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## **Underestimation of denitrification rates from field application of the $^{15}\text{N}$ gas flux method and its correction by gas diffusion modelling**

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Table S1: Soil data (WFPS = water-filled pores space; means± standard deviation of four replicate micro-plots)

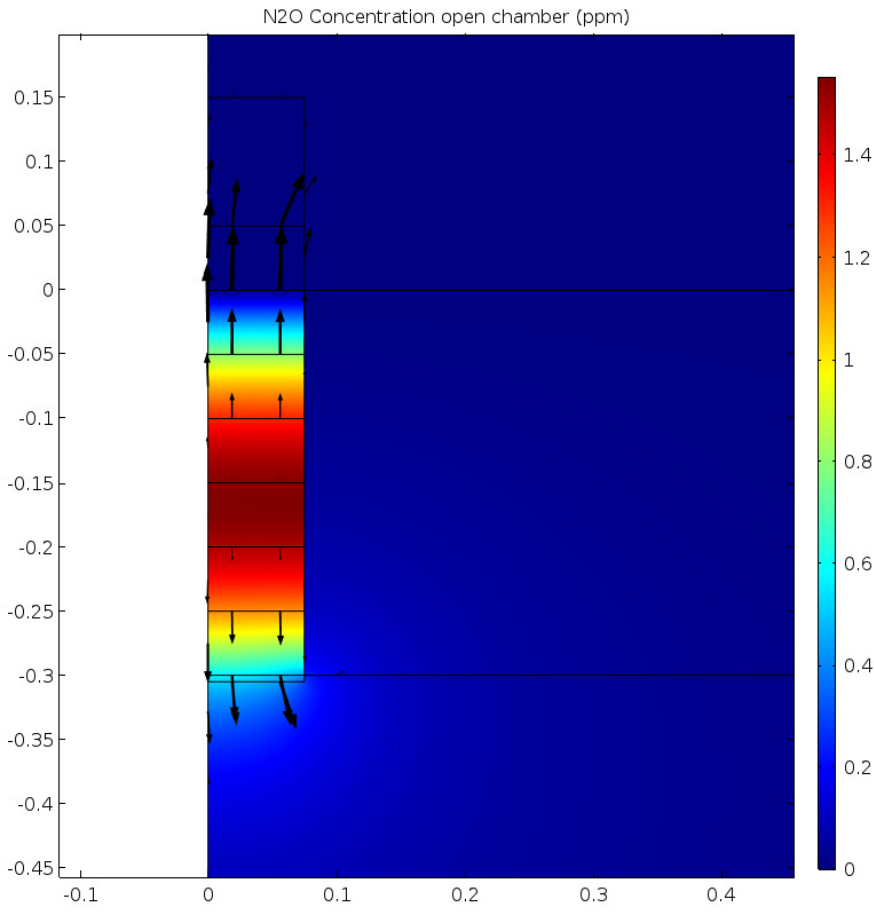
Depth of sample	WFPS	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup>	<sup>15</sup> N atom fraction of NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	Bulk density
	%	mg N kg <sup>-1</sup>	mg N kg <sup>-1</sup>		g cm <sup>-3</sup>
<b>0-10 cm</b>	71.8±2.6	16.6±1.9	1.76±1.05	0.092±0.014	1.48
<b>10-20 cm</b>	61.5±2.4	14.4±2.5	0.81±0.32	0.150±0.045	1.54
<b>20-30 c.</b>	60.0±1.5	16.6±4.1	0.70±0.18	0.201±0.045	1.48
<b>0-30 cm (average)</b>	64.4±1.7	15.9±2.5	1.1±0.4	0.148±0.030	1.50

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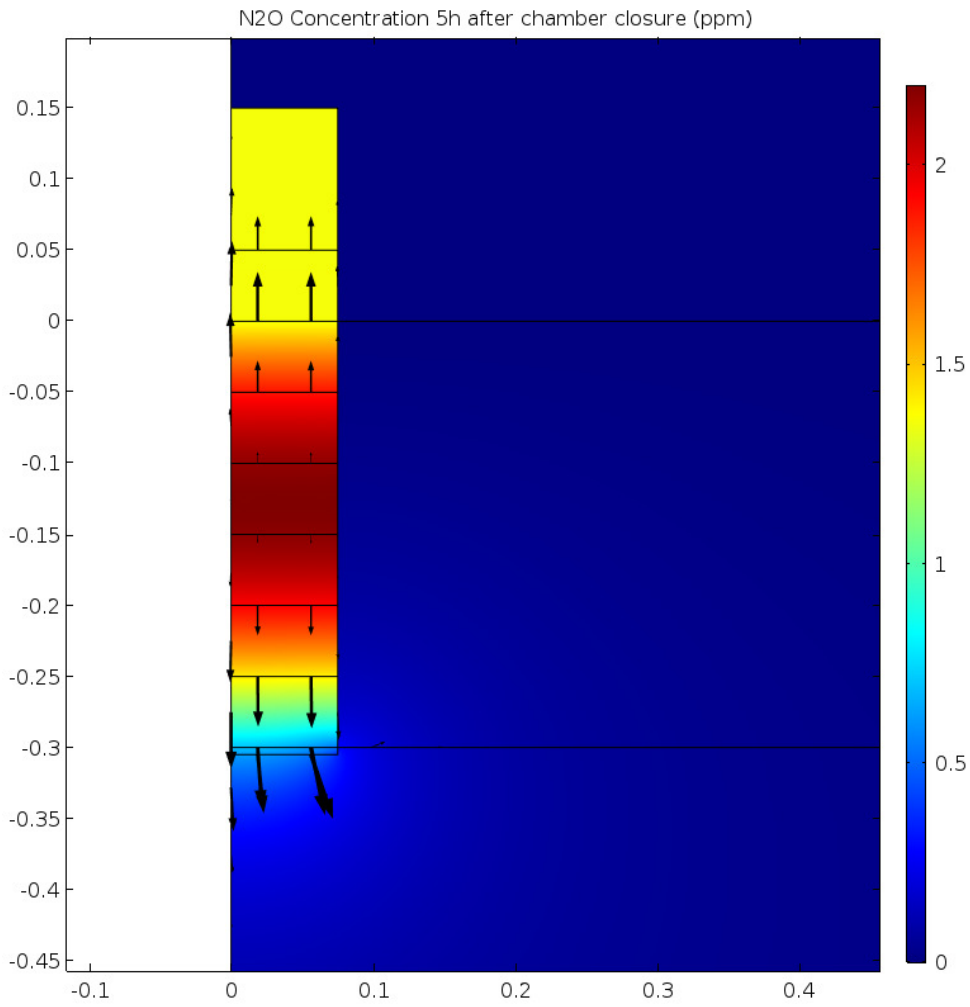
Table S2: Field fluxes of pool-derived N<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O and N<sub>2</sub>+N<sub>2</sub>O, residual fraction of N<sub>2</sub>O remaining after N<sub>2</sub>O reduction to N<sub>2</sub> (*r<sub>N2O</sub>*) and <sup>15</sup>N enrichment of the <sup>15</sup>N-labelled N pool producing N<sub>2</sub>O (*a<sub>p,N2O</sub>*) with bottom open and bottom closed (individual replicates and mean values ± standard deviation). Unequal uppercase letter indicate significant (P<0.05) differences between mean values with bottom open and bottom closed.

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ID	N <sub>2</sub> flux	N <sub>2</sub> O flux	N <sub>2</sub> +N <sub>2</sub> O flux	<i>r<sub>N2O</sub></i>	<i>a<sub>p,N2O</sub></i>
	g N ha <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>	g N ha <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>	g N ha <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>		
Cylinder 1 / bottom open	286.3	62.1	348.4	0.178	0.126
Cylinder 2 / bottom open	436.0	73.9	509.9	0.145	0.194
Cylinder 3/ bottom open	763.9	237.6	1001.4	0.237	0.113
Cylinder 4 / bottom open	488.2	9.6	497.8	0.019	0.174
average, bottom open	493.6 <sup>a</sup> ±199.5	95.8 <sup>a</sup> ±98.5	589.4 <sup>a</sup> ±284.3	0.145 <sup>a</sup> ±0.092	0.152 <sup>a</sup> ±0.038
Cylinder 1 / bottom closed	349.9	139.4	489.3	0.285	0.120
Cylinder 2 / bottom closed	776.2	30.3	806.5	0.038	0.202
Cylinder 3/ bottom closed	1150.7	170.7	1321.3	0.129	0.121
Cylinder 4 / bottom closed	540.0	62.5	602.5	0.104	0.177
average, bottom closed	704.2 <sup>a</sup> ±345.0	100.7 <sup>a</sup> ±65.4	804.9 <sup>b</sup> ±368.5	0.139 <sup>a</sup> ±0.105	0.155 <sup>a</sup> ±0.041



**Figure S1: Simulation of concentrations (colours, ppm) and fluxes (arrows) with open chamber at steady state.**



**Figure S2: Simulation of concentrations (colours, ppm) and fluxes (arrows) 5 hours after chamber closure.**

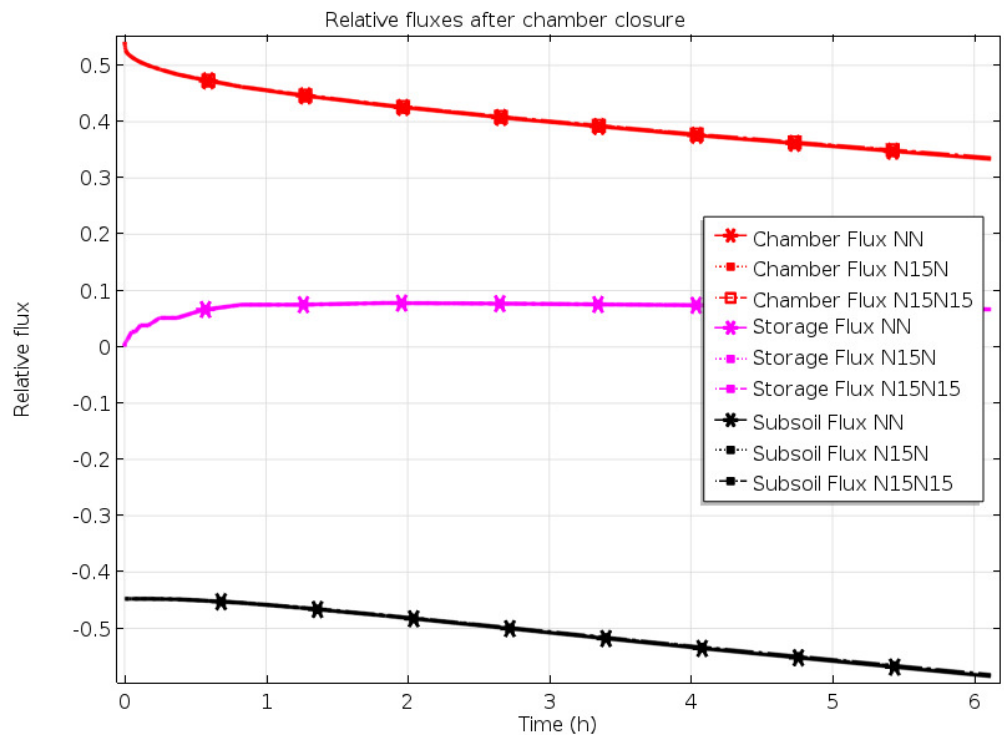


Figure S3 Relative fluxes of N<sub>2</sub> isotopologues (<sup>14</sup>N<sup>14</sup>N, <sup>15</sup>N<sup>14</sup>N, <sup>15</sup>N<sup>15</sup>N) following chamber closing.