

# A NEW **MULTISCALE FRAMEWORK FOR ASSESSING IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON CENTRAL EUROPEAN FORESTS:** **MUFFIN**

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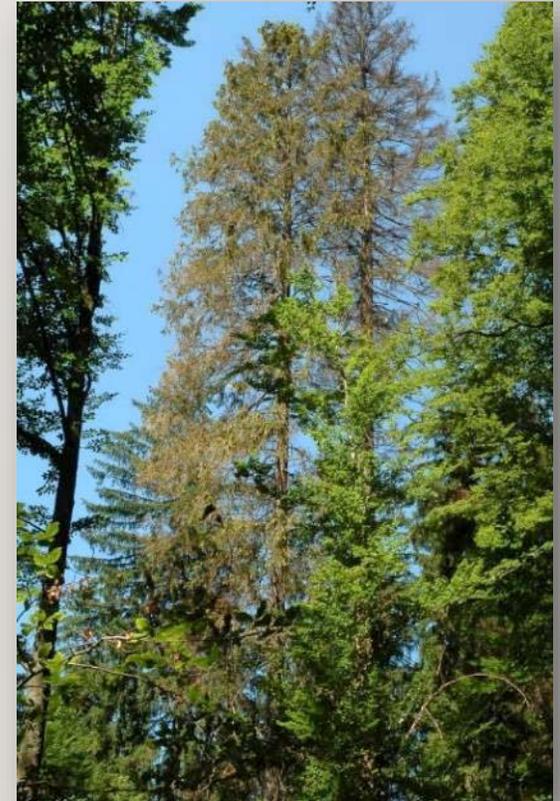
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# BACKGROUND

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- Specific „transient“ conditions of Central Europe with unique disturbance regimes and management history
- Ecosystem dynamics studied using multiple models, such as BiomeBGC, Silva/Sibyla, iLand, EFISCEN, PICUS, etc.
- Efforts and approaches quite fragmented, many aspects understudied
- Good data coverage, ICP Forests, Highly Instrumented Sites, manipulated field experiments, etc.



# BACKGROUND

- Czech University of Life Sciences, FFWS, received in 2018 a „strategic“ funding to create 9 research teams
- Team no. 6: Global Change Research Group CULS
- Climate change research *sensu lato*, including development, testing and application of ecosystem models

The screenshot shows a profile page for the 'Global Change Research Group – CULS Prague'. The profile includes the following information:

- Lab:** Global Change Research Group – CULS Prague
- Institution:** Czech University of Life Sciences Prague
- Department:** Faculty of Forestry and Wood Sciences

The page features a list of recent publications and a list of team members:

**Publications:**

- Spatial configuration matters when removing windfelled trees to manage bark beetle disturbances in Central European forest landscapes** (Article, Full-text available, Oct 2019) - 1 Recommendation - 138 Reads
- Is salvage logging effectively dampening bark beetle outbreaks and preserving forest carbon stocks?** (Article, Full-text available, Sep 2019) - 3 Recommendations - 149 Reads - 1 Citation
- Living with bark beetles: Impacts, outlook and management options** (Book, Full-text available, Apr 2019 - European Forest Institute) - 15 Recommendations - 1,235 Reads - 7 Citations
- Choice of reference climate conditions matters in impact studies: Case of bias-corrected CORDEX data set** (Article, Full-text available, Nov 2018) - 1 Recommendation - 152 Reads
- Patterns and drivers of recent disturbances across the temperate forest biome** (Article, Full-text available, Oct 2018) - 9 Recommendations - 1,177 Reads - 19 Citations

**Team Members:**

- Katarina Merganicova** - Following
- Laura Dobor** (PostDoc Position) - Following
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- Soňa Zimová** - Following
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# MAJOR OBJECTIVES

- To create a new platform for climate change research in CE region
- To assimilate diverse data, models and local knowledge
- To address stand- to landscape-scale ecosystem dynamics
- To boost the collaboration within and outside the target region





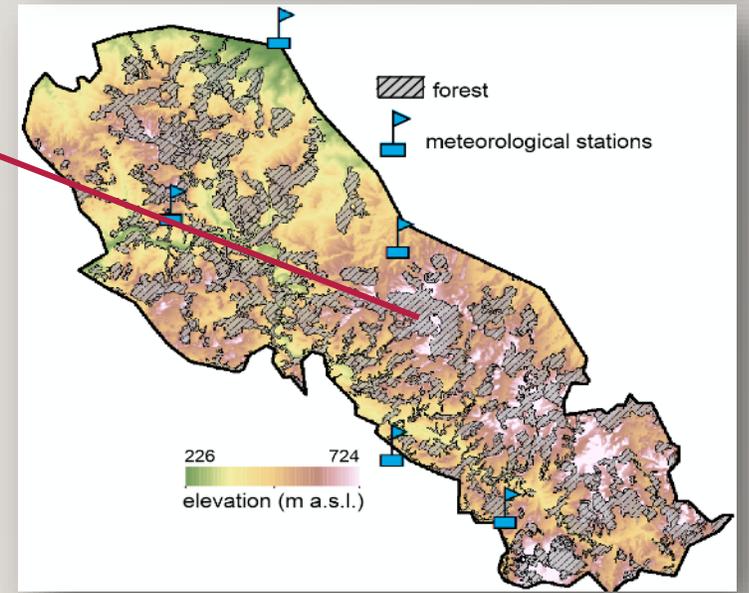
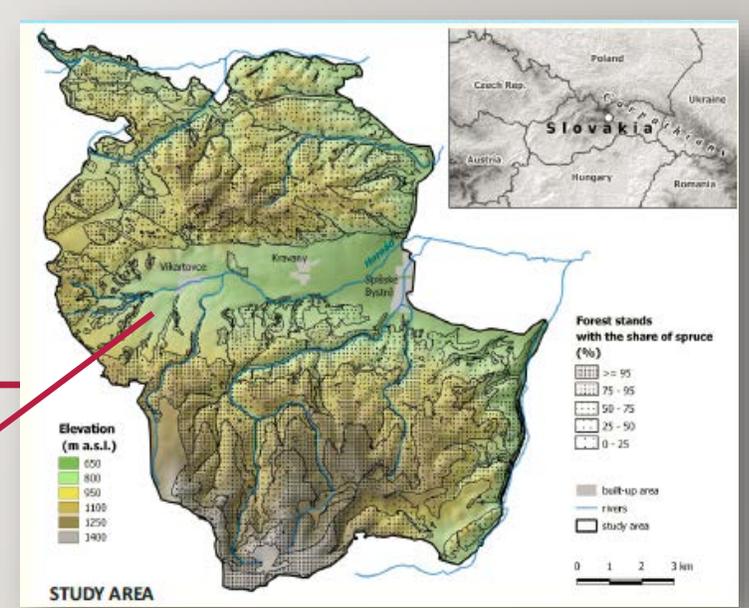
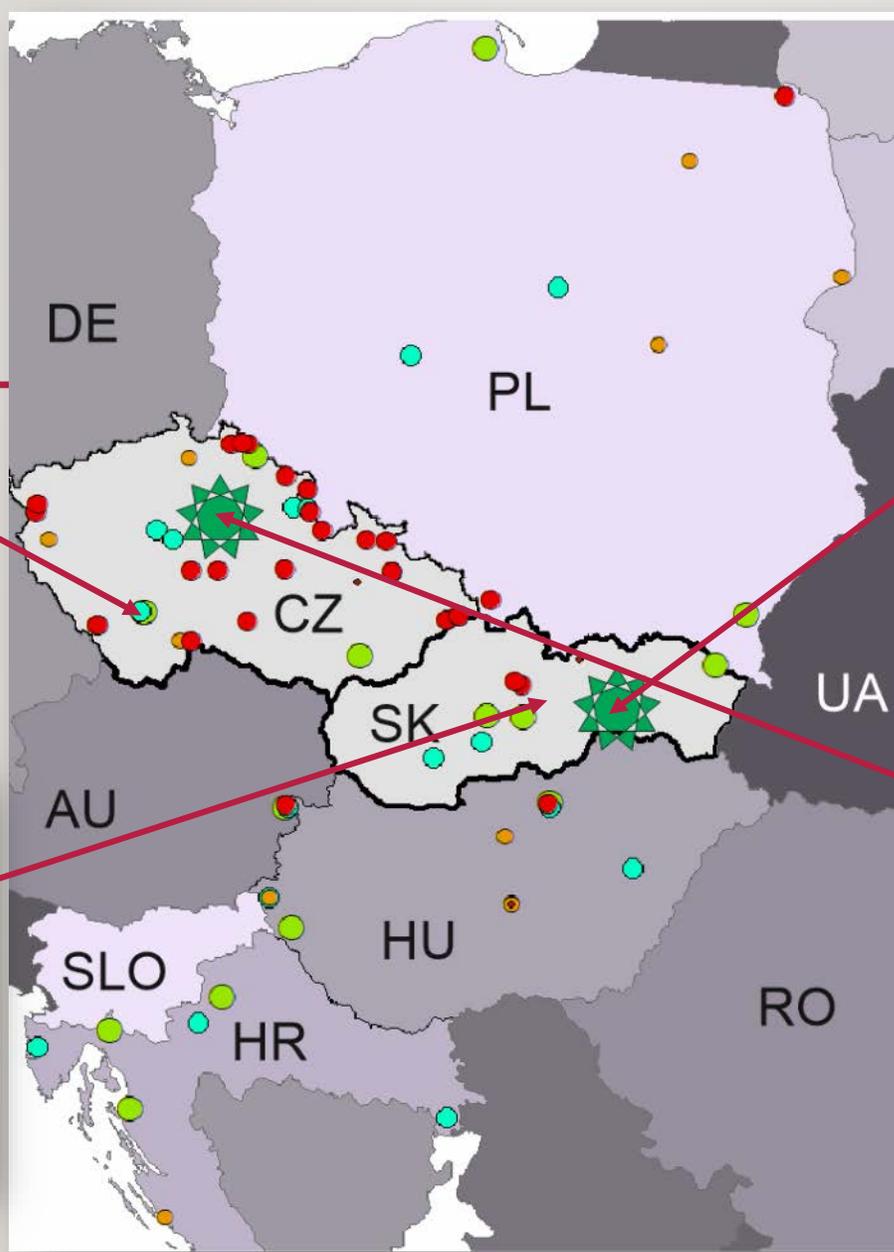
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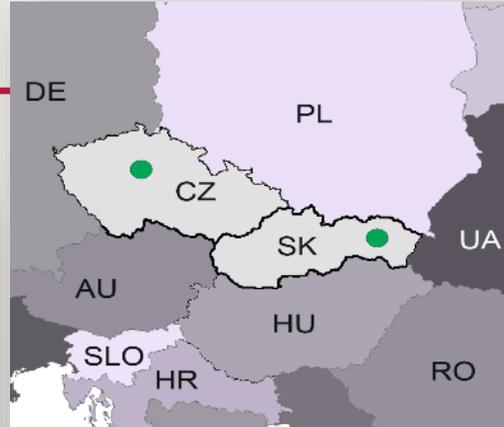
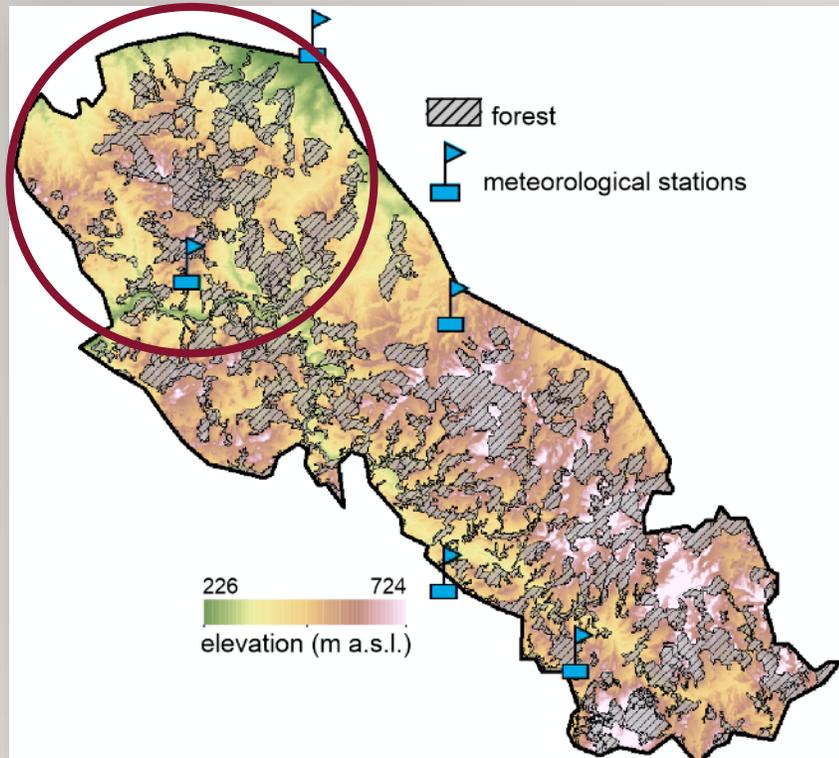
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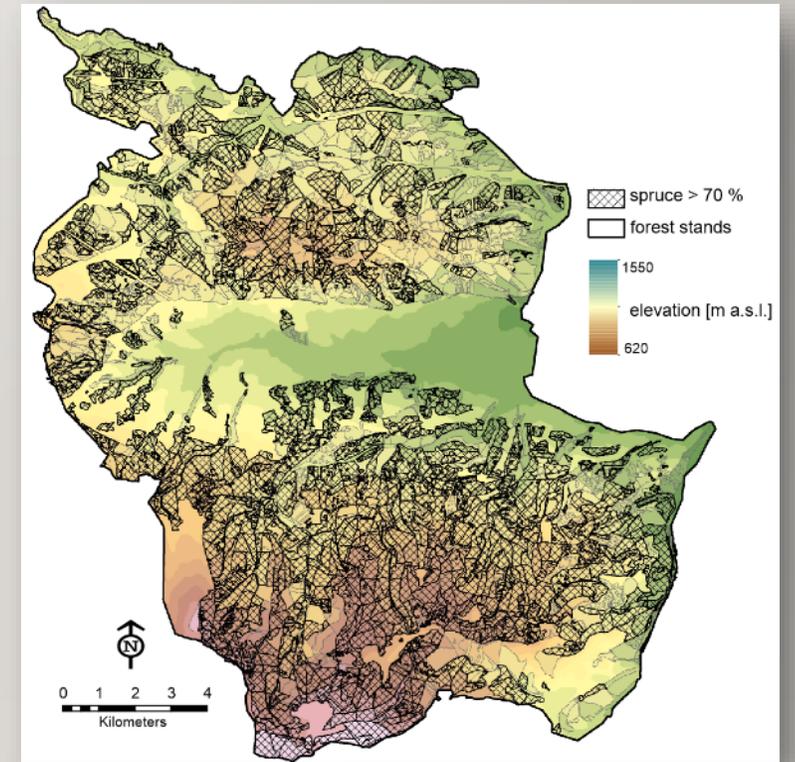


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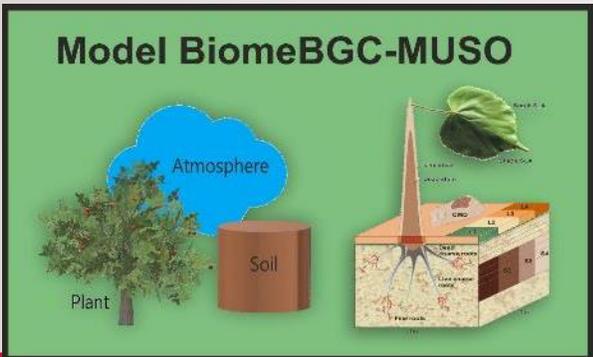


near Prague, 35 000 ha,  
spruce-pine-oak-larch,  
200-700 m a.s.l.

Low Tatras (SK), 16 000  
ha, spruce-pine-beech,  
600-1600 m a.s.l.



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### Collaborating institutions data, local knowledge ...

The map shows a network of collaborating institutions across Central Europe. Purple starburst icons are connected by red lines, indicating data and knowledge exchange between sites in Germany (Potsdam, Leipzig), Poland (Poznań, Wrocław, Kraków, Łódź), Czech Republic (Brno), Slovakia (Žilina), Austria (Graz), Hungary (Budapest, Pécs), Slovenia (Ljubljana), Croatia (Zadar), and Bosnia and Herzegovina (Sarajevo). Major cities like Berlin, Vienna, and Zagreb are also marked.



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## iLand - the individual-based forest landscape and disturbance model

Quick links: [Wiki](#) [Publications](#) [Get iLand](#)

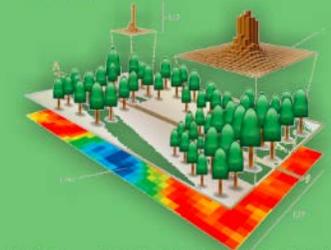
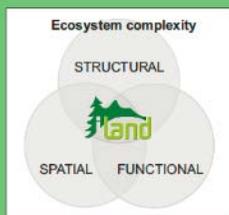


*What it is.*

iLand is a model of forest landscape dynamics, simulating individual tree competition, growth, mortality, and regeneration. It addresses interactions between climate (change), disturbance regimes, vegetation dynamics, and forest management. [Read more...](#)

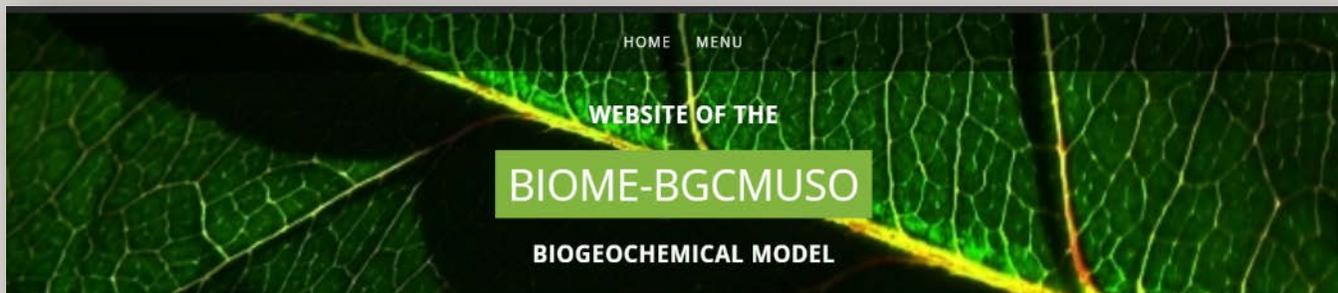
## Model iLand

- process-based ecosystem model
- simulates forest landscape dynamics at the level of individual trees
- large-scale mortality events are simulated by spatially explicit models of disturbance agent (wind, bark beetles, wildfire)
- combines approaches from physiological, gap and landscape models



Seidl, R., Rammer, W., Scholer, R.M., Spies, T.A., 2012. An individual-based process model to simulate landscape-scale forest ecosystem dynamics. Ecological Modelling 231: 87-100.

- individual tree resolution allows the simulation of complex silvicultural activities
- process-based architecture ensures robust responses of ecosystem processes to changing environmental conditions
- computational efficiency and open architecture allow for an efficient integration of complex models of human and ecological systems



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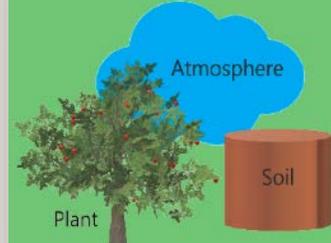
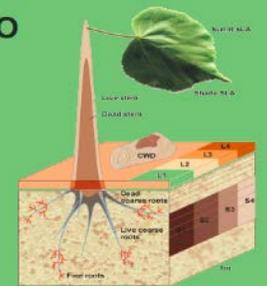
WEBSITE OF THE  
**BIOME-BGCMUSO**  
BIOGEOCHEMICAL MODEL

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Biome-BGCMuSo is a biogeochemical model that simulates the storage and flux of water, carbon, and nitrogen between the ecosystem and the atmosphere, and within the components of the terrestrial ecosystem. Biome-BGCMuSo was developed from the widely used Biome-BGC model that was created by the [Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group \(NTSG\), University of Montana](#). This website provides a brief introduction to the model highlighting the main differences between the original Biome-BGC and Biome-BGCMuSo. Biome-BGCMuSo source code and model executable are available at this website with documentation.

## MODEL BiomeBGC-MUSO

- a big leaf process-based ecosystem model
- simulates forest dynamics at a stand level
- accounts for main BioGeoChemical and hydrological processes in an ecosystem and Multilayered Soil structure



- combines cycling of carbon, nitrogen, water and energy in an ecosystem
- operation at a daily time step allows to examine the intrannual ecosystem dynamics
- computational efficiency and open architecture allow modification of process description following most recent scientific knowledge

Hidy, D., Barcza, Z., Marjanovic, H., Sever, M.Z.G., Debor, L., Gelybo, G., Fodor, N., Pintar, K., Churkina, G., Running, S., Thornton, P., 2016. Terrestrial ecosystem process model Biome-BGCMuSo v4.0: summary of improvements and new modeling possibilities. Geoscientific Model Development 9(12): 4405.

# BIOME-BGC MUSO

- An advanced version of the BiomeBGC model (Thornton et al. 1998, 2000, 2002) developed at ELTE Budapest (Hidy et al. 2016)
- Multiple soil layers, more detailed soil hydrology
- Drought related plant senescence
- Management modules: thinning, harvesting, sowing, irrigation, mowing, grazing, ploughing
- Seven phenophases with specific carbon allocation



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## Terrestrial ecosystem process model Biome-BGCMuSo v4.0: summary of improvements and new modeling possibilities

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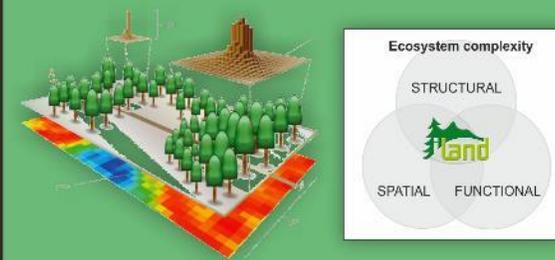
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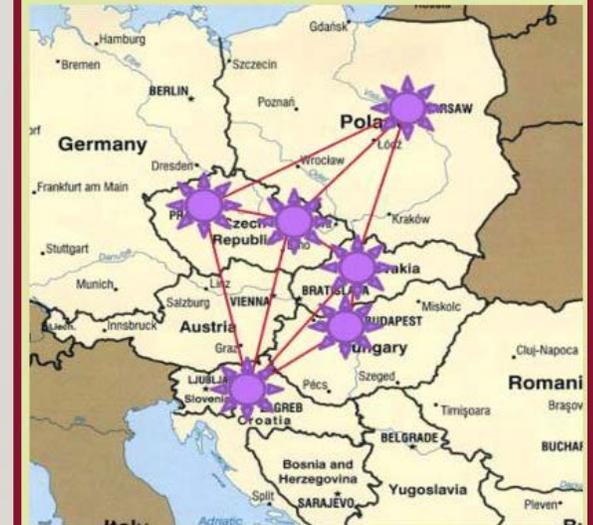
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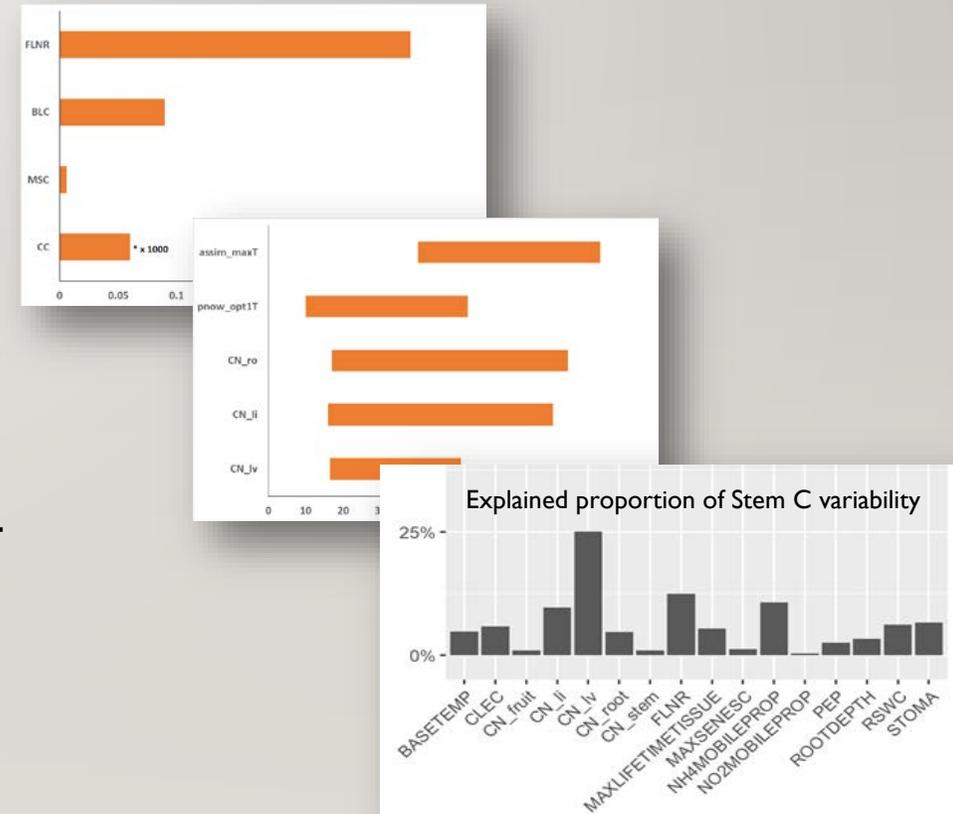
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# PARAMETER ESTIMATION, BBGC MUSO CASE

- Approximately 160 ecophysiological parameters
- New parameters on allocation, CH<sub>4</sub>, phenology, senescence, etc.
- Plausible range of each parameter for temperate tree species identified based on literature review
- Most influential parameters identified using the Monte Carlo-based sensitivity analysis
- Statistical calibration using the GLUE procedure



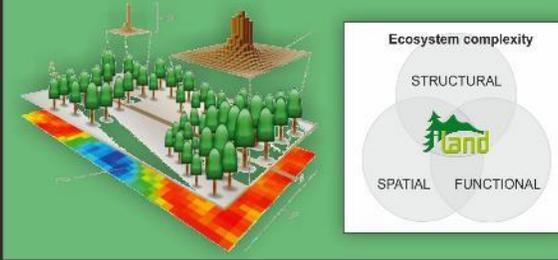
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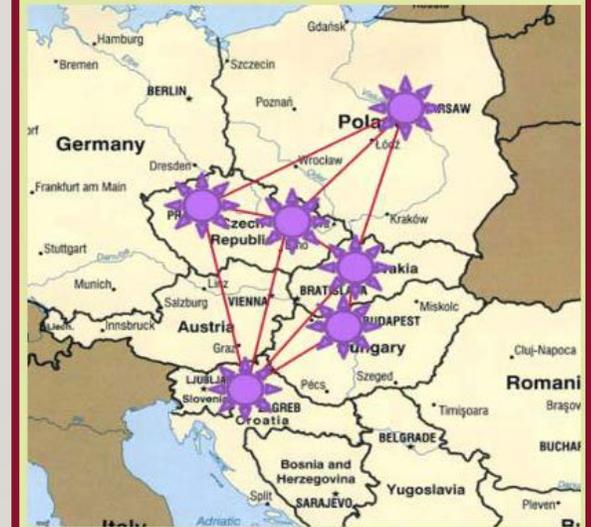
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