## **Supplementary Material**



**Figure S1.** Relationship between TOC (A) and NH<sub>3</sub>-N<sub>exc</sub> (B) of the four selected sediments and TN in the sediments. TN is the total nitrogen content. TOC is the total organic carbon content. NH<sub>3</sub>-N<sub>exc</sub> is the exchangeable ammonium nitrogen content.



**Figure S2.** The kinetics of ammonium with sediment (S1) incubation at different sediment-to-water ratios in ultrapure water ( $C_{spw, t}$ ) and sample water ( $C_{ssw, t}$ ). The controls were the kinetics of ammonium incubation in ultrapure water ( $C_{pw, t}$ ) and sample water ( $C_{sw, t}$ ) without sediments.



**Figure S3.** Ammonium concentration in ultrapure water-sediment incubation system at different sediment-to-water ratios (A) and four sediments (B) by calculating.



**Figure S4.** The intrinsic kinetics of ammonium in the sediment (S1) incubation at different sedimentto-water ratios in ultrapure water ( $C_{spw, t}$ ) and sample water ( $C_{ssw, t}$ ). The sediment-to-water ratios for (A), (B), (C) and (D) were 1:20, 1:10, 1:5 and 1:1, respectively.  $C_{spw, t}$  and  $C_{ssw, t}$  are the difference between  $C_{spw, t}$  and  $C_{pw, t}$ ,  $C_{ssw, t}$  and  $C_{sw, t}$  respectively.



**Figure S5.** The intrinsic kinetics of ammonium in the four sediments incubation in ultrapure water  $(C_{spw, t})$  and sample water  $(C_{ssw, t})$ . The sediment-to-water ratio was 1:20 for four sediments (S1–S4).  $C_{spw, t}$  and  $C_{ssw, t}$  are the difference between  $C_{spw, t}$  and  $C_{pw, t'}$ .  $C_{ssw, t}$  and  $C_{sw, t'}$  respectively.