

## Study on $\text{NO}_2^-$ -N accumulation of soybean wastewater treatment by SBR process

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**Abstract.** The bean products wastewater treatment process has been studied by SBR. The experiment studied effective of reaction time under low dissolved oxygen on SBR system. The experimental result indicated that under the condition of influent COD is 330~460mg/L, the reactor has a good degeneration ability of COD,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ -N,  $\text{PO}_3^-$ -P,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ -N,  $\text{NO}_4^{3-}$ -P. And  $\text{NO}_2^-$ -N accumulation reached a maximum after aeration 3 hours, Aeration and time were saved effectively while stop the aeration at this time, thus power and costs were saved.

Soy products food are made from soybean bean, broad bean, mung bean as the main raw material. Most soy products are made from soy bean curd, which is made from the fight of soy bean curd and its recycle products. Organic compounds (protein, starch, sugar, amino acid) in the production process of bean products are very high and easy to corrupt, not only containing harmful substances and easy degradation, but also it weak acid wastewater<sup>[1]</sup>. Production of wastewater directly efflux not only cause very serious environmental pollution, but also impact on people's living environment.

Bean products are rich in nutrition and high nutritional value. Contains a large number of protein and amino acids. It also has a good health care function, improve human immunity, prevention of osteoporosis and so on. Because of bean products has many tastes and diverse practices that more and more people regard it as daily snacks and cooking food. Therefore, the more people demand of bean products, The worse production of bean wastewater, which makes it urgent to strengthen and improve the processing technology of bean wastewater.<sup>[2-6]</sup>. At present, the treatment of bean wastewater of domestic and international mainly uses the biological treatment method has UASB,  $\text{A}_2\text{O}$ , contact oxidation method, biological turntable and other processes<sup>[7-9]</sup>. But most of them are expensive equipment, installation of high technical requirements, the management is complex, covers a vast area. Using SBR has the process simply, the strong capacity sewage treatment, flexible operation, easy automation, etc. On the contrary, it cover an area of area small. It is a more economical and practical wastewater treatment process in treatment of bean products wastewater<sup>[10]</sup>.

## 1 Materials and methods

### 1.1 Experimental raw water sources and raw water data

Experimental wastewater came from a bean product Processing workshop in Harbin, the specific raw water data shown in table 1.

Table 1raw water data (mg/L)

COD	$\text{NH}_4^+-\text{N}$	$\text{PO}_4^{3-}-\text{P}$	$\text{NO}_2^--\text{N}$	$\text{NO}_3^--\text{N}$
2000~2500	55~110	6.1~11.3	0.03~0.87	0.16~1.01

## 1.2 Experimental device and method

### 1.2.1 Experimental device

The experimental device is an independent SBR reactor, and it is made of organic glass. Upper part of the reactor is cylindrical (with a scale) and the lower part of the cone (with anaeration head) on the hob. It is high 500mm and diameter 200mm. It has 12L effective volume and 8L drainage volume, the water filling ratio is 0.75. In the vertical direction of the cylindrical wall of the reactor with the five sampling ports interval 10mm that uses ball valve to control sampling and drainage. There is a vent pipe at the bottom which control valve and vent mud. The aeration head is used as a micro-porous aerator, and the aeration quantity is regulated by rotameter.

Specific experimental device as shown in Figure 1-1

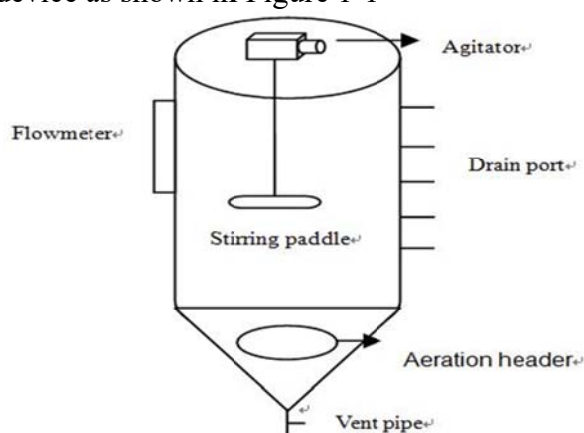


Figure 1-1 experimental device

### 1.2 Experimental detection methods

In this experiment were analyzed the COD,  $\text{NH}_4^+-\text{N}$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}-\text{P}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^--\text{N}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^--\text{N}$ . The detection method is shown in Table 2

Table 2 Monitoring items and detection methods

Monitorinitems	detection methods
$\text{NH}_4^+-\text{N}$	Nessler's Reagentspectrophotometry
$\text{PO}_4^{3-}-\text{P}$	Molybdenumantimony Spectrophotometry
$\text{NO}_2^--\text{N}$	N-( 1-naphthyl) ethylene diaminespectrophotometry
$\text{NO}_3^--\text{N}$	Spectrophotometric Determination of Musk
COD	Microwave digestion method

### 1.3 Experimental operating conditions

In this study, the first was anaerobic mixing, and then controlled the operation of low dissolved oxygen aeration. First of all, it was the Acclimation of Activated Sludge, a total of 60d. In the sludge acclimation period, it included two cycles every day, and 6 hours per cycle. Each cycle includes six stages: inlet water, oxygen and oxygen mixing, aerobic aeration, static precipitation, drainage and idle standby (different stages of different stages of time). And instantaneous water 0.5h, anoxic agitation 0.5h, aerobic aeration 3h, precipitation 1h, drain 0.5h, stand 0.5h. During the

experimental stage, it is a cycle with 8h per day, and the cycle includes instantaneous water 0.5h, 0.5h oxygen, aerobic aeration 3.5h, precipitation 2.5h, drain 0.5h, stand 0.5h. After the end of the cycle discharge a certain volume of slurry mixture to keep the sludge age in 10d~15d, SV in about 30%, SVI in the 100mL/g, and MLSS in about 3000 mg/L.

#### 1.4 Parameter control

The temperature of anaerobic reactor is controlled at  $20 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ , the aeration rate is  $0.5\text{m}^3/\text{h}$ , the stirring rate is 130r/min, the pH is controlled within the range of 6~9

## 2 Results and discussion

Experiments for SBR treatment of bean products wastewater under low dissolved oxygen conditions, analysis concentration of COD,  $\text{NH}_4^+-\text{N}$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}-\text{P}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^--\text{N}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^--\text{N}$  five indicators changes in a running cycle and the energy-saving on maximum moment of  $\text{NO}_2^--\text{N}$  in the shortcut nitrification process.

### 2.1 The effect of reaction time on the removal efficiency of COD, $\text{NH}_4^+-\text{N}$ , $\text{PO}_4^{3-}-\text{P}$ , $\text{NO}_2^--\text{N}$ and $\text{NO}_3^--\text{N}$ in the reactor system

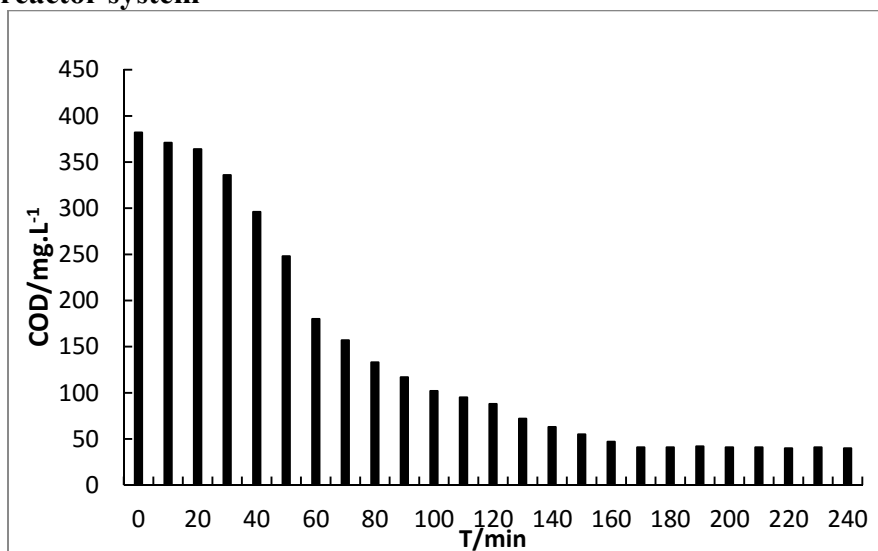


Figure2-1 Effect of reaction time on the removal efficiency of COD

As shown in Figure 2-1, after the raw water inlet, the COD concentration in the reactor decreased rapidly, because of dilution effect. After stirring for half an hour the COD removal rate was very low only about 11.63%, aeration at 1 h, COD removal rate can reached around 55.26% and aeration for 2 h, the COD removal rate was 76.58%, and aeration 3h, removal rate was about 85% ~ 90%, the COD removal rate can be seen aeration in for about 3 hours to COD removal rate of the most high and removal effect is very obvious.

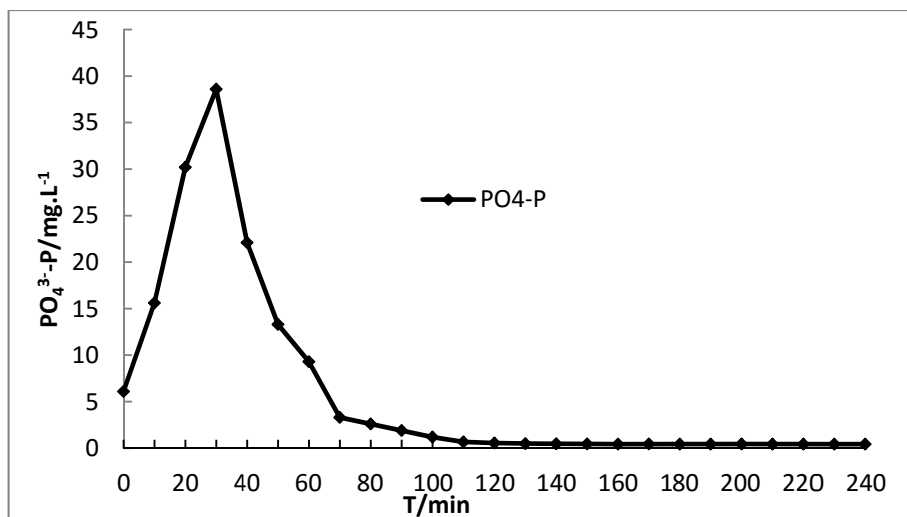


Figure2-2 Effect of reaction time on removal efficiency of  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}\text{-P}$

As shown in Figure 2-2, with the increase of reaction time in anaerobic mixing stage  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}\text{-P}$  rapidly increased, and the aeration stage gradually decreased until close to zero. It is mainly because of the PAO phosphorus release in the anaerobic phase.

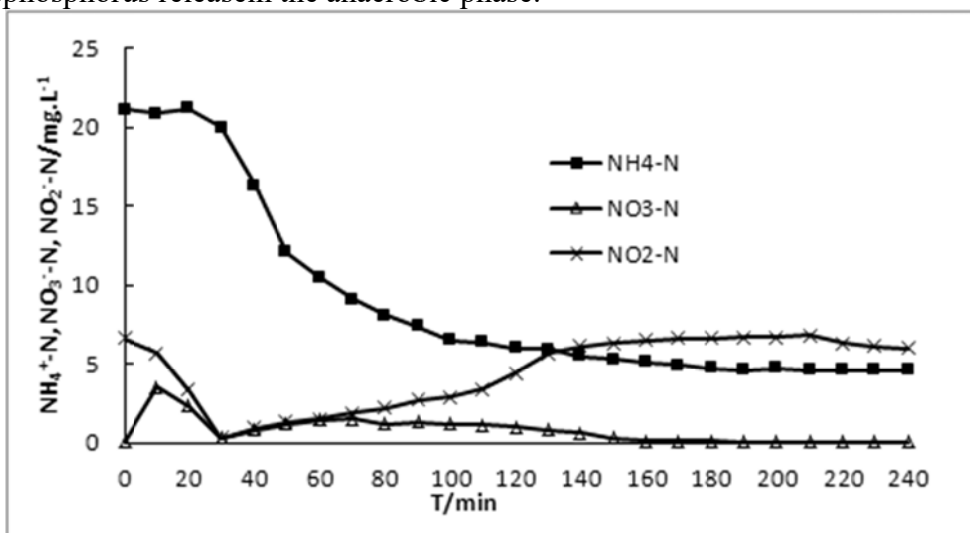


Figure2-3 Effect of reaction time on removal efficiency of  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$

As shown in Figure 2-3, The  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  decreased slowly during the anaerobic mixing reaction, while  $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$  and  $\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$  both decreased rapidly to almost zero. This is because the denitrifying bacteria change  $\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$  and  $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$  into  $\text{N}_2$  in the anaerobic phase. After the start of aeration, the  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  was decreased rapidly, and the reason is nitrification bacteria converted  $\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$  into a few  $\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$  and of large number  $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$ . With the reaction time, the  $\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$  appeared small fluctuation and the  $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$  increased gradually. The  $\text{NO}_2^-\text{-N}$  without increased at the time of aeration 3h.

## 2.2 Energy saving

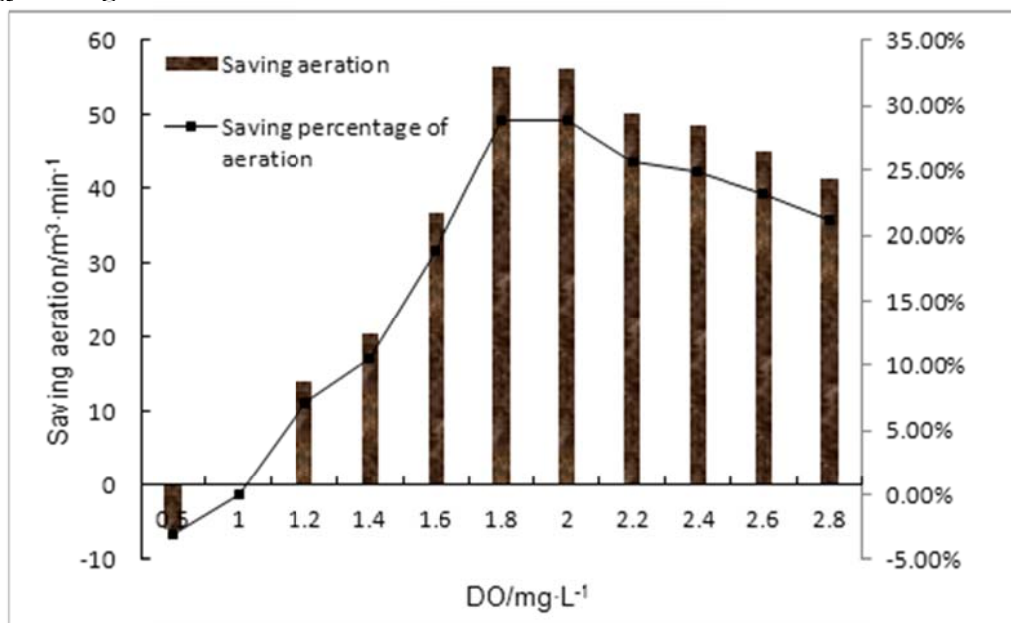


Figure2-3 saving aeration under different DO conditions

As shown in Figure 2-4, the amount of saving aeration with the increase of DO first increased and then decreased under different dissolved oxygen conditions. DO value in the range of 1.6~2.2mg/L savings reached 18%~28%. In the process of  $\text{NO}_2^-$ -N accumulation, it is guaranteed that the DO value is less than 1.6~2.2mg/L, which can effectively save the amount of aeration. Thus save the electric energy.

## 3 Conclusion

(1) Under the condition of low dissolved oxygen, the COD decreased with the increase of reaction time, and it is basic stability about reaction was 3.5h.

(2) Under the condition of low dissolved oxygen, the  $\text{NH}_4^+$ -N was degraded with the increase of reaction time. The  $\text{NO}_2^-$ -N was accumulated slowly along with aeration time. The  $\text{NO}_3^-$ -N changes small fluctuation with aeration time and almost disappeared in the end.

(3) Under the condition of low dissolved oxygen, the amount of  $\text{NO}_2^-$ -N accumulated was the maximum in aeration 3h when the DO was about 1.6~2.2mg/L. It reduce the aeration time effectively when the aeration control in the nitrite nitrogen stage. Thus save the electric energy.

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