



Advances in terrestrial and freshwater BGC Minjin Lee

Q1: Concerning GFDL's core strength of building and improving models of the weather, oceans, and climate for societal benefits, how can GFDL leverage advances in science and computational capabilities to improve its key models? What are the strengths, gaps, and new frontiers?

GFDL Land Model LM3-TAN (Terrestrial and Aquatic Nitrogen)

- Vegetation and soil C dynamics and biophysics [Shevliakova et al., Global Biogechem Cy, 2009]
- Terrestrial N dynamics [Gerber et al., Global Biogechem Cy, 2010]
- Terrestrial-river-lake hydrology, river routing [Milly et al., J Hydrometeorol, 2014]
- Linking terrestrial and freshwater N dynamics [Lee et al., Biogeosciences, 2014]



Contemporary (1981-2010 average) and preindustrial (1831-1860 average in parenthesis) times





The Past Two and Half Centuries of Land N Simulations

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https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-09468-4 OPEN	
Prominence of the tropics	in the recent rise
of global nitrogen pollutio	n

- Globally, land currently sequesters 11 (10-13)% of annual N inputs.
- Some river basins, releasing >25% more than they receive, are mostly located in the tropics.
- The tropics produce 56±6% of global land N pollution despite covering only 34% of global land area and receiving far lower amounts of fertilizers than the extratropics.







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Uneven consequences of global climate mitigation pathways on regional water quality in the 21st century

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- AFR (Sub-Saharan Africa)
- SAS (South Asia)
- MEA (Middle East and North Africa
- FSU (Formal Soviet Union)

- EEU (Central and Eastern Europe)
- LAC (Latin America and the Caribbean) *
- PAS (Other Pacific Asia) ▲
- CPA (Centrally Planned Asia and China)

Future Projections of River N **Pollution over the 21st Century**

Loads generally

- increase in low-income regions
- remain stable or decrease in high-income regions where agricultural advances. low food and feed production and waste, and/or well-enforced air pollution policies balance biofuel-associated fertilizer WEU (Western Europe) burdens.

PAO (Pacific OECD)

NAM (North America)

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LM3-FANSY (Freshwater Algae, Nutrient, and Solid Cycling and Yields)

A baseline for eventual linking of global terrestrial and ocean biogeochemistry in next generation Earth System Models

> simulates SS, N, and P in multiple forms (particulate /dissolved, organic/inorganic) and units (yield, load, and concentration) across globally distributed large rivers, with an accuracy comparable to other global empirical models.



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→ Inputs from terrestrial systems and the atmosphere

- Algae mortality/growth
- Resuspension/deposition or adsorption/desorption
 Diagnosis using corresponding stoichiometric ratios
- Diagnosis using corresponding stoicniometric ratios
 Decomposition/hydrolysis/nitrification/denitrification





Model description paper

Linking global terrestrial and ocean biogeochemistry with process-based, coupled freshwater algae–nutrient–solid dynamics in LM3-FANSY v1.0

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Motivation for the Global Integrated Microbial Interactions with Carbon in Soil (GIMICS) Development

- CMIP6 Earth System Models (ESMs), except for the NOAA/GFDL ESM4.1, do not explicitly represent soil microbial dynamics.
- ESM4.1's soil C module (i.e., CORPS) represented soil C dynamics above permafrost and underpredicted the total amount of soil C. Ito et al. (2020)



- Observational data shown by grey horizontal bars
- 15 CMIP land model estimates
 - Soil: 1413±688 \bigcirc
 - Litter: 185±88 (11.9, Ο 1.7-27.8% of soil)
 - Total: 1553+672 \bigcirc





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Basic Structure of GIMICS

Retained structure from CORPSE	 2 aboveground (1 coarse wood litter, 1 leaf litter) layers 40 belowground (20 rhizosphere , 20 bulk soil) vertically resolved layers in 10 m depth
Adoption from	 Equations of MIMICS demonstrating the microbial
MIMICS	physiology and soil physiochemical principles
New	 Explicit DOC cycling Vertical and horizontal transport of C through
introduction to	bioturbation, diffusion, advection, and runoff to rivers Soil moisture effects on decomposition/oxidation Turnover rate dependence on microbial density Dependence of microbial growth efficiency on
GIMICS	temperature
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Preliminary On-going Global Spin-up Simulation ofLM4.2-GIMICSViscarra Roseel & Hicks (2015); Xu et al. (2013)

- HOC (Cc): ~46-60%; ROC (Cp): 25-33%; POC (Ca): 12-23%
- Microbes: 2 (0.5-5)% of soil







Preliminary Global LM4.2-GIMICS Zonal Results



Further Model Development Plans - LM4-GIMICS-FANSY

Continued GIMICS enhancements

• Addition of erosion processes

- Introducing the CH4 cycle
- Coupling with the N cycle (NO-GIMICS)

Continued FANSY enhancements

- Coupling with freshwater C and alkalinity dynamics
- Introducing anthropogenic hydraulic controls
- Enhancement of sediment dynamics





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