## Underestimation of denitrification rates from field application of the <sup>15</sup>N gas flux method and its correction by gas diffusion modelling

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## Supplement

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Depth of sample	WFPS	NO <sub>3</sub> -	NH4 <sup>+</sup>	<sup>15</sup> N atom	Bulk
				fraction of	density
				NO <sub>3</sub> -	
	%	mg N kg <sup>-1</sup>	mg N kg <sup>-1</sup>		g cm-3
0-10 cm	71.8±2.6	16.6±1.9	$1.76 \pm 1.05$	0.092±0.014	1.48
10-20 cm	61.5±2.4	14.4±2.5	0.81±0.32	$0.150 \pm 0.045$	1.54
20-30 cm	60.0±1.5	16.6±4.1	$0.70\pm0.18$	0.201±0.045	1.48
0-30 cm (average)	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> ( $r_{N2O}$ ) and <sup>15</sup>N enrichment of the <sup>15</sup>N-labelled N pool producing N<sub>2</sub>O ( $a_{p\_N2O}$ ) 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.

ID	N <sub>2</sub> flux	N <sub>2</sub> O flux	N <sub>2</sub> +N <sub>2</sub> O flux	<b>ľ</b> N2O	ap_n20
	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	493.6ª±199.5	95.8ª±98.5	589.4ª±284.3	0.145 <sup>a</sup> ±0.092	0.152ª±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	704.2ª±345.0	100.7 <sup>a</sup> ±65.4	804.9 <sup>b</sup> ±368.5	0.139ª±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.



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



Figure S3 Relative fluxes of N2 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.