#### Potential to produce biogas from tannery waste

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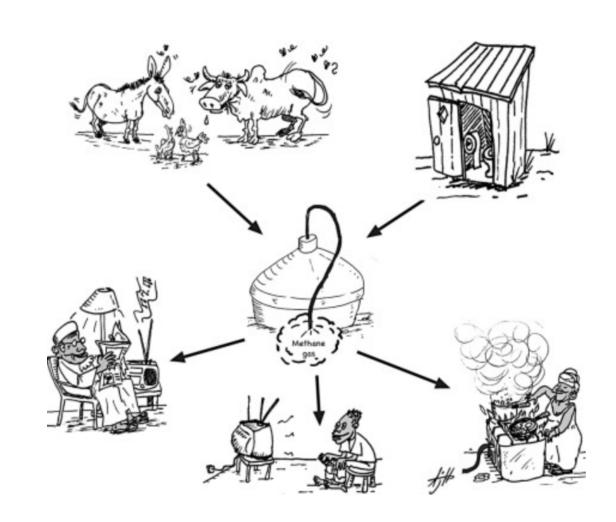






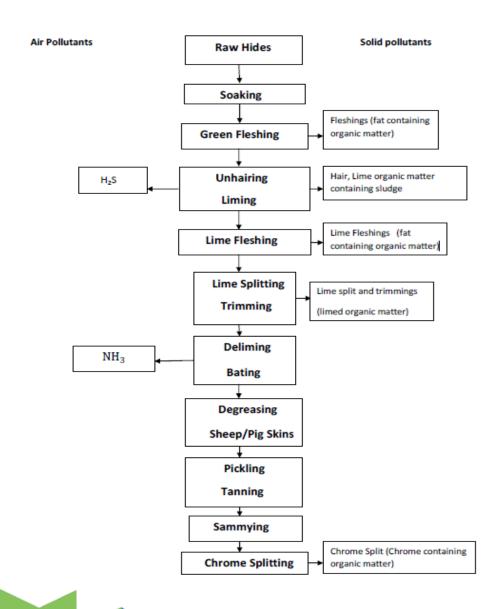
# Introduction to tannery valorization to biogas

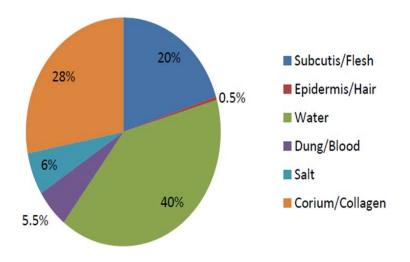
- Huge accumulation of tannery waste
- Environmental pollution
- Energy deficit
- Energy-Food Nexus
- Climate change effects





### Waste generation in the tannery industry

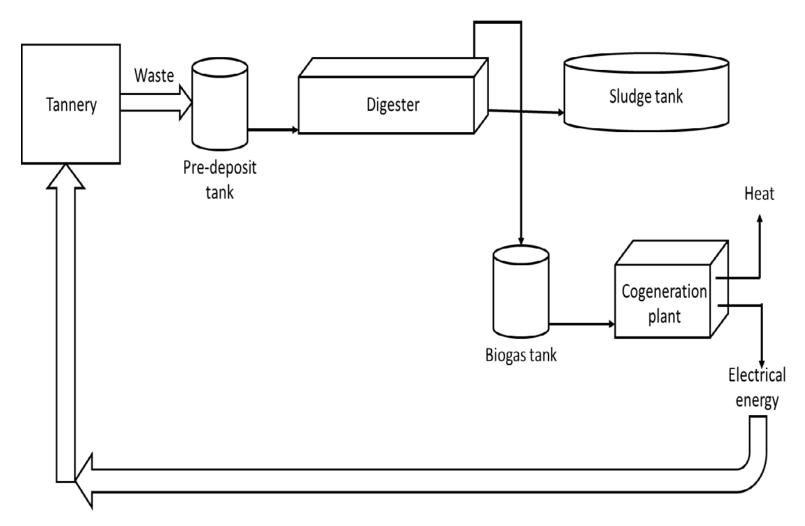




The tannery waste highly biodegradable



## Intergrated process for tannery waste valorization

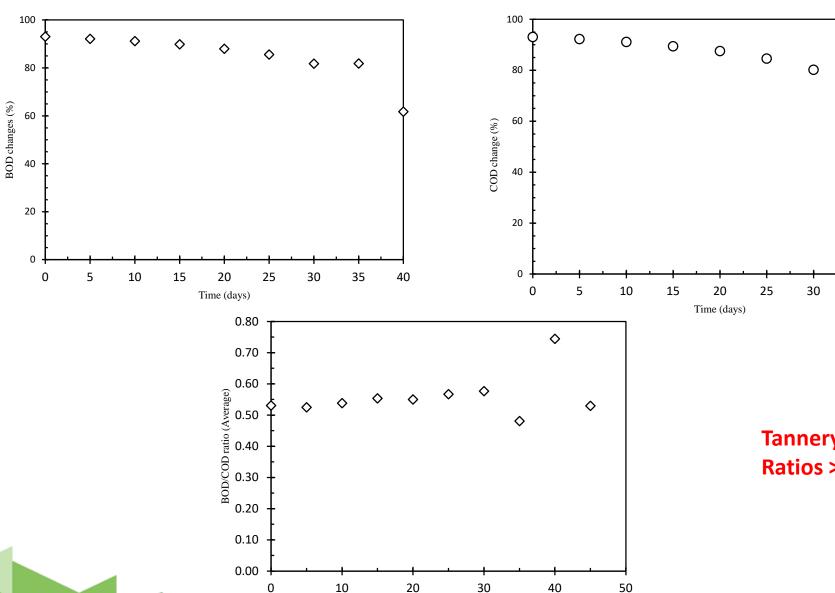


- Anaerobic digestion
- Bio catalysis
- 45 days retention period

Promotion of a circular economy in the tannery industry



## Changes in tannery sludge physicochemical properties



Time (days)

Tannery waste highly bio degradablre Ratios > 0.5

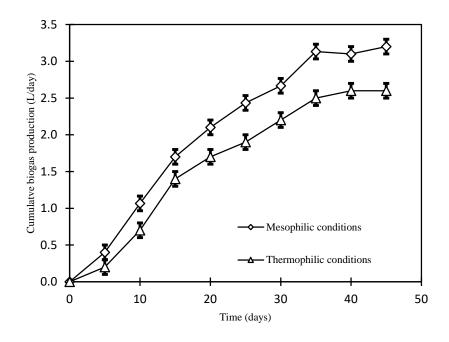
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# **Biogas production**



**Mesophilic conditions superior** 

Biogas component	Units	Composition
Bio methane	(%v/v)	55-65
Carbon dioxide	(%v/v)	35-40
Nitrogen	(%v/v)	<2
Oxygen	(%v/v)	<1
Hydrogen sulphide	ppm	600
Ammonia	ppm	100



# **Tannery digestate characteristics**

Parameter	Feedstock	Tannery sludge
рН	8.1±0.2	7.5±0.1
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	9178±8 mg/L	637±8 mg/L
Biological oxygen demand (BOD)	4868±3 mg/L	337±15 mg/L
Total nitrogen (TKN)	6535±31 mg/L	532±8 mg/L
Moisture content (MC	60±3%	40±2%

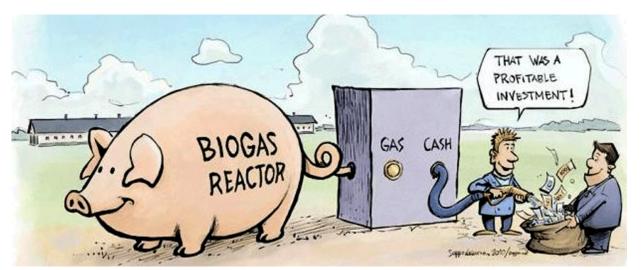




As researchers or practitioners what are the possible interactions/collaboration with practitioners resp. researchers to improve/upscale your activities

#### **Collaborations/Interactions**

- Valorization of biomass to energy products as research projects (biogas, briquettes, bio fuels)
- Scale up of technology to industrial scale
- Co-supervision and hosting of students in the BioEnergy Course





What are the potential aspects of the research that can be transformed into practice?

- Energy generation for cooking, heating and electricity generation
- Application of the biogas technology to any biomass
- Utilization of digestate as biofertilizers
- Waste valorization
- Climate change mitigation

