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3. Data description

LPJmL-FIT is process- and trait-based vegetation model. It is a subversion of the model LPJmL simulating patches of competing individual trees with flexible functional traits and empirically derived relations between these traits. Trait composition, productivity and stability of a forest are a result of environmental and competitive filtering. A detailed description of LPJmL-FIT (basic features and differences to LPJmL) is given by Sakschewski et al. (Sakschewski et al., 2015, https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.12870). LPJmL-FIT was originally developed for tropical forests and has been adapted to European forests by Thonicke et al. (2020).

The data covers southern and central Europe ($29.5^{\circ}N - 62^{\circ}N$, $11^{\circ}W - 36^{\circ}O$) on a spatial resolution of 0.5° covering the years 1901-2013. Tree height, leaf and stem traits (specific leaf area, wood density, leaf longevity; aggregated), individual traits of simulated trees, vegetation distribution (foliage projected cover, FPC), vegetation carbon and fire carbon emissions are given on an annual basis. Gross primary productivity is provided monthly. Tree height and leaf and stem traits are biomass weighted.

For evaluation of the dataset R- and MATLAB-scripts are provided.

An overview and description of all variables are found in the file description.

4. List of input data

air temperature [°C], precipitation [mm/d], short-wave down radiation [W/m ²] long-wave net radiation [W/m ²] soil texture	 WATCH (Weedon, 2011, https://doi.org/10.1175/2011JHM1369.1) from 1901 to 1978 WFDEI-GPCC (Weedon, 2014, https://doi.org/10.1002/2014WR015638) from 1979 - 2013 Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSD) version 1.2, (Nachtergaele, F., van Velthuizen, H., Verelst, L., Batjes, N., Dijkshoorn, K., van Engelen, V., Fischer, G., Jones, A., & Montanarella, L., and Petri, M. (2009) Harmonized world soil database, Food and Agriculture
	Organization of the United Nations. In: (ed. Fao), Rome) Link: http://www.fao.org/fileadmin/templates/nr/documents/HWSD/HWSD_Documentation.pdf
atmospheric CO2 concentration	constant at 296 ppm
soil depth	constant at 2m

5. File descriptions

Each variable is split up in 20 files. Each file contains simulation data of 50 patches (1 patch = $10m \times 10m$) with the same climate input.

Filename	Variable	Description
firec_europe_1951_*.nc	Fire carbon [gC/m²]	Annual released fire carbon per area and grid cell
fpc_europe_1951_*.nc	Foliage projected cover [no unit]	Annual foliage projected cover per grid cell and plant functional type.
height_mass_europe_1951_*.nc	Aggregated height distribution [num of bins]	Contains biomass weighted number of trees per height class, cell and year. (100 classes in total) Height classes are provided within the file.
longevity_mass_europe_1951_*.nc	Aggregated leaf longevity distribution [num of bins]	Contains biomass weighted number of trees per leaf longevity class, cell and year. (100 classes in total) Leaf longevity classes are provided within the file.
mgpp_europe_1951_*.nc	Monthly gross primary productivity [gC/m ²]	Mean gross primary productivity per cell,head month and year.
sla_mass_europe_1951_*.nc	Aggregated specific leaf area distribution [num of bins]	Contains biomass weighted number of trees per specific leaf area class, cell and year. (100 classes in total) Specific leaf classes are provided within the file.
trait_ind_europe_1951_*.nc	Individual trait data	Contains year, cell, specific leaf area, wood density, leaf longevity, plant functional type, biomass and height of trees larger than 5m.
vegc_europe_1951_*.nc	Vegetation carbon [gC/m ²]	Standing total biomass of vegetation per cell and year.
wooddens_mass_europe_1951_*.nc	Aggregated wood density	Contains biomass weighted number of trees per wood density class, cell and

distribution [num of bins]	year. (100 classes in total) Wood density classes are provided within
	the file.

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