

# MODELLING THE CONTRIBUTION OF SO<sub>2</sub> AND NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING TO SULPHUR AND OXIDISED NITROGEN DEPOSITION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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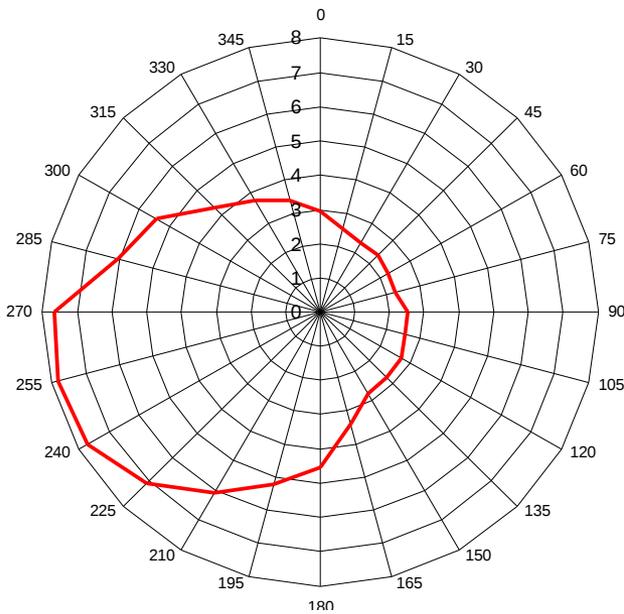
# OVERVIEW OF THE FRAME MODEL

- 5 x 5 km<sup>2</sup> resolution over the British Isles.
- Input gas and aerosol concentrations at the edge of the model domain calculated with FRAME-Europe, using European emissions and run on the EMEP 50 km scale grid.
- Air column divided into 33 layers moving along straight-line trajectories in a Lagrangian framework with a 1° angular resolution. Variable layer thickness from 1 m at the surface to 100 m at 2500 m.
- Emissions gridded separately by SNAP sector for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> and by agricultural sector for NH<sub>3</sub> and injected into vertical model layers which depend on the sector.
- Vertical diffusion in the air column is calculated using K-theory eddy diffusivity and solved with the Finite Volume Method.
- Wet deposition is calculated using a diurnally varying scavenging coefficient and a 'constant drizzle' approximation driven by an annual rainfall map.
- Five land classes: forest, moorland, grassland, arable, urban & water. Vegetation specific canopy resistance parameterisation is employed to calculate dry deposition of SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>.
- Chemistry includes gas phase and aqueous phase reactions of oxidised sulphur and oxidised nitrogen and conversion of NH<sub>3</sub> to ammonium sulphate and ammonium nitrate aerosol.

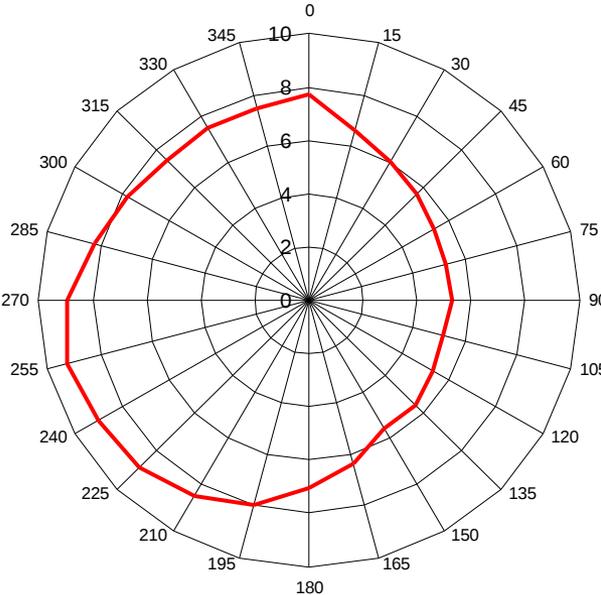
# Meteorological Inputs

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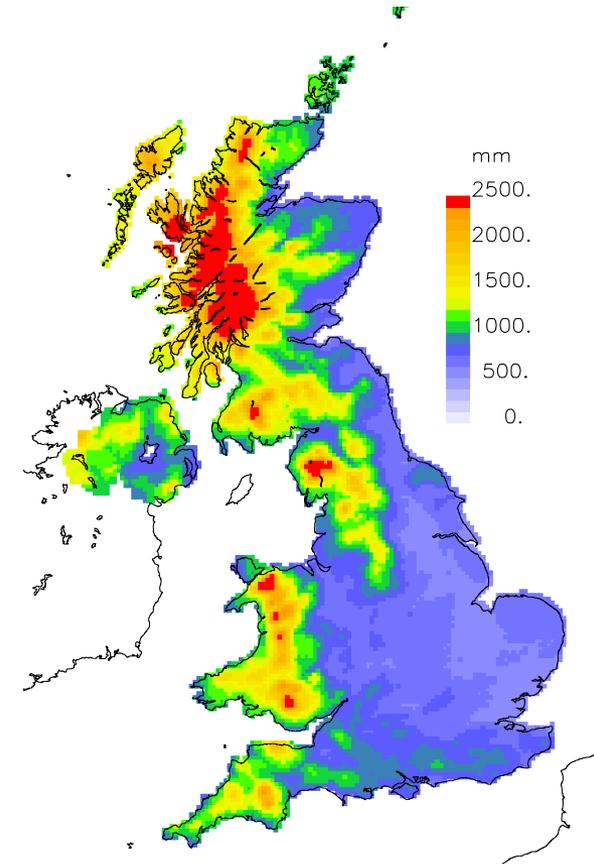
Calculated from analysis of 10 000 radiosondes  
1991-2000 from 4 stations in the British Isles



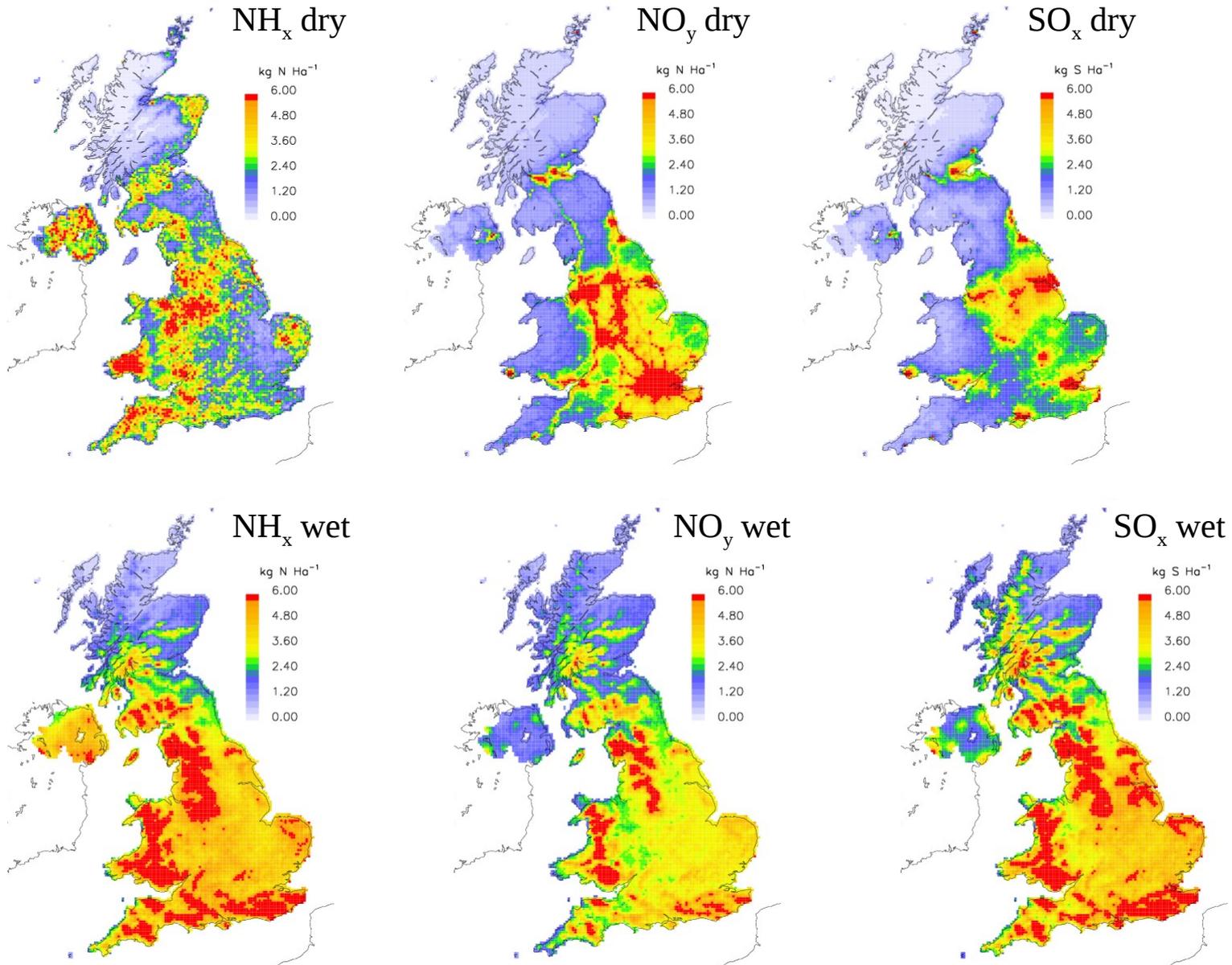
## Wind Speed Rose



## Annual precipitation map



# 2005 Deposition of N and S (kg N/S ha<sup>-1</sup>)



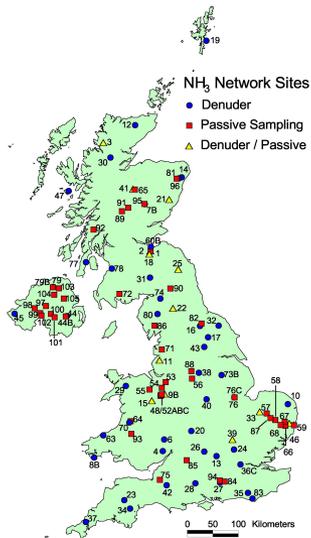
# Comparison with measurements

	<b>m</b>	<b>c</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>
SO <sub>2</sub> gas concentration	1.18	+0.03	0.95
NO <sub>2</sub> gas concentration	1.15	-0.37	0.94
NH <sub>3</sub> gas concentration	0.90	+0.87	0.49
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> aerosol concentration	1.36	-0.09	0.92
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> aerosol concentration	1.27	-0.14	0.96
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> aerosol concentration	0.98	-0.04	0.97
HNO <sub>3</sub> concentration	0.54	+0.24	0.67
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> wet deposition	1.07	+0.08	0.68
NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> wet deposition	0.89	+0.11	0.68
NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> wet deposition	0.90	+0.17	0.70

Comparison of model (y) with measurements (x) of annual average concentrations ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) and wet deposition ( $\text{kg N/S Ha}^{-1}$ ) from the national monitoring networks.

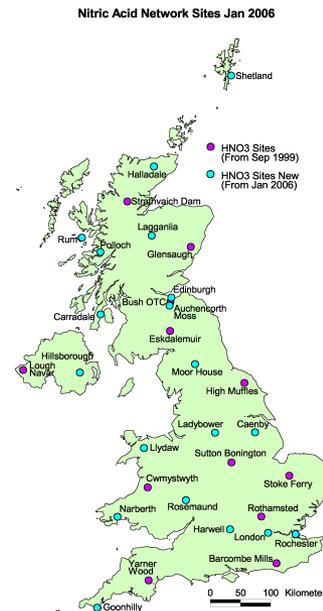
$$y_{(\text{modelled})} = m * x_{(\text{measured})} + c$$

R<sup>2</sup> is the correlation coefficient



## UK National Ammonia Monitoring

- 94 sites with monthly measurements
- 57 sites with DELTA samplers
- 49 sites with ALPHA samplers

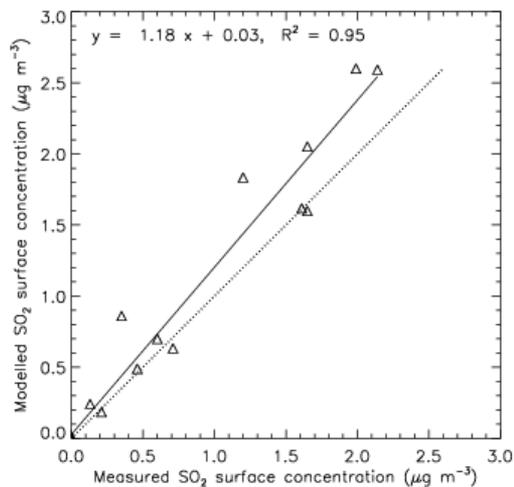


## UK Nitric acid DELTA sampler monitoring network

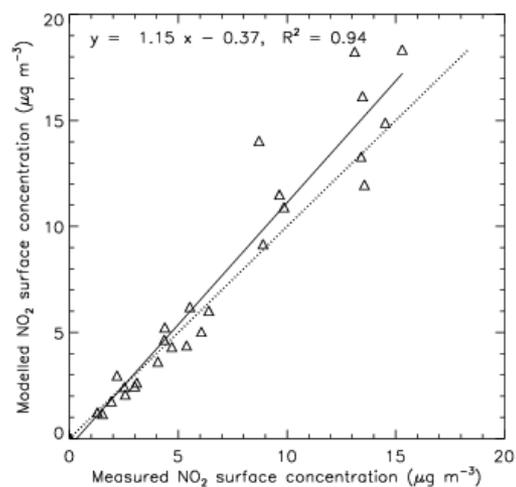
(DENuder for Long Term Atmospheric sampling)  
Measurements include HNO<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub> & SO<sub>2</sub> gas and NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> & SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> aerosol chemistry

# Correlation of model with measurements

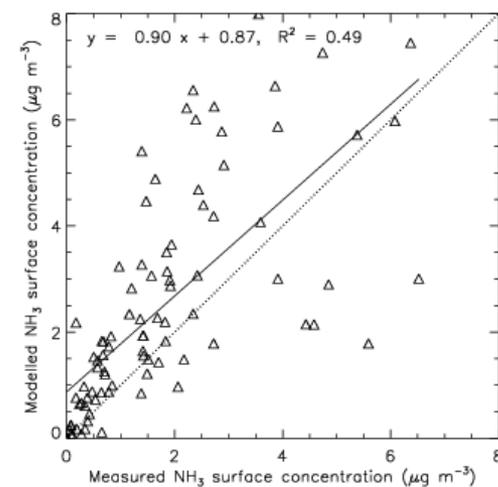
## SO<sub>2</sub> concentration



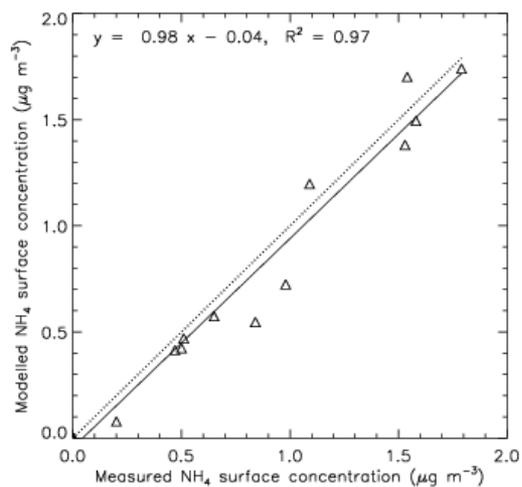
## NO<sub>2</sub> concentration



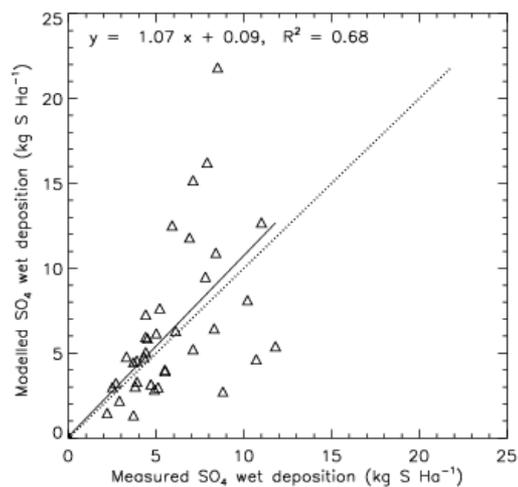
## NH<sub>3</sub> concentration



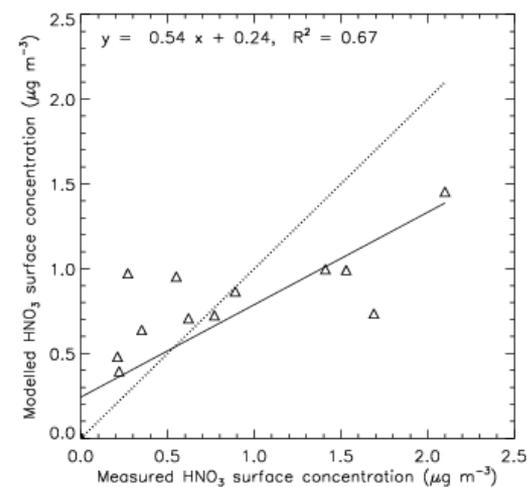
## NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> aerosol concentration



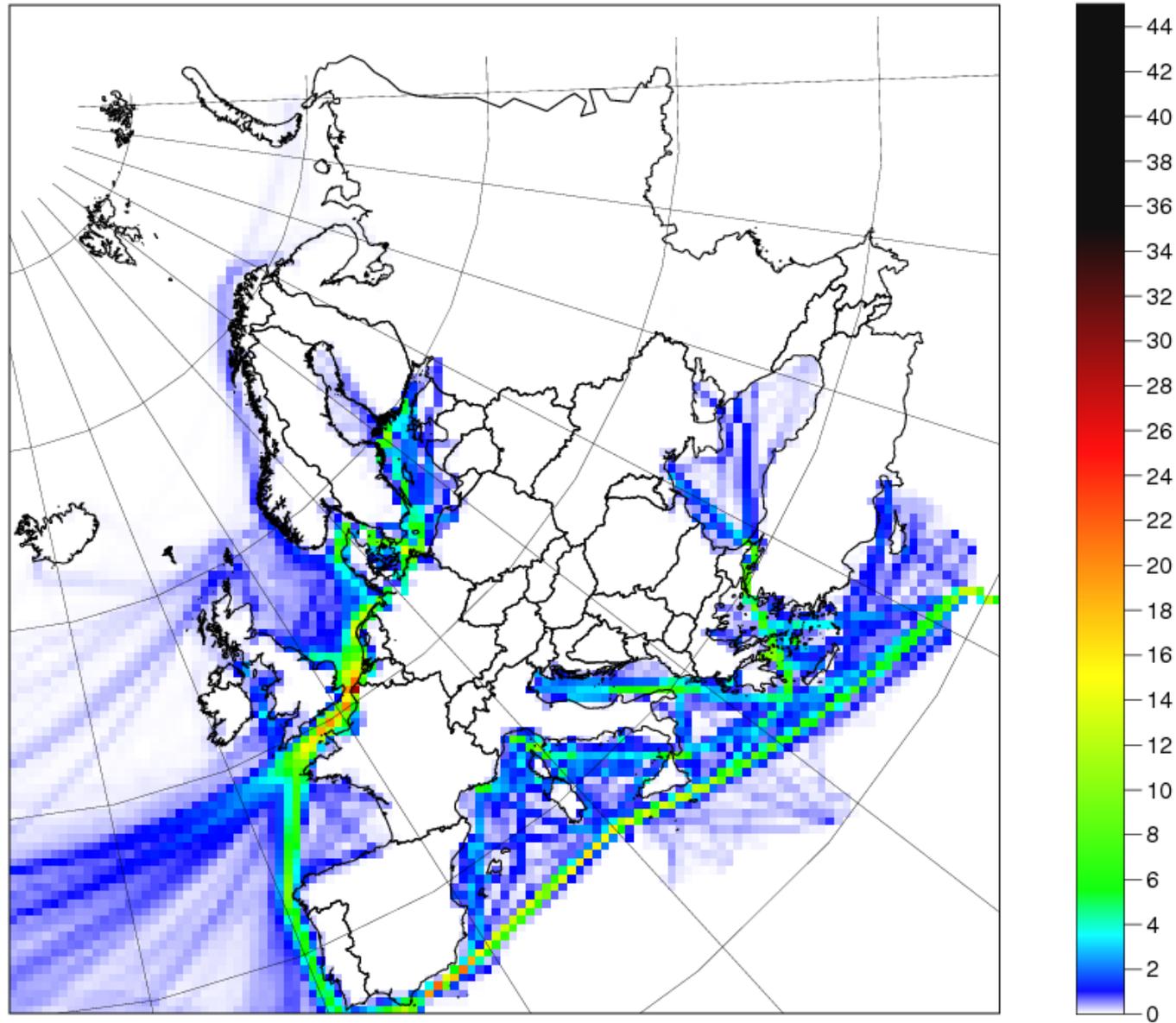
## SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> wet deposition



## HNO<sub>3</sub> concentration



# FRAME-Europe 2005 SO<sub>2</sub> shipping emissions (Kg S Ha<sup>-1</sup>)



# Emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub> from international shipping

- Large uncertainties in the magnitude and location of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from international shipping (global estimates range from 3.2<sup>(1)</sup> to 4.7<sup>(2)</sup> Tg S-SO<sub>2</sub> year<sup>-1</sup>)
- Global emissions are **INCREASING** at a rate of 1.5 - 2.5% year<sup>-1</sup>.
- UN International Maritime Organisation agreement to restrict emissions of SO<sub>2</sub> from international shipping. This includes a sulphur cap of 0.5% for bunker fuel from 2020.
- Shipping emissions are difficult to control due to their international mobility.
- Emissions are currently available on the EMEP 50 km grid. High emissions in port areas overlap land squares in a 5 km resolution model. Regridding from 'land' to 'sea' results in further uncertainties.

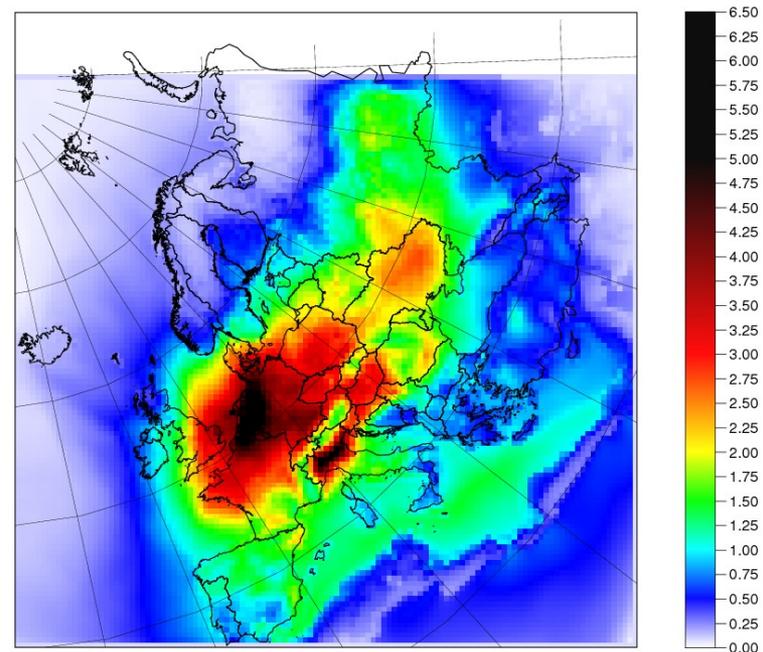
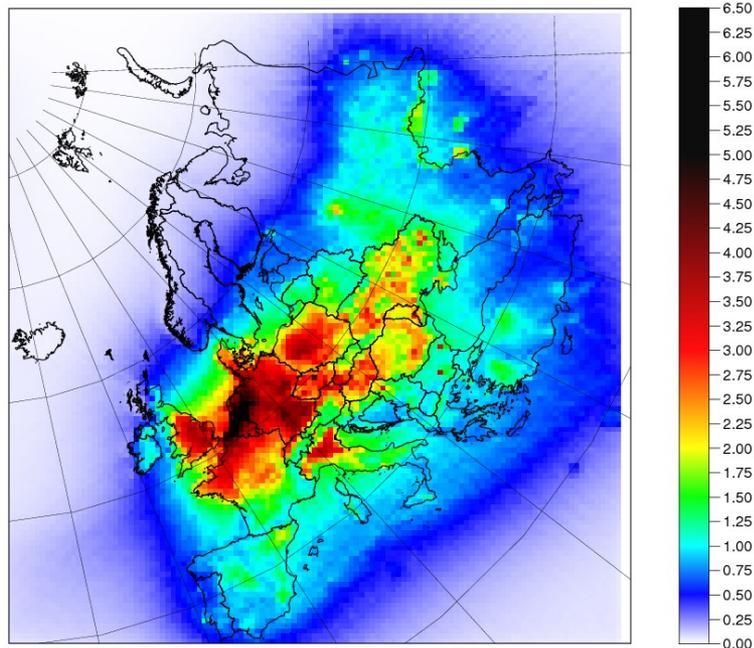
<sup>(1)</sup> Endresen, Ø., E. Sørgård, J. K. Sundet, S. B. Dalsøren, I. S. A. Isaksen, T. F. Berglen, and G. Gravr (2003), Emission from international sea transportation and environmental impact, J. Geophys. Res., 108(D17), 4560, doi:10.1029/2002JD002898.

<sup>(2)</sup> Corbett, J. J., and H. W. Köhler (2003), Updated emissions from ocean shipping, J. Geophys. Res., 108(D20), 4650, doi:10.1029/2003JD003751.

# 2005 NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> aerosol concentration (μg m<sup>-3</sup>)

## FRAME-Europe

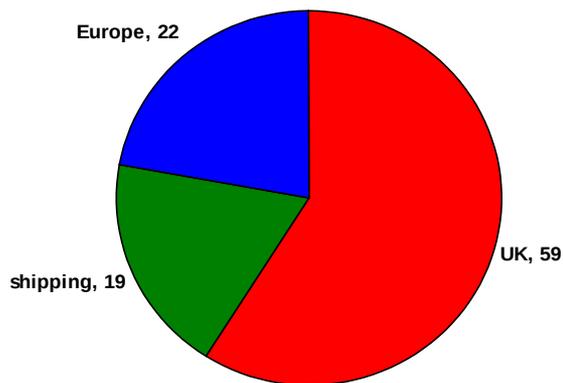
## EMEP



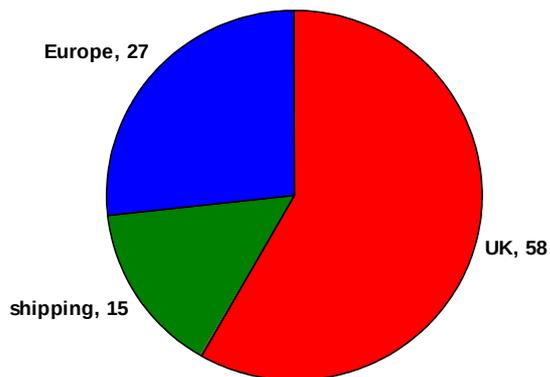
EMEP data provided by Hilde Fagerli, Met.No.

# Source-attribution for deposition in the UK for the year 2005

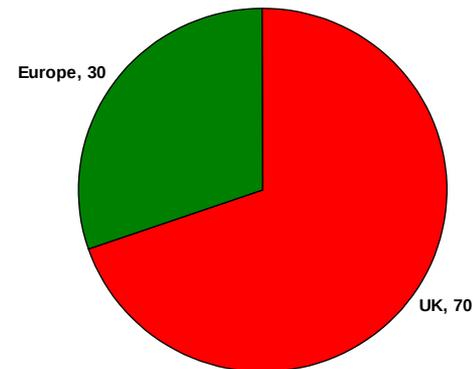
FRAME SO<sub>x</sub> deposition



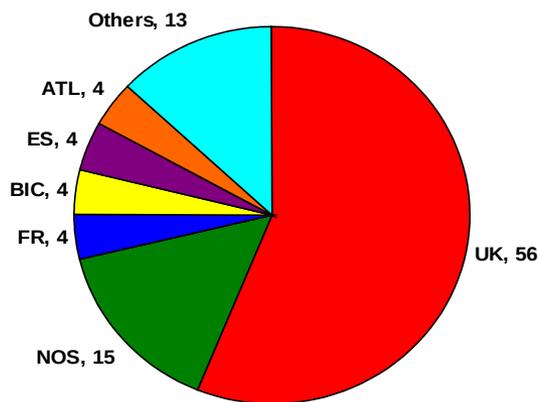
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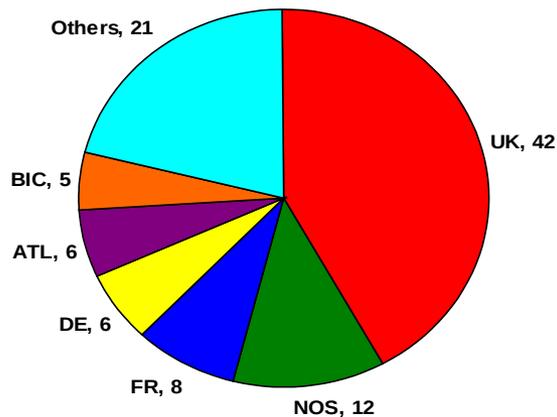
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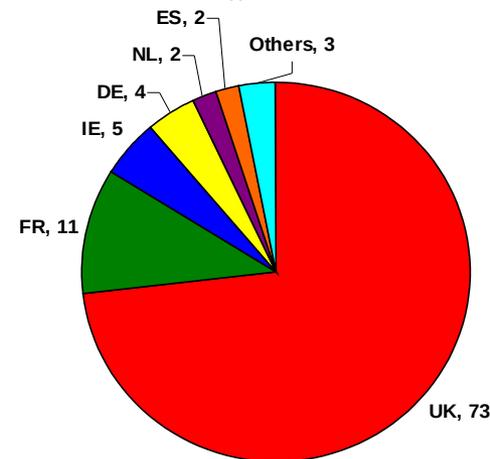
EMEP SO<sub>x</sub> deposition



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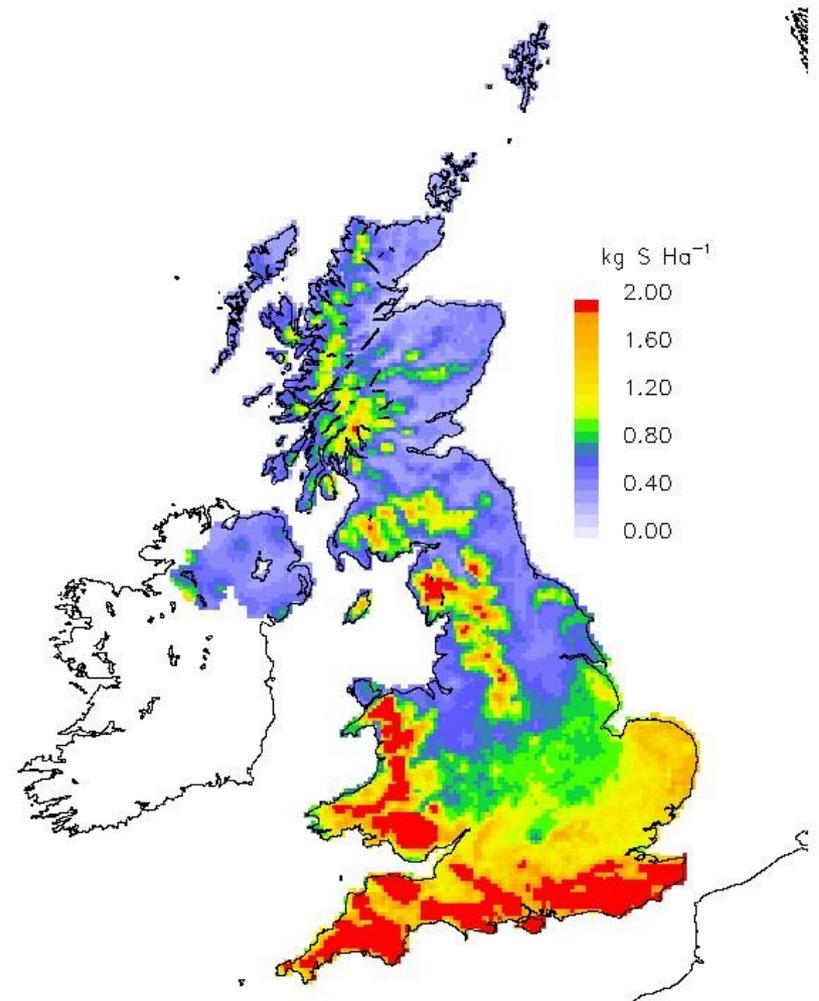
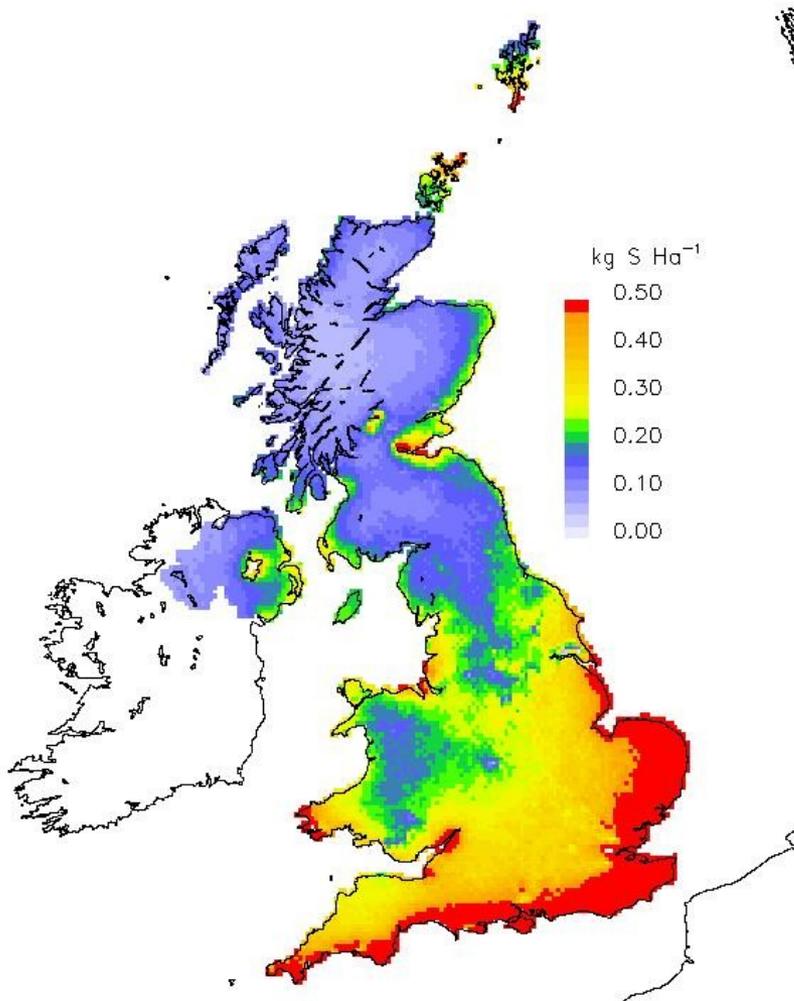
EMEP NH<sub>x</sub> deposition



# Influence of international shipping emissions on sulphur deposition

2005 Dry deposition (kg S Ha<sup>-1</sup>)

2005 Wet deposition (kg S Ha<sup>-1</sup>)



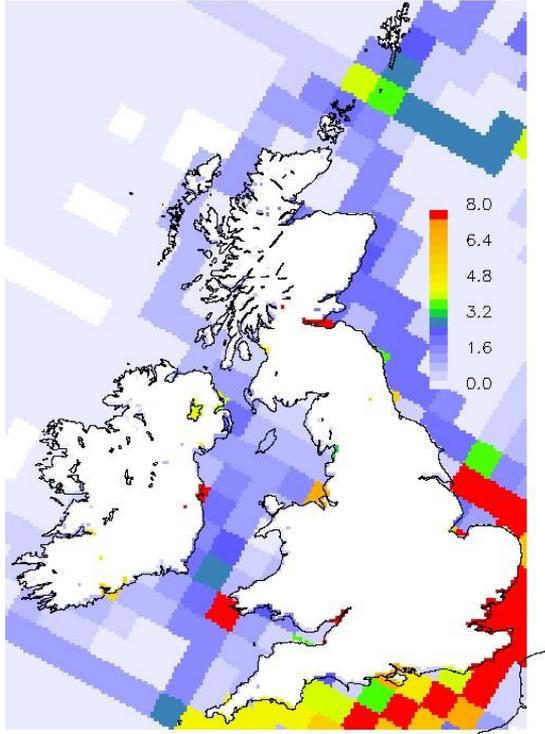
# Sulphur and Nitrogen Deposition Budgets to the United Kingdom

for 2005, 2020 Business As Usual scenario and 2020 with IMO agreement on shipping emissions

	2005		2020 BAU		2020 IMO	
	SO <sub>x</sub>	NO <sub>y</sub>	SO <sub>x</sub>	NO <sub>y</sub>	SO <sub>x</sub>	NO <sub>y</sub>
Dry deposition (Gg S/N)	60	71	38	44	26	44
Wet deposition (Gg S/N)	125	104	84	71	59	71
Total deposition (Gg S/N)	185	175	122	115	85	115
<b>% contribution to total dep from shipping emissions</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>

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# Conclusion



- The FRAME model was applied to estimate S and N deposition in the UK. The model was able to reproduce measurements of gas & aerosol measurements & wet deposition.
- Emissions of  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  from international shipping make a major contribution to S and N deposition in the UK (and to acidification / eutrophication).
- There is considerable uncertainty in the global distribution and magnitude of emissions from international shipping
- Global emissions of  $\text{SO}_2$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  from international shipping are increasing by 1.5% - 2.5% year<sup>-1</sup>.
- Future work will focus on incorporation of new fine (5km) resolution emissions maps into the model to more effectively model the transport of pollutants from ships in coastal areas.

Thank you for your attention