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# **PRESENTATION WEBER ENTEC ULTRASOUND TECHNOLOGY**

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# APPLICATION OF ULTRASOUND DISINTEGRATION

## BIOGAS PLANTS



- ▣ Increase of biogas production
- ▣ Reduction of feed stock at equal performance
- ▣ Acceleration of organic degradation
- ▣ Consistent decrease of viscosity
- ▣ Reduction of pump- and stirring energy demand

## WWTPs



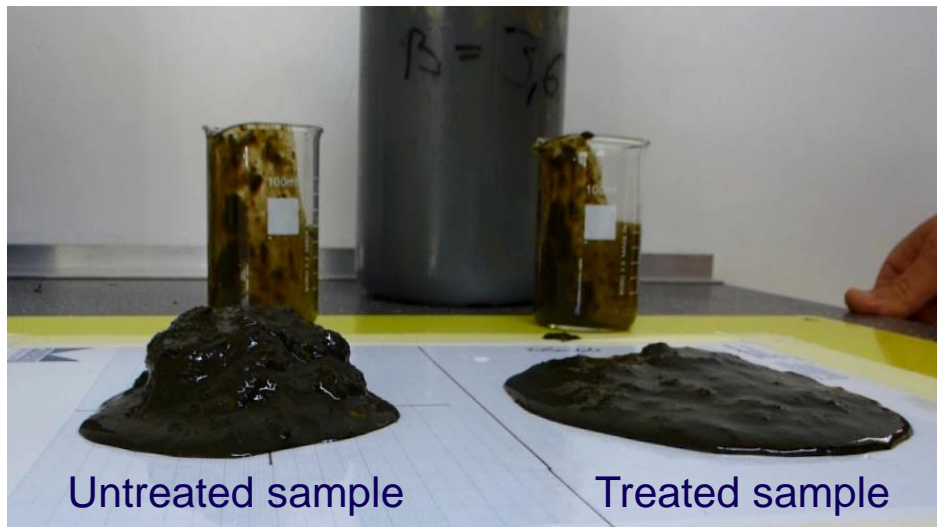
- ▣ Increase of biogas production
- ▣ Reduction of sludge to be disposed
- ▣ Consistent decrease of viscosity
- ▣ Improved decanting
- ▣ Elimination of foam / fibrous bacteria



# EFFECTS OF THE ULTRASOUND DISINTEGRATION



# IMPROVED FLOW PROPERTIES



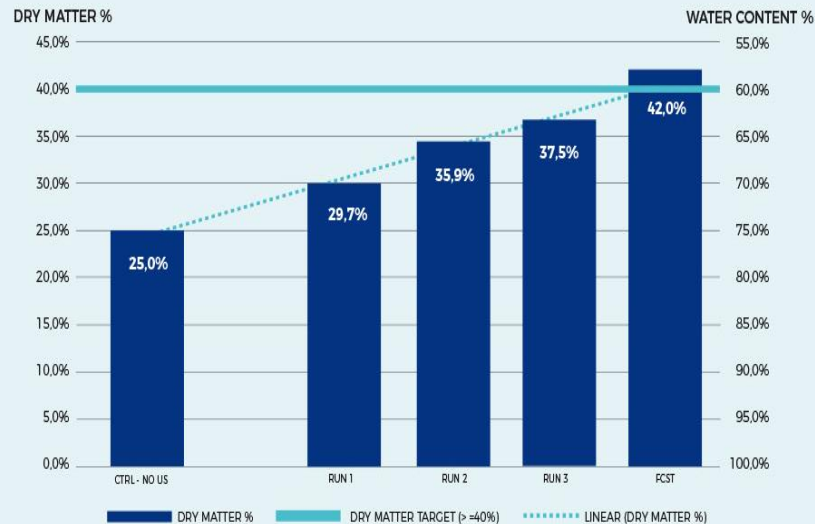
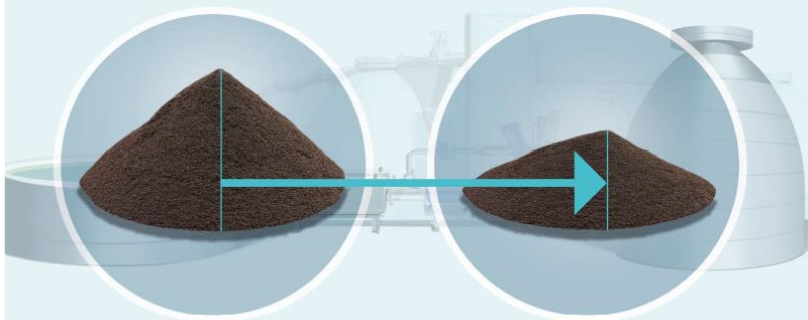
Direct comparison of the untreated and treated sample just after operation of the disintegration machine

## After BioPush Treatment:

- ▣ Reduced viscosity
- ▣ Improved flow properties
- ▣ Decrease of energy consumption (pumping, stirring)
- ▣ More stable biology
- ▣ Higher proportion of difficult substrate usable (grass, manure,...)

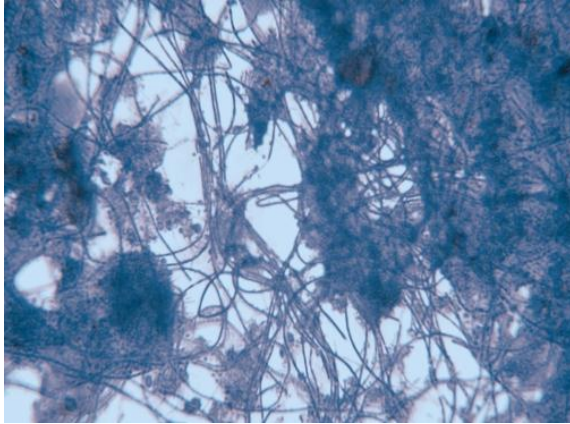
# IMPROVED DEWATERING PROPERTIES

## SCHLAMMREDUKTION SLUDGE REDUCTION

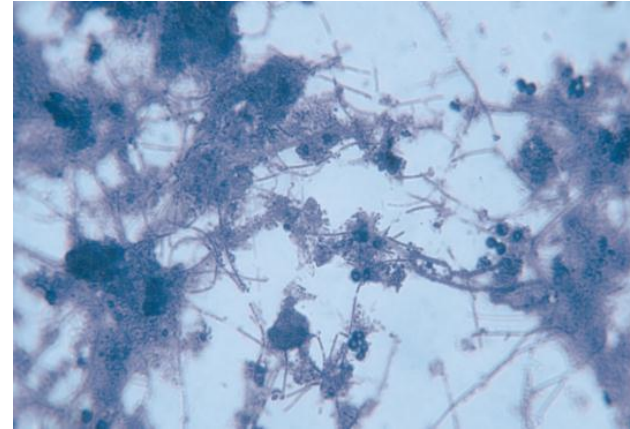




# ELIMINATION OF THE FIBER BACTERIA



Before ultrasound treatment



After ultrasound treatment



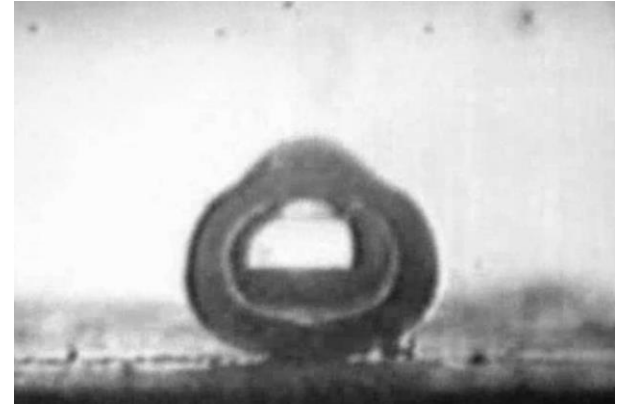
# PHYSICAL PRINCIPLE – CAVITATION

Ultrasound liberates enzymes and shears up the substrates

## Physical principle: Cavitation

Short term local  $\mu\text{m}$ -radius

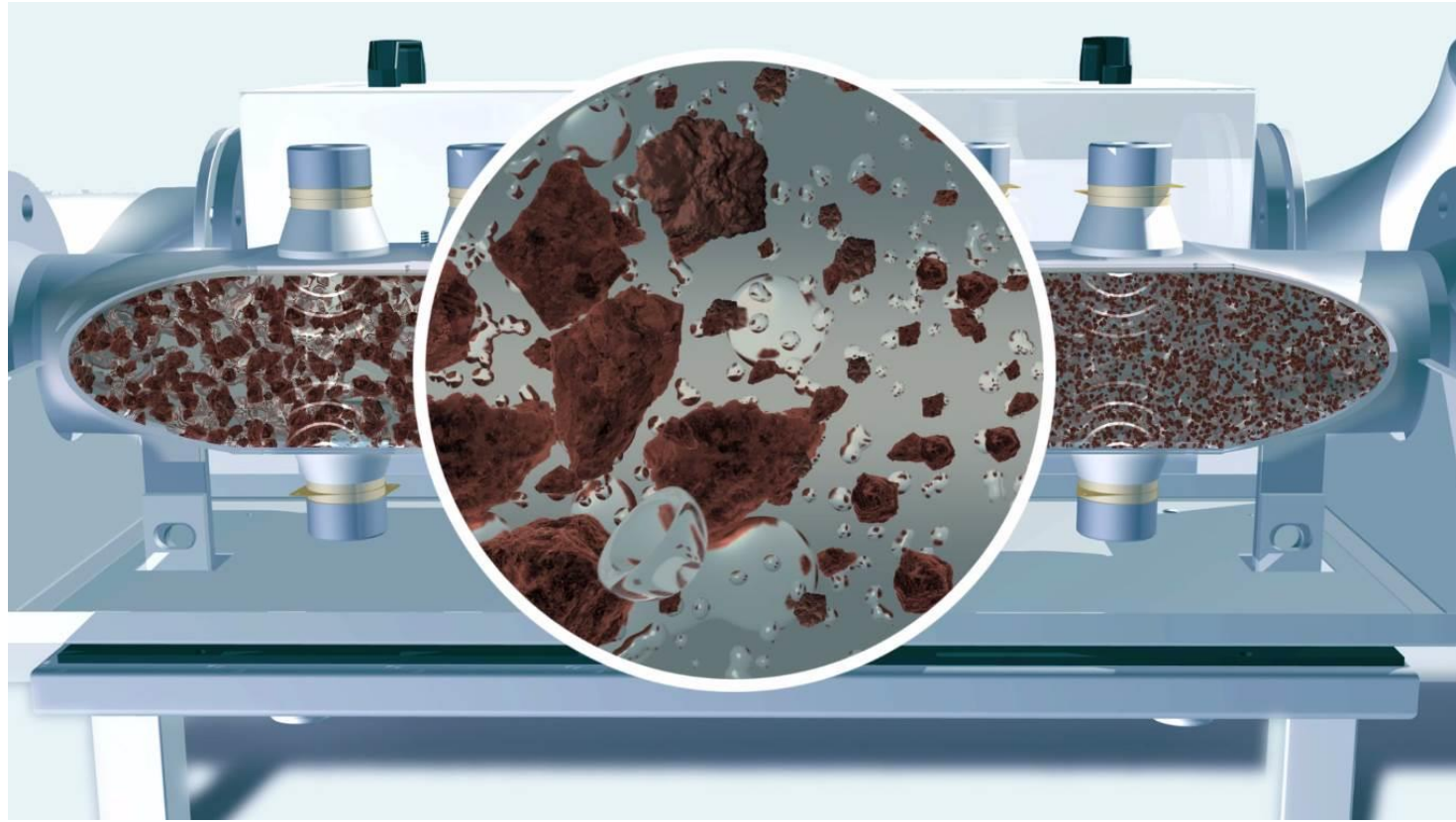
- ▣ Extreme high temperature (up to  $5.000\text{ C}^\circ$ )
- ▣ Extreme high pressure (up to  $1.000\text{ bar}$ )
- ▣ Extreme high acceleration  $\longrightarrow$  Shear forces



Cavitation bubble prior to implosion



# ULTRASOUND REACTOR BIOPUSH – THE NEXT GENERATION ULTRASOUND







# GENERAL MACHINE DESIGN – DESIUS

## 1 Ultrasound unit

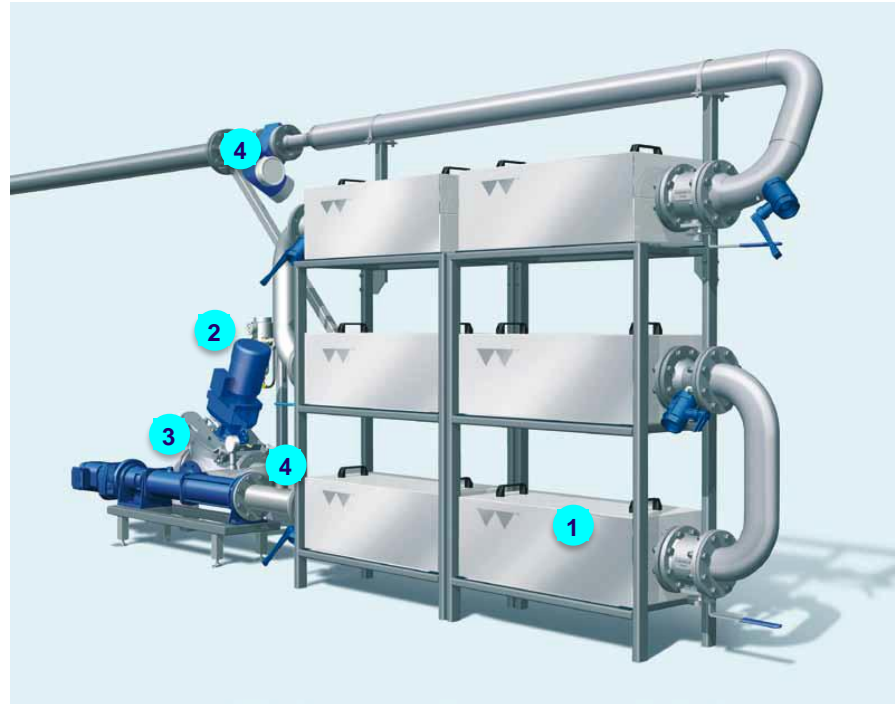
Cell rupture and surface augmentation

Mobilization of  
Exo-Enzymes

Sustained decrease  
of viscosity in fermenter

Ultrasonic power  
2 kW per unit

High durability –  
up to 3 years and more



## 2 Mechanical Pre- treatment

Improved sound efficiency  
and machine protection  
RotaCut

## 3 Feeding pump

Excentric screw pump  
0.5 to 2.6 m<sup>3</sup>/h

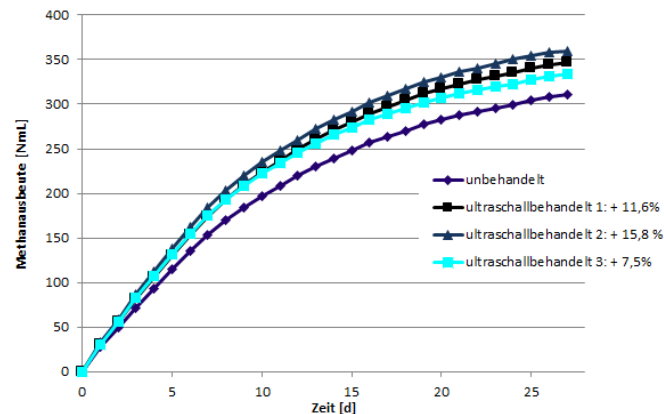
## 4 Sensors

2 x pressure gages,  
2 x temperature sensor,  
1 x flow meter



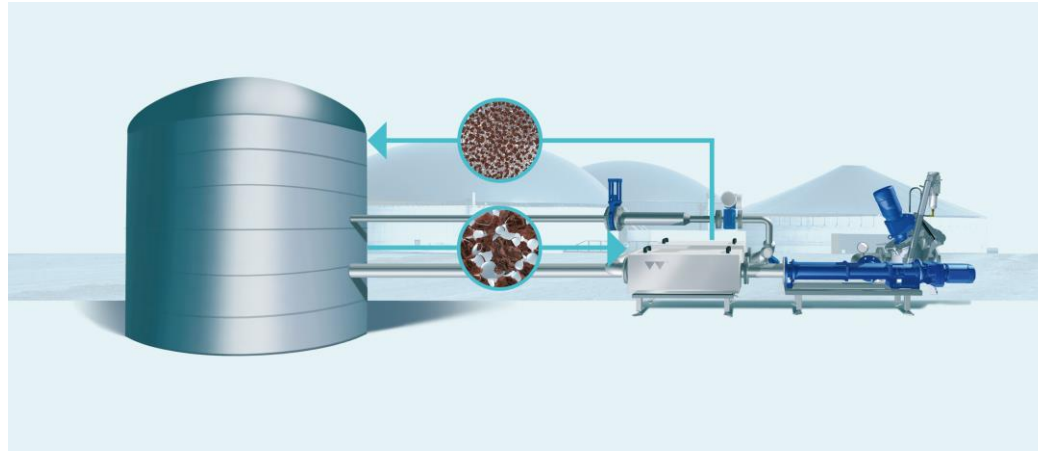
# BATCH TEST WITH AMPTS II

- ▶ Sampling of various specific energy levels to identify „sweet spot“ and process window
- ▶ Sampling of untreated material (control)
- ▶ The substrate mixed with inoculum will be digested until no more significant gas production will occur (approx. 30 days)
- ▶ Comparison of treated and untreated samples





# POSSIBLE INTEGRATION EXAMPLES IN BIOGAS PLANTS

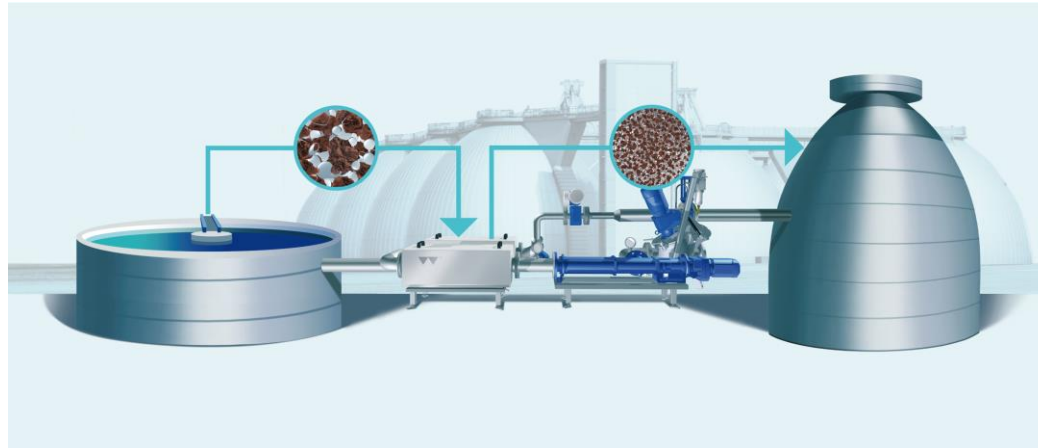


Main digester

Ultrasound unit



# POSSIBLE INTEGRATION EXAMPLES IN WWTP



TWAS

Ultrasound unit

digester



# OVER 100 MACHINES CASE STUDIES AND REFERENCES WORLDWIDE

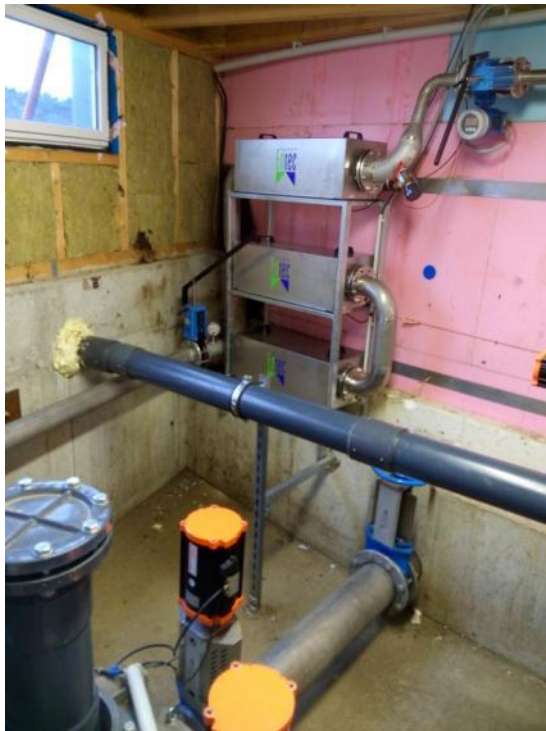












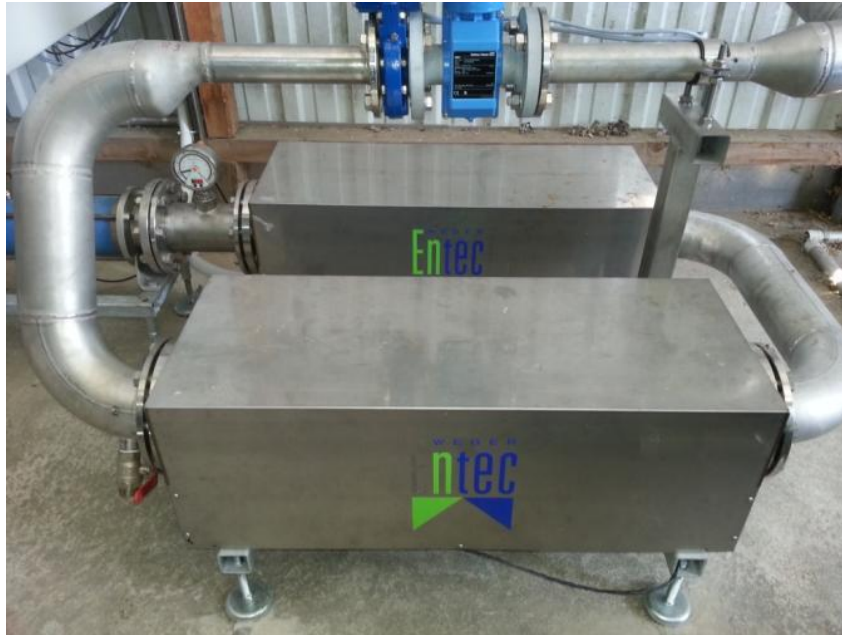






















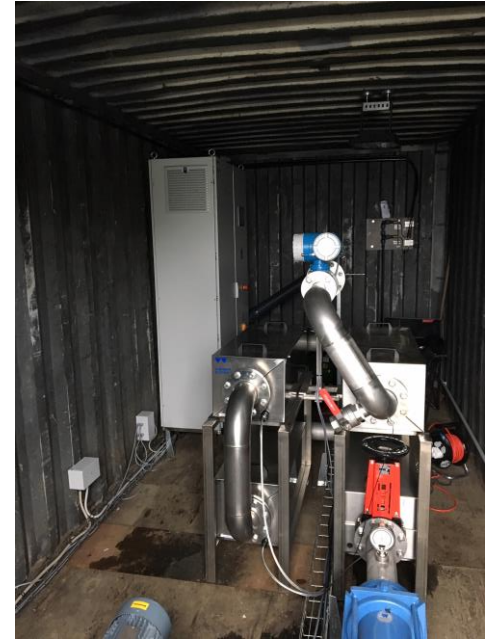












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