# Testing robustness and plausibility of Biome-BGCMuSo simulations at a large scale

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To assess forest productivity drivers and forest ecosystem responses along an extended environmental gradient and changing conditions across Central Europe



Model

# Biome-BGCMuSo version 6.2 (Hidy et al. 2012, 2016, 2022) http://nimbus.elte.hu/bbgc/

The model simulates:

- 3 primary biogeochemical (=BGC) cycles of carbon, nitrogen, water,

through vegetation and soil in terrestrial vegetation types = biomes

- primary physiological processes: photosynthesis, evapotranspiration, respiration, decomposition, allocation of photosynthetic assimilate, mortality

= an extension of Biome-BGC model (Thornton et al. 1998, 2002, Thornton 2000) http://www.ntsg.umt.edu/project/biome-bgc

- a "big-leaf" process-based model

simulates a representative ecosystem area of 1m<sup>2</sup>

at a daily time step



# **Biome-BGCMuSo novel features**

Many upgraded or new features:

- More detailed specification of soil Multiple layers in soil specific soil texture, pH, and soil bulk density
- More detailed soil hydrology groundwater
- Phenology module seven phenophases, phase-specific carbon allocation
- Drought related plant senescence
- Management modules thi

thinning, harvesting, sowing, irrigation, mowing, grazing, ploughing





Layer 1	0-3 cm
Layer 2	3-10 cm
Layer 3	10-30 cm
Layer 4	30-60 cm
Layer 5	60 <b>-</b> 90 cm
Layer 6	90-120 cm
Layer 7	120-150 cm
Layer 8	150-200 cm
Layer 9	200-400 cm
Layer 10	400-1000 cm





#### Simulations across the spatial domain

**?** Robust **?** Plausible **?** 



#### Carbon stock in aboveground wood





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#### **Carbon stock in soil**



Soil acidification as an additional driver to organic carbon accumulation in major Chinese croplands

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#### **Relationships between stocks and fluxes**



# Summary



- Simulations across the geographical domain were robust
- ✓ Absolute values of examined carbon stocks were plausible
- ✓ Majority of patterns and trends along environmental gradients of carbon stocks and fluxes were consistent with literature

Discrepancies revealed future directions of model development

- water seems to play a minor role in affecting the simulated carbonrelated output
- coarse woody debris is overestimated due to the accumulaton during the self-initialisation procedure
- impact of soil texture needs to be examined in more detail

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### **Ecophysiological parameters**

#### **Original Biome-BGC**

(Thornton et al. 1998)

4 *forest* and 3 non-forest terrestrial types of vegetation (biomes) (White et al. 2000)

#### BOKU Species-specific parametrisation

Pietsch et al. (2005) for 6 Central European tree species

Norway spruce, European beech, Scots pine, oak spp., European larch, Cembran pine

#### Biome-BGCMuSo

(Hidy et al. 2012, 2016)

#### New ecophysiological parameters



## **Regional adaptation of Biome-BGCMuSo**

1. **Plausible ranges** of individual parameters for main temperate forest tree species • Beech

- Oak
- Spruce



2. Sensitivity analysis - Monte Carlo approach (Verbeeck et al. 2006)



#### **Other stocks and fluxes**



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#### Soil water content (Kaufmann and Cleveland, 2008)



#### Main determinants of forest soil respiration along an elevation/temperature gradient in the Italian Alps



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