

Interactive comment on “LPJmL4 – a dynamic global vegetation model with managed land: Part I – Model description” by Sibyll Schaphoff et al.

We thank Anonymous Referee 1 for supporting the efforts of describing the LPJmL4 model as a whole. We have tried to include all important processes represented by the model. Additionally, we really appreciate the great effort to comment on such a voluminous model description, on which we reply below. Line numbers refer to the marked-up version of the manuscript.

*“The manuscript “LPJmL4 - a dynamic global vegetation model with managed land: Part I – Model description” is suitable for Geoscientific Model Development. This model could contribute the broader science including earth system modeling, climate science, atmospheric chemistry and so on. Authors tried to make new version of LPJmL model for global carbon, water, and energy cycling. I agree this model is quite important tool to assess the anthropogenic activities in global C cycling. The manuscript is well written and model is enough described even in the current version. I appreciate all efforts to describe such big model. Honestly speaking, I’m sorry that I cannot follow all of the topics and processes implemented in this model. So, perhaps, I overlooked fatal errors Discussion paper in mathematical formulations in this text. From the view to description paper in GMD, I can almost recommend acceptance for the publication. However, some points are needed to improve in the model description before the publication .”*

*“Major comments*

*I don’t have any strong objection for this data processing and the products. Another concerns are as follow;*

*Summary table Please add tables for the inputs (and outputs) variables of LPJmL4.”*

We now provide a table for inputs and outputs in the SI. Nevertheless it is not possible to provide a full list of possible outputs, as that would include all potential variables (hundreds) that the model computes internally. Therefore we decided to provide the list of outputs we will make available via the Online-Database <http://pmd.gfz-potsdam.de/portal/>.

*“**Mathematical expression** If possible, in equations, please use italic font for the parameters and roman font for inputs and predictive variables. Generally, in this manuscript, the mathematical expression is according to this rule. But, some parameters and variables are not (e.g.,  $T_{\text{soil}}$  should be replaced as  $T_{\text{soil}}$  .  $H$  should be replaced as  $H$  .  $t_{\text{fire}}$  should be  $t_{\text{fire}}$  . Equations for crop model are not entirely followed this rule.)”*

This is a question of the journals style. We have reassured with the editorial office of GMD whether our present notation style meets the requirements of GMD and we got the confirmation that this is the case. Nonetheless, we have checked the full text to be consistent, but the final style will be proved during the typesetting process anyway.

*“**Parameter and input variables** In some parameters and variable, there are no units in the text and SI table (e.g.,  $\Gamma^*$ ,  $[O_2]$ ,  $V_m$ , Michaelis-Menten constants,  $LA$ ,  $SA$ ,  $H$ ,  $D$ ,  $mort_{\text{heat}}$ ,  $n_{h,ig}$ ,  $TW_{\text{PFT}}$ ,*

phu,  $hi_{opt}$ ), even though the author showed some of them in SI table. But, for the readability, I recommend to specify these units in all parameters also in the text, as much as you can.”

Thanks for making us aware of that. We now ensure that the units are given in the text.

“**Figures** The letters in the figure are too small to read. Please enlarge all letters in Fig.1–5.”

In the revised version we have enlarged the figure legends as much as possible to improve legibility.

“**Individual comments**

*Introduction* A short descriptions of LPJmL (i.e., history of LPJmL model) is needed in this section, even though the detail information in 2nd section and discussion.”

We have extended the introduction as for the history of LPJ (Sitch et al. (2003)), the first model version, and the first version of LPJmL including agricultural land use (Bondeau et al. 2007), see L.: 66-69.

“**L24–26** Could you clarify and add the reference for this sentence? Le Quéré et al. (2015) have just described carbon budget.”

We have added a respective reference to underpin this statement (L.: 30).

“**L31** SDGs is more appropriate.”

Thanks, we have changed that.

“**L34** No citation in the reference list.”

Thanks, reference have been added.

“**L47** Could you clarify "improve the DGVMs' skills" in the text?”

Indeed it was not clear what is meant here. We have rephrased this sentence (L.: 52-53).

“**L153** "Celsius degrees" -> " ° C" ”

Done.

“**L152–154** Please add the definition of "ni (the proportion of bright sky)" among L152– 154. To me, "ni" is confusing with "NI (Nesterov index)".”

Thanks for this hint, we have properly defined it now (L.: 164-165). We'd like to point out that we have tried to use as few duplicate variable names as possible, but due to the amount

of variables and the reproducibility in the code (which uses the variable names denoted here) in rare cases we stuck to some variable names, even if they were used twice.

**“L152–198** *"1 and 1 m depth" -> "1 and 2 m depth"?* ”

No, here the depth of the respective layer is meant, each being 1m. We rephrased this sentence to clarify this misapprehension (L.:212).

**“L233** *Are there any reference for sublimation rate of snow.*”

We have added a reference which supports our assumption of the sublimation rate (L.:250).

**“L360–361** *Are there any reference for the growth respiration parameter  $r_{gr}$ .*”

We have added a reference (L.:385).

**“L448–449** *Please add the equation for new sapling rates, here.*”

We have added the respective equation, now eq. 58.

**“L445–449;** *Establishment I can't understand the rate of establishment. Is this "per month (day)" or "per year"? If "per year", which seasons are new saplings introduced in each grid cell.*”

Even though we have already indicated in the first sentence of the paragraph that establishment occurs each year we have added the unit to be more precise. To avoid high establishment fluxes the model assumes distribution of new saplings over the globe during the year, see L.: 476, 482-483.

**“L454–460;** *Background mortality Same as above. Which timings are plants died in the model? Is this uniform rate during a year?*”

Thanks, we have added the unit here as well (L.: 487).

**“L466–469** *Are there any reference for the heat damage function?*”

Yes , we have added the reference for the heat damage function and a reference for the evidence of heat induced tree mortality (L.: 498, 500).

**“L679; Eq 82** *Why  $lai_{inc}$  don't have time step subscription  $t$ ?*”

Thanks, you are right, we have changed that accordingly, now eq. 85.

**“L713–716** *Are there any reference for the fast and slow fraction of the residue?*”

Thanks, we have added a reference (L.: 751).

**“L731; Eq 93** *I guess that a significant figure in coefficients of Eq. 93 is too much.*”

We have constrained it to less decimal places, now eq. 96.

**“L786–790** Please clarify the units in parameters.”

Done.

**“Eq. 117 and 119** There is no definition of  $W_{fc}$  in the text. Perhaps, just after the "field capacity" in L919 is appropriate insert place for  $W_{fc}$ .”

Thanks, we have inserted the definition there (L.: 956).

**“L975** "changes in soil water and soil carbon are computed separately". How to deal spin-up period among different stands (especially between crops and natural vegetations).”

The first spin-up is done for natural vegetation only, as we need the carbon ‘history’ for all vegetation stands. In this spin-up phase the model simulates only one stand – natural vegetation. A second spin-up phase is done including land use change since 1700 (with simulation years 1610–1699 using the information for 1700), to take into account the effects of the land use history on agricultural land as well, but still without climate change. This is followed by the transient runs from 1901-2011, see revised section: “3.1 Model setup and inputs”.

**“L1010** I cannot understand the meaning of "In order to simulate a reasonable global distribution of temperate and tropical regions". For??”

Thanks, we have rephrased this sentence (L.:1047).

**“L1014; SI-Fig. 3** Please clarify the climate data used for making this map (CRU TS?)?”

The seasonality type is calculated by LPJmL4, so it uses the same input as the other results. We changed the caption to make that clear.

**“L1013–1019** Is this definition appropriate also in the projection period?”

We do not show projected sowing dates in this paper, but with future climate projections sowing dates as simulated by the model would change with changing temperature and rainfall according to the rules defined here. Climate is not the only driver of planting times and sowing dates but it has been shown that for large areas sowing dates can be simulated very well just considering climate as a driver. Comparing simulated sowing dates to a global crop calendar showed that for 60% of global cropland the deviation is less than 1 month and for 80% it's less than 2 months, except for rapeseed (Waha et al. 2012). We added a sentence for possible adaptation of sowing dates in the future (L.: 1070-1071).

**“L1207–1214; Fig 5** These results and figures are not very impressive and not informative to see model performance. At least, it is needed to focus the topic (e.g., just see fire dynamics).”

We have moved these figures to the SI (Fig.: S5) as they are indeed not a requirement for the main text. But we want to illustrate that the model represents dynamics of key processes for the last 100 years.

**“L1216–1223** Very interesting information. Could you add citation for some of representative papers in each studies deal ?”

In L. 1267-1269, we state that we will highlight some of the most important previous publications for which the references are given in the following paragraph (L. 1270ff). In order to make clear that references for all publications are given in the supplementary Table 1, we have added in L.1262 "(see references in SI Table 1)".

**“Fig 1** *Could you highlight major update processes of LPJmL 4 in this figure?”*

As we want to describe LPJmL4 in its entirety as it is, using the figure to illustrate the complexity of the model. We’d like to avoid highlighting special processes.

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We thank Anonymous Referee 2 for the constructive review. We reply to the comments below. Line numbers refer to the marked-up version of the manuscript.

*“The submitted manuscript provides a very comprehensive description of the Dynamic Global Vegetation Model (DGVM) LPJmL covering both, natural and agricultural vegetation. Besides recent development, the manuscript also provides an historic overview of the models core components since its origins, worth reading for scientists working with other LPJ derived models, too. Although all individual processes described here can be looked up in the respective papers, this manuscript provides an overview, combining all of these processes. Since the model source code will be made publicly available, this manuscript will be the reference for that code. After clarifying my comments below, I recommend the paper for publication.”*

*“1. To my knowledge “Figure” should be abbreviated.”*

We have checked the journal’s style guidelines and earlier papers how figures are commonly referred to. We found both variants, but in most cases “Figure”, so we have decided to keep it as it is.

*“2. Abstract: Instead of mentioning the number of publications, I would prefer having a strong statement over what a broad range of research fields LPJmL was applied to, so far, summarizing the Discussion section in one or two sentences.”*

Thanks, we have added a description about the different possibilities for which LPJmL has been applied and the recent development within the model.

*“3. Line 134, 138 (Eq. 3, 5): In Prentice et al. (1993) the variables  $\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  were taken from tables, where do the equations now come from? Are they common knowledge, not needing a reference anymore?”*

We have added a statement (L.143-144) how these variables were derived.

*“4. Line 182 (Eq. 17):*

*• Maybe rename  $F_{bare}$  to  $FPC_{bare}$ , otherwise it is confusing with  $F_{snow}$ . I guess  $FPC_{bare}$  should be:*

$$FPC_{bare} = 1 - \sum_{PFT=1}^{n_{PFT}} FPC_{PFT} \quad (1)$$

since it is not mentioned explicitly.

• Isn't the index "PFT" missing for FPC? I would prefer having the  $FPC_{bare}$

part in front of the sum, otherwise one could think it is part of the sum:

$$\beta = FPC_{bare} \cdot (...) + \sum_{PFT=1}^{nPFT} \beta_{PFT} \cdot FPC_{PFT} \quad (2)$$

“

We avoid to rename  $F_{bare}$  to  $FPC_{bare}$ , as FPC represents the foliage projective cover, which has not the meaning of bare ground. But we have added the equation you mentioned to show the meaning of  $F_{bare}$ . You are totally right with the second point, we have added the index here (eq. 17).

“5. Line 194: Reorder the sentences, so that soil layer is explained before its first usage and/or refer to Fig. 1:

Discussion paper[...] in LPJ (Beer et al., 2007). *The soil column is divided into five hydrological active layers of 0.2 0.3, 0.5, 1 and 1 m depth ( $\Delta z$ ) (see section 2.6.1). Soil temperatures ( $T_{soil}$ ) for each layer are [...]*

*I guess the thermal and hydrological layers are identical, without the later mentioned thermal buffer.”*

Thanks, we have reordered and rephrased this paragraph for a better understanding and we have added the reference to Figure 1 (L.: 208-215).

“6. line 202: Is it also possible to use another soil texture database, since in my experience HWSO is not as “harmonized” as the name implies?”

Yes, one can use any input. Here we only want to present the functionality of the model and some standard inputs.

“7. Line 423ff: Is the index “ind” in these equations identical to “PFT” as in all previous equations, since LPJmL is a “big leaf” model and not a gap model? If so, please use the same indices throughout the manuscript. And in Eq. 52/53 isn't the index “PFT” missing for SLA?”

No, the index ind means an average individual representative for a specific PFT, which is not equal to PFT. We have added the definition as it was not given in the paper. We have revised the allocation section to make indices consistent (L.: 422-467).

*“8. Line 456: Where is the “mean PFT longevity”, I only see the growth efficiency mortality here.”*

We are very grateful for this comment. This paragraph is now rephrased and we have added the equation for growth efficiency to explain the relations fully (L.:488).

*“Line 182ff, 423ff, 746, 823, 1090: Be consistent in how you name your indices in the equations if they have the identical meaning, please.”*

Thanks, we have tried to be consistent in all indices. We went carefully through the documentation again to ensure a consistent representation of all equations.

*“Technical and minor comments*

- *line 40: change “interferencces” to “interferences”*
- *Line 207/208 and 215: Replace the the second and third author by “et al.”*
- *Line 292/293 (Eq. 34): Display as fraction without “/” for better readability and to avoid the linebreak in the equation.*
- *Line 1228: Why is the ordering “b, a” in Zscheischler et al., 2014?*
- *Line 1234: Remove the second “)”. “*

Thank you, we took all suggestions if they comply with the journals style.



# LPJmL4 ~~—~~ a dynamic global vegetation model with managed land: Part I – Model description

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## Abstract.

This paper provides a comprehensive description of the newest version of the Dynamic Global Vegetation Model with managed Land, LPJmL4. This model simulates - internally consistently - the growth and productivity of both natural and agricultural vegetation in ~~direct coupling with~~  
5 ~~water and carbon~~ coherently linked through their water, carbon and energy fluxes. These features render LPJmL4 suitable for assessing a broad range of feedbacks within, and impacts upon, the terrestrial biosphere as increasingly shaped by human activities such as climate change and land-use change. Here we describe the core model structure including recently developed modules now unified in LPJmL4. Thereby ~~we also summarize, we also review~~ LPJmL model developments and evaluations  
10 ~~(based on 34 earlier publications focused e.g. on improved representations of crop types in the field of permafrost, human and ecological water demand, and permafrost) and model applications (82 papers, e.g. on and improved representation of crop types. We summarize and discuss LPJmL model applications dealing with impacts of historical and future climate change impacts) since its first environmental change on the terrestrial biosphere at regional and global scale and provide a~~  
15 comprehensive overview over LPJmL publications since the first model description in 2007. To demonstrate the main features of the LPJmL4 model, we display reference simulation results for key processes such as the current global distribution of natural and managed ecosystems, their productivities, and associated water fluxes. A thorough evaluation of the model is provided in a companion paper. By making the model source code freely available at <https://gitlab.pik-potsdam.de/lpjml/LPJmL>,

20 we hope to stimulate the application and further development of LPJmL4 across scientific communities, not least in support of major activities such as the IPCC and SDG process.

## 1 Introduction

The terrestrial biosphere, a highly dynamic key component of the Earth system, is undergoing significant and widespread transformations induced by human activities such as climate and land-use  
25 change. Humans have by now transformed about 40% of the terrestrial ice-free land surface into land used for agriculture and urban settlements (Ellis et al., 2010), thus pushing the planetary dynamics beyond boundaries that have been characteristic for the past ca. 12,000 years (Rockström et al., 2009). These interventions put at risk important functions of the biosphere such as the provisioning of floral and faunal biodiversity ([Vörösmarty et al., 2010](#)), the terrestrial carbon sink (Le Quéré  
30 et al., 2015) and the provisioning of accessible freshwater ([Vörösmarty et al., 2010](#)). Understanding and modelling the current and potential future dynamics of the Earth system thus renders it necessary to consider human activities as an integral part while representing the major dynamics of the biosphere in a spatio-temporally explicit and process-based manner, accounting for the feedbacks between vegetation, global carbon and water cycling, and the atmosphere. This would also allow  
35 numerical evaluation of potential implementation pathways for the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs – <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>) and their impacts on the terrestrial environment, complementing the important role that dynamic biosphere models have played in the United Nation’s scientific assessment reports on climate change published by the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPCC, 2014](#)).

40 By combining core features of global biogeographical and biogeochemical models developed in the 1990s, Dynamic Global Vegetation Models (DGVMs) emerged as the main tool to simulate processes underlying the dynamics of natural vegetation types (growth, mortality, resource competition, disturbances such as wildfires) and the associated carbon and water fluxes (Cramer et al., 2001; Prentice et al., 2007; Sitch et al., 2008; Friend et al., 2014). In light of the strengthening human  
45 ~~interferencees~~[interferences](#), DGVMs were further developed to integrate additional processes that are relevant to the original research quest of studying biogeography and biogeochemical cycles under climate change (Canadell et al., 2007). This includes the incorporation of human land-use and the simulation of agricultural production systems (Bondeau et al., 2007; Lindeskog et al., 2013), nutrient limitation (Zaehle et al., 2010; Smith et al., 2014), as well as hydrological modules and  
50 river routing schemes (Gerten et al., 2004; Rost et al., 2008). Knowledge derived from models that are designed to cover aspects of the earth system other than terrestrial vegetation and the carbon cycle, such as models of the global water balance, could evidentially improve the DGVMs’ ~~skills~~ (~~Bondeau et al., 2007; Smith et al., 2014~~) ~~and the~~ ability to also evaluate model performance for processes (e.g. river discharge) that are closely connected to the simulated vegetation and carbon cycle

55 dynamics ([Bondeau et al., 2007](#); [Smith et al., 2014](#)). The development towards more comprehensive models of Earth's land surface offers new possibilities for cross-disciplinary research.

DGVMs as land components of Earth system models still show large uncertainties about the terrestrial carbon (C) balance under future climate change ([Friedlingstein et al., 2013](#)). This uncertainty partly results from differences in the simulation of soil and vegetation C residence times ([Carvalho et al., 2014](#); [Friend et al., 2014](#)). The time that C resides in an ecosystem is thereby strongly  
60 affected by the simulated processes of vegetation dynamics ([Ahlström et al., 2015](#)). These examples highlight the need to continuously improve process representations in DGVMs in order to reduce the uncertainty in projected ecosystem functioning and services under future climate change. This requires however, that model developments in specific fields or improvements for certain processes  
65 are synthesized and integrated into a unified, internally consistent model version.

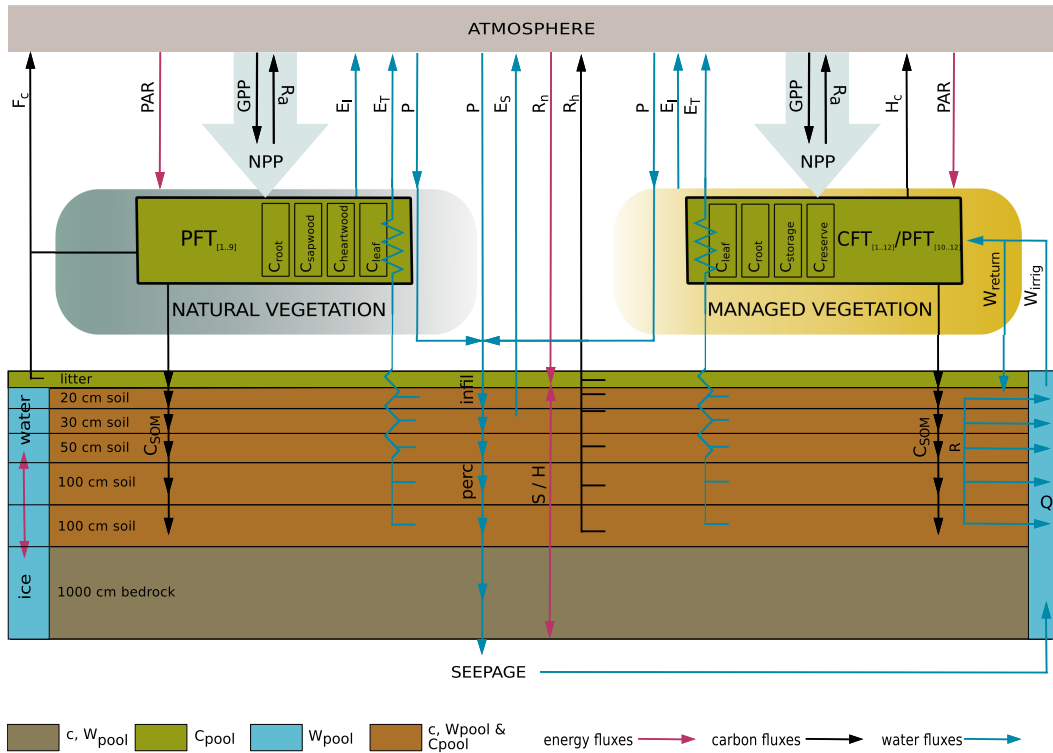
[The Lund-Potsdam-Jena DGVM for managed land \(LPJmL, \[Bondeau et al. \\(2007\\)\]\(#\) \) originates from a former version of the model described by \[Sitch et al. \\(2003\\)\]\(#\) and simulates growth and geographical distribution of natural "plant functional types" \(PFTs\), "crop functional types" \(CFTs\) and associated biogeochemical processes \(mainly carbon cycling\).](#) Recent developments focused on an improved  
70 energy balance model able to estimate permafrost dynamics based on a vertical soil carbon distribution scheme and a new soil hydrological scheme ([Schaphoff et al., 2013](#)). Also, a new process-based fire module (SPITFIRE) was implemented that allows for detailed simulation of fire ignition, spread and effects to estimate fire impacts and emissions ([Thonicke et al., 2010](#)). An updated phenology scheme was developed, which now takes phenology limitations arising from low temperatures, limited light and drought into account ([Forkel et al., 2014](#)). Further model developments encompass  
75 the ~~paralellization~~ [parallelization](#) of the model to efficiently simulate river routing ([Von Bloh et al., 2010](#)) and the implementation of irrigation scheme ([Rost et al., 2008](#)), recently updated with a mechanistic representation of the three major irrigation systems ([Jägermeyr et al., 2015](#)). [Biemans et al. \(2011\)](#) implemented reservoir operations and irrigation extraction and evaluated the impact on river  
80 discharge. Other developments focused on a newly formulated implementation of different cropping systems in sub-Saharan Africa ([Waha et al., 2013](#)), Mediterranean agricultural plant types ([Fader et al., 2015](#)) and bioenergy crops such as sugarcane ([Lapola et al., 2009](#)), fast-growing grasses and bioenergy trees ([Beringer et al., 2011](#)). With these implementations, the potential of bioenergy production under future land-use, population and climate development could be extensively investigated  
85 ([Haberl et al., 2011](#); [Popp et al., 2011](#); [Humpenöder et al., 2014](#)). All developments, the core model structure and recently developed modules of DGVM LPJmL version 4.0 (in the following referred to as LPJmL4) will be described in section 2 in more detail. We show that the model in its present form allows for consistent and joint quantification of climate and land-use change impacts on the terrestrial biosphere, the water cycle, the carbon cycle, and on agricultural production (a systematic evaluation can be found in Part II of this paper). To give an overview of recent developments and  
90 applications of LPJmL4, we present:

1. A comprehensive description of the full model with all contributing developments since its original publication by ~~Sitch et al. (2003); Bondeau et al. (2007)~~ Sitch et al. (2003) and Bondeau et al. (2007). We aim at consistently uniting all developments, including undocumented and already published developments, thus providing a comprehensive description of the full LPJmL4 model.
2. An overview over published LPJmL applications to review the improvement of process understanding.
3. A discussion of here presented standard LPJmL4 results that give an overview of simulated biogeochemical, hydrological and agricultural patterns at the global scale.

## 100 2 Model description

The original Lund-Potsdam-Jena (LPJ) DGVM was described in detail by Sitch et al. (2003). This description and the associated model evaluation focused on the modelling of growth and geographical distribution of natural "plant functional types" (PFTs) and associated biogeochemical processes (mainly carbon cycling). Building on the improved representation of the water balance (Gerten et al.,  
105 2004). Bondeau et al. (2007) introduced the representation of "crop functional types" (CFTs) and evaluated the role of agriculture for the terrestrial carbon balance in particular. This model is since then referred to as LPJmL (Lund-Potsdam-Jena managed Land) and ~~provided~~ provide the foundation for explicitly simulating agricultural production in a changing climate and for quantifying impacts of agricultural activities in assessments of the terrestrial carbon and water cycle.

110 Since, a number of further specific model developments and applications have been published, but a comprehensive model description of all developments and amendments is missing. The parts of LPJmL4 building on ~~(Bondeau et al., 2007)~~ Bondeau et al. (2007) not only allow for quantifying changes in vegetation composition, the water cycle, the carbon cycle, and agricultural production, but also for explicitly simulating the dynamics and constraints within and among the modules, thereby providing a consistent and comprehensive representation of Earth's land surface processes. To demonstrate ~~and make transparent~~ the interplay of all these model features in the new LPJmL4 version, the present paper documents the core model structure including equations and parameters from ~~Sitch et al. (2003); Bondeau et al. (2007)~~ Sitch et al. (2003) and Bondeau et al. (2007) and all more recent code developments. SI-Fig. †S1 provides a schematic overview of the model structure and Fig. 1 of the simulated carbon, water and energy fluxes. The following sections describe the  
120 model components: energy balance model and permafrost (2.1), plant physiology (2.2), plant functional (2.3) and crop functional types (2.4), soil litter and carbon pools (2.5), water balance (2.6) and land use (2.7).



**Figure 1.** LPJmL4-scheme for Carbon, Water and Energy fluxes [represented by the model](#).

C - carbon; W - water; S - sensible heat conduction; H - latent heat convection; c - energy conduction;  $R_n$  - net downward radiation (input); PAR - photosynthetic active radiation;  $E_i$  - interception;  $E_T$  - transpiration;  $E_S$  - evaporation; infil - infiltration; perc - percolation; P - precipitation (input); GPP - gross primary production; NPP - net primary production;  $R_a$  - autotrophic respiration;  $R_h$  - heterotrophic respiration;  $H_c$  - carbon harvested;  $F_c$  - carbon emitted by fire; SOM - soil organic matter; R - runoff; Q - discharge

## 2.1 Energy balance model and permafrost

125 The energy balance model includes the calculation of photosynthetic active radiation, daylength and potential evapotranspiration (2.1.1) and albedo (2.1.2). The permafrost module is based on a new calculation of the soil energy balance (2.1.3). ~~The energy balance model includes the calculation of photosynthetic active radiation, daylength and potential evapotranspiration (2.1.1) and albedo (2.1.2). The permafrost module is based on a new calculation of the soil energy balance (2.1.3).~~

### 130 2.1.1 Photosynthetic active radiation, daylength and potential evapotranspiration

Photosynthetic active radiation (PAR) is the primary [input energy force](#) to photosynthesis (2.2.1) and, thus, to the whole carbon cycle. Total daily PAR in  $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$  is calculated as:

$$\text{PAR} = 0.5 \cdot c_q \cdot R_{s,\text{day}}, \quad (1)$$

where  $c_q = 4.6 \times 10^{-6}$  is the conversion factor from J to mol for solar radiation at 550 nm. Half of the daily incoming solar irradiance  $R_{s,\text{day}}$  is assumed to be PAR and atmospheric absorption to be the same for PAR and  $R_{s,\text{day}}$  (Prentice et al., 1993; Haxeltine and Prentice, 1996).

Similar to the role of PAR for the carbon cycle, potential evapotranspiration (PET) is the primary driver of the water cycle. The calculation of both PAR and PET follows the approach of Prentice et al. (1993), where the calculation of potential evapotranspiration [ $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ] is based on the theory of equilibrium evapotranspiration  $E_{\text{eq}}$  (Jarvis and McNaughton, 1986), given by:

$$E_{\text{eq}} = \frac{s}{s + \gamma} \cdot \frac{R_{n\text{day}}}{\lambda}, \quad (2)$$

where  $R_{n\text{day}}$  is daily surface net radiation  $\text{in J} [\text{in J m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}]$  and  $\lambda$  is the latent heat of vaporization  $\text{in J} [\text{in J kg}^{-1}]$  with a weak dependence on air temperature ( $T_{\text{air}}$  in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) derived from Monteith and Unsworth (1990, p. 376, Table A.3):

$$\lambda = 2.495 \times 10^6 \pm 2380 \cdot T_{\text{air}} \quad (3)$$

$s$  is the slope of the saturation vapour pressure curve  $\text{in Pa} [\text{in Pa K}^{-1}]$ , given by

$$s = 2.502 \times 10^6 \cdot \frac{\exp[17.269 \cdot T_{\text{air}} / (237.3 + T_{\text{air}})]}{(237.3 + T_{\text{air}})^2} \quad (4)$$

and  $\gamma$  is the psychrometric constant  $\text{in Pa} [\text{in Pa K}^{-1}]$ , given by

$$\gamma = 65.05 + 0.064 \cdot T_{\text{air}} \quad (5)$$

Following Priestley and Taylor (1972), PET ( $\text{in mm}$ ) is subsequently calculated from  $E_{\text{eq}}$  as:

$$\text{PET} = \text{pt} \cdot E_{\text{eq}}, \quad (6)$$

where  $\text{pt}$  is the empirically derived Priestley-Taylor coefficient ( $\text{pt} = 1.32$ ).

The terrestrial radiation balance is written as

$$R_n = (1 - \beta) \cdot R_s + R_l, \quad (7)$$

where  $R_n$  is net surface radiation;  $R_s$  is incoming solar irradiance (downward) at the surface and  $R_l$  the outgoing (**upward positive**) net long-wave radiation flux at the surface (**both in W** [ $\text{all in W m}^{-2}$ ]);  $\beta$  is the short-wave reflection coefficient of the surface (albedo). The calculation of albedo depending on land surface conditions is described in section 2.1.2.

If not supplied directly as input variables to the model, the radiation terms  $R_s$  and  $R_l$  can be computed for any day and latitude at given cloudiness levels (input), following Prentice et al. (1993).  $R_l$  can be approximated by a linear function of temperature and clear sky fraction:

$$R_l = (b + (1 - b) \cdot \text{ni}) \cdot (A - T_{\text{air}}), \quad (8)$$

where  $b = 0.2$  and  $A = 107$  are empirical constants.  $T_{\text{air}}$  is the mean daily air temperature in **Celsius degrees**  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , i.e. any effects of diurnal temperature variations are ignored. The proportion of bright sky

165 (ni) is defined by ni = 1 - cloudiness. The net outgoing daytime long-wave flux  $R_{l_{\text{nday}}}$  is obtained by multiplying with the length of the day in seconds:

$$R_{l_{\text{nday}}} = R_l \cdot \text{daylength} \cdot 3600 \quad (9)$$

Instantaneous solar irradiance at the surface is computed from the solar constant, accounting for ~~the proportion of bright sky (ni = 1 - cloudiness)~~ ni and the angular distance between the sun's rays and the local vertical ( $z$ ):

$$R_s = (c + d \cdot \text{ni}) \cdot Q_0 \cdot \cos(z) \quad (10)$$

where  $c = 0.25$  and  $d = 0.5$  are empirical constants that together represent the clear-sky transmittivity (0.75).  $Q_0$  is the solar ~~constant, which is corrected for daily solar angle for day (i) as~~ irradiance at day i, accounting for the variation of earth's distance to the sun:

$$175 \quad Q_0 = Q_{00} \cdot (1 + 2 \cdot 0.01675 \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot i/365)), \quad (11)$$

~~and the solar~~ where  $Q_{00}$  is the solar constant with  $1360 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ . The solar zenith angle ( $z$ ) correction ~~, of  $R_s$  is~~ is computed from the solar declination ( $\delta$ ), i.e. the angle between the orbital plane and the Earth's equatorial plane), which varies between  $+23.4^\circ$  in northern hemisphere midsummer and  $-23.4^\circ$  in northern hemisphere midwinter, the latitude (lat, in radians) and the hour angle  $h$ , i.e. the fraction of  $2 \cdot \pi$  (in radians) which the earth has turned since the local solar noon,  ~~$Q_{00} = 1360 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ .~~

$$\cos(z) = \sin(\text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\delta) + \cos(\text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\delta) \cdot \cos(h) \quad (12)$$

with

$$\delta = -23.4 \cdot \pi/180 \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot (i + 10)/365) \quad (13)$$

185 To obtain the  $R_{s_{\text{day}}}$ , eq. (10) needs to be integrated from sunrise to sunset, i.e. from  $-h_{1/2}$  to  $h_{1/2}$ , where  $h_{1/2}$  is the half-day length in angular units, computed as:

$$h_{1/2} = \arccos\left(-\frac{\sin(\text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\delta)}{\cos(\text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\delta)}\right) \quad (14)$$

thus

$$190 \quad R_{s_{\text{day}}} = (c + d \cdot \text{ni}) \cdot Q_0 \cdot (\sin(\text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\delta) \cdot h_{1/2} + \cos(\text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\delta) \cdot h_{1/2}) \quad (15)$$

The duration of sunshine of a single day (daylength in hours) is computed as:

$$\text{daylength} = 24 \cdot \frac{h_{1/2}}{\pi} \quad (16)$$

## 2.1.2 Albedo

Albedo ( $\beta$ ), the average reflectivity of the grid cell, was first implemented by Strengers et al. (2010) and later improved by considering several drivers of phenology as in Forkel et al. (2014).

$$\beta = \sum_{\text{PFT}=1}^{n_{\text{PFT}}} \beta_{\text{PFT}} \cdot \text{FPC}_{\text{PFT}} + F_{\text{bare}} \cdot (F_{\text{snow}} \cdot \beta_{\text{snow}} + (1 - F_{\text{snow}}) \cdot \beta_{\text{soil}}) \quad (17)$$

$\beta$  depends on land surface condition and is based on a combination of defined albedo values for bare soil ( $\beta_{\text{soil}} = 0.3$ ), snow ( $\beta_{\text{snow}} = 0.7$  average value taken from Liang et al. (2005); Malik et al. (2012)) and plant compartments specific albedo values, where vegetation albedo ( $\beta_{\text{PFT}}$ ) is simulated as the albedo of each existing PFT ( $\beta_{\text{PFT}}$ ).  $\text{FPC}_{\text{PFT}}$  is the foliage projective cover of the respective PFT (see eq. 57). Parameters ( $\beta_{\text{leaf,PFT}}$ ) were taken as suggested by Strugnell et al. (2001) (see SI-Table 35). Parameters  $\beta_{\text{stem,PFT}}$  and  $\beta_{\text{litter,PFT}}$  were obtained from Forkel et al. (2014) who optimized these parameters by using MODIS albedo time series.  $F_{\text{snow}}$  and  $F_{\text{bare}}$  are the snow coverage and the fraction of bare soil, respectively (Strengers et al., 2010).

## 2.1.3 Soil energy balance

The newly implemented calculation of the soil energy balance as described in Schaphoff et al. (2013) marks a new development and differs markedly from previous implementations of permafrost modules in LPJ (Beer et al., 2007). Soil temperatures ( $T_{\text{soil}}$ ) for each layer are computed with an energy balance model, including one-dimensional heat conduction and convection of latent heat. Freezing and thawing has been added to better account for soil ice dynamics. Soil-water dynamics are computed daily (see section 2.6). The soil column is divided into five hydrological active layers of 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 1 and 1 m depth ( $\Delta z$ ) summing to 3 m (see section 2.6.1) and Fig. 1). Soil temperatures ( $T_{\text{soil}}$  in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) for these layers are computed with an energy balance model, including one-dimensional heat conduction and convection of latent heat. Freezing and thawing has been added to better account for soil ice dynamics. For a thermal buffer we assume an additional layer of 10 m thickness, which is only thermally and not hydrologically active. Soil parameters for thermal diffusivity ( $\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$ ) at wilting point, at 15% of water holding capacity, and at field capacity and for thermal conductivity ( $\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$ ) at wilting point, and at saturation (for water and ice) are derived for each grid cell using soil texture from the Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSD) version (Nachtergaele et al., 2008). Relationships between texture and thermal properties are taken from Lawrence and Slater (2008). The one-dimensional heat conduction equation is:

$$\frac{\partial T_{\text{soil}}}{\partial t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial^2 T_{\text{soil}}}{\partial z^2}, \quad (18)$$

where  $\alpha = \lambda/c$  is thermal diffusivity,  $\lambda$  thermal conductivity,  $c$  heat capacity ([in  $\text{J m}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$ ]).  $T_{\text{soil}}$  at position  $z$  and time  $t$  is solved in its finite difference form following Bayazitoglu and Özışık



225 (1988):

$$\frac{T_{\text{soil}(t+1,l)} - T_{\text{soil}(t,l)}}{\Delta t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{T_{\text{soil}(t,l-1)} + T_{\text{soil}(t,l+1)} - 2T_{\text{soil}(t,l)}}{(\Delta z)^2} \quad (19)$$

for soil layers  $l$ , including a snow layer, and time step  $t$  with the following boundary conditions:

$$T_{\text{soil}(t=1,l=1)} = T_{\text{air}}, \quad (20)$$

$$T_{\text{soil}(t,l=n_{\text{soil}}+1)} = T_{\text{soil}(t,l=n_{\text{soil}})}, \quad (21)$$

230 where  $n_{\text{soil}} = 6$  is the number of soil layers. We assume a heatflux of zero below the lowest soil layer, i.e. below 13 m depth. The largest possible, numerically still stable time step  $\Delta t$  is calculated depending on  $\Delta z$  and soil thermal diffusivity  $\alpha$  (Bayazitoglu and Özişik, 1988), which gives the stability criterion ( $r$ ) for the finite-difference solution:

$$r = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta z)^2}. \quad (22)$$

235 For numerical stability ( $1 - 2r$ ) needs to be  $> 0$ , so that  $r \leq 0.5$  as  $\Delta z$  is given from soil depth and  $\alpha$  can be calculated from soil properties. The maximum stable  $\Delta t$  can be calculated:

$$\Delta t \leq \frac{(\Delta z)^2}{2 \cdot \alpha} \quad (23)$$

and therefore eq. (19) becomes:

$$T_{\text{soil}(t+1,l)} = r \cdot (T_{\text{soil}(t,l-1)} + T_{\text{soil}(t,l+1)} + (1 - 2r)T_{\text{soil}(t,l)}) \quad (24)$$

240 For the diurnal temperature range after Parton and Logan (1981), at least 4 time steps per day are calculated and the maximum [number of](#) time steps is set to 40 per day. Heat capacity ( $c$ ) of the soil is calculated as the sum of the volumetric-specific heat capacities (~~[in  $\text{J m}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$ ]]~~) of soil minerals ( $c_{\text{min}}$ ), soil water content ( $c_{\text{water}}$ ) and soil ice content ( $c_{\text{ice}}$ ) and their corresponding shares ( $m$ , in  $\text{m}^3$ ) of the soil bucket:

$$245 \quad c = c_{\text{min}} \cdot m_{\text{min}} + c_{\text{water}} \cdot m_{\text{water}} + c_{\text{ice}} \cdot m_{\text{ice}} \quad (25)$$

The heat capacity of air is neglected because of its comparatively low contribution to overall heat capacity. Thermal conductivity ( $\lambda$ ) is calculated following Johansen (1977). Sensible and latent heat fluxes are calculated explicitly for the snow layer by assuming a constant snow density of  $0.3 \text{ t m}^{-3}$  and the resulting thermal diffusivity of  $3.17 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Sublimation is assumed to be  
250  $0.1 \text{ mm day}^{-1}$ , [which corresponds to the lower end suggested by Gelfan et al. \(2004\)](#).

The active layer thickness represents the depth of maximum thawing of the year. Freezing depth is calculated by assuming that the fraction of frozen water is congruent with the frozen soil bucket. The  $0^\circ\text{C}$ -isotherm within a layer is estimated by assuming a linear temperature gradient within the layer and this fraction of heat is assumed to be used for the thawing respectively freezing process.

255 Temperature represents the amount of thermal energy available, whereas heat transport represents the

movement of thermal energy into the soil by rain and melt water. Precipitation and percolation energy and the amount of energy which arises from the temperature difference between the temperature of the above layer (or the air temperature for the upper layer) and the temperature of the below layer, are assumed to be used for converting latent heat fluxes first. The residual energy is used to increase soil temperature.  $T_{\text{soil}}$  is initialized at the beginning of the spinup simulation by the mean annual air temperature.

## 2.2 Plant physiology

### 2.2.1 Photosynthesis

The LPJmL4 photosynthesis model is a 'big leaf' ~~model, the leaf biochemical model of photosynthesis~~ [representation of the leaf-level photosynthesis model](#) developed by Farquhar et al. (1980) and Farquhar and von Caemmerer (1982). These assumptions have been generalized by Collatz et al. (1991, 1992) for global modelling applications and for the stomatal response. ~~Most details are as in Sitch et al. (2003) but a summary is provided in the following.~~ The 'strong optimality' hypothesis (Haxeltine and Prentice, 1996; Prentice et al., 2000) is applied by assuming that Rubisco activity and the nitrogen content of leaves vary with canopy position and seasonally such as to maximize net assimilation at the leaf level. Most details are as in (Sitch et al., 2003) but a summary is provided in the following.

In LPJmL4, photosynthesis is simulated as a function of absorbed photosynthetically active radiation (APAR), temperature, daylength, and canopy conductance, for each PFT or CFT present in a grid cell and at daily time steps. APAR is calculated as the fraction of incoming net photosynthetically active radiation (PAR, see eq. (1)) that is absorbed by green vegetation (FAPAR):

$$\text{APAR}_{\text{PFT}} = \text{PAR} \cdot \text{FAPAR}_{\text{PFT}} \cdot \alpha_{\text{apFT}} \quad (26)$$

$\alpha_{\text{apFT}}$  is a scaling factor to scale leaf-level photosynthesis in LPJmL4 to ~~biome level respectively agricultural~~ stand level. The PFT-specific  $\text{FAPAR}_{\text{PFT}}$  is calculated as follows:

$$\text{FAPAR}_{\text{PFT}} = \text{FPC}_{\text{PFT}} \cdot \left( (\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}} - F_{\text{SnowGC}}) \cdot (1 - \beta_{\text{leaf,PFT}}) - (1 - \text{phen}_{\text{PFT}}) \cdot c_{\text{stem}} \cdot \beta_{\text{stem,PFT}} \right), \quad (27)$$

where  $\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}}$  is the daily phenological status (ranging between 0 and 1) representing the fraction of full leaf coverage currently attained by the PFT, reduced by the green-leaf albedo  $\beta_{\text{leaf,PFT}}$ , the stem albedo  $\beta_{\text{stem,PFT}}$  (for trees), and  $F_{\text{SnowGC}}$  is the fraction of snow in the green canopy.  $c_{\text{stem}} = 0.7$  is the masking of the ground by stems and branches without leaves (Strengers et al., 2010).

Based on this, gross photosynthesis rate  $A_{\text{gd}}$  is computed as the minimum of two functions (details in Haxeltine and Prentice (1996)):

1. The light-limited photosynthesis rate  $J_E$  (mol C m<sup>-2</sup> hour<sup>-1</sup>)

$$J_E = C_1 \cdot \frac{\text{APAR}}{\text{daylength}}, \quad (28)$$

290 where for C3-Photosynthesis

$$C_1 = \alpha_{C3} \cdot T_{\text{stress}} \cdot \left( \frac{p_i - \Gamma_*}{p_i + \Gamma_*} \frac{p_i - \Gamma_*}{p_i + 2 \cdot \Gamma_*} \right) \quad (29)$$

and for C4-Photosynthesis

$$C_1 = \alpha_{C4} \cdot T_{\text{stress}} \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{\text{maxC4}}} \right). \quad (30)$$

295  $p_i$  is the leaf internal partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub> given by  $p_i = \lambda \cdot p_a$ , where  $\lambda$  gives the ~~relation of internal and ambient pressure~~ (ratio of the intercellular to ambient CO<sub>2</sub> concentration and  $p_a$ ) (in bar) is the ambient partial pressure of CO<sub>2</sub>, which reflects soil-plant water interaction (see eq. 40).  $T_{\text{stress}}$  is the PFT-specific temperature inhibition function, which limits photosynthesis at high and low temperatures.  $\alpha_{C3}$  and  $\alpha_{C4}$  are the intrinsic quantum efficiencies for CO<sub>2</sub> uptake in C3 and C4 plants respectively and  $\Gamma_*$  is the photorespiratory CO<sub>2</sub> compensation point.  
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$$\Gamma_* = \frac{[\text{O}_2]}{2 \cdot \tau}, \quad (31)$$

where  $\tau = \tau_{25} \cdot q_{10\tau}^{(T_{\text{air}} - 25) \cdot 0.1}$  is the specificity factor, it reflects the ability of Rubisco to discriminate between CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>.  $[\text{O}_2]$  is the partial pressure of O<sub>2</sub> (Pa) and  $\tau_{25}$  is the  $\tau$  value at 25°C and  $q_{10\tau}$  is the temperature sensitivity parameter.

305 2. The Rubisco-limited photosynthesis rate  $J_C$  (mol C m<sup>-2</sup> hour<sup>-1</sup>).

$$J_C = C_2 \cdot V_m, \quad (32)$$

where  $V_m$  is the maximum Rubisco capacity (see eq. 35) and

$$C_2 = \frac{p_i - \Gamma_*}{p_i + K_C \left( 1 + \frac{[\text{O}_2]}{K_O} \right)} \quad (33)$$

$K_C$  and  $K_O$  ~~representing represent~~ the Michaelis-Menten constants for CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, respectively.

310 Daily gross photosynthesis  $A_{\text{gd}}$  is then given by:

$$A_{\text{gd}} = \frac{\left( J_E + J_C - \sqrt{(J_E + J_C)^2 - 4 \cdot \theta \cdot J_E \cdot J_C} \right)}{2 \cdot \theta \cdot \text{daylength}} A_{\text{gd}} = \left( J_E + J_C - \sqrt{(J_E + J_C)^2 - 4 \cdot \theta \cdot J_E \cdot J_C} \right) / (2 \cdot \theta \cdot \text{daylength}) \quad (34)$$

The shape parameter  $\theta$  describes the co-limitation of light and Rubisco activity (Haxeltine and Prentice, 1996). Subtracting leaf respiration ( $R_{\text{leaf}}$ , given in eq. 46), gives the daily net photosynthesis ( $A_{\text{nd}}$ ), so that thus  $V_m$  is included in  $J_C$  and  $R_{\text{leaf}}$ . To calculate optimal  $A_{\text{nd}}$ , the zero point of the first derivative is calculated (i.e.  $\partial A_{\text{nd}}/\partial V_m \equiv 0$ ). The thus derived maximum Rubisco capacity  $V_m$  is:

$$V_m = \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{C_1}{C_2} ((2 \cdot \theta - 1) \cdot s - (2 \cdot \theta \cdot s - C_2) \cdot \sigma) \cdot \text{APAR} \quad (35)$$

with

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1 - \frac{C_2 - 2}{C_2 - \theta s}} \text{ and } s = 24/\text{daylength} \cdot b \quad (36)$$

The daily net daytime photosynthesis ( $A_{\text{dt}}$ ) is given by subtracting dark respiration  $R_d = (1 - \text{daylength}/24) \cdot R_{\text{leaf}}$  from  $A_{\text{nd}}$ :

$$R_d = (1 - \text{daylength}/24) \cdot R_{\text{leaf}} \quad (37)$$

see eq. (46) for  $R_{\text{leaf}}$  and  $A_{\text{dt}}$  is

$$A_{\text{dt}} = A_{\text{nd}} - R_d \quad (38)$$

The photosynthesis rate can be related to canopy conductance ( $g_c$  in  $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ ) through the  $\text{CO}_2$  diffusion gradient between the intercellular air spaces and the atmosphere:

$$g_c = \frac{1.6 A_{\text{dt}}}{p_a \cdot (1 - \lambda)} + g_{\text{min}}, \quad (39)$$

where  $g_{\text{min}}$  [ $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ ] is a PFT-specific minimum canopy conductance scaled by FPC that occurs due to processes other than photosynthesis,  $\lambda$  is a parameter describing the ratio of the intercellular to the ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration and  $p_a$  is the ambient partial pressure of  $\text{CO}_2$ . Combining both methods determining  $A_{\text{dt}}$  (eqs. 38, 39) gives:

$$0 = A_{\text{dt}} - A_{\text{dt}} = A_{\text{nd}} + (1 - \text{daylength}/24) \cdot R_{\text{leaf}} - p_a \cdot (g_c - g_{\text{min}}) \cdot (1 - \lambda)/1.6 \quad (40)$$

This equation has to be solved for  $\lambda$  which is not possible analytically because of the occurrence of  $\lambda$  in  $A_{\text{nd}}$  and in the second term of the equation. Therefore, a numerical bisection algorithm is used to obtain solve the equation and obtain lambda  $\lambda$  solving the equation. The actual canopy conductance is calculated as a function of water stress depending on the soil moisture status (section 2.6.2) and thus the photosynthesis rate is related to actual canopy conductance. All parameter values are given in SI-Table 4.S6.

### 340 2.2.2 Phenology

The phenology module of tree and grass PFTs is based on the growing season index (GSI) approach (Jolly et al., 2005). Thereby the continuous development of canopy greenness is modelled based on empirical relations to temperature, day length and drought conditions. The GSI approach was modified for its use in LPJmL (Forkel et al., 2014) so that it accounts for the limiting effects of cold  
 345 temperature, light, water availability and heat stress on the daily phenology status  $\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}}$ :

$$\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}} = f_{\text{cold}} \cdot f_{\text{light}} \cdot f_{\text{water}} \cdot f_{\text{heat}} \quad (41)$$

Each limiting function can range between 0 (full limitation of leaf development) and 1 (no limitation of leaf development). The limiting functions are defined as logistic functions and depend also on the previous day's value:

$$350 \quad f(x)_t = f(x)_{t-1} + (1/(1 + \exp(\text{sl}_x \cdot (x - b_x)) - f(x)_{t-1}) \cdot \tau_x, \quad (42)$$

where  $x$  is daily air temperature for the cold and heat stress-limiting functions  $f_{\text{cold}}$  and  $f_{\text{heat}}$ , respectively, and stands for, short-wave downward radiation in the light-limiting function  $f_{\text{light}}$ , and water availability for the water-limiting function  $f_{\text{water}}$ . The parameters  $b_x$  and  $\text{sl}_x$  are the inflection point and slope of the respective logistic function;  $\tau_x$  is a change rate parameter that introduces a  
 355 time-lagged response of the canopy development to the daily meteorological conditions. The empirical parameters were estimated by optimizing LPJmL simulations of FAPAR against 30 years of satellite-derived time series of FAPAR (Forkel et al., 2014).

### 2.2.3 Productivity

#### Autotrophic respiration

360 Autotrophic respiration is separated into carbon costs for maintenance and growth and is calculated as in Sitch et al. (2003). Maintenance respiration ( $R_x$  in  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) depends on tissue-specific C:N ratios (for above-  $\text{CN}_{\text{sapwood}}$  and below-ground tissues  $\text{CN}_{\text{root}}$ ). It further depends on temperature ( $T$ ), either air temperature ( $T_{\text{air}}$ ) for above- and soil temperatures ( $T_{\text{soil}}$ ) for below-ground tissues, on tissue biomass ( $C_{\text{sapwood}}$  resp.  $C_{\text{root}}$ ,  $C_{\text{sapwood,ind}}$  resp.  $C_{\text{root,ind}}$ ) and phenology ( $\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}}$ ,  
 365 see eq. (41)) and is calculated at a daily timestep as follows:

$$R_{\text{sapwood}} = P \cdot r_{\text{PFT}} \cdot k \cdot \frac{C_{\text{sapwood}}}{\text{CN}_{\text{sapwood}}} \cdot \frac{C_{\text{sapwood,ind}}}{\text{CN}_{\text{sapwood,ind}}} \cdot g(T_{\text{air}}) \quad (43)$$

$$R_{\text{root}} = P \cdot r_{\text{PFT}} \cdot k \cdot \frac{C_{\text{root}}}{\text{CN}_{\text{root}}} \cdot \frac{C_{\text{root,ind}}}{\text{CN}_{\text{root,ind}}} \cdot g(T_{\text{soil}}) \cdot \text{phen}_{\text{PFT}} \quad (44)$$

The respiration rate ( $r_{\text{PFT}}$ , in  $\text{gC gN}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) is a PFT-specific parameter on a  $10^\circ\text{C}$  base to represent acclimation of respiration rates to average conditions (Ryan, 1991):  $k$  refers to the value

370 proposed by (~~Sprugel et al., 1995~~) [Sprugel et al. \(1995\)](#) and  $P$  is the mean number of individuals per  
unit area.

The temperature function  $g(T)$ , describing the influence of temperature on maintenance respiration, is defined as:

$$g(T) = \exp \left[ 308.56 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{56.02} - \frac{1}{(T + 46.02)} \right) \right] \quad (45)$$

375 Eq. (45) is a modified Arrhenius equation (Lloyd and Taylor, 1994), where  $T$  is either air or soil temperature [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]. This relationship is described by Tjoelker et al. (1999) for a consistent decline of autotrophic respiration with temperature.

While leaf respiration ( $R_{\text{leaf}}$ ) depends on  $V_m$  (see eq. (35)) with a static parameter  $b$  depending on photosynthetic pathway:

$$380 \quad R_{\text{leaf}} = V_m \cdot b \quad (46)$$

Gross primary production (GPP, calculated by eq. (34) and converted to  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$ ) is reduced by maintenance respiration. Growth respiration, the carbon costs for producing new tissue, is assumed to be 25% of the remainder. The residual is the annual net primary production (NPP):

$$\text{NPP} = (1 - r_{\text{gr}}) \cdot (\text{GPP} - R_{\text{leaf}} - R_{\text{sapwood}} - R_{\text{root}}), \quad (47)$$

385 where  $r_{\text{gr}} = 0.25$  is the share of growth respiration ([Thornley, 1970](#)).

### Reproduction cost

As in Sitch et al. (2003), a fixed fraction of 10% of annual NPP is assumed to be carbon costs for producing reproductive organs and propagules in LPJmL4. Since only a very small part of the carbon allocated to reproduction finally enters the next generation, the reproductive carbon allocation  
390 is added to the above-ground litter pool to preserve a closed carbon balance in the model.

### Tissue turnover

As in Sitch et al. (2003), a PFT-specific tissue turnover rate is assigned to the living tissue pools (SI-Table [6-S8](#) and Fig. 1). Leaves and fine roots are transferred to litter and living sapwood to heartwood. Root turnover rates are calculated on a monthly basis, and the conversion of sapwood to  
395 heartwood annually. Leaf turnover rates depend on the phenology of the PFT: it is calculated at leaf fall for deciduous and daily for evergreen PFTs.

## 2.3 Plant functional types

Vegetation composition is determined by the fractional coverage of populations of different plant functional types (PFTs). PFTs are defined to account for the variety of structure and function among

400 plants (Smith et al., 1993). In LPJmL4 11 PFTs are defined, of which eight are woody (two tropical, three temperate, three boreal) and three are herbaceous (Tables Table 1). PFTs are simulated in LPJmL4 as average individuals. Woody PFTs are characterised by the population density and the state variables: crown area (CA) and the size of four tissue compartments: leaf mass ( $C_{\text{leaf}}$ ), fine root mass ( $C_{\text{root}}$ ), sapwood mass ( $C_{\text{sapwood}}$ ), and heartwood mass ( $C_{\text{heartwood}}$ ). The size of all state variables is averaged across the modelled area. The state variables of grasses are represented only by the leaf and root compartments. The physiological attributes and bioclimatic limits ~~controlling~~ control the dynamics of the PFT (see SI-Table 2S4). PFTs are located in one stand per grid cell and as such compete for light and soil water. That means their crown area and leaf area index determines their capacity to absorb photosynthetic active radiation for photosynthesis (see section 2.2.1) and their rooting profiles determine the access to soil water influencing their productivity (see section 2.6.2). In the following, we describe how carbon is allocated to the different tissue compartments of a PFT (2.3.1) and vegetation dynamics (2.3.2), i.e. how the different PFTs interact. The vegetation dynamics component of LPJmL4 includes the simulation of establishment and different mortality processes.

### 415 2.3.1 Allocation

The allocation of carbon is simulated as described in Sitch et al. (2003) and all parameter values are given in SI-Table 4-S6. The assimilated amount of carbon (the remaining NPP) constitutes the annual woody carbon increment which is allocated to leaves, fine roots and sapwood such that four ~~basis~~ basic allometric relationships (eq. 48 - 51) are satisfied. The pipe model from Shinozaki et al. (1964); Waring et al. (1982) Shinozaki et al. (1964) and Waring et al. (1982) prescribes that each unit of leaf area must be accompanied by a corresponding area of transport tissue (described by the parameter  $k_{\text{la:sa}}$ ) and, the sapwood cross-sectional area ( $\text{SASA}_{\text{ind}}$ ):

$$\text{LA}_{\text{ind}} = k_{\text{la:sa}} \cdot \text{SA}_{\text{ind}}, \quad (48)$$

where  $\text{LA}_{\text{ind}}$  is the average individual leaf area and ind gives the index for the average individual.

425 A functional balance exists between investment in fine root biomass and investment in leaf biomass, respectively. Carbon allocation to  $C_{\text{leaf}}$   $C_{\text{leaf,ind}}$  is determined by the maximum leaf-to-root mass ratio  $\text{lr}_{\text{max}}$  (SI-Table 6S8), which is a constant and by ~~a~~ a water stress index  $\omega$  (Sitch et al., 2003), which stands for that under water-limited conditions, plants are modelled to allocate relatively more carbon to fine root biomass, which ensures the allocation of relatively more carbon to fine roots under water-limited conditions.

$$C_{\text{leaf,ind}} = \text{lr}_{\text{max}} \cdot \omega \cdot C_{\text{root,ind}} \quad (49)$$

The relation between tree height ( $H$ ) and stem diameter ( $D$ ) is given as in Huang et al. (1992).

$$H = k_{\text{allom2}} \cdot D^{k_{\text{allom3}}} \quad (50)$$

The crown area ( $CA_{ind}$ ) to stem diameter ( $D$ ) relation is based on inverting Reinecke's rule  
 435 (Zeide, 1993) with  $k_{rp}$  as the Reineke parameter:

$$CA_{ind} = \min(k_{allom1} \cdot D^{k_{rp}}, CA_{max}), \quad (51)$$

which relates tree density to stem diameter under self-thinning conditions.  $CA_{max}$  is the maximum crown area allowed. The reversal used in LPJmL4 gives the expected relation between stem diameter and crown area. The assumption here is a closed canopy, but no crown overlap.

440 By combining the allometric relations of eq. (48) - (51) it follows that the relative contribution of sapwood respiration increases with height, which restricts the possible height of trees.

Assuming cylindrical stems and constant wood density (WD),  $H$  can be computed and is related to SA (see eq. -) inversely related to  $SA_{ind}$ :

$$SA_{ind} = \frac{C_{leaf,ind} \cdot SLA}{k_{la:sa}} \quad (52)$$

445 From this follows:

$$H = \frac{C_{sapwood,sapwood,ind} \cdot k_{la:sa}}{WD \cdot C_{leaf,leaf,ind} \cdot SLA} \quad (53)$$

Stem diameter can then be calculated by inverting eq. (50). Leaf area is related to leaf biomass  $C_{leaf} \cdot C_{leaf,ind}$  by PFT-specific SLA, thus, the individual leaf area index ( $LAI_{ind}$ ) is given by:

$$LAI_{ind} = \frac{C_{leaf} \cdot SLA}{CA} \cdot \frac{C_{leaf,ind} \cdot SLA}{CA_{ind}} \quad (54)$$

450 SLA is related to leaf longevity ( $\alpha_{leaf}$ ) in month (see SI-Table 6S6), which determines whether deciduous or evergreen phenology suits a given climate suggested by Reich et al. (1997). The equation is based on the form suggested by Smith et al. (2014) for needleleaved and broadleaved PFTs as follows:

$$SLA = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4}}{DM_C} \cdot 10^{\beta_0 - \beta_1 \cdot \log(\alpha_{leaf}) / \log(10)} \quad (55)$$

455 The parameter  $\beta_0$  is adapted for broadleaved ( $\beta_0 = 2.2$ ) and needleleaved trees ( $\beta_0 = 2.08$ ) and for grass ( $\beta_0 = 2.25$ ) and  $\beta_1$  is set to 0.4. Both parameters were derived from data given in Kattge et al. (2011). The dry matter carbon content of leaves  $DM_C$  is set to 0.4763 obtained from Kattge et al. (2011).  $LAI_{ind}$  can be converted into foliar projective cover ( $FPC_{ind}$ , which is the proportion of ground area covered by leaves) using the canopy light-absorption model (Lambert-Beer law, Monsi  
 460 (1953)):

$$FPC_{ind} = 1 - \exp(-k \cdot LAI_{ind}), \quad (56)$$

where  $k$  is the PFT specific light extinction coefficient (see SI-Table 3S5). The overall FPC of a PFT in a grid cell is obtained by the product  $LAI_{ind}$ , mean individual  $CA_{ind}$ , and mean number of



individuals per unit area ( $P$ ), which is determined by the vegetation dynamics (see section 2.3.2).

$$465 \quad FPC_{\text{PFT}} = CA_{\text{ind}} \cdot P \cdot FPC_{\text{ind}} \quad (57)$$

$FPC - FPC_{\text{PFT}}$  directly measures the ability of the canopy to intercept radiation (Haxeltine and Prentice, 1996).

### 2.3.2 Vegetation dynamics

#### Establishment

470 For PFTs within their bioclimatic limits ( $T_{c,\text{min}}$ , see SI-Table 2S4), each year, new woody PFT individuals and herbaceous PFTs can establish depending on available space. Woody PFTs have a maximum establishment rate  $k_{\text{est}}$  of 0.12 (saplings  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$ ), which is a medium value of tree density for all biomes (Luyssaert et al., 2007). New saplings can establish on bare ground in the grid cell that is not occupied by woody PFTs. Establishment rate of tree individuals is calculated:

$$475 \quad \text{EST}_{\text{TREE}} = k_{\text{est}} \cdot (1 - \exp(-5 \cdot (1 - FPC_{\text{TREE}}))) \cdot \frac{(1 - FPC_{\text{TREE}})}{n_{\text{estTREE}}} \quad (58)$$

The number of new saplings per unit area ( $\text{EST}_{\text{TREE}}$  in  $\text{ind m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$ ) is proportional to  $k_{\text{est}}$  and to the FPC of each PFT present in the grid cell ( $FPC_{\text{TREE}}$  resp.  $FPC_{\text{GRASS}}$ ). It declines in proportion to canopy light attenuation when the sum of woody FPCs exceeds 0.95, thus simulating a decline in establishment success with canopy closure (Prentice et al., 1993).  $n_{\text{estTREE}}$  gives the number of tree PFTs present in the grid cell. Establishment increases the ~~number of individuals per unit area ( $P$ )~~ the population density  $P$ . Herbaceous PFTs can establish if the sum of all FPCs is less than 1. If the accumulated growing degree days (GDD) reach a PFT-specific threshold  $\text{GDD}_{\text{min}}$  the respective PFT is established (SI-Table S5).

#### Background mortality

485 Mortality is modelled by a fractional reduction of  $P$ . Mortality always leads to a reduction in biomass per unit area. Similar as in Sitch et al. 2003, a background mortality rate ( $\text{mort}_{\text{greff}}$  in  $\text{ind m}^{-2} \text{a}^{-1}$ ), the inverse of mean PFT longevity, is applied from the yearly growth efficiency ( $\text{greff}$ )  $\text{greff} = \text{bm}_{\text{inc}} / (C_{\text{leaf,ind}} \cdot \text{SLA})$  (Waring, 1983) expressed as the ratio of net biomass increment ( $\text{bm}_{\text{inc}}$ ) to leaf area:

$$490 \quad \text{mort}_{\text{greff}} = P \cdot \frac{k_{\text{mort1}}}{1 + k_{\text{mort2}} \cdot \text{greff}}, \quad (59)$$

where  $k_{\text{mort1}}$  is an asymptotic maximum mortality rate, and  $k_{\text{mort2}}$  is a parameter governing the slope of the relationship between growth efficiency and mortality (SI-Table 4S6).

## Stress mortality

Mortality from competition occurs when tree growth leads to too high tree densities (FPC of all trees exceeds > 95%). In this case, all tree PFTs are reduced proportionally to their expansion. Herbaceous PFTs are outcompeted by expanding trees until these reach their maximum FPC of 95% or by light competition between herbaceous PFTs. Dead biomass is transferred to the litter pools.

Boreal trees can die from heat stress ( $\text{mort}_{\text{heat}}$  occurs in  $\text{ind m}^{-2} \text{ a}^{-1}$ ) (Allen et al., 2010). It occurs in LPJmL4 when a temperature threshold of  $23^\circ\text{C}$  ( $T_{\text{mort,min}}$  in  $^\circ\text{C}$ , SI-Table S4) is exceeded, but only for boreal trees (Sitch et al., 2003). Temperatures above this threshold are accumulated over the year ( $\text{gdd}_{\text{tw}}$ ) and this is related to a parameter value of the heat damage function ( $\text{tw}_{\text{PFT}}$ ), which is set to 400:

$$\text{mort}_{\text{heat}} = P \cdot \min\left(\frac{\text{gdd}_{\text{tw}}}{\text{tw}_{\text{PFT}}}, 1\right) \quad (60)$$

$P$  is reduced for both  $\text{mort}_{\text{heat}}$  and  $\text{mort}_{\text{greff}}$ .

## 505 Fire disturbance and mortality

Two different fire modules can be applied in the LPJmL4 model: the simple Glob-FIRM model (Thonicke et al., 2001) and the process-based SPITFIRE model (Thonicke et al., 2010). In Glob-FIRM, fire disturbances are calculated as an exponential probability function dependent on soil moisture in the top 50 cm and a fuel load threshold. The sum of the daily probability determines the length of the fire season. Burnt area is assumed to increase nonlinearly with increasing length of fire season. The fraction of trees killed within the burnt area depends on a PFT-specific fire resistance parameter for woody plants, while all litter and live grasses are consumed by fire. Glob-FIRM does not specify fire ignition sources and assumes a constant relationship between fire season length and resulting burnt area. The PFT-specific fire resistance parameter implies that fire severity is always the same, an approach suitable for model applications to multi-century time scales or paleo-climate conditions.

In SPITFIRE, fire disturbances are simulated as the fire processes risk, ignition, spread and effects separately. The climatic fire danger is based on the Nesterov index  $\text{NI}(N_d)^\circ\text{C}$ , which describes atmospheric conditions critical to fire risk for day  $N_d$ :

$$\text{NI}(N_d) = \sum_{\text{if Pr}(d) \leq 3 \text{ mm}}^{N_d} T_{\text{max}}(d) \cdot (T_{\text{max}}(d) - T_{\text{dew}}(d)), \quad (61)$$

where  $T_{\text{max}}$  and  $T_{\text{dew}}$  are the daily maximum and dew-point temperature, and  $d$  is a positive temperature day with a precipitation of less than 3 mm. The probability of fire spread  $P_{\text{spread}}$  decreases linearly as litter moisture  $\omega_0$  increases towards its moisture of extinction  $m_e$ :

$$P_{\text{spread}} = \begin{cases} 1 - \omega_0/m_e, & \omega_0 \leq m_e \\ 0, & \omega_0 > m_e \end{cases} \quad (62)$$

525 Combining NI and  $P_{\text{spread}}$  we can calculate the fire danger index FDI:

$$\text{FDI} = \max \left\{ 0, 1 - \frac{1}{m_e} \cdot \exp \left( -\text{NI} \cdot \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{\alpha_p}{n} \right) \right\} \quad (63)$$

to interpret the qualitative fire risk in quantitative terms. The value of  $\alpha_p$  defines the slope of the probability risk function given as the average PFT parameter (see SI-Table 7S9) for all existing PFTs ( $n$ ). SPITFIRE considers human-caused and lightning-caused fires as sources for fire ignition.

530 Lightning-caused ignition rates are prescribed from the OTD/LIS satellite product (Christian et al., 2003). Since it quantifies total flash rate, we assume that 20% of these are cloud-to-ground flashes (Latham and Williams, 2001) and that, under favourable burning conditions, their effectiveness to start fires is 0.04 (Latham and Williams, 2001; Latham and Schlieter, 1989). Human-caused ignitions are modelled as a function of human population density assuming that ignition rates are higher in  
535 remote regions and declines with increasing level of urbanisation and associated effects of landscape fragmentation, infrastructure and improved fire monitoring. The function is:

$$n_{h,\text{ig}} = P_D \cdot k(P_D) \cdot a(N_D)/100, \quad (64)$$

where

$$k(P_D) = 30.0 \cdot \exp(-0.5 \cdot \sqrt{P_D}). \quad (65)$$

540  $P_D$  is the population density [individuals  $\text{km}^{-2}$ ], and  $a(N_D)$  [ignitions individual $^{-1}$  day $^{-1}$ ] is a parameter describing the inclination of humans to use fire and cause fire ignitions. In absence of further information  $a(N_D)$  can be calculated from fire statistics using the following approach

$$a(N_D) = \frac{N_{h,\text{obs}}}{t_{\text{obs}} \cdot \text{LFS} \cdot P_D}, \quad (66)$$

where  $N_{h,\text{obs}}$  is the average number of human-caused fires observed during the observation years

545  $t_{\text{obs}}$  in a region with the average length of fire season (LFS) and the mean human population density. Assuming that all fires ignited in one day have the same burning conditions in a  $0.5^\circ$  grid cell with the grid cell size  $A$ , we combine fire danger, potential ignitions and the mean fire area  $A_f$  to obtain daily total burnt area with:

$$A_b = \min(E(n_{\text{ig}}) \cdot \text{FDI} \cdot A_f, A) \quad (67)$$

550 We calculate  $E(n_{\text{ig}})$  with the sum of independent estimates of numbers of lightning ( $n_{l,\text{ig}}$ ) and human-caused ignition events ( $n_{h,\text{ig}}$ ), disregarding stochastic variations.  $A_f$  is calculated from forward and backward rate of spread which depends on the dead fuel characteristics, fuel load in the respective dead fuel classes and wind speed. Dead plant material entering the litter pool is subdivided into 1-, 10-, 100- and 1000 hour fuel classes, describing the amount of time to dry a fuel particle of  
555 a specific size (1-hour fuel refers to leaves and twigs and 1000 hour fuel to tree boles). As described

by Thonicke et al. (2010): "The forward rate of spread  $ROS_{f,surface}$  [ $m \text{ min}^{-1}$ ] is given by:

$$ROS_{f,surface} = \frac{I_R \cdot \zeta \cdot (1 + \Phi_w)}{\rho_b \cdot \epsilon \cdot Q_{ig}}, \quad (68)$$

where  $I_R$  is the reaction intensity, i.e. the energy release rate per unit area of fire front [ $\text{kJ m}^{-2} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ];  $\zeta$  is the propagating flux ratio, i.e. the proportion of  $I_R$  that heats adjacent fuel particles to ignition;  $\Phi_w$  is a multiplier that accounts for the effect of wind in increasing the effective value of  $\zeta$ ;  $\rho_b$  is the fuel bulk density [ $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ ], assigned by PFT and weighted over the 1-, 10- and 100-hour dead fuel classes;  $\epsilon$  is the effective heating number, i.e. the proportion of a fuel particle that is heated to ignition temperature at the time flaming combustion starts; and  $Q_{ig}$  is the heat of pre-ignition, i.e. the amount of heat required to ignite a given mass of fuel [ $\text{kJ kg}^{-1}$ ]. With fuel bulk density  $\rho_b$  defined as a PFT parameter, surface-area-to-volume ratios change with fuel load." Assuming that fires burn longer under high fire danger, we define fire duration ( $t_{fire}$ ) [min] as

$$t_{fire} = \frac{241}{1 + 240 \cdot \exp(-11.06 \cdot FDI)} \quad (69)$$

In the absence of topographic influence and changing wind directions during one fire event or discontinuities of the fuel bed, fires burn an elliptical shape. Thus, the mean fire area [in ha] is defined as follows:

$$\overline{A_f} = \frac{\pi}{4 \cdot L_B} \cdot D_T^2 \cdot 10^{-4} \quad (70)$$

with  $L_B$  is length to breadth ratio of elliptical fire, and  $D_T$  is the length of major axis with:

$$D_T = ROS_{f,surface} \cdot t_{fire} + ROS_{b,surface} \cdot t_{fire} \quad (71)$$

with  $ROS_{b,surface}$ , surface as the backward rate of spread.  $L_B$  for grass and trees, respectively, is weighted depending on the foliage projective cover of grasses relative to woody PFTs in each grid cell.

SPITFIRE differentiates fire effects depending on burning conditions (intra- and interannual). If fires have developed insufficient surface fire intensity ( $< 50 \text{ kW m}^{-1}$ ), ignitions are extinguished (and not counted in the model output). If the surface fire intensity has supported high enough scorch height of the flames, resulting scorching of the crown is simulated. Here, the tree architecture through the crown length, height of the tree determines fire effects and describes an important feedback between vegetation and fire in the model. PFT-specific parameters describe the trees sensitivity to or influence on scorch height and crown scorch. Surface fires consume dead fuel and live grass as a function of their fuel moisture content. The amount of biomass burnt results from crown scorch and surface fuel consumption.

Post-fire mortality is modelled as a result of two fire mortality causes: crown and cambial damage. The latter occurs when insufficient bark thickness allows the heat of the fire to damage the cambium.

It is defined as the ratio of the residence time of the fire to the critical time for cambial damage. The probability of mortality due to crown damage (CK) is:

$$590 \quad P_m(\text{CK}) = r_{\text{CK}} \cdot \text{CK}^p, \quad (72)$$

where  $r_{\text{CK}}$  is a resistance factor between 0 and 1, and  $p$  is in the range of 3 to 4 (see SI-Table [7S9](#)). The biomass of trees which die from either mortality cause is added to the respective dead fuel classes.

In summary, the PFT composition and productivity strongly influences fire risk through the moisture of extinction, fire spread through composition of fuel classes (fine vs. coarse fuel), openness of the canopy and fuel moisture, fire effects through stem diameter, crown length and bark thickness of the average tree individual. The higher the proportion of grasses in a grid cell the faster fires can spread, the smaller the trees and/or the thinner their bark the higher the proportion of the crown scorched and the higher their mortality.

## 600 **2.4 Crop functional types**

In LPJmL4, twelve different annual crop functional types (CFTs) are simulated (SI-Table [8S10](#)), similar to Bondeau et al. (2007) with the addition of sugarcane. The basic idea of CFTs is that these are parameterized as one specific representative crop (e.g. wheat, [Triticum aestivum](#) [Triticum aestivum](#) L.) to represent a broader group of similar crops (e.g. temperate cereals). In addition to the crops represented by the twelve CFTs, other annual and perennial crops ([other crops](#)[other crops](#)) are typically represented as managed grassland. Bioenergy crops are simulated to account for woody (willow trees in temperate regions, eucalyptus for tropical regions) and herbaceous types (Miscanthus) (Beringer et al., 2011)). The physical cropping area (i.e. proportion per grid cell) of each CFT, the group of [other crops](#)[other crops](#), managed grasslands and bioenergy crops can be prescribed for each year and grid cell by using gridded land use data described in Fader et al. (2010) and Jägermeyr et al. (2015), see section 2.7. In principle, any land use dataset (including future scenarios) can be implemented in LPJmL4 at any resolution.

### **Crop varieties and phenology**

Phenological development of crops in LPJmL4 is driven by temperature [by-way-of-through](#) accumulation of growing degree days, [and can be](#) modified by vernalization requirements and sensitivity to daylength (photoperiod) for some CFTs and some varieties. Phenology is represented as a single phase from planting to physiological maturity. Different varieties of a single crop species are represented by different phenological heat unit requirements to reach maturity (phu), but also different harvest indices ( $hi_{\text{opt}}$ ), i.e. the fraction of the above-ground biomass that is harvested, is typically CFT-specific, but can be specified to represent specific varieties (Asseng et al., 2013; Bassu et al., 2014; Kollas et al., 2015; Fader et al., 2010).

Heat units ( $hu_t$ , growing degree days) are accumulated ( $hu_{sum}$ ) daily (see eq. (73)). The daily heat unit increment ( $hu_t$ ) is the difference between the daily mean temperature of day  $t$  and the CFT-specific base temperature (see SI-Table 8S10). The increment  $hu_t$  cannot be less than zero at any given day. The phenological stage of the crop development ( $fphu$ ) is expressed as the ratio of accumulated ( $hu_{sum}$ ) and required phenological heat units ( $phu$ ) (see eq. (74)). Physiological maturity is reached as soon as the sufficient growing degree days have been accumulated ( $fphu=1.0$ ). Both unfulfilled vernalization requirements as well as unsuitable photoperiod affect the phenological development of the CFTs (see eq. (78) and eq. (79)). Therefore, the daily increment  $hu_t$  at day  $t$  is scaled by reduction factors  $v_{rf}$  for vernalization and  $p_{rf}$  for photoperiod:

$$hu_{sum} = \sum_{t'=sdate}^t hu_{t'} \cdot v_{rf} \cdot p_{rf} \quad (73)$$

and

$$fphu = hu_{sum}/phu. \quad (74)$$

Wheat and rapeseed are implemented as spring and winter varieties. The model endogenously determines which variety to grow based on the average climate of past decades. If internally computed sowing dates for winter varieties (see below Section 2.7.1) indicate that the winter is too long to allow for growing winter varieties, which is prior to day 258 (90) for wheat and 241 (61) for rapeseed on the northern (southern hemisphere), spring varieties are grown instead. These are computed on the basis of the sowing dates ( $sdate$ ) as an indication for the length of the cropping season, constrained by crop-specific limits. For winter varieties of wheat and rapeseed,  $phu$  is computed as:

$$phu = -0.1081 \cdot (sdate - keyday)^2 + 3.1633 \cdot (sdate - keyday) + phu_{w_{high}}, \quad phu \leq phu_{w_{low}}, \quad (75)$$

where  $phu_{w_{low}}$  and  $phu_{w_{high}}$  are minimum and maximum  $phu$  requirements for winter varieties, respectively. The sowing date  $sdate$  can either be internally computed (see section 2.7.1) or prescribed for a crop and pixel. The parameter  $keyday$  is day 365 on the northern and day 181 on the southern hemisphere. For spring varieties of wheat and rapeseed, as well as for all other crops,  $phu$  is computed as:

$$phu = \max(T_{base_{low}}, atemp_{20}) \cdot pf_{CFT}, \quad phu_{s_{high}} \geq phu \geq phu_{s_{low}}, \quad (76)$$

where  $phu_{s_{low}}$  and  $phu_{s_{high}}$  are minimum and maximum  $phu$  requirements for spring varieties, respectively,  $T_{base_{low}}$  is the minimum base temperature for the accumulation of heat units,  $atemp_{20}$  is the 20-year moving average annual temperature and  $pf_{CFT}$  is a CFT-specific scaling factor.

Vernalization requirements  $pvd$  are zero for spring varieties and are computed for winter varieties:

$$pvd = vern_{date20} - sdate - ppvd_{CFT}, \quad 0 \leq pvd \leq 60 \quad (77)$$

with  $ppvd_{CFT}$  as a CFT-specific vernalization factor,  $sdate$  as the Julian day of the year of sowing and  $vern_{date20}$  as the multi-annual average of the first day of the year when temperatures rise above a CFT-specific vernalization threshold ( $T_{vern}$ , see SI-Table [8S10](#)). The effectiveness of vernalization is dependent on the daily mean temperature, being ineffective below  $-4^{\circ}\text{C}$  and above  $17^{\circ}\text{C}$ , being fully effective between  $3^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the effectiveness scales linear between  $-4$  and  $3$  and between  $10$  and  $17^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The effective number of vernalizing days  $vd_{sum}$  is accumulated until the requirements (pvd) as computed in eq. (77) are met or until phenology has progressed over 20% of its phenological development (i.e.  $fphu \geq 0.2$ ). Crop varieties can be parameterized as sensitive to photoperiod (i.e. daylength), but [typically here](#) are assumed to be insensitive. Parameter settings can be adjusted for specific applications, such as in model intercomparisons (Asseng et al., 2013; Bassu et al., 2014; Kollas et al., 2015). Photoperiod restrictions are active until the crop reaches senescence.

The reduction factors are computed as:

$$v_{rf} = (vd_{sum} - 10.0)/(pvd - 10.0), \quad (78)$$

forcing  $v_{rf}$  to be between 0 and 1, and

$$p_{rf} = (1 - p_{sens}) \cdot \min(1, \max(0, (daylength - p_b)/(p_s - p_b))) + p_{sens}, \quad (79)$$

where  $p_{sens}$  is the parametrized sensitivity to photoperiod ( $0 \dots 1$ ),  $daylength$  is the duration of daylight (sunrise to sunset) in hours (see section 2.1.1),  $p_b$  is the base photoperiod in hours and  $p_s$  is the saturation photoperiod in hours.

## 675 **Crop growth and allocation**

Photosynthesis and autotrophic respiration of crops are computed as for the herbaceous natural PFTs (see section 2.2.1 and 2.2.3). Light absorption for photosynthesis is computed based on the Lambert-Beer law (Monsi, 1953), except for maize. For maize, LPJmL4 employs a linear [LAI-FPAR-FPAR](#) model (Zhou et al., 2002) and a maximum leaf area index ( $LAI_{max}$ ) of 5 instead of 7 as for all other CFTs (Fader et al., 2010). Daily NPP accumulates to total biomass and is allocated daily to crop organs in a hierarchical order: roots, leaves, storage organ, mobile reserves/stem (pool). The fraction of biomass that is allocated to each compartment depends on the phenological development stage ( $fphu$ ). The fraction of total biomass that is allocated to the roots ( $f_{root}$ ) ranges between 40% at planting and 10% at maturity, modified by water stress:

$$f_{root} = \frac{0.4 - (0.3 \cdot fphu) \cdot wdf}{wdf + \exp(6.13 - 0.0883 \cdot wdf)}, \quad (80)$$

where  $wdf$  is the ratio between accumulated daily transpiration and accumulated daily water demand since planting, representing a measure of the average water stress. After allocation to the roots, biomass is allocated to the leaves. Leaf area development follows a CFT-specific shape that is

controlled by phenological development ( $fphu$ ), the onset of senescence ( $ssn$ ) and the shape of green  
 690 LAI decline after onset of senescence. The ideal CFT-specific development of the canopy (equation  
 81) is thus described as a function of the maximum LAI ( $lai_{max}$ ) and the phenological develop-  
 ment ( $fphu$ ) with two turning points in the phenological development ( $fphu_c$  and  $fphu_k$ ) and the  
 corresponding fraction of the maximum green LAI reached at these stages ( $flai_{max_c}$  and  $flai_{max_k}$ ):

$$flai_{max} = \frac{fphu}{fphu + c \cdot (c/k) \frac{fphu_c - fphu}{fphu_k - fphu_c}} \quad (81)$$

695 with

$$c = \frac{fphu_c}{flai_{max_c} - fphu_c} \quad (82)$$

$$k = \frac{fphu_k}{flai_{max_k} - fphu_k} \quad (83)$$

The onset of senescence is defined as a point in the phenological development  $fphu_{sen}$ . After  
 the onset of senescence, i.e.  $fphu \leq fphu_{sen}$ , no more biomass is allocated to the leaves and the  
 700 maximum green LAI is computed as:

$$flai_{max} = \left( \frac{1 - fphu}{1 - fphu_{sen}} \right)^{ssn} \cdot (1 - flai_{max_h}) + flai_{max_h} \quad (84)$$

with  $flai_{max_h}$  as the green LAI fraction at which harvest occurs. This optimal development of LAI  
 is modified by acute water stress. For this, the daily increment  $lai_{inc}$ , which is optimal for day  $t$  is  
 computed as:

$$705 \quad lai_{inc_t} = (flai_{max_t} - flai_{max_{t-1}}) \cdot lai_{max} \quad (85)$$

with  $flai_{max_t}$  as the maximum green LAI of day  $t$  and  $flai_{max_{t-1}}$  as the maximum green LAI of  
 the previous day. The daily increment  $lai_{inc}$  is additionally scaled with the daily water stress ( $\omega$ ),  
 which is calculated as the ratio of actual transpiration and demand (see section 2.6.2) on that day.  
 The calculation of  $lai_{inc}$  applies to daily LAI increments which are independent of each other. The

710 LAI on day  $t$  is accumulated from daily LAI increments,

$$LAI_t = \sum_{t'=sdate}^t lai_{inc_{t'}} \cdot \omega \quad (86)$$

and implies that the LAI development cannot recover from water-limitation induced reductions in  
 LAI. Until the onset of senescence, the daily LAI determines the biomass allocated to the leaves by  
 dividing LAI by specific leaf area (SLA). SLA is computed as in eq. (55) using the  $\beta_0$  value for  
 715 grasses (2.25) and CFT-specific  $\alpha_{leaf}$  values (SI-Table 9S11). Its calculation was adjusted for SLA  
 values given in Xu et al. (2010). Biomass in the storage organ is computed by phenological stage and  
 the harvest index (HI), which describes the fraction of the above ground biomass that is allocated to  
 the storage organ:

$$HI = \begin{cases} fhi_{opt} \cdot hi_{opt}, & \text{if } hi_{opt} \geq 1 \\ fhi_{opt} \cdot (hi_{opt} - 1) + 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (87)$$



720 with

$$fhi_{opt} = 100 \cdot fphu / (100 \cdot fphu + \exp(11.1 - 10.0 \cdot fphu)) \quad (88)$$

As the harvest index HI is defined relative to above-ground biomass, roots and tubers have HI values larger than 1.0 which needs to be accounted for in the allocation of biomass to the storage organ (see eq. (87)). If biomass is limiting (low NPP), biomass is allocated in hierarchical order, starting with roots (which can always be satisfied, as it is 40% of total biomass maximum), followed by leaves ( $C_{leaf}$ ) (where eventually the LAI is temporarily reduced, impacting APAR and thus NPP) and the storage organ ( $C_{so}$ ). If biomass is not limiting, the allocation to the storage organ, this is computed from the harvest index (HI) and total above ground biomass:

$$C_{so} = HI \cdot (C_{leaf} + C_{so} + C_{pool}) \quad (89)$$

730 Excess biomass after allocating to roots, leaves and storage organ is allocated to a pool ( $C_{pool}$ ) that represents mobile reserves and the stem. At harvest, storage organs are collected from the field and crop residues can be left on the field or removed (for scenario setting, see Bondeau et al. (2007, e.g.)). If removed, a fraction of 10% of the above-ground biomass (leaves and pool) is assumed to remain on the field as stubbles. Stubbles and root biomass enter the litter pools after harvest.

## 735 2.5 Soil and litter carbon pools

Important for the global carbon balance are the biogeochemical processes in soil and litter. The LPJmL4 litter pool consists of CFT- resp. PFT-dependent pools for leaf, root and wood. The soil consists of a fast and a slow organic matter pool. Decomposition fluxes transferring litter carbon into soil carbon and losses for heterotrophic respiration ( $R_h$ ) are described in the following section.

### 740 2.5.1 Decomposition

Decomposition of organic matter pools is represented by first-order kinetics (Sitch et al., 2003)

$$\frac{dC_{(l)}}{dt} = -k_{(l)} \cdot C_{(l)}, \quad (90)$$

where  $C_{(l)}$  is the carbon pool size of soil or litter and  $k_{(l)}$  is the annual decomposition rate per layer ( $l$ ) in  $\text{day}^{-1}$ . Integrating for a time interval  $\Delta t$  (here 1 day) yields:

$$745 C_{(t+1,l)} = C_{(t,l)} \cdot \exp(-k_{(l)} \cdot \Delta t), \quad (91)$$

where  $C_{(t,l)}$  and  $C_{(t+1,l)}$  are the carbon pool sizes at the beginning and the end of the day. The amount of carbon decomposed per layer is:

$$C_{(t,l)} \cdot (1 - \exp(-k_{(l)} \cdot \Delta t)) \quad (92)$$

at which 70% of decomposed litter goes directly into the atmosphere  $R_{h,litter}$ , the remaining is transferred to the soil carbon pools, 98.5% to the fast soil carbon pool and 1.5% to the slow carbon pool (Sitch et al., 2003).

$$R_h = R_{h,litter} + R_{h,fastSoil} + R_{h,slowSoil} \quad (93)$$

The decomposition rates for root litter and soil ( $k_{(l,p)}$ ,  $k_{(l,PFT)}$ ) is a function of soil temperature and soil moisture:

$$k_{(l,PFT)} = \frac{1}{\tau_{10(p)}} \frac{1}{\tau_{10PFT}} \cdot g(T_{soil(l)}) \cdot f(\theta_{(l)}), \quad (94)$$

which is reciprocal to the mean residence time ( $\tau_{10(p)}$ ,  $\tau_{10PFT}$ ). Root litter decomposition is defined for all PFTs ( $0.3 \text{ yr a}^{-1}$ ) and for fast and slow soil carbon ( $0.03$  and  $0.001 \text{ yr a}^{-1}$  resp.) as in Sitch et al. (2003),  $p$  represents the different pools. The decomposition rate of leaf and wood litter is defined as PFT-specific decomposition rates at  $10^\circ\text{C}$  for leaf, wood and root, which has been analysed and proposed by Brovkin et al. (2012) for leaf and wood. The temperature dependence function for the fast and slow soil carbon and the leaf and root litter pool  $g(T_{soil})$  was already described in eq. (45). For wood litter decomposition it is calculated as follows:

$$k_{wood,p} = Q_{10_{wood,litter}} \cdot \left( \frac{T_{soil} - 10}{10.0} \right)^{\frac{(T_{soil} - 10)}{10.0}} \quad (95)$$

SI-Table 5 presents ( $1/\tau_{10(p)}$ ) S7 presents ( $1/\tau_{10PFT}$ ) used for leaves and wood and the  $Q_{10}$ ,  $Q_{10_{wood,litter}}$  parameter for temperature-dependent wood decomposition in the litter pool. The soil moisture function follows Schaphoff et al. (2013):

$$f(\theta_{(l)}) = 0.04021601 - 5.00505434 \cdot \theta_{(l)}^3 + 4.269379324 \cdot \theta_{(l)}^2 + 0.718901220 \cdot \theta_{(l)} \quad (96)$$

$\theta_{(l)}$  is the soil volume fraction of the layer  $l$ . Parameters are chosen based on the assumption that rates are maximal at field capacity and decline for higher  $\theta_{(l)}$  to 0.2.  $f(\theta_{(l)})$  is very small ( $0.04021601$ ) when  $\theta_{(l)}$  equals 1 due to oxygen limitation and when  $\theta_{(l)}$  is 0.

To account for different decomposition rates in the different soil layers, a vertical soil carbon distribution is now implemented in LPJmL4 following Schaphoff et al. (2013). Jobbagy and Jackson (2000) suggested a cumulative log-log distribution of the fraction of soil organic carbon ( $Cf_l$ ) as a function of depth with:

$$Cf_{(l)} = 10^{k_{soc} \cdot \log_{10}(d_{(l)})}, \quad (97)$$

where  $d_{(l)}$  is the relative share of the layer  $l$  in the entire soil bucket and the parameters  $k_{soc}$  was adjusted for the soil layer depth now used in LPJmL4 (see SI-Table S7). The total amount of soil carbon  $C_{stotal}$  is estimated from the mean annual decomposition rate  $k_{mean(l)}$  and the mean litter

780 input into the soil as in (Sitch et al., 2003), but is distributed to all root layers separately (eq. (98)).  
The envisaged vertical soil distribution  $C_{(l)}$ :

$$C_{(l)} = \sum_{p \text{ PFT}=1}^{n_{\text{PFT}}} d_{(l)} \frac{k_{\text{soc}(p)}^{\text{soCPFT}}}{k_{\text{meanPFT}(p)}} \cdot C_{\text{total}} \quad (98)$$

is estimated after a carbon equilibrium phase of 2310 years. The mean decomposition rate for each PFT  $k_{\text{meanPFT}(p)}$  can be derived from the mean annual decomposition rate  $k_{\text{mean}(l)}$  of the  
785 spinup years as a layer-weighted value derived from eq. (97):

$$k_{\text{meanPFT}(p)} = \sum_{l=1}^{n_{\text{soil}}} k_{\text{mean}(l)} \cdot \frac{\text{Cf}_{(l,p)} \cdot \text{Cf}_{(l,\text{PFT})}}{k_{\text{meanPFT}}} \quad (99)$$

The annual carbon shift rates  $C_{\text{shift}(l,p)}$  describe the organic matter input from the different PFTs into the respective layer due to cryoturbation and bioturbation and are designed for global applications:

$$790 \quad C_{\text{shift}(l,p)} = \frac{\text{Cf}_{(l,p)} \cdot k_{\text{mean}(l)}}{k_{\text{mean}_p}} \cdot \frac{\text{Cf}_{(l,\text{PFT})} \cdot k_{\text{mean}(l)}}{k_{\text{meanPFT}}} \quad (100)$$

## 2.6 Water balance

The terrestrial water balance is a pivotal element in LPJmL4 as water and vegetation are linked in multiple ways:

1. the coupling of plant transpiration and carbon uptake from the atmosphere through stomatal conductance in the process of photosynthesis;  
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2. the down-regulation of photosynthesis, plant growth and productivity in response to soil water limitation (relative to atmospheric moisture demand), in case actual canopy conductance is below potential canopy conductance (in the demand function that describes transpiration);
3. the effect of changes in vegetation type, distribution, phenology and production on evaporation, transpiration, interception, runoff and soil moisture;  
800
4. the anthropogenic stimulation of crop growth through irrigation with water taken from rivers, dams, lakes and assumed renewable groundwater.

These couplings of water and vegetation dynamics enable simulation-simulations of the interacting mutual feedbacks between freshwater cycling in and above the earth surface and terrestrial vegetation  
805 dynamics.

### 2.6.1 Soil water balance

Advancing the former two-layer approach (Sitch et al., 2003), LPJmL4 divides the soil column into five hydrological active layers of 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 1 and 1 m thickness (Schaphoff et al., 2013). Water

holding capacity (water content at permanent wilting point, at field capacity and at saturation) and  
 810 hydraulic conductivity are derived for each grid cell using soil texture from the Harmonized World  
 Soil Database (HWSD) version 1 (Nachtergaele et al., 2008) and relationships between texture and  
 hydraulic properties from Cosby et al. (1984), see also section 2.1.3.

Water content in soil layers is altered by infiltrating rainfall and vertical movement of gravitational  
 water (percolation). Since the accuracy needed for a global model does not justify the computational  
 815 costs of an exact solution of the governing differential equation, a simplified storage approach is  
 implemented in LPJmL4. Rather than calculating infiltration and percolation of precipitation at once,  
 total precipitation is divided in portions of 4 mm that are routed through the soil one after another.  
 This effectively emulates a time discretization, which leads to a higher proportion of runoff being  
 generated for higher amounts precipitation.

## 820 Infiltration

The infiltration rate of rain and irrigation water into the soil (infil, in mm) depends on current soil  
 water content of the first layer as follows:

$$\text{infil} = P \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{SW_{(1)} - W_{\text{pwp}(1)}}{W_{\text{sat}(1)} - W_{\text{pwp}(1)}}}, \quad (101)$$

where  $W_{\text{sat}(1)}$  is the soil water content at saturation and  $W_{\text{pwp}(1)}$  the soil water content at wilting  
 825 point, and  $SW_{(1)}$  the total actual soil water content of the first layer, all in mm.  $P$  is the amount of  
 water in the current portion of daily precipitation or applied irrigation water (maximum 4 mm). The  
 surplus water that does not infiltrate is assumed to generate surface runoff.

## Percolation

Subsequent percolation through the soil layers is calculated by the storage routine technique (Arnold  
 830 et al., 1990) as used in regional hydrological models such as SWIM (Krysanova et al., 1998).

$$FW_{(t+1, l)} = FW_{(t, l)} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta t}{TT_{(l)}}\right), \quad (102)$$

where  $FW_{(t, l)}$  and  $FW_{(t+1, l)}$  are the soil water content between field capacity and saturation at  
 the beginning and the end of the day for all soil layers  $l$ , respectively.  $\Delta t$  is the time interval (here,  
 24 hours) and  $TT_l$  determines the travel time through the soil layer in hours:

$$835 \quad TT_{(l)} = \frac{FW_{(l)}}{HC_{(l)}} \quad (103)$$

$HC_{(l)}$  is the hydraulic conductivity of the layer in  $\text{mm hour}^{-1}$ :

$$HC_{(l)} = K_{s(l)} \cdot \left(\frac{SW_{(l)}}{W_{\text{sat}(l)}}\right)^{\beta_{(l)}}, \quad (104)$$

where  $W_{\text{sat}(l)}$  is the soil water content at saturation,  $K_{s(l)}$  is the saturated conductivity [in  $\text{mm hour}^{-1}$ ] and  $\text{SW}(l)$  the total soil water content of the layer in  $\text{mm}$  [in  $\text{mm}$ ]. Thus, percolation can be calculated  
 840 by subtracting  $\text{FW}(t,l)$  from  $\text{FW}(t+1,l)$  for all soil layers:

$$\text{perc}'_{(l)} = \text{FW}(t,l) \cdot \left[ 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta t}{\text{TT}(l)}\right) \right] \quad (105)$$

The percolation rate  $\text{perc}_{(l)}$  [in  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ] is limited by soil moisture of the lower layer, similar to the infiltration approach.

$$\text{perc}_{(l)} = \text{perc}'_{(l)} \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{\text{SW}(l) - W_{\text{pwp}(l)}}{W_{\text{sat}(l)} - W_{\text{pwp}(l)}}} \quad (106)$$

845 Excess water over the saturation levels forms lateral runoff in each layer and contributes to sub-surface runoff. The formation of groundwater, which is the seepage from the bottom soil layer, has been recently introduced into LPJmL4 (Schaphoff et al., 2013). Both surface and subsurface runoff are simulated to accumulate to river discharge (see section 2.6.3).

## 2.6.2 Evapotranspiration

850 Similar to Gerten et al. (2004), evapotranspiration (ET) is the sum of vapor flow from the earth surface to the atmosphere. It consists of three major components: evaporation from bare soils, evaporation of intercepted rainfall from the canopy, and plant transpiration through leaf stomata. The calculation of these different components in LPJmL4 is based on equilibrium evapotranspiration ( $E_{\text{eq}}$ ) resp. the PET as described in section 2.1.1 and eq. (2) and (6).

### 855 Canopy evaporation

Canopy evaporation is the evaporation of rainfall that has been intercepted by the canopy, limited either by PET or the amount of intercepted rainfall  $I$  (both in  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ):

$$E_{\text{canopy}} = \min(\text{PET}, I) \quad (107)$$

The amount of intercepted rainfall is given as:

$$860 \quad I = \sum_{\text{pft}_{\text{PET}}=1}^{n_{\text{PFT}}} I_{\text{pft}} \cdot \text{LAI}_{\text{pft}} \cdot \text{LAI}_{\text{PFT}} \cdot \text{Pr}, \quad (108)$$

where  $I_{\text{pft}} \cdot \text{LAI}_{\text{PFT}}$  is the interception storage parameter for each PFT (Gerten et al., 2004),  $\text{LAI}_{\text{pft}}$  the PFT-specific leaf area per unit of grid cell area and  $\text{Pr}$  is daily precipitation in  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ .

### Soil evaporation

Soil evaporation ( $E_s$  in  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) only occurs from bare soil, where the vegetation cover ( $f_v$ ) is  
 865 less than 100%. The  $f_v$  is the sum of all present PFT's FPC (see eq. (57)) taking daily phenology

into account. The evaporation flux depends on available energy for the vaporization of water (see eq. (6)) and the available water in the soil. LPJmL4 assumes that water for evaporation is available from the upper 0.3 m of the soil, implicitly accounting for some capillary rise. Evaporation-available soil water ( $w_{\text{evap}}$ ) is thus all water above wilting point of the upper layer (0.2 m) and one third of the second layer (0.3 m). Actual evaporation is then computed according to eq. (110), with  $w$  being the evaporation-available water relative to the water holding capacity in that layer  $\text{whc}_{\text{evap}}$

$$w = \min(1, w_{\text{evap}}/\text{whc}_{\text{evap}}) \quad (109)$$

thus:

$$E_s = \text{PET} \cdot w^2 \cdot (1 - f_v) \quad (110)$$

This potential evaporation flux is reduced if a portion of the water is frozen or if the energy for the vaporization has already been used to vaporize water that was intercepted by the canopy or for plant transpiration (see section 2.6.2).

### Plant transpiration coupled with photosynthesis

Plant transpiration ( $E_T$  in  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) is modelled as the lesser of plant-available soil water supply function ( $S$ ) and atmospheric demand function ( $D$ ), following Federer (1982):

$$E_T = \min(S, D) \cdot f_v \quad (111)$$

$S$  is defined by depends on a PFT-specific maximum water transport capacity ( $E_{\text{max}}$  in  $\text{mm day}^{-1}$ ) and the relative water content ( $w_r$ ) and phenology ( $\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}}$ ), because plants need no water when they have shed all their leaves:

$$S = E_{\text{max}} \cdot w_r \cdot \text{phen}_{\text{PFT}} \quad (112)$$

The water accessible for plants ( $w_r$ ) is computed from the relative water content at field capacity ( $w_l$ ) and the fraction of roots ( $\text{rootdist}_l$ ) within each soil layer ( $l$ ) as

$$w_r = \sum_{l=1}^{n_{\text{soil}}-1} w_l \cdot \text{rootdist}_l \quad (113)$$

$\text{rootdist}_l$  can be calculated from the proportion of roots from surface to soil depth  $z$ ,  $\text{rootdist}_z$ , as in Jackson et al. (1996):

$$\text{rootdist}_z = \frac{\int_0^z (\beta_{\text{root}})^{z'} dz'}{\int_0^{z_{\text{bottom}}} (\beta_{\text{root}})^{z'} dz'} = \frac{1 - (\beta_{\text{root}})^z}{1 - (\beta_{\text{root}})^{z_{\text{bottom}}}}, \quad (114)$$

where  $\beta_{\text{root}}$  represents a numerical index for root distribution (for parameter values see SI-Table 6S8).  $\text{rootdist}_l$  is given by the difference  $\text{rootdist}_{z(l)} - \text{rootdist}_{z(l-1)}$ . If the soil depth of layer  $l$  is greater than the thawing depth then  $\text{rootdist}_l$  is set to zero. The non-zero  $\text{rootdist}_l$  are rescaled in such a way

895 that their sum is normalized to 1 considering the reallocation of the root distribution under freezing conditions.

Plants in natural vegetation compete for water resources and thus only have access to the fraction of water that corresponds to their foliage projected cover ( $\text{fpc}_{\text{PFT}}$ )

$$S_{\text{PFT}} = S \cdot \text{fpc}_{\text{PFT}} \quad (115)$$

900 For agricultural crops, water supply is also dependent on their root biomass  $\text{bm}_{\text{root}}$

$$S = E_{\text{max}} \cdot w_r \cdot (1 - \exp(-0.0411 \cdot \text{bm}_{\text{root}})) \quad (116)$$

Atmospheric demand ( $D$ ) is a hyperbolic function of  $g_c$  (see section 2.2.1 and eq. (39)), following Monteith (1995), and employs a maximum Priestley-Taylor coefficient  $\alpha_m = 1.391$ , describing the asymptotic transpiration rate, and a conductance scaling factor  $g_m = 3.26$ :

$$905 \quad D = (1 - \text{wet}) \cdot E_{\text{eq}} \cdot \alpha_m / (1 + g_m / g_c), \quad (117)$$

where  $\text{wet}$  is the fraction of  $E_{\text{eq}}$  that was used to vaporize intercepted water from the canopy (see section 2.6.2) and  $g_c$  is the potential canopy conductance. If  $S$  is not sufficient to fulfill transpiration demand  $g_c$  is recalculated for  $D = S$  and photosynthesis rate might be adjusted (see section 2.2.1).

### 2.6.3 River routing

#### 910 Description of the river routing module

The river routing module computes the lateral exchange of discharge (see section 3.1.2 for input) between grid cells through the river network (Rost et al., 2008). The transport of water in the river channel is approximated by a cascade of linear reservoirs. River sections are divided into  $n$  homogeneous segments of length  $L$ , each behaving like a linear reservoir. Following the unit hydrograph method (Nash, 1957), the outflow  $Q_{\text{out}}(t)$  of a linear reservoir cascade for an instantaneous inflow  $Q_{\text{in}}$  is given as:

$$Q_{\text{out}}(t) = Q_{\text{in}} \cdot \frac{1}{K \cdot \Gamma(n)} \left( \frac{t}{K} \right)^{n-1} \cdot \exp(-t/K), \quad (118)$$

where  $\Gamma(n)$  is the gamma function that replaces  $(n - 1)!$  to allow for non-integer values of  $n$ .  $K$  is the storage parameter, defined as the hydraulic retention time of a single linear reservoir segment of length  $L$ . It can be calculated as the average travel time of water through a single river segment:

$$920 \quad K = \frac{L}{v}, \quad (119)$$

where  $v$  is the average flow velocity.

The river routing in LPJmL4 is calculated at a time step of  $\Delta t = 3$  hour. We assume a globally constant flow velocity  $v$  of  $1 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and a segment length  $L$  of 10 km to calculate the parameters

925  $n$  and  $K$  for each route between grid-cell mid points. At the start of the simulation, for each route  
the unit hydrograph for a rectangular input impulse of length  $\Delta t$  is determined from eq. (118).  
Because eq. (118) assumes an instantaneous input impulse, we numerically determine the response to  
a rectangular input impulse by adding up the responses of a series of 100 consecutive instantaneous  
input impulses. From the obtained unit hydrograph, the sum of outflow during each subsequent  
930 time step  $\Delta t$  is recorded until 99% of the total input impulse has been released (maximum 24 time  
steps). During simulation thus determined response function is then used to calculate the convolution  
integral for the flow packages routed through the network. An efficient parallelisation of the river-  
routing scheme using global communicators of the MPI message passing library is described in  
Von Bloh et al. (2010).

#### 935 **2.6.4 Irrigation and dams**

LPJmL4 explicitly accounts for human influences on the hydrological cycle by accounting for irriga-  
tion water abstraction, consumption and return flows, and non-agricultural water consumption from  
households, industry and livestock (HIL), as well as an implementation of reservoirs and dams.

##### **Irrigation**

940 LPJmL4 features a mechanistic representation of the world’s most important irrigation systems (sur-  
face, sprinkler, drip), which is key to refined global simulations of agricultural water use as con-  
strained by biophysical processes and water tradeoffs along the river network. HIL water use in each  
grid cell is based on Flörke et al. (2013) (accounting for 201 km<sup>3</sup> in the year 2000). We assume  
HIL water to be withdrawn prior to irrigation water. LPJmL4 comes with the first input dataset that  
945 details the global distribution of irrigation types for each cell and crop type (Jägermeyr et al., 2015).  
Irrigation water partitioning is dynamically calculated in coupling to the modelled water balance,  
and climate, soil, and vegetation properties. The spatial pattern of improved irrigation efficiencies  
are presented in Jägermeyr et al. (2015).

Irrigation water demand is withdrawn from available surface water, i.e. river discharge (see sec-  
950 tion 2.6.3), lakes, and reservoirs (section 2.6.5), and if not sufficient in the respective grid cell,  
requested from neighboring upstream cells. The amount of daily irrigation water requirements is  
based on the soil water deficit, resulting crop water demand (net irrigation requirements, NIR), and  
irrigation-system-specific application requirements (specified below). If soil moisture goes below  
the CFT-specific irrigation threshold ( $it$ ), the total amount (daily gross irrigation requirements) is re-  
955 quested for abstraction. NIR is defined as the water needs of the top 50 cm soil layer to avoid water  
limitation to the crop. It is calculated to meet field capacity ( $W_{fc}$ ) if the water supply (root-available  
soil water) falls below the atmospheric demand (potential evapotranspiration, see section 2.6.2) as:

$$\text{NIR} = W_{fc} - w_a - w_{ice}, \quad \text{NIR} \geq 0, \quad (120)$$



where  $w_a$  is actually available soil water and  $w_{ice}$  the frozen soil content in mm. Due to inefficiencies in any irrigation system, excess water is required to meet the water demand of the crop. To this end, we calculate system-specific conveyance efficiencies ( $E_c$ ) and application requirements (AR), which lead to gross irrigation requirements (GIR, in mm):

$$\text{GIR} = \frac{\text{NIR} + \text{AR} - \text{Store}}{E_c}, \quad (121)$$

where Store stands in as a storage buffer (see also SI-Fig. 2-S2 for conceptual description). For pressurized systems (sprinkler and drip),  $E_c$  is set to 0.95. For surface irrigation we link  $E_c$  to soil saturated hydraulic conductivity ( $K_s$ , see section 2.6.1), adopting  $E_c$  estimates from Brouwer et al. (1989). Half of conveyance losses are assumed to occur due to evaporation from open water bodies and the remainder is added to the return flow as drainage.

Indicative of application losses, AR represents the excess water needed to uniformly distribute irrigation across the field. AR is calculated as a system-specific scalar of the free water capacity:

$$\text{AR} = (W_{\text{sat}} - W_{\text{fc}}) \cdot d_u - \text{FW}, \quad \text{AR} \geq 0, \quad (122)$$

where  $d_u$  is the water distribution uniformity scalar, as a function of the irrigation system and FW represents the available free water (see sections 2.6 and 2.6.2) (see Jägermeyr et al. (2015) for details).

Irrigation scheduling is controlled by Pr and the irrigation threshold (IT) that defines tolerable soil water depletion prior to irrigation (see SI-Table 12-S14). Accessible irrigation water is subtracted by the precipitation amount. Irrigation water volumes that are not released (if  $S > \text{IT}$ ) are added to Store and are available for the next irrigation event. Withdrawn irrigation volumes are subsequently reduced by conveyance losses.

Irrigation water application is assumed to occur below the canopy for surface and drip systems, and sprinkler systems above-canopy, which leads to interception losses (calculated as described above). Drip system are assumed to apply irrigation water localized to the plant root zone below the surface and thereby reduce soil evaporation by 60% (section 2.6.2). Note that drip systems are parameterized to represent a modest form of deficit irrigation, i.e. to save water and not to maximize yields. For detailed parameterization of the three irrigation systems implemented, see SI-Table 12-14 and Jägermeyr et al. (2015).

### 2.6.5 Dams, lakes and reservoirs

The operation of large reservoirs affects the seasonal discharge patterns downstream of the dam, as well as the amount of water that is locally available for irrigation.

In LPJmL4, reservoirs are considered starting from the prescribed year they were built (Biemans et al., 2011). The reservoir is filled daily with discharge from upstream locations and with local precipitation. At the beginning of an operational year, which is defined as the first month when mean

monthly inflow is lower than mean annual inflow, the actual storage in the reservoir is compared with the maximum storage capacity of the reservoir. The reservoir outflow factor of the following  
995 year is adjusted accordingly to compensate for interannual flow fluctuations.

Subsequently, a target release is defined based on the main purpose of the reservoir. Dams built primarily for irrigation are assumed to release their water proportionally to gross irrigation water demand downstream. Dams built primarily for other purposes (hydropower, flood control, etc.) are assumed to be designed for releasing a constant water volume throughout the year. The actual release  
1000 from a reservoir is simulated to depend on its storage capacity relative to its inflow. If an irrigation purpose is defined for the reservoir, part of the outflow is diverted to irrigated lands downstream. Cells receive water from the reservoirs when the following conditions are met: the cells have a lower altitude than the cell containing the reservoir, and they are situated along the main river downstream or at maximum five cells upstream. Thus, a cell can receive water from multiple reservoirs.

1005 As irrigation demands vary daily, water released from reservoirs can be stored in the conveyance system for up to five days. If the total irrigation water demand to a reservoir cannot be fulfilled, all requesting fields are supplied with the same fraction of their demand (see Biemans et al. (2011) for details).

## 2.7 Land use

1010 Human land use is represented in LPJmL4 by dividing grid cells, which have the same climate and soil-texture input, into separate sub-units, referred to as stands. Stands are driven by the same input data, but changes in soil water and soil carbon are computed separately. When new stands are created, their soils are direct copies of the stand from which they are generated. If stands are merged, soil properties are averaged according to the two stands' size to maintain mass and energy balance.

1015 Natural vegetation (i.e. PFTs), agricultural crops (i.e. CFTs), managed grasslands and bioenergy plantations are represented on separate stands that can partly or fully cover any grid cell. The size of each stand is determined by the extent of land-use, defined by the input data prescribing fractions of each land-use type (crops, managed grassland, bioenergy plantations; all as rainfed and/or irrigated cultivation). All natural vegetation grows on a single natural vegetation stand on which all present  
1020 PFTs compete for water and light. Agricultural crops are implemented as monocultures where only one single crop is cultivated and where there is no competition for resources with other stands (fields or natural vegetation) within that cell. For each crop and irrigation system (irrigated or rainfed) there can always only be one stand within one grid cell. For irrigated crops only one irrigation system (sprinkler, surface or drip, see section 2.6.4) can be selected.

1025 At the beginning of each simulation year, present total agricultural land (all crops, all managed grasslands) is compared with land requirements for the year according to the input data. If there is too little agricultural land available, the needed fraction is cleared (liberated) from the natural vegetation stand, if there is too much, the excess agricultural land is abandoned and merged into the

natural vegetation stand, leaving new space there for establishment of natural vegetation. Uncultivated cropland (i.e. outside the cropping period) is merged in set-aside stands, separated in irrigated and rainfed to prevent that irrigation water from irrigated stands is transferred to rainfed stands in off-seasons. Set-aside land from irrigated agriculture is not irrigated during fallow periods, but is kept separate because of the soil water content that is enhanced through irrigation during the growing period. Land can be transferred between the two set-aside stands if the ratio between irrigated and rainfed cropland changes.

Depending on the scenario setting, if inter-cropping is assumed, a simple intercrop (grass) can be grown on the set-aside stand during the fallow period. Once a sowing date for a crop is reached (see section 2.7.1), the prescribed fraction of that crop and irrigation system is removed from the set-aside stand by copying the soil properties of the set-aside stand to the newly created stand and reducing the set-aside stand's size accordingly. The crop is then cultivated on that newly created stand and returned to the set-aside upon harvest of the crop.

### 2.7.1 Sowing dates

Sowing dates are simulated based on a set of rules depending on climate and crop specific thresholds as described in Waha et al. (2012). The start of the growing period is assumed to depend either on the onset of the wet season in tropical and subtropical regions or on the exceeding of a crop-specific temperature threshold for emergence in temperate regions.

~~In order to simulate a reasonable global distribution of temperate and tropical regions, we~~ We describe the intra-annual variability of precipitation and temperature in each location using variation coefficients for temperature ( $CV_{temp}$ ) and precipitation ( $CV_{prec}$ ), calculated from past monthly climate data. We assume temperature seasonality if  $CV_{temp}$  exceeds 0.01 and precipitation seasonality if  $CV_{prec}$  exceeds 0.4. Hence, four seasonality types can be differentiated (SI-Fig. 3S3):

1. temperature seasonality
2. precipitation seasonality, and
3. temperature and precipitation seasonality
4. no temperature and no precipitation seasonality

For locations with a combined temperature and precipitation seasonality, we additionally consider the mean temperature of the coldest month. If it exceeds  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , we assume absence of a cold season, i.e. the risk of frost occurrence is negligible, assuming temperatures are high enough to sow all year-round. Accordingly, precipitation seasonality defines the timing of sowing. If the mean temperature of the coldest month is equal to or below  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , temperature seasonality determines the timing of sowing. In regions with precipitation seasonality only, sowing date is at the onset of the main wet season. The precipitation-to-potential-evapotranspiration ratio is used to find moist and dry months

in a year, as suggested by Thornthwaite (1948). The main wet season is identified by the largest sum of monthly precipitation-to-potential-evapotranspiration ratios of 4 consecutive months, because the length of that period aligns well with the length of the growing period of the majority of the simulated crops. In regions with bimodal rainfall patterns, the wet season starts with the first month of the longest wet season. Crops are sown at the first wet day in the main wet season of the year i.e. when daily precipitation exceeds 0.1 mm. The onset of the growing period depends on temperature, if temperature seasonality is detectable. Accordingly, crop emergence is related to temperature, and thus sowing starts when daily average temperature exceeds a certain threshold ( $T_{\text{fall}}$  resp.  $T_{\text{spring}}$  SI-Table 8S10). Locations without any temperature or precipitation seasonality e.g. in the wet tropics crops are sown on the 1st of January. [These assumptions lead to a possible adaptation of projected sowing dates.](#)

## 2.7.2 Management and cropping intensity

Agricultural management is represented as a distinct set of options and a calibration of cropping intensity. Explicit management options include:

1. cultivar choices, see section 2.4
2. sowing dates, see section 2.7.1
3. irrigation shares and type section 2.6.4
4. residue removal section 2.4
5. intercroops section 2.7

Different irrigation systems can be represented as follows. For drip irrigation systems assuming localised sub-surface water application, soil evaporation is reduced, so that only 40% of the applied irrigation water are available for evaporation. Also, for rainwater management (see section 2.6.2), soil evaporation can be reduced, mimicking agricultural management systems like mulching techniques or conservation tillage (Jägermeyr et al., 2016). Secondly, to simulate improved rainwater management (see section 2.6.1), the infiltration capacity can be increased, mimicking agricultural management practices such as different tillage systems or organic mulching (Jägermeyr et al., 2016).

Other than that, management options are not treated explicitly in the LPJmL4 model, that is, it assumes no nutrient limitation to crop growth. Current management patterns, which is desirable for, e.g., studies of the carbon or water cycle, can be represented by calibrating national cropping intensity to FAO statistics as described in Fader et al. (2010). For this the maximum leaf area index ( $\text{LAI}_{\text{max}}$ ), the harvest index parameter ( $hi_{\text{opt}}$ ), and a scaling factor for scaling leaf-level photosynthesis to stand level ( $\alpha_a$ , Haxeltine and Prentice (1996)) are scaled in combination.  $\text{LAI}_{\text{max}}$  can range between 1 (lowest intensity) and 5 for maize or 7 for all other crops (highest intensity), and  $\alpha_a$  ranges from 0.4 to 1.0. The Parameter  $hi_{\text{opt}}$  is crop-specific (see SI-Table 8I1), which can be

reduced by up to 20%, assuming there are more robust in return less productive varieties (Gosme et al., 2010).

### 2.7.3 Managed grassland

1100 On managed grassland stands, only herbaceous PFTs (TrH, TeH, PoH, see Table 1 for definition) can  
 establish conditional to their bio-climatic limits (see SI-Table 2S4). If more than one herbaceous PFT  
 establishes, these compete for light and water resources, but do not interact with other stands in that  
 grid cell. In contrast to annual C allocation described above (see section 2.3.1), LPJmL4 simulates  
 managed grasslands and herbaceous biomass plantations (see section 2.7.4) with a daily allocation  
 1105 and turnover scheme where it dynamically computes leaf biomass per day as described below. It  
 therefore enables to better represent the current phenological state and suitable times for harvest.

#### Daily allocation of managed grasslands

The allocation scheme is designed to distributes daily biomass increment to leaf and root biomass  
 in a way that best fulfils the predetermined ratio of leaf to root mass,  $lr$ , for the whole plant. This  
 1110 allows for short-term deviations from allowed leaf-to-root-mass ratios  $lr$  after harvest events, when  
 much of the leaf biomass is removed. After a harvest event, NPP is first allocated to leaves until  $lr$  is  
 restored. If more  $CO_2$  is assimilated than needed for maintenance respiration (i.e. NPP is positive),  
 assimilated carbon  $B_I$  is allocated to the root ( $R$ ) and the leaf carbon pool ( $L$ ) by calculating the  
 respective increments ( $L_I, R_I$ ) (eqs. (123) and (124)).

$$1115 \quad L_I = \min \left( B_I, \max \left( \frac{B_I + R - L/lr}{1 + 1/lr}, 0 \right) \right), \quad (123)$$

$$R_I = B_I - L_I. \quad (124)$$

In case of negative NPP (i.e. maintenance and growth respiration are larger than the GPP of that  
 day), both compartments (leaves and roots) are reduced proportionally.  $lr$  is scaled with a measure  
 of average growing-season water stress (mean of daily ratios of plant water supply to atmospheric  
 1120 demand, see section 2.6.2) to account for the functional relationship that plants allocate more carbon  
 to roots under dry conditions.

$$lr = lr_p \cdot W_{supply} / W_{demand} \quad (125)$$

#### Grassland harvest routine

LPJmL4 employs a default harvest scheme that attempts to approximate the actual global grassland  
 1125 production of 2.3 Gt DM (Herrero et al., 2013) while avoiding degradation. A harvest event of grass  
 biomass occurs when leaf biomass increases over the previous month. Prior to the harvest event,  
 grass leaf biomass ( $C_{leaf}$ ) and the biomass after the last harvest event ( $MC_{leaf}$ ) is summed up for all

grass species at the managed grassland stand:

$$C_{\text{leaf}} = \sum_{\text{pftPFT}} \text{Bml}_{\text{pftPFT}}, \quad \text{MC}_{\text{leaf}} = \sum_{\text{pftPFT}} \text{Mml}_{\text{pftPFT}}. \quad (126)$$

1130 On the last day of each month harvest occurs and the harvest index  $H_{\text{frac}}$  is determined depending on the leaf biomass  $C_{\text{leaf}}$ .

$$\text{If day } (C_{\text{leaf}} > \text{MC}_{\text{leaf}}) \quad H_{\text{frac}} = 1 - \frac{1000}{1000 + C_{\text{leaf}}} \quad (127)$$

Harvested biomass is taken from the leaf biomass of each herbaceous PFT. Depending on the amount of carbon in the leaves the harvested fraction is increasing (SI-Fig. 4S4) and biomass harvested depends on the present leaf carbon. In the absence of any detailed information about actual grassland management systems, this generic harvest routine does not represent specific management systems but allows for simulating regular harvest events (be it grazing or mowing) during productive periods of the year and the harvest amount is automatically adjusting to productivity.

#### 2.7.4 Biomass plantations

1140 Three biomass functional types (BFTs) were implemented in LPJmL4 (one fast-growing C4 grass, a temperate and a tropical tree) to allow for the simulation of dedicated biomass plantations (Beringer et al., 2011). These BFTs are generic representations of some of the most promising types of crops for the production of 2nd generation biofuels, biomaterials, or energy (possibly in combination with carbon capture and storage mechanisms). Their parametrization is partly identical to their natural PFT equivalents tropical C4 perennial grass, temperate broadleaved summergreen tree and tropical broadleaved raingreen tree yet with some important modifications to characterize the enhanced growth characteristics of these managed vegetation types (see SI-Table 4S12).

Woody energy crops are represented as short rotation coppice systems (SRC). In short intervals young tree stems are cut down to near ground stumps, implemented as regularly cycles (see SI-Table 4S13). A grown root system and nutrient storage in roots and stumps enables high yielding varieties of poplar, willow and Eucalyptus used for SRC to regrow forcefully in renewal years. Until plantations need to replanted after 40 years, several harvest cycles are possible. Under an effective pest and fire control on modern biomass plantations mortality and fire occurrence are reduced (to zero emissions) compared to natural vegetation.

### 1155 3 Modelling protocol

The objective of this publication is to provide a comprehensive description of the LPJmL4 model. Here we also provide some outputs from a standard simulation of the historic period 1901 to 2011, which is also the basis for the actual, more comprehensive model evaluation described in the companion paper (Schaphoff et al., under Revision).

### 1160 3.1 Model setup and inputs

For this simulation, all carbon and water pools in the model are initialized to zero and a spinup simulation for 5000 years is conducted in which plants dynamically establish, grow and die following the model dynamics described above. After the soil carbon equilibrium phase of 2310 simulation years (see section 2.5), equilibrium soil carbon pool sizes are estimated and corrected, depending on organic matter input and mean decomposition rate in each grid cell, and after another 2690 spinup simulation years, all carbon pools have reached a dynamic equilibrium. [In this phase LPJmL4 simulates only natural vegetation.](#) For the spinup simulation, we cyclically repeat the first 30 years of climate data input and prescribe atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations at 278 ppm. During the [second phase of the](#) spinup simulation, land use is introduced in the year 1700, from where it ~~expands is~~ [updated](#) annually according to the historic land-use data set ([see](#) Fader et al. (2010) and section 3.1.2).

#### 3.1.1 Climate, river routing and soil inputs

We use monthly climate data inputs on precipitation provided by the Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC Full Data Reanalysis Version 7.0, (Becker et al., 2013)), daily mean temperature from Climatic Research Unit (CRU TS version 3.23 University of East Anglia Climatic Research Unit; Harris (2015); Harris et al. (2014)), shortwave downward radiation and net downward longwave radiation are reanalysis data from ERA-Interim (Dee et al., 2011), and the number of wet days per months are derived synthetically as suggested by New et al. (2000), which is used to allocate monthly precipitation to individual days. Precipitation are stochastically disaggregated while preserving monthly sum, temperature linearly interpolated (Gerten et al., 2004). Besides climate information, the model is forced with invariant information on the soil texture (~~Nachtergaele et al., 2008~~) ([FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISSCAS/JRC, 2012; Nachtergaele et al., 2008](#)) and annual information on land-use from Fader et al. (2010), but now also explicitly describing sugar cane areas (see section 3.1.2. For the SPITFIRE module LPJmL4 uses additional input. Dew point temperature is approximated from daily minimum temperature (Thonicke et al., 2010). Monthly average wind speeds are based on NCEP re-analysis data, which were regrided to CRU (NOAA-CIRES Climate Diagnostics Center, Boulder, Colorado, USA, Kalnay et al. (1996)).

For the transport directions we use the global ( $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ ). [Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are used from the Mauna Loa station \(NOAA/ESRL, http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/\).](#) Simulated Topological Network (STN-30) drainage direction map (Vorosmarty and Fekete, 2011). STN-30 organizes the Earth's land area into drainage basins and provides the river network topology under the assumption that each grid cell can drain into one of the eight next-neighbor cells, as well as detailed information on water reservoirs obtained from GRanD database (Lehner et al., 2011),

including informations on storage capacity, total area and main purpose. Natural lakes are obtained  
1195 from Lehner and Döll (2004). [A complete overview of all inputs used here are given in SI-Table S2.](#)

### 3.1.2 Land use input

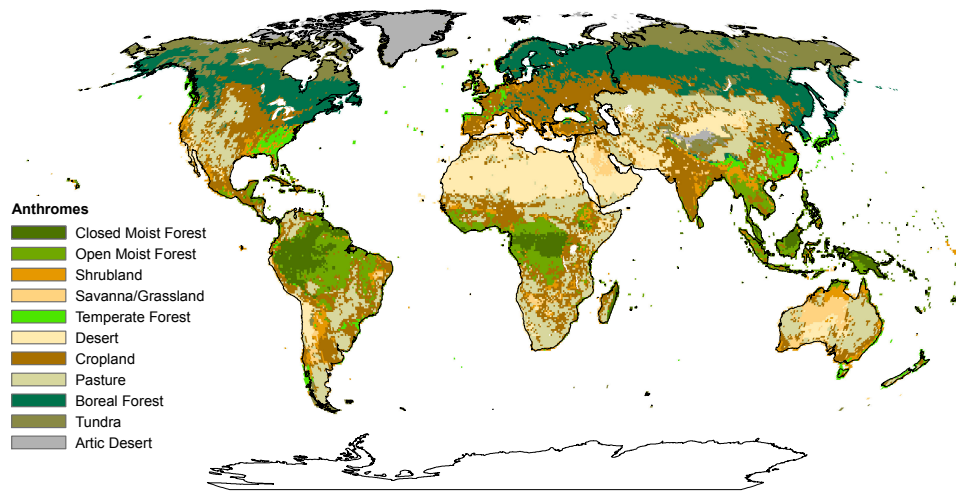
In principle, LPJmL4 can be driven by any land-use data information. As the default land-use input  
file, the cropping areas for each of the CFTs are taken from MIRCA2000 (Portmann et al., 2010)  
which is a combination of crop-specific areas from Monfreda et al. (2008) and areas equipped for  
1200 irrigation from 1900-2005 from (Siebert et al., 2015). Monfreda et al. (2008) defined 175 crops and  
this number was reduced to 26 in MIRCA2000, (therefore, e. g., the group pulses consist of 12  
individual crops). These land-use patterns that have been derived from maximum monthly growing  
areas per crop and grid cell have been combined and if these areas add up to more than 1, i.e. when  
sequential cropping systems are present, total cropland fraction was reduced to not exceed physical  
1205 land area in each pixel. A more detailed description of the procedure can be found in Fader et al.  
(2010). After the implementation of sugar cane as a 12th annual crop that is explicitly represented  
in LPJmL4 (Lapola et al., 2009), the standard land-use input data set was amended by subtracting  
the sugar cane areas from the "others" band and implementing it as a separate input data band. All  
16 input data bands (CFTs 1-12, others, managed grassland, bioenergy grass and bioenergy trees)  
1210 are included four times in the data set, the first 16 bands representing purely rainfed agricultural  
areas, the second, third and fourth set representing irrigated areas of these land-use types for surface,  
sprinkler and drip irrigation respectively.

### 3.2 Standard outputs

The multiple aspects of the terrestrial biosphere and hydrosphere that are implemented in LPJmL4  
1215 allow for assessing multiple processes from natural and managed land which span ecological, hy-  
drological and agricultural components. The consistent single modelling framework allows for an-  
alyzing interactions among these multiple sectors from local to global scale spanning seasons to  
centuries. [A list of the key parameters calculated by LPJmL4 are shown in SI-Table S3.](#)

Being driven by climate and land-use data LPJmL4 can be applied to quantify both climatic and  
1220 anthropogenic impacts on the terrestrial biosphere. Computed dynamics of biogeochemical and hy-  
drological processes thus arise from vegetation dynamics in natural ecosystems under climate change  
and elevated atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, land-use change as well as climate and management  
driven changes in managed ecosystems. Each grid cell can be dominated by managed land (crop-  
lands and pastures) but still contain fractions of natural vegetation, and vice versa. We here apply the  
1225 anthromes concept (cf. Ellis et al. (2010)) to illustrate the global distribution of natural vegetation  
and managed land as simulated by LPJmL4 (Fig. 2). We use simulated vegetation carbon, potential  
evapotranspiration, foliar projective cover for each PFT, managed grassland and CFT, and combine  
it with climate input data to map natural biomes and anthromes at the global scale (see Boit et al.



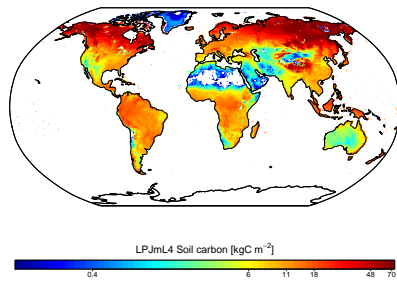


**Figure 2.** Global anthrome classes in the potential natural vegetation and the agricultural areas. Anthrome classes are defined using coverage with (a) types of dominating natural vegetation (e.g. tropical forest), (b) dominant agricultural usage (e.g. cropland) and external drivers (e.g. temperature)..

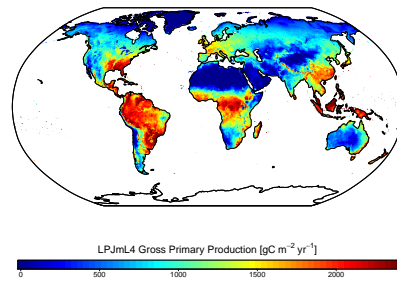
(2016) for the algorithm description). The composition of natural ecosystems is dynamically computed by LPJmL4, as the different PFTs compete with each other. Bounded by the bioclimatic limits, the modelled global distribution of forests, shrubland and natural grasslands as well as the spatial extent of polar and alpine ecosystems and deserts are in broad agreement with the biomes identified by Olson et al. (2001). The integrated mapping of biomes and anthromes underlines the extent of anthropogenic impacts on the terrestrial biosphere and how much of the potential vegetation coverage is left. By applying the land-use input (see section 3.1.2); LPJmL4 simulates cropland in 27% and pasture in 16% of the ice-free global land area. Simulating biophysical and biochemical processes in densely populated or urban areas could be considered in future model developments of LPJmL4 given their large spatial extent (Ellis et al., 2010).

Carbon and water fluxes, productivity and harvest of crops and managed grasslands have also been quantified. Results show that soils are the largest carbon pool of the terrestrial biosphere, with highest amounts of more than  $60 \text{ kgC m}^{-2}$  in the boreal zone, most notably in permafrost soils (see Fig. 3a and 3b). Vegetation carbon pools are largest in the tropics with almost  $20 \text{ kgC m}^{-2}$  and in the temperate zone with about  $8 \text{ kgC m}^{-2}$ . The large vegetation carbon pools are a result of

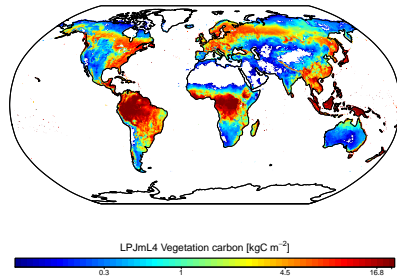
high net primary productivity (NPP) in tropical and subtropical ecosystems, which process about  
1245 1000 to 1200  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$ , respectively (see Fig. 4b). Fire carbon emissions are highest in the  
tropics as a result of high ignition probability and high biomass values simulated (Fig. 4c). Crop  
productivity is determined by climatic conditions and management strategies and is currently highest  
in the temperate zone of North America and Europe, but also in regions in eastern China, the irrigated  
Ganges Valley in India and temperate South America (see Fig. 3c).



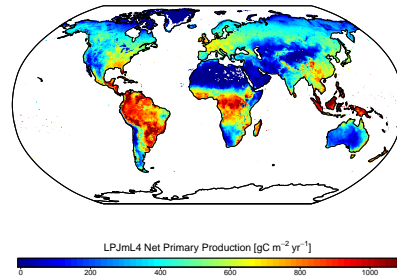
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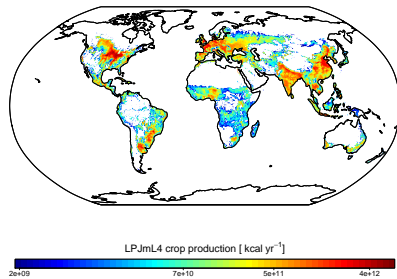
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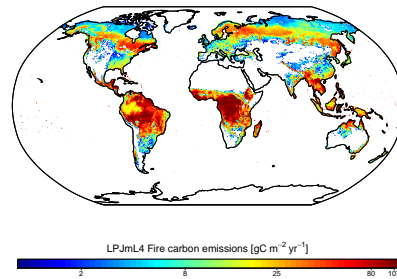
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(c)



(c)

**Figure 3.** Soil (a) and vegetation (b) carbon pool and cumulative crop production (c) computed by LPJmL4 as an average of the time period 1996-2005. Note: Values plotted on a logarithmic scale.

**Figure 4.** Annual GPP (a), NPP (b) and fire carbon emissions (c) computed by LPJmL4 as an average of the time period 1996-2005. Note: Values for fire carbon emissions are plotted on a logarithmic scale.

1250 Over the 20th century, changes in climate, land use and atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations had distinct effects on the terrestrial carbon stocks and fluxes. Global vegetation carbon declined by 20 PgC after 1940 and is rising again since 2005, whereas carbon stored in soil and litter increased constantly over the simulation period (see [Fig. ??SI-Fig. S5](#)). GPP, NPP and heterotrophic respiration also follow this trend and show considerable interannual variability, while fire-related carbon emissions declined in the 1970s and remained relatively stable thereafter. Interception and runoff also show a positive trend, while evaporation from bare soil decreased (see [Fig. ??SI-Fig. S5](#)).

[Time series of global carbon stocks and fluxes and global water fluxes computed by LPJmL4.](#)

#### 4 Discussion

Previous versions of LPJmL4 were used in a large number of applications to evaluate vegetation, water and carbon dynamics under current and future climate and land use change. In total almost a hundred papers were published since 2007 which cover a wide range of model developments and process analyses ([SI Table 1](#) [see references in SI-Table S1](#)) including 18 studies that describe significant model developments. The majority of the studies deal with modelling human land-use, with a focus on different crop types ( $N = 54$  studies), managed grasslands ( $N = 21$ ) and agricultural water use ( $N = 18$ ). Most were conducted at global scale ( $N = 58$ ) but also at regional scales, mainly for Europe, Africa and Amazonia. Many studies ( $N = 43$ ) investigate potential future impacts of climate change, while the remaining studies evaluate effects of current or historic climates. In the following, we will highlight some of the most important previous publications using LPJmL, describing the most prominent fields of model application.

1270 An important field of LPJmL model application, testing and subsequent development is the analysis of historic events. LPJmL simulation results contributed to the analysis of extreme event impacts on the biosphere globally ([Zscheischler et al., 2014b, a](#)) ([Zscheischler et al., 2014a, b](#)) and at pan-European scale (Rammig et al., 2015; Rolinski et al., 2015). In combination with remote sensing and eddy flux data, LPJmL has been applied to estimate ecosystem respiration (Jägermeyr et al., 2014) and productivity (e.g., Jung et al., 2008). The increasing trend in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> amplitude could be explained by increasing productivity in subarctic and boreal forest ecosystems and less so by increases in agricultural land and productivity (Forkel et al., 2016) as simulated building on the improved phenology scheme by Forkel et al. (2014). The coupling of LPJmL to the climate model SPEEDY allowed for investigating climate-vegetation feedbacks from land-use change (e.g., 1280 Strengers et al., 2010; Boisier et al., 2012).

Studies on agricultural water consumption (Rost et al., 2008) and virtual water contents and water footprints for crops (Fader et al., 2010, 2011) have contributed to illuminate the role of agriculture in human water consumption.

The majority of LPJmL applications addresses the impacts of climate and land-use change on various biogeochemical and ecosystem properties of the terrestrial biosphere. To evaluate impacts of climate change on ecosystem processes and the carbon cycle at the global scale, Heyder et al. (2011) performed a risk analysis of terrestrial ecosystems based on an integrated metric that considered joint changes in carbon and water fluxes, carbon stocks and vegetation structure. Applying CMIP3 and CMIP5 climate change scenarios to LPJmL, severe impacts for the terrestrial biosphere were found when global warming levels exceed 3K local temperature in cold and tropical biomes and 4K in the temperate biome (Heyder et al., 2011; Ostberg et al., 2013). The coupling of LPJmL to the integrated assessment model IMAGE allowed to evaluate feedbacks between land-use change, the carbon balance and climate change, so that the dynamics of a potential reversal of the terrestrial carbon balance could be assessed (Müller et al., 2016). Also economic feedbacks of agricultural production were evaluated by coupling LPJmL to the agro-economic model MAgPIE (Lotze-Campen et al., 2008), for example measures of land-use protection for climate change mitigation (Popp et al., 2014).

Regional climate-change applications investigated the role of CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization on Amazon rain-forest stability (Rammig et al., 2010), and analyzed additional threats arising from tropical deforestation (Gumpenberger et al., 2010; Poulter et al., 2010). Boit et al. (2016) applied the anthromes concept to LPJmL simulation results to differentiate the relative importance of future climate vs. land-use change in Latin America. In that study, land-use change was identified as the main driver of biome shifts and biome degradation early in the 21st century while climate change impacts would dominate the second half. LPJmL simulations also showed that in the boreal forest and Arctic ecosystems, 100 years of future climate change might destabilize carbon stored in permafrost soils over several centuries due to feedbacks between permafrost and dynamic vegetation (Schaphoff et al., 2013).

Several studies used LPJmL to investigate water limitations of natural ecosystems Gerten et al. (2013) and of food production in particular (e.g., Gerten et al., 2008; Biemans et al., 2011, 2013). Gerten et al. (2011) applied LPJmL to quantify "green" and "blue" water requirements for future food security, finding that water scarcity will increase in many countries, as confirmed by other studies prepared in the context of multi-model intercomparisons such as ISIMIP (e.g., Schewe et al., 2014). In the context of planetary boundaries, Gerten et al. (2013) and Steffen et al. (2015) have proposed sub-global modifications to the planetary boundary for freshwater use [and Jägermeyr et al. \(2017\) quantified therefore needed environmental flow requirements in view of the Sustainable Development Goals.](#) Future climate change effects on irrigation requirements were investigated by Konzmann et al. (2013); Jägermeyr et al. (2015); Fader et al. (2016).

LPJmL simulations have also shown (Asseng et al., 2015; Müller and Robertson, 2014; Rosenzweig et al., 2014) that climate change constitutes a major threat to agricultural productivity, especially in the tropics, but with large uncertainties regarding the benefits from elevated atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> on crop water use and productivity (Müller et al., 2015; Deryng et al., 2016). It was also shown

that the potential for major cereal crop production may decline in a future climate (Pugh et al., 2016b).

Building on the development of bioenergy plantations (Beringer et al., 2011), LPJmL was applied to analyse synergies and trade-offs of biomass plantations finding that demands for future bioenergy potentials implicit in climate mitigation and climate engineering portfolios could only be met at substantial environmental costs (Boysen et al., 2016; Heck et al., 2016).

The present publication describing the LPJmL4 model code and the companion paper (Schaphoff et al., under Revision) providing a thorough model evaluation are intended to serve as a comprehensive description of the current LPJmL4 model. The model code will be published under an open source license on a <https://gitlab.pik-potsdam.de/lpjml/LPJmL>. We hope that this will help to promote further development and improvement of LPJmL4 and to foster high-profile research in areas such as multi-sectoral climate change impacts, earth system dynamics, planetary boundaries, and SDGs. Besides the ongoing implementation of the dynamics of major nutrients, such as nitrogen, there are new plant physiological insights that have not yet found their way into LPJmL4 or related models (Pugh et al., 2016a; Rogers et al., 2017). The consistent coverage of natural and managed ecosystems as well as the full carbon and water dynamics linked by vegetation dynamics and land-use management is central to further development of LPJmL4.

## 5 Code and data availability

~~Pending the publication of the present paper, we will make the~~ The model code of LPJmL4 ~~through a publicly available~~. Additionally, we will provide is publicly available through PIK's gitlab server at <https://gitlab.pik-potsdam.de/lpjml/LPJmL> and an exact version of the code described here is archived under doi "xyz". The output data from the model simulation used here in a simulations described here is available at the research data repository (~~see <http://dataservices.gfz-potsdam.de/portal/>~~) <http://dataservices.gfz-potsdam.de/portal/> under doi "ABC".

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**Table 1.** Abbreviation of PFTs, BFTs and CFTs.

Tropical broadleaved evergreen tree	TrBE
Tropical broadleaved raingreen tree	TrBR
Temperate needleleaved evergreen tree	TeNE
Temperate broadleaved evergreen tree	TeBE
Temperate broadleaved summergreen tree	TeBS
Boreal needleleaved evergreen tree	BoNE
Boreal broadleaved summergreen tree	BoBS
Boreal needleleaved summergreen tree	BoNS
Tropical herbaceous	TrH
Temperate herbaceous	TeH
Polar herbaceous	PoH
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Bioenergy tropical tree	BTrT
Bioenergy temperate tree	BTeT
Bioenergy C4 grass	BGrC4
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Temperate cereals	TeCer
Rice	Rice
Maize	Maize
Tropical cereals	TrCer
Pulses	Pul
Temperate roots	TeRo
Tropical roots	TrRo
Sunflower	SunFl
Soy-bean	Soy
Groundnut	GrNu
Rapeseed	Rape
Sugar-cane	SuCa

# ***Supplement of*** **LPJmL4 – a dynamic global vegetation model with managed land: Part I – Model description**

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## **S1 Supplementary informations to the description of the LPJmL4 model**

Fig. S1 gives a schematic overview of the model structure represented in LPJmL4. Fig. S2 to S4 provides further information of implemented processes in LPJmL4. [Global time series of some key parameter estimated by LPJmL4 is given in Fig. S5, these time series of carbon stocks and fluxes and water fluxes illustrate the high dynamic of the different parameter between the years.](#) Furthermore, we provide a list of applications which have used the LPJmL model (Table S1). This represents not a complete list of all references with LPJmL applications, but it illustrates the range of fields for topical, spatial and temporal use of the model. [Table S2 gives an overview of input variables and their references used by LPJmL4 here. Additionally we give a list of output variables \(see Table S3\) computed by LPJmL4 and provided via the Online-Database: <http://pmd.gfz-potsdam.de/portal/>.](#) Complementary to the associated Schaphoff et al. (under Revision) we give a comprehensive list of parameters (Tables S4 to S14) used by the model and are described in Schaphoff et al. (under Revision). Additionally, we provide a list of equations (Table S15), which are described in detail by the associated manuscript.

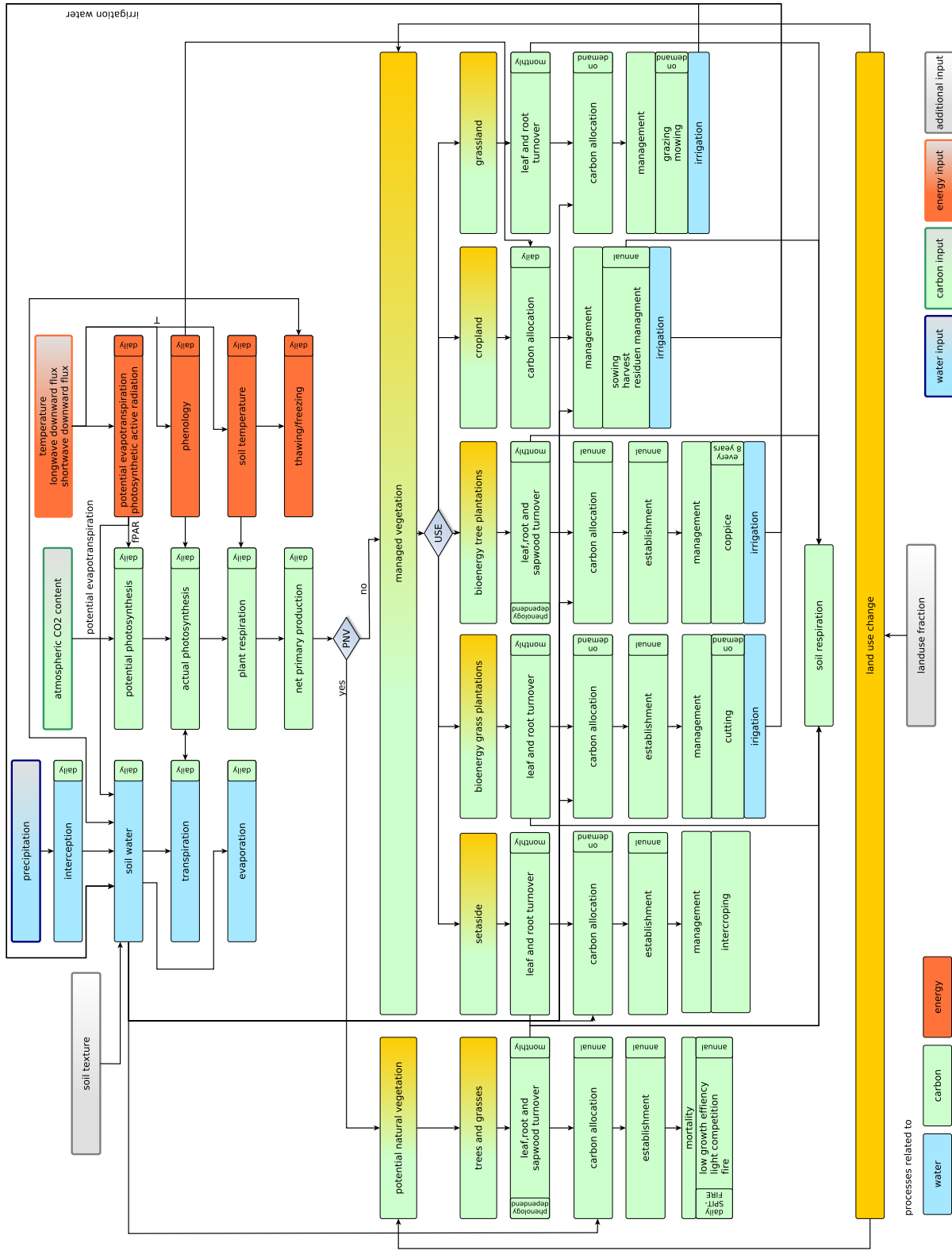
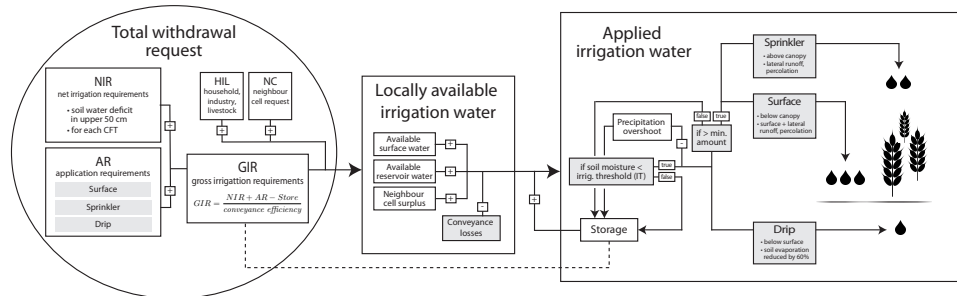
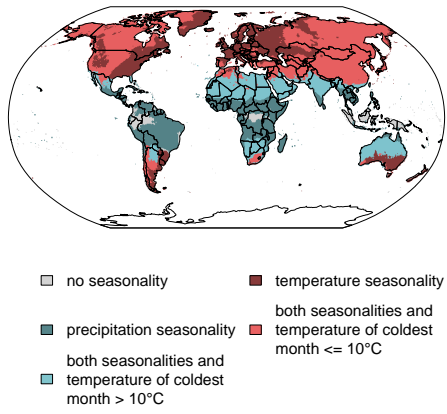


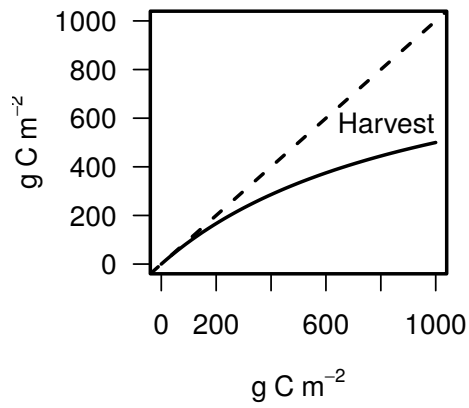
Figure S1. Flowchart describing the order of processes which are represented in the LPJm14 model.



**Figure S2.** Irrigation water flows in LPJmL4 from plant-specific net irrigation requirement to actual field application. Variables represented in grey-shaded boxes depend on system-specific parameters that are presented in Table 2, adopted from Jägermeyr et al. (2015).



**Figure S3.** Seasonality types for sowing date calculation calculated by LPJmL4.



**Figure S4.** Leaf carbon (x-axis) that is remaining after harvest (solid line) and being harvested (between solid and dashed lines).



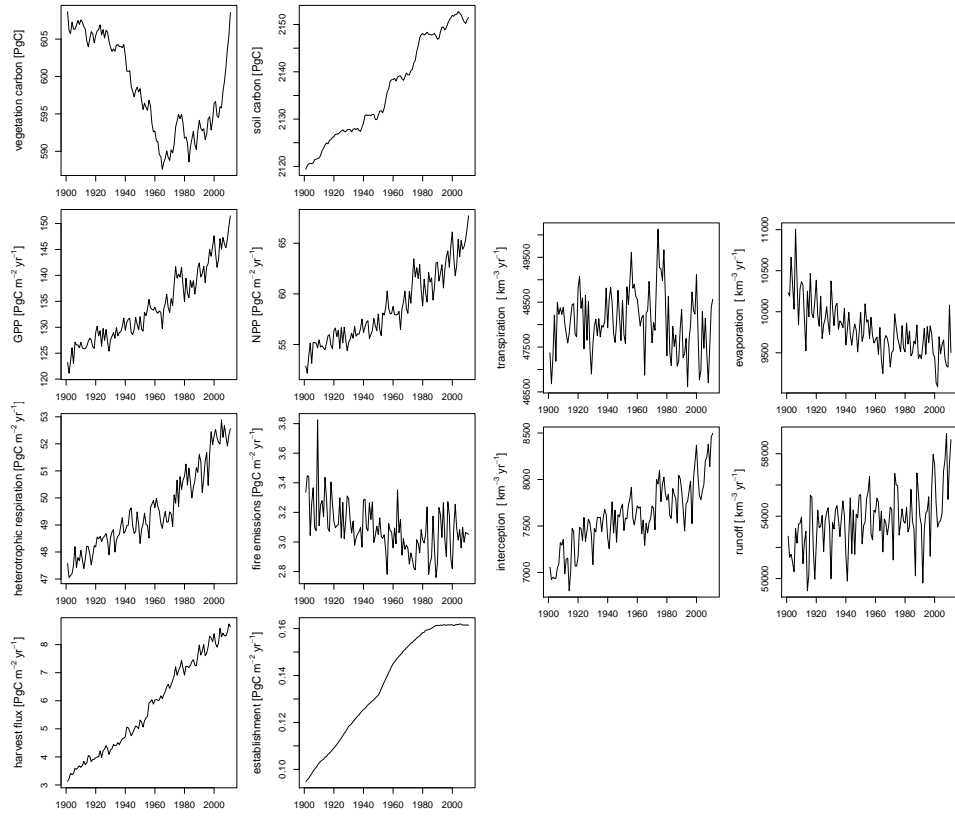


Figure S5. Time series of global carbon stocks and fluxes and global water fluxes computed by LPJmL4.

Table S1: Reference table of application using LPJmL since 2007.

Paper	Ecosystem processes				Carbon cycle						Water cycle			Agriculture				Temporal domain			Spatial domain			Type				
	Vegetation dynamics	Permafrost	Fire	Phenology	Albedo	Photosynthesis	Respiration	Fire emissions	Land C sink	Biomass	Soil carbon	Atmospheric composition	Evapotranspiration	Runoff, discharge	Human water use	Crops	Managed grassland	Agricultural trees	Bioenergy	Historic	Present and recent past	Future climate	Global	Regional	Site-level	Development	Evaluation	Application
Beer et al. (2007)	x	x	x	x																x			x				x	x
Gerten et al. (2007)	x	x				x						x									x	x					x	x
Müller and Lucht (2007)						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x							x		x				x	
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Gerten et al. (2008a)	x	x				x						x										x						x
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Jung et al. (2008)																								x			x	x
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**Table S2.** Model specific inputs applied by LPJmL4.

<u>Input variables</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>References</u>
<u>Precipitation</u>	<u>GPCC Full Data Reanalysis Version 7.0</u>	<u>Becker et al. (2013)</u>
<u>Temperature</u>	<u>CRU TS version 3.23</u>	<u>Harris et al. (2014); University of East Anglia Climatic Research</u>
<u>Net downward long-wave radiation</u>	<u>ERA-Interim</u>	<u>Dee et al. (2011)</u>
<u>Shortwave downward radiation</u>	<u>ERA-Interim</u>	<u>Dee et al. (2011)</u>
<u>Number of wet days per months</u>	<u>synthetically derived</u>	<u>New et al. (2000)</u>
<u>Wind speed</u>	<u>NCEP re-analysis data</u>	<u>NOAA-CIRES Climate Diagnostics Center, Kalnay et al. (1996)</u>
<u>Landuse</u>	<u>MIRCA2000+ (see Fader et al. (2010) )</u>	<u>Portmann et al. (2010); Monfreda et al. (2008); Siebert et al. (2015)</u>
<u>Soil texture</u>	<u>Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSD)</u>	<u>FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISSCAS/JRC (2012); Nachtergaele et al. (2009)</u>
<u>Drainage direction map</u>	<u>Topological Network (STN-30)</u>	<u>Vorosmarty and Fekete (2011)</u>
<u>Water reservoirs</u>	<u>GRanD database</u>	<u>Lehner et al. (2011)</u>
<u>Lakes</u>	<u>natural lakes</u>	<u>Lehner and Döll (2004)</u>
<u>Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations</u>	<u>NOAA/ESRL</u>	<u><a href="http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/">http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends/</a></u>

**Table S3.** Standard outputs computed by LPJmL4.

	<u>Variable</u>	<u>Units</u>
Carbon pools	<u>Soil carbon</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Litter carbon</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Vegetation carbon</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Above ground biomass</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup></u>
Carbon fluxes	<u>Monthly net primary production</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup> month<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Monthly gross primary production</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup> month<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Monthly soil respiration</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup> month<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Annual fire carbon emissions</u>	<u>gC m<sup>-1</sup> a<sup>-1</sup></u>
	<u>Monthly interception</u>	<u>mm month<sup>-1</sup></u>



**Table S4.** Model PFT-specific bioclimatic limits similar as in Sitch et al. (2003).

PFT	$T_{c,min}$ (°C)	$T_{c,max}$ (°C)	$T_{mort,min}$ (°C)	$GDD_{min}$ (°C)
TrBE	15.5	-	-	-
TrBR	15.5	-	-	-
TeNE	-2.0	22	-	900
TeBE	3.0	18.8	-	1200
TeBS	-17.7	15.5	-	1200
BoNE	-32.5	-2.0	23	600
BoBS	-	-2.0	23	350
BoNS	-46.5	-5.4	23	350
TrH	7.0	-	6500	-
TeH	-39.0	15.5	-	-
PoH	-	-2.6	-	-

**Table S5.** PFT-specific albedo and light extinction values.

PFT	$\beta_{leaf}$	$\beta_{stems}$	$\beta_{litter}$	$k$	$\alpha_a$
TrBE	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.5	0.4
TrBR	0.13	0.07	0.06	0.5	0.4
TeNE	0.137	0.04	0.10	0.4	0.4
TeBE	0.15	0.04	0.10	0.5	0.4
TeBS	0.15	0.04	0.10	0.6	0.4
BoNE	0.13	0.10	0.10	0.4	0.4
BoBS	0.18	0.10	0.10	0.5	0.4
BoNS	0.12	0.05	0.01	0.6	0.4
TrH	0.21	-	0.10	0.4	0.4
TeH	0.20	-	0.10	0.4	0.4
PoH	0.21	-	0.10	0.4	0.4
BTrT	0.13	0.04	0.10	0.6	0.8
BTeT	0.14	0.04	0.10	0.6	0.8
BGrC4	0.21	-	0.10	0.6	0.8
All crops	0.18	-	0.06	0.5	1.0

$\beta_{leaf}$  is leaf albedo,  $\beta_{stems}$  is the albedo of stems,  $\beta_{litter}$  is albedo of litter,  $k$  is the light extinction coefficient in Lambert-Beer relationship,  $\alpha_a$  is a scaling factor from leaf to ecosystem level (Haxeltine and Prentice, 1996).  $\beta_{leaf}$  as suggested by Strunz et al. (2001),  $\beta_{stems}$  and  $\beta_{litter}$  parameters are determined by a tuning process described by Forkel et al. (2014).

**Table S6.** Global parameters and constants similar as in Sitch et al. (2003) and Schaphoff et al. (2013).

	Symbol	Value	Units	Description
Energy balance	$c_{\text{water}}$	$4.2 \times 10^6$	$\text{J m}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$	heat capacity of water
	$c_{\text{min}}$	$1.9259 \times 10^6$	$\text{J m}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$	heat capacity of mineral soil ( <a href="#">De Vries, 1963</a> )
	$c_{\text{ice}}$	$2.1 \times 10^6$	$\text{J m}^{-3} \text{K}^{-1}$	heat capacity of ice
Vegetation structure	$k_{\text{allom1}}$	100		Parameter for allometric relation ship Eq. 50
	$k_{\text{allom2}}$	40		Parameter for allometric relation ship Eq. 49
	$k_{\text{allom3}}$	0.67		Parameter for allometric relation ship Eq. 49
	$k_{\text{la:sa}}$	4000		leaf area to sapwood area Eq. 47
	WD	20000	$\text{gC m}^{-3}$	wood density Eq. 51
	$k_{\text{rp}}$	1.6		Reineke parameter Eq. 50
Photosynthesis	$[O_2]$	20900	Pa	$O_2$ partial pressure
	$K_{O_{25}}$	30000	Pa	Michaelis constant for $O_2$ at $25^\circ\text{C}$
	$K_{C_{25}}$	30	Pa	Michaelis constant for $CO_2$ at $25^\circ\text{C}$
	$\tau_{25}$	2600		$\tau$ at $25^\circ\text{C}$
	$Q_{10_{K_O}}$	1.2		$Q_{10}$ for temperature-sensitive parameter $K_O$
	$Q_{10_{K_C}}$	2.1		$Q_{10}$ for temperature-sensitive parameter $K_C$
	$Q_{10_\tau}$	<a href="#">2.1-0.57</a>		$Q_{10}$ for temperature-sensitive parameter $\tau$
	$\alpha_{C3}$	0.08		intrinsic quantum efficiencies for $CO_2$ uptake in C3 plants
	$\alpha_{C4}$	0.053		intrinsic quantum efficiencies for $CO_2$ uptake in C4 plants
	$\theta$	0.7		Co-limitation (shape) parameter
Plant respiration	$b_{C3}$	0.015	rate per day	leaf respiration as fraction of $V_m$ for C3 plants
	$b_{C4}$	0.035	rate per day	leaf respiration as fraction of $V_m$ for C4 plants
	$CN_{\text{sapwood}}$	330		C:N ratios for above-ground tissue
	$CN_{\text{root}}$	30		C:N ratios below-ground tissue
	$r_{\text{gr}}$	0.25		share of growth respiration
	$k$	0.0548	rate per day	respiration coefficient Eq. 42 ( <a href="#">Sprugel et al., 1995</a> )
Establishment and mortality	$k_{\text{est}}$	0.12	saplings $\text{m}^{-2}$	establishment rate
	$k_{\text{mort1}}$	0.03	<a href="#">yfa</a> <sup>-1</sup>	asymptotic maximum mortality rate
	$k_{\text{mort2}}$	0.2		coefficient of growth efficiency for mortality
	tWPFT	400	$^\circ\text{C}$	Parameter for heat damage function
Soil and litter decomposition	$\tau_{10_{\text{root,litter}}}$	0.3	<a href="#">yfa</a> <sup>-1</sup>	mean residence time of roots in litter Eq. 91
	$\tau_{10_{\text{root,fastSoil}}}$	0.03	<a href="#">yfa</a> <sup>-1</sup>	mean residence time of roots in fast soil carbon pool Eq. 91
	$\tau_{10_{\text{root,slowSoil}}}$	0.001	<a href="#">yfa</a> <sup>-1</sup>	mean residence time of roots in slow soil carbon pool Eq. 91

**Table S7.** PFT-specific parameters of litter turnover rates suggested by Brovkin et al. (2012) [and shape factor for vertical distribution of soil organic matter \(Schaphoff et al., 2013\)](#).

PFT	$\tau_{10\text{leaf,litter}}$ (a <sup>-1</sup> )	$\tau_{10\text{wood,litter}}$ (a <sup>-1</sup> )	$Q_{10\text{wood,litter}}$ (-)	$k_{\text{soc}}$ (-)
TrBE	0.93	0.039	2.75	0.38009
TrBR	1.17	0.039	2.75	0.51395
TeNE	0.70	0.041	1.97	0.32198
TeBE	0.86	0.104	1.37	0.43740
TeBS	0.95	0.104	1.37	0.28880
BoNE	0.76	0.041	1.97	0.28670
BoBS	0.94	0.104	1.37	0.28670
BoNS	0.76	0.041	1.97	0.28670
TrH	0.97	-	-	0.46513
TeH	1.20	-	-	0.38184
PoH	1.20	-	-	0.38184
BTrT	0.93	0.039	2.75	0.38009
BTeT	0.95	0.104	1.37	0.28880
BGrC4	0.97	-	-	0.46513
All crops	0.97	-	-	0.40428

**Table S8.** PFT-specific parameters.

PFT	$\beta_{\text{root}}$	$g_{\text{min}}$ ( $\text{mm s}^{-1}$ )	$\alpha_{\text{leaf}}$ (a)	$\tau_{\text{leaf}}$ (a)	$\tau_{\text{root}}$ (a)	$\tau_{\text{sapwood}}$ (a)	$r_{\text{PFT}}$ $\text{gC gN}^{-1}$ $\text{day}^{-1}$	$l_{\text{rmax}}$
TrBE	0.962	0.5	<del>2.0</del> <u>1.60</u>	2.0	2.0	20.0	0.2	1.0
TrBR	0.961	0.5	<del>0.65</del> <u>0.50</u>	1.0	1.0	20.0	0.2	1.0
TeNE	0.976	0.5	<del>4.0</del> <u>4.00</u>	4.0	4.0	20.0	1.2	1.0
TeBE	0.964	0.5	<del>1.0</del> <u>1.60</u>	1.0	1.0	20.0	1.2	1.0
TeBS	0.966	0.5	<del>0.5</del> <u>0.45</u>	1.0	1.0	20.0	1.2	1.0
BoNE	0.943	0.3	<del>4.0</del> <u>4.00</u>	4.0	4.0	20.0	1.2	1.0
BoBS	0.943	0.5	<del>0.5</del> <u>0.50</u>	1.0	1.0	20.0	1.2	1.0
BoNS	0.943	0.5	<del>0.5</del> <u>0.65</u>	1.0	1.0	20.0	1.2	1.0
TrH	0.972	0.5	<del>0.5</del> <u>0.40</u>	1.0	2.0	-	0.2	0.60
TeH	0.943	0.5	<del>0.5</del> <u>0.35</u>	1.0	2.0	-	1.2	0.60
PoH	0.943	0.5	<del>0.5</del> <u>0.35</u>	1.0	2.0	-	1.2	0.60

$\beta_{\text{root}}$  is the root distribution slope parameter for water availability,  $g_{\text{min}}$  is the minimum canopy conductance,  $\alpha_{\text{leaf}}$  is the leaf longevity,  $\tau_{\text{leaf,root,sapwood}}$  is the compartment specific turnover times,  $r_{\text{PFT}}$  is the respiration coefficient for maintenance respiration of sapwood and root,  $l_{\text{rmax}}$  is the maximum leaf-to-root mass ratio

**Table S9.** PFT-specific parameters for the SPITFIRE module.

PFT	$\alpha_p$	$\rho_b$	$m_e$	$\Phi_w$	scorch height	crown length	$r_{CK}$	$p$
TrBE	0.0000334	25	0.3	0.4	0.1487	0.3334	1.0	3.00
TrBR	0.0000334	13	0.3	0.4	0.0610	0.1000	0.05	3.00
TeNE	0.0000667	25	0.3	0.4	0.1000	0.3334	1.00	3.75
TeBE	0.0000334	22	0.3	0.4	0.3710	0.3334	0.95	3.00
TeBS	0.0000667	22	0.3	0.4	0.0940	0.3334	1.0	3.00
BoNE	0.0000667	25	0.3	0.4	0.1100	0.3334	1.0	3.00
BoBS	0.0000667	22	0.3	0.4	0.0940	0.3334	1.0	3.00
BoNS	0.0000667	22	0.3	0.4	0.0940	0.3334	1.0	3.00
TrH	0.0000667	2	0.3	0.6	-	-	-	-
TeH	0.0000667	4	0.3	0.6	-	-	-	-
PoH	0.0000667	4	0.3	0.6	-	-	-	-

$\alpha_p$  defines the slope of the probability risk function,  $\rho_b$  is the fuel bulk density,  $m_e$  is the moisture of extinction,  $\Phi_w$  is the windspeed dampening,  $r_{CK}$  is the resistance factor,  $p$  is the crown damage parameter

**Table S10.** Parameters for annual CFTs for the computation of variety and sowing day parameters.

CFT	representative crop	crops represented	phu <sub>w,low</sub>	phu <sub>w,high</sub>	phu <sub>s,low</sub>	phu <sub>s,high</sub>	T <sub>base,low</sub>	T <sub>base,high</sub>	pf	T <sub>fall</sub>	T <sub>spring</sub>	T <sub>vern</sub>
temperate cereals	wheat	wheat, rye, barley	1700	2876.9	1000	2648.4	0.0	0.0	200	12	5	12
rice	rice	paddy rice	NA	NA	1600	1800	10	10	167	NA	18	NA
maize	maize	maize for food	NA	NA	1600	1600	5	15	167	NA	14	NA
tropical cereals	millet	millet, sorghum	NA	NA	1500	1500	10	10	167	NA	12	NA
pulses	field pea	pulses	NA	NA	2000	2000	1.0	1.0	167	NA	10	NA
temperate roots	sugar beet	sugar beet	NA	NA	2700	2700	3.0	3.0	167	NA	8	NA
tropical roots	cassava	cassava	NA	NA	2000	2000	15	15	167	NA	22	NA
sunflower	sunflower	sunflower	NA	NA	1000	1600	6.0	6.0	167	NA	13	NA
soybean	soybean	soybean	NA	NA	1000	1000	10	10	167	NA	13	NA
groundnuts	groundnuts	groundnuts	NA	NA	1500	1500	14	14	167	NA	15	NA
rapeseed	rapeseed	rapeseed	2100	3279.7	1000	2648.4	0.0	0.0	200	17	5	12
sugarcane	sugarcane	sugarcane	NA	NA	2000	4000	11	15	167	NA	14	NA

**Table S11.** Parameters for annual CFTs for the computation of LAI development and biomass allocation.

CFT	$\beta_{\text{root}}$	$\text{fphu}_c$	$\text{flai}_{\text{max}_c}$	$\text{fphu}_k$	$\text{flai}_{\text{max}_k}$	$\text{fphu}_{\text{sen}}$	$\text{ssn}$	$\text{flai}_{\text{max}_h}$	$\alpha_{\text{leaf}}$	$\text{hi}_{\text{opt}}$
temperate cereals	0.9690	0.05	0.05	0.45	0.95	0.7	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
rice	0.9690	0.1	0.05	0.5	0.95	0.8	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
maize	0.9690	0.1	0.05	0.5	0.95	0.75	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
tropical cereals	0.9690	0.15	0.01	0.5	0.95	0.85	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.25
pulses	0.9690	0.15	0.01	0.5	0.95	0.90	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.45
temperate roots	0.9690	0.15	0.05	0.5	0.95	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.5	3.5
tropical roots	0.9690	0.15	0.05	0.5	0.95	0.75	0.5	0.75	0.5	2.0
sunflower	0.9690	0.15	0.01	0.5	0.95	0.7	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.4
soybean	0.9690	0.15	0.05	0.5	0.95	0.7	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4
groundnuts	0.9690	0.15	0.01	0.5	0.95	0.75	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.4
rapeseed	0.9690	0.05	0.01	0.5	0.95	0.85	2.0	0.0	0.5	0.3
sugarcane	0.9690	0.01	0.01	0.4	0.95	0.95	2.0	0.5	0.5	0.8

**Table S12.** Model parameters describing biomass plantation management.

BFT	Corresponding biomass crop	Harvest interval	Plant density (ha <sup>-1</sup> )
BTrT	Poplar, Willow	8 years	8000
BTeT	Eucalyptus	8 years	5000
BGrC4	Miscanthus, Switchgrass	(Multiple) annual harvest	n.a.

**Table S13.** Overview of BFT parameter values and constants in model equations.

Parameter	Description	BTrT	BTeT	BGrC4
$g_{min}$	Minimum canopy conductance	<del>0.3</del> <u>0.2</u>	0.2	<u>0.5</u>
$LAI_{sapl}$	Leaf area index of saplings (-)	1.6	1.6	<u>0.001</u>
$\alpha_a$	fraction of PAR assimilated at ecosystem level, relative to leaf level (-)	0.8	0.8	0.8
$T_{lim,CO_2}$	lower and upper temperature limit for CO <sub>2</sub> (°C)	<u>24, 55</u>	<del>-4.0, 38.0</del>	4, 55
$T_{lim,opt,photo}$	lower and upper limit of temperature optimum for photosynthesis (°C)	<del>15, -30</del> -25, 38	15, <u>30</u>	<u>15</u> , 45
$T_{lim,cold,month}$	lower and upper coldest monthly mean temperature (°C)	<u>7</u> , -	-30, 8	<del>7, -1000</del> -40, <del>+1000</del> $\rho_b$ <b>Fuel</b> <b>bulk</b> <b>density</b> 13 ~
$\tau_{leaf,root,sapwood}$	Turnover leaf, <del>sapwood, -root</del> <u>root</u> , <u>sapwood</u>	<del>12, 2</del> , 10	<u>1</u> , 12, 10	<u>1, 2</u> , ~
$CA_{max}$	Tree maximum crown area (m <sup>2</sup> )	<del>1.25</del> -2	<u>1.5</u>	~
$C_{sapwood,sapling}$	sapling carbon (gC m <sup>-2</sup> )	<del>2.3</del> 2.2	<u>2.5</u>	~
$k_{allom1}$	Allometry parameter 1	110	110	~
$k_{allom2}$	Allometry parameter 2	35	35	~
$k_{allom3}$	Allometry parameter 3	0.75	0.75	~
$k_{est}$	Saplings per m <sup>2</sup>	<del>0.8</del> 0.5	<u>0.8</u>	~



**Table S14.** Parametrization of irrigation systems in LPJmL4.

Irrigation system	Distribution uniformity	Conveyance efficiency <sup>1</sup>	Soil evaporation	Inter-ception	Runoff	Irrigation threshold <sup>2</sup>	Minimal irrig. amount
Surface	scalar 1.15	open canal: sand 0.7, loam 0.75, clay 0.8	unrestricted	no	surface, lateral, percolation	C4: 0.7 C3 (prec <900): 0.8 C3 (prec ≥ 900): 0.9 Rice: 1.0	1 mm
		pipe: 0.95					
Sprinkler	0.55			yes	lateral, percolation		
Drip	0.05		soil evap. of irr. water reduced by 60%	no	none, only indirect precip. leaching		none

<sup>1</sup> open canal conveyance efficiency depends on soil hydraulic conductivity ( $K_s$ ):  $K_s > 20$ : sand,  $10 \leq K_s \leq 20$ : loam,  $K_s < 10$ : clay; 50% of conveyance losses are assumed to evaporate, for loam and clay (higher  $K_s$ ) and open canal conveyance the fraction is 60% and 75%, resp. <sup>3</sup> depending on crop type, see Jägermeyr et al. (2015) for details.

Table S15: Equation table describing the different processes represented in the LPJmL4 model.

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
Energy balance			
Photosynthetic active radiation	<del>PAR</del> -PAR	$\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$\text{PAR} = 0.5 \cdot c_q \cdot R_{s\text{day}}$
conversion factor from J to mol for solar radiation at 550 nm	$c_q$		$c_q = 4.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$
daily incoming solar irradiance	$R_{s\text{day}}$	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$R_{s\text{day}} = (c + d \cdot \text{ni}) \cdot Q_0 \cdot (\sin(\text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\delta) \cdot h_{1/2} + \cos(\text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\delta) \cdot h_{1/2})$
potential evapotranspiration	PET	$\text{mm day}^{-1}$	$\text{PET} = \text{pt} \cdot E_{\text{eq}}$
equilibrium evapotranspiration	$E_{\text{eq}}$	$\text{mm day}^{-1}$	$E_{\text{eq}} = \frac{s}{s + \gamma} \cdot \frac{R_{n\text{day}}}{\lambda}$
daily surface net radiation	$R_{n\text{day}}$	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	
latent heat of vaporization	$\lambda$	$\text{J kg}^{-1}$	$\lambda = 2.495 \times 10^6 + 2380 \cdot T_{\text{air}}$
slope of the saturation vapour pressure curve	$s$	$\text{Pa K}^{-1}$	$s = 2.502 \times 10^6 \cdot \exp[17.269 \cdot T_{\text{air}} / (237.3 + (237.3 + T_{\text{air}}))] / (237.3 + T_{\text{air}})^2$
psychrometric constant	$\gamma$	$\text{Pa K}^{-1}$	$\gamma = 65.05 + 0.064 \cdot T_{\text{air}}$
Priestley-Taylor coefficient	pt		
net surface radiation	$R_n$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$	
incoming solar irradiance (downward) at the surface	$R_s$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$	$R_s = (c + d \cdot \text{ni}) \cdot Q_0 \cdot \cos(z)$ or as input

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
outgoing (upward positive) net long-wave radiation flux at the surface	$R_l$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$	$R_l = (b + (1 - b) \cdot \text{ni}) \cdot (A - T_{\text{air}})$ or as input
albedo	$\beta$		$\beta = \sum_{\text{PFT}=1}^{\text{N}_{\text{PFT}}} \beta_{\text{PFT}} \cdot F_{\text{bare}} + F_{\text{snow}} \cdot \beta_{\text{snow}} + (1 - F_{\text{snow}}) \cdot \beta_{\text{soil}}$
albedo bare soil	$\beta_{\text{soil}}$		
albedo snow	$\beta_{\text{snow}}$		
plant compartments specific albedo	$\beta_{\text{PFT}}$		
coverage of bare soil	$F_{\text{bare}}$		
coverage of snow	$F_{\text{snow}}$		
empirical constant	$b$		see Prentice et al. (1993)
empirical constant	$A$		see Prentice et al. (1993)
mean daily air temperature	$T_{\text{air}}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
net outgoing daytime long-wave flux	$R_{l_{\text{day}}}$	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$R_{l_{\text{day}}} = R_l \cdot \text{daylength} \cdot 3600$
angular distance between the sun's rays and the local vertical	$z$		
proportion of bright sky	ni		ni = 1 - cloudiness
empirical constant	$c$		see Prentice et al. (1993)
empirical constant	$d$		see Prentice et al. (1993)
solar constant	$Q_0$	$\text{W m}^{-2}$	$Q_0 = Q_{00} \cdot (1 + 2 \cdot 0.01675 \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot i / 365))$
solar zenith angle	$z$		$\cos(z) = \sin(\text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\delta) + \cos(\text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\delta) \cdot \cos(h)$
solar declination $\delta$ degrees	lat		
hour angle	$h$	radians	

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
solar declination	$\delta$	<u>radians</u>	$\delta = -23.4 \cdot \pi / 180 \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \pi \cdot (i + 10) / 365)$
half-day length	$h_{1/2}$	angular units	$h_{1/2} = \arccos(-(\sin(\text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\delta)) / (\cos(\text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\delta)))$
duration of sunshine of a single day	daylength	<u>hours</u>	daylength = $24 \cdot \frac{h_{1/2}}{\pi}$
<del>albedo bare soil</del> $\beta_{\text{soil}}$ <del>albedo snow</del> $\beta_{\text{snow}}$ <del>plant compartments specific albedo</del> $\beta_{\text{PTT}}$ <del>coverage of bare soil</del> $F_{\text{bare}}$ <del>coverage of snow</del> $F_{\text{snow}}$ Soil temperatures	$T_{\text{soil}}$	°C	$\frac{\partial T_{\text{soil}}}{\partial t} = \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial^2 T_{\text{soil}}}{\partial z^2}$
thermal diffusivity	$\alpha = \lambda / c$	$\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$	
thermal conductivity	$\lambda$	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{K}^{-1}$	
soil layer	$l$		
time step	$t$		
stability criterion	$r$		$r = \frac{\alpha \Delta t}{(\Delta z)^2}$
Heat capacity	$c$	$\text{J K}^{-1} \text{m}^{-3}$	$c = c_{\text{min}} \cdot m_{\text{min}} + c_{\text{water}} \cdot m_{\text{water}} + c_{\text{ice}} \cdot m_{\text{ice}}$
soil minerals	$c_{\text{min}}$		
soil water content	$c_{\text{water}}$		
soil ice content	$c_{\text{ice}}$		
corresponding shares of $c_{\text{min}}$ , $c_{\text{water}}$ , $c_{\text{ice}}$	$m$	$\text{m}^3$	

Plant physiology

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
absorbed photosynthetically active radiation	APAR	$\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$\text{APAR}_{\text{PFT}} = \text{PAR} \cdot \text{FPAR}_{\text{PFT}} \cdot \alpha_{\text{apft}}$
<del>green</del> <del>vegetation</del> <del>fractional</del> <del>absorbed</del> <del>photosynthetically active radiation</del>	FAPAR <sub>PFT</sub>		$\text{APAR}_{\text{PFT}} = \text{PAR} \cdot \text{FAPAR}_{\text{PFT}} \cdot \alpha_{\text{apft}}$
scaling factor to scale leaf-level photosynthesis in LPJmL4 to biome level	$\alpha_{\text{apft}}$		$\text{FAPAR}_{\text{PFT}} = \text{FPC}_{\text{PFT}} \cdot (\text{phen}_{\text{PFT}} - \text{F}_{\text{SnowGC}}) \cdot (1 - \beta_{\text{leaf,PFT}}) - ((1 - \beta_{\text{h}})$
daily phenological status	phen <sub>PFT</sub>		
fraction of snow in the green canopy	$F_{\text{SnowGC}}$		
foliage projective cover of the respective PFT	FPC <sub>PFT</sub>		$\text{FPC} = \text{CA} \cdot P \cdot \text{FPC}_{\text{ind}}$
masking of the ground by stems and branches without leaves	$C_{\text{stem}}$		$\text{FPC}_{\text{PFT}} = \text{CA}_{\text{ind}} \cdot P \cdot \text{FPC}_{\text{ind}}$
gross photosynthesis rate	$A_{\text{gd}}$	$\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$A_{\text{gd}} = (J_E + J_C - \sqrt{(J_E + J_C)^2 - 4 \cdot \theta \cdot J_E \cdot J_C}) / (2 \cdot \theta) \cdot \text{daylength}$
light-limited photosynthesis rate for C3-Photosynthesis	$J_E$	$\text{mol C m}^{-2} \text{ hour}^{-1}$	$J_E = C_1 \cdot \frac{\text{APAR}}{\text{daylength}}$
for C4-Photosynthesis			$C_1 = \alpha_{C3} \cdot T_{\text{stress}} \cdot \left( \frac{p_i - \Gamma^*}{p_i + \Gamma^*} \right)$
internal partial pressure of CO <sub>2</sub>	$p_i$	Pa	$C_1 = \alpha_{C3} \cdot T_{\text{stress}} \cdot \left( \frac{p_i - \Gamma^*}{p_i + 2 \cdot \Gamma^*} \right)$
ambient pressure	$p_a$	Pa	$C_1 = \alpha_{C4} \cdot T_{\text{stress}} \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_{\text{maxC4}}} \right)$
relation of internal and ambient pressure	$\lambda$		$p_i = \lambda \cdot p_a$

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
PFT-specific temperature inhibition function	$T_{\text{stress}}$		
intrinsic quantum efficiencies for CO <sub>2</sub> uptake in C3 plants	$\alpha_{C3}$		
intrinsic quantum efficiencies for CO <sub>2</sub> uptake in C4 plants	$\alpha_{C4}$		
CO <sub>2</sub> compensation point	$\Gamma_*$		$\Gamma_* = \frac{[O_2]}{2 \cdot \tau}$
specificity factor	$\tau$		$\tau = \frac{V_c \cdot K_C}{V_m \cdot K_O}$
Michaelis-Menten constant	$K_C$		
Michaelis-Menten constant	$K_O$		
partial pressure of O <sub>2</sub>	$O_2$		
Rubisco-limited photosynthesis rate	$J_C$	mol C m <sup>-2</sup> hour <sup>-1</sup>	$J_C = C_2 \cdot V_m$
maximum Rubisco capacity	$V_m$		$V_m = \frac{1}{b} \cdot \frac{C_1}{C_2} ((2 \cdot \theta - 1) \cdot s - (2 \cdot \theta \cdot s - C_2) \cdot \sigma) \cdot \text{APAR}$
	$\sigma$		$\sigma = \sqrt{1 - \frac{C_2 - 2}{C_2 - \theta s}} \text{ and } s = 24 / \text{daylength} \cdot b$
	$s$		$s = \sqrt{1 - \frac{C_2 - 2}{C_2 - \theta s}}$
	$C_2$		$s = 24 / \text{daylength} \cdot b$
leaf respiration	$R_{\text{leaf}}$	gC day <sup>-1</sup>	$C_2 = \frac{p_i - \Gamma_*}{p_i + K_C \left(1 + \frac{[O_2]}{K_O}\right)}$
daily net photosynthesis	$A_{\text{nd}}$	gC day <sup>-1</sup>	$R_{\text{leaf}} = V_m \cdot b$
dark respiration	$R_d$		$R_d = (1 - \text{daylength} / 24) \cdot R_{\text{leaf}}$
daily net daytime photosynthesis	$A_{\text{dt}}$		$A_{\text{dt}} = A_{\text{nd}} + R_d$
CO <sub>2</sub> diffusion gradient canopy conductance	$g_c$	mm s <sup>-1</sup>	$g_c = g_{\text{min}} + \frac{1.6 A_{\text{dt}}}{p_a (1 - \lambda)}$

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
PFT-specific minimum canopy conductance	$g_{\text{min}}$	$\text{mm s}^{-1}$	
ambient partial pressure of CO <sub>2</sub>	$p_a$	bar	
parameter describing the ratio of the intercellular to the ambient CO <sub>2</sub> concentration	$\lambda$		
daily phenology status	phenPFT		$\text{phenPFT} = f_{\text{cold}} \cdot f_{\text{light}} \cdot f_{\text{water}} \cdot f_{\text{heat}}$
<b>daily air temperature limited by cold temperatures</b>	$\# f_{\text{cold}}$		$f_{\text{cold}} \cdot f_{\text{heat}}$
<b>short-wave downward radiation relation to light</b>	$\# f_{\text{light}}$		$f_{\text{light}}$
<b>relation to water availability</b>	$\# f_{\text{water}}$		
<b>limited by heat stress</b>	$f_{\text{heat}}$		$f_{\text{water}}$
inflection point of the respective logistic function	$b_x$		
slope of the respective logistic function	$sl_x$		
change rate parameter	$\tau_x$		
CN ratio of above-ground tissue	$\text{CN}_{\text{sapwood}}$		
CN ratio of below-ground tissue	$\text{CN}_{\text{root}}$		
Temperature	$T (T_{\text{air}}, T_{\text{soil}})$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
<b>tissue biomass</b> $\text{C}_{\text{sapwood}}$ $\text{gC}_{\text{heartwood}}$ $\text{gC}_{\text{root}}$	phenPFT		$R_{\text{sapwood}} = r_{\text{PFT}} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\text{C}_{\text{sapwood}}}{\text{CN}_{\text{sapwood}}} \cdot g(T_{\text{air}})$
<b>gC<sub>leaf</sub></b> <b>gC</b> phenology			$R_{\text{sapwood}} = P \cdot r_{\text{PFT}} \cdot k \cdot \frac{\text{C}_{\text{sapwood.ind}}}{\text{CN}_{\text{sapwood}}} \cdot g(T_{\text{air}})$
autotrophic respiration	<b>above-ground</b>		
<b>aboveground tissue</b>	$R_{\text{sapwood}}$	$\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$	

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
autotrophic respiration belowground tissue	below-ground $R_{\text{root}}$	$\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$R_{\text{root}} = r_{\text{PFT}} \cdot k \cdot \frac{C_{\text{root}}}{C_{\text{N}_{\text{root}}}} \cdot g(T_{\text{soil}}) \cdot \text{phenPFT}$ $R_{\text{root}} = P \cdot r_{\text{PFT}} \cdot k \cdot \frac{C_{\text{root,ind}}}{C_{\text{N}_{\text{root}}}} \cdot g(T_{\text{soil}}) \cdot \text{phenPFT}$
respiration rate	$r_{\text{PFT}}$	$\text{gC gN}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$	
temperature function	$g(T)$		$g(T) = \exp \left[ 308.56 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{56.02} - \frac{1}{T+46.02} \right) \right]$
leaf respiration	$R_{\text{leaf}}$		$R_{\text{leaf}} = V_m \cdot b$
static parameter	$b$		
annual-daily net primary production	NPP	$\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$\text{NPP} = 0.75 \cdot (\text{GPP} - R_{\text{leaf}} - R_{\text{sapwood}} - R_{\text{root}})$

## Plant functional types (PFT)

crown-area- $\text{CA m}^{-2}$ -ind $^{-1}$ -leaf mass	$C_{\text{leaf,ind}}$	$\text{gC} \cdot \text{ind}^{-1}$	
fine root mass	$C_{\text{root}}$ $C_{\text{root,ind}}$	$\text{gC} \cdot \text{ind}^{-1}$	
sapwood mass	$C_{\text{sapwood}}$ $C_{\text{sapwood,ind}}$	$\text{gC} \cdot \text{ind}^{-1}$	
heartwood mass	$C_{\text{heartwood}}$ $C_{\text{heartwood,ind}}$	$\text{gC} \cdot \text{ind}^{-1}$	



Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
average individual leaf area	$L_{A_{ind}}$	$m^2 \cdot ind^{-1}$	$L_{A_{ind}} = k_{la:sa} \cdot SA \cdot L_{A_{ind}} = k_{la:sa} \cdot SA_{ind}$
ratio of leaf to sapwood area	$k_{la:sa}$		
sapwood cross-sectional area	$SA_{ind}$		
grass leaf biomass	$C_{leaf}$	$gC m^{-2}$	
leaf-to-root mass ratio	$lr$		$C_{leaf} = lr_{max} \cdot \omega \cdot C_{roots}$ $lr = lr_p \cdot W_{supply} / W_{demand}$
maximum leaf-to-root mass ratio	$lr_{max}$		
tree height	$H$	m	$H = k_{allom2} \cdot D^{k_{allom3}}$
stem diameter	$D$	m	
crown area	$CA_{ind}$	$m^2 \cdot ind^{-1}$	$CA = k_{allom1} \cdot D^{k_{tr}} \cdot CA_{ind} = k_{allom1} \cdot D^{k_{tr}}$
constant wood density	$WD$	$gC m^{-2}$	$H = \frac{C_{sapwood} \cdot k_{ba:sa} \cdot WD \cdot C_{leaf} \cdot SLA}{C_{leaf} \cdot SLA}$
individual leaf area index	$L_{AI_{ind}}$	months	$H = \frac{C_{sapwood, ind} \cdot k_{ba:sa} \cdot WD \cdot C_{leaf, ind} \cdot SLA}{C_{leaf, ind} \cdot SLA}$
leaf longevity	$\alpha_{leaf}$		$L_{AI_{ind}} = \frac{C_{leaf} \cdot SLA \cdot CA \cdot L_{AI_{ind}}}{C_{leaf, ind} \cdot SLA} \cdot CA_{ind}$
	$\beta_0$		
dry matter carbon content of leaves	$DM_C$		
foliar projective cover	$FPC_{ind}$		$FPC_{ind} = 1 - \exp(-k \cdot L_{AI_{ind}})$
mean number of individuals per unit area	$P$	$ind m^{-2}$	
establishment rate	$k_{est}$	$saplings m^{-2} a^{-1}$	
background mortality rate	$mort_{greff}$	$ind m^{-2} a^{-1}$	$mort_{greff} = \frac{k_{mort1}}{1 + k_{mort2} \cdot greff} \cdot mort_{greff} = P \cdot \frac{k_{mort1}}{1 + k_{mort2} \cdot greff}$
yearly growth efficiency	$greff$		
asymptotic maximum mortality rate	$k_{mort1}$		

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
parameter governing the slope of the relationship between mortality and growth efficiency	$k_{\text{mort}2}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}\cdot\text{ind}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{a}^{-1}$	$\text{mort}_{\text{heat}} = \frac{\text{gdd}_{\text{tw}}}{\text{twPFT}} \cdot \text{mort}_{\text{heat}} = P \cdot \frac{\text{gdd}_{\text{tw}}}{\text{twPFT}}$
heat stress	$\text{mort}_{\text{heat}}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	$\text{NI}(N_d) = \sum_{i \text{ if } Pr(d) \leq 3\text{mm}}^{N_d} T_{\text{max}}(d) \cdot (T_{\text{max}}(d) - T_{\text{dew}}(d))$
parameter value of the heat damage function	$\text{twPFT}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
temperatures above threshold (accumulated)	$\text{gdd}_{\text{tw}}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
Nesterov index	$\text{NI}(N_d)$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
daily maximum temperature	$T_{\text{max}}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
dew-point temperature	$T_{\text{dew}}$	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	
positive temperature day	$d$		
probability of fire spread	$P_{\text{spread}}$		$P_{\text{spread}} = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\omega_0}{m_e}, & \omega_0 \leq m_e \\ 0, & \omega_0 > m_e \end{cases}$
litter moisture	$\omega_0$		
moisture of extinction	$m_e$		
fire danger index	FDI		$\text{FDI} = \max \left\{ 0, 1 - \frac{1}{m_e} \cdot \exp \left( -\text{NI} \cdot \sum_{p=1}^n \frac{\alpha_p}{n} \right) \right\}$
slope of the probability risk function	$\alpha_p$		
Human-caused ignitions	$n_{h,\text{ig}}$	individuals	$n_{h,\text{ig}} = P_D \cdot k(P_D) \cdot a(N_D) / 100$
population density	$P_D$	$\text{ind}\cdot\text{km}^{-2}$	$k(P_D) = 30.0 \cdot \exp(-0.5 \cdot \sqrt{P_D})$
propensity of people to produce ignition events	$a(N_D)$	ignitions individual $^{-1}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$	$a(N_D) = \frac{N_{h,\text{obs}}}{t_{\text{obs}} \cdot \text{LFS} \cdot P_D}$

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average number of human-caused fires	$N_{h,obs}$		
observation years	$t_{obs}$		
grid cell <del>size</del> - <del>area</del>	$A$	$\text{m}^2$	$A_b = \min(E(n_{ig}), FDI) \cdot A_f \cdot A$
mean fire area	$a_f$	ha	$\bar{a}_f = \frac{\frac{\pi}{4} \cdot L_B^2 \cdot D_T^2}{10000}$
independent estimates of the numbers of lightning	$n_{l,ig}$		
human-caused ignition events	$n_{h,ig}$		
forward rate of spread	$ROS_{f,surface}$	$\text{m min}^{-1}$	$ROS_{f,surface} = \frac{I_R \cdot \zeta \cdot (1 + \Phi_w)}{\rho_b \cdot \epsilon \cdot Q_{ig}}$
reaction intensity	$I_R$	$\text{kJ m}^{-2} \text{min}^{-1}$	
propagating flux ratio	$\zeta$		
multiplier that accounts for the effect of wind	$\Phi_w$		
fuel bulk density	$\rho_b$	$\text{kg m}^{-3}$	
effective heating number	$\epsilon$		
heat of pre-ignition	$Q_{ig}$	$\text{kJ kg}^{-1}$	
fire duration	$t_{fire}$	$\text{min}$	$t_{fire} = \frac{241}{1 + 240 \cdot \exp(-11.06 \cdot FDI)}$
length to breadth ratio of elliptical fire	$L_B$		
length of major axis	$D_T$	$\text{m}$	$D_T = ROS_{f,surface} \cdot t_{fire} + ROS_{b,surface} \cdot t_{fire}$
surface as the backward rate of spread	$ROS_b$		
crown damage	CK		$P_m(CK) = r_{CK} \cdot CK^p$
resistance factor	$r_{CK}$	0-1	

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Crop functional types (CFT)			
phenological heat unit	phu		$\text{phu} = -0.1081 \cdot (\text{sdate} - \text{keyday})^2 + 3.1633 \cdot (\text{sdate} - \text{keyday}) + \text{phu}_{w_{\text{high}}}$
harvest indices	<del>hi<sub>opt</sub></del> - <del>hi<sub>opt</sub></del>		
heat units	hu		
heat units accumulated	<del>hu<sub>sum</sub></del> - <del>hu<sub>sum</sub></del>		$\text{hu}_{\text{sum}} = \sum_{t'=1}^t \text{sdate} \text{ hu}_{t'} \cdot v_{\text{rf}} \cdot p_{\text{rf}}$
phenological development stage	fphu		$\text{fphu} = \text{hu}_{\text{sum}} / \text{phu}$
reduction factor for vernalization	$v_{\text{rf}}$		$v_{\text{rf}} = (\text{vdsum} - 10.0) / (\text{pvd} - 10.0)$
reduction factor for photoperiod	$p_{\text{rf}}$		$p_{\text{rf}} = (1 - p_{\text{sens}}) \cdot \min(1, \max(0, (\text{daylength} - p_b) / (p_s - p_b))) + p_{\text{sens}}$
day of solstice	keyday		
minimum base temperature for the accumulation of heat unit	$T_{\text{base}_{\text{low}}}$		
20-year moving average annual temperature	<del>atemp<sub>20</sub></del>		
CFT-specific scaling factor	<del>atemp<sub>20</sub></del>		
Vernalization requirements	pf <sub>CFT</sub>		
CFT-specific vernalization factor	pvd		$\text{pvd} = \text{vern}_{\text{date20}} - \text{sdate} - \text{ppvcd}_{\text{CFT}}, \quad 0 \leq \text{pvd} \leq 60$
julian day of the year of sowing	ppvd <sub>CFT</sub> sdate		

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
multi-annual average of the first day of the year when temperatures rise above a CFT-specific vernalization threshold	vern <sub>date20</sub>		
effective number of vernalizing days	vdsum		
parametrized sensitivity to photoperiod	$p_{sens}$		
duration of daylight (sunrise to sunset)	daylength	hours	
base photoperiod	$p_b$	hours	
duration photoperiod	$p_s$	hours	
maximum leaf area index	$LAI_{max}$		
fraction of total biomass that is allocated to the roots	$f_{root}$		$f_{root} = \frac{0.4 - (0.3 \cdot fphu) \cdot wdf}{wdf + \exp(6.13 - 0.0883 \cdot wdf)}$
ratio between accumulated daily transpiration and accumulated daily water demand	wdf		
onset of senescence	ssn		
turning points in the phenological development	$fphu_c, fphu_k$		
corresponding fraction of the maximum green LAI	$fai_{max_c}, fai_{max_k}$		$fai_{max} = \frac{fphu}{fphu + c \cdot (\frac{c}{k}) \cdot (fphu_k - fphu_c)}$
onset of senescence as point in the phenological development	$fphu_{sen}$		

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daily increment	$\text{lai}_{inc,t}$		$\text{lai}_{inc} = (\text{flai}_{max,t} - \text{flai}_{max,t-1}) \cdot \text{lai}_{max}$ $\text{lai}_{inc,t} = (\text{flai}_{max,t} - \text{flai}_{max,t-1}) \cdot \text{lai}_{max}$
maximum green LAI	$\text{flai}_{max}$		
LAI	LAI		$\text{LAI}_t = \sum_{t'=sdate}^{t=sdater} \text{lai}_{inc,t'} \cdot \omega$
specific leaf area	SLA		$\text{SLA} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4}}{DMC} \cdot 10^{(\beta_0 - \beta_1 \cdot \log(\alpha_{leaf})) / \log(10)}$
harvest index	HI		$\text{HI} = \begin{cases} \text{fhi}_{opt} \cdot \text{hi}_{opt}, & \text{if } \text{hi}_{opt} \geq 1 \\ \text{fhi}_{opt} \cdot (\text{hi}_{opt} - 1.0) + 1.0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
storage organ	$\text{fhi}_{opt}$	$\text{gC m}^{-2}$	$\text{fhi}_{opt} = 100 \cdot \text{fphu} / (100 \cdot \text{fphu} + \exp(11.1 - 10.0 \cdot \text{fphu}))$
Excess biomass	$C_{so}$ $C_{pool}$	$\text{gC m}^{-2}$ $\text{gC m}^{-2}$	$C_{so} = \text{HI} \cdot (C_{leaf} + C_{so} + C_{pool})$

### Soil and litter carbon pools

heterotrophic respiration	$R_h$	$\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	$R_h = R_{h,litter} + R_{h,fastSoil} + R_{h,slowSoil}$
carbon pool size of soil or litter	$C$	$\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ layer}^{-1}$	$C_{0(t)} = (1 - \exp(-k(t,t))) \cdot C_0$
rate-per layer	$k$	$\text{a}^{-1} \text{ layer}^{-1}$	$k_{(t,p)} = \frac{1}{\tau_{10(p)}} \cdot g(T_{soil}) \cdot f(\theta)$
decomposition rates for litter		$\text{yr}^{-1}$	
mean residence time	$\tau_{10}$		
soil volume fraction of the layer	$\theta$		

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
<u>fraction of soil organic carbon per layer</u>	$Cf_l$	gC	$Cf_{(l)} = 10^{k_{soc} \cdot \log_{10}(d_{(l)})}$
relative share of the layer $l$	$d_{(l)}$	mm	
soil layer depth	$k_{soc}$	gC	$C_{(l)} = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{PFT}} d_{(i)}^{k_{socPFT}} \cdot C_{stot_{soil}}$
total amount of soil carbon	$C_{stotal}$	gC	
mean annual decomposition rate	$k_{mean}$	gC $\text{day}^{-1}$	$k_{meanPFT(p)} = \sum_{l=1}^{n_{soil}} (k_{mean(l)} \cdot Cf_{(l,p)})$
mean decomposition rate for each PFT	$k_{meanPFT}$		$k_{meanPFT} = \sum_{l=1}^{n_{soil}} (k_{mean(l)} \cdot Cf_{(l,PFT)})$
annual carbon shift rates	$C_{shift}$	$\text{a}^{-1}$	$C_{shift(l,p)} = \frac{k_{meanPFT(p)} \cdot C_{sub(l,p,PFT)}}{Cf_{(l,PFT)}} = C_{f(l,PFT)} \cdot k_{mean(l)}$
infiltration rate of rain water into the soil	infil	mm	$\text{infil} = P \cdot \sqrt{1 - \frac{SW_{(0)} - WPW_{(0)}}{W_{sat(0)} - WPW_{(0)}}}$

### Water balance

soil water content at saturation	$W_{sat}$	mm	
soil water content at wilting point	$WPW - W_{dwp}$	mm	
total actual soil water content	SW	mm	
portion of daily precipitation	$P$	mm	maximum 4 mm
soil water content between saturation and field capacity	FW	mm	
soil layer	$l$	hours	
travel time through the soil layer	TT		$TT_{(l)} = \frac{FW_{(l)}}{HC_{(l)}}$

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
hydraulic conductivity	HC	mm h <sup>-1</sup>	$HC(t) = K_{s(t)} \cdot \left( \frac{SW(t)}{W_{sat}(t)} \right)^{\beta(t)}$
saturated conductivity	$K_s$	mm h <sup>-1</sup>	
percolation	perc	mm day <sup>-1</sup>	$perc(t) = FW(t, t) \cdot \left[ 1 - \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta t}{TT(t)}\right) \right]$
Interception	$I$	mm day <sup>-1</sup>	
PFT-specific interception storage parameter	<del><math>I_{pft}</math></del> $I_{PFT}$		
PFT-specific leaf area per unit of grid cell area	LAI <del><math>pft</math></del> $PFT$		
daily precipitation	Pr	mm day <sup>-1</sup>	
Soil evaporation	$E_s$	mm day <sup>-1</sup>	
vegetation cover	$f_v$	%	
evaporation-available soil water	$w_{evap}$		
plant transpiration	$E_T$		$E_T = \min(S, D) \cdot f_v$
daily water stress	$\omega$		
Soil water supply	$S$		$S = E_{max} \cdot w_r \cdot phenpft$
PFT-specific maximum water transport capacity	$E_{max}$		
water accessible for plants	$w_r$		$w_r = \sum_{l=1}^{n_{soil}-1} w_l \cdot rootdist_l$
relative water content at field capacity	$w$		
fraction of roots from surface to $z$	rootdist		rootdist = $1 - \beta_{root}^z$
soil depth	$z$	mm	
root distribution parameter	$\beta_{root}$		



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fraction of water that corresponds to their foliage projected cover	$f_{pPFT}$		$S_{PFT} = S \cdot f_{pPFT}$
root biomass	$bm_{root}$	$gC\ m^{-2}$	
Atmospheric demand	$D$		$D = (1.0 - wet) \cdot E_{eq} \cdot \alpha_m / (1 + g_m / g_c)$
maximum Priestley-Taylor coefficient	$\alpha_m$		
conductance scaling factor	$g_m$		
fraction of $E_{eq}$ that was used to vaporize intercepted water from the canopy	wet		
potential canopy conductance	$g_c$		
homogeneous segments of length	$L$		
outflow of a linear reservoir cascade	$Q_{out}$		$Q_{out}(t) = Q_{in} \cdot \frac{1}{K \cdot \Gamma(n)} \left( \frac{t}{K} \right)^{n-1} \cdot \exp(-t/K)$
instantaneous inflow	$Q_{in}$		
gamma function	$\Gamma(n)$		
storage parameter	$K$		
linear reservoir segment of length	$L$	km	
flow velocity	$v$	$m\ s^{-1}$	$K = \frac{L}{v}$
CFT-specific irrigation threshold	it		
amount of water required in the upper 50 cm soil available soil water	NIR		$NIR = W_{fc} - w_a - w_{ice}, \quad NIR \geq 0$
frozen soil water	$w_a$		
	$w_{ice}$	mm	

Parameter/Variable	abbreviation	unit	Equation
conveyance efficiency	$E_c$		
application requirements	AR		$AR = W_{sat} - W_{fc} - W_{pwp}) \cdot d_u - w_{fw}, \quad AR \geq 0$
gross irrigation requirements	GIR		$GIR = \frac{NIR+AR-Store}{E_c}$
storage buffer	Store		
soil saturated hydraulic conductivity	$K_s$		
water distribution uniformity scalar	$d_u$		
available free water	$w_{fw}$		
annual variation coefficients for precipitation	$CV_{prec}$		
annual variation coefficients for temperature	$CV_{temp}$		
biomass after the last harvest event	$MC_{leaf}$		
harvest index	$H_{frac}$		

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