



# **CROWN Disintegration Process**

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# The Crown Disintegration System Enhances Anaerobic Digester Performance

- Better volatile solids reduction – less solids to haul
- Improved gas production – more CoGen potential
- Improved dewaterability – less wet mass for disposal
- Minimize digester foaming – less O&M issues

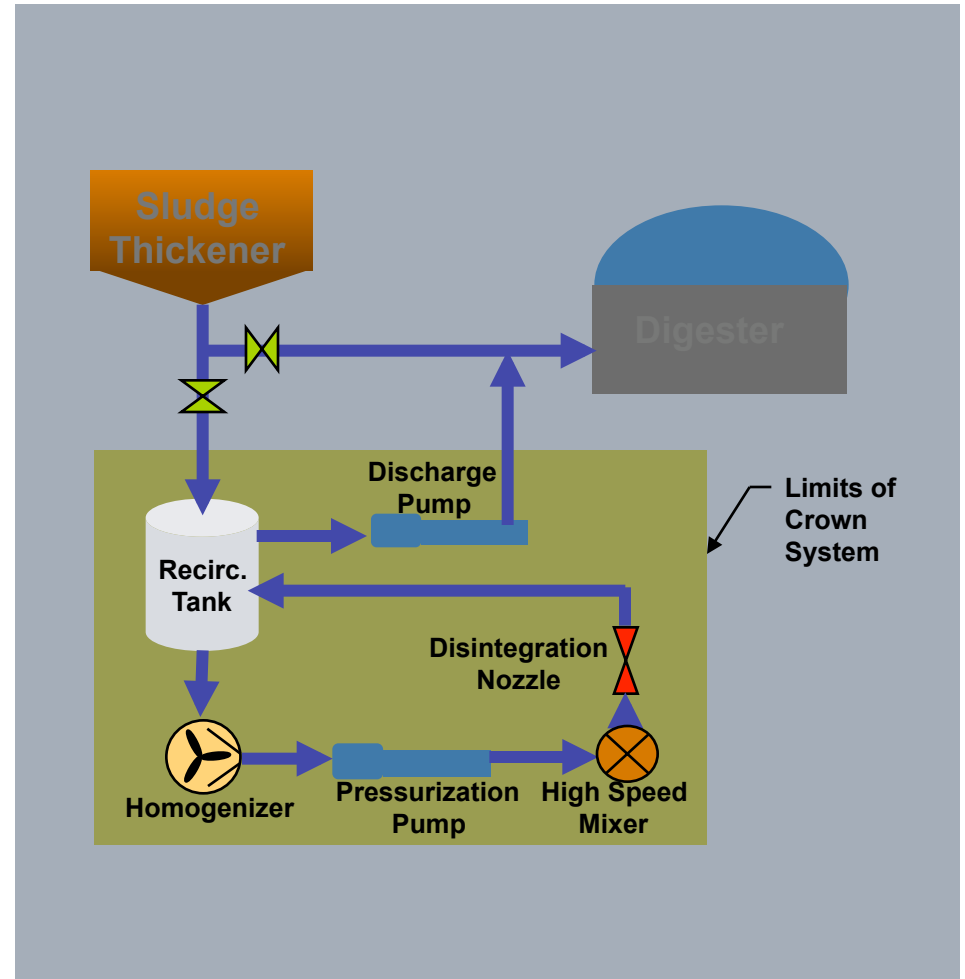
**Result: more efficient digester operation with annual savings in power and solids disposal.**

**Value can be quantified to determine if the process is a good fit.**



## How Does the Crown Disintegration System Work?

- **Mechanical system for shearing floc, rupturing cells, and releasing enzymes to solution**
- **For best performance, treat a segregated WAS stream after thickening and before digestion**
- **Steps in the process:**
  - **Homogenization**
  - **Pressurization**
  - **High shear mixing**
  - **Disintegration nozzle**
  - **Recirculation**
  - **Discharge back to digester feed**



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# Economics of the Crown Process Are Impacted by Specific Plant Criteria

- Target Plant Criteria
  - Plant Size > 10 MGD
  - Plants with existing or planned anaerobic digestion
  - Plants that will be beneficially re-using biogas
  - High sludge disposal costs
  - High power costs
  - Ability to treat separate thickened WAS stream



## Pilot Unit

- **Pilot unit available**
- **Good data collection is critical**
- **Sized for 26 gpm which equals 126,800 gpd flow to digesters**





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