

# Round Table Expert-Meeting - Experiences with Biogas Upgrading and Injection to the Natural Gas Grid -

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Engineering Office, specialized in Design and Engineering of Biogas Plants

Foundation: 1999

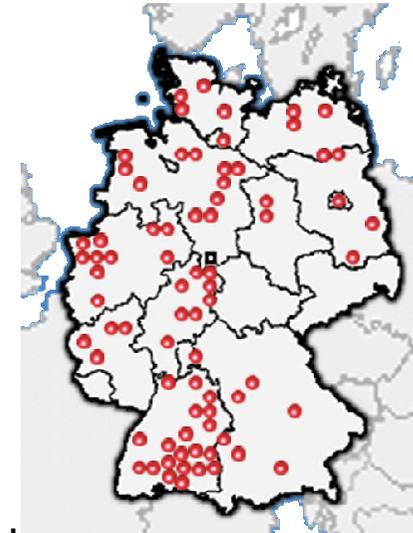
Team: 20

Experience: > 20 Years

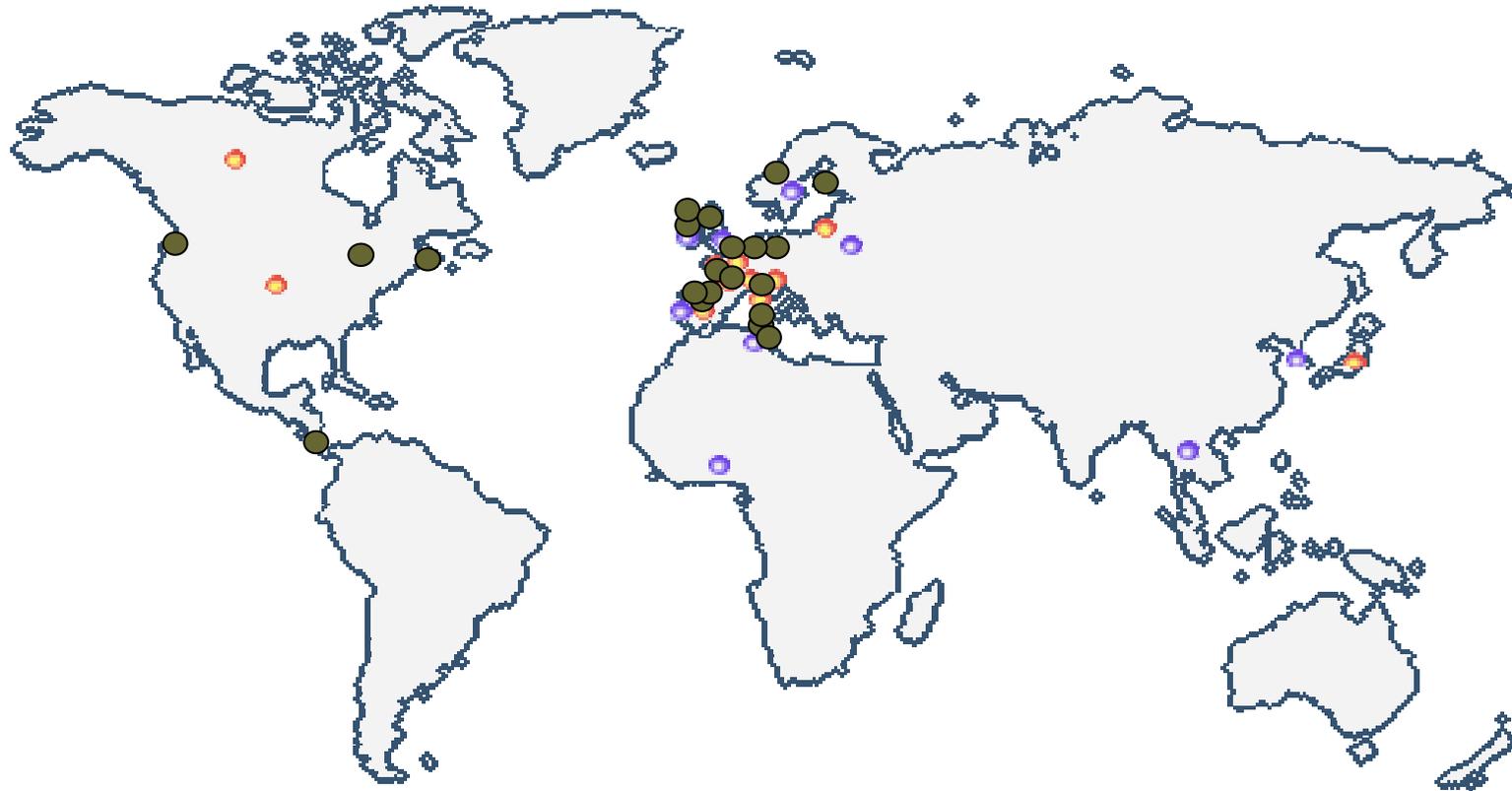
References: ca. 140 Biogas Plants

in: Germany, Japan, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland, Lithuania, Italy, Slovakia, Canada, USA, Spain, France, Ireland

Partner: Japan, Korea, USA, Canada, Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Turkey, Poland, Italy, Spain, Ireland, Serbia



# Krieg & Fischer Orders at this Moment (April, 2010)



in France, Spain, Italy, Ireland, USA, Germany, Norway,  
Serbia, Poland und Canada, The Netherlands,  
United Kingdom and Finland.

## Torsten Fischer

- President of Krieg & Fischer Ingenieure GmbH

→ Founded by Andreas Krieg and Torsten Fischer in 1999



- Education: Engineer for Shipbuilding Construction
- Experience in the field of biogas since 1992
- **Special fields:** - waste management and municipal engineering  
- safety aspects of biogas plants
- **Lecturer** at the University of Höxter and Gießen
- Accreditation of the Chamber of Engineers of Germany as **Expert Witness in the field of biogas**



# Service offerings of Krieg & Fischer in the field of Biogas



- Studies
- Concept Development
- Calculations
- Permits & Approvals
- Engineering
- Tendering and Commissioning
- Construction
- Start-up
- Optimization/Retrofits
- Supervision and Consulting

# Key account



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# References - Examples



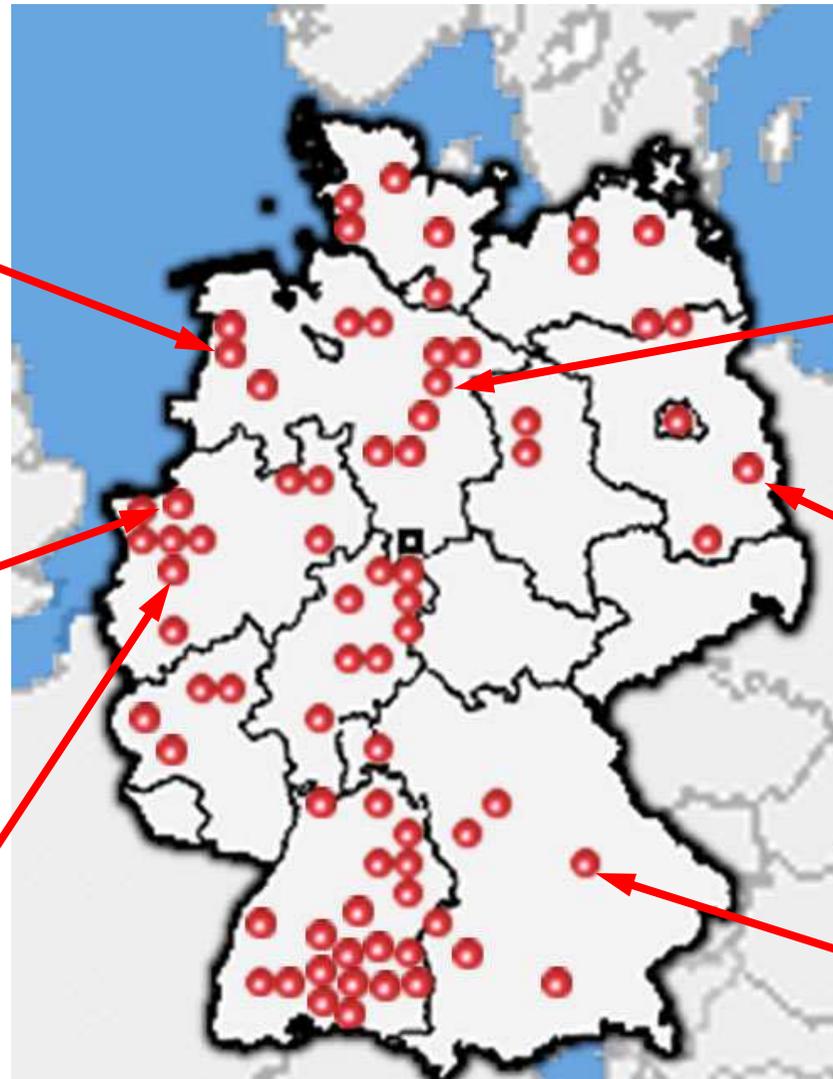
Central Biogas Plant



Energy Crop Biogas Plant



Kitchen Waste Digestion



Potato Residue Digestion



Energy Crops with Cattle Manure



Biowaste Digestion

# References in Italy

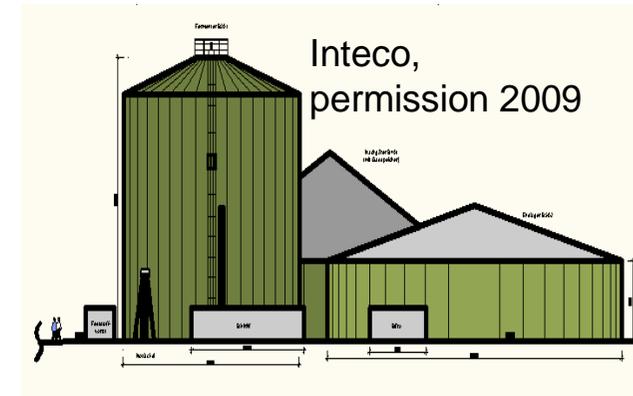


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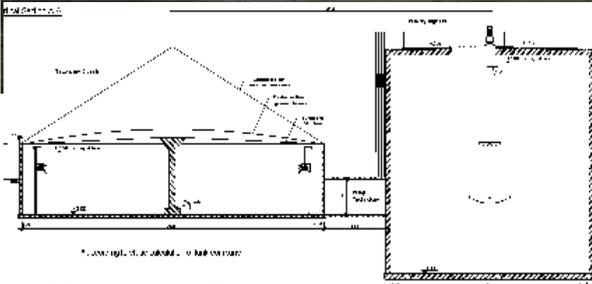
Prato allo Stelvio 2001

- Termoli, permission 2007
- Boldini, study 2002
- Brentonico, study 2002
- Schluderns, preplanning 2001



Bosco della Cascina, 2009

- Terenten, study 2001
- Forni di Sopra, study 1999



Bio Canali 2007, permission planning



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## Biogas Upgrading with Participation of K&F



- Stadtwerke Magdeburg (study in 1997)
- Werlte (in operation since 2008)
- Semd (startup in May 2010)
- Oranienbaum (in planning)
- Im Brahm (in approval procedure)
- Baden-Württemberg (in planning)
- Rheinland-Pfalz (in approval procedure)

# Werlte, Germany



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- Built: 2002
- Input:  
manure 90,000 m<sup>3</sup>/a,  
fats 20,000 m<sup>3</sup>/a
- Digester 2 x 3,200 m<sup>3</sup>  
steel tank
- CHP: 2 x 1,3 kW<sub>e</sub> gas  
engine
- Upgrading of biogas  
since 2008;  
PSA (Carbotech)  
500 m<sup>3</sup>/h biogas →  
350 m<sup>3</sup>/h biomethane
- Injection to the local  
distribution net  
(0,8 bar)



## Werlte, Germany

	2008	2009
Biomethane	1,641,767 m <sup>3</sup>	2,518,000 m <sup>3</sup>
Operation hours	6,800 h	7,194 h

- Gas grid: during warmer days in June 2008 and July 2009 the injection had to be reduced, the local gas grid was overfilled.
- PSA: 2008: 46 days with problems  
In July and November 2008 problems with the electric occurred that could not be managed ad hoc.
- Biogas plant 2009: because of high H<sub>2</sub>S concentration in the biogas, the upgrading plant was switched off for a week.

# Semd, Germany Water scrubbing



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- Built: 2009
- Input:  
corn silage 13,800 t/a
- Digester 2,300 m<sup>3</sup>  
concrete tank
- Full stream separation
- Upgrading of  
340-360 m<sup>3</sup>/h biogas  
by water scrubbing

# Semd, Germany Water scrubbing, Malmberg



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Installation of the preinstalled  
plant delivered in a container from Sweden

## Im Brahm, Germany



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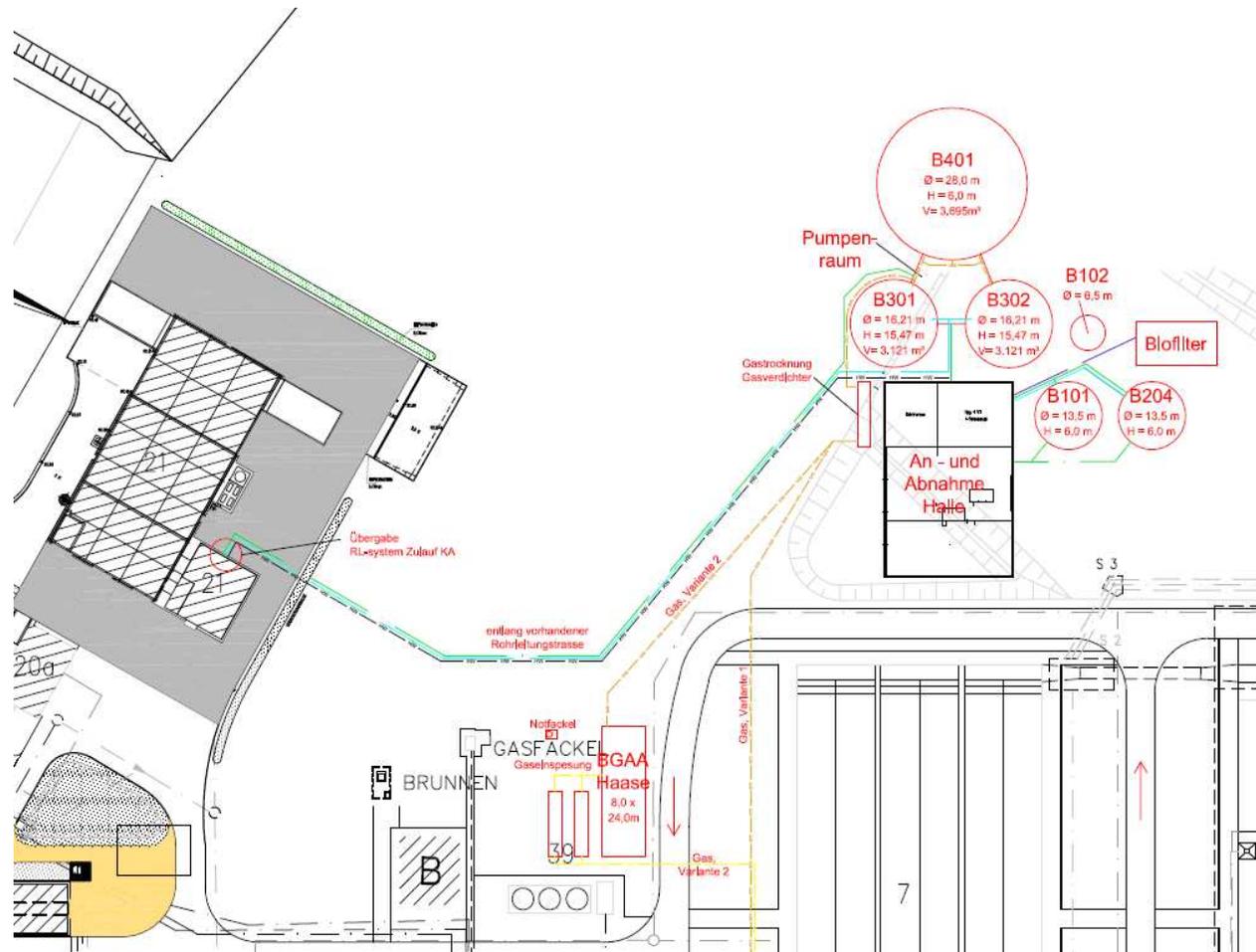


- Built: 2005
- Input: kitchen waste, pig manure, horse dung
- Digester: 1,205 m<sup>3</sup> concrete tank
- CHP: 2 x 190 kW<sub>e</sub> gas engine
- Mesophilic process engineering with hydrolysis
- Enlargement 2010: 3. digester and biogas upgrading and injection

# Baden-Württemberg, Germany



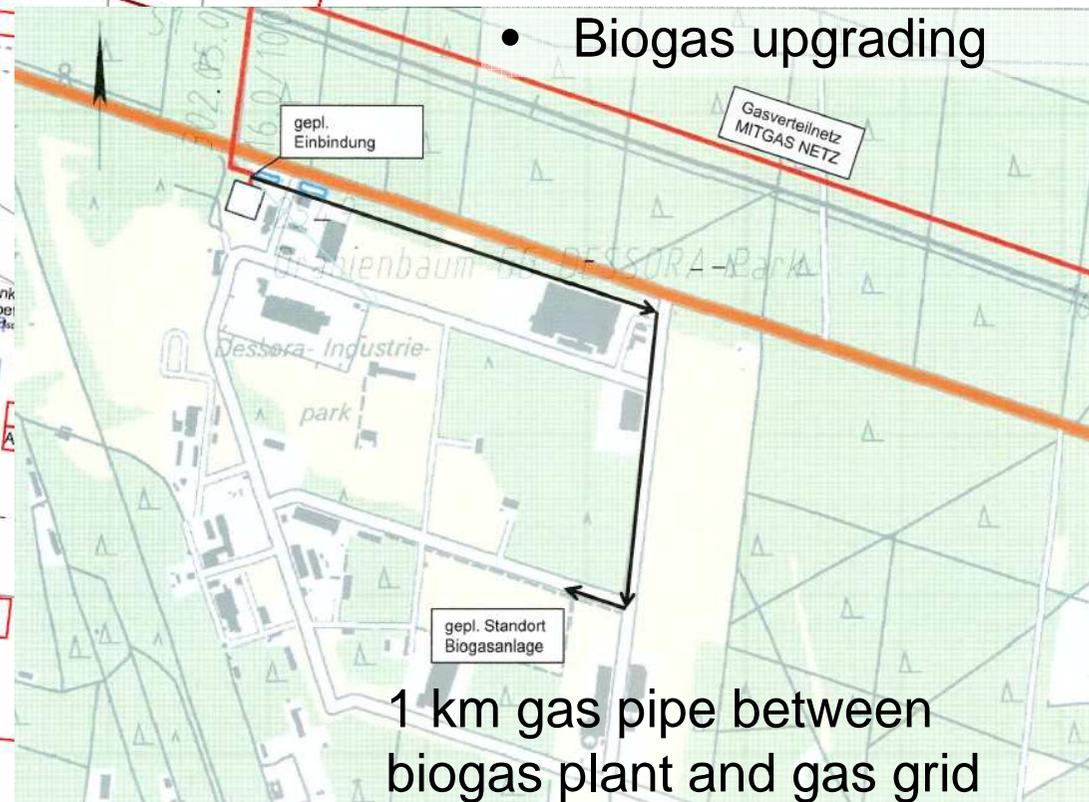
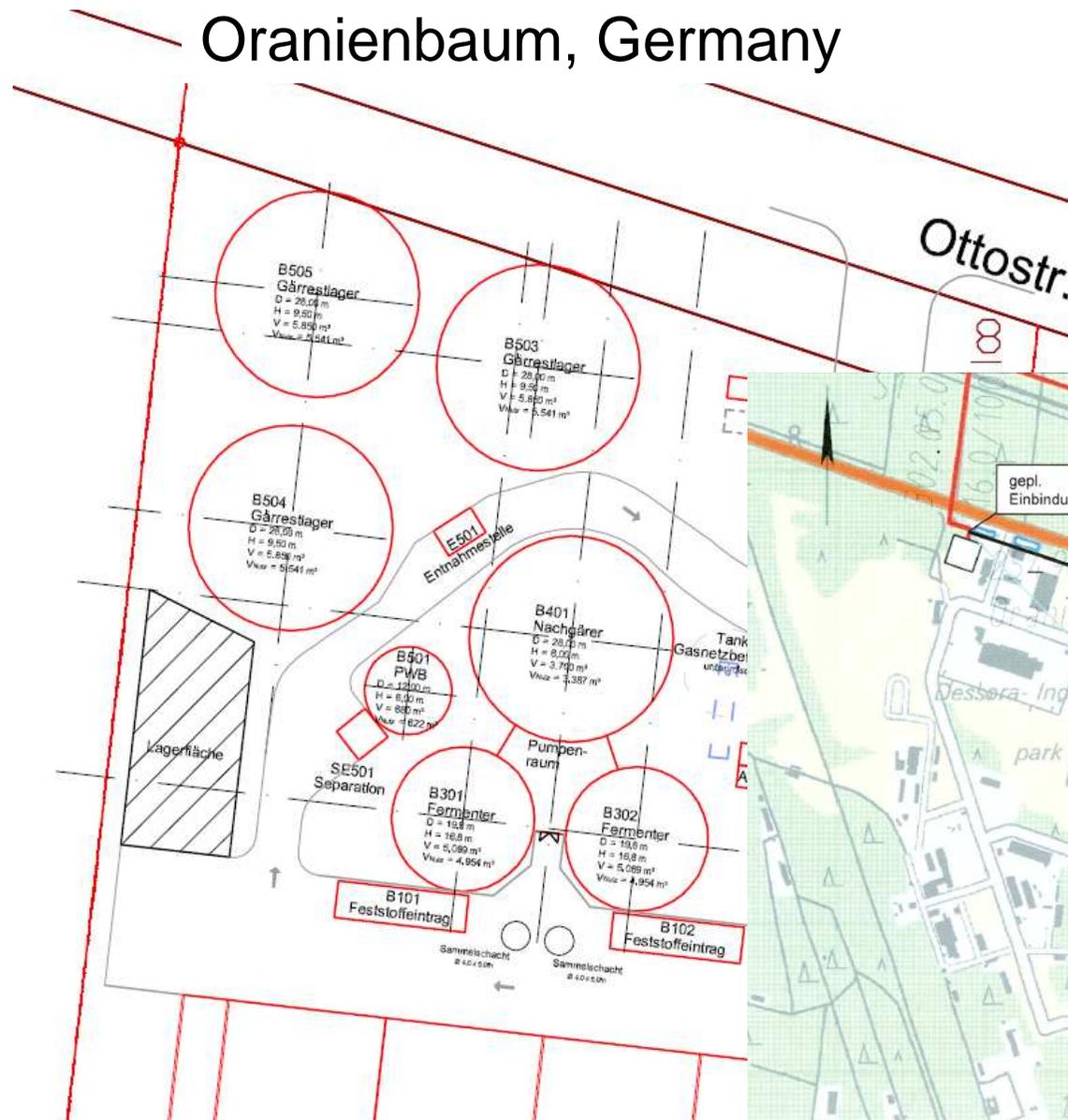
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- Study in 2009
- Input: kitchen waste, bio waste, manure,
- Digester: 2 x 3,121 m<sup>3</sup>
- Mesophilic process engineering with sanitation
- Gas purification of about 500 m<sup>3</sup>/h

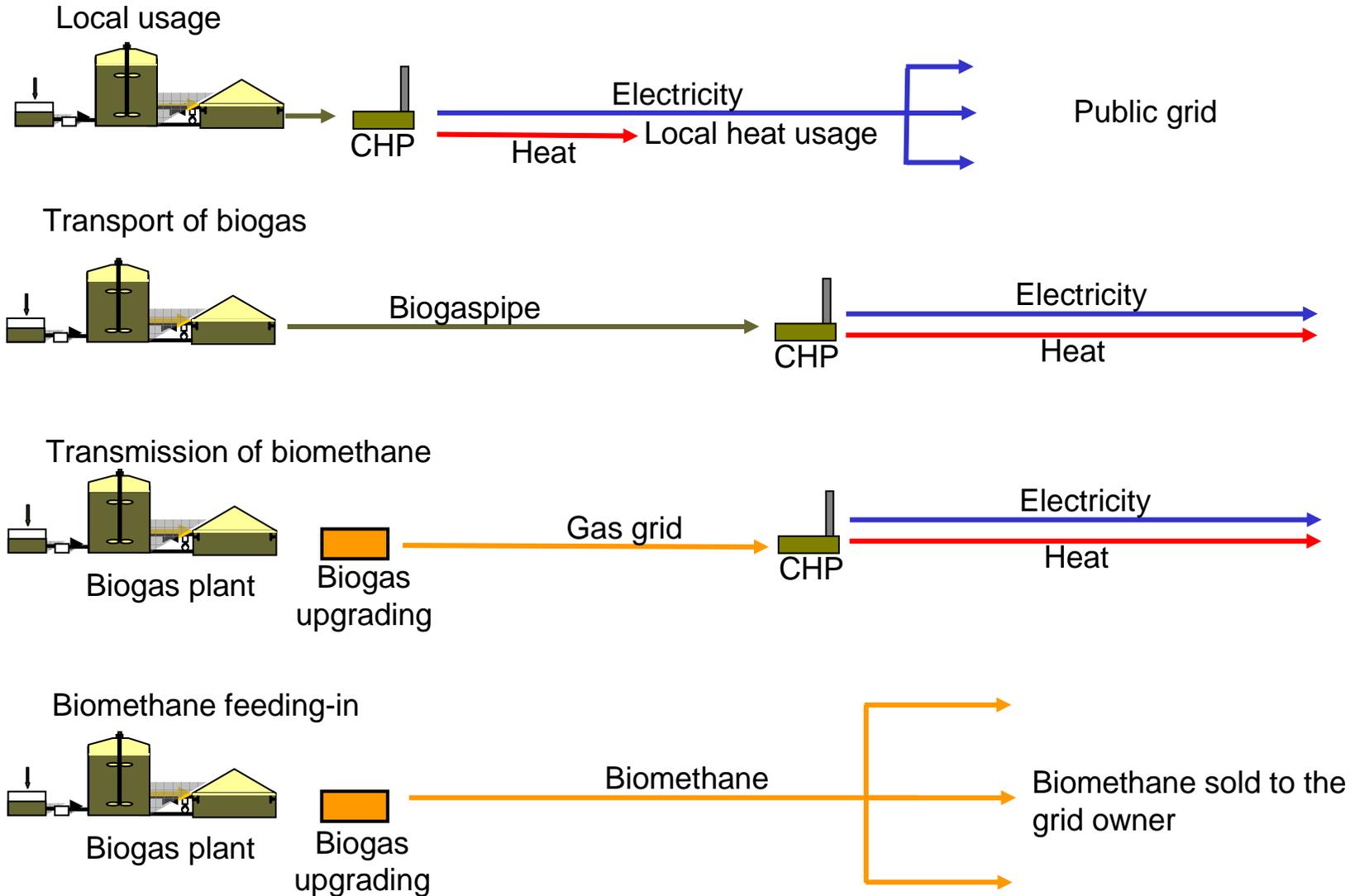
# Oranienbaum, Germany

- Planning: 2010
- Input: energy crops
- 2 Digester: 4,954 m<sup>3</sup> steel tank each
- Biogas upgrading



1 km gas pipe between biogas plant and gas grid

# Biogas concepts



## Choosing the upgrading system

The upgrading system has to be suitable to the biogas plant and the local conditions.

- Availability of heat on site
- Heat demand on site
- Costs of electric energy
- Amount of biogas
- Biogas quality ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , Air  $\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2$ )
- Natural gas grid (pressure, distance)
- Demanded biogas quality

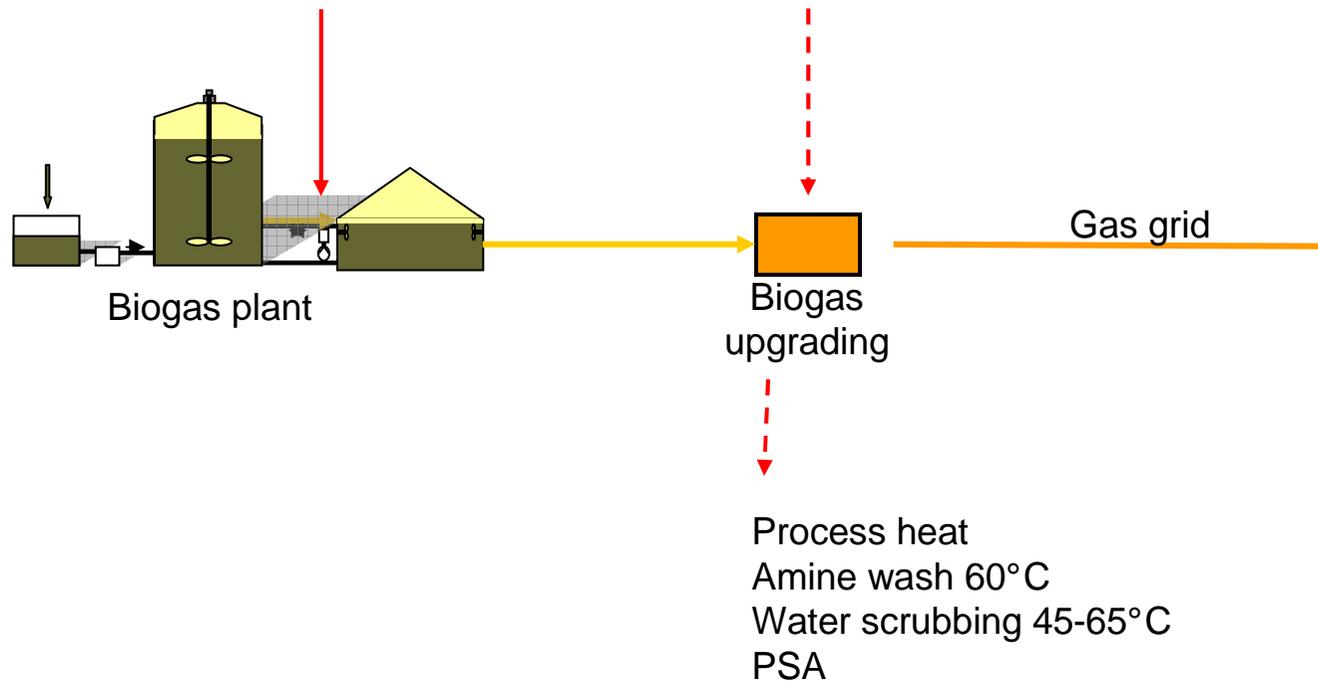
# Heat demand on site

## Supply of parasitic heat

- CHP
- Boiler
- Process heat biogas upgrading
- External heat supply

## Heat demand

- Amine wash 160°C
- Genosorb wash 80°C



## Conditions in Germany

- 24 biogas plants with upgrading system
- Feeding rate is not defined but has to be negotiated with the grid operator
- It is possible to use biomethane injected to the natural gas grid in a distant CHP
- The selection of the best fitted upgrading system depends on the local conditions (parasitic heat, costs of heat and energy supply)

# Interfaces biogas upgrading

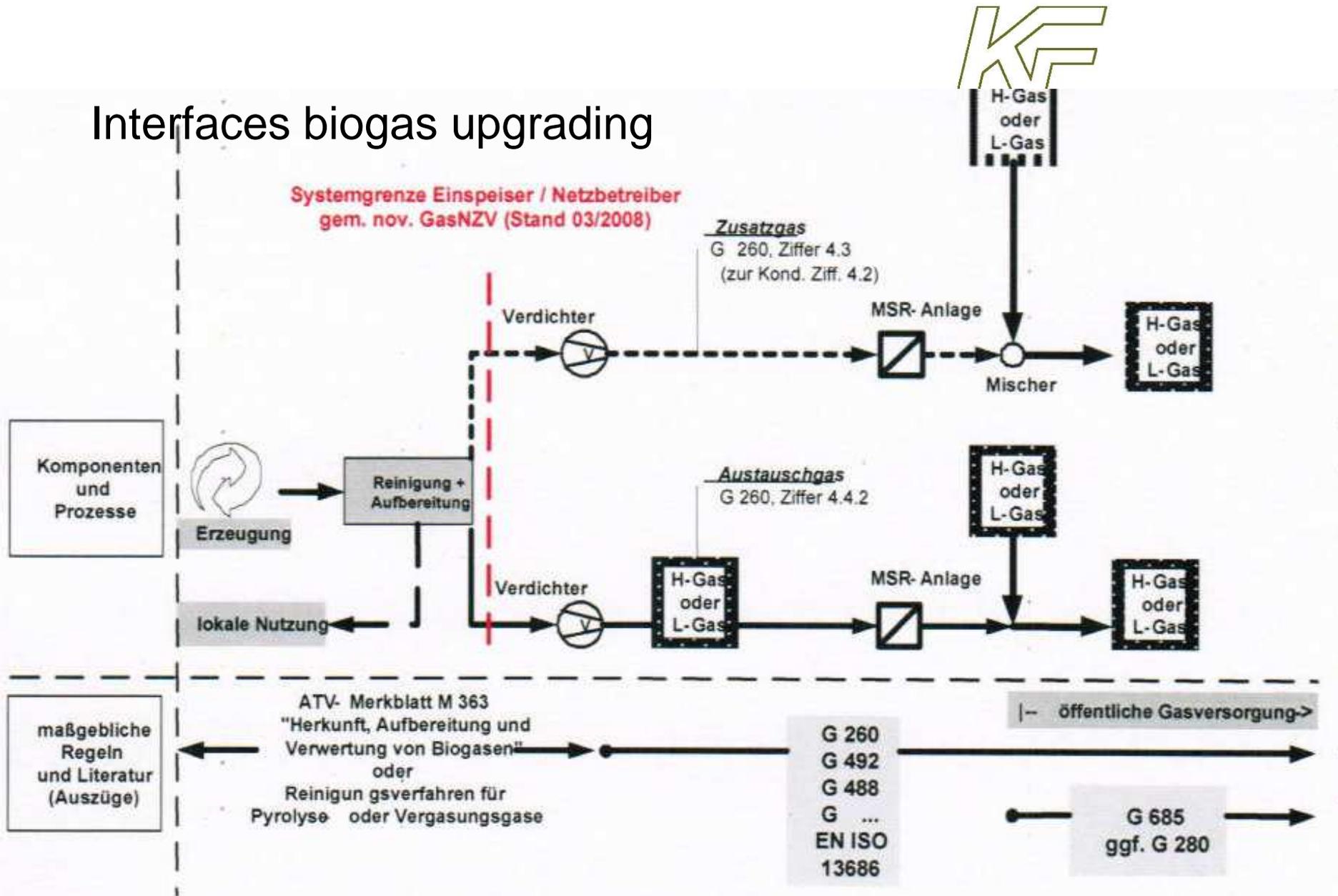
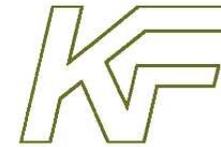


Abbildung 1-4: Einspeiseschnittstellen und relevantes Regelwerk [6]



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## Injection to the national gas grid



Conditioning of the biomethane to adapt it to the local quality of the natural gas

## Regulations

Biogas plants with upgrading system have to fulfill the requirements defined in the regulations of DVGW

- Special building materials have to be used.  
→ PVC is not allowed for gas pipes.  
But about 80 to 90% of all biogas plant suppliers use PVC!  
Krieg & Fischer use PE and stainless steel since 2001.
- Special inspections have to be accomplished:  
periodic pressure tests, tightness tests etc.
- The safety regulations of the German biogas association are valid only in some extent.

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