Modeling global vegetation processes using a next-generation land surface model—CliMA Land

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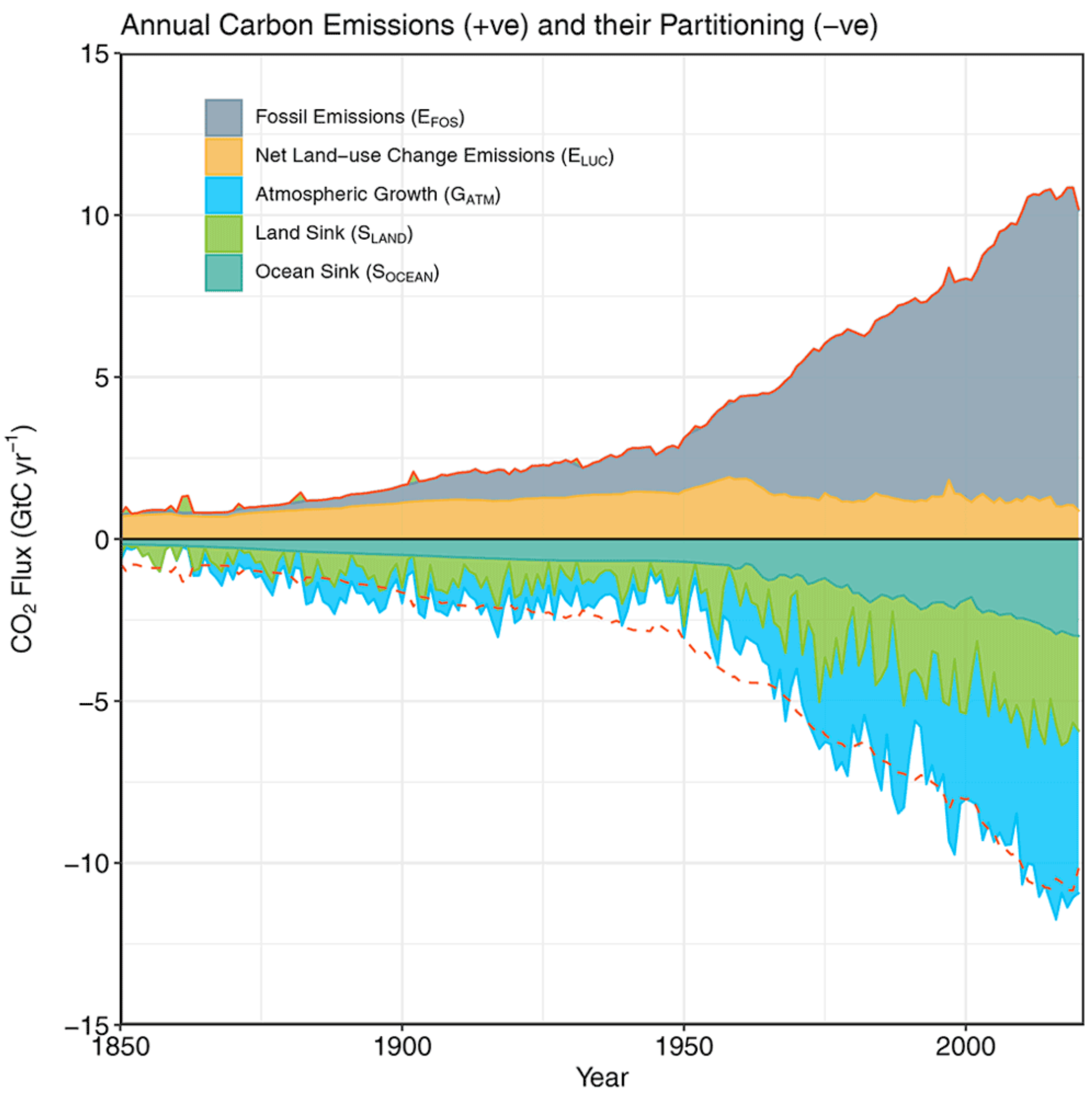
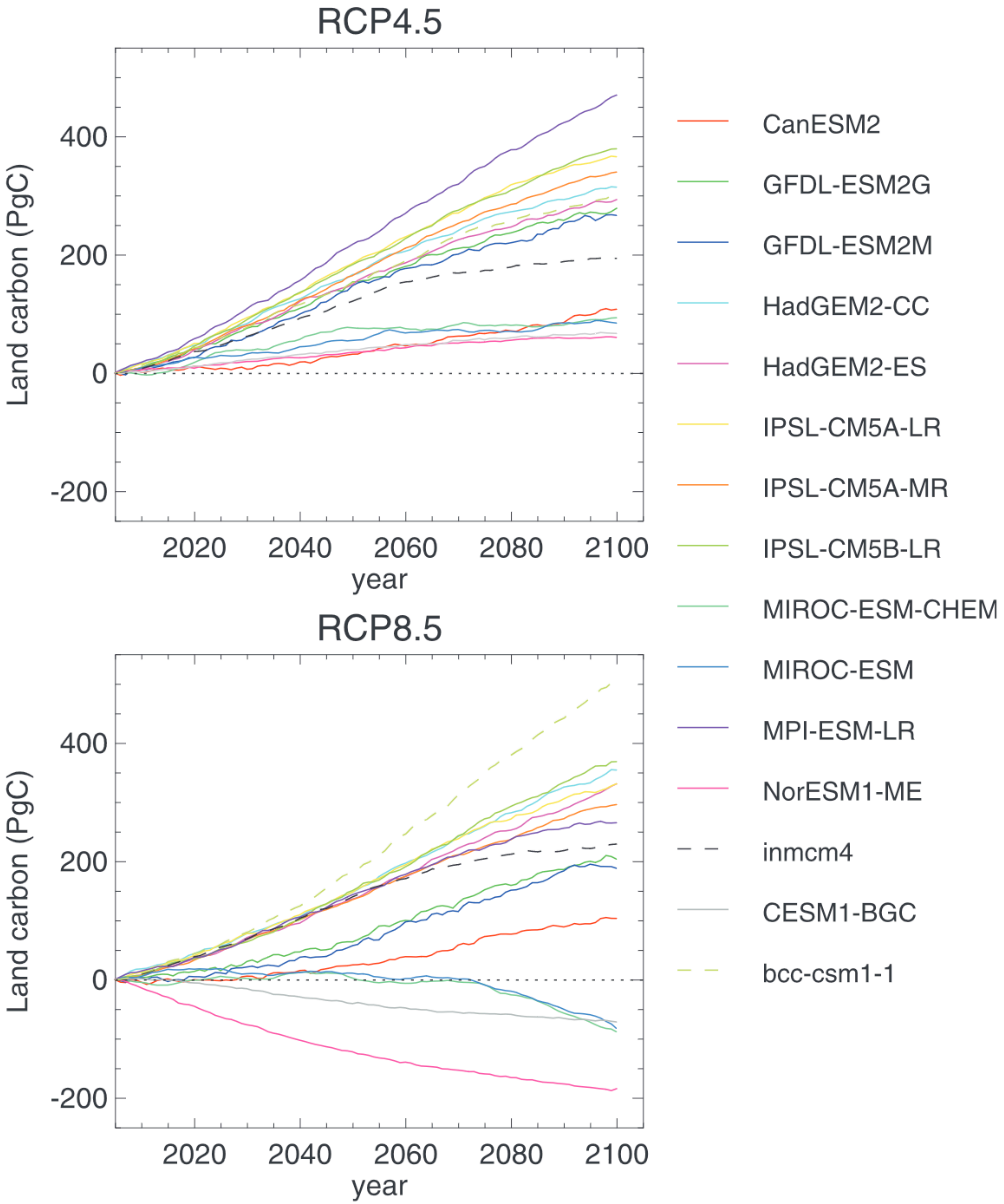
Land takes up 25% of emitted CO_2, but we do not know how much nature can help in the future



Friedlingstein et al. (2022) Earth System Science Data

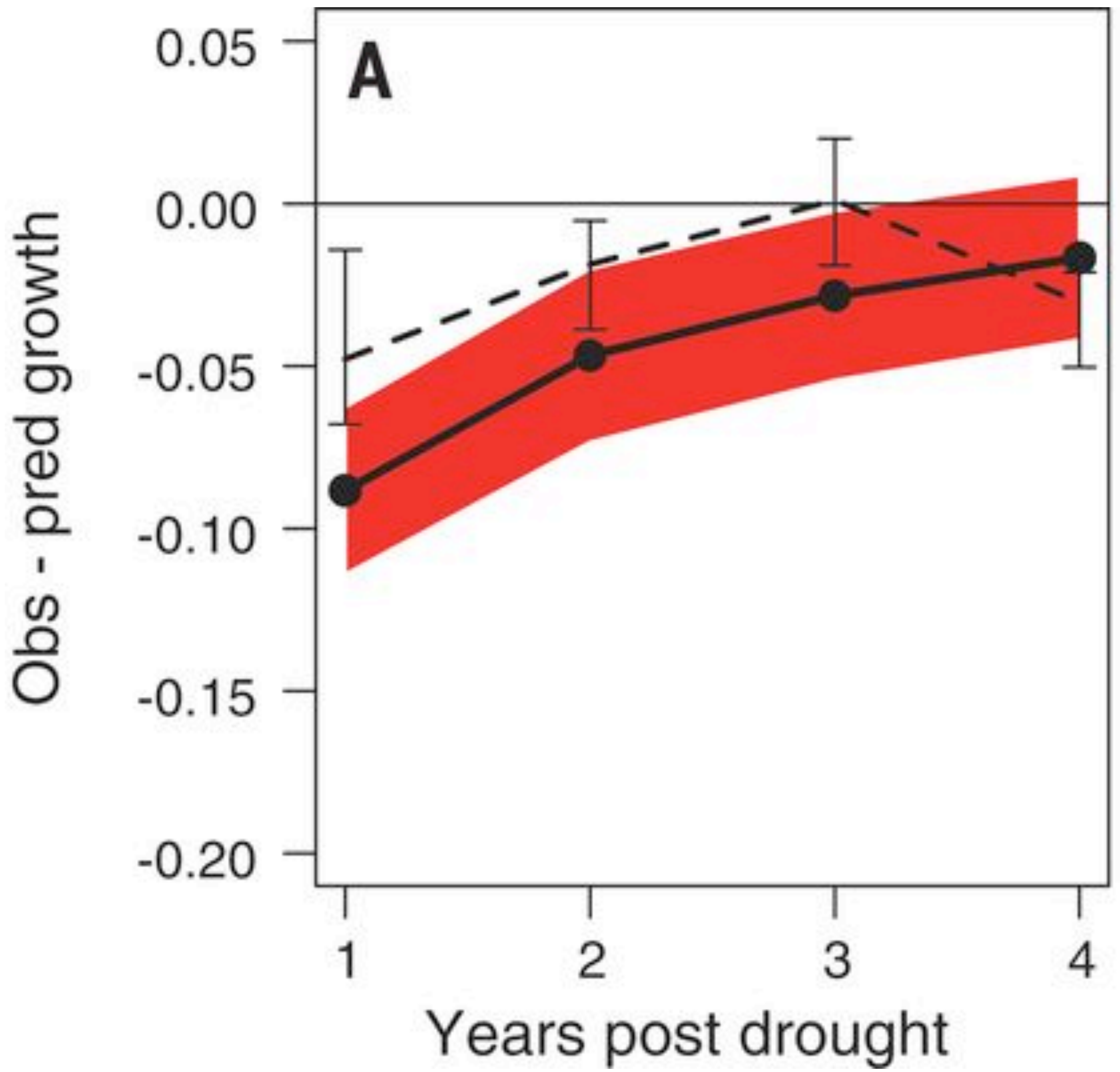
Climate models differ in their projections of land carbon sink strength, even in the directions



Jones et al. (2013) Journal of Climate

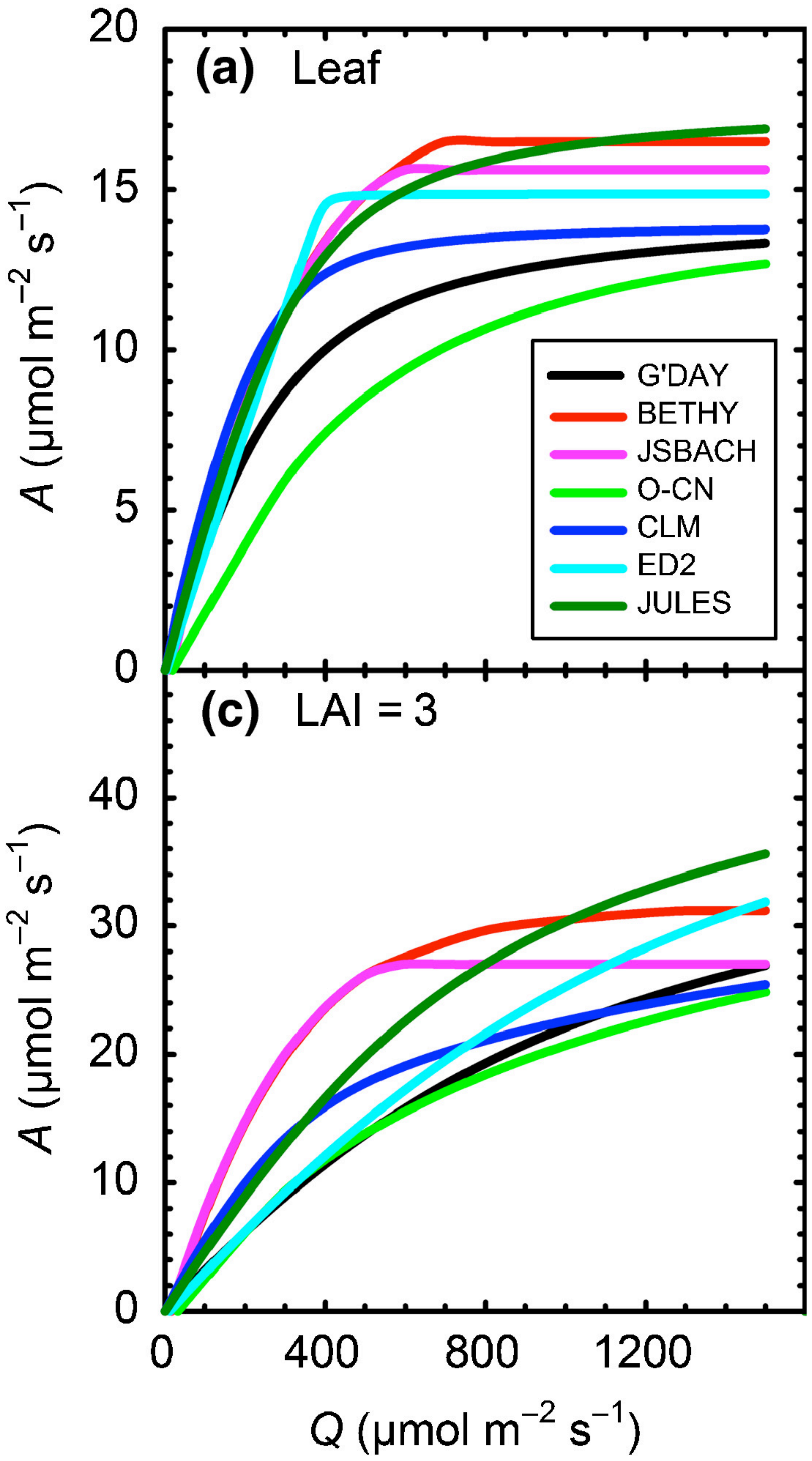
Potential Reasons

1. Lack physiological representations



Anderegg et al. (2015) Science

2. Contrasting model parameterization



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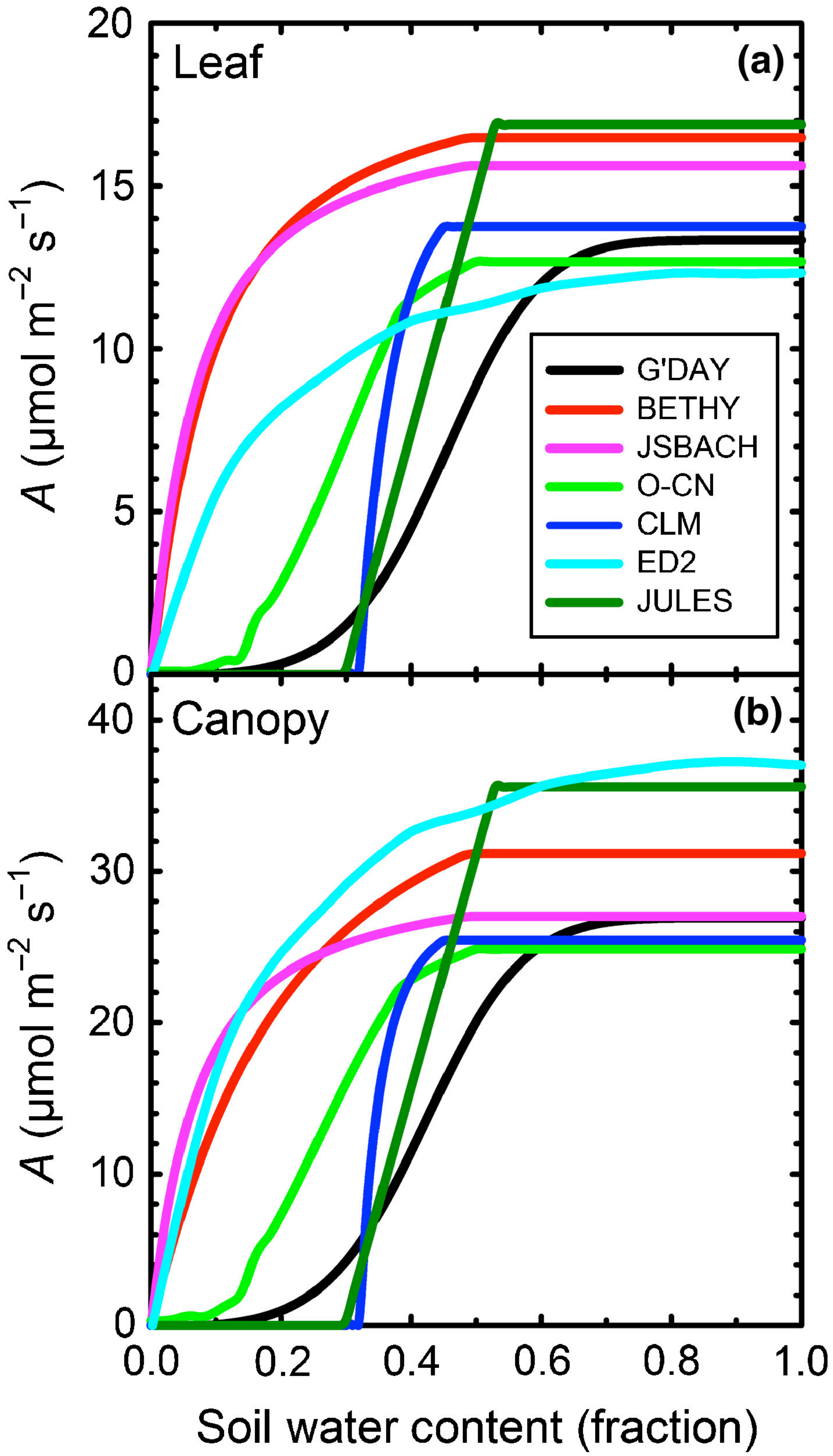

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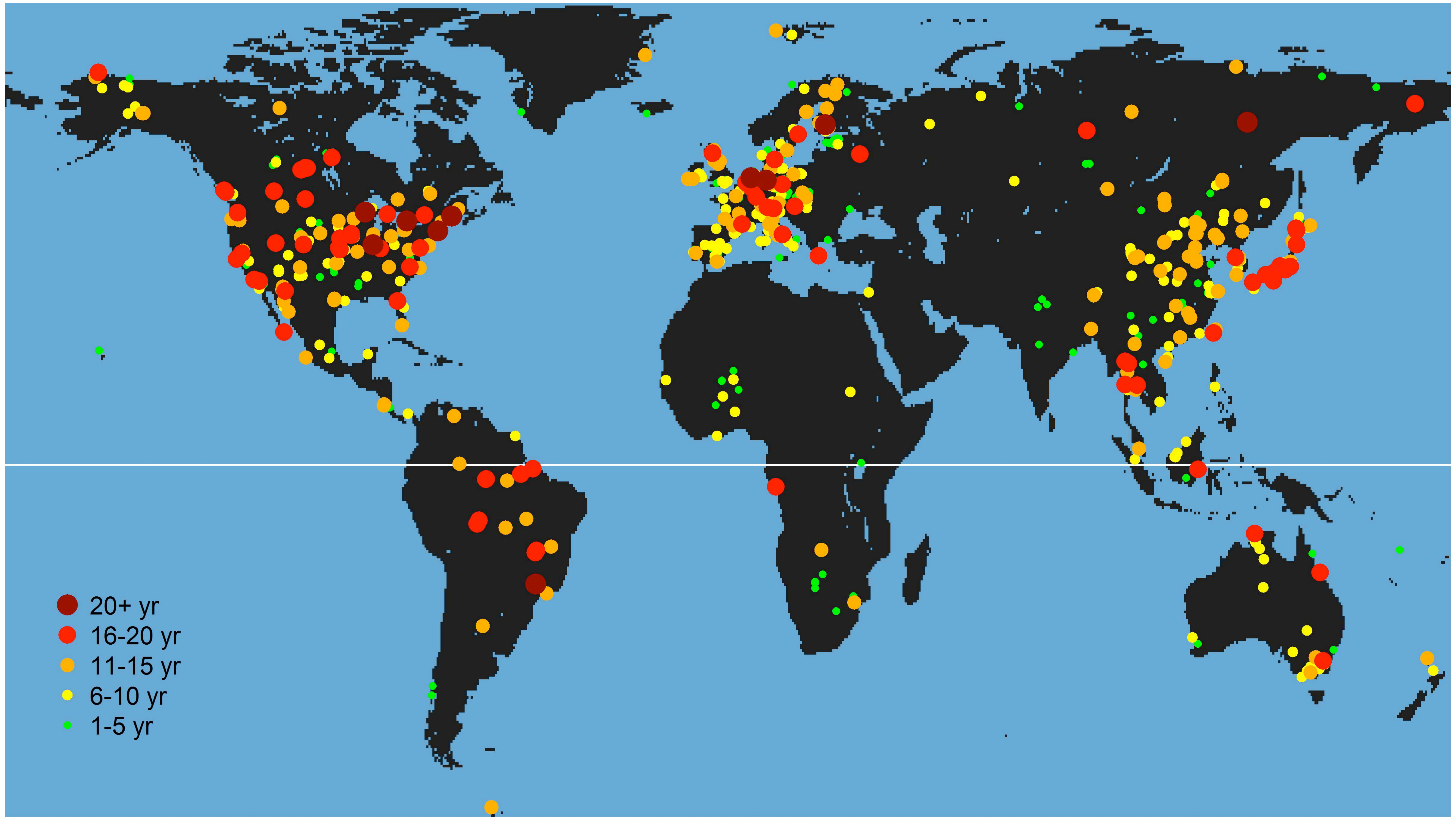

FluxNet 2015

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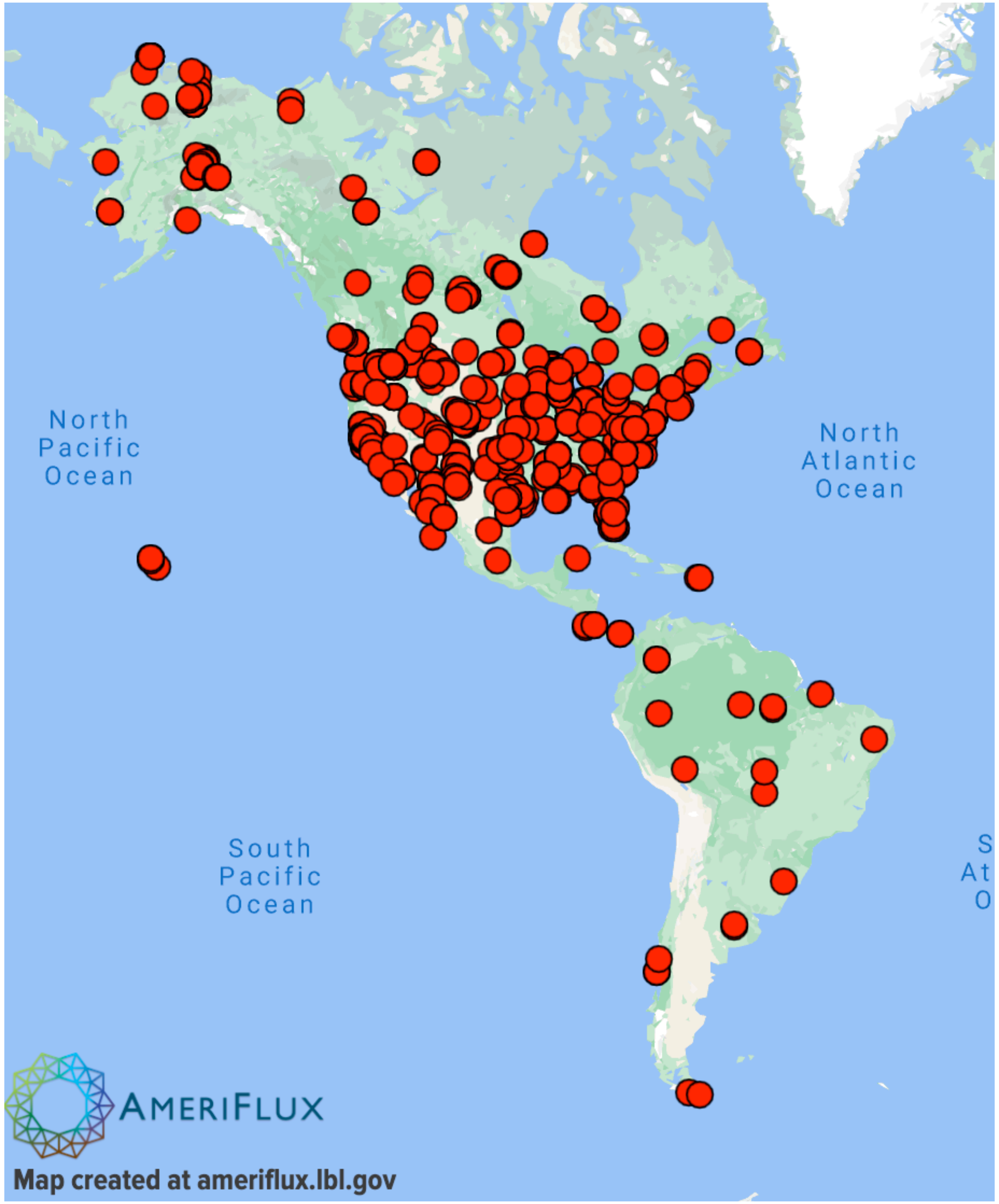

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Challenges

1. Schemes

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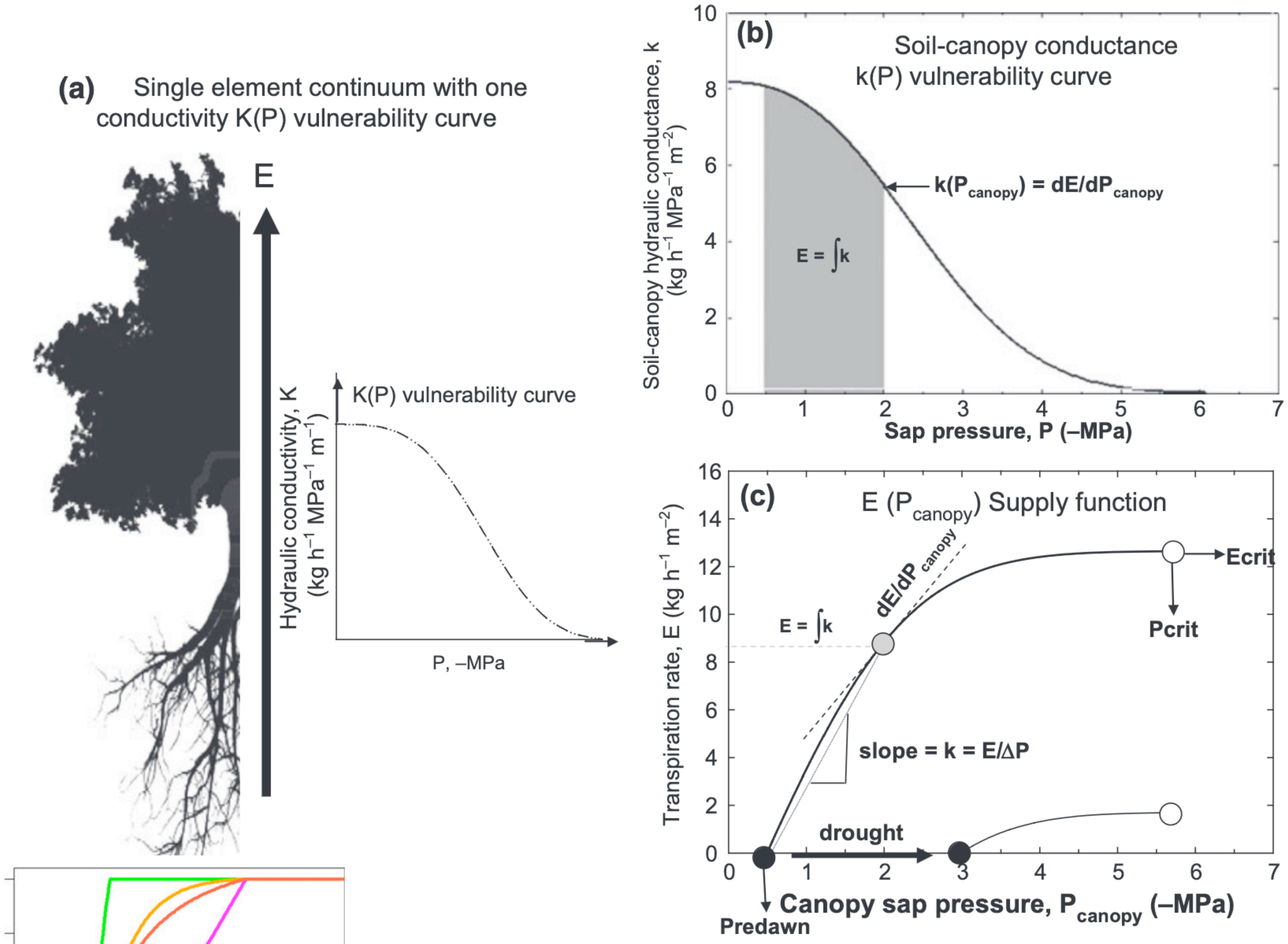
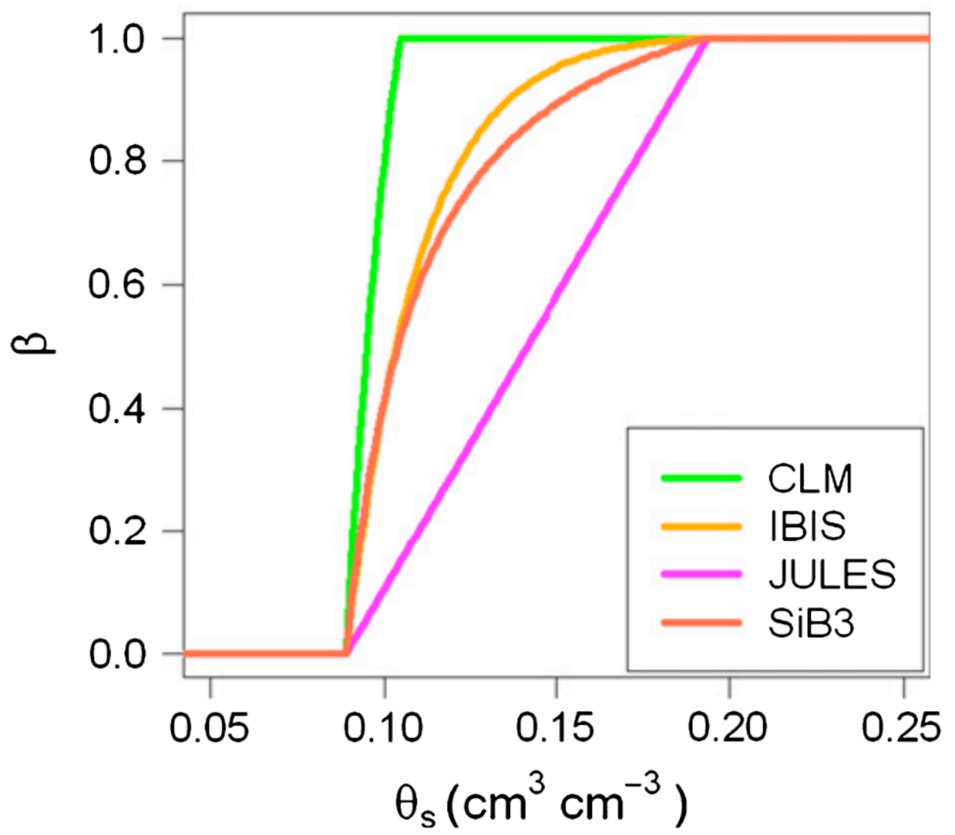
1. Schemes

Improve model representation of plant water relations





Sperry and Love (2015)

2. Setups

Advance model parameter configuration for leaf traits

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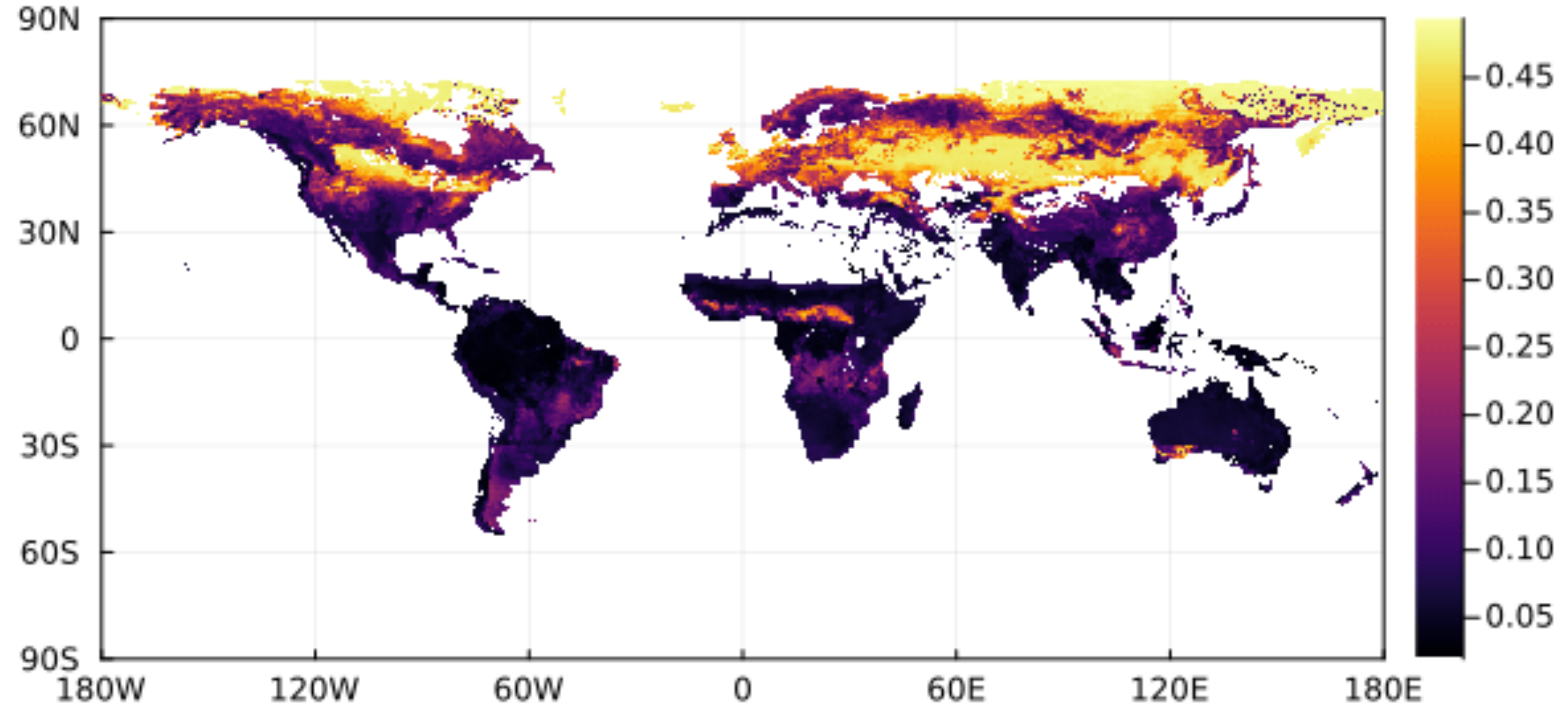

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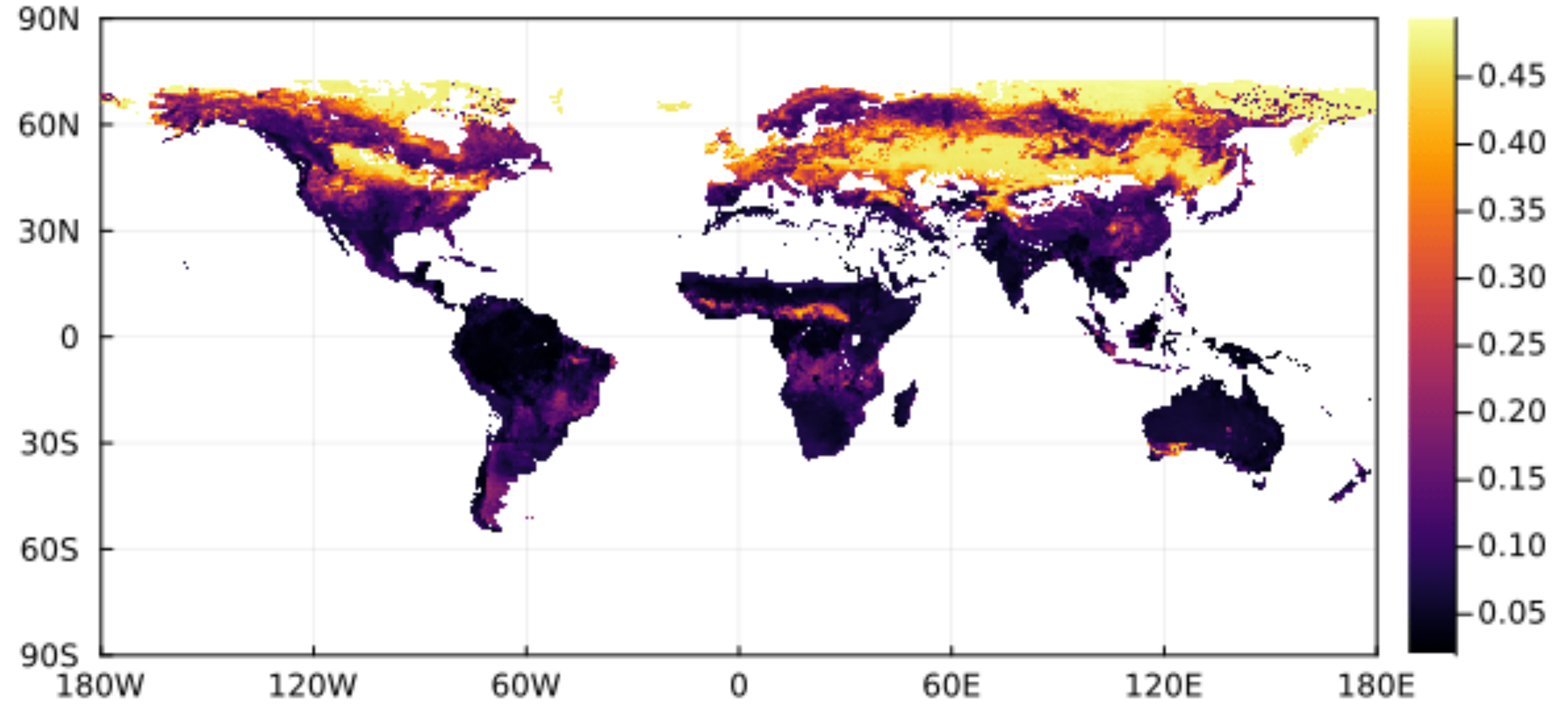

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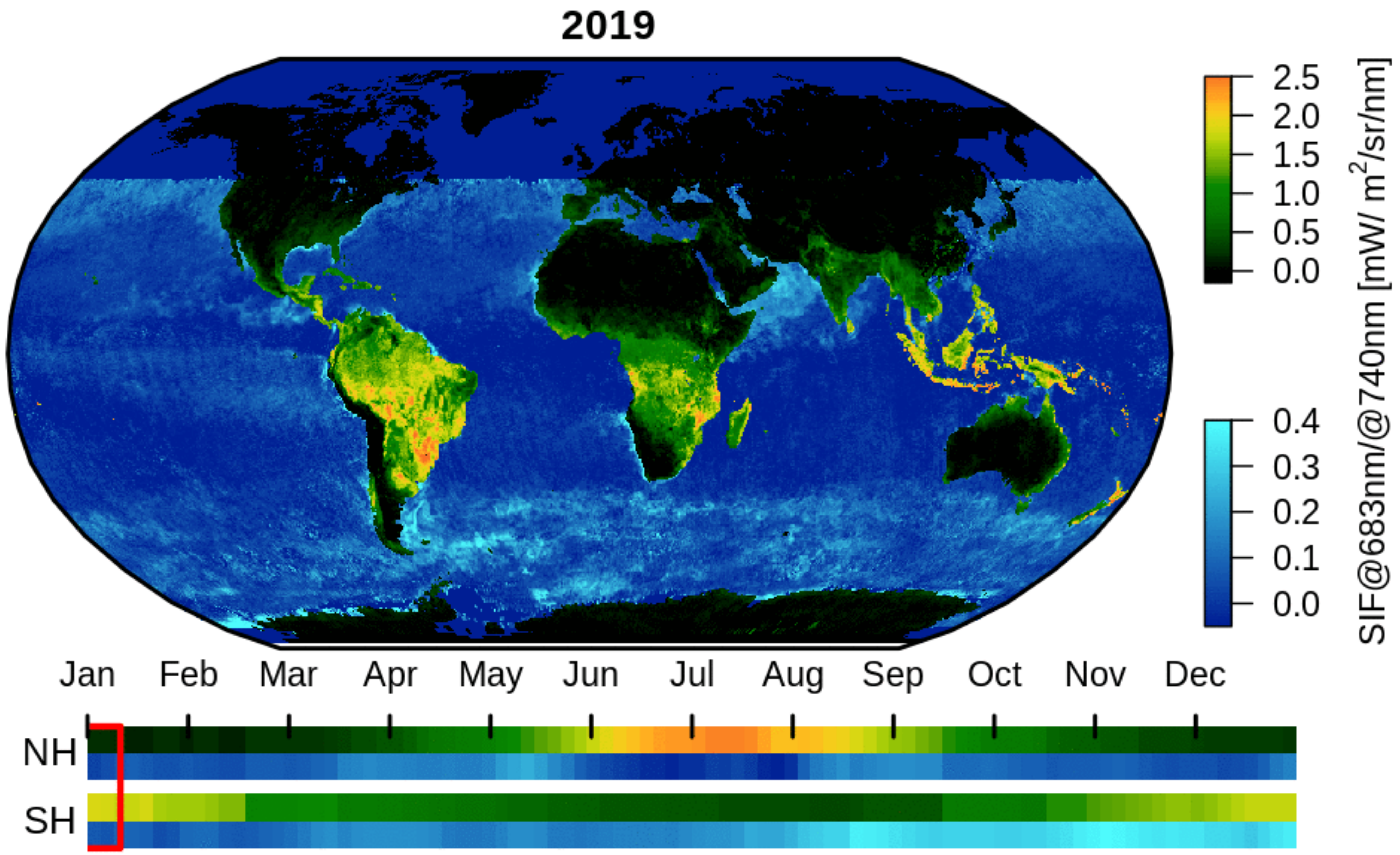

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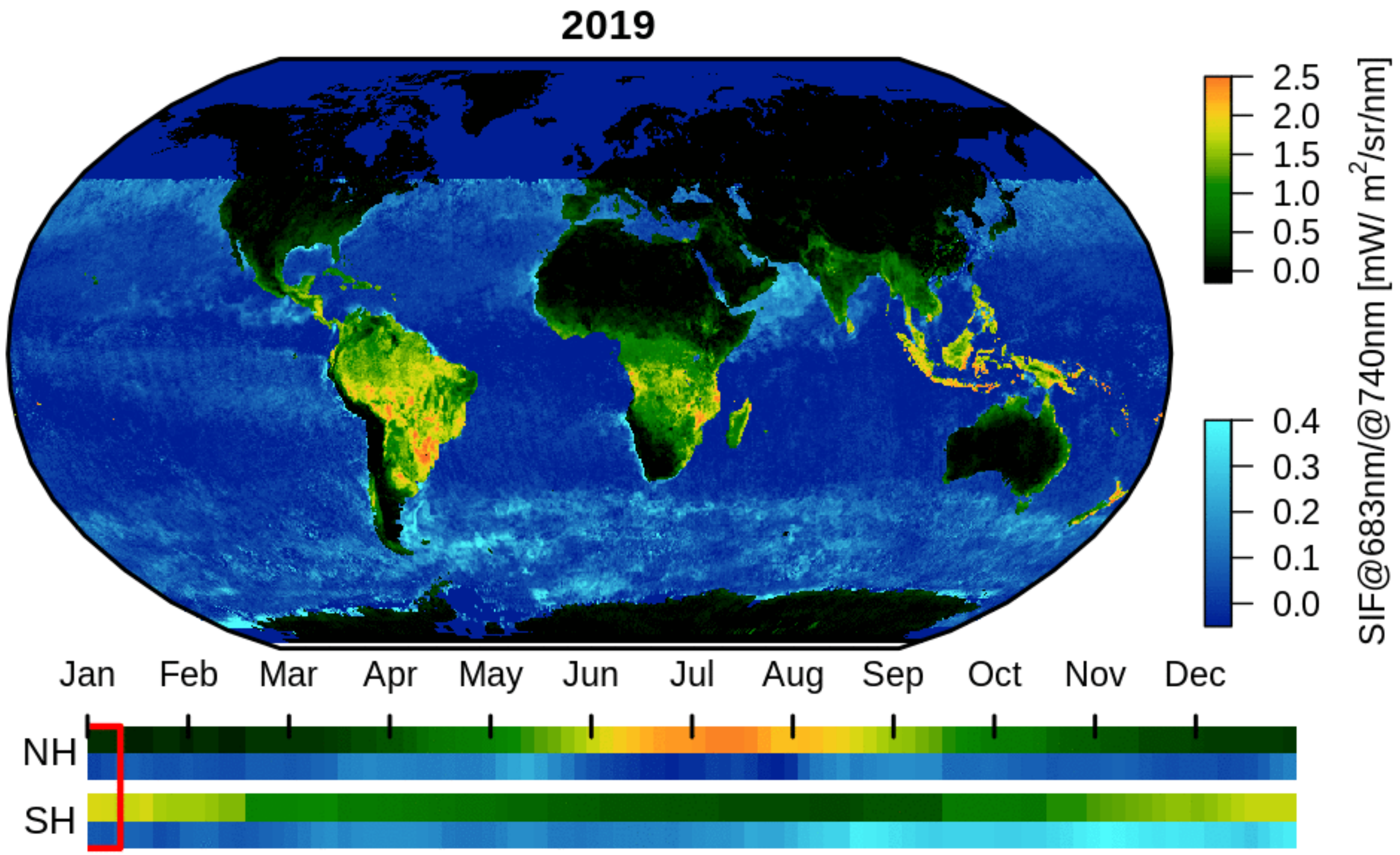

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Towards a more physiology-based representation of **daytime** stomatal conductance

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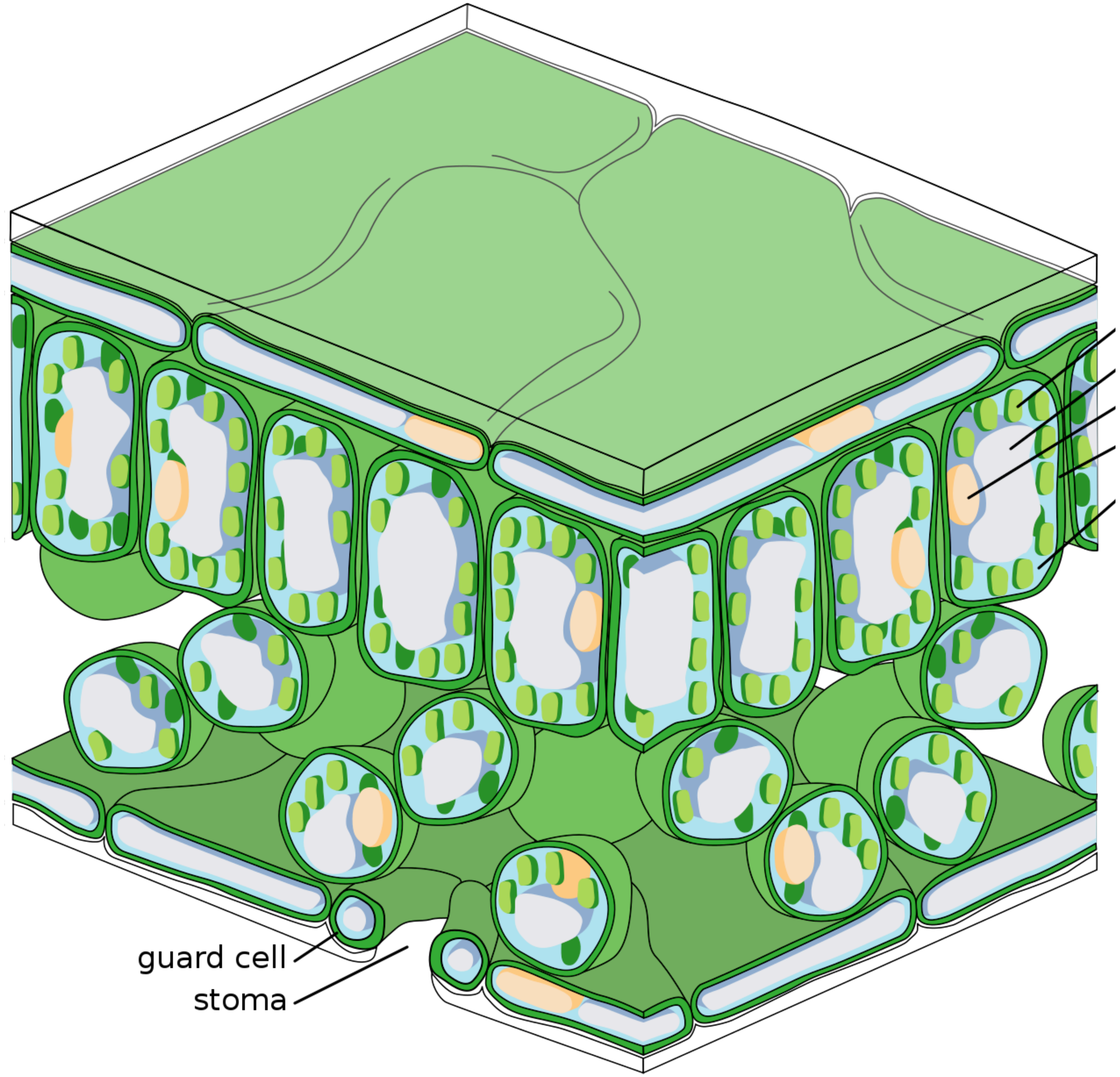
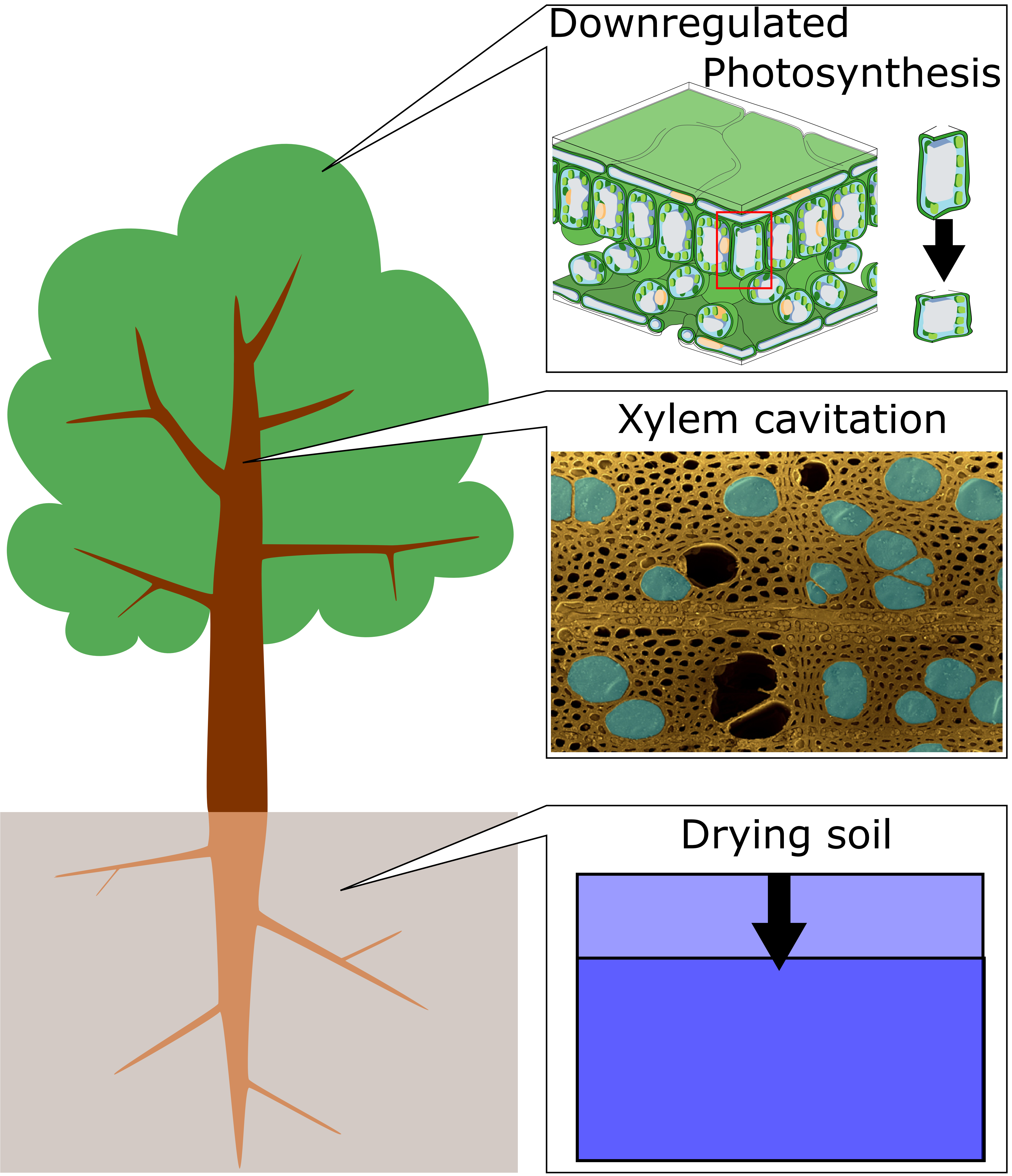
~30% of
precipitation
back to air

almost all of
land CO_2
fixation





Holtta *et al.* (2017)
Dewar *et al.* (2018)
Huang *et al.* (2018)
… …

Wolf *et al.* (2016)
Sperry *et al.* (2017)
Anderegg *et al.* (2018)
Eller *et al.* (2019)
… …

Cowan & Farquhar (1977)
… …
Manzoni *et al.* (2013)
Prentice *et al.* (2014)
Lu *et al.* (2016)
… …

Model	Reference	Water Penalty (Θ or Θ')	Marginal Penalty ($\mathrm{d}\Theta/\mathrm{d}E$ or $\mathrm{d}\Theta'/\mathrm{d}E$)	Criteria I–III	Response Criteria IV–VII DCPK
Cowan-Farquhar	(Cowan and Farquhar, 1977)	$\Theta = \frac{E_\text{leaf}}{\lambda}$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$	YNN	NNNN
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Prentice	(Prentice et al., 2014)	$\Theta = A \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{c_\text{E} E_\text{leaf} + c_\text{V} V_\text{cmax}}\right)$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{A}{E_\text{leaf} + \frac{c_\text{V}}{c_\text{E}} V_\text{cmax}}$	YNY	YYNN
Lu	(Lu et al., 2016)	$\Theta = \frac{E_\text{leaf}}{\lambda}$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$	YNN	NNNN
Wolf-Anderegg	(Wolf et al., 2016) (Anderegg et al., 2018)	$\Theta = aP^2 + bP + c$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{2aP + b}{K}$	YYN	NNYY
Sperry	(Sperry et al., 2017)	$\Theta = A_\text{max} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{K}{K_\text{max}}\right)$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}K}{\mathrm{d}E} \cdot \frac{A_\text{max}}{K_\text{max}}$	YYY	YYYY
Eller	(Eller et al., 2018)	$\Theta = A \cdot \left(1 - \frac{K}{K_\text{max,0}}\right)$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = -\frac{\mathrm{d}K}{\mathrm{d}E} \cdot \frac{A}{K}$	YYY	YYYN
New Model		$\Theta = A \cdot \frac{E_\text{leaf}}{E_\text{crit}}$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{A}{E_\text{crit} - E_\text{leaf}}$	YYY	YYYY
Hölttä	(Hölttä et al., 2017)	$\Theta' = A_\text{ww} \cdot \frac{\text{SC}}{\text{SC}_\text{max}}$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta'}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{A}{\text{SC}_\text{max} - \text{SC}} \cdot \frac{\mathrm{dSC}}{\mathrm{d}E}$	YYY	YYYY
Dewar CAP	(Dewar et al., 2018)	$\Theta' = A_\text{ww} \cdot \frac{P}{P_\text{crit}}$	$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Theta'}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{A}{K \cdot (P_\text{crit} - P)}$	YYY	YYYY

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A highly modularized next generation land surface model—CliMA Land

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Next generation

What make a next generation model?

Learn from data

- What to learn?
- How to learn?
- Whom to learn?

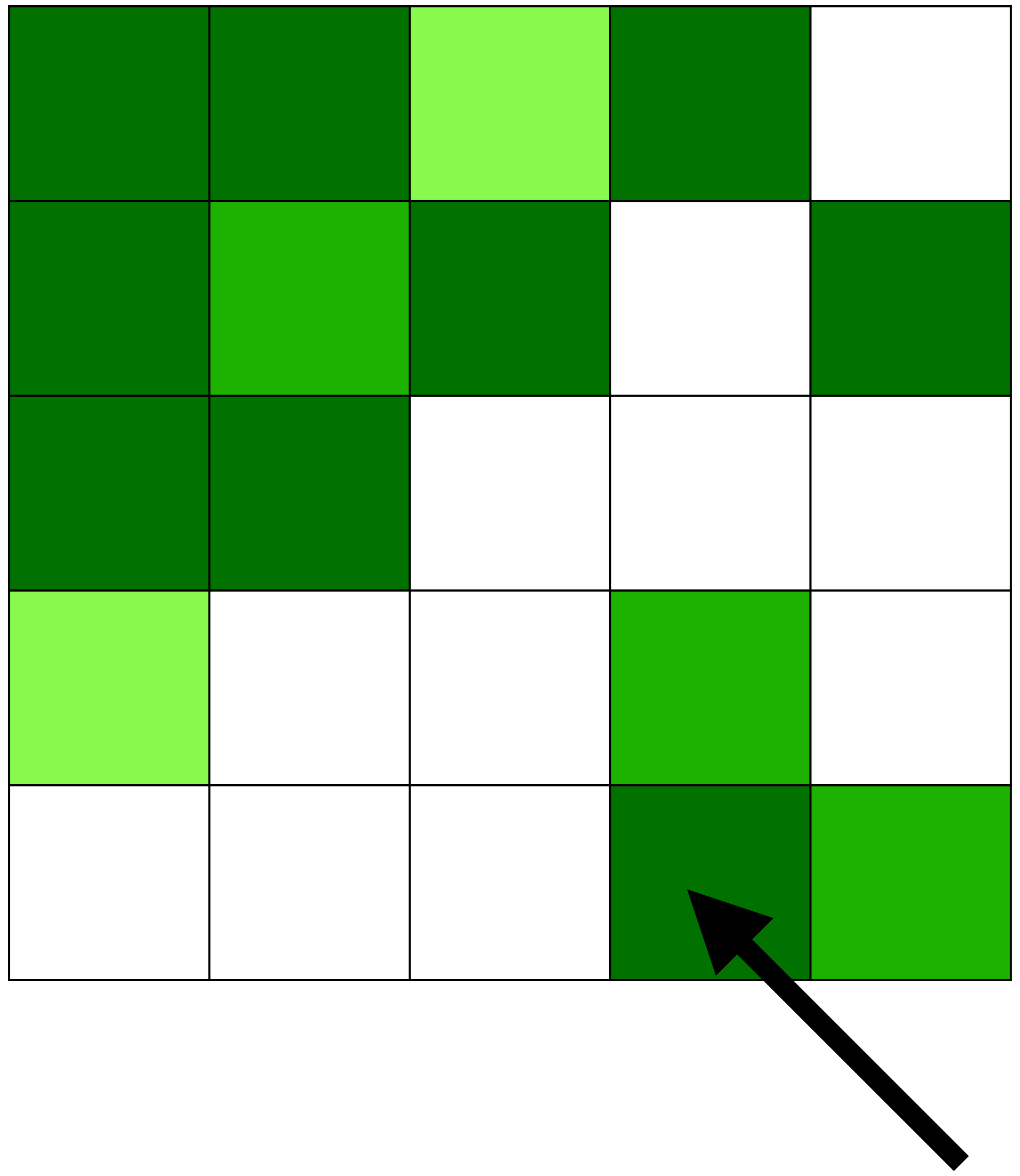
Model framework

- Modularity
- Scalability
- Architecture
- User friendly

Tradeoffs

- Complexity
- Accuracy
- Delivery
- Efficiency

Traits are what we need to learn

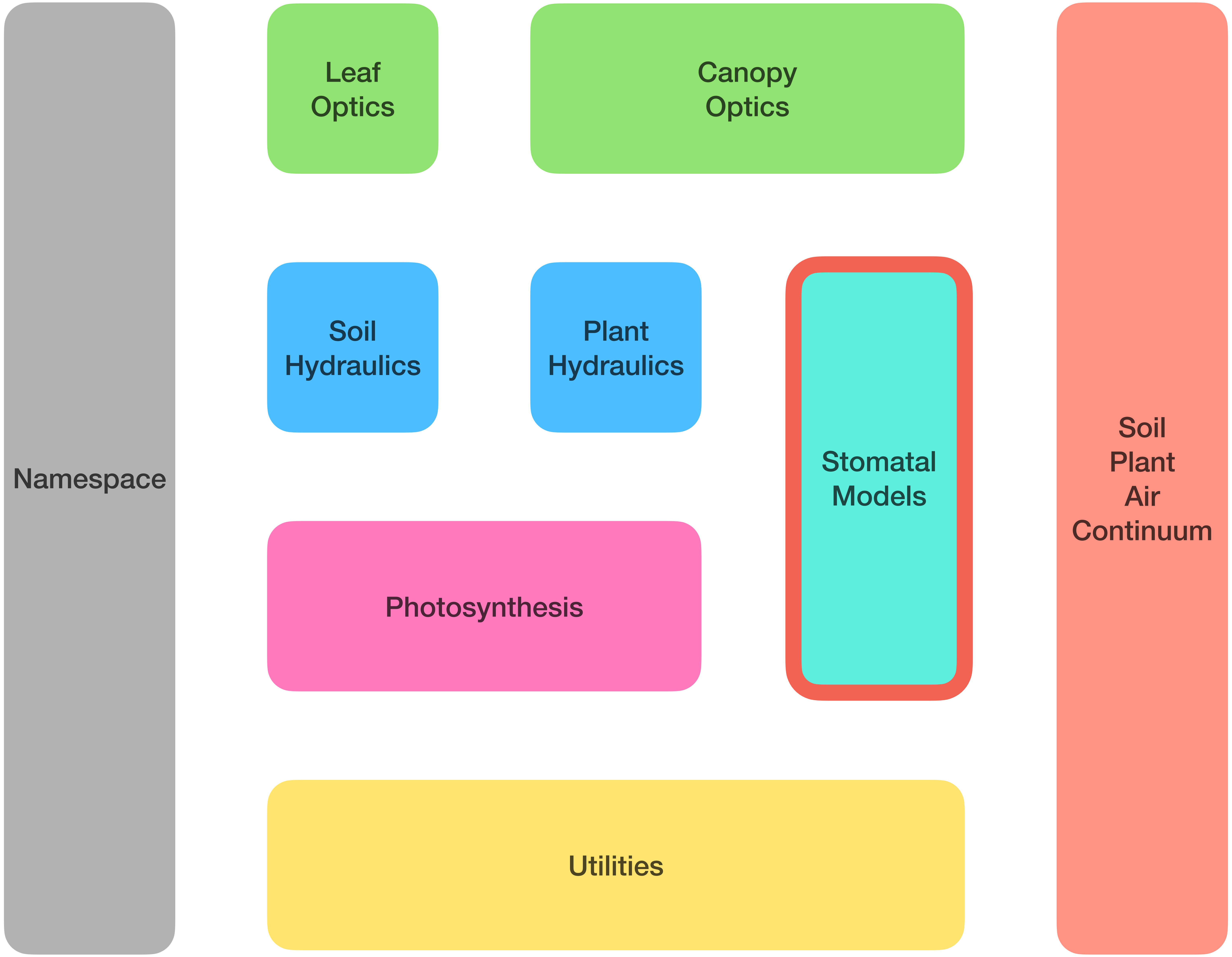


Minimum Element

Soil-plant-air continuum

1. Modularity

Each module can be used as a standalone package



https://github.com/CliMA/Land

1. Modularity

Each module can be used as a standalone package

```
bio = EmeraldLand.Namespace.HyperspectralLeafBiophysics{FT}();
wls = EmeraldLand.Namespace.WaveLengthSet{FT}();
lha = EmeraldLand.Namespace.HyperspectralAbsorption{FT}();
EmeraldLand.LeafOptics.leaf_spectra!(bio, wls, lha, FT(50));
```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2. User friendly

Convenient functions to begin with

GUI on the way for teaching purpose

```
config = EmeraldLand.Namespace.SPACConfiguration{FT}();
spac = EmeraldLand.Namespace.MultiLayerSPAC{FT}();
EmeraldLand.SPAC.initialize!(spac, config);
EmeraldLand.SPAC.spac!(spac, config, FT(1));
```

3. Freedom

Various model schemes to choose from

Namespace
Free combinations

Leaf Optics
Broadband
Hyper-spectral

Canopy Optics
Broadband / hyper-spectral
Single to multiple layers

Soil Hydraulics
Van Genuchten
Brooks Corey

Plant Hydraulics
Multiple VC forms
Custom structure
SS or NSS

Stomatal Models
(Empirical)
Ball Berry
Leuning
Medyln
Gentine

(Optimality)
Wolf-Anderegg-Pacala
Sperry
Eller
Wang

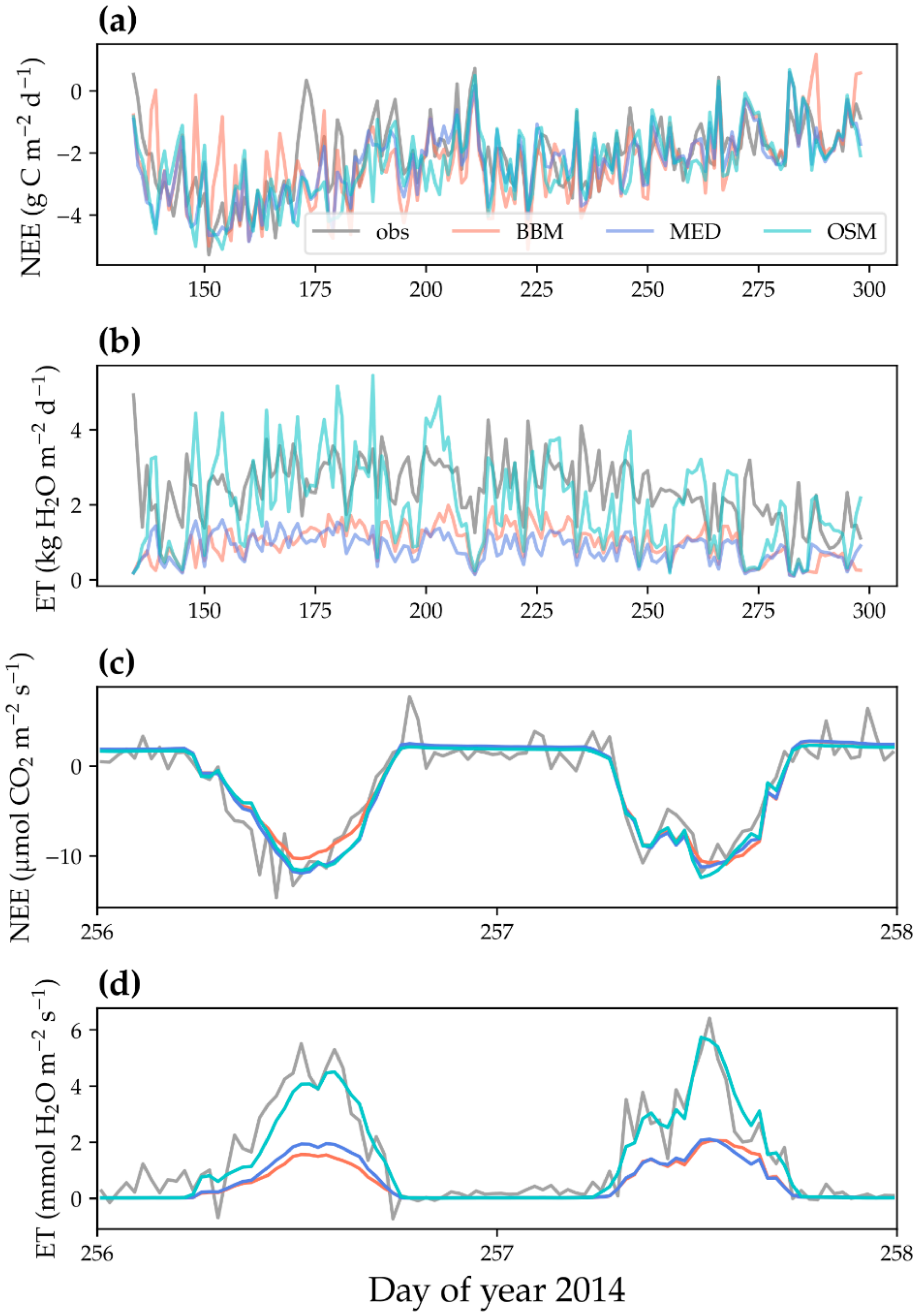
Photosynthesis
Classic C3 model
Classic C4 model
New Cytochrome C3 model

Utilities
Shared constants
Solvers
IO Tools

Soil Plant Air Continuum
Single elements
Complex SPAC

3. Freedom

Example 1: Comparison of three stomatal models

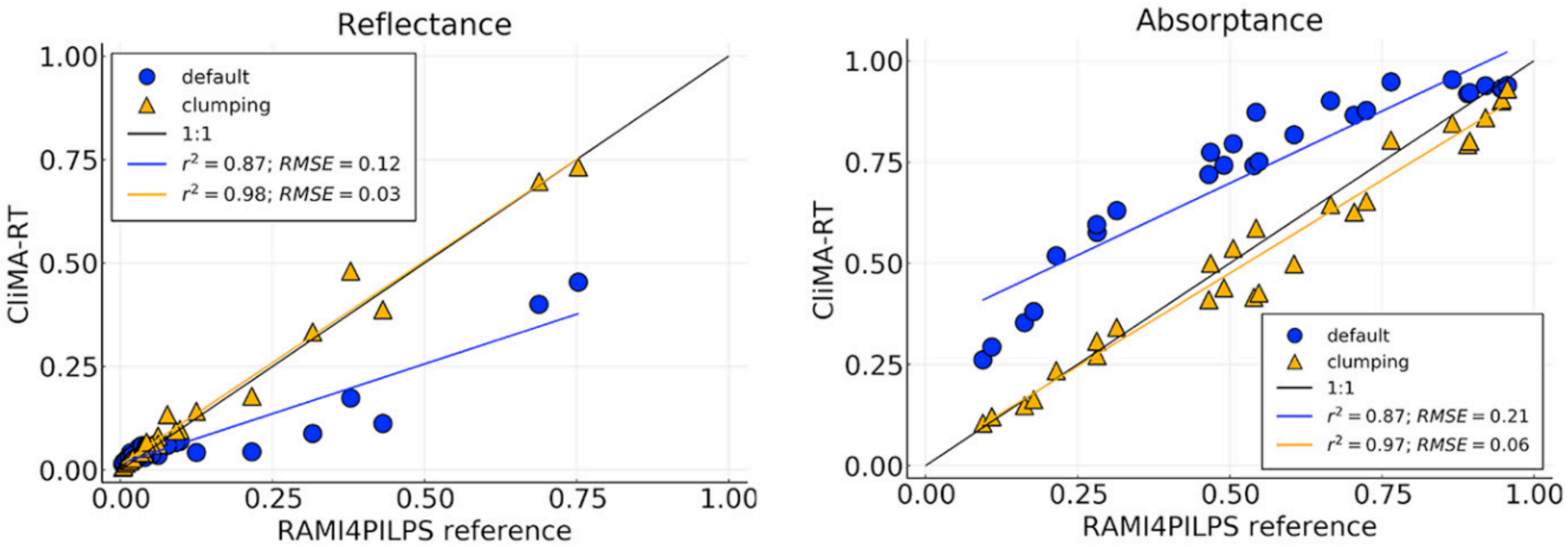


Wang et al. (2021) Geoscientific Model Development

3. Freedom

Example 2: Turn on/off clumping index

PAR (400 – 700 nm)



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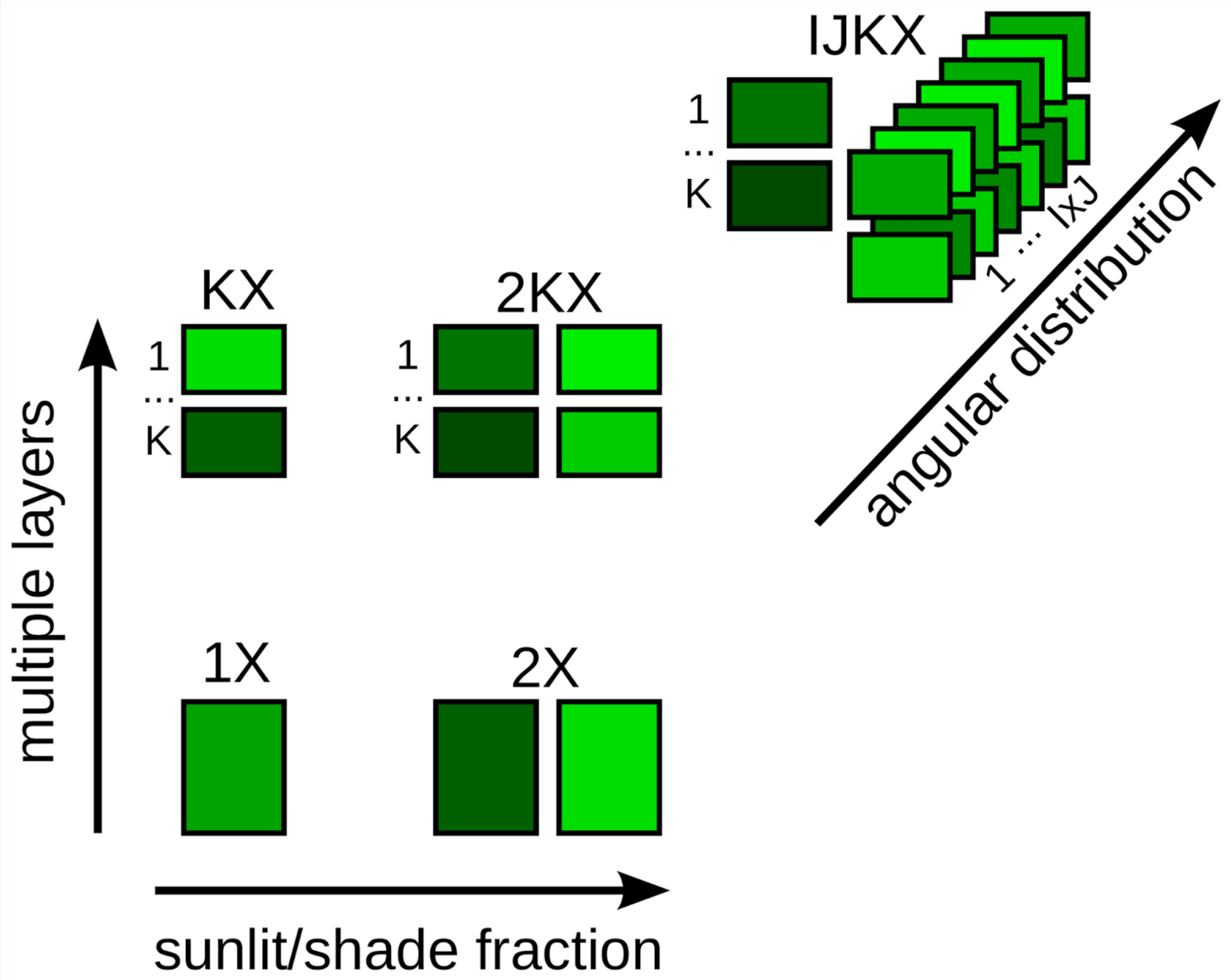
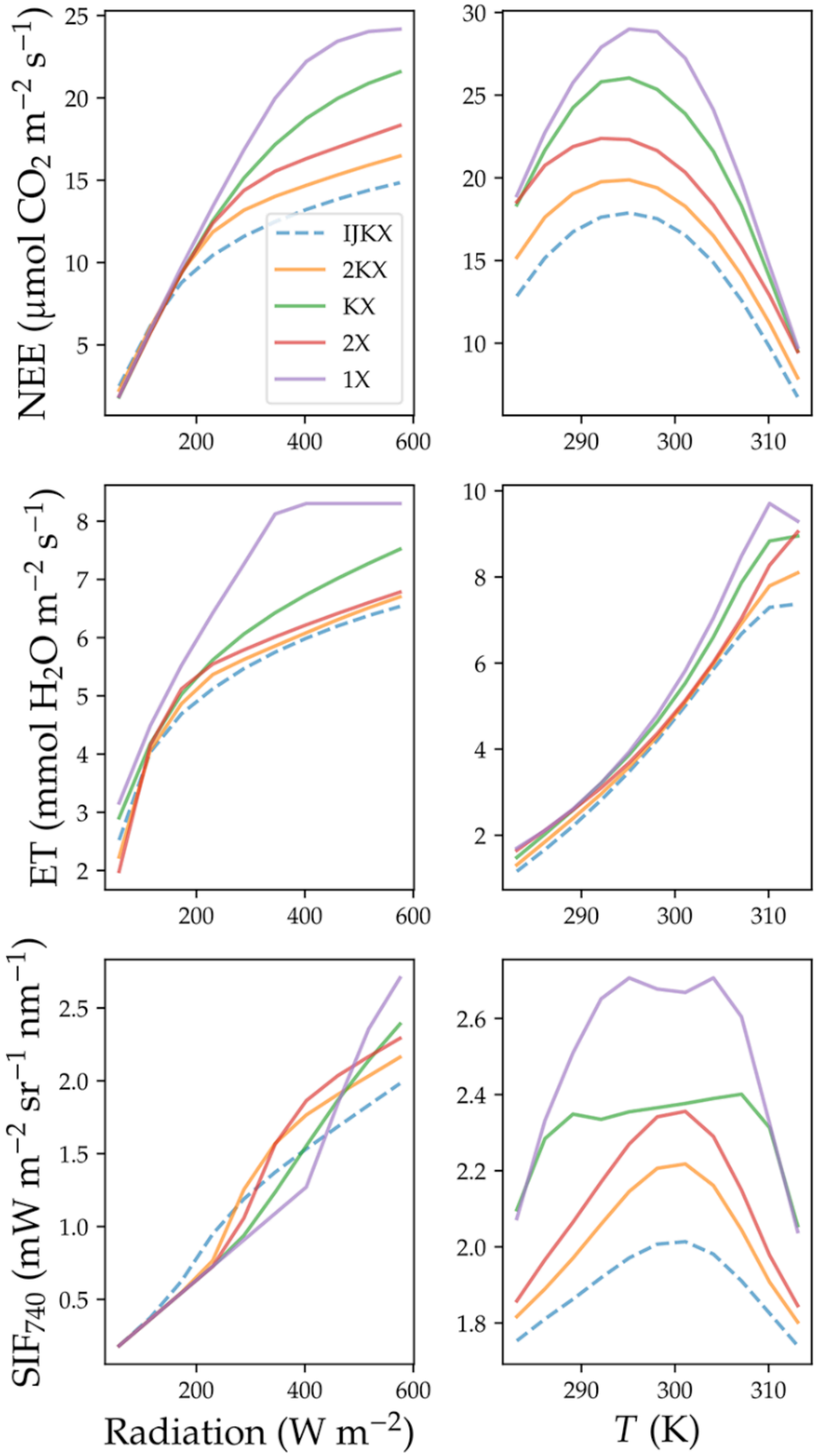
3. Freedom

Example 3: Comparison of canopy complexity





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Database and software for sharing global scale datasets—GriddingMachine

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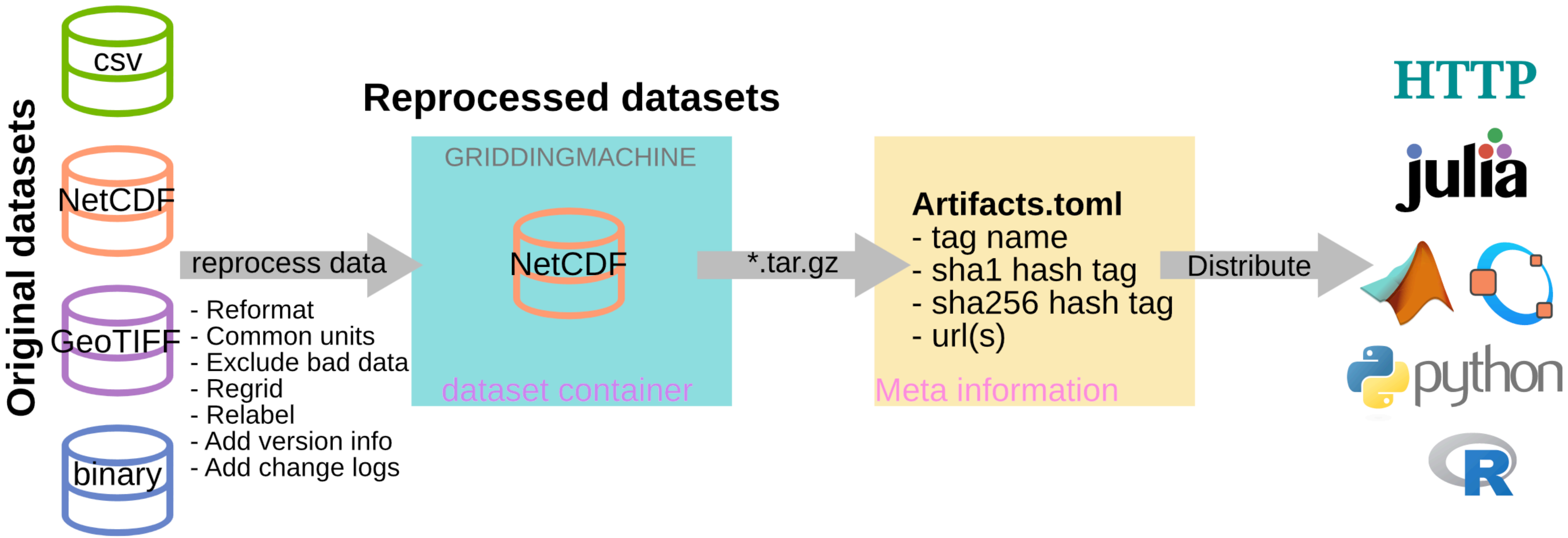
A byproduct

Need of traits at global scale to initialize CliMA Land

Challenges

- Hosted on different websites
- Different formats
- Not directly usable (scaling)
- Different orientations
- Different coverages
- Different projections
- Non-standard units
- … …
- One forget where the files are



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Convenient API

TAG is the only thing you need to know

```
using GriddingMachine.Collector: query_collection;
file_path = query_collection("VCMAX_2X_1Y_V1");

using GriddingMachine.Requestor: request_LUT;
dat,std = request_LUT("LAI_MODIS_20X_1M_2020_V1", 28.6, -81.2);
```

Dataset type	LABEL	EXTRALABEL	IX	JT	YEAR	VK	Reference	Change logs
Gross primary productivity	GPP	MPI_RS	2X	1M, 8D	2001-2019	V1	Tramontana et al. (2016)	4,9
	GPP	VPM	5X, 12X	8D	2000-2019	V2	Zhang et al. (2017)	1,4
Leaf area index	LAI	MODIS	2X, 10X, 20X	1M, 8D	2000-2020	V1	Yuan et al. (2011)	1,4,9
Latent heat flux	LE	MPI_RS	2X	1M, 8D	2001-2015	V1	Jung et al. (2019)	4,9
Solar induced chlorophyll	SIF	TROPOMI_683, TROPOMI_683DC	1X, 2X, 4X,	1M, 8D	2018-2020	V2	Köhler et al. (2020)	1,8

https://github.com/CliMA/GriddingMachine.jl

First global simulation of CliMA Land: Bridging vegetation processes with remote sensing

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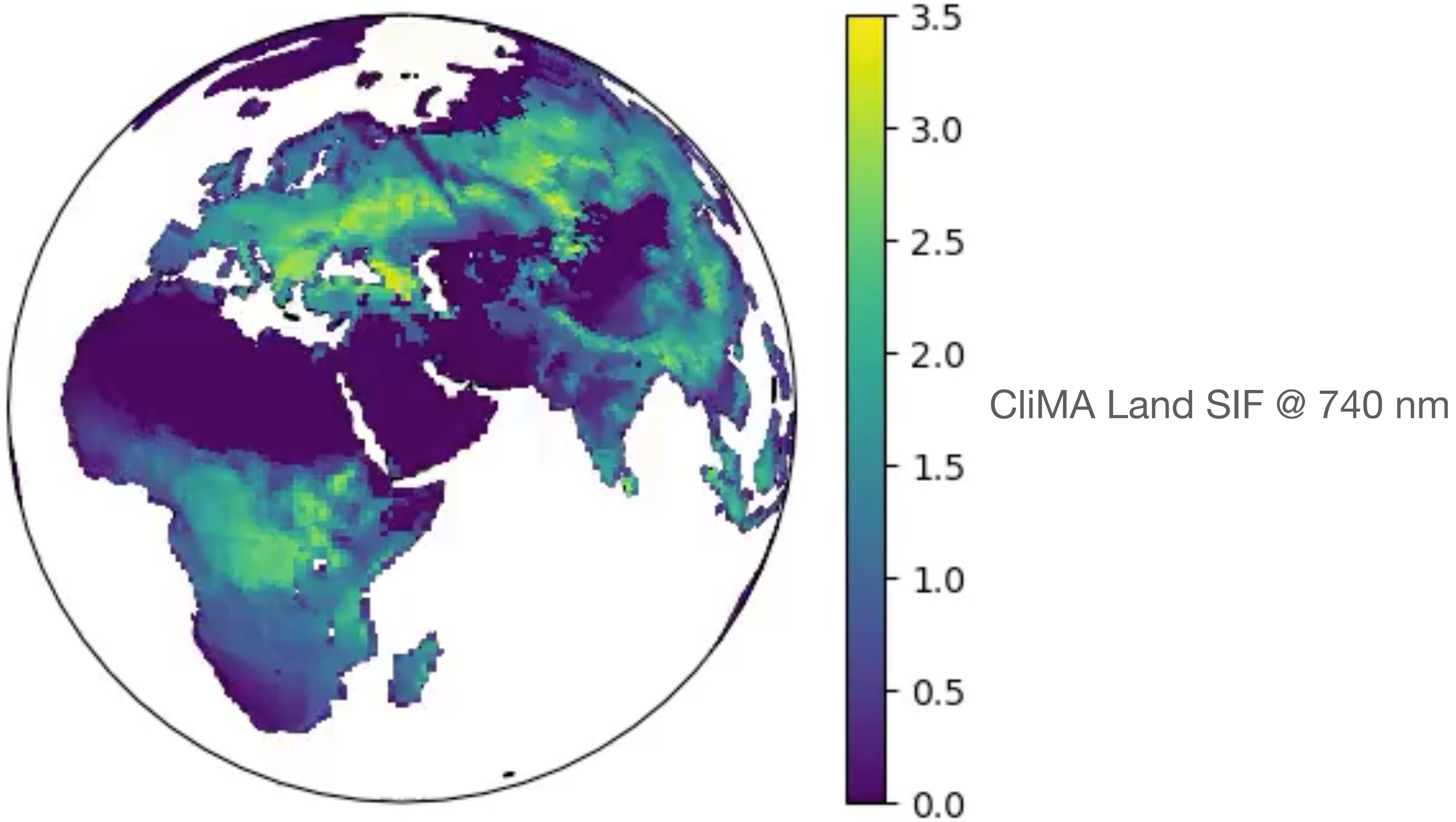
First global scale simulation of CliMA Land

Configurations

- Hyperspectral RT
- Empirical stomatal model
- Hourly ERA5 weather driver
- GriddingMachine inputs
- … …

~2 h for annual simulation on hourly time step on 160 cores!

Global simulations of canopy optical properties that can be seen from space



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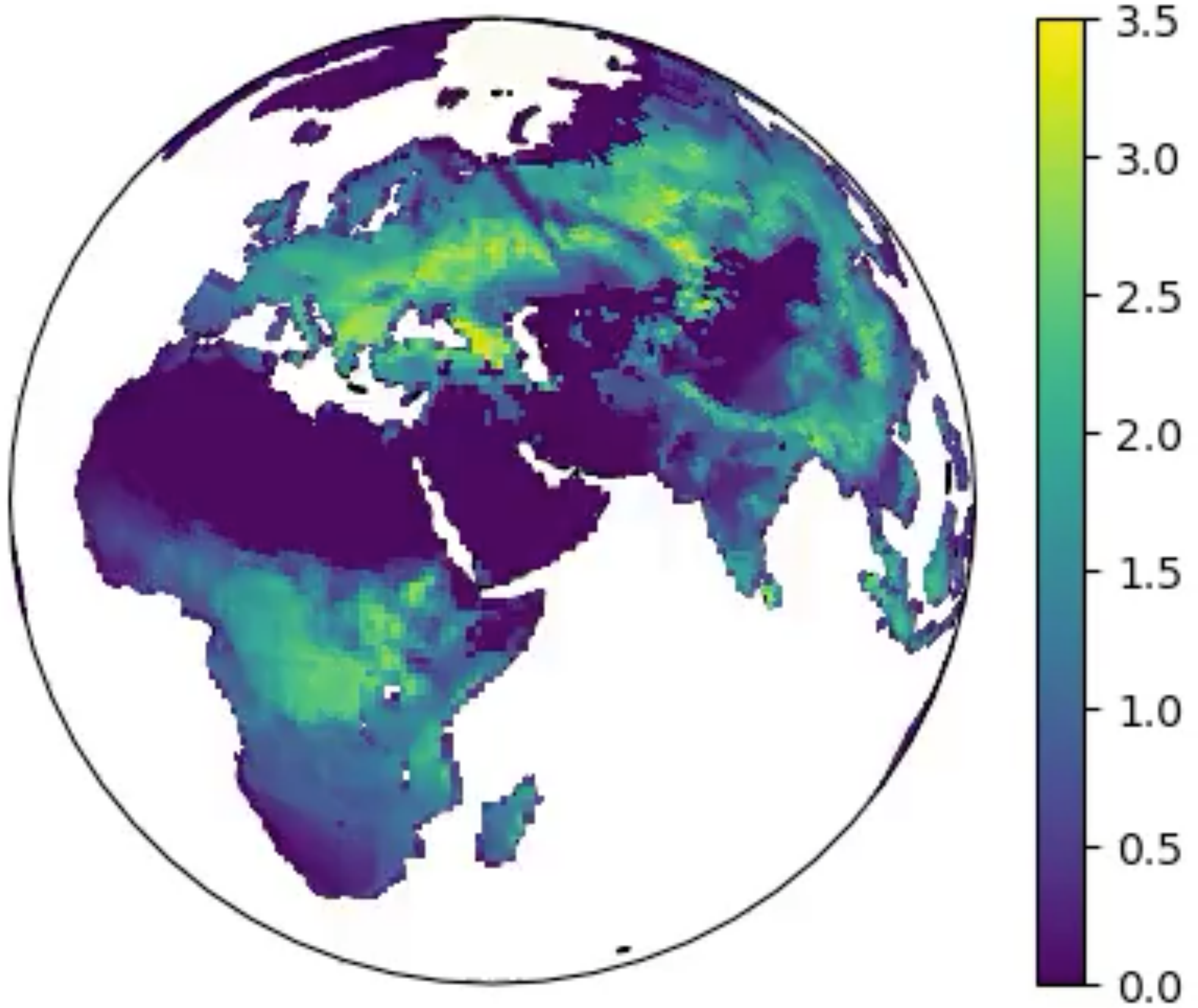

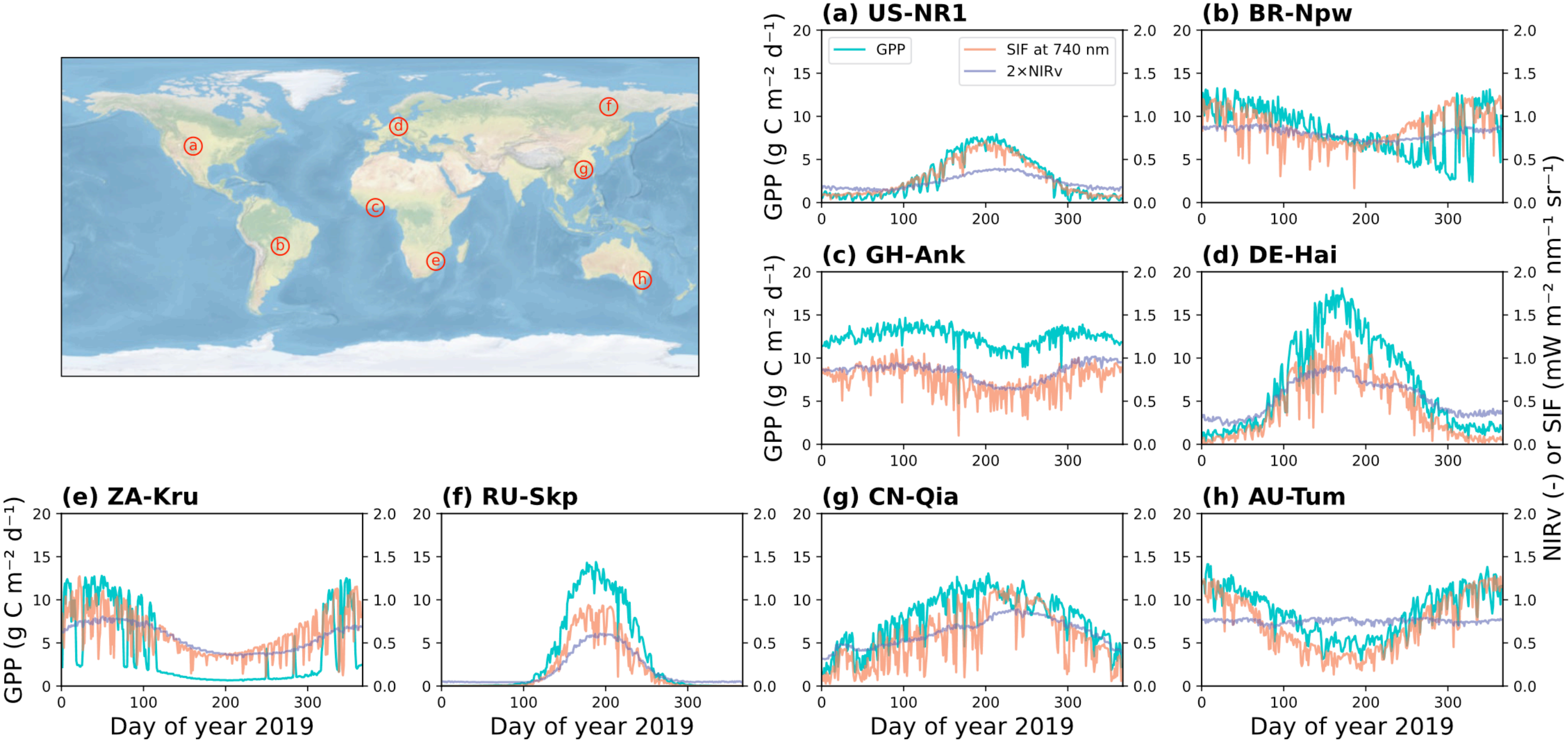

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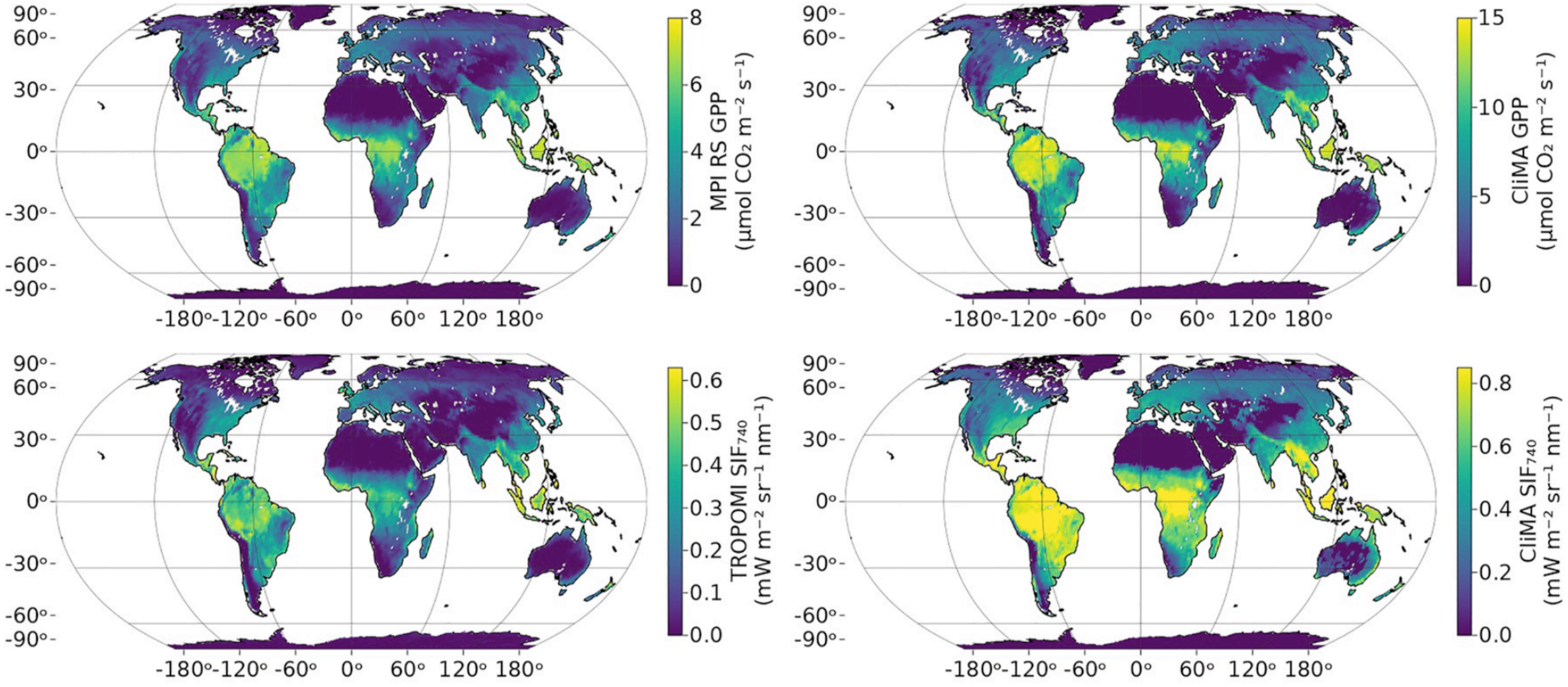

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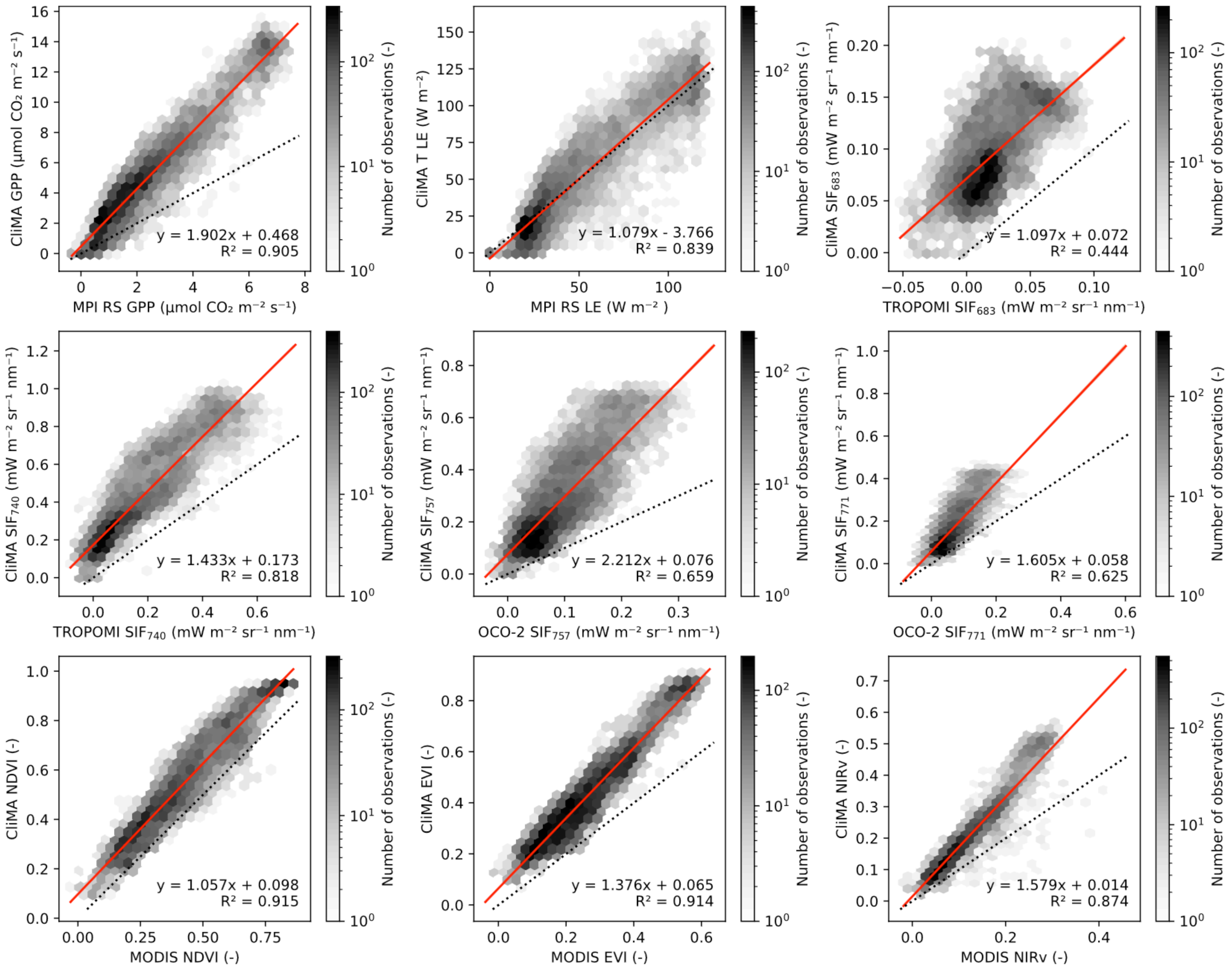
CliMA Land performs well for simulated quantities without any calibrations



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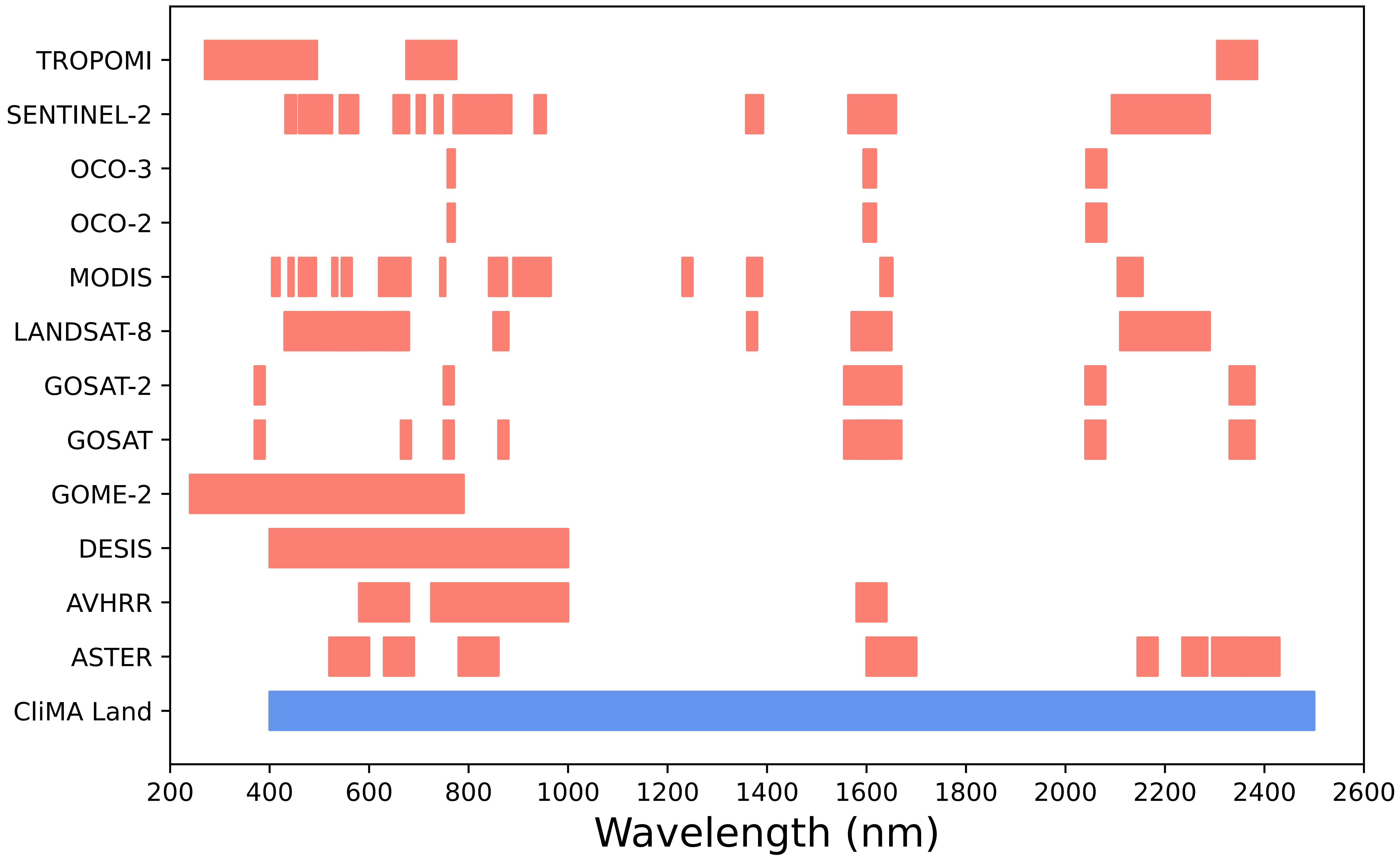
Remote Sensing

CliMA Land is capable of running hyper-spectral radiative transfer, allowing for using remote sensing data directly



Future research plans

1. Schemes

Improve model representation of soil-plant-air continuum

- **Develop more physiology-based model schemes**
- **Dynamic growth based on optimality theory**
- **Close the energy balance for UV light**
- **Account for carbon cost in reproduction**
- **Add more species in the SPAC system**
- **Make model ready to study competition**
- **… …**

Future research plans

2. Setups

Advance model parameters configuration

- Coupling to CliMA Atmosphere and Ocean models
- Test more existing model configurations
- Add more application scenarios, such as teaching
- Better documentation and demos
- Add more alternative models
- … …

Future plans

3. Calibration

Use more data to calibrate the models

- **Add more features to GriddingMachine**
- **Run data assimilation to calibrate the traits**
  - **Leaf area index**
  - **Chlorophyll content**
  - **Canopy structure**
- **Explore nature based solutions against climate change**

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