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**Highlights:** 

Particle size distribution (PSD) was included in the biofilm model for granule sludge

reactor

Wide PSD spectrum was included

Effect of granule PSD on the partial nitrification was examined

High nitrite oxidizing bacteria (NOB) presence was found in granules less than 50µm

**Abstract** 

The granules in the aerobic granular sludge reactor usually follow certain particle size

distribution. In the previous studies, the average granule diameter was usually assumed in the

model simulations. In this study, the impact of granule particle size distribution on the partial

nitrification in the aerobic granular reactor was examined both in experiment and

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