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#### Abstract

A novel microbial fuel cell (MFC) was developed to enhance simultaneous nitrification and denitrification (SND) by employing electrons from the anode. The cathode chamber of the reactor consisted of a membrane aerated biofilm reactor (MABR) which was made of an electroconductivity aerated membrane. The maximum power density of  $4.20 \pm 0.12$  W m<sup>-3</sup> was obtained at a current density of  $4.10 \pm 0.11$  A m<sup>-2</sup> (external resistance = 10  $\Omega$ ). Compared with an open-circuit system, the removal rates of NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N and TN were improved by 9.48 ± 0.33% and 19.80 ± 0.84%,

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