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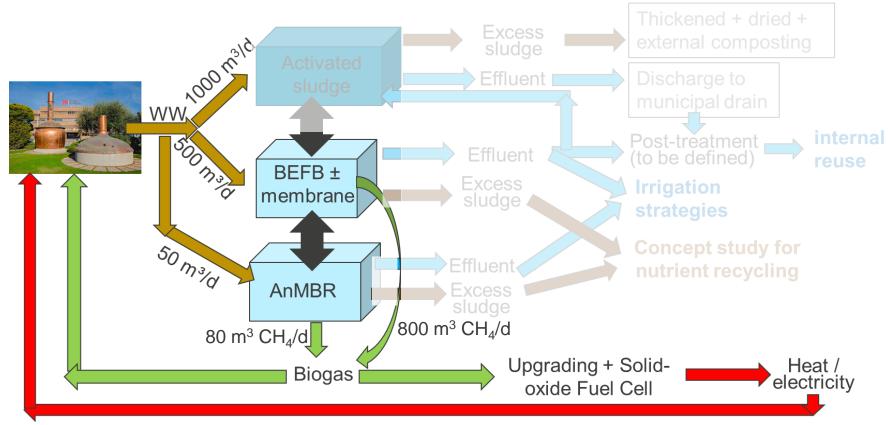
ENERGY - Task 1.3.2

Anaerobic treatment of brewery wastewater and electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell

OBJECTIVES:

Biogas production → biogas upgrading to biomethane → heat

Electricity production via solid-oxide fuel cell operated with biogas or methane









BEFB = BioElectrochemical Fluidized Bed

BEFB is a technology under development (TRL 5→7) that requires scaling-up.

BEFB Demo
Pre-industrial
ULTIMATE

ANSWER BEFB Prototype

Pre-pilot BEFB (BEFB vs HRAB)

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V= 5.4 L



V= 450 L



V= 50-150 m³ (Q= 10-20 m³/h)

2013-2014

V= 1 L

2018

2019

2020

2021







AnMBR = Anaerobic Membrane Bioreactor



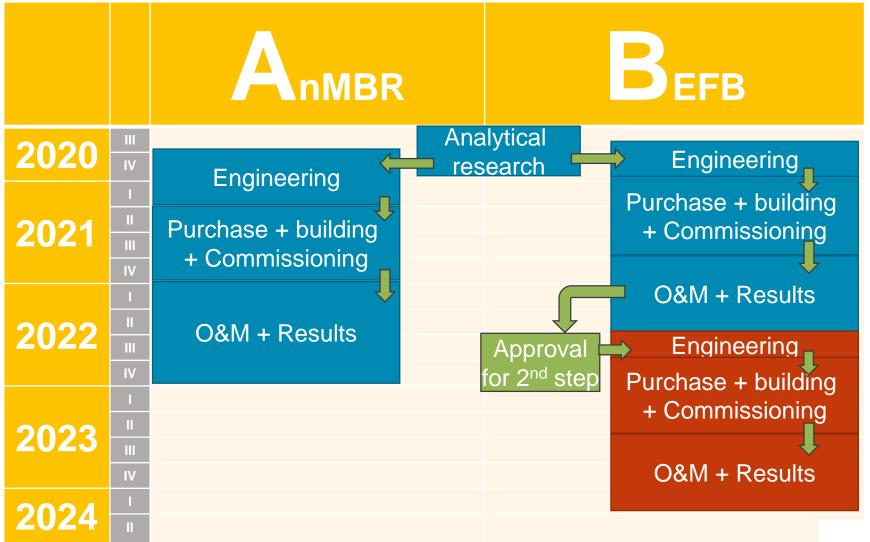
SAnMBR control system: co-patented with U.Valencia / Polytechnic U. Valencia EP16382140.8







Schedule









AnMBR vs. BEFB

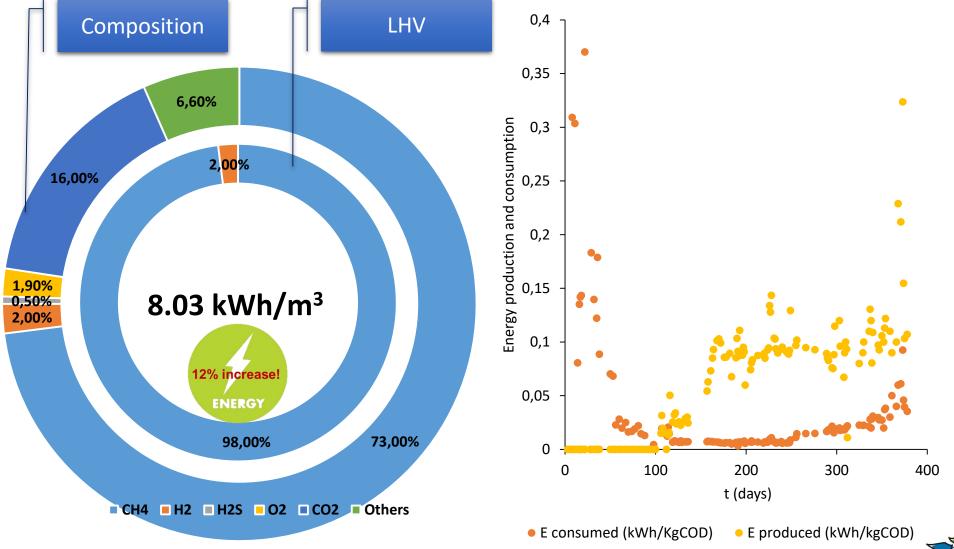
	AnMBR	BEFB
Suspended matter tolerance	+	-
Quality of treated water / performance	++	+
Energy consumption	(-)	+
Methane productivity	¿=?	¿=?
Biogas heat value	¿ ?	¿?
Toxic / inhibitory compounds tolerance / resilience	-	+
Organic overload tolerance / resilience	-	+
Low temperature tolerance / resilience	-	+
Nutrient removal	-	+







BEFB biogas quality – self-sufficient process

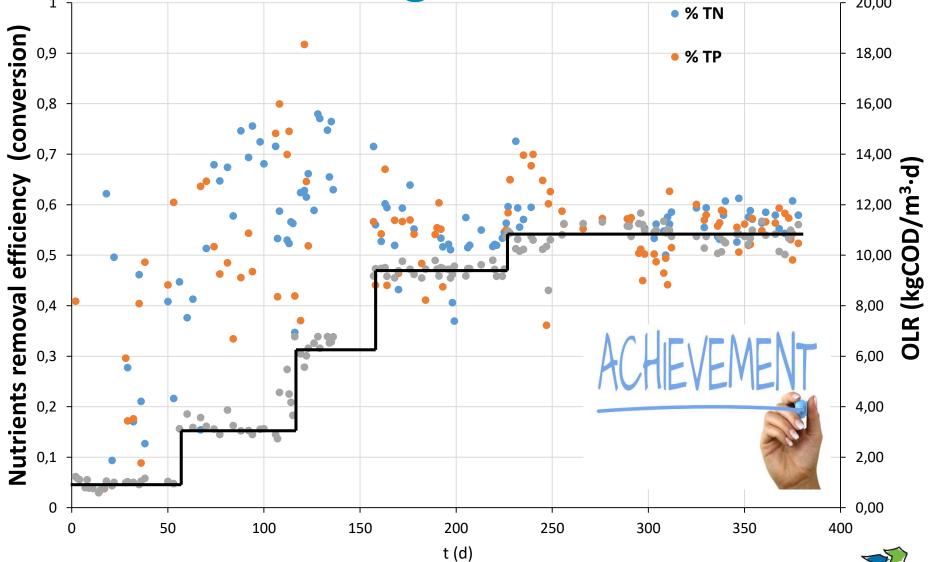








Nutrient removal through an anaerobic treatment









Fuel Cells

- Conversion of chemical energy of fuel (hydrogen, natural gas, methanol, other hydrocarbon) into electric and heat energy.
- Classification according to electrolyte, fuel or operation temperature.
- To gain competitiveness: Sector trying to decrease material production cost, energetic production cost (<40\$/kW) and increasing durability.

Туре	Advantages	Disadvantages
SOFC Solid oxide fuel cell	 High efficiency, suitable for CHP Fuel flexibility, tolerance to fuel impurities No need for precious metal catalysts 	 Long startup time High temperature corrosion and break down of fuel cell elements





Electrical efficiency**	Up to 57%	
Overall efficiency**	Up to 88%	
Seasonal space heating energy efficiency class	A+++	
Annual fuel consumption***	22.000 kWh per year	
Fuel types	Natural gas according EN 437 Bio methane LNG	
Fuel inlet pressure	Max pressure: 25 mbar Min pressure: 15 mbar	
Water consumption	up to 32 l/day	
Electrical power supply	Max: 0.2 kW	

Schedule:

6/21: 1st trial in urban WWTP (Lleida)

9/2022: 2nd trial in industrial WWTP Mahou San Miguel (Lleida)



The project leading to this application ha



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