



## Energy from Waste Middle East

**Waste to value through circularity**

- High-efficiency waste-to-energy
- Plastic chemical recycling

# Today's speakers



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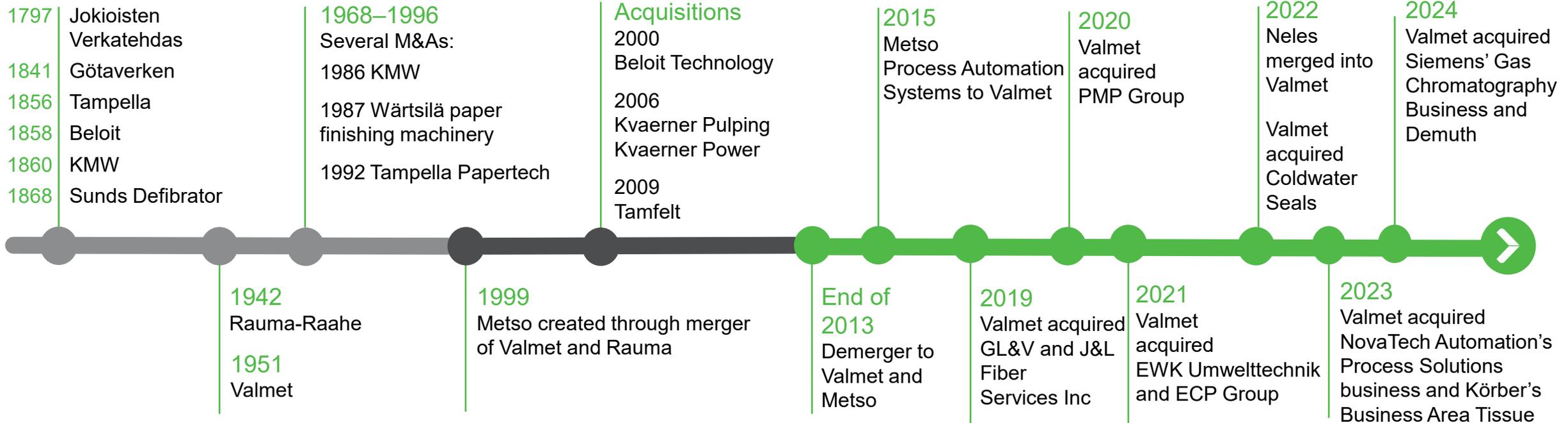
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Valmet in brief

# Progress built on 225 years of industrial history

From cloth making to high-tech processes



# A strong financial profile and balanced business portfolio

## 2024 key figures of Valmet

- **Orders received**  
EUR 5,837 million
- **Net sales**  
EUR 5,359 million
- **Comparable EBITA**  
EUR 609 million
- **Comparable EBITA margin**  
11.4%
- **Order backlog**  
EUR 4,452 million



>19,000  
employees



>110  
service centers



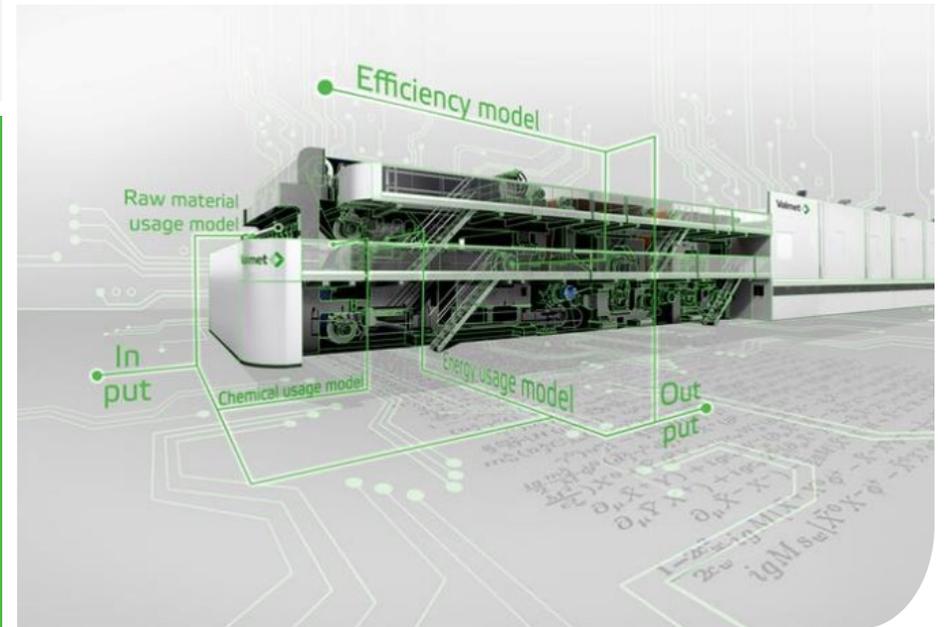
76  
production units



# Valmet's R&D addresses customer needs and global megatrends

## R&D focus areas

- Promotion of renewable materials
- Raw material, water and energy efficiency
- Emission reductions
- Circularity
- Productivity and environmental improvements with digitalization



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research and  
development centers



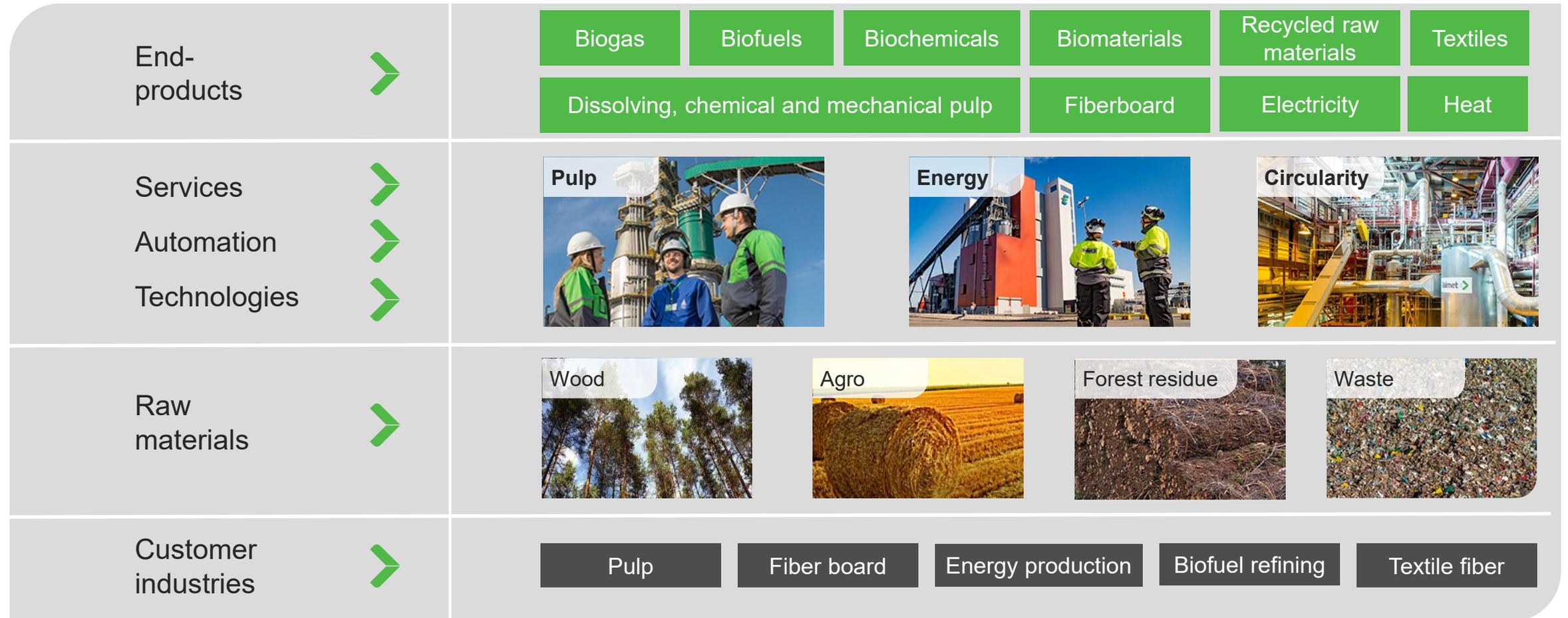
EUR **123** million  
R&D spending  
in 2024



**1,400**  
protected  
inventions



# Our mission – Advancing Circularity

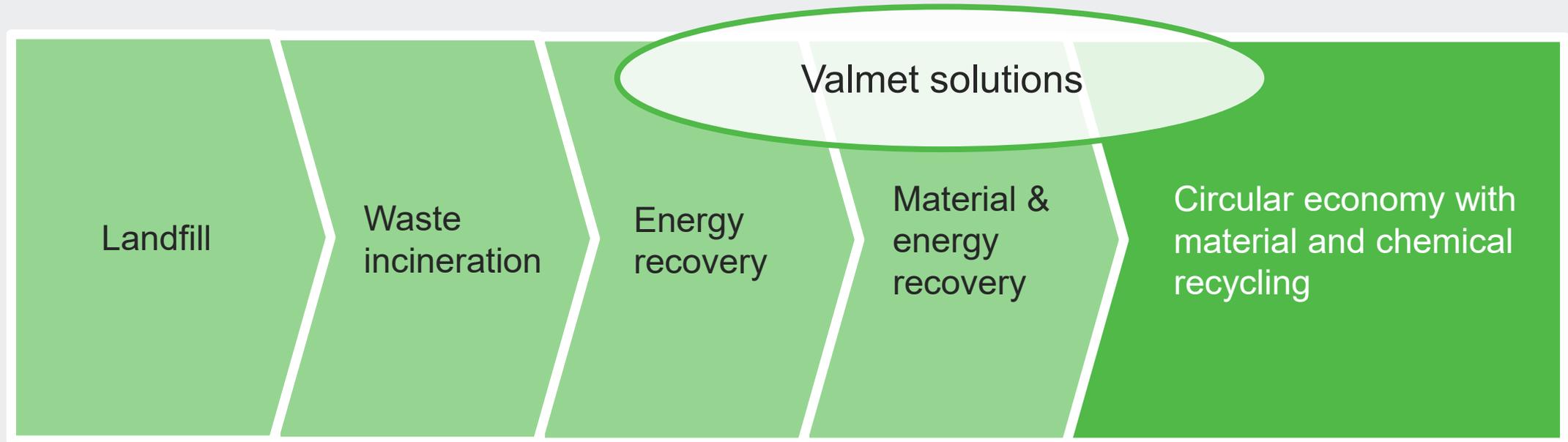




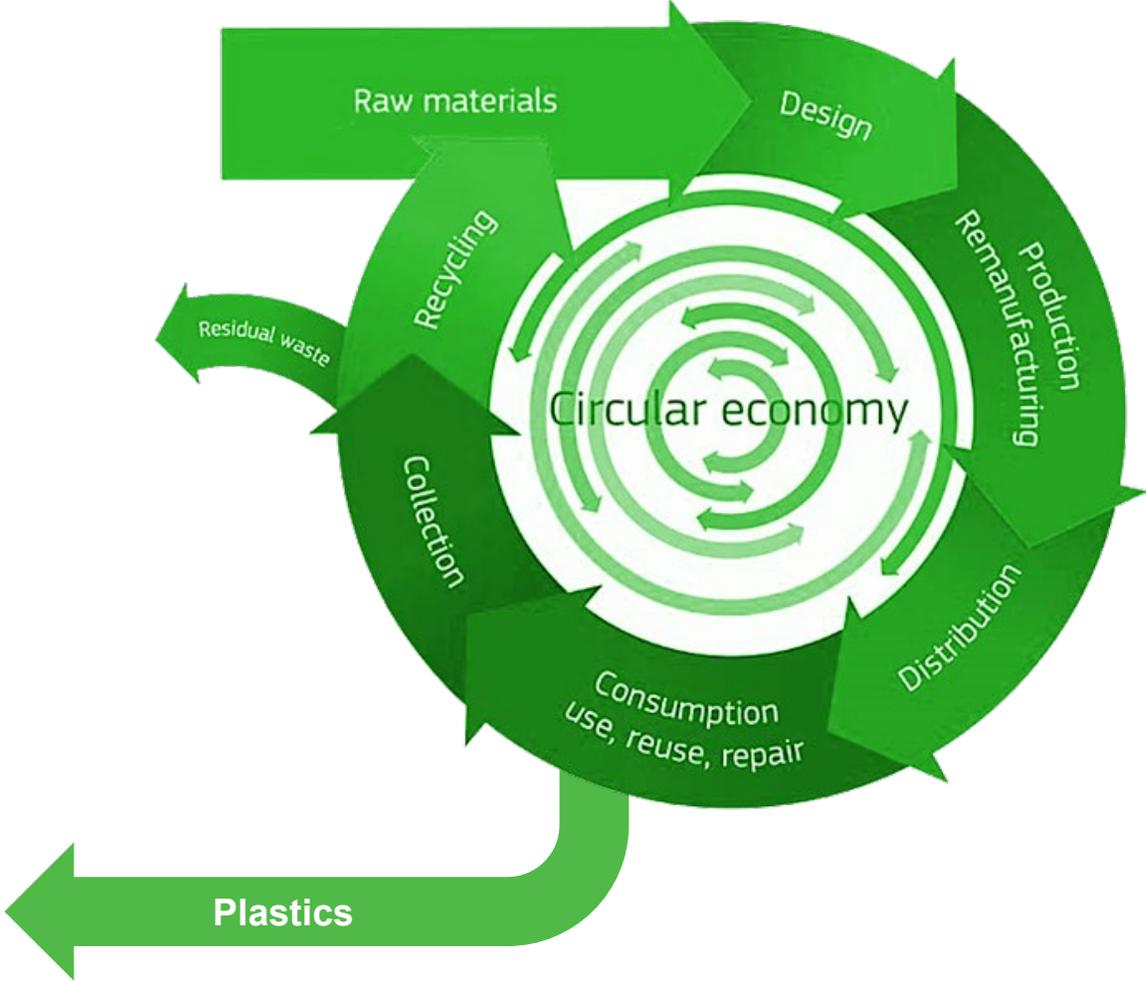
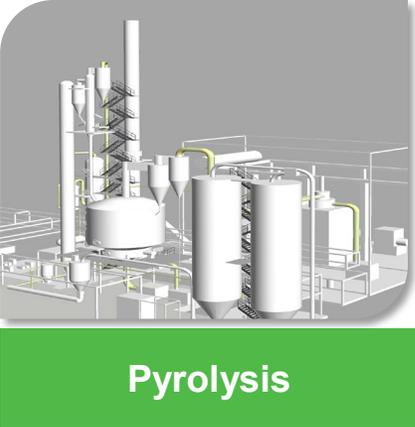
# Valmet Waste to Energy offering

# Evolution of waste management

Technologies are developing to move away from dumping and destroying towards resource recovery and chemical recycling.



# Valmet's unique technology offering in material value circle



# Why CFB – Fuel flexibility to minimize future fuel risk

Co-firing option

## Waste co-firing

- 100% RDF
- or up to 100% any other solid fuel and anything in between



RDF



Asphaltene



Recycled wood



TDF



**Wide range  
for waste  
fuel**

in CFB 6-25 MJ/kg  
with no support fuel

**Fuel  
flexibility**

decreases future  
fuel risk



# Why CFB – Excellent reliability and emission performance

## Valmet's own AEC technology

Emission limits in any country can be met with Valmet's own flue gas cleaning system



High reliability with low emissions

Steam 125 MWth, 45 kg/s, 60 bar, 475 °C  
Fuels RDF (330 000 t/a)

8 years in row ~ 8300 h/a operation time

## Low flue gas emissions:

Lower primary emissions in CFB and less flue gases than in grate

Project drivers

**“Reliability and close-to-zero emissions”**

# Valmet CFB for WtE – Selected references

Scalability single line 100-750 kt/a waste - More electric power from same amount of waste



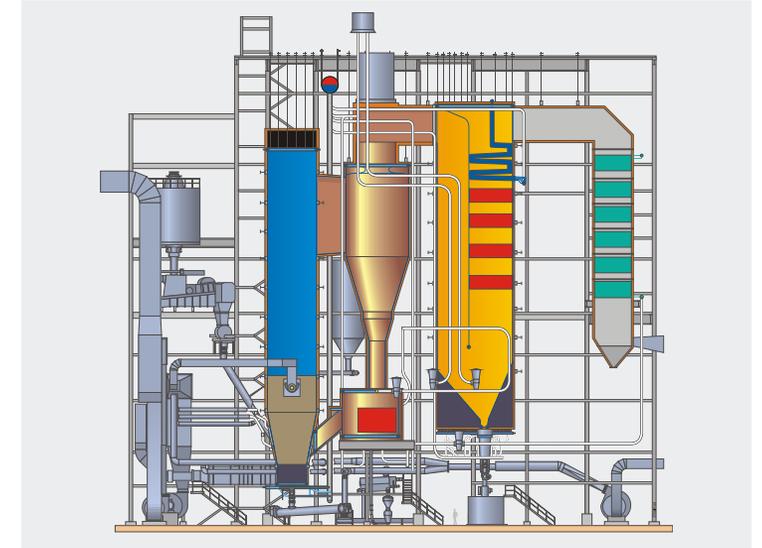
**Mälarenergi AB**  
Västerås, Sweden

CFB boiler 155 MW<sub>th</sub>, 74 bar, 470 °C  
Fuels 480 kt/a MSW → 400 kt/a RDF  
Start-up 2014  
Driver Large size



**Thang Long Energy Environment**  
Vietnam

CFB boiler 40 MW<sub>th</sub>, 75 bar, 510 C  
Fuels RDF from MSW and ICW  
500 + 100 TPD  
Start-up 2024  
Driver FIT 11,6 MWe + Gate Fee



**Urumchi Jinghuan Environmental**  
Urumchi, China

CFB boiler 2 x 125 MW<sub>th</sub>, 74 bar, 470 °C  
Fuels 2 x 350 kt/a RDF  
Start-up 2021  
Driver Reliability, large size



# Valmet Pyrolyzer for plastic waste chemical recycling

# Pyrolysis converts plastic waste into high-value end products

(see in YouTube: [Valmet Pyrolyzer](#))

Pyrolysis is the thermal or catalytic cracking of feedstock without the presence of oxygen

The process yields three main components

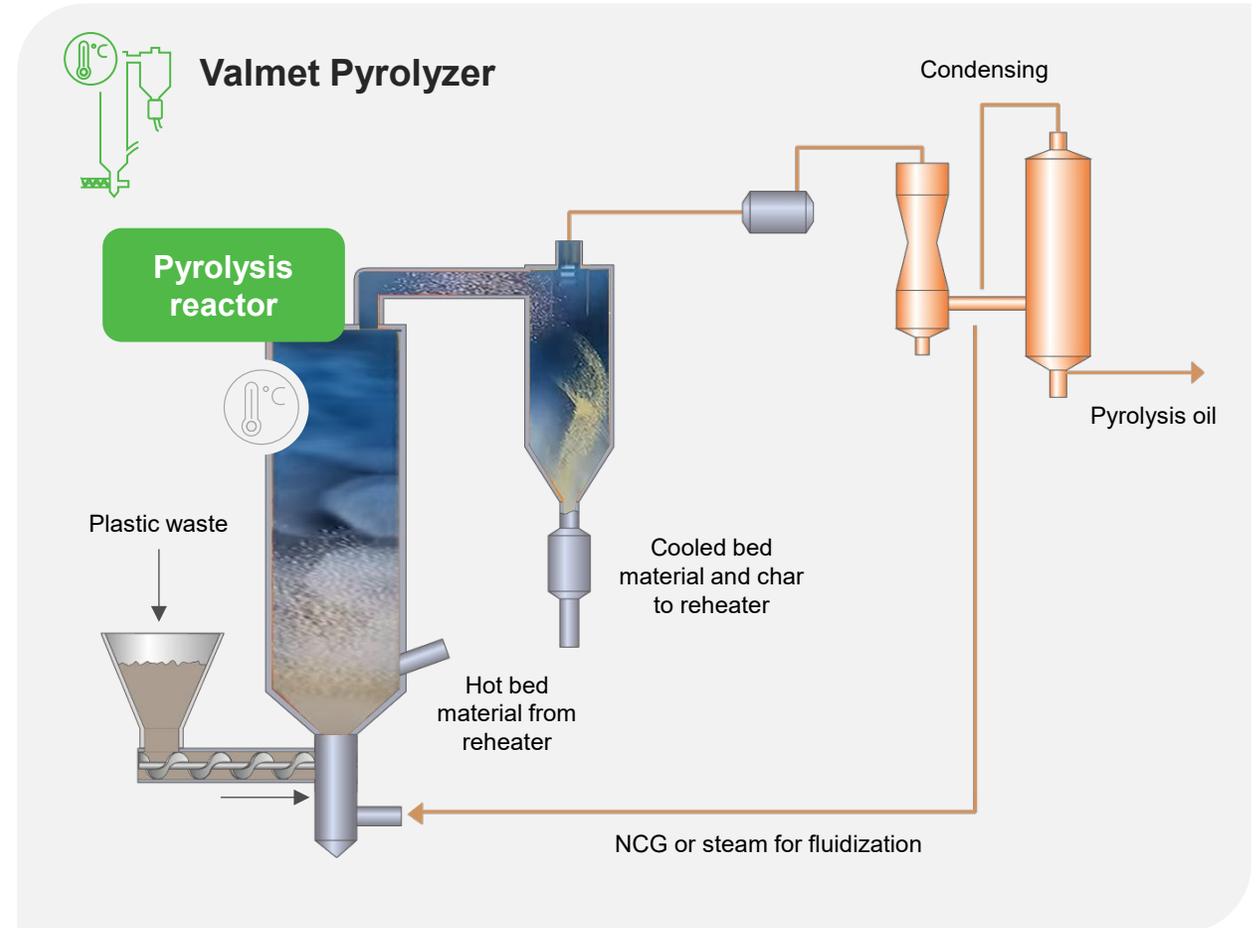
- Pyrolysis oil
- Char
- Non-condensable gas (NCG)

Suitable for most plastic feeds

- Polyolefins
  - Polypropylene (PP)
  - Polyethylene (PE)
- Polystyrene (PS)

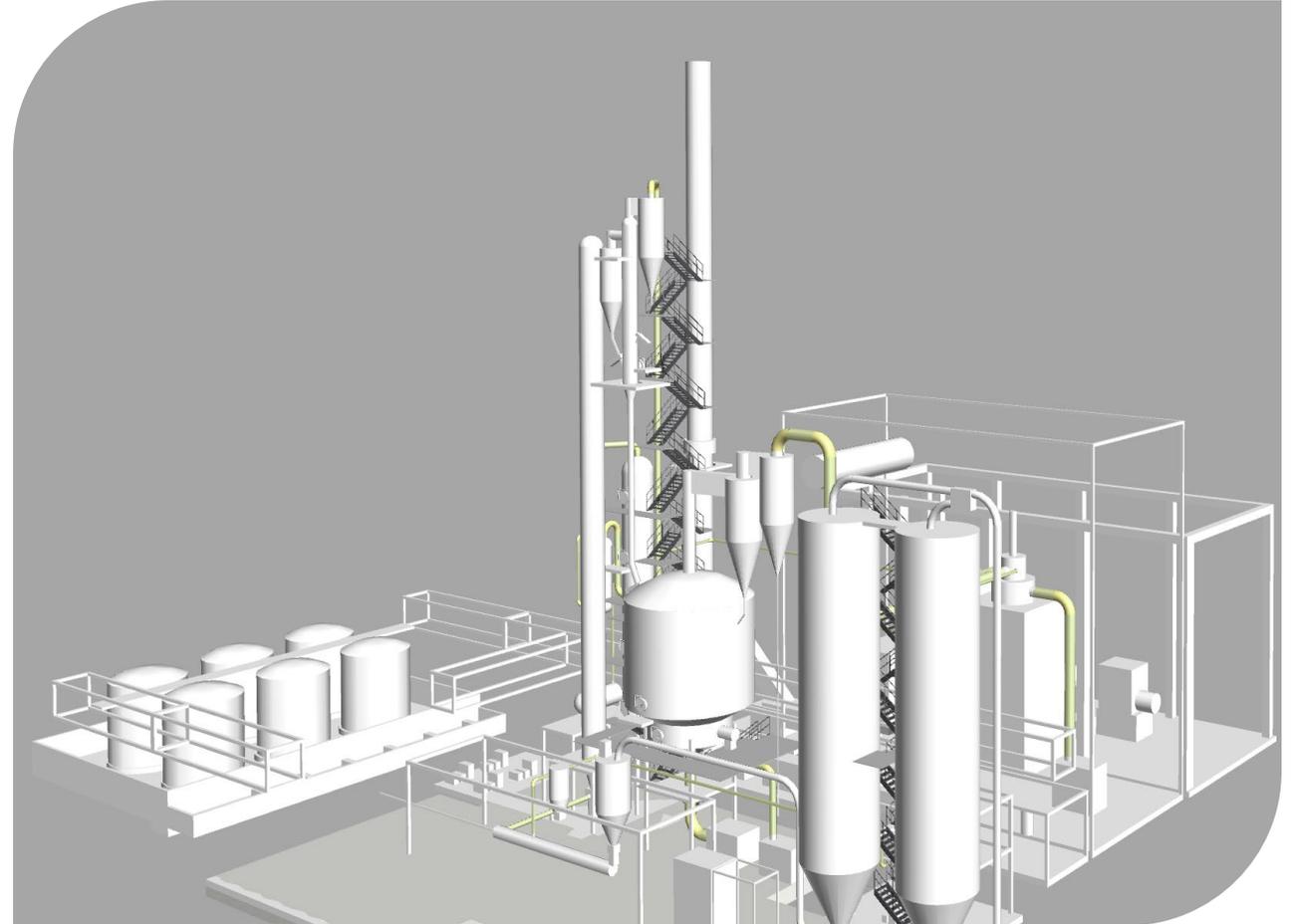
Products

- Pyrolysis oil
  - Feedstock for refinery, co-feeding as naphtha for petrochemical plants
- Styrene
  - Feedstock for petrochemical plant



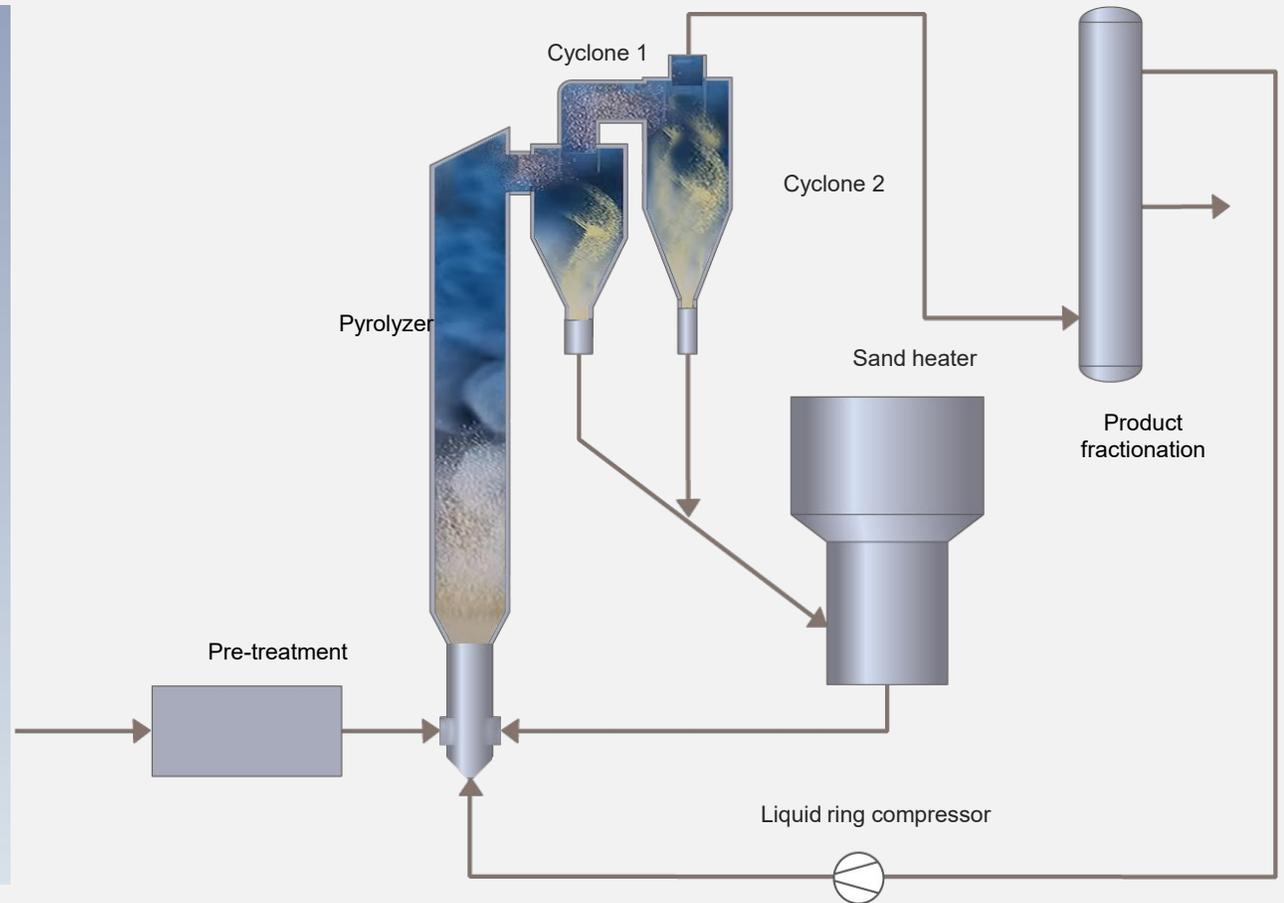
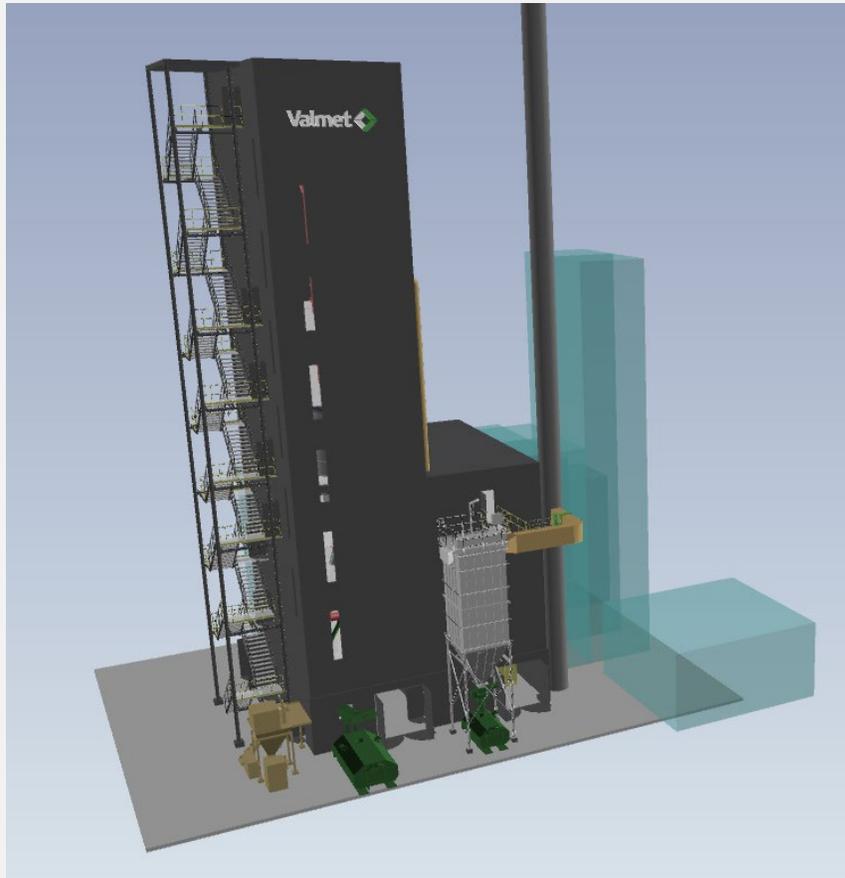
# Valmet Concept for Mixed Plastic Waste Pyrolysis Plant

- Input capacity: 100 kt/a
- Target product: Plastic pyrolysis oil
  - Maximizing Naphta share
- Standalone or integrated solution
- Concept:
  - Feedstock day storage and feeding
  - Pyrolysis island
  - Product recovery
  - Energy island
  - Product storage



# Polystyrene pyrolysis

Getting high yield and plant size scale-up



# Joining forces in polystyrene chemical recycling

Valmet's & Sulzer's complementary capabilities to deliver recycled styrene



- Leading global developer and supplier of process technologies
- Extensive experience in WtE and Biomass to Energy
- Large pilot plant facilities in Tampere, Finland for fast pyrolysis with commercial references for fluidized bed technology



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- Extensive experience in polymer recycling and polymer purification
- Commercial reference for purification of recycled styrene

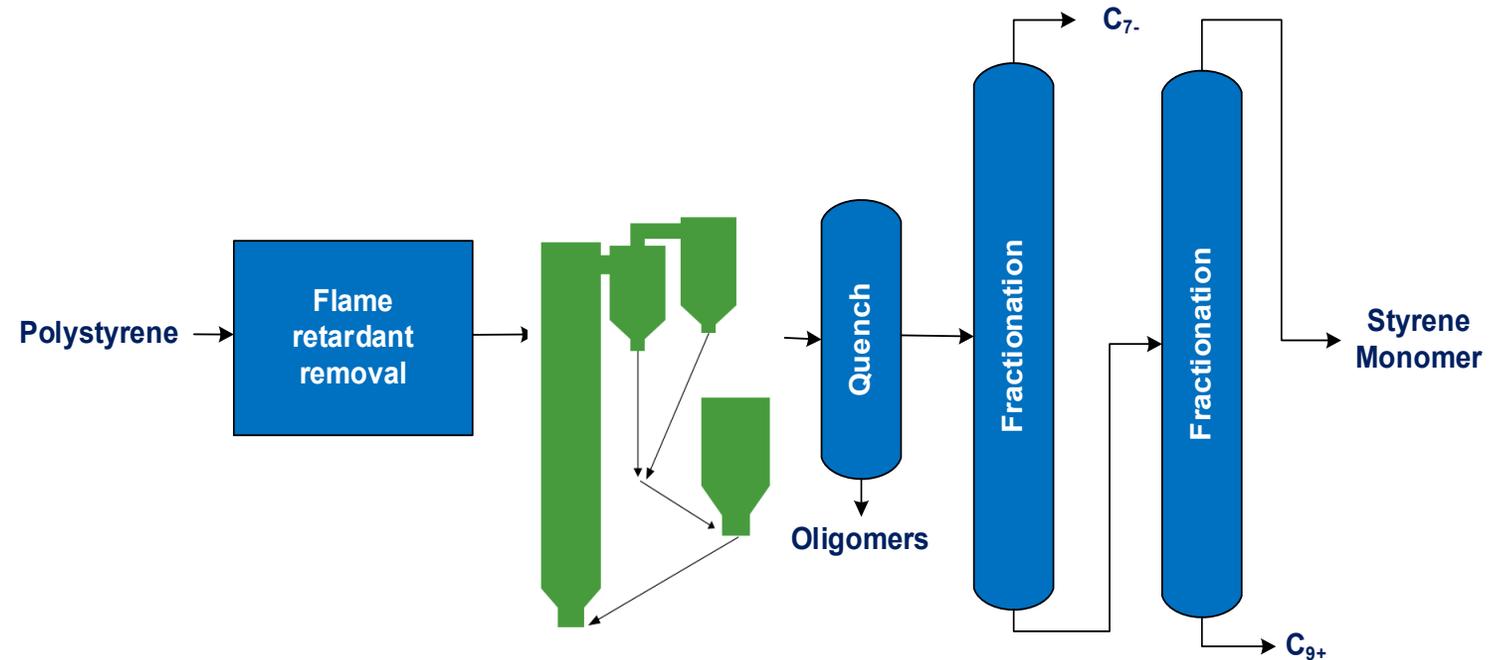
# The joint process technology

## Contaminated PS waste to styrene monomer

Process development from lab to pilot scale completed.

Individual unit operations proven within commercial applications.

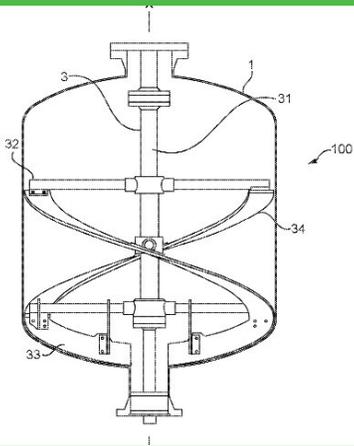
Ready for scale-up to commercial scale.



# Reactor selection for polystyrene pyrolysis

Fluidized bed reactors are the best match for the highest yield and large scale

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- Long residence time promotes secondary reactions generating more aromatics like ethylbenzene

Styrene yield approx.

**55-60%**

## Screw reactor / Rotary kiln

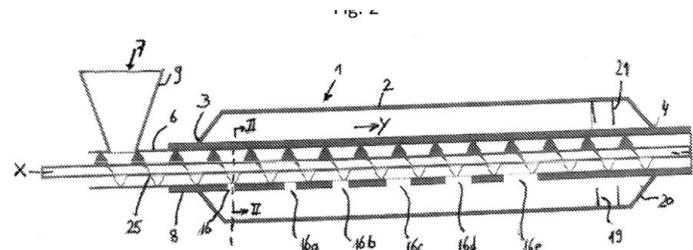


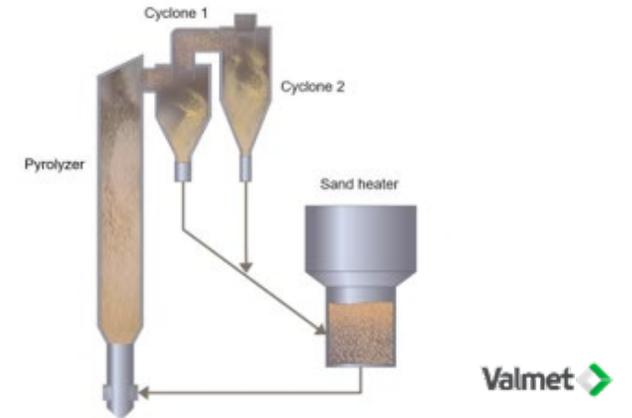
Fig. 3

- Polymer fed either melted or solid in a screw/kiln reactor and pyrolyzed along the screw resulting in moderate yields of styrene

Styrene yield approx.

**47-65%**

## Fluidized Bed



- Short residence time and high temperature enables the highest styrene yield with mostly oligomers as side-products

Styrene yield approx.

**70-80%**

1 Azd Zayoud *et al.*, **Pyrolysis of end-of-life polystyrene in a pilot-scale reactor: Maximizing styrene production**  
2 Yirong Liu *et al.*, **Pyrolysis of polystyrene waste in a fluidized-bed reactor to obtain styrene monomer and gasoline fraction**  
3 Gerado Pérez-Bravo *et al.*, **Catalytic Pyrolysis Process to Produce Styrene from Waste Expanded Polystyrene Using a Semi-Batch Rotary Reactor**

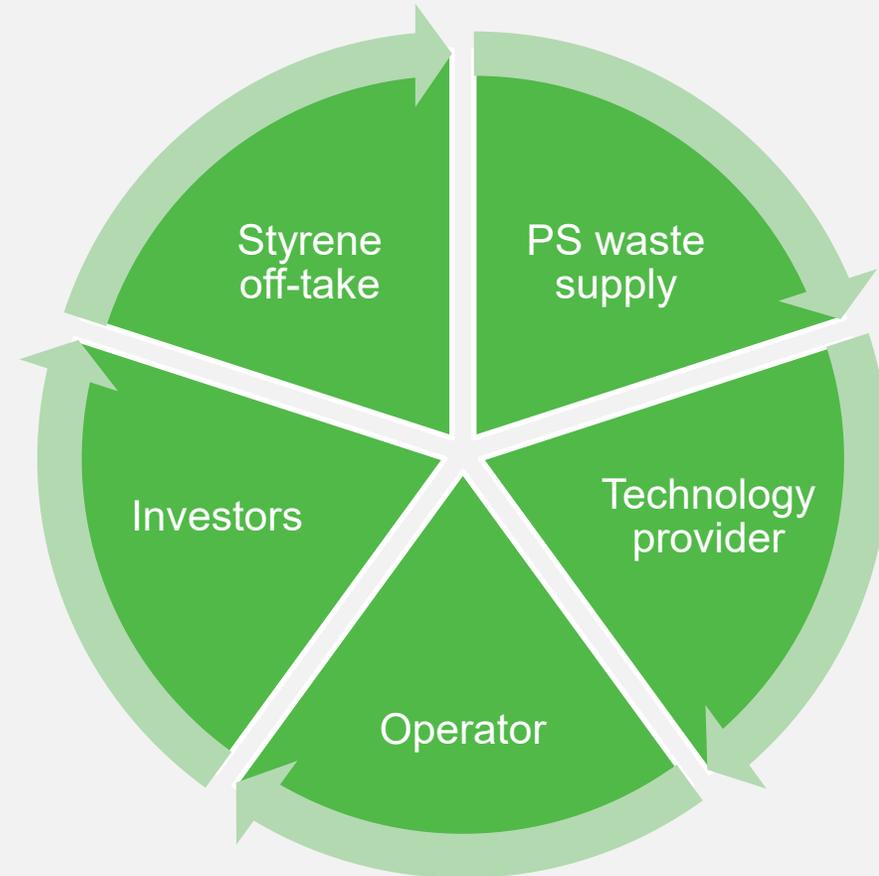
# Looking for partners!

## Building a polystyrene consortium

Established **supply chain from waste to polymer** is key to derisk project

We are working on building a consortium to enable the first demonstration project

We are **open for partners** across the full value chain.



**SULZER**  
Valmet 

# Valmet value proposition in plastics chemical recycling

## Making plastic chemical recycling feasible

- Using 1-2 reactors for large plants (>100 kta) leads to low-cost level and make plants feasible
- Optimizing temperature and retention time

## Technological flexibility

- Fast pyrolysis is robust technology derived from WtE plants
- Readiness for catalyst provides low boiling point curve

## Commercialization via testing

- Heading towards large plants via piloting and demonstration plant

## Supporting evidence

- World leader in fluidized bed technology
- Over 20 years experience in fast pyrolysis with biomass



