

Table 1 reports the characteristics and the elemental analysis of pig manure.

Evaluate:

1. The dry ash free atomic composition
2. the dry higher heating value - DHHV ($\text{kJ/kg}_{\text{dry manure}}$) of pig manure assuming that the complete oxidation product of chlorine is HCl. Assume 2.500 MJ/kg for the evaporation latent heat of water
3. the higher heating value - HHV and the lower heating value - LHV of pig manure
4. the mass flow rate of stoichiometric air required by the combustion process ($\text{kg}_{\text{air}}/\text{kg}_{\text{manure}}$) assume the complete transformation of N into N_2

$$\text{MW}_{\text{air}} = 28.95 \text{ g/mol}$$

Table 1: pig manure elemental composition, moisture, and DLHV (dry lower heating value).

C	dry basis	35.0%
H		4.5%
O		21.5%
N		3.0%
S		-
Cl		1%
ash		35.0%
Moisture		66.0%
DLHV		12,800 kJ/kg _{dry waste}

A dairy farm in Sacramento (CA) raises 1800 cows that produce 83.1 t/d of wet manure (Solid content = 14%, and 80% VS/TS). We suppose to co-digest this amount of manure with food waste (Solid content = 28% TS, and 86% VS/TS). The mixture contains 48% food waste and 52% of dairy manure, based on volatile solids (VS). Batch digestion tests at 35°C were performed on the same mixture: after 30 days the biogas yield resulted of 531 NL/kgVS, with a CH₄ content of 59%.

Calculate the biogas Q_{biogas} (Nm³_{biogas}/d) and methane Q_{CH_4} (Nm³_{CH₄}/d) production from the AD plant, by knowing that the conversion efficiency of the plant is 80%.

By assuming an hydraulic retention time of at least 40 d and an organic loading rate of no more than 2.5 kgVS/m³/d, define the appropriate volume for the anaerobic digester.