



SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME



Multi-criteria evaluation of control strategies in WWTP

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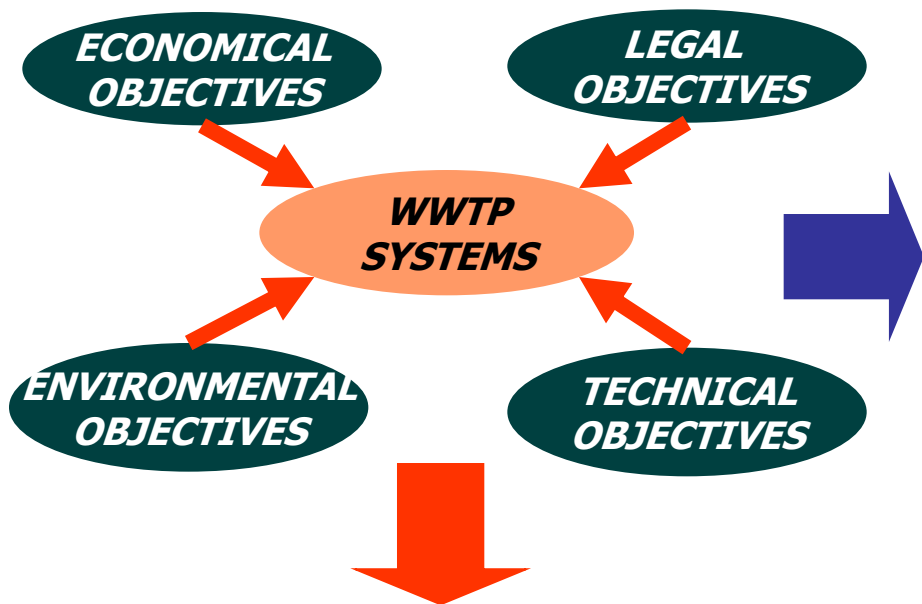
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3. Multivariate Analysis Results
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1. Introduction

*Evaluation of control strategies on a WWTP is a **COMPLEX** activity due to the **LARGE** number of **OBJECTIVES** that have to be taken into account*

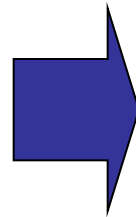


*The accomplishment of those objectives generates significant **SYNERGIES** but is in many cases subjected to clear **TRADE-OFFS***

MULTI-CRITERIA DECISION PROBLEM

1. Introduction

*The result is a huge
and complex
evaluation matrix*



***WHICH IS OFTEN
DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET,
HENCE DIFFICULT TO
DRAW MEANINGFUL
CONCLUSIONS***

*Nevertheless this
process **could** be
improved with*



Efficient tools to discover groups of control strategies

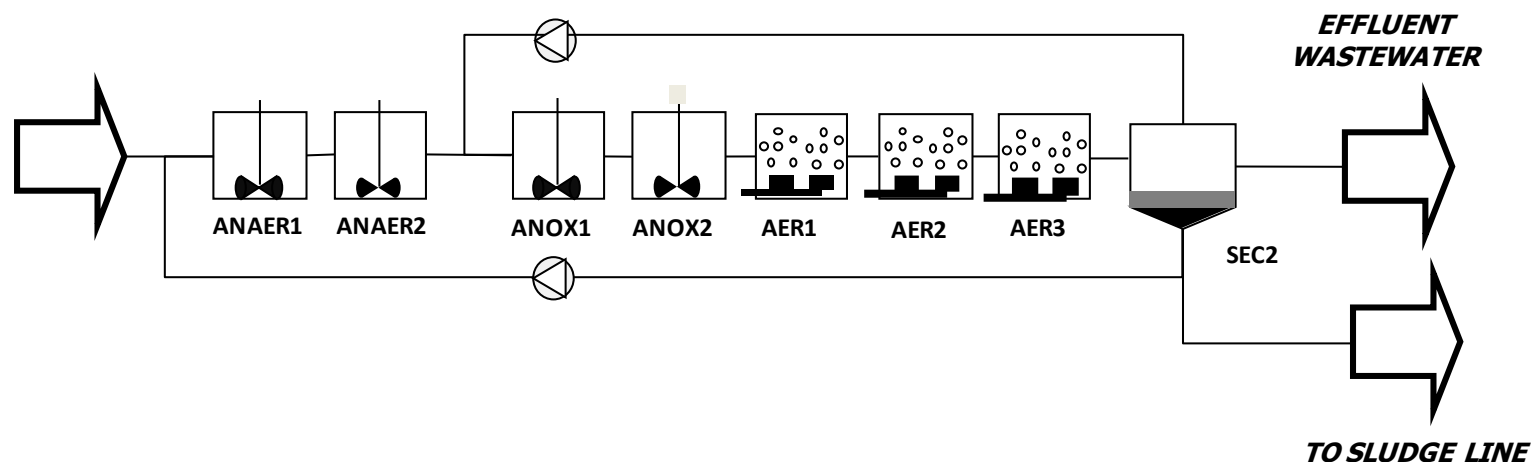
Facilitating the interpretation of the complex interactions amongst multiple criteria

Identifying the main features of a specific control or a group of control strategies

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2. Plant layout, control strategies and evaluation criteria

- A2O plant sized using **Metcalf & Eddy** design guidelines



- The influent profile has been generated using **phenomenological models** including daily, weekly and seasonal variation
- The EAWAG **ASM3 bio P** and the **double exponential velocity** function of Takács are the main process models

2. Plant layout, control strategies and evaluation criteria

controller	Measured Variable	Manipulated Variable	Control algorithm	Initial value
DO controller	SO in AER	$k_L a$ (airflow)	PI	2 g m^{-3}
SNH controller	SNH in AER	DO setpoint	Cascaded PI	2 g m^{-3}
SNO controller	SNO in ANOX	Q_{intr}	PI	1 g m^{-3}
SNO controller	SNO in ANOX	Q_{carb}	PI	1 g m^{-3}
TSS controller	TSS in AER	Q_{waste}	cascaded PI	If $T > 15 \text{ C}$ 2500 g m^{-3} If $T < 15 \text{ C}$ 3500 g m^{-3}
SPO controller	SPO in AER	Q_{metal}	PI	2 g m^{-3}
OUR controller	OUR in AER	DO setpoint	Cascaded ON/OFF	$1850 \text{ g m}^{-3}\text{d}^{-1}$

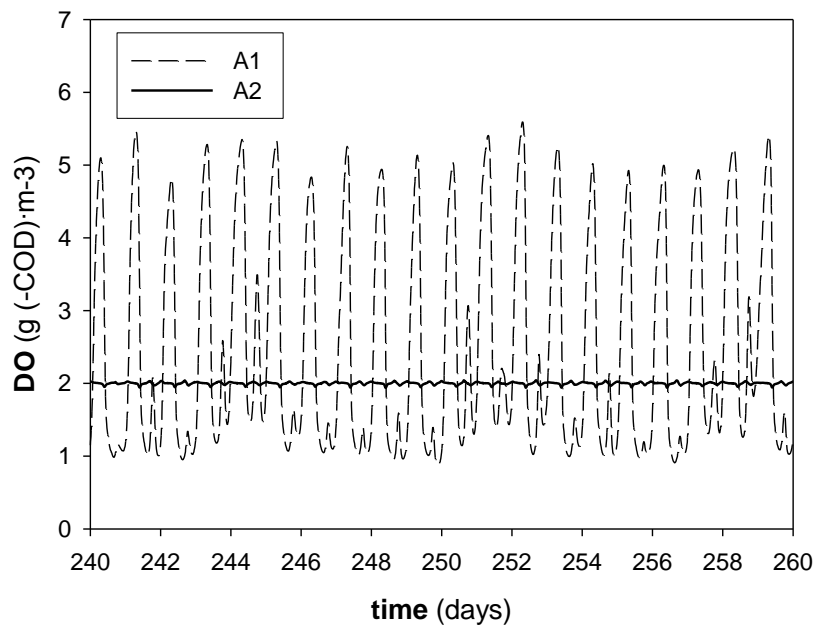
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- Effluent quality index (**EQI**)

$$EQI = \frac{1}{t \cdot 1000} \int_{t_0}^{t_f} (PU_{TSS} + PU_{BOD} + PU_{COD} + PU_{TKN} + PU_{NO} + PU_{TP}) \cdot Q \cdot dt$$

- Operational cost index (**OCI**)

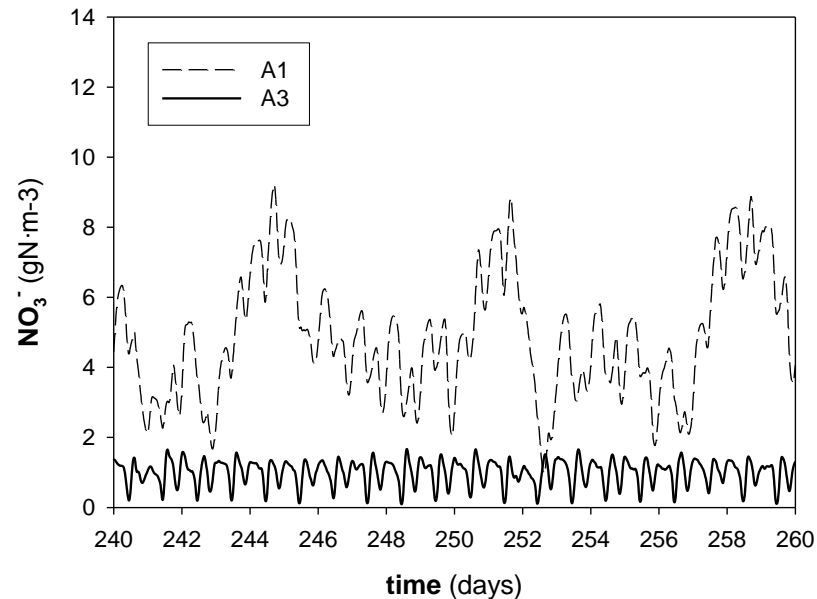
$$OCI = SP + AE + PE + ME + CHEM$$



DO controller

Improve EQI

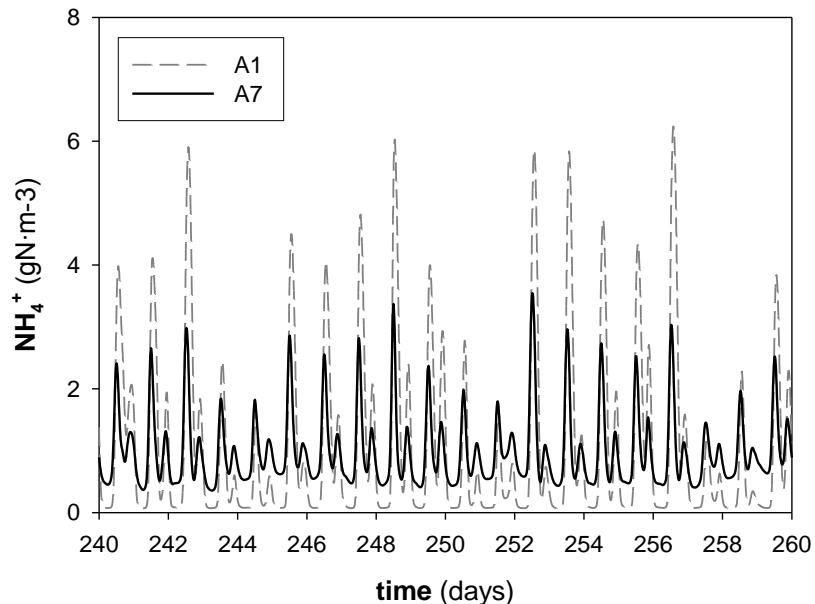
Decrease OCI (AE)



NO controller

Improve EQI

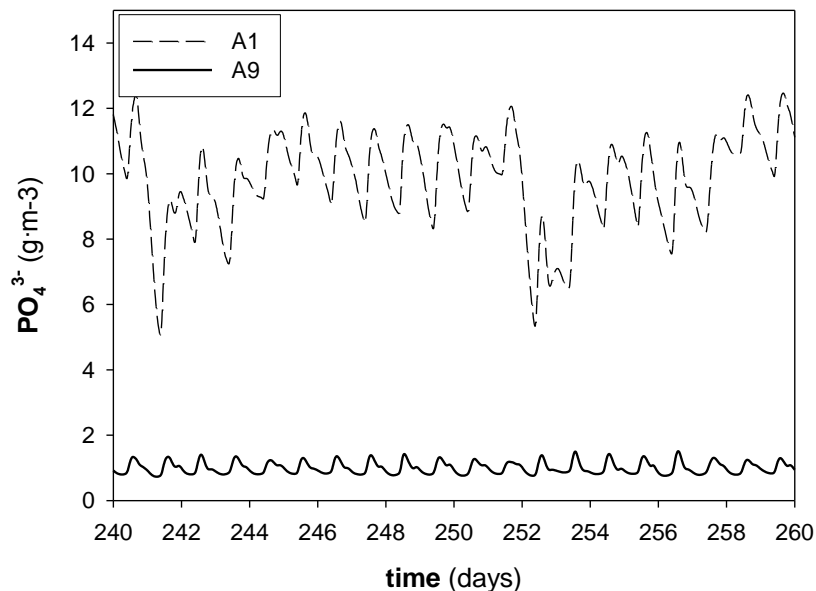
Decrease OCI (PE)



NH4 controller

Improve EQI

Decrease OCI (AE)

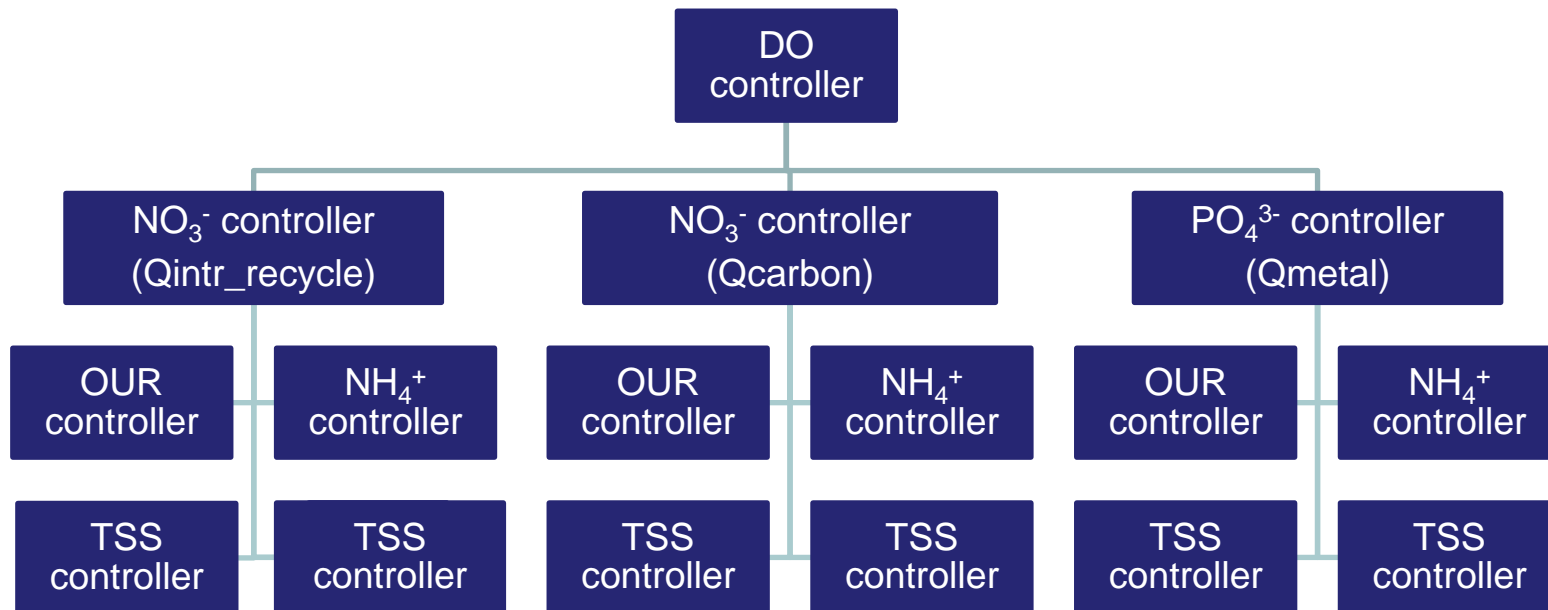


Qmetal controller

Improve EQI

Increase OCI (IRON, SP)

2. Plant layout, control strategies and evaluation criteria



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What happens when the evaluation procedure is upgraded with additional 24 criteria? i.e. technical, environmental, legal.....

		DO	DO+Qi	DO+Qi+SNH+Qi+SNH+TSS	DO+Qc	DO+Qc+SNH	Qc+SNH+TSS	DO+Qm	DO+Qm+SNH	Qm+SNH+TSS	DO+Qi+OUR	Qi+OUR+TSS	DO+Qc+OUR	Qc+OUR+TSS	DO+Qm+OUR	Qm+SNH+TSS	
TKNeav	3.40	3.18	2.87	2.98	3.07	3.37	3.39	4.05	3.18	3.12	3.36	2.87	2.89	3.35	4.64	3.29	3.86
TNeav	13.19	12.99	12.71	11.48	11.26	9.25	8.66	9.44	12.88	11.94	11.87	12.42	12.61	9.27	10.15	12.37	12.74
TPeav	9.47	9.48	9.09	8.15	8.02	5.73	5.31	5.84	1.20	1.19	1.19	8.88	8.86	5.77	5.58	1.19	1.18
SP04eav	9.27	9.29	8.89	7.95	7.82	5.49	5.06	5.64	1.01	1.01	1.00	8.68	8.66	5.53	5.38	1.00	0.99
TCODeav	55.07	55.09	54.98	54.93	55.44	58.56	59.11	55.07	54.20	54.24	54.42	54.97	55.77	58.49	55.10	54.22	54.45
BOD5eav	1.58	1.59	1.60	1.67	1.68	2.27	2.40	1.93	1.51	1.57	1.58	1.62	1.58	2.26	1.93	1.54	1.53
XTSSav	16.02	16.03	16.12	16.40	16.99	20.33	21.07	16.96	16.60	16.75	16.98	16.19	16.99	20.27	16.95	16.69	16.98
EQI	14040.00	13906.00	13432.00	12590.00	12579.00	11098.00	10777.00	11060.00	8213.90	7984.30	8104.60	13235.00	13402.00	11113.00	11312.00	8150.40	8526.10
TSSproducedperd	2558.60	2564.70	2604.60	2725.30	2686.70	3311.00	3332.70	3364.80	2813.70	2879.30	2880.50	2631.50	2534.30	3297.50	3450.80	2851.20	2837.80
airenergyperd	3844.70	3538.00	3537.70	3222.10	3199.30	4384.40	3942.80	3795.40	3539.50	3367.60	3334.00	3503.20	3575.00	4334.90	4130.10	3473.10	3471.90
pumpenergyperd	632.80	632.80	349.88	386.37	399.26	632.80	632.80	635.66	632.80	632.80	632.83	356.24	351.01	632.80	636.16	632.80	632.61
metalmass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3949.30	3615.90	3550.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3766.40	3700.20
carbonmass	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1785.90	1509.60	1184.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2324.20	2099.00	0.00	0.00
mixenergyperd	600.19	600.19	600.19	601.10	601.17	600.19	600.62	600.88	600.19	601.37	601.42	637.68	630.70	607.73	610.72	655.82	649.29
OCI	12754.00	12465.00	12302.00	12385.00	12260.00	20908.00	19703.00	18681.00	19137.00	18664.00	18536.00	12714.00	12489.00	22793.00	22376.00	19269.00	19128.00
Nviolation	7.52	4.59	5.96	5.84	6.13	0.56	0.90	3.13	4.03	5.95	7.34	5.23	6.47	0.60	6.18	2.53	6.18
CODviolation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.28	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	1.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
SNHviolation	20.04	16.21	12.97	9.10	10.19	16.24	11.80	22.62	16.83	11.94	15.51	12.54	13.43	16.03	30.14	17.20	22.92
TSSviolation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	2.15	2.67	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	1.96	0.08	0.00	0.10
BOD5violation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	2.87	3.66	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.11	2.81	0.31	0.00	0.10
Pviolation	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.89	99.88	83.82	83.31	90.38	0.00	1.15	1.68	100.00	100.00	84.95	84.41	0.57	2.12
NofNDefBulking1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NofLow DOBulking1	0.53	0.51	0.50	0.56	0.55	0.39	0.45	0.46	0.51	0.54	0.53	0.49	0.47	0.43	0.47	0.49	0.49
NofLow FloMBulking	0.71	0.71	0.72	0.75	0.77	0.70	0.73	0.71	0.71	0.73	0.74	0.72	0.74	0.66	0.65	0.72	0.72

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3. Multivariate analysis

- **Cluster analysis (CA)** : determine groups of control strategies with similar behaviour
- **Principal component analysis (PCA)**: find hidden casual and complex relationships amongst data
- **Discriminant analysis (DA)** : identifies the most discriminant variables with the groups of controller identified by CA

3. Multivariate analysis : CA

DO
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AMMONIUM
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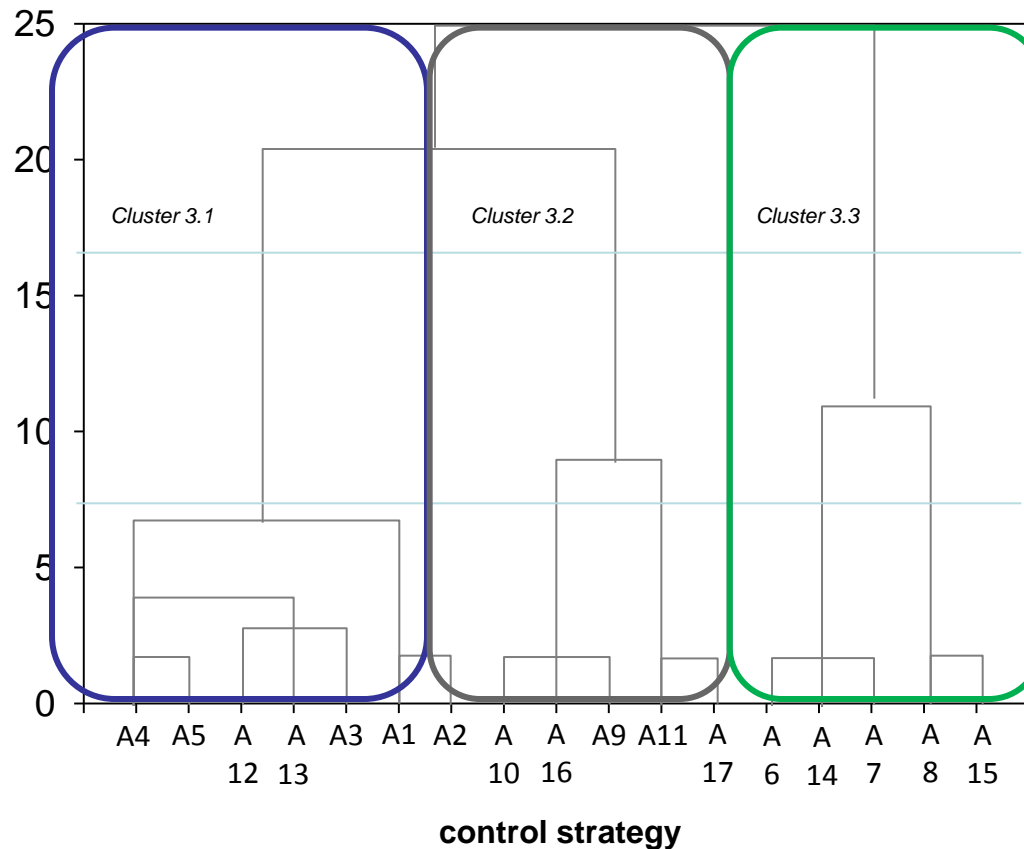
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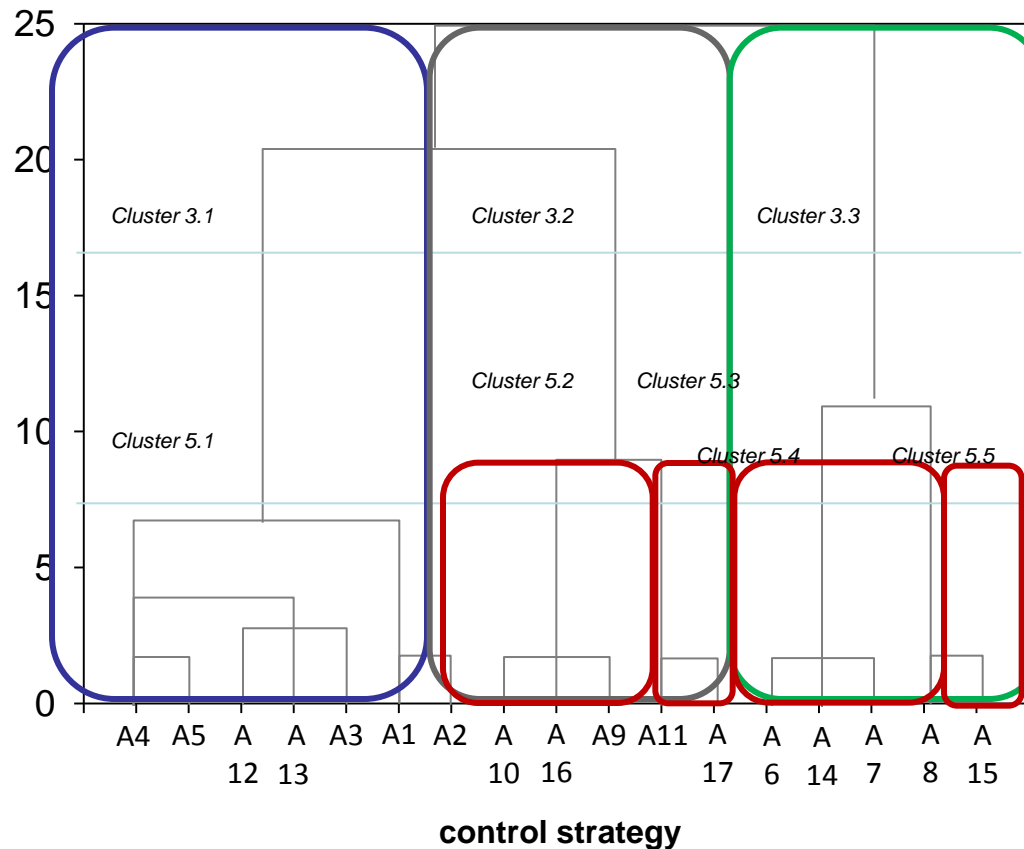
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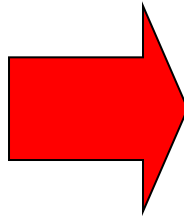
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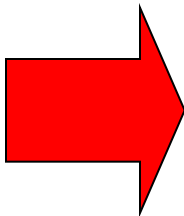


3. Multivariate analysis : PCA

Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)
 Total Nitrogen (TN)
 Total Phosphate (SPO4)
 Total Phosphorus concentration (TP)
 Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)
 Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5)
 Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
 Effluent Quality Index (EQI)
 Sludge Production (Psludge)
 Aeration Energy (AE)
 Pumping Energy (PE)
 Metal Salt Addition (MS)
 External Carbon Source (CS)
 Mixing Energy (ME)
 OCI
 Nviolation (L = 18 g m-3)
 CODviolation (L = 100 g m-3)
 SNHviolation L = 4 g m-3)
 TSSviolation (L = 30 g m-3)
 BOD5violation (L = 20 g m-3)
 Pviolation (L = 2 g m-3)
 N deficiency bulking
 DO deficiency bulking
 Low FMbulking



**4 PRINCIPAL COMPONENT
 ARE EXTRACTED EXPLAINING
 94 % OF THE TOTAL
 VARIABILITY**



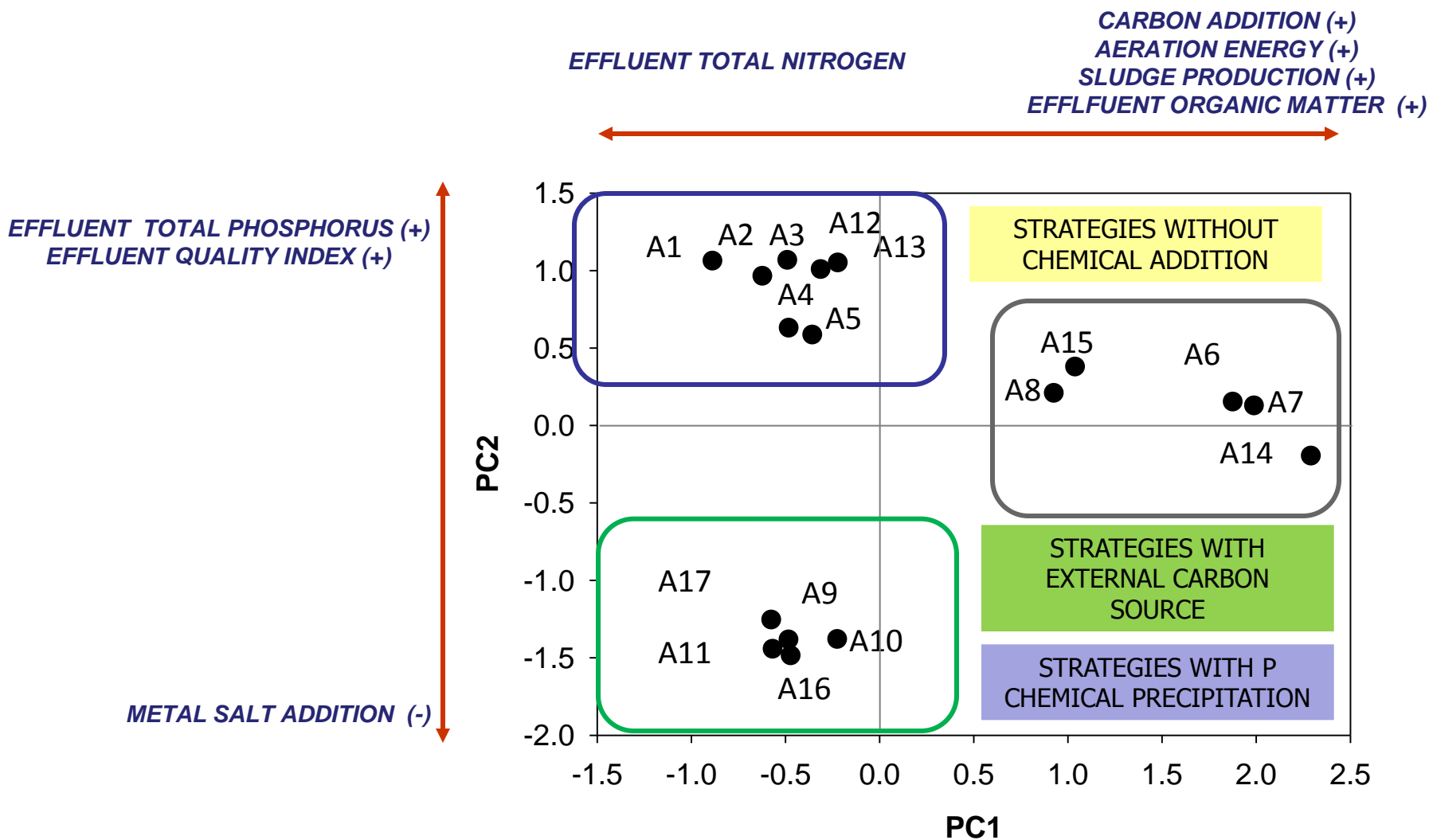
FIRST PC CORRELATES correlates effluent nitrogen negatively with external carbon source, aeration energy and sludge production

SECOND PC HIGHLIGHTS that only with the addition of metal low concentrations of P can be achieved

THIRD PC IS ASSOCIATED with high effluent ammonia values

FOURTH PC IS ASSOCIATED with high mixing energy values

3. Multivariate analysis : PCA



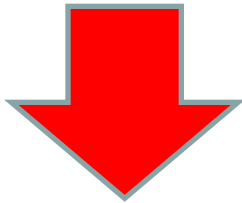
3. Multivariate analysis : DA

DISCRIMINANT ANALYSIS

CLUSTER 1: CONTROL STRATEGIES WITHOUT CHEMICAL ADDITION

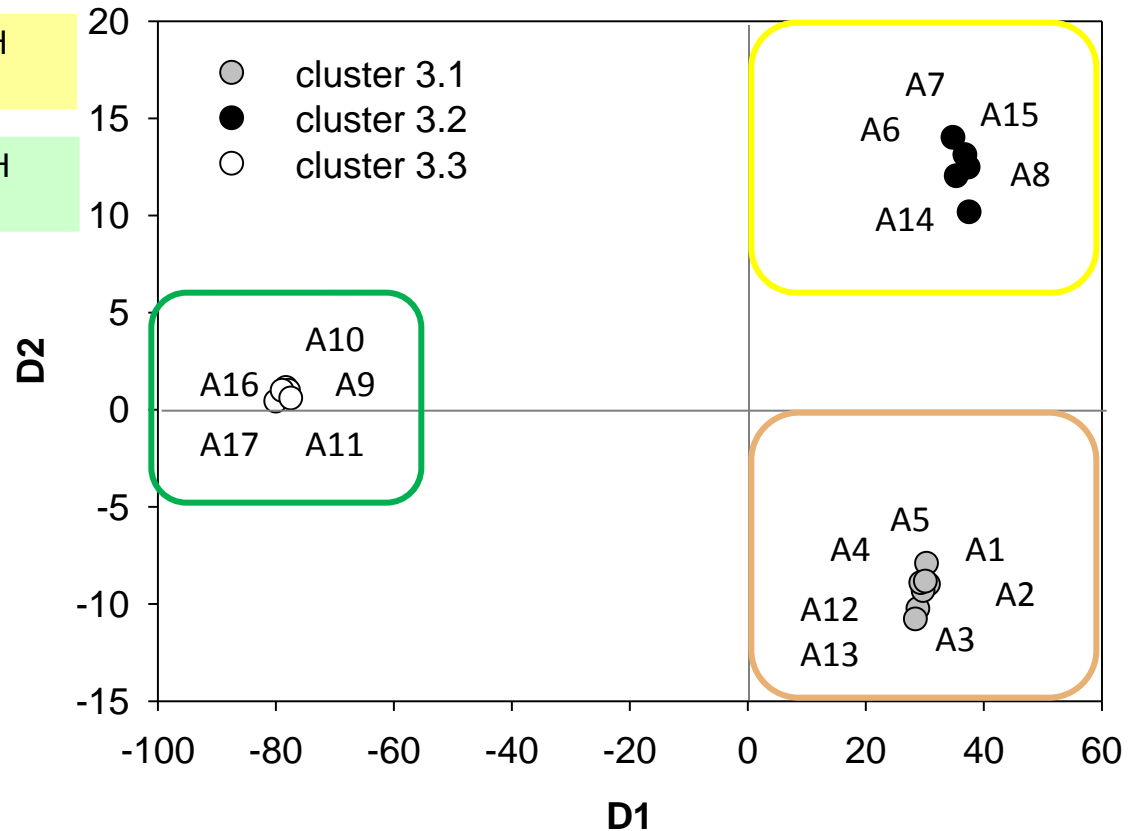
CLUSTER 2: CONTROL STRATEGIES WITH EXTERNAL CARBON SOURCE ADDITION

CLUSTER 3: CONTROL STRATEGIES WITH PHOSPHORUS PRECIPITATION



DISCRIMINANT
CRITERIA

SLUDGE PRODUCTION
AERATION ENERGY
COD VIOLATION
P VIOLATION



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- Control improve the overall performance of WWTP. Some of the presented controllers improve effluent quality, reduce operation costs or increase technical reliability
- There are complex interactions between the different criteria used to evaluate the presented controllers
- Multi-criteria/Multi-variable techniques are straightforward when characterizing control strategies

4. Conclusions

- Cluster analysis rendered five groups of control strategies and identified similar patterns in the controls strategies with and without chemical addition and/or TSS controller
- Principal component analysis reduced the complex evaluation matrix (24 criteria) to 4 variables. PCA also identified their main synergies and trade-offs.
- Discriminant analysis identified that only a small set of criteria create big differences between the groups created by CA

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