



# Towards forestry in the Community Land Model

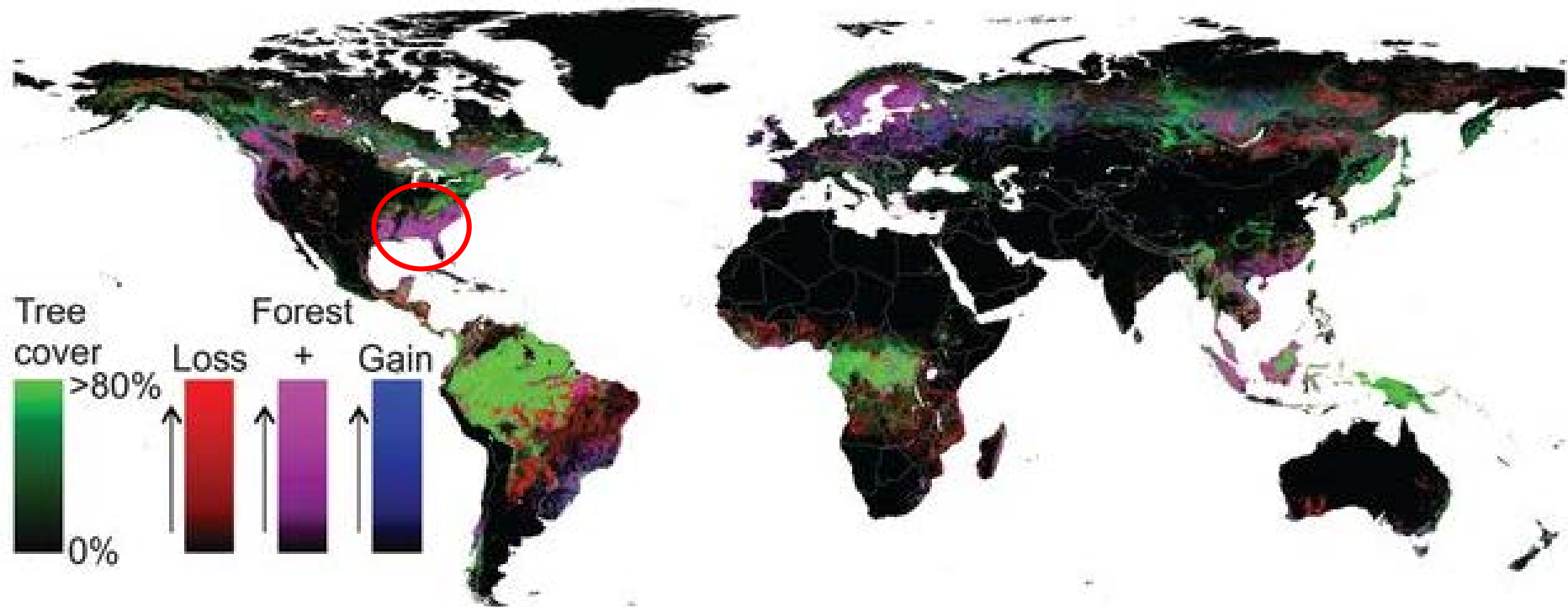
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# Forest management is widespread across the globe



**Purple = exited and entered forest classification during the 2000s**

# Conceptually what is forest management?

*Duncker et al. 2012 Ecology and Society*

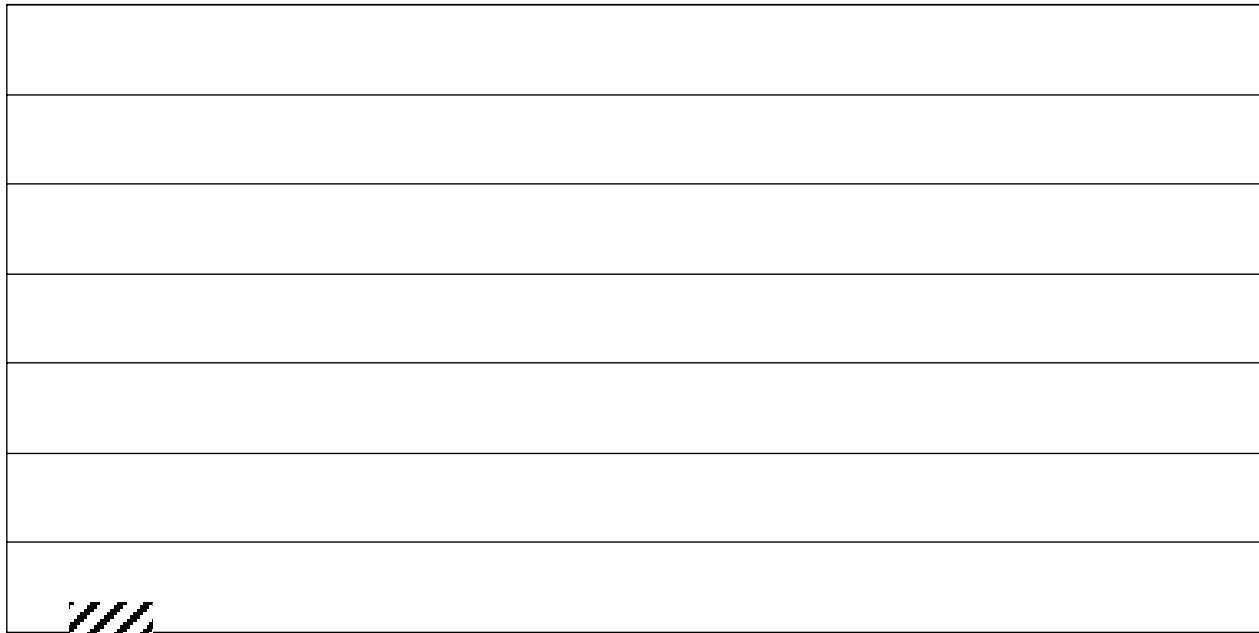
- Extensive/Passive/Low Input
  - Forests grow with little management inputs
  - Close-to-nature forestry
- Intensive
  - Forest with significant management inputs
  - High productivity per land-area
  - Even-aged
  - Can include shortened rotations

Where to plant -> what to plant -> how to manage it

# Southern Pines as an example: Intensification has been widespread

**Area of pine plantation forestry in the Southern U.S.**

Acres



# Southern Pines as an example: Intensification has become more intense

**Increase in yields and the associated management inputs**

Focus on  
volume  
of wood →

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# How might forest management influence climate?



- Carbon cycle
  - Increased productivity
  - Must account for wood products as well
  - Yields  $\neq$  NEP
- Nitrogen cycle
  - Fertilization influencing  $N_2O$
  - Higher growth rates decreasing N losses?
- Albedo
  - Shorter rotations = more soil exposed and lower LAIs
- Latent and Sensible heat through changes in surface roughness or stomatal conductance
- BVOC production?

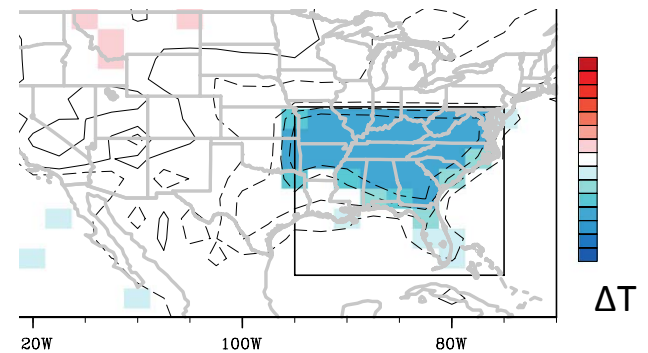
# Focus on both land-cover and land-management

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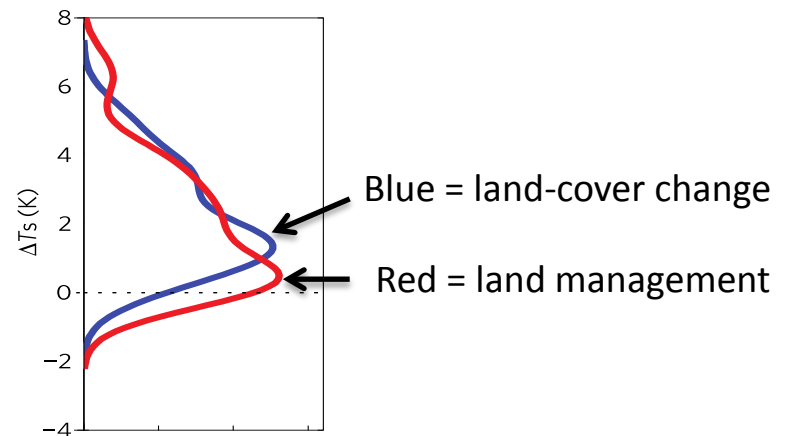
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## Simulated Local and Remote Biophysical Effects of Afforestation over the Southeast United States in Boreal Summer\*

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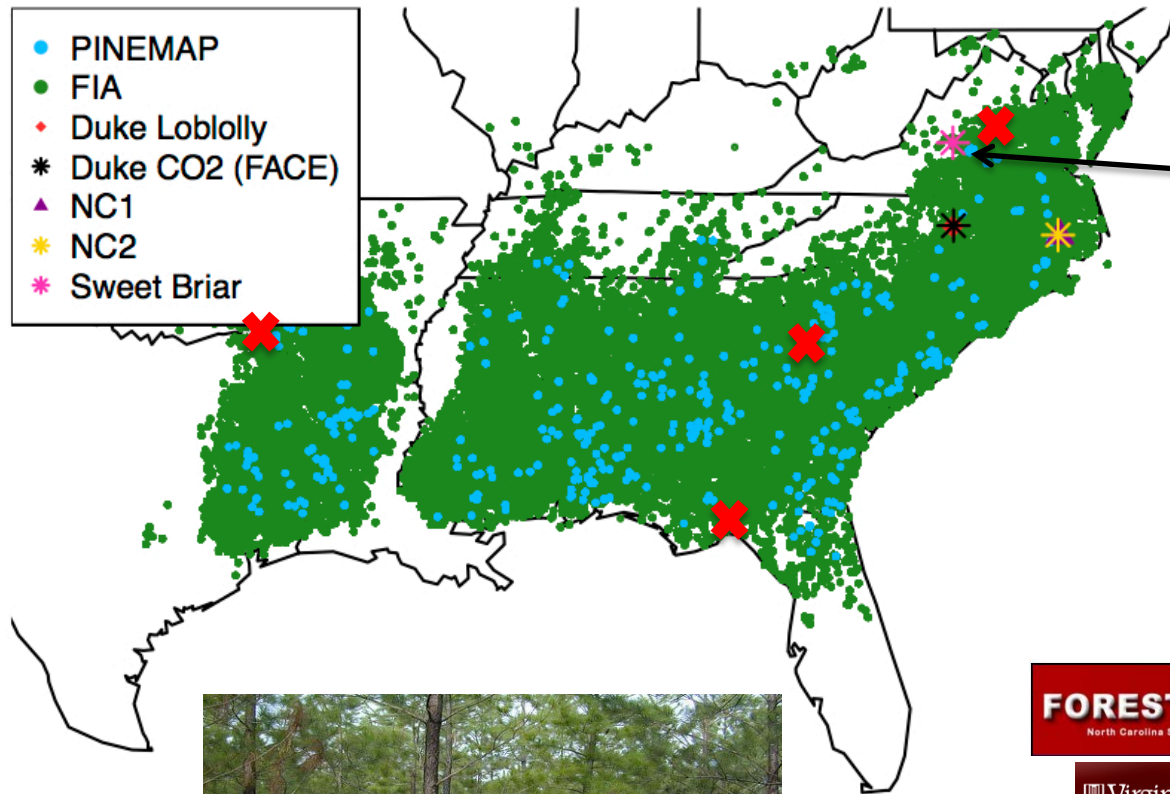


# Big questions using the CLM

- How do different management activities influence climate?
- Can we meet societal demand for wood products while having a positive or neutral influence on climate?
- What details of forest management are globally relevant in the CLM?
- How does explicit forest management interface with new CMIP6 land-use forcing?



# Data availability for model development and evaluation



New tower: Tom O'Halloran (Sweet Briar College) and Virginia Tech collaboration

Tom Fox



Harold Burkhart



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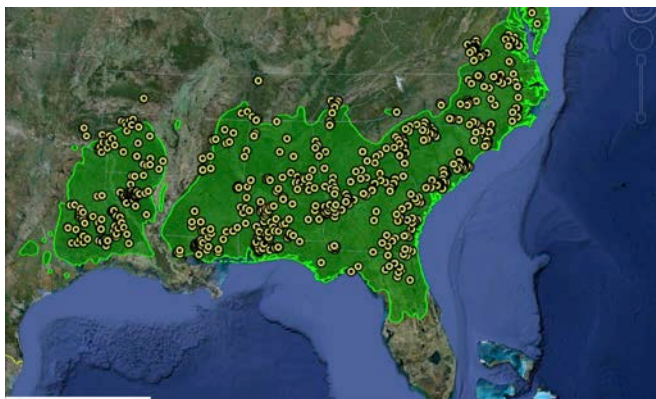
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✖ 4-year rainfall exclusion experiment

# Examples of forestry Trial Data

Nutrients, spacing, thinning, genetics, weed/hardwood control



<b>RW25</b>	Nutrient Omission Design for Eucalyptus	2010-2016
<b>RW24</b>	Cold-hardy Eucalyptus for the SE US	2010-2016
<b>RW23</b>	Intensity and duration of weed control	2010-2011
<b>RW22</b>	Twin-plot network in pine plantations	2010-2011
<b>RW21</b>	Twin-plot network in Eucalyptus plantations	2010-2012
<b>RW20</b>	<i>P. taeda</i> variety and silviculture in the southeastern US and Brazil. Varieties have differing crown ideotypes	2009-2010
<b>RW19</b>	Thinning x fertilization factorial in <i>P. taeda</i> plantations	2006-2009
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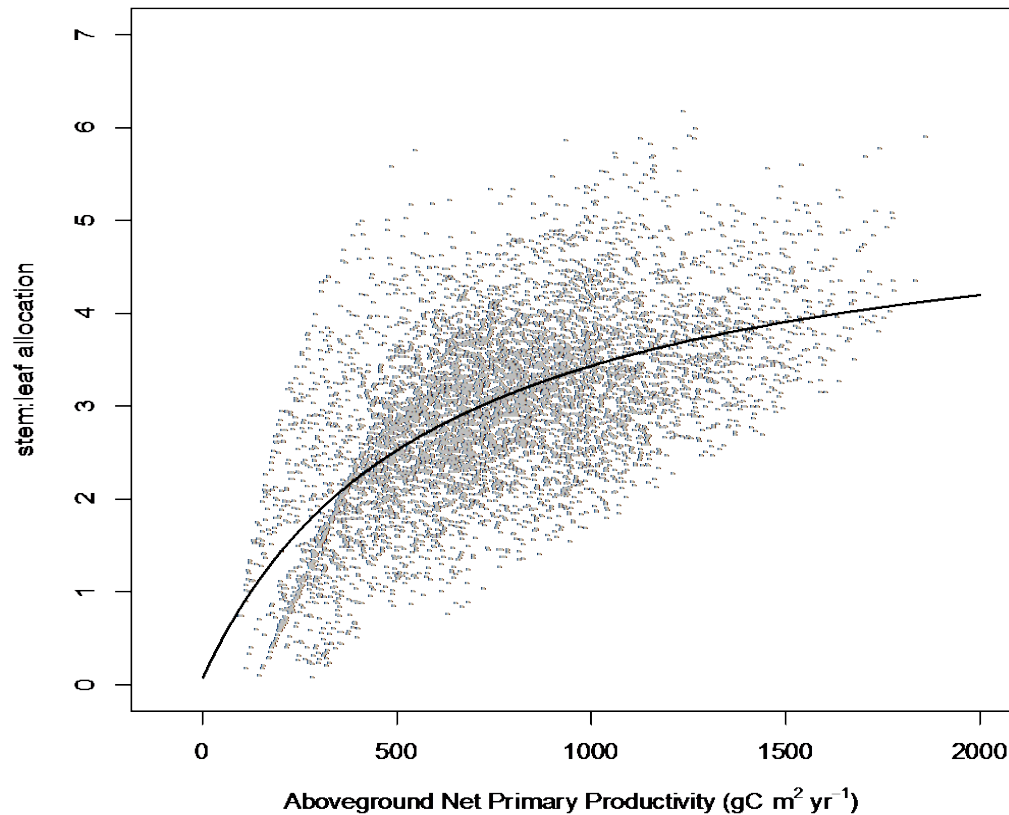
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<b>RW16</b>	Surface x subsurface tillage factorial at establishment. All plots receive weed control. Primarily upland clay and clay loam sites	1994-2000
<b>RW15</b>	Combinations of N, P, K, and micronutrients in established stands. Also, in <i>Pinus radiata</i> in Chile	1989-1999
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<b>RW14</b>	Control, 45N, 50P, 100K combinations, and delay and repeat fertilization at establishment on primarily Gulf Coastal Plain sites	1989-1998
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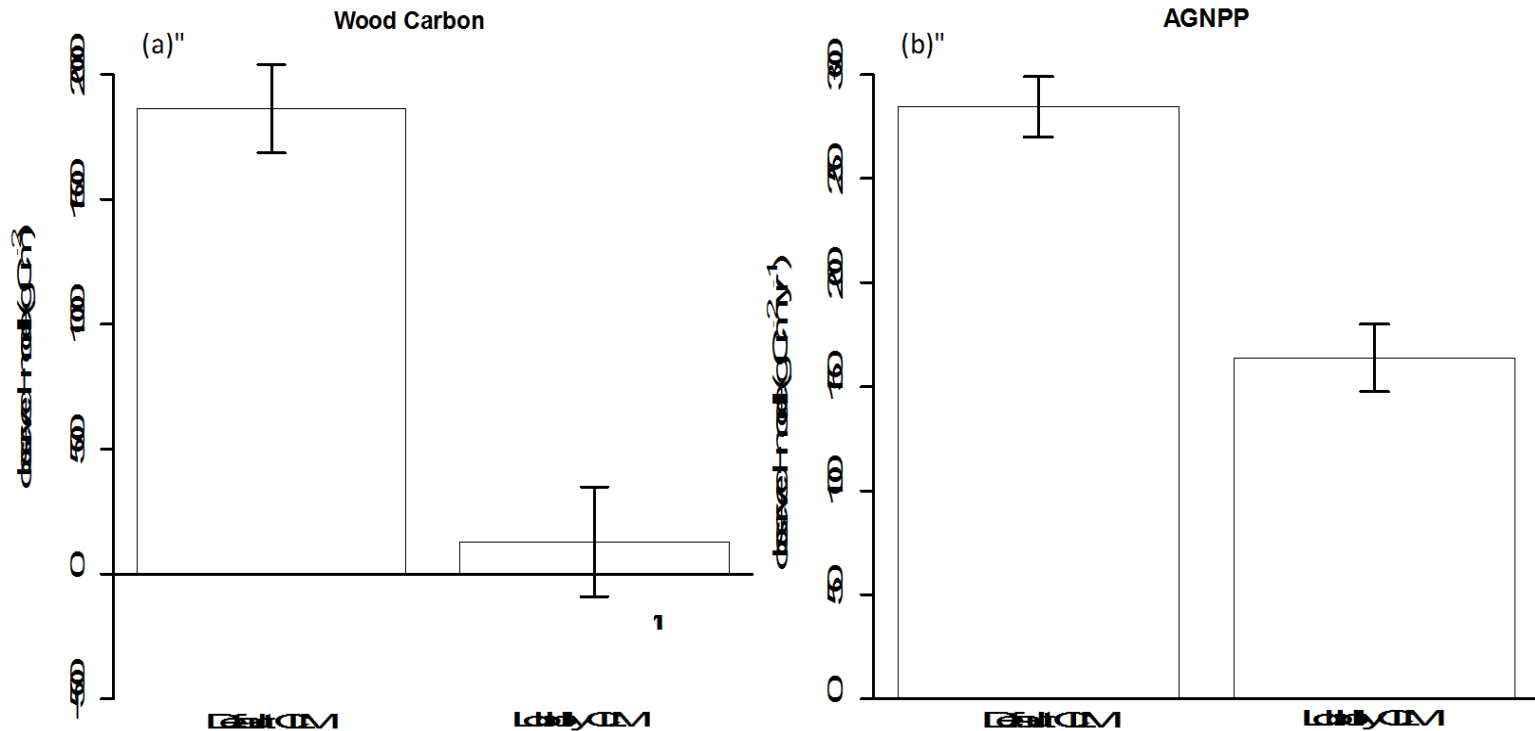
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# Parameterization of dynamic stem allocation using forest trial data



# Including loblolly PFT improved model performance

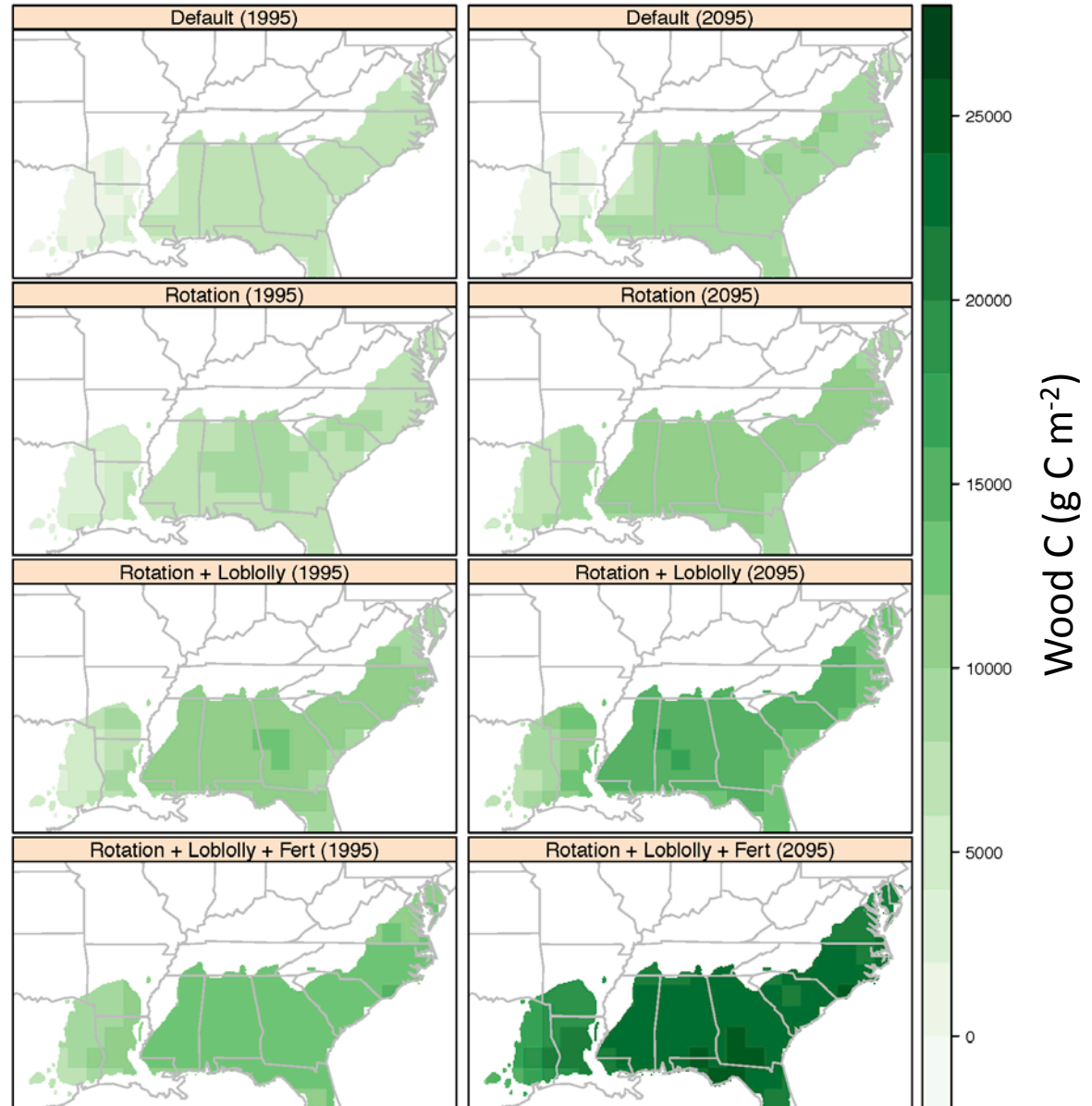
CLM 4.5 BGC



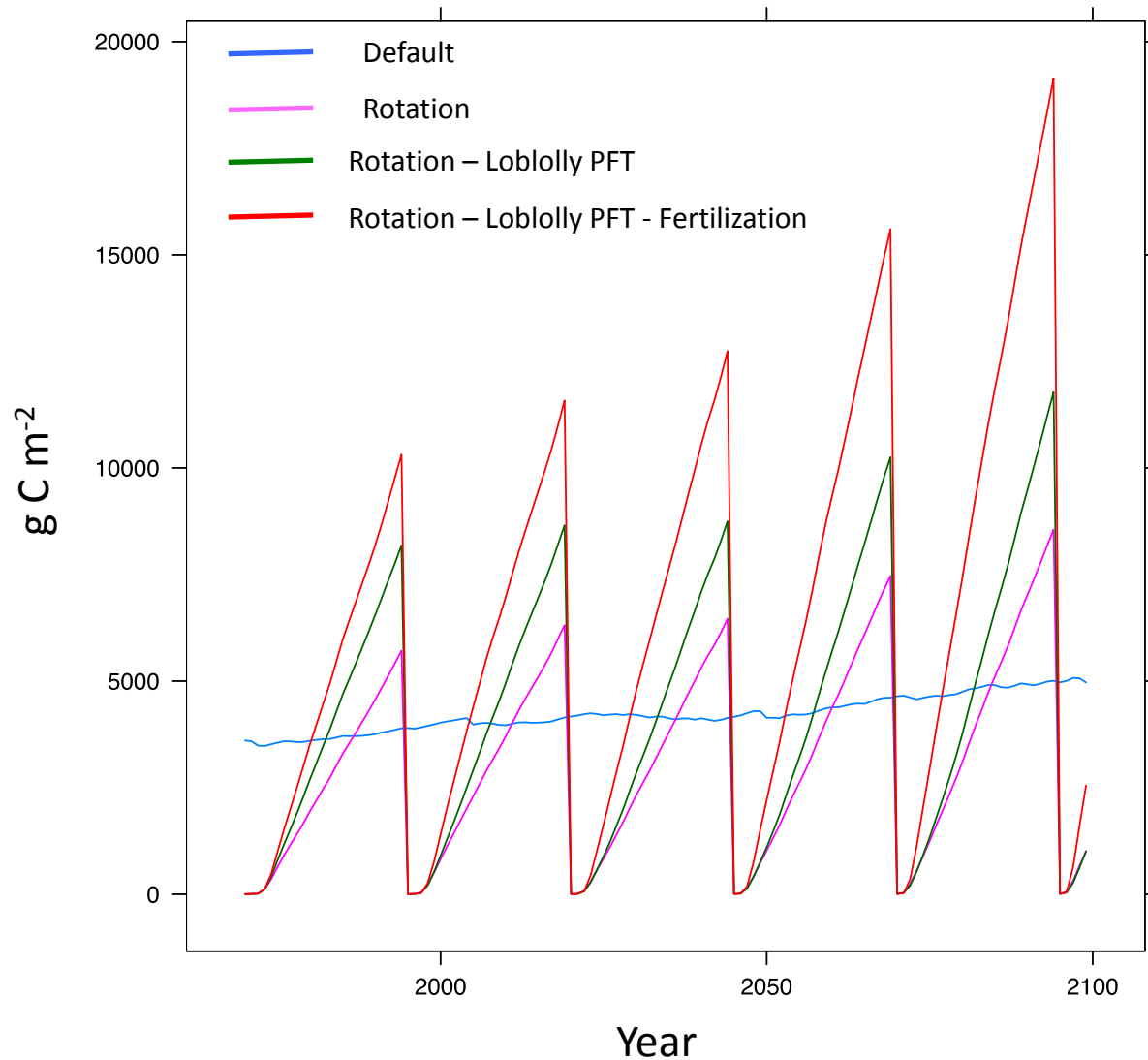
## Forest management

- Temperate pine PFT throughout region
- Harvest rate = 1/25 years
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- 100% harvest every 25 years followed by replanting
- 1% mortality rate
- Fire suppression
- Replace temperate pine with loblolly specific PFT
- Otherwise same as previous
- Nitrogen limitation removed
- Otherwise same as previous

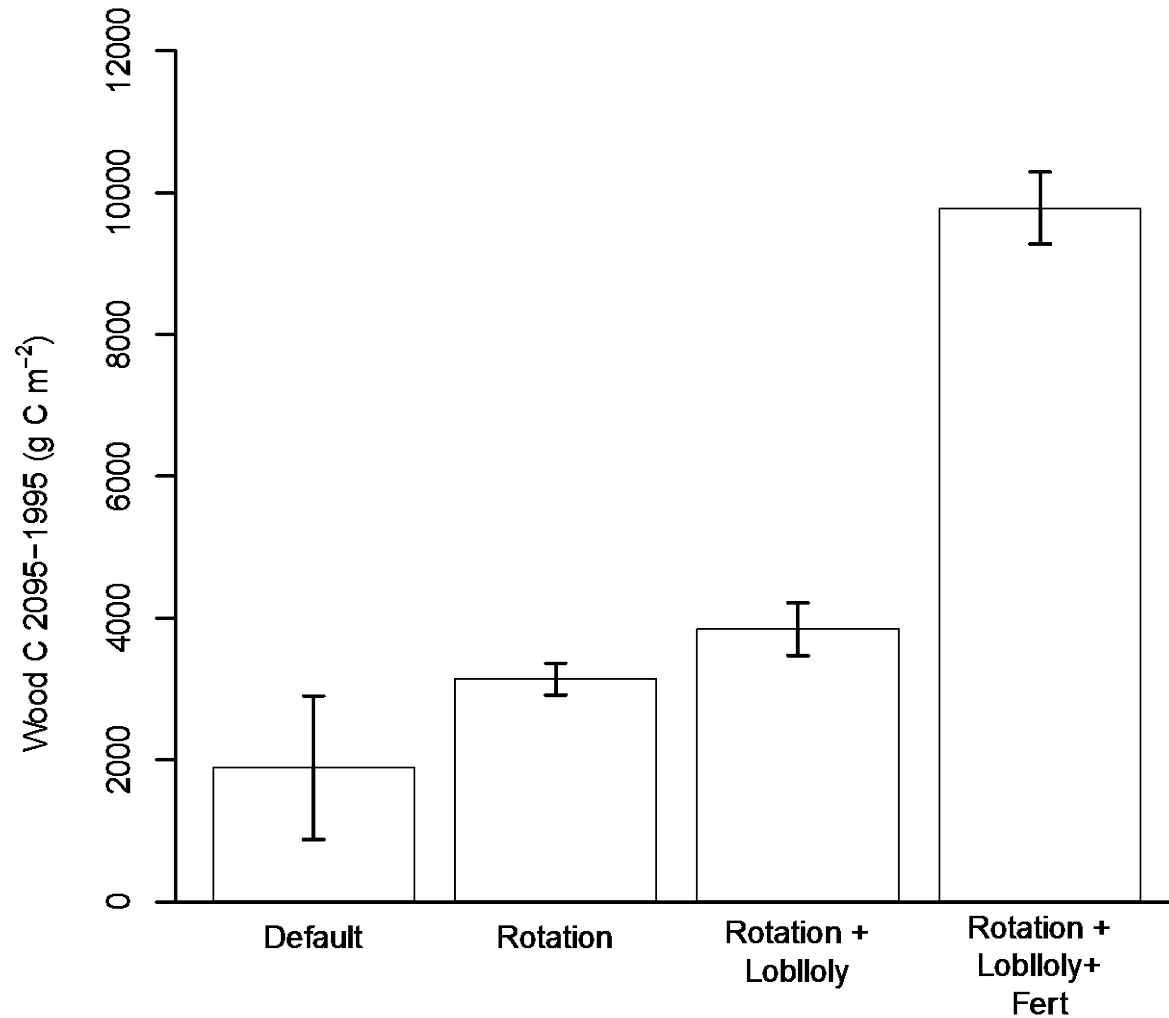
## Response of WOOD C between 1995 and 2095 (RCP 8.5 CCSM4 using CLM 4.5 BGC)



# Region-wide mean wood C

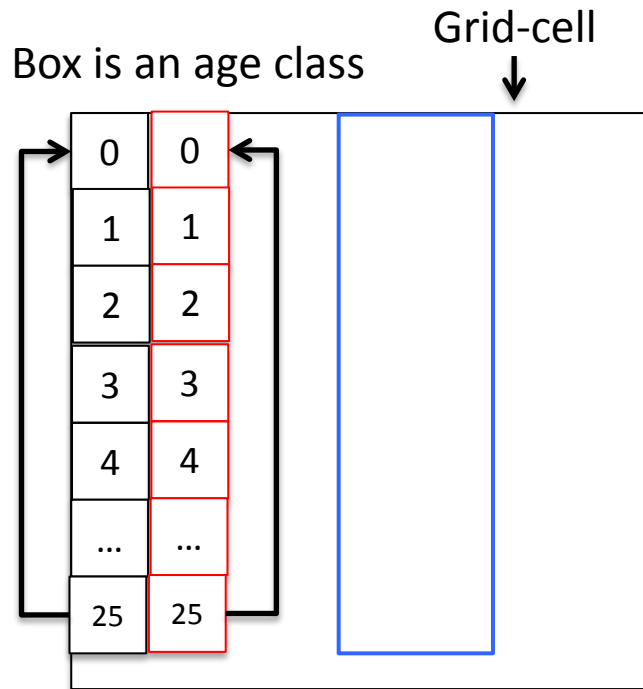


# $\Delta$ Wood C at end of 25 year rotation (2095 – 1995; RCP 8.5)





# Proposed forest management tiling structure



Extensive = pine but  
low management

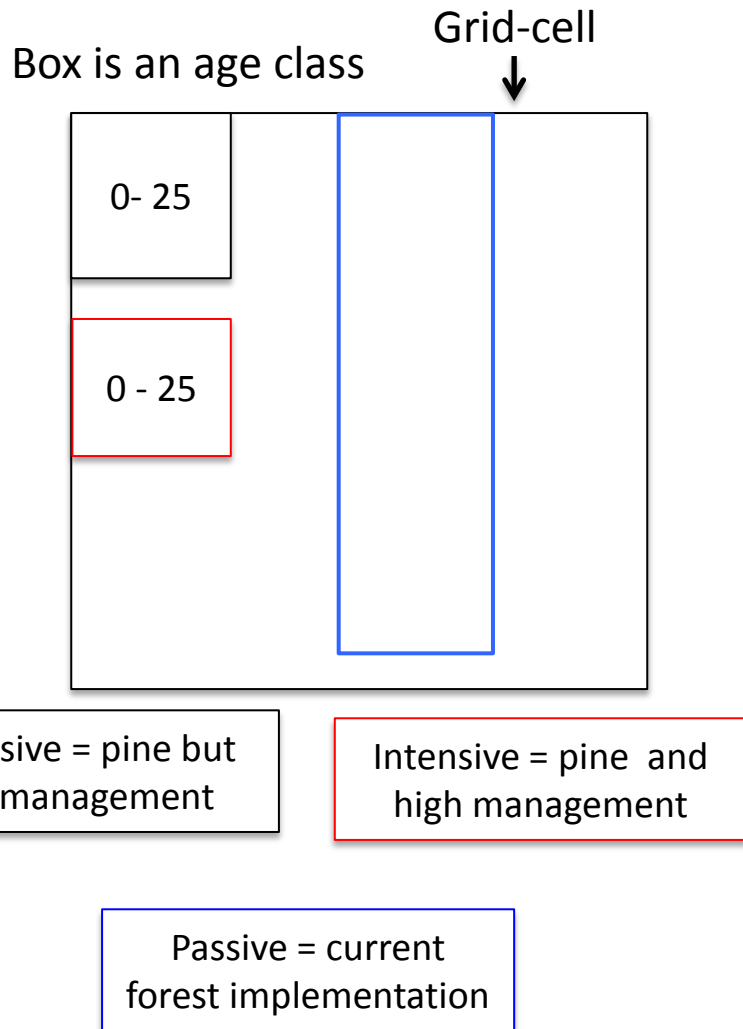
Intensive = pine and  
high management

Passive = current  
forest implementation

- Build on the existing crop model
- Build on existing dynamic land-units
- Add capacity to transfer vegetation biomass between units
- Harvesting transfers proportion of land-unit to the 0 age class
- Biophysics are calculated for each age class or groups of age classes



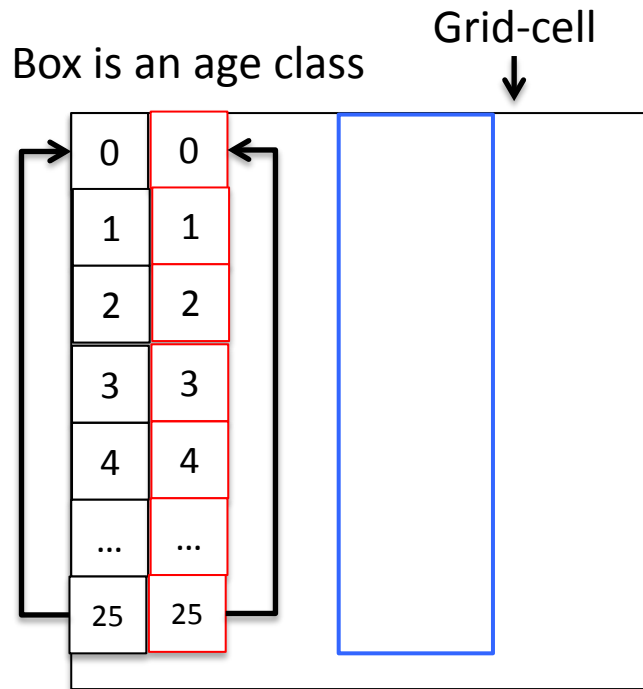
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- Alternatively use ED model with extensive and intensive land-units
  - ED would handle the age transitions
  - Share soils across ages
  - Test of ED model using a “white lab rat” system
    - Planting densities



# Proposed forest management tiling structure



## Needs for CMIP6

- Secondary vs. primary harvest
- Harvest type
  - Industrial roundwood fraction
  - Traditional fuelwood fraction
  - Commercial biofuels fraction

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