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Nutrients from sewage effluent: past and future

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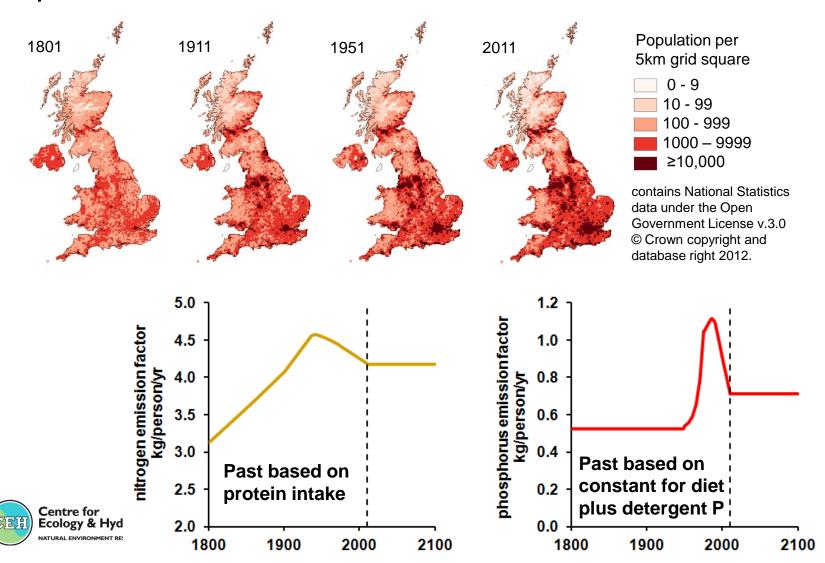
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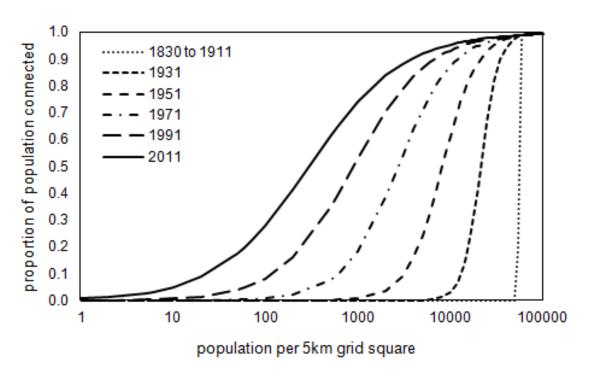
Estimating nutrient emissions

Population * Emission factor



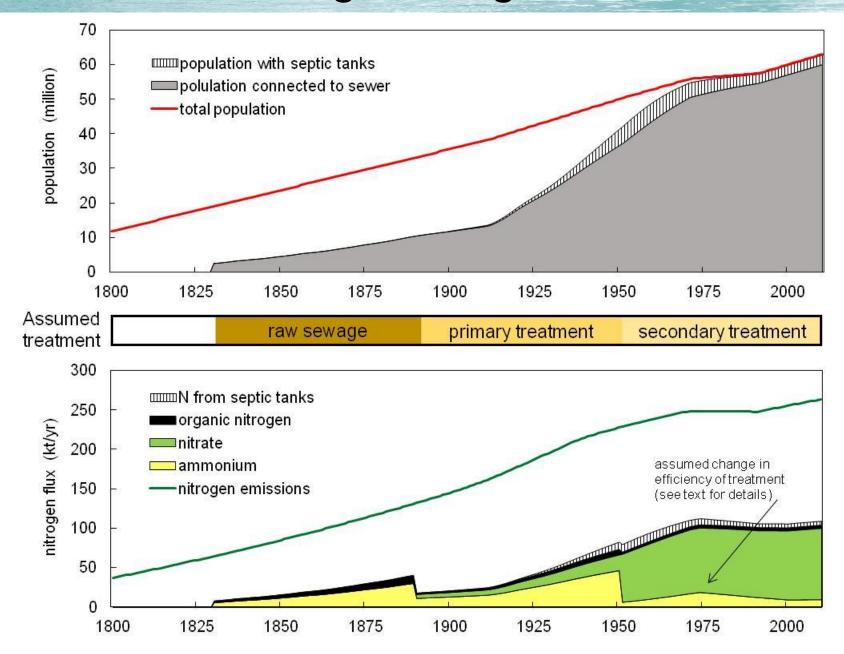
Estimating nutrients in effluent

Emissions * connection to sewer * (1 - loss on treatment)

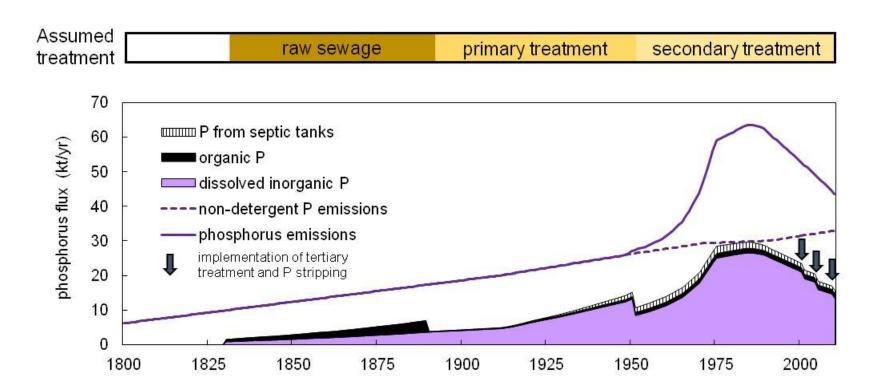


	Raw	Primary	Secondary	Tertiary	P stripping
DIN	0.75	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
DIP	0.67	0.67	0.42	0.35	0.16
Nitrate as prop ⁿ DIN	0	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.9

Historical sewage nitrogen flux for UK



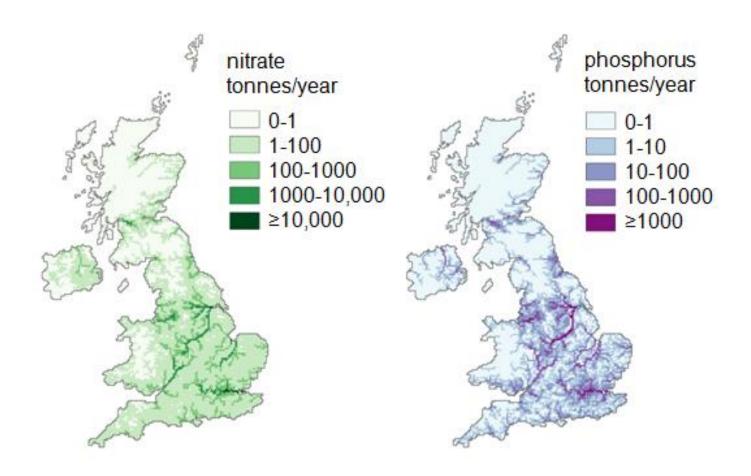
Historical sewage phosphorus flux for UK







Nutrients through the river system



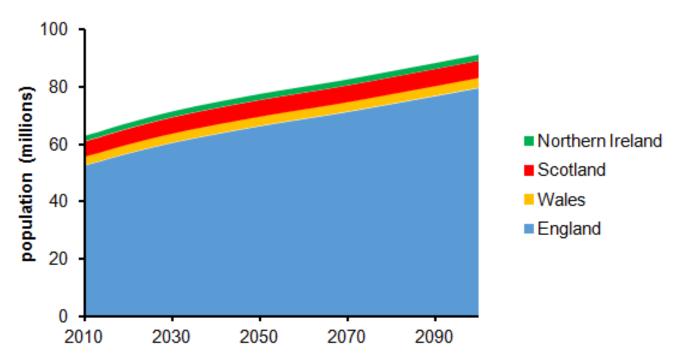




Future scenarios

P1: population projections from Office of National Statistics to 2089; extended in proportion to UN projections to 2100 emission and treatment factors held constant

P2: population as above; P stripping applied everywhere







Future scenario results

	Population million	Nitrogen emissions kT/yr	Nitrate* sewage flux kT/yr	P emissions kT/yr	P sewage flux kT/yr	P sewage flux with stripping kT/yr
2010	63	263	91	44	13	7
2030	72	299	103	50	15	8
2050	78	325	112	54	17	8
2100	92	283	132	63	20	10





NB. Phosphate dosing not included in P calculations.

*ammonium flux 10kT/yr rising to 15 kT/yr



