

# Technological options for fecal sludge treatment in urban areas: case study in Beijing



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# RTTC-China

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Reinvent The Toilet Challenge ( \$ 5,020,000 )

12 sub-grantees (5 companies + 7 universities)



创新大赛流程

初步方案  
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确定入围  
方案

详细方案  
提交

最终评审

合同签订

产品研发

成果展示



厕所创新创意大赛——中国区 (Reinvent The Toilet Challenge , RTTC-China )由美国比尔及梅琳达·盖茨基金会 ( Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation , 简称“盖茨基金会” )资助, 北京科技大学负责整个大赛活动的组织实施。厕所创新创意大赛分为创新大赛和创意大赛两部分。

比尔及梅琳达·盖茨基金会 (以下简称“盖茨基金会”)于2011年启动了“全球厕所创新大赛” (reinvent the toilet challenge,RTTC)。这项由盖茨基金会计划在5年内 (2011-2015) 投资3亿8000万美元于清洁水、卫生设施领域, 以促进该领域在技术研发、改...

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Reinvent Toilet Contest for Chinese Students

## Awards: ¥300,000



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厕所创新大赛—中国区  
REINVENT THE TOILET CHALLENGE-CHINA

# 首届大学生厕所 创意大赛

## SHOW YOUR IDEAS



主办单位：首届大学生厕所创意大赛组委会

承办单位： 清华大学 北京科技大学

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# VISION

**Contribution** to the capacity building of Chinese and International Young Professionals in the area of **environmental sanitation** through “learning by doing” in international team working together with experienced multidisciplinary Senior Experts from the **integrated** fields of :

1 wastewater management

2 biogas & waste

3 sustainable sanitation

4 biomass energy



# KEY STAFF

## Experts and Professor



**Prof. Dr.-Ing. Zifu Li**

Director of CSES, expert on sustainable sanitation and wastewater management, study and work experience in China (23 years) and Germany (8 years).



**Prof. Heinz-Peter Mang**

German Senior Expert, Manager of CSES, Guest professor of USTB, 35 years of work experience on sustainable sanitation, food security and bioenergy in 5 continents.

# Global Work



# What we do

A

International  
Projects

B

Researches  
&  
Cases

C

Training  
course  
&  
Study tour

D

Symposium  
&  
Conference

E

Publications

**International students for master and  
Ph.D degree from about 20 countries**



# Case studies





# Case studies

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- Case 1: Hegezhuang Village – biogas plant, greenhouse, biogas generation
- Case 2: CGEET – composting, biogas, WWTP
- Case 3: Canfit – landfill, biodiesel, biogas – bio-methane, biochar, WWTP



# Hegezhuang biogas plant



**Capacity: 20t FS/d**

**Process: 2 steps –**

**1<sup>st</sup>: thermophilic ,**

**19 days RT,**

**central vertical stirrer**





# Hegezhuang biogas plant





# Manual screening of plastic waste, homogenization mixer

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# Homogenization (ca. 5%DM)

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# Heating water to more than 70°C with 2-rings biogas burner

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Or with coal - when biogas is not enough or consumed in greenhouses

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Pre-heating and pasteurization batch basin (70oC keeping for some hours), covered and insulated, slow mixing for sand separation – ammonium emissions (heavy smell)

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## Pre-heated water tank for circulation of heating water, solar panels (tubes)

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# Gravity flow from CSTR to 2<sup>nd</sup> step

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## **2nd step – mesophilic - with double-membrane gas storage, gravity overflow, under/over pressure valve**





# Gravity overflow – air blower for double membrane

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# Digestate storage tank with stirrer

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# Digestate pump and hose for filling distribution trucks

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# Biogas generator (25 KWel) as emergency stand-by to keep feeding pump and stirrer running

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# Biogas heaters installed with flexible pipes

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# Infrared biogas heater

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# Biogas heaters distributed in greenhouse

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# Greenhouse with night cover (*blue roll*)

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# Backsite clay wall of greenhouse to store the heat

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# Greenhouses for application of biogas for heating and CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment and liquid digestate as fertilizer





# Lessons learnt

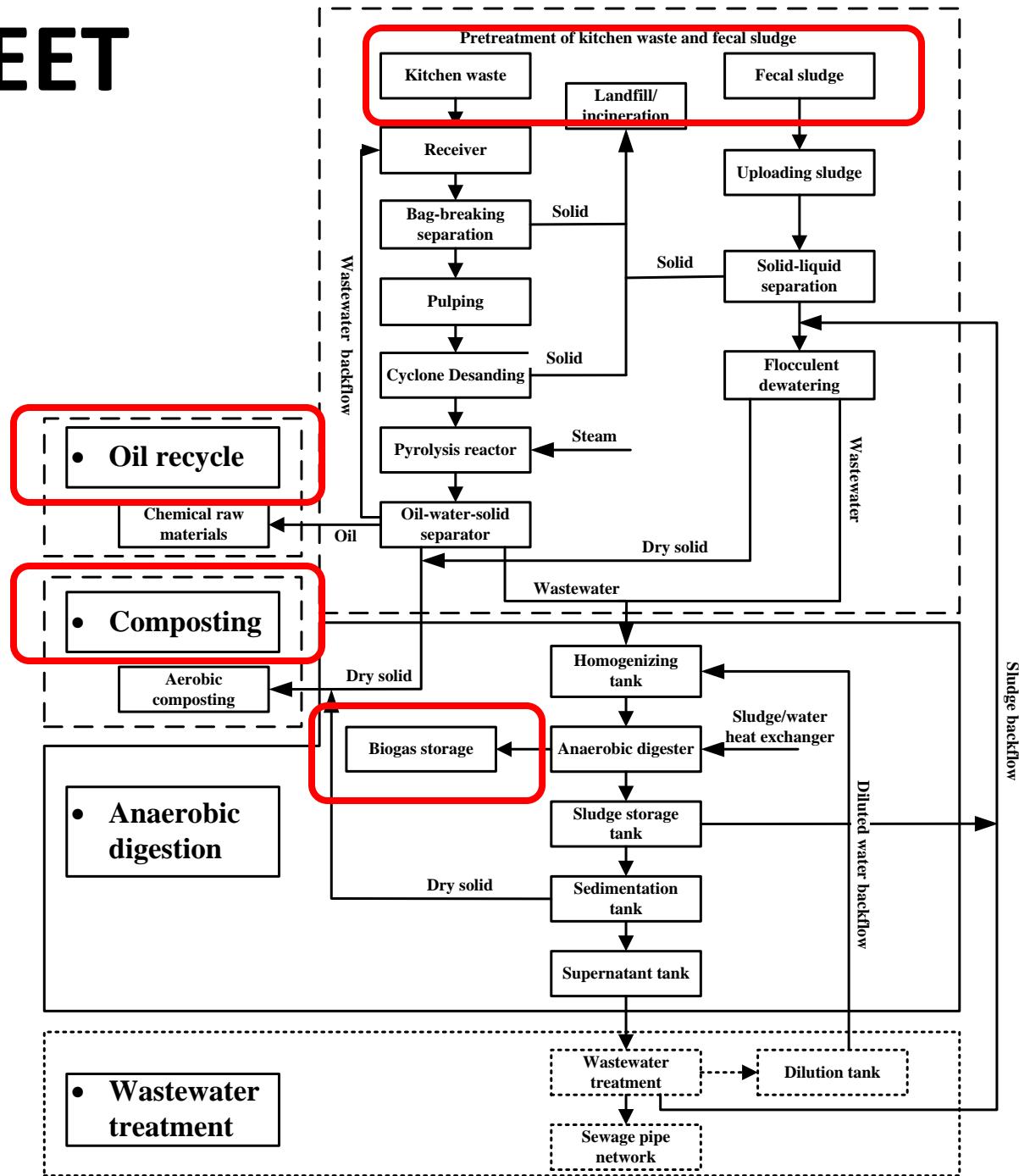
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- Good agriculture model – combining biogas plant with vegetable plantations in greenhouses
- More environmental sanitation impact than energy output
- Ownership of biogas plant and nearby greenhouses is different – conflicts between biogas plant (village government) and greenhouses (recently privately owned)
- Corrosion issues after few years operation

# Case 2 - CGEET

- Start: 2009/2014
- Feedstock: 300 ton FS/d and 50 ton kitchen waste/d
- Organic fertilizer: 10-15 ton/d
- Biogas: 800-1500 m<sup>3</sup>/d





# Pretreatment of Kitchen Waste

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**Receiver**



**Separation, sand removal,  
pyrolysis device**



# Pretreatment of Kitchen Waste

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Coarse material



Light material

Bag-breaking and separation



# Pulping

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$D \leq 10\text{mm}$



# Sand removal

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**Cyclone Sand Remover**



# **Oil & Fat Separator for biodiesel**

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**120°C~170°C steam**

**60~85°C pulp**



# Three phase separator



*Left to right:  
oil, solid, organic wastewater*



# Clean Discharging of Fecal Sludge

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# Safe Discharging of Fecal Sludge

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# Uploading of Fecal Sludge

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# Solid-liquid separation





# Flocculent dewatering



*Left to right: solid, supernatant and liquid FS before dewatering*



# Anaerobic Digestion

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- CSTR
- Mesophilic
- Biogas boiler for producing steam, excess biogas is burned in torch
- Digestate goes to solid-liquid separation
- Liquid supernatant goes to WWTP



# Biogas torch





# Composting



- Aerobic composting
- One period: ca. 15 d
- Solid: applied in gardening / municipal greening





# WWTP

**AOM: Anaerobic +Oxic+ MBR**

COD	BOD	SS	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> -N	pH
≤500 mg/L	≤350 mg/L	≤400 mg/L	≤45 mg/L	6.5-9.5





# Odor control from in-housed composting

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# Online and real-time monitoring

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# Lessons learnt

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- Co-treatment with kitchen waste
- Located inside of WWTP, final wastewater goes to WWTP
- Output: Composting + biodiesel + biogas
- EPC (Engineering Procurement Construction) model



## National Urban Fecal Sludge and Kitchen Waste Treatment Industry Technology Innovation Strategic Alliance

- **Foundation:** 2014
- **Governing Body:** Ministry of Science and Technology, China (MoST)
- **President Unit:** Beijing Century Green Environmental Engineering & Technology Ltd.  
**(in short: CGEET)**



# Case 3- Canfit





# Key facts

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- 300-400t/d FS from public toilets in Xicheng district and Haidian District
- 50tons/d separated kitchen waste (KW)
- Treatment fee of 229 CNY/t KW.
- Liquid fecal sludge 56 CNY/t
- Capacity of one truck – 5 tons (most trucks)



# Output- byproducts

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1. Biogas, and a part of this up-graded to bio-methane (93% methane content) (water pressure scrubbing, compressed and bottled (17 bar) for own consumption)
2. Bio-ethanol (experimental stage)
3. Biofuel (biodiesel from floating fat, gutter oil, grease trap fat and used restaurant oil)
4. Biochar (carbonization of solid digestate biogas in barrels)
5. Compost
6. Struvite (MAP experimental)



# 5 ton Kitchen Waste truck

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# Discharge of Kitchen Waste

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# Biochar production

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# Biochar and compost



- ✓ Compost can be sold for **600-800 CNY/t** and biochar for **2000-3000 CNY/t.**
- ✓ The compost **NPK value is >7%.** Average standard for sales need to be around 5%.



# UASB

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**1200m<sup>3</sup> volume, biogas 1000-3000m<sup>3</sup>/d. HRT is 40h.**



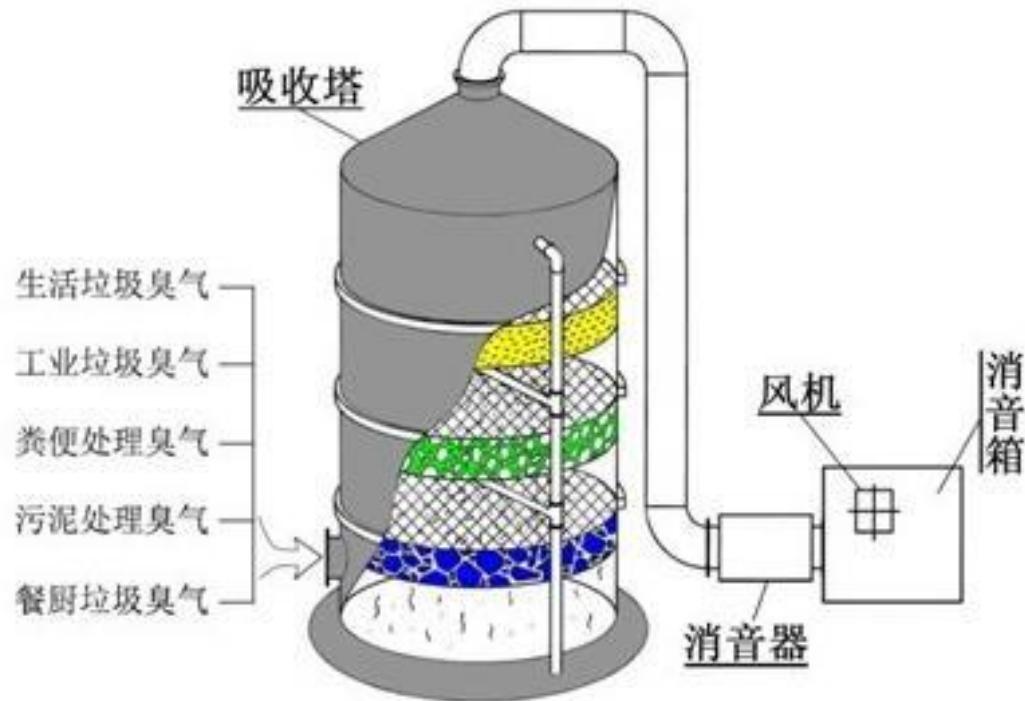
# Post-treatment of wastewater

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# Odor control



- Bio-filter
- Natural plant extracts

Odor concentration	$H_2S$ (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$NH_3$ (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
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# Odor control





# Smell removal facility



15m high



# Samples

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# Laboratory for process control

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# Workshop for experiments

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# Lessons learnt

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- Own laboratory for experiments and process control
- R & D model: biogas to bio-methane, struvite, bio-ethanol, biochar, etc.
- Research model – many by-products, many problems need to be handled.

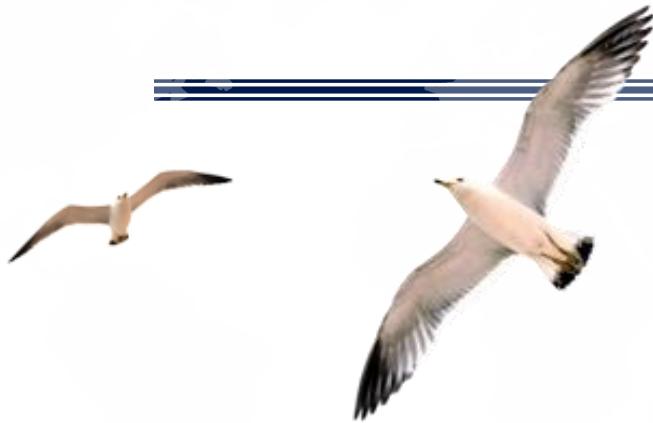


# Highlights

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- Case 1 – agricultural model, FS treatment for hygiene and bio-slurry reuse
- Case 2 – EPC model, FS and kitchen waste treatment for composting, biogas, biodiesel.
- Case 3 – R & D model, FS and kitchen waste treatment for by-products: bio-methane, struvite, bio-ethanol, biochar, compost, etc.



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# THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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