

Biowaste to Biogas!



Agenda



- Structure of the German Biogas Association
- Possibilities of biogas production
- German biogas market
- Commonly used techniques for the anaerobic digestion
- Digestate application

German Biogas Association



400 honorary experts

over

Steering Committee

7 members, elected for a 4-year-period

Board of Trustees

Elected honorary spokesmen of regional groups, working groups and advisory boards

Advisory Boards, Working Groups

Advisory boards of plant operators, companies, the legal profession, funders; Working groups for the areas permissions, safety, feeding-in of biogas, environment, heat, waste and fertiliser law

Headquarters in Freising

23 employees, organised in 10 departments

Berlin Office

6 employees

Regional offices (North, South, East, West and Editorial Office Biogas Journal

6 employees

23 Regional groups in Germany

4.900 Members

Operators of biogas plants
Providers of feedstock
Research Institutions

Interested private individuals

Public authorities

Lawyers

Companies and manufacturers Corporate finance Planners, advisers, laboratories

Member of the European Biogas Association (EBA)

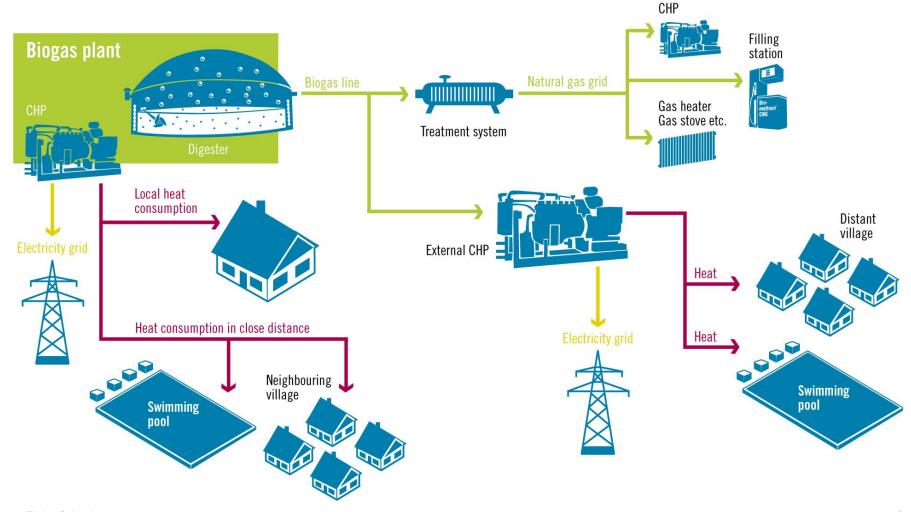
Possibilities of biogas production (I)



- CO₂ neutral energy production by the digestion of organic waste
- Production of a primary energy source which is available for manifold applications
- If used for electricity production: Flexible application and easing the strain of electricity grids
- Especially in developing countries utilisation by cooking, heating and gas lightning
- Improvement of the standard of living by the reduction of the waste volume
- Production of humus rich fertiliser and closing of the nutrient circles

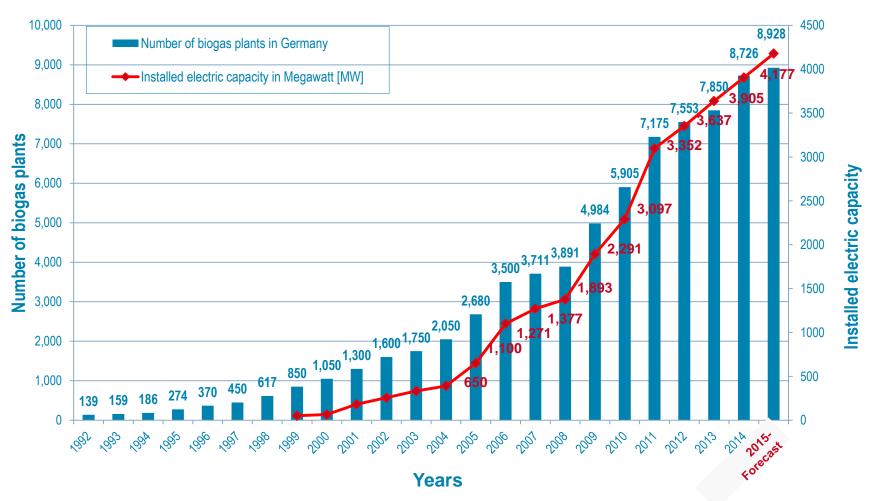
Possibilities of biogas production (II)





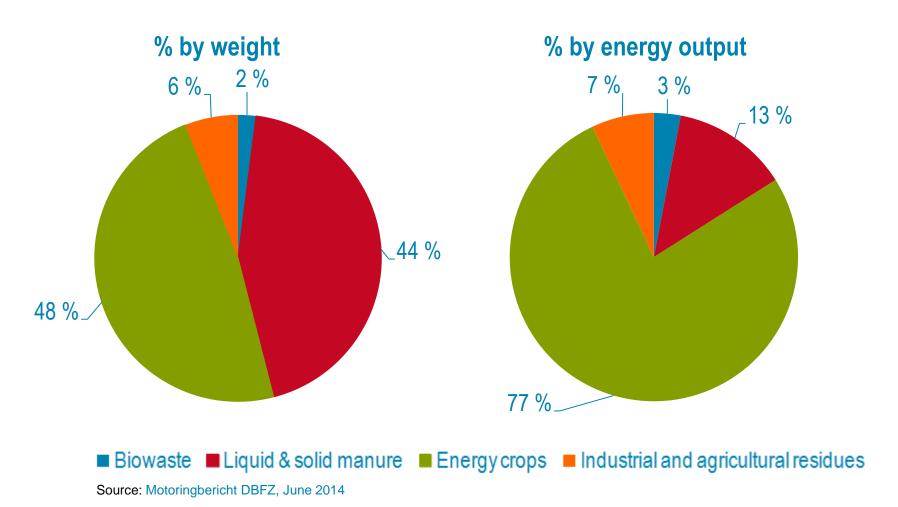
Development of the stock of German biogas plants (11/2015)





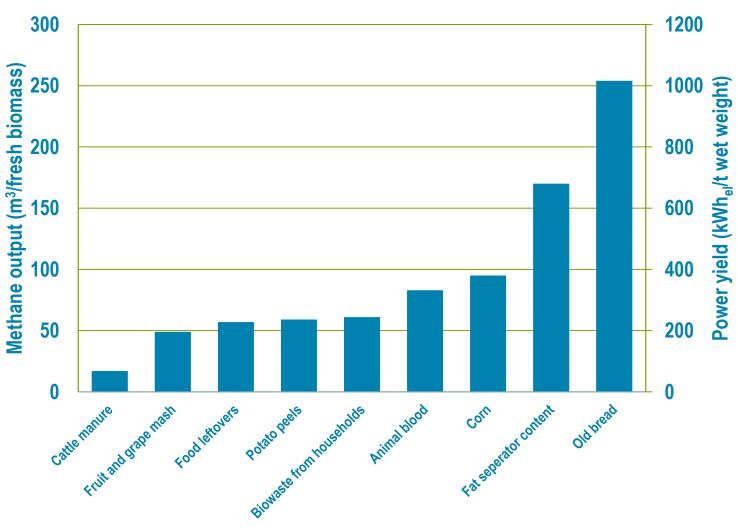
Feedstock used in German biogas plants





Energy yield of possible feedstock





Waste digestion plants in Germany

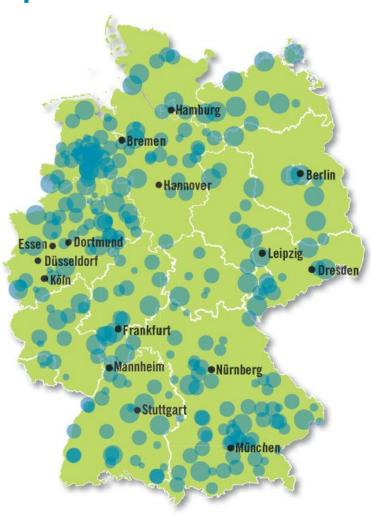




- About 400 plants for the digestion of biological wastes and residues
- Feedstock categories:
- Biowaste from households
- Industrial and commercial wastes
- Animal by-products
- Vegetable by-products
 - Approved capacity ~ 8,9 Mio. Mg/a
 - Installed electrical capacity ~ 266 MW

Approved capacity of German biogas plants





- Varying approved capacities between 510 and 500.000 tonnes (or Mg) per year
- Approved capacity in areas with less biogas plants (Eastern Germany) markedly higher than in areas with a higher plant density
- Average installed capacity: 975 kW

Approved capacity in Mg/a

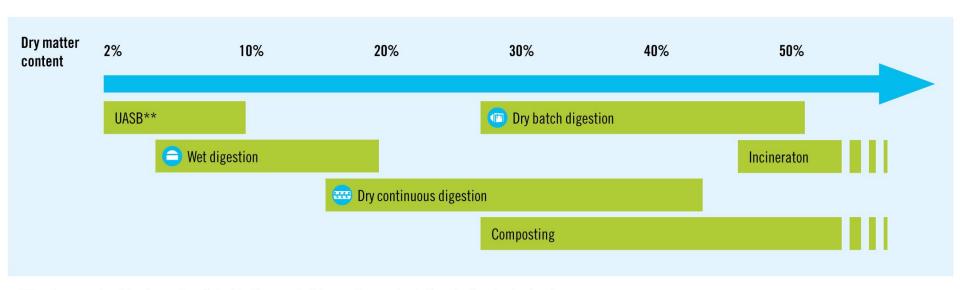
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Used technologies for the anaerobic digestion of waste



Overview of technologies depending on dry matter content for the possible operating mode*



^{*} Mostly every feedstock can be diluted to the needed dry matter content of each digester technology.

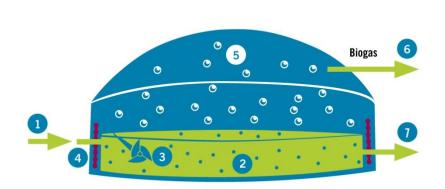
^{**}UASB: Upflow anaerobic sludge blanket technology is a form of anaerobic digestion designed for materials with high water content (e.g. sewage sludge).

UASB reactors are installed for waste or process water treatment.

Wet digestion



Continuously stirred tank reactor (CSTR)



Hydraulic digester **Biogas** 0 0 5

1 Input

2 Biomass

3 Agitator

4 Heating system

5 Biogas storage

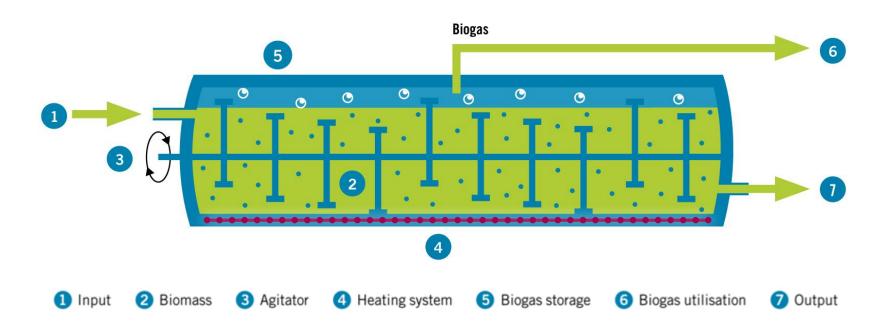
6 Biogas utilisation

Output

Dry continuous digestion



Plug flow reactor



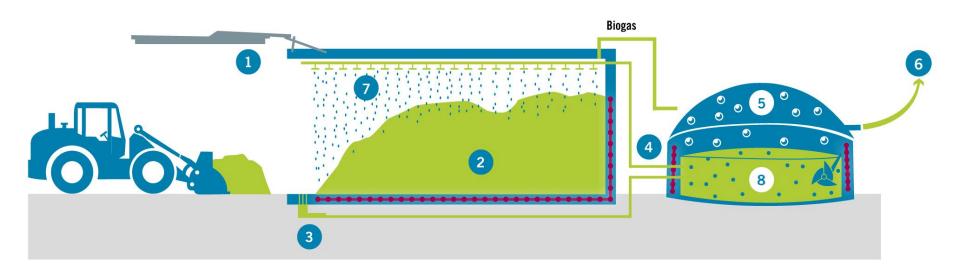
Dry batch digestion



- Gastight door
- 2 Biomass
- 3 Drainage system for percolation liquid
- 4 Heating system

- 5 Biogas storage
- 6 Biogas utilisation
- 7 Percolation liquid distribution
- 8 Percolation liquid storage tank

Garage systems



Closing nutrient cycles with organic fertiliser

Fachverband BIOGAS

- Application of digestate
 - depending on nutrient content
 - depending on nutrient demand of the crop
 - depending on region and soil
- Application rate approx. 10 40 m³ liquid digestate / ha
- Best harvest with combination with anorganic fertiliser
- Additional revenue potentials for plant operators



Upgrading of the digestate





Source: Data of the RAL-quality assurance (2012)

Clean waste streams





Contaminated waste streams







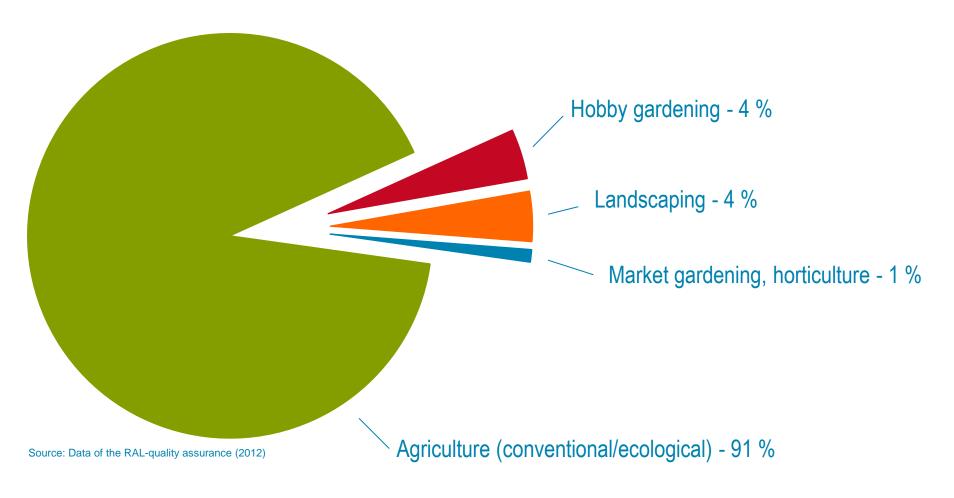






Current marketing of upgraded digestate





Conclusion



- Various technologies are available for the digestion of waste and residues
- Nearly 400 of this plants are operated in Germany and 8,9 Million Mg residues can be utilised in an environmentally friendly manner each year
- The digestion of waste is a cascade utilisation as the energetic potential of the feedstock is not wasted
- The production of organic fertilisers can be an additional revenue for biogas plant operators
- Especially the marked segment of private consumers contains a huge potential

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