

Plants for the production of biomethane and CO₂ from biogas



Biogas Upgrading: Optimal Biomethane production

From Biogas to Biomethane an eco-friendly and effective purification process

Tecno Project Industriale (TPI) offers a comprehensive range of systems to cover each stage of the biogas treatment process: Biogas Upgrading plants with membrane or selective solvent, biogas and biomethane compressors, biomethane dryers, analysis systems for CO₂ and CO₂ recovery systems.

TPI's Biogas Upgrading plants purify and refine biogas produced from OFMSW (Organic Fraction Municipal Solid Waste), processing scrap and by-products, effluent from livestock farming, crop wastes and other biomass. The biogas obtained from these materials contains primarily methane (actually biomethane) and carbon dioxide, in variable percentages depending on the initial product, but typically around 50% - 60% for biomethane and

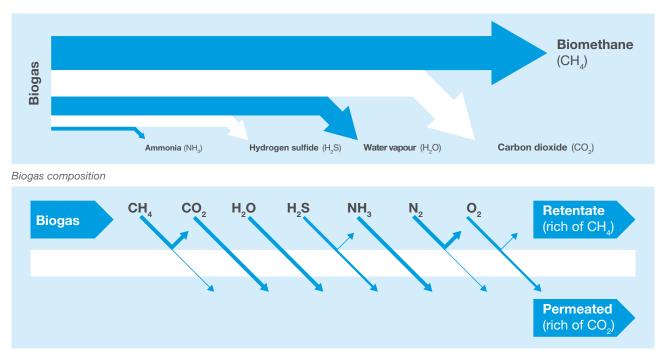
around 40% for CO₂. The international renown of TPI, with its more than three decades of experience in plant production, is built on the company's consolidated ability to treat gas mixtures and recover CO₂ of exceptionally high quality with optimal operating costs. TPI offers expertise and know-how which, backed by solid experience in the sectors of gas compression, purification, deoxidation, production and recovery, is equivalent to a guarantee of absolute reliability.

Technology and know-how

The advanced technology built into the Biogas Upgrading plants allows the separation of a large number of different components that are appropriately filtered and removed allowing the biomethane obtained to gain advanced biofuel certification in compliance with the network code and also further specific market requirements.

The benefits of Biomethane production

- Economic exploitation of agricultural biomass, processing scrap and OFMSW (Organic Fraction of Municipal Solid Waste);
- reduction of environmental impact to promote the creation of a circular economy;
- opportunity to boost business income thanks to the use of biomethane for injection into the network, for the permitted uses, or for sale as an automotive fuel (LNG or CNG system).



Different gas permeability through a specific treatment

Biogas Upgrading with 3-stage HPSM Membrane Systems

Several technologies exist for biogas treatment and refinement. Tecno Project Industriale proposes exclusively the solutions it deems to be the most valid. One such solution involves the use of ultra-high selectivity polymeric refinement membranes (HPSM) that allow the achievement of high refined gas flow rates and high yields without using chemical agents.

Efficiency and versatility

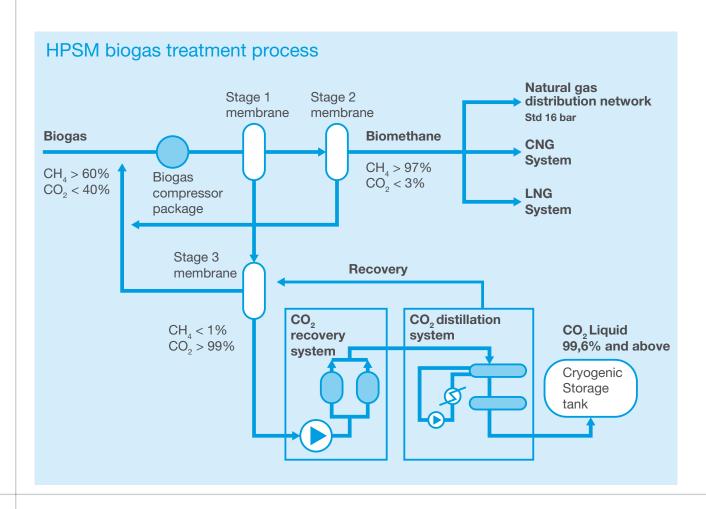
The HPSM plants developed and industrialised by TPI make it possible to obtain high levels of purity with recovery efficiency in excess of 99%, thus making the pure biomethane suitable for distribution in national gas networks.

Characteristics

- High pressure operating system;
- the CO₂ can be easily recovered with a suitable TPI plant, also making it possible to eliminate the small loss of methane completely;



- simple and innovative system;
- biomethane delivery pressure from 10 to 20 bar; biogas flow rate from 50 Nm³/h to 3,000 Nm³/h.



Biogas Upgrading with Selective Solvent Plants

A traditional method, consolidated though time and well known, for separation of acid gases (namely CO₂) from various stream types (flue gas, biogas, syngas. etc.) has been applied also to biogas by TPI for many years, with customers in several different countries.

The selective solvents system operates at low pressure and requires heat in the form of steam for solvent regeneration. Separation achieved by means of this process is extremely efficient. This solution is also ideal for use in situations where network injection occurs at low pressure.

High performance

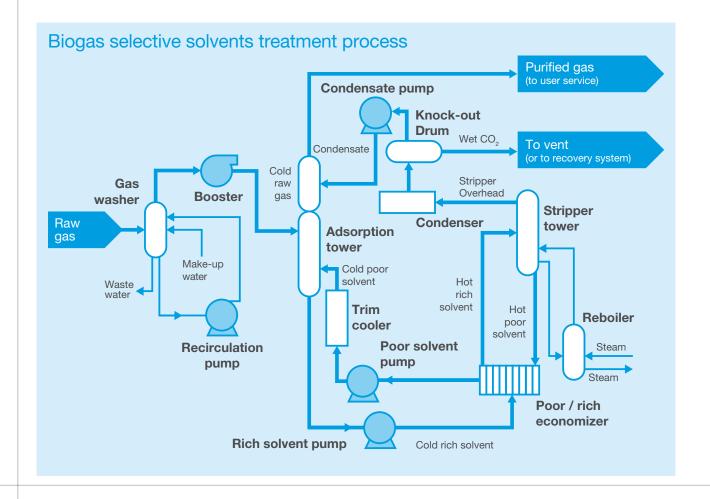
The plant technology is based on the use of a dedicated solvent enriched with specific additives suitable for the treatment of biogas, that also allow the removal of CO₂ without any special pre-treatment process. The biomethane obtained by this process is of extremely high purity (more than 99%). With respect to traditional amines, solvent consumption is far lower.



Characteristics

- Flow rate from 500 Nm³/h;
- high purity of CH₄;
- high purity of CO₂;

 ideal also for possible successive production of bio-LNG.



Biogas Upgrading: Utilities

Compressors for Biogas and Biomethane

TPI's consolidated experience also includes expertise in the production of biogas and biomethane compression skids with flow rates from 100 kg/h to 4,000 kg/h. The biogas compression unit processes the raw gas using lubricated screw compressors and dry piston

compressors; conversely, the biomethane compression unit functions with natural gas without H₂S and CO₂ contents and is based on a single-stage or two-stage reciprocating compressor. Both solutions are completely pre-assembled and factory tested.

Biomethane Dryers

The innovative range of biomethane dryers produced by TPI is composed of activated alumina/molecular sieve type dryers constructed of stainless steel throughout and capable of drying the refined gas fully to reach exceptionally low levels of residual moisture contents.







CO₂ Recovery Plants

All TPI's Biogas Upgrading plants can be equipped with a dedicated section for recovery of carbon dioxide, a valuable by-product of the biogas upgrading process, with recovery efficiency of 99%. These units are composed of a compression stage, a drying and purification stage, a liquefaction stage and a cryogenic tank for storage of liquid CO₂. When the CO₂ plant is installed it is also possible to completely recover the residual methane (the "slip" in the CO₂).



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