FUELCONTROL® Real-time solid fuel quality measurement system

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- Inray develops real-time measuring and optimization systems based on X-ray technology for:
 - Heat and power plants, for improving the fuel quality control and the plant efficiency
 - Sawmills, for producing special products more profitably
 - Pulp mills, to measure wood chip quality
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Solid biofuels are good energy source when quality stays reasonable. But...

- Challenges to measure moisture by sampling
- Foreign matter, unwanted but real problem





Comparison to current practice for fuel quality control

Current practice



FUELCONTROL® -method



- Results from composite samples:
- Moisture content one result/several trucks
- Heating value one result/month
- Truck-load based quality feedback is difficult

- Moisture and foreign matter results in real-time
- Truck-load based results
- Total measurement, everything will be scanned
- Immediate quality feedback to fuel suppliers

Why analyse fuel quality in real-time?





References 50-400 MWth biopower plants

Example Biopower plant: Fuel consumption 500 GWh Fuel costs 10 M€/year Savings 40 000 €/month

- UPM Kymmene Plc 2015/2016, 2 systems
- Fortum Plc 2016
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- Etelä-Savon Energia 2018
- Tornion Voima 2018
- TSE 2019, 3 systems
- Vantaan Energia 2019
- Fortum Plc 2020

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