

Carbon footprint of biogas production systems through a LCA approach in a Mediterranean environment: insights from the SMART-GAS Operational Group Project

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Introduction

World population is expected to reach 8.5 billion people in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050 (United Nations DESA 2019), posing challenges to sustainable development in the context of a changing climate (IPCC 2018). Recent policies have addressed such issues and recognized the need for a transition towards more sustainable production systems and economies, establishing an overall ambitious goal for Europe: becoming the first climate-neutral continent by 2050 (European Commission 2019). This goal is to be achieved through a global shift in favor of circular economy models and a complete transformation of current industries which are still too “linear” and rely new materials being extracted, processed and finally disposed of as waste or emissions (European Commission 2020a). This transformative change will also affect farming systems, and in this context, bionergy production through anaerobic digestion of agricultural waste and residues have been identified as a huge opportunity to produce renewable energy and improve the sustainability of agroecosystems (European Commission 2020b). The use of manure as a source of energy represents a reliable alternative to mitigate the emissions produced by the livestock sector. In fact, manure processing and storage are estimated to represent about 10% of livestock GHG emissions (Gerber et al. 2013). The purposes of this study were to estimate the environmental impact of electricity production from anaerobic digestion (AD) in terms of: (i) Global Warming Potential (GWP) and (ii) GHG saving compared to fossil electricity and (iii) Italian electricity grid mix of four farms located in central Italy.

Materials and Methods

The study was conducted examining four farms located in central Italy, an area characterized by Mediterranean climate conditions. Two farms utilize livestock manure (buffalo and pig), energy crops and agricultural byproducts, while the other two use energy crops and agricultural byproducts. The chosen reference year was 2020. The study is a cradle-to-farm gate farm-based life cycle assessment (LCA), meaning that data is primary and all relevant activities that contribute to the energy production process are taken into account. They include substrate production (machinery, seeds, irrigation, etc.), digestate storage and distribution, electricity and fuel consumption. The production of substrates such as manure, food industry and crop byproducts was kept outside system boundaries. The only impact associated with these substrates was the transport to the farms.

One net kWh of electricity produced was used as the functional unit and in order to conduct the Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) we chose the CML-IA baseline method, selecting the GWP indicator. The software used to perform the LCIA was OpenLCA (GreenDelta, Berlin - Germany), while for Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) background data, a combination of LCI databases was used, namely Ecoinvent (version 3.7.1), Agri-footprint (version 5), and Agribalyse (version 3.0.1).

We estimated the following GHG emissions: N₂O from crop fertilization and digestate distribution according to Zampori and Pant (2019), N₂O from incorporated crop residues according to IPCC Guidelines (2019b); N₂O and CH₄ emissions from anaerobic digestion and digestate storage were calculated according to IPCC Guidelines (2019) for the two farms utilizing livestock manure, while for the two farms utilizing energy crops and agricultural byproducts, the approach proposed by Valli et al. (2017) was followed. For the two farms that utilize livestock manure we also estimated the avoided CH₄ and N₂O from manure storage, according to IPCC Guidelines (2019a).

Results

The estimation of the global warming potential (GWP) of these four real-farm case studies showed that an average saving of 300% in terms GHGs emission would be possible when compared to electricity produced from oil. When the comparator is electricity produced from coal, such saving would be around 150%. Finally, if compared to the Italian electricity grid mix, the GHG potential saving would be of 25%.

Conclusions

Our study highlighted that energy production from anaerobic digestion using agricultural products and co-products can contribute to a reduction of the environmental impact of electricity production in terms of GWP. Following a conservative approach, we chose not to consider GHG saving due to the replacement of synthetic fertilizer with digestate since its distribution on non-energy crops was not within system boundaries. Additionally, this saving was neither calculated for energy crops as they would not have been grown in absence of the AD plant.

Furthermore, additional studies are needed in order to develop strong and reliable methodologies to assess the impact of specific production systems and specific digestate storage and application methods.

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PROGRAM

Wednesday 15 September 2021

10:00-13:00 **Workshop: Agriculture and global changes**

Chair: *Prof. Paolo Ceccon* – University of Udine

10:00-10:10 Introduction

Oral presentations

Hour	Authors	Title
10:10-10:30	<i>Scott Hutchins</i> (Former USDA)	Research and Innovation: The Way Forward for all Nations Seeking to Achieve Truly Sustainable Agriculture
10:30-10:50	<i>Emanuele Zanini</i> (School of Food and Nutritional Sciences, University College Cork, Ireland)	The food environment: an integrated approach to limited planet resources. the feeding-future strategy
10:50-11:10	<i>Jonathan Hillier</i> (Cool Farm Alliance)	Developing on farm tools for climate change
11:10-11:30	<i>Magdalena Mach</i> (Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission)	EIP-AGRI: 7 years of innovation in agriculture and forestry

11:30-12:45 Discussion

12:45-13:00 Conclusions

Wednesday 15 September 2021

15:00 - 15:30 **Opening of the 50th Conference of the Italian Society for Agronomy**

Prof. Michele Perniola – President of the Italian Society for Agronomy (SIA)

Prof. Paolo Ceccon – Head of Department DI4A - University of Udine

15:30-16:00 **SIA PhD thesis award (Prof. Michele Perniola – Prof. Luca Bechini)**

Dr. Carolina Fabbri (University of Florence) - Analysis of the effects of agronomic management on the dynamics of nitrogen and carbon emissions from agricultural soils

Dr. Matteo Longo (University of Padova) - Enhancing experimental and insilico methods to evaluate ecosystem service trade-offs in agri-environmental measures

Dr. Aurelio Scavo (University of Catania) - Allelopathic effects of *Cynara cardunculus* L. extracts

16:00-19:00 **Session 1. Integrated weed management: new tools and strategies** (Section co-organized by Italian Society for Agronomy and Italian Society of Weed Research)

Part 1 - Chair: *Dr. Vittoria Giannini* – University of Sassari

16:00-16:20 **Invited speaker (Prof. Scott McElroy – Auburn University)** Basic science limitations in the field of weed science

Oral presentations

Hour	Authors	Title
16:20-16:35	<i>Fogliatto S., Patrucco L., De Palo F., Moretti B., Milan M., Vidotto F.</i>	Cover crops as green mulching for weed management in rice
16:35-16:50	<i>Nikolić N., Rizzo D., Marraccini E., Ayerdi Gotor A., Mattivi P., Saulet P., Persichetti A., Masin R.</i>	Herbicide use reduction in maize by combining site and time specific weed control
16:50-17:05	<i>Cutulle M., Maja J.</i>	Determining the utility of an Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV) for weed control in specialty crop systems

17:05-17:35 Coffee break

Part 2 - Chair: *Prof. Francesco Vidotto* – University of Turin

17:35-18:00 **Invited speaker (Prof. Nilda Burgos - University of Arkansas)** New technology and innovation in weed science

18:00-19:00 Discussion

Thursday 16 September 2020

9:00-10:30 **Session 2. Agricultural systems and sustainability in a context of ecological transition**
 Chair: *Prof. Francesco Tei* – University of Perugia

09:00-09:30 **Invited speakers** (*Prof. Nicola Silvestri* - University of Pisa; *Prof. Giuseppe Di Miceli* - University of Palermo) Cropping systems and sustainability in a context of ecological transition (Results of SIA working group composed by: Francesco Tei, Enrico Bonari, Antonio Berti, Nicola Silvestri, Vincenzo Tabaglio, Enrico Ceotto, Giuseppe De Mastro, Giuseppe Di Miceli)

Oral presentations

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9:30-9:45	<i>Bregaglio S., Ginaldi F., Vonella A.V., Montaghi A., Campi P., Bajocco S., Ruggieri S., Fanchini D., De Nart D., Ventrella D., Garofalo P., Giuliani M., Gatta G., Carucci F., Buono V., D'Amato G., Donatelli M.</i>	Coupling remote sensing and simulation modelling to drive tomato irrigation in Capitanata: a digital twin
9:45-10:00	<i>Maucieri C., Caruso C., Barbera A.C., Borin M.</i>	Biofertilization of bioenergy herbaceous crops with arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi
10:00-10:15	<i>Ferrero F., Tabacco E., Borreani G.</i>	Intensity of agricultural practices affects environmental impacts and productivity of corn for grain
10:15-10:30	<i>Piccoli I., Grillo F., Furlanetto I., Ragazzi F., Obber S., Bonato T., Meneghetti F., Ferlito J., Saccardo L., Morari F.</i>	Liquid digestate fraction application might sustain silage maize production improving nitrogen use efficiency

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 **Session 3. La storia della SIA e 50 anni di convegni**
 Chair: *Prof. Michele Perniola* – Presidente SIA

Comunicazioni orali

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11:20-11:40	<i>Prof. Salvatore Luciano Cosentino</i>	Storia della SIA: la ricerca
11:40-12:00	<i>Prof. Carlo Grignani</i>	Storia della SIA: i convegni
12:00-12:20	<i>Prof. Pier Paolo Roggero</i>	Storia della SIA: la rivista
12:20-12:40	<i>Prof. Giuliano Mosca</i>	Storia della SIA: la formazione

12:40-13:00 Discussion

13:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-18:00 Assemblea dei soci

Friday 17 September 2020

9:00-9:30 **Invited speaker (Dr. Marc Barbier – INRAE)** Delineating scientific domains in the literature using the CorTexT platform

9:30-10:45 **Session 4. Agricultural models for impact mitigation**

Chair: Dr. Domenico Ventrella – CREA

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9:45-10:00	<i>Martani E., Ferrarini A., Amaducci S., Hastings A.</i>	Soil organic carbon increase within the first two years from perennial energy crops reversion back to arable land
10:00-10:15	<i>Tolomio M., Mzid N., Pascucci S., Pignatti S., Casa R.</i>	Preliminary assessment of the Italian hyperspectral mission PRISMA for N-related crop traits estimation
10:15-10:30	<i>Tranchina M., Bellaccini C., Mantino A., Annechini F., Ragaglini G., Villani R.</i>	Carbon footprint of biogas production systems through a LCA approach in a Mediterranean environment: insights from the SMART-GAS Operational Group Project
10:30-10:45	<i>Vitali A., Moretti B., Bertora C., Lerda C., Celi L., Pullicino D.S., Tenni D., Miniotti E., Romani M., Sacco D.</i>	Conservation tillage effects on a mid-term rice continuous monoculture system: yield and soil fertility

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 **Session 5. Agronomic models and ecosystem services**

Chair: Dr. Gemini Delle Vedove – University of Udine

11:00-11:30 **Invited speaker (Prof. Paolo Barberi – Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)** Fostering the agroecological transition through agroecosystem services: opportunities and challenges for agronomists

Oral presentations

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11:45-12:00	<i>Tadiello T., Gabbielli M., Botta M., Perego A., Ragaglini G., Bechini L., Acutis M.</i>	Modelling of the mulch management with the ARMOSA Model
12:00-12:15	<i>Bochicchio R., Caporale A.G., Labella R., Adamo P., Amato M.</i>	Stability Improvement of Mars Simulant MMS-1 and Moon Simulant LHS-1 by a root exudate analogue as a model for an agronomic approach to ecosystem services in space research

12:30-13:00 Closing of the 50th conference of the Italian Society for Agronomy

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Session 1. Integrated weed management: new tools and strategies

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<i>Disciglio G., Tarantino A., Frabboni L.</i>	Field evaluation of the resistance of two processing tomato cultivars to the parasitic <i>Phelipanche ramosa</i>
<i>Sias C., Wolters B.R., Reiter M.S., Flessner M.L.</i>	Cover crops as a weed seed bank management tool: a soil down review
<i>Caluori F., Fogliatto S., Patrucco L., Tosco T., Granetto M., Vidotto F.</i>	Weed control efficacy of a novel dicamba-based nano-herbicide formulation
<i>Pozzi T., Guarise M., Reyneri A., Ferrero A.</i>	Durum wheat management for a zero pesticide supply chain
<i>Dinelli G., Negri L., Alpi M., Bosi S.</i>	Weed biocontrol and cover crop termination with alternative natural compounds
<i>Radicetti E., Petroselli V., Allam M., Mancinelli R.</i>	Soil tillage and fertilization affect durum wheat and weeds interactions in Mediterranean environment
<i>Buratovich M.V., Acciaresi H.A.</i>	Mixed winter cover crops and dynamics of weeds in agricultural systems of rolling pampas argentine

Session 2. Agricultural systems and sustainability in a context of ecological transition

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<i>Alberghini B., Berzuini S., Zanetti F., Vecchi A., Tavarini S., Galasso I., Clemente C., Abou Chehade L., Angelini L., Dalle Zotte A., Monti A.</i>	Camelina a new source of healthy oil and cake: effect of variety choice and growing conditions
<i>Pescatore A., Grassi C., Orlandini S., Marco Napoli M.</i>	Effects of biochar on berseem clover (<i>Trifolium alexandrinum</i> , L.) growth and heavy metal (Cd, Cu, Pb, and Zn) accumulation
<i>Bonnin D., Tabacco E., Borreani G.</i>	Addressing the feed-food and land use competition: the case study of piedmontese beef farms
<i>Zegada-Lizarazu W., Parenti A., Monti A.</i>	Relay planting cereal and dedicated legume crops
<i>Marotti I., Frassineti E., Alpi M., Dinelli G., Trebbi G.</i>	Health-beneficial properties of organically grown stinging nettle (<i>Urtica dioica</i> L.) in the first year of cultivation
<i>Aquilani C., Argenti G., Bellini E., Bozzi R., Confessore A., Dibari C., Moriondo M., Nannucci L., Staglianò N., Cappucci A., Gasparoni E., Mele M., Mantino A., Vichi F., Pugliese C.</i>	BOSCOLAMENTO Project: Virtual fencing for the grazing management of Maremmana cattle in an agrosilvopastoral system
<i>Dal Cortivo C., Ferrari M., Panizzo A., Barion G., Sella L., Vamerali T.</i>	Effect of sowing density and nitrogen rate on growth and yield of old wheat varieties in organic farming
<i>De Falco E., Ferrazzano M., Vitti A.</i>	Innovative use of by-products recovered from thyme residues to optimize basil growth
<i>Di Stefano A., Barion G., Ferrari M., Dal Cortivo C., Panizzo A., Vamerali T.</i>	Iron biofortification by foliar spraying in old open-pollinated maize varieties
<i>Zanetti F., Alberghini B., Berzuini S., Jeromela A.M., Codina N., Royo-</i>	Camelina a new multipurpose oilseed crop for improving farm diversification across Europe

<i>Esnal A., Vecchi A., Facciolla E., Monti A.</i>	
<i>Parenti A., Zegada Lizarazu W., Monti A.</i>	Integrated food-energy cropping systems
<i>De Santis M.A., Rinaldi M., Menga V., Giuzio L., Fares C., Flagella Z.</i>	Changes in protein composition of chickpea genotypes under organic and conventional cropping systems
<i>Petris R., Piani B., Fontana M., De Infanti R., Miceli F.</i>	Grain yield and rutin content in buckwheat (<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>) cv. Lileja, as affected by planting time and density
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<i>Ruta C., De Mastro G.</i>	Environmental friendly nitrogen fertilization on globe artichoke

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<i>Battisti M., Capo L., Zavattaro L., Blandino M.</i>	Maize growth and yield responses to conservative tillage system and starter fertilization strategies
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<i>Bosi S., Negri L., Dinelli G.</i>	Is it possible to apply an economic threshold for herbicide applications in common wheat?
<i>Negri L., Bosi S., Fakaros A., Dinelli G.</i>	The GREAT LIFE project: growing resilient agriculture through crop diversification with millet and sorghum
<i>Toffanin A., Borin M., Vellidis G.</i>	Innovative strategies to increase water and nitrogen use efficiency in maize
<i>Maglione G., De Tommaso G., Iuliano M., Arena C., Vitale L.</i>	The aeration of buffalo slurry reduces soil GHGs emissions and improves spinach plant growth
<i>Carrino L., Visconti D., Fiorentino N., Fagnano M.</i>	Cultivation of <i>C. cardunculus</i> for biomass on brownfield pre-washing soil and post washing sludge assisted with compost amendment and microbial biostimulants
<i>Carrino L., Visconti D., Todisco D., Fiorentino N., Fagnano M.</i>	Simple germination and root elongation bioassay for early detection of salt-tolerant genotype

<i>Panizzo A., Barion G., Ottoboni P., Ferrari M., Di Stefano A., Dal Cortivo C., Mezzalira G., Vamerali T.</i>	The impact of trees on growth and yield of soybean in poplar alley-cropping systems in the Veneto region
<i>Ferrise R., Trombi G., Padovan G., Costafreda-Aumedes S., Di Giuseppe E., Pasqui M., Moretto J., Morari F.</i>	A simple decision support web-application for precise nitrogen application in durum wheat cultivation
<i>Farneselli M., Falcinelli B., Pannacci E., Paolotti L., Boggia A., Rocchi L.</i>	Circular agricultural system in safflower: agronomic practices and oil extraction environmental impact
<i>Fellet G., De Marco R., Pilotto L., Marchiol L.</i>	15N-Urea release evaluation from two types of mesoporous silica nanoparticles: perspectives for future application as slow release nanofertilizer
<i>Rizzo D., Chartier T., Sarazin A.</i>	Field crop robotics: a bibliometric overview and an agronomic state of art
<i>Galieni A., Platani C., Dattoli M.A., Campanelli G., Leteo F., Pane C., Nicastro N., Stagnari F.</i>	Vis-NIR-SWIR spectroscopy to predict safety of spinach
<i>Grassi C., Altobelli F., Orlandini S., Napoli M.</i>	Assessing the impact of terraces on soil erosion
<i>Sartori F., Piccoli I., Polese R., Berti A.</i>	How tillage and soil covering affect agro-environmental indicators. preliminary results during the transition from conventional to conservation agriculture
<i>Berzuini S., Zanetti F., Alberghini B., Vecchi A., Facciolla E., Monti A.</i>	Camelina (<i>Camelina sativa</i> L. Crantz) a cash cover crop with potential to increase winter soil coverage
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<i>Murgia T., Pulina A., Garau G., Roggero P.P.</i>	Sement-APP: a decision support system to design sustainable Mediterranean grassland systems
<i>Zavattaro L., Michelone C.</i>	Sustainability assessment and fertilisation management tools for agroforestry systems
<i>Mancinelli R., Petroselli V., Allam M., Radicetti E.</i>	Effects of different soil tillage methods and fertilization on potato crop
<i>Tilocca M.T., Deligios P.A., Cossu M., Sanna G., Solinas S., Farci R., Jouny N., Ledda L.</i>	Respiration dynamic during transition from conventional to organic management in globe artichoke mediterranean cropping system
<i>De Falco E., Salerno G., Marmo A., Ronga D., Celano G.</i>	Application of micro-scale devices for the study of spontaneous vegetation and erosion in the national park of cilento, Vallo di diano, alburni. First results
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<i>Piccitto A., Calcagno S., Copani V., Testa G., Scordia D., Patanè C., Cosentino S.L.</i>	Evaluation of diverse mediterranean castor genotypes
<i>Patanè C., Saita A., Pellegrino A., Cavallaro V., Cosentino S.L., Scordia D., Longo S., Clifton-Brown J.</i>	Seed germination in two new miscanthus hybrids
<i>Corinzia S.A., Ciaramella B.R., Piccitto A., Testa G., Patanè C., Cosentino S.L., Scordia D.</i>	Yield of lignocellulosic perennial grasses under different soil water availability
<i>Ciaramella B.R., Corinzia S.A., Scordia D., Patanè C., Cosentino S.L., Testa G.</i>	Tolerance of giant reed to the cultivation in heavy metal polluted soil

<i>Calcagno S., Piccitto A., Copani V., Corinzia S.A., Scordia D., Testa G., Patanè C., Cosentino S.L.</i>	Effect of different irrigation leves and nitrogen doses on seed yield of castor
<i>Benincasa P., Falcinelli B., Stagnari F., Galieni A.</i>	Starting with quality seed for low impact cultivation: nitrogen fertilization schedule in a wheat seed crop affects the growth parameters of offspring seedlings
<i>Scordia D., Corinzia S.A., Piccitto A., Ciaramella B.R., Calcagno S., Testa G., Patanè C., Cosentino S.L.</i>	First harvest results of reduced and well-watered perennial grass clones, species and hybrids
<i>Lombardo S., Pandino G., Scavo A., Abbate C., Parisi B., Pesce G.R., Litrico A., Patanè G., Salicola S., Scandurra A., Mauromicale G.</i>	Mycorrhizal inoculation improves organic potato quality grown under calcareous soil
<i>Pandino G., Di Benedetto D., Abbate C., Scavo A., Pesce G.R., Patanè G., Salicola S., Scandurra A., Mauromicale G., Lombardo S.</i>	Macro- and microelements of globe artichoke as effected by mycorrhization and fertilization
<i>Pulvento C., De Mastro G.</i>	Climate-smart farming practices in south Italy within TRUSTFARM project

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<i>Bellini E., Argenti G., Dibari C., Staglianò N., Galvagno M., Filippa G., Nannucci L., Aquilani C., Confessore A., Moriondo M.</i>	A simplified grass growth model for pasture biomass assessment
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