

# C3

## Ecological response processes & thresholds

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Manipulation experiments  
climate change & biogeochemistry

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New database - **meta-analysis** - air pollution impacts -  
terrestrial ecosystems

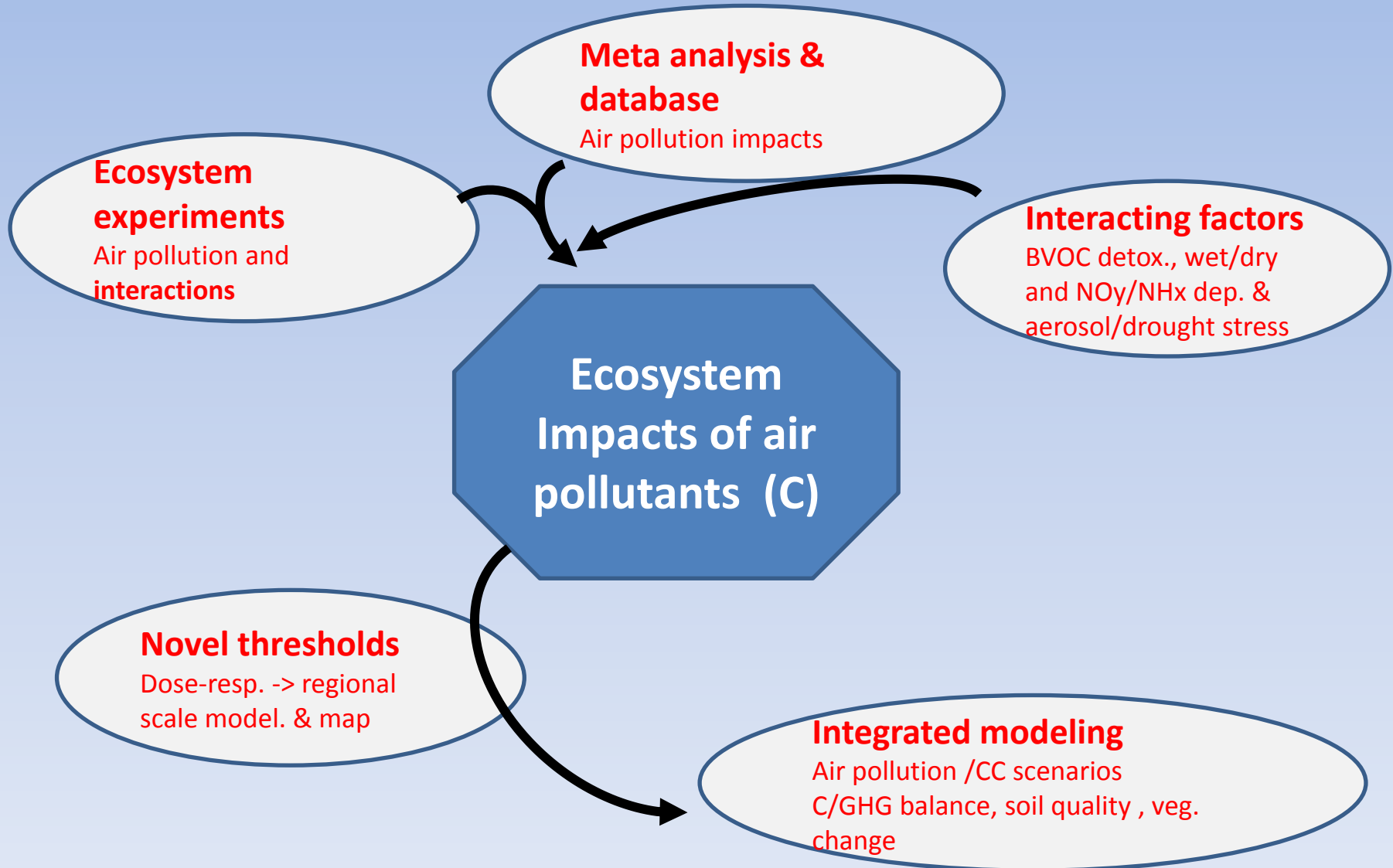
**Ecosystem response experiments** - plant responses and  
ecosystem C balance - air pollution and interacting drivers

Parametrization – **interacting novel processes** (O<sub>3</sub>-BVOC  
detox, wet/dry and NO<sub>y</sub>/NH<sub>x</sub> deposition, aerosol - drought  
stress)

**Novel thresholds** for key dose-response relationships

Integrated **modeling**

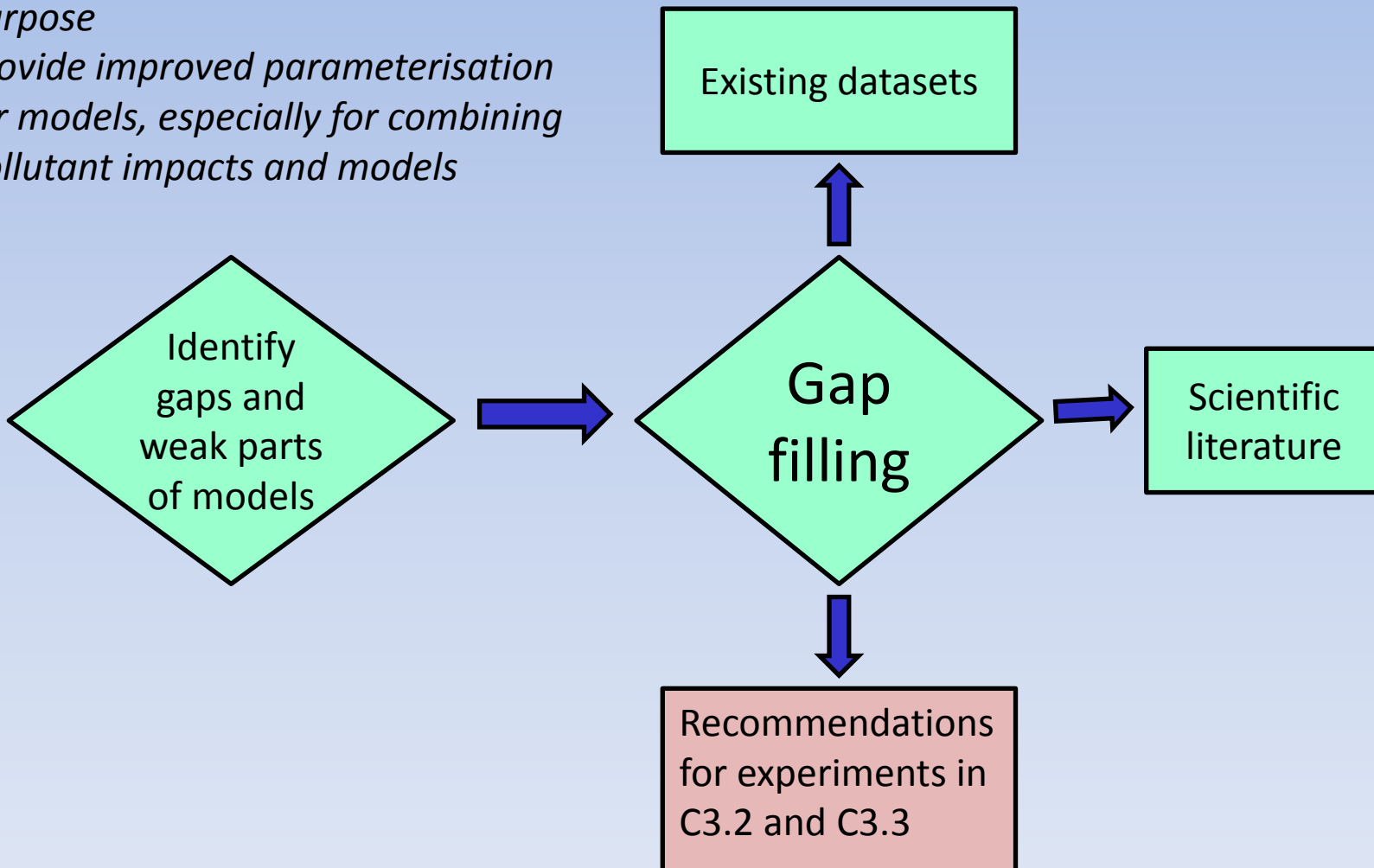
# Ecological response processes & thresholds



## Data mining

### *Purpose*

*Provide improved parameterisation  
for models, especially for combining  
pollutant impacts and models*



# What's needed versus what's there?

## Model types

Ozone uptake

Soil biogeochemical

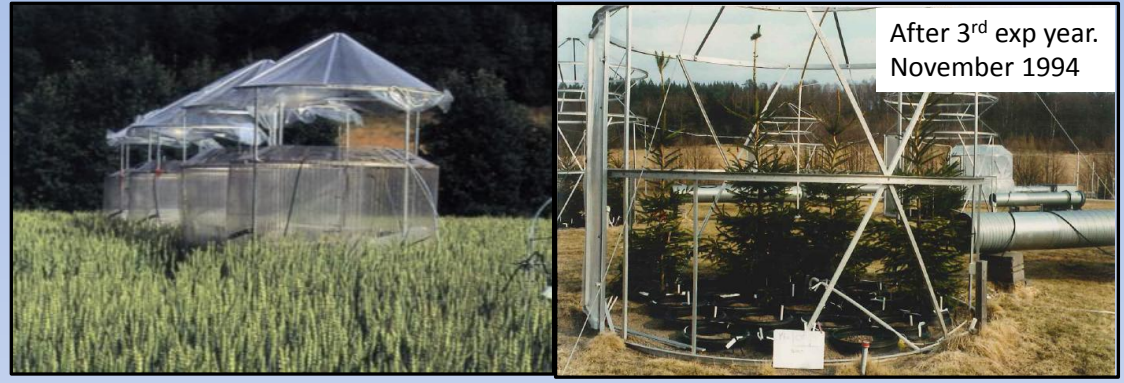
Vegetation growth

Large-scale veg/C/H2O

Species occurrence

## Data sources: controlled exposure experiments

### Ozone (sometimes +/- drought, CO2, N fertiliser)



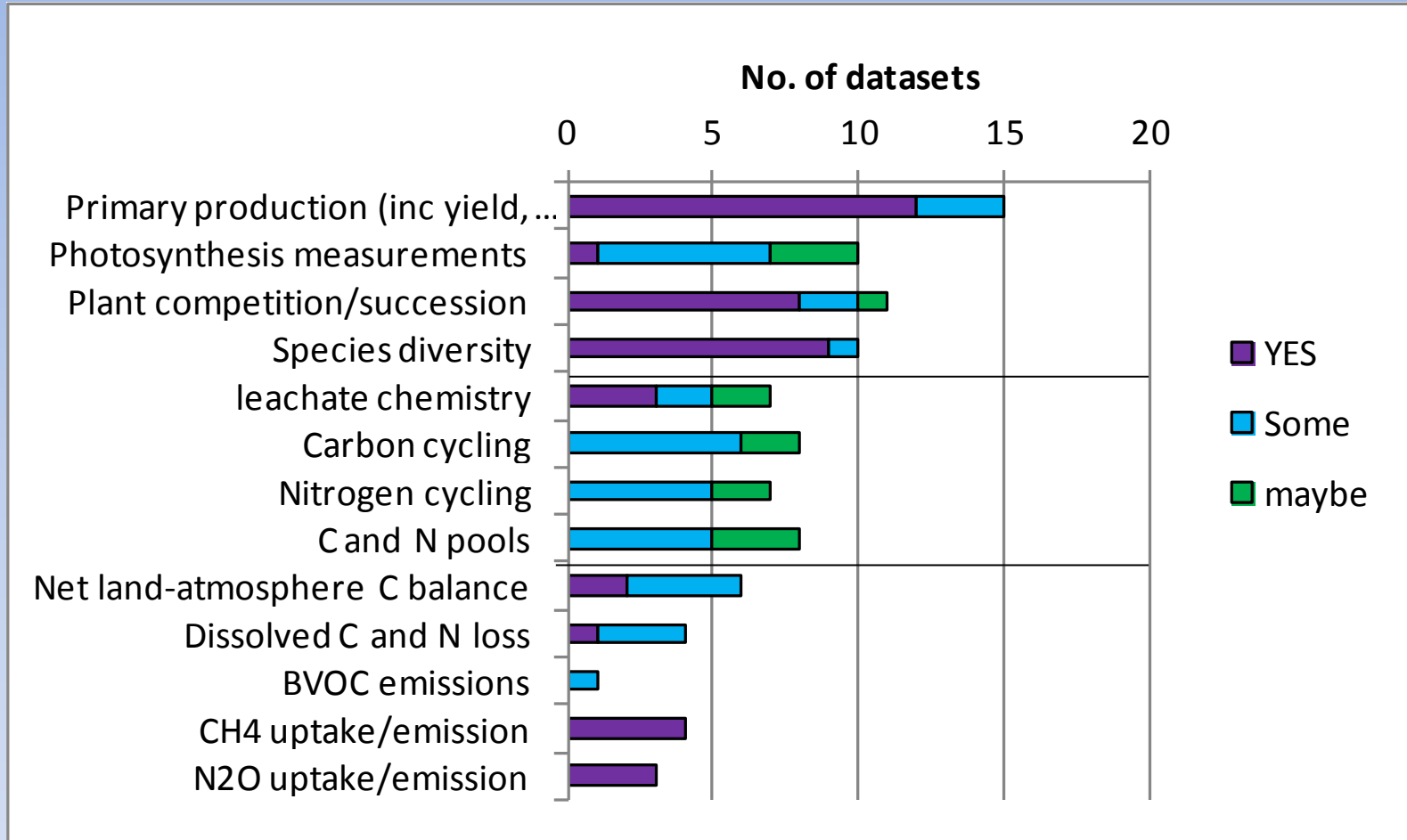
Available for wheat, potato, conifers, broad-leaved trees and grassland mixtures

### Experiments (sometimes +/- drought)



Available for wetlands, dry heath, grasslands, forests?

# Experimental dataset availability (list of datasets to be expanded)



☐ Data availability is patchy; most experiments have measured plant production, fewer have measured soil parameters and even fewer have measured GHG fluxes

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## Data sources: open field, ambient air surveys

e.g. ICP Forests data from level II plots, Countryside survey data showing shifts in species composition



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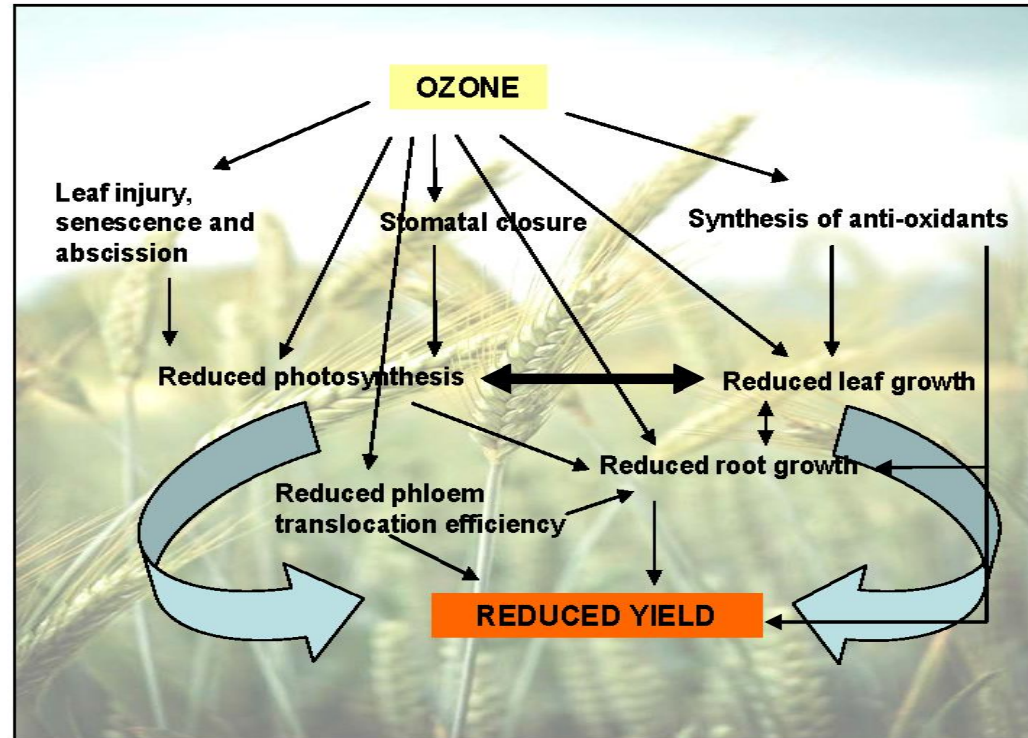
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## Data sources: scientific literature

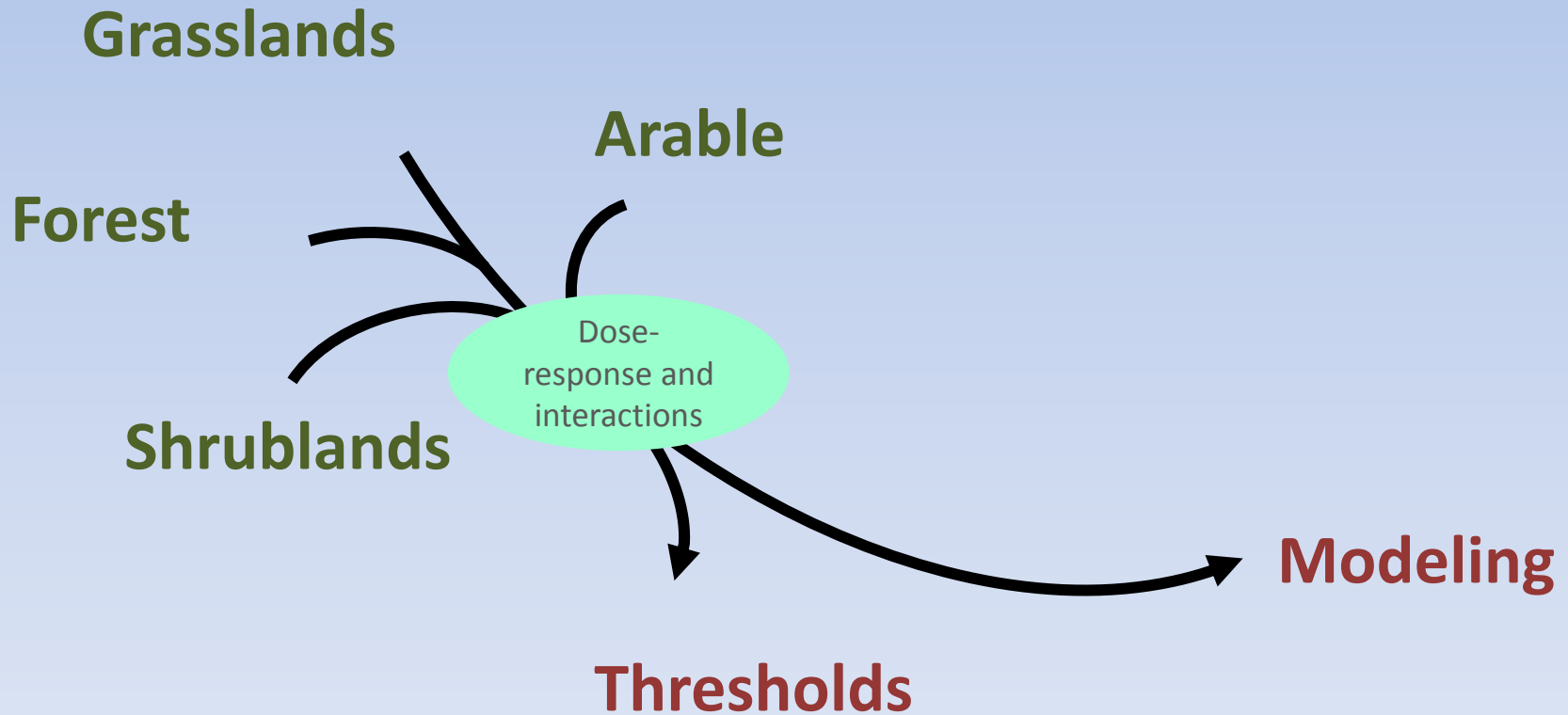


□ Find process-response data/functions for building models

\* source: Wilkinson et al., Journal of Experimental Botany, in press



### Field scale ecosystem manipulation experiments



# ÉCLAIRE: Flux measurements & manipulation experiments in contrasting European climates

## Core manipulation sites ( $O_3$ , $N_{dep}$ , climate, $CO_2$ )

- ★ Grass
- ★ Arable land
- ★ Forest
- ★ Shrubland

## Core Flux Measurement Sites

- Grass & shrubland
- Arable land
- Forest

## Intensive Campaign Measurements

- ◇ Po Valley campaign (*forest in agricultural landscape*)
- ◇ Spanish campaign (*shrubland/matorral*)

## Controlled manipulation studies

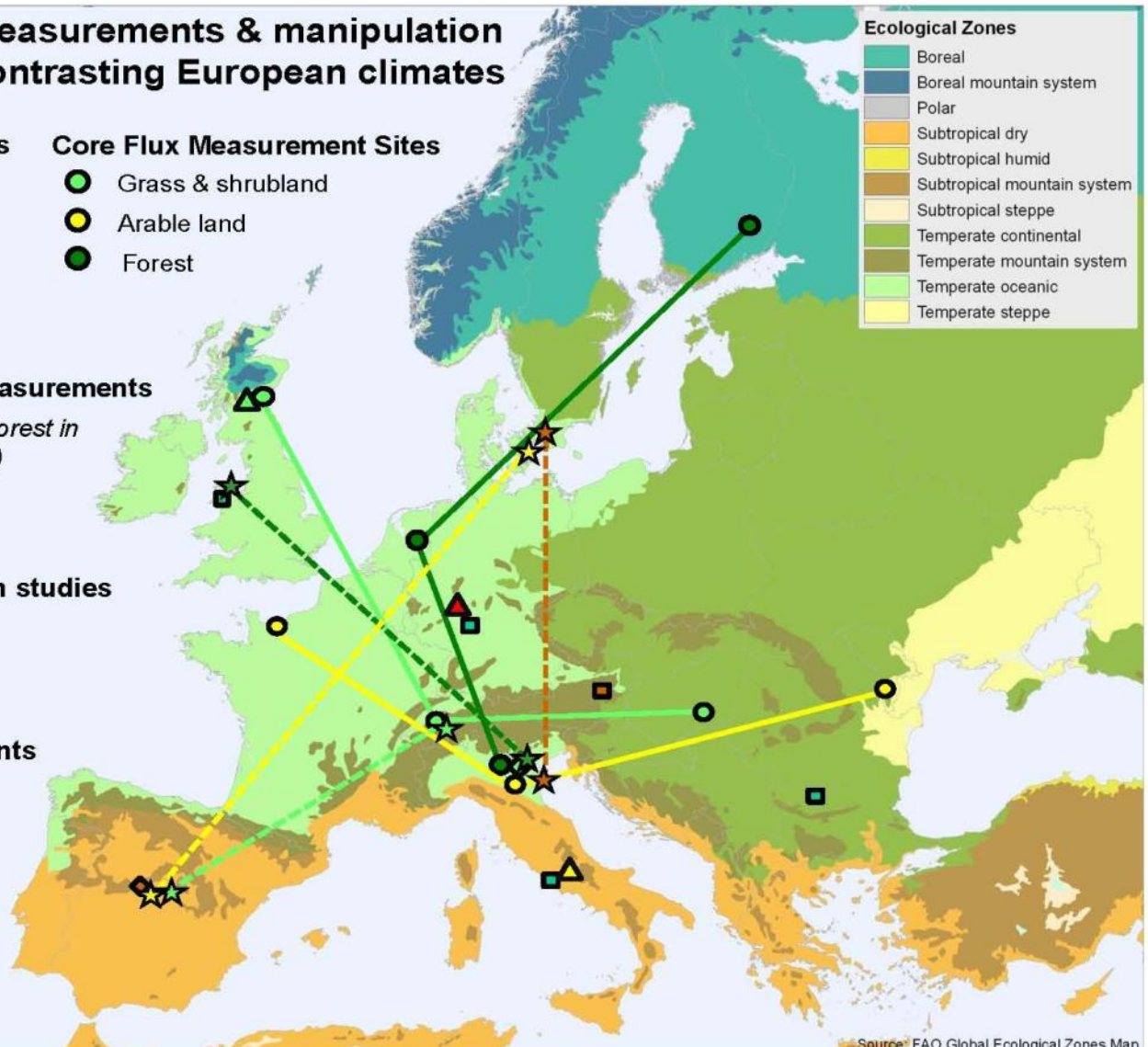
- Plant processes
- Soil processes

## Special Topic Experiments

- ▲ Effect of N form (wet/dry;  $NO_y/NH_x$ )
- ▲ VOCs & plant  $O_3$  protection
- ▲ Aerosol effect on plant drought stress

## Ecological Zones

- Boreal
- Boreal mountain system
- Polar
- Subtropical dry
- Subtropical humid
- Subtropical mountain system
- Subtropical steppe
- Temperate continental
- Temperate mountain system
- Temperate oceanic
- Temperate steppe



Source: FAO Global Ecological Zones Map

# WP10

## Ecosystem Experiments

### Grassland

ETH (ES)  
CIEMAT (ES)

### Agriculture

CIEMAT (ES)  
Risoe DTU (DK)

### Shrubland

Risoe DTU (DK)  
UNICATT (IT)

### Forest

CEH Bangor (UK)  
UNICATT (IT)

*Treatments & response measurements*

# Forest ecosystems



## CEH Solardome experiments

8 closely controlled ozone regimes: pre-industrial through to 2100 profiles

Ozone \* drought \* wet N interactions  
Alder (2012) and Birch (2013)

**UNICATT (IT)**

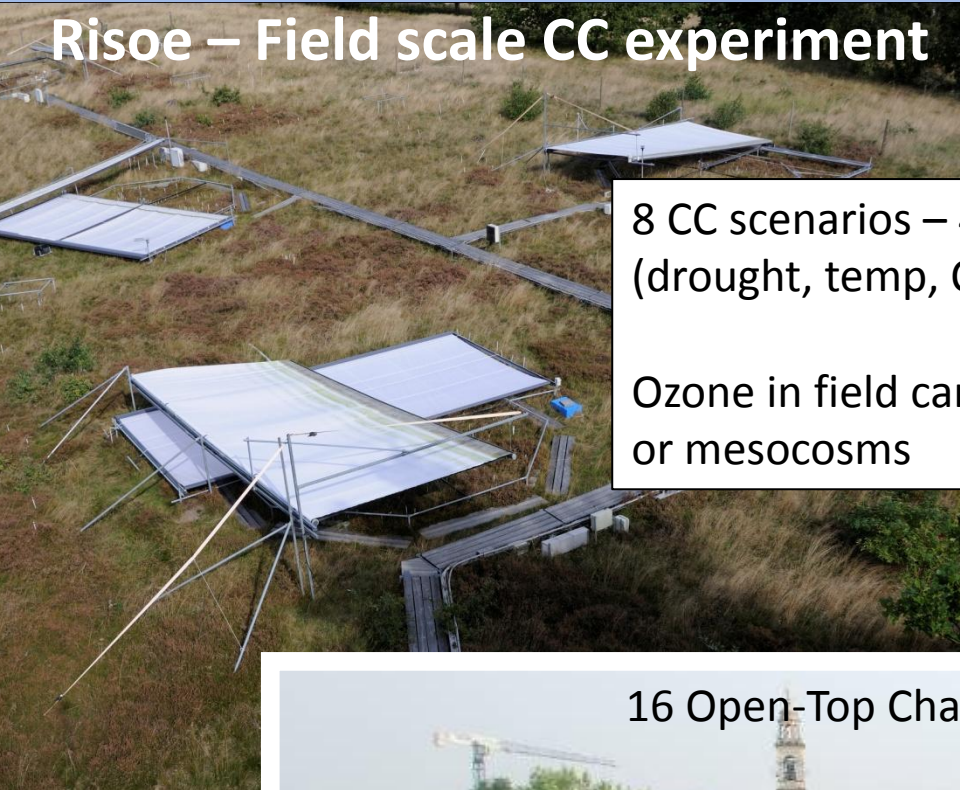
## Open-Top Chambers Experimental Site

16 Open-Top Chambers for ozone filtration and ozone fumigation



# Shrubland ecosystems

## Risoe – Field scale CC experiment



8 CC scenarios – 48 plots  
(drought, temp, CO<sub>2</sub>)

Ozone in field campaigns  
or mesocosms

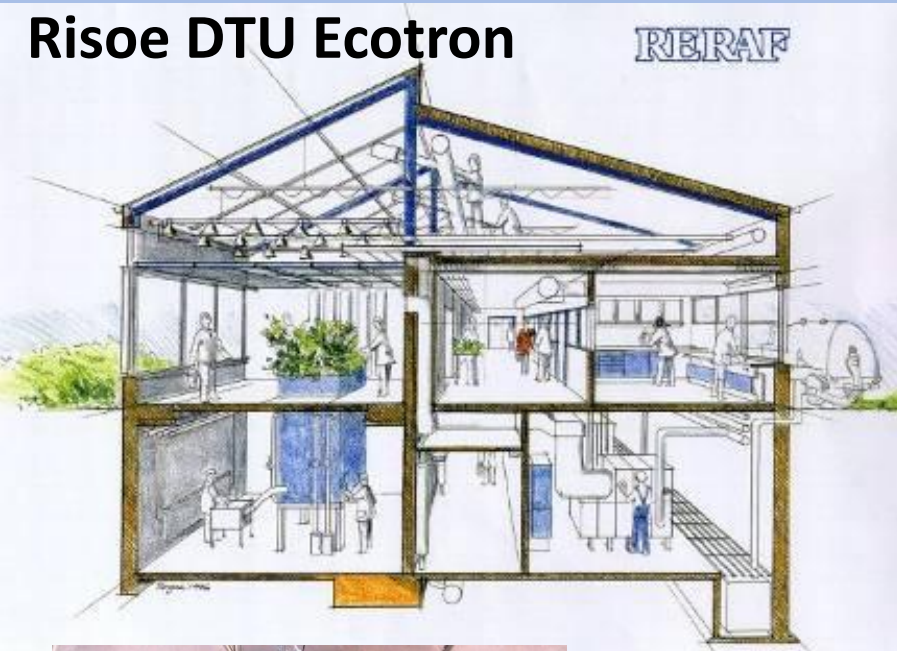
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# Arable ecosystems

## Risoe DTU Ecotron



6 chambers  
CC scenarios & O3.

**CIEMAT (ES)**



OTC field site in the experimental farm "La Higuera"  
(Santa Olalla, Toledo, Central Spain)

# Grassland ecosystems



9 ozone fumigation rings  
ambient, 1.2\*amb., 1.6\*amb.



## Alp Flix – ETH (CH)

Crossfactorial split-plot design  
(3 ozone levels x 5 nitrogen  
loads)

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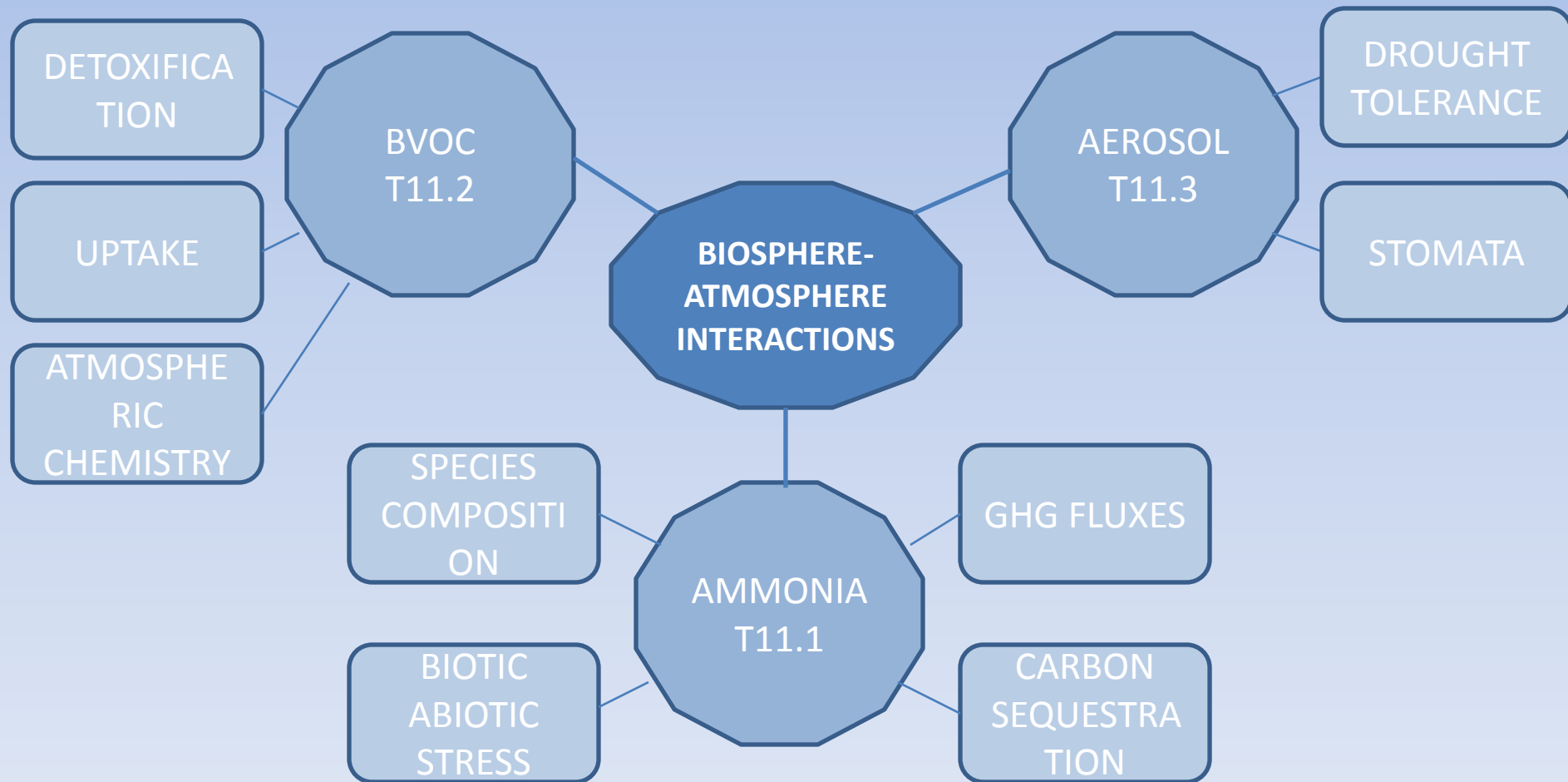


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# Novel processes

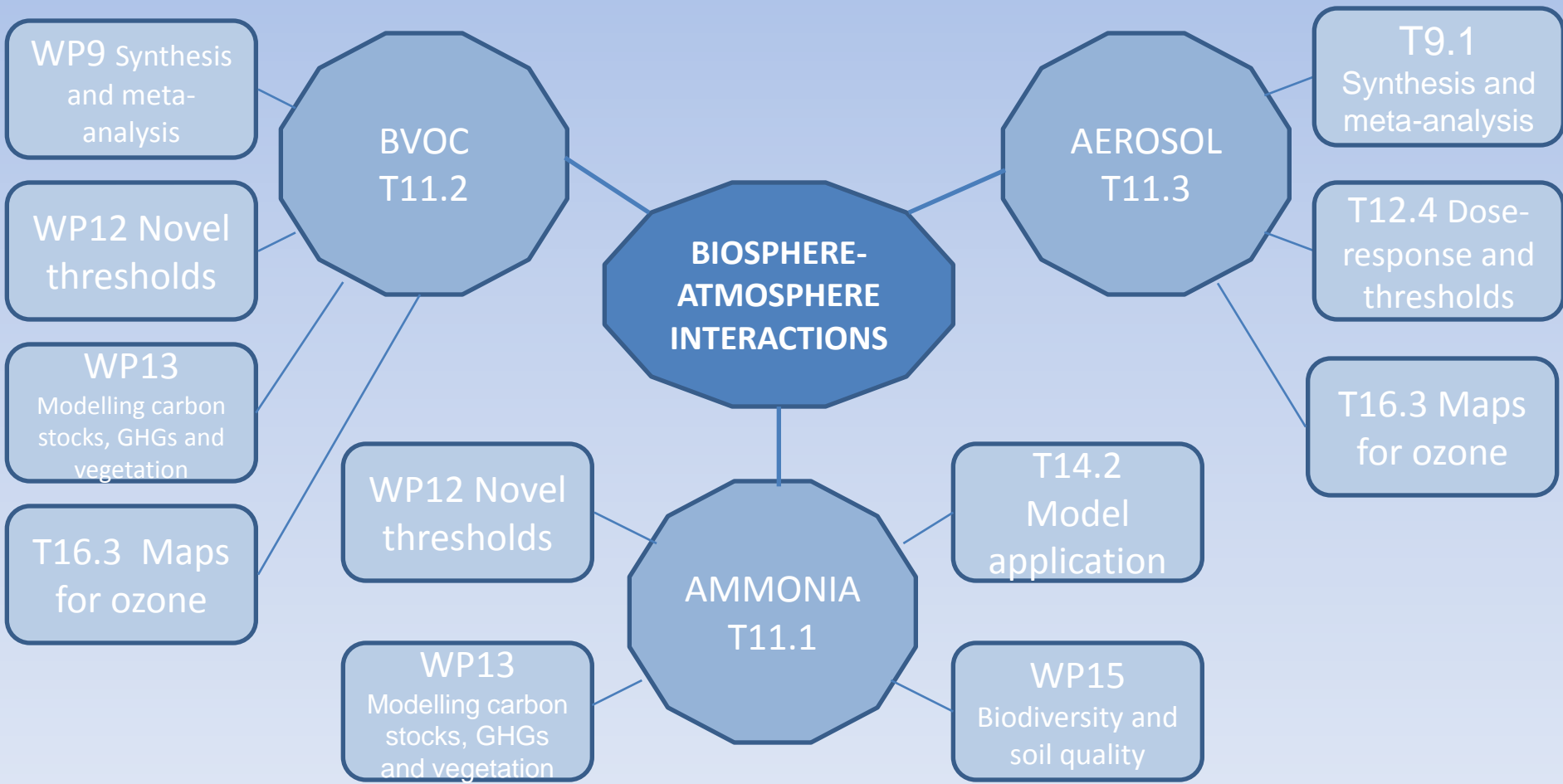
## Ecosystem – air pollution – climate interactions







## Interactions with Eclaire



BVOC as detoxifier of O<sub>3</sub> in stomata



Ventilated greenhouses Bonn (DE)  
Pot experiments - impact of particulate pollution on WUE



Whim Bog (UK)  
Free air fumigation with reduced and oxidized N deposition

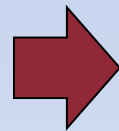
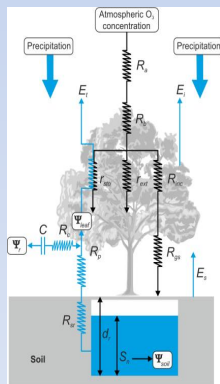


### Development and Assessment of Novel Thresholds

**WP4** Surface exchange modelling



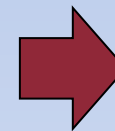
Use the modified  $DO_3SE$  model to simulate ECLAIRE experimental studies in information from data mining (**WP9, 10, 11**)



Define and model intermediate ecosystem responses to pollution impacts (e.g. damage to photosynthesis, early senescence, altered litter chemistry)

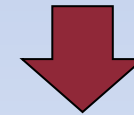


**WP13** Modelling of C stocks, GHG and vegetation change



Pollutant combinations, variable environments, policy relevant responses

From experimental simulations develop **dose-response relationships** and **novel thresholds** for key ecosystem responses



Define ecosystem services affected by pollution impacts



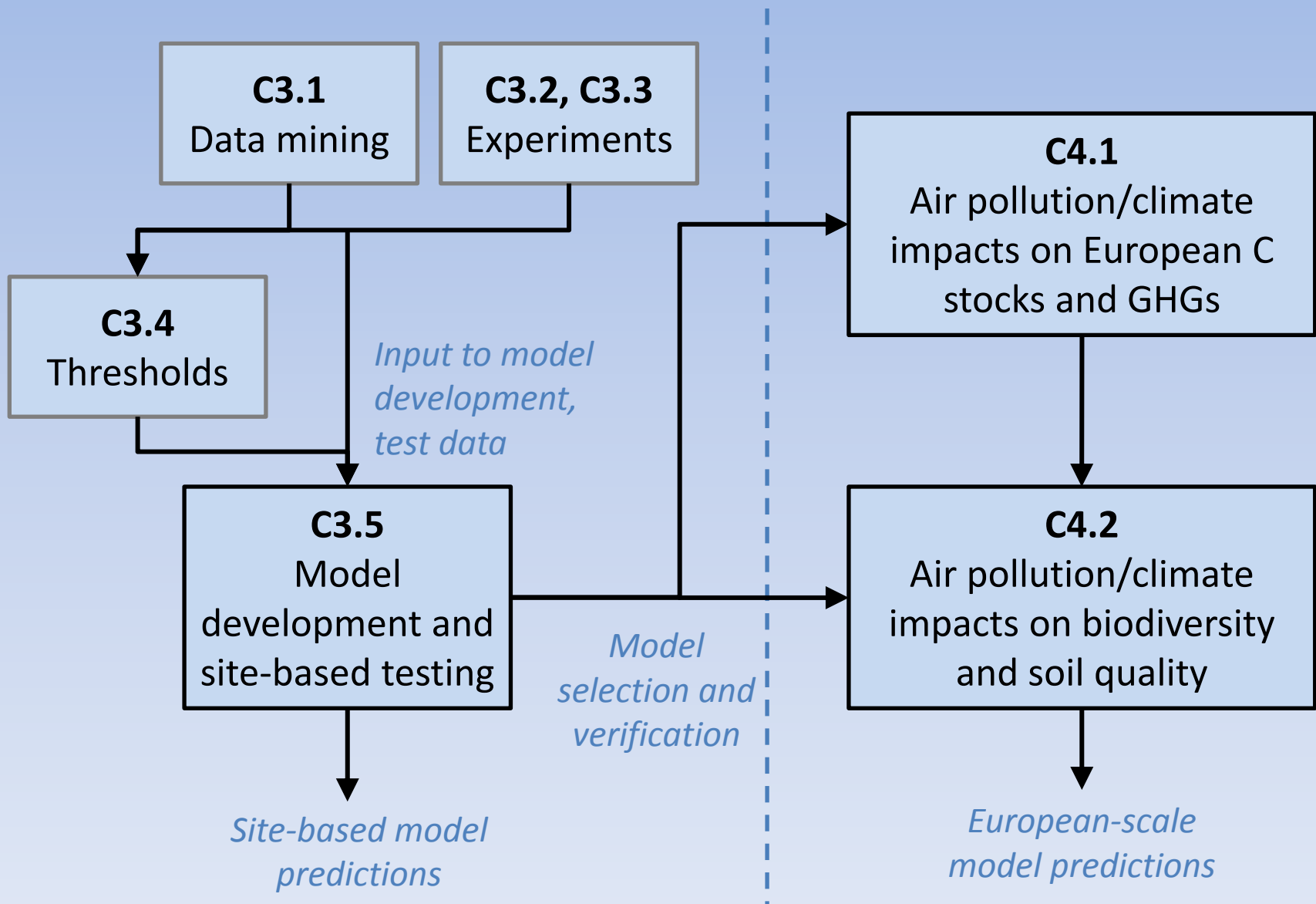
**WP18** Valuation of ecosystem services

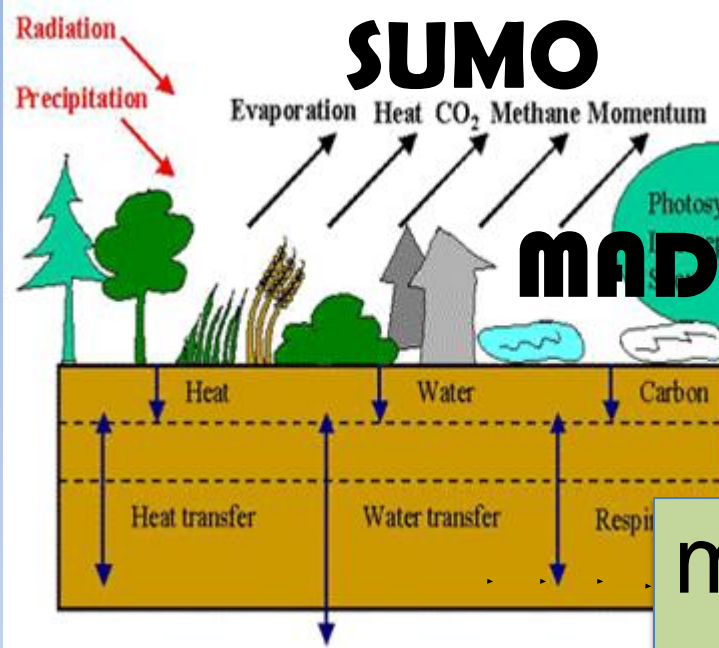
**WP13**

**Chris Evans (CEH)**

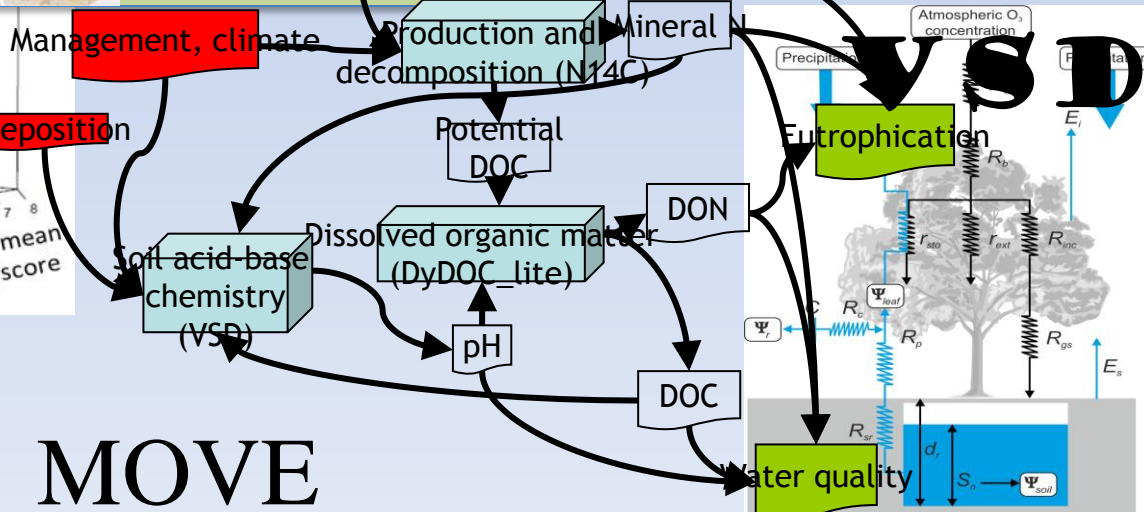
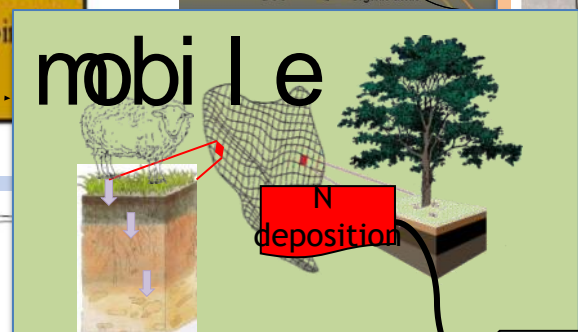
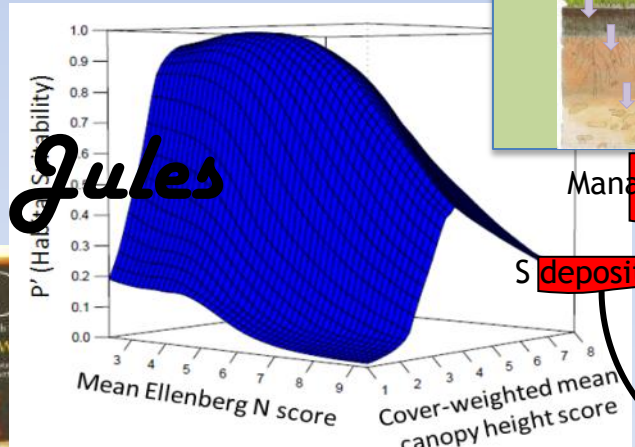
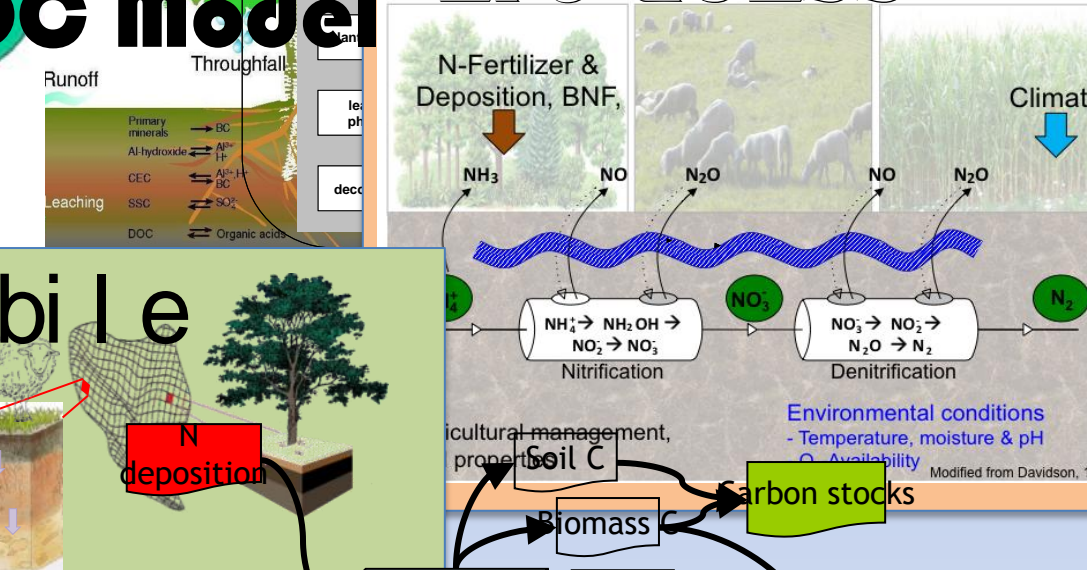
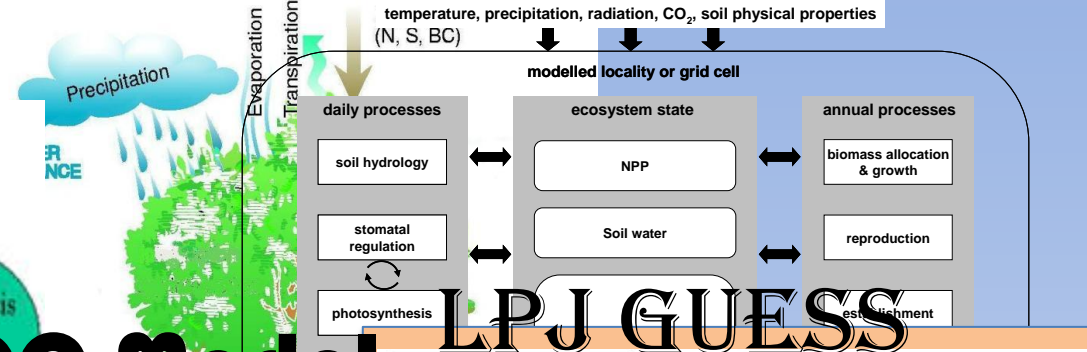
Modelling of carbon stocks, greenhouse  
gas and vegetation change

# Modelling in C3, and links to C4

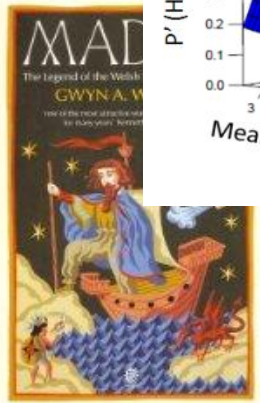




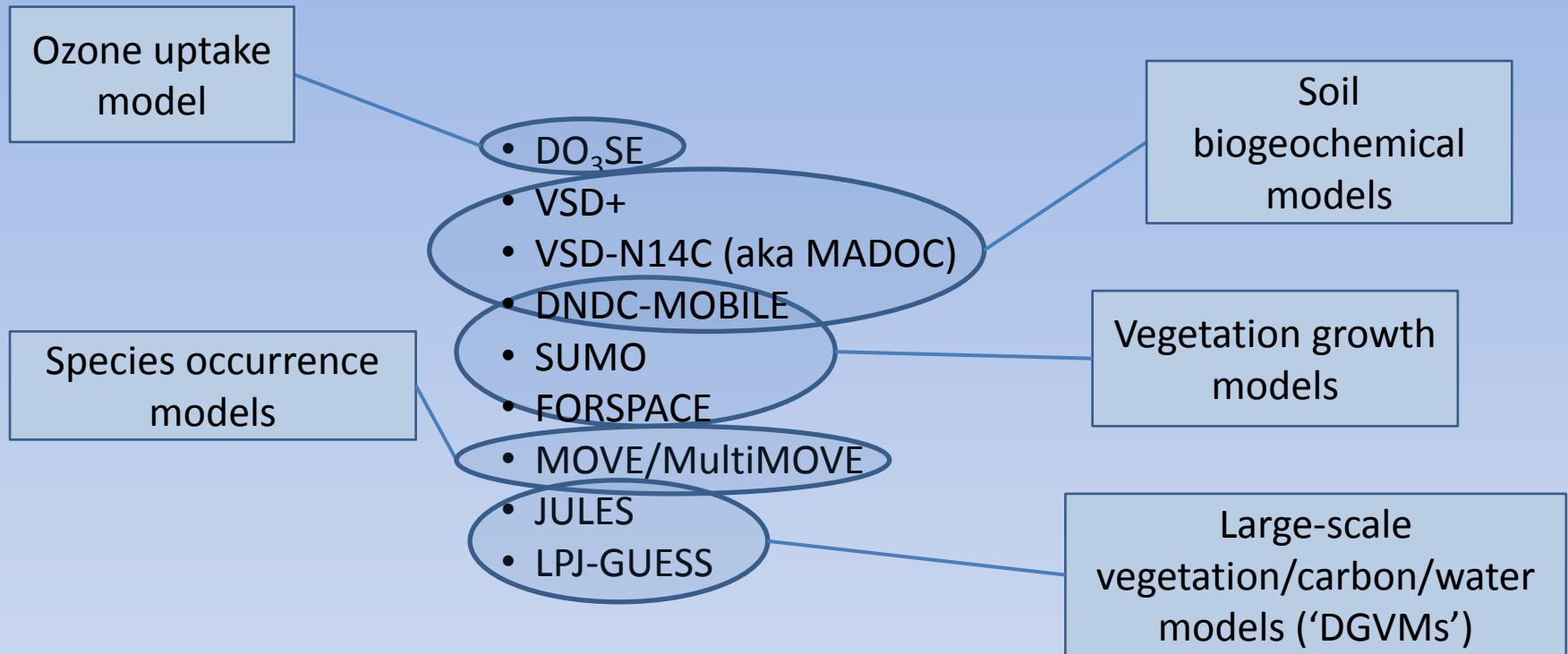
**MADOC Model**



**MOVE**



# Which models, and why so many?



- Models have different (but overlapping) strengths
- Linked models may be required to evaluate multiple drivers (e.g. O<sub>3</sub>, N, climate) and multiple impacts (productivity, carbon, water quality, biodiversity)
- Use of multiple models targeted at different spatial scales should allow effective testing and selection, underpinning for regional application, and ensemble predictions using different models

# All models do something, no models do everything...

Processes/habitats modelled		Model/model chain					
		VSD+ SUMO-MOVE	VSD-N <sup>14</sup> C- GBMOVE	DNDC- MOBILE	DOSE	JULES	LPI- GUESS
Drivers	Ozone				●		
	Nitrogen	●	●	●		●	?
	Sulphur	●	●	●			
	PM (diffuse radiation)					●	
	CO <sub>2</sub>					?	?
	Climate change	●	●	●	●	●	●
Vegetation processes	Primary production (inc yield)			●	●	●	●
	Plant competition/succession	●				●	●
	Species diversity	●	●				?
Soil processes	Acid-base chemistry	●	●	●			
	Carbon cycling	●	●	●		●	
	Nitrogen cycling	●	●	●		●	
C and GHG fluxes	Net land-atmosphere C balance	●	●	●		●	●
	Dissolved C and N loss		●				
	BVOC emissions					●	●
	CH <sub>4</sub> uptake/emission			●		●	●
	N <sub>2</sub> O uptake/emission			●		●	●
	BVOCs						●
Habitat types	Forests	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Grassland	●	●	●	●	●	
	Agriculture			●	●	●	
	Wetland and heathland	●	●	●	?	●	



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