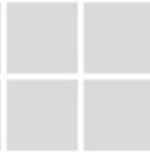
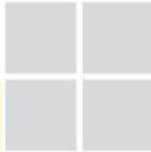
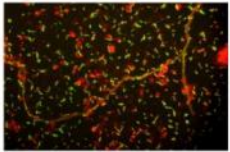


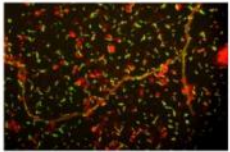
Bioaugmentation in der Umweltbiotechnologie

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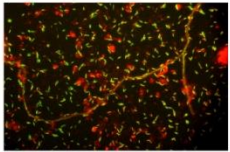
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30.000 students
15 faculties



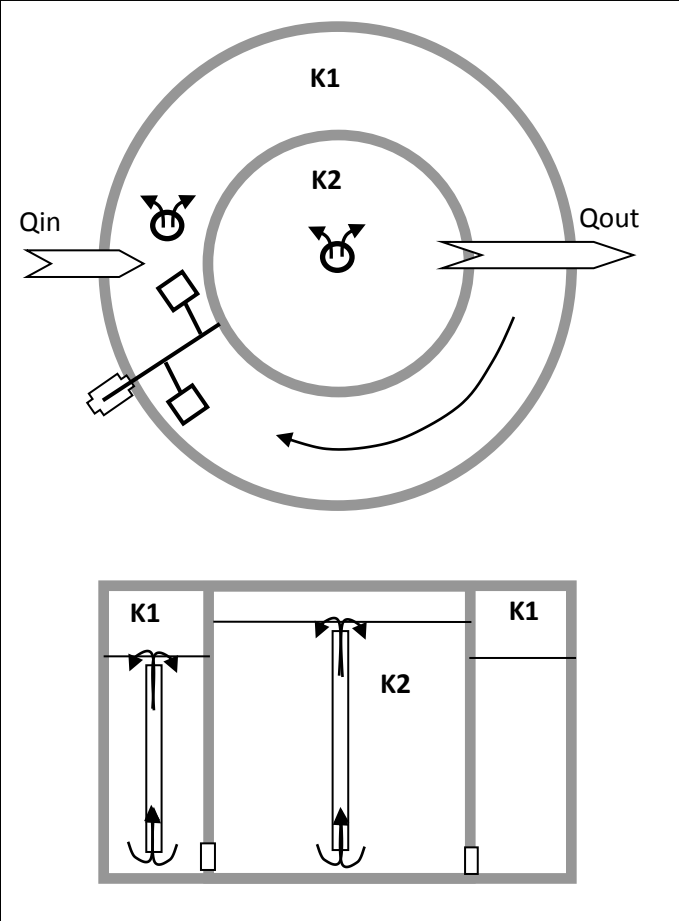


→ Die drei Forschungsbereiche:

- Bodenmikrobiologie und Ökophysiologie »
- Mikrobielle Ressourcennutzung »
- Mykologie »



- Prozessverbesserung (z.B. durch Anaerobe Pilze) (FFG + HRSM)
- Entwicklung von Biogasanlagen (BIO4GAS GmbH spinoff)
- Biogaspotential diverser (exotischer) Substrate
- Gasreinigung (BioGap) - BoKu
- BioGasMonitoring (MOST-Projekt) + Kleinprojekte mit Syneco (Italien)





BioGAP: Biogasreinigung mit Holzaschefilter zur CO₂ und H₂S -Eliminierung **FFG**

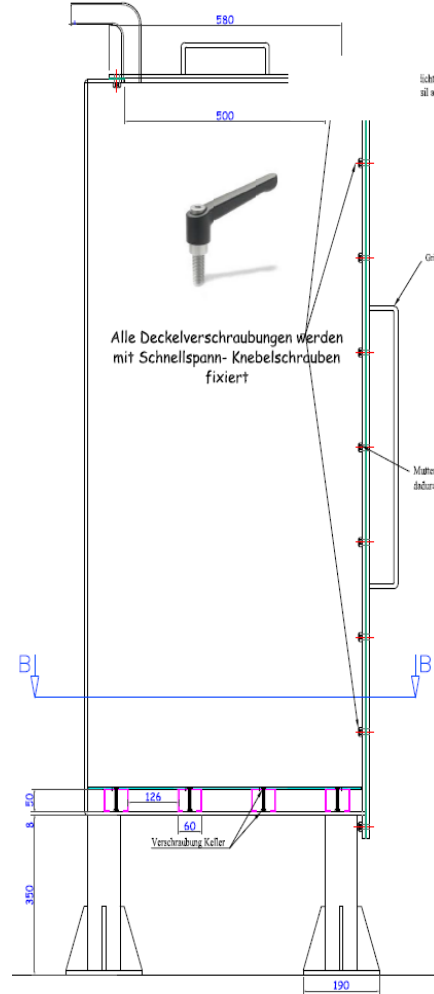
BioTreat: Kompetenzzentrum für mech/biol Abwasser und Abfallbehandlung (**TSA**)

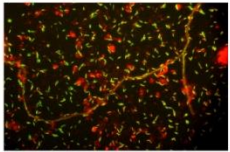
Biogasmonitoring

Koordination eines interdisziplinären Teams aus Ingenieuren/Naturwissenschaftlern (Biologen, Bauingenieure, Umwelttechniker, Chemiker)

Aktuell: Machbarkeitsstudie Sickerwasserproblematik aus (FFG); Partner: ATM, BFW, IUT **INSIDE, Deponien**

Gründung des Spinoffs **BIOTreat GmbH**



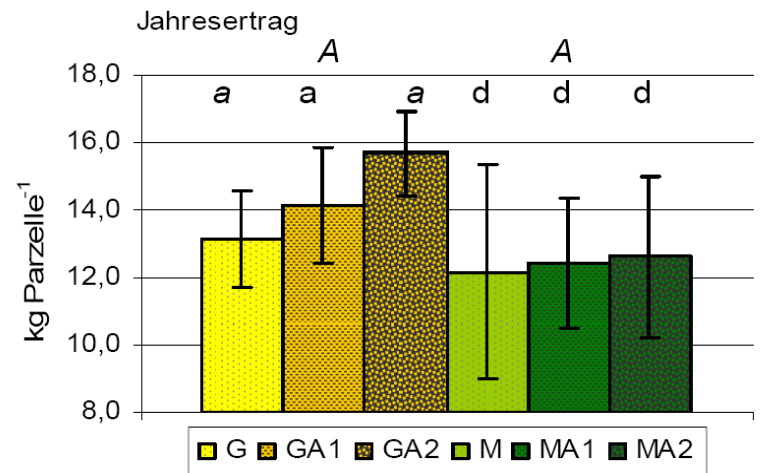


Soil and Compost

- Verwertung von Reststoffen
 - Dünger aus Holzaschen
 - Nutzung von Gärresten
 - Kompostierung
- Biolog. Abbau von Totholz → Bodenbildung (FWF)
- Phosphorverfügbarkeit (Koop. Kemusadewi, Wayan-Bali/Indonesien, Univ. Rostock, Projekt Donauanrainerstaaten)
- Bodenmüdigkeit im Obstbau
- Boden-Chronosequenzen

Gärrest und Asche

Alexander Knapp
Marina Fernandez
Sebastian Hupfaut



Apple Replant Disease - BioIncrop

- Bekannt von vielen Apfelregionen weltweit
- Etiologie : verschiedene biologische Faktoren verantwortlich

Ziel: Verbesserung des Wissens um die Bedeutung der Boden-Mikroflora (e.g. plant disease suppressiveness)

Experimente: Glashaus- und Feldversuche in D, CH, I, A mit unterschiedlichen organischen Zusätzen, u.a. Komposte

Methoden: 16S rRNA basiertes Pyrosequencing von kranken und gesunden Böden, mikrobielle Biomasse/Basalatmung, **COMPOCHIP**-Analysen der Komposte



Argentinien-Patagonien

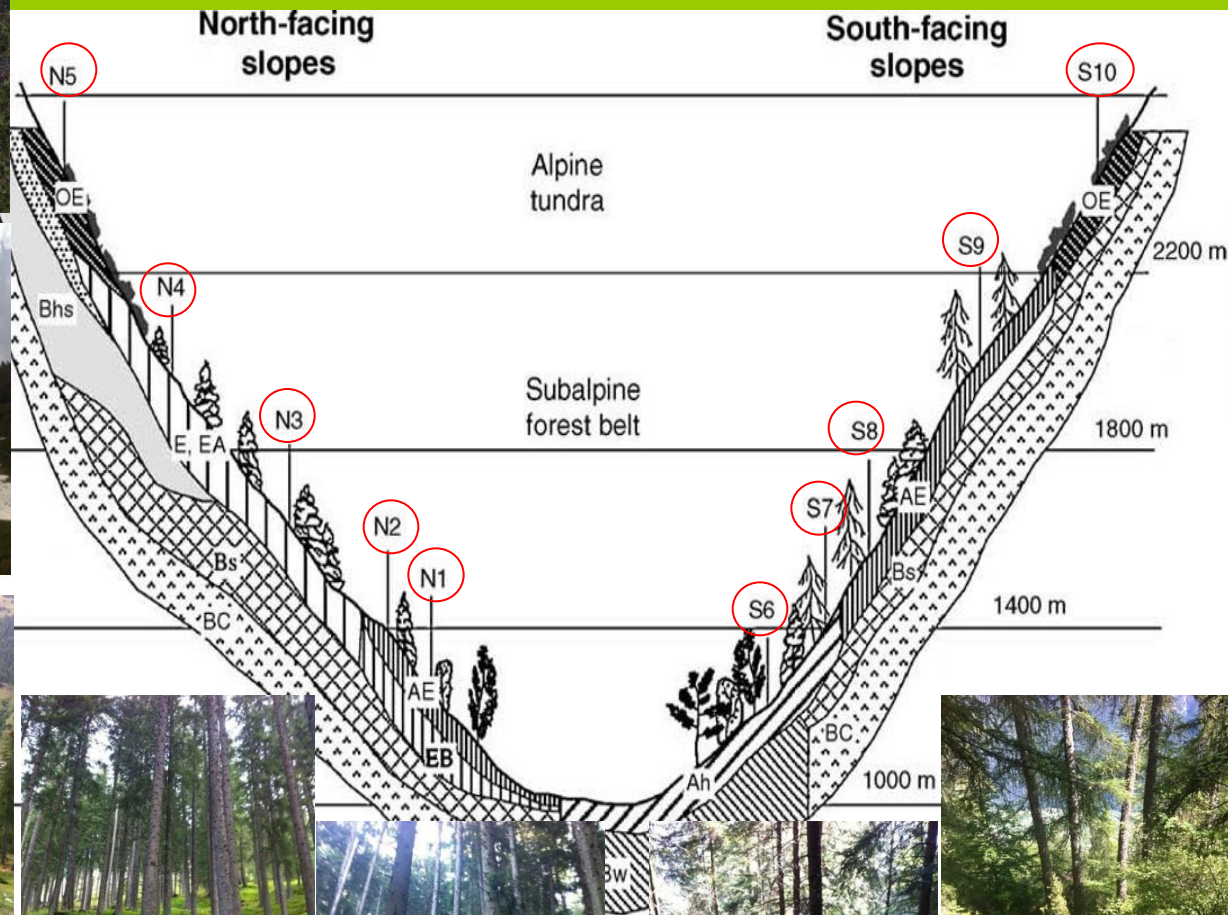
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D.A.CH. – DecAlp Project

Effect of climate on coarse woody debris decay and incorporation into the soils of forested Alpine areas

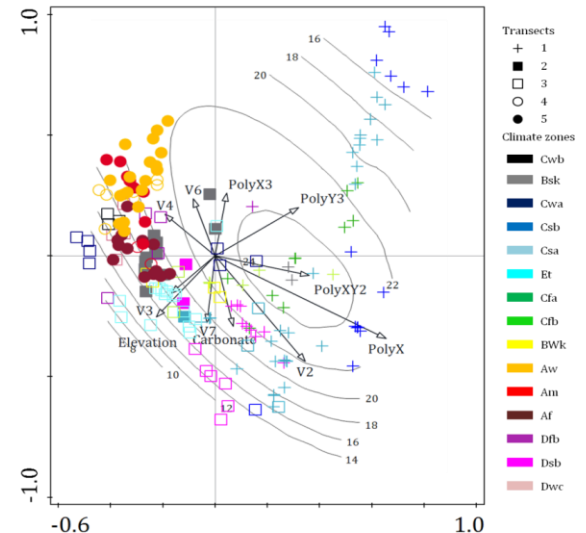
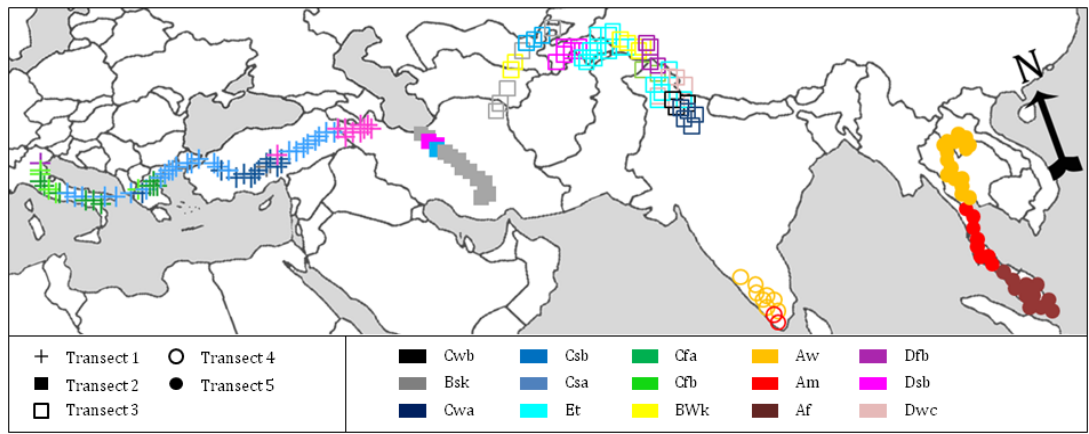
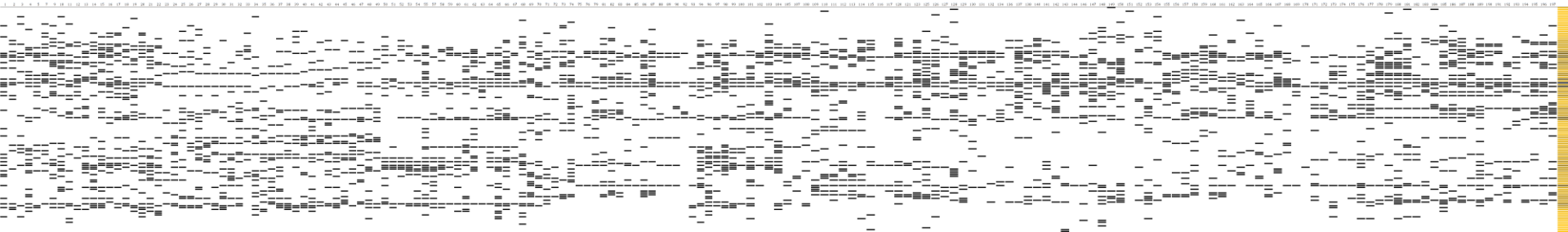
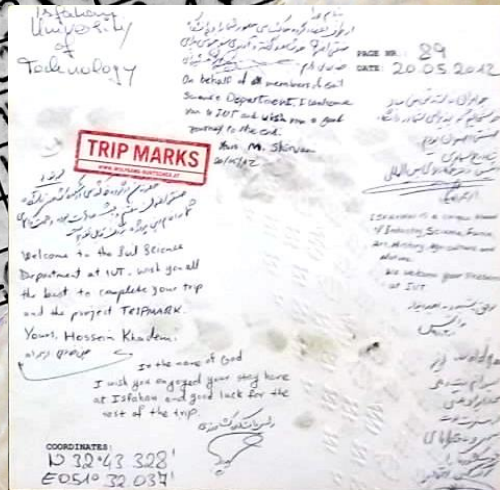


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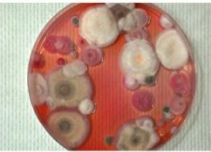
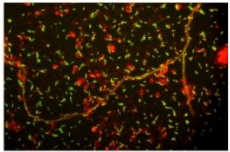
Egli et al. (2006)

TRIP MARKS

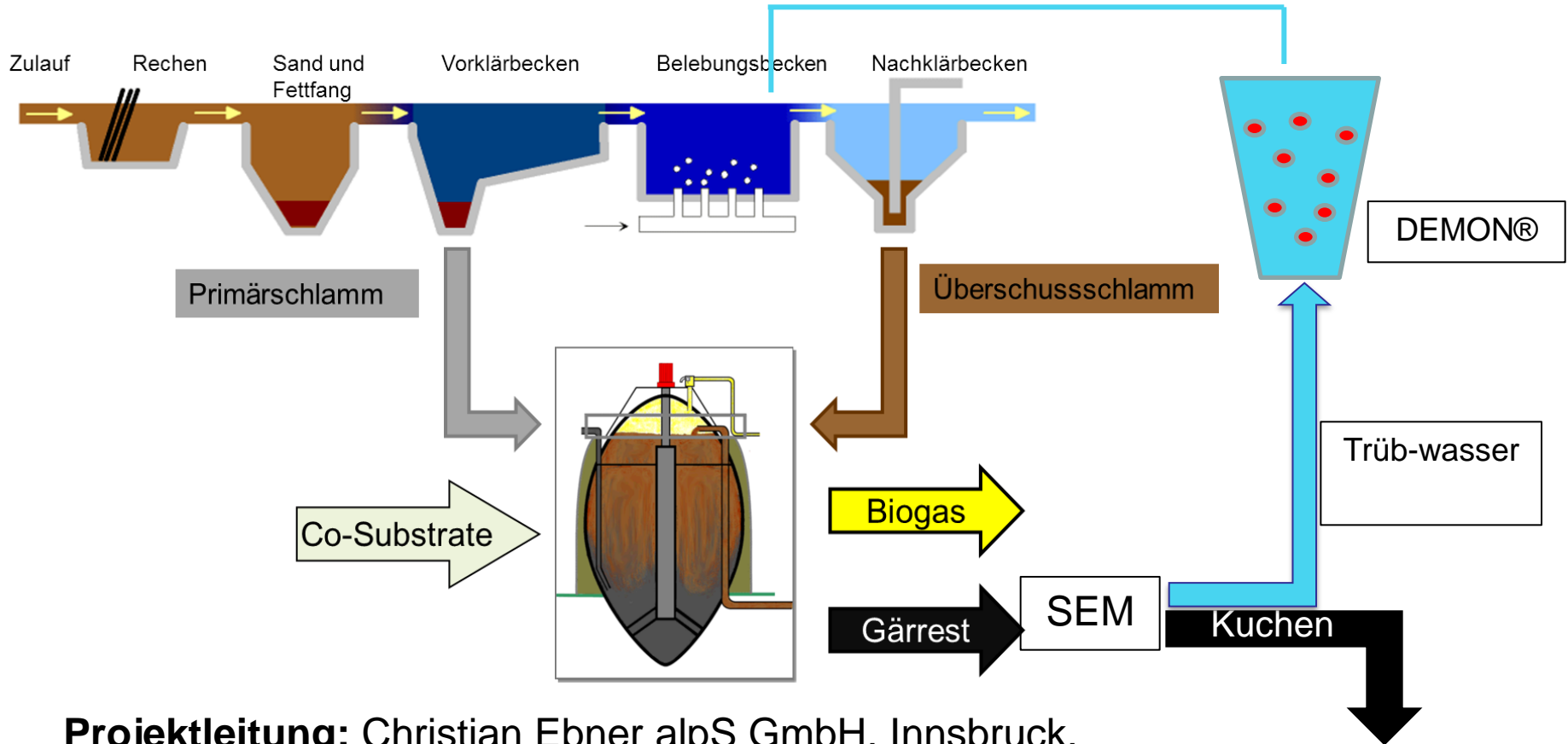
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ARAFerm



Optimierte Faulraumnutzung
incl. Filtratwasserbehandlung

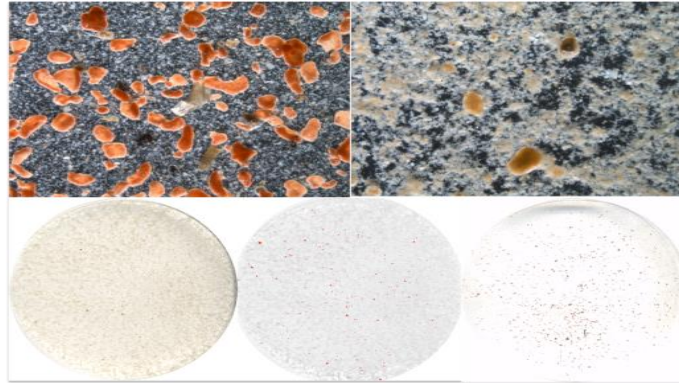


Projektleitung: Christian Ebner alpS GmbH, Innsbruck.

Uni Innsbruck: Thomas Pümpel, M. Kuprian, S. Waldhuber

Kooperation mit Inst. f. Infrastruktur: A. Bockreis, W. Müller, A. Wörle

Team Wasser



Anammox



Analytik

- Molekularbiologisch
- Physiol. Aktivitäten
- Inhaltsstoffe (Häm)

Grundlagenarbeiten

- Spurenelementbedarf (Fe)
- Inhibierungen
- ...

Labor- und Pilotanlage DEMON[®]

- Optimierung Laboranlage
- Erweiterung Pilotanlage

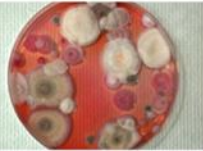
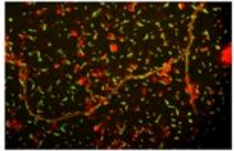


Störfallanalysen DEMON[®]

- Einfluss Organik (org. Sren)
- Salz (osmotischer Druck)
- Feststoffeintrag
- ...

Neue Anwendungen DEMON[®]

- Industrie-Abwasser
- Deponie-Sickerwasser
- Trübwasser Idw-Biogasanlagen
- Brüdenkondensate
- ...



Everything is
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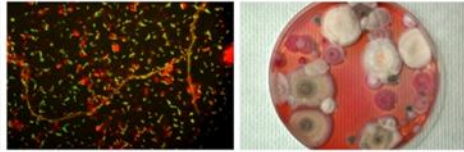
Tripmarks

Lourens Baas Becking (1931).

Gaia of Leven en Aarde. M. Nijhoff, The Hague

- Mikrobieller Kosmopolitanismus
- Passive Verbreitung
- Nischenokkupation
- Adaptation





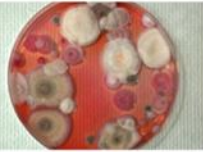
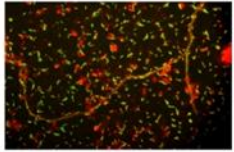
Bioaugmentation

Bio (gr. *Leben*) and *augmentatio*
(verbessern)

Beschleunigung durch biologischen Umbau/Abbau durch
Zugabe von (Mikro)organismen

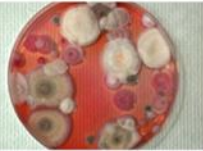
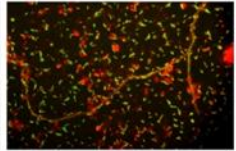
Alle drei Domänen des Lebens: Bakterien, Archaeen,
Eukaryoten (Pilze)

Reinkulturen, Mischkulturen oder ganze (in der
Zusammensetzung nicht bekannte) mikrobielle
Gemeinschaften (EM®; Schlämme, Böden, Sedimente)



Bioaugmentation

- Hydrolyse bei der Anaeroben Vergärung (Biomethanisation)
 - a. Aerob
 - b. Anaerob
- Methanogenese
- Nitrifikation in der Abwasserreinigung
- Anaerobe Ammoniumoxidation in DEMON[®]
- Kompostierungsprozesse



Bioaugmentation

- Hydrolyse bei der Anaeroben Vergärung
 - a. Aerob
 - b. Anaerob→ **Pilze**
- Methanogenese bei der Anaeroben Vergärung → **Archaea**
- Nitrifikation bei der Abwasserreinigung → **Bakterien**
- Anaerobe Ammoniumoxidation in DEMON[®] → **Bakterien**
- Kompostierungsprozesse → **Bakterien**

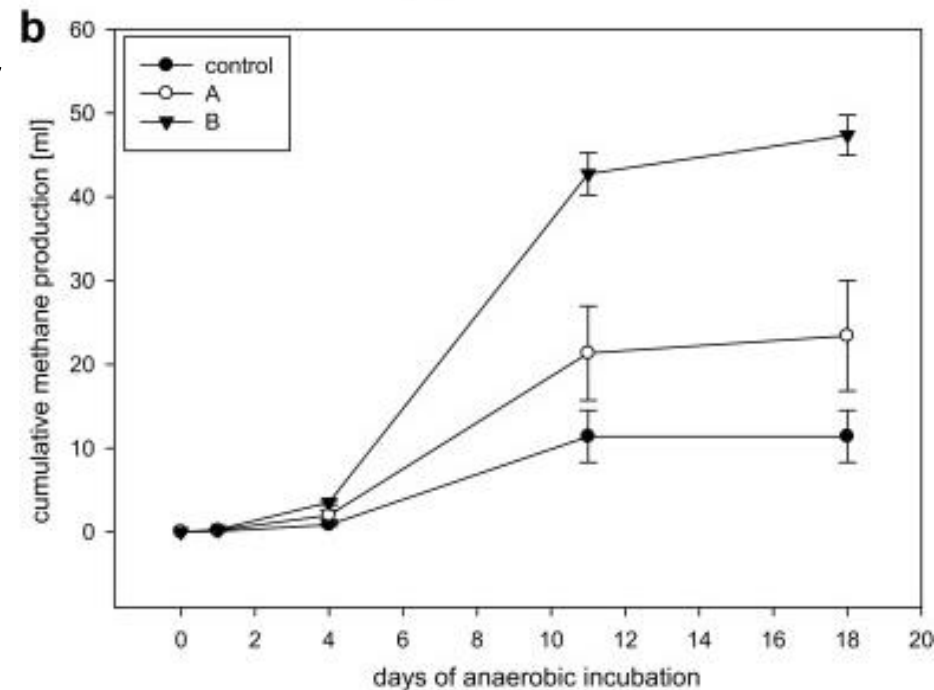
Trichoderma viride im Rahmen einer aeroben Vorinkubation führte zu einer signifikanten Steigerung der Gasproduktion aus Bioabfall.

- Erhöhte Cellulase-Aktivität
- Bessere Substratverfügbarkeit für die anaeroben Mikroorganismen
- Verminderte Acetatwerte
- Keine Abreicherung verwertbarer Substrate
- Hohes Praxispotential

Wagner, Schwarzenauer, Illmer, 2013, Improvement of methane generation capacity by aerobic pre-treatment of organic waste with a cellulolytic *Trichoderma viride* culture. J. Env. Manage. 129, 357 - 360

Methanbildung innerhalb von 18 Tagen anaerober Inkubation
Kumulative Methanproduktion

- **Kontrolle**
- **A: 5 % *T. viride***
- **B: 15 % *T. viride***



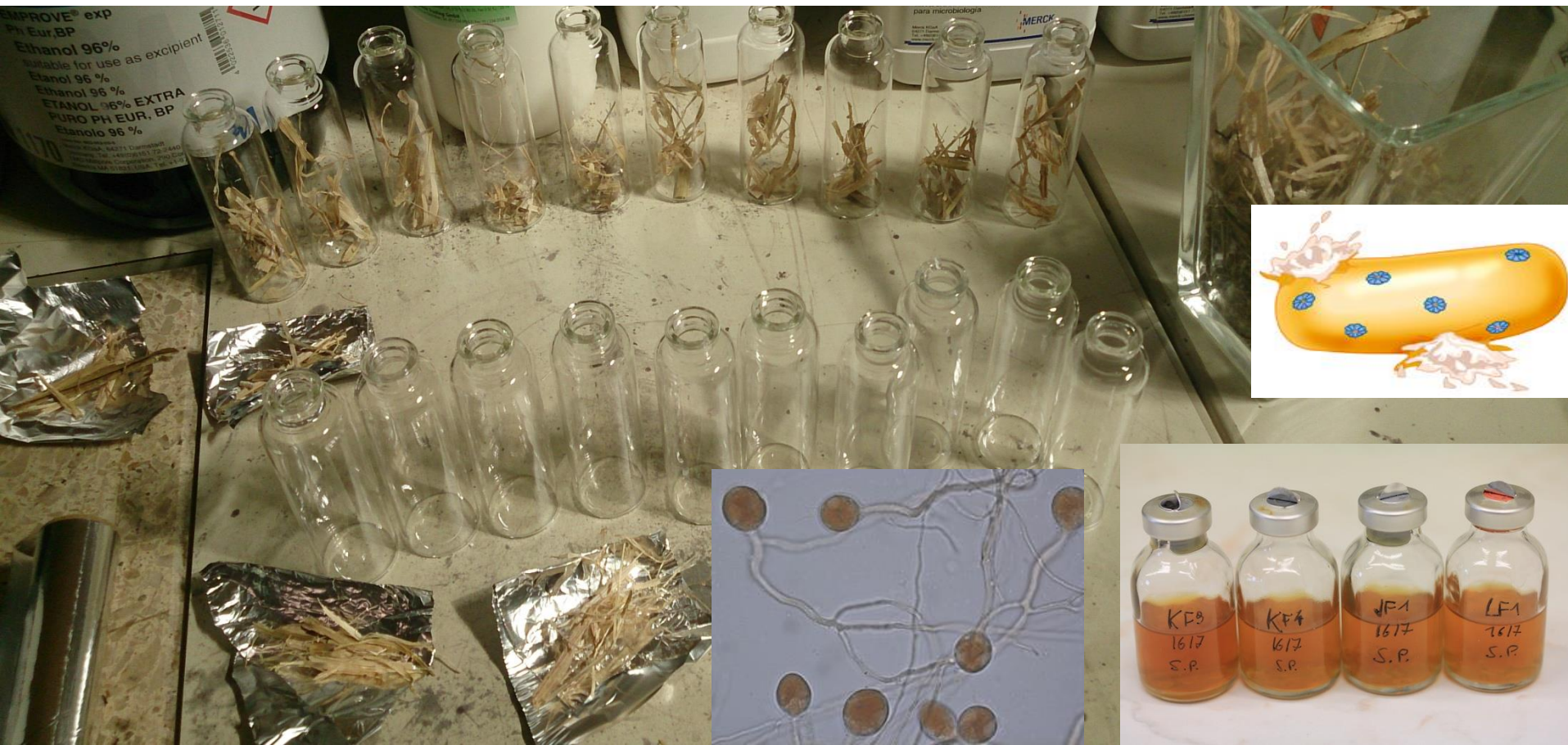
HRSM - MicrobeEnergy



Neocallimastigomycota – culture collection

Vorbehandlungsstrategien für Biomethanisierung von
cellulosehaltigen Substraten

Kooperation mit FH Wels/MCI, Diss Magdalena Nagler,
MSc: Bettina Nothegger, Koop mit Ursula Peintner, Philipp Dresch



Anaerobe Pilze

1. Isolierung aus Faeces vom Steinbock (*Capra ibex*)

2. Molekulare Charakterisierung

- PCR, Cloning, Sequencing => phylogenetic assignment
- Acid Lactofuchsin Staining

3. Assoziierte Methanogene

4. Stammselektion – Microarray, FISH => methanogen

5. Biogaspotential (AMPTS)

inoculation of biogas reactors with active vs. dead fungal cultures

Methodology



200 mL fungal pre-cultures (2 d)

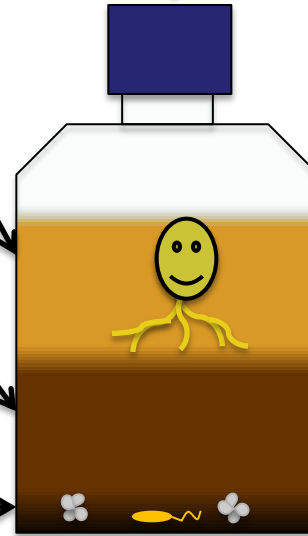
170 mL sterile cattle manure
and straw = substrate

30 mL unsterile cattle manure
(active microbial consortium)

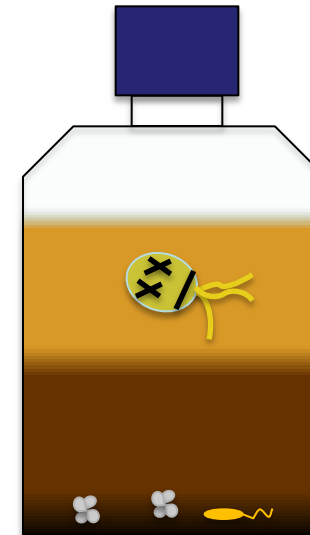
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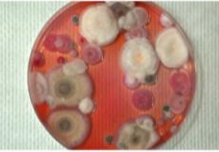
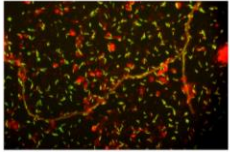


treatment



control

- 3 weeks
- gas prod.
- substrate degradation
- physico-chemical & molecular analysis



Methodology

assessing activity via in-growth meshbags

- 53 μm mesh width allows entrance of fungi while keeping substrate inside
- microscopic analysis of content after incubation

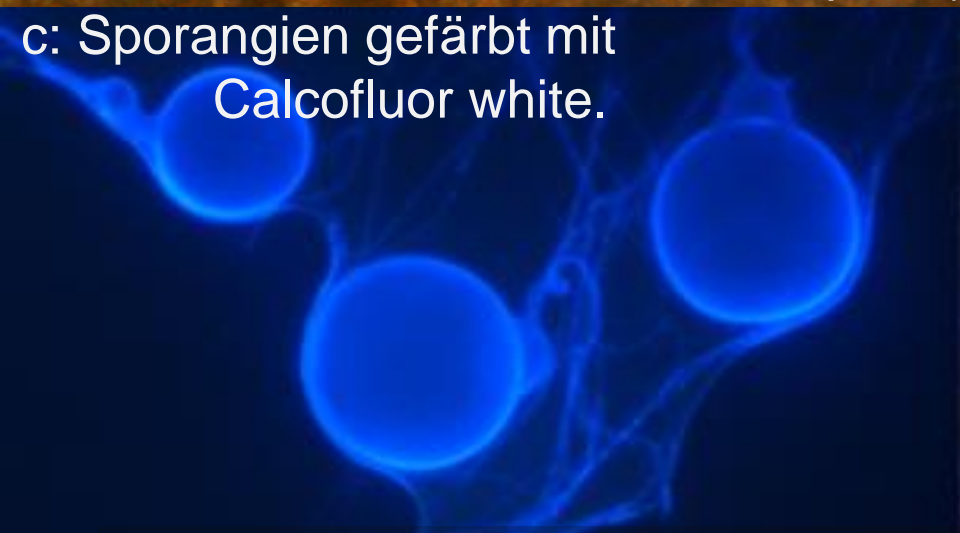




Neocallimastix frontalis, a-b: Myzel und Wachstumsstadien, Lichtmikroskopisch).

Sporangien in verschiedenen

20 µm



c: Sporangien gefärbt mit Calcofluor white.



d: gefärbt mit DAPI, Zellkerne in den Sporangien und im Myzel

50 µm

Isolation and identification of anaerobic fungi (Neocallimastigomycota) from an alpine herbivore, the capricorn (*Capra ibex*) Leis et al. Anaerobe, 2013

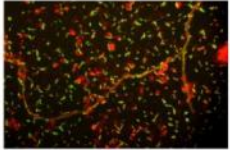
c

Polycentric thallus with sporangia of *Neocallimastix frontalis* (isolate ST2) adhering and growing on hay (acid fuchsin staining). Fungal structures fluoresce in red, hay fibres in green

100µm

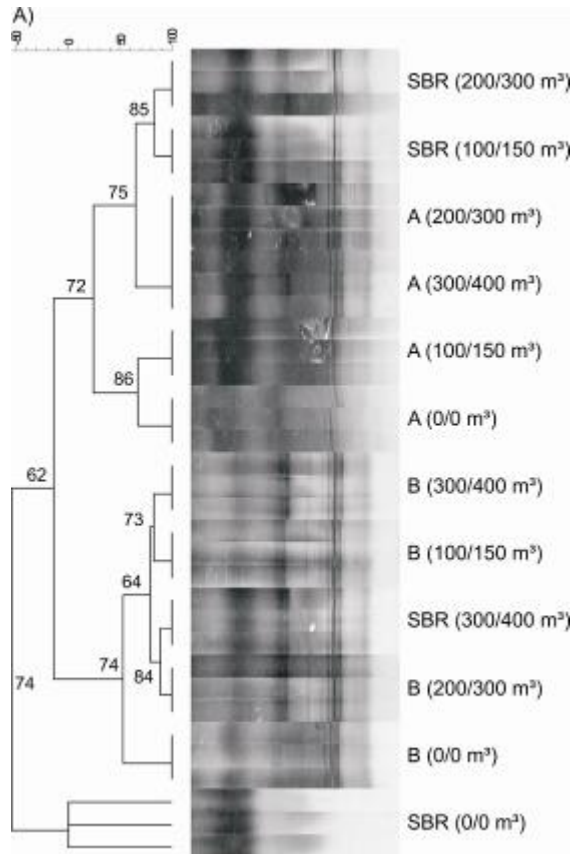
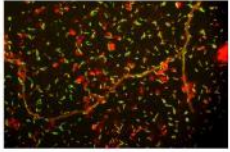
A fluorescence micrograph showing a polycentric thallus of the anaerobic fungus Neocallimastix frontalis. The fungal structures, including sporangia, are stained with acid fuchsin and fluoresce in red. The hay fibers are stained with a green fluorescent dye. The thallus is a large, irregular mass of red and green structures. A vertical scale bar on the left indicates 100 micrometers.

Leis et al., Anaerobe, 2013: Isolation and identification of anaerobic fungi (Neocallimastigomycota) from an alpine herbivore, the capricorn (*Capra ibex*)



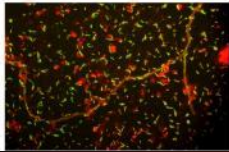
...bis jetzt noch keine schlüssigen
Ergebnisse zur Steigerung der
Hydrolyse

Hauptproblem ist die schwache
Kultivierbarkeit



Bioaugmentation von Nitrifikanten in einer zweistufigen Abwasserreinigung

- Stickstoffentfernung verbessert
- Energiebedarf reduziert
- Vermeidung von Erweiterungsbauten der Kläranlage



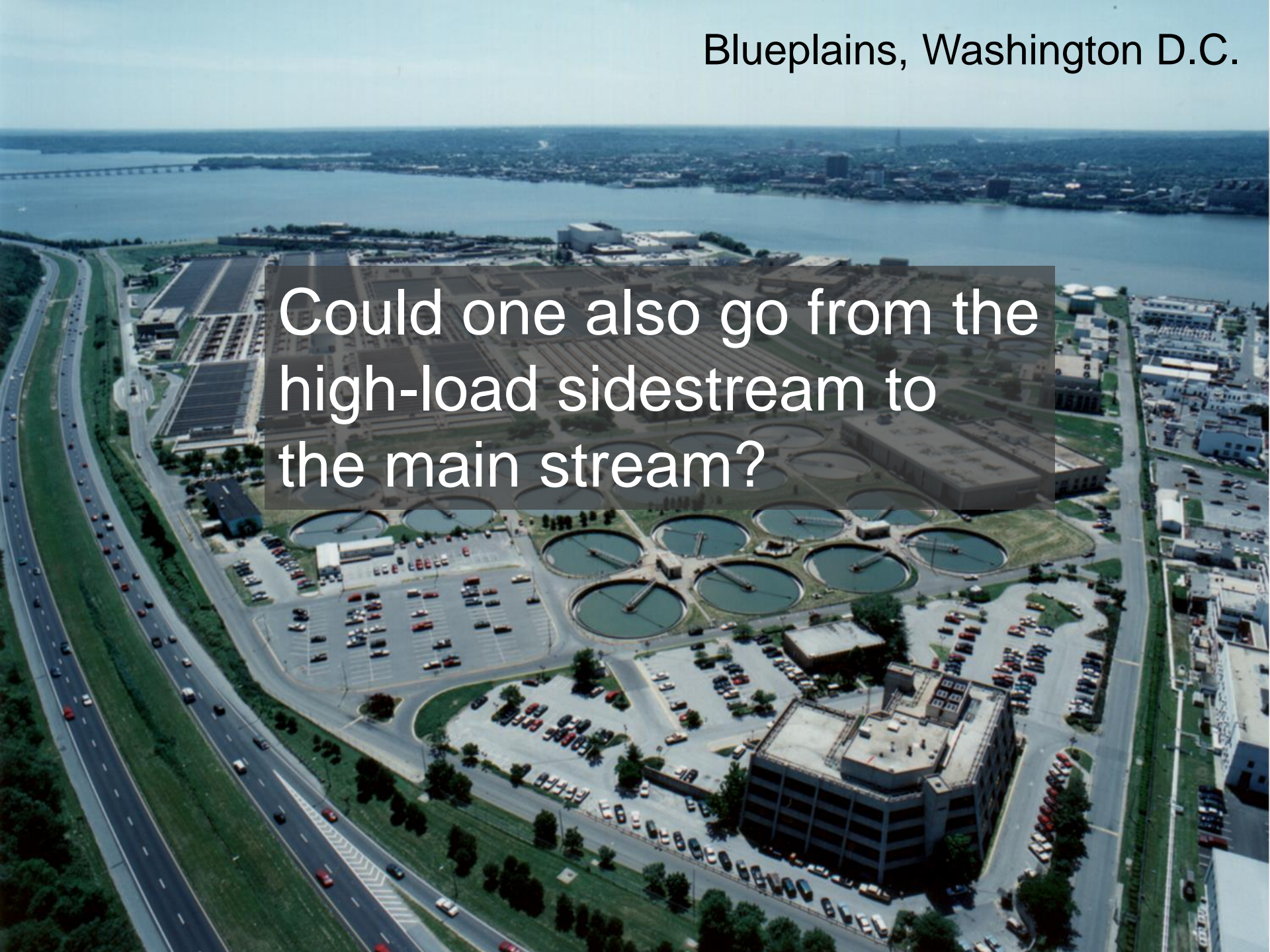
ANAMMOX Bacteria in Sludge Granules of a DEMON® Deammonification Plant

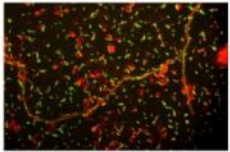
- With DEMON® anammox is used at an industrial scale → First wastewater treatment plant that produces more energy than it needs
- pH regulated process
- Granules show specific community composition
- Granule separation enables effective re-inoculation



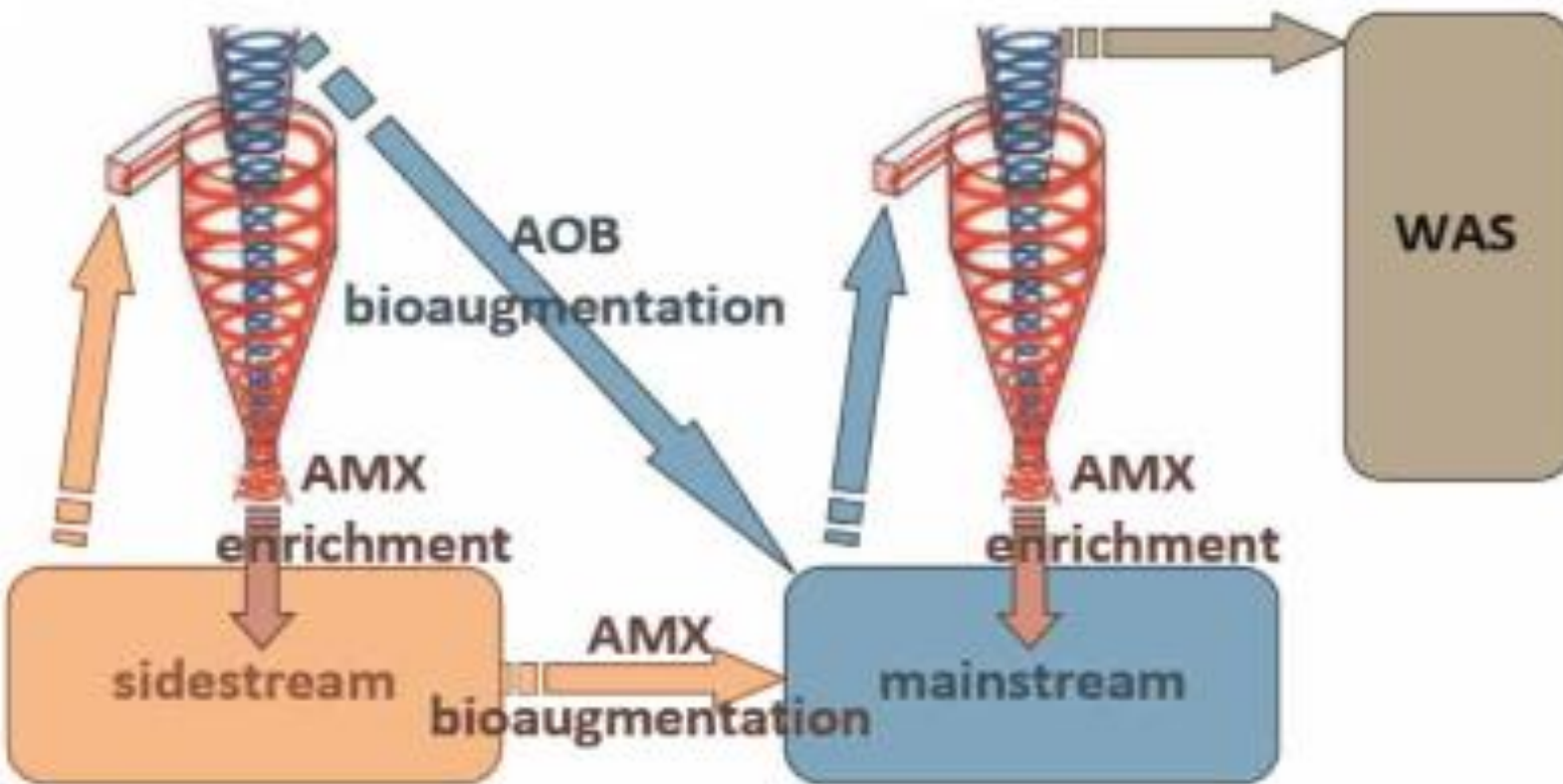
Blueplains, Washington D.C.

Could one also go from the high-load sidestream to the main stream?



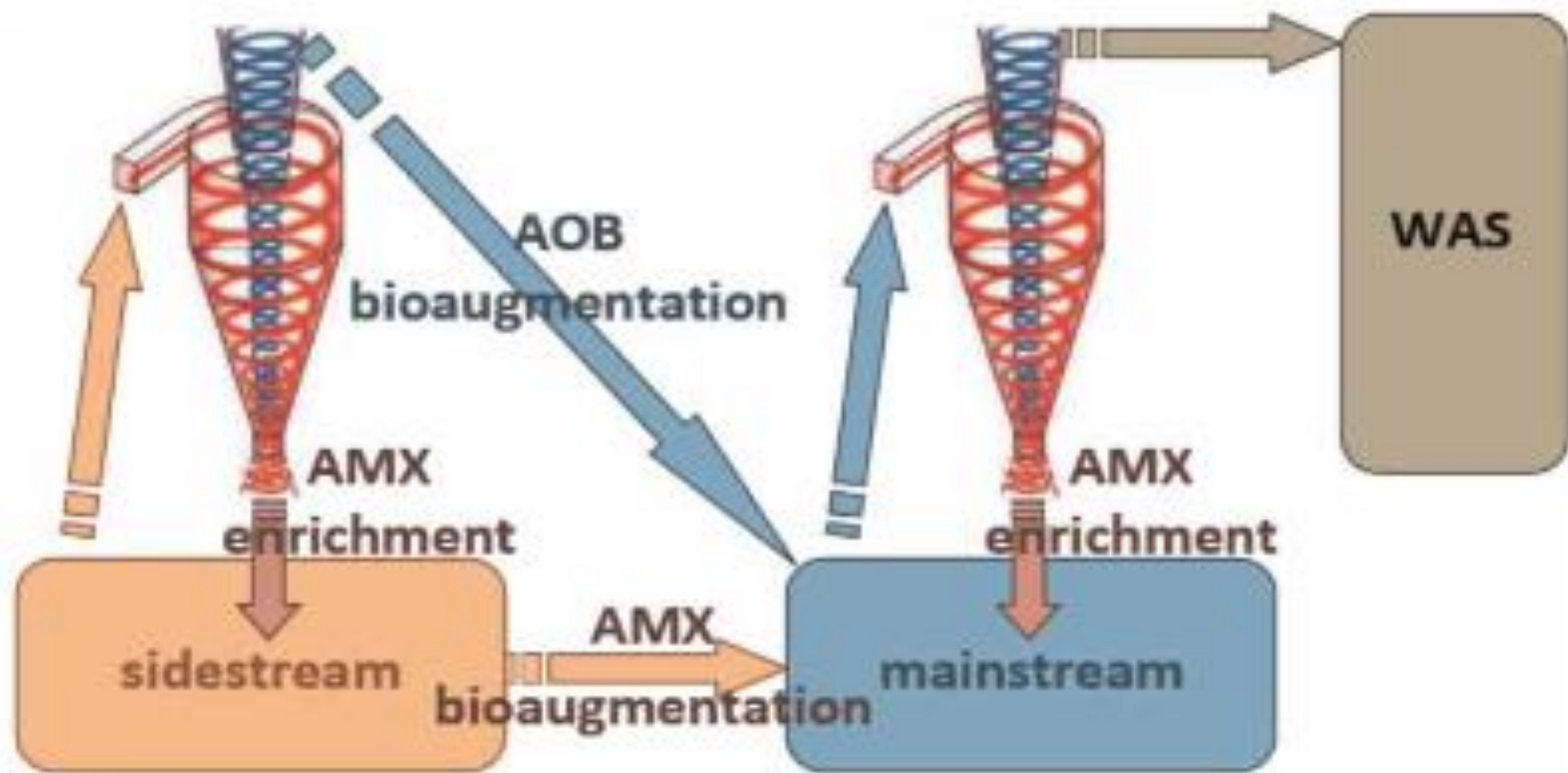


- Dichtebasierte selektive Anreicherung der Anammox-Granulen
- Intermittierende Belüftung um Nitritoxidierer zu reprimieren → Maximale Wachstumsrate der NOB muss heruntergesetzt werden um deren Konkurrenz zu den Anammox einzuschränken (Reduktion des gelösten Sauerstoffs)

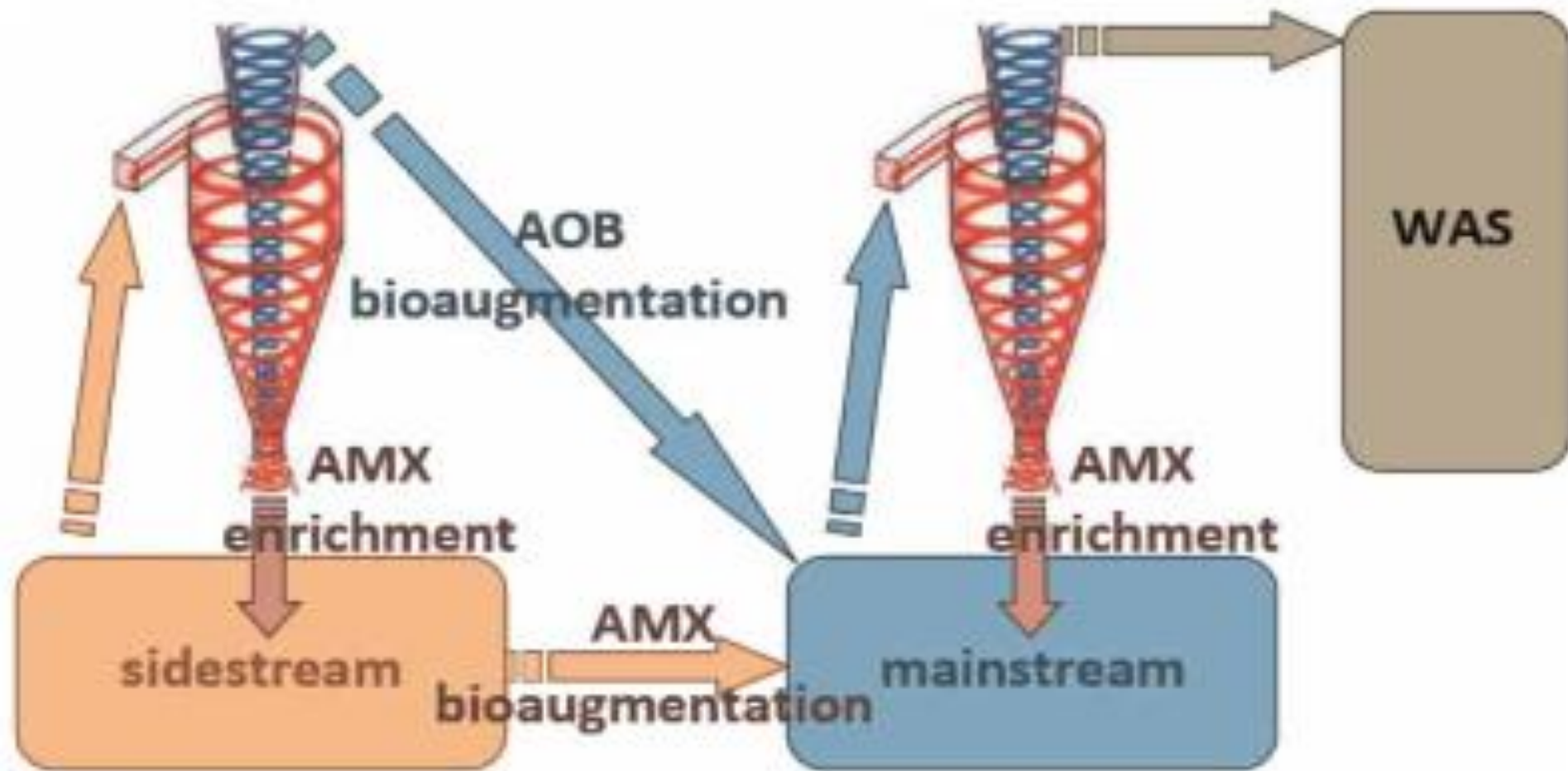


Wett et al. (2015) Going for mainstream deammonification from bench to full scale for maximized resource efficiency. Water Sci Techn 68, 283-289

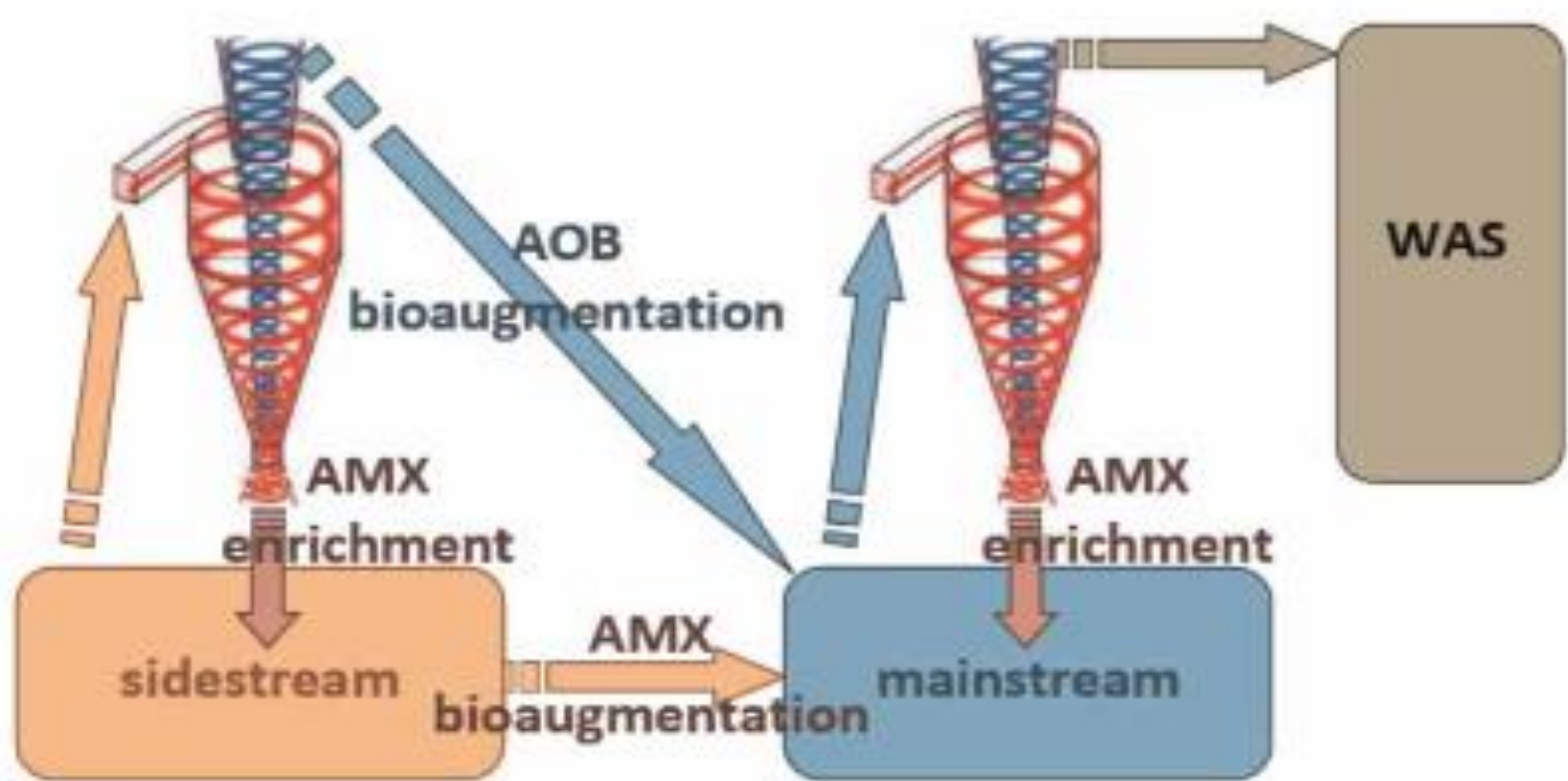
AMX (anammox)
AOB ammonia oxidising bacteria
WAS Waste overflow



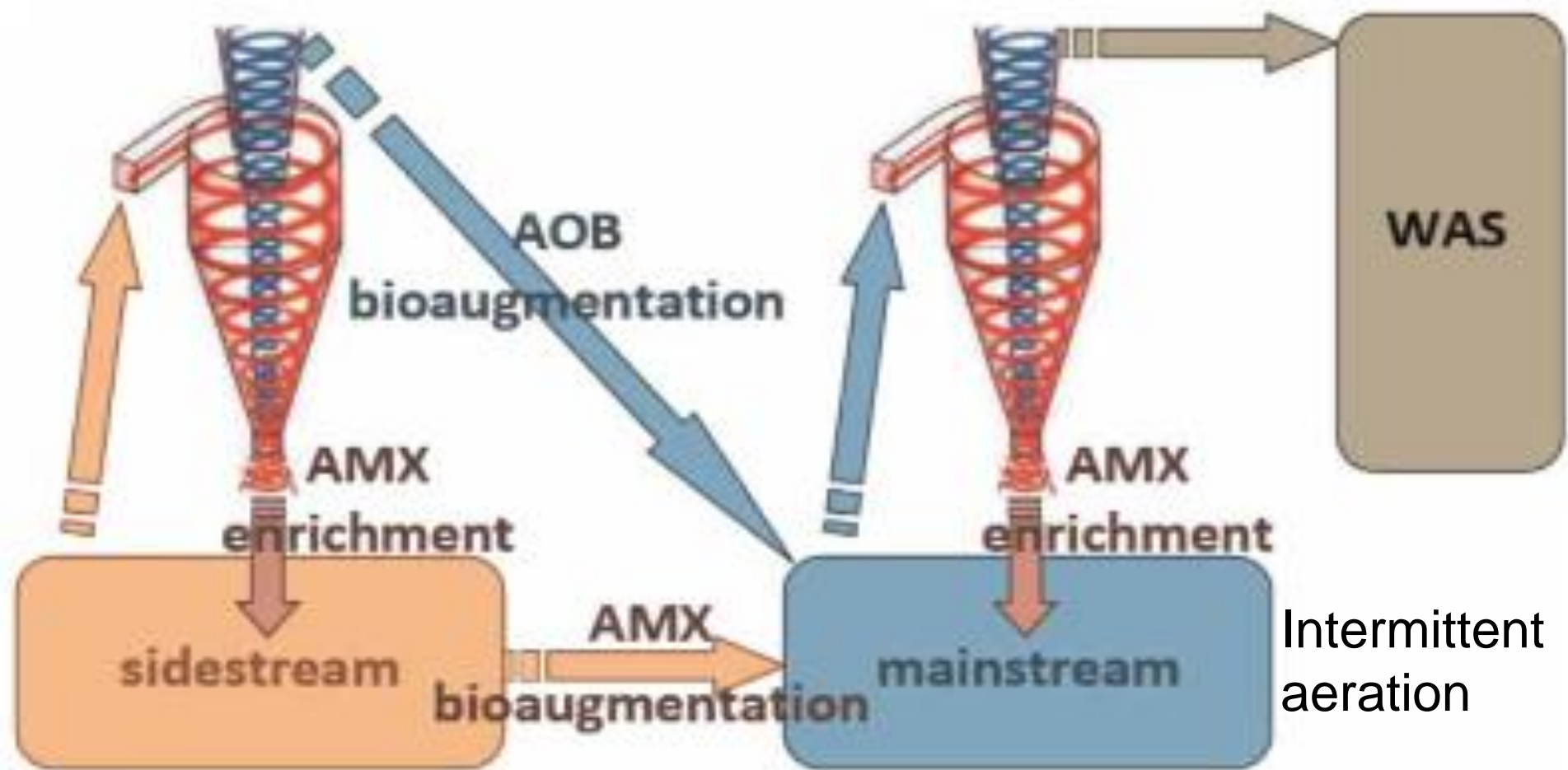
1. Bioaugmentation der AMX im Hauptstrom durch Transfer aus dem DEMON® - Nebenstrom



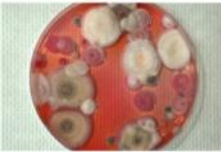
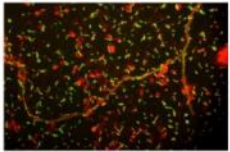
2. Bioaugmentation der Ammoniumoxidierenden Bakterien (AOB) über den Cyklon-Overflow der Nebenstrom-Reaktoren



3. Anreicherung der Anammox (AMX) –
Gemeinschaft durch einen Zyklon im Hauptstrom



4. Intermittierende Belüftung im Hauptstrom reprimiert die Nitritoxidierenden Bakterien (NOB) durch vorübergehende Anoxie.



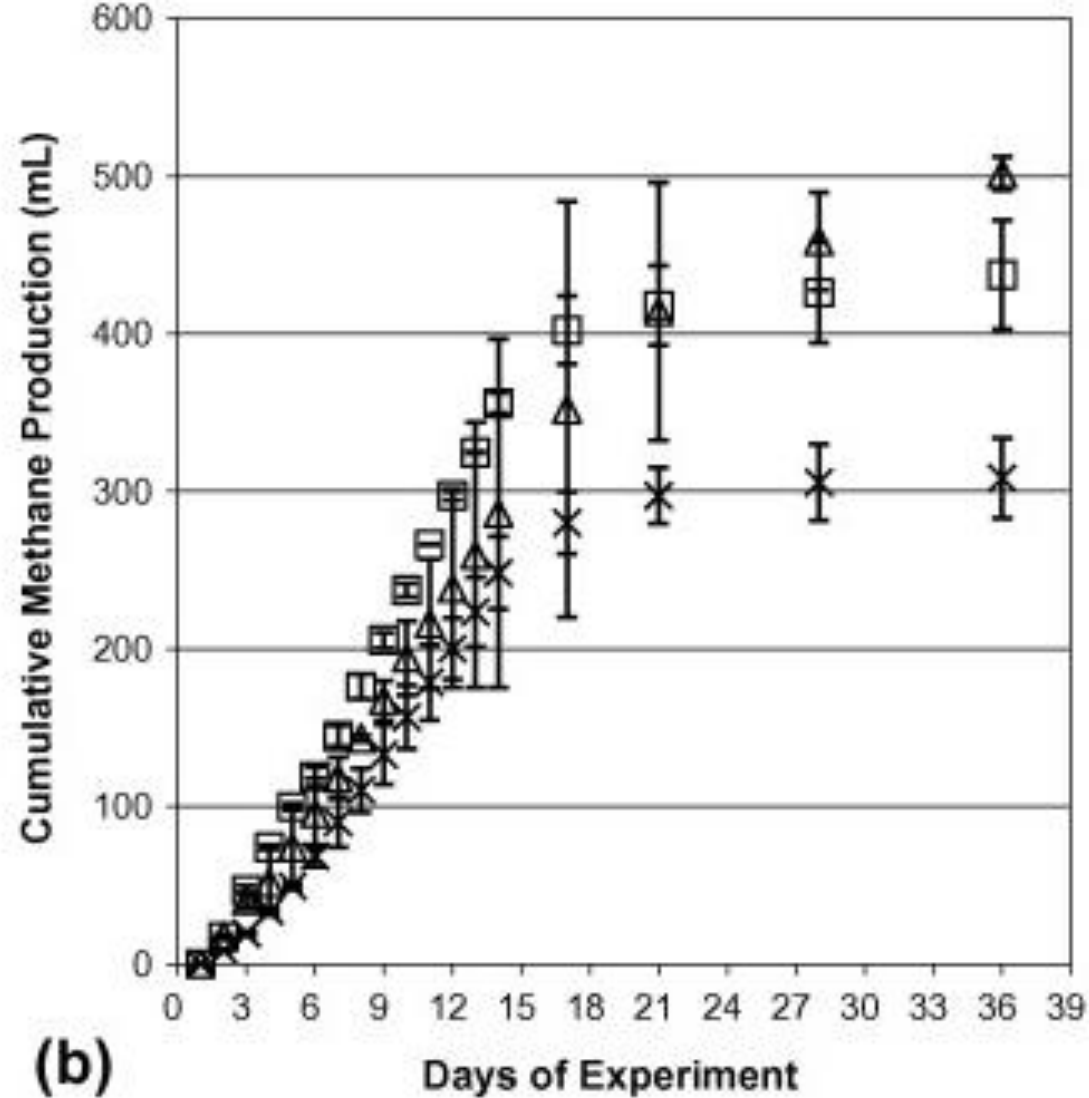
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Kombination von Maßnahmen
die sich gegenseitig
unterstützen ist Voraussetzung
für den Erfolg der Maßnahme

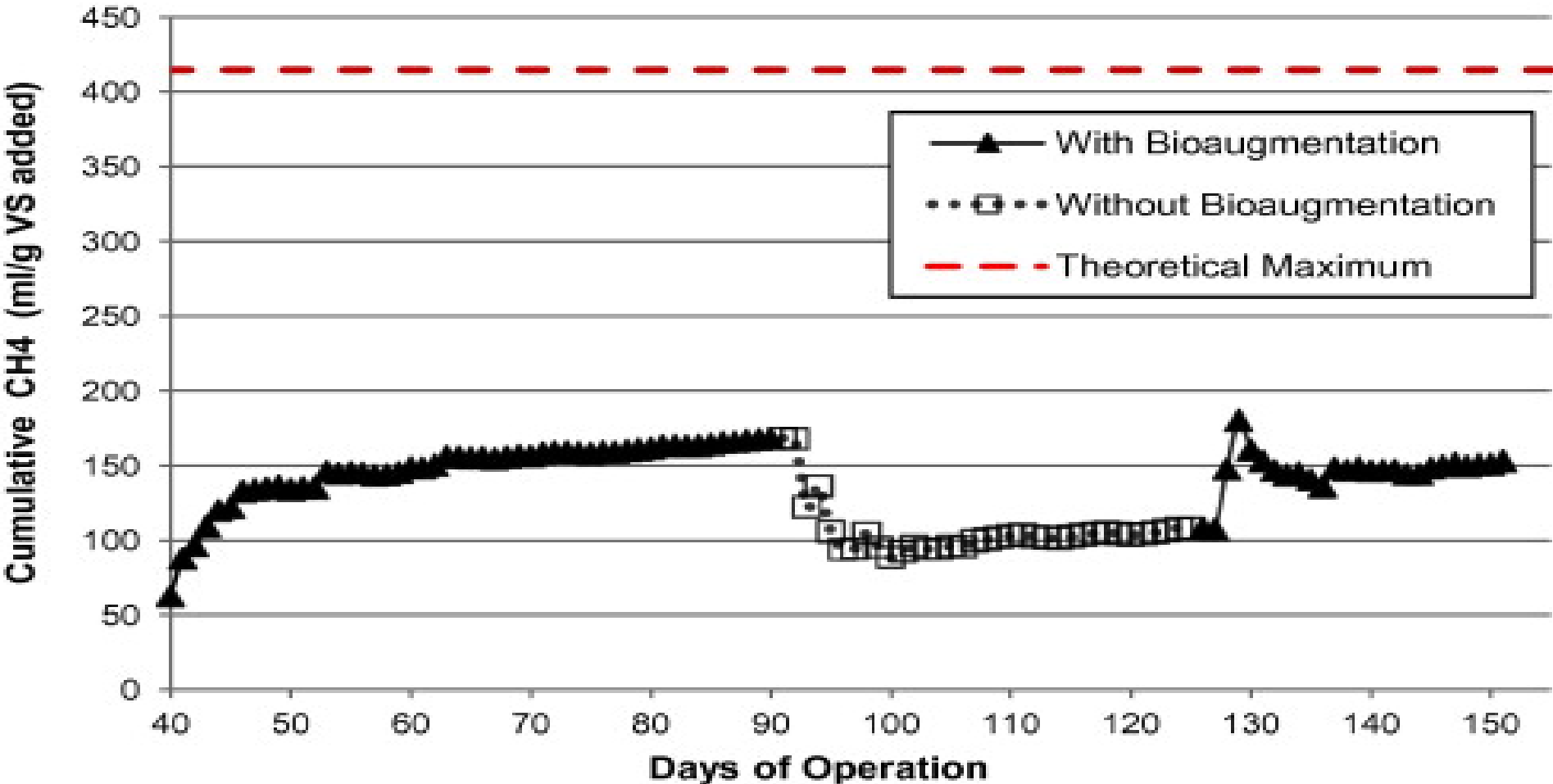
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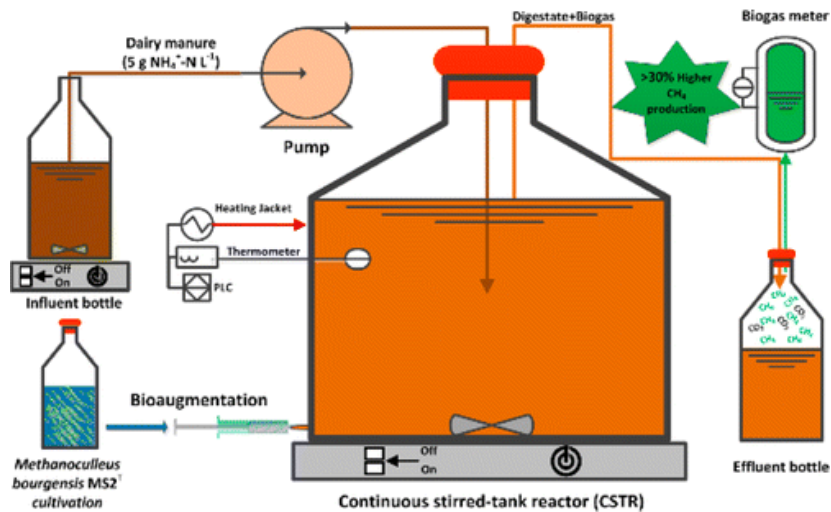
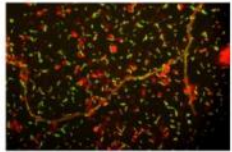
Batch-Experiment zum Vergleich der Wirkung einer proprietären cellulolytischen Mischkultur: kumulative Methanproduktion



A Martin-Ryals et al. (2015) Improving anaerobic digestion of a cellulosic waste via routine bioaugmentation with cellulolytic microorganisms. *Bioresource Technology*, 189, 62 - 70



A proprietary **cellulolytic bioculture mixture** (predominantly dehydrated *Clostridium*) provided by Microbial Energy Systems Inc. (Bloomington, IN). In all cases of bioaugmentation, the bioculture was applied to the acid-phase of the experiment.



Fast growing hydrogenotrophic methanogen (*Methanoculleus bourgensis*) was bioaugmented in a CSTR reactor at high ammonia (5 g/L)

- 31% increase in methane production
- 5-fold increase in abundance of *Methanoculleus bourgensis*

Fotidis , Wang, Fiedel, Luo, Karakashev, Angelidaki (2014)
Bioaugmentation as a Solution To Increase Methane Production from an Ammonia-Rich Substrate

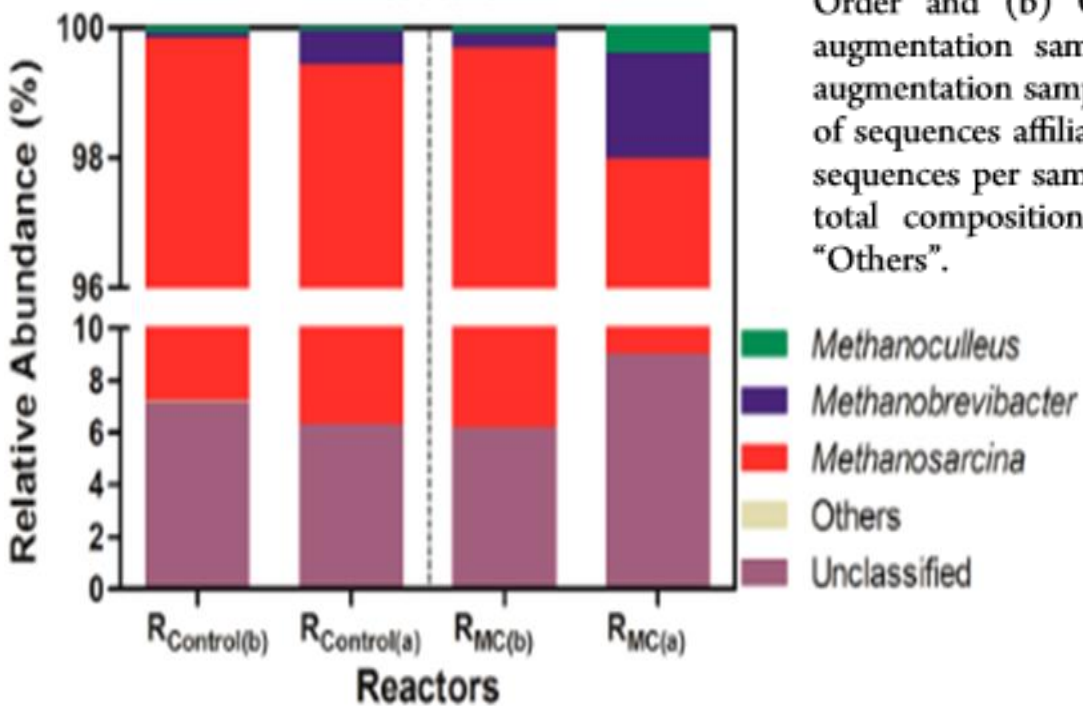
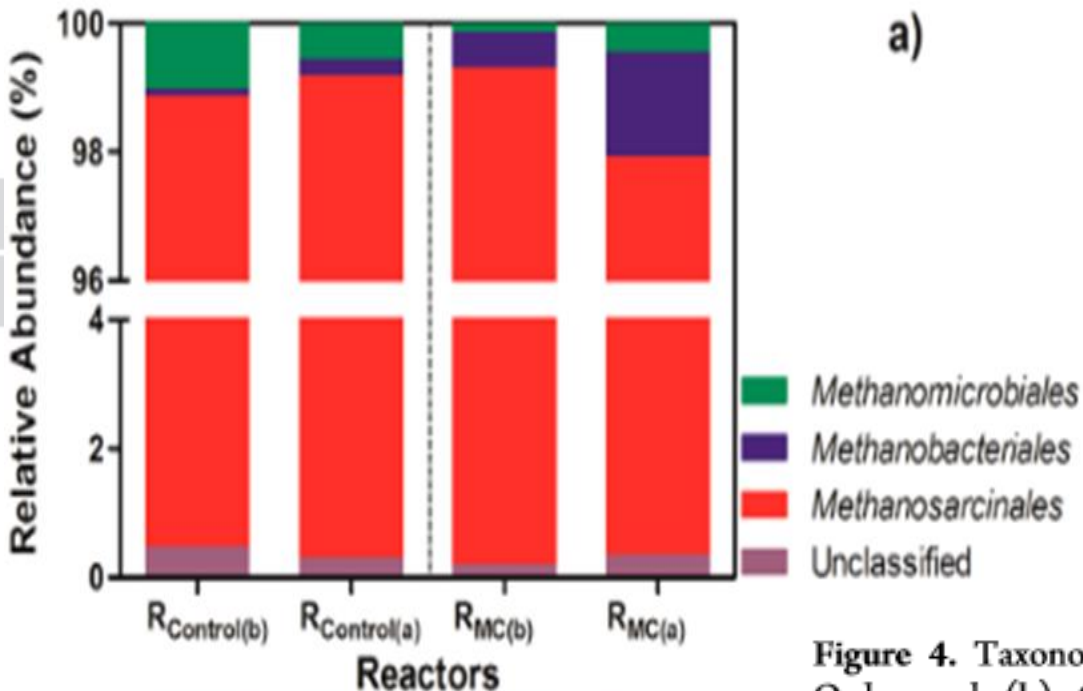
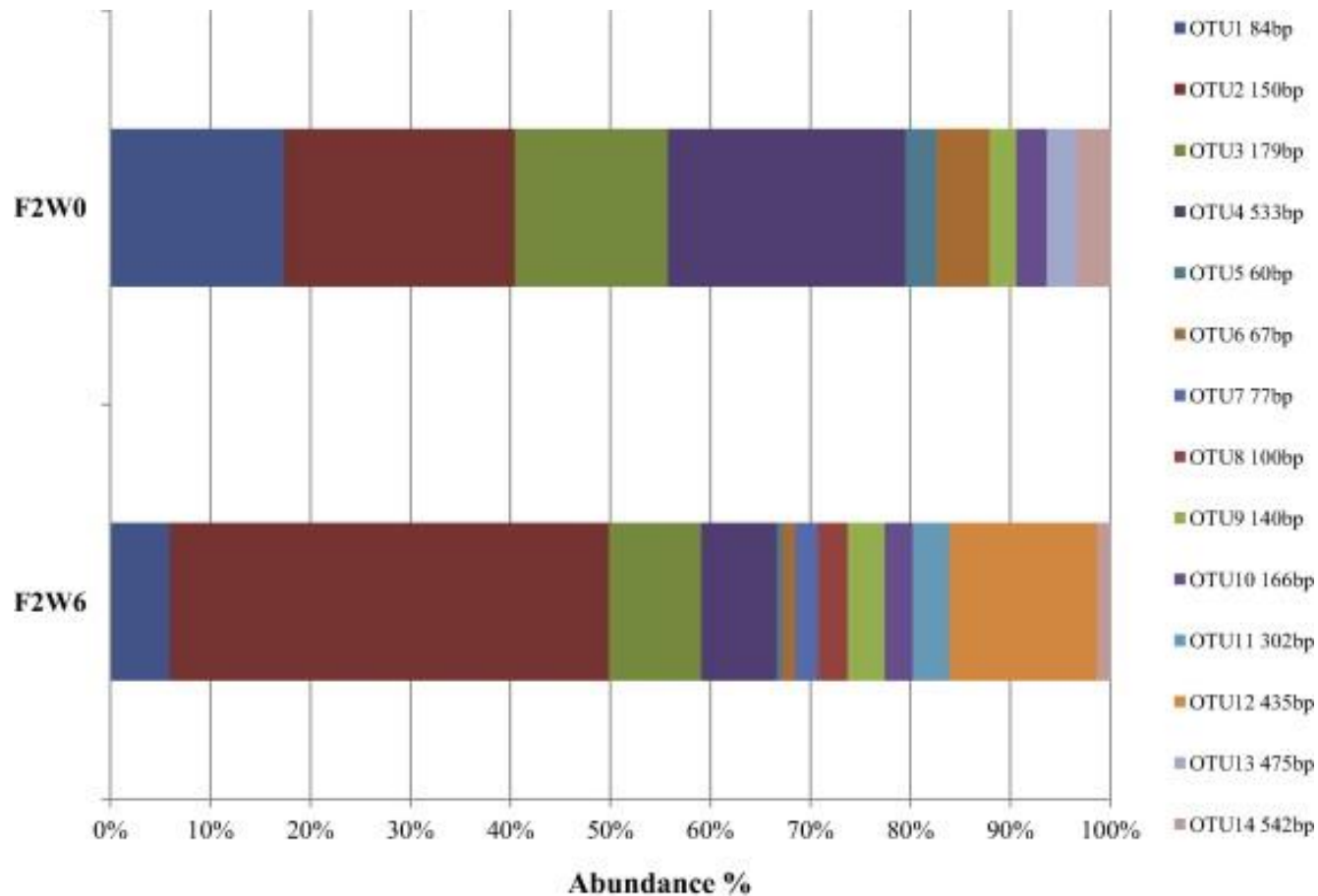
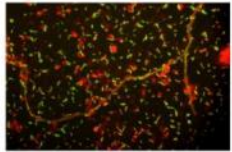


Figure 4. Taxonomic classification of the archaea communities (a) Order and (b) Genus. (b) Before bioaugmentation and abiotic augmentation samples and (a) after bioaugmentation and abiotic augmentation samples. Relative abundance was defined as the number of sequences affiliated with that taxon divided by the total number of sequences per sample. Individual genera making up less than 0.1% of total composition in all samples are summed and indicated as “Others”.



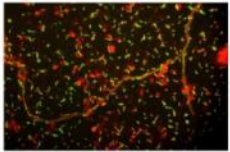
Restriction fragment distribution of the inoculated fermenter (F2) before (W0), and 6 weeks after (W6) the inoculation. The relative abundances of the various OTUs are indicated in different colors.

Ács , Bagi , Rákhely, Minárovics, Nagy, Kovács (2015) **Bioaugmentation of biogas production by a hydrogen-producing bacterium.** Bioresource Technology 186, 286 - 293



Addition of H₂ producing *Enterobacter cloacae* augmented biogas production.

- *E. cloacae* became a stable member of the biogas producing microbial community.
- Addition of *E. cloacae* significantly altered the community composition.
- Polymer degrading *Clostridiales* increased their abundance dramatically.
- A syntrophic relationship between polymer degradation and in situ H₂ generation is suggested.



Improvement of Biogas Production by Bioaugmentation Kovács et al. 2015

Clostridium saccharolyticus with its versatile H₂-production activity augments biogas productivity from various substrates to a similar extent to *E. cloacae*.

Bioaugmentation of anaerobic reactors with compost!!!!

Lukas Neumann, Paul Scherer (2013)
Bioaugmentation of a Biogas Fermenter
Fed with Renewable Biomass by
Fluorescence in Situ Hybridization

[Westerholm](#), [Levén](#), [Schnürer](#) (2013)

Bioaugmentation of Syntrophic Acetate-Oxidizing Culture in Biogas Reactors Exposed to Increasing Levels of Ammonia

Höhere Abundanzen von *Clostridium ultunense* und *Tepidanaerobacter acetatoxydans* wurden mit Bioaugmentation in Zusammenhang gebracht.

Kein Einfluss konnte auf *Syntrophaceticus schinkii* oder die Methanogenen gefunden werden.

SAOBs sind wichtige Komponenten der Microbiota in AD und können stets gefunden werden, sogar in Prozessen die durch acetoklastische Methanogenese gekennzeichnet sind.

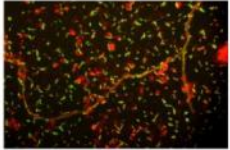
Aber: hohe Abundanzen (z.B. durch Bioaugmentation) sind nicht wichtig, vielmehr sind es die Betriebsbedingungen (z.B. hohes NH₃) die eine Verschiebung zum SAO-Weg verursachen.

EVERYTHING IS EVERYWHERE

– but the environment selects

FUTURE APPLICATIONS

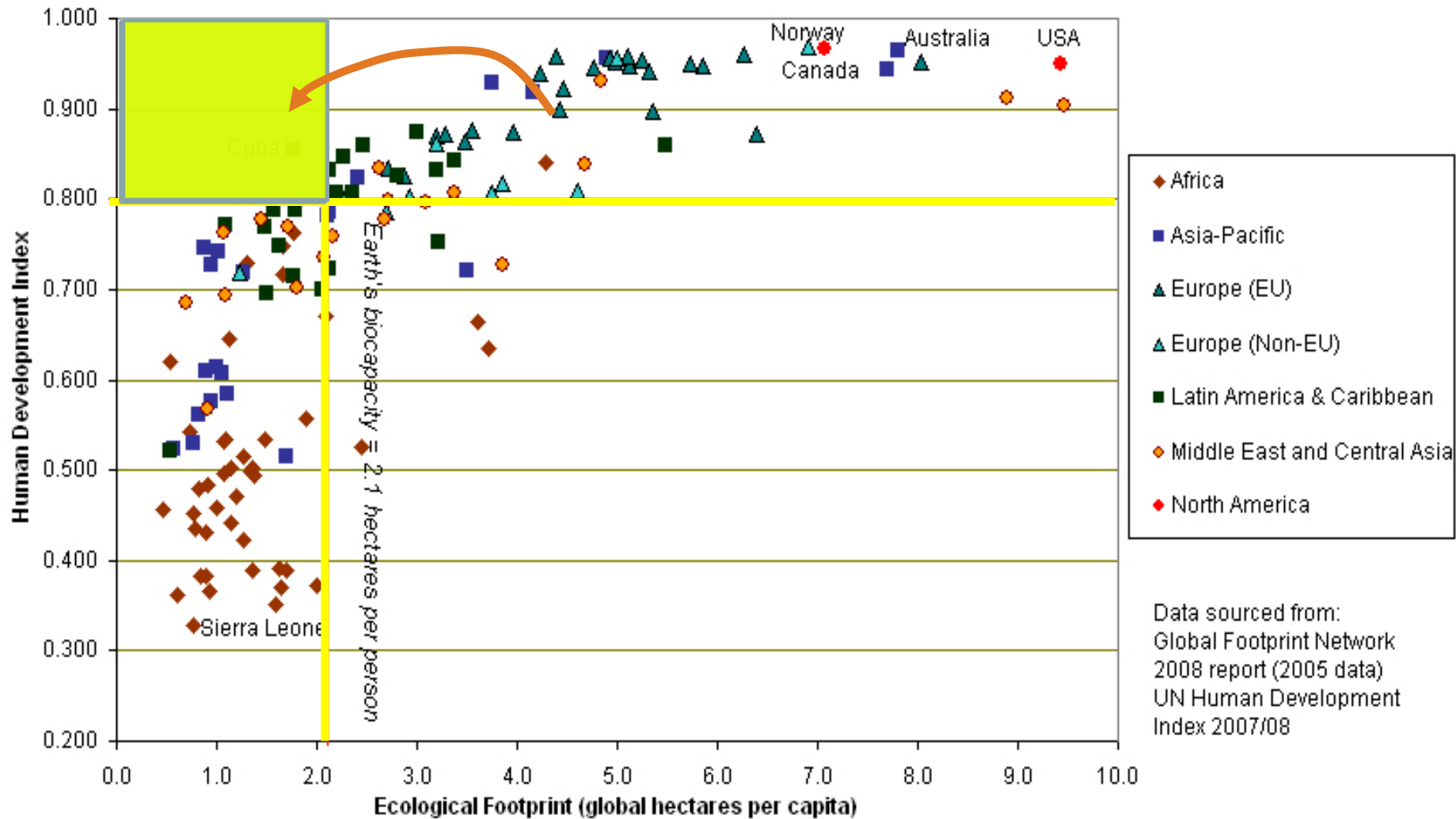
- Hydrogen producing bacteria
- Constructed ligno-cellulolytic cultures
- Anammox for nitrogen removal in digestate
- Anaerobic fungi and other cellulolytic MO
- Psychrophilic methanogens
- Microbial fuel cells...
- Many more!



The superchallenges of the 21st century (®Willy Verstraete)

1. Increase of atmospheric CO₂ (greenhouse gases) → Global Warming
2. Energy crisis
3. Sustainable use of resources (water, soil, phosphorus, etc. etc.)

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Once the diversity of the microbial world is catalogued, it will make astronomy look like a pitiful science.

- Julian Davies, UBC, Canada (2003)

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