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## Supplementary Material

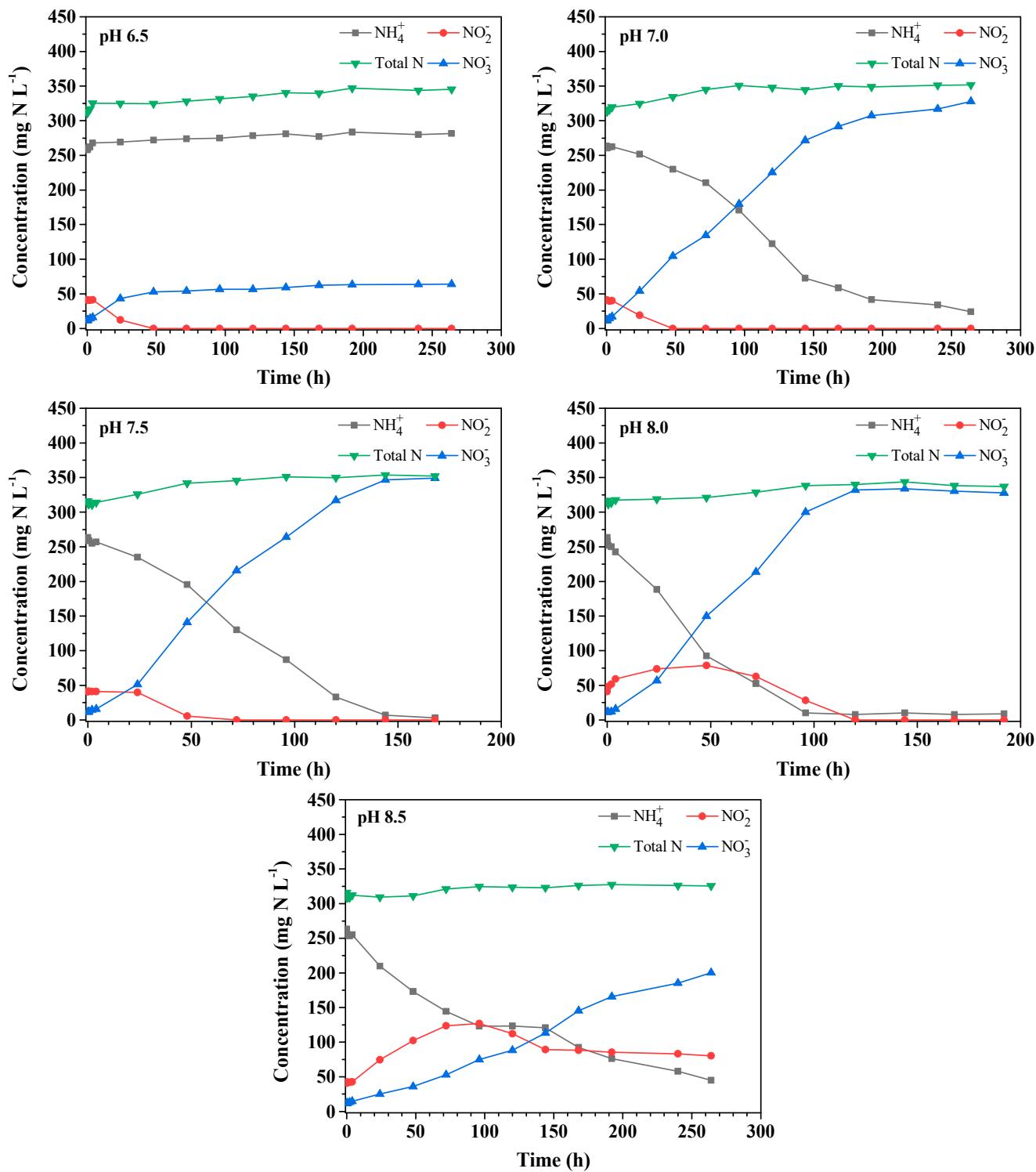
# Nitrification upon Nitrogen Starvation and Recovery: Effect of Stress Period, Substrate Concentration and pH on Ammonia Oxidizers' Performance

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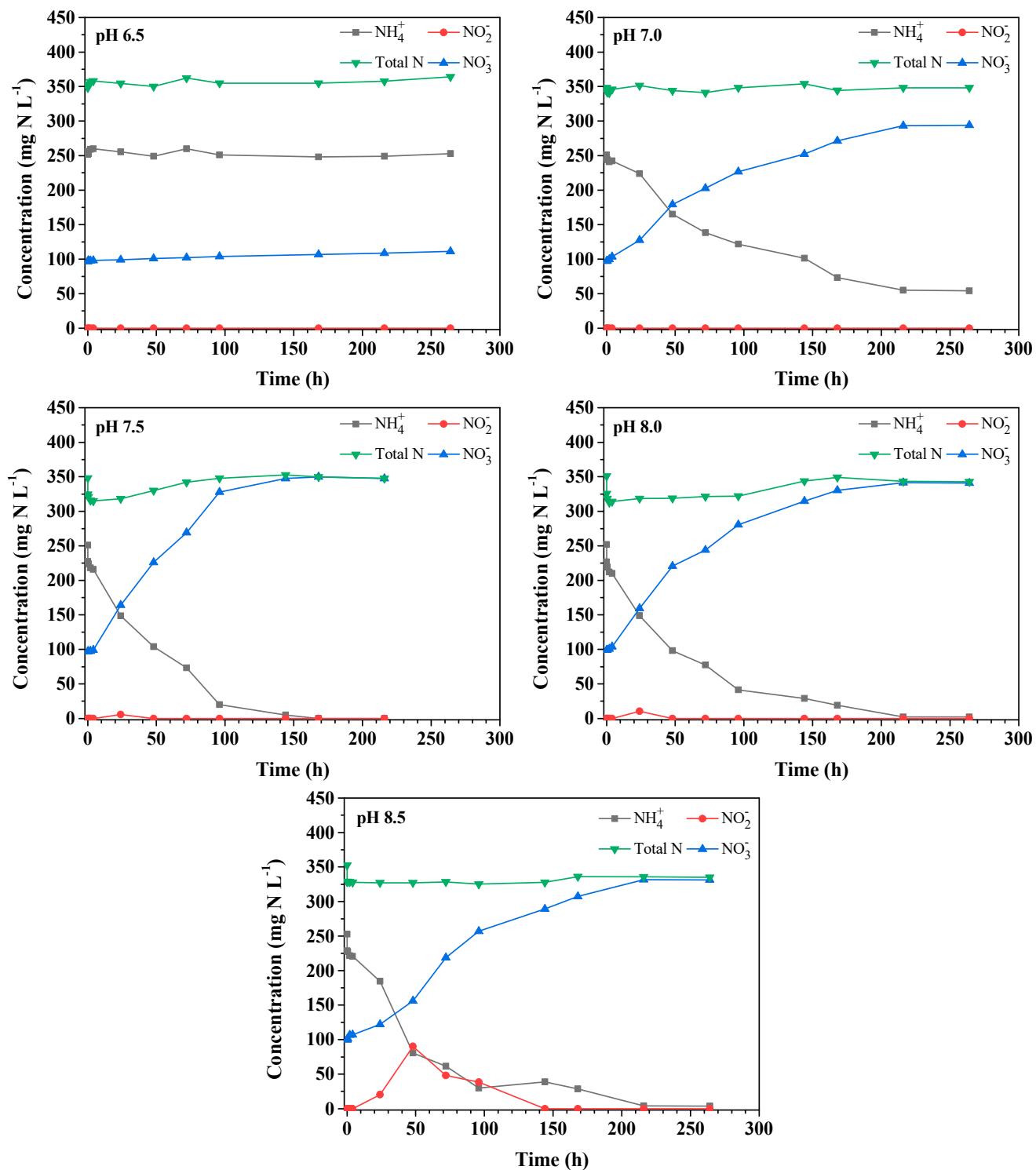
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**Figure S1.** The process of nitrification performed by non-starved cells of enriched nitrifying cultures at different pH values. Incubation conditions included temperature of 25 °C, initial addition of  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$  concentration of 250 mg N L<sup>-1</sup>, and cell density of 500 mg TSS L<sup>-1</sup>, equivalent to  $1.29 \times 10^9$  cells mL<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S2.** The process of nitrification performed by 3-days starved cells of enriched nitrifying cultures at different pH values. Incubation conditions included temperature of 25 °C, initial addition of NH<sub>4</sub>-N concentration of 250 mg N L<sup>-1</sup>, and cell density of 500 mg TSS L<sup>-1</sup>, equivalent to  $1.29 \times 10^9$  cells mL<sup>-1</sup>.