



Nereda®
a product of Royal HaskoningDHV

Celebrating
100
Nereda Projects

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Aeroob korrelslib: van nul naar honderd
en snel duurzaam verder.

Hét Nationale Watersymposium

WASTEWATER TREATMENT WITH NEREDA®

- Natural and cost-effective way of purify wastewater

NEREDA GRANULES	FLOCS
8 g/l or more SVI ₅ ≈ SVI ₃₀	4 g/l SVI ₅ > SVI ₃₀
Small footprint	
30-50% energy saving	
Lower CAPEX	
Lower OPEX	
Robust & Resilience	
Biopolymer recovery	

Simultaneous Fill and Draw

Fast Settling

Aeration

Nereda Cycle

out

in

air

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VAN NUL TOT HONDERD

- Uitgevonden en geoctrooieerd door TU Delft
- RHDHV geïnteresseerd voor industrieel afvalwater?
- Zagen groot potentieel voor stedelijk afvalwater en projectvoorstel bij STOWA ingediend:
 - haalbaarheidsstudies
 - eerste proefonderzoek op rwzi Ede
- RHDHV verwerft de octrooien
- Publiek-Private Samenwerking:
Nationale Nereda Onderzoeksprogramma



■ Prof. Mark van Loosdrecht

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KRITISCHE SUCCESFACTOREN (1)



- TU Delft
 - Prof. Mark van Loosdrecht
 - Prof. Merle de Kreuk
- STOWA en betrokken waterschappen
- De 1^{ste} pilot (Ede)
- De 1^{ste} industriële full-scale (Vika, Ede)
- Het NNOP

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En de teller stond op

1993 2002 2003 2004 2005

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KRITISCHE SUCCESFACTOREN (2)



2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

- Pilots Aalsmeer, Hoensbroek, Dinxperlo en Epe
- Meer industriële toepassingen
- Opschaling demonstraties
 - STP Gansbaai, Zuid-Afrika
 - 63.000 IE met SBR als "fall-back"
 - Nog steeds in bedrijf
 - STP Frielas, Lisboa, Portugal
 - 700.000 IE zuivering met 5 straten
 - demo in 25% van 1 straat
 - Later omgebouwd tot 2 full-scale reactoren
- rwzi Epe: 1^{ste} huishoudelijke Nereda in NL

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KRITISCHE SUCCESFACTOREN (2)



En de teller stond op

100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0

1 1 1 2 3 4 5

2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010

- Pilots Aalsmeer, Hoensbroek, Dinxperlo en Epe
- Industriële toepassingen

Scaling demonstraties

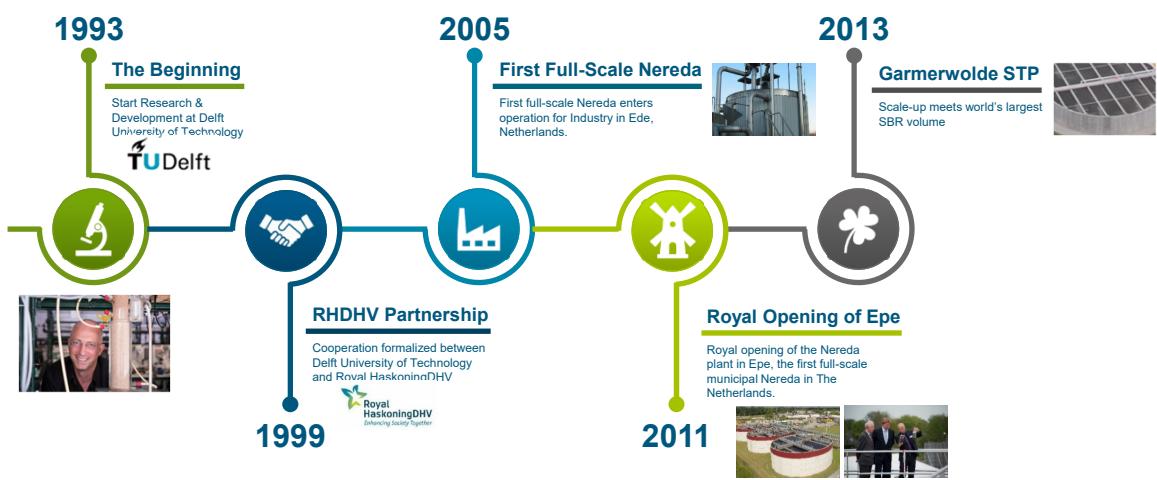
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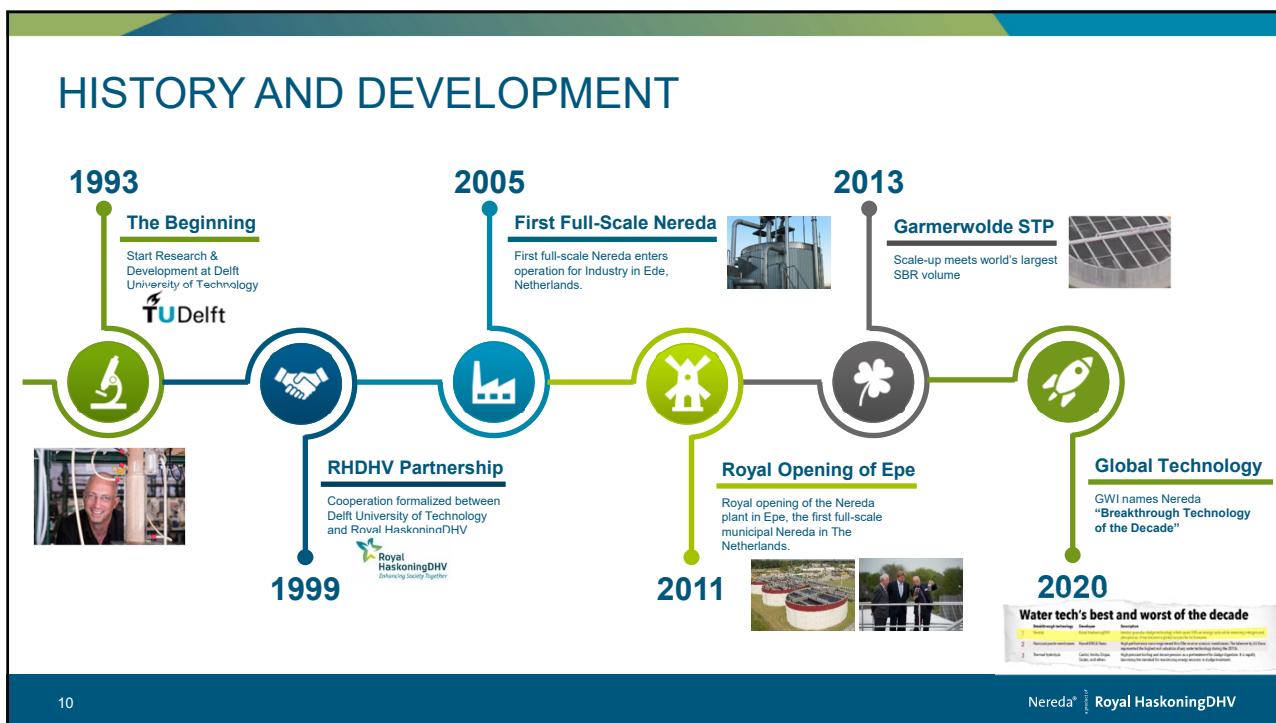
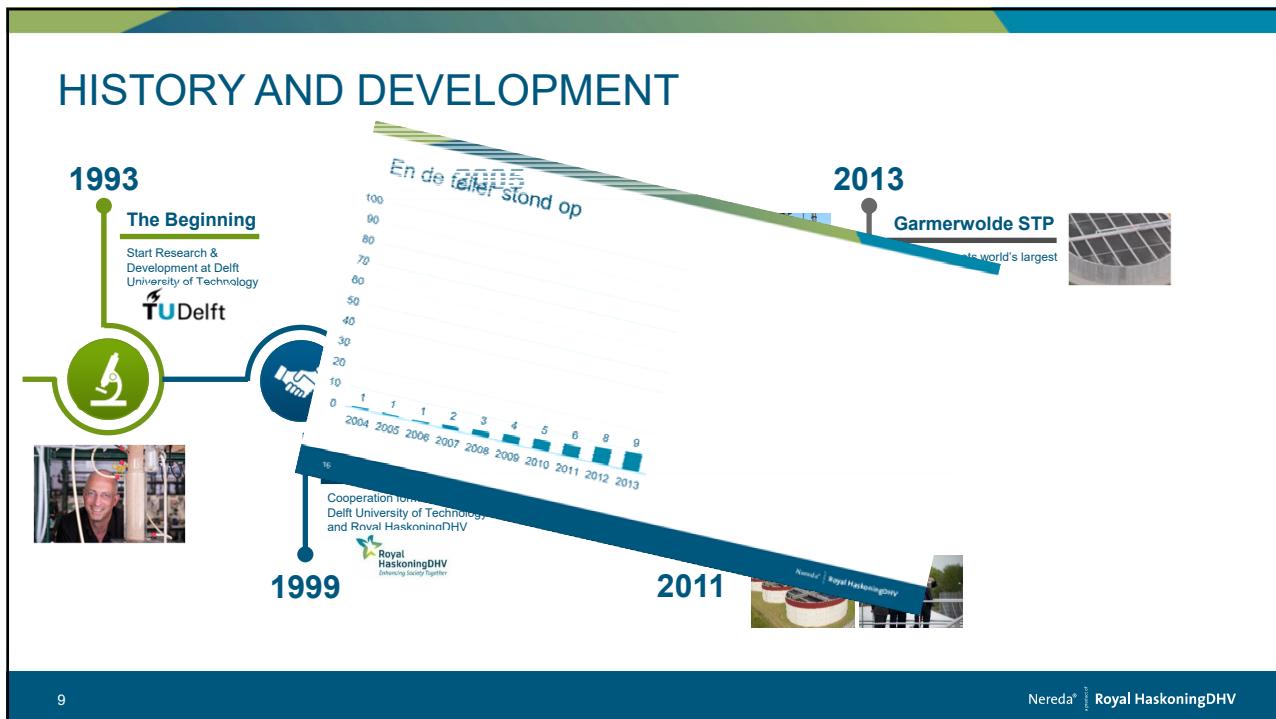
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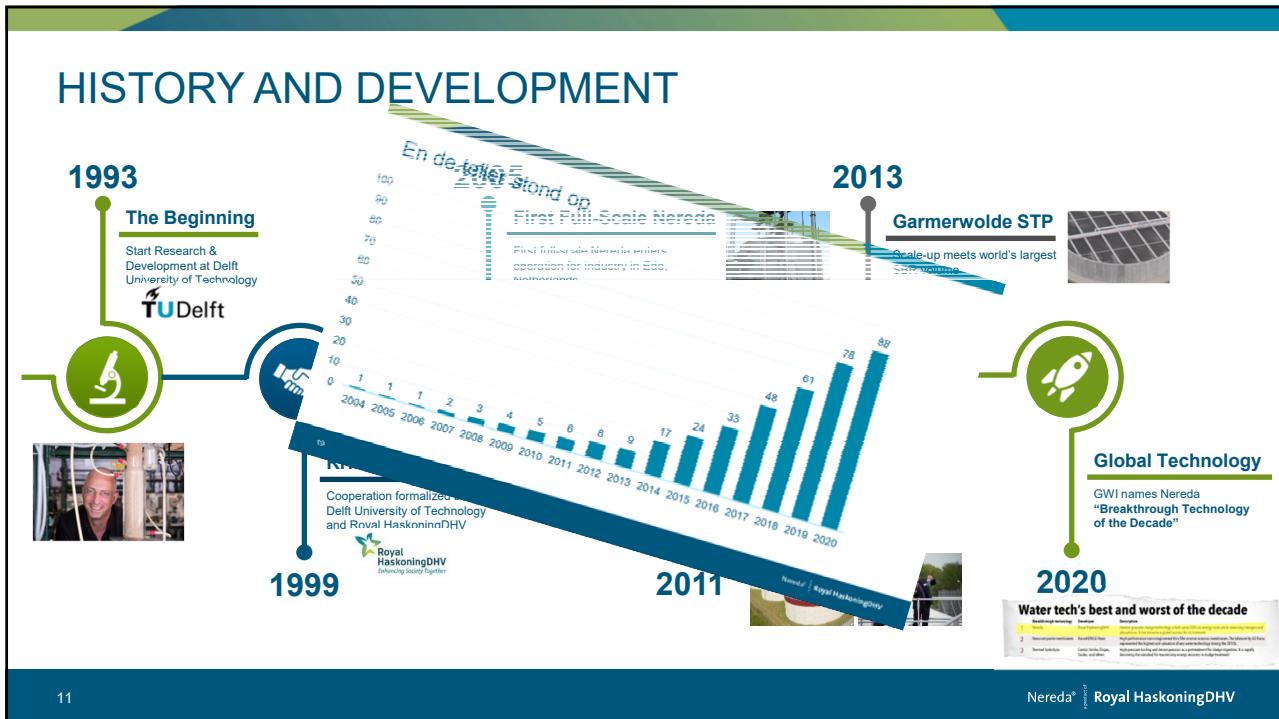
HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT



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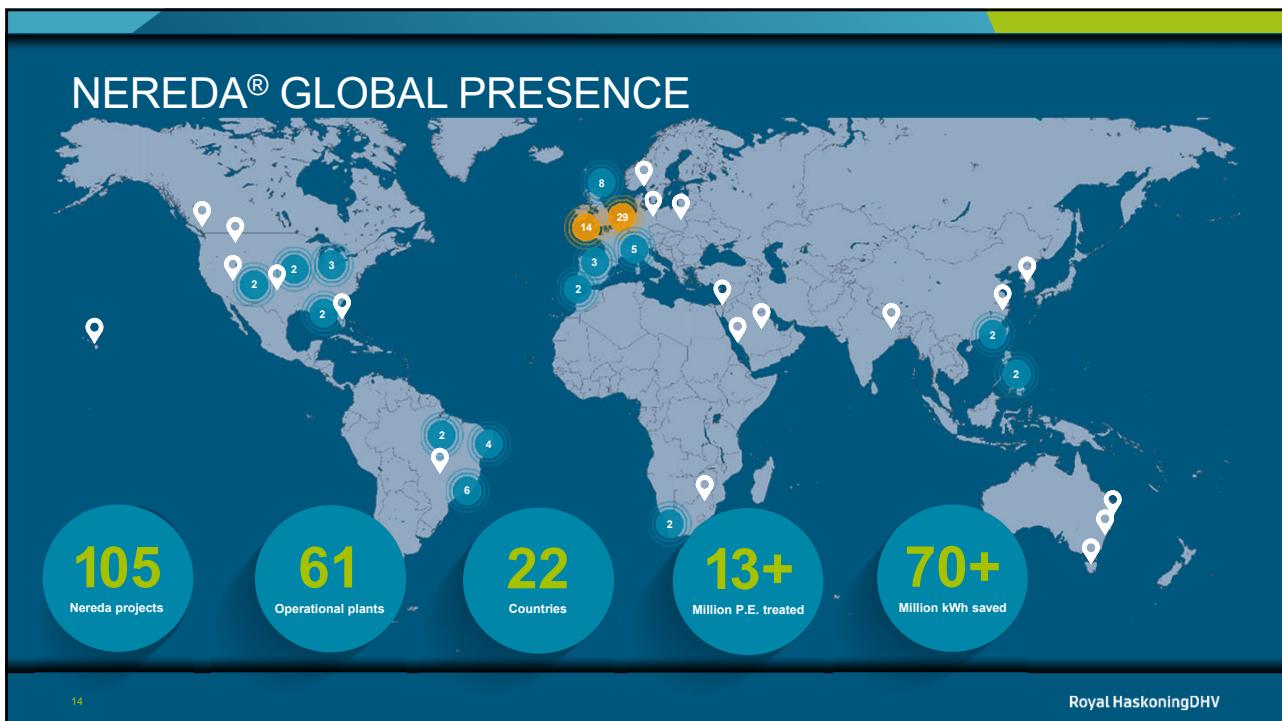


KRITISCHE SUCCESFACTOREN (3)

The map displays the 'GLOBAL NEREDA COMMUNITY' with green shaded regions indicating active projects or presence in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. Specific partners are highlighted with their logos and names: Aquae-Aerobic Systems Inc., EPS, Sources, Acciona, nijhuis, EnviDan, WABAG, SAMSUNG ENGINEERING, BRK, WEC, LOVOL, BEWG, JFE Engineering Corporation, AQUATEC MAXCON, TU Delft, Stowa, CTy, Other Partners (IB DUTCH WATER AUTHORITIES, TUDelft, Stowa, CTy), Preferred Suppliers (ABB, AERZEN, Festo, GEA, Grundfos, Hach, Mecana, RMU, Schneider Electric, Trojan UV), and Endress+Hauser.

- Focus op grootschalige stedelijke zuivering en opbouw indrukwekkende referentielijst
- Focus op best werkende referenties
 - Nereda Controller
 - Data analytics & dashboarding
 - Remote support
 - Dialoog met operators
- Onze bedrijfscultuur
- Internationaal netwerk en partners

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VAN NUL TOT HONDERD EN SNEL DUURZAAM VERDER

MARKET DRIVERS: DO MORE WITH LESS



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Verdygo adopted by more and more Dutch Water Authorities

- Standardized modular treatment plant units
- Designed for sustainable construction, material reuse & flexible future adjustment
- Modular and mobile pre-fabricated units (container or skids)
- Built above ground and connected by plug&play
- Nereda as one of the biological treatment standard



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All biological wastewater treatment technologies emits some N₂O

- N₂O has a global warming potential that is 265 times higher than CO₂.
- Large variability in reported N₂O emission for classical wastewater treatment technologies
 - between different wastewater treatment systems AND within different types of wastewater treatment systems AND during different seasons/flow variations
 - Emission factor in range of 0.x to >10% kg N₂O per kg TN influent (Foley et al 2011)
- Extensive monitoring at Nereda Dinxperlo showed at least similar or better emission factor

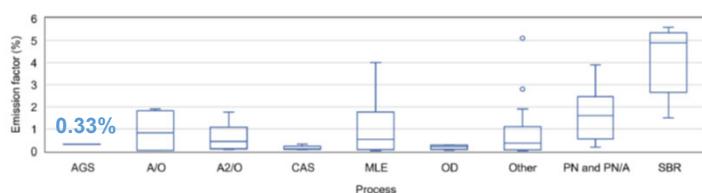


Fig. 15. Emission factor of nitrous oxide for different wastewater treatment systems, adapted from (Vasilaki et al., 2019). Process groups: AGS: Aerobic Granular Sludge, A/O: Anoxic/oxic reactor, A²/O: anaerobic-anoxic-oxic reactor, CAS: conventional activated sludge, MLE: Modified Ludzak-Ettinger reactor, OD: oxidation ditch, SBR: sequencing batch reactor, PN and PN/A: partial-nitritation and partial-nitritation-anammox process.



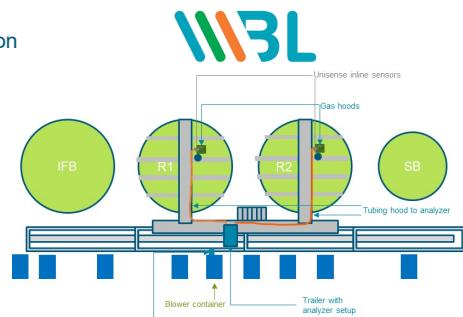
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Application research Nereda Panheel

- Purpose: develop active control strategies to further minimize N₂O emission
- Set-up:
 - 1 reference reactor and 1 “test” reactor
 - Trial various control strategies and monitor emission
- Preliminary results:
 - Emission factor reference similar to Dinxperlo
 - Adjustment of control strategies can indeed lead to reduced emission
 - E.g. effect of increased DO trial (in April 2023)
 - DWF: 2 mg/l → 4 mg/l / RWF: 3 mg/l → 6 mg/l
- To be continued



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Micropollutant removal

- Validated effectiveness of powder activated carbon dosing into Nereda
- Effective micropollutant removal and tuneable by dosing rate
- No negative effect on biological treatment performance and granulation
- Will be integrated in upcoming Nereda Controller updates



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FROM WASTE TO RESOURCE

REDUCE

REPURPOSE



PRODUCE

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REDUCE

Nereda granules are 15 – 20% Kaumera. Extracting this portion reduces sludge treatment and disposal cost.



REPURPOSE

Kaumera is a valuable raw material with promising applications for generating additional revenue.



PRODUCE

Kaumera extraction produces a valuable biopolymer from the Nereda sludge.

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Kaumera Extraction Installation



2019 Zutphen: first Kaumera Extraction Installation on **dairy** (only industrial) wastewater treated in Nereda.
Processing 2,800 ton DS/year of sludge



2020 Epe: first Kaumera Extraction Installation on **municipal** wastewater treated in Nereda.
Processing 250 ton DS/year of sludge

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HIGHLY RESILIENT

- Granulation intrinsically embedded in simple 3 step cycle
- Continuous suppression of filamentous growth
- Biopolymer provides resilient during less favorable conditions:
 - Salt fluctuations
 - Chemical spikes
 - pH fluctuations
 - Temperature fluctuations
 - Load variations
- Highly relevant to industrial applications

Shock addition of 5,000 ppm NaCl: activated sludge vs. AGS after 5 min settling

Sudden start/stop of sea water toilet flushing caused no noticeable effect

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NEREDA® CONFIGURATIONS

GREENFIELD

PARALLEL

BROWNFIELD

RETROFIT

HYBRID

PACKAGE / MINI

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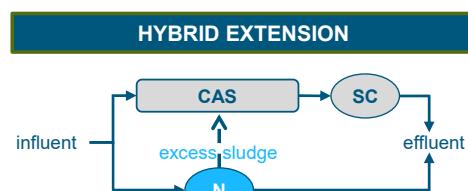
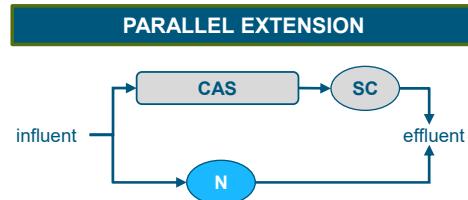
Nereda Hybrid: unlocking synergetic potential

Principle

- Nereda® in parallel to Conventional Activated Sludge (flow-through or SBR)
- Waste good settling excess sludge to CAS

Advantages include

- Easier integration & operation existing sludge processing
- Supporting & Augmenting performance existing CAS
 - improved SVI (densification)
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Vroomshoop
Hybrid with Flow-Through



Ringsend
Hybrid with SBR

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NEREDA® RINGSEND

Ireland

The image shows a large industrial facility situated along a coastline. In the background, there are two tall cooling towers of a power plant. The facility itself consists of numerous rectangular concrete tanks, piping, and smaller buildings. A green line highlights specific areas of the plant, likely indicating the path of the wastewater treatment process.

Client:
Uisce Éireann (Irish Water)

Capacity:
625,000 m³/day | 2,400,000 PE

2,000,000 PE Retrofit
- 8 Upper Deck SBRs → Nereda®
- 4 Upper Deck SBRs → Hybrid Nereda®
- 12 Lower Deck SBRs → Hybrid Nereda®

400,000 PE Capacity Upgrade
- 6 new Nereda®

Digestion Upgrade
Retrofit to Ephyra®

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HARKOS (HarnAschpoldeRKOrelSlib)

The image shows an aerial view of a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located in a green, suburban area. The plant features a large cluster of circular sedimentation tanks. A blue line outlines the footprint of the plant, and a blue box contains the text: "Get ready for the future within existing space?". To the left of the plant, there is a blue sidebar with icons and text related to future challenges for existing WWTPs:

- Water reuse
- Capacity / effluent quality
- Resource recovery
- Energy

2015: Future challenges for existing WWTPs using activated sludge:

Harnaschpolder WWTP
• Capacity : 1.26 million p.e.

TU Delft

DEFLUENT Services bv

Hoogheemraadschap van Delfland

Hoogheemraadschap van Rijnland

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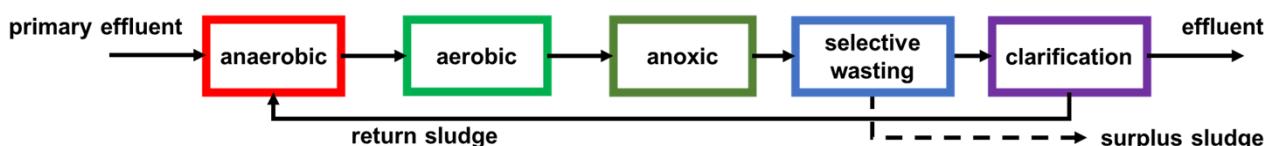
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Research and timeline Harkos

- Key research question:
 - How to translate the selective pressures for granule formation from Nereda®?
 - How large are the benefits for retrofit of CAS-systems, at what cost?



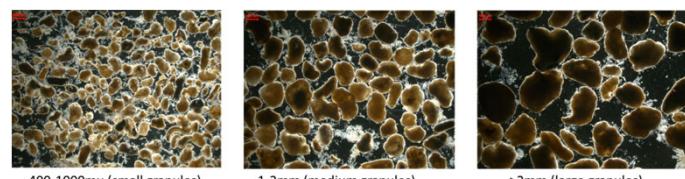
Timeline of pilot-scale research:

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|
- design, build and test pilot-scale set-up
 - optimization, attempt formation of AGS from AS
 - sensitivity analysis of formation of AGS from AS
 - redesign and
 - testing through seeding of AGS from Nereda®

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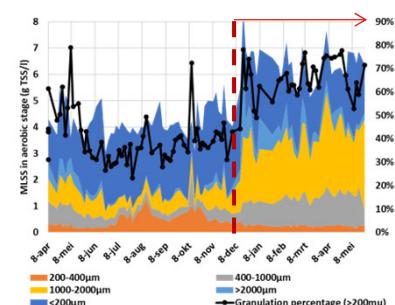
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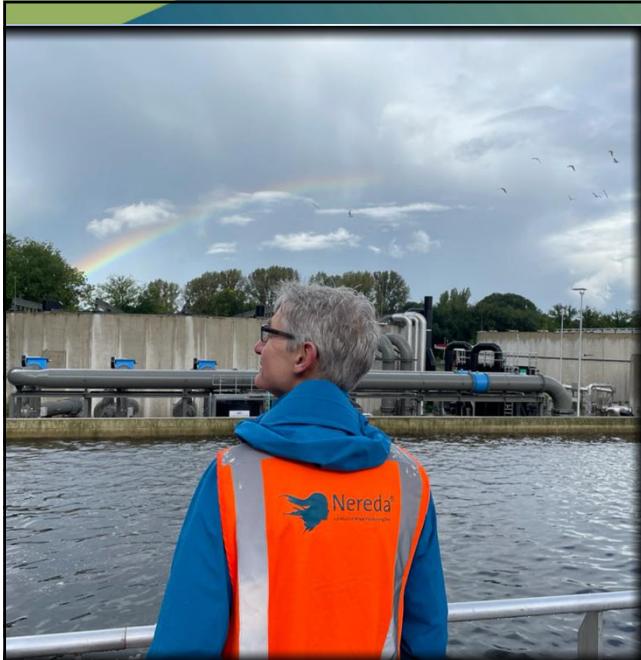
- Able to retain granules and grow more
- Similar granules as in Nereda SBRs
- Average SVI₃₀ of approx. 50 ml/g
- Average MLSS of approx. 6.5 g/l
- Average granulation (> 0.2 mm) percentage approx. 70%
- Doubled volumetric capacity



→ Proof-of-principle

→ Next step: validation in scale-up pilot at full-scale





VAN 0 NAAR



in ca. 18 jaar

moderne standaard die 100 jaar oude actiefslib
vervangt

EN SNEL DUURZAAM VERDER

Voorbeelden tonen hoe technologie verder evolueert en oplossingen biedt ook voor uitdagingen van morgen

en vast nog 100 jaar blijft bijdragen aan duurzame waterzuivering

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