

# Biogas distribution, bus depots and fuelling systems

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A project to stimulate the use of biogas as fuel for city buses, aiming to reduce environmental impact.







# Outline

- Different distribution techniques:
  - pipeline network
  - compressed gas in bottles
  - liquefied gas distribution
- Distribution planning in Stockholm region (Stockholm Public Transport)
- Alternative fuelling systems
  - Fast fuelling
  - Slow fuelling



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## General distribution techniques for biogas

- Distribution of compressed biogas (CBG) in bottles by truck
- Distribution of compressed biogas (CBG) in pipelines
- Distribution of liquefied biogas (LGB) by truck

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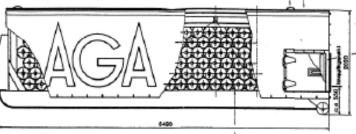




# Compressed gas in bottles

#### Steel gas cylinder Composite gas cylinder







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## **Pipeline network**

Low operational maintenance costs High dependability for delivery Low environmental impact during operation

### Pipeline under water



## Pipeline underground



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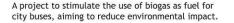


# Planning regional distribution infrastructure

- Securing the biogas supply
- Evaluate and decide on functional distribution infrastructure
- Public transport traffic planning requirements
- Suitable locations of biogas bus depots, existing and new ones
- Ocular inspection of the suitability of installing biogas fuelling at the depots

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# Gas grid distribution of biogas in Stockholm











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# **Biogas Bus Depot requirements**

Basic requirements: Size Appropriate surrondings Road access in and out Access to water and sanitation Access to heating and electricity

Additional area needed for: Biogas storage Compressors Fuelling ramps and/or fast fuelling dispensor Back up storage



Gubbängen - taken in to service August 2011









# Fuelling systems for biogas

## Fast fuelling dispenser



- Fuelling time: ca 6 min
- Logistics/Planning Day- and nighttime, demands more planning, service staff
- Layout: Dispenser outdoors, Indoor depot; parking indoors

#### Gubbängen Fast fuelling dispenser



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# Fuelling systems for biogas

# Slow fuelling by ramp

- Fuelling time: 8-10h
- Logistics/Planning : At nighttime, driver connects hose
- Layout: On ramp, outdoors



Gubbängen Slow fuelling on ramp









# Comparing slow- and fast fuelling systems

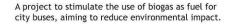
• Security

Human error affects at a higher extent at fast fuelling

- Work environment
  Slow filling: Better work environment according to staff
- Redundancy
  Slow filling: Complement with FF-dispenser, alt. fast fuelling lots on ramp
- Economy/investments
  Slow filling: Higher investment cost
  Fast filling: Claims more staff













# SL's planned bus depots

#### Gubbängen, 2011 - August 2011 92 buses Slow fuelling on ramp (CBG and LNG) One fast fuelling dispenser



- Björknäs, 2011
  - 34 buses
  - Slow fuelling system
  - Mobile modular fuelling station
  - One fast fuelling dispenser
- Fredriksdal, 2015
  - 130 buses
  - Fast fuelling system
  - Indoor depot
- Charlottendal, 2016
  - 100 buses
  - Slow fuelling on ramp (CBG)
  - One fast fuelling dispenser
  - Liquid biogas (LBG)









# Gubbängen Bus Depot - August 2011





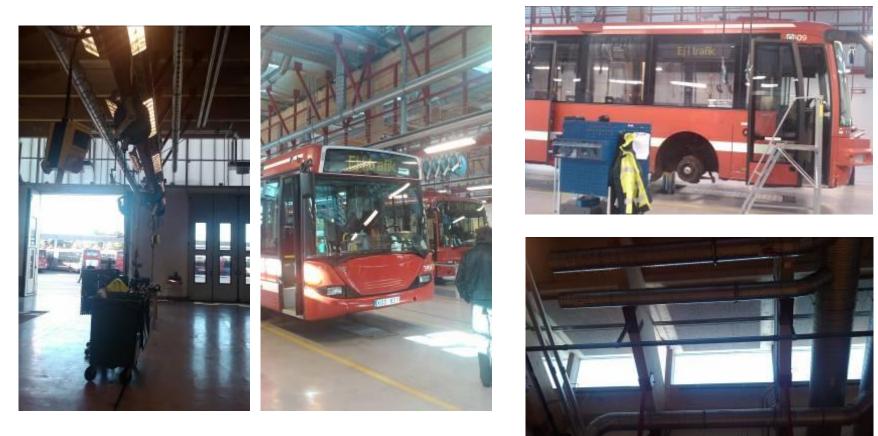
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