Long Term Large Scale Project Semi-natural terrestrial modelling & erosion

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LTLS - Integrated Model



Terrestrial Modelling

~10,000 5 x 5 km grid cells...



Semi-Natural Terrestrial Model: N14C

Above ground:

- 4 Plant Functional Types
- Coarse and soft plant components
- 2 vegetation types high/low C:N



Below ground:

- SOM pools: fast, slow, passive constrained by 14C
- Sorbed P pool
- Weatherable P and BC pools

Tipping et al 2012 Ecological Modelling

Simulates on a seasonal time step:

- NPP
- pH
- Plant & Soil C, N, P
- Denitrification
- DOC/DON/DOP Inorg. N & P

Semi-Natural Terrestrial Model: N14C Inputs/Outputs





Semi-Natural Terrestrial Model: Erosion



Semi-Natural Terrestrial Model: N14C Inputs/Outputs



Prototype agriculture



Low intensity (pre-1800) arable assumptions:

- Remove half of biomass at beginning of autumn
- Double the soil process turnover rates to simulate ploughing



Intense arable assumptions:

- Add fertilizer at start of spring (values from Johnston & Dawson 2005)
- Remove 50-80% of biomass at beginning of autumn
- Double the soil process turnover rates to simulate ploughing



Improved pasture assumptions

• Add fertilizer same as arable

Prototype results

- Nutrient Stores
- Fluxes in:
 - NPP
- Fluxes out:
 - Water phase
 - Sediment phase

WARNING- THESE ARE PROTOTYPE RESULTS!

Total UK Topsoil C and N 1800 to 2007







Total UK NPP 1800 to 2007



NPP 2007









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