

Unified Formula for Land Biogeochemical Models

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Matrix equation of CLM4.5

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = B(t)I(t) - A\xi(t)KX(t) - V(t)X(t)$$

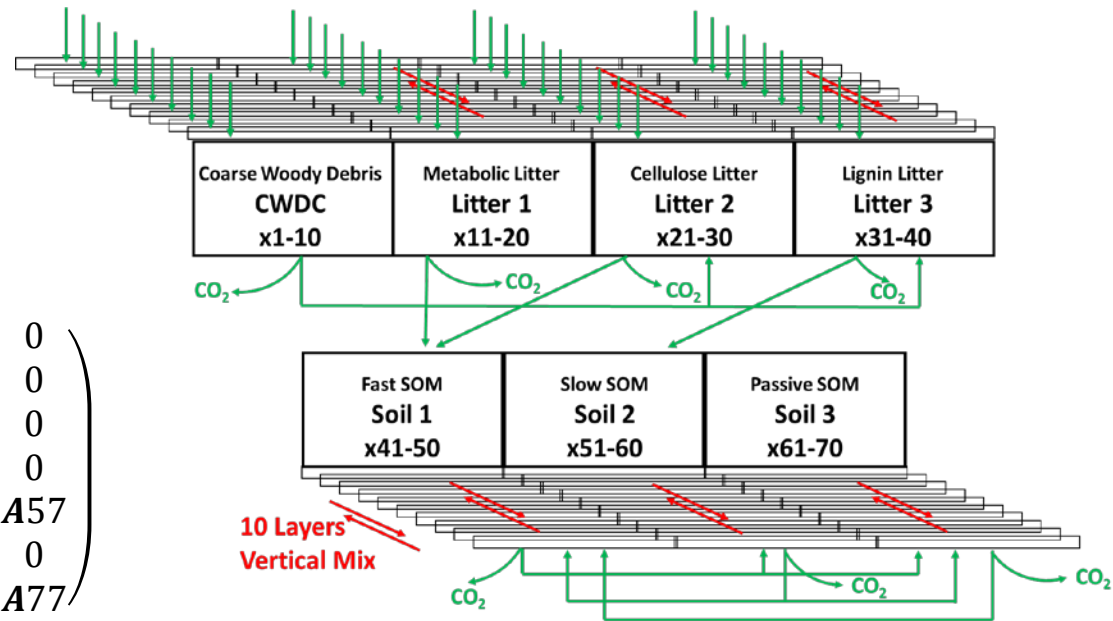
$$X(t) = (X_1(t), X_2(t), X_3(t), \dots, X_{70}(t))^T$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A11 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A22 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A31 & 0 & A33 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ A41 & 0 & 0 & A44 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A52 & A53 & 0 & A55 & A56 & A57 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & A64 & A65 & A66 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & A75 & A76 & A77 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{31} = \text{diag}(-f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31}, -f_{31})$$

$$V(t) = \begin{pmatrix} V11 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V22(t) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V33(t) & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & V44(t) & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V55(t) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V66(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & V77(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V22 = \text{diag}(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{10})^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} g_1 & -g_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -h_2 & h_2 + g_2 & -g_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -h_3 & h_3 + g_3 & -g_3 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -h_4 & h_4 + g_4 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & h_8 + g_8 & -g_8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -h_9 & h_9 + g_9 & -g_9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -h_{10} & h_{10} \end{pmatrix}$$



Huang et al. 2018
Global Change Biology



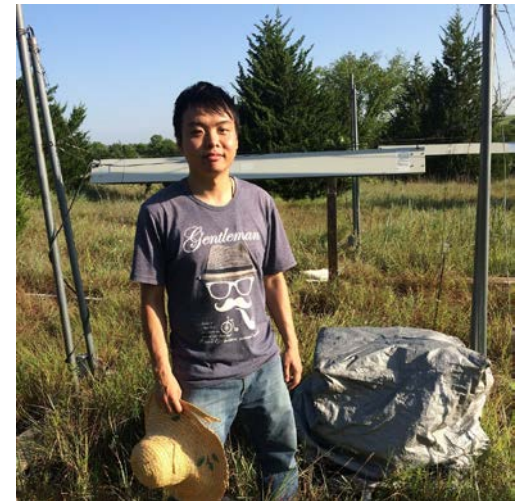
What have we done in the past year?

General equation for C and N model

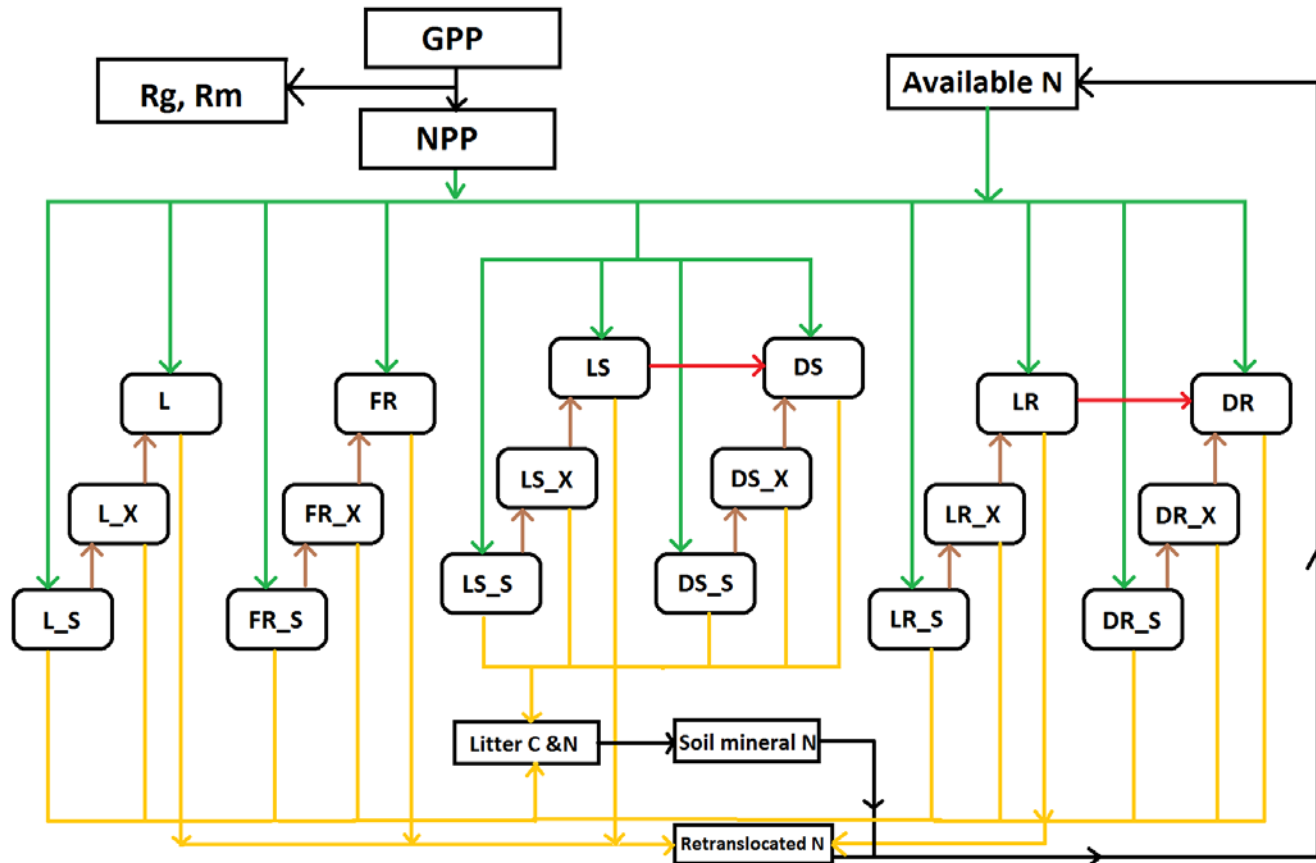
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt} X(t) = A_C \xi(t) K_C X(t) + u(N, t) B \\ \frac{d}{dt} N(t) = A_N \xi(t) K_N N(t) + k_u F \Pi \end{array} \right.$$

$$X(t=0) = X_0$$

$$N(t=0) = N_0$$



CLM vegetation C&N: phenology, fire etc.



— Allocation, Phenology
— Phenology offset, Background turnover, Gap mortality, Fire
— Phenology, Fire
— Phenology

Controlling Procedure

L: leaf;
FR: fine root;
LS: live stem;
DS: dead stem;
LR: live coarse root;
DR: dead coarse root;

L_X: leaf transfer;
FR_X: fine root transfer;
LS_X: live stem transfer;
DS_X: dead stem transfer;
LR_X: live coarse root transfer;
DR_X: dead coarse root transfer;

L_S: leaf storage
FR_S: fine root storage
LS_S: live stem storage
DS_S: dead stem storage
LR_S: live coarse root storage
DR_S: dead coarse root storage

Matrix equation of vegetation C&N dynamics

$$\frac{d}{dt}X(t) = (A_{ph}(t)K_{ph}(t) + A_{gm}(t)K_{gm}(t) + A_{fi}(t)K_{fi}(t))X(t) + B(t)F(t)$$

The diagram illustrates the matrix equation of vegetation C&N dynamics. The equation is $\frac{d}{dt}X(t) = (A_{ph}(t)K_{ph}(t) + A_{gm}(t)K_{gm}(t) + A_{fi}(t)K_{fi}(t))X(t) + B(t)F(t)$. Red arrows point from descriptive text to specific components of the equation:

- C transfer of phenology** points to $A_{ph}(t)$.
- C turnover of phenology** points to $K_{ph}(t)$.
- C transfer of gap mortality** points to $A_{gm}(t)$.
- C turnover of gap mortality** points to $K_{gm}(t)$.
- C transfer of fire** points to $A_{fi}(t)$.
- C turnover of fire** points to $K_{fi}(t)$.
- pool state** points to $X(t)$.
- input** points to $F(t)$.
- allocation** points to $B(t)$.

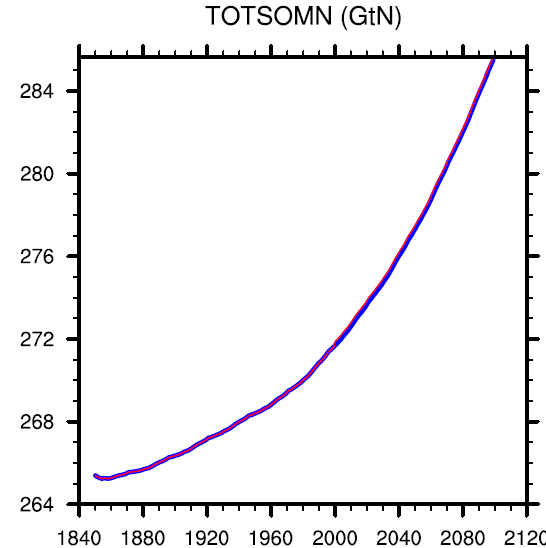
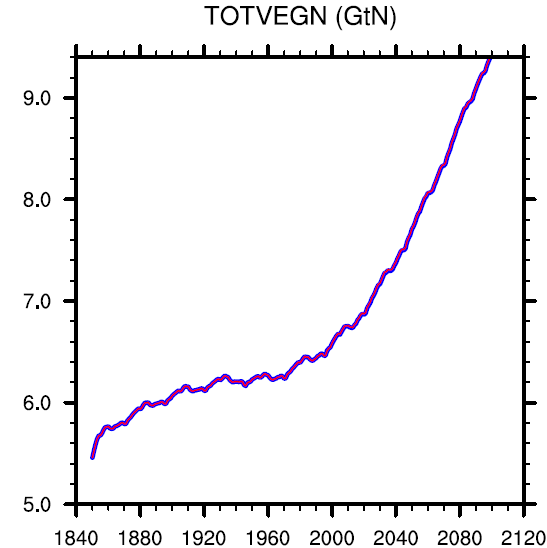
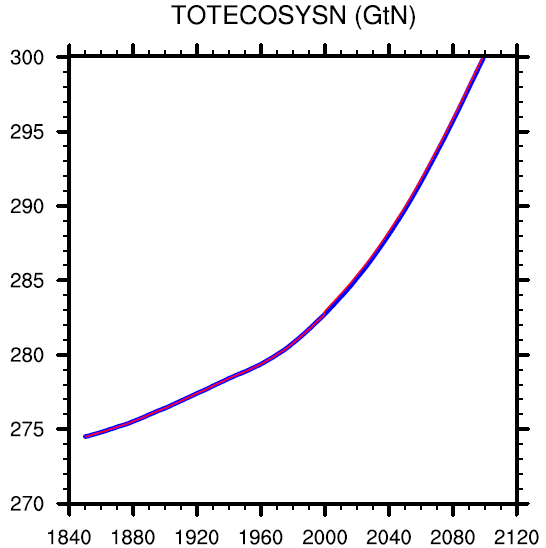
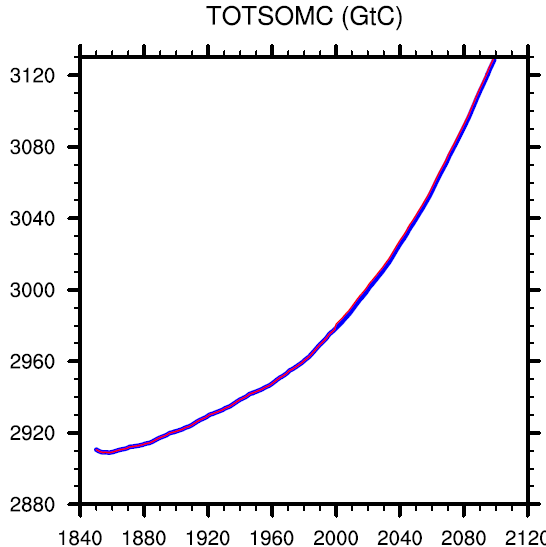
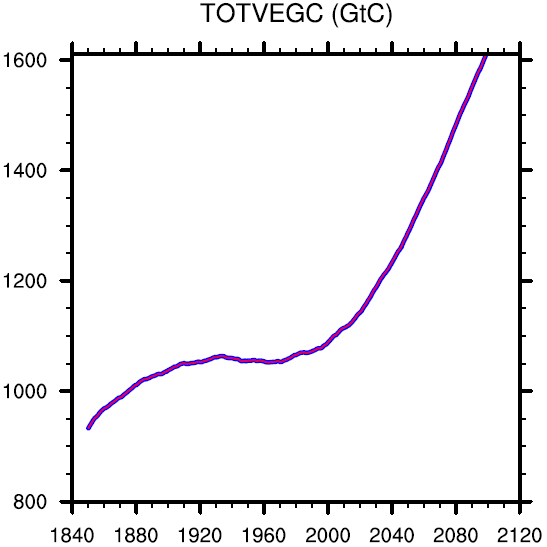
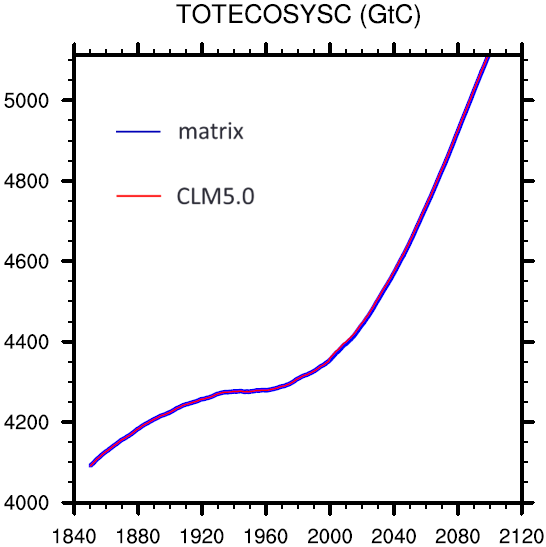
Matrix equation of soil C&N dynamics

The diagram shows the matrix equation for soil C&N dynamics with several terms annotated with red arrows and text:

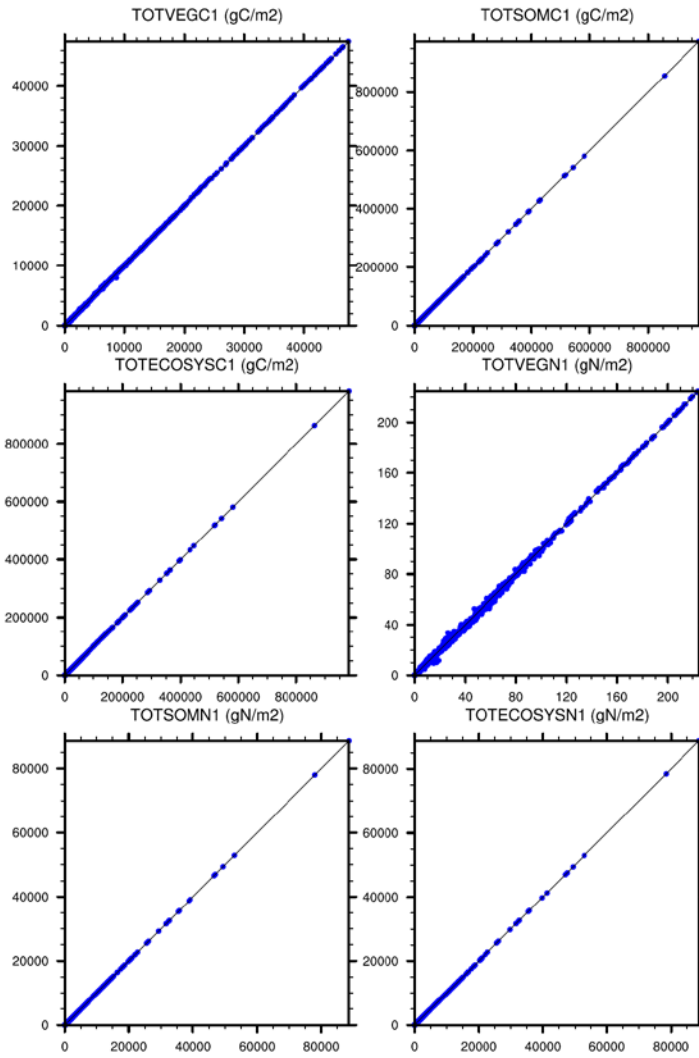
- $\frac{d}{dt} X(t)$: C&N pools
- A : Transfer matrix
- $\xi(t)$: Scalar
- K : Decomposition rate
- $V(t)$: Tridiagonal matrix (diffusion and advection)
- $V_f(t)$: Tridiagonal matrix (fire)
- $B(t)$: allocation
- $I(t)$: input

$$\frac{d}{dt} X(t) = \left(A \xi(t) K - V(t) - V_f(t) \right) X(t) + B(t) I(t)$$

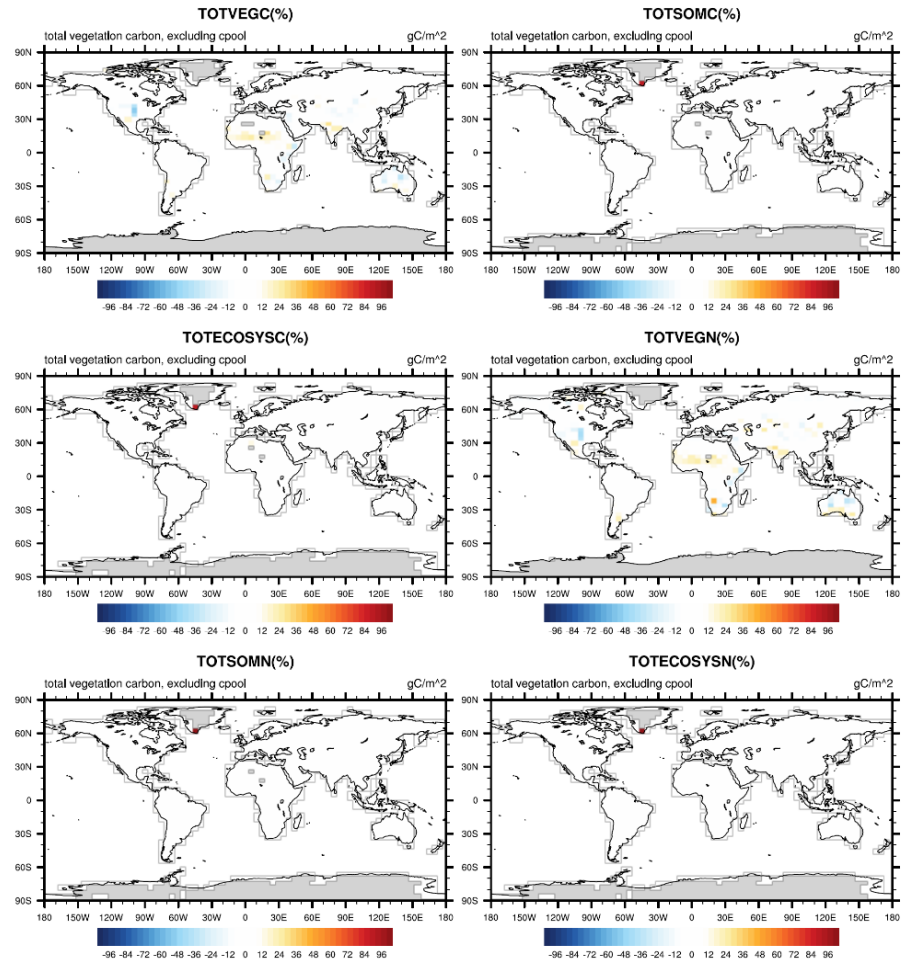
Matrix Vs default RCP 8.5 (global-level)



Matrix Vs default bias in 2099 RCP8.5 (Global pattern)



(Matrix – Default)/Default * 100%



Diagnostic variables related to C storage Capacity (X_C) and C storage potential (X_P)

$$X_C = -(A\xi K)^{-1}BI$$

$$X_P = X_C - X$$

Luo et al. 2017

ξ : Environmental scalar

A : Carbon transfer coefficient

K : Turnover rate

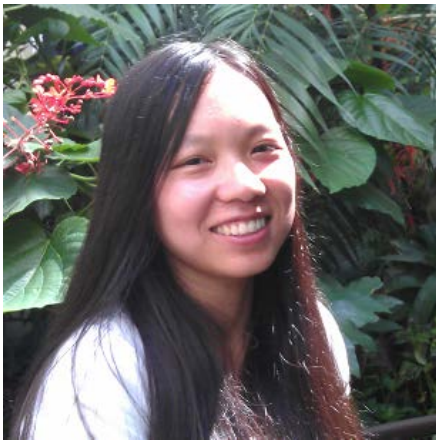
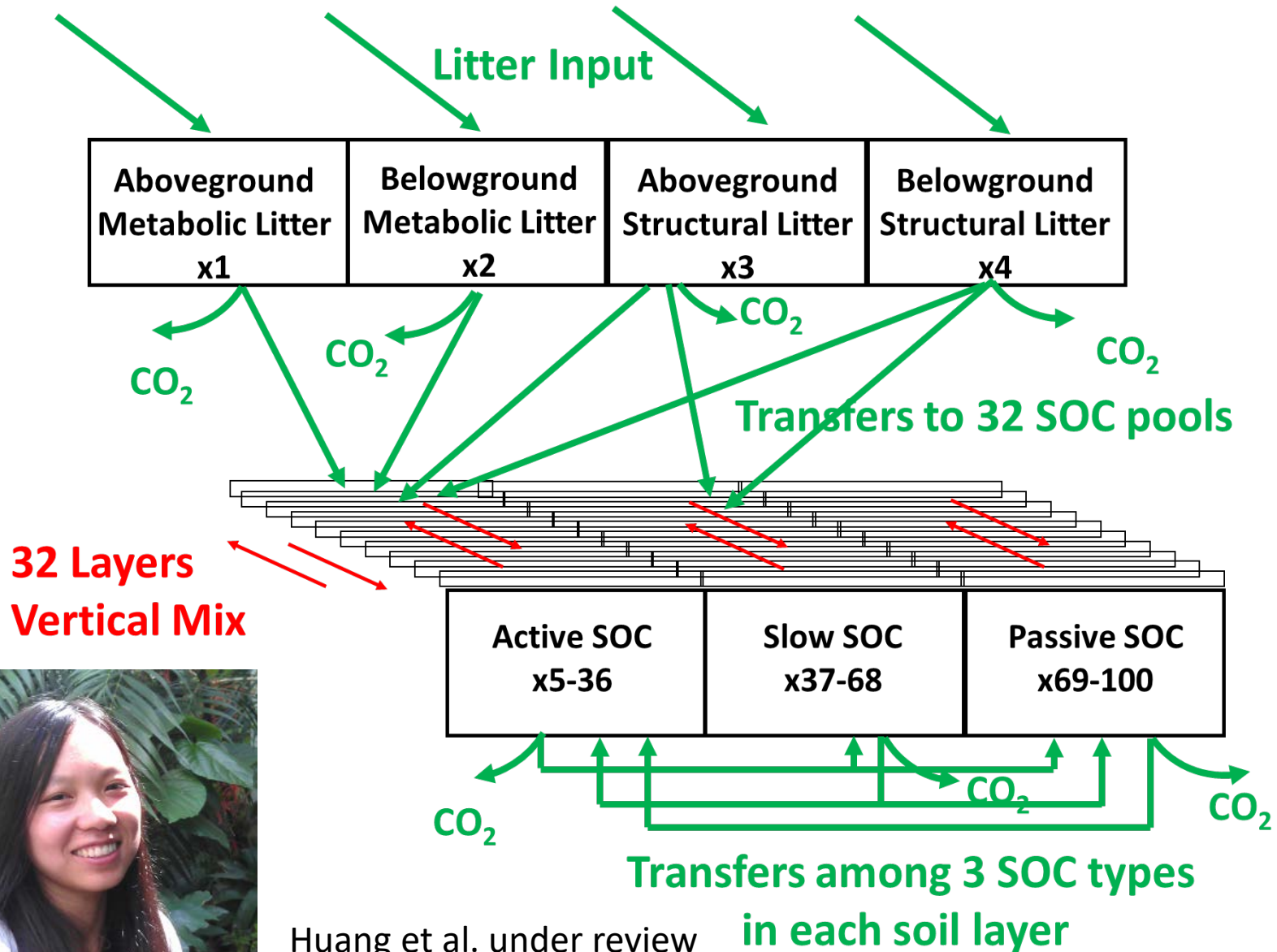
B : Partitioning coefficients for influx

I : Influx

X : state variable of C storage

Add 100 variables: 36 Vegetation C output variables, 36 Vegetation N output variables (18 vegetation pools), 14 Soil C variables and 14 Soil N variables (7 soil pools) for both capacity and potential.

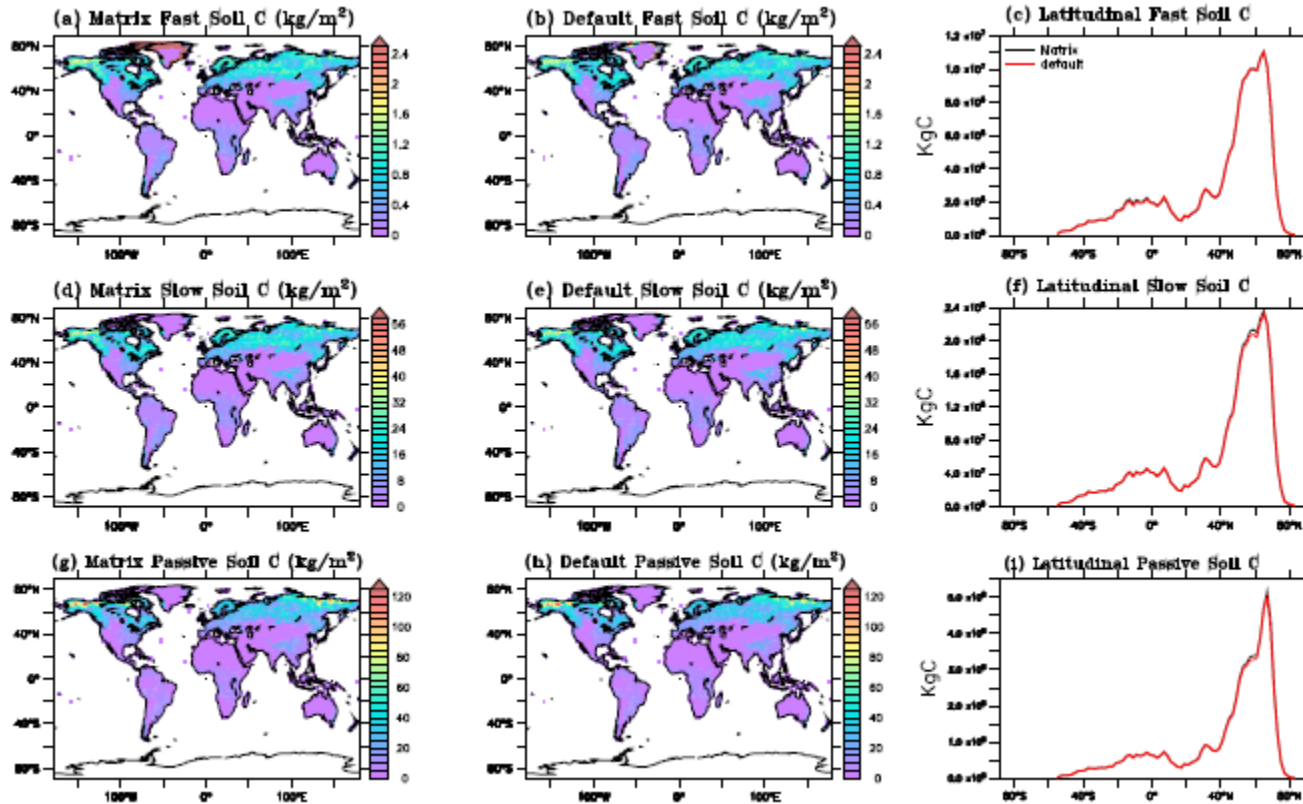
ORCHIDEE matrix model



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What is the use of it?

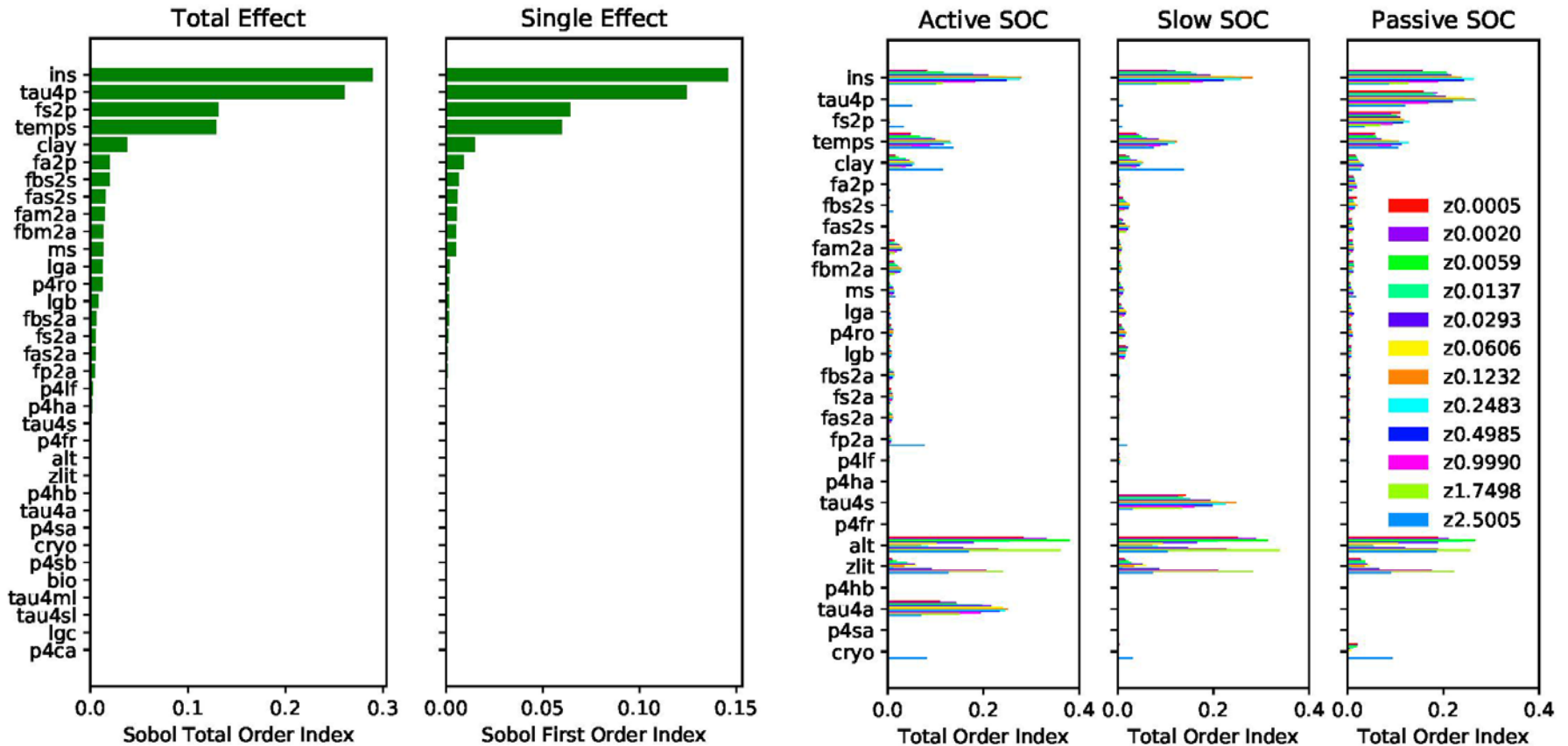
1. Semi-analytical spinup



400 years semi-analytical matrix result vs. 200,000 years ORCHIDEE-MICT

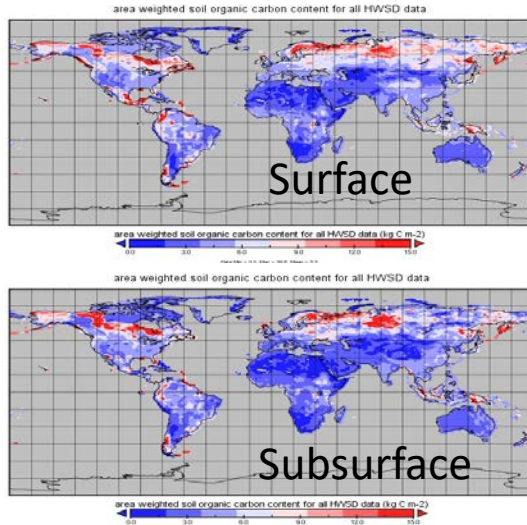
Acceleration of spin-up by 500 times

2. Comprehensive sensitivity analyses

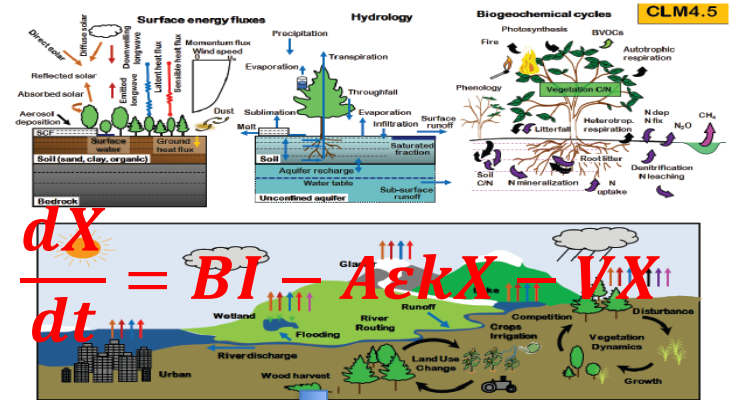


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3. Data assimilation for both flux- and pool-related data to constrain global SOM

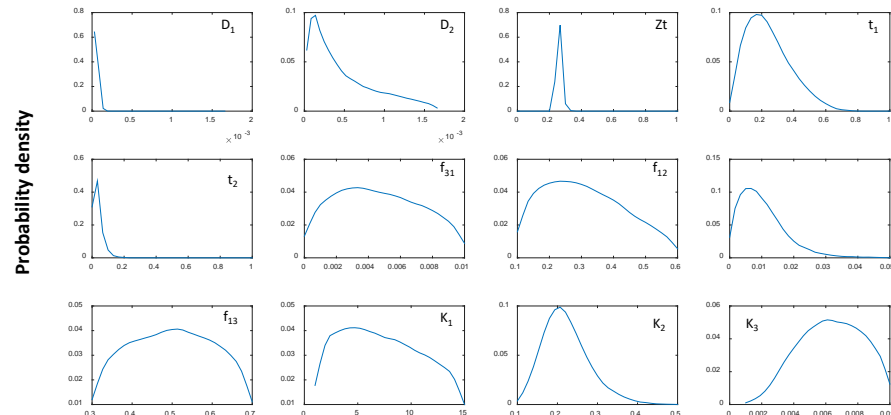
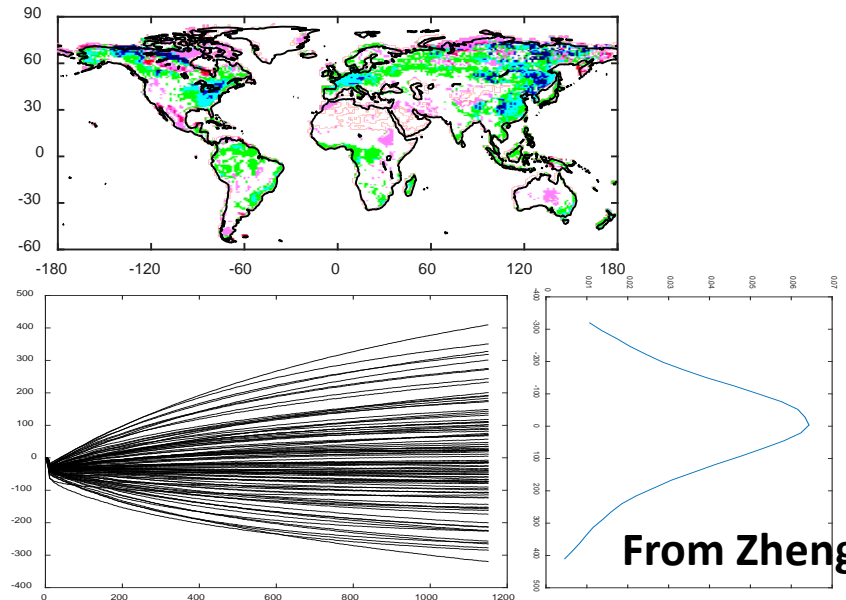


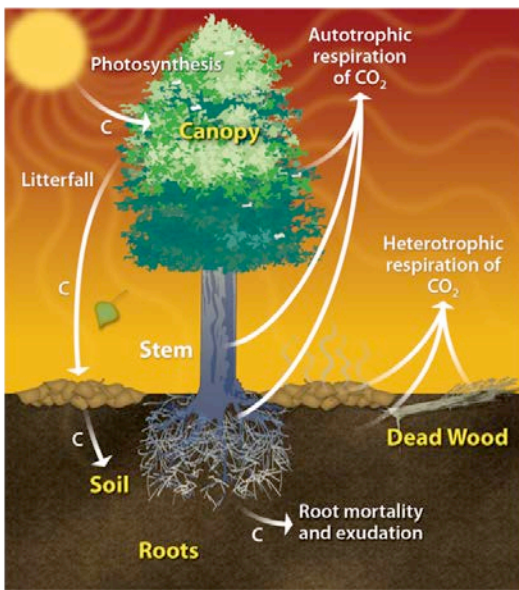
MCMC



$$\frac{dX}{dt} = BI - A - kX - VX$$

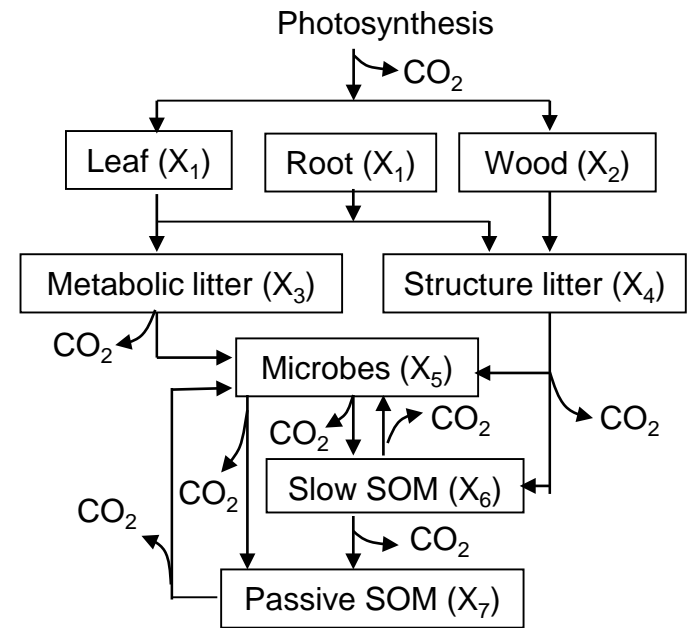
Harmonized soil C content by Wieder et al., (2015)





A: Basic processes

4. One formula to unify all land carbon cycle models



B: Shared model structure

D: General model

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = BI(t) - A\xi(t)KX(t)$$

Theoretical analysis

Model development

Encoding

Generalization

C: Similar algorithm

$$Plant \begin{cases} dX_1(t)/dt = b_1U(t) - \xi c_1 X_1(t) \end{cases}$$

- Luo et al. 2001
- Luo et al. 2003 GBC
- Luo and Weng 2011 TREE
- Luo et al. 2012
- Luo et al. 2015
- Luo et a. 2017

$$a_{75}x_5(t) + c_6 a_{76}x_6(t) - c_7 X_7(t)]$$

$$dX_8(t)/dt = \xi [c_6 a_{86}x_6(t) + c_7 a_{87}x_7(t) - c_8 X_8(t)]$$

5. Hierarchical models

Vertical profile

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = (A\xi(t)K + V(t))X(t) + B(t)u(t)$$

$$\frac{dX(t)}{dt} = A\xi(t)KX(t) + Bu(t)$$

Developing models at different levels of complexity under one overarching theory

$$\frac{d}{dt}X(t) = (A_{ph}(t)K_{ph}(t) + A_{gm}(t)K_{gm}(t) + A_{fi}(t)K_{fi}(t))X(t) + B(t)F(t)$$

C transfer of phenology C transfer of gap mortality C transfer of fire pool state input
C turnover of phenology C turnover of gap mortality C turnover of fire allocation

Vegetation dynamics

6. Unified Diagnostic System

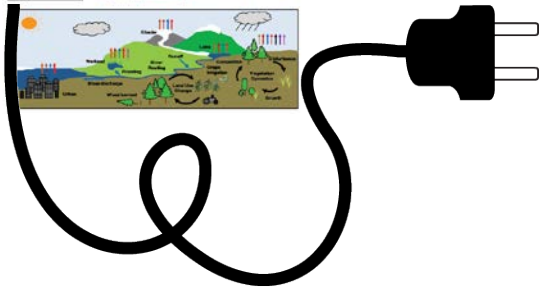
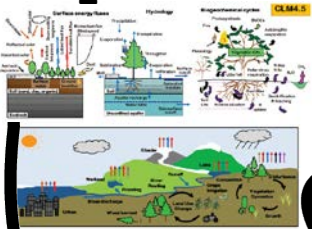
Or 1-3-5 scheme

- One (1) formulae unifies all land C cycle models
- One 3-D space to evaluate all model outputs
- Five (5) Traceable components to pinpoint uncertainty sources

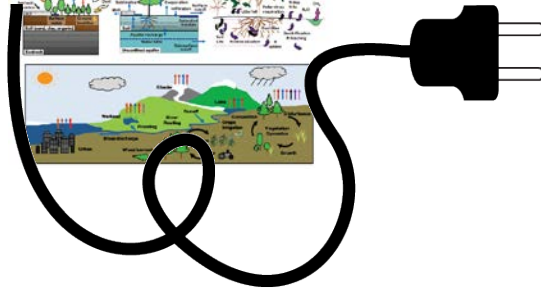
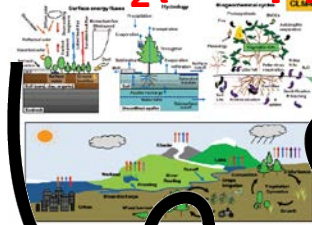
7. Analytic attribution of CO₂ impacts

Matrix Simulations (matlab)

CLM Run 1
CO₂(280ppm)

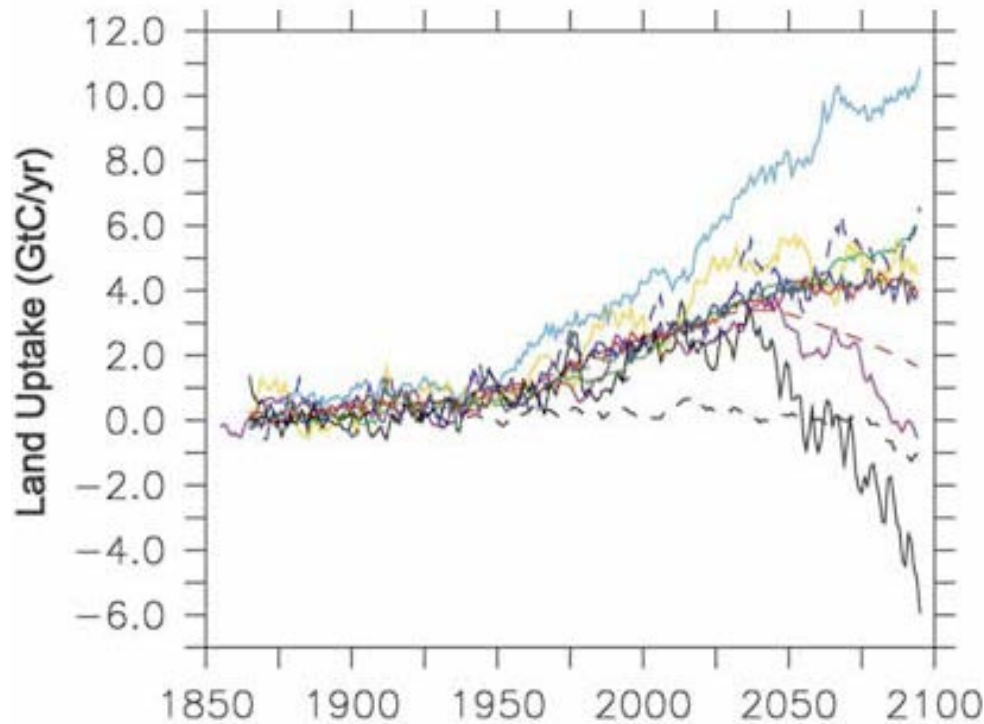


CLM Run 2
eCO₂(560ppm)



	S0	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
I	I0	Ie	Ie	Ie	Ie	Ie
B	B0	B0	Be	Be	Be	Be
N	N0	N0	N0	Ne	Ne	Ne
ε	ε0	ε0	ε0	ε0	εe	εe
V	V0	V0	V0	V0	V0	Ve

8. Modeling conundrum



Friedlingstein et al. 2006

- Models behave so differently;
- Uncertainty has been documented in almost all model intercomparison projects (MIPs);
- Uncertainty becomes larger instead of smaller as we incorporate more processes into models
- We become more confused with uncertainty as we invest more time to address this issue.

8. Modeling conundrum

- ✓ High degree of complexity and sophistication of model implementations hinders our understanding of holistic system behavior
- ✓ Matrix approach provides a general framework for the qualitative understanding of models without compromising detail in process representation

What is the future?

CLM5.0 matrix CN model

- Done all tests
- Ready to be incorporated into trunk of CLM
- Will make the offline version of CLM5.0-CN matrix model publically available
- Welcome more people to use matrix models
- Willing to help the community for the transformation
- Summer training course at Flagstaff in May

Challenges and opportunities for you

Challenges

- Luring you out of your comfort zone for modeling
- Basic training in matrix algebra
- Other obstacles?

Benefits and opportunities

- Most likely to make your life easier
 - Simplicity in coding
 - Cleaner and more efficient code
 - Faster for spin-up
- Enabling you do analysis (e.g., Sobol) you usually can not do
- Understanding your model results much easier

General equation for biogeochemical models

Matrix models

1. CLM 3.5
2. CLM4.0
3. CLM4.5
4. CLM5.0
5. CABLE
6. LPJ-GUESS
7. ORCHIDEE
8. BEPS

In progress

1. JULES
2. LM3V-N

10 more models to participate in the summer training course

10 nonlinear Microbial models by Carlos Sierra

General dynamical equation of terrestrial carbon cycle

1. Transforming land carbon cycle modeling into more theoretically based science
2. Asking a whole set of new questions on land carbon cycle dynamics (e.g., dynamic disequilibrium, predictability)
3. Implications on empirical research are yet to be uncovered