



### ULTRAWAVES - HIGH-POWER ULTRASOUND SYSTEMS FOR WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

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### ULTRAWAVES WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Spin-off-Company from Hamburg University of Technology
- Founded 2001
- ▶ 15 technical employees, 12 part-time workers & students
- Managers: Dr. K. Nickel, Prof. (em.) Dr. U. Neis
  - Research group "Ultrasound in Environmental Eng." (Prof. (em.) Dr. U. Neis)
    - 20 years experience in ultrasound applications
    - ▶ 100 publications
    - International conferences: 1999, 2002, 2005





### ULTRAWAVES WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES

#### We offer

- Planning
- Design & Development
- Production



of high-power ultrasound (HPUS) systems for environmental applications (for municipal and industrial environmental engineering), especially for the treatment of

- water
- wastewater
- biomass (sludge)









### ULTRAWAVES WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES



**ULTRAWAVES-Hamburg:** 

Headquarter: Management, Research & Development



**ULTRAWAVES-Karlsbad:** 

**Development and Manufacture** 



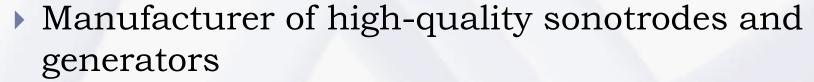




## ULTRAWAVES INDUSTRY PARTNER SONOTRONIC NAGEL GMBH



- German leading supplier of high-power ultrasound equipment
- Founded 1975
- ▶ 450 employees



Substitutions in Germany (headquarter), Italy, Spain, UK, USA, Brazil, China, Hong-Kong, South Africa





# Disintegration of Biomass by High-Power Ultrasound (HPUS)



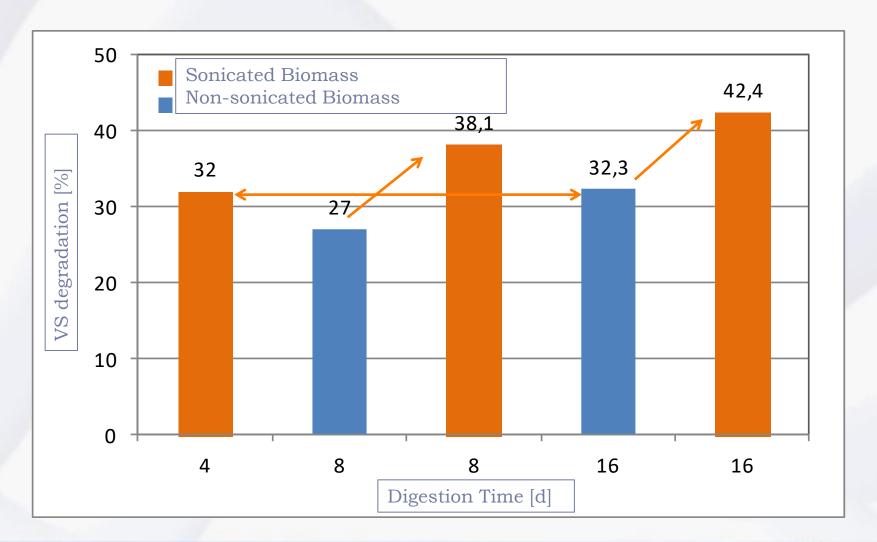


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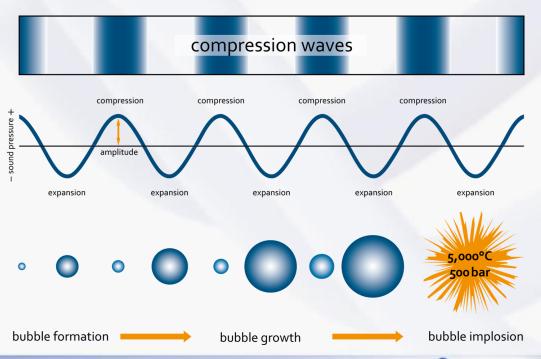


#### HIGH-POWER ULTRASOUND (HPUS)

At right frequencies and intensities (≥ 20 kHz & 25 to 50 W/cm²) high-power ultrasound (HPUS) produces ultrasonic cavitation

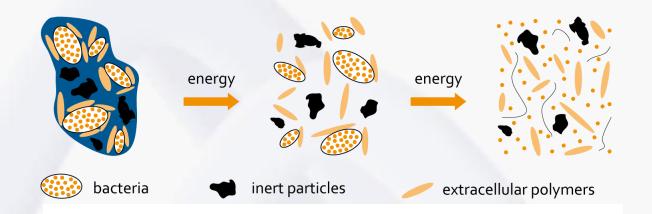
#### Cavitation effects:

- High mechanical shear forces
- Radical reactions



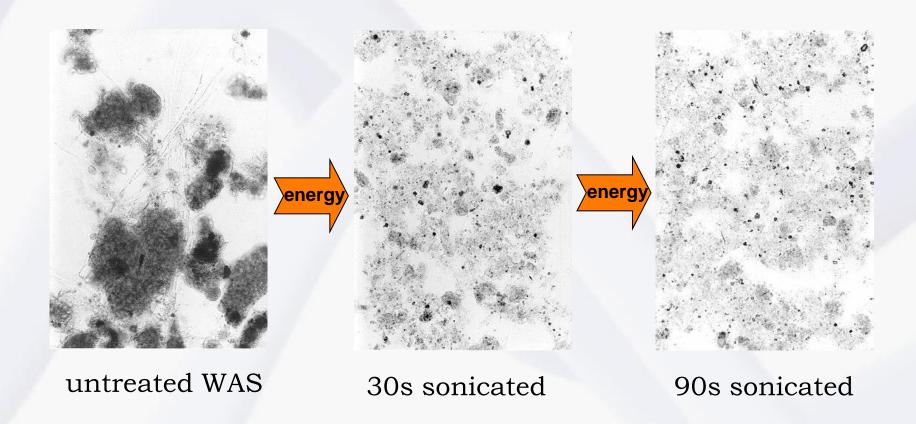


#### DISINTEGRATION OF BIOSOLIDS BY HPUS





#### LIGHT-MICROSCOPICAL ANALYSIS





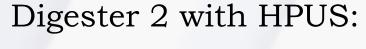
## OVERCOMING THE LIMITATIONS OF ANAEROBIC DEGRADATION WITH ULTRAWAVES HPUS



Digester 1 without HPUS:

Lower biogas production

Higher viscosity



Higher biogas production

Lower viscosity

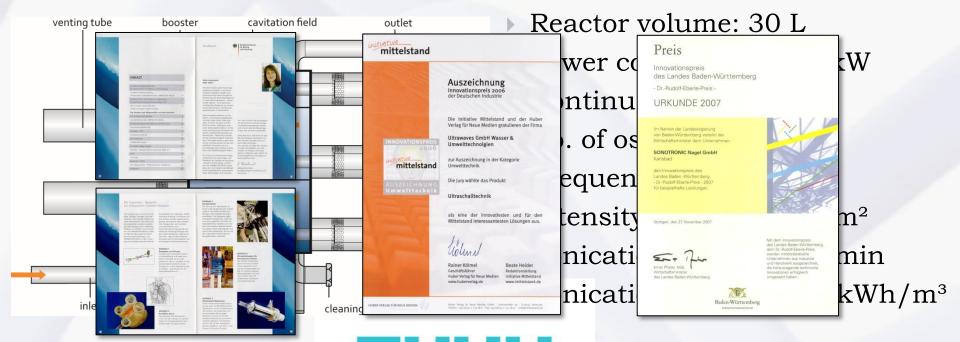




### FULL-SCALE ULTRAWAVES HIGH-POWER ULTRASOUND SYSTEM 2006

Technology Transfer Innovation 2002

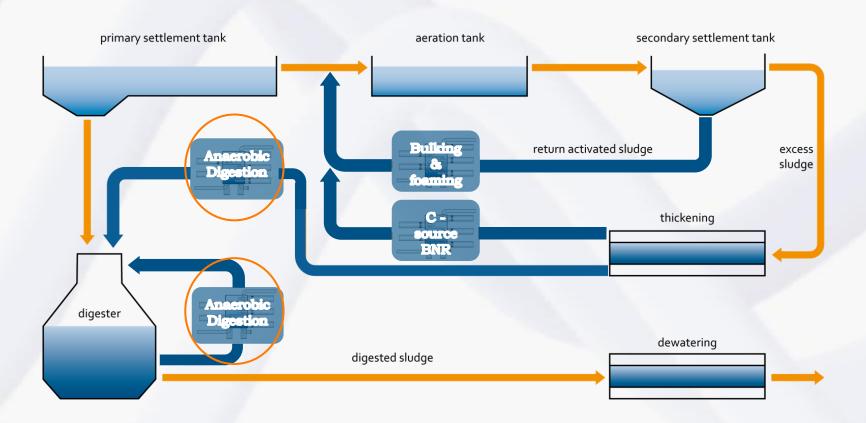
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#### **OPTIONS FOR BIOSOLIDS DISINTEGRATION**





#### BIOSONATOR COMPACT: P&P-SYSTEM







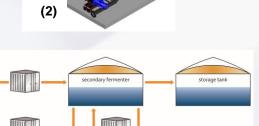


#### BIOSONATOR: P&P-SYSTEM





- Components:
  - Macerator (1)
  - Modified Excentric Screw Pump (2)
  - ▶ HPUS (3)
  - Volumetric flowmeter (4)



▶ Completely automated (24/7) & simple integration



#### **ULTRAWAVES HPUS TECHNOLOGY:**

#### WORDWIDE REFERENCES















# ULTRAWAVES – A Worldwide Connection





#### **ULTRAWAVES - A WORLDWIDE CONNECTION**





### Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?



