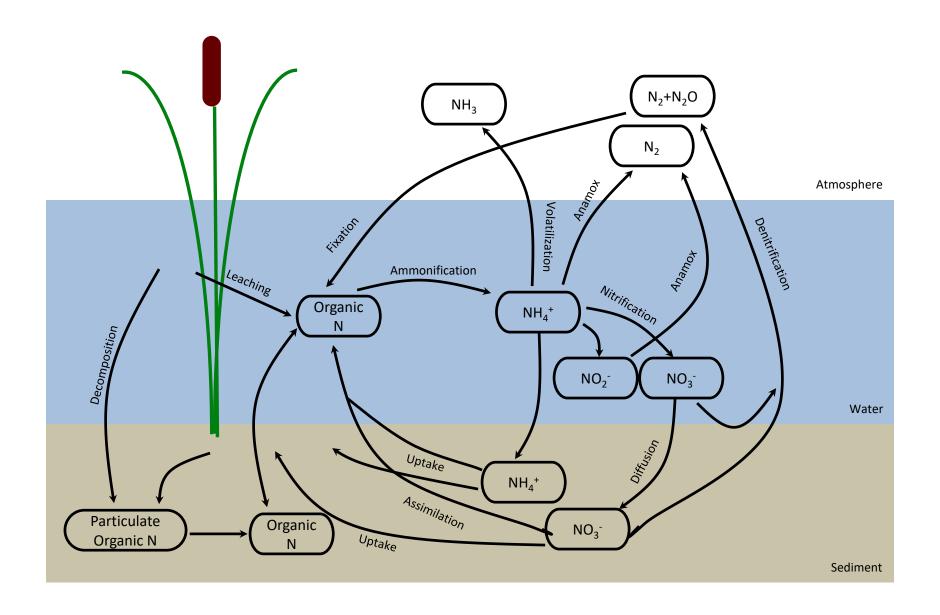
# Nitrogen Dynamics & Stormwater Management

### Nitrogen Forms

- Total Nitrogen
  - Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
    - Ammonia/um (NH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>)
    - Organic Nitrogen (e.g. amino acids, urea, purines, pyrimidines, humic acid, proteins, lipids, etc.)
  - Nitrate/Nitrite (NO<sub>x</sub>)

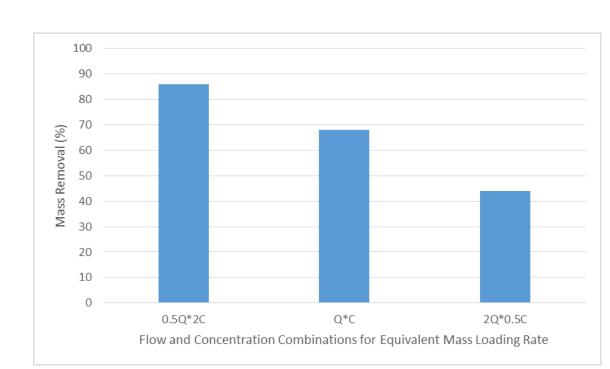


## Nitrogen Concentrations

- Irreducible concentrations
- Nitrate/nitrite and ammonium can be reduced to below detection limits, ~0.004 mg/L and 0.01 mg/L, respectively
- Organic nitrogen includes some recalcitrant forms, minimum concentrations of ~0.2-1.0 mg/L

#### **Stormwater Concerns**

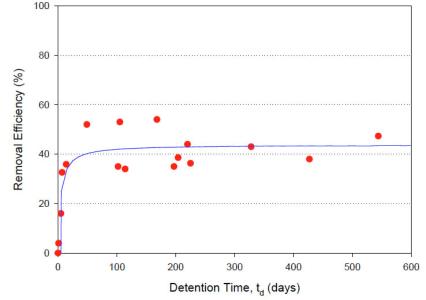
- Targeted pollutant reduction efficiency, 70-95%
- Pulse-loading vs steady-state
- EMCs



# Efficiency

- Efficiency independent of incoming concentration
- Treatment process order

 Assumed efficiencies (e.g. 45% TN removal for biofiltration, MAPS 10%)



#### **Groundwater Protection**

- SW practice assumes that all nutrients infiltrated are gone (AC concept tried to address)
- Surface discharges have to meet other criteria
- Assuming treatment without monitoring risks BMAPs failing even after implementing projects
- Typically no monitoring

# Alachua County Geology

Eastern vs western county

