


# Representing crop management in CLM5

A large center pivot irrigation system is shown in a green field under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The system consists of a long metal structure supported by a series of wheels, extending across the field. In the foreground on the right, a black and white dog is visible. The background features rolling hills and a fence line.

Danica Lombardozzi

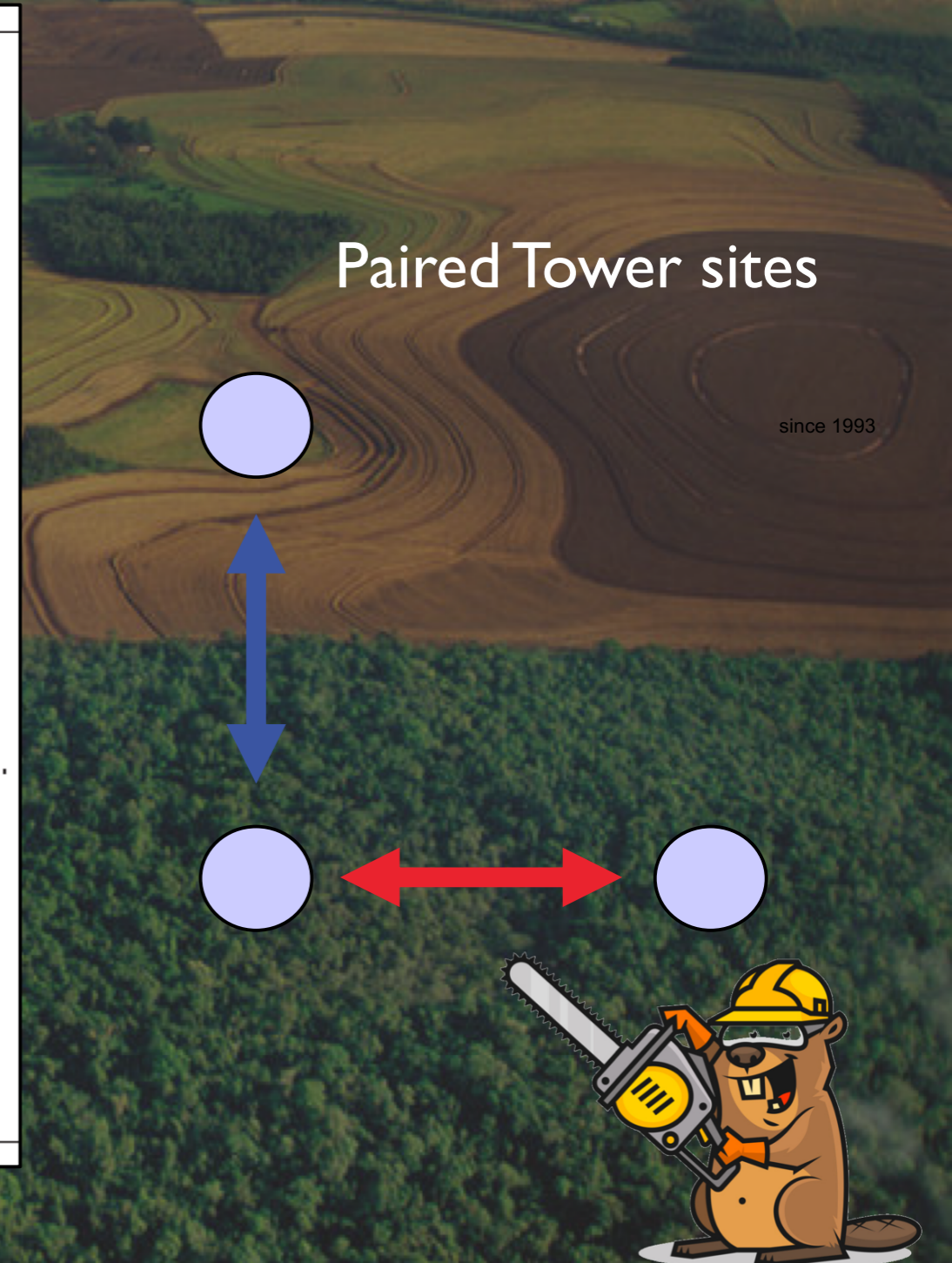
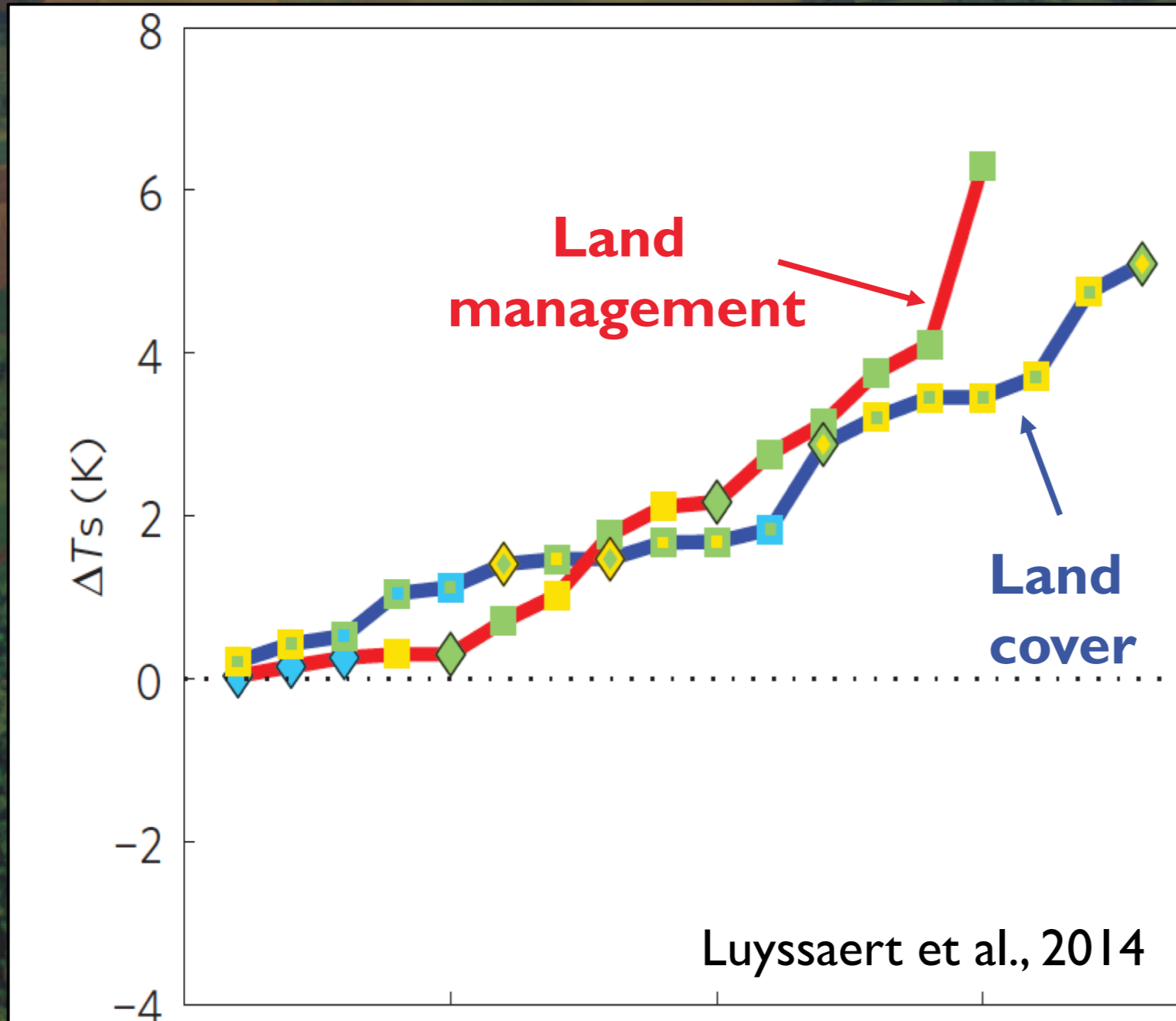
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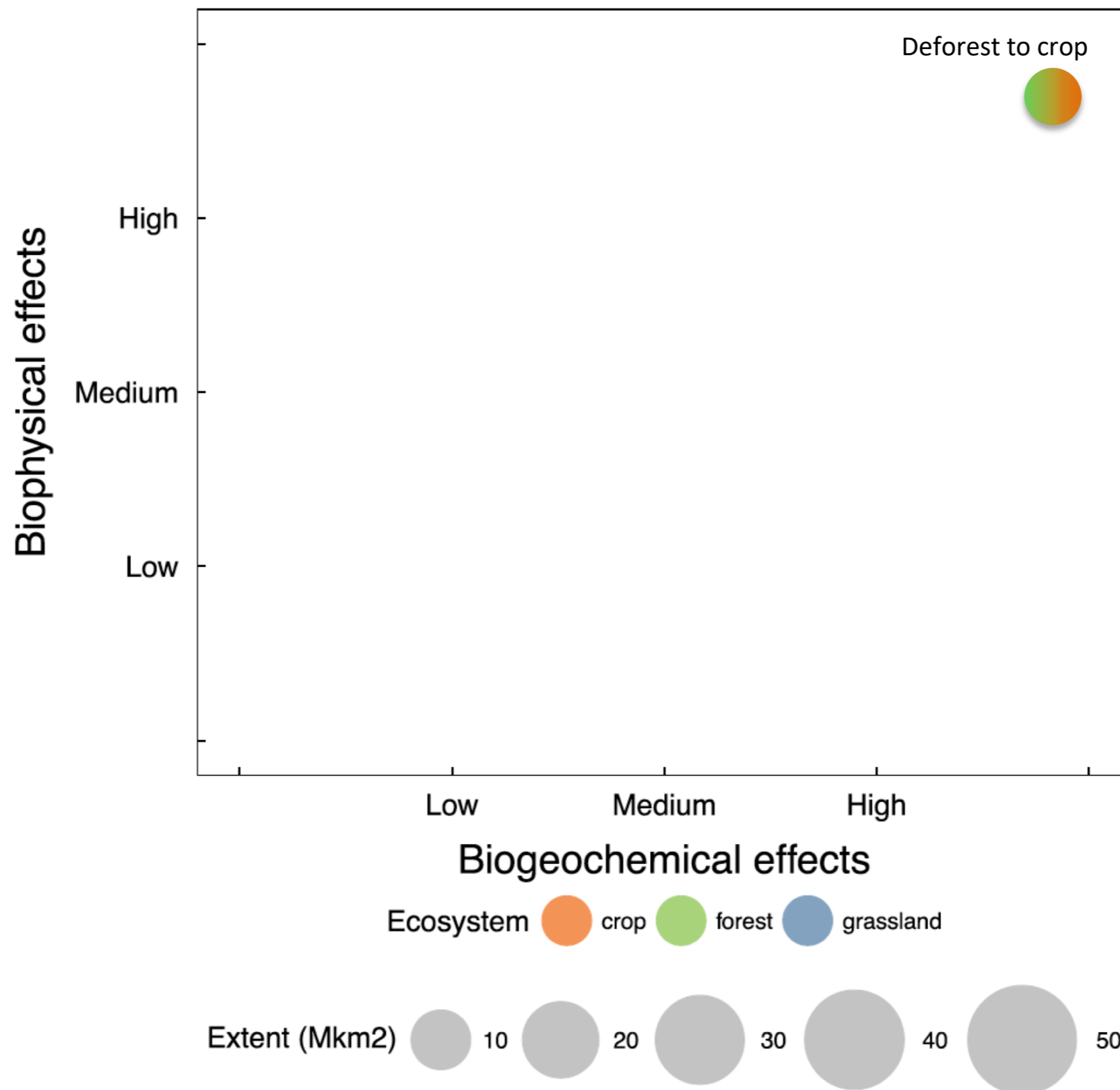
Agriculture provides food and also changes biogeophysical and biogeochemical properties of the land surface

# Land management and land-cover change have impacts on surface temperature of similar magnitude

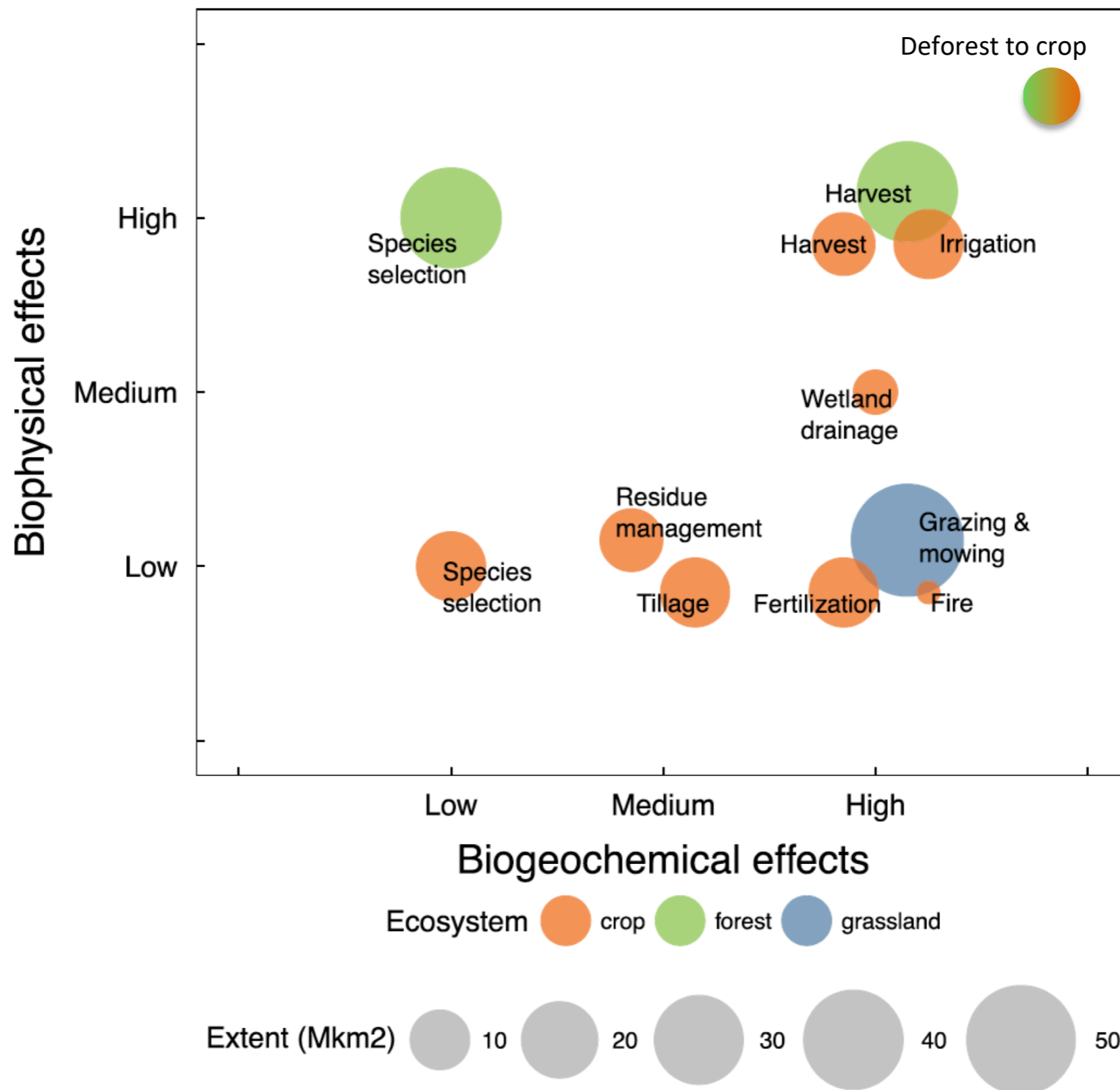




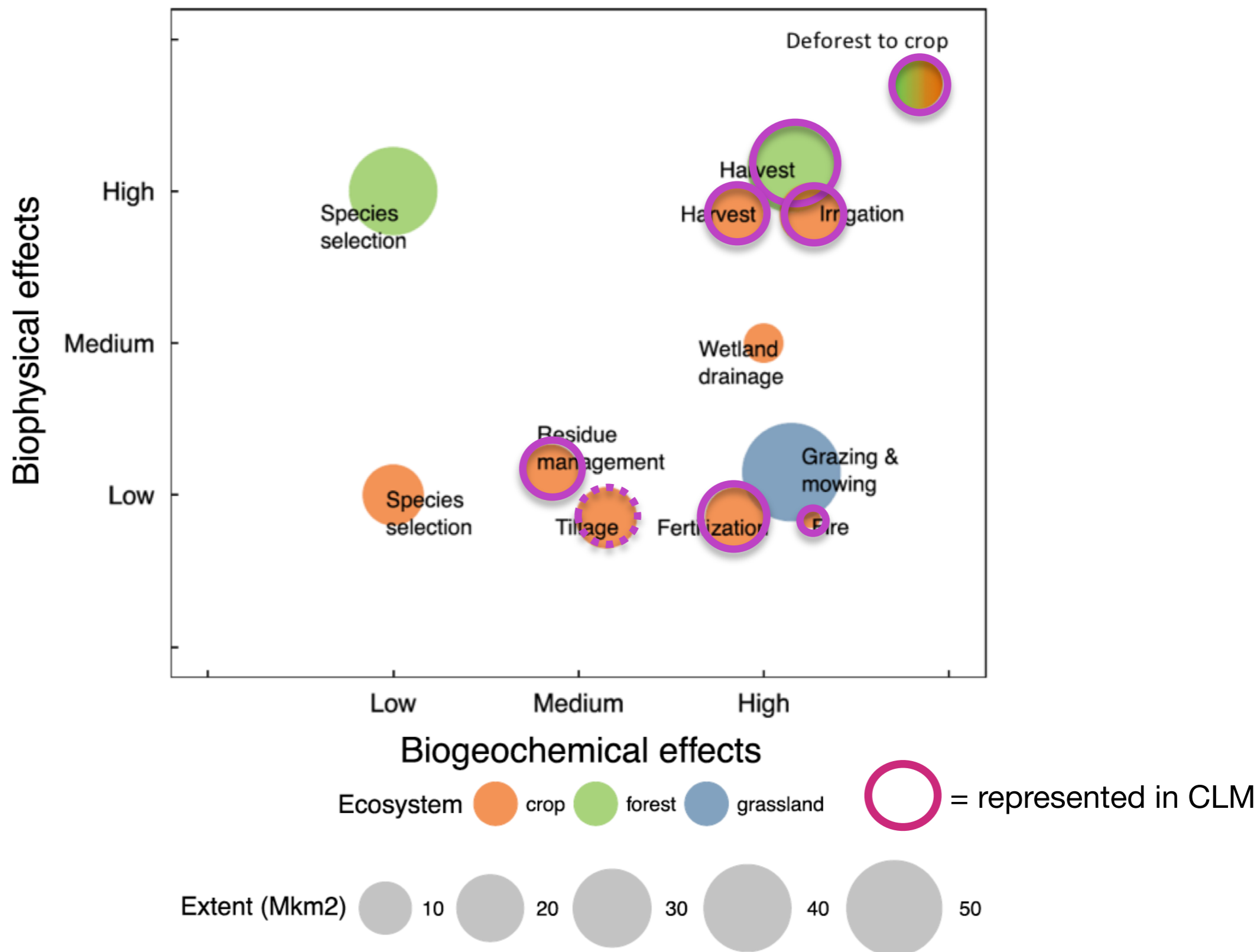
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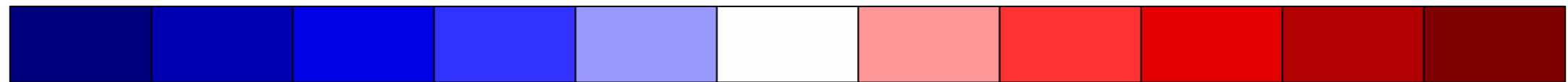
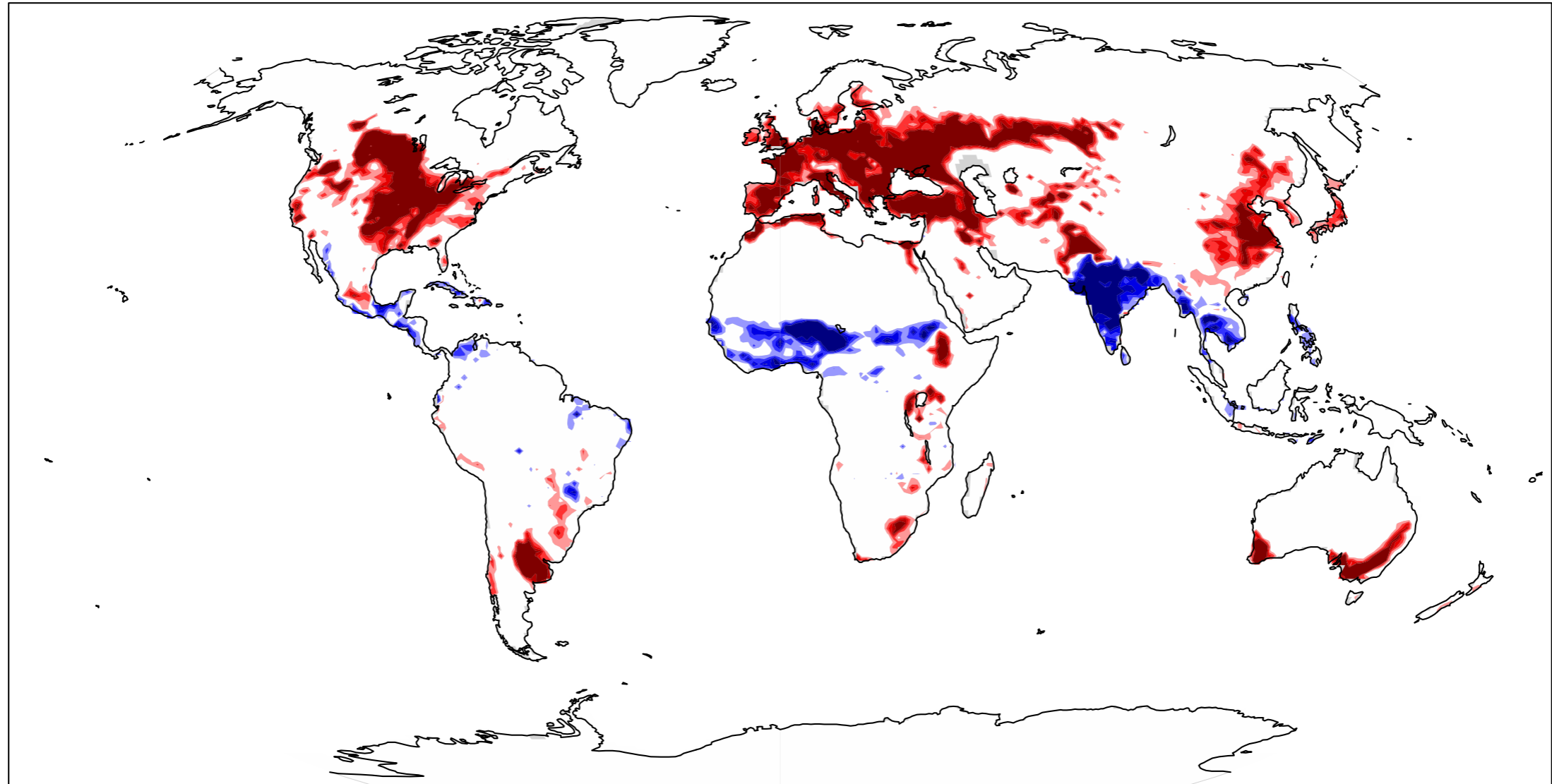


# Land management in Community Land Model (CLM5)



# Impact of Simulated Managed Crops

(relative to simulating generic crops)



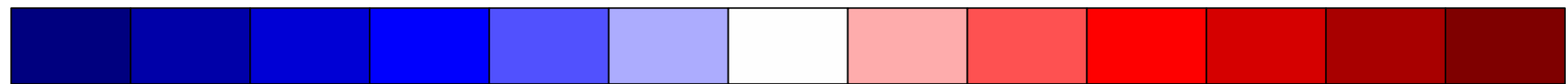
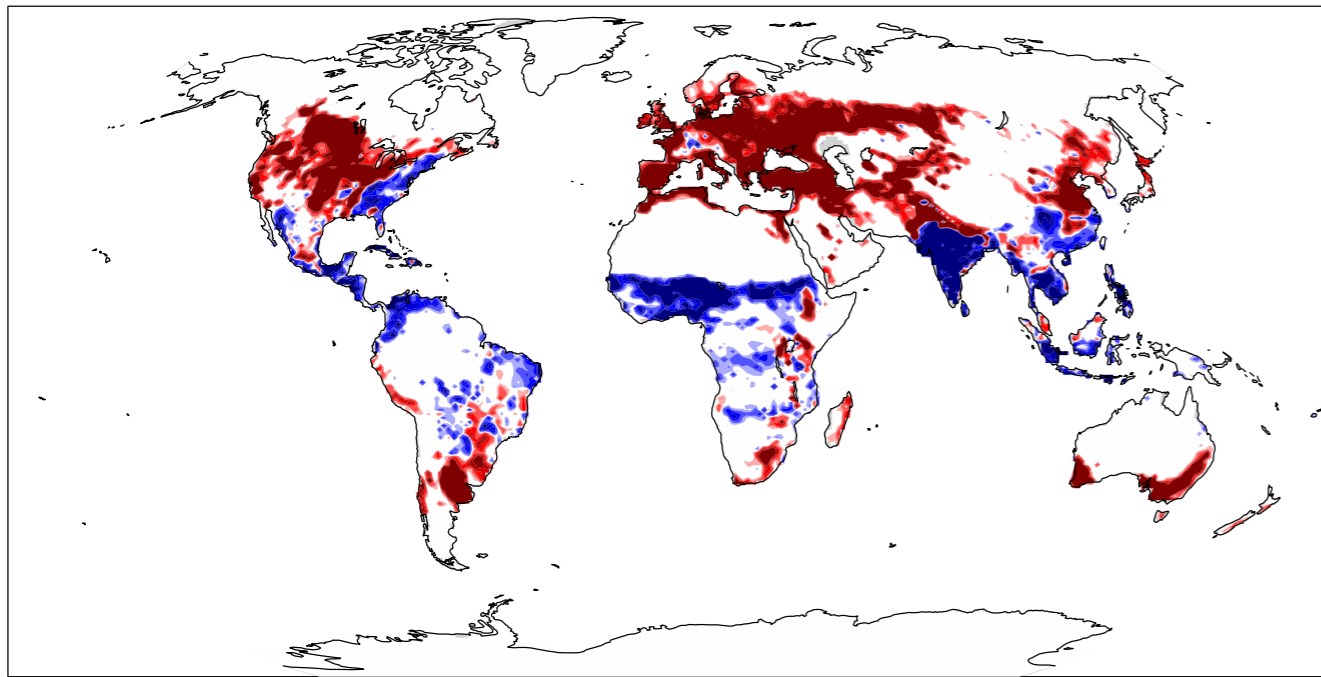
**-2   -1.6   -1.2   -0.8   -0.4   0.4   0.8   1.2   1.6   2**

Change in Annual Maximum Gross Primary Productivity (g C m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>)

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Change in Latent Heat Flux ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ )

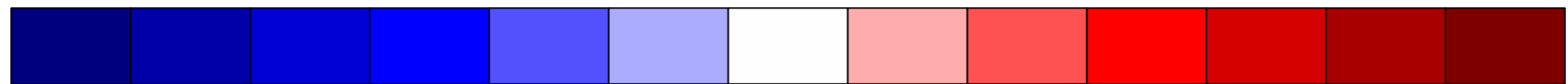
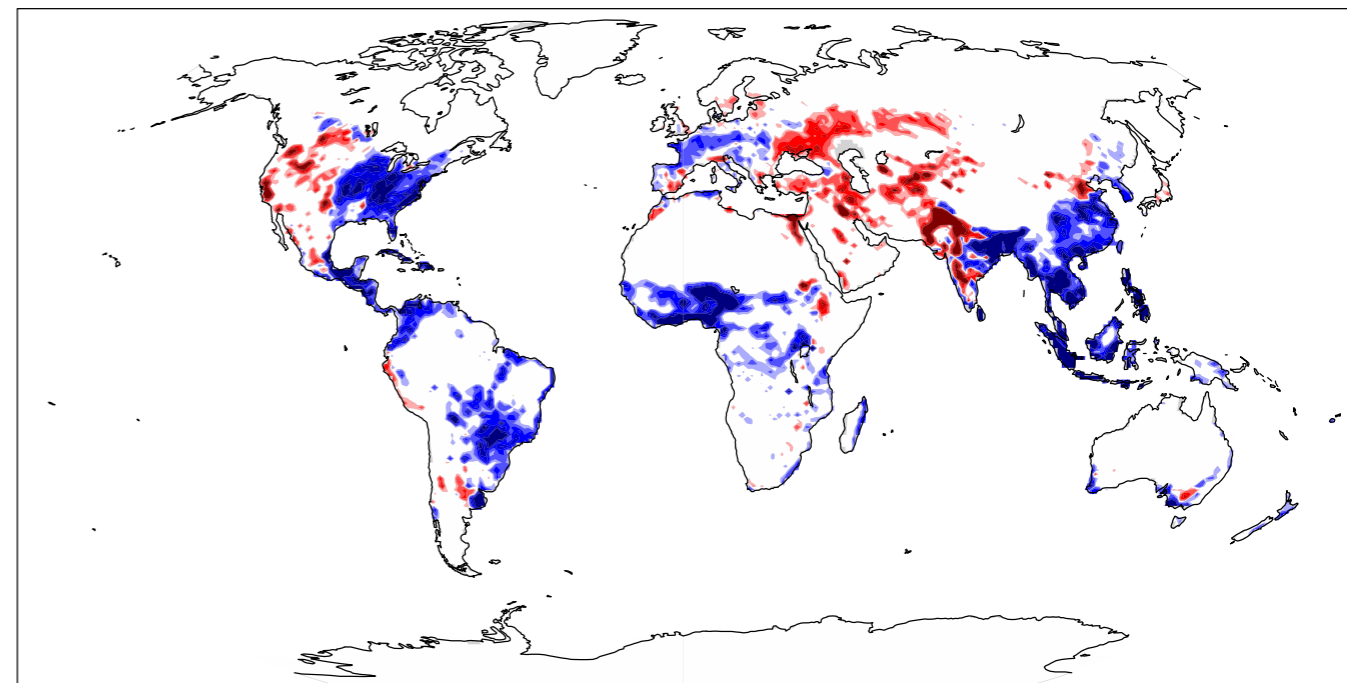
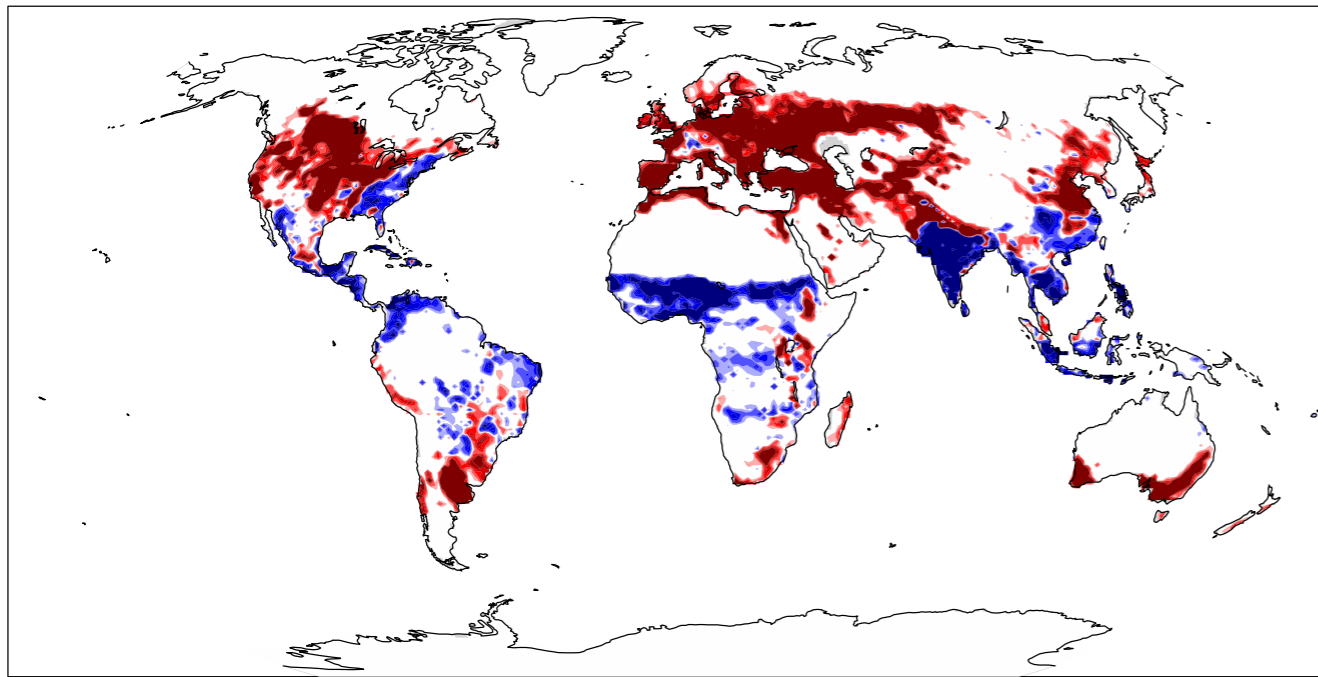


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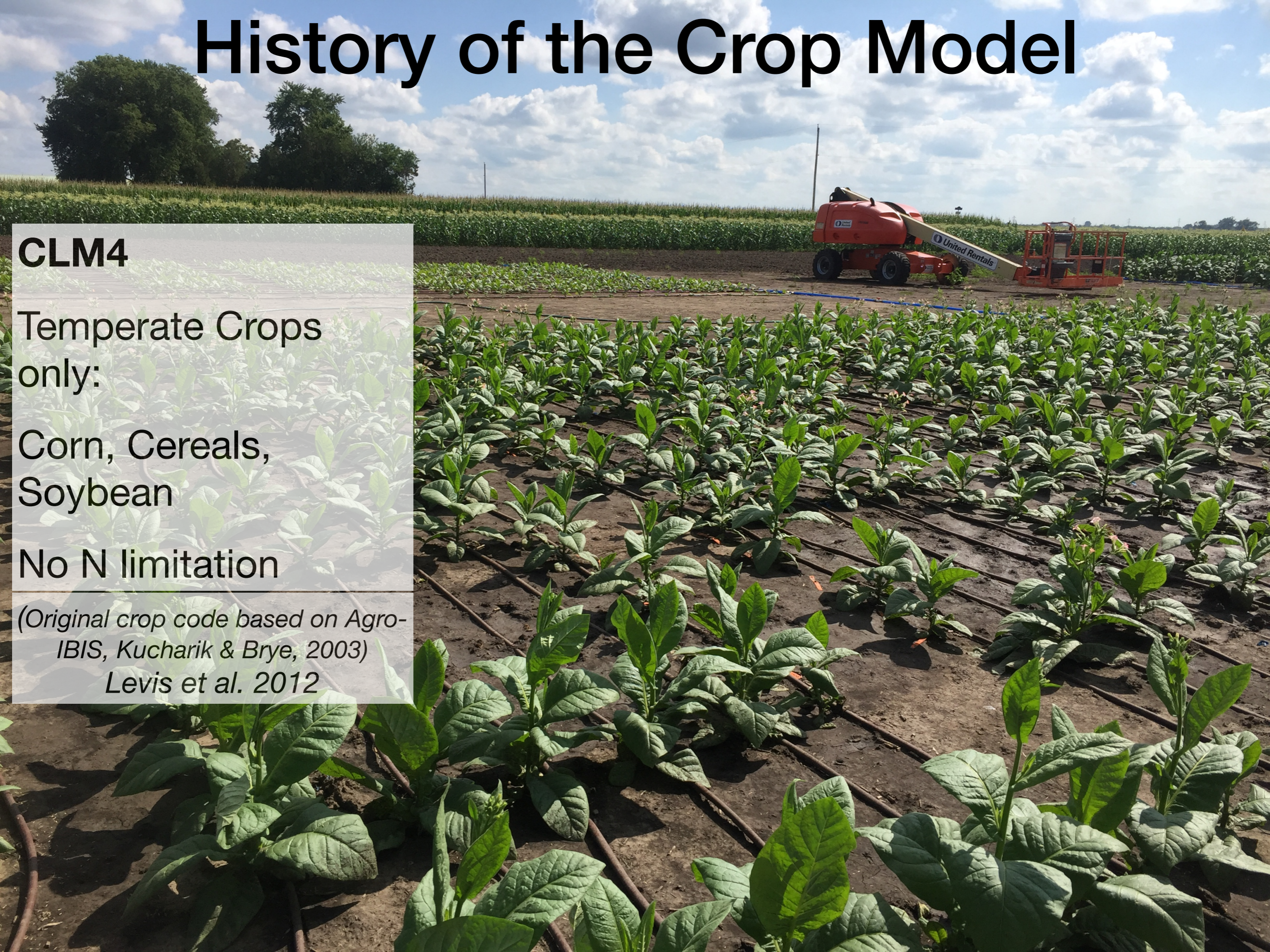
## CLM4

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**Note: Crops are only active in the BGC configuration with component sets that specify “Crop” in the name (e.g., IHistClim50BgcCropG). All CESM CMIP6 simulations will include active crops.**

# Today's Objectives

- 1) Crop types and distributions
- 2) Crop phenology
- 3) Allocation in crops
- 4) Management options
- 5) Crop Yields
- 6) Ongoing & Future Developments

# 1) Crop Types & Distributions



# Active Crop Types

Corn\*



Spring Wheat



Sugarcane



Soy\*

Cotton

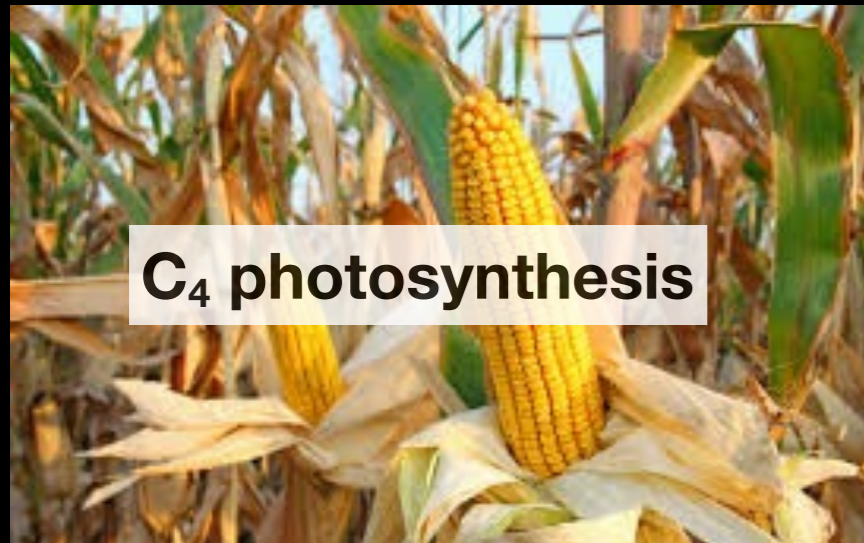
Rice

\* *Temperate and tropical varieties*



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# Additional Crops: Placeholders

winter wheat  
barley  
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rye  
winter rye  
cassava  
citrus  
cocoa  
coffee  
date palm  
fodder grass  
grapes  
groundnuts  
millet  
oil palm  
potatoes  
pulses  
rapeseed  
sorghum  
sugarbeet  
sunflower  
miscanthus  
switchgrass

**The surface dataset includes distributions for these crops, but we do not have the required parameters to represent them.**

*Note that there are irrigated and rain-fed PFTs for each crop type. When crops are active, the surface dataset has 78 (instead of 16) PFTs.*

Corn

Soybean

Barley

Spring Wheat

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Corn

Soybean

Spring Wheat

Barley



# Yields can be calculated for 31 crop types

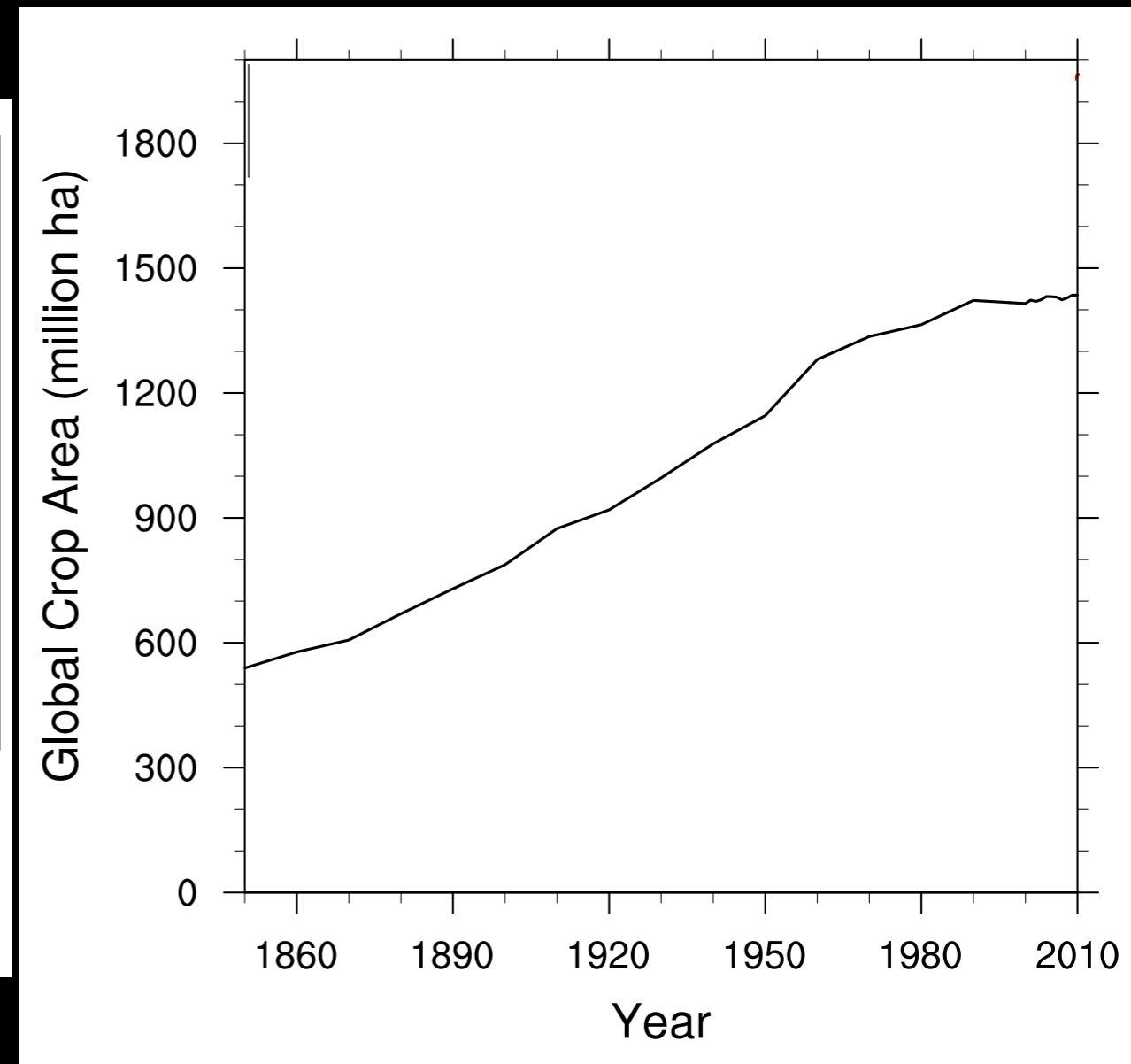
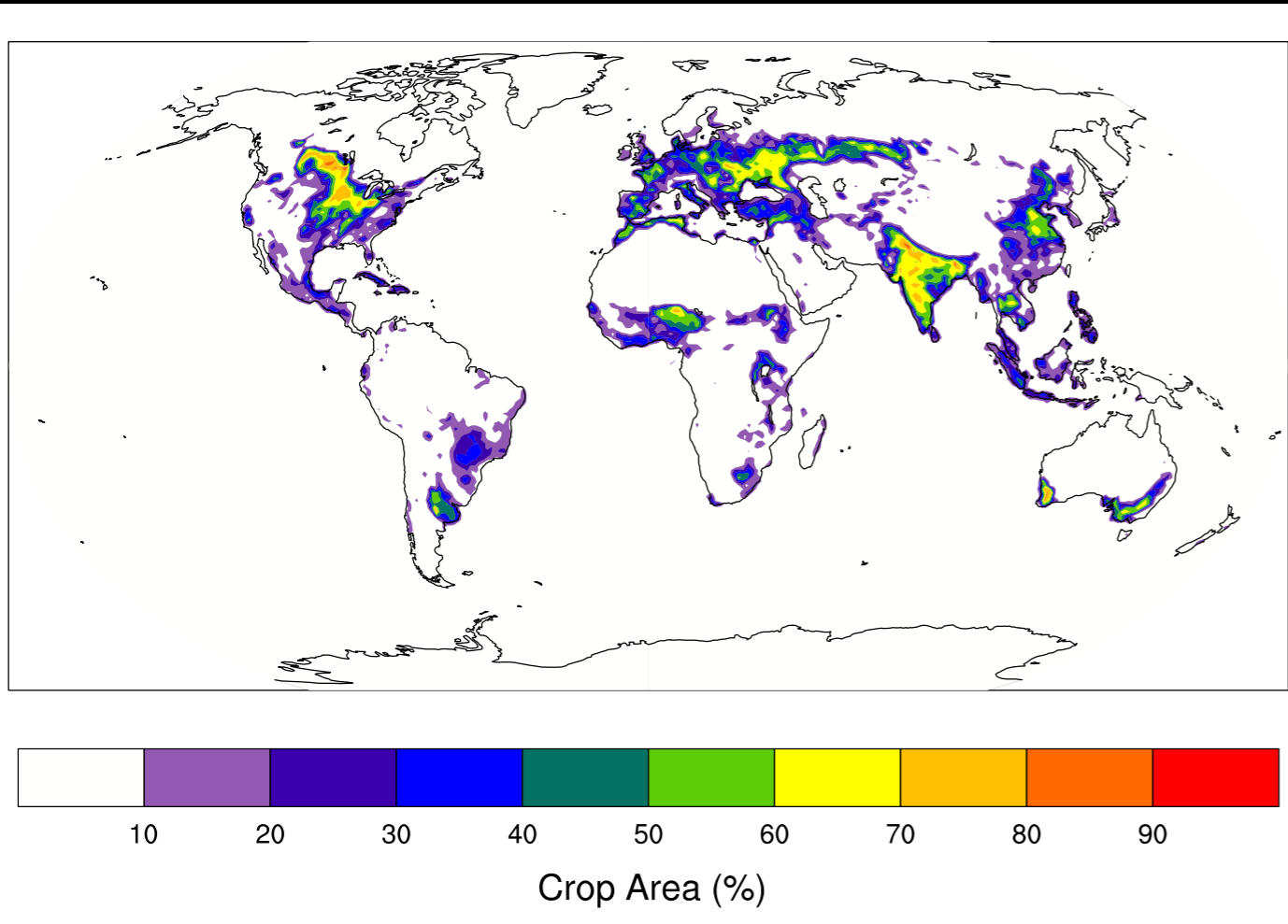
Assumption that inactive crops have same growing triggers & allocation as the active crop  
Need to use surface dataset for remapping during analysis



A full list of which parameters are used for each crop type is included in the CLM5 Tech Note

# Crop Distributions

## 1991-2010 Crop Area



Crop distributions are found on the surface dataset ('fsurdat' in the clm namelist)



# 2) Crop Phenology



CNPhenology.F90

# Phenology

## 1) Plant

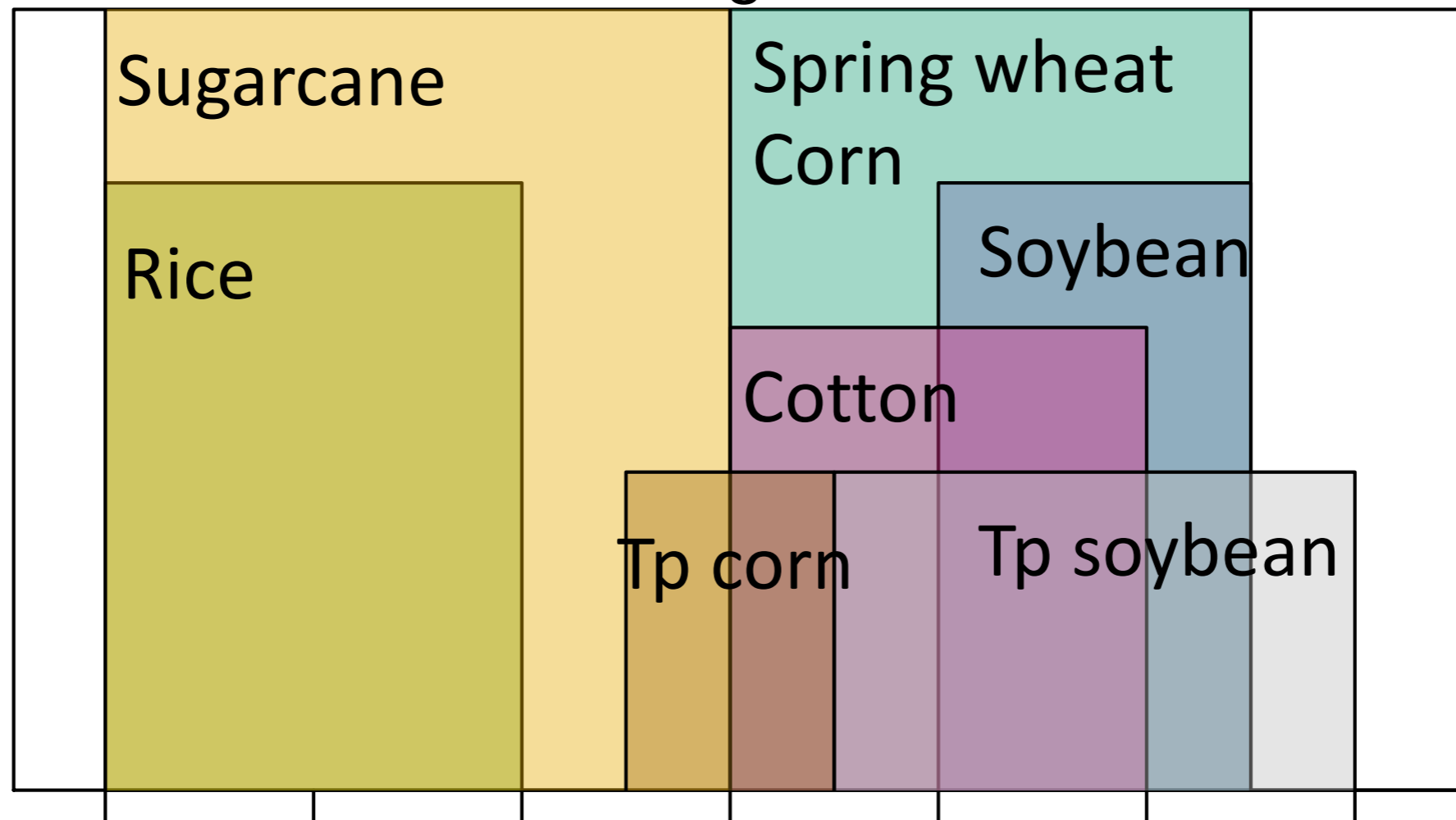


# Phase 1: Planting



Planting occurs **within the planting window** when a **10-day running mean 2-meter air temperature** reaches a crop-specific threshold (parameters listed in CLM5 Tech Note). Planting will occur at the end of the planting window if the T threshold is not met.

Planting Window



Northern Hemisphere Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Southern Hemisphere Jul

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Jan

# Phenology

## 1) Plant



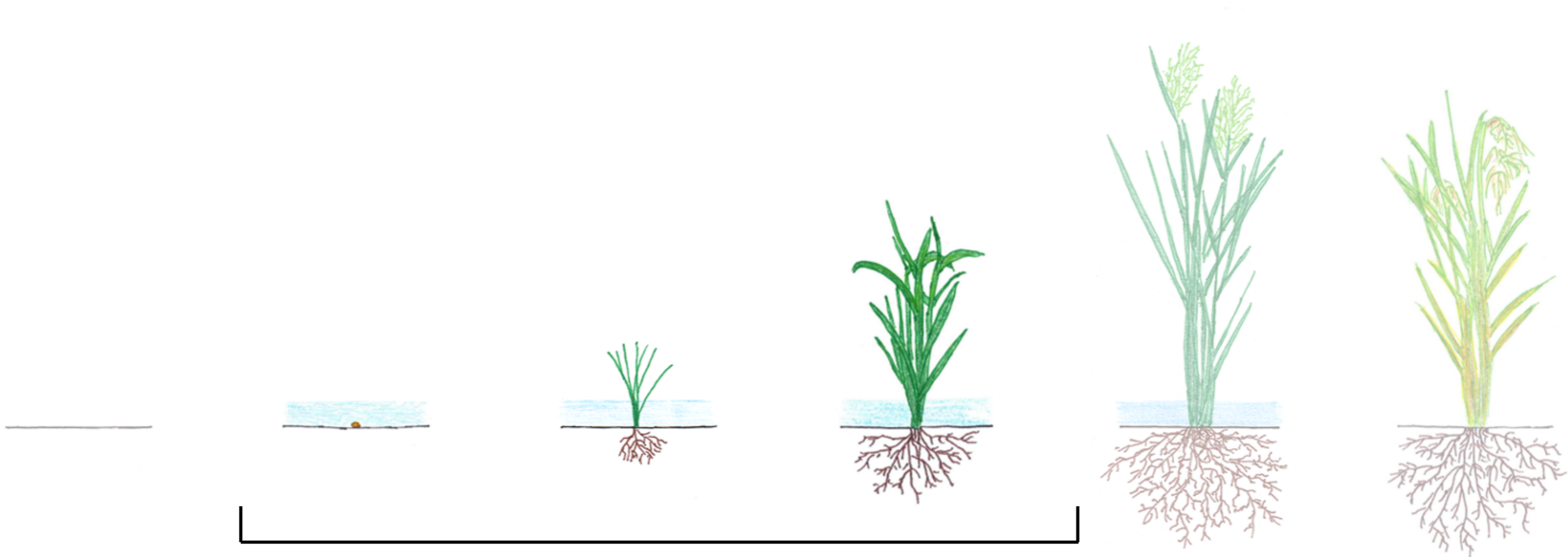
## 2) Leaf Emergence



# Phase 2: Leaf Emergence



Leaf emergence occurs when **soil temperature** reaches a crop-specific threshold (parameters listed in CLM5 Tech Note)



*During leaf emergence, seed C is transferred to the leaf C pool and leaves continue to expand until they reach a crop-specific maximum leaf area index*

# Phenology

1) Plant



3) Grain Fill



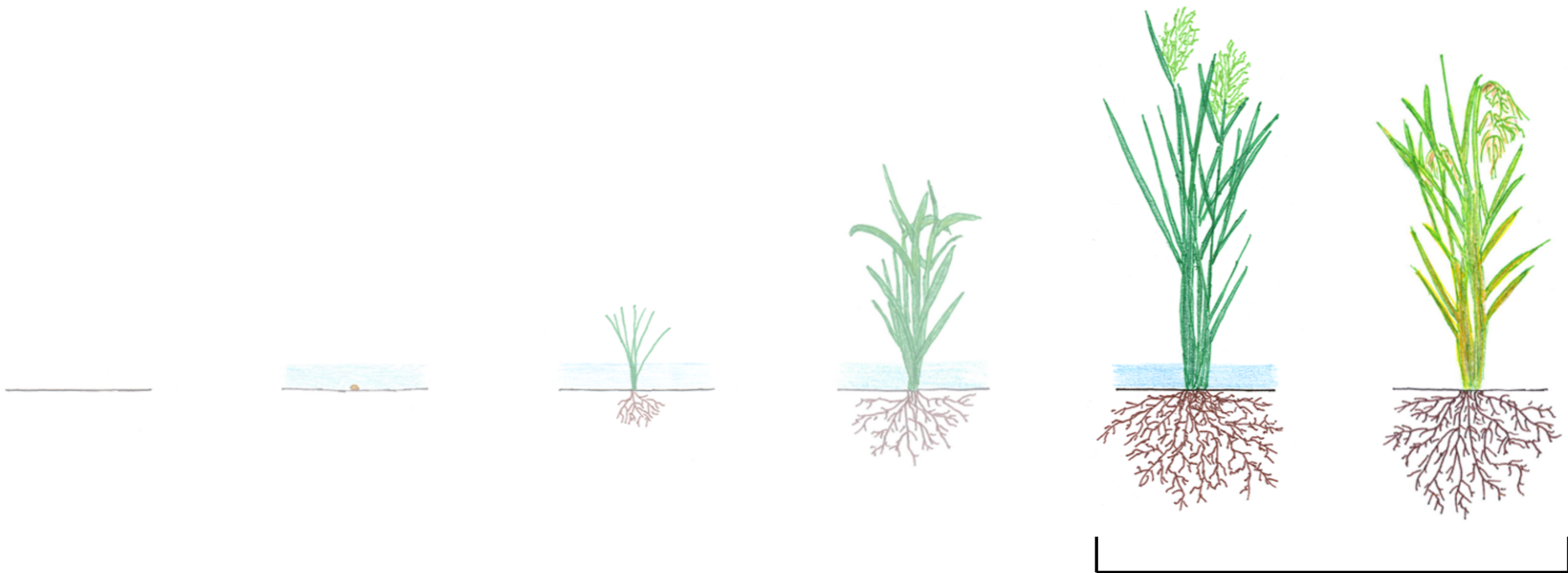
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# Phase 3: Grain Fill



Grain fill starts when **2-meter air temperature** reaches a crop-specific threshold (parameters listed in CLM5 Tech Note) or when the crop-specific **LAI threshold** is reached



# Phenology

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3) Grain Fill



2) Leaf Emergence



4) Harvest

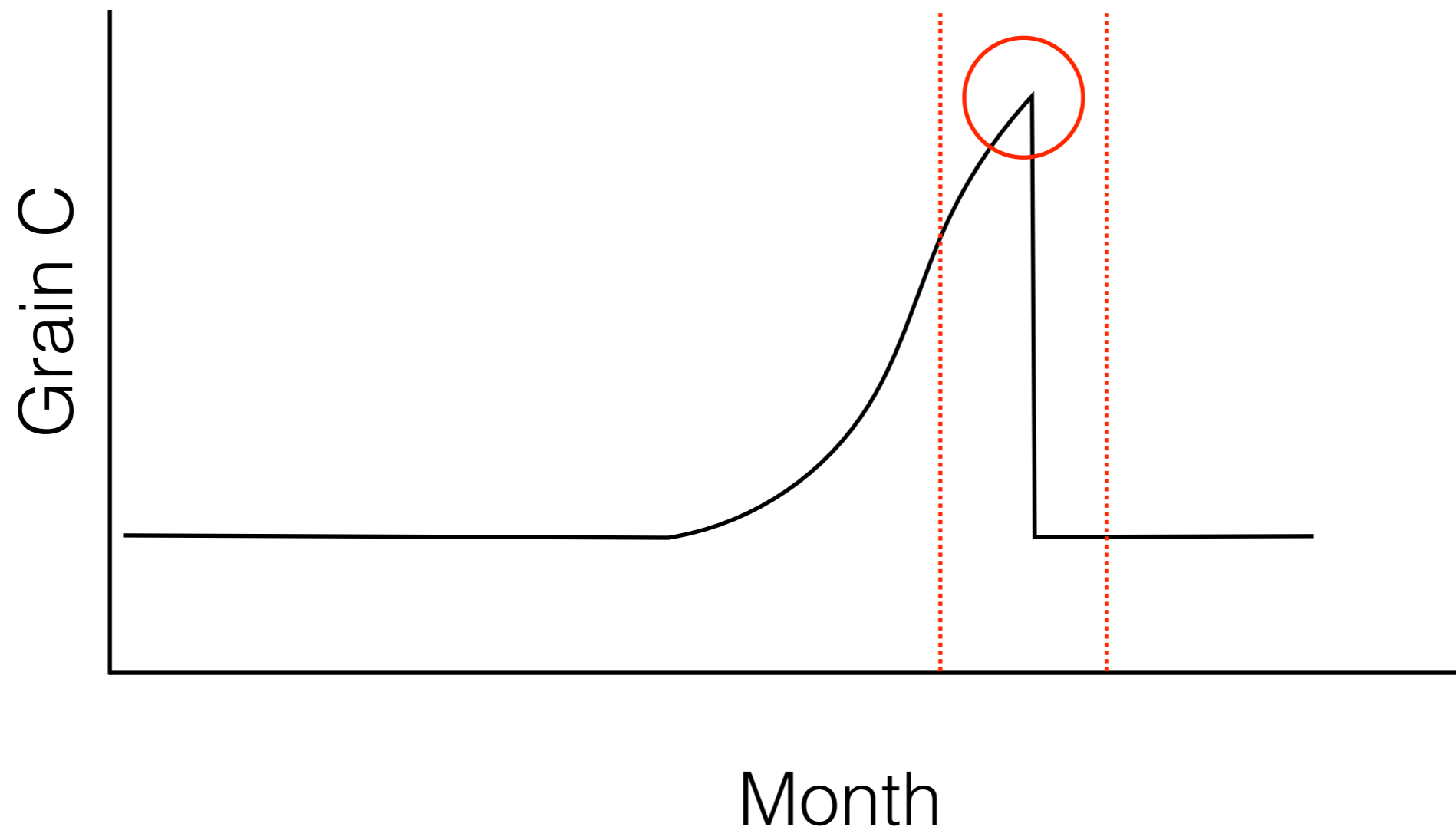




# Phase 4: Harvest



Harvest occurs when **2-meter air temperature** reaches a crop-specific threshold for maturity (parameters listed in CLM5 Tech Note) or at a maximum number of days past planting.



*Harvest occurs in a single time-step using CLM's leaf offset algorithm. Therefore, the default monthly average Grain C history field will estimate grain yields. To calculate grain yields, we recommend summing the "GRAINC\_TO\_FOOD" variable*

# Phenology

1) Plant



3) Grain Fill



2) Leaf Emergence



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# 3) Allocation



# Allocation

## 2) Leaf Emergence



## 3) Grain Fill



Allocation changes depending on which phenological phase the crop is in.  
Allocation parameters also vary by crop type

# Allocation

## 2) Leaf Emergence



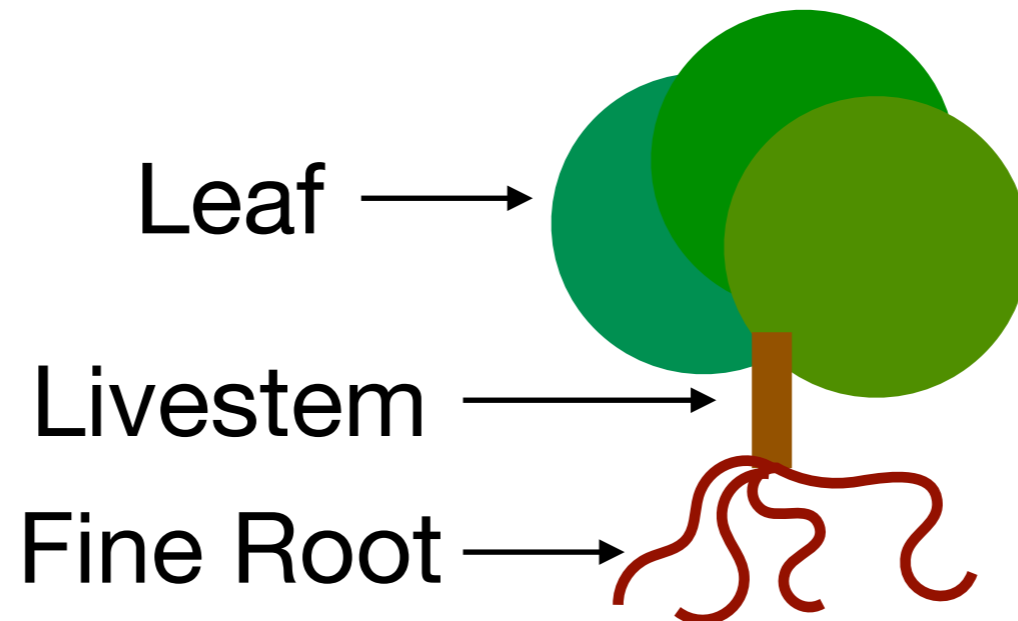
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# During Leaf Emergence (Phenological Phase 2)

Carbon and nitrogen are allocated to the following pools:



Allocation to these pools are based on crop-specific parameters

# Allocation

## 2) Leaf Emergence



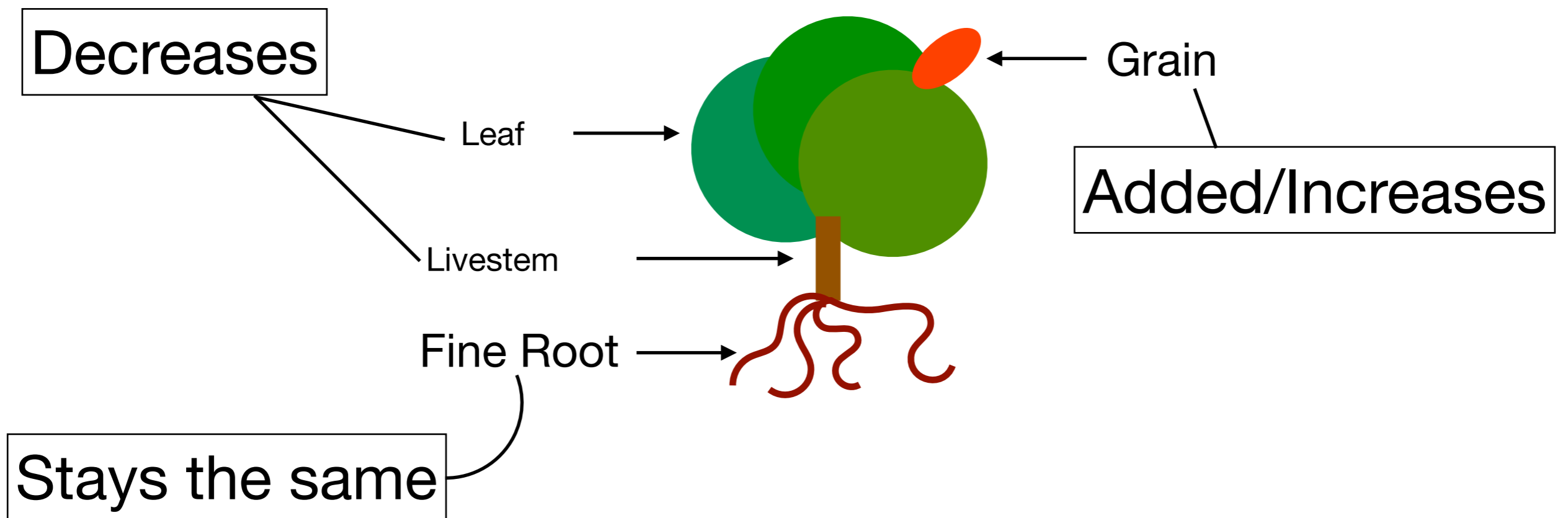
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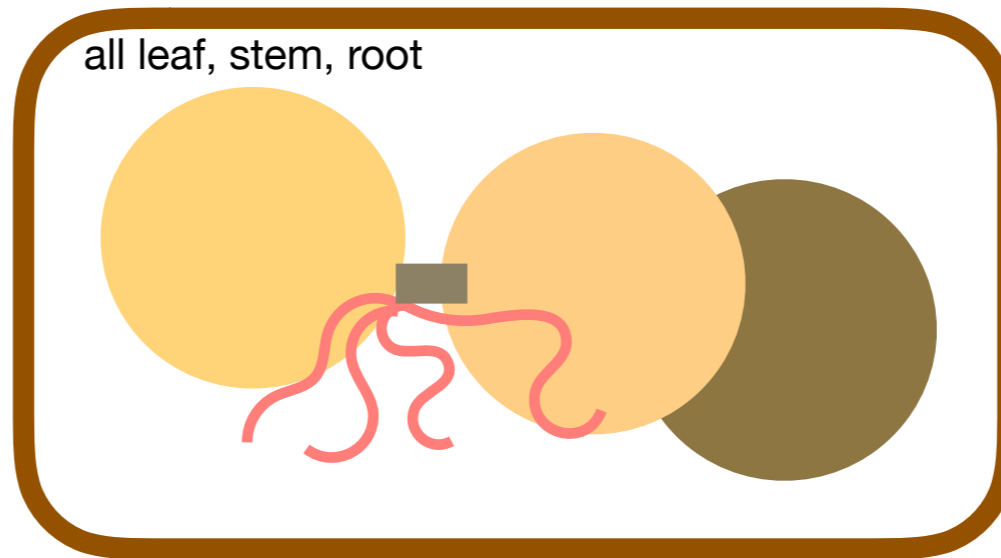
# At harvest

**Stubble**  
(stem area index = 0.25)



**Litter**

all leaf, stem, root



**Atmosphere**

all grain



# 4) Management Options



# Management

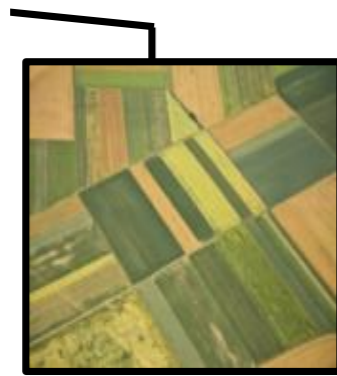
Fertilization



Irrigation



Crops exist on their own column so they don't compete for water or nitrogen



**Crop**

Separate irrigated and rain-fed columns  
Every crop type has one of each



**Unirrig**



**Irrig**



**Unirrig**



**Irrig**



**Crop 1**



**Crop 1**



**Crop 2**



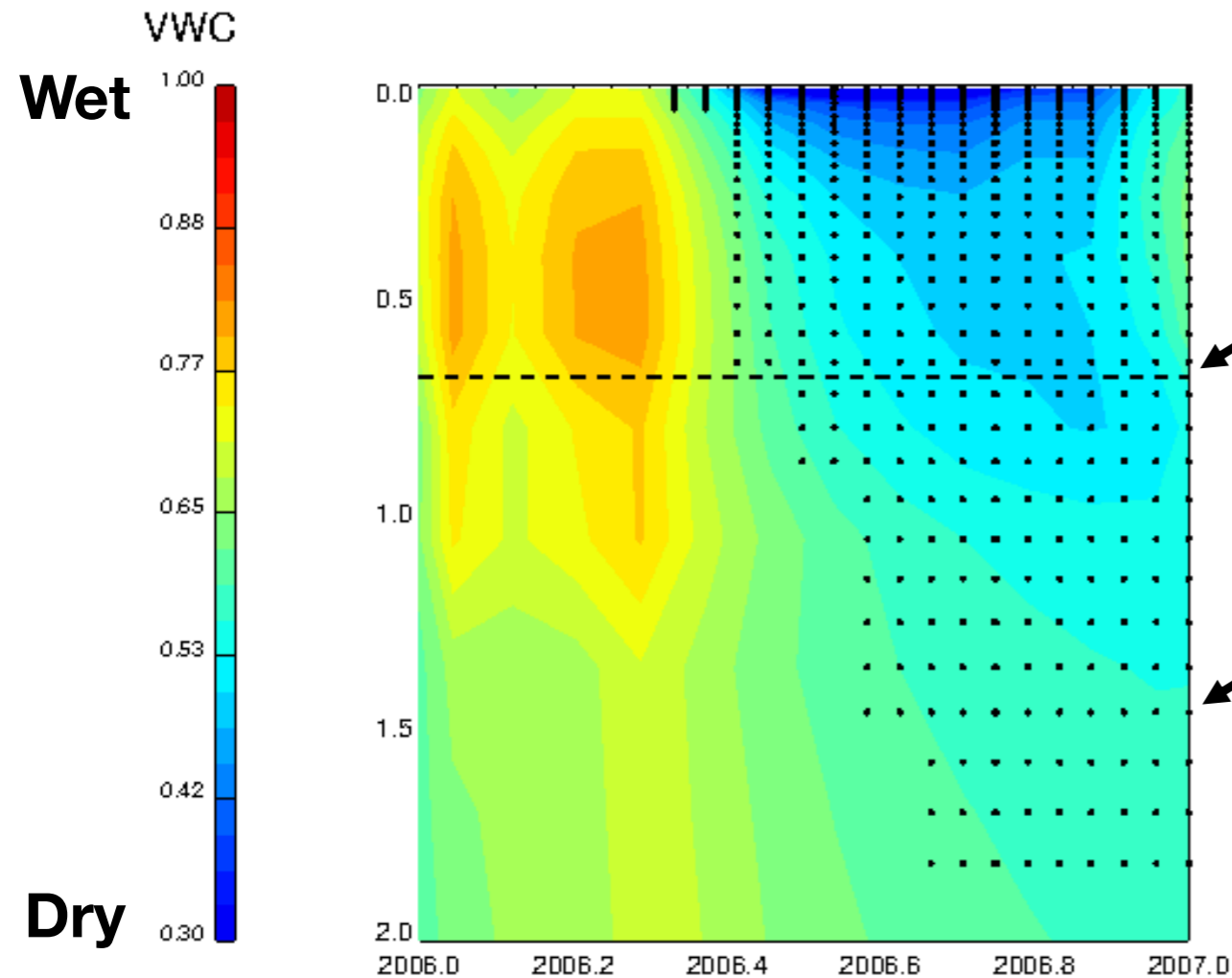
**Crop 2 ...**

# Irrigation

*Irrigation is only applied to irrigated crop columns*

Irrigation is triggered by the soil moisture state in the root zone

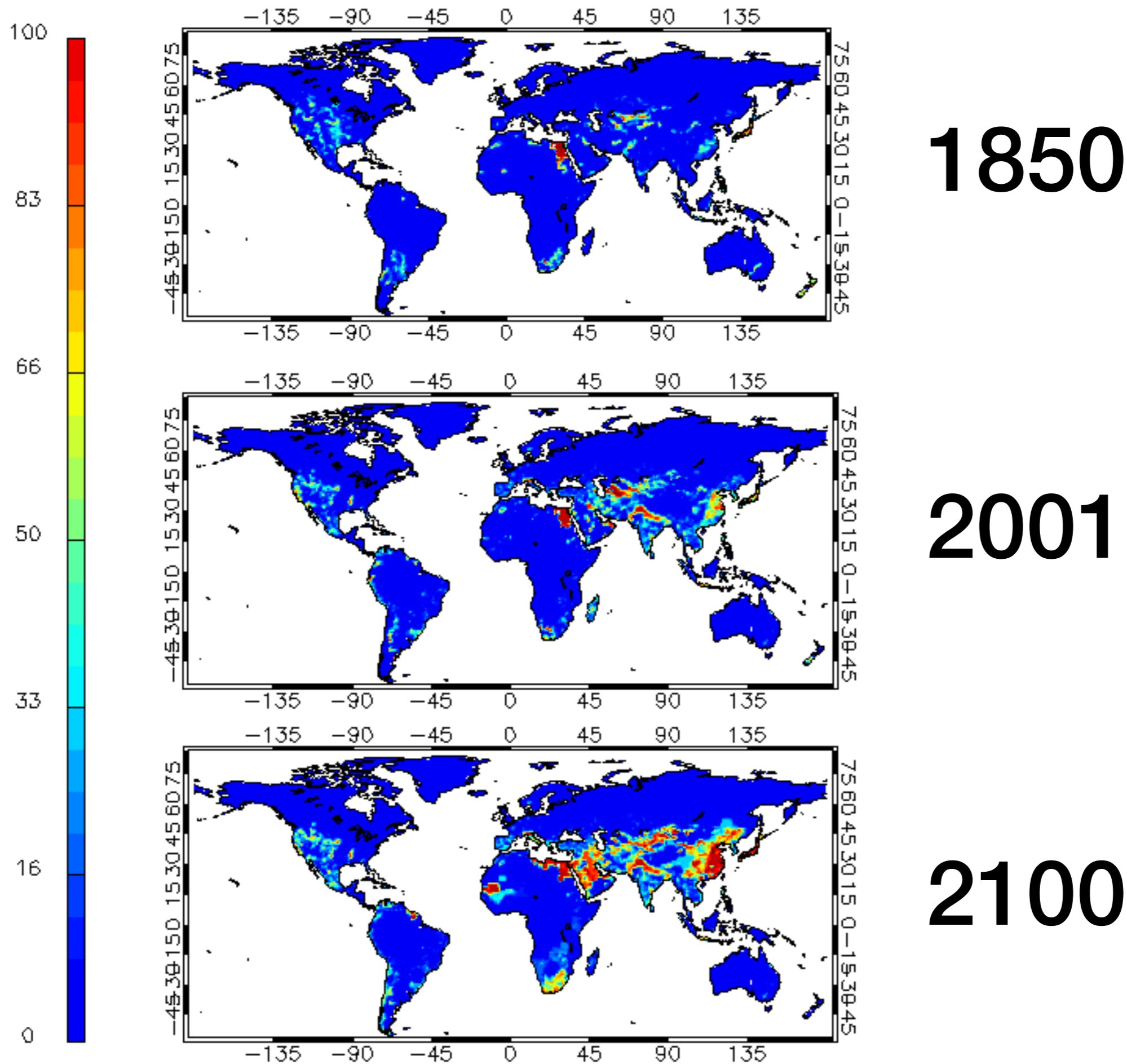
The amount of irrigation depends on three parameters: root zone depth, target soil moisture, and difference between actual and target soil moisture



Root zone depth  
(60 cm)

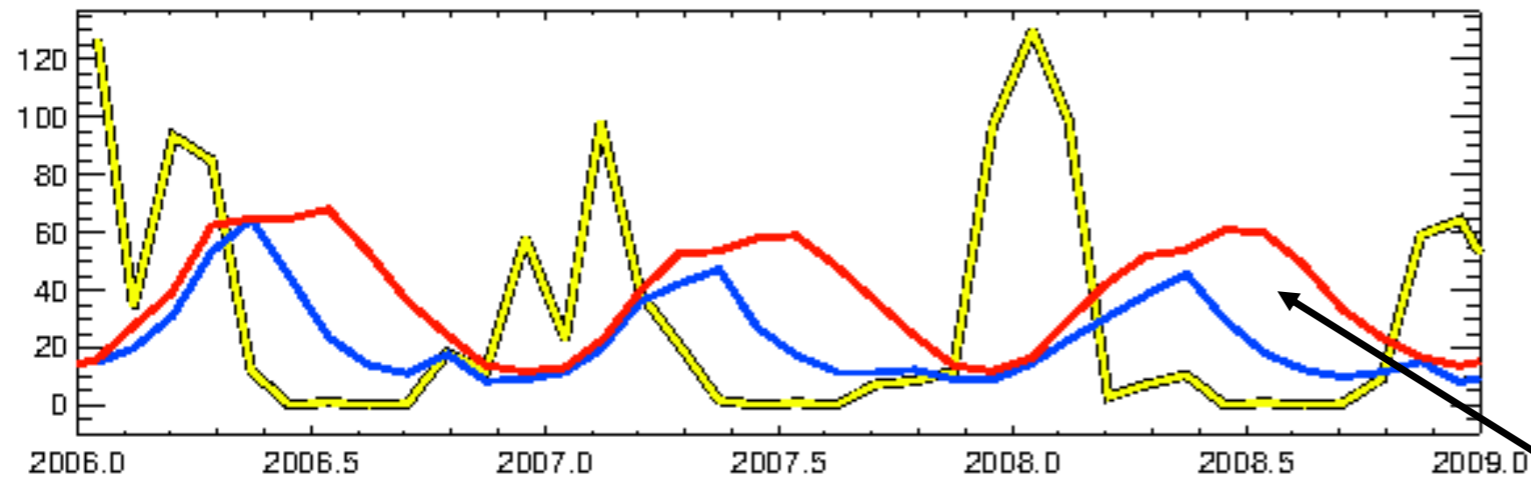
Stippling indicates  
soil moisture below  
threshold value





# Fraction of Crop Area That Is Irrigated



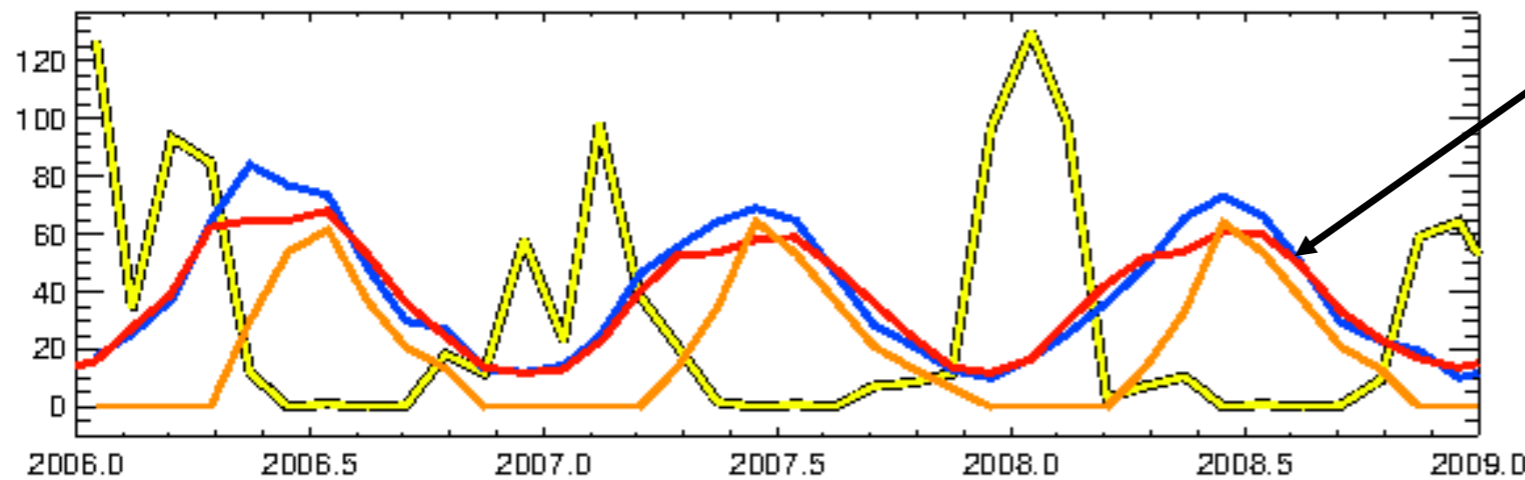
# Example: California's Central Valley

Tulare, CA



-  Precipitation
-  CLM ET
-  FLUXNET-MTE
-  Irrigation Flux

Tulare, CA



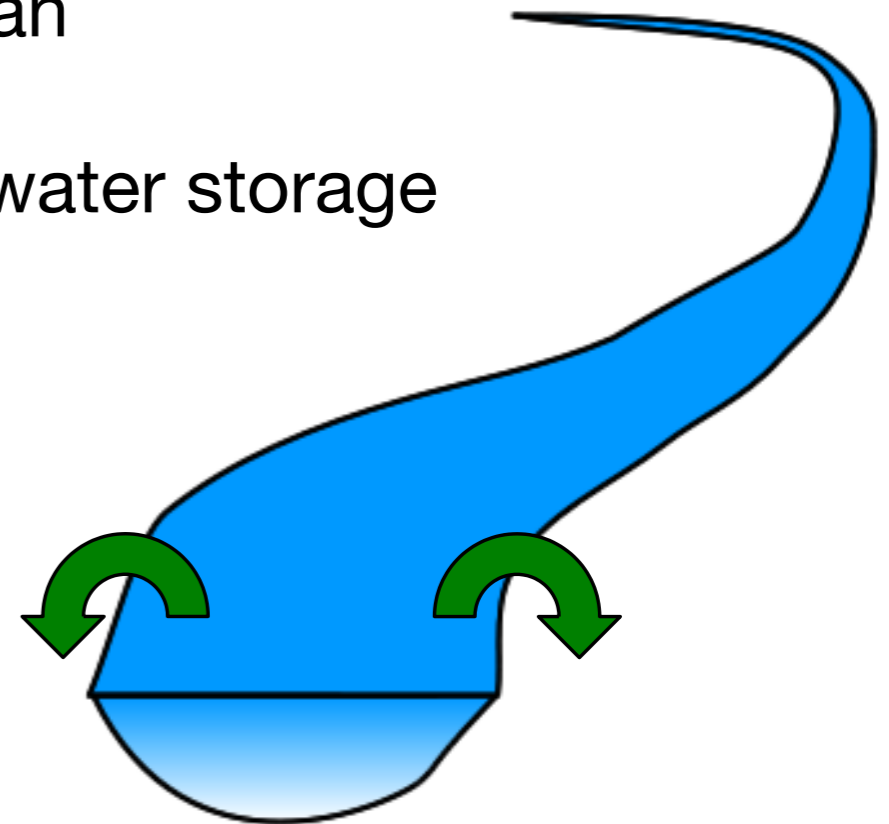
**ET**  
underpredicted  
without irrigation

# How is irrigation limited?

Irrigation demand is calculated independently of water availability, and irrigated water is removed from river water storage.

If river water is inadequate to meet irrigation demand:

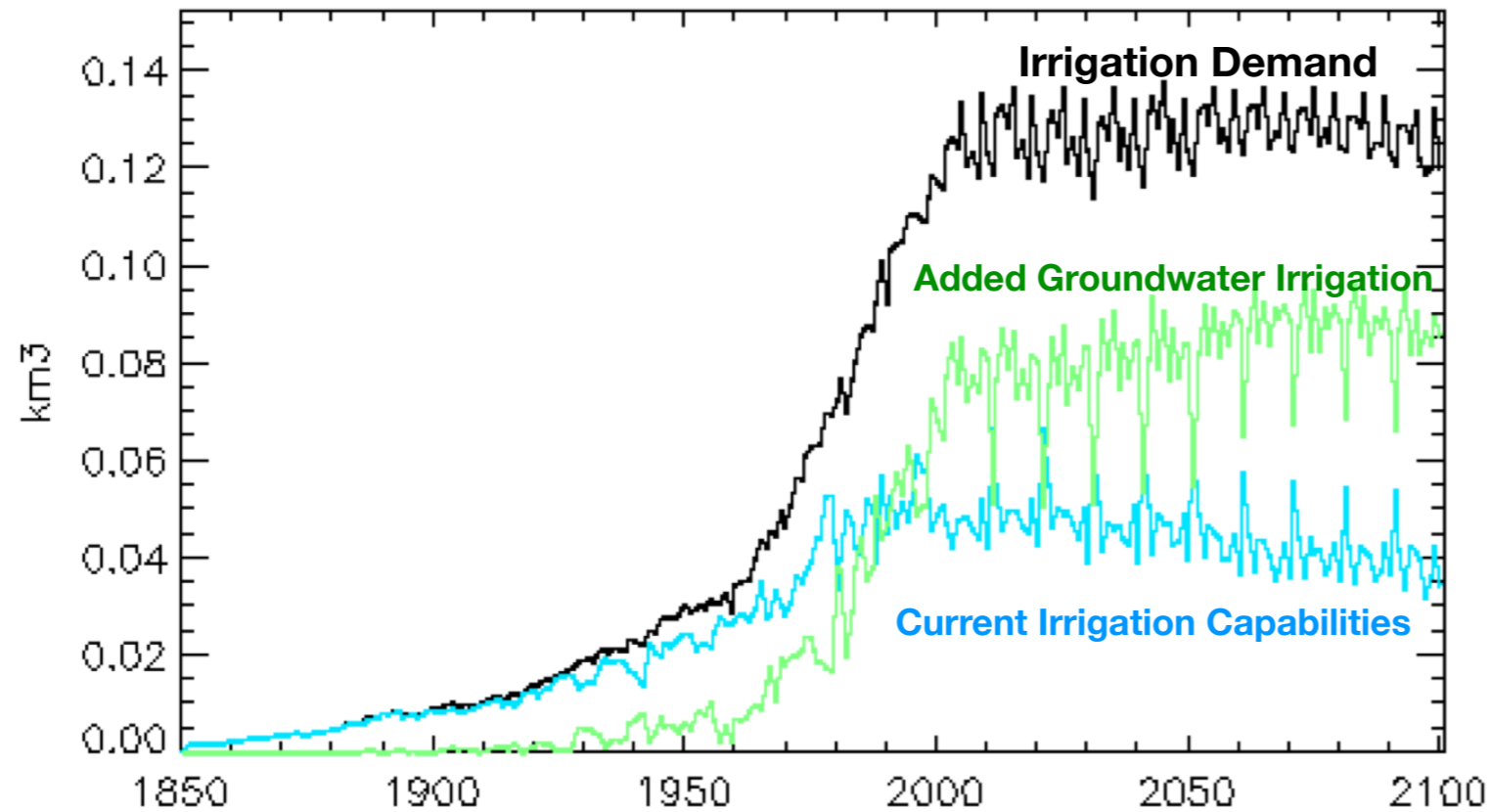
- 1) additional water can be removed from the ocean
- 2) irrigation can be constrained to maintain river water storage above a threshold





# New Irrigation Capabilities

## Annual irrigation Northern India



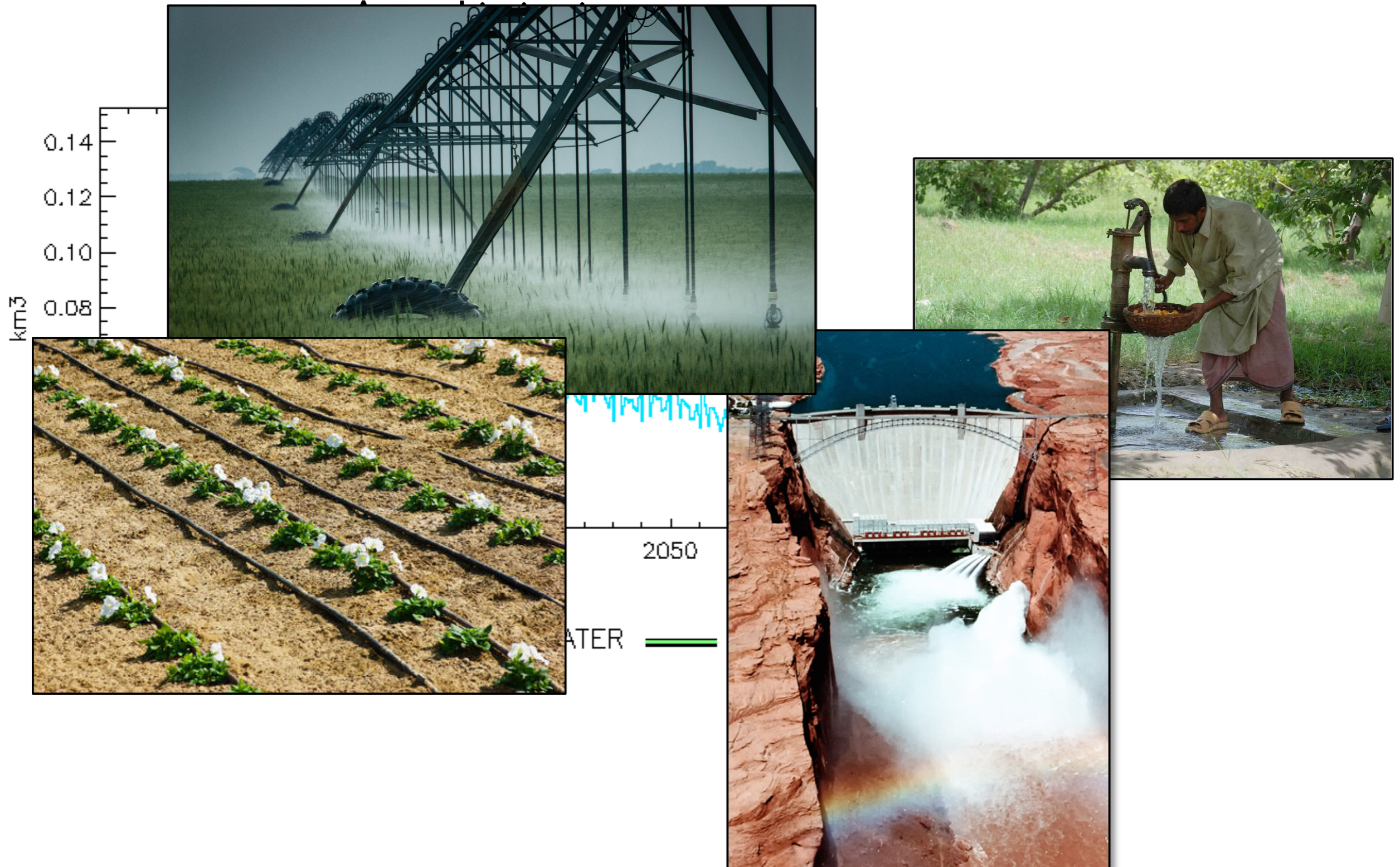
SURFACE  GROUNDWATER 

Introduce groundwater  
pumping



Assess relative  
withdrawals from surface  
water versus  
groundwater

# New Irrigation Capabilities



# Fertilizer



Fertilization begins during leaf emergence and runs for 20 days

*Note that the slow application minimizes N loss and limits N application to emergence phase*

Fertilizer is applied as two sources:

**Manure (manunitro)**

Applied at a rate of  $0.002 \text{ kg N m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

**Industrial (FERTNITRO\_CFT)**

Based on LUMIP land use and land cover change time series (LUH2 and SSPs)

Prescribed by crop functional type

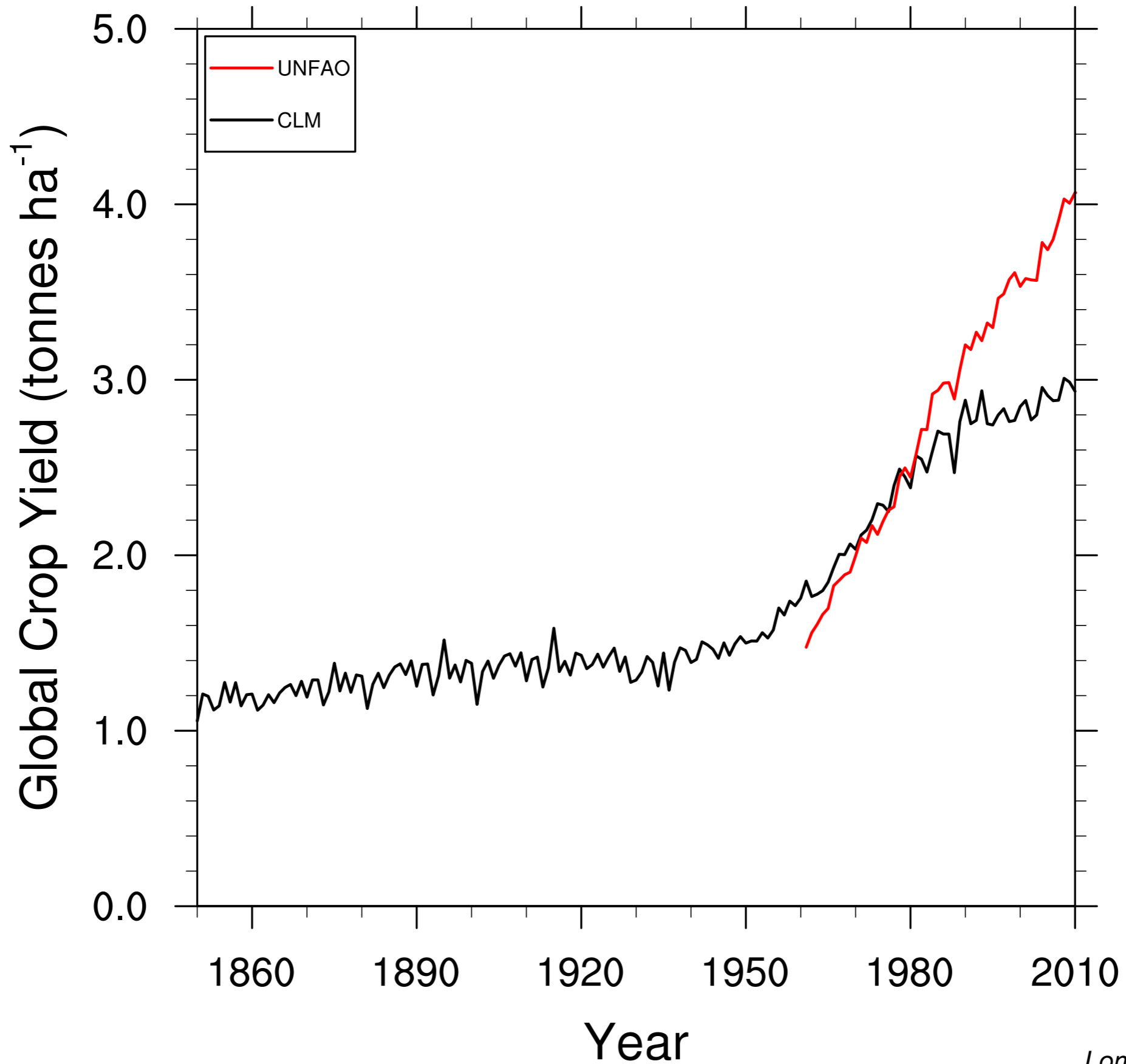
Varies spatially and temporally and specified on the land use time series

*Note that for non-transient simulations, industrial fertilizer is constant and specified on the land surface dataset (CONST\_FERTNITRO\_CFT)*

# 5) Crop Yields

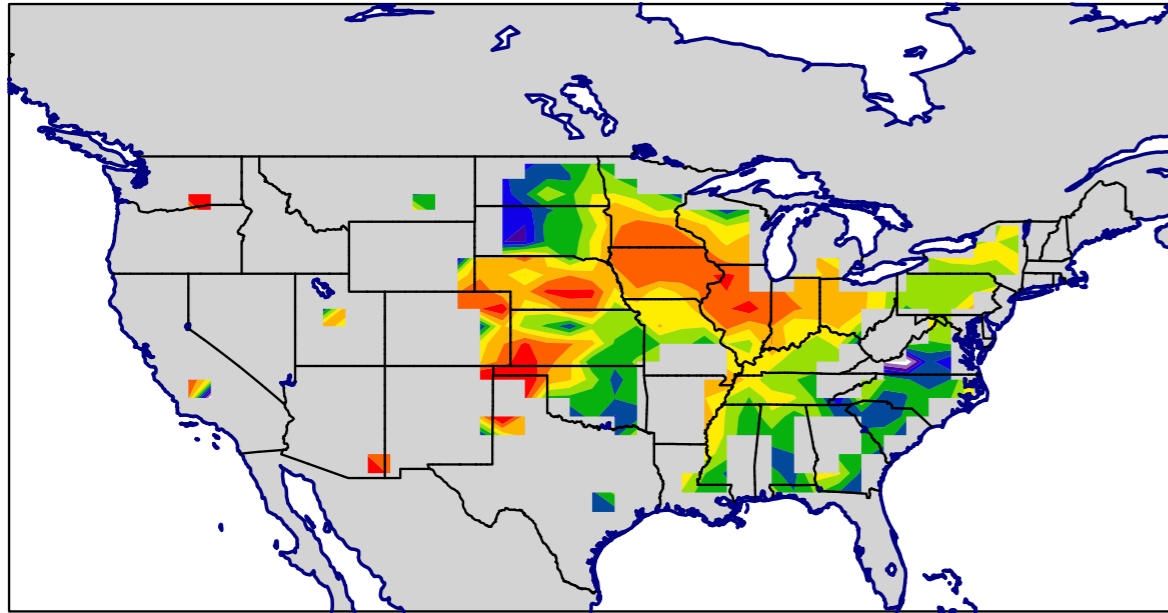


# Global Crop Yield

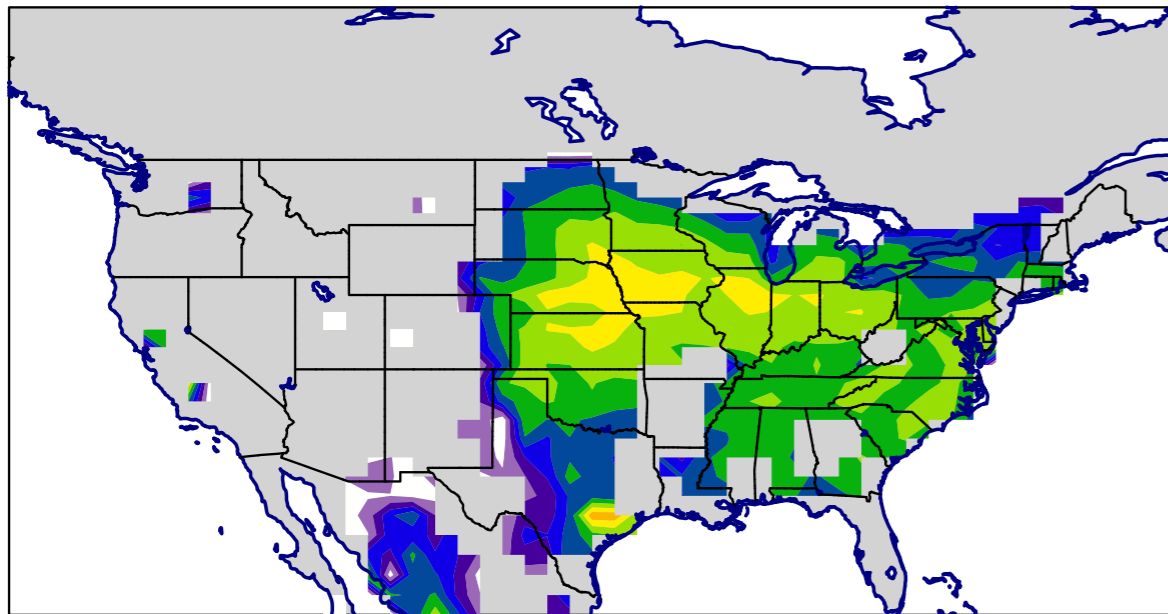


# Corn

USDA-NASS



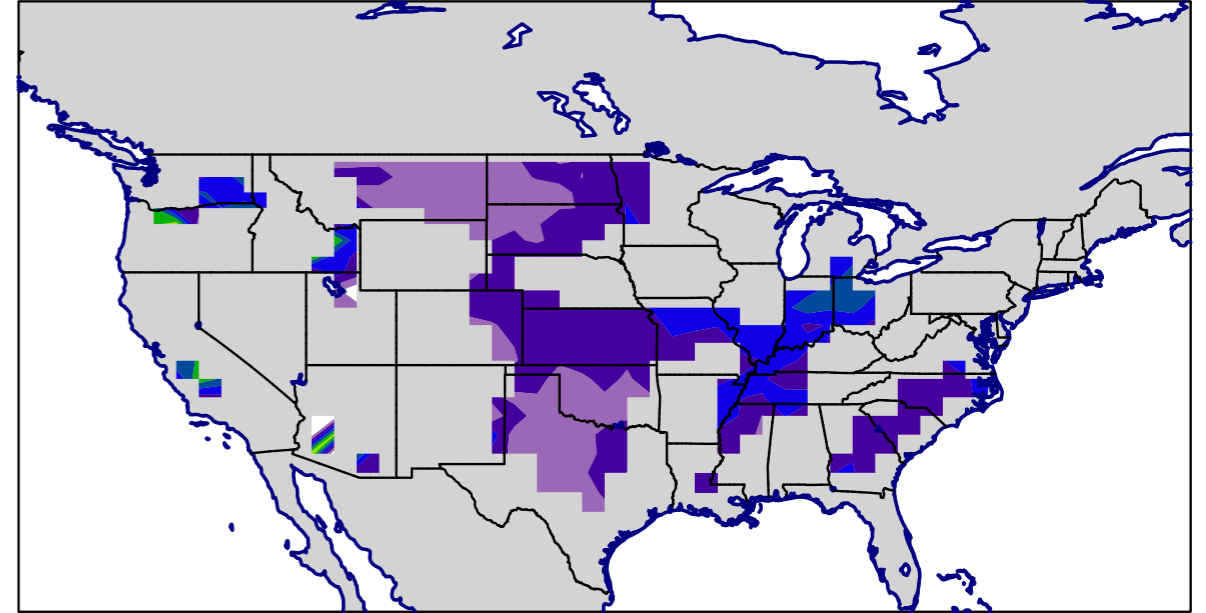
CLM



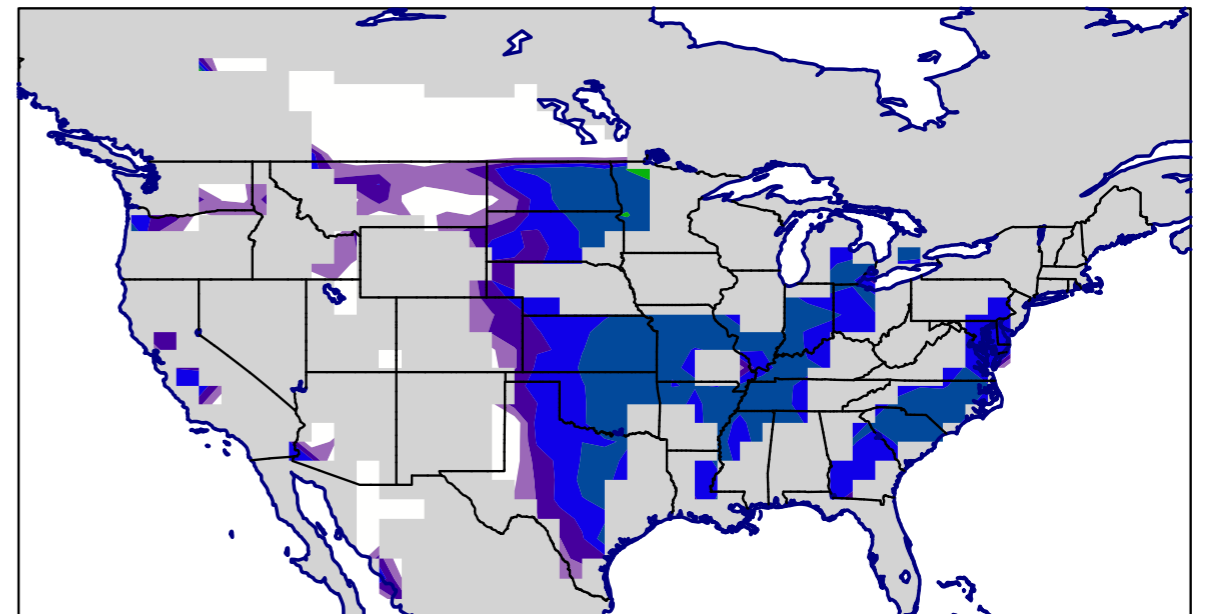
Annual Corn Yield (tonnes ha<sup>-1</sup>)

# Wheat

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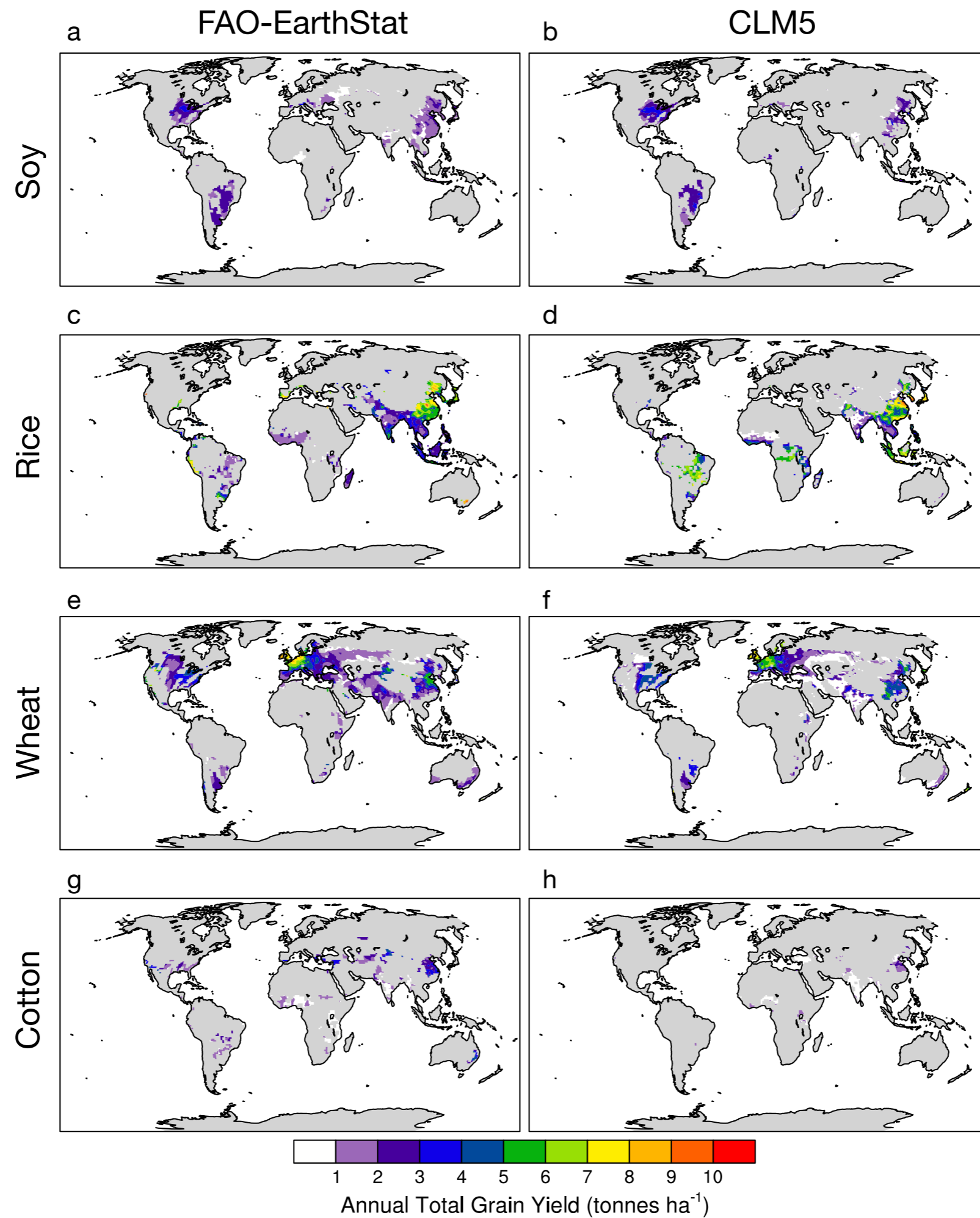
CLM



Annual Wheat Yield (tonnes ha<sup>-1</sup>)

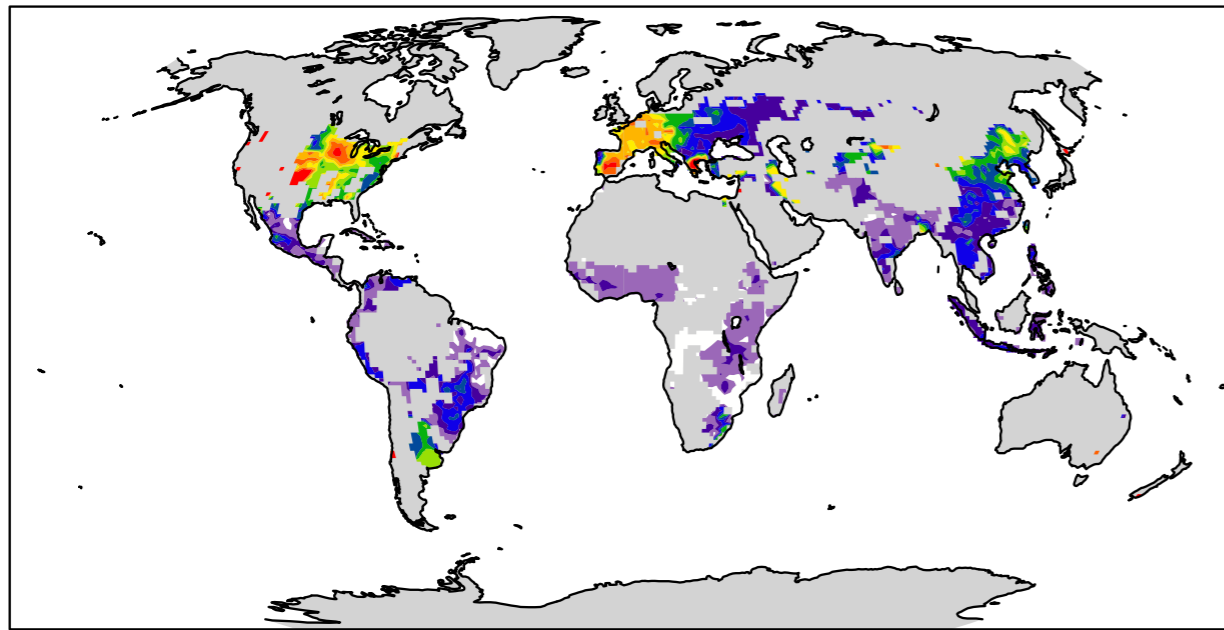
*Crop-type analysis: requires regridding from 1D to 3D, weighting by irrigated and rain-fed crop fractions, and weighting by % crop area and % crop type*

# C<sub>3</sub> Crops 1991-2010

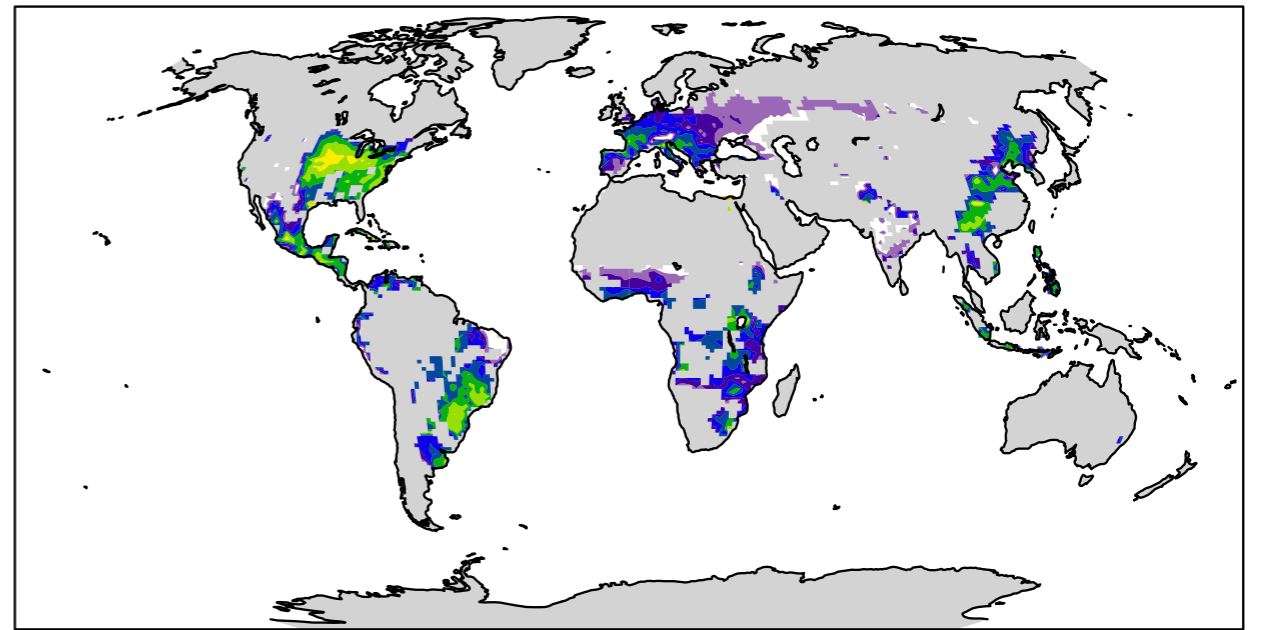


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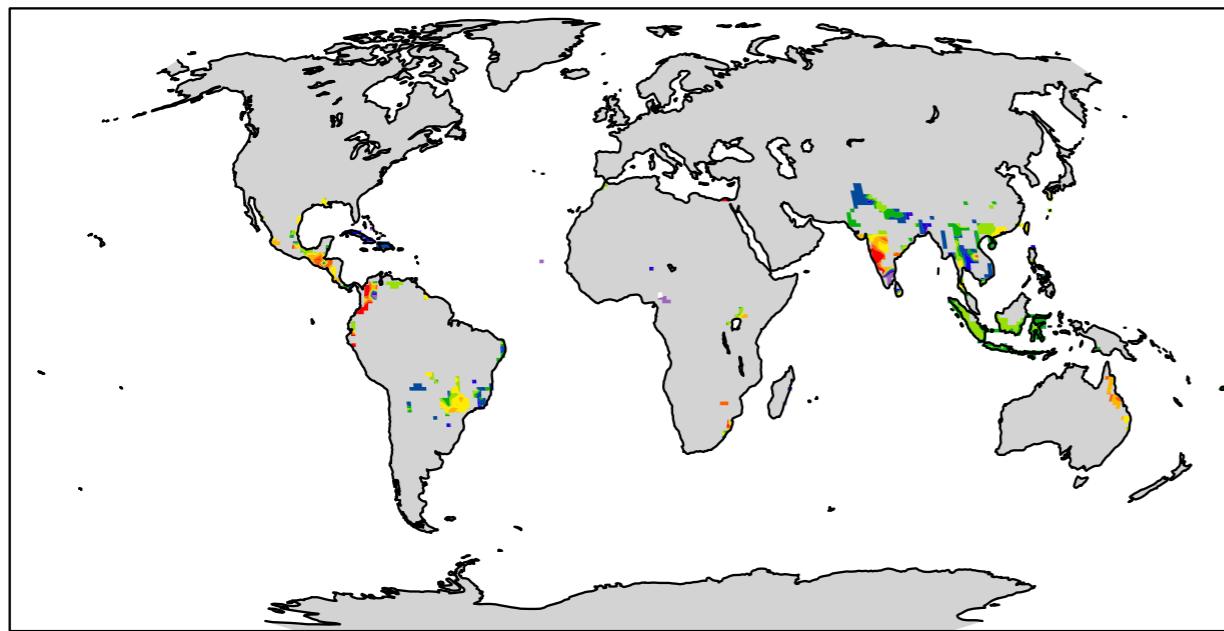
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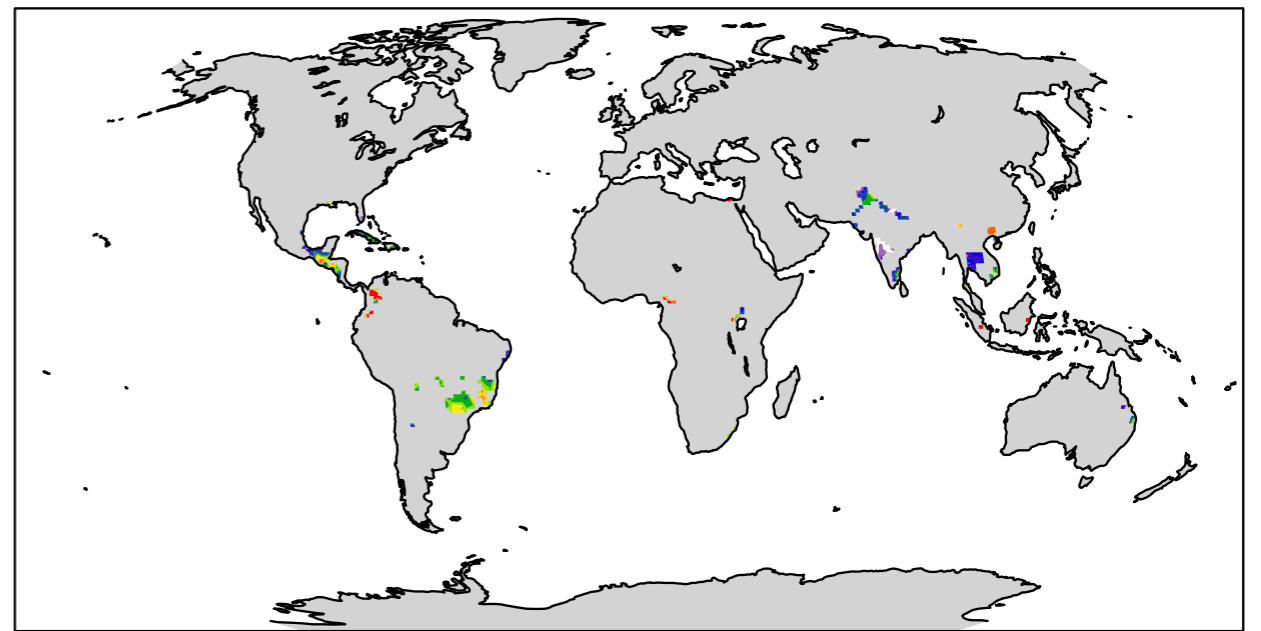
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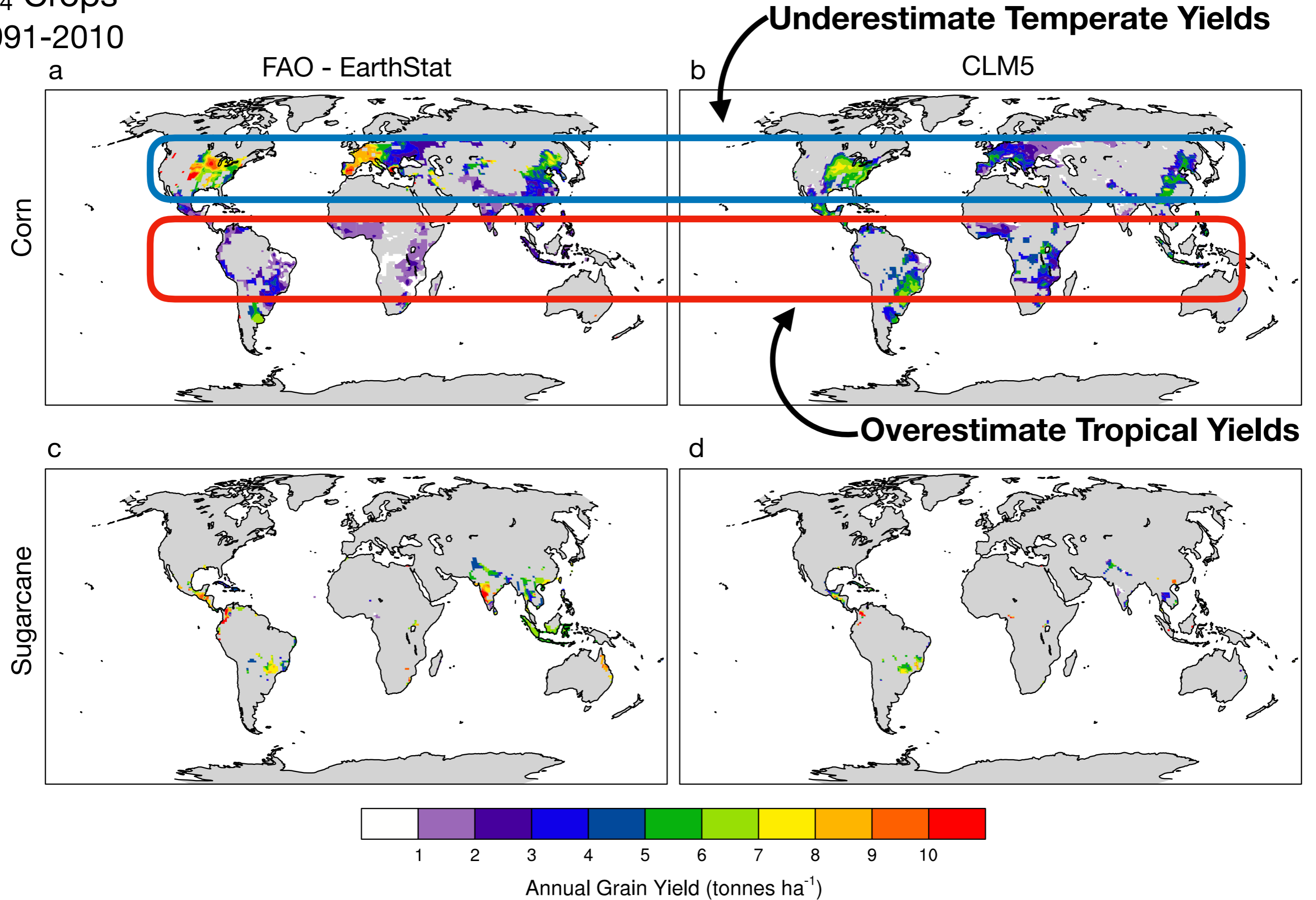
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Annual Grain Yield (tonnes ha<sup>-1</sup>)



# C<sub>4</sub> Crops 1991-2010



Global Grain Production (million tonnes)

2400  
2000  
1600  
1200  
800  
400  
0

1860 1890 1920 1950 1980 2010

Year

Effect Size in 2010 (million tonnes)

Irrigation

522

Fertilization

807

Irrigation + Fertilization  
Interaction

170

Cropland Expansion

712

Transient Forcing

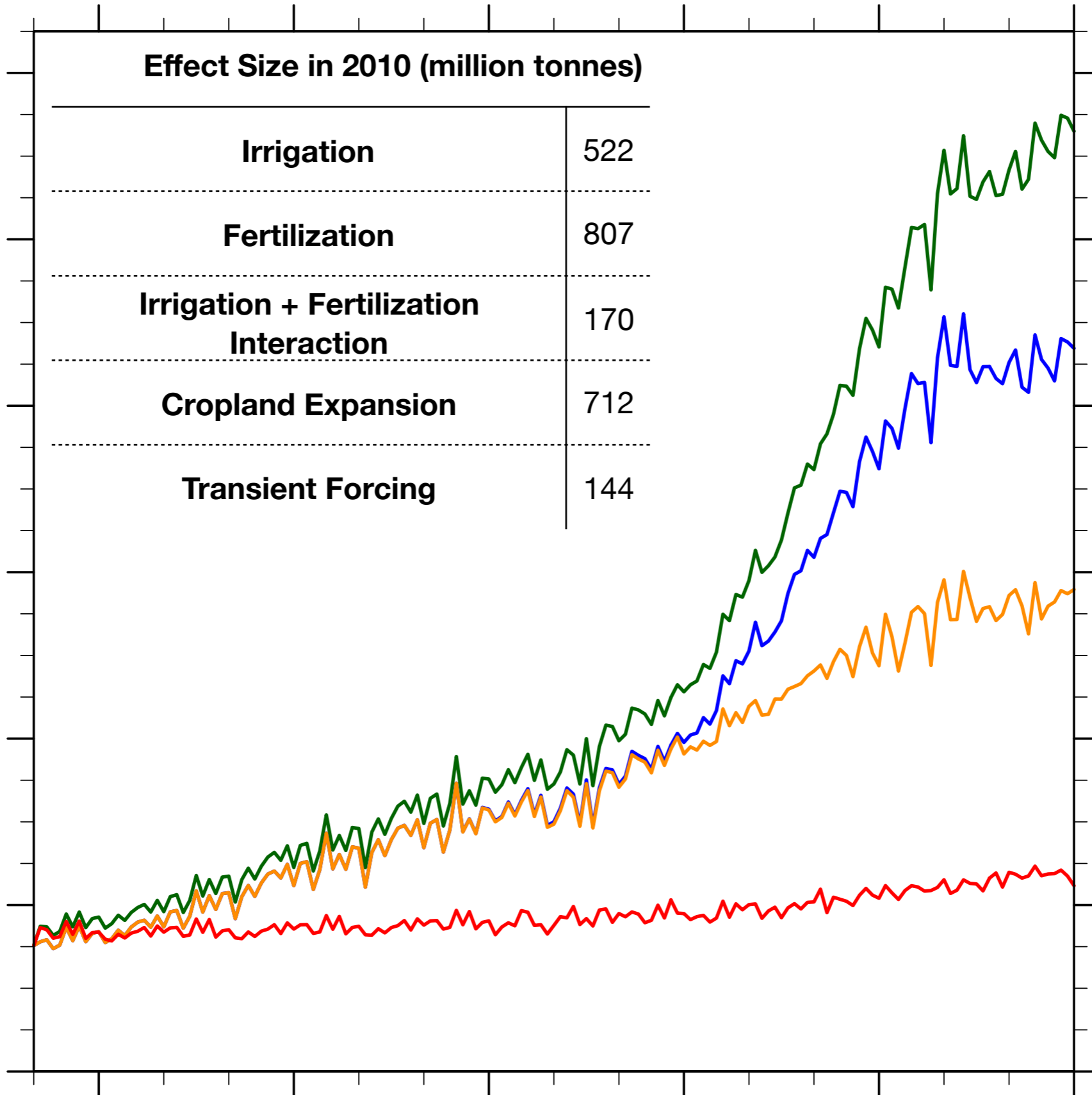
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Irrigation Effect

Fertilizer Effect  
(without irrigation interaction)

Crop Expansion Effect

Lombardozi et al. in review



# 6) Ongoing & Future Developments



# Ongoing or planned development activities

- Multiple irrigation application methods
- Soil tillage
- Cover crops
- Manure application,  $\text{NH}_3$ , &  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$  emissions
- APSIM crop model with additional phenological stages, including heat stress
- Spatially explicit planting windows
- Shifting cultivation
- Additional crop types (switchgrass, oil palm, winter wheat)
- Managed pasture
- Managed trees/timber

# New: CTSM Agriculture Working Group

To facilitate development and application of CTSM-Crop



Interested in joining? Contact me ([dll@ucar.edu](mailto:dll@ucar.edu))

