



NGEE-Tropics

FATES:

~~Functionally Assembled Terrestrial Ecosystem Simulator~~

Fast Two-stream Ecosystem Simulator

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History Optimizations

- New! Output dimension control in the namelist!

```
fates_history_dimlevel = x,x
```

- First index is for model timestep variables, second is for daily variables
- 0 = no output
- 1 = grid-scale output only
- 2 = include output with the fourth dimension



History Optimizations

- Benefits:
 - Remove unnecessary arrays and calculations
 - Tests show levels 0,1 are 10% faster vs 2

*Test: derecho, 4x5^o, 20 year simulation



The Photosynthesis Call Sequence

Photosynthesis Call Sequence

- Motivation

128 tasks - NE4 Grid, 20 year simulation years 10-20, full complexity, C-only

| Name | Wall Total (s) |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Model Time-step Loop | 2.1e+05 |
| FATES Photosynthesis | 1.5e+05 |
| Ecosystem Dynamics | 1.7e+03 |

Evaluating the Photosynthesis Call Sequence

- Nested Loops:
- Model Time-step Loop
 - Patch loop
 - Energy Balance Iteration Loop
 - Canopy x pft x leaf-layer loop
 - Photosynthesis solve, “Ci” loop

Solution 1: Photosynthesis Ci Solver - Closure Criteria

| Convergence Criteria | ctsm_run (time) | photosynthesis (time) |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| (Base) $\Delta < 1e-6$ [PPM], $i_{\max} = 5$ | 60.9165 | 16.4021 |
| $\Delta < 1e-2$ [Pa Co2], $i_{\max} = 50$ | 58.7354 (3.6%) | 14.5168 (11.5%) |

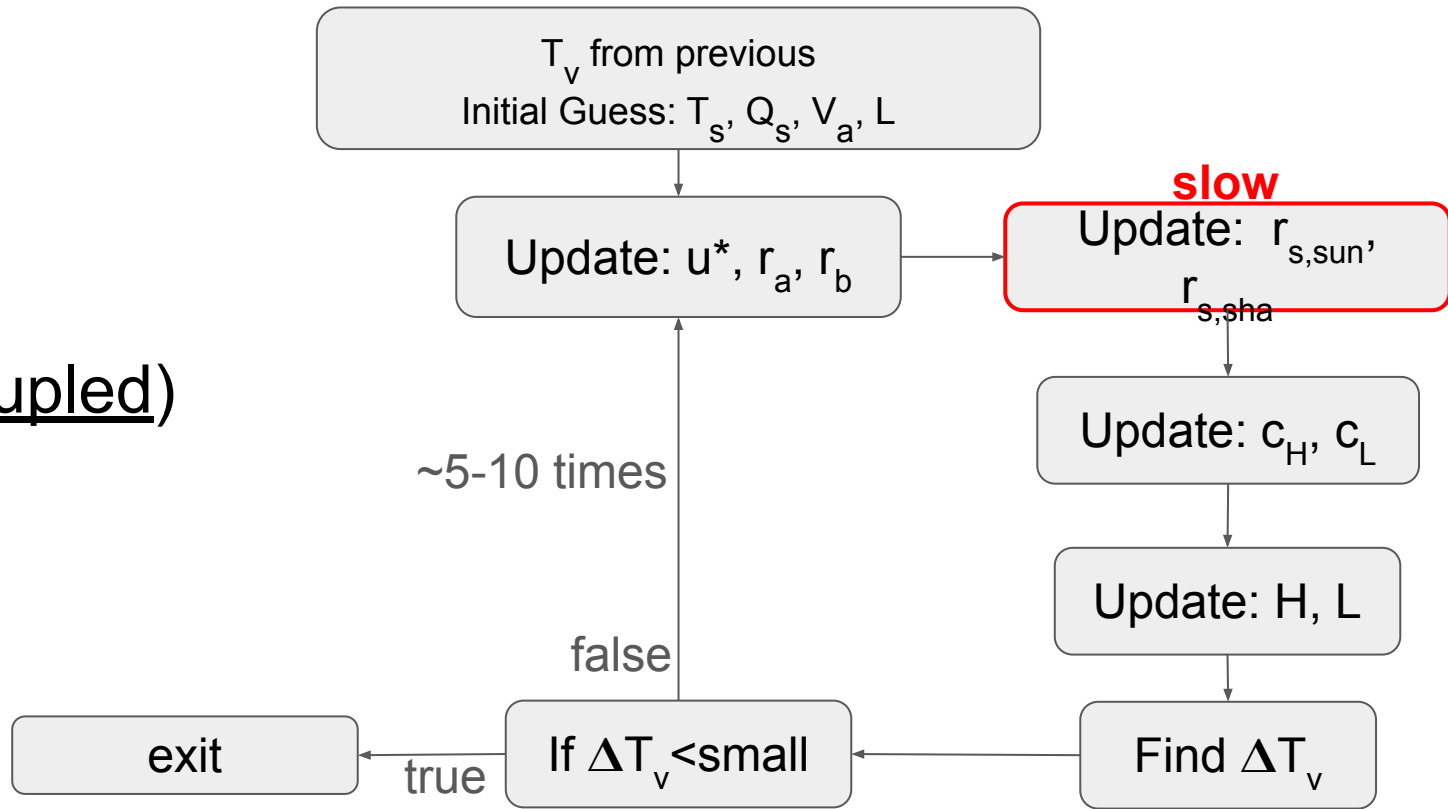
Solution 2: Solving Energy Balance Efficiently

Canopy energy conservation gives

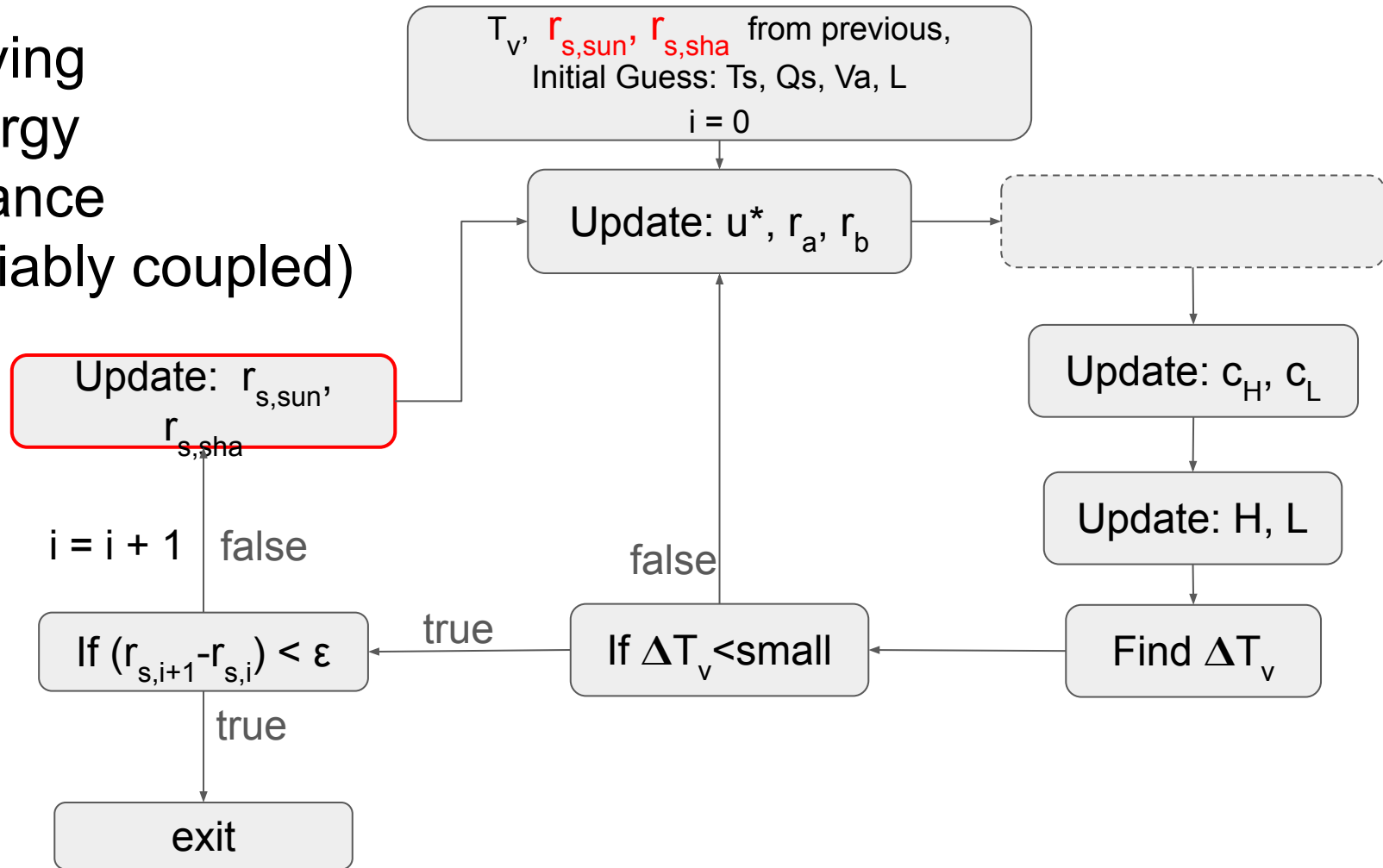
$$-\vec{S}_v + \vec{L}_v(T_v) + H_v(T_v) + \lambda E_v(T_v) = 0 \quad (2.5.128)$$

where \vec{S}_v is the solar radiation absorbed by the vegetation (section [2.4.1](#)), \vec{L}_v is the net longwave radiation absorbed by vegetation (section [2.4.2](#)), and H_v and λE_v are the sensible and latent heat fluxes from vegetation, respectively. The term λ is taken to be the latent heat of vaporization λ_{vap} ([Table 2.2.7](#)).

Solving Energy Balance (existing, tightly coupled)



Solving Energy Balance (variably coupled)



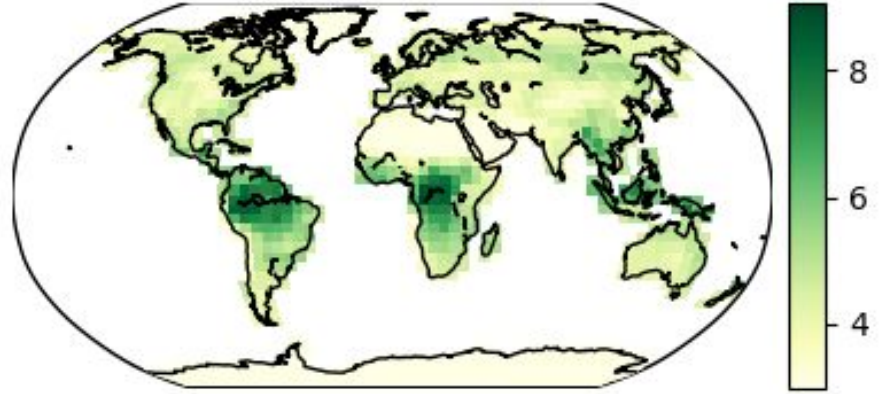
Comparing Variably Coupled with Base

$\epsilon = 0.001$

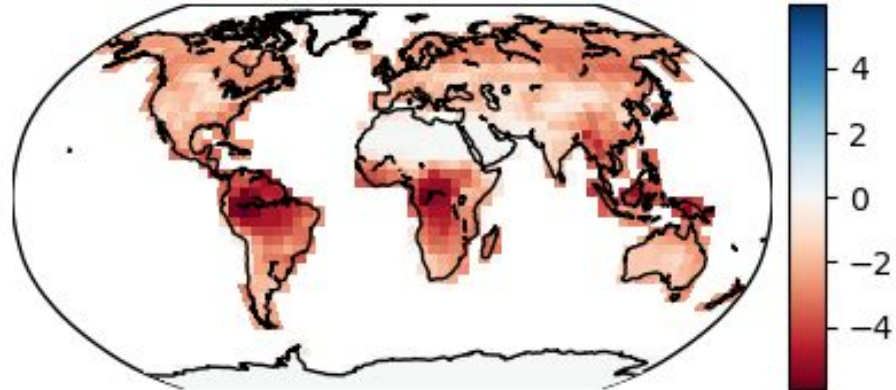
Satellite Phenology

num_iter = mean
number of times we call
photosynthesis per
solve

num_iter [count] (base)



Delta (test-base)

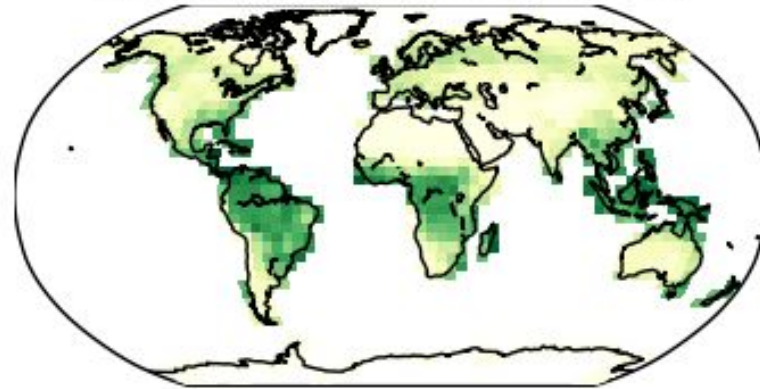


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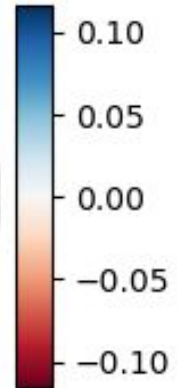
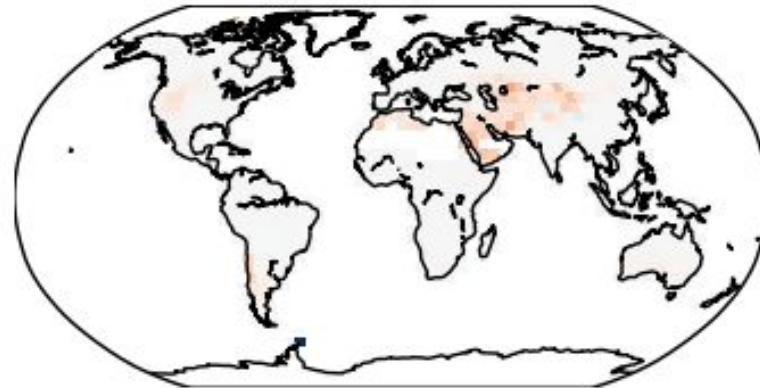
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Satellite Phenology

FATES_GPP [kg m⁻² yr⁻¹] (base)



Delta 2(test-base)/(test+base)



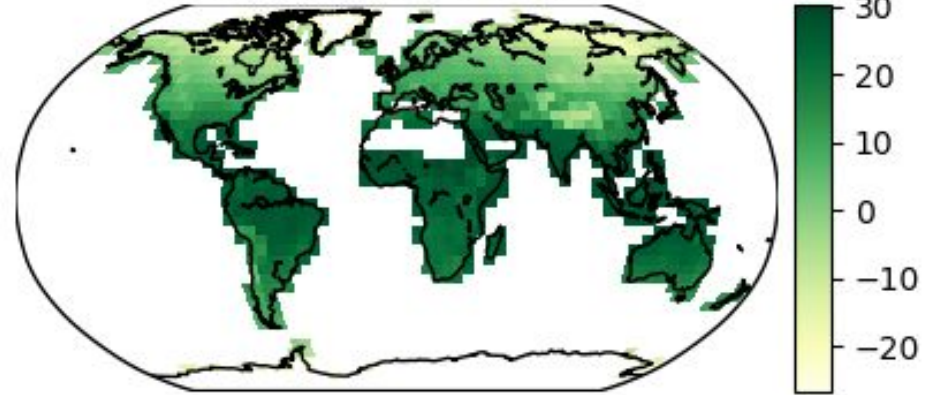
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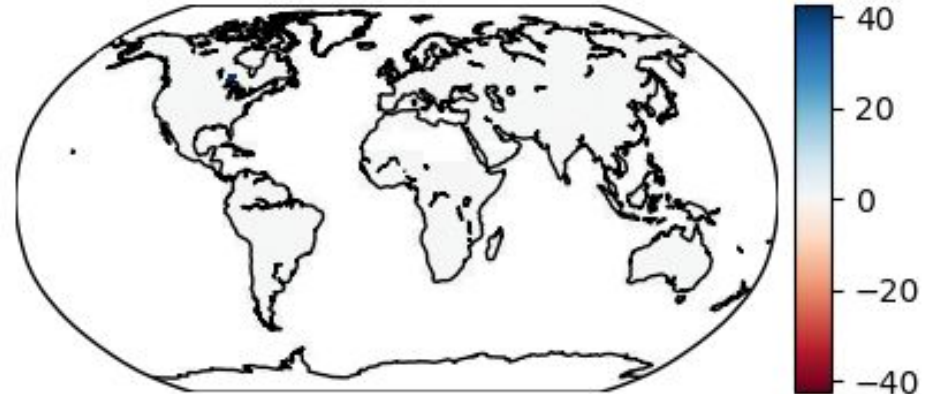
Satellite Phenology

TVEG = Vegetation
Temperature

FATES_TVEG [C] (base)



Delta 2(test-base)/(test+base)



Comparing Variably Coupled with Base - Timing

Fixed Biogeography
1-5th year of simulation
 $\varepsilon = 0.001$

| Run | Code | Mean(s) |
|------|----------------|---------|
| base | ctsm_run | 2966.6 |
| | canflux | 2183.6 |
| | photosynthesis | 2084.2 |
| test | ctsm_run | 2213.3 |
| | canflux | 1412.9 |
| | photosynthesis | 1285.0 |

“Full FATES”
5-10th year of simulation
 $\varepsilon = 0.01$

| Run | Code | Mean(s) |
|------|----------------|---------|
| base | ctsm_run | 6999.3 |
| | canflux | 5535.5 |
| | photosynthesis | 5333.4 |
| test | ctsm_run | 3601.7 |
| | canflux | 2076.8 |
| | photosynthesis | 1866.2 |

Two-Stream Radiation

Why Use Two Stream?

- Uses the same parameters as FATES with Norman radiation
- ELM, CLM and ED2 use Two-Stream
 - ED2 methods are very similar, and our team has experience with the math already
 - Use Gordon Bonan's (CLM/ELM) methods for transforming user parameter constants into model constants
- Infinite “order”, i.e. its a continuum solution

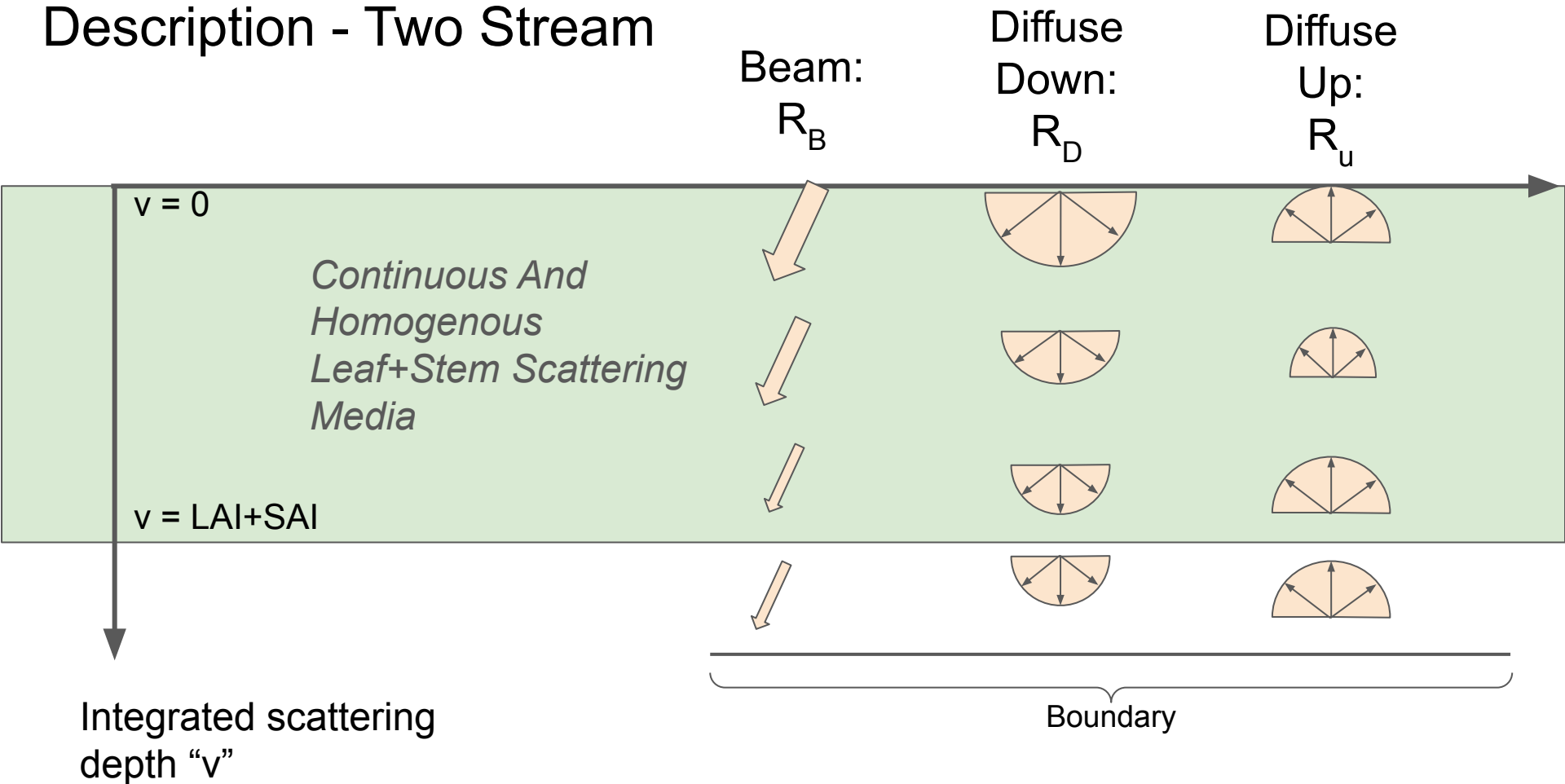
Why Not Use Two Stream?

- Does not have a conceptual basis for lateral scattering across different media
- There are other methods and more sophisticated methods
 - SPARTACUS-Vegetation: Hogan, Quaife and Braghieri
 - 4SAIL
 - Stochastic RT: Spatial variability in tropical forest leaf area density from multi-return lidar and modeling, Detto et al.

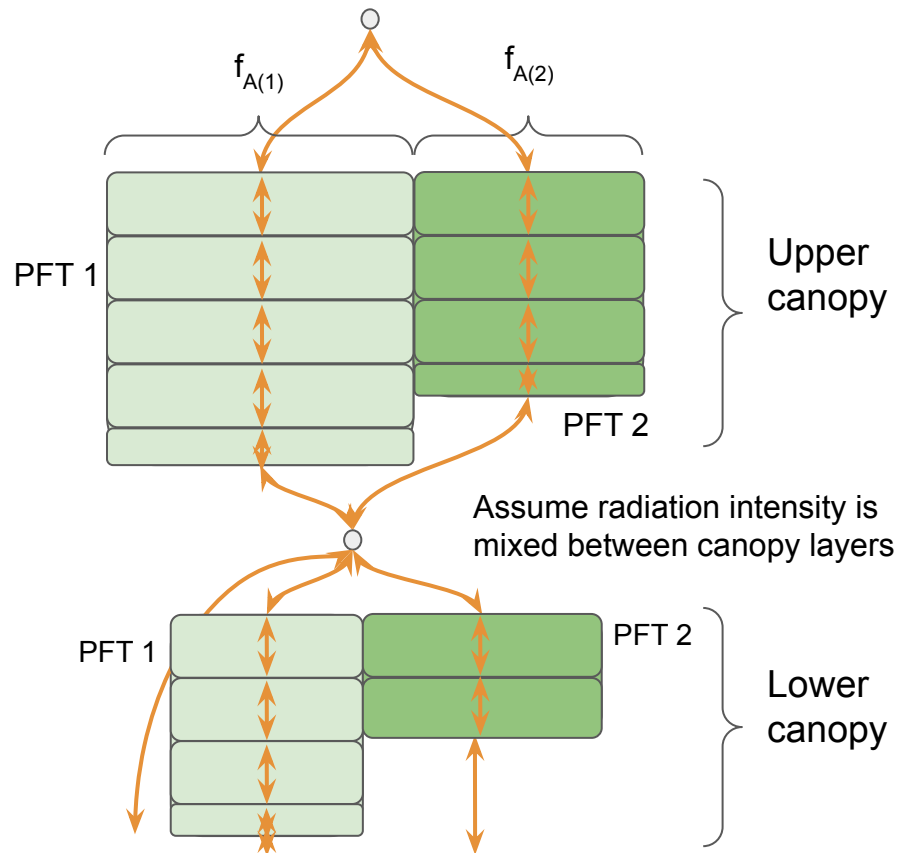
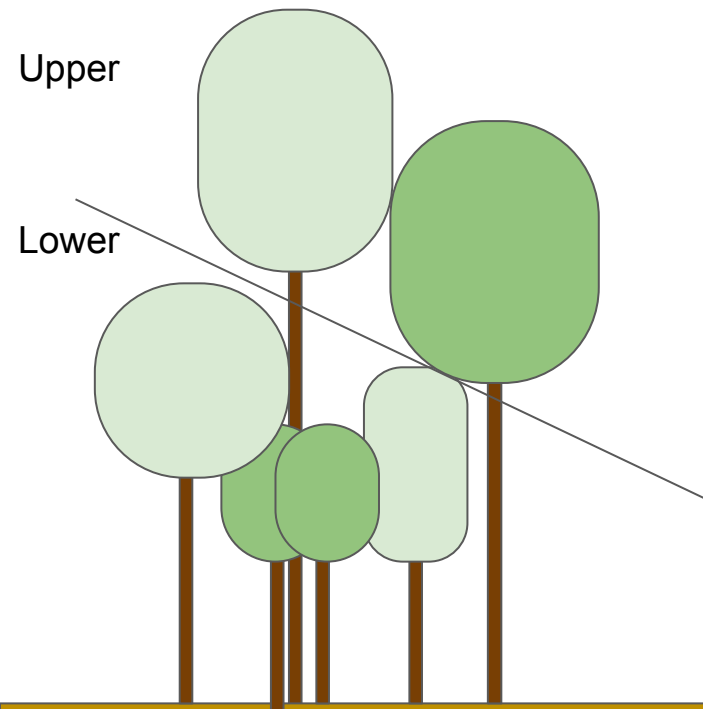
Two Stream Radiation Simulations are a better match iLAMB Observations Overall

| Benchmark | Phase Shift [months] | Bias Score [1] | RMSE Score [1] | Seasonal Cycle Score [1] | Spatial Distribution Score [1] | Overall Score [1] |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| CTSM5.1_CLM_big_leaf | 0.394 | 0.527 | 0.602 | 0.976 | 0.605 | |
| CTSM5.1_FATES_norman | 0.307 | 0.493 | 0.589 | 0.982 | 0.573 | |
| CTSM5.1_FATES_twostream | 0.402 | 0.523 | 0.594 | 0.976 | 0.604 | |

Description - Two Stream



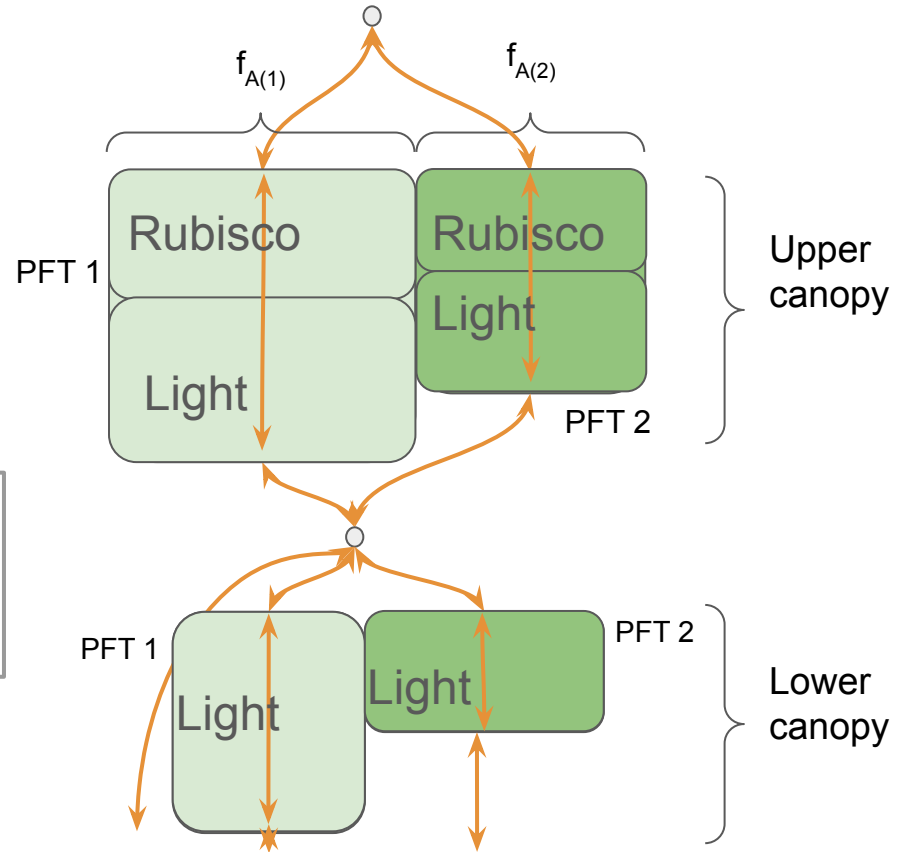
Speed: Norman Does Require Discretization



Speed: Two-Stream Does Not Require Discretization

Integrate analytical solution over depth, combine with photosynthesis equations

$$R_{up}(v) = A_{up}e^{-\kappa_b v} + B_1 e^{av} \lambda_1 + B_2 e^{-av} \lambda_2$$
$$R_{dn}(v) = A_{dn}e^{-\kappa_b v} + B_2 e^{av} \lambda_1 + B_1 e^{-av} \lambda_2$$



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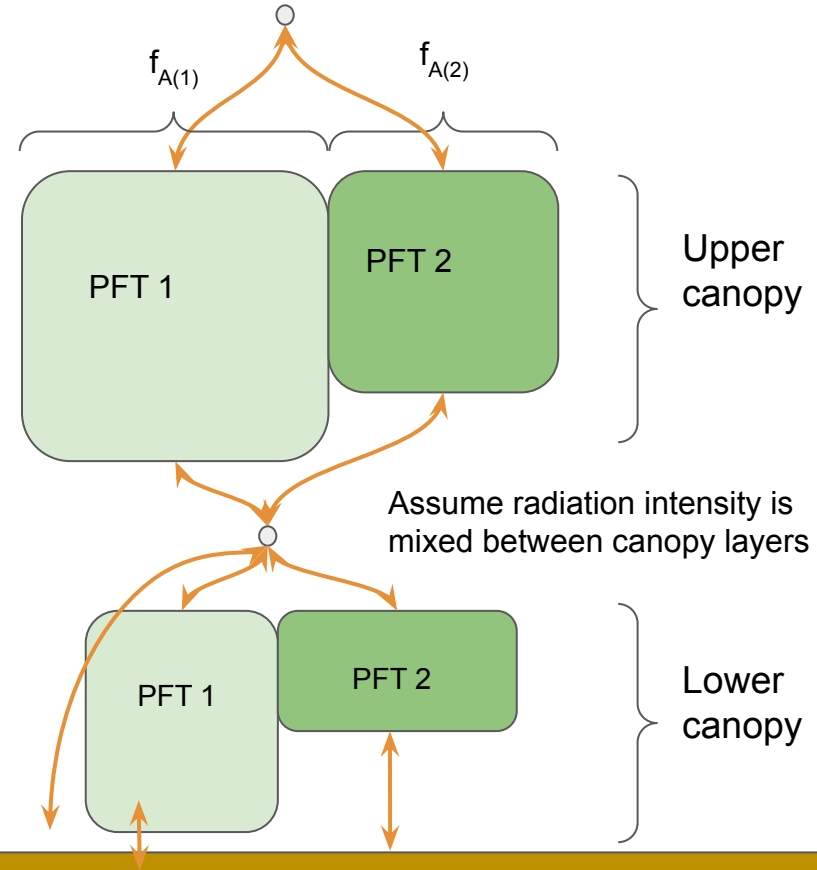
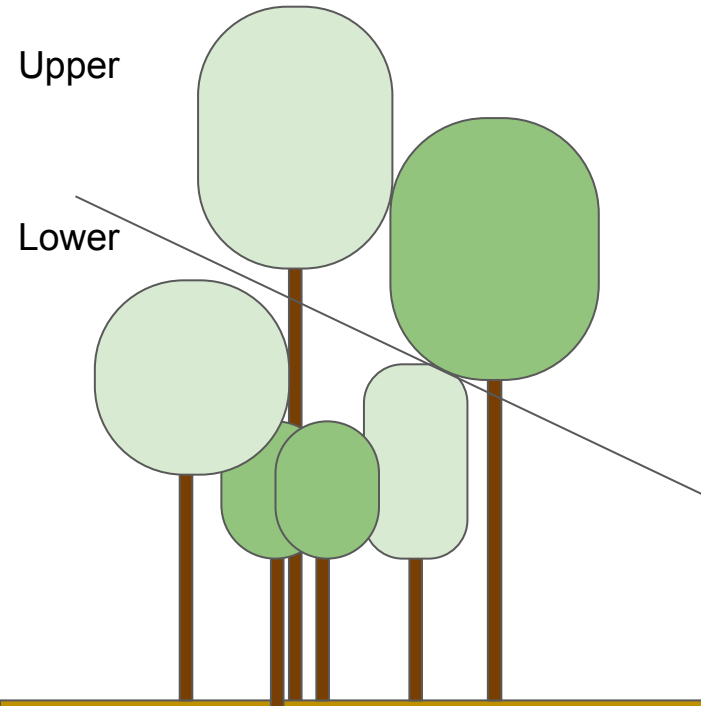
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Two Stream and Norman



Photosynthesis Solver Ideas

- **Simple Idea:**
 - Review and update sensitivity analysis of C_i closure criteria

Test at BCI Panama, on single evergreen PFT, several years of simulation using inventory stand initialization and no dynamics

Photosynthesis Ci Solver - Closure Criteria

“base”:

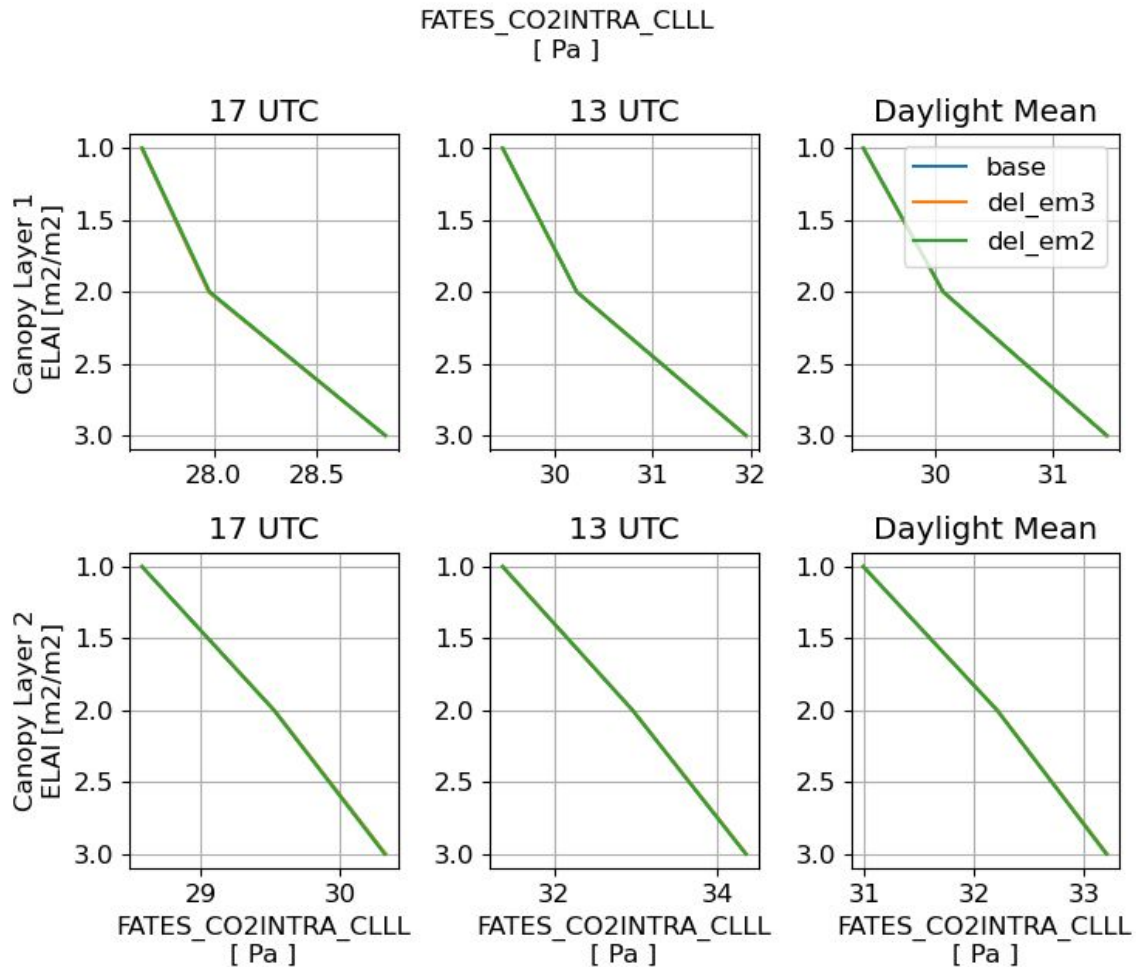
$$(co2_{int} - co2_{int,old}) / press_{can} < 2e^{-12}$$

“del_em3”:

$$(co2_{int} - co2_{int,old}) / co2_{can} < 1e^{-3}$$

“del_em2”:

$$(co2_{int} - co2_{int,old}) / co2_{can} < 1e^{-2}$$



Motivational Timing Info (Energy Balance & Photosynthesis)

128 tasks - NE4 Grid, 20 year
simulation years 10-20, full
complexity, C-only

| | Name | Wall Total (s) | Slowest Node (s) | Fastest Node (s) |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Model Time-step Loop | elm_run | 2.1e+05 | 3658.693 | 237.816 |
| Energy Balance Loop | canflux | 1.569e+05 | 2958.763 | 22.684 |
| FATES Photosynthesis | edpsn | 1.537e+05 | 2920.672 | 17.985 |
| Ecosystem Dynamics | ecosystemdyn | 1.69e+03 | 16.986 | 8.944 |
| Radiation | surfrad | 2.6e+03 | 34.895 | 1.727 |

Timing Info - Take Homes

- Fraction of time that FATES photosynthesis takes of land-timestep:

$$1.537e+05/2.1e+05 = 73\%$$

- Fraction of time that FATES photosynthesis takes of energy-balance iteration step:

$$1.537e+05/1.543e+05 = 99.6\%$$

- There is a wide gap between fastest and slowest procs
- Average number of energy balance iterations = **~6**

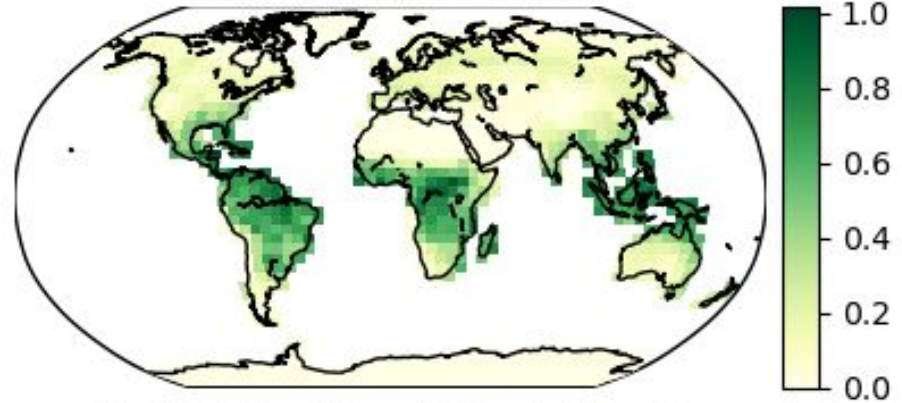
Comparing Variably Coupled with Base

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Satellite Phenology

QVEGT = Transpiration

QVEGT [m yr⁻¹] (base)



Delta 2(test-base)/(test+base)

