Modeling biogas production pathways

Analyze the efficiency, carbon footprint and environmental impact of anaerobic biogas production pathways

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**Modular approach**

The biogas production pathway in the model is built up of a succession of sub-modules in logical order forming a chain. The modular approach can be used to design the optimum production pathway to suit particular cases, by changing, adding or removing individual sub-modules during the modeling process.

**Methodology**

Within each sub-module, one main physical process of the biogas production pathway is described. The model is based on the industrial metabolism concept described by the Material & Energy Flow Analysis (MEFA) method and extended by attributed Life Cycle Analysis (aLCA).

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**Biography**

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**Results**

- Anaerobic digestion should use waste products locally.
- The produced energy should first be used to power the process.
- The energy remainder should be used for local balancing purposes.