

# **Interações entre Clima e Vegetação na Amazônia: do último período glacial até o clima do futuro**

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# Vegetation-Climate Interactions

Climate



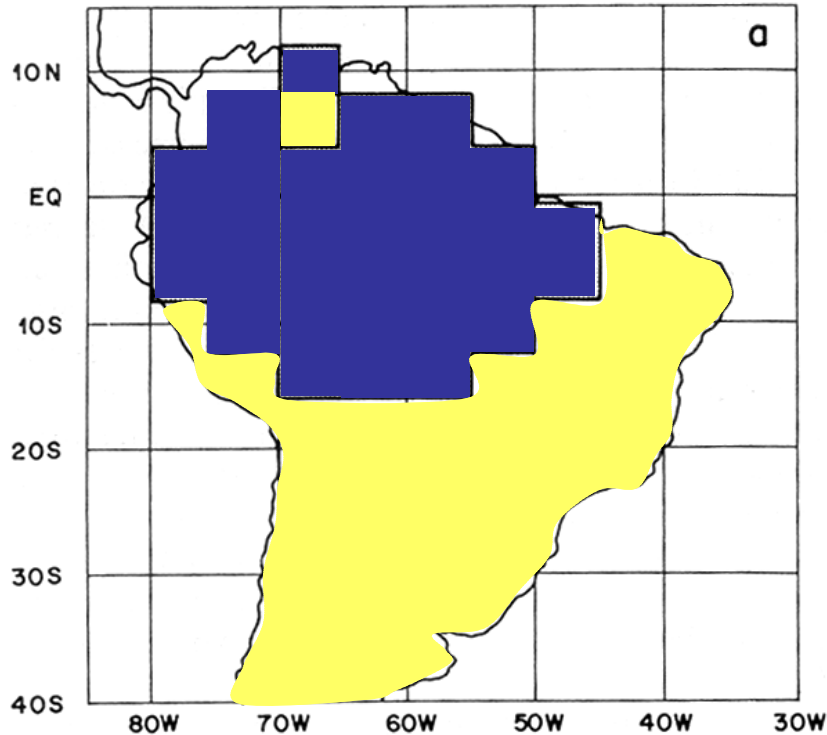
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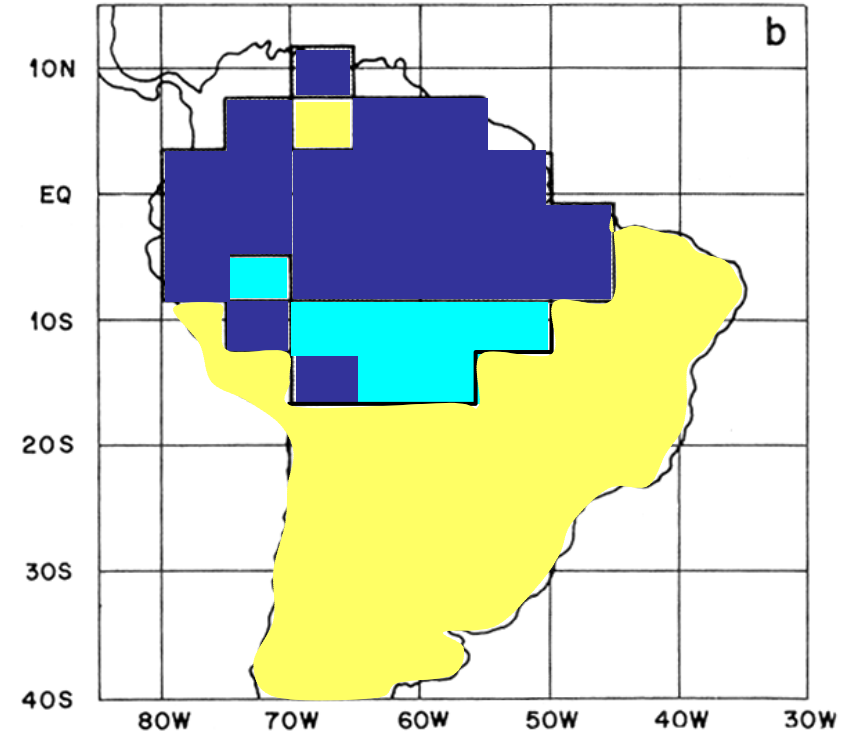
*Bidirectional on  
what times scales?*

# Modeling Deforestation and Biogeography in Amazonia

## Current Biomes



## Post-deforestation

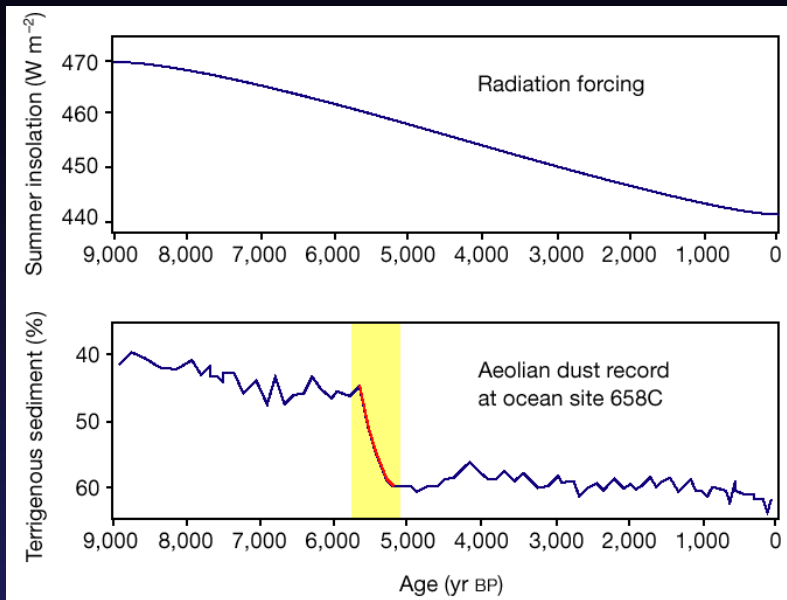


Bioclimatology for the control case (a, current bioclimatology) associated with deforestation (b, revised bioclimatology after deforestation such as the analysis of the vegetation stress index fields shows). The shaded area with "1" is tropical forest, "6" refers to cerrado. The forest boundary is depicted by the heavy solid line.

"1" Tropical Forest  
"6" Savanna

Nobre et al. 1991, J. Climate

# Biome-Climature Bi-Stability for the Sahel

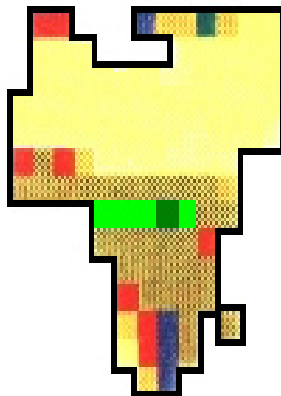


The second equilibrium state depend mostly on vegetation (albedo) feedback and secondarily on ocean feedbacks

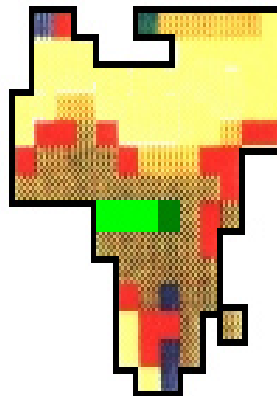
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Sahel

Current State  
estado atual

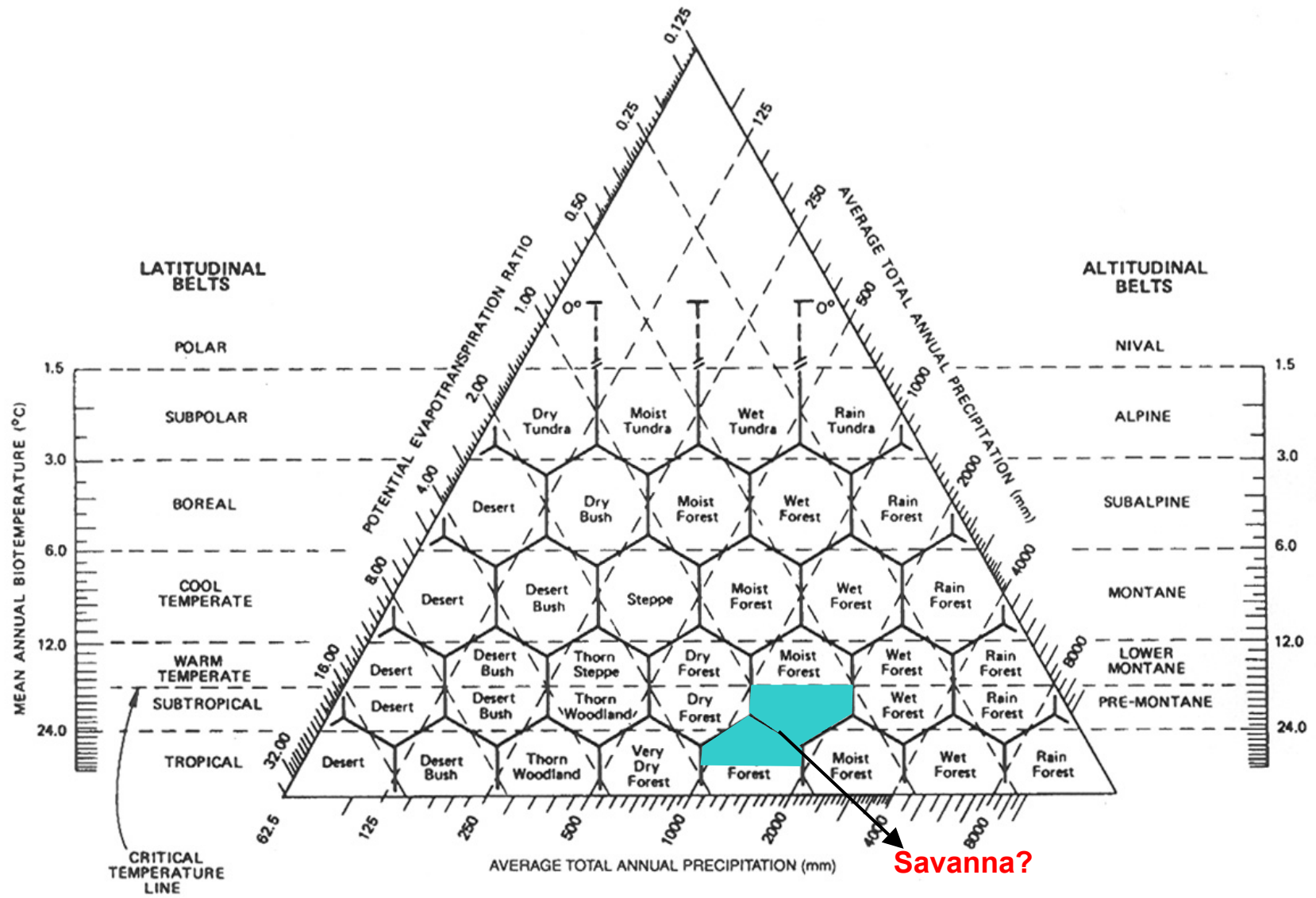


Second State  
outro estado

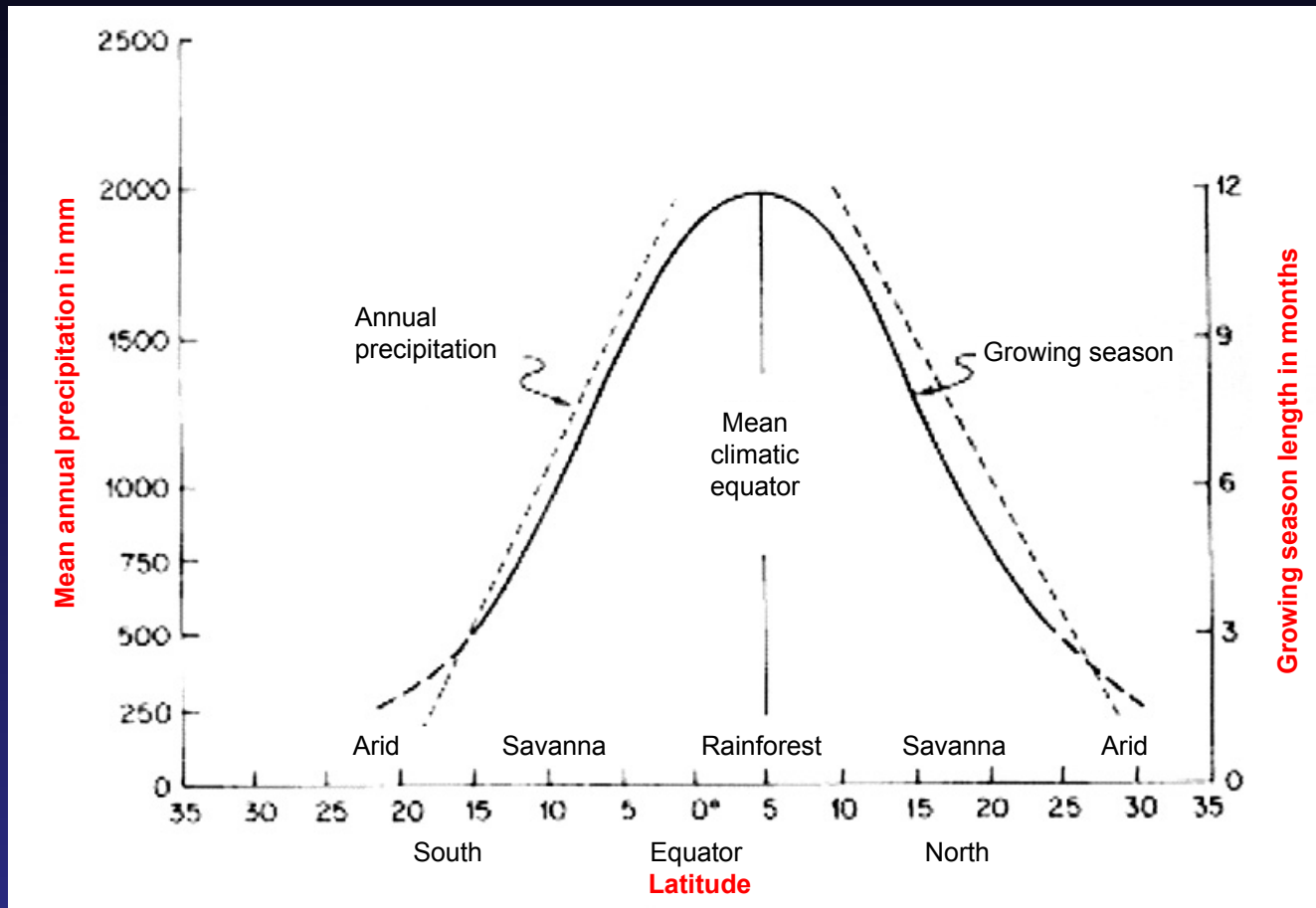


- floresta tropical pluvial
- floresta tropical decídua
- savana
- caatinga
- deserto

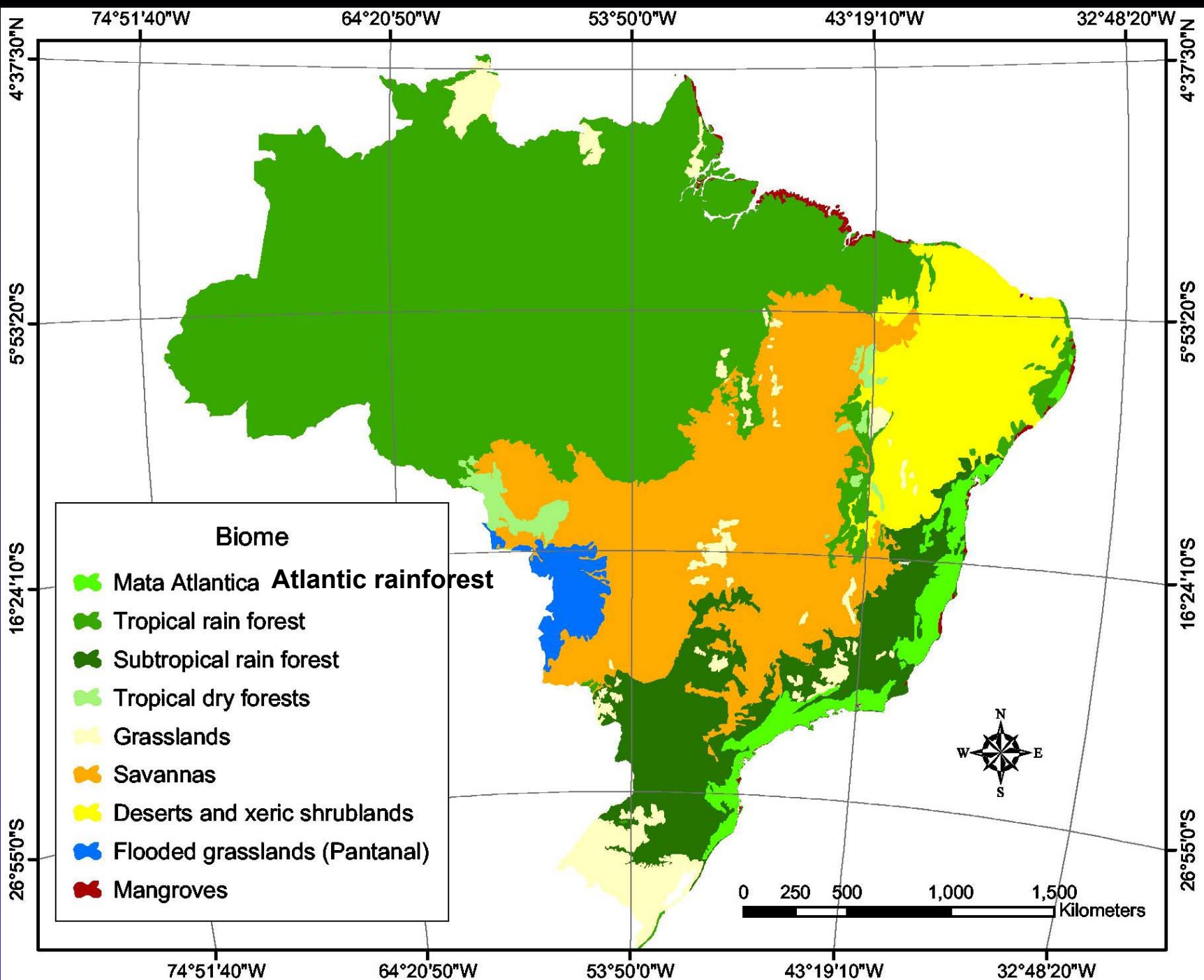
Claussen (1997)



The Holdridge Life-Zone Classification System (Holdridge, 1947; 1964)

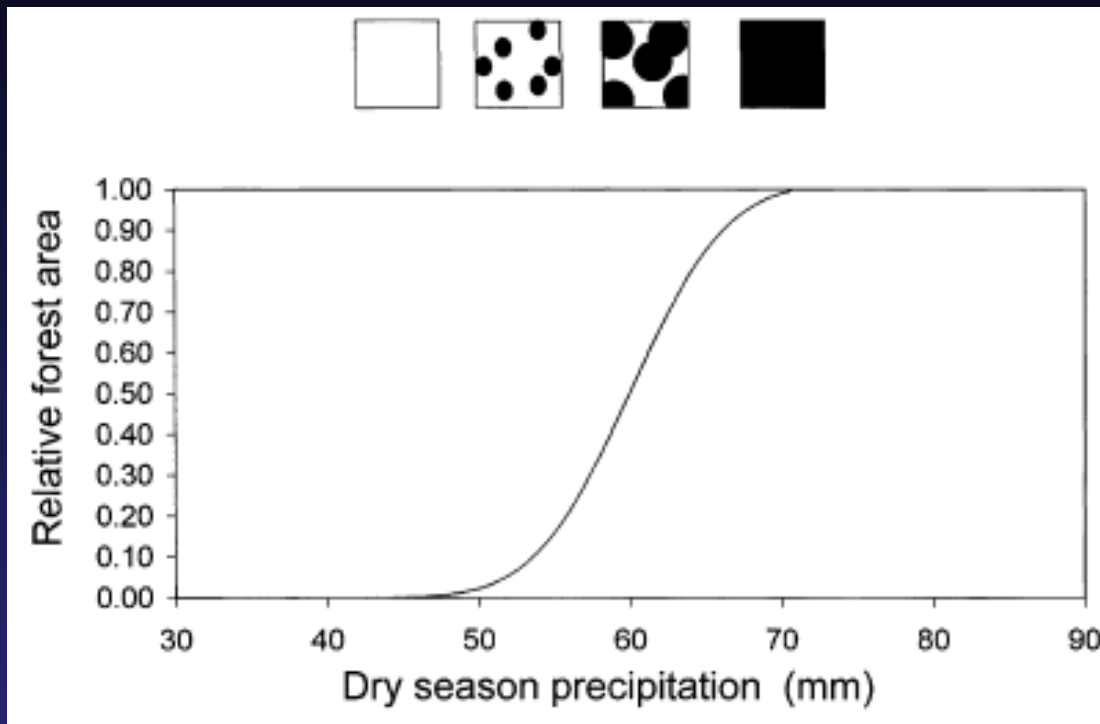


A scheme of the relationship between mean annual precipitation and growing season length in tropical climates (from Newman, 1977)

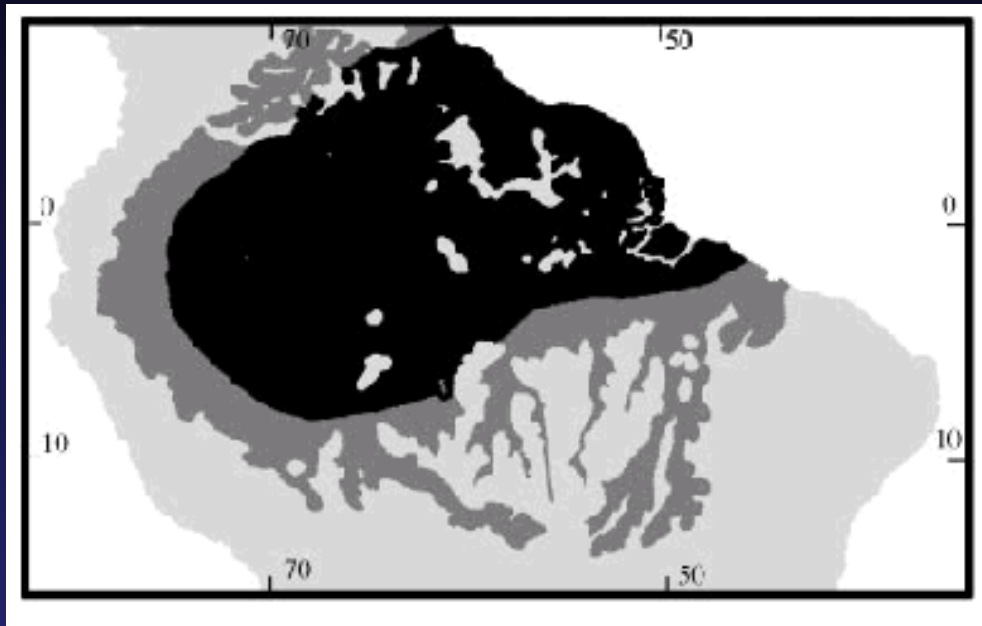


Map of dry season length (DSL) (data after Sombroek, 2001), expressed as the number of months with <100 mm of rain.





**Fig. 3** Establishment of relative forest area in a savanna region as a function of precipitation.



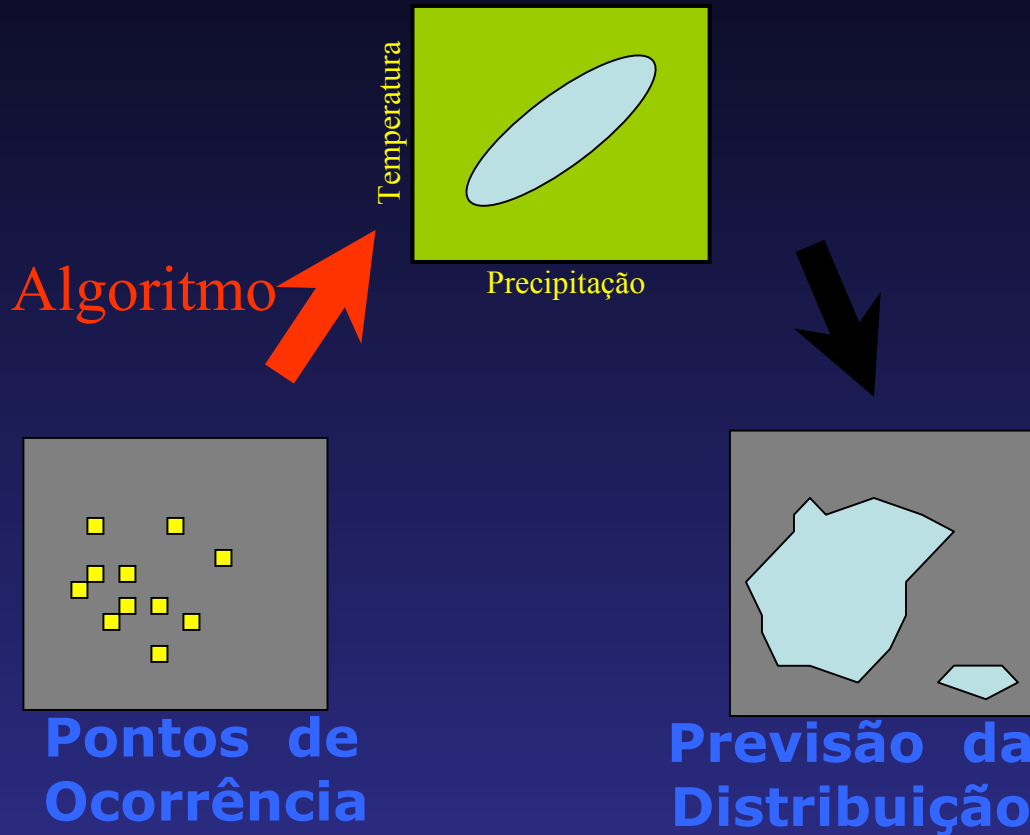
**Fig. 1** Regions of the Amazon basin that can potentially be converted to savanna after some deforestation. Black regions represent regions in the Amazon basin with tropical forest and having d.s. precipitation  $> 100$  mm. Dark grey regions represent regions having tropical forest with d.s. precipitation  $\leq 100$  mm. This region could potentially be converted to savanna, given enough deforestation. Light grey regions represent other types of vegetation but mainly savannas having precipitation during the dry season  $\leq 100$  mm. The dry season precipitation isoline was derived from Nix (1983).

# Modelagem de Distribuição Geográfica

## Modelo do Nicho Ecológico

Ecologia

Geografia

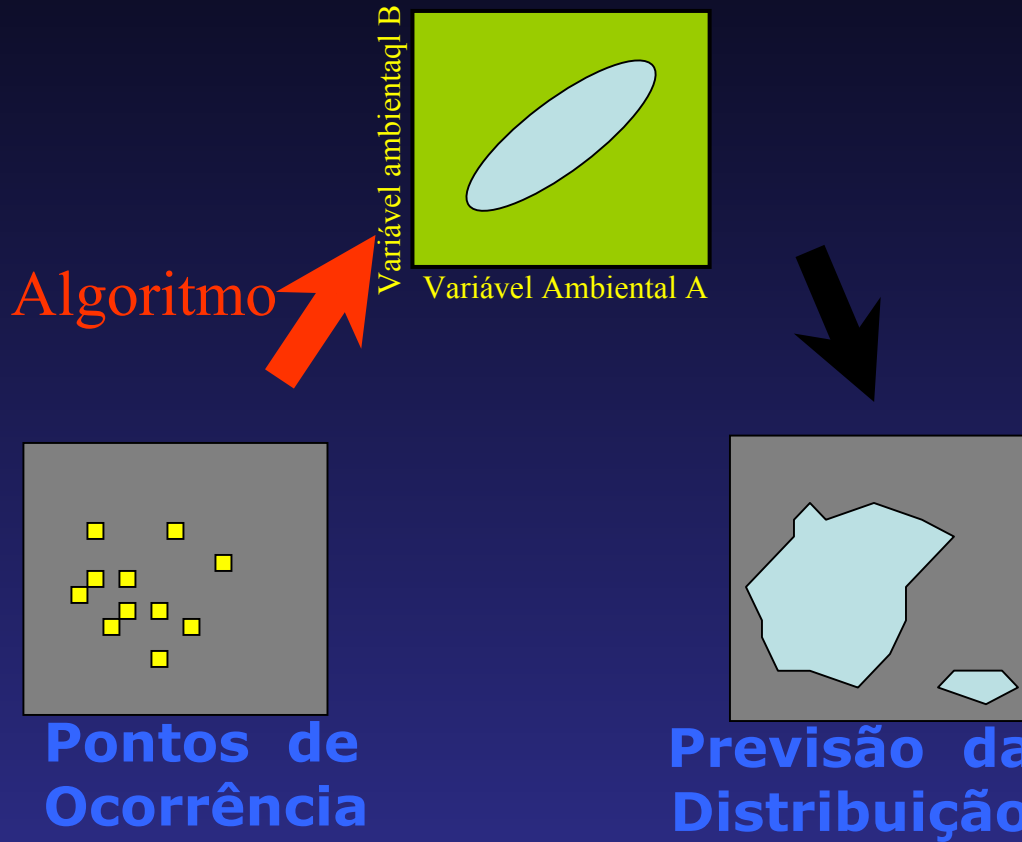


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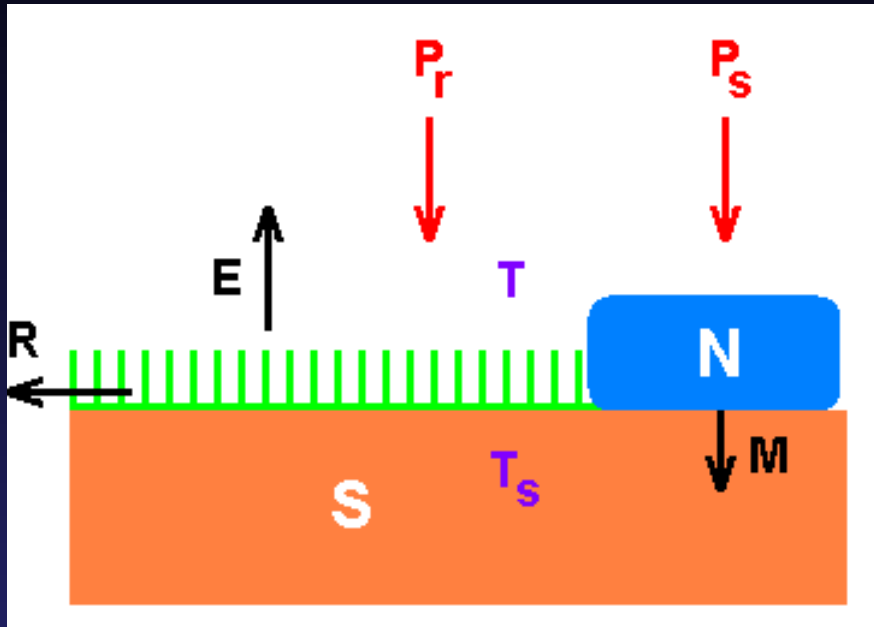
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## Modelo de Biomas



# Simple Land Surface Model



**Pr:** rain

**Ps:** snow

**T:** sfc air temperature

**Ts:** soil temperature

**S:** soil water storage

**N:** overland snow storage

**E:** evapotranspiration

**R:** runoff

**M:** snowmelt

# Five climate parameters drive the potential vegetation model

Monthly values of precipitation and temperature

$P_i, T_i, i = 1 \dots 12$

Water Balance Model

MODELO DE  
BALANÇO HÍDRICO

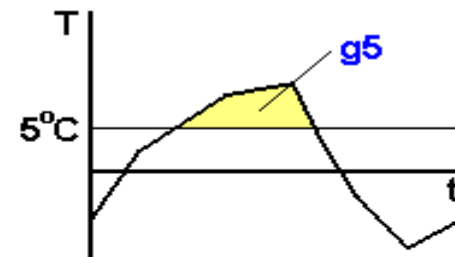
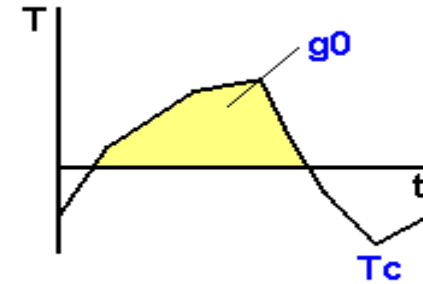
$g_5, g_0, T_c, s, h$

Potential Vegetation Model

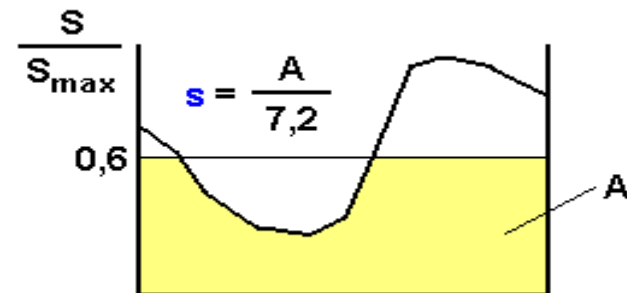
MODELO DE  
VEGETAÇÃO POTENCIAL

bioma do SSiB

SSiB Biomes



$$h = \frac{ET}{ET_{\max}}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\text{Biome} &= f(\text{climate variables}) \\ &= f(g_0, g_5, T_c, h, s)\end{aligned}$$

$g_0$  = degree-days above 0 C

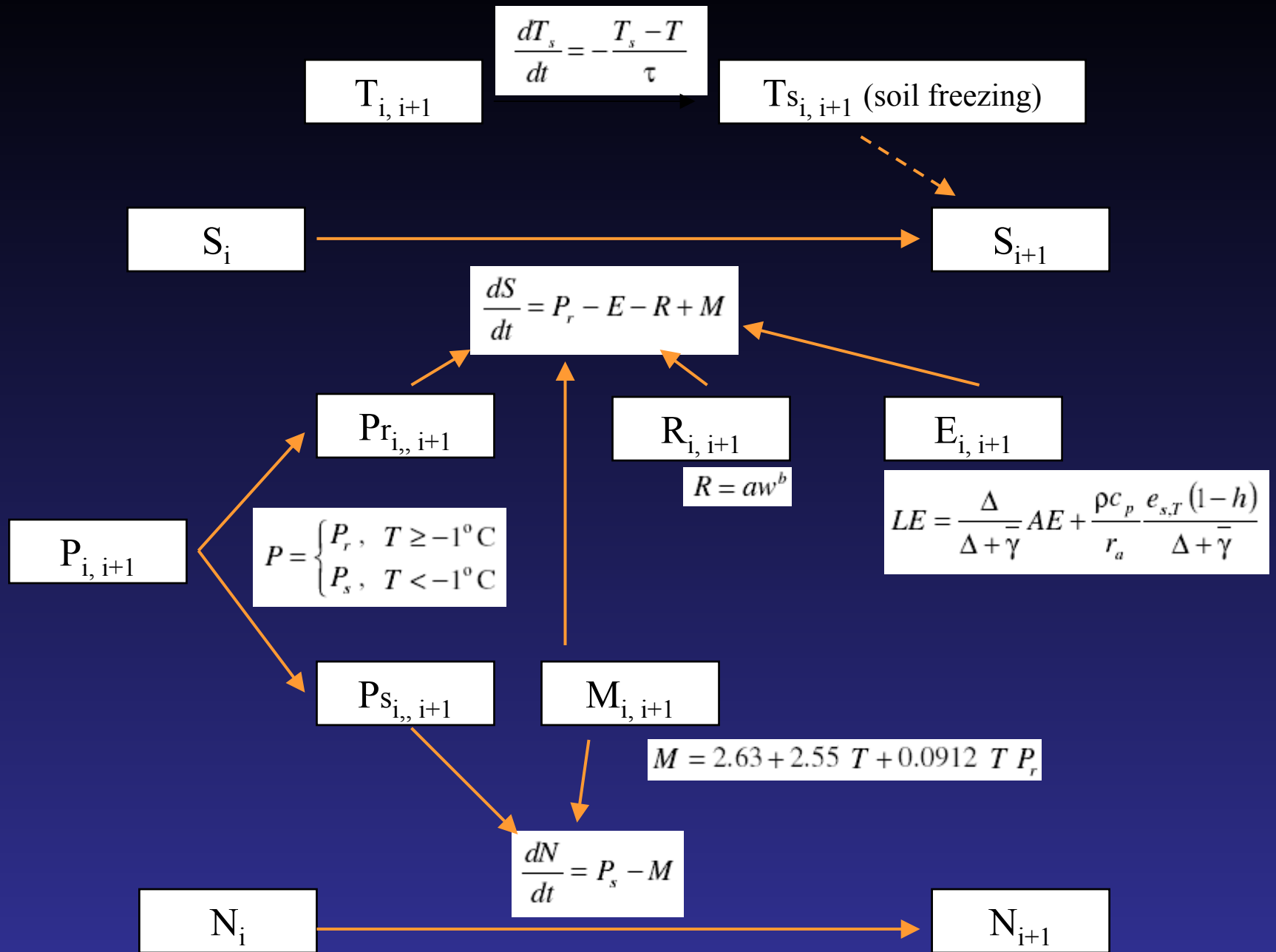
$g_5$  = degree-days above 5 C

$T_c$  = mean temperature of the coldest month

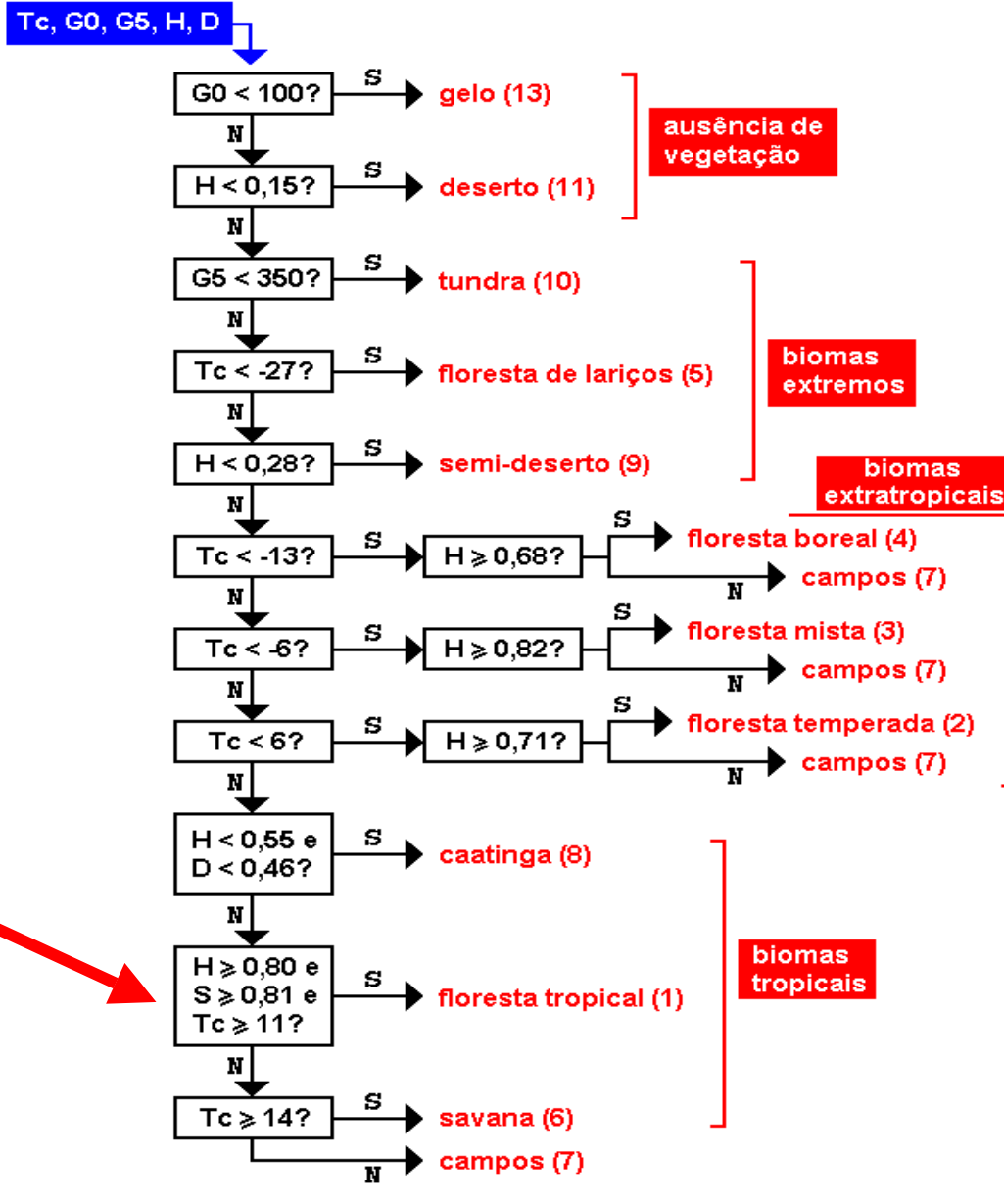
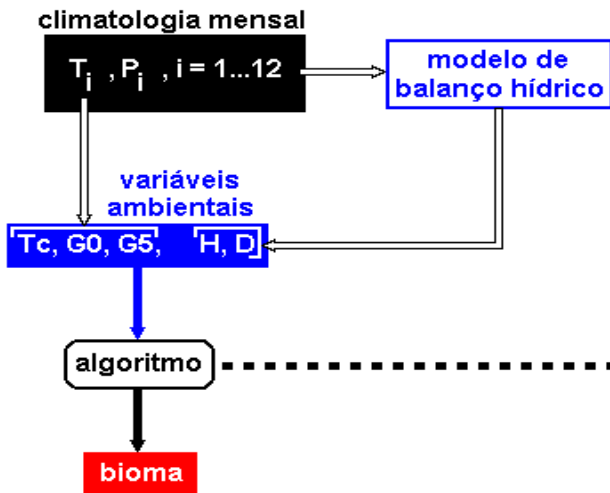
$h$  = aridity index

$s$  = seasonality index

$f$  is a highly non linear function



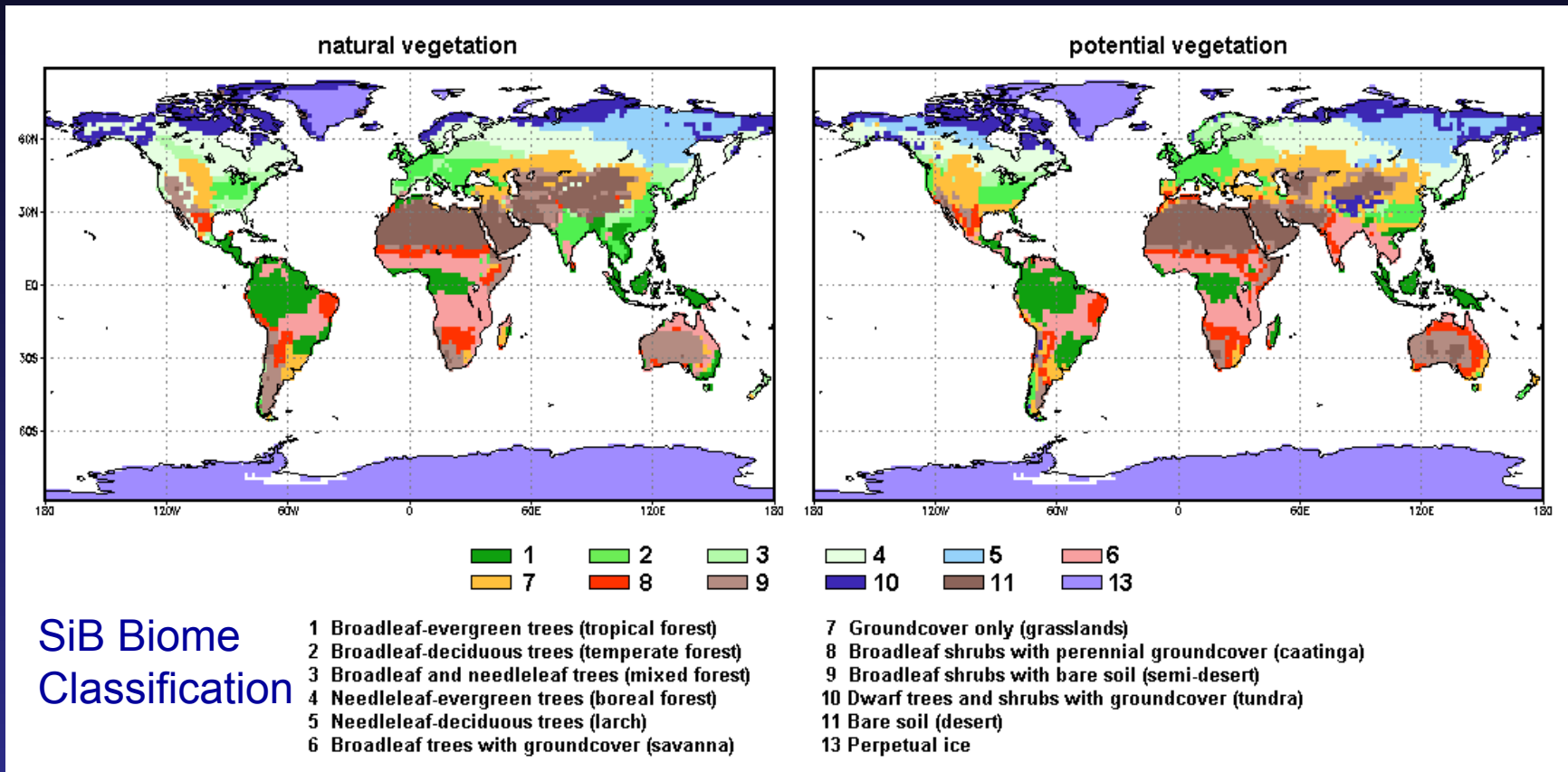




The potential  
vegetation model  
algorithm

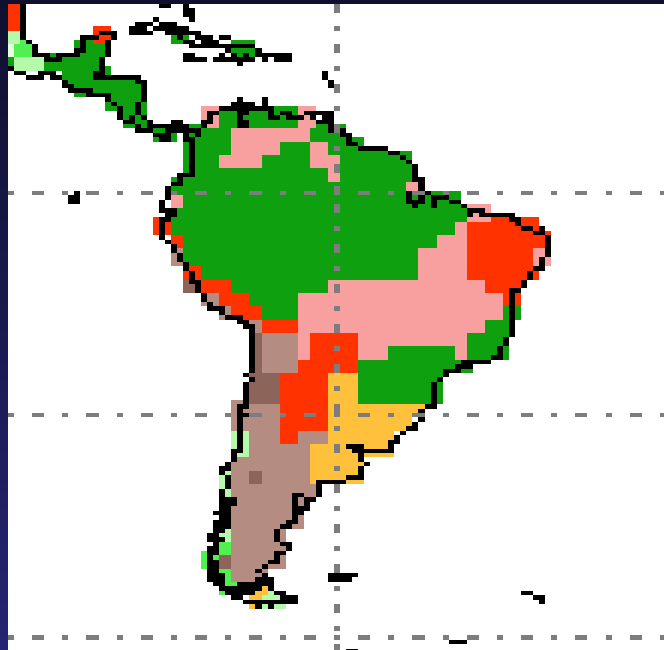
# Visual Comparison of CPTREC-PBM versus Natural Vegetation Map

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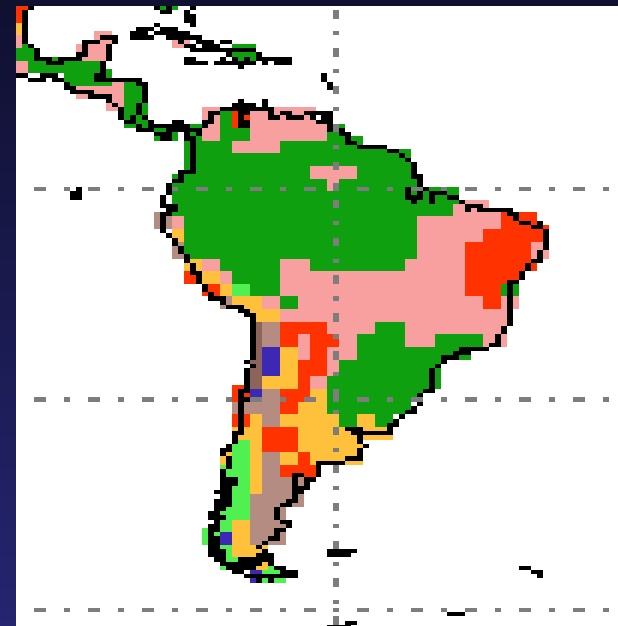


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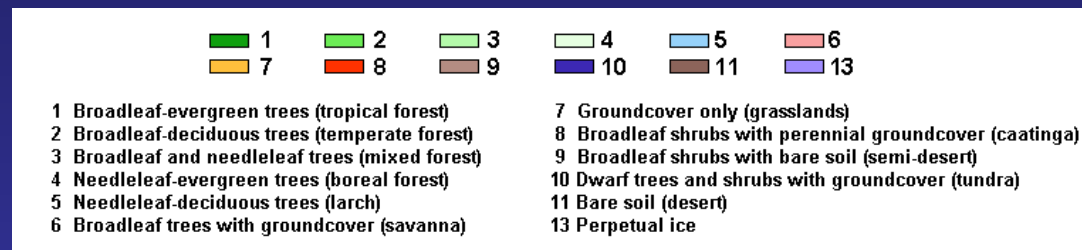
NATURAL VEGETATION



POTENTIAL VEGETATION

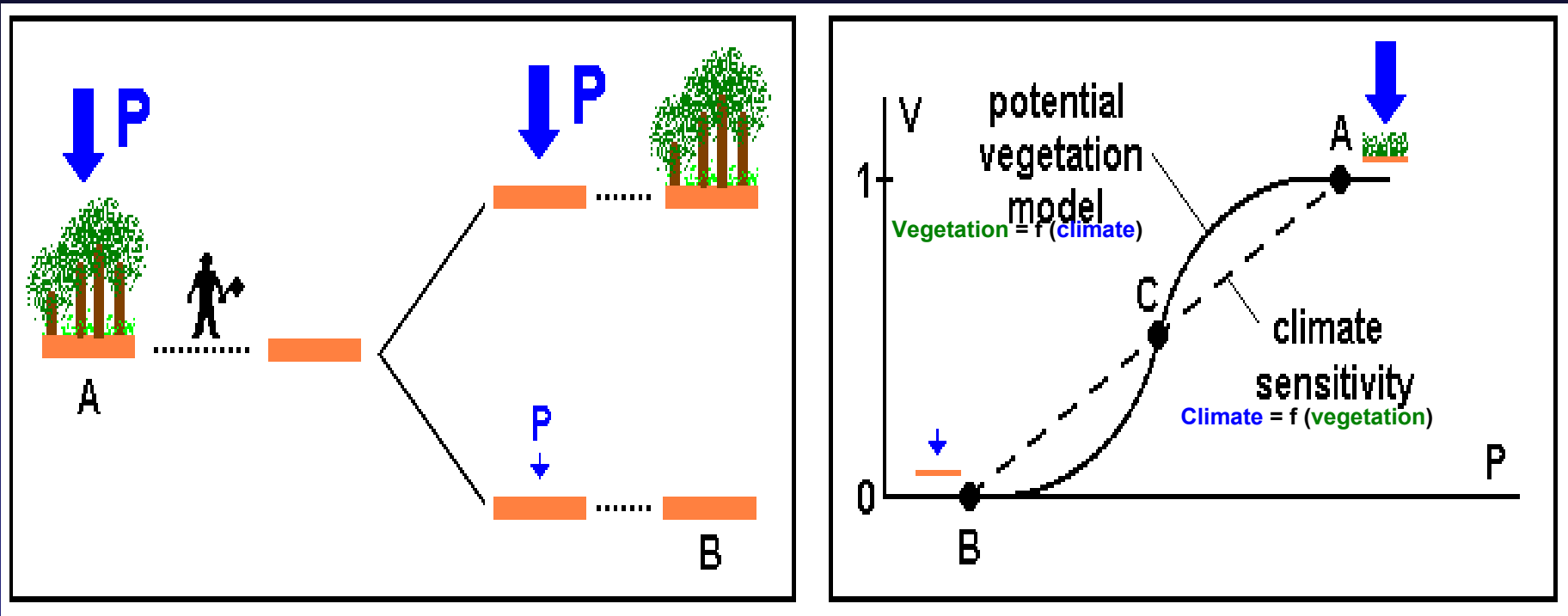


SiB Biome  
Classification

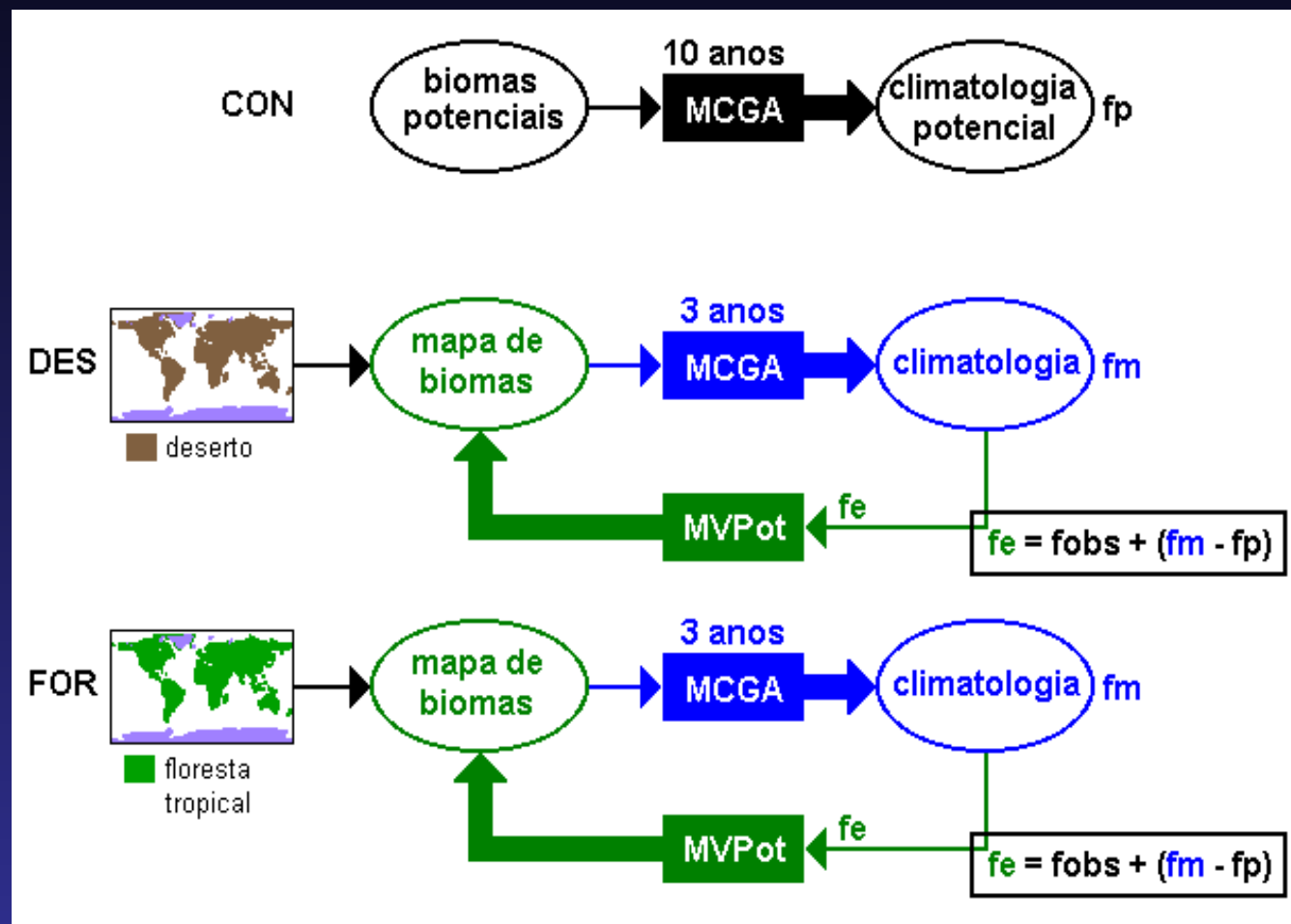


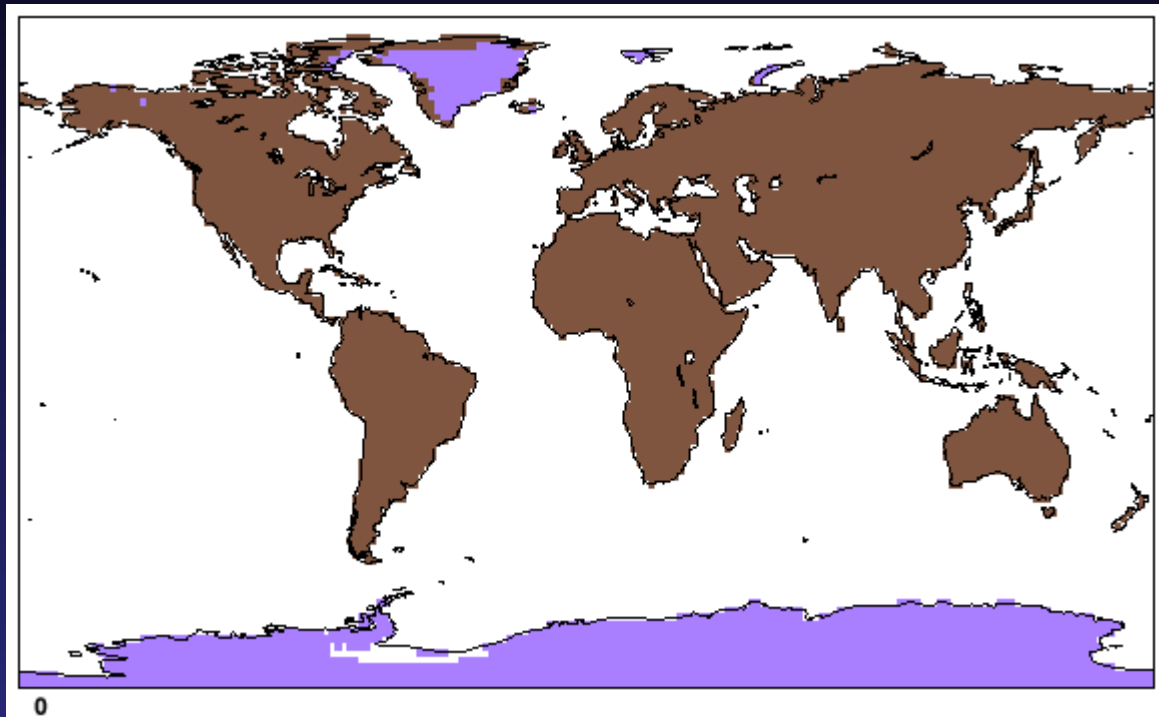
# Searching for Multiple Biome-Climate Equilibria

# Climate Equilibrium States



# Multiple Vegetation-Climate Equilibrium States





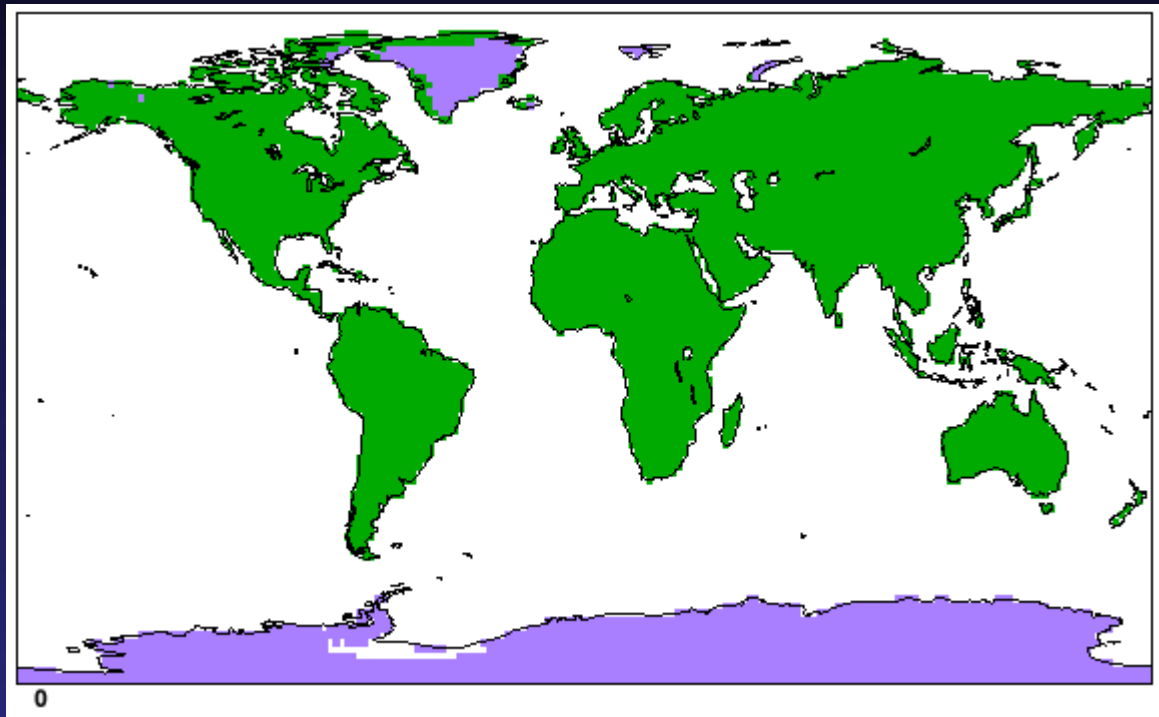
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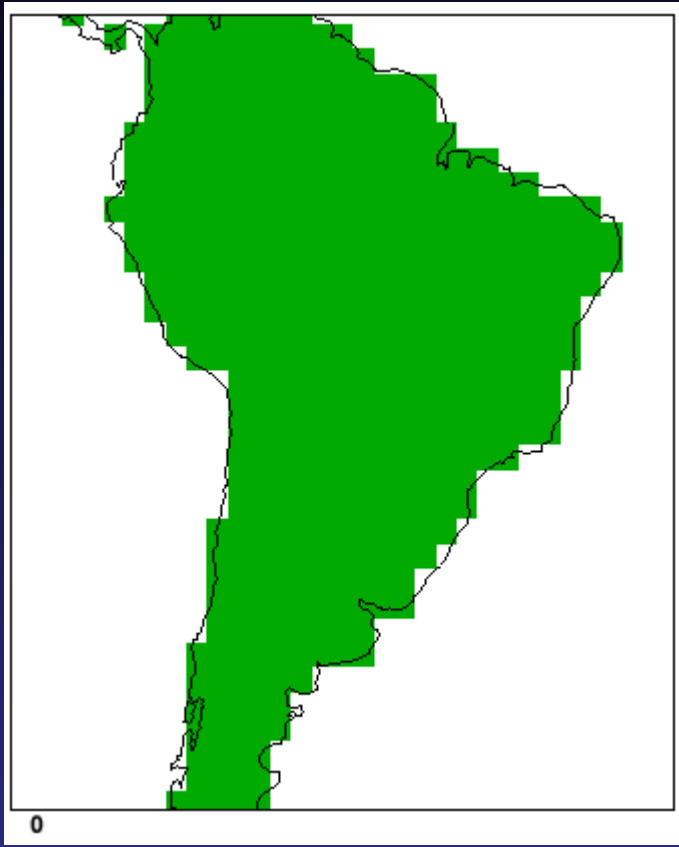


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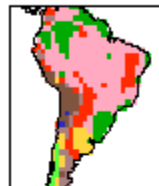
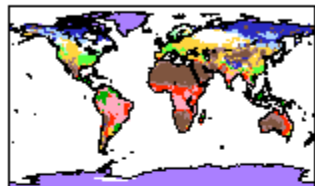


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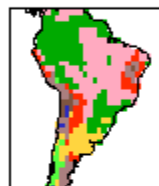
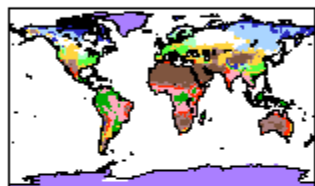
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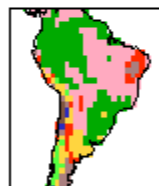
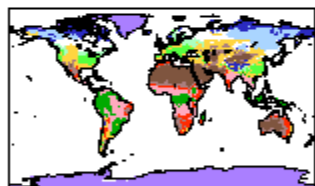
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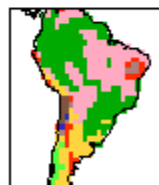
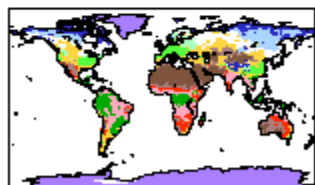
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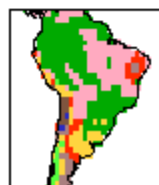
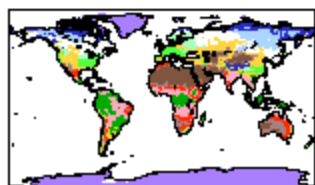
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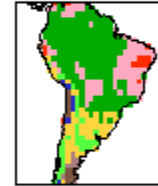
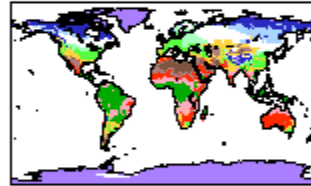
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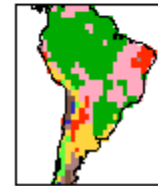
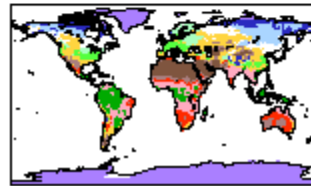
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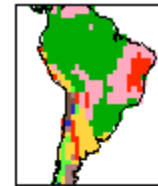
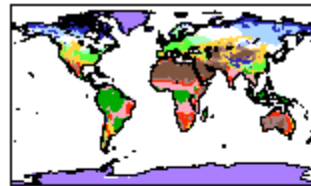
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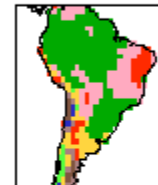
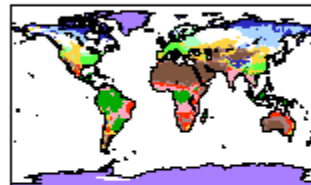
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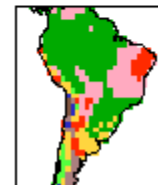
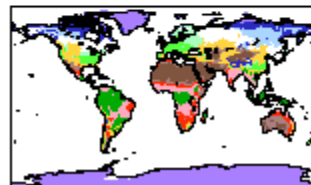
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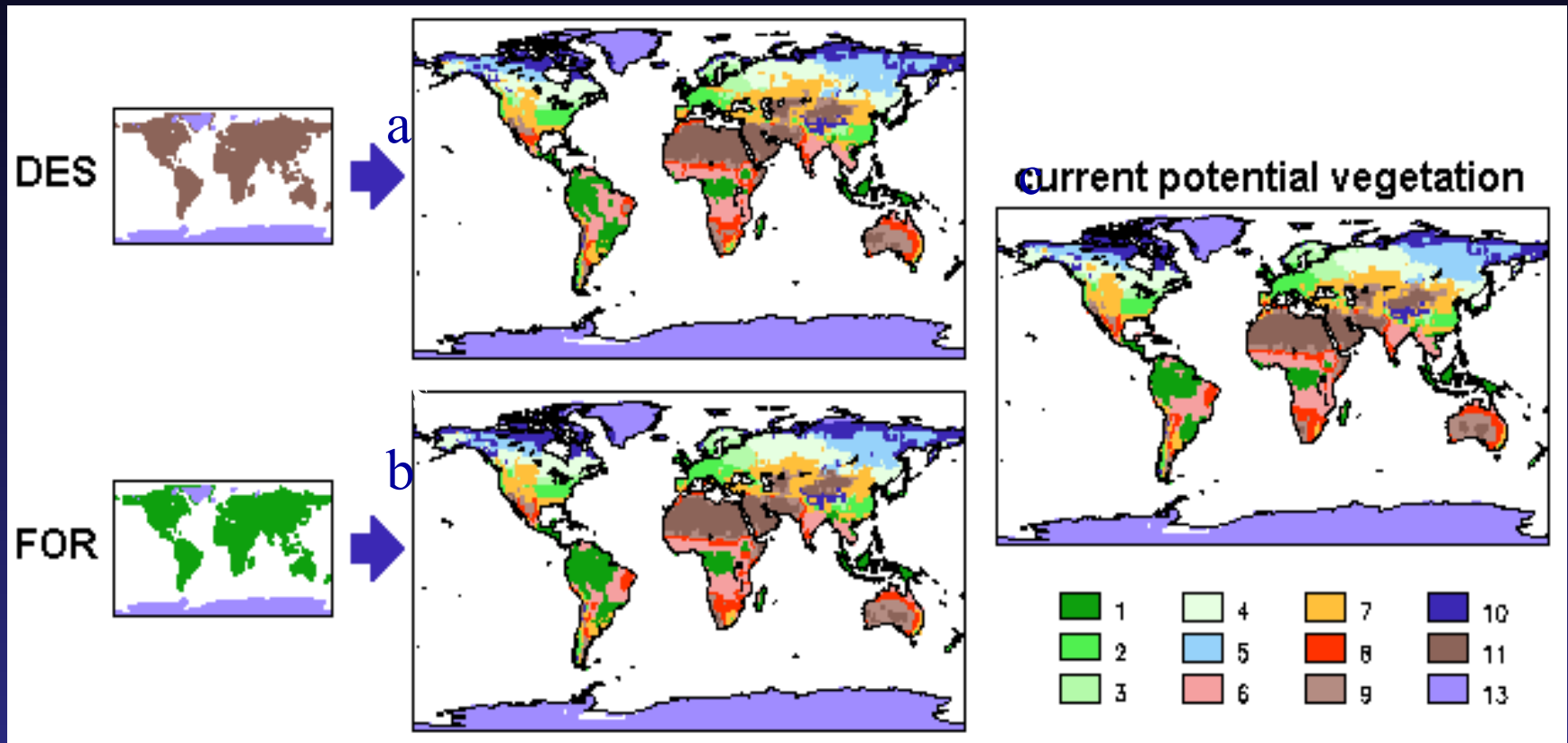
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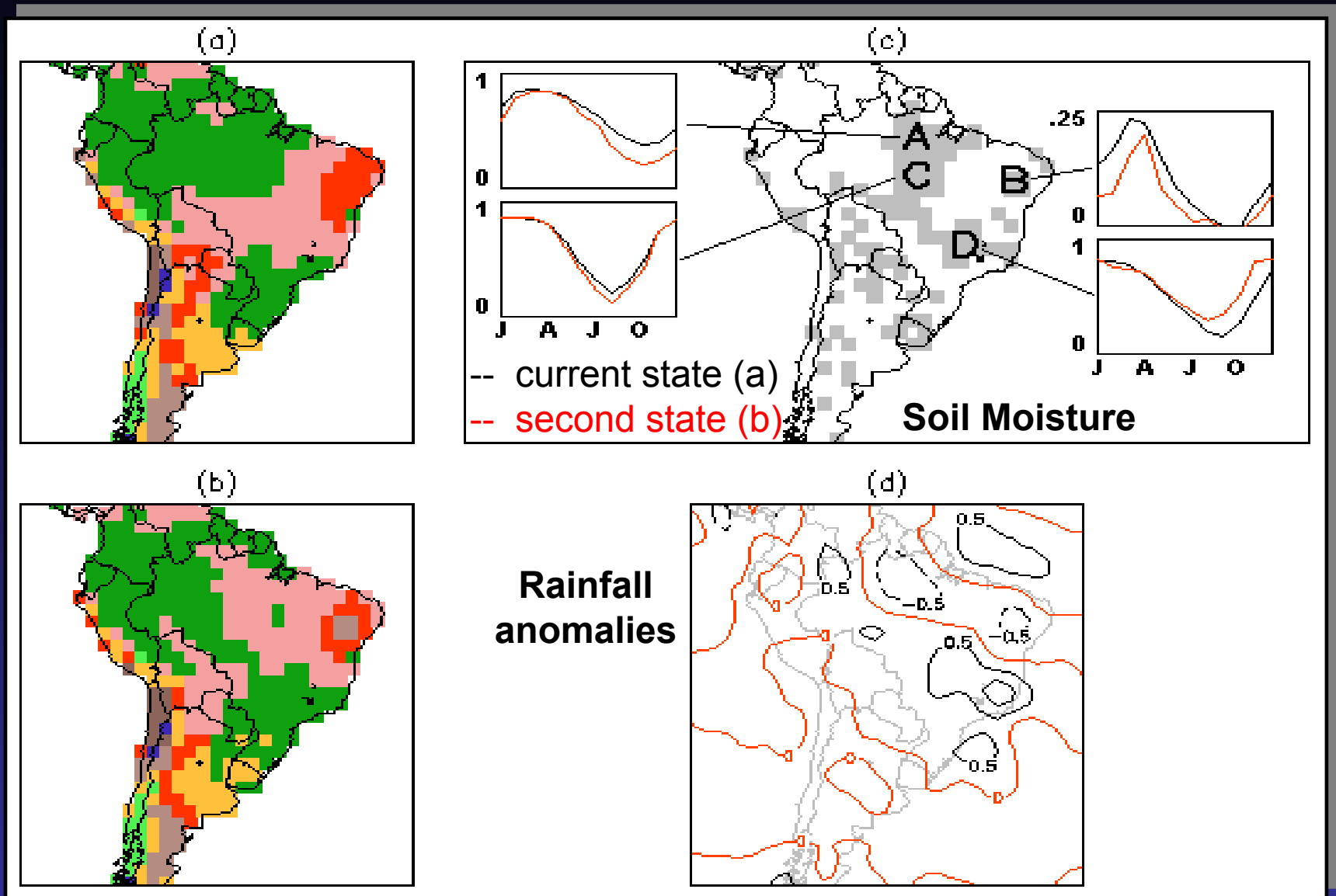


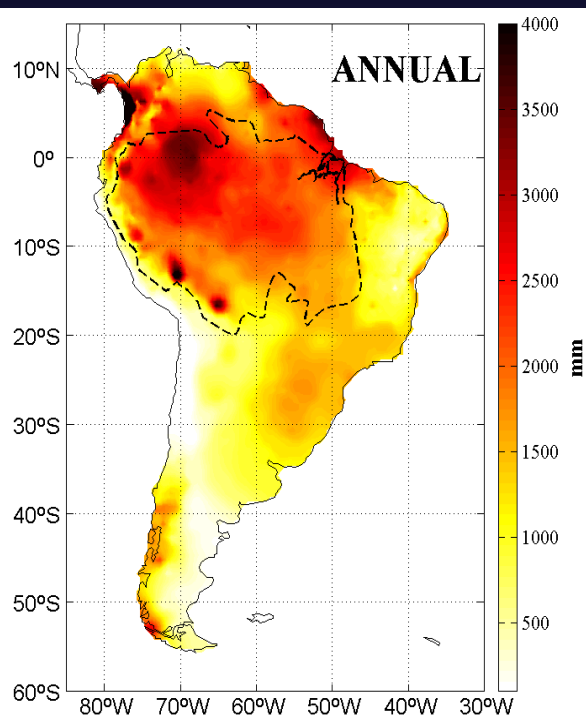
# Results of CPTEC-DBM for two different Initial Conditions: all land areas covered by desert (a) and forest (b)



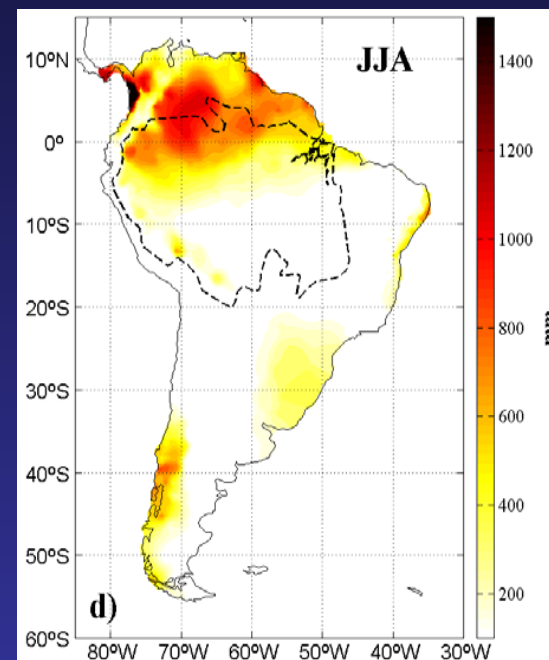
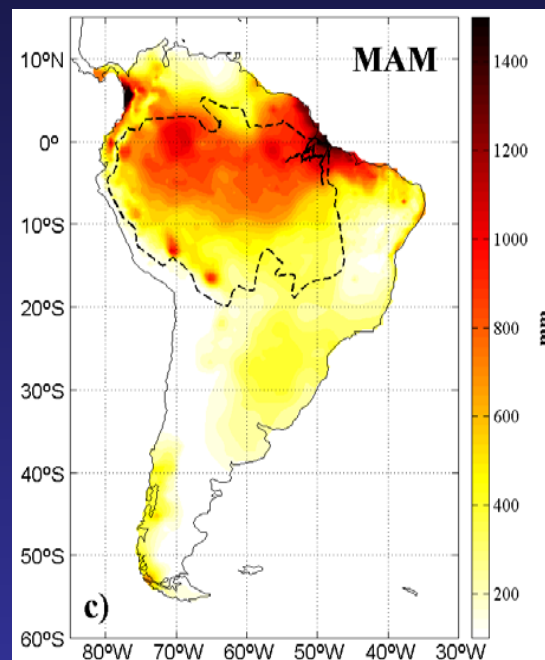
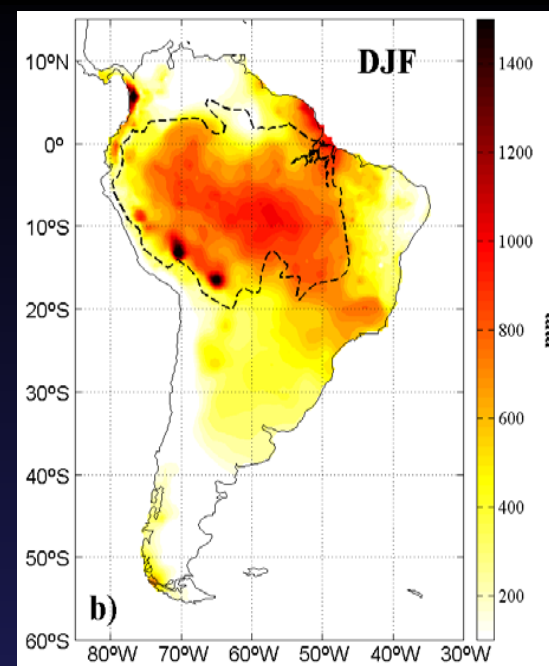
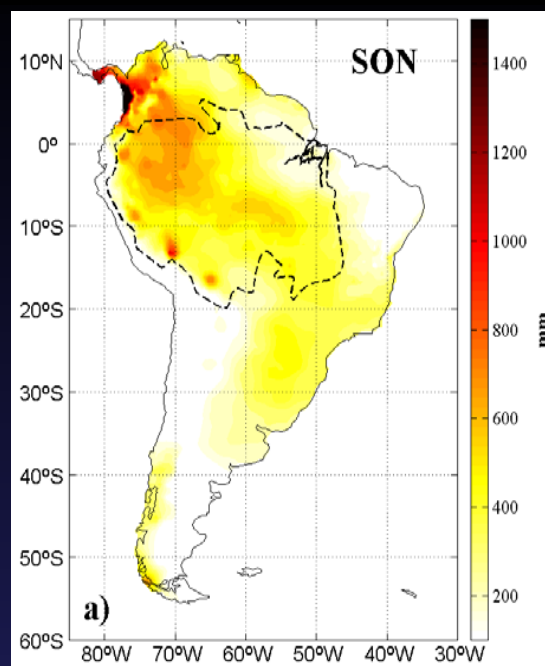
Biome-climate equilibrium solution with IC as forest (a) is similar to current natural vegetation (c); when the IC is desert (b), the final equilibrium solution is different for Tropical South America

# Two Biome-Climatic Equilibrium States found for South America!



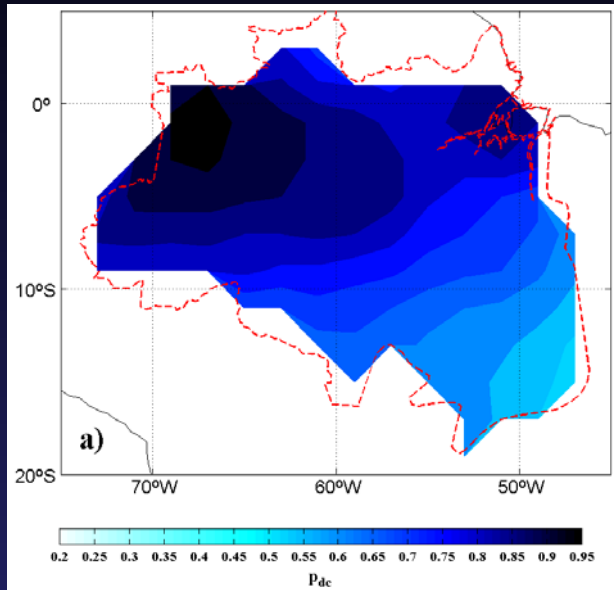


Annual total rainfall

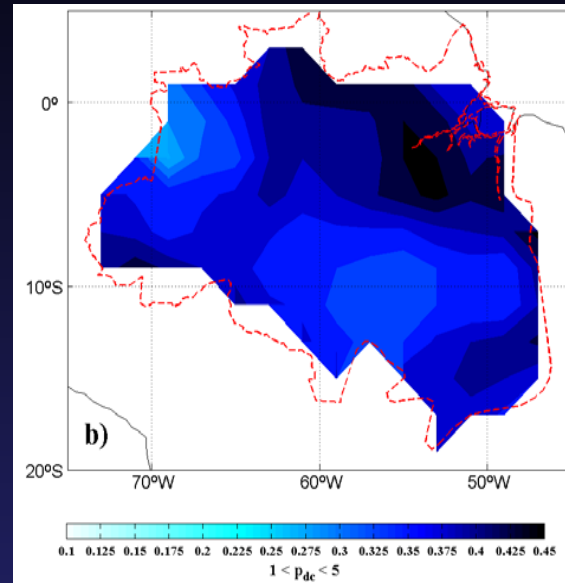


Seasonal total rainfall

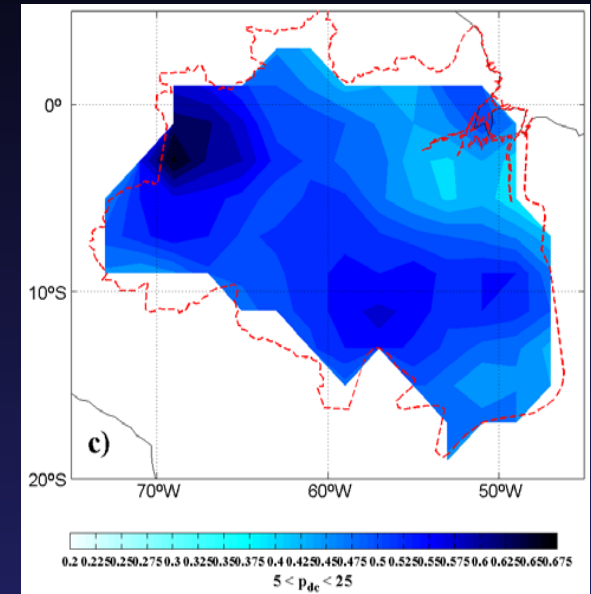
$P > 1 \text{ mm}$



$1 \text{ mm} < P < 5 \text{ mm}$

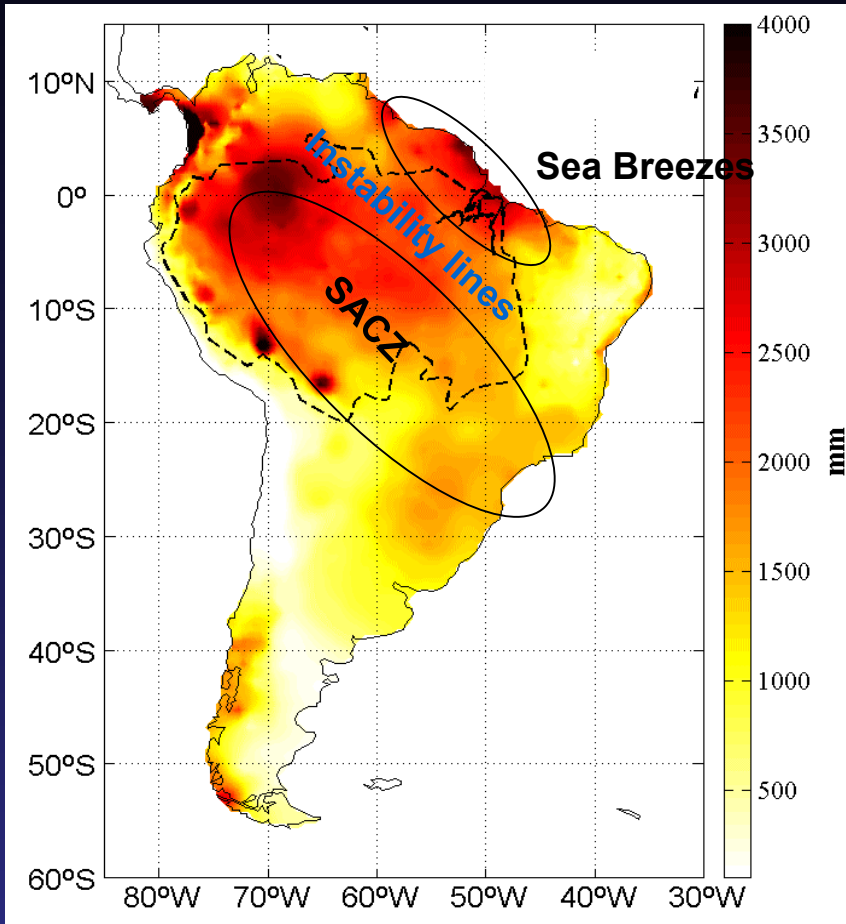


$5 \text{ mm} < P < 25 \text{ mm}$

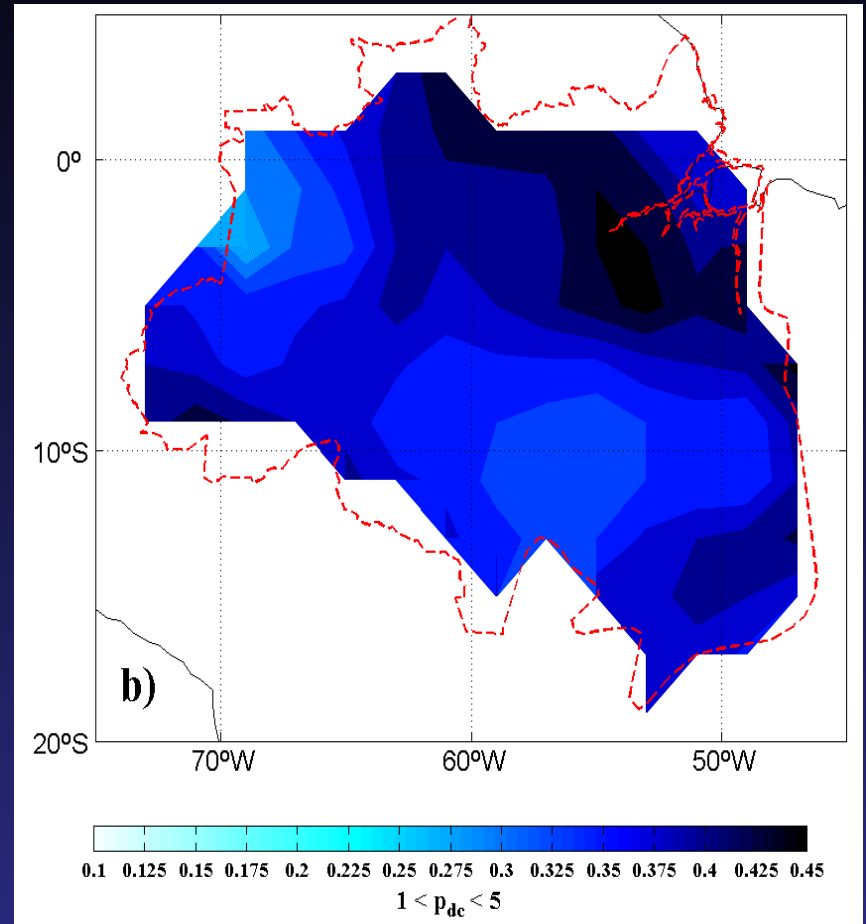


Unconditional probability of a wet day. **a)** Threshold of 1 mm, **b)** Weak rainfall (rainy days: 1 mm - 5 mm) and, **c)** Moderate rainfall (rainy days: 5 mm - 25 mm). The daily data span 1979 to 1993.

# Annual Precipitation



$1\text{mm} < P < 5\text{ mm}$

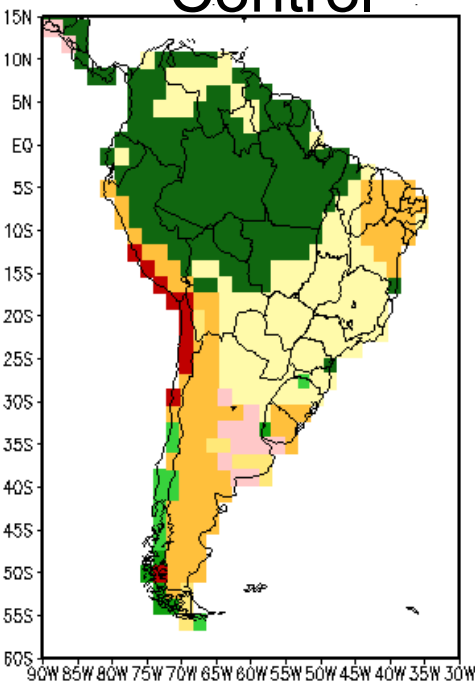




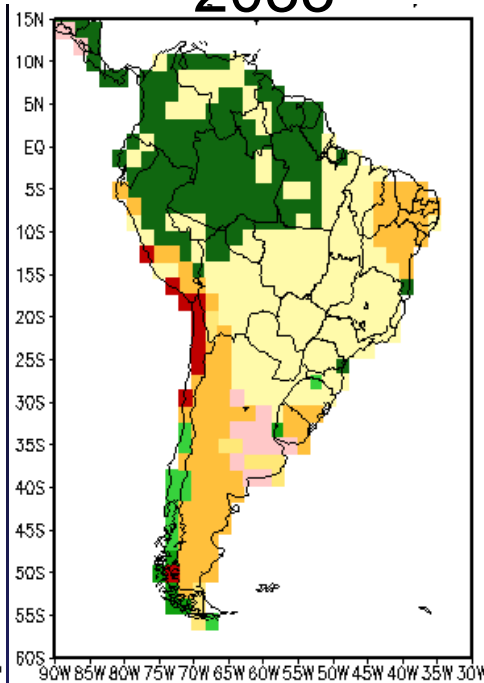
Testing the robustness of these results  
with sensitivity analysis of AGCM to  
changes in land cover in Northeast  
Brazil (desertification) and Amazonia  
(deforestation, “savannazation”)

# VEGETATION MAP

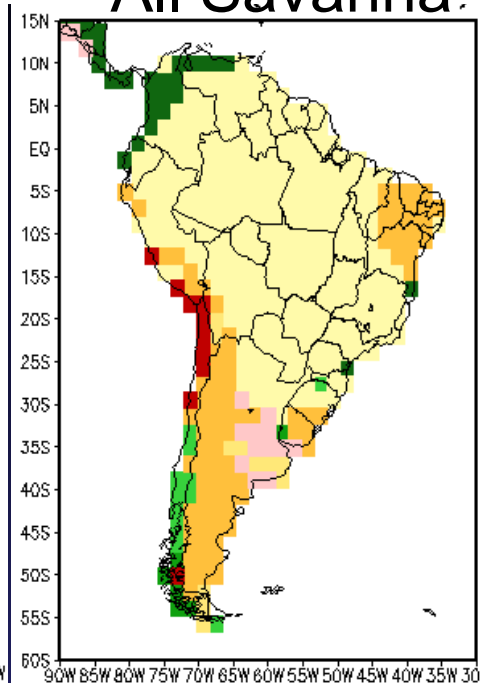
## Control



## 2033



## All Savanna.



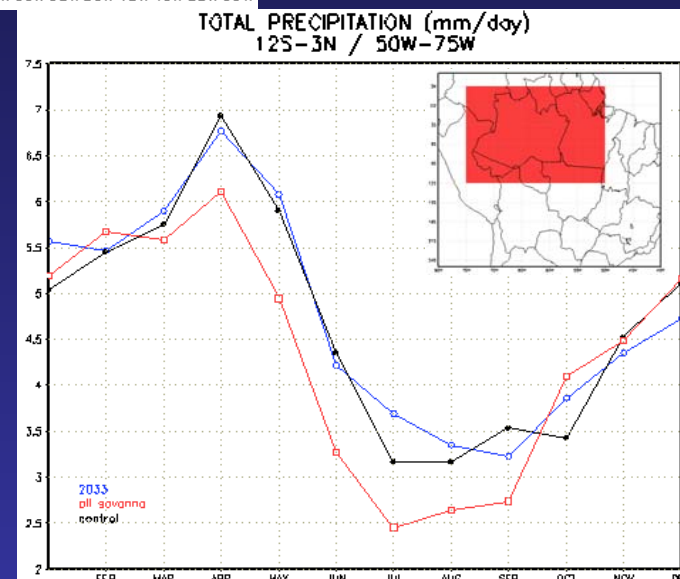
- Evergreen Broadleaf Trees
- Broadleaf Deciduous Trees
- Deciduous and Evergreen Trees
- Evergreen Needleleaf Trees
- Deciduous Needleleaf Trees
- Ground Cover with Trees and Shrubs
- Groundcover Only
- Broadleaf Shrubs with Perennial Ground Cover
- Broadleaf Shrubs with Bare Soil
- Groundcover with Dwarf Trees and Shrubs
- Bare Soil
- Agriculture or C3 Grassland
- Perpetual Ice

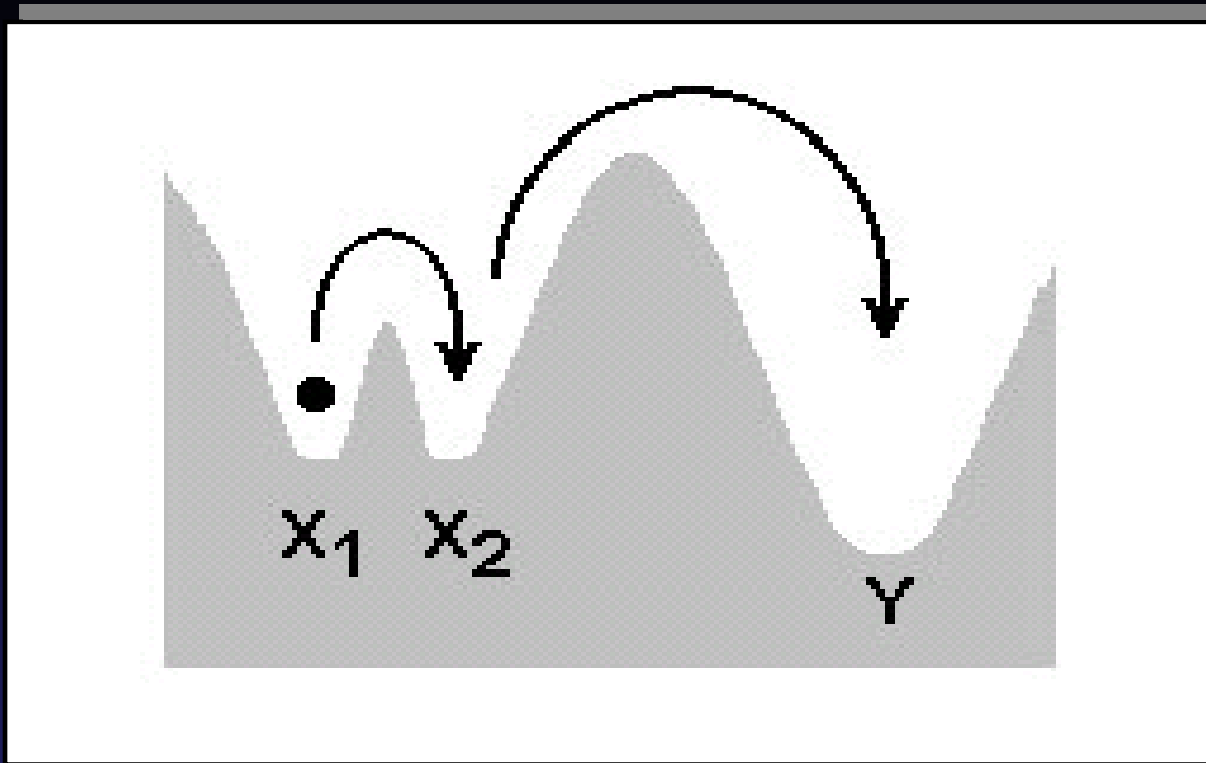
Resolution: ~ 2°x2°

## Dry Season – Precipitation\*

	2033	All Savanna
JJA	5,4%	-21,7%
JJAS	1,9%	-21,9%

\* 12°S-3°N / 50°W-75°W

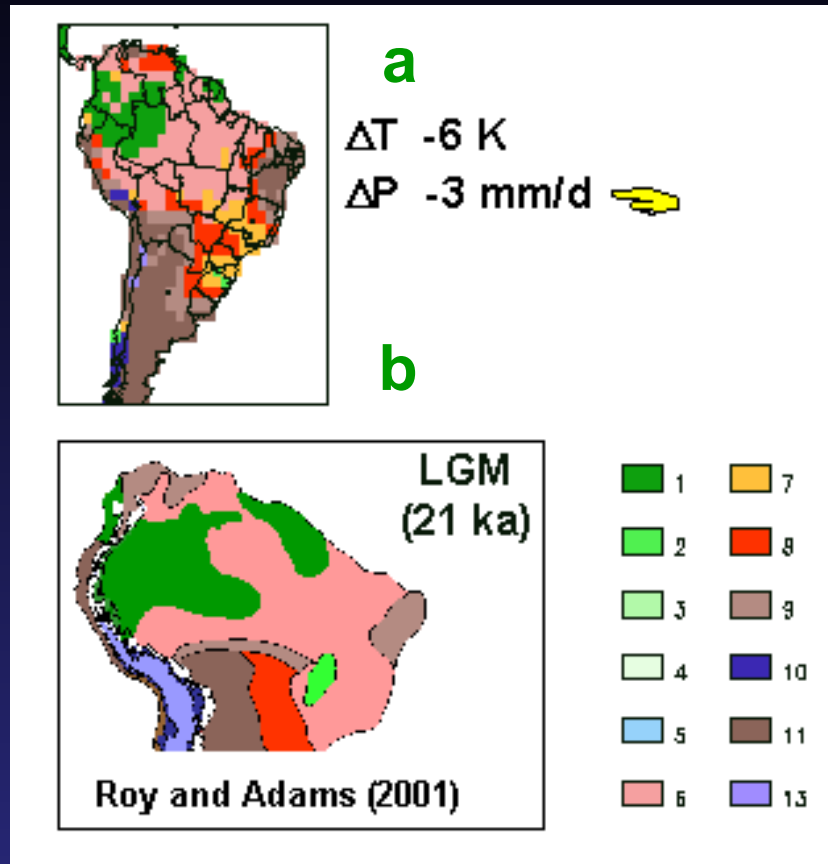




Possible stability landscape for Tropical South America. Valleys (X1, X2 and Y) and hills correspond to stable and unstable equilibrium states, respectively. Arrows represent climate state (depicted as a black circle) perturbations. State X1 refers to present-day stable equilibrium. For small (large) excursions from X1, state X2 (Y) can be found. It is suggested that the new alternative stable equilibrium state found in this work corresponds to X2. Notice that it is necessary to reach X2 before reaching state Y.

# Paleovegetation Reconstructions as Validation for the Second Stable Equilibrium?

# Application of CPTEC-PBM for Past Climate Changes



- (a) PBM results with uniform cooling of 6 C and drying of 3 mm/day to emulate climate conditions of the LGM (21 ka BP);
- (b) vegetation reconstruction for LGM;

# Vegetation feedbacks in Amazonia at the last glacial maximum (21 ka BP)

- GENESIS-IBIS coupled vegetation-climate model
- 3 experiments: control, R, RPV
- Control: present orbital forcing, 350 ppmv CO<sub>2</sub> in both radiative and physiological routines, modern vegetation cover
- R: 21 ka BP radiation forcing only (orbital forcing, 180 ppmv CO<sub>2</sub> radiative forcing), modern vegetation cover
- RPV: 180 ppmv CO<sub>2</sub> forcing for physiological routines, dynamic vegetation

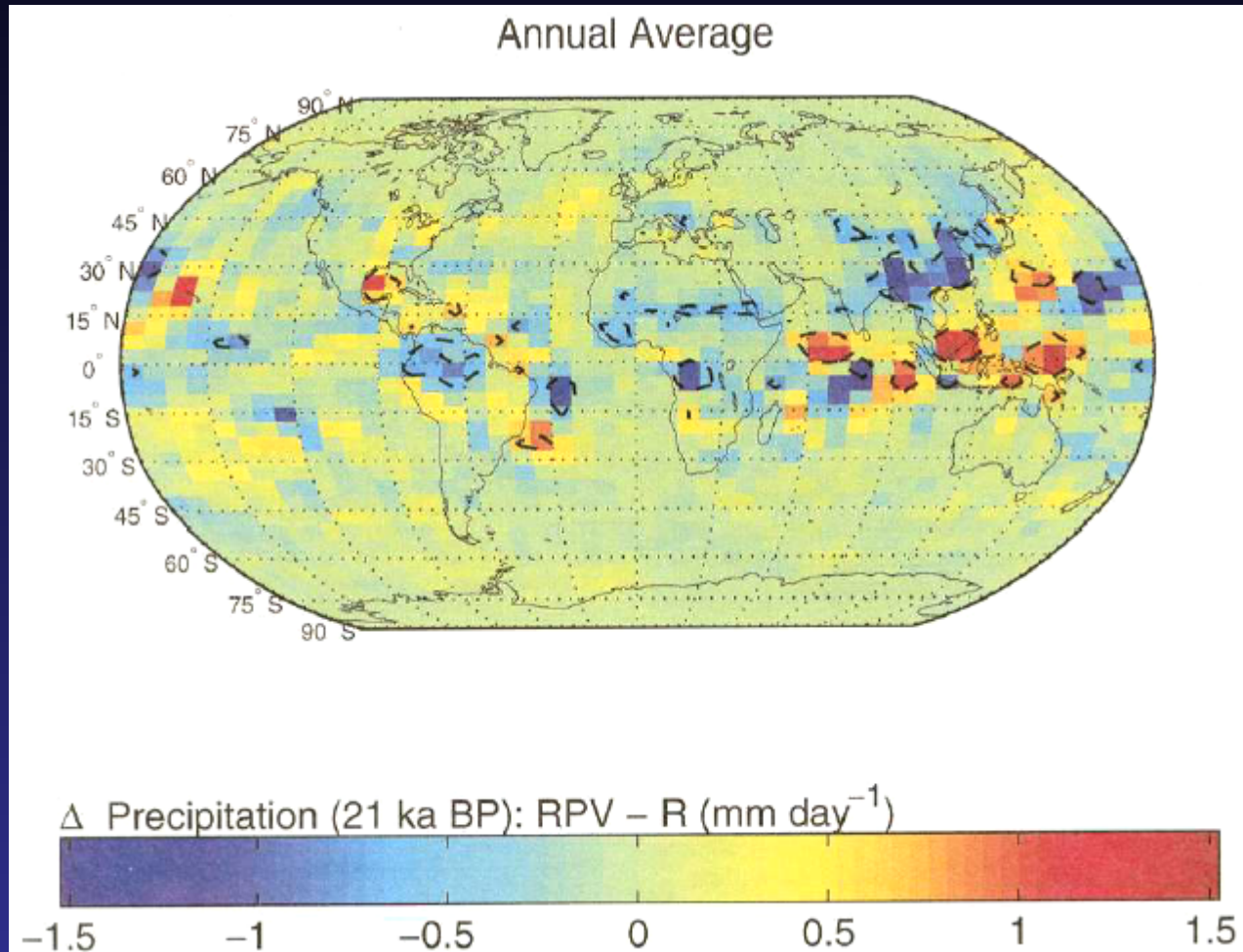
# Results for Amazonia

**Table 1.** Annually Averaged Near-Surface Environmental Variables for Simulations Control, R, and RPV over Amazonia (9°S to 9°N and 75°W to 52.5°W)

	Control	R	RPV
Global temperature, °C	14.1	9.8 (-4.3)	9.9 (+0.1)
Soil water, m in 4-m column	1.35	1.31 (-3%)	1.29 (-2%)
Canopy conductance of trees, mm s <sup>-1</sup>	2.00	1.99 (0%)	1.20 (-40%)
Canopy conductance of herbaceous plants, mm s <sup>-1</sup>	0.05	0.06 (+20%)	0.91 (+1416%)
Transpiration, mm d <sup>-1</sup>	1.97	2.23 (+13%)	1.93 (-13%)
Leaf area index of trees, m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup>	6.7	6.7 (0)	3.0 (-5.7)
Leaf area index of herbaceous plants, m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup>	0.2	0.2 (0)	2.0 (+1.8)

# Last glacial maximum: GENESIS+IBIS

## The importance of vegetation feedbacks



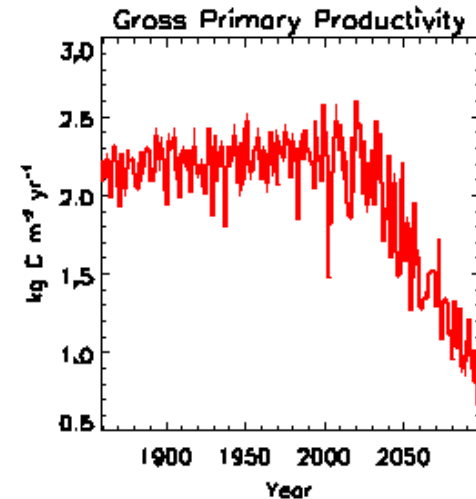
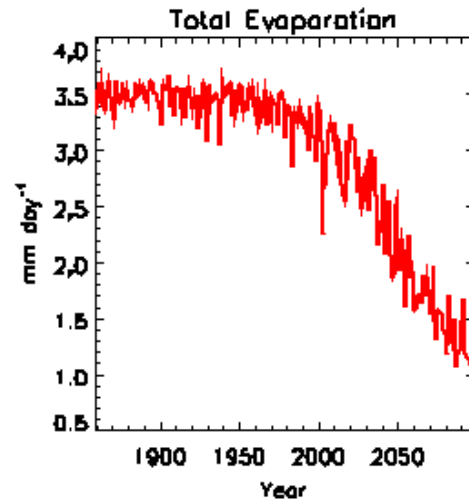
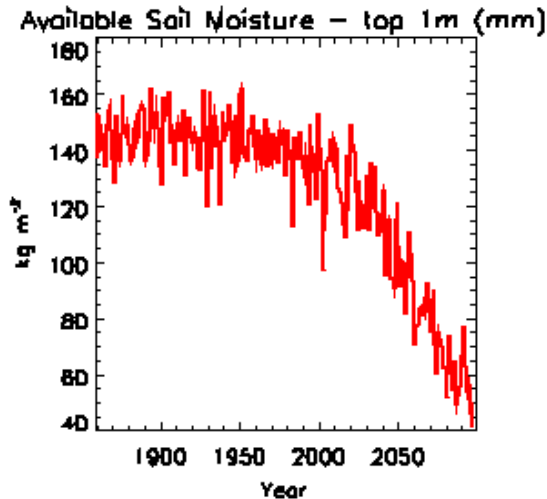
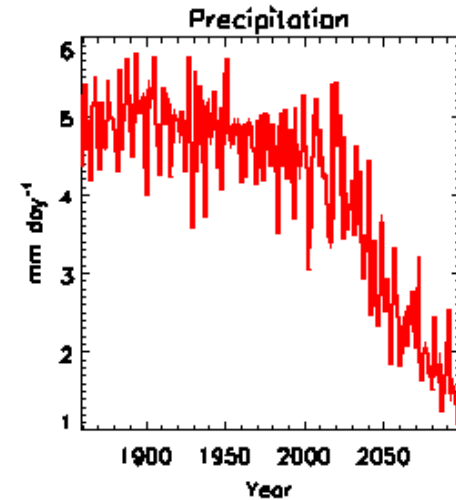
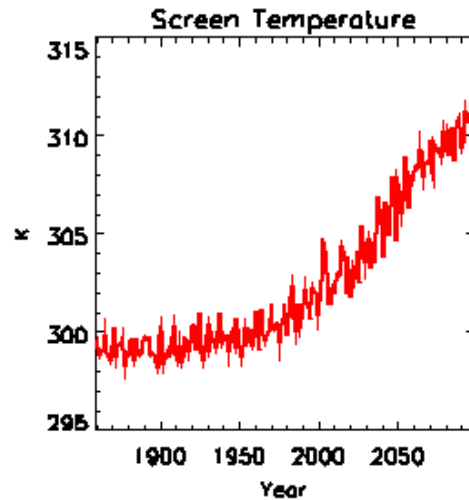


What are the likely biome-climate  
equilibrium states of the future for  
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# Change in Amazon Climate and Hydrology in HadCM3LC

— Amazonia (CEC)  
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Lon: 70°W - 50°W

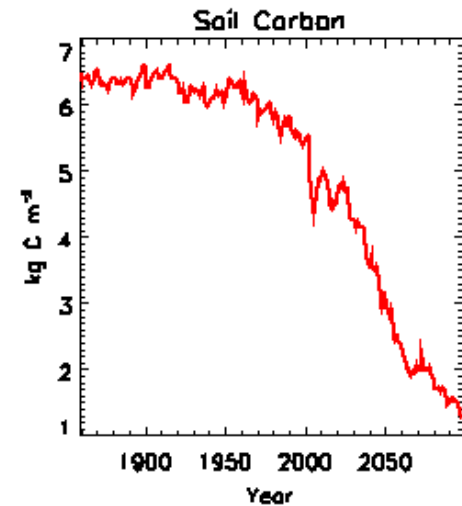
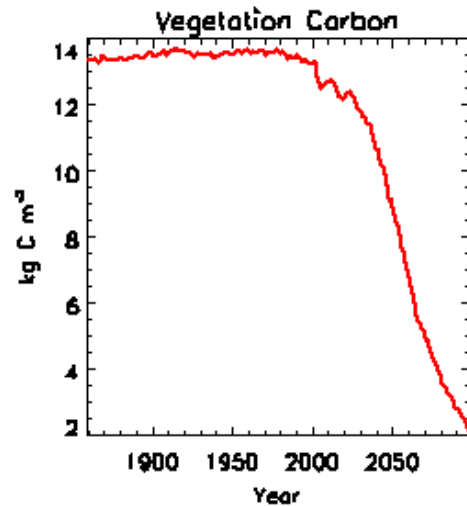
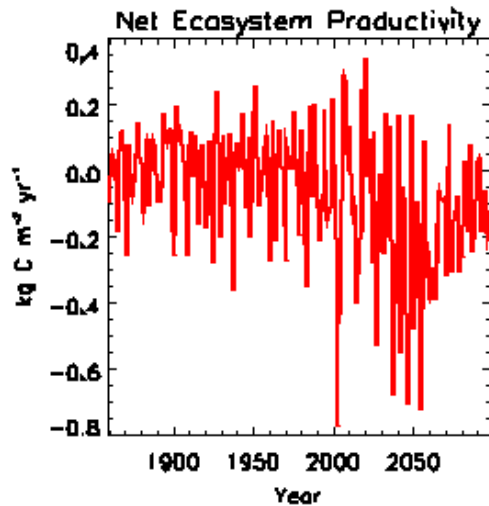
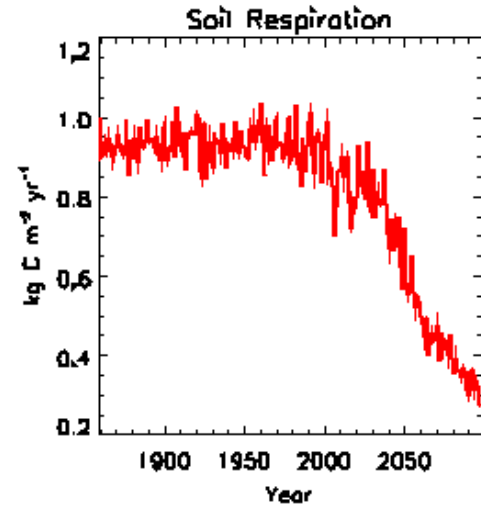
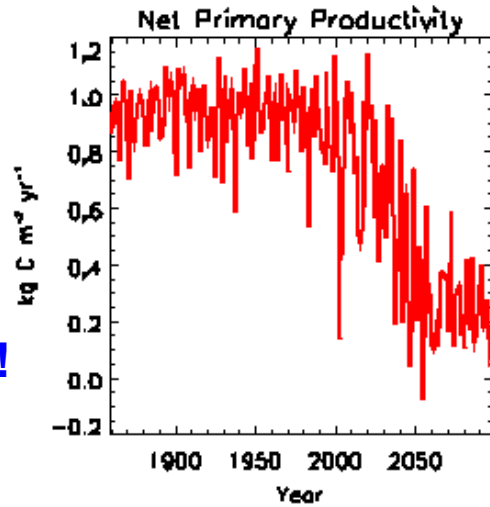
**Amazon forest die-back!**



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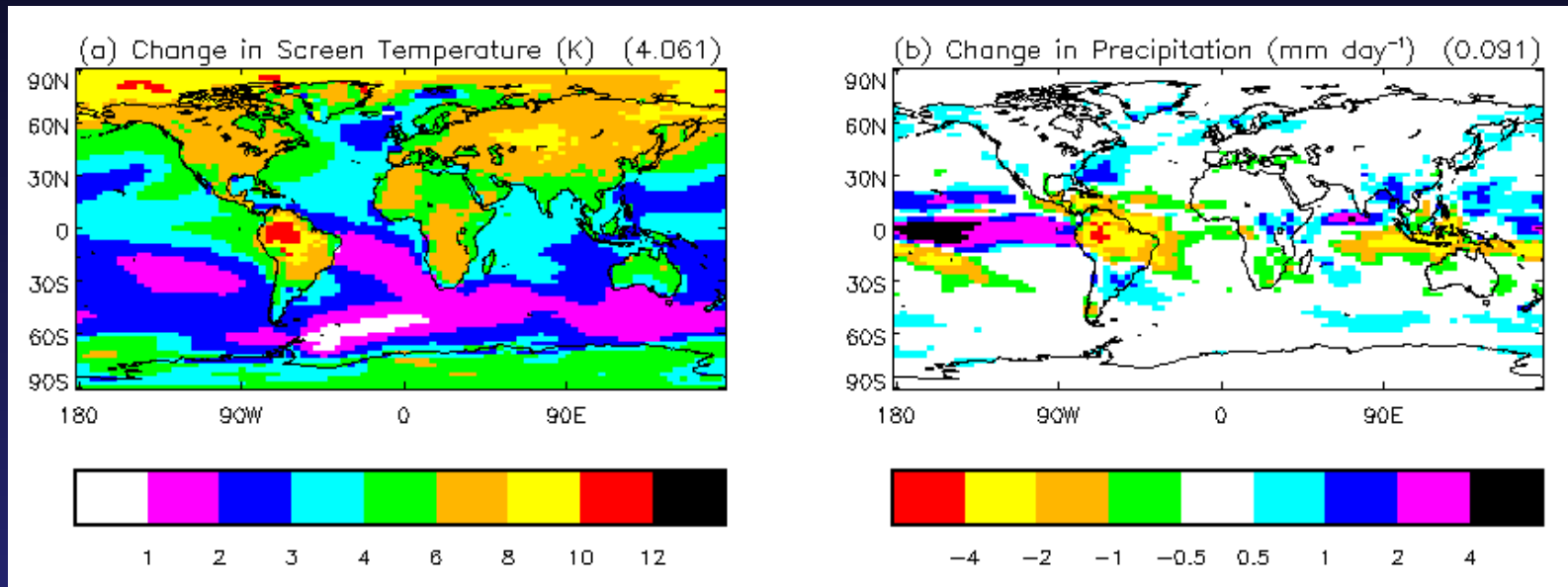
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# Change in Global Climate in HadCM3LC

Interactive CO<sub>2</sub> and Dynamic Vegetation  
2090s - 1990s

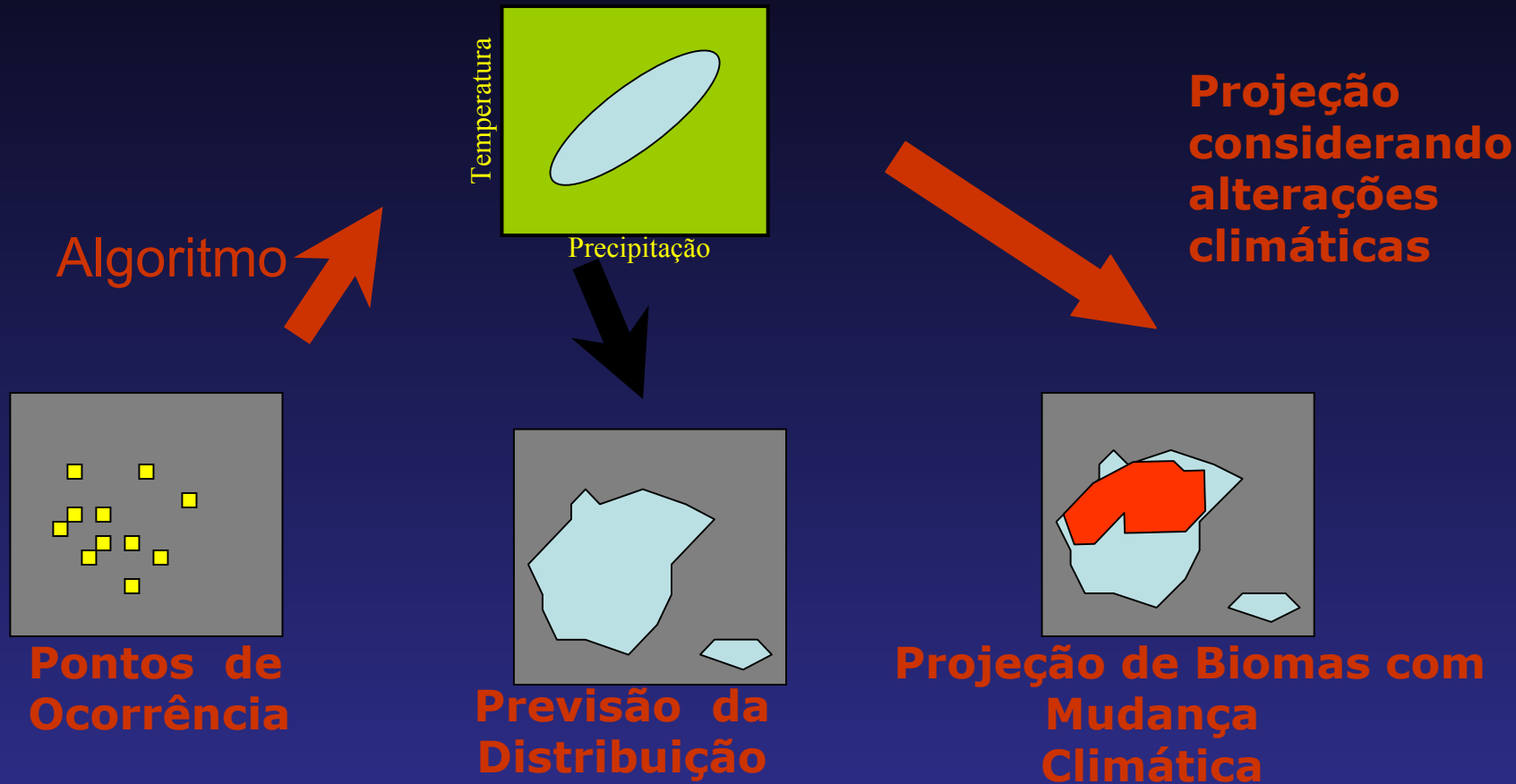


# Análise de Mudanças Climáticas

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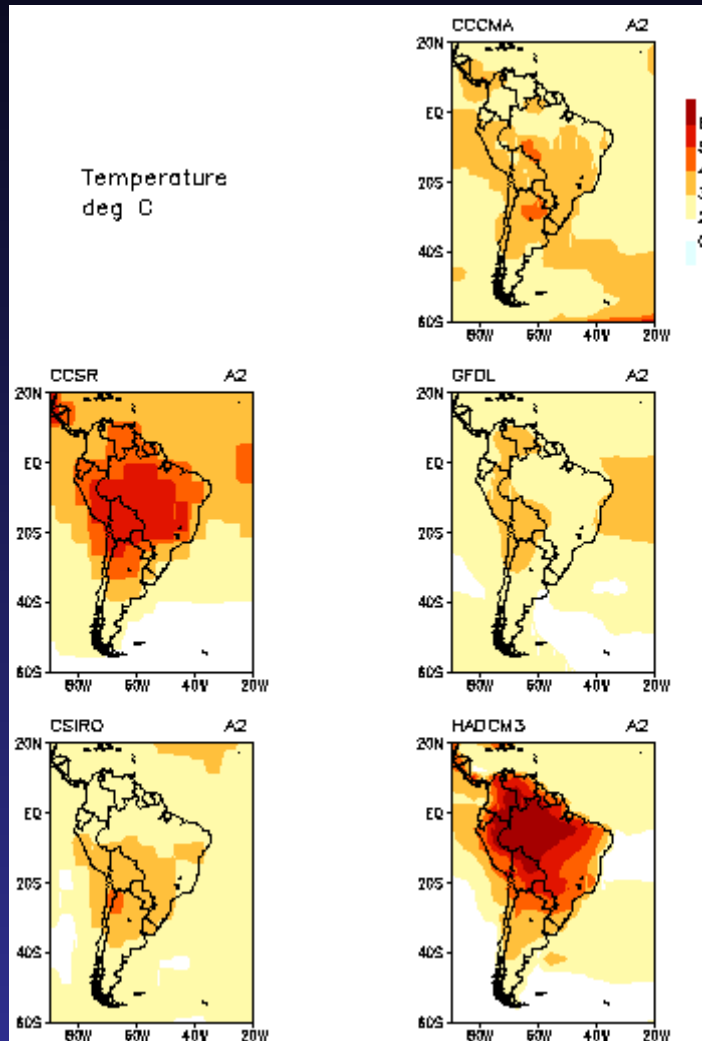
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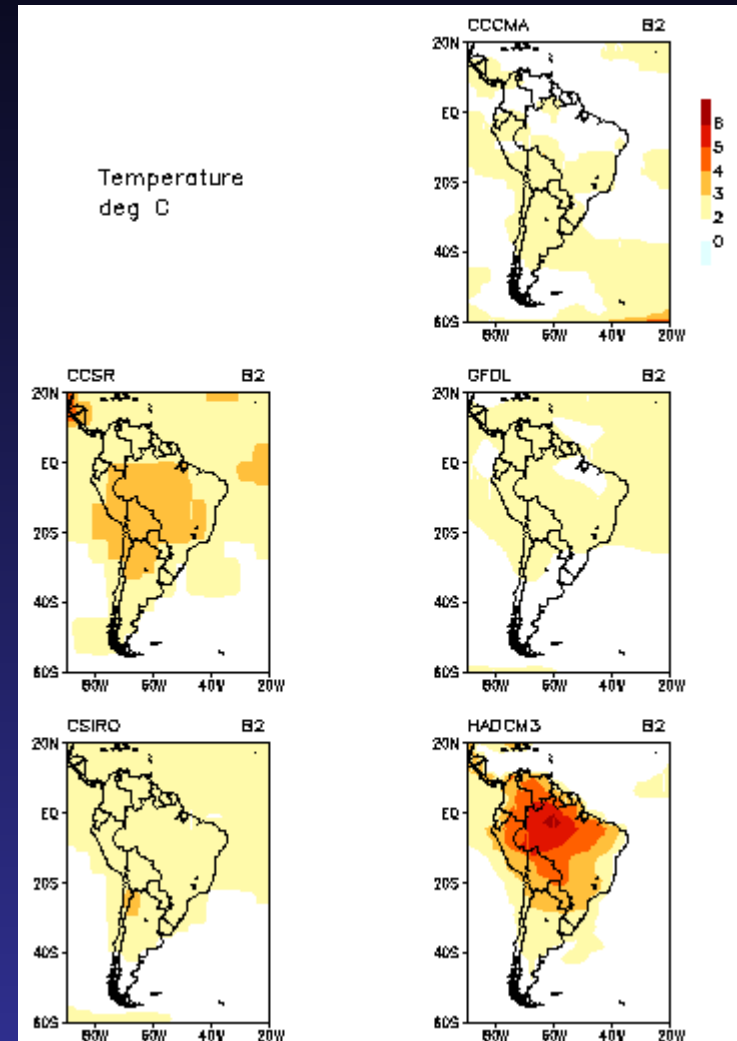


# Temperature Anomalies (deg C) for 2091-2100

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## B2 Low GHG Emissions Scenario

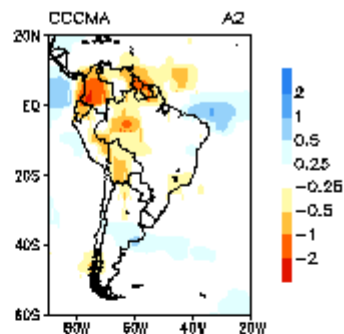


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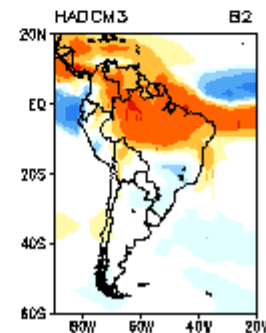
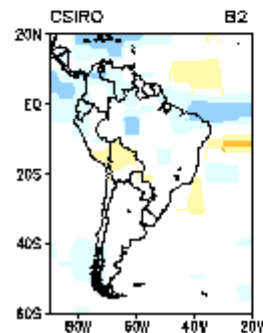
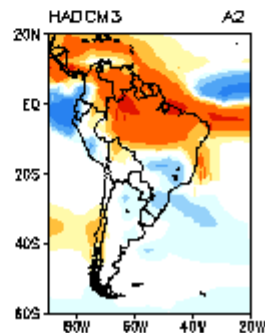
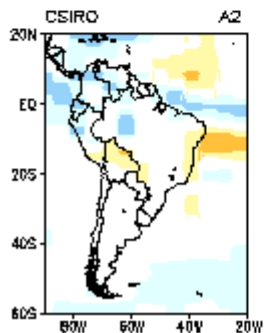
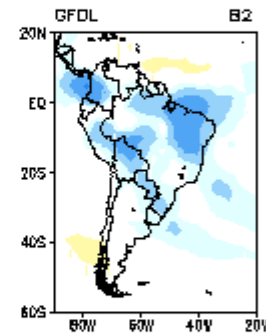
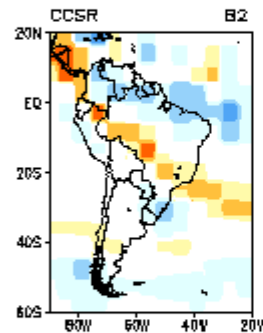
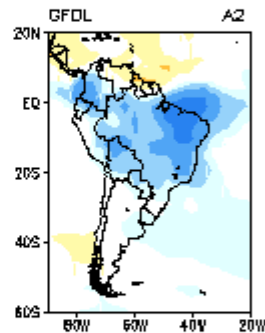
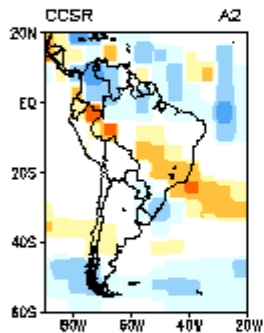
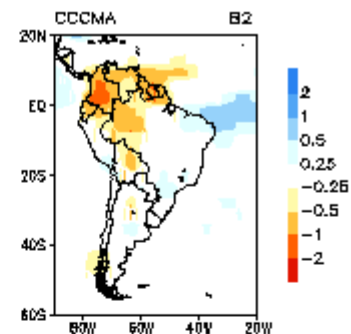
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Precipitation  
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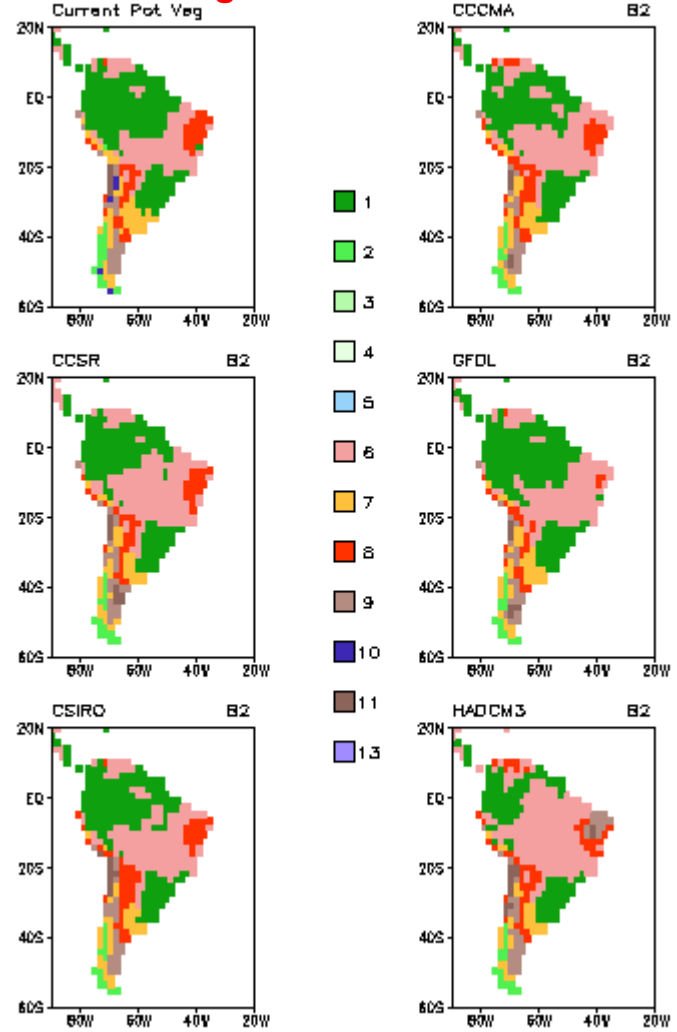
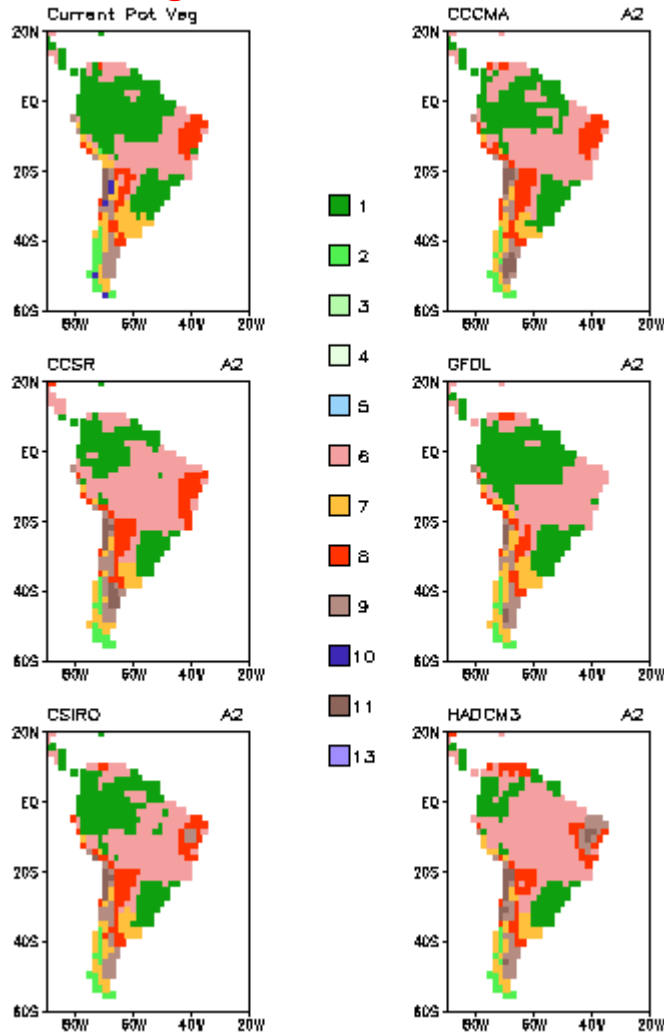
# Projected Biome Distributions for South America for 2091-2100

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### Natural Vegetation

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# Conclusions

## The future of biome distribution in Amazonia in face of land cover and climate changes

- Natural ecosystems in Amazonia have been under increasing land use change pressure.
- These large-scale land cover changes could cause warming and a reduction of rainfall by themselves in Amazonia.
- The synergistic combination of regional climate changes caused by global warming and by land cover change over the next several decades could tip the biome-climate state to a new stable equilibrium with 'savannization' of parts of Amazonia (and 'desertification' in Northeast Brazil).



**Desmatamento ...**



**Extração seletiva de madeira...**

Fogo ...





Fogo ...



The forests ...



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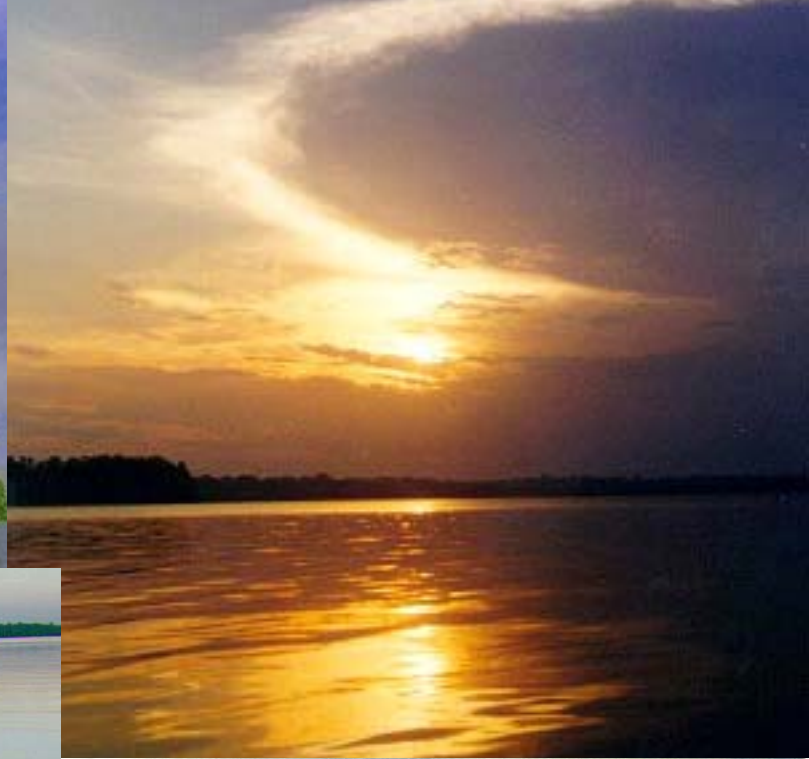


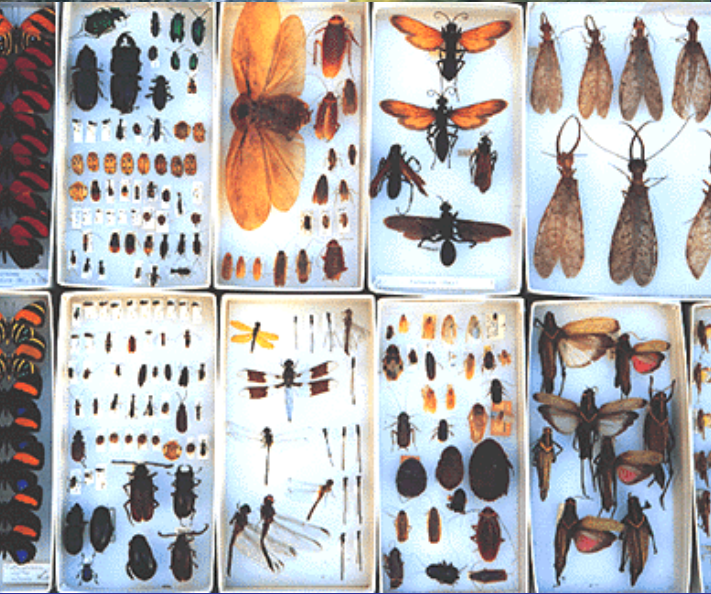
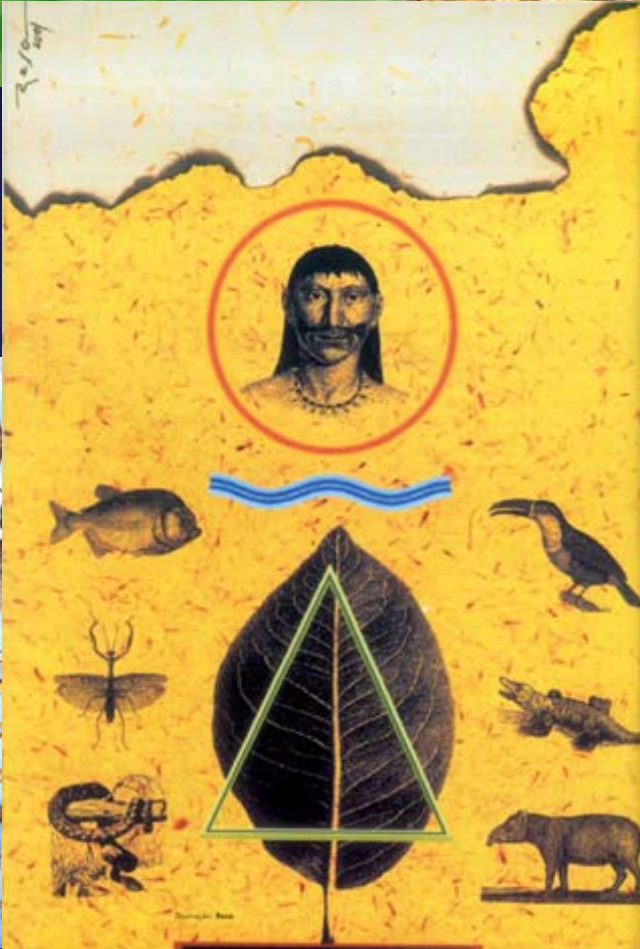
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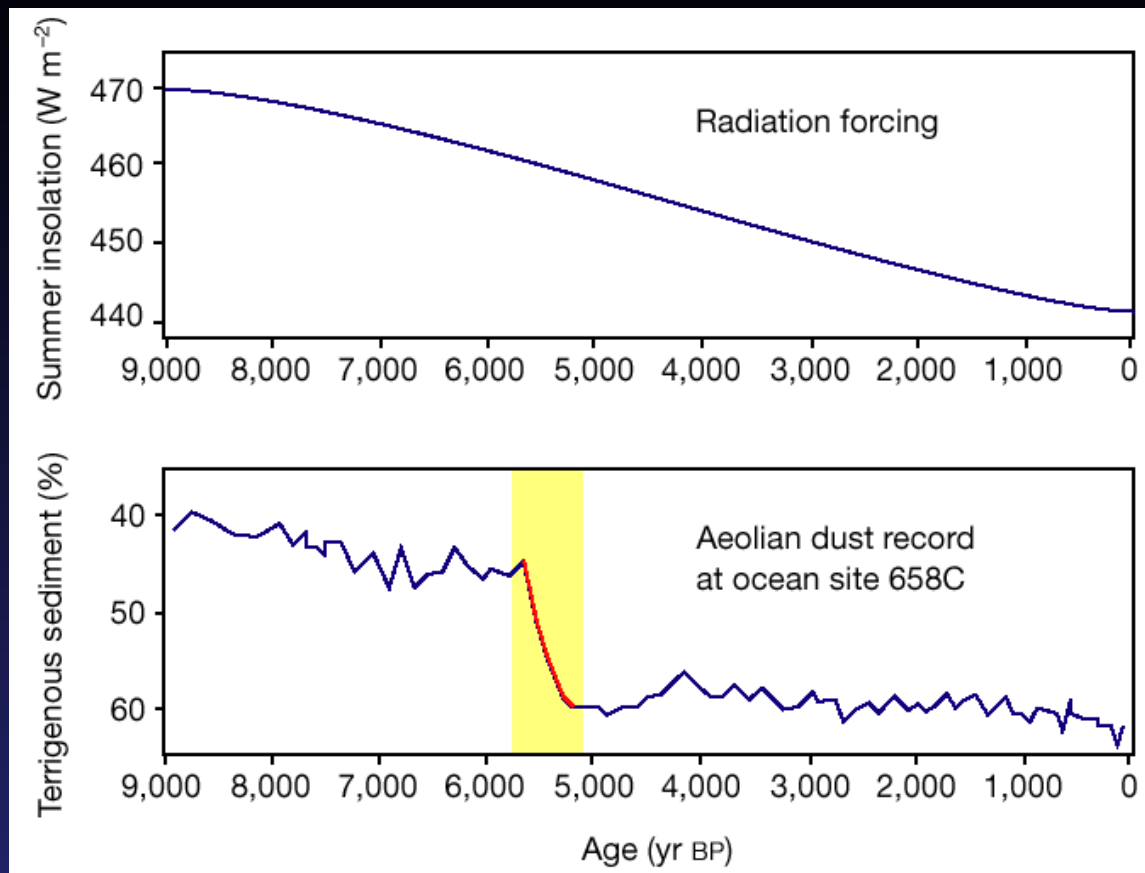
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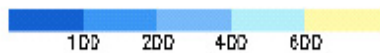
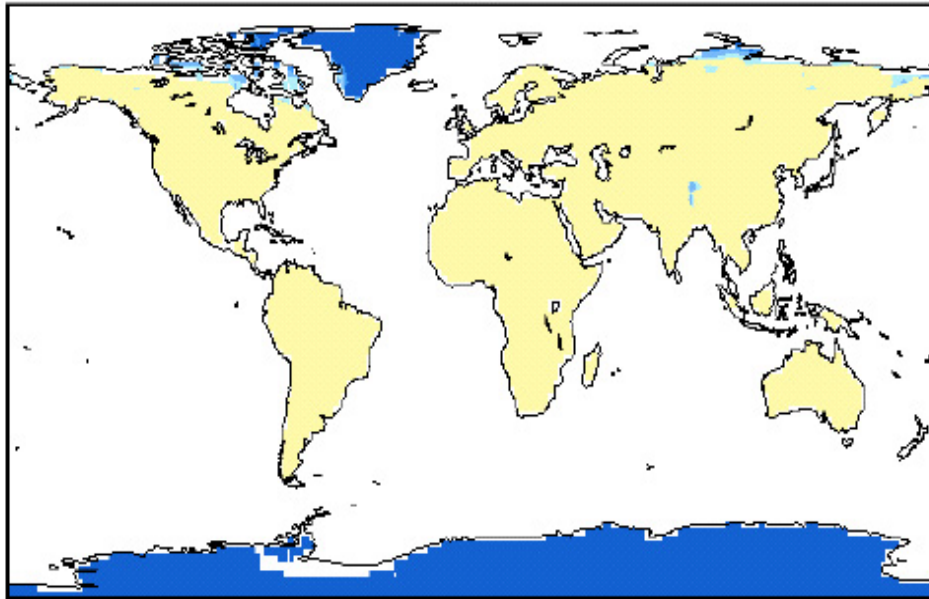
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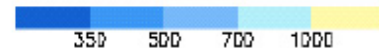
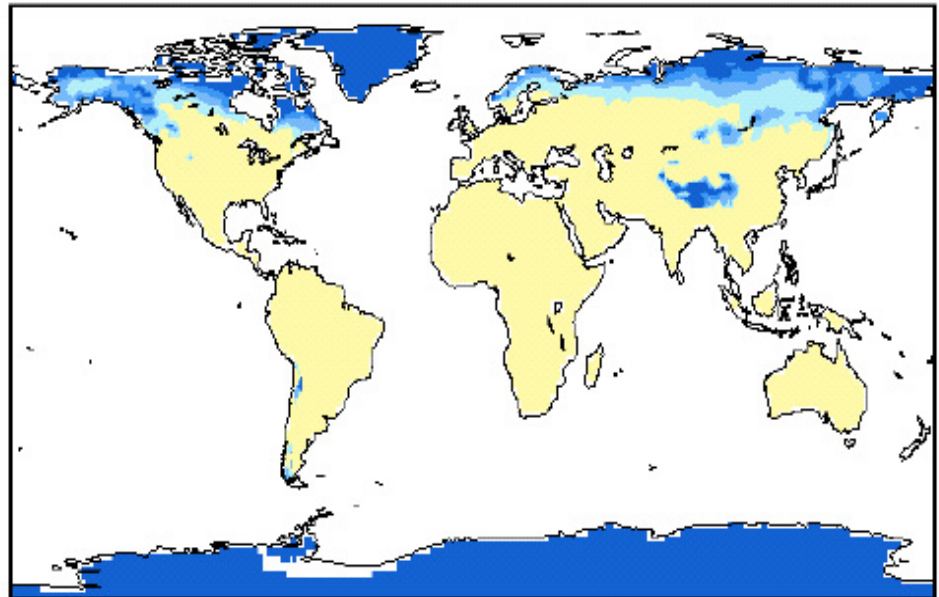
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(a)



growing degree-days on 0°C base

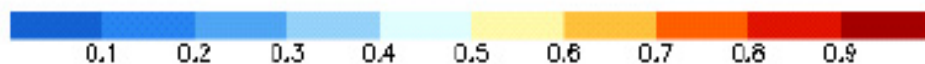
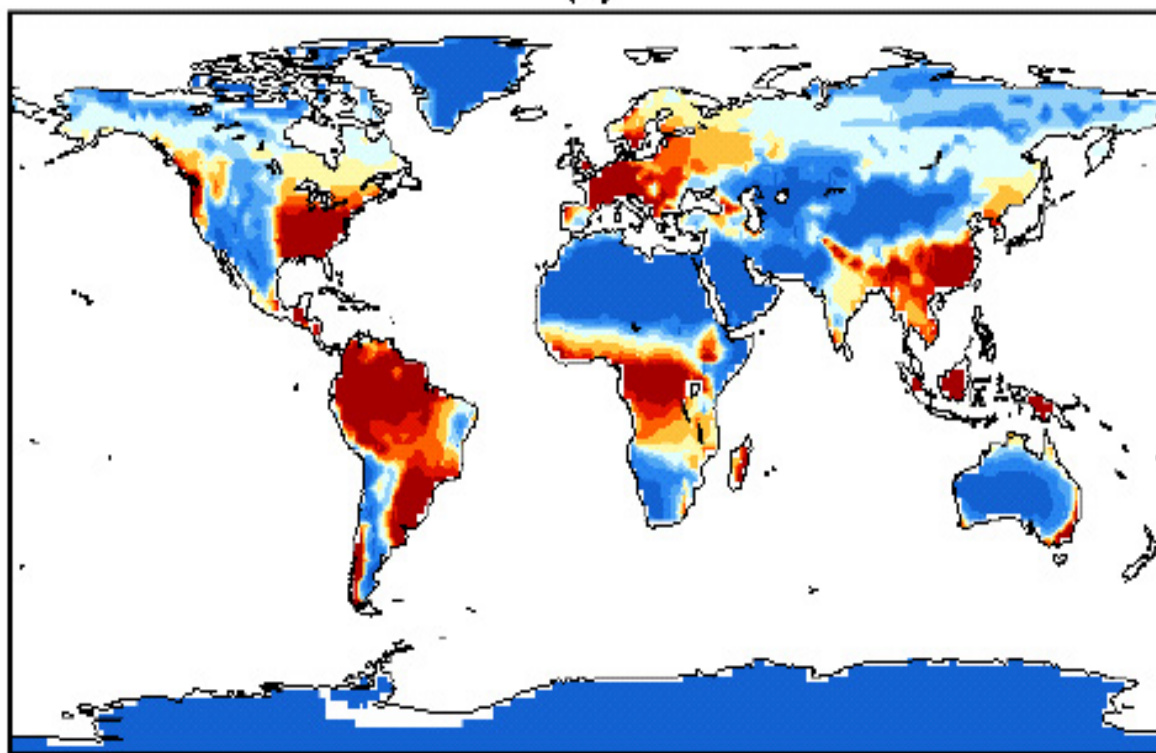
(b)



growing degree-days on 5°C base

**Figure 6.** Environmental variables used in CPTC PVM: growing degree-days on 0°C base (a), growing degree-days on 5°C base (b), mean temperature of the coldest month (c), wetness index (d), seasonality index (e). Growing degree-days in oC day month<sup>-1</sup>, and temperature in °C.

(e)



seasonality index

## Desertification in Northeast Brazil

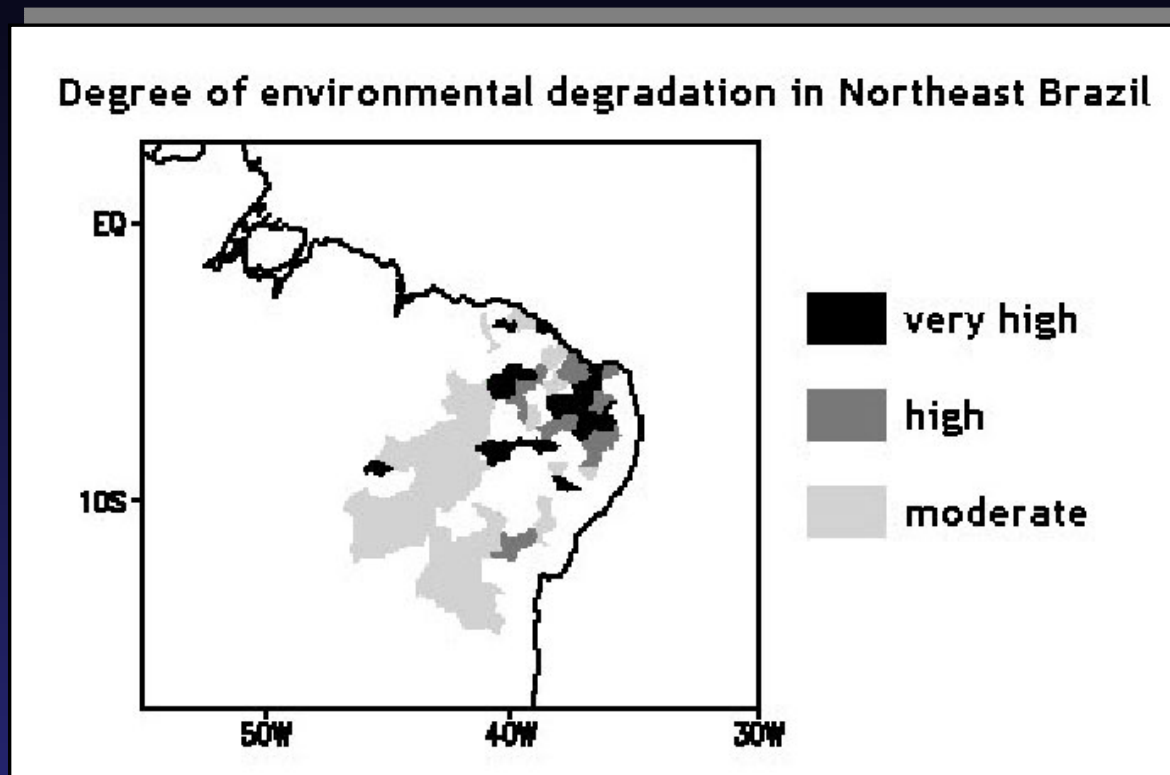


Fig.1 - Environmental degradation degree in Northeast Brazil according to the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment. Adapted from MMA (2000, p. 9).

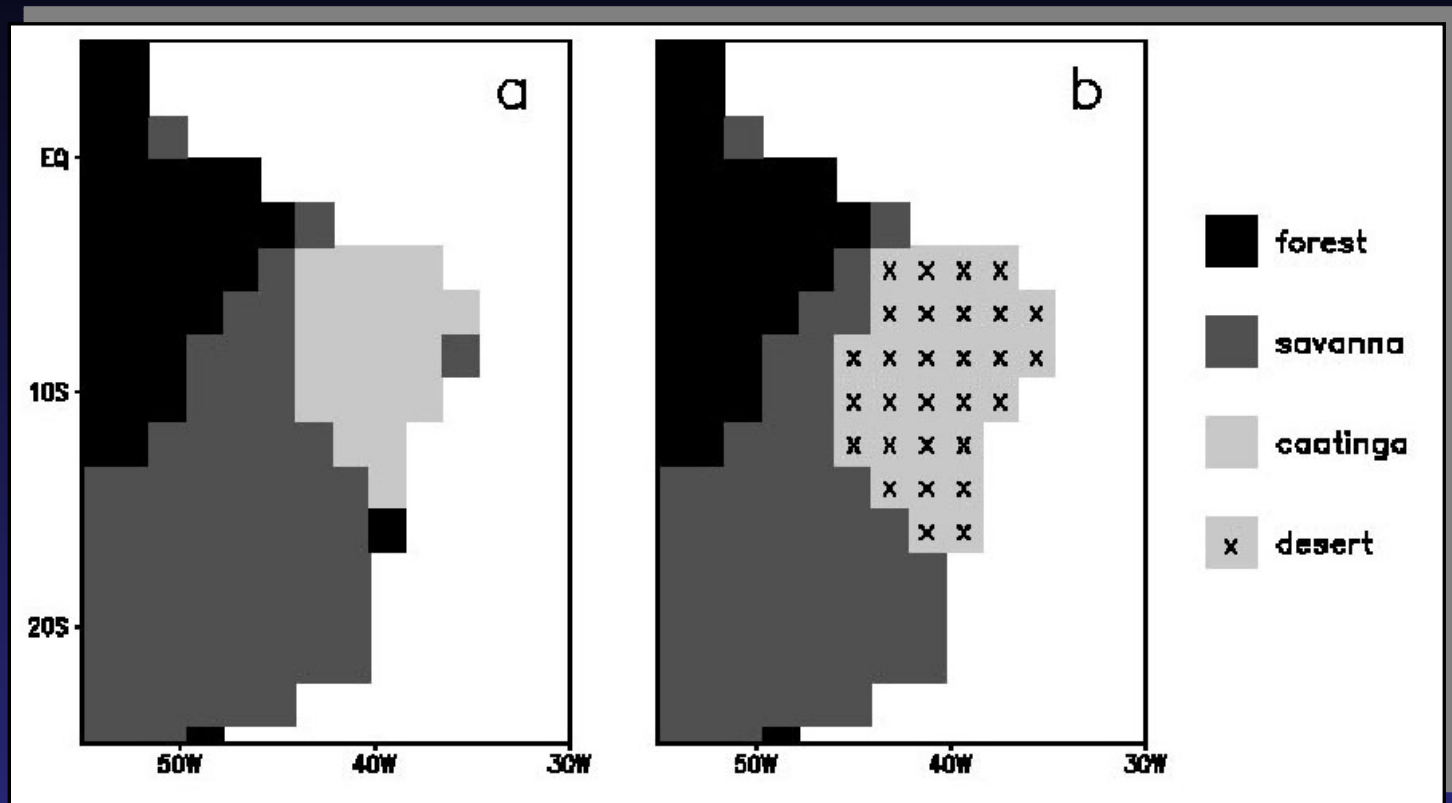


Fig. 2 - Vegetation maps for the control (a) and desertification (b) runs.



## (Desertification – Control) Precipitation Anomalies (mm/day)

Annual

Wet Season (March-May)

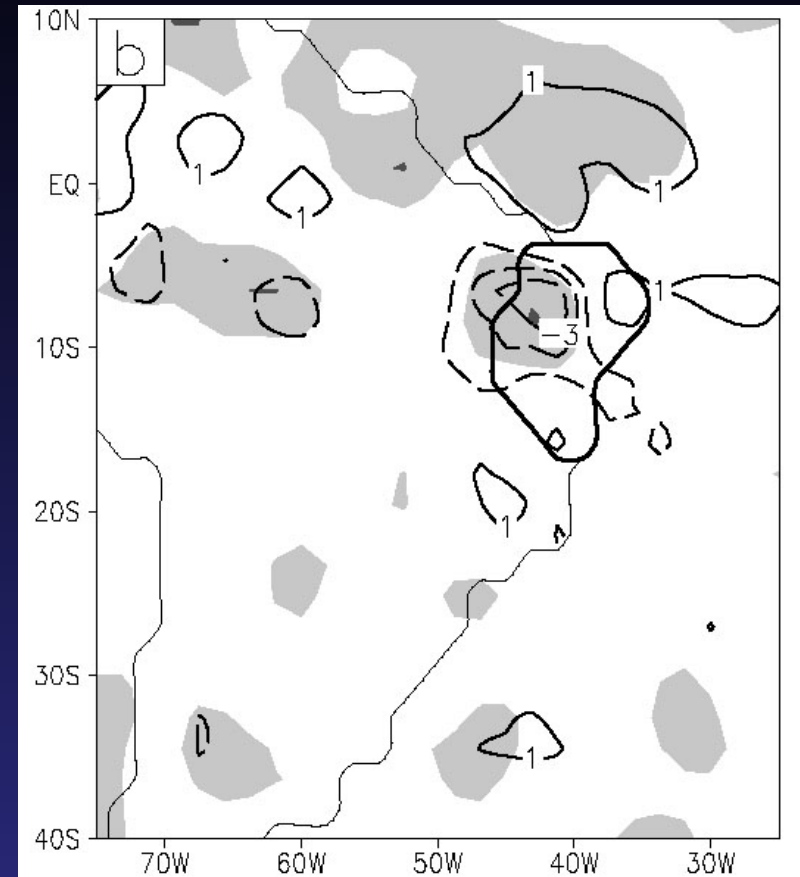
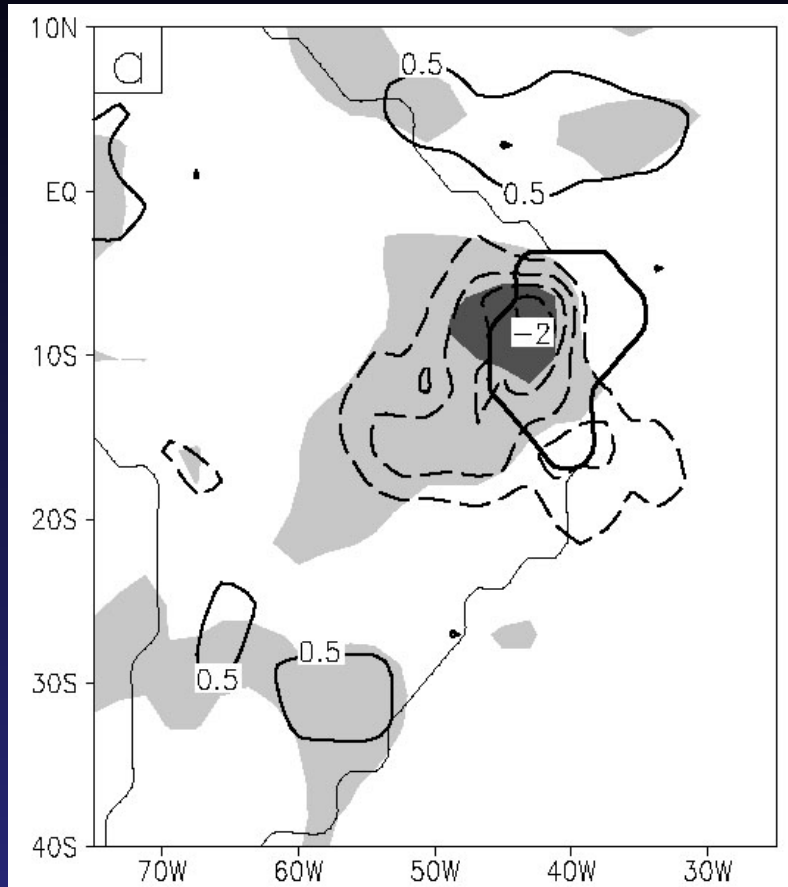
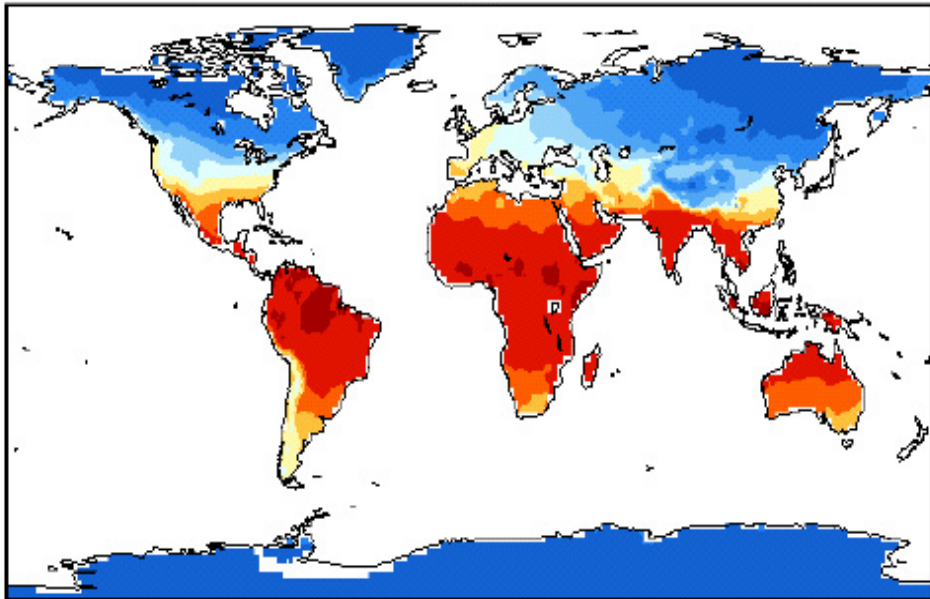


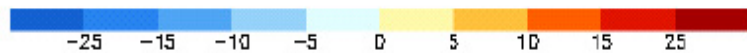
Fig. 3 - Annual (a) and wet season (March-May, b) precipitation anomalies. Contour interval is 0.5 in pannel (a), and 1 mm day<sup>-1</sup> in (b). Solid (dashed) lines refer to positive (negative) values; zero line is omitted. Dark and light shading refer to high and low statistical significance anomalies, respectively, for the sign test. NEB is enclosed by a thick contour line.

- A Potential Biome Model that uses 5 climate parameters to represent the (SiB) biome classification was developed (CPTEC-PBM).
- CPTEC-PBM is able to represent quite well the world's biome distribution. A dynamical vegetation model was constructed by coupling CPTEC-PBM to the CPTEC Atmospheric GCM (CPTEC-DBM).

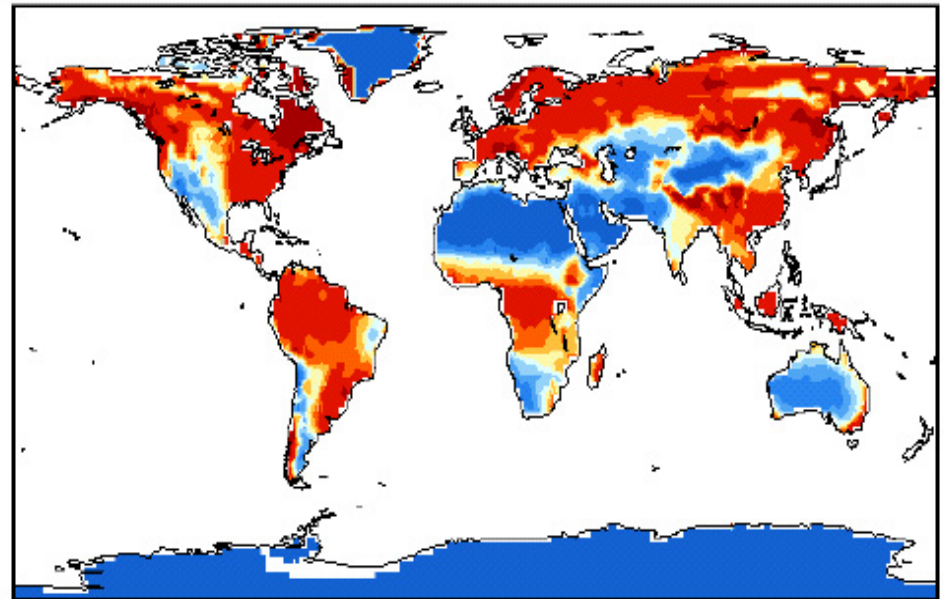
(c)



mean temperature of the coldest month



(d)

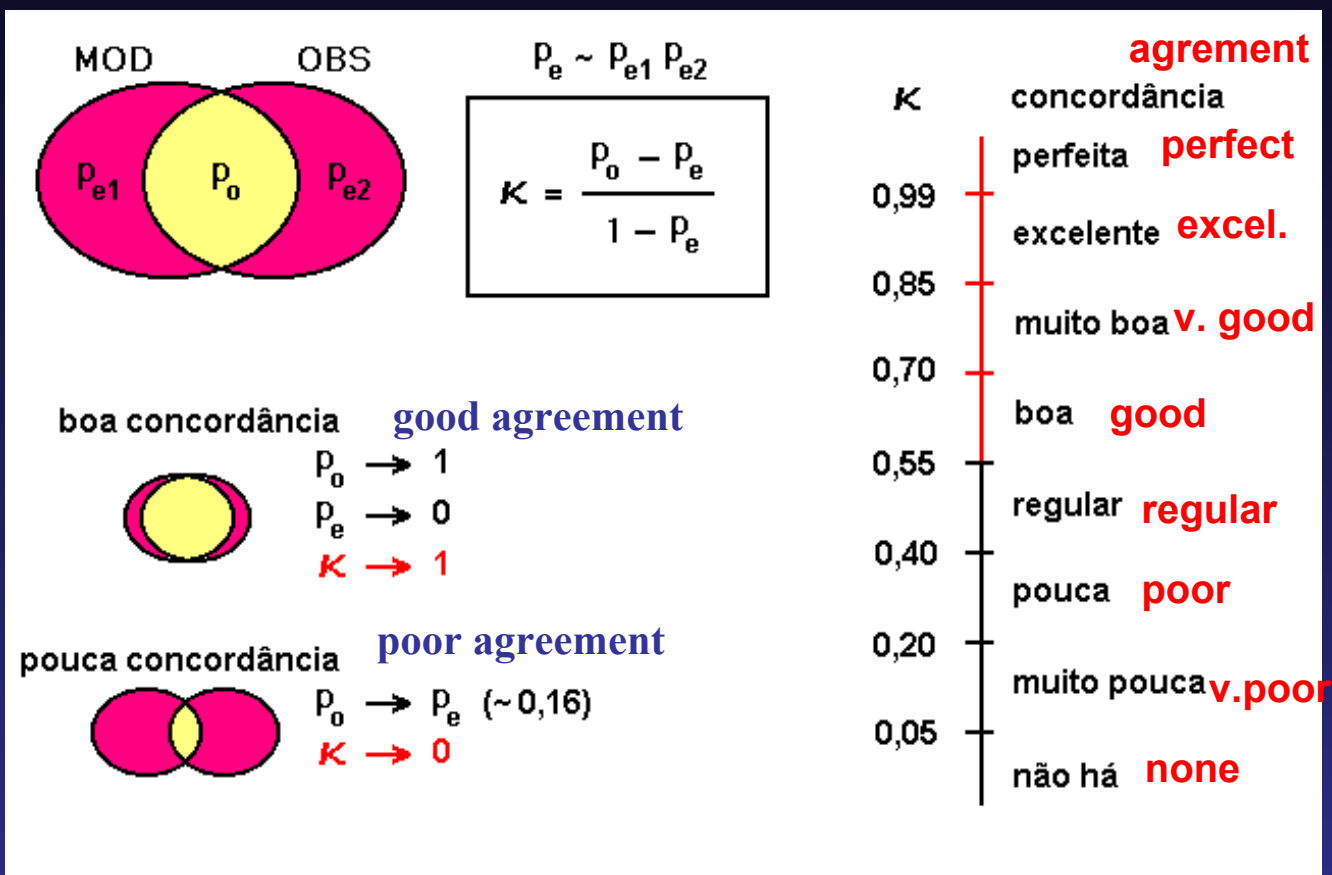


Wetness index



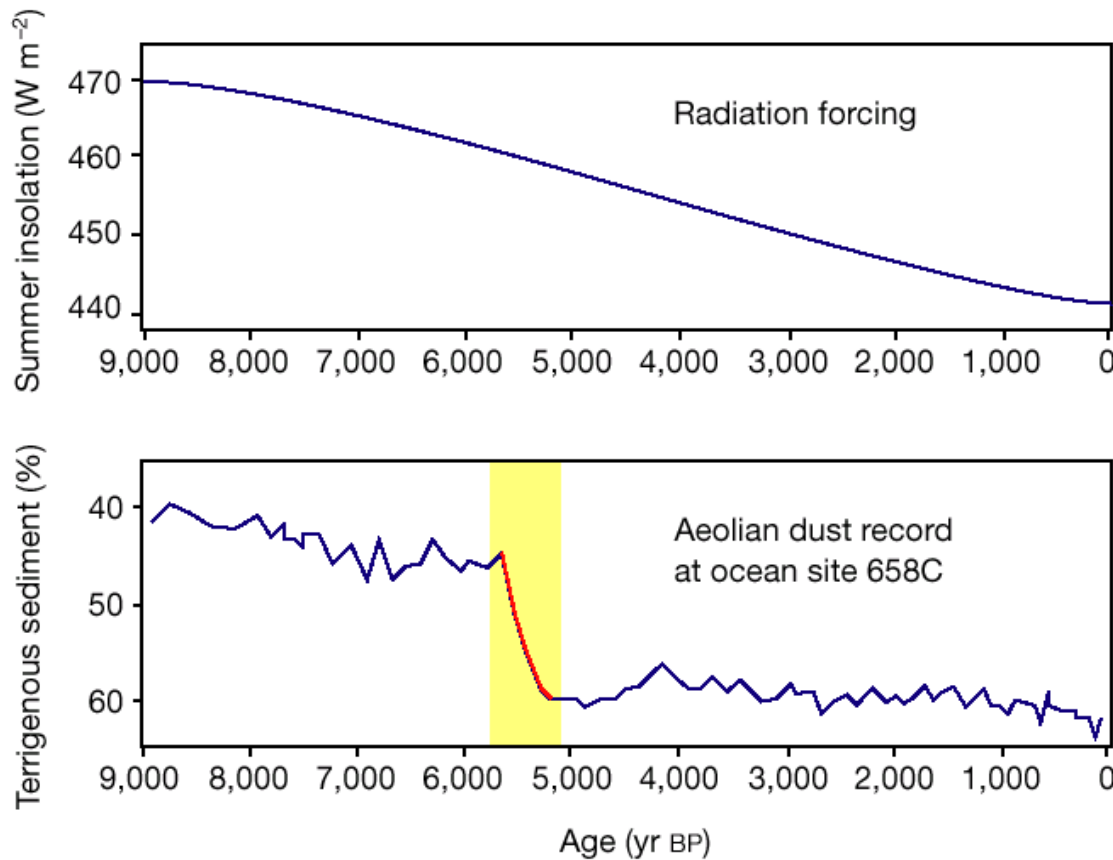
# Statistic $\kappa$

(Monserud e Leemans 1992)



# Objective verification of CPTEC-PBM

bioma	nome	$p_0$ (%)	$\kappa$	concordância	agreement
1	floresta tropical Tropical Forest	71	0,73	muito boa	Very Good
2	floresta temperada Temperate Forest	52	0,49	regula	Regular
3	floresta mista Mixed Forest	26	0,26	pouca	Poor
4	floresta de coníferas Boreal Forest	55	0,56	boa	Good
5	lariços Larch	70	0,65	boa	Good
6	savana Savannas	56	0,60	boa	Good
7	campos extratropicais Grasslands	76	0,50	regular	Regular
8	caatinga Dry shrubland	50	0,40	regular	Regular
9	semi-deserto Semi-desert	57	0,55	boa	Good
10	tundra	62	0,67	boa	Good
11	deserto Desert	70	0,74	muito boa	Very Good
<b>Global Mean</b>	<b>média global</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0,58</b>	<b>boa</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>Literature</b>	<b>literatura</b>	<b>~ 40</b>	<b>0,40 - 0,50</b>	<b>regular</b>	



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