

Multi-scale biodiversity modeling with EO

Baccini et al. (2012)

Modeling tropical biomass distributions
Extent: global

$$Biomass_{77\text{ m}} = F(\text{Tree Height})$$

$$Biomass_{500\text{ m}} = F(\text{Ecosystem function, Topography, Climate})$$

B)

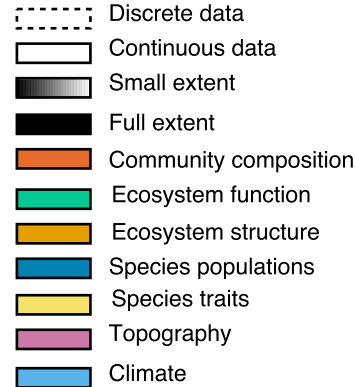
A)

Conceptual

$$Y_{S1} = F(X_1, \beta)$$

$$Y_{S2} = F(X_2, X_3, \beta)$$

Legend



Training data

EO feature X_1 (grain 1)

Test data

Model prediction

Predicted response var. (Y_{S1}),
Training data for Y_{S2}

EO feature X_2 (grain 2)
EO feature X_n (grain n)

Test data

Scale selection,
model prediction

Predicted response var. (Y_{S2})

fine

Grain size

coarse

Predicted biomass (77 m)
Training data for 500 m biomass

MODIS Reflectance (500 m)
SRTM Topography (100 m)
MODIS LST (1 km)

Holdout data

Global biomass map (500 m)

Random Forest

fine

Grain size

coarse

Scale selection,
model prediction