## Global Carbon Fluxes Induced by Management Practices on Agricultural Land

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### **Overall Objectives of Our E3SM Project**

- Advance the treatment of land disturbance, particularly LULCCs and land management practices, within an IAM and couple it with E3SM to fully explore the potential contribution of
  - LULCC and land management practices to carbon emissions and mitigation opportunities
  - Terrestrial carbon sources and sinks, and climate change
- Tasks:
  - Improving the historical distribution of LULCC in E3SM.
  - Implementation of Global-Scale Spatial Dynamic Allocation Model (SDAM) of agricultural land use change in GCAM-E3SM coupled modeling framework
  - Modeling land management practices that influence carbon sinks in terrestrial agriculture and forest ecosystems and mitigate climate change





### Representation of Land Management in Current Land Models

- Missing components of current land models:
  - Most land models have a very simple or no representation of land management practices
  - Carbon and nitrogen dynamics of the livestock feed-manure cycle have not been accounted for
- In this talk
  - Implement land management practices into a land surface model to estimate carbon fluxes
  - Estimate carbon fluxes from land management (farmland emissions,  $E_{farm}$ ) and agricultural land use change ( $E_{luc}$ )





### Framework: agricultural land management

- Implementation of the livestock feed-manure cycle
  - Harvest process for crop grain
  - Crop residual treatment
  - Livestock grazing
  - Manure
- N fertilizer (Chemical)
- Tillage process
- Irrigation
- Burning





### Livestock feed-manure cycle and its impact on C and N dynamics

1. Estimation of country scale feed demand (carbon) based on the feed requirement (*Krausmann et al, 2008*) for 16 major livestock  $\sum Livestock head \times Feed demand per animal$ 

2. Quantification of the feed sources (cropland and grazing land)

Total livestock feed demand 2,450 Tg C/yr





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Pasture feed (1,076 Tg C/yr) produced on grazing land





### Feed and Manure C and N CH<sub>4</sub> N<sub>2</sub>O Feed CO,, C Manure Ν N **Manure N** Manure N returned back to the Manure C soil is in both organic and Manure C in organic form is ٠ inorganic forms treated the same as litter Organic manure N is treated the ٠ same as litter

 Inorganic manure N is inputted into soil inorganic N pool



E<sup>3</sup>SM Energy Exascale Earth System Model

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**Products** 

### Our analysis make a distinction between $E_{luc}$ and $E_{farm}$ carbon flux calculation

Net agriculture carbon  $flux = E_{farm} + E_{luc}$ 

1)  $E_{luc} = E_{p_1yr} + E_{p_10yr} + E_{p_100yr} + E_{p_100yr} + E_{soil}$ 

 $E_{p_1yr}$ : emissions from 1-year product pool  $E_{p_10yr}$ : emissions from 10-year product pool  $E_{p_100yr}$ : emissions from 100-year product pool  $E_{p_1000yr}$ : emissions from 1000-year product pool

**E**<sub>soil</sub>: emissions from soil disturbance caused by land use change

2)  $E_{farm} = NEE + E_{h_cO2} + E_{t_cO2} + E_{w_cO2}$  $NEE = R_a + R_h - GPP$ 

**NEE:** Net Ecosystem Exchange **GPP:** Gross Primary Productivity  $R_a$ : Autotrophic Respiration  $R_h$ : Heterotrophic Respiration  $E_{h\_CO2}$ : Carbon loss due to harvest of biomass  $E_{t\_CO2}$ : Carbon loss due to soil tillage  $E_{w\_CO2}$ : Carbon loss due to burning



# Results (discuss based on 9 macro-geographical regions)









### E<sub>luc</sub> and E<sub>farm</sub> on cropland and grazing land

*E<sub>luc</sub>* (Tg C/yr)

### Cropland

**Grazing land** 







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*E<sub>farm</sub>* (Tg C/yr)

### **Top three contributing crops**



## **E**<sub>luc</sub> and **E**<sub>farm</sub> for plant- and animal-based food at country scale

**Plant-based food** 

**Animal-based food** 





### Summary

- Agricultural land is a net carbon source with the flux 2.26 Pg C/yr in 2010
- Emissions from farmland management activities contribute to 38% and land use change contribute 62% to total emissions
- South America and North America are the largest emitting regions
- Cropland and grazing land contribute 72% and 28% to total emission
- Maize, rice and wheat are the major contributing crops





### Next

- Implement the land management practices, especially the C and N dynamics caused by feed-manure cycle in the ELM
- Implement mosaic structure in ELM to calculate the soil properties
- Perform ELM simulations for the future to compare the carbon, water and energy fluxes between ISAM and LUH2 LULCC datasets





## Thank you!



