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Optimizing Effluent and Sludge Treatment for Kraft Pulp Mills with regards to Energy Production, Consumption and Carbon Footprint.

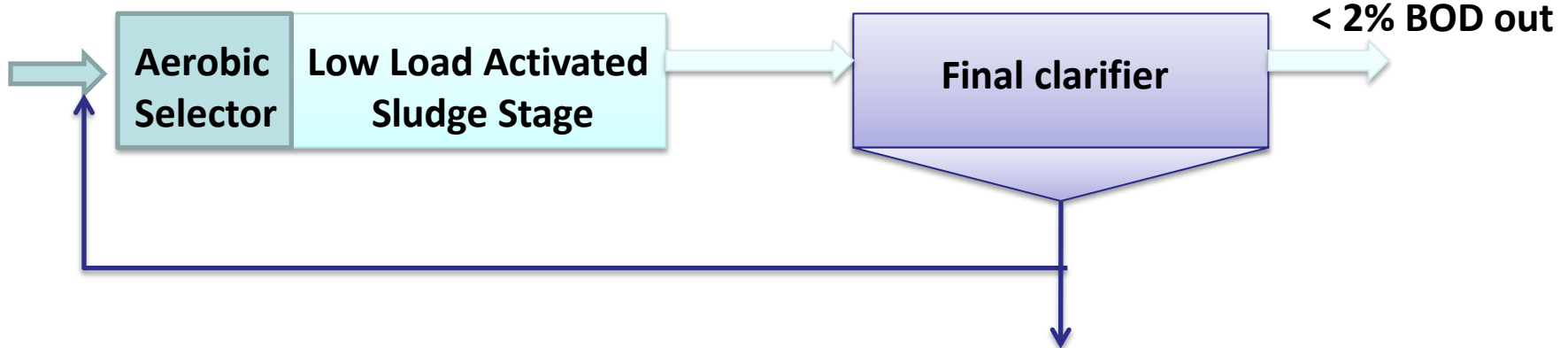
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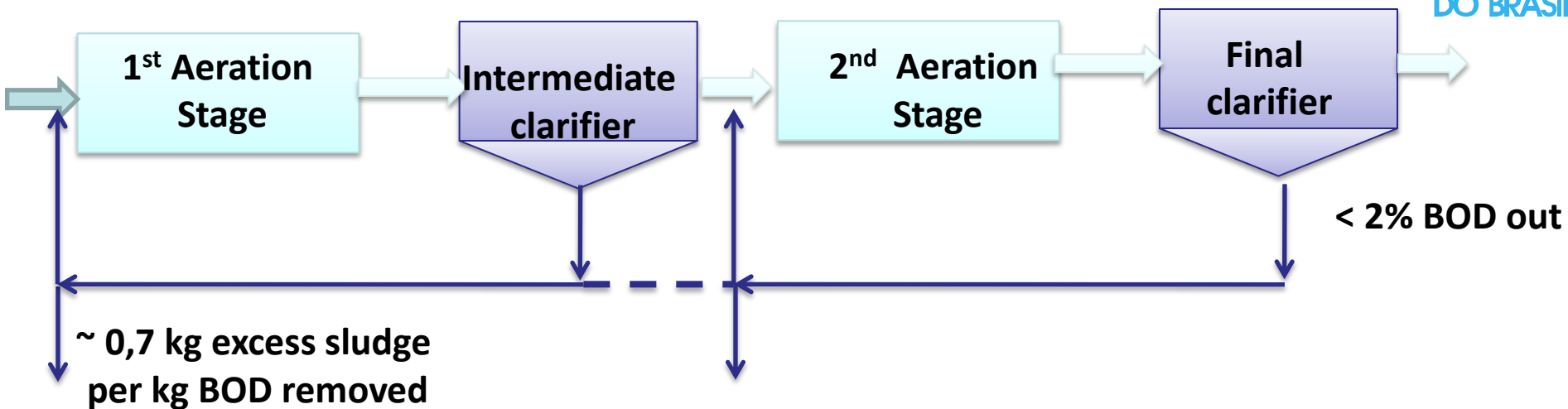
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FIBRIA – Três Lagoas and VERACEL



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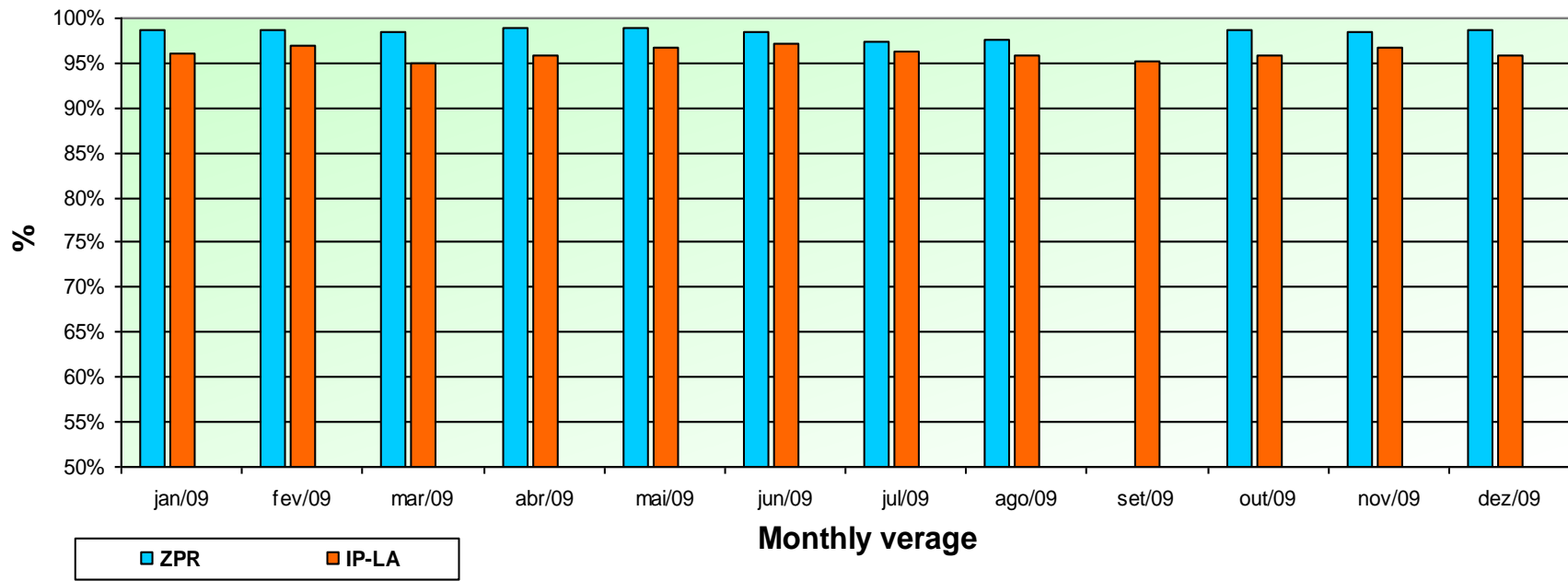
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IP Luiz Antonio Effluent Treatment plant

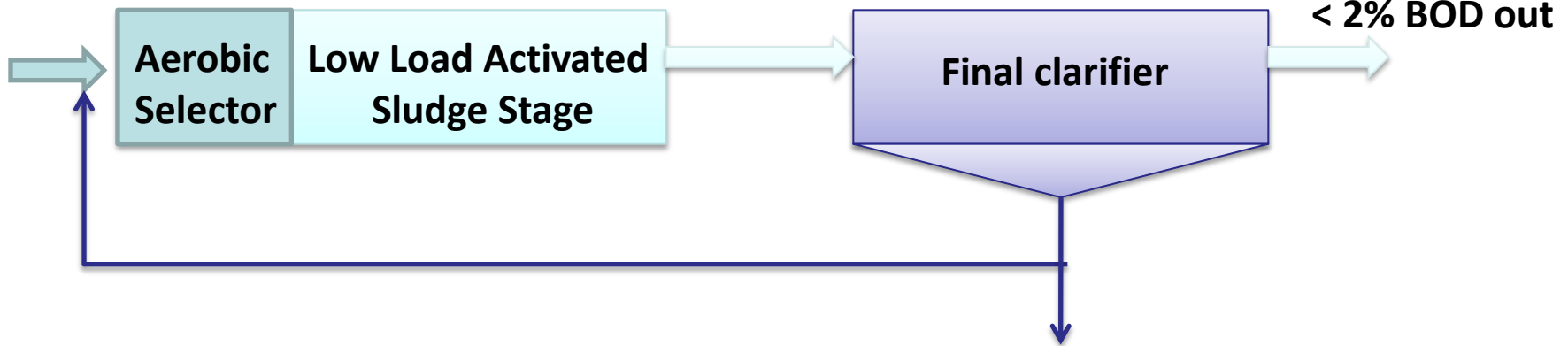


Process Operation

BOD -reduction in the biological stages



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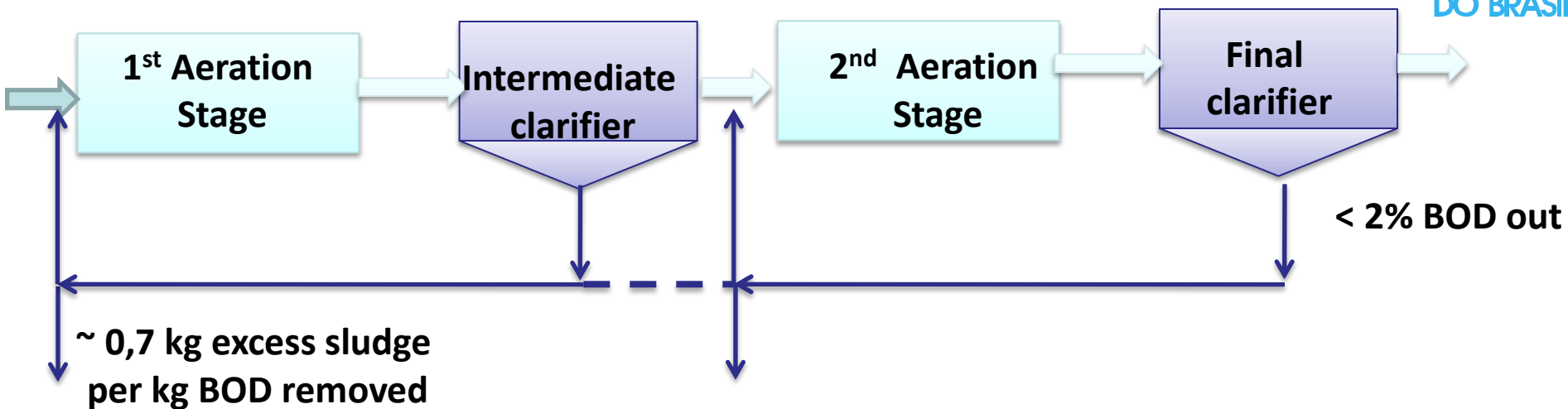


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Flow and Load Comparison

		SCENARIOS			
		Greenfield		Greenfield	
Treatment process	-	2 Stage Attischolz Process		Selectar	
Sludge handling	-	anaerobic digestion, dewatering		simultaneous aerobic stabilization and dewatering	
		I	Daily load or Unitary rate	II	Daily load or unitary rate
Flowrate	m ³ /d	148.800		148.800	
BOD inlet	mg/L	411	61.200	411	61.200
Air flow	Nm ³ /h @ 9m depth	46.500		82.000	
Blower´s consumed power	kW	1.500		2.625	
Reactor volume (1st STAGE + 2nd STAGE)	m ³	46.000		120.000	
Total "Biological" Volume = Reactors and Settlers	m ³	133.745		176.745	
Total "Biological" Volume = Reactors and Settlers including Anaerobic Digester	m ³	143.498		176.745	
Total HRT (including biological settlers)	h	17,7		28,5	
Excess sludge production	kgTSS/d	40.637		24.500	
	kgVSS/d	31.000		18.375	

Statements

1. Biomass contains energy!
2. From biomass we can produce primary energy!
3. Why biodegrade biomass using a lot of energy if we can use it for better purposes?

Typical uses of the Excess sludge

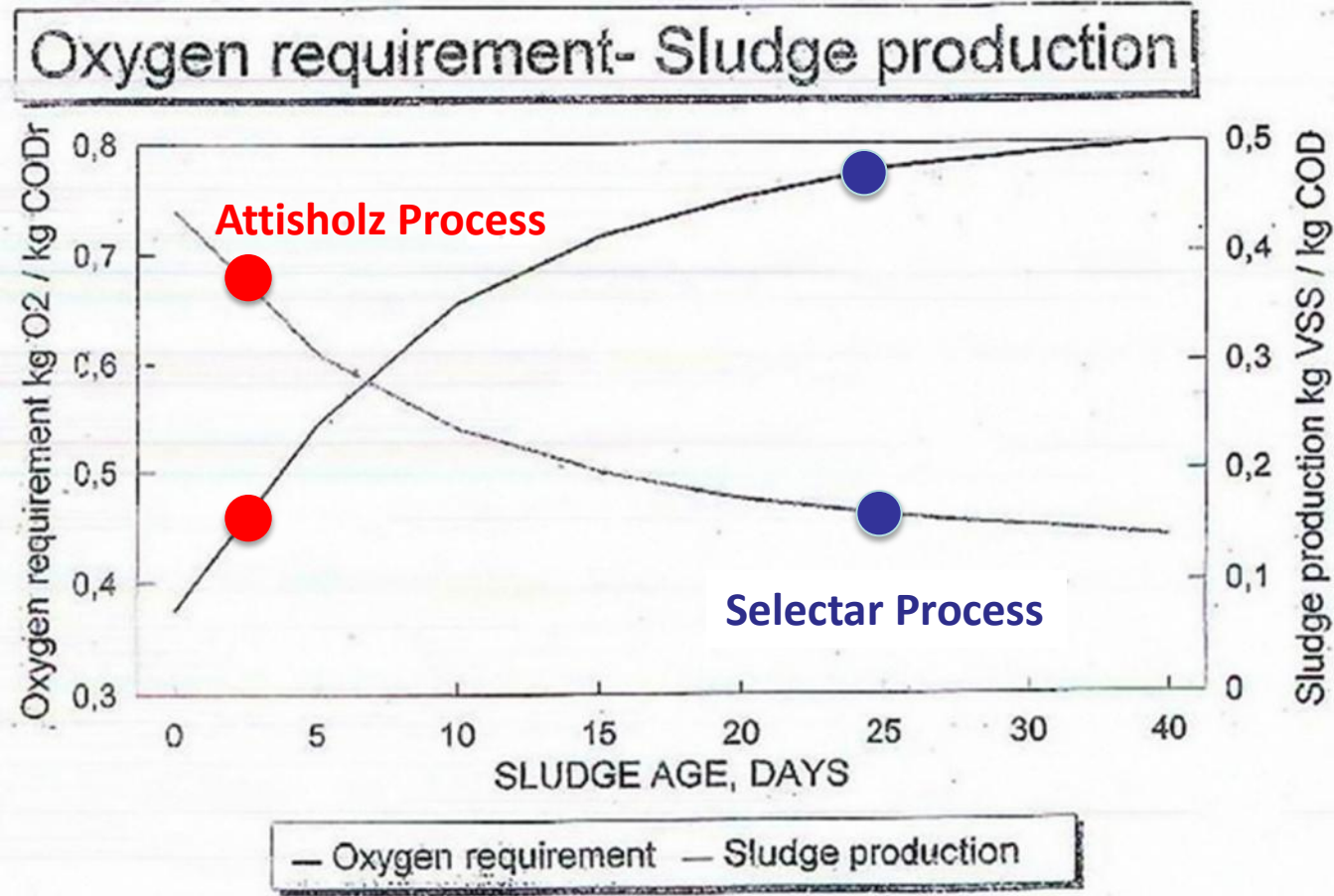
1. Do simultaneous stabilization = oxidation;
2. Landfill the dewatered sludge;
3. Direct use in foresting;
4. Compost the sludge with other waste material to produce a sellable fertilizing humus replacement / soil improver;
5. Burn it i.e. in the biomass boiler;
6. Produce primary energy from the biomass in anaerobic digestion;

Sludge is valuable

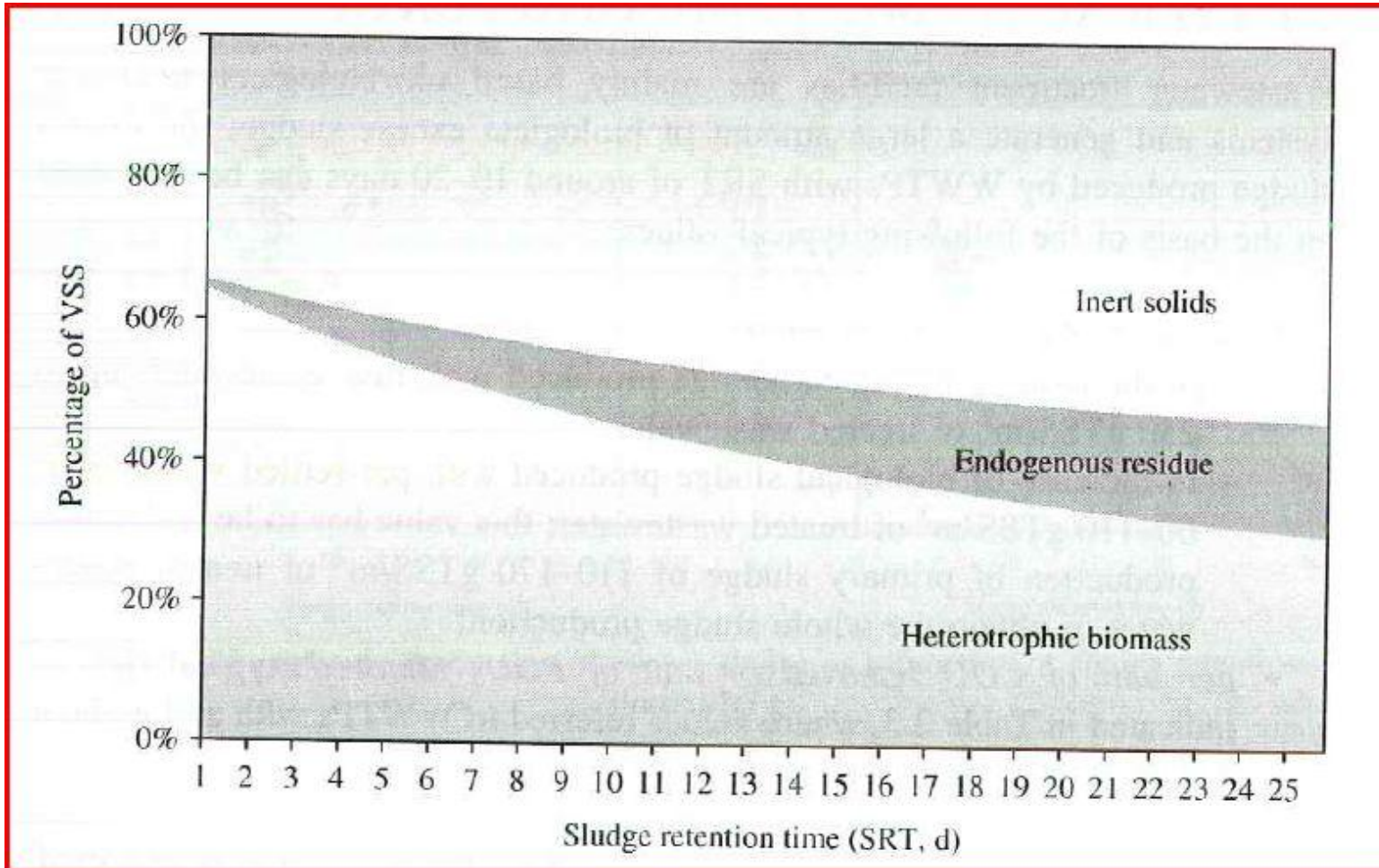
1. Biomass is valuable.
2. Organic fraction in the sludge and the N and P content.
3. The value of sludge can be different.

Excess sludge production

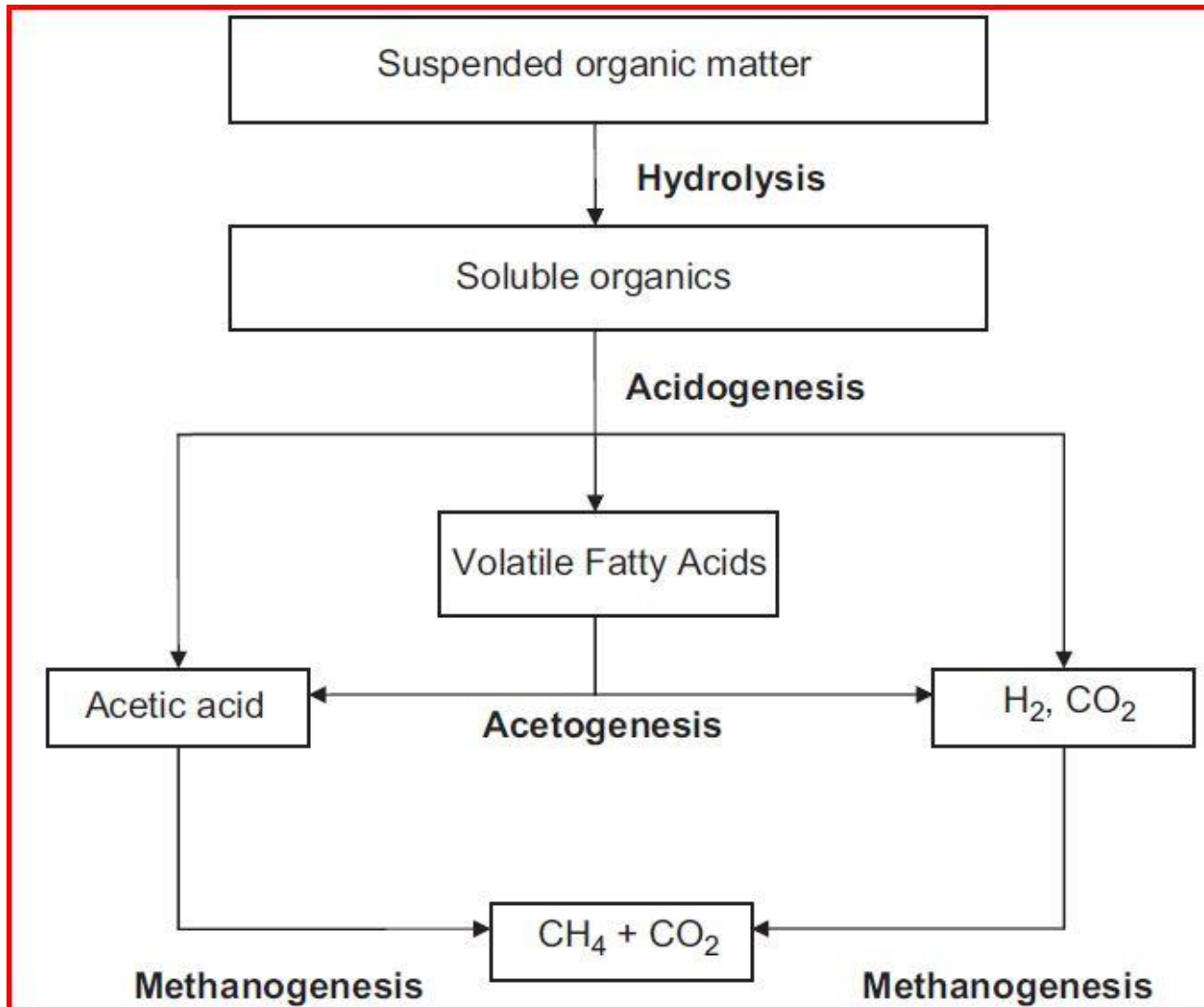
Oxygen required



Value of the sludge



Anaerobic digestion and the four steps



Anaerobic Digestion Plant



Cell disintegration techniques

1. Working with thermophilic temperatures ($> 50^{\circ}$ C);
2. By mechanical disintegration with centrifuges;
3. Biological, using enzymes;
4. Thermal disintegration using high temperature ($> 150^{\circ}$ C) and pressure;
5. Ultrasonic pretreatment.
6. Others

Ultrasound process

Ultrasound Cavitation Schematic

Cavitation bubbles growth in rarefaction



Bubbles at maximum growth



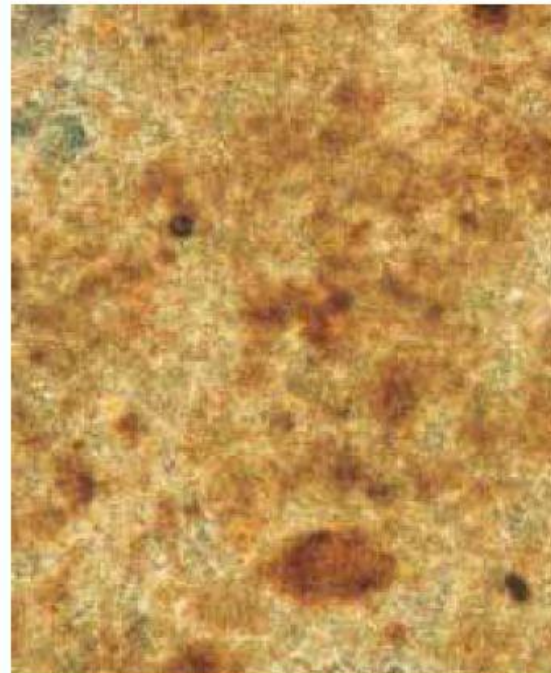
Cavitation bubbles collapse under compression



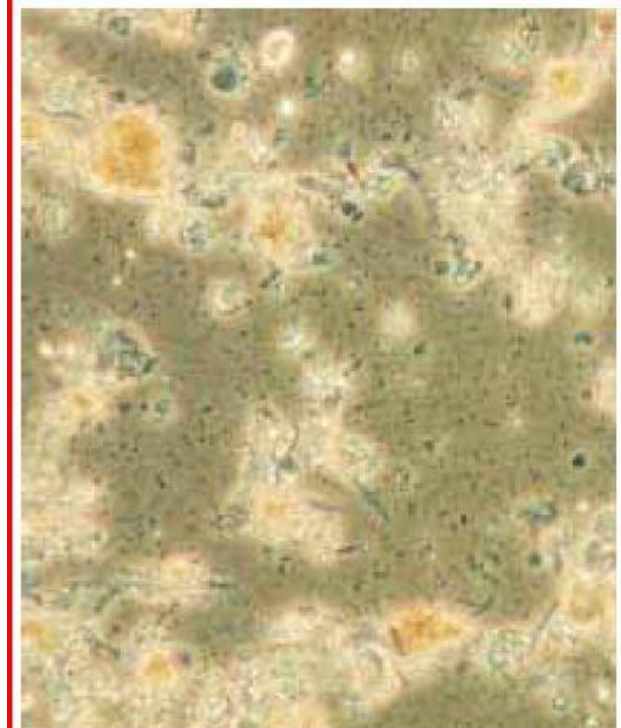
Implosion



Ultrasound Disintegration of 6% Waste Activated Sludge

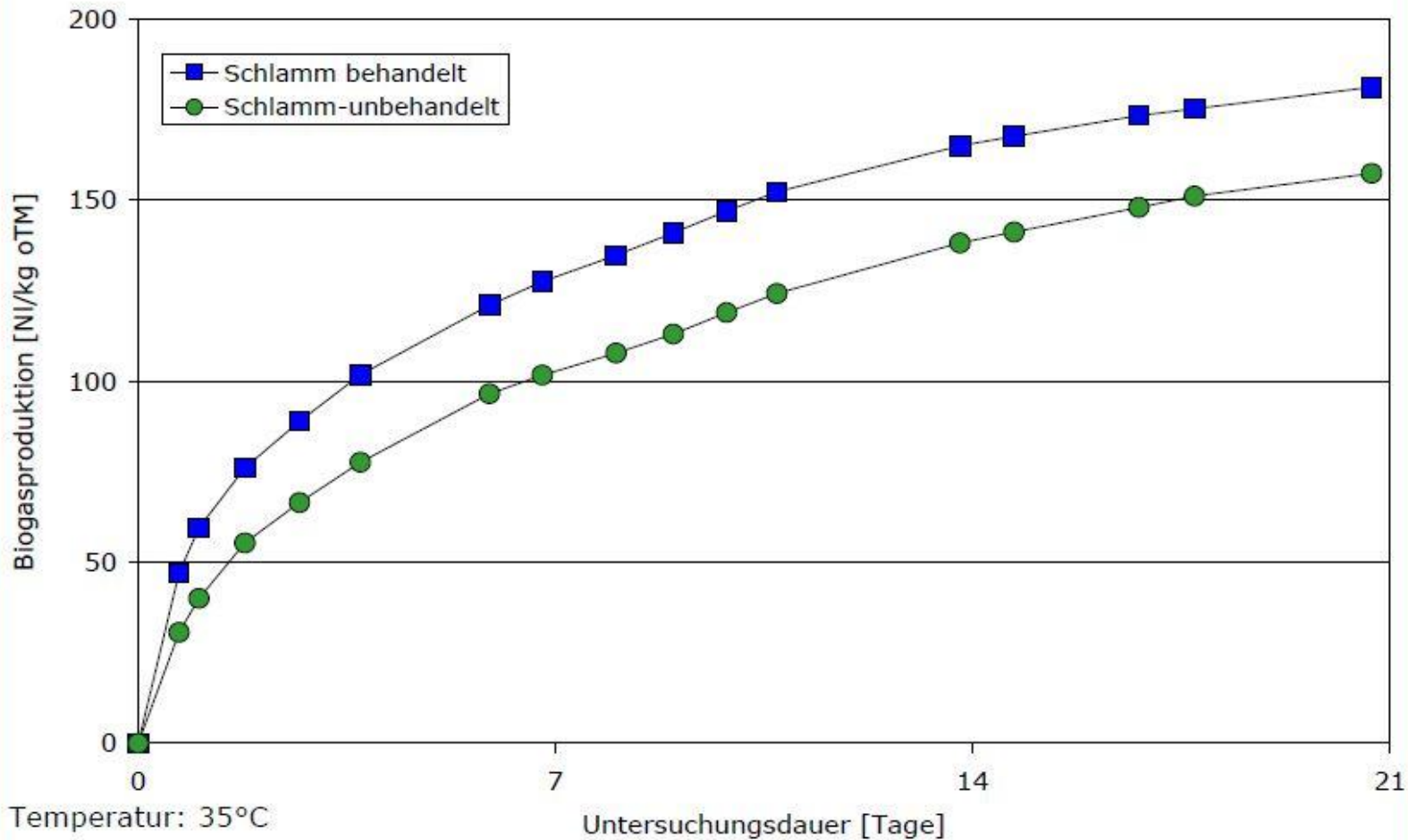


Untreated Sample



Ultrasound Treated Sample

Test results Hamburg



ETE ZPR/Rosenthal and first stage Attisholz process



Ultrasound pilot plant container



Ultrasound pretreatment



The 5 reactors



The reactor top with gas counter



Final values considering biogas and sludge reduction after anaerobic digestion

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Sludge before digestion	kgTSS/d	40.637	
	kgVSS/d	31.000	
Sludge after digestion	kgTSS/d	25.137	
	kgVSS/d	15.500	
Digester volume 12 days	m ³	9.753	
Biogas production	Nm ³ /d	10.850	
CH ₄ production	Nm ³ CH ₄ /d	7.053	
Chemical energy	kCal/day	59.675.000	
Electrical energy production	kWh/d	20.817	
Energy consumption for sonication	kWh/d	3.440	
Energy for mixing and pumps	kWh/d	2.856	
Net energy gain	kWh/d	14.521	
Net Blower´s consumption (-) electric energy gain from biogas	kWh/d	895	2.625
Sludge concentration - dewatering	%	25%	15%
Sludge production after dewatering unit	ton/d	100,5	122,0

Conclusions

Combining the ATTISHOLZ process with Anaerobic Digestion gets us:

- Less energy for the biological treatment
- Less sludge to dispose of
- Additional energy from biogas
- Lower carbon footprint
- Better P-removal
- Smaller plant footprint

Have another look at your sludge concepts