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- Essentially unexplored biome, numerically
- Per-area carbon flux low
- large global domain
- important for human activity

Australian temperate savannas Australian subtropical savannas Australian tropical savannas Central Asian dry forest Eastern African savannas Western African savannas Central African savannas North American tree-grass systems South American savannas

• Heterogeneous

Savanna



Community Land Model (CLM)



Figure 1. Composition and structure of vegetated patches in a grid cell. The figure shows, for a single grid cell centered on latitude 7.5[°]N and longitude 4.5[°]W, (top) the monthly leaf area index for each PFT patch and (bottom) the relative abundance of each PFT. The left panels show the fixed PFT LAI and PFT composition used in the biome data set of the standard model. The right panels show the new satellite-derived LAI and PFT composition for the same grid cell.

Bonan et al, 2002





Figure 2. Subgrid patches of glacier, lake, wetland, and vegetation in the new version of the NCAR LSM. The vegetated portion of the grid cell is divided into up to four PFTs with unique composition and leaf area.



What Vegetation Information is Available?

0 0 - 10 10 - 20

20 - 30 **30 - 40**

40 - 50 50 - 60 60 - 70

70 - 80 80 - 90 90 - 100

NoData

Canopy

- MODIS Vegetation **Cover Fraction** (VCF) Maps
- Vegetation Type Maps (Hansen, DeFries, collaborators)



Bare Ground



From Bucini et al, FRSES 2010



- Prognostic Phenology still has trouble in savanna
- otherwise, a reasonable result

Sunlit Shaded Testbed?

- Tapajos River
 National Forest,
 Brazil (KM67/KM83)
- Sites are near each other
- Virtually identicalbut look at radiation!



Sunlit/ Shaded: Tapajos K67/K83

 Is it instrument bias?

No.



So What's going on?

- River Breeze (Silva Dias et al. 2004)
- Convergence line (Lu et al. 2005)



Figure 9. Satellite image obtained from LandSat 7 ETM+ scene for path 227 and row 62, on 31 July 2001. It shows that during a clear day, the low-level cumulus clouds favor the east bank of Tapajós River. The image is located at the Web site of Tropical Rain Forest Information Center (TRFIC), which is jointly hosted by LBA-ECO and Michigan State University.

What do the Obs Show?



Differential Response: K67 is more 'linear'

Wetland Methanogenesis and Heat Flux

Estimation of methane respiration and oxidation, as well as latent and sensible heat with a saturated area derived from the topographic index.

Parker Kraus

The Topographic Index of TOPMODEL



Wetland Fraction & BGC



Methane Emissions

