HACH's answers to wastewater challenges

PART IX : Nitrogen treatment optimization



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Hach'answers webinar series: Part IX: nitrogen treatment optimization





Nitrogen treatment optimization

- 1. Introduction on nitrogen and its treatment
- 2. Tools to optimize nitrogen removal
- 3. Applying these tools to all plant configurations





Introduction on

nitrogen and its

treatment

The challenges of nitrogen removal









The treatment of nitrogen in WWTP : the challenge of the energy consumption



Poll

What is your biggest challenge in terms of nitrogen treatment?

- 1. Compliance with my current permit
- 2. Risk on future compliance with my future permit
- 3. Electricity consumption
- 4. Other



EU Foundation texts on nitrogen

The Urban Wastewater Treatment directive (UWWTD - 1991)

- Asks for an advanced treatment on nutrients for agglomerations > 10 000 PE
- Level of nitrogen required in sensitive area:

✓ <100 000 PE: 15 mg/L TN</pre>
✓ >100 000 PE: 10 mg/L TN

The Water framework directive (WFD - 2000)

- Aims at achieving "good status" for all waters
- High / good / moderate / poor water body quality: what does that mean?

Example of river nitrogen standard for France

PARAMÈTRES PAR ÉLÉMENT DE QUALITÉ (unités)	CODE	LIMITES DES CLASSES D'ÉTAT			
		Très bon / Bon	Bon / Moven	Moyen / Médiocre	Médiocre / Mauvais
NH ₄ ⁺ (mg NH ₄ ⁺ /l)	1335	0,1	0,5	2	5
NO; (mg NO;/I)	1339	0,1	0,3	0,5	1
NO ₃ (mg NO ₃ /l)	1340	10	50		

EU sensitive areas - UWWTD



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- A quarter (24%) of EU territory
 is not defined as sensitive area,
 but some countries are 100%
 sensitive areas (AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK,
 EE, FI, LT, LU, LV, NL, PL, RO, SK,
 SE)
- Countries have to re-adjust or extend the sensitive areas every four years



30 years later

Nitrate concentration (mgNNO3/L)

River quality on nutrients in Europe between 1992 and 2017



- Slight improvement of nutrient concentrations in EU in water bodies
- But on an EU scale, around 60% of the surface water bodies are not in good or high ecological status
- Revision on UWWTD in process, potential new TN consent at 6mgTN/L



The different forms of Nitrogen





The treatment of nitrogen in WWTP : Nitrification / Denitrification





Parameters to answer nitrogen treatment optimisation





- Ammonium on-line measurement:
 - ✓ To monitor nitrification efficiency
 - $\checkmark\,$ To adjust at the needed level oxygen supply
- Nitrate on-line measurement:
 - $\checkmark\,$ To monitor denitrification efficiency
 - ✓ To adjust internal recirculation
 - $\checkmark\,$ To adapt external carbon dosing
- Total nitrogen on-line measurement:
 - ✓ To monitor inlet load
 - ✓ To check compliance



Parameters to answer nitrogen treatment optimisation





- On-line **dissolved oxygen** measurement:
 - \checkmark To ensure enough air supply for carbon removal and nitrification
 - \checkmark To avoid over-aeration
 - $\checkmark\,$ To check oxygen carry-over in the IRC to the anoxic zones
- On-line **ORP** measurement:
 - $\checkmark\,$ To monitor level of oxidation
 - ✓ Surrogate indicator of end of nitrification & denitrification to switch On/Off aeration for intermittent configurations



Parameters to answer nitrogen treatment optimisation





Sludge age

- ✓ Adequate sludge age in relation to the temperature is needed to allow nitrification
- ✓ Too high sludge age = higher electrical consumption / lower methanogenic sludge/ potential growth of filamentous bacteria

• Alkalinity

- ✓ Nitrification consumes alkalinity
- $\checkmark\,$ A lack of alkalinity induce nitrification limitation and consequences on pH



Poll

What are the on-line parameter(s) installed on your secondary treatment stage to monitor nitrification and/or denitrification stage ?

1-Oxygen 2-Redox 3-Ammonium 4-Nitrate 5-Suspended solids 6-Alkalinity





Tools to optimize

nitrogen removal

Solutions for Nitrogen in laboratory



* Examples of ranges for effluent

Total Nitrogen – LatoN

Ammonia + Nitrate + Nitrite + Organic Nitrogen

- ✓ 2,6 Dimethylphenol method
- $\checkmark~$ 3 ranges from 1 to 100 mg/l N
- ✓ Compatible with HT200 for a fast digestion (35 mins)

Ammonium

- ✓ Indophenol blue method
- $\checkmark~$ 4 ranges from 0,015 to 130 mg/l N

Nitrites

- ✓ Indophenol blue method
- ✓ 4 ranges from 0,015 to 130 mg/l N
- ✓ Low range from 0,005 to 0,1 mg/l N

Nitrates

- ✓ 2,6 Dimethylphenol method
- ✓ 2 ranges from 0,23 to 35 mg/l NO3-N



LCK cuvette tests according to ISO

Ammonium, nitrate, and total nitrogen Hach cuvette tests meet the stringent requirements of ISO standards



Hach LCK cuvette tests for ammonium, nitrate, and total nitrogen are now official ISO standard methods. .



- **Why ISO standardization?** Higher acceptance worldwide
 - Why higher acceptance? ISO norms standardize processes/procedures improving quality
- Where used? All water <u>labs</u> including ISO 171025 accredited
 <u>laboratories</u>
- Why used? Simplifies process to include method in scope of the lab



LCK cuvette tests according ISO

Ammonium	Nitrate	Total Nitrogen	COD*
ISO 2369	ISO 23696	ISO 23697	ISO 15705
LCK302 (47 - 130 mg/L NH4-N)	LCK339 (0,23 - 13,5 mg/L NO3-N)	LCK138 (1 - 16 mg/L TN)	LCI400 (0 - 1000 mg/L O2)
LCK303 (2 - 47 mg/L NH4-N)	LCK340 (5 - 35 mg/L NO3-N)	LCK238 (5 - 40 mg/L TN)	LCI500 (0 - 150 mg/L O2)
LCK304 (0,015 - 2 mg/L NH4-N)	LCK540 (15 - 150 mg/L NO3-N)	LCK338 (20 - 100 mg/L TN)	APC400 (0 - 1000 mg/L O2)
LCK305 (1 - 12 mg/L NH4-N)	APC339 (0,23 - 13,5 mg/L NO3-N)	LCK438 (100 - 250 mg/L TN)	APC500 (0 - 150 mg/L O2)
LCK502 (100 - 1800 mg/L NH4-N)	APC340 (5 - 35 mg/L NO3-N)	APC138 (1 - 16 mg/L TN)	-
LCK503 (10 - 100 mg/L NH4-N))	-	APC238 (5 - 40 mg/L TN)	-
LCK504 (0,005 - 0,05 mg/L NH4-N)	-	APC338 (20 - 100 mg/L TN)	-
LCK505 (0,5 - 5 mg/L NH4-N)	-	-	-
APC303 (2 - 47 mg/L NH4-N)	-	-	-
APC304 (0,015 - 2 mg/L NH4-N)	-	-	-



LCK according ISO Ammonium / Nitrates / Total Nitrogen +





APC cuvette tests can only be used in conjunction with the AP3900 Laboratory Robot.

* Hach LCI400, LCI500, APC400 and APC500 are unique. Using the original ISO 15705 formulation they follow exactly the ISO 15705 for COD.



On-line solutions for nitrogen removal : ammonium, nitrate and nitrite



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- ✓ Easy installation at the measurement point
- ✓ Gas Selective Electrode method
- ✓ 5 min response time
- ✓ Associated to a filtration unit (Filtrax)

• NT3 series

- \checkmark UV absorption method
- ✓ Self-cleaning & sludge compensation
- ✓ NOx version or NO_2/NO_3 version

• ANISE

✓ ISE probe for combined NO_3/NH_4 measurements



On-line solutions for nitrogen removal : TN for influent monitoring

CO2

CO₂ analyze

TIC + TOC Results



Biotector B7000 with combined TN

- ✓ Online measurement of Total Organic Carbon
- ✓ Advanced oxidation thanks to hydroxyl radicals
- Option of combined measurements with total nitrogen (total phosphorus also possible)
- ✓ Accepts smooth particles up to 2mm
- ✓ Up to 3 simultaneous measurement channels for TOC+TP+TN



On-line solutions for nitrogen removal : TN for effluent monitoring

EZ TN



• EZ-TN (EZ7700)

- Colorimetric measurement after online sample digestion
- ✓ Full oxidation of nitrogen species according to APHA method
- ✓ 30 min response time
- ✓ Upstream sample preparation option (e.g. homogenization with Sigmatax)
- ✓ Automatic cleaning features



On-line solutions for nitrogen removal : the basic parameters



• LDO

- ✓ Luminescent Dissolved Oxygen sensors (no membranes to replace)
- $\checkmark\,$ No calibration needed
- ✓ No drift & accurate measurements

• pHd-ORP

- ✓ Differential Electrode measurement Technique
- Ensure measurement accuracy and reduced downtime and maintenance



On-line solutions for nitrogen removal : additional parameters



EZ-Alkalinity (EZ4000)

- ✓ Automatic titration / cycle time :10-15 min
- Associated sample filtration unit & multiple stream analysis
- ✓ To dose chemicals (ex: carbonate) in alignment with need

Solitax sc & RTC-SRT

- Monitor the solids content in AST / RAS / WAS with infrared on-line sensors
- Adjustments of sludge retention time according to temperature
- Automatic control of surplus activated sludge to waste to maintain correct amount of biomass



Control solutions for nitrogen removal



Claros Real Time Control for nitrogen treatment

- ✓ To improve performances at optimized operational costs
- ✓ 2 platforms available
- Many modules to control nitrogen removal : aeration, recirculation, carbon source dosing, alkalinity dosing...









Applying these tools

to all plant

configurations

Nitogen-RTC solutions for Nitrogen removal



Intermittend Denitrification

- Fast reaction regarding NH4-N & NO3-N measurement
- Activation signal for aeration
- Up to 6 stages (2 of tehm VFD controlled)
- DO setpoint
- Controler status signal
- Opt. External Carbon dosing rate
- Opt. Using P value effluent to avoid P redemptionSBR-Version

Simultaneous Denitrification

- Typically carousel mixed (no plg flow), aerated and anaerated zones
- Optionally 6 digital and 2 analog signals
- Control by NO3-N and NH4-N allows to step away from DO setpoint



O₂ Set Point Q Option NH4 TSS TEMP O₂ NH4 Aeration

Nitrification Plug Flow

- Calculation required DO concentration
- Based on the NH4-N load
- DO setpoint
- Combining with DN-RTC (control denitrification)
- Combining with DO-RTC (oxygen control)
- Opt. External Carbon dosing

N/DN & N -RTC for all kind of treatment

- ✓ Based on the actually supplied load
- ✓ Consideration of events like shock loading
- ✓ savings energy during long low-load phases (longer rain events)
- ✓ Free adjustable fallback level integrated
- ✓ availability of all internal calculation variables (no black box)
- ✓ Integration in the existing infrastucture (nearly all kind of interfaces available)
- ✓ Possibility to use external measured values



Nitogen-RTC solutionutions for Nitrogen removal

additional Options Dissolved Oxygen control



Dissolved Oxygen control

- Independent DO control in multiple zones of an aeration tank
- The RTC-DO can be combined with an RTC-N_4Z zone controller which provides up to 4 DO setpoints based on the current NH4-N loading of a lane
- Adjusted variable is the process air flow or surface aerator speed to the corresponding zone
- If diffused aeration is applied, air flow measurements and valve positions can be monitored if available.

P-RTC for all kind of treatment

- ✓ Based on the actually supplied load
- ✓ Consideration of events like shock loading
- \checkmark Adaption to daily and sudden load peaks
- ✓ Free adjustable fallback level integrated
- ✓ availability of all internal calculation variables (no black box)
- ✓ Integration in the existing infrastucture (nearly all kind of interfaces available)
- $\checkmark\,$ Possibility to use external measured values



Most open valve DO control

- The RTC-MOV independently controls up to 16 zones to a desired DO setpoint
- Adjusted variable opening degree of the air valves assigned to the corresponding zone
- Option to provide a common manifold air preasure ensuring that the valve assigned to the highest air demand has the highest opening degree





Claros N/DN-RTC intermittent Denitrification







N/DN-RTC: Software features

- Separate time frame for fallback strategy
- Impulse aeration
 - N/DN applicable in continuously aerated plants:
 - Ability to introduce anoxic intervals to improve denitrification / TN removal
 - No mixers needed in aeration tank
 - Programmable parameters: interval, pulse time, intensity
- CNP max (make active use of biological P-removal)
 - PO_4 -P detector can be connected to N/DN-RTC and a PO_4 -P upper limit can be chosen to start nitrification \rightarrow overcome PO_4 -P release
- NH₄-N min min (stopping Nitrification)
 - If $\rm NH_4-N$ decreases below a set minimum, aeration will be stopped to save aeration energy







N/DN-RTC: Increasing compliance and efficiency

- Size:
- Construction: •
- Strategy for tank 1:
- Strategy for tank 2: RTC
- **Evaluation:** • control

Approx. 8.000 PE 2 aeration tanks Time-controlled aeration N/DN Control of aeration with

1 month of benchmark Time





Time based control

Fixed aeration intervals, high DO \rightarrow no denitrification during low load situations High NO₃-N bzw. N_{TOT} –Concentration



Variable aeration intervals Denitrification during low load situations Low NO₃-N resp. N_{TOT} -Concentration







Process control: N/DN vs ORP

WWTP Germany, 15.000pe plant, 2 lanes

- Installation: RTC-N/DN hosted on sc4500 Bio 3 in ORP mode, Bio 2 in NH₄-N and NO₃-N mode
- Ease of installation: Installation done in less than one day (sc4500 RTC)
- Customer B-test feed back: Customer purchased NH₄-N and NO₃-N solution for both lanes (process transparency)







NH4/NO3 control



Claros N-RTC Plug flow Nitrification

day



N-RTC solution



DO setpoint

Control Status Signal



- DO setpoint for up to 4 zones (one zone facultative aeration)
- Control Status Signal



- DO set point for up to 3 zones
- Control Status Signal

N-RTC Plug flow Denitrification

- ✓ Ensure compliance on NH4-N due to load based O2 set point adjustment
- ✓ Energy savings: 15%-30% due to lower
 DO concentration in aeration (compared to fixed O2 control on 1,5 mg/L...2,5 mg/L)
- Improved denitrification and compliance on N_TOT due to load based aeration (less O2 recirculated)
- Focused air supply to areas of highest requirement (RTC-N4Z)
- ✓ Improved denitrification capacity due to adjusted volume for nitrification (RTC-N4Z)
- Improved sludge settlement qualities through DO levels matching organic load and well maintained anoxic zones











N-RTC: Southampton, Southern Water, UK

Plant: - 250.000pe, 4+4 = 8 lanes, Bardenpho 4 stage

• Targets:

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- Improvement on Compliance
- Less aeration energy and methanol consumption
- Compare standard DO control to NH₄-N control
- Delivery:
 - ry: N-RTC for load based aeration - DN-RTC for carbon dosing (meet TN compliance) - SRT-RTC for sludge age adjustment
- Results: Improved compliance, ROI \sim 2 yr
 - 20% less airflow, 25% less methanol





Benchmark trail: 4 lanes of old plant (RTC) compared to 4 lanes of new plant



RTC hosted on SC4500: What is the concept?

• Existing std. combined



Actors: Pumps, Aerator, ...

Cumbersome, but very flexible and effective solution for medium sized plants with a demand on multiple modules.

• RTC hosted on SC4500



Cost effective, but limited capabilities for

- small plants
- decentralized applications on larger plants with a single module demand

RTC hosted on SC4500

transforms a measurement transmitter into a process controller !!

RTC plattform different options





Intermittent denitrification (RTC-N/DN)	Intermittent aeration control, Output: Aeration on/off	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N/DN (1C) RTC-N/DN (2C)
	Intermittent aeration & O_2 control, Output: Aeration on/off, 1 aeration stage, VSD	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N/DN_DO (1C) RTC-N/DN_DO (2C)
	Intermittent aeration & O_2 control, Output: Aeration on/off, 6 aeration stages, 2 VSD		RTC-N/DN_DO 2VFD (1C) RTC-N/DN_DO 2VFD (2C)
	Intermittent aeration control incl. external Carbon addition, Output: Aeration on/off, external Carbon dosing		RTC-N/DN_C (1C) RTC-N/DN_C (2C)
	Intermittent aeration control incl. external Carbon addition, Output: Aeration on/off, 1 aeration stage, VSD external Carbon dosing		RTC-N/DN_DO_C (1C) RTC-N/DN_DO_C (2C)
	Intermittent aeration control incl. external Carbon addition, Output: Aeration on/off, 6 aeration stages, 2 VSD external Carbon dosing	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N/DN_DO 2VFD_C (1C) RTC-N/DN_DO 2VFD_C (2C)
SBR (Intermittent denitrification) (RTC-N/DNSBR)	Intermittent aeration control (SBR), Output: Aeration on/off	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N/DN SBR (1C) RTC-N/DN SBR (2C)
	Intermittent aeration & O_2 control (SBR), Output: Aeration on/off, 1 aeration stage, VSD	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N/DN SBR_DO (1C) RTC-N/DN SBR_DO (2C)
	Intermittent aeration (SBR) & O_2 control, Output: Aeration on/off, 6 aeration stages, 2 VSD	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N/DN SBR_DO 2 VFD (1C) RTC-N/DN SBR_DO 2VFD (2C)
Simultaneous denitrification (RTC-SND)	NH ₄ -N & NO ₃ -N control, Output: Aeration Intensity (0100%)	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-SND (1C) RTC-SND (2C)
	$NH_4-N \oplus NO_3-N$ control, Output: Aeration Intensity (0100%), Output: 6 stages, 2 VSD	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-SND (1C6Z) RTC-SND (2C6Z)
Nitrification, plug flow (RTC-N)	Combination open / closed loop NH₄-N control, Output: Dissolved Oxygen setpoint	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N (1C) RTC-N (2C)
	Combination open / closed loop NH4-N control, Output: Aeration on/off, 1 aeration stage, VSD	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N_DO (1C) RTC-N_DO (2C)
	Combination open / closed loop NH ₄ -N control, with O_2 control, Output: O_2 setpoint, 6 aeration stages, 2 VSD)	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N_DO 2VFD (1C) RTC-N_DO 2VFD (2C)
	Combination open / closed loop $\rm NH_4-N$ control, Output: $\rm O_2$ setpoints for 4 zones, control of one swing zone	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N_4Z (1C) RTC-N_4Z (2C)
	Combining open / closed loop NH4-N control on Step Feed reactors, Output: O2 set points for 3 zones	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-N_STEP (1C) RTC-N_STEP (2C)
DO control (RTC-DO)	Closed loop zone DO control. Output: Aeration intensity	4 Zones 8 Zones 12 Zones 16 Zones	RTC-DO (4C) RTC-DO (8C) RTC-DO (12C) RTC-DO (16C)
Most open valve DO control (RTC-MOV)	Closed loop zone DO control. Output: Air valve position, pressure on manifold or overall	4 Zones 8 Zones 12 Zones 16 Zones	RTC-MOV (4C) RTC-MOV (8C) RTC-MOV (12C) RTC-MOV (16C)
Denitrification (RTC-DN)	Closed loop control NO ₃ -N effluent anoxic or post-aeration. Output: Internal recirculation flow rate	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-DN_IRC (1C) RTC-DN_IRC(2C)
	Closed loop control NO_3 -N effluent denitrification or effluent aeration. Output: Internal recirculation flow rate and external carbon addition.		RTC-DN_IRC_C (1C) RTC-DN_IRC_C (2C)
	Combination open / closed loop NO3-N control. Output: External carbon addition	1 Channel 2 Channel	RTC-DN_C (1C) RTC-DN_C (2C)

Non-Cloud Non-Cloud + Embeddged Prognosys Cloud (Claros-enabled) Claros, RTC N/DN-ORP Claros, RTC N/DN-ORP(DO) Claros, RTC N/DN Claros, RTC N/DN(DO)







HACH RTC-Modules for WW cleaning Experiences:

Installations

- more than 3.000 modules at over 2.000 WWTP
- Germany: München, Ingolstadt, Baden-Baden, Göppingen, Monsheim, ...
- International: London, Pilsen, Bratislava, New York, Perth, Melbourne,
- 60% of all Installations in Europe
- Size of the plants between 3,5 Mio PE and 700 PE



London, Becktoon, Thames Water, 3,5 Mio EW, ASP3 8 Kanal N-RTC, SRT-RTC Installation



Southampton, Southern Water, 250.000EW N-RTC, DN-RTC, SRT-RTC Installation



Flieden, Deutschland, 5.000 EW, P-RTC Installation



list I Die Zantraklässnlage Ingolatadt aus der Vogelperspektive

Print Destination

Optimierung der Schlammentwässerung reduziert Entsorgungskosten

Modernisierungsmaßnahmen auf der Zentralkläranlege Ingelstadt führten zur Erhöhung des TS-Gehalts und zu einer Senkung des Polymerverbrauchs.

Die Zentraßtläranlage der Stadt Ingolstadt (Bild 1) wurde im Jahr 1972 in mach dem System Iteictung-Tropfkörper zur () × 4.350 m² = 14.250 m³, Rid 2) getangt



