

# Overview of CABLE activities

## UM users workshop 2015

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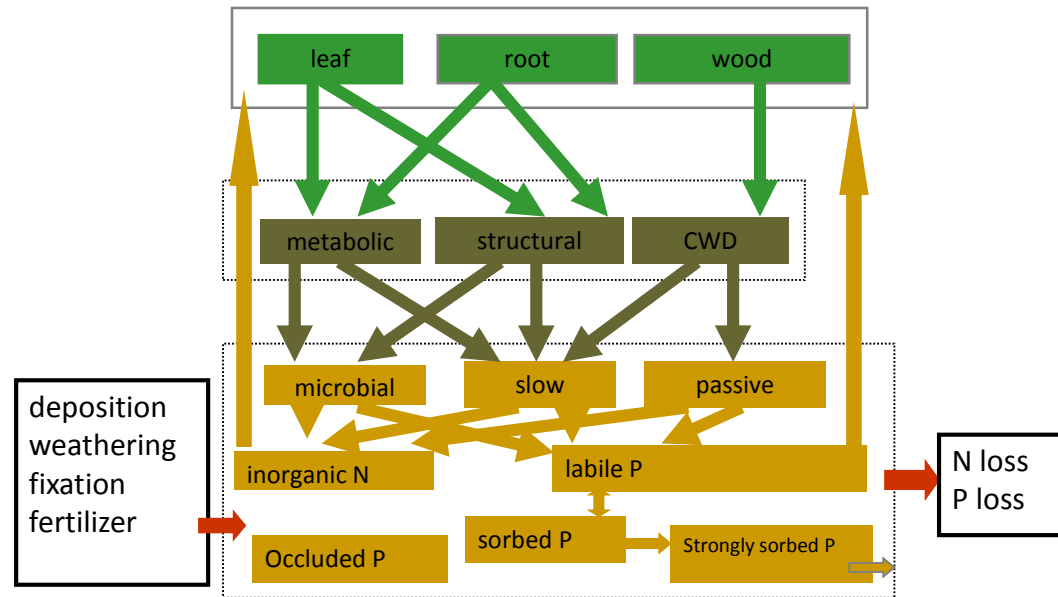
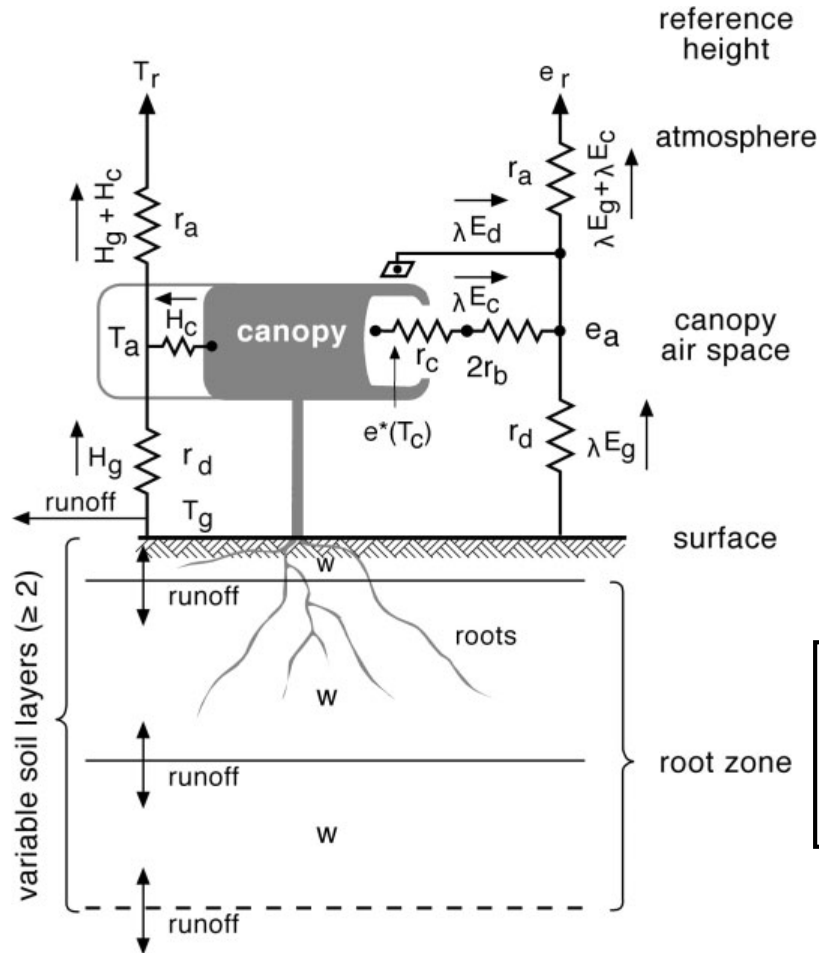
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# What is CABLE and who uses it?

- Community **A**tmosphere **B**iosphere **L**and **E**xchange
- Australian community land surface model for stand-alone and online use
- Coupled to
  - global models: ACCESS (UM-atmosphere), CCAM, Mk3L
  - regional models: WRF (via NASA's Land Information System)
  - air pollution model: TAPM
- 88 registered users from 17 Australian and 24 overseas institutions
- Key groups
  - CSIRO, Melbourne: CABLE in ACCESS, model development, parameter estimation, global offline applications
  - CSIRO, Canberra: Australian continental applications, carbon and water budgets, linking CABLE to population dynamics
  - ARCCSS (UNSW), Sydney: ACCESS and offline applications, coupling to NASA LIS (and WRF), model development
  - BoM, Melbourne: CABLE in ACCESS for NWP

# CABLE components



**Biophysics**  
(original CABLE)



**Biogeochemistry**  
(CASA-CNP)



**CABLE**  
(current)

# CABLE timeline

**1990:** First land surface model developed in CSIRO.

**1997:** Another model - Soil Canopy Atmosphere Model (SCAM) -developed with an empirical photosynthesis model

**1998:** Two-leaf (sunlit, shaded) canopy model developed

**2003:** CSIRO Biosphere Model (CBM) developed

**2006:** CBM and SCAM combined to form CABLE version 1.0. Last released update v1.4b in Sep 2008.

**2010:** CASA-CNP, a global biogeochemical model of C, N and P developed

**2012:** CABLE2.0 released. CABLEv1.8 in ACCESS1.3 for CMIP5.

**2014:** CABLE2.2.3 in ACCESS-ESM1

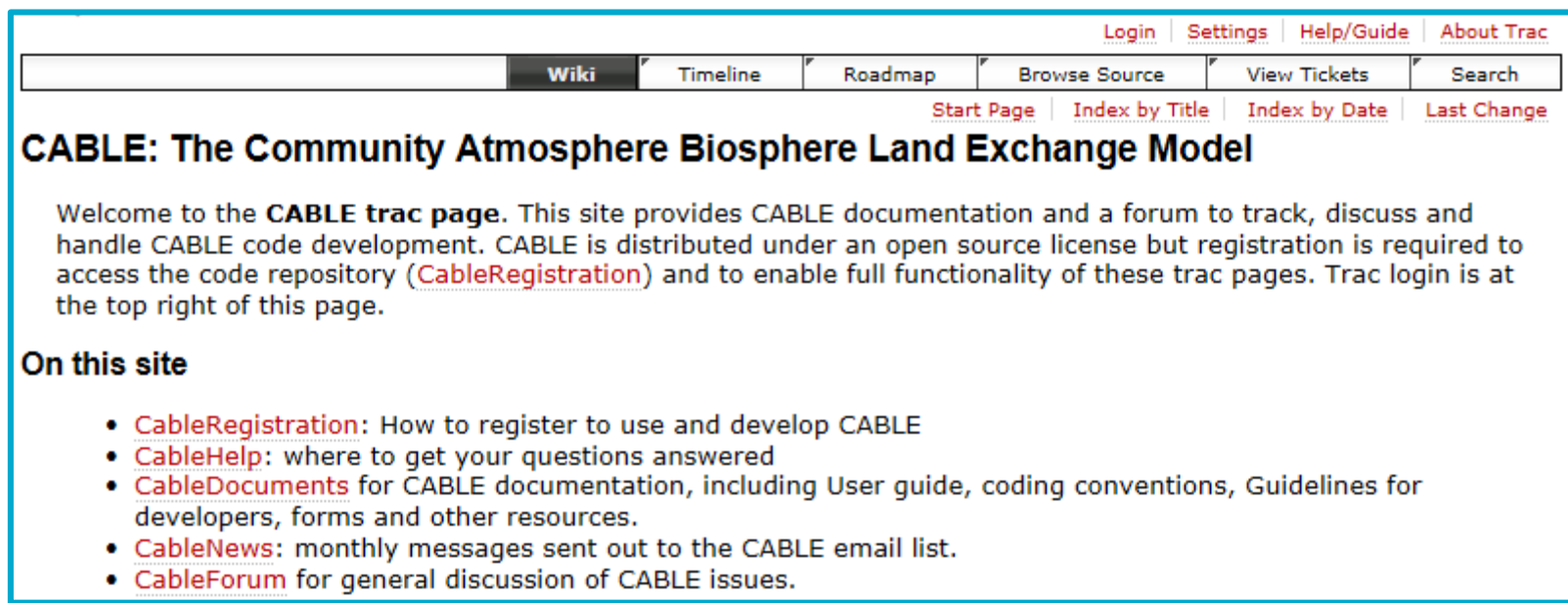
Main technical documentation in

Kowalczyk et al., CMAR tech report, 2006;

Wang et al., BG, 2010; Wang et al., JGR, 2011.

# Code availability

- Open Source (BSD/MIT variant)
- Register to use CABLE repository
- Hosted at NCI (National Computational Infrastructure)
- Growing use of tickets for model development
- <https://trac.nci.org.au/trac/cable/wiki>

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## CABLE: The Community Atmosphere Biosphere Land Exchange Model

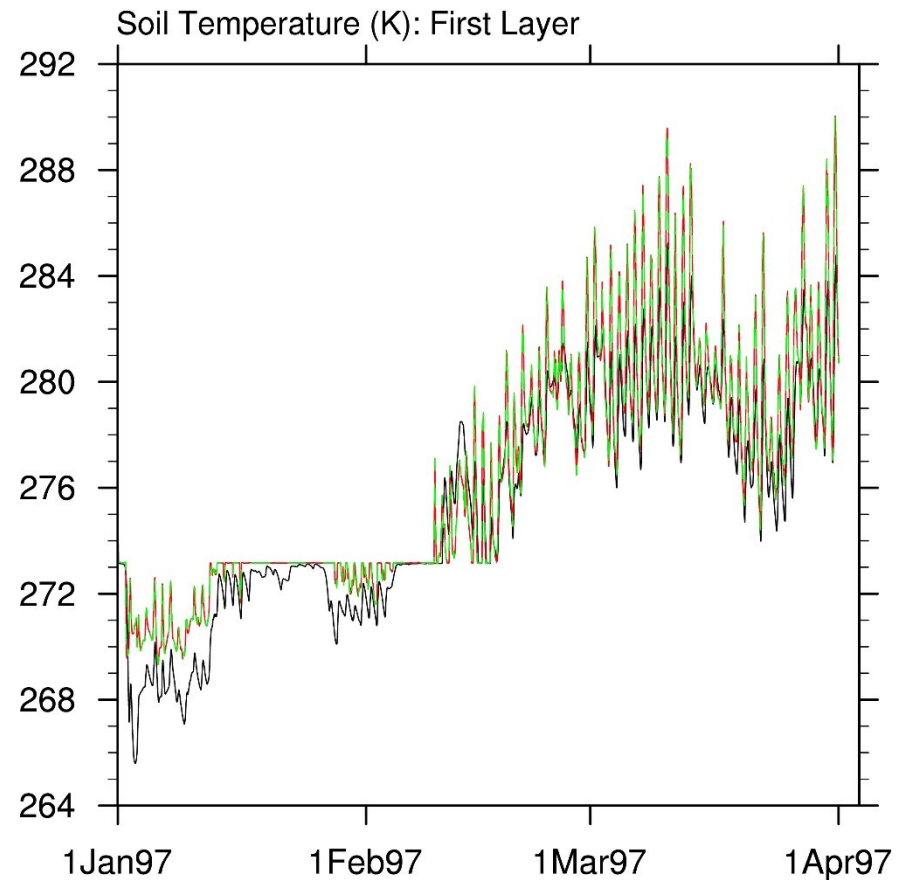
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### On this site

- [CableRegistration](#): How to register to use and develop CABLE
- [CableHelp](#): where to get your questions answered
- [CableDocuments](#) for CABLE documentation, including User guide, coding conventions, Guidelines for developers, forms and other resources.
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- [CableForum](#) for general discussion of CABLE issues.

# Technical activities

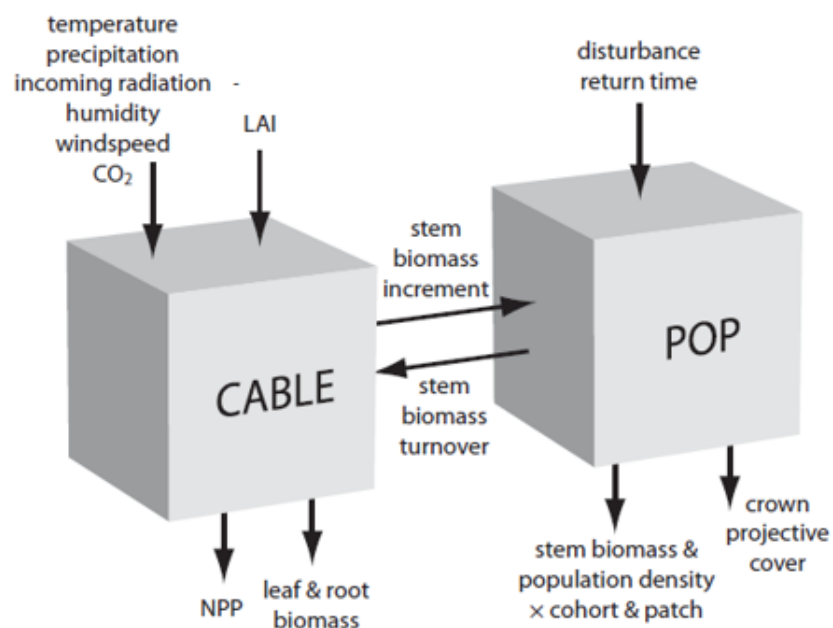
- CABLE via JULES
  - Single-site (L. Stevens)
    - Runs and very close to CABLE offline
  - Global offline (H. Zhang)
    - Runs, needs to be verified against CABLE offline
  - Coupled to UM8.5 for initial version of ACCESS-CM2 (J. Srbinovsky)
    - Crashes in first month
  - Coupled to UM10+ (M. Pryor)
    - Crashes in first timestep



L. Stevens

# Technical activities

- Incorporation of alternate soil scheme: Soil Litter Isotope (SLI)
- Incorporation of POP: Population Orders Physiology – new capability for disturbance
- Currently offline applications only

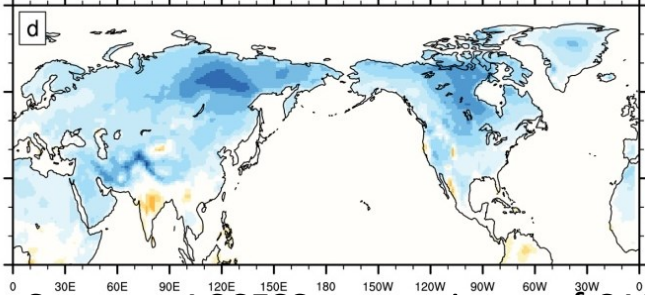


\*Haverd et al. 2013  
*Geophysical Research Letters* 40:  
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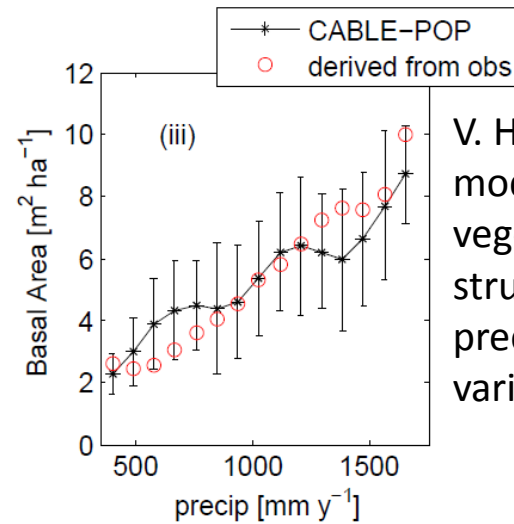
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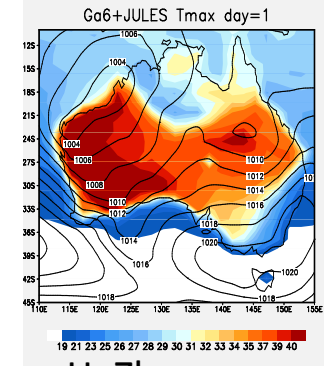
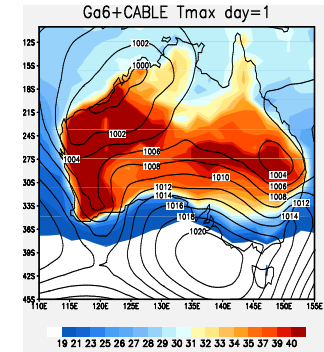
JJA



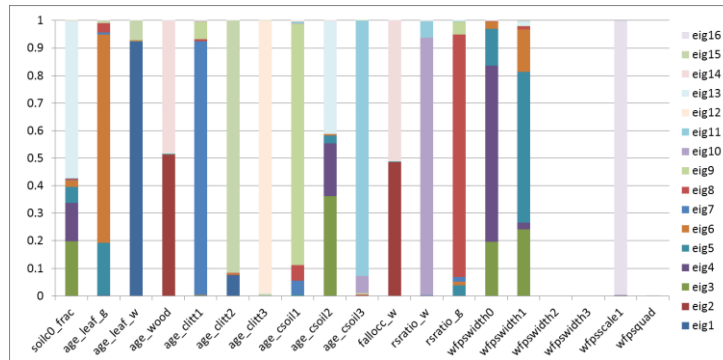
L. Stevens, ACCESS comparisons of CABLE vs MOSES



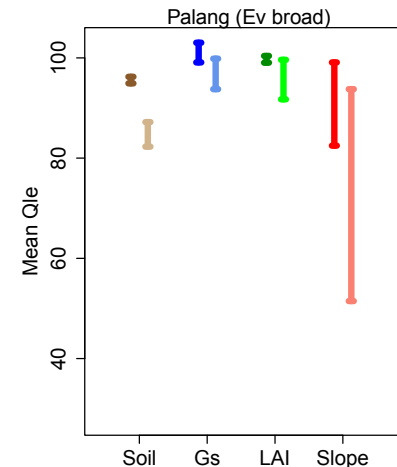
V. Haverd, modelling vegetation structure as precipitation varies



H. Zhang, Transpose-AMIP test with GA6+CABLE, GA6+JULES



C. Trudinger, Parameter identifiability in CASA-CNP



A. Ukkola, Sensitivity of latent heat to model parameters

N. Haughton, PLUMBER analysis

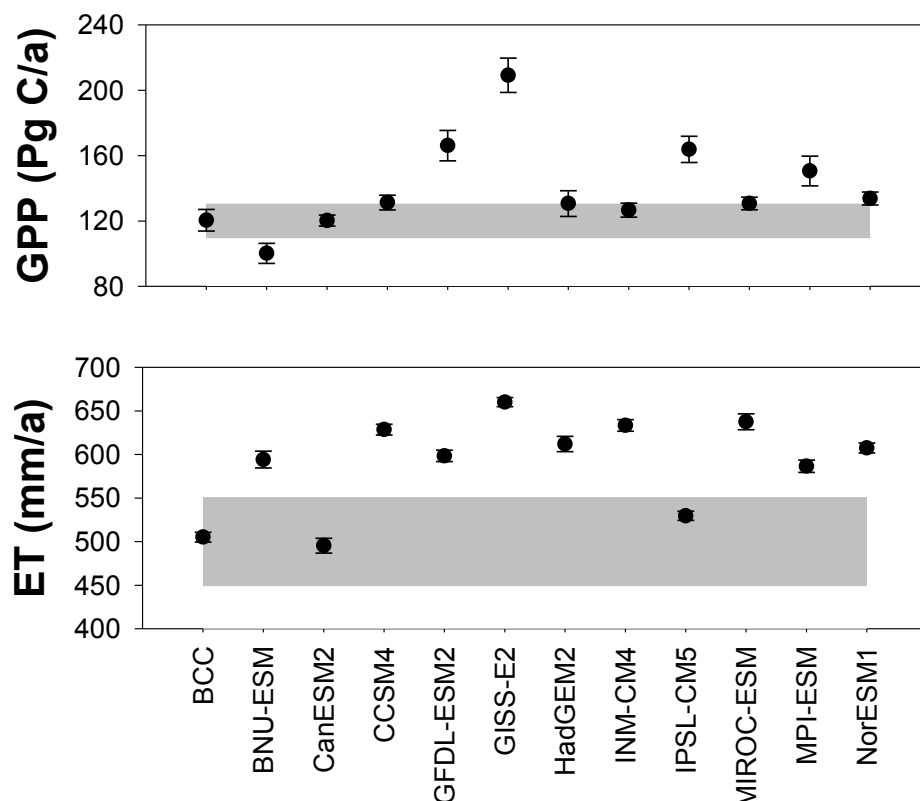
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# Sensitivity analysis and parameter estimation

Jianduo Li and Ying-Ping Wang  
Beijing Normal University and  
CSIRO

# Why parameter estimation?



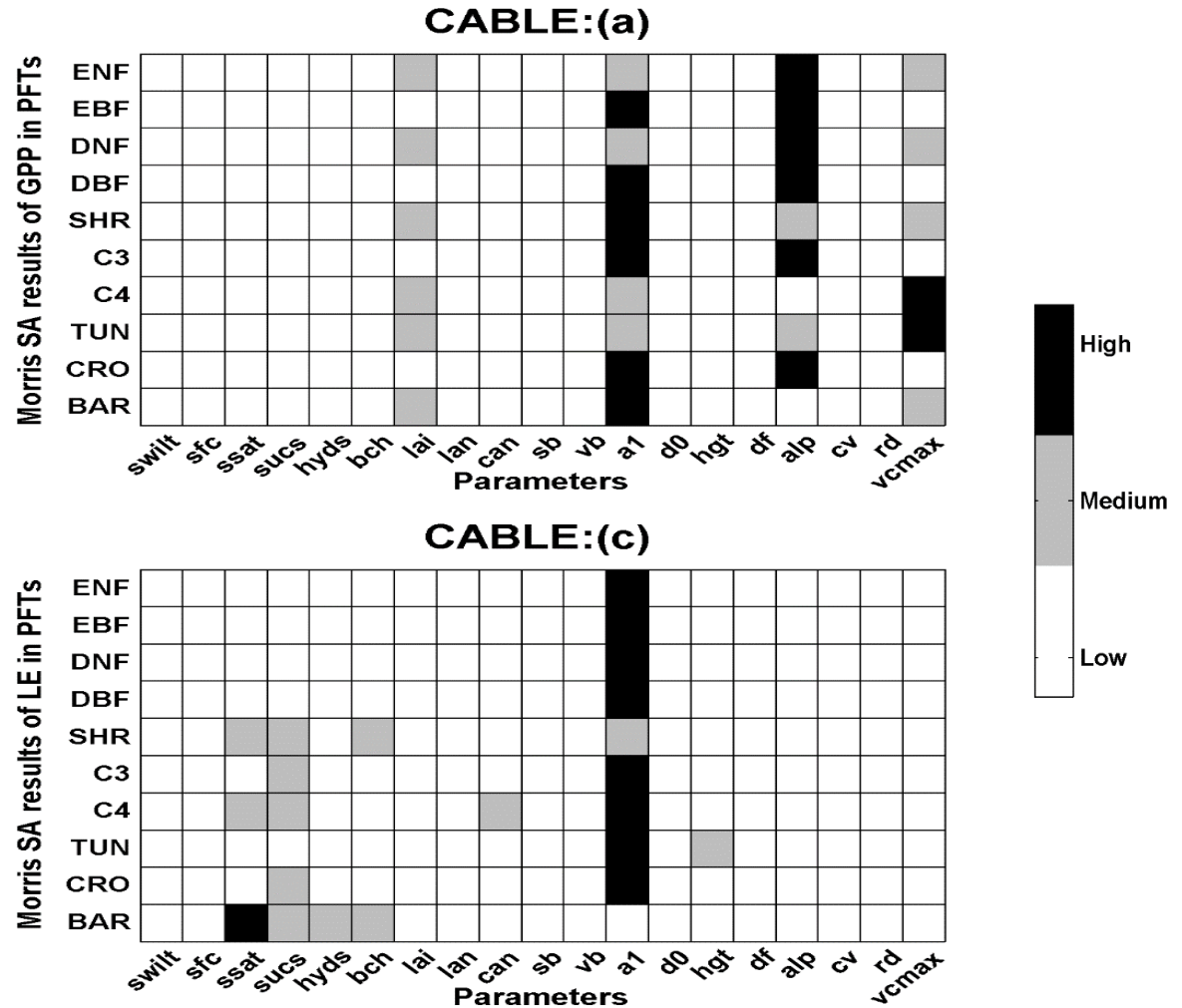
- Most CMIP5 ESMs do not match global present-day Global Primary Production (GPP) and Evapotranspiration (ET)
- Difficult to diagnose errors in coupled simulations
- Difficult to directly compare land surface model components
- Could parameter tuning improve simulation?

Modelled GPP and ET compared to Fluxnet-derived estimates (Jung et al, 2011) (grey bar)

**Li et al. unpublished data**

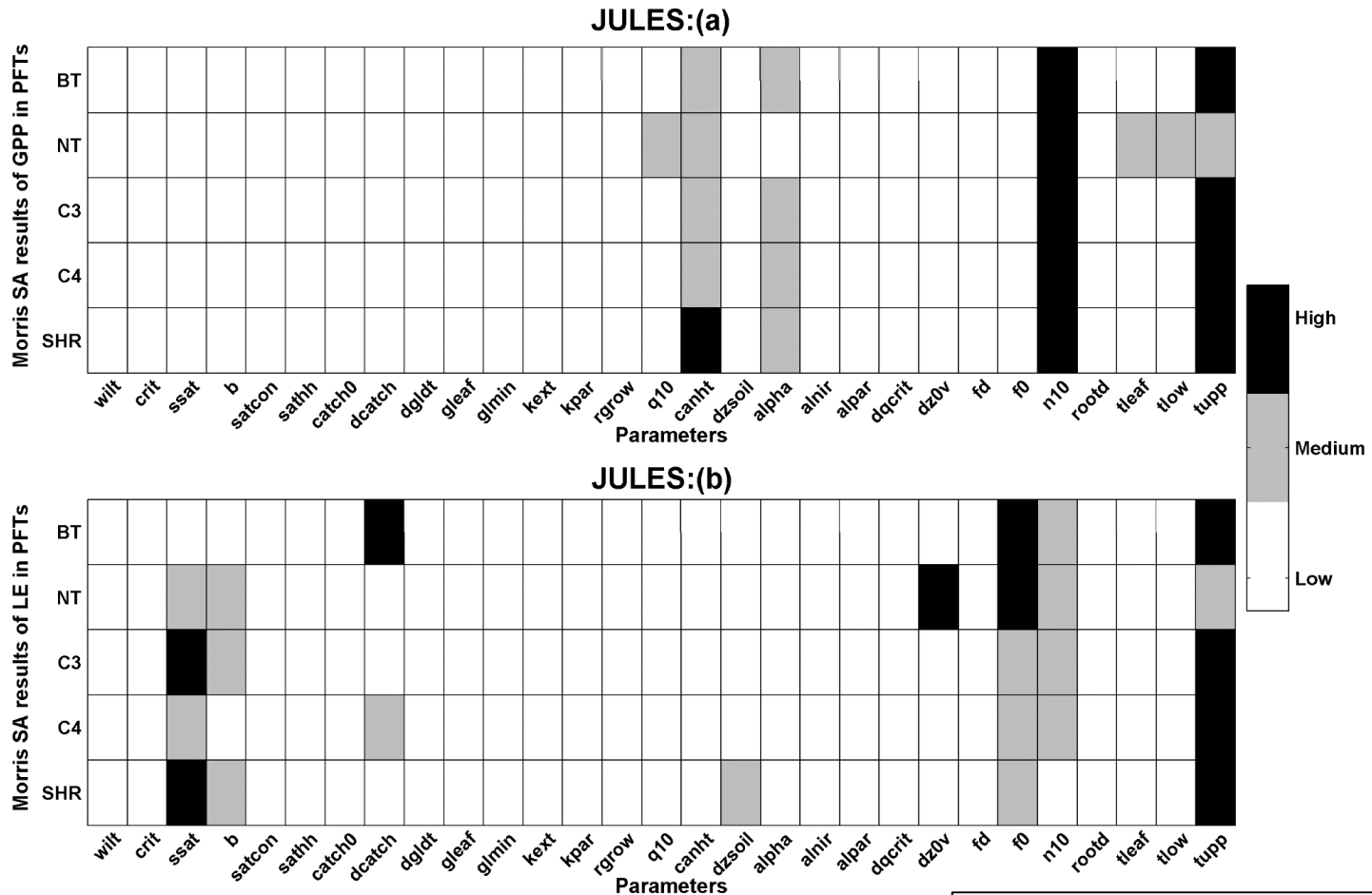
# Sensitivity analysis - CABLE

Morris method:  
Offline simulations for  
1990



Li et al. unpublished data

# Sensitivity analysis - JULES

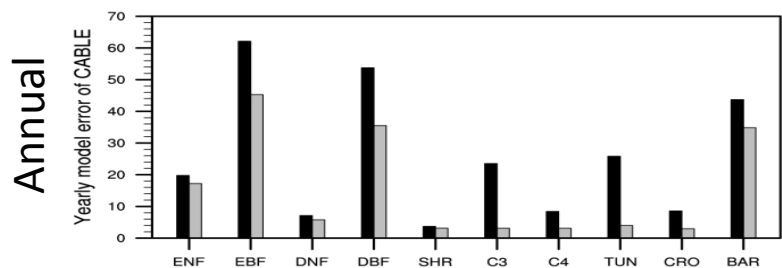


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# Impact of tuning sensitive parameters

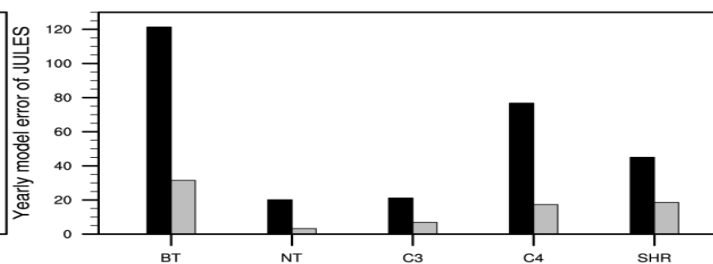
Combined error in GPP and LE by vegetation type before/after parameter tuning

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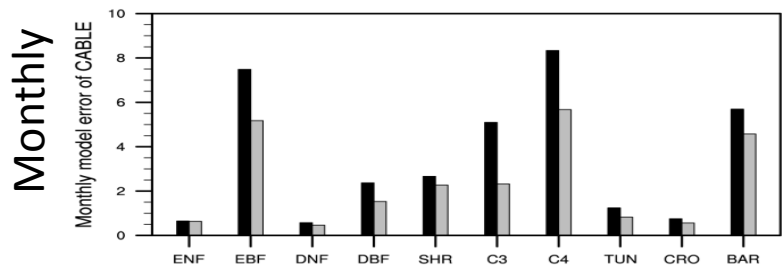


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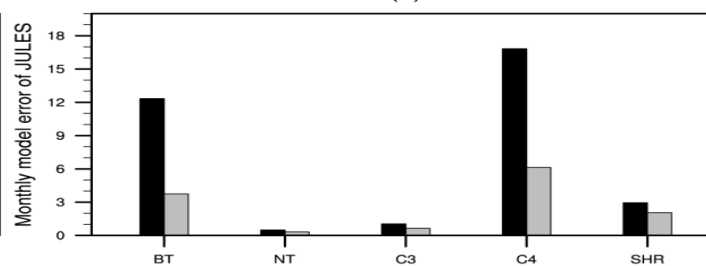
JULES



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■ default ■ tuned



Offline simulation, 1982-2005

Substantial reduction in errors for tuned parameters.  
Does offline impact carry over to coupled applications without unintended negative impacts on simulation?

Li et al.  
unpublished data

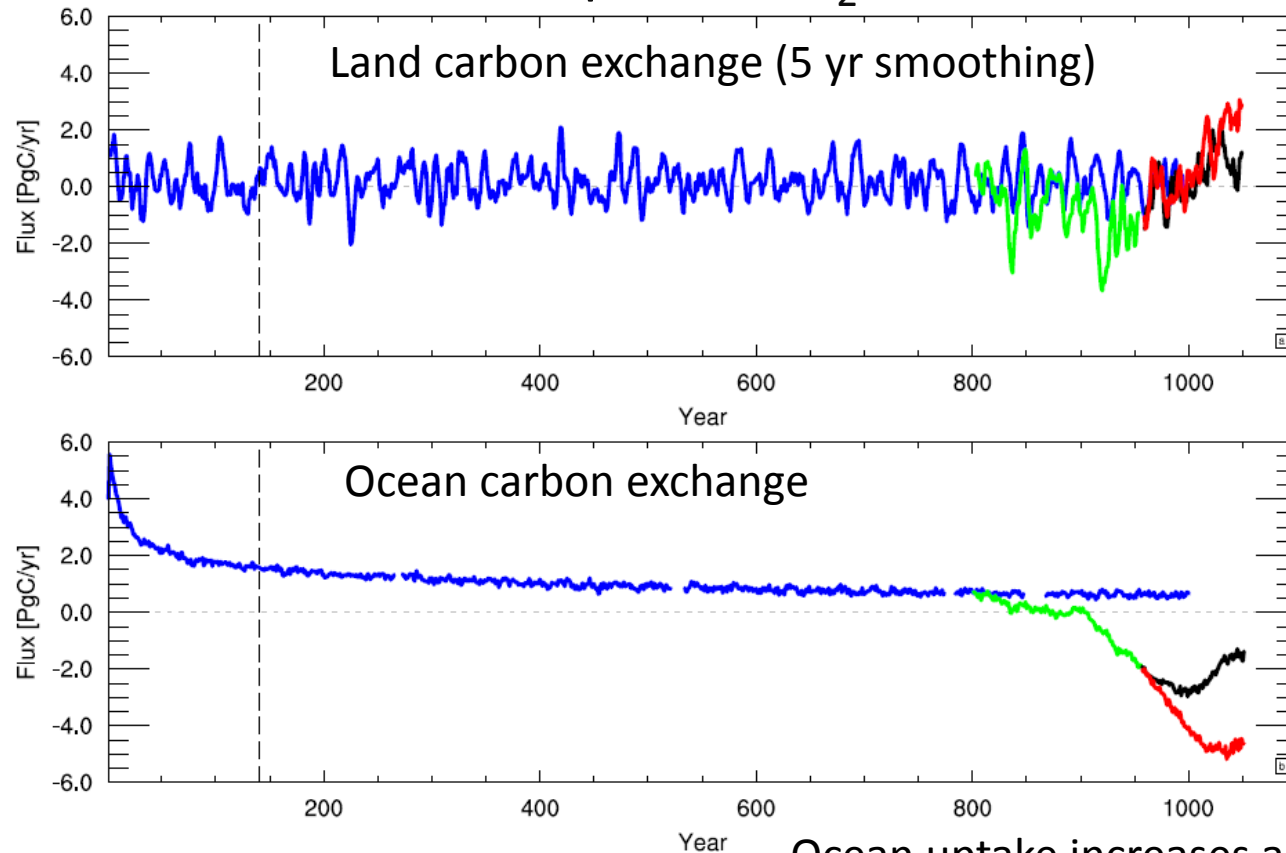
# CABLE in ACCESS-ESM1

**Tilo Ziehn and Rachel Law**  
**CSIRO**

**(and acknowledging R. Matear, A. Lenton,  
M. Chamberlain for ocean carbon)**

# ACCESS-ESM1 simulations

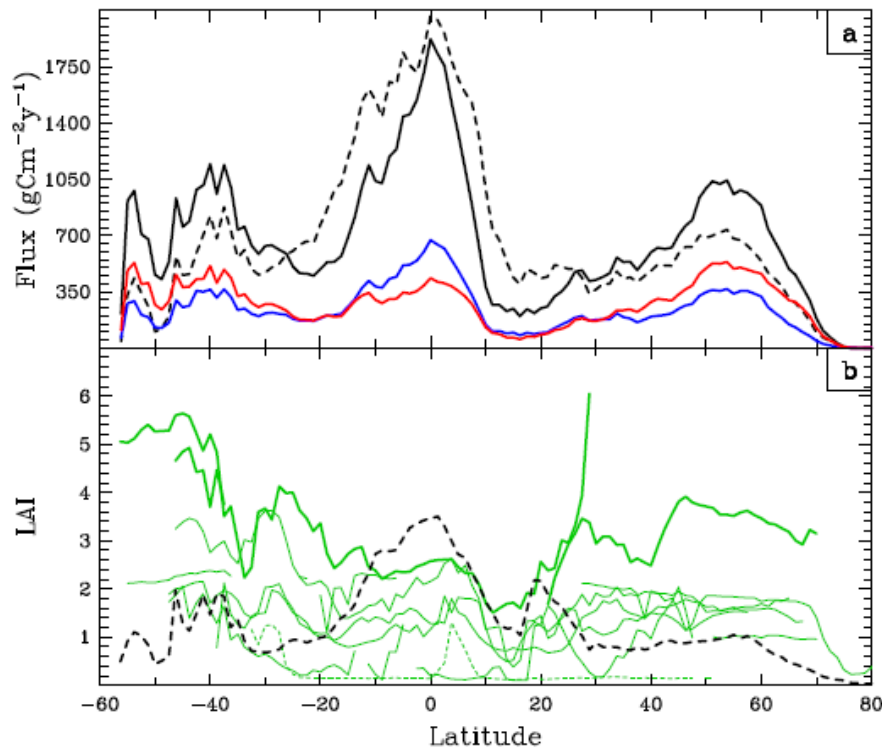
## Prescribed atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>



- 1000 yr pre-industrial simulations completed. Long spin-up for carbon cycle. (Blue)
- Historical simulations (green)
- Future scenarios: RCP4.5 (black) RCP8.5 (red)

Ocean uptake increases as CO<sub>2</sub> increases,  
Land initially uptake then source to atmosphere

# Assessment of simulation



Zonal mean GPP (black) and respiration (blue – plant, red – soil).  
Prescribed LAI (dash), prognostic LAI (solid)

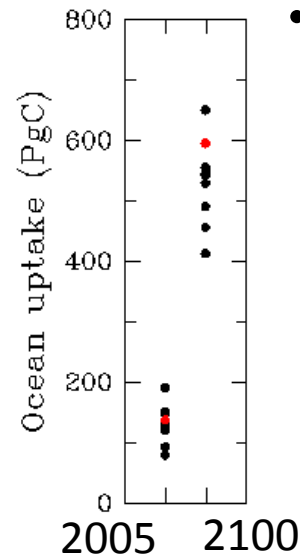
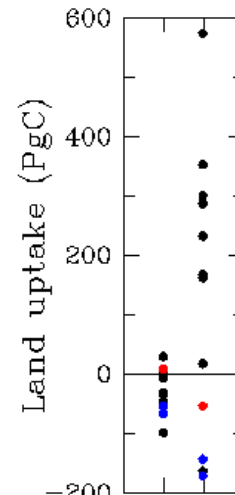
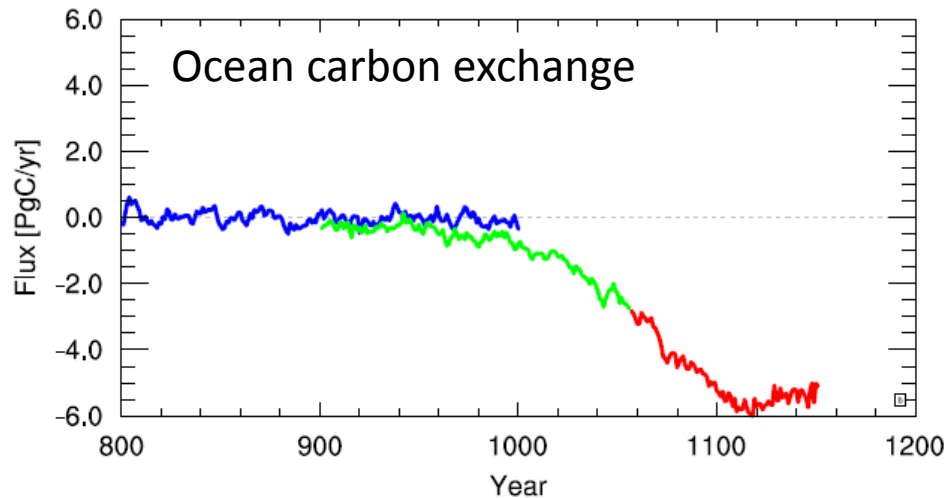
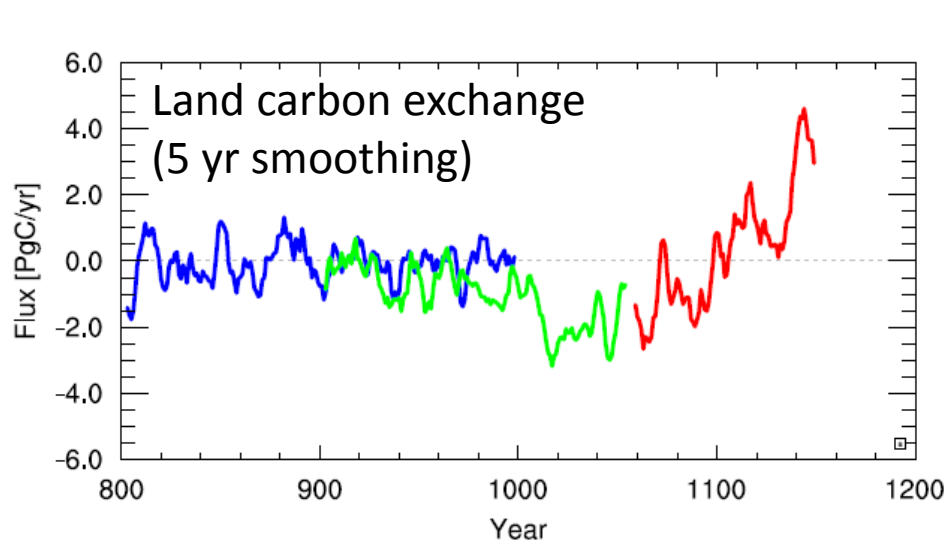
Zonal mean simulated LAI (all vegetation types – green) and prescribed LAI (black)

The carbon cycle in the Australian Climate and Earth System Simulator (ACCESS-ESM1).

1. Model description and pre-industrial simulation (Law et al.) and 2. Historical simulations (Ziehn et al.).  
For Geoscientific Model Development.

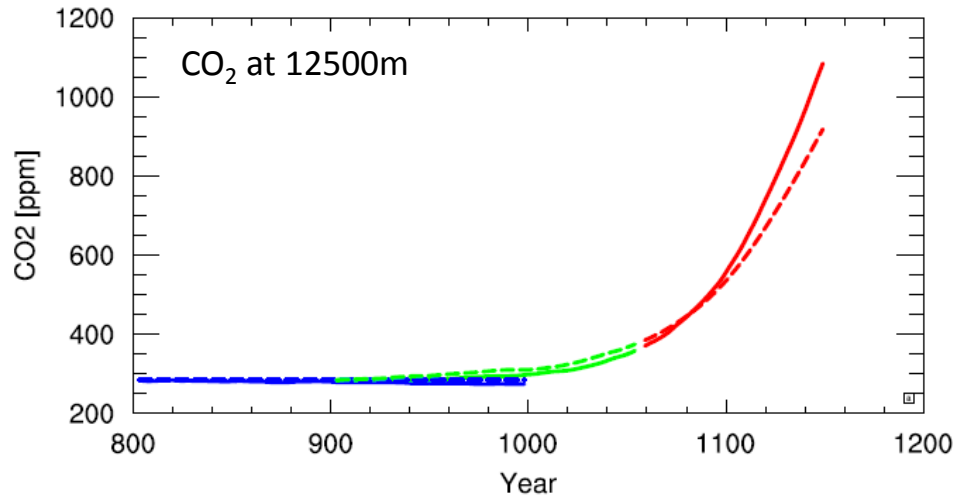


# Emissions-driven simulations

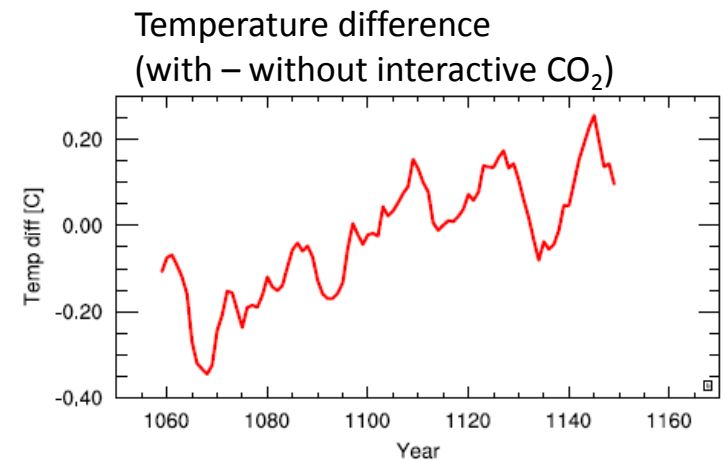
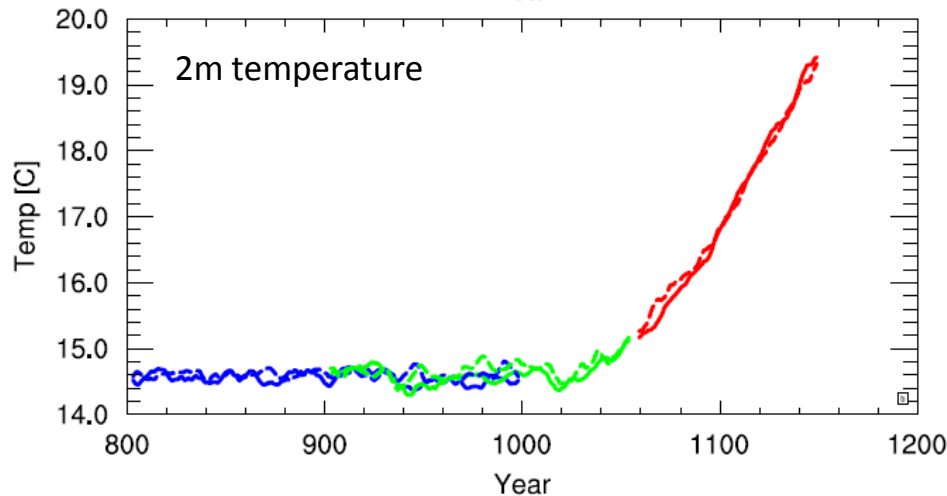


- Total land and ocean uptake in 2005 and 2100 from ACCESS (red) is in the range of other CMIP5 models (black, blue)
- Land uptake in 2100 at lower end of range with other models that include nutrient limitation (blue)

# Impact on CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature



Interactive carbon cycle leads to higher atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> in 2100 (positive climate-carbon feedback) and warmer temperatures

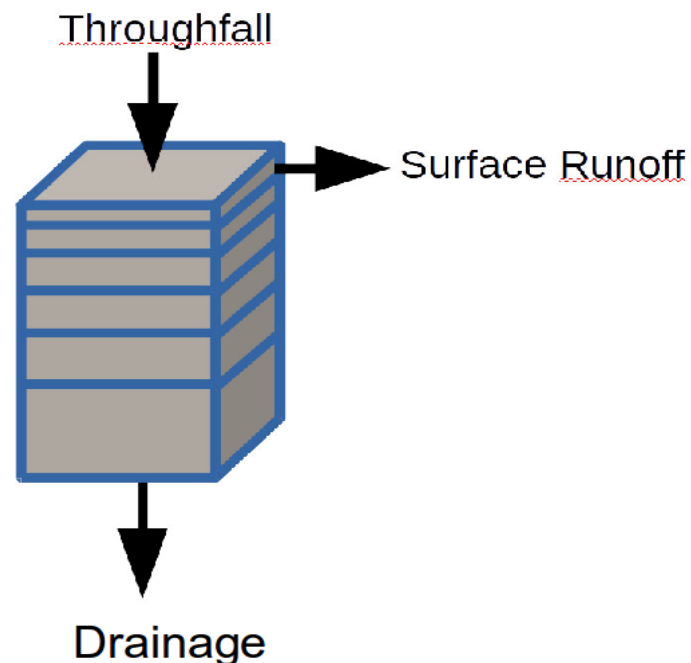


# Soil hydrology upgrade

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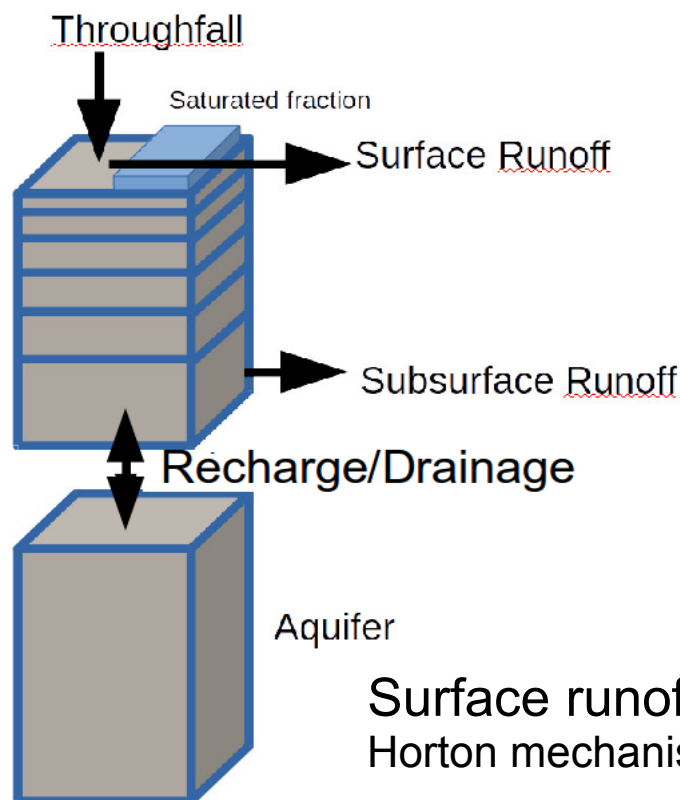
## CABLE Soil Hydrology



Surface runoff: Only when top layers nearly saturated

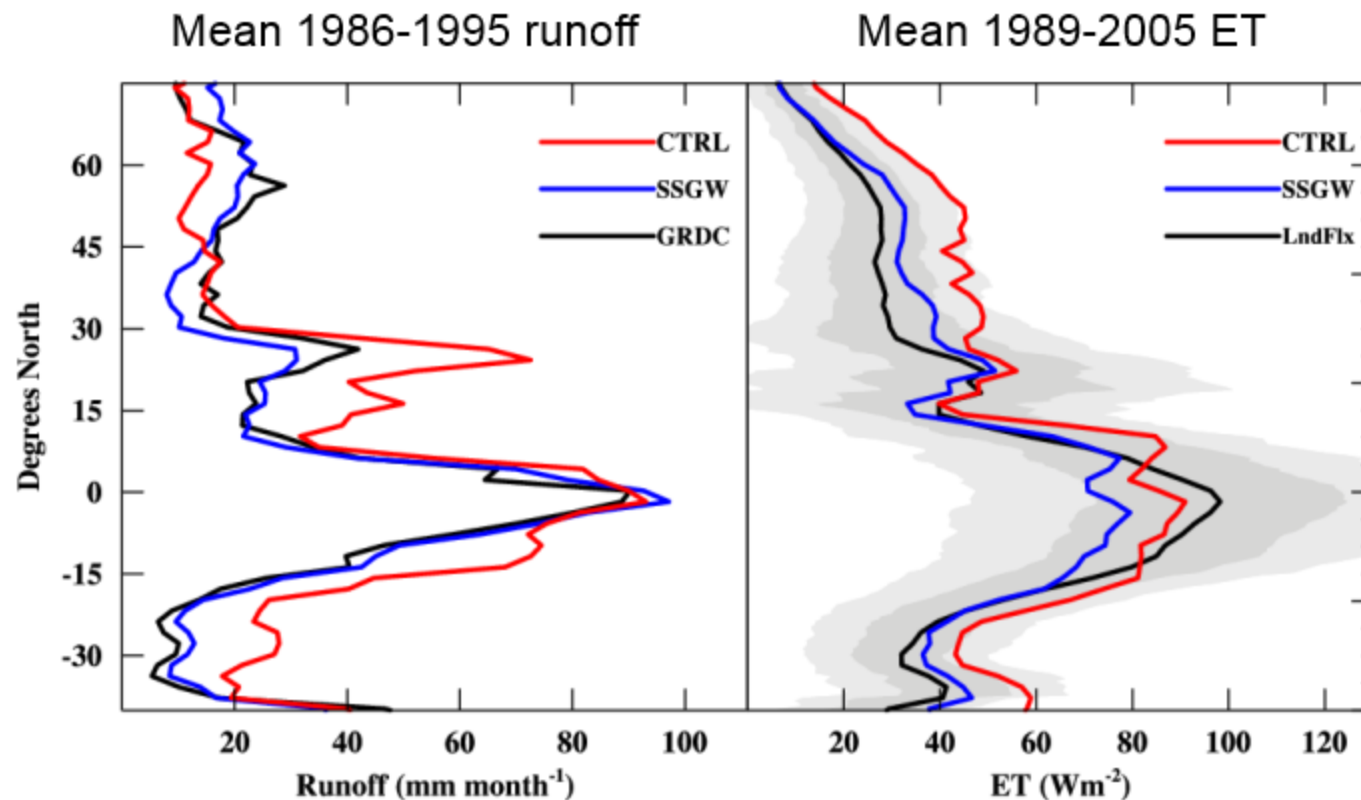
Subsurface runoff: Only vertical drainage

## New Soil Hydrology: SSGW



Surface runoff: Dunne and Horton mechanisms

Subsurface runoff: Topographically driven



- Global offline simulation
- $0.5 \times 0.5$  degree
- GSWP3 forcing
- 1901-2010

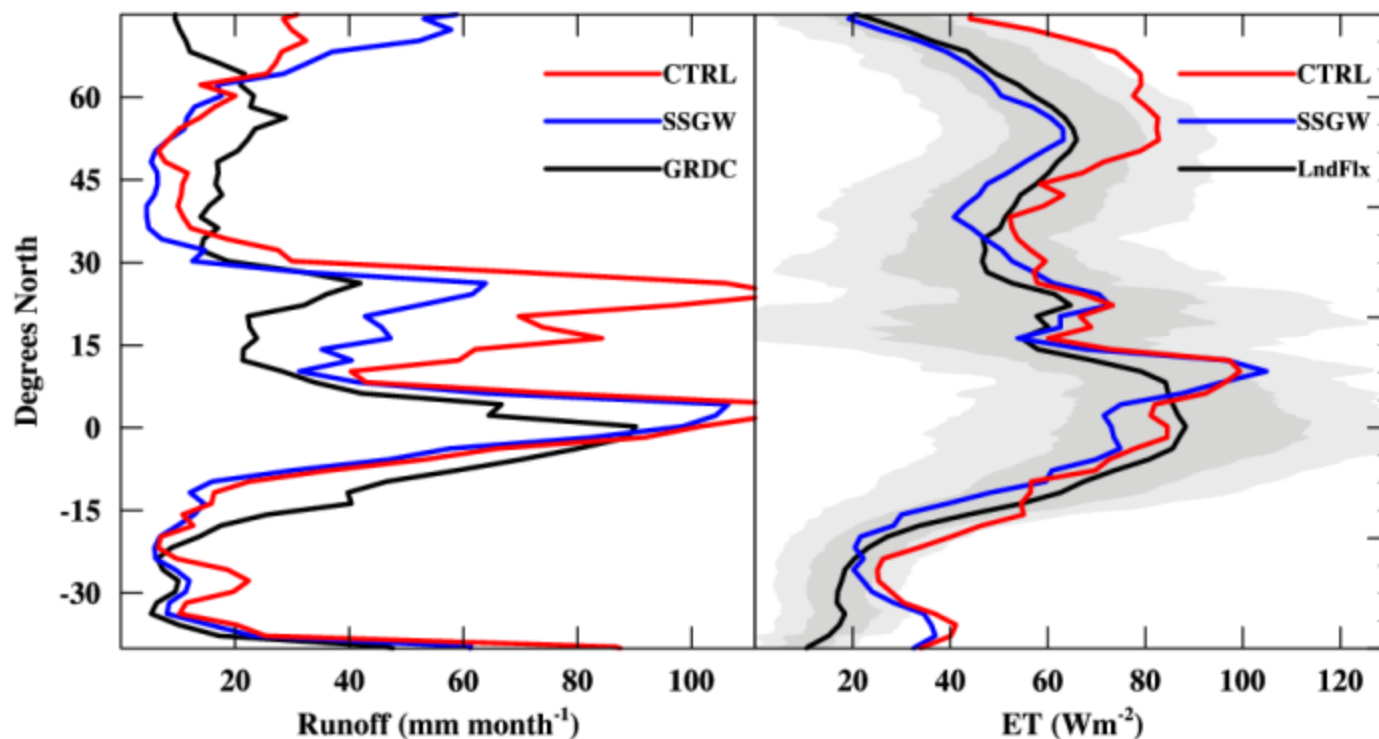
Zonal mean (left) runoff ( $\text{mm month}^{-1}$ ) and (right) ET ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ) as a function of latitude (using 2 degree bins).



## Northern Hemisphere Summer (JJA)

Mean 1986-1995 JJA Runoff

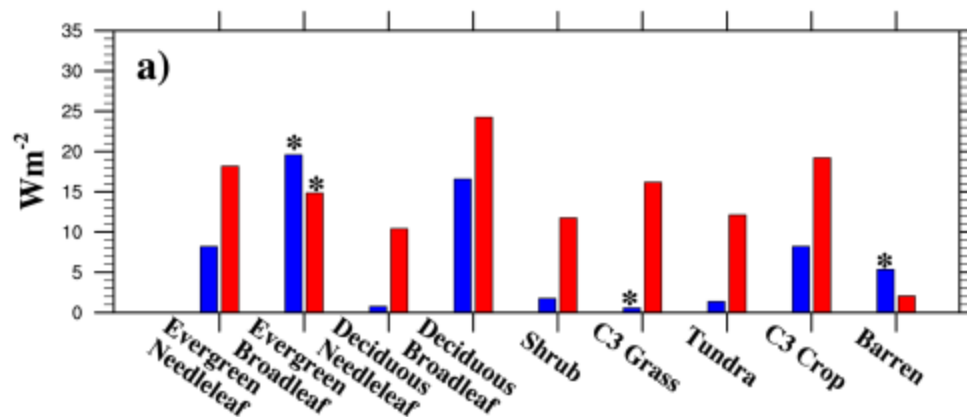
Mean 1989-2005 JJA ET



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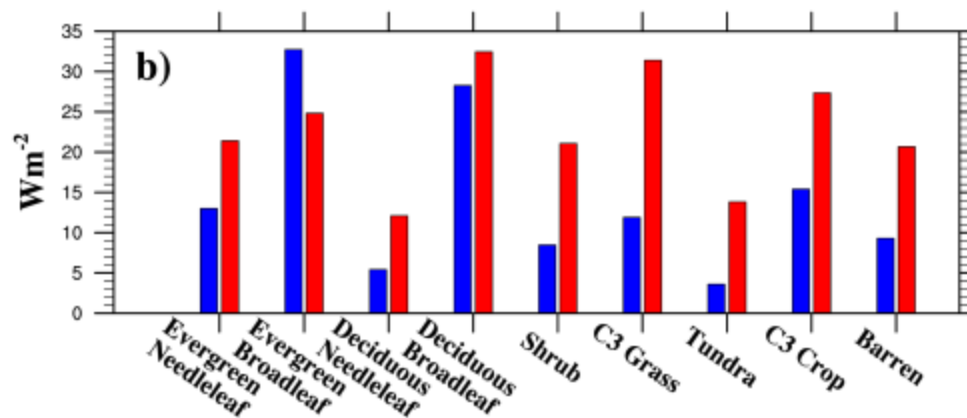
## Evapotranspiration by vegetation type compared to Landflux synthesis product

Absolute Bias  
\* negative bias

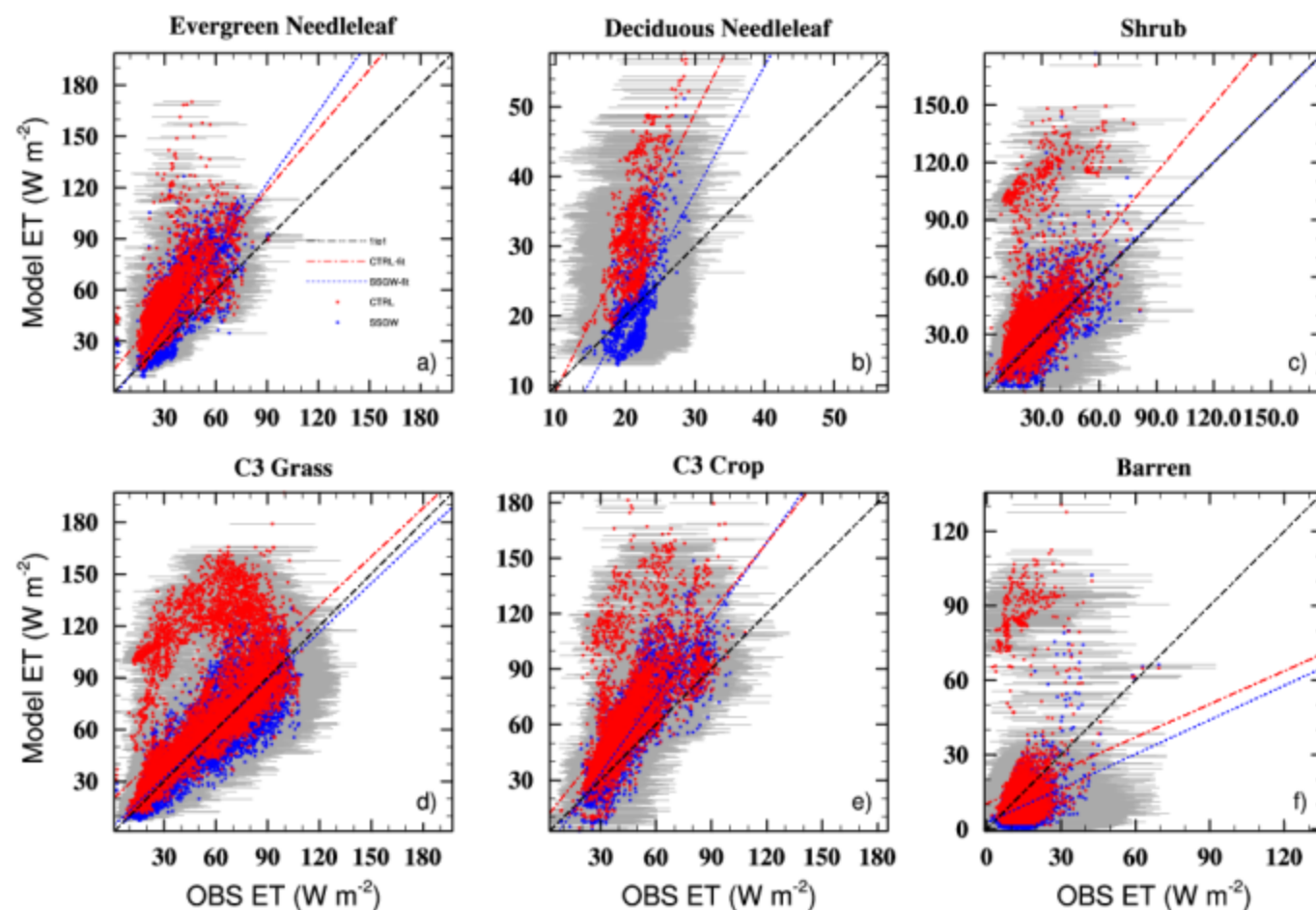


SSGW – blue  
CTRL - red

Root Mean  
Square Error







Simulated vs Landflux  
ET for 6 example  
vegetation types and  
least squares  
regression line

CTRL – red  
SSGW – blue

Grey bars:  $\pm 1 \sigma$  error  
estimate from LandFlux.



# Summary

- CABLE used for many applications
- Publications using CABLE:  
<https://trac.nci.org.au/trac/cable/wiki/CablePublications>
  - 2014 – 23 listed
  - 2015 – 8 listed
- Ongoing challenges
  - Sharing developments across applications
  - Code management
  - CABLE via JULES

# Thank you

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