



# Irrigation modeling activities with CLM / CTSM

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# Irrigation scheme in Community Land Model (CLM5) → Community Earth System Model (CESM2)

- Irrigation applied once per day (if needed) at **6am LT** for **4 hours**
- Irrigation amount  $D_{irrig}$

**Tunable  
parameter**

$$D_{irrig} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} w_{thresh} - w_{avail} & w_{thresh} > w_{avail} \\ 0 & w_{thresh} \leq w_{avail} \end{array} \right\}$$

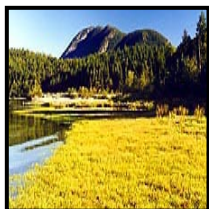
$$w_{thresh} = f_{thresh} (w_{target} - w_{wilt}) + w_{wilt}$$

where  $w_{target}$ ,  $w_{avail}$   $w_{wilt}$  calculated to **0.6m** depth

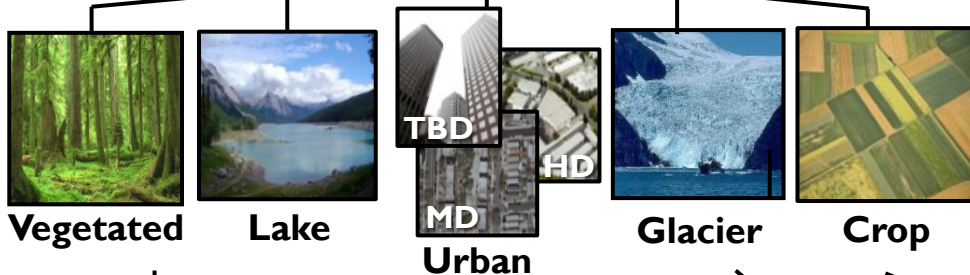
- $f_{thresh}$  determines soil moisture threshold for irrigation
  - 1.0 (default) means irrigate when soil moisture below target
  - 0.0 means irrigate when soil moisture reaches wilting point
- Irrigation water applied directly to ground surface (i.e., drip irrigation)
- To conserve mass, irrigation water taken from river water storage; if not enough river water then:
  - water taken diffusely from ocean (default in CESM2)
  - irrigation water restricted by minimum river water limiter

# Heterogeneity

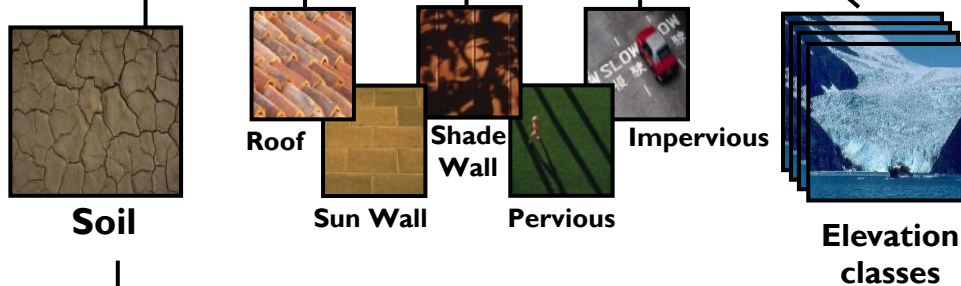
**Gridcell**



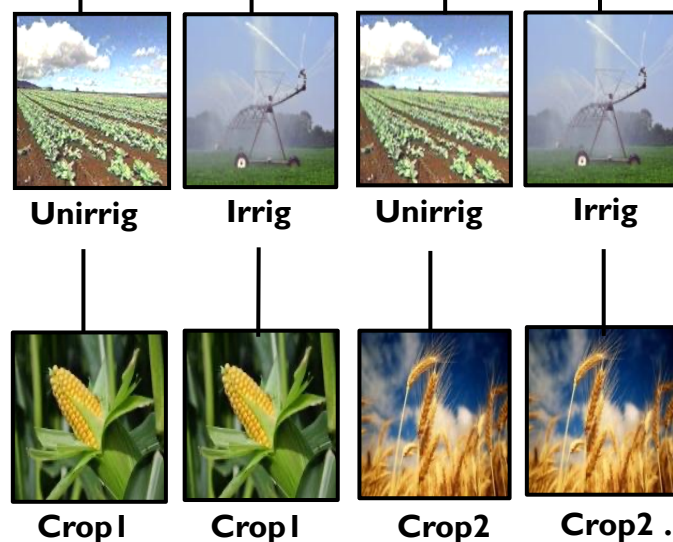
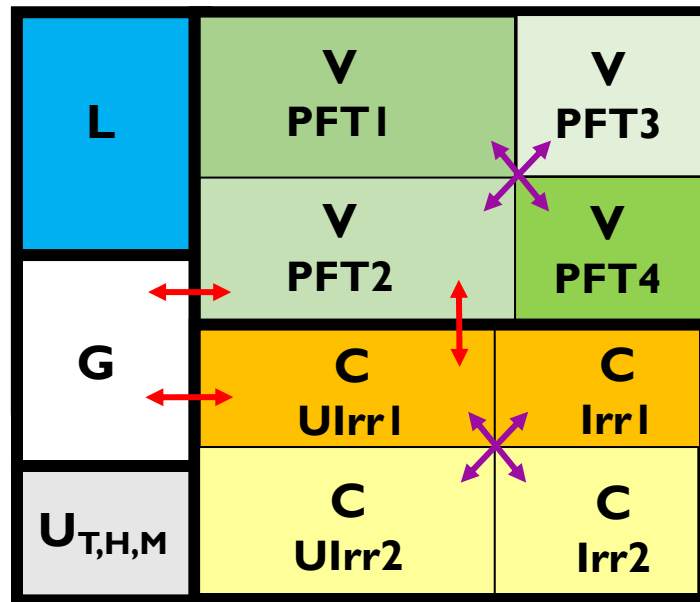
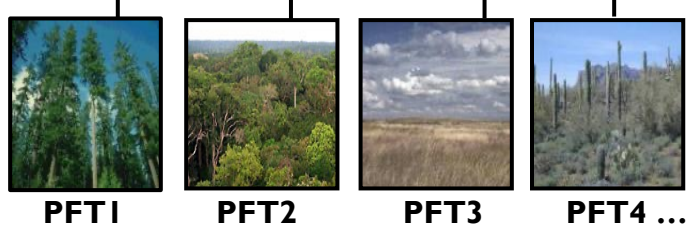
**Landunit**



**Column**



**Patch**

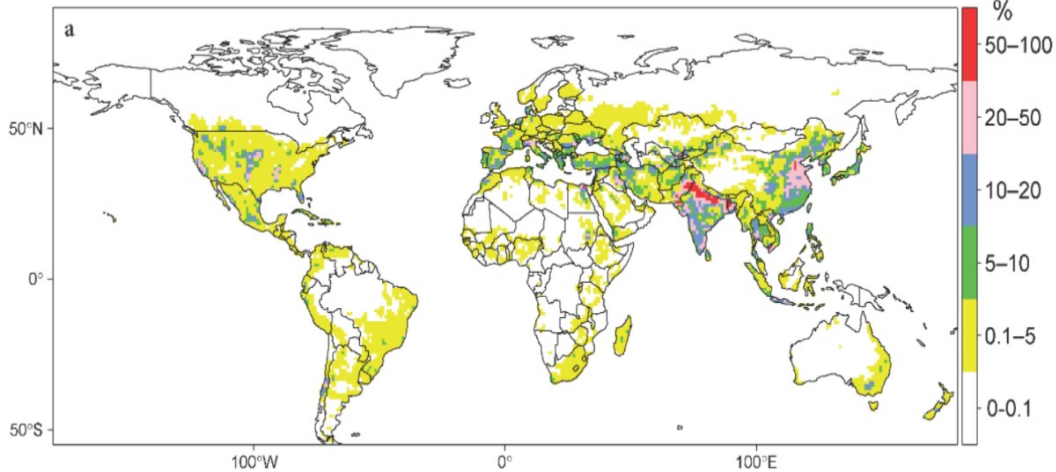




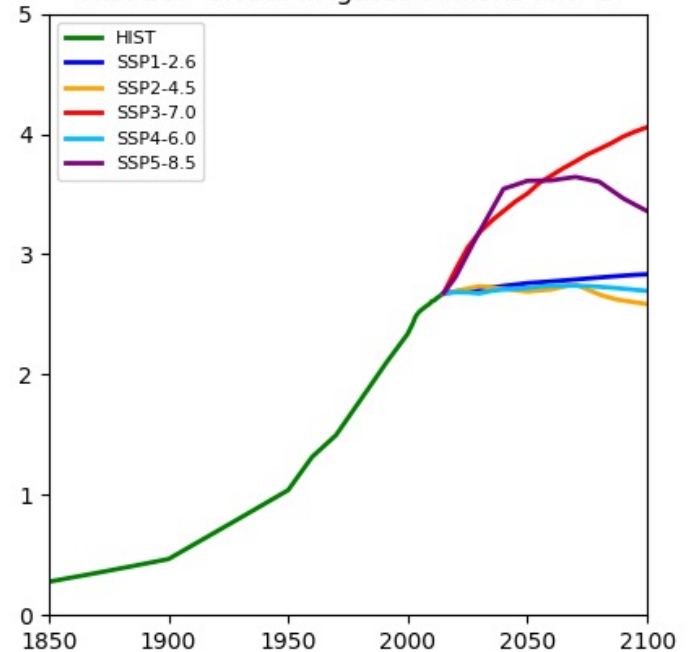
# Irrigation-equipped area Historical and SSPs from LUH2

## Land-use Harmonization (LUH2) for CMIP6 (0.25°, 850 to 2100) Irrigation data from HYDE and IAMs

Grid-cell area equipped for irrigation % around 2005



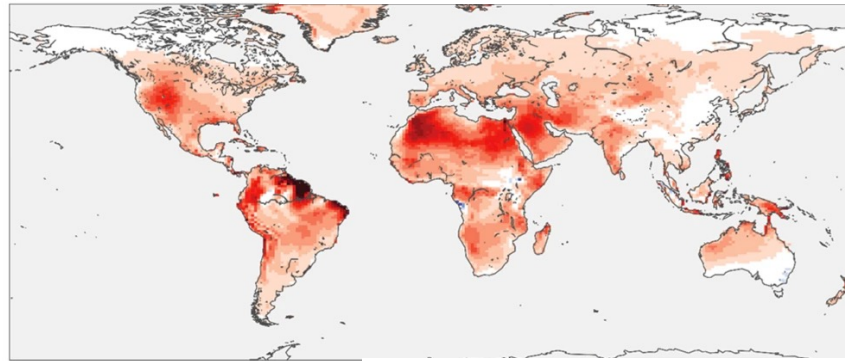
Hist SSP Global Irrigated Millions km<sup>2</sup>



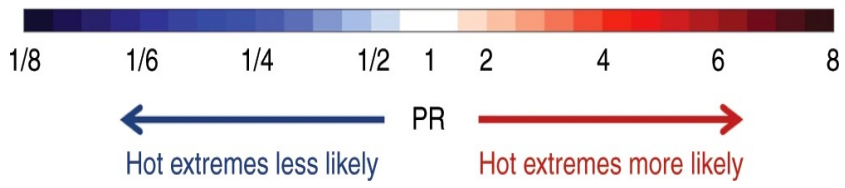
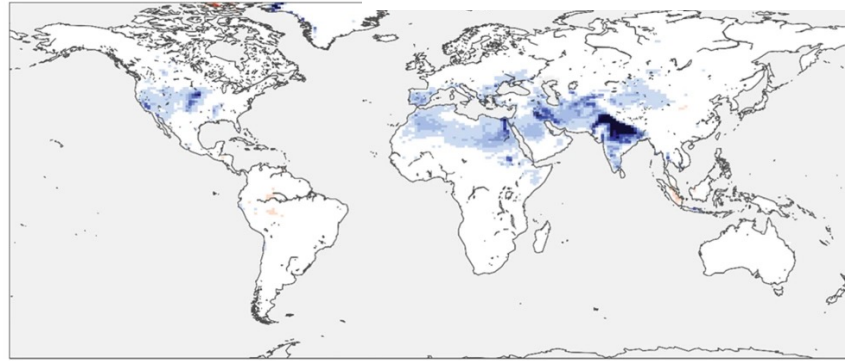


# Impact of irrigation on heat extremes

All forcings except irrigation

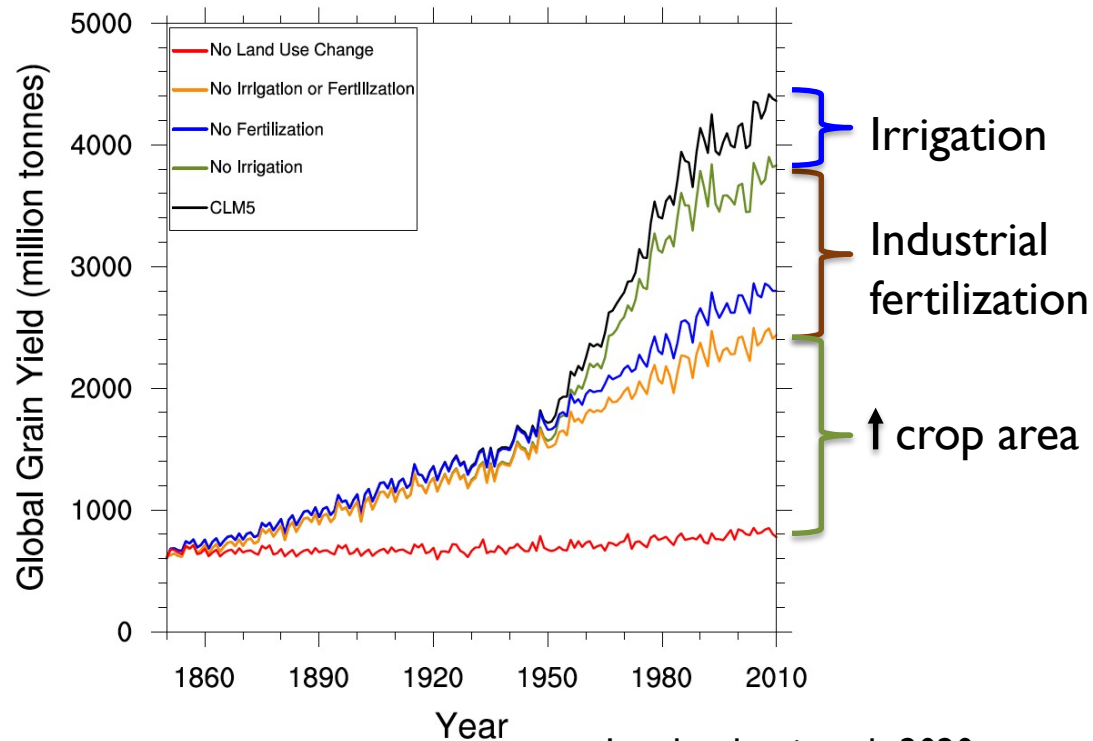


Just irrigation expansion



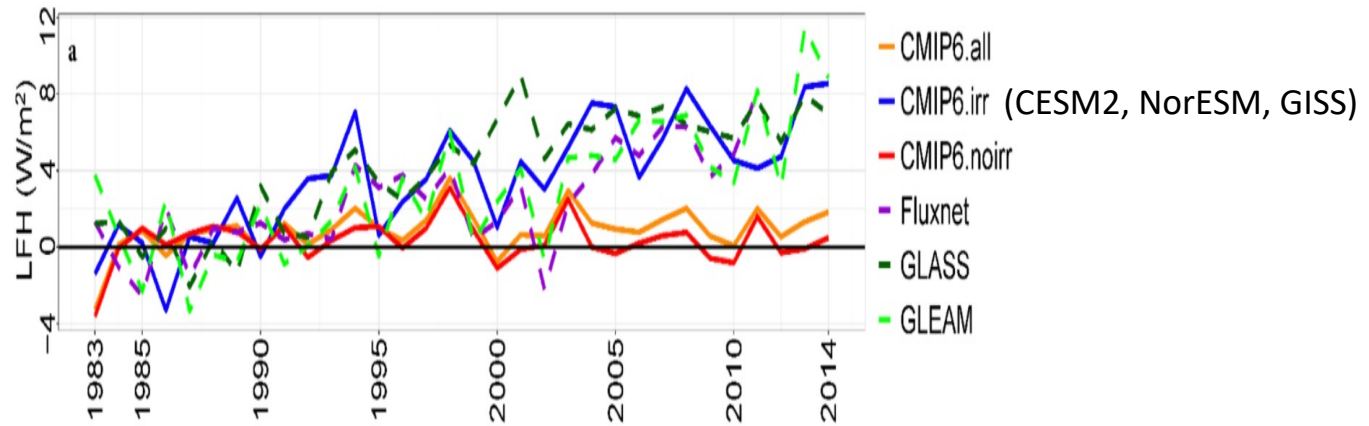
# Land-only land management experiments with CLM5

## Crop Yield



Lombardozi et al., 2020

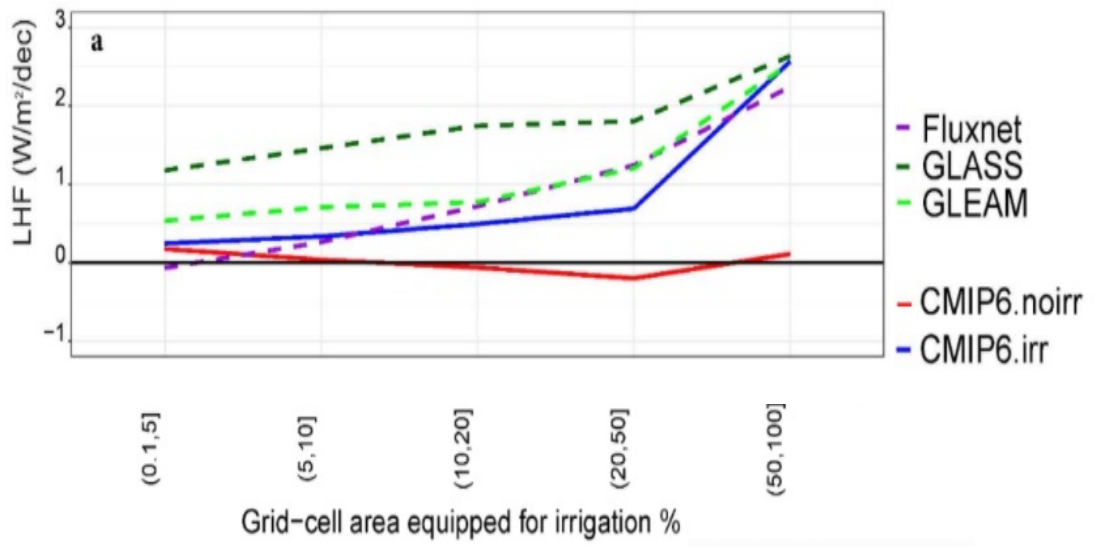
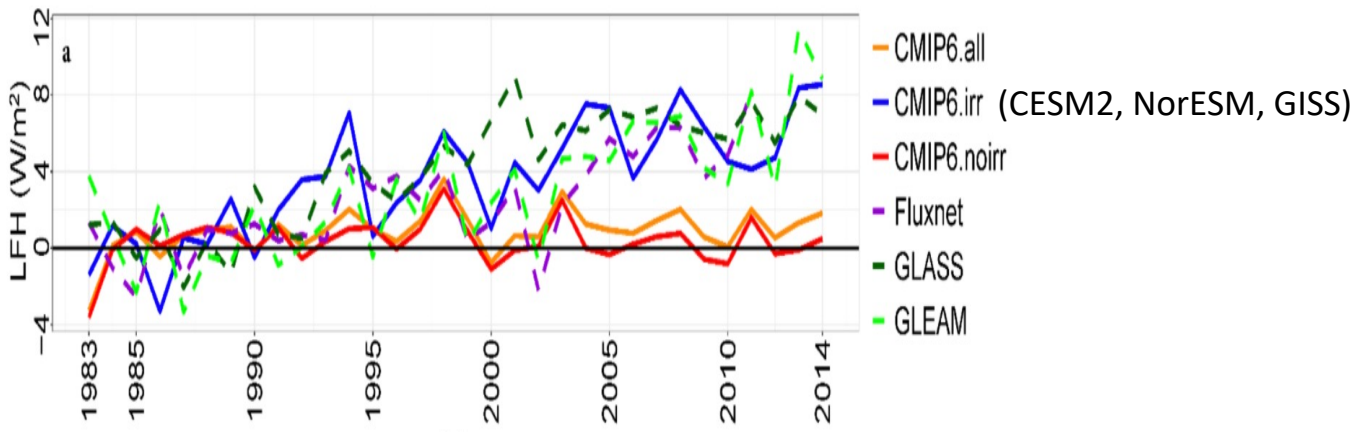
Impact of agricultural management on annual CO<sub>2</sub> amplitude trend  
(Lombardozi et al, in review)



Data averaged for grid cells with 50-100% irrigation area

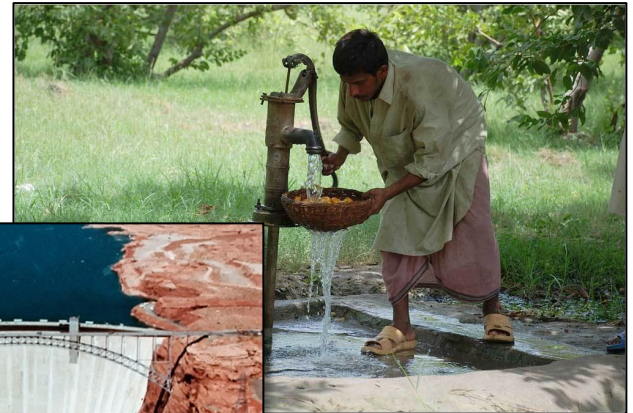


# Irrigation impact in CMIP6 models

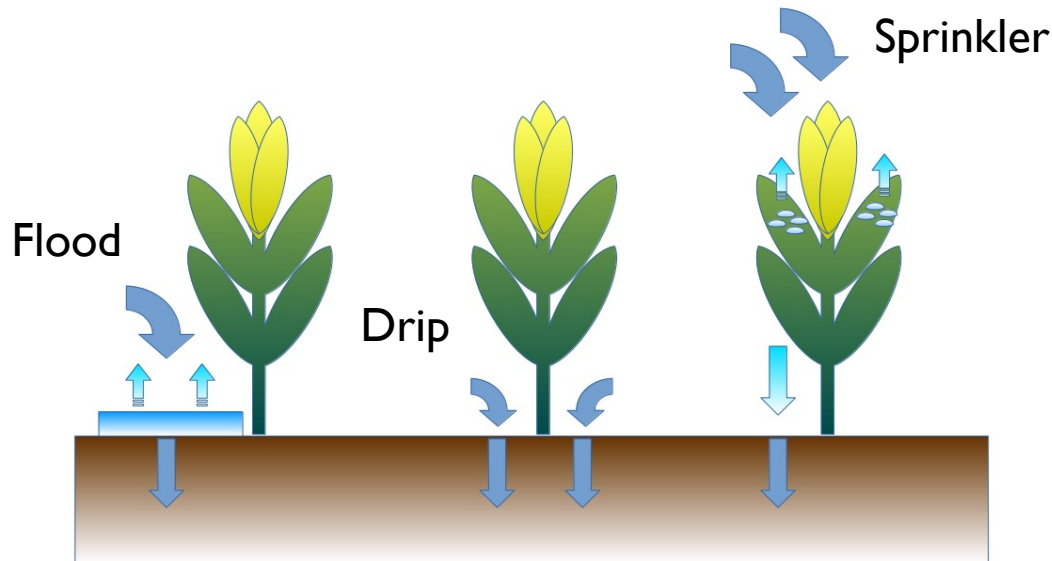
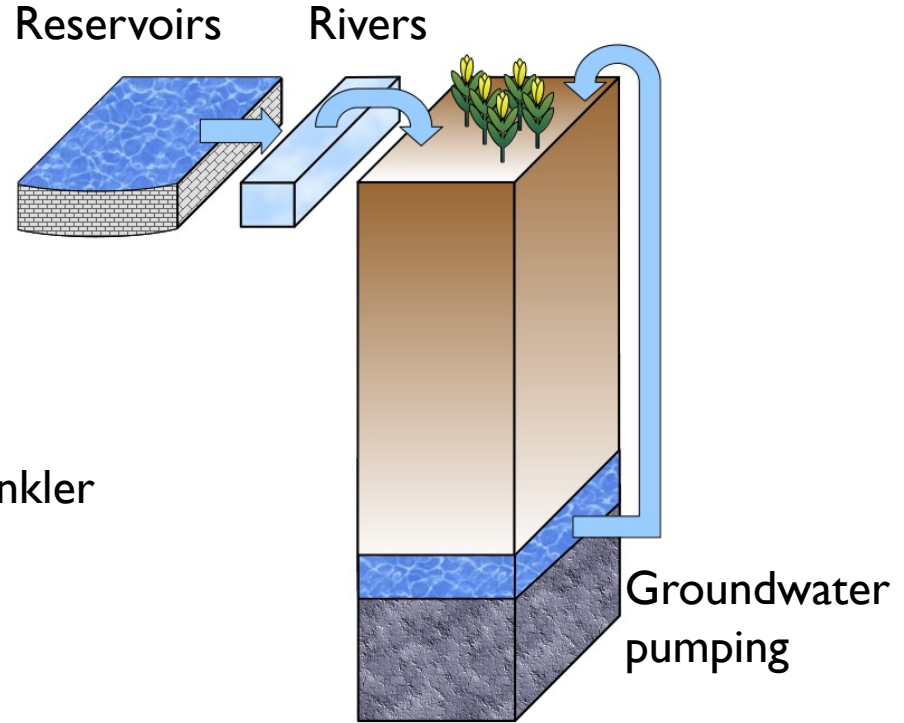




# Water management development beyond CLM5

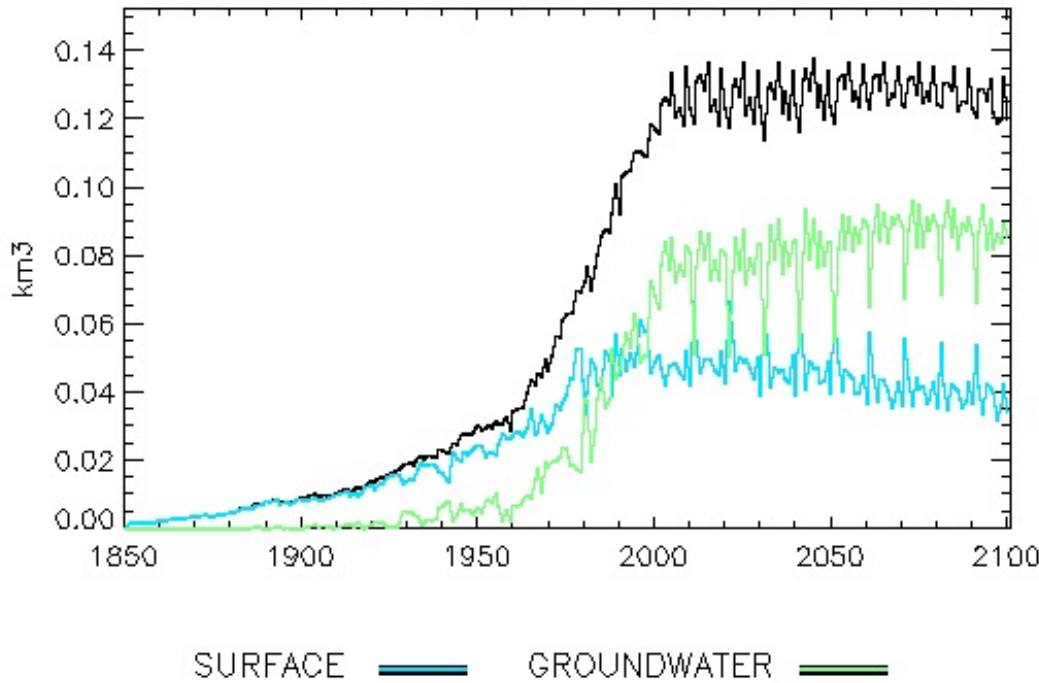


# Alternative irrigation methods Improved constraints on sources of irrigation water



# More realistic treatment of sources of irrigation water

## Annual irrigation Northern India



## Groundwater pumping



Can assess relative  
withdrawals from surface  
water versus groundwater

Need: Confined aquifer  
maps and water content

## Water Resources Research

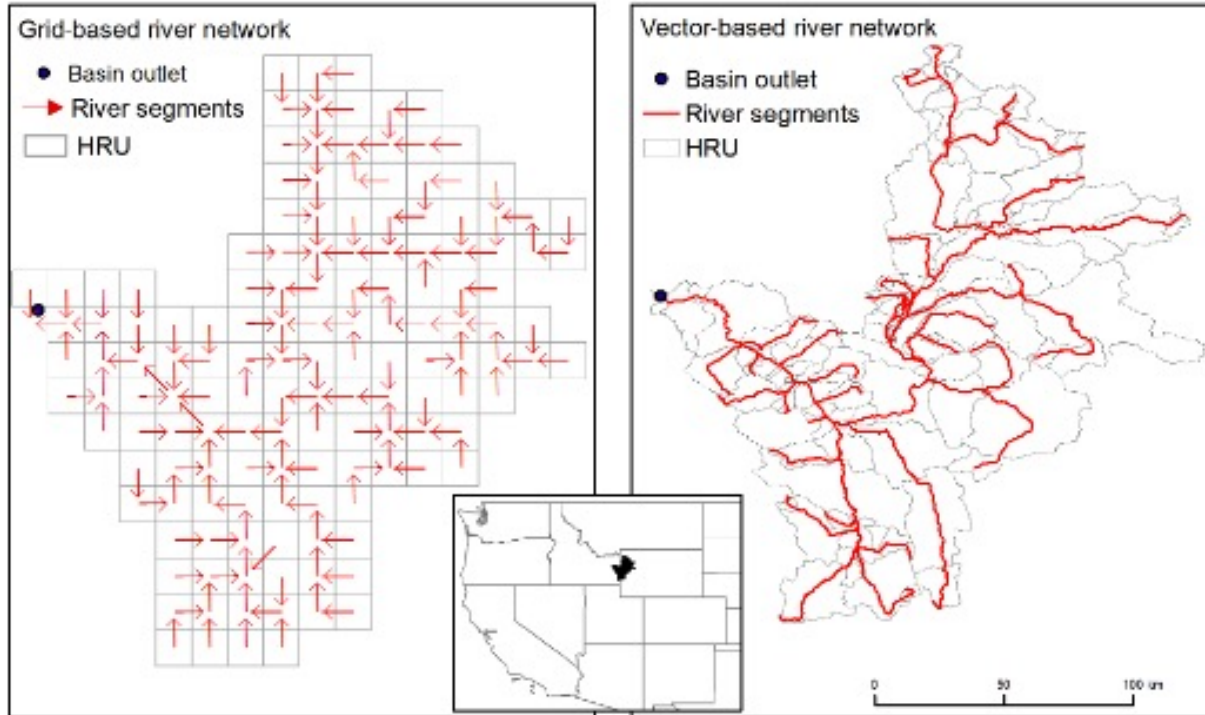
**Representing Intercell Lateral Groundwater Flow and  
Aquifer Pumping in the Community Land Model**

Farshid Felfelani<sup>1</sup>, David M. Lawrence<sup>2</sup>, and Yadu Pokhrel<sup>1</sup>

# Connecting rivers and lakes, reservoir management

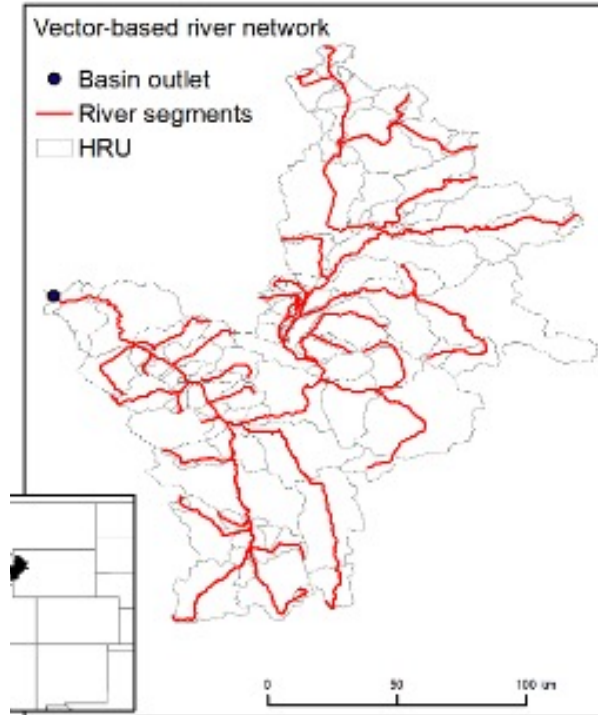
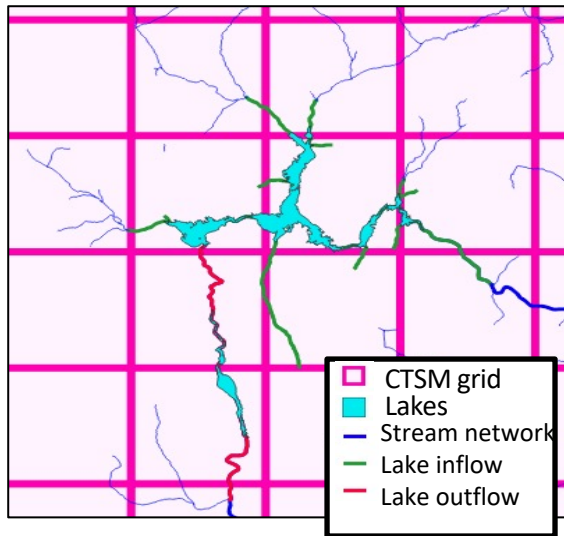
MOSART (Li et al., 2014)

mizuRoute (Mizukami et al., 2020)



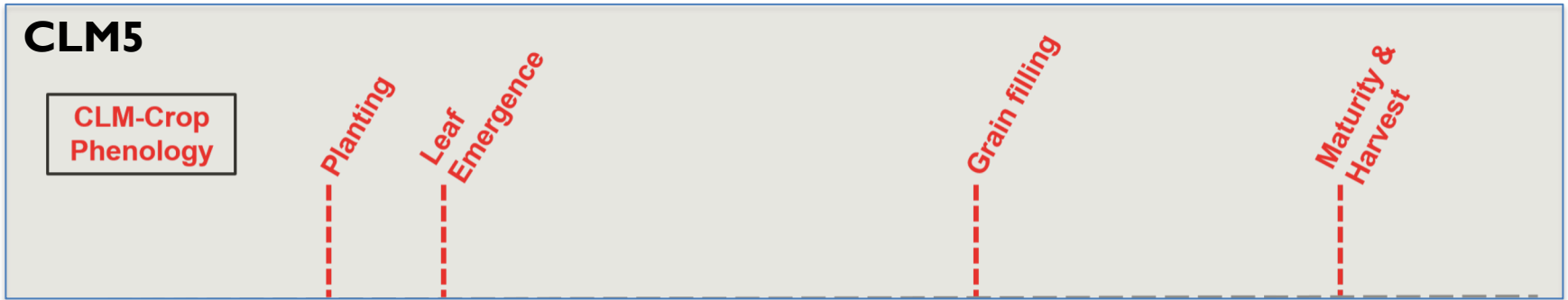
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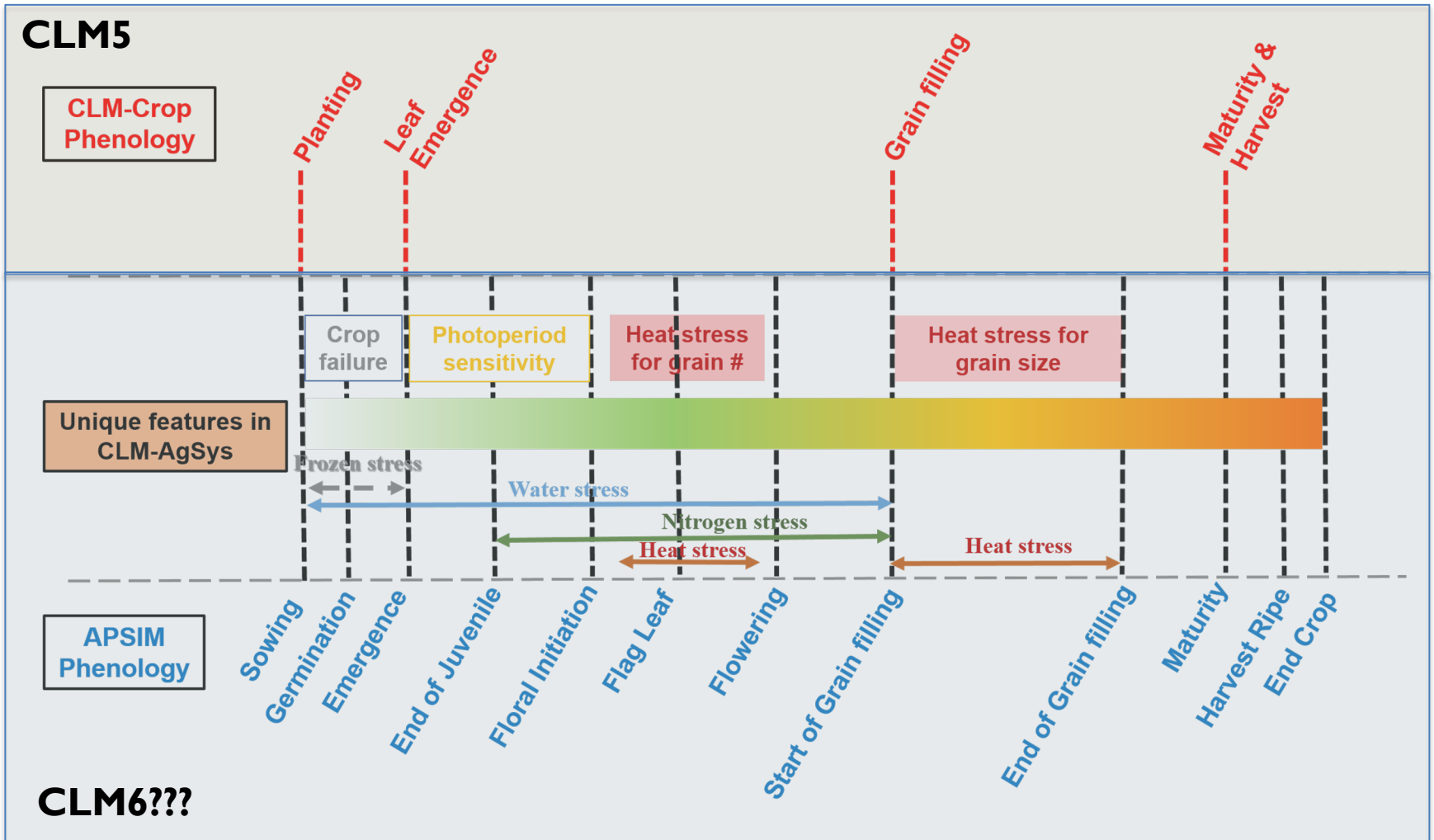


Vanderkelen et al., in prep

# More advanced representation of crop phenological stages



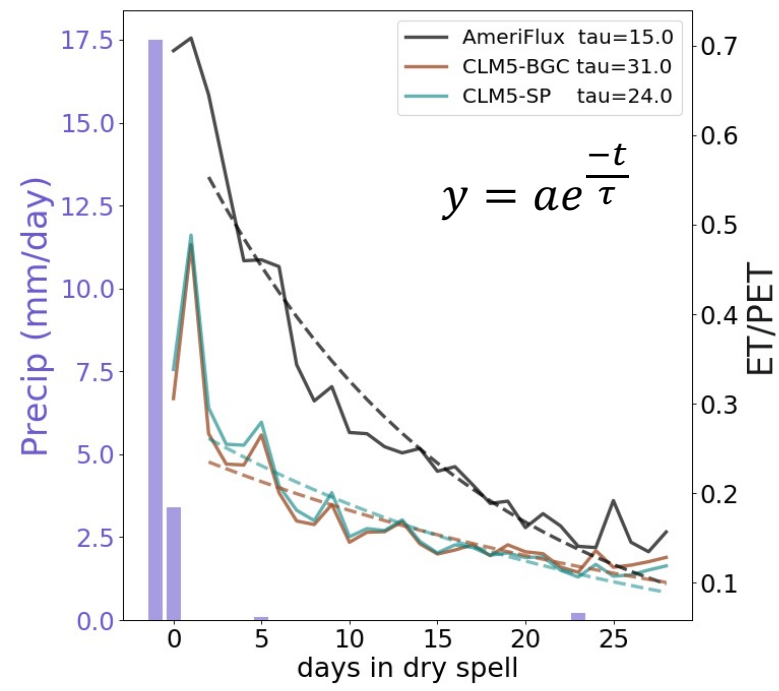
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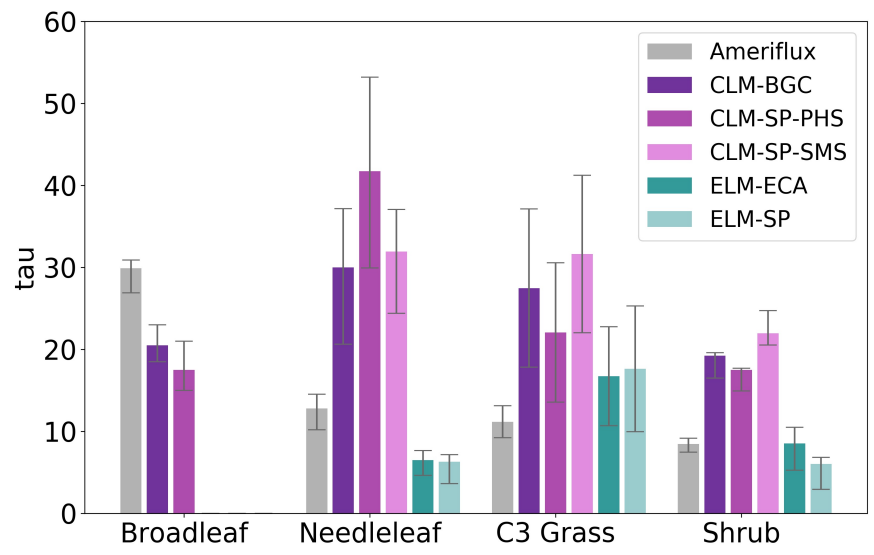


Identify events

Improving soil hydrology and ET processes  
 Characteristic rates of ET recession



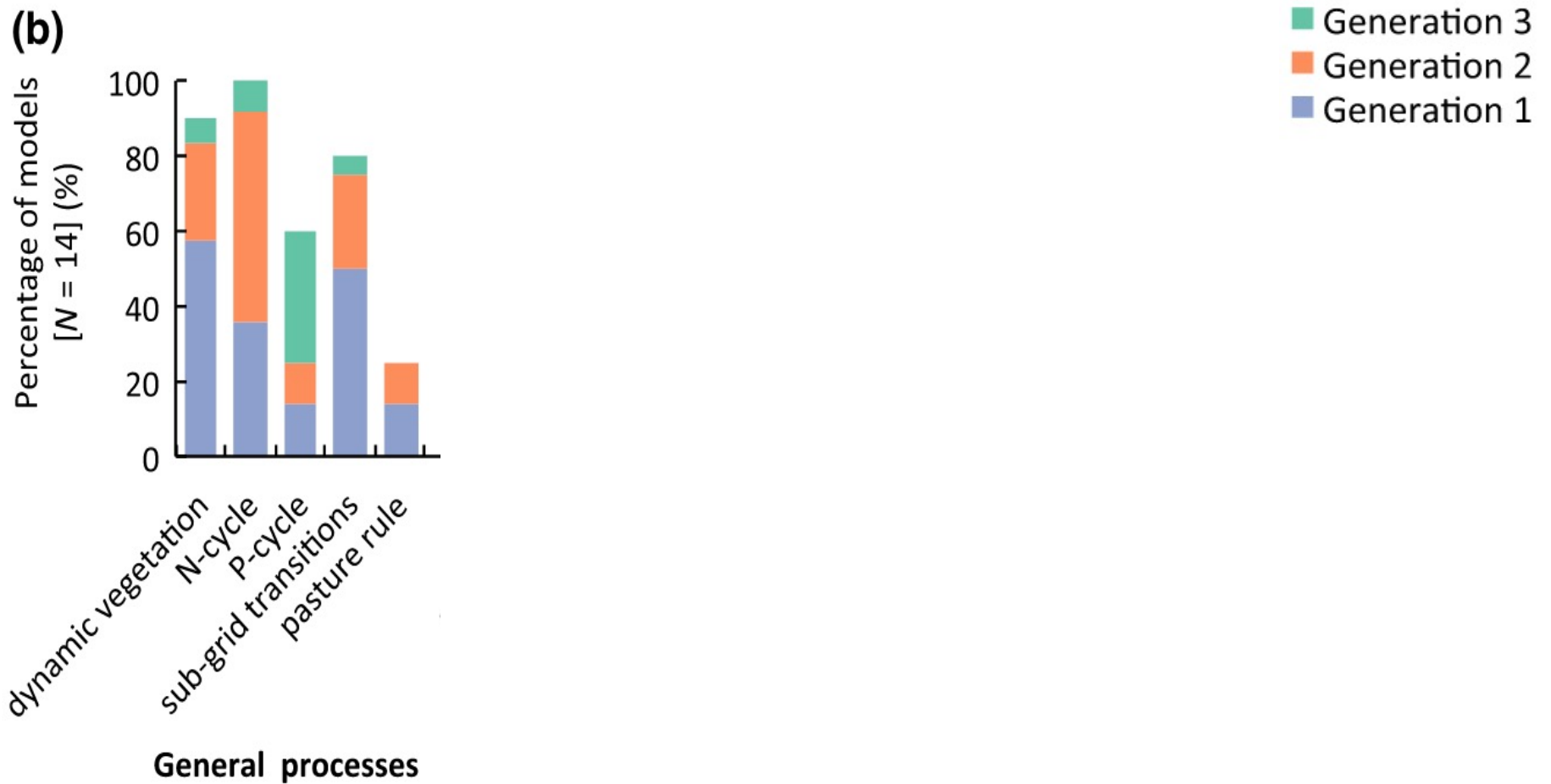
Comparing rates of ET recession during drydown in obs (Flux Tower sites) and models (after Martinez de la Torre et al., 2019)





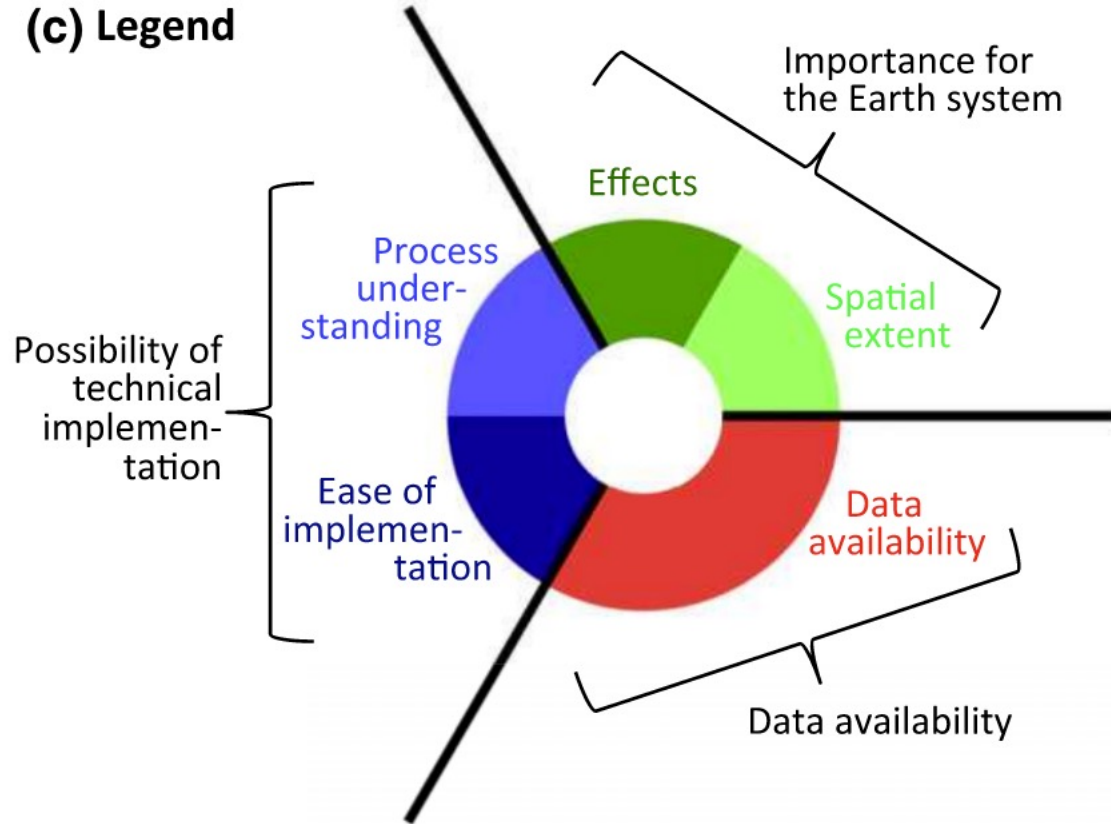
# Survey of modeling groups' progress and plans with respect to implementation of land management

(b)

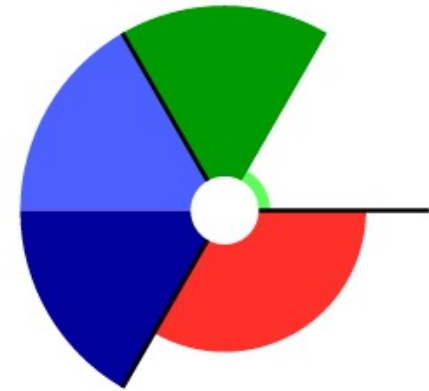


# Importance and feasibility roadmap for land management processes

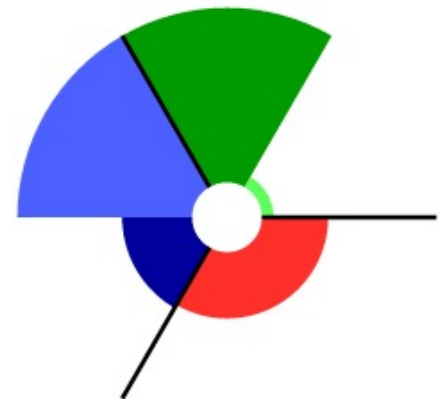
## (c) Legend



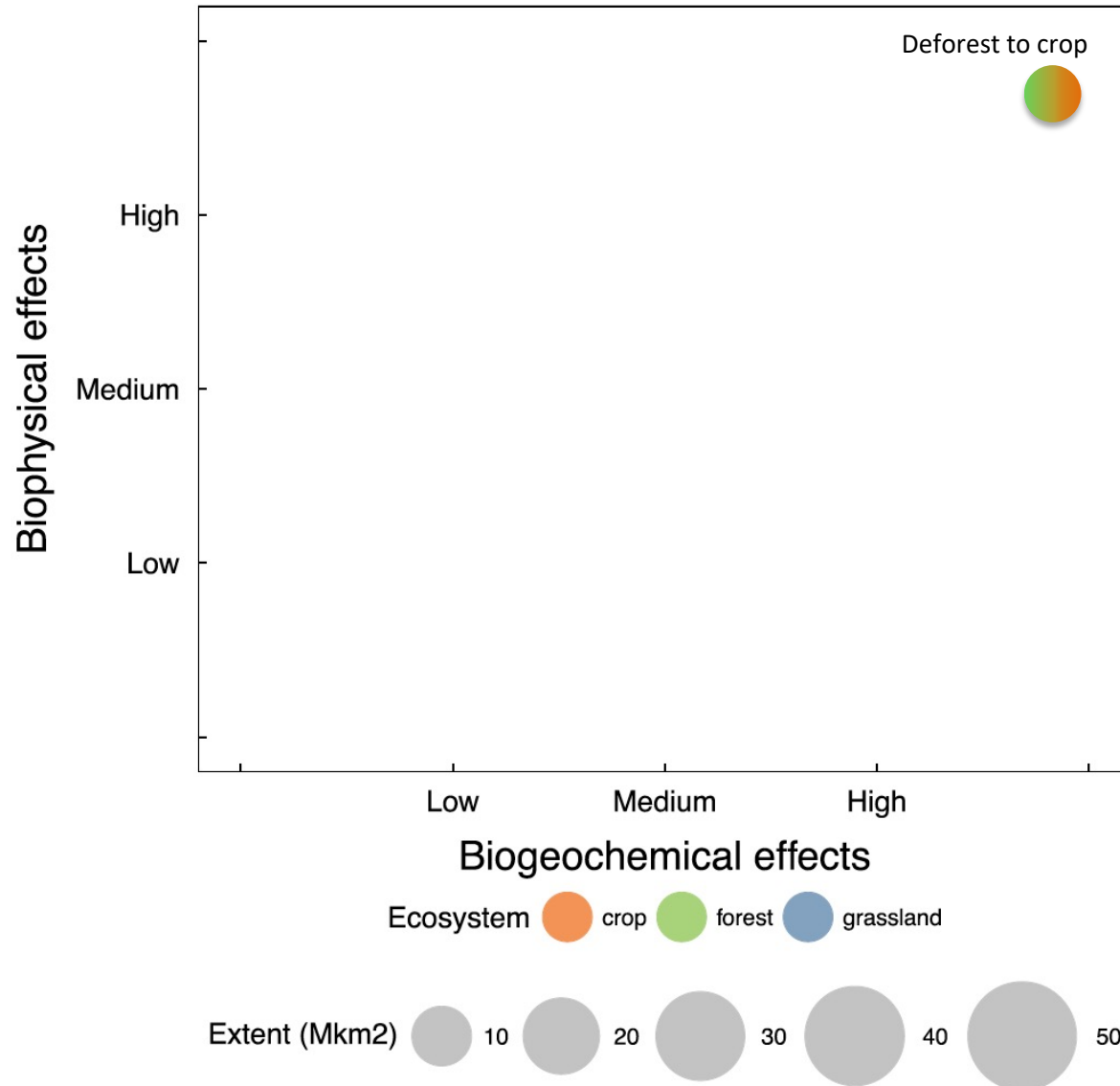
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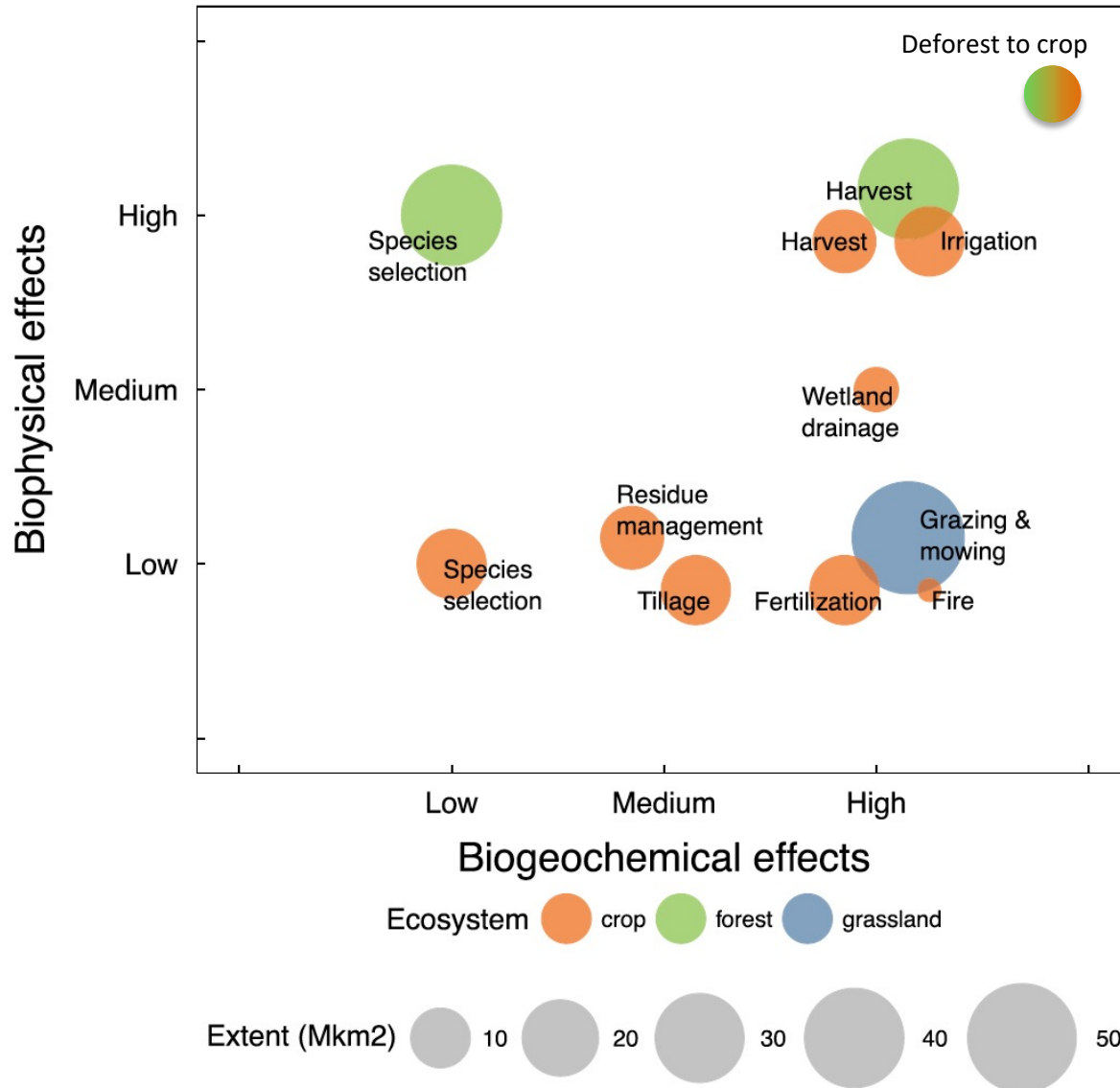
## Irrigation (Comprehensive)



# Synthesis of land management impacts



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# Land management in Community Land Model (CLM5)

## Included in default CLM5

- Global crop model with 8 crop types; planting, grain fill, harvest, residue manage
- Crop irrigation
- Crop Industrial fertilization
- Wood harvest
- Urban environments
- Human fire ignition and suppression

Corn\*

Winter wheat

Sugarcane

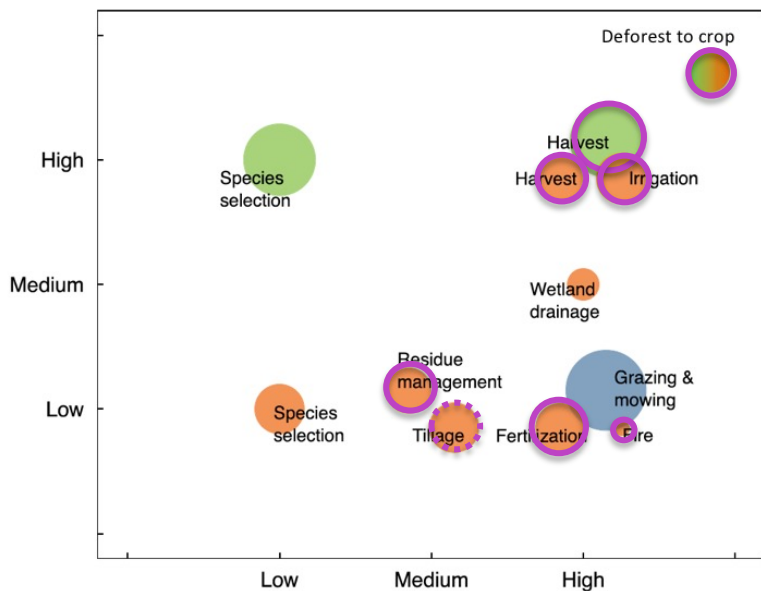


Soy\*

Cotton

Rice

\* Temperate and tropical varieties



Fertilization

Irrigation



# CLM5: Soil hydrology updates

