

# Sulphur and nitrogen input-output budgets at ICP Integrated Monitoring sites in Europe in 1990-2012

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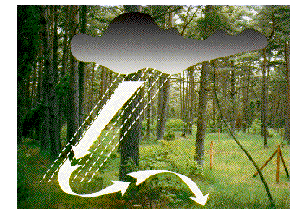
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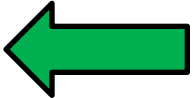
# ICP IM network /study sites

## AIM OF THIS STUDY:

- To calculate annual input-output budgets of sulphur ( $\text{SO}_4$ ) and nitrogen (TIN) for the period 1990-2012
- To assess organic N losses at IM sites in 1995-2012
- 19 IM sites (AT01, CA01, CZ01, CZ02, DE01, EE02, FI01, FI03, IT01, LT01, LT03, LV01, LV02, NO01, NO02, SE04, SE14, SE15, SE16).



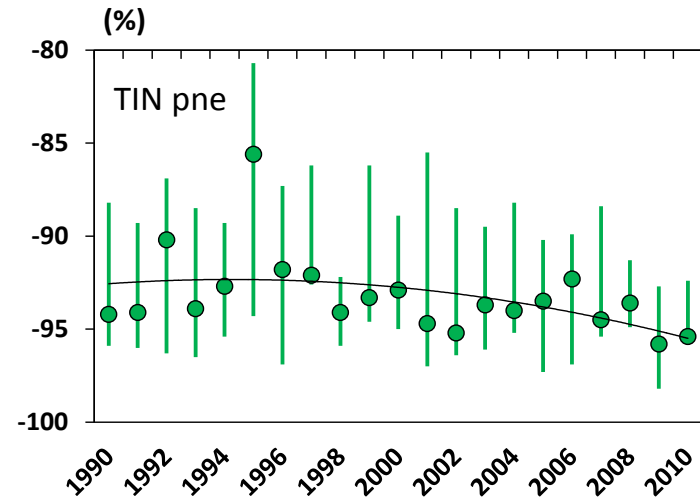
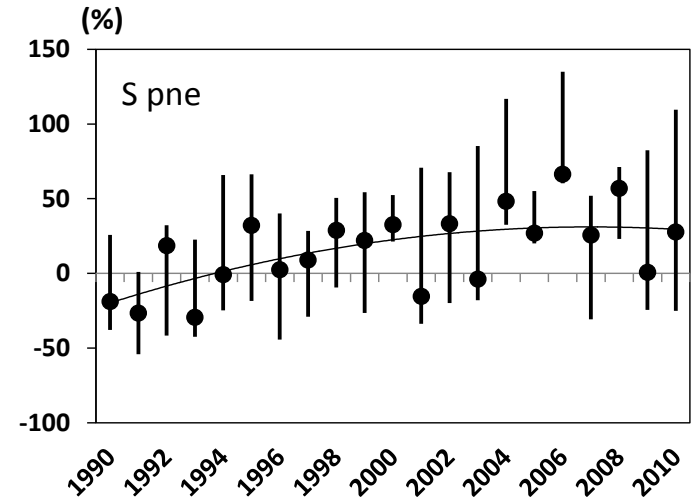
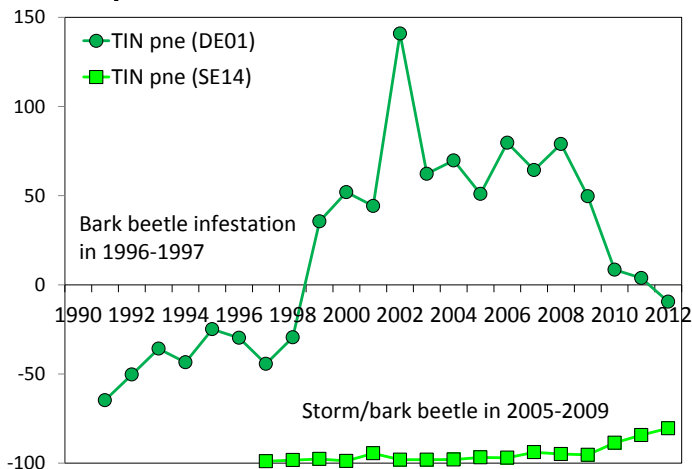
# Input & output & retention/release

- **Input** total deposition (wet + dry)
  - Sulphur ( $\text{SO}_4$ )  Bulk and Throughfall
  - TIN ( $\text{NO}_3 + \text{NH}_4$ )  Bulk deposition
- **Output** runoff water fluxes:  $\text{SO}_4$ , TIN and organic N:
  - Organic N = Total N – TIN
- **Percent net export (pne) =**  
(output–deposition)100/deposition.  
Positive pne values indicate release and negative pne values indicate retention in the catchment.

**What we know about mass balances  
at IM sites based on the previous  
assessment (1990-2010)?**

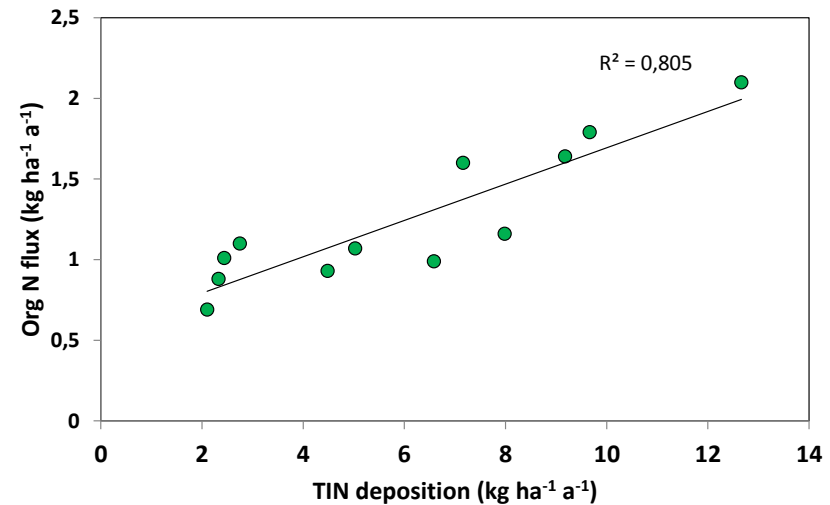
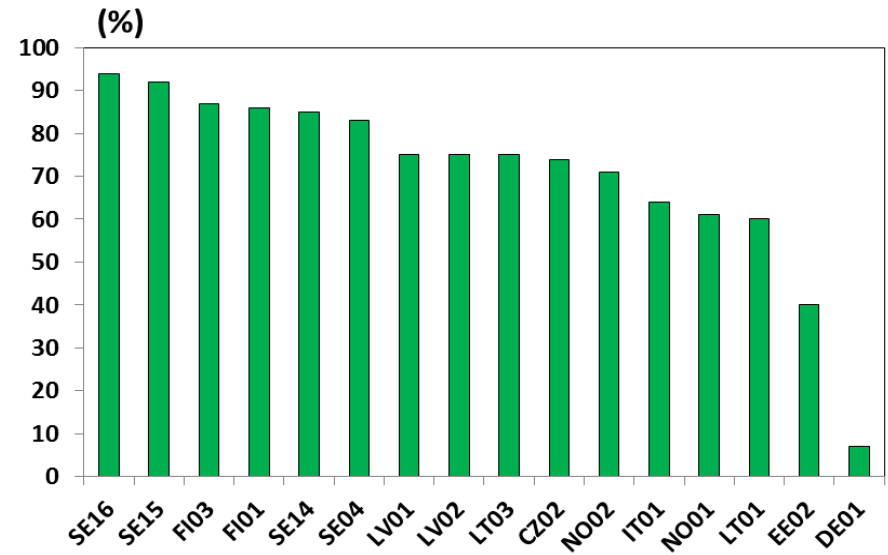
# Percent net exports (pne) of SO<sub>4</sub> and TIN

- Forest soils are now releasing S that had accumulated in the past.
- Current N deposition generally exceeds S deposition (on an equivalent basis), mostly strong retention of TIN in the catchment.
- Confounding factors may result in increasing nitrogen export, but reversal can be expected?



# Org N is receiving increasing attention

Organic N may account for significant fraction (60-95%) of total N, N enrichment may increase organic N loss.



# Framework of the MB paper

- Mass-balance budgets for S and TIN in 1990-2012
- Trends (SKT, Sen's slope), based on monthly values:
  - input fluxes (tot S, TIN)
  - output fluxes ( $\text{SO}_4$ , TIN, tot N, Org N, DOC) and pne's
  - C/N, N deposition vs. org N leaching
- Submission of the manuscript by end of 2014
- Journal?

# Thank You



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**Valkea-Kotinen (FI01) IM catchment** (photo: Jorma Keskitalo)