

Study on Slaughterhouse Wastes Potency and Characteristic for Biogas Production

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ABSTRACT - The objective of study was to identify of the sources and characteristic of slaughterhouse waste for biogas production. The identification waste was done by observing the slaughtering activities on slaughterhouse owned by Regional Government of Semarang City. The wastes studied include the rumen, wastewater, and manure and the characteristics include physical and chemical. Based on the slaughterhouse waste characteristic, either liquid or solid, slaughterhouse waste was very suitable and has high potential to be treated anaerobically for biogas production. The wastewater has the potency for producing total biogas as 2.472 m³/m³ of wastewater. The degradation of cattle manure has the potency for producing total biogas of 618,90 L/kg in dry based by the composition of CH₄, CO₂, NH₃ were 48.89, 47.87, and 2.43 % volume, respectively. In other terms, cattle manure will produce CH₄ as 305.06 L/kg in dry based.

Keywords: anaerobic digestion, biogas production, rumen fluid, slaughterhouse wastes

I. INTRODUCTION

In rural areas of developing countries such as Indonesia various cellulosic biomass (cattle dung, agricultural residues, etc.) are available in plenty which have a very good potential to cater to the energy demand, especially in the domestic sector. In addition, as an agricultural country, Indonesia has an abundance biomass wastes generated by animal agricultural activities, including several activities at slaughterhouse (Budiyo et al., 2007).

Due to the development of anaerobic digestion (AD) processes, these biomasses have great potential to contribute considerably the renewable energy such as biogas. In addition, these AD processes are also simultaneously resolving ecological and agrochemical issues. For example, besides covering environmental problems due to waste disposal, the AD of manure for biogas production does not reduce its value as a fertilizer, as available nitrogen and other substances remain in the treated sludge (Alvarez and Lide'n, 2008).

Originally, Indonesian country is the net-exporter of fuel oil. However, began in July 2004, Indonesia shifted from a net oil exporter to a net importer. This is due to decline in production, coupled with lower exploration investment level and increase of fuel consumption (Prihandana and Hendroko, 2007). In effort to anticipate the increasing of energy problem in Indonesia, the Indonesian government has formulated the strategic national energy regulation via Indonesian President Regulation No. 5 year 2006 (Per Pres RI, 2006). Basically, Indonesian government has made the national energy

regulation based on price regulation, energy conservation, and energy diversification. Energy diversification is the use of alternative energy such as energy from biomass termed as biogas.

Due to the abundant biomass wastes generated by slaughterhouse, these biomass resources potential for biogas production are very attractive to be reviewed and discussed. The objective of this research was to study the potency and characteristics of slaughterhouse wastes for biogas production.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The observation study was carried out to characterize the slaughterhouse wastes. The waste characteristics especially include both physical and chemical.

Sample preparation. The cattle manures and liquid rumens were taken randomly from slaughterhouse located on Semarang city. The fresh raw manure was collected from animal holding pen unit in the slaughterhouse. Rumen was collected from evisceration unit of slaughterhouse. The sampling was done four times in a certain days with duplo analysis. The sample obtained was brought to laboratory as soon as so didn't require sample preservation. Liquid rumen preparation was as follows: rumen content was poured to 100 ml tank and added tap water until water level near full. Solid content then be separated from slurry by filter cloth. To assure that solid content in solution were dominated by bacteria, solution obtained then was filtered by 50 micron cartridge filter. Solution obtained was analyzed for characterization.

Analytical procedures. The parameters analyzed from cattle manure were as follows: Total Nitrogen (TN), Dry Matter (DM), Volatile Solid (VS), protein, carbohydrate, lipid, raw fiber, ADF (Acid Detergent Fiber), NDF (Neutral Detergent Fiber), and ADL (Acid Detergent Lignin). TN was analyzed using the Kjeldahl standard method (APHA, 1996). DM was measured after drying at 105 °C for 24 h, and ash after heating to 525 °C for 5 h. VS was determined by subtracting the amount of ash from the amount of dry matter. ADF was measured as the amount of suspended VS after removing dissolved material following boiling with a detergent in 0.5 mol/L H₂SO₄ (Van Soest, 1963). The lipid content was analyzed by measuring the amount of material that could be extracted with diethyl ether in a Soxhlet extraction instrument after hydrolysis with 3 N hydrochloric acid. The lignin content was analyzed by determination of suspended VS after boiling with a detergent in sulphuric acid followed by suspension in 72% sulphuric acid for 48 h (Van Soest, 1963). The protein content was determined by multiplying the difference between TN and NH₄-N by a

factor of 6.25. The carbohydrate was calculated by subtracting protein, lignin, and lipids from the VS content.

Wastewater and liquid rumen was characterized by analyzing pH, TS, VS, Total Suspended Solid (TSS), Volatile Suspended Solid (VSS), and Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) using Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater (APHA, 1996).

Data analysis. Data analysis was carried out by using the software package SPSS, version 11.5 (SPSS Inc., 2005). Each treatment was measured in three replicates. In a first step, the data are summarized by descriptive statistics. Means, standard deviation and frequency distributions of the data was determined. Variance analysis methods were applied to find significant differences in the means.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The results of identification showed that the slaughterhouse wastes was generated from different activities in the slaughterhouses such as holding and washing animals, bleeding out, skinning, cutting and boning, cleaning of rooms, etc. The wastewater contained blood, particles of skin and meat, rumen fluid content, urine, manure, and other pollutants origin from floor washing. Slaughterhouse wastewater is rich in both soluble and insoluble organic compounds and

comprises large quantities of putrefactive and bulky sludge that requires special handling or treatment.

A. The characteristic of wastewater.

Data concerning wastewater characteristic was obtained from 4 (four) times sampling periode and measurement. The wastewater composition obtained from this study was compared to several researchers before is presented in Table 1.

Table 1 shows that, in general, the characteristic of wastewater obtained from this research were more and less in the range of the concentration resulted by several researcher before. The pH, Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), and suspended solids (SS) resulted in this study were 7.19 ± 0.06 , $1,873 \pm 421$, $3,756 \pm 687$, and $1,171 \pm 311$ mg/L, respectively. While Nitrogen total, Amonia, and protein were 212 ± 106 , 3.03 ± 1.77 , and $1,303 \pm 653$ mg/L, respectively. The variation of the strenght and characteristics of waste from several researchers and also this study caused by several factors such as production capacity of slaghterhouse, type and weight of animal, methods of transportation, animal recieving and holding, processing technology, amount of carcasse, washing temperature, cleaning and sanitazing procedure, and labours behaviour (WRRC, 1995).

TABLE 1
SLAUGHTERHOUSE WASTEWATER CHARACTERISTICS

Para-meter	unit	Average concentration / Researcher ^{*)}							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	This study
pH	-	7.1	7.2	6.7	7.3	6.05	6.9	7.5	7.19 ± 0.06
BOD	mg O ₂ /L	-	900	11,000	-	6,000	2,250	-	$1,873 \pm 421$
COD	mg O ₂ /L	11,500	1,820	27,500	$8,200$	12,975	4,175	12,820	$3,756 \pm 687$
Suspended solid	mg/L	2,658	430	1,020	$1,130$	3,550	1,300	58,200	1171 ± 311
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	735	190	-	-	381	120	531	212 ± 106
Amonia - N	mg/L	221	-	-	46.5	212.5	-	-	3.03 ± 1.77
Protein	mg/L	3,213	-	-	$5,500$	-	-	-	$1,303 \pm 653$

*) 1: Masse, D.I dan L. Masse (2001); 2: Pozo,R.D dan Diez,V (2005); 3: Kobya,M. Et al (2006); 4 : Rajeswari, K.V et al (2000); 5: Fuchs,W et al. (2003); 6: Ma

Table 1 also shows that slaughterhouse wastewater contains high organic matter presented as COD and BOD. High ratio of BOD/COD about 0.5 presents organic matters contained by slaughterhouse wastewater are highly biodegradable. Hence, the organic matter contained will easily used by micoorganisms either in aerobic or anaerobic condition. Furthermore, slaughterhouse wastewater will be very harmful to the environment if discharged directly to the environment without proper treatment. Effluent discharge from slaughterhouses will cause the deoxygenation of rivers (Quinn and Farlane 1989) and the contamination of groundwater (Sangodoyin and Agbawhe, 1992). Slaughterhouse wastewater also contains high concentrations of SS include pieces of fat, grease, hair, feathers, manure, grit, and undigested feed. These insoluble materials will contribute the slowly biodegradable of organic matter (Sayed et al., 1988).

B. Characterization of solid waste

Generally, slaughterhouse solid wastes consists of animal manure, skin, bone, meat, and hair. The characteristic of manure is presented by proximate analysis and fiber analysis (Van Soest). The results of 4 (four) time sampling and measurement are shown in Table 2 and Table 3.

Table 2 shows that cattle manure average contain average raw lipid, raw fiber and raw protein were 1.51 ± 0.75 , 44.44 ± 2.49 , and $8.28 \pm 1.54\%$ (dry based), repectively. In other term, cattle manure contains average organic and anorganic content 79.94 ± 2.68 and $21.06 \pm 2.78\%$ (dry based), respectively. In addition, water, TS, and VS content in fresh manure were 79.77 ± 1.94 , 20.23 ± 1.94 , and $18.11 \pm 1.70\%$ (wet based), respectively.

Table 3 shows that manure contained lignin, cellulose, hemicelluloses, and total lignocellulosic materials were 25.97 ± 11.13 , 35.57 ± 8.76 , 14.94 ± 4.80 , and $76.49 \pm 7.81\%$, respectively. Lignin, cellulose, hemicelluloses, and total

lignocellulosic materials were complex chemical compound most commonly derived from all plant cell walls. The presence of these components in manure was originated from animal feed dominated by agricultural waste or residu. Hence, animal manure can be viewed as complex substrate contains either organic materials such as carbohydrate, protein, and lipid or anorganic material. Organic materials content in cattle manure can be presented by chemical formula of $C_6H_{10}O_5$ for soluble component and $C_6H_{10}O_5.nNH_3$ for insoluble fraction (Angelidaki and Sanders, 2004). In addition, fiber comprising lignin, cellulose, and hemicellulose is the main component of animal manure.

TABLE 2
PROXYMATE ANALYSIS OF CATTLE MANURE (DRY BASIS)

Componennt, %	Measurement				
	1	2	3	4	Average
Ash content	22.03	21.36	20.89	15.94	20.06±2.78
Raw Lipid	2.52	1.41	1.38	0.71	1.51±0.75
Raw Fiber	43.11	47.02	45.98	41.65	44.44±2.49
Raw Protein	6.40	9.97	8.96	7.79	8.28±1.54
NFE (Nitrogen Free Extract)	25.94	20.23	22.79	33.92	25.72±5.94
Volalite Solid (VS), %DM	77.97	78.64	79.11	84.06	79.94±2.78
Water*)	81.76	77.10	80.23	79.99	79.77±1.94
Dry Matter*)	18.24	22.90	19.77	20.01	20.23±1.94
Volatile Solid, VS*)	16.03	20.16	17.88	18.35	18.11±1.70

Remarks: *) wet based/fresh manure

TABLE 3
VAN SOEST ANALYSIS OF CATTLE MANURE

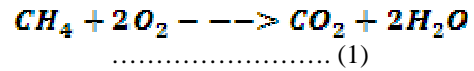
Parameter, %	Measurement				
	1	2	3	4	Average
ADF	66.51	59.22	59.60	60.85	61.54±3.38
NDF	87.93	74.95	70.99	72.07	76.49±7.81
ADL	40.69	28.12	19.53	15.55	25.97±11.13
Lignin (ADL)	40.69	28.12	19.53	15.55	25.97±11.13
Cellulose (ADF-ADL)	25.82	31.10	40.07	45.30	35.57±8.76
Hemicellulose (NDF-ADF)	21.43	15.73	11.39	11.22	14.94±4.80
Total lignocellulosic materials (NDF)	87.93	74.95	70.99	72.07	76.49±7.81

C. Potency of slaughterhouse for biogas production

As has been stated before, the organic matters contained by slaughterhouse waste have the special characteristic i.e. highly biodegradable and easily used by microorganisms either in aerobic or anaerobic condition. However, anaerobic digestion is the best option with several advantages are: (1). a high efficiency in reducing COD in soluble and insoluble form; (2). a low sludge production of only 5% to 20% of that generated

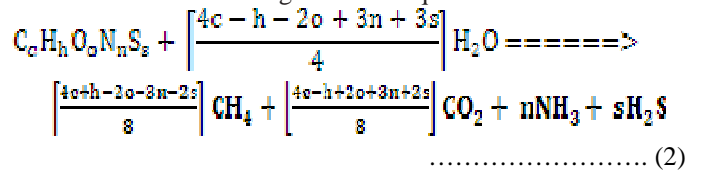
by aerobic systems; (3). the recovery of usable energy in the form of methane; (4). no aeration energy requirement; (5). no chemical handling; (6). the biomass can remain unfed for long periods without deterioration (Speece, 1996).

All COD contained by waste are able to be converted to be methane with equivalency according to the reaction as follows:

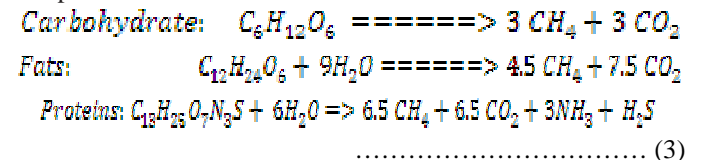


According to the above reaction, if 1 gram COD degraded on 35 °C and 1 atm produce 395 ml CH₄ (Speece, 1996). The wastewater characteristic as presented in Table 8 (COD 3,756±687 mg/L) give methane as 1.483±0.271 m³/m³ of wastewater. In other term, if assumed that total biogas contained 60 % methane, total biogas produced will be 2.472±0.451 m³/m³ of wastewater. Furthermore, if assumed that wastewater released equivalent to 0.9 m³/animal unit slaughtered, total biogas production will be 2.225±0.406 m³/animal unit slaughtered.

The potency of cattle manure for biogas production is able to be explained as follows. The formation of methane from biomass follows in general the equation:



As presented in Table 2, cattle manure consists of organic and inorganic component i.e. contain average ash, raw lipid, raw fiber and raw protein content of 20.06±2.78, 1.51±0.75, 44.44±2.49, and 8.28±1.54 % (dry based), respectively. According to equation (2), the reaction products from several components are as follows:



From equation (3), theoretical methane yields (STP ml CH₄/g) from organic compounds can be predicted based on the stoichiometric conversion of organic matter to methane and carbon dioxide. In case of cattle manure contain average ash, raw fat, fiber and protein content of 20.06±2.78, 1.51±0.75, 44.44±2.49, and 8.28±1.54 % (dry based) respectively as presented in Table 2, each kg of cattle manure produce biogas in dry based as presented in Table 4. In Table 4, ideally, the degradation of cattle manure produce 619.90 ml total biogas per gram in dry based by the composition of CH₄, CO₂, NH₃ are 48.89, 47.87, and 2.43 % volume, respectively. According to Angelidaki and Sanders (2004), the calculated theoretical methane yield of manure was 0.40 (m³/kgVS added), while according to Hansen et al. (2004) the methane potential of the several organic wastes tested was in the range of 200–500 ml CH₄/g VS.

If assumed that cattle excrete 20 kg manure/(animal unit.day) by the composition of 20 % dry matter, the biogas produced will be 2,476 m³ per unit animal. However, all of manure constituents are not completely degraded or converted to gas through anaerobic digestion. Anaerobic bacteria do not

degrade lignin and some other hydrocarbons. Several studies had shown that lignin rich waste rather difficult to be degraded (Wilkie, 2005). Finally, the conclusion can be drawn that,

based on slaughterhouse waste characteristic, either liquid or solid, slaughterhouse waste was very potential to be treated anaerobically for biogas production.

TABLE 4
CALCULATION OF BIOGAS PRODUCTION PER GRAM CATTLE MANURE (DRY BASED)

Comp'n'ts	Weight fraction	Biogas production, ml (STP)					Biogas comp.	
		CH ₄	CO ₂	NH ₃	H ₂ S	Total	Comp't	% volume
Ash	0.20	-	-	-	-	-		
Carbohydrate	0.70	261.33	261.33	0.00	0.00	522.67	CH ₄	48.89
Raw Protein	0.08	34.11	31.59	15.16	5.05	80.86	CO ₂	47.87
Raw Fat	0.02	9.61	5.77	0.00	0.00	15.37	NH ₃	2.43
							H ₂ S	0.81
Total :		305.06	298.68	15.16	5.05	618.90		100

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Based on the characteristic slaughterhouse waste, either liquid or solid, slaughterhouse waste was very suitable and has high potential to be treated anaerobically for biogas production. The wastewater has the potency for producing total biogas as 2.472 m³/m³ of wastewater. Based on wastewater generated by slaughterhouse activities, total biogas produced will be 2.225 m³/animal unit slaughtered. Cattle manure has the potency for producing total biogas of 619.90 L/kg in dry based by the composition of CH₄, CO₂, NH₃ are 48.89, 47.87, and 2.43 % volume, respectively. Based on animal unit of cattle slaughtered, the biogas produced will be 2,476 m³ per unit animal per day in animal holding pen.

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