

WARRIORS TO SAVE THE PLANET



THE BIOREFINERY OF THE BIOMETHANE PLANT Methanation • Pellets • Hydrogen

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Company Overview:





Cambium Srl/GmbH - Holding



Srl/GmbH is dedicated to project development and plant operation (Operation)



Srl/GmbH focuses on technical design, construction, EPC, and technical maintenance of the plants (Maintenance).



Srl/GmbH a newly established company, will focus on innovative projects in the Power2X sector, specifically in biological methanation.

AS OF TODAY, THE GROUP HOLDS:



REGISTERED TRADEMARKS ACROSS EUROPE, JAPAN, AND THE USA





PATENT FILINGS WITH **EUROPEAN, U.S., AND ASIAN PATENT OFFICES**

Cambium Holding company with strategic stakes in renewable energy businesses.

VALUE CHAIN (Full Integration)

Development → **Construction** → **Maintenance** & **Operation**

KEY COMPANIES



Terra → Project Development



→ Implementation & Plant Management

BUSINESS MODEL

Projects → **Sold to investors** *or* **Managed directly** → Long-term value creation

THE GROUP IS SEEKING AN INVESTMENT OF OVER €1 BILLION TO ACCELERATE ITS INDUSTRIAL PLAN, STRENGTHEN INTERNAL CAPABILITIES, AND CO-FINANCE STRATEGIC ASSETS IN EUROPE AND GLOBALLY.

About the Founder











Experience & Innovation

- ✓ 25+ years in bioenergy, 30+ patents
- ✓ Creator of the first **biogas consortium plant** in South Tyrol (2001)
- ✓ Founder of a company with 225 plants in 14 countries

Technological Leadership

- ✓ Biomethane from agricultural biomass & OFMSW
- ✓ Biohydrogen from anaerobic digestion
- ✓ Biofertilizers (pellets) from digestate
- ✓ Carbon neutrality systems by 2050

Current Role & Vision

- ✓ Leads (biomethane, biohydrogen) & **Bihcon** (engineering)
- ✓ With Cambium, builds an integrated renewable gas supply chain
- ✓ Driven by innovation and sustainability

"I saw my first anaerobic digestion plant at the age of 13.

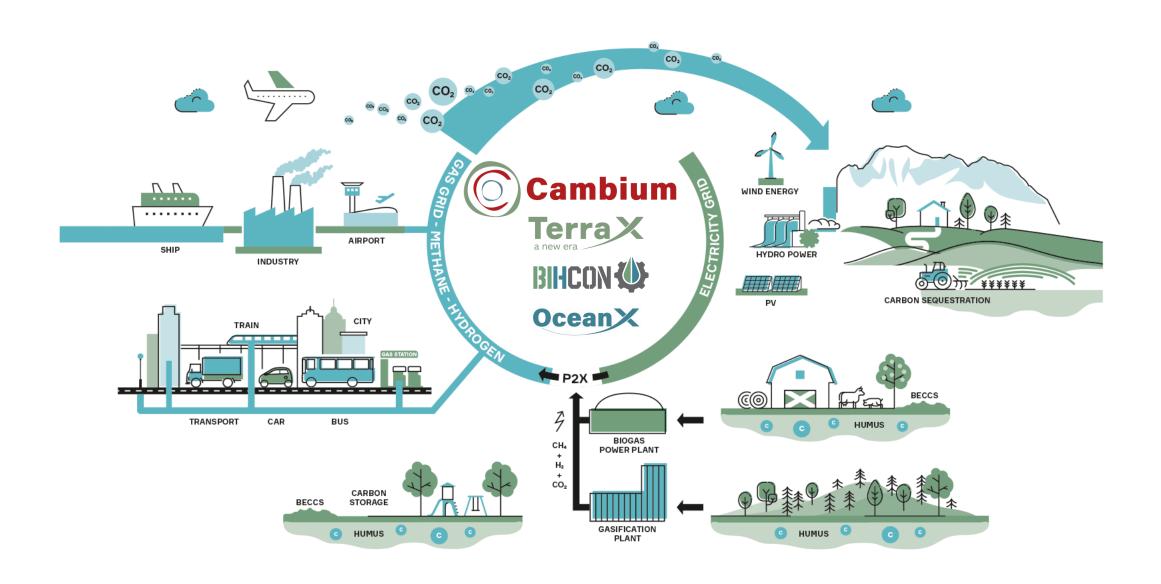
Since then, I've nurtured the idea of

turning manure into energy."



Vision and Mission





Vision and Mission



By 2050, half of Europe's energy will come from electricity, and half from renewable molecules — biomethane and biohydrogen. Natural gas will be replaced by renewable gases, turning biomass, waste and CO₂ into clean energy and promoting a fully circular economy.

Develop 360° technologies and projects for anaerobic digestion, biomass gasification, and Power-to-X, producing renewable gases and fertilizers that replace fossil-based products and support carbon neutrality by 2050.



Services we provide













Design Solutions

We are experts in the elaboration of design solutions, related to biomethane and biohydrogen production plants, high rated and certified by an international advisor.

Projects Development

We are in charge of **developing** highly customized biomethane and biohydrogen production projects, investing in new technologies and pursuing the so-called circular economy.

Financing

With our team of experts, we are able to develop specific projects that meet the requirements of investors.

Construction

We are in charge of
building highly
customized
biomethane projects,
investing in pretreatment, flexibility
and redundacy and
pursuing the circular
economy by
considering each
project as a bionergy
hub

Operation & Maintenance (O&M)

We provide full Operation & Maintenance (O&M) services for biogas, biomethane and biohydrogen plants. With extensive technical expertise and field experience, the company ensures optimal plant performance, efficiency, and reliability through preventive maintenance, realtime monitoring, and tailored technical support throughout the entire lifecycle of the facility.

The Biorefinery of the Biomethane Plant



BIOREFINERY SICILY - UNLOCKING SYNERGIES FOR INTEGRATED, SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION:

4. BIOLOGICAL METHANATION

of 7.000 t/a biogenic CO2 incl. 10 MW_{el} electrolyzer and daily

H2-storage



1.STRAW BIOMETHANE PLANT

with 500 Sm³/h biomethane production

2. UMIFICATION FACILITY

for on-site production of 20.000 t/a humus from digestate

3.BIOFERTILIZER PRODUCTION FACILITY with capacity of

38.000 t/a biopellets via drying and pelletization of humus and/or solid digestate

5. WOOD GASIFIER with cogeneration unit and two burners for heat/electricity self-consumption and biochar production as

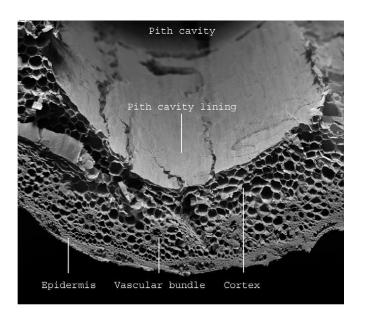
additive/stabilizer

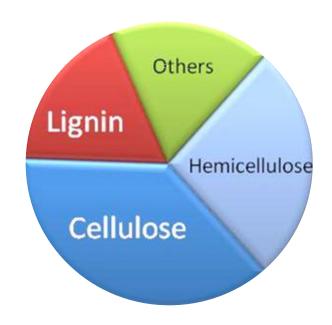


THE CHALLENGE

- High lignin concentration
- High dry matter content
- Non-standard supply systems
- High energy demand for pretreatment
- Straw is swimming and creating floating layer
- Poor degradation in the digester



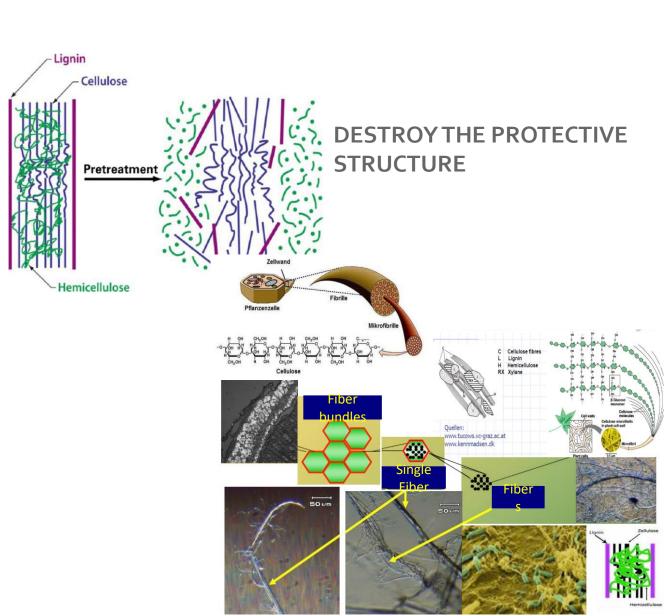






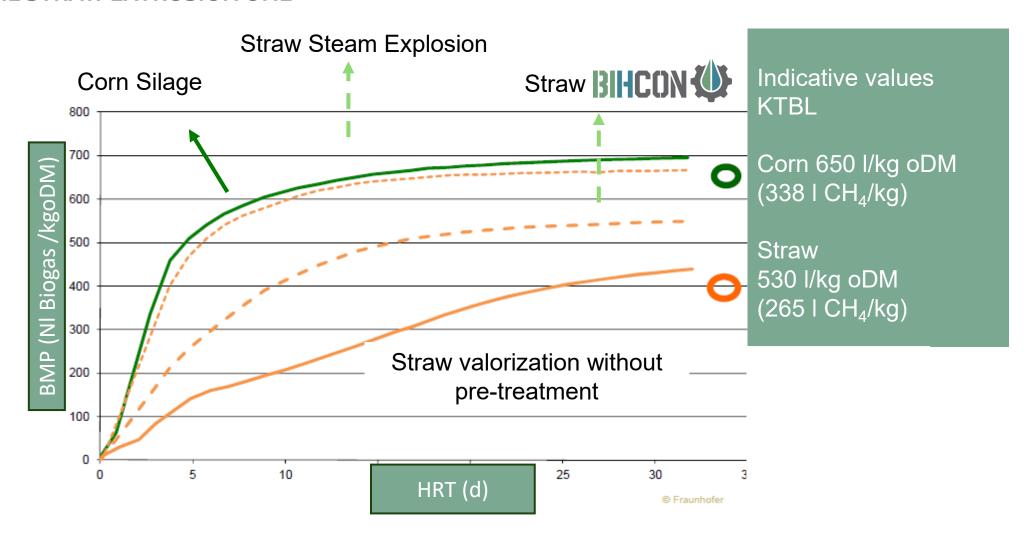
THE SOLUTION

- High Dry Matter => Need to add water, micronutrients and enzymes, digestate recirculation after separation and decanter,..
- Low azote => Add N-rich substrates
 - = Chicken manure / Cow manure
 - Slaughterhouse Waste
 - OFMSW (organic fraction of municipal solid waste
 - Protein-rich plants (e.g. lucerne)
- High lignocellulosic parts => pre-treatment
- Formation of supernatant and crust => Installation of an improved mixing system;





BIHCON MECHANICAL PRE-TREATMENT IS COMPARABLE TO THE STRAW EXTRUSION ONE





THE RIGHT PRE-TREATMENT FOR HIGHER QUANTITIES OF STRAW IN THE AD PLANT







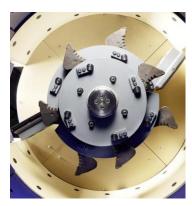
Selected to use the same line for the pre-treatment of the straw for the compost unit and the first pre-treatment of the anaerobic digestion before the Reactor one.

This mechanical system allows the transformation of the straw from hydrophobic to hydrophilic. It is a perfect pre-treatment before insert the biomass in the anaerobic digestion process with a solid-liquid feeding system.

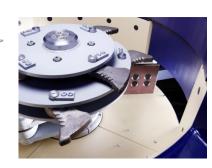
External view



Internal view of the defibration elements



Discharge opening



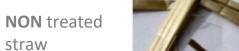




- 1. NON TREATED STRAW
- 2. MILLED + MOISTENED
- 3. MILLED + MOISTENED + REACTOR

UNTREATED

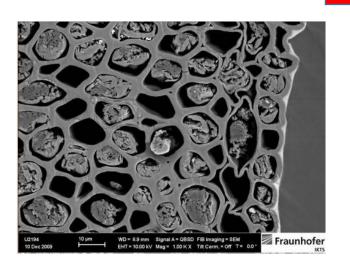


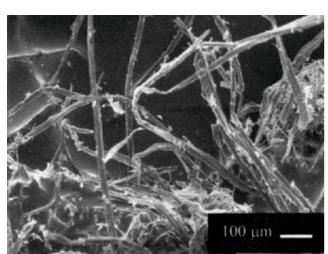


AFTER MILL+REACTOR PRE-TREATMENT



Treated straw









TOOL

THE SOLUTION DEVELOPED BY BIHCON TO CENTRALIZE ALL CONTROL OPERATIONS OF EACH TANK IN A SINGLE LOCATION.

1. The Spritz mix



SPRITZ

BIHCON TECHNOLOGY FOR THE FORMATION OF SUPERNATANT AND CRUST



COMBINED SPRAYING AND AGITATION SYSTEM COMPOSED OF:

•DIGESTATE PUMPING SYSTEM FROM THE PUMPING STATION

MIXING AND NOZZLE

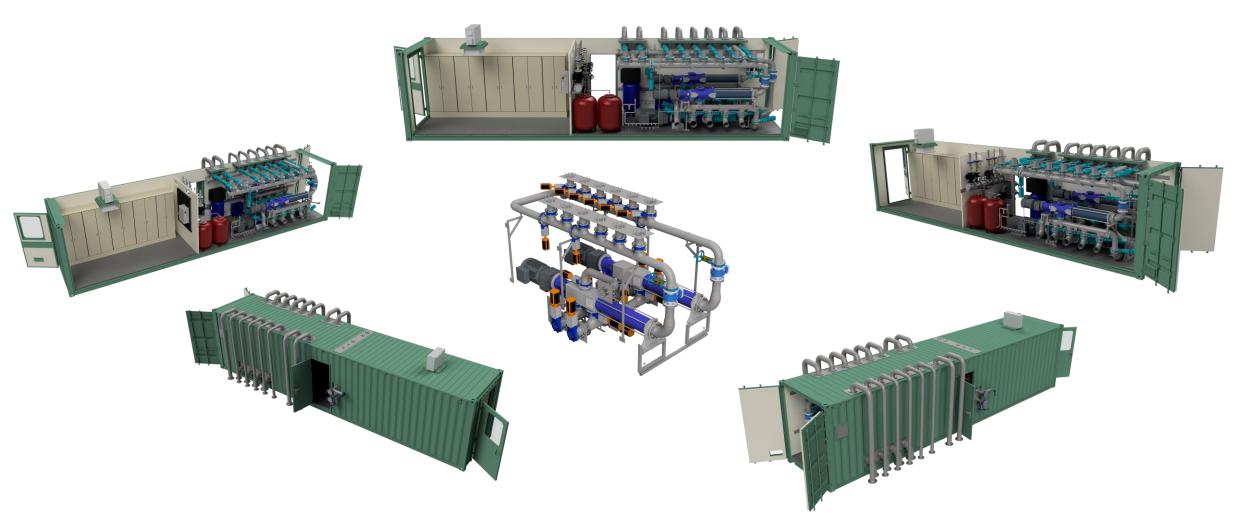


ADVANTAGES:

- •PREVENTION AND REMOVAL OF CRUSTS AND FLOATING LAYERS
- •LOWER ENERGY CONSUMPTION
- •REDUCED INVESTMENT IN MIXING SYSTEMS
- •HOMOGENEOUS SUBSTRATE

1. Pumping Station





THE TECHNOLOGICAL CONTAINER IS THE HEART OF THE PLANT AND HOUSES THE PUMP ROOM AND THE CONTROL PANEL ROOM.

2. Umification Facility



Stercus Dell'Etna in Paternò – Sicily

- Innovative umification facility with 20.000 t/a humus production
- Optimized for cow slurry with low dry matter content
- Transform liquid digestate in a stable odor free solid biofertilizer
- Total reduction of output quantity of AD plants of app. 70%
- Increased nutrient concentration in the fertilizer (reducing water)
- Additional income of AD plants with the production of a premium biofertilizer enriched with NPKS as needed











2. Umification Facility



Stercus Dell'Etna in Paternò – Sicily

- Recovery of micro/macronutrients via zeolite/biochar addition
- Overall process improvement with reduced nutrient losses and reduction in nitrogen emissions
- Addition of magnesium salts during the stabilization process to enable struvite formation: MgNH4PO4
 - Increasing the N-content in the fertilizer
 - Reducing N-emissions
 - Estimated N-recovery up to 80%
 - Production of slow-release premium fertilizer

Struvite (MAP) crystals produced in a manure treatment plant:



3. Biopellet Production



Stercus Dell'Etna in Paternò – Sicily

Experience: Greenergy in Molinella – Emilia-Romagna (built in 2012)

- Treatment of 6o.ooo t/a humus and/or solid digestate derived from the anaerobic digestion of zootechnical waste and agricultural biomass based on the drying and pelletization of the input material
- 38.000 t/a biofertilizer production as biopellets with ≥ 85% DM for sale in bigbags or 50 kg sacks
- Biochar from wood gasifier, utilized as additive in biofertilizer production, for
 AD process stabilization of the adjacent biomethane plant and/or its sale











4. Biogenic CO2 methanation



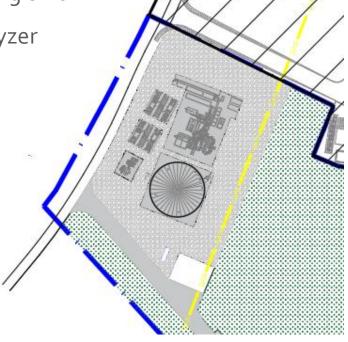
Stercus Dell'Etna in Paternò – Sicily

- Biomethanation Plant with a total installed capacity of 500 Sm³/h biomethane
- Adjacent to the biomethane and biopellet production facilities
- Utilizing electricity and heat from the wood gasifier

 Plant based on the biological methanation of 7.000 t/a bio-CO2 from the upgrading unit of the adjacent biomethane plant using green H2 produced by a 10 MW_{el} electrolyzer

Daily hydrogen storage for optimized energy management





Source: Electrochaea

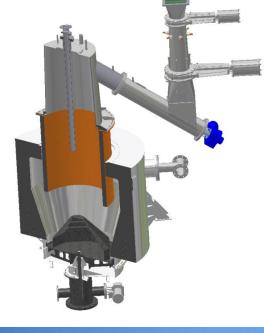
5. Wood Gasification



Stercus Dell'Etna in Paternò – Sicily

Experience: Energiegen. Stans – CH (built in 2007/2011)

- Wood gasifier with cogeneration unit and two burners for heat/electricity selfconsumption and biochar production as additive/stabilizer
- Adjacent to the biomethane and biopellet production facilities
- 1.000 t/a biochar production utilized as additive in biofertilizer production, for AD process stabilization of the adjacent biomethane plant and/or its sale
 - 3.600 kW fuel thermal input
 - 500 kW_{el} from cogeneration unit
 - 700 kW_{th} from cogeneration unit
 - 550 kW_{th} from gasification
 - 1.000 kW_{th} from syngas burner





DiBiMeth - Direct Biogas Methanation



Biomethanation Lentini



- DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE
 POWER-TO-X PRODUCTION
 PROJECTS
- FOCUS ON DIRECT METHANATION OF BIOGAS WITH GREEN H₂ FOR BIOMETHANE PRODUCTION
- PROPRIETARY PROCESS DEVELOPED
- PLANT ENGINEERED
- PATENT FILING IN PROGRESS
- NEXT STEPS: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

 AND PERMITTING FOR INDUSTRIAL
 SCALE IMPLEMENTATION



KEY PARAMETERS:

500 Sm³/h Biomethane 275 Sm³/h from Biogas 225 Sm³/h from DiBiMeth 10 MW_{el} Electrolyzer for 3.500 h/a BESS for parasitic load

Bio-H2 Production via Direct Biogas Reforming



"Bio-H2 Terenten" in Terenten – South Tyrol

- Biogas AD plant revamping
- incl. 300 bar bio-H2 Trailer Filling Station
- incl. CHP for autoconsumption
 - \rightarrow 200 kW_{el.eq.}
 - \rightarrow 200 kg/d bio-H2 system
 - \rightarrow 80 t/a bio-H₂
 - \rightarrow 10 buses
 - \rightarrow 1.400 GLU

Feed-in tariff expired

No possibility to gas grid connection





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