

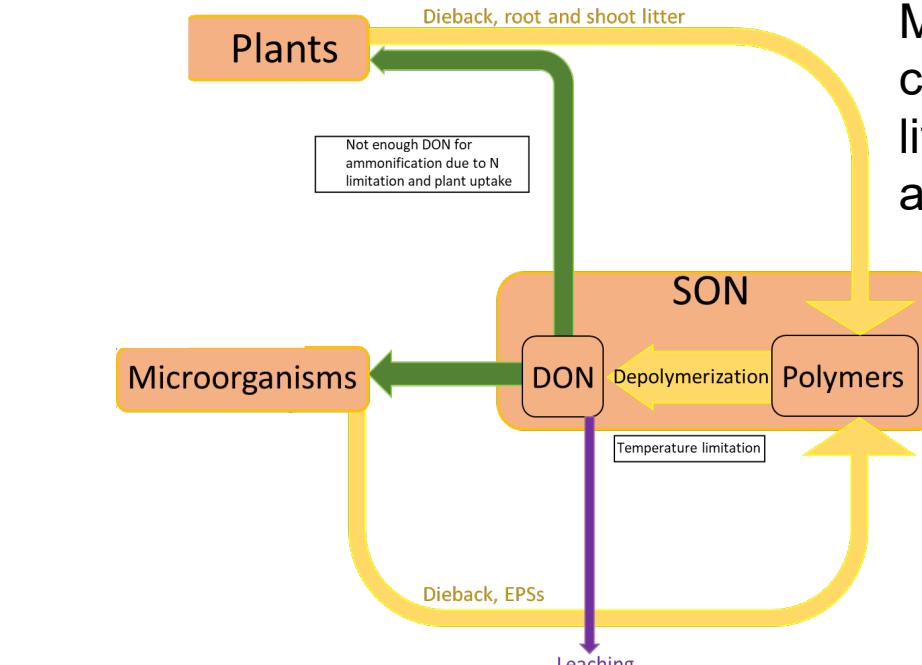
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“Old” paradigm of the permafrost N cycle

(see e.g. Schimel & Bennett 2004, Ecology 85)



Mainly organic N cycling loops with very little mineral N cycling and soil N₂O emissions



FROZEN GROUND

Why questioning this paradigm?

1. Paradigm largely based on soil DON/DIN concentrations and net rates but not on gross rates of N turnover
2. Recently large N_2O emissions from permafrost-affected ecosystems reported
3. Increasing active layer depths and soil temperatures due to climate warming
4. Large SOC and TN concentrations in many permafrost-affected soils should allow for high N ammonification

→ Meta analysis on permafrost N turnover

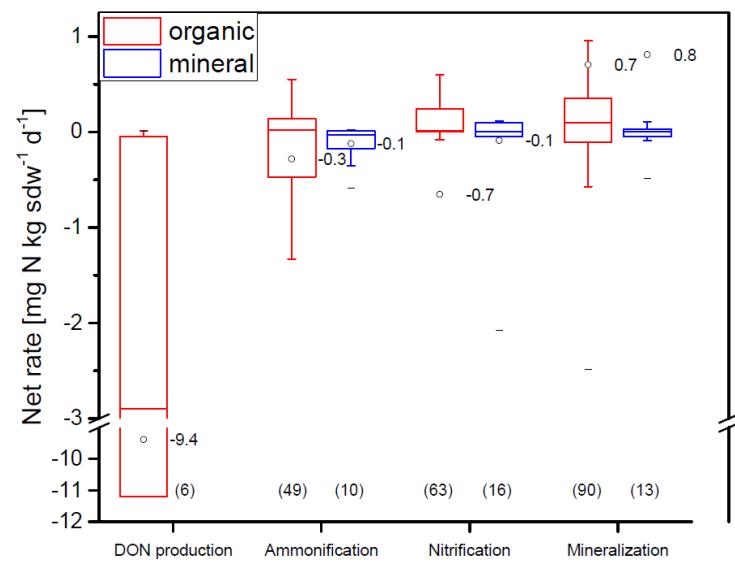
→ 33 studies on net rates 16 on gross rates

→ 163 datasets on net rates, 81 on gross rates

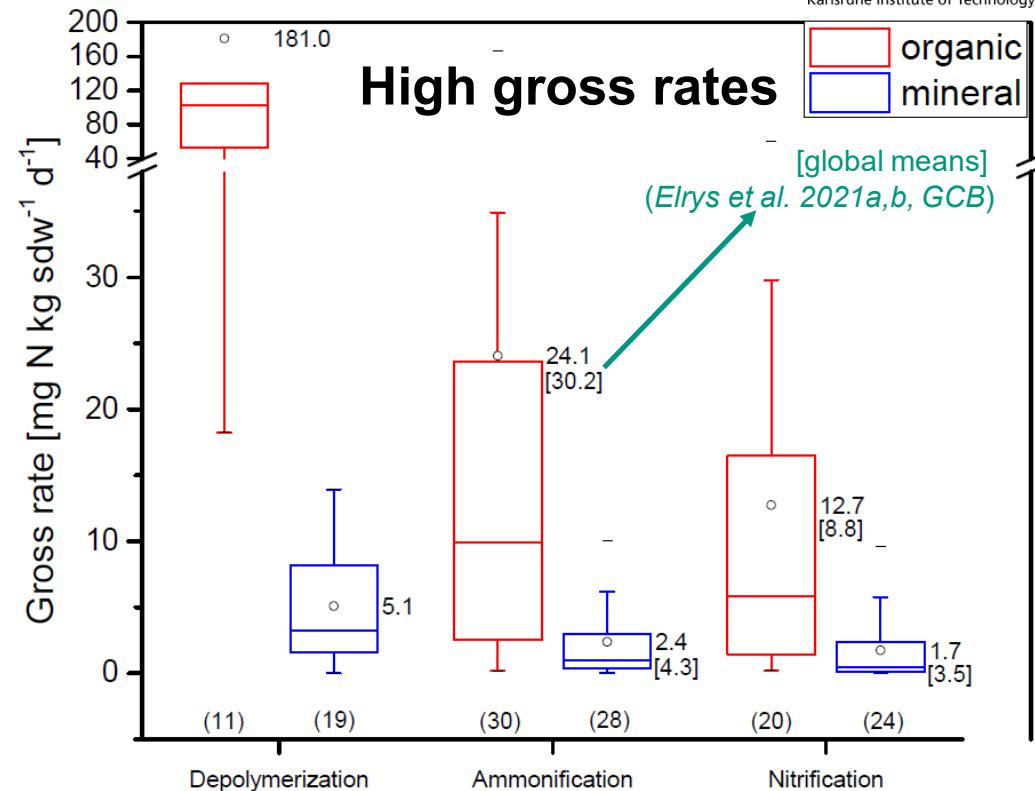


Synthesis of permafrost N turnover

Low net rates

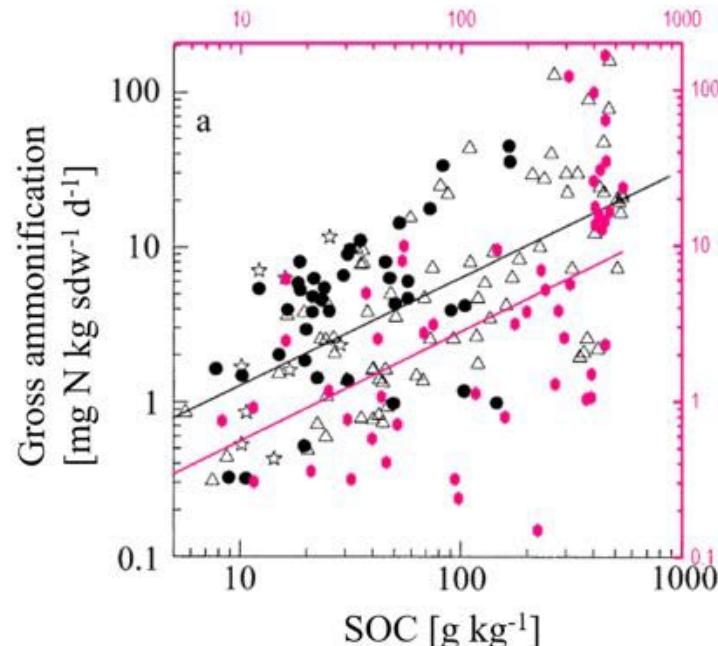


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Soil organic carbon (SOC) and total nitrogen (TN) as driver of gross N turnover: global vs permafrost

Global values by Booth et al. (2005, *Ecological Monographs* 75) vs. permafrost values by our study



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Revised paradigm

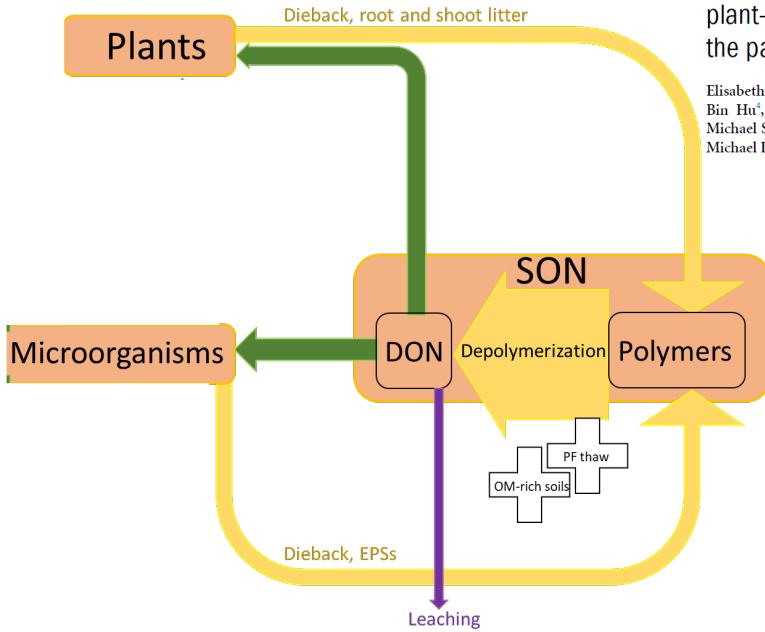
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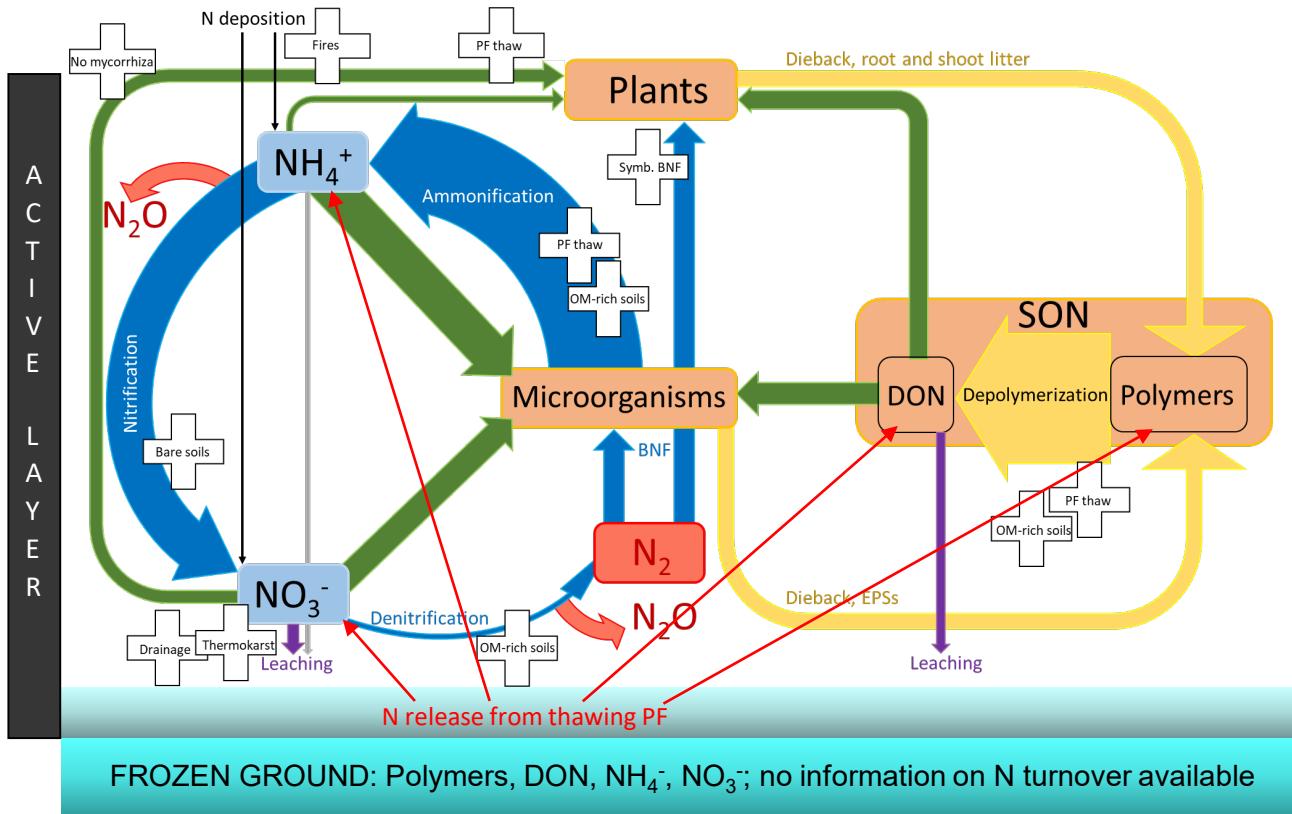
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FROZEN GROUND: Polymers, DON, NH_4^+ , NO_3^- ; no information on N turnover available

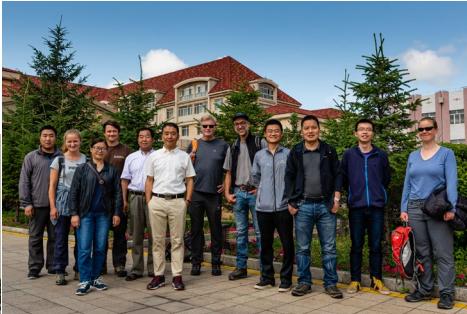
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Revised paradigm



- Important role of mineral N cycling
- Mineral N cycle not generally different compared to temperate and tropical soils
- New paradigm suggests larger permafrost-climate-N-feedbacks via N₂O emissions

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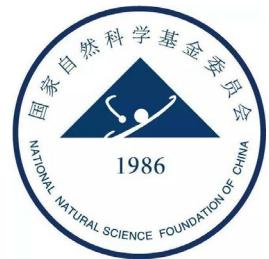
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