

4<sup>th</sup> SmallWat21v

CIMA

# ANAEROBIC TREATMENTS: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN SMALL URBAN SETTLEMENTS

Raúl J. Barros

CENTRE FOR MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH  
UNIVERSITY OF ALGARVE



# Domestic Wastewater Treatment

Conventional paradigm:



<https://www.aguasdoalgarve.pt/content/mapa-do-sistema-de-saneamento> accessed 19/03/2021

# Domestic Wastewater Treatment

## Conventional paradigm:



<http://www.fma2018.pt/pt/entity/aguas-do-norte-sa> accessed 19/03/2021

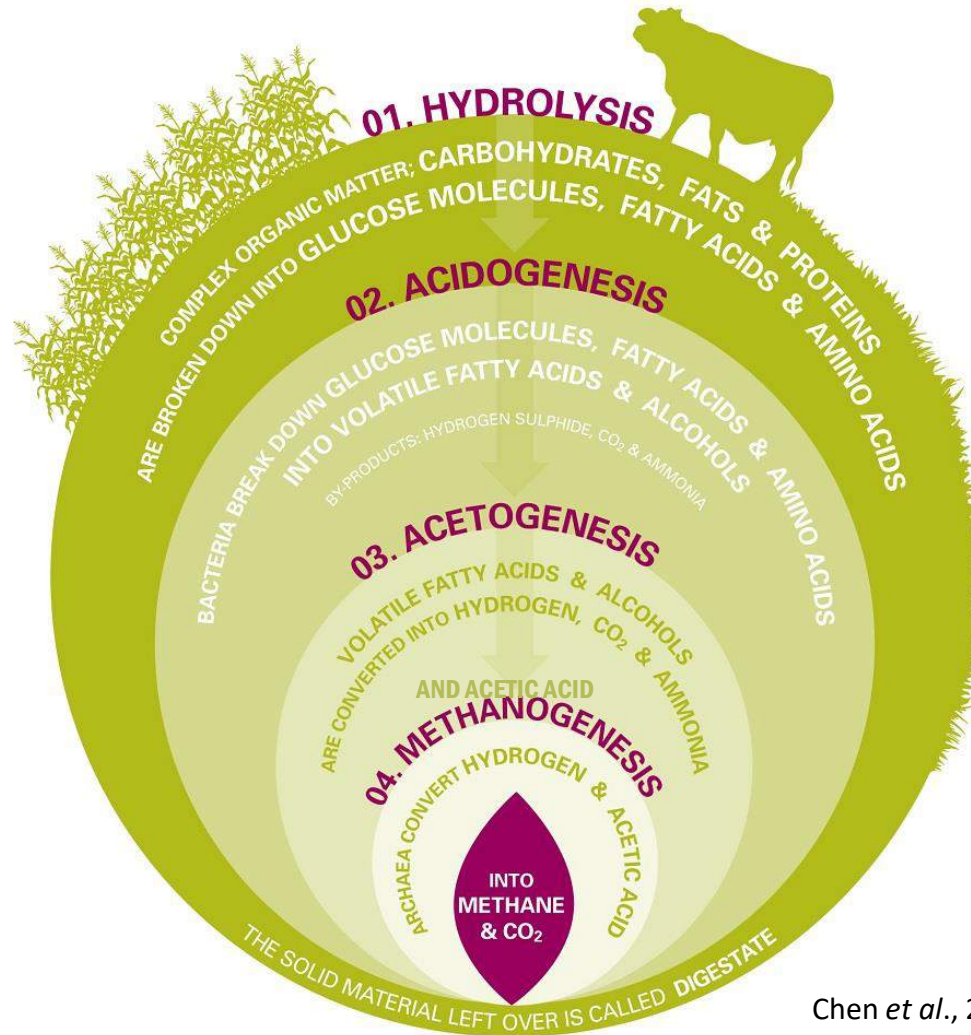


# Anaerobic processes



<https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/effects-wastewater-environment.php> accessed 19/03/2021

# Anaerobic processes



Chen *et al.*, 2016

# Anaerobic wastewater treatment

Biodegradable organic matter



Biomass

Sludge

N + P

Soluble nutrients



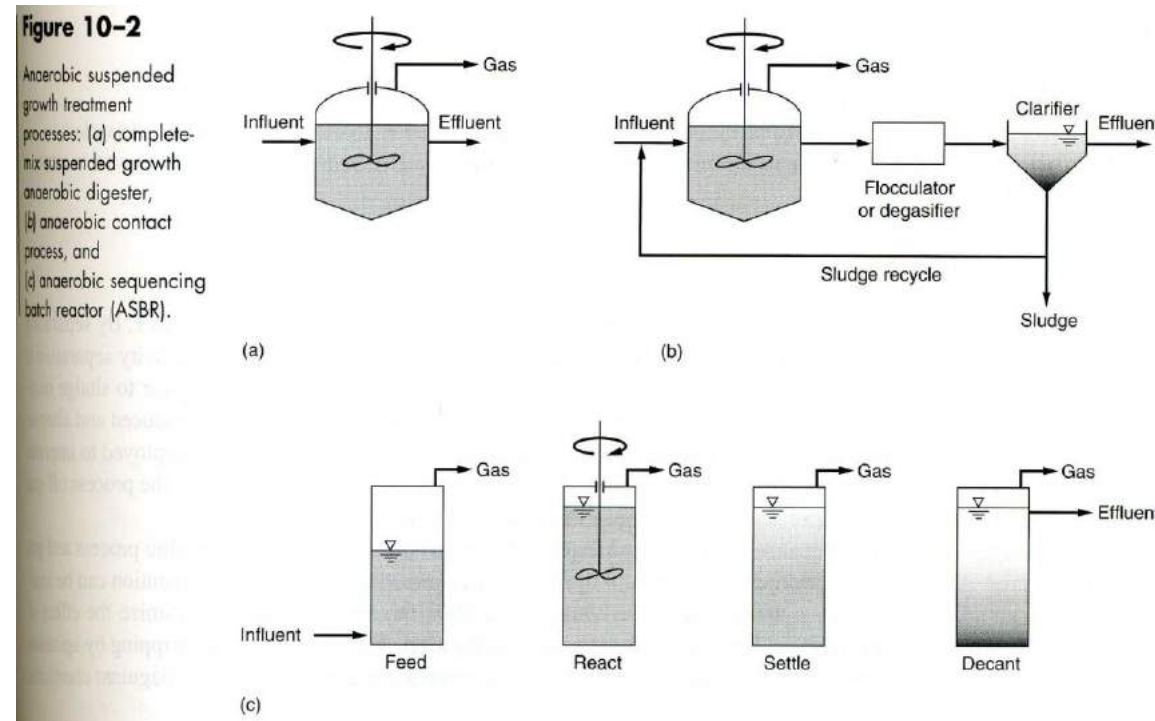
# Anaerobic processes



<https://www.vekamaf.com/equipment/anaerobic-uasb-wastewater-treatment/> accessed 19/03/2021

# Typical designs

## Suspended growth processes:



Metcalf & Eddy, Wastewater engineering, 2004

Only adapted to highly loaded (industrial) wastewaters

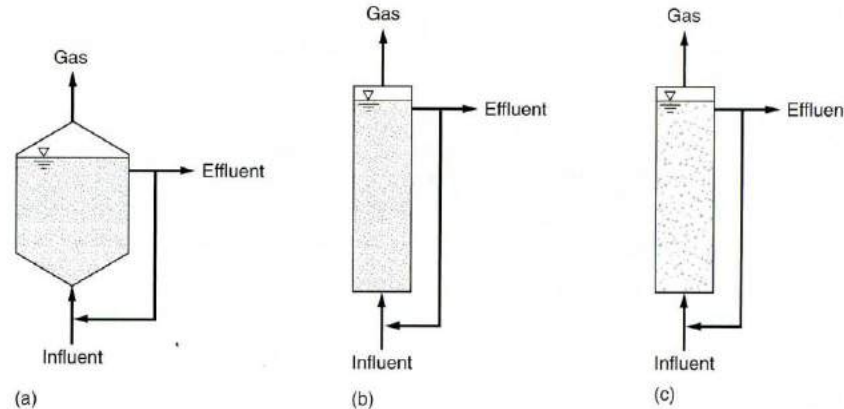


# Typical designs

Attached growth processes:

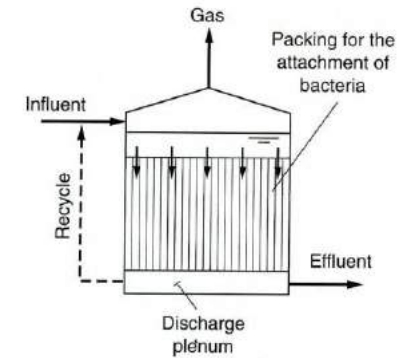
**Figure 10-7**

Upflow anaerobic attached growth treatment reactors: (a) anaerobic upflow packed-bed reactor, (b) anaerobic expanded-bed reactor, and (c) anaerobic fluidized-bed reactor.



**Figure 10-8**

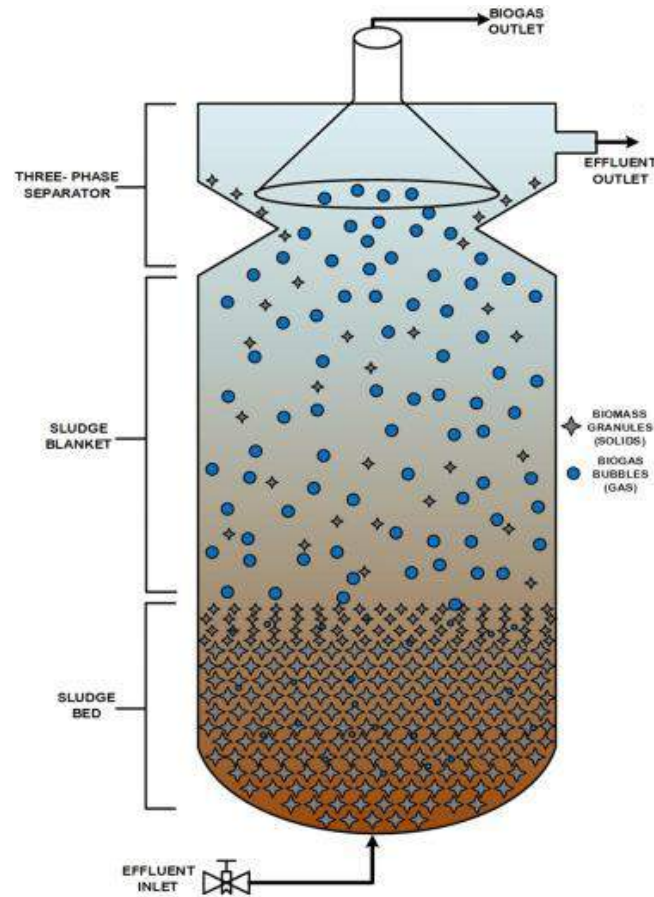
Downflow attached growth anaerobic treatment reactor with plastic packing.



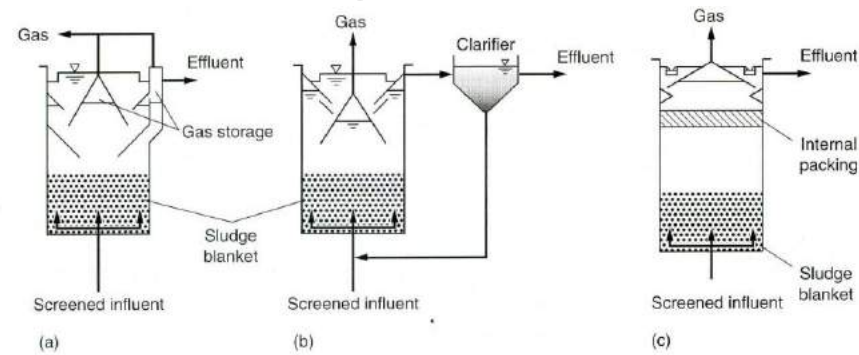
Metcalf & Eddy, Wastewater engineering, 2004

Only adapted to highly loaded (industrial) wastewaters

# Advanced designs



D'Bastiani *et al.*, 2021

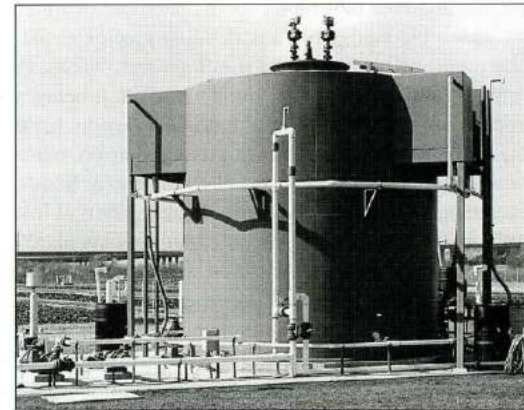


**Figure 10-4**

Schematic of the UASB process and some modifications: (a) original UASB process, (b) UASB reactor with sedimentation tank and sludge recycle, and (c) UASB reactor with internal packing for fixed-film attached growth, placed above the sludge blanket.

**Figure 10-5**

View of UASB reactor equipped with internal packing above the sludge blanket. The exterior physical appearance of a UASB reactor without and with internal packing is the same (see Fig. 10-4c for location of internal packing).



Metcalf & Eddy, Wastewater engineering, 2004

UASB reactor schemes



# Advanced designs

## Uflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB) Reactors



The largest tank is a UASB reactor located near Tel Aviv, Israel

[https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Upflow\\_anaerobic\\_sludge\\_blanket\\_digestion](https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Upflow_anaerobic_sludge_blanket_digestion) accessed 19/03/2021

# Advanced designs

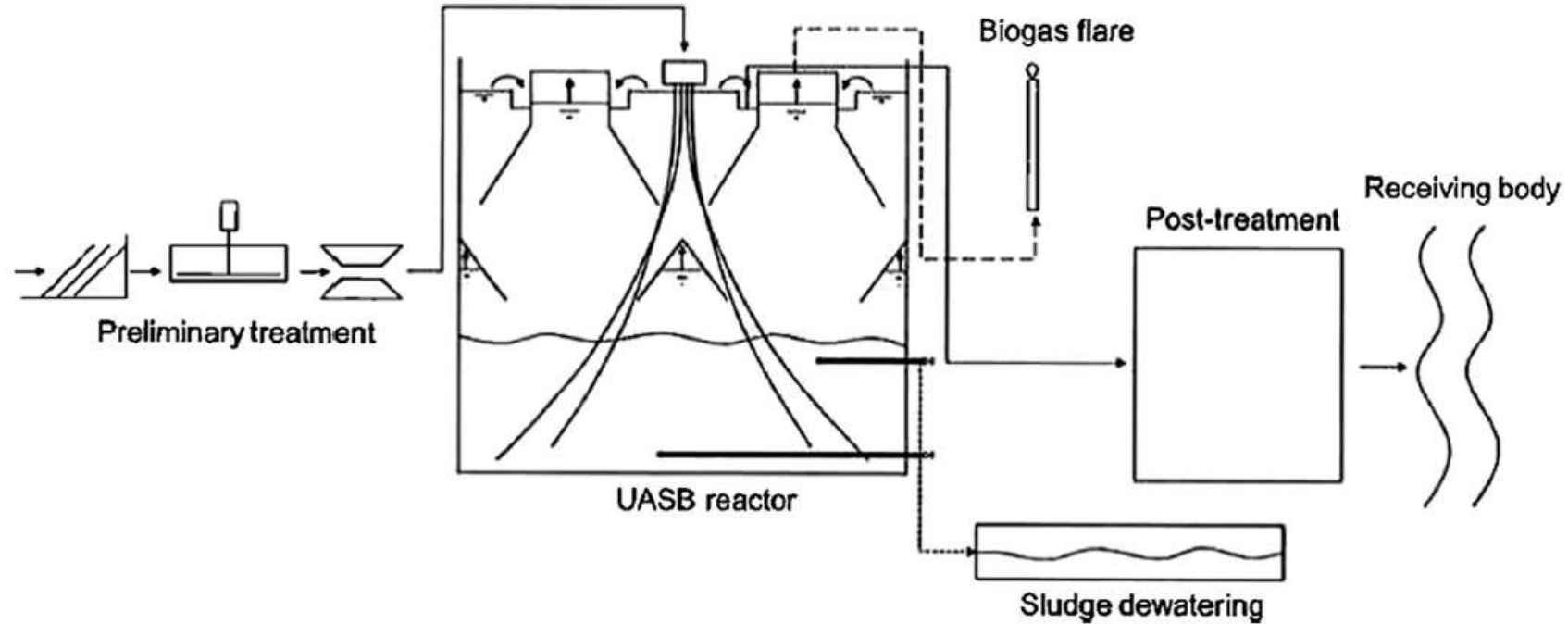


PUSH® prototypes installed in Lagos and Loulé

Águas do Algarve, 2020/21



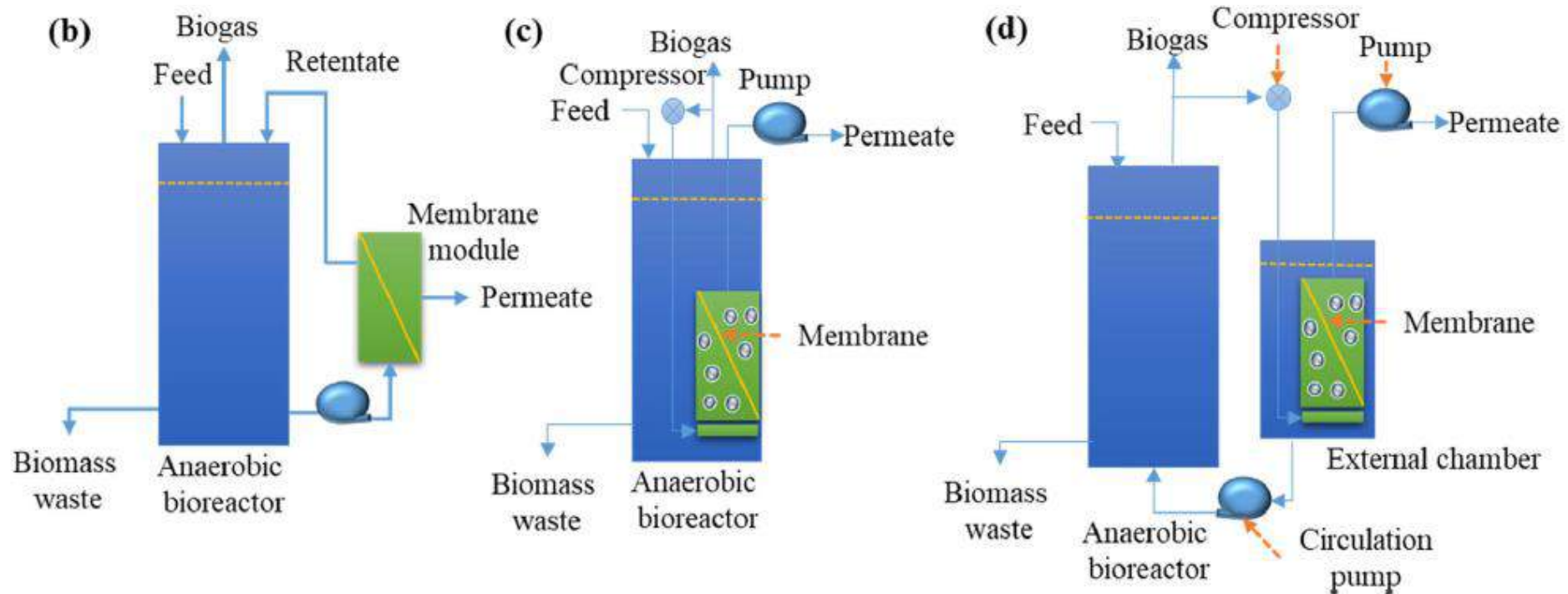
# Advanced designs



UASB based WWTP

Chernicharo *et al.*, 2015

# Advanced designs



Anaerobic Membrane BioReactor (AnMBR) schemes

Maaz *et al.*, 2019



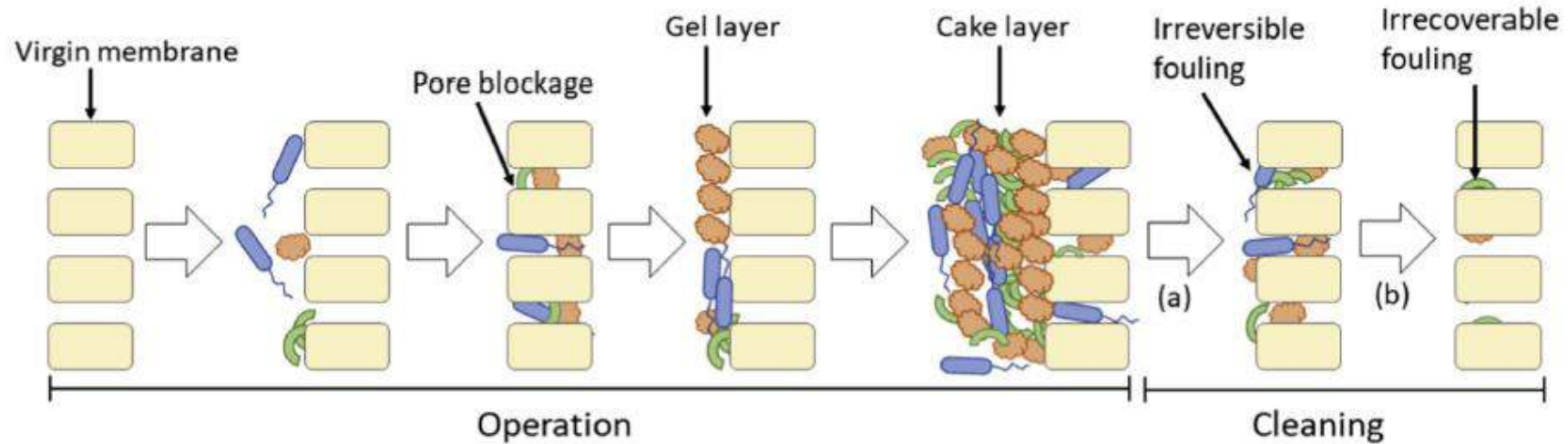
# Advanced designs



Anaerobic Membrane BioReactor (AnMBR)

<https://www.directindustry.com/prod/suez-water-technology-solutions/product-34162-1601638.html> accessed 19/03/2021

# Advanced designs

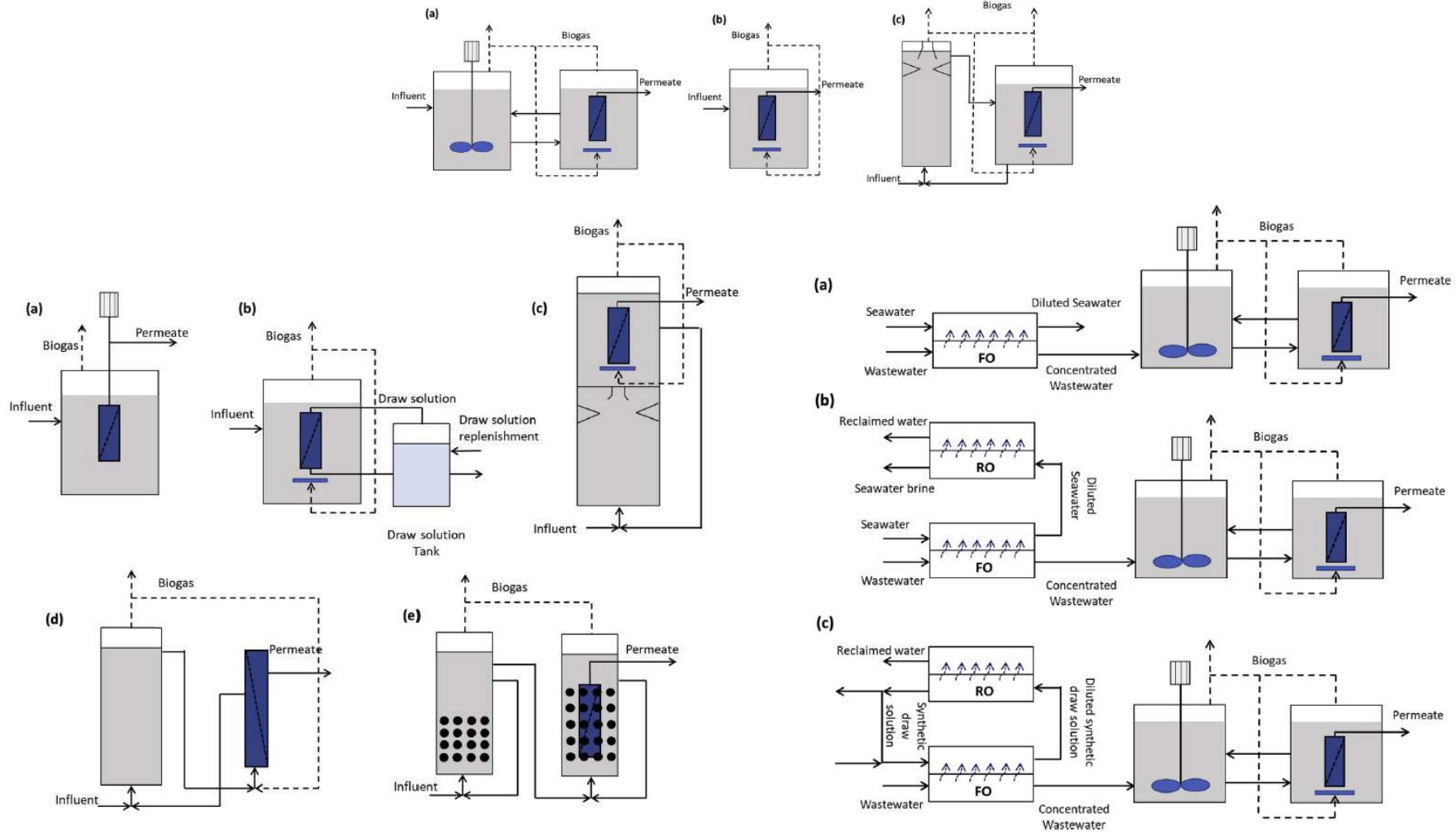


Membrane fouling schematic

Shahid *et al.*, 2020



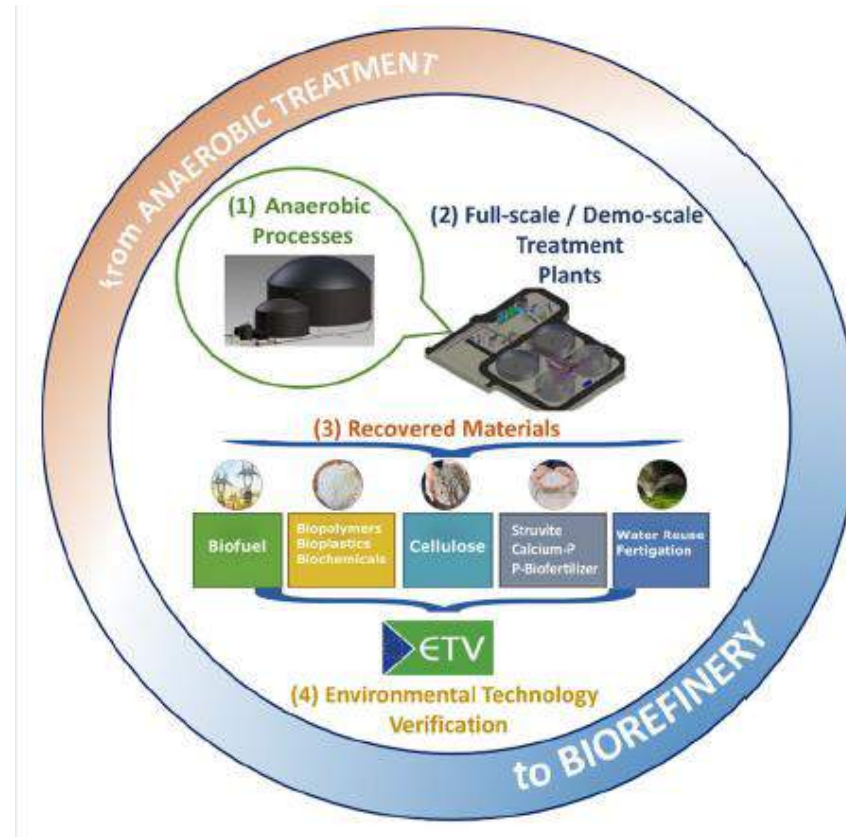
# Advanced designs



Novel designs using AnMBR for sewage treatment

Vinardell *et al.*, 2020

# Extracting value from waste



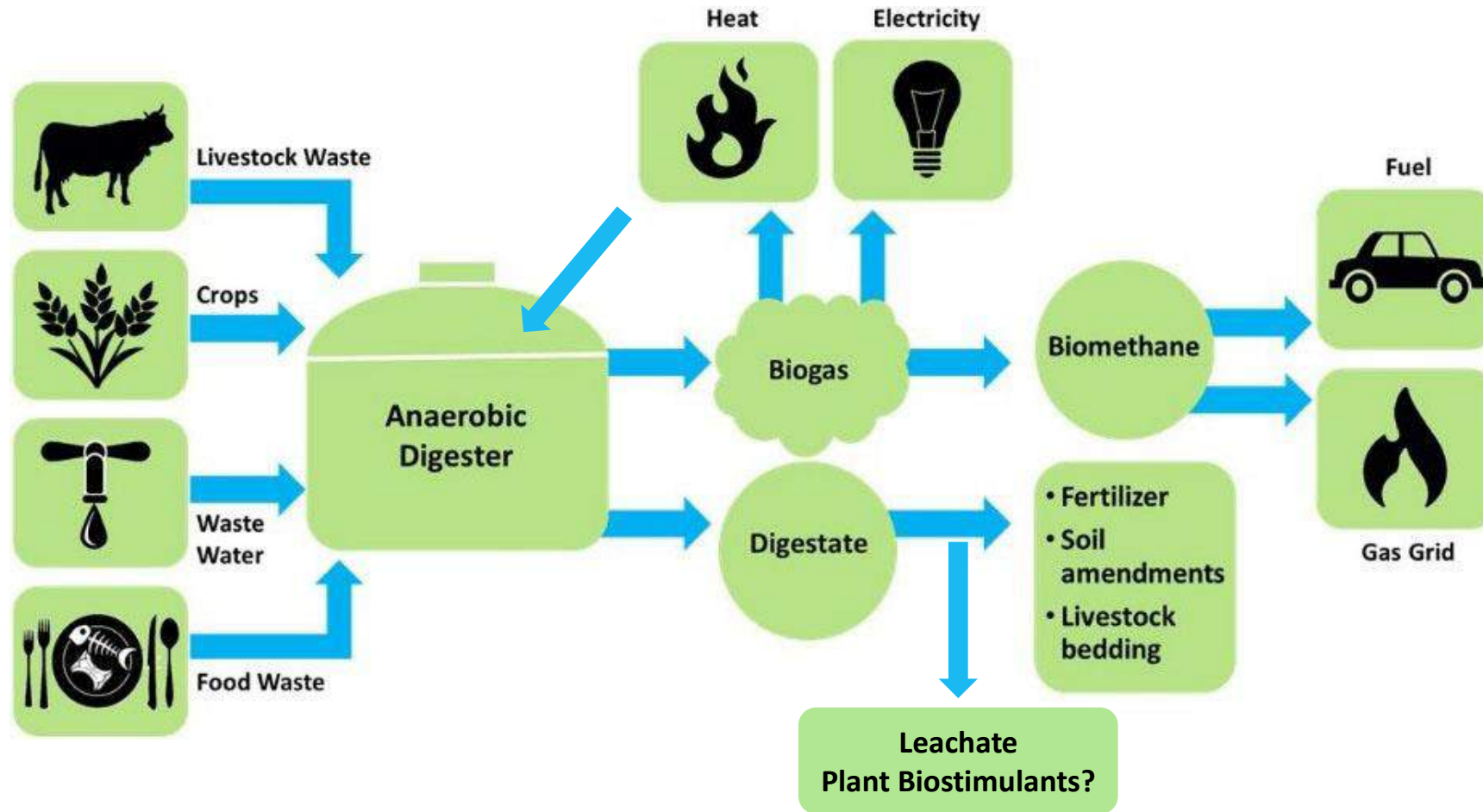
Akyol *et al.*, 2019

Biorefinery concept applied to waste management



# A vision for integrated treatment

Within rural areas / Small urban settlements



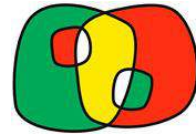
# References

- Akyol C., Foglia A., Ozbayram E.G., Frison N., Katsou E., Eusebi A.L., Fatone F., 2020. *Validated innovative approaches for energy-efficient resource recovery and re-use from municipal wastewater: From anaerobic treatment systems to a biorefinery concept*. Critical Reviews in Environmental Science and Technology. Vol 50, pp 869-902
- Chen C, Guo W, Ngo H.H, Lee D.-J, Tung K.L, Wang P.J.J, Wu Y , 2016. *Challenges in biogas production from anaerobic membrane bioreactors*. Renewable Energy. Vol 98, pp. 120-134
- Chernicharo C.A.L., van Lier J.B., Noyola A., Ribeiro T.B., 2015. *Anaerobic sewage treatment: state of the art, constraints and challenges*. Rev. Environ. Sci. Biotechnol. Vol 14, pp 649-679
- D' Bastiani C., Alba J.L., Mazzarotto G.T., Neto S.R.F, Reynolds A., Kennedy D., Beal L.L, 2021. *Three-phase hydrodynamic simulation and experimental validation of an upflow anaerobic sludge blanket reactor*. Computers & Mathematics with Applications. Vol 83, pp 95-110
- Maaz M., Yasin M., Aslam M., Kumar G., Atabani A.E., Idrees M., Anjum F., Jamil F., Ahmad R., Khan A.L., Lesage G., Heran M., Kim J. 2019. *Anaerobic membrane bioreactors for wastewater treatment: Novel configurations, fouling control and energy considerations*. Bioresource Technology, Vol 283, pp 358-372
- Shahid M.K, Kashif A., Rout P.R., Aslam M., Fuwad A., Choi Y., Banu J R., Park J.H., Jumar G. 2020. *A brief review of anaerobic membrane bioreactors emphasizing recent advancements, fouling issues and future perspectives*. J. Environment. Manag., Vol 270, 110909
- Tchobanoglous, G; Burton, F.L. and Stensel, H.D., eds., 2003. *Wastewater Engineering – Treatment and reuse*, Metcalf & Eddy Inc., 4th ed., McGraw-Hill, USA
- Vinardell S., Astals S., Peces M., Cardete M.A, Fernández I., Mata-Alvarez J., Dosta J. 2020. *Advances in anaerobic membrane bioreactor technology for municipal wastewater treatment: A 2020 updated review*. Renewable and Sustainable Energy reviews, Vol 130, 109936



# Acknowledgments

- All partners of the IDIAqua project governments (INTERREG VA-POCTEP- 2014-2020; 0066\_IDIAQUA\_6\_E)



P R O G R A M A  
COOPERACIÓN TRANSFRONTERIZA  
ESPAÑA ~ PORTUGAL



- Brígida Rodrigues, Valdemira Afonso and Sara Raposo of LEBA/CIMA/Ualg
- Portuguese Science Foundation (FCT) through the grant **UID/00350/2020** to CIMA - University of Algarve
- Águas do Algarve (Grupo ADP), especially António Martins, Sara Barreto and Manuel Soares
- FCC Aqualia, especially Arbib Zouhair and Jesus Sevilla