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of Anaerobic Digestion Plants"

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# Instrumentation and control of anaerobic digestion processes : A review and some research challenges



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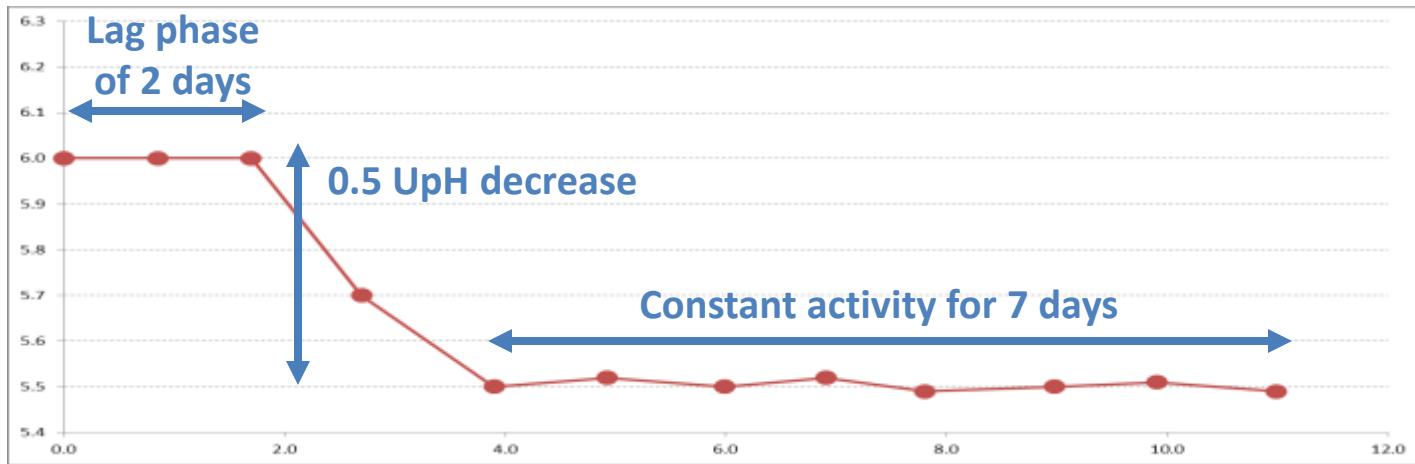
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## Content of the presentation

- Instrumentation in WW : Why ?
- Instrumentation in AD : Liquid Samples
- Instrumentation in AD : Solid Samples
- What is next ?

# An example of the benefits of on-line instrumentation

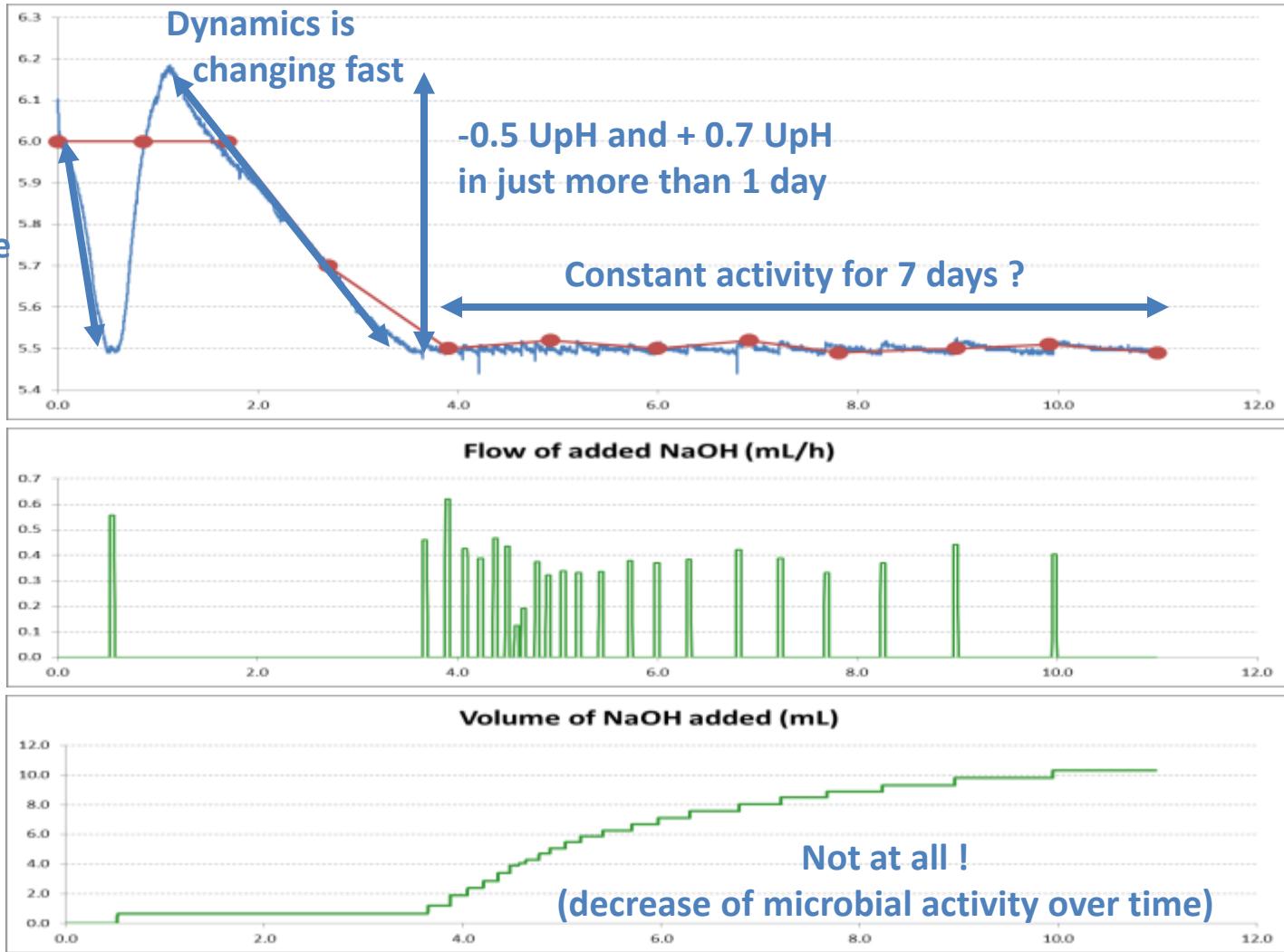
Analysis of the start-up of dark fermentation from an *off-line* measurement of pH every day at 9:00 am



# An example of the benefits of on-line instrumentation

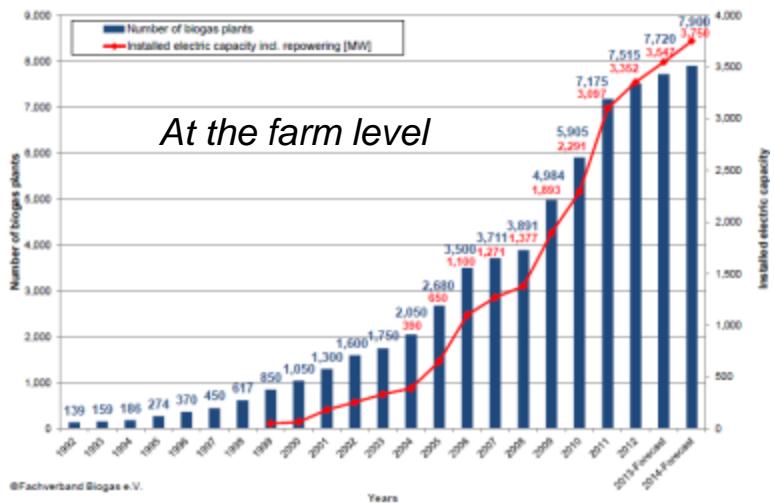
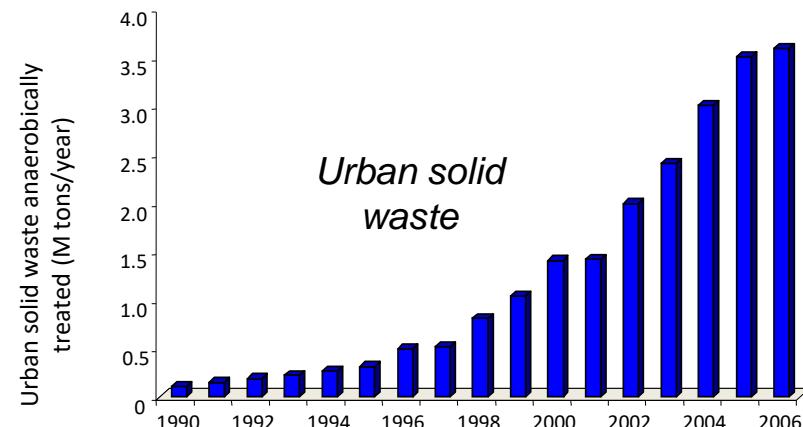
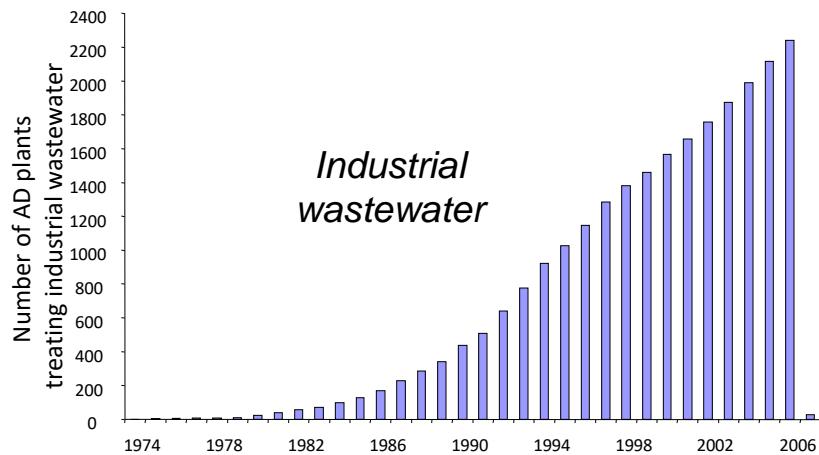
The same with *on-line* measurements of pH every 3 minutes

No lag phase at all



There is also a lot of information when looking at the actuators !

# Change in AD process dynamics impacts requirements on instrumentation and control



*HRT : from hours...*

- ↳ Real time and closed loop control
- ↳ Monitoring of the overall process

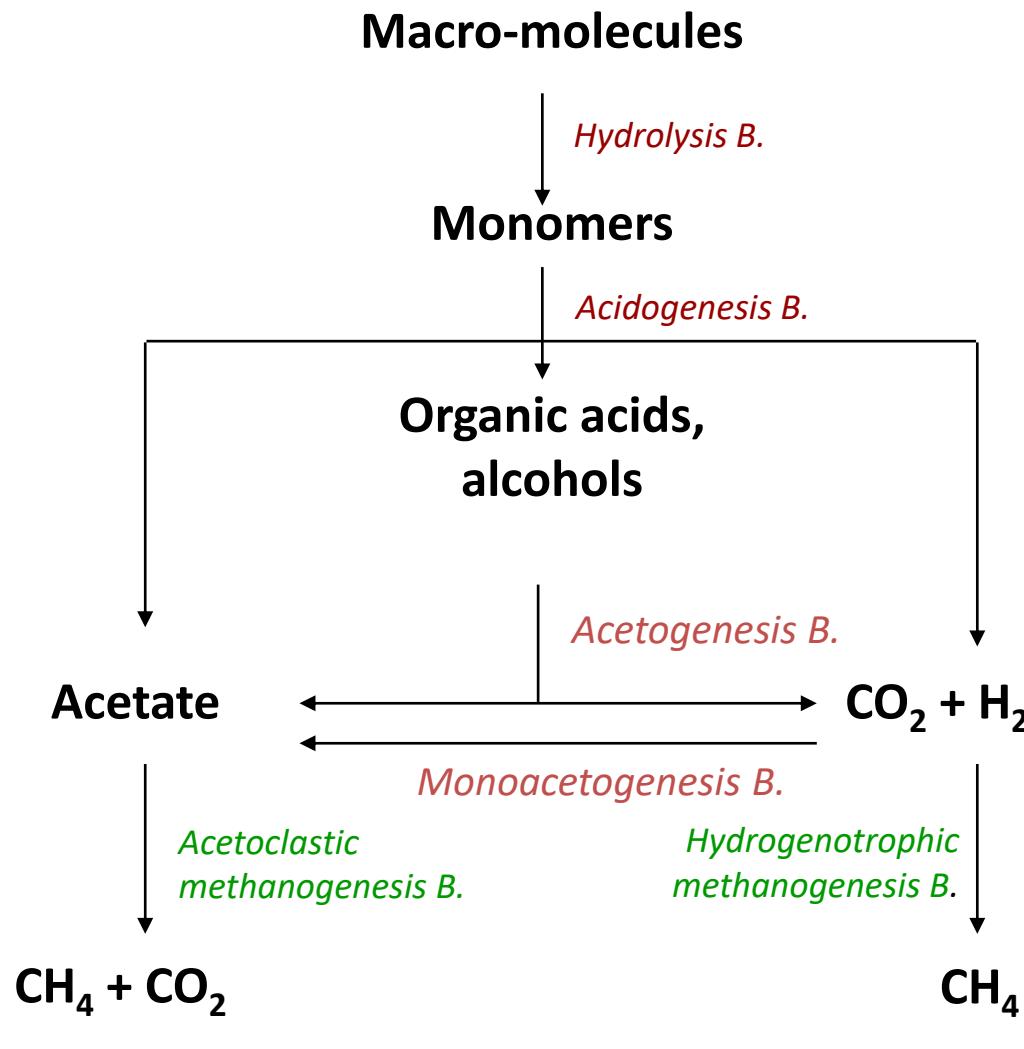
*...to days and weeks*

- ↳ Human operator and open loop
- ↳ Precise characterisation of the inputs (codigestion)

# Instrumentation for AD : How ?

From solid

Difficult  
to measure



To gas

Easy to  
measure

An end-product is not really informative

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# An Anaerobic Digestion Process in Narbonne

**Influent:** Raw industrial distillery vinasses

**Reactor:** Circular column Up-flow fixed bed reactor

- 3.5 m height,
- 0.6 m diameter,
- 982 liters of total volume.

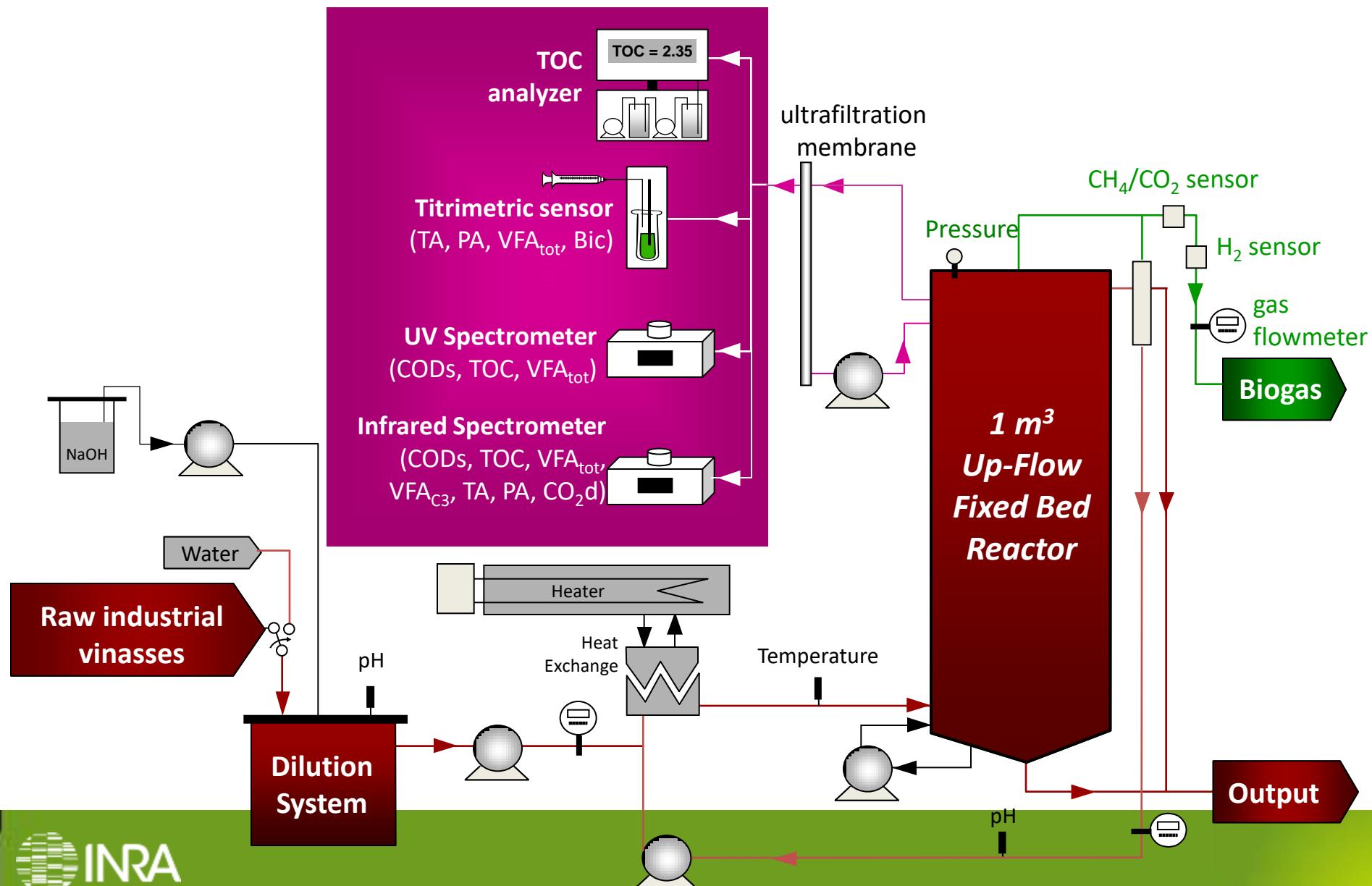
**Media :** Cloisonyl

- Specific surf. : 180 m<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>
- Volume : 33.7 liters

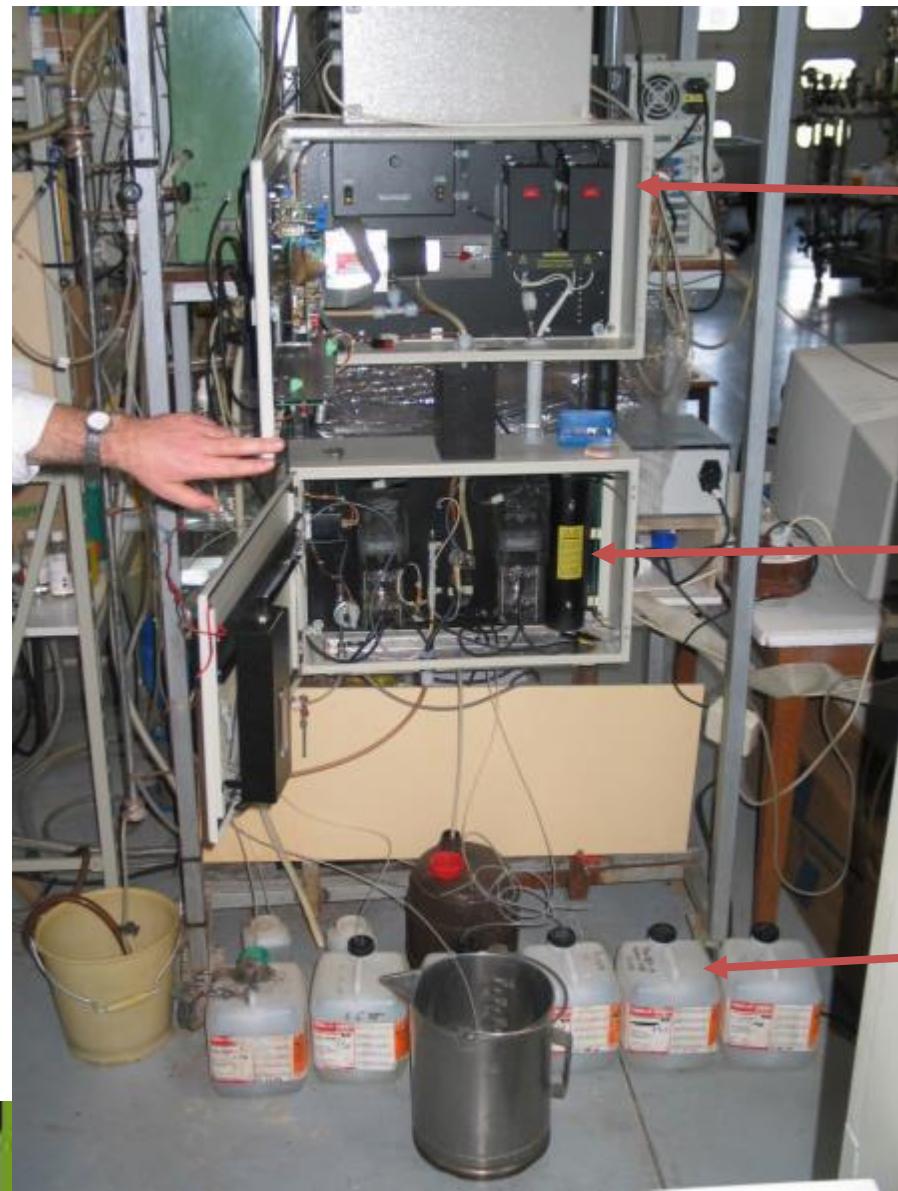
**Total effective volume :** 948 liters



# Schematic layout of the plant

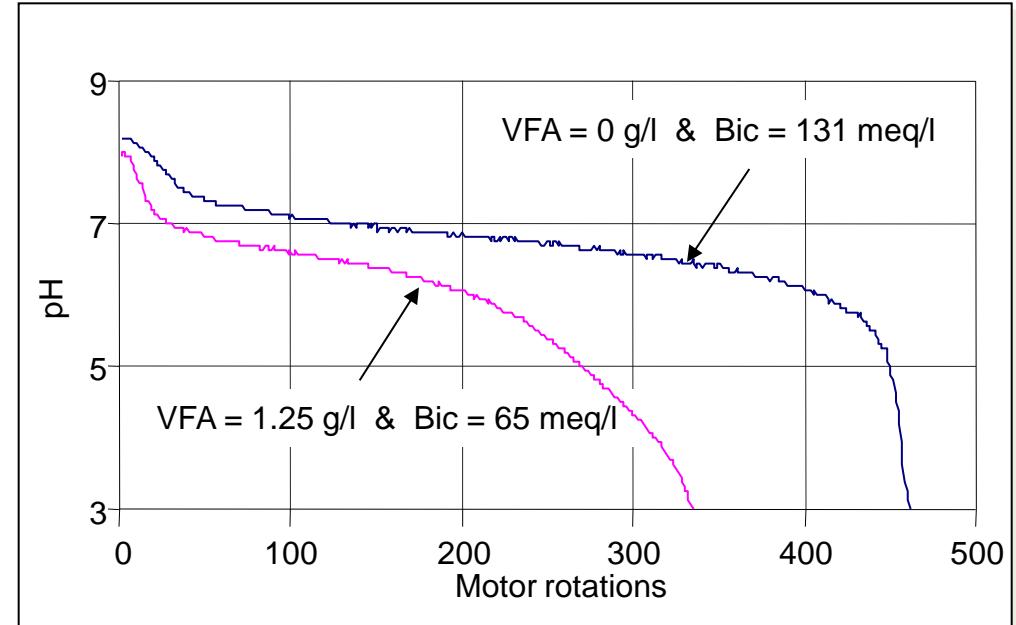


# TOC analyzer: Automated chemistry



- 1) Chemicals are added to remove dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> from the sample
- 2) The "dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> free" sample is oxydized with a UV lamp
- 3) The gaseous CO<sub>2</sub> produced is analyzed by an IR sensor and is proportionnal to the TOC concentration

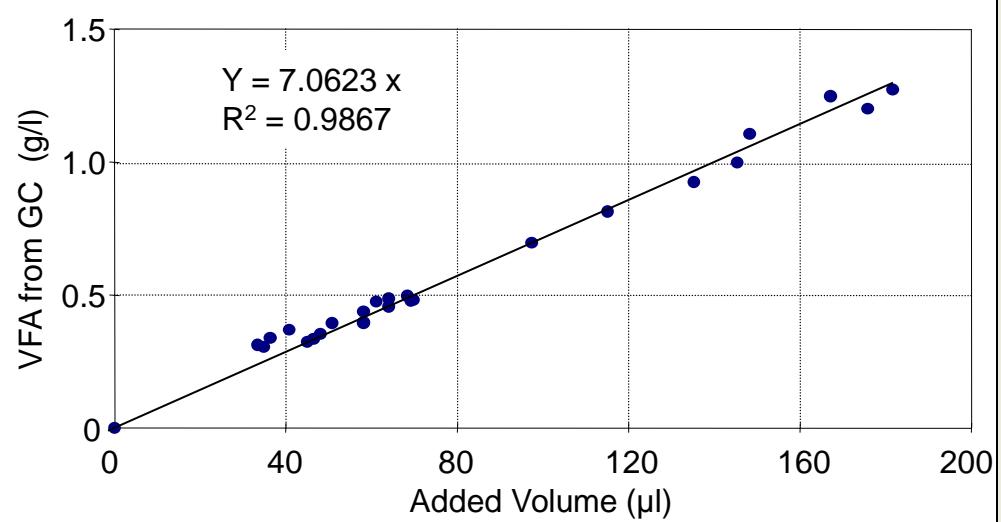
# Titrimetric sensor: chemistry + basic maths



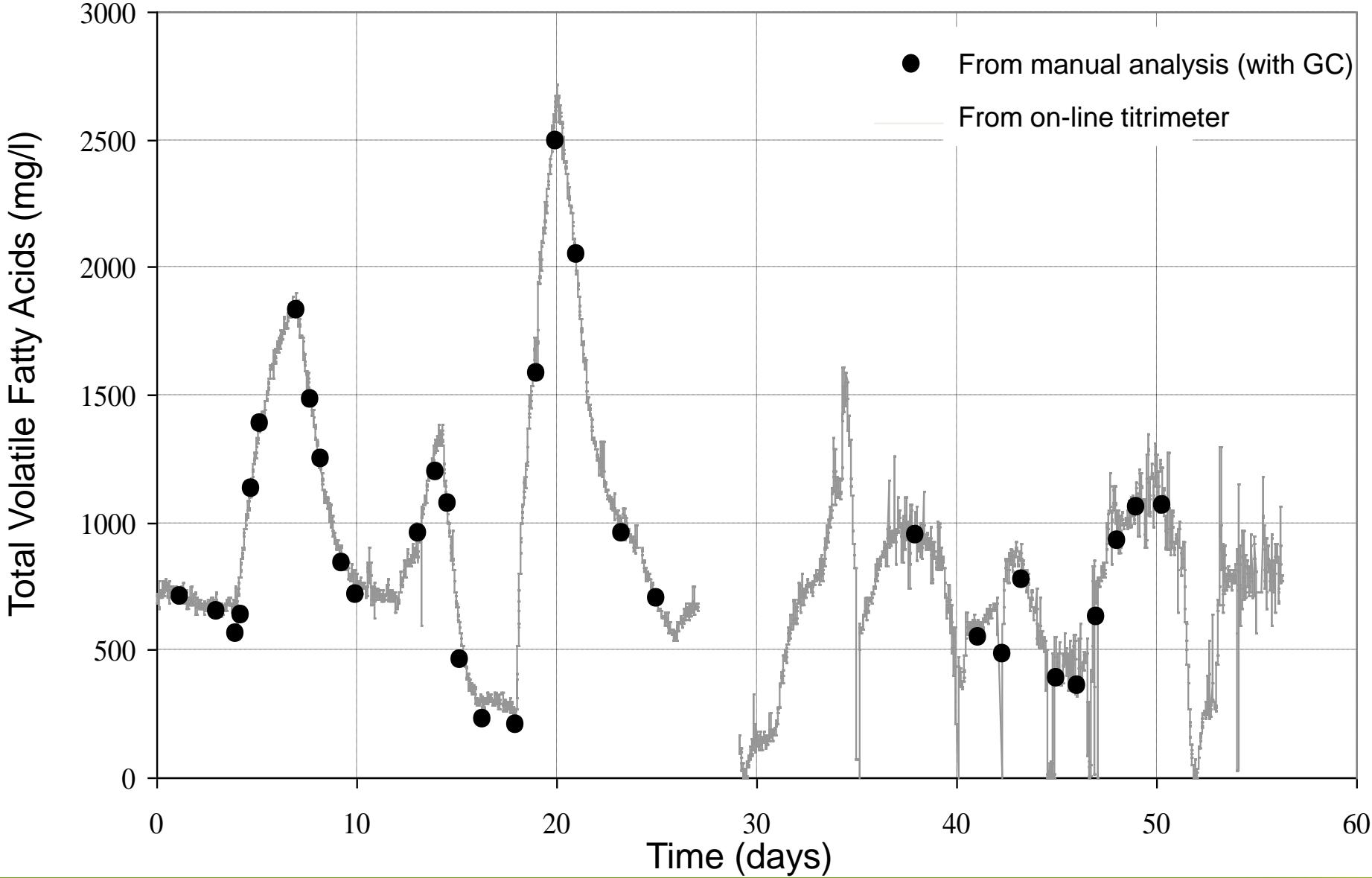
Measurements  
of total and partial alkalinities

Estimation  
of bicarbonate and VFA  
concentrations

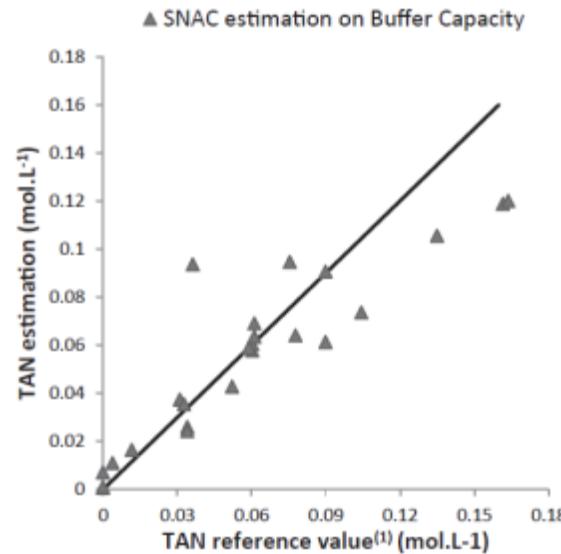
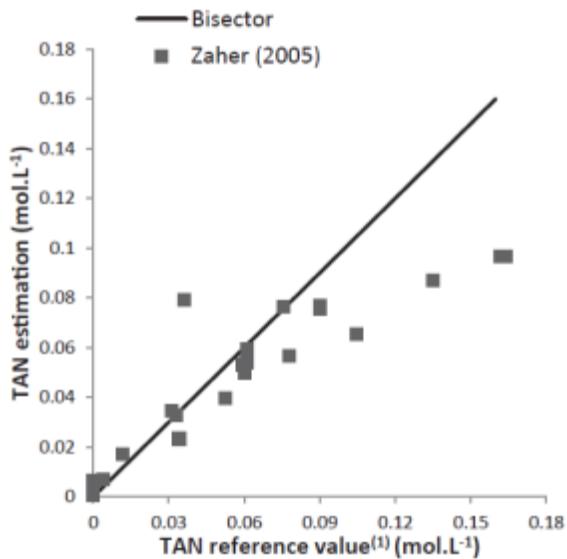
(every 3 minutes if needed)



# The titrimetric sensor



# Combining titration and conductivity



# Measurements using light

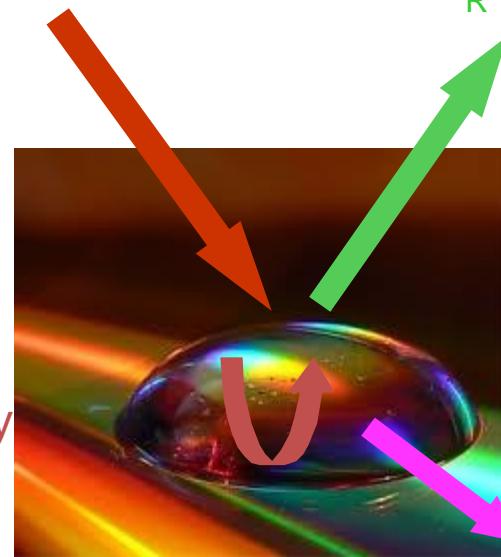
Energy conservation principle

$E_I(l)$  = Incident Energy

$E_R(l)$  = Reflected Energy

$E_A(l)$  = Absorbed Energy

Sample



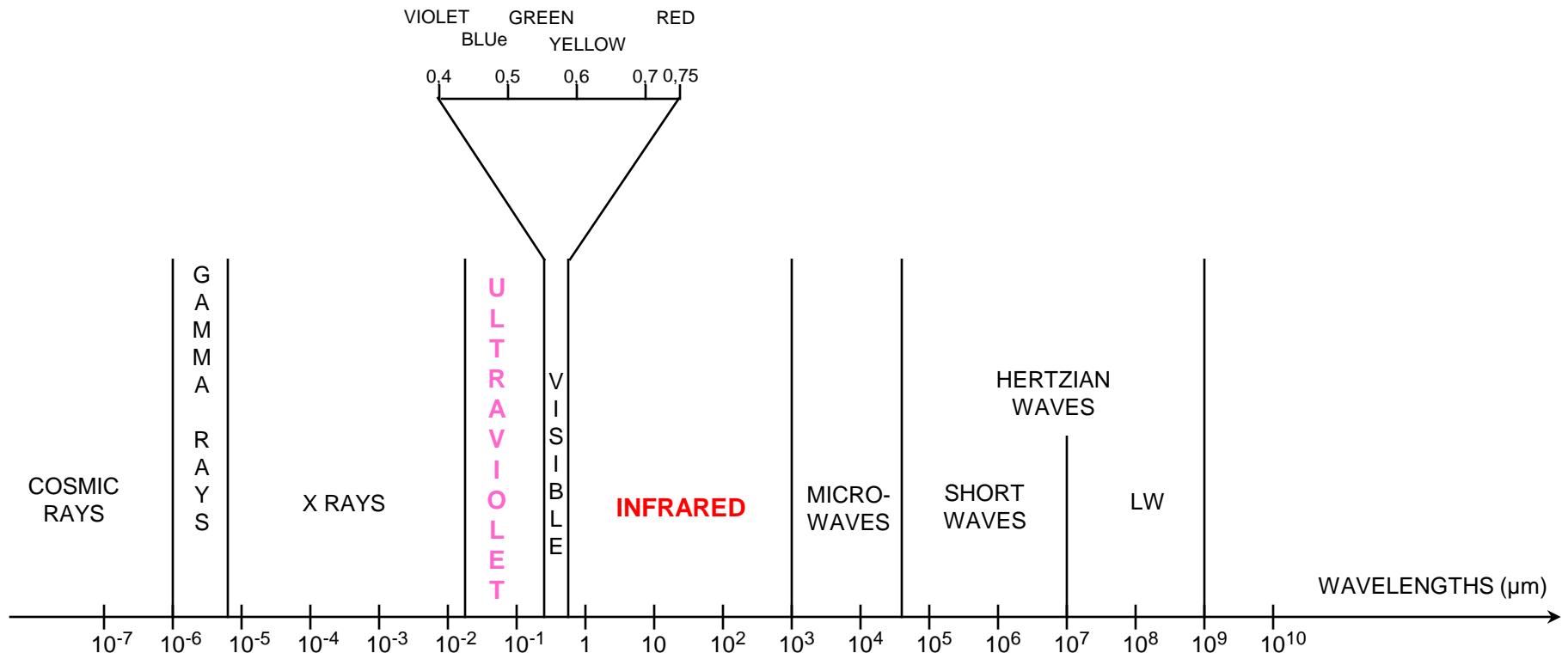
$E_T(l)$  = Transmitted Energy

Incident Energy = Reflected Energy + Absorbed Energy + Transmitted Energy

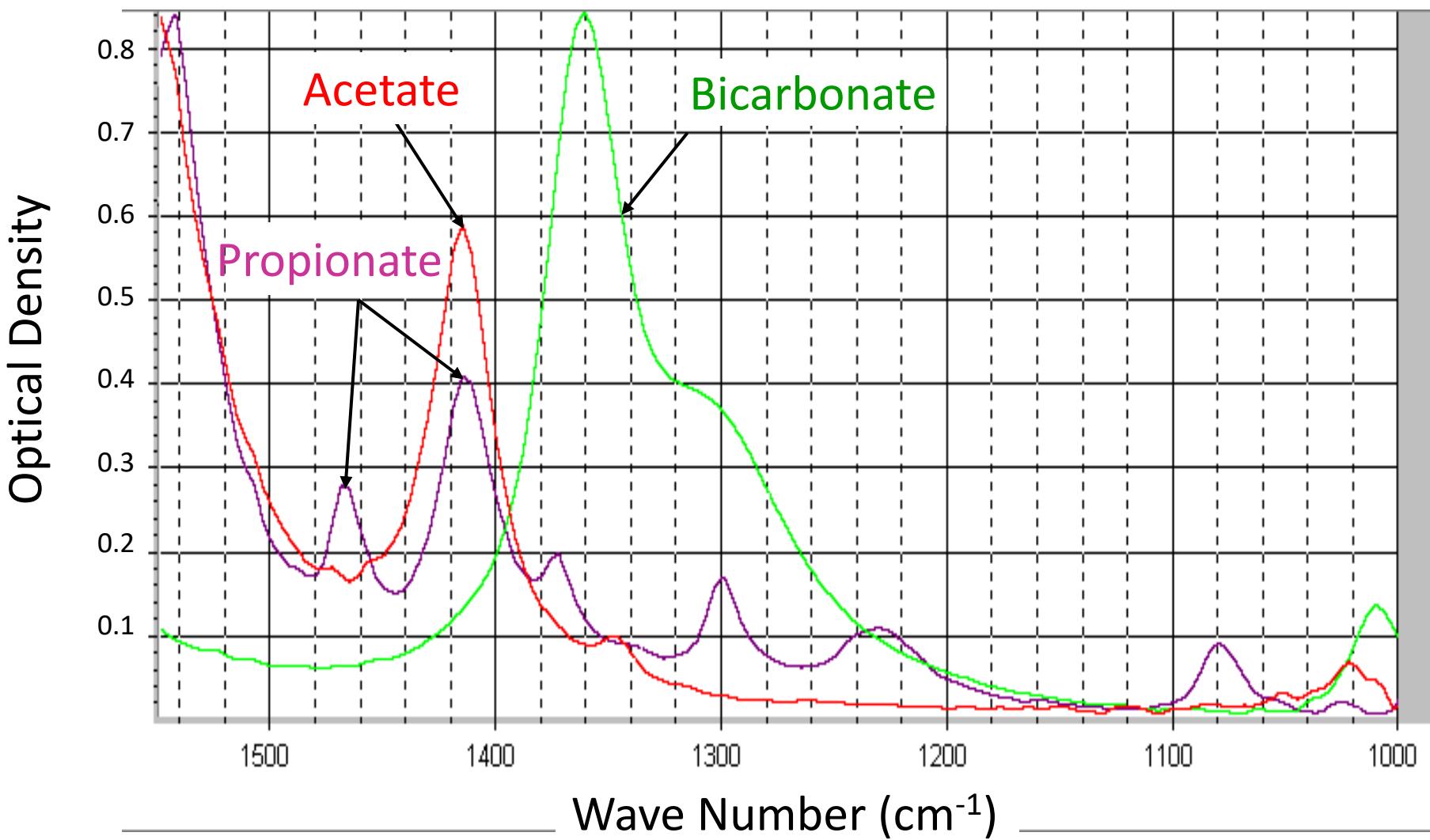
$$E_I(l) = E_R(l) + E_A(l) + E_T(l)$$

# Measurements using light

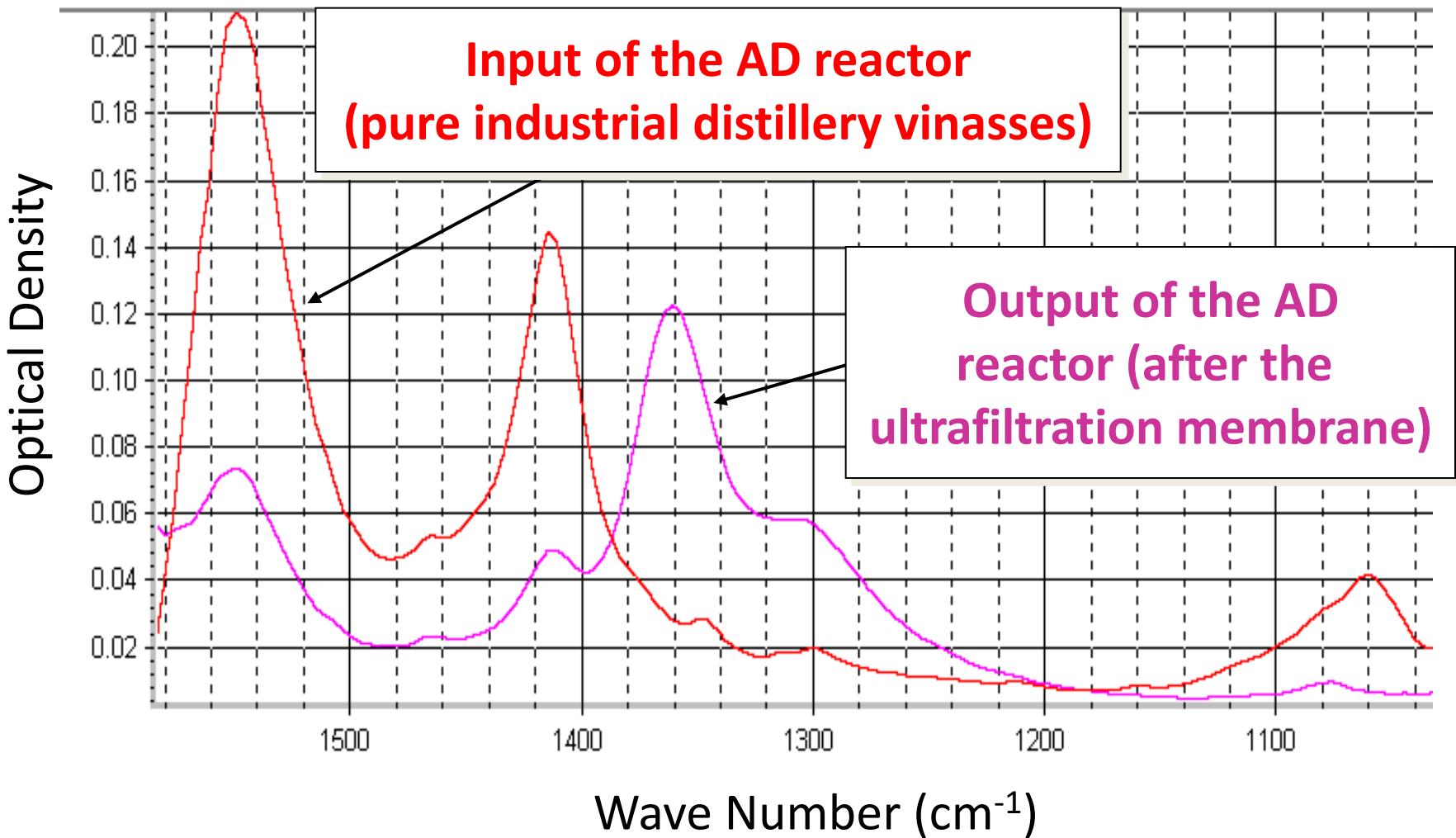
An example of advanced mathematics using light : UV or infrared



# Mid Infra-Red Spectra of Pure Samples



# Mid Infra-Red Spectra of Complex Samples



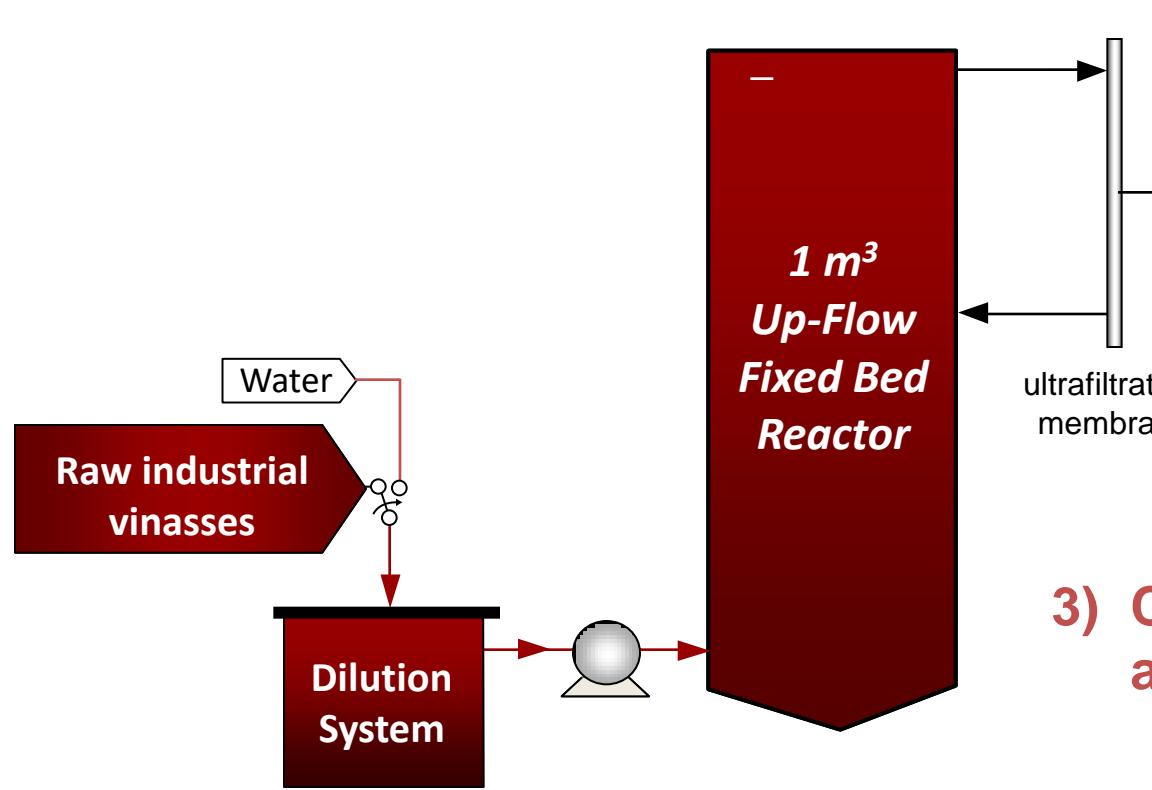
# Calibration Principle

1) Change of the organic loading rate  
(i.e., input flow rate or input concentration)

2) Samples are taken

Infrared Spectrometer  
(for spectra acquisition)

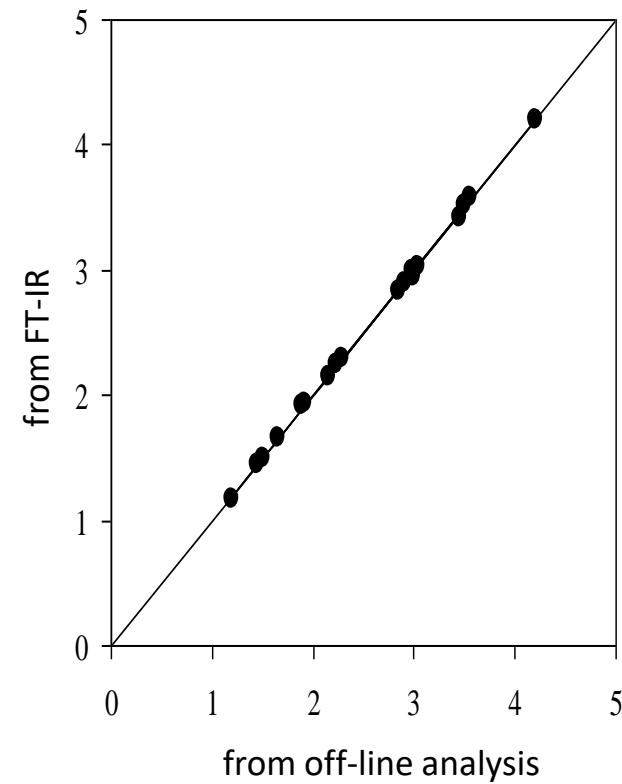
Off-Line Manual Analysis  
(COD, TOC, VFA, TA, PA, ...)



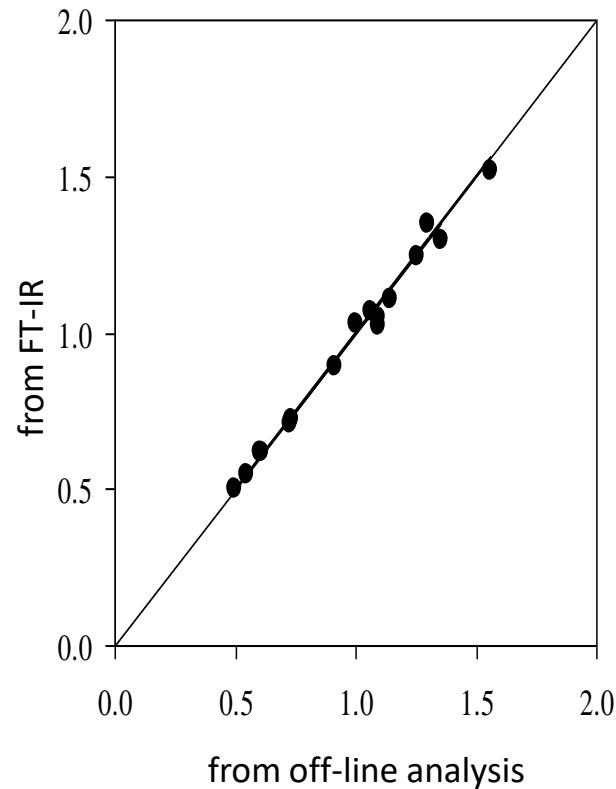
3) Calibration by statistical analysis (PLS) of the results

# Calibration Results

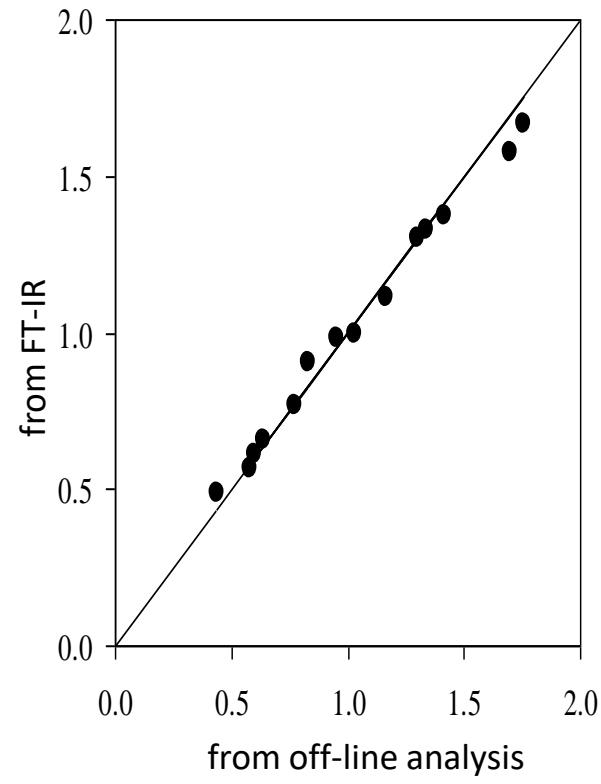
CODs (g/l)



TOC (g/l)

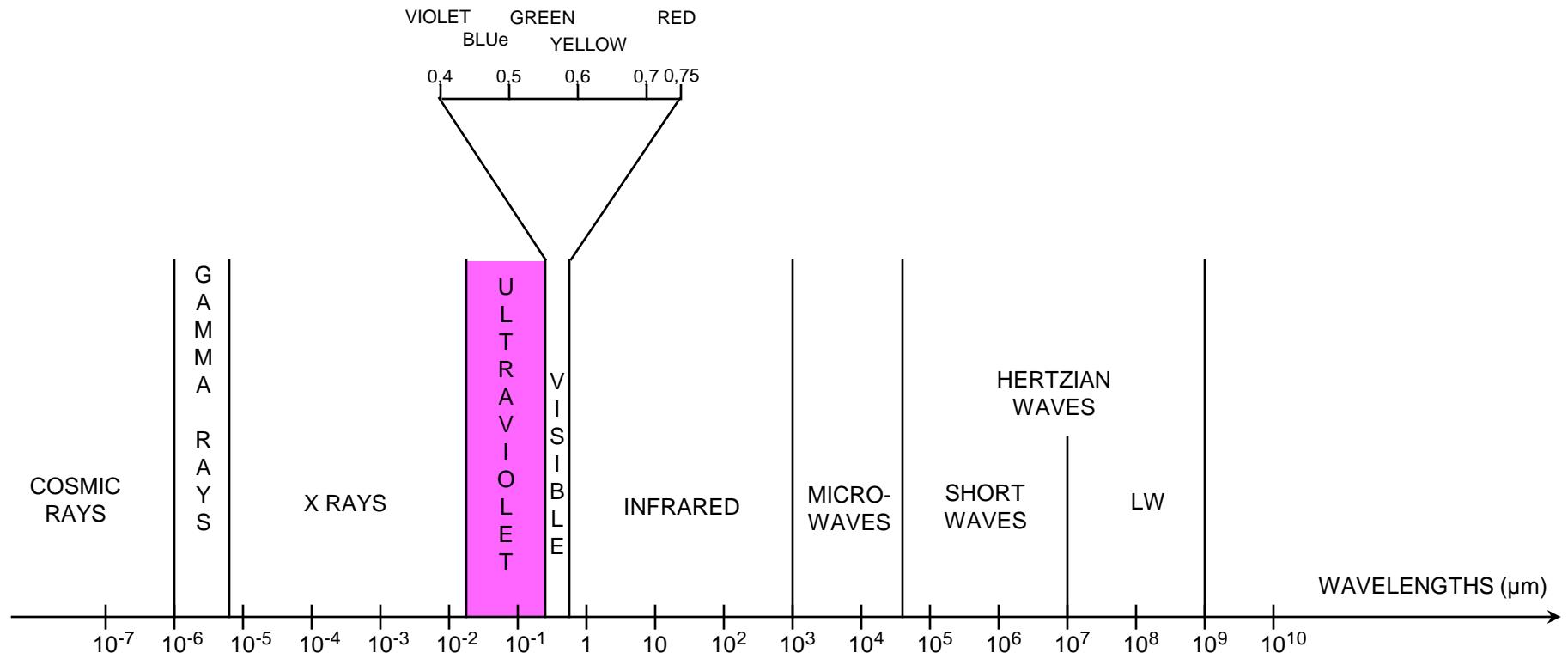


VFA (g/l)

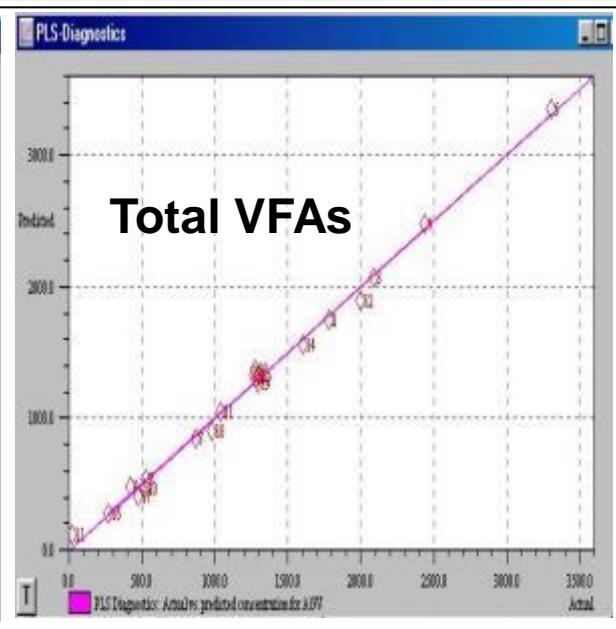
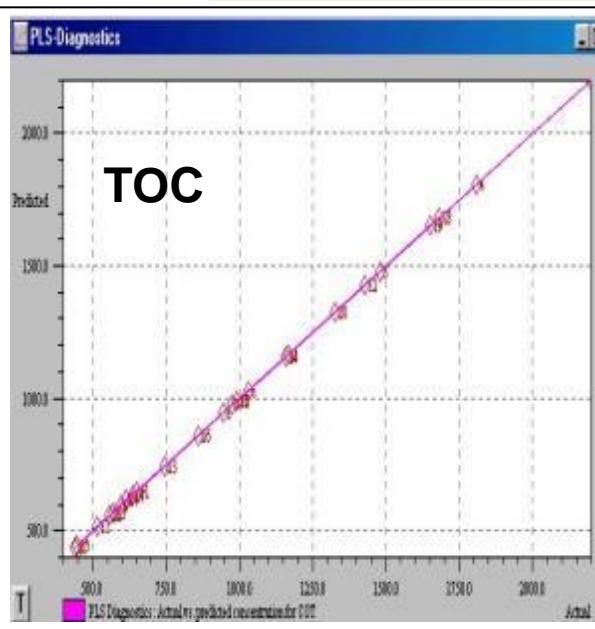
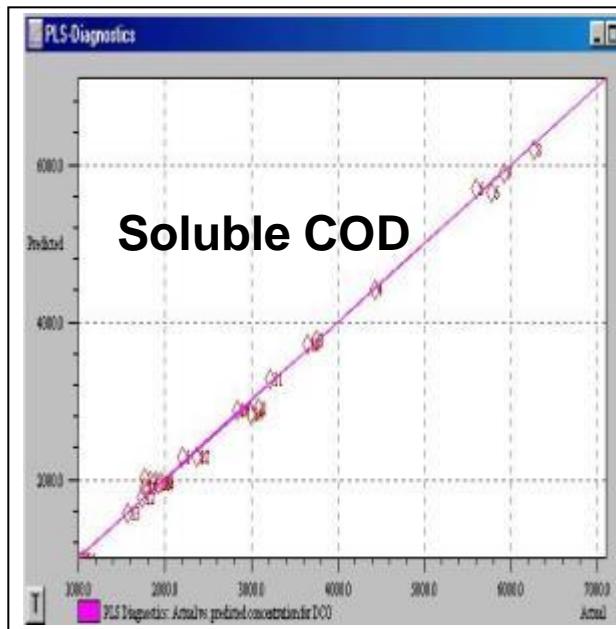
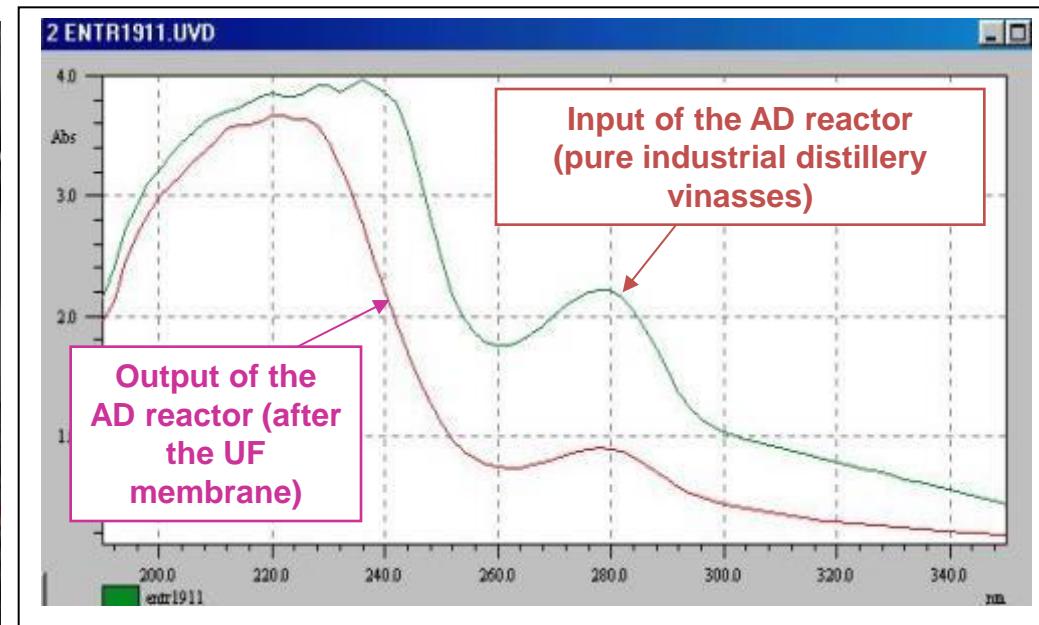


*Similar results on partial and total alkalinity*

# Wavelength in the UV region

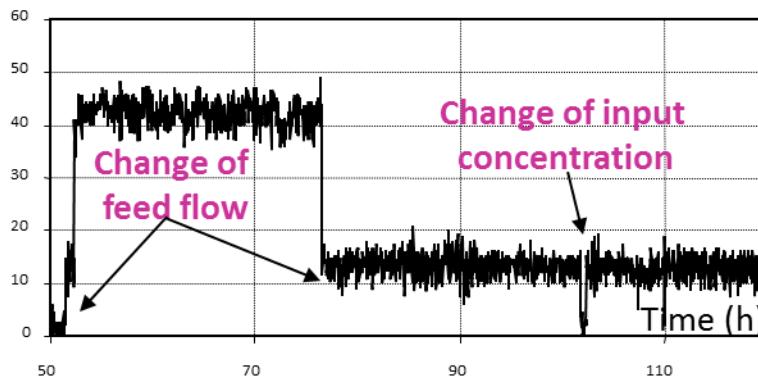


# UV spectrometer: light + advanced maths

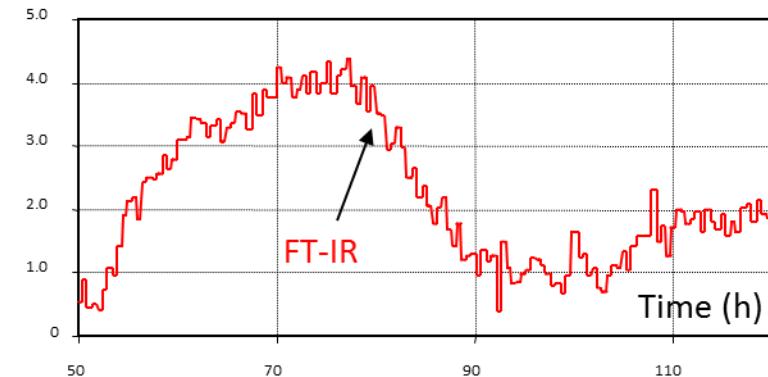


# On-Line Results

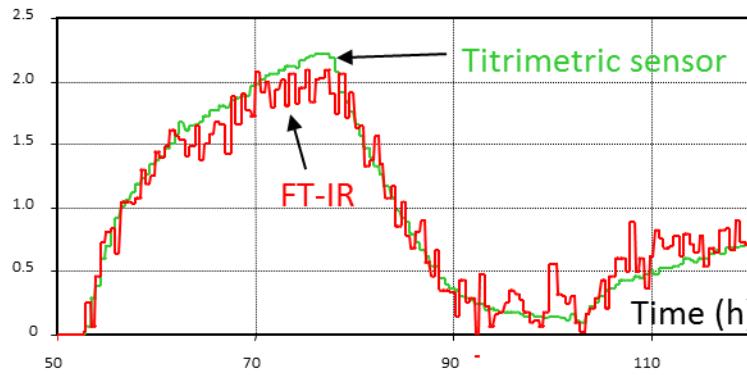
*Influent flow rate (l/h)*



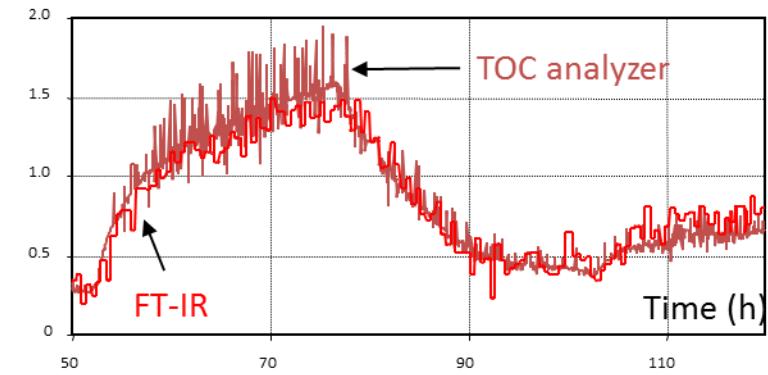
*Soluble Chemical Oxygen Demand (g/l)*



*Volatile Fatty Acids (g/l)*



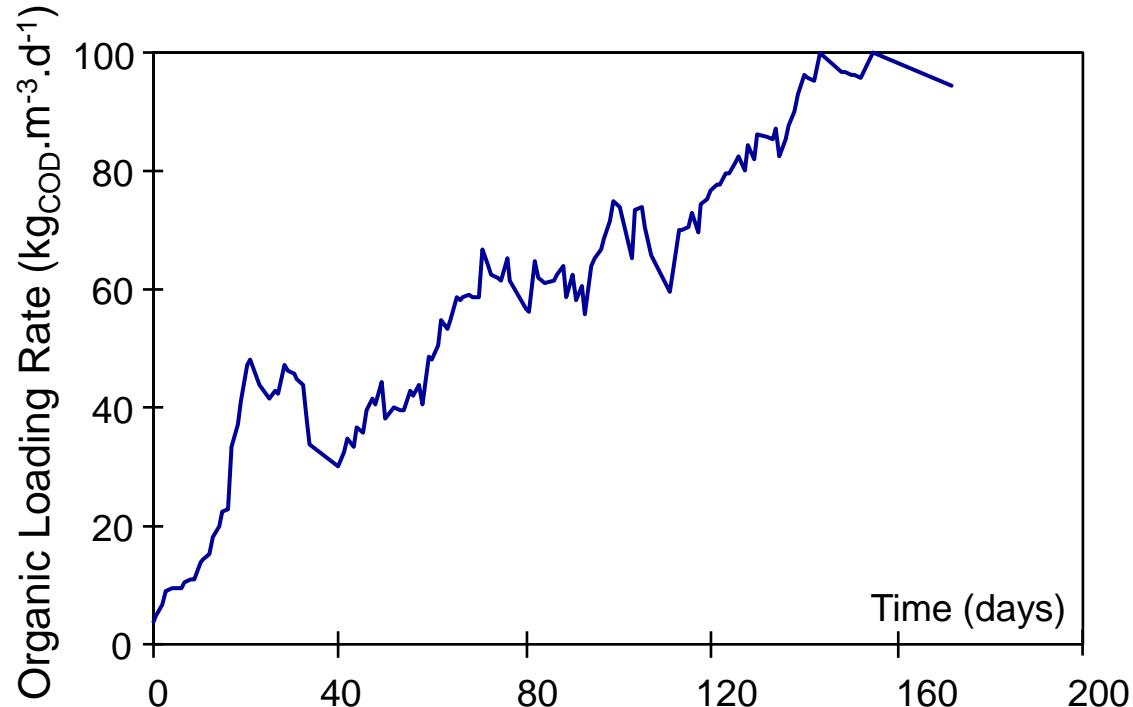
*Total Organic Carbon (g/l)*



*Similar results on partial and total alkalinity*

# Optimal start-up of processes

Within 5 months, start-up of a fluidised bed reactor from 0 to 100 kg COD.m<sup>-3</sup>.d<sup>-1</sup> and 80% removal efficiency



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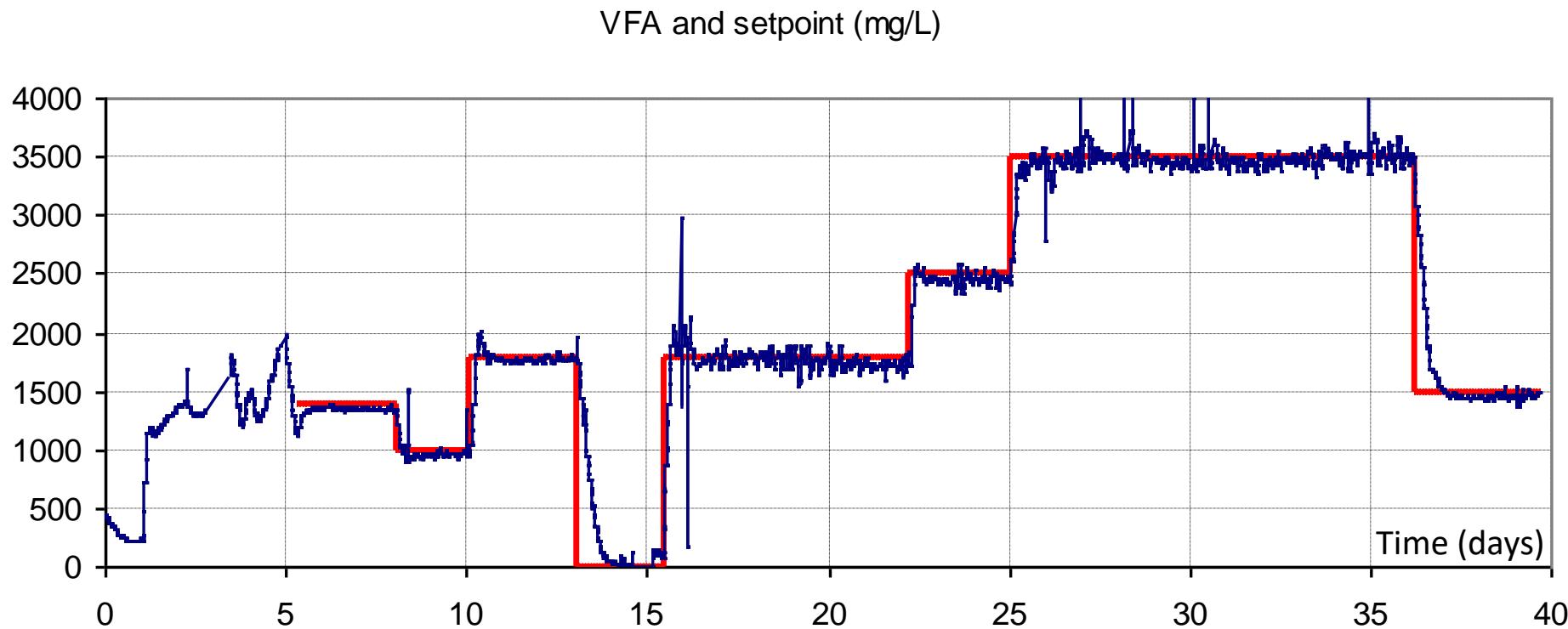
## ADVANCED CONTROL OF ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PROCESSES THROUGH DISTURBANCES MONITORING

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# Monitoring and control on the long term



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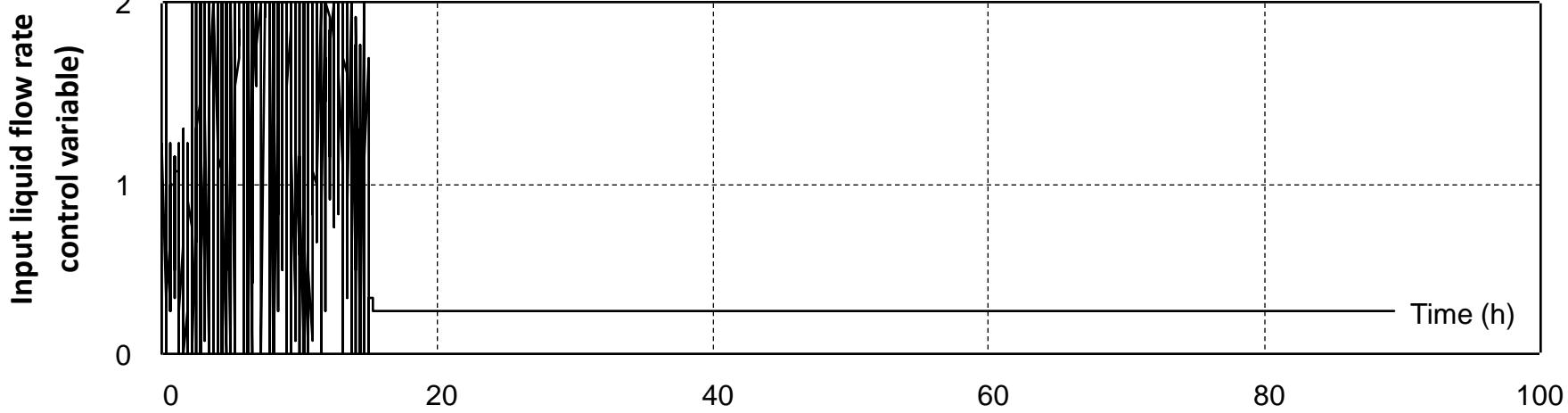
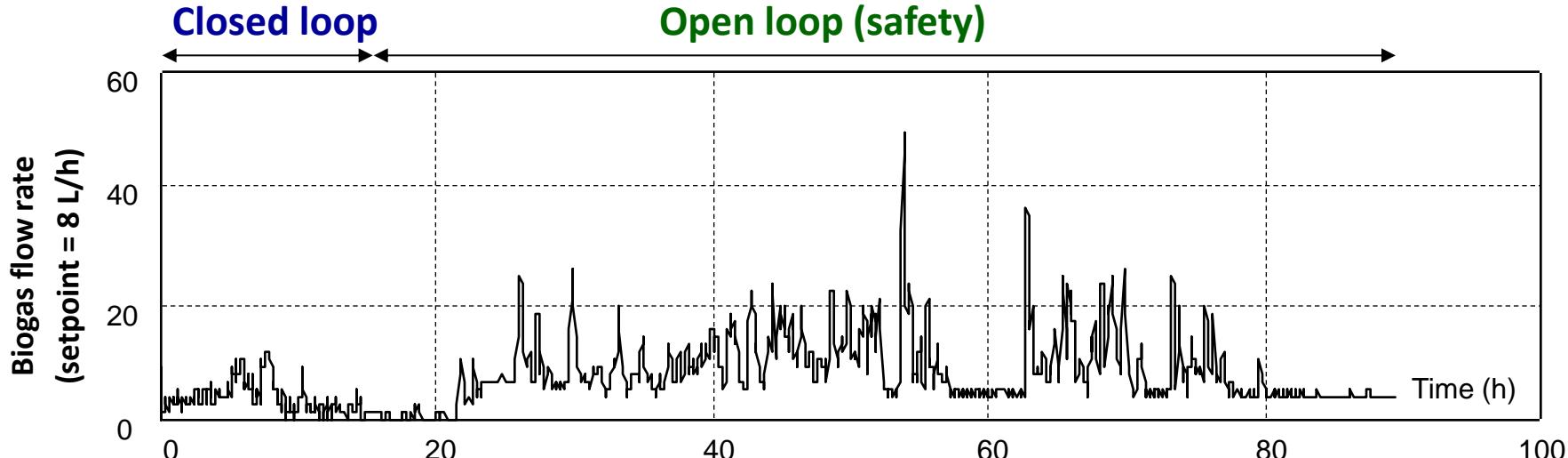
## PROCESS DESIGN AND CONTROL

### Robust Control of Volatile Fatty Acids in Anaerobic Digestion Processes

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# A control law can be badly tuned



Few hours of bad functioning  
and more than a week to go back to normality

# Why so many on-line sensors ?

## Practical evalutation of the respective benefits of each measuring technique

**Which sensor has the largest potential for industrial use ?  
(i.e., maximum of information for minimum of maintenance)**

### Evaluation of a four year experience with a fully instrumented anaerobic digestion process

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**Abstract** For several years, a 1 m<sup>3</sup> fixed bed anaerobic digestion process has been operated for the treatment of distillery vinasses. This reactor has been fully instrumented with the following variables available on-line: pH, temperature, liquid and gas flow rates, gas composition (i.e., CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>), concentration of bicarbonate, chemical oxygen demand, total organic carbon, volatile fatty acids and partial and total alkalinity, these last four variables being measured twice by different techniques (i.e., using a TOC analyzer, a titrimetric sensor and an infrared spectrometer). The purpose of this paper is to compare the respective benefits of advanced instrumentation for the monitoring of wastewater treatment processes in general, and for anaerobic digestion in particular. It will also provide some statistical analysis of the time required to operate a fully instrumented wastewater treatment process. It is indeed well admitted in the literature that instrumentation is usually the main limitation step for using closed-loop control. However, it is our opinion that, in the near future, this situation will change. This point is discussed based on our four years practical experience.

**Keywords** Anaerobic digestion; instrumentation; on-line sensors

### Lessons learnt from 15 years of ICA in anaerobic digesters

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**Abstract** Anaerobic digestion plants are highly efficient wastewater treatment processes with inherent energy production. Despite these advantages, many industries are still reluctant to use them because of their instability confronted with changes in operating conditions. There is therefore great potential for application of instrumentation, control and automation (ICA) in the field of anaerobic digestion. This paper will discuss the requirements (in terms of on-line sensors needed, modelling efforts and mathematical complexity) but also the advantages and drawbacks of different control strategies that have been applied to AD high rate processes over the last 15 years.

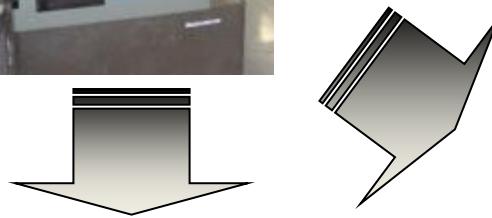
**Keywords** Anaerobic digestion; automation; control; diagnosis; instrumentation; modelling

# Which sensor(s) for which measurement(s)?

	From classical measurements (pH, T, Qgas, %CO2, P)	TOC analyzer	Titrimetric sensor	UV spectrometer	MIR spectrometer
Partial Alkalinity			✓		✓
Total Alkalinity			✓		✓
Bicarbonate	✓		✓		✓
Dissolved CO2	✓				✓
TOC		✓		✓	✓
Soluble COD				✓	✓
Total VFAs			✓	✓	✓
Acetate					✓
Others (eg., N, P)			✓	✓	✓

# Towards *smart* sensors

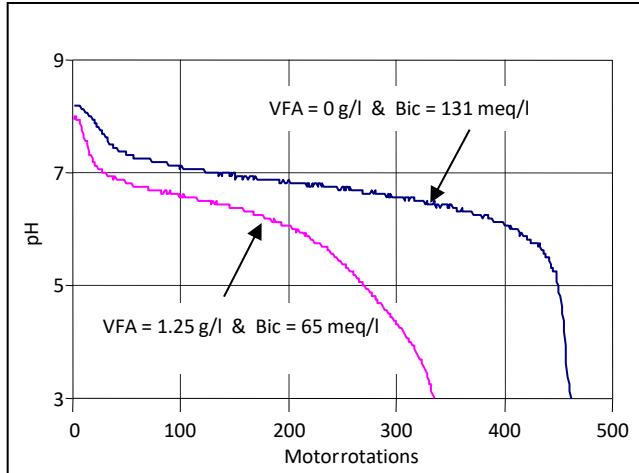
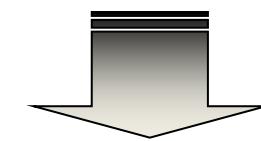
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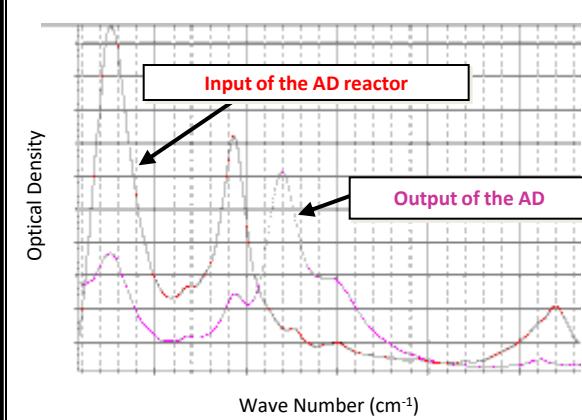
TOCmeter



Infrared spectrometer



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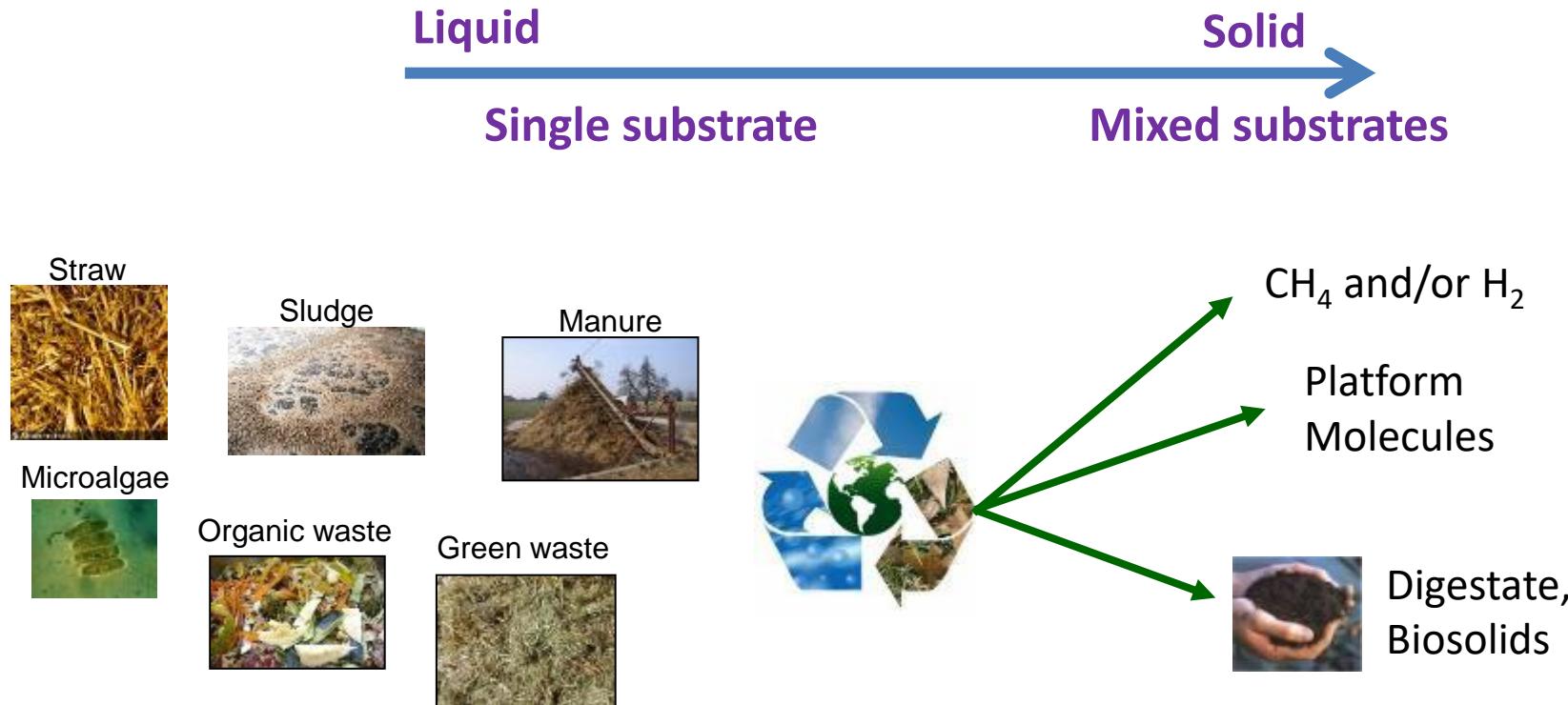


Sensors should provide a confidence index to plant managers

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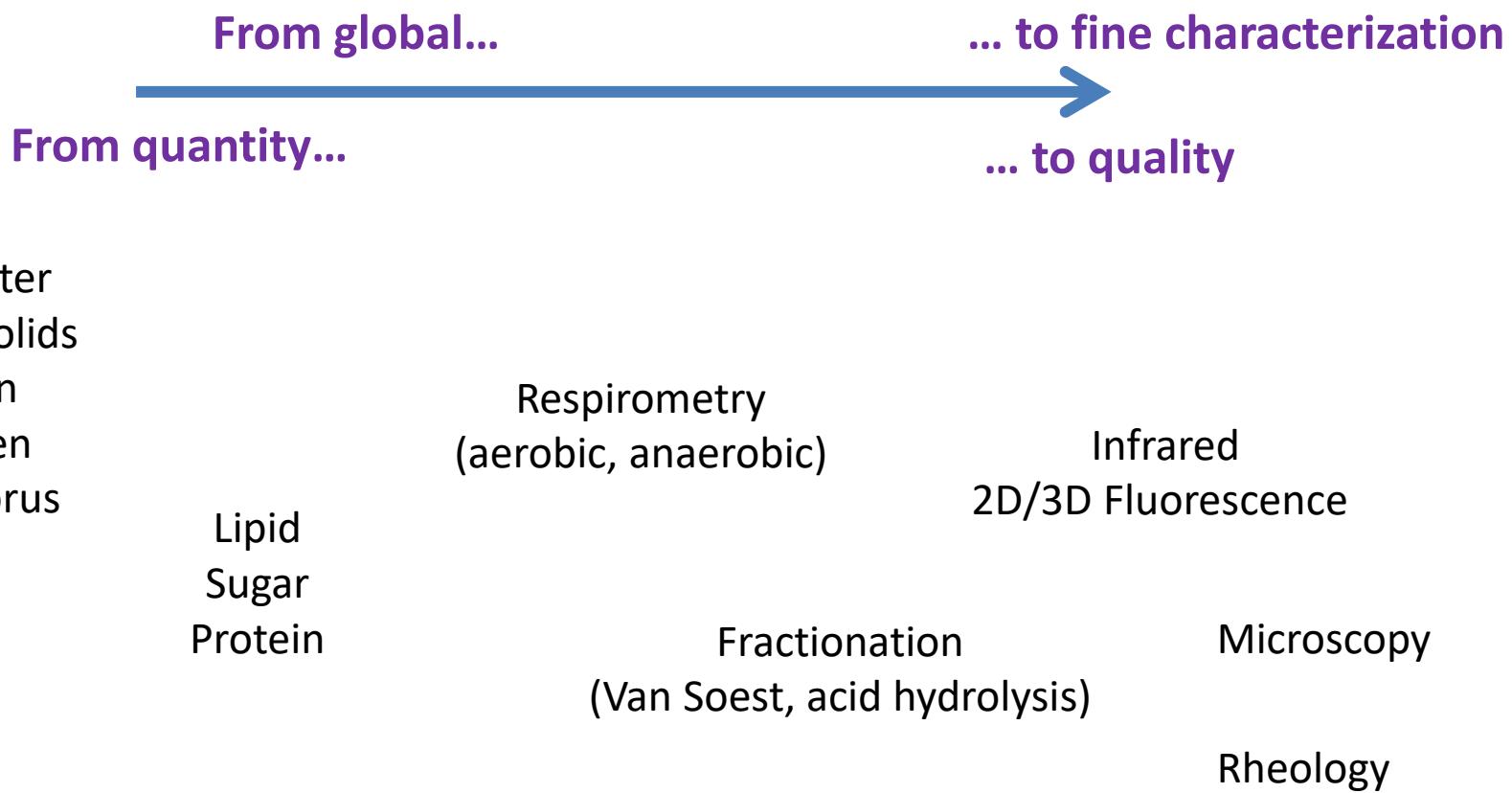
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# Biodegradability Aspects



- ✓ Characterization of the organic matter
- ✓ Link with contaminants (eg., pharmaceuticals, detergents,...)

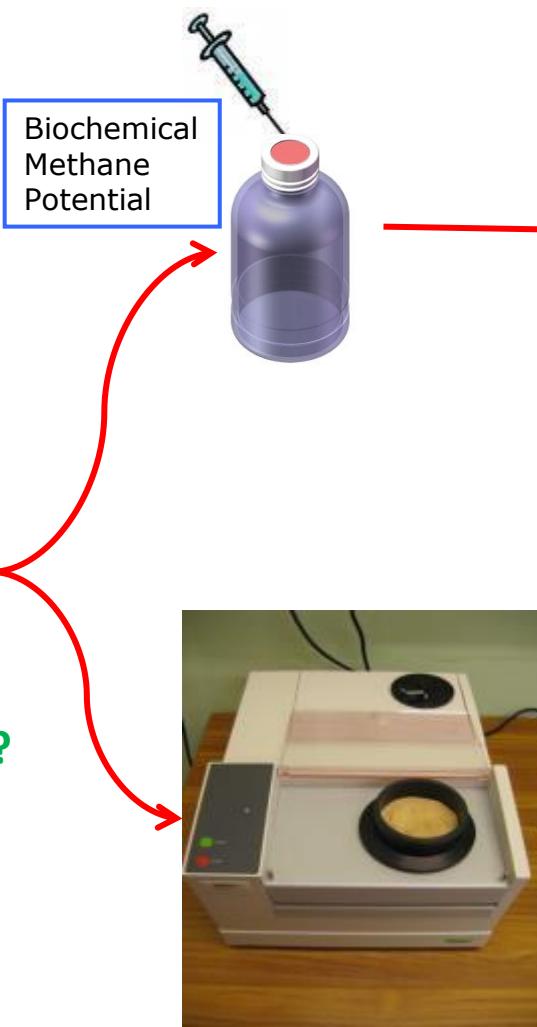
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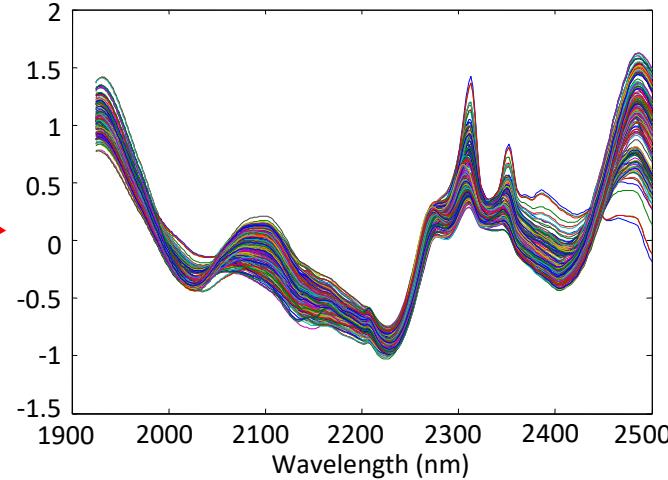
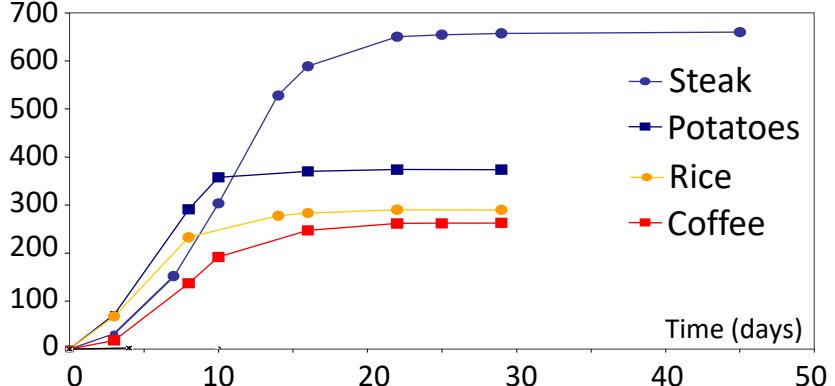
# Use of infrared to predict OM biodegradability



Biodegradability ?



Cumulative  $\text{CH}_4$  production ( $\text{ml CH}_4 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$  Volatil eSolid)



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## Use of infrared spectrometry to predict methane potential (BMP) from solid waste



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Measured values (ml CH<sub>4</sub>.g<sup>-1</sup> VS)

Calibration (blue circles), Validation (purple squares), Standard Deviation (black crosses).  
R<sup>2</sup><sub>cal</sub>: 0.79, SECV: 31 ml CH<sub>4</sub>.g<sup>-1</sup> VS, R<sup>2</sup><sub>val</sub>: 0.76, RMSEP: 28 ml CH<sub>4</sub>.g<sup>-1</sup> VS, R<sup>2</sup><sub>val</sub>: 0.76

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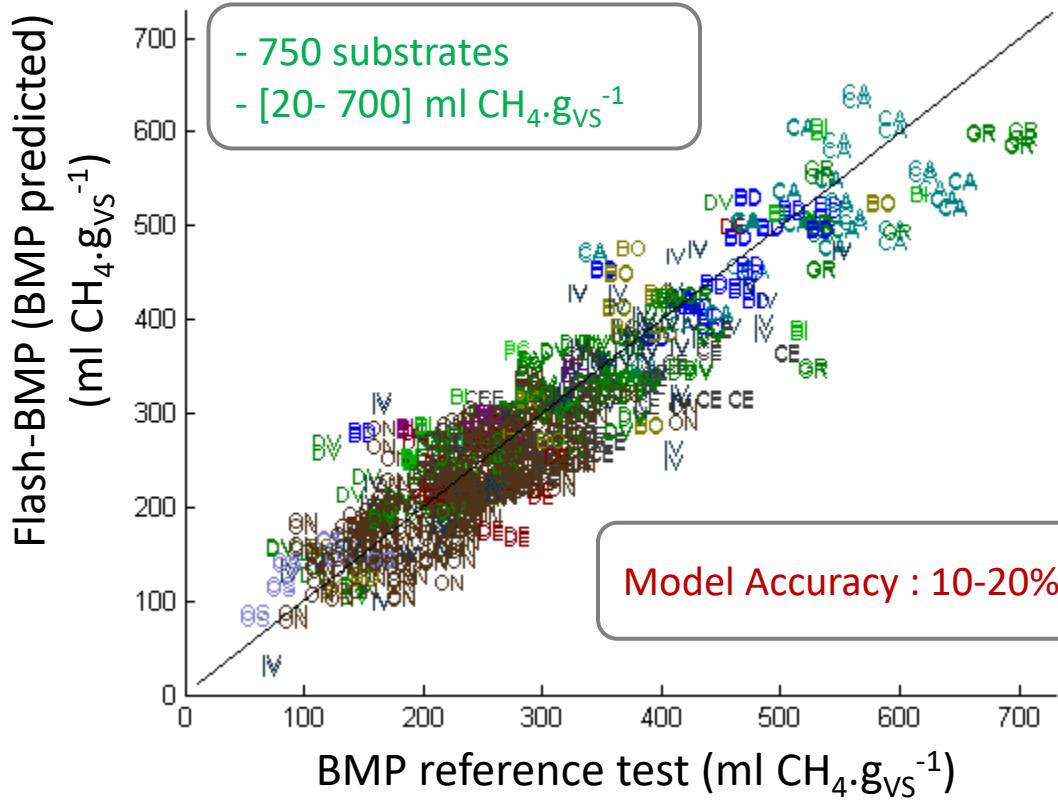
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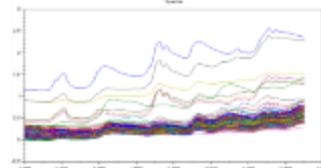
Green waste

Energy crops

Manure

Sludge

# Going further with NIRS



- BMP
- Carbohydrates
- Proteins
- Lipids
- COD
- CH<sub>4</sub> kinetics

Substrate

Near infrared  
analysis

Spectrum  
treatment

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4 days



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# Biodegradability vs. Bioaccessibility



How many of these ?



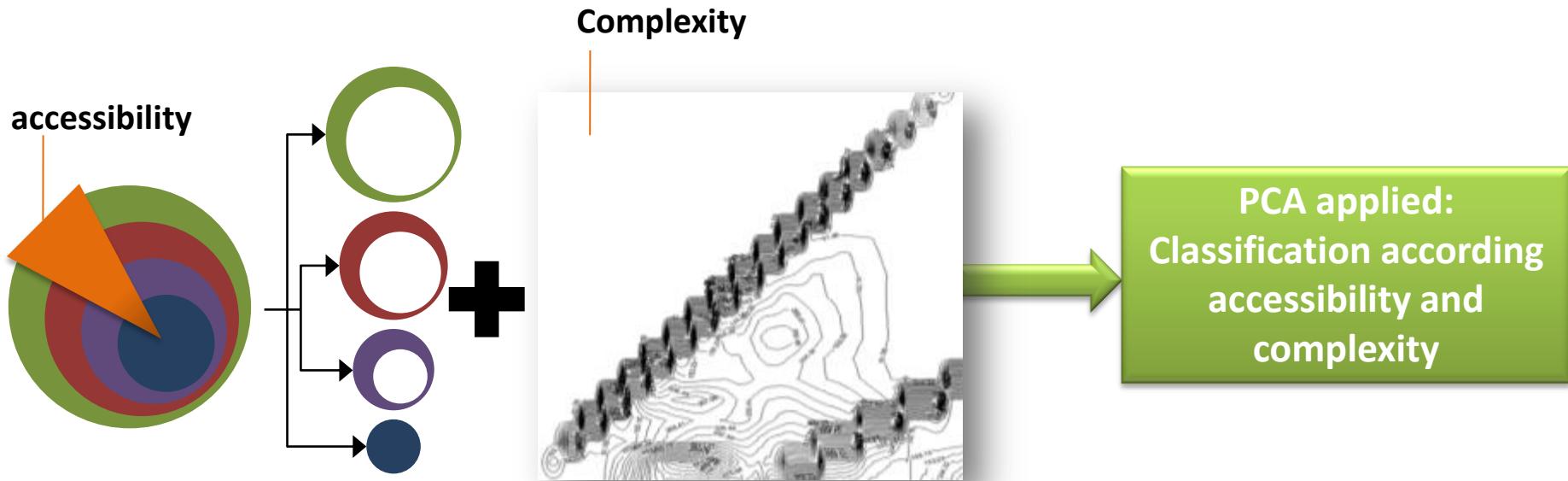
How to  
differentiate them ?

How many of these ?



# Another way to characterize accessibility and complexity

## Developped strategy



Chemical extractions  
*COD, N, C*



3D fluorescence spectroscopy

60 organic residues



# 3D fluorescence spectroscopy

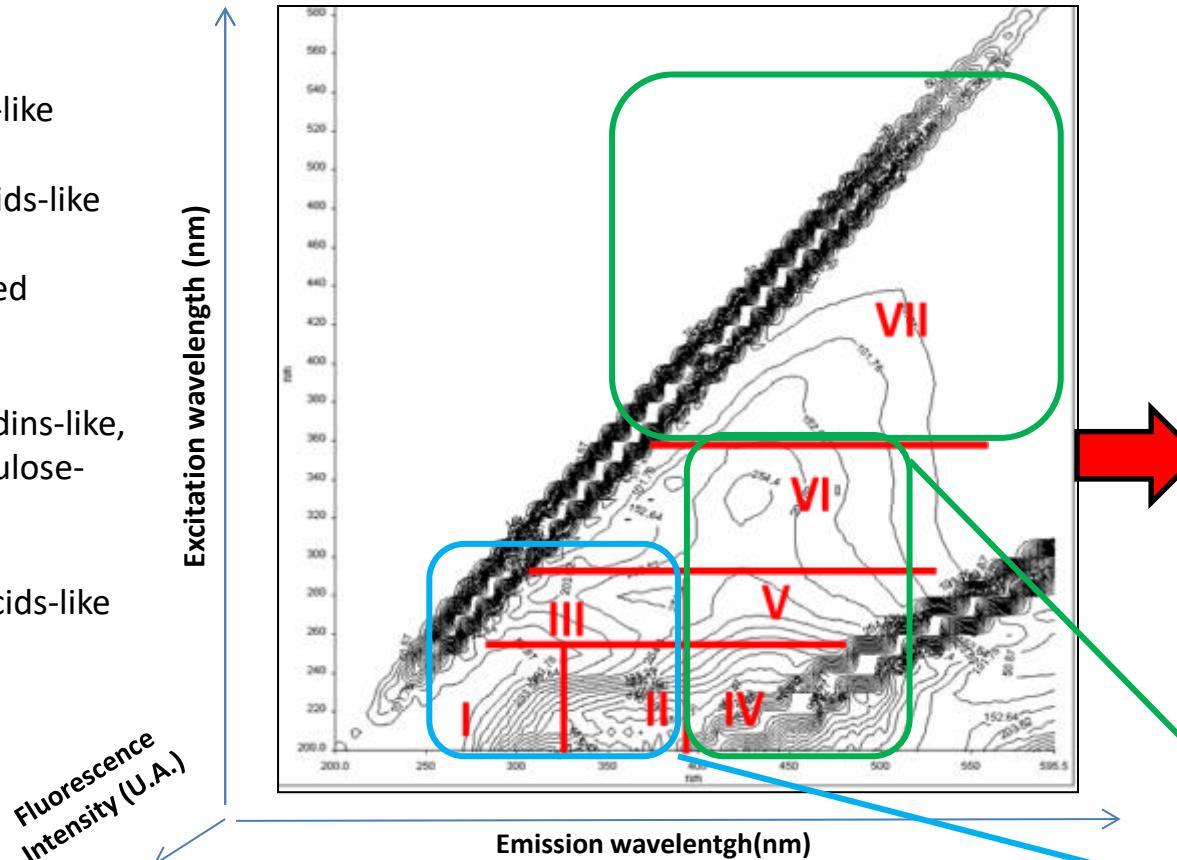
I-II-III: Proteins-like

IV: Fulvic acids-like

V: Glycolysed proteins

VI: Melanoidins-like,  
lignocellulose-like

VII: Humic acids-like



%age of fluorescence

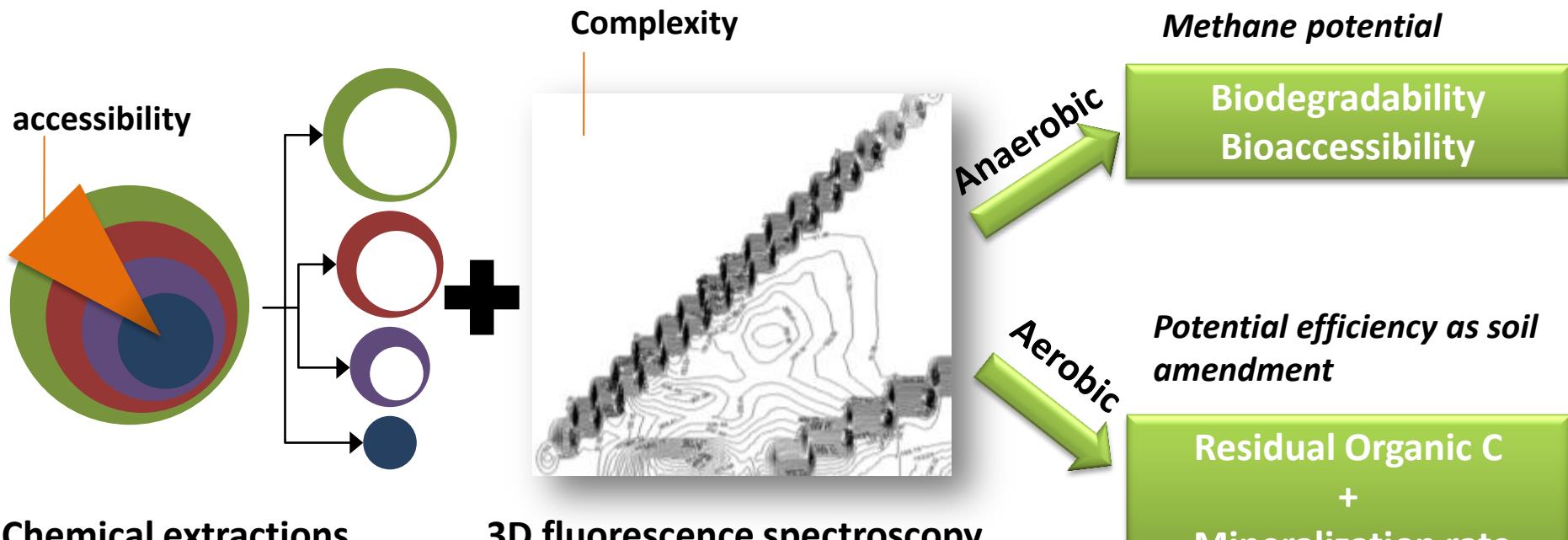
$$P_f(i)(\%) = \frac{V_f(i)}{\sum_{i=1}^7 V_f(i)} \times 100$$

Complexity ratio

$$\frac{\sum_{i=IV}^{VII} P_f(i)}{\sum_{i=I}^{III} P_f(i)}$$

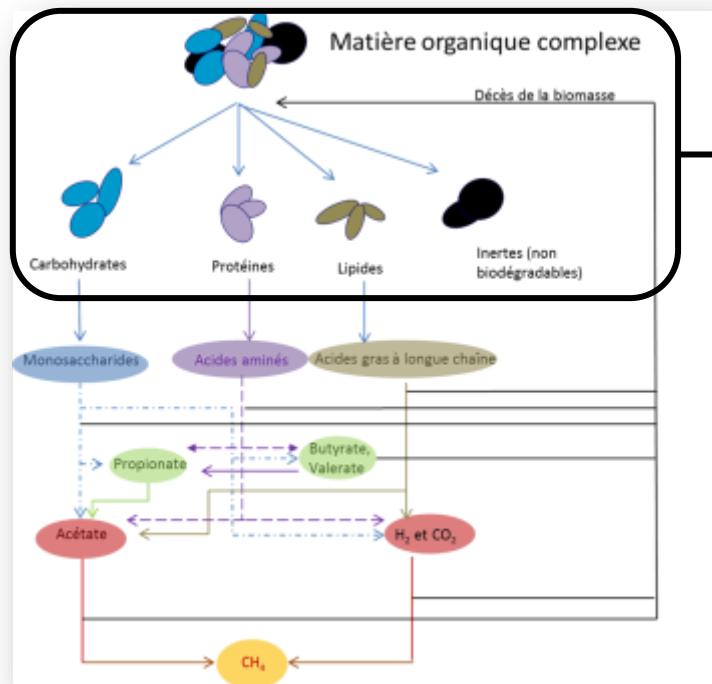
# Another way to characterize accessibility and complexity

## Anaerobic digestion coupled with composting



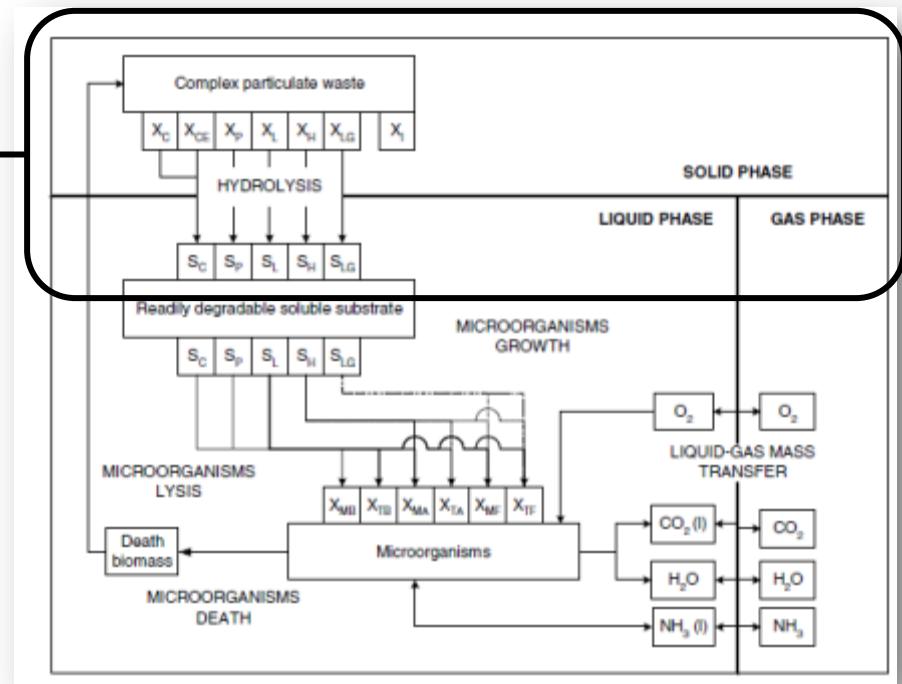
# Process modelling

## Anaerobic digestion



ADM1 : Batstone et al.(2002)

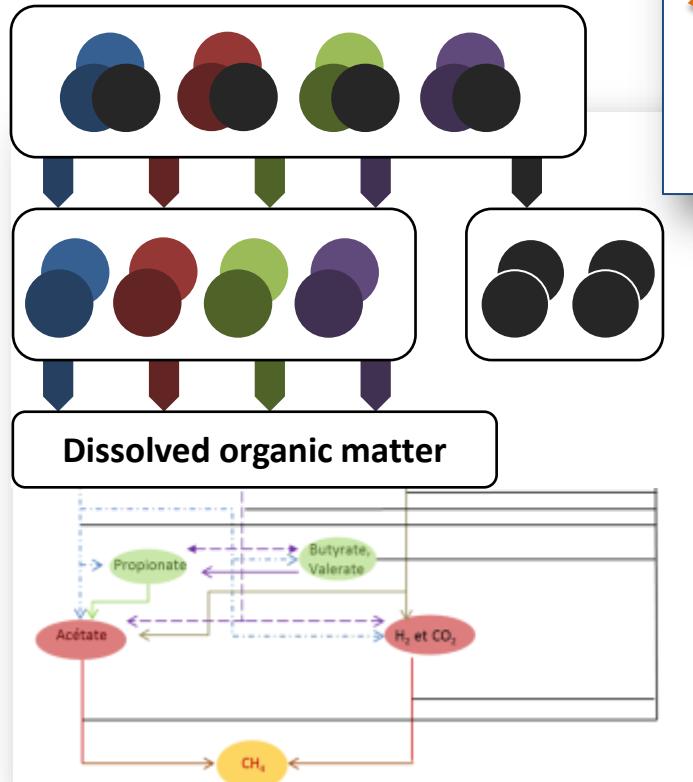
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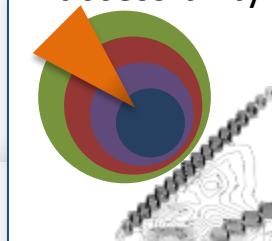
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# Process modelling

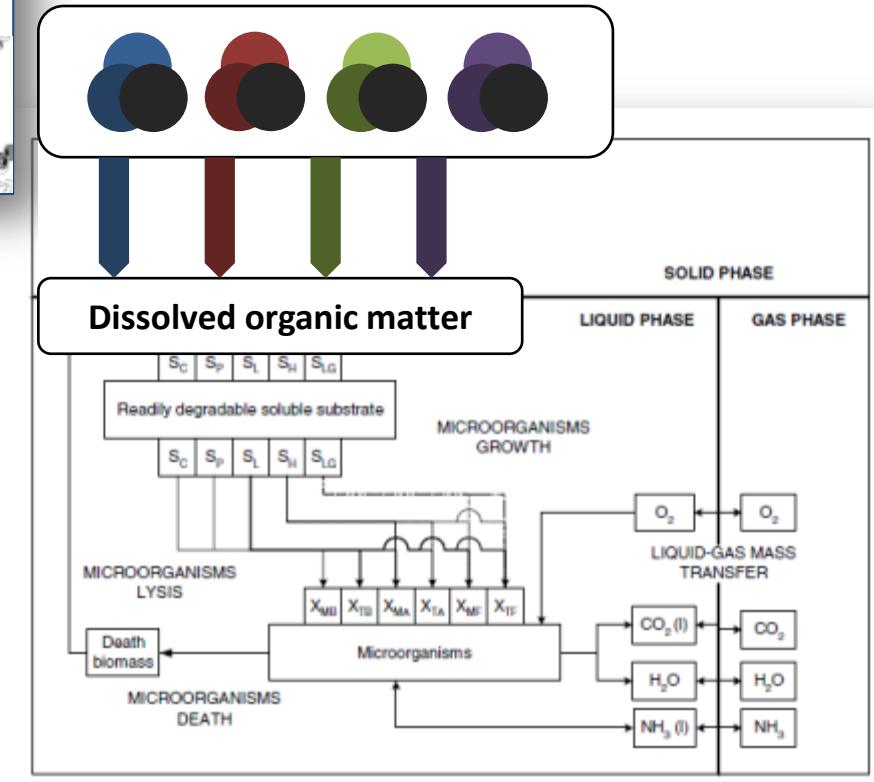
## Anaerobic digestion



accessibility

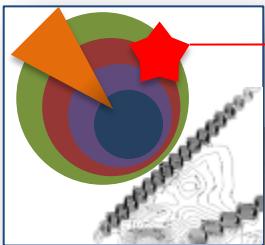


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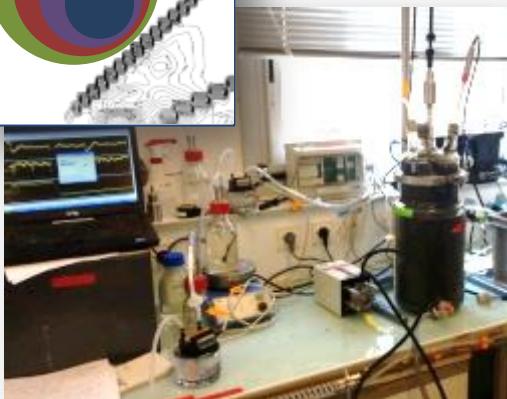


# Process modelling

Lab scale reactors to generate data for models calibration/validation



Organic micropollutants



Anaerobic  
Digestion



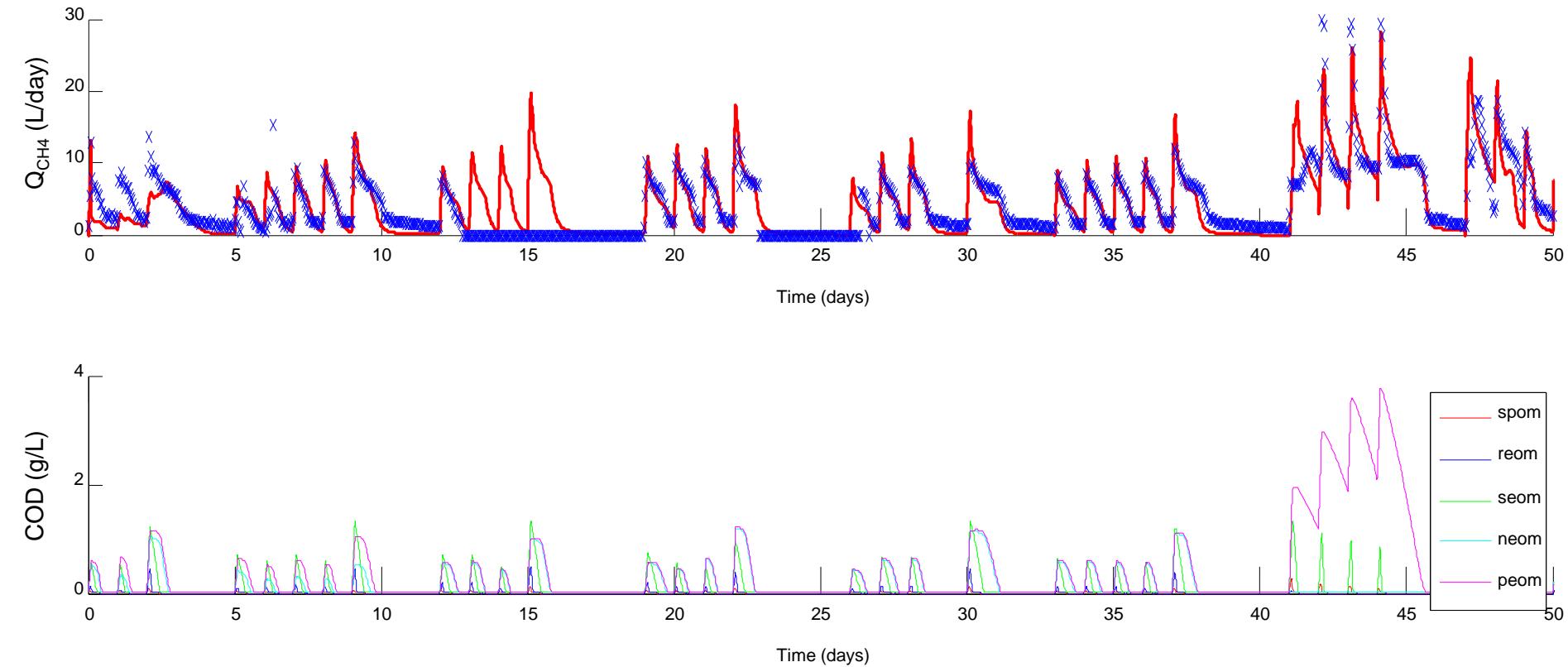
Compost



Cropped soil  
Incubation

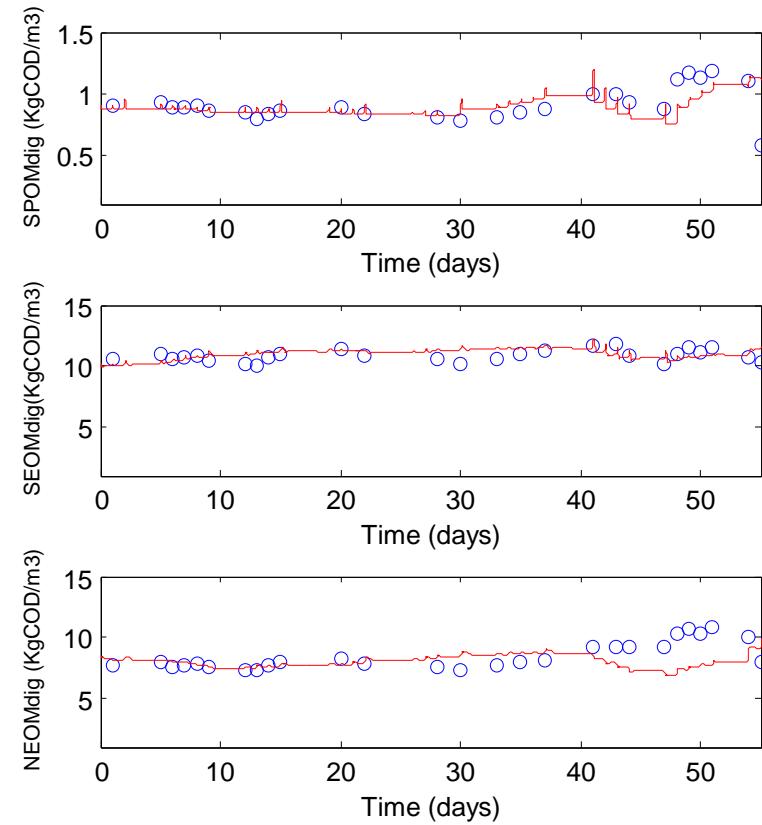
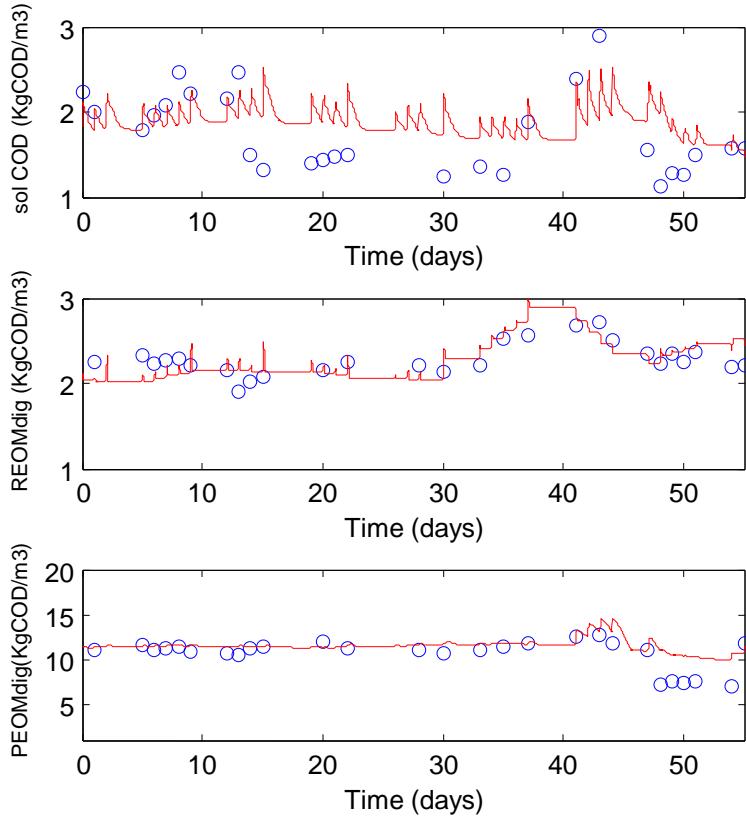
# Process modelling

## Modeling of the digester performance



# Process modelling

## Modeling of the digestate fractions



# Better characterization leads to better pretreatments

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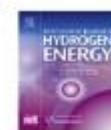
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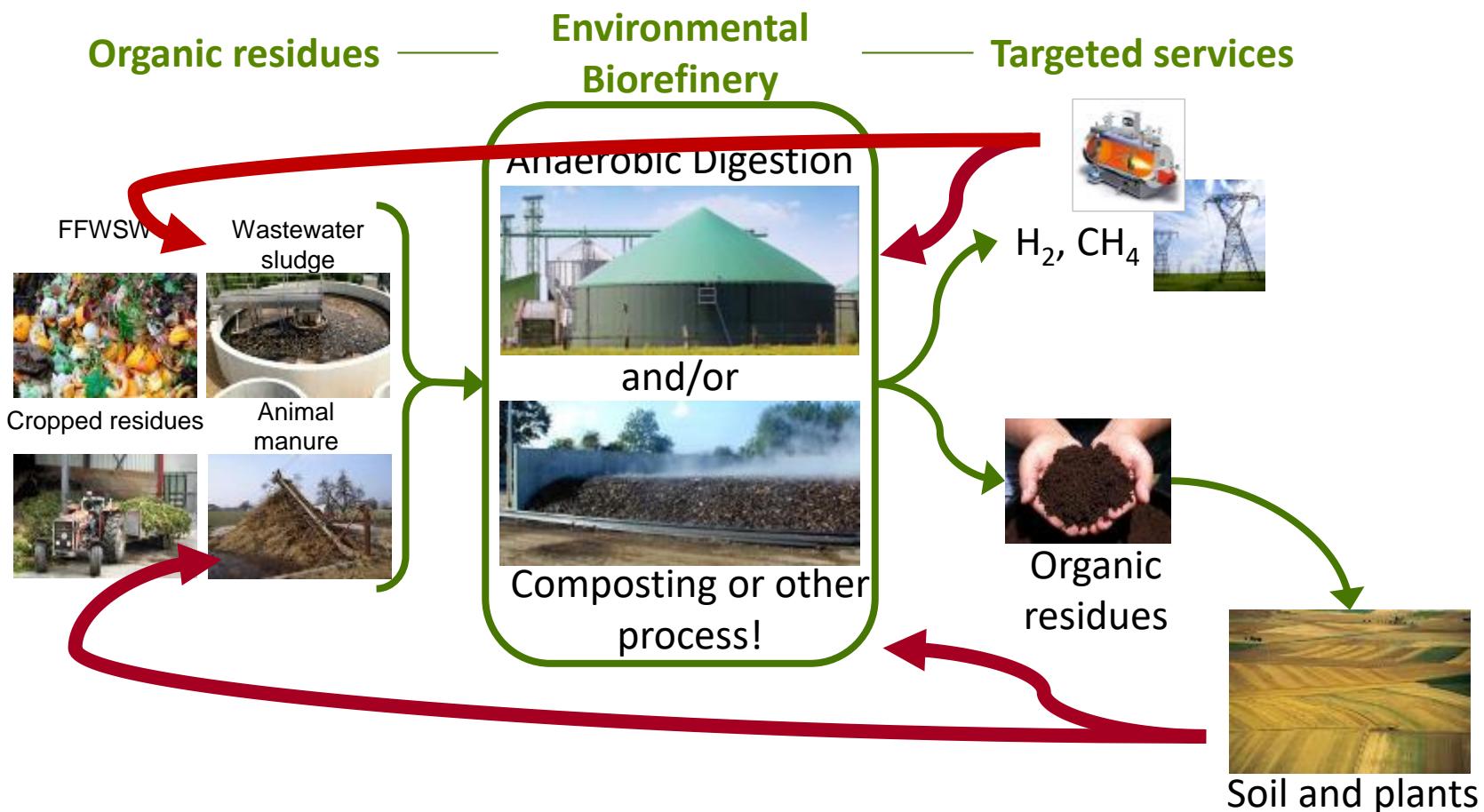
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# The added value for optimal valorization of organic residues



→ C, N, P, K, S and micropollutants fate: **process modelling** and **reverse engineering**

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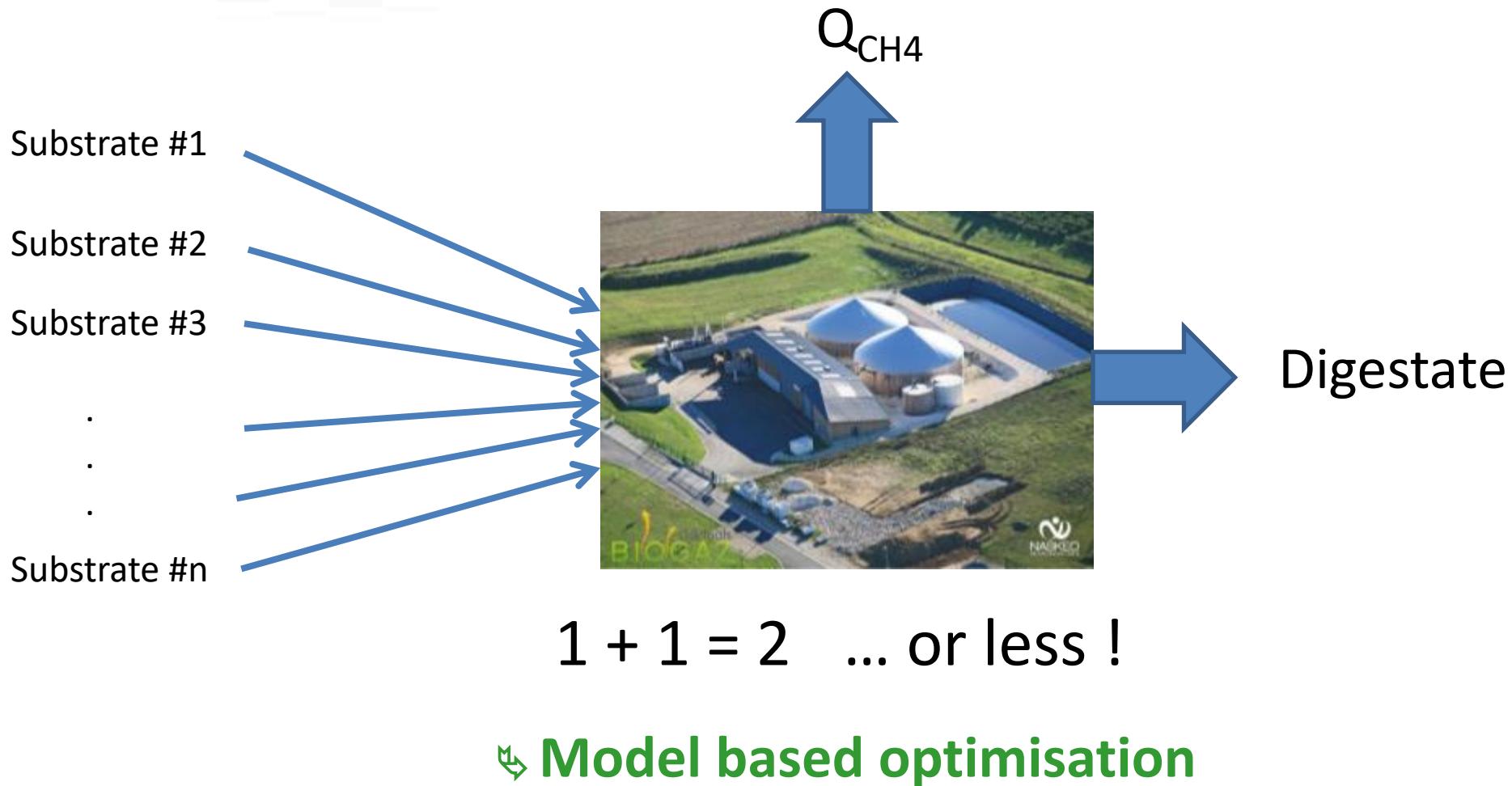


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# Lack of actuators ?

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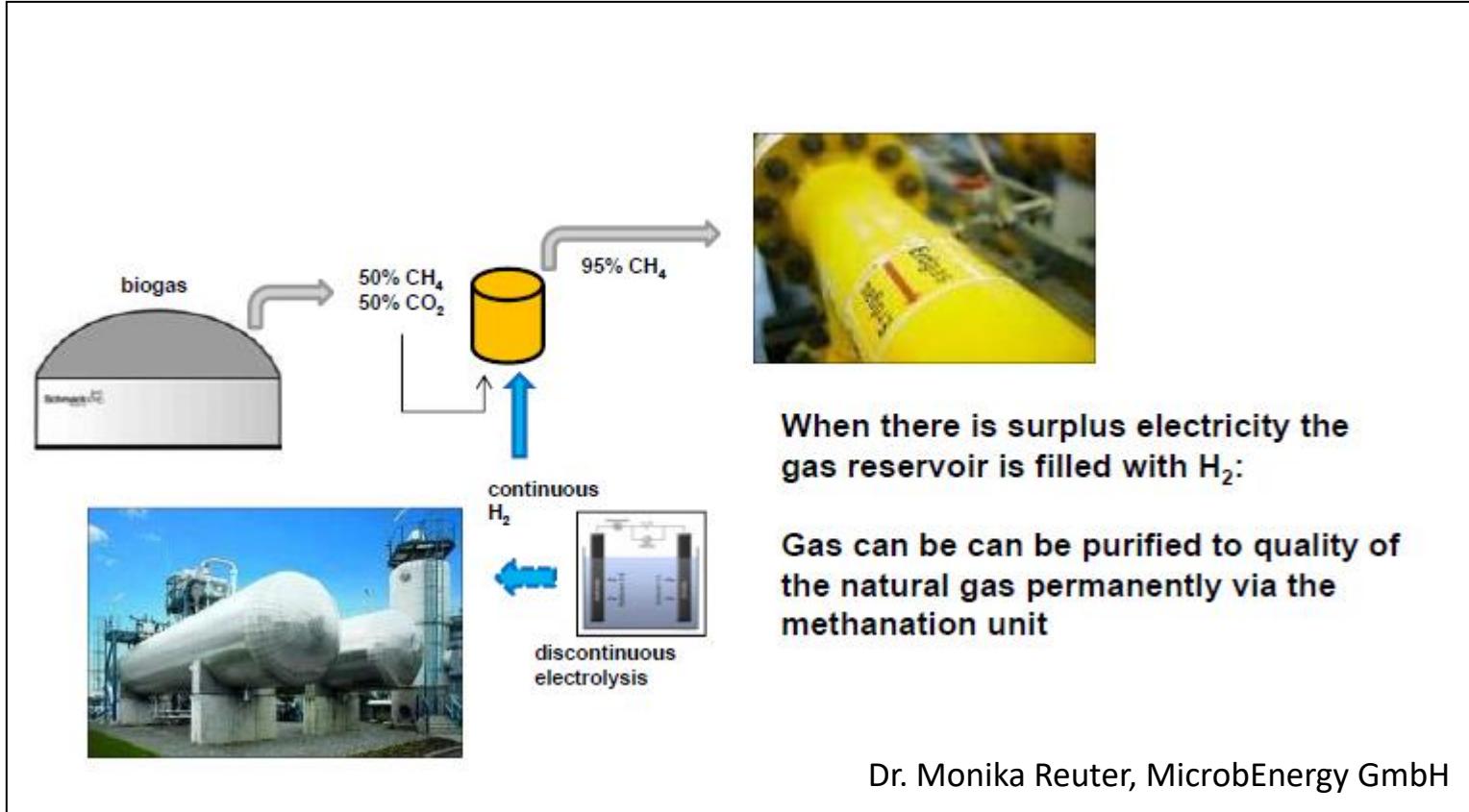
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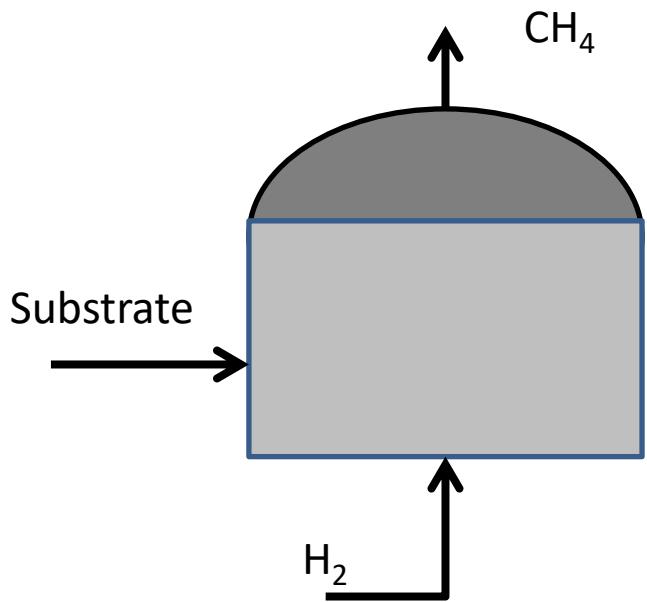
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# Power to *BIO*Gas : H<sub>2</sub> to improve CH<sub>4</sub>



- ✓ Improved hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis
- ✓ Lower inhibition of hydrolysis
- ✓ Limitation by gas transfer

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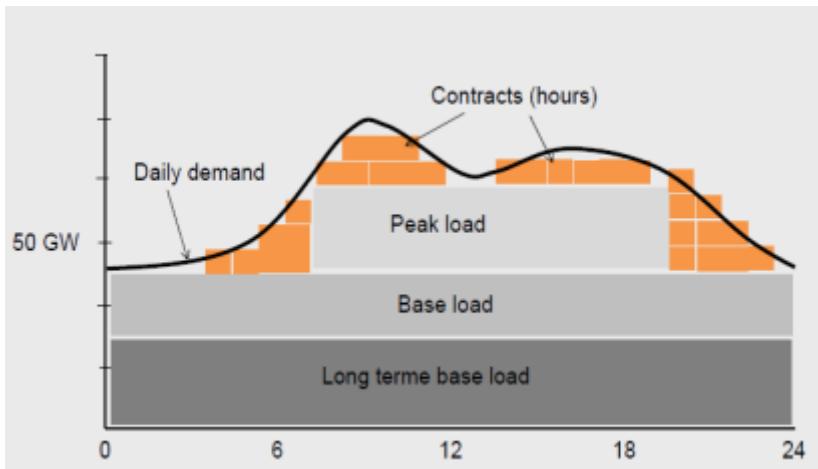
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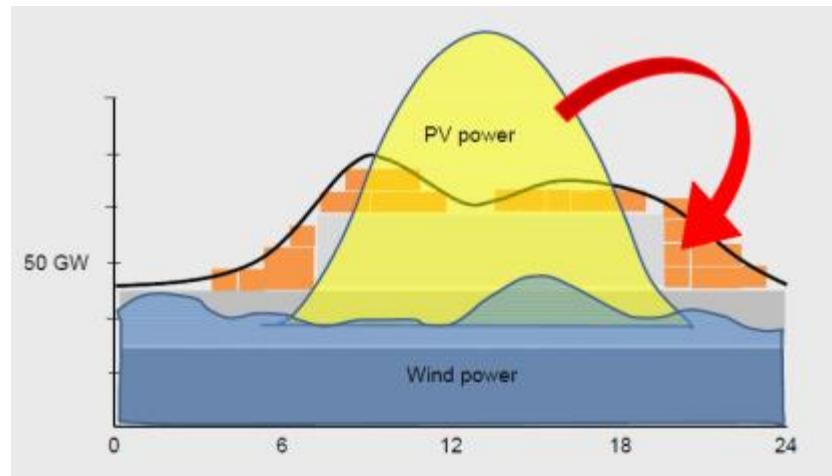
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