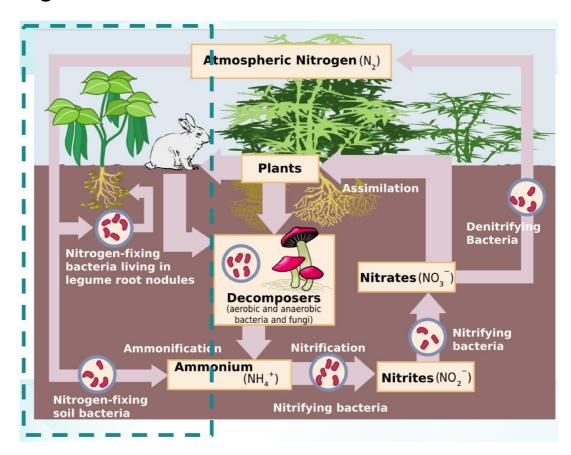
# Natural nitrogen cycle

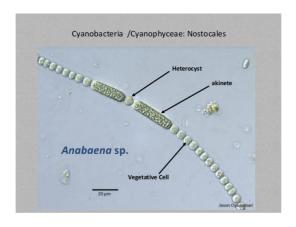


## 1. Biological fixation



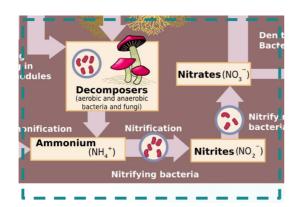


Actinomycetes



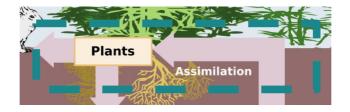
Cyanophyceae

### 2. Mineralization



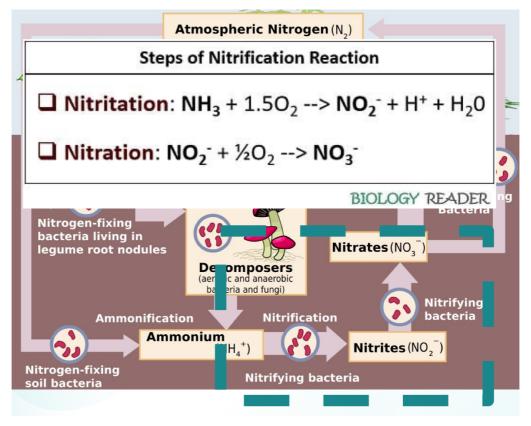
Aerobic and anaerobic conditions.

## 3. Assimilation by plants



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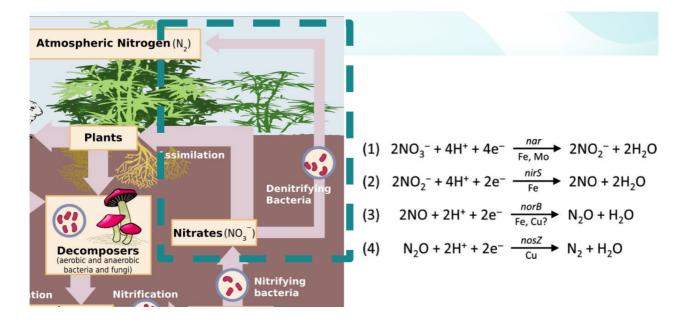
#### 4. Nitrification



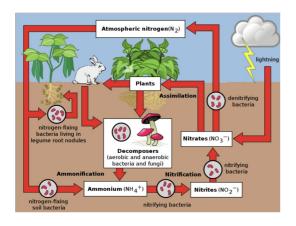
Takes place under aerobic conditions.

The activity of the microflora is optimal for pH 6.9 to 9 and temperatures between 20 and 36 °C.

#### 5. Denitrification



### 6. The role of lightning



- 1. Energy from lighting breaks apart  $N_2$  into N and  $O_2$  into O.
- 2. They bond to form nitrogen oxides (NOx).
- 3. They react with rain water to form nitrates.

### **7. QCM**

- 1) What is the name of the process that oxidizes ammonium  $(NH_4^+)$  to produce nitrite  $(NO_2^-)$  and then forms nitrate  $(NO_3^-)$ ?
  - Denitrification
  - Biological fixation
  - Nitrification
- 2) Thanks to their roots, plants are able to absorb atmospheric nitrogen (N□).
  - True
  - False
- 3) What are the functions of nitrogen on the planet?
  - Participate in photosynthesis
  - Produce the nitrogenous bases of DNA
  - Doing cellular respiration
  - Transporting Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) molecules
  - Making proteins

#### 8. Medias

[cf. EV14\_NitrogenCycle\_Video2.mp4] [cf. EV14\_NitrogenCycle\_Video2.mp3]