



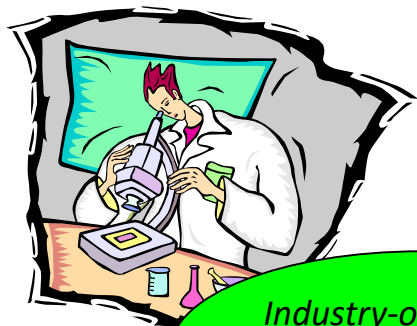
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# Upcycling food industry co-streams: Feed and fertilizer products

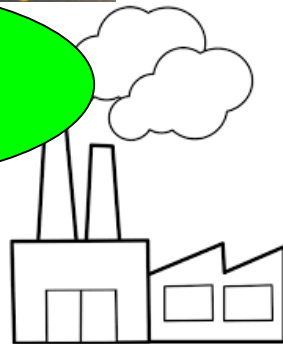
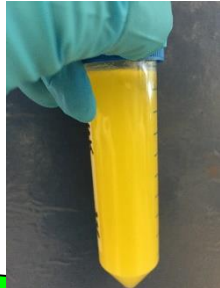
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# CYCLE project (2013-16): Processing co-streams from food industry to design innovative food, **feed** and **fertilizer** products



Industry-oriented  
science for food  
innovation



**BACKGROUND:**

*We throw away 50% of our food.....*

***CYCLE aims at reducing food waste by  
increasing resource utilization in the food  
industry***



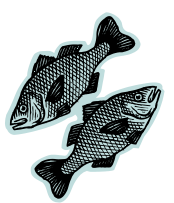




# Chicken, vegs and fish

Scientists co-operate with industry partners in three important Norwegian food chains:

- Chicken
- Vegetables and potatoes
- White and pelagic fish

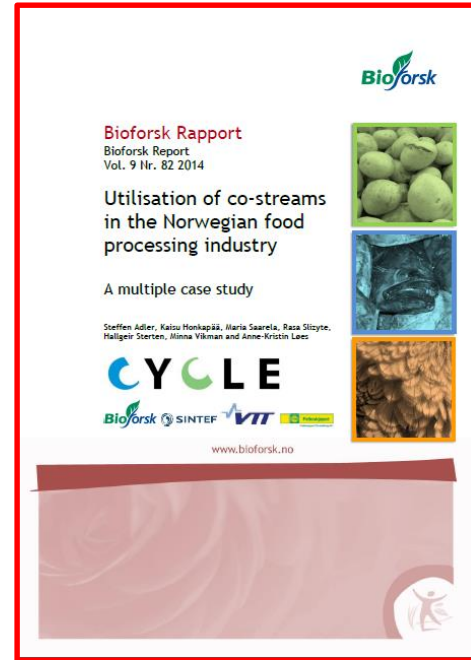


# Residual terminology

- Waste: To be discarded; food waste has negative connotations
- Loss: Decrease in mass of edible food along food chain
- Co-streams: By-products or residual raw materials, resources for further utilisation



Further reading:



CYCLE team touring  
Norway June 2013;  
here at Norilia  
chicken  
slaughterhouse



# Products studied in WP3

- Eggshell for liming
- Feathers for protein feed
- Left-over potatoes and vegetables for feed
- Residual soil/sludge for fertilizer after composting
- Bone residues for P, N fertilizer, hydrochar
- Digestate for hydrochar
- Seaweed for hydrochar



Feathers: Topic for  
Steffen Adler's CYCLE  
post-doc



# Eggshell for liming

- 800 tons available annually at Norilia, Revetal
- Effect on soil pH comparable to traditional limestone (pH 6.1 → 6.3)
- Ca-AL in soil increased much more with eggshell (109 → 160 mg/100 g soil vs no change for traditional lime)
- Indicates higher bioavailability of minerals in eggshell
- Likely better to use for food or feed application than liming



8 g eggshell  
per egg



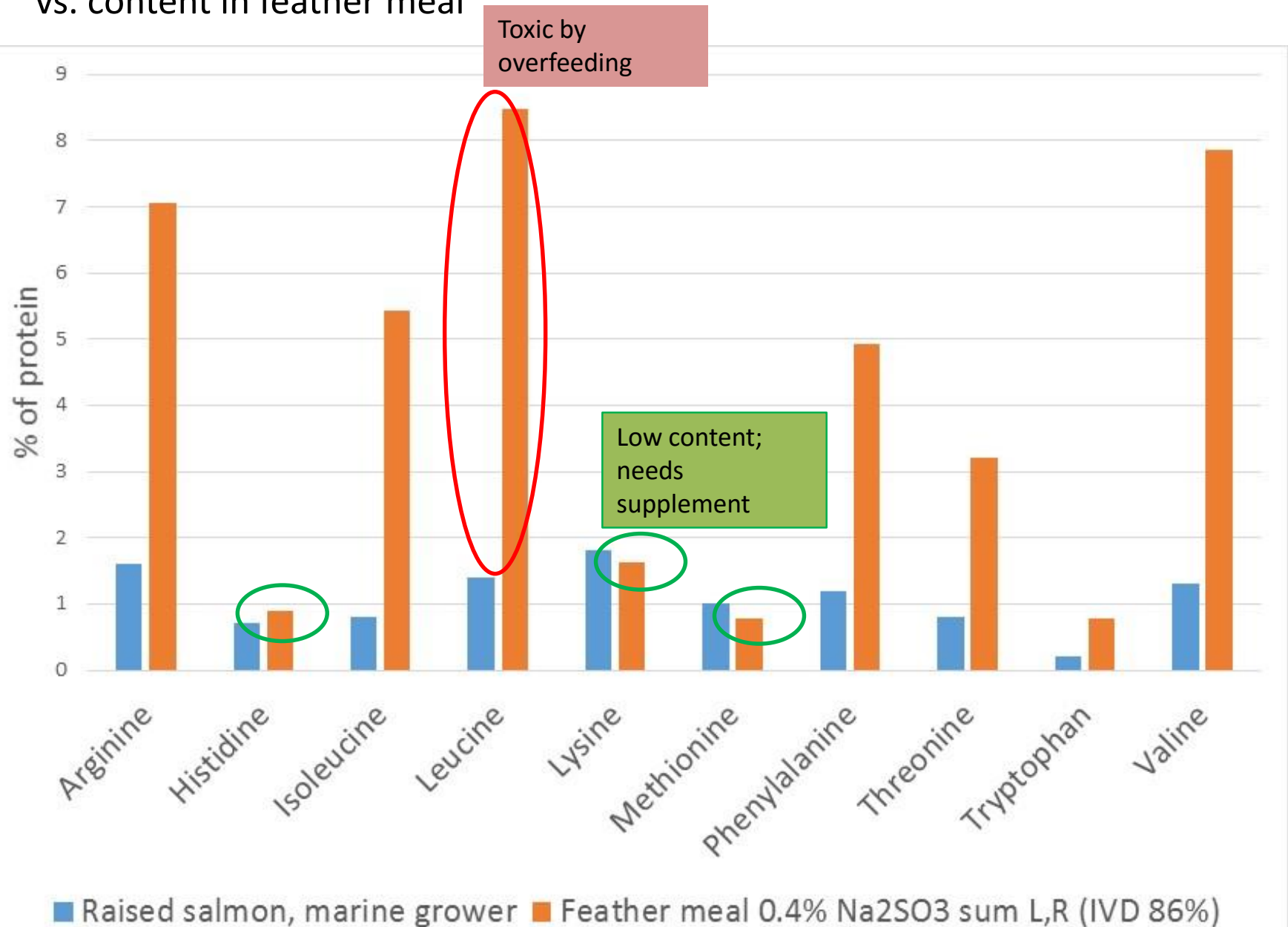
Field trial with Jon Erik Knotten,  
Re, Vestfold 2013

# Feathers for protein feed

- Feathers cut, mixed with degrading enzymes, hydrolyzed with NaOH and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>
- Amounts of dissolved (L) and residual (R) proteins analyzed by freeze-drying
- In vitro pepsin digestibility (IVD) measured
- Amino acid composition analyzed



## Essential amino acid requirement for salmon vs. content in feather meal





# Left-over potatoes and vegetables for feed

- First step: Potatoes compressed in round bales as silage, with beet pulp
- Good quality feed analyses after 12 weeks
- Challenging, but possible to make compressed potatoes stick together



# Left-over potatoes and vegetables for feed

- Second step: Spin-off project SOCAPRO (RFF MIDT)
- Ensiling may improve feed value and extend shelf life
- Potatoes (2) and carrots (3), with wheat bran (4) and hay (5)
- Probiotic bacteria can have beneficial effects on gut health in e.g. pigs and calves
- Studies of pH, runoff, bacteria survival, palatability





# Residual soil/sludge for fertilizer after composting

- Out-sorted potatoes and residual soil are currently deposited for plant safety reasons
- Better option: Reactor-composting for cheap sanitation?
- To be studied at Skjetlein in cooperation with GGE
- Two proposals for spin-off projects; no funding



Colorado beetle



Cysts from potato nematode



Compost reactor

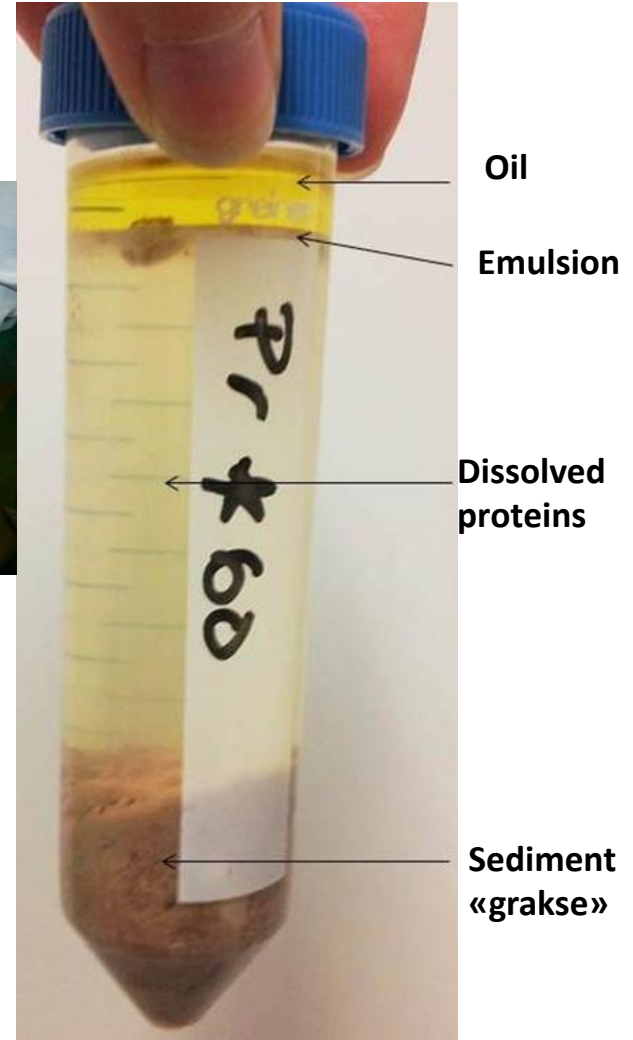


High temp (55 °C) in decomposing horse manure



# Bone residues for P, N fertilizer: Hydrochar

- De-meated chicken bones (from mechanical deboning of meat) were ground for hydrolyzation of oil and proteins
- Sediment rich in C, N and P, high content of minerals
- Hydrothermal carbonization (HTC) can be used to produce stable liquid and solid phase (hydrochar)
- A chemical process simulating natural coal formation
- “Pressure boiling” of aqueous organic substrates at moderate temperatures: 180-250 °C, 14-200 bars



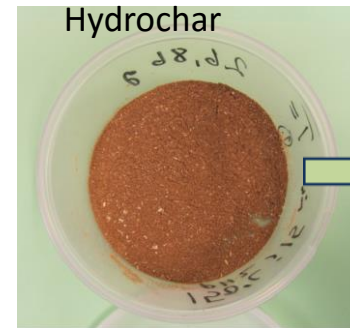
# HTC of chicken co-streams



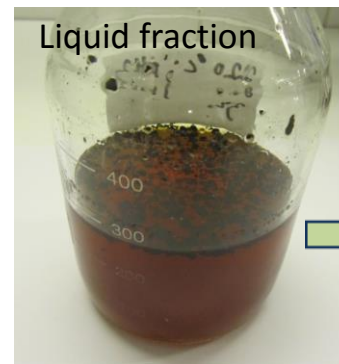
Sediment  
after  
hydrolysis



Reactor for  
hydrothermal  
carbonization



Fertilizer, soil  
amendment

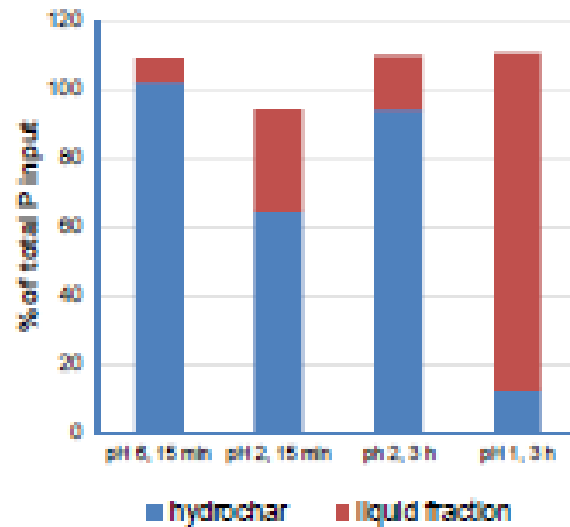


Nutrient  
(P,N) recovery  
from liquid  
fraction –  
more research  
needed

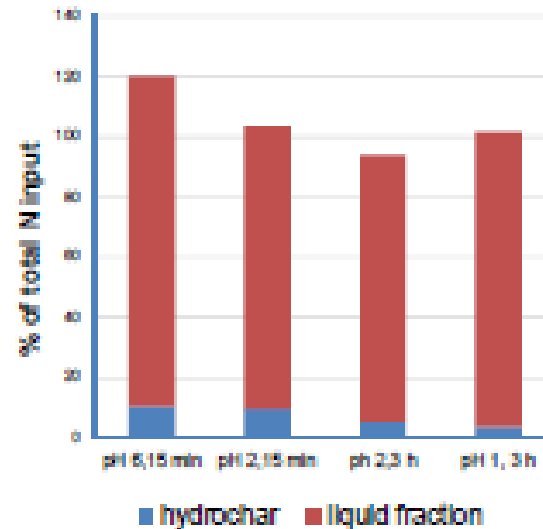


The distribution of nutrients in hydrochar and liquid can be controlled by processing conditions (time, temperature, pressure, pH)

# Distribution of P and N in hydrochars and liquid with different processing pH



P in hydrochar unless  
dissolved in acid at pH 1



N in liquid



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