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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



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↑ NPP  $\downarrow$  Biodiversity

# **LTLS** questions & approach

- Over the last 200 years, what have been the terr esponses of soil C, N and P pools in different UK cat ent enrichment?
- or, how did we get to where we are today? Ju P transfers from What have been th land to th water biodiversity responded to How

..... productivity engendered by nutrient increa .. at different locations? enrich

### Answered by:

LTLS

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 ( <sup>14</sup> C) lakes
	fuel experiments	bracken survey peat survey



### **Modelling approach**



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

EC Rowe 2016





- 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
- These presentations have a science focus
- The project remains a work-in-progress







### Presentations

#### Introduction

Edward Tipping, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

#### Modelling semi-natural terrestrial ecosystems Jessica Davies, Lancaster University

#### Modelling C, N & P cycling under agricultural systems in the UK Shibu Muhammed, Rothamsted Research

The LTLS Integrated Model

Victoria Bell, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

**Concluding remarks** 

Edward Tipping, Centre for Ecology and Hydrology

#### Questions

# + 6 posters = 1 mega-poster





