

Supplementary Information

Sulfur-boron mud autotrophic denitrification for simultaneous nitrate and phosphate removal from wastewater: Batch, column, and pilot-scale experiments

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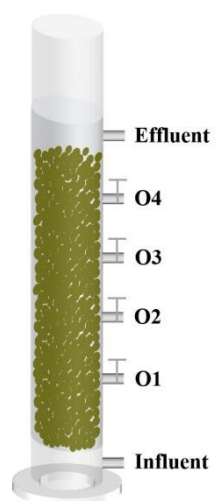
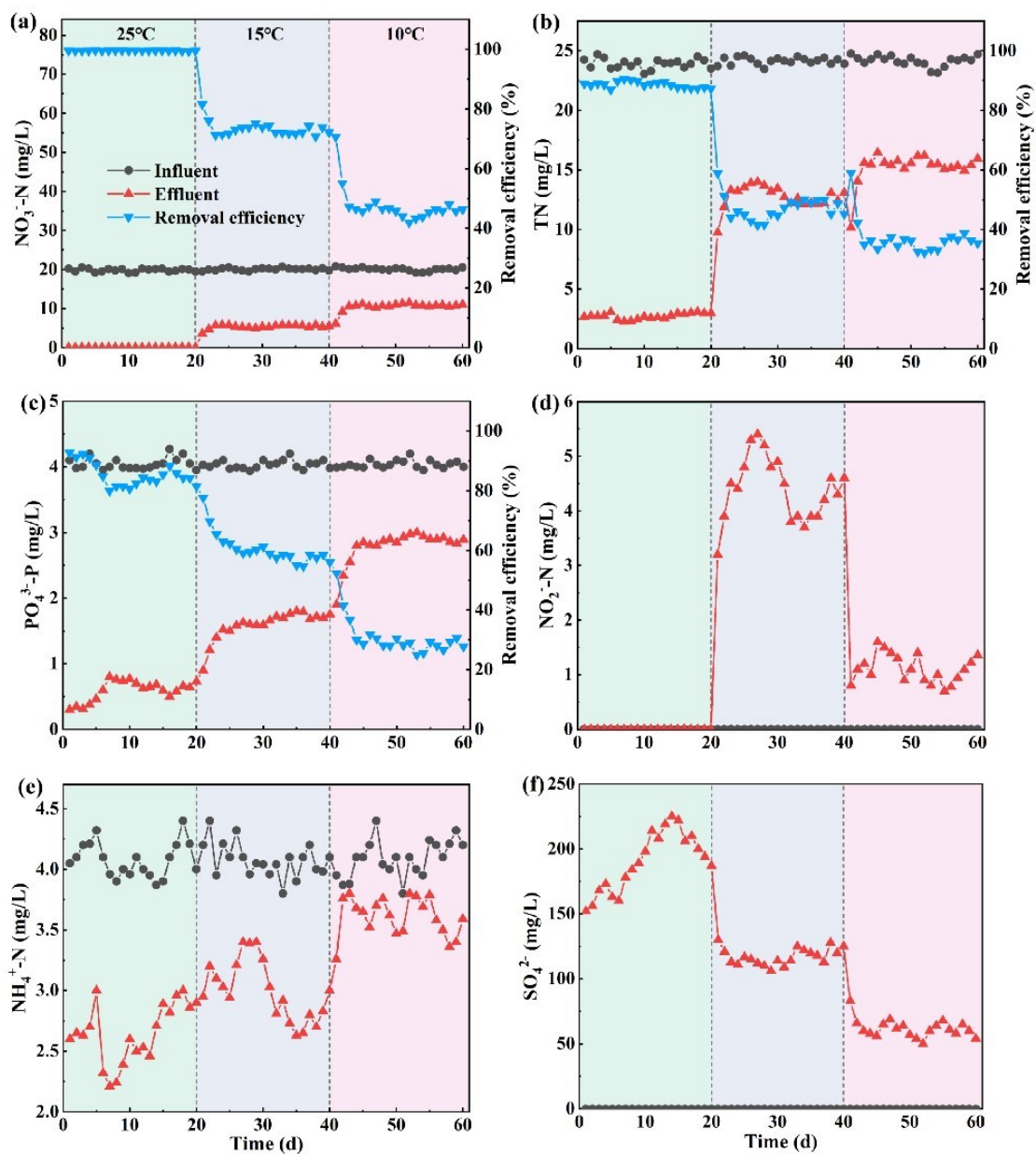


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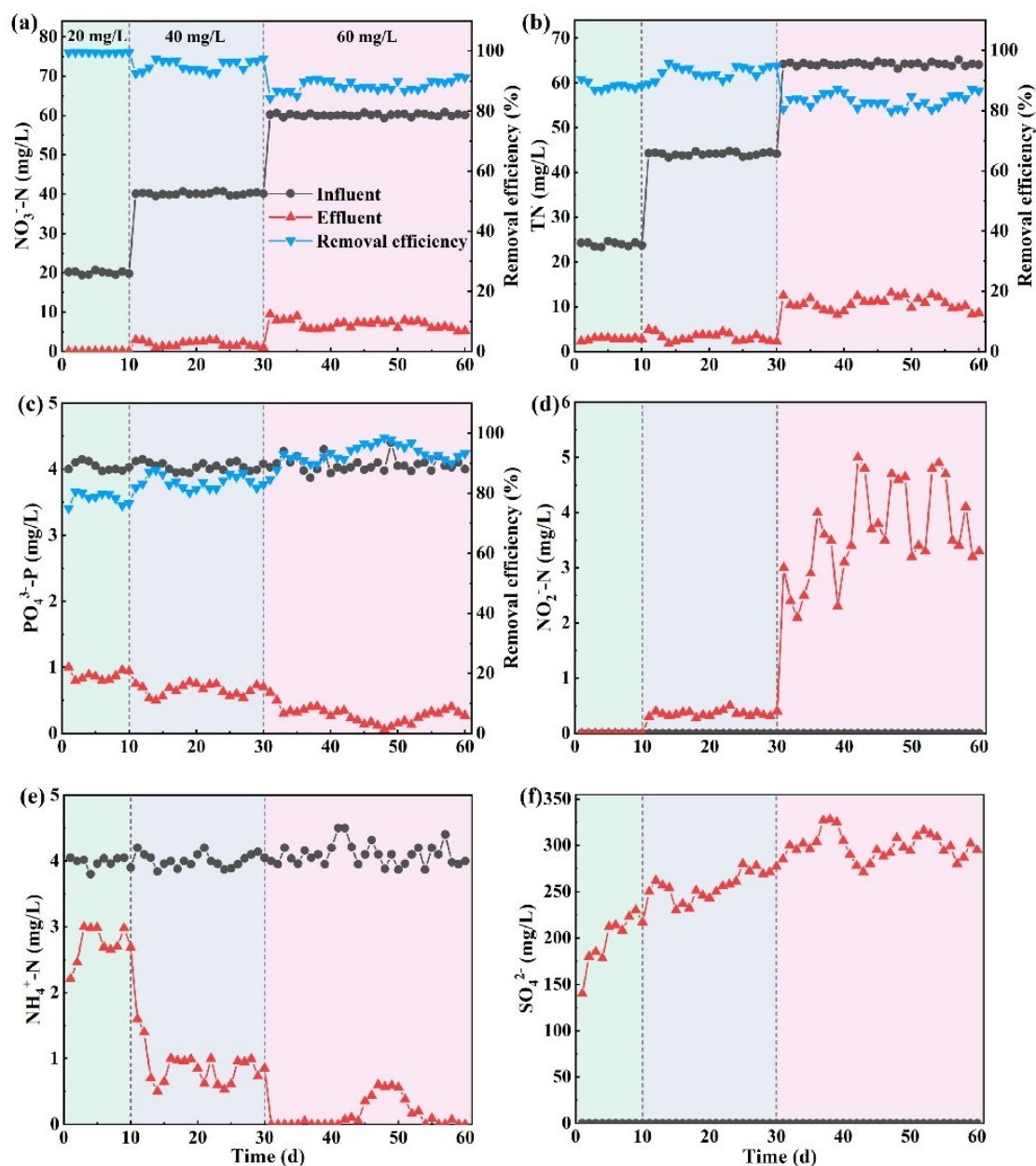


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MgO	SiO ₂	Fe ₂ O ₃	CaO	B ₂ O ₃	Al ₂ O ₃	Other
42%	33%	14%	2%	2%	1%	6%

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KNO ₃ (g/L)	KH ₂ PO ₄ (g/L)	NH ₄ Cl (g/L)	MgCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O (g/L)
0.144, 0.289, 0.433	0.018	0.023	0.050

66 **Table S2** Components of synthetic wastewater.

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68 **Table S3** The influent quality parameters.

NO ₃ ⁻ -N (mg/L)	PO ₄ ³⁻ -P (mg/L)	NH ₄ ⁺ -N (mg/L)	NO ₂ ⁻ -N (mg/L)	SO ₄ ²⁻ (mg/L)	pH	Temperature (°C)
11.92-22.58	1.35-2.28	1.08-2.21	0.02-0.22	71.36-77.25	7.68-8.18	15.3-27.8

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70 **Table S4** The NO₃⁻-N removal rates from synthetic wastewater in various SAD

71 systems.

Filler	Influent nitrate conc. (mg-N/L)	Temperature (°C)	HRT (h)	Denitrification rate (kg N/m ³ ·d)	References
Sulfur-oyster shell	~50	20 ± 1.5	6	0.206	[1]
Sulfur-pyrite-oyster shell	~50	20 ± 1.5	6	0.205	[1]
Sulfur-siderite	28	20-25	12	0.056	[2]
Sulfur-limestone	13-43	20-25	3-4	0.103-0.232	[3]
Sulfur-manganese carbonate	31	20-25	3	0.239	[4]
Pyrrhotite	28	20 ± 3	12	0.043	[5]
Sulfur-boron mud	20-60	20-25	2	0.239-0.638	This study

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76 **Table S5** The NO₃⁻-N removal rates from actual wastewater in various SAD systems.

Filler	Influent nitrate conc. (mg-N/L)	Temperature (°C)	HRT (h)	Denitrification rate (kg N/m ³ ·d)	References
Sulfur-limestone	12.5-16.8	6.4-9.8	18	0.014-0.019	[6]
Sulfur-siderite	28	20-25	4	0.144	[2]
Ferrous sulfide	14	22-25	2.5	0.13	[7]
Pyrrhotite	21.11	—	24	0.019	[5]
Sulfur-boron mud	14.20-20.39	17.3-26.8	0.5-1.5	0.270-0.546	This study

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