

# Fuels and Chemicals from Biomass and Waste

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# Turnover 2008: ~5 mia kr Catalyst volume: 40.000 tons

Headquarter (Lyngby)

#### 2000 employees

- 1700 in Denmark
  - 300 in R&D
- 300 abroad



Catalyst prod. in Fr.sund



#### Catalyst prod. in Houston, Tx



### Technology to Fuel, Feed and Clean the Planet

- Hydrotreating
  - $C_{12}H_8S + 2H_2 \rightarrow C_{12}H_{10} + H_2S$
- Ammonia
  - $N_2 + 3H_2 \rightarrow 2NH_3$
- Sulphuric acid  $S + 1\frac{1}{2}O_2 + H_2O \rightarrow H_2SO_4$
- Hydrogen plants  $CH_4 + H_2O \rightarrow CO + 3H_2$
- Emission control
  - Power sector
  - Diesel truck producers  $4NO + 4NH_3 + O_2 \rightarrow 4N_2 + 6H_2O$





#### **Conversion Options for Biomass**





#### Gasification



#### **Dimethyl ether from Black Liquor**



### Waste Processing and Biorefinery Integration



# **Energy Input for the Production of Chemicals**



### Energy Efficiency: Ethylene and Acetic acid



### Economic Evaluation: Ethylene and Acetic acid



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#### Oxidation of Ethanol to Acetic Acid



#### **Tunable parameters**

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Catalyst
- Feed composition
- Oxygen amount





- The production of chemicals is in some cases the best use of our limited bio-resources.
- Conversion of waste to energy will become an important aspect of future ressource management.
- New business opportunities will emerge as the renewable chemical industry becomes established.



# Thank you for your attention!



