

Post treatment of effluents from a fish cannery by combined partial nitrification and Anammox processes

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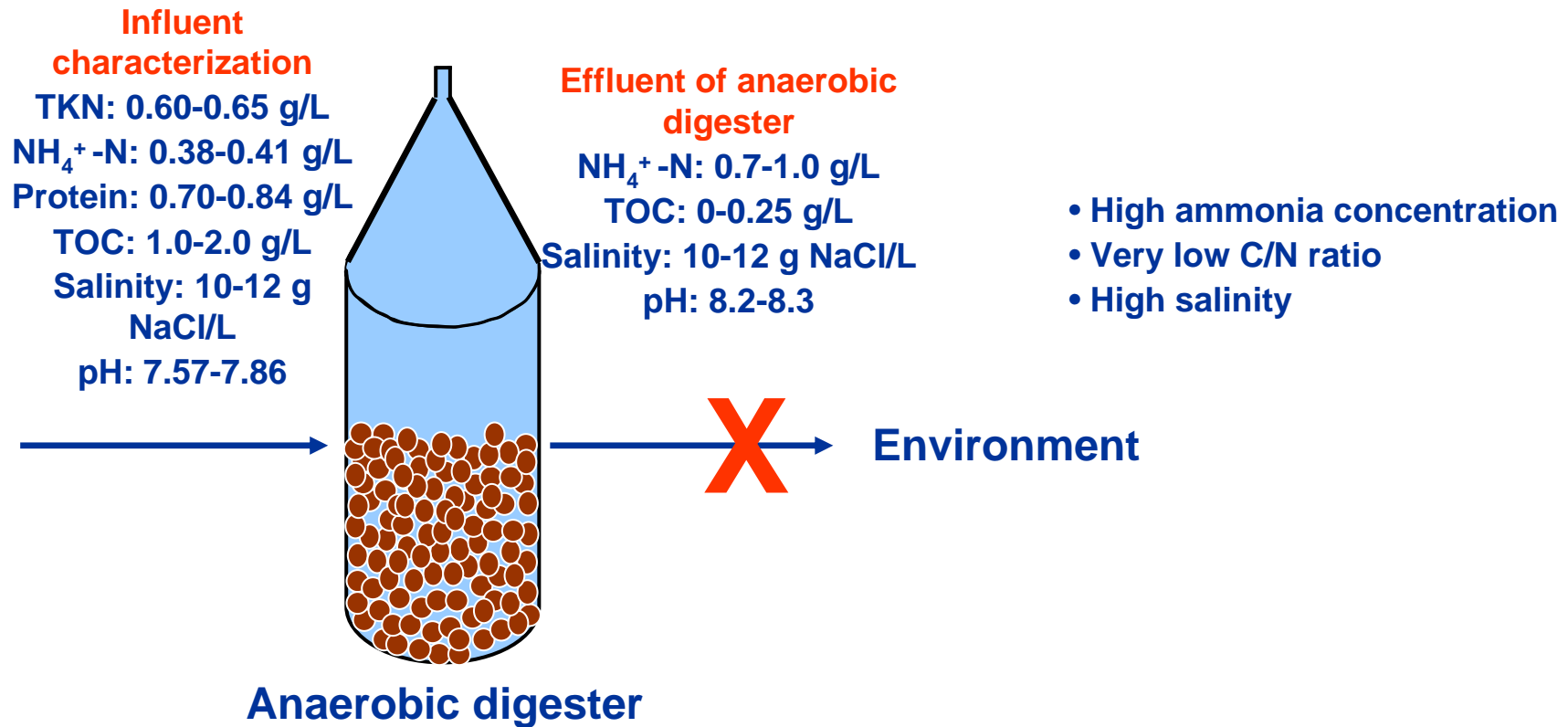


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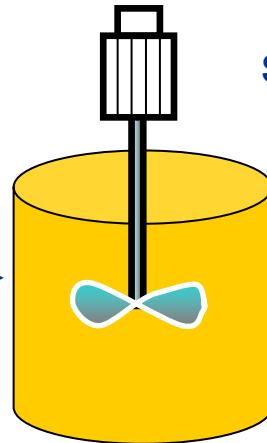
Introduction

Fish canning wastewater



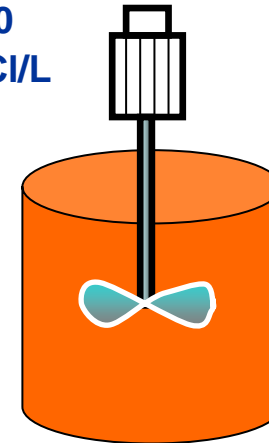
Fish canning wastewater

Effluent of anaerobic digester
 $\text{NH}_4^+ \text{-N}$: 0.7-1.0 g/L
TOC: 0-0.25 g/L
Salinity: 10-12 g NaCl/L
pH: 8.2-8.3



SHARON

Effluent of SHARON
 $\text{NH}_4^+ \text{-N}/\text{NO}_2^- \text{-N}$: 1.0
Salinity: 10-12 g NaCl/L



Anammox



Effects of salinity on Anammox and nitrifying biomasses

- Campos *et al.* (2002):
 - Nitrifying activated sludge reactor
 - Operation at 100% efficiency with up to 13 g/L NaCl
- Windey *et al.* (2005):
 - OLAND process → Operation with 30 g/L
- Kartal *et al.* (2006):
 - Adaptation of non-marine Anammox bacteria to salinity in concentrations up to 30 g/L

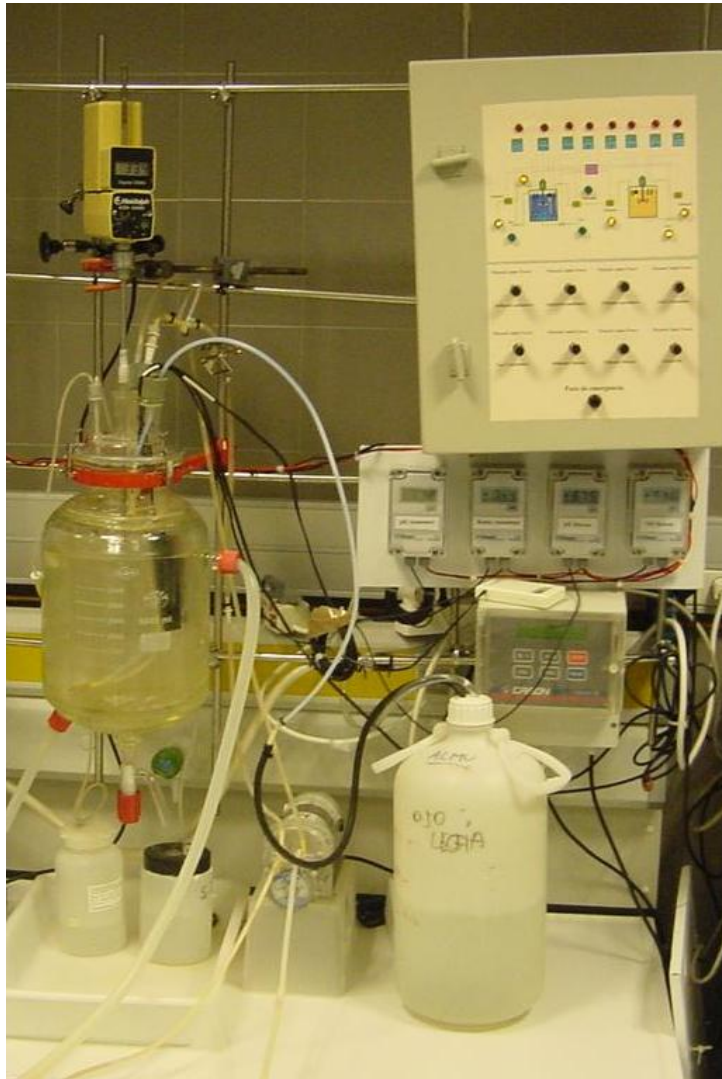
Objectives

- **Effects of high salt concentrations on Sharon and Anammox processes treating synthetic wastewaters**
- **Suitability of the treatment of fish cannery wastewaters with the Sharon-Anammox system**

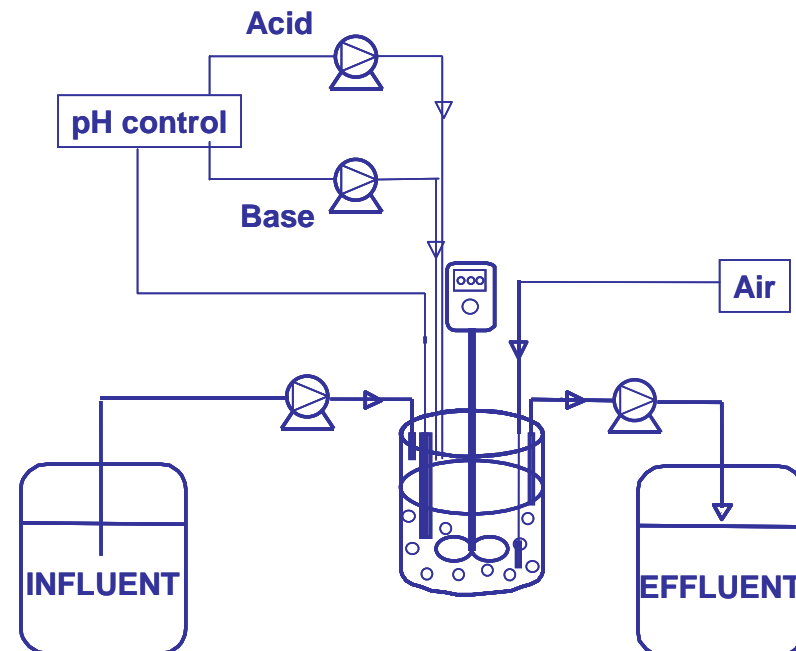
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Sharon reactor

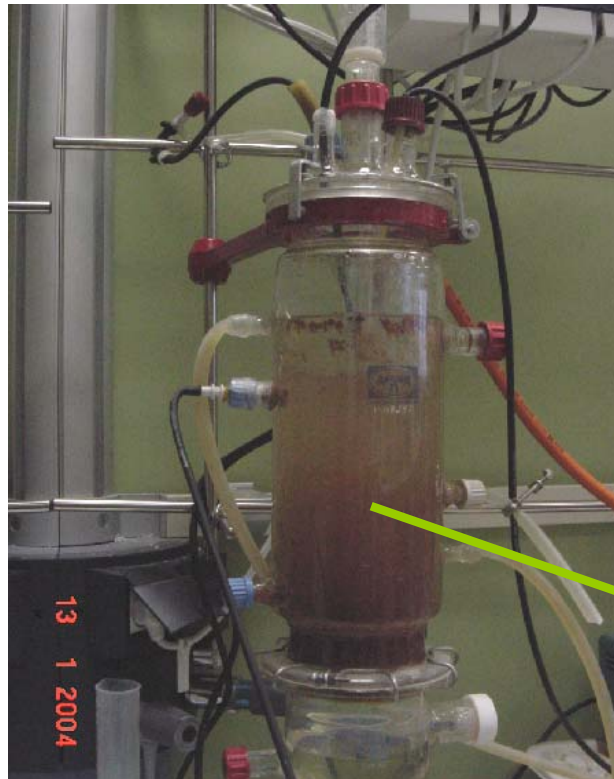


V: 3.2 L
Temperature: 35°C
HRT=SRT= 1 d
DO > 2 mg/L
pH: 7.0-7.5
Stirring: 300 rpm



Materials and methods

Anammox reactor



SBR

V: 3 L

Temperature: 35°C

HRT: 1.8 d

pH: 7.5-8.2

Stirring: 100 rpm

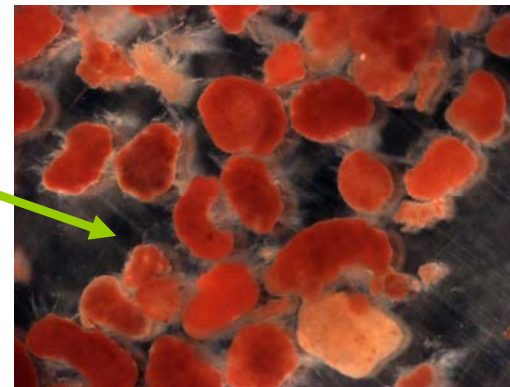
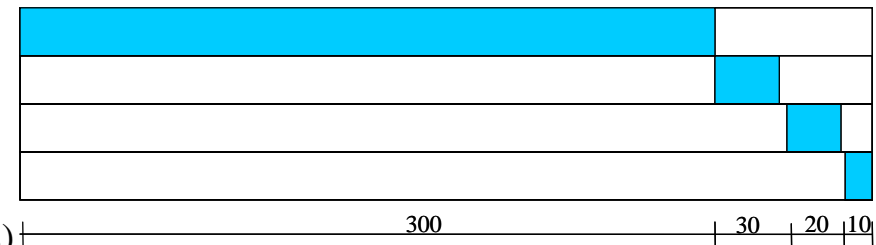
Mixed Fill

Mix

Settle

Draw

Time (minutes)



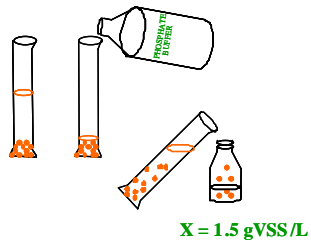
Materials and methods

Activity determinations

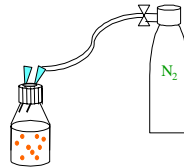
-Anammox and denitrifying activity

-Ammonium- and nitrite-oxidizing activity
-Heterotrophic activity

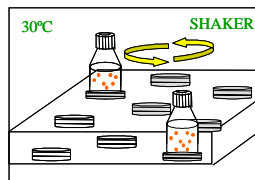
1. Wash with phosphate buffer



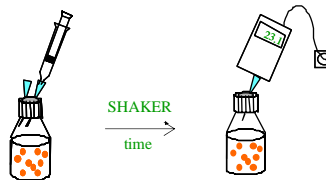
2. Purge with Nitrogen



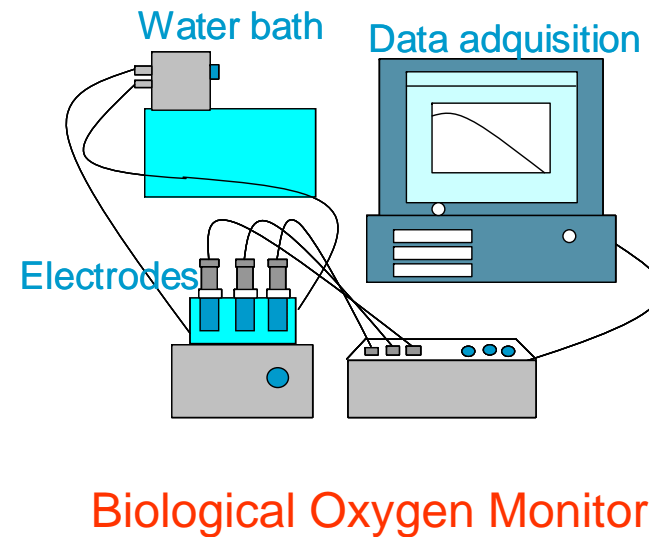
3. Take to constant T



4. Add reagents
Measure $\Delta P(t)$



$V_L = 40 \text{ ml}$ $V_G = 27 \text{ ml}$ $P_0 = 1 \text{ atm}$
 $5 \text{ mM } (\text{NH}_4)_2\text{SO}_4$ 5 mM NaNO_2



Materials and methods: Strategy

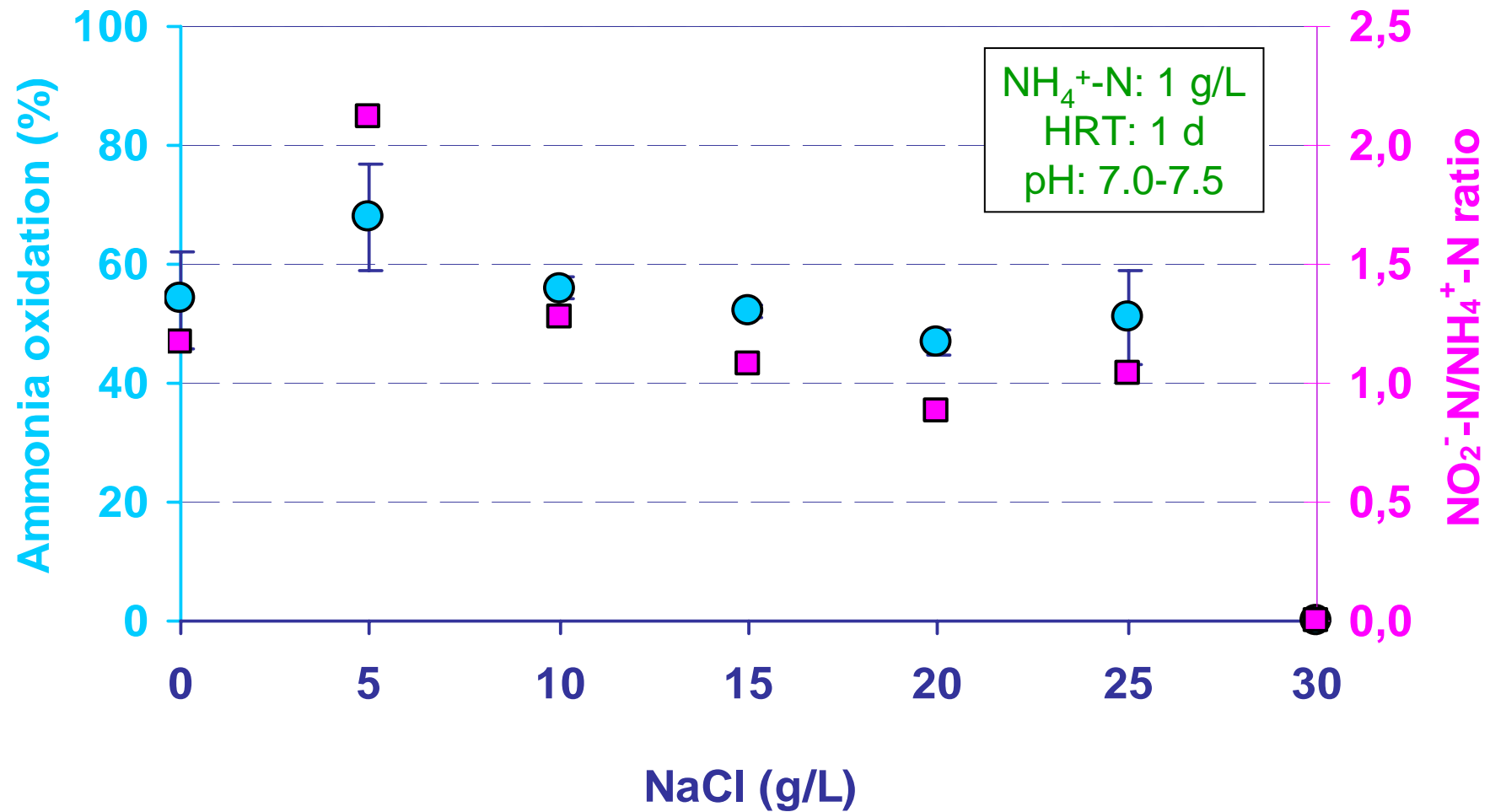
- **First Stage: Testing of long-term effects of salinity**
 - **Synthetic influent of the Sharon reactor:**
 - 1.0 g NH₄⁺-N/L
 - 0→5→10→15→20→25→30 g NaCl/L
 - **Synthetic influent of the Anammox reactor:**

	Nitrite Loading Rate (g N/(L·d))	NaCl (g/L)
Salinity increasing	0.15	0→20
Stabilization	0.07→0.20	10→15
NLR increasing	0.20→0.35	15

- **Second Stage: Coupling of the reactors, feeding of Sharon reactor with the effluent of a fish cannery**
 - 0.7-1.0 g NH₄⁺-N/L
 - 0.1-0.25 g TOC/L
 - 10-12 g NaCl/L

Results: Sharon with syntetic wastewater

Sharon reactor: Synthetic wastewater



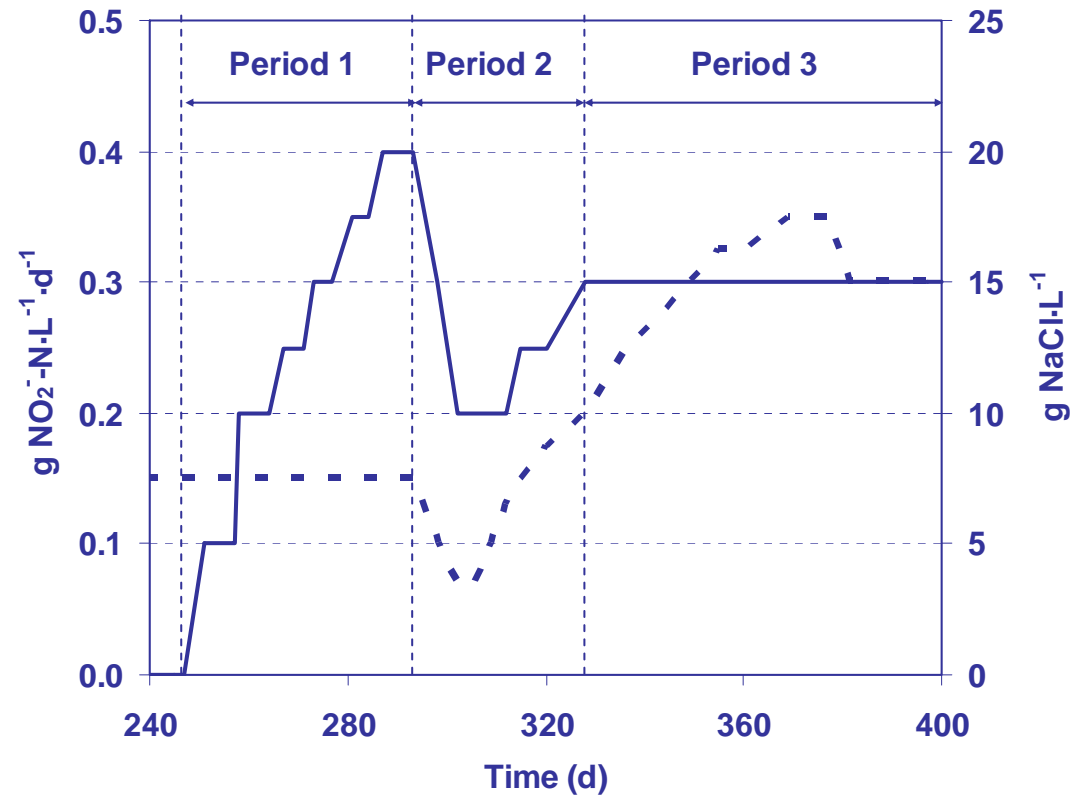
Sharon reactor: Organic matter effect

Specific Activity during acetate addition

C/N ratio		0	0.2	0.3
Ammonium oxidizing	(g N /g VSS· d)	3.6	2.4	ND
Nitrite oxidizing	(g N /g VSS· d)	ND	ND	ND
Heterotrophic	(g O ₂ /g VSS· d)	ND	0.4	2.0

Results: Anammox with syntetic wastewater

Adaptation at high salinity

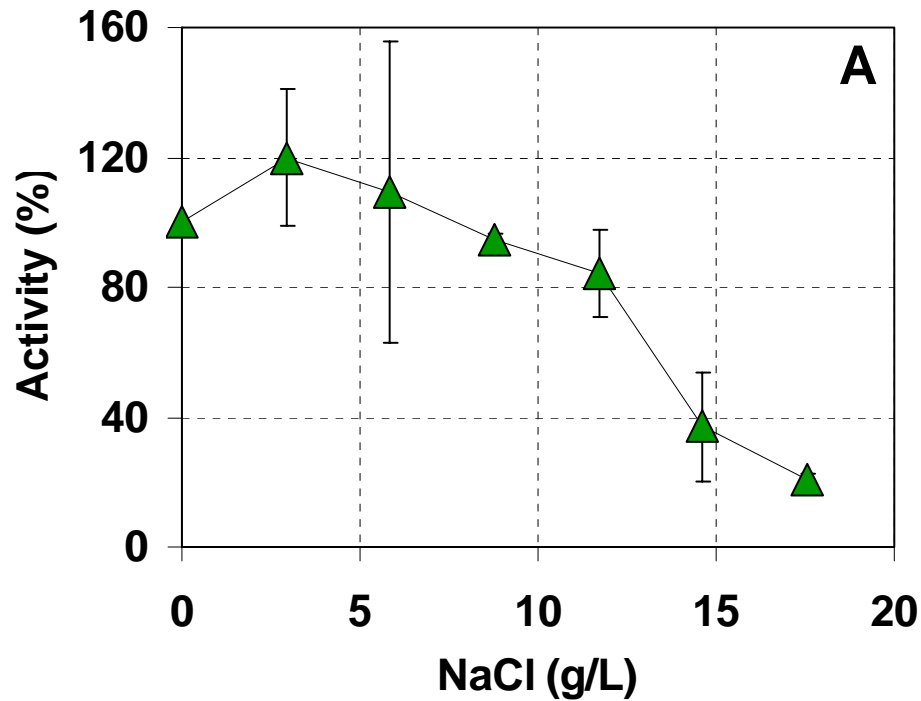


Operational strategy

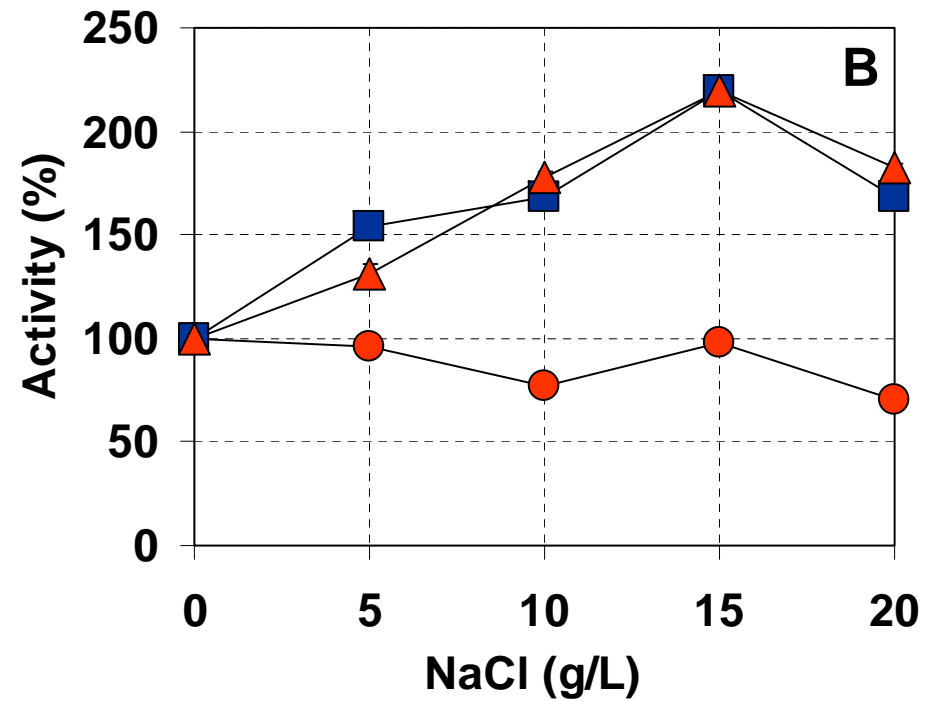
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— NaCl concentration

Anammox reactor: Activity



Non-adapted Anammox biomass



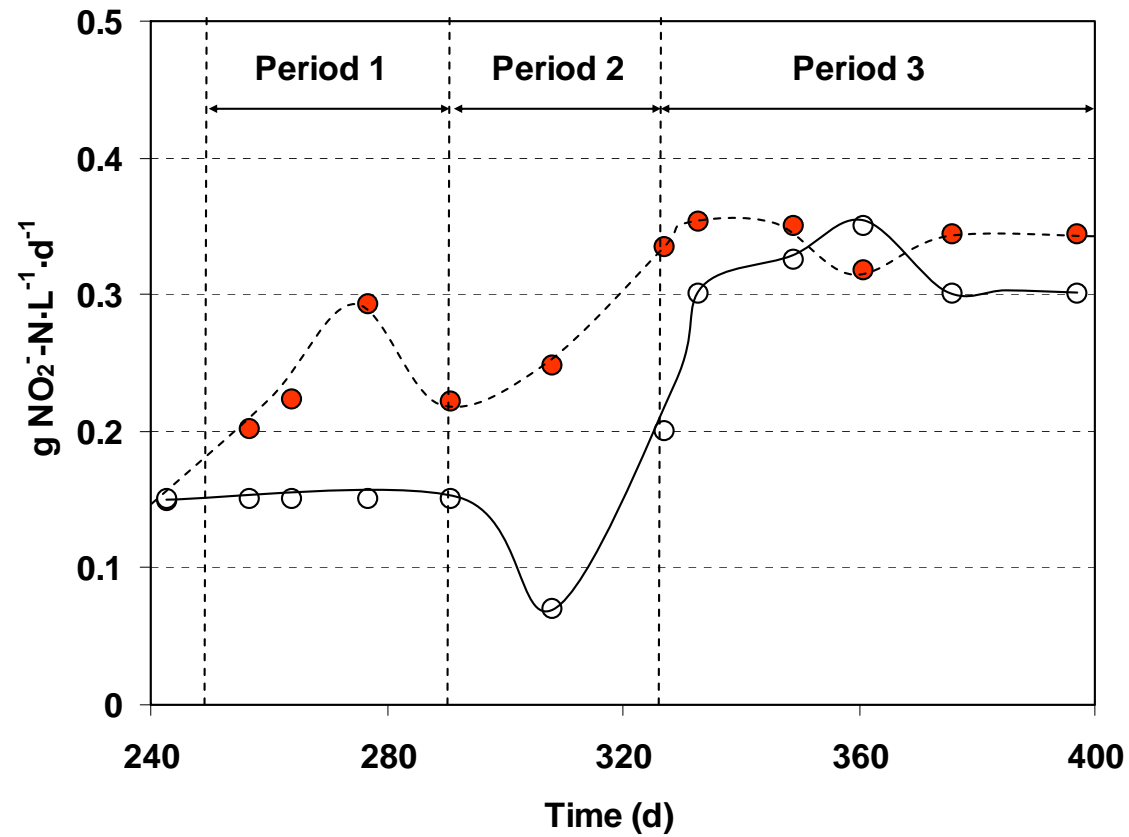
Adapted Anammox biomass

■ Washed with saline buffer

▲ Not washed

● Washed with non-saline buffer

Anammox reactor capacity



Reactor performance

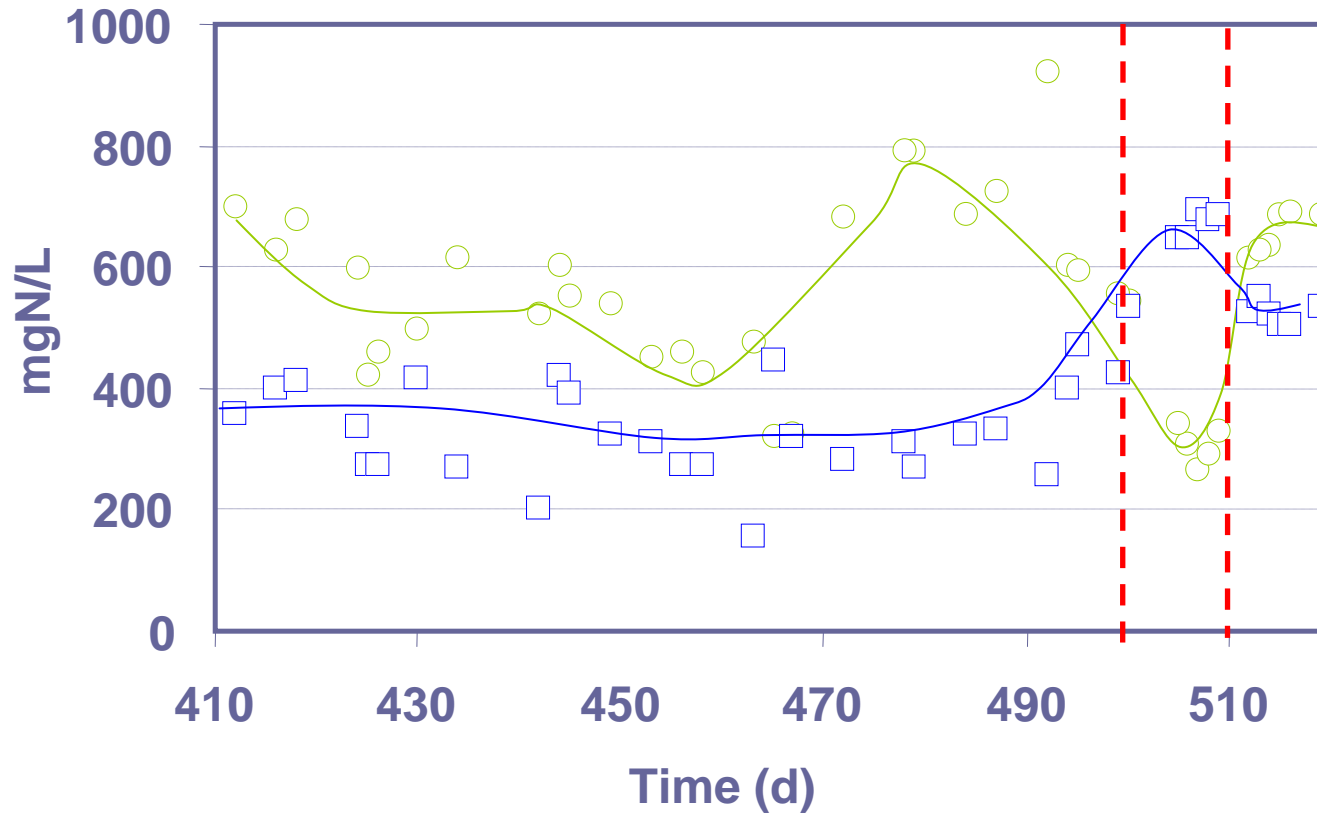
○ NLR

● Capacity

Results: Fish cannery effluent treatment

Results: Fish cannery effluent

Sharon reactor: Fish cannery effluent treatment

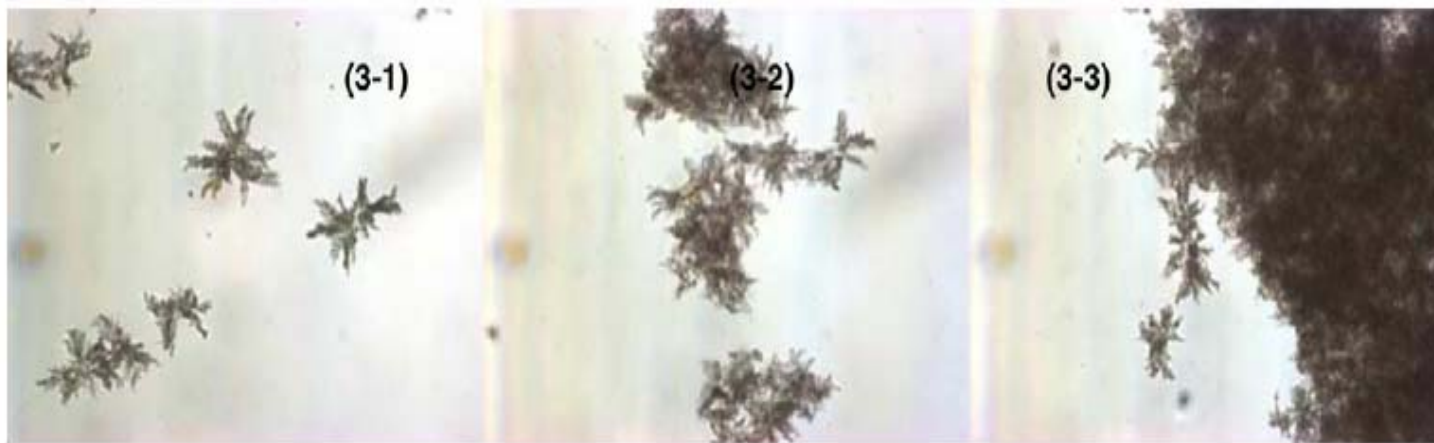


**Organic Matter !!!
250 mg TOC/L**

NH_4^+ inf (○), NO_2^- inf (□)

Results: Fish cannery effluent

Sharon reactor: Biomass properties

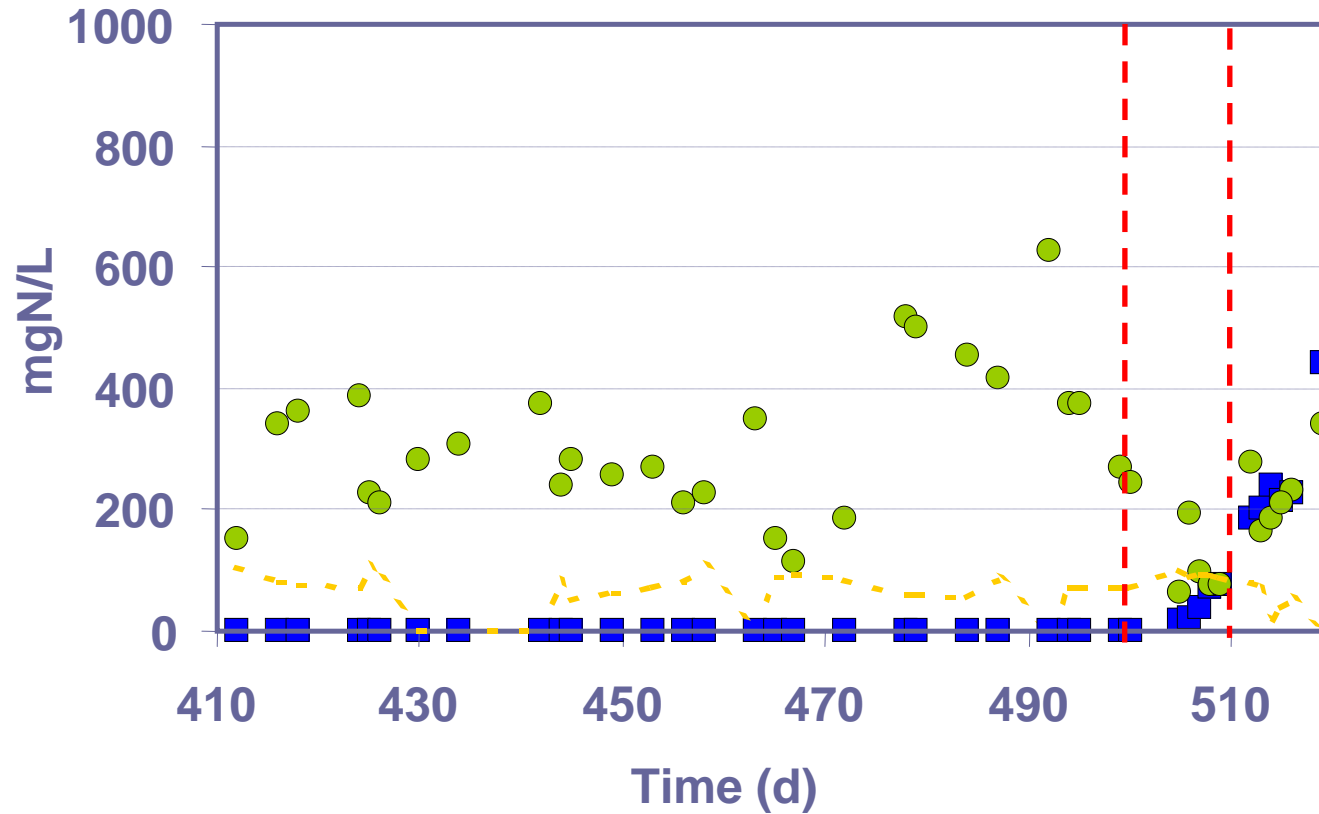


Flocculation and aggregation of flocs by NaCl addition

NaCl (mM)	Biomass (mg VSS/L)	Ashes content (%)
0	108	18
85	98	23
171	73	28
256	78	27
342	57	35
427	51	38
513	31	34

Results: Fish cannery effluent

Anammox reactor: Fish cannery effluent treatment



N removal

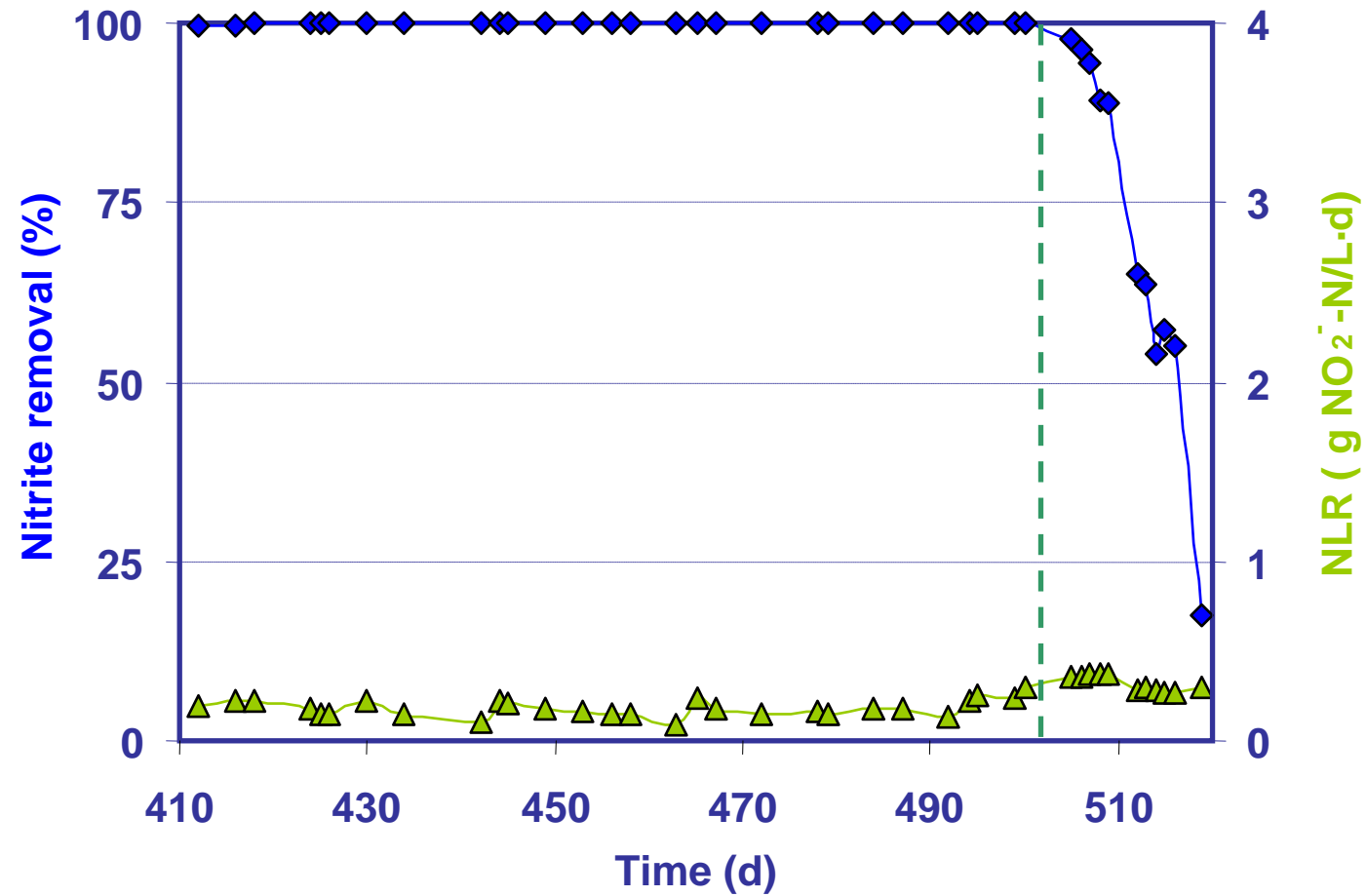
-67% of efficiency

-Up to 0.67 g N/L·d

$\text{NH}_4^+_{\text{ef}}$ (●), $\text{NO}_2^-_{\text{ef}}$ (■), $\text{NO}_3^-_{\text{ef}}$ (—)

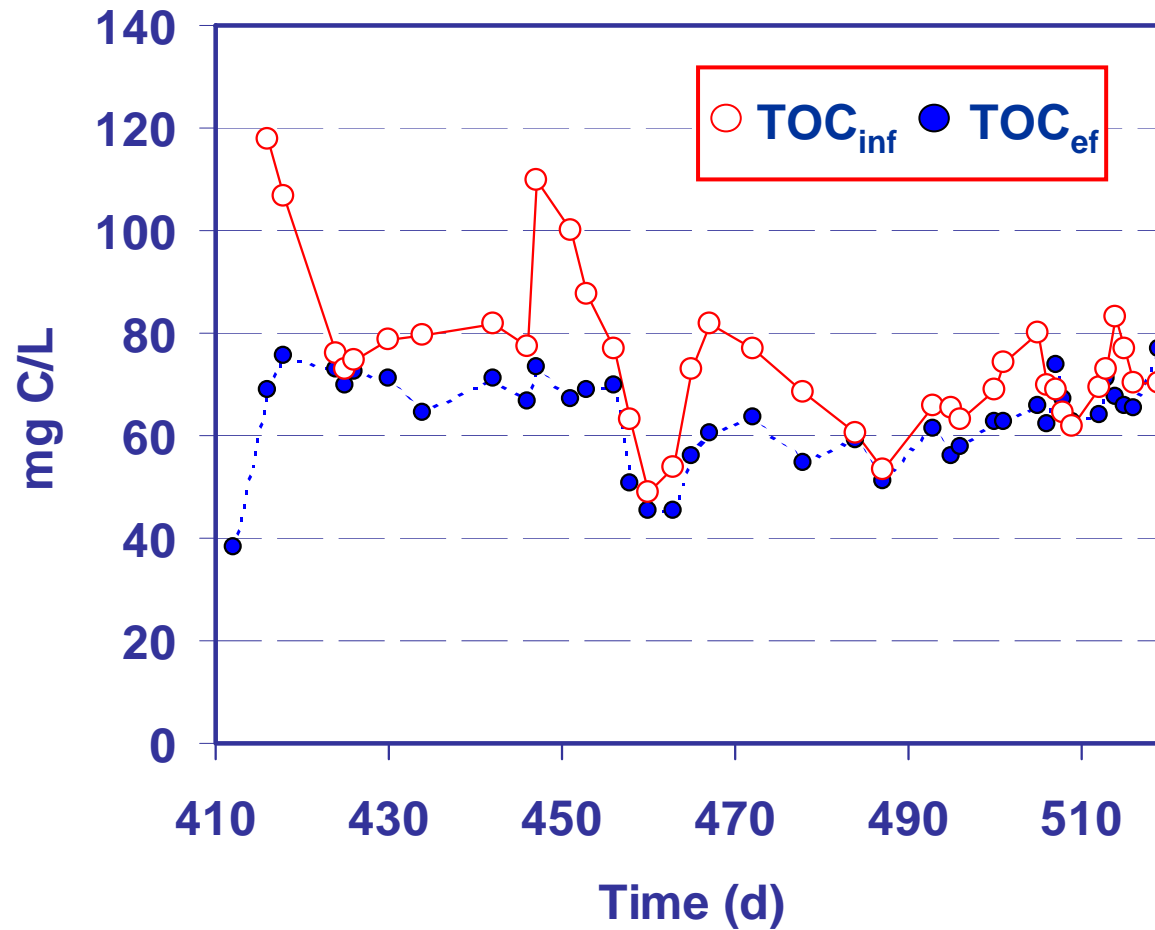
Results: Fish cannery effluent

Anammox reactor: Stability



Results: Fish cannery effluent

Anammox reactor: Organic compounds



Results: Fish cannery effluent

Anammox reactor: Biomass activity

Specific Activity		day 410	day 430	day 485
Anammox	(g N ₂ -N/ g VSS·d)	0.450	0.442	0.430
Denitrifying	(g N ₂ -N/g VSS·d)	0.041	0.052	0.068
Ammonium oxidizing	(g O ₂ /g VSS· d)	0.066	0.088	0.085
Nitrite oxidizing	(g O ₂ /g VSS· d)	ND	ND	ND
Heterotrophic	(g O ₂ /g VSS· d)	ND	ND	ND

ND: Not detected

Results: Anammox biomass

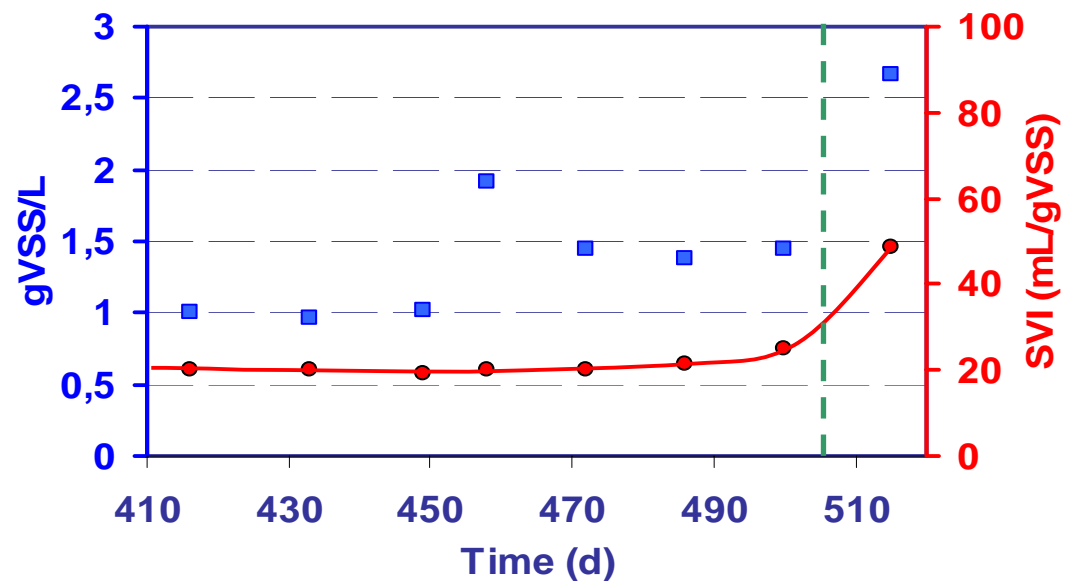
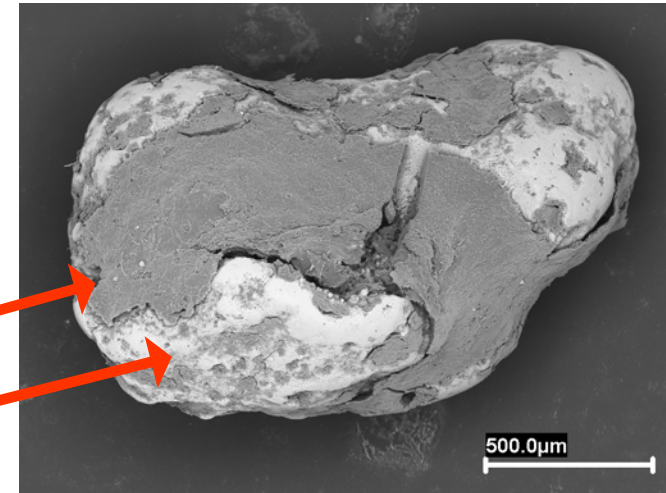
Anammox reactor: Biomass characterization

NaCl initial addition:

- Granulation of Anammox biomass
- SVI decreased from 80 to 25 mL/g VSS
- VSS/TSS ratio decreased from 0.8 to 0.7

Anammox biomass

Calcium phosphate



Conclusions

- Salt concentrations up to 20 g NaCl/L did not have long-term negative effects on the operation of both reactors
- The partial nitrification-Anammox system can be applied for the treatment of fish canning wastewaters
- A control of the NO_2^- -N/ NH_4^+ -N ratio of the effluent of the Sharon reactor is necessary in order to avoid the destabilization of the Anammox reactor

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