

# Co-digestion for Energy and Environment



### What can Danish biogas technology do?

- Handle waste
- Reduce odour
- Increase nutrient
  accessibility
- Reduce nutrient leaching
- Provide CO2- free energy
- Provide added revenue
  - Waste to energy
- Enrich the community
- Reduce GHG emissions





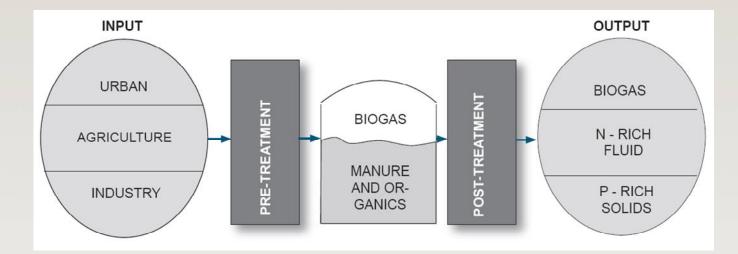
# The technology: Anaerobic digestion

- Mesophilic or Thermophilic process
- Fully mixed digester
- Co-digestion concept
- Proven in Denmark
- We have made all the mistakes and learned





# What is Biogas?



### **Biogas Plants in operation**

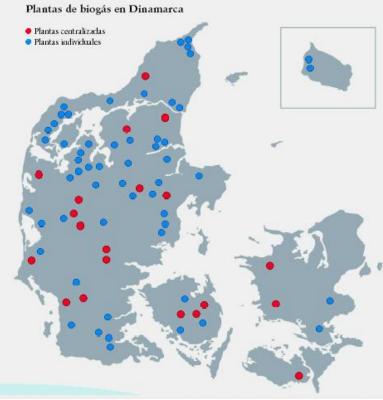
# m<sup>3</sup> biomass processed at:

# Large plants 2004

• Animal manure 1.290.000

1.865.000

- Organic waste 275.000
- Total **1.565.000**Farm Plants 300.000
- Total annual



- 20 Large Biogas Plants
- 57 Farm based Biogas Plants



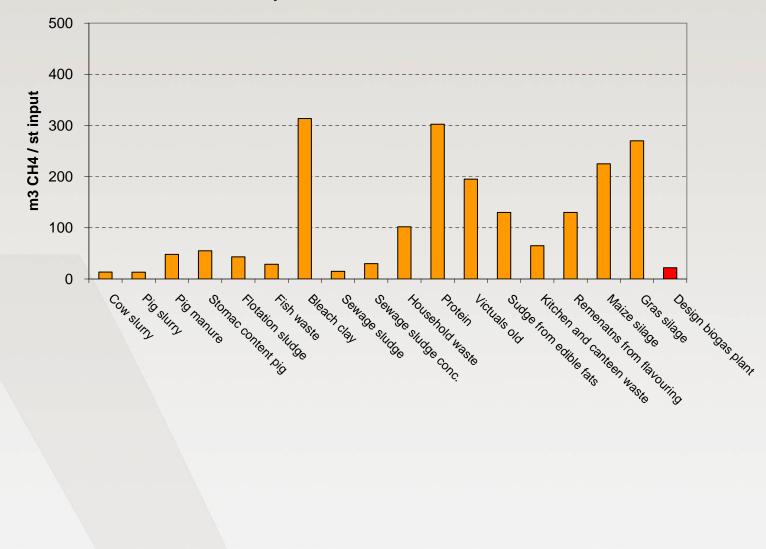
### Input material

In principal all organic wastes that are

- Free of substances that inhibit the biogas process
- Suitable DM content
- Free of environmental toxic substances
- Sufficient biogas production



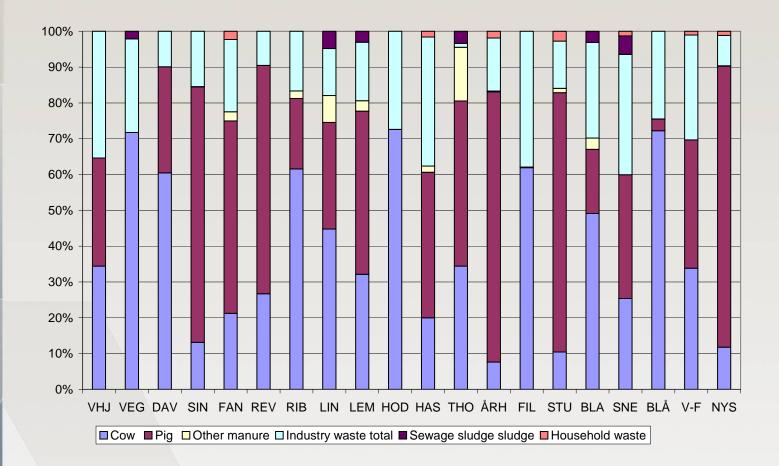
# **CH**<sub>4</sub> production capacity



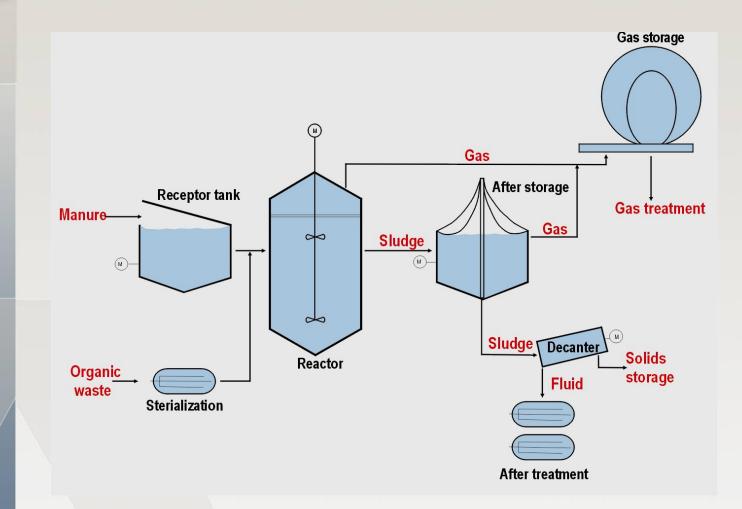
#### Methane production of selected substances

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# Input composition for the Danish Community Biogas Plants 2001



# **Biogas Plant design**



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### **Biogas technology**

- Pre-treatment
  - Mixing
  - Macerating
  - Hygienisation/ sterilisation
  - +/- other pre-treatment: e.g. concentration
- Digestion
- After-treatmnet
  - Store
  - Separate
  - Upgrade

#### End use

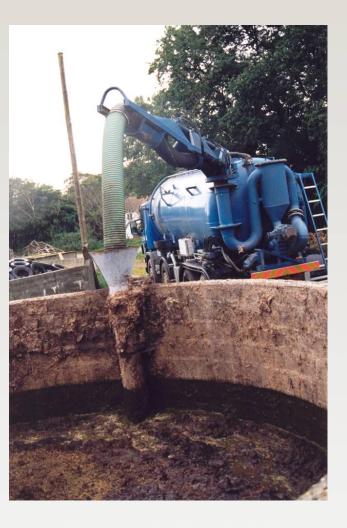
- Land application
- Move and apply
- Transport market / or disposal





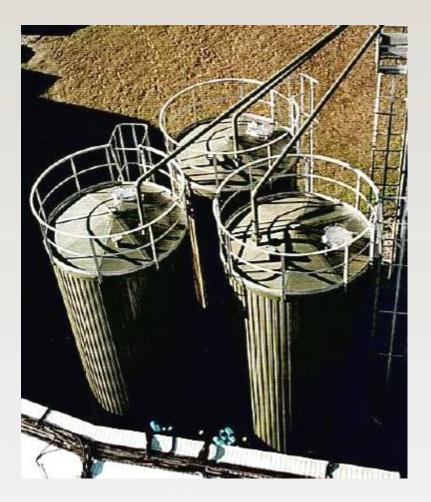
# Tankers

- 20 m<sup>3</sup>
- 30 m<sup>3</sup>
- Tippers
- Pipeline
- Average distance to plant
- Emptying cycle





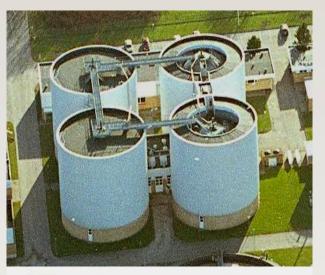
- Hygienic step if recycling nutrients
- Separate unit to guarantee retention time
- Elimination of pathogens and weeds

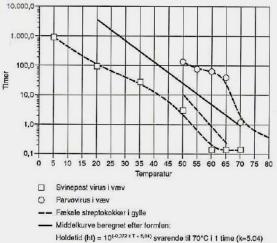




### Digesters

- Steel or concrete tanks
- Insulated
- Processes
  - mesophilic
  - thermophilic
- Pathogen reduction





# Biological removal of H<sub>2</sub>S

- Removal of H<sub>2</sub>S by adding atmospheric air to biogas
- Bacteria that remove H<sub>2</sub>S are present in manure
- In tank or on top of swing layer in e.g. after storage tank
- Separate tank



### **Biological air cleaning**

- Removal of odours from exhaust air:
  - From the reception building
  - From the pre-storage tank
  - Buildings
- Location of the biogas plant important
- Regulations for nearest neighbors





# After Storage

- Second digester
- Buffer for return of digestate or
- Buffer before aftertreatment



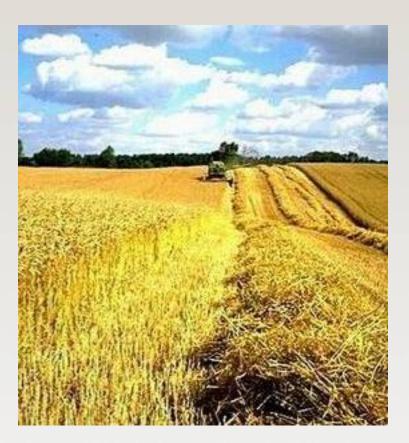


- Direct application to field
- After treatment separation
- After treatment upgrading



### **Fertiliser effect**

- Nitrogen uptake increased from 40 to >70%
- Substitutes chemical fertiliser - adds organic matter to the soil
- Nutrients are recycled to land





- Separation in solid and liquid fraction
- Different technologies
- Centrifuge
  - Solid fraction 12%
  - Liquid fraction 88%





# **Solids fraction**

- Will contain most phosphorous
- Dry matter content up to 30%



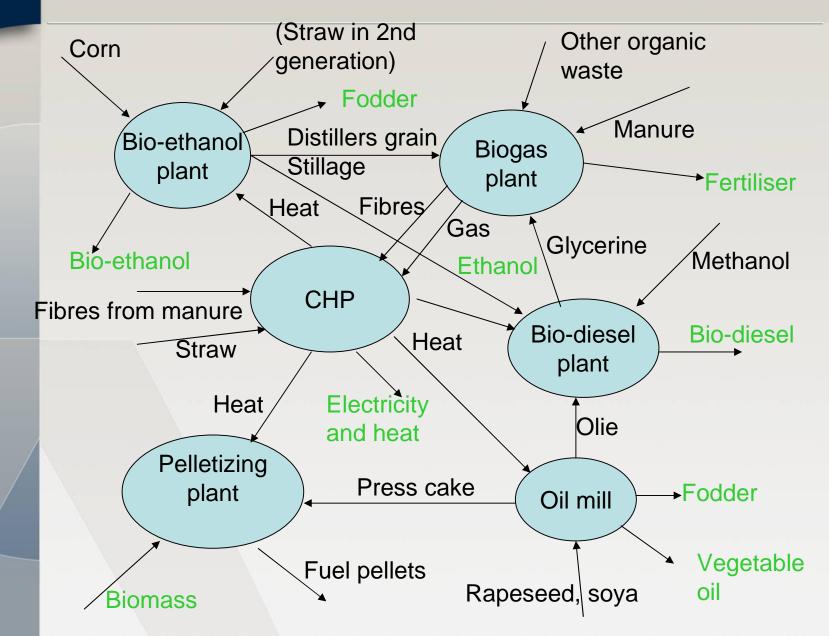


#### Fluid fraction - post treatment

- Various technologies can separate the liquid fraction in
  - Concentrated nutrients
  - Reject water



# Biogas synergy with other RE





# **THANK YOU!**

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