

***Les StaRRE – Stations de
récupération des ressources de l'eau
– Défis de modélisation et de contrôle***

Atelier sur la récupération
des ressources des eaux
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100 ans!

Ça suffit!

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WRRF's: Water Resource Recovery Facilities: Modelling and Control Challenges

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Outline

- Water resource recovery
- Modelling challenges
- Control challenges
- Take home

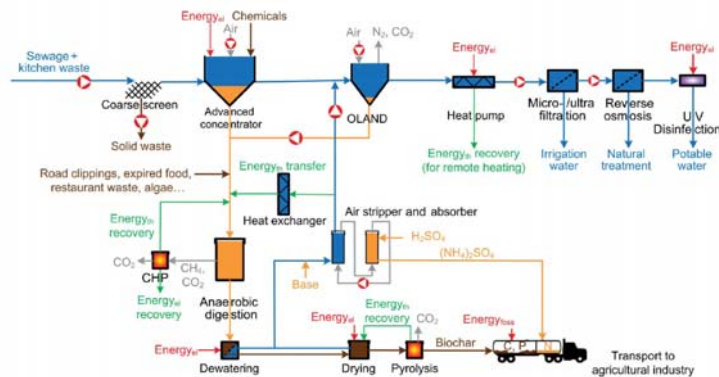


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“Wurfs”

■ Water resource recovery facility (WRRF)



Resource recovery processes

- Stripping (NH_3 , fatty acids)
- Air scrubbing (ammonium sulfate)
- Precipitation (struvite, Ca-phosphate)
- Filtering (paper fibers)
- Extraction (PHA)
- Ion exchange (NH_4^+)
- Reverse osmosis (H_2O , N-K concentrates)
- Phase separation (butanol)
- Pyrolysis, gasification, incineration (energy)
- Chemically enhanced primary treatment (COD)

All
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chemical
unit
processes

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Modelling physicochemical processes

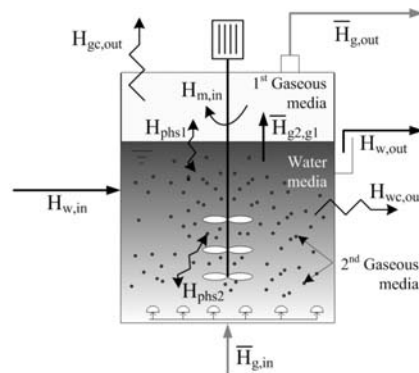
- We've done it simply:
 - Aeration: $Kla (C_{sat} - C)$
 - pH: $f(pKa, TAN, Alk, \dots)$
 - Precipitation: MeOH/MeP
 - Membrane: $J = TMP / \mu \cdot (R_m + R_f + R_c)$



Modelling physicochemical processes

- We have to do it differently:

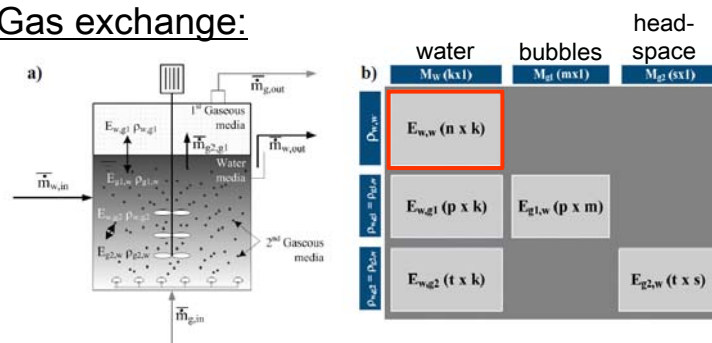
Temperature:



Modelling physicochemical processes

- We have to do it differently:

Gas exchange:



Modelling physicochemical processes

- We have to do it differently:

Precipitation:

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Towards a generalized physicochemical framework

Damien J. Batstone, Youri Amerlinck, George E. Paloma Grau, Bruce Johnson, Ishin Kaya, Jean-Stephan Tait, Imre Takács, Peter A. Vanrolleghem, Christopher J. Brouckaert and Eveline Volcke

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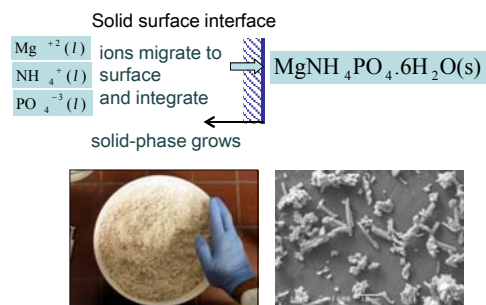


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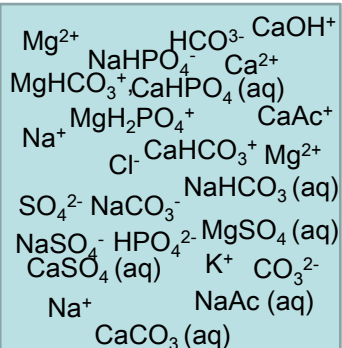


Modelling physicochemical processes

- We have to do it differently:

Precipitation:

It gets a little crowded in wastewater

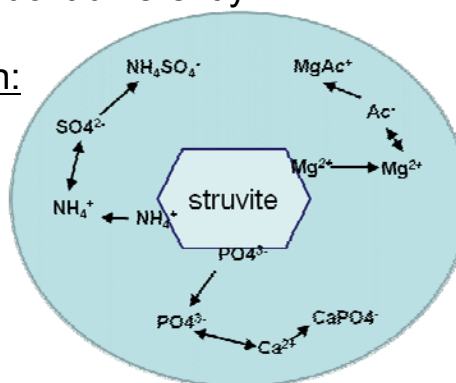


Modelling physicochemical processes

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Precipitation:

Ion pairs increase solubility

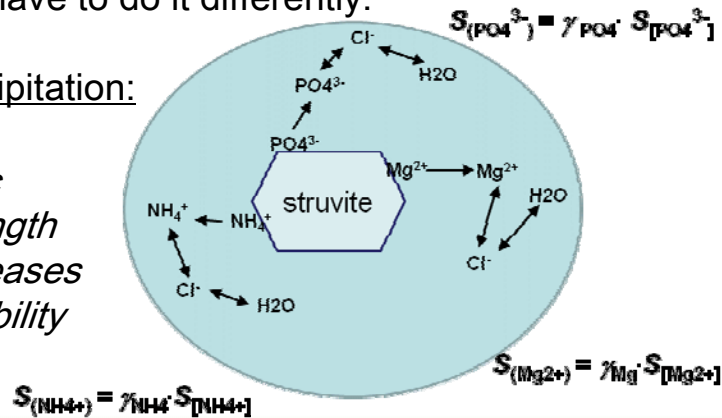


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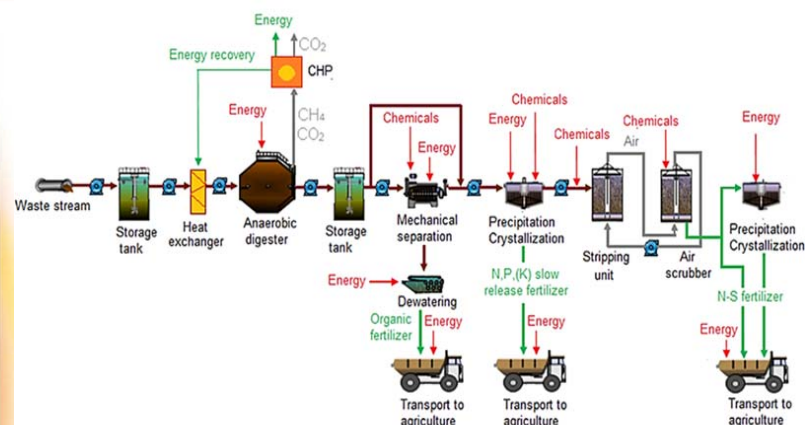
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Precipitation:

Ionic strength increases solubility



Model-based optimization of resource recovery trains in WRRFs



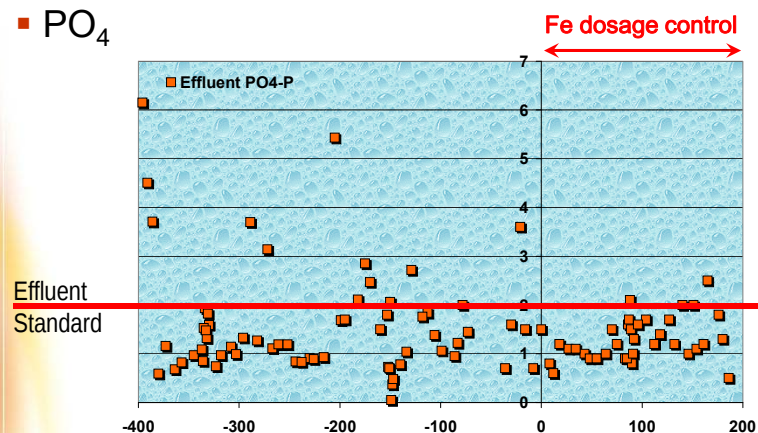
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Successful control in WWTP



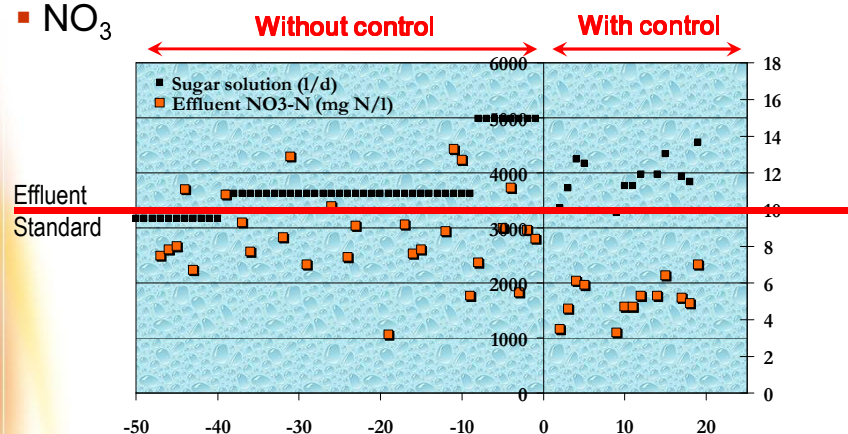
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Successful control in WWTP

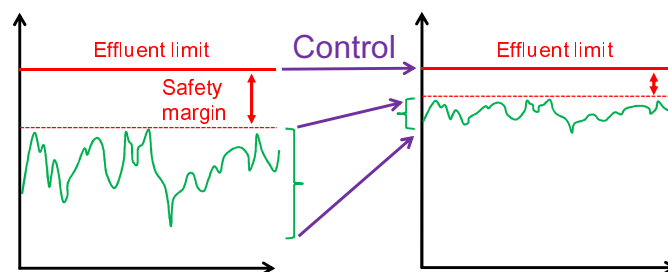


■ NO_3



Control challenges

■ Paradigm shift:

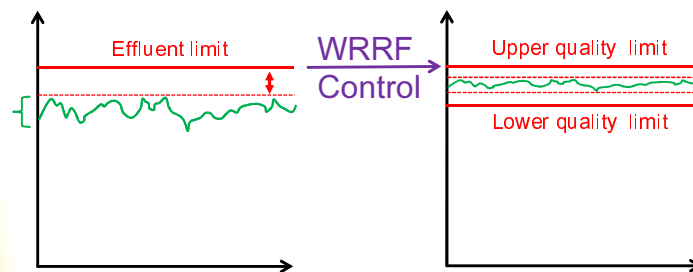


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Control challenges

- Paradigm shift:



Control challenges

- Much stricter product specifications!



Control challenges

- No more forgiving client



Control challenges

- No selection of raw materials



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Take home messages

- WWTPs → WRRFs !
- Physico-chemical processes !
- Modelling challenges are non-trivial
- Resource recovery products must compete with existing products
- Product specifications are strict
- Control is much more strict (upper & lower limit) (no more forgiveness!)

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