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### An integrated gas grid model for upgraded biogas in future renewable energy system

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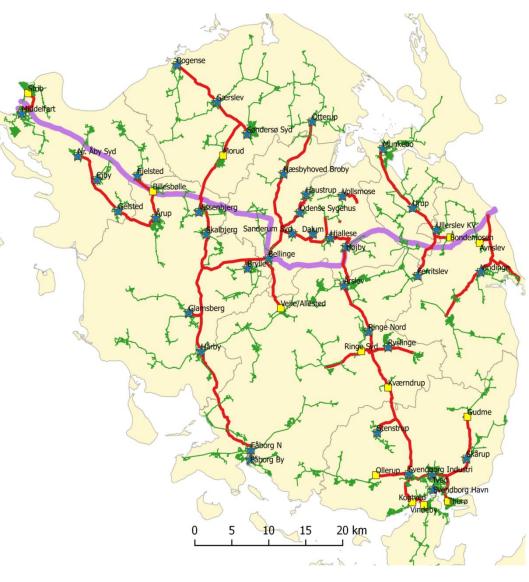
# Feasibility study on utilizing natural gas grid for upgraded biogas

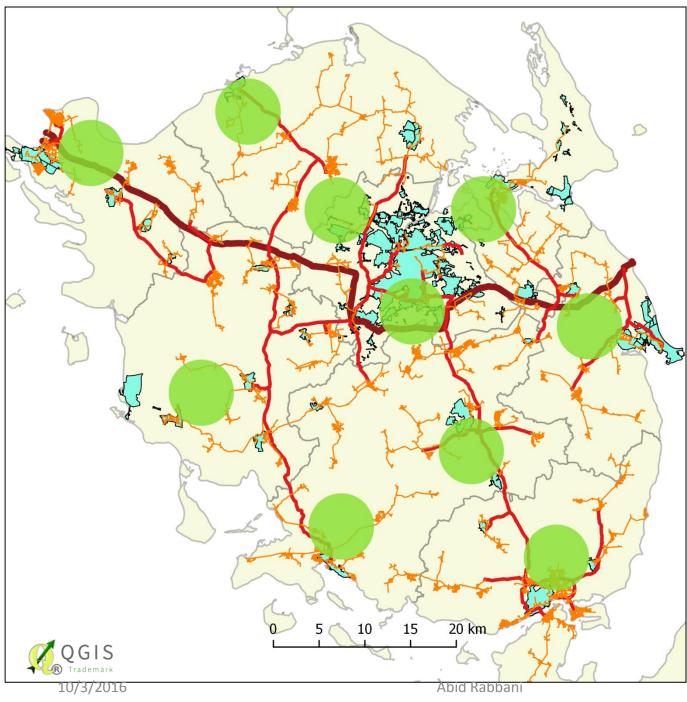
- Are there any bottlenecks due to flow capacities of the gas grid?
- Can the low pressure distribution grid be used only for raw biogas and medium pressure grid for upgraded gas only?
- To what extent can these grids balance the supply and demand?
- How much raw & upgraded biogas contribute to the electricity, heat and transport demands?
- How much gas would be exported/ imported? And under what operating conditions?

### The Funen Case

- Adequate system size for analyses
- Developed natural gas network
- Could be replaced entirely by biomethane
- Availability of feedstock

Modelling approach: An integrated grid model in "SIFRE" tool Balancing supply and demand for electricity, DH, Industrial process heat & transport sector





#### **Biogas Plants**

Supply

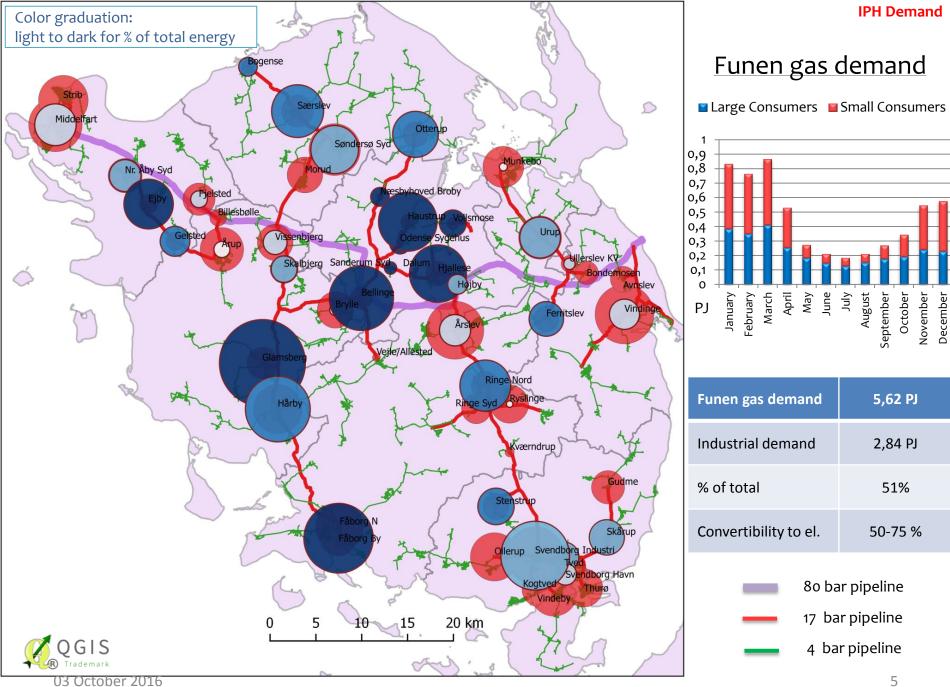
#### Bio-Methane Potential for Fyn

Feedstock	Biogas production (mio Nm³)		
Manure	2 PJ	86	
With Straw	5,7 PJ	214	

No. of plants	10
Estimated size of plant	28 mio Nm³/y



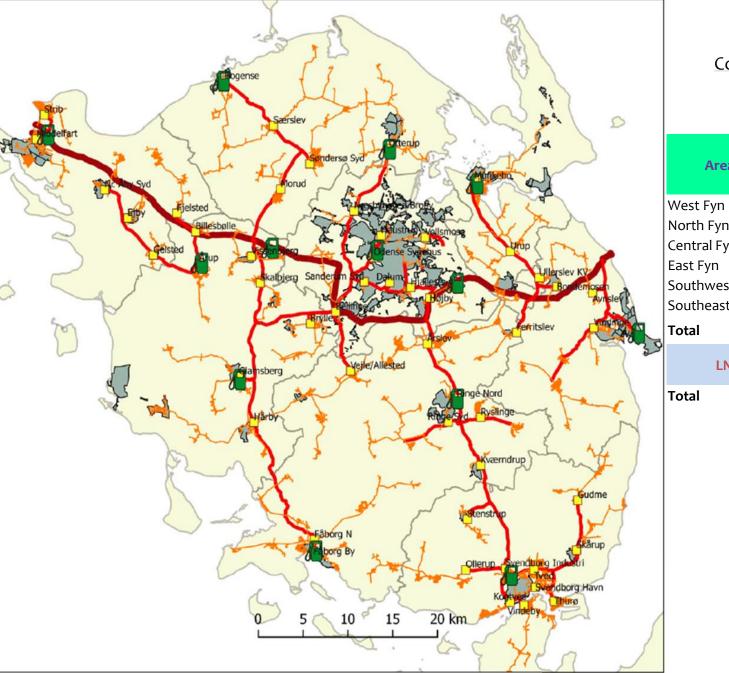
- 80 bar pipeline
- 17 bar pipeline
- 4 bar pipeline



Data from NGF Nature Energy

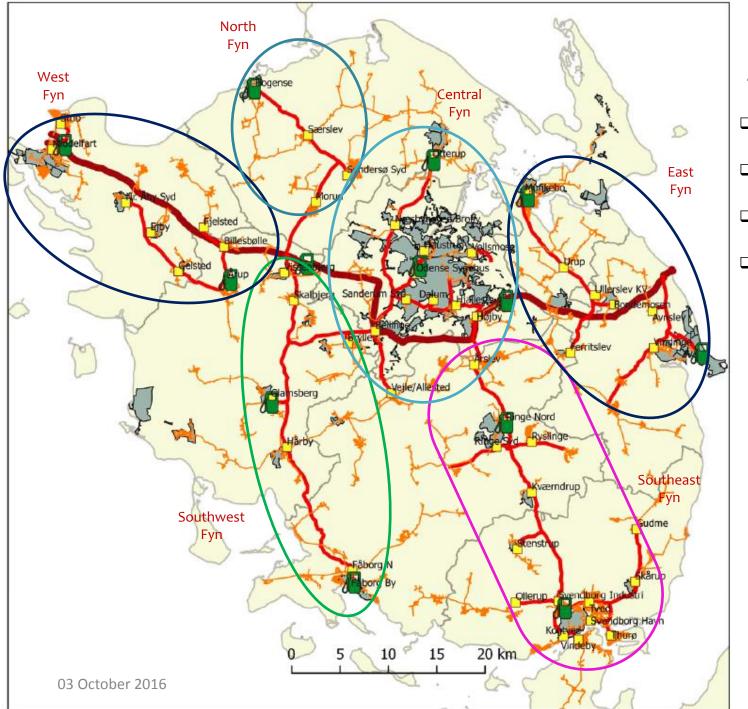
#### Compressed Biomethane Refilling stations

	Area	CNG stations	Annual Demand (PJ)	Peak Load (MW)		
	West Fyn	2	0,38	36		
	North Fyn	1	0,19	18		
	Central Fyn	3	0,58	55		
	East Fyn	2	0,38	36		
	Southwest Fyn	3	0,58	55		
A	Southeast Fyn	2	0,38	36		
	Total	13	2,5			
55	LNG Terminal					
	Total	1	2,5	158		
2			MR Statio	MR Stations		
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			DH Networks			



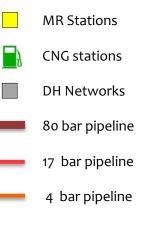
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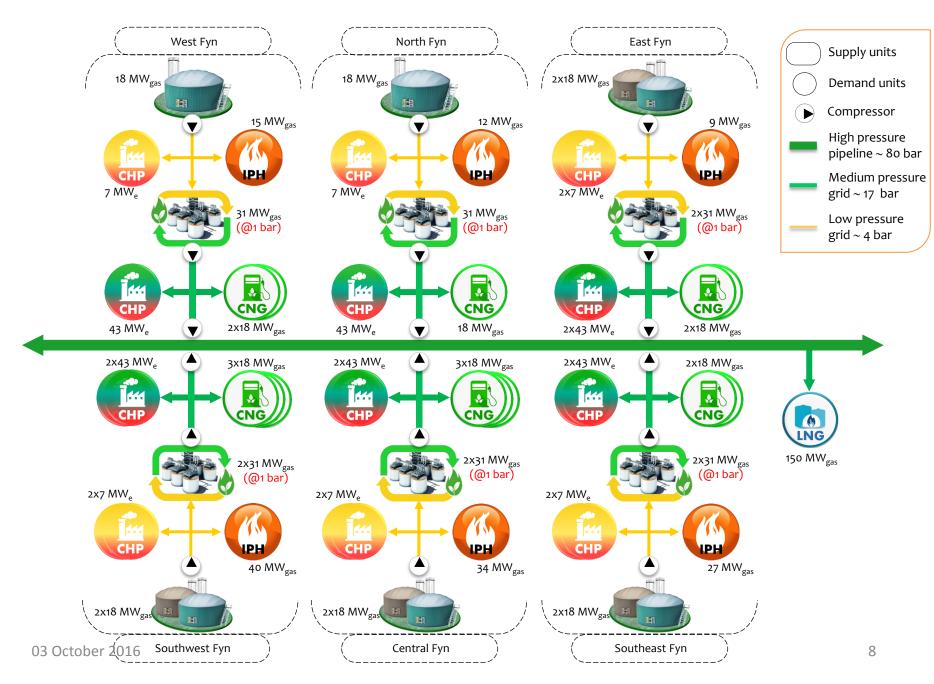


### Localized gas grid of Funen

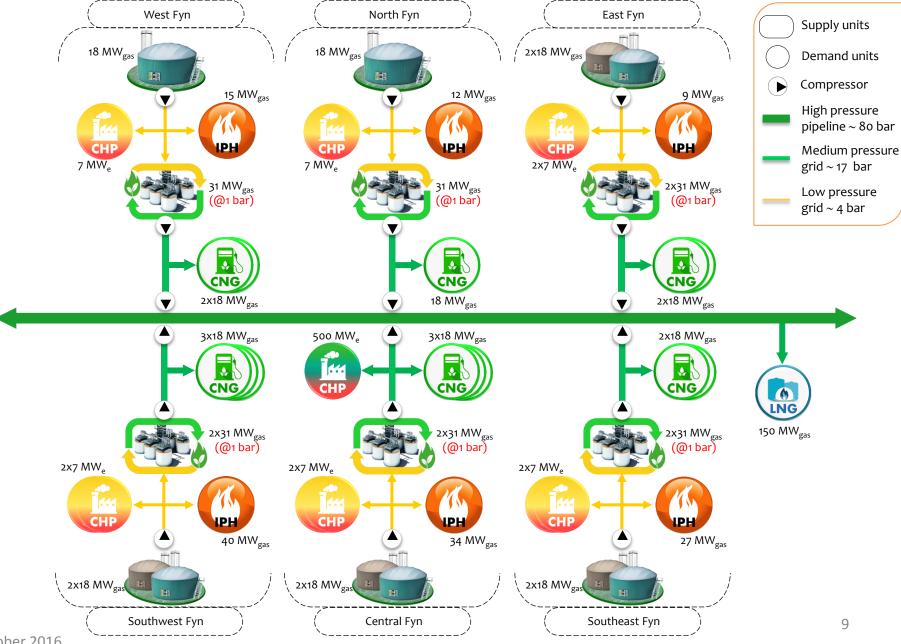
- Total 6 units of supply and Demand
- Each unit mainly consisting of 17 & 4 bar gas grid
- All units connected to 80 bar transmission line
- Different supply and demand characteristics

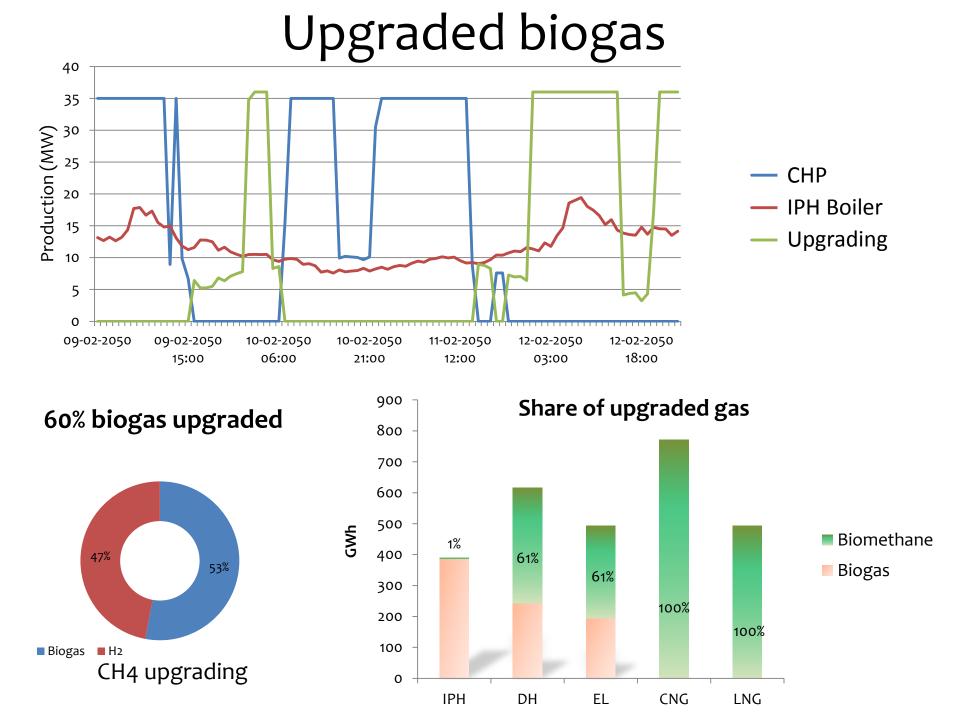


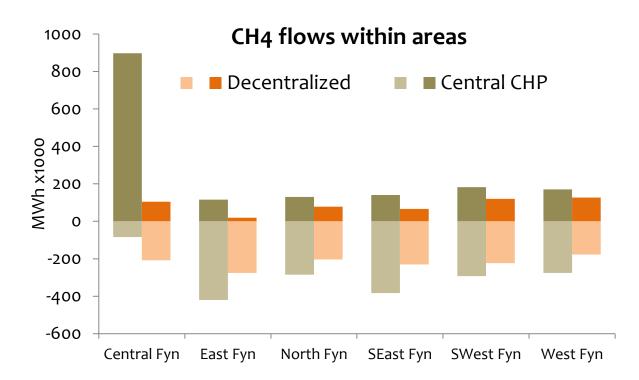
#### Decentralized CHPs mode with H2 assisted upgrading



#### Local biogas CHPs and 1 Central CHP plant



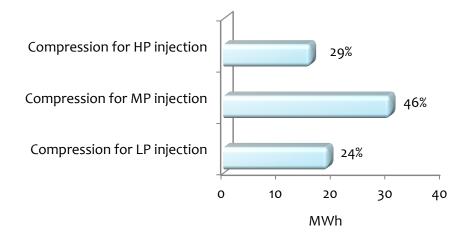




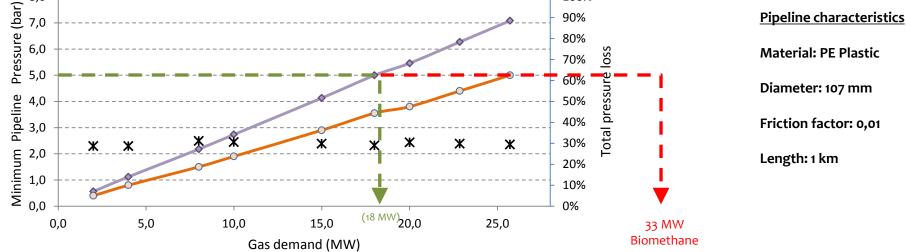
Medium pressure grid in stress during Centralized CHP production

- High consumption in MP grid
  ~ upgraded gas volume
- Different compression levels depending on the upgrading technology

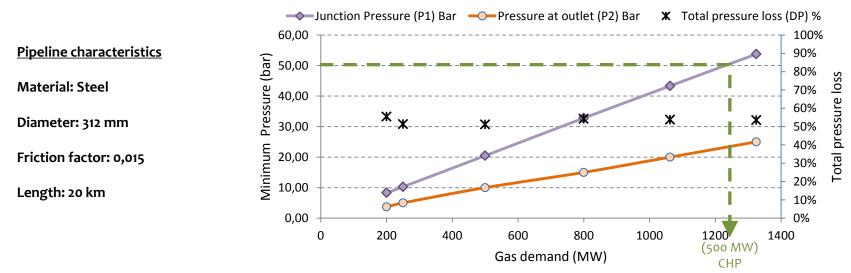
#### **Electricity consumption of compressors**



#### Maximum Biogas Capacity in low-pressure grid Junction Pressure (P1) Bar Pressure at outlet (P2) Bar X Total pressure loss (DP) % 8,0 7,0 90%

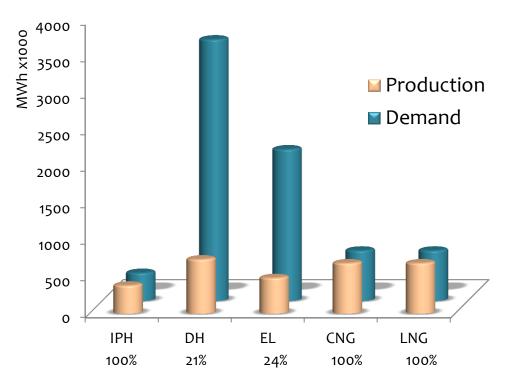


#### Minimum Biomethane pressures



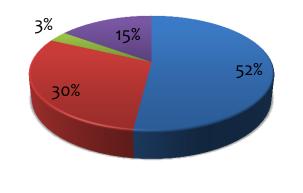
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#### **Energy in different sectors**



 Biomethane grid fully catering to Transport sector





• Though gas import is 15% in volume, import actually occurs 38% of time

## Concluding remarks

- The system is capable of balancing the supply & demand majority of the time
- 60% of biogas is upgraded to biomethane
- More strain is observed on MP biomethane grid
- Improvements through:
  - Optimization of the storages to increase flexibility of upgrading

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 Operational strategies for compressors to minimize gas imports



### Thank you



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