



Updates to the crop model for CTSM6 (and since CTSM5)

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- Email list and regular discussions (monthly to quarterly)
- Planning to revive this starting in the fall



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CTSM5.1: Bioenergy crops

- *Miscanthus* and switchgrass
- Uptake more C than maize/soy rotation, with similar evapotranspiration
- Not actually in CTSM land-use inputs at this point

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Key Points:

Parameterizing Perennial Bioenergy Crops in Version 5 of the Community Land Model Based on Site-Level Observations in the Central Midwestern United States

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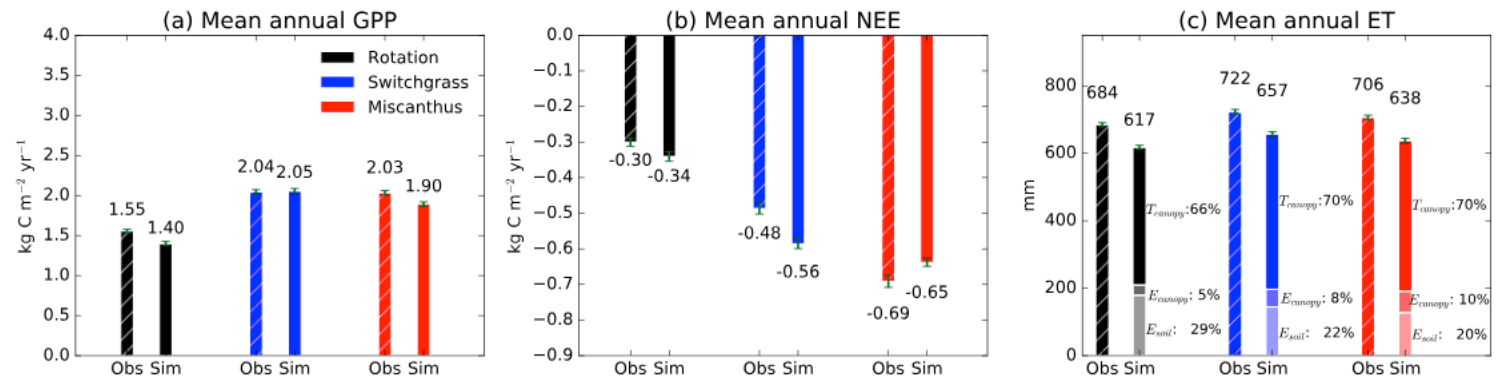


Figure 6. Five-year-average observed (hatched) and simulated annual (a) gross primary productivity (GPP), (b) net ecosystem exchange (NEE), and (c) evapotranspiration (ET) together with its component contribution for maize/soybean rotation (black bar), switchgrass (blue bar), and Miscanthus (red bar). Obs: observed; Sim: simulated; E_{soil} : soil evaporation; E_{canopy} : canopy evaporation; T_{canopy} : canopy transpiration.

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CTSM5.2: New outputs

tinyurl.com/ctsm-outputs-nofates
CTSM User's Guide Sect. 1.2.5

- **GRAINC_TO_FOOD_ANN**: You don't have to save daily GRAINC_TO_FOOD to get yield anymore!
- Sowing and harvest dates: **SDATES**, **HDATES**
- Nitrogen in harvested crop biomass: **GRAINN_TO_FOOD**, **GRAINN_TO_SEED**
- Various per-harvest (**_PERHARV**) outputs: Simplifies analyses for individual growing seasons

Docs » 1. CTSM1 User's Guide » 1.2. Setting Up and Running a Case »
1.2.5. CTSM History Fields (nofates)

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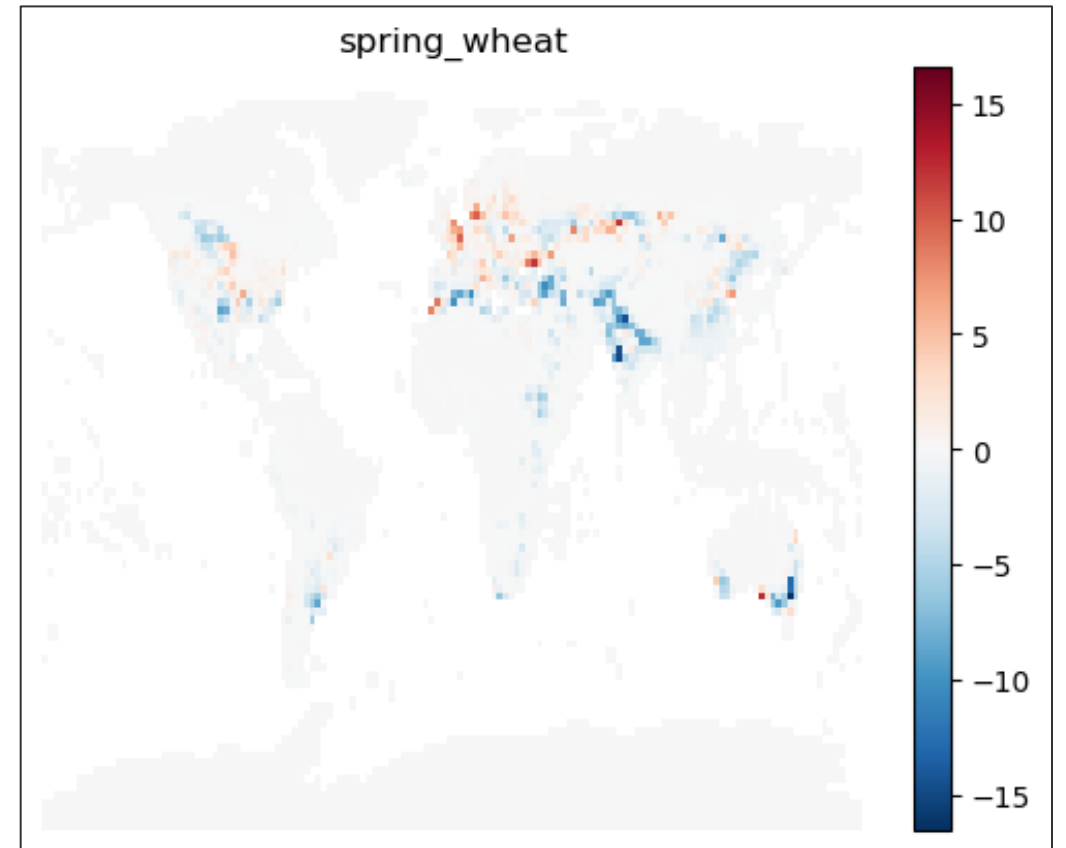
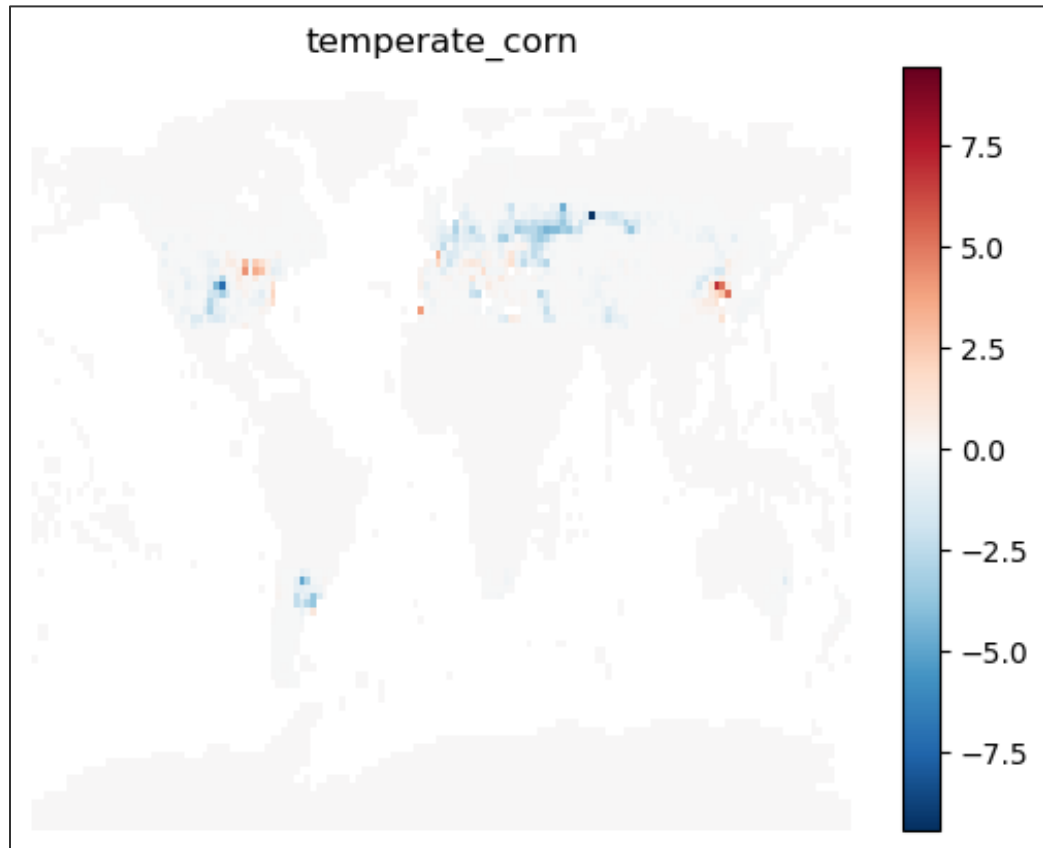
CAUTION: Not all variables are relevant / present for all CTSM cases. Key flags used in this CTSM case: use_cn = T use_crop = T use_fates = F

CTSM History Fields

Variable Name	Level Dim.	Long Description
A10TMIN	•	10-day running mean of mir
A5TMIN	•	5-day running mean of min :
ACTUAL_IMMOB	•	actual N immobilization
AGLB	•	Aboveground leaf biomass

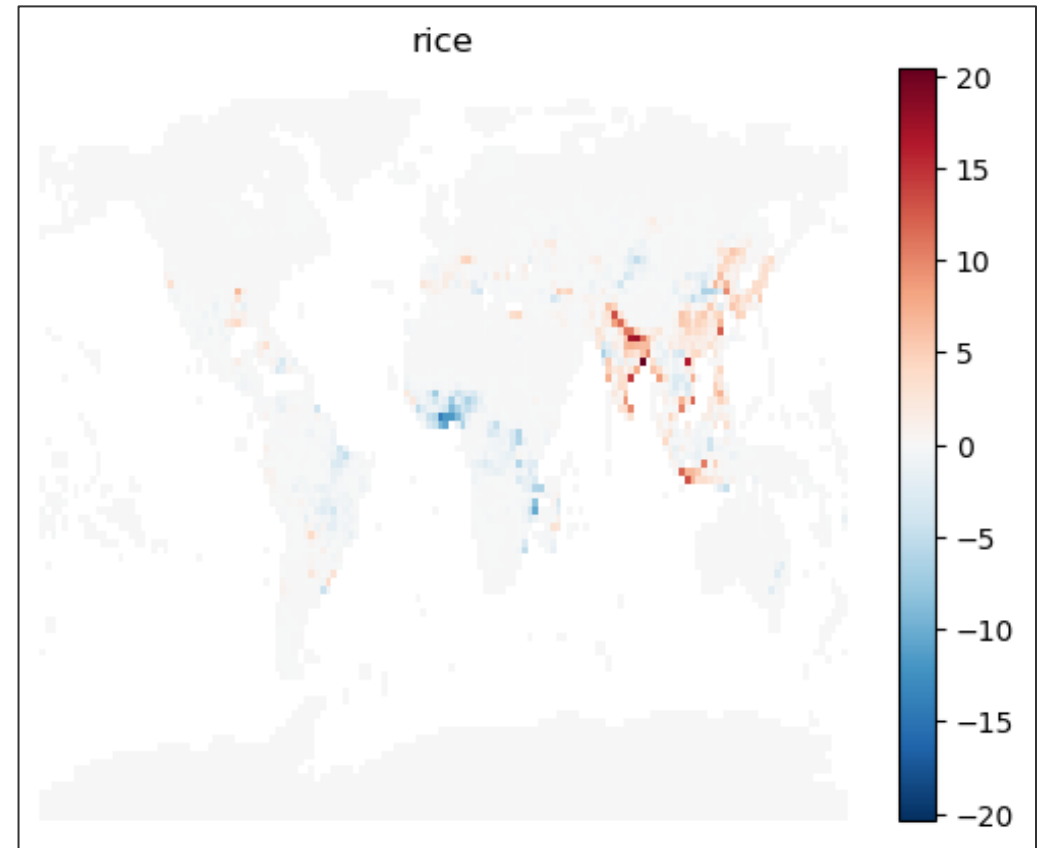
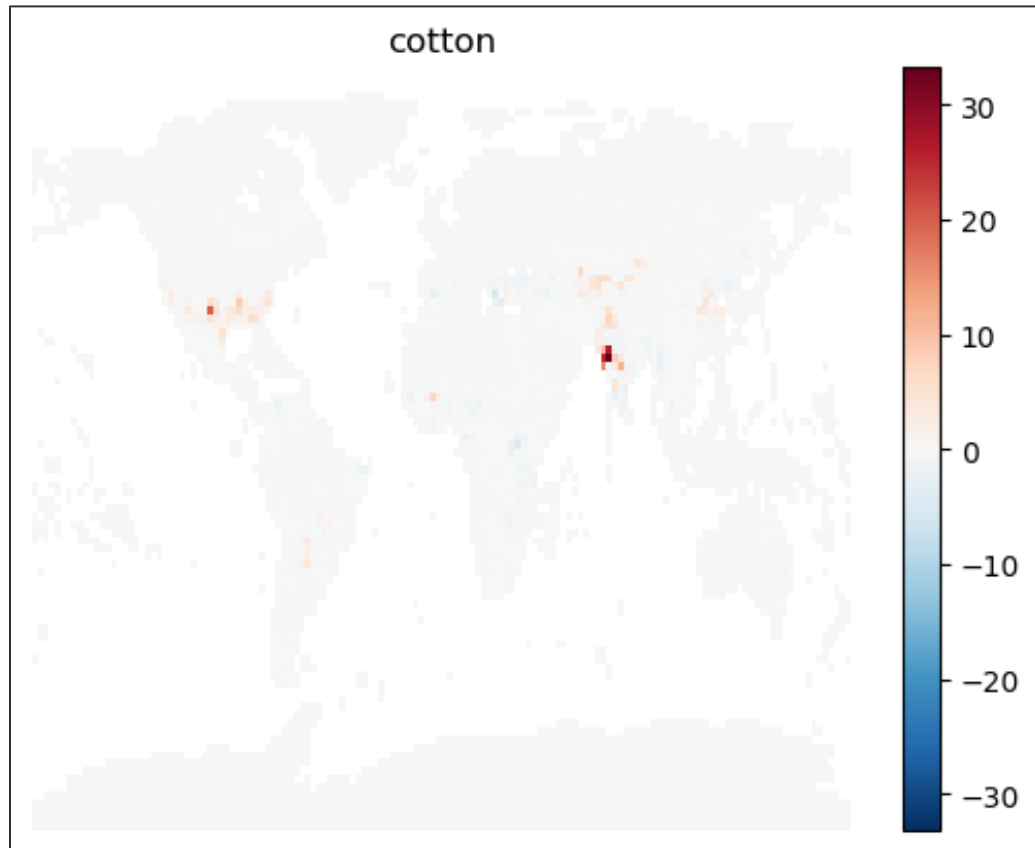
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Change in % of gridcell, 2010, CTSM 5.1 to 5.2



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Tillage as a multiplier (>1) on decomposition rate in top 26 cm of soil

Table 1. Decomposition rate multipliers for various soil carbon pools based on DayCent tillage implements for 'high' and 'low' intensive tillage treatments. DAP = days after planting; Litter2 = CLM litter pool 2; Litter3 = CLM litter pool 3; SOM1 = CLM soil organic matter pool 1; SOM2 = CLM soil organic matter pool 2; SOM3 = CLM soil organic matter pool 3.

DAP	Litter2	Litter3	SOM1	SOM2	SOM3
High intensity scenario					
0–15	1.8	1.8	1.2	4.8	4.8
15–45	1.5	1.5	1	3.5	3.5
45–75	1.1	1.1	1	2.5	2.5

Default "low" intensity

CTSM5.2: Residue removal

**Evaluating the Interactions of Crop Management, Carbon Cycling, and Climate
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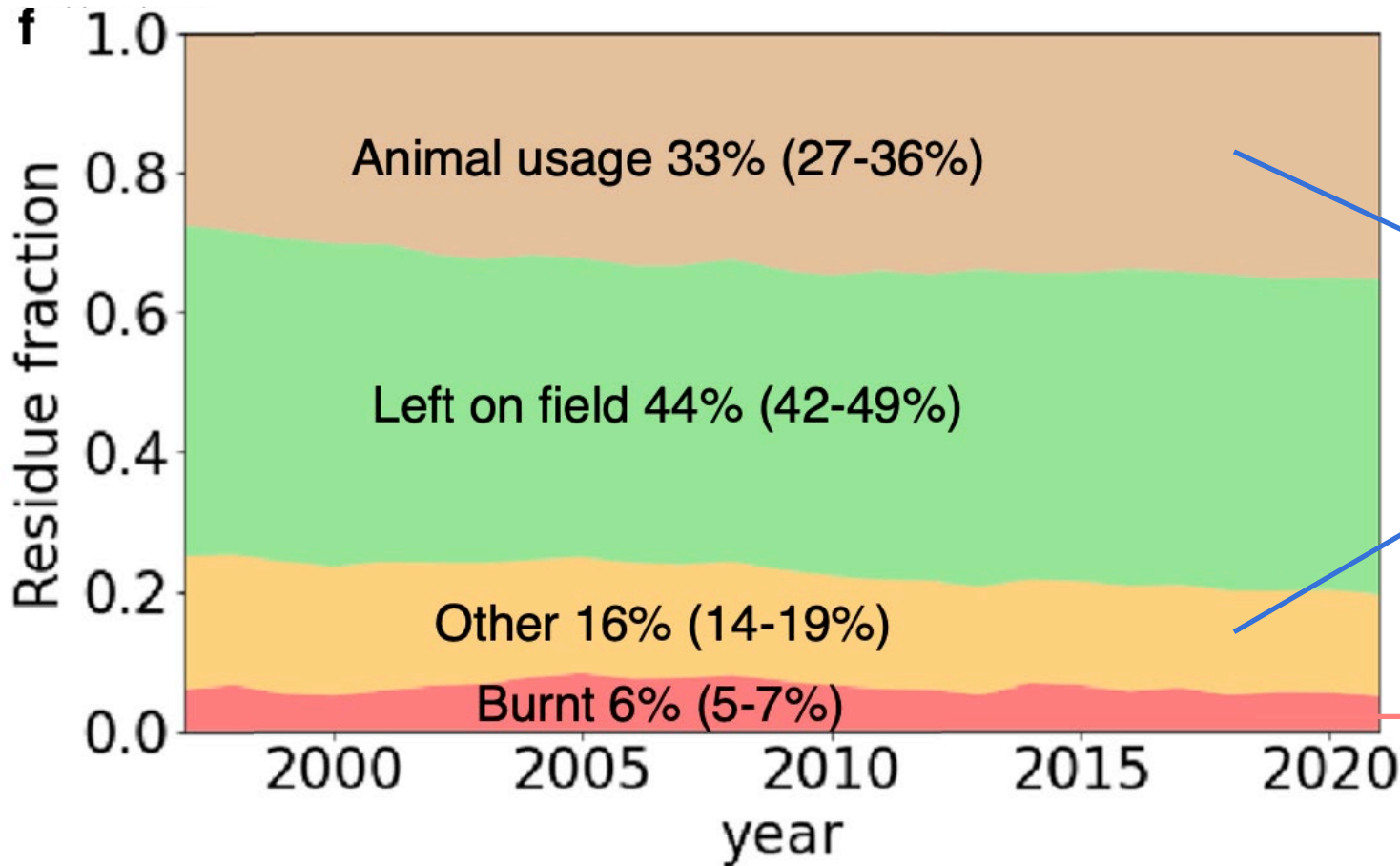
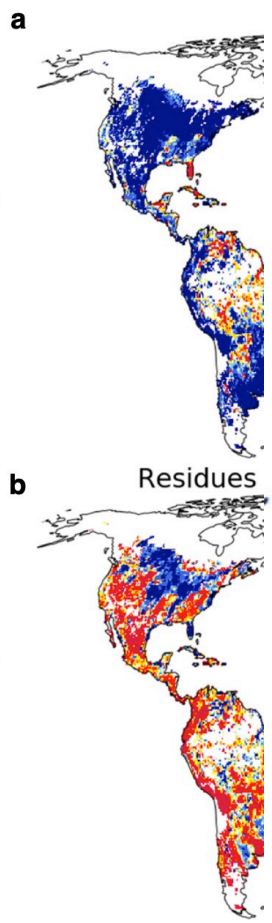
CHAPTER 4. ADDING FULL RANGE OF CROP MANAGEMENT PRACTICES INCREASES LAND USE CHANGE EMISSIONS AND REDUCES SOIL CARBON IN THE COMMUNITY LAND MODEL

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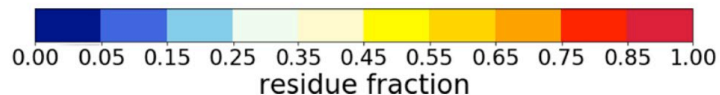
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→ “crop product” pool (1-yr res. time)

How much?



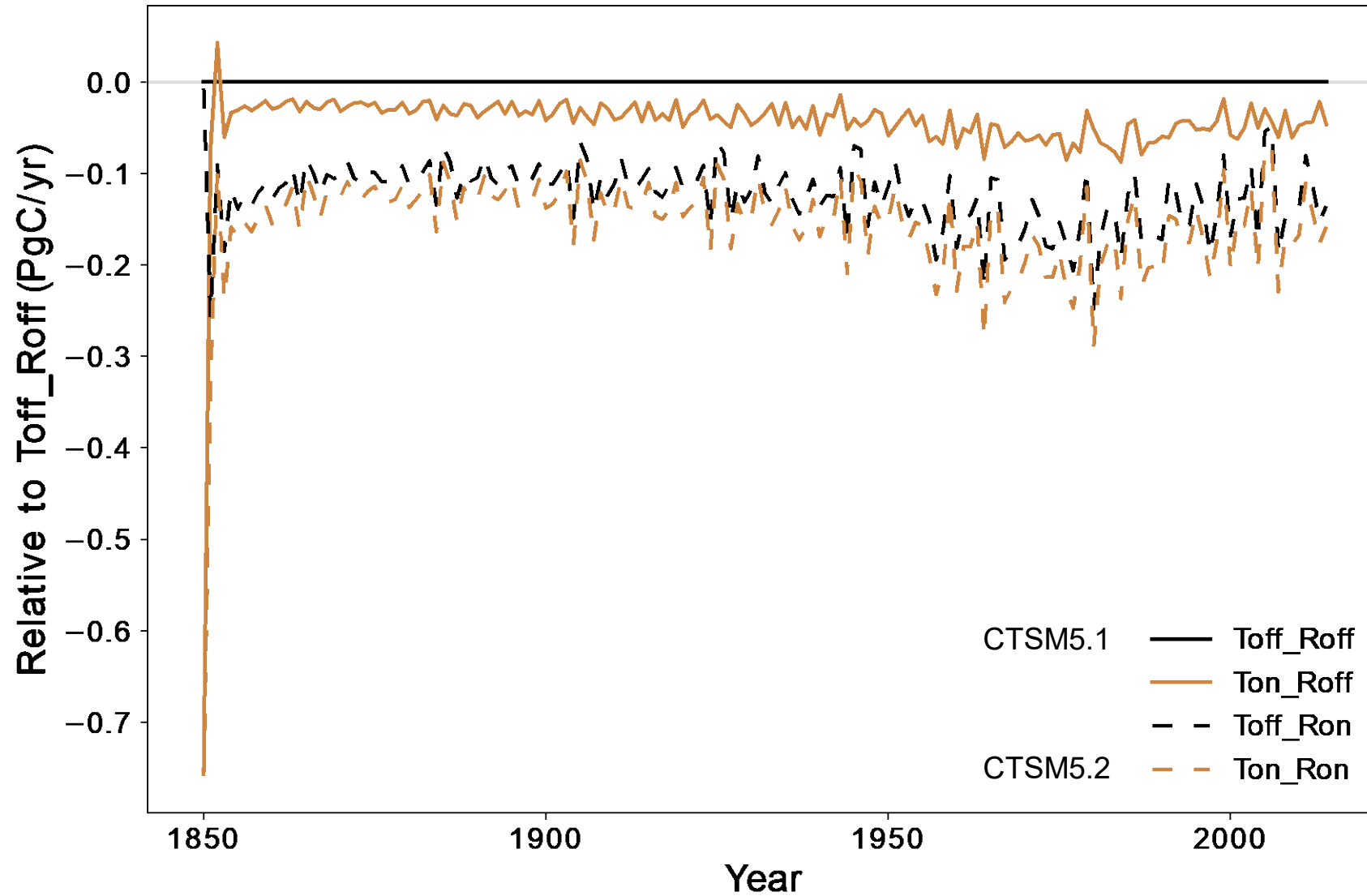
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(CTSM has crop residue burning)



CTSM5.2: Tillage & residue removal

NBP



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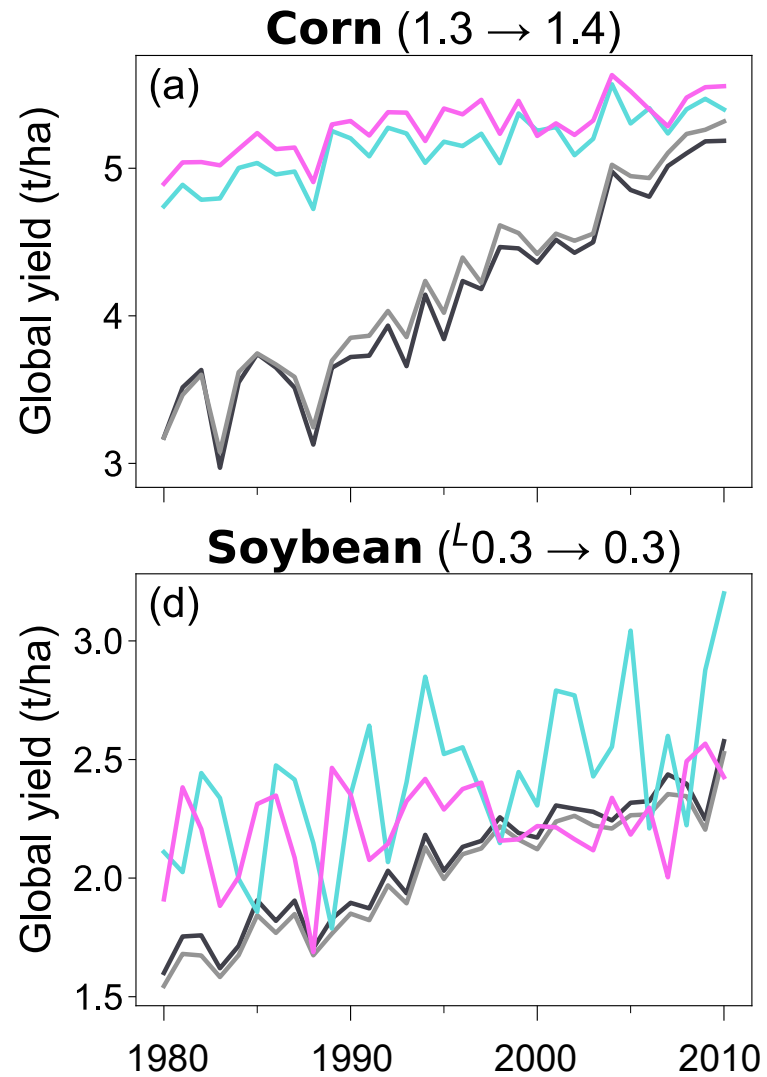
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- ***Not prognostic***
- ***Often worse than default behavior***
- ***You probably shouldn't use these!***
- Use cases?
 - Use arbitrary calendar algorithms without needing to code them into CLM
 - Participate in model intercomparisons like GGCM I
 - **Force CLM with observed seasons to understand and improve crop PFTs**

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