

Supplementary Information

Minimizing biological sludge generation in a sidestream enhanced biological phosphorus removal (S2EBPR) system: full-scale evaluation and modeling insights

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Table S1: Average influent fractions at the Calumet WRP (as reported also in Sabba et al.¹).

| Parameter | Value | Unit |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Fraction of VSS/TSS | 90.0 | % |
| Fraction of filtered COD (SCCOD, 1.5 μm , incl. colloids) in total COD (TCOD) | 36.0 | % |
| Fraction of flocculated filtered (SCOD, wo colloids) COD in total COD (TCOD) | 20.0 | % |
| Fraction of VFA in filtered COD (SCCOD, 1.5 μm , incl. colloids) | 0.0 | % |
| Fraction of soluble unbiodegradable organics (SU) in filtered COD (SCCOD, 1.5 μm , incl. colloids) | 23.0 | % |
| Fraction of particulate unbiodegradable organics (XU) in total COD (TCOD) | 16.0 | % |
| Fraction of heterotrophs (OHO) in total COD (TCOD) | 2.0 | % |
| Fraction of endogenous products (XE) of OHOs | 7.0 | % |
| Fraction of colloidal unbiodegradable organics (CU) in colloidal COD (SCCOD-SCOD)* | 0.0 | % |
| Fraction of NH _x in total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) | 67.3 | % |
| Fraction of PO ₄ in total phosphorus (TP) | 74.4 | % |
| Fraction of N in readily biodegradable substrate (SB)* | 0.0 | % |
| Fraction of N in particulate unbiodegradable substrate (XU)* | 0.0 | % |
| Fraction of P in readily biodegradable substrate (SB)* | 0.0 | % |
| Fraction of P in particulate unbiodegradable substrate (XU)* | 0.0 | % |

**plant-specific model assumptions*

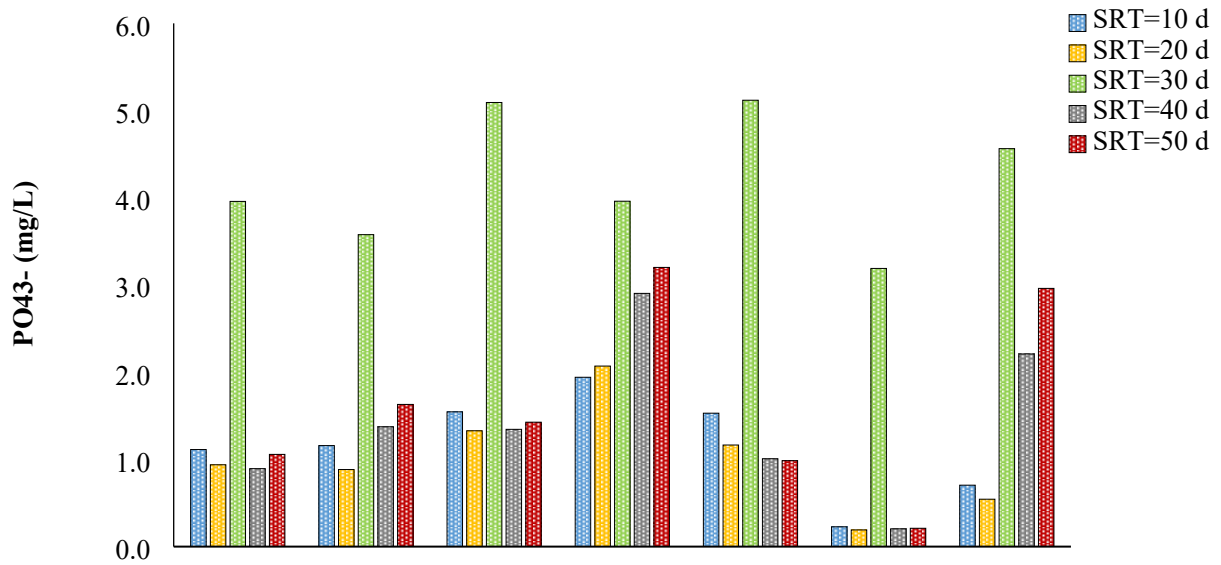
Table S2: SUMO default kinetic parameters used in the model (as reported also in Sabba et al.¹).

| Ordinary heterotrophic organism kinetics (OHO) | | | |
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| Symbol | Name | Default | Unit |
| μ_{OHO} | Maximum specific growth rate of OHOs | 4.0 | d ⁻¹ |
| $\mu_{\text{FERM,OHO}}$ | Fermentation growth rate of OHOs | 0.3 | d ⁻¹ |
| b_{OHO} | Decay rate of OHOs | 0.62 | d ⁻¹ |
| $\eta_{\text{OHO,anox}}$ | Reduction factor for anoxic growth of OHOs | 0.60 | unitless |
| $K_{\text{SB,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of readily biodegradable substrate for OHOs (AS) | 5.0 | g COD.m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{O}_2,\text{OHO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of O ₂ for OHOs (AS) | 0.15 | g O ₂ .m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{VFA,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of VFA for OHOs (AS) | 0.5 | g COD.m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{MEOL,OHO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of methanol for OHOs (AS) | 0.1 | g COD.m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{NO}_3,\text{OHO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of NO ₃ for OHOs (AS) | 0.10 | g N.m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{NO}_2,\text{OHO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of NO ₂ for OHOs (AS) | 0.05 | g N.m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{VFA,FERM,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of VFA in fermentation of OHOs (AS) | 50.0 | g COD.m ⁻³ |
| $\text{Logrange}_{\text{VFA,FERM,AS}}$ | Effective range of logistic switch for VFA fermentation by OHOs (AS) | 0.012 | - |
| $K_{\text{SB,ana,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of readily biodegradable substrate in fermentation by OHOs in mainstream (AS) | 5.0 | g COD.m ⁻³ |
| $K_{\text{SB,ana,DIG}}$ | Half-saturation of readily biodegradable substrate in fermentation by OHOs in digester | 350.0 | g COD.m ⁻³ |

| Carbon storing organism kinetics (CASTO: PAO & GAO) | | | |
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| Symbol | Name | Default | Unit |
| μ_{CASTO} | Maximum specific growth rate of CASTOs | 1.00 | d^{-1} |
| $q_{\text{PAO,PP}}$ | Maximum polyphosphate uptake rate of PAOs | 0.10 | d^{-1} |
| $\mu_{\text{FERM,PAO}}$ | Fermentation growth rate of PAOs | 0.45 | d^{-1} |
| $\mu_{\text{PAO,lim}}$ | Maximum specific growth rate of PAOs under P limited | 0.49 | d^{-1} |
| b_{CASTO} | Decay rate of CASTOs | 0.08 | d^{-1} |
| b_{STC} | Rate of CASTOs maintenance on PHA and GLY | 0.07 | d^{-1} |
| $b_{\text{PP,ana}}$ | Rate of PAOs maintenance under anaerobic conditions (PP cleavage) | 0.01 | d^{-1} |
| $q_{\text{PAO,PHA}}$ | Rate of VFA storage into PHA for PAOs | 7.0 | d^{-1} |
| $q_{\text{GAO,GLY}}$ | Rate of VFA storage into glycogen for GAOs | 4.0 | d^{-1} |
| $\eta_{\text{CASTO,anox}}$ | Reduction factor for anoxic growth of CASTOs | 0.66 | unitless |
| $\eta_{\text{bCASTO,anox}}$ | Reduction factor for anoxic decay of CASTOs | 0.50 | unitless |
| $\eta_{\text{bCASTO,ana}}$ | Reduction factor for anaerobic decay of CASTOs | 0.25 | unitless |
| $\eta_{\text{bSTC,anox}}$ | Reduction factor for anoxic maintenance of CASTOs on PHA and GLY | 0.66 | unitless |
| $\eta_{\text{bPP,aer}}$ | Reduction factor for aerobic maintenance of PAOs on PP | 0.25 | unitless |
| $\eta_{\text{bPP,anox}}$ | Reduction factor for anoxic maintenance of PAOs on PP | 0.50 | unitless |
| $K_{\text{PO}_4,\text{PAO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of PO_4 for PAOs (AS) | 0.30 | $\text{g P}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ |
| $\text{Logrange}_{\text{PO}_4,\text{PAO,AS,sat}}$ | Effective range of logistic switch for PO_4 uptake by PAOs | 0.80 | - |
| $\text{Logrange}_{\text{PP,PAO,AS,sat}}$ | Effective range of logistic switch for PP cleavage by PAOs | 0.40 | - |
| $K_{\text{PHA,cle}}$ | Half-saturation of PHA for PAOs at PP cleavage | 0.10 | $\text{g COD}\cdot\text{g COD}^{-1}$ |
| K_{PHA} | Half-saturation of PHA for PAOs | 0.01 | $\text{g COD}\cdot\text{g COD}^{-1}$ |
| K_{STC} | Half-saturation of PHA and GLY for PAOs | 0.10 | $\text{g COD}\cdot\text{g COD}^{-1}$ |
| $K_{\text{O}_2,\text{CASTO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of O_2 for CASTOs (AS) | 0.05 | $\text{g O}_2\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ |
| $K_{\text{NO}_3,\text{CASTO,AS}}$ | Half-saturation of NO_3 for CASTOs (AS) | 0.10 | $\text{g N}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ |

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| $K_{NO_2,CASO,AS}$ | Half-saturation of NO_2 for CASTOs (AS) | 0.05 | $g N.m^{-3}$ |
| $K_{VFA,CASO,AS}$ | Half-saturation of VFA storage for CASTOs (AS) | 5.0 | $g COD.m^{-3}$ |
| K_{PP} | Half-saturation of PP for PAOs | 0.01 | $g COD.g COD^{-1}$ |
| $K_{iPP,PAO,max}$ | Half-inhibition of maximum PP content of PAOs | 0.35 | $g P.g COD^{-1}$ |
| $Logrange_{PP,PAO,inh}$ | Effective range of logistic switch for PP/PAO inhibition term | 0.17 | - |
| $X_{PP,PAO,min}$ | PAO PP uptake booster denominator limiting term | 0.10 | $g COD.m^{-3}$ |
| $K_{iPHA,PAO,max}$ | Half-inhibition of maximum PHA content of PAOs | 0.60 | $g COD.g COD^{-1}$ |
| $Logrange_{PHA,PAO,inh}$ | Effective range of logistic switch for PHA/PAO inhibition term | 0.10 | - |
| $K_{Mg,PAO,AS}$ | Half-saturation of Mg (counter-ion in PP storage) for PAOs (AS) | 0.001 | $g Mg.m^{-3}$ |
| $K_{K,PAO,AS}$ | Half-saturation of K (counter-ion in PP storage) for PAOs (AS) | 0.001 | $g K.m^{-3}$ |
| $K_{Ca,PAO,AS}$ | Half-saturation of Ca (counter-ion in PP storage) for PAOs (AS) | 0.001 | $g Ca.m^{-3}$ |
| $K_{PP,lim}$ | Half-saturation of PP (nutrient) for PAOs under PO_4 limitation (AS) | 0.002 | $g P.m^{-3}$ |
| $K_{iPO_4,lim,AS}$ | Half-inhibition of PO_4 for PAOs under PO_4 limitation (AS) | 0.005 | $g P.m^{-3}$ |
| $Logsat_{ORP,PAO,Half}$ | Logistic half-saturation of ORP switching in fermentation of PAO | -170.0 | mV |
| $Logsat_{ORP,PAO,Slope}$ | Logistic slope of ORP switching in fermentation of PAO | 0.1 | mV^{-1} |
| $\eta_{bGLY,ana}$ | Reduction factor for anaerobic maintenance of GAOs on glycogen | 0.10 | unitless |
| K_{GLY} | Half-saturation of glycogen for GAOs (AS) | 0.05 | $g COD.g COD^{-1}$ |
| $K_{iGLY,GAO,max}$ | Half-inhibition of maximum glycogen content of GAOs (AS) | 0.5 | $g COD.g COD^{-1}$ |
| $Logrange_{GLY,GAO,inh}$ | Effective range of logistic switch for GLY/GAO inhibition term | 0.12 | - |
| $Switch_{GAO,Act,VFA}$ | Manual Switch for Activity of VFA Uptake by GAO | 0.00 | - |
| $Logsat_{ORP,GAO,Half,15}$ | Half-value of ORP switch of glycogen storage by GAO at $15^\circ C / 59^\circ F$ | -30 | mV |
| $Logsat_{ORP,GAO,Half,25}$ | Half-value of ORP switch of glycogen storage by GAO at $25^\circ C / 77^\circ F$ | -110 | mV |
| $Logsat_{ORP,GAO,Slope}$ | Logistic slope of ORP switching of GAOs | 0.035 | mV^{-1} |

Figure S1: Impact of SRT on effluent OP.



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