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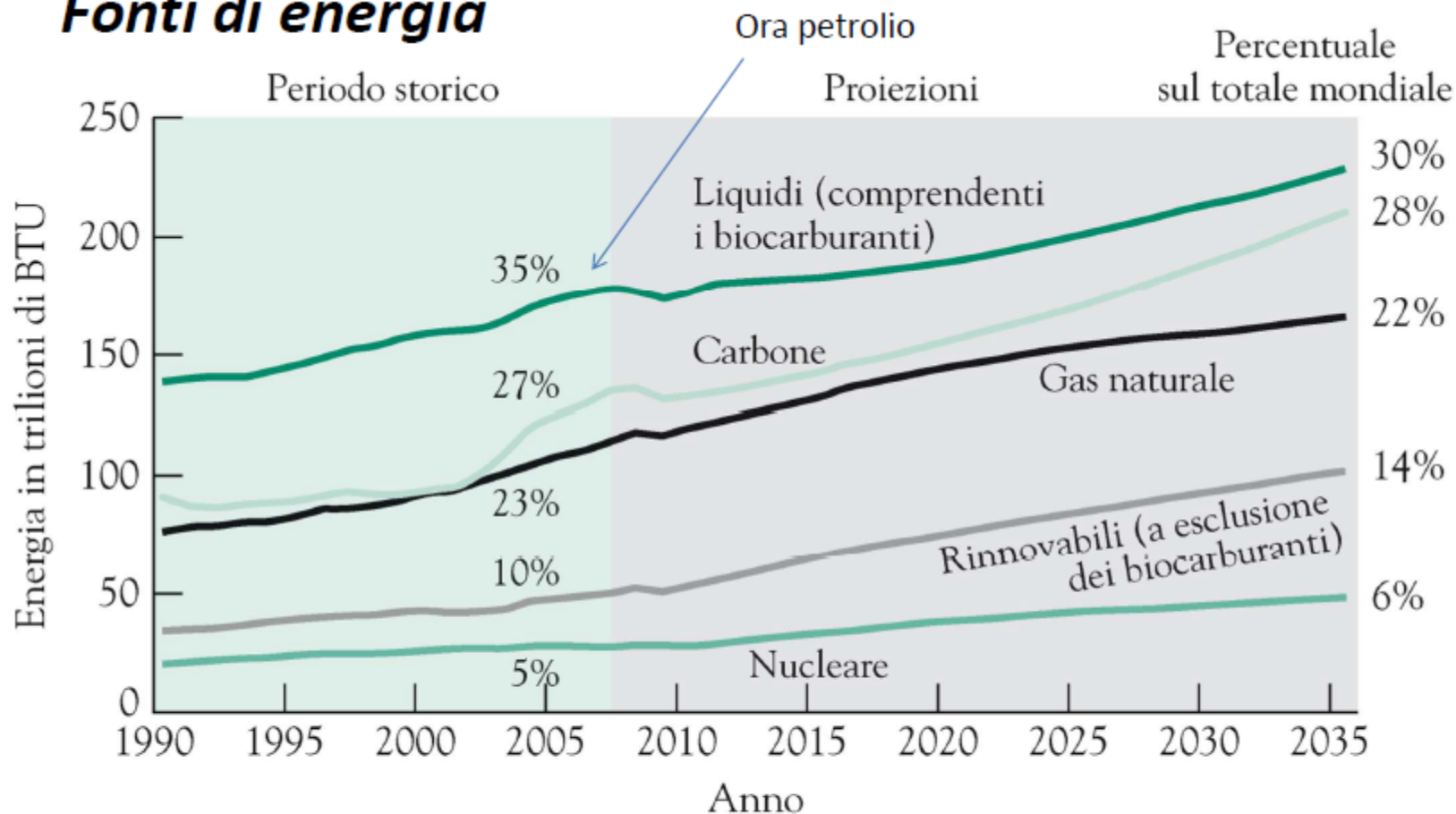
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## Fonti di energia



Il British thermal unit (BTU o Btu) è un'unità di misura dell'energia, usata negli Stati Uniti e nel Regno Unito (dove è generalmente usata nei sistemi di riscaldamento). La corrispondente unità di misura utilizzata nel Sistema Internazionale è, invece, il joule (J). Una BTU è definita dalla quantità di calore richiesta per alzare la temperatura di 1 libbra (ovvero 453,59237 grammi) di acqua da 39 °F a 40 °F (3.8 °C a 4.4 °C).

Resource	Year	Country	EROI (X:1) <sup>2</sup>	Reference
<b>Fossil fuels (Oil and Gas)</b>				
Oil and gas production	1999	Global	35	Gagnon, 2009
Oil and gas production	2006	Global	18	Gagnon, 2009
Oil and gas (Domestic) Discoveries	1970	US	30	Cleveland et al. 1984, Hall et al. 1986
Oil and gas (Domestic) Production	1970	US	8	Cleveland et al. 1984, Hall et al. 1986
Oil and gas (Domestic) Production	1970	US	20	Cleveland et al. 1984, Hall et al. 1986
Oil and gas (Domestic)	2007	US	11	Guilford et al. 2011
Oil and gas (Imported)	2007	US	12	Guilford et al. 2011
Oil and gas production	1970	Canada	65	Freise, 2011
Oil and gas production	2010	Canada	15	Freise, 2011
Oil, gas & tar sand production	2010	Canada	11	Poisson and Hall, in press
Oil and gas production	2008	Norway	40	Grandell, 2011
Oil production	2008	Norway	21	Grandell, 2011
Oil and gas production	2009	Mexico	45	Ramirez, in preparation
Oil and gas production	2010	China	10	Hu et al. 2013
<b>Fossil fuels (Other)</b>				
Natural Gas	2005	US	67	Sell et al. 2011
Natural Gas	1993	Canada	38	Freise, 2011
Natural Gas	2000	Canada	26	Freise, 2011
Natural Gas	2009	Canada	20	Freise, 2011
Coal (mine-mouth)	1950	US	80	Cleveland et al. 1984
Coal (mine-mouth)	2000	US	80	Hall and Day, 2009
Coal (mine-mouth)	2007	US	60	Balogh et al. unpublished
Coal (mine-mouth)	1995	China	35	Hu et al. 2013
Coal (mine-mouth)	2010	China	27	Hu et al. 2013
<b>Other non-renewables</b>				
Nuclear	n/a	US	5 to 15	Hall and Day, 2009, Lenzen, 2008
<b>Renewables<sup>2</sup></b>				
Hydropower	n/a	n/a	>100	Cleveland et al. 1984
Wind turbine	n/a	n/a	18	Kubiszewski et al. 2010
Geothermal	n/a	n/a	n/a	Gupta and Hall, 2011
Wave energy	n/a	n/a	n/a	Gupta and Hall, 2011
<b>Solar collectors<sup>2</sup></b>				
Flat plate	n/a	n/a	1.9	Cleveland et al. 1984
Concentrating collector	n/a	n/a	1.6	Cleveland et al. 1984
Photovoltaic	n/a	n/a	6 to 12	Kubiszewski et al. 2009
Passive solar	n/a	n/a	n/a	Cleveland et al. 1984
<b>Biomass</b>				
Ethanol (sugarcane)	n/a	n/a	0.8 to 10	Goldemberg, 2007
Corn-based ethanol	n/a	US	0.8 to 1.6	Patzek, 2004, Farrell et al. 2006
Biodiesel	n/a	US	1.3	Pimentel and Patzek, 2005

(1) EROI values in excess of 5:1 are rounded to the nearest whole number.

(2) EROI values are assumed to vary based on geography and climate and are not attributed to a specific region / country.

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EROI of different fuels and the  
implications for society

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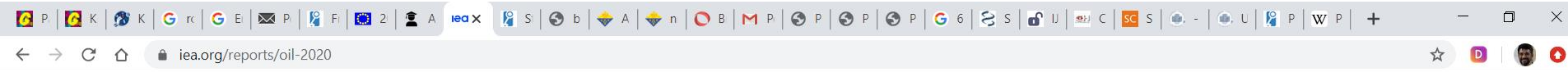
**Table 1 | Comparison of mean EROIs for different energy sources**

	Energy source		Optimistic EROI	Optimistic net energy percentage	Pessimistic EROI	Pessimistic net energy percentage
Coal	Thermal		46:1	98	46:1	98
	Electricity		17:1	94	17:1	94
	Electricity with CCS		13:1	92	13:1	92
Oil	Thermal		19:1	95	19:1 <sup>a</sup>	95
	Electricity		7:1	85	7:1 <sup>a</sup>	85
Gas	Thermal		19:1	95	19:1 <sup>a</sup>	95
	Electricity		8:1	88	8:1 <sup>a</sup>	88
	Electricity with CCS		7:1	86	7:1 <sup>a</sup>	86
Biofuels & waste	Solids	Thermal	25:1	96	25:1	96
		Electricity	10:1	90	10:1	90
	Gases and liquids	Thermal	5:1	80	3:1	67
		Electricity	2:1	50	1.2:1	17
Nuclear			14:1	93	14:1	93
Hydroelectric			84:1	99	59:1	98
Geothermal			9:1	89	14:1	89
Wind			18:1	94	5:1	80
Solar PV			25:1	96	4:1	78
Solar thermal			19:1	95	9:1	89

Thermal EROI values for oil and gas are identical because the data from which they are derived is normally aggregated. Optimistic EROI values are taken from one article<sup>17</sup>, except for solar thermal and solar PV. Solar thermal was not included in the meta-analysis, so we use an estimate from the literature<sup>25</sup>. Optimistic values for solar PV are based on the median values that rely on more recent data<sup>29</sup>. There is significant variance in the EROI between each particular biofuel; one study<sup>17</sup> calculate a mean of five, but it is skewed by several large outliers. Biofuels refers to all solid, liquid and gaseous fuels from any biomass source, which has then been split into 'solids' and 'gases and liquids' subcategories to account for the considerably higher EROIs of solid biomass (for example, 25:1 for wood)<sup>12</sup>. Pessimistic EROI values for renewables are adjusted downwards<sup>25</sup> to account for 'buffering' through energy storage. <sup>a</sup>Under pessimistic EROI assumptions, oil and gas follow a trend of -0.357 from a starting value of 35.4 in 1971 (extrapolated from oil and gas EROI trends between 1992 and 2006<sup>13</sup>).

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## Total primary energy supply, 2017

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	↑ Total	Coal	Natural gas	Nuclear	Hydro	Wind, solar, etc.	Biofuels and waste	Oil
	ktoe	ktoe	ktoe	ktoe	ktoe	ktoe	ktoe	ktoe
<b>Total Europe</b>	1998105	321869	504120	244092	49751	67442	174284	635011
Germany	311245	71414	75341	19887	1733	13407	31012	102965
France	247086	9891	38492	103796	4297	3579	17912	72568
United Kingdom	175883	9564	67839	18327	510	5344	12414	60616
<b>Italy</b>	<b>153445</b>	<b>9344</b>	<b>61549</b>		<b>3113</b>	<b>9331</b>	<b>14861</b>	<b>52001</b>
Turkey	146797	40089	44232		5006	10170	3032	44318
Spain	126014	12649	27266	15123	1615	7594	7540	53438
Poland	103845	49421	15445		220	1373	8145	29028
Ukraine	89462	25757	24554	22449	769	149	2989	12696
Netherlands	74203	9148	30910	887	5	1209	3744	27860
Belgium	55252	3093	14486	11003	23	872	3800	2
Sweden	49174	2046	920	17118	5601	1545	13052	10378

1 KTOE is approximately 42 [gigajoules](#) or 11.630 [megawatt-hours](#),

# Biogas e biometano

La produzione di biogas è una tecnologia consolidata principalmente per la generazione di energia rinnovabile e anche per la valorizzazione dei residui organici. Il biogas è il prodotto finale di un processo mediato da microrganismi, la **digestione anaerobica**, in cui diversi microrganismi seguono percorsi metabolici diversi per decomporre la materia organica. Il processo è conosciuto fin dai tempi antichi ed è stato ampiamente applicato alle abitazioni domestiche fornendo calore ed energia per centinaia di anni.

Oggigiorno, il settore del biogas sta crescendo rapidamente e nuovi risultati creano le basi per la costituzione di impianti di biogas come fabbriche di bioenergia avanzate. In questo contesto, gli impianti di biogas sono la base di un concetto di economia circolare che mira al riciclaggio dei nutrienti, alla riduzione delle emissioni di gas serra e ai fini della bioraffineria. ...

## Biogas and its opportunities—A review

Panagiotis G. Kougias

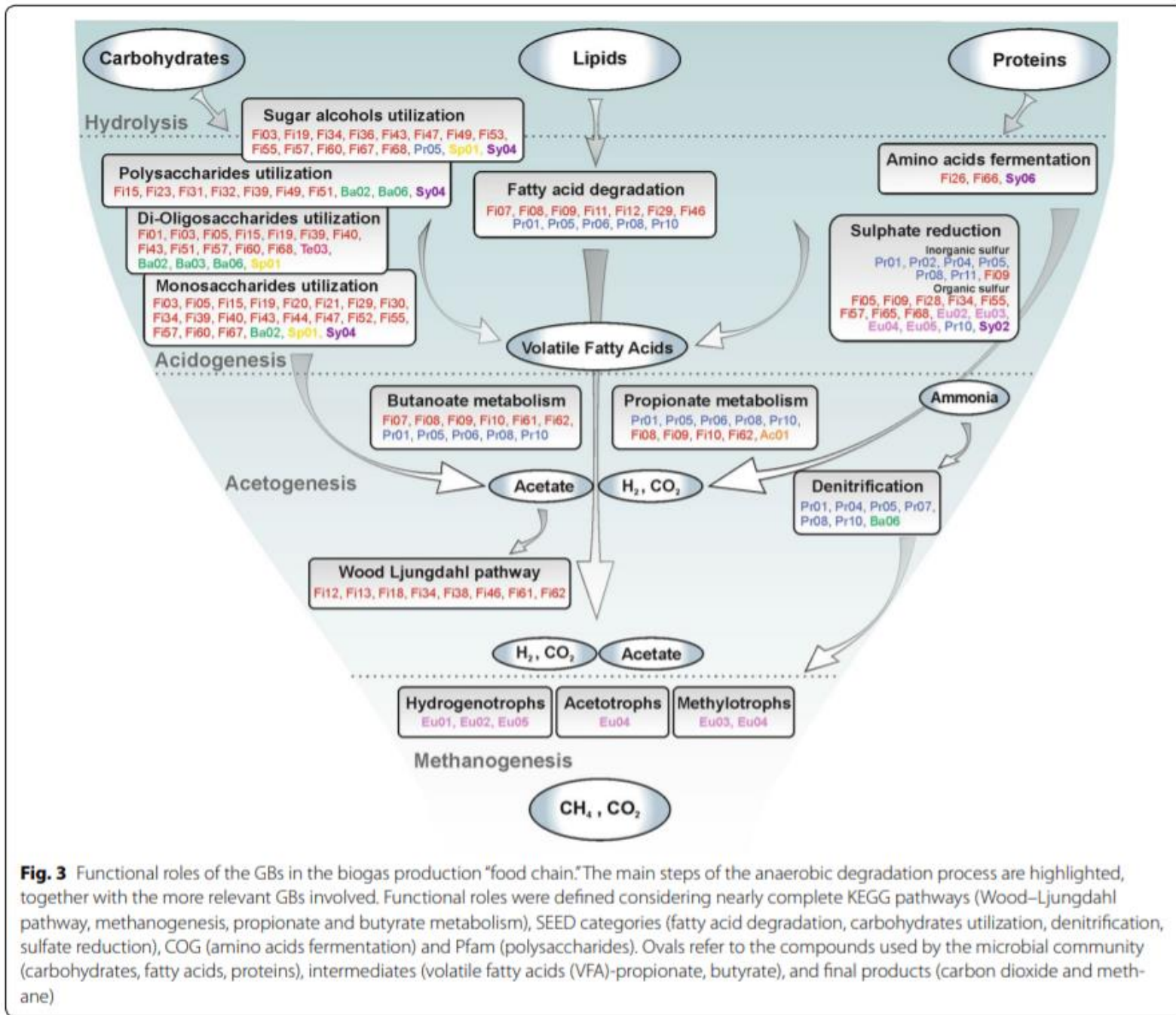
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**Fig. 3** Functional roles of the GBs in the biogas production “food chain.” The main steps of the anaerobic degradation process are highlighted, together with the more relevant GBs involved. Functional roles were defined considering nearly complete KEGG pathways (Wood–Ljungdahl pathway, methanogenesis, propionate and butyrate metabolism), SEED categories (fatty acid degradation, carbohydrates utilization, denitrification, sulfate reduction), COG (amino acids fermentation) and Pfam (polysaccharides). Ovals refer to the compounds used by the microbial community (carbohydrates, fatty acids, proteins), intermediates (volatile fatty acids (VFA)-propionate, butyrate), and final products (carbon dioxide and methane)



Metagenomic analysis and functional characterization of the biogas microbiome using high throughput shotgun sequencing and a novel binning strategy

**Table 1 Taxonomic assignment and basic genome characteristics of the 106 GBs extracted from biogas reactors**

Genome bin ID	Genome bin "species name"	GB size (Mbp)	Estimated completeness (%)	Genome bin ID	Genome bin "species name"	GB size (Mbp)	Estimated completeness (%)
Pr02	<i>Gammaproteobacteria sp. DTU038</i>	4.2	84	Fi16	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU025</i>	2.0	95
Fi48	<i>Clostridiaceae sp. DTU079</i>	3.1	99	Fi13	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU022</i>	2.0	89
Fi49	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU080</i>	3.1	86	Fi32	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU060</i>	2.0	88
Pr05	<i>Alcaligenaceae sp. DTU041</i>	2.9	96	Fi21	<i>Halothermothrix sp. DTU029</i>	2.0	94
Fi40	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU070</i>	2.9	97	Ac01	<i>Actinomycetales sp. DTU046</i>	1.9	67
Fi30	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU058</i>	2.9	99	Ba02	<i>Rikenellaceae sp. DTU002</i>	1.9	88
Pr01	<i>Gammaproteobacteria sp. DTU037</i>	2.8	96	Ba01	<i>Rikenellaceae sp. DTU001</i>	1.9	95
Eu04	<i>Methanosarcina sp. DTU009</i>	2.8	95	Fi17	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU026</i>	1.9	82
Ba06	<i>Porphyromonadaceae sp. DTU048</i>	2.7	84	Fi19	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU053</i>	1.9	96
Fi65	<i>Pelotomaculum sp. DTU098</i>	2.6	97	Fi52	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU083</i>	1.9	93
Fi67	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU100</i>	2.6	80	Fi35	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU064</i>	1.9	86
Fi09	<i>Syntrophomonas sp. DTU018</i>	2.6	97	Sy04	<i>Synergistales sp. DTU085</i>	1.9	93
Fi43	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU074</i>	2.6	92	Fi53	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU084</i>	1.9	79
Fi28	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU055</i>	2.6	91	Fi22	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU030</i>	1.8	94
Fi39	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU069</i>	2.6	92	Eu03	<i>Euryarchaeota sp. DTU008</i>	1.8	98
Fi62	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU095</i>	2.5	88	Fi69	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU071</i>	1.8	52
Fi08	<i>Syntrophomonas sp. DTU017</i>	2.5	88	Fi06	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU015</i>	1.7	90
Fi15	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU024</i>	2.5	94	Ba05	<i>Porphyromonadaceae sp. DTU047</i>	1.7	88
Fi12	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU021</i>	2.5	87	Pr07	<i>Campylobacteriales sp. DTU103</i>	1.7	86
Fi51	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU082</i>	2.5	75	Fi33	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU062</i>	1.7	79
Fi57	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU089</i>	2.5	92	Fi29	<i>Bacilli sp. DTU057</i>	1.7	98
Pr10	<i>Alcaligenaceae sp. DTU106</i>	2.4	87	Sp02	<i>Treponemaceae sp. DTU108</i>	1.7	71
Fi34	<i>Tepidanaerobacter sp. DTU063</i>	2.3	95	Fi02	<i>Clostridia sp. DTU011</i>	1.7	83
Ba03	<i>Porphyromonadaceae sp. DTU033</i>	2.3	84	Fi11	<i>Clostridiales sp. DTU020</i>	1.7	71

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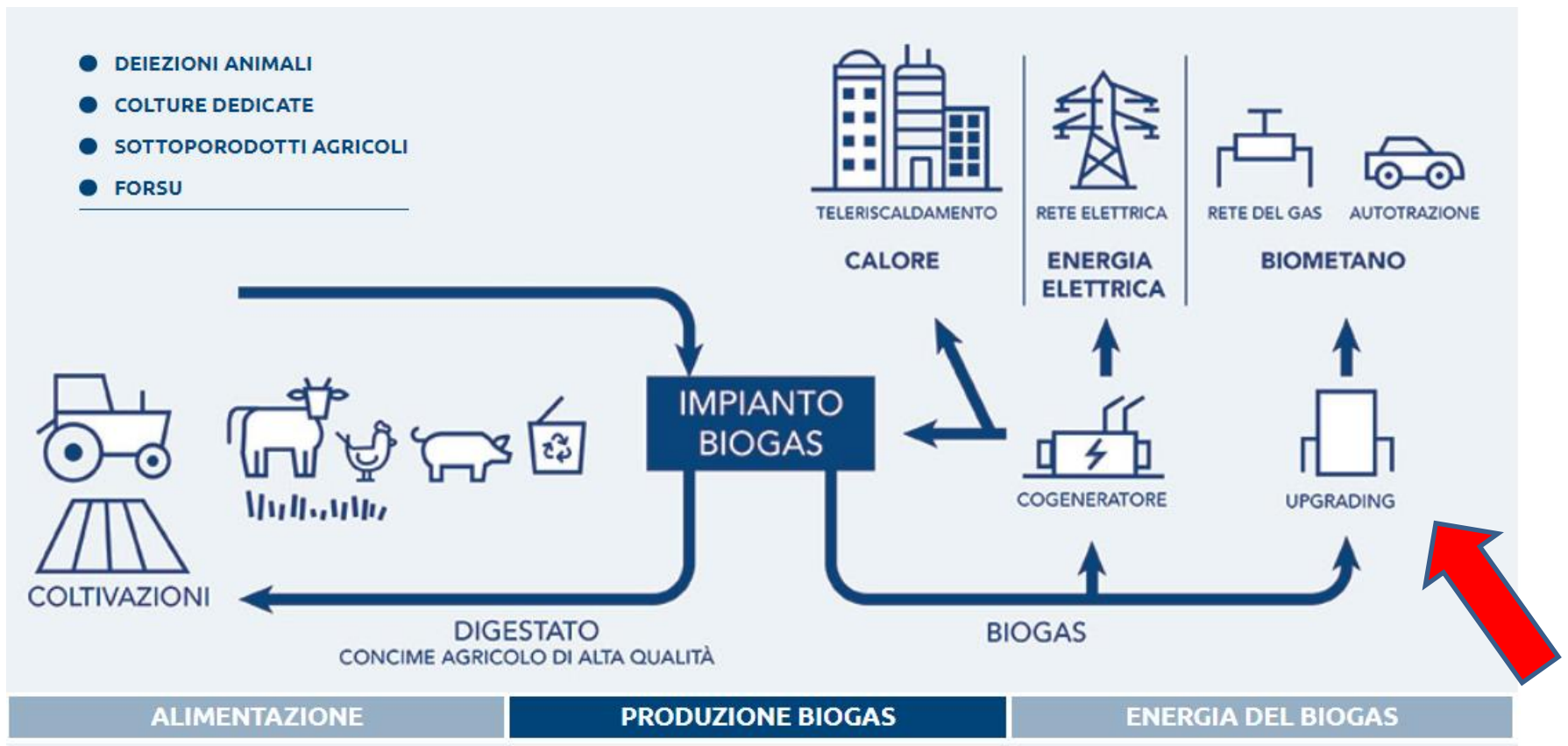
## *Environmental impact of biogas: A short review of current knowledge*

V.Paolini, F.Petracchini, M. Segreto, L.Tomassetti, N.Naja, A.Cecinato

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“Biogas can significantly contribute to abate greenhouse gas emissions. However, attention must be paid towards undesired emissions of **methane and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)**. The emission budgets of the two compounds are scarcely related to direct release from biogas/biomethane combustion, whilst **biomass storage and digestate management are the critical steps**. Similar considerations apply to ammonia: to reduce its impact storage should always be recommended. Among all the gaseous pollutants considered in direct emission from biogas combustion, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) level were worth of some concern in several case studies. On the other hand, volatile organic compounds do not seem to constitute a critical issue. Considering the aftermaths of digestate spreading on soil quality, further studies are needed in order to fully assess the long-term impact. In the medium-short term, digestate seems to be preferable compared to untreated biomass. The upgrading to biomethane can generally improve air quality and reduce GHG emissions; however methane losses in the off-gas can affect the sustainability of the whole process.»



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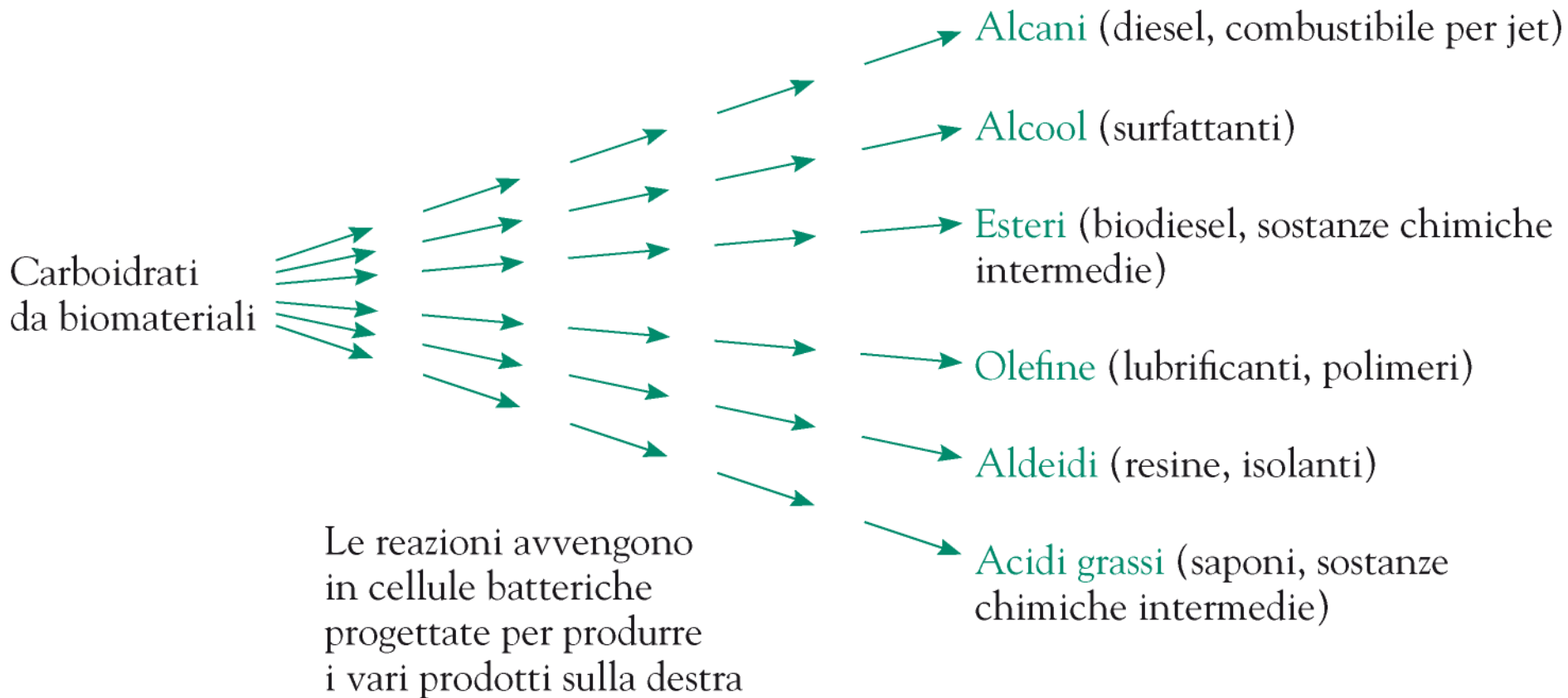
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Cooperation in manure-based biogas production networks: An agent-based modeling approach December 2017

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Biogas plant scale [tons of manure]	Transportation distance [km]	Energy output [GJ]	Energy input [GJ]	Energy return on investment
100,000	30	69,087	34,969	1.98
	10	69,087	33,506	2.06
	2	69,087	32,921	2.10
20,000	30	13,817	7287	1.90
	10	13,817	6887	2.01
	2	13,817	6728	2.05
5000	30	3454	1978	1.75
	10	3454	1822	1.90
	2	3454	1759	1.96

Dalle biomasse si possono ottenere sostanze organiche che sostituiscono quelle derivate da fonti fossili, grazie alla *green chemistry* ed alle sue implementazioni industriali nelle bioraffinerie

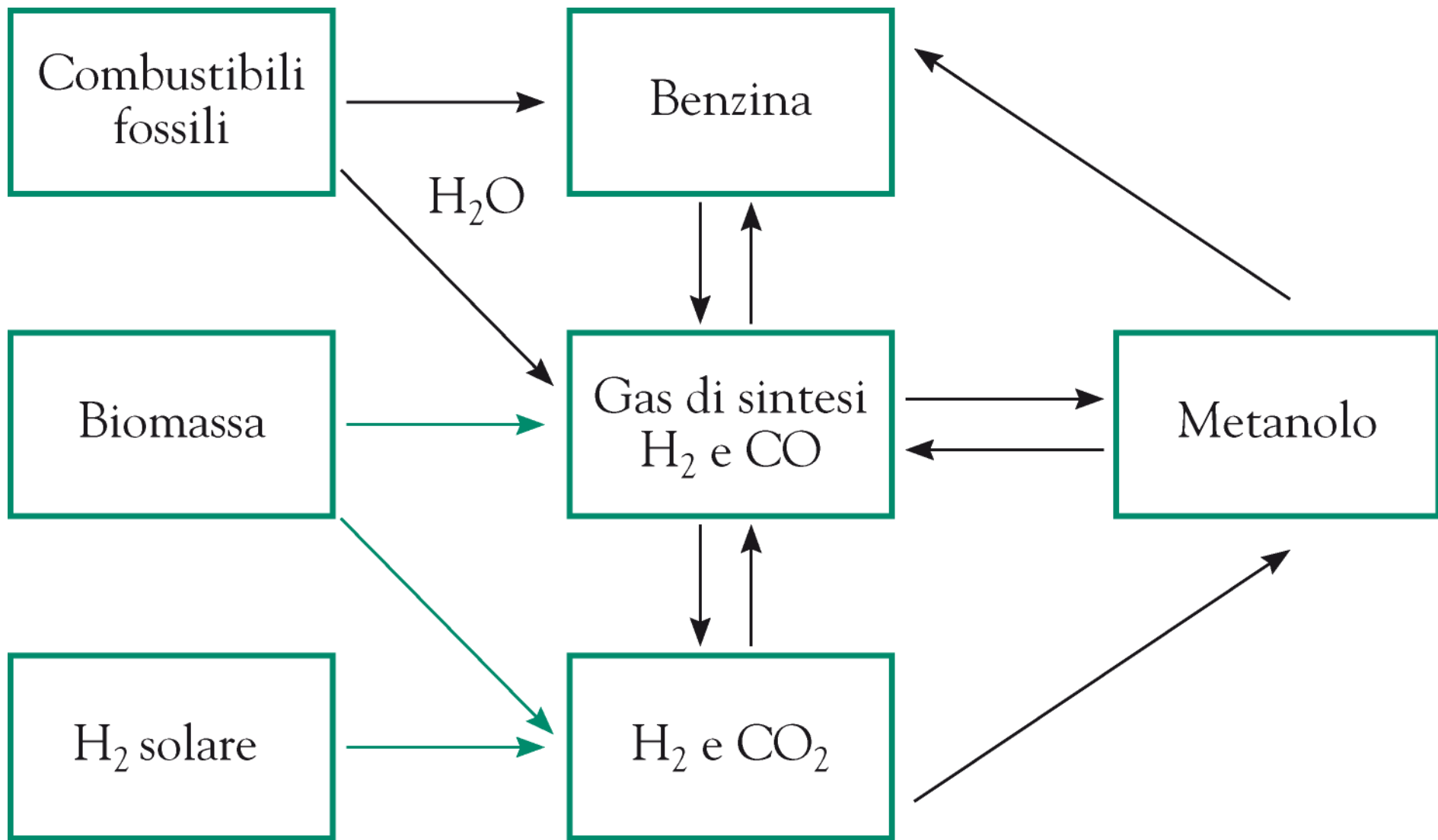


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Fonti energetiche diverse possono essere combinate per migliorare la sostenibilità dei sistemi economici



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