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Direct production of bio-methane through biomass gasification and grid injection

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Context: Why Bio-methane in the natural gas grid



Evolution of customers context

Energy and environmental context

- \checkmark Factor 4 450 ppm CO₂
- ✓ European Energy- Climate change targets ex: EU 3 x 20% rules

Regulation Context

- ✓ Energy management standards ISO 50001
- ✓ New operating permitting for industrial plants
- ✓ National quotas CO₂ allocations

Profitability of industries or ind. Plate-forms (Steel ind. Chemical ind.)

- ✓ Energy prices → Reduction of energy consumption
- ✓ « Low carbon-foot print » factories ou Ecodesign:→ Re-engineering of the energy master plans

□ Strategic context – "Technology boosting"

- ✓ Advanced technologies in energy (NTE)
- ✓ Eco-technologies and fighting against Climate Changes

Figure 5.8 • World energy-related CO₂ emission savings by policy measure in the 450 Scenario



- Implementation of renewable fuel into energy mix of industrial plants will be a priority to reach Climate Change targets
- Even if Natural gas is the lowest carbon contains fuel-gas , it's still a Fossil Fuel
- Our customers will ask us to provide "Green Fuel-gas molecules"
- NG grid is a good opportunity and tools to provide "free CO2 fuel-gas" to our customers

Gasification processes to produce Biomethane



- Biomass to Energy conversion : Several Processes are available
 - Gasification / thermo-chemical process is a sustainable & flexible way for treatment of Dry & Ligneous Biomass



Gasification processes to produce Bio-methane



 Gasification : An efficient thermo-chemical process to produce Bio-methane



1- GoBiGas - Göteborg Energi/Eon project with REPOTEC FICFB gasification process and Haldor Topsoe methanation process

2- Repotec FICFB gasification process – Güssing CHP unit and méthanation pilot plant with CTU process

The models for sustainable injection of biomethane into natural gas grid



Two models are under investigation : "Green gas concept"

Mass production similar to Electrical power plant models

- Large plant capacity: 80 to 200 MW bio SNG - 1 600 GWh/yr - ~ 160 MNm³/yr
- 2 or 3 plants per countries/lands
- Use of imported biomass 90 to 220 kT/an
- Bio-methane injection into transmission grid
- Country energy mix strategy
- Ex: GoBiGas project (Sueden)



Local production similar to Cogeneration plant

- Medium plants : 20 to 60 MW bioSNG 450 GWh/yr – ~ 50 MNm³/yr
- One plant for industrial Plat-form or site /town with cogeneration biomethane/heat
- Use of local biomass 20 to 60 kT/an
- Bio-methane injection into distribution grid or local grid
- Energy integration Territory approach
- Ex: GAYA project (France)



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Conclusions



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- Thermo-chemical biomass to energy conversion is an efficient process
- Technologies are available at preindustrial stage or local production, at industrial stage for large production (coming from coal gasification technologies)
- Several industrial or Pilot demonstrations are undergoing (GoBiGas & GAYA projects in Europe ; GTI project in USA)
- Favorable contexts in term of Environment, Economic & regulatory
- Opportunity for NG companies to be able to provide "FreeCO2 fuel gas"
- Some Models of business are well known by NG & energy services companies, Others need to be invented
- A promising potential of new turn over to be confirmed
- A good transition to Hydrogen or Bio-Hydrogen distribution

