



Treatment of digestates and recovery of nutrients

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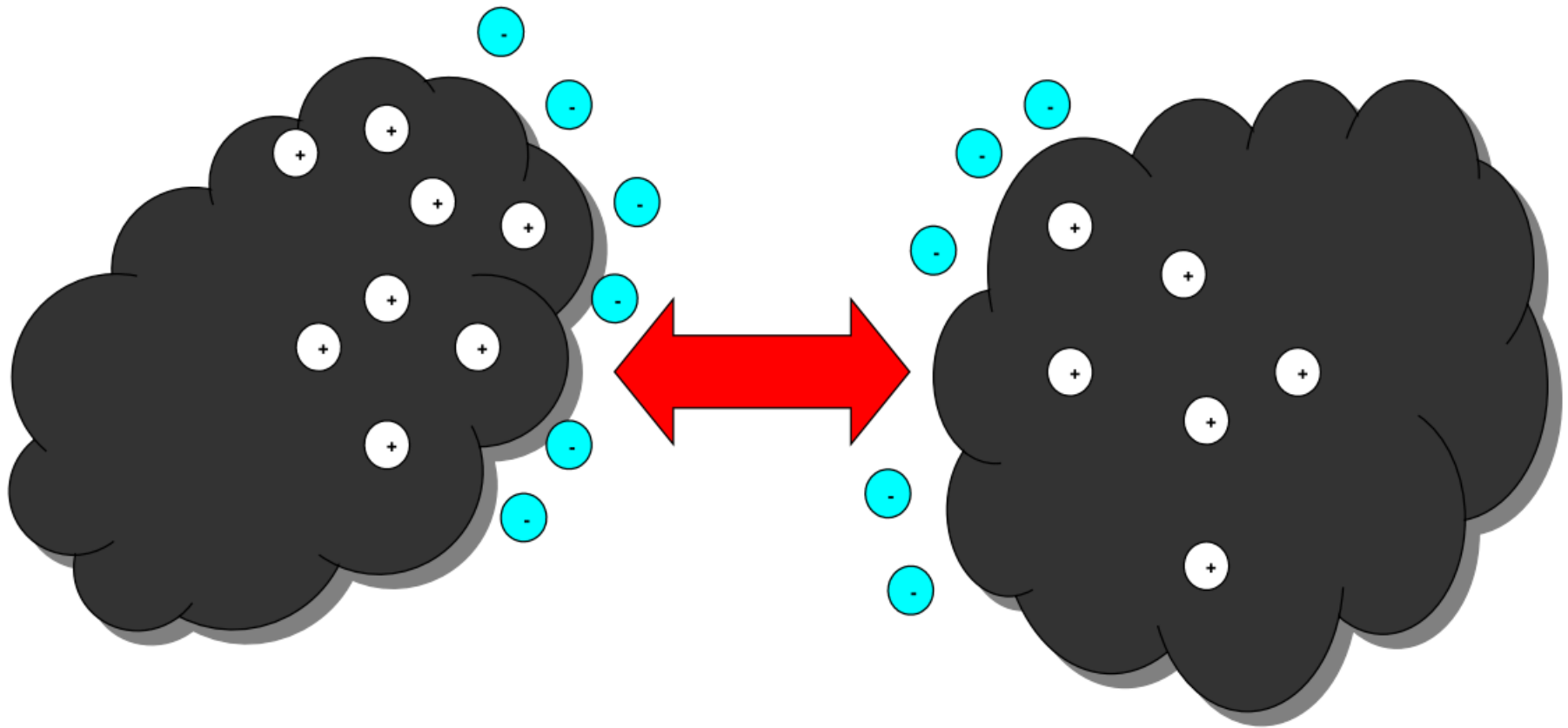
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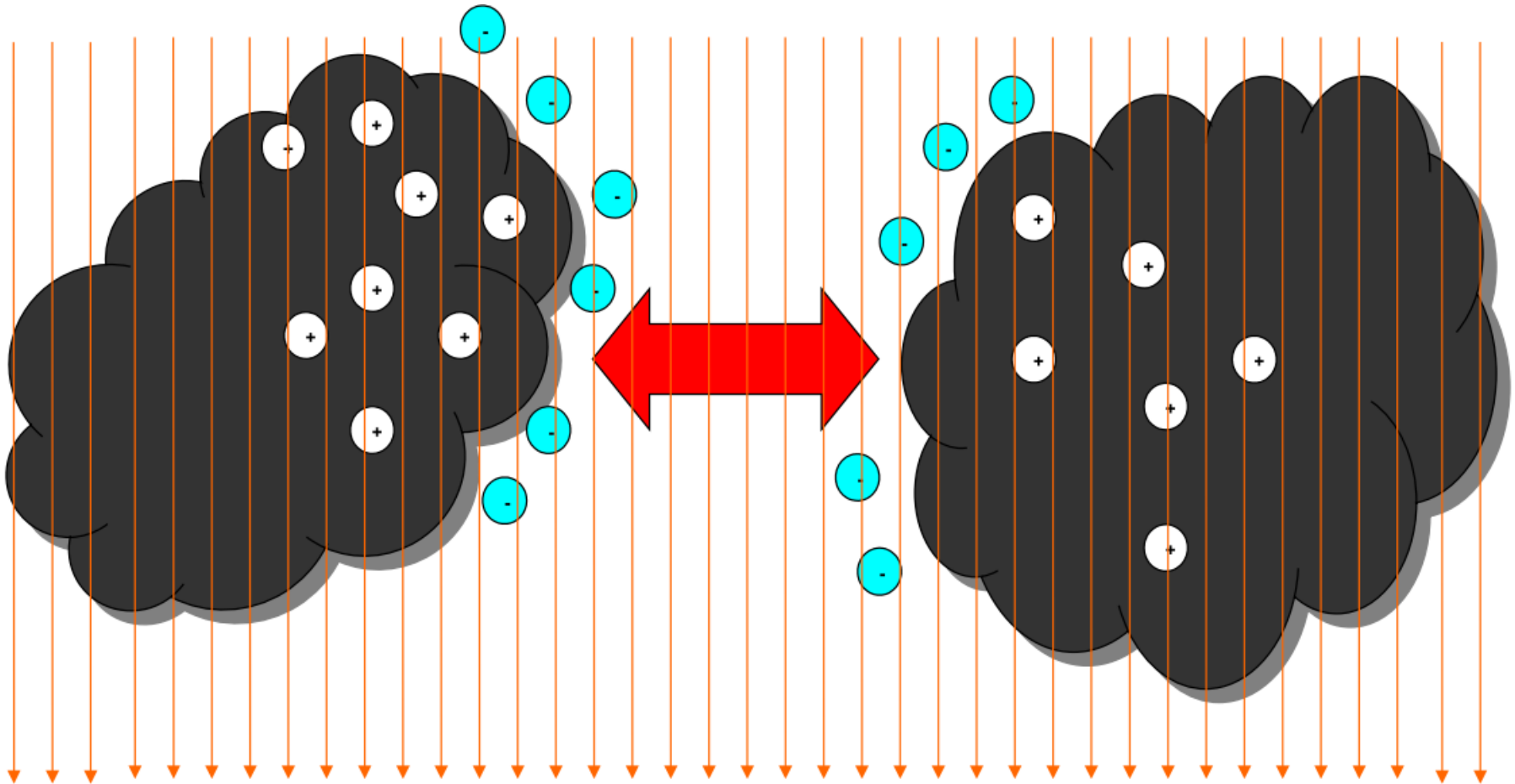
Movement of charge on the surface of solids

- **higher content of total solids after dewatering**
- **lower consumption of flocculation aid**
- **better separation of solids**

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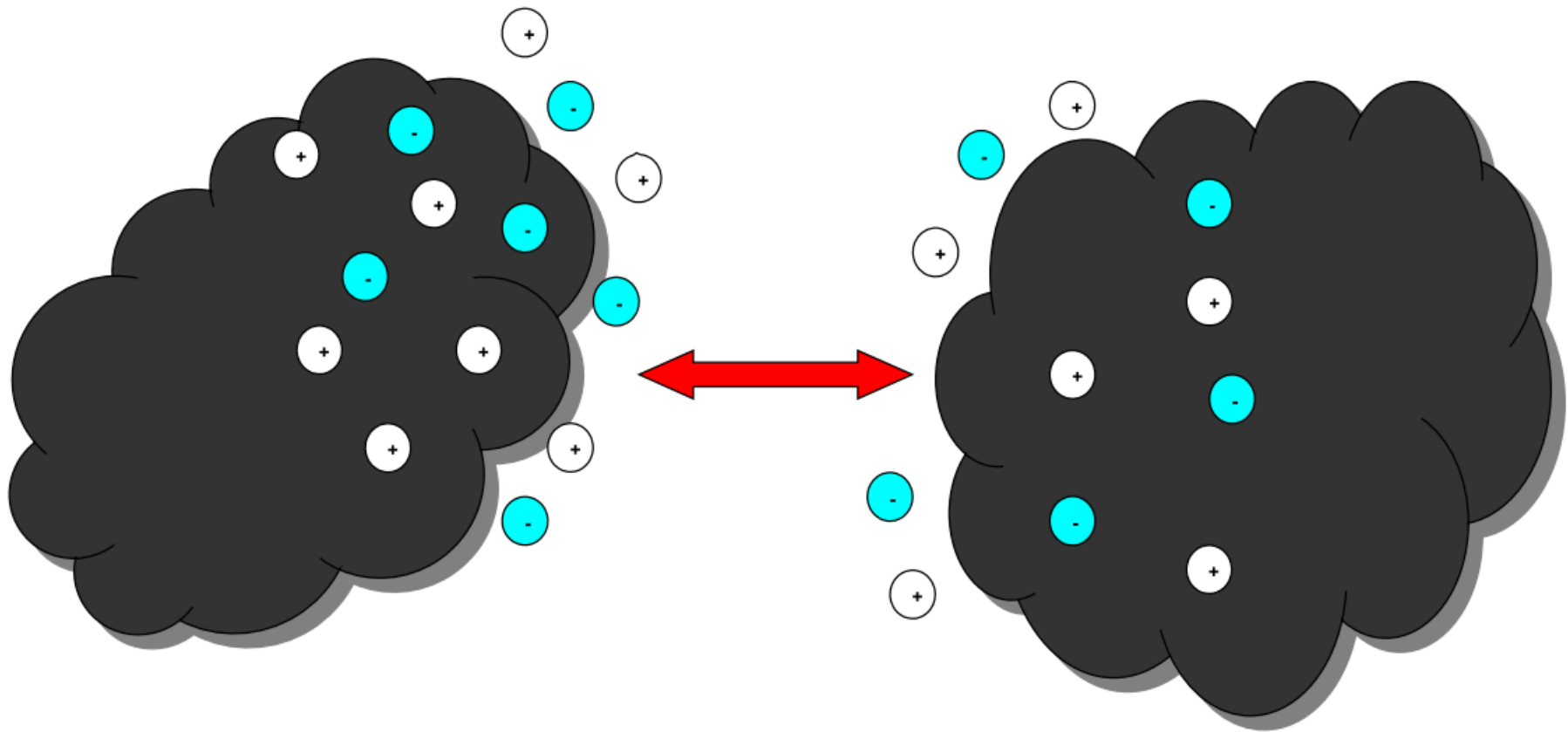


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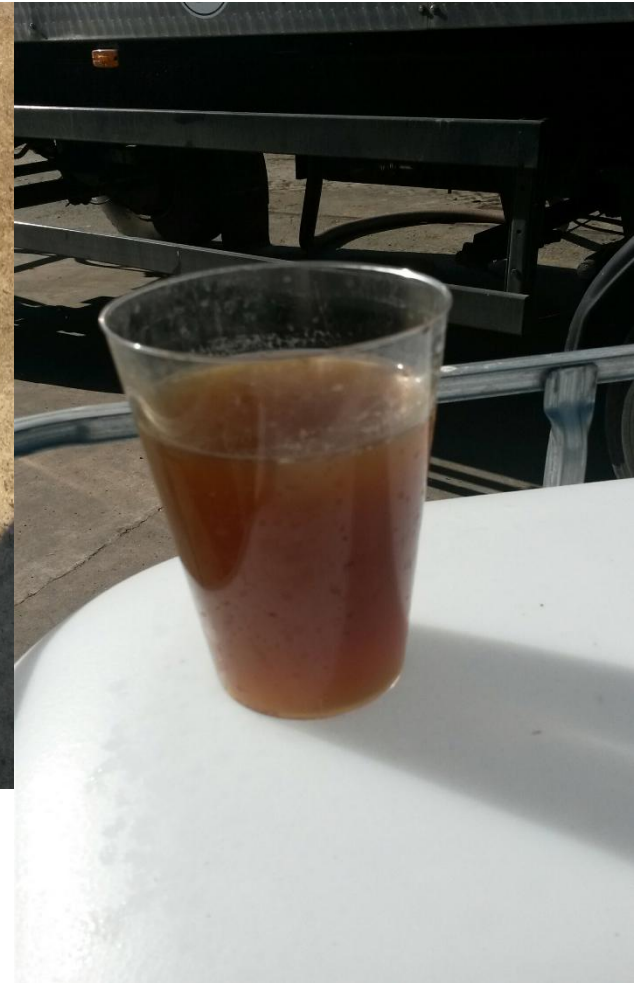
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Solid-liquid-separation of digestate by decanter / centrifuge

	without pre-treatment	with pre-treatment
TS_{digestate} (wt.-%)	3.68	3.68
TS_{centrate} (wt.-%)	1.23	0.41
TS_{centrate} (wt.-%)	16.46	18.80
Separation efficiency (%)	66.58	88.85

Solid-liquid-separation of digestate by decanter / centrifuge

	without pre-treatment	with pre-treatment
TS_{digestate} (wt.-%)	11	11
TS_{centrate} (wt.-%)	2.849	0.176
Separation efficiency (%)	74.1	98.4

Retentates from ultra filtration (decanter / centrifuge)

	without pre-treatment	with pre-treatment
TS_{Retentat} (wt.-%)	2.96	4.50
TS_{centrate} (wt.-%)	1.48	1.21
TS_{solids} (wt.-%)	16.25	21.69
Separation efficiency (%)	54.82	77.43

Examples of dewatering of digested sludge by decanter / centrifuge (municipal waste water treatment plant)

Increasing of dry matter in dewatered sludge

Digested sludge 20 m³/h

High voltage system ZetaOptimizer	without /	with
DM _{dewatered sludge} (wt.-%) Increasing of dry matter 10 %	20.6	22.9
DM _{dewatered sludge} (wt.-%) Increasing of dry matter 11 %	20.2	22.5
DM _{dewatered sludge} (wt.-%) Increasing of dry matter 14 %	20.3	23.6

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Saving feeding of flocculant (centrifuge)

$dm_{\text{dewatered sludge}}$	centrate (% dm)*	flocculant (kg/t dm)	ZetaOptimizer
26.35	0.31	8.9	off
28.31	0.33	8.9	on
26.82	0.32	6.0	on

Saving flocculant 32.6 %

* Including salts

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Treatment of digestates System GNS



Laboratory equipment
0,2 - 5 L



Large-scale strip system (BENAS) operating since 2008 ,
15 m³/h flow capacity, testing of the FaserPlus-Technology,
suitable for further technical experiments



Gypsum from flue gas
desulphurisation (5 t/d)



Lime (3 t/d)



Ammonia sulfate
liquid fertilizer (13 t/d)

- ✓ **Modified technology for stripping of ammonia**
 - Chemical fixation of CO₂ and NH₃ with Gypsum from flue gas desulphurisation to mineralic fertilizer
 - Halving of salinity (no alkaline digestate)
 - Sanitizing effects and additional cell disruption (> 70 °C)
- ✓ **FaserPlus technology**
 - applicable for not separated or roughly separated digestate
 - Sturdy construction, reliable mastering of foam behavior



Factory data of FaserPlus plant

Input		Output	
Feed [m ³ /h]	8 to 10	Effluent [m ³ /h]	7,5 to 9,5
NH ₄ -N [g/l]	3 to 4,5	NH ₄ -N [g/l]	0,5 to 0,9
TS [%]	11 to 12	TS [%]	11,5 to 12,5
pH	8,0 to 8,5	pH	8,5 to 9,3
Conductivity [mS/cm]	27 to 30	Conductivity [mS/cm]	15 to 17
Gypsum from flue gas desulphurisation [t/d]	4 to 5	Lime (fertilizer) , 76 % TS [t/d]	2,9 to 3,4
Heat consumption [kW]	800 to 960	Ammonia sulphate, liquid (5 % N, 6 % S) [t/d]	10,5 to 13
Wattage [kW]	ca. 50	Biogas fibres* [t/batch], ca. 30% TS	20

* Test produktion in 2017

Additional effects of FaserPlus technology

→ unique utilisation caskade possible:

straw containing substrates → **biogas plant** → **biogas fibres without NH₃** → **wood-based materials, insulation materials...** → **recycling, reutilization**

→ Indexing of new value creative potential for biogas plants

→ Improvement of raw material supply and cost situation e.g. for wood-based material industry

→ Higher yield of biogas and mineralic N-fertilizer

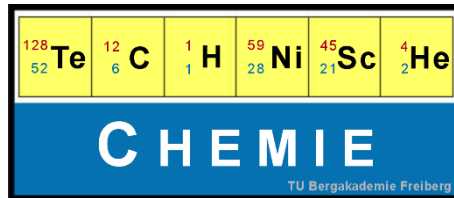
→ Lower emissions during the separation with advantages for the total treatment

- ✓ 5 to 30 % biogas fibers in chipboards, MDF, and HDF-boards possible
- ✓ Statistical and emission values conforming to standards



- ✓ Large-scale production of laminate boards with 1 - 3% purified biogas fibers
- ✓ Test mode in two different large-scale firms (in the south-west and the east of Germany)
- ✓ Utilization examinations for insulating materials

New research project in Germany in co-operation with



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New research project in Germany

- **degradation of drug residues (antibiotics, hormones)**
- **degradation of humics**
- **recovery of potassium**

Thank you for your attention.