# Title: Increasing Value in Biogas Production with a unique Automation Concept

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## *Abstract*

Modern automation concepts create a solid basis for greater efficiency in biogas installations.

For both plant engineering companies and plant operators, the economic aspects of biogas plants have top priority. By implementing modern control technology, biogas plants can operate more efficiently and reliably. One key criterion in this context is the ability of the automation solution to be optimally adapted to different plant sizes and production techniques. It must also be scalable and flexible to allow for future expansion and modernization. It must enable rapid, straightforward engineering because biogas plants are often built under extreme cost and time pressure. Finally, it must provide all the required functions, including instrumentation and drive technology, safety technology, and energy management, in an integrated solution to minimize space, cost, training and operator time.

The presentation objective is to gives an overview about modern automation concepts necessary to fulfil the requirements of various types and sizes of Biogas plants and shows the highlights of different realizations.

## *Biography*

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