Small Scale CHP from biomass
– a demonstration project in Southeast Sweden

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Agenda

- ESS (Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden)
- Small scale CHP – potential, reasons and opportunities
- Demonstration project Small Scale CHP from bioenergy
- The first micro-gasifier in Sweden
  - The dairy
  - Reasons for investing
  - Technology
  - Status and lessons learned
  - Upcoming actions

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The Energy Agency for Southeast Sweden (ESS)

• Started 1999

• Owned by municipalities, regional councils and county councils in Blekinge, Kalmar & Kronoberg

• 20 employees, head office in Växjö, regional offices in Kalmar, Karlskrona & Oskarshamn

• Experienced project partner

• Sustainable energy region:
  - Energy efficiency
  - Renewable energy
  - Mobility
  - Energy in society

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Background - Energy use southeast Sweden

Small Scale CHP from biomass is one part of the solution

- 80 potential plants for small scale CHP
- 40-50 plants with a possible average electricity production of 3 GWh/year
Reasons and opportunities for investing in small scale CHP based on biomass

- Lower costs for bought electricity
- Unburden the power grid
- Environmental profile to the company – green electricity and heat
- Local fuel
- Decreased tax relief for oil use in Swedish industry
- Promote employment in rural areas
- Increase locally produced renewable electric power

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Small scale CHP
– a demonstration project in Southeast Sweden

- A project within the EU programme Life+
  - Energy Agency for southeast Sweden (project manager)
  - The Emå-dairy
  - Ronneby district heating

Objective:
- Demonstrate different technologies for small scale CHP
  - Gasification to power
  - Wet steam turbine
  - Organic Rankine cycle
- Increase the use of small scale CHP
- Establish a platform for small-scale CHP showcases
  - Study visits at the plants
- Decrease emissions of CO$_2$
- Increase renewable electricity production

Photo: Bo Dahlin, Svenska kraftnät
Target groups for micro gasification CHP

- Small industries with heating systems based on oil or in need for reinvestments
- Farmers
- Greenhouses
- Department stores
- Hotels/block of flats

In south east Sweden still appr. 170 companies use oil, 40 of them same size or larger than the dairy.
Emå dairy

- Local dairy, in Hultsfred
- Focus on traceability
- Produce appr. 13 million kilo dairy products/year
- Milk from local farms
- Aim at minimum possible climatic impact:
  - Own electricity production
  - Short transportation
  - Paper packings
  - Decay products go back to the suppliers (farms) for biogas production

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Why Emå dairy invests in CHP

• Existing heating system in need of re-investment

• Lower tax-relief for oil in production industry

• Green electricity to the company

• Energy from local produced chippings

• Be part of development towards a sustainable society

• Promote rural areas

• Increased environmental/climate awareness of consumers

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The gasifier at Emå dairy

- Wood chips fuelled gasification unit
  - 40 kW electricity
  - 100 kW heat or 70 kW cooling
  - Volter OY
Technology – Gasifier at the dairy

Chipping storage with dryer

Gas reactor

Heat exchanger

Filter

Heat exchanger

Gas motor with generator

Heat to the dairy process / possible cooling

Electricity

Ash

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Status

• Ready
  • Gasifier up and running since October 28th 2015
  • One wood chipping dryer
  • One accumulator tank

• Remaining
  • One more accumulator tank
  • Once more wood chipping dryer
Electricity from the gasifier
Lessoned learned so far?

- Few suppliers for high flow temperatures
- No environmental permissions needed < 500 kW
- Building permits needed for storage and dryer
- Difficult to buy dried steam wood chips (transportation and price) -> need of a dryer
- Initial problems due to dryer – not gasifier
- More complex than expected to connect gasifier to a process with large fluctuations in heat demand -> need of an accumulator tank
- Recent problems with sintering
Upcoming actions project

- Monitoring and evaluation of data:
  - Efficiency
  - Accessibility
  - Running costs
  - Maintenance costs
  - Problems
  - Electricity and heat production (alfa-value)
  - Fuel (wood chips) consumption

Disseminate experience from the whole process – from pre-study/procurement process to continuous operation
Great potential for the technologies! Welcome to visit the demonstrations!

Interested?
Contact me or visit our project site!
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Thanks for listening!

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