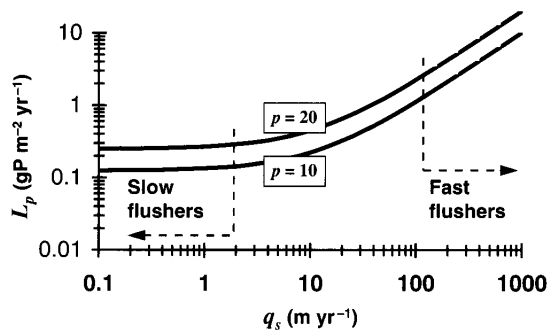


# CEE 577: Surface Water Quality Modeling

Lecture #19  
Streeter-Phelps: Nitrogen,  
Photosynthesis/Respiration  
(Chapra, L23, L24)

## Loading & Overflow Model



$$P = \frac{L}{11.6 + 1.2q_s}$$

From Chapra (pg 538)

# Extended Streeter Phelps

$$D = D_o e^{-k_a t} + \frac{k_d L_o}{k_a - k_r} (e^{-k_r t} - e^{-k_a t}) \quad \#2$$

$$+ \frac{k_n L_{No}}{k_a - k_n} (e^{-k_n t} - e^{-k_a t}) \quad \#3$$

$$\#4 \quad + \frac{-P + R + \left( \frac{S'_B}{H} \right)}{k_a} (1 - e^{-k_a t})$$

$$\#5 \quad + \frac{k_d S_d}{k_r k_a} (1 - e^{-k_a t}) - \frac{k_d S_d}{k_r (k_a - k_r)} (e^{-k_r t} - e^{-k_a t})$$

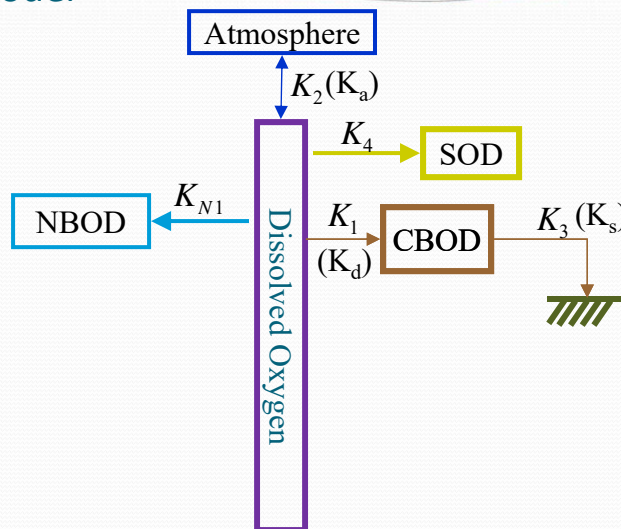
$$\#6 \quad + \frac{k_n S_{Nd}}{k_n k_a} (1 - e^{-k_a t}) - \frac{k_n S_{Nd}}{k_n (k_a - k_n)} (e^{-k_n t} - e^{-k_a t})$$

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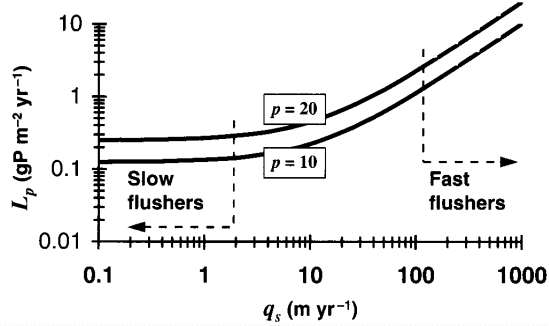
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# General Model Kinetics



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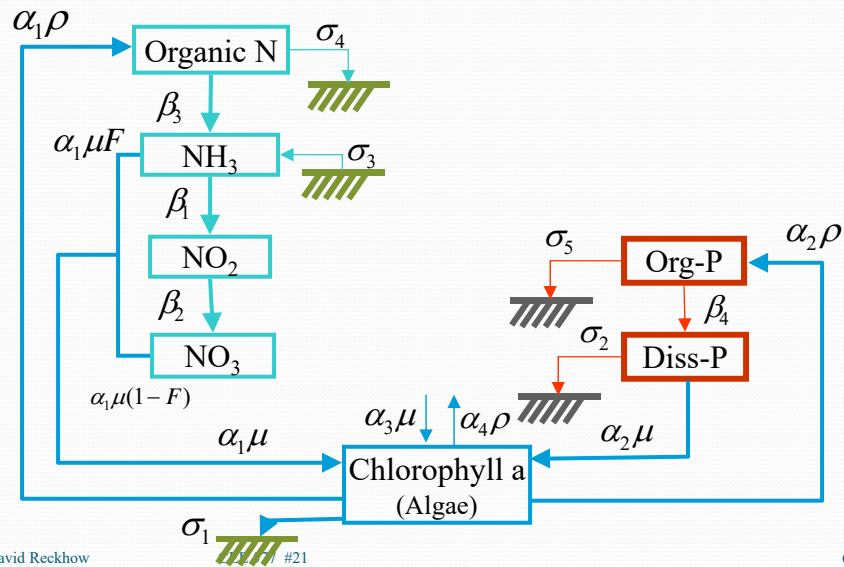
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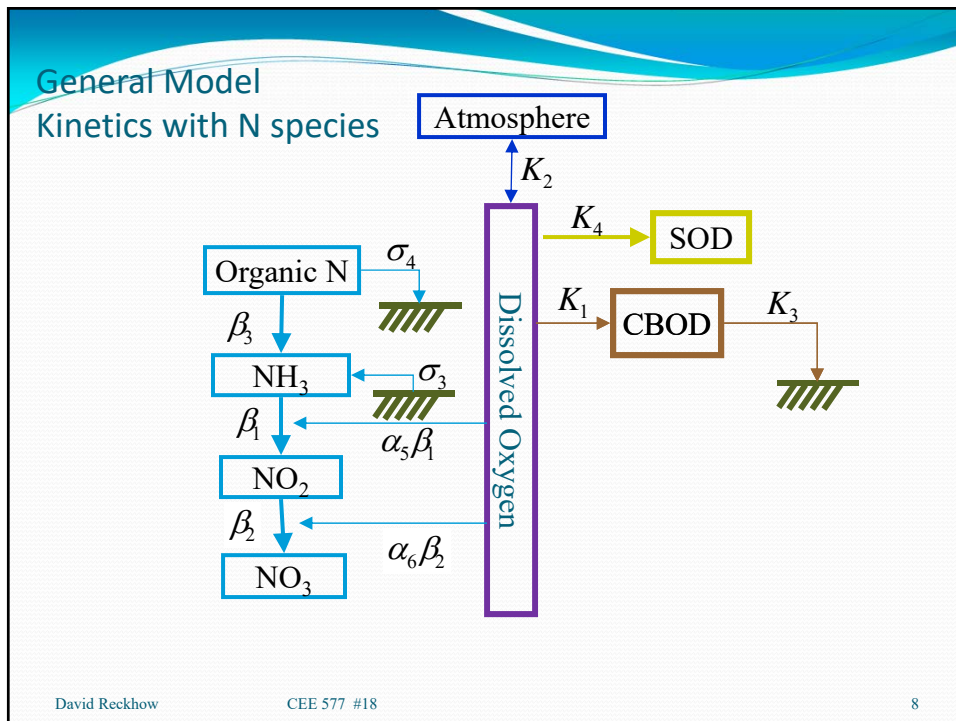
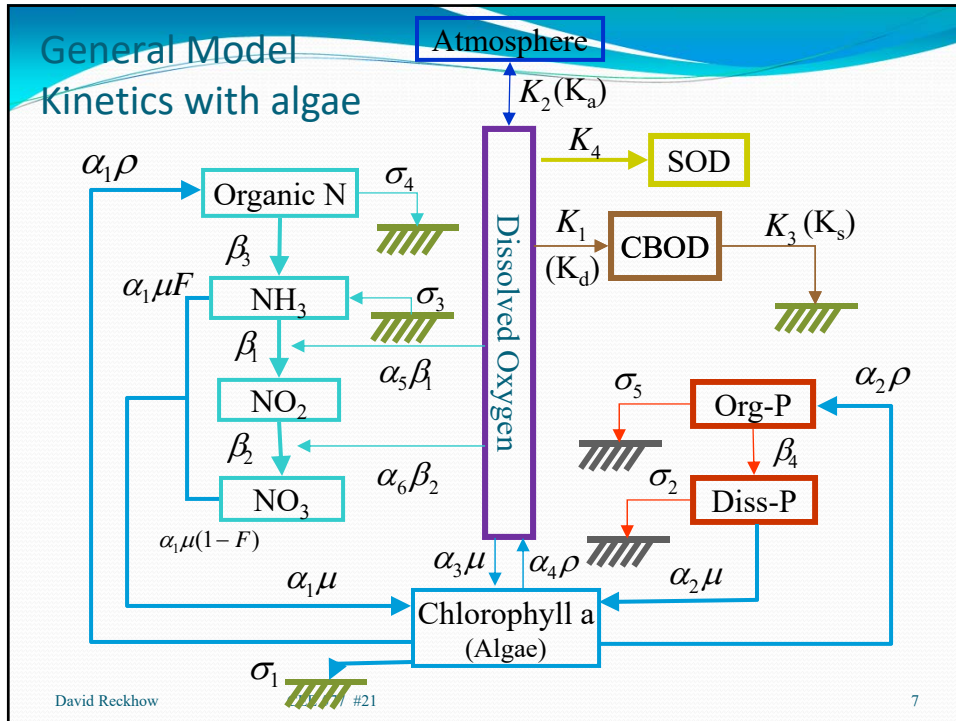


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From Chapra (pg 538)

# Mechanistic Algal Model





## Nitrogen Modeling

- Organic Nitrogen ( $N_4$ )

$$\frac{dN_4}{dt} = \alpha_1 \rho A - \beta_3 N_4 - \sigma_4 N_4$$

Fraction of algal biomass which is nitrogen (mg-N/mg-A)

Algal respiration rate ( $d^{-1}$ )

Algal biomass (mg/L)

Org-N hydrolysis rate ( $d^{-1}$ )

Org-N settling rate ( $d^{-1}$ )

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## Nitrogen Modeling (cont.)

- Ammonia Nitrogen ( $N_1$ )

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = \beta_3 N_4 - \beta_1 N_1 + \frac{\sigma_3}{z} - F_1 \alpha_1 \mu A$$

Org-N hydrolysis rate ( $d^{-1}$ )

Rate of biological oxidation of ammonia ( $d^{-1}$ )

Fraction of algal-N uptake from ammonia

Fraction of algal biomass which is nitrogen (mg-N/mg-A)

Benthos release rate ( $g-N/m^2/d$ )

Specific Algal growth rate ( $d^{-1}$ )

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## Nitrogen Modeling (cont.)

- Nitrite ( $N_2$ )

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = \beta_1 N_1 - \beta_2 N_2$$

Rate of  
biological  
oxidation of  
ammonia ( $d^{-1}$ )

Rate of  
biological  
oxidation of  
nitrite ( $d^{-1}$ )

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## Nitrogen Modeling (cont.)

- Nitrate ( $N_3$ )

$$\frac{dN_3}{dt} = \beta_2 N_2 - (1 - F_1) \alpha_1 \mu A$$

Rate of  
biological  
oxidation of  
nitrite ( $d^{-1}$ )

Fraction of  
algal-N uptake  
from ammonia

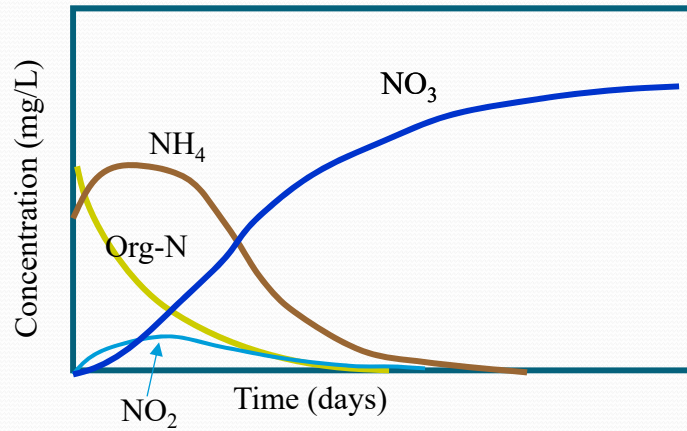
Fraction of  
algal biomass  
which is  
nitrogen (mg-  
N/mg-A)

Specific  
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growth rate  
( $d^{-1}$ )

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## Nitrogen Modeling (cont.)



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## Nitrogen Modeling (cont.)

- Inhibition of Nitrification at low D.O.

$$CORDO = 1 - e^{-KNITRF * D.O.} \quad \text{EPA}$$

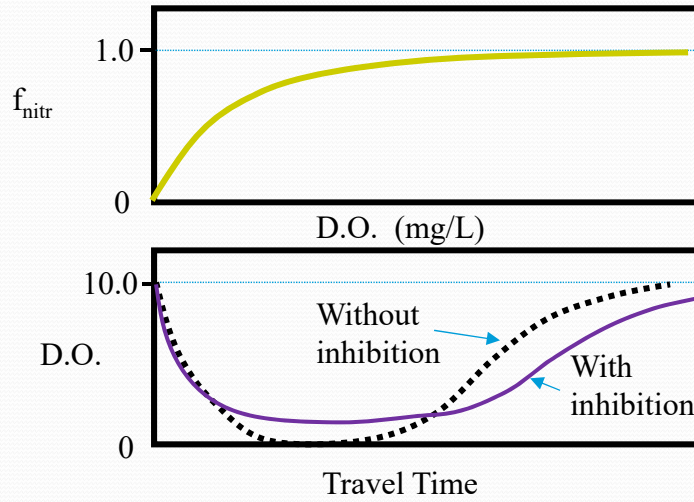
Nitrification correction factor

Nitrification inhibition coefficient (0.6-0.7 L/mg)

$$f_{nitr} = 1 - e^{-k_{nitr} O} \quad \text{Chapra}$$

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## Impact of nitrification inhibition



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