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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

# **Concluding remarks**

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# **Posters & other outputs**

POSTERS				
Atmospheric modelling & measurements	Macronutrients in peat			
In situ denitrification in soils	Erosion modelling			
Terrestrial plant diversity	Groundwater			
Riverine organic carbon (PO <sup>14</sup> C)	Wastewater			
Lakes research and model	River biology			
Net primary productivity	Scenarios			

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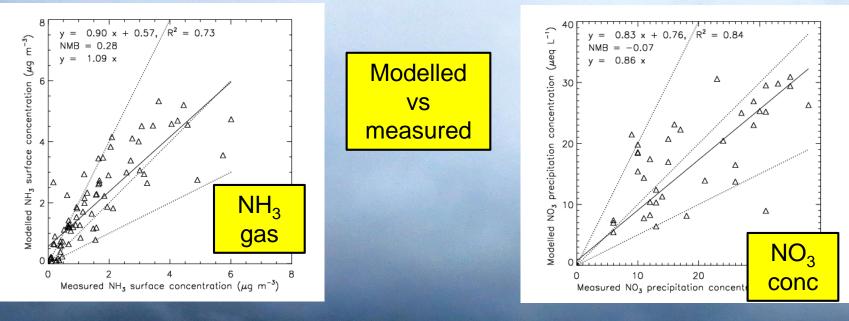
These and previous presentations Stakeholder workshop reports Posters for this meeting Published papers





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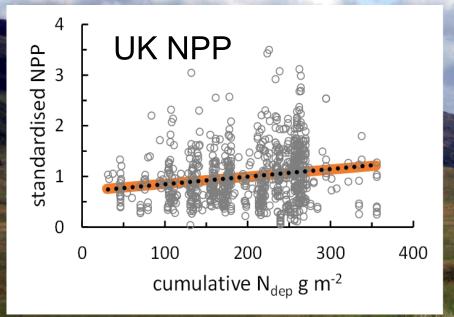
## Model testing: atmospheric deposition



Variable	Average ratio	r <sup>2</sup>	
NH <sub>3</sub> gas	1.09	0.73	СЕН
NO <sub>2</sub> gas	0.79	0.94	Edinburgh
NH <sub>4</sub> conc	0.81	0.82	
NO <sub>3</sub> conc	0.86	0.84	
NO <sub>3</sub> particulates	0.77	0.88	
HNO <sub>3</sub> vapour	0.87	0.64	SCIENCE OF THE ENVIRONMENT The Scottish Government



# Model testing: semi-natural terrestrial ecosystems



Denitrification (gN m-2 a-1)New data~ 1Modelled~ 0.3

Increase in woodland topsoil carbon Topsoil resampling 1959-2010 (27 yrs) Average  $[SOC]_2/[SOC]_1$ Model **1.05** Obs **1.05** (>1.00, p < 0.01)

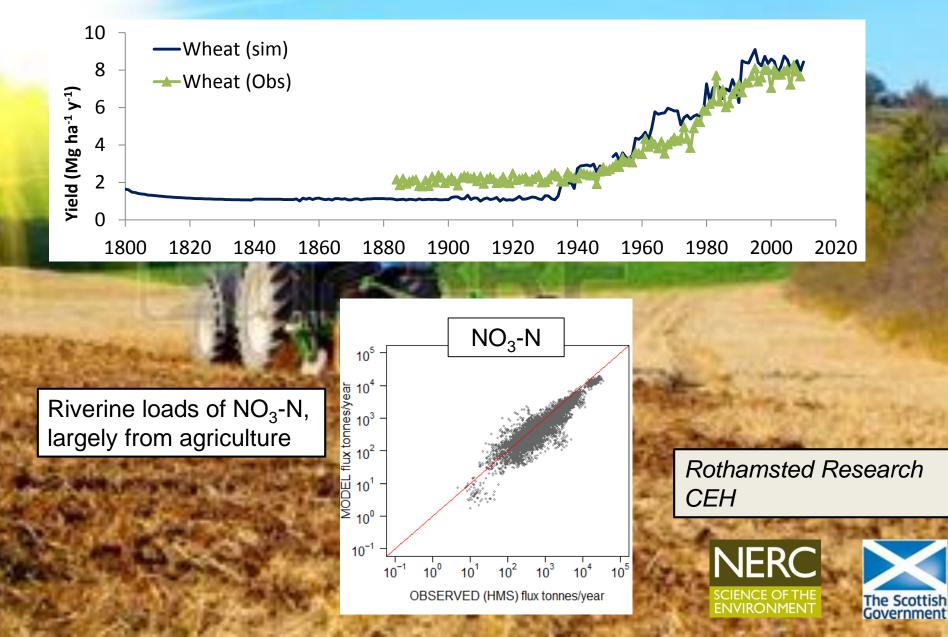
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## Model testing: agricultural ecosystems

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# Model testing: waters

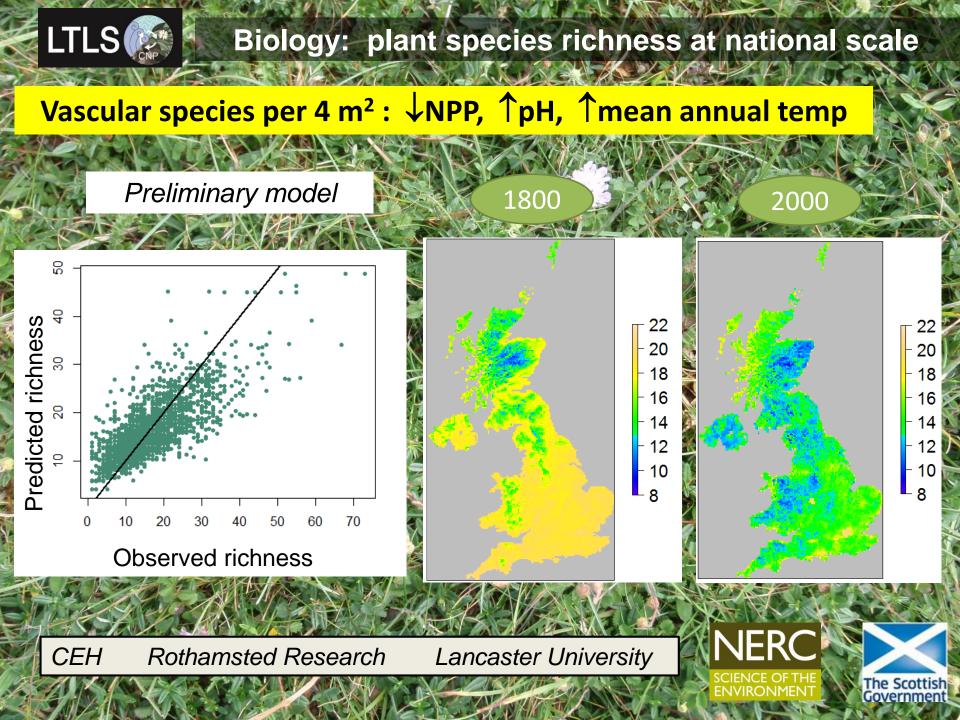
#### **Upland surface waters**

	mg/L	n	obs	pred
		1246	6.6	6.8
Riverine loads t/yr	NO3-N	1299	0.17	0.27
$h_{0}^{3} - h_{0}^{3} - h_{0$	0bs v 100 10 4 10 4 10 4	s pred [DOC]	R	.18x + 5.33 <sup>2</sup> = 0.10 < 0.001
OBSERVED (HMS) flux tonnes/year OBSERVED (HMS) flux tonnes/year				100





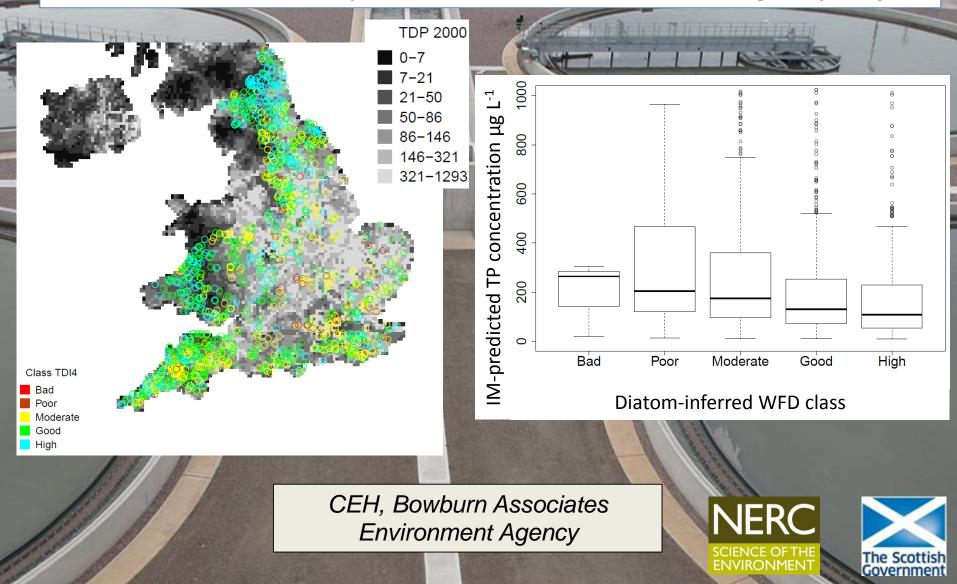




## **Biology: freshwater eutrophication**

River P concentrations: prediction with IM and links to ecological quality.

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# Summary

#### **Atmospheric**

#### Semi-natural terrestrial ecosystems

Denitrification Soil survey including <sup>14</sup>C Macronutrients in peat N14CP model Underlying importance of P Ndep effects on NPP, soil C, biodiversity Erosion model

Hydrological

#### Atmosphere

Long-term deposition model P deposition review

### + Biodiversity

**Agricultural ecosystems** 

Soil survey including <sup>14</sup>C RothCNP model Erosion model

#### Rivers

Wastewater analysis POC age Nutrient processing model

#### Lakes

New long-term data Nutrient processing model

#### **Integrated model**

P leakage from pipes

Aquifer delay model

Groundwater

Source apportionment Loads to the sea P and WFD classes

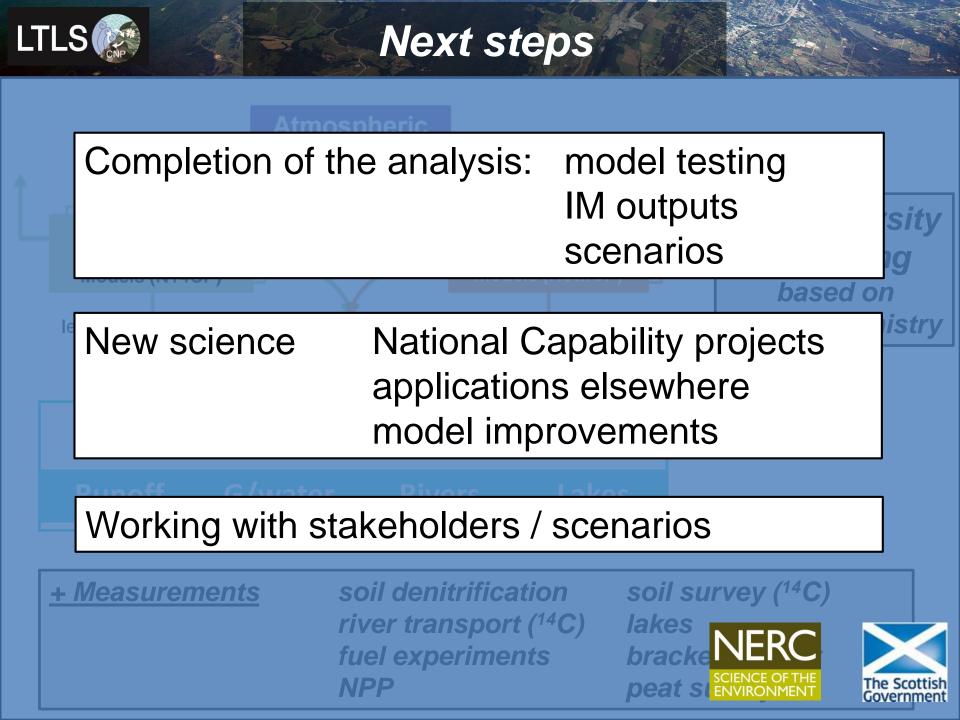
#### Scenario analysis

Development of scenarios Preliminary runs

## oil survey (<sup>14</sup>C)

































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