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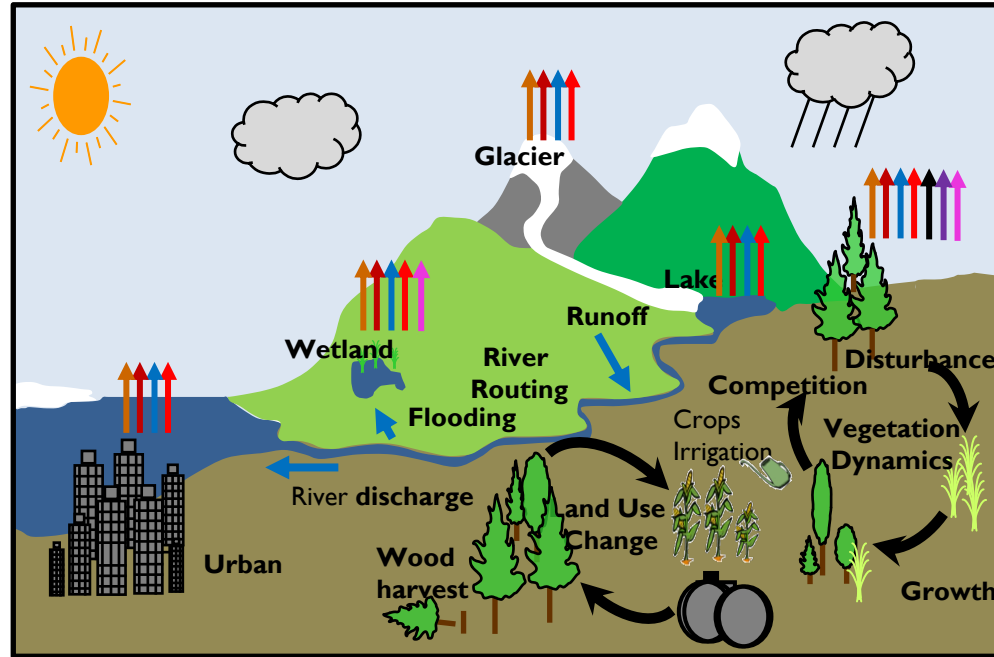
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# Land Modeling



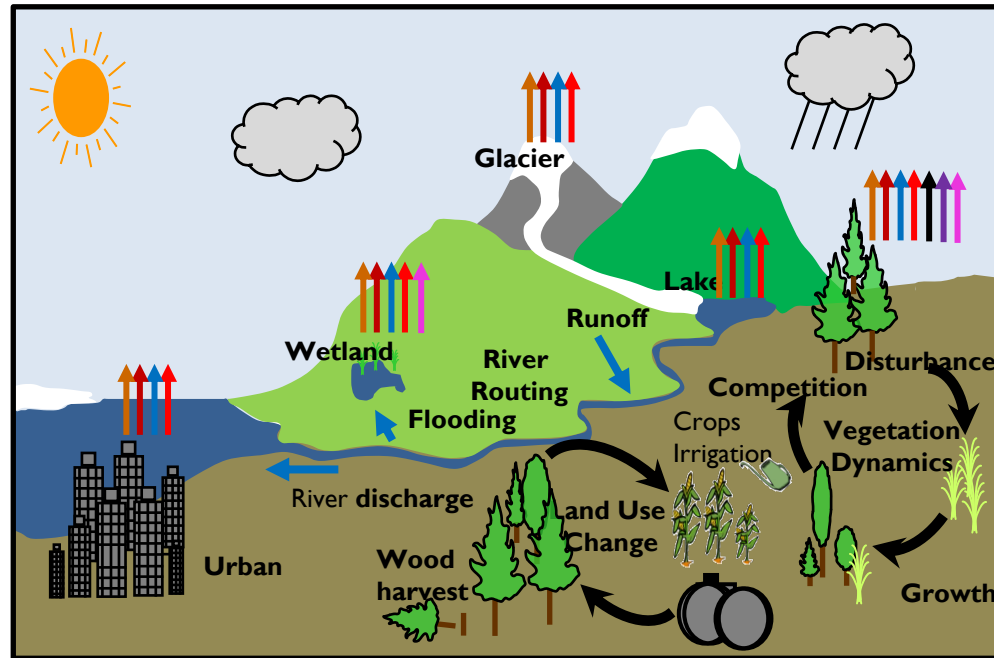
“Why?”

“Are you sure this is necessary?”





# Land Modeling



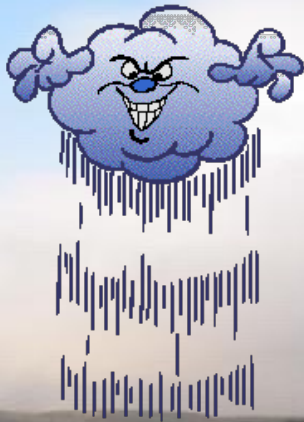
Yes!

Land is the critical interface through which humanity affects and is affected by, adapts to, and mitigates global environmental change



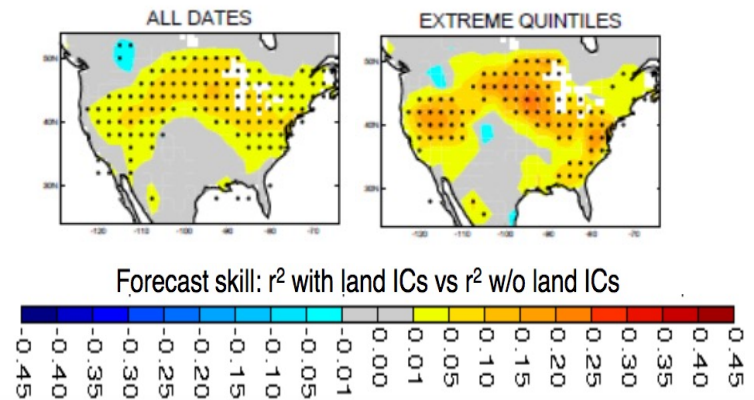
# Land modelling, why?

# Land-atmosphere interactions



- **When, where, and by how much do land fluxes influence atmosphere, surface temperature, clouds, precipitation, etc.?**
- **Land-driven predictability**
  - **Significant skill, especially when conditioned on amplitude of initial soil moisture anomaly**
  - **Increased land-atmosphere coupling in future warmer climate, increased land-driven skill?**
- **Land influence on extremes**

## 30-45 day forecast conditioned on SM



Koster et al., 2010

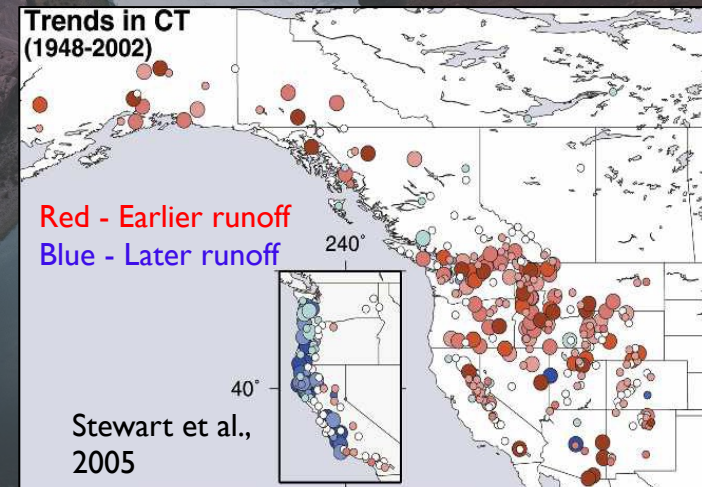
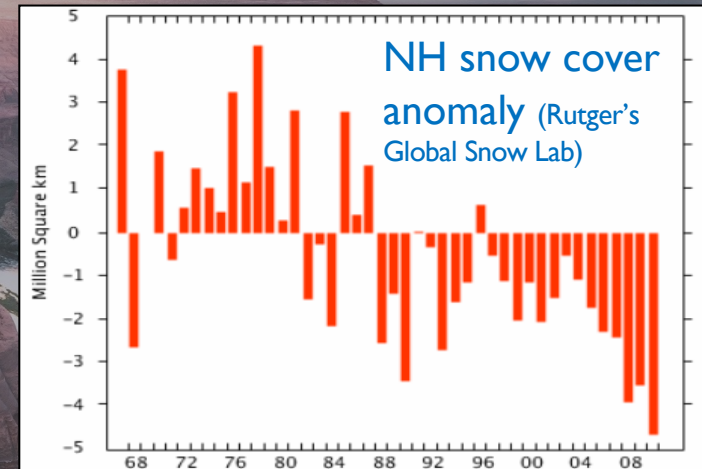




# Land modeling, why?

# Water

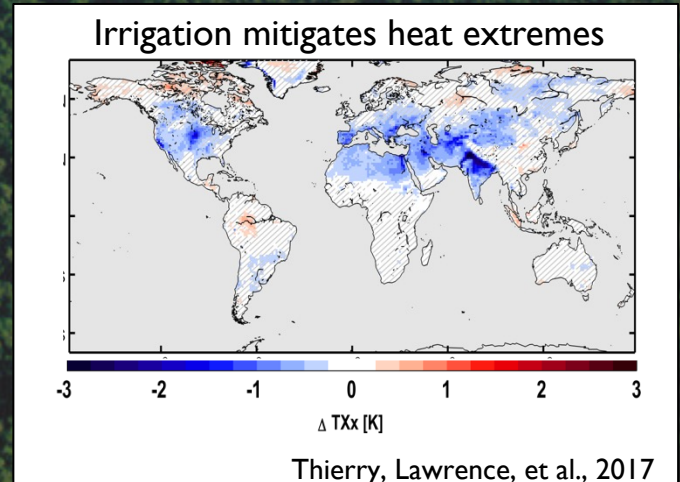
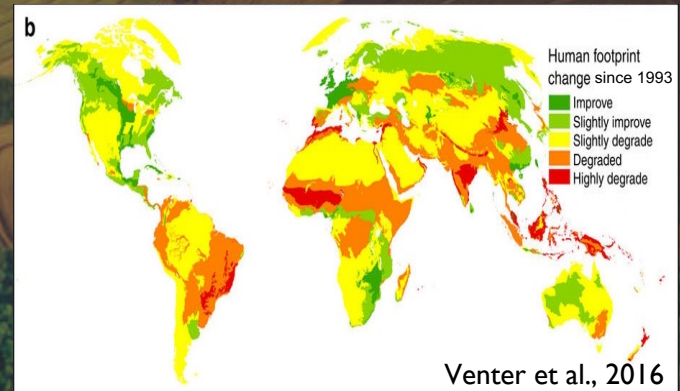
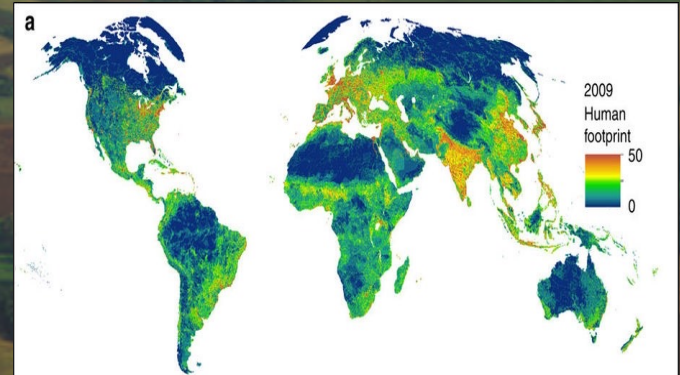
- Land feedbacks on droughts and floods
- Snow-albedo and snow-soil T feedbacks
- Water and food security
  - >1/6<sup>th</sup> world population dependent on water from seasonal snowpacks
- Water – plant interactions
  - Plant water use efficiency likely to increase with CO<sub>2</sub>
- Streamflow prediction





# Land modeling why? Land-use and land-cover change

- ~25% non-ice land area undergone anthropogenic land-cover change
- ~80% non-ice land area under some form of land management
- Regionally, LULCC as impactful on surface climate as greenhouse gases
- ~1/3 of direct historic carbon emissions ( $180 \pm 80 \text{ PgC}$  from land use,  $\sim 400 \text{ PgC}$  from fossil fuel and cement),
- Deforestation: loss of Additional Sink Capacity yields indirect C impact
- Effectiveness of afforestation and biofuels for  $\text{CO}_2$  mitigation
- Urban-rural differences in climate change impacts, e.g., heat stress





# Land modeling, why?

# Carbon and ecology

- Carbon and nitrogen cycle interactions and their impact on long term trajectory of terrestrial carbon sink
- High uncertainty in projected land C sink
  - Emissions driven RCP8.5: 795 to 1140 ppm (source of  $\pm 1.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  uncertainty on top of  $3.7^{\circ}\text{C}$  projected change)
- Vulnerability of ecosystems to climate change as well as natural and human disturbances
- Ecosystem services
- Ecosystem management to mitigate climate change





# The interdisciplinary evolution of land models





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Land as a lower boundary  
to the atmosphere



Land as an integral component  
of the Earth System

Surface Energy Fluxes

70's

80's

90's

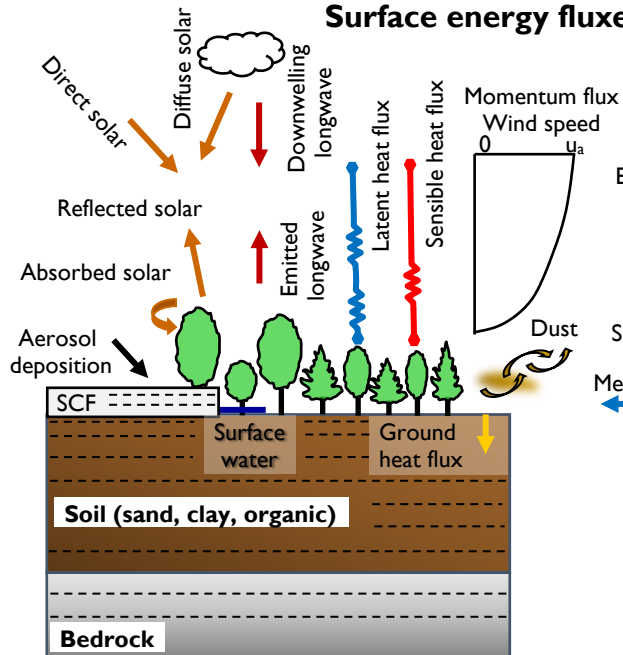
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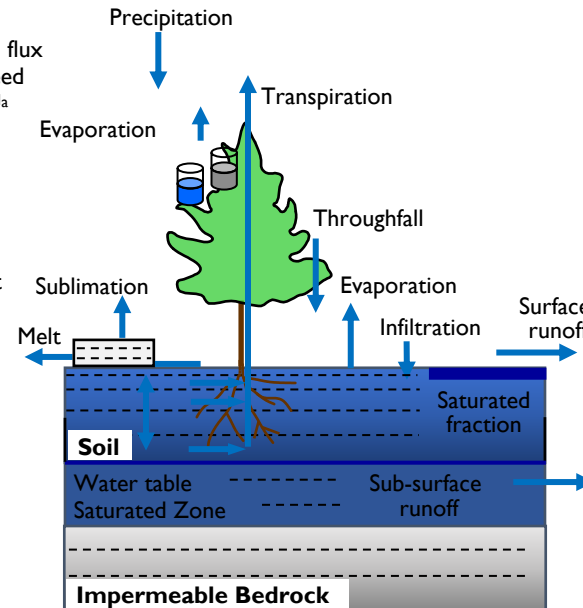
Figure: Fisher, Lawrence, Bonan, Clark, unpublished



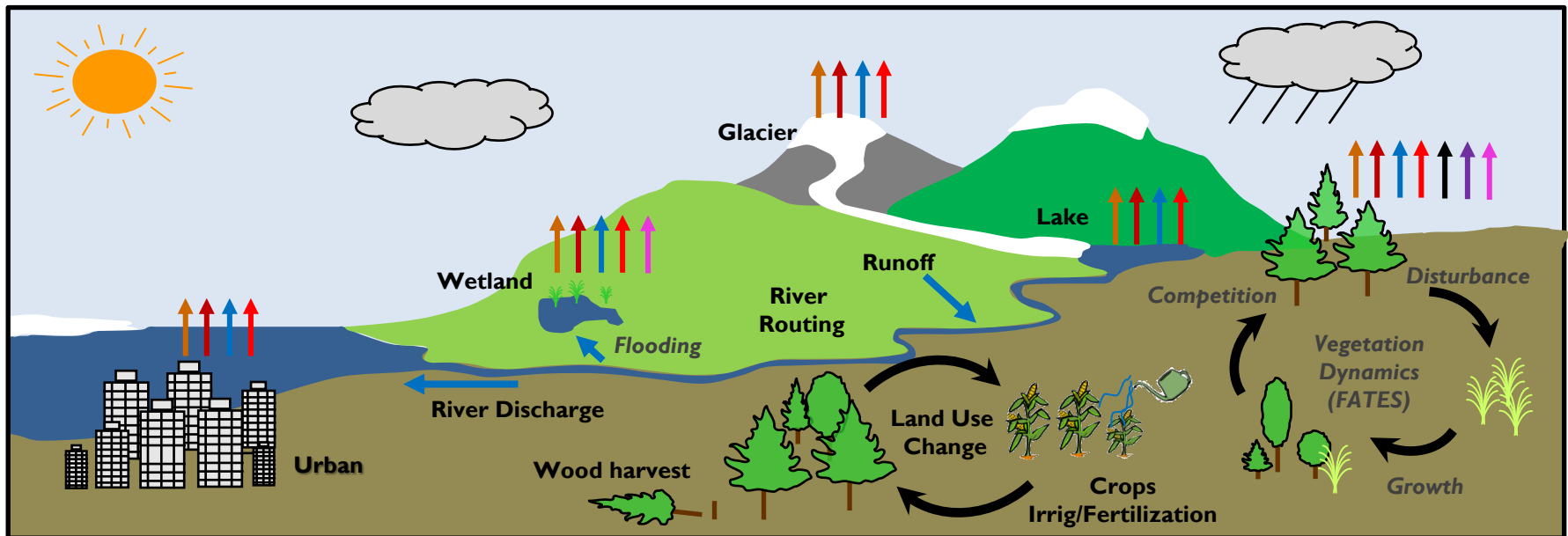
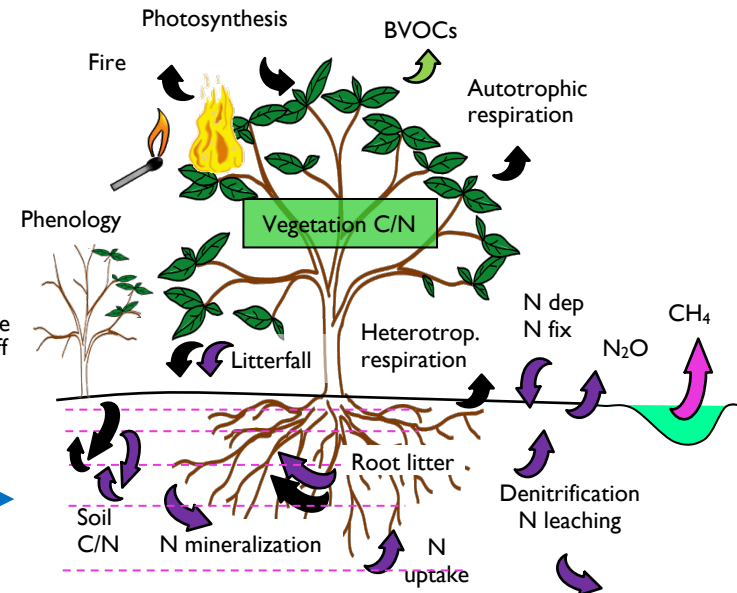
## Surface energy fluxes



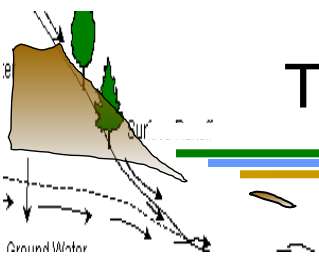
## Hydrology



## Biogeochemical cycles





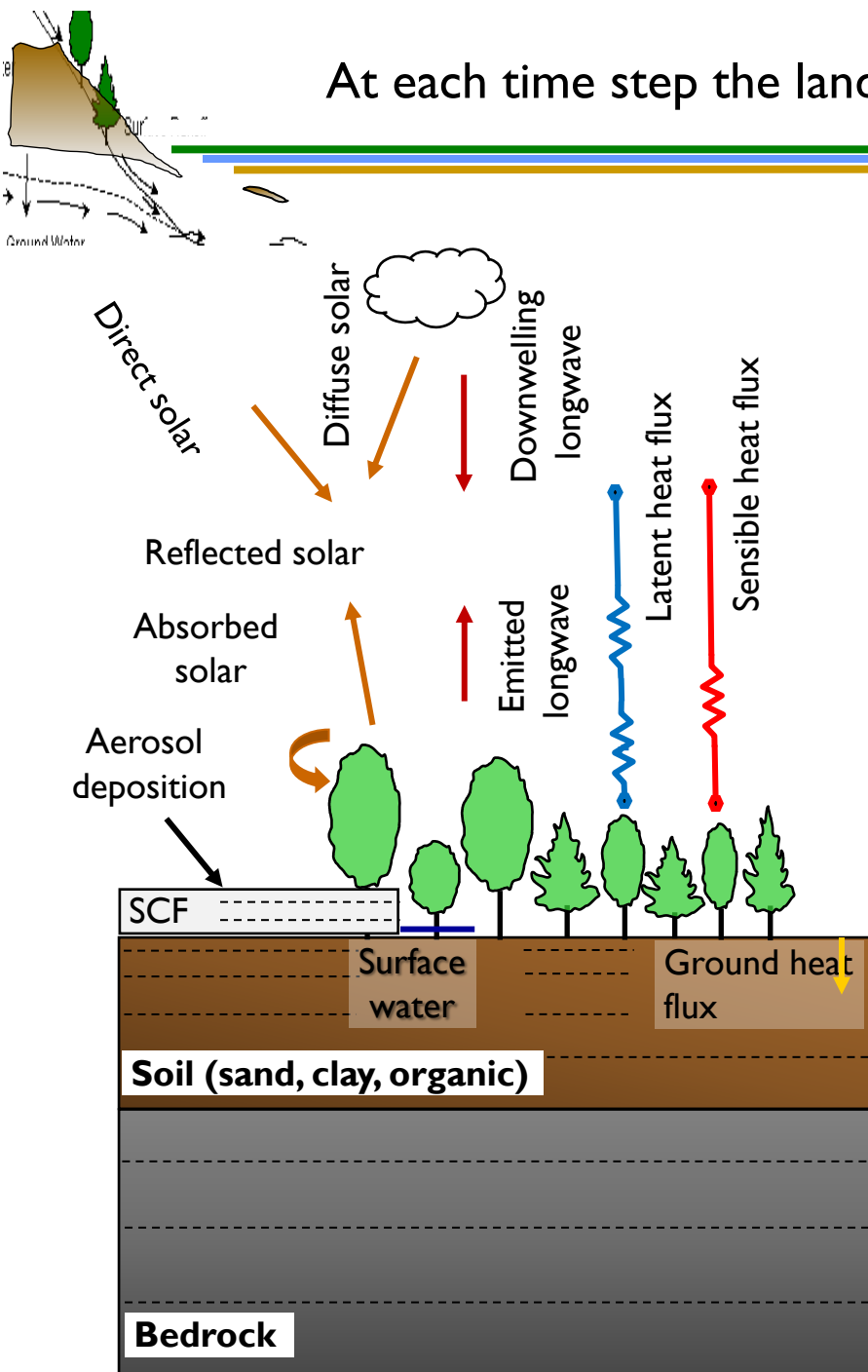


# The role of a land model within an Earth System Model

- Simulate exchanges of momentum, energy, water vapor, CO<sub>2</sub>, dust, and other trace gases/materials between land surface and the overlying atmosphere (and routing of runoff to the ocean)
- Prognose land states (soil moisture, soil temperature, canopy temperature, snow water equivalent, carbon and nitrogen stocks in vegetation and soil)



At each time step the land model solves Surface Energy Balance



$$S^{\uparrow} - S^{\downarrow} + L^{\uparrow} - L^{\downarrow} = \lambda E + H + G$$

$S^{\uparrow}$ ,  $S^{\downarrow}$  are down(up)welling solar radiation,

$L^{\uparrow}$ ,  $L^{\downarrow}$  are up(down)welling longwave rad,

$\lambda$  is latent heat of vaporization,

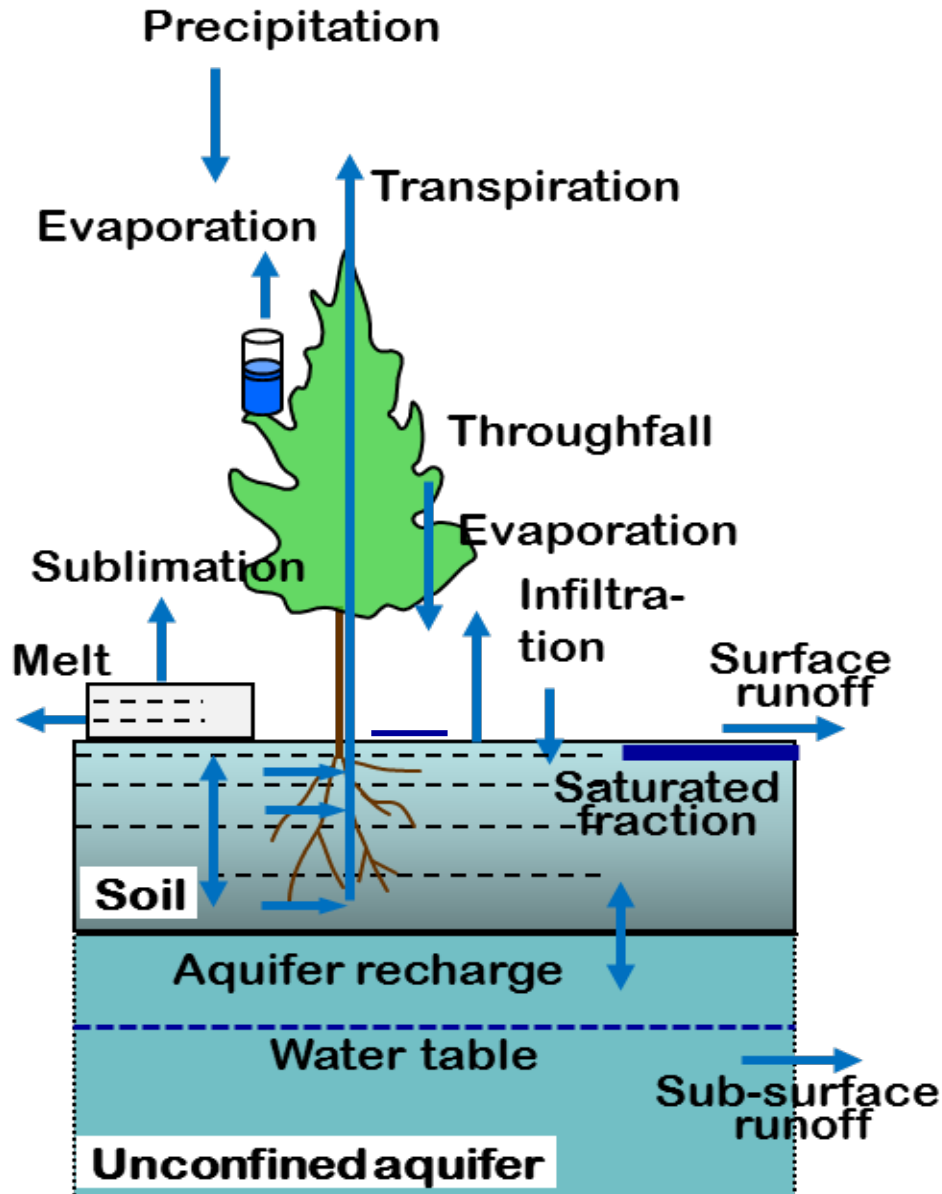
$E$  is evaporation,

$H$  is sensible heat flux

$G$  is ground heat flux



## ... and the Surface Water Balance



$$P = E_S + E_T + E_C + R +$$

$$(\Delta W_{soi} + \Delta W_{snw} + \Delta W_{sfcw} + \Delta W_{can}) / \Delta t$$

$P$  is rainfall/snowfall,

$E_S$  is soil evaporation,

$E_T$  is transpiration,

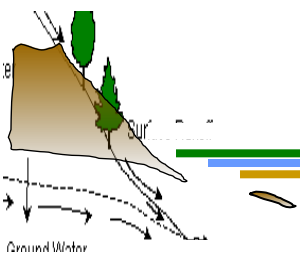
$E_C$  is canopy evaporation,

$R$  is runoff (surf + sub-surface),

$\Delta W_{soi} / \Delta t$ ,  $\Delta W_{snw} / \Delta t$ ,  $\Delta W_{sfcw} / \Delta t$ ,  $\Delta W_{can} / \Delta t$ ,  
are the changes in soil moisture, surface  
water, snow, and canopy water over a  
timestep



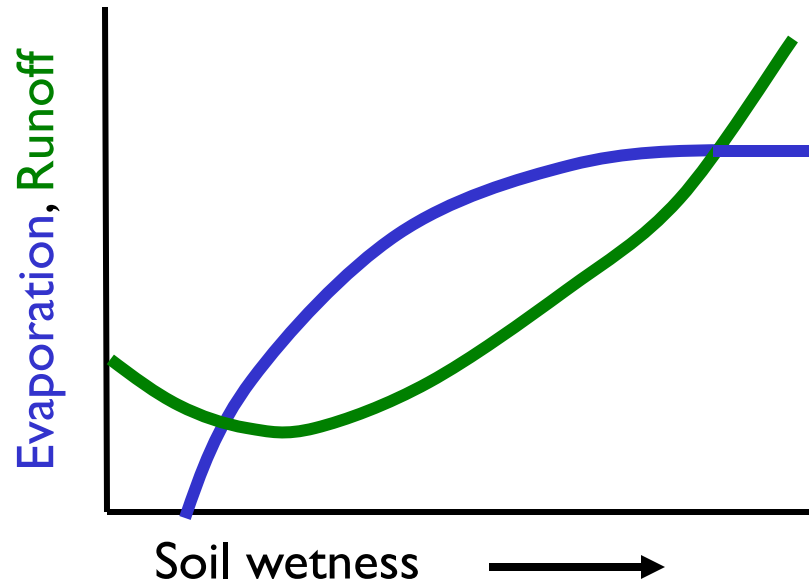
# Terrestrial water and energy cycles intricately linked



*“The ability of a land-surface scheme to model evaporation correctly depends crucially on its ability to model runoff correctly. The two fluxes are intricately related through soil moisture.”*

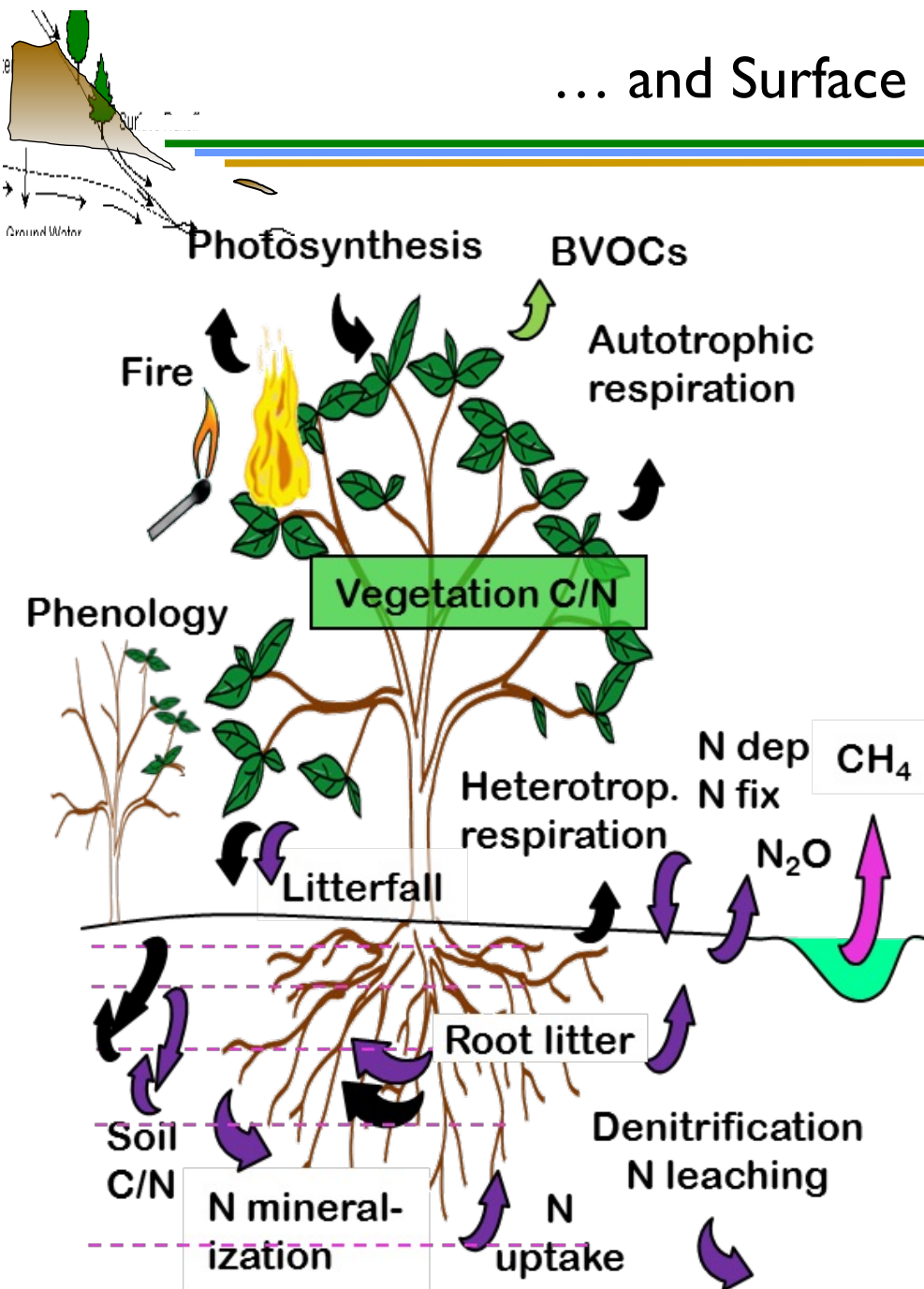
*(Koster and Milly, 1997).*

Runoff and evaporation both vary non-linearly with soil moisture





## ... and Surface Carbon Exchange



$$\text{NEE} = \text{GPP} - \text{HR} - \text{AR} - \text{Fire} - \text{LUC}$$

NEE is net ecosystem exchange

GPP is gross primary productivity

HR is heterotrophic respiration

AR is autotrophic respiration

Fire is carbon flux due to fire

LUC is C flux due to land use change





# Land complexity: Submodels of CLM

## – Biogeophysics

- Photosynthesis and stomatal resistance
- Hydrology
- Snow
- Soil thermodynamics
- Surface albedo and radiative fluxes

## – Biogeochemistry

- Carbon / nitrogen pools, allocation, respiration
- Vegetation phenology
- Decomposition
- Plant mortality
- External nitrogen cycle
- Methane production and emission

## – Vegetation dynamics

## – Urban

## – Crop and irrigation

## – Lakes

## – Glaciers and ice sheets

## – Fire and fire emissions

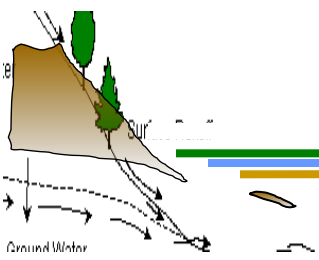
## – Dust emissions

## – River flow

## – Biogenic Volatile Organic Compound emissions

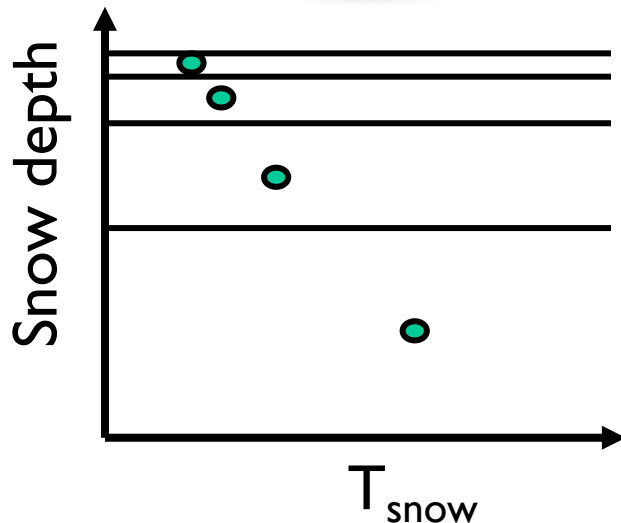


# Land model complexity: Snow model example



## State Variables

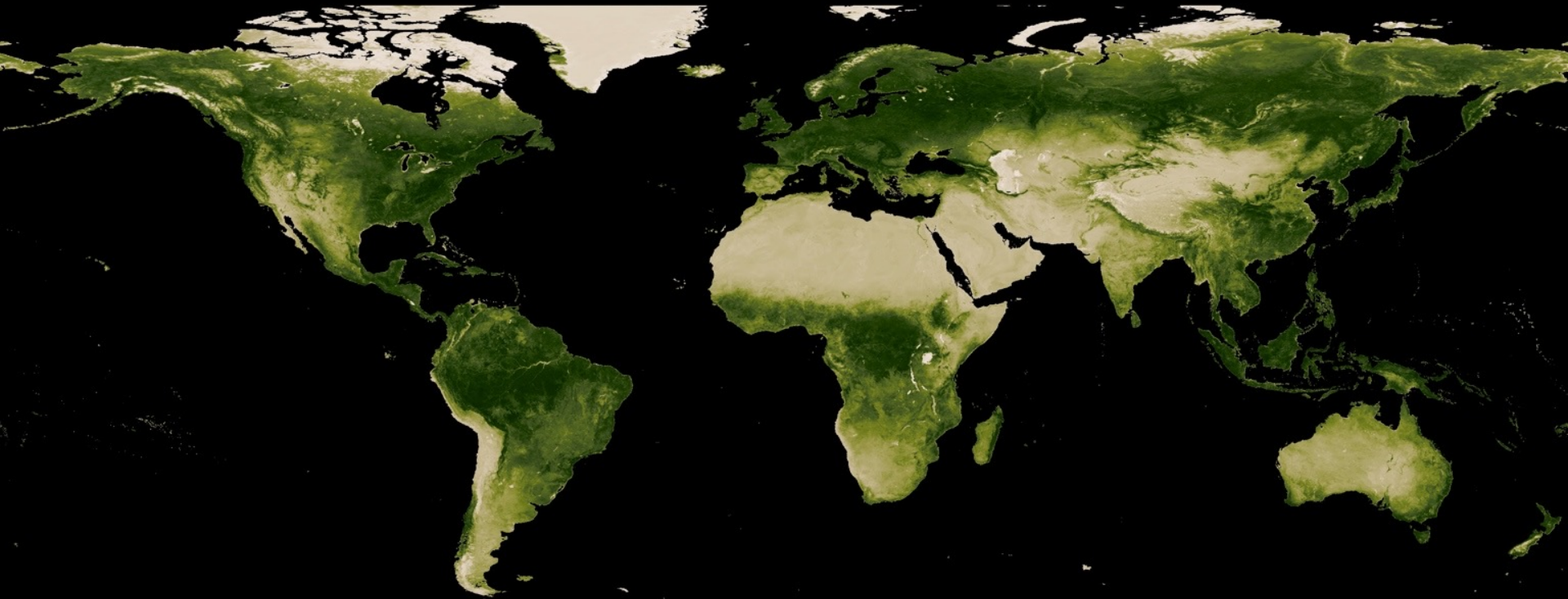
$$N, w_{liq,i}, w_{ice,i}, \Delta z_i, T_i$$



- Up to 10-layers of varying thickness
- Represented processes
  - Accumulation and fresh snow density  $f(T, \text{wind})$
  - Snow melt and refreezing
  - Snow aging
  - Water and energy transfer across snow layers
  - Snow compaction
    - destructive metamorphism due to temperature and wind
    - overburden
    - melt-freeze cycles
  - Sublimation
  - Aerosol (black carbon, dust) deposition
  - Canopy snow storage and unloading
  - Canopy snow radiation
  - Snow burial of vegetation
  - Snow cover fraction
- Missing processes
  - Blowing snow
  - Subgrid variations in snow depths
  - Depth hoar

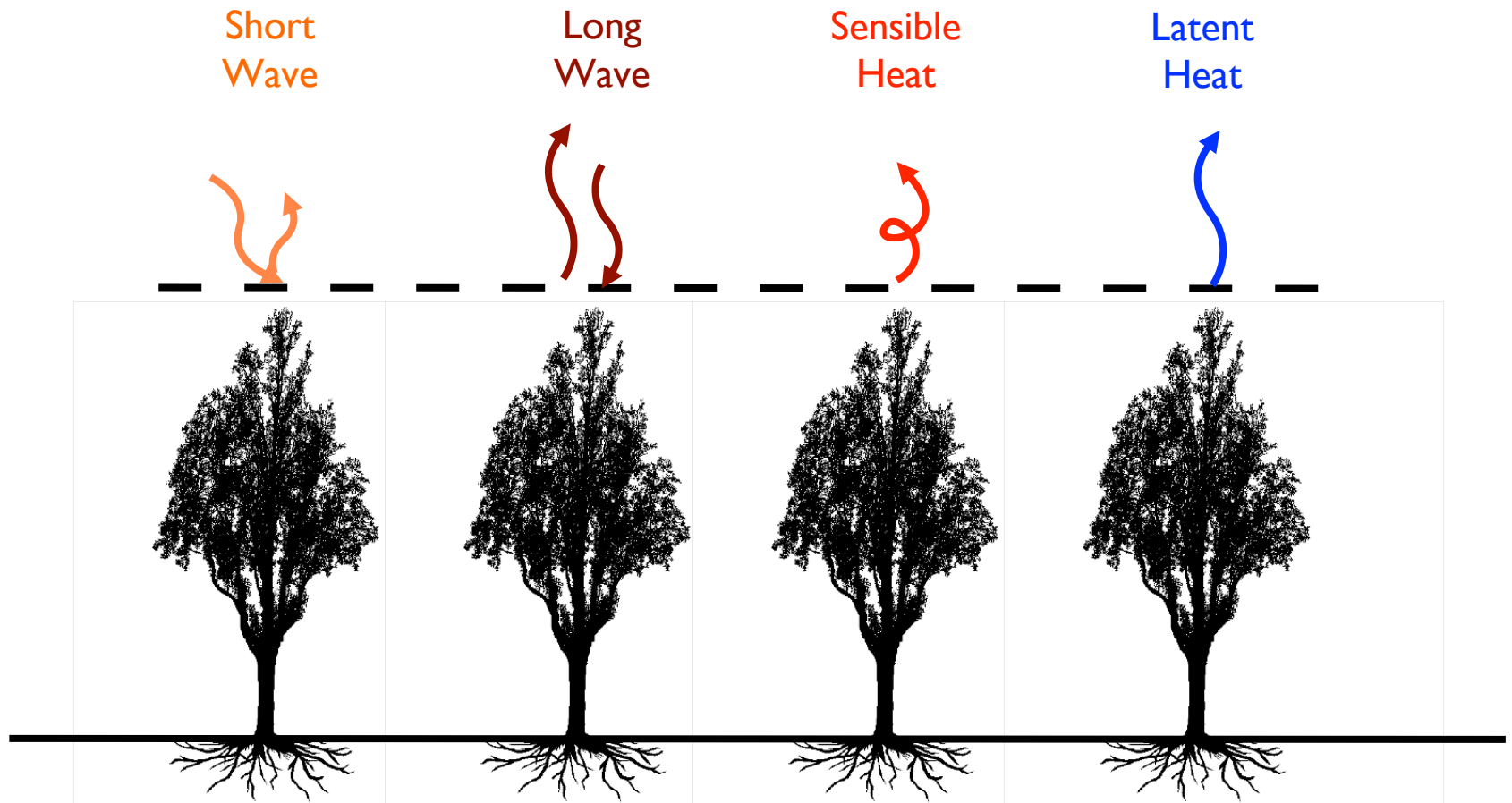


Plants ↔ Climate





# How do Plants and Climate Interact?



Terrestrial Surface Energy Budget



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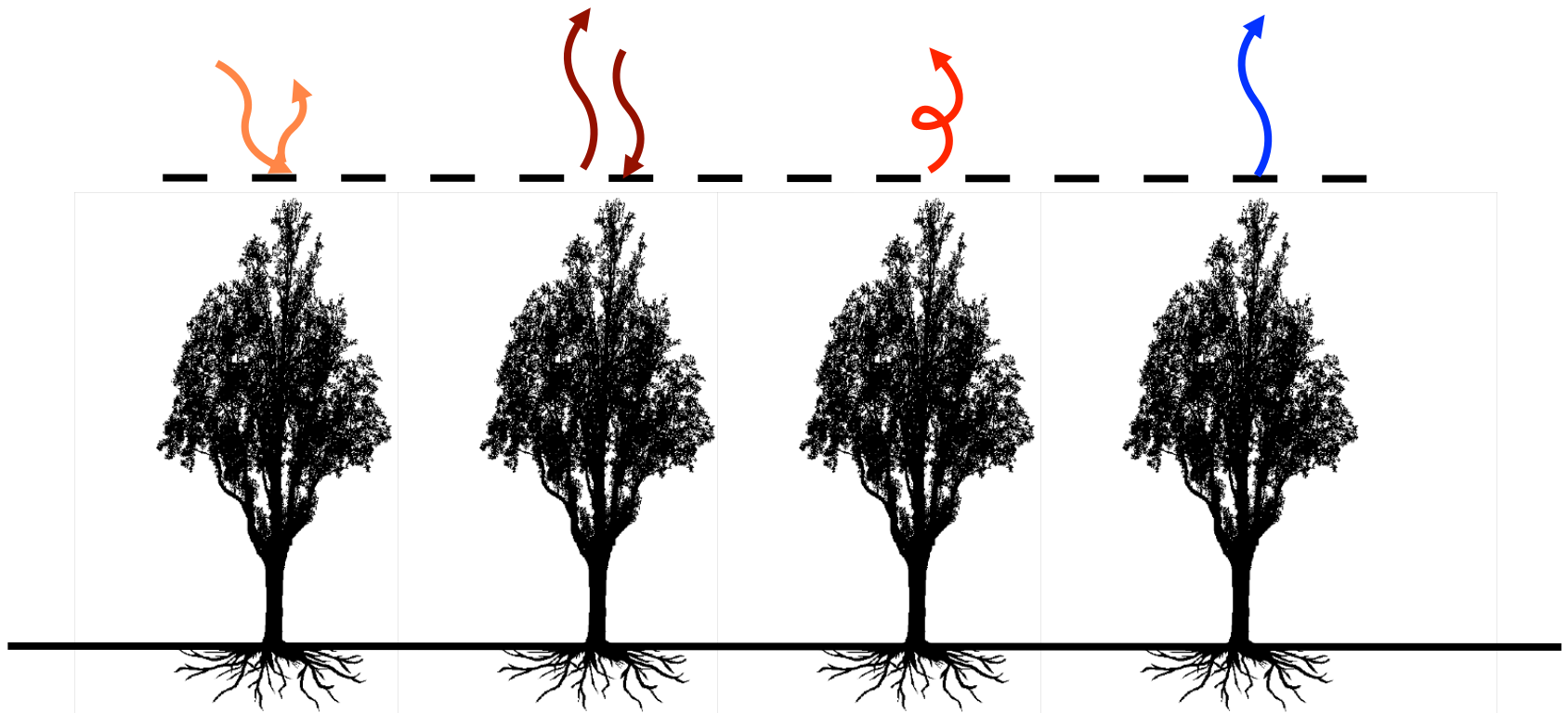
Albedo

Sunlight

Long  
Wave

Sensible  
Heat

Latent  
Heat



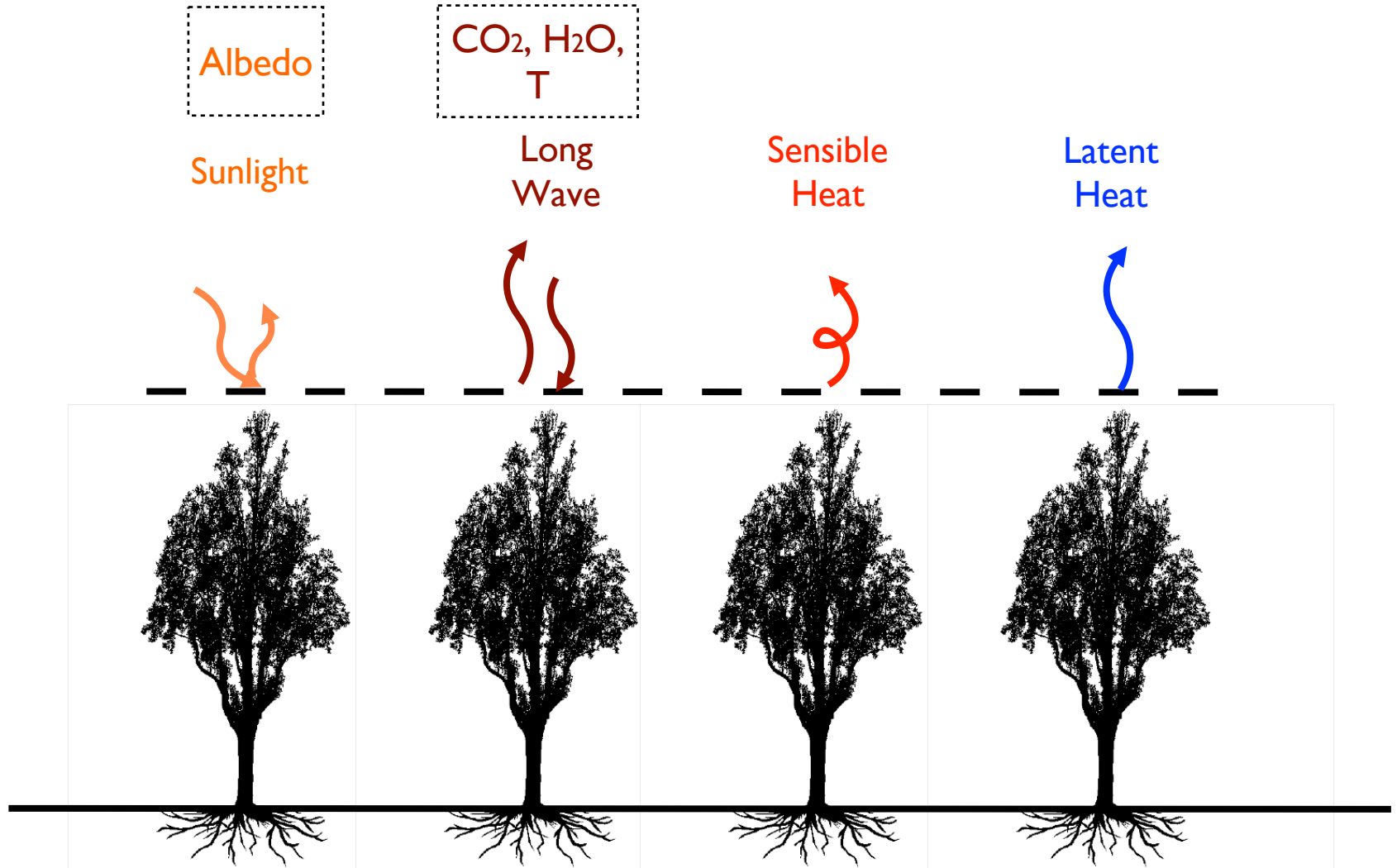


A scenic landscape photograph showing a dense forest of evergreen and deciduous trees in the foreground and middle ground. In the background, rolling mountain ranges are visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The foreground is framed by the branches and leaves of trees, some of which are in sharp focus while others are blurred. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with a mix of green and brown tones.

Albedo varies by plant type



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CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O,  
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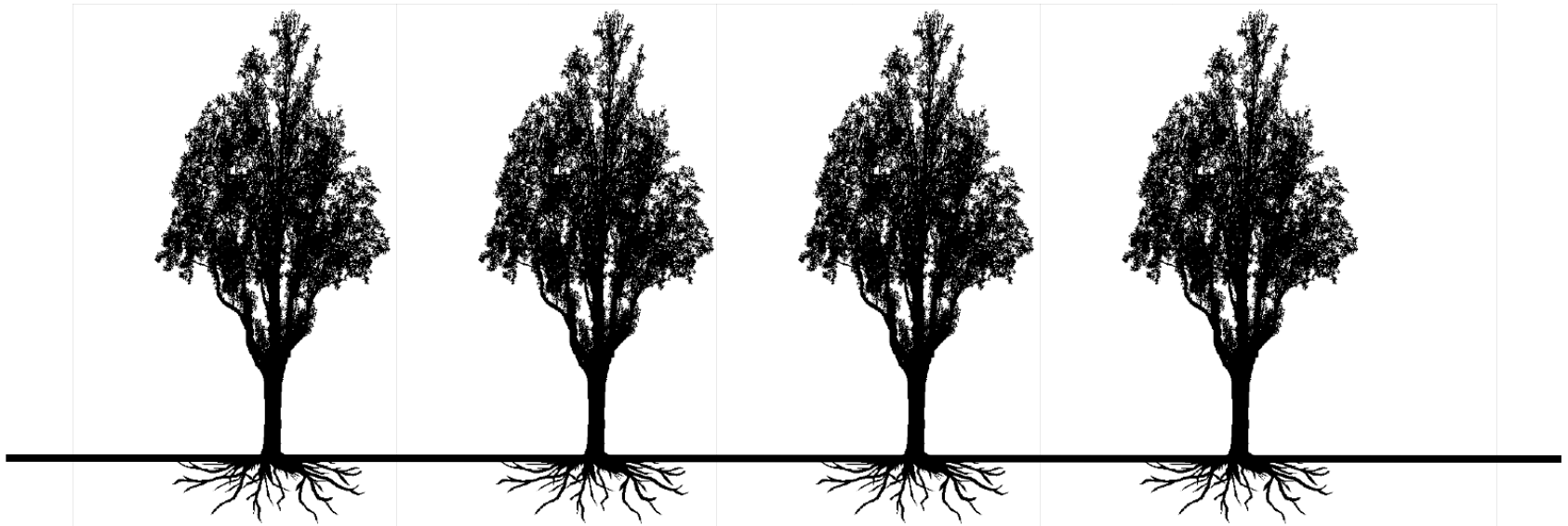


Roughness

Sensible  
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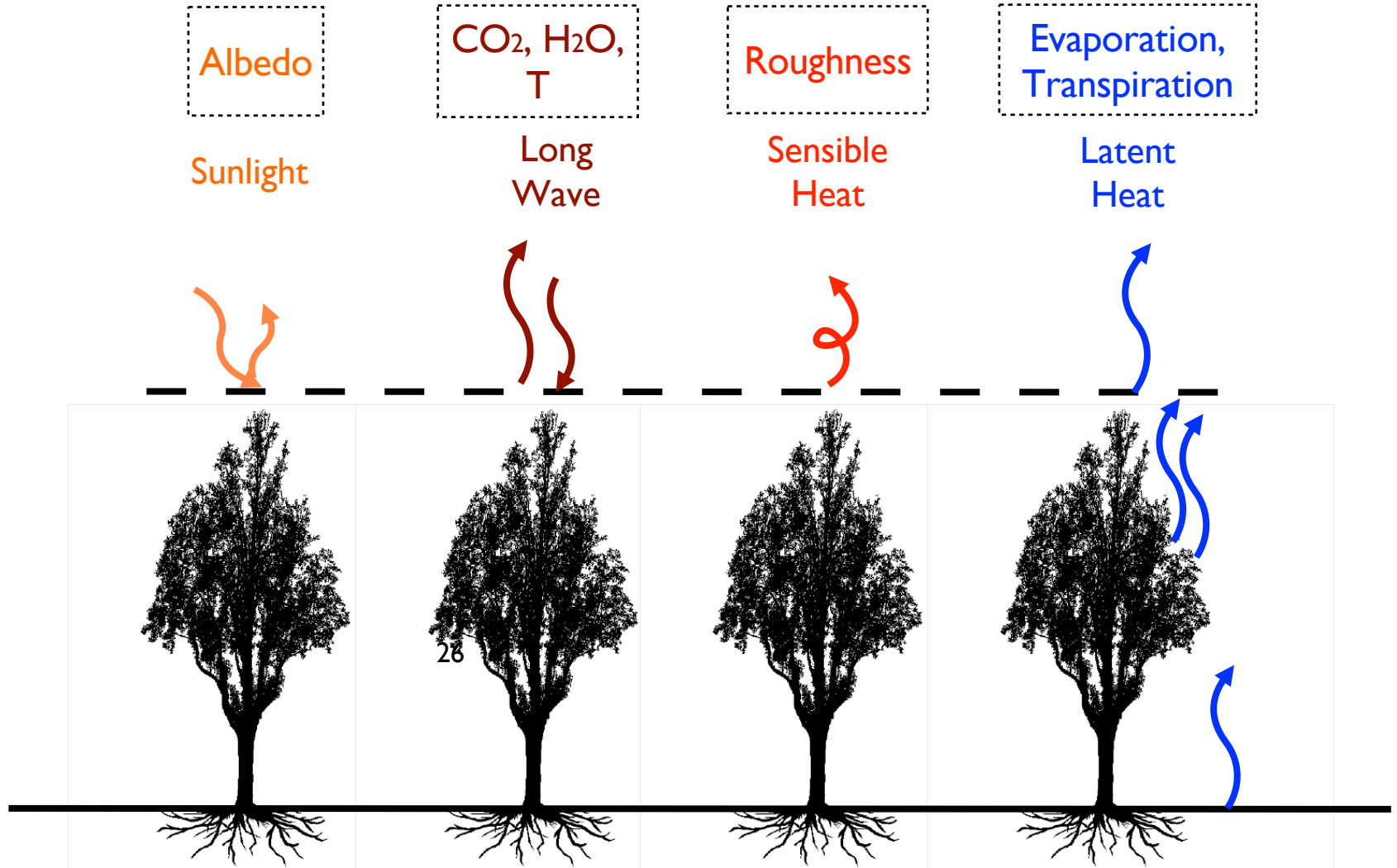


Latent  
Heat



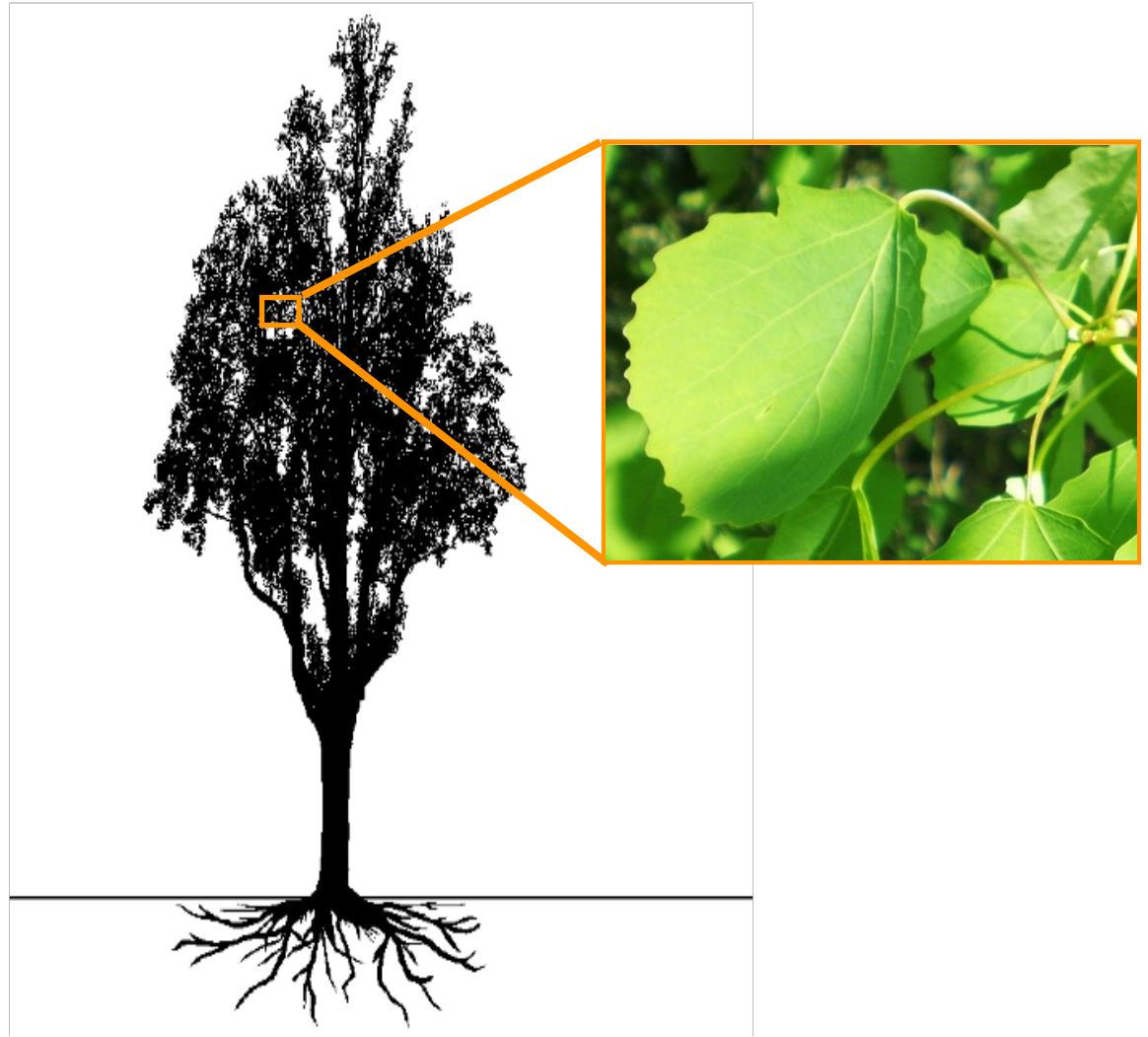


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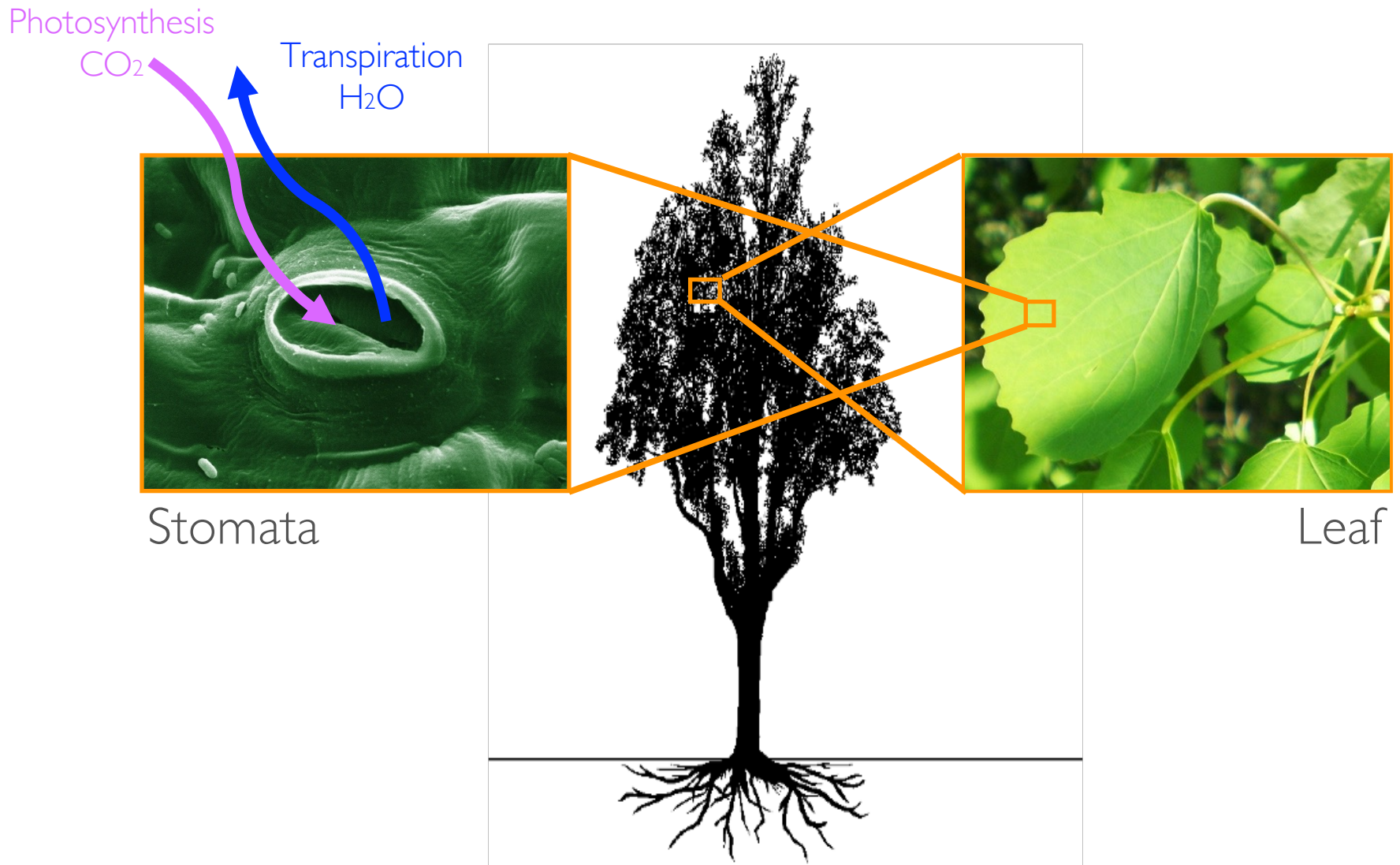


# Transpiration flux of water





# Carbon in, water out



Plant physiological controls on CO<sub>2</sub> exchange and transpiration

Function of solar radiation, humidity deficit, soil moisture, [CO<sub>2</sub>], temperature, leaf N content

Photos: Wikimedia Commons



# $\Delta$ Plants $\Rightarrow$ $\Delta$ Surface Energy Budget

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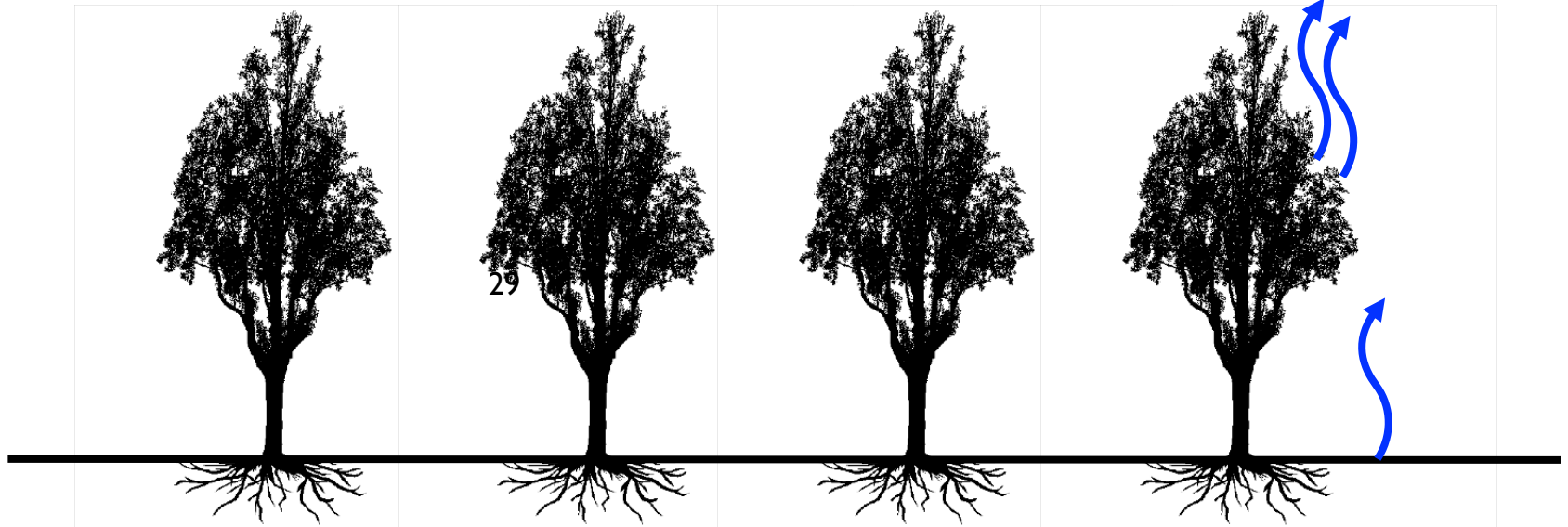
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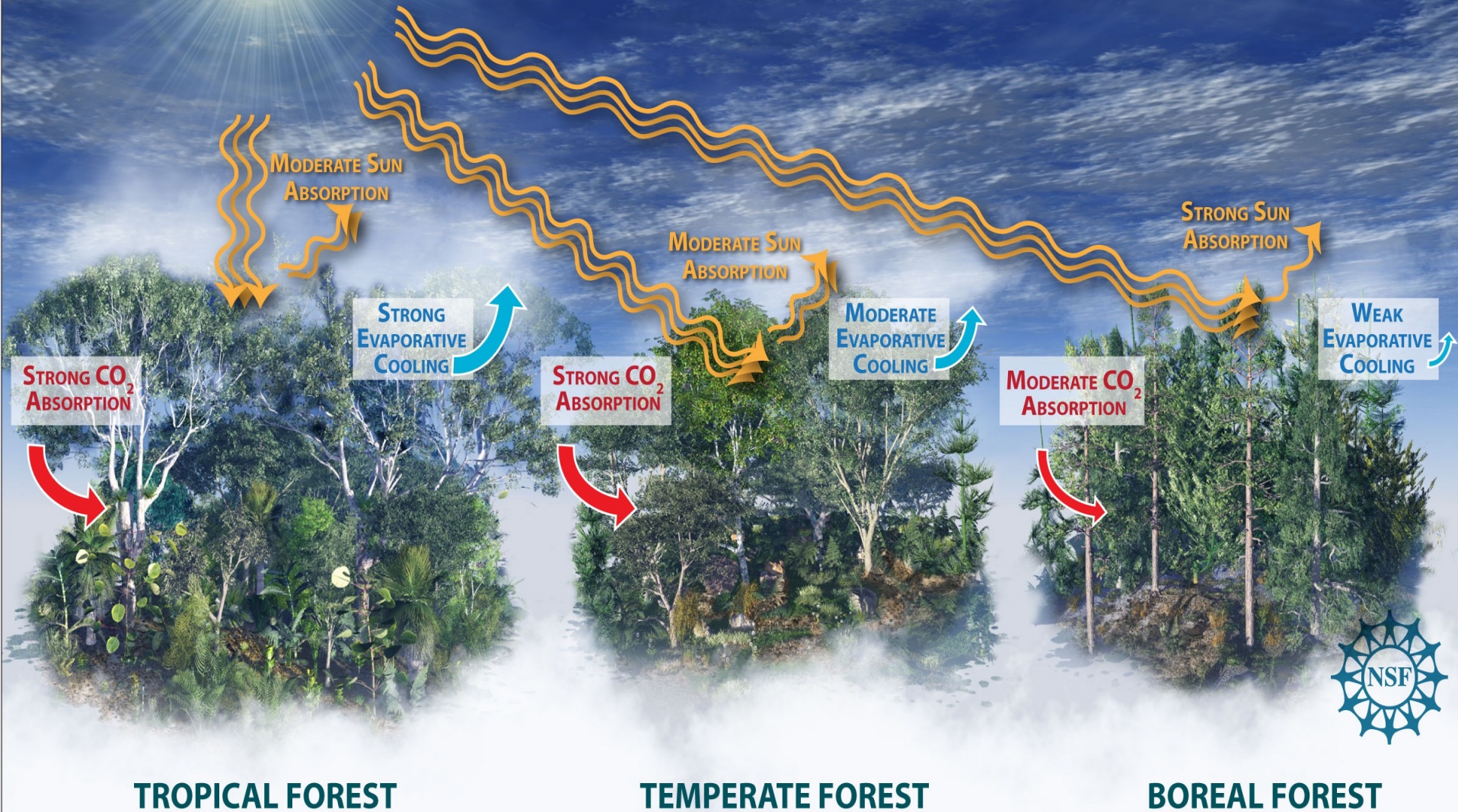
Evaporation,  
Transpiration

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Heat



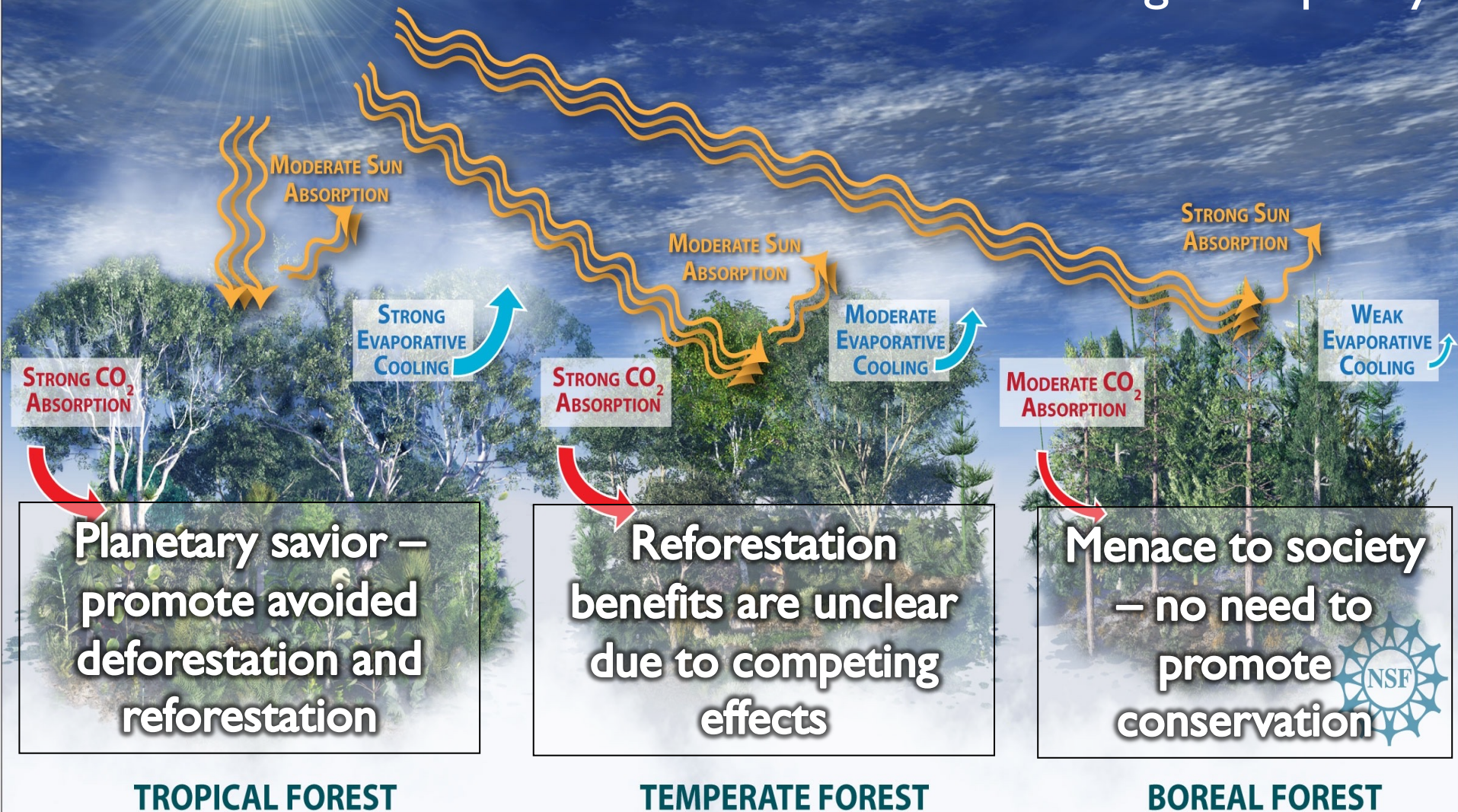


# Not all forest ecosystems have the same impact on climate





# Differences in ecosystem functioning have implications for land climate mitigation policy



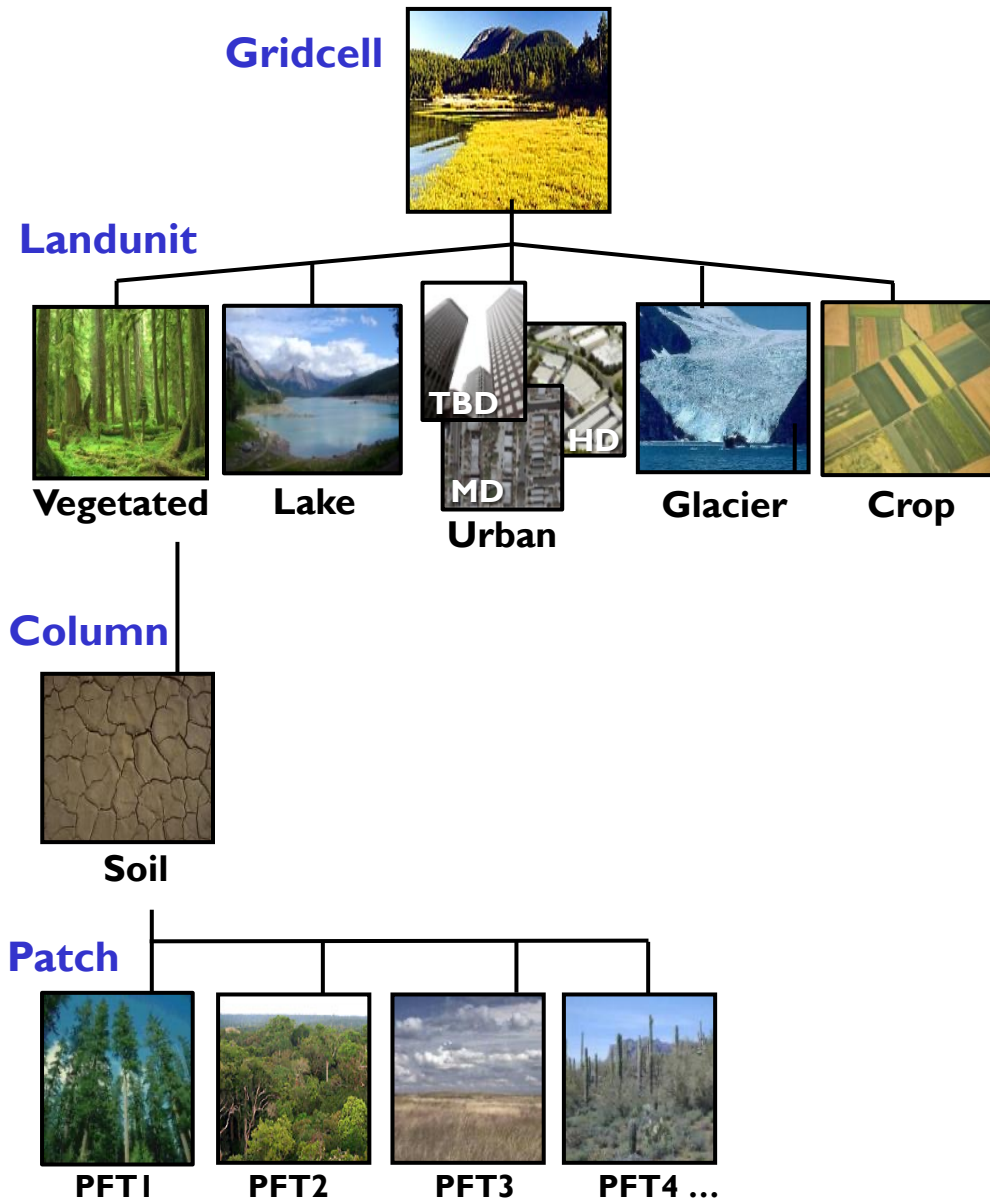


# Land Modeling Challenges: Land surface heterogeneity





# Land surface heterogeneity: Subgrid tiling



## Plant Functional Types:

### 0. Bare

### Tree:

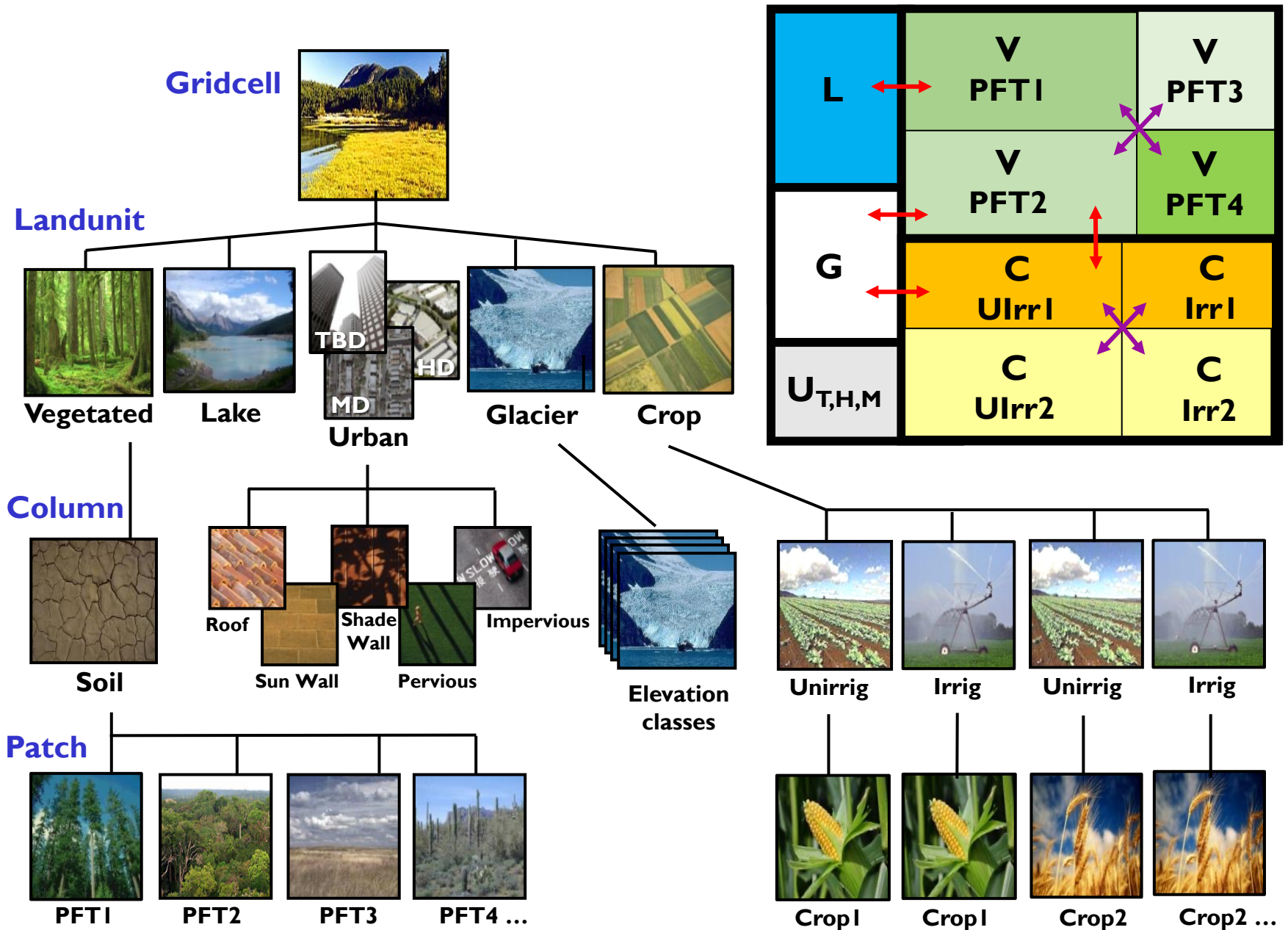
1. Needleleaf Evergreen, Temperate
2. Needleleaf Evergreen, Boreal
3. Needleleaf Deciduous, Boreal
4. Broadleaf Evergreen, Tropical
5. Broadleaf Evergreen, Temperate
6. Broadleaf Deciduous, Tropical
7. Broadleaf Deciduous, Temperate
8. Broadleaf Deciduous, Boreal

### Herbaceous / Understorey:

9. Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub, Temperate
10. Broadleaf Deciduous Shrub, Temperate
11. Broadleaf Deciduous Shrub, Boreal
12. C3 Arctic Grass
13. C3 non-Arctic Grass
14. C4 Grass
15. Crop



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# Land management in CLM5

## Included in default CLM5

- Global crop model with 8 basic crop types; planting, grain fill, harvest
- Crop irrigation
- Crop industrial fertilization
- Wood harvest
- Urban environments
- Anthropogenic fire ignition and suppression

Corn\*



Winter wheat



Sugarcane



Soy\*



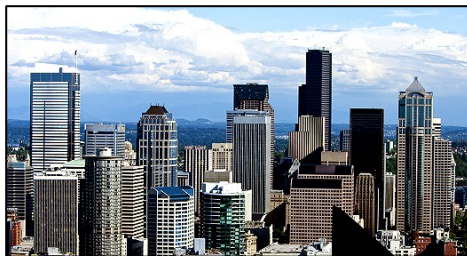
Cotton



Rice



\* Temperate and tropical varieties



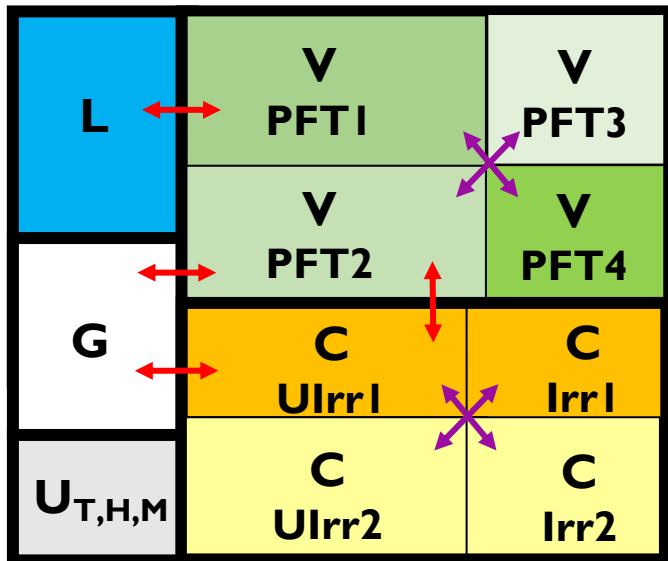
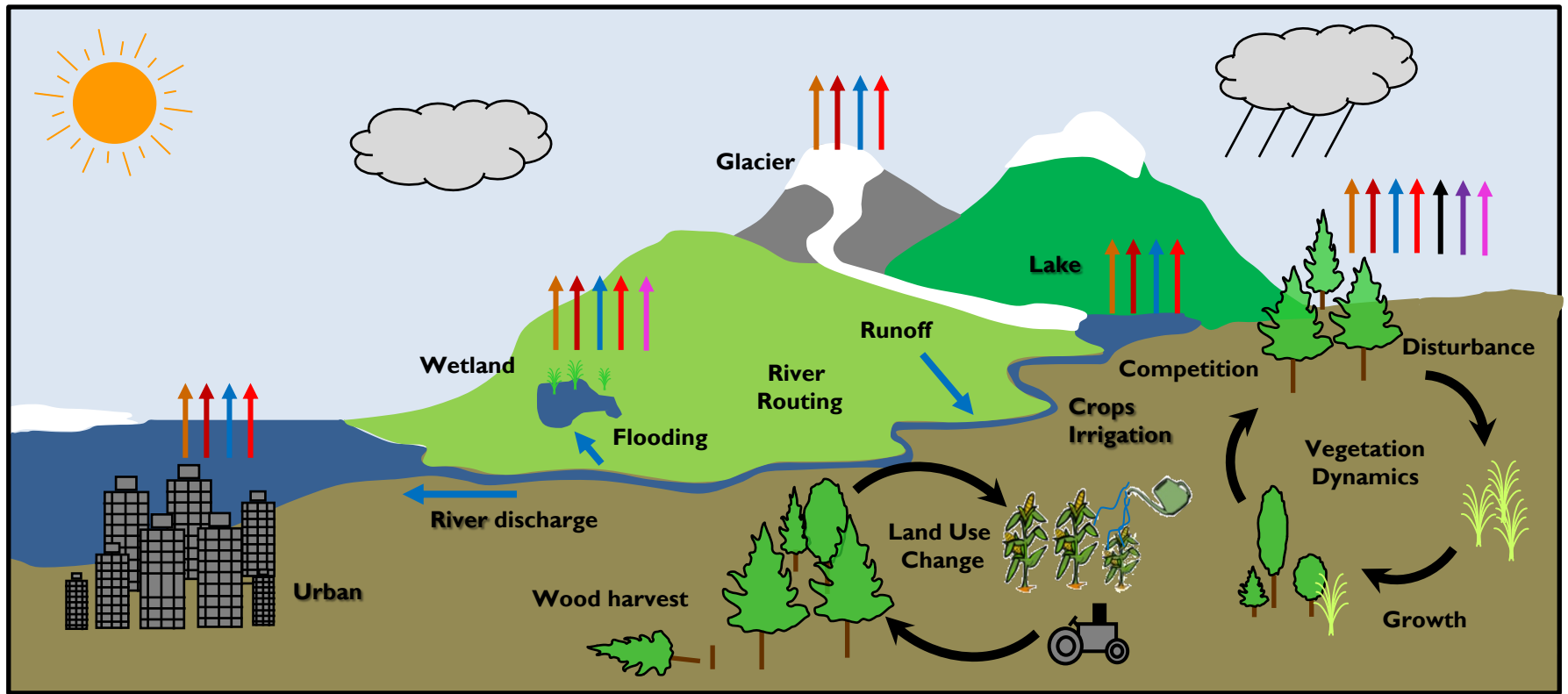
Fertilization



Irrigation





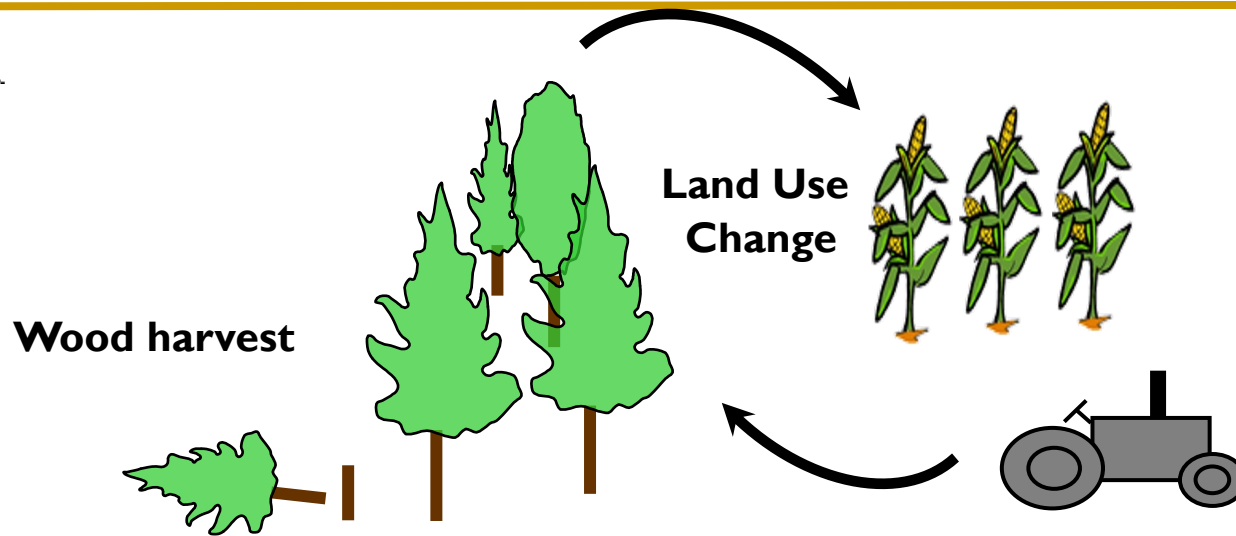
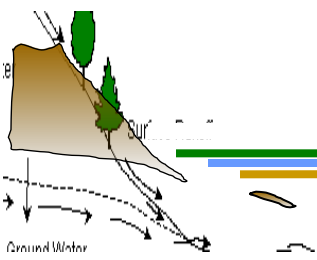


## Landscape-scale dynamics

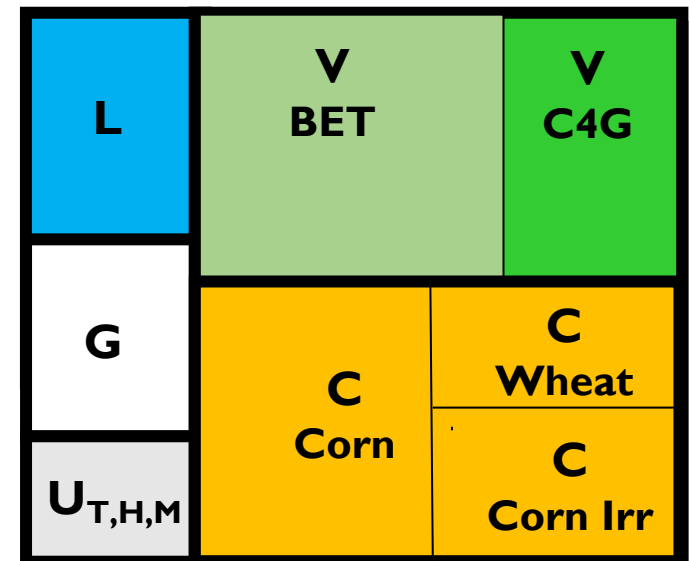
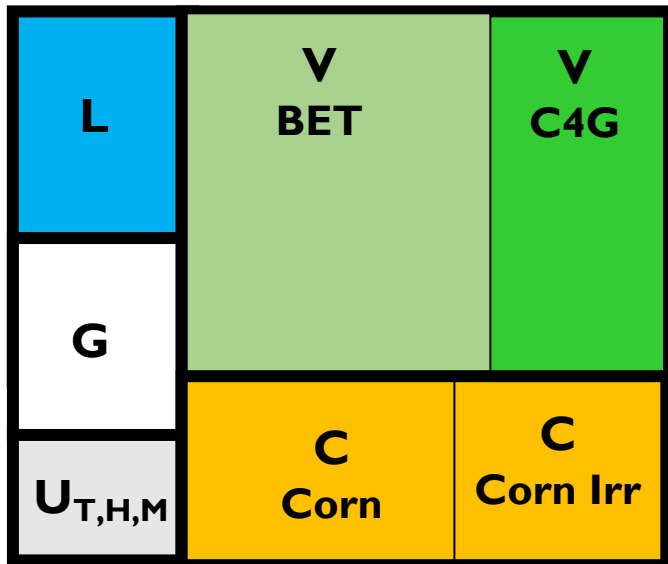
Long-term dynamical processes that affect fluxes in a changing environment (disturbance, land use, succession)



# Land-cover / land-use change (prescribed)



Deforestation example

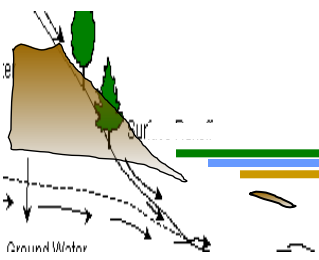




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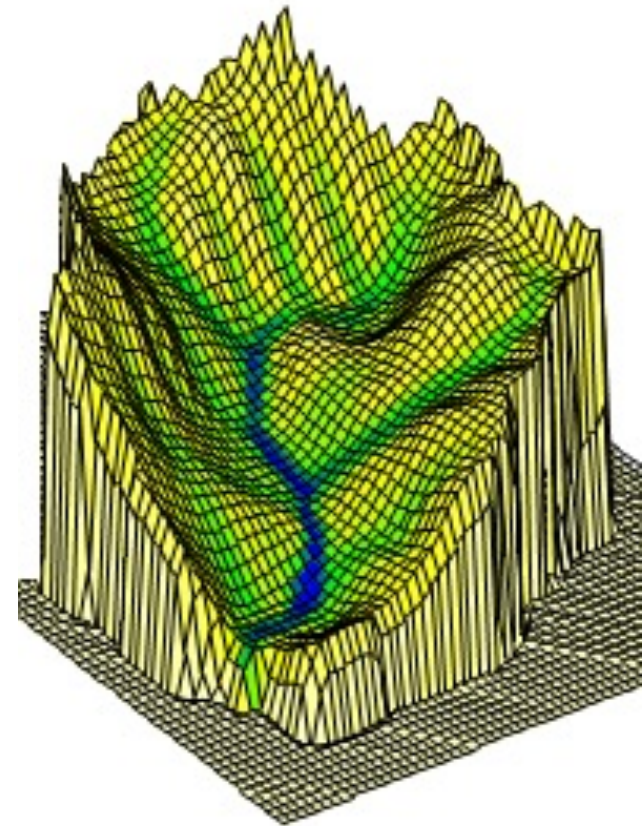
## Parameterize impact of subgrid-scale soil moisture heterogeneity

A major control on soil moisture heterogeneity and thus runoff is topography.

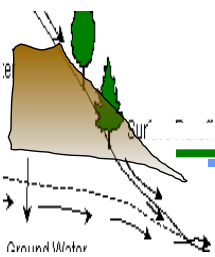
Lowland soils tend to be zones of high soil moisture content, while upland soils tend to be progressively drier.

### Three main sources of runoff:

- Infiltration excess
- Saturation excess
- Baseflow (drainage)

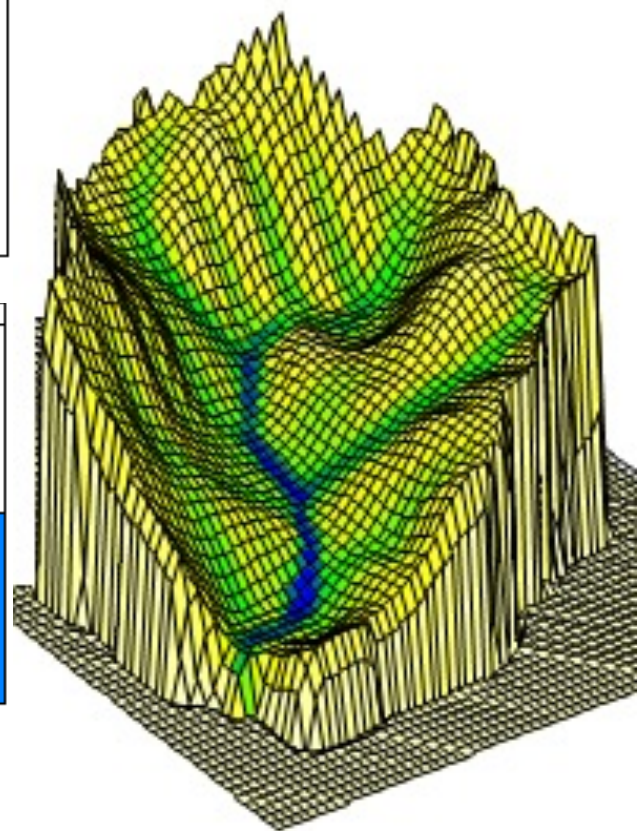
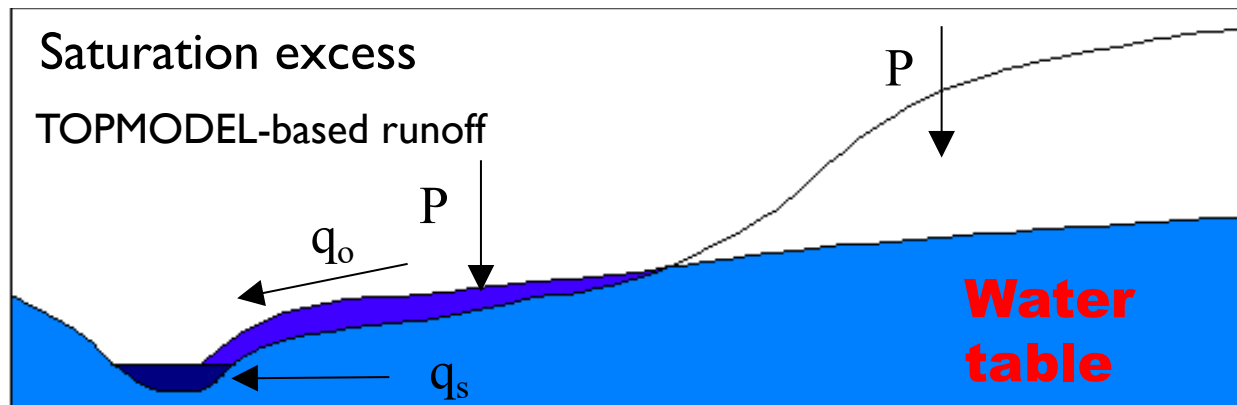
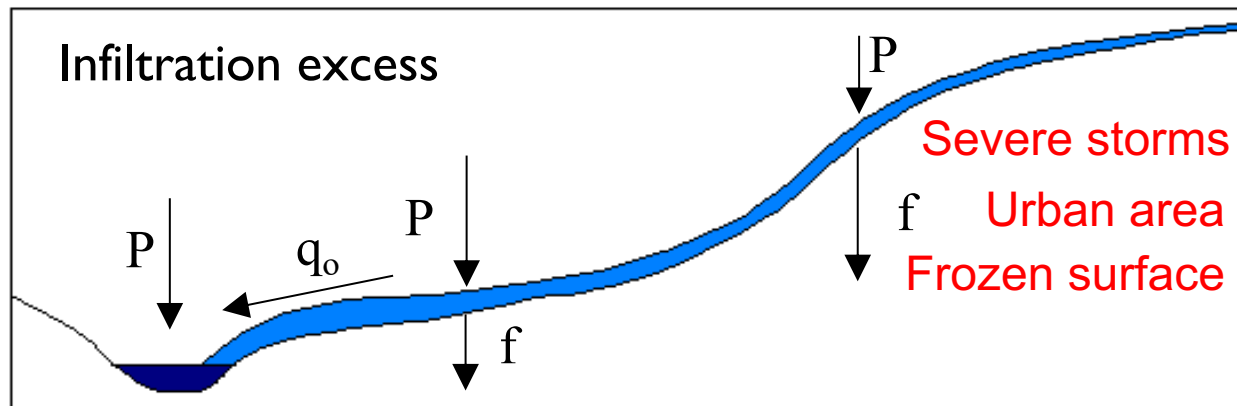






# Accounting for subgrid soil moisture heterogeneity impacts on runoff

Surface runoff arises in two ways:







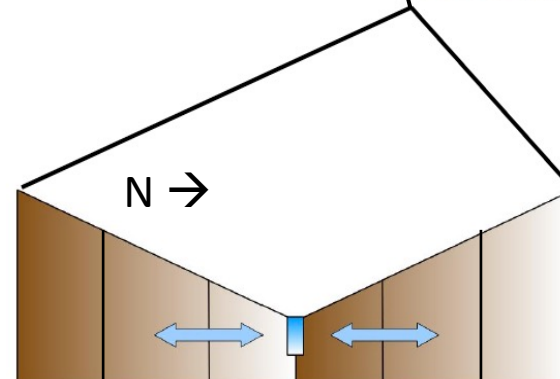
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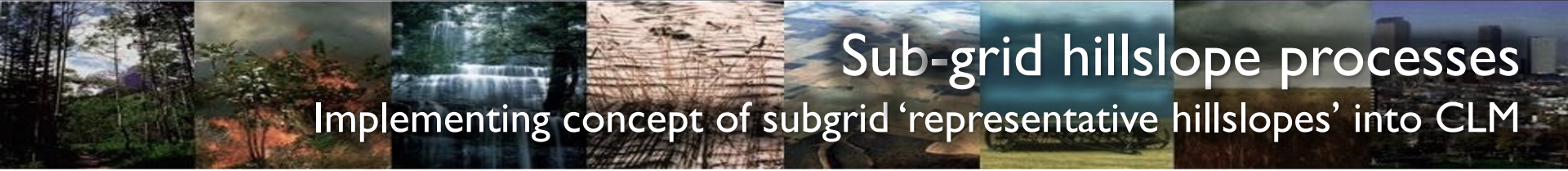
Observed vegetation patterns  
imply lateral movement of water  
and strong influence of slope and  
aspect



CLM grid cell ( $\sim 1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ )



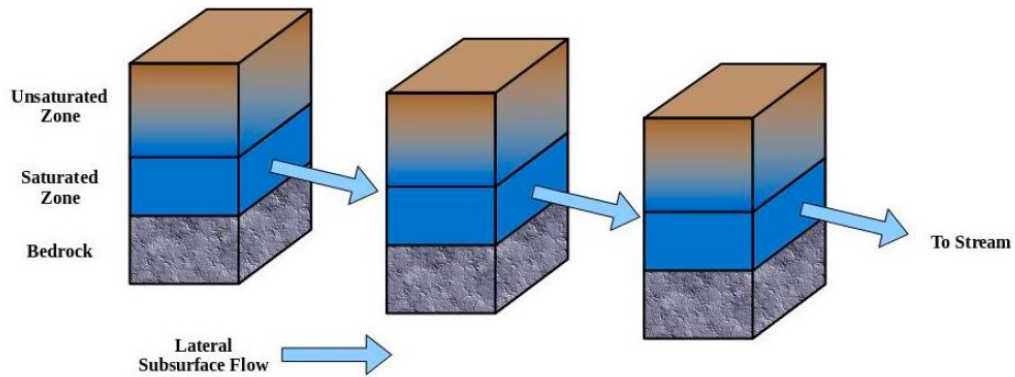




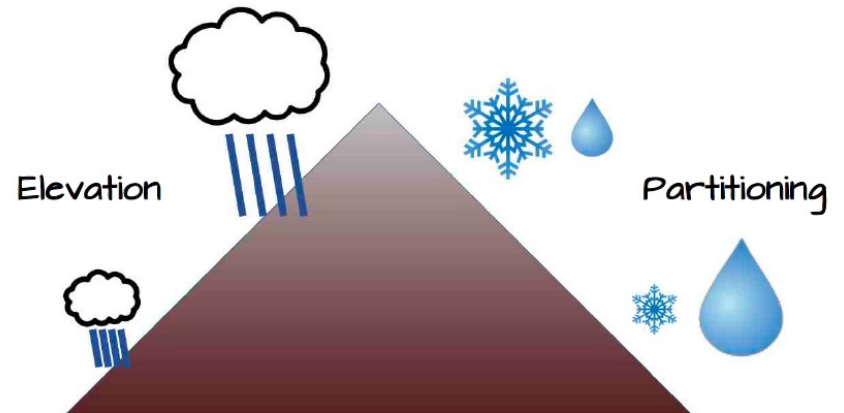
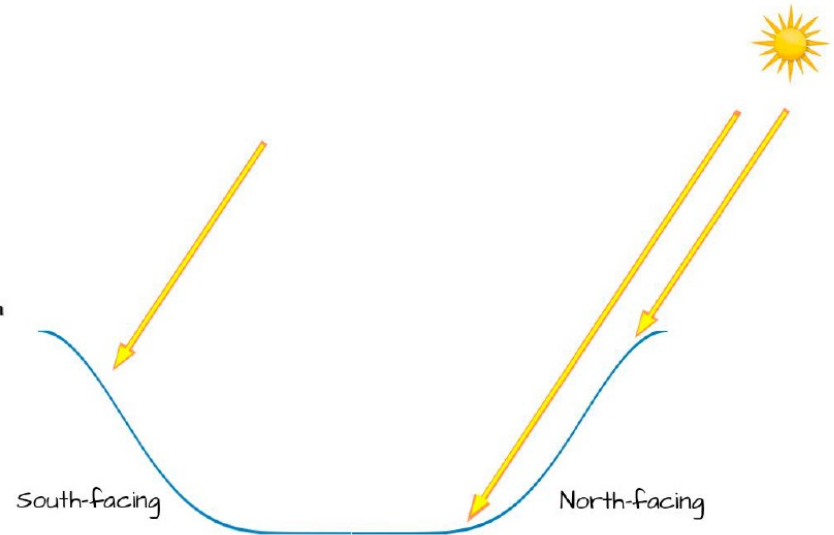
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### Explicit Lateral Flow Within Gridcell

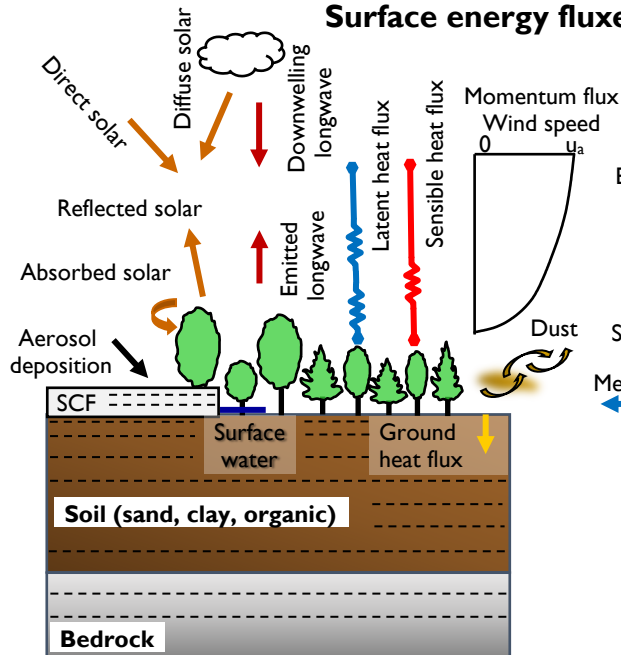


### Downscaled Meteorology

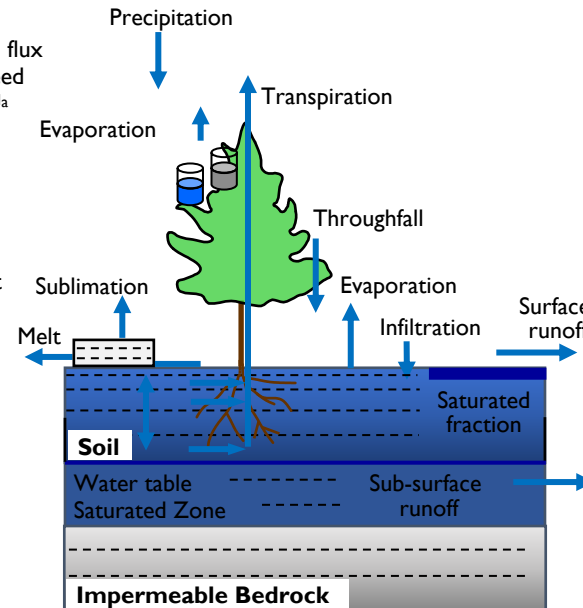




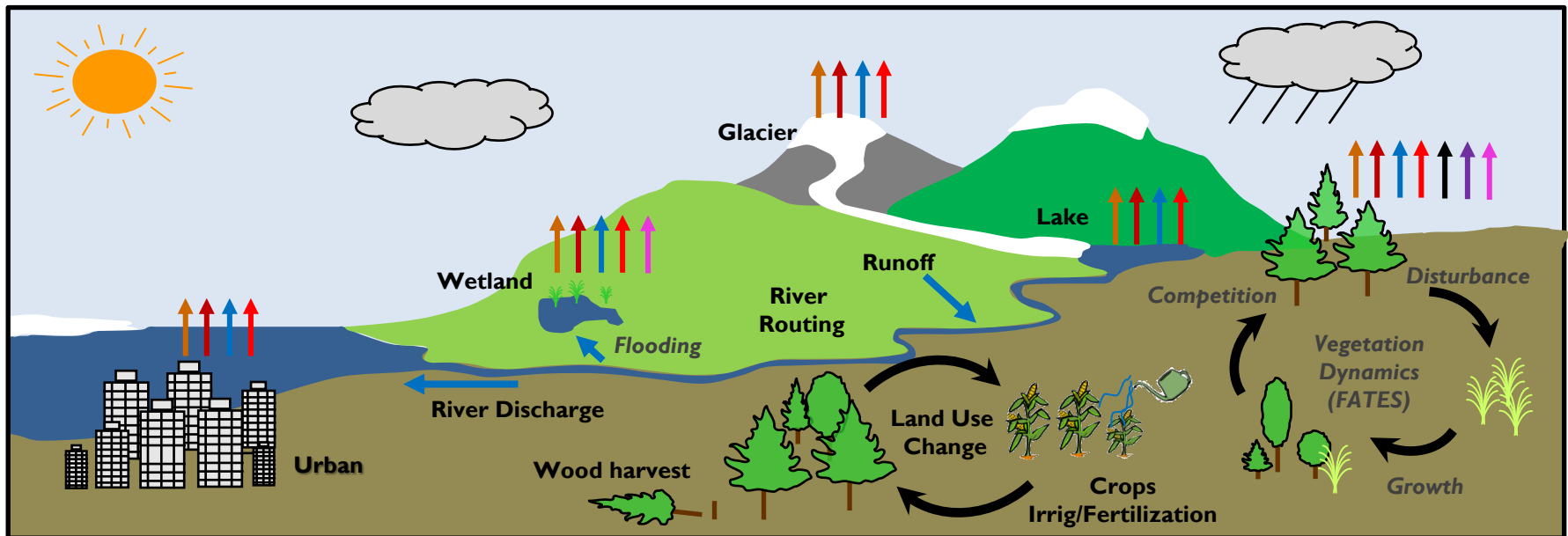
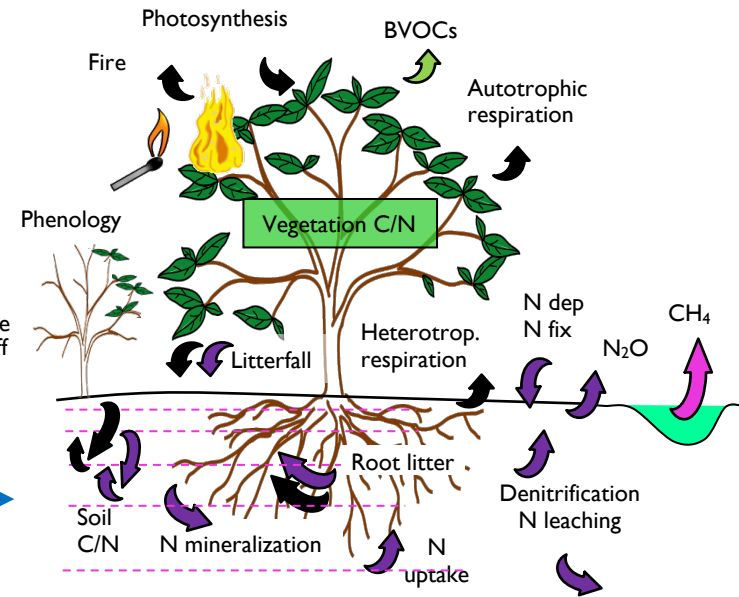
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## Hydrology



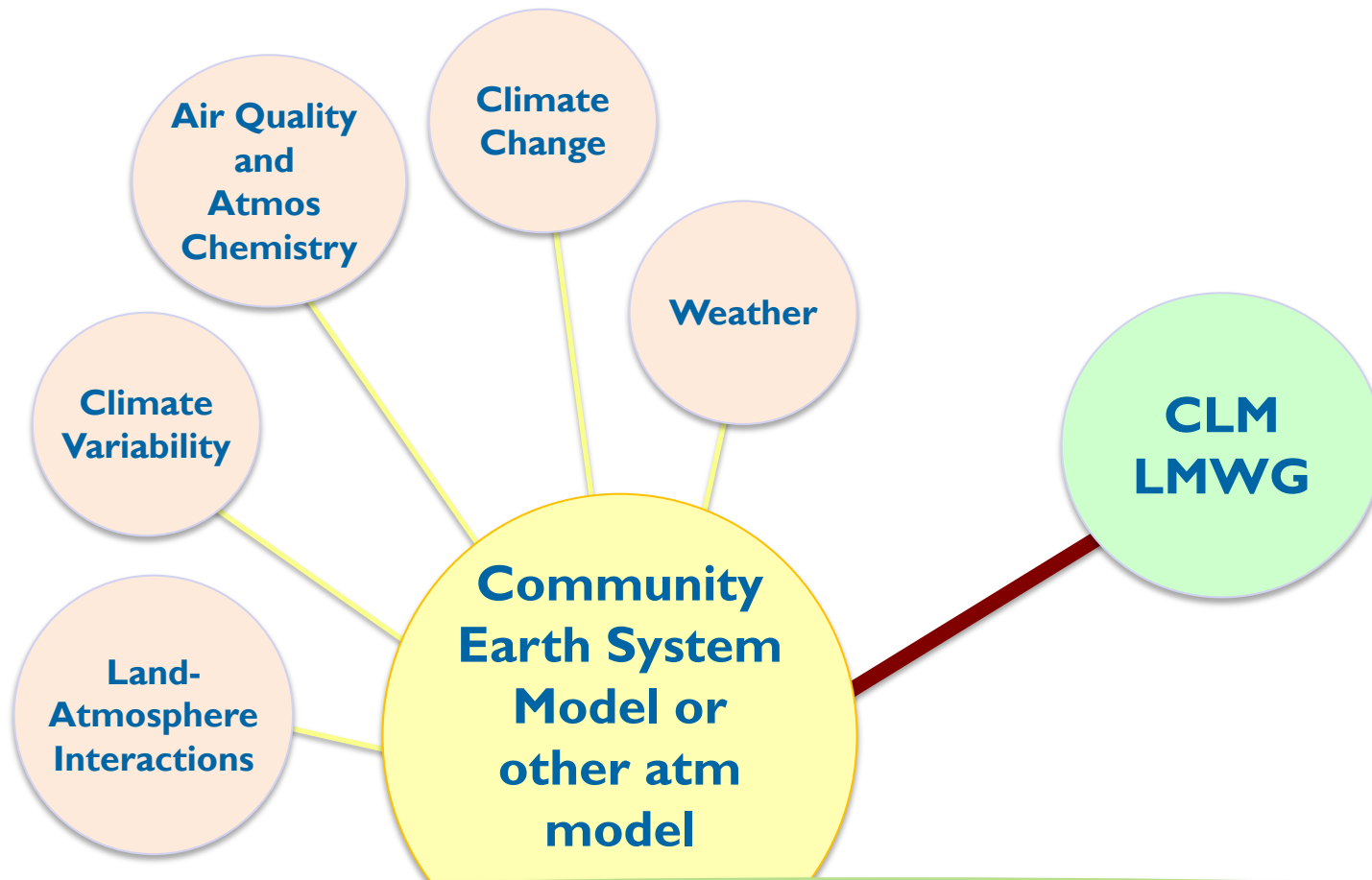
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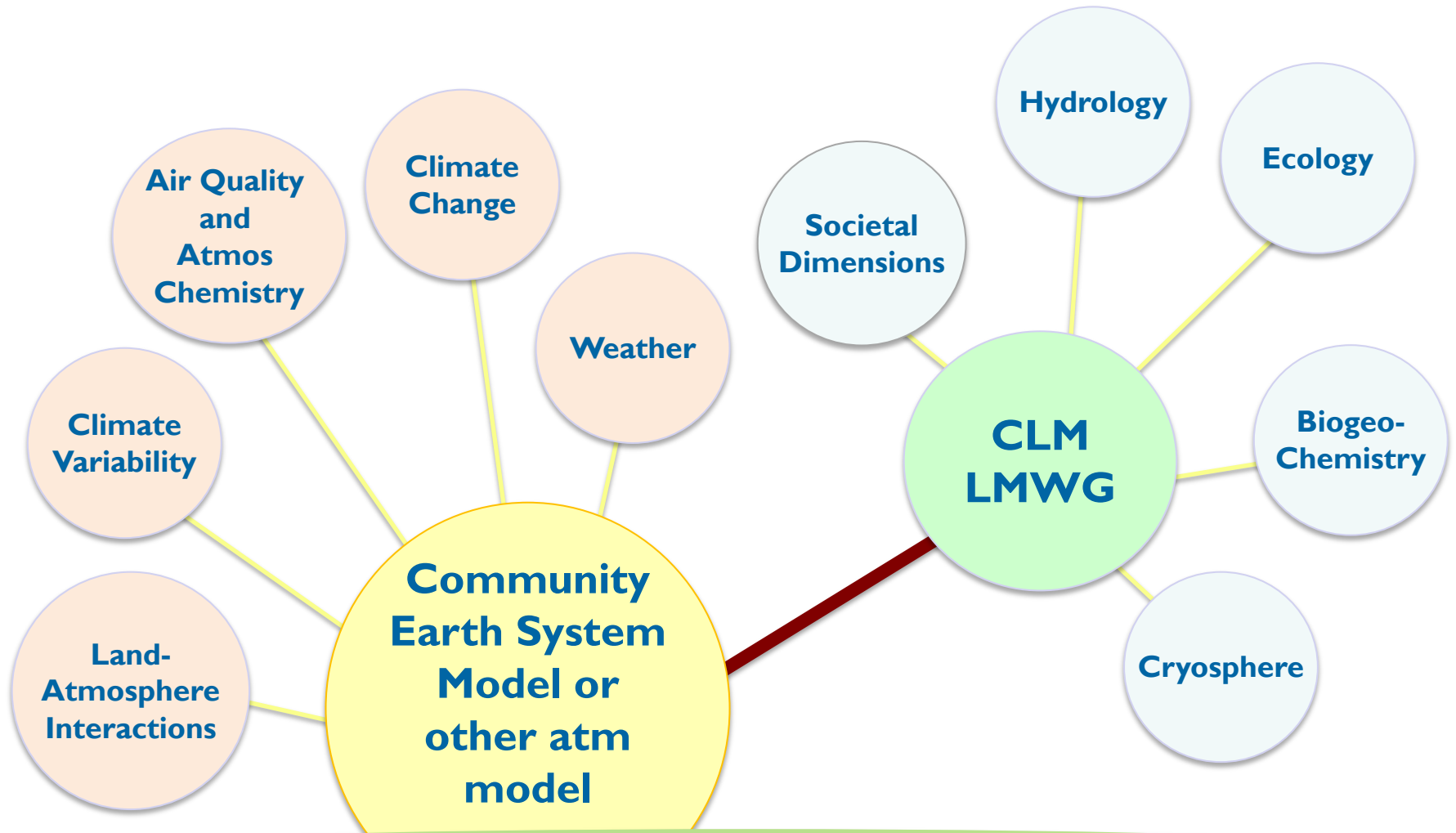


# CLM as a community modeling tool





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# What's New for CLM5

<https://github.com/ESCOMP/ctsm>

A LOT!

More than 50 researchers from 15 different institutions were involved in development of CLM5

Parallel focus on mechanistic improvements and expansion of capabilities

- hydrology more consistent with state-of-art understanding
- more ecologically relevant plant nutrient, carbon, and water dynamics
- land management including global crop model, wood harvest, urban environments
- prognostic Greenland ice sheet model



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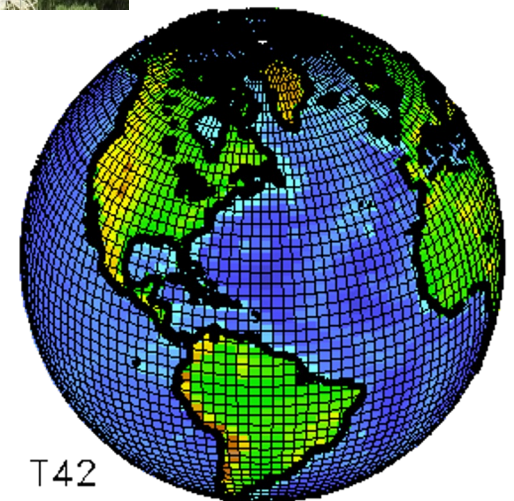
## Model configurations

- SP (satellite phenology, prescribed vegetation)
- BGC (prognostic carbon, vegetation)
- BGC-crop (default in CESM2, same as BGC with crops)
- BGC no-anthro
- FATES
- + many options for individual parameterizations (i.e., can revert to CLM4.5)



## Spatial configurations

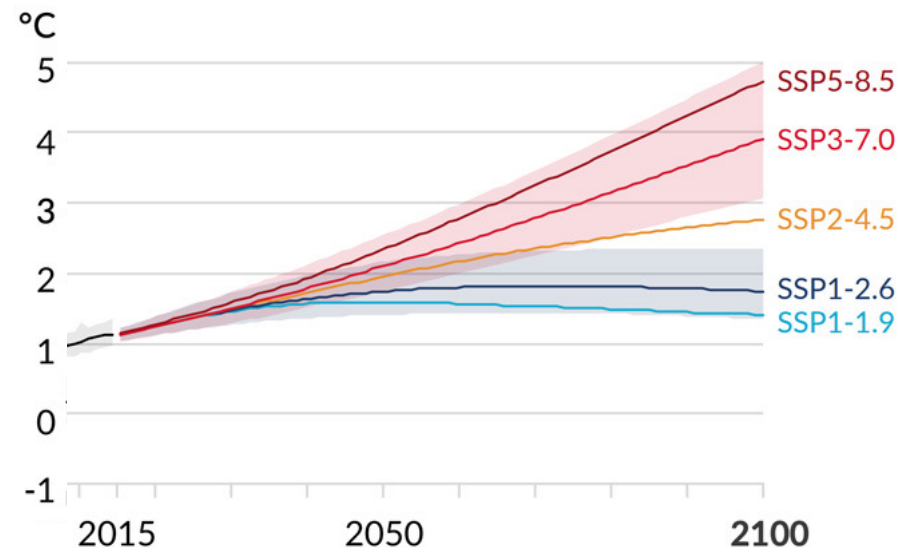
- Global (low and high resolution)
- Regional
- Single point (tower site)
- Irregular grids (cubed sphere, *catchment*)





## Modes of forcing

- Anomaly forcing
  - monthly anomalies added to cycled reanalysis
  - four SSPs available 'out-of-box'
  - enables land-only simulations forced by climate change
- Forcing datasets (GSWP3, CRUJRA, Princeton, WATCH, NLDAS)
- Prescribed soil moisture
- Alternate LULCC
- And, obviously, coupled to CAM, CESM, and also WRF
- Ensembles of simulations
- Data assimilation with DART







# CTSM as a research tool

## Options to reduce complexity

- CH<sub>4</sub> emissions
- Carbon isotopes
- Land-use change
- VOC emissions
- Plant Hydraulics
- Fewer landunits and PFTs per gridcell
- Soil structure (15-level vs 25-level)

## Options to increase complexity

- Representative hillslopes
- FATES (Ecosystem dynamics)
- Fire trace gas emissions
- Additional land management
- Flooding
- Ozone damage to plants

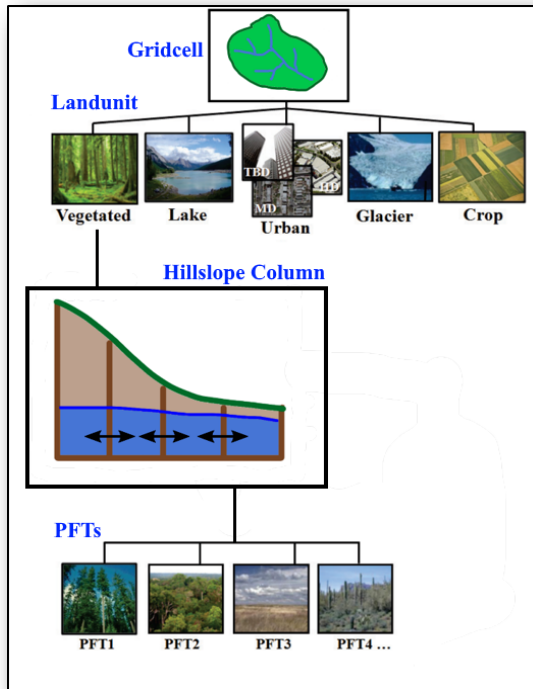
## Resources:

- CLM5 release webpage: [www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2/land/](http://www.cesm.ucar.edu/models/cesm2/land/)
- CLM code repository: [github.com/ESCOMP/ctsm](https://github.com/ESCOMP/ctsm)
- Lawrence et al. (2019), in review *JAMES*



# Some priorities and plans for next generation CLM

- Water and food security in context of climate variability, change, and extreme weather
- Ecosystem vulnerability and impacts on carbon cycle and ecosystem services
- Sources of predictability from land processes
- Impacts of land use and land-use change on climate, carbon, water, and extremes

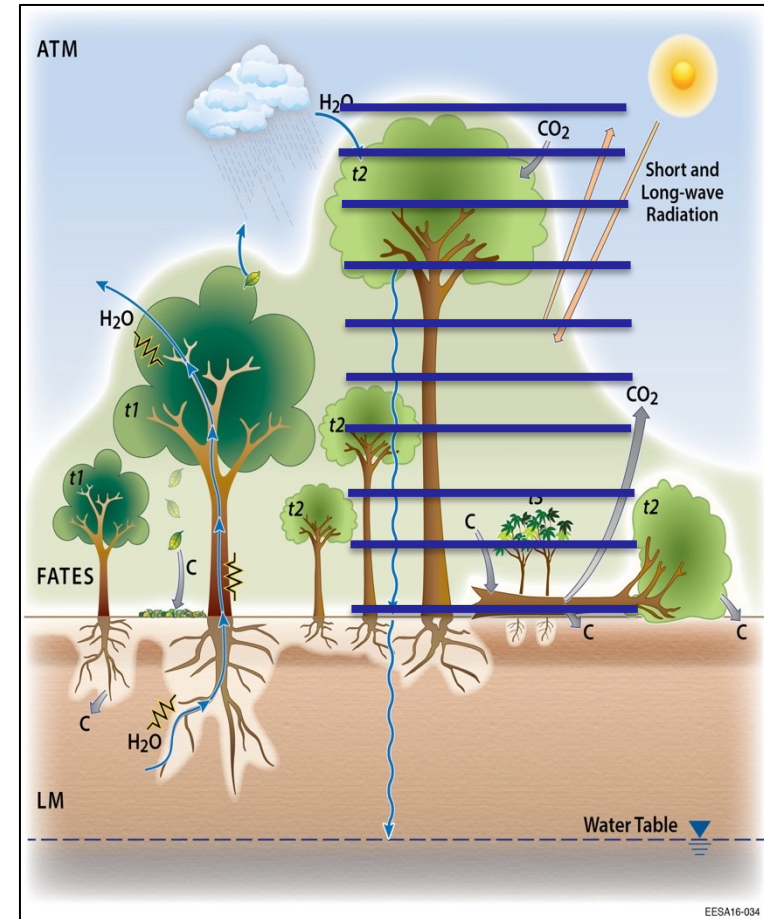


Lateral fluxes of water



Water and land management

## Ecosystem Demography / Multi-layer canopy





# Questions?



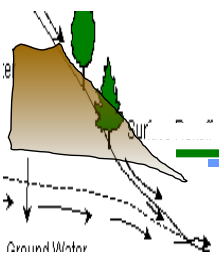


## Extra slides





# Modeling caveats



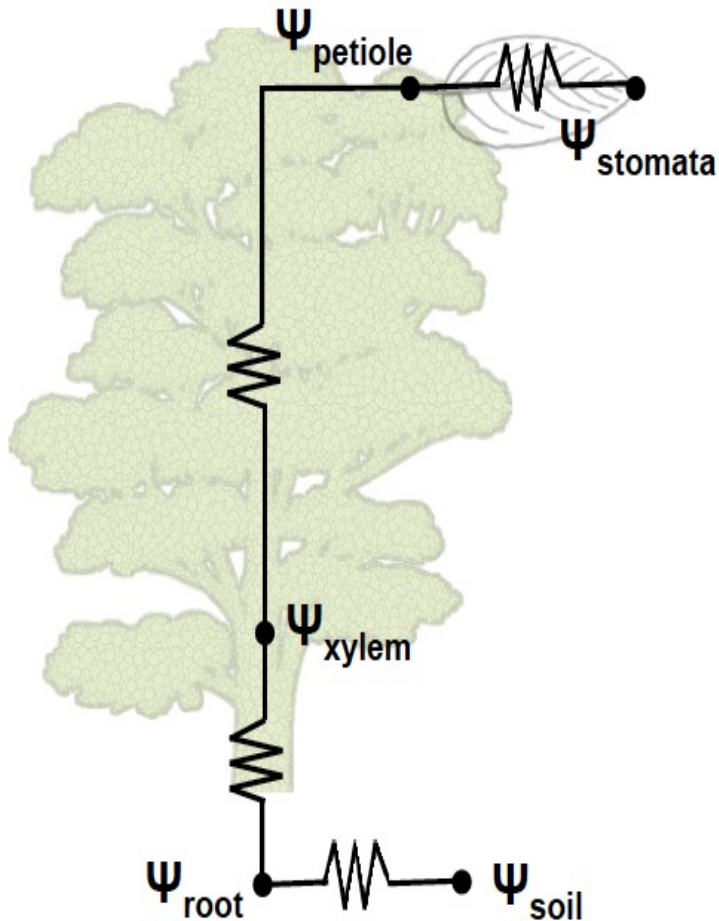
CLM (CESM) is just a starting point for the science. It is not the science itself

- Easy to run the model and get an answer
- Much harder to understand why you got that answer
- CLM is a very complex, multidisciplinary model





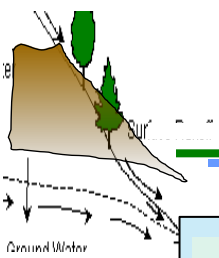
# CLM5: Plant Hydrodynamics



## Why plant hydrodynamics

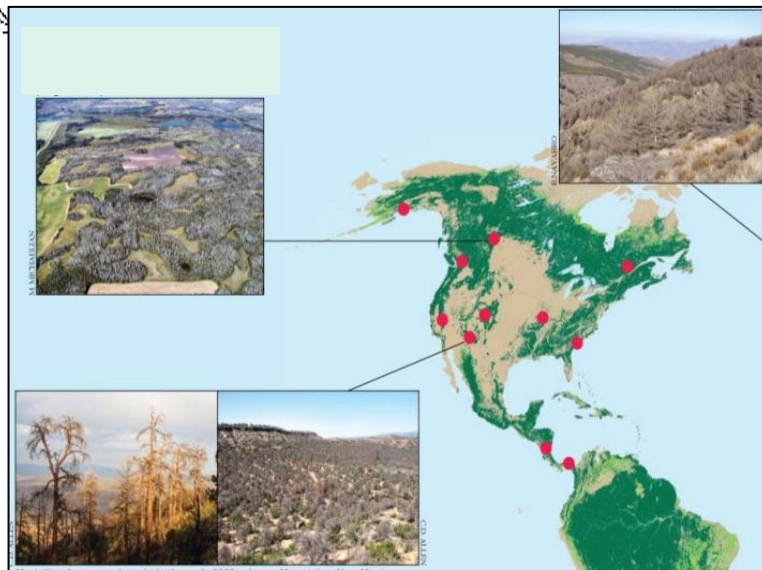
- BTRAN (soil moisture stress), and its parameters,  $\theta_{crit}$  and  $\theta_{wilt}$ , have no physical meaning and cannot be measured.
- Flux tower ET convolutes transpiration with canopy and soil evap making it difficult to use for process-level assessment. With plant hydrodynamics, sap flow measurements could be utilized.
- Satellites increasingly observe properties related to canopy or leaf water content.





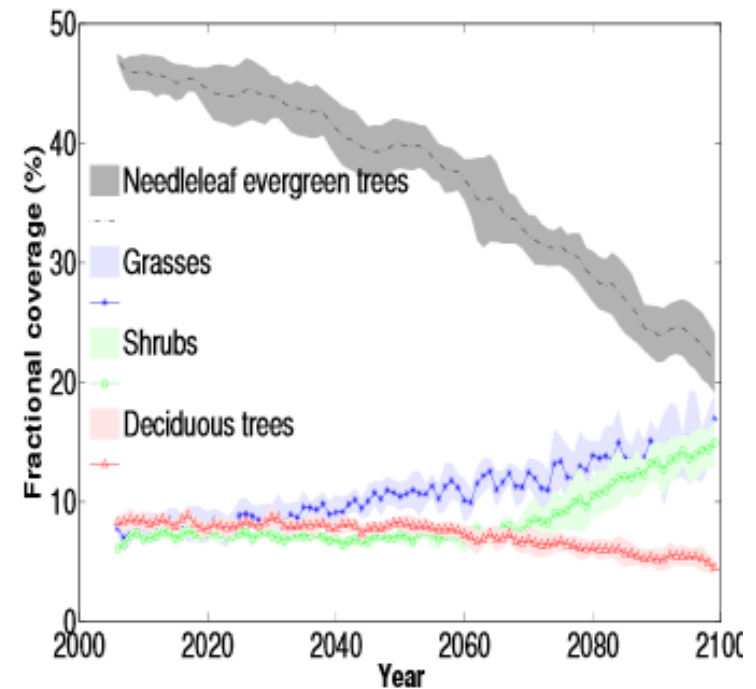
# Ecosystem vulnerability to climate change

e.g., how vulnerable are western US forests to climate change?



But ... these results are likely unreliable; tree response to soil moisture deficits represented in ad hoc way in land models. Forest loss is complex problem that requires combined consideration of climate, hydrology, ecology, and plant physiology and diversity

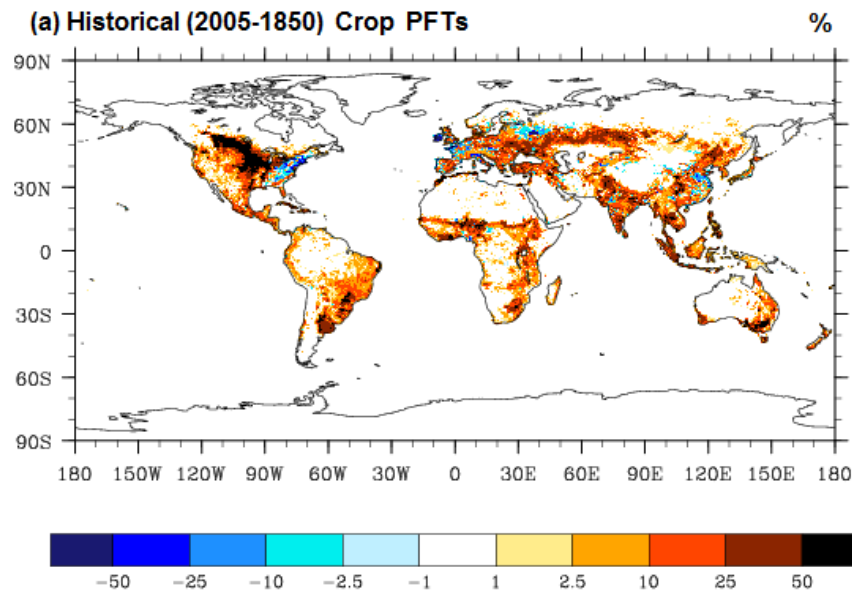
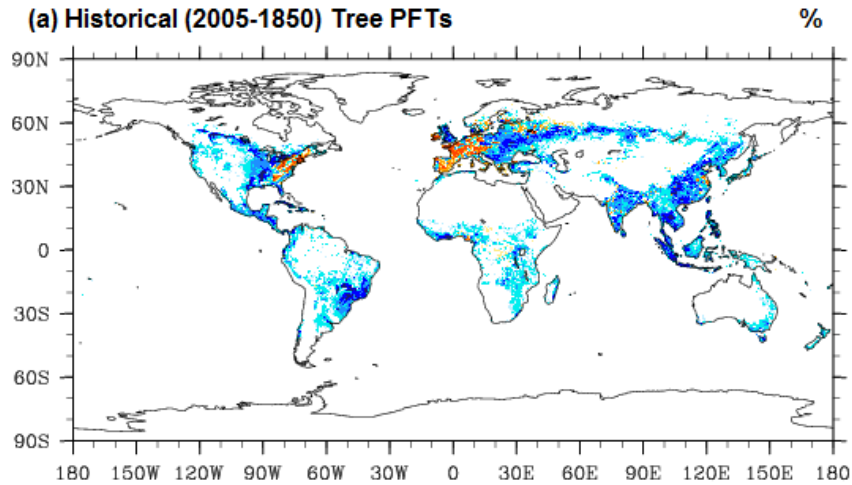
CLM4(DGVM), suggests widespread die-off of forests by 2100, but simple representation of hydrology, plant water use, mortality, ecosystem dynamics



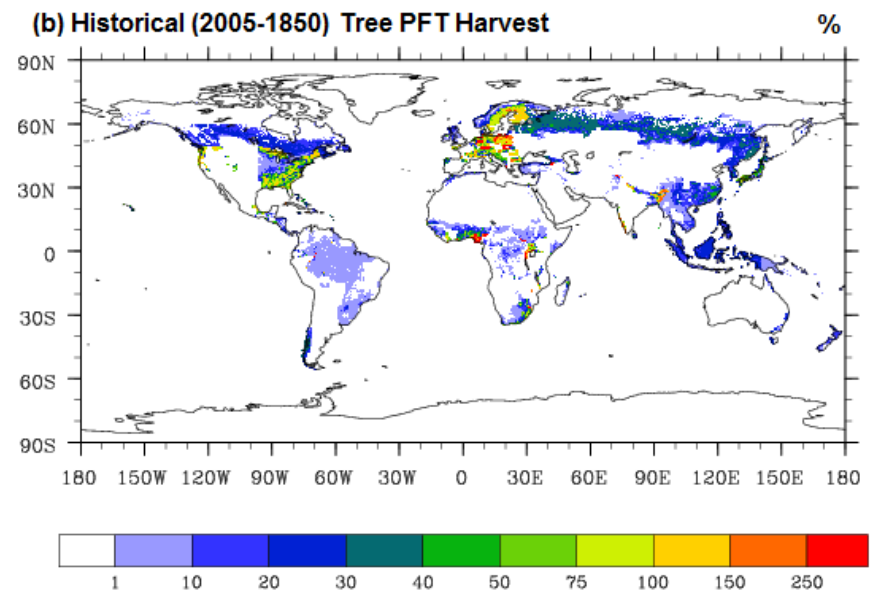


# Historical land use & land cover change, 1850-2005

## Change in tree and crop cover (% of grid cell)



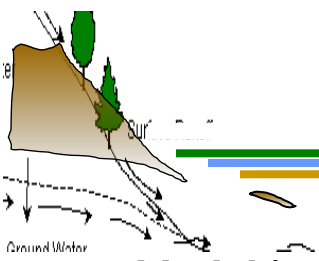
## Cumulative percent of grid cell harvested



## Historical LULCC

- Loss of tree cover and increase in cropland
- Farm abandonment and reforestation in eastern U.S. and Europe
- Extensive wood harvest





# Many paths to improve models and reduce model uncertainty

## Model intercomparisons (MIPs)

- CMIP6: carbon cycle, land use, land-atmosphere coupling, ...
- Range of plausible outcomes, but more models  $\neq$  better results

## Model benchmarking

- Comprehensive model evaluation against observations

## Real-world experiments and models

- FACE, N addition

## Model-data fusion

- Data assimilation, parameter estimation

## “Discover” critical missing process

- Add another process that is ecologically or hydrologically important but poorly known at the global scale. Tune a key parameter to get a good simulation.

## Model intracomparison

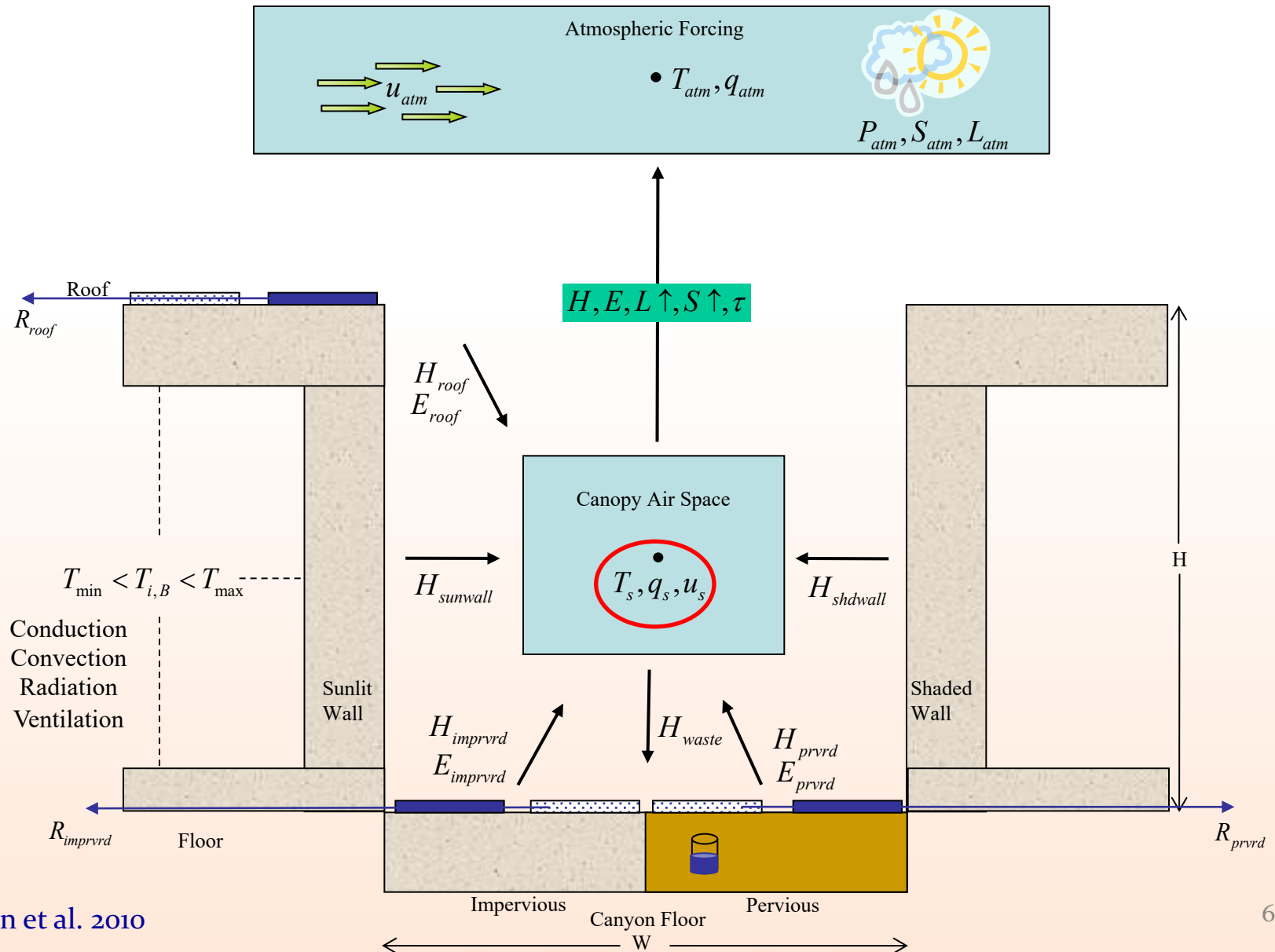
- Focus on model structural uncertainty to identify processes contributing to uncertainty

## Model hierarchy

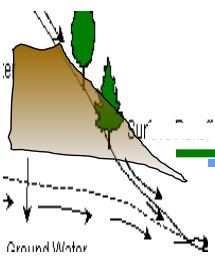
- CLM
- Process models (multilayer canopy, MIMICS)
- Simple land models (Marysa Lague)



# Urban Model



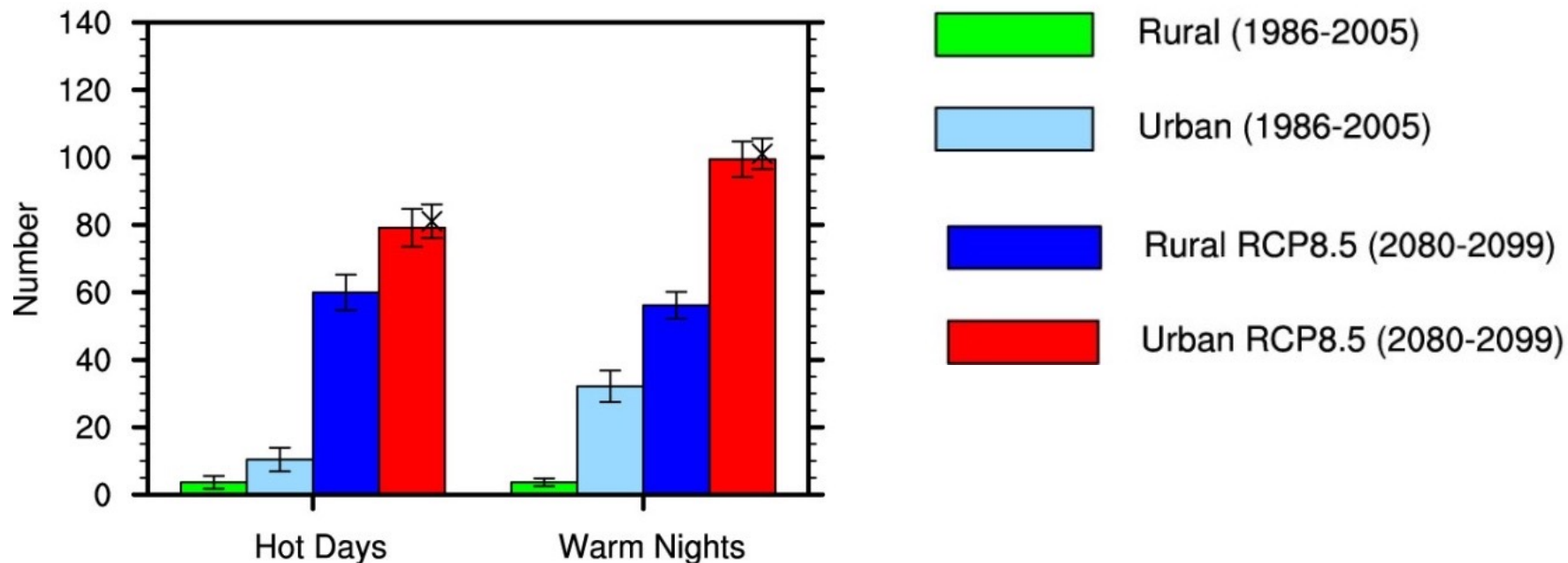




# Changes in hot days and warm nights – RCP8.5

Hot days (warm nights) – Number of days per year that daily TMAX (TMIN) exceeds 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of present day Rural daily TMAX (TMIN)

New York



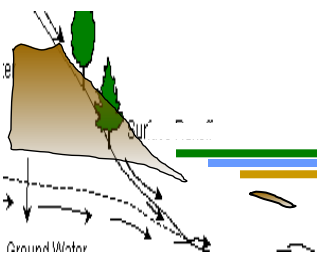
## Present-day climate

Cities have more hot days and warm nights than rural land

## 21st century climate change

Cities increase more in hot days and warm nights than does rural land



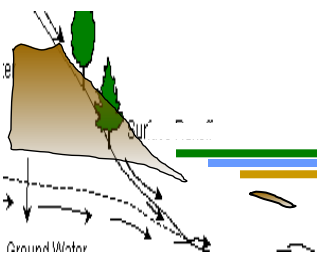


# The role of CLM in CESM:

## Land to Atmosphere

<sup>1</sup> Latent heat flux	$\lambda_{vap} E_v + \lambda E_g$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Sensible heat flux	$H_v + H_g$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Water vapor flux	$E_v + E_g$	$\text{mm s}^{-1}$
Zonal momentum flux	$\tau_x$	$\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$
Meridional momentum flux	$\tau_y$	$\text{kg m}^{-1} \text{s}^{-2}$
Emitted longwave radiation	$L \uparrow$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Direct beam visible albedo	$I \uparrow_{vis}^{\mu}$	-
Direct beam near-infrared albedo	$I \uparrow_{nir}^{\mu}$	-
Diffuse visible albedo	$I \uparrow_{vis}$	-
Diffuse near-infrared albedo	$I \uparrow_{nir}$	-
Absorbed solar radiation	$\vec{S}$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Radiative temperature	$T_{rad}$	K
Temperature at 2 meter height	$T_{2m}$	K
Specific humidity at 2 meter height	$q_{2m}$	$\text{kg kg}^{-1}$
Snow water equivalent	$W_{sno}$	m
Aerodynamic resistance	$r_{am}$	$\text{s m}^{-1}$
Friction velocity	$u_*$	$\text{m s}^{-1}$
<sup>2</sup> Dust flux	$F_j$	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
Net ecosystem exchange	NEE	$\text{kgCO}_2 \text{m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$



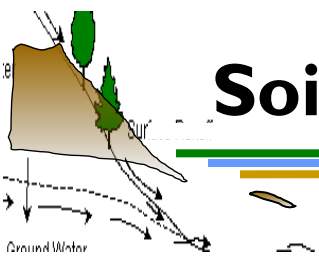


# The role of CLM in CESM:

## Atmosphere to Land

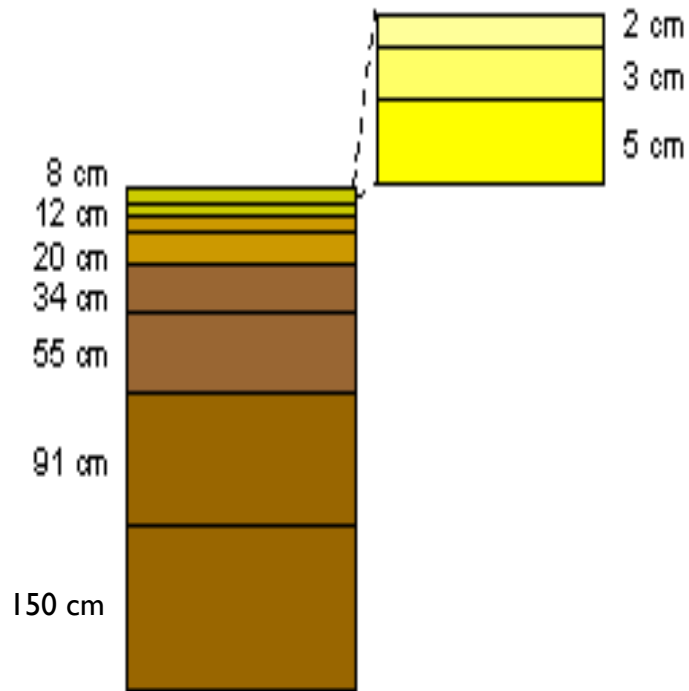
<sup>1</sup> Reference height	$z'_{atm}$	m
Zonal wind at $z_{atm}$	$u_{atm}$	$\text{m s}^{-1}$
Meridional wind at $z_{atm}$	$v_{atm}$	$\text{m s}^{-1}$
Potential temperature	$\overline{\theta}_{atm}$	K
Specific humidity at $z_{atm}$	$q_{atm}$	$\text{kg kg}^{-1}$
Pressure at $z_{atm}$	$P_{atm}$	Pa
Temperature at $z_{atm}$	$T_{atm}$	K
Incident longwave radiation	$L_{atm} \downarrow$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
<sup>2</sup> Liquid precipitation	$q_{rain}$	$\text{mm s}^{-1}$
<sup>2</sup> Solid precipitation	$q_{sno}$	$\text{mm s}^{-1}$
Incident direct beam visible solar radiation	$S_{atm} \downarrow^{\mu}_{vis}$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Incident direct beam near-infrared solar radiation	$S_{atm} \downarrow^{\mu}_{nir}$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Incident diffuse visible solar radiation	$S_{atm} \downarrow_{vis}$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Incident diffuse near-infrared solar radiation	$S_{atm} \downarrow_{nir}$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) concentration	$c_a$	ppmv
<sup>3</sup> Aerosol deposition rate	$D_{sp}$	$\text{kg m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
<sup>4</sup> Nitrogen deposition rate	$NF_{ndep\_sminn}$	$\text{g (N) m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$
<sup>5</sup> Lightning frequency	$I_l$	$\text{flash km}^2 \text{hr}^{-1}$





# Soil Texture – thermal/hydrologic parameters

**Soil parameters are derived from sand / clay percentage and soil organic matter content which is specified geographically and by soil level**

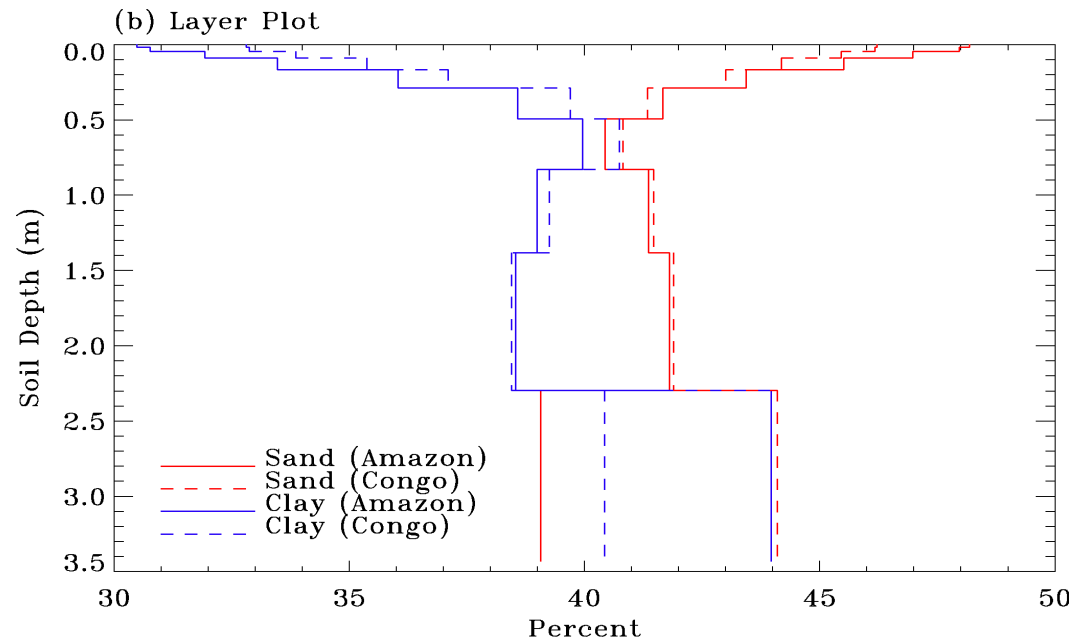


Soil profile

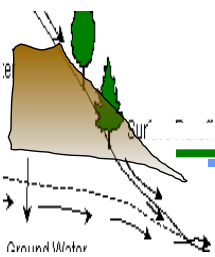
10 soil levels (~3.8m)

5 bedrock levels (~42m)

- Soil moisture concentration at saturation
- Soil moisture concentration at wilting point
- Hydraulic conductivity at saturation
- Saturated soil suction
- Thermal conductivity
- Thermal capacity





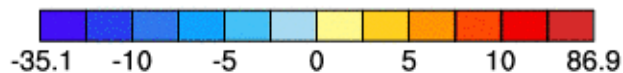
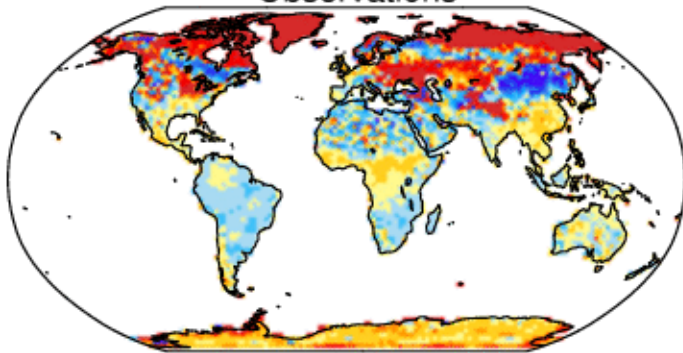


# Modeling surface albedo

DJF ASA (% reflected)

CLM45SP\_CRUNCEP

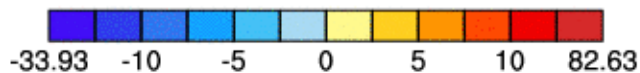
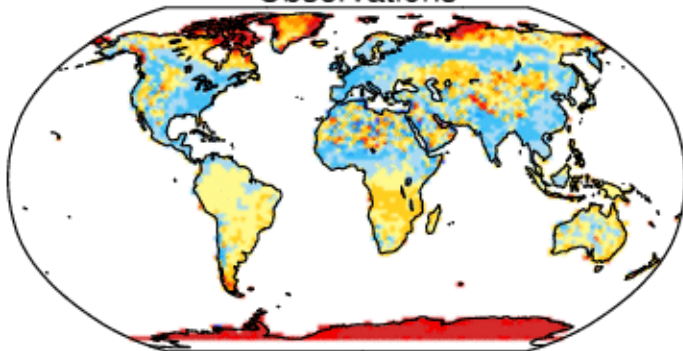
- Observations



JJA ASA (% reflected)

CLM45SP\_CRUNCEP

- Observations



Surface albedo a function of

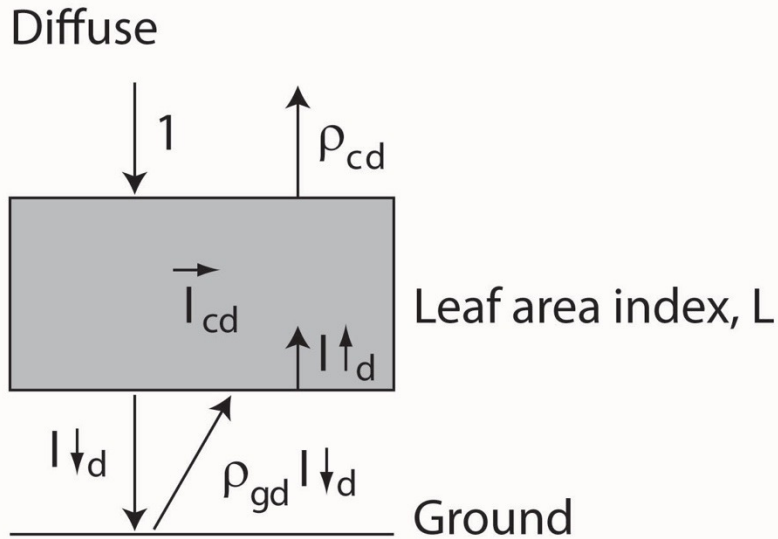
- Vegetation cover and type
- Snow cover
- Snow age
- Soil moisture
- Soil color
- Solar zenith angle
- Amount of direct vs diffuse solar radiation
- Amount of visible vs IR solar radiation

Note: MODIS albedo biased low for snow at high zenith angle

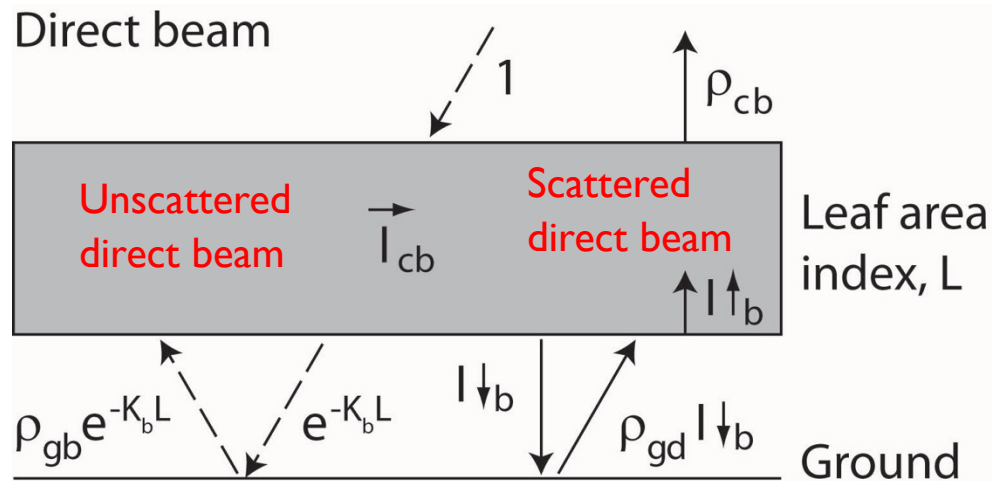
(Wang and Zender, 2010)



# Two-stream radiative transfer



Radiative transfer uses the two-stream approximation (Dickinson, Sellers) to determine reflected and absorbed solar radiation





# Momentum, and sensible heat and evaporation fluxes

## Momentum flux

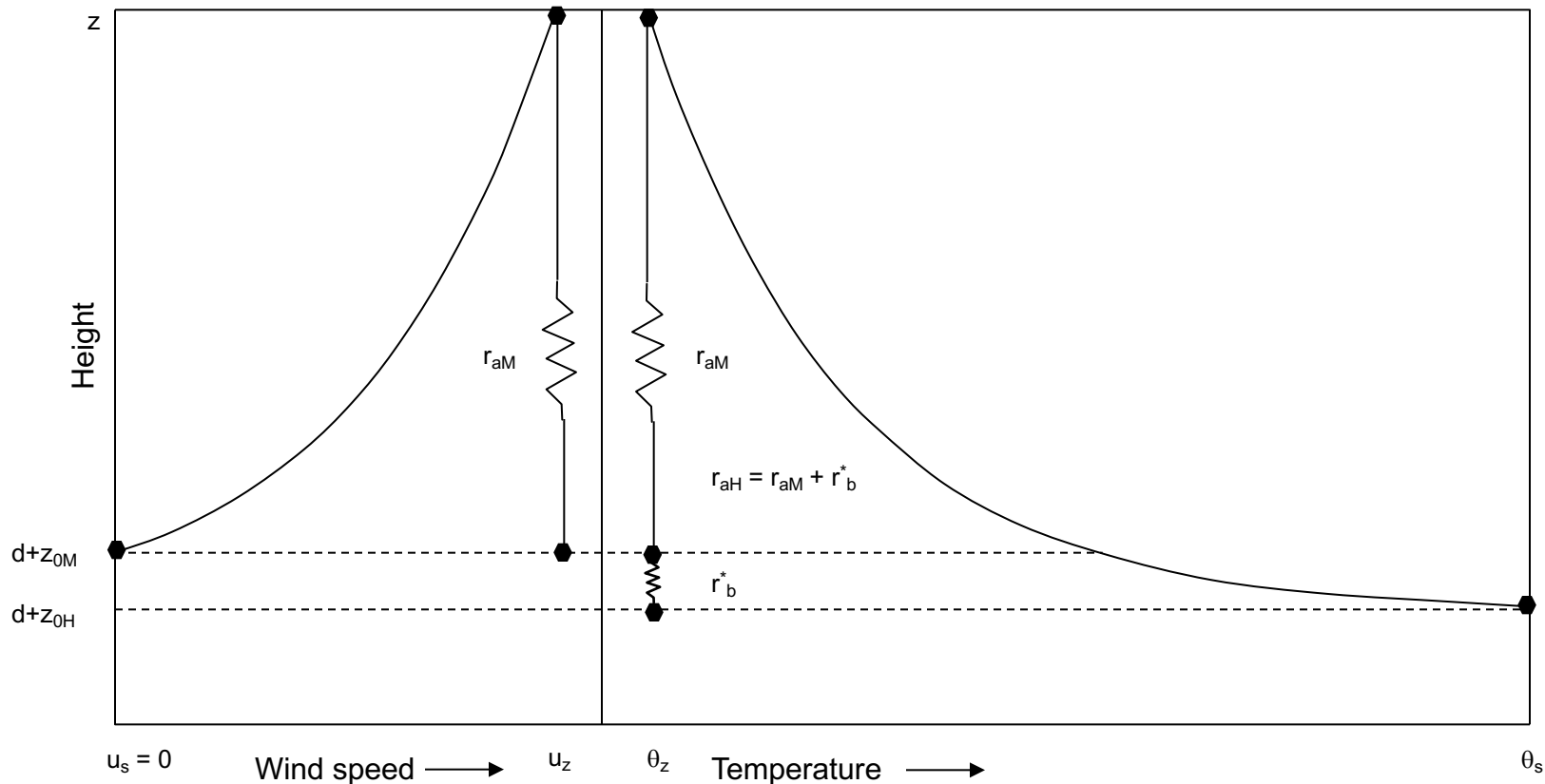
$$u_* u_* = \tau / \rho \quad \text{and} \quad \tau = \rho(u_a - u_s) / r_{aM} = \rho u / r_{aM} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_{aM} = \frac{1}{k^2 u} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{z-d}{z_{0M}} \right) - \psi_m(\zeta) \right]^2$$

## Sensible heat flux

$$\theta_* u_* = -H / (\rho c_p) \quad \text{and} \quad H = -\rho c_p (\theta_a - T_s) / r_{aH} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_{aH} = \frac{1}{k^2 u} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{z-d}{z_{0M}} \right) - \psi_m(\zeta) \right] \left[ \ln \left( \frac{z-d}{z_{0H}} \right) - \psi_h(\zeta) \right]$$

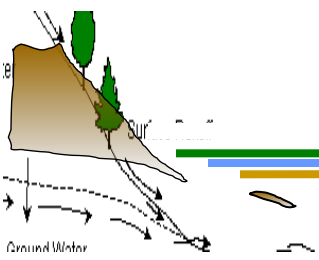
## Evaporation

$$q_* u_* = -E / \rho \quad \text{and} \quad E = -\rho (q_a - q_s) / r_{aW} \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_{aW} = \frac{1}{k^2 u} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{z-d}{z_{0M}} \right) - \psi_m(\zeta) \right] \left[ \ln \left( \frac{z-d}{z_{0W}} \right) - \psi_w(\zeta) \right]$$





# Snow/Soil thermodynamics

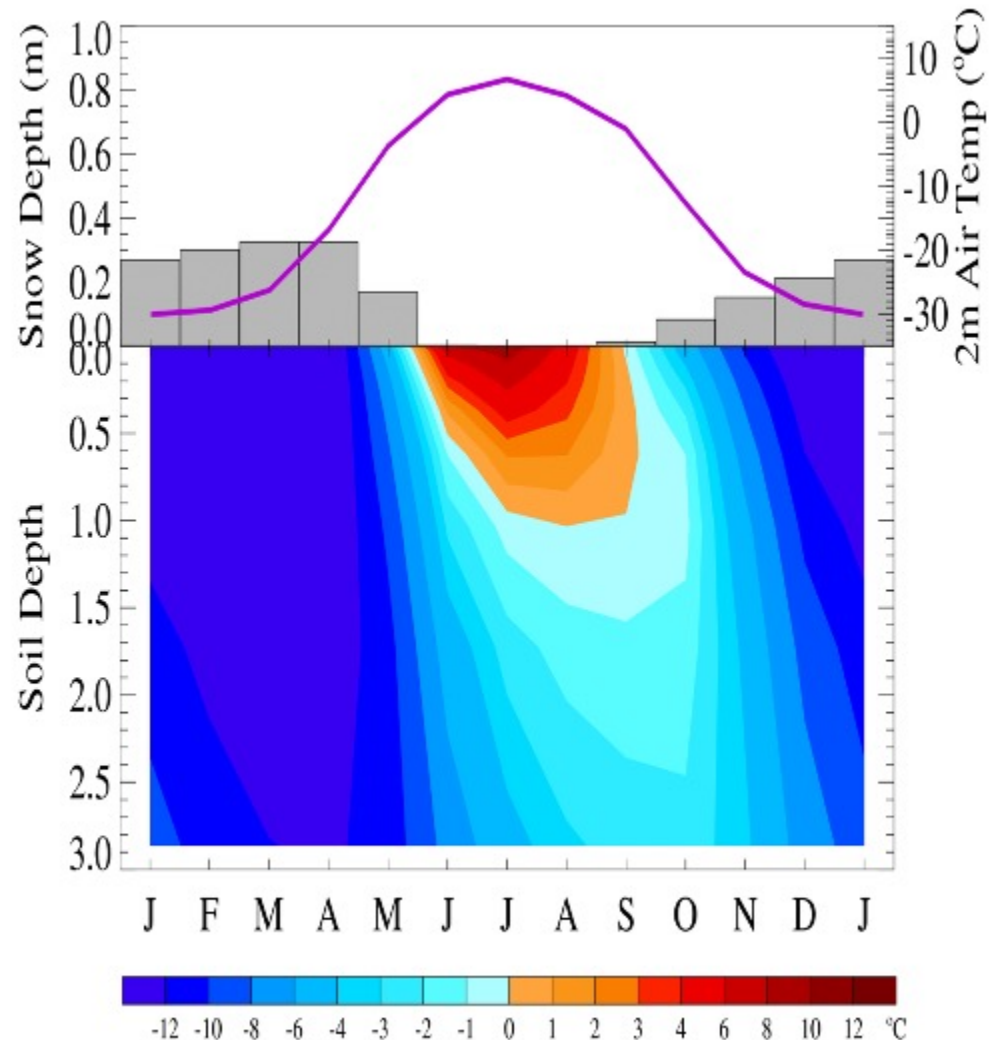


Solve the heat diffusion equation for multi-layer snow and soil model

$$C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left( K \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right)$$

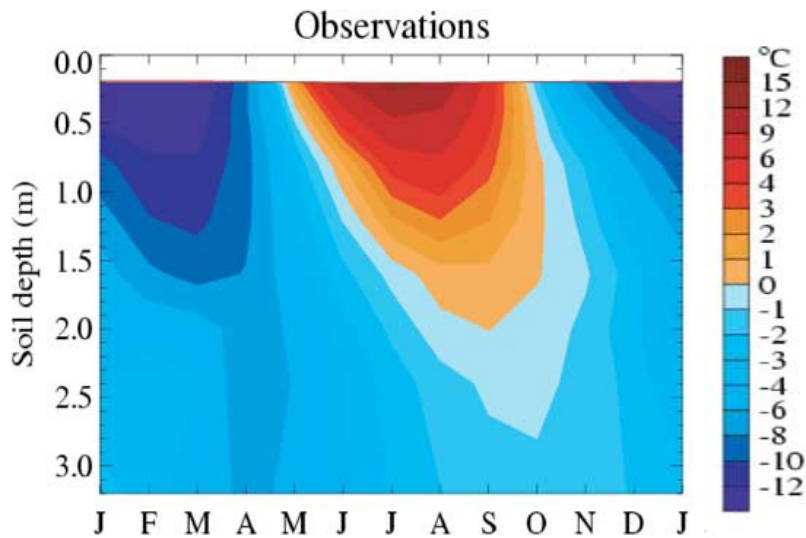
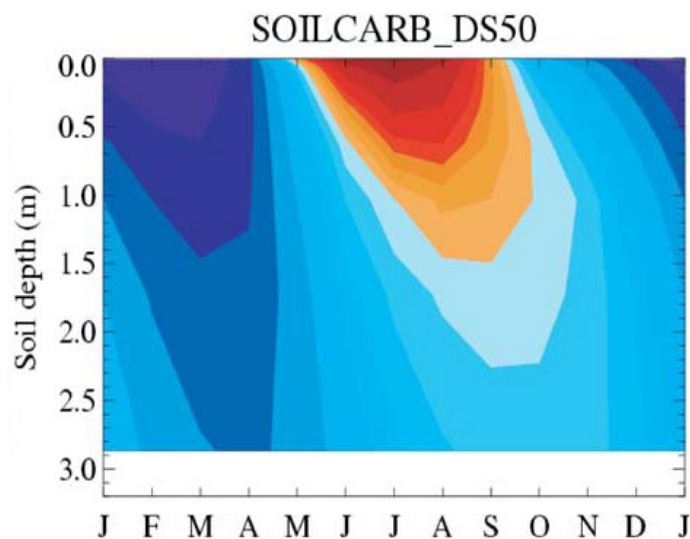
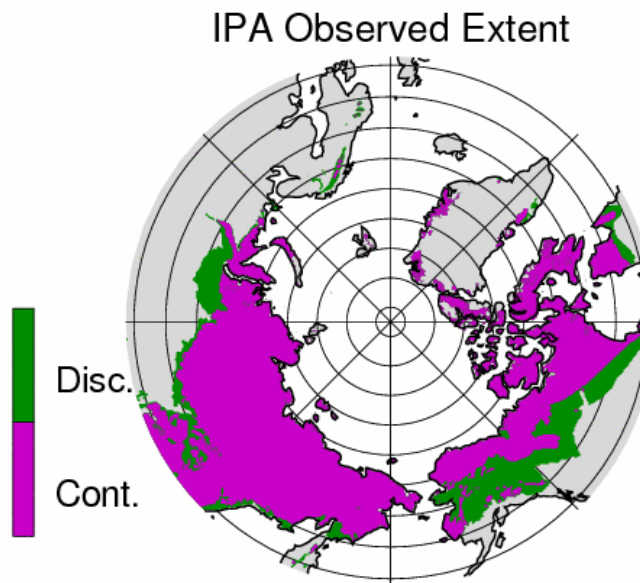
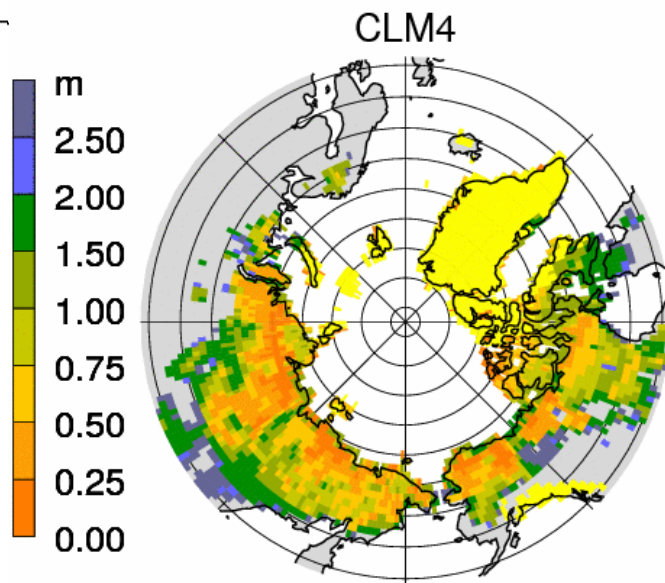
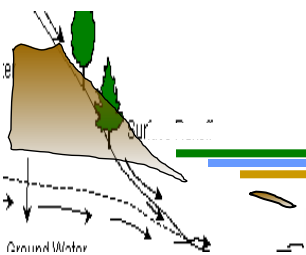
where  $C_p$  (heat capacity) and  $K$  (thermal conductivity) are functions of:

- temperature
- total soil moisture
- soil texture
- ice/liquid content



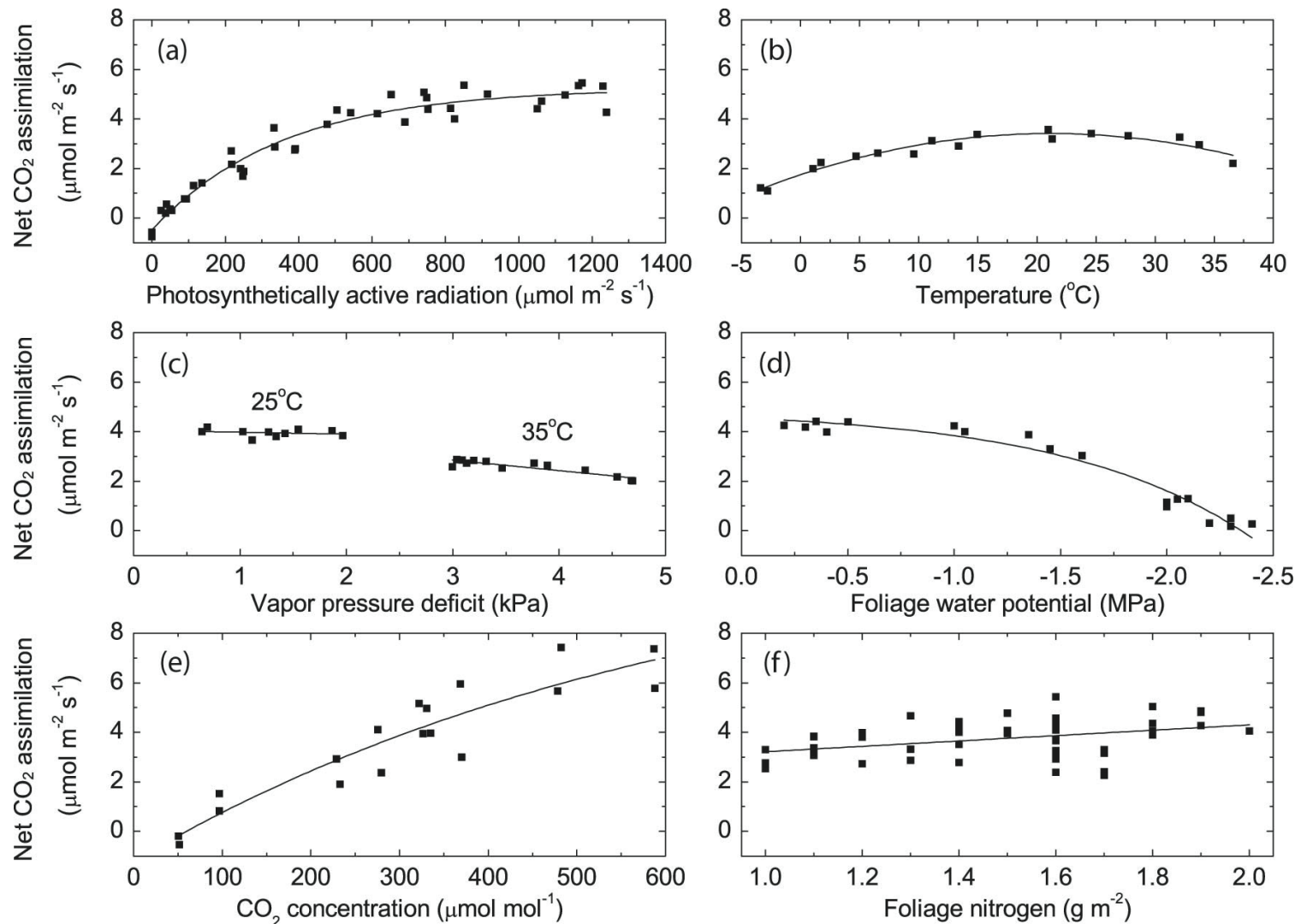


# Modeling Permafrost in CLM





# Leaf photosynthesis





# Leaf photosynthesis and stomatal conductance

## Farquhar photosynthesis model

$$A_n = \min(w_c, w_j, w_p) - R_d$$

$w_c$  is the rubisco-limited rate of photosynthesis,  $w_j$  is light-limited rate allowed by RuBP regeneration,  $w_p$  is product limited rate of carboxylation

rubisco-limited rate is

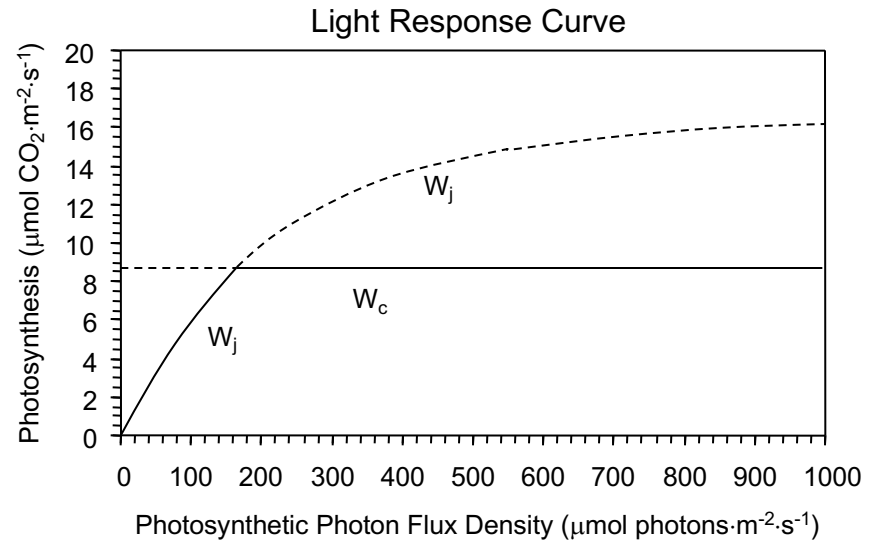
$$w_c = \frac{V_{c\max}(c_i - \Gamma^*)}{c_i + K_c(1 + O_i/K_o)}$$

RuBP regeneration-limited rate is

$$w_j = \frac{J(c_i - \Gamma^*)}{4(c_i + 2\Gamma^*)}$$

product-limited rate is

$$w_p = 3T_p$$

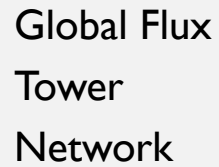


## Ball-Berry stomatal conductance

$$\frac{1}{r_s} = g_s = g_1 \frac{A_n h_s}{c_s / P_{atm}} + g_0 \beta_t$$



The diagram illustrates a coastal dune system. On the left, a brown dune slope is shown with green trees and shrubs growing on it. A dashed line labeled 'Surf' indicates the water level. Arrows show wind blowing from the left towards the dune. Below the dune, a dashed line represents the ground surface, and arrows indicate the movement of sand or water. A small blue box is located at the bottom right of the diagram.



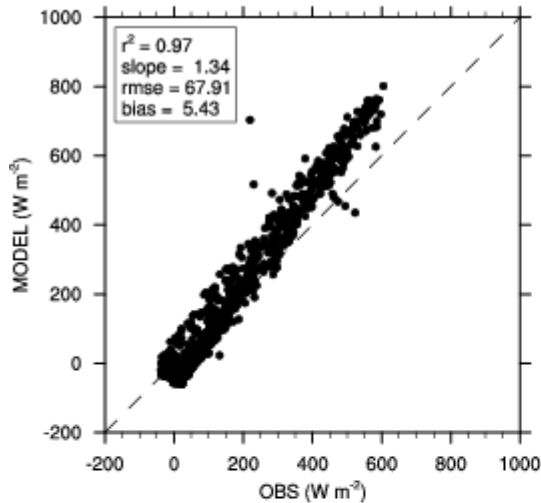


# Evaluating CLM4.5 with tower flux data

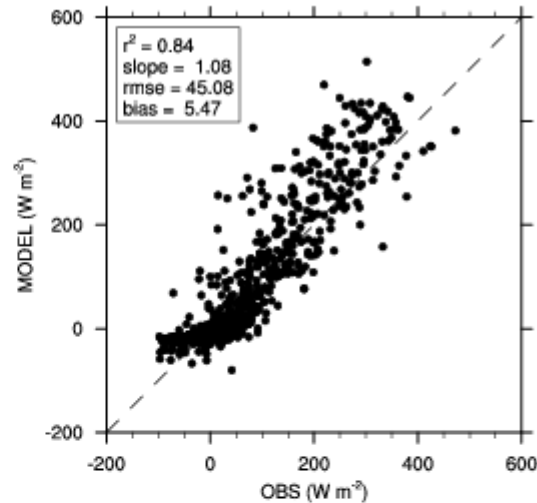
Howland Forest, Maine, July, 1996

AMF\_USHo1 CLM451\_r111\_SP, Observed Fluxes, DOY\_183-213\_1996

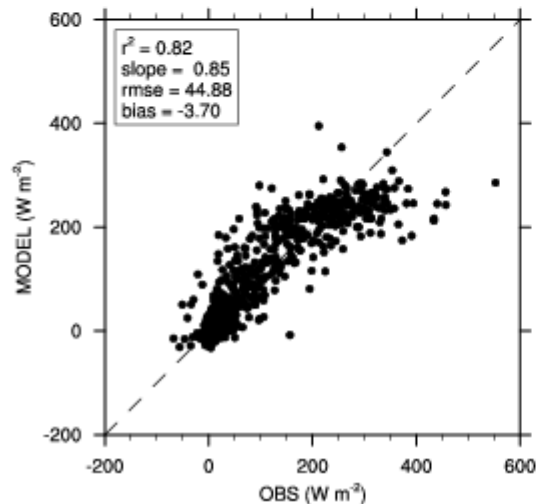
Net Radiation



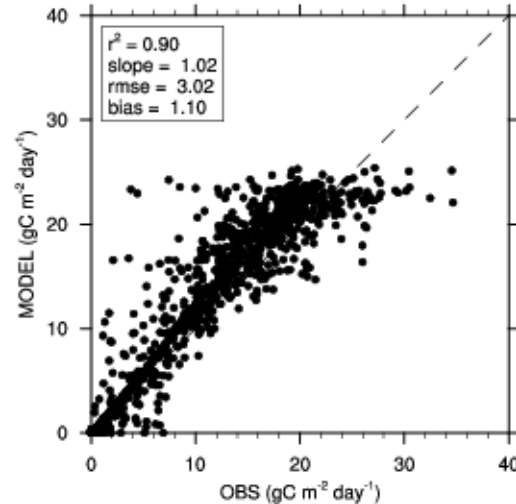
Sensible Heat Flux



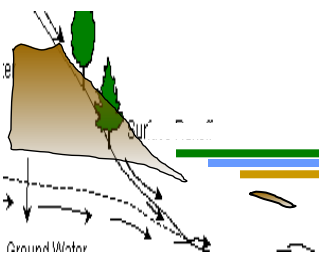
Latent Heat Flux



GPP

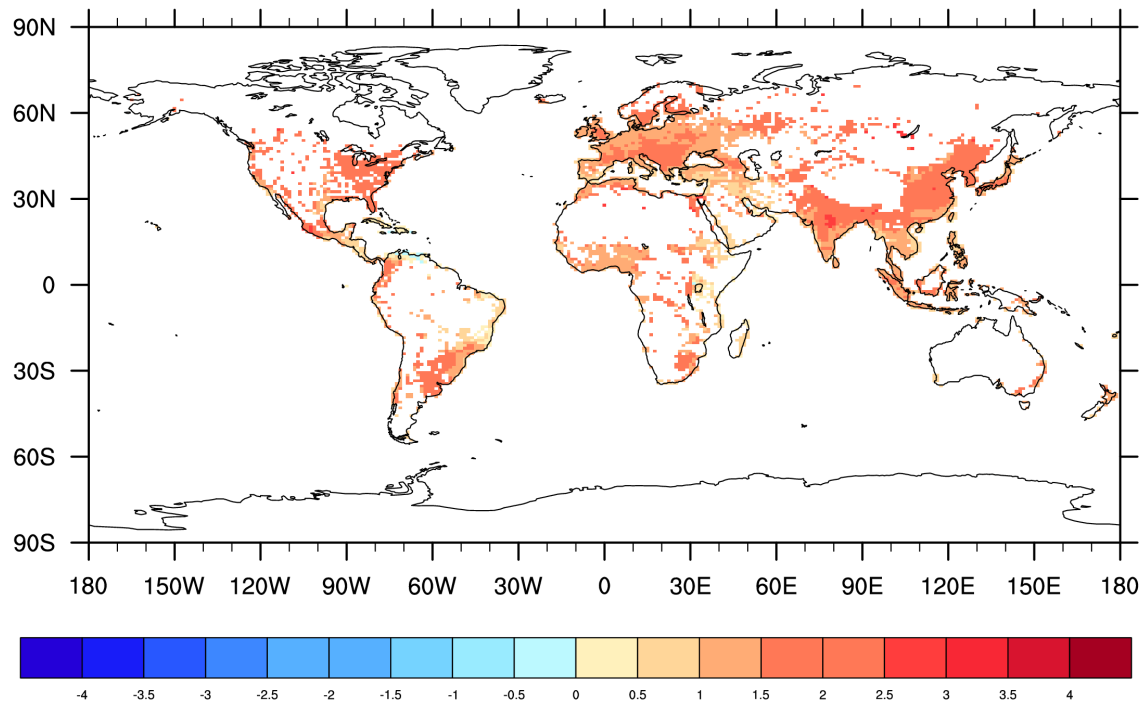






# Urban Heat Island in CCSM4

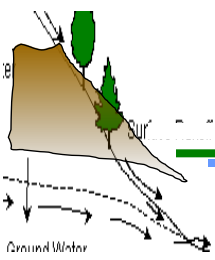
Present day Urban Heat Island (UHI) simulated by CLM  
Urban ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



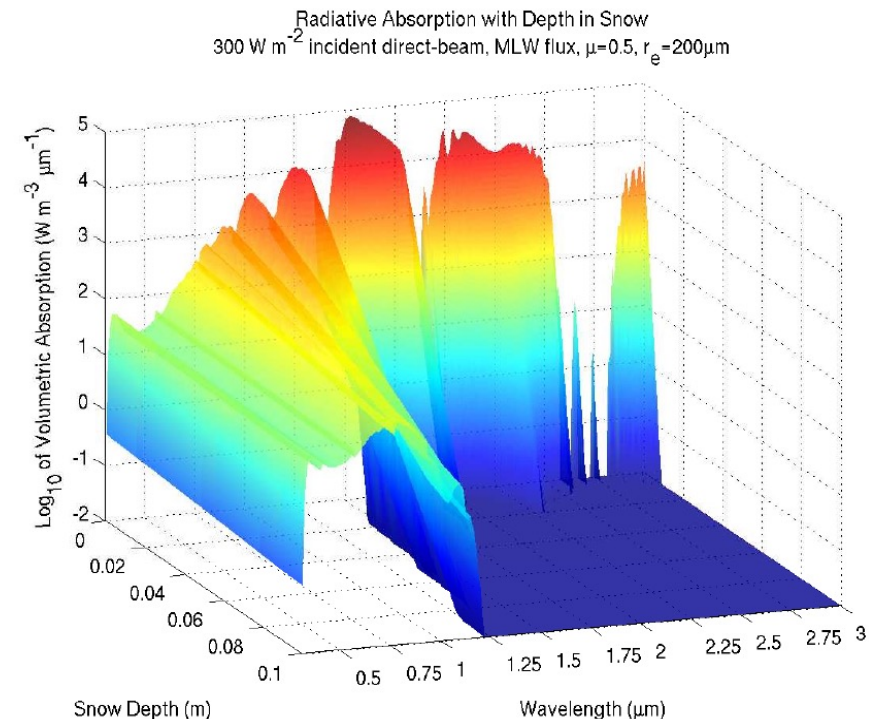
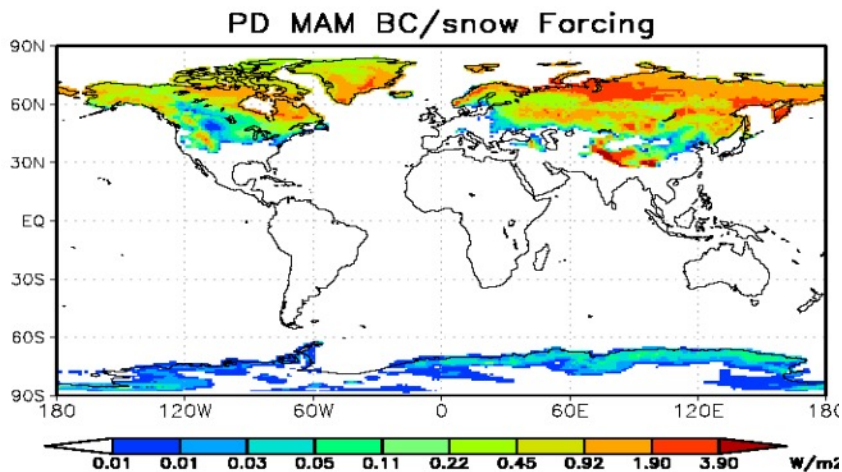
Modeled UHI ranges from near-zero up to  $4^{\circ}\text{C}$  with spatial and seasonal variability controlled by urban to rural contrasts in energy balance.



# Snow, Ice, and Aerosol Radiative Model (SNICAR)



- Snow darkening from deposited black carbon, mineral dust, and organic matter
- Vertically-resolved solar heating in the snowpack
- Snow aging (evolution of effective grain size) based on:
  - Snow temperature and temperature gradient
  - Snow density
  - Liquid water content and
  - Melt/freezing cycling



Flanner et al (2007), *JGR*  
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