

#### **Disaggregating landscape-scale nitrate attenuation**

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## water budget





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current models

accurately accounting for saltwater interface: large changes in aquifer storage large water volumes required to reach equilibrium long hydraulic response time

red = interface depth blue = Q black = storage

(d)

150

≈ 21 a

100

≈ 30 a



closest match to observed flows

gradual change in recharge: ~ 20-30 yr lag times

50

t - t<sub>o</sub> [a]

#### landscape-scale nitrate mass balance disaggregating attenuation







#### PLAN-B mass balance model framework disaggregation of attenuation

 $L_{out}^m = \frac{c(t)Q(t)}{A_c}$ measured N output  $P_i \quad population/proportion$   $L_i \quad load per capita or per area$  $L_{in}^p = \sum_i [P_i L_i]_B$ estimated N input  $L_{OUT}^{p} = \sum_{i} [P_{i}L_{i}A_{i}N_{i}]_{B} \quad - \begin{bmatrix} A_{i} \text{ anthropogenic attenuation} \\ N_{i} \text{ natural attenuation} \\ (\text{delivery}) \end{bmatrix}$ predicted N Output disaggregated attenuation  $N_i = N_{S,i} N_{V,i} N_A$  $N = 1 - \alpha$ (natural attenuation delivery)

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#### N budget in the springshed of Silver Springs, FL $A = 1300 \text{ km}^2$

#### (a) and (c)

- $P_i$  population/proportion
- $L_i$  load per capita or per area

fertilized urban (red) cropland (yellow) pastures for horses and cattle (brown) [largest horse population in the US!] population density (reverse colors)

#### (d)

A<sub>i</sub> anthropogenic attenuation septic tanks (each point) [68%!! more than 2x the state average]

(b)  $N_{i,v}$  natural attenuation (delivery) confining unit







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#### in situ measurement of soil attenuation ion-exchange resin columns



Soil passive flux meter (SPFM), analog to passive flux meters for groundwater (Hatfield et al., 2004) and surface water (Klammler et al., 2007)



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## deployed in heterogeneous land uses



Horse pastures n = 10

**Field Crops** n = 5 **Row Crops** n = 10

**Urban** *lawns and golf course* n = 15

Cattle pastures n = 5



#### in situ measurement of soil attenuation 45 SPFMs deployed at 9 sites



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Figure 4. Nitrate  $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{15}$ N measured in Silver Springs discharge (blue) and in SPFMs deployed under fertilized fields (green), horse and cattle pastures (brown), and peanut crops (gray) in the springshed. Discharge values were adjusted for enrichment during aquifer denitrification. Typical ranges of  $\delta^{15}$ N-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and  $\delta^{18}$ O-NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> adapted from Kendall et al. (2007) for nitrate sources from inorganic fertilizer, soil N, and manure and septic are shown by dashed lines with color consistent with corresponding SPFM data.

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Figure 5. Comparison of source contribution to Silver Springs  $NO_3$ -N export estimated by catchment-scale *PLAN* model N budget and the SIAR mixing model. Sources are manure (*M*) and wastewater (*W*), fertilizer (*F*), atmospheric deposition (*D*), and biological nitrogen fixation (*BNF*).

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## in conclusion







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# Drivers of N export

Significant positive correlation between proportion of springshed in cropland land uses and the average spring NO<sub>3</sub>-N concentration



## Source contributions in SIAR



Comparison of source contribution to Silver Springs NO3-N export estimated by catchment-scale N budget, SIAR mixing model, and SIAR mixing model updated with SPFM-measured source signatures. Sources are manure (M), wastewater (W), fertilizer (F), atmospheric deposition (D), and biological nitrogen fixation (BNF).

# Questions?