



## Supplement of

## Proximate and ultimate controls on carbon and nutrient dynamics of small agricultural catchments

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Figure S1. Ombrothermic diagram presenting 20 years data from September 1994 to august 2014.



Figure S2. Discharge measured at the gaged station Le Guyoult.



**Figure S3**. High and low frequency data of discharge, dissolved organic carbon, nitrate, and phosphate in stream water measured at the outlet of catchment G-01.



**Figure S4.** High and low frequency data of discharge, dissolved organic carbon, nitrate, and phosphate in stream water measured at the outlet of catchment GS-01.



**Figure S5**. High and low frequency data of discharge, dissolved organic carbon, nitrate, and phosphate in stream water measured at the outlet of catchment S-01.



**Figure S6.** Principal component analysis of the major sources of variability in water chemistry for catchments G-01 (red), GS-01 (green), and S-01 (blue). Together, the first-three axes explain 80% of the total variability of the data.



**Figure S7.** Relationship between specific discharge and (a) dissolved organic nitrogen, (b) dissolved organic phosphorus (c), and (d) total suspended sediment for three headwater catchments (G-01, GS-01 and S-01) in Brittany France. Chemistry data from daily automatic sampling supplemented by subdaily sampling for catchments GS-01 and S-01 during discharge events (see methods for detailed sampling description). Note the log scale for TSS. Data are colored by hydrologic period: D=discharge (April-June), LW=low water (July-September), R=recharge (October-December), HW=high water (January-March).



**Figure S8.** Relationship between specific discharge and (a) ammonium, and chloride (b) for three headwater catchments (G-01, GS-01 and S-01) in Brittany France. Chemistry data from daily automatic sampling supplemented by sub-daily sampling for catchments GS-01 and S-01 during discharge events (see methods for detailed sampling description). Data points are colored by hydrologic period (see Fig. 2 for definitions).



Figure S9. Relationship between (a) dissolved organic carbon, (b) nitrate, and (c) phosphate concentration and land use (% of maize and cereals on arable land) over the studied period. Error bars represent standard error of chemistry parameters and land use.



**Figure S10.** Response of discharge,  $NO_3^{-}$ ,  $PO_4^{-3-}$  and DOC, during storm events for catchment GS-01 and catchment S-01. Yellow points represent the rising limb and blue points represent the falling limb of the hydrograph.



**Figure S11.** Relationships of specific discharge with dissolved organic carbon, nitrate, and phosphate during storm events.



**Figure S12.** Relationships between DOC and  $NO_3^-$  concentrations during discharge events for the catchment GS-01 ( $\circ$ ) and S-01 ( $\nabla$ ).



Figure S13. Roughness index calculated from 2m resolution DEM.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Hydrological years	Sept 95- Aug.96	Sept 96- Aug.97	Sept 97- Aug.98	Sept 98- Aug.99	Sept 98- Aug.00
Annual precipitation (mm)	786.4	794.6	819.2	1131.6	1174.4
Difference in annual precipitation with average of 20 years (mm)	-178.6	-170.4	-145.8	166.6	209.4

**Table S1.** Annual precipitation over the studied period compared with average conditionsbased on the 20 year average from 1994-2014.

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	Catchments	DOC	DON	DOP	Cl-	MES	N-NO <sub>3</sub>	$N-NH_4^+$	PO <sub>4</sub>	DSI
Number of samples	Catchment									
	GS	501	733	734	624	704	734	734	734	734
	Catchment S	616	783	783	709	744	781	737	781	781
	Catchment G	62	80	80	73	74	74	74	74	74
	Catchment									
$\begin{array}{c} \text{Mean} \\ (\text{mg } L^{\text{-}l}) \end{array}$	GS	7.89	0.76	0.07	41.66	83.77	6.48	0.62	0.07	7.92
	Catchment S	7.39	0.92	0.07	54.11	150.71	9.20	0.72	0.30	6.26
	Catchment G	11.08	1.14	0.05	40.21	17.44	4.98	0.74	0.06	6.44
Standard deviation (mg L-1)	Catchment									
	GS	5.55	0.76	0.15	6.98	199.01	1.63	0.34	0.07	1.64
	Catchment S	4.82	1.15	0.16	7.68	726.70	1.76	0.44	0.31	1.82
	Catchment G	2.96	1.32	0.05	11.41	14.32	1.88	0.48	0.08	2.19
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	GS	7.89	0.76	0.07	41.66	83.77	6.48	0.62	0.07	7.92
L	Catchment S	7.39	0.92	0.07	54.11	150.71	9.20	0.72	0.30	6.26
Me	Catchment G	11.08	1.14	0.05	40.21	17.44	4.98	0.74	0.06	6.44

**Table S2.** A synthetic view of the data set indicating the number of samples, the mean value and the standard deviation of the main solutes analyzed.

		Dim.1	Dim.2	Dim.3
Principal variables	Bedrock	-0.69	0.22	0.00
	Discharge	0.34	0.68	-0.41
	N-NO <sub>3</sub>	0.65	-0.49	-0.25
	P-PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.48	0.14	0.81
	DOC	-0.03	0.89	0.12
	Corn	0.90	-0.14	0.08
	Cereals	0.80	0.32	-0.15
	Meadow	-0.95	-0.08	0.03
	Hedgerow_density	-0.98	0.06	-0.01
pplementary variables	Elevation	-0.70	0.22	0.00
	$N-NH_4^+$	0.10	0.22	0.09
	DSI	-0.28	0.15	0.14
	TSS	0.11	0.23	-0.05
Su	Cl	0.52	-0.26	0.00

**Table S3.** PCA scores for the 3 principals dimensions.