

# Cool GTL

## A New Biogas Conversion Process from GTI

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# 78 Year History of Turning Raw Technology into Practical Energy Solutions



**World-class piloting facilities headquartered in Chicago area**

# Cool GTL Goal

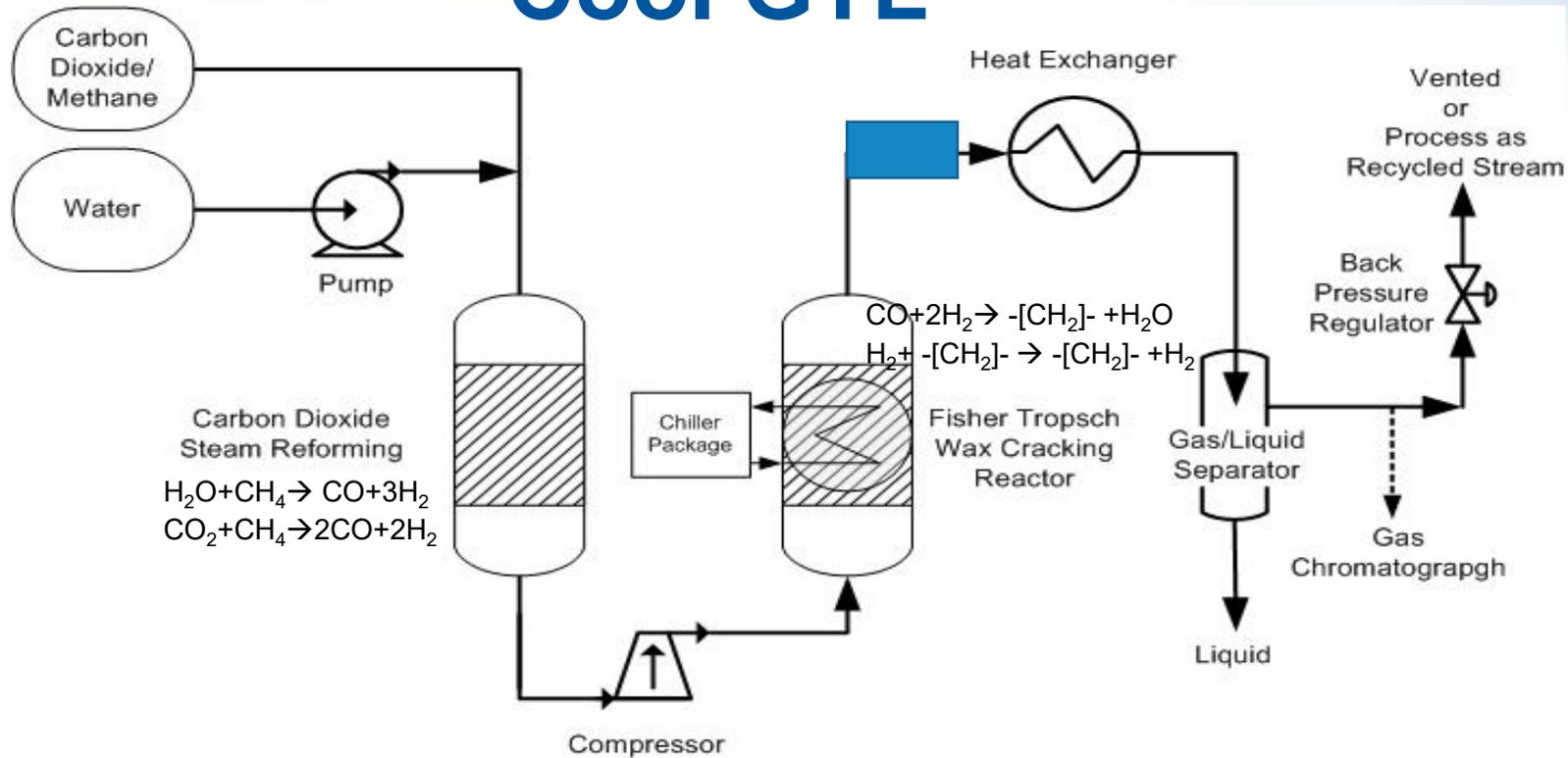
**"It is always the simple that produces the marvelous." - Amelia Barr**

- Simple modular design
- Utilize the CO<sub>2</sub> present in biogas as well as methane
- Low cost
- Skid mounted/Cookie Cutter
- Commercially Attractive
- How do you turn a complicated – expensive process into something commercially viable at small scale ? - **SIMPLIFY**

**1."That's been one of my mantras - focus and simplicity. Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains." - Steve Jobs**

**2."Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things." - Isaac Newton**

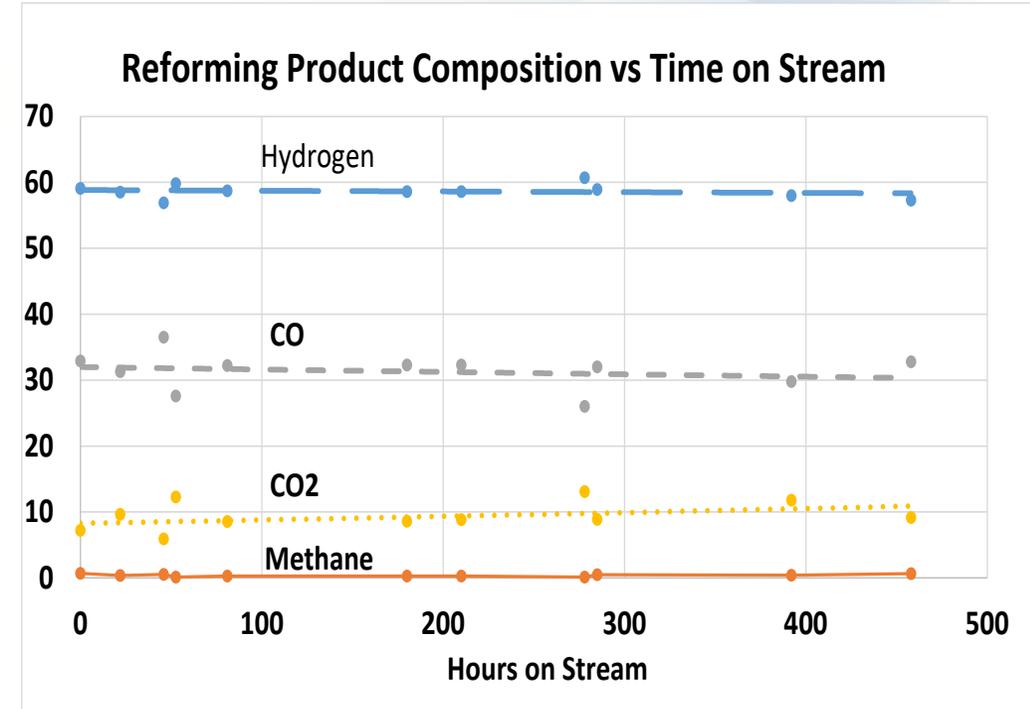
# Cool GTL



- Converts CO<sub>2</sub>-rich methane, ethane and propane to high-quality gasoline, diesel and jet fuel
- Works well for any gas containing CO<sub>2</sub> or CO
- Uses unique CO<sub>2</sub>/steam reforming catalyst to directly make 2:1 -2.4:1 H<sub>2</sub>/CO synthesis gas
- Uses unique combined Fischer-Tropsch and wax-cracking reactor
- Simple and compact with unique catalysts in each stage

# What's Unique and Different about Cool GTL?

- Unique Catalyst in Cool Reforming Step
  - Robust with long life - minimal coking
  - Directly makes 2/1 H<sub>2</sub>/CO synthesis gas by adjusting amount of steam added
  - Simple and direct, mild temperatures, steady performance
- Unique Catalyst in Fischer-Tropsch Step
  - No wax produced
  - Drop in gasoline, diesel and jet
  - Integrated Trailing reactor to totally convert all wax
  - High Conversion per pass



Clean  
Hydrocarbon  
Product



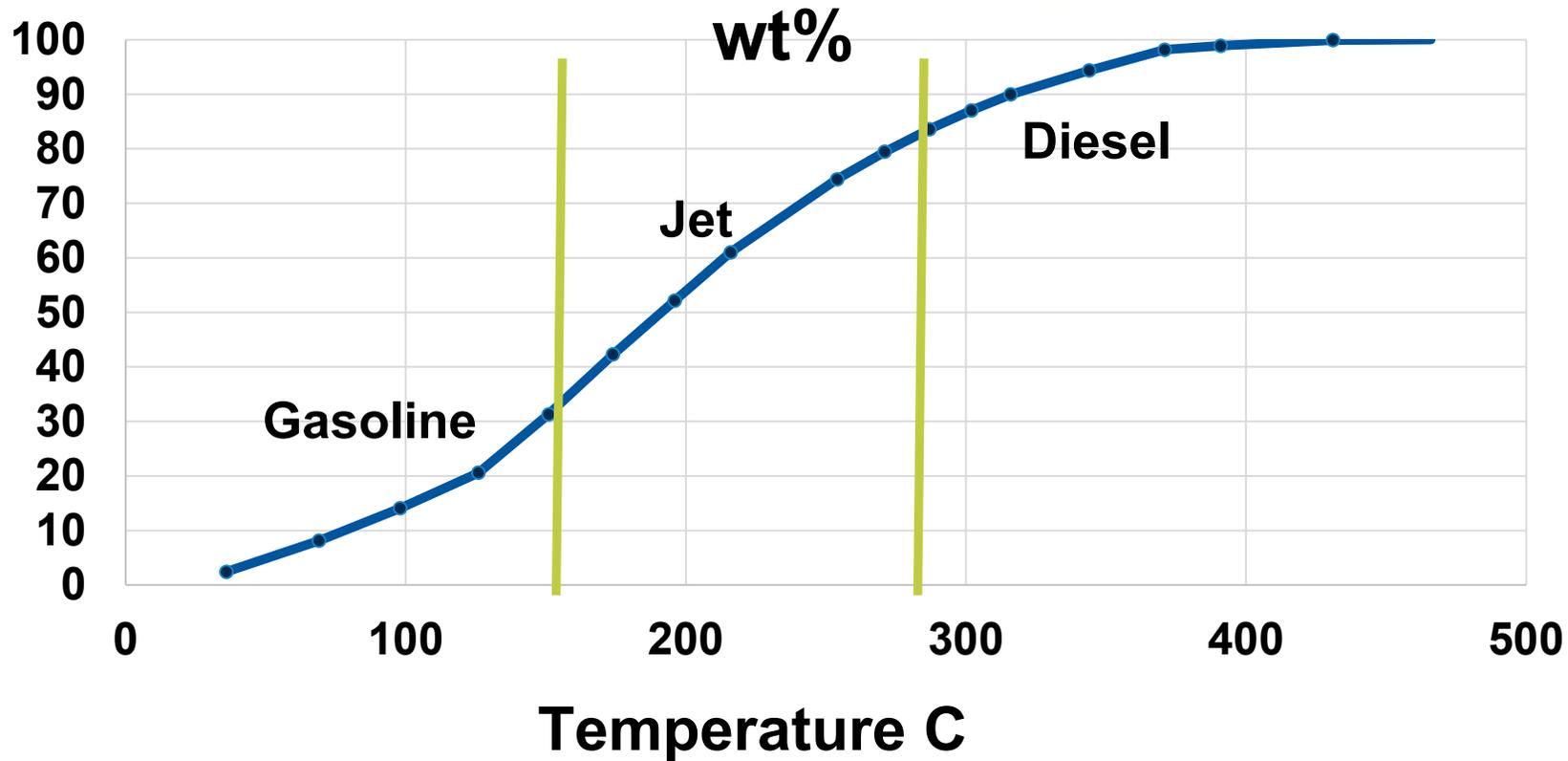
Low cost, simplified version of a traditional process.

# Why Combine Fischer Tropsch with Wax Cracking/Isomerization ?

- NO wax !
- High per pass conversion
- Simplified product slate
- Low cost reactor
- Easy scale up and scale down
- Follow on polishing wax cracking/isomerization reactor to insure complete wax conversion

# Cool GTL Products are High Quality

## Cool GTL Product Distillation Curve



Freeze Point = -2C

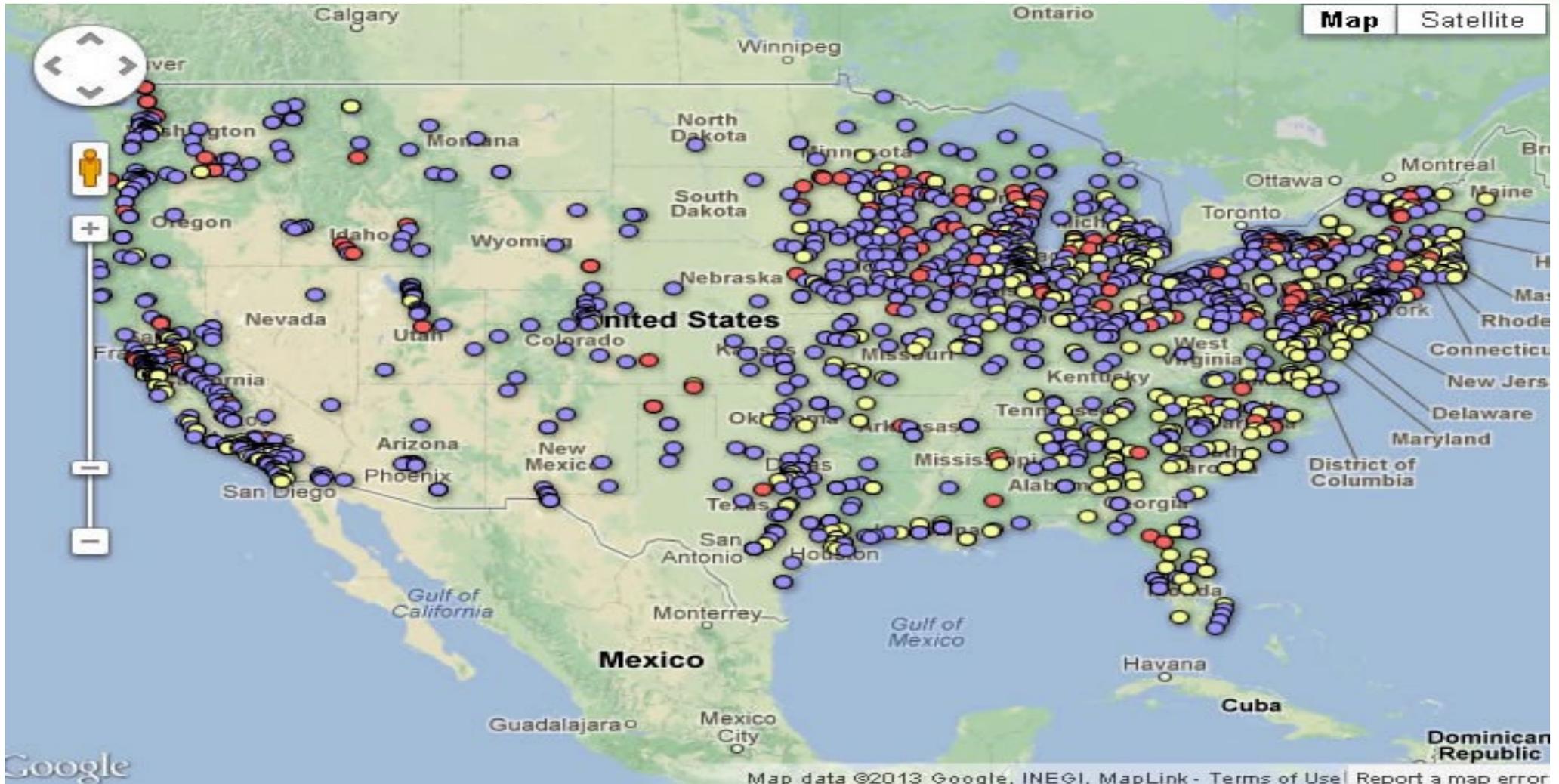
# Laboratory Scale Cool GTL – Reformer and Fischer Tropsch



# Cool GTL Reactions

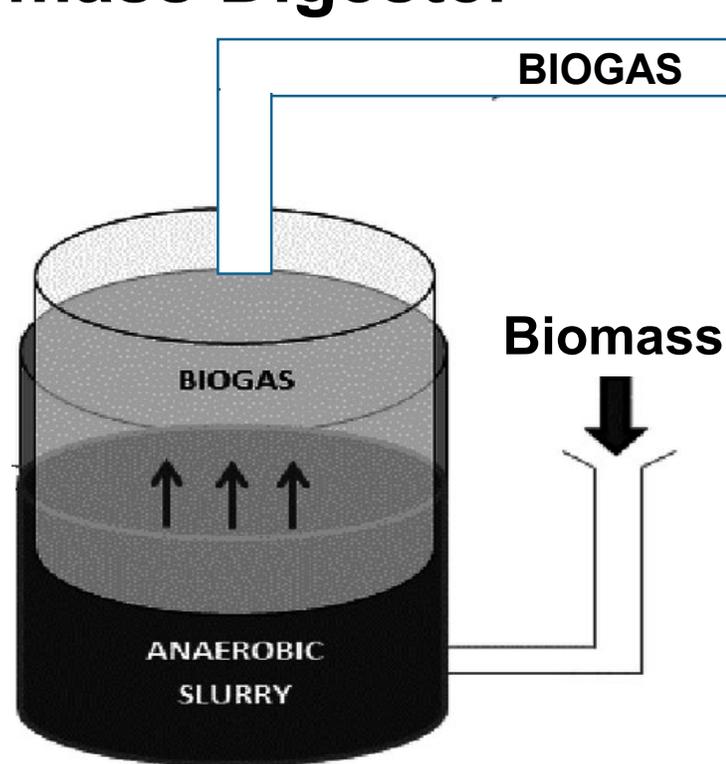
(I) $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CH}_4 \rightarrow \text{CO} + 3\text{H}_2$	CO and H <sub>2</sub> formation (800°C)	Reactor 1
(II) $\text{CO}_2 + \text{CH}_4 \rightarrow 2\text{CO} + 2\text{H}_2$	CO and H <sub>2</sub> formation (800°C)	Reactor 1
(III) $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}$	Water-gas shift to equilibrium	Reactor 1
(IV) $\text{CO} + 2\text{H}_2 \rightarrow -[\text{CH}_2]- + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	Hydro/oligomerization (200°C)	Reactor 2
(V) $\text{H}_2 + -[\text{CH}_2]- \rightarrow -[\text{CH}_2]- + \text{H}_2$	Isomerization (200°C)	Reactor 2

# Many Biogas Locations in United States

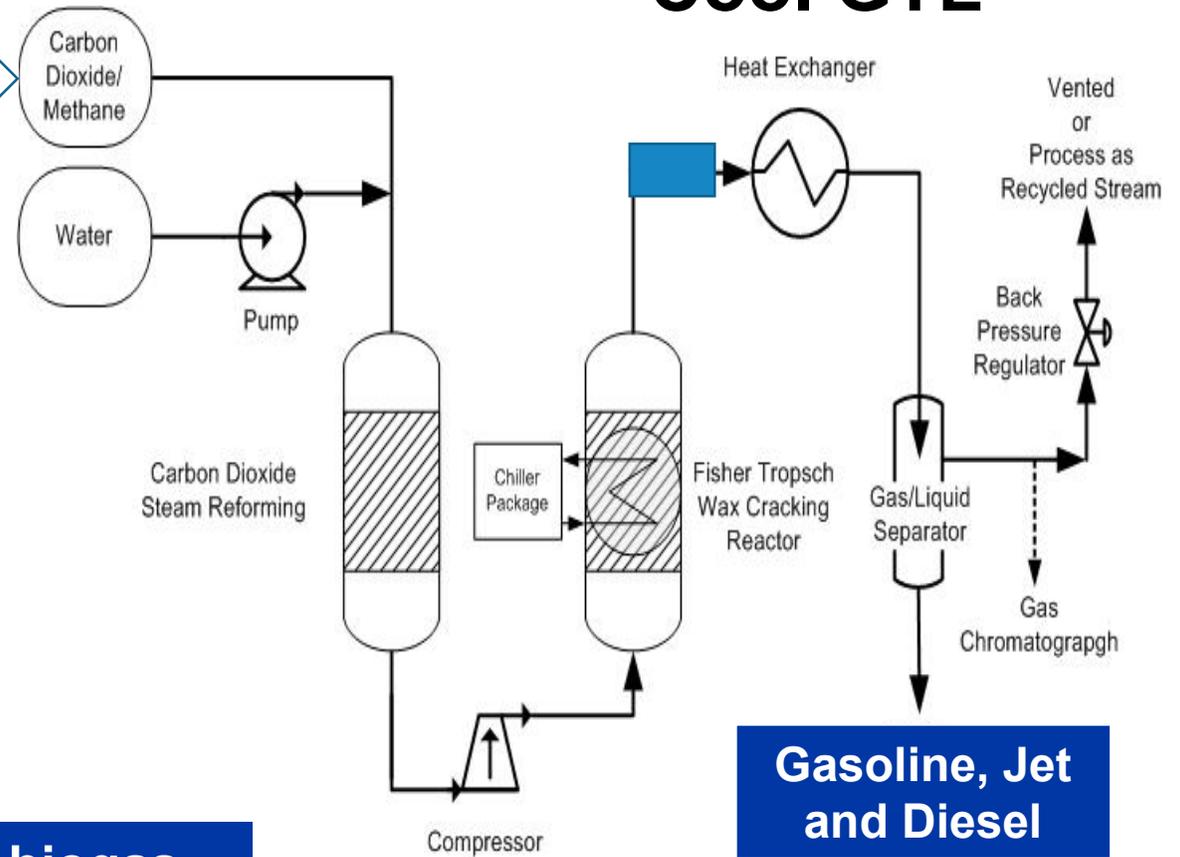


# Cool GTL for Biogas Conversion

## Biomass Digester



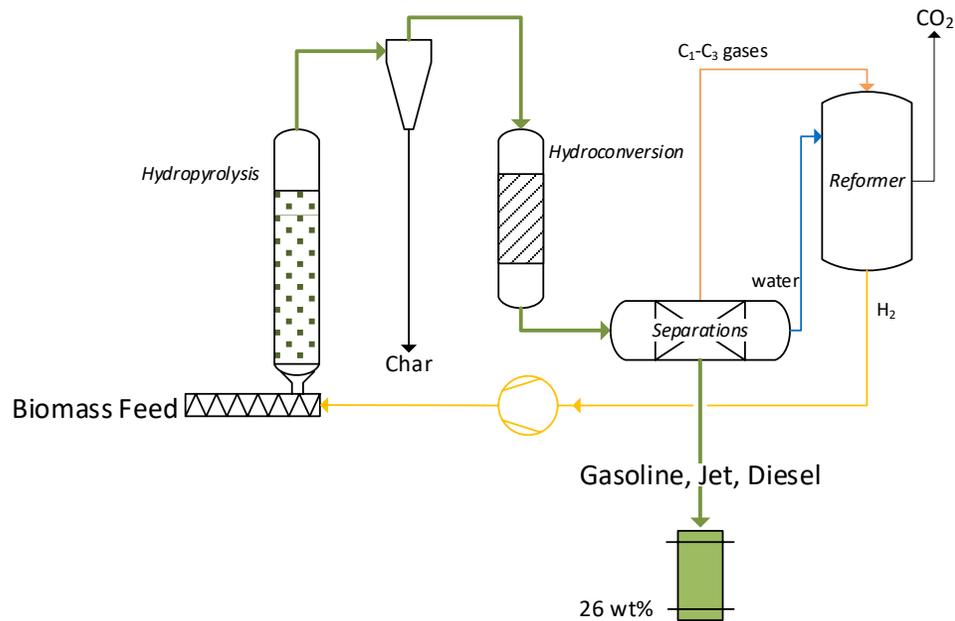
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Cool GTL Utilizes the  $\text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}_2$  present in biogas

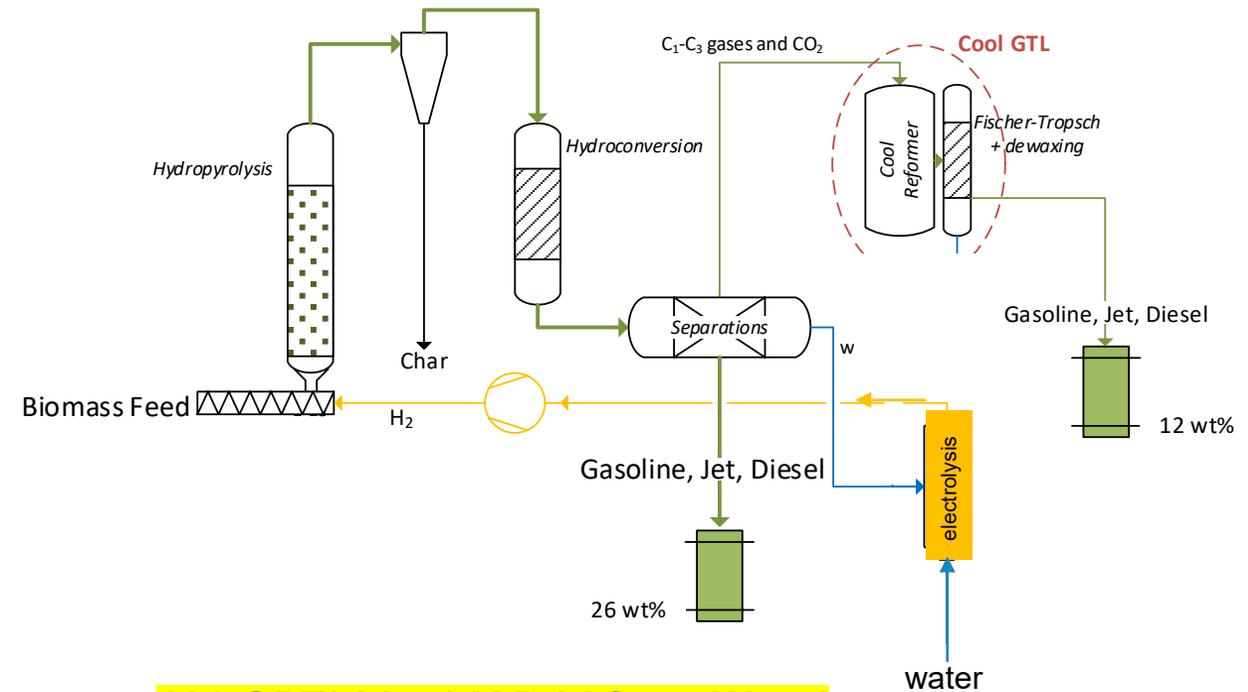
# Integrated Cool GTL - IH<sup>2</sup>® Case

## IH<sup>2</sup> Process



**86 GPT\* Liquid Yield from Wood**

## IH<sup>2</sup> Process with Integrated Cool GTL

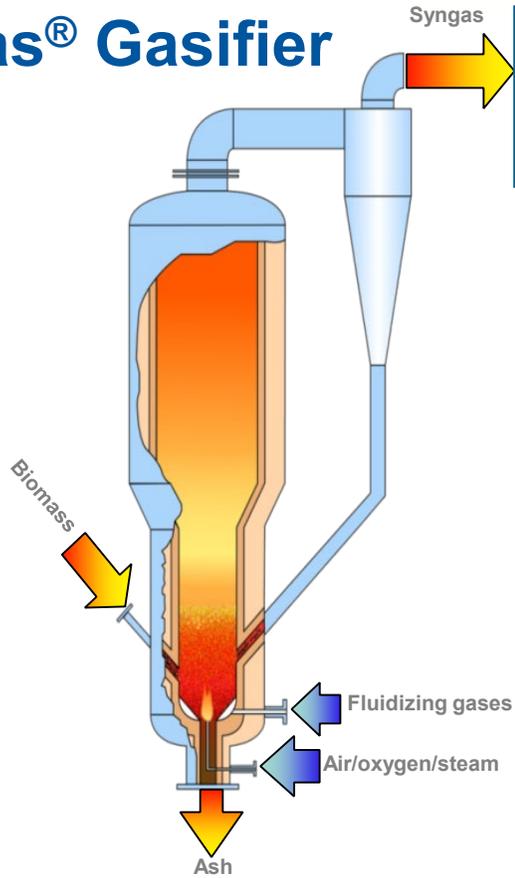


**126 GPT\* Liquid Yield from Wood**

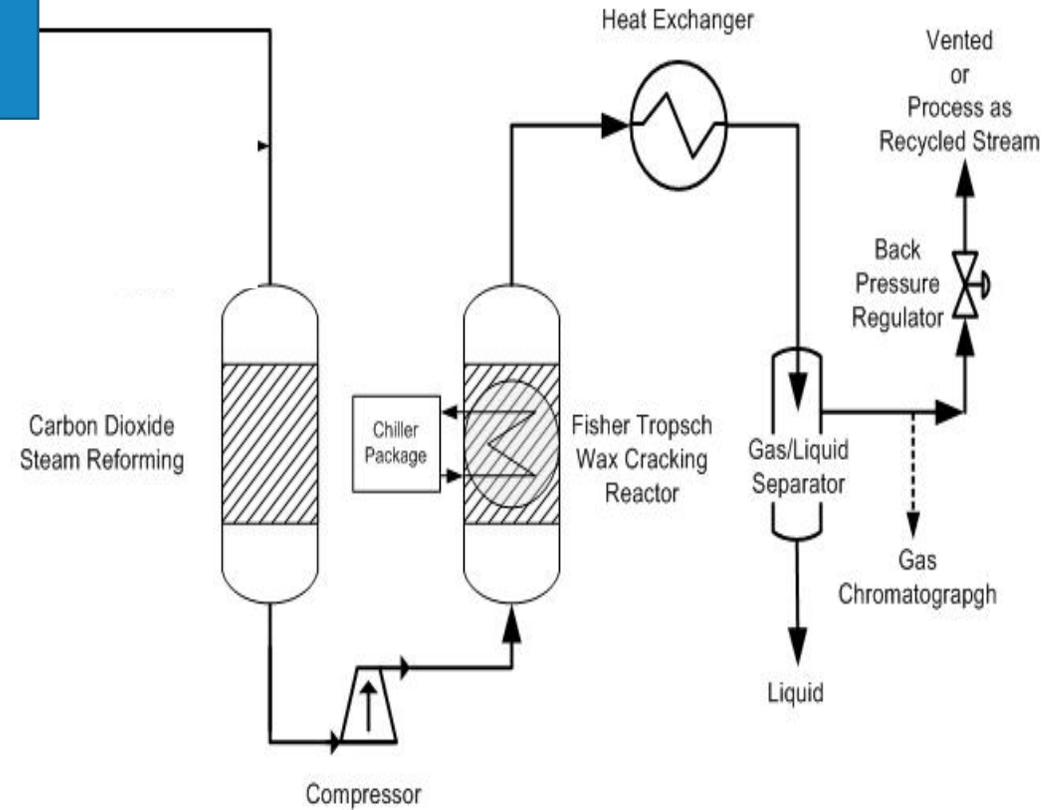
- Use electrolysis to make H<sub>2</sub> from water use biogenic gas to make more biogenic liquids.
- LCA shows IH<sup>2</sup> + Cool GTL liquids still provide >60% GHG reduction.

# U-Gas Gasifier + Cool GTL

## U-Gas<sup>®</sup> Gasifier



## Cool GTL



Best Integration under Review

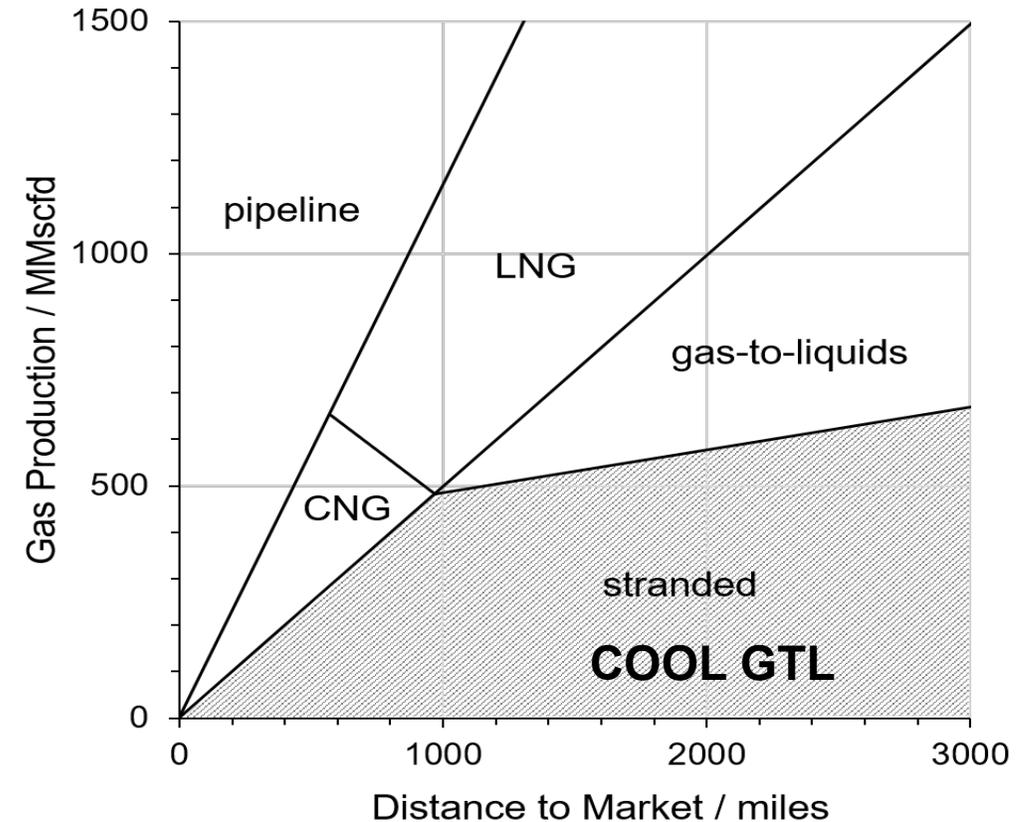
# Cool GTL Applications & Markets

- Biogas to GTL → Direct utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> methane, ethane, propane
- Integration with Gasifier – wood to drop in gasoline jet and diesel
- High CO<sub>2</sub> content natural gas → utilize some shut-in natural gas
- Flare gas mitigation → any CO<sub>2</sub> containing natural gas, offshore, Africa

# Cool GTL was Designed from the Beginning for Modular Deployment

Applications typically small in size (such as biogas plants, associated gas, and individual oil wells), and locations with limited takeaway infrastructure call for:

- › Simplified process
- › Compact equipment
- › Small footprint



# Relative U.S. Fuel Prices

	\$/bbl oil equivalent
Biogas	15
Natural Gas	20
Crude	70
Jet/Gasoline/Diesel	80
<b>Product Value Incentive</b>	<b>65</b>

Liquid fuels are easy to transport and valuable.

# Cool GTL Preliminary Economics \*

	Cool GTL for IH <sup>2</sup> Application	Cool GTL for Digester Biogas
Liquid product made (bbl/d)	434	200
Value of product (\$/gal)	\$2.50 (as refined biogenic liquid)	\$2.50
Product value/year (\$)	15,960,000	\$6,930,000
Value of feed gas (\$/MMBtu)	\$3.00	\$3.00
Overall incentive (\$ million/year)	12.9	5.94
Modular capital estimate (\$ million)	29.9	18.6
Additional OSBL* costs (\$ million)	6.0	2.7
Estimated erected costs (\$ million)	35.4	21.3
Years to simple payback (years)	2.7	3.1

\* Base on modeling and lab tests

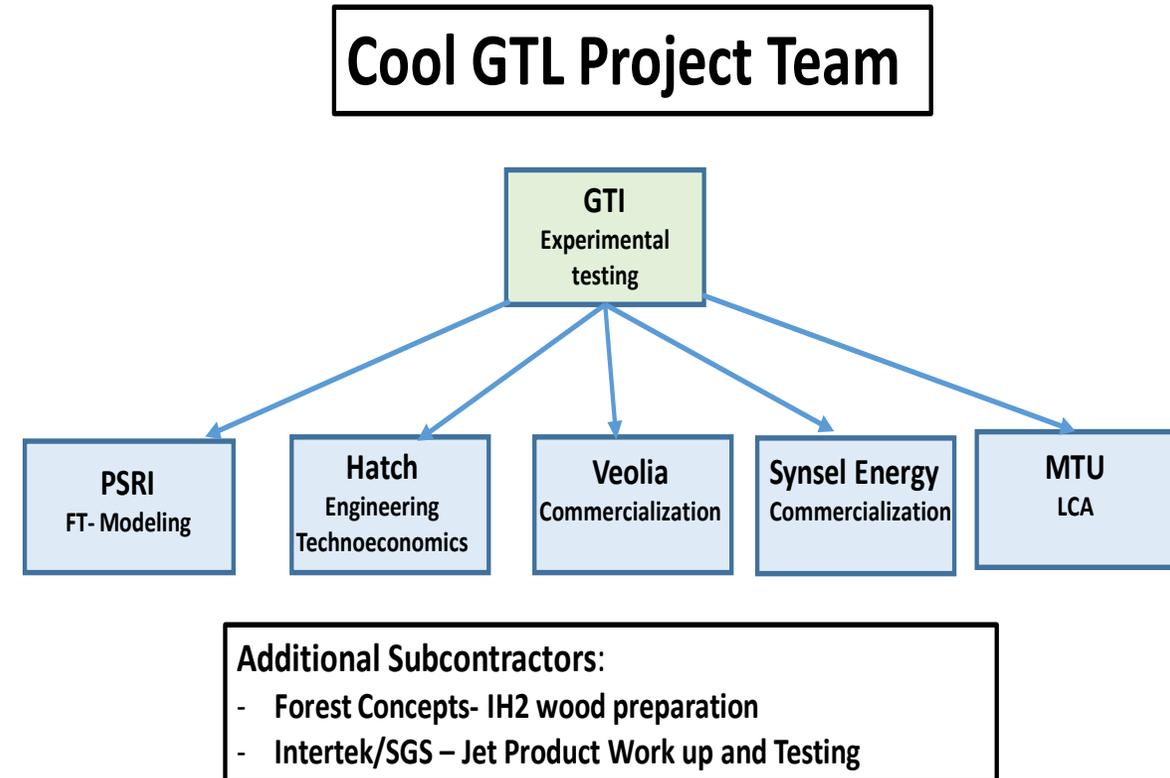
\*OSBL = outside battery limits

# Cool GTL Status

- Three patent applications filed
- Requires longer-term tests
  - › Validate catalyst life
- Requires larger-scale, skid-mounted modular testing
  - › Validate at larger scale
- Three years from commercialization
- Requires a commercialization partner
- New DOE Project Biogas to Jet Fuel kicked off Sept 2019

# New DOE Cool GTL Project Kicks off

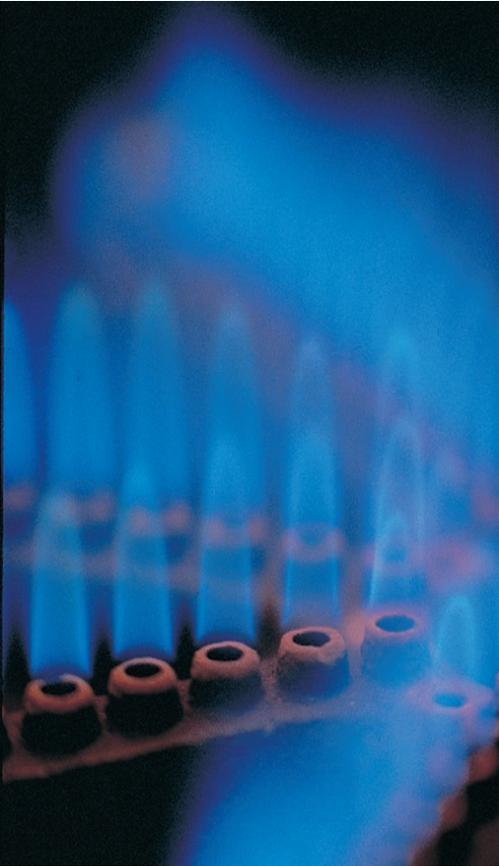
- Scale up the Cool GTL and demonstrate at a larger scale
- Make 100 gallons of high quality jet fuel from biogas
- Use a real biogas feed for Cool GTL feed
- Show high conversion per pass for FT
- Show Cool GTL Process and Stability
- Fully integrated and fully automated-round the clock operation



# Larger Scale Cool GTL Pilot Plant



# GTI-Turning Ideas into Practical Solutions



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