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# Ecosystem Services Modeling Workshop: WaSSI-CB

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# Outline Model Overview (Ge Sun)

WaSSI-CB Model Theories (Ge Sun)

 Databases, Model Inputs and Outputs (Erika Cohen/ Matt Wingard)

Model Application Examples (Ge Sun)

# Background-Why WaSSI-CB

- Ecosystem services are critical to our lives;
- Ecosystem services are threatened by climate change, human influences (i.e. population growth), water shortages, air pollution;
- Quantify Ecosystem Service Payment Schemes;
- Water, Carbon, and Biodiversity are linked; integrated models are the best way for regional assessments
- Forest Service Cares about water, carbon, and climate change;

## Drought-Induced Reduction in Global Terrestrial Net Primary Production from 2000 Through 2009

Maosheng Zhao\* and Steven W. Running







## Uncertainty of Ecosystem Carbon Sequestration





**Fig. 6.** Mean annual NEE for each vegetation type within the conterminous U.S. over the period 2001–2006: evergreen forests (EF), deciduous forests (DF), mixed forests (MF), shrublands (Sh), savannas (Sa), and grasslands (Gr). Units are  $pg C yr^{-1}$ . The bars are the estimated mean annual NEE. The error bars indicate the standard deviation from the mean.

> Xiao et al. 2011. Agricultural and Forest Meteorology

# A Large and Persistent Carbon Sink in the World's Forests (Pan et al., Science, 2011)



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#### Trading Water for Carbon with Biological Carbon Sequestration

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## WaSSI-CB Modeling Framework

# Model Framework

#### (Sun et al. 2011. JGR Vol 116)



# **Model Development: Water**



#### **Monthly Water Balances**

Water Yield = Precipitation – Evapotranspiraton - ΔS

Example: In Kigali, Rwanda P = 1000 mm/yr; ET = 800 mm/yr. Q = 1000-800 = 200 mm/yr. Q/P= 20%

## Watershed Water Balance





The NOAA Soil Moisture Accounting Model

## Distribution of Flux Towers Worldwide

More than 550 towers from >10 regional networks and 46 countries worldwide



#### Eddy flux and Sapflow Data (Sun et al., 2010 Ecohydrology)



# A general predictive model for estimating monthly ecosystem evapotranspiration

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#### ET= 11.94 + 4.76\*LAI+PET \*(0.032\*LAI+0.0026\*P+0.15)



#### **An General Evapotranspiration Model**

#### ET= 9.95 + 0.21\*PET\*LAI\*+0.153\*P+0.246\*PET

#### Where,

ET = Evapotranspiration (mm/month) PET = Potential ET estimated by Hamon's method LAI = Leaf Area Index P = Precipitation (mm/month)

## Model Result Example: Water Yield



## **Modeled Regional Water Balance**





Sun et al., JGR-Biogeoscience, (2011)

#### **Predicted the Future: Water Yield**



## Regional water stress (WaSSI≥0.4)



Baseline Future



## WaSSI-CB Modeling Framework

## Carbon Cycle of A Forest Ecosystem

(Ryan et al., 2010)



#### **Key Carbon Balance Terms**

NEP = GEP - Re

NEE= - NEP

Where, NEE = Net Ecosystem Exchange (gC/m2/yr.); Negative Carbon sink ; Positive- carbon source

GEP = Gross Ecosystem Productivity (gC/m2/yr.) Re = Ecosystem Respiration (gC/m2/yr.) = Ra+Rh;

#### Annual Carbon Fluxes of a pine Plantation in North Carolina, USA (g C m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>)

	3-yr LP				17-yr LP					
States	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
NEE	+904	+365	+193	-97	-256	-360	-835	-725	-841	-889
GEP	1248	1640	1370	1639	2156	2480	2910	2765	2583	2724
ER	2150	2005	1565	1729	1915	2120	2075	2050		1833
ET	836	822	742	636	904	1039	1155	973	926	967
SR	1970	1510	1280	n/a	n/a	1330	1115	1140	n/a	n/a
SR:ER	0.92	0.75	0.82	n/a	n/a	0.63	0.54	0.56	n/a	n/a

Noormets et al. (2009) *Global Change Biology* 

#### Law et al, 2002, Agri For Meteo.



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#### Environmental controls over carbon dioxide and water vapor exchange of terrestrial vegetation

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#### Law et al, 2002, Agri For Meteo.





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## Monthly GEP-ET relationship



#### **Forest Soil Respiration**



Fig. 2. Monthly cumulative ecosystem respiration increased with mean air temperature temperature at (a) evergreen coniferous forests and (b) deciduous broadleaf forests. Monthly GEP increased with temperature in evergreen coniferous forests.

### Gross Ecosystem Productivity

(Sun et al, 2011, J. Geophysical Research)

Table 2. Regression model parameters for estimating monthly GEP as a function of ET, GEP = a\*ET.

Land cover	Number of		
	flux tower		
	sites	a±SD	$R^2$
Croplands	29	3.13±1.69	0.78
Closed Shrublands	6	$1.37 \pm 0.62$	0.77
Deciduous Broad Leaf Forest	32	$3.20 \pm 1.26$	0.93
Evergreen Broadleaf	16	$2.59 \pm 0.54$	0.92
Evergreen Needle Leaf	69	$2.46 \pm 0.96$	0.89
Grasslands	44	$2.12 \pm 1.66$	0.84
Mixed Forests	12	$2.74{\pm}1.05$	0.89
Open Shrublands	11	$1.33 \pm 0.47$	0.85
Savannas	4	$1.26 \pm 0.77$	0.80
Wetlands	15	$1.66 \pm 1.33$	0.78
Wet Savannas	6	$1.49 \pm 0.36$	0.90

#### **Ecosystem Respiration**

#### (Sun et al, 2011, J. Geophysical Research).

Table 3. Regression model parameters for estimating monthly ecosystem respiration a function of GEP, Re = m + n GEP

Ecosystems	Number of			
	eddy flux			
	sites	m±SD	n±SD	$\mathbb{R}^2$
Cropland (CRO)	29	40.6±3.84	0.43±0.02	0.77
Closed Shrublands	3	11.4±15.62	0.69±0.15	0.74
Leaf Forest (DBF)	32	30.8±2.93	0.45±0.03	0.83
Evergreen Broad				
Leaf Forest (EBF)	11	19.6±8.74	$0.61 \pm 0.06$	0.63
Evergreen Needle				
Leaf Forest (ENF)	70	9.9±2.24	$0.68 \pm 0.03$	0.8
Grasslands (GRA)				
	44	18.9±2.31	$0.64 \pm 0.02$	0.82
Mixed Forests (MF)	10	04.41.4.04	0.0010.05	0.00
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(OS)	8	9.7±3.03	0.56±0.08	0.81
Savannas (SAV)				
	3	25.2±3.23	$0.53 \pm 0.07$	0.65
Wetlands (WET)				
	15	7.8±3.04	0.56±0.03	0.8
Wet Savanna (WSA)	6	14.7±2.75	$0.63 \pm 0.04$	0.74

# Model Validation (GEP)





# Model Validation (ET)



# Model Validation (Runoff)




# Model Validation (Runoff)







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Cumulative Runoff





#### Model Validation (Zambia)



#### Model Validation (Zambia) (1980-1982)



#### Model Validation (Zambia) (1996-2005)





#### Simulated Mean Annual GEP (gC/m2/yr) across the Southern U.S.



Year



Year

# Modeled Climate Change Impact on Carbon in the South





## Model Development: Biodiversity



### WaSSI-CB Modeling Framework

### **Biodiversity Modeling** (Currie, 1991; Currie and Paquin, 1987)

Group	Domain	Model	$r^2$
Birds	$PET < 525 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$ $PET \ge 525 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$	1.40 + .00159 PET 2.260000256 PET	.81
Mammals	All observations	$1.12[1.0 - \exp(-0.00348 \text{PET})] + .653$	.80
Amphibians	$PET \le 200 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$ $PET > 200 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$	$\begin{array}{l} 0 \\ 3.07[1.0 - \exp(-0.00315  \text{PET})] \end{array}$	.84
Reptiles	$PET < 400 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$ $PET \ge 400 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$	$0 \\ 5.21[1.0 - \exp(-0.00249 \text{PET})] - 3.347$	.93
Vertebrates	All observations	$1.49[1.0 - \exp(-0.00186 \text{PET})] + .746$	.92

Tree Species Richness = 185.8/[1.0 + exp(3.09 - 0.00432 ET)]; r<sup>2</sup> = 0.76



Fig. 1 Tree species richness in Canada and the United States. Contours connect points with the same approximate number of species per quadrat.

### Large-scale biogeographical patterns of species richness of trees

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Fig. 1 Fish species–discharge curve used to build scenarios of fish loss. The regression was modeled with rivers found between 42°N and 42°S, where reduced discharge is predicted to occur.



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# Scenarios of freshwater fish extinctions from climate change and water withdrawal

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Preparing Inputs Data for Model Applications in Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia

(Erika Cohen / Matt Wingard)

# Overview

Inputs Dataset Climate Leaf Area Index (LAI) Landcover Sacramento Soil Moisture Accounting model Format Data Processing Outputs Formats

## Climate Databases

### Historic: CRU TS3.1

- Climate Research Unit (CRU) Time-Series (TS) Dataset
- The University of East Anglia
  - Version 3.1
  - Spatial Resolution: 0.5 x 0.5 Degree ~ 50 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Temporal Resolution: 1901-2009
  - Time Step: Monthly
  - Variables: Minimum Temperature, Maximum Temperature, and Precipitation
  - Based on monthly mean temperat

### Future: Fixed changed

- Precipitation: 20% Decrease
- Temperature: 2 Degree Increase



# Average Annual Temperature Climate Maps







# Average Precipitation Climate Maps







# Climate Over Time

### Site Examples

- Three watershed selected in each country
- Rwanda
  - Butara, Kibungo, Umutana
- Tanzania
  - Isenga, Lukolini, Mahenge
- Zambia
  - Chicomo, Simoni, Kampumbu
- Average Annual Temperature

Annual Precipitation







#### **Rwanda Annual Precipitation**



#### **Tanzania Annual Precipitation**



#### **Zambia Annual Precipitation**


## Rwanda Average Annual Temperature



Tanzania Average Annual Temperature



## Zambia Average Annual Temperature



# Improved Leaf Area Index (LAI)

## Zhao et al.,2005

- Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group (NTSG) at the University of Montana Missoula
  - Source: MODIS Imagery, MOD15(FPAR/LAI)
  - Spatial Resolution: 1 km<sup>2</sup>
  - Temporal Resolution: 2000-2006
  - Time Step: Monthly

 Zhao et al fill cloud-contaminated pixels
 LAI is used to calculate evapotranspiration in WaSSI-CB



# Land Cover

Globcover European Space Agency (ESA), MERIS instrument Spatial Resolution **300** m<sup>2</sup> Temporal Resolution 2006 composite Dec. 2004 – Jun. 2006 2009 composite Jan. 1 2009 – Dec. 2009 Land Cover Classes Global Legend: 22 classes Regional Legend: > 22 classes UN Land Cover Classification System compatible with GLC2000 classification



#### Tanzania

300 meter resolution Land Cover Globcover Dataset 2009

#### Land Cover Types



## NOAA-NWS Sacramento Soil-Moisture Accounting model (SAC-SMA)

Used for decades for flood forecasting in smaller watersheds 11 soil parameters over 2 soil layers Water storage capacities Vertical/lateral flow rates Parameters derived by model calibration NWS provided gridded parameters based on STATSGO soil data







# Input FormatFive Comma delimited text file

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## Sorted by Watershed, Year, Month

## Input Processing

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# Output Format

## Nine Text Files

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Monthrunoff
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## **Output Presentation**

Charts
Excel
Maps
ArcGIS
Text files joined to geospatial layer

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# Model Application in Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia

(Ge Sun)

# Model Application in Rwanda Tanzania, and Zambia

- Spatial scale: watershed
- Baseline
  - **1960-2009**
- Future
  - 20% decrease in precipitation
  - 2 degree increase in temperature
  - 50% cut of forest
- Modeled Variables
  - Water Yield
  - Carbon sequestration (NEE, GEP)
  - Biodiversity

# Baseline (1960-2009): Water Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zambia





# Monthly Runoff (1960-2009)













#### **Rwanda Annual Precipitation**







700 y = -2.5x + 5303  $R^2 = 0.0875$ 600 Annual Runoff (mm/year) 500 400 300 200 y = -2.3x + 4835.1 Runoff (Butare) - $R^2 = 0.1608$ Runoff (Rwanda) 100-Linear (Runoff (Butare)) Linear (Runoff (Rwanda)) 0 1970 1960 1965 1975 19801985 1990 1995 2000 2005

Year

Model ed Runoff, Butare Watershed and Rwanda Mean













## Monthly Runoff (1960-2009)





#### Modeled Runoff, Tanzania Mean











## Monthly Runoff (1960-2009)





### Modeled Runoff, Zambia Mean


# Potential Hydrologic Impacts of Landcover Change and Climate Change (Rwanda)

### Three Scenarios

50% Deforestation

#### Temp increase 2 Degree C

Temp increase 2 Degree C + 20% Precip Reduction

# 50% Deforestation





# 50% Deforestation



# 50% Deforestation



# Temp Rise by 2 Degree





# Temp Rise by 2 Degree



# Temp Rise by 2 Degree+20% P reduction





# Temp Rise by 2 Degree+20% P reduction



# Summary

 Large spatial distribution of runoff in all three countries, and within the three Basins;

Large temporal variability of rainfall an runoff;

The climate change would have serious impacts on water resources in all countries.