



Land Use and Land Cover Change in CTSM



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Understanding Human Land Use in the Climate System: Investigations with an Earth System Model (NCAR CESM)

The land is a critical interface through which:

1. Climate and climate change impacts humans and ecosystems

and

2. Humans and ecosystems can force global environmental and climate change

Wetland

Urban

River discharge

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Glacier

Runof

River Routing



Growth

Modeling the Climate System

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- Land Management in CESM:
- How are we transforming Natural Ecosystems through Deforestation, Pasture, Wood Harvesting, or Afforestation?
- How will Natural and Disturbed Ecosystems respond to changes in climate and CO₂?
- How will Humanity Feed itself as the population grows, society becomes more affluent, and agriculture is impacted by climate and changing CO₂?



Modeling the Climate System



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- Latent Heat Fluxes (Transpiration, Evaporation)
- Sensible Heat Fluxes (Surface Temp & Roughness)

2. Surface Hydrology:

- Rain and Snow (Vegetation, Snow Pack, Runoff)
- Transpiration, Evaporation, Snow melt, Sublimation
- Soil Moisture and Aquifer recharge and drainage
- Climate Feedback through Precipitation Changes
- 3. Biogeochemistry (Carbon and Nitrogen Cycles):
- Plant Photosynthesis and Respiration

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Land Cover Change Hydrology Field Studies

Based on the relationship between Deforestation and Agriculture in 171 catchments, *Zhang et al.* (2001) developed a simplistic vegetation based relationship between Annual Precipitation and Evapo-Transpiration:



Figure 8. Comparison of equation (8) with the empirical relationships developed by *Holmes and Sinclair* [1986] and *Turner* [1991] for forested and grassed catchments.



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Land Cover Change Contribution to Carbon Emissions

Balance of sources and sinks



Slide 3 – IPCC Land Cover Change

CLM5 CMIP6 – New Land Surface Data Sets

- 1. Historical and SSP RCP land use and land cover change time series have been compiled through the Land Use and Scenario Model Intercomparison Projects (LUMIP and ScenarioMIP).
- 2. The Global Land Model (GLM) has been extended to 12 land units to better represent dynamics of agriculture and forests. The new land units include:
 - Primary Forest
 - Secondary Forest
 - Crop C3 Annual
 - Crop C3 Nitrogen Fixing
 - Crop C4 Perennial
 - Grazing Rangeland

- Primary Non Forest
- Secondary Non Forest
- Crop C3 Perennial
- Crop C4 Annual
- Grazing Pasture
- Urban
- 3. New management information for Crops and Forests is provided with transient N Fertilizer and Irrigation prescription, and new Wood Harvest

CMIP6 LUMIP CLM5 Land Use Harmonization (LUH2)

~ 50x information content of CMIP5!

New Resolution

0.25° grid-cell fraction

New History

Hyde 3.2, FAO based Landsat F/NF Multiple crop types (5) Multiple pasture types (2) Updated Forest Cover/Biomass Updated Wood harvest Updated Shifting Cultivation Extended time domain (850-2015

New Management Layers

Agriculture

Fraction of cropland irrigated Fraction of cropland flooded Fraction of cropland fertilized Industrial Fertilizer application Fraction of cropland for biofuels Crop rotations *Wood Harvest*

Fraction industrial products Fraction commercial biofuels Fraction fuelwood

New Future Scenarios Six futures, SSP-based



CLM5 Human Land Management

CESM2 and CLM5 specify Land Use and Land Cover Change through annually prescribed natural vegetation and crop distributions that are combined with human management. The LUMIP/CMIP6 time series require that annual grid cell data is generated that represents:

- Changes in forest cover through time from the Forest / non forest information provided by the LUH2 time series (this was inferred in CMIP5).
- Wood Harvest prescribed in a carbon amount to be extracted as biomass rather than a fraction of trees as was done in CLM4 CN
- Transient C3/C4 Crops of the LUMIP time series be modeled with the CLM5 Crop model which specifies planting dates, life histories and harvest rules for 32 individual crops for each grid cell and each year (only maize, cotton, rice, sugarcane, soybean, and wheat are currently parameterized)
- Fertilizer and irrigation management are specified by crop and grid cell for every year of the time series
- CLM5 has optional Shifting Cultivation captured through Gross Transitions

CLM5 Land Use and Land Cover Change Representation



CLM5 Land Cover Change – Prescribed Annual Changes



CLM5 Land Use – Prescribed Wood Harvest (biomass)



CLM5 Land Use – Crop Model Prescribed Management







CLM5 Percent Tree Cover 2005





CLM5 Percent Broadleaf Evergreen Tropical Tree 2005





CLM5 Percent Broadleaf Evergreen Temperate Tree 2005





CLM5 Percent Needleleaf Evergreen Temperate Tree 2005





CLM5 Percent Needleleaf Evergreen Boreal Tree 2005





CLM5 Percent Needleleaf Deciduous Boreal Tree 2005





CLM5 Percent Broadleaf Deciduous Tropical Tree 2005





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CLM5 Percent Tree Cover 2005



Google Earth - Quickbird 2015



CLM5 Percent Tree Cover 2005





CLM5 Percent Grass 2005





CLM5 Percent Shrub 2005





CLM5 Percent Bare Soil 2005











CLM5 Percent Crop 2005



LUMIP => 64 CLM5 Rainfed and Irrigated Crop Types Mapped using EARTHSTAT – UN FAOSTAT distributions

CFT	CFT	CFT	CFT	CFT
15. C3 Generic Crop	29. Rye	43. Datepalm	57. Pulses	71. Miscanthus
16. C3 Generic Crop Irrigated	30. Rye Irrigated	44. Datepalm Irrigated	58. Pulses Irrigated	72. Miscanthus Irrigated
17. Temperate Corn	31. Winter Rye	45. Foddergrass	59. Rapeseed	73. Switchgrass
18. Temperate Corn Irrigated	32. Winter Rye Irrigated	46. Foddergrass Irrigated	60. Rapeseed Irrigated	74. Switchgrass Irrigated
19. Spring Wheat	33. Cassava	47. Grapes	61. Rice	75. Tropical Corn
20. Spring Wheat Irrigated	34. Cassava Irrigated	48. Grapes Irrigated	62. Rice Irrigated	76. Tropical Corn Irrigated
21. Winter Wheat	35. Citrus	49. Groundnuts	63. Sorghum	77. Tropical Soybean
22. Winter Wheat Irrigated	36. Citrus Irrigated	50. Groundnuts Irrigated	64. Sorghum Irrigated	78. Tropical Soybean Irrigated
23. Temperate Soybean	37. Сосоа	51. Millet	65. Sugarbeet	
24. Temperate Soybean Irrigated	38. Cocoa Irrigated	52. Millet Irrigated	66. Sugarbeet Irrigated	
25. Barley	39. Coffee	53. Oilpalm	67. Sugarcane	
26. Barley Irrigated	40. Coffee Irrigated	54. Oilpalm Irrigated	68. Sugarcane Irrigated	
27. Winter Barley	41. Cotton	55. Potatoes	69. Sunflower	
28. Winter Barley Irrigated	42. Cotton Irrigated	56. Potatoes Irrigated	70. Sunflower Irrigated	
CLM5 Crop Distributions from LUMIP Crop Types

Remap Annual LUH2 Crop Land Units to 32 CLM5 Crop Functional Types using current day (1961 – 2015) crop distributions from EARTHSTAT and UN FAOSTAT:

- C3Ann -> Wheat, Rice, Cotton, Barley, Rye, Sunflower, Cassava, Potatoes, Sugar beet, Rape seed, Fodder grass, Generic C3 Crop
- C4Ann -> Maize, Millet, Sorghum
- C3Per -> Oil palm, Citrus, Date palm, Grapes, Cocoa, Coffee
- C4Per -> Sugar cane
- C3Nfx -> Soybeans, Groundnuts, Pulses



CLM5 Percent Corn 2005





CLM5 Percent Wheat 2005





CLM5 Percent Soybean 2005





CLM5 Percent Cotton 2005





CLM5 Percent Rice 2005





CLM5 Percent Sugarcane 2005



CLM5 Oil Palm 2005



CLM5 Coffee 2005





CLM5 Percent Crop Irrigated 2005





CLM5 Average Crop N Fertilizer kg/ha 2005







CLM5 Percent Crop Difference 2005 - 1850



CLM5 Percent Crop 1850







CLM5 Percent Tree 2005



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CLM5 LUMIP Carbon impacts of Land Use Land Cover Change

- We can assess the LUMIP Carbon Cycle responses to Land Use Land Cover Change (LULCC) in CLM5 for a given period under changing climate and CO₂.
- 2. To do this we run CLM5 simulations with changing or transient LULCC compared to the same simulations performed without the LULCC.
- 3. The CLM5 LULCC impacts are assessed through looking at differences between the simulations.
- 4. All experiments here use 1850 2010 GSWP3 Prescribed Meteorology which has been shown to provide the best forcing and transient model response
- 5. There are no larger scale climate feedbacks in these studies as Meteorology is prescribed.

New CLM5 LUMIP LULCC vs no LULCC – NBP Carbon



CLM5 NoLUC had large uptake of carbon from CO_2 fertilization, Climate and N Deposition CLM5 +147 PgC

This is offset by LULCC in CLM5 = 173 PgC Global Estimates ~160 PgC

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CLM5 LUMIP – Crop Harvest Grain Carbon



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90N 60N 30N 0 0 30S 60S 90S 180 150W 120W 90W 60W 30W 0 30E 60E 90E 120E 150E 180

-2

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CLM5 LUMIP LULCC vs no LULCC – Cumulative



CLM5 LUMIP LULCC vs no LULCC – Biogeophysics Change



CLM5 Transient SSP RCP Land Use in 2016 – 2100



CMIP6 – CLM5 Carbon Cycle impacts of Shifting Cultivation

One element not included in the current CLM5 or CLM4 simulations is the impact of Shifting Cultivation.



Forest Regeneration

In a Shifting Cultivation regime clearing of forest and abandonment of crop land can occur at the same rate so there can be no net change forest area or crop area from year to year. The state of the forest however is continually degraded.



CMIP6 Gross versus Net LULCC in CLM5 – Shifting Cultivation

Initial State Yr 1.

Broadleaf Evergreen Tropical Tree 70%	Crop 30%

Gross Transitions

- 1. Broadleaf Evergreen Tropical Tree -> Crop 20%
- 2. Crop -> Broadleaf Evergreen Tropical Tree 20%

Net Transitions:Unrepresented Gross Transitions:0% ChangeBET 20% Crop 20%

Updated State Yr 2.

Crop 20%	Broadleaf Evergreen Tropical Tree 50%	Brd Evg Trop Tree 20%	Crop 10%
New	Old	New	Old

Even though there are no Net Transitions we can still remove vegetation biomass for the Unrepresented Gross Transition area . Additional LULCC fluxes done in the same manner as wood harvest

CLM5 – Gross Unrepresented Land Use Carbon



CLM5 SC Gross Unrepresented Land Use Flux results in a cumulative loss of 29.3 PgC

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Thanks please get involved in our LULCC research. Questions?

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