

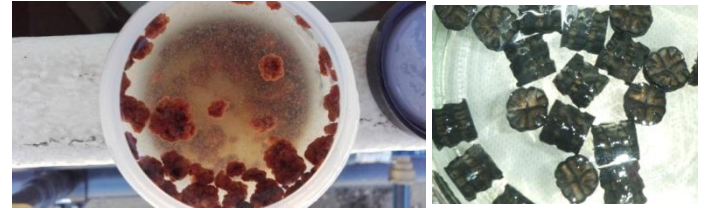
Aplicació de noves tecnologies en les ampliacions d'EDAR

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Introduction ACCIONA Agua



Atotonilco WWTP. Mexico.

- **More than 75 desal plants**
4 of them, among the world's largest
- **400 water treatment plants**
100 drinking water plants
300 purification plants
- **Comprehensive services offering**
engineering & design, financing,
procurement, Building and Operation &
Maintenance
- **Focus on R&D**
Committed to environmental protection,
R&D, innovation and technology
- **Global Water Intelligence Awards**
World's Best Water Company (2010, 2013)
Best Desalination Company (2007)

Introduction ACCIONA Agua R&D

- **Water Technology Center:**
Barcelona, Spain.
- **Patents developed**
More than 25.
- **Team:**
More than 30 multidisciplinary team of highly qualified scientific researchers.
- **Experience:**
More than 30 years of experience, more than anyone else in the sector.
 - Desalination and drinking water treatment.
 - Wastewater treatment.
 - Water reuse.
 - Industrial water treatment.
 - Advanced control systems.
- **Pilot plants located in full-scale plants, real water.**



Pilot Plant in Archena (Murcia, Spain)



R&D laboratory



Pilot Plant in Almuñécar (Andalusia, Spain)



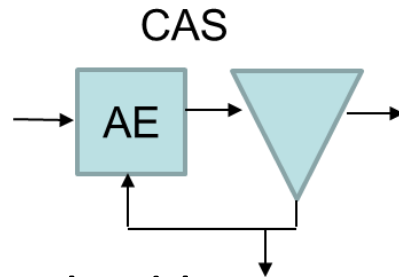
Sureste Pilot Plant (Canary Islands, Spain)

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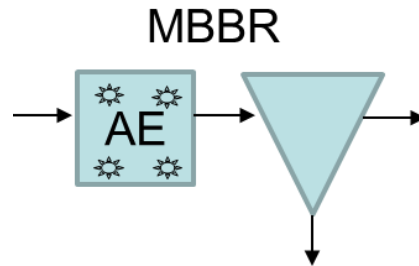
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Conventional technologies

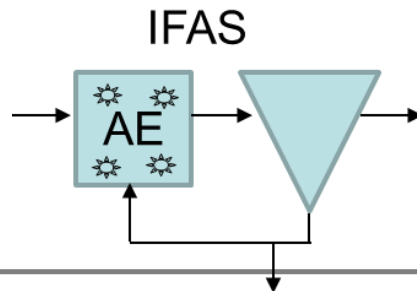
- Activated sludge systems



- MBBR = Moving bed bioreactor



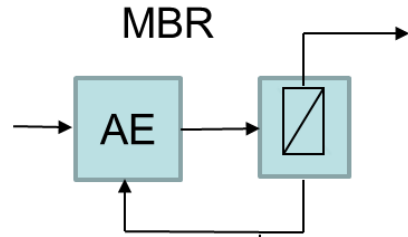
- IFAS = Integrated Fixed-film activated sludge



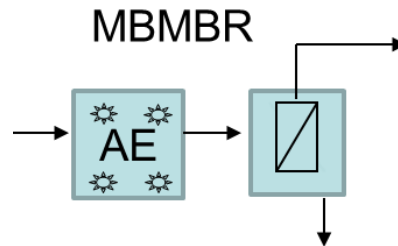
x2 plant capacity

Innovative biofilm technologies

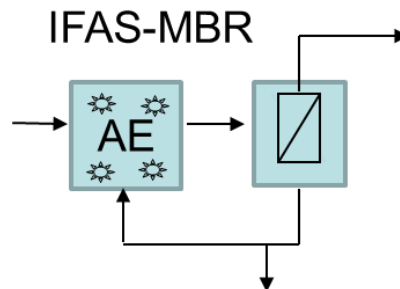
- MBR= Membrane bioreactor



- MBMBR =Moving bed membrane bioreactor



- IFAS-MBR =Integrated Fixed-film membrane bioreactor

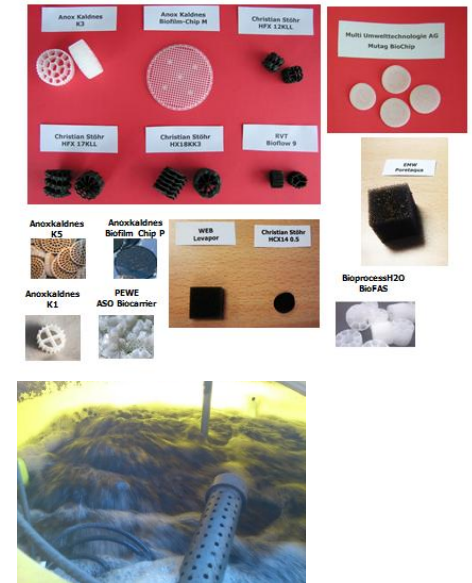
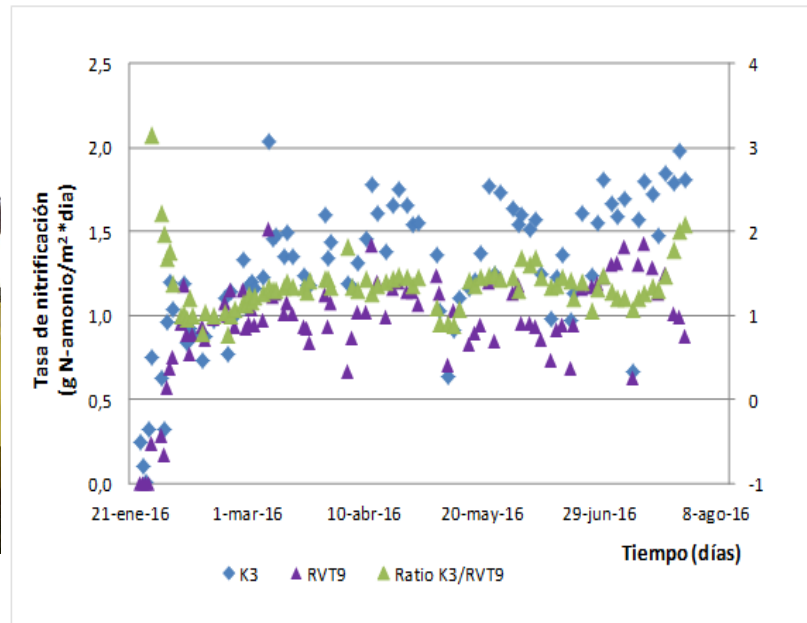


↑ capacity
↑ N removal (and MP)
↑ fouling
→ Only recommended when severe footprint limitations

Innovative biofilm technologies

Evaluation of biocarriers:

- Comparison of commercial carriers:
 - Carrier **with 700 m²/m³ specific surface** selected
 - Best removal rate/cost ratio
- Development of methods for accelerated start-up of biofilm processes
→ **Start-up time reduced to 1/3** for nitrification (from 1,5 months to 1-2 weeks)



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Control systems: LIFE-BRAINYMEM project

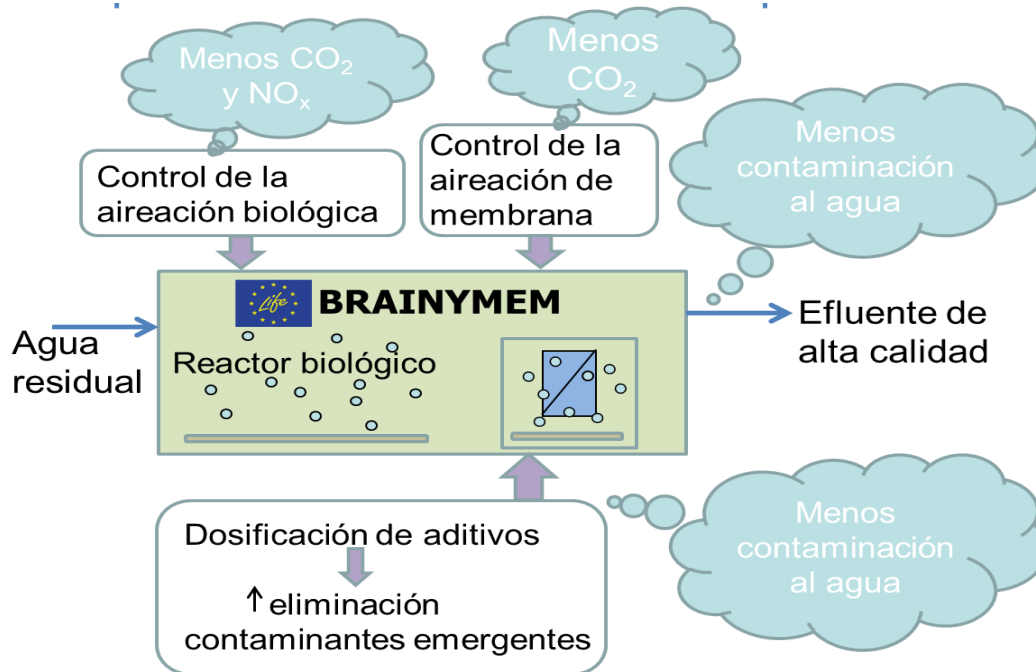
Advanced-control MBR for wastewater reclamation (BRAINYMEM):

Membrane aeration control:

- Based on fouling velocity
- Chemical cleaning frequency selected

Biological aeration control:

- Based on N₂O, ammonium and DO

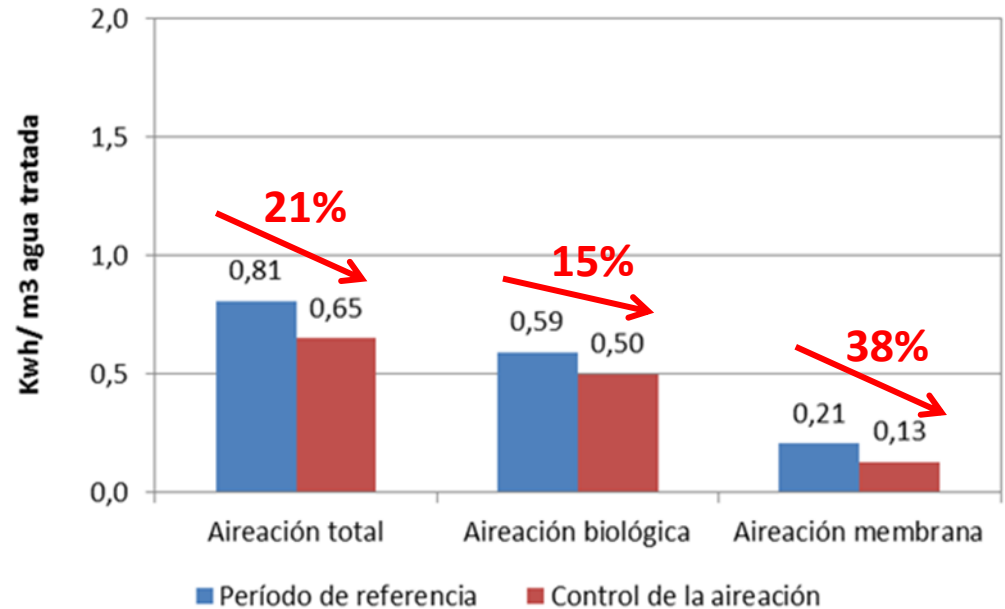


- MBR: 5m³/h municipal WW
- LeapMBR Hollow fiber (UF)

Control systems: LIFE-BRAINYMEM project

Results

- 2 years experimentation
- Reduction of energy consumption:
 - **Membrane aeration (38%)**
 - **Biological aeration (15%)**
 - **Total aeration energy (21%)**
- Chemical cleaning frequency increased
- www.life-brainymem.com



Nereda®: Aerobic Granular Biomass Technology



Flocs

4 g/l

$SVI_5 > SVI_{30}$

Granules

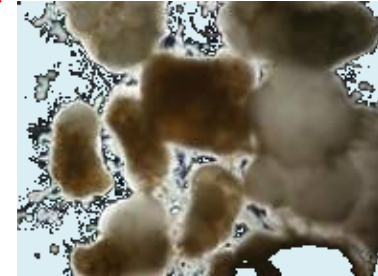
8 g/l or more

$SVI_5 \approx SVI_{30}$

Activated Sludge



Aerobic Granules



Excellent settling properties

Pure biomass

No support media

High MLSS levels (up to 15 g/L)

Reliable and stable operation

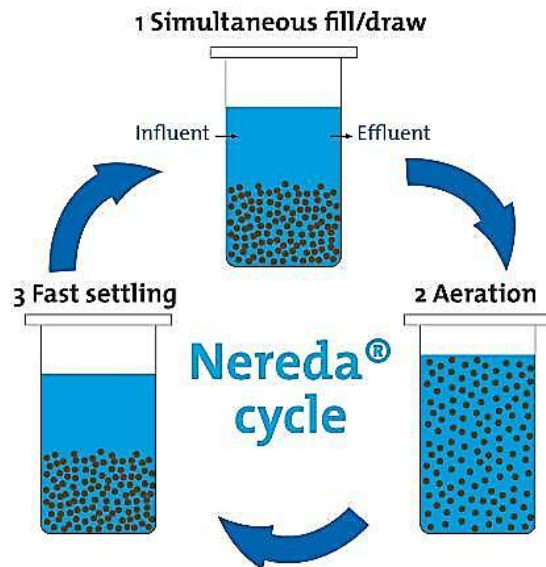
No bulking sludge

Licensed technology from DHV



Nereda®: Aerobic Granular Biomass Technology

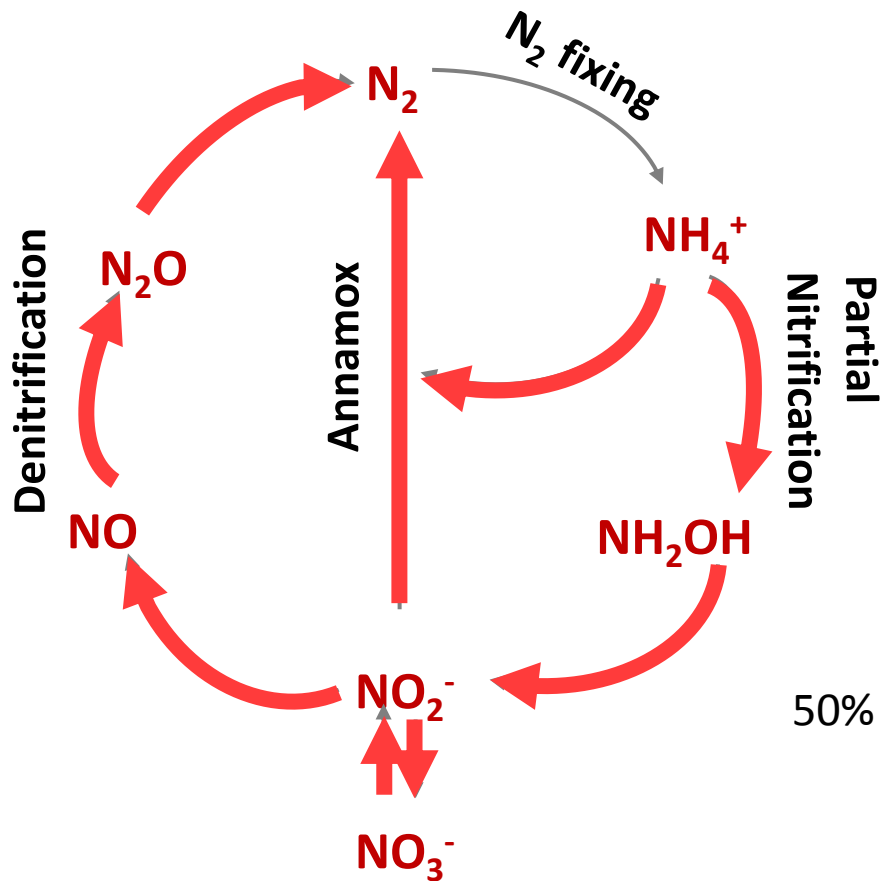
- Simple one-tank concept
- No clarifiers
- No mixers
- Extensive biological COD, N- and P-removal



Parameter	Conventional Activated Sludge	Nereda®
effluent quality	good	similar or better
process stability	good	better
N-removal	good via intermittent aeration or separate compartments	extensive & simultaneously during aeration
P-removal	biological/chemical	biological (mainly)
footprint	100%	25%
energy demand	100%	< 65-75%
sludge production	100%	similar or lower
MLSS in reactor	3-5 kg/m ³	10-15 kg/m ³
CAPEX and OPEX	100%	significantly lower

Anammox technology

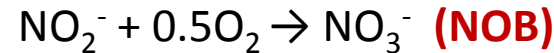
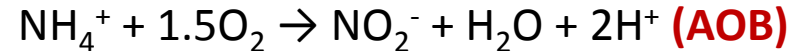
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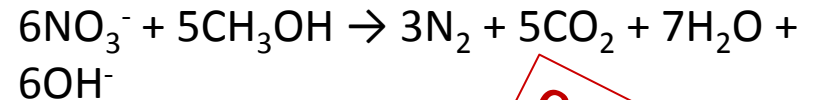
CONVENTIONAL NITRIFICATION



Partial Reactions

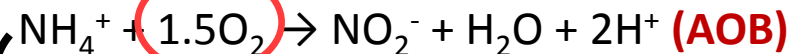


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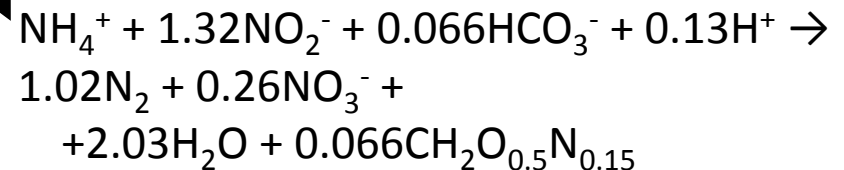


Oxygen & Energy savings (68%)

PARTIAL NITRIFICATION/ANAMMOX DENITRIFICATION



50%



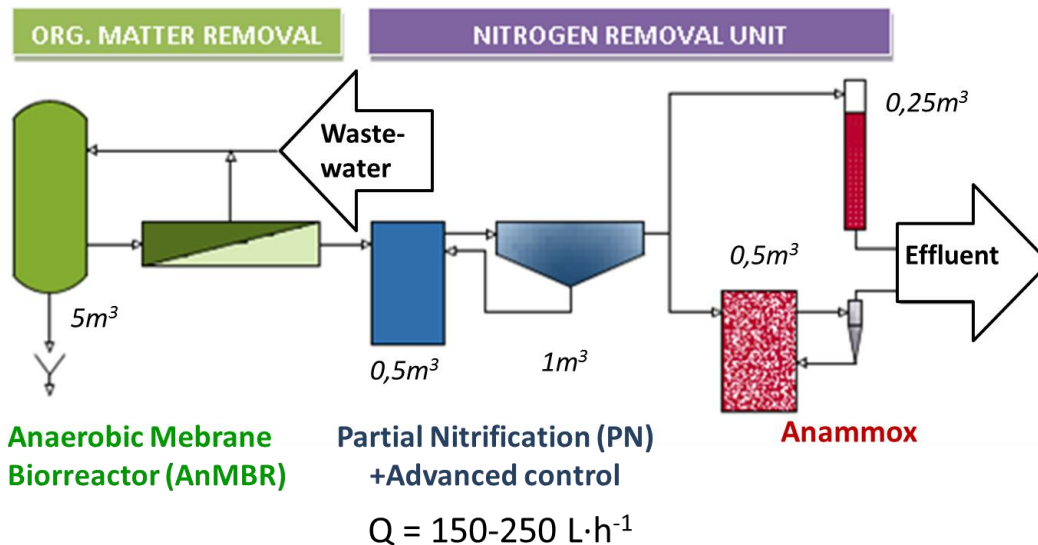
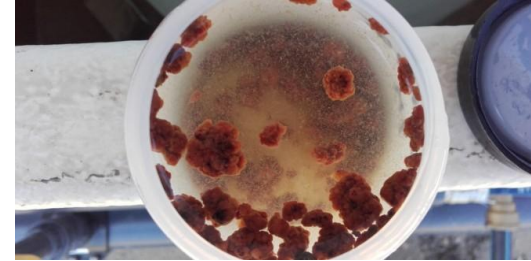
Mainstream Anammox: LIFE-CELSIUS

Pilot plant in Archena, Murcia

Duration: 01/10/2015 - 30/09/2018

Results:

- In process of obtaining a stable partial nitrification process
- Anammox: High N removal rate in the Anammox biofilter.

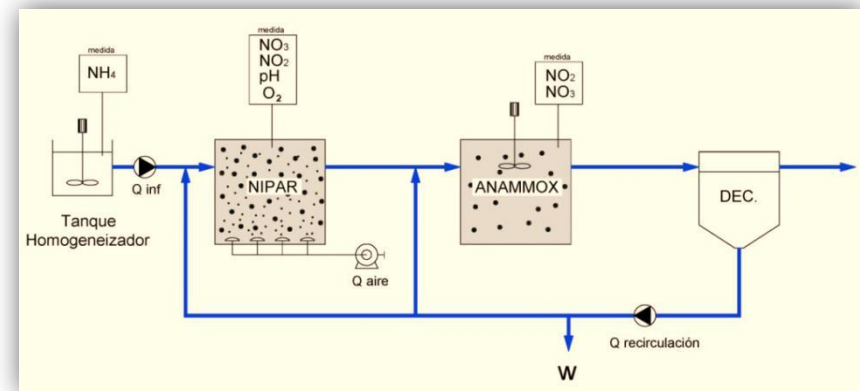


Anammox Centrate treatment: Niparmox®

- N centrate content represents 25% of N load of the biological reactor
- Key core technology of NIPARMOX® relies in an **Advanced Control Algorhythm** based on NOB inhibition vs. AOB.
- In construction in Kuthaya, Turquía

Advantages:

- ❑ Requires less aeration, 40% oxygen savings.
- ❑ Energy savings on aeration and internal recycling, 60% energy savings.
- ❑ Does not require external organic matter source.
- ❑ Lower sludge production.
- ❑ Robustness and reliability thanks to separate processes and supported growth.
- ❑ Smaller blueprint than conventional systems.



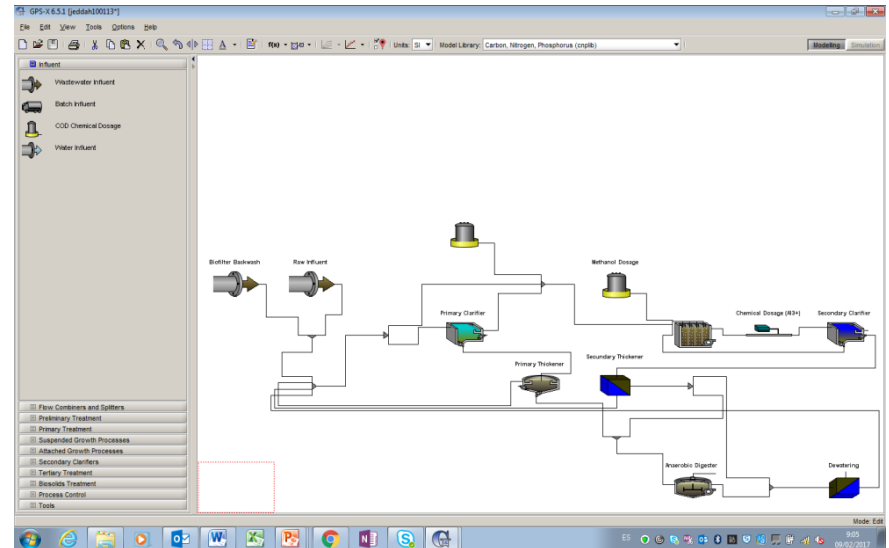
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Design and O&M optimization through modelling

- **Integrated WWTP modelling and simulation:**

- GPS-X and Biowin
- Introduction of new models
- Design optimization:
 - Cost calculation
 - Control systems simulation
 - Sensitivity analysis
- Evaluation of alternatives

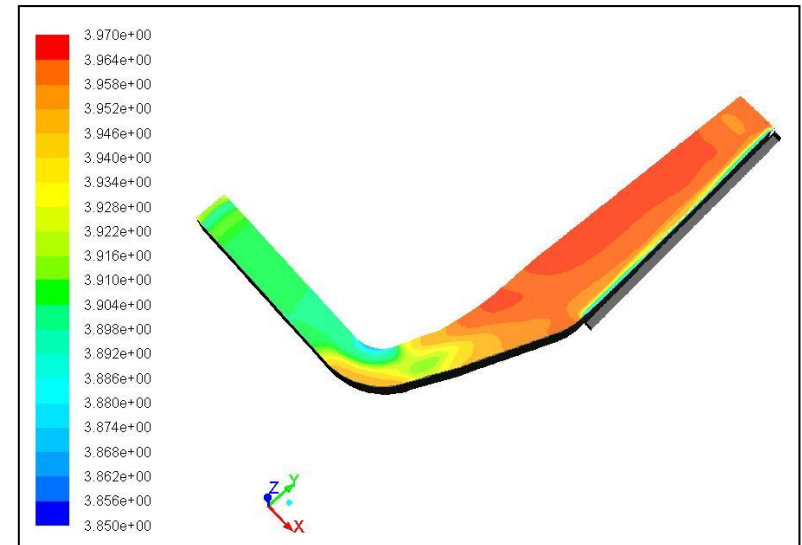
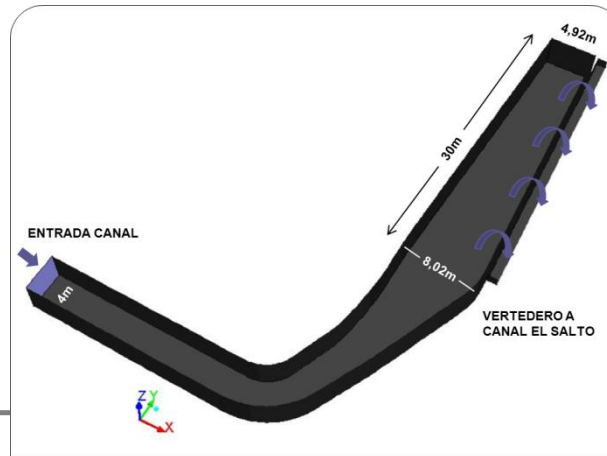


- **Examples of WWTP upgrade:**

- WWTP Alcalá de Henares: upgrade to IFAS

Design and O&M optimization through modelling

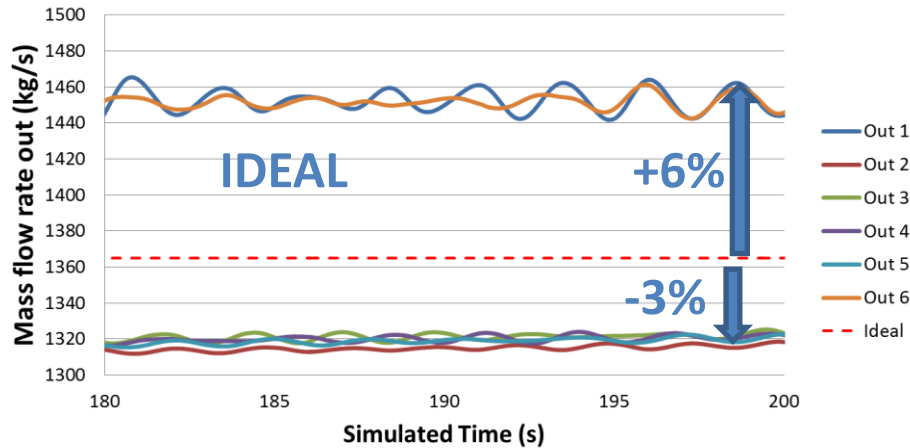
- **CFD:** Computer Fluid Dynamics with Fluent:
- Design optimization examples:
 - Calculate flow distribution in waste water and drinking water treatment plants.
 - Verify chemical mixing at injection points
 - Evaluate vortex generation in open channels (for instance, seawater intake systems).
 - Calculate real residence time, detect dead zones and preferential pathlines.
 - Verify and improve micro-bubble behaviour within air flotation device.
- Examples:
 - Gabal el Asfar (Egypt)
 - Atotonilco (Mexico)



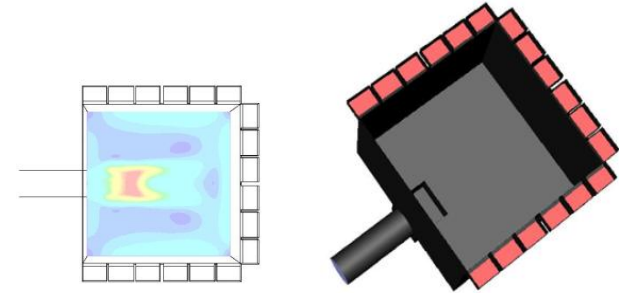
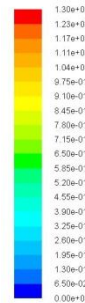
25m less constructed

Design and O&M optimization through modelling

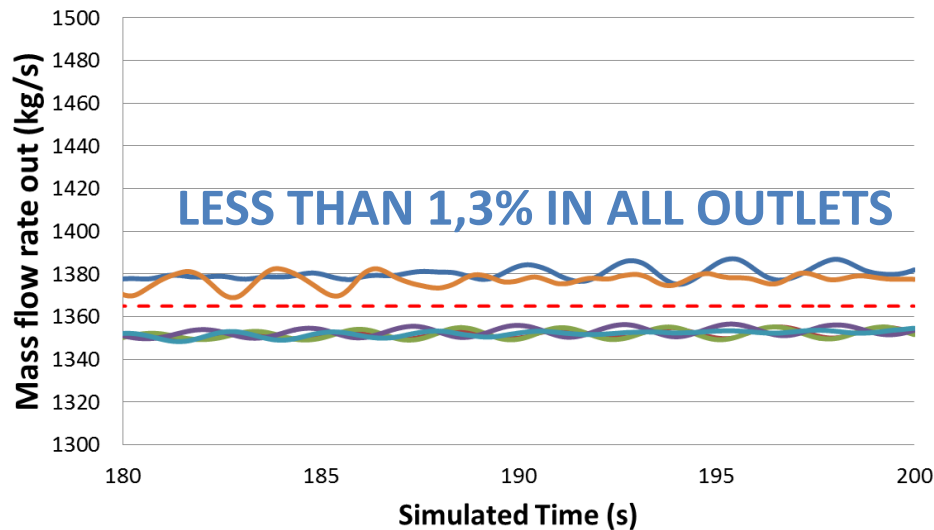
Distribution chamber without baffles



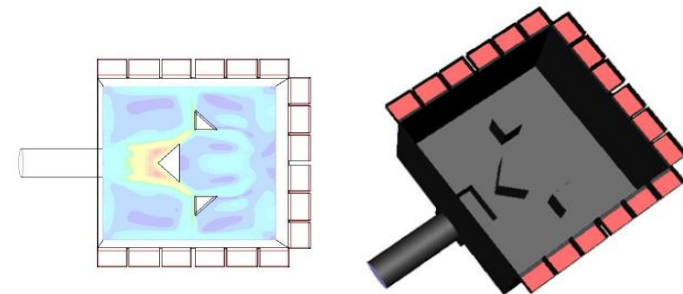
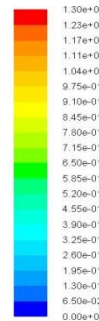
BASE CASE: NO BAFFLES



Distribution chamber with baffles



MODIFIED CASE: BAFFLES



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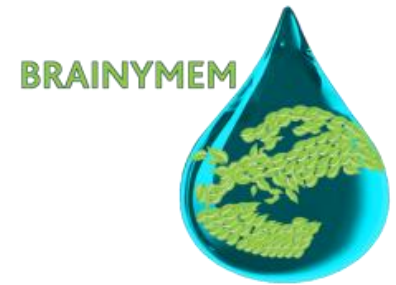
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- WWTP remodelling and extensions are good opportunities for implementing new technologies that can reduce energy consumption and improve effluent quality:
 - Anammox
 - Advanced control
- Compact technologies are available for footprint limitations:
 - Nereda
 - Advanced MBR and biofilm technologies
- Simulation softwares are helpful tools for verifying design and compare alternatives

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