

Supporting information

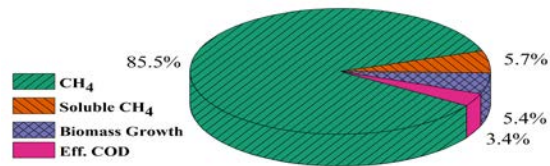


Fig. S1 COD balance in AnMBR when the HRT_{AnMBR} was 7 h.

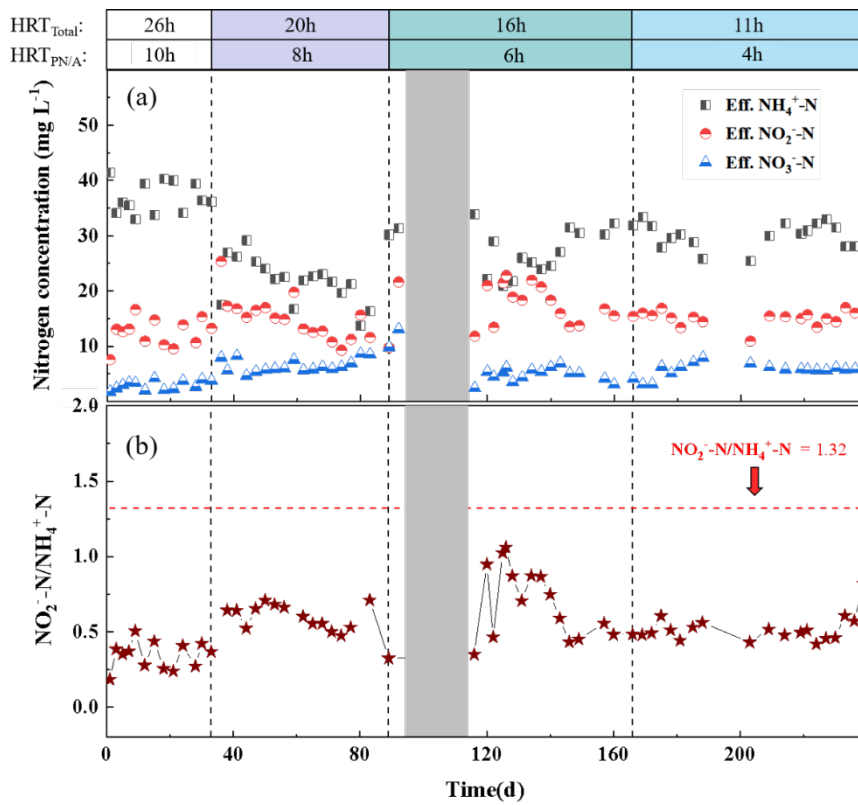


Fig. S2 Nitrogen conversion performance in PN-SBR at various HRTs: (a) nitrogen concentration and (b) NO₂⁻-N/NH₄⁺-N ratio in the effluent.

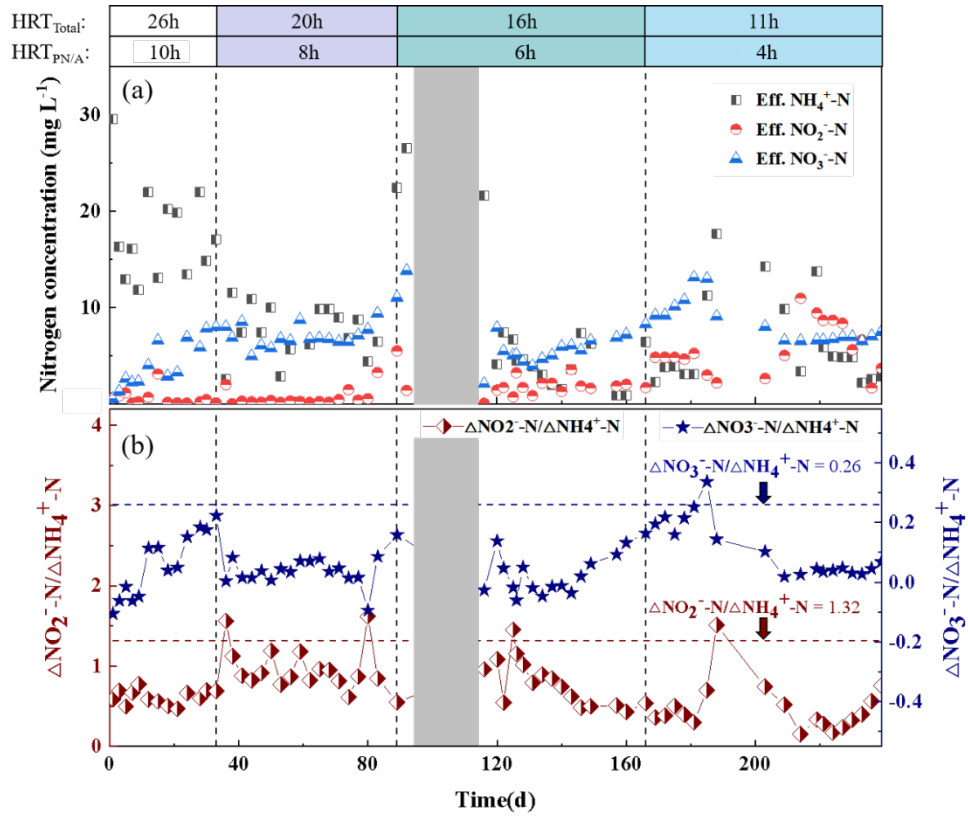


Fig. S3 Nitrogen conversion/removal performance in Anammox-UASB at various HRTs: (a) nitrogen concentration and (b) $\Delta\text{NO}_2^- \text{-N} / \Delta\text{NH}_4^+ \text{-N}$ and $\Delta\text{NO}_3^- \text{-N} / \Delta\text{NH}_4^+ \text{-N}$.

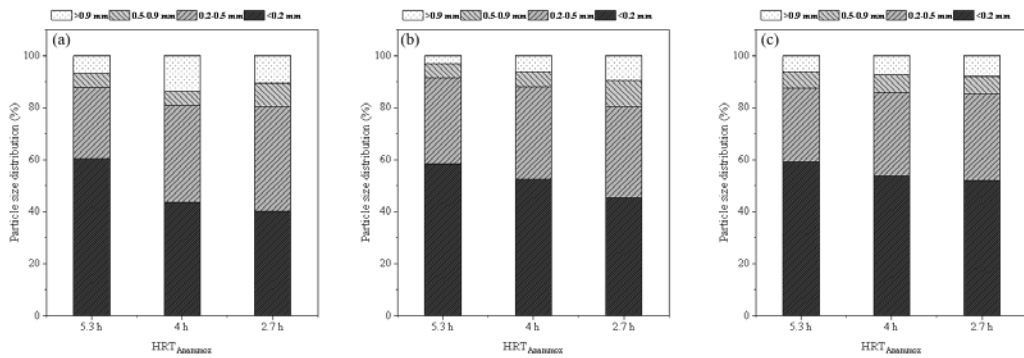


Fig. S4 The sludge particle size distribution in the (a) bottom, (b) middle and (c) top position of UASB at different HRTs.

Table S1 The substance concentration in different activity tests.

Substance type	NH ₄ HCO ₃ (mg-N/L)	NaNO ₂ (mg-N/L)	KNO ₃ (mg-N/L)	CH ₃ COONa (mg/L)	KH ₂ PO ₄ (mg/L)	NaHCO ₃ (mg/L)	CaCl ₂ ·2H ₂ O (mg/L)	MgCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O (mg/L)	Trace elements solution (mL)
SAA	100	100	/	/					
SAOA	100	/	/	/					
SAOB	/	100	/	/	40	700	36	26	0.5
SDA _{NO3}	/	/	100	300					
SDA _{NO2}	/	100		300					

Table S2 Probes used for FISH identification of total bacteria, AOB, NOB and Anammox.

Target bacteria	Probe name	Specificity	Sequence (5'-3')	References	Notes
Total bacteria	EUB338	<i>Most bacteria</i>	GCTGCCTCCCGTAGGAGT	(Daims et al., 1999)	FAM
	EUB338-II	<i>Planctomycetales</i>	GCAGCCACCCGTAGGTGT		FAM
	EUB338-III	<i>Verrucomicrobiales</i>	GCTGCCACCCGTAGGTGT		FAM
	EUB338-IV	<i>Anammox, Isosphaera, other Planctomycetes</i>	GCAGCCTCCCGTAGGAGT	(Chen et al., 2019)	FAM
AOBmix	Nso190	<i>Beta-Proterobacterial of AOB</i>	CGATCCCCTGCTTTTCTCC	(Mobarry et al., 1996)	HEX
	Nso1225	<i>Beta-Subdivision of AOB</i>	CGCCATTGTATTACGTGTGA		CY3
	NEU	<i>Nitrosomonas spp.</i>	CCCCTCTGCTGCACTCTA	(Wagner et al., 1995)	CY3
	CNEU	<i>Most halophilic and halotolerant</i>	TTCCATCCCCCTCTGCCG		/
NOBmix	NIT3	<i>Nitrobacter spp</i>	CCTGGCTCCATGCTCCG	(Wagner et al., 1996)	405
	CNIT3		CCTGTGCTCCAGGCTCCG		/
AMX	Amx820	<i>Candidatus Brocadia anammoxidans</i> <i>Candidatus Kueneenia stuttgartiensis</i>	AAAACCCCTCTACTTAGTGCCC	(Schmid et al., 2000)	CY5

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