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5 **Atmospheric pollution histories of three Cumbrian surface waters**

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27 Summary

- 28 1. The CHEMISTRY of the Uplands Model (CHUM), driven by measured and estimated
29 atmospheric deposition, was used to simulate the chemical compositions of three
30 upland Lake District surface waters, Devoke Water (DW), Levers Water (LW) and
31 Mosedale Beck (MB) over several hundred years.
- 32 2. "Natural acidification" combined with human activities, notably forest clearance, was
33 assumed to have brought about chemically stable acid moorlands by the period
34 1000–1500 A.D. Deposition of sulphur, nitrogen, chlorine and heavy metals, released
35 into the atmosphere by coal-burning and industrial processes, then took place,
36 gradually increasing to maximum levels in the late 20th century.
- 37 3. Surface water concentrations of chloride are consistent with depositional inputs,
38 whereas the transfer of atmospherically deposited sulphur to the surface waters is
39 delayed by temporary retention processes within the catchment. Over the last 40
40 years, concentrations of pollutant (non-marine) sulphate in the surface waters
41 declined to one-third of their maximum levels. Atmospherically deposited pollutant N
42 continues to accumulate in catchment soils, although a significant fraction appears in
43 surface waters as nitrate. Annual average surface water bicarbonate concentrations
44 were 20 - 60 $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ in the pristine past, fell nearly to zero in all three waters when
45 acidification was most intense, but now are increasing.
- 46 4. Combined data from several Lake District upland waters suggest substantial recent
47 increases in concentrations of dissolved organic carbon (DOC). If this can be
48 attributed to acidification reversal, a corresponding decline in DOC concentrations
49 would have occurred as acidification intensified, and pristine surface waters would
50 have been comparatively rich in DOC.
- 51 5. Major cationic elements enter the soil-water system in deposition (H^+ , Na, Mg, K, Ca),
52 from organic matter decomposition (H^+), or by chemical weathering (Mg, Al, Ca), and
53 are much affected by sorption to soil organic matter (SOM). The surface soils of all
54 three catchments are acid (current pH \sim 4.5) and so variations in surface water
55 chemistry among sites reflect differences in mineral dissolution rates deeper in the
56 soil-rock profile. The simulations indicate pH values of 6.9, 6.1 and 6.4 for DW, LW
57 and MB respectively in the period up to 1800, followed by declines to minima of c.
58 6.0, 4.7 and 5.0 in around 1980, then acidification reversal in agreement with
59 observations.
- 60 6. The transfer of atmospherically deposited heavy metals to surface waters depends
61 upon their sorption by SOM. Nickel, zinc and cadmium adsorb relatively weakly and

62 therefore are quite readily leached, and sensitive to changes in acidification status.
63 The higher affinities of organic matter to Cu and Pb promote retention and these two
64 metals are continuing to accumulate in soil, despite major declines in deposition over
65 the past several decades.

66 7. The WHAM-F_{TOX} model was used to estimate the maximum number of
67 Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and Trichoptera species in MB through time, as
68 influenced by chemical variability. The maximum number is estimated to have fallen
69 from 14-15 under pristine conditions to 9-10 when acidification was greatest and a
70 modest recovery to 10-11 species since then.

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73 Introduction

74 Britain has been affected by atmospheric pollution for a long time (Mannion, 1991;
75 Thorsheim, 2006). Coal burning already took place on a significant scale in the 17th century,
76 adding sulphur, nitrogen and metals to the atmosphere, while the mining and smelting of
77 metal ores, especially of lead, was also widespread. Emissions increased during the
78 Industrial Revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries, and into the 20th century. To the effects
79 from power generation and manufacturing industry were added those of transport and
80 intensifying agriculture, especially with respect to nitrogen (Sutton *et al.*, 2008). The effects
81 of pollutants were localised at first, but then spread to more remote areas. Thus the English
82 Lake District has been subjected to various forms of atmospheric pollution for several
83 centuries, and has also contributed through its own mining activities (Cameron, 2000). Direct
84 evidence for the long-term deposition of pollutants to the area comes from lake sediment
85 records showing the increasing deposition of metals until the latter part of the 20th century
86 (Hamilton-Taylor, 1979; Ochsenein *et al.*, 1983; Yang & Rose, 2005). More recent
87 pollutants include radionuclides, notably caesium-137, due to atmospheric weapons testing
88 and reactor accidents (Beresford *et al.*, 1992), and organic contaminants such as
89 polychlorinated biphenyls and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (Gevao *et al.*, 2000).

90 Monitoring and process studies of atmospheric pollutant deposition and its effects go back to
91 the 1950s, and the work of E. Gorham (1955, 1958), who described rain composition at
92 various sites, relating it to sources and pointing out the high acidity of rain. Extensive
93 monitoring and analytical work during the 1970s and 1980s, led by D.W. Sutcliffe,
94 documented spatial and temporal variation in the chemistry of Lake District surface waters
95 and rainfall (Carrick & Sutcliffe, 1982, 1983; Sutcliffe & Carrick, 1983, 1988; Sutcliffe *et al.*,
96 1982). Spatial variations in surface waters were studied by Thornton & Dise (1998).
97 Continuation of temporal monitoring demonstrated the reversal of surface water acidification,
98 attributed to declines in sulphur deposition (Tipping *et al.*, 1998, 2000); this was one of the
99 first documented occurrences of such reversal, reflecting the responsiveness of Lake District
100 catchments. Monitoring of two small lakes is now also performed by the UK Acid Waters
101 Monitoring Network (Monteith & Evans, 2005).

102 As well as being useful in themselves, to delineate changes and spatial differences, the
103 monitoring programmes provide data for the running and testing of simulation models, which
104 by quantitatively relating depositional inputs to surface water composition, permit the testing
105 of hypotheses about catchment processes that generate surface waters. Simple modelling
106 of water chemistry in terms of deposition and soil-rock processes, sorption and weathering
107 was performed by Tipping (1989, 1990). The MAGIC acidification model has also been
108 applied both to specific Lake District sites (Whitehead *et al.*, 1997) and as part of regional-

109 scale analyses (Evans *et al.*, 1998). The more comprehensive biogeochemical model CHUM
110 has been used to explore acidification (Tipping *et al.*, 2006a), heavy metals (Tipping *et al.*,
111 2006b) and radionuclides (Tipping, 1996). The behaviour of radiocaesium derived from
112 Chernobyl has also been studied by modelling (Smith *et al.*, 1995).

113 In the present paper, we report new applications of the CHUM model, which takes into
114 account deposition compositions and amounts, soil chemistry, chemical weathering, and
115 relevant parts of the C, N and S cycles. We focus on three catchments that receive little or
116 no direct input of chemicals such as fertilisers, so any contamination comes from the
117 atmosphere as wet and dry deposition. We apply and test assumptions about the
118 combination of biogeochemical and hydrological processes that determine element retention
119 and transport within the catchments. To calibrate and assess the model, we use stream and
120 lake chemistry monitoring data starting in the 1970s, and in a few cases even earlier, making
121 a record of 40 years or more. The main aim is to explain how several centuries of pollution
122 by atmospheric deposition have affected the catchments, starting from the near-pristine
123 conditions that we assume prevailed in the middle of the last millennium, and arriving at the
124 present day. Thus, for each of the catchments a quantitative history of surface water
125 chemistry is constructed.

126 **The field sites**

127 The present landscape of the Lake District was shaped by glaciation, which ended 14,500
128 years BP (Pearsall & Pennington, 1989; Millward & Robinson, 1974). According to
129 palaeoecological records, vegetation establishment and succession led to most of the area
130 being forested to an altitude of 600-650 m by about 7000 BP. Human settlement in the
131 Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages involved extensive tree removal to obtain wood for fuel and
132 construction, and to create grazing and arable land. This led to the development of acid
133 moorland soils by c. 3000 BP. Tree clearance continued until about 1000 BP, by which time
134 the land was mainly used for the grazing of sheep, and the vegetation was principally
135 grasses, with some bog-associated plants. Thus the main character of the rough-grazed
136 land is acid-loving plant types on acid soil. Although there has been tree planting in recent
137 years, each of the catchments considered here is moorland.

138 Our model runs begin in 1400, at which point the soils are assumed to have been in steady
139 state with respect to “pristine” atmospheric deposition, weathering reactions, and C, N and S
140 cycling. The concept of a steady-state soil is a useful construct that is probably never
141 actually realised. The principal soil component in terms of controlling depositional impacts is
142 the soil organic matter (SOM). On the basis of contemporary estimates of SOM turnover in
143 deciduous woodlands of the UK (Tipping *et al.*, 2010a), there would have been ample time to
144 establish SOM in steady state to a depth of several tens of centimetres by the time that tree
145 clearance began, the average mean residence time of carbon in the topsoil being about 90
146 years. However, SOM turnover under moorland vegetation is slower than under woodland,
147 with a mean residence time for Lake District soils of about 800 years, assuming them to be in
148 steady state (Tipping *et al.*, 2007a). Therefore, in areas where tree clearance had been
149 carried out several thousand years ago, a situation close to steady state is likely, but more
150 recent clearance might mean that the SOM in 1400 AD was derived from both woodland and
151 non-woodland vegetation sources, or the pool might not have been so great as it is presently.
152 Non-steady state will also have arisen due to climatic variation, Britain having experienced
153 appreciable changes in both temperature, notably the Little Ice Age (c. 1590-1850), and
154 rainfall during the past 1000 years (e.g. Roberts, 1998). Nonetheless, we assume that such
155 variations are insufficient to cause significant deviations from an approximate steady state for
156 SOM.

157 The modelling reported here was conducted on the catchments of a stream, Mosedale Beck,
158 and two small lakes, Devoke Water and Levers Water (Fig. 1). Mosedale Beck (MB) drains
159 part of the upper Duddon Valley, an area of high relief, underlain by rocks of the Ordovician
160 Borrowdale Volcanic Group. These rocks range in composition from basalt to dacite, and
161 have been affected by low-grade metamorphism and secondary alteration, so that important

162 secondary minerals with respect to chemical weathering are calcite and dolomite (Stidson *et*
163 *al.*, 2002). Duddon Valley soils comprise rankers, peat and peaty gleyed podzols of the
164 Coniston Association, (Hall & Folland; 1970); those of the MB catchment are largely rankers
165 and peats (85%), the remaining 15% being more mineral soils. The vegetation comprises
166 grasses, bracken and *Sphagnum* moss and the land is used as rough pasture for the low-
167 density grazing of sheep. MB drains an area of 3.7 km² with an altitude range of 219 - 764 m.
168 Although the Duddon Valley is now sparsely populated, there was considerable activity in the
169 past (Duddon Valley Local History Group, 2009). However, for the most part this seems to
170 have been in the lower part of the valley, with little major settlement in the area drained by
171 Mosedale Beck. Pollen records from the sediments of six surrounding tarns (small lakes)
172 suggest that trees were largely absent, grasses, *Calluna* and *Sphagnum* being the dominant
173 plant species, and soils were acid by 2000 years BP (Pennington, 1984).

174 Levers Water (LW), a natural corrie tarn enlarged for use as a reservoir, is located in the
175 Coniston catchment, adjacent to the Duddon Valley. Its catchment is also underlain by rocks
176 of the Borrowdale Volcanic Group, and ranker soils dominate. The lake has a surface area
177 of 0.15 km² and a mean depth of 21 m, the land drainage area is 2 km², the catchment
178 altitude range is 411 - 802 m, and average annual rainfall is 3250 mm. The relatively high
179 altitude means that the catchment was probably never fully forested, and has likely been
180 treeless with acid soils for 2000 years.

181 The catchment of Devoke Water (DW) is partly underlain by rocks of the Borrowdale
182 Volcanic Group and partly by Eskdale granite. The soil is 86% by area rankers and 14%
183 podzols. The lake has a surface area of 0.34 km² and a mean depth of 4 m, the land
184 drainage area is 3.1 km², the catchment altitude range is 233 - 487 m, and average annual
185 rainfall is 2600 mm. This catchment saw more recent human activity than those of the other
186 two sites, with partial regeneration of woodland *c.* 2200 years BP and cereal cultivation
187 during the period 200-600 AD (Pearsall & Pennington, 1989).

188 A few surface water chemical data are available for the 1950s in the two lakes, but the main
189 monitoring was performed since the mid-1970s. Data collection was conducted initially by
190 the Freshwater Biological Association (FBA), and subsequently the Natural Environment
191 Research Council Institute of Freshwater Ecology (IFE) and Centre for Ecology (CEH). The
192 principal published data are in the following references: Sutcliffe & Carrick (1973); Carrick &
193 Sutcliffe (1982, 1983); Sutcliffe *et al.* (1982); Tipping *et al.* (1998, 2000). Unpublished CEH
194 data have also been used in the present study. The full data set is available through the
195 CEH Information Gateway (www.gateway.ceh.ac.uk; CEH:EIDC:1252669286585). This
196 paper is concerned with annual mean surface water chemistry, and plotted data points
197 represent simple averages, derived from between four and 50 individual samples in a given

198 year. Throughout the paper we use square brackets – [] – to denote concentrations. We
199 use DOM (dissolved organic matter) or POM (particulate organic matter) when referring to
200 the entities that participate in chemical reactions, but DOC or POC when referring to the
201 measured variables, dissolved or particulate organic carbon. We assume that OM is 50% C.

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203 Deposition histories

204 Daily amounts of precipitation for the years 1932-2009 were available for a weather station at
205 Ambleside, c. 20 km from the study sites, and these were used to estimate amounts at the
206 study sites by correcting for altitude (Tipping *et al.*, 1998). Annual totals were calculated,
207 and the average of these was used for all years before 1932.

208 Temporal variations in deposition chemistry (exemplified for MB in Fig. 2) were obtained as
209 follows. Volume-weighted annual concentrations of H⁺, Na, Mg, K, Ca, NH₄, Cl, NO₃, SO₄
210 were obtained from the monitoring programmes of FBA, IFE and CEH, for the years 1975-
211 1976 and 1989-2009. For the period before 1650, rainfall was assumed to have been diluted
212 sea water, with solute concentrations estimated from contemporary mean values. Sulphur
213 deposition from 1650 onwards was estimated by scaling S deposition to known or estimated
214 S emissions (Tipping *et al.*, 2006a); for the period 1650-1850, a linear increase in emissions
215 from zero to 500 tonnes a⁻¹ was assumed reflecting escalation in the demand for coal in the
216 early 18th century, while for 1850 onwards, data were taken from UKRGAR (1990) and the
217 UK National Air Emissions Inventory (<http://www.naei.org.uk>). The approach used for N is
218 described below. Pollutant Cl was estimated by correcting for sea-salt inputs, assuming all
219 Na to be of marine origin. Concentrations of non-marine K and Ca were assumed to have
220 risen linearly from zero in 1650 to the observed levels (1975 onwards). Note that this
221 procedure differs from that employed by Tipping *et al.* (2006a), who only used observations
222 from 1989 onwards, and assumed that non-marine K and Ca were scaled to pollutant S; the
223 method used here provides significantly better simulations of streamwater Ca in particular.
224 Non-marine Cl deposition was scaled to non-marine S. The DW lakewater is richer in sea
225 salts than anticipated from the rain chemistry. Therefore sea salt ion concentrations were
226 increased in the DW deposition to achieve the correct surface water [Na] and [Cl].

227 The multiple sources of N make construction of an accurate long-term N deposition scenario
228 difficult. In previous work (Tipping *et al.*, 2006a) we drew on the results of Pitcairn *et al.*
229 (1995) who estimated that there was a major increase in N deposition at rural sites from
230 1950. But a subsequent publication by Fowler *et al.* (2004) estimated that deposition in 1900
231 was already fairly high, especially of reduced N. We used measured wet deposition data
232 from 1989 onwards for Cockley Beck, located in the upper Duddon Valley, and dry deposition
233 data from Concentration Based Estimated Deposition (Smith *et al.*, 2000; Smith and Fowler,
234 2001), quoted in Dore *et al.* (2007). We assumed a background “pristine” level of 0.5 gN m⁻²
235 a⁻¹ for the period to 1850 and a linear increase to the value for 1989. Wet and dry deposition
236 were kept throughout in proportion to values for 2001-2003, and a constant relation between
237 oxidised and reduced N was also assumed.

238 Heavy metal (Ni, Cu, Zn, Cd and Pb) concentrations in bulk deposition at sites near to or in
239 the upper Duddon Valley have been measured since 1972 (Baker, 2001; Lawlor and Tipping,
240 2003; Malcolm *et al.*, 2010). Procedures for the estimation of dry deposition and the
241 construction of historical deposition scenarios, based on estimates of deposition under pre-
242 industrial conditions and using lake sediment profiles, are given by Tipping *et al.* (2006b).

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244 **Model descriptions**

245 The main model used in the present work, CHUM-AM (CHemistry of the Uplands Model -
246 Annual, Metals), was described in detail by Tipping *et al.* (2006a,b; 2007b). It deals with
247 hydrology, C, N, S, cation sorption to SOM, mineral precipitation, weathering, and processes
248 associated with lake sediments. An improved model of plant-soil N dynamics is described
249 below. The model (Fig. 3) considers a soil-rock profile consisting of three completely mixed
250 layers (L1, L2, L3) through which water percolates, streamwater being drainage from L3. The
251 model is run with annual average input data, and produces annual average outputs.

252 Atmospherically deposited elements and species are assumed to be in solution on entering
253 the plant-soil system; dry-deposited gases NH_3 , NO_2 and SO_2 dissolve in rainwater to form
254 NH_4^+ , NO_3^- and SO_4^{2-} respectively. Extra deposition of major solutes from cloud water is
255 taken into account.

256 Water percolates at a constant rate from L1 to L2 to L3 and then to the stream. At each
257 time-step (4-7 days depending upon catchment and rainfall) the available pore space in the
258 soil layer is emptied of water, and solutes are removed in drainage water. Then the pore
259 space is refilled, new solutes are added in the input water, and from decomposition and
260 weathering reactions, and the new equilibrium distribution of chemical species calculated.

261 Elements (N, S, metals) associated with SOM transfer annually from L1 to L2, to take into
262 account mineralization and water transport losses of organic matter from L2. Annual outputs
263 of organic carbon from L1 and L2, as DOC and particulate organic carbon (POC) in
264 percolating water, are specified in the input file, as is the soil pCO_2 . Dissolved CO_2 in
265 percolation water from L2 enters L3, where it may be supplemented by CO_2 from carbonate
266 dissolution. Outgassing of CO_2 occurs in the stream, to a specified partial pressure. Annual
267 soil uptake of sulphur in L1 is directly proportional via k_{S1} (dimensionless), to input $[\text{SO}_4^{2-}]$.
268 Release depends upon the product of the soil S:C ratio and the pool of soil S, via the
269 adjustable rate constant k_{S2} (yr^{-1}).

270 The chemical "master species", i.e. the inorganic species on which all the chemical reactions
271 are based, consist of major cations (H^+ , Na^+ , Mg^{2+} , Al^{3+} , K^+ , Ca^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , NH_4^+), trace cations
272 (Ni^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , Cd^{2+} , Pb^{2+}), and anions (OH^- , Cl^- , NO_3^- , SO_4^{2-} , F^- , CO_3^{2-}) and the neutral
273 species $\text{Si}(\text{OH})_4$. In L1 and L2, solutes may bind to organic matter, which may be in the solid
274 phase, in solution (DOM) or in suspension (POM). The interactions are described using the
275 soil version of WHAM / Model VI (Tipping, 1998; Tipping, 2002). Account is also taken of
276 reactions among inorganic species in solution. In addition, precipitation and dissolution of
277 $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$, $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$ and carbonates may occur. In L3, the same reactions are possible,

278 together with surface complexation at the surfaces of Al and Fe oxides. In streamwater, the
279 reactants are the inorganic components, together with DOM and POM.

280 Weathering inputs of major and trace metals, and carbonate, are described with the
281 formulation of Schnoor & Stumm (1986), in which the rate is given by the product of a
282 constant (k_w) and H^+ activity raised to the power n_w . Values of n_w for different solutes were
283 taken from Stidson *et al.* (2002), while values of k_w (which includes the effects of mineral type
284 and available surface area) were adjusted to match observations.

285 The lakes are assumed to be of constant volume and completely mixed. Their chemical
286 compositions are determined by atmospheric deposition directly to the water surface,
287 streamwater input, lake water output, particle sedimentation and sediment-water exchange of
288 solutes. Nitrate, sulphate and ferric iron are reduced within the accumulating sediment.

289 We formulated a new plant-soil nitrogen model (Fig. 4), able to account both for long-term
290 soil storage of N while also simulating short-term variability in nitrate leaching in response to
291 varying deposition and temperature. This drew on published work on catchment N
292 modelling, including short-term simulations of nitrate leaching (Sloan *et al.*, 1994), annual
293 time-step models with one or more soil N pools (Cosby *et al.*, 1997, 2001; Kros *et al.*, 2004),
294 and more detailed process-based models (e.g. Wade *et al.*, 2002). The new model is more
295 realistic than the model used previously (Tipping *et al.*, 2006a, b), which simulated slow
296 changes in NO_3 leaching governed by the total soil N pool, but remains sufficiently simple to
297 permit calibration with available data. Water transport was modelled with the hydrological
298 sub-model from the soil carbon model DyDOC (Michalzik *et al.*, 2003; Tipping *et al.*, 2007a).
299 Two soil N pools are postulated, a small labile pool comprising plants, microbes and fast-
300 turnover soil organic N, and a larger stable pool. Any wet or dry deposited reduced N, and
301 dry oxidised N, is taken up directly into the labile pool. The uptake rate ($mol\ m^{-2}\ hr^{-1}$) of NO_3
302 by the labile pool is given by the expression $k_{up} P_{NO_3} T^n / P_{N-labile}$ where k_{up} is the rate
303 constant, P_{NO_3} and $P_{N-labile}$ are the pools ($mol\ m^{-2}$) of soil solution nitrate and labile N
304 respectively, T is the soil temperature ($^{\circ}C$) and n is an adjustable exponent. Nitrate is
305 released from the labile N pool according to the expression $k_{rel} P_{N-labile}^2$ thereby rendering the
306 pool more "leaky" as it grows in size. "Other N losses" (Fig. 4), which include releases of
307 gaseous N and DON, are represented by a simple net first order process governed by k_L ; it
308 is recognised that N gas losses actually go through nitrate, but this process cannot be
309 parameterised with available information. Nitrogen also leaves the labile pool by first-order
310 transfer to the stable pool, from which first-order release again occurs, governed by k_S (Fig.
311 4). The model allows two soil types - here rankers and podzols - in each catchment, and
312 stream water is generated by simple mixing of the two drainage waters. Direct deposition of
313 nitrate to the lake (if present) is also included. The model is driven by daily rainfall amount,

314 daily temperature, and fortnightly or monthly rainfall chemistry. The key output of the
315 nitrogen model is the daily leaching flux of NO_3 , which was used to compute the volume-
316 weighted annual $[\text{NO}_3]$ required by CHUM-AM.

317 The modelling strategy was first to deal with the anionic components Cl, N, S and DOM,
318 which are assumed to behave independently. Next, the major cationic elements (H^+ , Na, Mg,
319 Al, K and Ca) were considered, with calibration of weathering rates. Finally, heavy metal
320 behaviour was predicted. Soil and streamwater pCO_2 values were assumed to be constant,
321 at 10 times and twice the atmospheric value respectively.

322 Lake mixing, sedimentation and sediment chemistry were simulated as described by Tipping
323 *et al.* (2007b). A single average stream was assumed to drain each catchment, with
324 additional inputs from direct precipitation. A sedimentation rate of $132 \text{ g m}^{-2} \text{ a}^{-1}$ was used for
325 both DW and LW, based on a parameterisation for the nearby Scoat Tarn (Ashmore *et al.*,
326 2007). Lakewater pCO_2 was assumed to be in equilibrium with the atmosphere.

327 To apply the nitrogen sub-model, daily soil temperatures required for the N model were
328 estimated as described by Tipping *et al.* (2007a) from air temperatures at the Ambleside
329 meteorological station adjusted for altitude with a lapse rate of 0.006 deg m^{-1} . Nitrate
330 leaching was assumed to occur only from ranker soils (Tipping *et al.*, 2008). The biomass N
331 pool for typical upland moorland vegetation on soils of the study sites is approximately 10 gN
332 m^{-2} (Perkins *et al.*, 1978), and we estimated a labile pool of N in soil of approximately 35 gN
333 m^{-2} from a labile carbon pool of *c.* 500 gC m^{-2} (Tipping *et al.*, 2007a) with a C:N ratio of *c.* 15
334 g g^{-1} (Tipping *et al.*, 2008), to produce a present-day total labile N pool (Fig. 4) of about 45
335 gN m^{-2} . To achieve this with the known N inputs to the system, and NO_3 losses, it was
336 required that $k_L + k_{LS} = 2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ d}^{-1}$. In the absence of other information, and for convenience,
337 we assumed that $k_L = k_{LS}$. A value of k_S of 10^{-6} d^{-1} produced the required stable N pool of *c.*
338 600 gN m^{-2} . With these values of k_L , k_S and k_{LS} fixed, adjustments were made of k_{up} , k_{rel} and
339 n in the ranker soils to simulate surface water $[\text{NO}_3]$. The value of k_{rel} was assumed to be the
340 same for each of the three catchments, while k_{up} was allowed to vary.

341 Results and discussion

342 The 20th century saw increasing rates of deposition of S, Ca and heavy metals until around
343 1970, after which substantial declines took place (Fig. 2). The peak for N was about 20
344 years later, in agreement with wider UK observations (Fowler *et al.*, 2010). Model application
345 mainly used the scenarios of Fig. 2, except that for DW additional seasalt and pollutant S
346 inputs were required (see below).

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348 Chloride

349 Tolerable predictions of interannual variations in [Cl] in the three surface waters were
350 obtained from depositional inputs and concentrative evapotranspiration, but assuming no
351 interactions with vegetation or soil. Results for DW and LW are shown in Fig. 5; results for
352 MB were similar to those of LW. Rain collected in winter 1989-1990 was extremely salty, (as
353 also found elsewhere in western Europe), and although this is reflected in both DW and LW,
354 the model predictions of lakewater [Cl] in 1990 were too high (Fig. 5), suggesting short-term
355 retention of chloride either due to hydrological heterogeneity within the catchment (Neal &
356 Kirchner, 2000) or biological uptake (Bastviken *et al.*, 2009) and subsequent release. Non-
357 marine (pollutant) Cl contributes a small but significant amount to the acidity of Lake District
358 rain, the average of $4 \mu\text{eq L}^{-1}$ over the period 1989-2000 corresponding to c. 5% of the total
359 acidifying equivalents of N + S + Cl in the three surface waters. The presence of acidifying
360 Cl was noted by Gorham (1958), and widespread decreases in Cl deposition in recent
361 decades have contributed to acidification reversal in the UK (C.D. Evans, personal
362 communication).

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364 Nitrate

365 In applying the nitrogen model, the best results, judged by minimising the sum of the squared
366 differences between observed and simulated [NO₃], were obtained with $n = 2$ and $k_{\text{rel}} =$
367 $2.5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ d}^{-1}$. The values of k_{up} were 1.6×10^{-3} , 3×10^{-5} and $4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1} \text{ deg}^{-2}$ for
368 DW, LW and MB respectively.

369 Simulated [NO₃] in the surface waters (Fig. 5) reproduced differences among the catchments
370 in terms of the average values. The increase in surface water [NO₃] in the order DW < MB <
371 LW is accounted for in the model by corresponding decreases in the uptake N rate constant
372 (k_{up} , Fig. 4). Variations in this parameter among the three catchments follow factors that
373 strongly influence N retention, i.e. likely terrestrial productivity (LW < MB < DW), mean slope
374 (LW > MB > DW) and rockiness (LW > MB > DW). Thus the high-altitude, high-relief LW

375 catchment, with its higher proportion of rock outcrops, is especially poor at retaining
376 atmospherically deposited N, in contrast to the lower-altitude, flatter, less rocky catchment of
377 DW, which retains N quite well (Fig. 5). The model correctly simulates declines in $[\text{NO}_3]$ that
378 have occurred over recent years, due to decreases in inputs (Fig. 2). This is achieved
379 through the assumption of the small labile N pool (accounting for less than 10% of the total
380 plant-soil N) which permits N to be taken up and released rapidly, and in response to short-
381 term changes in deposition and temperature. The model predicts considerable interannual
382 variability in $[\text{NO}_3]$, driven by variations in both N input and temperature, but agreement with
383 the observations is not fully convincing (Fig. 5), and therefore unidentified drivers may be
384 missing. Over timescales of less than one year, winter maxima and summer minima in $[\text{NO}_3]$
385 are successfully simulated (results not shown).

386 The fraction of total deposited N calculated to be leached as NO_3 in 1800 at DW was 4%,
387 rising to 11% in 2000. The corresponding increase at LW was from 29 to 41% and at MB
388 from 10 to 24%. Leaching of NH_4 is negligible, and thus the acidifying effect of N has
389 increased over the past two centuries. There are additional losses of N as dissolved organic
390 nitrogen (DON) and probably also as gas (N_2 , N_2O), but most of the deposited N has been
391 retained by the soil. The model assumes this stored N to be mainly in the stable pool, from
392 which it can only leave as DON or gas. If this is so, then a massive re-acidification due to N-
393 saturation, as considered by Tipping *et al.* (2006a) would not occur, but research is urgently
394 needed to improve our understanding of the fate of the soil N store.

395

396 *Sulphate*

397 By permitting uptake by and release from a soil pool of S, the sulphur sub-model dampens
398 the response of $[\text{SO}_4]$ in the surface waters to variations in atmospheric S deposition. The
399 effect is illustrated for LW and MB in Fig. 5. The constants required to achieve a match
400 between observations and predictions ($k_{\text{S}1} = 0.4$ and $k_{\text{S}2} = 0.8 \text{ yr}^{-1}$) result in a residence time
401 of soil S of c. 200 years under pristine conditions, falling to c. 100 years as more soil S
402 accumulated, although this only applies to the 40% of SO_4 that is calculated to be taken up.
403 However, when the uptake is optimised for surface water $[\text{SO}_4]$ the calculated corresponding
404 contemporary soil S:C ratios of c. $0.01 \text{ mol mol}^{-1}$ exceed the mean measured value of 0.004
405 mol mol^{-1} for upper Duddon Valley topsoils (Tipping *et al.*, 2006a). Possible uptake
406 mechanisms are (a) removal of incoming SO_4 by reductive incorporation into SOM
407 (measured in the topsoils), and oxidative release under dry conditions, as seems likely in
408 Pennine catchments (Tipping *et al.*, 2003, 2010b), and (b) reversible adsorption onto the
409 surfaces of Al and/or Fe(III) oxides at greater depths within the soil. It is possible that

410 mechanism (a) controls the topsoil S, giving rise to the 0.004 mol mol⁻¹ S:C ratio, while
411 mechanism (b) accounts for the remaining S. However, this is speculative and there is a
412 need for more research into S retention.

413 The behaviour of S in the DW catchment, which results in substantially higher surface water
414 [SO₄] than found for the other two waters (Fig. 5), was harder to reproduce with the model.
415 Simply increasing the sea-salt contribution of SO₄ in deposition, as done for Cl (see above),
416 while maintaining the pollutant deposition at the same level as for the other two catchments,
417 led to underprediction of lake [SO₄] in all years. Increasing the retention of S in soil, by
418 adjustment of the S sub-model parameters, improved agreement for later years, but not for
419 the 1980s. Therefore the S model parameters were held at the values derived for LW and
420 MB, and the assumed deposition input of pollutant S was increased. An additional 60%
421 produced agreement with the observations, but it is not clear why the pollutant deposition
422 needs to be greater at DW.

423 Of the two principal acidifying elements, N and S, the latter is more important. Although
424 depositional inputs are similar on a molar basis (Fig. 2) the anion equivalents associated with
425 S are twice those for N, while the removal and storage of N by the soil amplifies the
426 difference. Thus if the surface waters themselves are considered then over the 20th century
427 pollutant sulphate contributed 95%, 71% and 84% of the leached acidity for DW, LW and MB
428 respectively. Between 2001 and 2009 however, N became more important, the SO₄
429 contributions falling to 81%, 56% and 71% of the leached N+S acidity.

430

431 *Bicarbonate*

432 The final major inorganic anion to consider is bicarbonate (HCO₃⁻), which is derived mainly
433 from the atmosphere, via plant growth and subsequent decomposition, and to a lesser extent
434 from the weathering of Ca and Mg carbonates. Water emerging from the soil-rock profile has
435 CO₂ partial pressures greater than atmospheric, and so tends to release CO₂. This loss is
436 rarely complete in streams because of the short transit times, but approximate equilibrium
437 may be obtained in the lakes. Concentrations of carbonate (CO₃²⁻) are negligible in these
438 waters and the bicarbonate concentration is essentially equivalent to alkalinity.

439 Concentrations of HCO₃⁻ were calculated from the [H₂CO₃] value corresponding to the
440 assumed pCO₂ and the concentrations of the other solutes, in the course of which surface
441 water pH was obtained. For the most acid water, LW, calculated [HCO₃⁻] was 19 μmol L⁻¹ in
442 1400, falling to 1 μmol L⁻¹ in 1980 and then rising to 2 μmol L⁻¹ in 2009. For MB the
443 corresponding values were 31, 1 and 6 μmol L⁻¹, and for DW 60, 5 and 23 μmol L⁻¹.

444

445 *Dissolved organic matter*

446 Tipping *et al.* (2006a,b) assumed constant concentrations of DOM in percolation water. Here
447 we also explore the possible effects of temporal changes in DOM, based on the widespread
448 recent increases of [DOC] in upland surface waters (Freeman *et al.*, 2001; Worrall *et al.*,
449 2004; Monteith *et al.*, 2007). Results for Lake District waters are available for the three study
450 sites, and also from the UK Acid Waters Monitoring Network (AWMN; Monteith & Evans,
451 2005) for Burnmoor and Scoat Tarns, both within 15 km of our study sites and with similar
452 water chemistries. Data for the five waters were amalgamated by normalising [DOC] to the
453 mean values for the commonly sampled years 1998-2006 (Fig. 6). Increasing trends in
454 [DOC] for the two AWMN sites are clear, but less apparent in the results for DW, LW and
455 MB. However, the shorter monitoring period for DW, LW and MB may correspond to a
456 period during which there was not much change in [DOC] for any of the five waters, and so a
457 recent general increase in [DOC] in Lake District waters is plausible.

458 Temporal changes in DOM leaching may arise from the increasing solubility of DOM with pH
459 (Tipping & Woof, 1991), as soil becomes less acid in response to decreasing S deposition
460 (Evans *et al.*, 2006; Monteith *et al.*, 2007). Tipping *et al.* (2007a) showed that this could be
461 explained if “potential” DOM held in the soil by adsorption under more acid conditions was
462 preferentially lost by conversion to CO₂, while weaker adsorption under less acid conditions
463 favoured leaching. If so, then in the pristine past, [DOC] in Lake District waters would have
464 been greater than it is today, and there would have been a minimum in [DOC] coinciding with
465 the lowest surface water pH. We constructed a relative scenario of changing surface water
466 [DOC] on this basis, scaled to the data for 1988 to 2009, and assuming that under pristine
467 conditions [DOC] was twice the average value for 1998-2006 (Fig. 6). The pristine surface
468 water [DOC] values estimated in this way were 5.7, 1.7 and 2.0 mg L⁻¹ for DW, LW and MB
469 respectively.

470 For DOM movement within the soil profile, CHUM-AM includes a flux from L1 to L2, and
471 another from L2 to L3 and thence to the stream (Fig. 3). A contemporary flux of 4 gC m⁻² a⁻¹
472 for the first was used, based on the range of estimates (2 to 6 gC m⁻² a⁻¹) for a site in the
473 upper Duddon Valley (Buckingham *et al.*, 2008), while the second takes the same value as
474 the streamwater flux. These were modified in proportion when creating the varying [DOC]
475 scenarios.

476 The generation and transport of DOM within the soil is an internal acidifying process, but
477 DOM differs from nitrate and sulphate because it is a weak acid and therefore is complexed
478 with protons and cationic metals, although it still provides a net negative charge to the
479 percolating water (Tipping, 2002). Concentrations in Lake District surface waters are low

480 compared to those from other upland acid-sensitive sites (see e.g. Monteith & Evans, 2005
481 and references therein), but DOM is still of significance in the charge balance and acidity of
482 the surface waters studied here. The CHUM calculations (Table 1) indicate that the net
483 negative charge on DOM could have contributed as much as $20 \mu\text{eq L}^{-1}$ to the total anionic
484 charge in DW in the pristine past. Generally, the organic anion contribution declined as pH
485 decreased, but has grown again over the past 30 years, with greater relative changes in the
486 scenarios that include variations in [DOM].

487

488 *Weathering inputs of Mg, Al, Ca and Si*

489 Mineral dissolution supplies Mg, Al and Ca to the soil and underlying rock or till. In principle,
490 Na and K could also be acquired by the percolating water, but surface water concentrations
491 of these elements can be sufficiently accounted for by rainfall inputs. Weathering rate
492 constants, k_w , were optimised to match simulated and observed soil and surface water
493 chemical compositions, using the modelled time series concentrations of anionic species.
494 CHUM-AM was run both with constant [DOC], set to the contemporary average for each
495 surface water, and with [DOC] scaled to the suggested trend of Fig. 6.

496 We only have detailed soil data for sites in the Duddon Valley, including the MB catchment,
497 and so we assumed that the same weathering rate constants apply to all three catchments.
498 This is justified by the similar observed soil pH values for topsoils of the three catchments,
499 with values of 4.5, 4.6 and 4.6 respectively in DW, LW and MB during 1998-2000 (Tipping *et al.*
500 *et al.*, 1999; 2006a). These were matched satisfactorily (pH values of 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6) using
501 the L1 and L2 weathering constants for Mg, Ca, and Al of Table 2, which are close to those
502 estimated for MB by Tipping *et al.* (2006a). Calibration to the surface water chemistry was
503 performed by adjusting the L3 weathering rate constants in the individual catchments (Table
504 2). Again for MB, the L3 weathering rate constants are close to those estimated by Tipping
505 *et al.* (2006a) from a shorter time series. The same weathering constants could be used for
506 constant or varying [DOC]. Predicted pH values differed only slightly in the two cases, but
507 temporal variations in surface water [Al] in LW and MB were captured better in the constant
508 [DOC] scenario.

509 Silica plays a minor role in surface water chemistry because it is unreactive and uncharged,
510 but its weathering fluxes were used to estimate catchment inputs of heavy metals (see
511 below). In estimating Si release from catchment minerals the removal of Si due to diatom
512 growth within the surface waters must be taken into account. It was simplest to do this by
513 considering only the streamwater (MB) for which Si removal during spring and summer was
514 well-defined by the temporal pattern of [Si]. Thus [Si] data for the rest of the year were

515 assumed simply to reflect Si through weathering, fluxes being derived from the products of
516 concentration and runoff. A single weathering rate constant was derived, assuming each
517 soil-rock layer to contribute equally (Table 2).

518

519 *The history of acidification*

520 To reach the “pristine”, i.e. not atmospherically polluted, state that is the starting-point for our
521 simulations, upland Lake District soils were first converted “naturally” to an acid state. Soils
522 on which the former vegetation was oak and other deciduous trees, evidenced by sediment
523 pollen records, are thought to have been richer in base cations because of deeper root
524 activity and base cation cycling (Pennington, 1984). Thus tree clearance might have been
525 an acidifying process. Another factor is simply the high runoff which will drive “natural”
526 acidification by depleting soils of base cations and exhausting the supply of base cations
527 from underlying minerals. This would explain the diatom record for DW (Atkinson & Haworth,
528 1990) which shows that shortly after the last glaciation the lake pH was c. 7.5, which would
529 have required substantially greater inputs of base cations than currently found, implying
530 higher weathering rates from freshly exposed mineral surfaces.

531 As shown in Fig. 7, the model calculations for the pre-pollution period suggest that the
532 surface waters were mildly acid (LW, MB) or neutral (DW). Concentrations of non-marine
533 SO_4 and Cl were zero, and anionic charge not provided by sea salts was due mainly to HCO_3^-
534 and DOM (see above), with small contributions ($0.3\text{-}2.0 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$) from NO_3^- , balanced by
535 weathering inputs of Mg, Al and Ca. The calculated pristine pH of DW, 6.9, agrees with the
536 range of 6.5-7.0 for the period 1200-1800 AD deduced by Atkinson & Haworth (1990) from
537 analysis of the lake’s sedimentary diatom record. Although a diatom-based reconstruction of
538 past pH is not available for LW, results for three lakes of similar present-day acidity in nearby
539 Wasdale indicate pre-industrial pH values of c. 6.0 (Haworth & Lishman, 1991), similar to our
540 calculated value of 6.1.

541 Acidification of soil and water occurred principally because weathering rates could not
542 neutralise the inputs of sulphuric and nitric acids derived from the atmospheric deposition of
543 S and N, and their processing by soil as described above. Neutralisation of incoming acidity
544 by the exchange of SOM-bound cations for H^+ also contributed, as “stored” weathering
545 products came into play, but only temporarily. Once these cations were depleted,
546 weathering became the only neutralising process within the catchment, assisted to some
547 extent by the small increase in base cation deposition. Two feedback processes, the
548 tendency for weathering rates to increase with falling pH, and the possible suppression of
549 DOM transport from topsoils, had only minor influences on the progress of acidification.

550 Soil and water pH values showed only small declines until c. 1850, but over the next 130
551 years surface water pH fell by over one unit in both LW and MB, reaching minima by about
552 1980 (Fig. 7). The decline in DW was less, because of greater mineral weathering rates in
553 this catchment. The temporal developments are matched by the lake diatom records
554 (Atkinson & Haworth, 1990; Haworth & Lishman, 1991). After 1980, pH was observed to
555 increase in all three surface waters, and this is satisfactorily reproduced by the model. The
556 reversal was mainly driven by the marked decline in $[\text{SO}_4]$, reflecting a substantial decrease
557 in emissions (Fowler *et al.*, 2010). Such acidification has been widely observed in affected
558 regions (Stoddard *et al.*, 1999; Monteith & Evans, 2005), but Lake District sites have been
559 especially responsive (Tipping *et al.*, 1998, 2000). More recent declines in surface water
560 $[\text{NO}_3]$ have contributed further to water quality improvement, although this has been offset to
561 some extent by a decline in Ca deposition.

562

563 *Heavy metals*

564 Time-series monitoring data are not available for heavy metals, which means there are
565 limited possibilities for model calibration, and we are restricted to comparing the limited
566 observations with predictions. Previous work (Tipping *et al.*, 2006b; 2007b; 2010b) has
567 demonstrated reasonably good agreement for both surface water metal levels and soil metal
568 pools, using default metal binding parameters for SOM, for 13 catchments throughout Great
569 Britain, including three streams of the Upper Duddon Valley. The one metal for which
570 calibration has been required is Pb, which has to be made to bind somewhat more strongly
571 to SOM than expected from the default parameters.

572 Here we simply present simulations for two metals, Zn and Pb in MB (Fig. 8). The patterns
573 are very similar to those obtained previously for Duddon streams (Tipping *et al.*, 2006b).
574 Broadly, Cu is calculated to behave similarly to Pb, while Ni and Cd behave like Zn. All the
575 metals are calculated to have passed through maximum dissolved concentrations during the
576 late 20th century. For Ni, Zn and Cd, the maxima reflect both the deposition patterns (Fig. 2),
577 and the fact that they sorb relatively weakly to SOM, so that acidification caused their soil
578 pools to decline. The stronger sorption affinities of Cu and Pb mean that their soil pools have
579 continued to increase, and variations in their surface water concentrations are due to
580 relatively small changes in proton competition for binding to SOM, as soil pH passed through
581 a minimum.

582 The modelling suggests that by 2000, the catchment soils of MB had retained 90% or more
583 of the total previously deposited anthropogenic Cu and Pb, but less than 60% of the other
584 three metals. The streamwater heavy metal concentrations are calculated to be due

585 predominantly to depositional inputs (as opposed to weathering); for example, in the year
586 2000 the fractional contributions by deposition were Ni 0.90, Cu 0.77, Zn 0.99, Cd 0.99 and
587 Pb 0.70.

588 The choice of [DOC] scenario makes little difference to the predictions for Ni, Zn and Cd.
589 However, both Cu and Pb are affected, calculated streamwater concentrations for the past
590 50 years being about 50% lower when the model is driven with varying [DOC]. This arises
591 because anthropogenic Cu and Pb depositions during the twentieth century were better-
592 retained in soil layer L1, due to lower output fluxes of DOM-bound metal.

593

594 *Biological responses*

595 Unfortunately, biological monitoring of these upland waters has not been conducted to the
596 same extent as chemical monitoring. Macroinvertebrate diversity is the variable for which
597 most information is available; Minshall & Kuehne (1969) reported on communities in several
598 tributaries of the River Duddon, and Sutcliffe & Carrick (1973) showed diversity to be lower in
599 the more acid Duddon Valley streamwaters. Tipping *et al.* (2002) offered evidence of an
600 increase in invertebrate diversity following acidification reversal.

601 Using outputs from the biogeochemical modelling, we estimated long-term changes in the
602 species richness of Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and Trichoptera (SR_{EPT}) with the WHAM- F_{TOX}
603 model (Stockdale *et al.*, 2010), which relates SR_{EPT} to the bioavailability of the potentially
604 toxic cations H^+ , Al^{3+} , Cu^{2+} and Zn^{2+} . The model quantifies the toxic effects of mixtures of
605 cations through F_{TOX} , the sum of the products of the amount of each biologically accumulated
606 cation and its toxic potency. Below a lower threshold in F_{TOX} no toxicity occurs, while above
607 an upper threshold, all EPT species are absent. For MB, F_{TOX} is calculated to have been
608 appreciably greater than the lower threshold even in the pristine past, i.e. the stream was
609 never able to host a full complement of EPT species. The value of F_{TOX} is calculated to have
610 increased during the 20th century, due almost entirely to acidification, heavy metals
611 contributing less than 0.5% to F_{TOX} in this stream. According to the model, there would have
612 been 14-15 different EPT species under pristine conditions, but only 9-10 when acidification
613 was greatest around 1980, with a modest increase to 10-11 for the present day. It is
614 important to note that the model deals only with the effects of toxic cations; other factors, e.g.
615 food availability, extremes in physical conditions, predation, may cause SR_{EPT} to be lower
616 than the predicted values.

617

618 *Other atmospheric pollutants*

619 The atmospheric pollutants considered here have almost certainly had the greatest long-term
620 effect on both terrestrial and freshwater ecosystems of the upland Lake District. However
621 there have been others. Perhaps the best-known of all is radiocaesium, especially ^{137}Cs ,
622 derived from thermonuclear weapons testing in the 1950s and 1960s, and from the reactor
623 accidents at Windscale (Cumbria) in 1957, and Chernobyl in 1986. In combination, these
624 events delivered several tens of kBq m^{-2} to the Lake District. Considerable research into the
625 fate of this radioactivity has been conducted (see e.g. Beresford *et al.*, 1992; Hilton *et al.*,
626 1993; Smith *et al.*, 1995), including the transfer of ^{137}Cs to fish in DW (Elliott *et al.*, 1992).
627 What made ^{137}Cs different from other metals was its peculiarly strong affinity towards illitic
628 clay minerals, which played a major role in its post-depositional behaviour. A radioactive
629 half-life of c. 30 years makes radioactive decay the main “sink” of ^{137}Cs , and much will be lost
630 before reaching surface waters. Other possibly significant pollutants that have been of
631 concern in similar locations, but not yet studied from biogeochemical or hydrochemical
632 perspectives in Lake District catchments, include mercury, organic contaminants and ozone.
633

634 *The future*

635 Agreement between observations and simulations of surface water solutes, including
636 acidification reversal, over the 40-year period from 1970 (Fig. 7), and the good
637 correspondence with diatom-based estimates of historical lake pH values provide support for
638 the choice of biogeochemical processes represented in the model. There is undoubtedly
639 scope for improvement, for example from further research into the soil N and S cycles, the
640 prediction of weathering processes using more fundamental information on mineral
641 components (cf. Sverdrup & Warfvinge; 1993), and by introducing catchment spatial
642 variability. However, the present calibrated versions of CHUM-AM for these three
643 catchments are suitable for use in predicting the future behaviours and effects of
644 atmospherically deposited pollutants. More widely, the model could be used to explore how
645 changes in soil carbon, caused by changes in climate or vegetation, might affect element
646 retention and solute transport.

647 Whereas mathematical description of the biogeochemical processes that control surface
648 water composition is fairly advanced, quantitative prediction of biological responses to
649 chemical change remains rudimentary. The WHAM- F_{TOX} approach, mentioned above, shows
650 promise as a way to link chemistry and biology mechanistically, while allowing for the fact
651 that non-chemical factors, often unidentified, will influence biological variables.

652 There would clearly be merit in further monitoring and modelling of these three sensitive
653 sites, building upon the work reported here, which itself draws upon a wealth of data from

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913 Table 1. Calculated net anionic charge ($\mu\text{eq L}^{-1}$) due to dissolved organic matter (DOM)
 914 complexed with cations, for scenarios with constant and varying [DOM], in Devoke Water
 915 (DW), Levers Water (LW) and Mosedale Beck (MB)

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| [DOM] | DW | | LW | | MB | |
|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|
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| 1400 | 10.3 | 20.7 | 2.7 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 7.1 |
| 1980 | 7.7 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 1.4 |
| 2009 | 9.5 | 12.5 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 5.5 |

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920 Table 2. Weathering rate constants for soil layers L1, L2 and L3. The units depend upon the
 921 exponent n_w ; in general they are $\text{l}^n \text{mol}^{(1-n)} \text{m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$.

| | n_w | k_w for L1 & L2 | k_w for L3 | | |
|----|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | all sites | DW ¹ | LW ¹ | MB ¹ |
| Na | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mg | 0.35 | 0.7 | 0.55 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Al | 0.7 | 8 | - ² | 60 | 15 |
| K | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ca | 0.35 | 0.7 | 5.5 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Si | 0 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 | 0.043 |

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923 ¹ DW = Devoke Water, LW = Levers Water, MB = Mosedale Beck

924 ²For DW, k_w (L3) for Al was not defined, since the pH in L3 is always high enough for
 925 precipitation of $\text{Al}(\text{OH})_3$ to occur and control surface water [Al], via the assumed solubility
 926 product ($a_{\text{Al}^{3+}} / a_{\text{H}^+}^3$) of $10^{9.5}$ at 25 °C (Tipping, 2005).

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928 **Figure captions**

929 Fig. 1. Map showing the locations of Devoke Water (DW), Levers Water (LW) and Mosedale
930 Beck (MB)

931 Fig. 2. Historical deposition scenarios used to drive the model for Mosedale Beck. Note that
932 information on interannual variability depends upon the availability of meteorological and/or
933 chemical monitoring data.

934 Fig. 3. Schematic of CHUM-AM. See text for explanation.

935 Fig. 4. Schematic of the nitrogen sub-model. See text for explanation.

936 Fig. 5. Observed and simulated surface water concentrations of chloride, nitrate and
937 sulphate. The periodicity in simulated $[\text{NO}_3]$ arises from the repeated use of 1989-2009
938 rainfall and temperature patterns to simulate daily variations in years before 1989. Nitrate
939 data represented by open symbols were not used in model optimisation because measured
940 N deposition data were not available.

941 Fig. 6. Measured [DOC] for five Lake District surface waters, normalised to the mean values
942 for each site between 1998-2006 (points), and fitted by linear regression ($r^2 = 0.43$, $P <$
943 0.001). The dashed line is a suggested scenario for the response of [DOC] to soil
944 acidification (see text).

945 Fig. 7. Observed (points) and simulated (lines) pH and concentrations of cations, for
946 constant-[DOC] scenarios. Note that the base cation data are plotted logarithmically.

947 Fig. 8. Simulated dissolved concentrations of Zn and Pb in Mosedale Beck.

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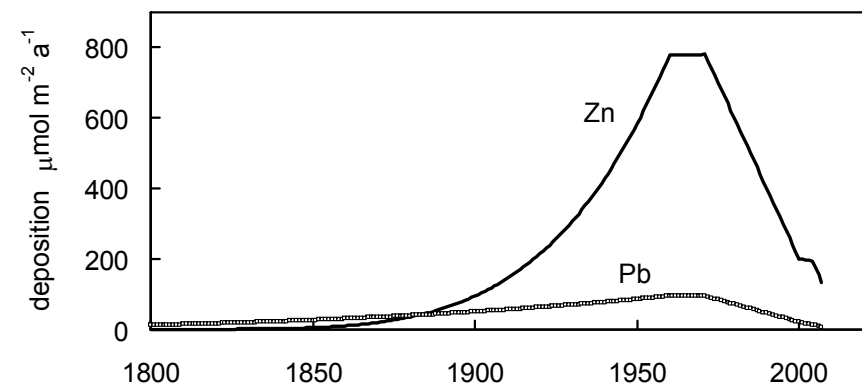
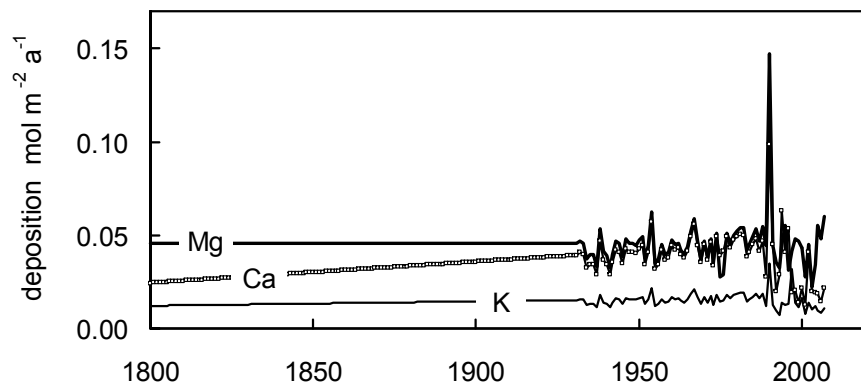
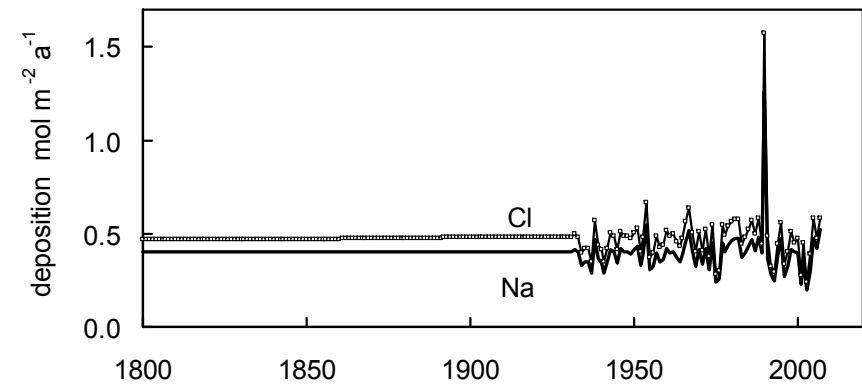
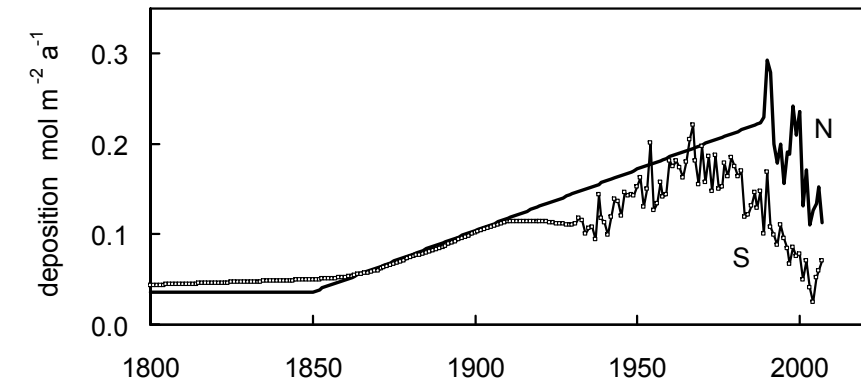
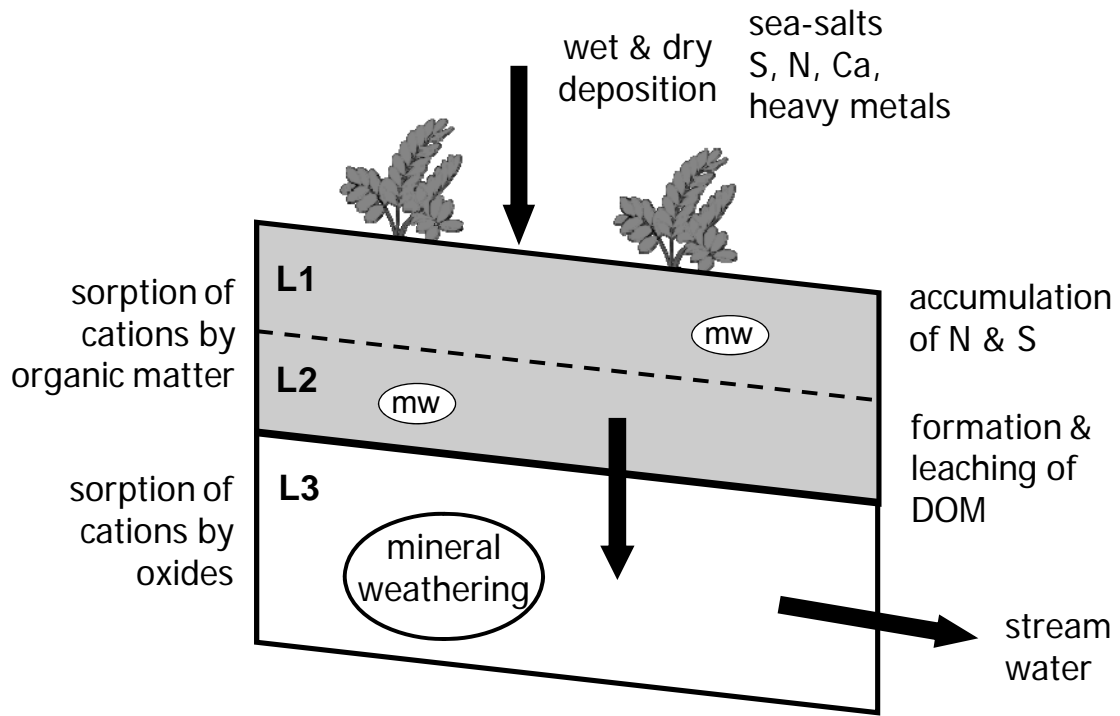


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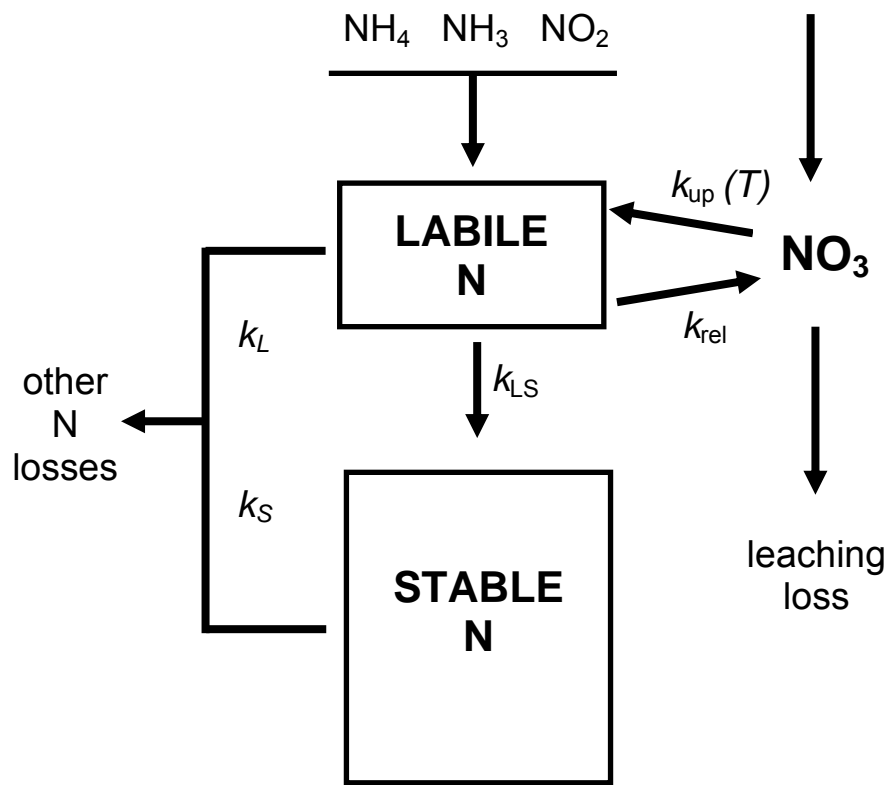


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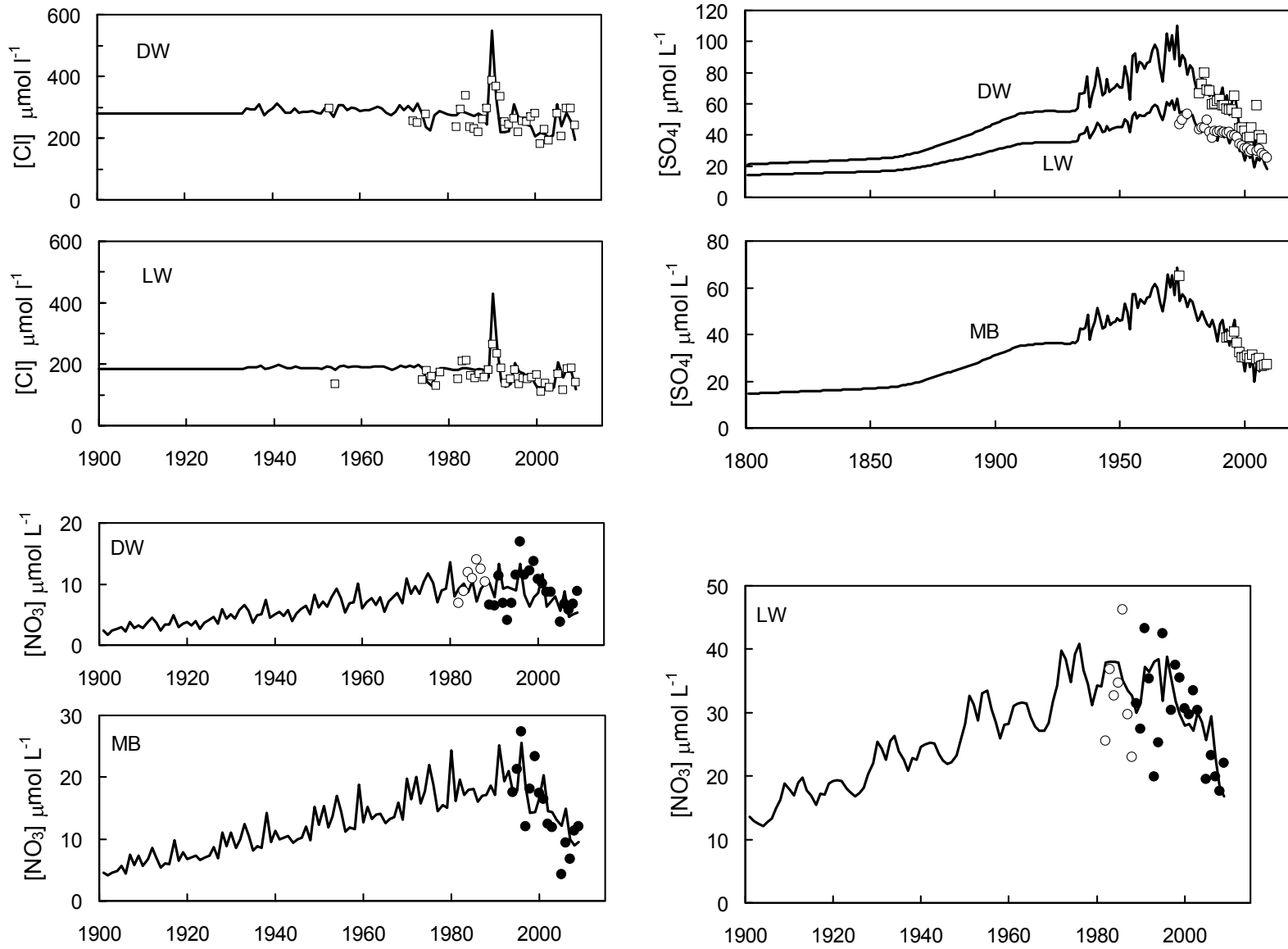


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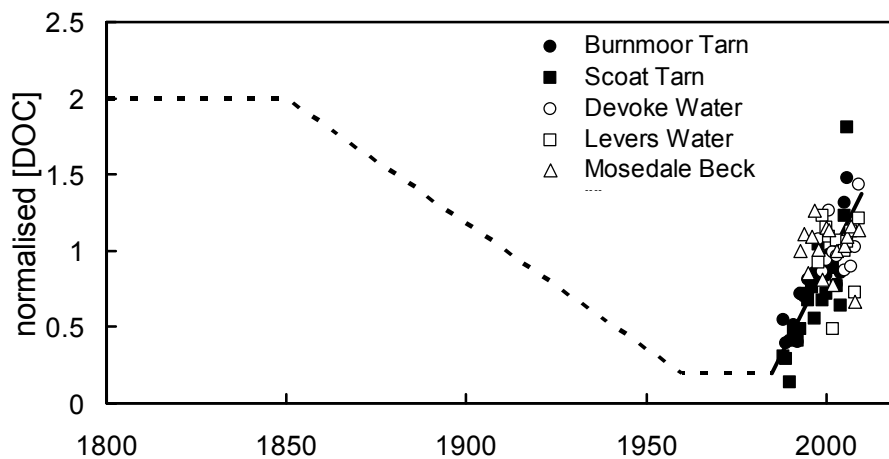


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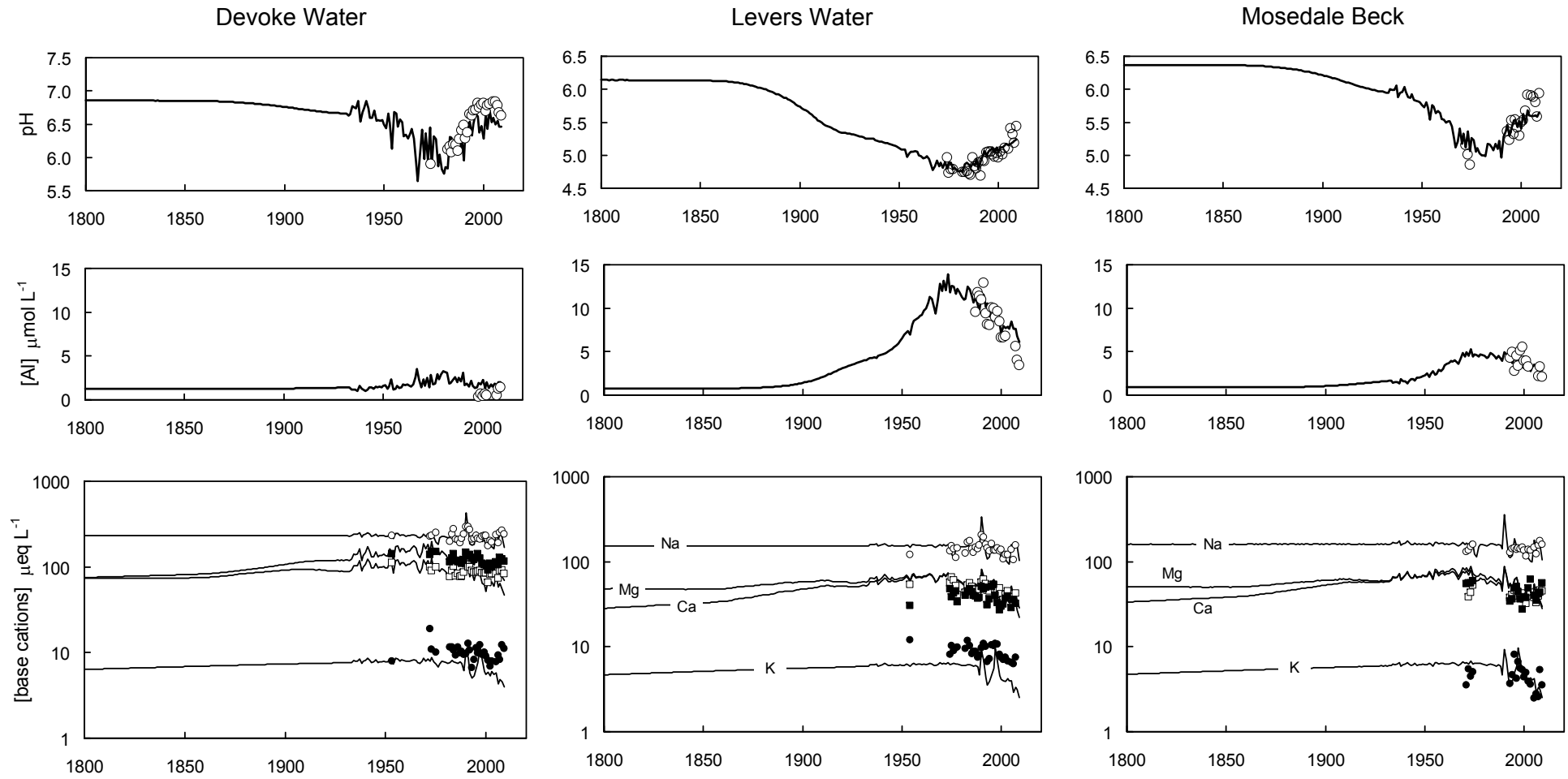
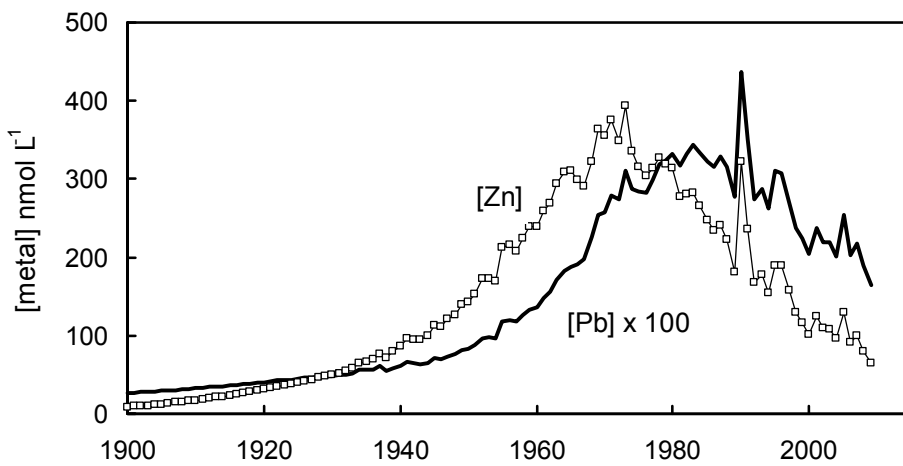


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