The soil carbon in ORCHIDEE

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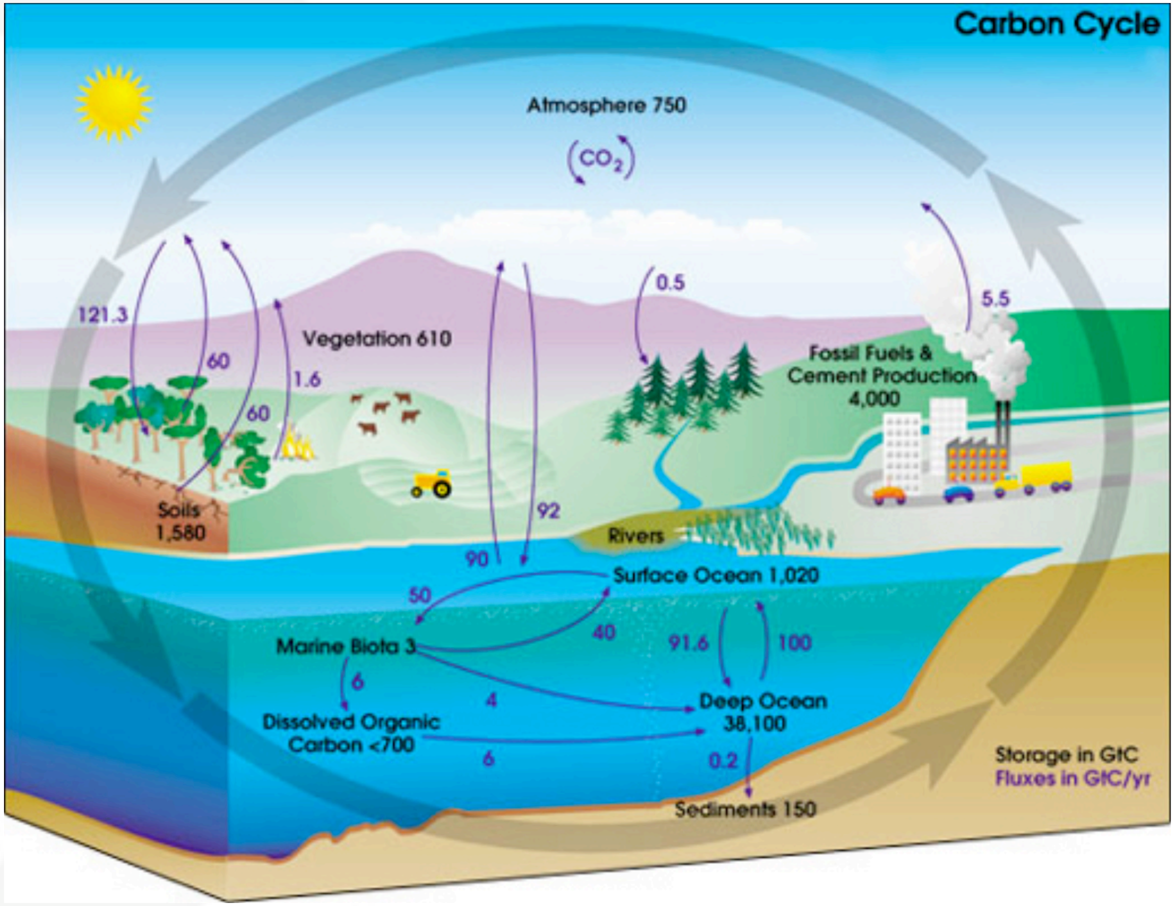
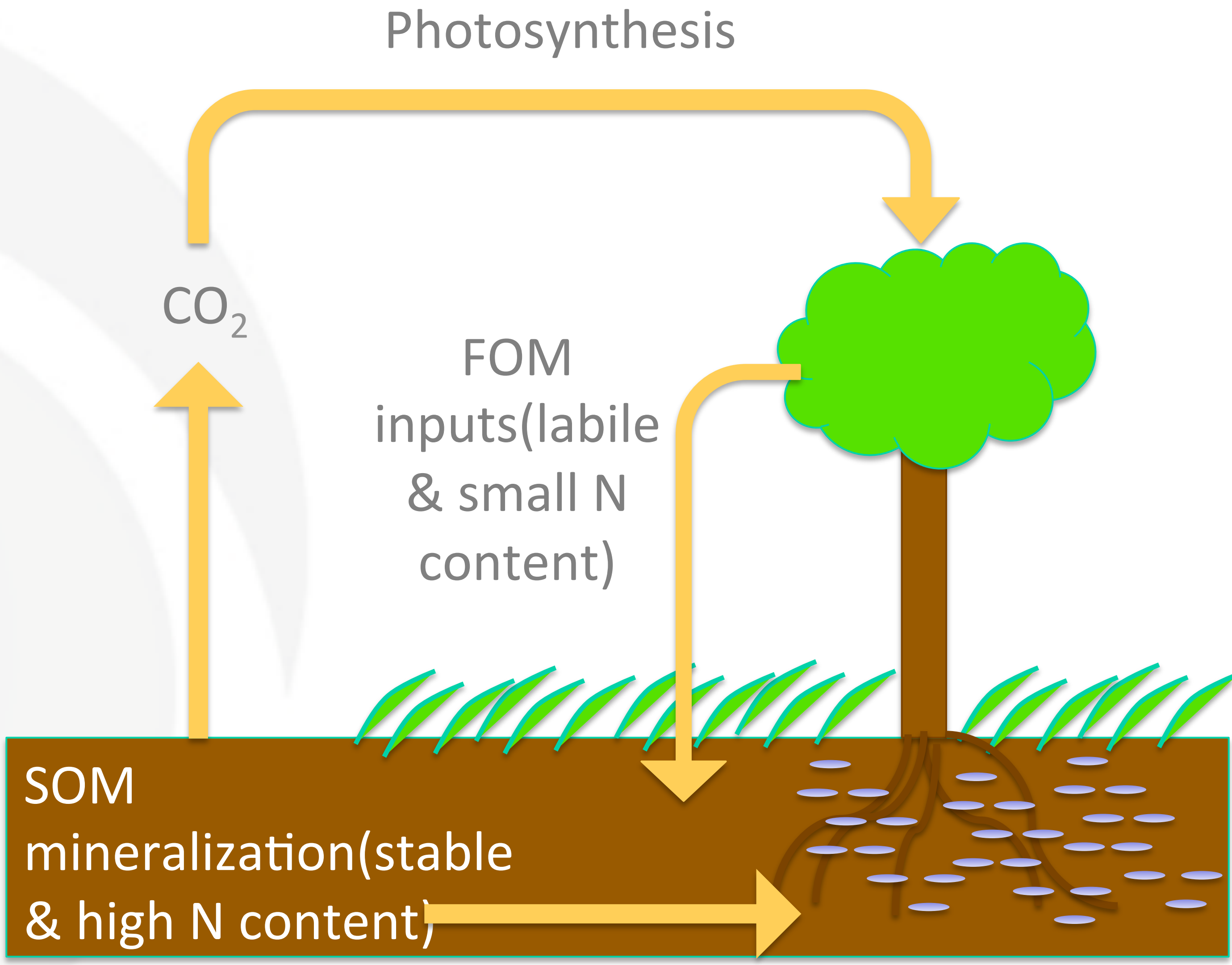
THE GLOBAL C CYCLE AND ITS SOIL COMPONENT

- The C cycle: a complex cycle composed of different pools.
- These pools interact *via* different fluxes.



SOILS: MAJOR ACTORS OF THE C CYCLE

- Temperature and humidity(Reichstein et al., 2003)
- Amount and chemical composition of the Fresh Organic Matter (FOM) (Guenet et al., 2010)



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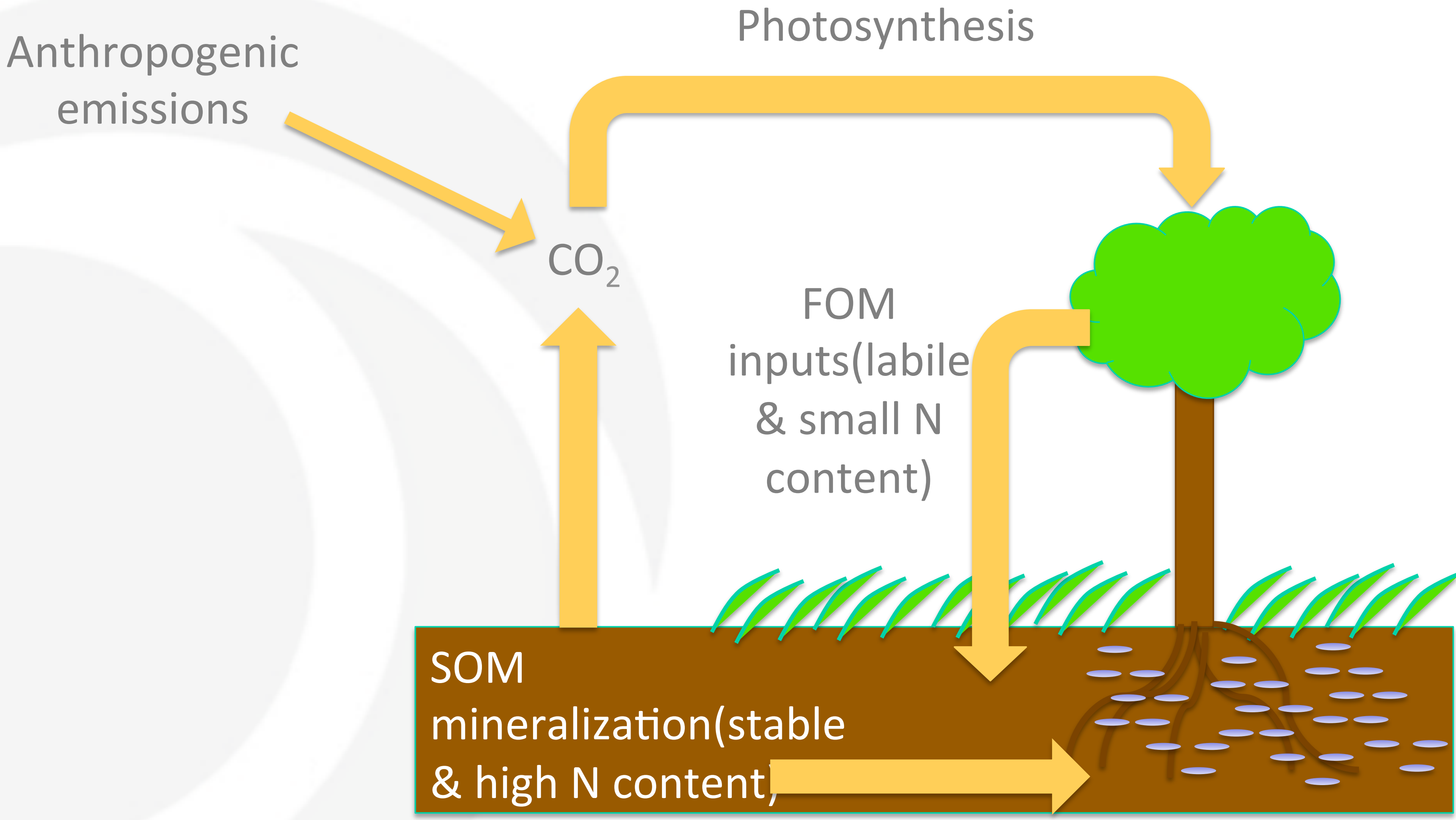

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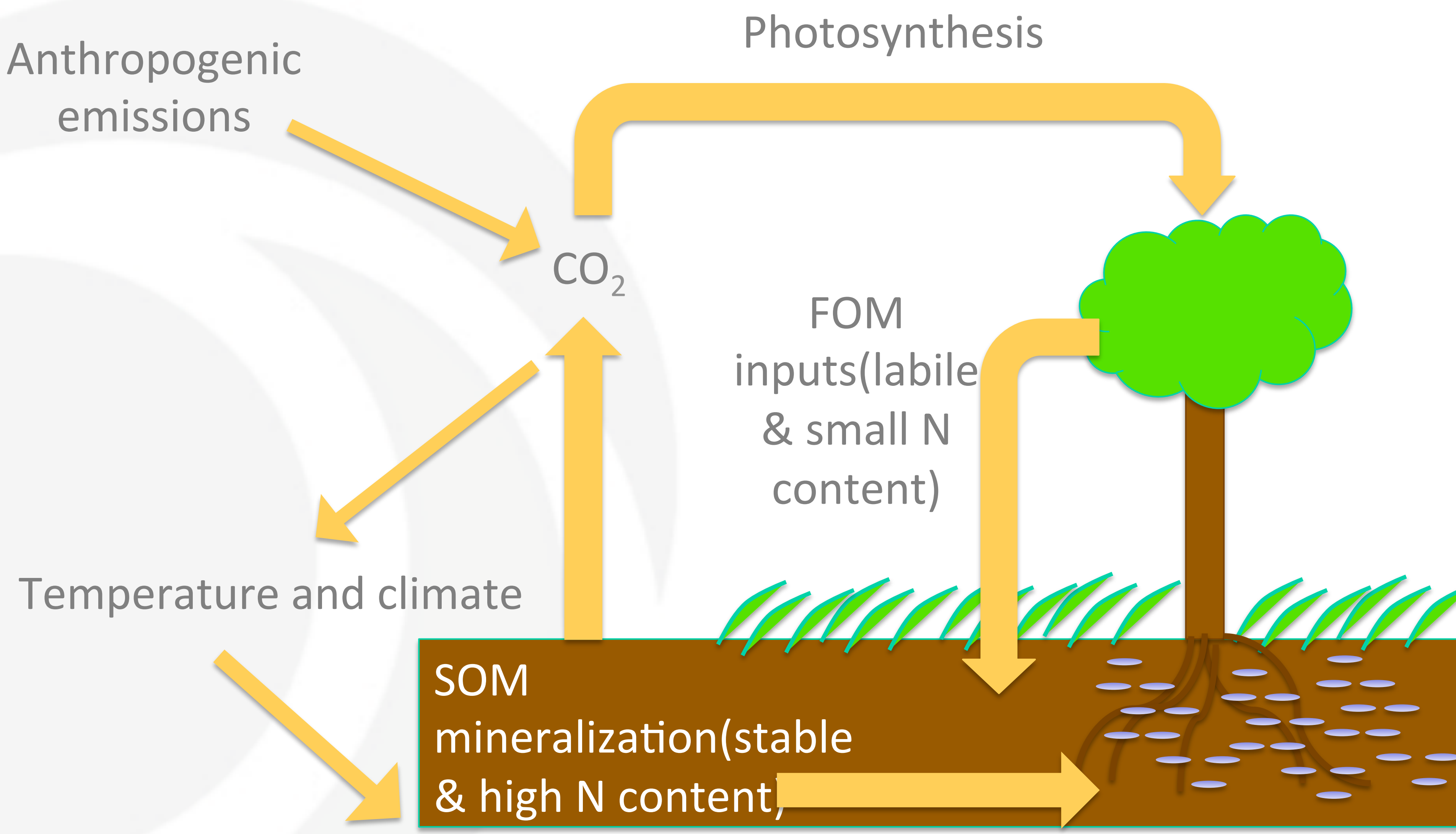

THE SOIL C IN ORCHIDEE

- Soil representation mainly based on CENTURY (Parton et al., 1987).

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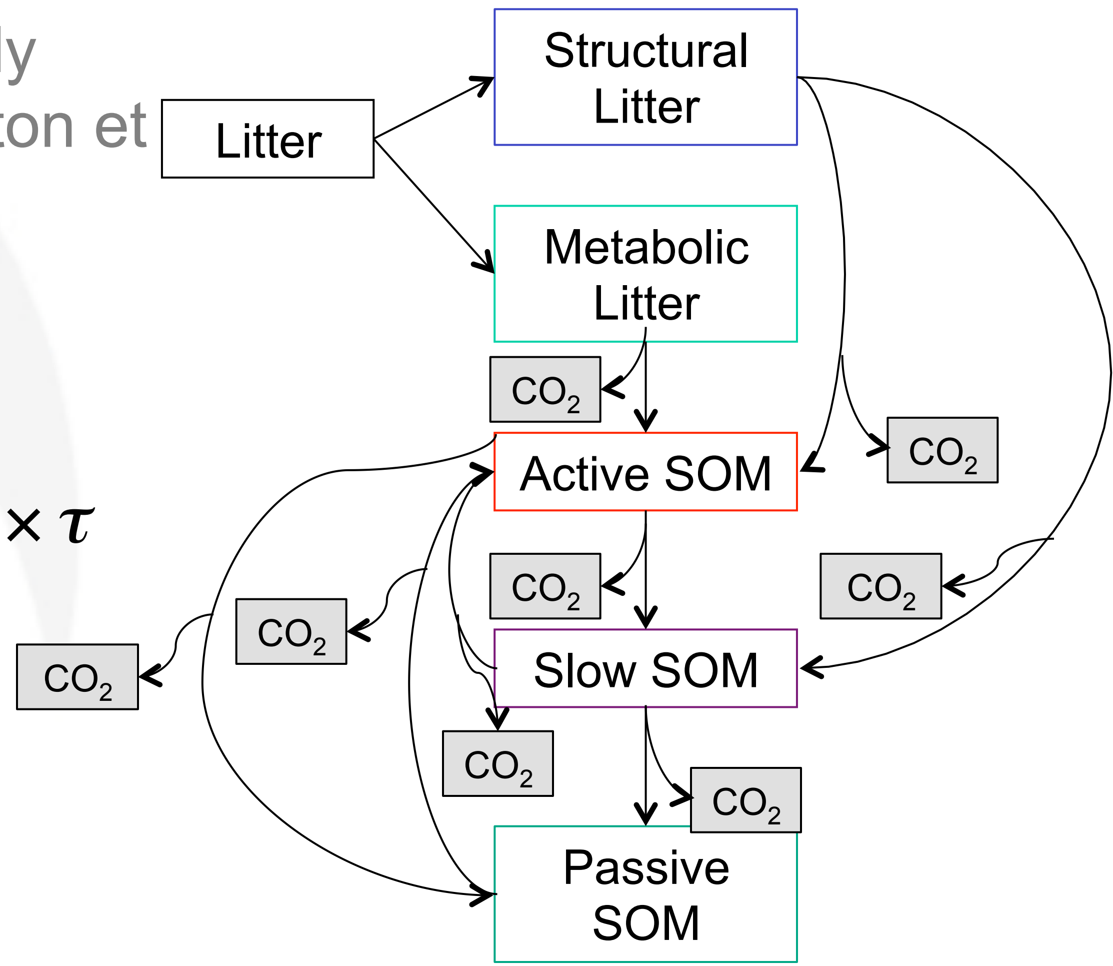


THE SOIL C IN ORCHIDEE

- Split between stomate_litter.f90 and stomate_soilcarbon.f90
- Run at ½ hourly time-step whereas stomate runs at daily time-step.
- Moisture and temperature function calculated in stomate_litter.f90

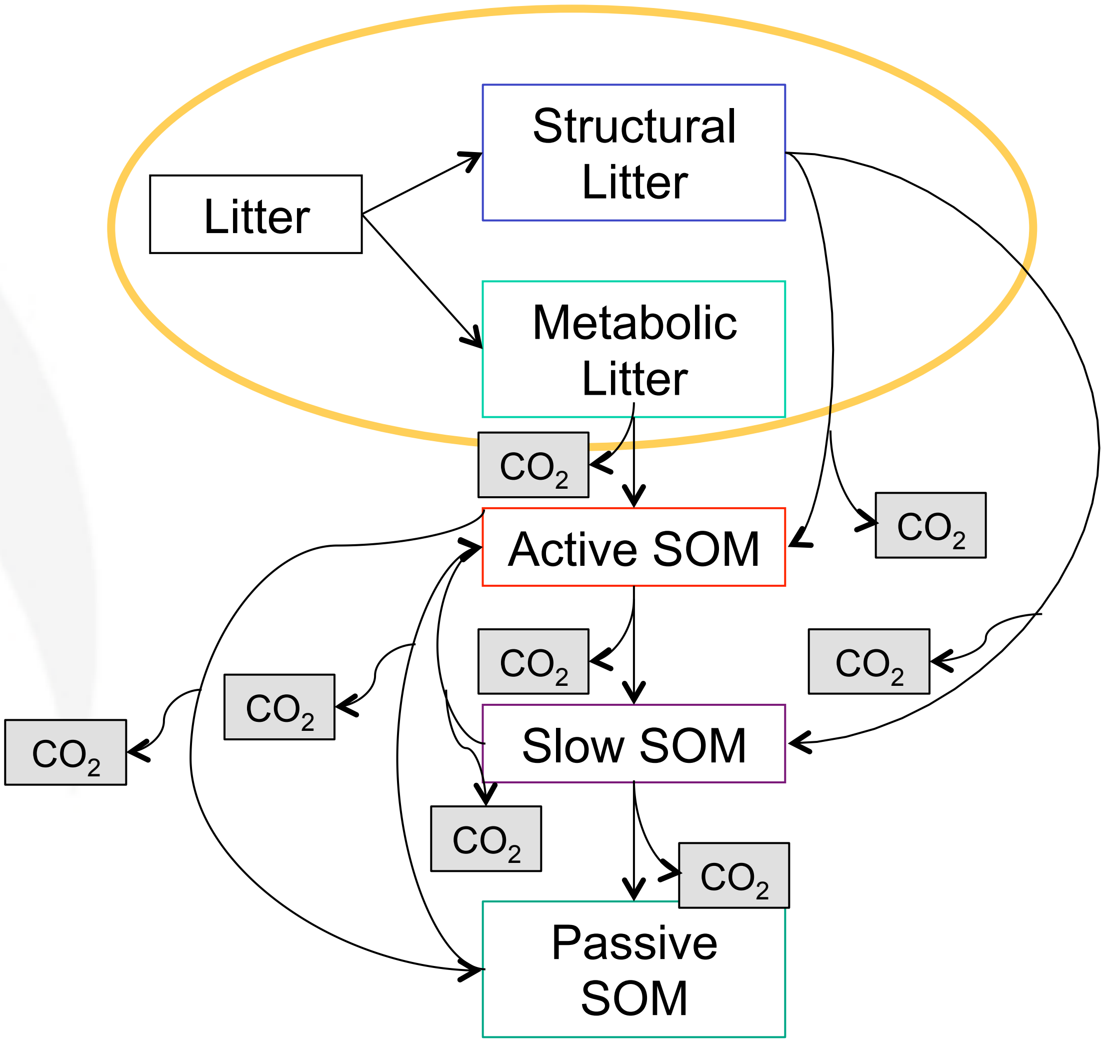
$$\tau = Q_{10}^{(T - Topt)/10}$$

$$\theta = Max(0.25, Min(1, M))$$

$$M = -1.1 * SM^2 + 2.4 * SM - 0.29$$

THE SOIL C IN ORCHIDEE

- Input from plants through *bm_to_litter* and *turnover*
- Split between above and below ground
- Split into two pools: metabolic/structural depending on lignin and N content of the litter.



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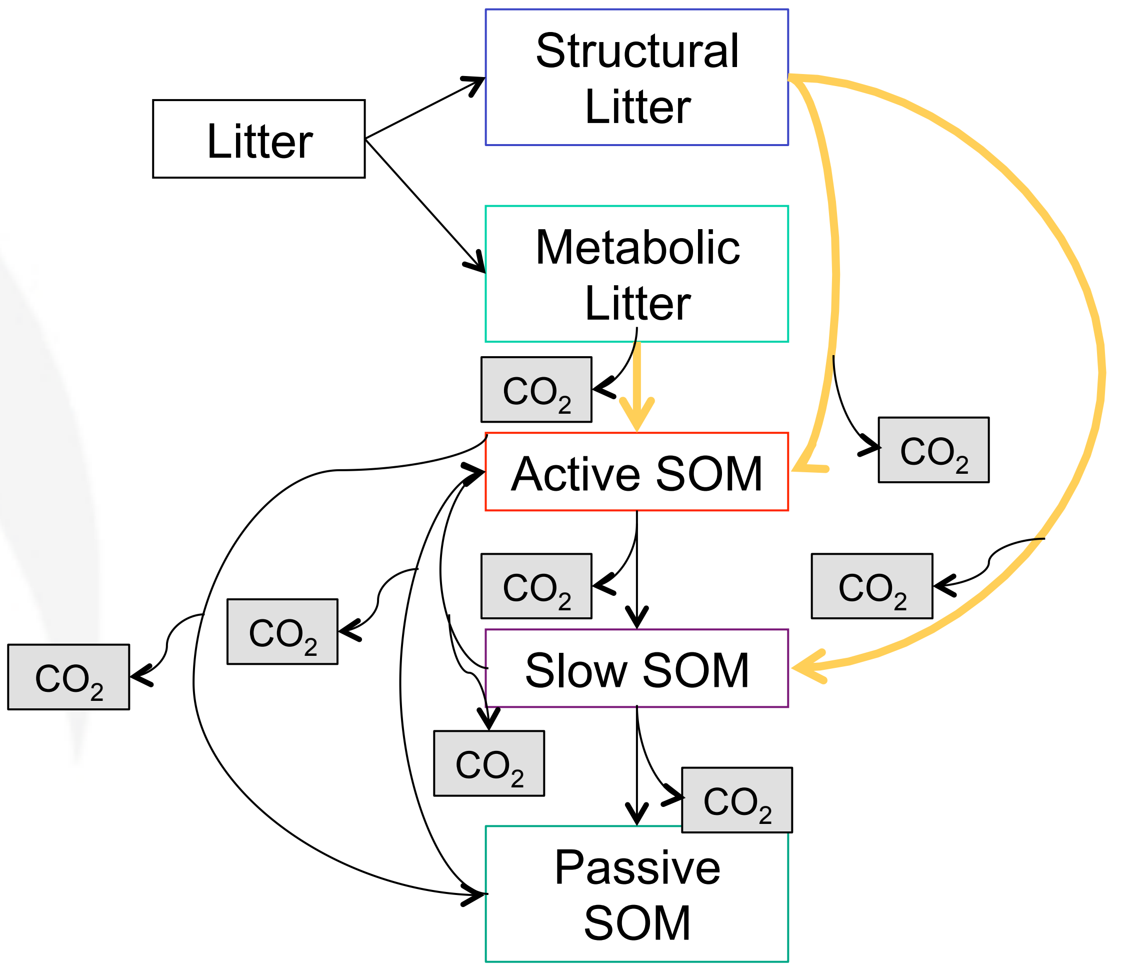
- Inputs from litter decomposition in *soilcarbon_input*
- Distributed into the active and slow pools control by the lignin content.



THE SOIL C IN ORCHIDEE

- Decomposition following 1st order kinetics.

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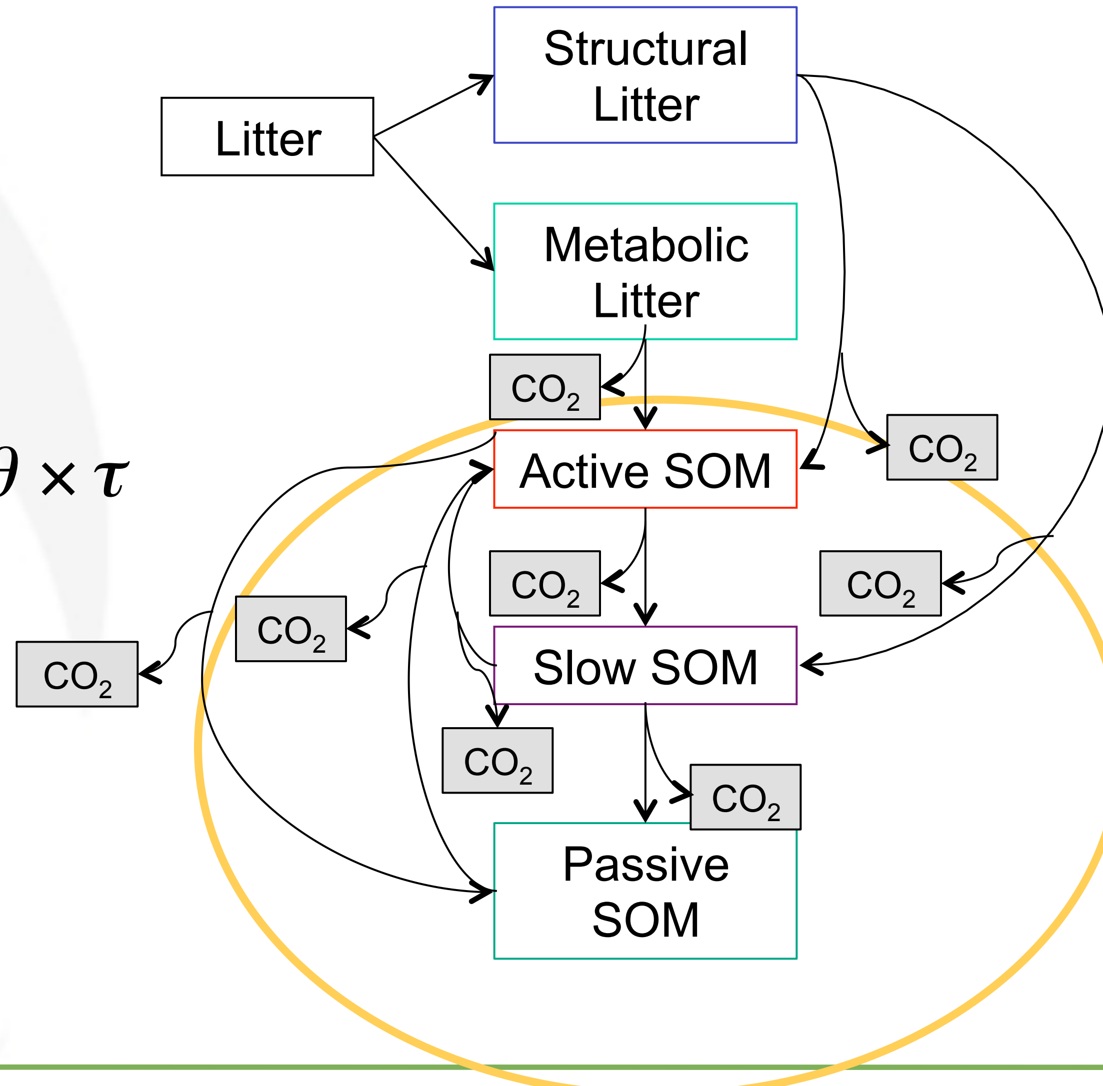
- A fraction of C decomposed is respired the 1-resp is distributed in the other pools.



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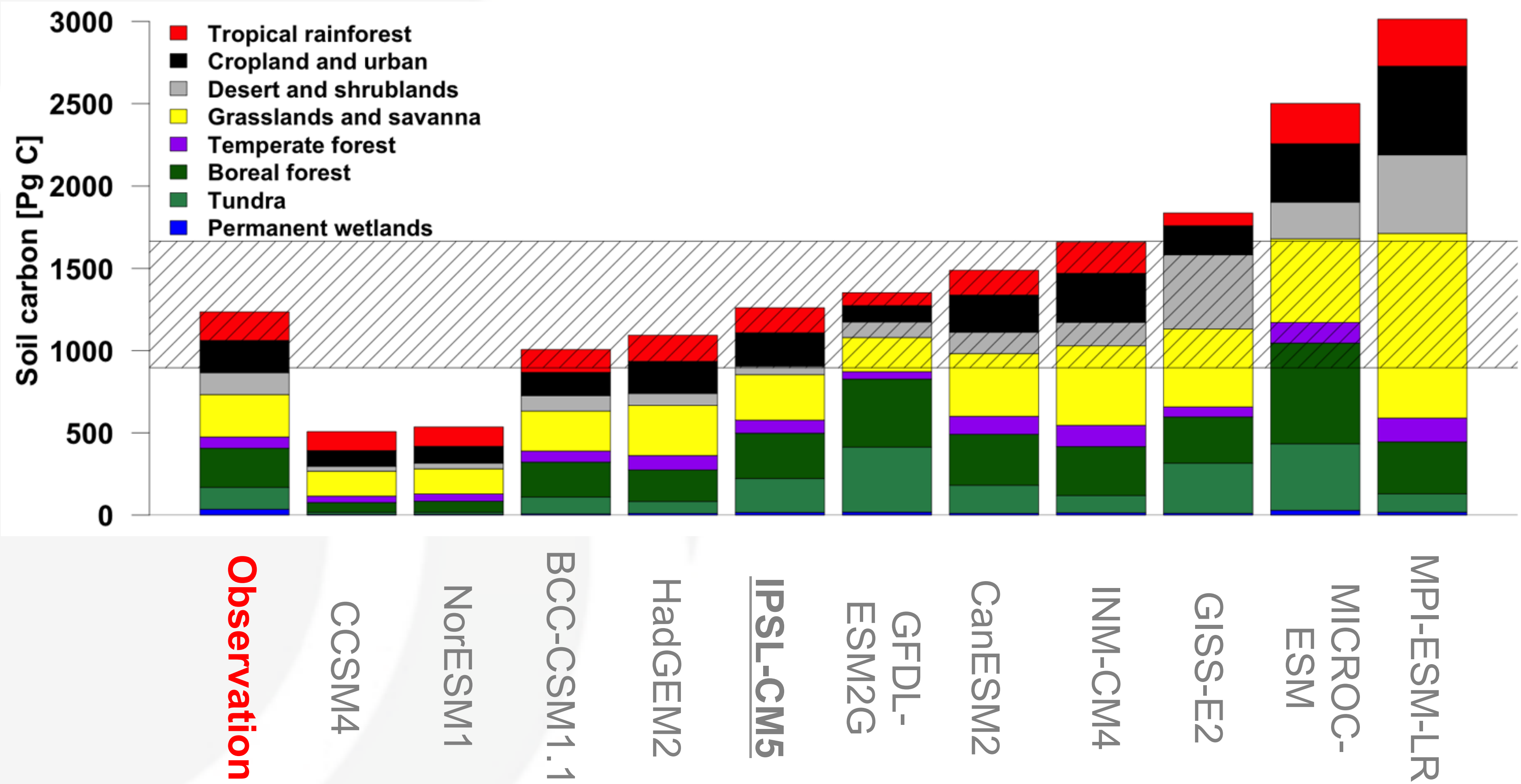

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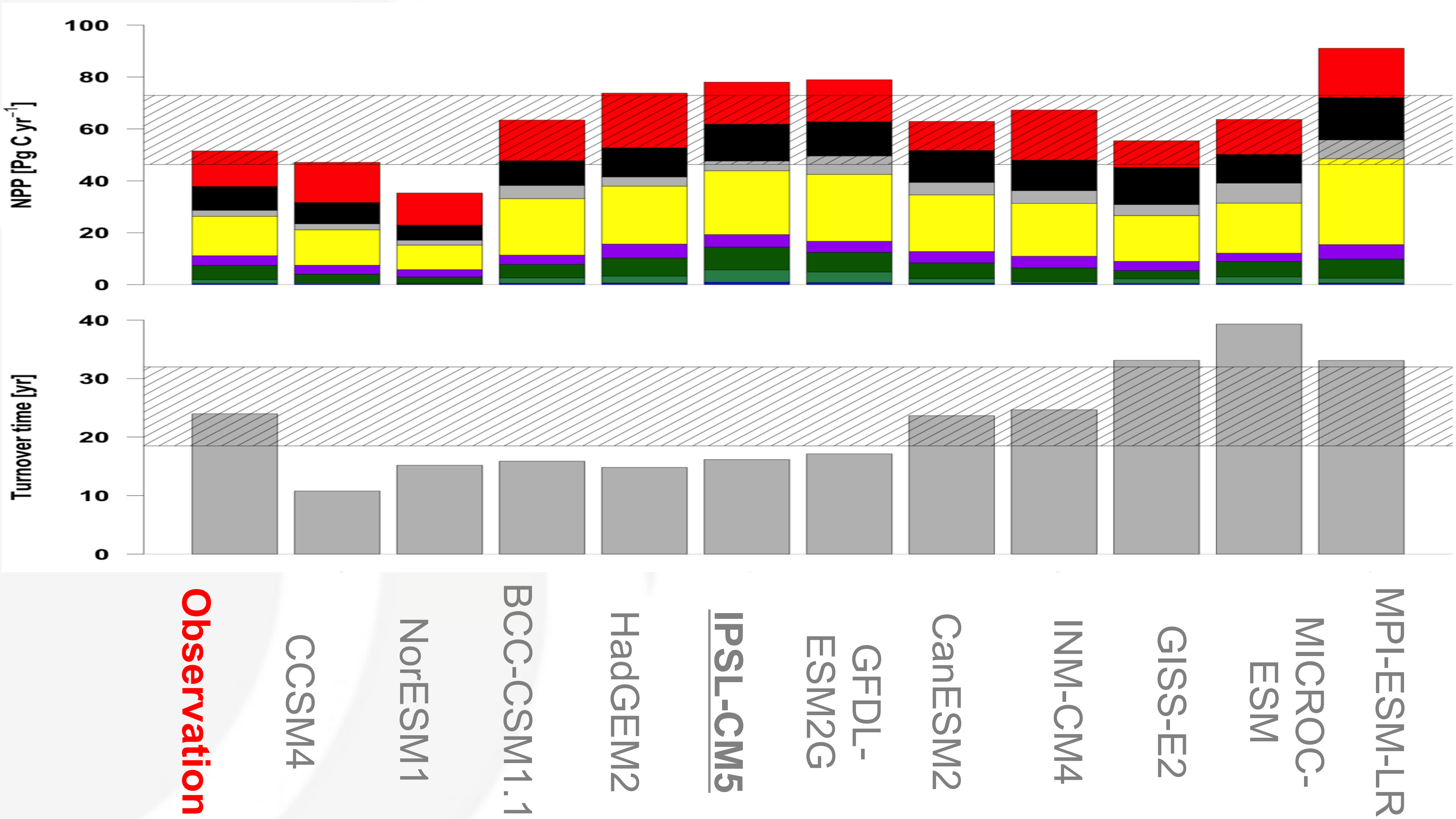

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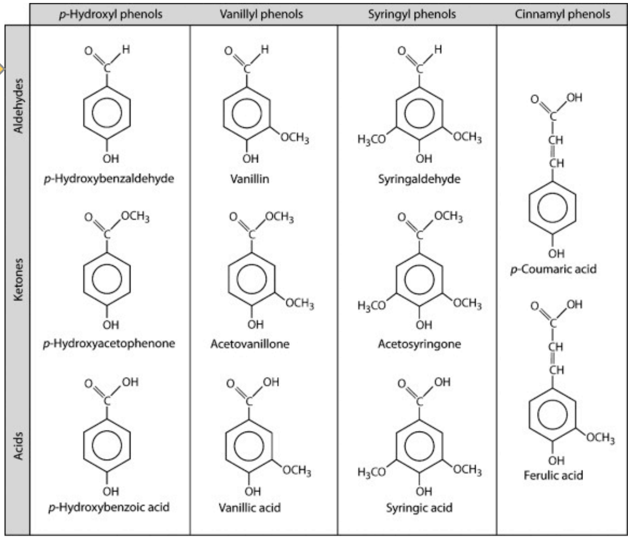

Thevenot et al., 2010

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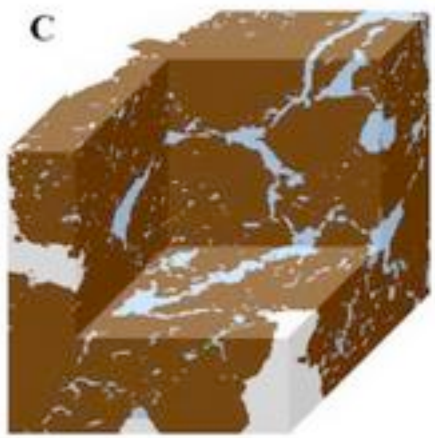

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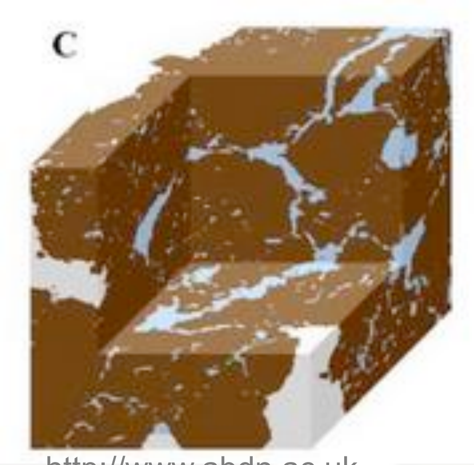

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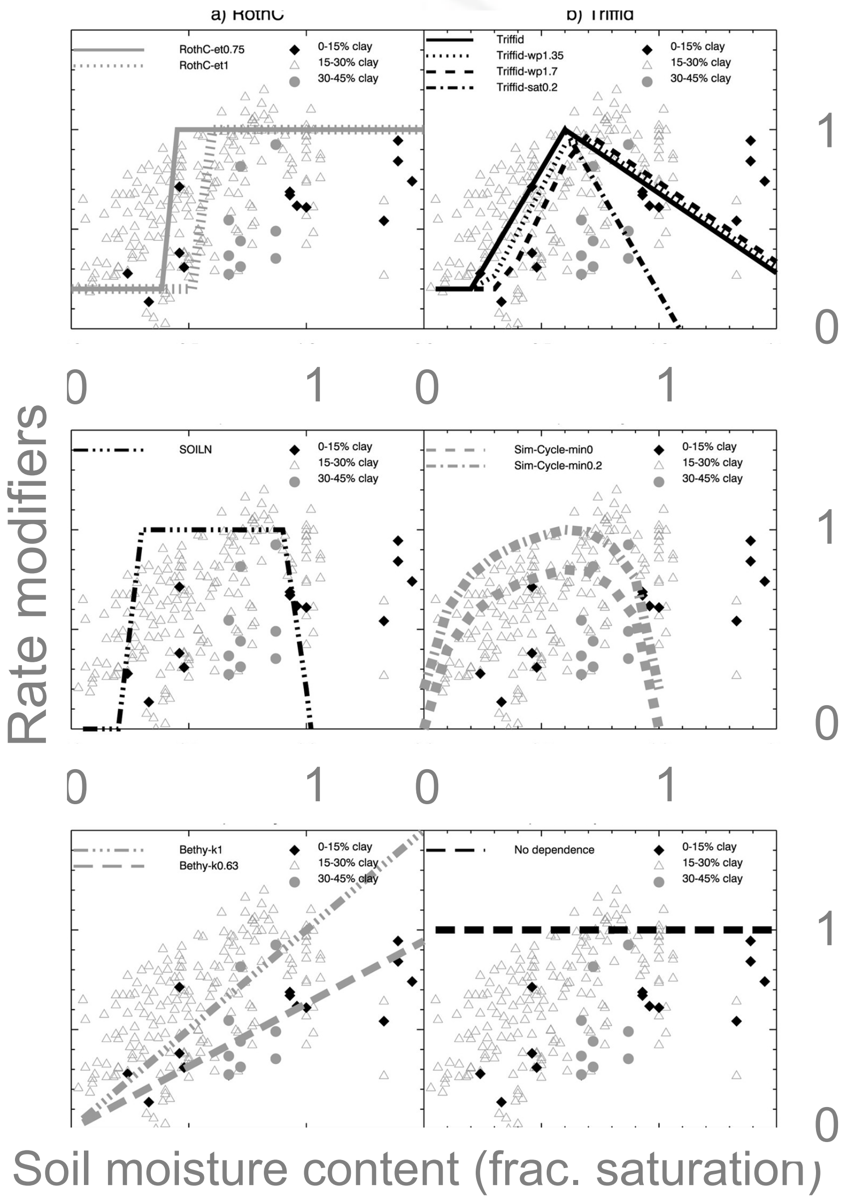
- Soils are not homogenous
- Composed by aggregates of SOM
- Organisation of aggregates leads to a pore network.

Gases diffusitivity (O_2, CO_2, CH_4, N_2O, …)

Water availability

WATER AVAILABILITY



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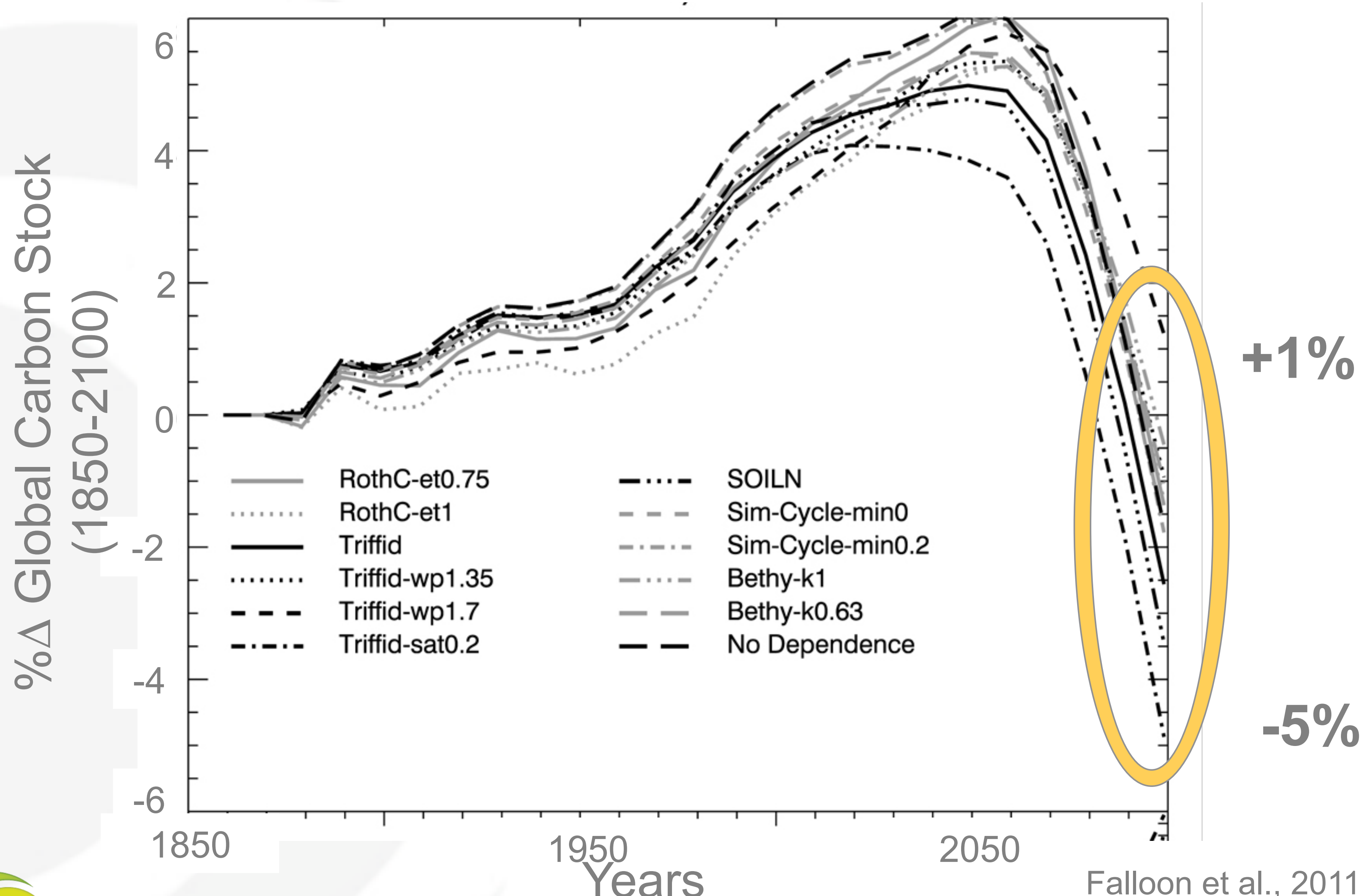

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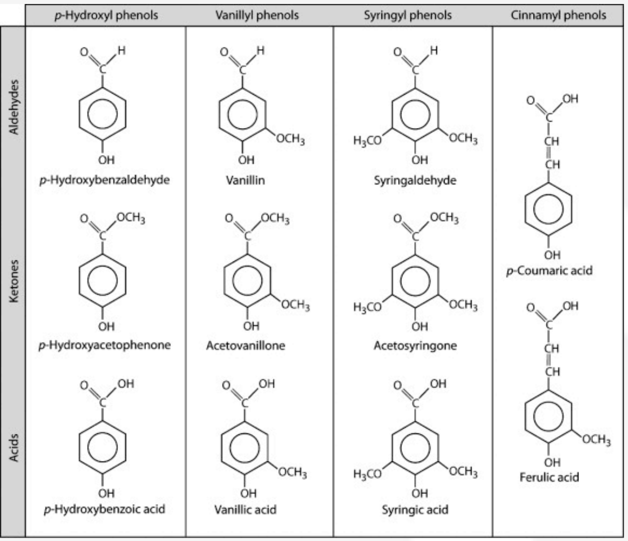

Thevenot et al., 2010

- SOM is a continuous spectrum of quality of organic matter.
- Enzymatic reactions drive by temperature.
- Discretized by non-measurable pools
- Same temperature effect for all the pools

TEMPERATURE EFFECT

$$\frac{\partial SOC}{\partial t} = I - k \times SOC \times \theta \times \tau$$ τ is a rate modifier ($0<\tau<1$)

- Several ways to represent τ
- ESM generally used Arrhenius equation:

$$\tau = A \times e^{-Ea/RT}$$

- or Van't Hoff laws

$$\tau = Q_{10}^{(T - Topt)/10}$$

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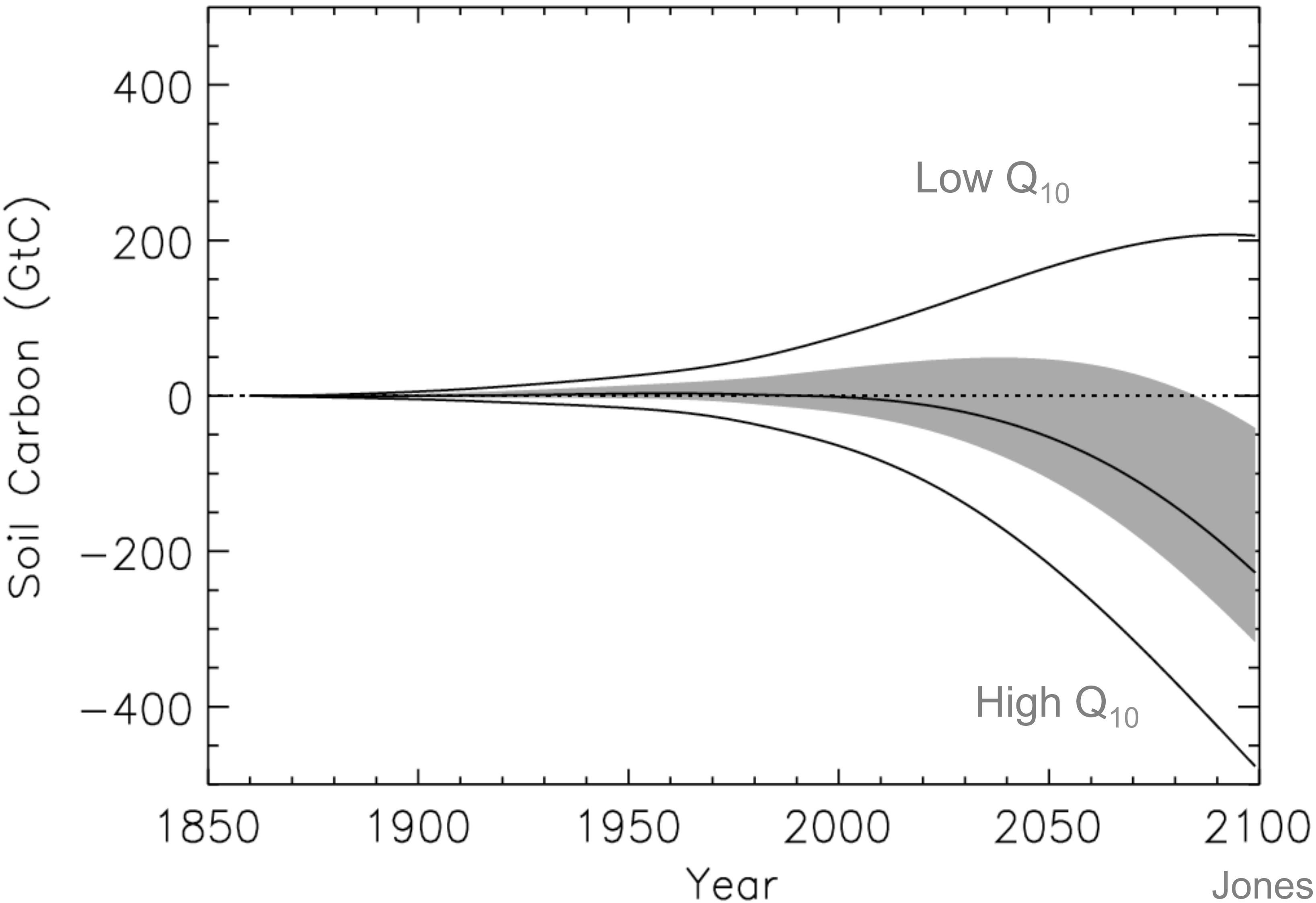

Jones et al., 2003

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- CO_2 emissions are due to biological activity.
- Soil biology almost not represented in ESMs.

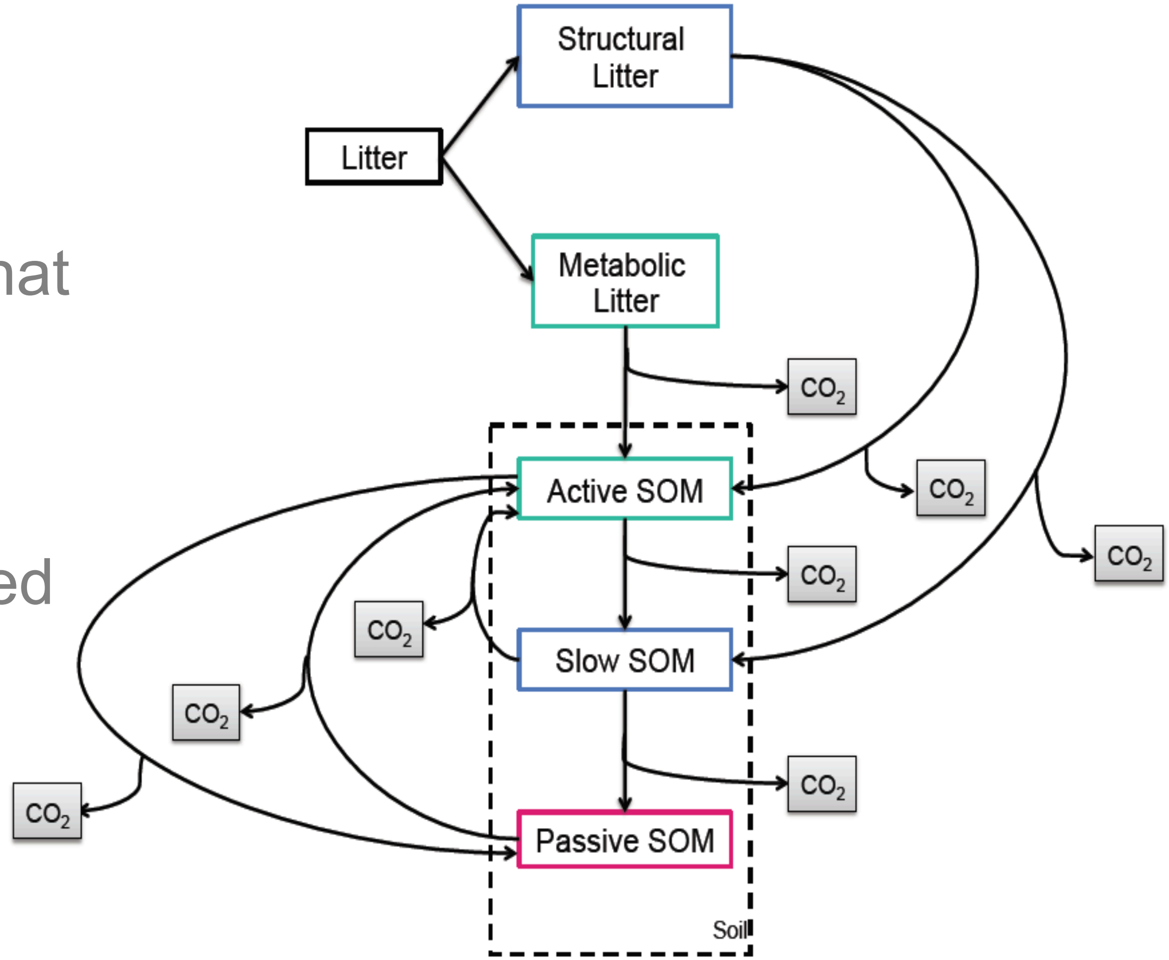
Effect of ecosystem engineers (Earthworms, ants, …)

Effect of microbial activity

MICROBIAL ACTIVITY

- CENTURY assumes that microbial biomass stay constant over the time.

- Mineralization controlled by soil C and not by microbial C



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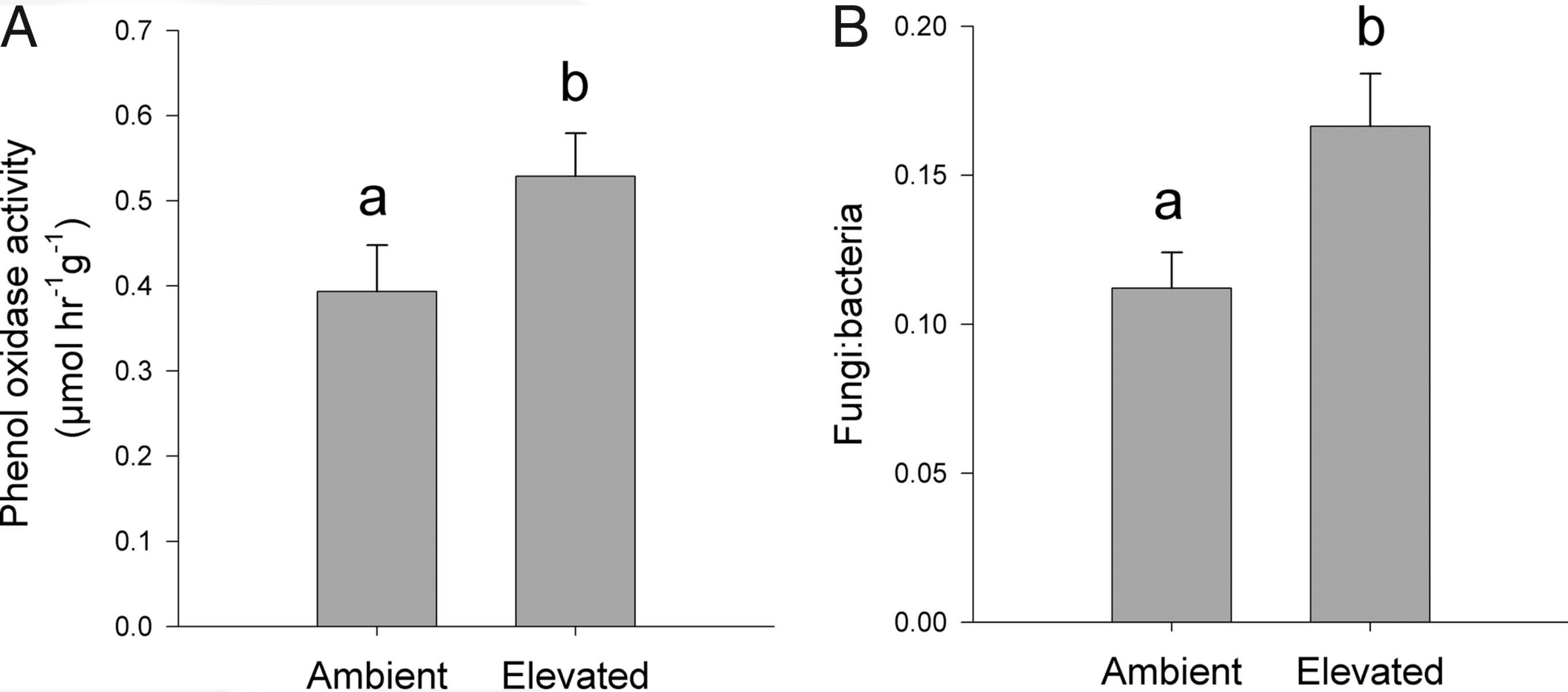
MICROBIAL ACTIVITY

- Microbial biomass, community structure and functioning is sensitive to climate change, land use change, etc.



Carney et al., 2007

MEAN RESIDENCE TIME

- Based on 14C data, ESM MRT are overestimated by ~40%

Table 1. Global soil carbon stocks and carbon uptake for CMIP5 models that experienced a quadrupling of atmospheric CO_2 from a preindustrial value of 285 ppm over a period of 140 years.

ESM	Initial SOC (Pg C)	% change in SOC	% change in SOC after ^{14}C con-straint	^{14}C-imposed sink reduction (%)	τ_{slow} (year)*	$\tau_{passive}$ (year)	r_f	r_s	^{14}C-imposed correction factors†			
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CESM1 (BGC)	571	6.3	5.1	19	56 ± 16	1310 ± 241	0.06 ± 0.05	0.33 ± 0.05	–	3.7 ± 1.5	–	0.34 ± 0.75
GFDL-ESM2M	1344	26	3.3	87	231 ± 196	–	0.17 ± 0.07	–	16 ± 18	–	0.06 ± 0.14	–
HadGEM2-ES	1028	63	33	46	208 ± 84	–	0.12 ± 0.07	–	17 ± 12	–	0.07 ± 0.32	–
IPSL-CM5A-LR	1340	27	25	5.9	218 ± 82	1181 ± 347	0.06 ± 0.03	0.29 ± 0.07	–	14 ± 8.3	–	0.07 ± 0.14
MRI-ESM1‡	1403	36	22	40	347 ± 117	1065 ± 257	0.17 ± 0.09	0.10 ± 0.06	–	13 ± 7.2	0.46 ± 0.79	0.34 ± 0.74
Mean§	1137 ± 312	32 ± 18	18 ± 12	40 ± 27	212 ± 104	1185 ± 123	0.12 ± 0.06	0.24 ± 0.12	16.5 ± 0.5	10.2 ± 4.6	–	–

*τ_{slow}, $\tau_{passive}$ denote the turnover time, and r_f, r_s denote the transfer coefficient from the fast to the slow pool and from the slow to the passive pool, respectively. Reported values were estimated as an area-weighted mean and standard deviation of all model grid cells. †The mean and standard deviation of the ^{14}C-imposed correction factors were derived from using the ^{14}C observations at each site in a single optimization and then averaging these scalar adjustments across the set of 157 optimizations. ‡The ^{14}C-constrained sink reduction and correction factor for MRI were based on an inverse analysis that changed the pool size of both slow and passive pools. The reported percentage change in SOC and sink reduction were derived from transient simulations starting at steady state with the reduced complexity model. See methods in the supporting materials. §The multimodel mean and standard deviation were estimated using the mean value from each of the five ESMs.

He et al., 2016

ONGOING DEVELLOPEMENT

- Representation of the soil C profile
- Lateral outputs of C (DOC, Erosion)
- Better parameterization of Q10
- Representation of Priming effect.

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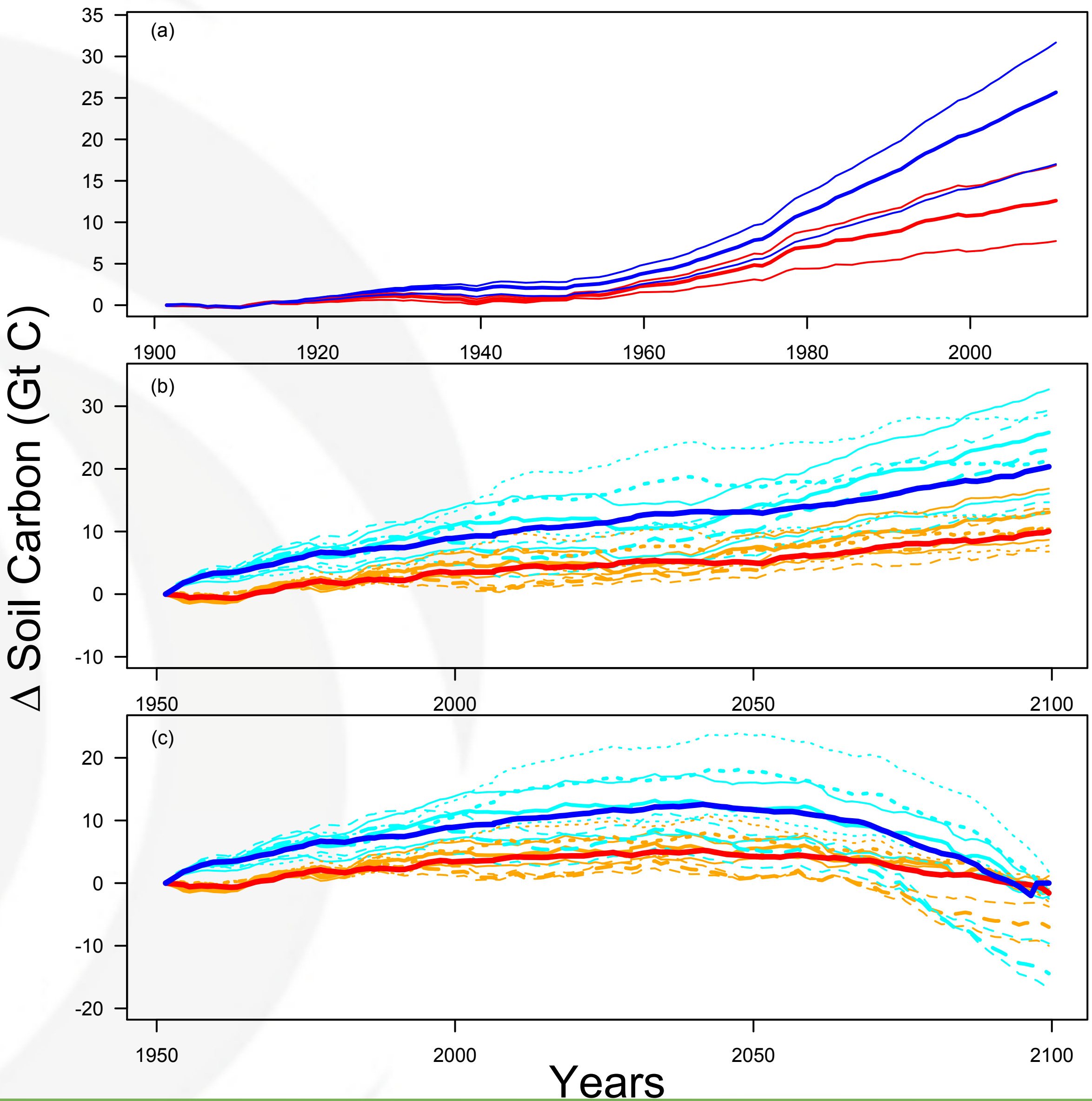

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