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Analysis and simulation of the Long-Term / Large-Scale interactions of C, N and P in UK land, freshwater and atmosphere

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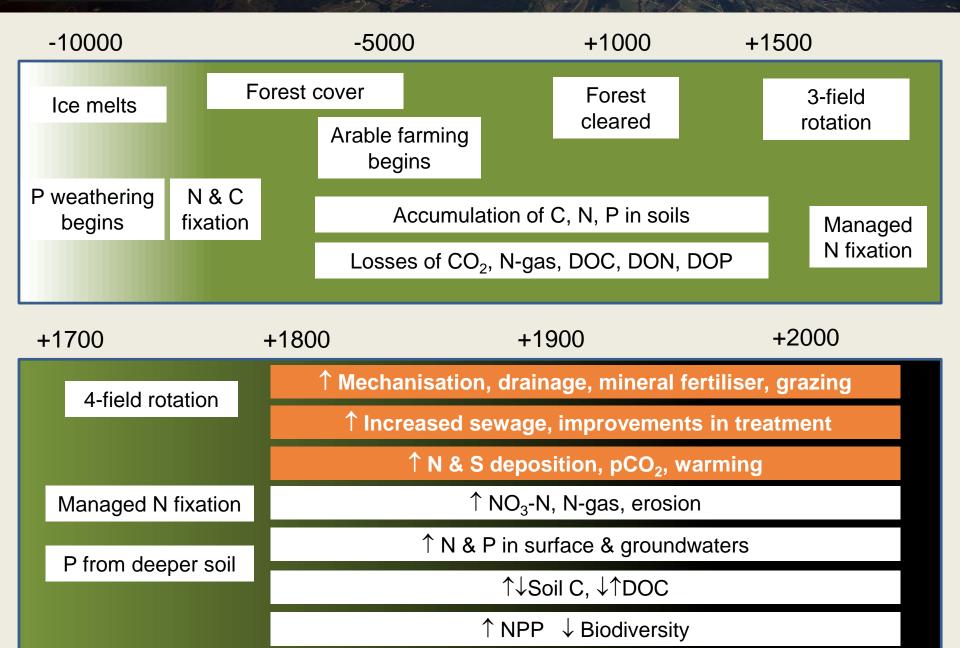








A short history of macronutrients in the UK





LTLS questions & approach

- Over the last 200 years, what have been the temporary esponses of soil C, N and P pools in different UK cat ent enrichment?
- r transfers from What have been the land to the
- or, how did we get to where we are today? water biodiversity responded to How con productivity engendered by nutrient increa .. at different locations? enrich

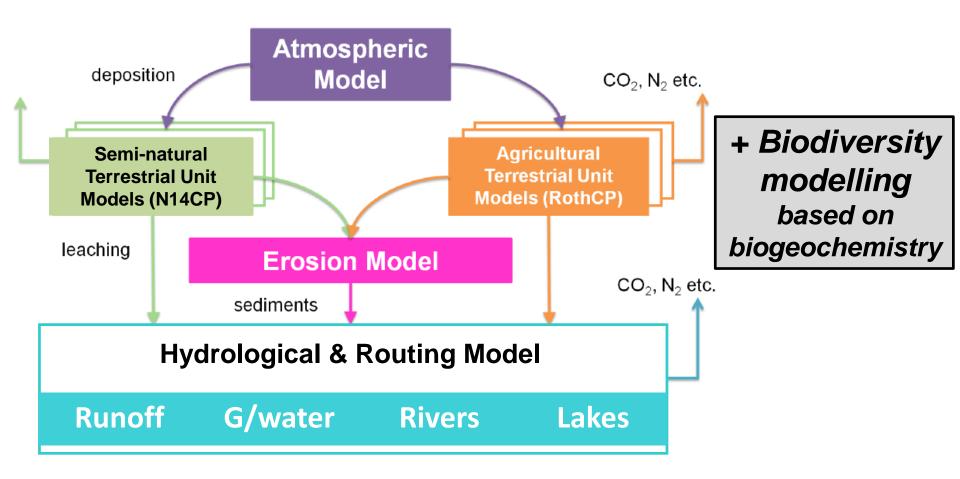
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integrated modelling analysis, aimed at accounting for observable present element pools and fluxes in different UK catchments in terms of their nutrient enrichment histories

Followed by: scenario-based forecasting with Stakeholder participation



LTLS activities

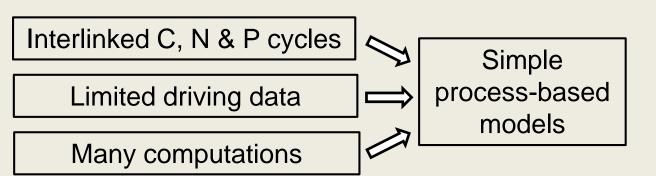


+ Measurements	soil denitrification river transport (14C)	soil survey (¹⁴ C) lakes
	fuel experiments NPP	bracken survey peat survey



model

Modelling approach



"...we stick to the principle of simplifying to just short of the point of naivety."

EC Rowe 2016

From interlinked terrestrial & river To river model AN_{gas} models DOC DON WATER COLUMN DOP BIO (C,N,P) Key DIP DIN CPM DC Decomposition (C,N,P) Flocculation SE Settling SE LTLS lakes SEDIMENT DC

CPM, BIO



Points to bear in mind

- The modelling is based on a 5×5 km grid for the UK (~ 10,000 cells)
- Model time-steps vary, e.g.
 3-monthly for semi-natural terrestrial ecosystems
 2-hourly for river transport (although monthly output)
- Most calculated values are not calibrated



