

Modelling of Forest Processes for Climate Change Impact Studies

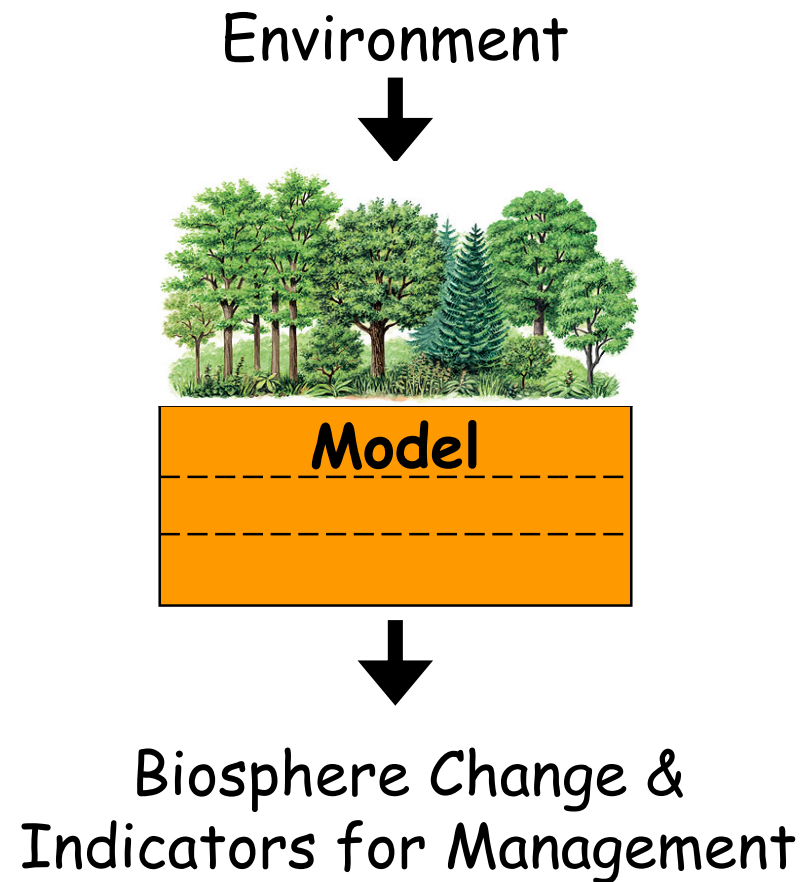
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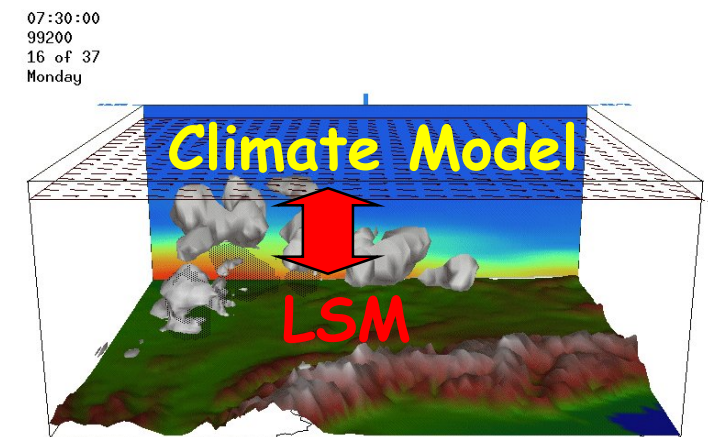
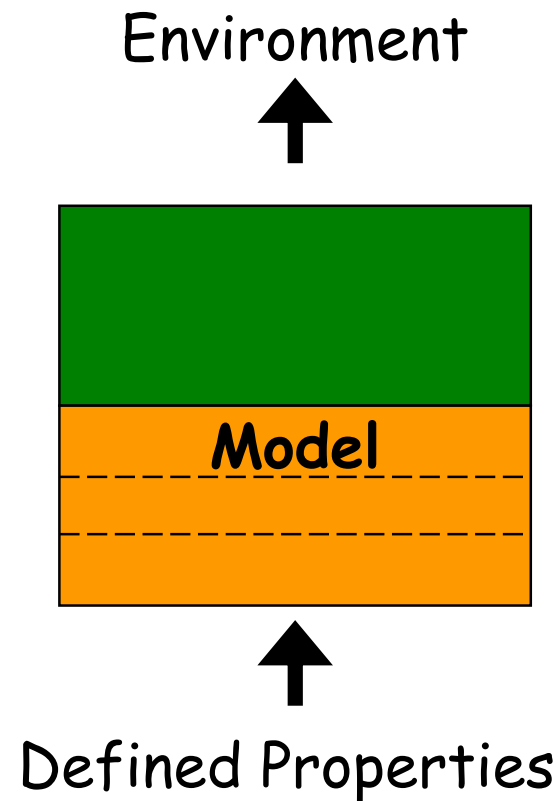
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Purpose of Forest Growth Models



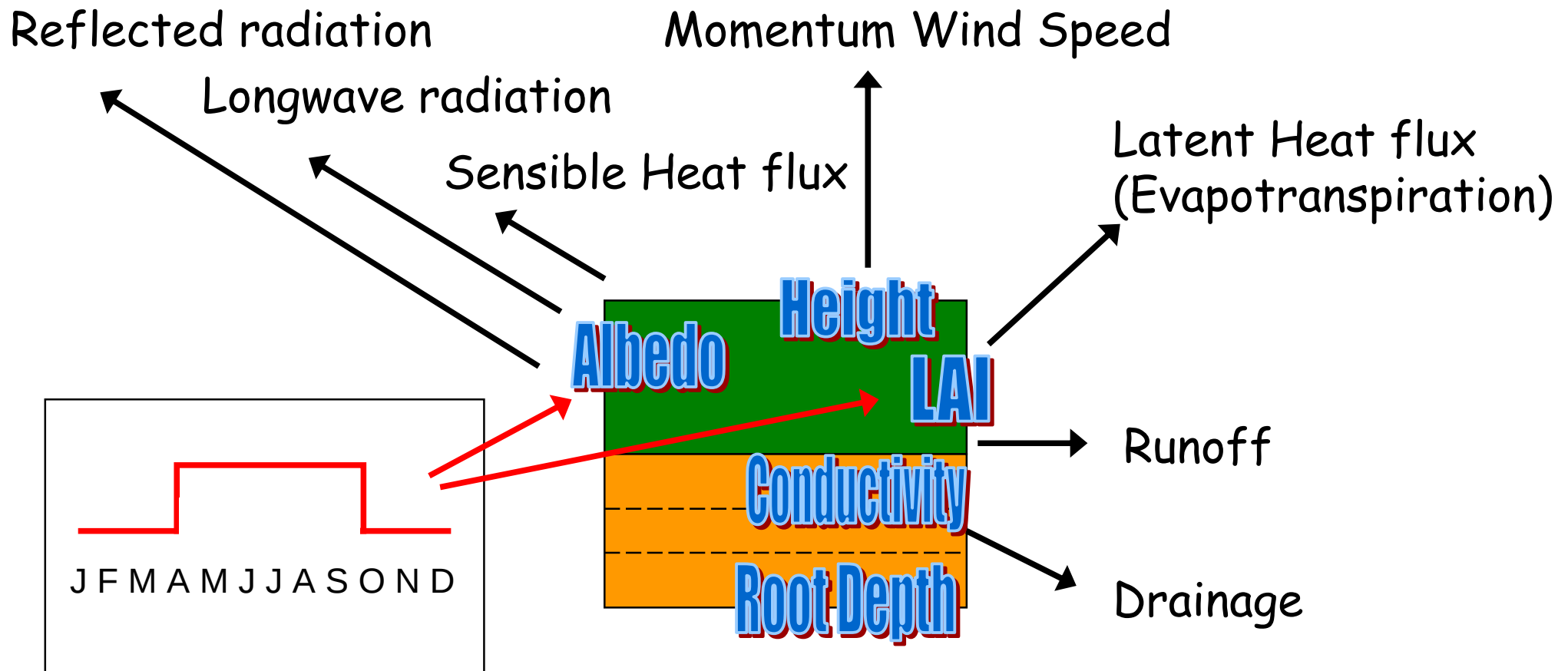
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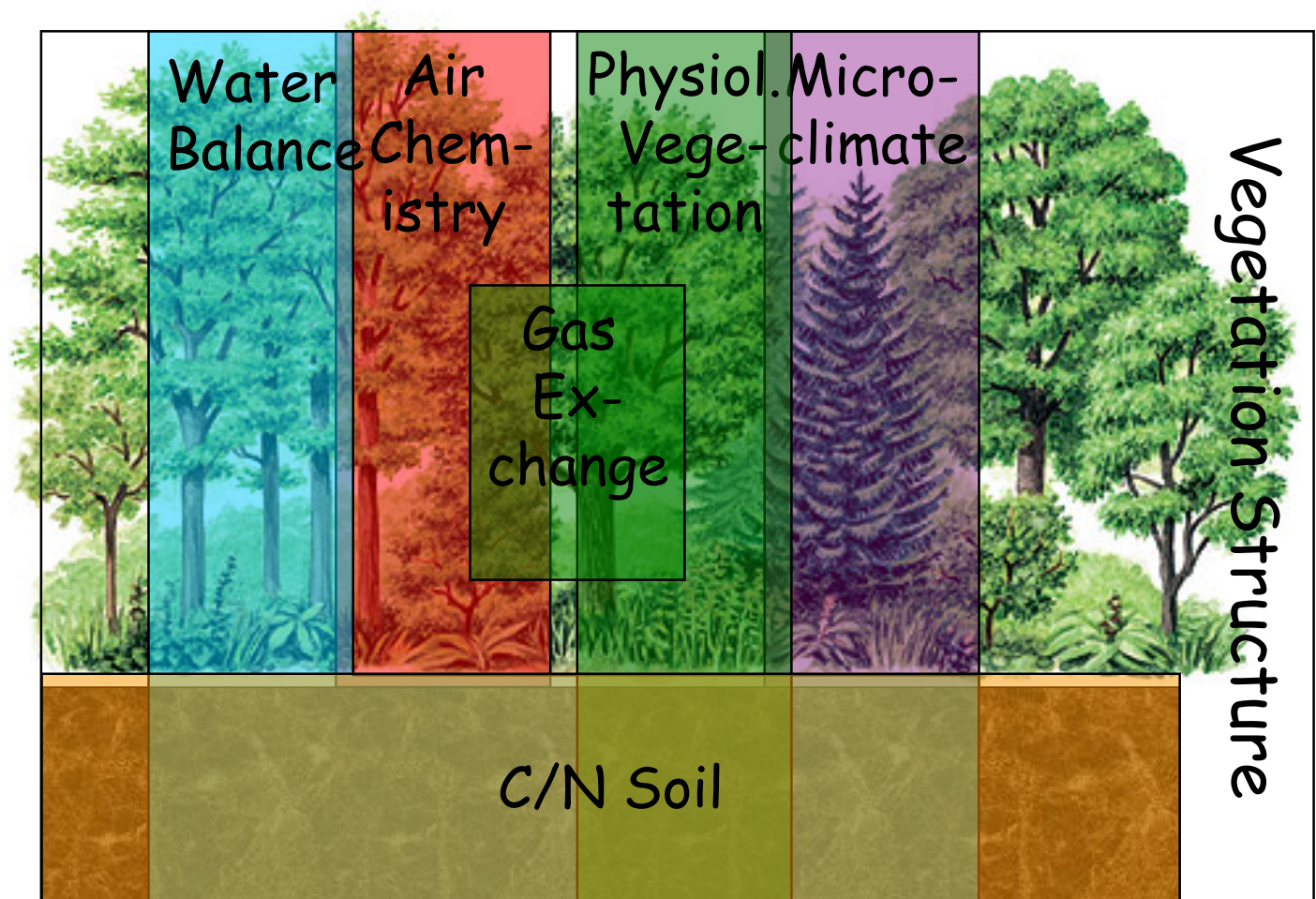
AIMS

- 1) **Improve seasonal dynamics of LAI and ALBEDO**
- 2) **Improve initialization and long-term dynamics of HEIGHT**
 - Increased spatial resolution (regional climate models)
 - Increased length of simulation runs
- 3) **Include carbon cycle (seasonal CO_2 (and CH_4) dynamics)**
 - Greenhouse effect (global climate models)
- 4) **Include nitrogen cycle (N_2O and NO_x emission)**
 - Ozone formation (regional air chemistry models)
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- 5) **Include emission of other reactive trace gases (VOC)**
 - Ozone formation (regional air chemistry models)

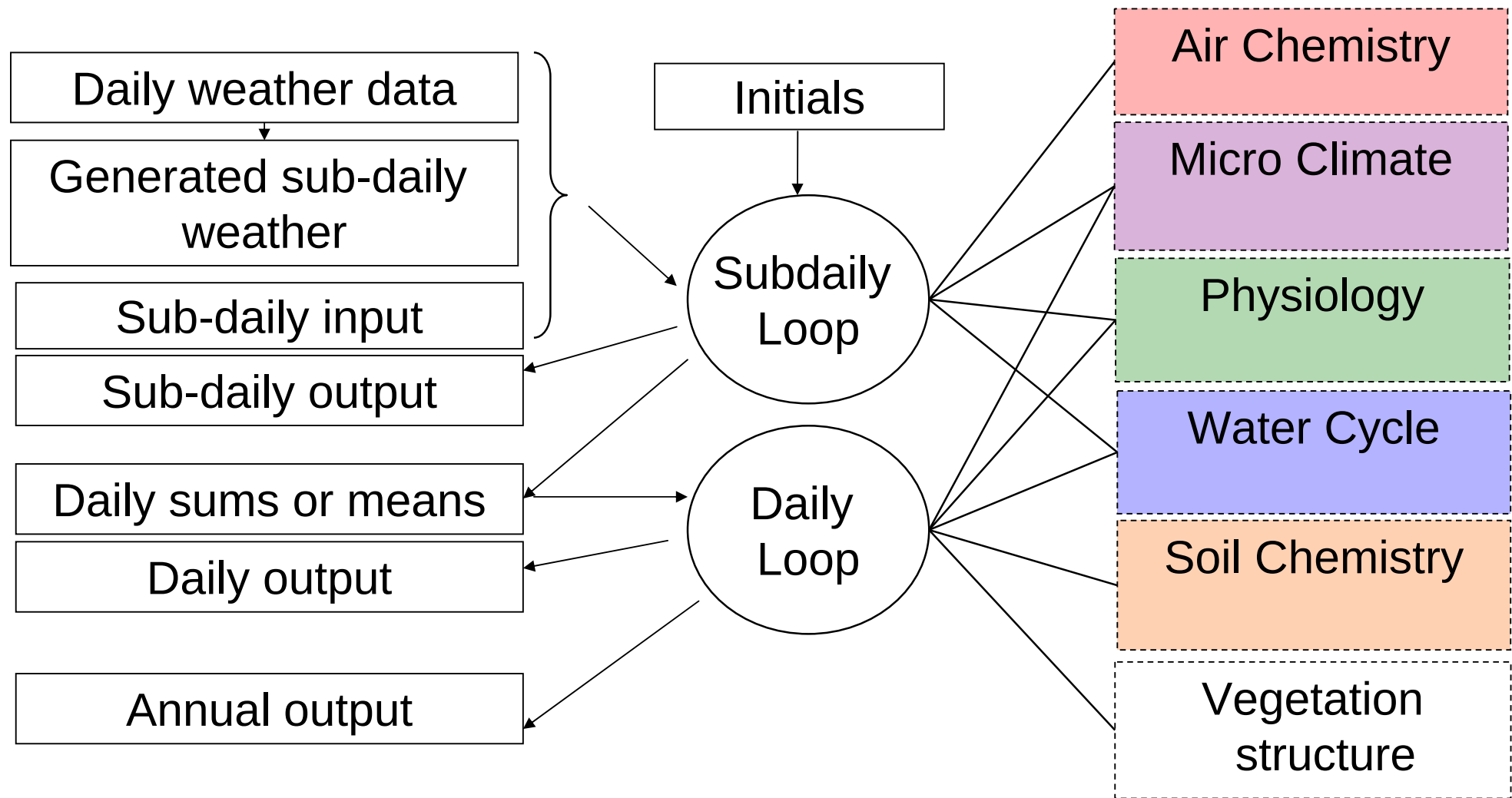
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BIOSPHERE PROCESS GROUPS

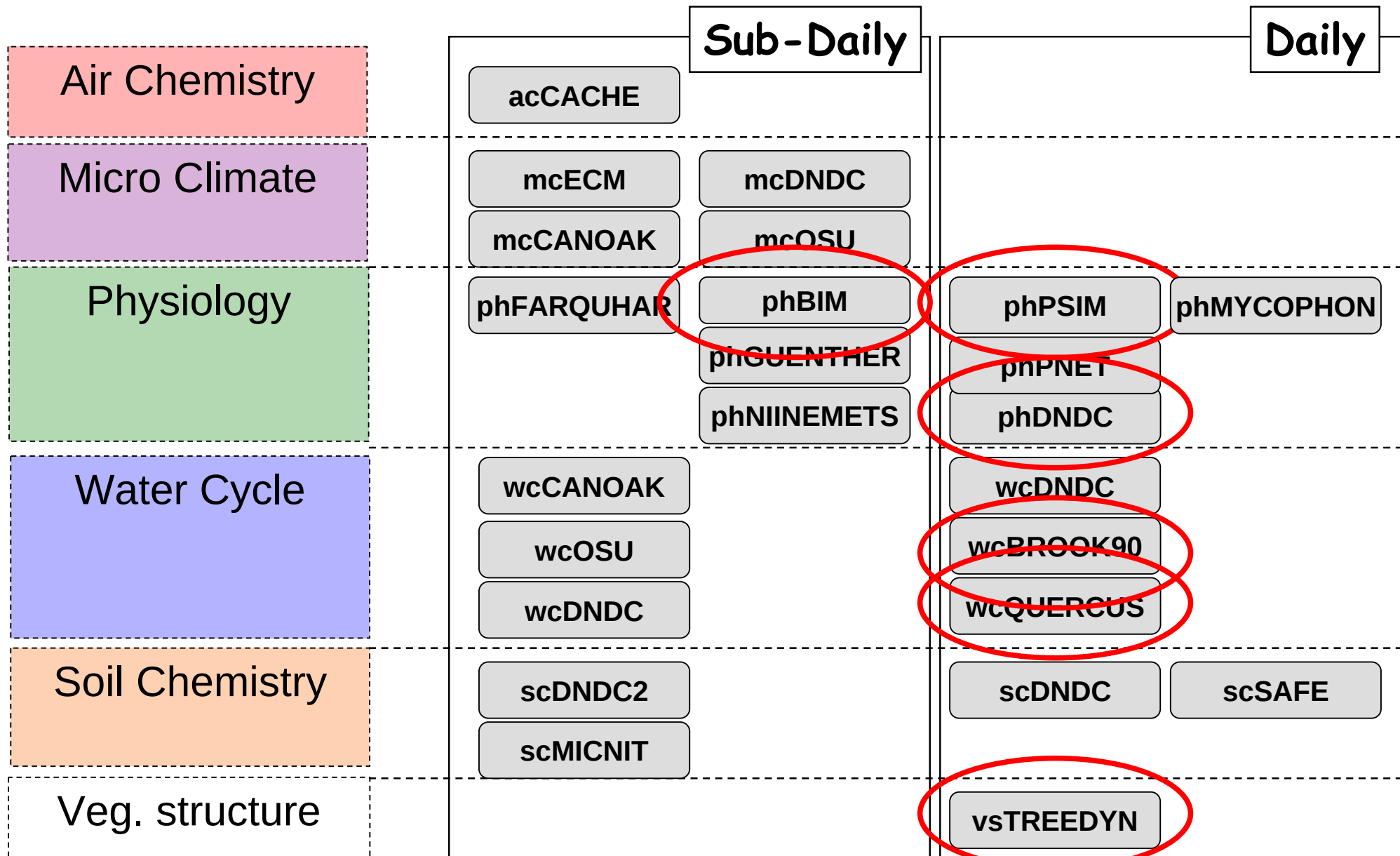
- Veg. Physiology
- Microclimate
- Water Balance
- Veg. Structure
- Soil Processes
- Canopy Air Chemistry



3. Method: MoBiLE FRAMEWORK (possibly used later on as a LSM)



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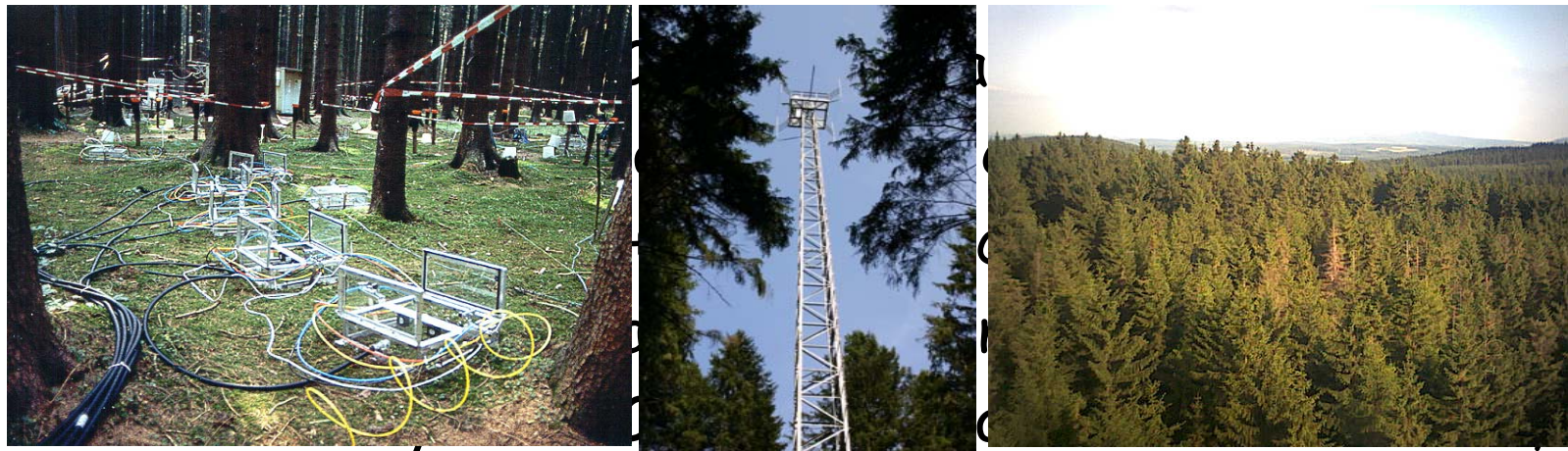
ADVANTAGES

- Flexible selection of biosphere process-groups according to aims
- Flexible selection of models within each process group
- Simple introduction of new models or model versions (distributed workload)
- Simulations with different model combinations based on the same boundary conditions (model comparison)

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- Initialization of height and DBH from inventory and soil survey
- Input is daily climate from 1982-2004
- Generation of hourly climate data

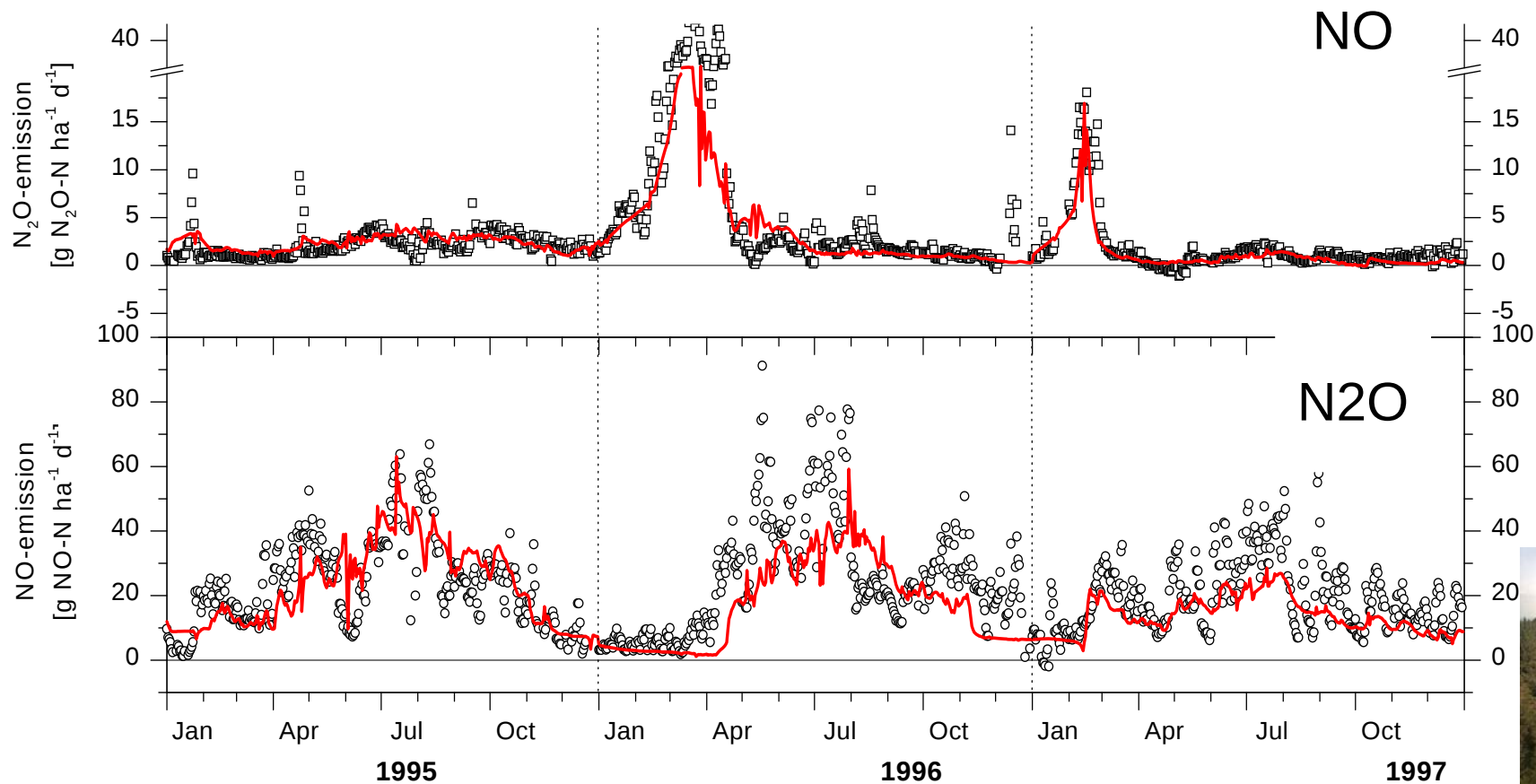


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- Watercycle: DNDC (sophisticated bucket approach)

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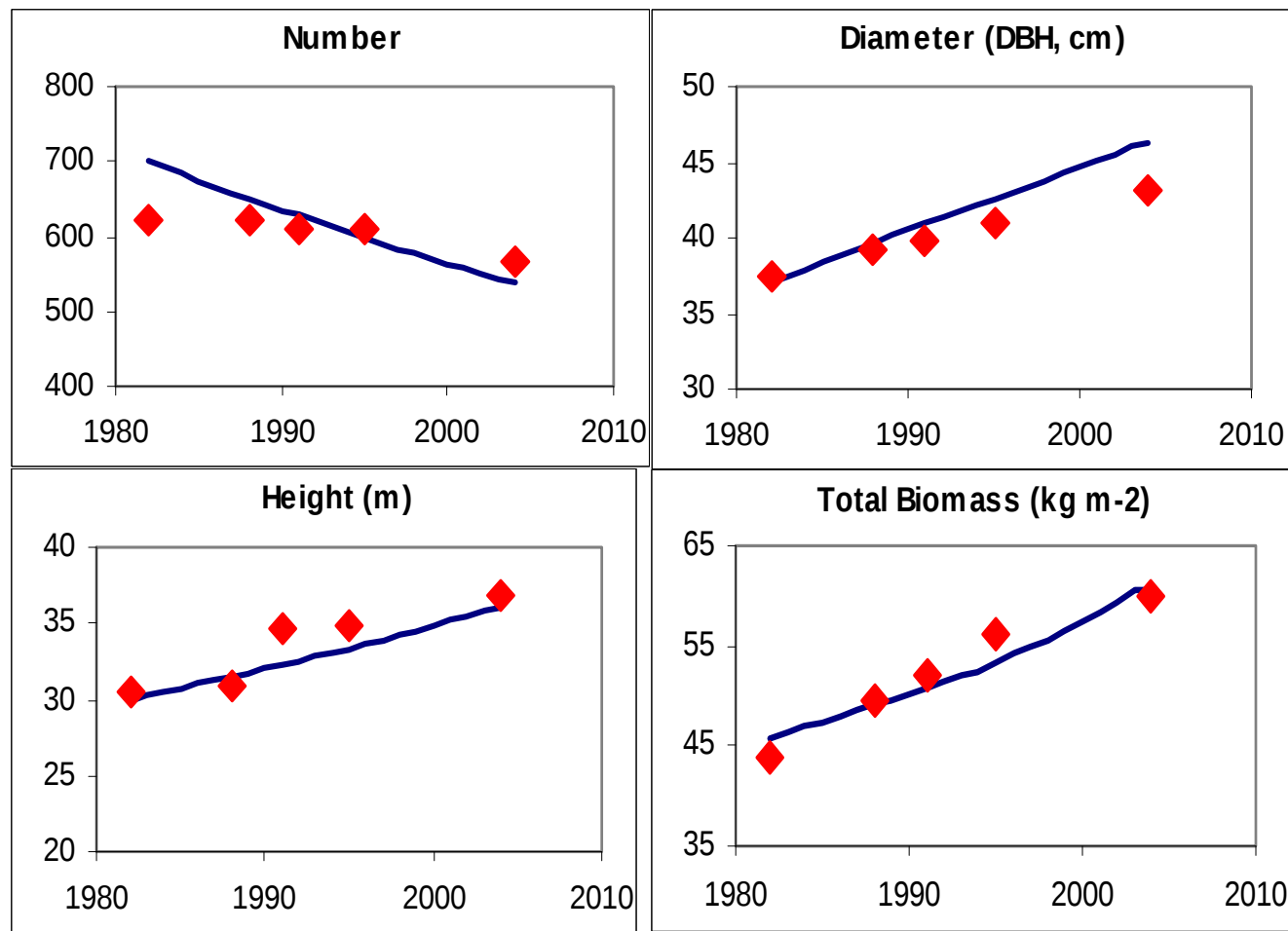
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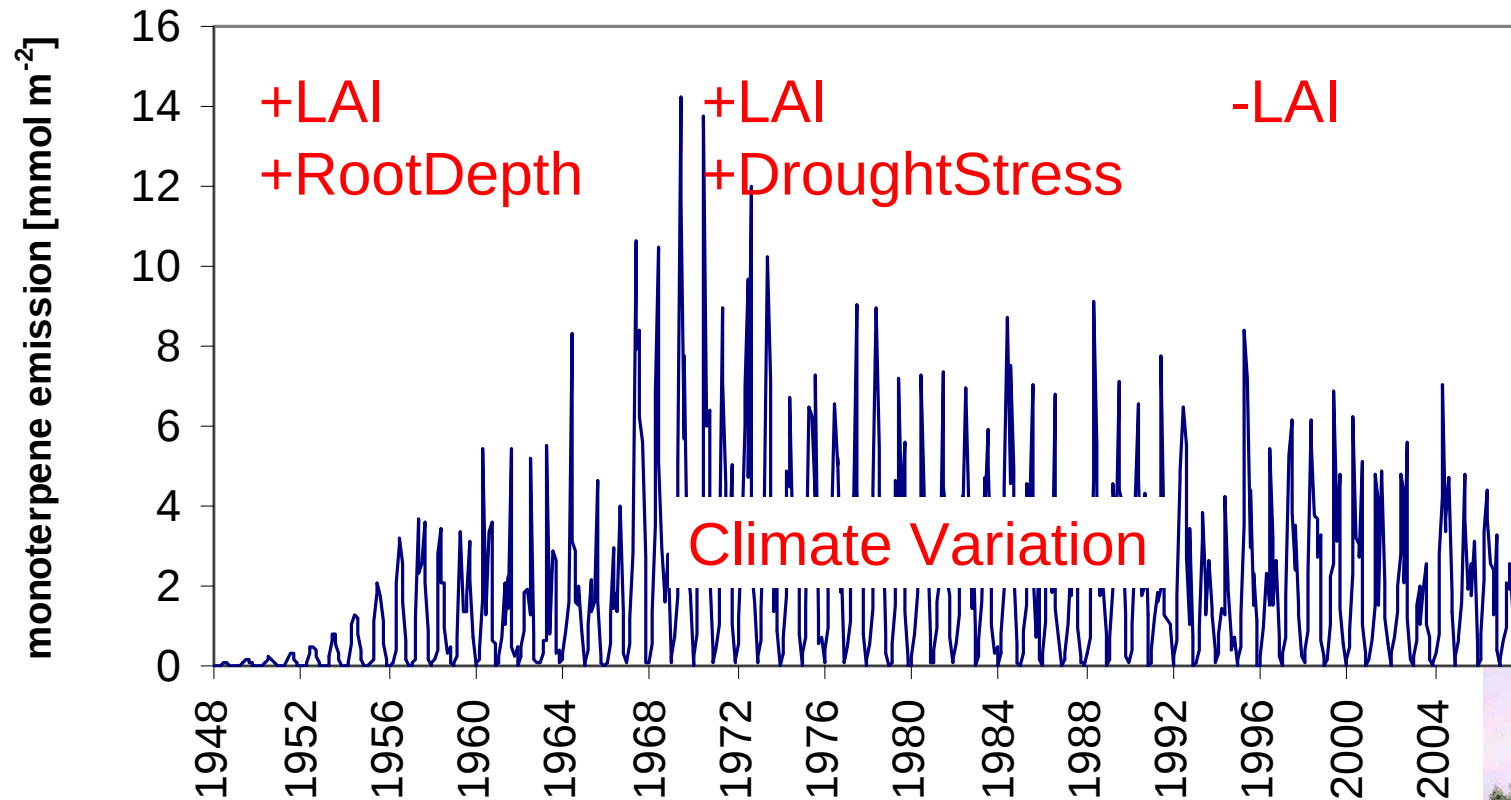
B) Holm oak forest (Puechabon, South France)

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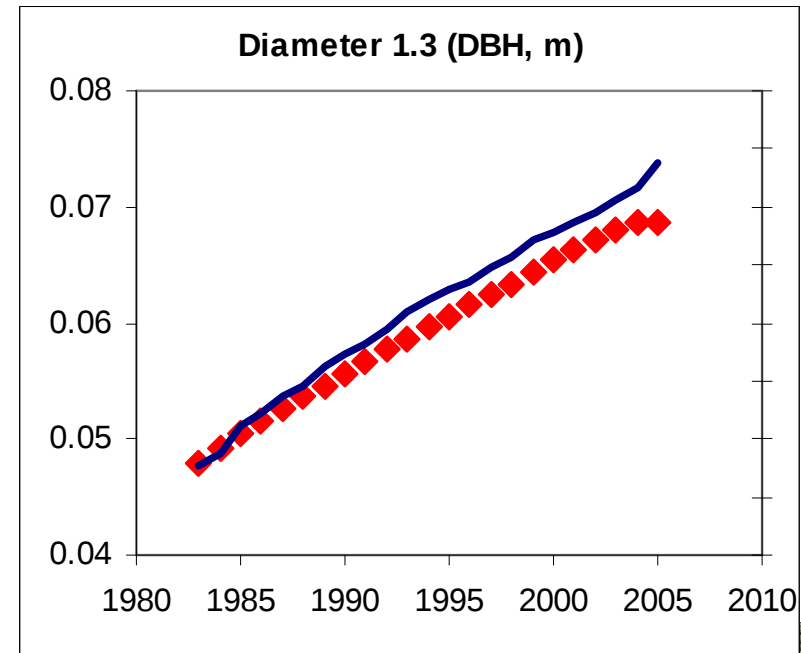
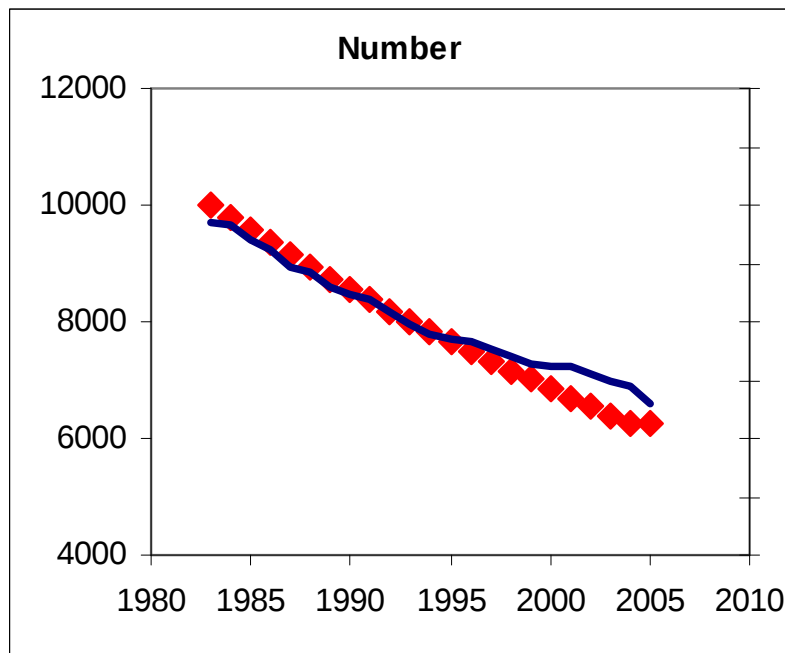
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- Input is daily climate from 1997-2005



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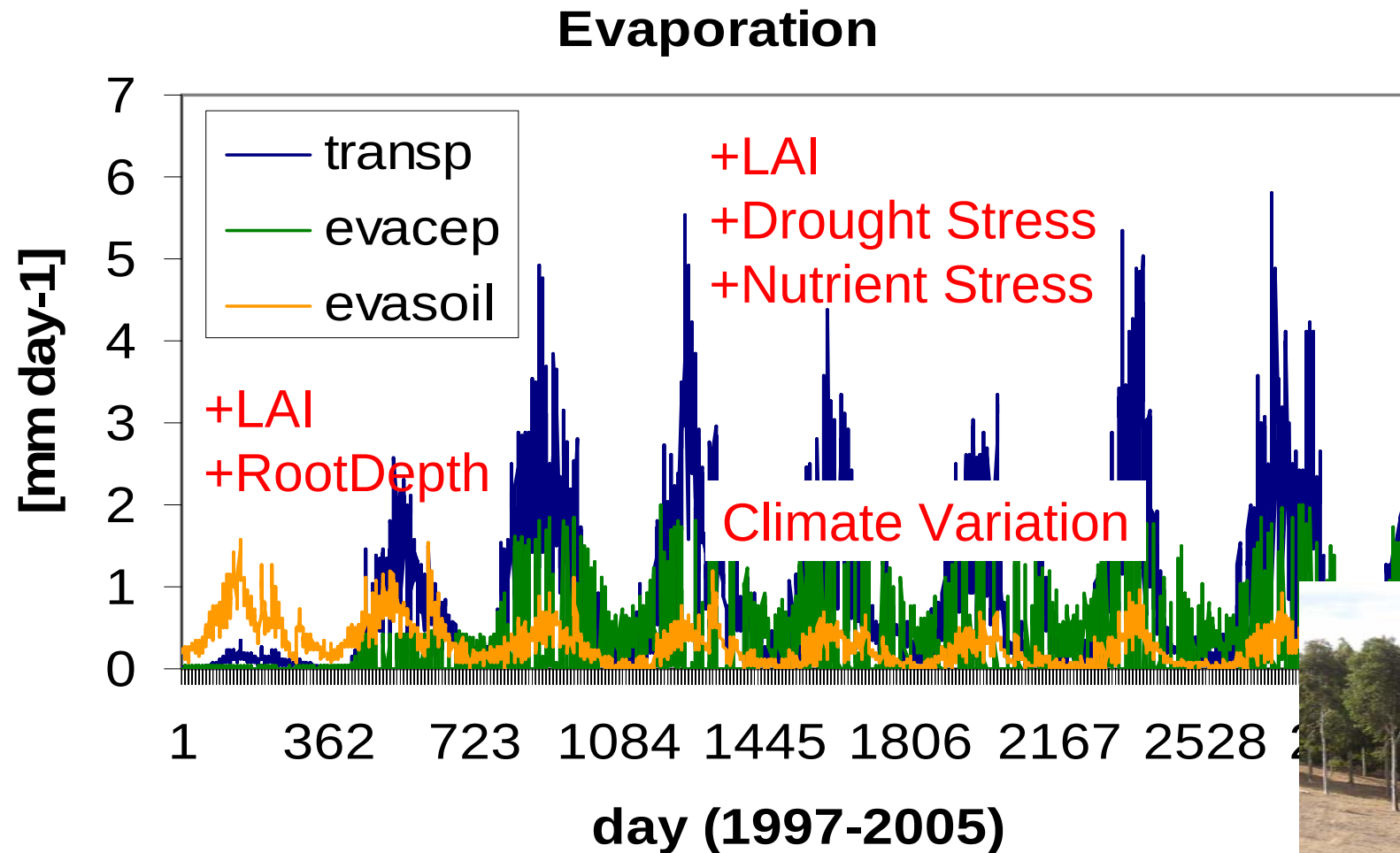
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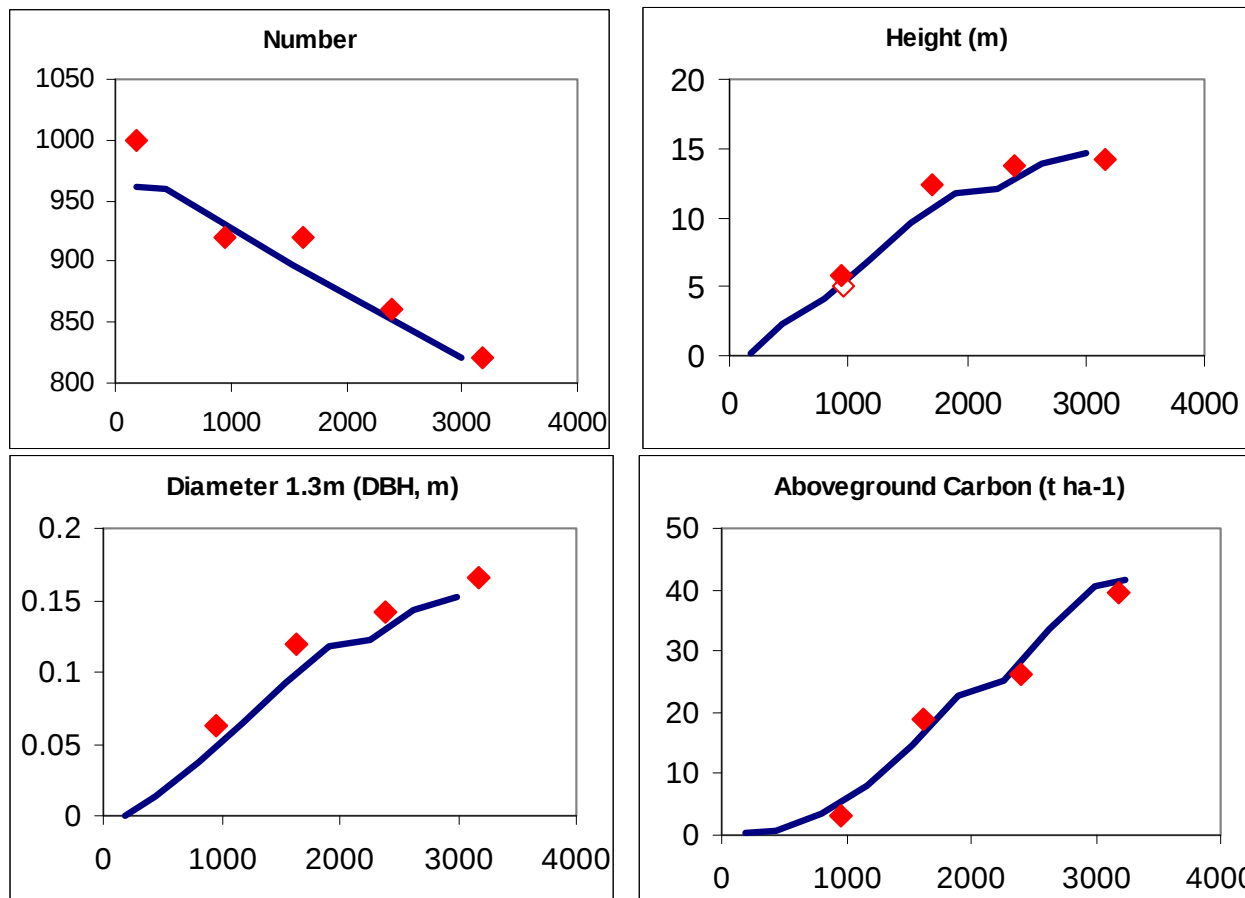
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5. Outlook

Evolving from 1D to regional:

- Ongoing biosphere evaluation (various ecosystems)
- Species specific regional application (inventories)
- Coupling with regional air chemistry models (e.g. air quality)

