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Storm Desmond

 On 5th December 2015, 34cm of rainfall fell in one day at a weather station at Honister Pass in the Lake District. To put this into perspective, this region would typically on average see around 1cm of rainfall each day in December.

- A new 2-day record of 41 cm of rainfall over the two days at Thirlmere
- El Nino was also particularly strong increasing risk for higher than average rainfall in the UK between Dec 15 & Jan 16 (UK Met Office)

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Building Soil and Watershed Resilience in a Changing Climate





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FOOD depends on the PHOSPHORUS cycle



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A Turning Point in the Phosphorus Cycle?





Yunnan Province, China, August 2016



The Green (P) Revolution! Showing the global expansion of phosphorus fertilizer production

Historical global sources of phosphorus fertilizers (1800-2000)



Cordell et al, "The Story of Phosphorus: Global Food Security and Food for Thought," Global Environmental Change (2009): 293. Web. 1 May 2011

Peak phosphorus supplies?



Figure Peak phosphorus curve indicating a peak in production by 2033, derived from US Geological Survey and industry data. Cordell and White (2011) Sustainability, 3, 2027-2049.

Geo-political uncertainties with phosphorus supply



World P reserves

 $http://www.potashcorp.com/overview/upload/nutrients/phosphate/02-N_Pov_World-Phosphate-Rock-Production-and-Demand.jpg$

Long-term accumulation and transport of anthropogenic phosphorus in three river basins





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Aquatic plants also like PHOSPHORUS.







Phosphorus balance in a UK dairy farm *ca.* 2000



Framework for understanding substance transfer to water from agriculture - the 'transfer continuum' (Haygarth et al., STOTEN, 344, 2005)

1. SOURCES include fertilizer applications, feed input to animals





Effects of tillage and reseeding on phosphorus transfers from grassland P. J. BUTLER & P. M. HAYGARTH (2007)

Soil Use and Management, 23 (Suppl. 1), 71–81

Shallow disking to 20 cm, then rolled and re-seeded

16 days after re-seed, 94 mm rainfall
(57 mm in 22 hours)

 7.5 tonnes of soil transferred from the plot

- 35 thousand million tonnes of soil lost every year
- Soil erosion also displaces 23–42 million tonnes of nitrogen
- And 13 and 26 million tonnes of phosphorus per year

From Quinton et al, Nature Geosciences (2010)

Slide provided by John Quinton



Rapid Incidental Phosphorus Transfers from Grassland

Neil Preedy,* Kevin McTiernan, Rachel Matthews, Louise Heathwaite, and Phil Haygarth









SOIL *is the hub of the global* **PHOSPHORUS cycle**



Regulates flows to plants and the wider environment

0.4

0.6

0.8

1.0

Large stores of residual organic phosphorus Solubilisation - due to dynamics of soil moisture at the soil surface (Turner and Haygarth, *Nature*, 2001)





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Developing Demonstration Test Catchments as a platform for transdisciplinary land management

research in England and Wales



Fig. 2 The demonstration test catchments (shown clockwise from the most northerly; Rivers Eden, Wensum, Avon and Tamar).

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Environmental Science Processes & Impacts **1.** Understanding the nature of the problem (catchment function and response)

- Sources of agricultural pollution
- Transport and transformations of pollutants
- Impact of pollution on ecology and other receptors
- Extrapolating findings to the wider catchment and nationally (spatial and temporal variation in risk)

2. Designing and targeting mitigation interventions

- Cost-effectiveness of mitigation measures
- Developing approaches to design and target catchment pollution mitigation strategies
- Measure cost, design and maintenance
- Environmental outcomes of mitigation

3. Working with stakeholders and influencing behaviour change

- Land manager behaviour and practices
- Attitudes to pollution and its mitigation
- Requirements for financial and technical support
- Collaborative, stakeholder-led approaches to catchment management

4. Developing improved monitoring and research techniques to inform, monitor and evaluate policy

- Improving monitoring approaches
- Developing approaches to up-scale up and extrapolate the results of research/investigations
- Testing models and decision support tools
- Improving research coordination

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Demonstration Test Catchments in





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Stakeholder-defined: current phosphorus pollution sources and their mitigation

Stakeholder meetings in each catchment - discussed and selected likely land management options from a range of possibilities.



Short term P dynamics in the EdenDTC



Fig. 6. An example of the figure-of-eight (clockwise loop) hysteresis dynamics exhibited for total phosphorus (TP) and total reactive phosphorus (TRP) during infrequent but high magnitude events. Fig. 6a illustrates the synchronicity of both TP and TRP fluxes in the catchment, with TRP becoming less dominant as runoff increases rapidly. Fig. 6b illustrates the timing of concentration pulses which lead to the production of the figure-of-eight (clockwise loop) hysteresis.

Phosphorus transfers in climate change?



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Storm Desmond, why did it rain so much?

- The winds came from the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico in the West Atlantic
- 'Anomaly' ocean temperatures are 1-2 C higher in the W. Atlantic = more 'fuel to the front'
- The frontal system and rainfall totals that alligned itself with the wind and just stayed around longer than 'normal'



Storm Transfers: Newby Beck Morland, Eden, N England, Dec 5-7 2018



Hydrograph, sedigraph and chemograph at Newby Beck monitoring station (54.59°N, 2.62°W) in the River Eden during Storm Desmond, 4th – 6th December 2015

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	Sediment (t)	Total P (kg)	Total Reactive P (kg)	Nitrate (t)
Storm Desmond export	84	194	78	8.9
Annual export	380 - 680	1670 – 2320	650 – 920	68 - 94
% of annual	12 - 22	8 - 12	8 - 12	9 - 13

During Desmond:	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l
Min Conc.	5*	0.062*	0.037*	7.2
Max Conc.	134	0.288	0.096	15.7*
Time averaged conc.	61	0.151	0.065	9.9
Flow weighted conc.	81	0.186	0.074	8.4

*Minimum concentrations of SS, TP, TRP and maximum nitrate were recorded at the beginning of the event (i.e. they represent initial values before response started)

Impact on instream biomass concentrations – M. Snell

Phytobenthos November 2015



Dedra Banks

72% reduction in biomass concentrations from November levels

91% reduction in winter biomass concentrations compared to 2011-14



Phytobenthos December 2015









Climate change and phosphorus

transfers? (Ockenden et al 2016)



Newby Beck	Baseline	2050s
No. of events > 10 mm (for 30 year run, mean over 100 runs)	944	986
Percentage of total rainfall in events $> 10 \text{ mm}$	62%	67%
Event rainfall 95 th percentile (mean over 100 runs)	46	50
Event rainfall 99 th percentile (mean over 100 runs)	70	79
Maximum Event rainfall (mean over 100 runs)	119	140

UK climate predictions indicate a shift in distribution to larger events (rainfall >10 mm)



Historical in the R Eden: 1960-2013: 31% increase Winter 16% decrease Summer

- Future **predictions** for 2050:
 - Winter increases by 8-17%
 - Summer decreases by 9-26% (fewer summer storms, but more intense, more wetting and drying)



The full paper can be accessed here:

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-017-00232-0



Example Output: *Medium Carbon Emissions, 2080s....*

Total Predicted Annual P load, % change in relation to current 'baseline'

> Eden (Newby)

HYPE 19

DBM







Climate change and phosphorus transfers?

- Total Predicted Annual P load, 10-36% increase in relation to current 'baseline' (HYPE Model, Medium Carbon Emissions, 2080s....)
- This predicted increase in winter P loads is greater than the technically feasible reduction from mitigation measures estimated in previous studies
- Only large-scale agricultural changes (e.g. 20–80% reduction in P inputs) will limit the projected impacts of climate change on P loads in these catchments
- Are we prepared for this?



Mitigating Diffuse Phosphorus Transfer from Agriculture According to Cost and Efficiency

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Fig. 1. Example cost curve of mitigation methods that can be combined in upland (from "grassland all") typologies.

doi: 10.1111/sum.12242 SoilUse and Management Soil Use and Management, June 2016, 32 (Suppl. 1), 162-171 A method-centric 'User Manual' for the mitigation of diffuse water pollution from agriculture S. P. CUTTLE^{1,**}, J. P. NEWELL-PRICE², D. HARRIS³, D. R. CHADWICK^{4,*}, M. A. SHEPHERD^{2,†}, ¹Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research (IGER), Plas Gogerddan (now Institute of Biological Environmental and Rural S. G. A. ANTHONY⁵, C. J. A. MACLEOD^{4,‡}, P. M. HAYGARTH^{4,§} & B. J. CHAMBERS² Sciences - IBERS - Aberystwyth University), Aberystwyth, Ceredigion SY23 3EB, UK, ²ADAS Gleadthorpe, Meden Vale, Mansfield, Notts NG20 9PD, UK, ³ADAS Leeds, Rubicon Square, Pentagon 2, 4205 Park Approach, Thorpe Park, Leeds LS15 8GB, UK, ⁴IGER, North Wyke (now Rothamsted Research, North Wyke), Okehampton, Devon EX20 2SB, UK and ⁵ADAS Wolverhampton, Pendeford House, Pendeford Business Park, Wolverhampton WV9 5AP, UK

A turning point in the global phosphorus cycle

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- Green revolution released P into earth system
- Uncertainties over future supplies
- Transfers to water and oceans
- Accelerating with climate change

Ocean de-oxygenation, the global phosphorus cycle and the possibility of human-caused large-scale ocean anoxia

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Ch 6: Transfer to Water: Rivers, Lakes, and Oceans

A dark phosphogeddon?

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Phosphoheaven or Phosphogeddon?

Telling the Story of the Opportunities and Challenges to Mend Our Broken Phosphorus Cycle

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Building resilience?





• Plan for change

- Maritime regions seem vulnerable
 - Temperature dynamics!
 - Hydrological dynamics!
 - Soil loss!
- Crops vulnerable!
- Phosphorus and other nutrient cycles accelerating...



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"The history of every Nation is eventually written in the way in which it cares for its soil."

Franklin D. Roosevelt President of the United States 1933-1945

SLIDE FROM JOHN QUINTON

Thanks to the team



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