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Wastewater in cold climate experiences in the Andes

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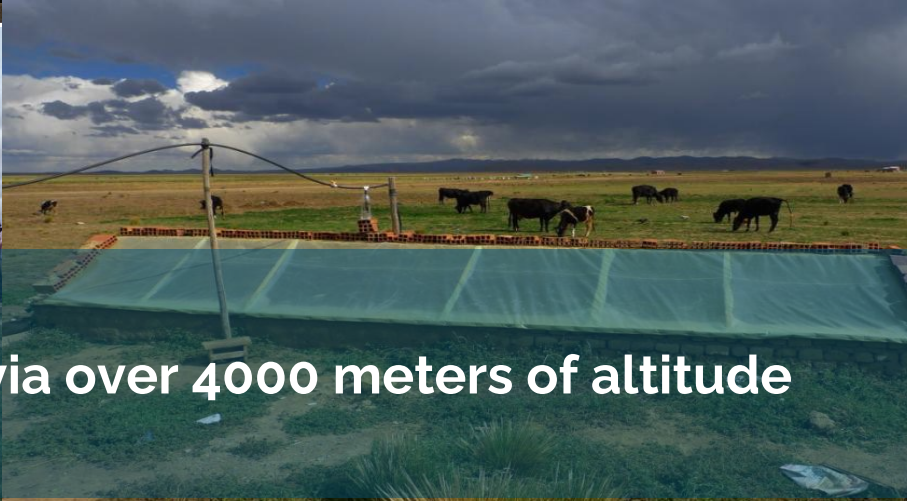
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Runa



Tenerife ITER. Spain 2001. 10 meters altitude



Bolivia Around 2500 meters of altitude



Bolivia over 4000 meters of altitude

Bolivia over 5000 meters of altitude

Refuge Las Rocas 5130
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Low-cost digestors



Tenerife ITER. Spain 2001. 10 meters altitude



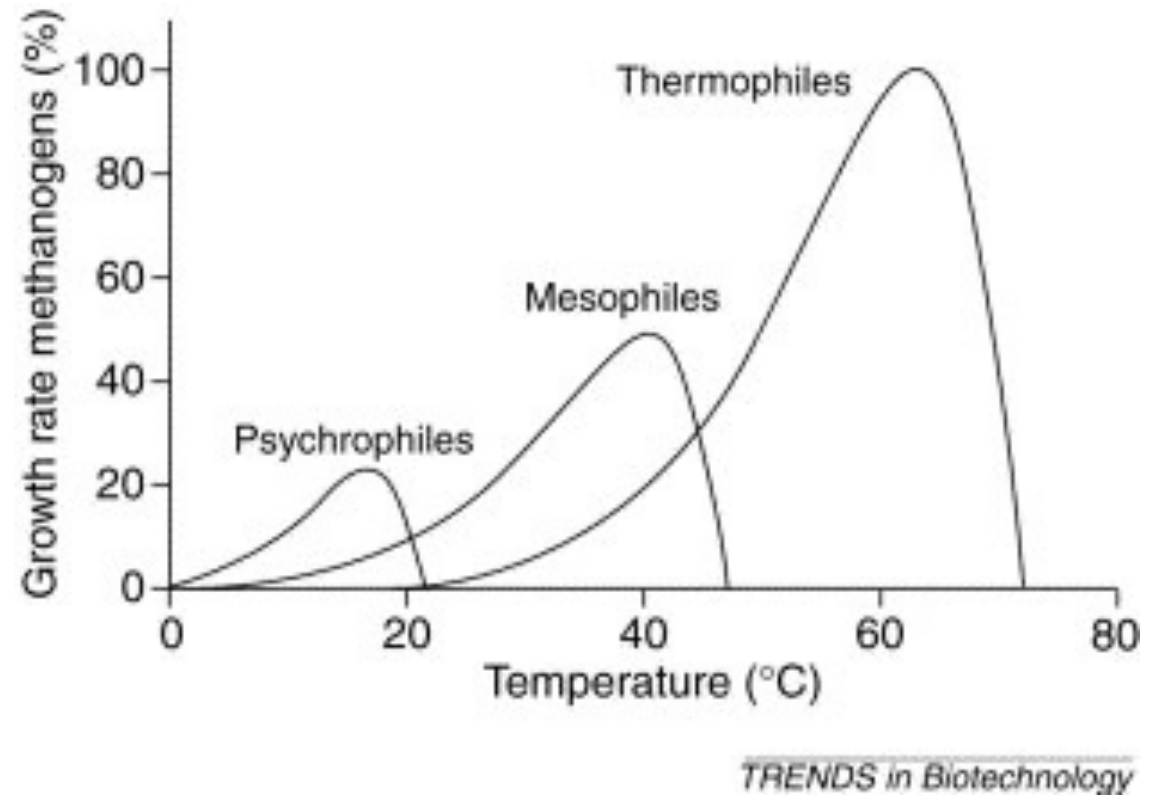
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How Digestors Work



Lettinga, G., Rebac, S., & Zeeman, G. (2001). Challenge of psychrophilic anaerobic wastewater treatment. *TRENDS in Biotechnology*, 19(9), 363-370.

Predicting methane production in simple and unheated biogas digesters at low temperatures



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Laboratory studies reported that bellow 20 °C there are no (or very few) Anaerobic Digestion

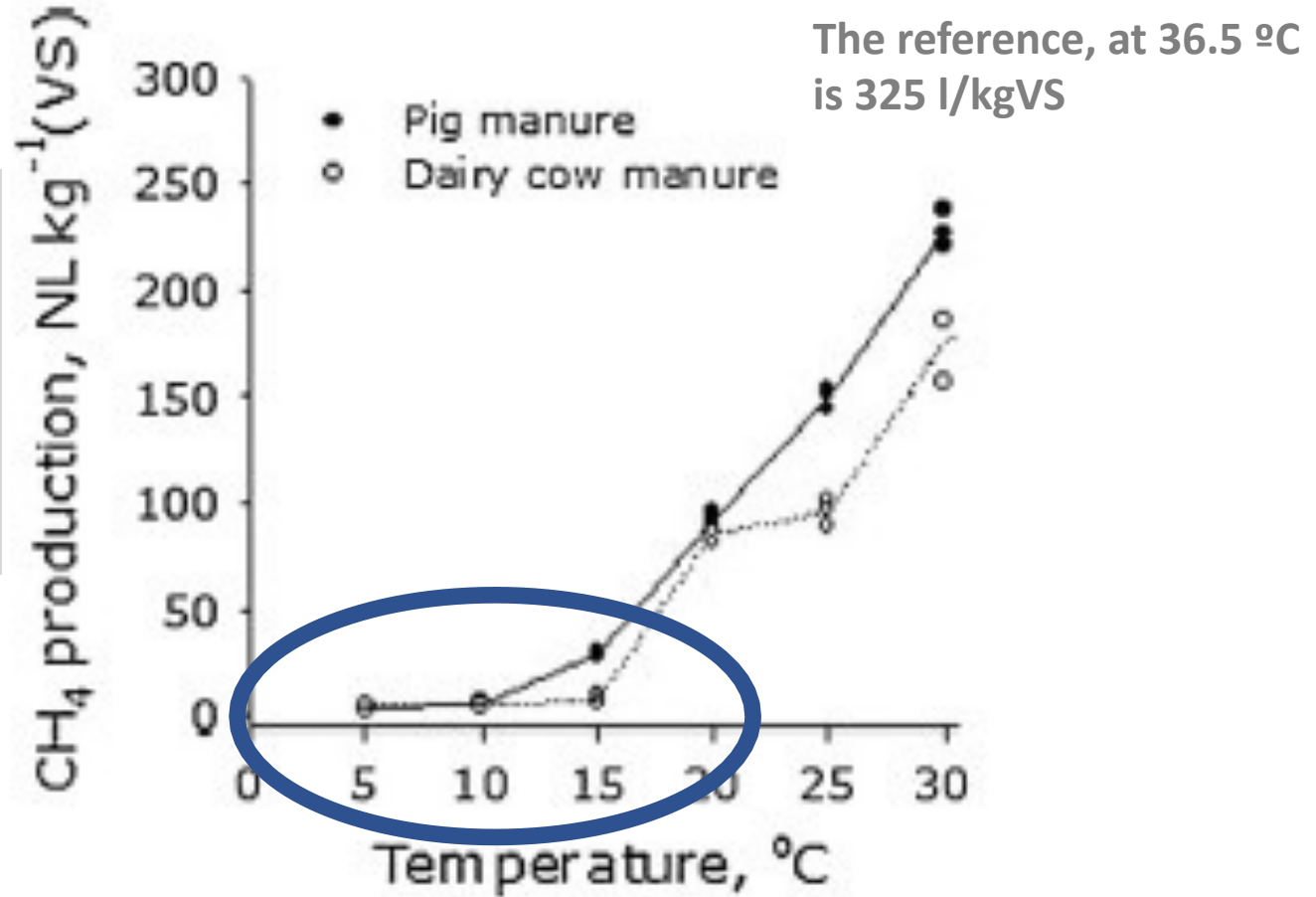
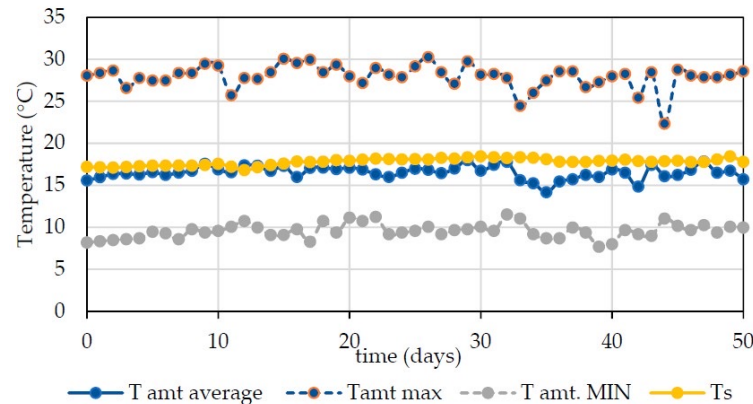


Fig. 2. Relationship between temperature (°C) and overall methane production (CH₄ NL kg VS⁻¹) from pig manure (solid line) and cow manure (dashed line).

Article

Psychrophilic Full Scale Tubular Digester Operating over Eight Years: Complete Performance Evaluation and Microbiological Population

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Full scale, 8 years old digester, treating pig manure reported 400 l/kgVS working at 17.7°C

But Pham et al 2014 said around 50 l/kgVS (17-18°C)

The reference, at 36.5 °C is 325 l/kgVS

Performance characterization

CH ₄	%	63.1 ± 5.3
SMP	Nm ³ CH ₄ /kg VS	0.40
MPR	Nm ³ CH ₄ /m ³ digester d	0.21
COD reduction	%	66.7%
VS reduction	%	77.6%
Coliforms reduction	%	10.5%

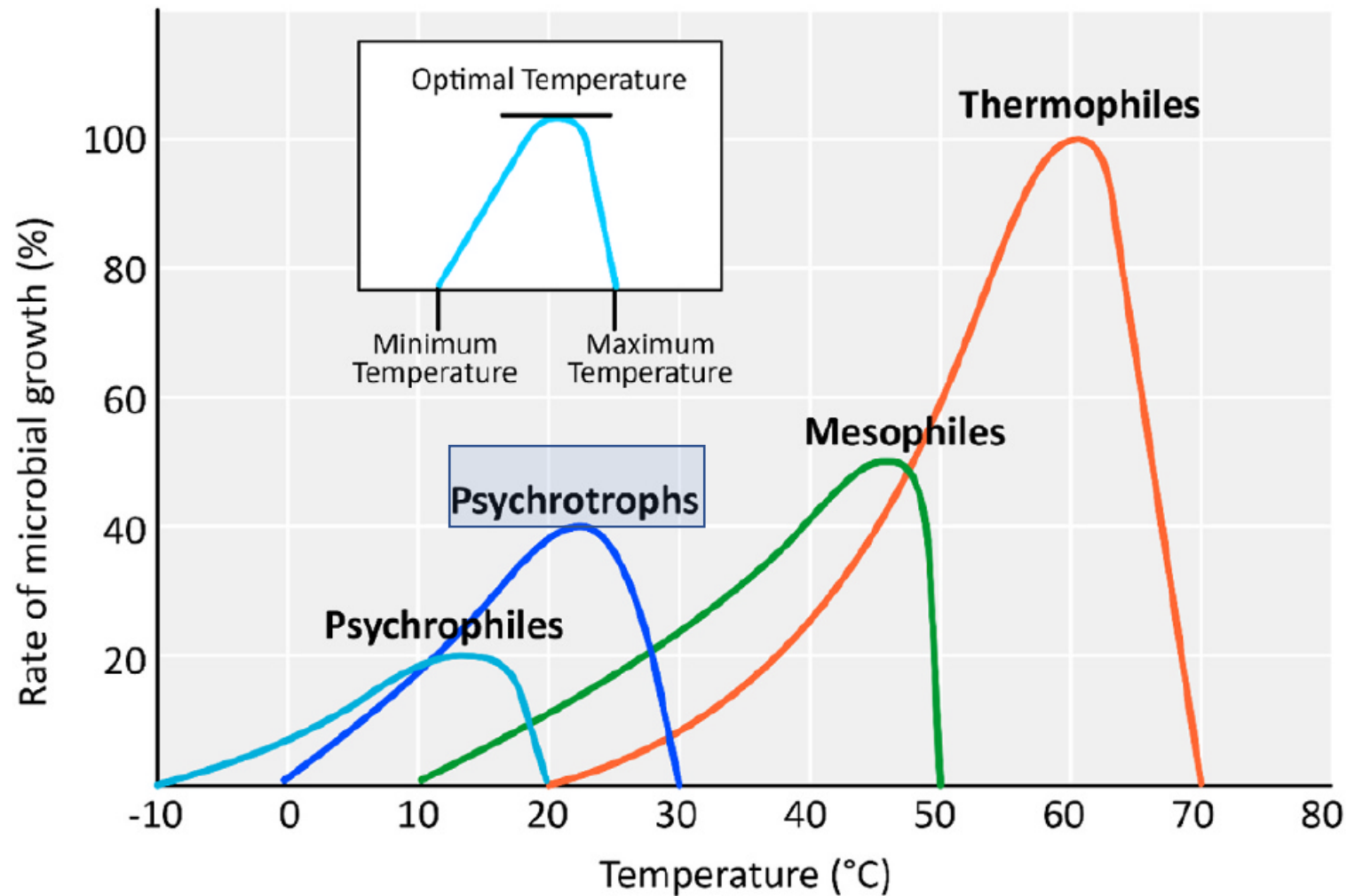


Fig. 1. The relative growth rate of psychrophilic, psychrotrophic, mesophilic and thermophilic microorganisms in response to temperature (adapted from Wiegel [24]).



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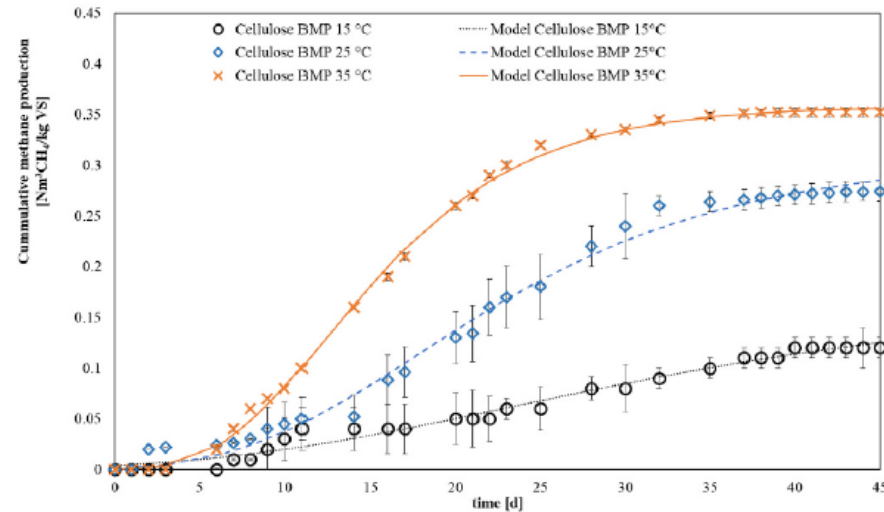
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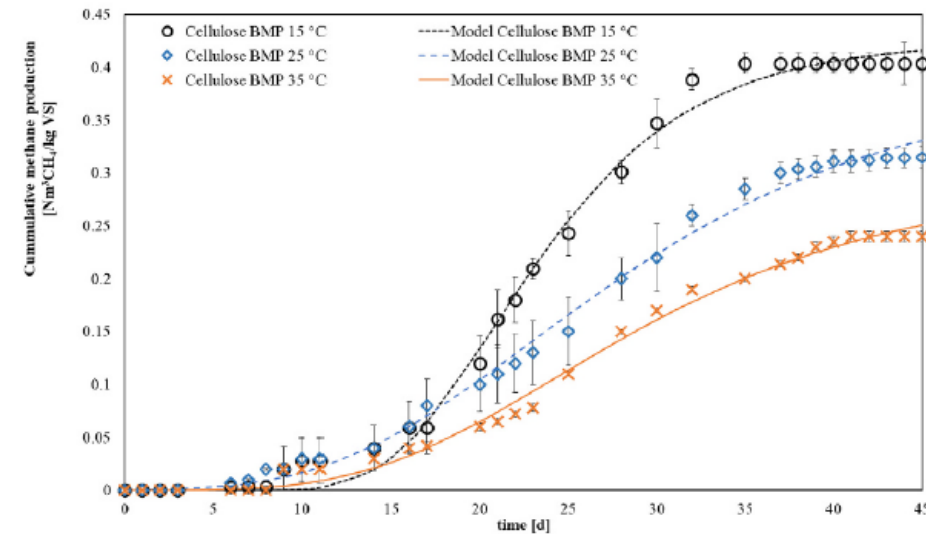
Biomethane potential test applied to psychrophilic conditions: Three issues about inoculum temperature adaptation

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 Monica Gualatoña ^d, María Belen Aldás ^d, Humberto Escalante ^c

The history of the inoculum is the key



Mesophilic inoculum



Psychrophilic inoculum



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Sewage treatment at 4 °C in anaerobic upflow reactors with and without a membrane – performance, function and microbial diversity†

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In this study, we investigated the feasibility of anaerobic sewage treatment at extremely low temperatures (4 °C) using two reactor setups: upflow anaerobic sludge blanket reactors (UASB) without and with (AnMBR_{UASB(UF)}) a membrane. Both reactors were inoculated with seeds derived from sediments that were putatively acclimatized to low temperatures. A preliminary batch trial showed that treatment is feasible with the removal of carbon coupled to methane and sulphide production. The reactors operated for 180 days at a hydraulic retention time of 3 days. After 40 days acclimation, both systems met the EU chemical ox-

methanogen was present but not abundant and largely confined to the biofilm. These observations suggest that at 4 °C methane can be produced not only through direct acetoclastic methanogenesis, but also through acetate oxidation coupled with hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis.

methanogenic activities at 4 °C (<18 fmol CH₄ per cell_{methanogen} per day) confirmed that acetoclastic methanogenesis is important in both setups and hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis was only unequivocally observed in the UASB reactors. The microbial diversity of the two systems was similar, and interestingly revealed several putatively hydrogenotrophic methanogens (*i.e.*, *Methanospirillum*, *Methanobrevibacter* and unassigned *Methanomassilococeae*). *Methanosaeta*; the archetypal acetoclastic methanogen was present but not abundant and largely confined to the biofilm. These observations suggest that at 4 °C methane can be produced not only through direct acetoclastic methanogenesis, but also through acetate oxidation coupled with hydrogenotrophic methanogenesis.

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Digester inside a
compact greenhouse

Insulation in the trench



Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Endev-Bolivia-GTZ y CIMNE, 2011

*At the beginning
straw, but disappear
after 2 years*

black color reactor

**Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Endev-Bolivia-GTZ y
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BUCLIA MT4016K N°1068977
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Módulo: 1.5" x 1/2" x 1/2"
Caudal: 1.5"
Presión: 1.5"
Temperatura: 1.5"
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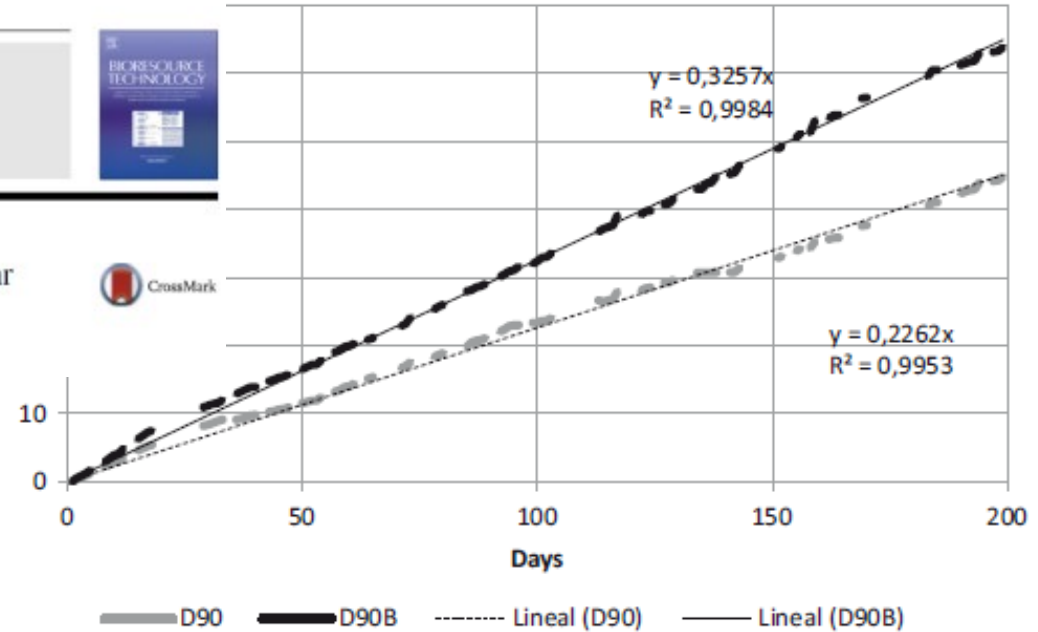
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Improvement through low cost biofilm carrier in anaerobic tubular digestion in cold climate regions

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filter or biofilm?



*Problems with the
greenhouse plastic
after two years*

Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Endev-Bolivia-GTZ y CIMNE, 2014




We change the greenhouse plastic by polycarbonate

Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Hivos and CIMNE, 2014

Keep compact greenhouse



Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Hivos and CIMNE, 2014

The image shows the interior of a stone structure, likely a beehive or a small room, during a renovation project. The walls are made of rough-hewn, yellowish-brown stone blocks. A large, dark, cylindrical object, possibly a beehive, is positioned in the center. The ceiling is supported by several wooden beams and is covered with a blue, patterned material, likely polystyrene foam insulation. The floor is also made of stone. The overall scene is one of active construction or repair.

**And change the
Straw insulation
by polystyrene
foam**

Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Hivos and CIMNE, 2014



**We tried to
simplify the
greenhouse...**

Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Hivos and CIMNE, 2015



**...but we failed.
To much heat!**

Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Hivos and CIMNE, 2015



**We melt the
plastic!
(over 70 °C!!)**

Viacha, La Paz, Bolivia. Hivos and CIMNE, 2015

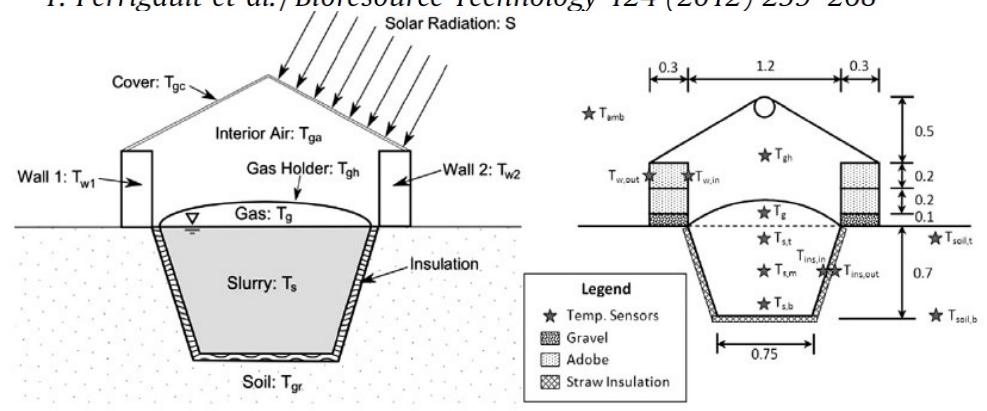


Fig. 1. General cross-section of the digester simulated in the 1-D thermal computer model and locations of the temperature sensors in and around the experimental digester. Length measurements are in meters.

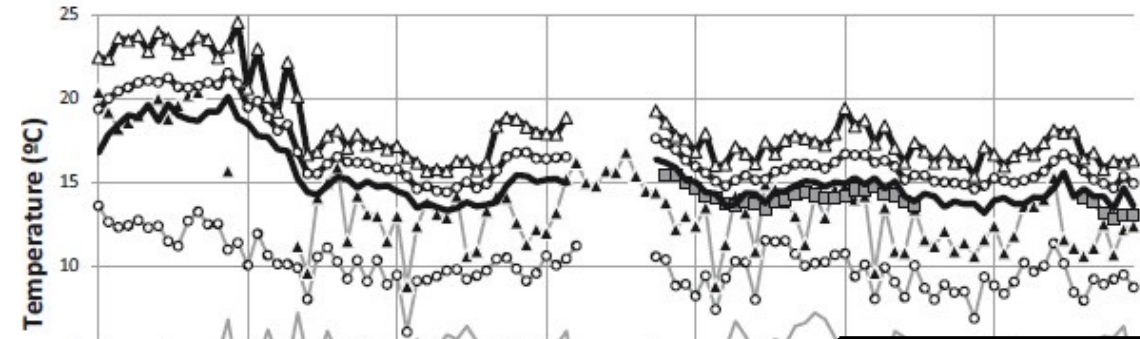
We focused on solar passive design with different papers published:

The conclusions?

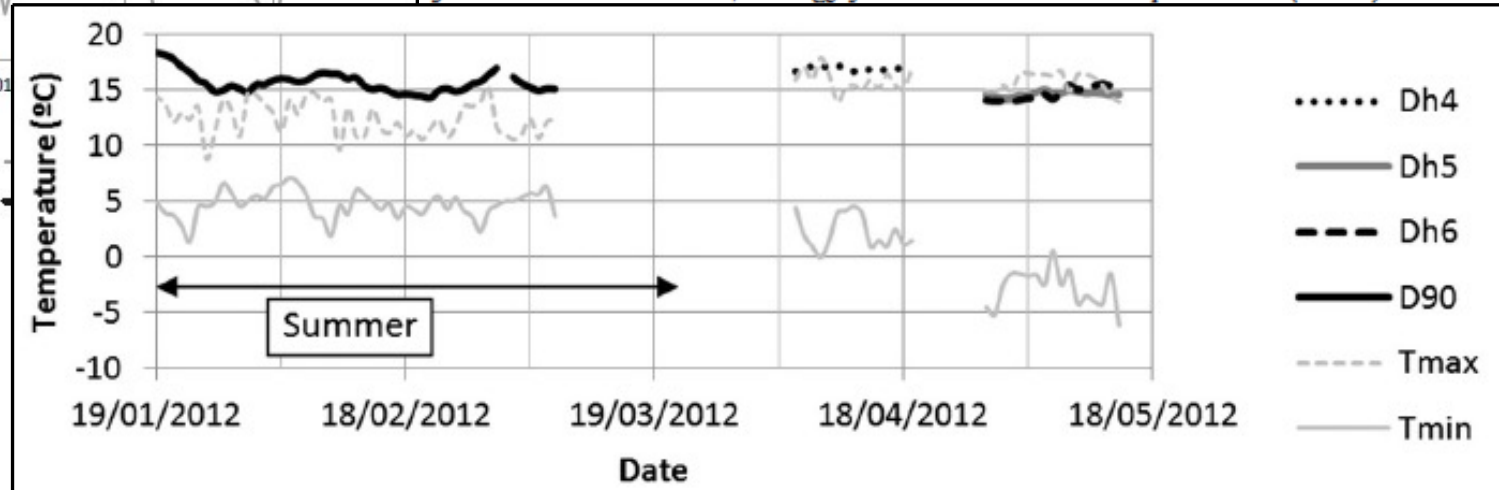
We can reach a slurry temperature similar to the maximum ambient temperature

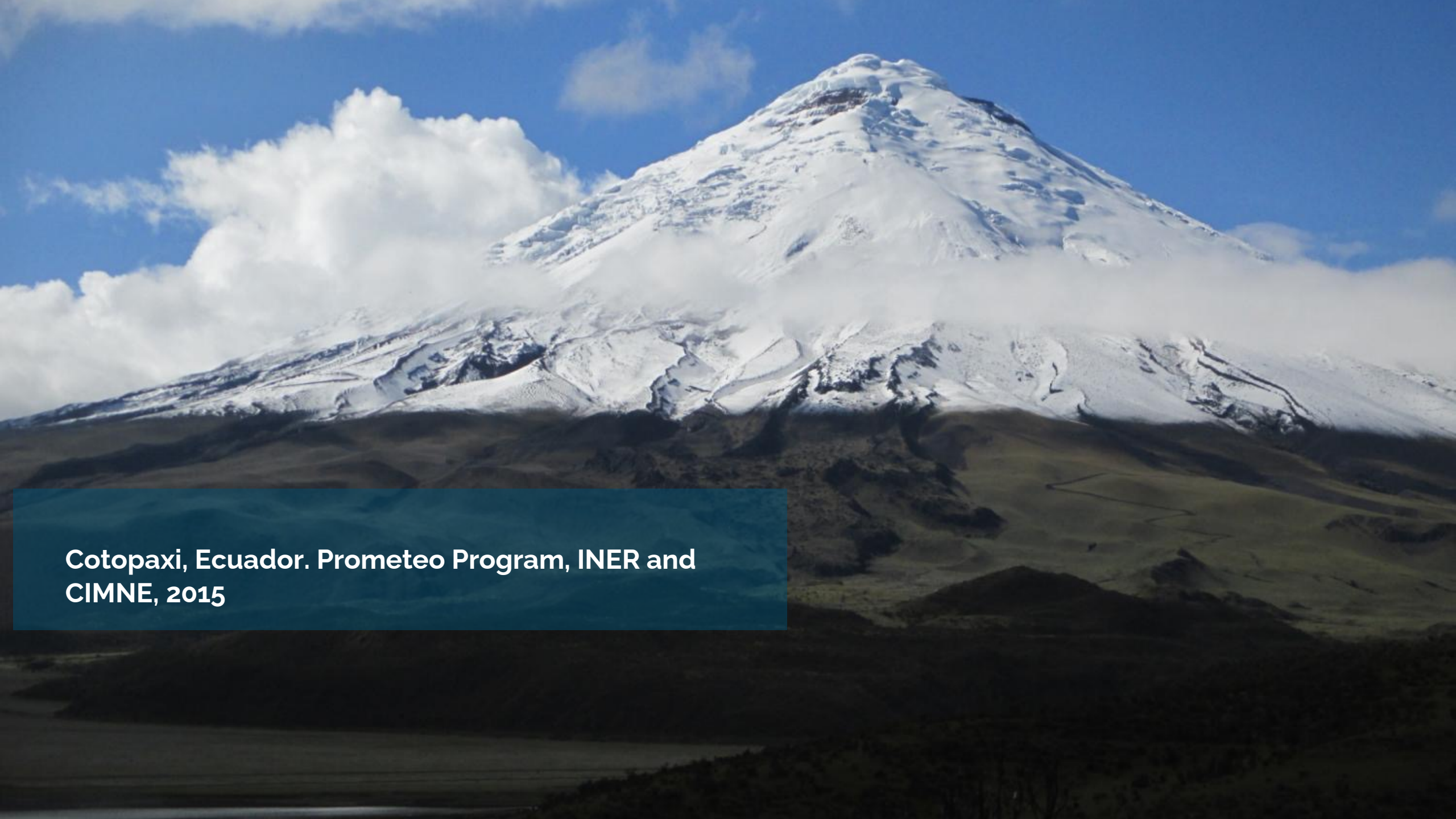
Without active heating, just taking advantage of solar passive design

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**Cotopaxi, Ecuador. Prometeo Program, INER and
CIMNE, 2015**



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A long roll of white corrugated metal sheet piling is laid out on the ground, supported by several wooden posts. The roll is positioned in a field next to a high, rustic stone wall made of dark, irregular stones with orange lichen. In the background, several people are standing near the wall, and the terrain appears to be a rural, high-altitude area. The ground is a mix of dirt and sparse grass.

Cotopaxi, Ecuador. Prometeo Program, INER and CIMNE, 2015



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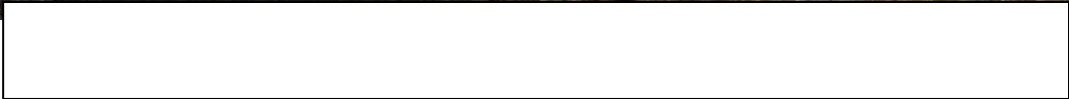
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130 km

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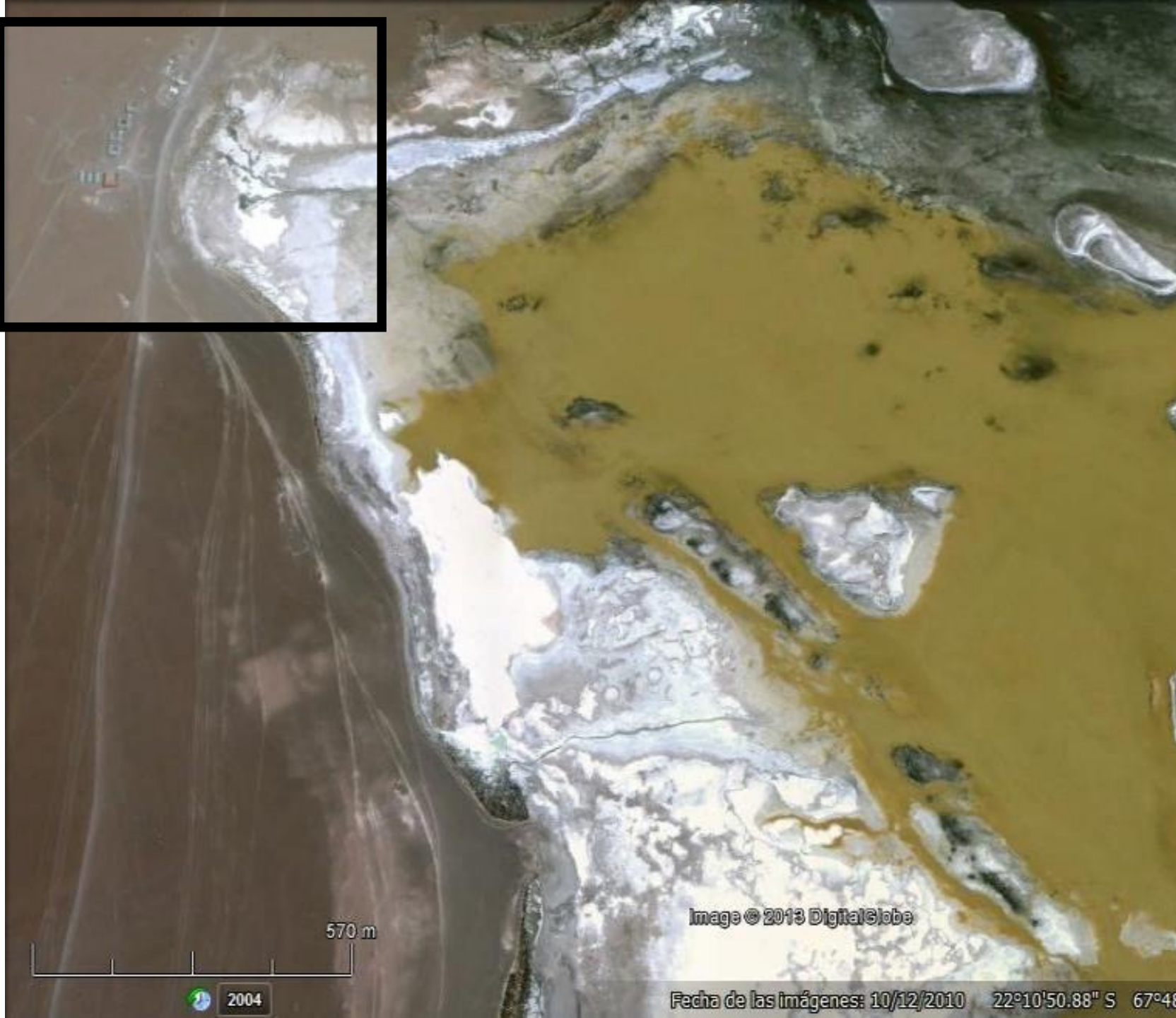


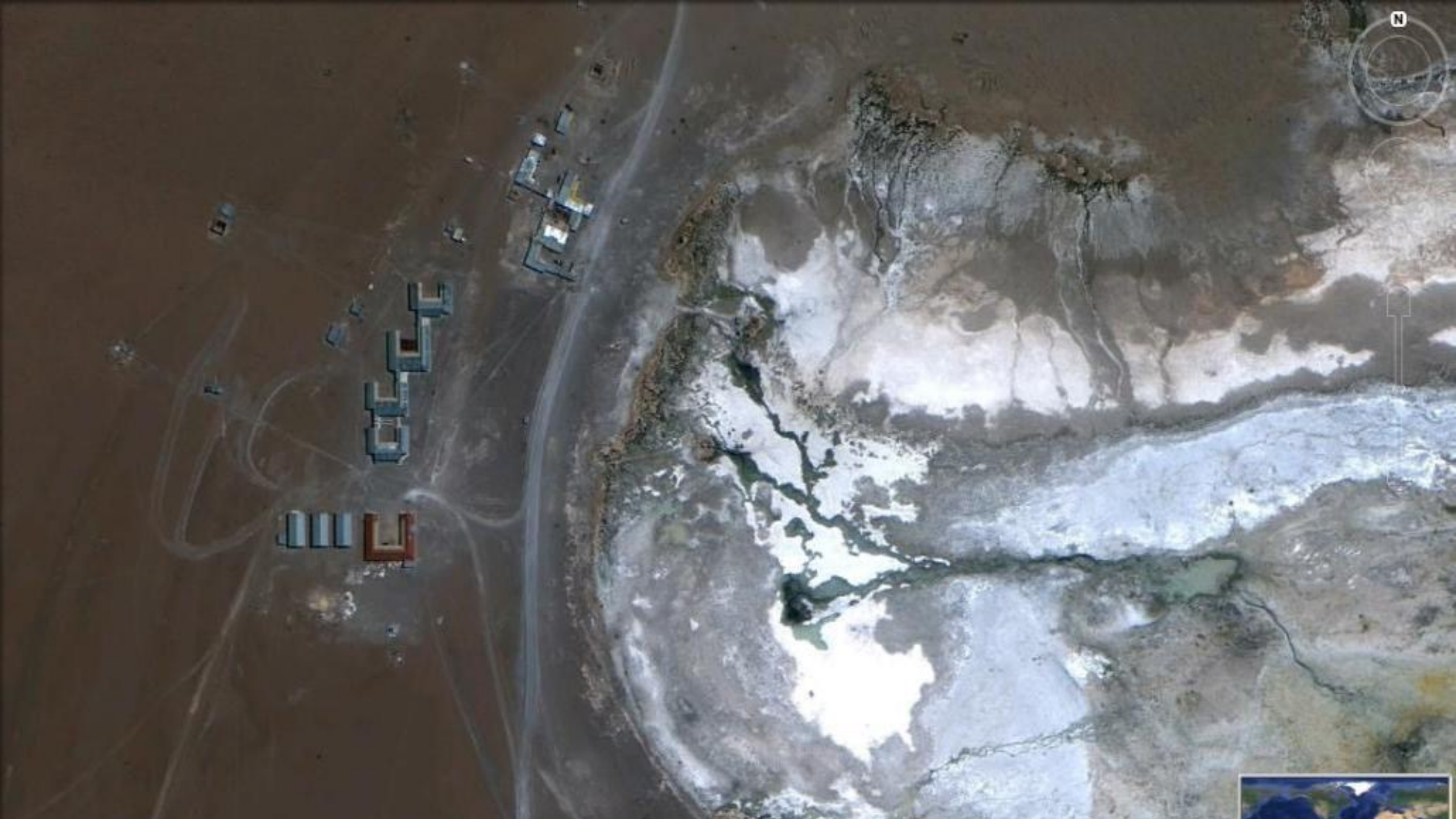
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570 m

2004

Fecha de las imágenes: 10/12/2010 22°10'50.88" S 67°48'







Laguna Colorada, Bolivia CIMNE, 2014



**300 cutted bottles
per digester**


3 digester in serie

**Black water
separated of the
grey water**



Laguna Colorada, Bolivia CIMNE, 2014





Ventilated Wetland
with subsuperficial
flux

Laguna Colorada, Bolivia CIMNE, 2014

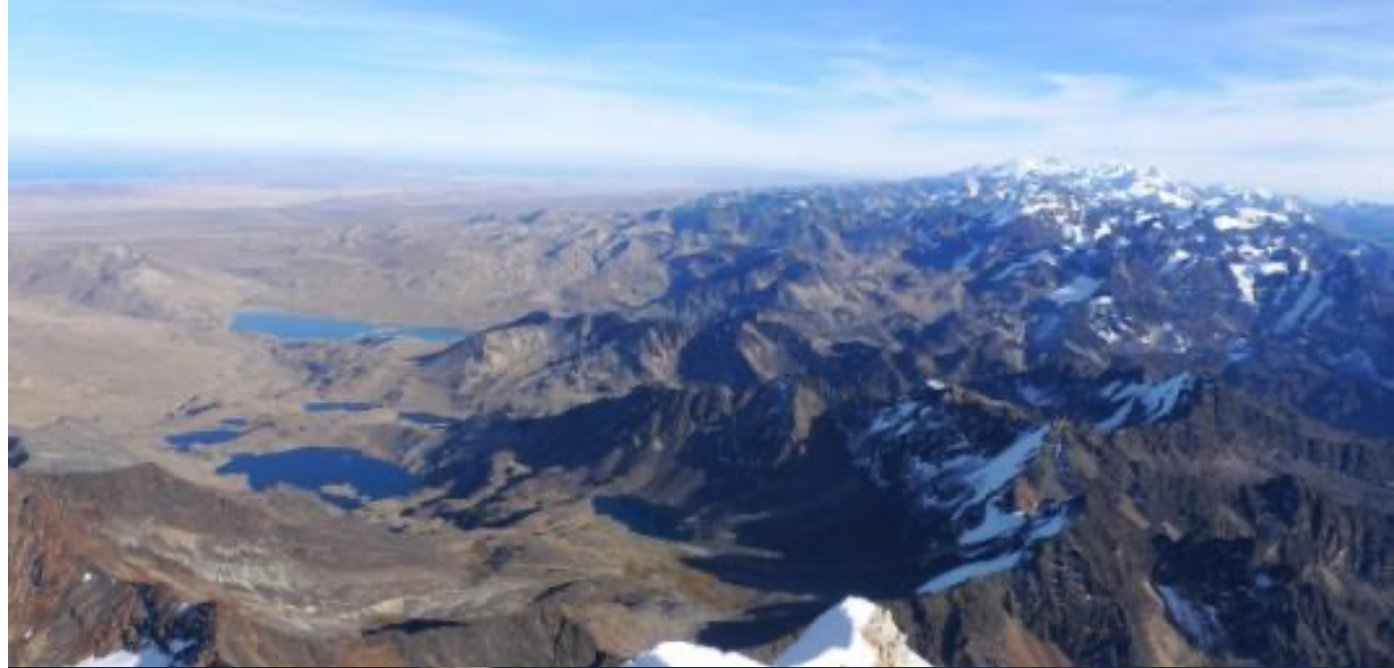
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**Excess of heat!!!
+ 70°C**

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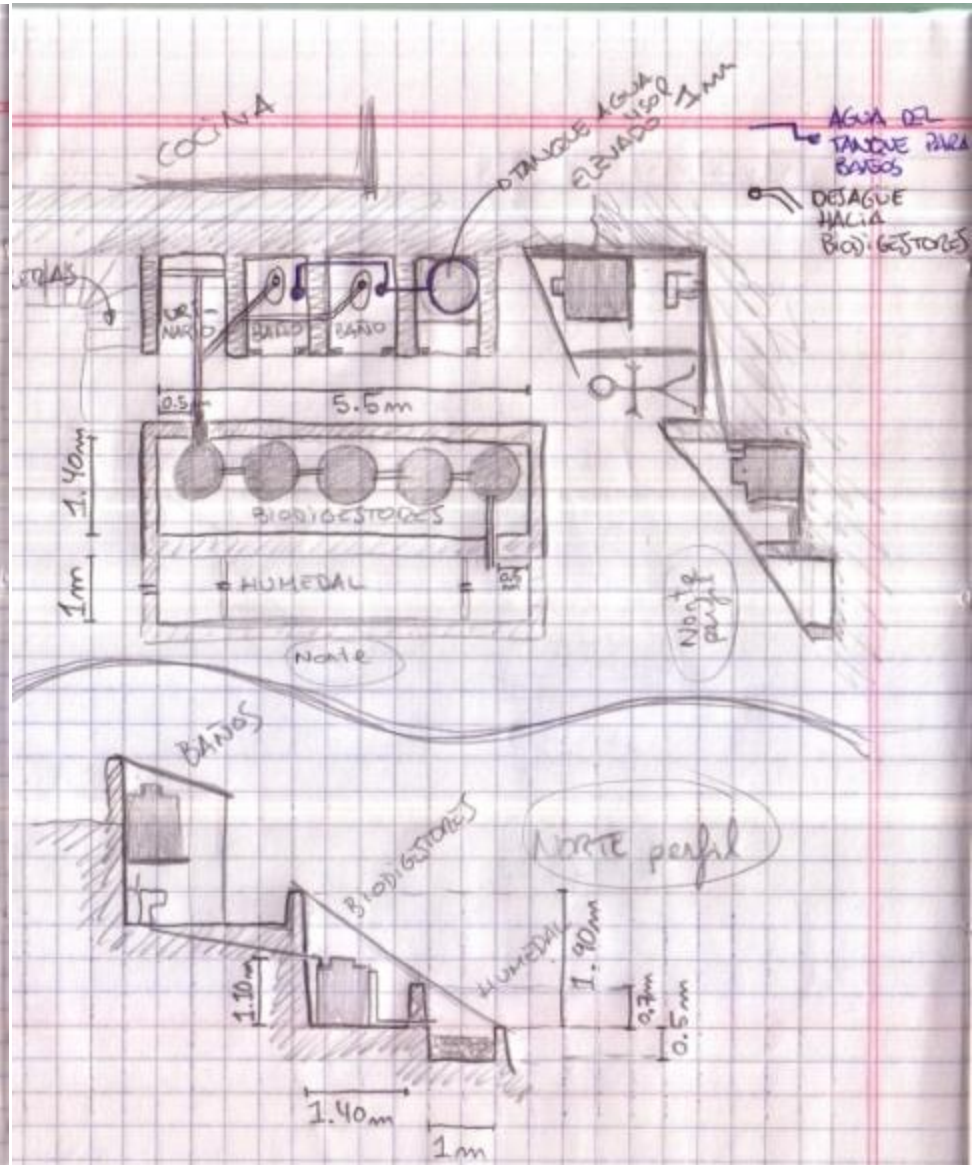
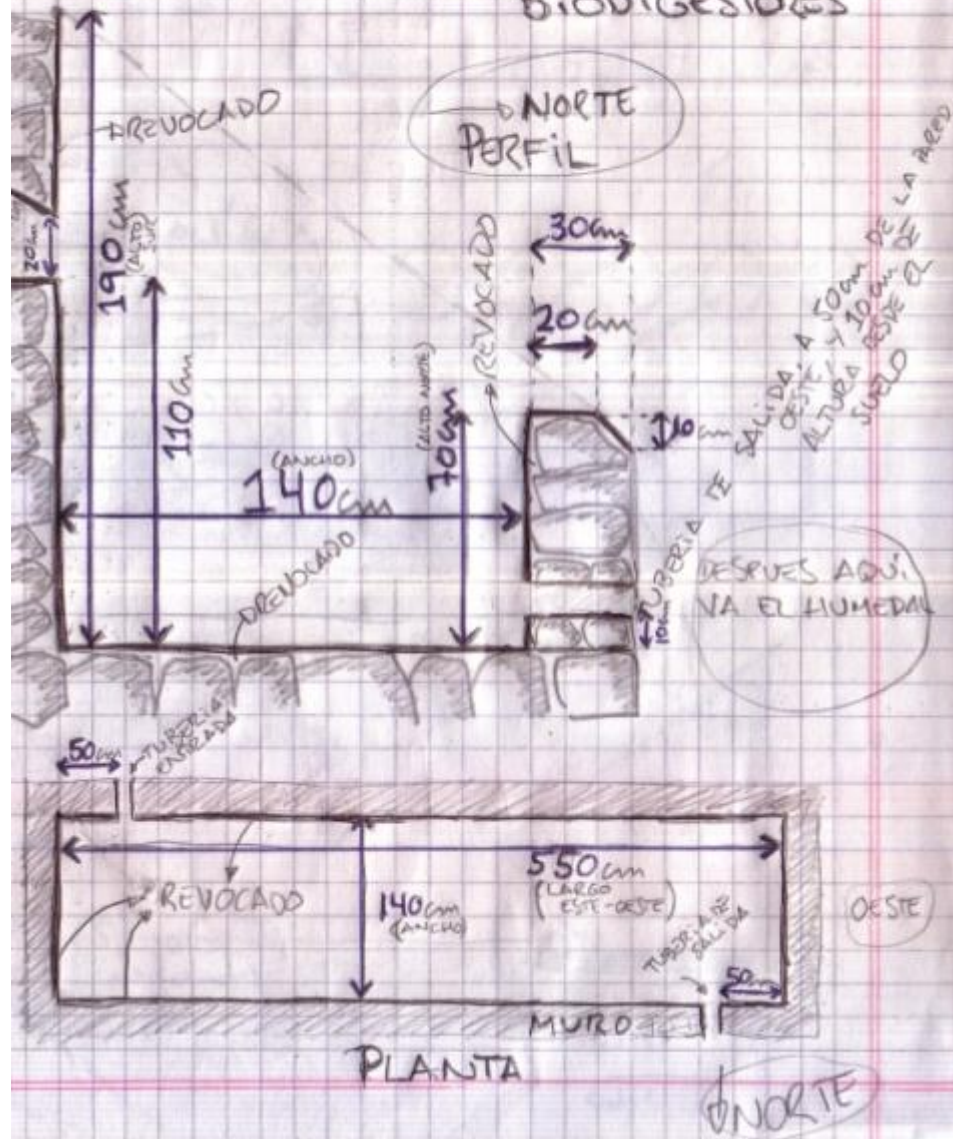






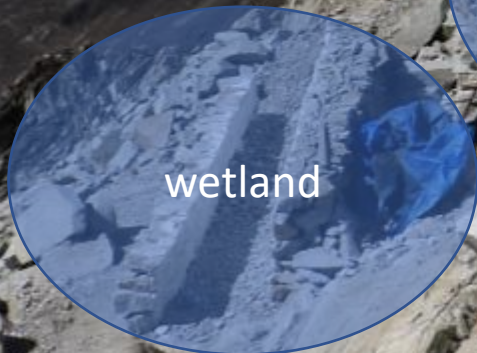
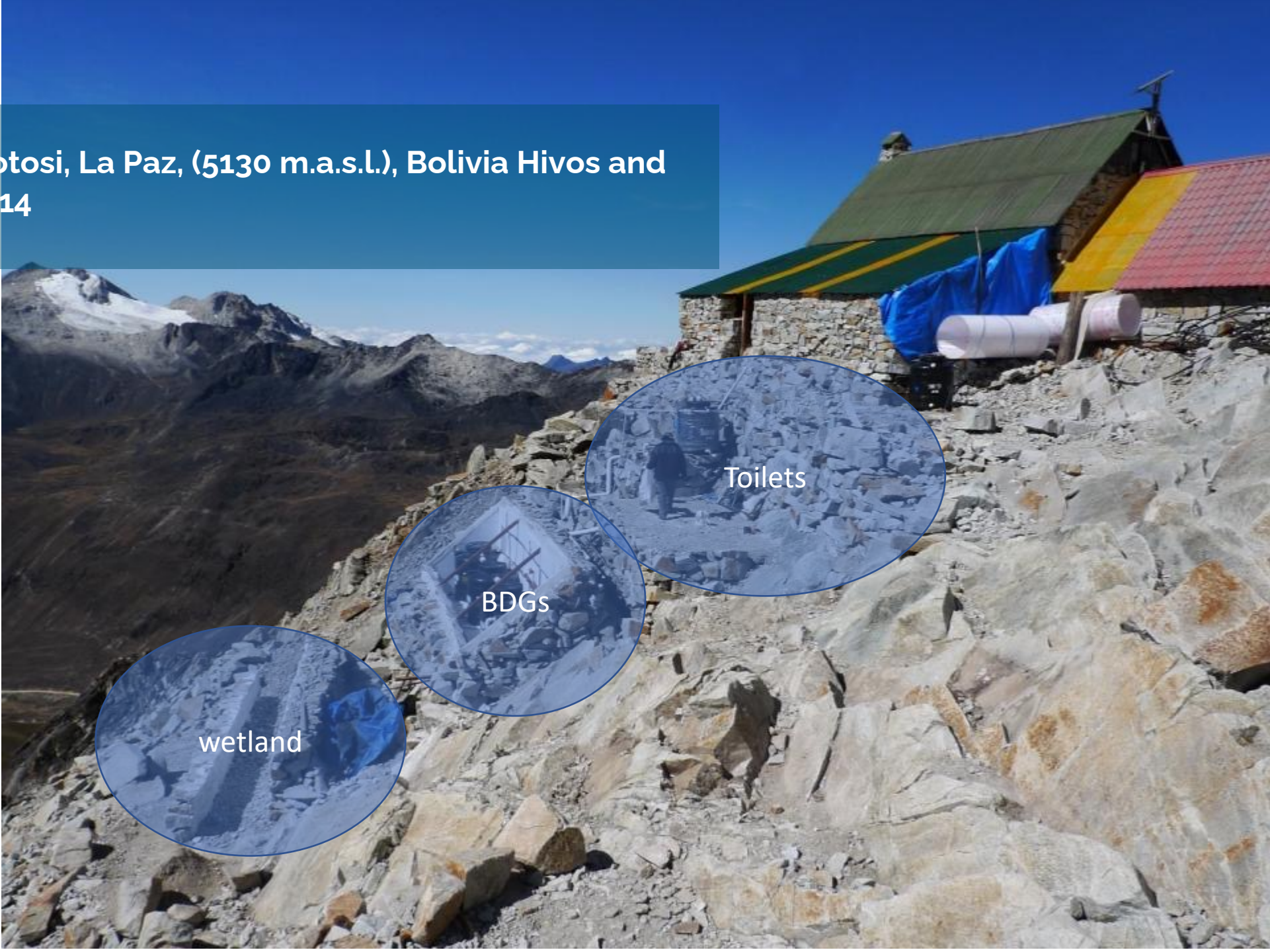
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wetland



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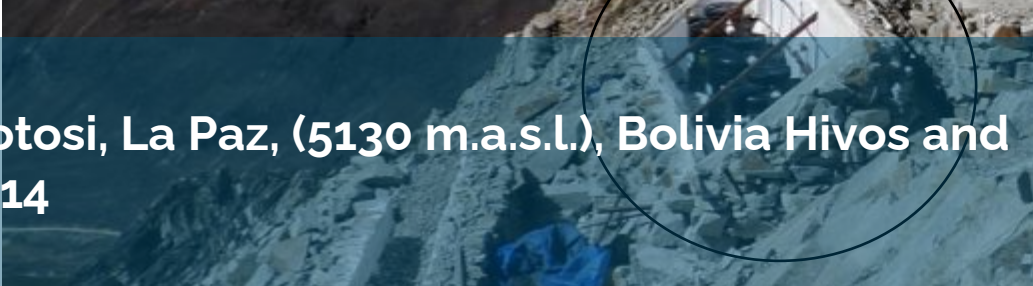


Toilets

- 4 tanks 600l (total 2.4m³)
- Inside a insulated greenhouse
- Full of soda bottles



Huayna Potosi, La Paz, (5130 m.a.s.l.), Bolivia Hivos and CIMNE, 2014



- Wetland full of small sotones
- Cover and ventilated
- 1m²/5p (total 5.5m²)



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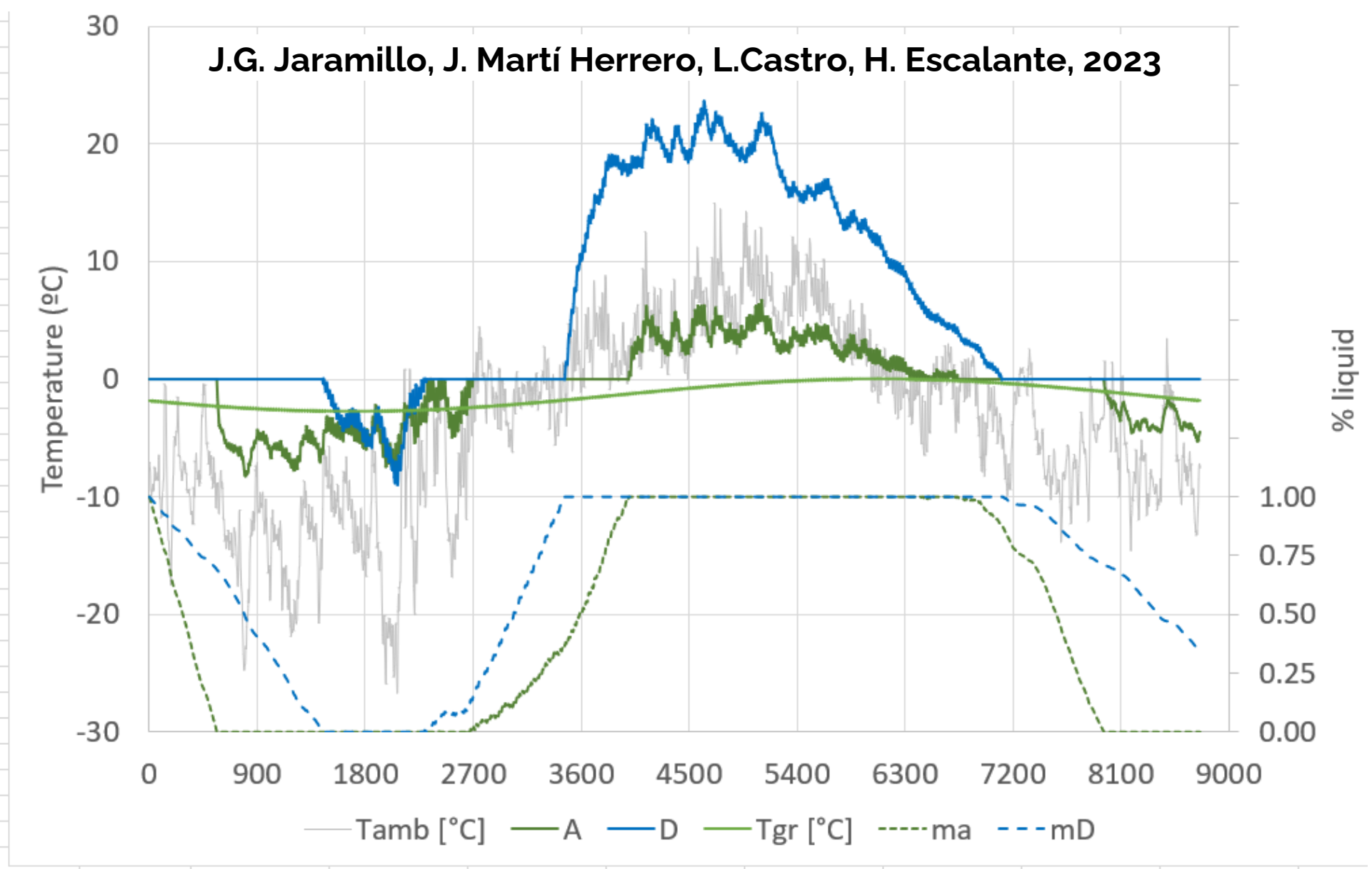






PLASTIGAMA

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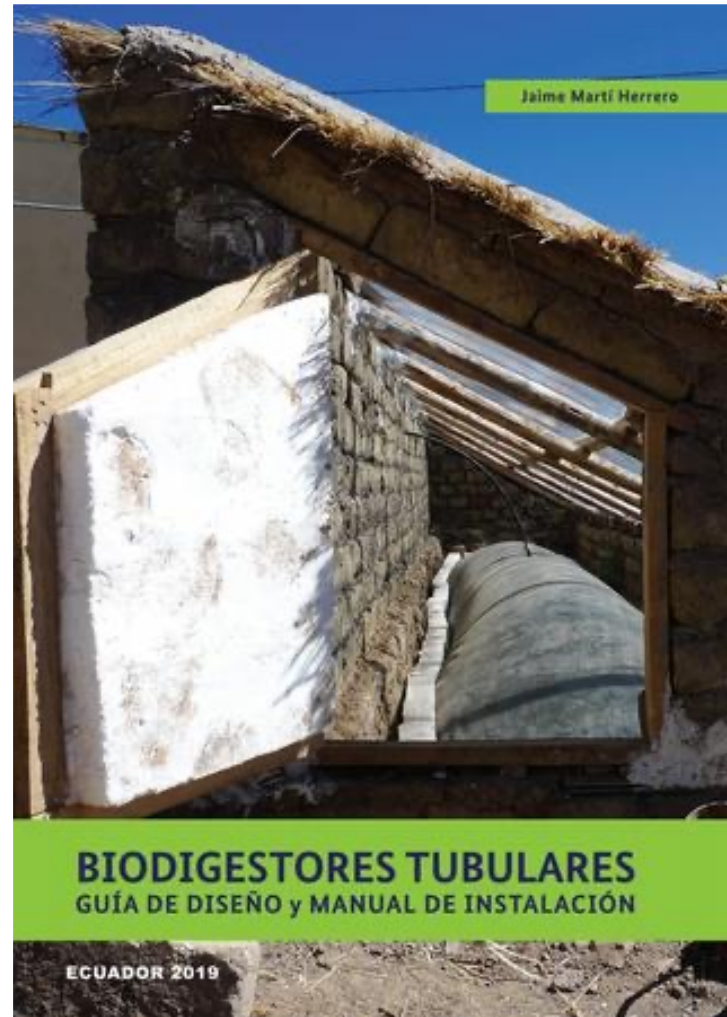




- We can adapt microorganisms to low temperatures (even use native!!)
- Solar radiation as heating source
- Soda bottles helps a lot
- Accept that is going to freeze
- Make sure to use the right technology

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Thank you!





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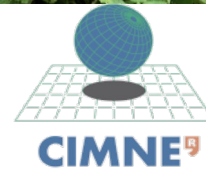




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