Input: 10 000 tonnes wood chips at <math><40\% \text{ m.c.}</math> (or equivalent)
  - Output: 1MWe and 2 to 4 MWth (8500 hours/year)
  - Operating cost:
    - Industrial application with 100% heat usage including maintenance, depreciated over 15 years: 0,044 €/kWh
    - Winter heating with 50% heat usage including maintenance, depreciated over 15 years: 0,066 €/kWh



# Summary

- **Micro-turbine Biomass Generators:**
  - Market ready solutions for carbon neutral alternative energy
  - Compact with minimum environmental impact
  - Simple, economical and efficient biomass generation under 1MW
  - Experience and expertise providing standard modular sustainable solution
- Slovak production of biomass generators drawing on significant industry experience