Special Issue

Anaerobic Digestion Processes for Wastewater Treatment

Message from the Guest Editors

Anaerobic digestion (AD) is a natural process carried out by anaerobic microorganisms, which offers many advantages in regard to the production of renewable energy. AD produces methane, which is a greenhouse gas that can also be captured and used for fuel production; therefore, it is a key measure for decreasing greenhouse gases. For wastewater treatment, AD processes are usually used for treating sludge to produce energy, decreasing its volume and increasing its dewaterability. Sludge can also be codigested with other byproducts like agricultural waste (straw, manure), household waste or food waste. In this case, solid AD processes, also called dry anaerobic digestion, can be used. The latter concerns a process for the degradation of high total solid (TS > 15 % w/w) content.

Despite the existence of numerous full-scale industrial solid reactors, many research works are still carried out in AD and are focused on current limitations in order to develop AD processes.

This Special Issue aims to encourage researchers to find solutions in order to overcome these limitations.

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