



# CANDO Pilot Project

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# The Seed: An Innovative Idea



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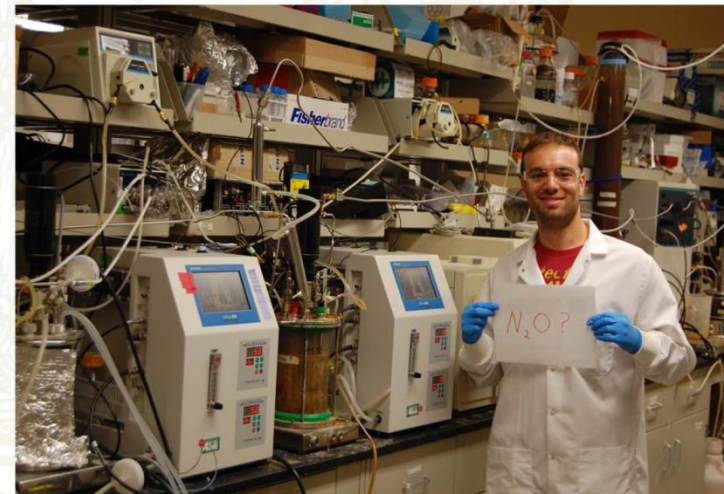
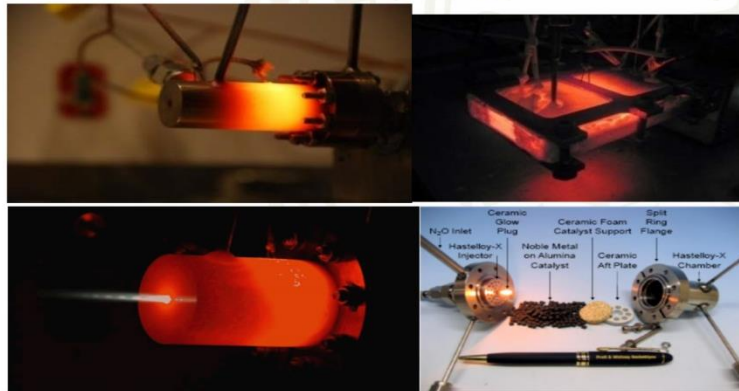
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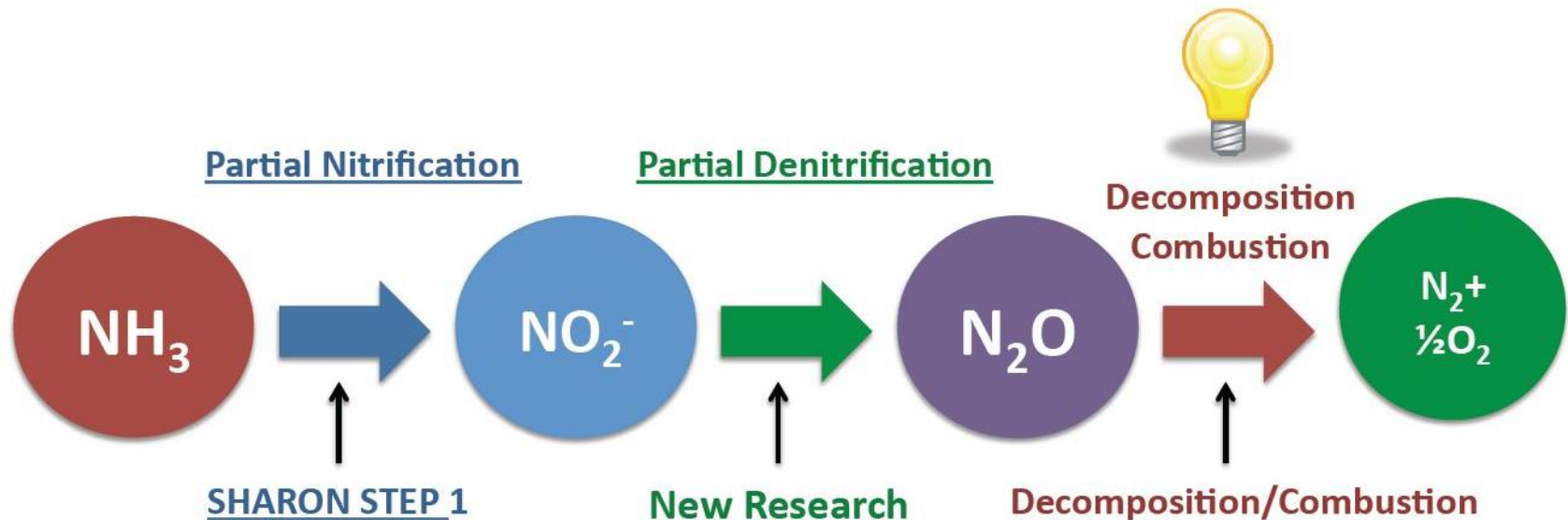
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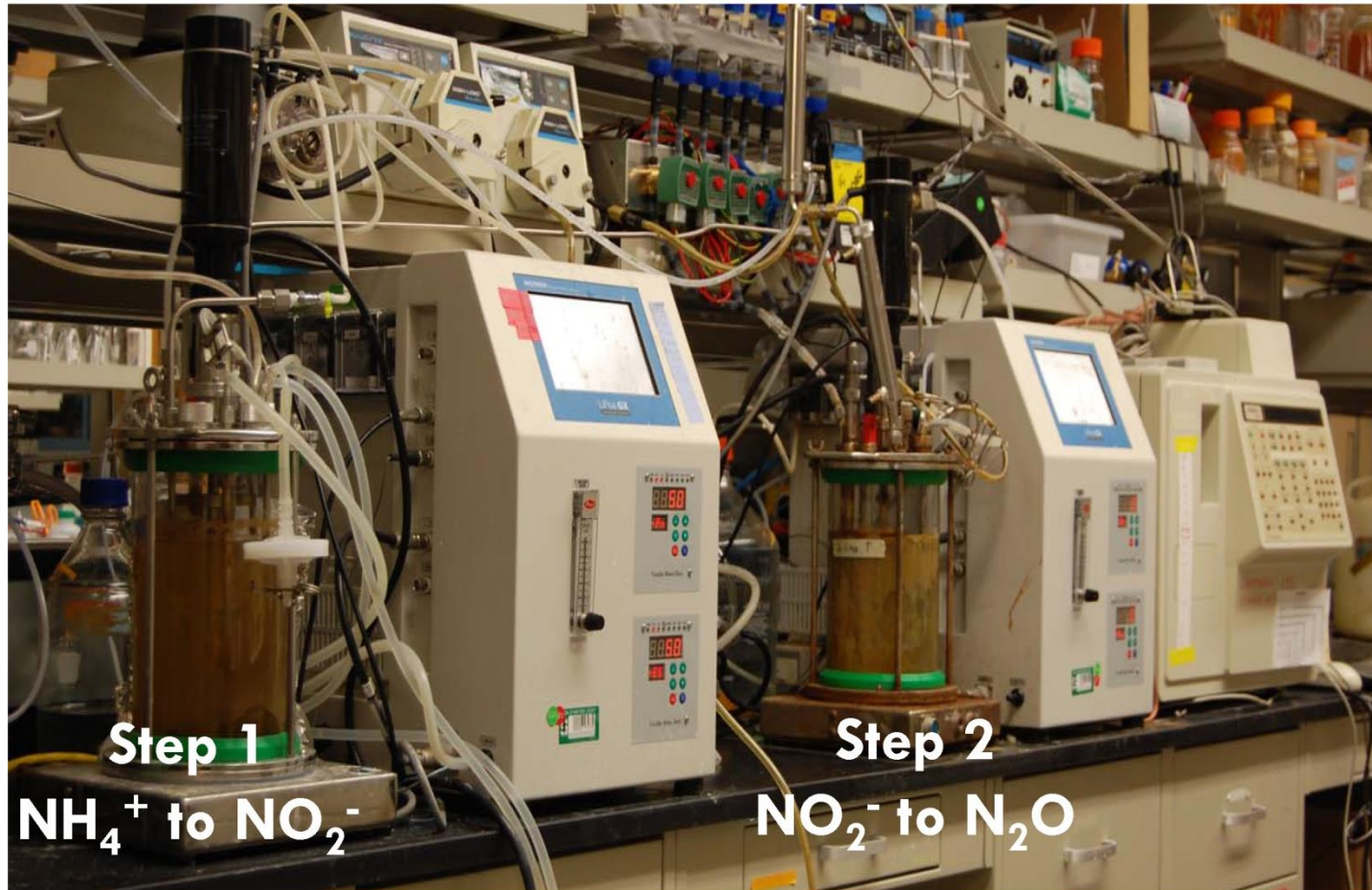
**CANDO at bench-scale**

# CANDO

## Coupled Aerobic-anoxic Nitrous Decomposition Operation



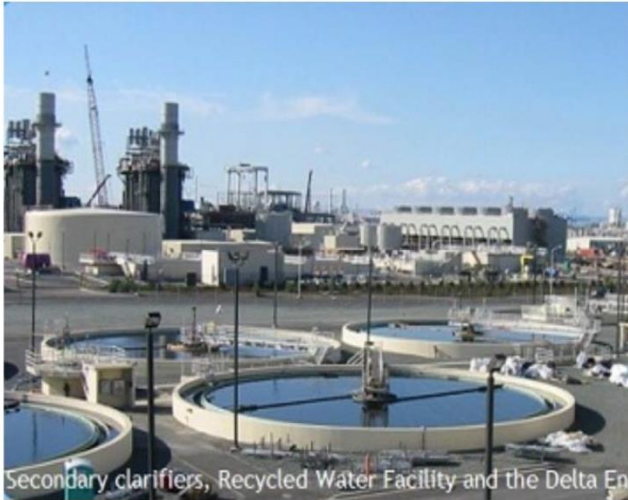
# Bench-Scale, Synthetic Wastewater



**Step 1**  
 $\text{NH}_4^+$  to  $\text{NO}_2^-$

**Step 2**  
 $\text{NO}_2^-$  to  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$

# Germination: Innovation Partners



Plus: Gurmukh Grewal, Jason Wong



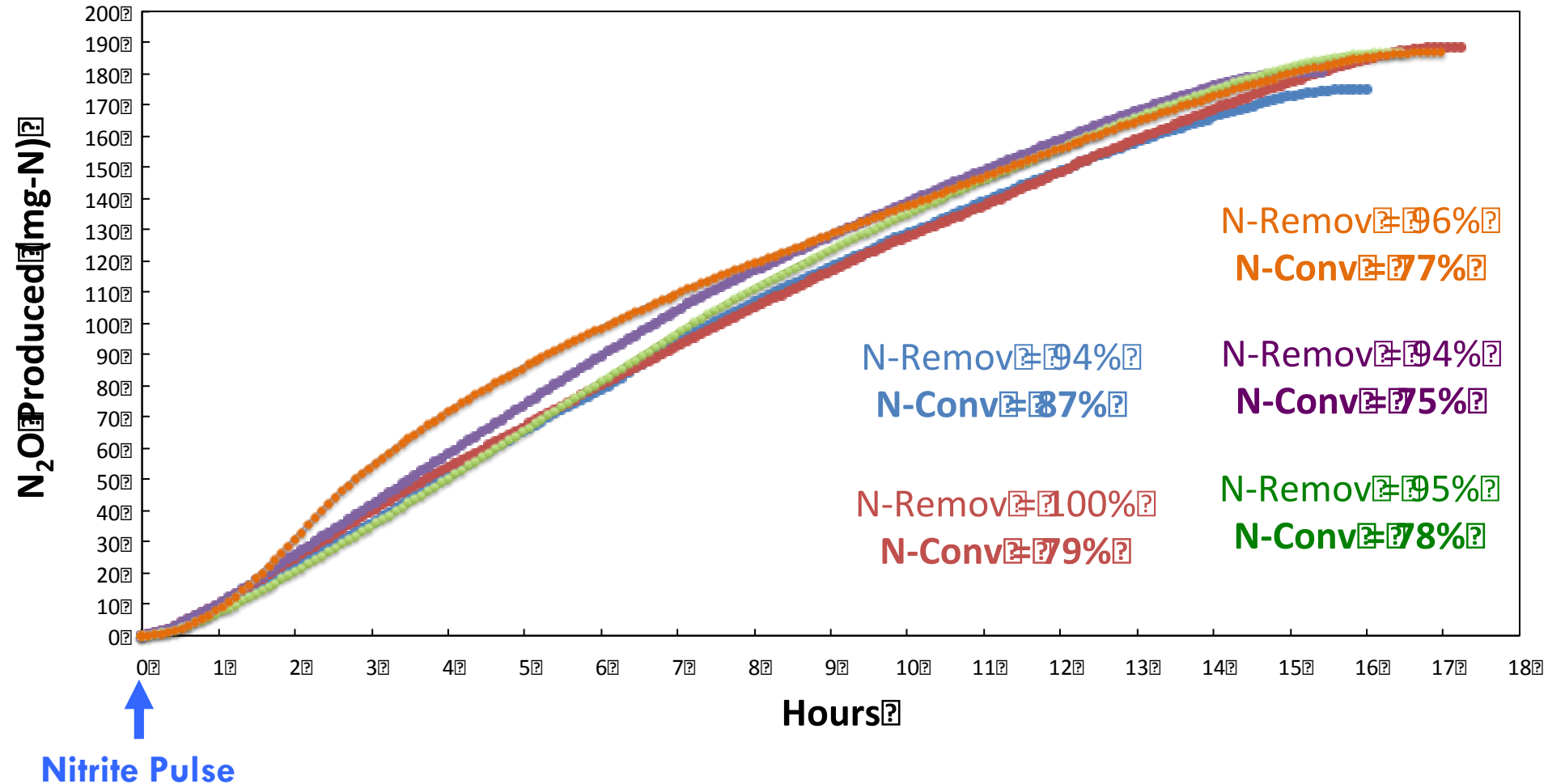
# Bench-Scale, Real Wastewater



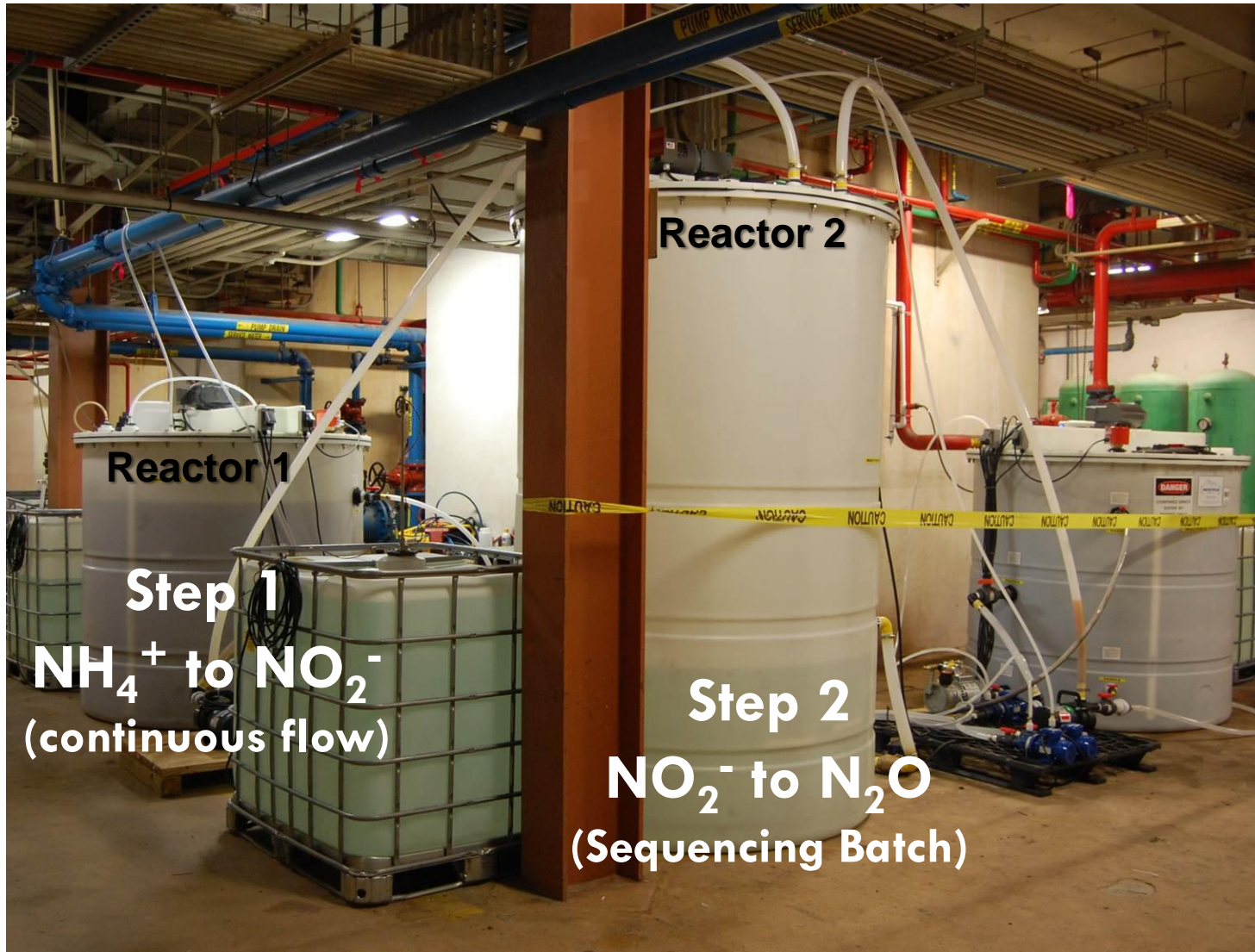
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# Bench-Scale Success



# Pilot-Scale, Real Wastewater



# Lessons Learned

Commitment

Resources

**INNOVATION**

Collaboration

Risk Sharing

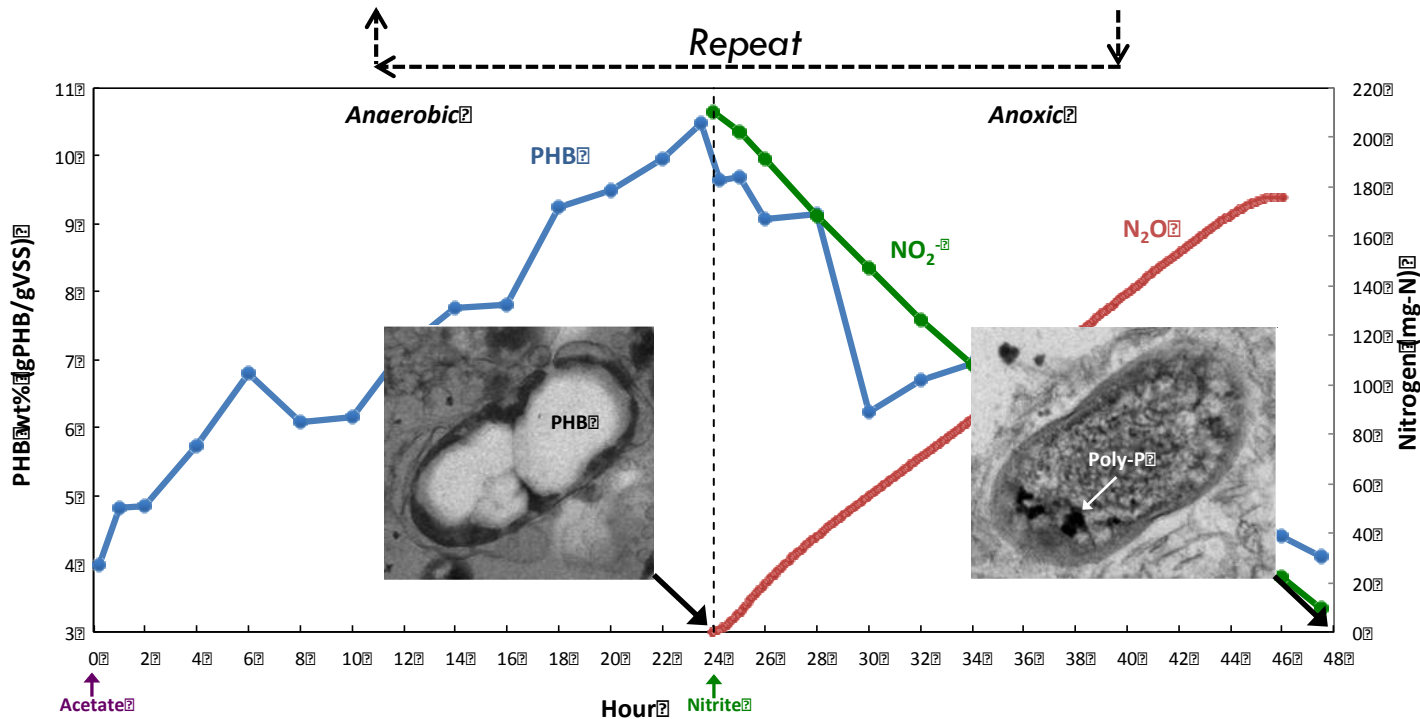
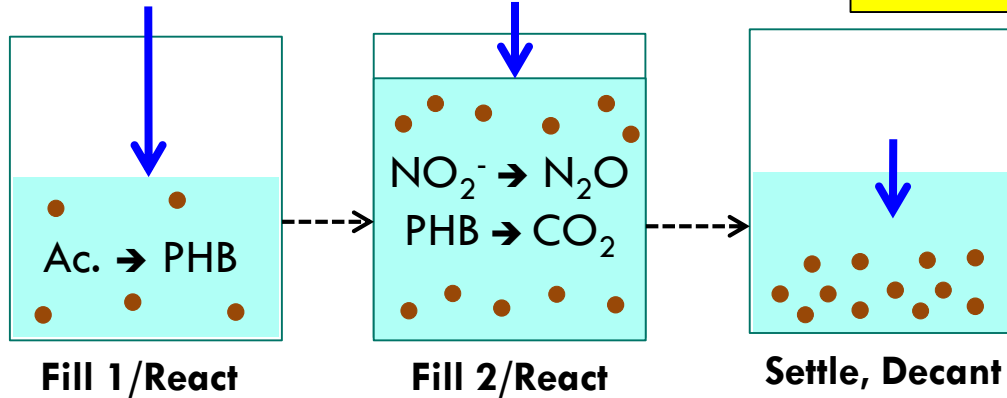
# Thank You!



**Carbon Supply:**  
Acetate

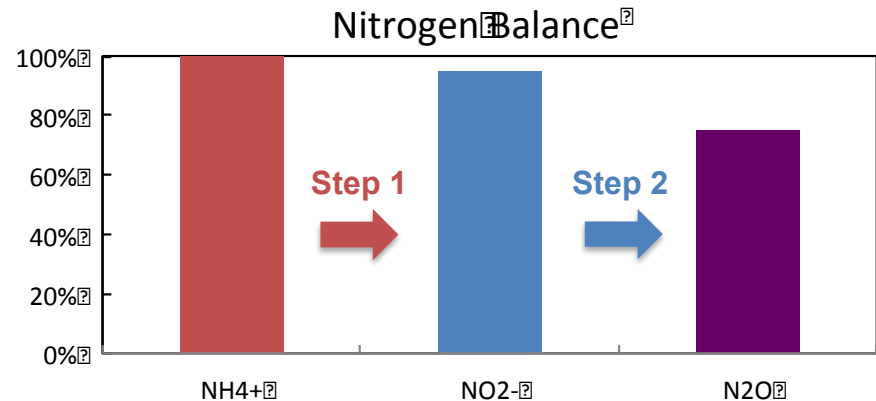
**NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> Supply**  
(Nitritation Reactor)

**NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> to N<sub>2</sub>O Conversion(%)**  
**NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> Removal (%)**



# Pilot Goals

**(1) Achieve at least same N-balance as bench-top**

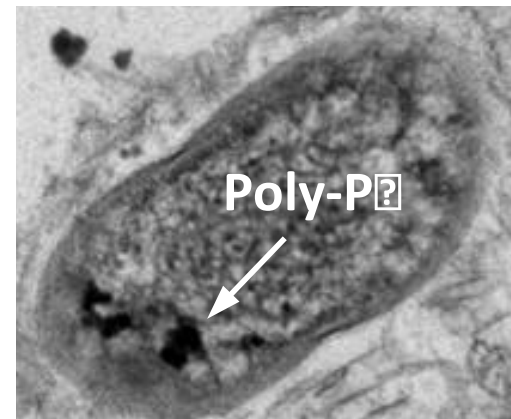


**75% Conversion to N<sub>2</sub>O**

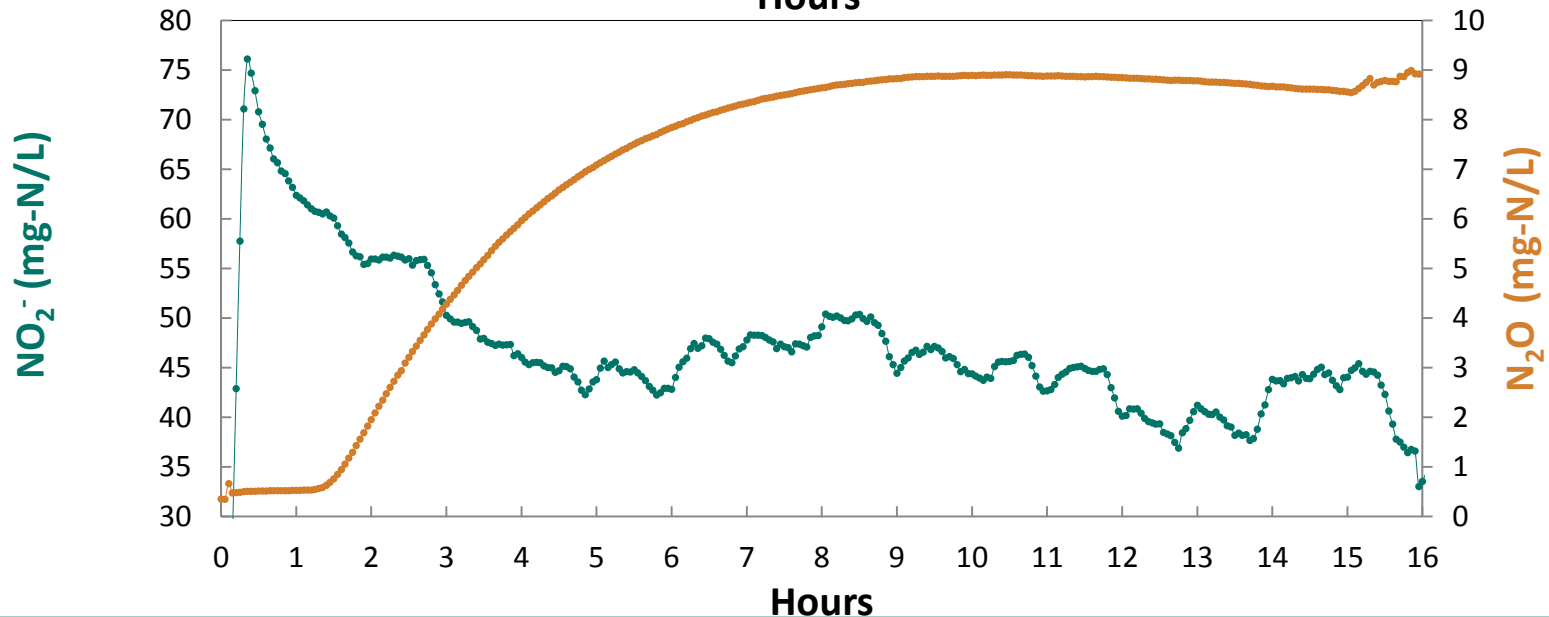
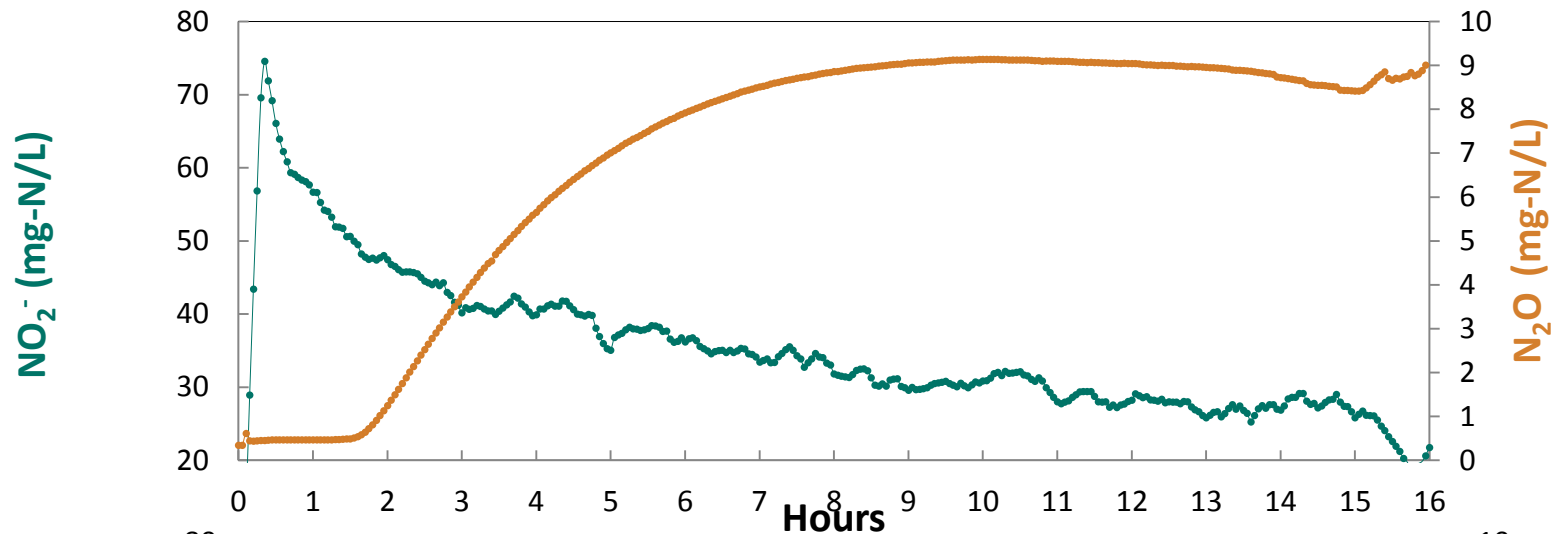
**95% N-Removal**

**(2) Maximize P-recovery**

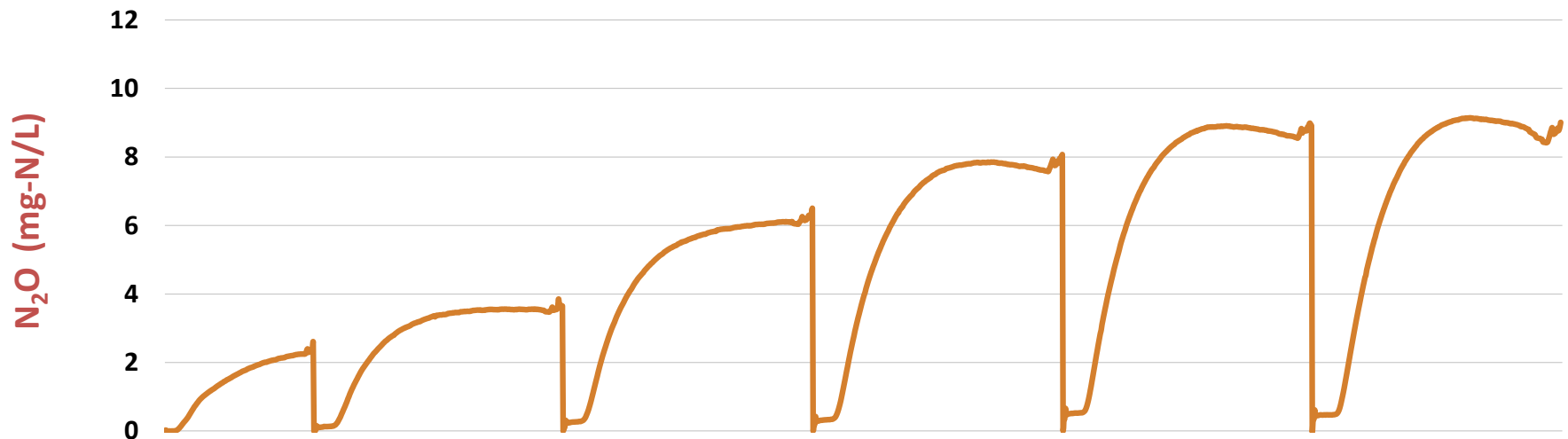
**(3) Use fermented biosolids for carbon**

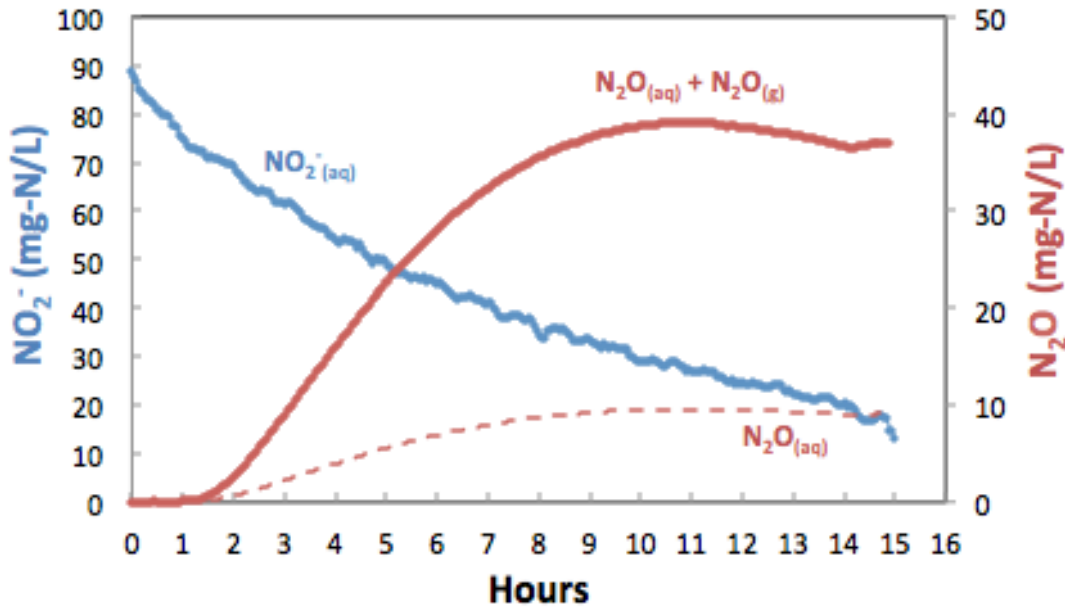


# $\text{NO}_2^-$ to $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ in a single cycle

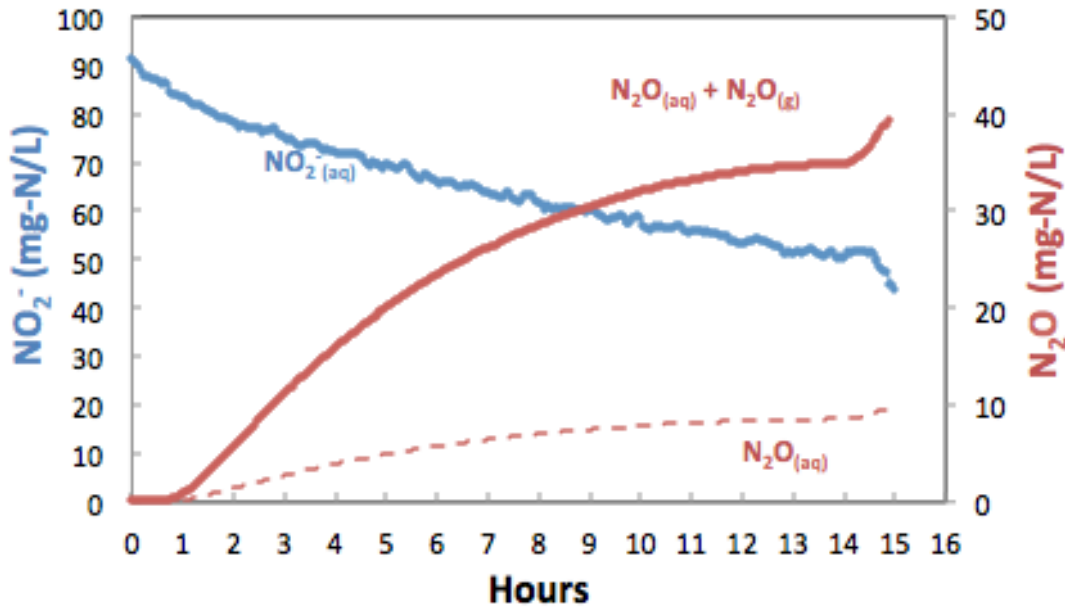


# Increasing N<sub>2</sub>O across subsequent cycles





$\text{NO}_2^-$  to  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  Conversion = 50%  
 $\text{NO}_2^-$  Removal = 85%



$\text{NO}_2^-$  to  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  Conversion = 85%  
 $\text{NO}_2^-$  Removal = 52%