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# Modeling GHG and hydrological conditions of peatlands by CoupModel

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# History

- SOIL model (Jansson & Halldin, 1979)
- SOILN (Johnsson et al. 1987)
- CoupModel (Jansson & Moon, 2001)

# Key characteristics

- One-dimensional, vertical layered soil profile including plant
- Strong physically based, thus applicable for all terrestrial ecosystems
- Focus on the user defined objective rather than a given scale of resolution in time and space.

Model is available free of charge:

<http://www.coupmodel.com/>

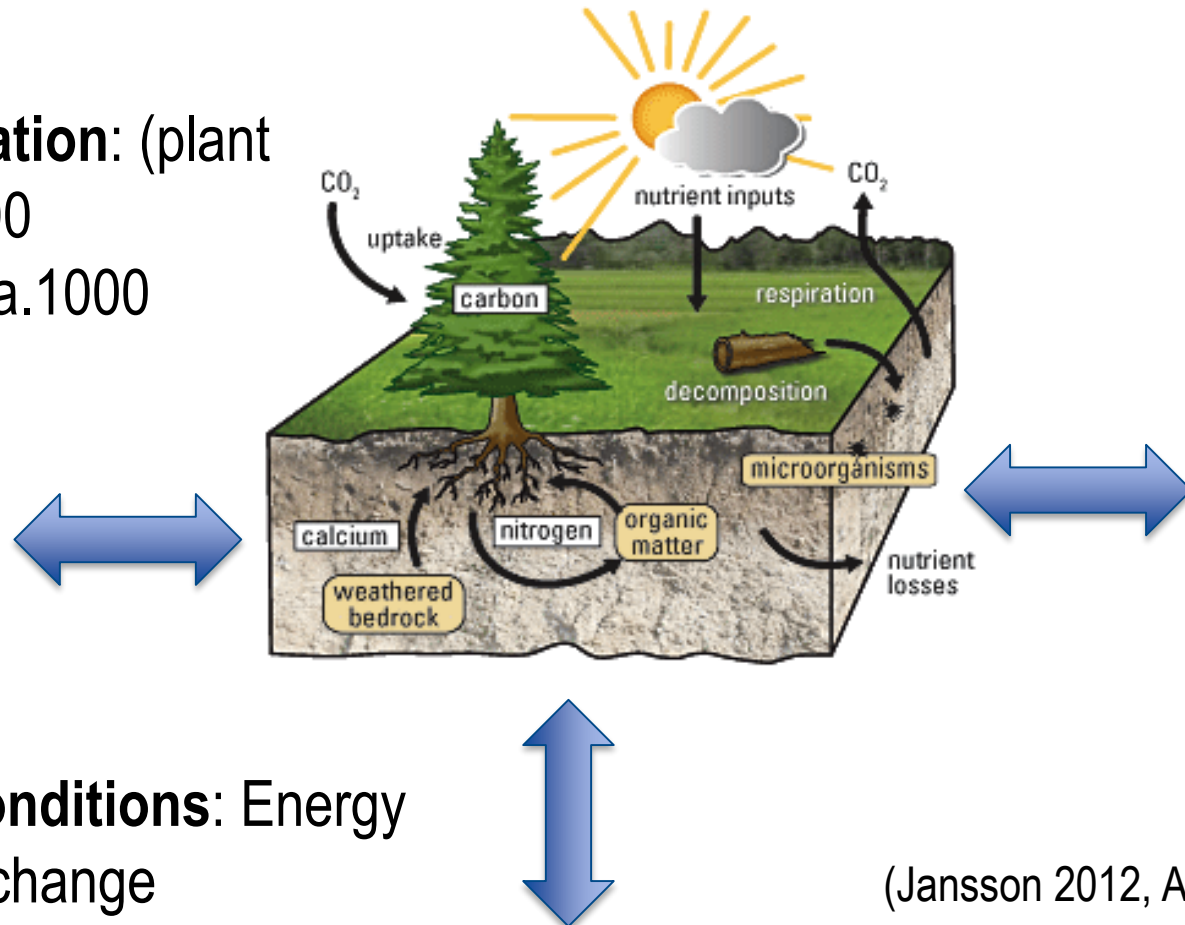


# CoupModel

**Forcing:** global radiation, precipitation, air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed

**Parameterization:** (plant and soil) > 300

**Variables:** c.a.1000

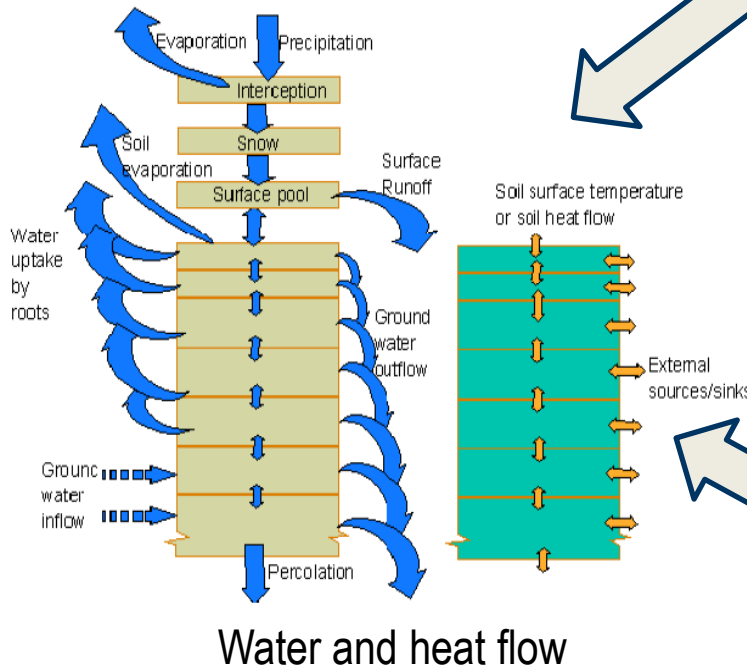


**Boundary conditions:** Energy and mass exchange



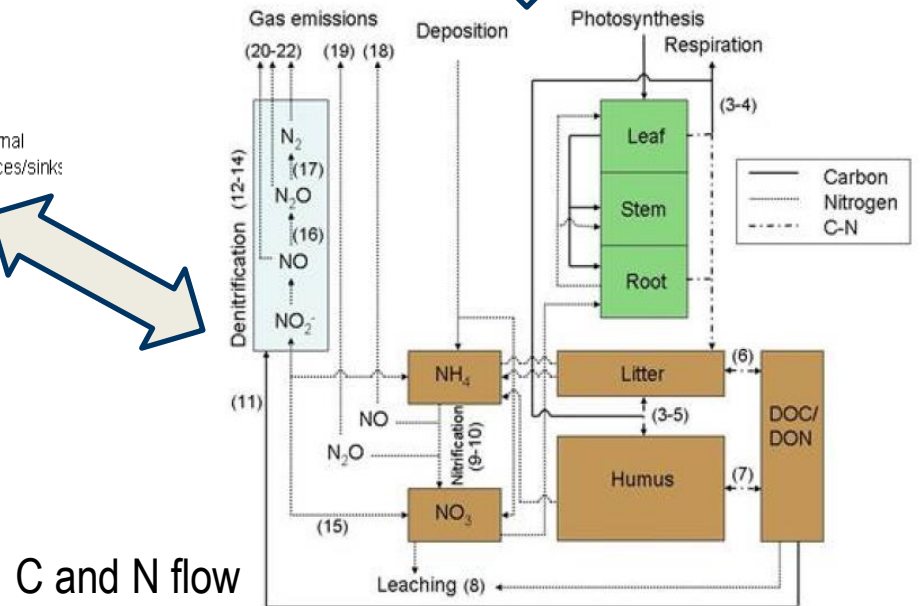
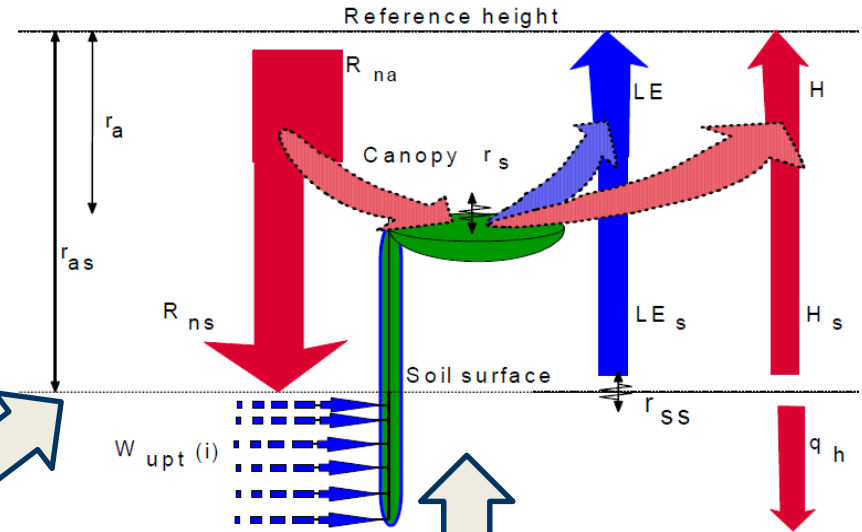
# CoupModel

Coupled heat and mass transfer model  
for soil-plant-atmosphere systems



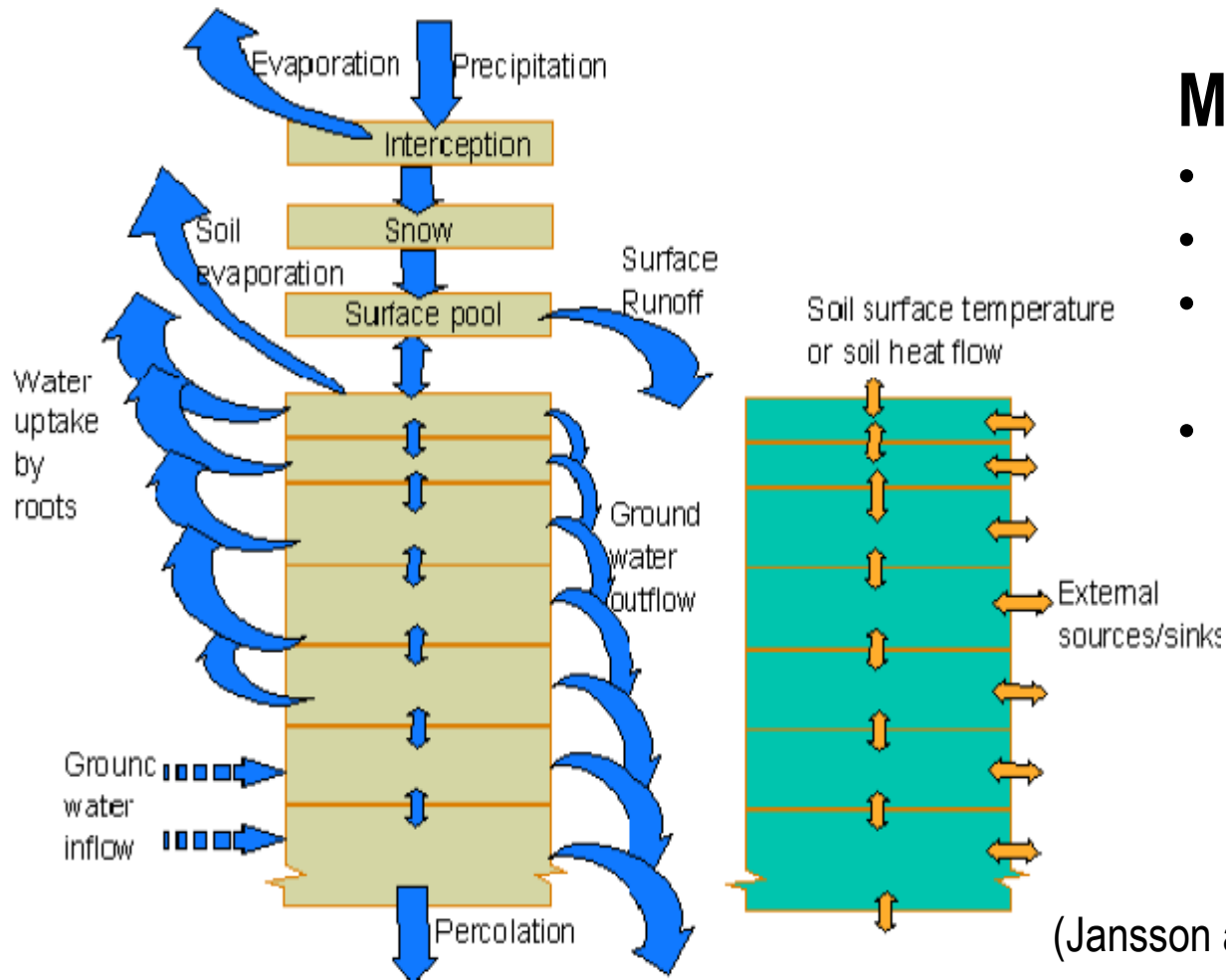
(Jansson and Karlberg, 2011)

## Atmosphere-soil interaction





# Water and heat processes



## Major inputs:

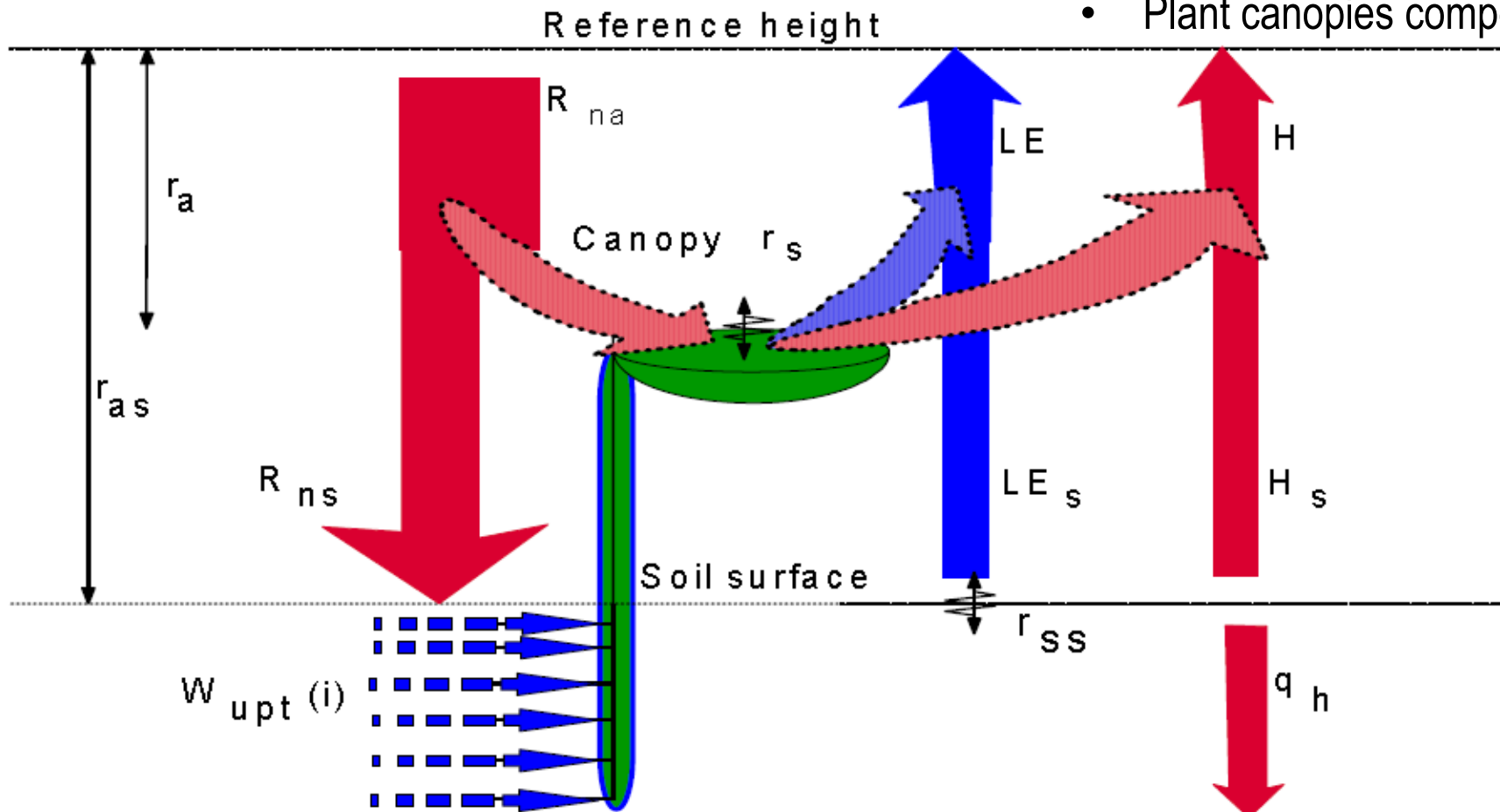
- Water retention curve
- Hydraulic conductivity
- Drainage level
- Thermal conductivity including LE at thawing/melting



## Major inputs:

- LAI
- Root distribution
- Surface/leaf resistance
- Plant cover influence aerodynamic conditions
- Plant canopies compete

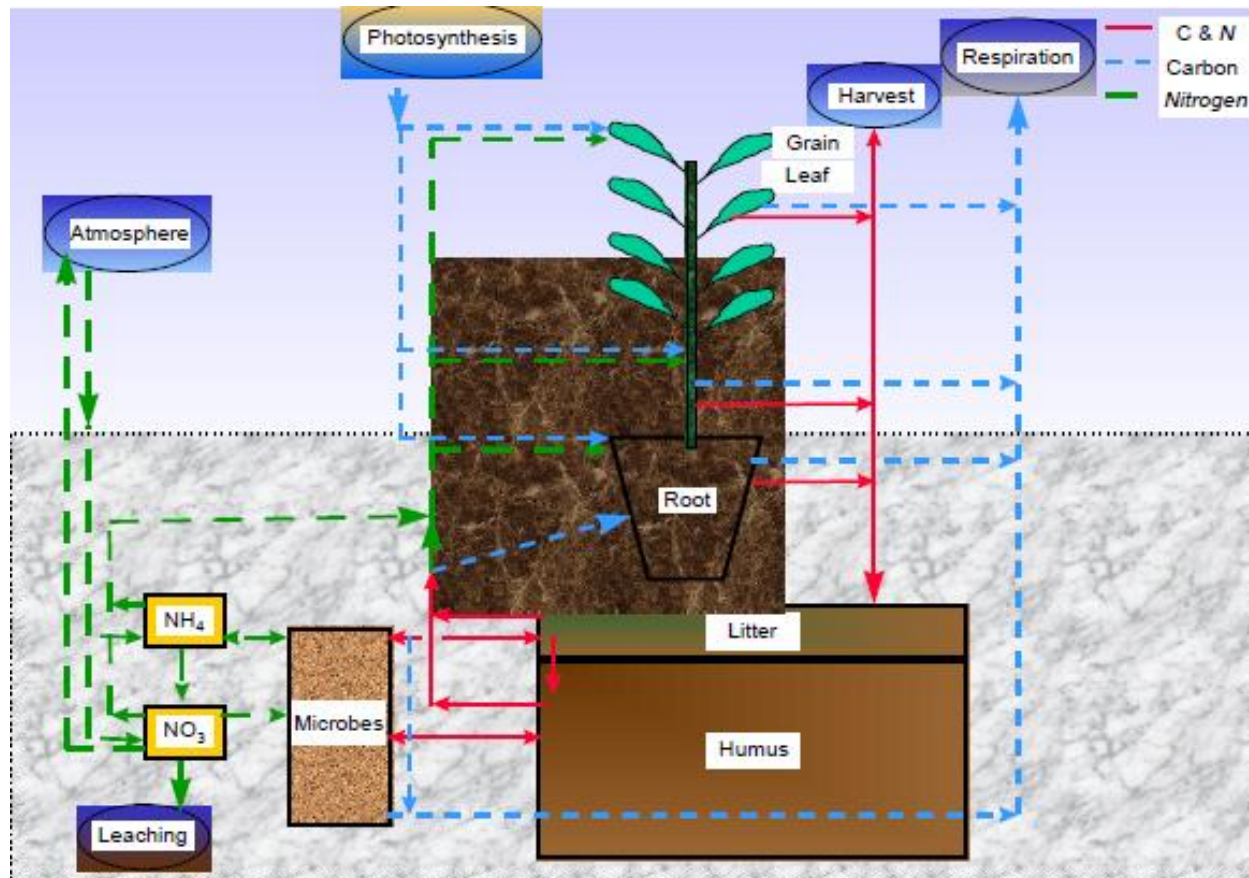
# Single/Multiple Big leaf Model



(Jansson and Karlberg, 2011)



# Carbon and Nitrogen processes



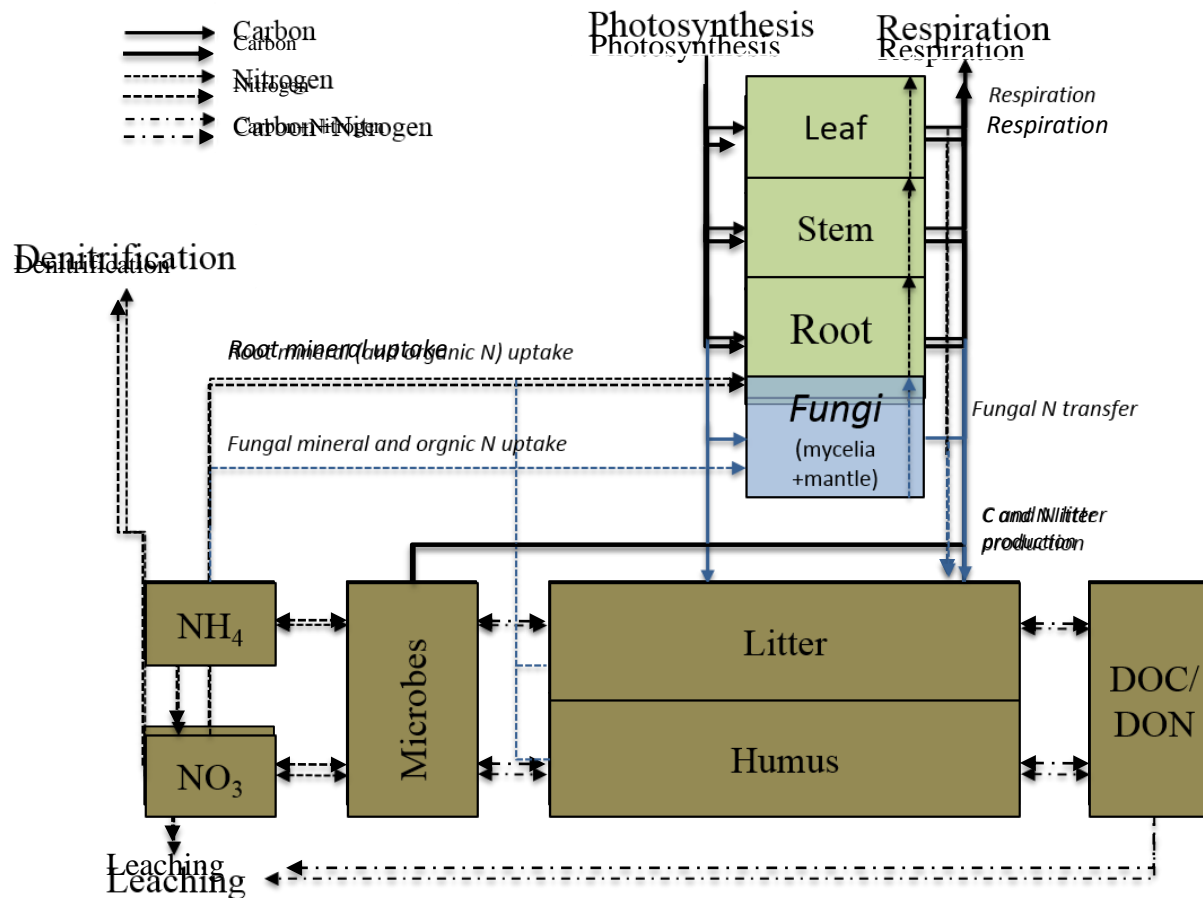
## Major inputs:

- SOM pools
- Plant biomass pools
- Plant allocation pattern
- Plant nutrient uptake
- N deposition
- Plant management
- Soil management

(Jansson and Karlberg, 2011)



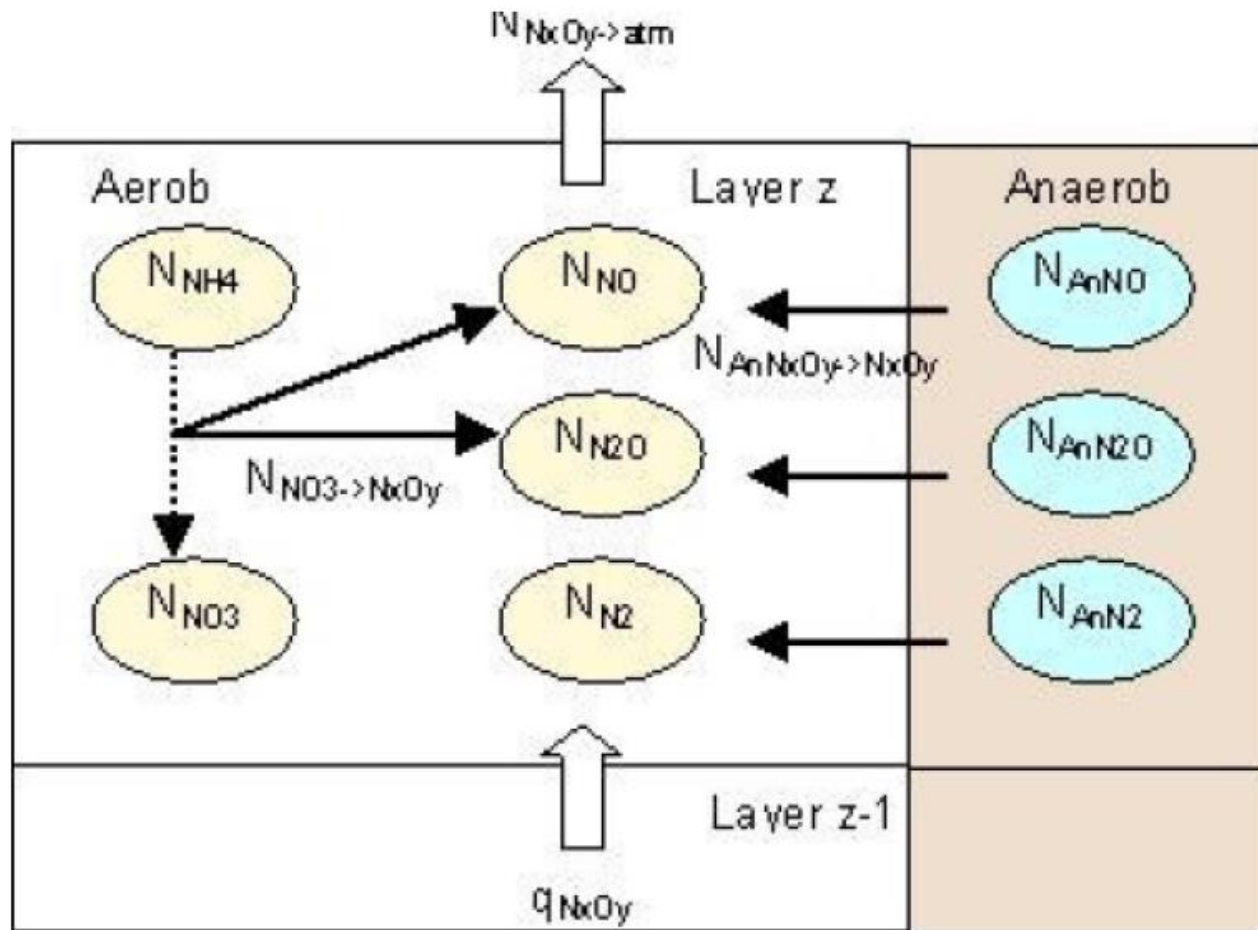
# Ectomycorrhiza model (He et al. 2018, GMD)





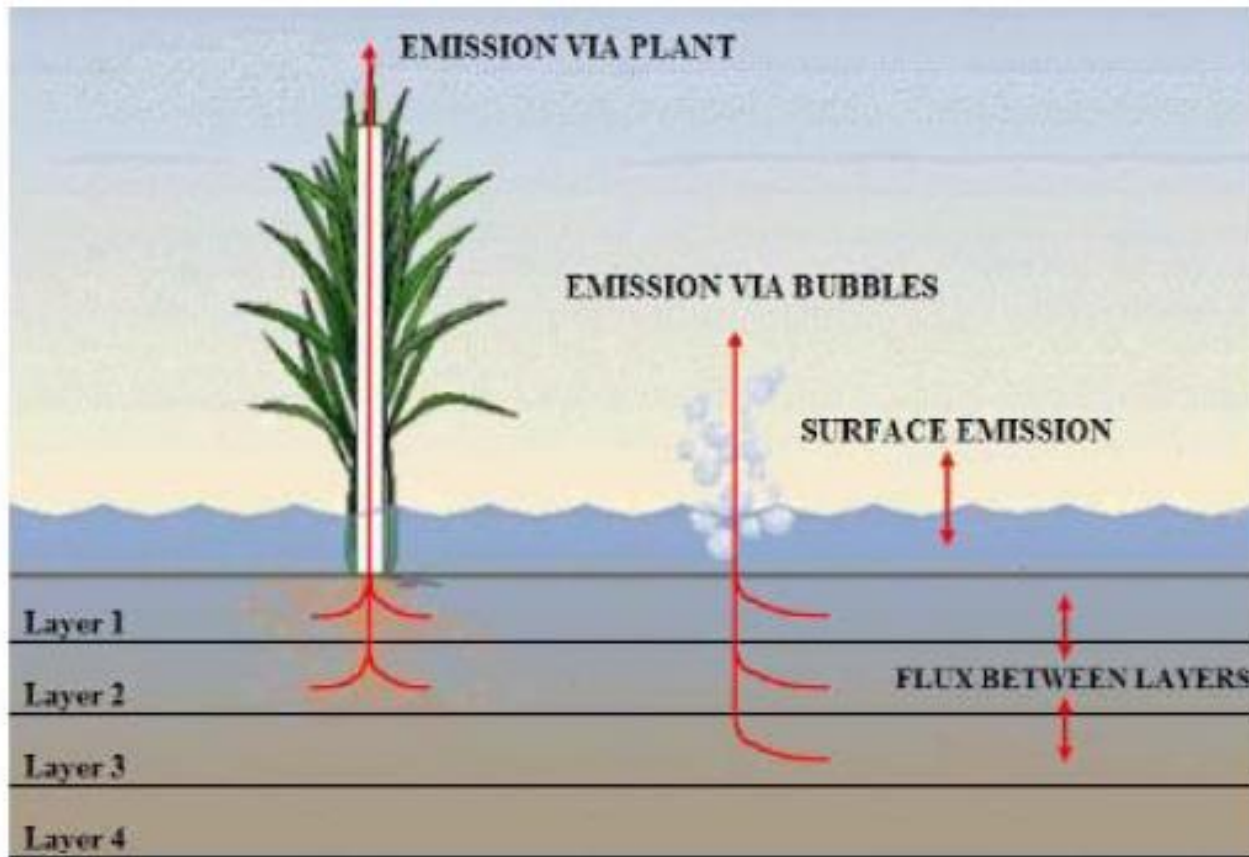


# $N_2O$ emission model (Norman et al. 2008, Ecological Modelling)



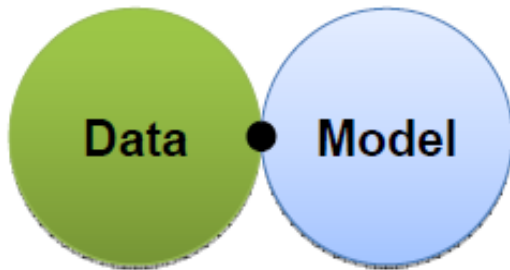


# CH<sub>4</sub> emission model

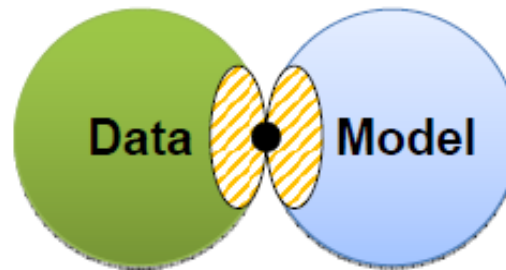




# Handling uncertainty



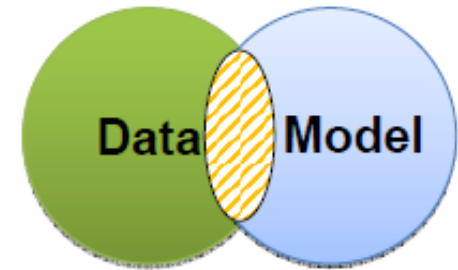
Deterministic



Probabilistic (stochastic)  
uncertainties

Statistical methods

**Bayesian calibration**



Possibilitistic  
uncertainties

Non-statistical (informal)  
methods

**GLUE**

(Juston, Phd thesis)



# Short summary of CoupModel

- One-dimensional, vertical layered soil profile
- Mechanistic model with many components:
  - Energy, interaction with boundary layer meteorology
  - heat including frozen soils
  - Water, liquid, vapor and ice
- C and N all the major processes
- A tool to play with various combinations of parameter and equations
- Uncertainty expressed as combination of model uncertainty and parameter uncertainties

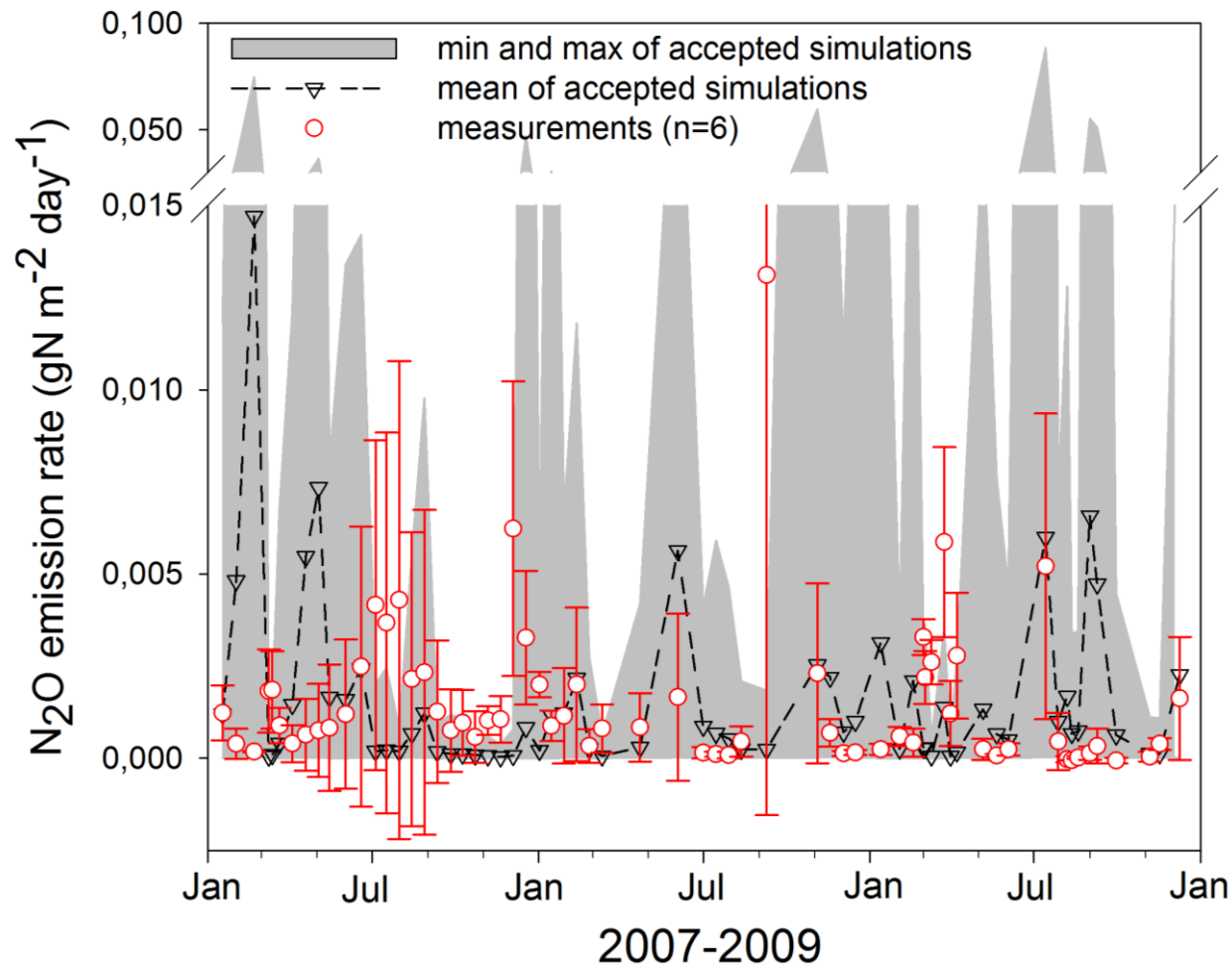


# CoupModel performance on peatlands ( $R^2$ )

Ecosystem	Site	Ecosystem flux			Soil gas flux		Soil abiotics		
		H	LE	NEE	CO2	N2O	T	$\theta$	GWL
Forests	Skogaryd	0.6	0.7	0.5		0.1	0.95	0.6	0.8
	Åsa			0.5	0.5		0.9		0.4
	Kalevansuo	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.05	0.96		0.5
	Lettosuo	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.04	0.94		0.6
Wetlands	Degerö Stormyr	0.6	0.5	0.4			0.95		0.4
	Lompolojänkkä			0.59	0.64		0.87		
	Auchencorth			0.55	0.38		0.89		
Restored	Horstermeer			0.48	0.45		0.91		
Grassland	Freisinger Moos			0.25	0.69		0.89		



# N<sub>2</sub>O emissions - Skogaryd

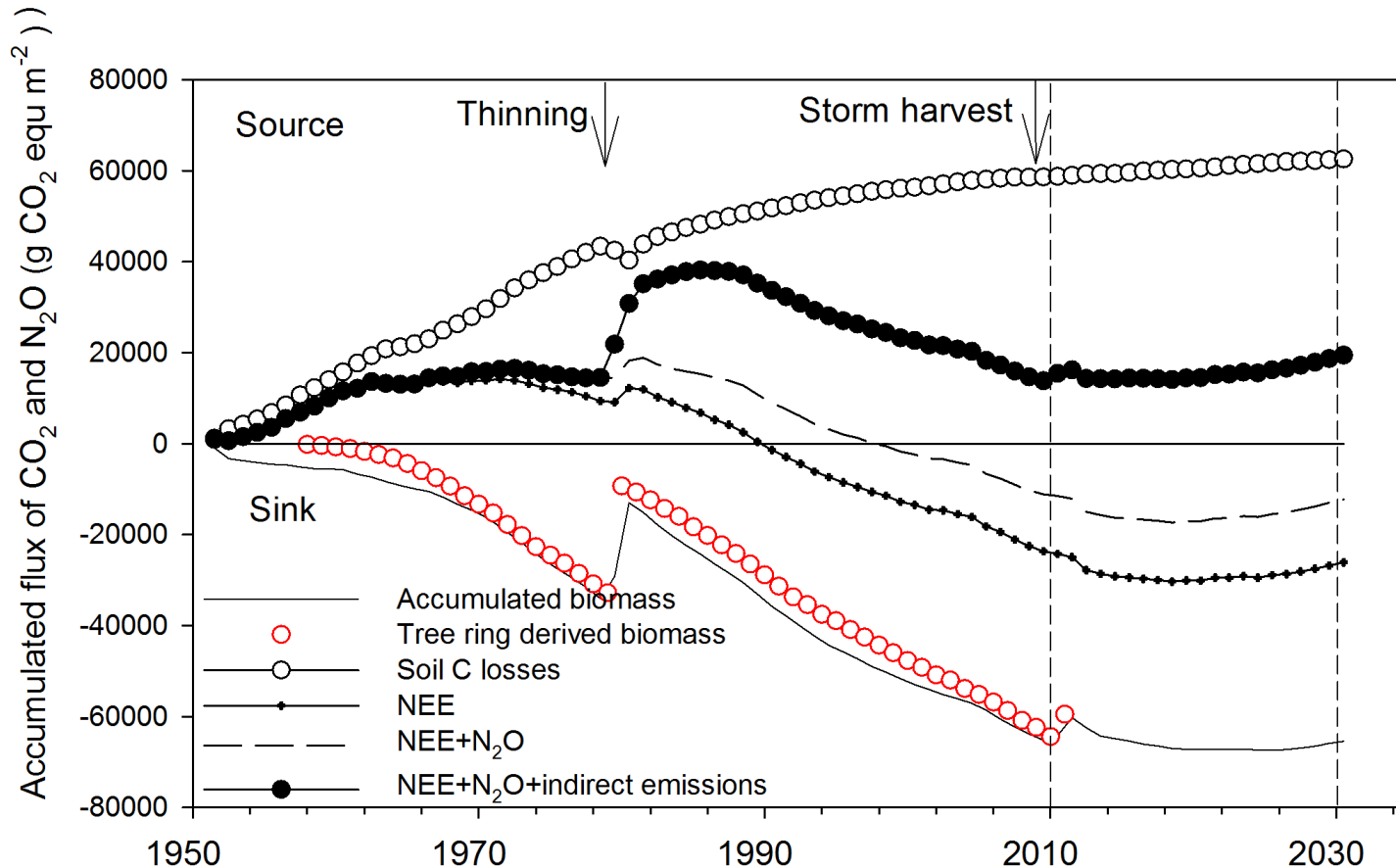


He et al., (2016)  
ecological modelling



# GHG balance over rotational period

(He et al., 2016 Biogeosciences)



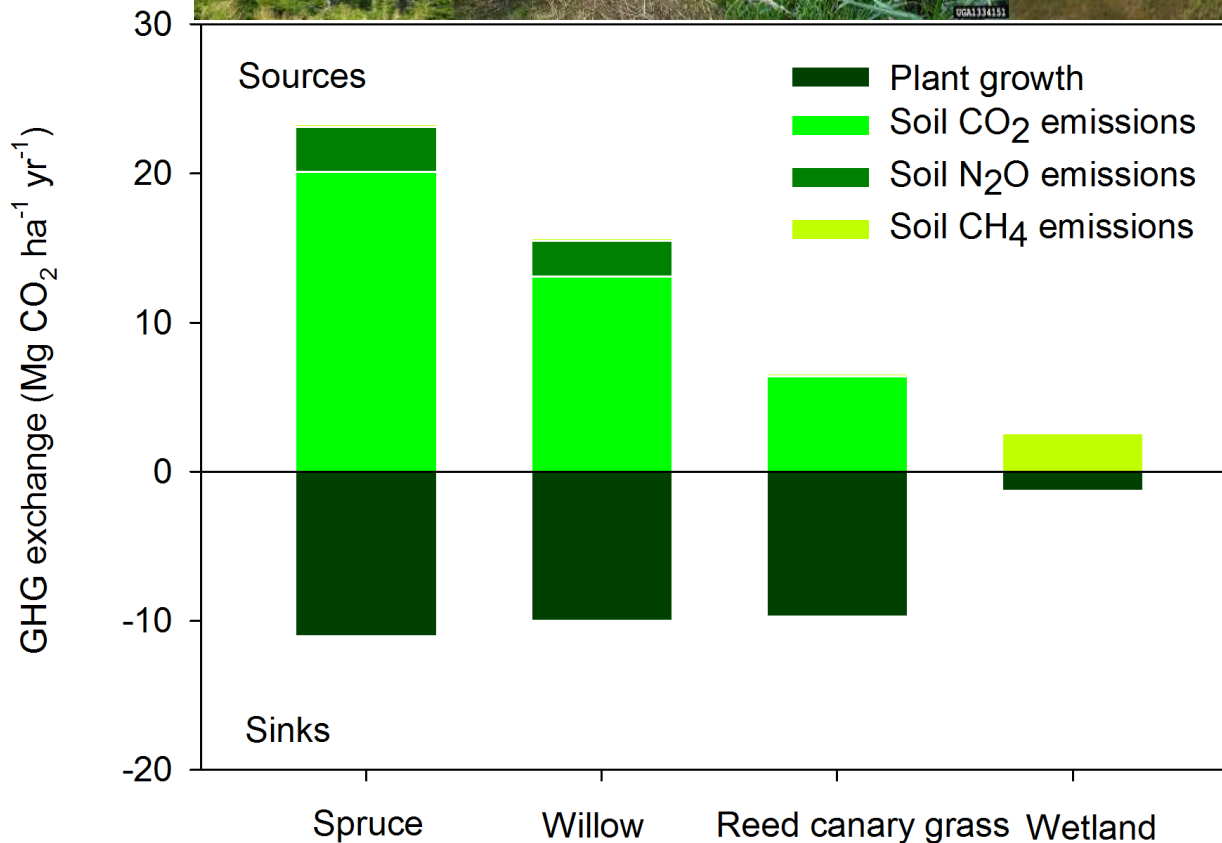
**Forests on drained agricultural peatlands are a large GHG source** 15



# Scenario prediction

## Average of 80 years

Increasing wetness →

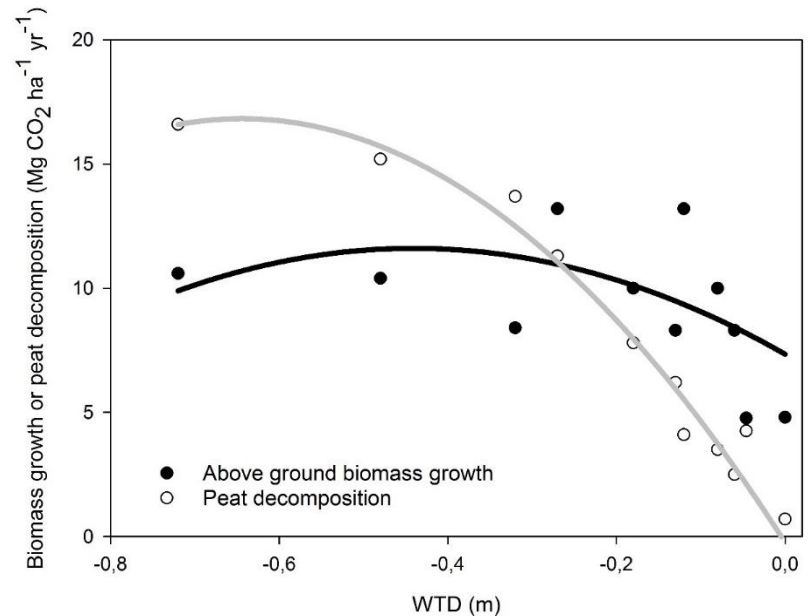






# Reducing GHG emissions by land use change

*Willow and Reed canary grass  
with intermediate water depth  
Also economic feasibility*



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Primary Research Articles

## Land use of drained peatlands: greenhouse gas fluxes, plant production, and economics

Asa Kasimir [✉](#), Hongxing He, Jessica Coria, Anna Nordén

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# Summary

- CoupModel has been tested to simulate the hydrology and associated CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O emissions for a number of managed peatlands.
- The model is also capable to simulate most of human management practices both for plants and soil.