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Highlights

- -Wastes can be a source for fuels and chemicals via biogas
- -Mathematical formulation is developed to select the optimal waste blend
- -Chemicals production suggests biogas compositions of 50% methane and 47% CO₂.
- -Digestate economics is key for selecting the appropriate waste or mixture.
- -Sluge, cattle slurry and urban food waste are the preferred sources.

Abstract.

In this work we select the optimal organic waste or waste blend for the production of chemicals, including DME, methanol, ethanol and FT fuels, and as drop-in fuel via biogas dry or hybrid reforming. Detailed models for biogas production and processing are used to compute the optimal mixture of biomass wastes among cattle and pig slurry, cattle and pig manure, sludge, urban food waste and urban green waste to be digested to obtain the required biogas. Even though the H₂ to CO ratio required by each chemical is different, the biogas composition suggested is similar, 50% methane, 47% CO₂. As a source of energy, 70% methane content is targeted. The

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