

Uncertainties in carbon simulation & disturbance effects on Carbon sinks and sources

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Part I:
Uncertainties in carbon simulation
-Gross Primary Productivity (GPP)

- **Group I:** an empirical relationship is used to quantify GPP as a function of light use efficiency (LUE) and environmental conditions, such as CASA (Potter et al., 1993), and the MODIS algorithm (Zhao & Running, 2010).
- **Group II:** models using mechanistic description of the photosynthetic biochemical processes occurring at leaf level (Farquhar et al., 1980), eg. BEPS.



eg, LUE model (MODIS)



eg, BEPS model

Is GPP distorted using big-leaf Models?

Objective



- To verify any systematic biases exist with the big-leaf LUE modeling approach in generating the spatial and temporal distribution patterns of GPP
- To investigate the underlying reasons for these biases using the process-based model (BEPS)

Methods



LUE model-----the MODIS algorithm

Process-based model----BEPS

BEPS principles

(1) Leaf photosynthesis

(2) Sunlit and shaded LAI stratification

(3) Sunlit and shaded leaf irradiance

(4) Stomatal conductance

(5) Soil moisture scalar

Chen et al., Ju et al., Zhang et al., 1999-2015

Leaf photosynthesis

Rubisco activities

$$W_c = \begin{cases} V_m \frac{C_i - \Gamma}{C_i + k_{co}} & , \text{ for } C_3 \\ V_m & , \text{ for } C_4 \end{cases}$$

Electron transport

$$W_j = \begin{cases} J \frac{C_i - \Gamma}{4.5C_i + 10.5\Gamma} & , \text{ for } C_3 \\ J & , \text{ for } C_4 \end{cases}$$

**Irradiance dependence
of electron transport**

$$\theta_1 J^2 - (I_{le} + J_m)J + I_{le}J_m = 0$$

$$A = \min(W_c, W_j, W_e) - R_d$$

The FvCB photosynthesis model

Sunlit and shaded LAI stratification

$$L_{sun} = 2\cos\theta(1 - \exp(-0.5L\Omega/\cos\theta))$$

$$L_{shade} = L - L_{sun}$$

Sunlit and shaded leaf irradiance

$$S_{sunlit} = S_{dir} \cos \alpha / \cos \theta + S_{shaded}$$

$$S_{shaded} = (S_{dif} - S_{dif,under}) / LAI + C$$

$$C = 0.07 \Omega S_{dir} (1.1 - 0.1 LAI) \exp(-\cos \theta)$$

$$S_{dif,under} = S_{dif} \exp(-0.5 \Omega LAI / \cos \bar{\theta})$$

$$\cos \bar{\theta} = 0.537 + 0.025 LAI$$

Stomatal conductance

$$A = (C_a - C_i)g$$

$$g = m \frac{Ah_s}{C_s} p + b$$

$$g = f_w \left(m \frac{Ah_s}{C_s} p + b \right)$$

Soil moisture scalar



Soil moisture scalar

The soil water availability factor $f_{w,i}$ in layer i is calculated as:

$$f_{w,i} = \frac{1.0}{f_i(\psi_i) f_i(T_{s,i})}$$

a function of matrix suction ([Zierl, 2011](#)).

The effect of soil temperature

$$f_i(T_{s,i}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1.0}{1 - \exp(t_1 T_{s,i}^{t_2})} & T_{s,i} > 0^\circ\text{C} \\ \infty & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

The weight of each layer to f_w

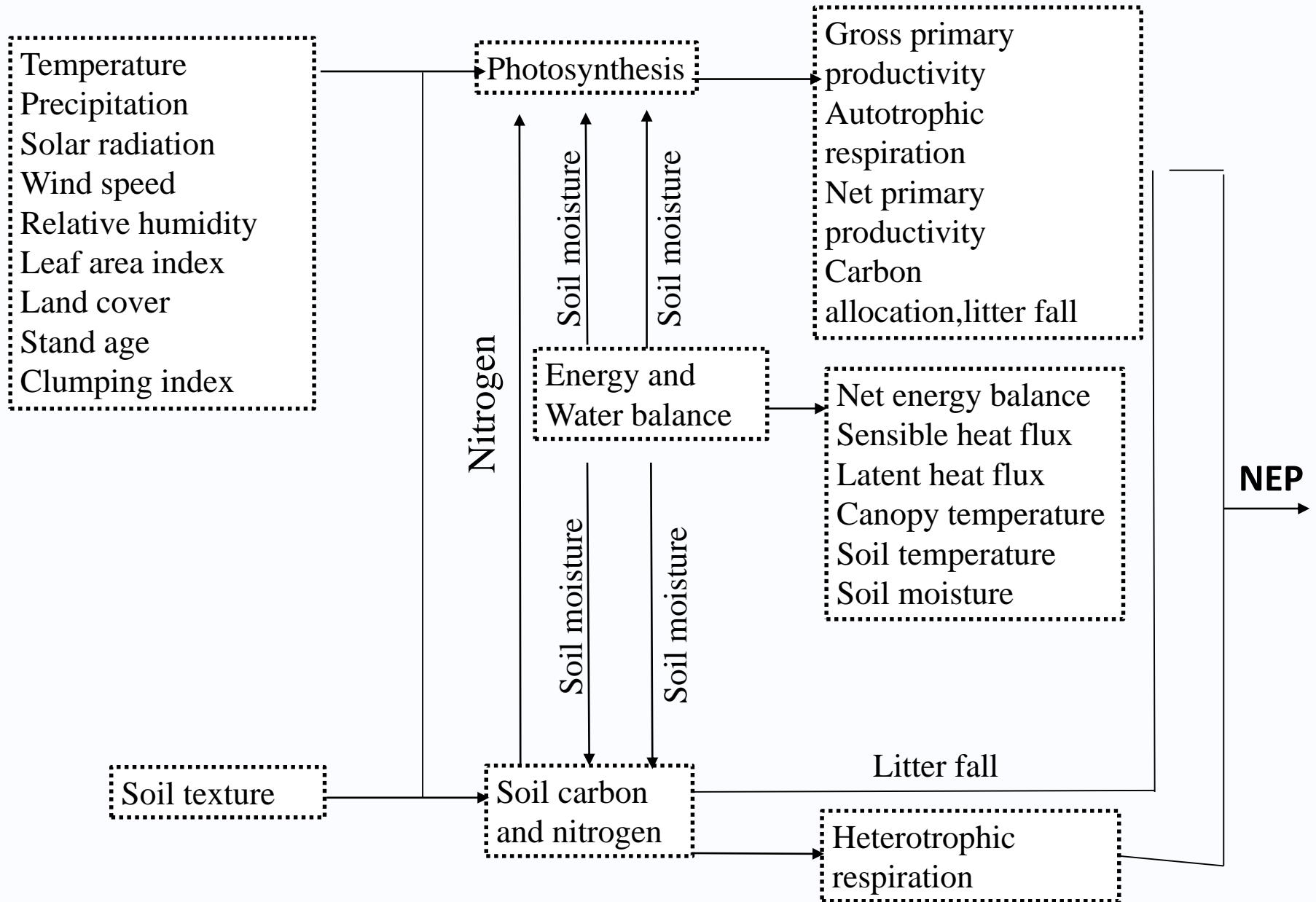
$$w_i = \frac{R_i f_{w,i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n R_i f_{w,i}}$$

$$f_w = \sum_{i=1}^n f_{w,i} w_i$$

Inputs

Model

Outputs



MODIS GPP algorithm

$$GPP = LUE \times fPAR \times PAR$$

$$LUE = LUE_{\max} \times f(VPD) \times g(T_{\min})$$

$$fPAR = 1 - e^{-k \times LAI}$$

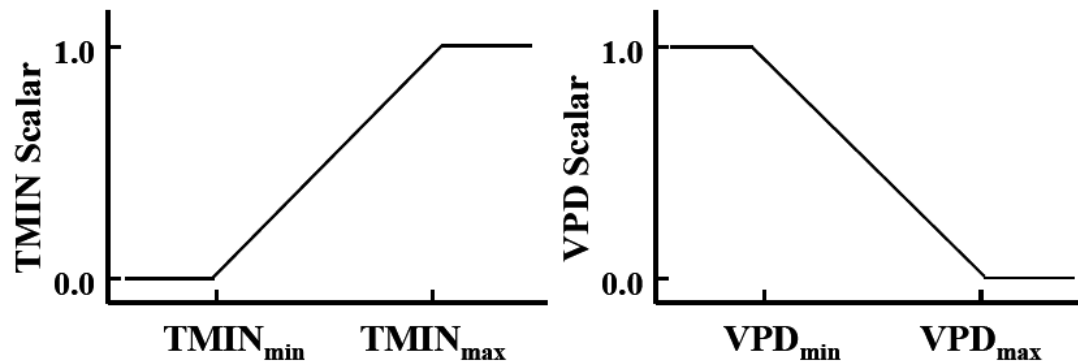
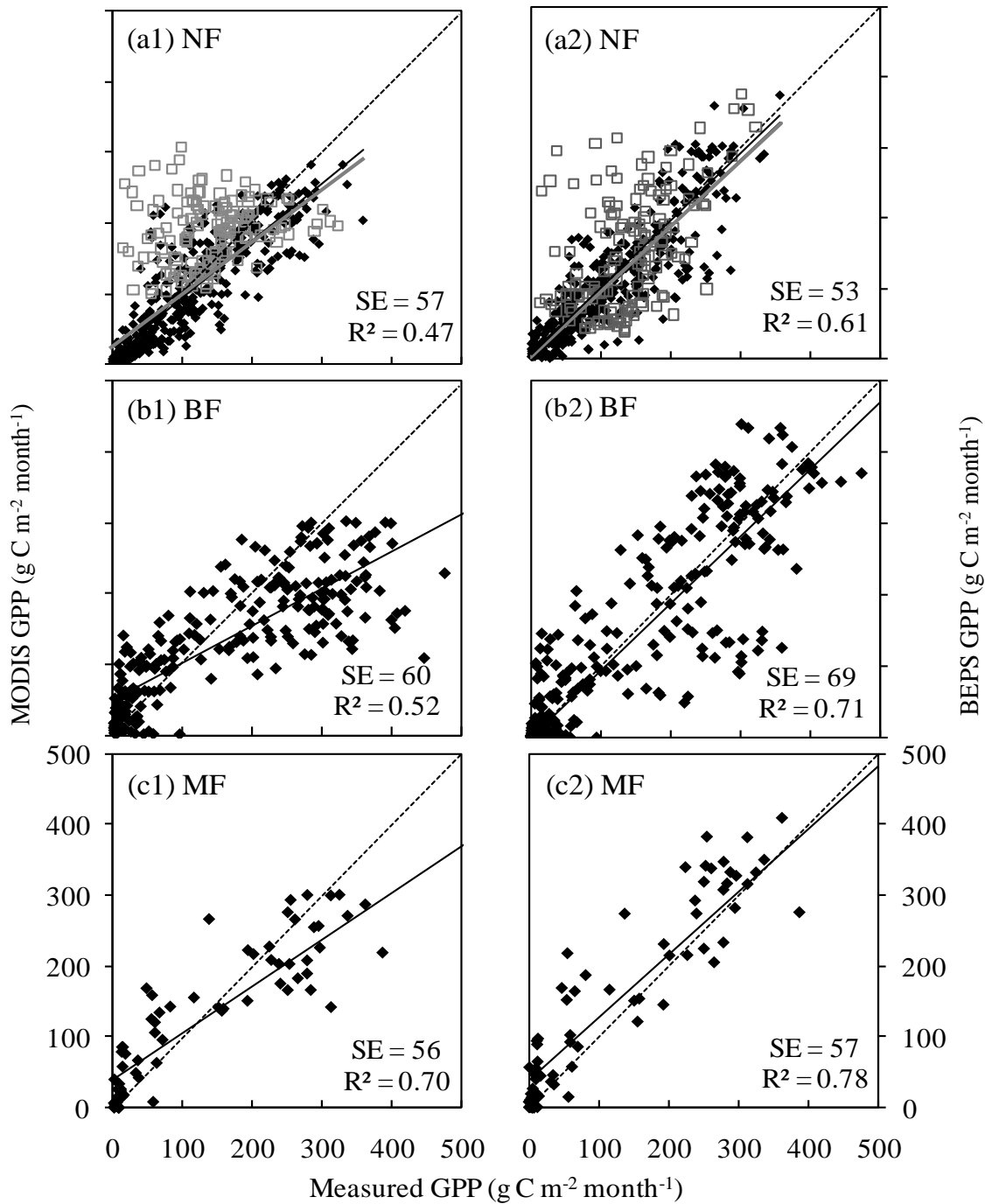
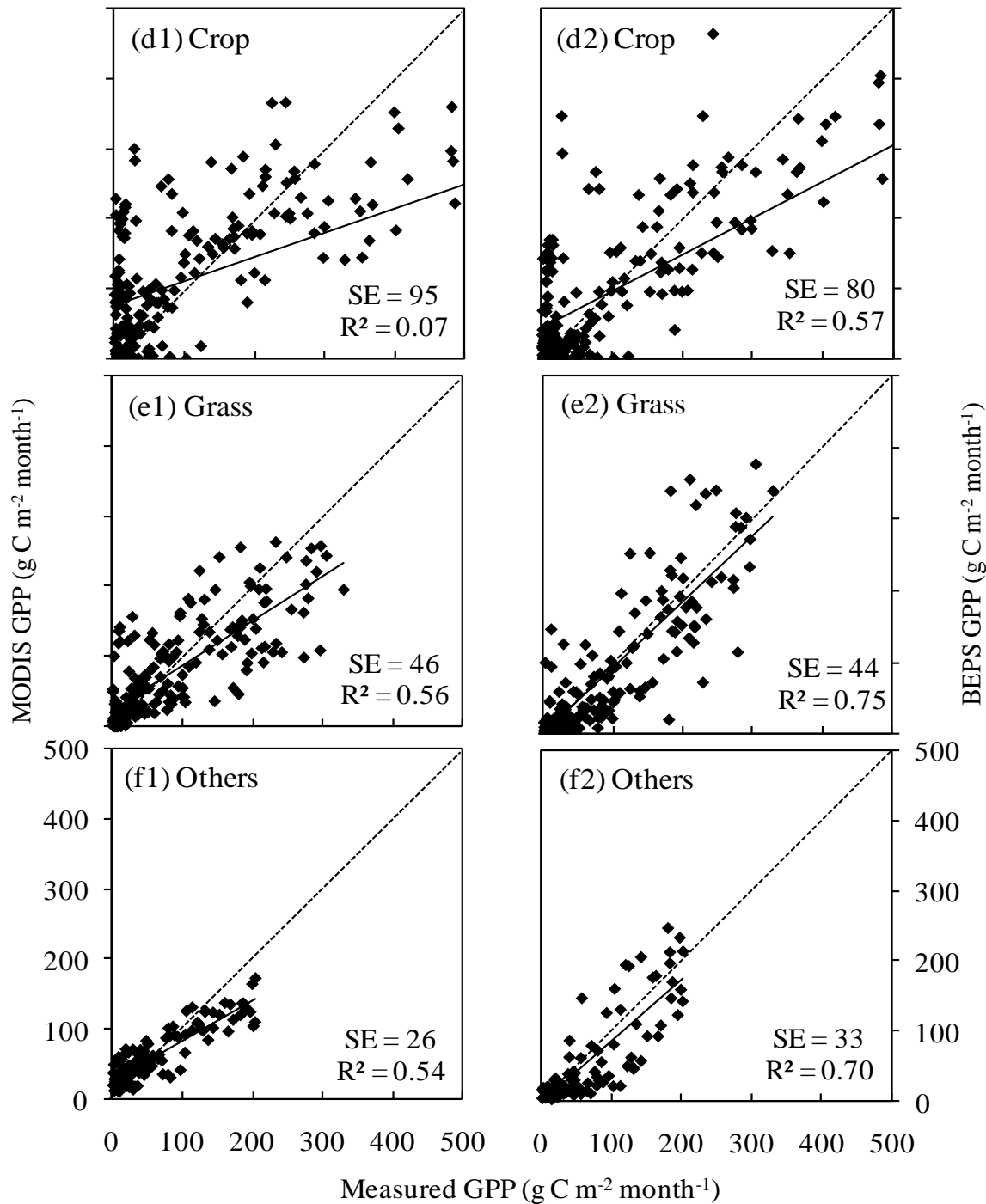


Figure 1.2. The TMIN and VPD attenuation scalars are simple linear ramp functions of daily TMIN and VPD.

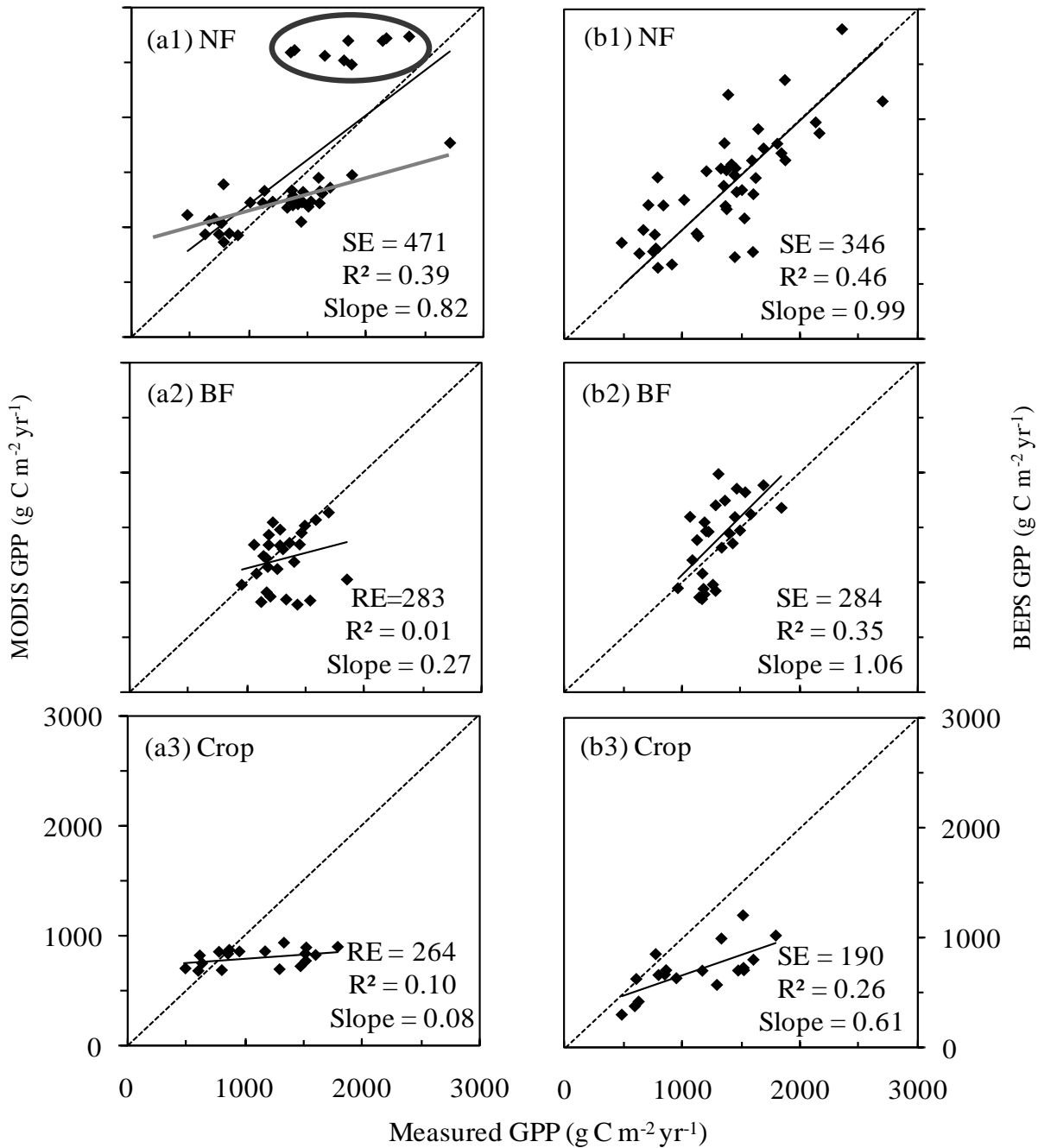
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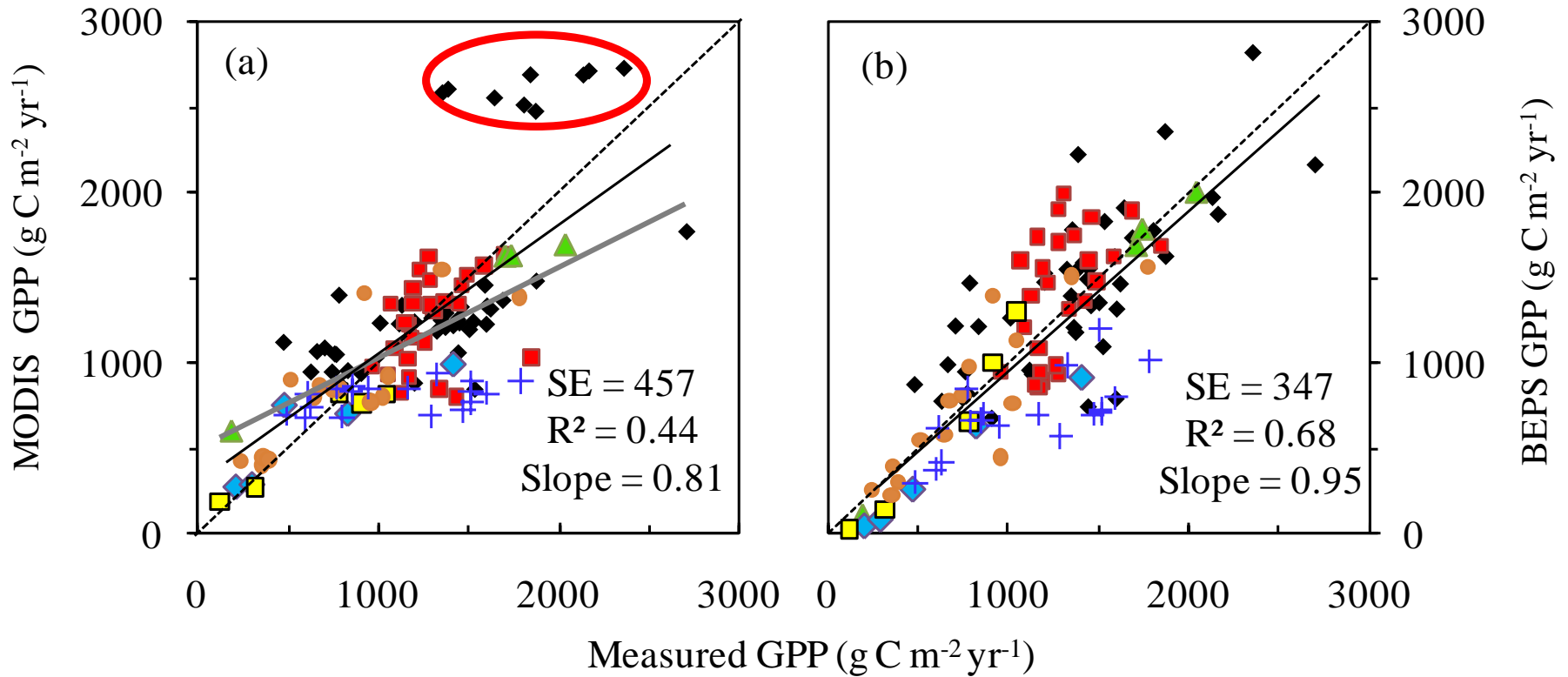


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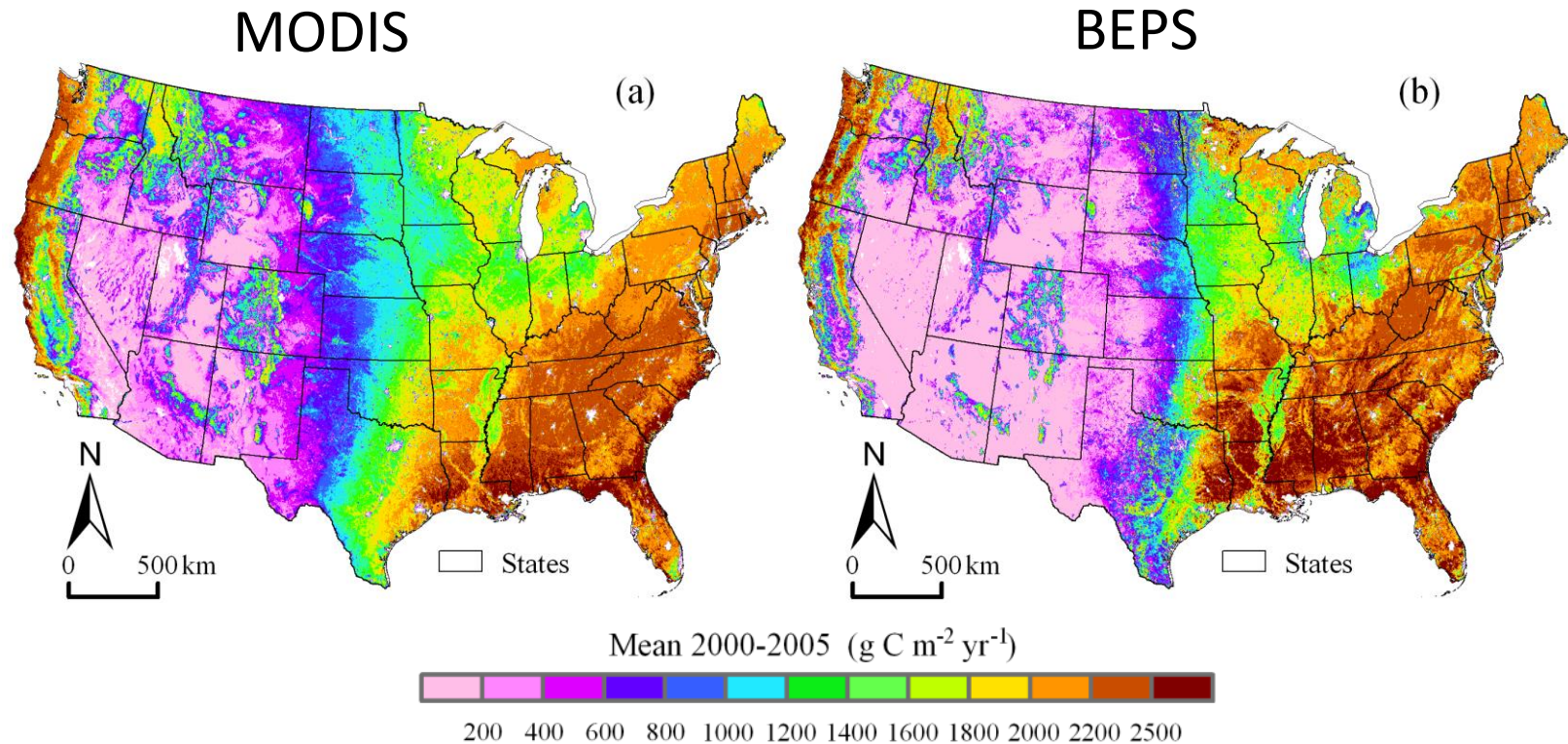


Annual GPP Assessment

SP1,SP2,SP3 sites

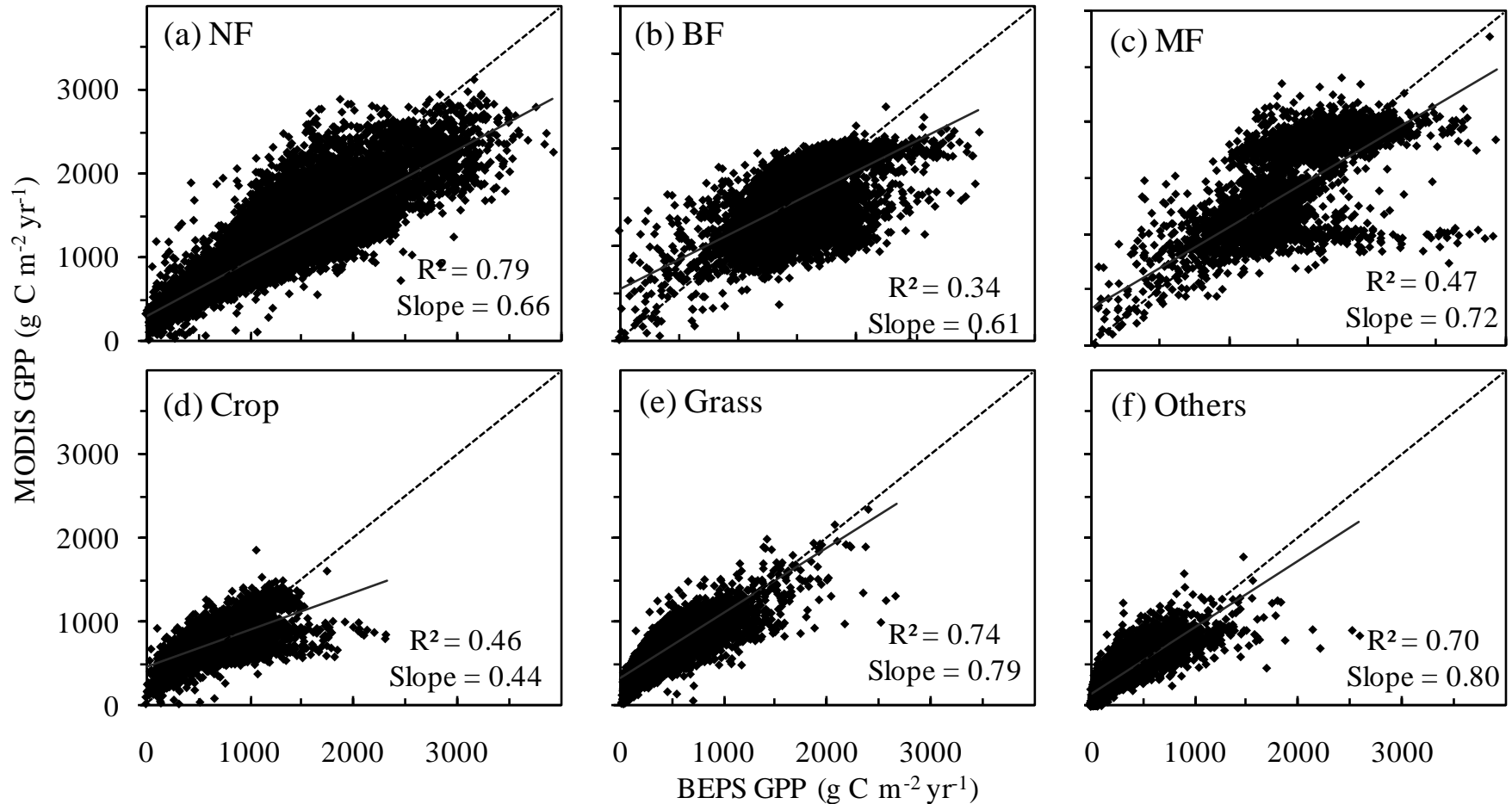


Continental GPP comparison



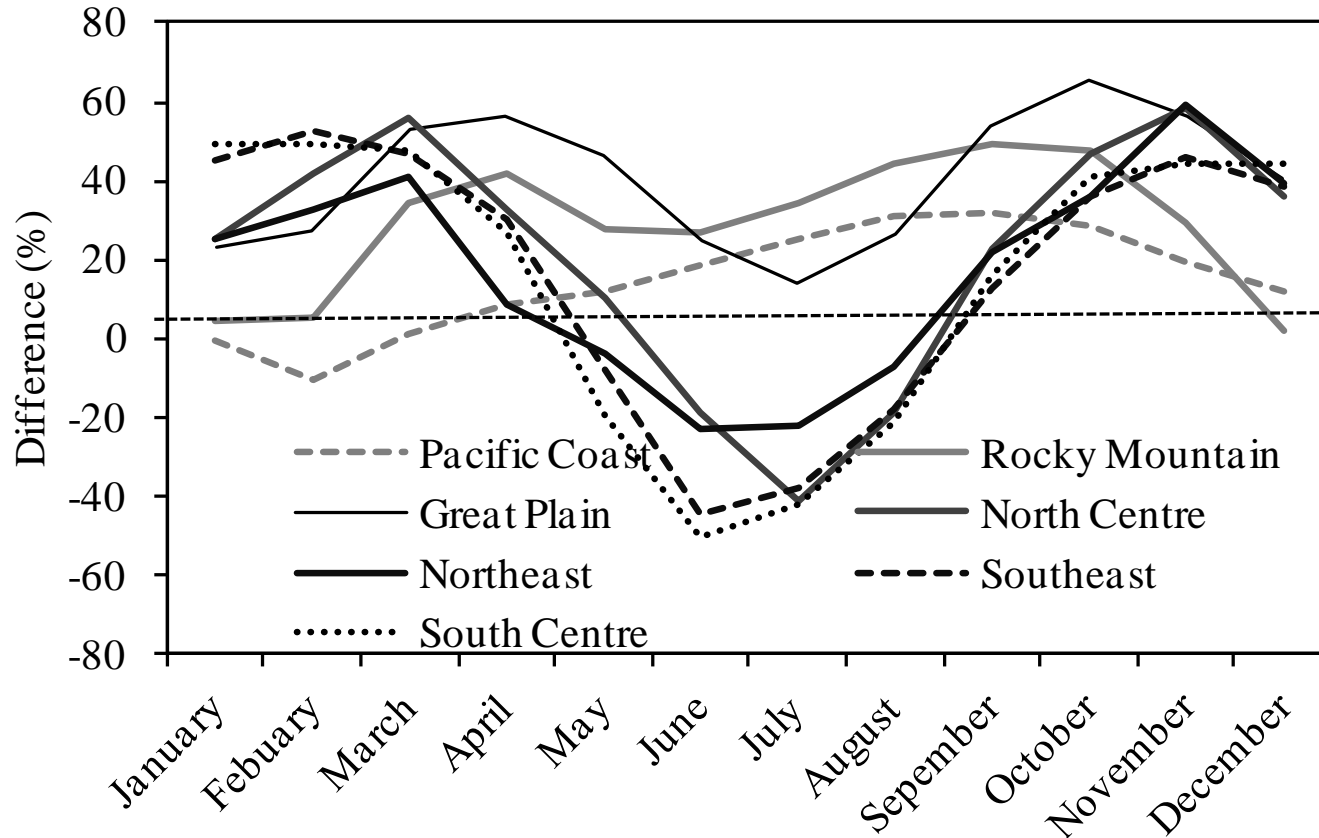
■ MODIS and BEPS agree within 89% for the total annual GPP of the continental US.

Continental GPP comparison



■ Underestimations of GPP mainly occur in clumped canopies and vice versa.

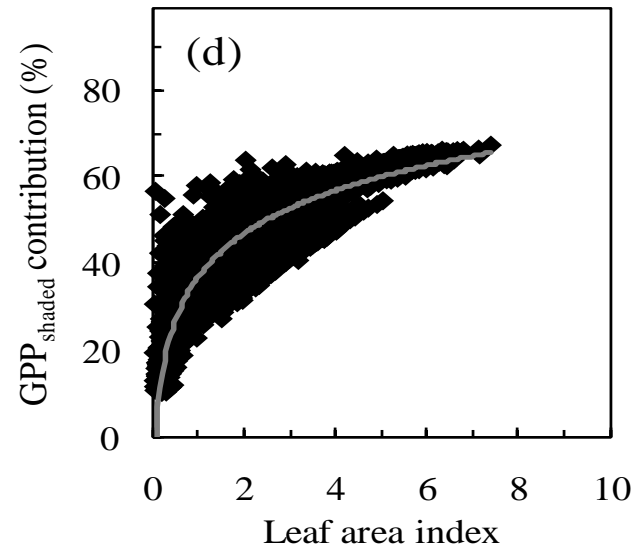
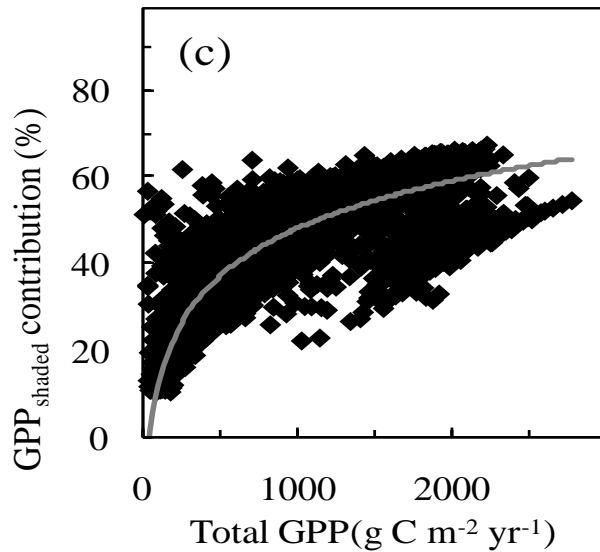
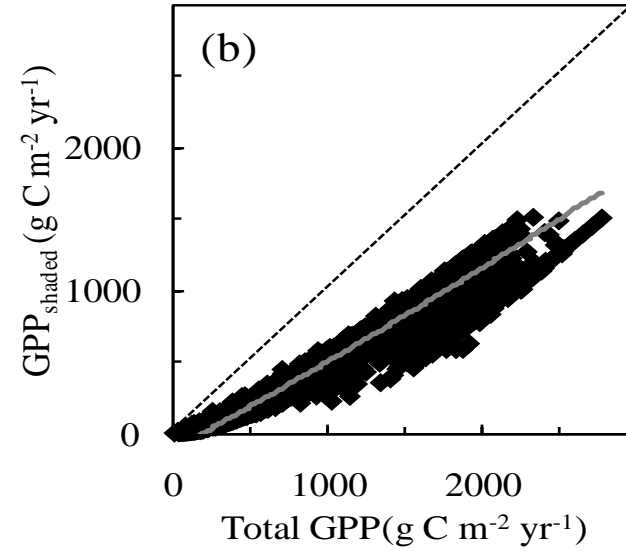
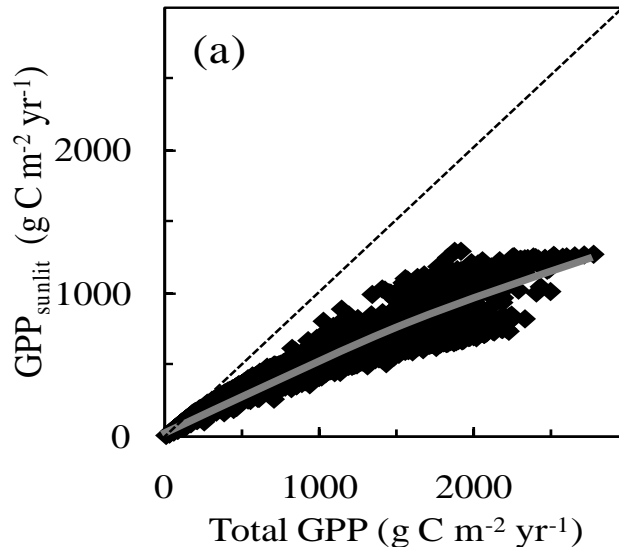
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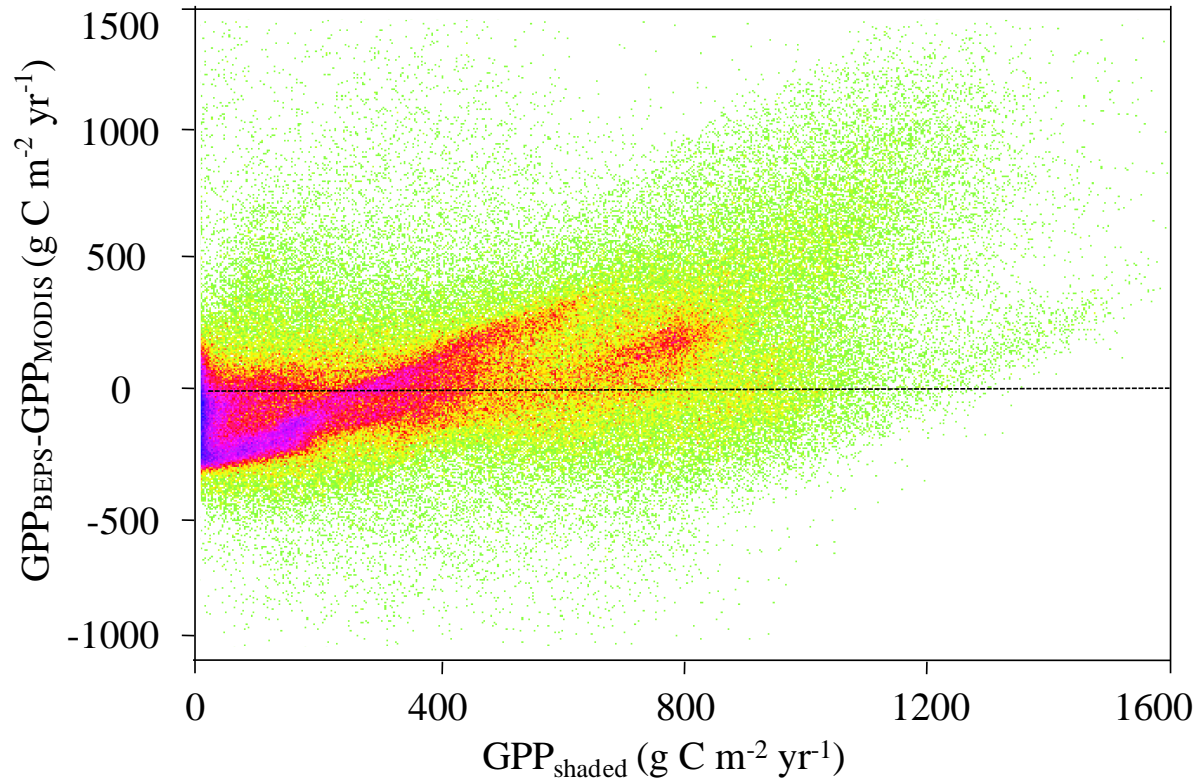
■ MODIS overestimates GPP at low value end and underestimates GPP at high value end.

Needleleaf forest

Physiological reasons



Physiological reasons



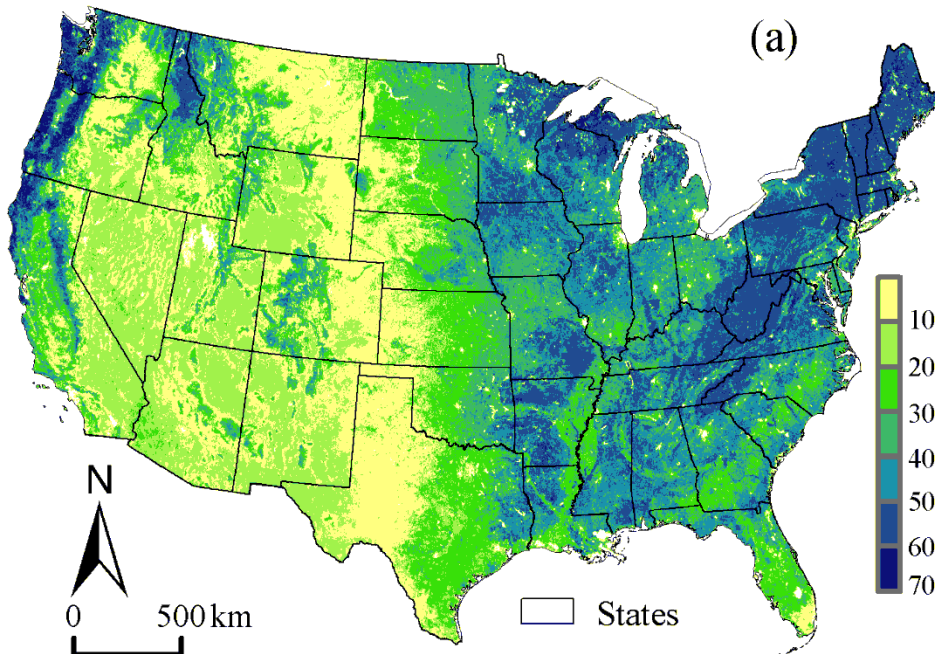
Other reasons: eg.,

Soil nutrient availability (fertilized vs. non-fertilized treatments)

Changes associated with stand development and aging

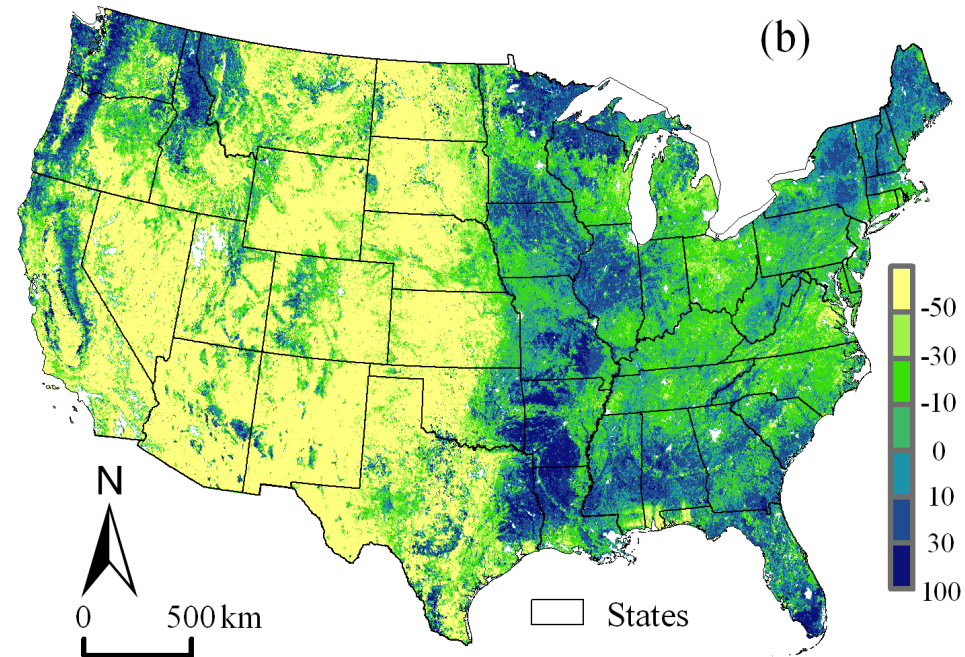
Physiological reasons

Contribution (%) of shaded leaves



$$\frac{\text{GPP}_{\text{shaded}}}{\text{GPP}} \times 100$$

Differences (%) of GPP_{BEPS} and $\text{GPP}_{\text{MODIS}}$



$$\frac{\text{GPP}_{\text{BEPS}} - \text{GPP}_{\text{MODIS}}}{\text{GPP}_{\text{BEPS}}} \times 100$$

- Biases of MODIS GPP are positively correlated with contributions of shaded leaves.
- The biases would produce considerable distortions in spatio-temporal patterns of GPP.

Upgrade big-leaf LUE model by two-leaf principles

(1) Build two-leaf MOD17 LUE-GPP model:

$$GPP = LUE_{\max_sun} f(u_{1,2,i\dots}) APAR_{sun} + LUE_{\max_shaded} f(u_{1,2,i\dots}) APAR_{shaded}$$

(2) Separate different irradiance processing of sunlit and shaded leaves:

$$L_{sun} = 2 \cos \theta (1 - \exp(-0.5 L \Omega / \cos \theta))$$

$$L_{shade} = L - L_{sun}$$

$$S_{sunlit} = S_{dir} \cos \alpha / \cos \theta + S_{shaded}$$

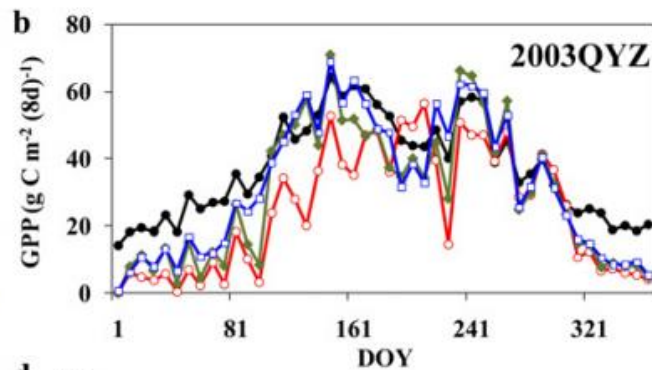
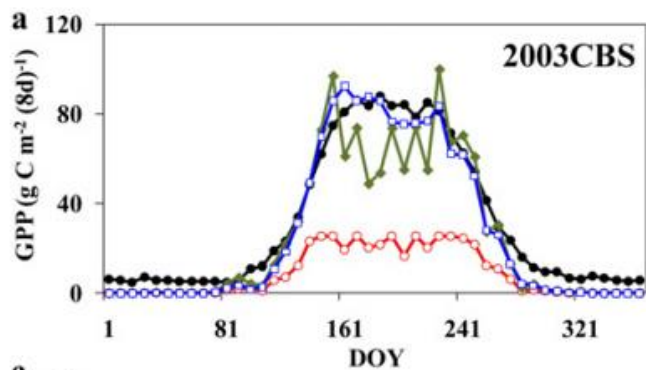
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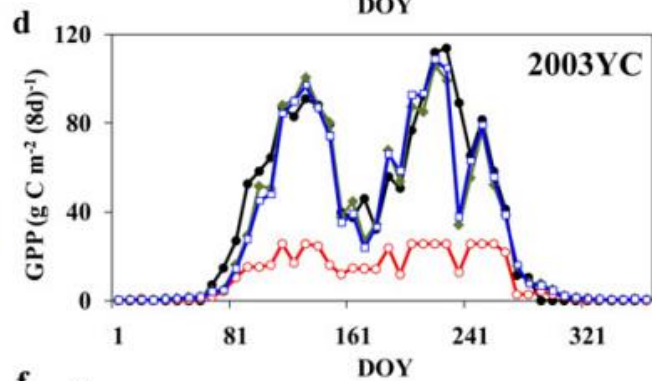
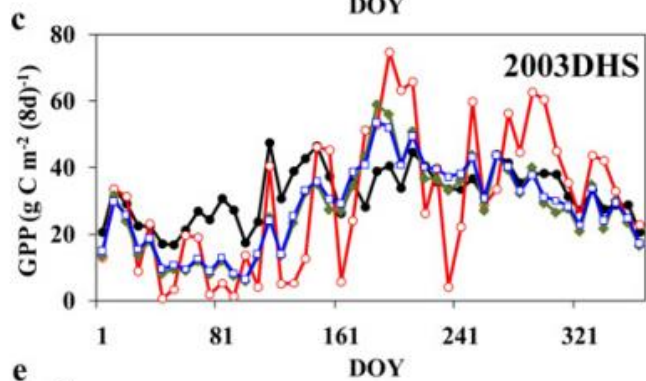
$$\cos \bar{\theta} = 0.537 + 0.025 LAI$$

长白山



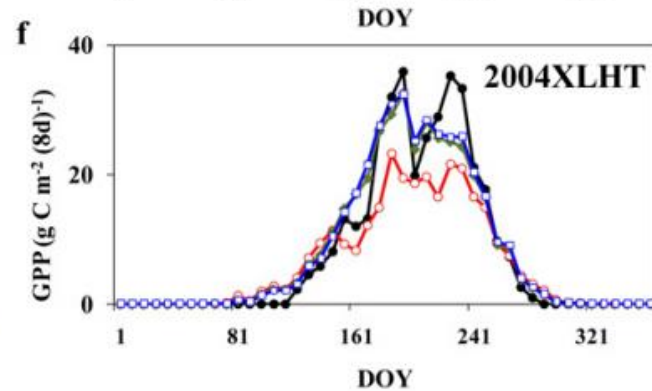
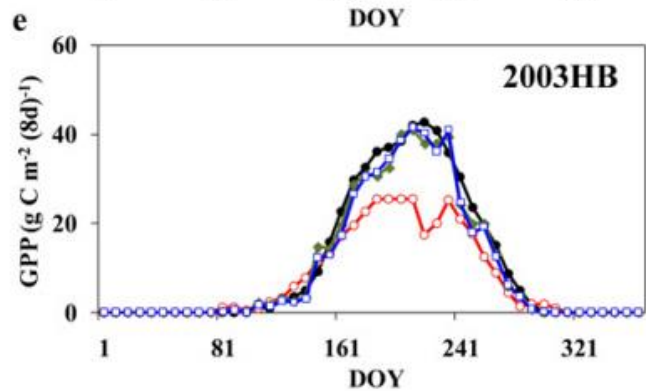
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鼎湖山



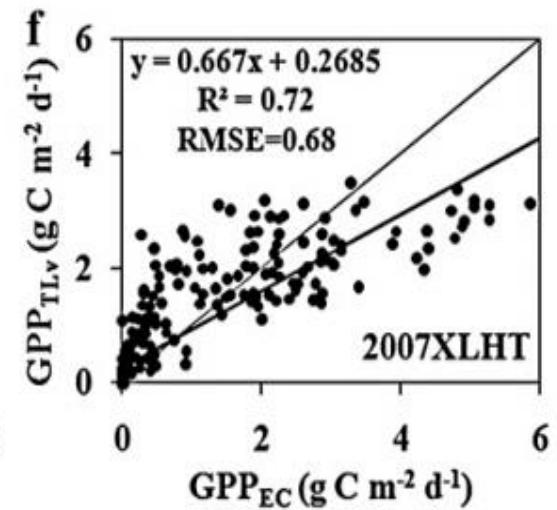
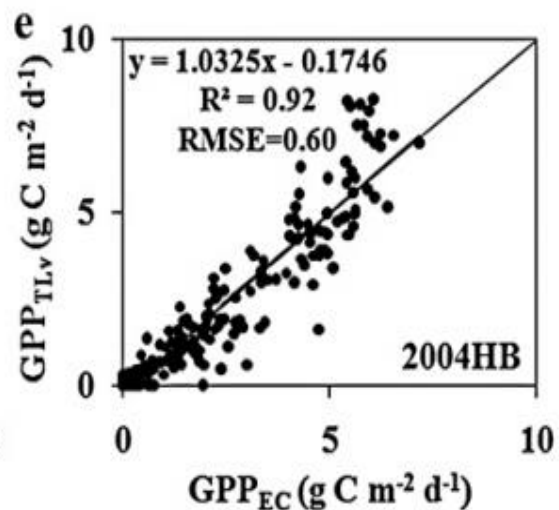
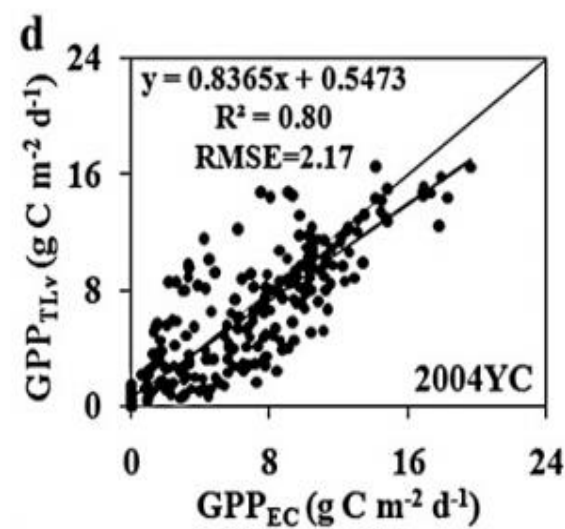
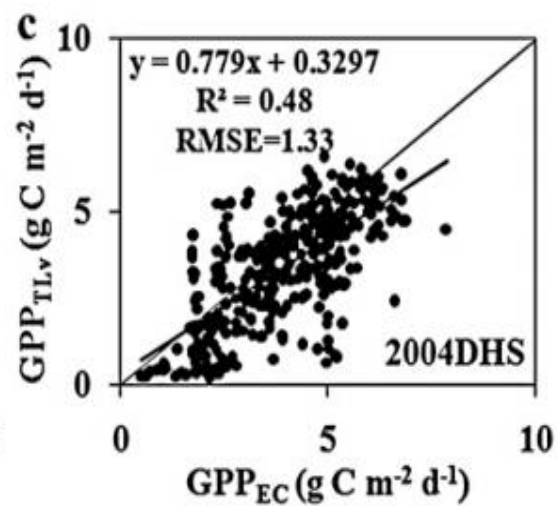
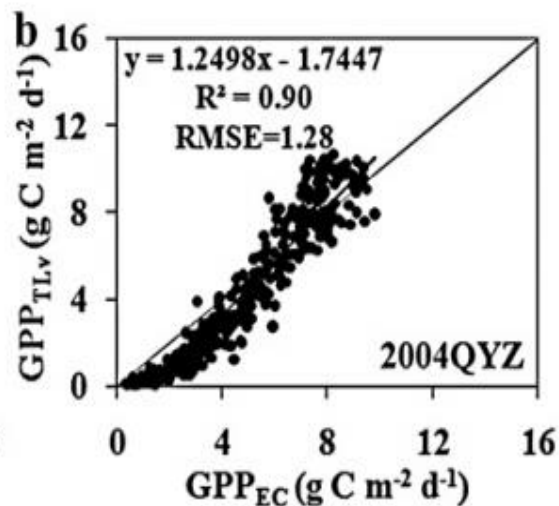
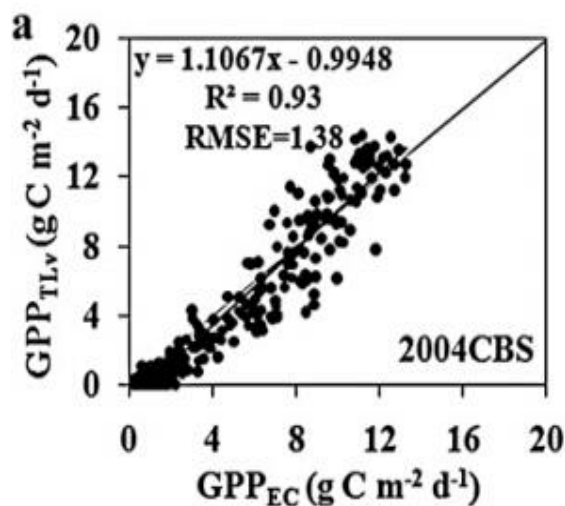
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● GPP_{EC} ○ GPP₁₇ ◆ GPP_{MOD} □ GPP_{TL}





Part II

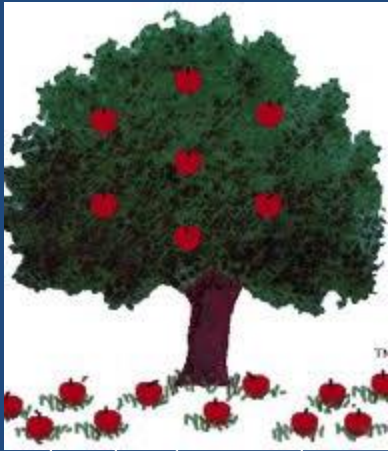
Non-disturbance and disturbance effects on Carbon sinks and sources in forests

Carbon Cycle

A = Photosynthesis
(CO₂, N, Temp., etc.)

$$\mathbf{NPP = A - B}$$
$$\mathbf{NEP = NPP - C}$$

B = Autotrophic Respiration
(Temp., biomass, etc.)



C = Heterotrophic Respiration
(Temp., C pools, etc.)

Disturbances



$$\mathbf{NBP = NEP - Fires - Harvest - Insect-induced Mortality}$$

Mechanisms for C sinks

- **Disturbance Effects**

- Regrowth after disturbance
- C emission caused by fire, harvest and insect

- **Non-disturbance Effects**

(growth/respiration enhancement)

- Climate (T, P)
- CO₂
- Nitrogen deposition

Questions?

- What are the causes of C sinks and sources, disturbance effects and non-disturbance effects?
- What are the contributions to the C sinks from different regions?

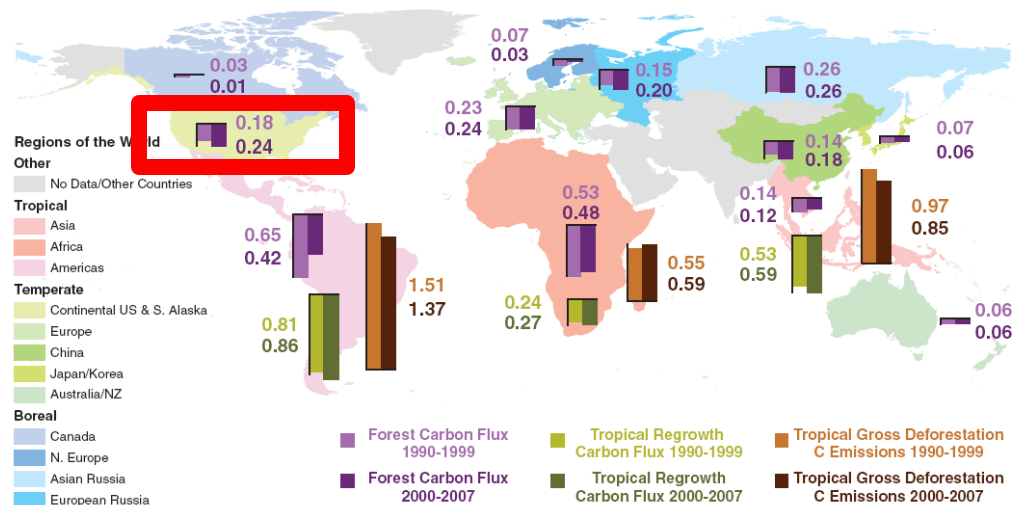
To attribute the total sink to disturbance and non-disturbance factors

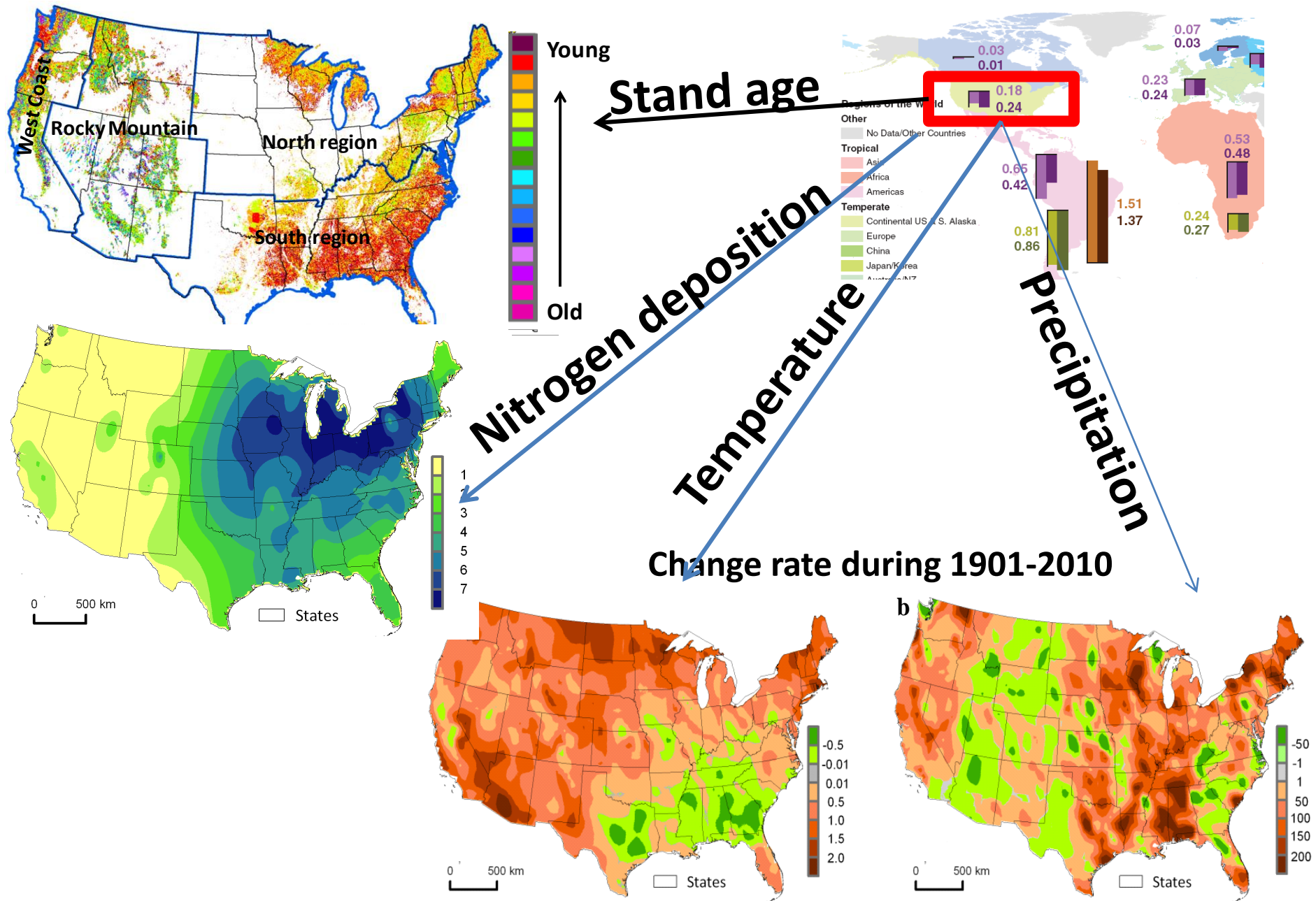


US forests and C sink

- area accounts for 5.9% of the global forests
- thought to be a large sink (10%)
- large uncertainties in the magnitude, spatial distribution and causes of the sink

The world forest sink
 $2.4 \pm 0.4 \text{ Pg C}$





Units for deposition ($\text{g N/m}^2/\text{yr}$), T ($\text{C}/100\text{yr}$) and P ($\text{mm}/100\text{yr}$).

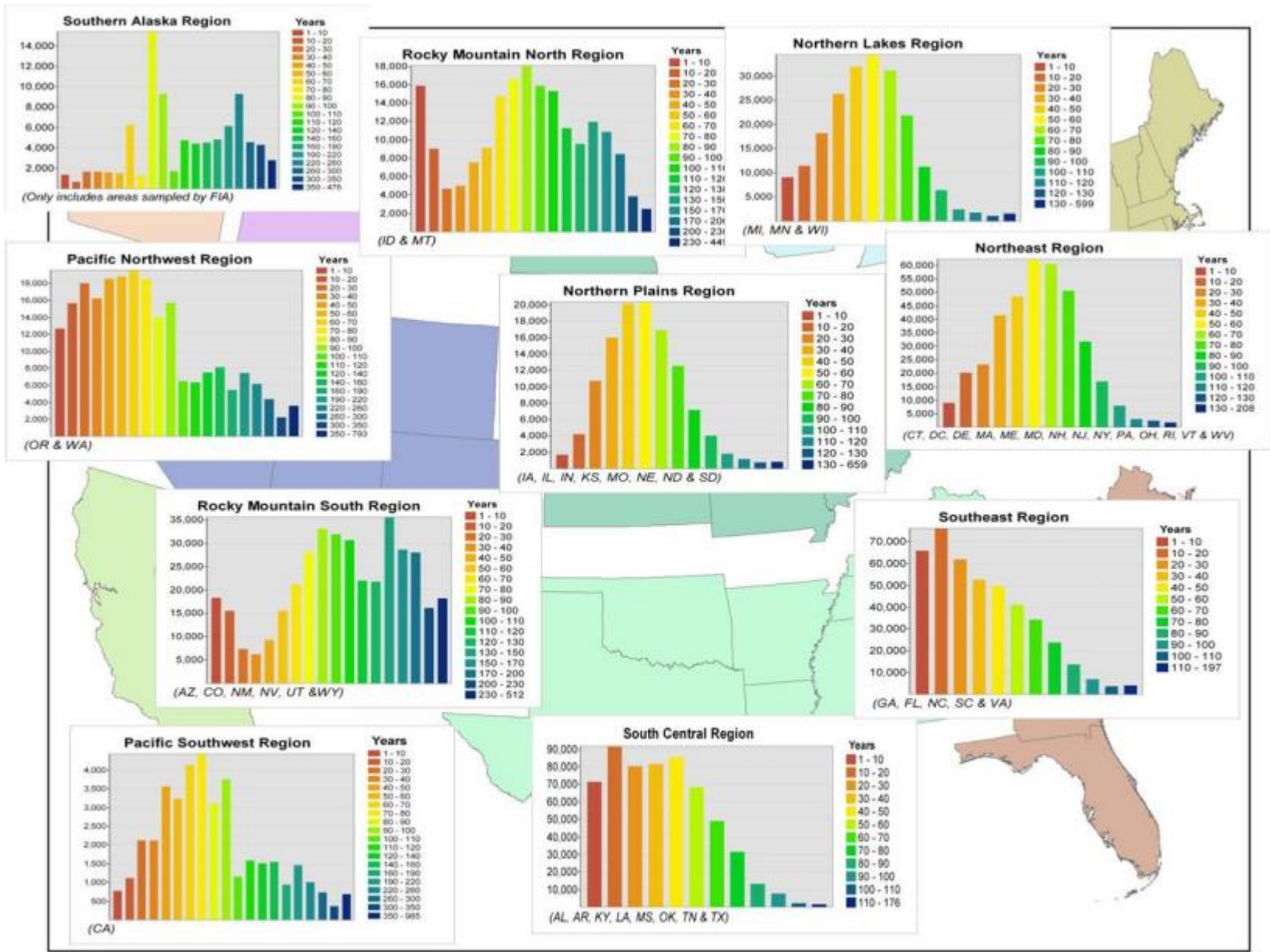


Fig. 4. The US forest age structures in different regions.

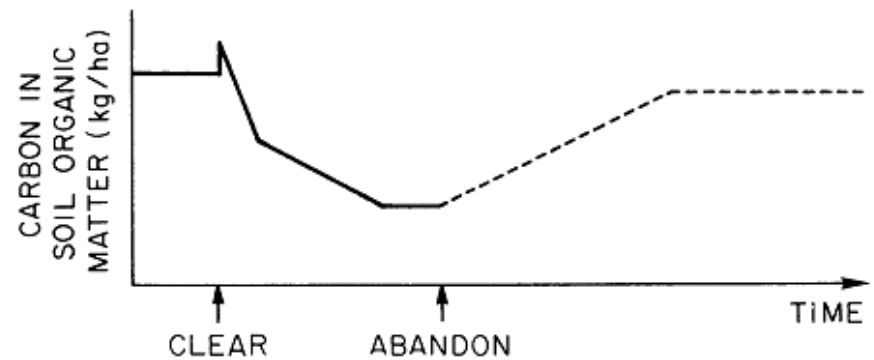
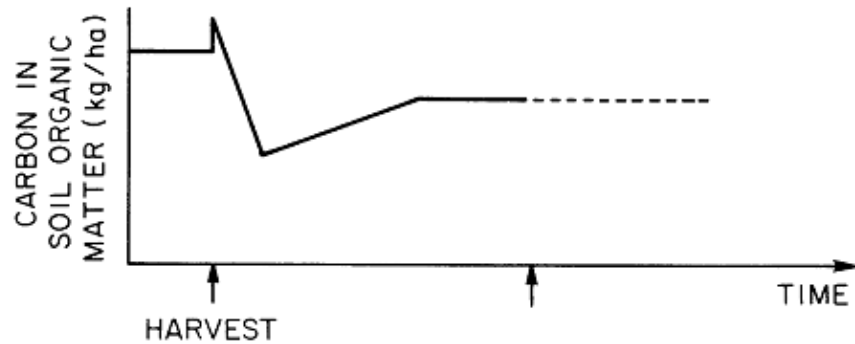
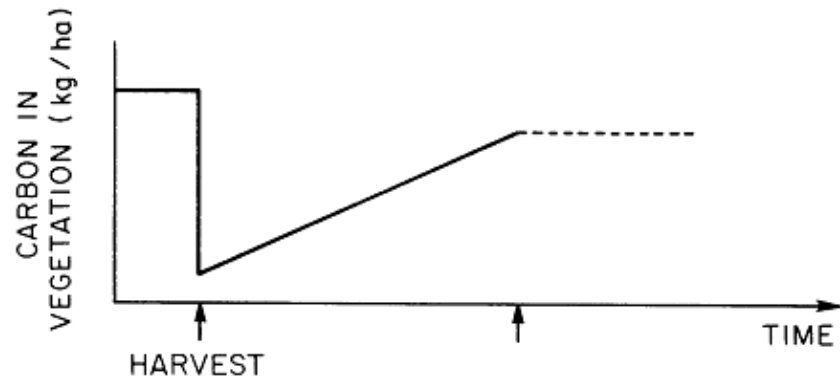


FIG. 1. Idealized curves describing the changes per unit land area in the carbon content of vegetation and soil, following harvest of a forest. The second arrows indicate where the forest has regrown sufficiently to be harvested again. The dashed line shows one of several responses.

FIG. 2. Idealized curves describing the changes per unit land area in the carbon content of vegetation and soil following clearing of forest for agriculture. The dashed line shows the changes that occur if agricultural land is abandoned.

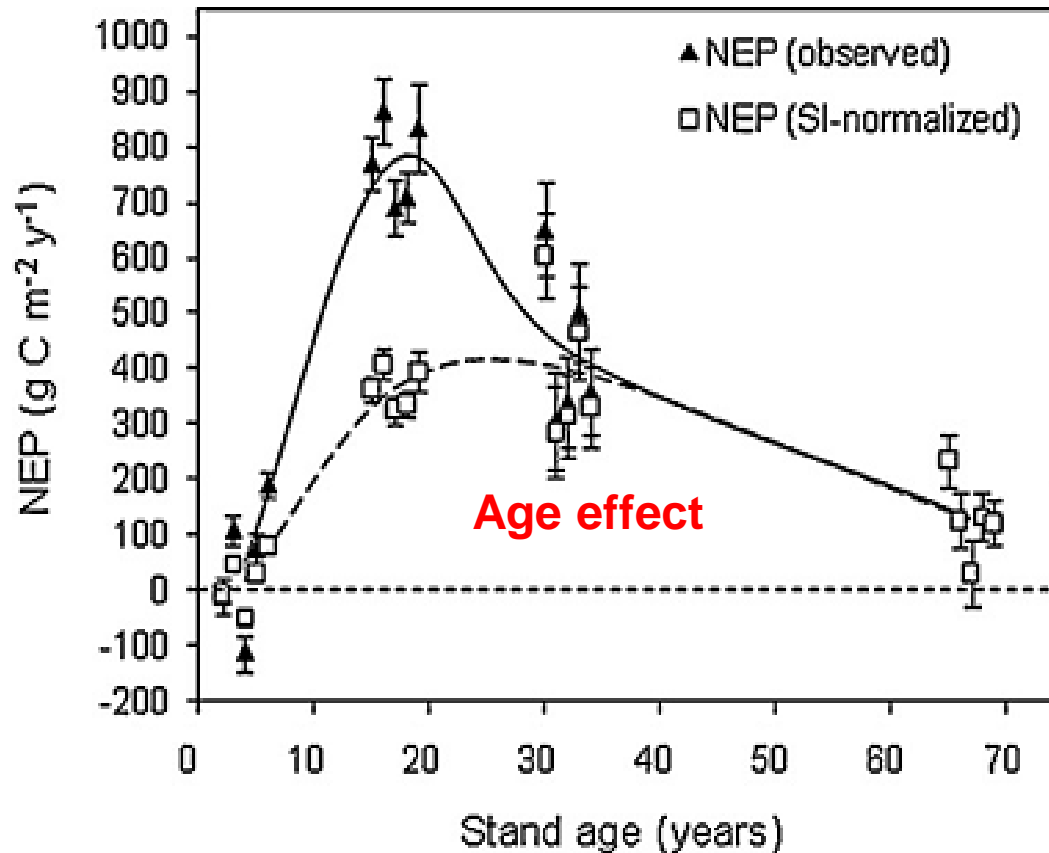


Fig. 10. Observed and site index (SI) normalized annual net ecosystem productivity (NEP), gross ecosystem productivity (GEP), and ecosystem respiration (RE) across the Turkey Point forest chronosequence over 5 years (2003–2007). Lines through data points are fitted for visual purposes only.

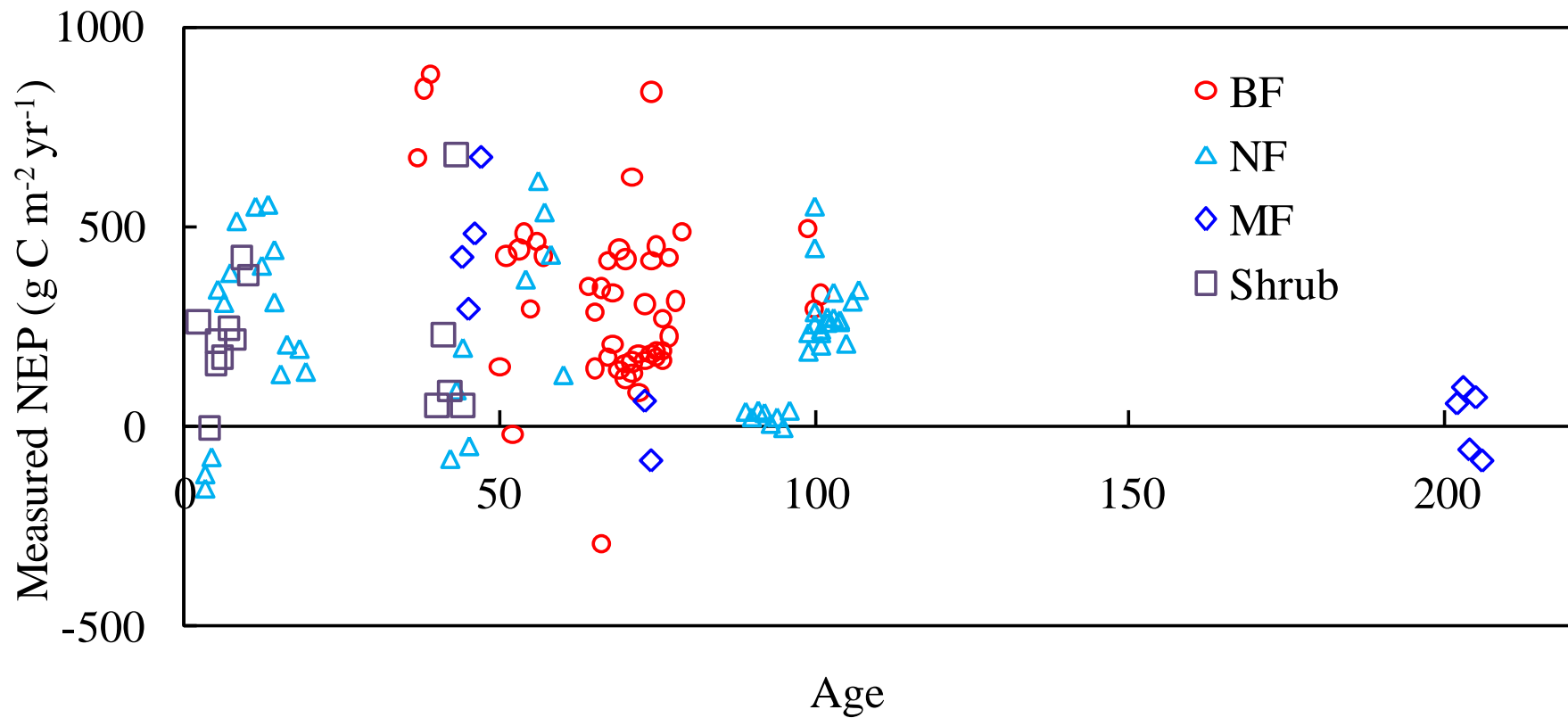
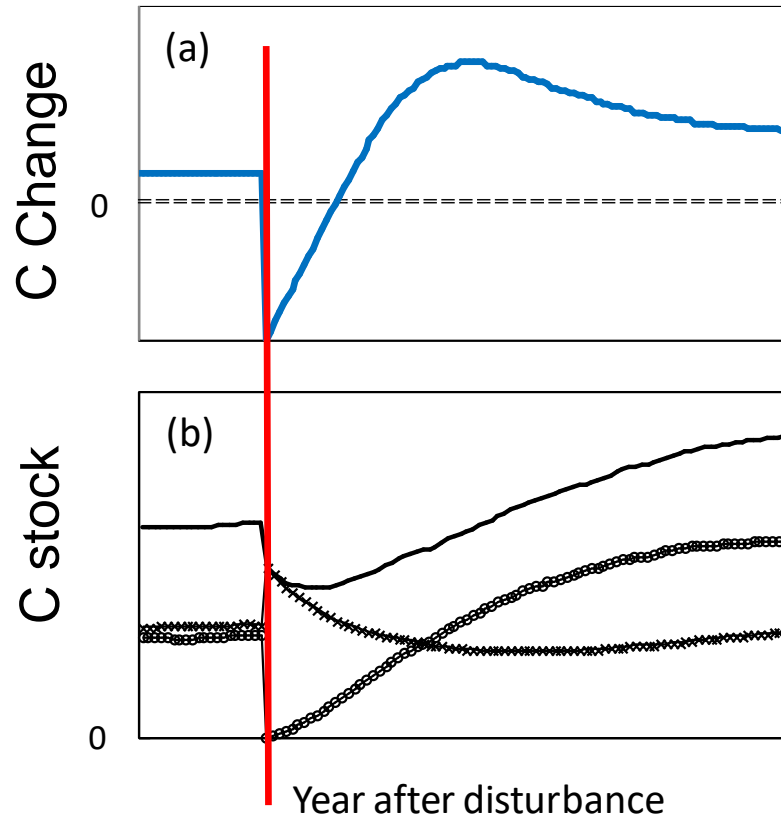
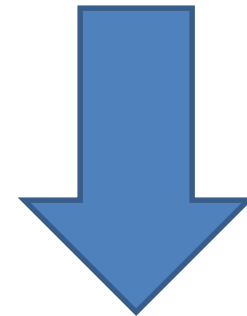


Fig. Measured and simulated NEP values at 35 Ameriflux sites (175 site-years).

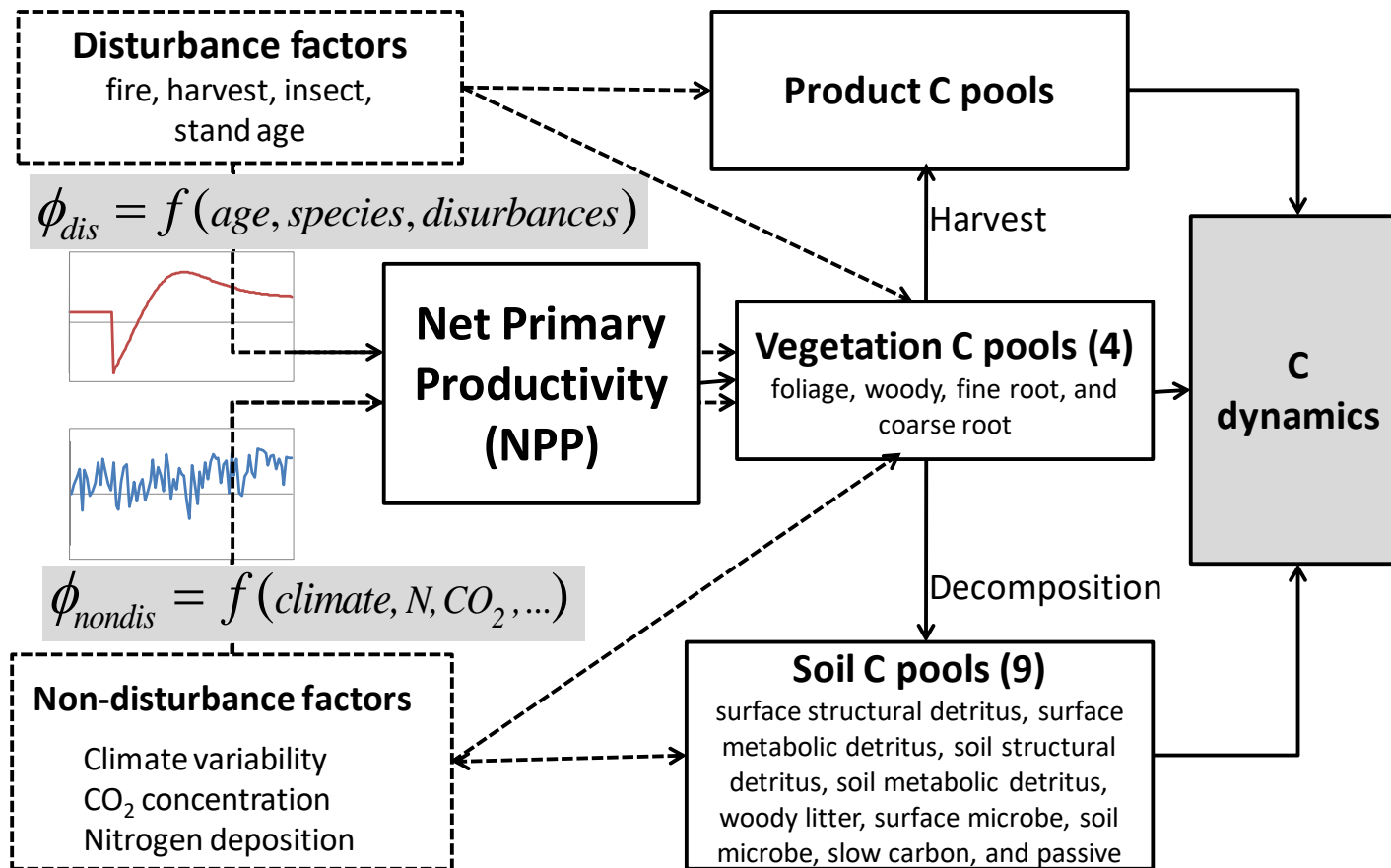
Principles and Methods



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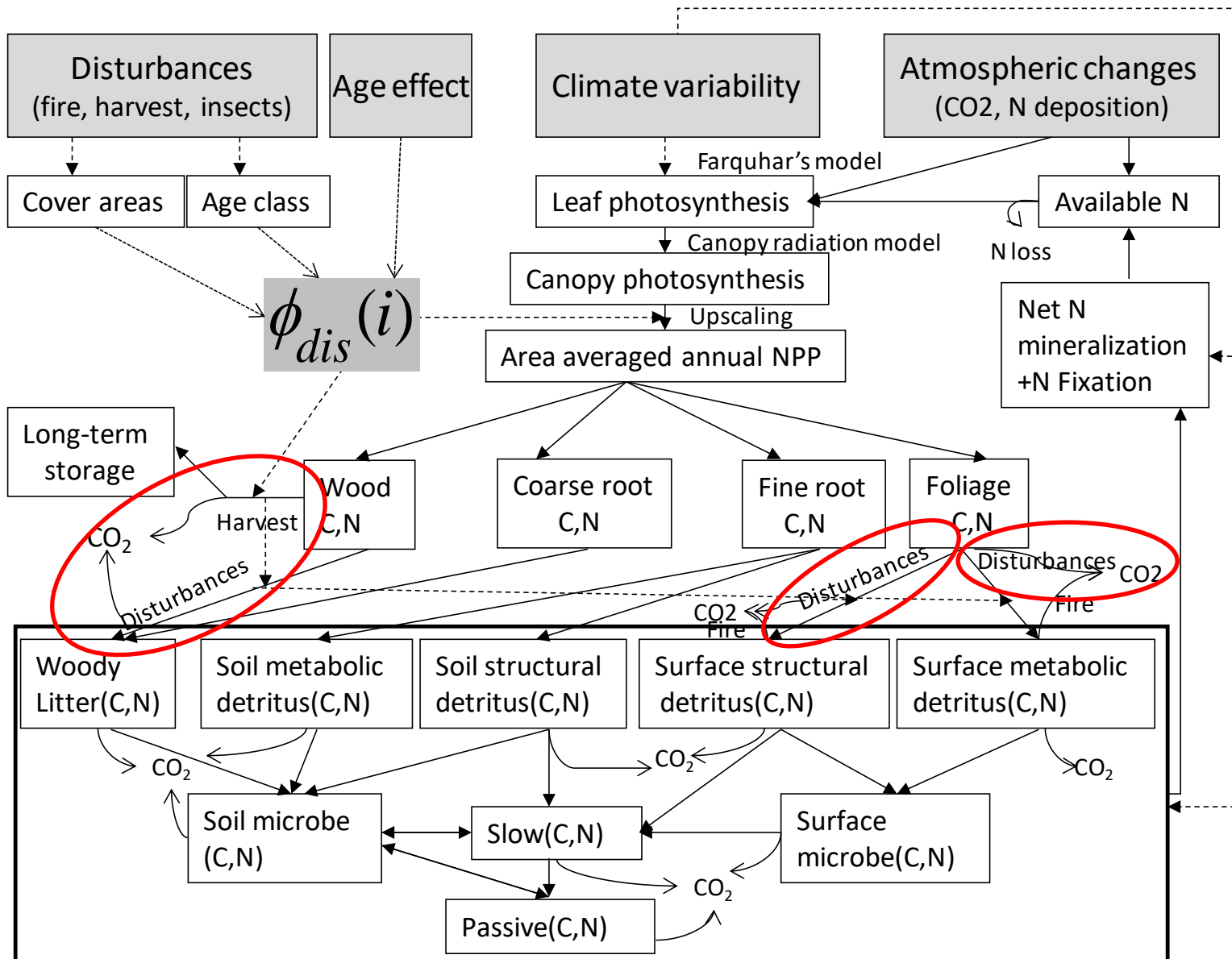


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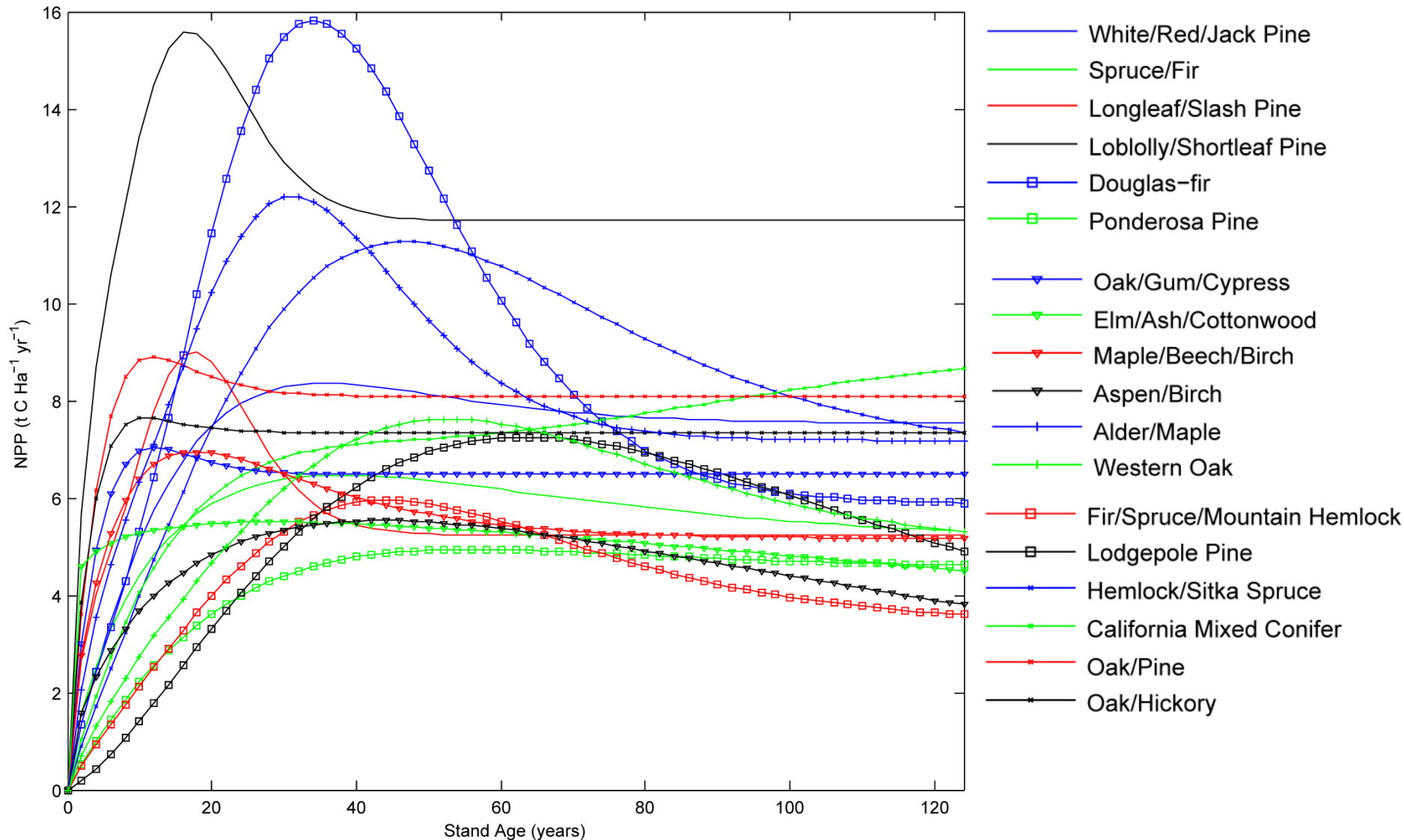


Stand age: from inventory and disturbance data

Regrowth curves: from inventory for species groups

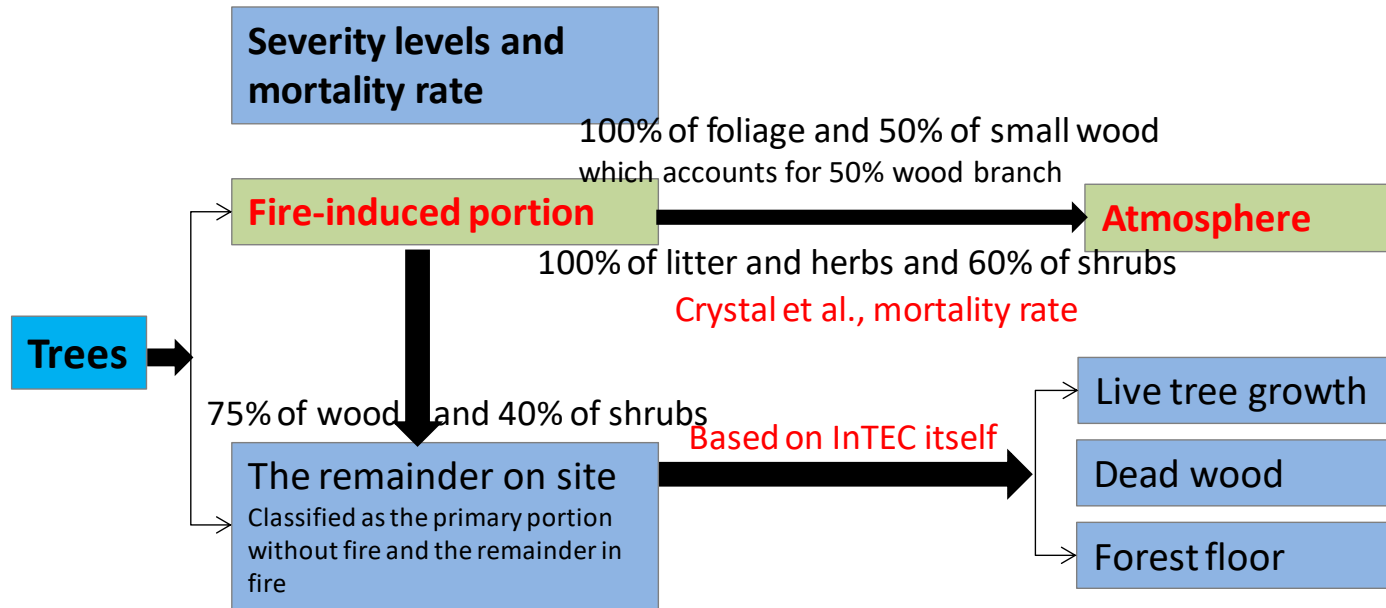


NPP-age relationships for US forests



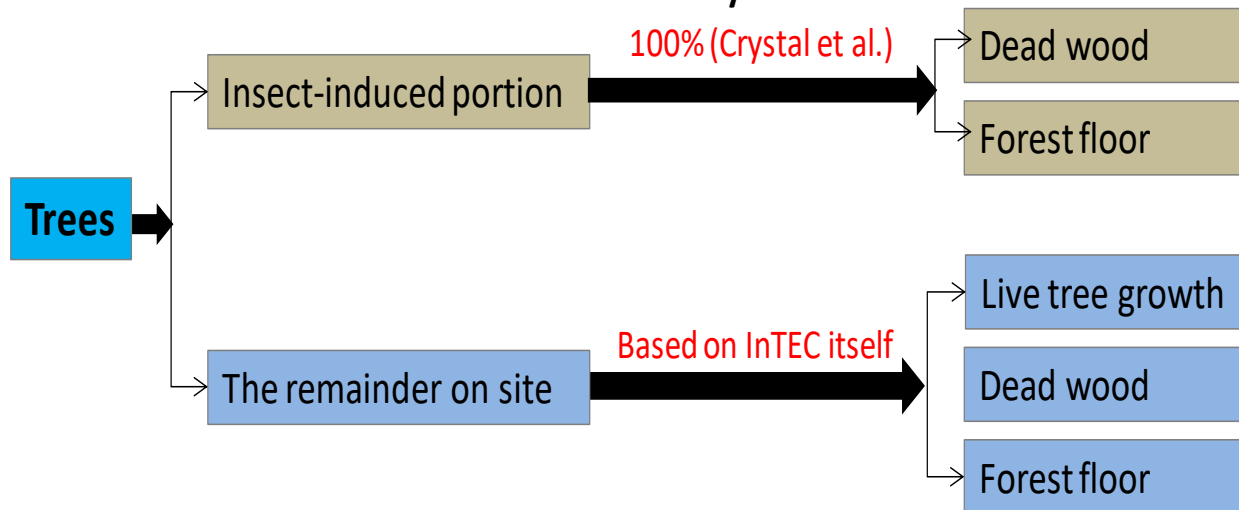
Fire-induced Tree mortality in Forests on forestland

Fire



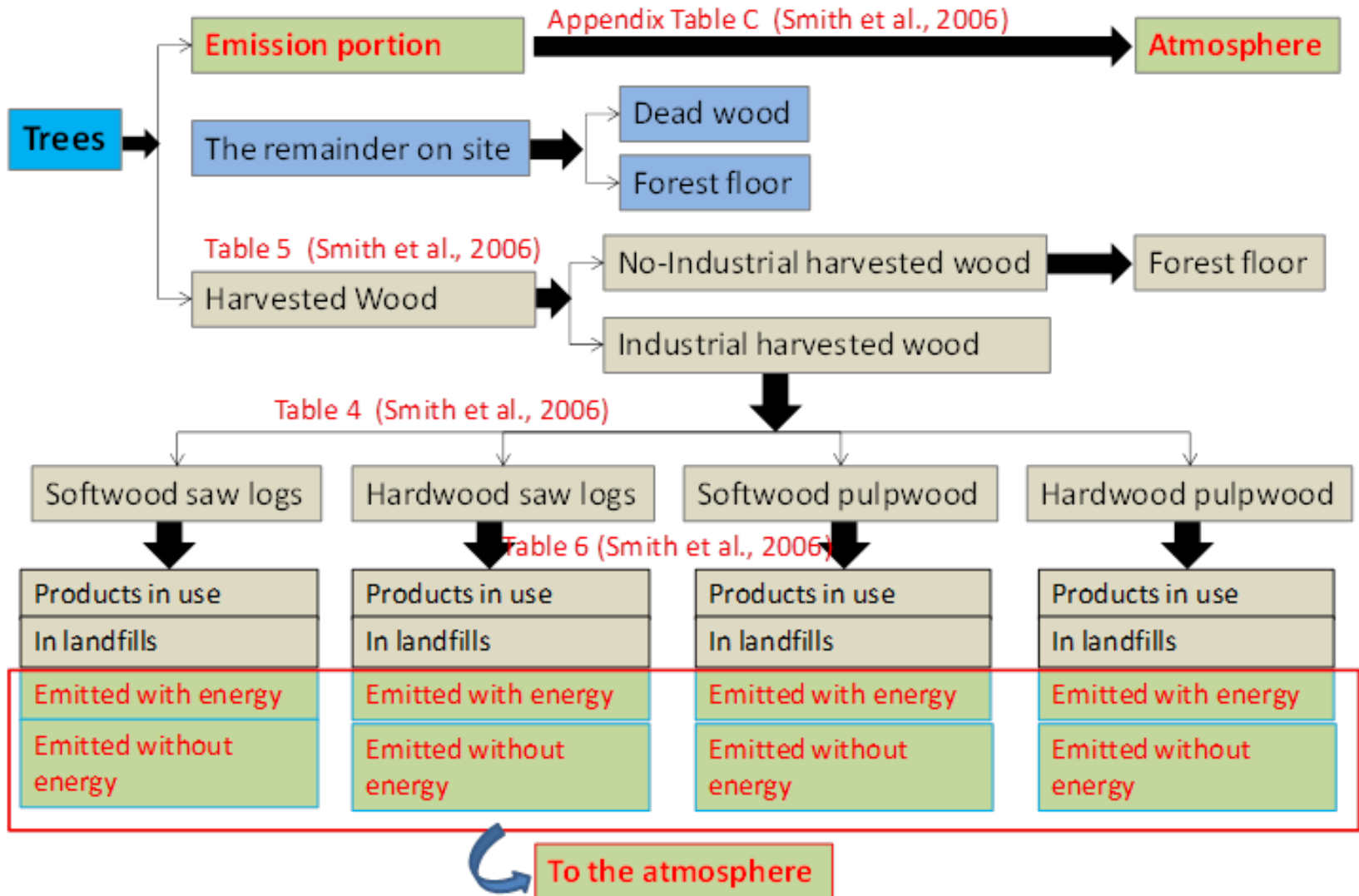
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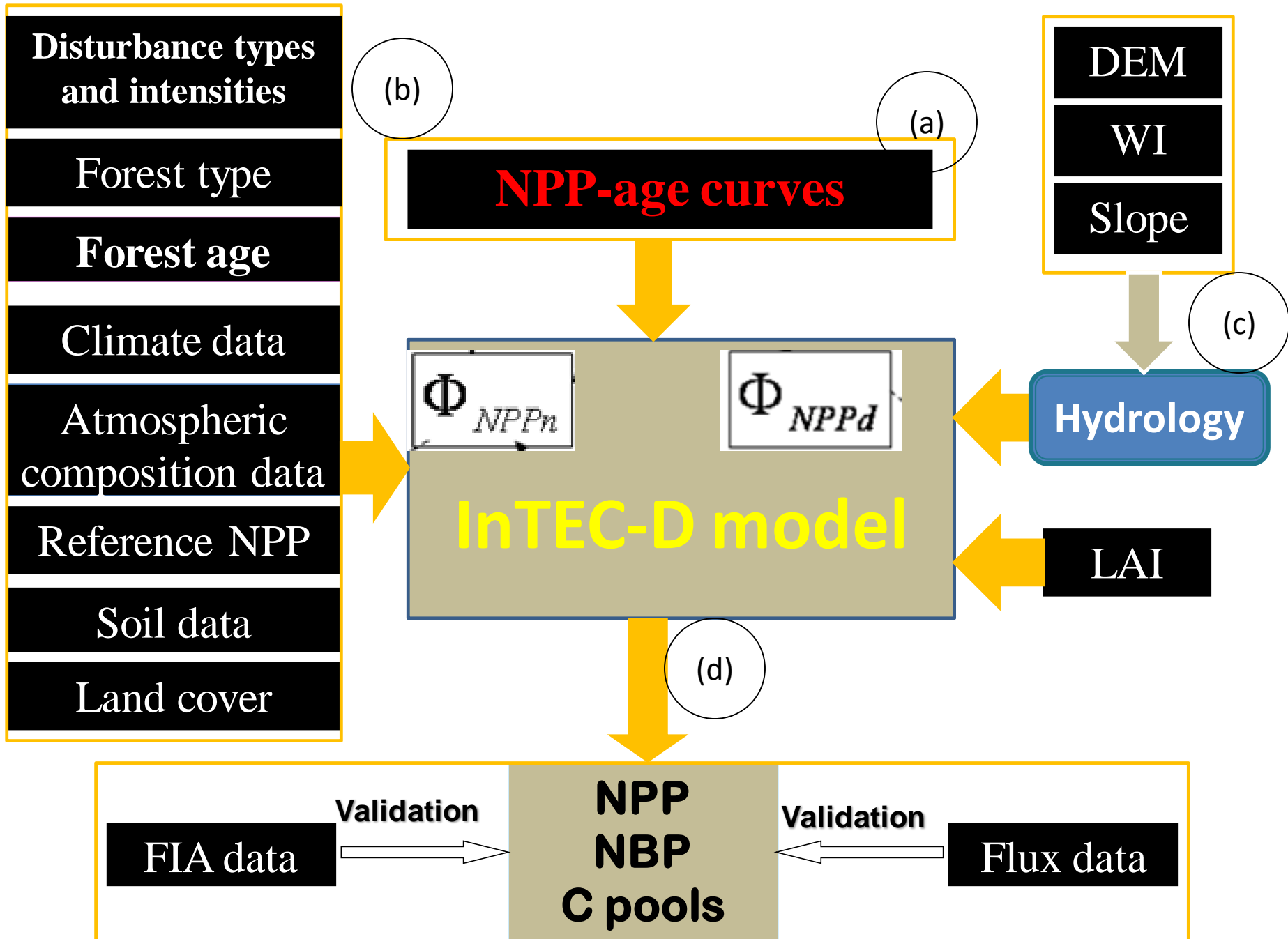
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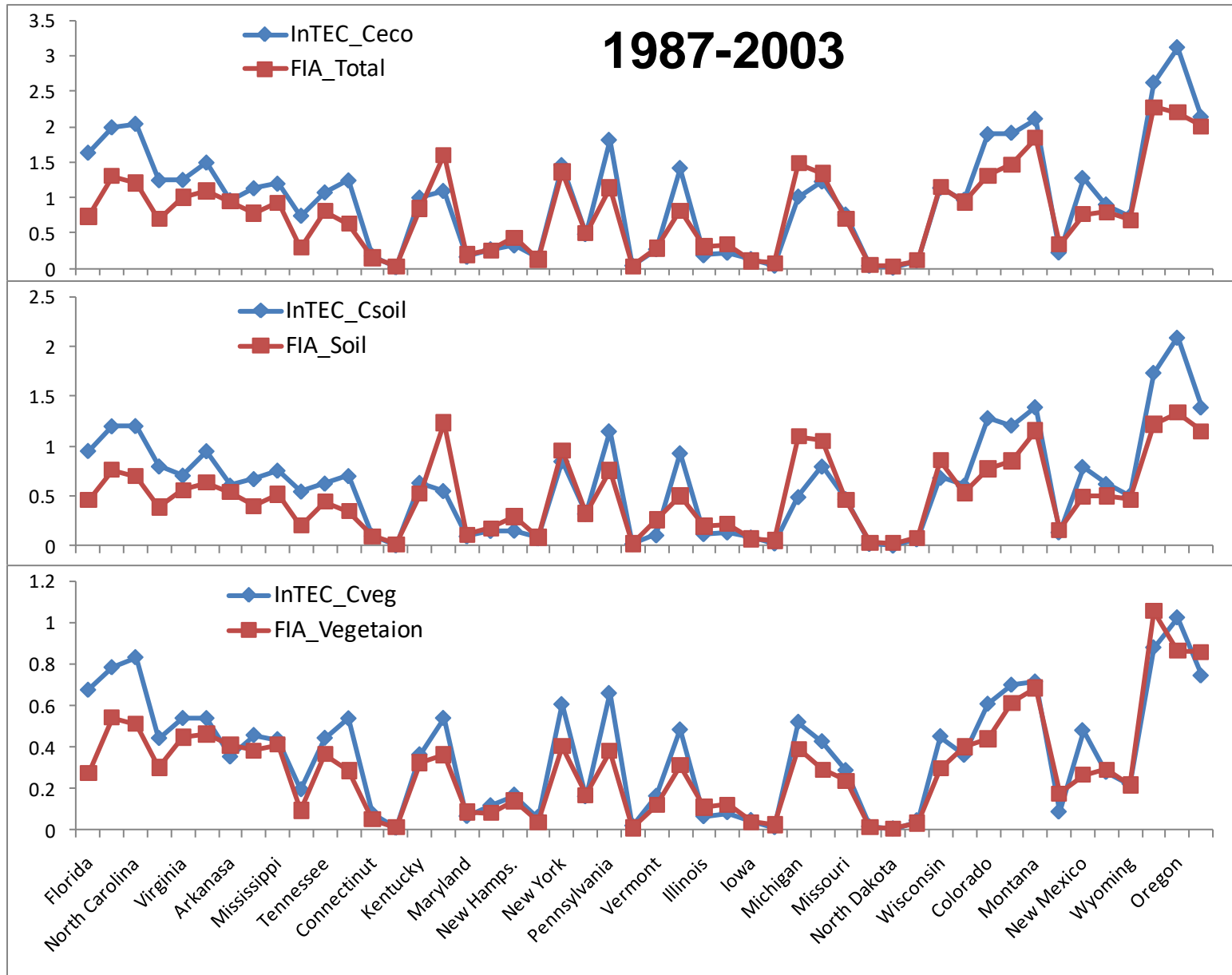
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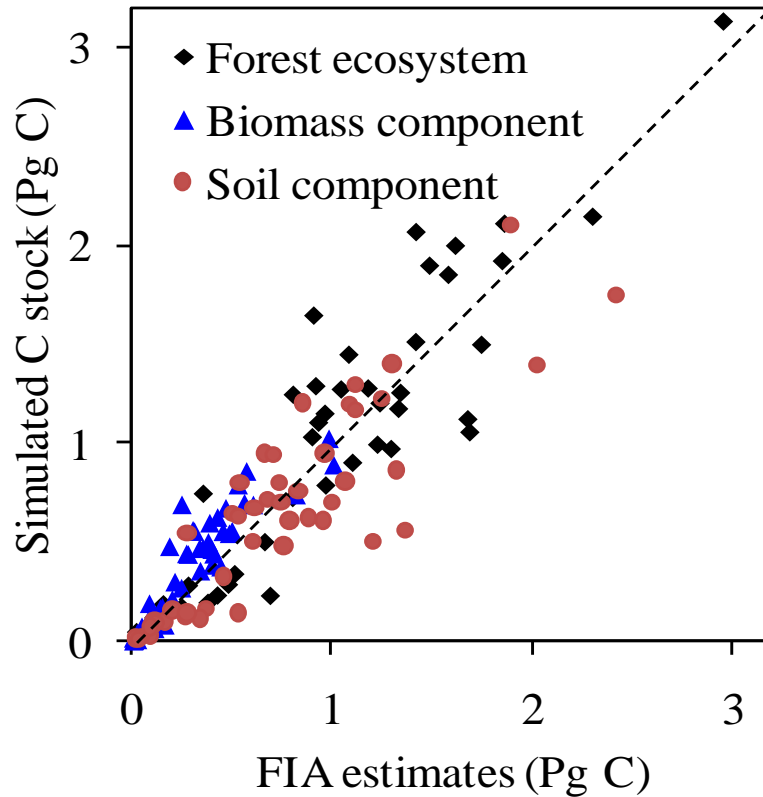




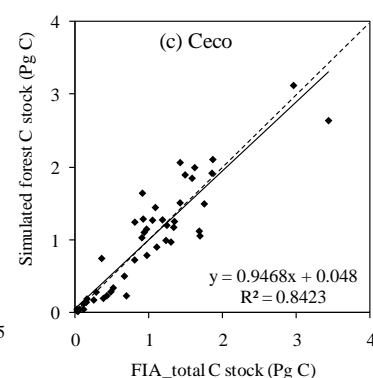
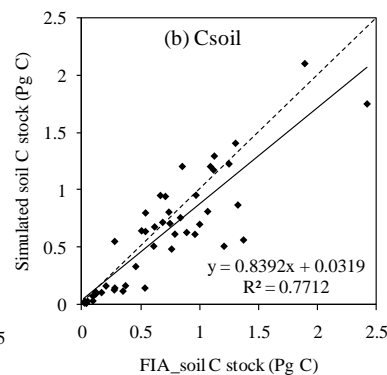
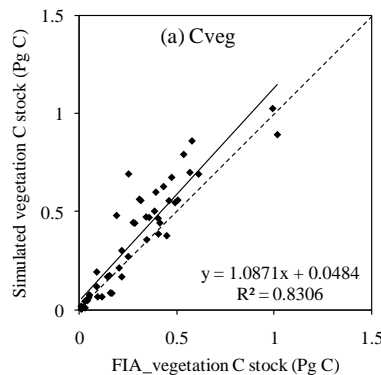
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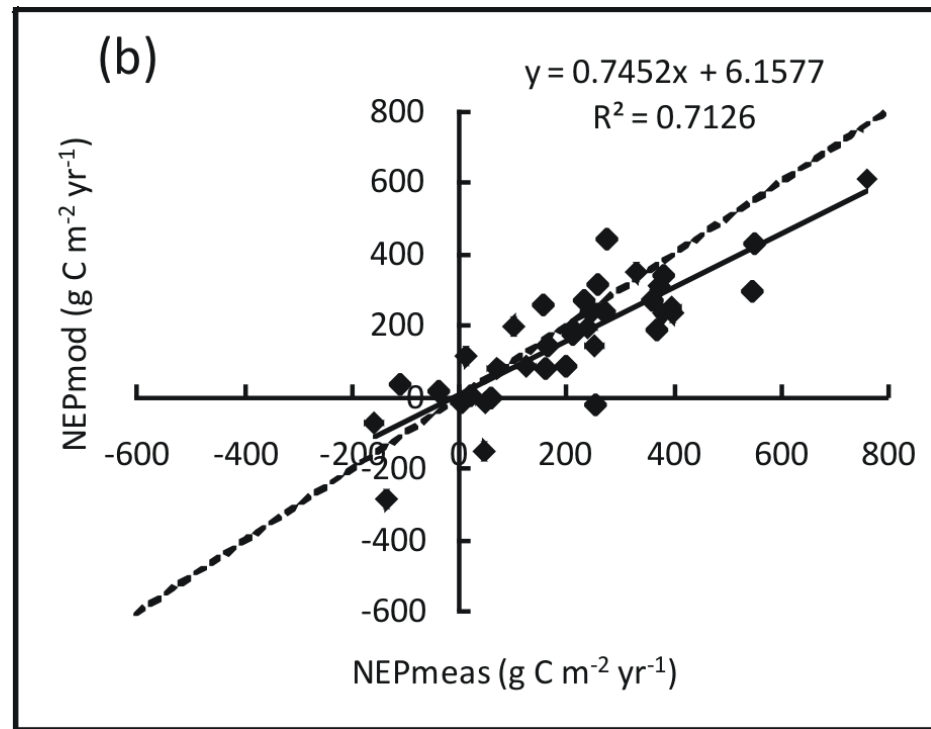
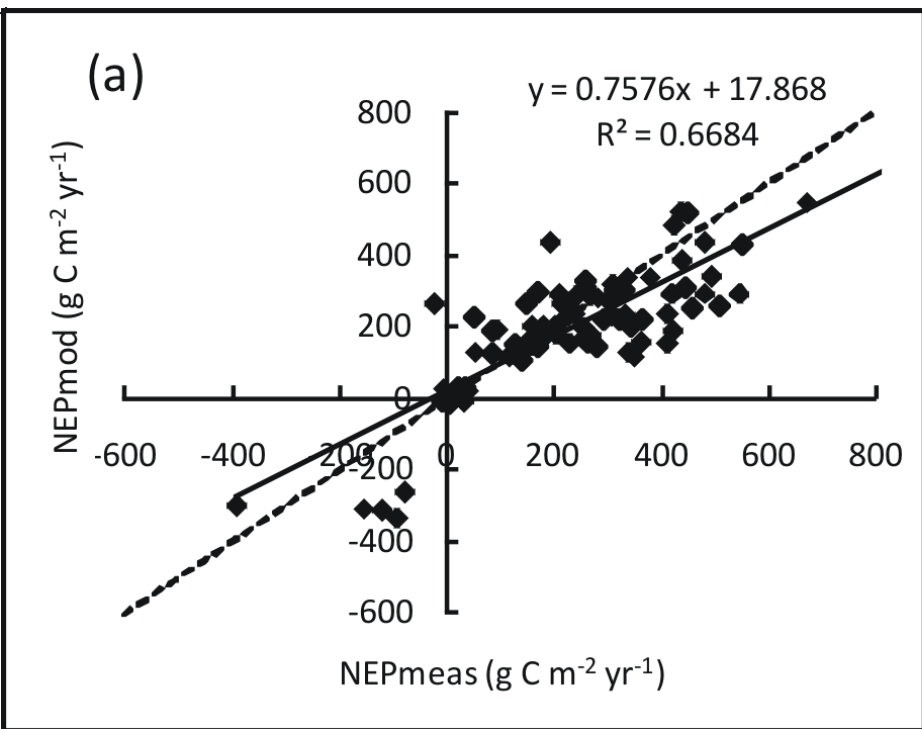


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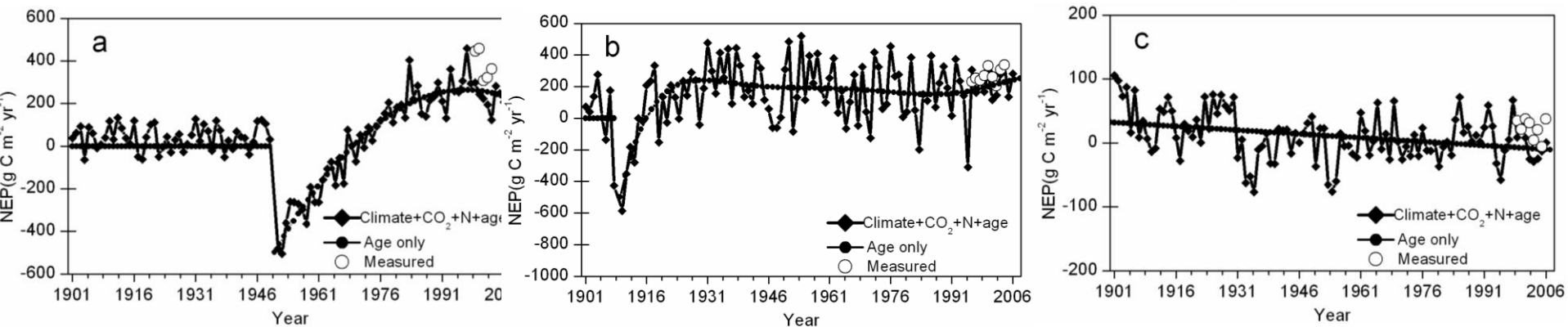
State-by-state in 48 lower states



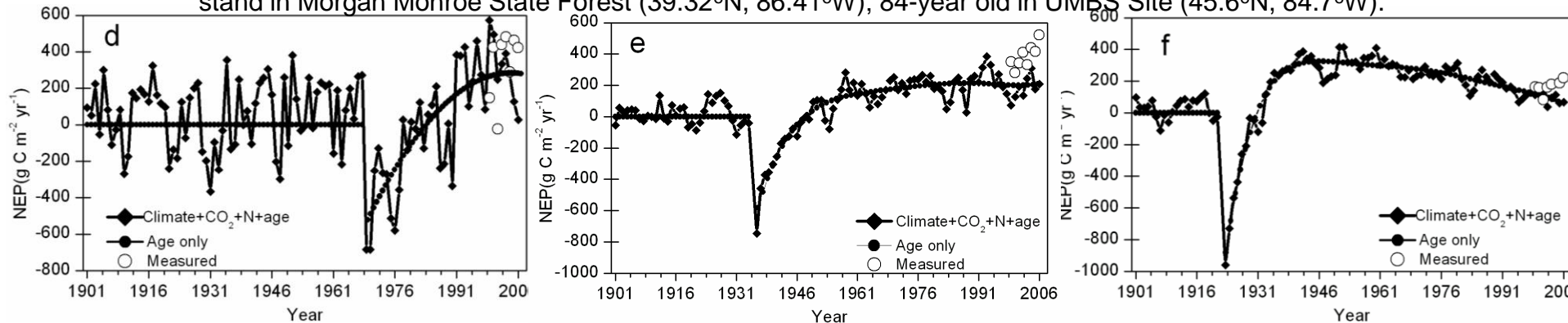


35 US Fluxsites

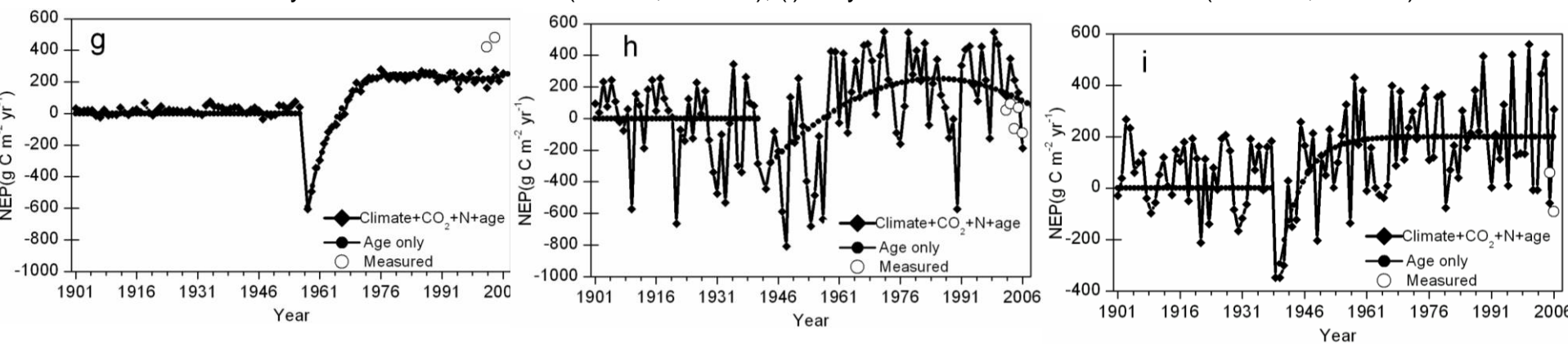
(1) Temporal series of NEP in needle forests (NF). (a) 56-year old stand in Wind River Crane Site (45.82°N, 121.95°W); (b) 97-year old stand in Howland Forest West Tower Site (45.2°N, 68.7°W); (c) 173-year old stand in Niwot Ridge Site (40.03°N, 105.5°W).

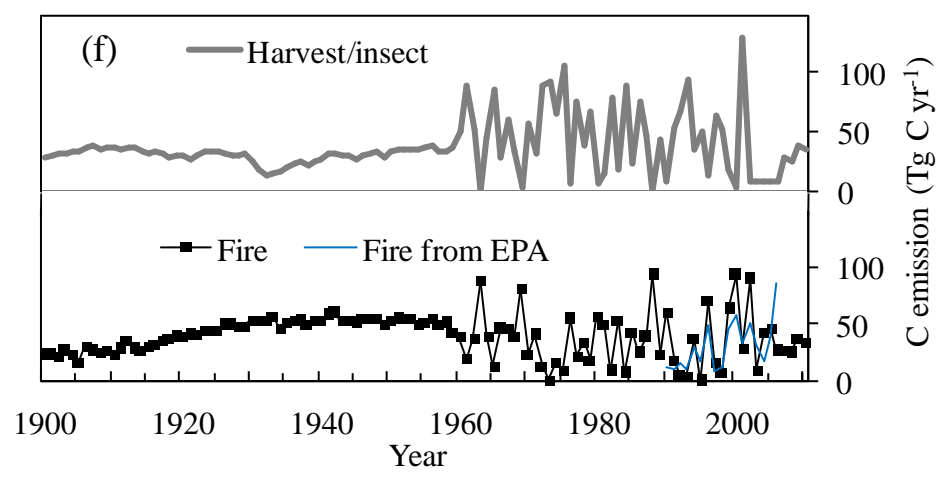
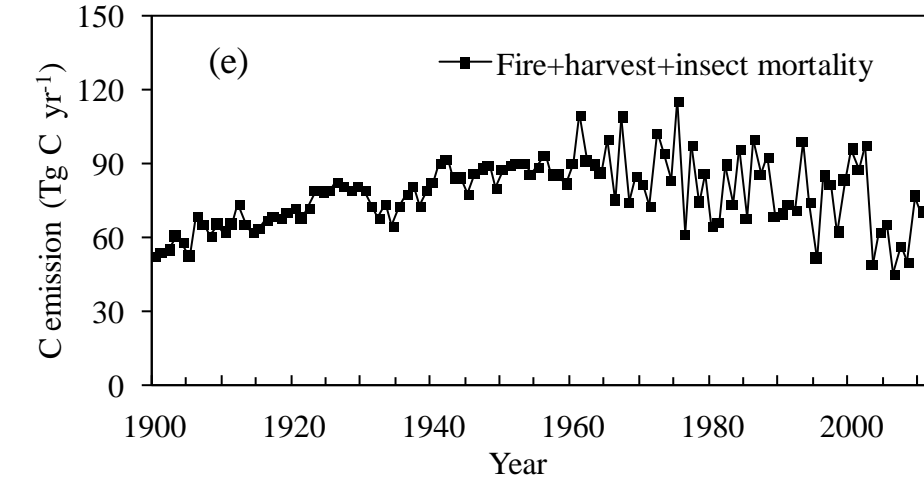
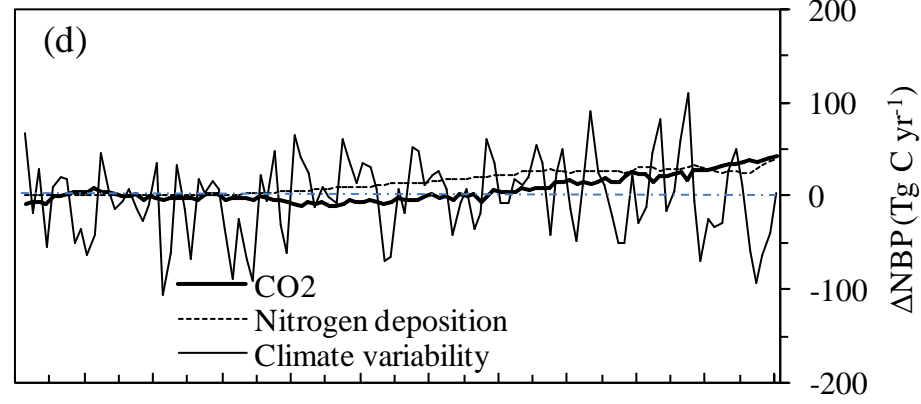
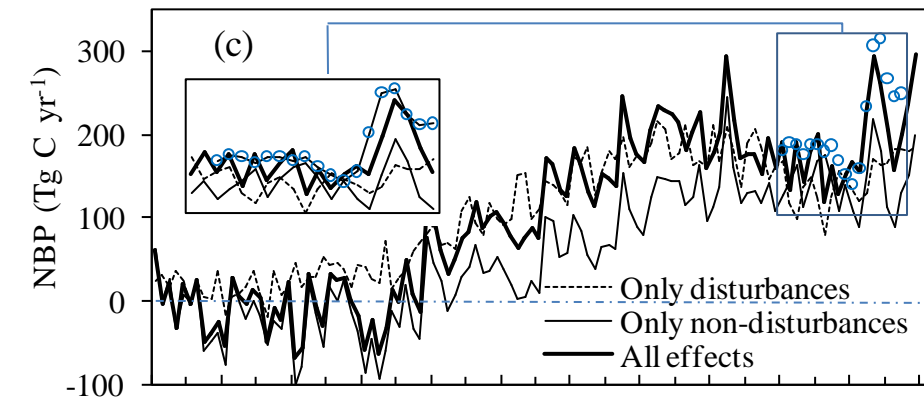
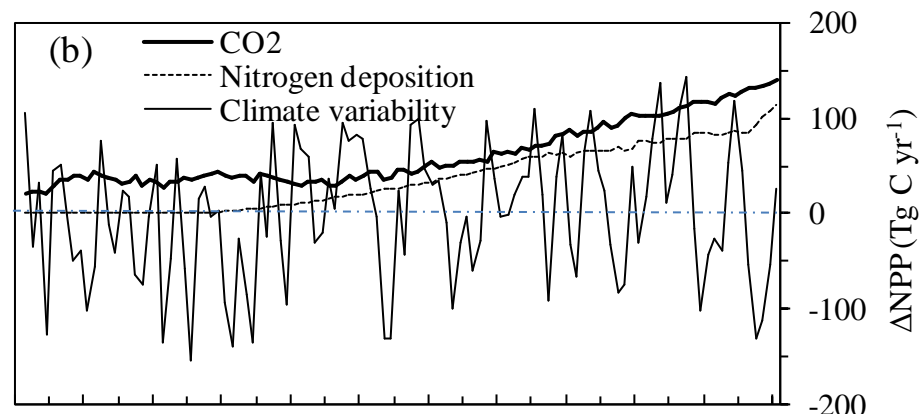
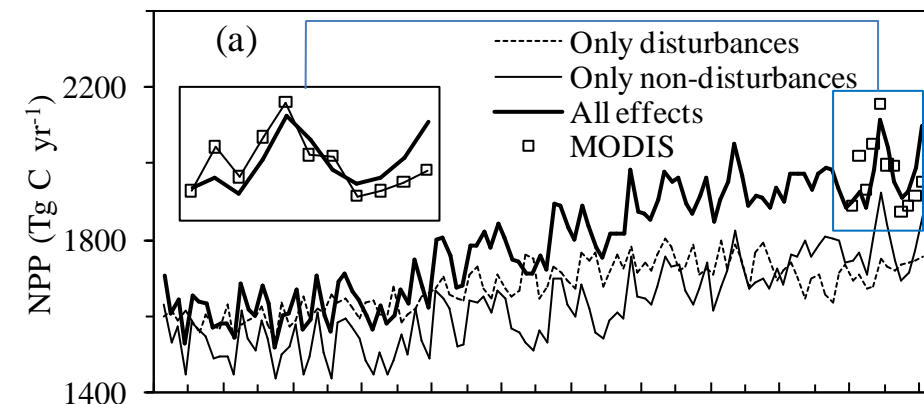


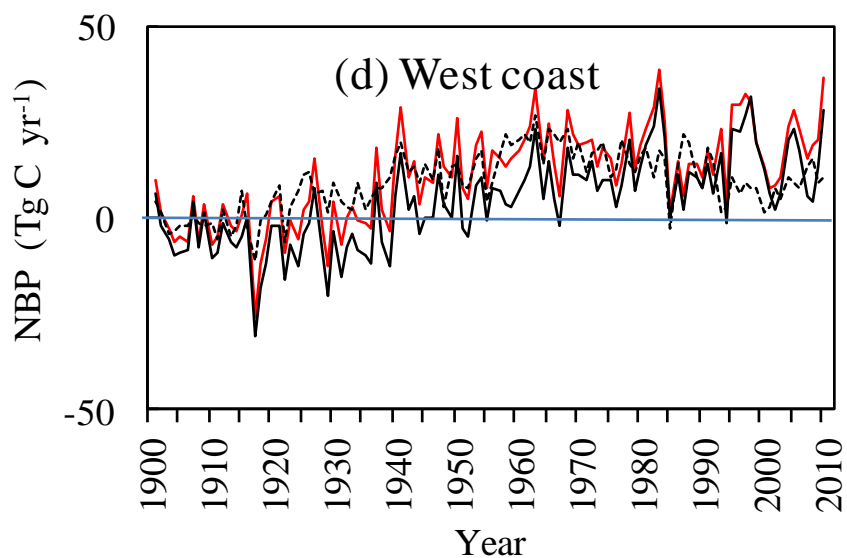
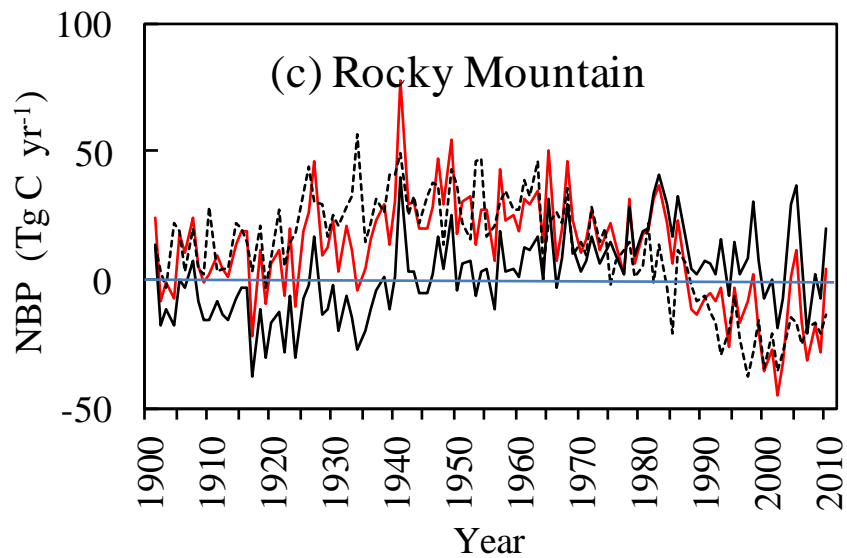
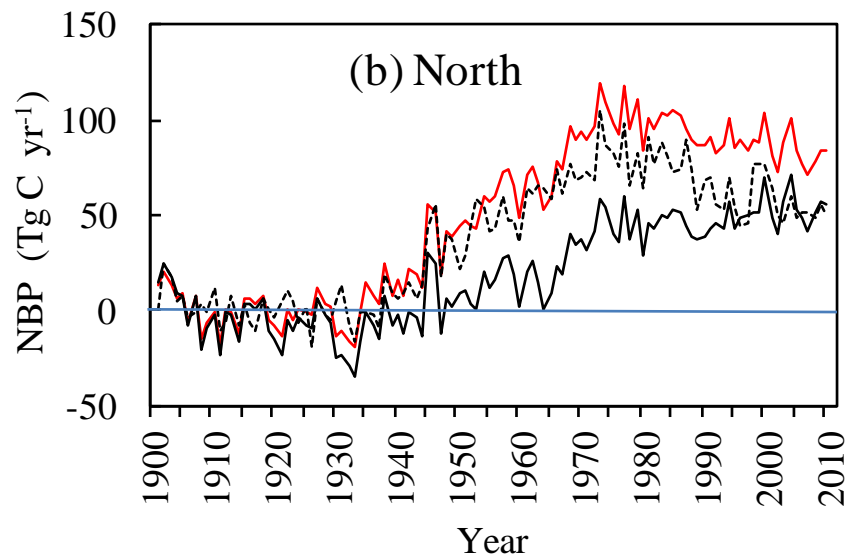
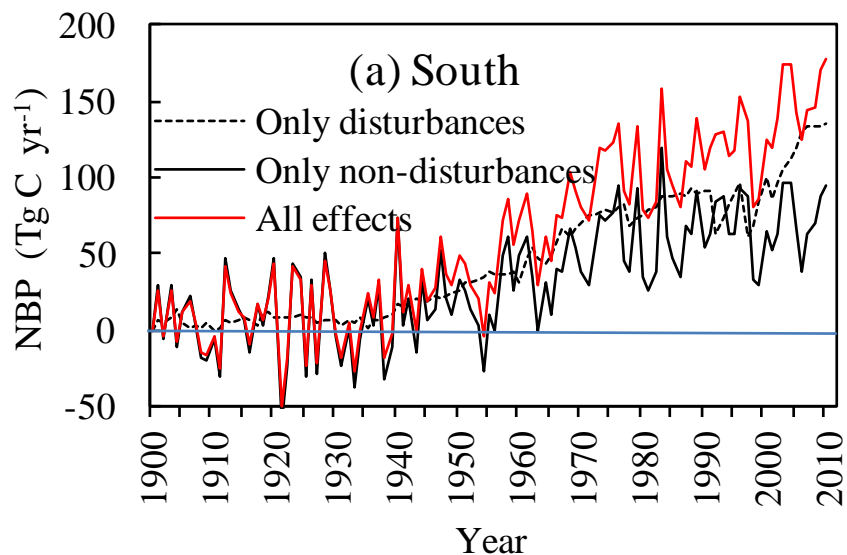
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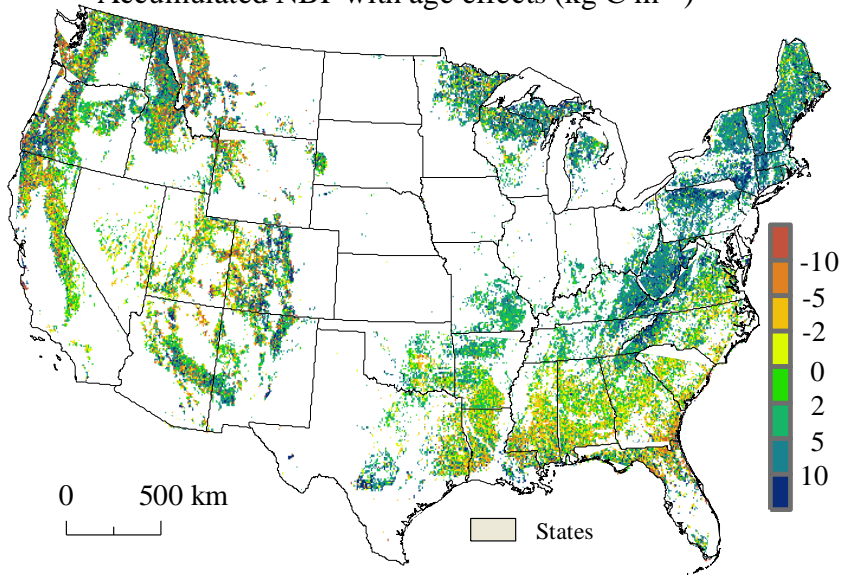
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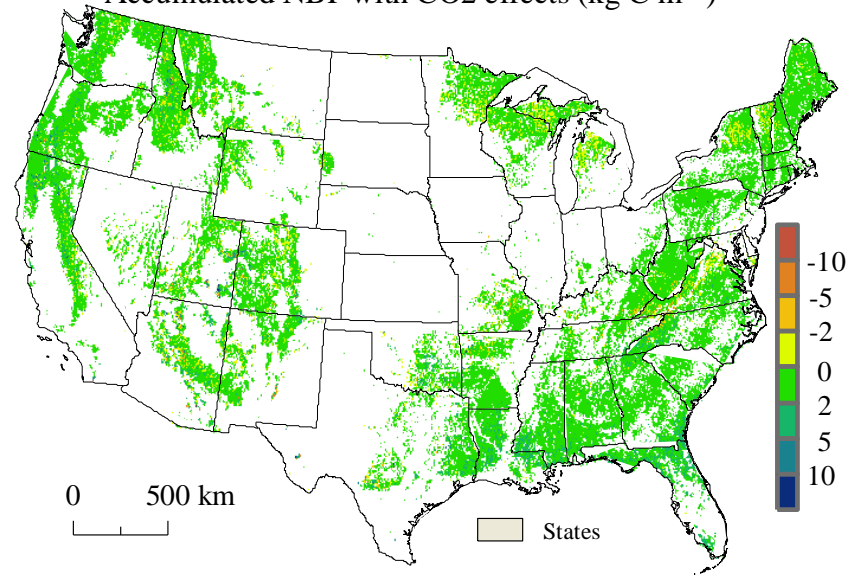




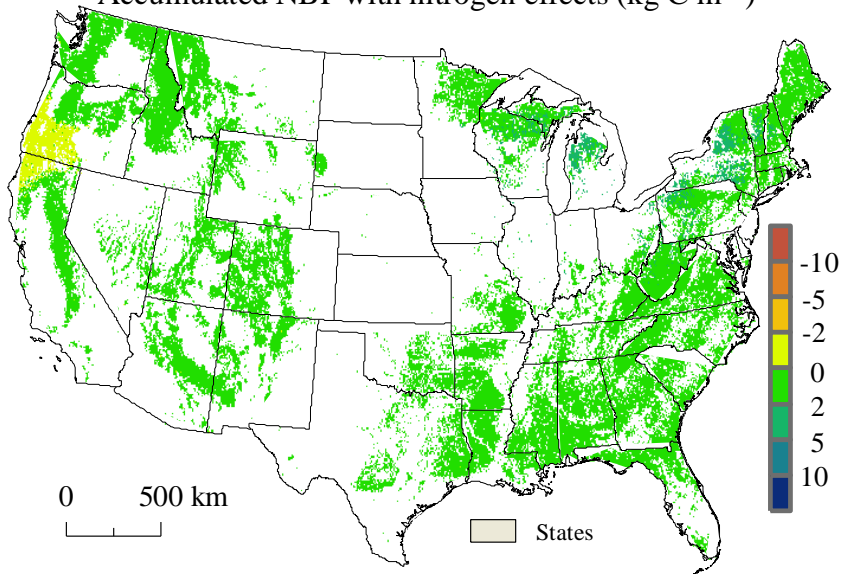
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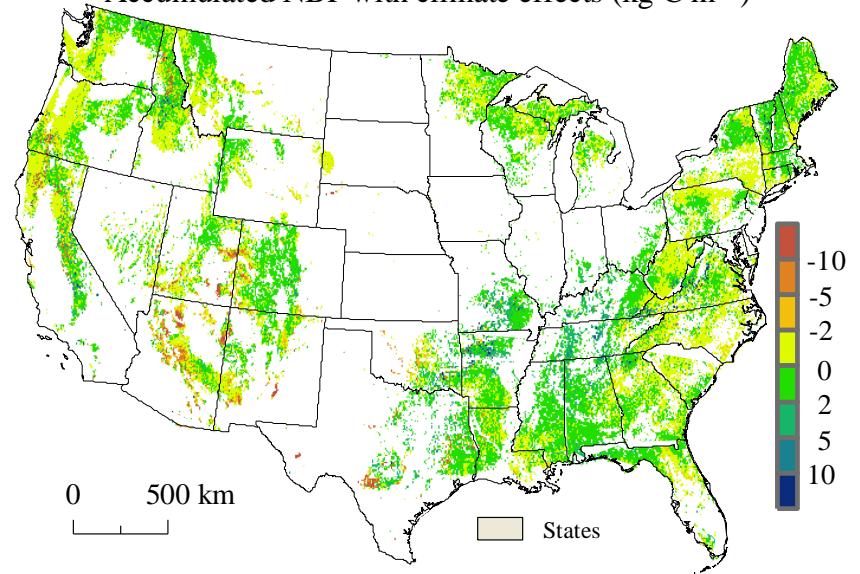
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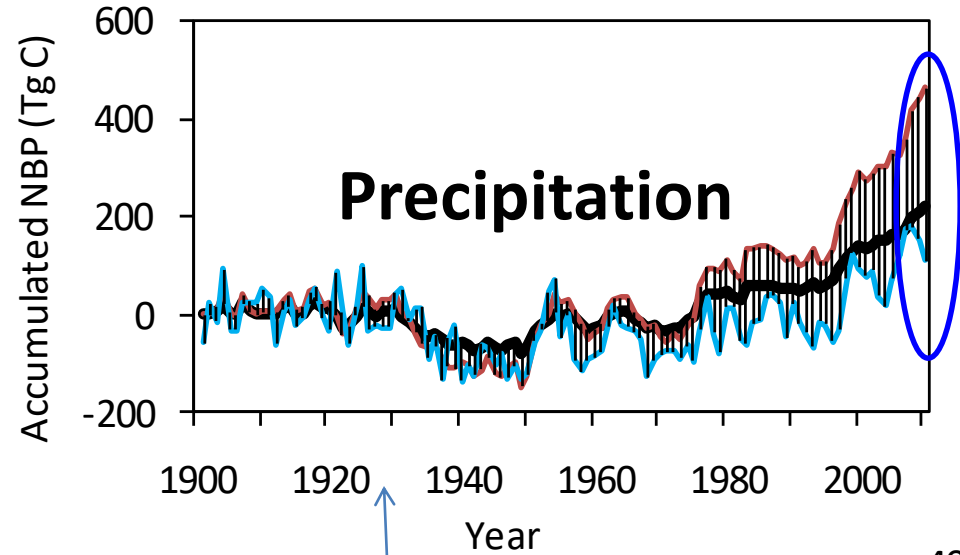
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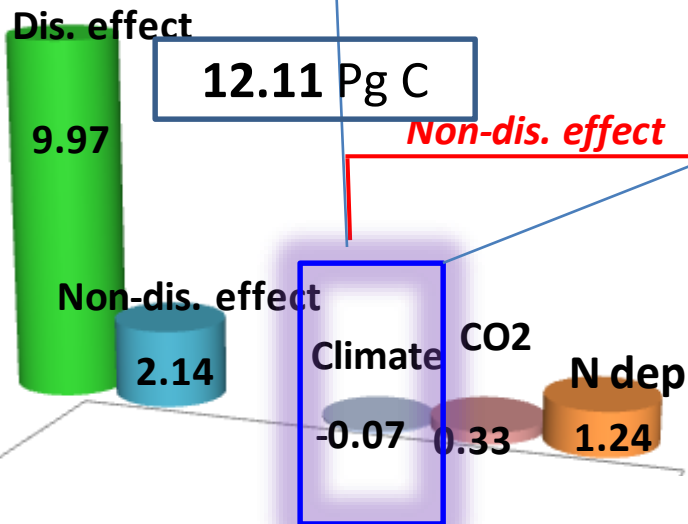
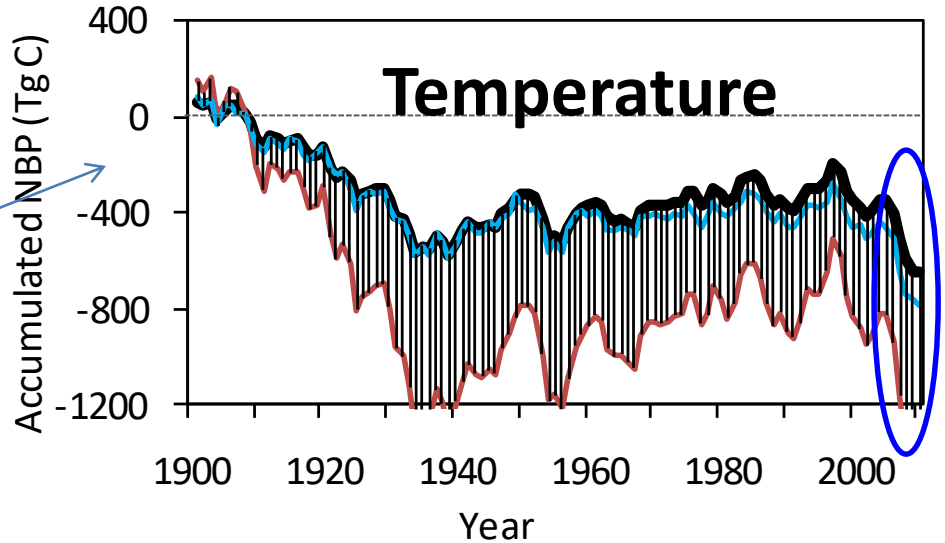


For whole US forests, 1901-2010



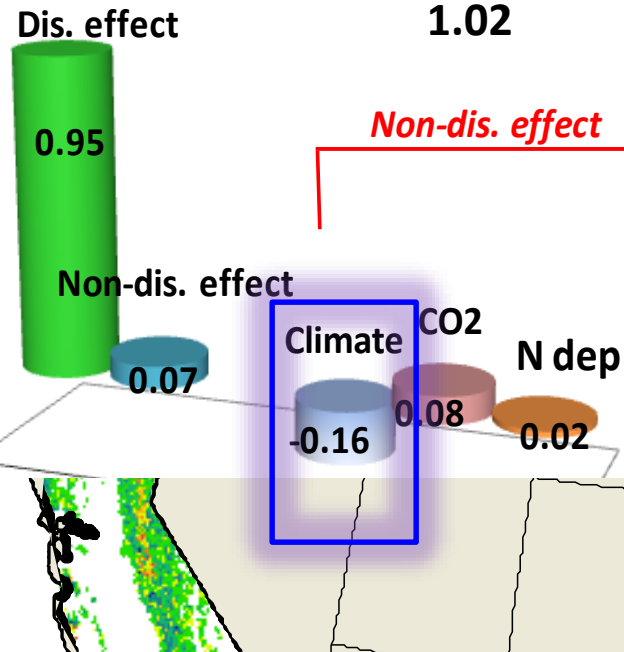
Precipitation effect
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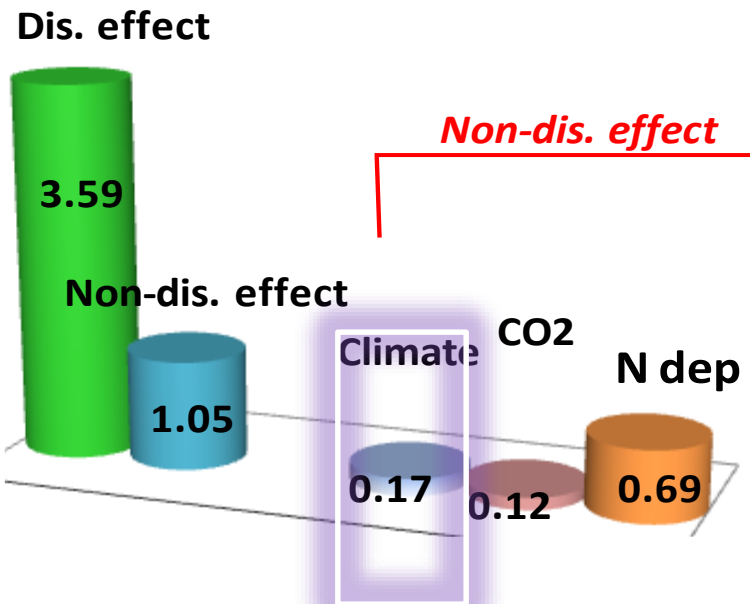


Contribution to accumulated NBP (1901-2010)

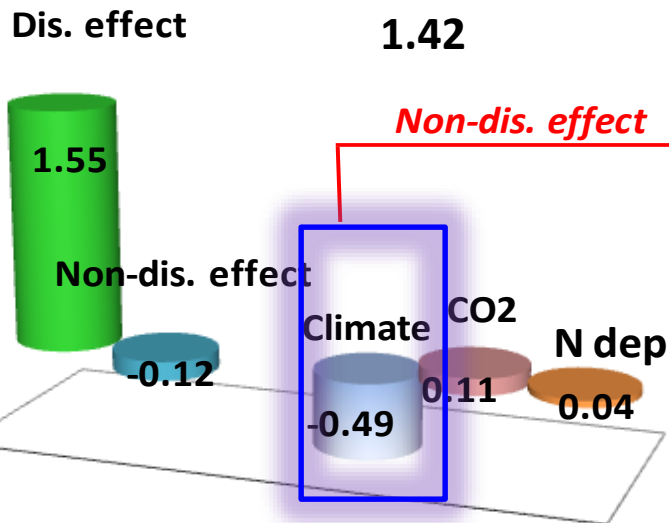
West Coast (Pg C)
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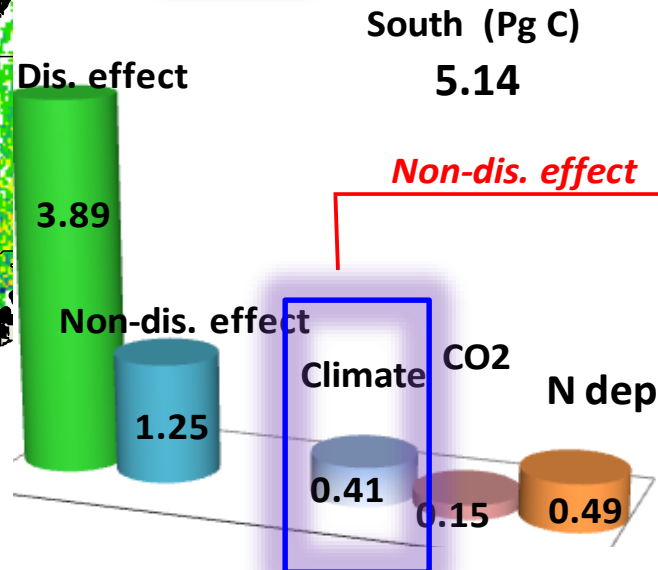
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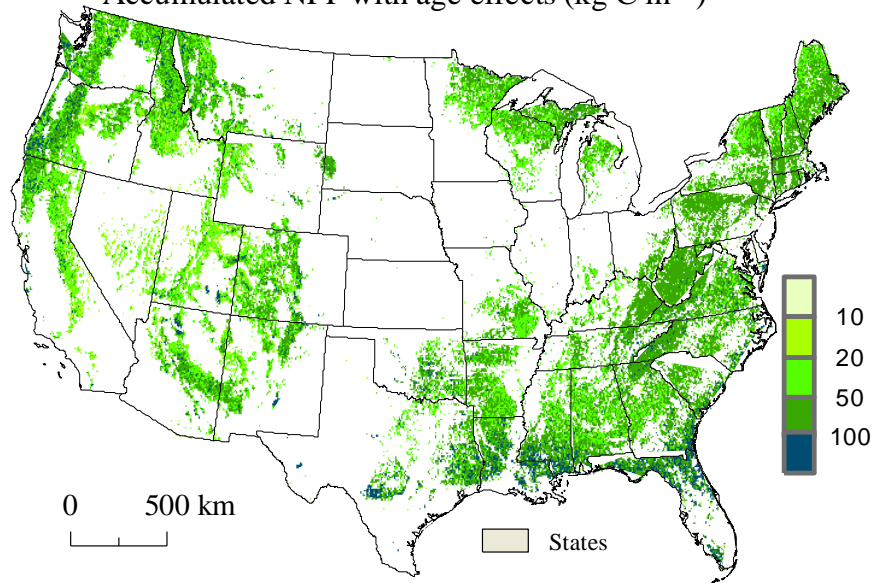
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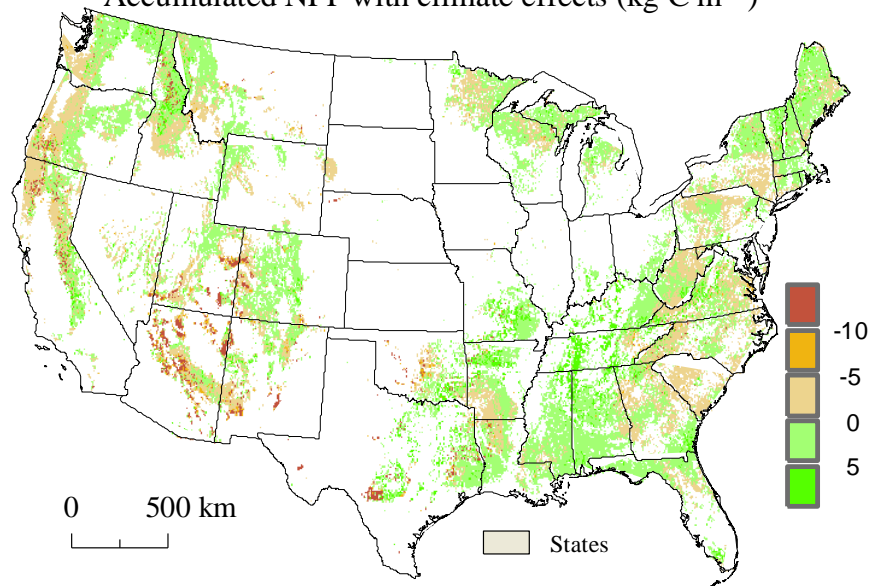
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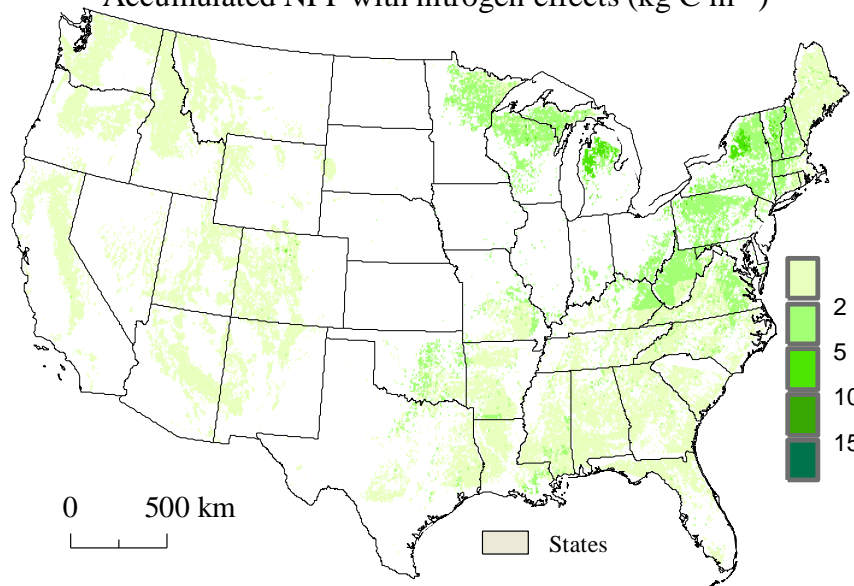
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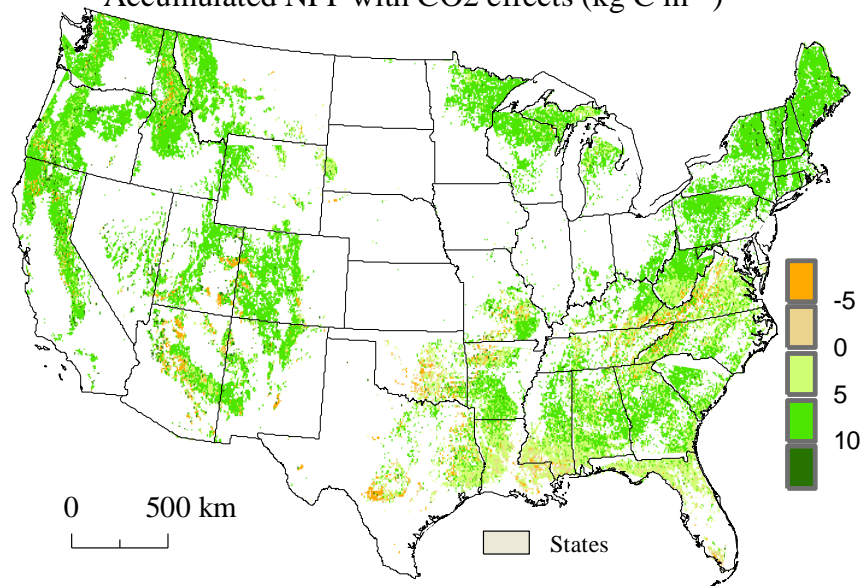
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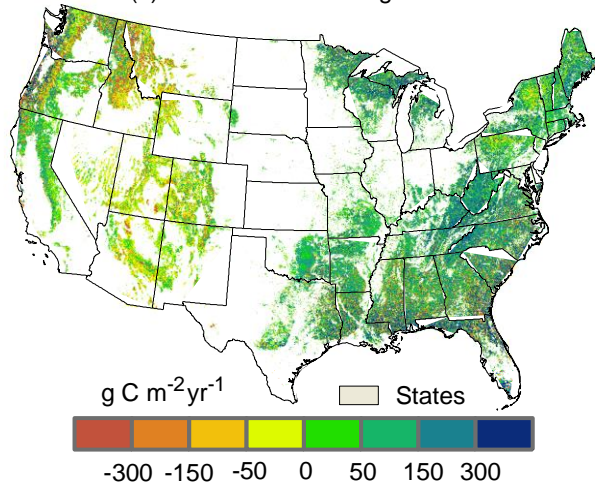


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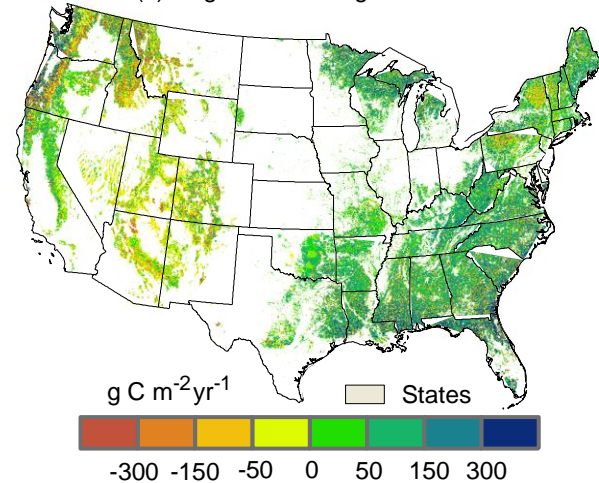


Maps of ecosystem carbon stock change from 1991 to 2010 due to (a) overall effect, (b) regrowth, (c) direct carbon emission during disturbance, and (d) non-disturbance factors, over conterminous USA

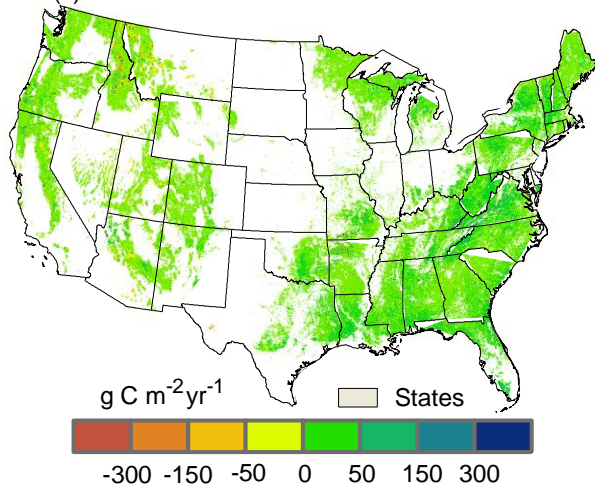
(a) Carbon stock change



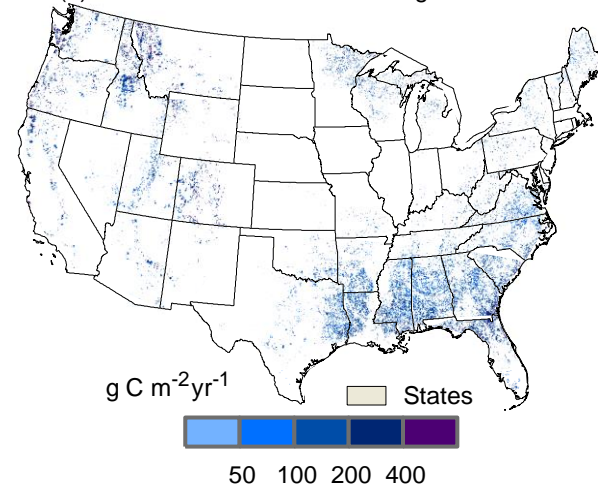
(b) Regrowth from age effect



(c) Enhancement from non-disturbance effect



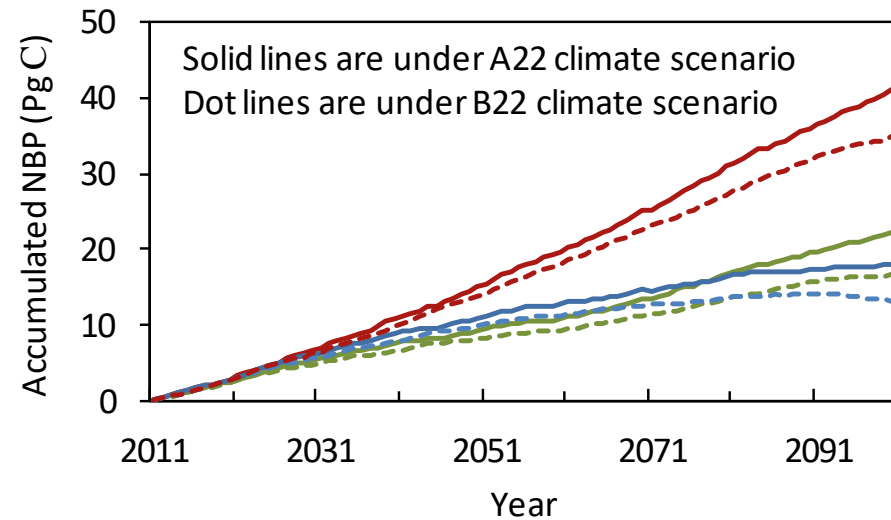
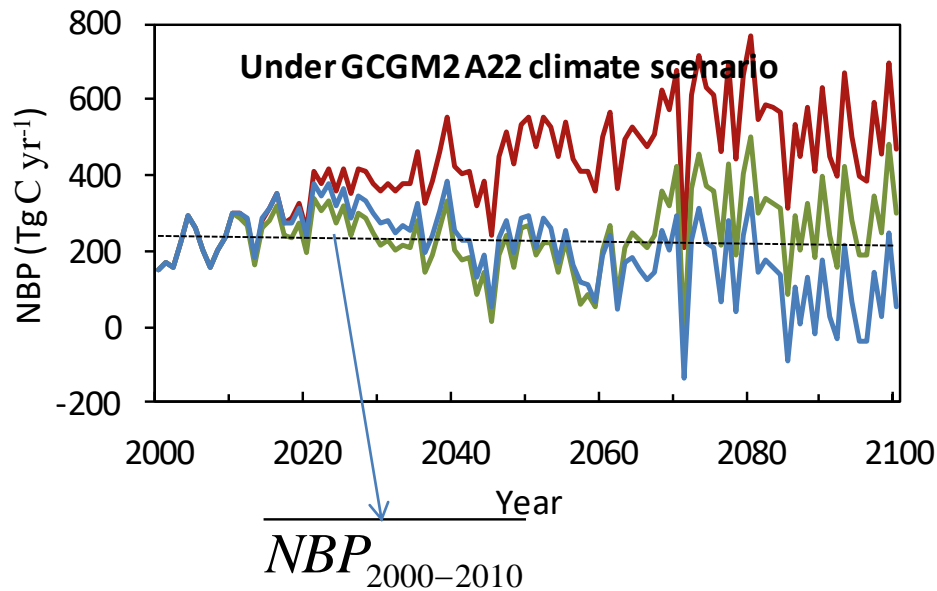
(d) Direct carbon emission during disturbance



Future Projections

Three disturbance scenarios:

- With age change and no disturbances
- With fixed age and no disturbances
- With age change and disturbances



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