




Achieving power independence using ultra low emission onsite power generation


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Outline



- Why Power Independence?
- Co-digestion + Cogeneration
- Ultra Low Emission Case Study





Why Power Independence?

We Live in a World with Inefficient Wastewater Treatment

We Live in a World With Too Much Waste



 Sources: Adapted from UNEP, BCC Research, EPA, J.W. Lewis, IMF, ITAU

Anaerobic Digestion Technology



- Digestion has not evolved significantly in 30 years
- AD is the forgotten unit process in the WWT industry
- Municipal digesters are the largest underutilized municipal asset in age of renewable energy and organics diversion
- Wasted tank infrastructure operating at low solids content and low OLR

Achieving Power Independence



Resources should not be wasted
Sludge + Organic Waste = ENERGY!

Bio waste from households
(Source: separated organics, SSO)



Food waste/kitchen waste



Packed foodstuff expired food supermarkets



Typical Organic Waste Reception



Solid Organic Waste

- Restaurant Waste
- Grocer Waste
- Municipal Green Bin Programs
- Food Processing Waste



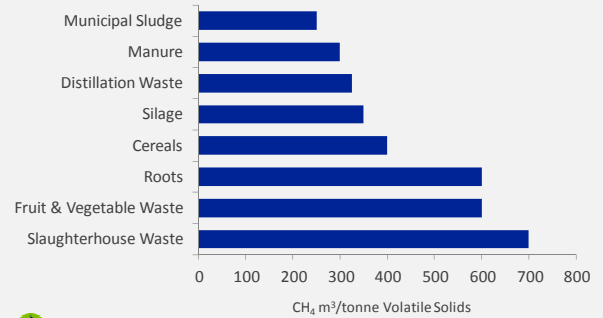
Liquid Organic Wastes

- Food Processing Wastewater
- Industrial Biosolids
- Oils, Glycerin, etc



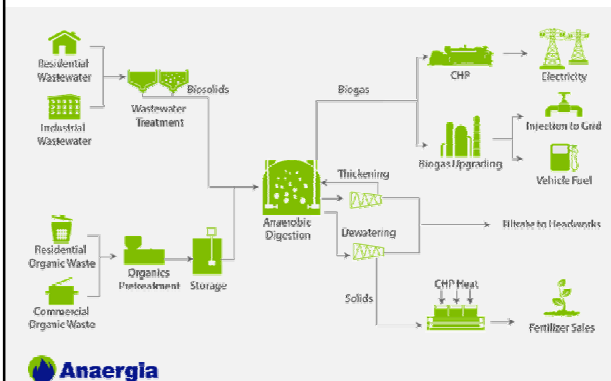
Typical Biogas Potential by Waste Source

Biogas Potential for Various Organic Wastes



Source: Microbiological Handbook for Biogas Plants, Swedish Waste Management U2009-03, Swedish Gas Centre Report

AD = Center of Organic Waste Processing



How to Achieve Power Independence?

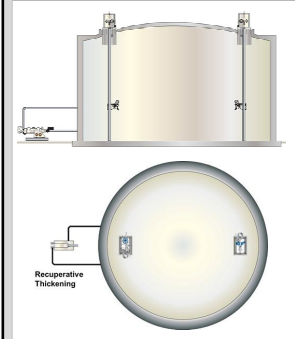
Anaergia's Omnivore AD

High solids anaerobic digestion system for

- Sewage sludge only or co-digestion of sewage sludge with:
 - FOG or brown grease
 - Pre and post consumer food waste (Green Bin)
 - Food processing industry waste
- Existing digester retrofit to increase capacity
- New digesters - reduce volume/installed cost



Overview of Omnivore Digester



- Primary Design Function**
- Retrofit for Existing WWTP Digesters
- Substrates**
- WWTP Sludge
 - FOG & SSO
 - Industrial Food Processing Waste
- Design Features**
- Digester Retrofit
 - Recuperative Thickening
 - Hydraulic High Solids Mixing
 - Substrate Receiving Station
 - Gas Cleaning and CHP
 - Biosolids Handling
- Benefits**
- Increase digester capacity
 - Co-digestion
 - Increase biogas production
 - Heat & Power Production
 - Tipping fee Revenue

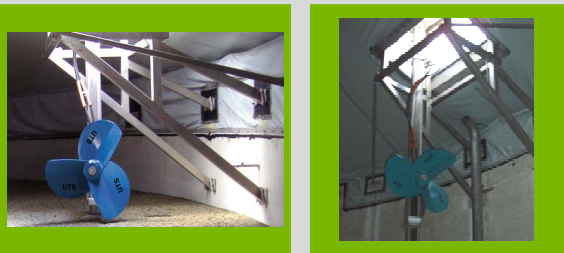
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Omnivore Principles

- Decouple HRT from SRT removing from digester more water than solids
- Increase SRT 2 to 3 times for improved VSR >60% on combined sewage sludge
- Extend SRT with recuperative or pre thickening
- As digester solids content increases improve mixing to handle higher viscosity sludge
- A well operated digester with long SRT and high bacterial biomass inventory achieves similar VSR than complex and energy intensive thermal hydrolysis or other WAS pre-treatment methods

Hydraulic Mixers



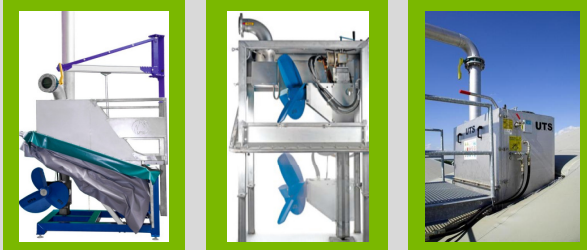
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Hydraulic Power Unit



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Service Box



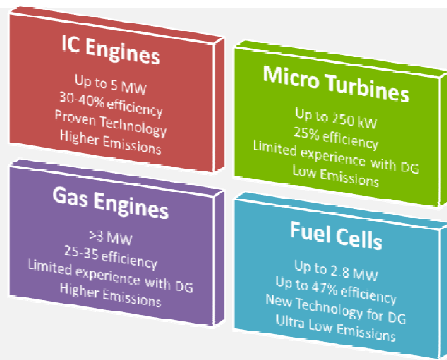
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Solids Separator

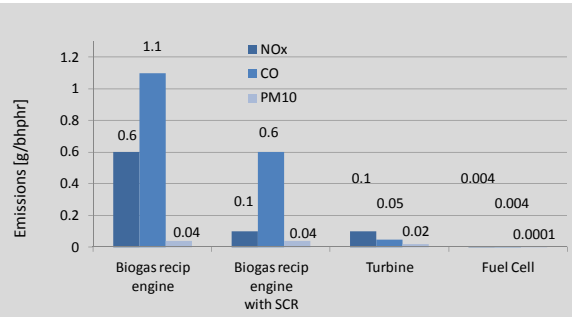


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CHP Technologies

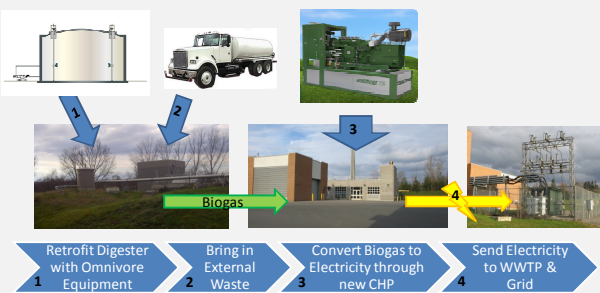


Emissions from CHP using Biogas



The Solution

Omnivore Upgrade to WWTP



Goal = Power Independent WWTP



Fuel Cell Case Study

City of San Jose WWTP

City issued RFP in 2009 for Fuel Cell Power Plant

- DBOOF with PPA

Project awarded to UTS BioEnergy (now Anaergia) in 2010 for DBOOF

- Design in late 2010
- Construction 2011
- Start-up/Commissioning 2012



Why Fuel Cells?

Highest efficiency for CHP

- Electrical efficiency up to 47%
- Nearly constant over 50 – 100% load

Minimal air permit requirement – ultra-low emissions

Minimal noise

Higher availability



Why Fuel Cells? – Other Drivers

Qualifies for simplified interconnection

2012 California SGIP grant



DBOOF - Input Requirements

Supply Agreements

- 20 year for primary substrates
- 5+ year for co-digestion substrates
- Substrate quality requirements

Predefined Rates

- Tipping Fees
 - Escalation Rate
- } Below Typical Market Costs



DBOOF - Output Requirements

Purchase Agreements

- 20 year power purchase agreement
- 5+ year agreements for co-products

Predefined Rates

- Power Prices
 - Co-product prices
 - Escalation Rate
- } Below Typical Market Costs



Partnership Arrangement

City Provides

- Untreated digester gas at approx. 65 psig to the edge of equipment pad
- City water and drainage

Anaergia Provides

- Electricity at a fixed contracted price to nearby plant switchgear
- Hot water at 180 deg F for plant hot water heating system



Fuel Cell CHP



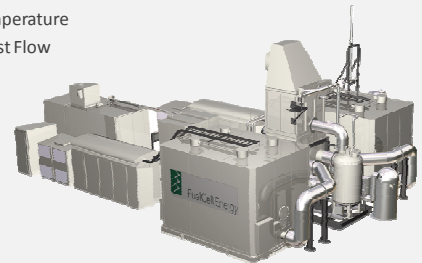
San Jose, California
Feed: Wastewater Sludge Biogas to Fuel Cell CHP, 167 MGD Facility
Energy Output: 1.4 MWe



Fuel Cell Utilized

Fuel Cell Module Characteristics

- 47% Electrical Efficiency
- 13,800 V Output
- 700°F Exhaust Temperature
- 36,600 lb/h Exhaust Flow
- 72 dB at 10ft



Gas Treatment System

Regenerating system was selected to reduce O&M costs associated with media replacement of traditional systems



Operation

Fuel cell average availability

- 90.8% for 10 months including 2 major repairs
- 95.3% excluding Aug 2012 stack replacement

Digester gas treatment system average

- 97.7% for 10 months
- 99.1% recent 9 months after equipment testing



Lessons Learned – FC vs IC Engine

- Starting from cold takes several days
- Load change is slower
- Less heat is available but more power
- Higher capital costs
- Higher maintenance costs (mainly due to stack replacement)
- Gas quality is very critical for successful operation



Inland Empire California



Inland Empire, California
Feed: Wastewater Sludge Biogas to Fuel Cell CHP, 44MGD Facility
Energy Output: 2.8MWe, 1.3 MWth



Take Away

- Landfill diversion + Co-digestion to reduce GHG and increase biogas production
- Omnivore AD to increase capacity of existing digesters
- Co-digestion + Omnivore = Net Zero
- Full Cell CHP = Ultra Low Emission



Thank You

