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A consilience model to describe N₂O production during biological N-removal

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Table S1 – Variability of selected parameters associated to biological N₂O models.

Parameter	Description	Units	Literature Range	References
η_{AOB}	Anoxic reduction factor	(-)	0.053 - 0.5	(1) (2) (3) (4)
$K_{\text{AOB NO}_2}$	NO ₂ ⁻ affinity coefficient for denitrification	(mgN/L)	0.14 - 8	(5) (6) (7) (8)
$K_{\text{AOB NO}}$	NO affinity coefficient for denitrification	(mgN/L)	0.004 - 0.1	(4) (5)
$K_{\text{AOB i O}_2}$	O ₂ inhibition coefficient for denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	0.078 - 0.112	(1) (2) (3) (4)
μ_{NIR}	Max. NO ₂ ⁻ reduction rate	(h ⁻¹)	0.017 - 0.078	(3) (9) (10) (11)
μ_{NOR}	Max. NO reduction rate	(h ⁻¹)	0.038 - 0.345	(1) (3) (10) (11)
μ_{NOS}	Max. N ₂ O reduction rate	(h ⁻¹)	0.065 - 0.182	(3) (9) (10) (11)
$K_{\text{HB i O}_2 \text{ NIR}}$	O ₂ inhibition coefficient for NO ₂ ⁻ denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	0.1 - 1	(9) (10) (11)
$K_{\text{HB i O}_2 \text{ NOR}}$	O ₂ inhibition coefficient for NO denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	0.067 - 1	(1) (3) (10) (11)
$K_{\text{HB i O}_2 \text{ NOS}}$	O ₂ inhibition coefficient for N ₂ O denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	0.031 - 1	(9) (10) (11)
$K_{\text{HB S NIR}}$	S _s affinity coefficient for NO ₂ ⁻ denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	1.5 - 20	(9) (10) (11)
$K_{\text{HB S NOR}}$	S _s affinity coefficient for NO denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	0.56 - 20	(1) (3) (10) (11)
$K_{\text{HB S NOS}}$	S _s affinity coefficient for N ₂ O denitrification	(mgCOD/L)	2 - 40	(9) (10) (11)

(1) - Ni et al. 2011, (2) - Ni et al. 2013a, (3) Ni et al. 2013b, (4) Spérandio et al. 2016, (5) Schreiber et al. 2009, (6) Kampschreur et al. 2007, (7) Mampaey et al. 2013, (8) Garnier et al. 2007, (9) von Schulthess et al. 1994, (10) Guo et al. 2013, (11) Hiatt and Grady 2008.

Table S2 – Stoichiometric matrix and process rates of relevant biological processes of the NDHA model.

Component (i) ▶ Process (j) ▼	1 S_S	2 S_{O_2}	3 S_{NH_3}	4 S_{NH_2OH}	5 S_{HNO_2}	6 S_{NO_3}	7 S_{NO}	8 S_{N_2O}	9 S_{N_2}	10 $X_{B,AOB}$	11 $X_{B,NOB}$	12 $X_{B,H}$	13 X_S	14 X_I
AOB growth														
Aerobic_AMO 1		-1.14	-1	1										
Aerobic_HAO* 2			$-i_{NXB}$	$-\frac{1}{Y_{AOB}}$			$\frac{1}{Y_{AOB}}$			1				
Aerobic_HAO 3		$-\left(\frac{2.29 - Y_{AOB}}{Y_{AOB}}\right)$	$-i_{NXB}$	$-\frac{1}{Y_{AOB}}$	$\frac{1}{Y_{AOB}}$					1				
Anox_A_NIR 4				-1	-3		4							
Anox_A_NOR 5				-1			-2	3						
NOB growth														
Aer_NOB_growth 6		$-\left(\frac{1.14 - Y_{NOB}}{Y_{NOB}}\right)$	$-i_{NXB}$		$-\frac{1}{Y_{NOB}}$	$\frac{1}{Y_{NOB}}$					1			
HB growth														
Aerobic_H_growth 7	$-\frac{1}{Y_{HB}}$	$-\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{Y_{HB}}\right)$	$-i_{NXB}$									1		
Anox_H_NAR 8	$-\frac{1}{Y_{HB}}$		$-i_{NXB}$		$\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{1.14 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$	$-\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{1.14 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$						1		
Anox_H_NIR 9	$-\frac{1}{Y_{HB}}$		$-i_{NXB}$		$-\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{0.57 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$		$\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{0.57 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$					1		
Anox_H_NOR 10	$-\frac{1}{Y_{HB}}$		$-i_{NXB}$				$-\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{0.57 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{0.57 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$				1		
Anox_H_NOS 11	$-\frac{1}{Y_{HB}}$		$-i_{NXB}$				$-\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{0.57 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{1 - Y_{HB}}{0.57 \cdot Y_{HB}}\right)$				1		
Lysis														
AOB 12			$i_{NXB} \cdot f_i \cdot i_{NXI} \cdot (1 - f_i) \cdot i_{NXS}$							-1			$1 - f_{XI}$	f_{XI}
NOB 13			$i_{NXB} \cdot f_i \cdot i_{NXI} \cdot (1 - f_i) \cdot i_{NXS}$								-1		$1 - f_{XI}$	f_{XI}
HB 14			$i_{NXB} \cdot f_i \cdot i_{NXI} \cdot (1 - f_i) \cdot i_{NXS}$									-1	$1 - f_{XI}$	f_{XI}
Hydrolysis														
Aerobic 15	1		i_{NXS}										-1	
Anoxic 16	1		i_{NXS}										-1	
Anaerobic 17	1		i_{NXS}										-1	
Abiotic N ₂ O_prod 18				x	y			z						

Component (i) ▶		Process Rate (g·m ⁻³ ·s ⁻¹)	
Process (j) ▼			
AOB growth			
Aerobic_AMO	1	$\mu_{AMO}^{AOB} \cdot \frac{S_{O_2}}{S_{O_2} + K_{O_2_AMO}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_3}}{S_{NH_3} + K_{NH_3}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{IC}}{S_{IC} + K_{IC}^{AOB}} \cdot X_{AOB}$	
Aerobic_HAO*	2	$\mu_{HAO}^{AOB} \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{S_{NH_2OH}}{S_{NH_2OH} + K_{NH_2OH}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{IC}}{S_{IC} + K_{IC}^{AOB}} \cdot X_{AOB}$	
Aerobic_HAO	3	$\mu_{HAO}^{AOB} \cdot (1 - \varepsilon) \cdot \frac{S_{O_2}}{S_{O_2} + K_{O_2_HAO}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_2OH}}{S_{NH_2OH} + K_{NH_2OH}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{IC}}{S_{IC} + K_{IC}^{AOB}} \cdot X_{AOB}$	
Anox_A_NIR	4	$\mu_{HAO}^{AOB} \cdot \eta_{NIR} \cdot \frac{K_{I_O_2}^{AOB}}{S_{O_2} + K_{I_O_2}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_2OH}}{S_{NH_2OH} + K_{NH_2OH_ND}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{HNO_2}}{S_{HNO_2} + K_{HNO_2}^{AOB}} \cdot X_{AOB}$	
Anox_A_NOR	5	$\mu_{HAO}^{AOB} \cdot \eta_{NOR} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_2OH}}{S_{NH_2OH} + K_{NH_2OH}^{AOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NO}}{S_{NO} + K_{NO}^{AOB}} \cdot X_{AOB}$	
NOB growth			
Aer_NOB_growth	6	$\mu_{NOB} \cdot \frac{S_{O_2}}{S_{O_2} + K_{O_2}^{NOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{HNO_2}}{S_{HNO_2} + K_{O_2}^{NOB}} \cdot \frac{S_{IC}}{S_{IC} + K_{IC}^{NOB}} \cdot X_{NOB}$	
HB growth			
Aerobic_H_growth	7	$\mu_{HB} \cdot \frac{S_{O_2}}{S_{O_2} + K_{O_2}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_4}}{S_{NH_4} + K_{NH_4}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_S}{S_S + K_S^{HB}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Anox_H_NAR	8	$\mu_{NAR}^{HB} \cdot \frac{K_{I_O_2_NAR}^{HB}}{S_{O_2} + K_{I_O_2_NAR}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_S}{S_S + K_S^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_4}}{S_{NH_4} + K_{NH_4}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NO_3}}{S_{NO_3} + K_{NO_3}^{HB}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Anox_H_NIR	9	$\mu_{NIR}^{HB} \cdot \frac{K_{I_O_2_NIR}^{HB}}{S_{O_2} + K_{I_O_2_NIR}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{K_{I_NO_NIR}^{HB}}{S_{NO} + K_{I_NO_NIR}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_S}{S_S + K_S^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_4}}{S_{NH_4} + K_{NH_4}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NO_2}}{S_{NO_2} + K_{NO_2}^{HB}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Anox_H_NOR	10	$\mu_{NOR}^{HB} \cdot \frac{K_{I_O_2_NOR}^{HB}}{S_{O_2} + K_{I_O_2_NOR}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_S}{S_S + K_S^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_4}}{S_{NH_4} + K_{NH_4}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NO}}{S_{NO} + K_{NO}^{HB} + S_{NO}^2 / K_{I_NO_NOR}^{HB}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Anox_H_NOS	11	$\mu_{NOS}^{HB} \cdot \frac{K_{I_O_2_NOS}^{HB}}{S_{O_2} + K_{I_O_2_NOS}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{K_{I_NO_NOS}^{HB}}{S_{NO} + K_{I_NO_NOS}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_S}{S_S + K_S^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{NH_4}}{S_{NH_4} + K_{NH_4}^{HB}} \cdot \frac{S_{N_2O}}{S_{N_2O} + K_{N_2O}^{HB}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Lysis			
AOB	12	$b_{AOB} \cdot \left(\frac{S_{O_2}}{S_{O_2} + K_{O_2_b}^{AOB}} + \eta_b^{AOB} \cdot \frac{K_{O_2_b}^{AOB}}{K_{O_2_b}^{AOB} + S_{O_2}} \cdot \frac{S_{NOx}}{K_{NOx}^{AOB} + S_{NOx}} \right) \cdot X_{AOB}$	
NOB	13	$b_{NOB} \cdot (...) \cdot X_{NOB}$	
HB	14	$b_{HB} \cdot (...) \cdot X_{HB}$	
Hydrolysis			
Aerobic	15	$k_H \cdot \frac{X_S / X_{BH}}{K_X + X_S / X_{BH}} \cdot \frac{S_{O_2}}{K_{O_2}^{HB} + S_{O_2}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Anoxic	16	$k_H \cdot \eta_{ANOX} \cdot \frac{X_S / X_{BH}}{K_X + X_S / X_{BH}} \cdot \frac{K_{O_2}^{HB}}{K_{O_2}^{HB} + S_{O_2}} \cdot \frac{S_{NO_3}}{K_{NO_3}^{HB} + S_{NO_3}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Anaerobic	17	$k_H \cdot \eta_{AN} \cdot \frac{X_S / X_{BH}}{K_X + X_S / X_{BH}} \cdot \frac{K_{O_2}^{HB}}{K_{O_2}^{HB} + S_{O_2}} \cdot \frac{K_{NO_3}^{HB}}{K_{NO_3}^{HB} + S_{NO_3}} \cdot X_{HB}$	
Abiotic N ₂ O ₂ _prod	18	$k_{Abiotic_1} \cdot S_{NH_2OH} \cdot S_{HNO_2} \cdot k_{Abiotic_2} \cdot S_{NH_2OH} \cdot f(pH)$	

Table S3 – Reactions and processes of the NDHA model (AOB only).

Reaction	Location	
R1	AMO	$\text{NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{NH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
R2	HAO	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{NO} + 3\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^-$
R3	HAO	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HNO}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$
R4	NIR	$3\text{HNO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{NO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
R5	NOR	$2\text{NO} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
R6	Cytaa3	$\text{O}_2 + 4\text{H}^+ \rightarrow 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
Process	Reactions	
P1	R1	$\text{NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{NH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
P2	R2	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{NO} + 3\text{H}^+ + 3\text{e}^-$
P3	R3 + 0.5R6	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH} + 0.5\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HNO}_2 + 2\text{H}^+ + 4\text{e}^-$
P4	R3 + 4R4	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH} + 3\text{HNO}_2 \rightarrow 4\text{NO} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$
P5	R2 + 1.5R5	$\text{NH}_2\text{OH} + 2\text{NO} \rightarrow 1.5\text{N}_2\text{O} + 1.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Table S4 – Parameters of two-pathway AOB models.

AOB_Model parameters	NN-ND	NN-ND	NN-ND	
	Pocquet <i>et al.</i> 2016	NDHA	Ni <i>et al.</i> 2014	
μ_{AMO}	x	x	x	k_NH3_ox
μ_{HAO}	x	x	x	k_NH2OH_ox
η_{NIR}	x	x	x	k_NO_ox
η_{NOR}	x	x	x	k_O2_red
ε_{AOB}	-	x	x	k_NO2_red
K_O2_AMO	x	x	x	k_NO_red
K_O2_HAO	x	x	x	K_O2_NH3
K_O2_i	x	x	x	K_O2_red
K_O2_denit	x	-	x	K_NH3
K_NH3	x	x	x	K_NH2OH
K_NH2OH	x	x	x	K_NO_ox
K_NO	x	x	x	K_NO_red
K_NO_NN	x	-	x	K_NO2
K_HNO2	x	x	x	K_M_ox
K_NH2OH_ND	-	x	x	K_M_red,1
			x	K_M_red,2
			x	K_M_red,3
			x	K_M_red,4
Model Parameters	13	13	18	

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