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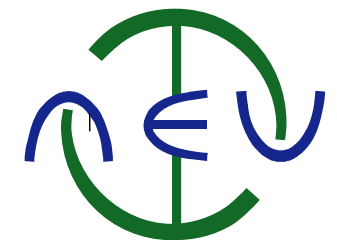
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Outline

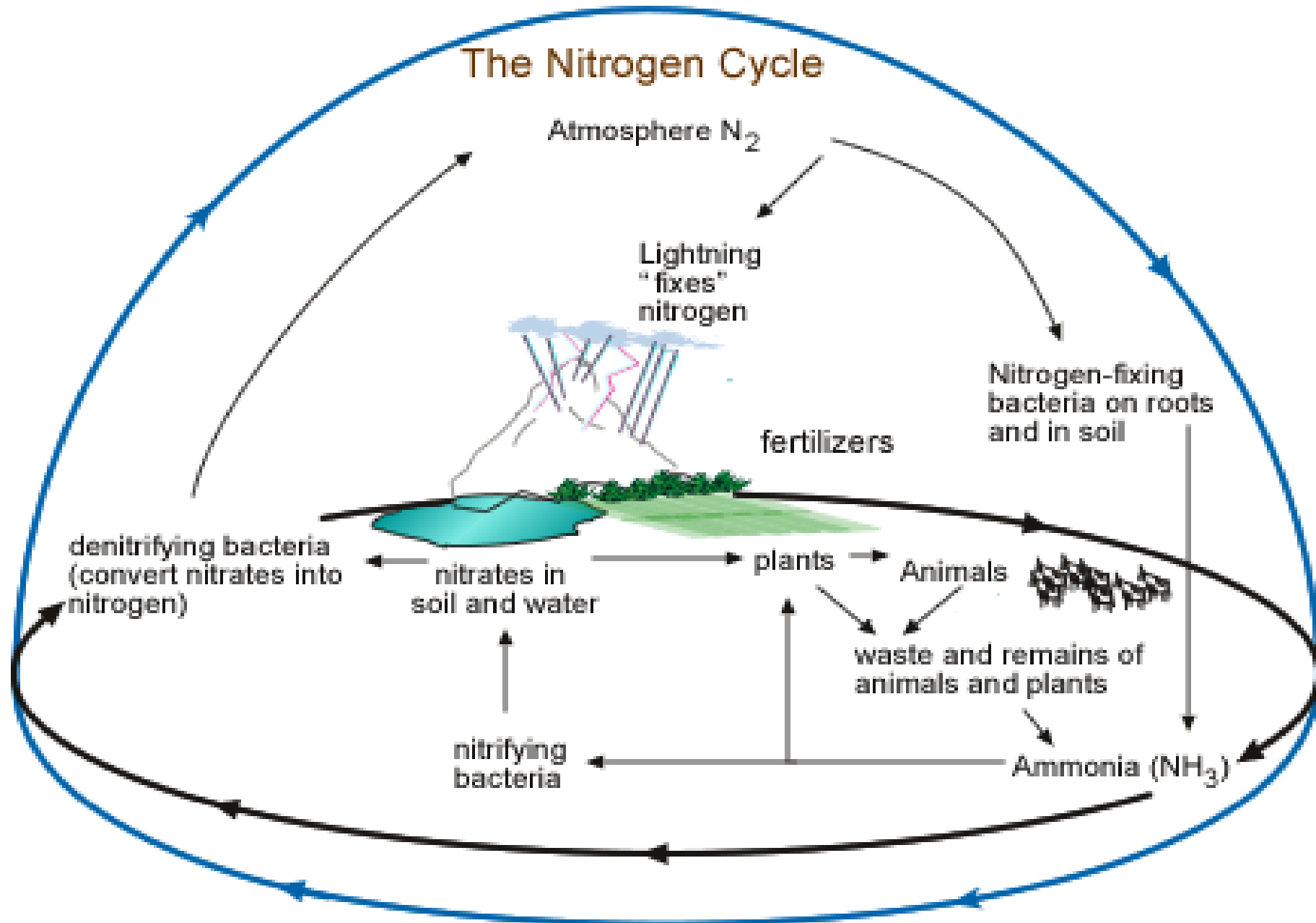
Background information on N
cycling and human perturbation

Work of IMK-IFU combined
with results of NitroEurope IP

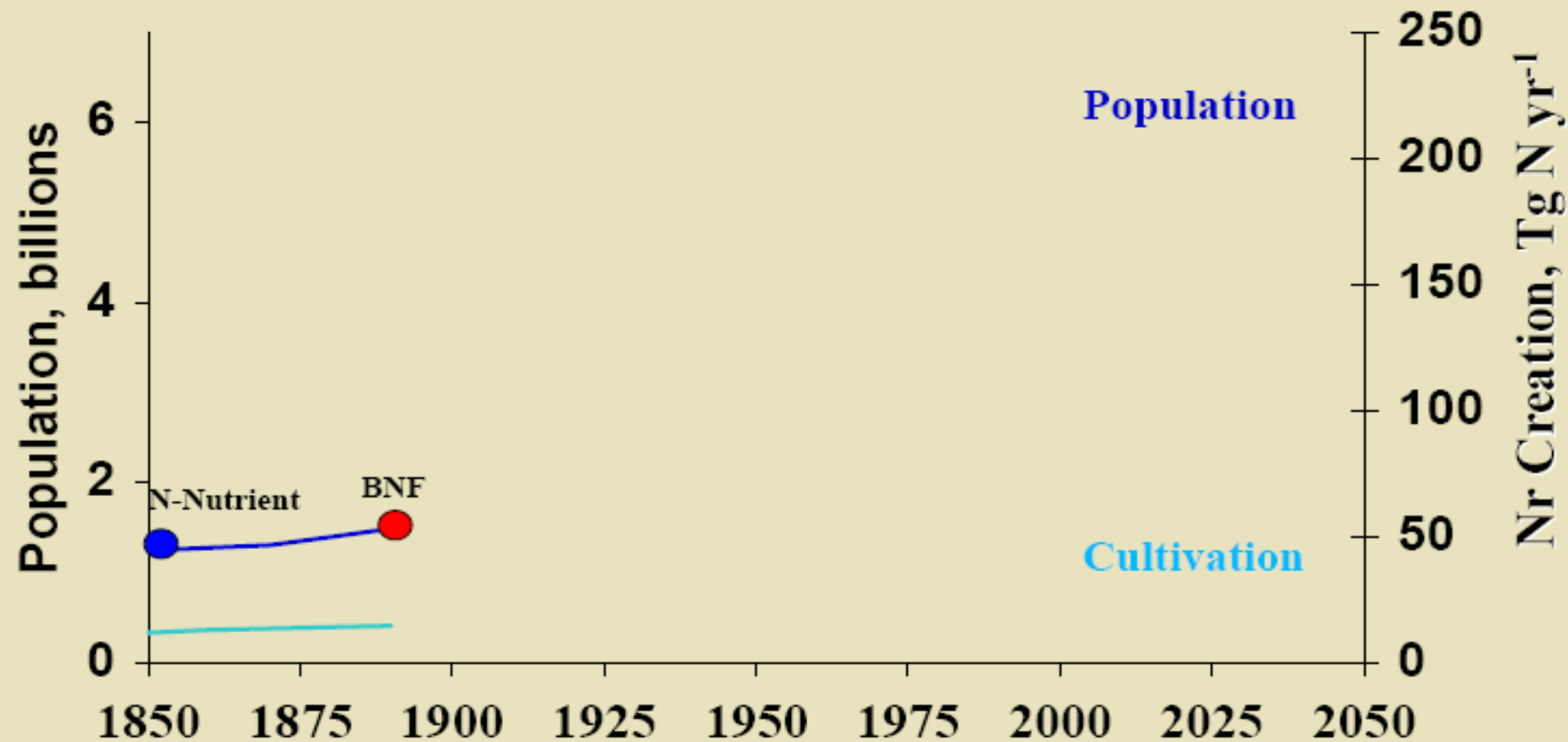
Summary



NitroEurope IP

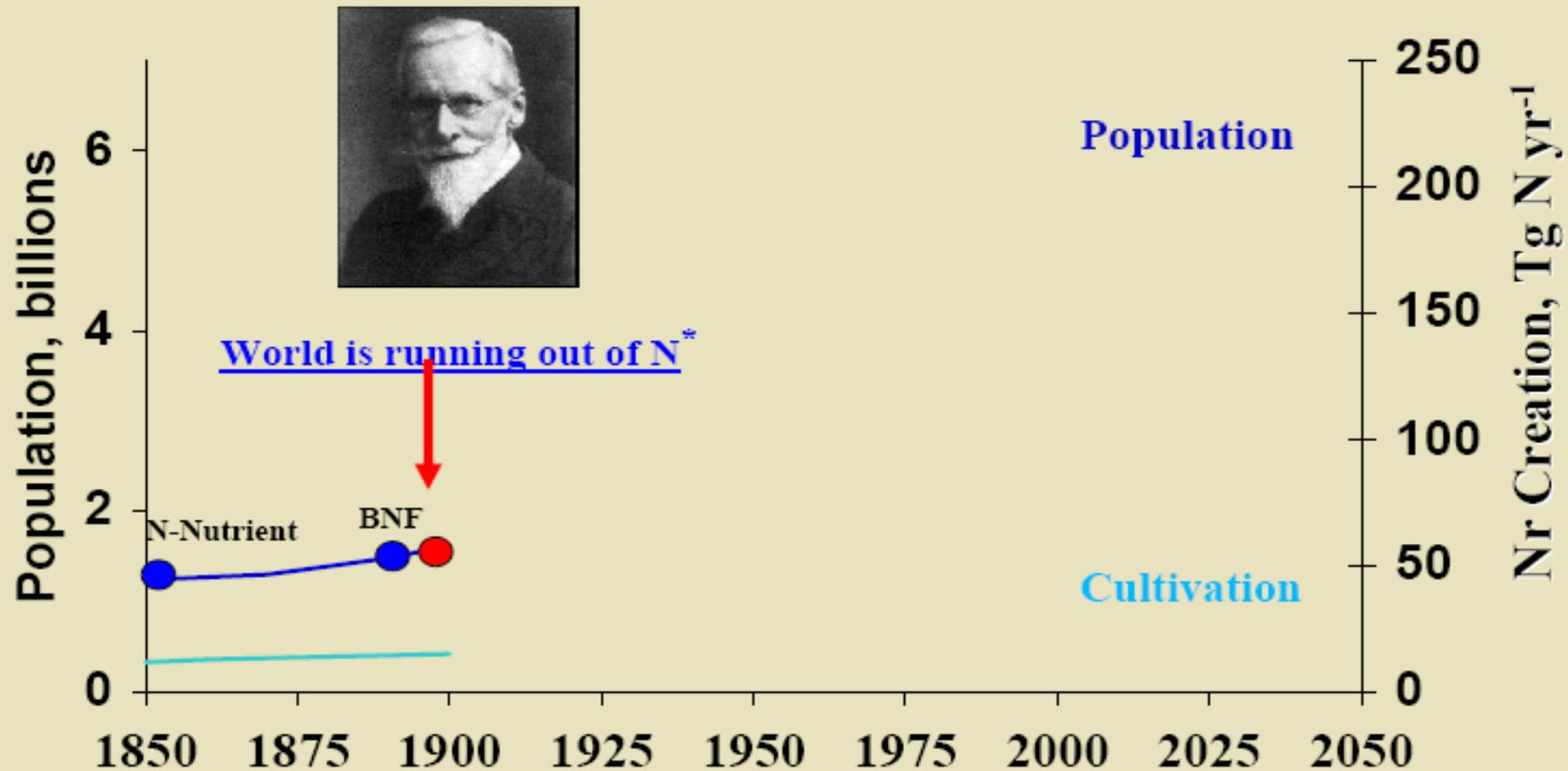


Timeline of Global Reactive N Creation by Human Activity 1850 to 2000



Galloway et al., 2003

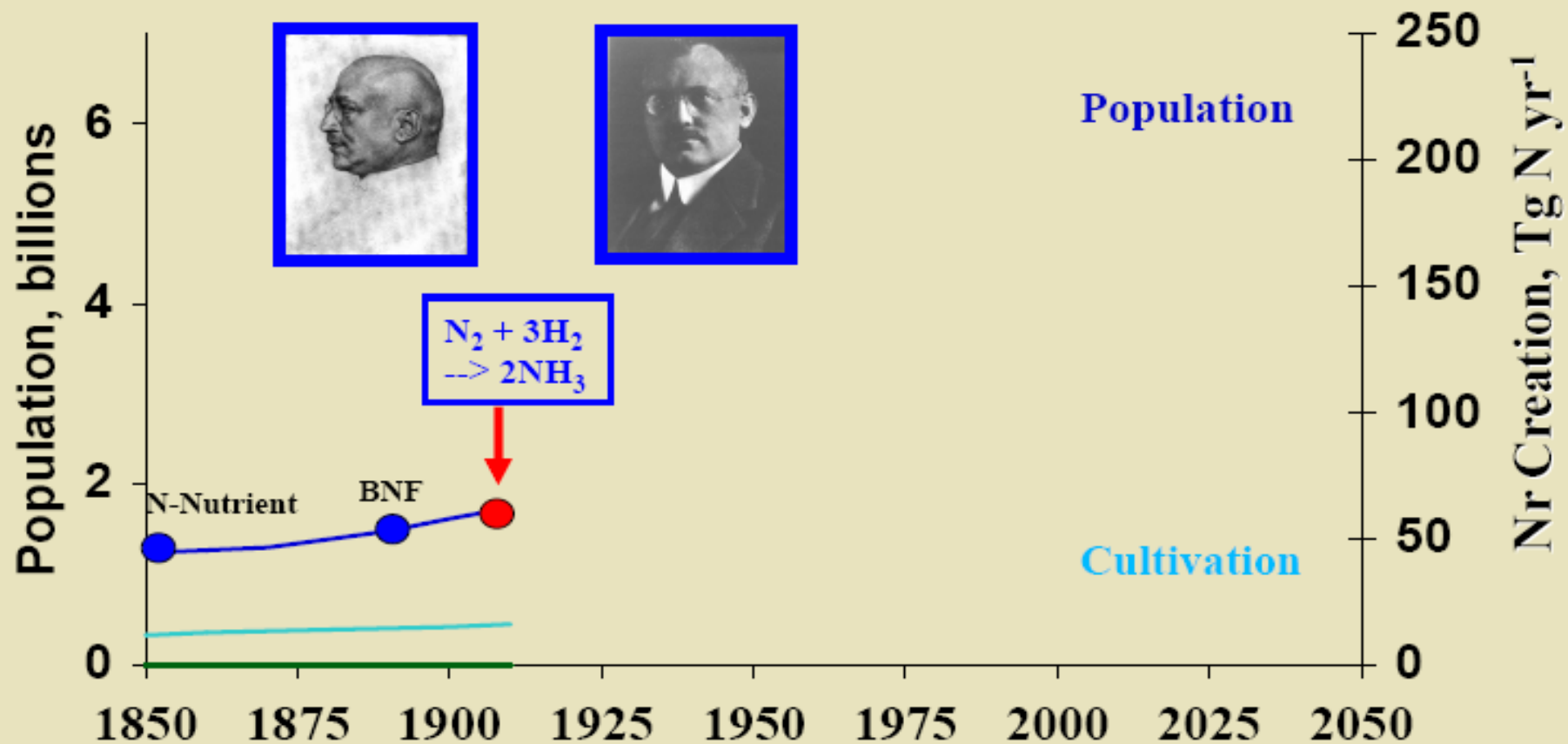
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*1898, Sir William Crookes, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science

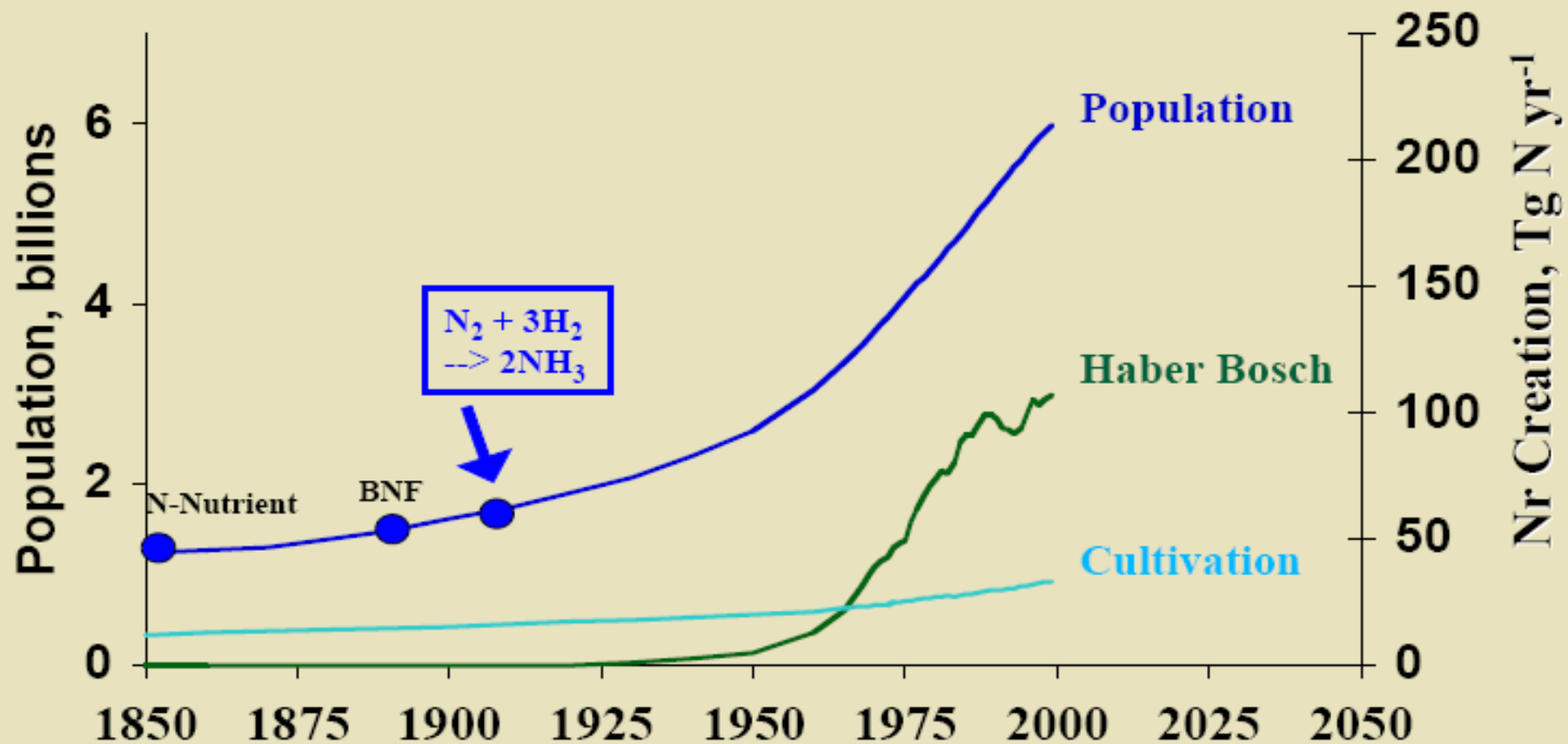
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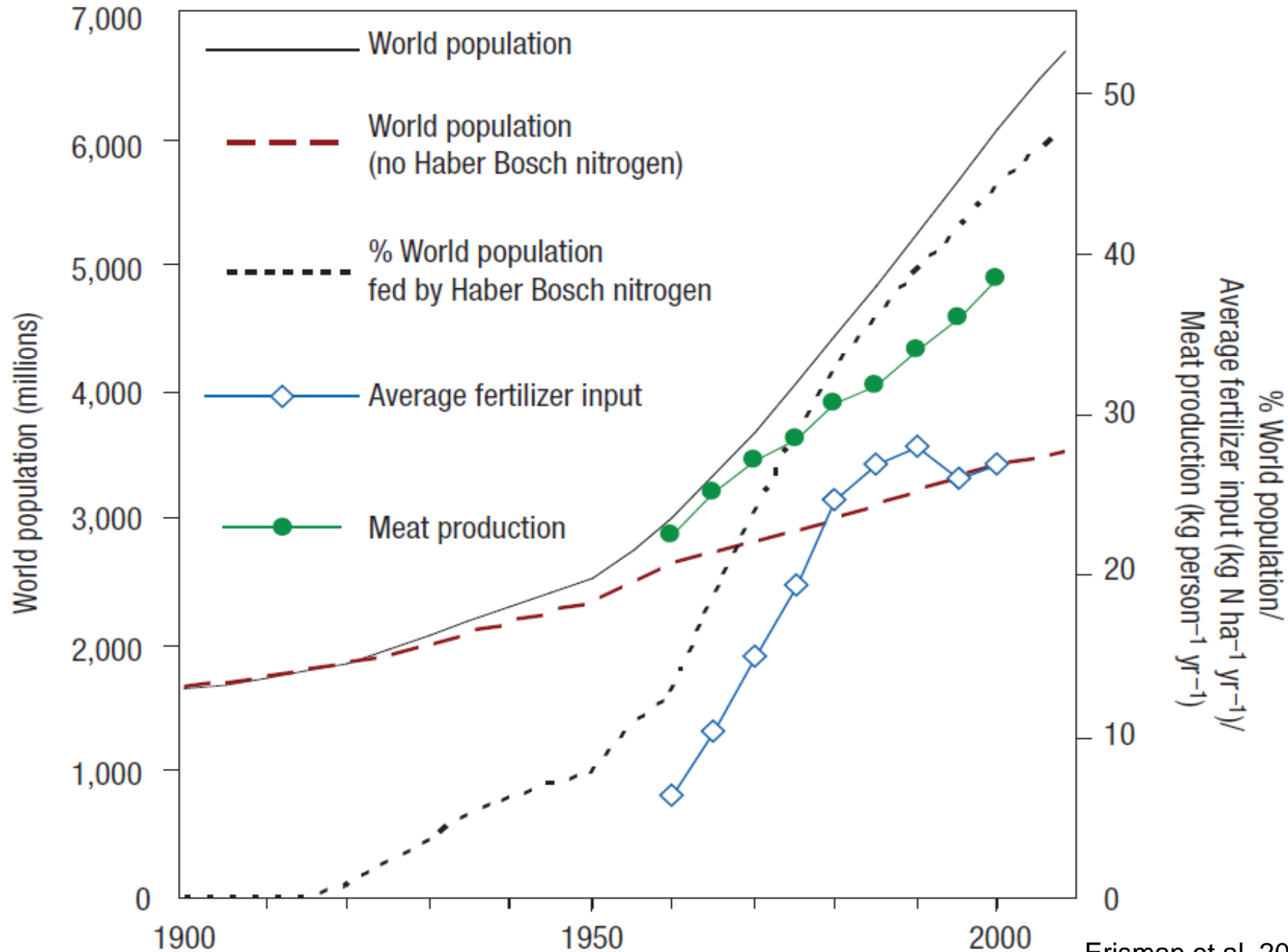
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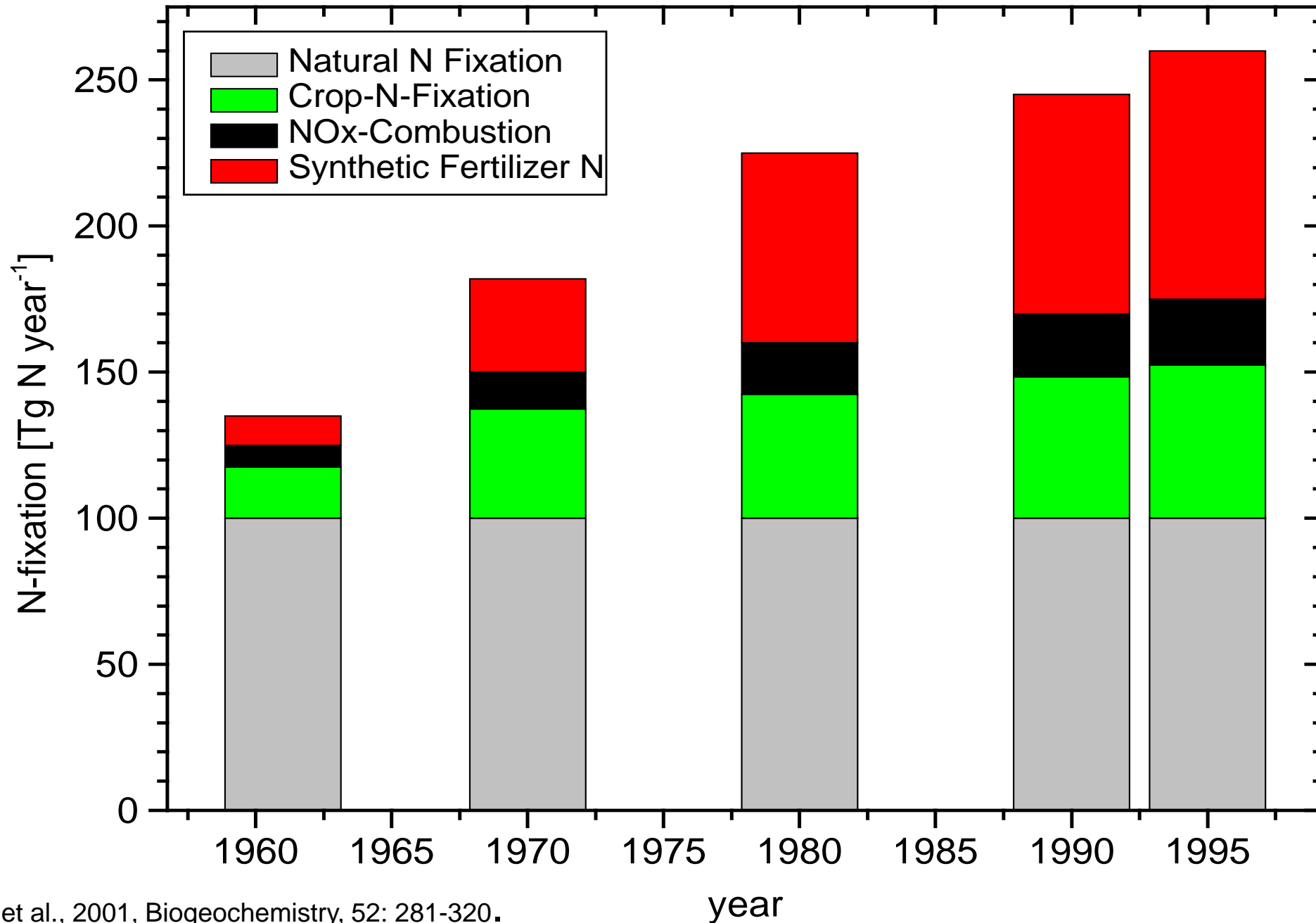
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Nitrogen, food/feed production and population growth



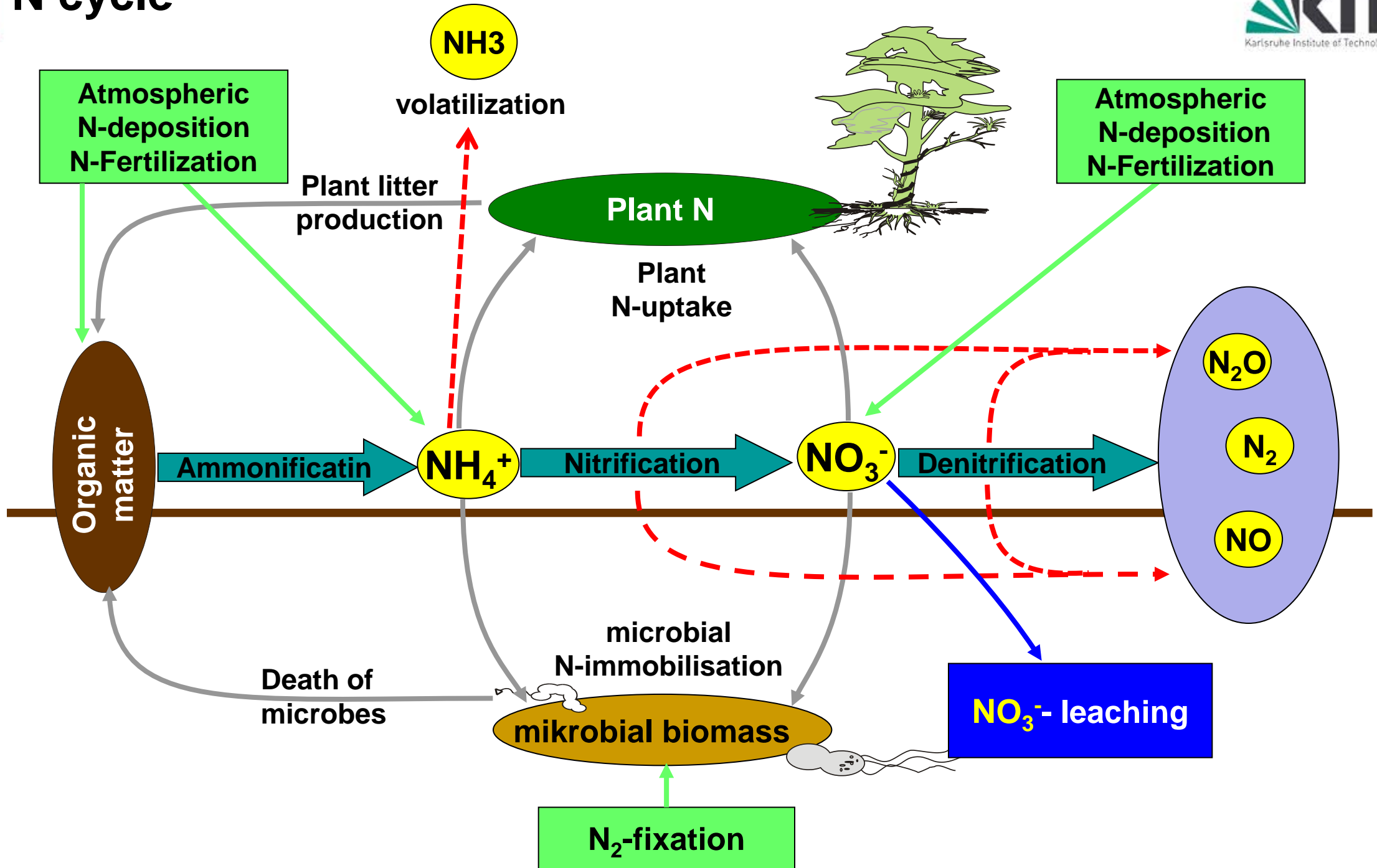
Erismann et al. 2008, Nature Geosciences

Global Nitrogen-Fixation

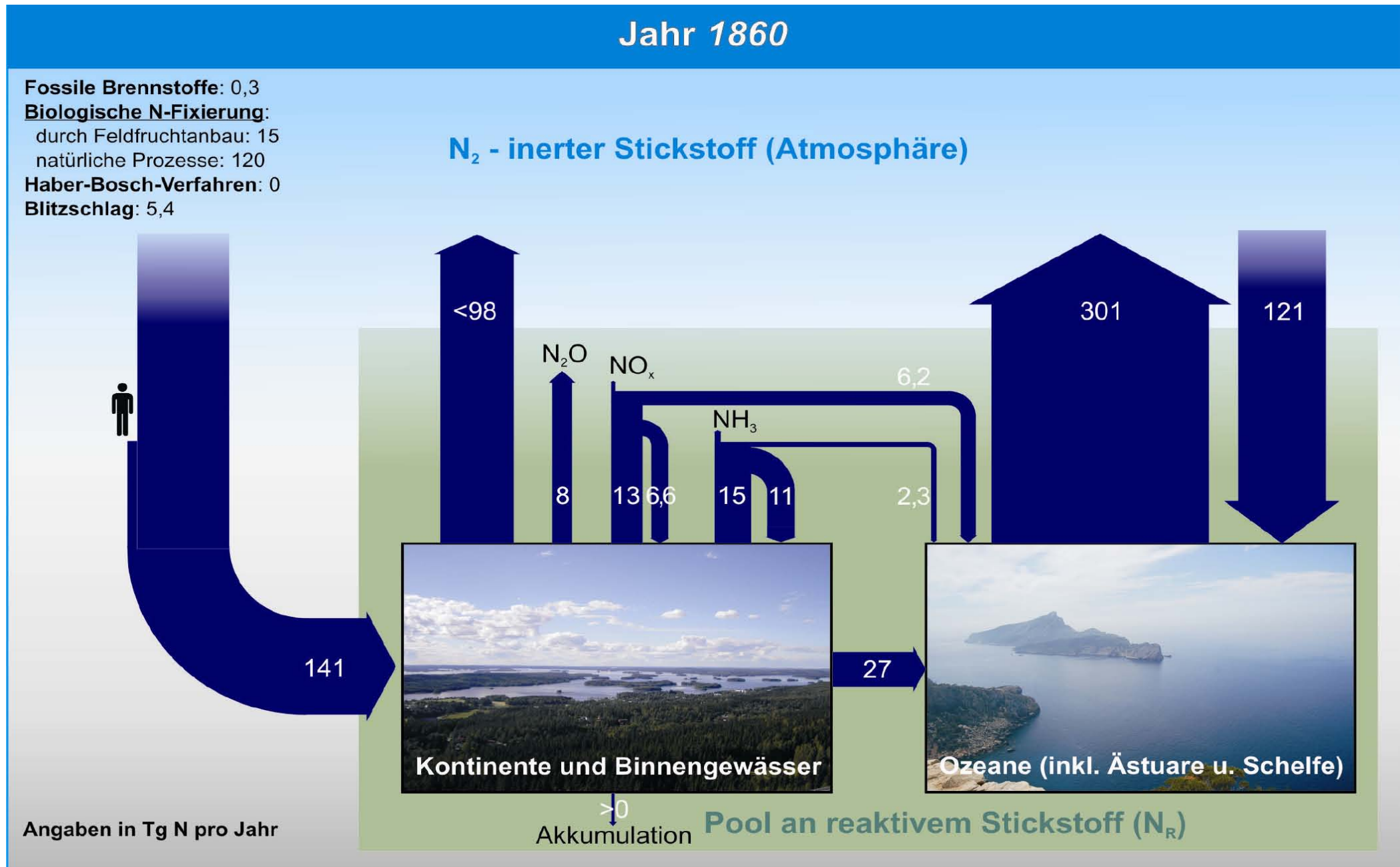


Mosier et al., 2001, Biogeochemistry, 52: 281-320.

N cycle



The Global Nitrogen Budget in 1860, TgN/yr



Butterbach-Bahl et al. 2010

The Global Nitrogen Budget in 1995, TgN/yr

Jahr 1995

Fossile Brennstoffe: 24,5

Biologische N-Fixierung:

durch Feldfruchtanbau: 31,5

N₂-inertes Stickstoff (Atmosphäre)

Butterbach-Bahl et al. 2010

The European Nitrogen Budget in 1900 and 2000, TgN/yr

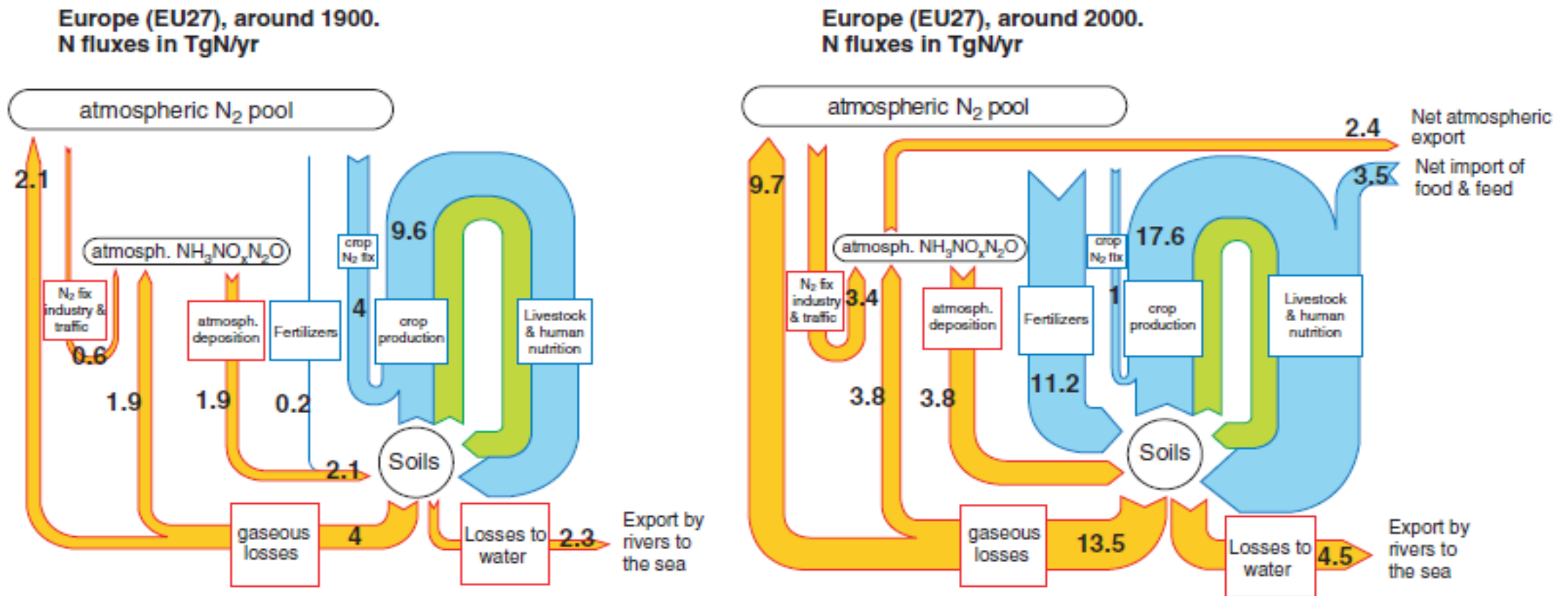
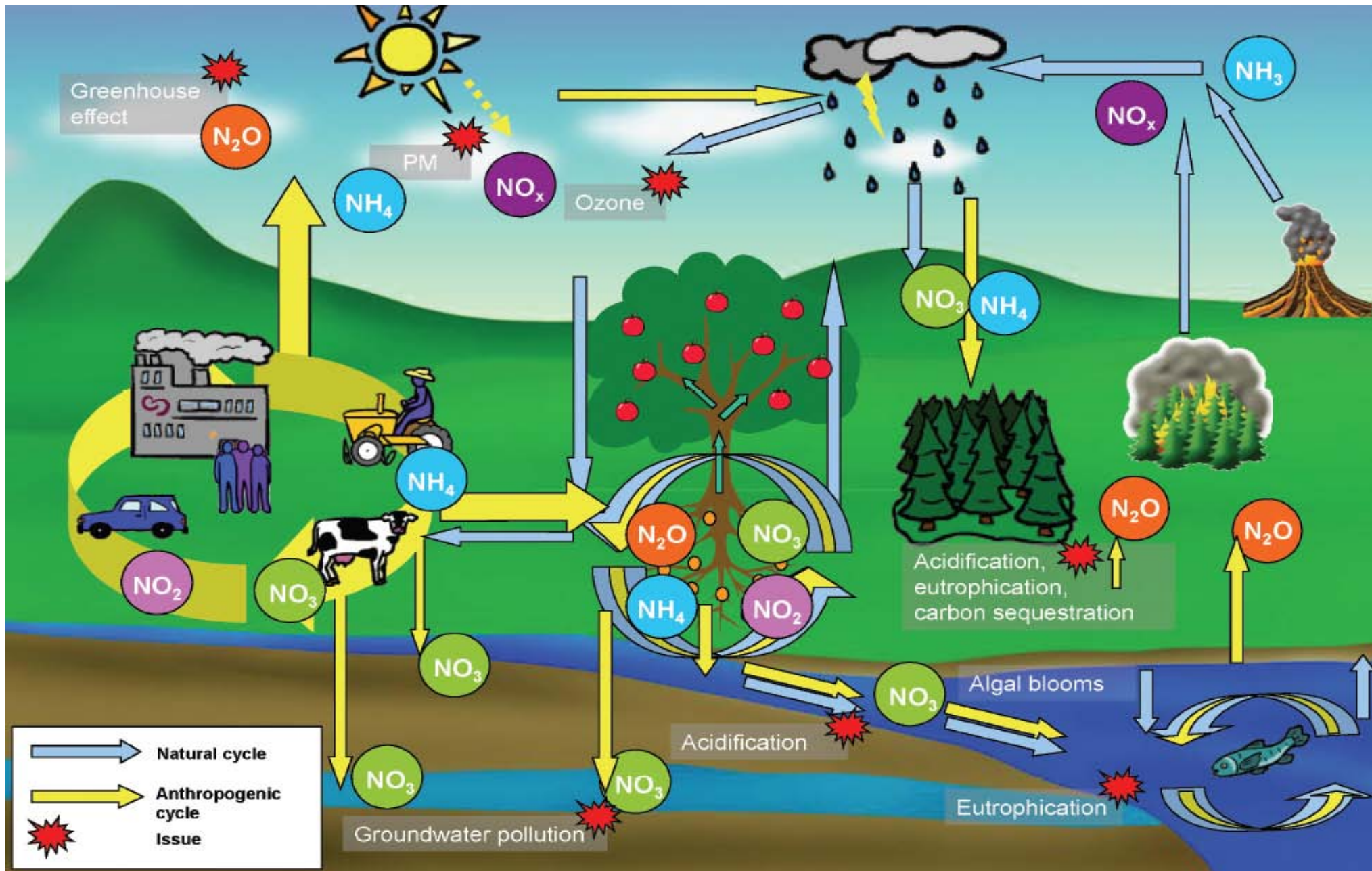


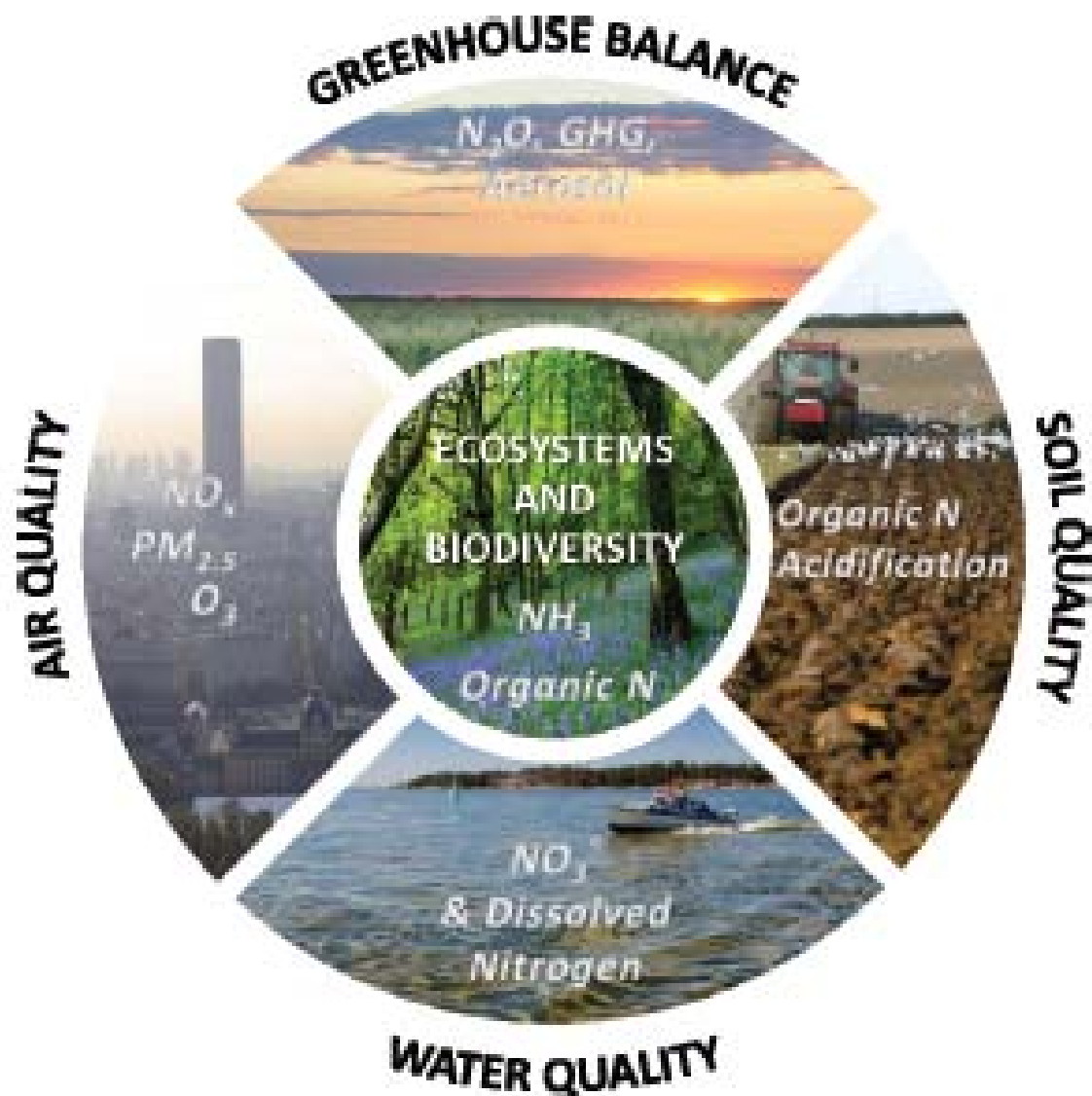
Figure SPM.3 Simplified comparison of the European nitrogen cycle (EU-27) between 1900 and 2000. Blue arrows show intended anthropogenic nitrogen flows; orange arrows show unintended nitrogen flows; green arrows represent the nearly closed nitrogen cycle of natural terrestrial systems [16.4 and 16 supplementary material].

Nitrogen Cycle / Nitrogen cascade



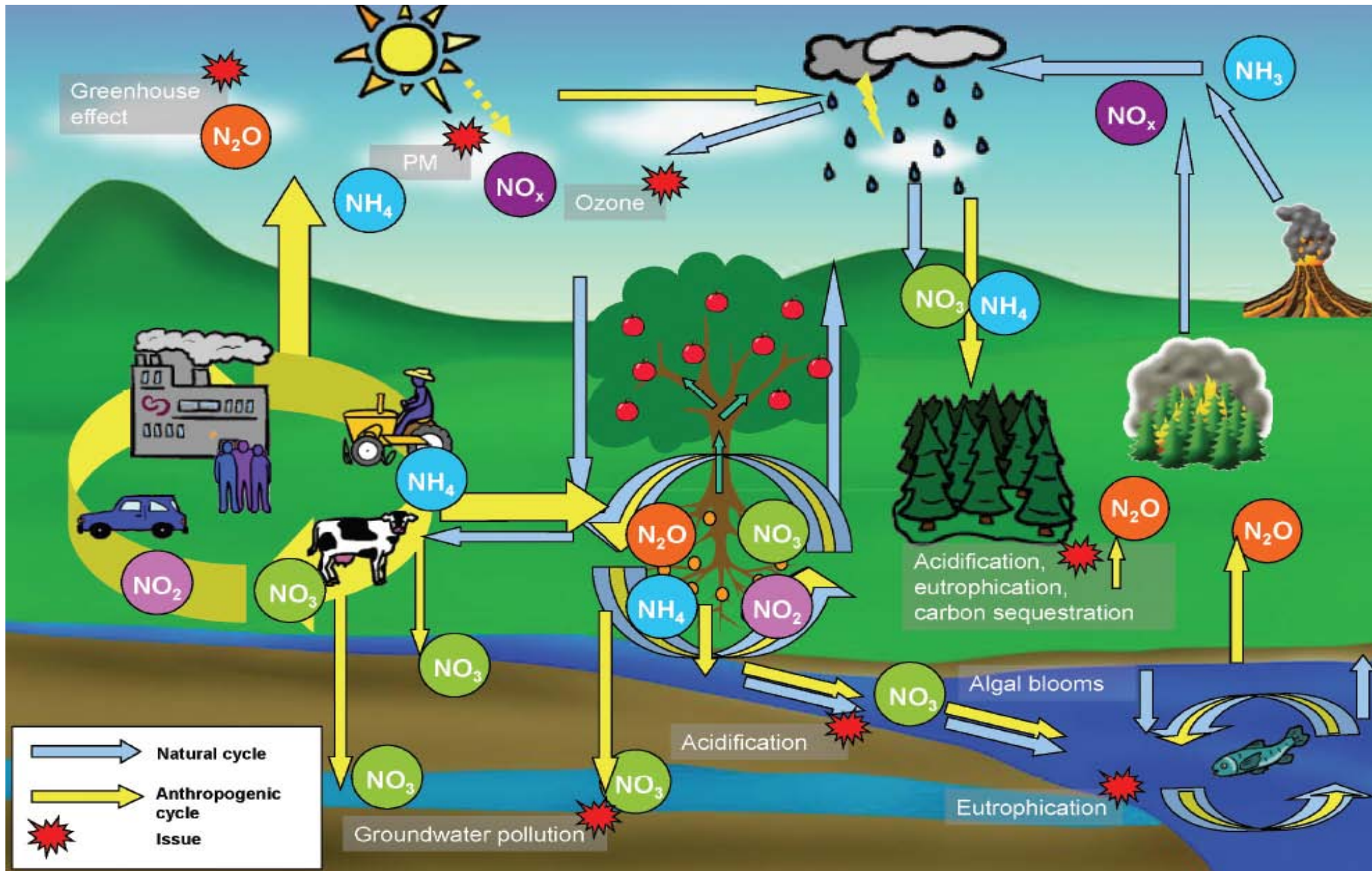
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Five key social treats of excess reactive nitrogen



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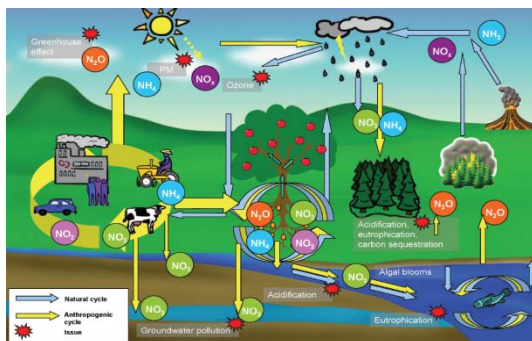
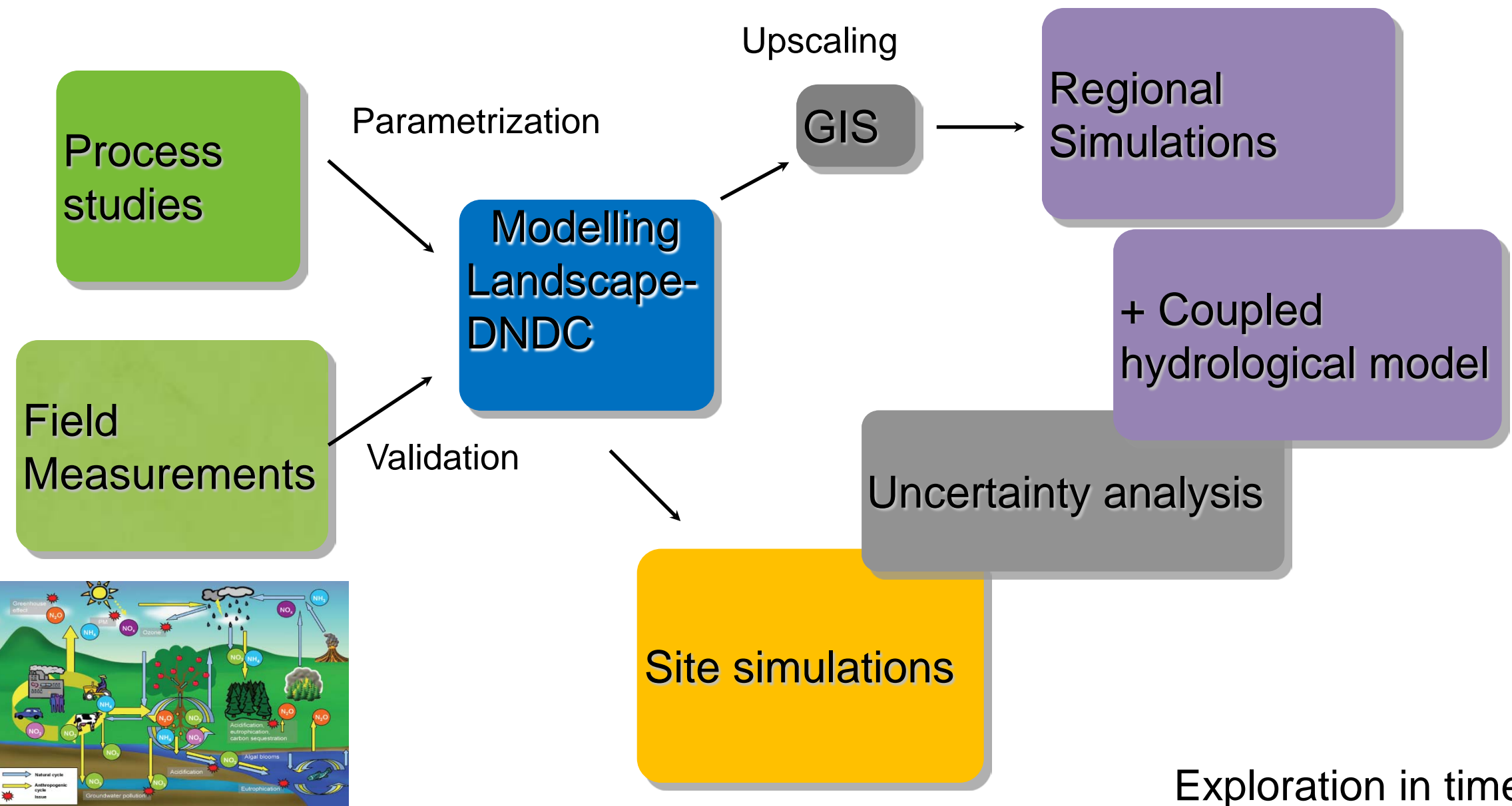


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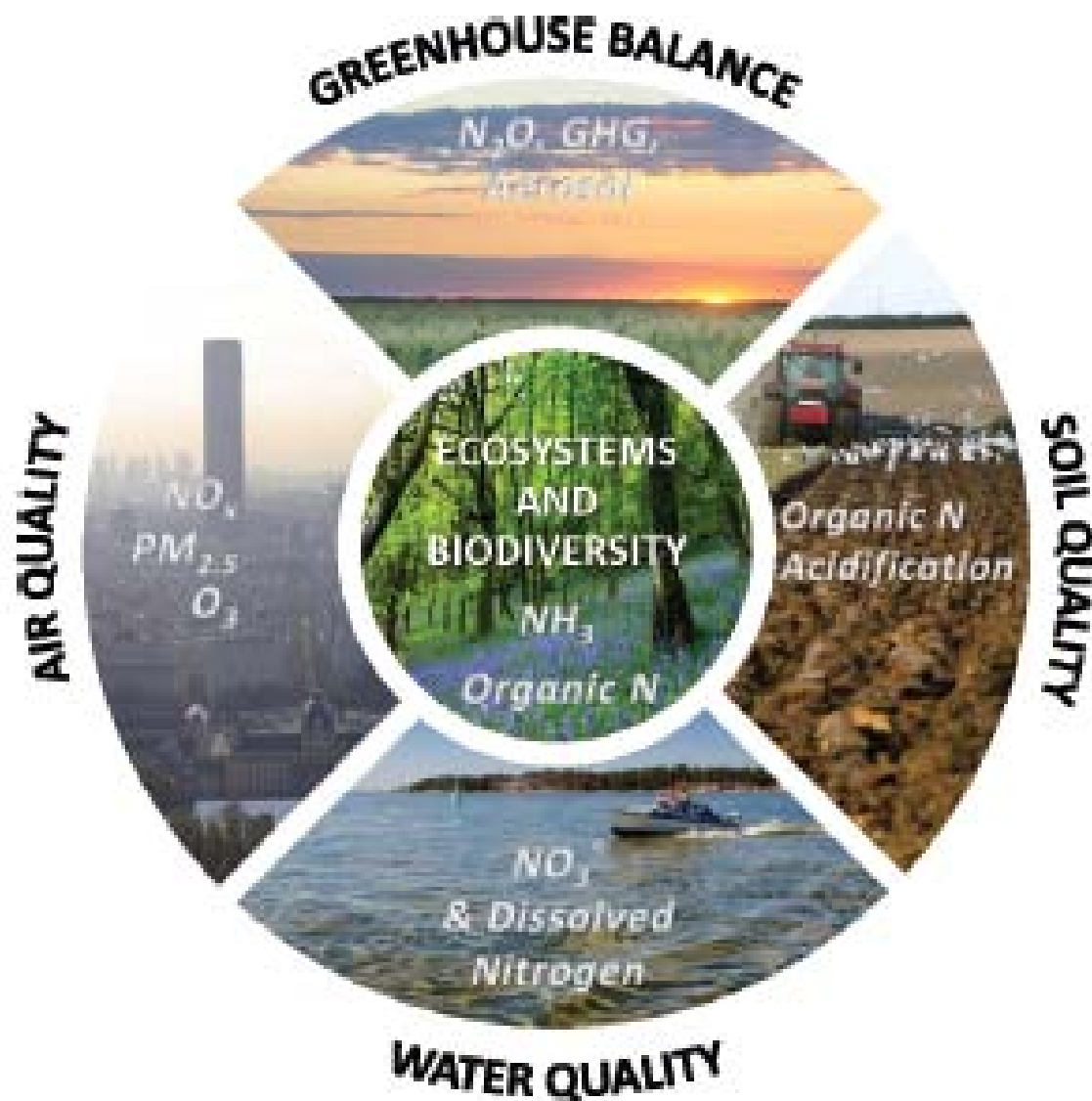
Linking methods – bridging scales

Exploration in space

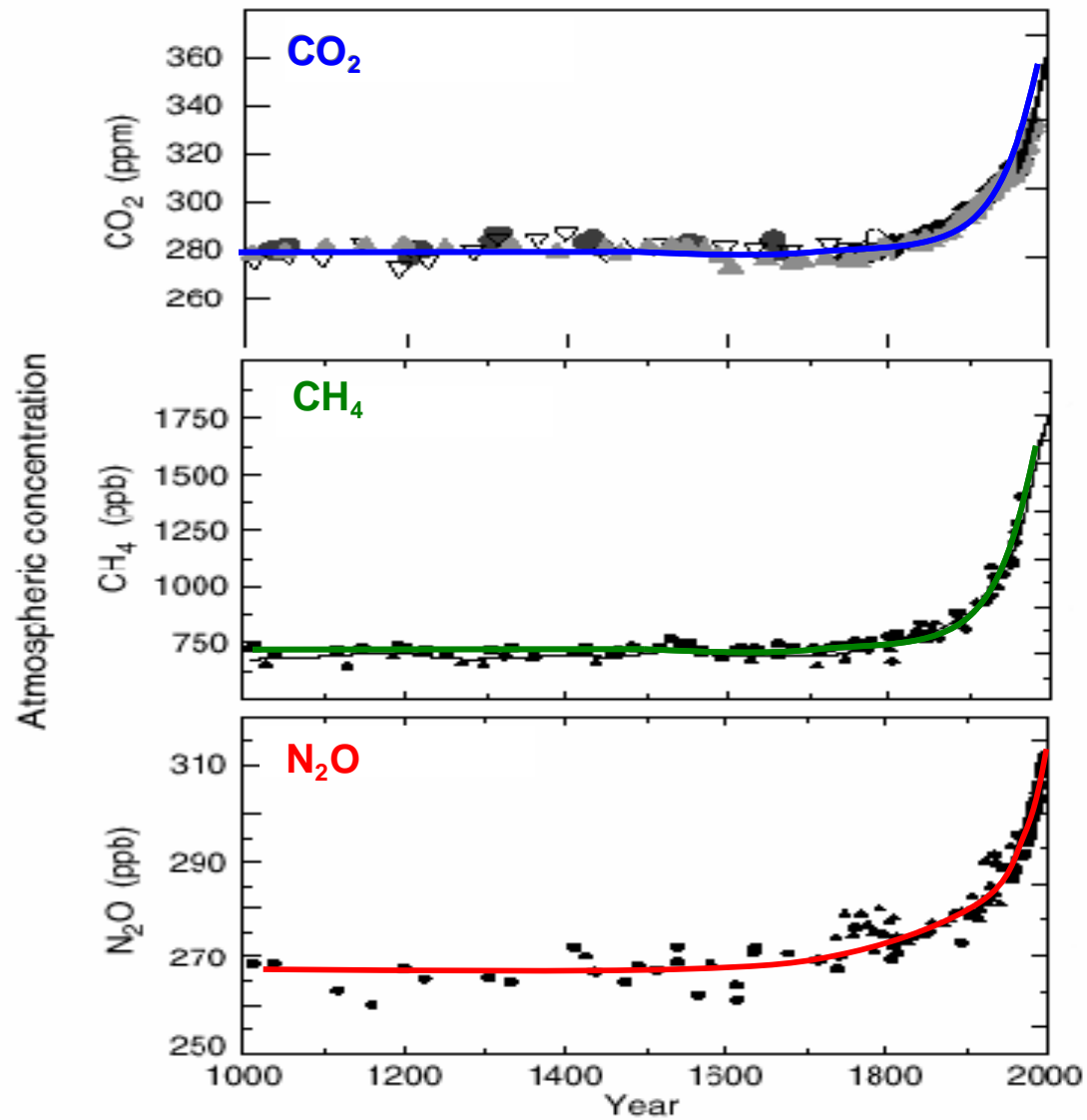


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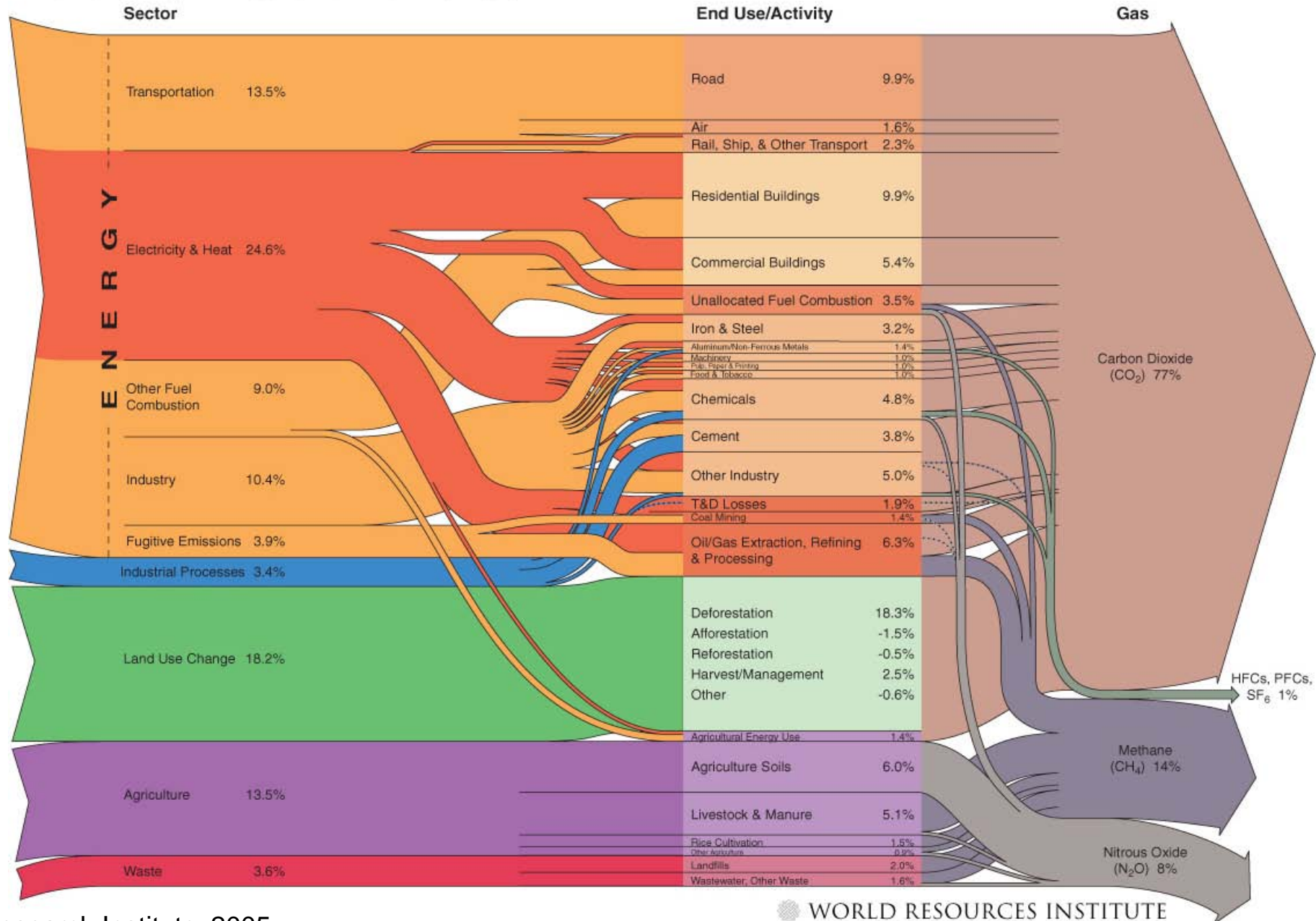
Biosphere-Atmosphere Exchange of GHGs



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World GHG Emissions Flow Chart



World Research Institute, 2005

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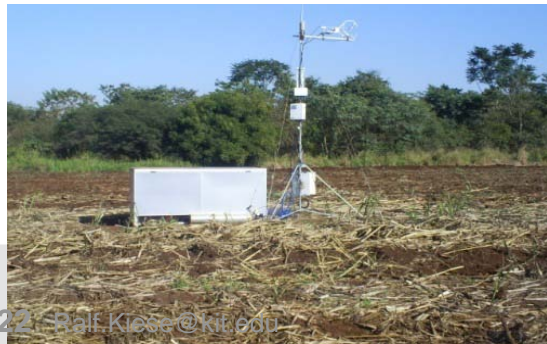
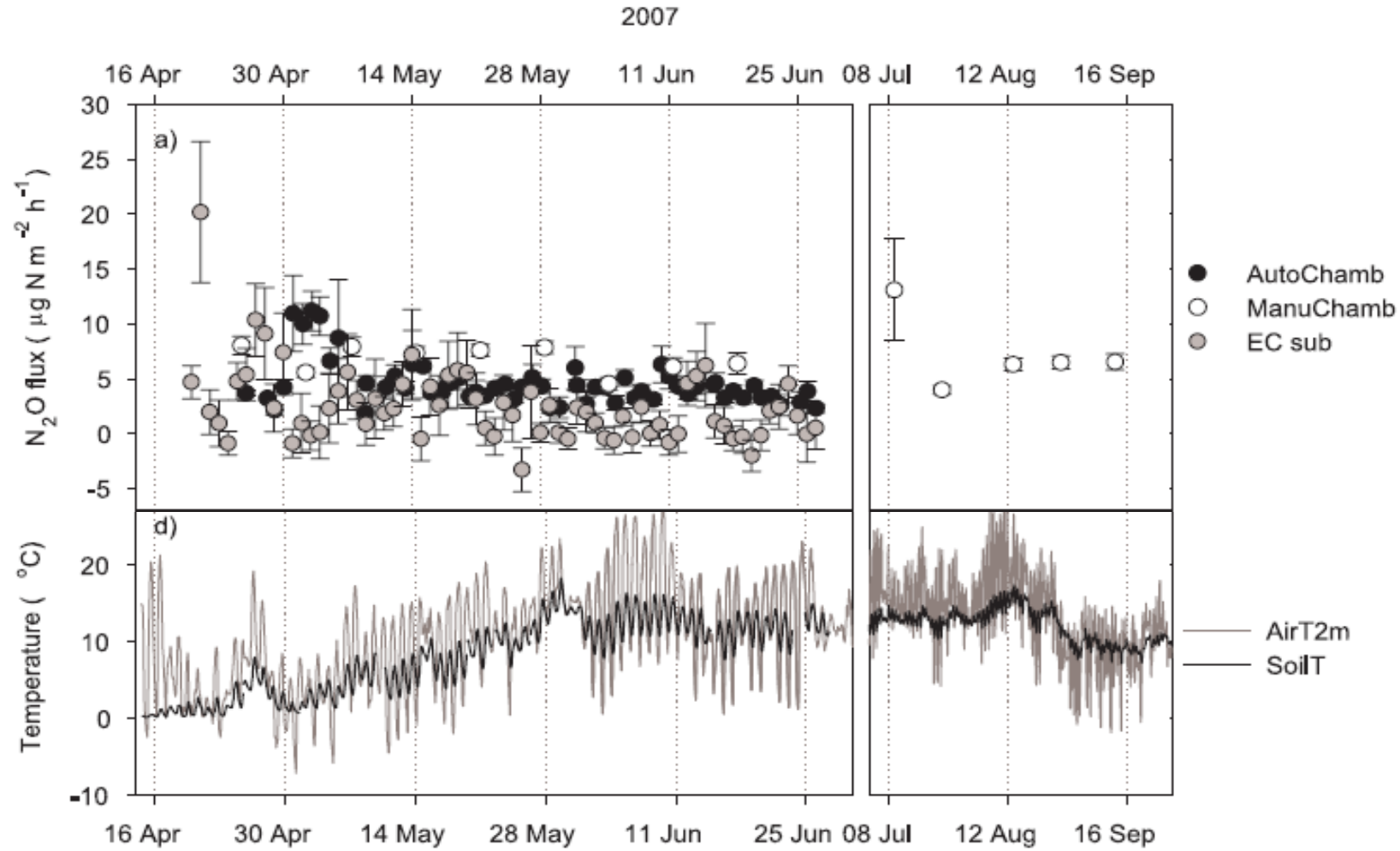
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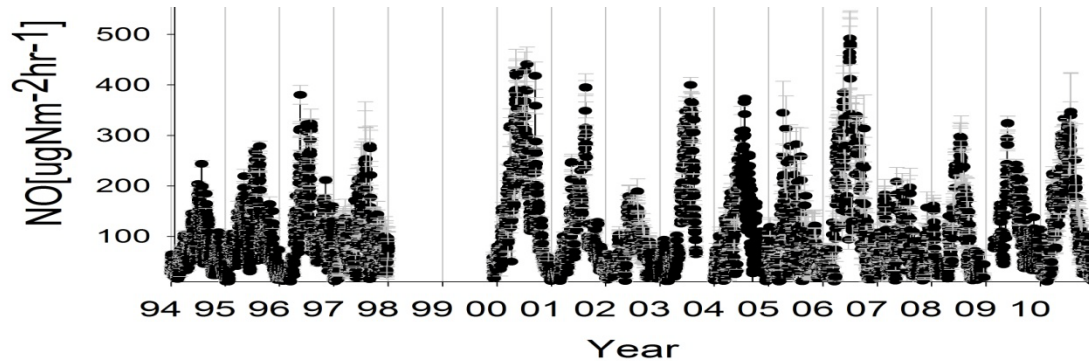
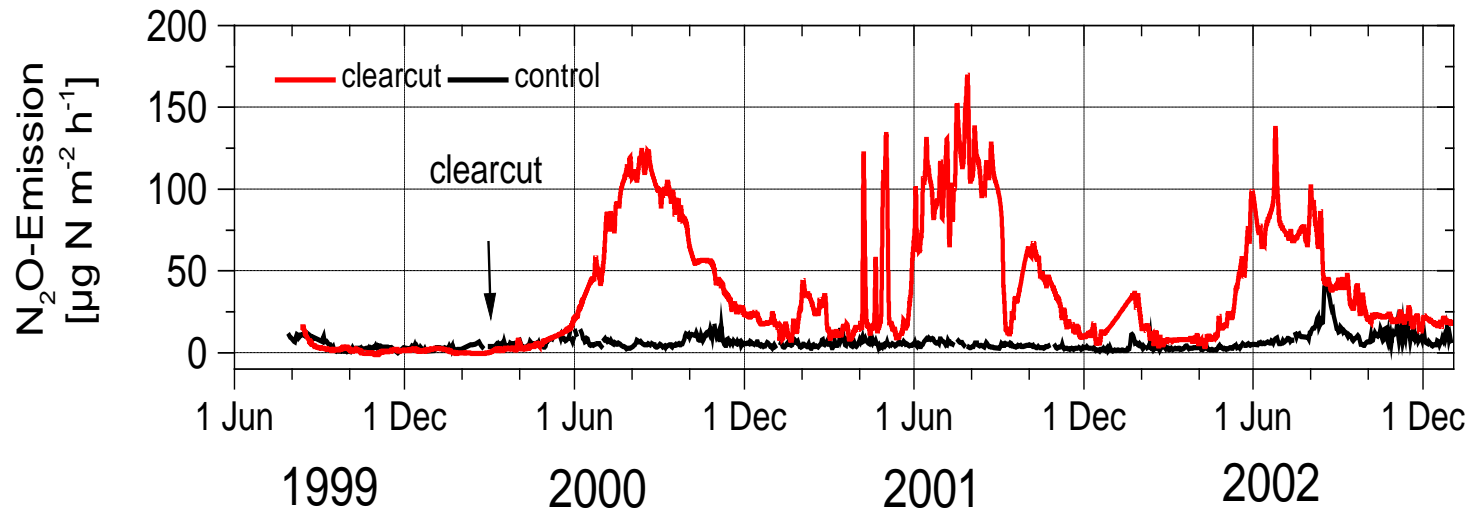
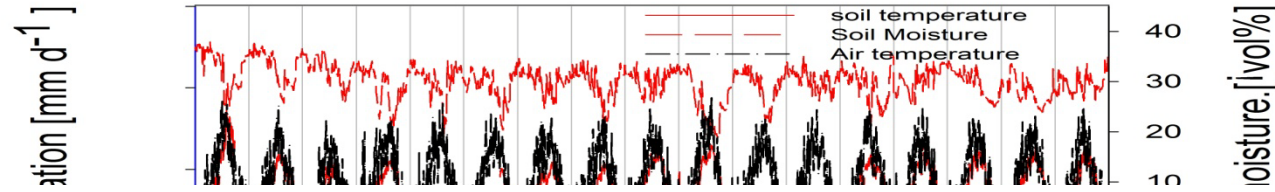
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Field
Measurements

Measuring Principals of GHG fluxes:

1.) chamber measurements





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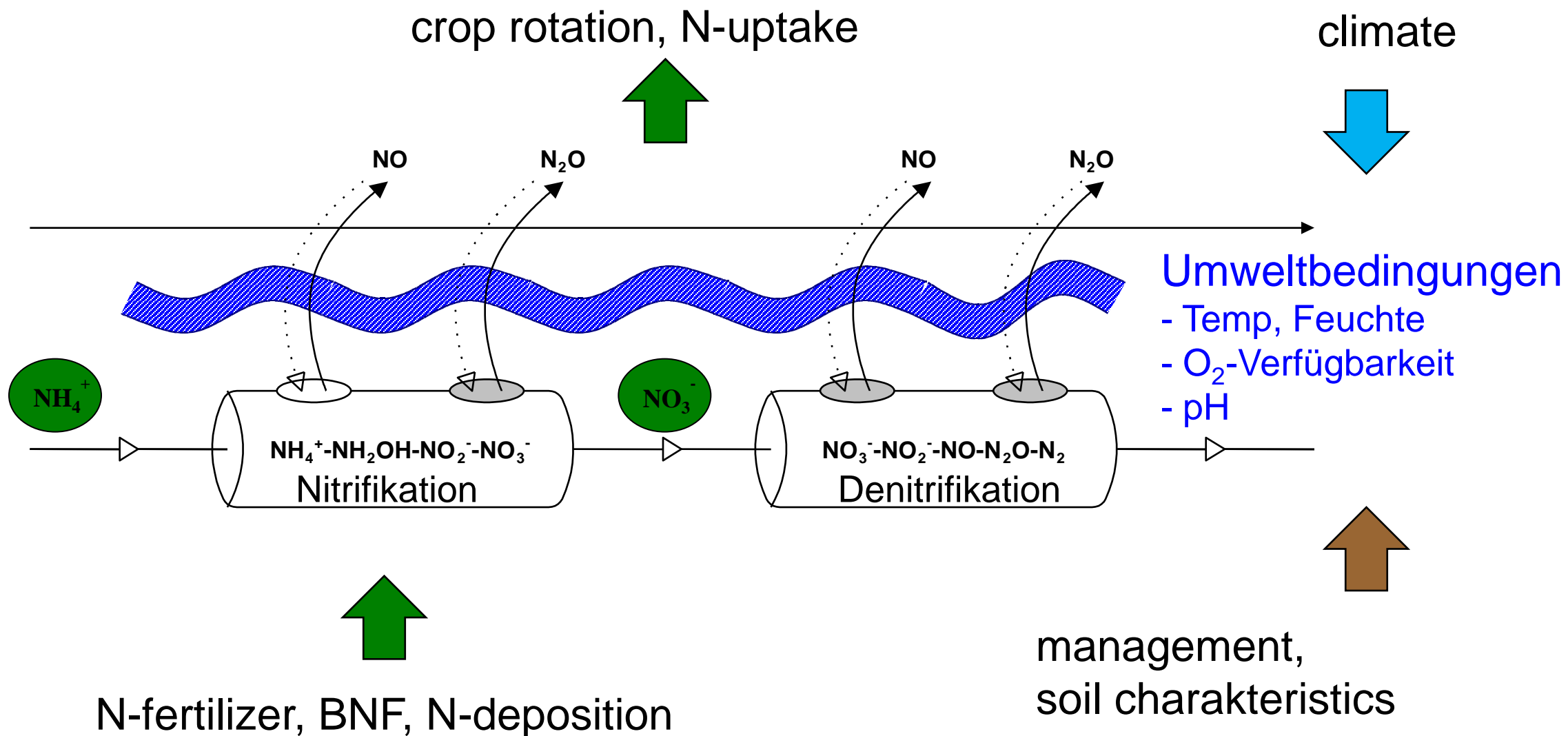
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Process
studies

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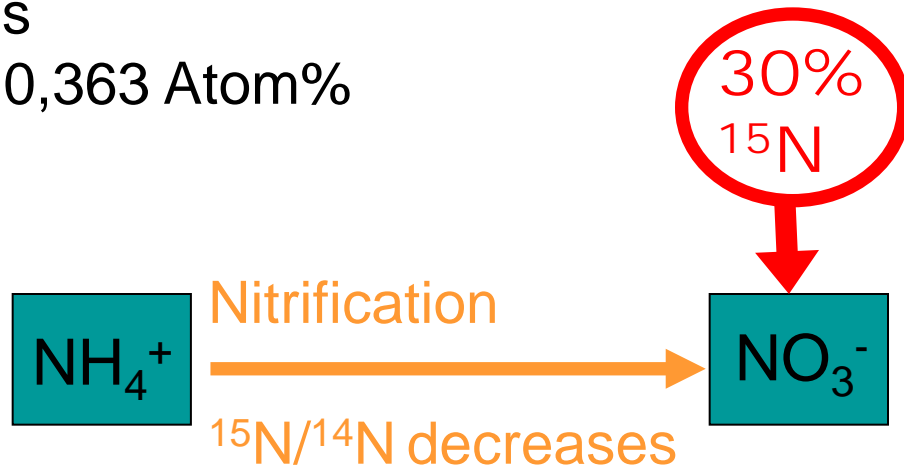
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Modified after Davidson, 1991

Process studies by use of stable isotopes $^{15}\text{N}/^{14}\text{N}$

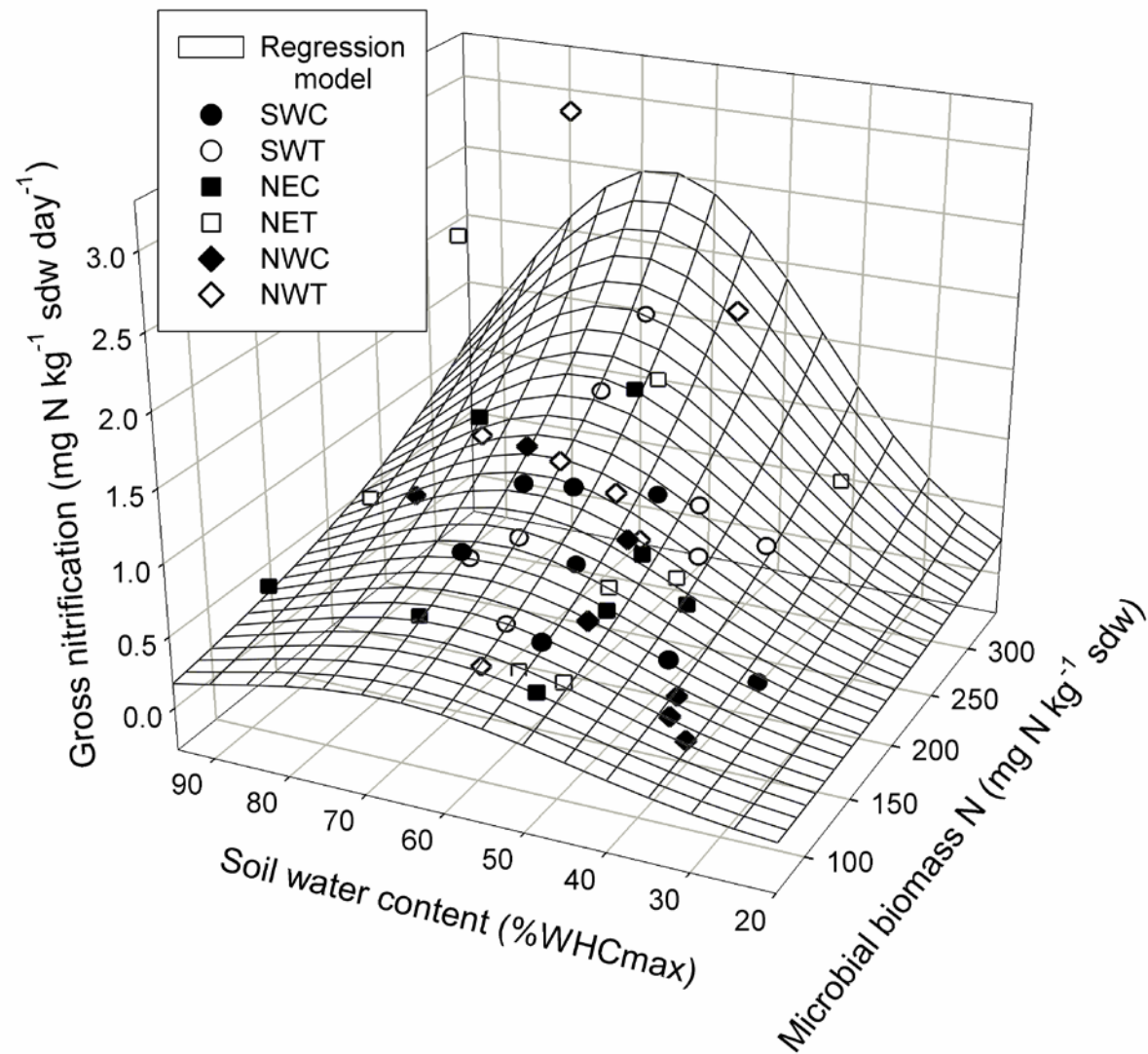
^{15}N natural abundance in soil-N-pools
 = c. 0,363 Atom%



$$\text{Nitr} = \frac{(^{14+15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_1} - ^{14+15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_2})}{(t_2 - t_1)} * \frac{\log(^{15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_1} * ^{14+15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_2} / ^{15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_2} * ^{14+15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_1})}{\log(^{14+15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_1} / ^{14+15}\text{NO}_3^-_{t_2})}$$

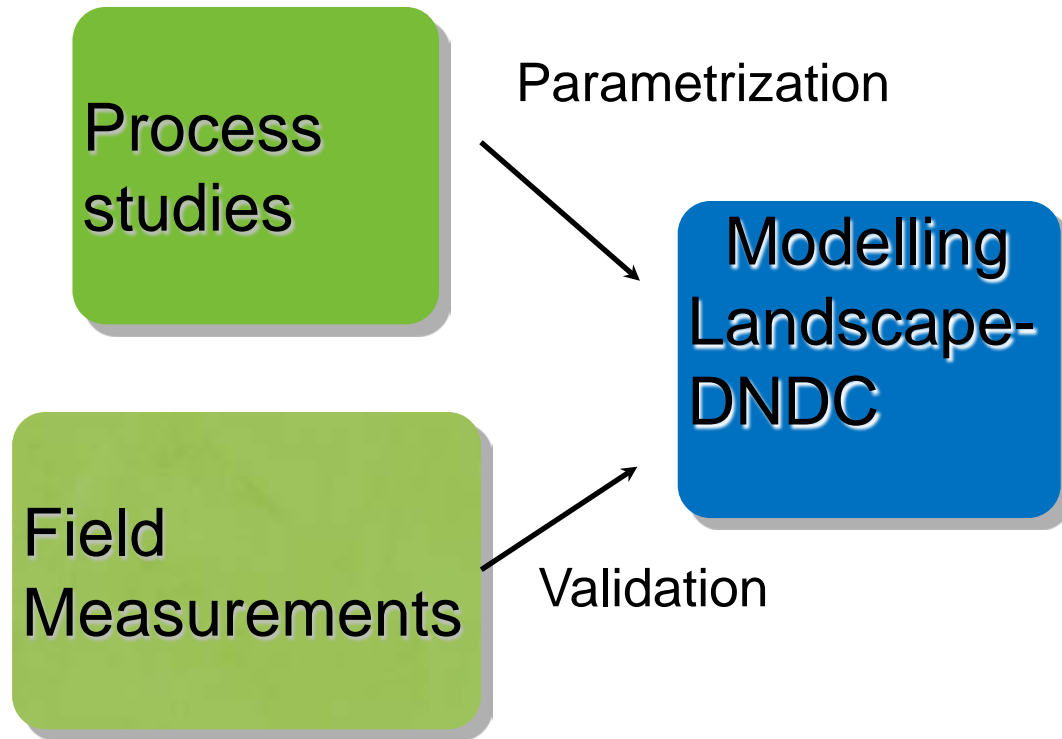
(Kirkham+Bartholomew 1954)

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EF Approach: IPCC $n_{2o} = N_{fert} * 0.01$

Stochastic model types:

regression models $n_{2o} = f(\text{fert}, \text{temp}, \text{rainf})$

neural networks $n_{2o} = f(\text{fert}, \text{temp}, \text{rainf}, x_1 \dots x_n)$

Numeric model types:

describing all relevant ecosystem processes
(e.g. nutrient uptake, mineralisation, nitrification, denitrification)

increase in ...

complexity

input information

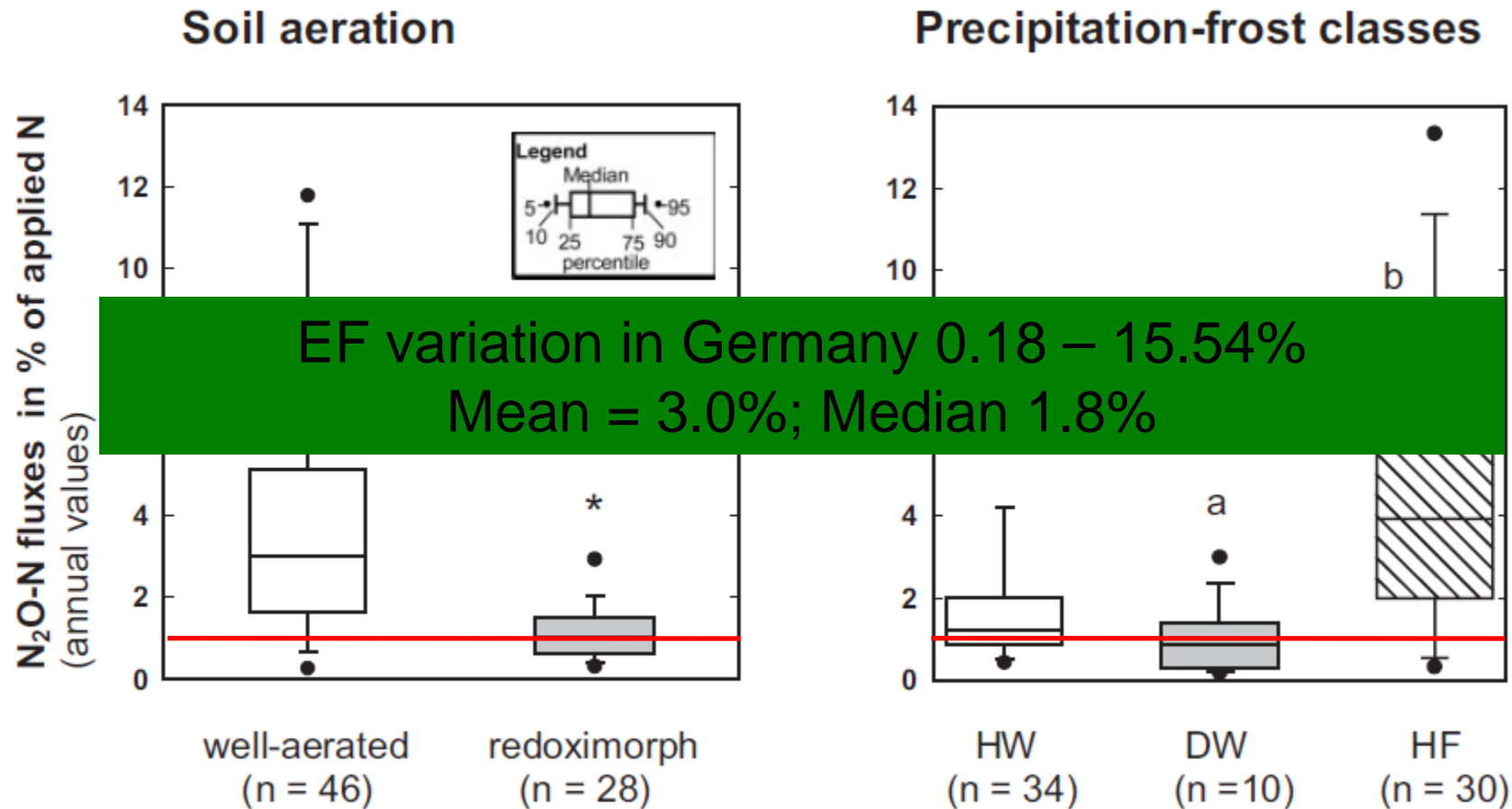
model parameters

but also

applicability in
space and time

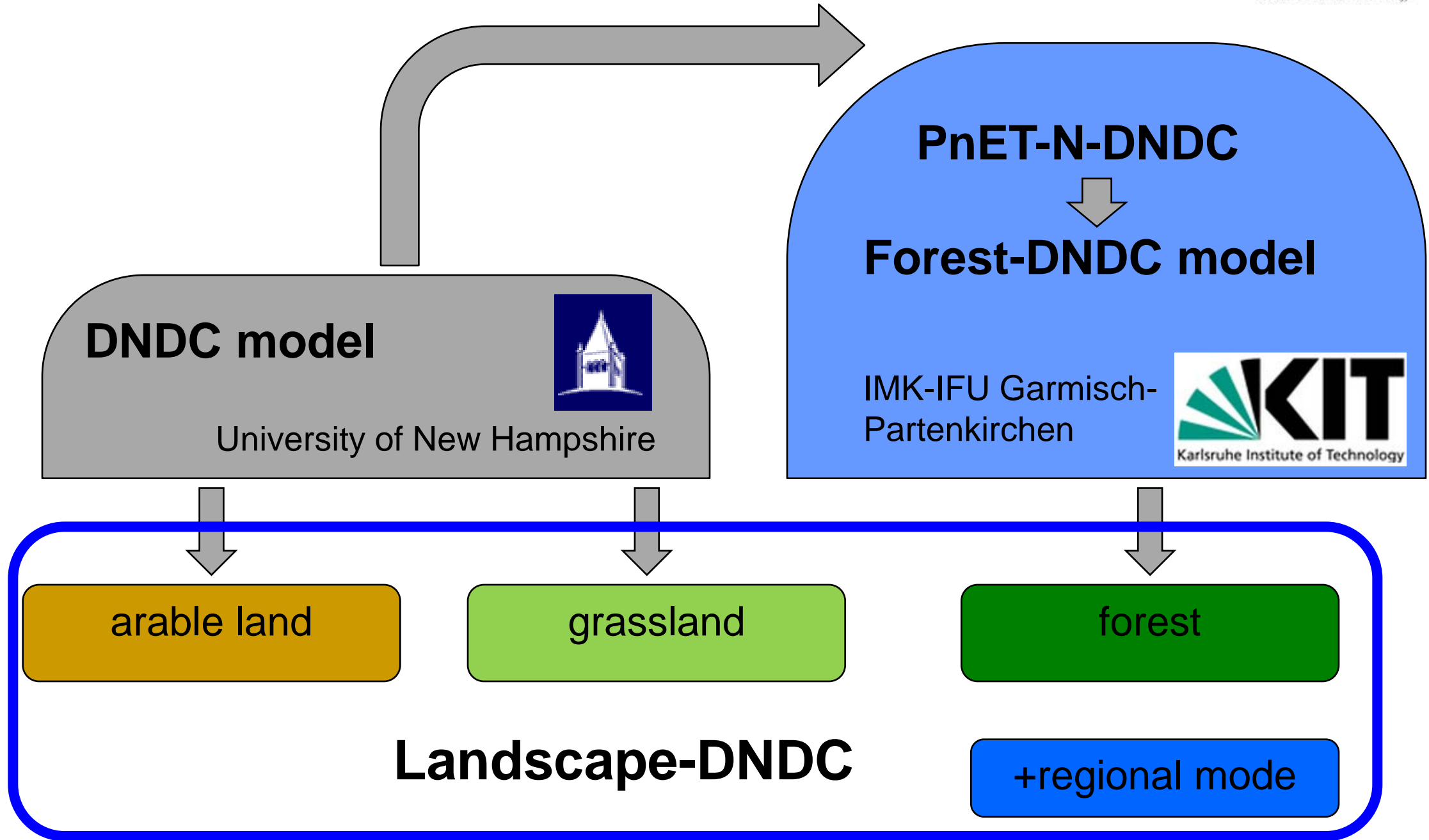
State of the art N₂O emissions

- Are fixed emission factors (1% IPCC, 2006) good enough?



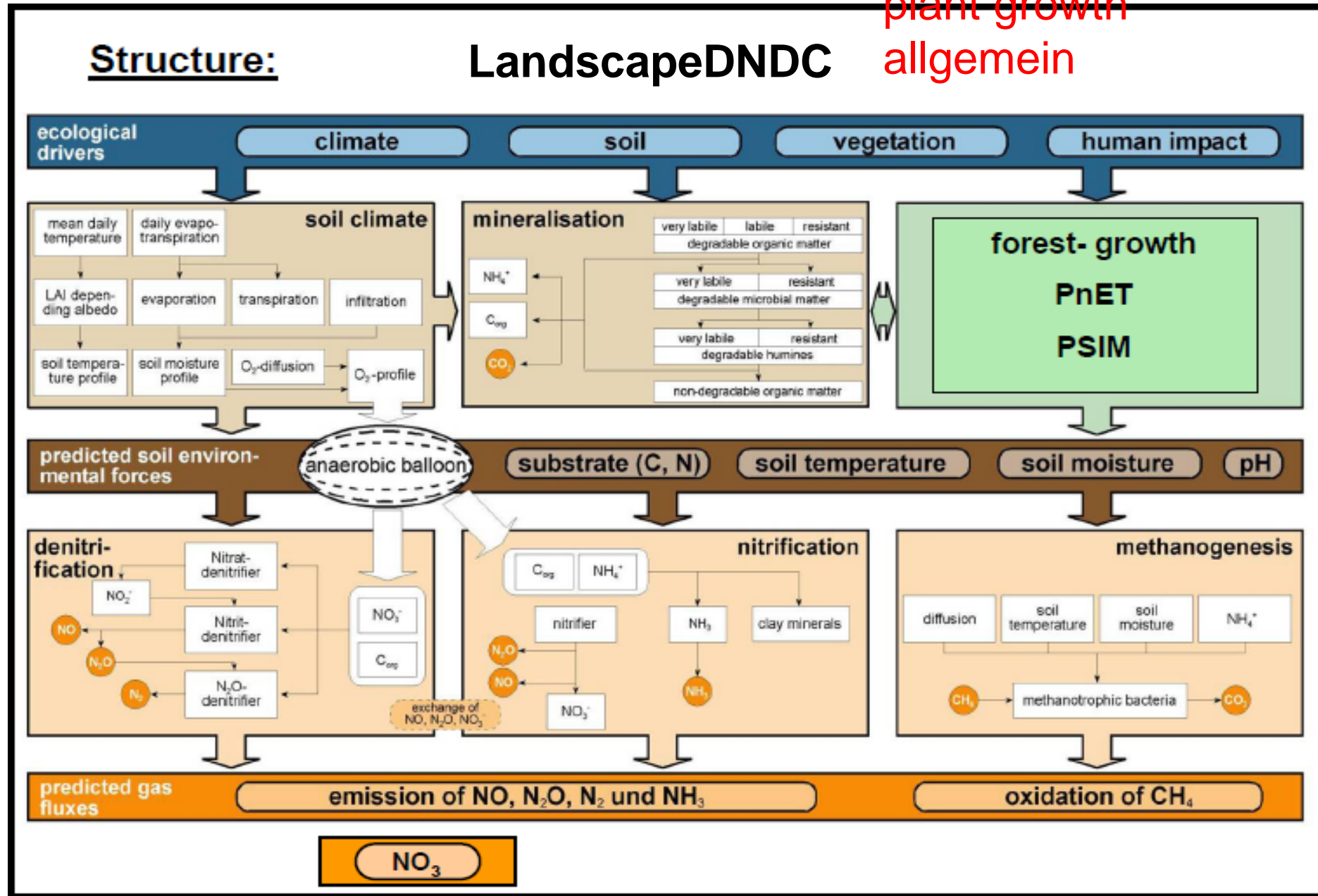
Jungkunst et al., 2006, J. Plant Nutr. Soil Sci.

- Century, DayCent
- ExpertN
- CERES-BGC
- Coup-Model
- DNDC
- LandscapeDNDC
- Ecosys
- Orchidee
- LPJ-Model



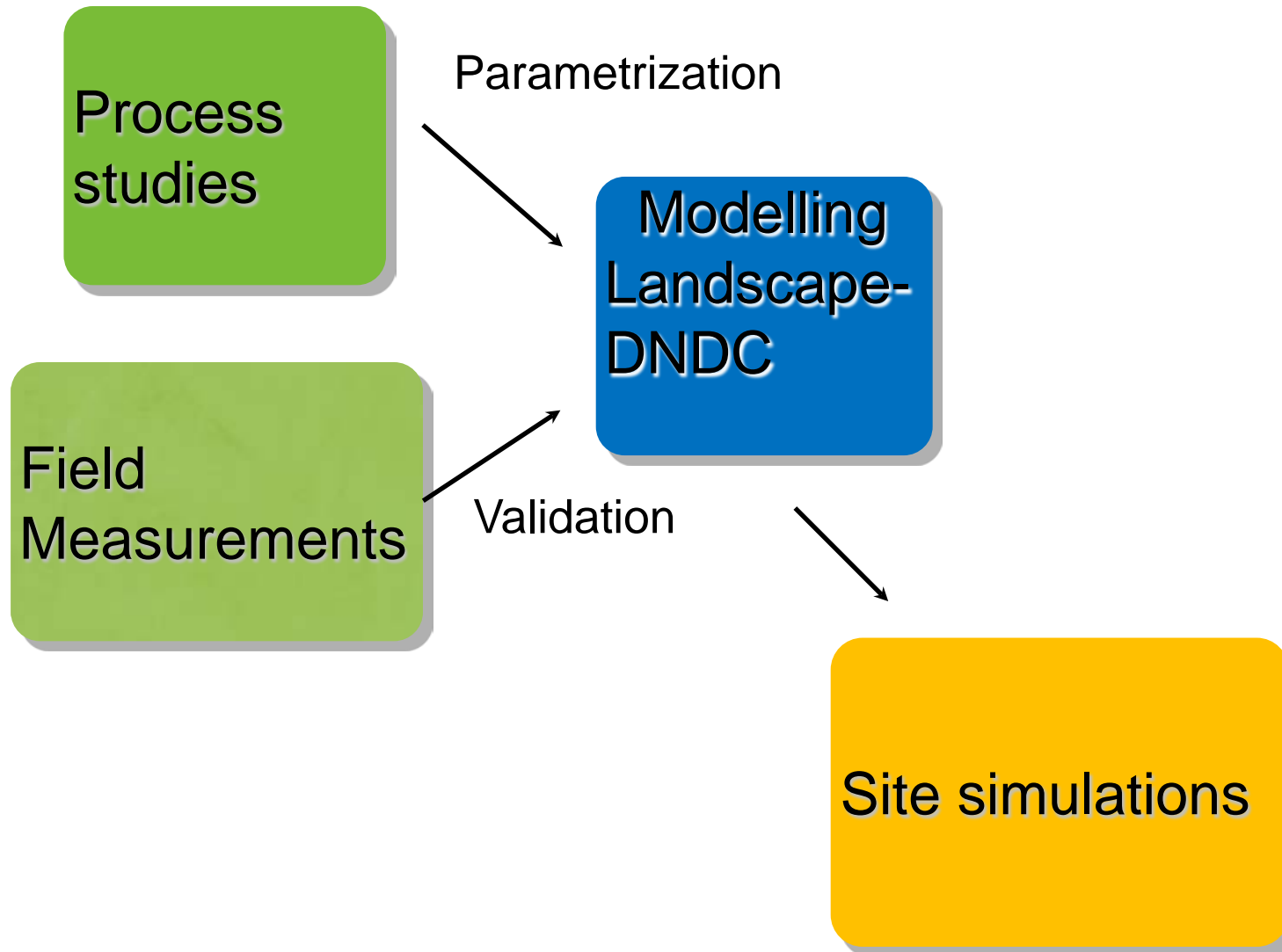
Structure of LandscapeDNDC

TODO
Animiert und
plant growth
allgemein

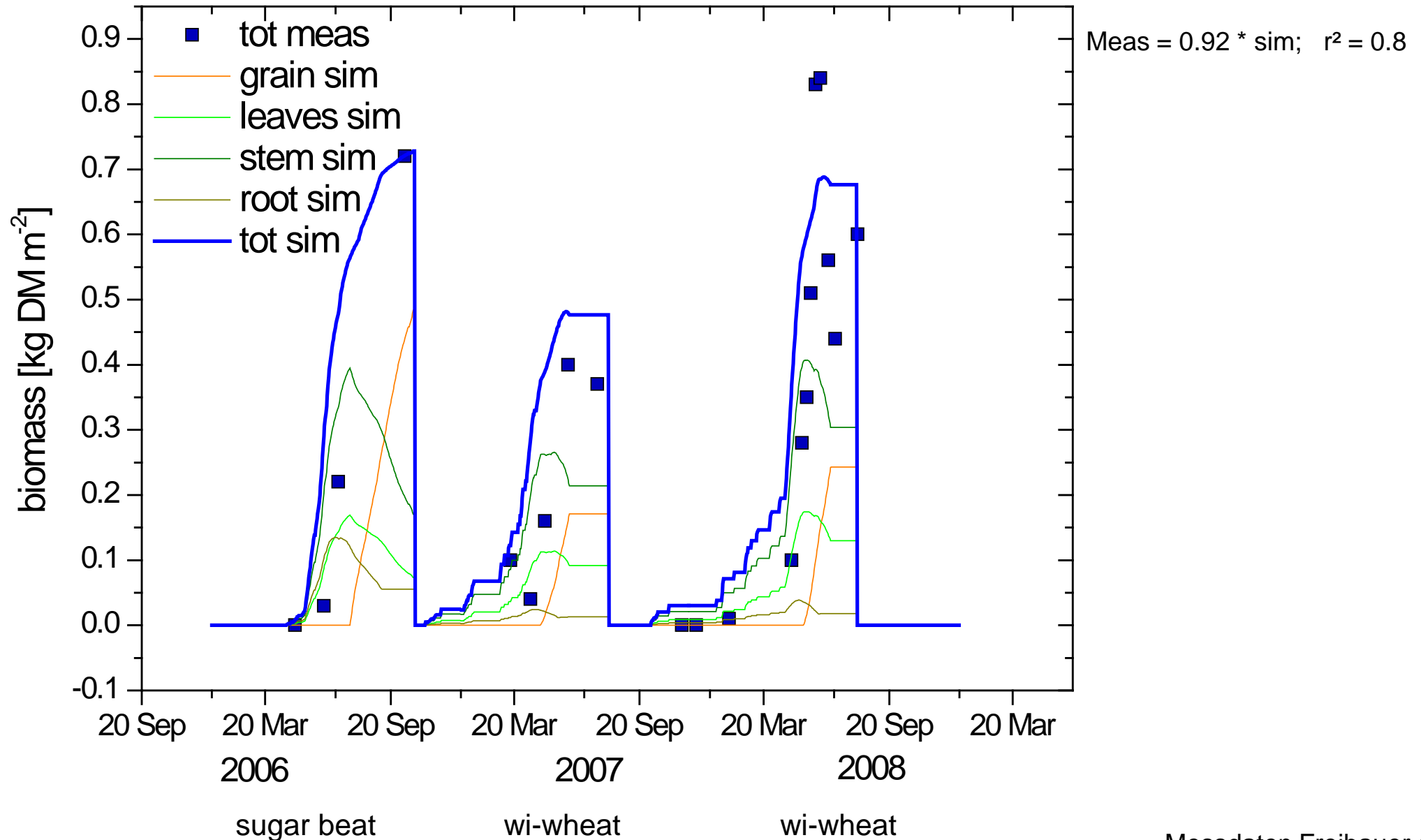


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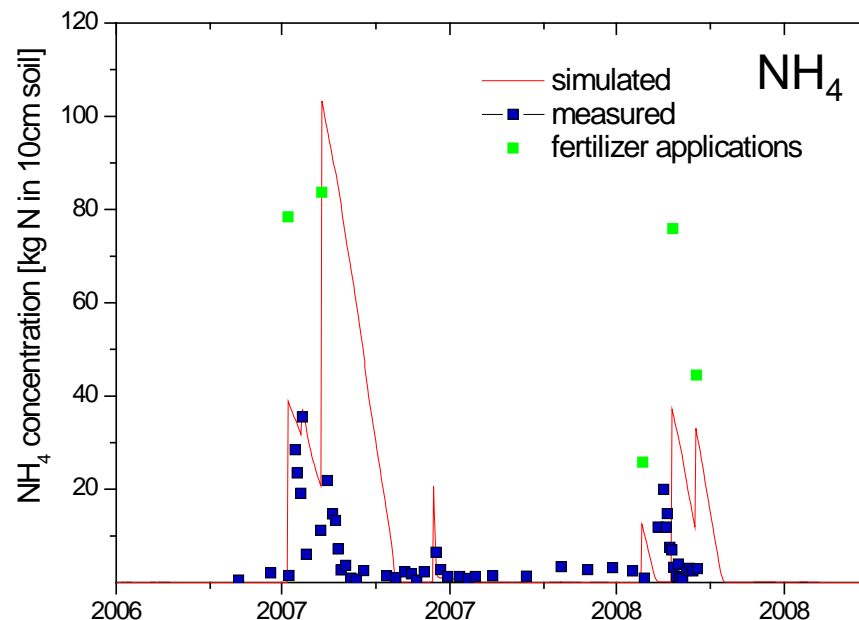
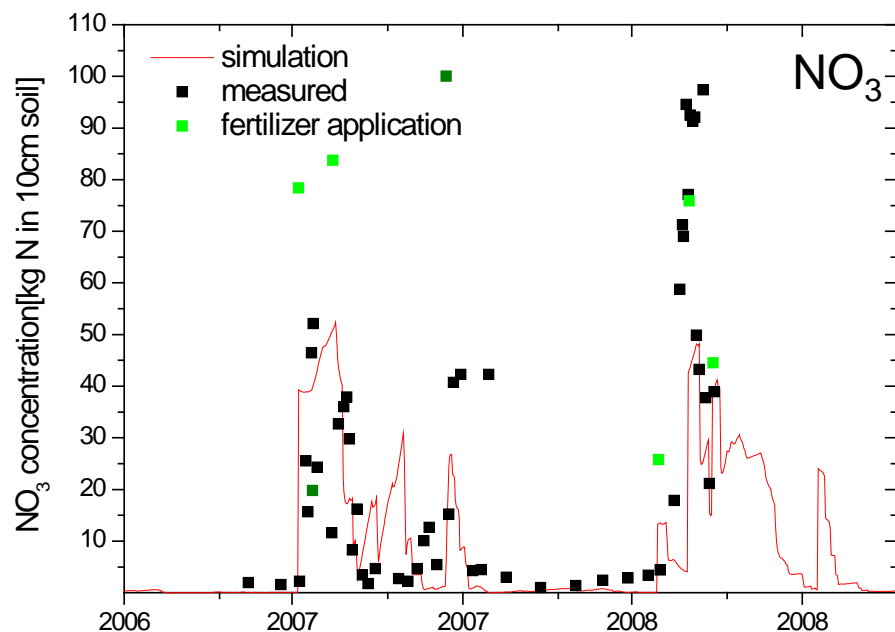
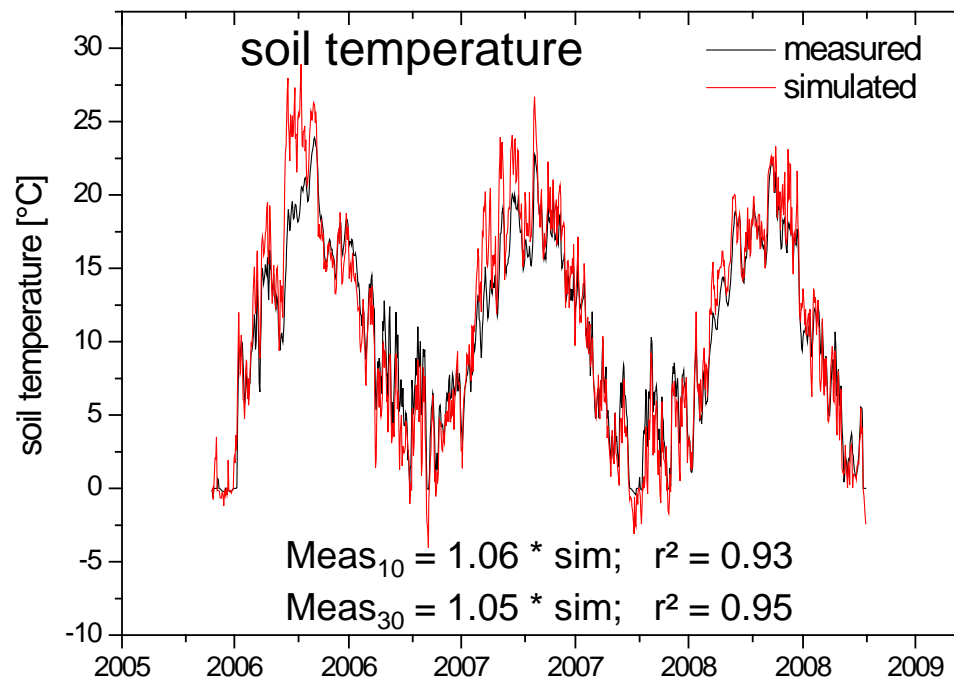
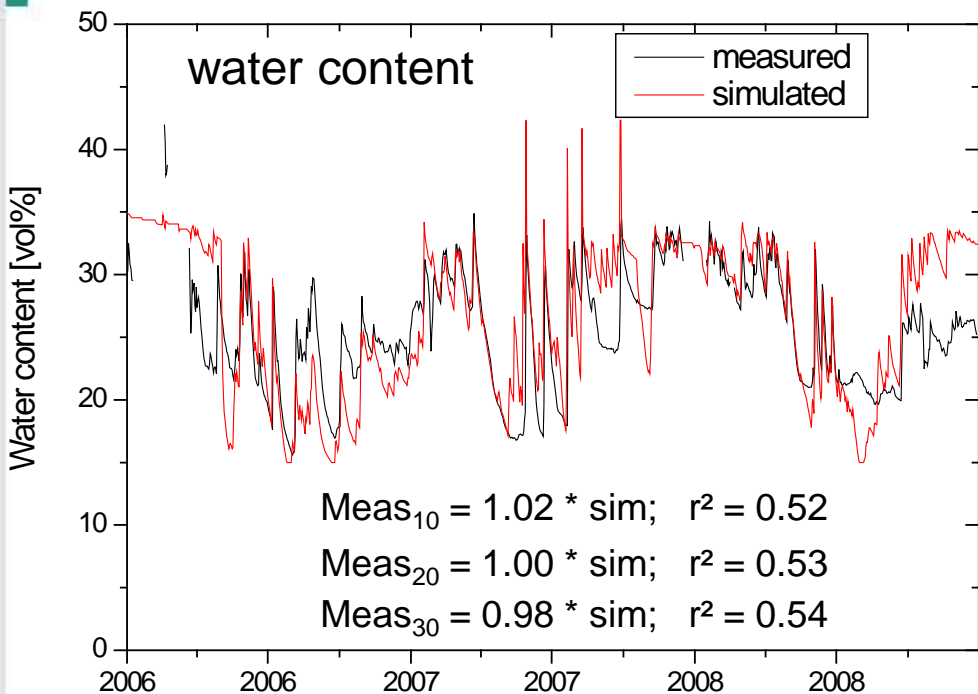


Gebesee arable field: biomass developement



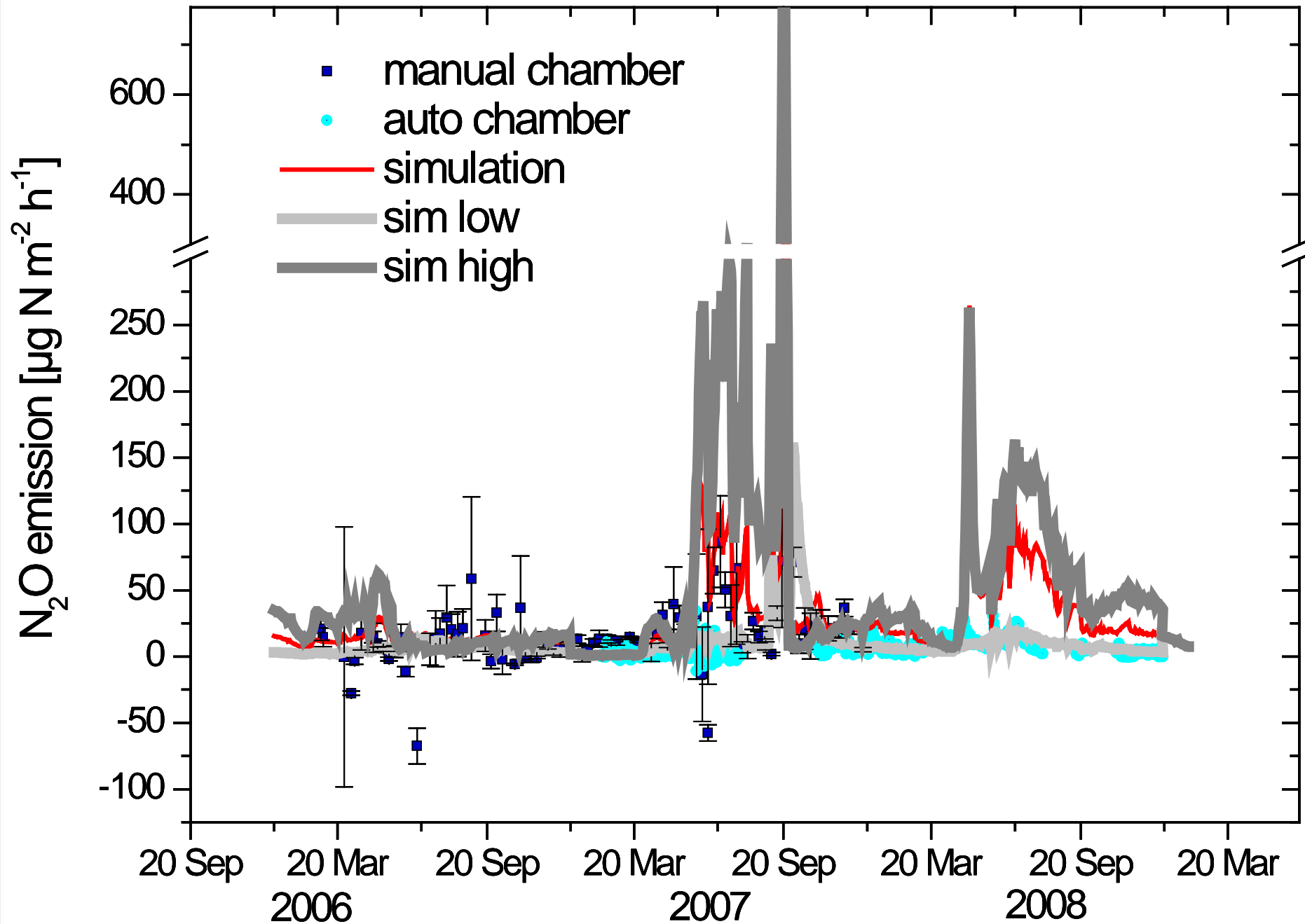
Messdaten Freibauer et al. vTI

Gebesee: soil environmental conditons



Measured data Freibauer et al. vTI

Gebesee: N₂O Emission



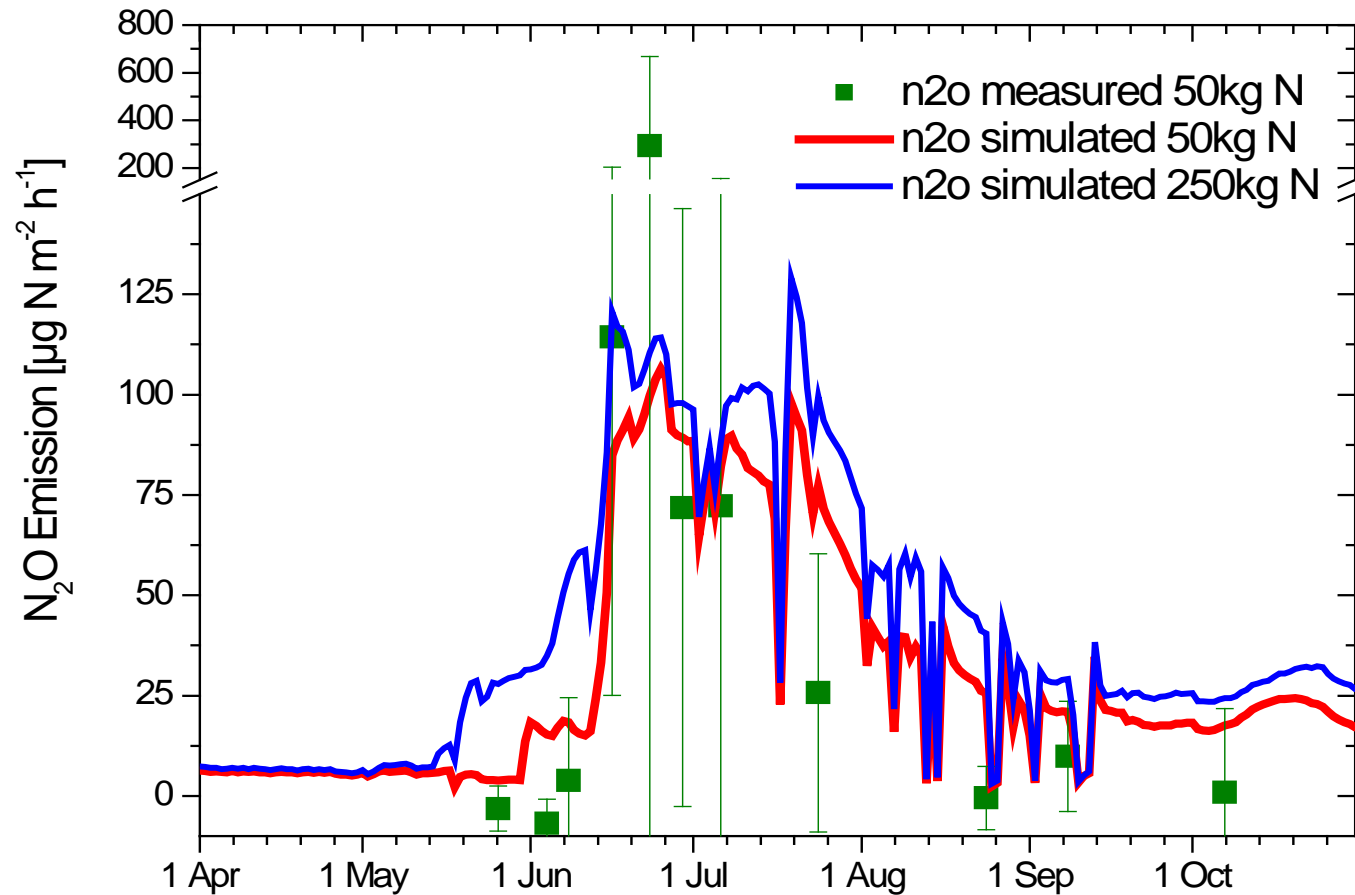
N₂O Range :
1-3 kg Nha⁻¹yr⁻¹

Messdaten Freibauer et al. vTI

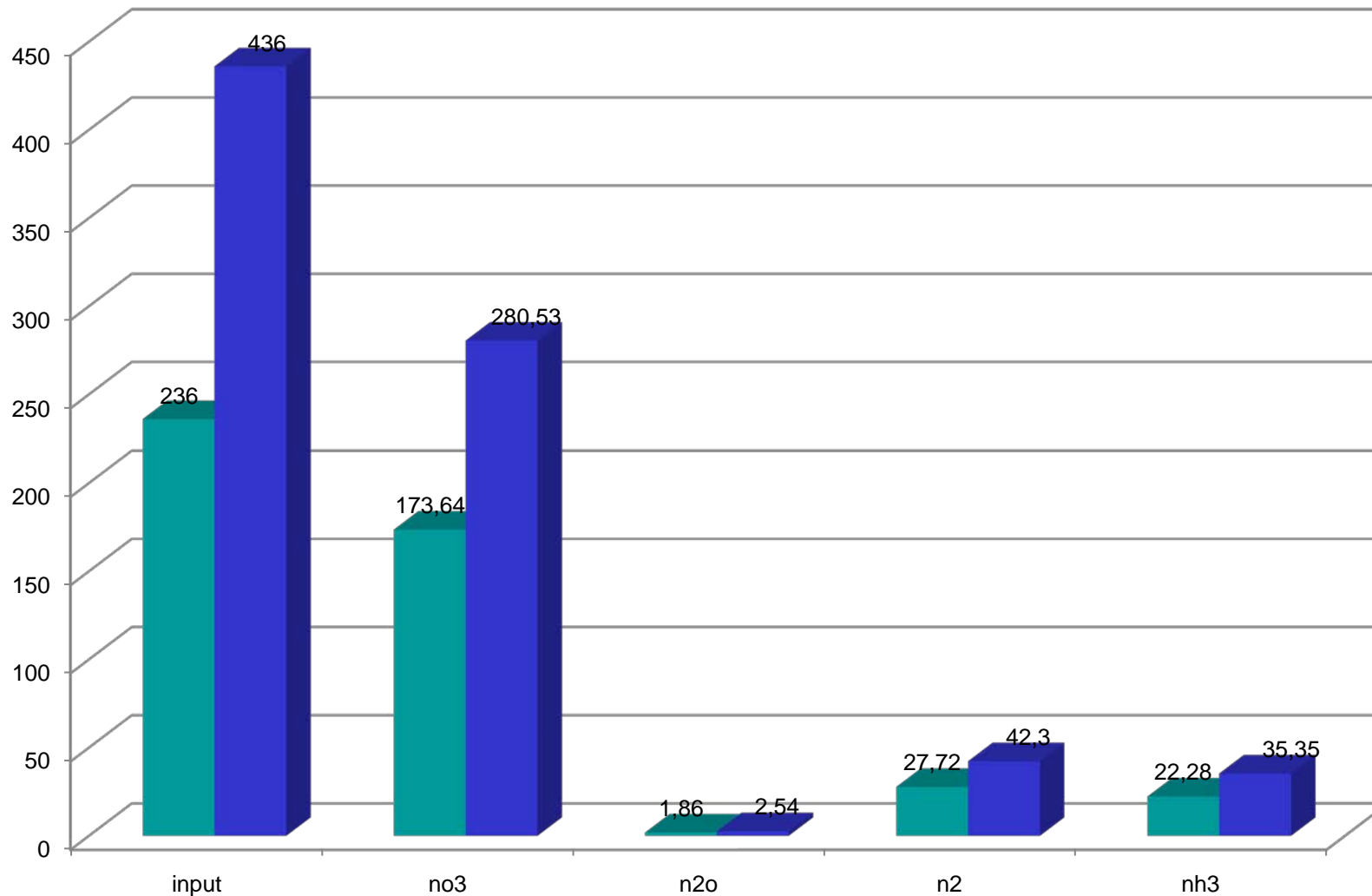
Haean, Korea: N₂O Emission



Haean-myun Catchment, Yanggu Gun, Korea



Hean, Korea: N fluxes with different N fertilization



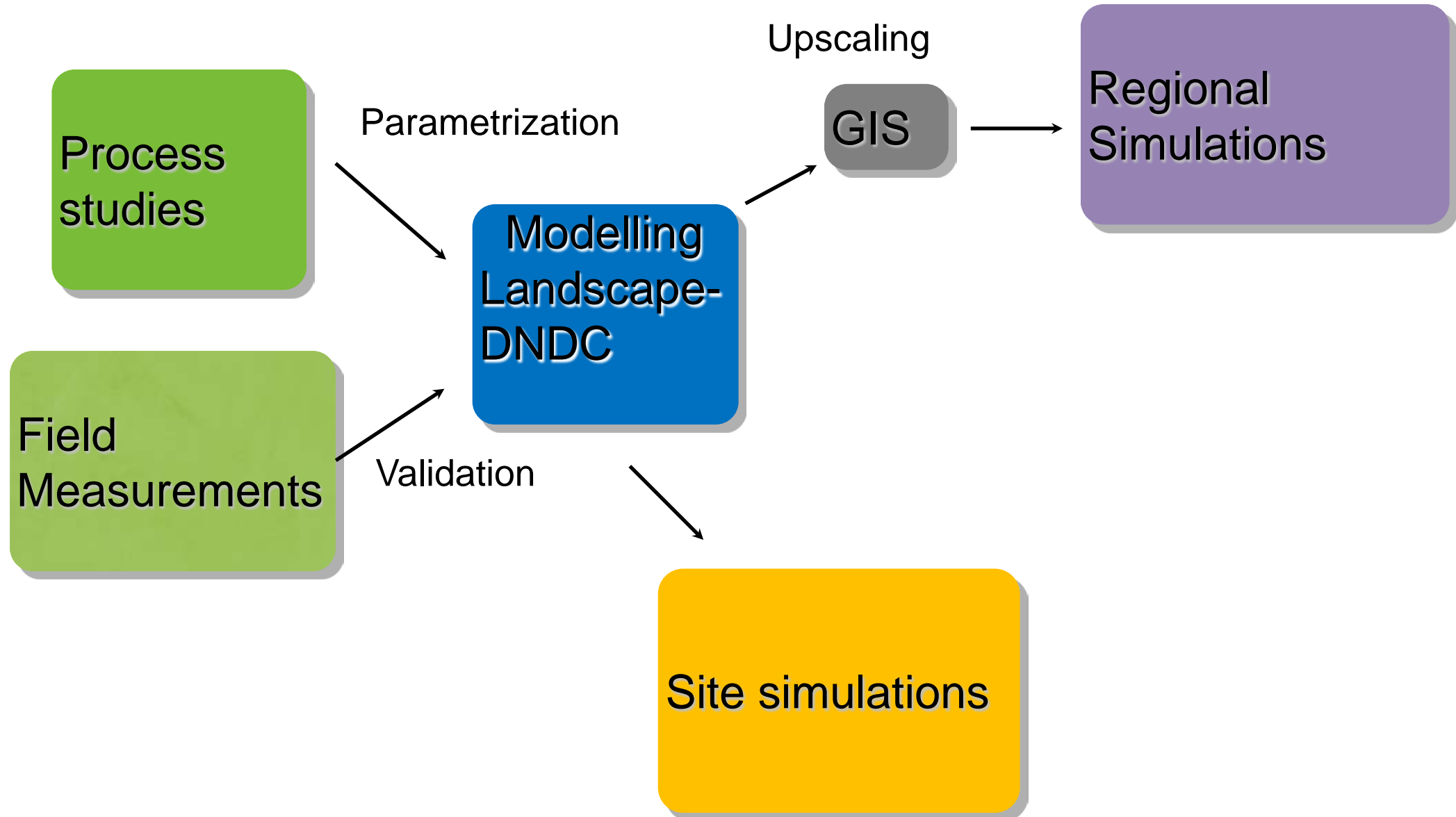
Mean seepage water concentration

30 mg l NO_3

57 mg l NO_3

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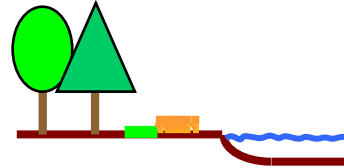
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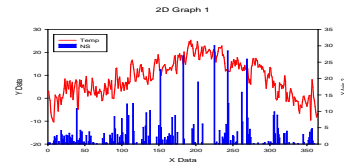
Regional Application Approach

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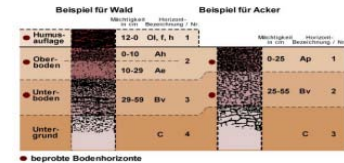
Vegetation



Climate

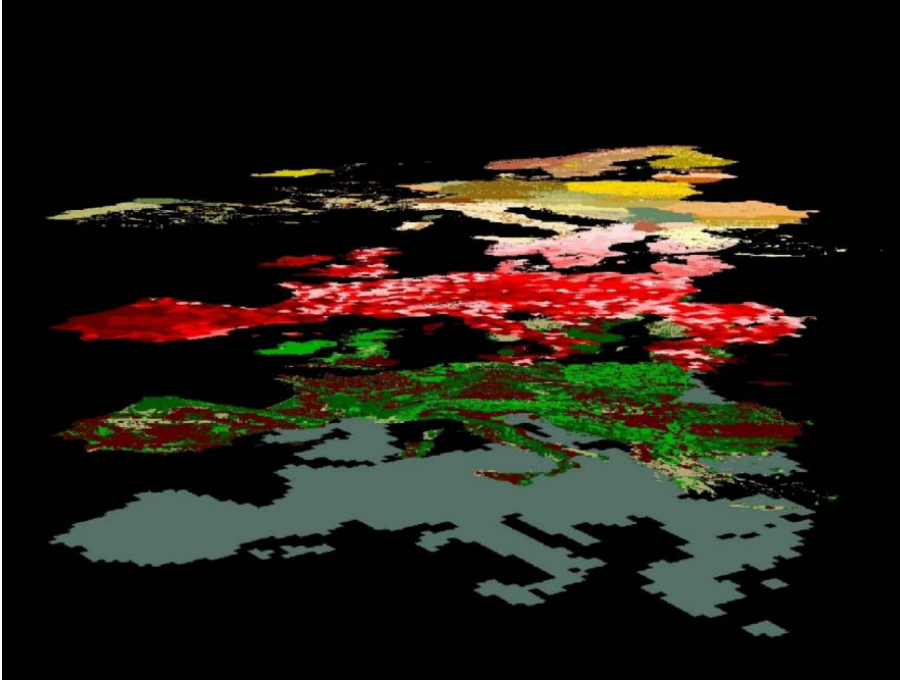


Soil



Administrative Units

Nutzung	DNDC-Klassifikation	Landnutzung	Landnutzungsfläche (ha)	Anteilsgewicht (%)	Summe (g N)
Acker	10	10	127.274	10,2	1.024.702,00
Wald	20	20	1.229.914	100,0	1.008.914,00
Gras	30	30	267.770	21,9	2.190,00
Wiese	40	40	285.132	23,2	235,13
Wasser	50	50	10.000	0,8	80,00
Urban	60	60	80.000	6,5	650,00
Urban	70	70	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	80	80	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	90	90	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	100	100	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	110	110	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	120	120	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	130	130	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	140	140	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	150	150	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	160	160	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	170	170	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	180	180	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	190	190	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	200	200	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
Urban	210	210	1.000.000	81,4	8.140,00
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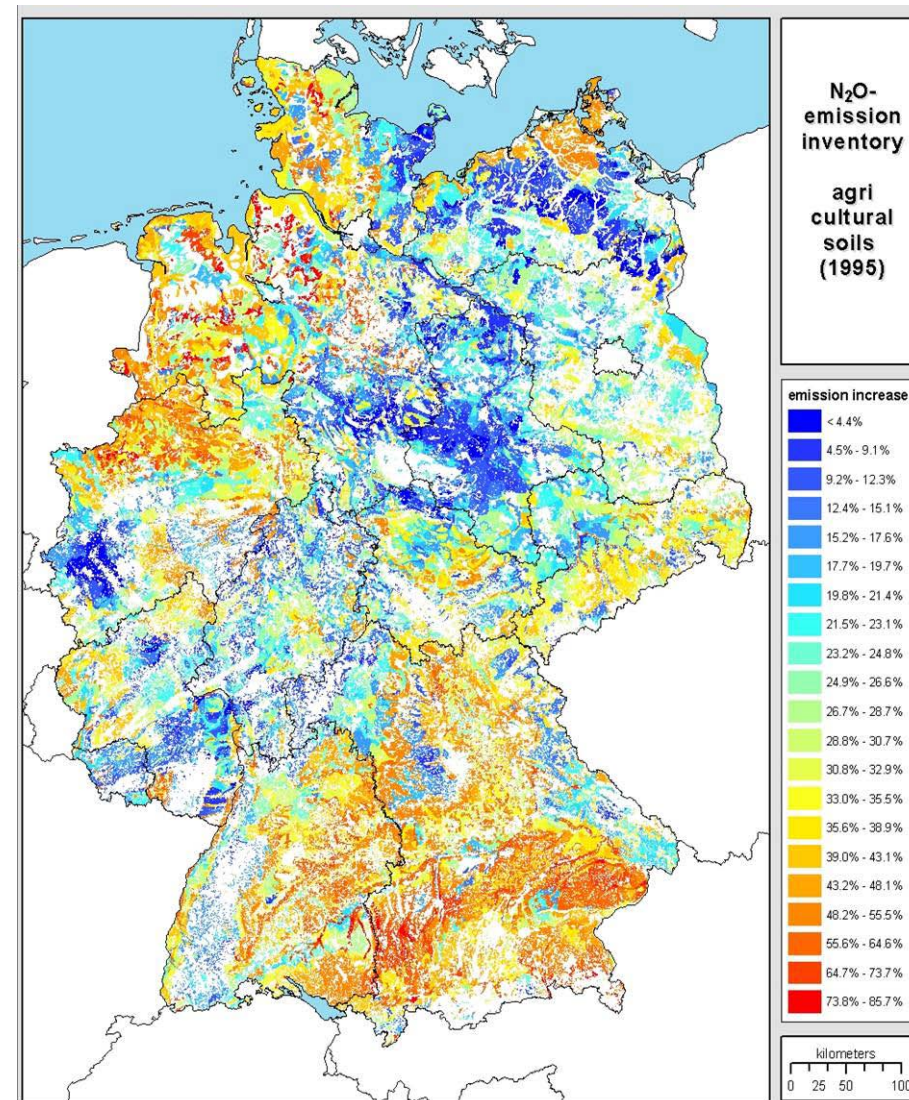
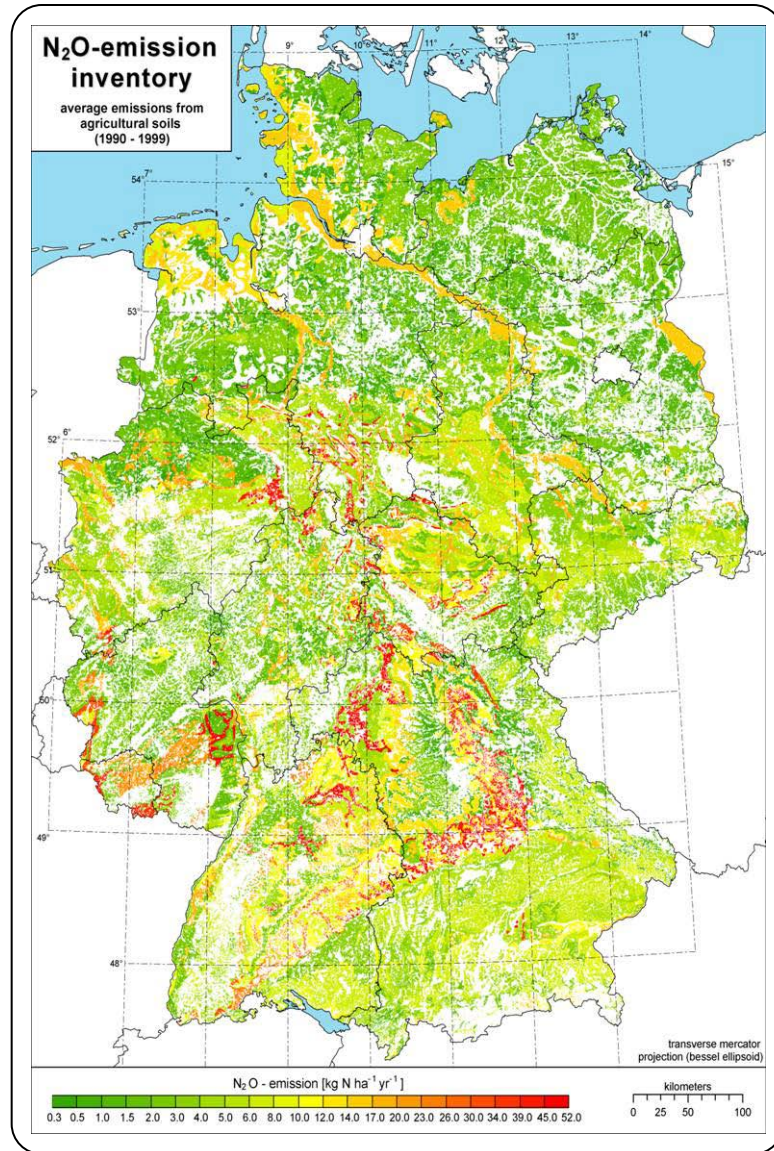


LandscapeDNDC



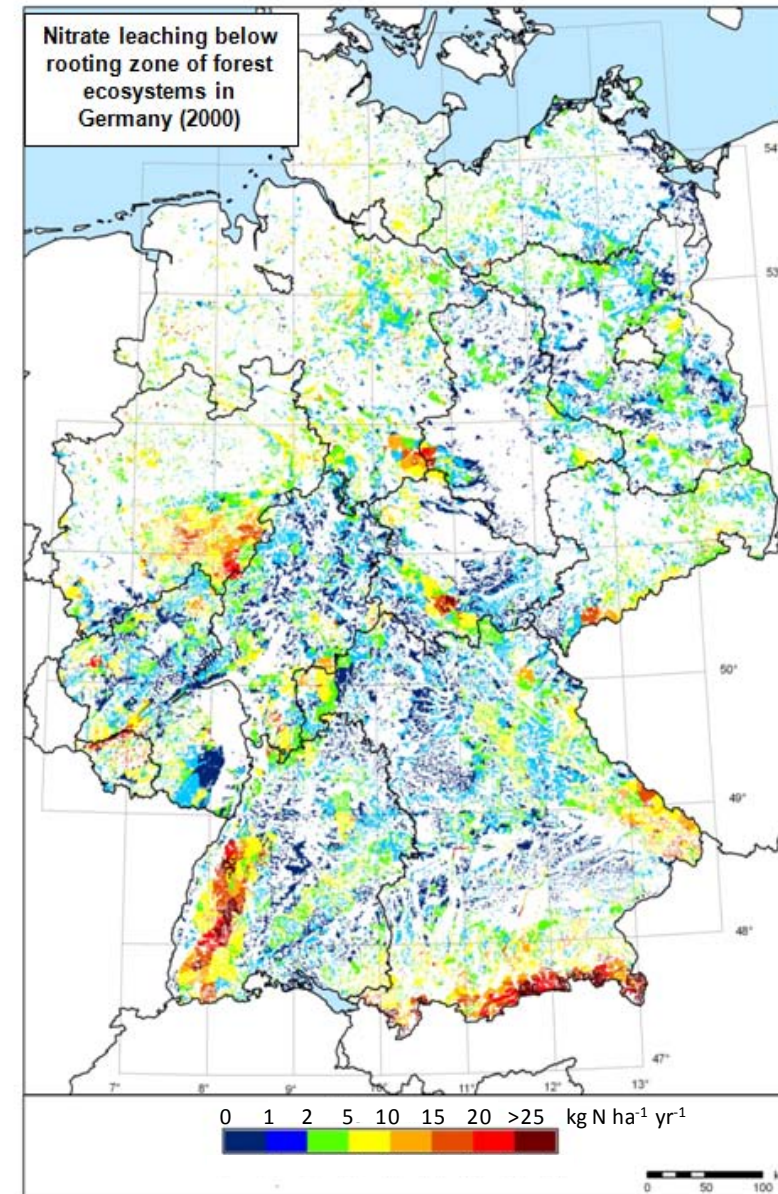
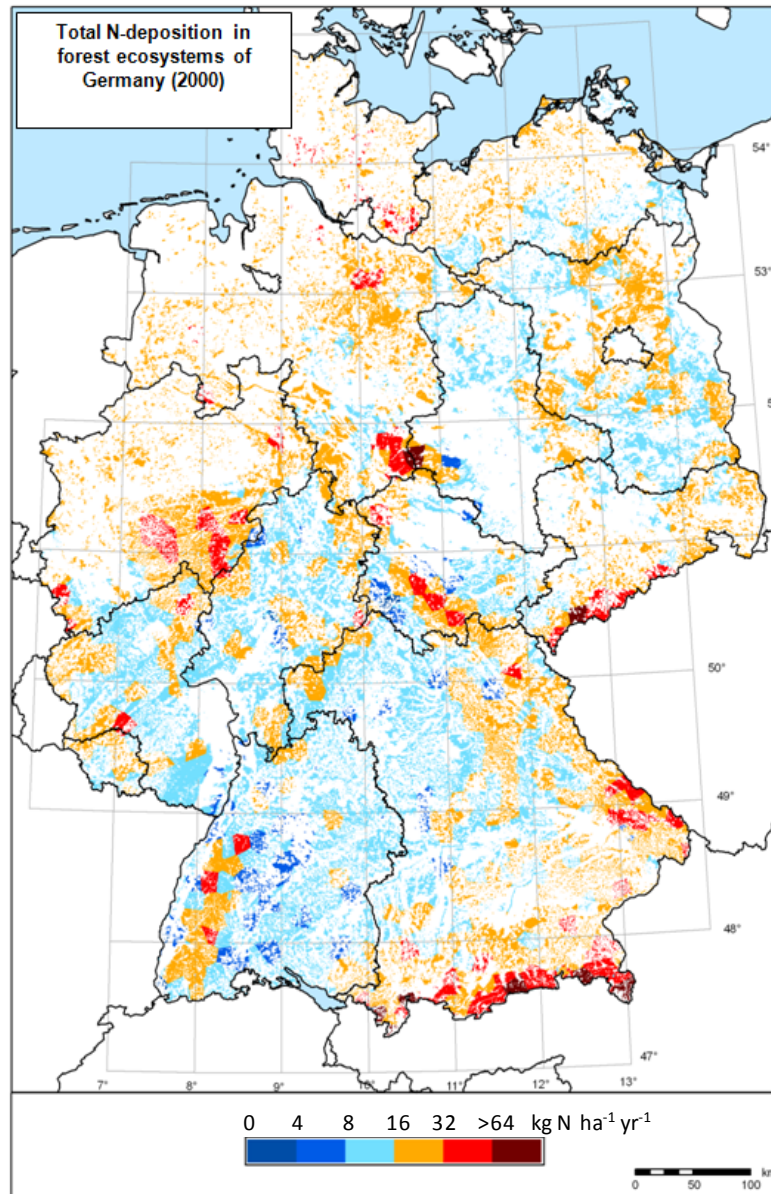
Regional NO and N₂O emission inventories

N₂O Emission Arable soils Germany

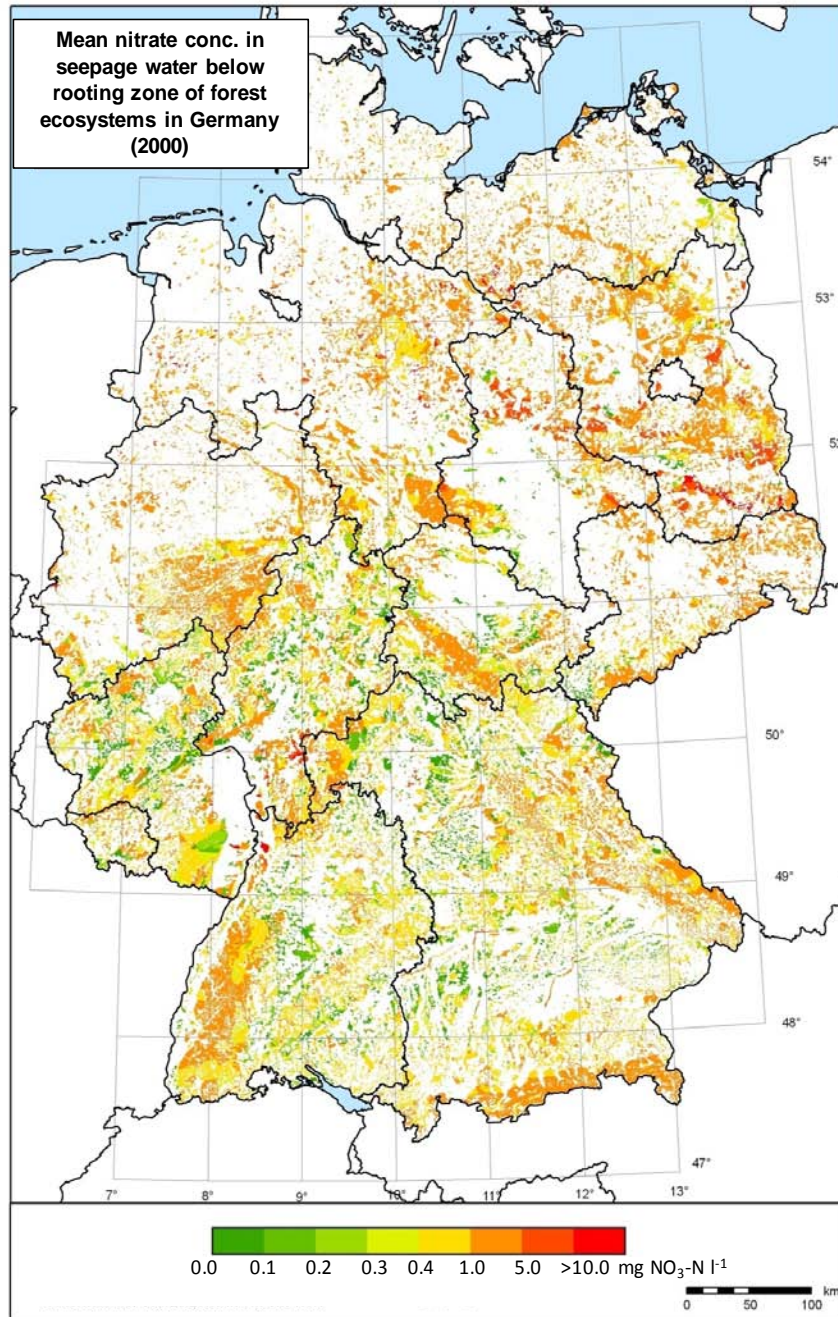


fertilizer induced N₂O emissions (%)

Nitrate leaching in German forest ecosystems



Mean nitrate concentrations in seepage water

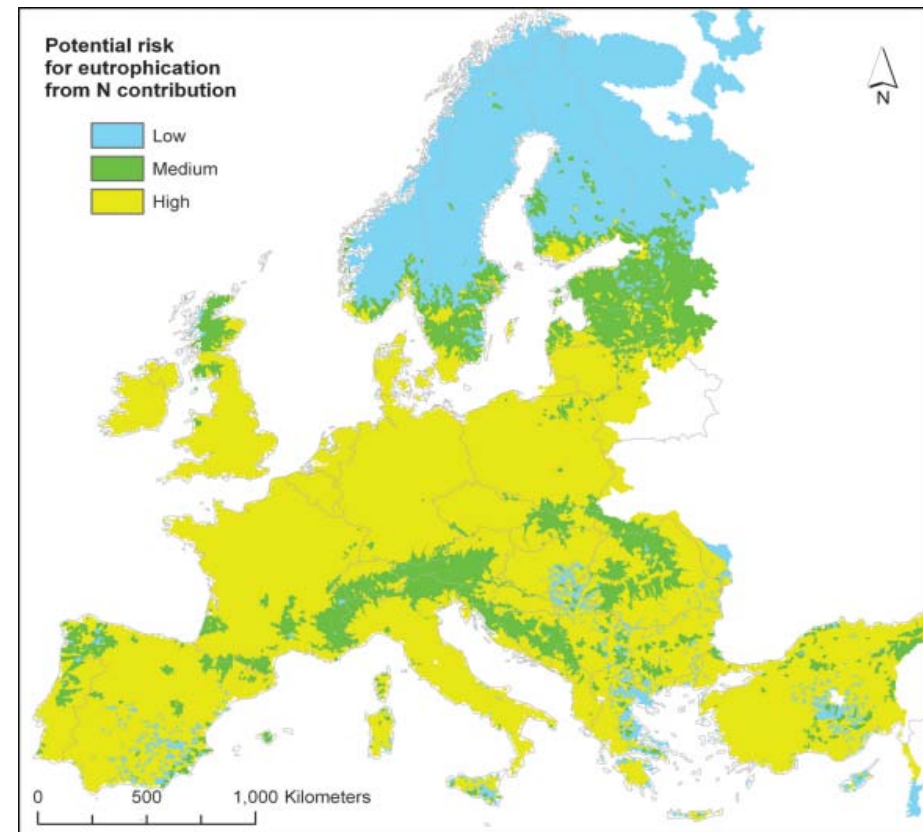


3.5 mg/l NO₃-N = 25 mg NO₃/l (TVO CH)

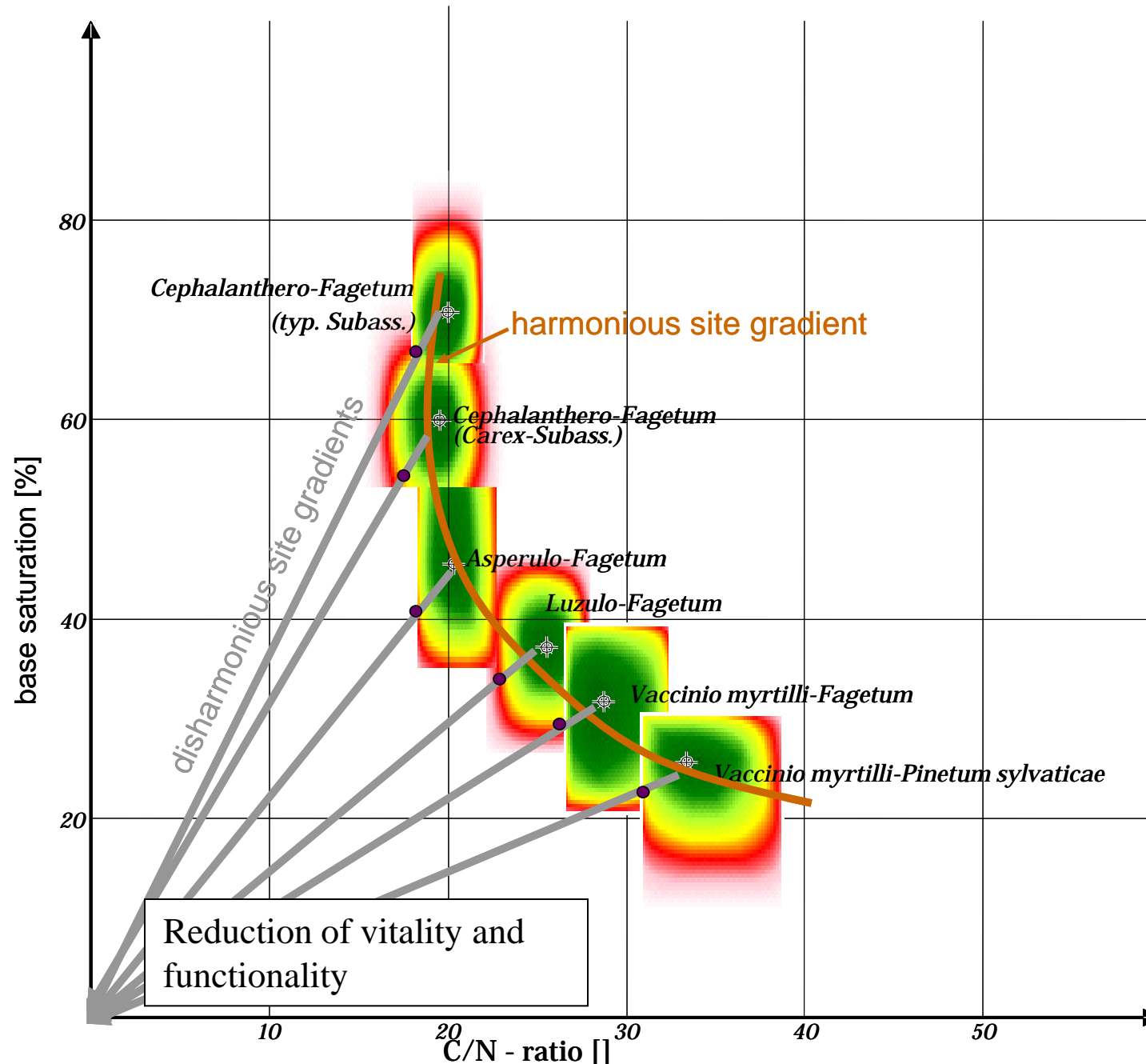
7.0 mg/l NO₃-N = 50 mg NO₃/l (TVO D)

>0.5 mg/l NO₃-N Nährstoffungleichgewichte

Situation in Europa

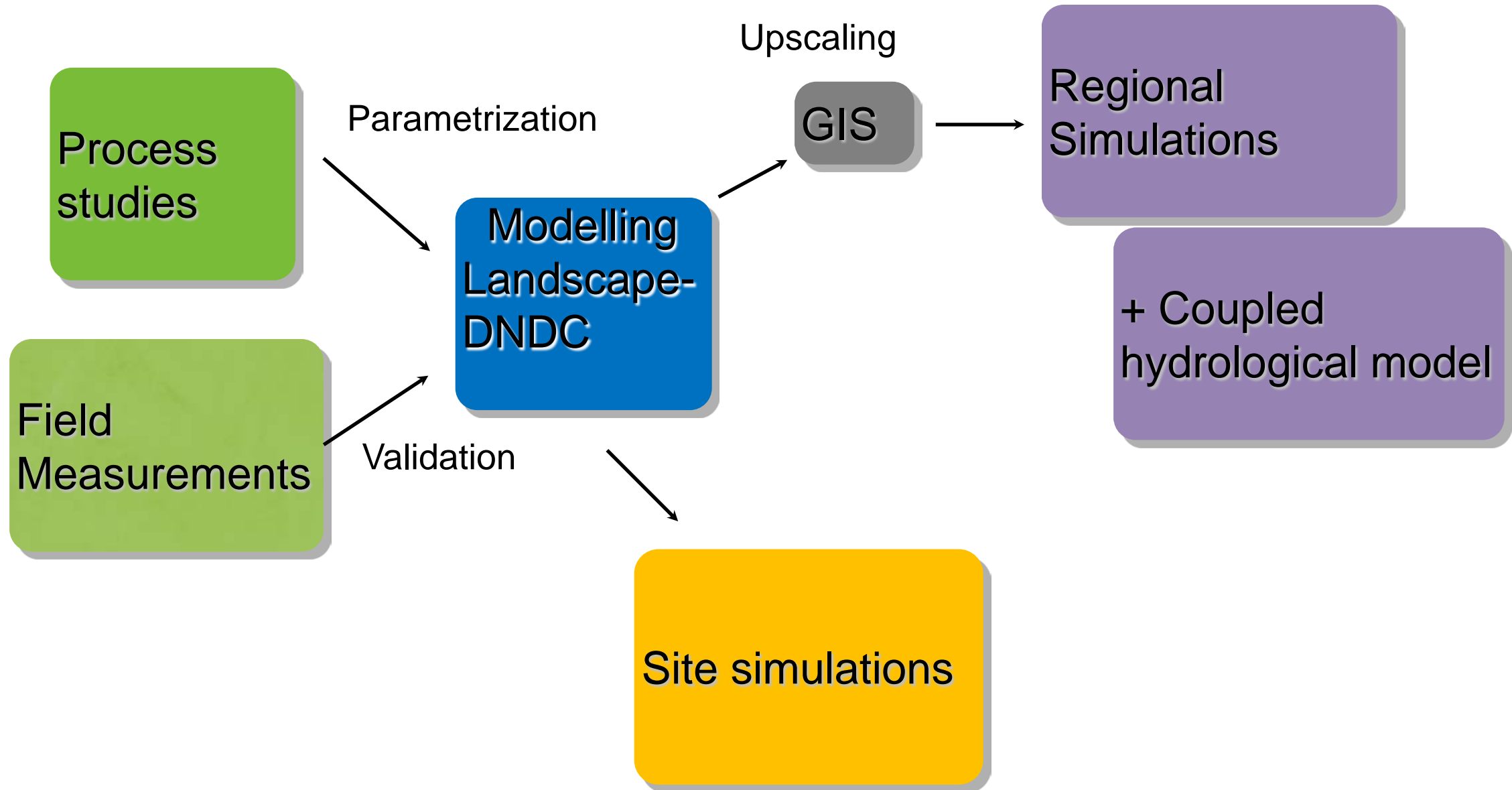


N-Deposition and Biodiversity – BERN model (ÖKODATA)

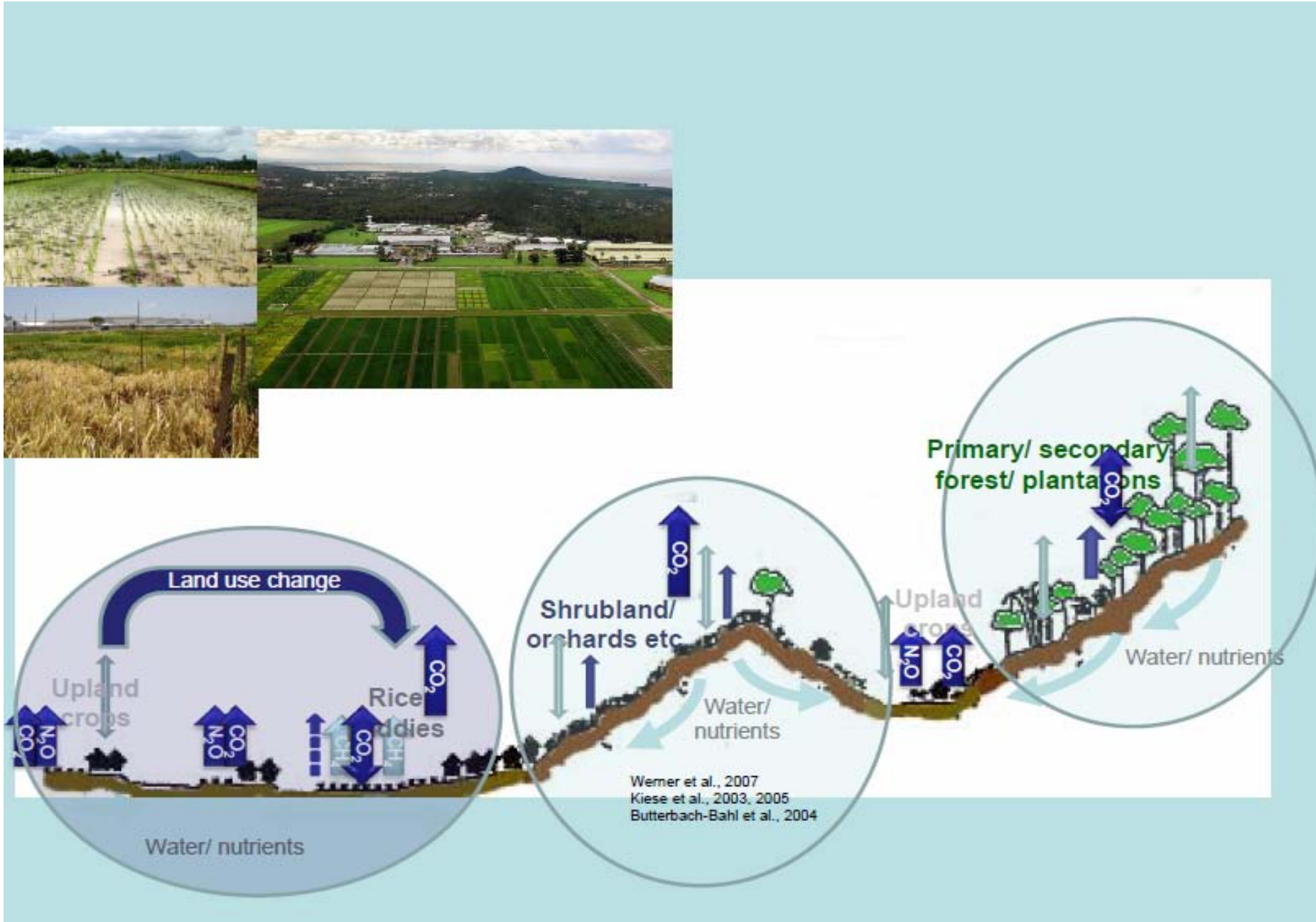


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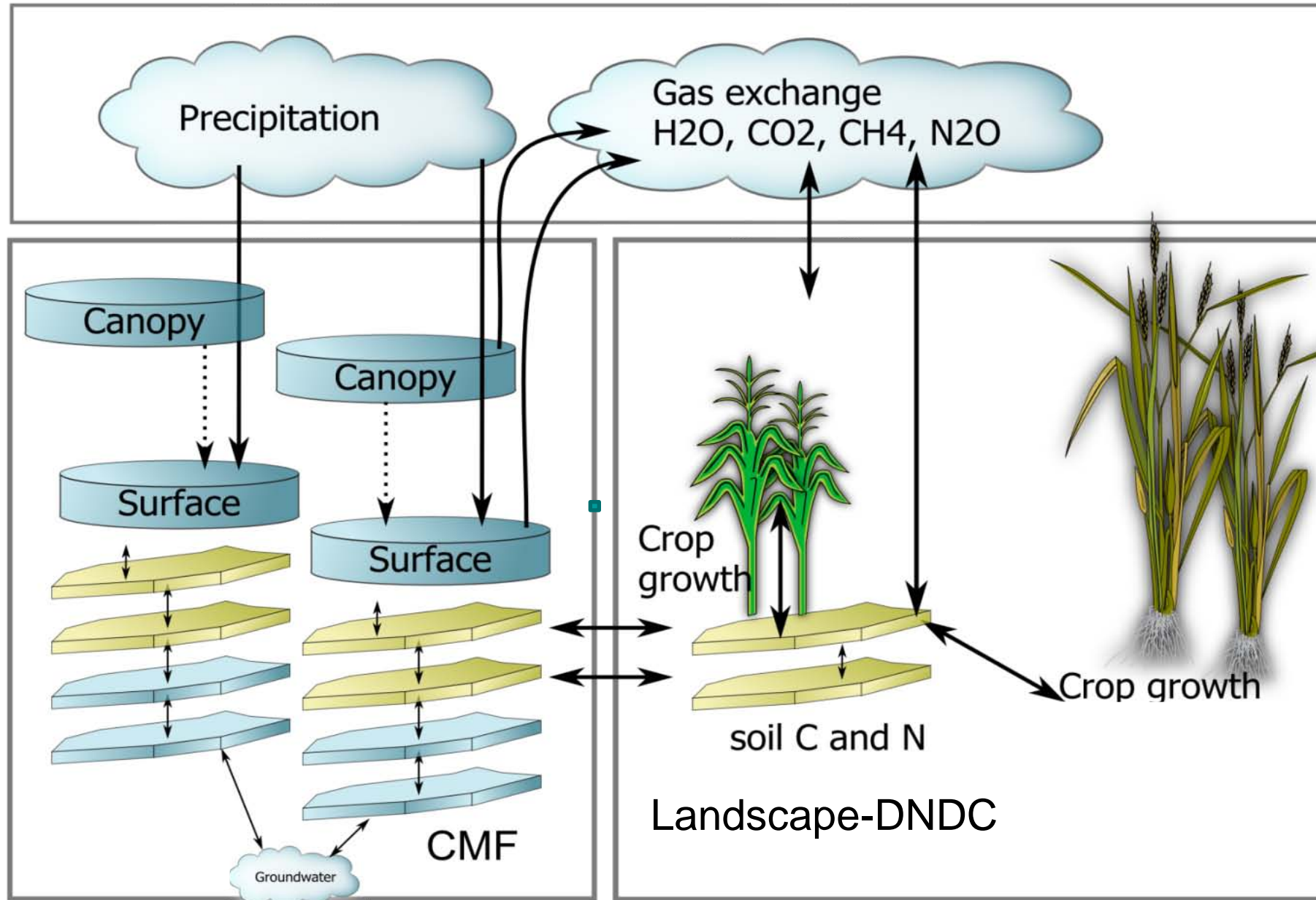
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Work in progress regional scale ecosystem model



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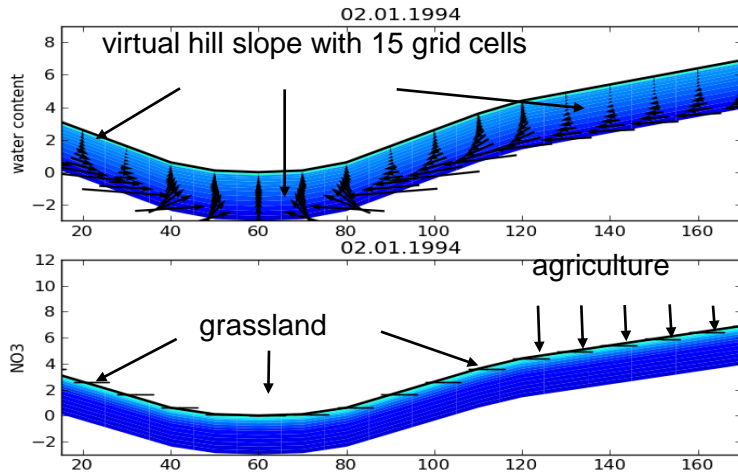


Hydrologie

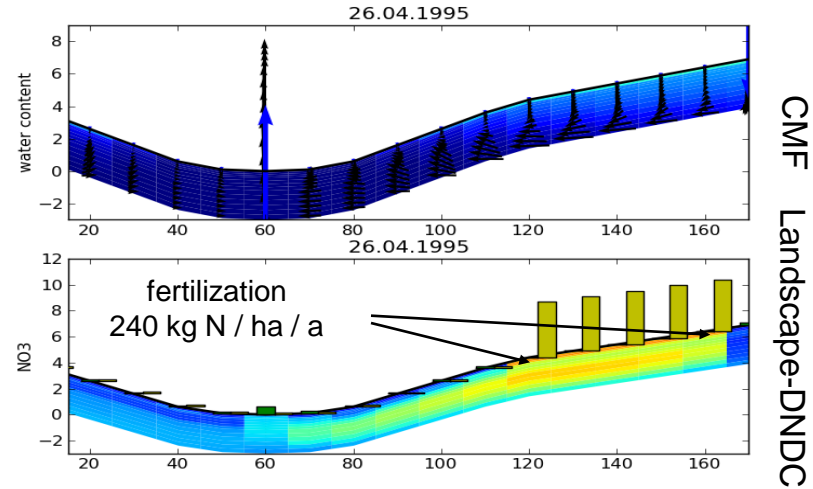
Biogeochemie

Regional scale ecosystem model – first results

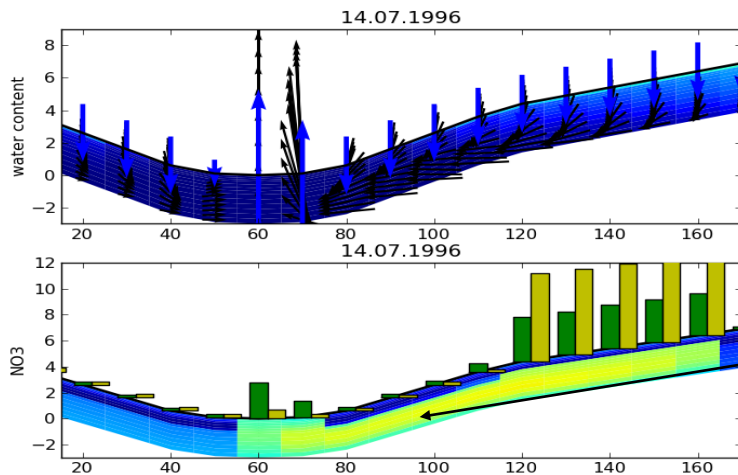
a) Initial conditions



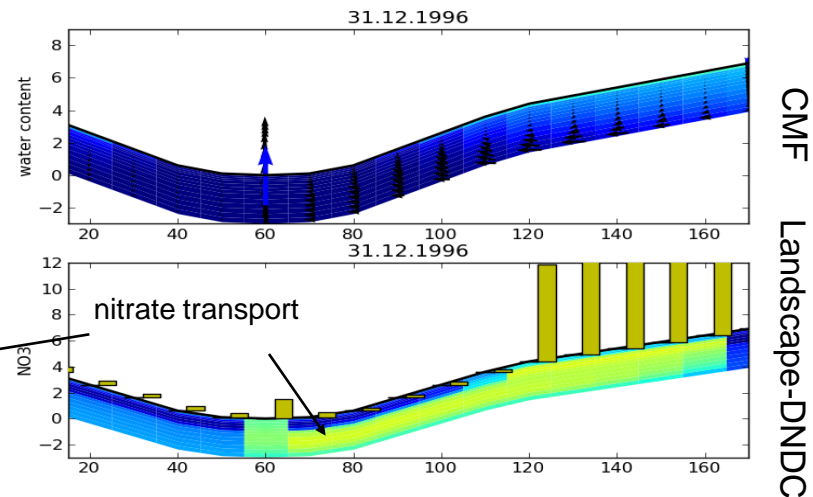
b) Fertilizer application



c) Transition

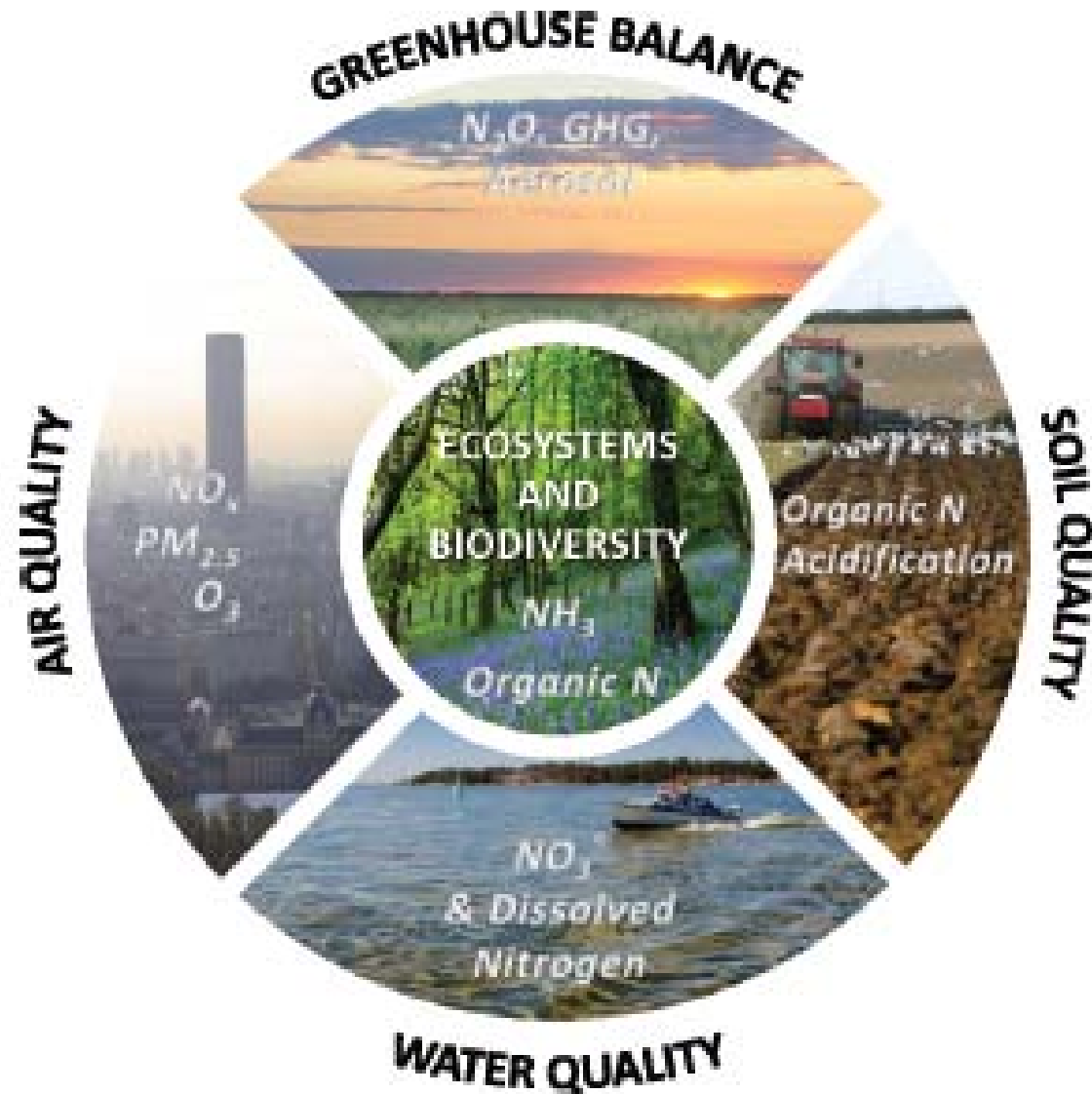


d) End of simulation



Legend: ■ Biomass ■ cum. N₂O Emission

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Table TS.2 Estimates of overall social damage costs in the European Union (EU-27) as a result of environmental N_r-emissions (billion € per year at 2000). Values are shown here rounded to the nearest 5 billion € to avoid over precision, explaining differences with the sums. The calculated value for N₂O effects on human health is 1–2 billion € per year [22.6]

	NO _x emission to air	NH ₃ emission to air	N _r loss to water	N ₂ O emission to air	Total
Human health	35–100	5–70	0–20 ^a	<5	40–190
Ecosystems	5–35	5–35	15–50 ^a	—	25–115
Climate	—	—	—	5–10	5–10
Total	40–135	10–105	15–70	5–15	70–320

^a The value for health effects is proportionately smaller than the value for ecosystems as not all leaching is associated with health effects (e.g., denitrified during the path from soil to sea).

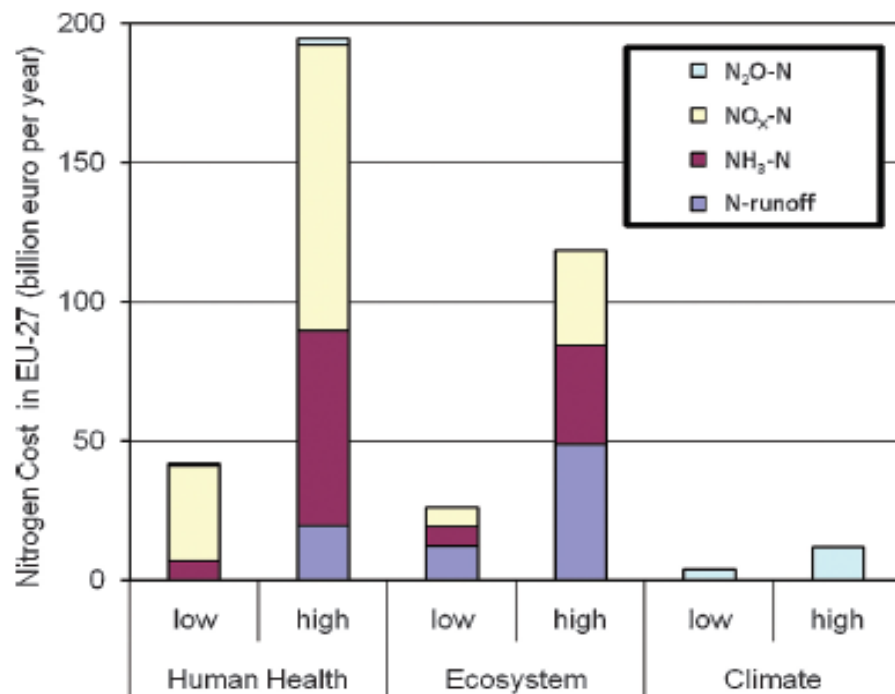


Figure SPM.8 Estimated environmental costs due to reactive nitrogen emissions to air and to water in the EU-27 [22.6].

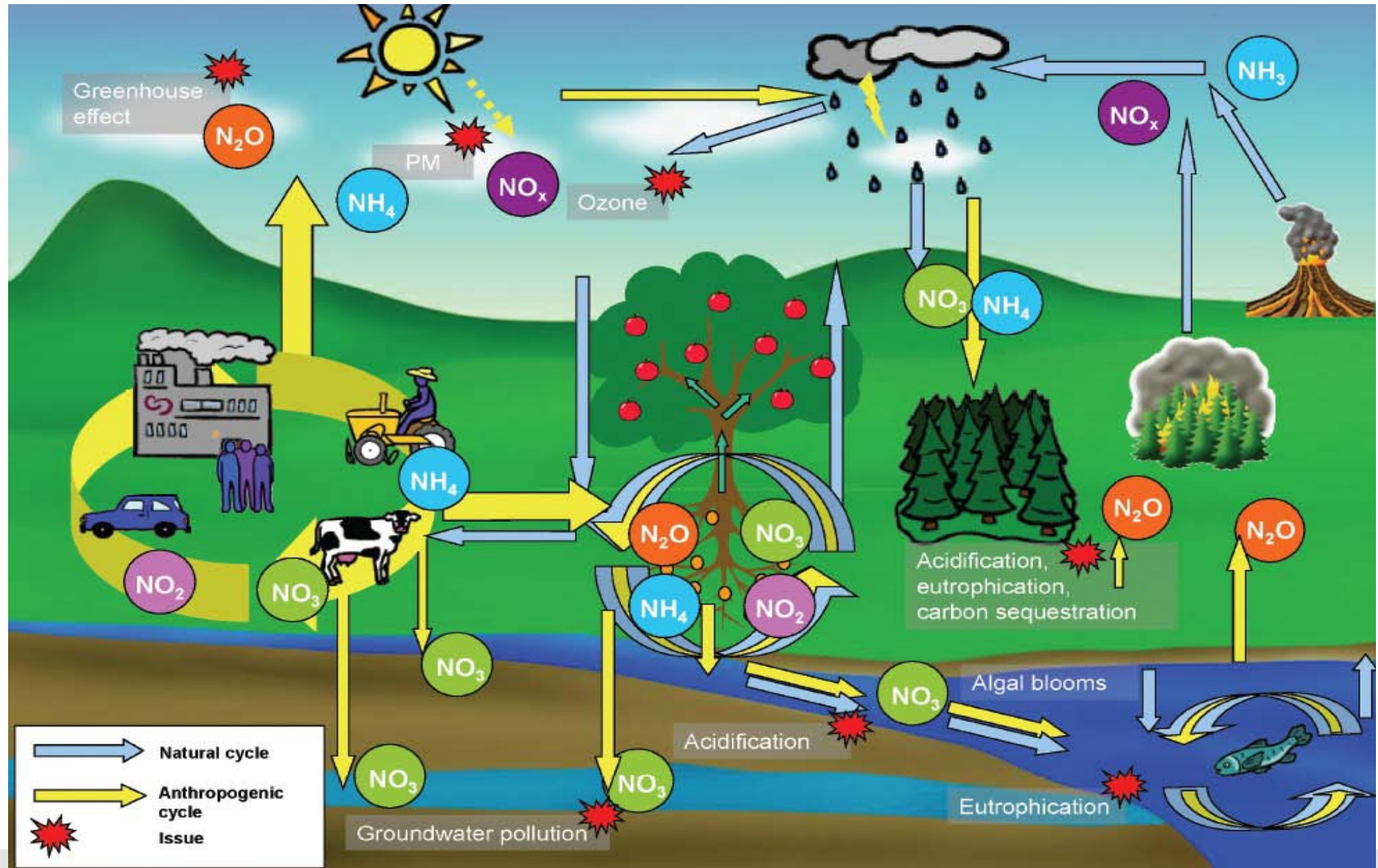
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Table TS.3 Estimated cost of different N_r-threats in Europe per unit N_r emitted [22.6]

Effect	Emitted nitrogen form	Emission/ loss to	Estimated cost € per kg N _r emitted
Human health (particulate matter, NO ₂ and O ₃)	NO _x	Air	10–30
Ecosystems (eutrophication, biodiversity)	N _r (inc. nitrate)	Water	5–20
Human health (particulate matter)	NH ₃	Air	2–20
Climate (greenhouse gas)	N ₂ O	Air	5–15
Ecosystems (eutrophication, biodiversity)	NH ₃ and NO _x	Air	2–10
Human health (drinking water)	N _r (inc. nitrate)	Water	0–4
Human health (increased ultraviolet radiation from ozone depletion)	N ₂ O	Air	1–3

Kosten Stickstoffdünger 1kg ca. 2 €

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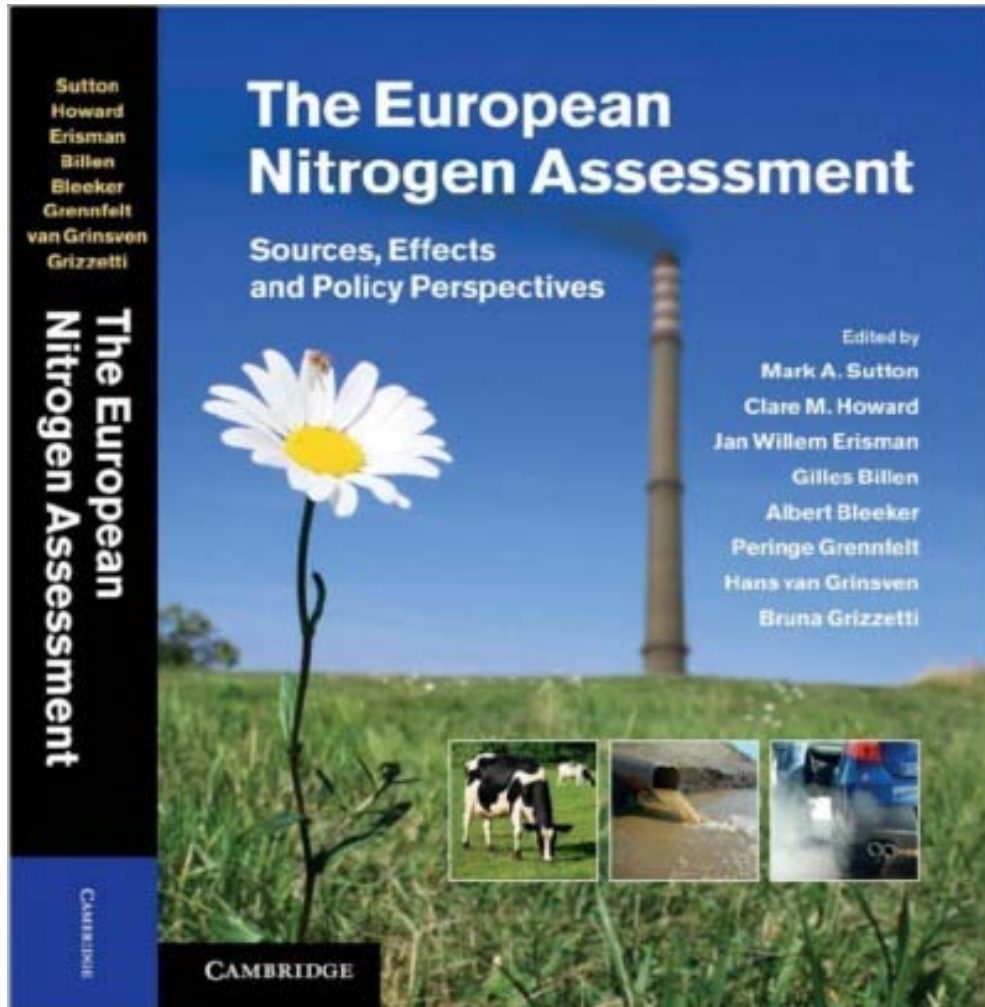
N-input	Tg N	Products	Tg N
Fertilizer	74	Animal	12
N-fixation	50	Crops	40
Feeds	10		
Unaccounted	10		
Total	140		52
		losses	88



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N Effizienz
von ca. 40%

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