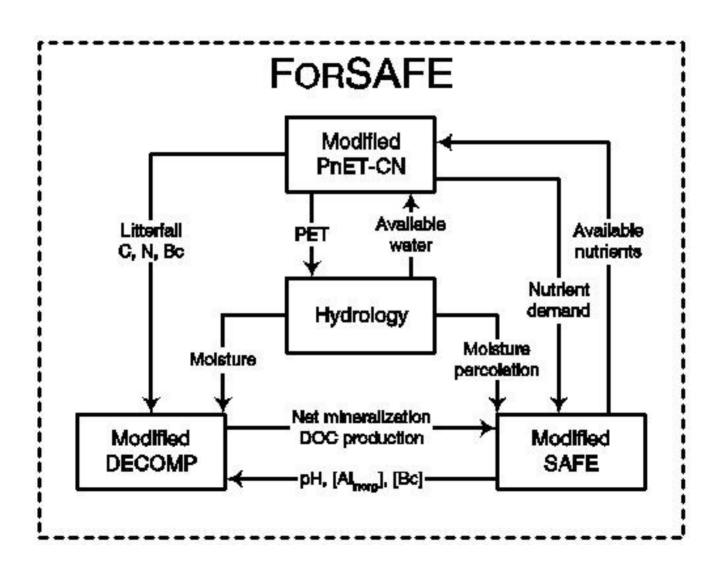
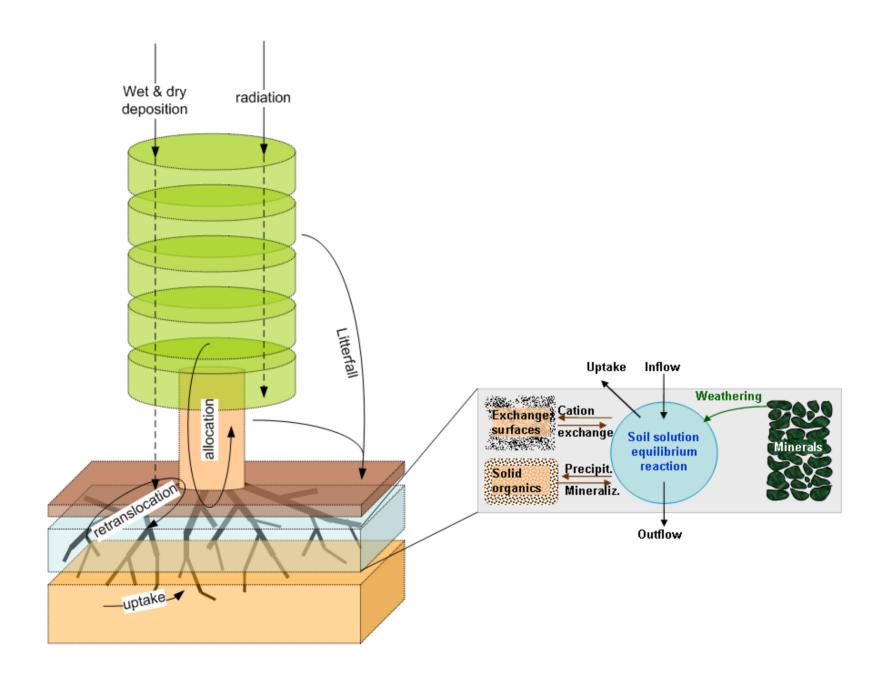
# Modelling N deposition effects on forest ecosystems

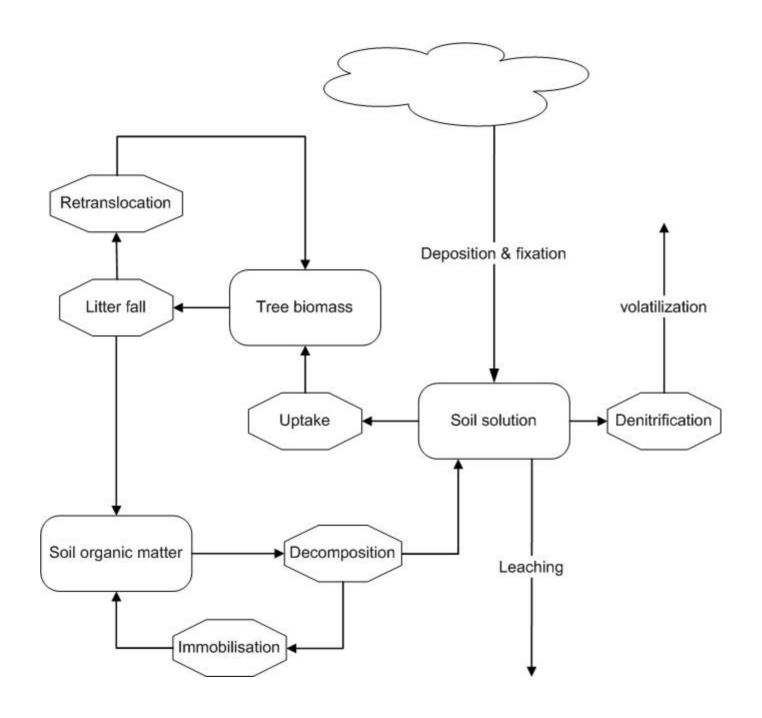
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### **Combining four existing models**

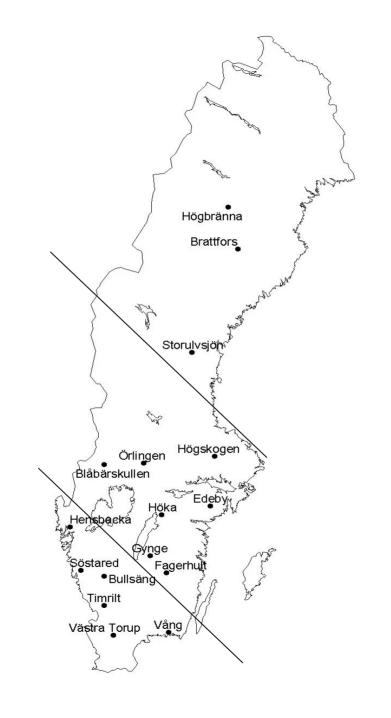


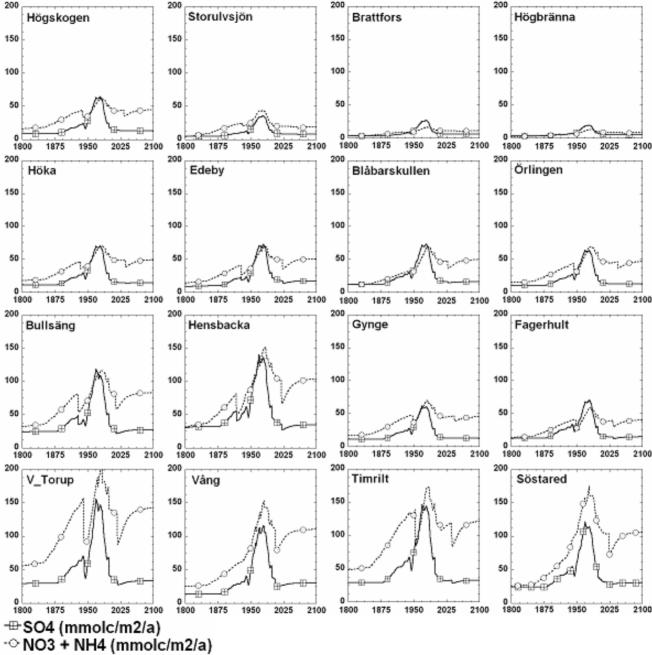


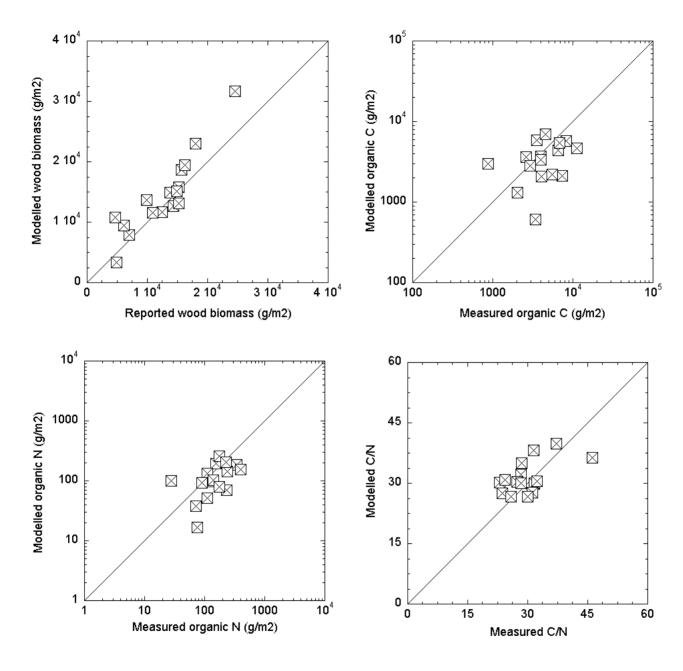


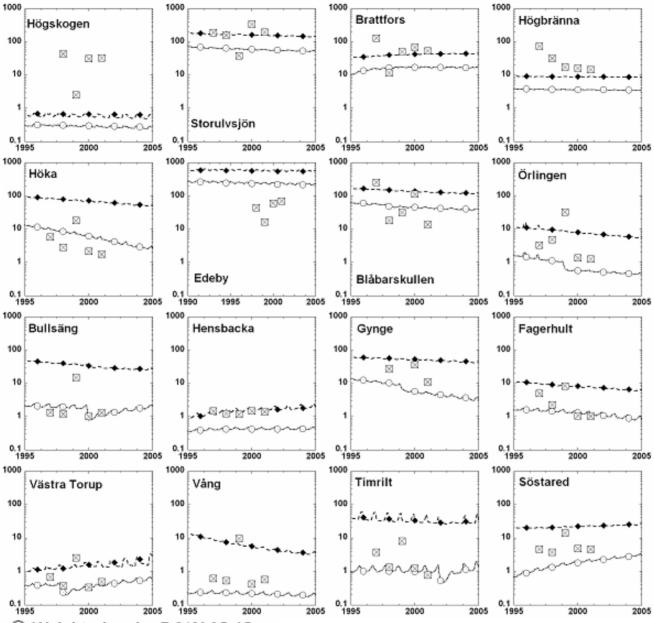
#### N effects on forest ecosystems

- Risk for N leaching
- Acidification following N deposition
- •N effect on the ground vegetation composition



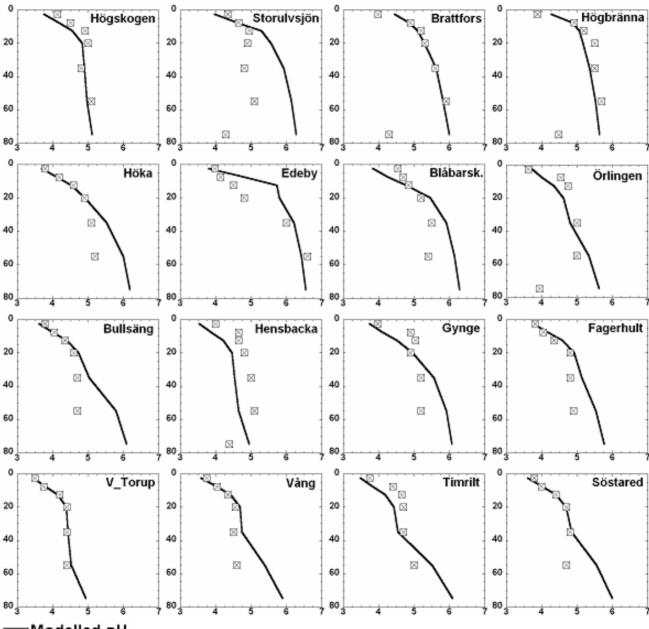




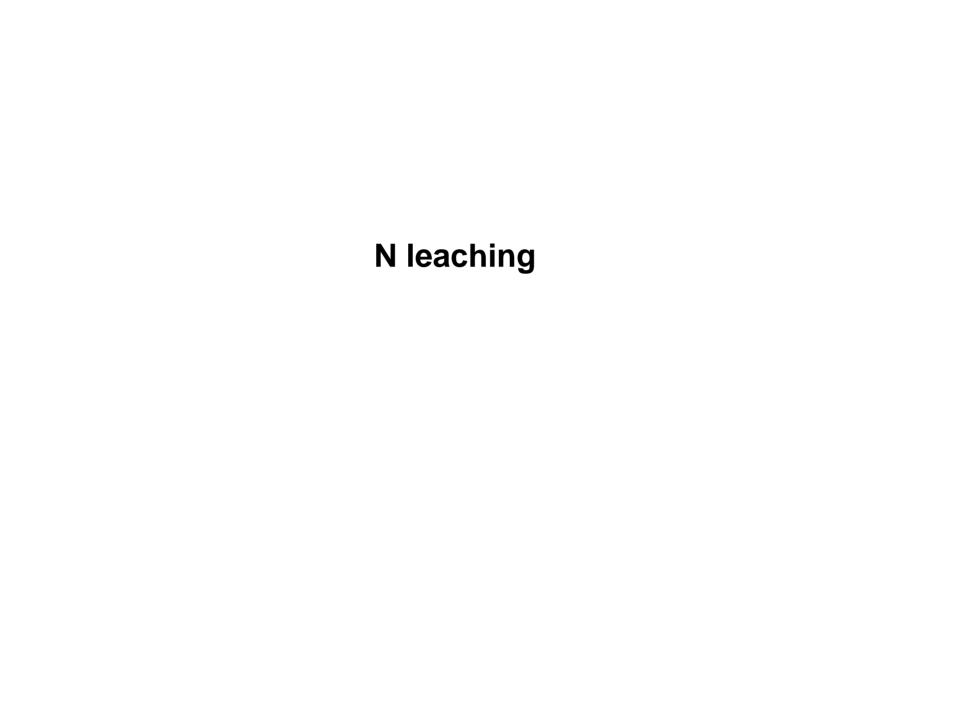


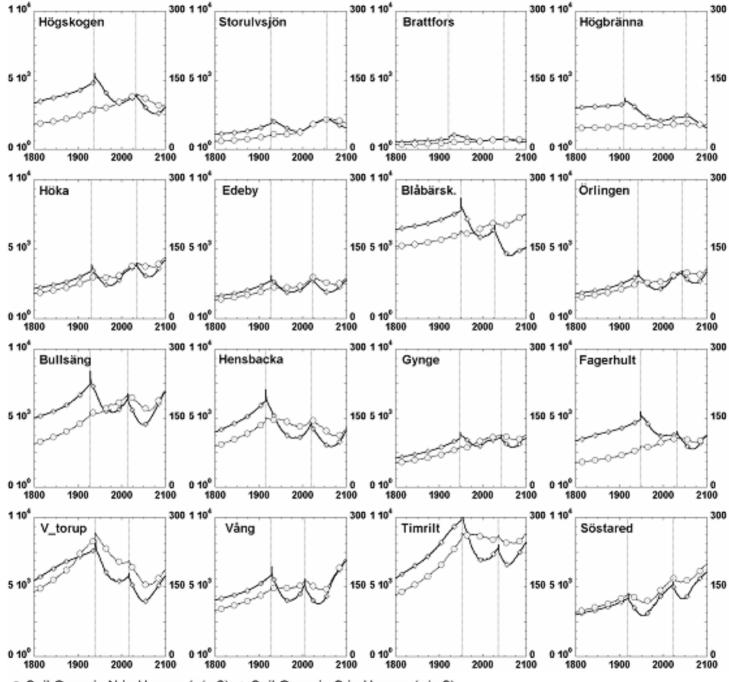
◆ Weighted molar BC/Al 45-65cm

Measured BC/Al 50cm

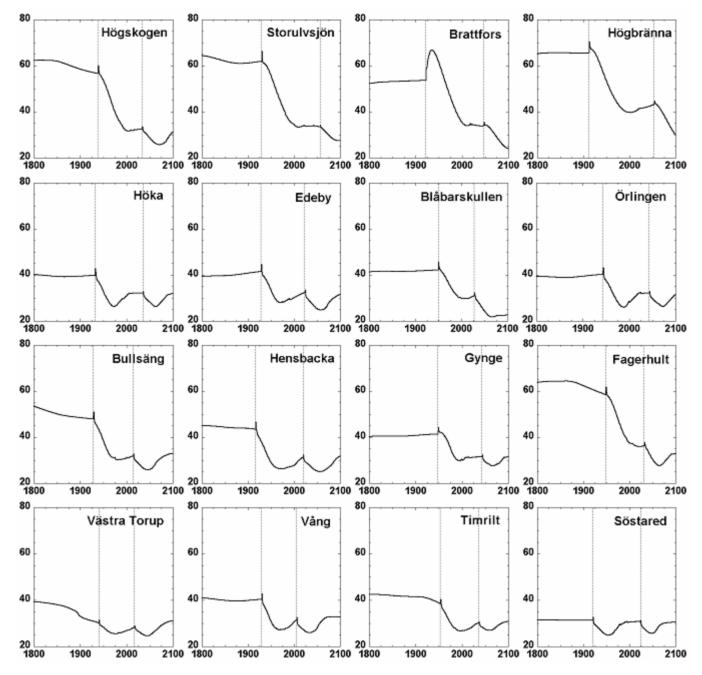


──Modelled pH
☑ Measured pH

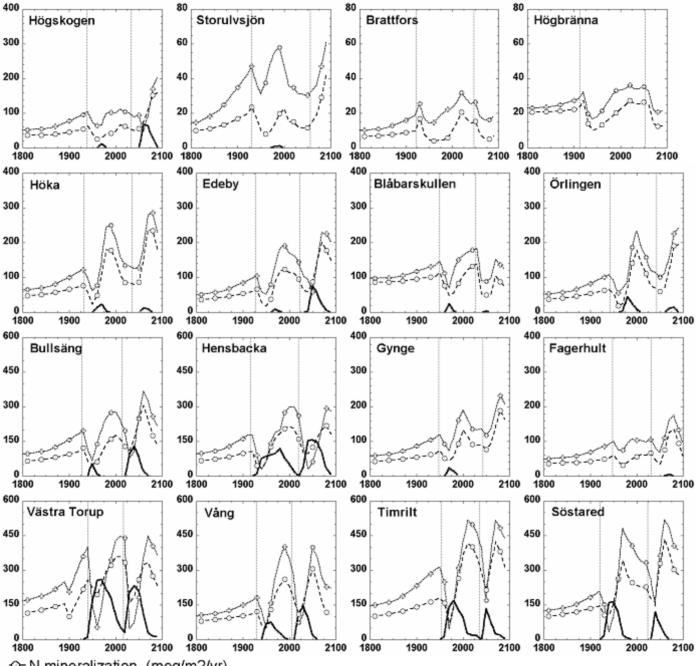




- Soil Organic N in Humus (g/m2) - Soil Organic C in Humus (g/m2)



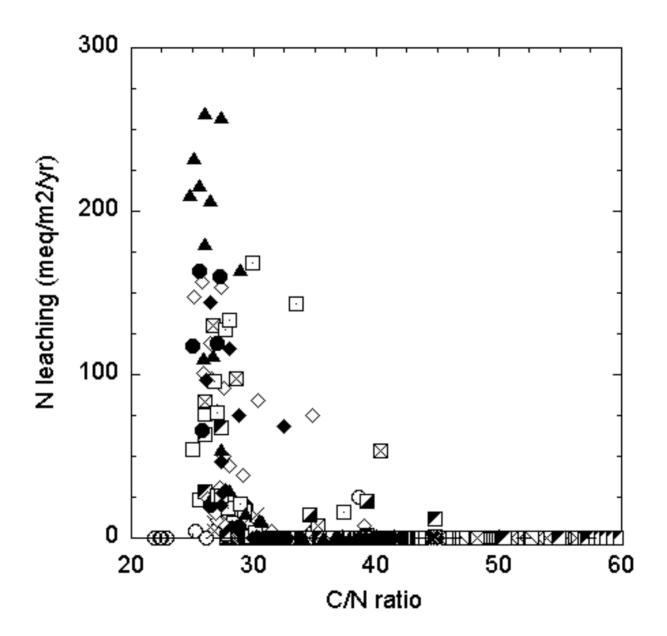
**Organic C/N ratio** 

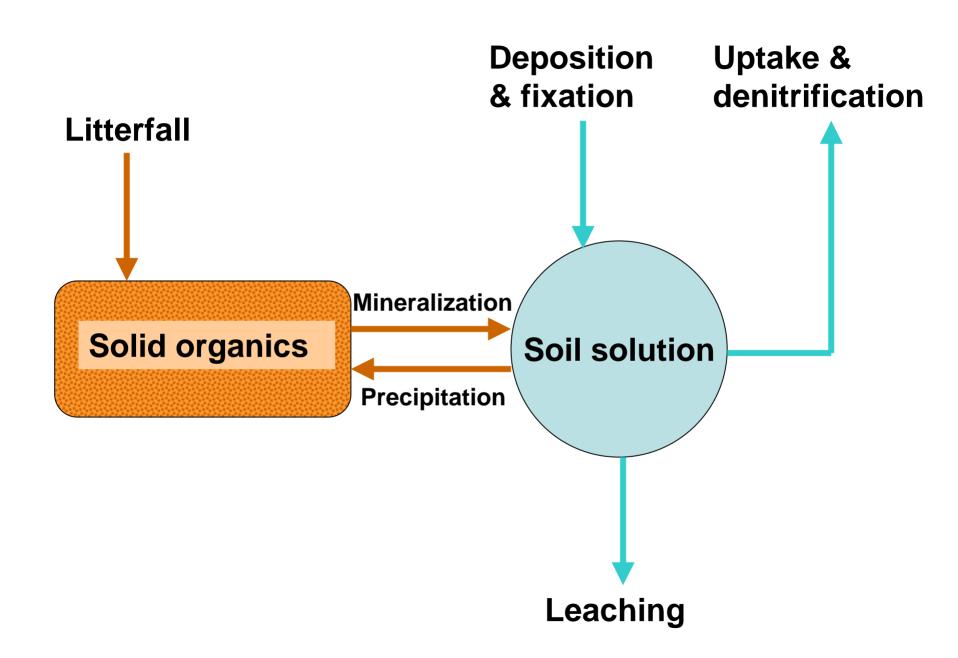


◇- N mineralization (meg/m2/yr)

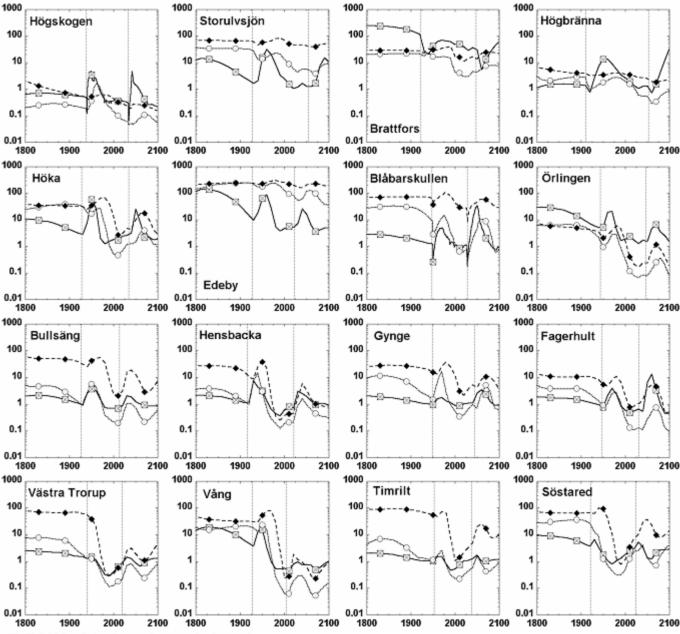
--\$-N uptake (meq/m2/yr)

— N leaching (meq/m2/yr)





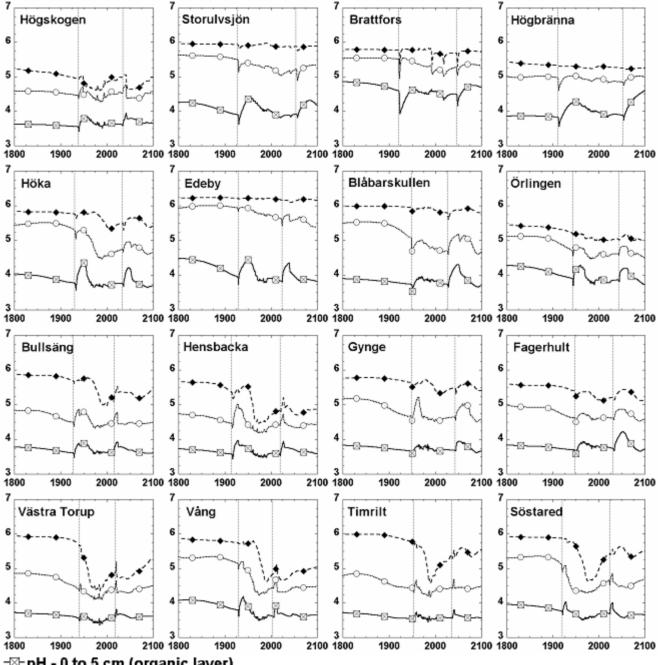
## Acidification due to N deposition



-⊠-BC/AI - 0 to 5 cm (organic layer)

<sup>--○-</sup> BC/AI - 10 to 20 cm

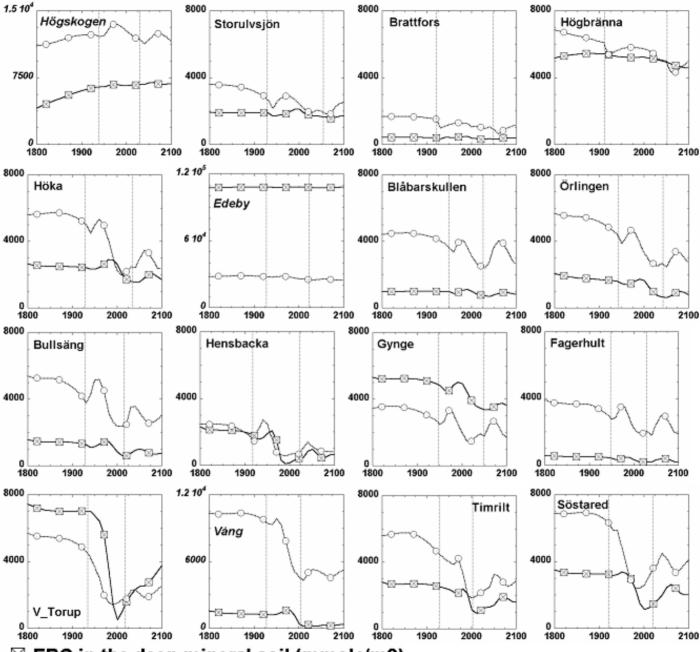
<sup>◆</sup> BC/AI - 40 to 60 cm



-⊠-pH - 0 to 5 cm (organic layer)

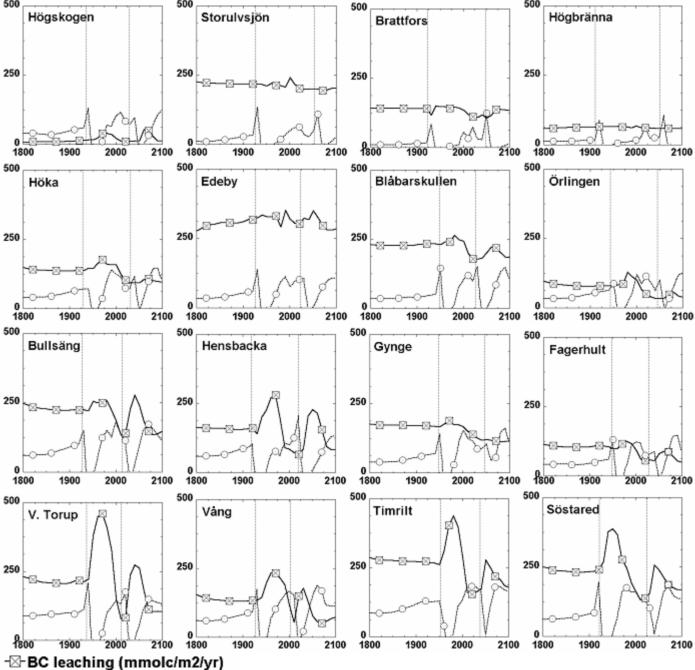
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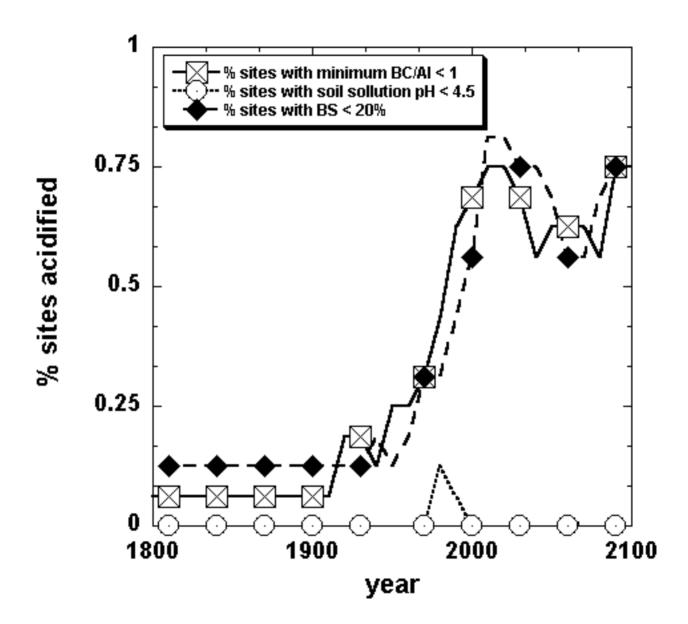


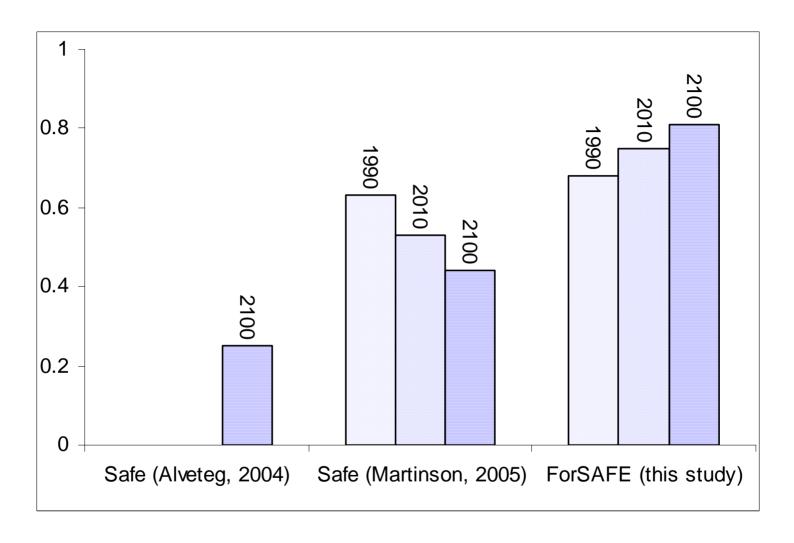
-⊠-EBC in the deep mineral soil (mmolc/m2)

-O-EBC in the rooting zone (mmolc/m2)



--- Net BC uptake (mmolc/m2/yr)

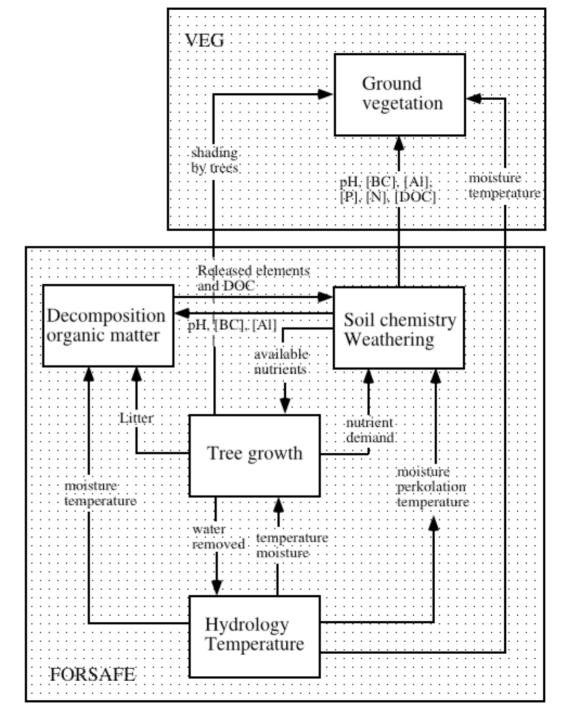




Fractions of prediscted acidified sites from three studies (using two different models)

### N effects on the composition of the ground vegetation

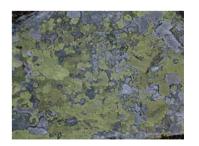
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- Soil acidity
- Available soil nutrients (N and BC)
- Soil moisture
- Site temperature
- Light to ground surface
- Plant competition strategy
  - Shading
  - Root distributions
- Grazing by animals

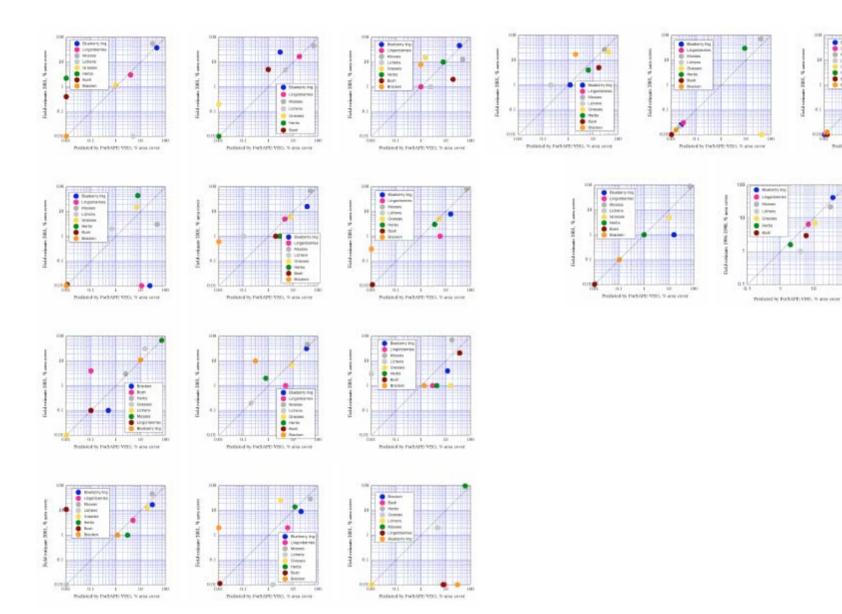






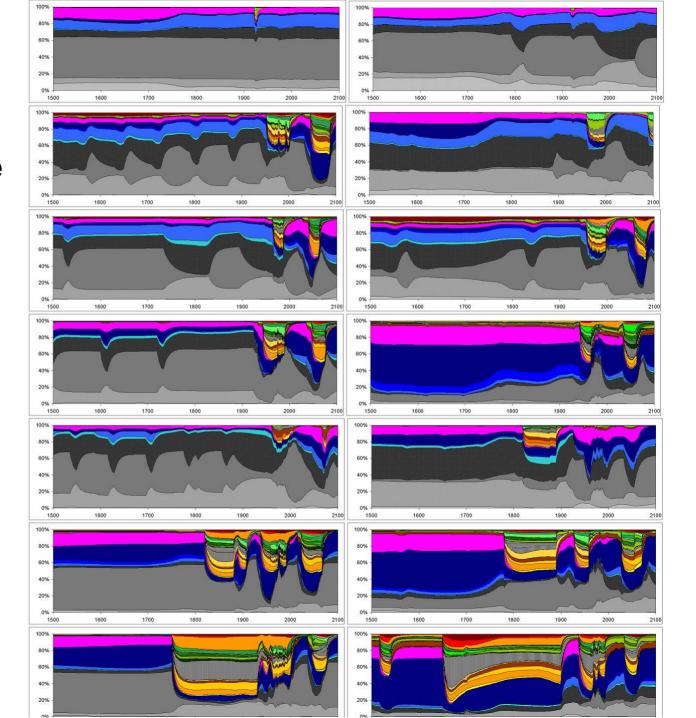
## **Ground vegetation indicator species used for Sweden**

■ Cladonia_lichen	■ Hylocomium_mosses	■ Mnium_mosses	■ Sphagnum_moss
■ Calluna_vulgaris	Empetrum_nigrum	■ Erica_tetralix	■ Vaccinium_myrtillus
■ Vaccinium_vitis-idea	□ Agrostis_capillaries	Brachiopodium_pennatum	■ Bromus_benekenii
■ Calamagrostis_arundinasius	■ Deschampsia_cespitosa	■ Deschampsia_flexuosa	■ Festuca_ovina
■ Milium_effusum	■ Molinia_caerulea	■ Nardus_stricta	Poa_nemoralis
□ Dryopteria_dilata_coll	<b>■</b> Pteridium	Aconitum_lycoctonum	■ Allium_ursinum
■ Anemone_nemorosa	■ Antennaria_docia	Arnica_montana	■ Epilobium_augustifolium
■ Galium_odorata	■ Geranium_sylvestrum	■ Hepatica_nobilis	■ Mercurialis_perennis
Origanum_∨ulgare	☐ Oxalis_acetocella  ☐ Oxalis_acetocella	■ Trientalis	■ Trifolium_repens
⊞ Urtica_dioica	■ Myrica_qale	Rhododendron_toment	■ Rubus_idaeus
■ Salix_lanata	■ Salix_myrsinifolia		



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Changes in the ground vegetation composition from 1500 to 2100



#### Where to from here:

- Including Phosphorus Dynamics
- Separating NH<sub>4</sub> and NO<sub>3</sub>
- Implications for critical load calculations
- Regional implications