



Reactive Transport in the Hydrosphere

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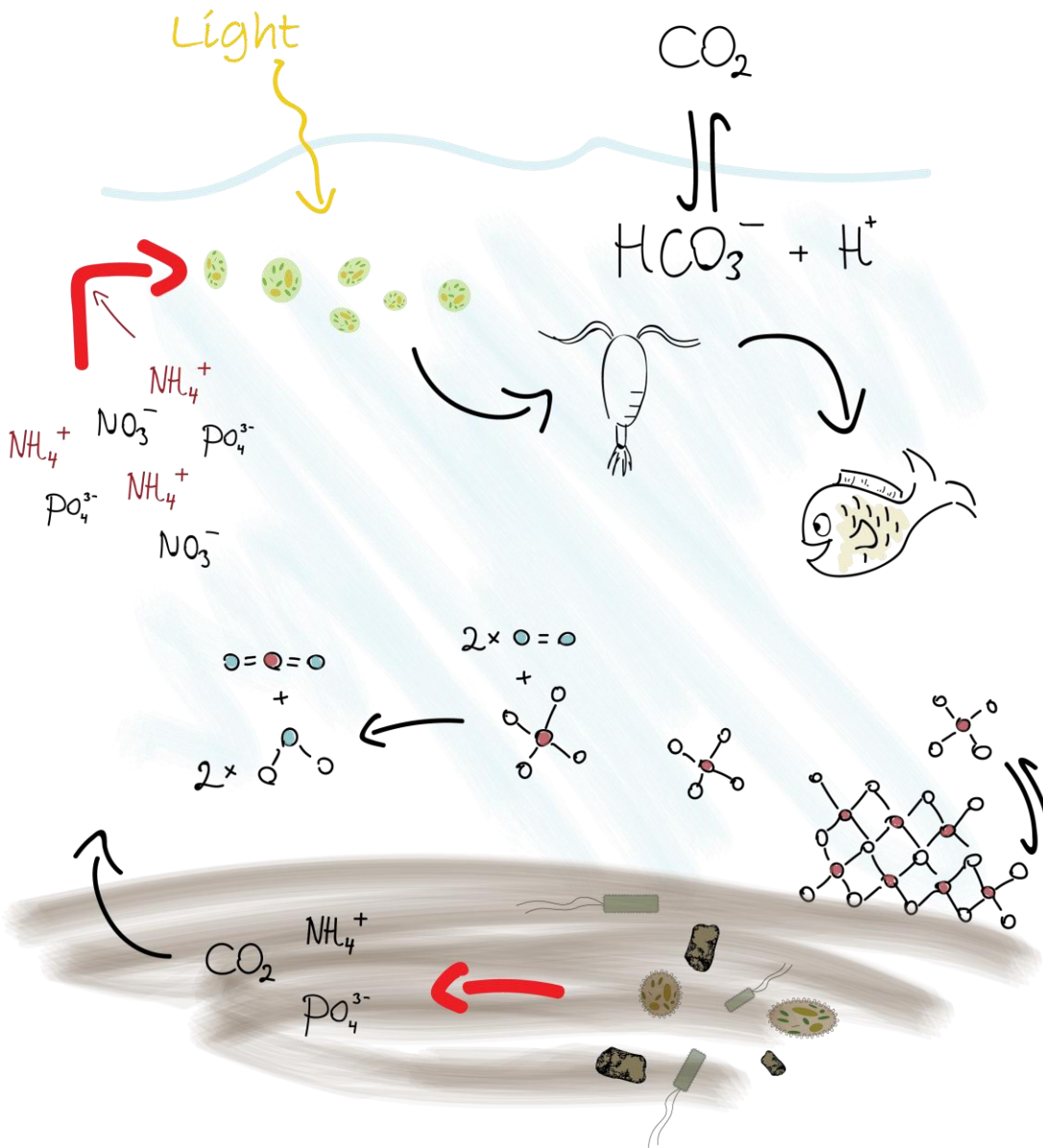
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Rate laws for . . .



Chemical reactions

- Irreversible
- Reversible
- Enzyme-catalyzed (**metabolic**)
 - Substrate limitation
 - Substrate inhibition
 - Rate saturation

Large-scale models

Partitioning between phases

- Mineral dissolution / precipitation
- Gas exchange

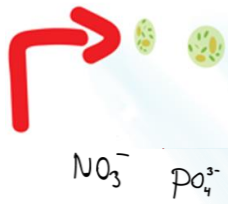
Ecological interactions

- Grazing, predator-prey type

Transport

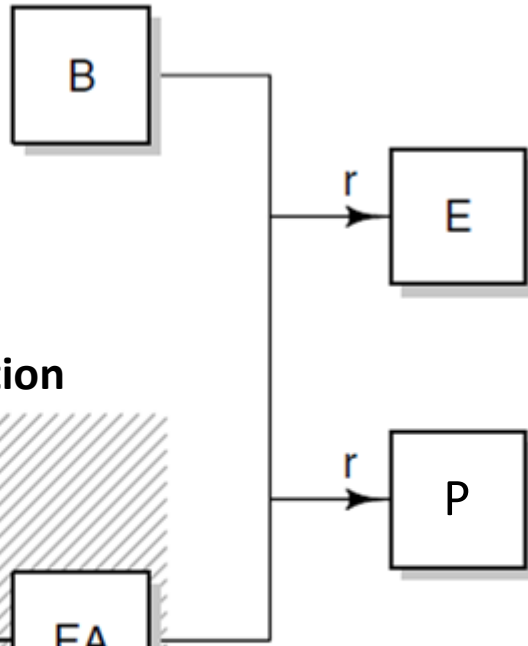
- processes **mediated** by living creatures, catalyzed by enzymes

Application to **metabolic** reactions



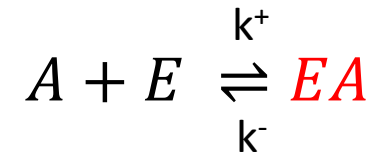
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Slow irreversible reaction

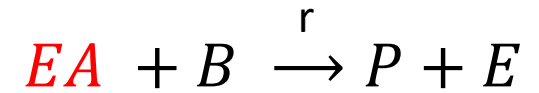


Fast reversible reaction

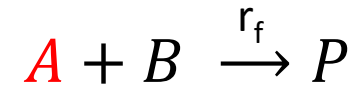
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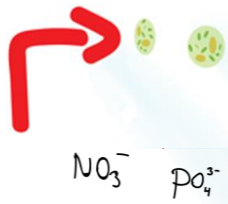
Overall reaction



$$r_f = ???$$

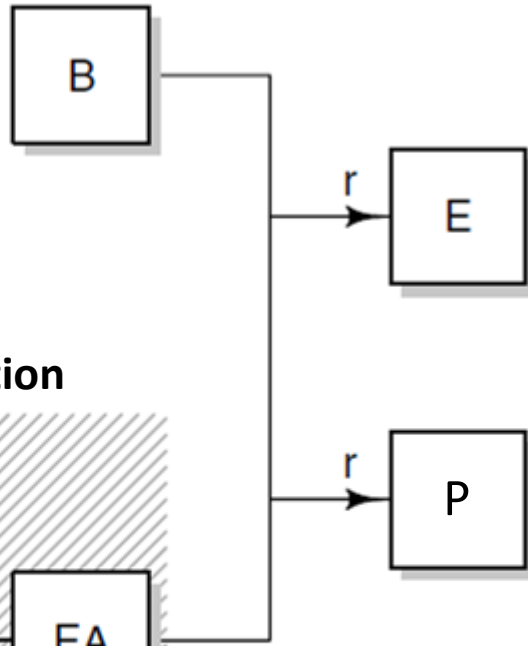


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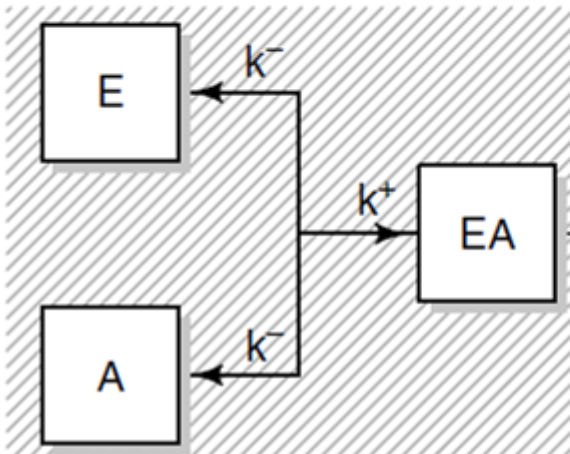


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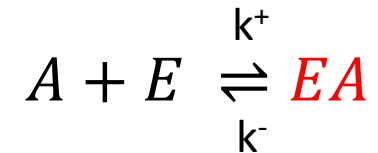
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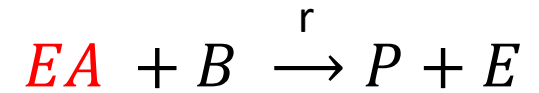
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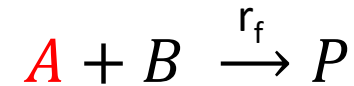
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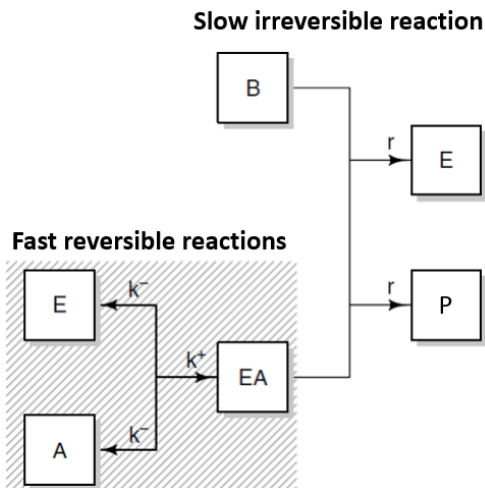
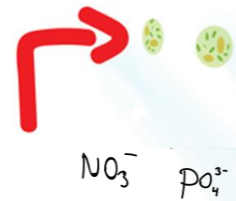
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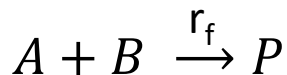


Application to **metabolic** reactions



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d[A]}{dt} &= -k^+ \cdot [A] \cdot [E] + k^- \cdot [EA] \\ \frac{d[B]}{dt} &= -r \cdot [B] \cdot [EA] \\ \frac{d[P]}{dt} &= r \cdot [B] \cdot [EA] \\ \frac{d[E]}{dt} &= r \cdot [B] \cdot [EA] - k^+ \cdot [A] \cdot [E] + k^- \cdot [EA] \\ \frac{d[EA]}{dt} &= -r \cdot [EA] \cdot [B] + k^+ \cdot [A] \cdot [E] - k^- \cdot [EA]\end{aligned}$$

Details in the Textbook, p. 261



Michaelis-Menten (Monod) kinetics

Mass balance equations:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = -\frac{dA}{dt} = -\frac{dB}{dt} = r_f \frac{[A]}{[A] + K_A} [B]$$

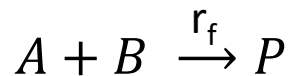
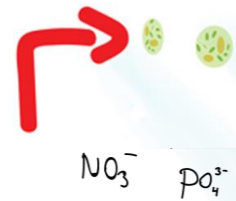
(unit: s^{-1})

$$r_f = r[E_{tot}] = r([E] + [EA])$$

————— Total enzyme concentration

$K_A = k^- / k^+$ ——— Enzyme **affinity** to (rate-limiting) substrate A (unit: mol m^{-3})

Michaelis-Menten kinetics



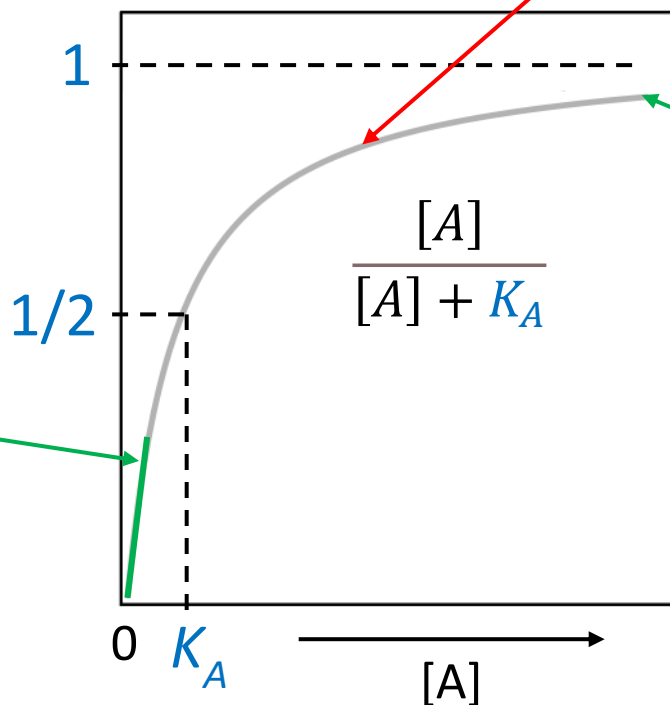
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$$[A] \ll K_A$$

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$$\frac{[A]}{[A] + K_A} \approx \frac{[A]}{K_A}$$

First-order kinetics
with respect to A.



$$[A] \gg K_A$$

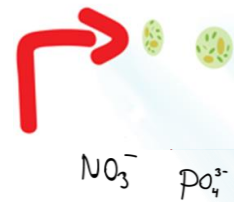
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$$\frac{[A]}{[A] + K_A} \approx 1$$

Rate is **saturated**
with respect to A.



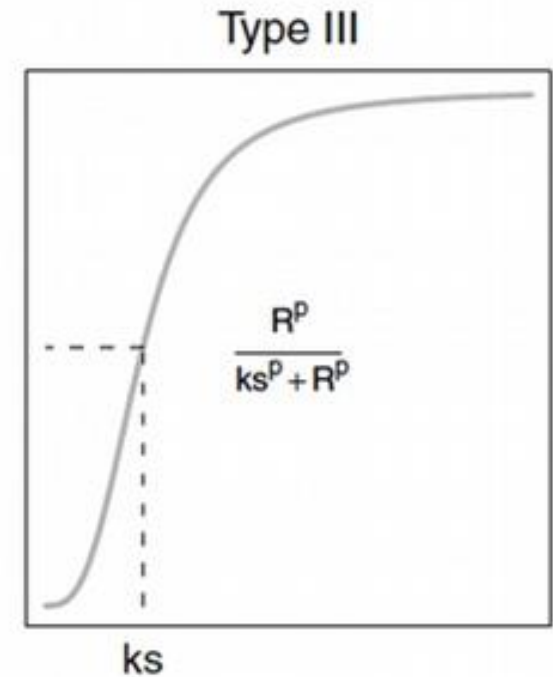
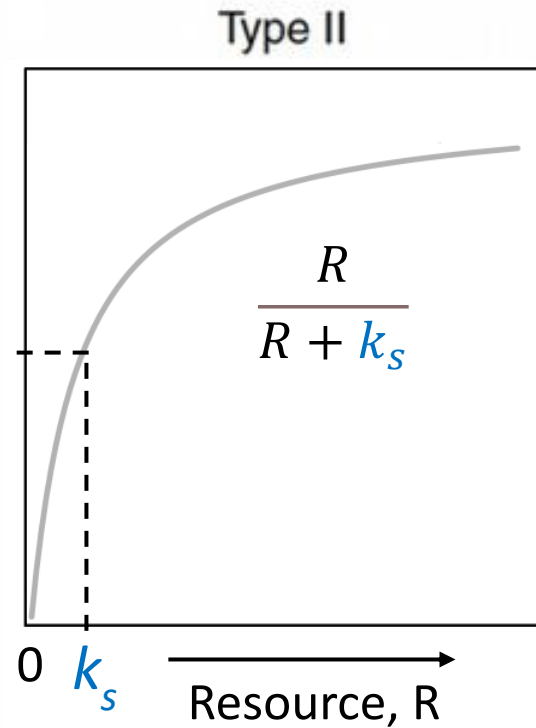
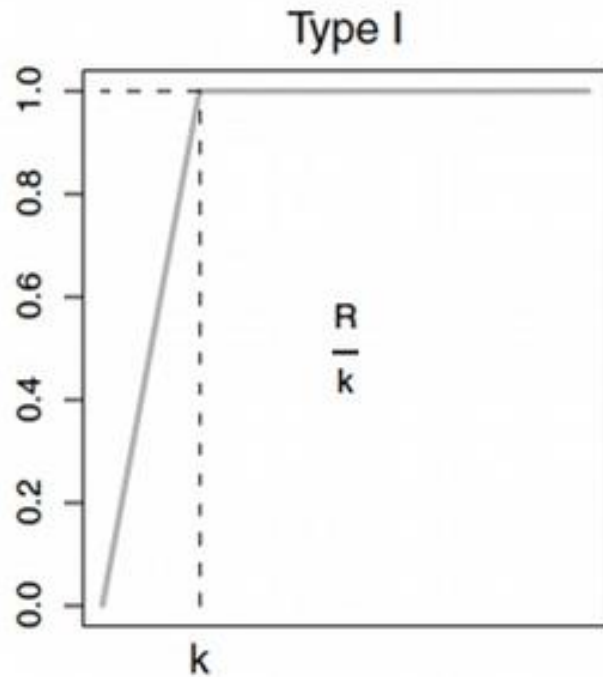
Other forms of metabolic reaction kinetics



Linear up until $A=k$

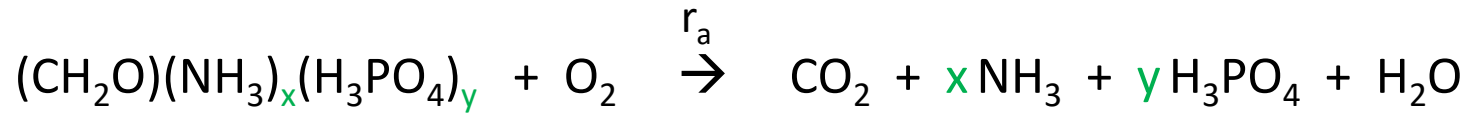
Michaelis-Menten

Sigmoidal



Application to **organic matter mineralization**

Aerobic



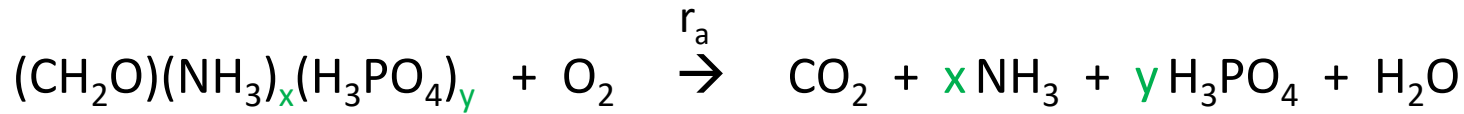
$$\frac{d[C_{org}]}{dt} = -r_a \cdot \frac{[O_2]}{[O_2] + K_{O_2}} \cdot [C_{org}]$$

Michaelis-Menten kinetics (O_2)



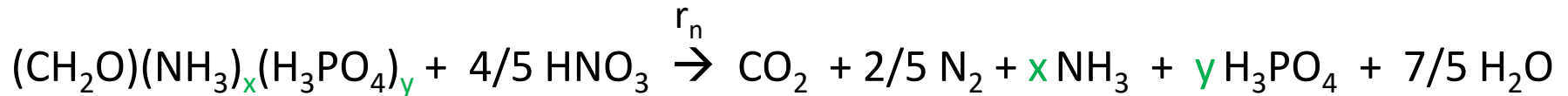
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via Denitrification



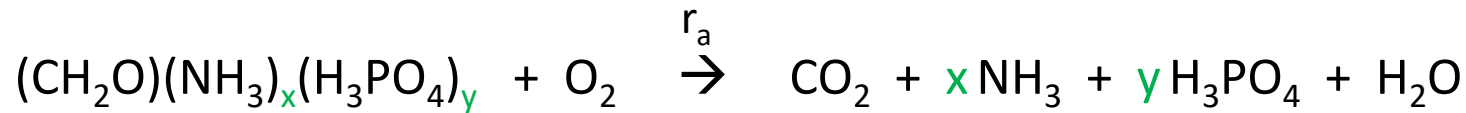
$$\frac{d[C_{org}]}{dt} = -r_n \cdot \frac{[\text{HNO}_3]}{[\text{HNO}_3] + K_{\text{HNO}_3}} \cdot [C_{org}]$$

Michaelis-Menten kinetics (HNO_3)



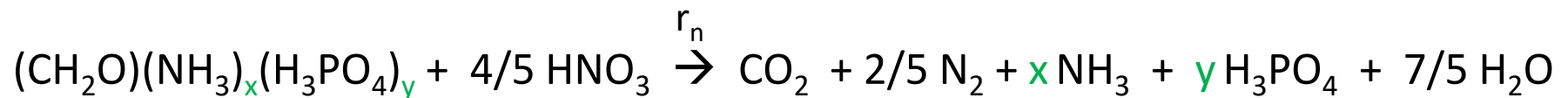
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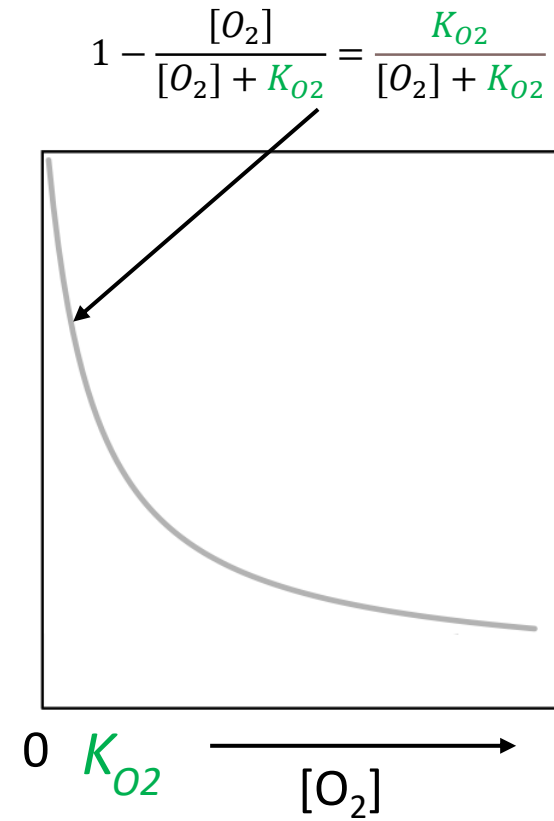


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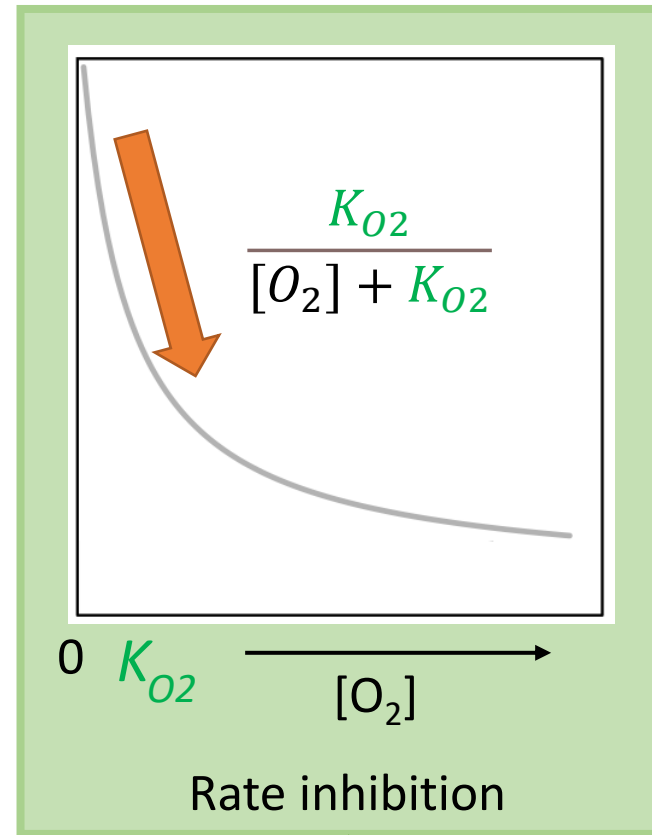
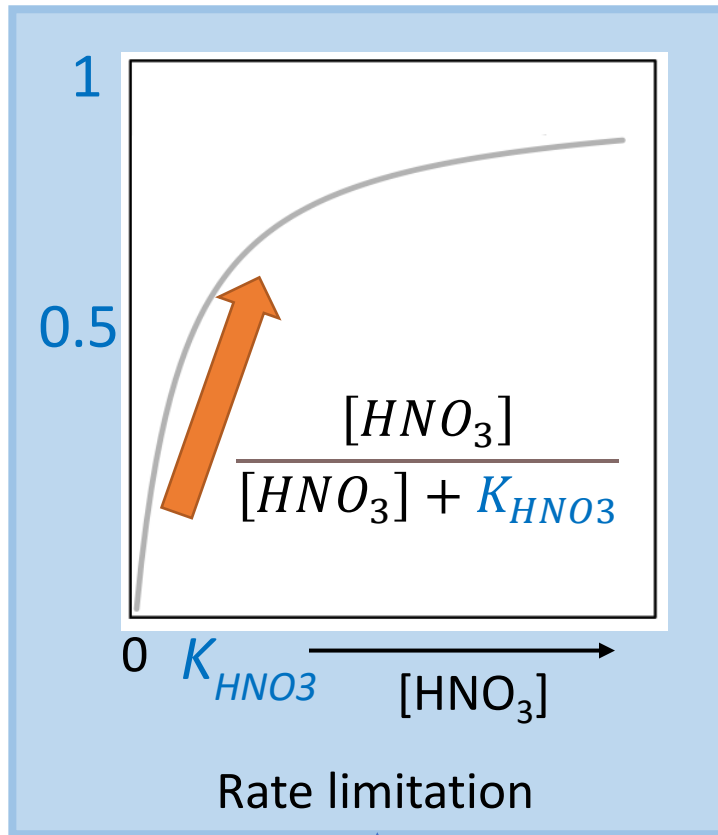
BUT: Aerobic mineralization is **preferred** over denitrification when O_2 is available. How can we **model** this?



Rate inhibition



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$$\text{Denitrification} = r_m \cdot \frac{[HNO_3]}{[HNO_3] + K_{HNO3}} \cdot \frac{K_{O2}}{[O_2] + K_{O2}} \cdot [C_{org}]$$





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