

The techno-economic viability of upcycling residual waste into advanced biofuels:

A commercial demonstration plant case study using Gasplasma® technology to convert to bioSNG

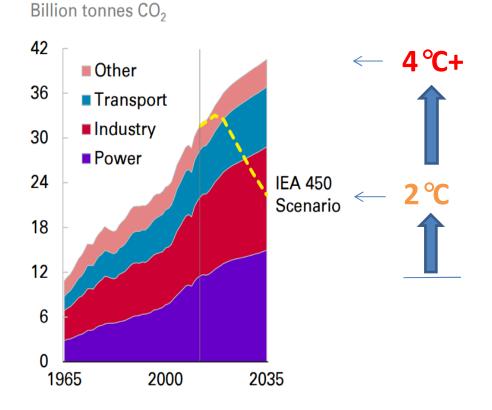
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The World Needs Low Carbon Energy Sources



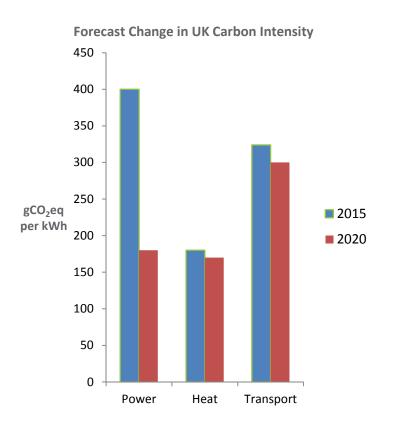


- Without intervention global warming will exceed 4 ℃
- Paris Agreement 2015 sets binding commitment on 195 countries to limit to 2 °C
- Requires us to halve our projected
 CO₂ emissions
- Sustainable fuels production from waste and agricultural residues must play significant role





All Energy Sectors Need to Decarbonise



- All sectors must reduce carbon emissions
- Electricity many options (e.g. UK starting from 10th highest carbon intensity of power)

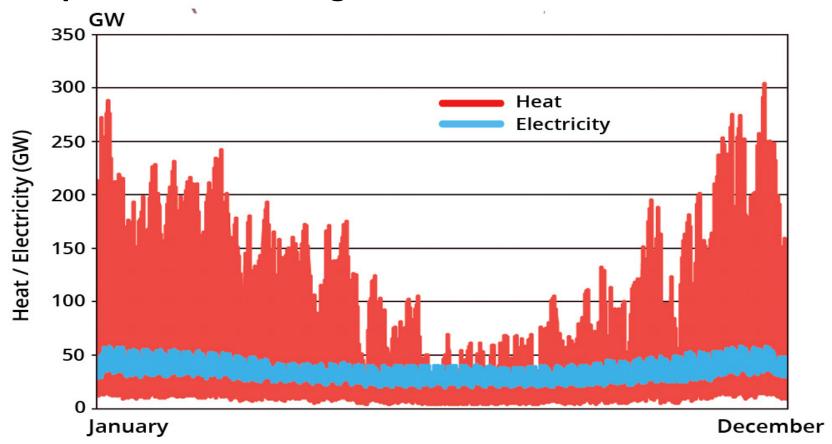


- Decarbonising heat & transport far more challenging with few options
- 1st gen. biofuels failed (e.g. Deforestation and ILUC) and production being capped
- New breed of advanced fuels required





Example of the challenge



UK peak half hourly gas demand is 533% peak electricity demand!





Disposing of Waste Sustainably is a Major Global Issue

	UK	Western Europe	Eastern, Europe and Canada	SE Asia, Middle East and Australia	Rest of the World
Residual waste (million tpa)	47	140	150	52	1,022
Waste incinerated (million tpa)	8	110	10	1	100

- No account taken of forecast 30% increase in global population by 2050 and increase in wealth & consumption ("peak waste" 10 billion tpa?)
- No account taken of **landfill mining** (e.g. 500,000+ EU landfills), **doubles potential?**

"It's a waste to waste waste!"









Other Abundant Waste Biomass Feedstocks

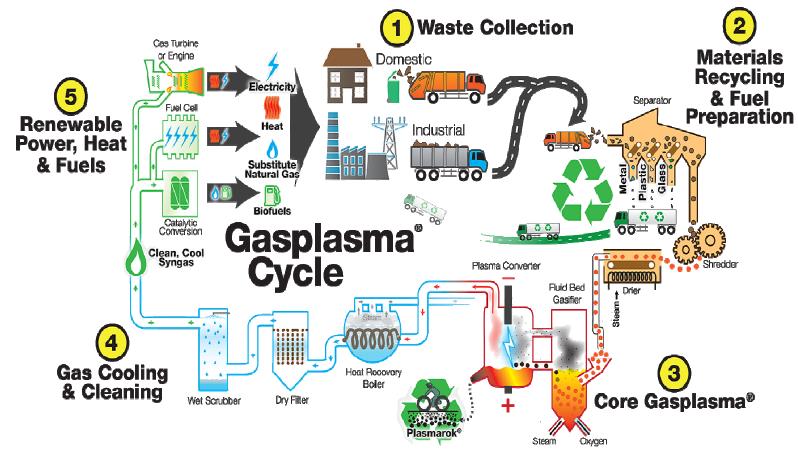
Feedstock	LHV (MJ/kg)	Current Feesdstock Supply (wet Mt/yr)			Expansion Post 2020?			Curent Price (£/t)
		UK	EU	Global	UK	EU	Global	
Bio-fraction of MSW	6.3	22	189	861	\rightarrow	\downarrow	个个	-41 (-46 to -24)
Bio-fraction of C&I waste	7	25	133	560	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	$\uparrow \uparrow$	-41 (-46 to -10)
Bagasse	7.8	0	0	413	ı	_	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	8.5 (2.8 to 34)
Bark, branches, leaves	12.4	3.4	127	317	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	\uparrow	39 (34 to 44)
Sewage sludge	0.5	35	632	1,069	$\uparrow \uparrow$	\uparrow	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	0 (-41 to 0)
Miscanthus	13.4	0.12	0.9	1.2	$\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow$	个个个	ተተተ	53
Straw	15.0	7.4 - 11	72	885	\leftrightarrow	\downarrow	$\uparrow \uparrow$	63 (48 to 75)
Wine lees	6.2	0.004	0.8	1.5	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	\uparrow	54
Nut shells	16.4	0	0.8	10	ı	\leftrightarrow	$\uparrow \uparrow$	67 (49 to 85)
Saw dust & cutter shavings	15.2	1.6	37	104	\leftrightarrow	$\uparrow \uparrow$	个个	67
Short rotation forestry	12.3	0	0	0	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	个个个	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	42
Small round-wood	12.3	3.3	333	829	\leftrightarrow	\uparrow	↑	32
Black and brown liquor	12.0	0.28	66	200	_	1	1	112 (0 to 175)
Husks	13.0	0	0.5	120	_	\leftrightarrow	个个	97 (80 to 110)
Short rotation coppice	12.3	0.04	0.3	9	$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$	个个个	ተተተ	50
Cobs	12.4	0.01	3.6	36	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	个个	57 (46 to 68)
Crude glycerine	14.2	0.03	1.0	2.9	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	个个	253
Grape marcs	7.8	0.02	4.1	7.7	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	\uparrow	54

Further doubles the opportunity and potential impact











Ravenna Fluidised Bed Plant

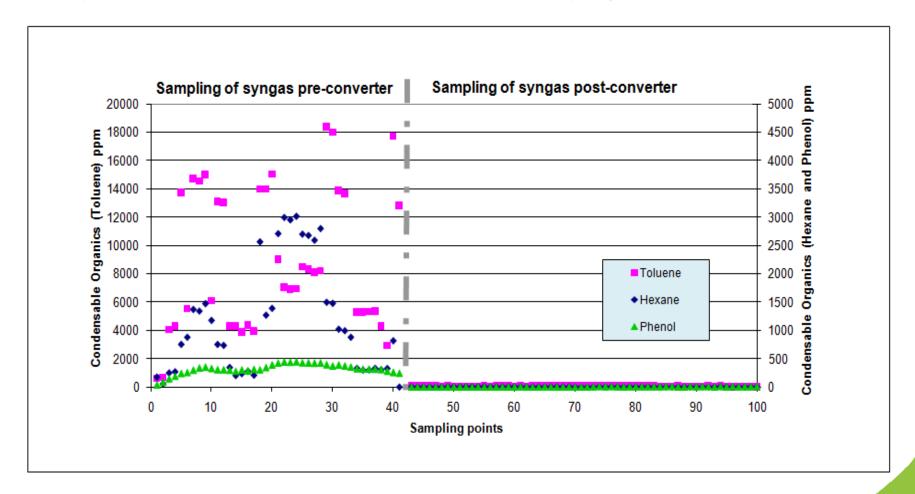


Thyssen/Outokumpu Plasma Facility





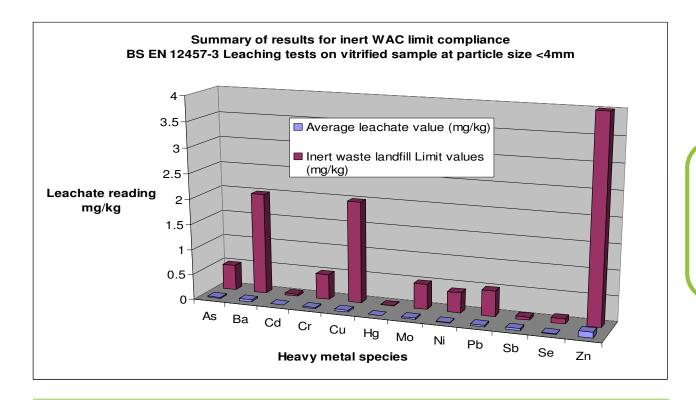
Gasplasma® Output 1: Ultra Clean Syngas







Gasplasma® Output 2: Plasmarok®







Mechanically strong

Extremely leach resistant

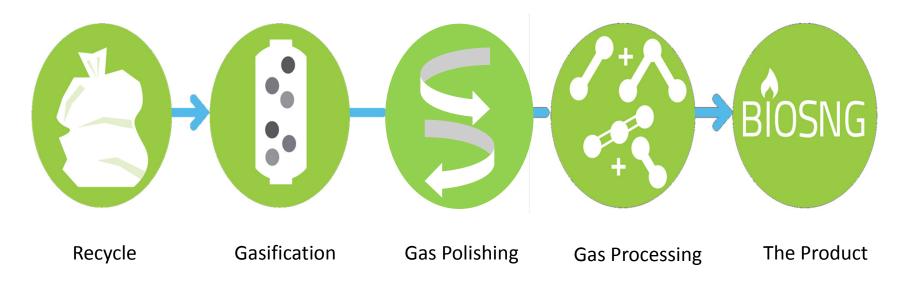
Product – not waste
(e.g. foam glass or rock
wool insulation)







Ultimate Recycling – At Molecular Level



- Innovative combination of established technologies
- 65+% energy conversion efficiency v. 25% for incineration
- **Equally suited to producing hydrogen and liquid fuels**





Delivered £5 Million Pilot Plant























- Delivered on time and on budget
- Producing grid quality BioSNG from municipal Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF)





World's First Commercial Scale Waste to BioSNG Plant





















£25 million of funding from UK Department for Transport, Ofgem and Cadent





Full Chain Commercial Demonstration Facility



Operational Q2 2018





The Primary Outcomes for Plant under Construction

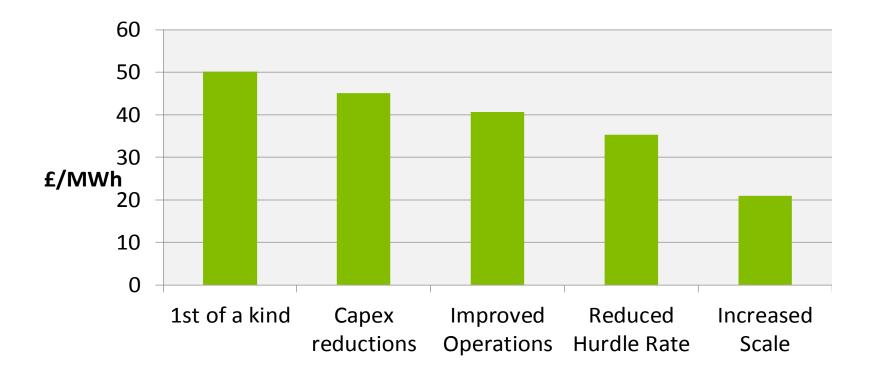


Commercial reference plant to enable construction of larger (100k+ tpa) facilities UK potential for 100TWh p.a. or 35% of domestic heating demand





Commercial Performance to Maturity

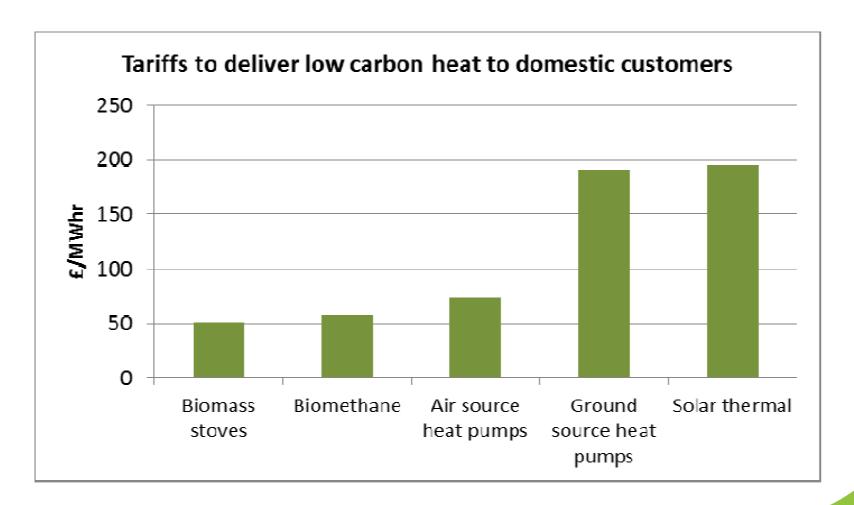


BioSNG from waste feedstock has the potential to deliver sustainable gas at a cost close to cost of fossil natural gas





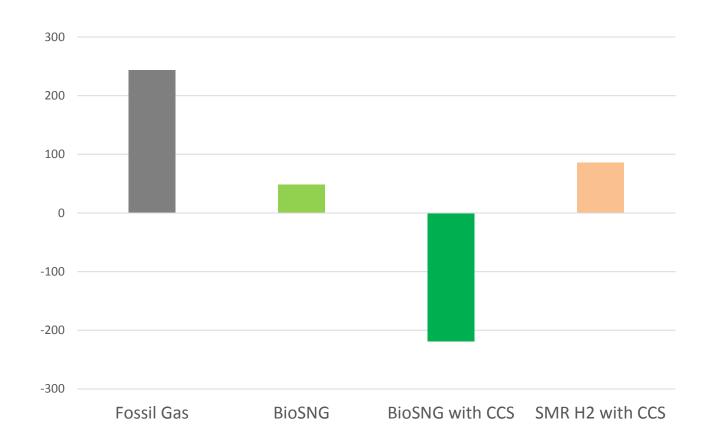
Excellent Value for Money Compared to Alternatives







BioSNG is Low Carbon: 80% GHG Savings, 190% with CCS







In Summary

"Fuels from Waste Square the Energy Trilemma"

High Impact







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Thank you

