



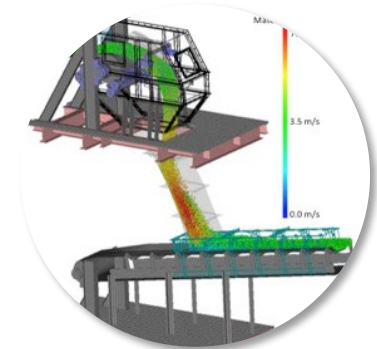
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Feeding Challenges in High Pressure Gasification of Advanced Biofuels

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About Us: Jenike

- We are a technology company with expertise in bulk solids flow.
- We provide engineered solutions to various challenging bulk solids handling applications, using a science-based approach.
- Founded by Dr. Jenike nearly 60 years ago.



Renewable Biofuels Industry – Current Status

- Exciting time - lots of activity, IRA
 - SAF production targets
 - 3 billion gallons per year by 2030
 - 35 billion gallons per year by 2050
 - Renewable biofuels production targets
 - Net Zero emissions targets by 2050
- Current biofuels production rates are very low compared to these targets
 - In 2022, airlines consumed ~17.5 billion gallons jet fuel
 - whereas only ~16 million gallons SAF produced (~ 0.1 %)
- Key question: How are we going to get there ?

Renewable Biofuels Industry – Current Status



Source: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/animal-fat-tyson-renewable-fuel>



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Source: <https://ethanol.nebraska.gov/ag-in-the-classroom/>

LIMITED SUPPLY !

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Source: https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2015/04/f22/demonstration_market_transformation_han_3414.pdf

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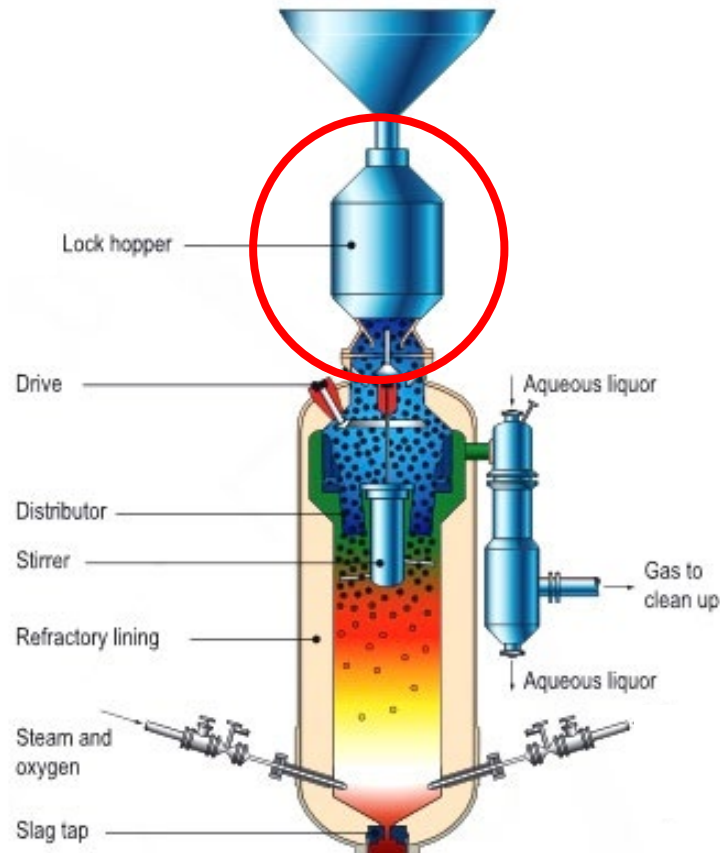
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- Key question: How are we going to get there ?
- Use agricultural residue, forest residue, MSW as feedstock
 - Must have RELIABLE handling system

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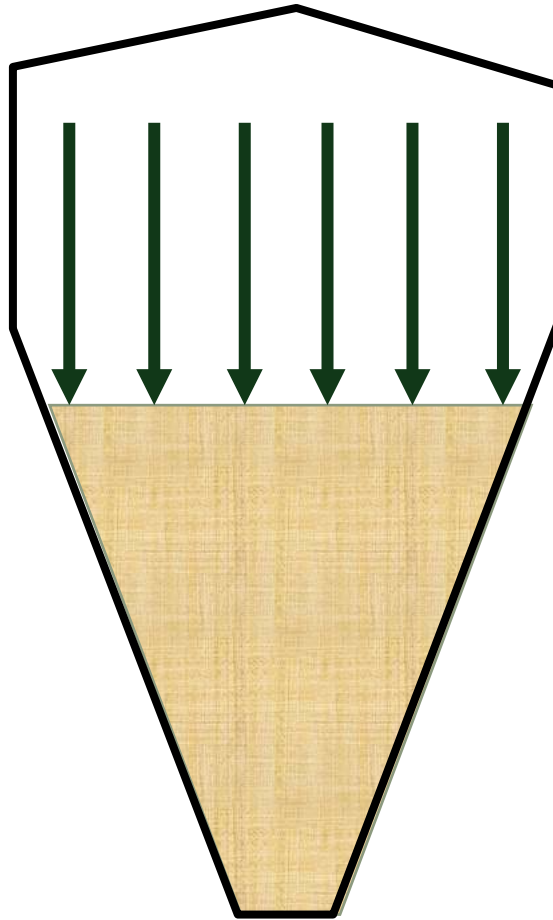
- Not just handle, but must RELIABLY feed into high-pressure reactors
- Many technologies for making biofuels use high-pressure reactors
 - Gasification
 - Pyrolysis
 - Enzymatic hydrolysis
- Handling biomass and MSW is already challenging, but feeding biomass into high-pressure environments is a level above in terms of challenges.
- Many examples of struggles at commercial-scale biofuels plants using corn stover, wheat straw, forest residue and MSW.

Presently Used Technologies and Issues



Source: <https://netl.doe.gov/research/coal/energy-systems/gasification/gasifipedia/bg1>

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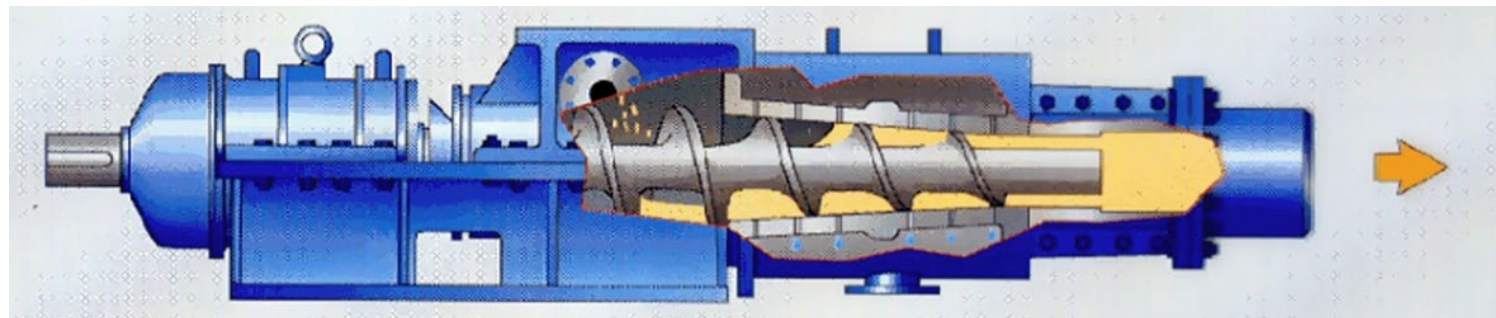
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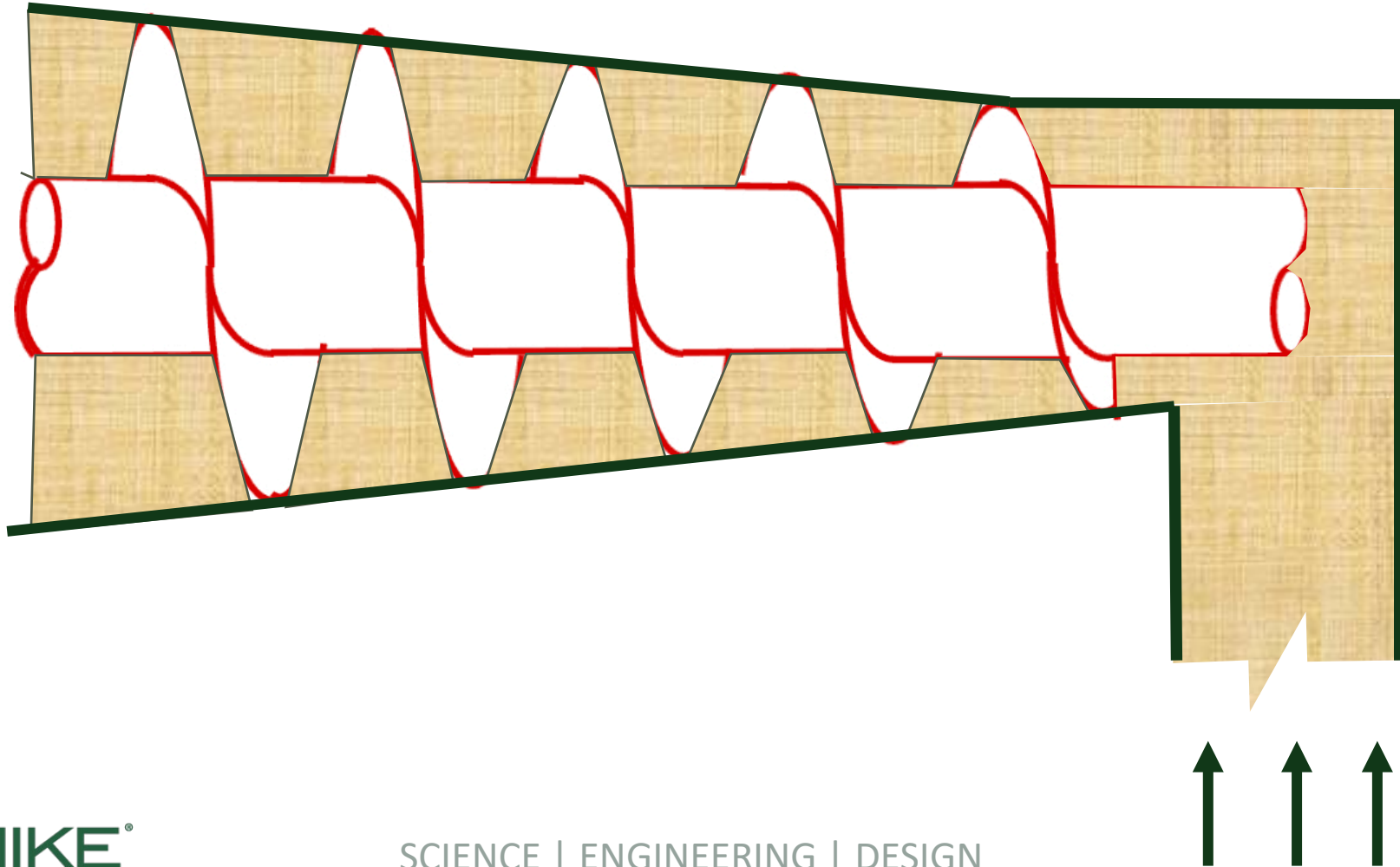


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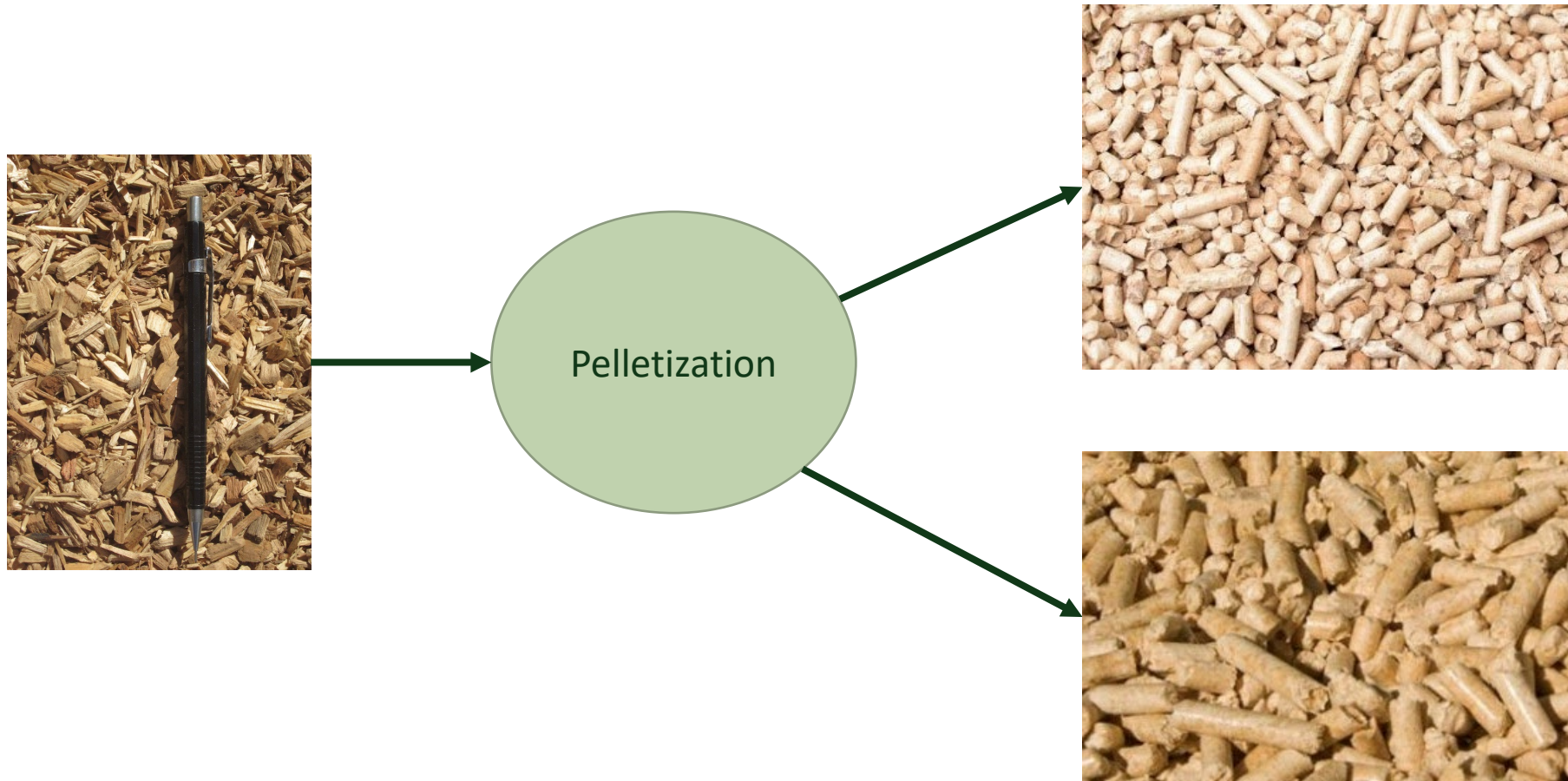


Source: Final report, DOE Cooperative Agreement No. DE-FC26-00NT40904, Feb 2003

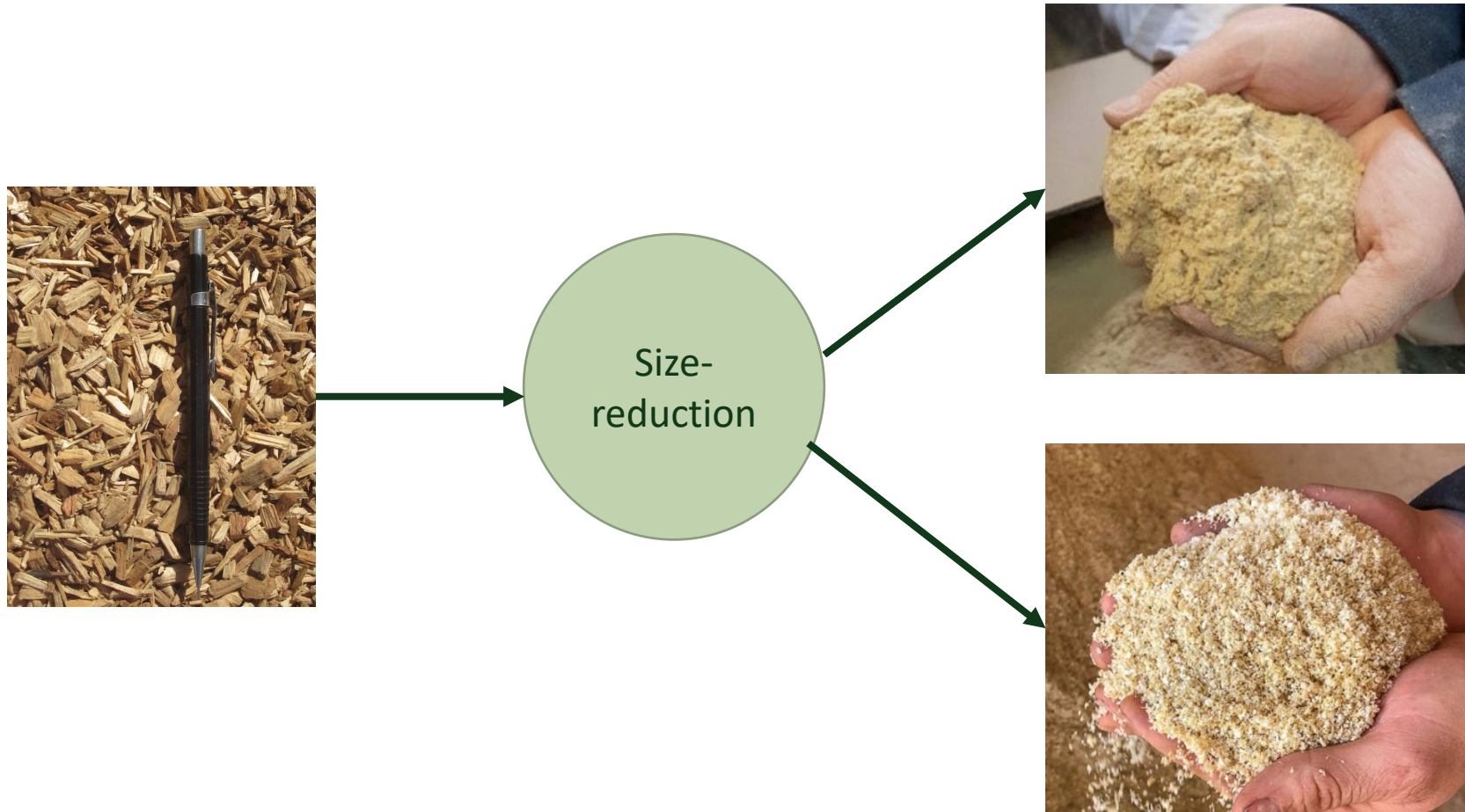
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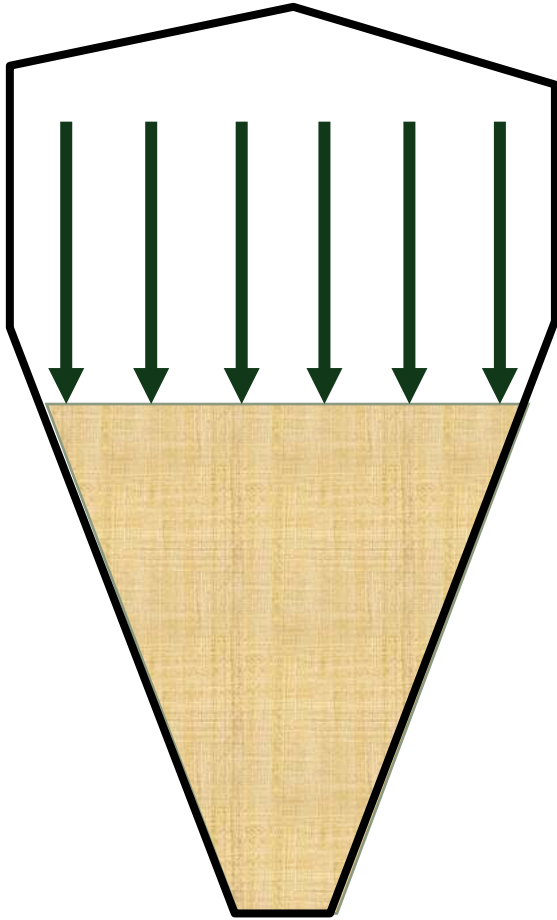
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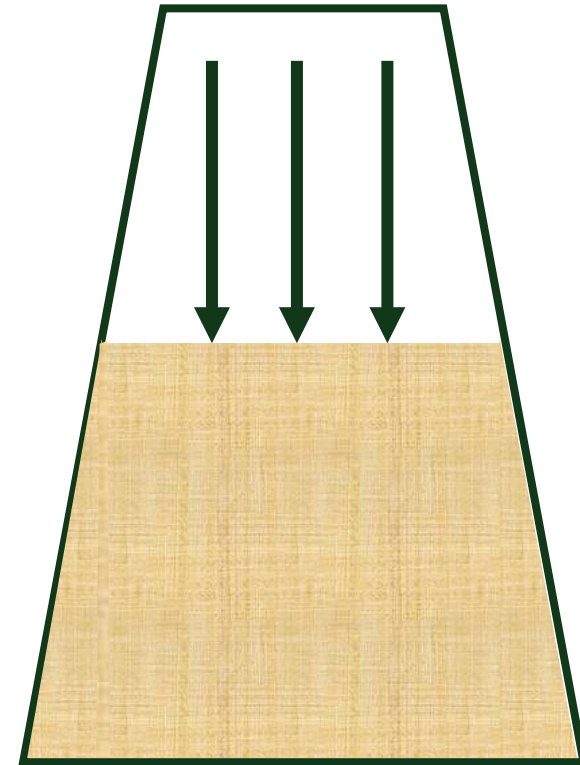
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Jen-Zero™ Technology for Feeding High Pressure Biofuels Reactor

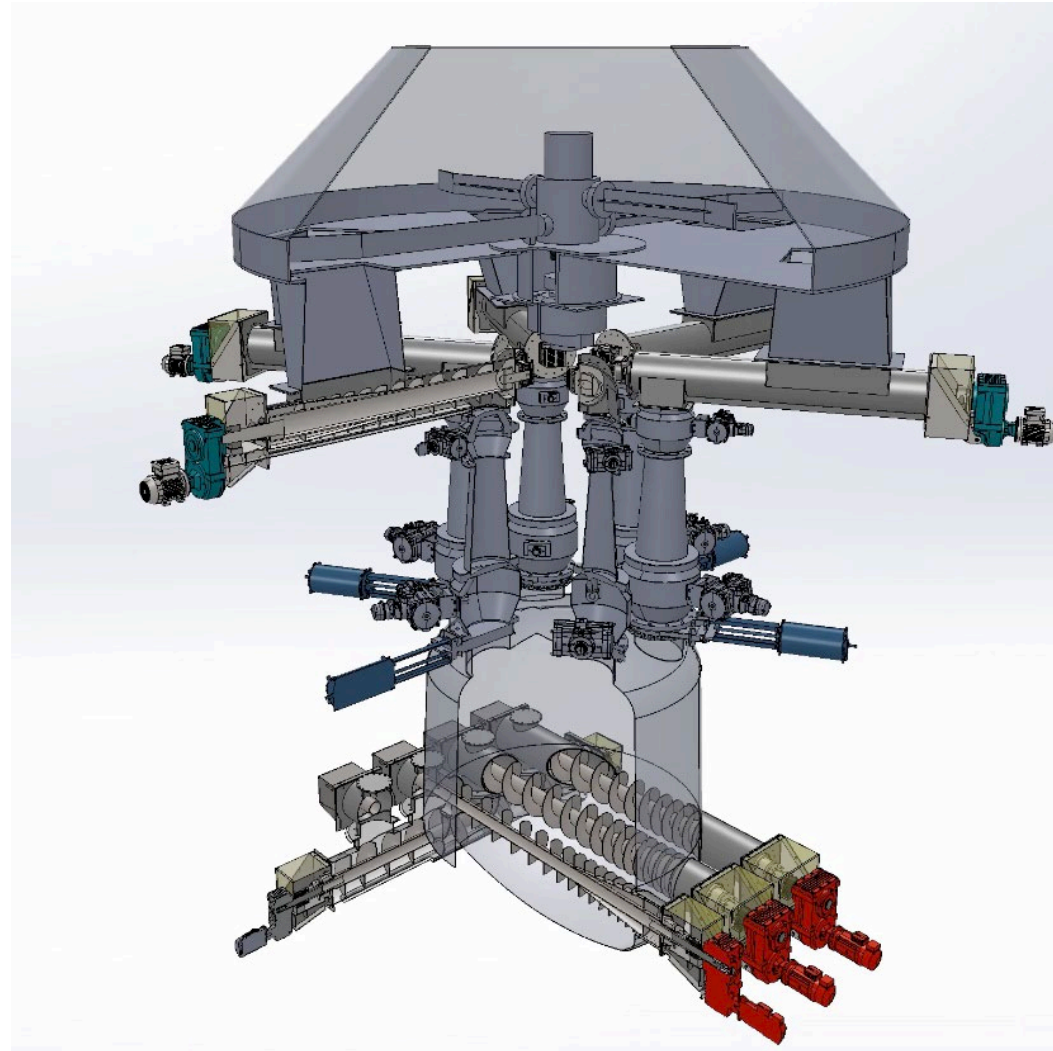


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Doing it on a commercial scale !

Jen-Zero™ for Feeding High Pressure Reactors



Animation video

Patent-pending technology

Advantages of Jen-Zero™

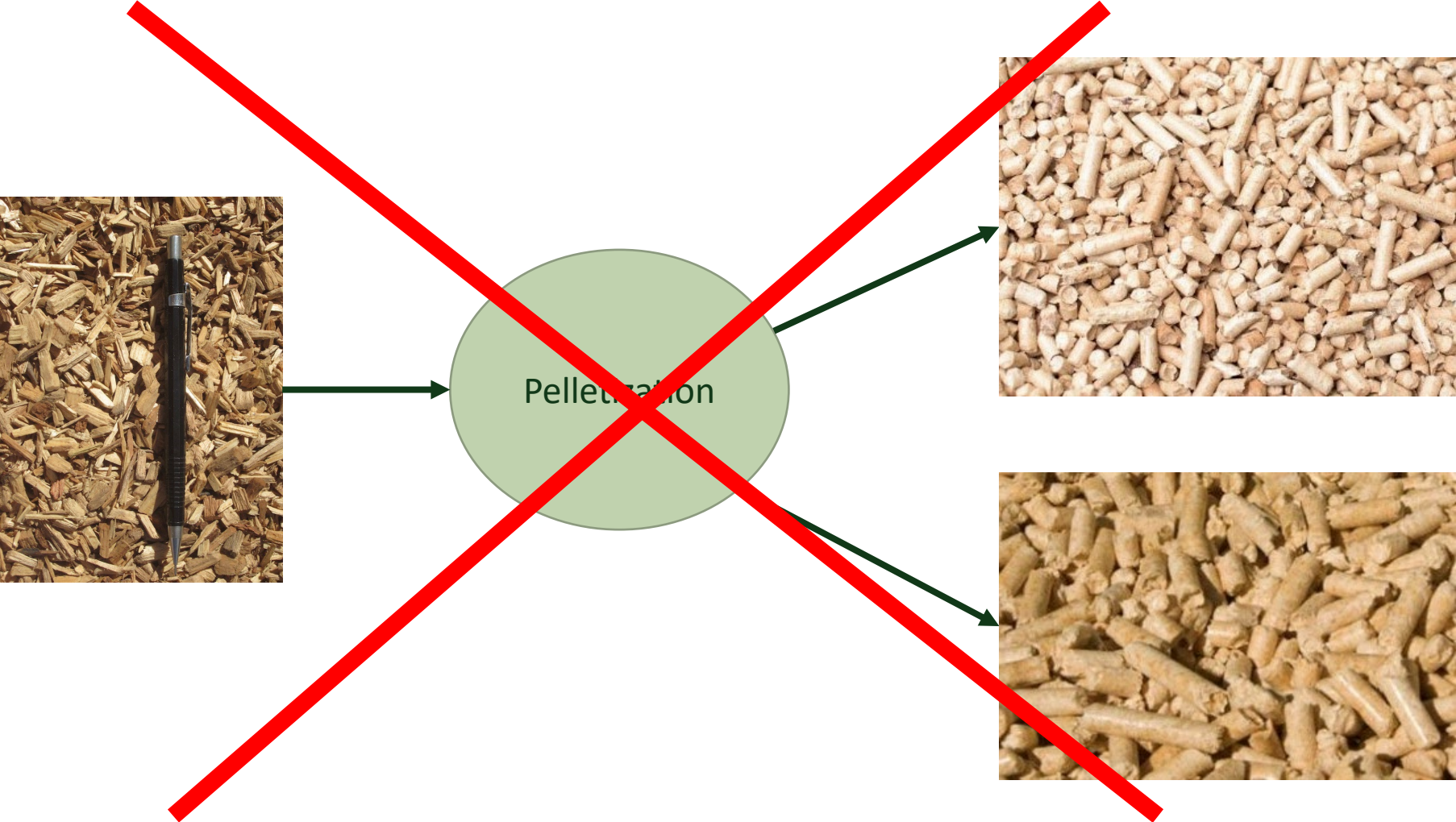
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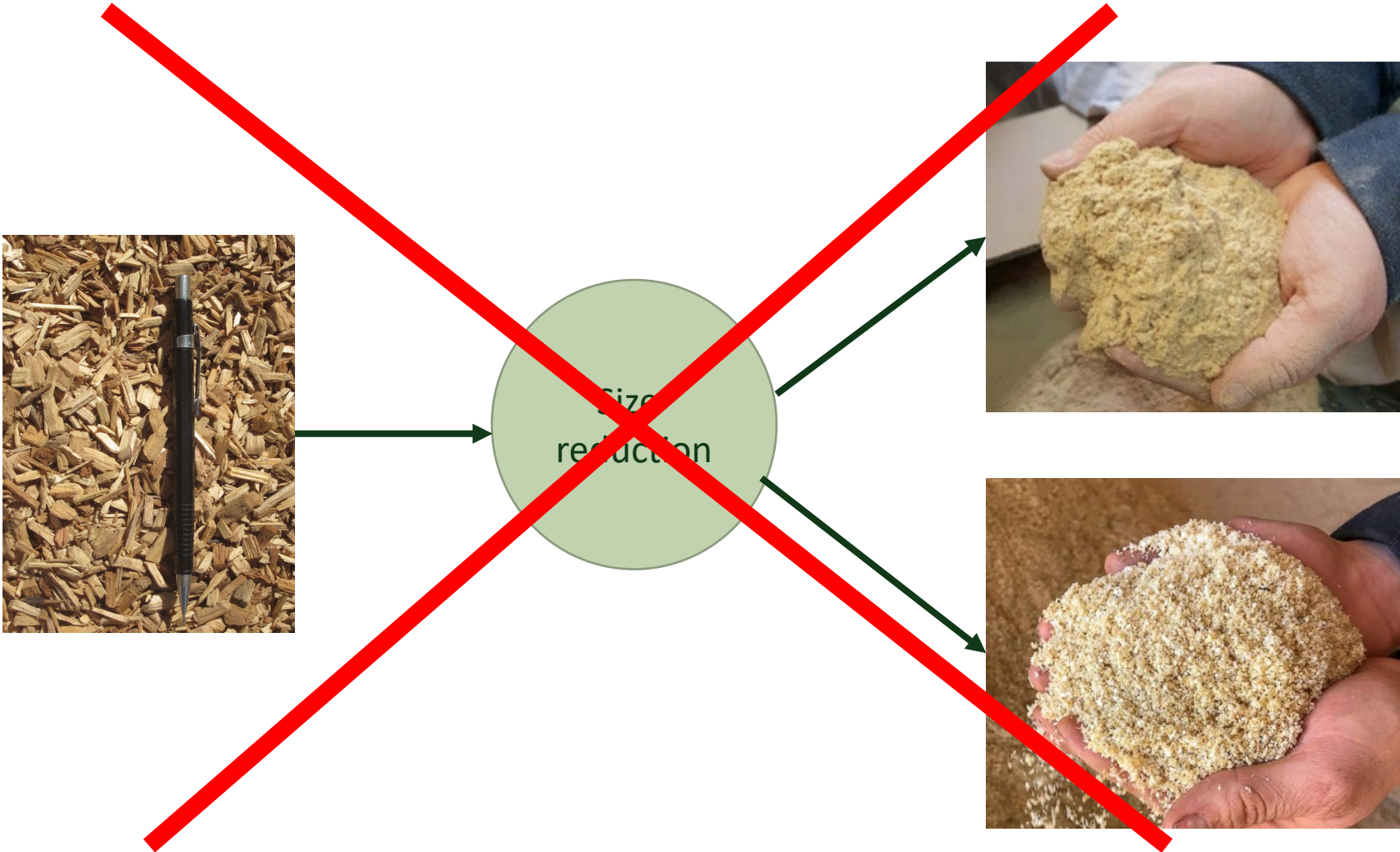
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Jen-Zero™: No Pre-treatment Needed



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Conclusions

- Feeding biomass and MSW feedstocks to a high-pressure biofuels reactor is one of the most challenging areas in achieving reliability and consistency in advanced biofuels production.
- Existing technologies such as conventional lock hoppers and plug screw feeders have limitations in terms of type of feedstock and particle size required for reliable operation.
- This increases OPEX for these existing technologies.
- Jenike has launched a new patent-pending technology, Jen-Zero™, specifically to address these challenges to achieve reliable flow and reduce OPEX.

Questions ??

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