

# Anaerobic Co-Digestion of Fish Processing Waste with Cow Manure and Waste of Market (Rests of Fruits and Vegetables): A Lab Scale Batch Test

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## Abstract

The aim of this work was to use fish processing waste (FW) as main substrate for anaerobic digestion. To enhance the biogas production of FW, co-digestion was done with two other substrates: cow dung (CD) and waste of market (MW). Batch test was carried out in an 1 L glass digester in a temperature controlled chamber at 38°C. The following mixtures were carried out: FW with CD respectively at different ratios 100:0% (A), 80:20% (B) and 60:40% (C); FW with MW at the following ratio 80:20% (D); FW with CD and MW respectively at these ratios 80:10:10% (F) and 60:20:20% (G). The biogas produced was measured using a milligas counter<sup>®</sup> and the volume of gas was recorded. The gas composition was determined using gas chromatography. With a pH stable for raw substrates and mixtures, TS and VS (%TS) contents for FW were respectively 31.01% and 91.55%. Between 3 to 13 days of experimentation, the highest flow rate was observed. The percentage of methane was more important for mixtures B and D, 61% and 59% respectively. pH and VOA/TIC were stable at the end of the batch test for all mixtures, meaning that the organic matter was already well digested. The highest values of Volatile Solid Removal (VSR) were found for mixtures C, D, F and G. Therefore, the promising mixtures for next experimentations in large scale are B and D.

## Keywords

Fish Waste, Batch Test, Co-Digestion, Flow Rate, Organic Matter

## 1. Introduction

The food crisis caused by years of drought leads to the intensive practice of the fishing season in Senegal. Global fish production was 167 millions tons in live weight in 2014. Of this 87.5% were intended for human consumption and the remaining 12.5% for fish oil and meal production [1]. About 70% of fish are processed before being sold. 20% to 80% of this total is fish processing waste, depending on the type of processing and the species processed [2]. This waste has significant potential for the production of biogas through anaerobic digestion.

In our previous work, the potential of production of methane of fish wastes showed a production of biogas of 9.67 m<sup>3</sup> for fish waste alone (2970 kg) in a digester of 10 m<sup>3</sup> of volume [3]. This study was carried out within the framework of feasibility technical, social and organisational of the project of installation of digesters to the site of processing the halieutics products of Hydrobase, in Saint-Louis. This study revealed that fish processing waste could indeed produce biogas. However, to better understand the behavior of such substrate in anaerobic digestion, physicochemical characterizations were carried out during this research. But also, a co-digestion of this substrate was done, *i.e.* the combination of this substrate with one or more other substrates to increase the production of biogas.

At the beginning of 2018, literature on the anaerobic digestion of fish and fish waste was still rather sparse, about 20 research papers on this issue. Existing studies showed that digestion and co-digestion of fish waste both have considerable potential for producing biomethane [1].

As an advantage, biogas production from fish processing waste contributes to reducing the volume of fish waste and cost of waste disposal and reduces waste odor by 80% [4]. In addition, by the anaerobic digestion, the significant amount of methane gas emission resulting from the uncontrolled anaerobic decomposition of organic waste into the atmosphere would be also reduced [5]. The biogas generated from fish wastes would be used to produce heat for fish smoking, drying and preservation. As a result, the cost of fish processing, preservation and storage would decrease. The innovation of fish biogas production or fish waste bio digestion would tremendously help the environment in fishing communities. Because the world is under the threat by the ozone layer depletion due to much carbon burning and drastic depletion of the global forest vegetation for firewood [6]. If all fishermen and fish farmers in every fishing community will embrace fish waste bio digestion to produce biogas (methane) which can be used in fish processing and preservation, they will spend less money on heat generation. Reducing consumption of forest biomass will be a very good tool for creating sustainable forestry resources for the future [4].

The results of the latest works show that fish processing waste in general contains high concentrations of fat and protein, and there is a large risk for accumulation of fatty acids and NH<sub>3</sub> (ammoniac) when these types of substrates are anaerobically digested ([7] [8] [9] [10]). One way to overcome the problems with

anaerobic digestion of protein and lipid rich waste materials (energy-rich materials) is to use a mixture of substrates with different properties. Co-digestion may improve the anaerobic digestion process, by creating a better nutrient balance, diluting toxic compounds, and stimulating synergistic effects of microorganisms and possibly also increase the stability of the system and the methane production [11].

For this purpose, in this work anaerobic digestion of fish waste will be investigated in order to determine the physico chemical characteristics of this type of substrate. Also, co-digestion of fish waste with cow dung and waste of market (fruits and vegetables) were conducted to improve the results of digestion with fish waste alone.

## 2. Material and Methods

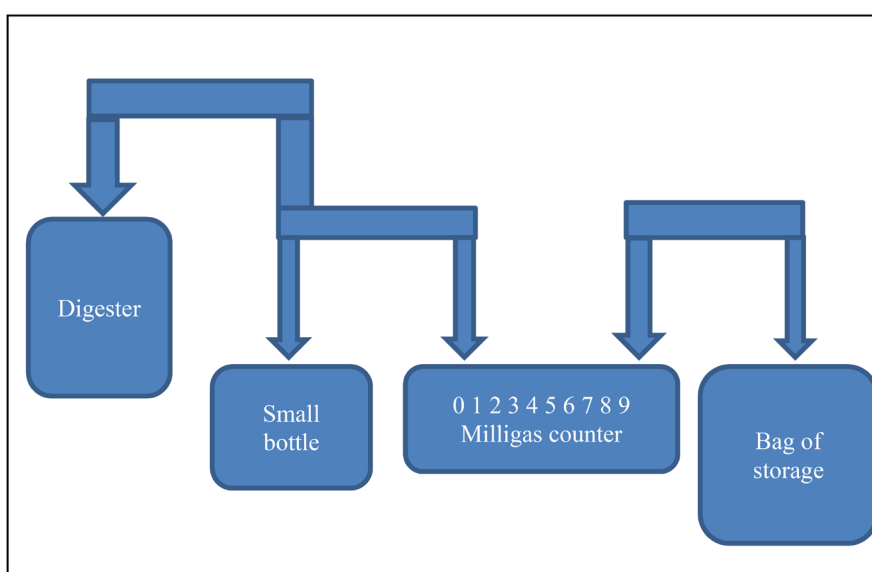
### 2.1. Experimental Procedure (Batch Test)

The batch tests were performed according to standard VDI 4630 [12]. Batch test reactors consisted in a system composed of:

- bottles of 1000 mL of volume which represent the digester;
- condensator: a small bottle to collect the water which can come from the digester;
- a milligas counter to measure the volume of produced gas and;
- a bag of storage for each bottle, which can allow to analyse the produced gas later.

The bottles were stirring manually every day for avoiding gas concentration into the bottles. The diagram below is the diagram of the representation of the batch test (**Figure 1**).

The substrates were put into the flasks of 1000 ml, for fermentation and production of biogas. The flasks are then closed and connected to the milligas



**Figure 1.** Representation of the batch test.

counter by hoses. When a gas is produced, the milligas counter gives us the amount of produced gas. The bag of storage serves to store the gas and to analyze it later. The small bottle downstream the digester serves to collect the water which could come from the digester due to the pressure of gas produced.

To prevent inhibition in the fermentation batch, the substrate should not be overlage in proportion to the inoculum. The following inequality applied:

$$VS_{\text{substrate}} \leq 0.5 * VS_{\text{inoculum}} \quad [12] \quad (1)$$

where  $VS_{\text{substrate}}$  and  $VS_{\text{inoculum}}$  are respectively the volatile solid content of the substrate and the inoculum.

For our experimentation, we have adopted a hydraulic retention time of 35 days, and a mesophilic system with a temperature of 39°C for all the process. The process is stopped when there is less than 0.5% new gas formation during 3 days [12].

For homogenizing the substrates, fish processing waste and the waste of market were mixed separately with a blender kitchen and were kept into the freezer at -20°C for further analyzes.

## 2.2. Substrates and Inoculum

### Substrates

Fish processing waste is our main substrate for the batch test. It was collected at the market of Bad Honnef in Germany and comes from the sea. It consists of heads, gills, viscera and non-fresh fish. Fish wastes are mixed with a blender kitchen to homogenize them before the experimentation.

Fish processing waste is a substrate rich in protein, and its nitrogen content is high and can inhibit the digestion process. It is also a substrate rich in lipids. In fact, waste lipids are ideal substrates for methane production since their degradation does theoretically produce more biogas (1.42 L/g) than proteins or carbohydrates (0.92 and 0.83 L/g, respectively) [13]. To enhance the biogas production of fish processing wastes, and to have a high quality of gas, with less sulphide hydrogen H<sub>2</sub>S, and pollutants, and to balance the proportion of nitrogen, we have done co-digestion. Co-digestion is a fermentation with more than one substrate. The other substrates are called co-substrates. They are raw materials for fermentation which are not the raw material with the highest percentage share of the total material flow to be fermented [12] (it means that the percentage of fish processing wastes is higher than the percentages of the other substrates).

As co-substrates, waste of market and manure were used during this investigation. The waste of market is composed of peelings of fruits and vegetables, like carrots, cabbages, beets, potatoes, lettuce, banana, apple, orange and pear. The manure (prepared with cow dung) was taken from the second reactor of a biogas plant close to Overtah in Germany, working in mesophilic range. Most of the solid content of the manure is already degraded. The wastes of market are also mixed with a blender kitchen to homogenize them.

### Inoculum

To accelerate the formation of bacterias for anaerobic digestion, an inoculum is always used. For the batch test, our inoculum is a cow dung from a digester which works in mesophilic condition, stored for 7 days at 37°C as recommended by VDI 4630 [12].

### 2.3. Co-Digestion (Different Mixtures)

The batch test was conducted with different proportions of the substrate (FW) and co-substrates (MW and CD). For this, flasks of 1000 ml were used with a working volume not above 800 ml (80%), to avoid head space into the flask and formation of foam during the process. For all the flasks, the volume of the inoculum is constant, 700 ml.

The compositions of the substrates into the flasks are varying depending on the mixture of raw materials: fish waste (FW), cow dung or manure (CD) and market waste (MW). We have then the following mixtures FW:CD - FW:MW and FW:CD:MW, on wet weight basis.

- First fish wastes were mixed with cow dung on ratios of 100:0% (A), 80:20% (B), 60:40% (C), from fish waste and cow dung respectively.
- Secondly, fish waste mixed with waste of market on ratio of 80:20% (D), from fish waste and market waste respectively.
- And finally, fish waste, cow dung and waste of market mixed on ratios of 80:10:10% (F) and 60:20:20% (G), from fish waste, cow dung and waste of market respectively.

A blank containing only the inoculum was also digested in a flask. The effective volume of biogas produced for each mixture will be given by withdrawing the volume of gas produced by each mixture from the volume produced by the blank.

Based to relation (1) as proposed in German standard procedure [12], the mass of the substrates and inoculum which were put in each bottle, were determined and are presented in **Table 1**. For some reactors, there is surplus of volume of inoculum, due to the method of measurement.

**Table 1.** Volume of inoculum and substrate put in each reactor during the batch test (S/I ratio based on VS content).

Mixtures (% wet weight)	Volume of inoculum (mL)	Mass of substrate (g)	Ratio substrate/inoculum S/I (VS/VS)
A	713.98	56.32	1.78
B	765.64	40.98	1.26
C	701.18	58.32	1.90
D	702.47	20.62	0.59
F	704.265	23.795	0.71
G	701.7	32.35	0.99

The waste to inoculum ratio  $S/I$  was calculated based on the initial VS of the substrate and inoculum:

$$\frac{S}{I} = \frac{\text{substrate added (gVS)}}{\text{inoculum added (gVS)}} \quad (2)$$

Higher amounts of inoculum resulted in higher concentrations of VFA, causing a reduction of the biogas yield. The maximum specific biogas production could be obtained using the minimum amount of inoculums [14].

The waste to inoculum ratio is more important for mixtures A, B and C, equal to around 2. For mixtures D, F and G, it is equal to around 1. At the laboratory scale,  $S/X$  ratios between 2 and 6 (in VS basis) are typically used, suggesting that  $S/X$  ratio actually applied in industry can be optimized [15].

## 2.4. Different Parameters Measured

For anaerobic digestion, different parameters such as temperature, pH, etc have to be followed to avoid inhibition due to evaluate the fermentation process.

- **pH:** For each mixture we have measured the pH. The pH optimum of hydrolysing and acid-forming bacteria is in a range from pH 5.2 to 6.3, for example. In contrast, a pH value in the neutral range from 6.5 to 8 is absolutely essential for the bacteria that form acetic acid and for the methanogenic archaea that would be ranged between 6.5 and 8 for all the anaerobic digestion process [16].

To measure the pH for one mixture, 10 g of substrate were mixed with 40 g of distilled water in a 100 ml beaker. Before measuring the pH values, the pH-meter was calibrating using commercial buffers for pH 4.0 and 7.0. After equilibration, the pH was measured using a WTW-MULTI 3630 IDS device.

The conductivity can be also measured with this device.

- **TS and VS:** For the total solid (TS) and the volatile solid contents (VS), measurements were done in triplicate. For that, the empty crucible porcelain, where the samples will be put, were weight. After that, 3 grammes of substrate were put into the crucible porcelain, and we weight the unit. We put then the units (sample + porcelain) into the oven, for 12 hours at least, on to 105°C. After the 12 hours, the units were removed from the oven, and were put into the dessicator for 15 minutes, to protect them against moisture. Then the new weight of the units was measured and the total solids of the samples was calculates.

To calculate the volatile solids (VS), i put again the porcelain + sample into the oven for 5 hours on to 550°C. Then, the units were removed from the oven, and put, for 1 hour, into the oven on to 105°C (for cooling them).

Therefore, when the temperature of the units decreases, they were put into the dessicator for 15 minutes. After that, the units were weight to determine the VS of our substrates.

TS and VS were measured according to APHA standard methods.

- **Alkalinity**, expressed in our measure by VOA/TIC values (Volatile Organic

Acid/Total Inorganic Carbon). VOA means the concentration of fatty acids and TIC the buffer capacity. This parameter informs us about the degradability of substrates during anaerobic digestion [17]. There are 3 critical values for this [18] [19]:

- If this value is lower than 0.4 the digester should be stable.
- While, when the ratio ranged 0.4 - 0.8, some instability will occur on the digester performances.
- However, the ratio higher than 0.8, indicates a significantly instability.

- **Volatile fatty acids (with HPLC High Pressure Liquid Chromatograph)**

To investigate the fermentations process, the chemical composition of sub-trates was analyzed using a high-performance liquid chromatograph with a Rezex™ ROA Column (Phenomenex LTD, Germany), refractive index detector (RID 10A, Shimadzu Europa GmbH) at 60°C with a flow rate of 0.6 ml·min<sup>-1</sup> and 5 mM H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> as eluent [20].

- **Ammonium**

To measure ammonium content of substrates, fresh samples were taken and 50 grammes for each of them were measured and put into plastic bags. After, 200 grammes of water were put in each of them. After that, they were put into the masticator for 4 minutes to mix the solution (working on 80 strokes/s). After that the distillate was then collected. A 200 µL from each sample was taken and put into ammonium solution. Then we wait 15 minutes, and we do the measurement only if there is a colouring.

- **Total organic carbon (TOC)**

The measurement was done with dried and crushed sample (samples were dried into the oven on to 50°C and crushed to reduce the size and obtain a substance like powder). After that, till 0.2 g were put into the crucible in triplicate.

A chlorhydric acid solution (HCl 10%) was put into each of them, then a solution of chlorhydric acid (HCl 37%).

Then, the units were put into the oven to dry them during 3 hours on 105°C.

After that, the device analytik Jena multi N/C 2100S was used to measure the TOC.

- **Gas composition** using a gas chromatograph

The gas composition of our samples was determined at the end of the experimentation with a gas chromatograph. For example for the sample A, an amount of gas from the bag storage was extracted with a syringe, and injected into the gas chromatograph. Then, the device draws a chromatograph which can be visualized on a screen. And after the percentage of each gas that compose biogas was calculated. This process was repeated for all the samples.

### 3. Results and Discussion

Results of measurements of total solids (TS), volatile solid (VS), pH and VOA/TIC for raw substrates (fish waste, waste of market and cow dung) are given in **Table 2**.

As shown in **Table 1**, the solid content (TS) of fish waste is 31.01%, and among which 91.55% was represented by biologically degradable materials which is VS. Kafle and al., 2012a [21] found around the same values compared to our study: 31.3% for TS content of fish waste and 88% for VS content. Chen and al., 2010 [22] reported very high VS/TS ratio of fish waste compared to our work.

The low percentage of TS content for cow dung is due to the fact that it contains a considerable amount of water. For market waste, we have the same content as fish waste.

The FW contained very high amount of protein (40.9, % TS) and fat (48.9, % TS), thus, it is expected to obtain much higher methane yield than animal manure [23]. The theoretical yield for fat (lipids) is about 1000 mL/g VS, and for protein is about 480 mL/g VS, while the theoretical yield for carbohydrate is about 375 mL/g VS (VDI 4630, 2016).

For all the mixtures, high rate of VS inside TS content was obtained, because mixtures are composed of more fish waste (more than 60% of fish waste for all of them) (**Table 3**).

pH is also stable for all the mixtures, between 6.6 and 7.7 for mixtures B to G, and 4.2 to 8.5 for raw substrates. Kassuwi and al., 2012 [24] reported a pH range of  $7.10 \pm 0.2$  for fish solid waste and  $5.66 \pm 0.06$  for market wastes.

At the end of the experiment, the VOA/TIC for cow dung was equal to 0.26. It means that this substrate was already degraded. There are less bacteria in this substrate, because it comes from a digester which has already produced its biogas. For mixtures F and G, and fish waste, VOA/TIC was more than 0.75. There are more substrates in these mixtures, pH would be decreased and it would lead

**Table 2.** Characteristics of raw substrates.

Substrate	TS (%)	VS (%TS)	pH	VOA/TIC
Fish waste (A)	31.01	91.55	6.9	1.56
Cow dung	5.91	77.15	8.5	0.26
Market waste	14.41	92.33	4.2	Nd <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Nd means “not detected”.

**Table 3.** Characteristics of mixtures.

Substrate	TS (%)	VS (%TS)	pH	VOA/TIC
B	28.13	86.71	7.3	0.8
C	22.10	90.31	7.7	0.5
D	27.19	93.68	6.6	Nd <sup>a</sup>
F	26.11	91.72	7	3.5
G	19.28	92.76	7	7.39

<sup>a</sup>Nd means “not detected”.



to inhibition of the system. For mixtures B and C, it can be said that the process would be stable during anaerobic digestion. Because it is composed of fish waste and cow dung already digested and the association of these two substrates makes it possible to activate the bacteria contained in the cow dung.

As seen in **Table 4**, the only sugar which was detected for raw substrates was glucose (a monosaccharid) with around the same quantity for fish waste, market waste and cow dung.

However, ammonia was contained in these raw materials with a largest quantity for cow dung. But, this value does not exceed the margin (inhibitory concentration when  $> 3.500 \text{ mg/l NH}_4^+$  at pH equal to 7 [16]).

Ammonia is the result of the reaction of ammonium with water. In fact, the total ammonia nitrogen and VFAs both are important intermediates and potential in the anaerobic digestion process [18]. High concentration of ammonia and VFAs in the digester would decrease the methanogen activity and further accumulation could inhibit the anaerobic digestion [25] (**Table 5**).

Fish waste releases high levels of ammonia when digested, which inhibit the digestion of substrates. High concentrations of ammonia can result in the accumulation of VFAs (acetic acid as the main type in the batch test) [1].

Ammonia content for all the mixtures (A to G) is acceptable and does not exceed the margin.

However, sugars are mainly present into the mixtures D and G, which are composed of fish wastes and market wastes in variable proportions. These sugars are glucose, xylose and arabinose. Kassuwi and al. [24] reported that market wastes collected from food market, essentially contain sugars and hemicelluloses

**Table 4.** Ammonia, sugar contents for raw materials.

Samples	Ammonia content (mg/L $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ )	Glucose (mg/L)
Fish waste	Nd	9.62
Cow dung	0.04	9.26
Market waste	22.9	9.61

<sup>a</sup>Nd means “not detected”.

**Table 5.** Ammonia, sugar and VFA contents of substrates for mixtures.

Samples	Ammonia content (mg/L $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ )	Glucose (mg/L)	Xylose (mg/L)	Arabinose (mg/L)	Lactic acid (mg/L)	Acetic acid (mg/L)
A	Nd	0	0	0	0.15	9.68
B	0.053	0	0	0	0.12	9.65
C	0.275	0	0	0	0.09	9.97
D	0.056	0	0.13	0.59	0.13	11.01
F	0.025	0	0	0	0.14	8.15
G	0.152	0	0	0.5	0.11	10.9

<sup>a</sup>Nd means “not detected”.

which are highly biodegradable with 60% - 82% volatile solids (VS) content. This encourages the rapid production of volatile fatty acids, which would lead to a rapid pH drop.

In a well balanced anaerobic digestion process, VFA levels are low (Chen *et al.*, 2007, [25]). Lactic acid and acetic acid are the volatile fatty acids that mainly composed the mixtures A to G.

Total organic carbon was determined for FW, CD and MW as described previously. In **Table 6**, the same results are obtained for all the substrates and we noted that all the substrates are rich in carbon. Nalinga and al., 2016 [26] reported organic carbon content of 42% for water hyacinth and 53% for fish waste.

During experimentation, the volumes of produced biogas were taken every day, to know the cumulated volume of biogas of each mixture at the end of the batch test. For all the mixtures, gas generation started at the first day and continued while the end of the process. The highest flow rate was observed between 3 to 13 days of the investigation. The same trend was observed in the study made by Tomczak-Wandzel and al., 2012 [27] with production of biogas with fish waste and sewage sludge, where the highest flow rate was observed between 7 to 12 day of the investigation. According to Carvalho and al., 2011 [28] who tested the production of biogas from fish sludge, after the first 10 days of batch essay, 81% of the total biogas was formed, and by the 20<sup>th</sup> day 92% of it was already produced.

The greatest volumes of produced biogas were obtained with mixtures D, F and G, with a volume of 6139.44 ml for D. For mixtures B and C, we have less volume of biogas with 3224.44 ml and 1593.36 ml for B and C respectively (**Figure 2**).

At the end of the batch test, the gas contained into each bag storage was analysed to know its composition. All the results were expressed in percentage of volume in **Table 7**.

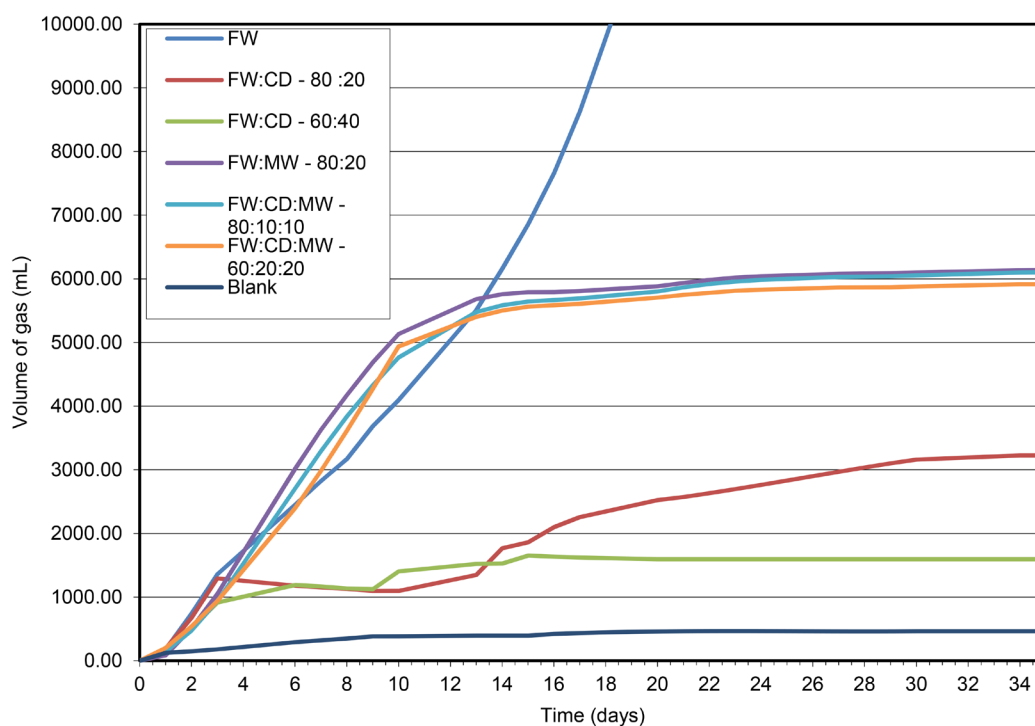
As a reminder, biogas is a gas mixture that is primarily made up of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), along with water vapour and various trace gases. The most important of these is the methane content, since this is the combustible component of biogas and thus directly influences its calorific value. [16]

For the mixtures B and D, the percentage of methane is more than 50%, around 59% for D and 61% for B. It is good for anaerobic digestion because the quality of biogas is very important for its valorization.

Although, for the other mixtures, the required amount of methane was not obtained, but the percentage of carbon dioxide for example is not negligible. Shi and al., 2012 [29] argue that the superfluous content of CO<sub>2</sub> will lead to decrease

**Table 6.** Total organic carbon (TOC).

Substrate	FW	CD	MW
Total Organic Carbon (g/kg)	297.8 std 22.31	265.9 std 25.10	284 std 24.42



**Figure 2.** Cumulated volume of produced gas for each mixture.

**Table 7.** Gas composition of substrates.

Sample name	Gas composition in %						
	H <sub>2</sub> S	H <sub>2</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>	O <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	CO
Blank	0.0043	0.0099	45.9051	1.6095	3.3668	49.1044	n.a.
A	n.a.	0.0496	22.6559	7.677	41.8101	27.8074	n.a.
B	0.00908	0.0131	32.2873	3.1151	3.0709	61.5038	n.a.
C	n.a.	0.0318	28.7915	3.3968	19.9784	47.8015	n.a.
D	n.a.	0.0806	31.4357	2.9264	6.6263	58.931	n.a.
F	0.0095	0.0432	19.9155	10.8324	32.5992	36.6002	n.a.
G	n.a.	0.0403	20.4841	10.0963	32.681	36.6983	n.a.

the pH level and destroy the methanogenesis process. A high concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> might come from high temperature or clog of air outlet.

The percentage of hydrogen sulphid for all the mixtures is stable.

At the end of the batch test, TS, VS, pH and buffer capacity for all digestates were measured. The pH was stable for all the mixtures and the VOA/TIC was also stable. It could mean that the organic matter contained into the substrates is already well digested, and has already produced biogas. Total solid also decreased, meaning that the matter was degraded.

To better understand the degradability of substrates, there are some parameters which we can calculate, such as the volatile solid removal (VSR). The re-

moved VS content could reflect the degradability of substrates and the efficiency of the digestion process to some degree. The slower growth of microorganisms did affect the decomposition of organic substances leading to lower VSR [29].

$$VSR(\%) = ((VS_{in} - VS_{out}) / VS_{in}) * 100$$

Following the values found in **Table 8**, there are not higher values of VSR. However, the highest values of VSR were obtained with samples C, D, F and G. This would mean that the easily volatile component would probably diffuse into the atmosphere before measuring the VS content of samples, if many degraded organics left in the digestate after digestion [29].

Therefore, VSR could not measure the biodegradability of substance alone. (**Table 9**) It should combine with other methods such as the measurement of dissolve organic carbon and microorganism activity to assess the biodegradability of substrate in the anaerobic digestion [29].

#### 4. Conclusions

In this work we focus on the biogas production by anerobic digestion of fish based substrates in batch test process. The criteria for judging the success of a co-digestion were process stability, VS reduction, biogas production rate and methane yield [18].

Therefore, co-digestion of fish processing waste with market waste and cow

**Table 8.** TS, VS and pH of residual matter.

Substrate	TS (%)	VS (%TS)	pH	VOA/TIC
Blank	6.22	78.52	7.9	0.24
A	6.13	83.91	8	0.27
B	6.23	79.04	8	0.24
C	6.74	77.27	8.1	0.23
D	6.99	76.90	8	0.25
F	6.78	77.75	7.9	0.24
G	6.58	81.38	8	0.23

**Table 9.** Volatile solid removal (VSR) of mixtures.

Substrate	$VS_{in}$ (%)	$VS_{out}$ (%)	VSR (%)
A	91.55	83.91	8.34
B	86.71	79.04	8.84
C	90.31	77.27	14.43
D	93.68	76.9	17.91
F	91.72	77.75	15.23
G	92.76	81.38	12.26

dung revealed that associate fish processing waste with cow dung at ratio 80:20 is more successful in terms of biogas production (percentage of methane of 61%). Also the association of fish waste with waste of market at ratio 80:20 is promising with a percentage of methane of 59% for the biogas produced.

Enhancing the biogas productivity of fish waste combined with these two wastes will be our next aims. However, these experimentations will be done in a large scale with the same proportion for each mixture: fish processing waste in co-digestion with cow dung and waste of market.

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