

## BIOGAS UPGRADING TO BIOMETHANE ITALIAN "BEST AVAILABLE TECHNIQUE"

Offering solution for different processes in renewables



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## Marchi Industriale



Factory of Marano Veneziano (VE) - IT

- $1873\, {\sf Ferruccio\,Marchi\,opens\,first\,fertilizer\,factory}$
- **1900** A factory was established in Marano Veneziano.
- **1984** Marchi Industriale Holding was created.
- 2010 Marchi Energia was established: a new company focused on renewable energy.



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### Giammarco Vetrocoke



CO<sub>2</sub> removal plant based on Giammarco-Vetrocoke Process – Ragusa (Italy)

**1950** Giammarco-Vetrocoke was founded. Giuseppe Giammarco patents a selective CO<sub>2</sub> absorption process based on K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> solutions.

GV process is widely applied to various gases with different pressure, temperature and composition.

2019 GV is now one of the top three licensors of CO<sub>2</sub> absorption technology in the world, with more than 370 licensed units installed.



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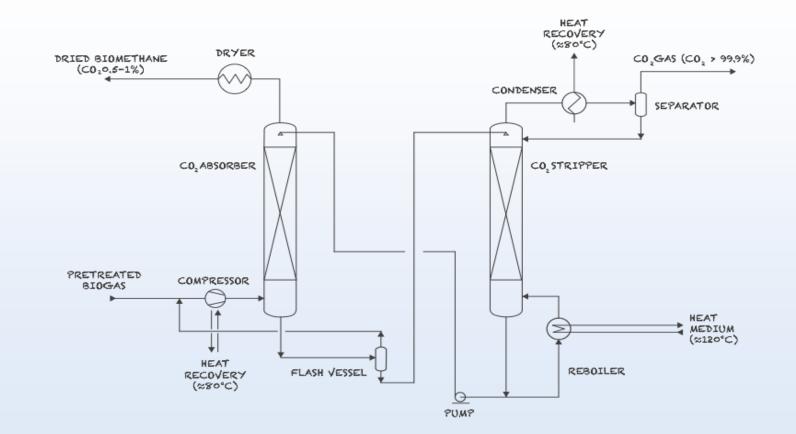


## **GM** technology





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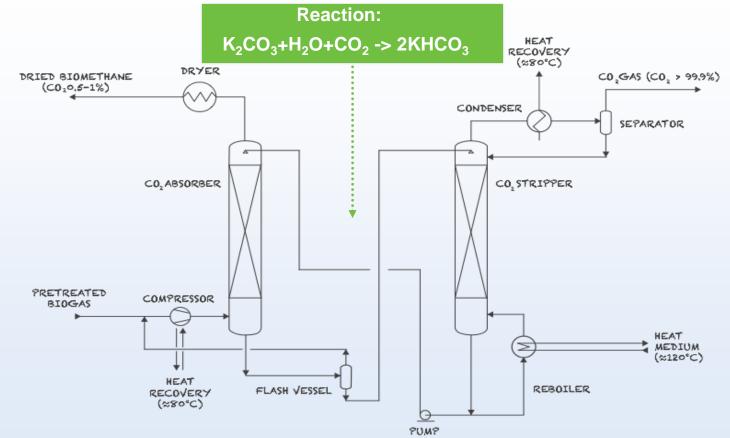






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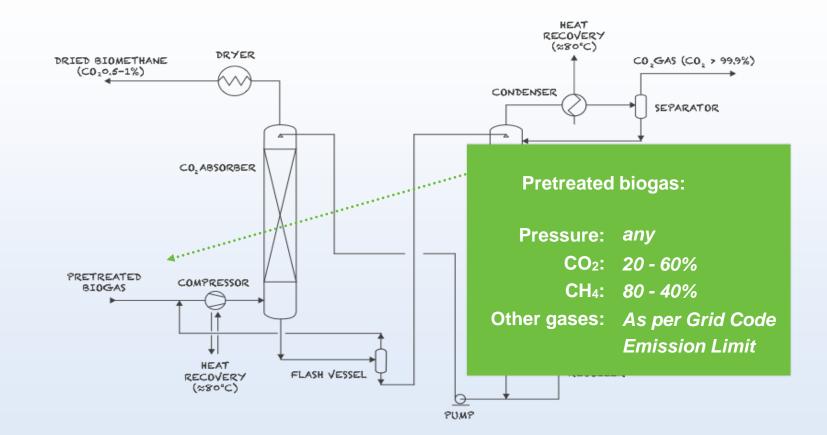






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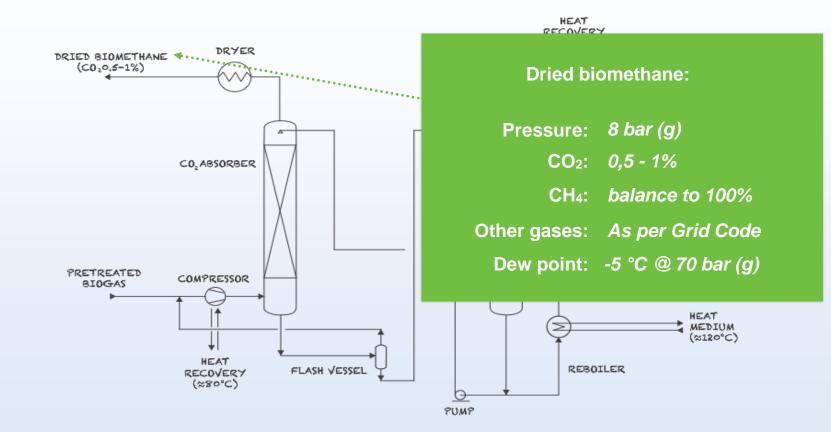


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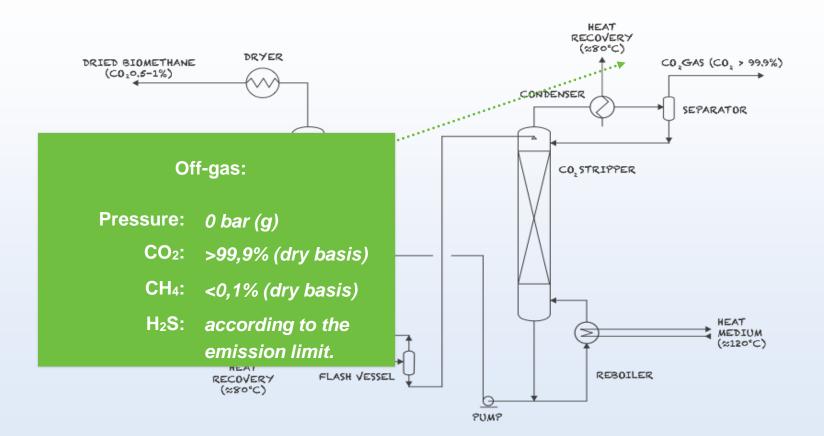
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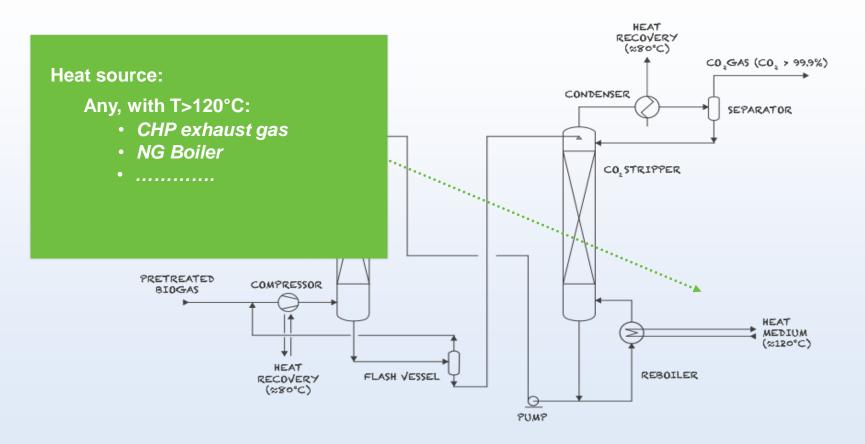




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## REFERENCES

# **Operating:**

ROMA, 750 Nm3/h biogas from OFMSW.

ROVIGO, 750 Nm3/h biogas from industrial by-products

FERRARA, 1100 Nm3/h biogas from agricultural by-products

## Start-up phase:

★ MILANO, 1500 Nm3/h biogas from OFMSW

Construction phase:

ANCONA, 750 Nm3/h biogas from OFMSW





# QUALITY OF BIOMETHANE AND ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS

CNR-IIA (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche - Istituto sull'Inquinamento Atmosferico, Italian National Research Council - Institute for Atmospheric Pollution) carried out two sampling and analysis campaigns on Biogas, Biomethane and Off-gas streams.

The results achieved are summarised in the report CNR IIA 0003441/2017 **"Verifica delle prestazioni di un impianto per l'upgrading del biogas a biometano tramite Hot Potassium Carbonate" (Checking of performance of a biogas upgrading to biomethane plant by Hot Potassium Carbonate).** 



The results show that:



Biomethane produced meets the requirements of UNI TR 11537-2016 and EN 16732 standards



Methane lost with Off-gas is lower than 0.1% of total methane in biogas feed (measured loss = 0.06%)  $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$ Higher yield

Lower environmental footprint



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## Biogas Upgrading: Life Cycle Cost Analysis

#### HOW MUCH YOUR UPGRADING PLANT COSTS?

A comparison between GM washing and MBR for an upgrading plant

treating 1000 Nm3/h of raw biogas in Italy

INPUT	Unit	GM	MBR
Electric Power Price from Grid - from CHP	€/MWh	160-100	160-100
Thermal Power Price	€/MWh	30	30
Capital Cost	€	1700000	1200000
RTO	€	0	300000
Methane Slip	%	0.05	1
Electric Power Consumption (Biomethane delivered @ 12 ba	kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> BG	0.209	0.28
Thermal Power Consumption (heat @ 130°C)	kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> BG	0.425	0
Thermal Power Recovery (heat @ 80°C)	kWh/Nm <sup>3</sup> BG	0.36x65%	0.08
Activated Carbon Consumption for VOC Removal	% of nominal cap.	75	110
Maintenance Cost for Upgrading	€/yr	80000	80000
Substitution of Separation media	€/yr	4000	50000
Inflation Rate	%	1	1
Weighted Average Cost of Capital	%	4	4





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## Biogas Upgrading: Life Cycle Cost Analysis

#### CUMULATIVE UPGRADING COST FOR 20 YEARS PLANT LIFETIME (EUR 2019)



- Overall Cost Difference:
  € 2.330.000
- OPEX cumulative value is 4 to 7 times the CAPEX!
- While CHP units have similar performances, upgrading plants are very different from each other





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# OTHER FIELD OF APPLICATION: CO2 Removal from flue Gas



Giammarco-Vetrocoke - Pilot plant in Venice (I)



## Gasification:



Key aspects:

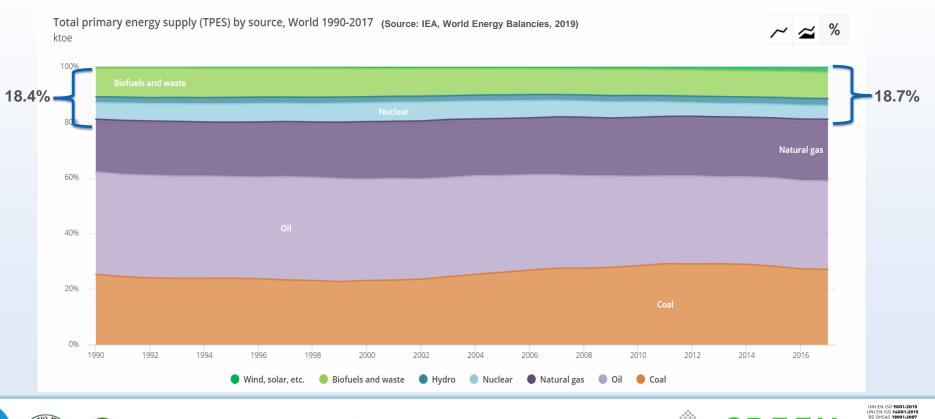
 $\rightarrow$  -solution stability

#### -environmental friendly





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