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## ОТРИМАННЯ ІНЖЕНЕРНО-ТЕХНОЛОГІЧНИХ ПОКАЗНИКІВ ЕКСПЕРИМЕНТАЛЬНО- ПРОМИСЛОВОЇ ТЕХНОЛОГІЇ СИНТЕЗУ БІОВОДНЮ

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*Development of scientific principles of  
obtaining, storage and use of hydrogen in  
autonomous energy supply systems*

**OBTAINING OF FERMENTATION PARAMETERS OF  
EXPERIMENTAL-INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY FOR  
SYNTHESIS OF BIOHYDROGEN**

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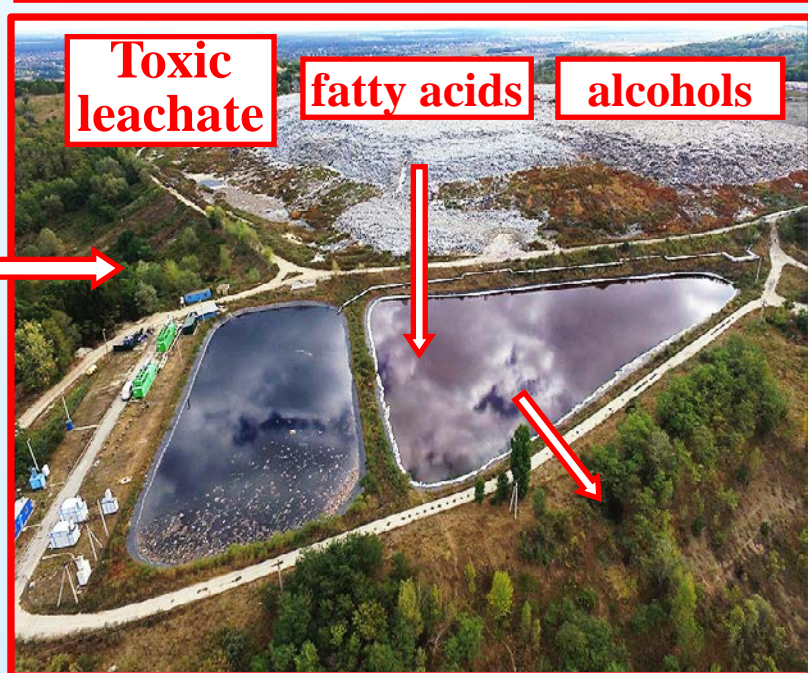
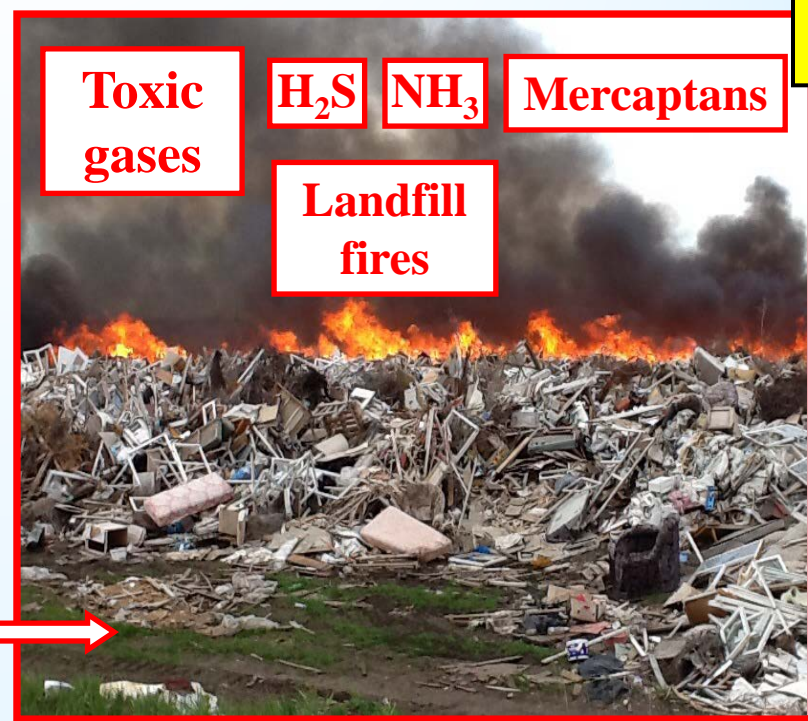
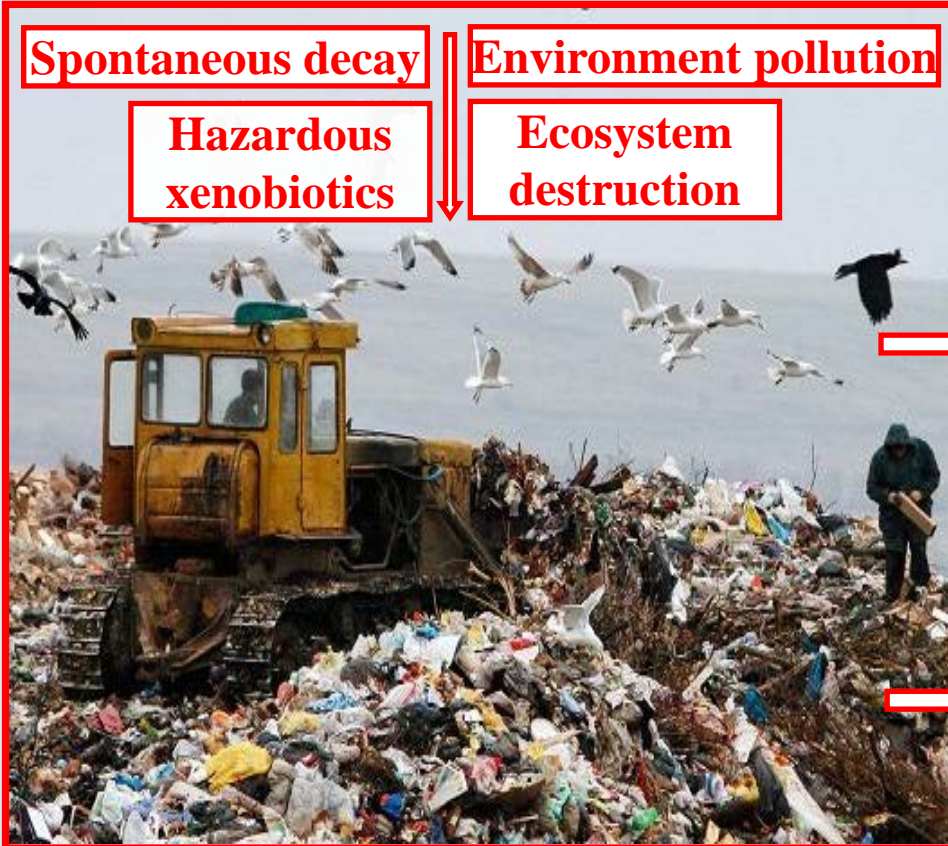
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## The goal of the work

**The improvement of the efficiency of molecular hydrogen synthesis by optimizing the process of fermentation of environmentally hazardous multicomponent food waste, as well as purification of associated toxic filtrate**

# Multi component food waste – 1.3 billion tons/year in the world



# Prospects for the application of our Universal Environmental and Bioenergy Microbial Technologies

## Microbial fermentation:

① Energy → H<sub>2</sub> CH<sub>4</sub> Solid fuel

② Pure water

## Bioremediation

Environmentally friendly energy carriers

Increase in crop yields

## The purpose of the work was to solve two groups of problems:

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### 1. Environment protection

- Anaerobic degradation of decaying solid food waste
- Purification of toxic leachate that consists of organic acids and alcohols (end products of hydrolysis of solid food waste)

### 2. Obtaining of energy carriers from environmentally hazardous waste:

- $H_2$  from solid food waste
- $CH_4$  from organic acids and alcohols of leachate

Solving these problems allows obtaining a number of valuable products from environmentally hazardous waste.

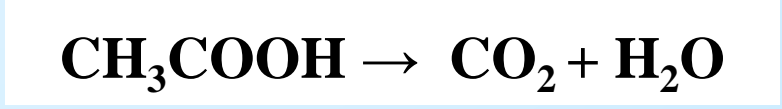
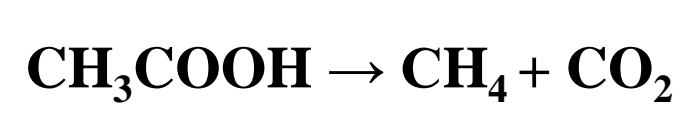
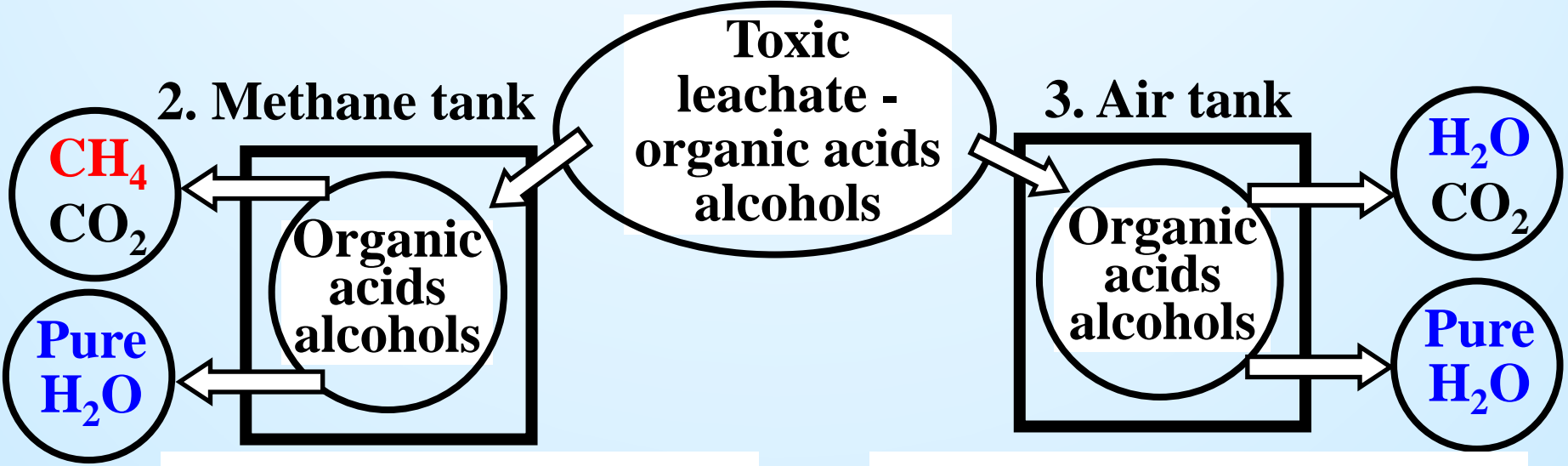
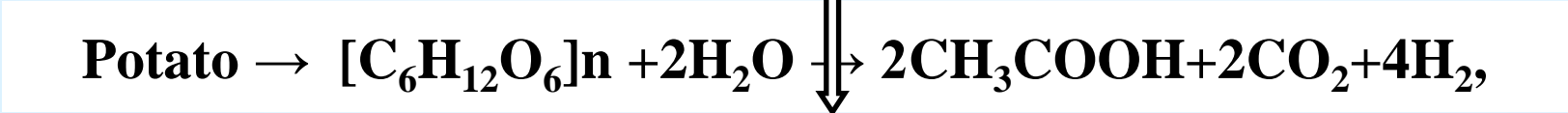
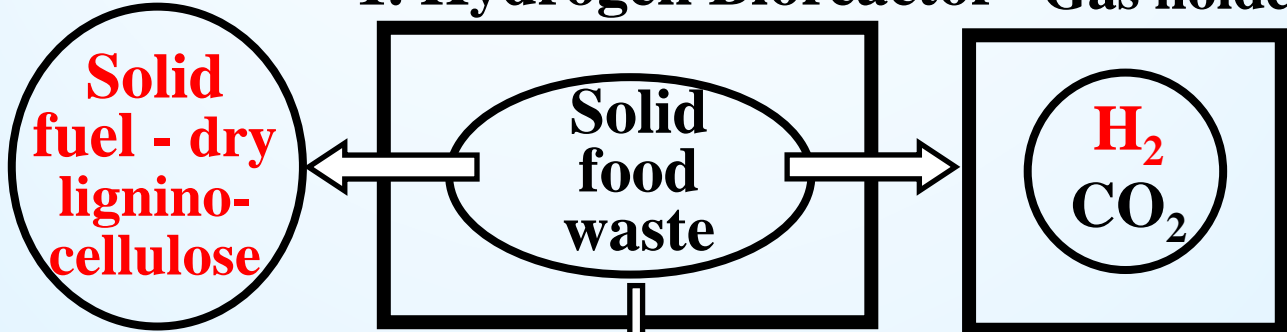
1. Gaseous energy carriers:  $H_2$  and  $CH_4$ ;

2. Solid energy carrier - dry ligninocellulose - undigested residues of solid food waste;

3. Pure water (from toxic leachate).

# Strategic Approach: Sequential degradation of Solid and then Liquid organic waste with obtaining of **Energy carriers** and **Pure water**

## 1. Hydrogen Bioreactor Gas holder



# The sequence of Biotechnology Stages

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## Installations:

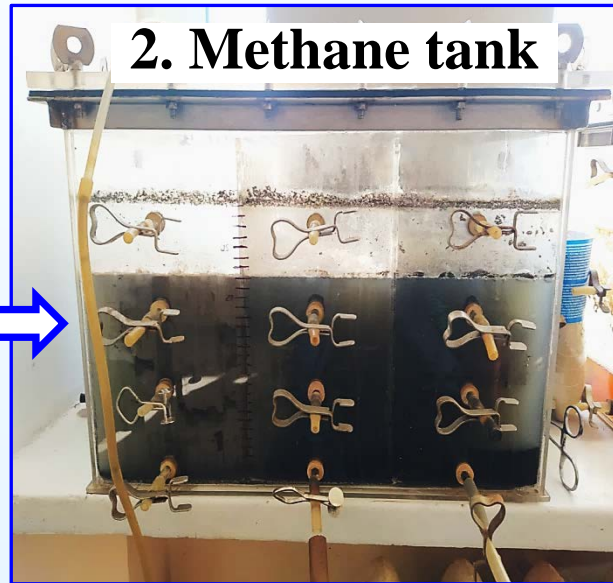
### 1. Hydrogen Bioreactor



Process -  
Degradation (hydrolysis) of  
solid food waste

End Products -  
**H<sub>2</sub>**, organic acids, alcohols

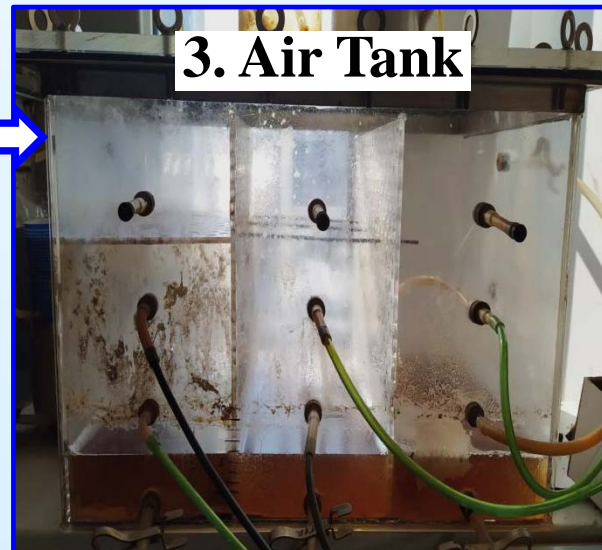
### 2. Methane tank



Process -  
Methanogenic  
fermentation of  
organic acids  
and alcohols

End Products -  
**CH<sub>4</sub>** and CO<sub>2</sub>

### 3. Air Tank

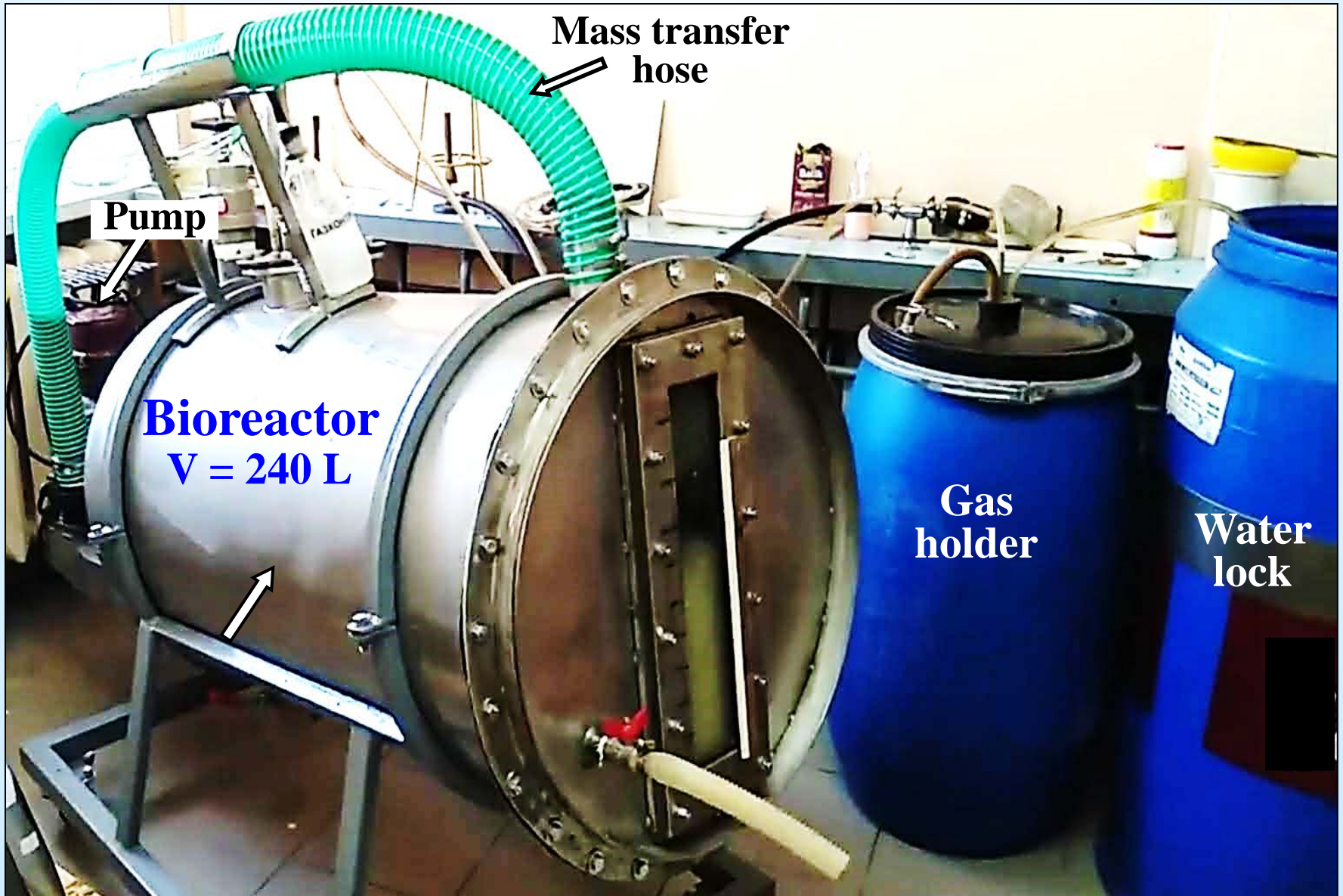


Process -  
Aerobic  
oxidation of  
organic acids  
and alcohols

End Products -  
CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O  
(pure water)



# 1. Anaerobic Bioreactor for Hydrogen Fermentation of Multicomponent Solid Food Waste



# Multicomponent Decaying Food Waste



# Granular Microbial Preparation (GMP)

**Inoculum for effective  
H<sub>2</sub> waste fermentation**

**Consists of:**

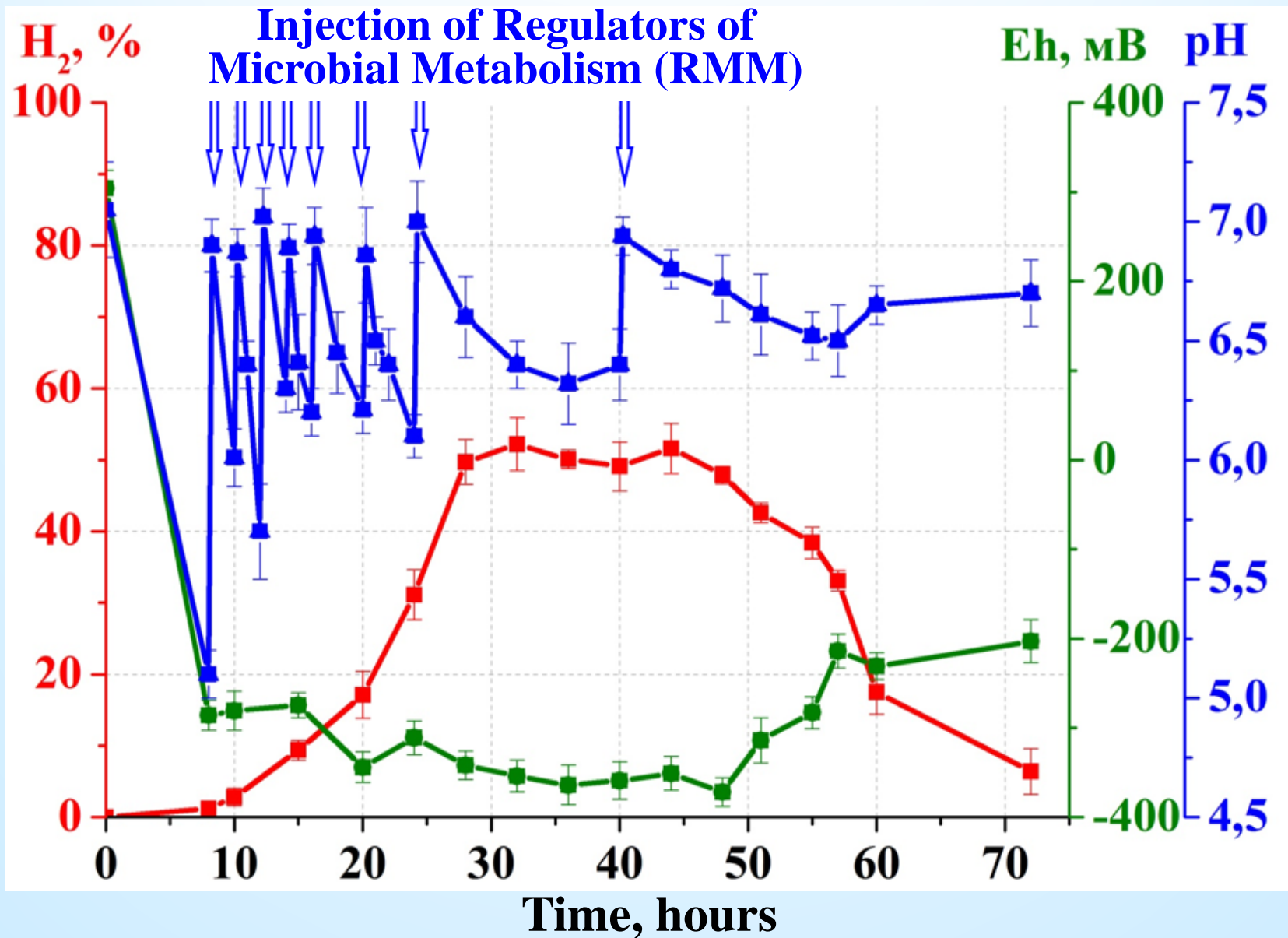
- **alive microorganisms**
- **initial carbon and energy sources**
- **regulators of microbial metabolism**



**Optimized technological  
parameters of hydrogen  
fermentation:**

- **pH = 6.0-7.0**
- **Eh = -350...-380 mV;**
- **The ratio of solid phase (waste) to liquid (water) - 1:4 (36 kg of waste: 144 L of water)**
- **Mixing mode of the fermentation medium - 1 min mixing : 60 min pause.**

# Metabolism Regulation in the Process of Hydrogen Fermentation



**Time Detention**  
 $T = 2.5$  days

**Decrease of weight,  $K_d = 85$**

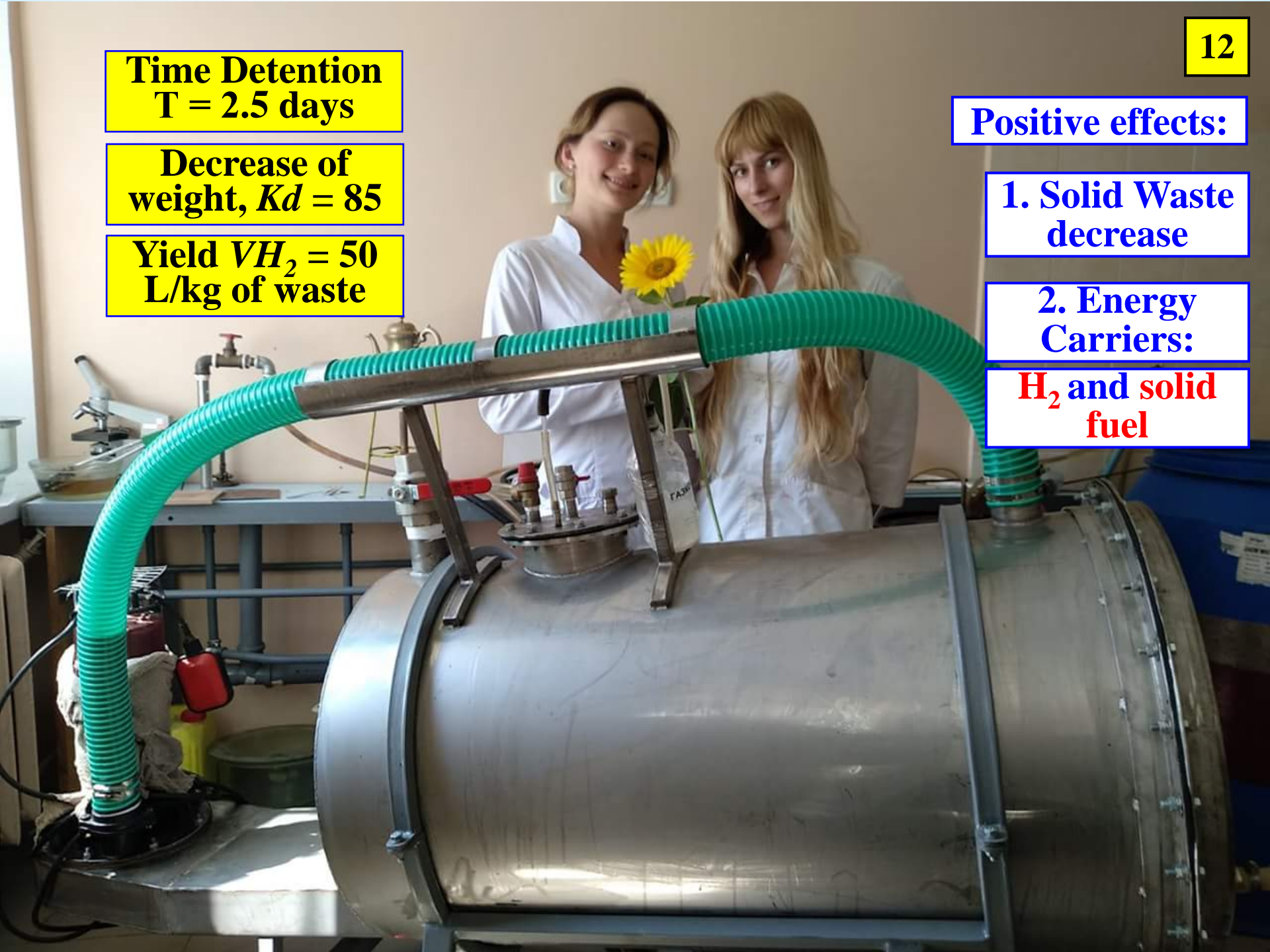
**Yield  $VH_2 = 50$   
L/kg of waste**

**Positive effects:**

**1. Solid Waste decrease**

**2. Energy Carriers:**

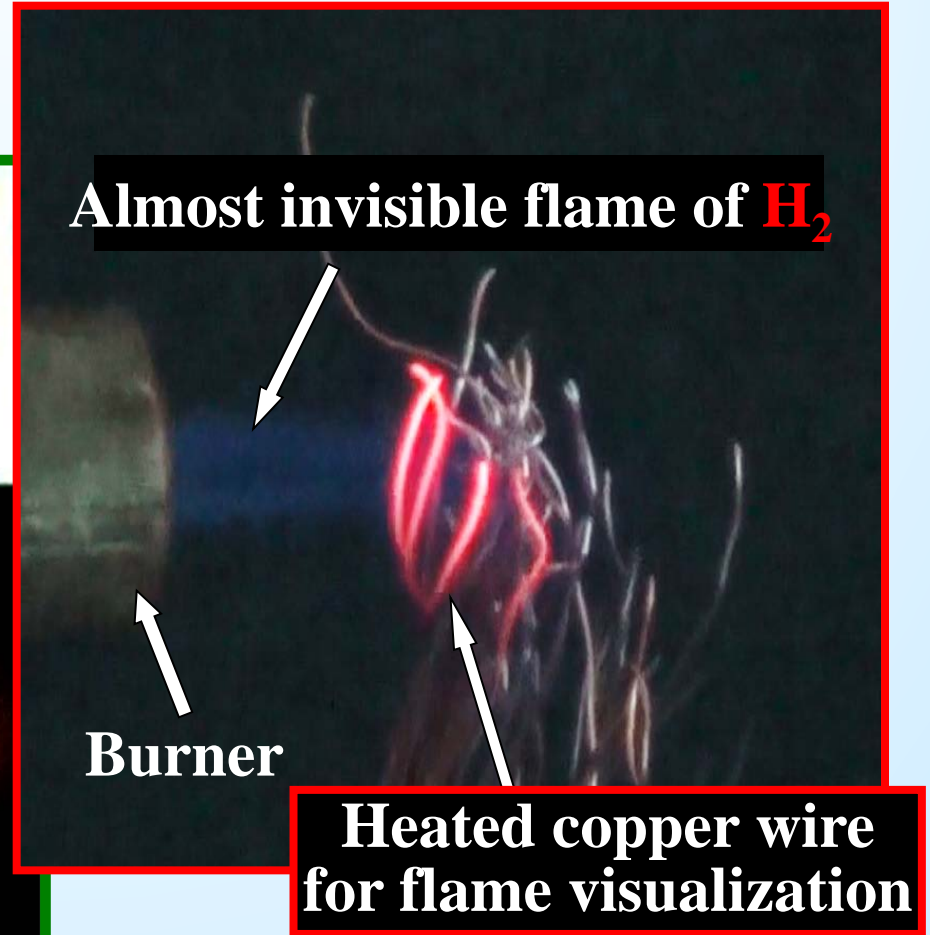
**$H_2$  and solid fuel**



# Direct combustion of $\text{H}_2$ at the outlet of Gasholder

40...50%  $\text{H}_2$

50...60%  $\text{CO}_2$

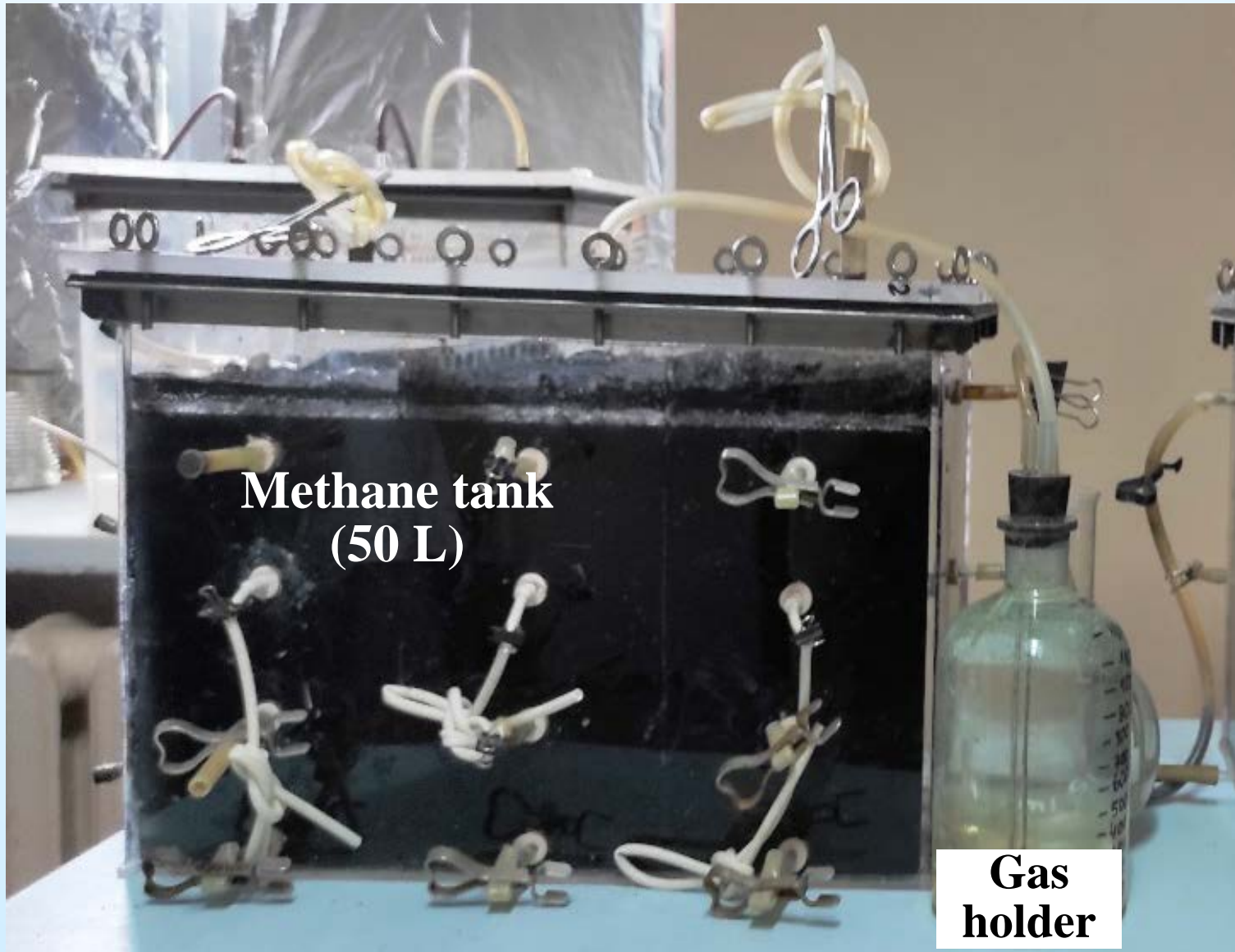


# Combustion of Solid Fuel

(undigested dry lignocellulosic residues)



## 2. Methane tank for sequential fermentation of acids and alcohols in leachate to $\text{CH}_4$ , $\text{CO}_2$ and $\text{H}_2\text{O}$





## 2. Methane tank: sequential fermentation of acids and alcohols in leachate

Effective synthesis of **CH<sub>4</sub>** and complete purification of leachate

### Sequence of Fermentation

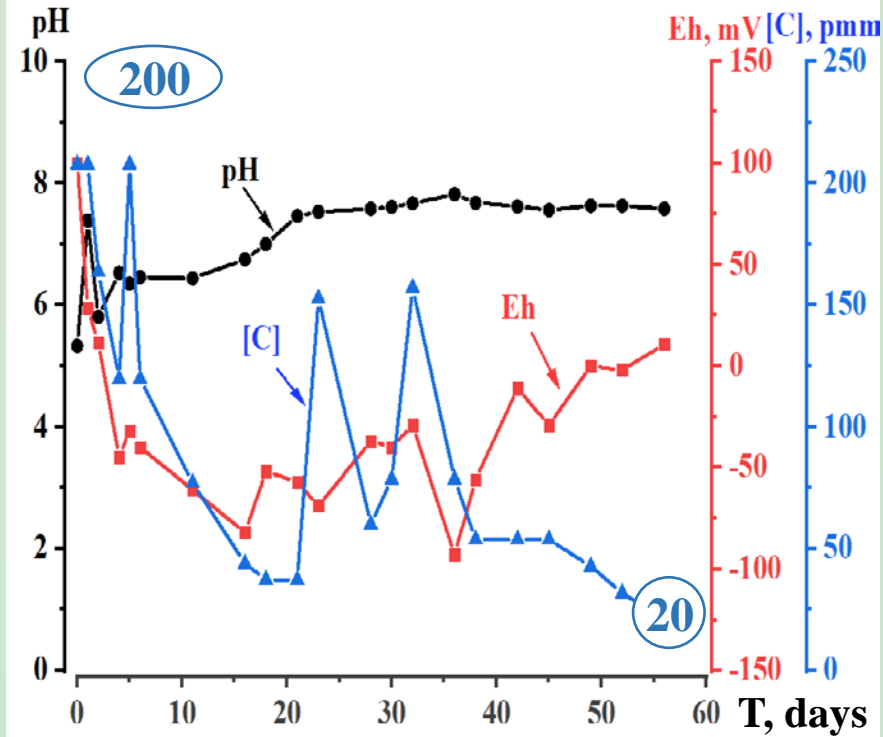
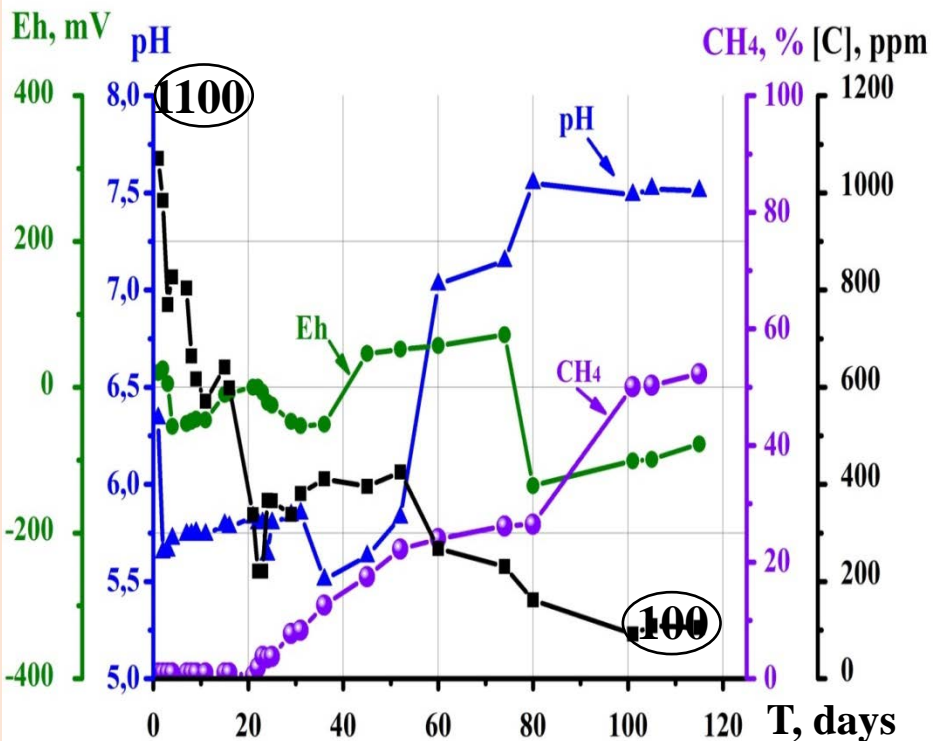
#### 1 Step:

- 1 order decrease in the concentration of soluble organic compounds (from 1100 to 100 ppm C)
- Synthesis of 1 L of CH<sub>4</sub> from 1 L of leachate

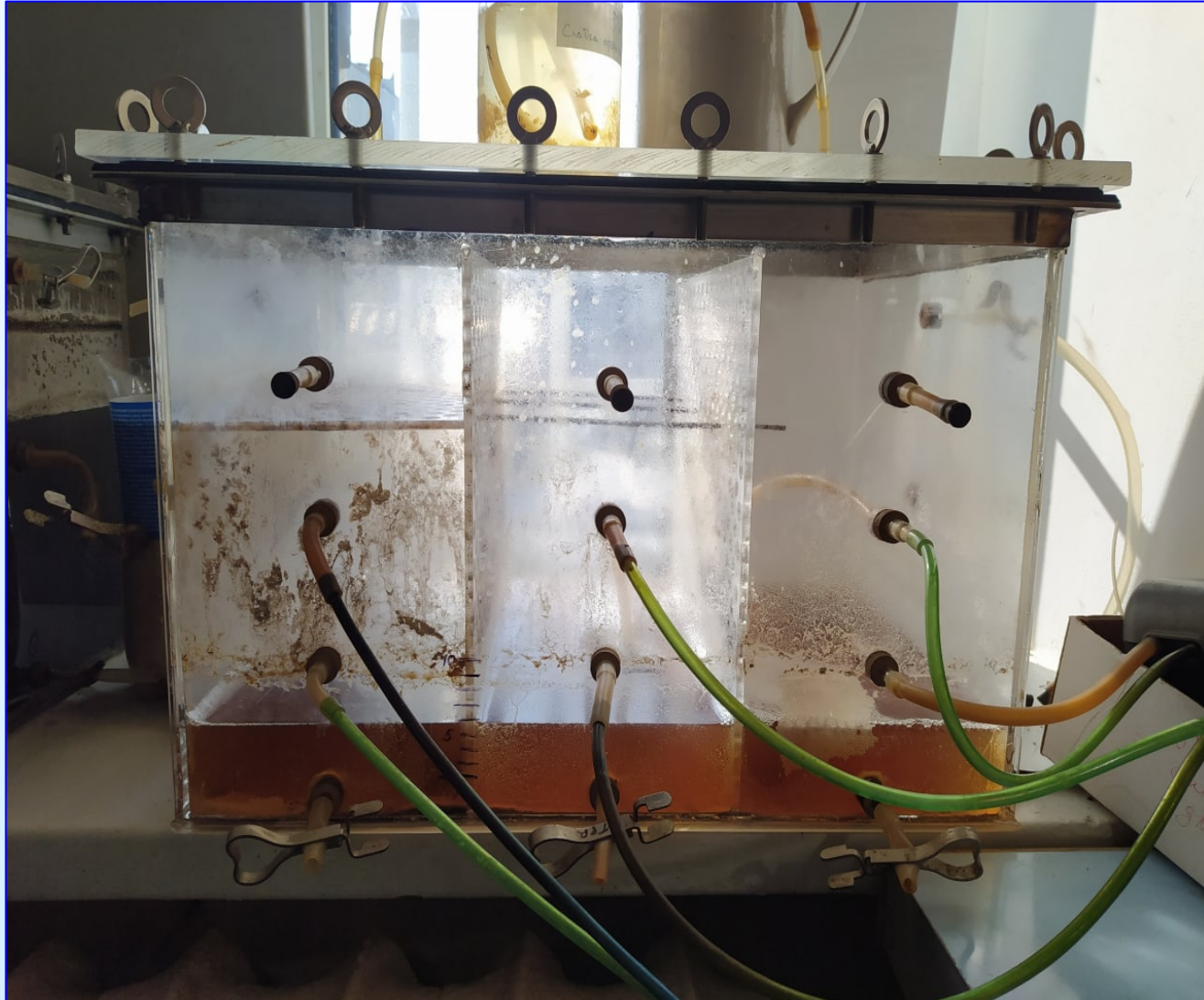


#### 2 Step:

- 1 order decrease in the concentration of soluble organic compounds (from 200 to 20 ppm of C)

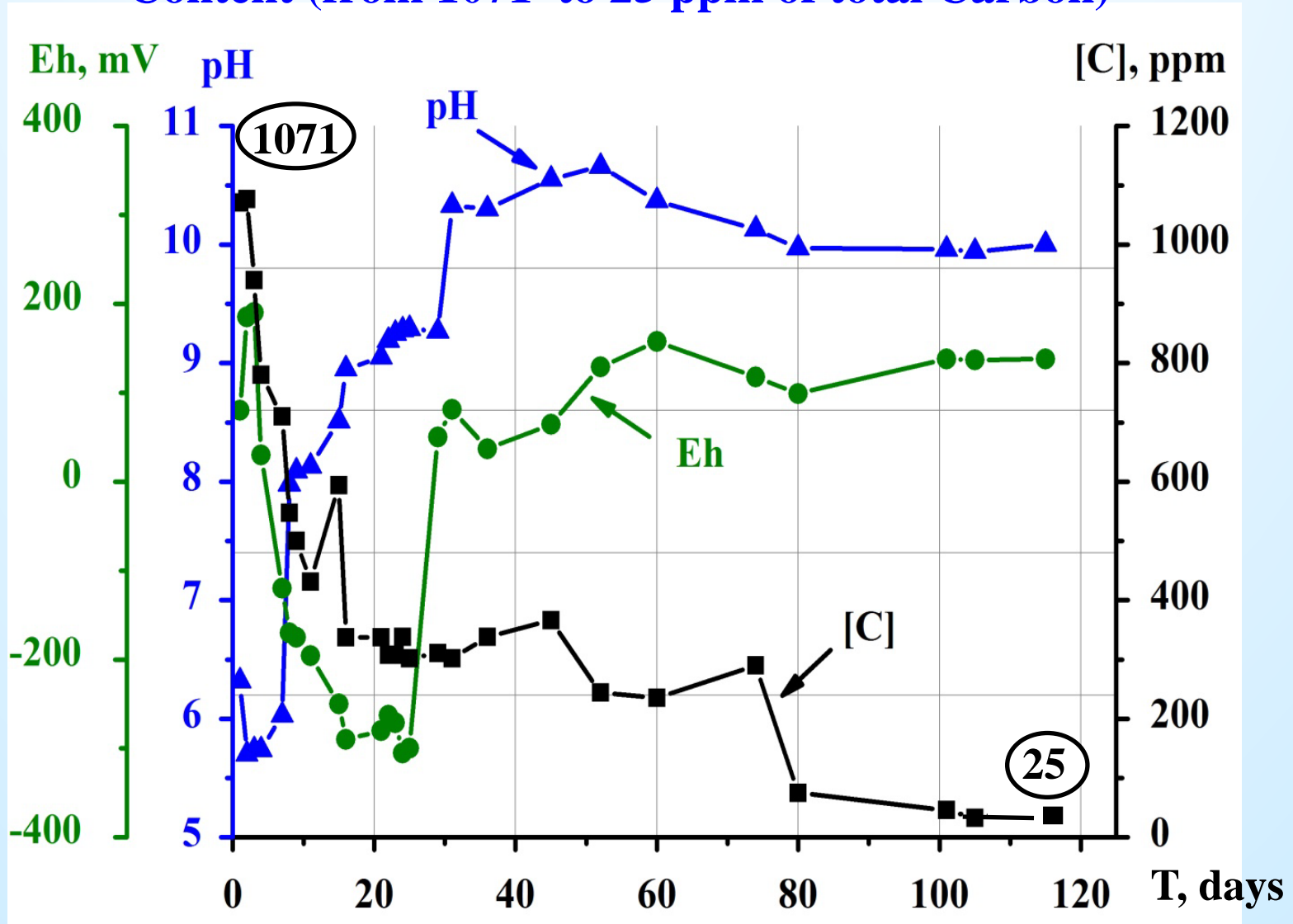


### 3. Air tank for aerobic oxidation of acids and alcohols in leachate



### 3. Air tank: aerobic oxidation of acids and alcohols in leachate

Complete purification of leachate: 43-fold decrease in Carbon Content (from 1071 to 25 ppm of total Carbon)



# Conclusions

We have developed universal biotechnologies that provide:

1. Fast and efficient fermentation of decaying solid organic waste
2. Purification of toxic leachate from organic acids and alcohols
3. Obtaining of valuable products from the degradation of solid and liquid waste
  - 3.1. Energy carriers:
    - $H_2$  and solid fuel (lignocellulose) via the fermentation of solid waste
    - $CH_4$  via the fermentation of liquid waste
  - 3.2. Purified water:
    - via anaerobic and aerobic liquid waste treatment
4. High efficiency of the biotechnology is achieved due to thermodynamic prognosis of microbial degradation of waste, as well as the application of GMP and regulators of microbial metabolism
5. The universal biotechnologies developed by us are strategically promising for environment protection, as well as for the obtaining of energy carriers and purified water from solid and liquid waste.

**Thank you for  
Attention!**

