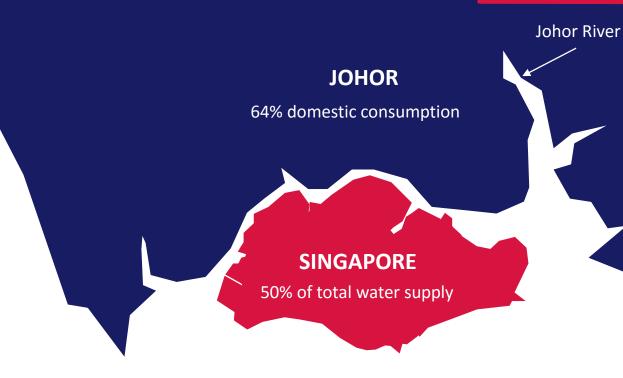
Modelling of ammonium pollution in the Johor River Basin using SWAT

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INTRODUCTION



Potential sources of high NH₄ content



livestock





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WATER QUALITY STUDIES IN THE JRB

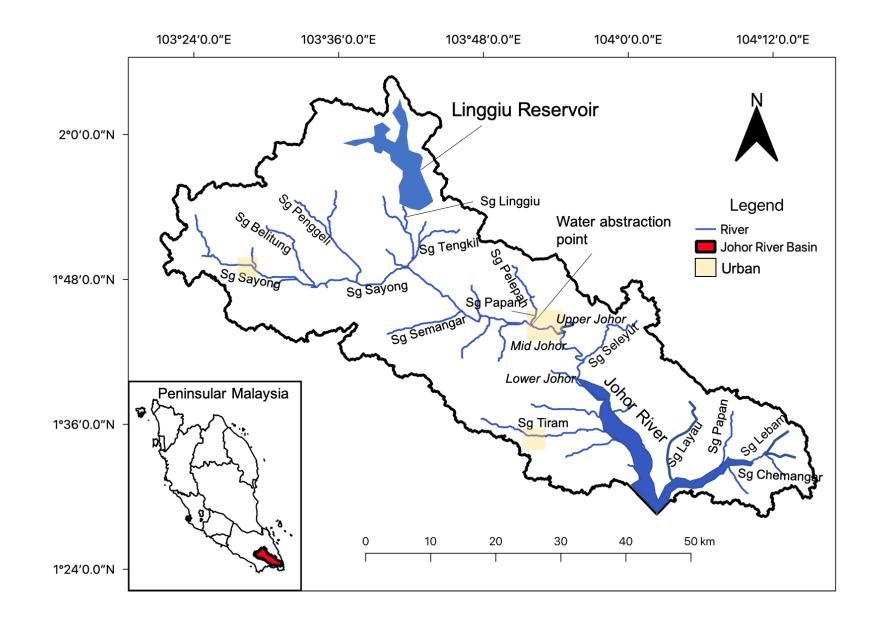
Past studies

Water quality parameters

Types of model

- 1. Model the spatial and temporal trends of NH₄ content within the JRB
- 2. Compare the differences in ammonium output based on simulation of different management scenarios
- 3. Determine the main contributors of NH_4 within the JRB

STUDY AREA



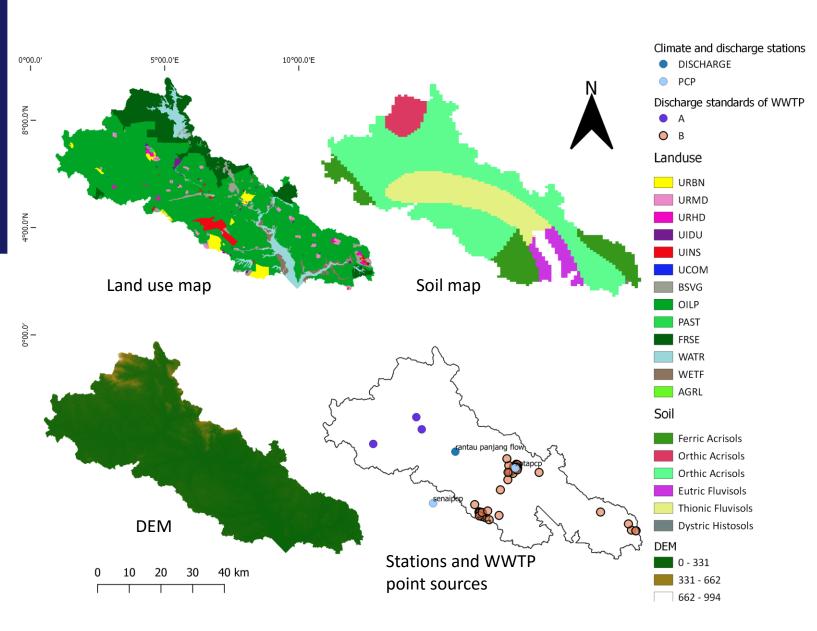
Area: 1652 km²

Climate: Northeast monsoon (November–February), Southwest monsoon (May–August)

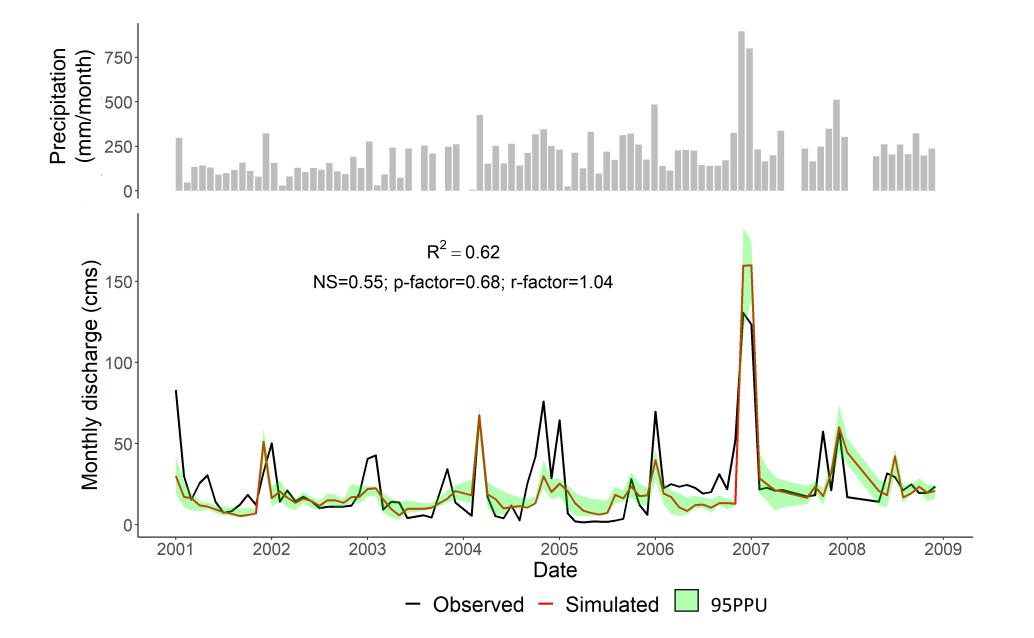
METHODOLOGY

Conversion of PE to flow rate (m³/day) according to Malaysian Standards 1228 (MS1228)

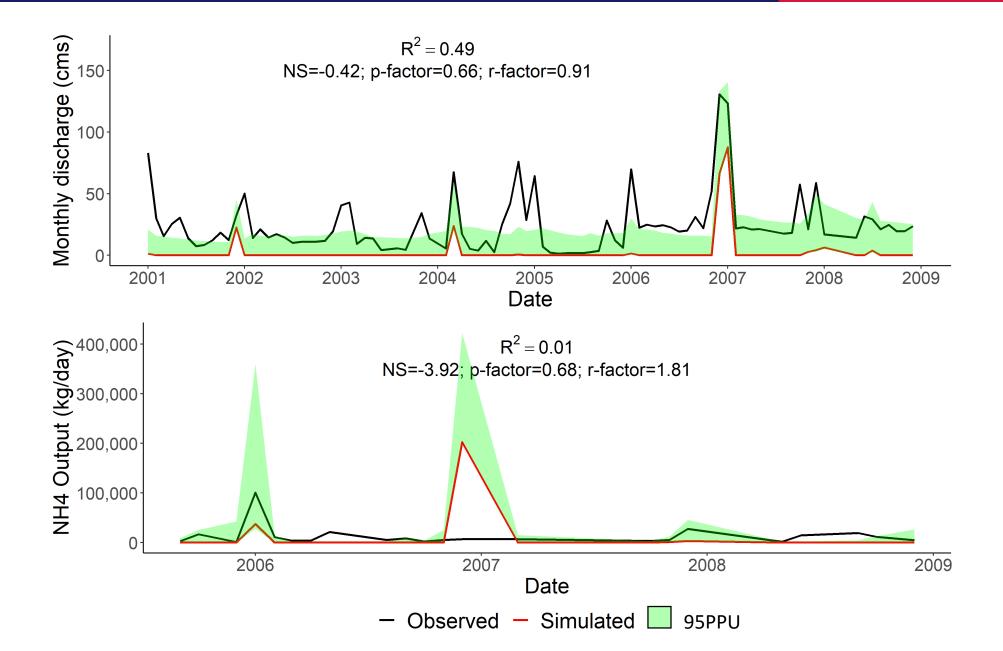
Flow (m³/day) =(PE * 1000 * 0.077 [kg BOD/day/person])BOD [mg/l]

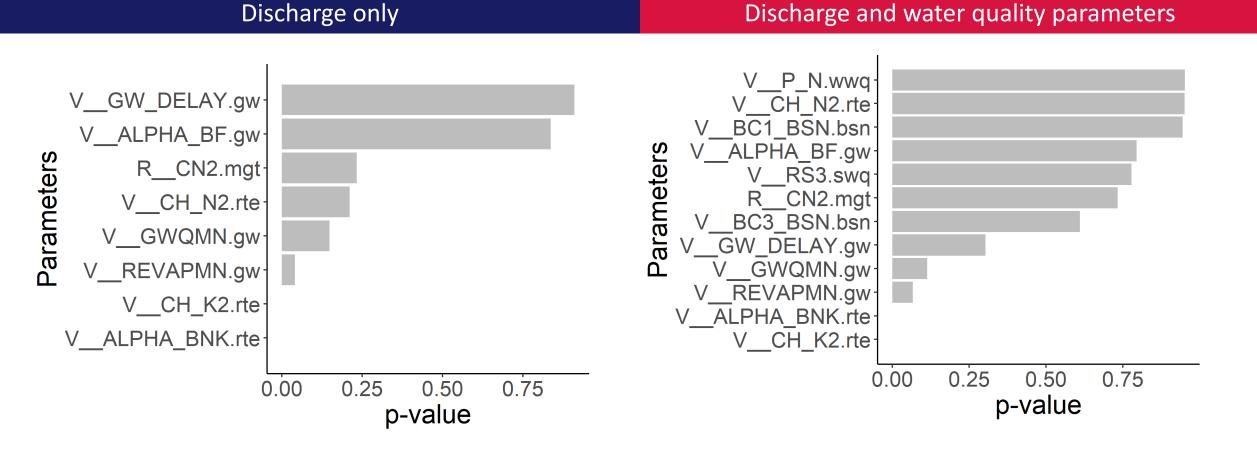


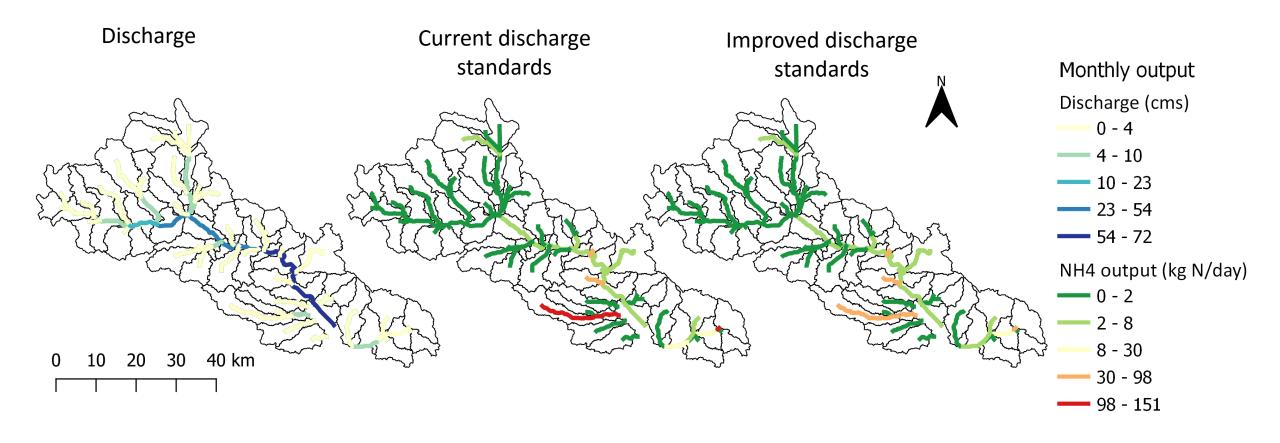






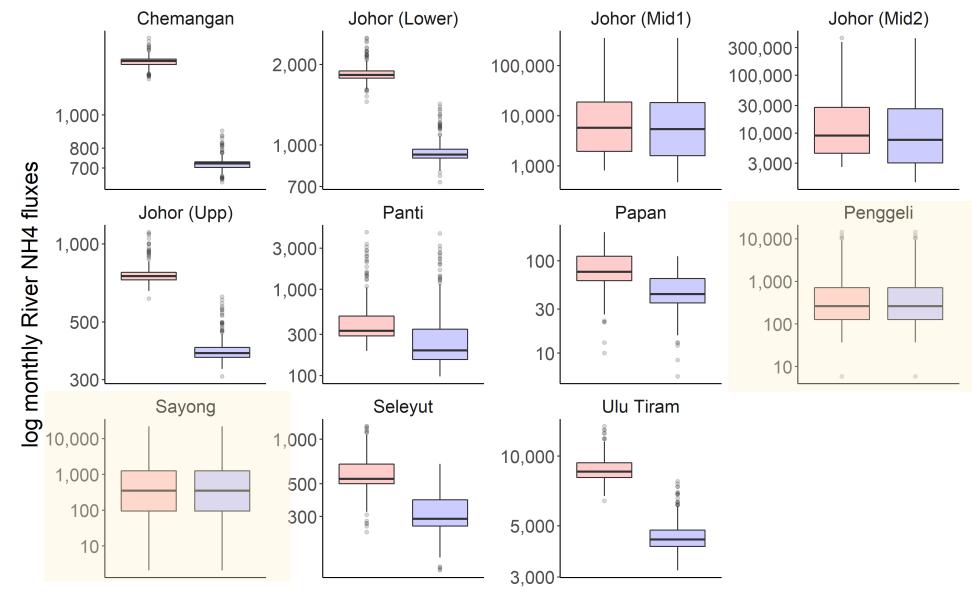






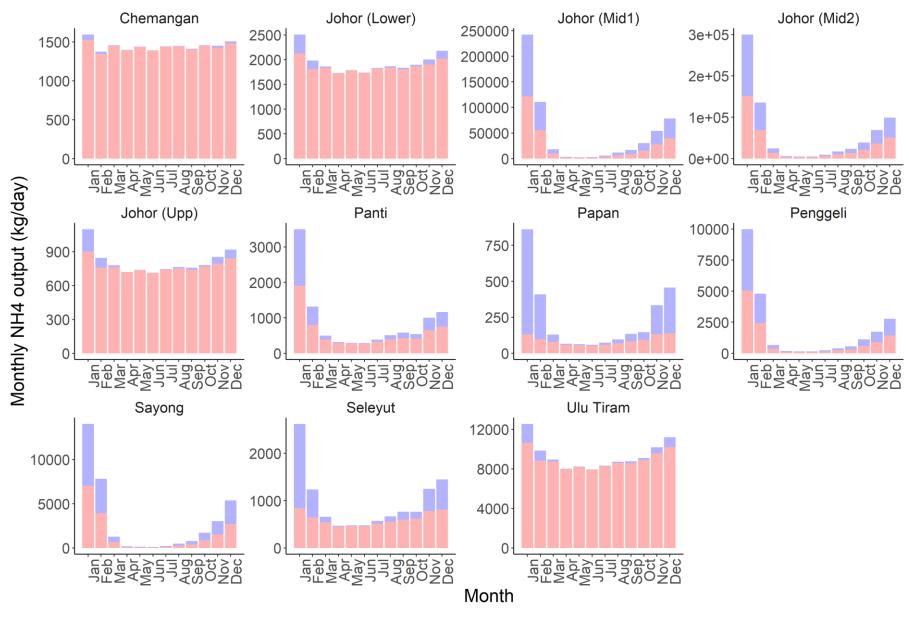
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RESULTS



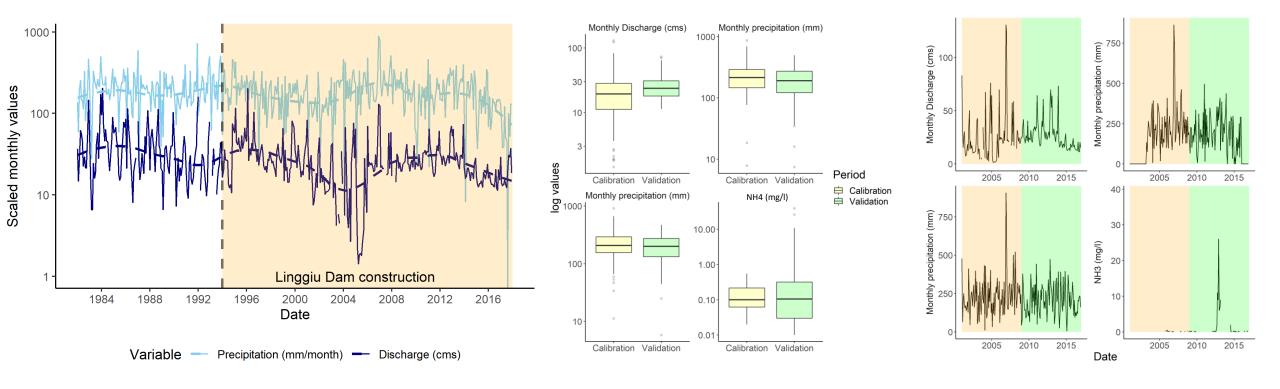
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SWAT OUTPUT



Contribution of NH4 Background levels
Current WWTP discharge standards

LIMITATIONS



• Multi-site calibration: Use parameters of other gauging station (unaffected by dam)

to calibrate for dam parameters

• Assess changes in water quality in response to future climate change scenarios

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