

## Circular economy biogas systems

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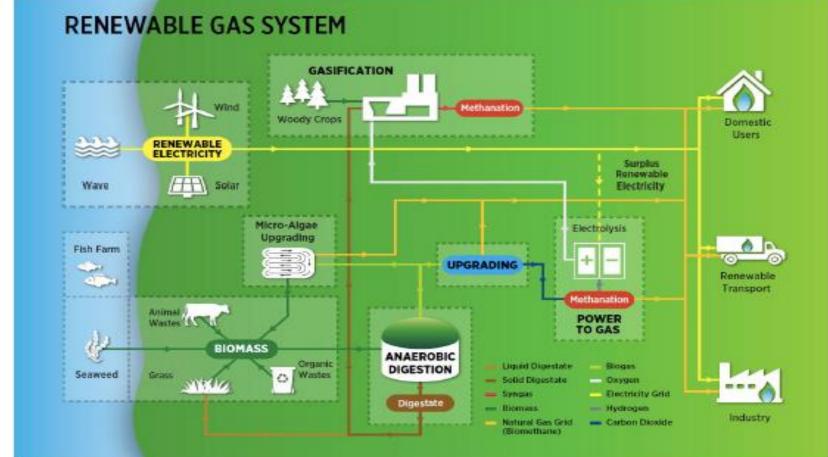
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We have renewable electricity; now we need Green Gas

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Linkoping, Sweden fuels 65 buses, 10 waste collection lorries, 600 cars and a train from pig slurry, slaughter waste, & blood







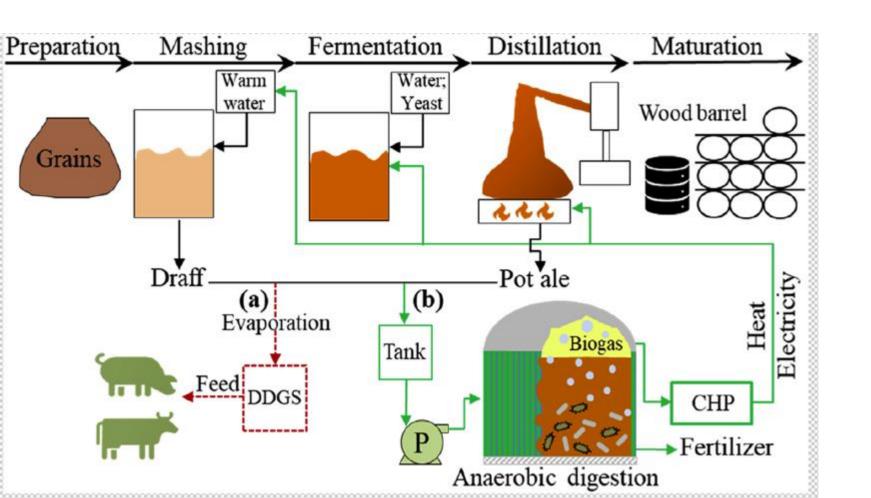
## A perspective on decarbonizing whiskey using renewable gaseous biofuel in a circular bioeconomy process



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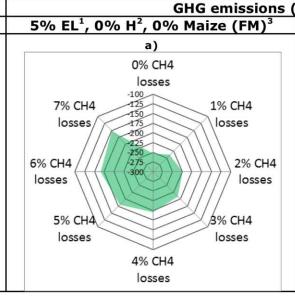
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FROM BIOGAS PLANTS measurement, results and effect on greenhouse gas balance of electricity produced

METHANE EMISSIONS



GHG negative biomethane for advanced transport biofuel.

Ideal for haulage and bus services.

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Open slurry storage emits 17.5% of methane. At 2% methane slippage: biomethane from slurry GHG negative (-250 g CO2/MJ)



California Air Resources Board awarded a Carbon Intensity score of -255 gCO2e/MJ for a dairy waste to vehicle fuel pathway.



Use of electricity to make electrofuels



- Ireland has ca. 8 GWe electrical capacity, target of 30% RES-E by 2020
- Ireland has plans for 12 GWe off shore wind by 2030 leading to 70% RES-E
- Assuming 40% capacity factor then peak production 175% of average demand.
- Exacerbated by peak production at periods of low demand



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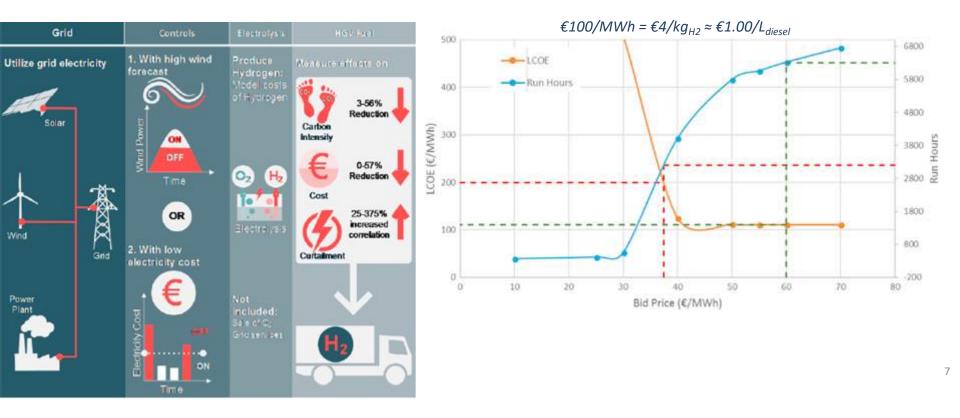
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Are electrofuels a sustainable transport fuel? Analysis of the effect of controls on carbon, curtailment, and cost of hydrogen

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# Power to hydrogen, run hours, price, sustainability





Conversion of electricity to hydrogen and on to methane

## Audi E-gas at Wertle, Germany



Food waste biomethane

Production of hydrogen in 6 MW electrolysis Production of methane via Sabatier 1000 Audi NGVs

Sabatier Equation:  $4H_2 + CO_2 = CH_4 + 2H_2O$ 

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### Biomethanation

Biological methanation: Strategies for in-situ and ex-situ upgrading in anaerobic digestion



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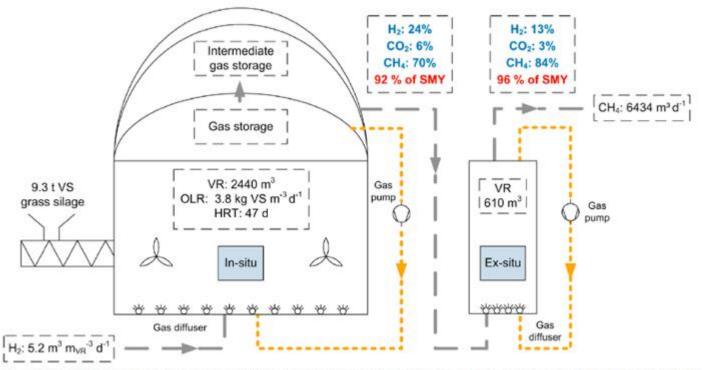
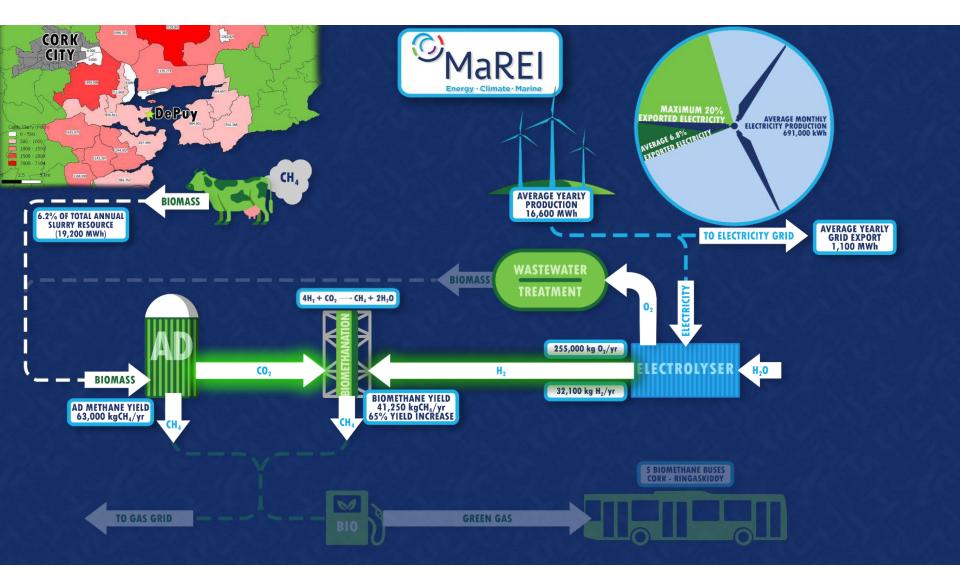


Fig. 7. Hybrid concept of sequential in-situ and ex-situ methanation with triple gas storage membrane on top of in-situ digester (SMY: specific methane yield, VR: reactor volume, OLR: organic loading rate, HRT: hydraulic retention time, VS: volatile solids).





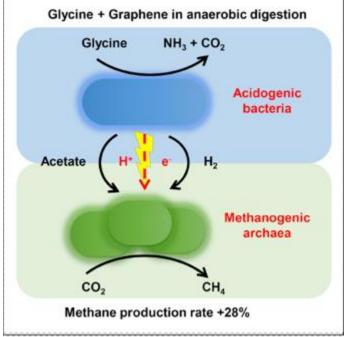
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#### Amide

## Graphene Facilitates Biomethane Production from Protein-Derived Glycine in Anaerobic Digestion

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Process	Reaction	ΔG <sub>0</sub> ' (kJ/mol)
Electron-producing reaction	1. MIET: C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> + 2/3H <sub>2</sub> O $\rightarrow$ 2/3CH <sub>3</sub> COO <sup>-</sup> + 2/3H <sup>+</sup> + NH <sub>3</sub> + 2/3CO <sub>2</sub> + 1/3H <sub>2</sub>	-33.4
	2. DIET: $C_2H_5NO_2 + 2/3H_2O \rightarrow 2/3CH_3COO^- + 4/3H^+ + NH_3 + 2/3CO_2 + 2/3e^-$	-60.0



Cell



Direct interspecies electron transfer

## HIGHLIGHTS

Graphene led to an increase in peak bio-CH<sub>4</sub> production rate from glycine by 28%

Kinetic parameters had linear correlations with graphene addition (0.25– 1.0 g/L)

Direct interspecies electron transfer (DIET) contributed to the improved performance





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Improving gaseous biofuel yield from seaweed through a cascading circular bioenergy system integrating anaerobic digestion and pyrolysis

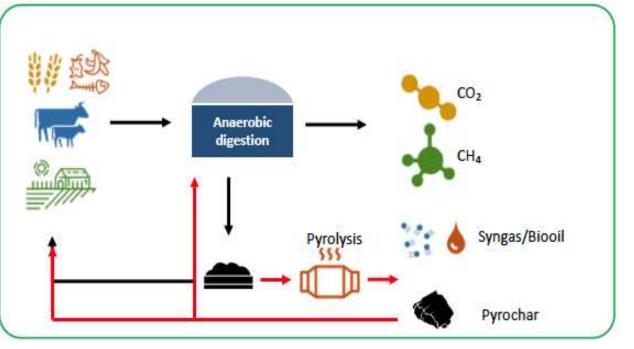
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Increased biomethane yield of 17% while effecting a 26% decrease in digestate, reducing the amount of agricultural land required to spread digestate. Biochar achieved comparable performances to high cost graphene

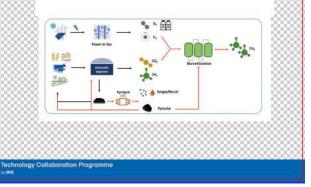


#### Drivers for Successful and Sustainable Biogas Projects:

International Perspectives Report of a symposium held on March 26, 2020

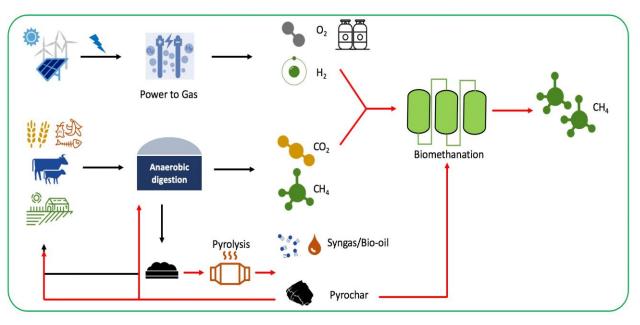
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Advanced gaseous biofuel produced by integrating biological, thermo-chemical and power to gas systems in a circular cascading bioenergy system





GREENING THE GAS GRID IN DENMARK

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## Extent of Green Gas in Denmark

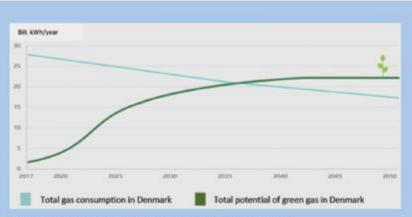


Figure 1: Gas consumption and potential of green gas in Denmark (from Green Gas Denmark)

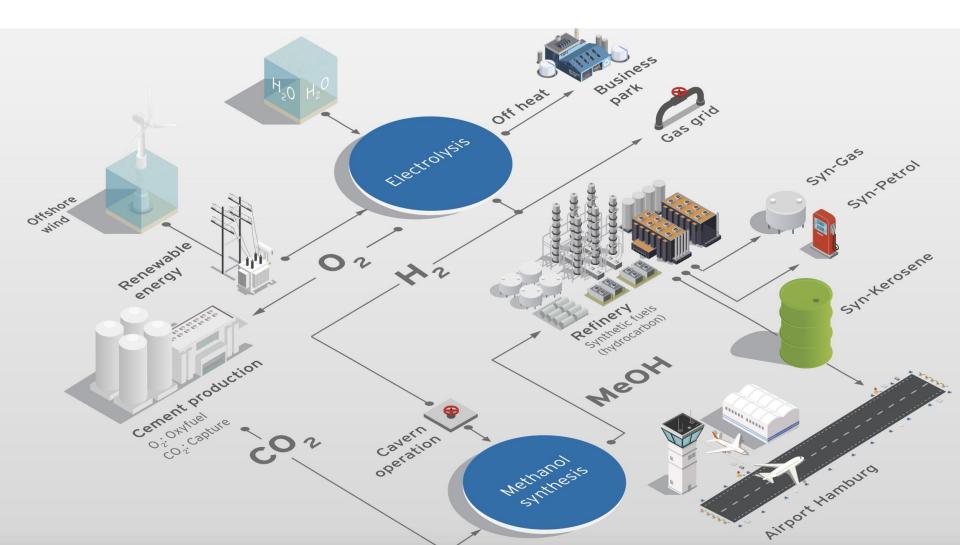


Figure 2: Grid connections for green gas in Denmark (yellow marks indicate connections established in 2017)

Denmark which at present intends decarbonising the gas grid with 72PJ of renewable gas by 2035. Addition of Power to Gas systems could see a resource of 100 PJ , in advance of gas demand.



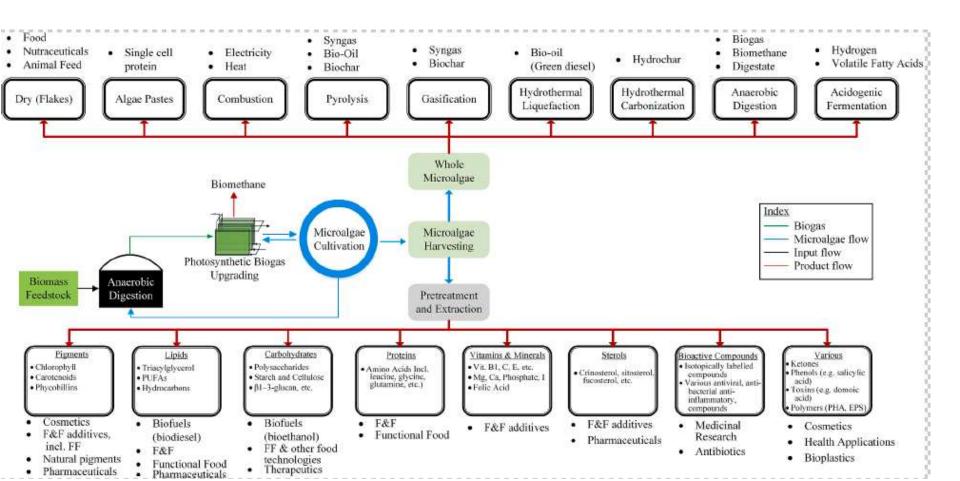
Circular economy: electricity, cement, carbon capture, aviation fuel (WESTKUSTE 100)



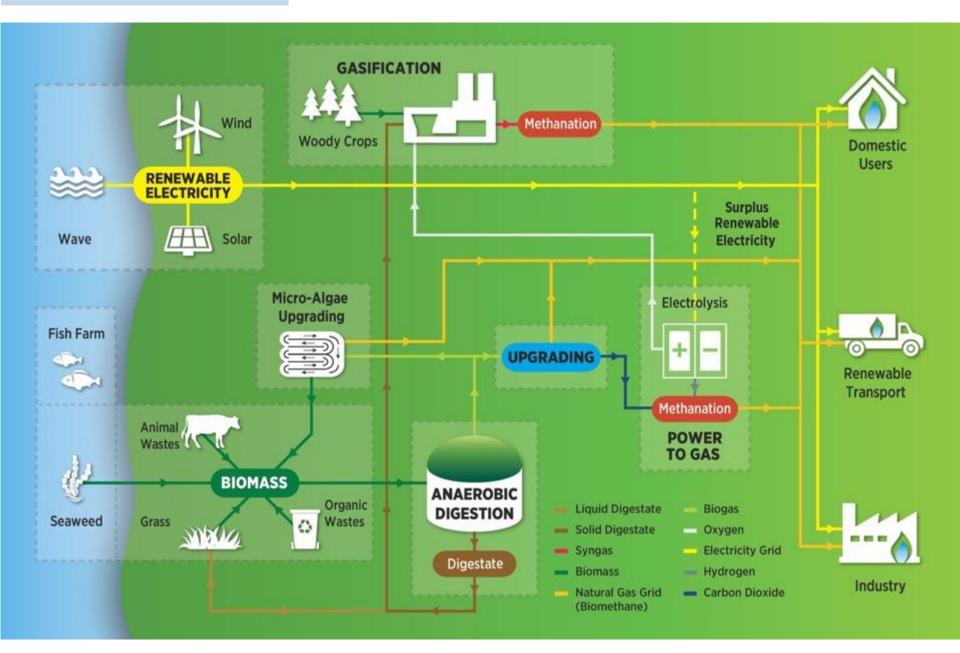




# Photosynthetic micro-algae upgrading of biogas to biomethane



### Green Gas Technologies



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