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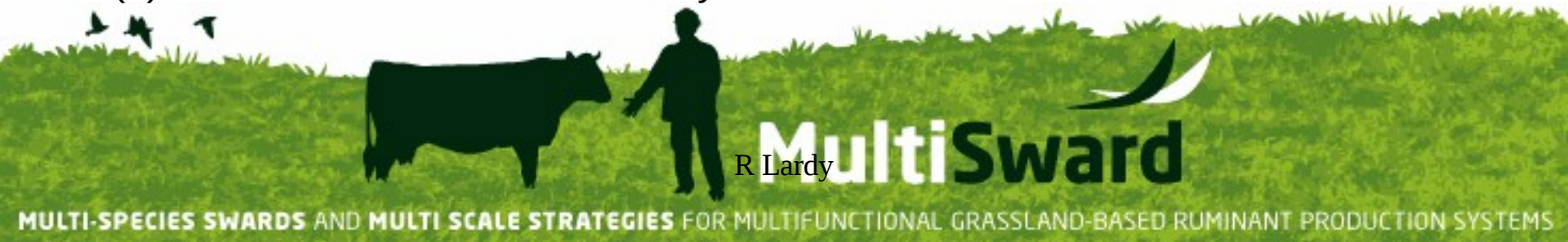
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MultiSward

MULTI-SPECIES SWARDS AND MULTI SCALE STRATEGIES FOR MULTIFUNCTIONAL GRASSLAND-BASED RUMINANT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Climate

- Radiation
- Precipitation
- Temperature
- Water Vapour pressure
- Wind speed
- CO₂
- NH₃

Soil

- Texture
- SWC
- Conductivity
- Density
- Depth

Vegetation

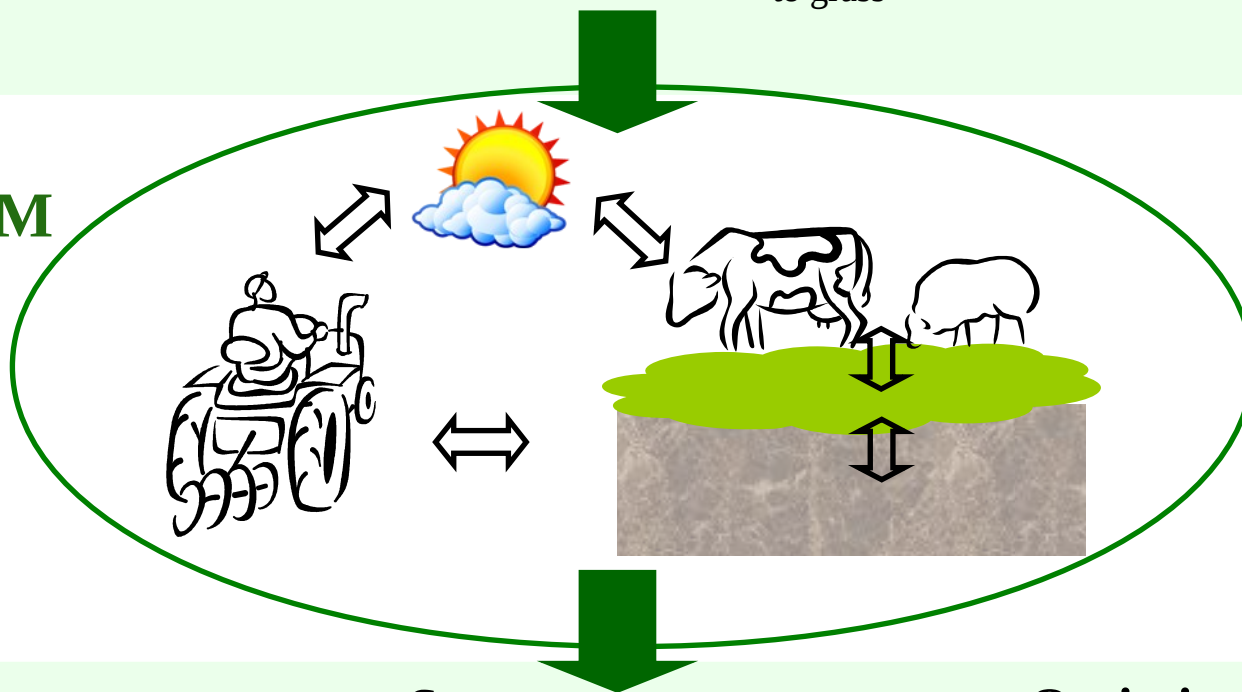
- Multi or monospecies
- With or without legumes

Herbivores

- Type (heifers, suckler or dairy cows, sheep)
- LW, BCS, age, MP_{pot,max} at turnout to grass

Management

- Mowing
- N fertilization
- Grazing
- Tillage

PASIM**Fluxes**

- GHG (CO₂, N₂O, CH₄)
- C, N, H₂O & energy fluxes ...

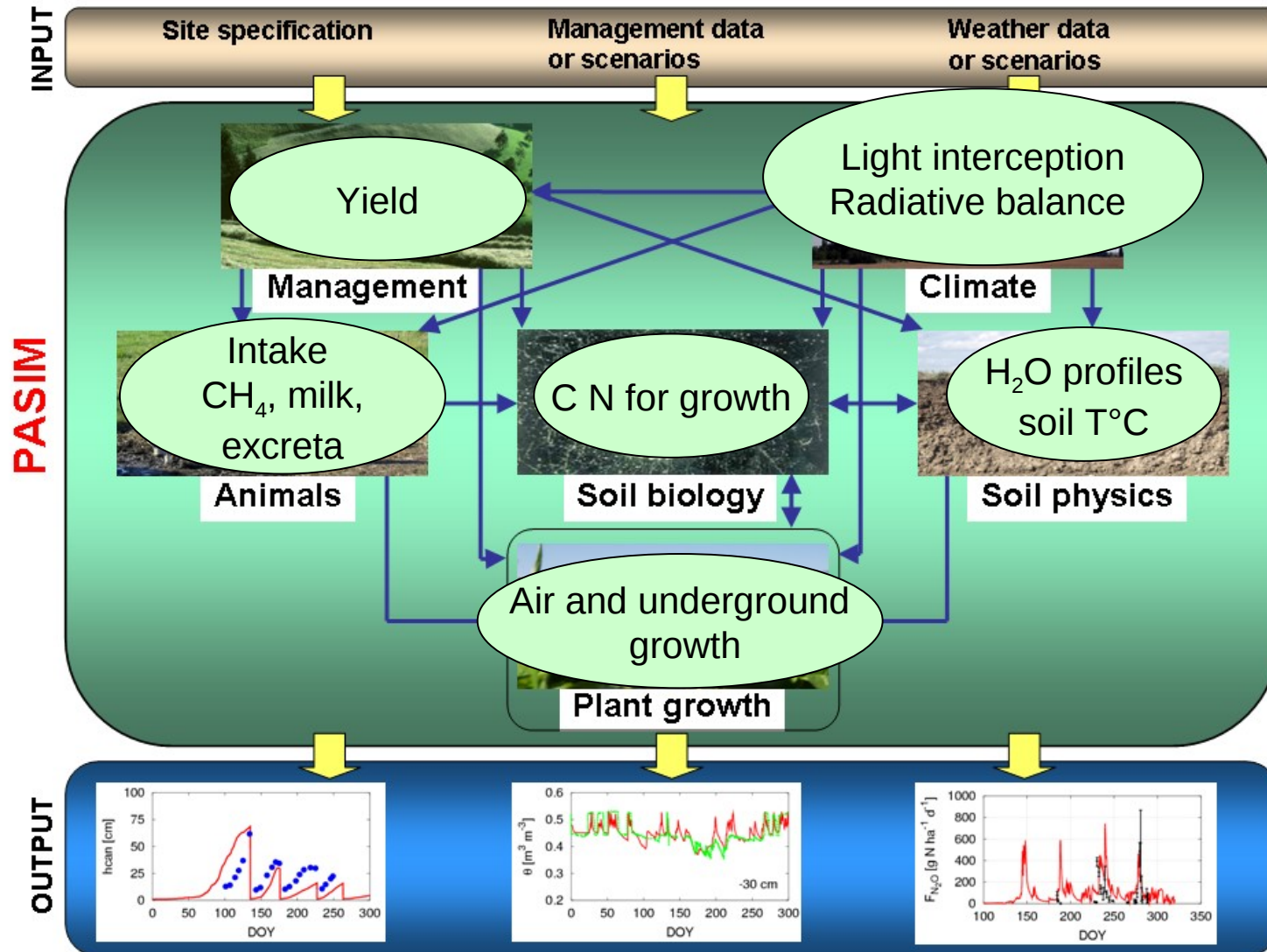
States

- Forage provision
- MP, LW and BCS
- SOM
- SWC ...

Optimized management

- Mowing
- N fertilization
- Grazing
- Irrigation

PaSim model

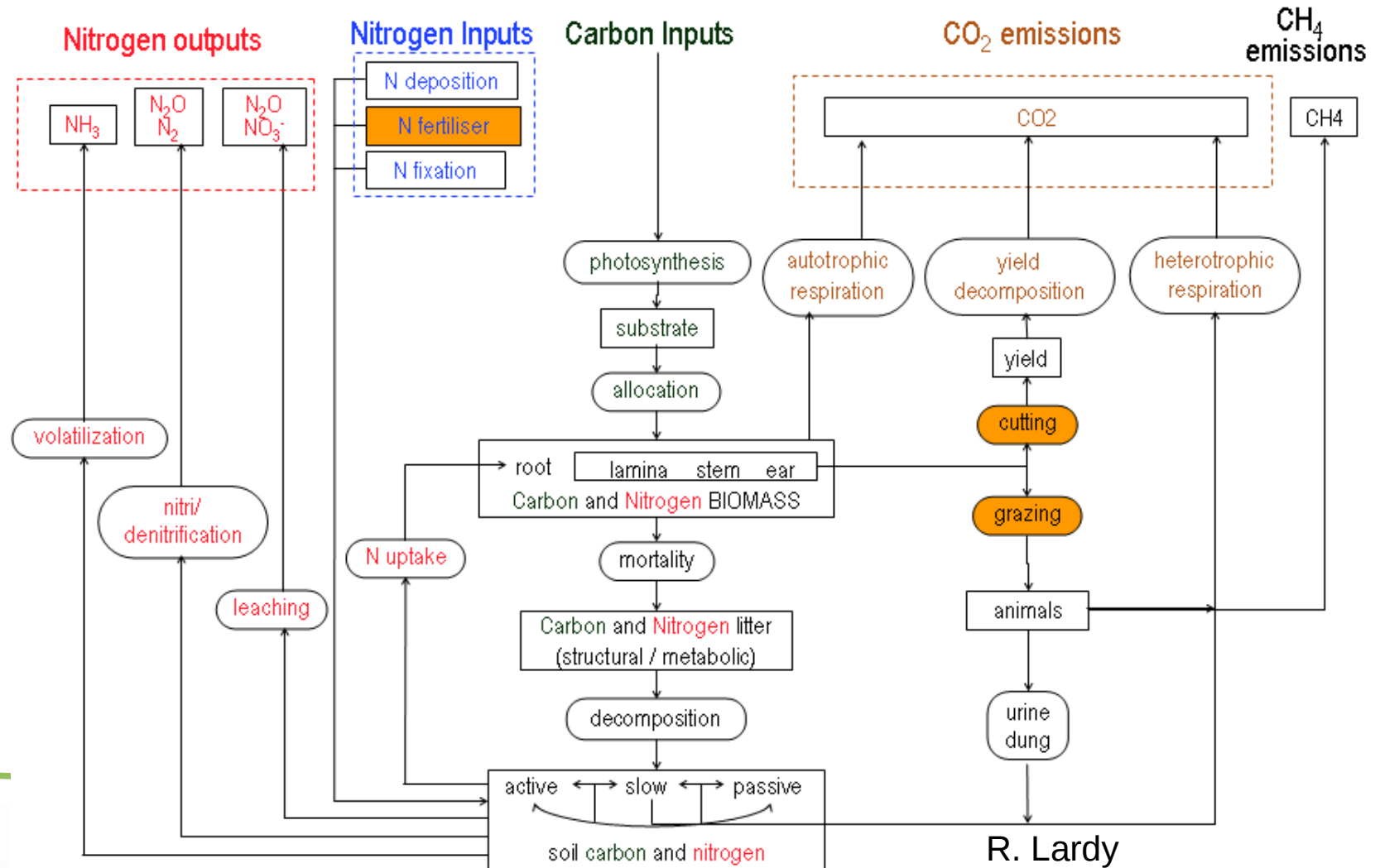


History

- 1st version [Riedo et al., 1998] of PaSim based on Hurley Pasture Model [Thornley, 1998]
- N cycle improvement [Schmid et al., 2001]
- Grazing improvement [Vuichard et al., 2007]
- New animal modules [Graux et al., 2010]

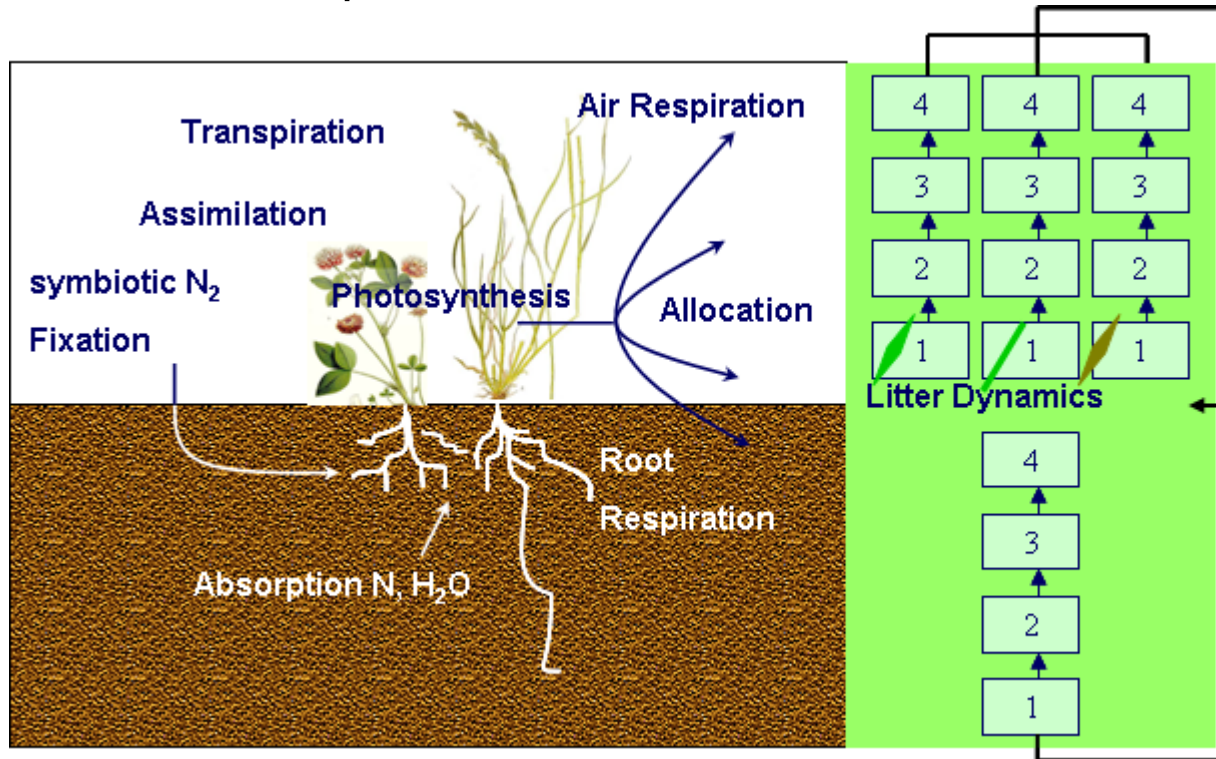
PaSim C&N model

(Thornley et al., 1998; Riedo et al., 1998)



PaSim – Vegetation

- Initially developed for productive permanent grassland, with 2 main species: *Lolium perenne* & *Trifolium repens*
- Plot-scale model
- Vegetation model and not species model, only 2 functional groups: grass and legume (initially constant fraction)
- Plant components : lam, sheath and stem, ear, root (4 age categories)



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Meeting on grass growth
modelling, 9th February

Soil processes in PaSim

Module structure from CENTURY model
(Parton et al. 1987)

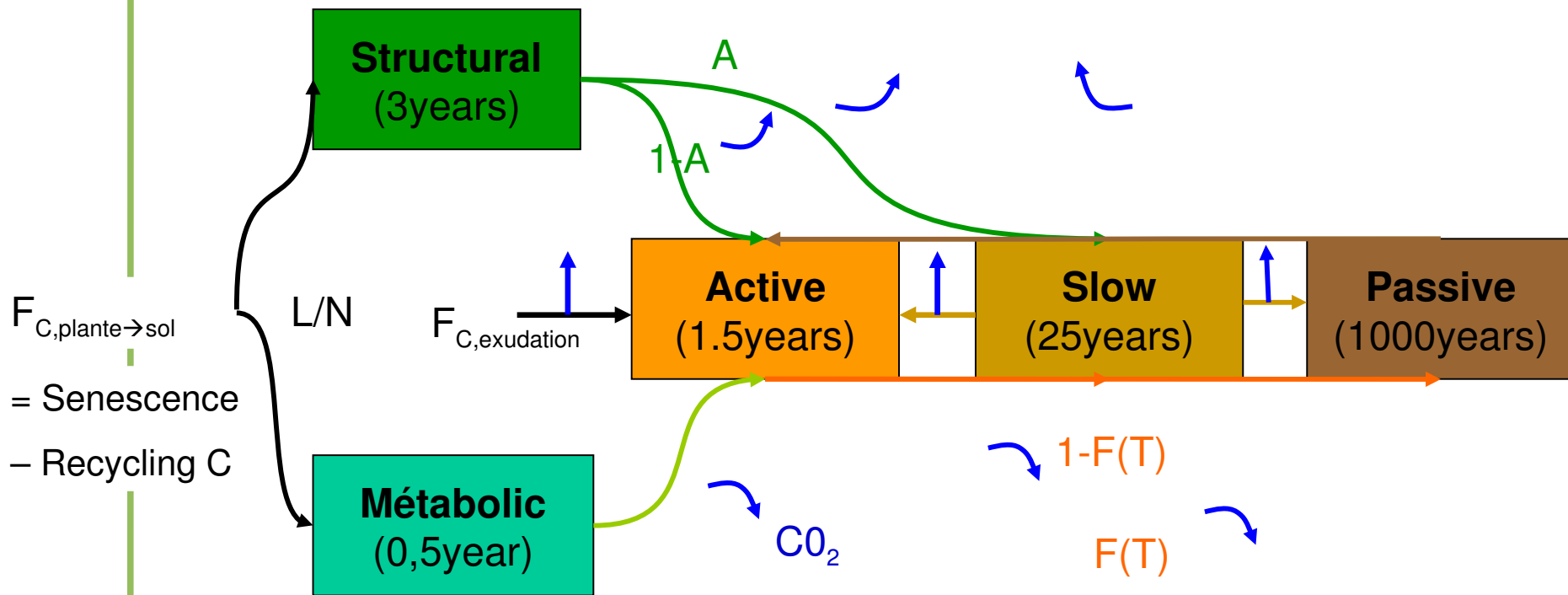
Processes:

- Decomposition of plant residues (litter)
 - ↳ Carbon fluxes and respiration
 - ↳ Nitrogen mineralisation, nitrification and denitrification
- Physical processes: distribution of water in horizons

5 soil pools of C & N:

- Metabolic and structural tanks (litter)
- Active, slow and passive tanks

Flow Chart C exchanged between the 5 compartments of the module decomposition of the Dry Organic Matter



$$F_{C, dec} = k_{dec, \theta} \times k_{dec, T} \times k_{dec, i} \times W_{C, i}$$

$\times k_{dec, text}$

T : content of clay & silt

A : Fraction of lignin

L/N : lignin ratio on nitrogen

Minimum PaSim inputs

Meteo: precipitations, air temperature, wind speed, radiation, relative humidity

Management: cutting dates, fertilization dates + amount and type, grazing dates + stocking density + animal type

Site information: latitude, slope, aspect, altitude

Soil: depth, bulk density, texture (clay, silt, sand), pH

Simulated grassland sites (Carboeurope/Nitroeurope)

Site	Cut/ Graz	Nfert (kg N ha ⁻¹)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CH-Oens	C	171	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
DE-Grillenburg	C	-			x	x	x	x	x	
ES-VDA	G	-			x	x	x	x	x	
F-Laq-ext	G	-	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
F-Laq-int	G	190	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
HU-Bug	G	-					x	x	x	x
IE-Carlow	C,G	200			x	x	x			
IE-Dripsey	G	306		x	x	x				
IT-Amperlo	C,G	-		x	x	x	x	x		
IT-MtBondone	C	-		x	x	x	x	x		
NL-Cabauw *	G	52			x	x	x	x		
PT-Mitra	G	-				x	x	x		
UK-Easterbush N	G	172	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
UK-Easterbush S	G	172	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Σ 13 sites			year x site = 74							

Use of PaSim

French project :

- ANR CLIMATOR (2007-2010)
- ANR VALIDATE (2008-2011)
- ANR EPAD (2010-2013)

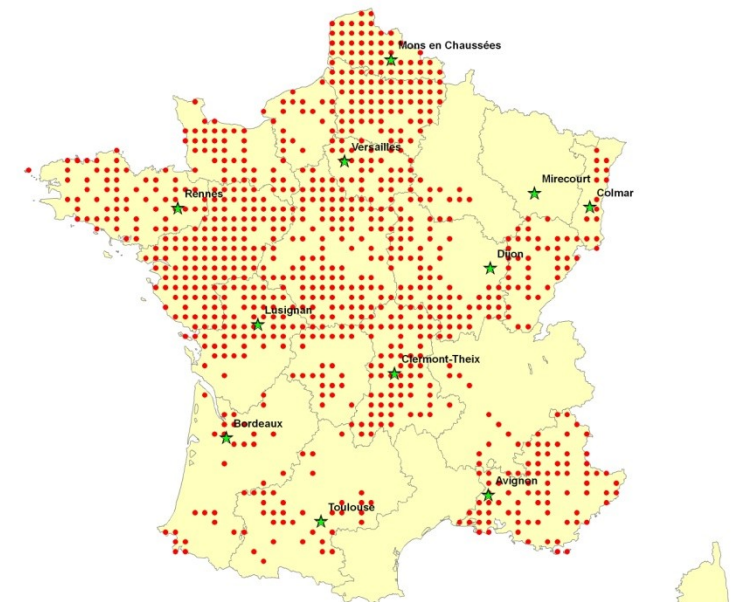
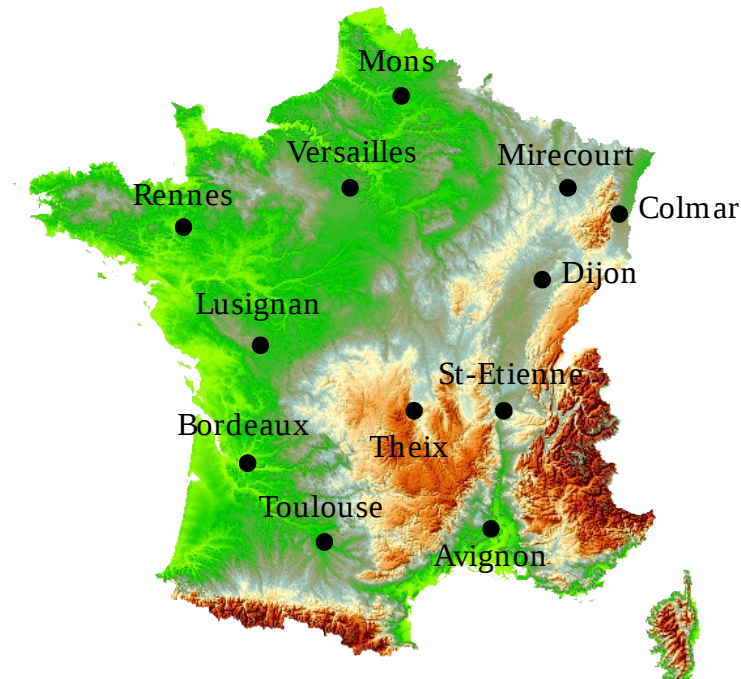
European Project

- AnimalChange (2011-2014)
- NitroEurope (2006-2010)
- CarboExtreme (2010-2013)
- CarboEurope (2004-2008)
- GHG Europe (2010-2013)

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CLIMATOR PROJECT

- Goals :
 - “Develop reference tools to analyse vulnerability of agroecosystems to climate change”
- Configuration of simulations
 - 12 Stations
 - 3 Soils (INFOSOL) :
 - 1 common soil to all stations
 - 2 specific soils of pasture
 - 12 climatic scenarios



A.I. GRAUX PhD

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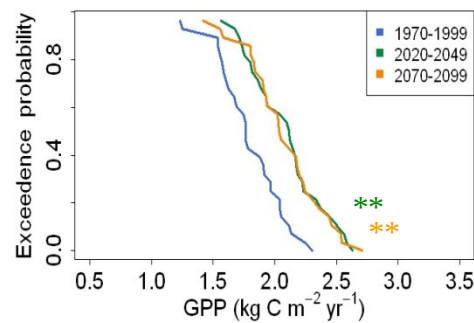
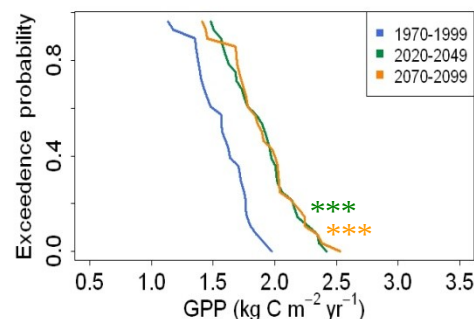
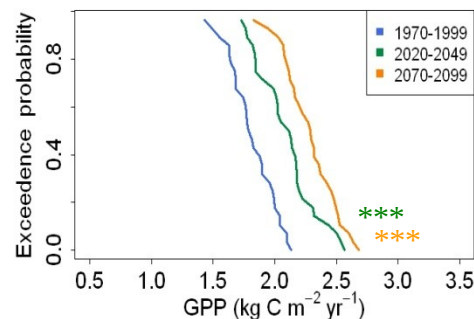
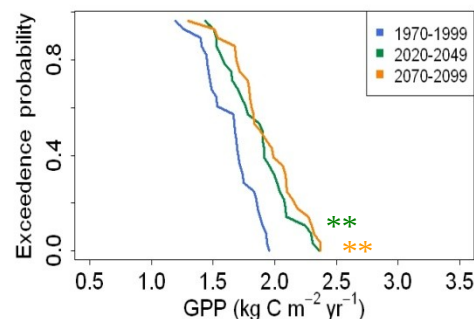
Sown

Sown Irrigated

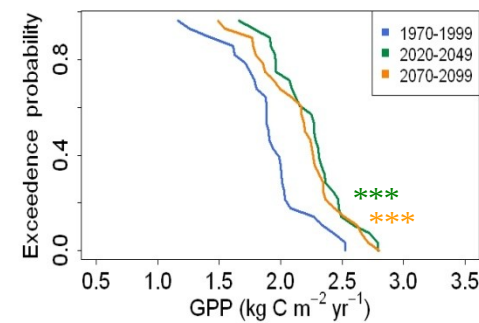
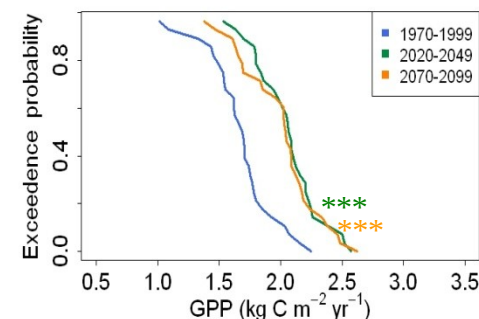
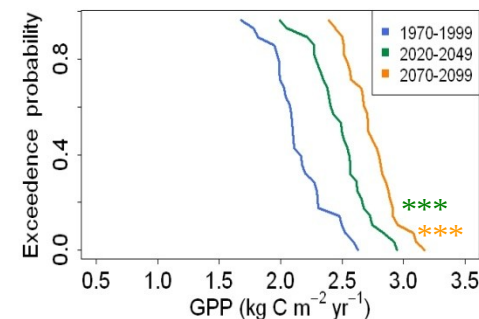
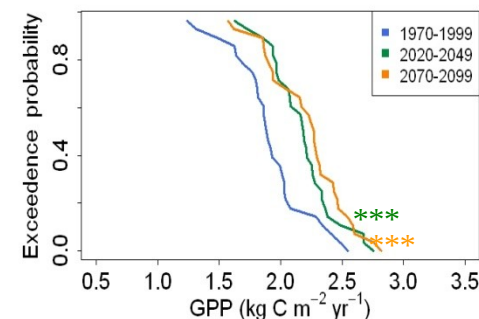
Permanent Extensive

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Upscaling Climate Change Projections (ANR VALIDATE)

8*8 km France (CERFACS: ‘statistical disaggregation method for downscaling climate scenarios’)

Soil (meshed)

Regionalised (gridded) mineral and organic N fertilisation

- Distinguishing temporary pasture, intensive and ‘rough grazing’ permanent pasture

Upscaling: France, if possible Europe



Theix (VALIDATE) experimentation

Permanent grassland (French Massif Central, lat 45°43'N, lon 03°01', Alt 870m)

Treatment : 8 combinations (4 repetitions)

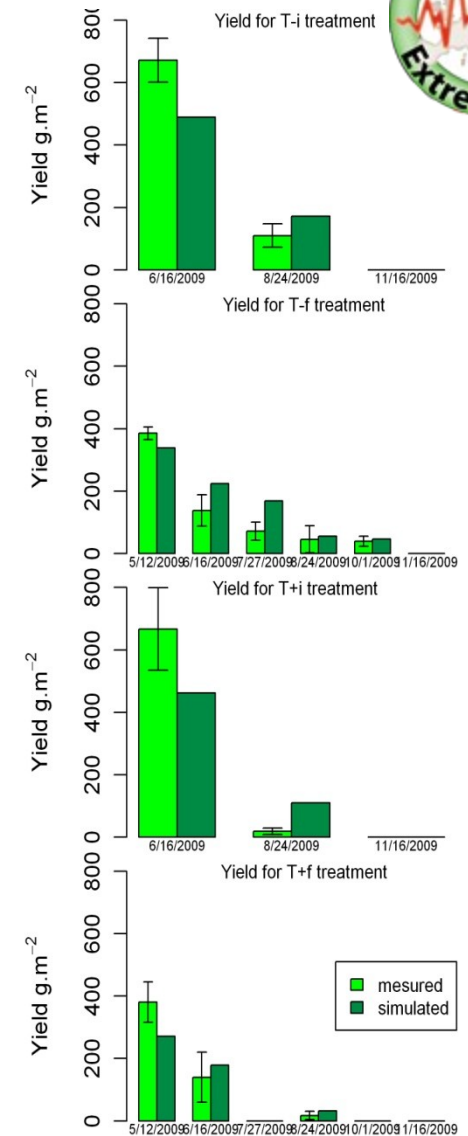
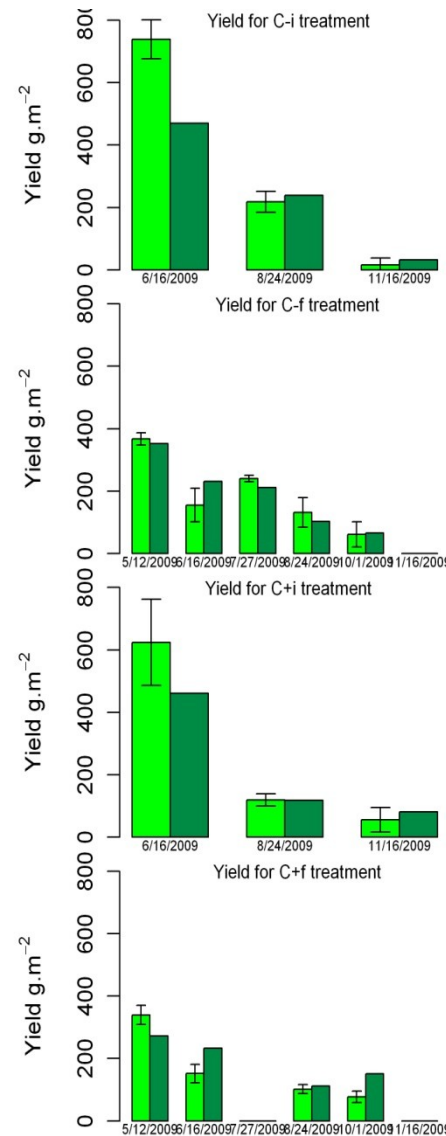
- Control (C), Air warming (T) with precipitation reduction
- Extreme Event (X) or not (N)
- High cut frequency (F), lower cut frequency (I)

Air warming carried out thanks to night passive warming system

Extreme event produced by active warming system

Theix (VALIDATE) experimentation

Model Data Fusion (Bayesian calibration)



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