

Compétition pour l'utilisation du sol

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Plan

Global land use & Land use competition

Supply-side possibilities:

- Expansion on “low-cost” land
- Land use intensification
- Land use policies, forest transitions and land use displacement

Conclusion and further approaches



Status and trends of global land use



Current state of global land use

Main land uses in 2000	Mha (low-high)	% ice-free land (low-high)
Urban and built-up	66 - 73	0.5 - 0.6
Agriculture (cropland & pastures)	4,310 - 5,286	33.1 - 40.5
Forests under use (natural and planted)	2,652 - 2,941	20.3 - 22.6
Other land under use (unforested)	1,018 - 2,813	7.8 - 21.6
Wilderness and unproductive land	3,199 - 3,722	24.5 - 28.5

Adapted from Lambin and Meyfroidt 2011, 2014, Luyssaert et al. 2014



The future of land use

- Growing demand for agricultural and forestry products
 - Food production +100%, forestry products up to +55% over 2005-2050 (Tilman et al. 2011, Smeets et al. 2007); + biofuels...
- Where, how, at what costs?

Projected land use change over 2000-2030 (Mha):

Additional cropland: 81-147

Additional biofuel crops: 44-118

Additional grazing land: 0-151

Urban expansion: 48-100

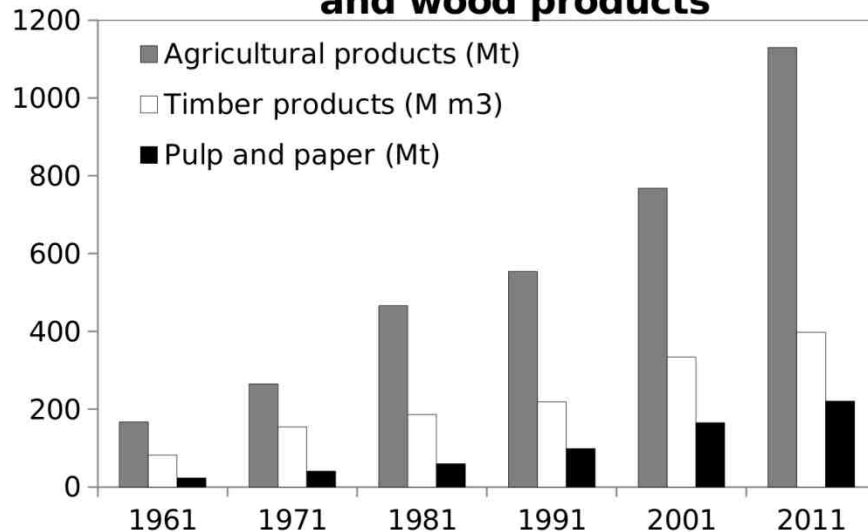
Additional industrial forestry: 56-109

Total land demand: **303-845 Mha**

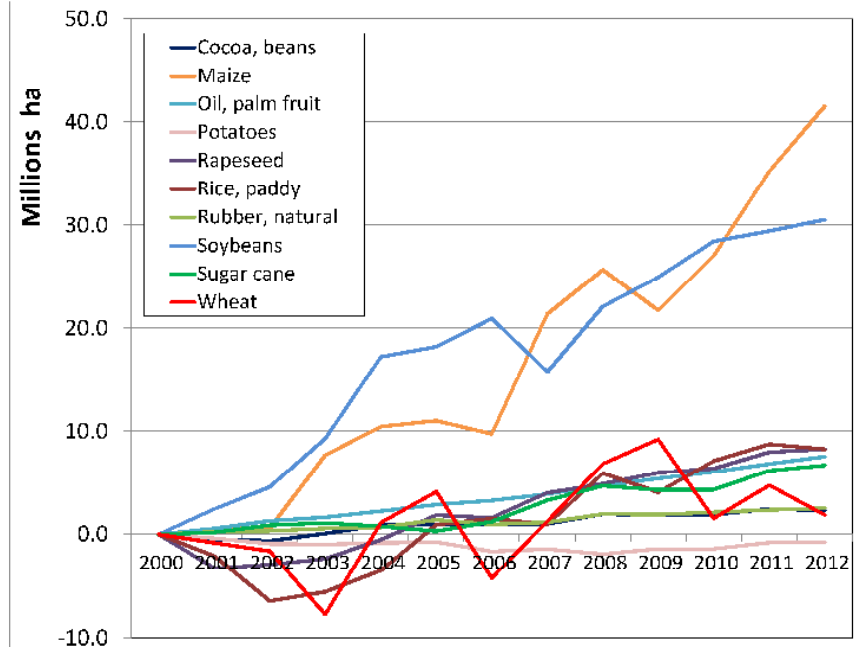


Increasing international trade of agricultural and forestry products

Mt/M m3 Global trade of agricultural and wood products



Rise of a few commodity crops

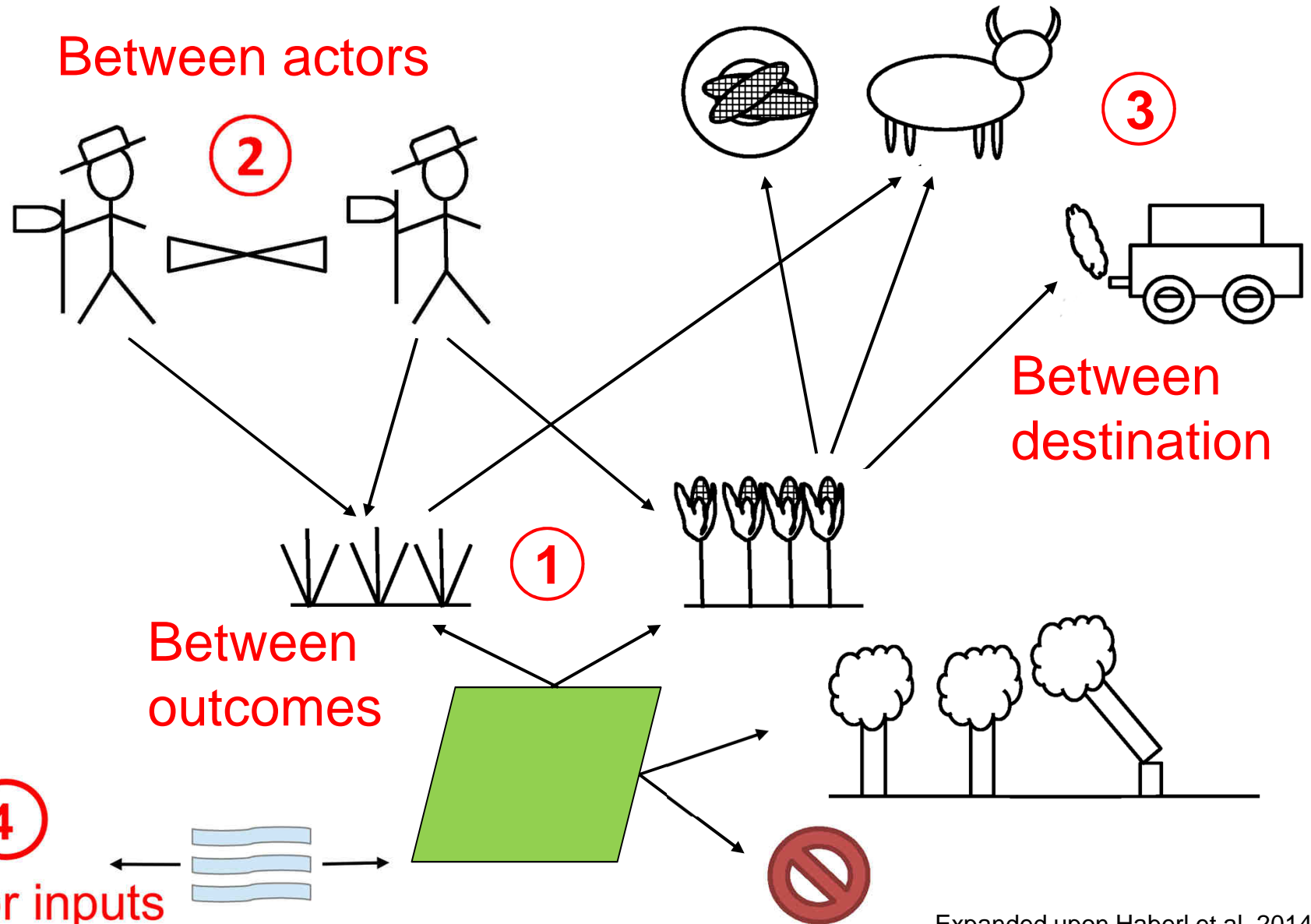


5 → 10% of agricultural production
~24% of land used

FAOSTAT



Land use competition



Dominant structural trends in land use competition

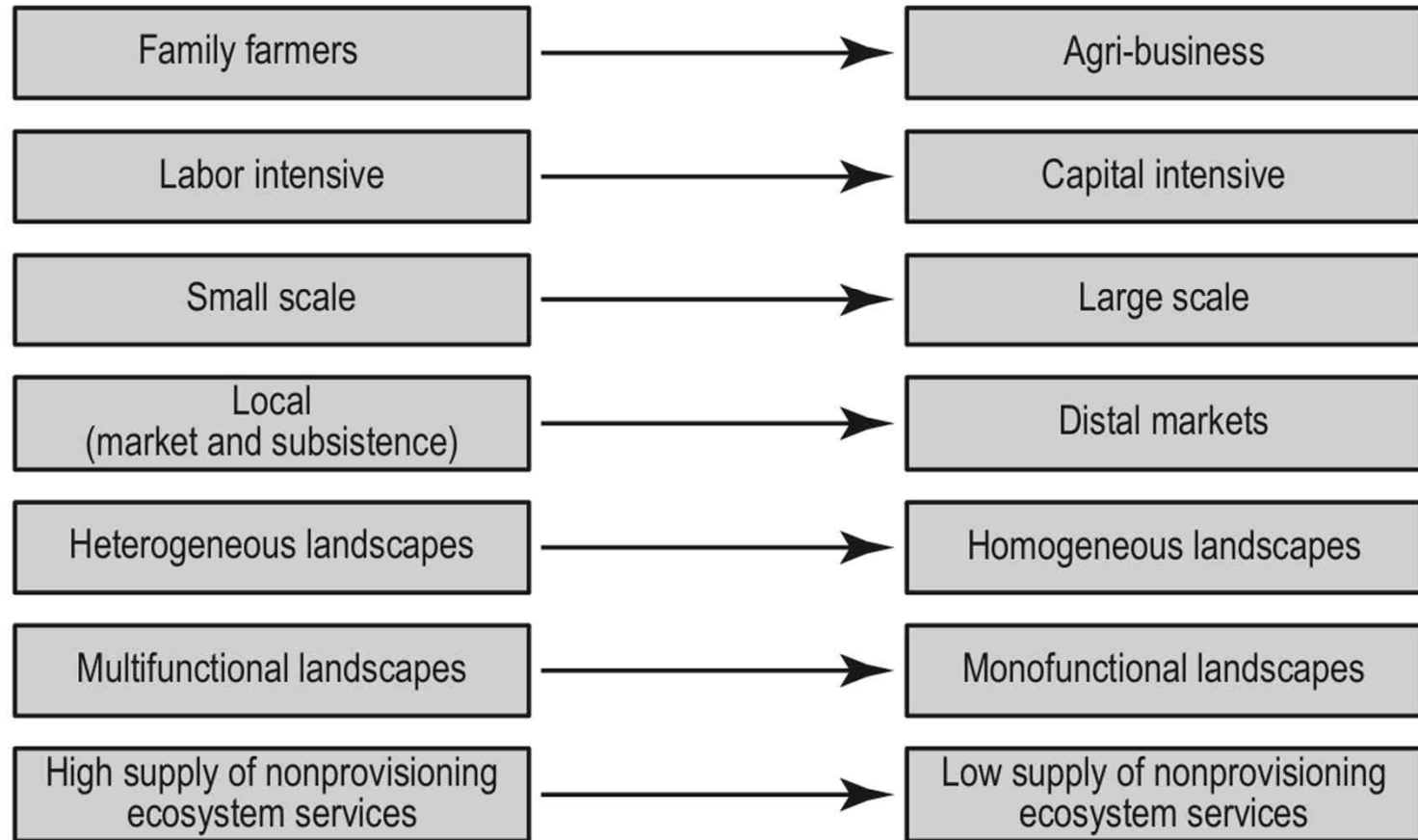


Figure 4.2 Dominant trends in structural changes in agricultural and forestry systems.

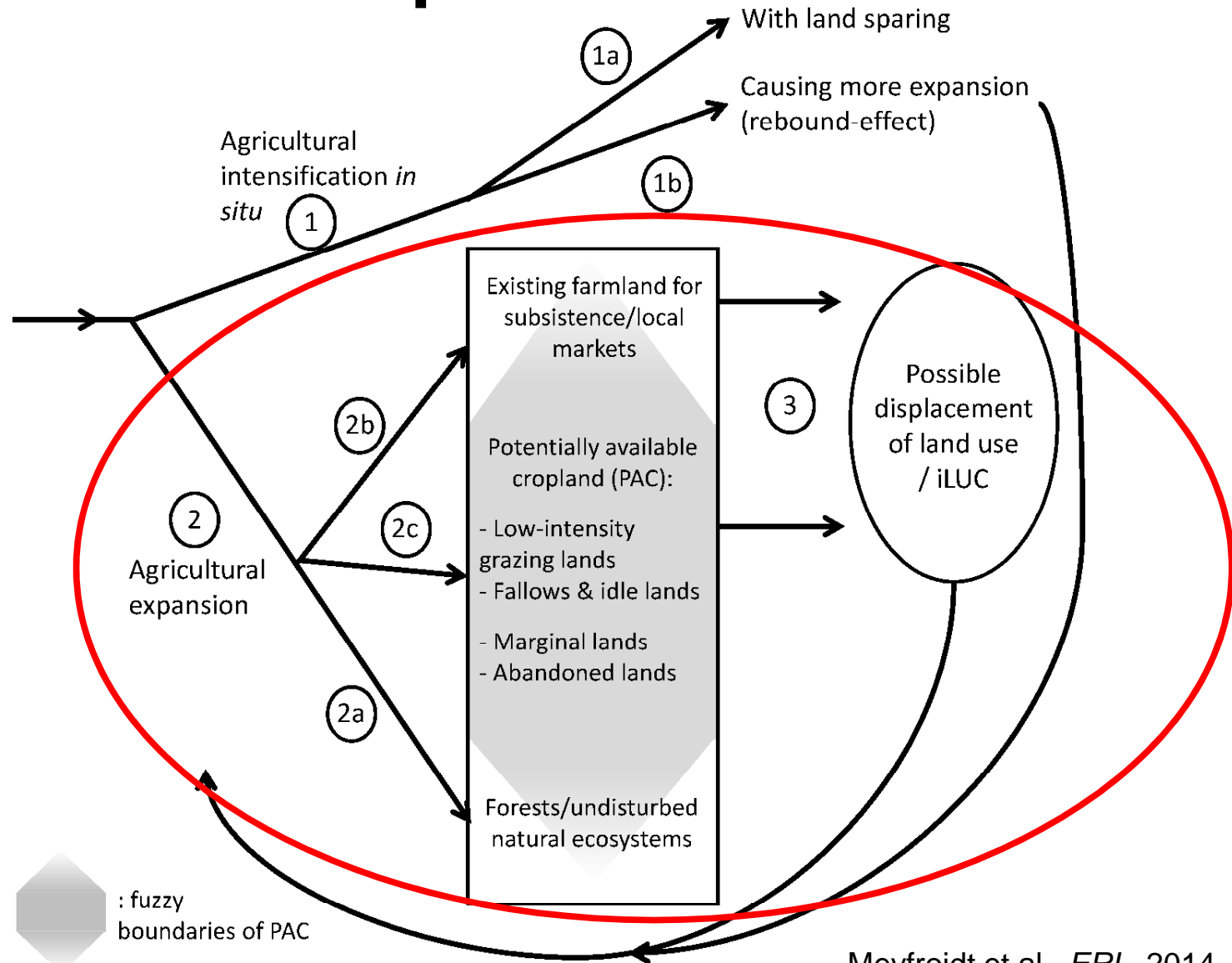
Haberl et al. 2014 in *Rethinking Global Land Use in an Urban Era*, MIT Press.



Expansion of commodity crops on “low-cost” land



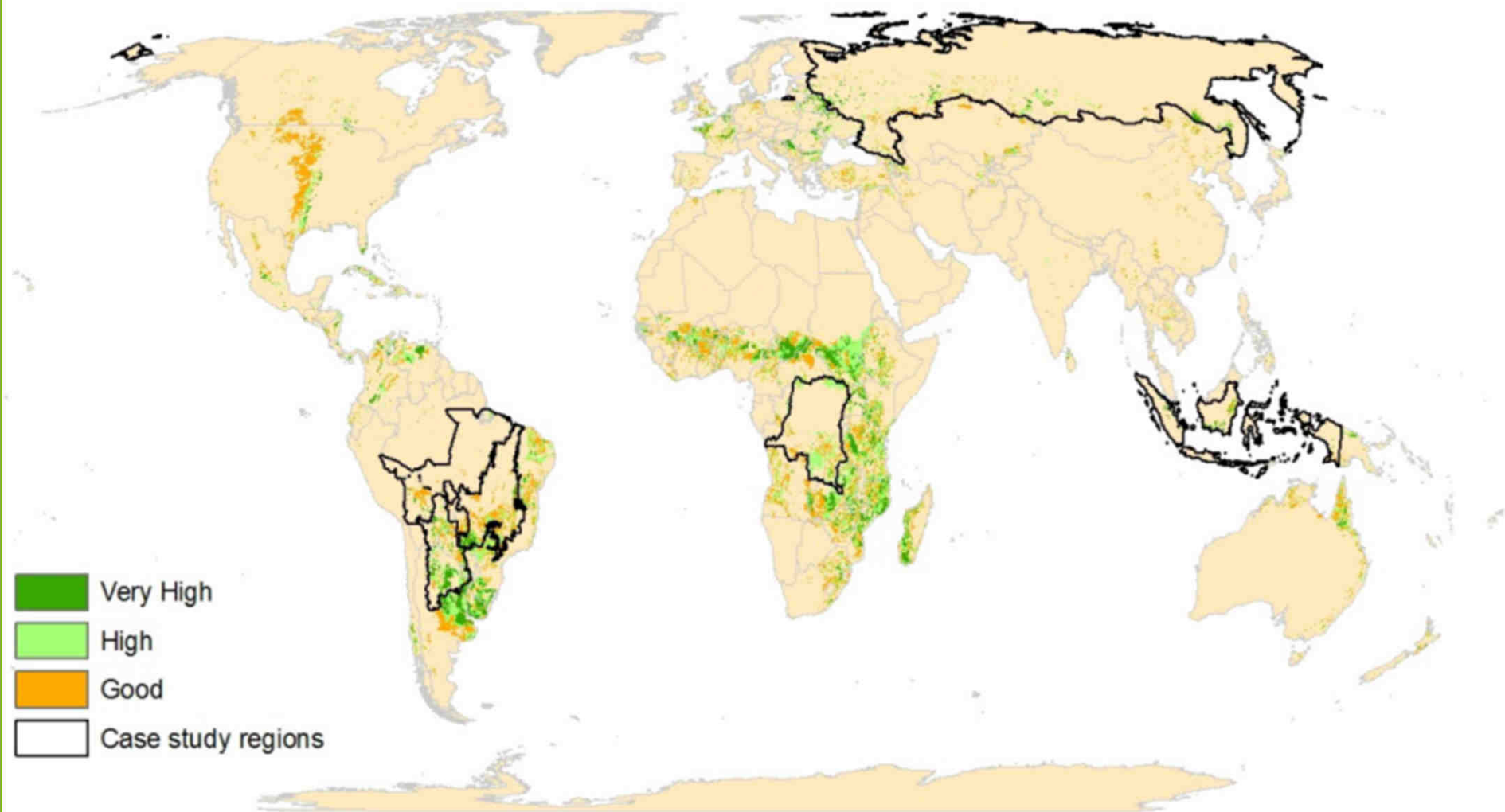
Pathways of increase of commodity crop production



Meyfroidt et al., *ERL*, 2014



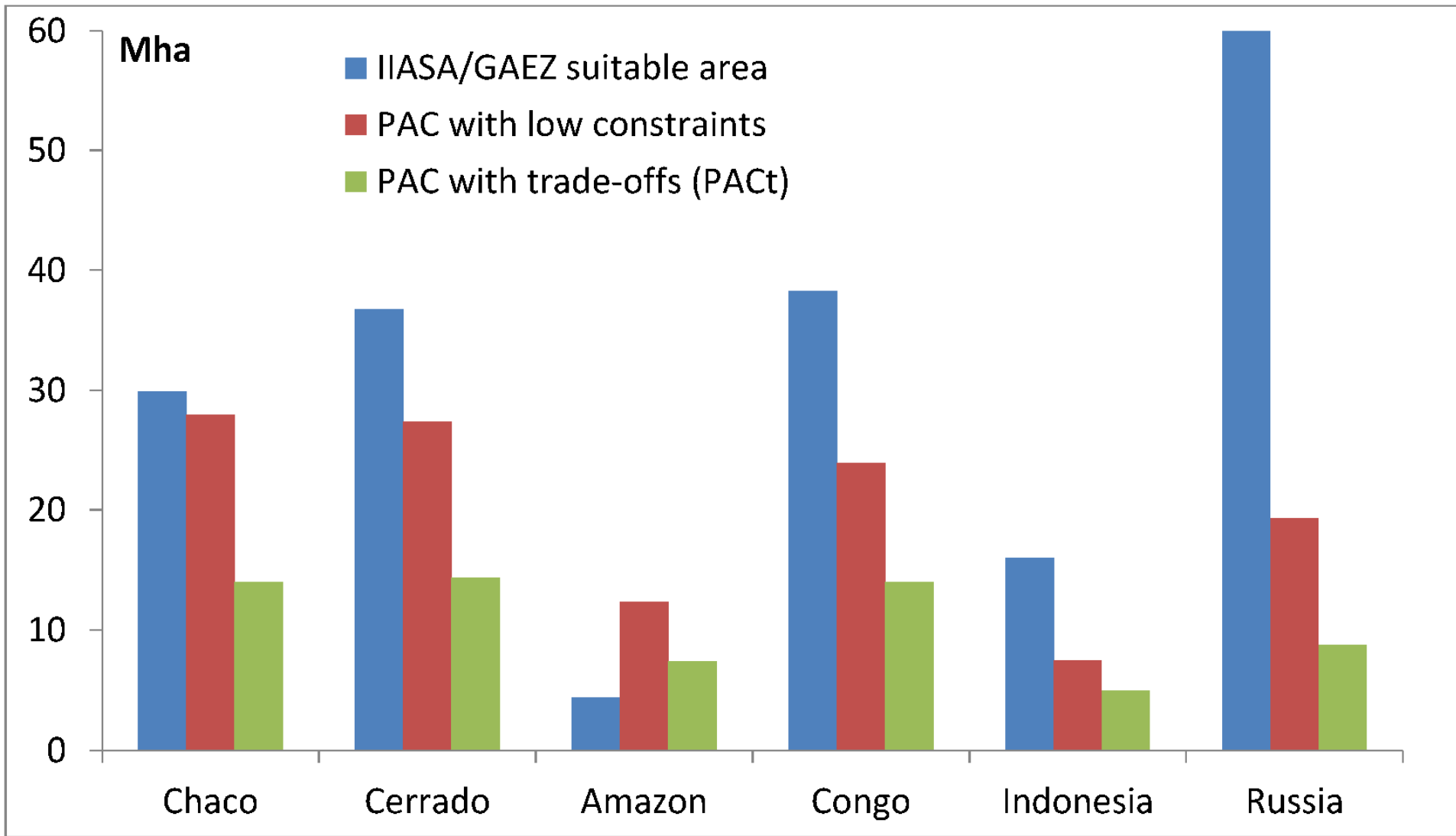
Potentially available cropland



GAEZ: 30% of the current cropland area



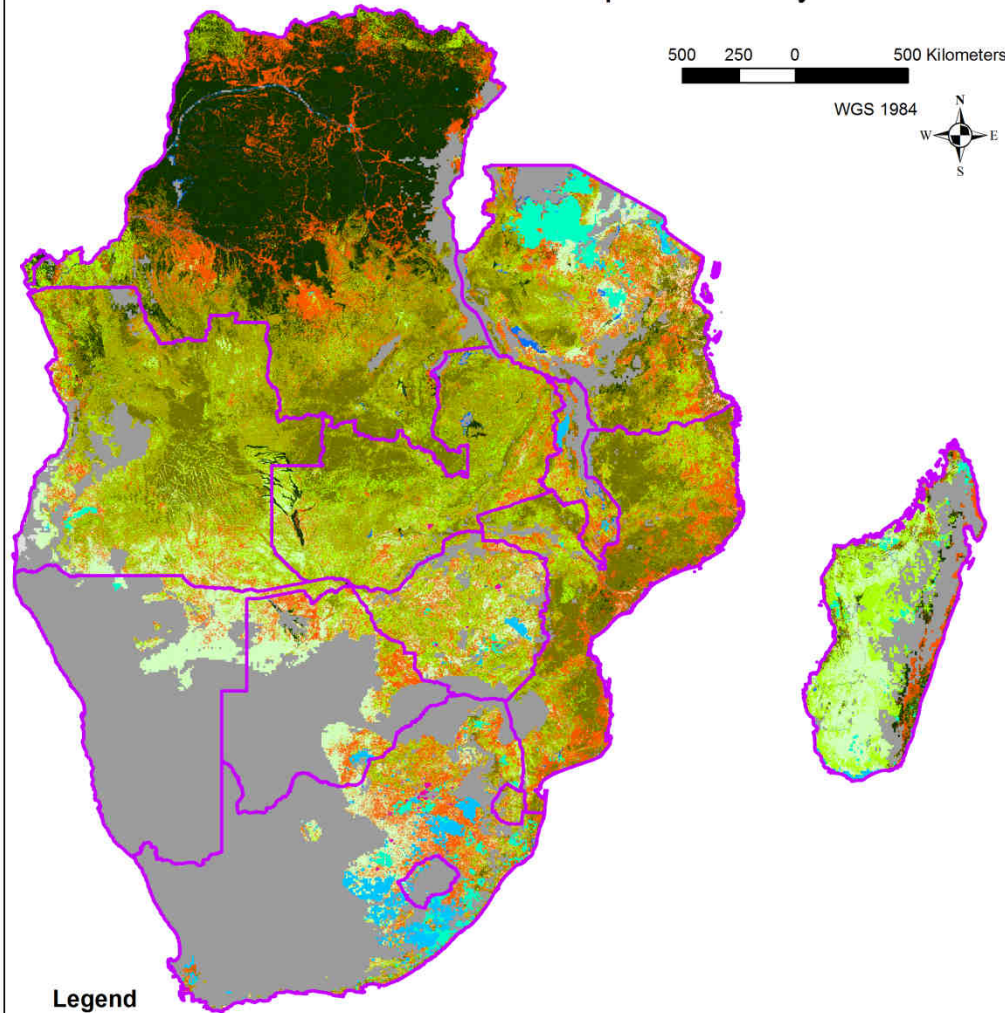
Potentially available cropland



GAEZ: 185.7 Mha vs PACt: 57.5 - 69.7 Mha (**31-37%**)



Current land use/cover in potential soy areas



Southern Africa

Legend

Countries

Suitability

VALUE

(very) marginal

other

cattle density (/km2)

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0 - 50

50.00000001 - 1,459.312988

small ruminants density (/km2)

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0 - 50

50.00000001 - 4,082.127441

Cropland

Mosaics cropland / vegetation

Mosaics vegetation / cropland

Everg / semi-decid forest

Closed deciduous forest

Open deciduous forest

Shrubs / Mosaics forests-shrubs

Grasslands

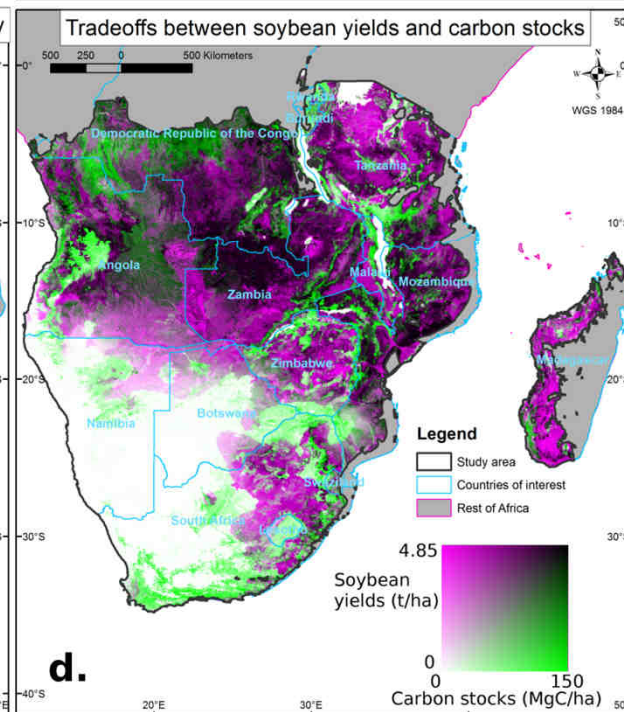
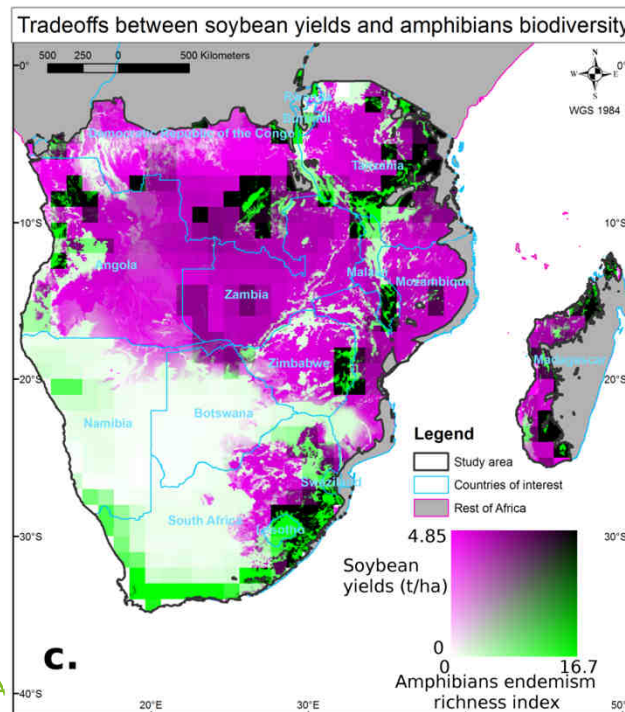
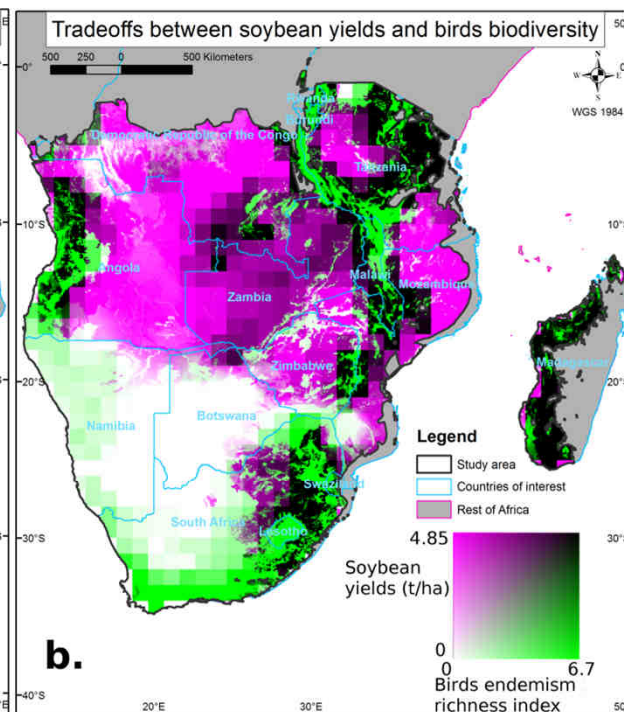
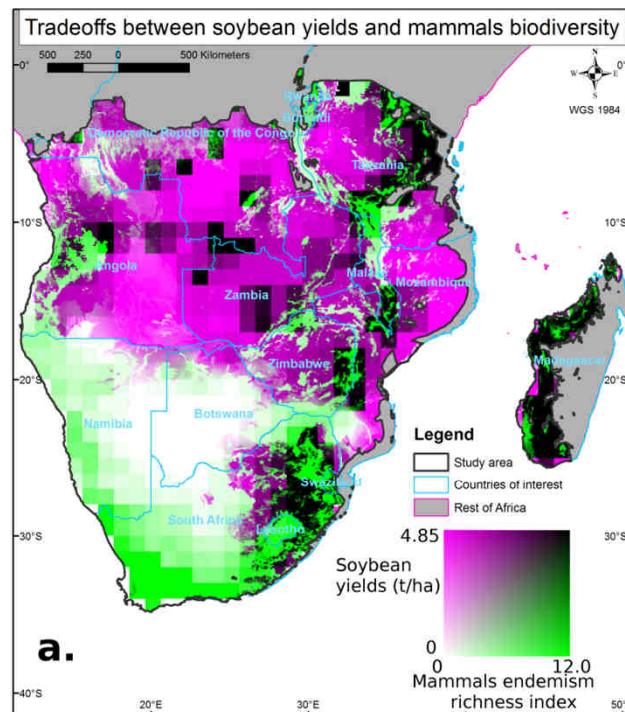
Sparse veg / bare

Artificial areas

Water bodies

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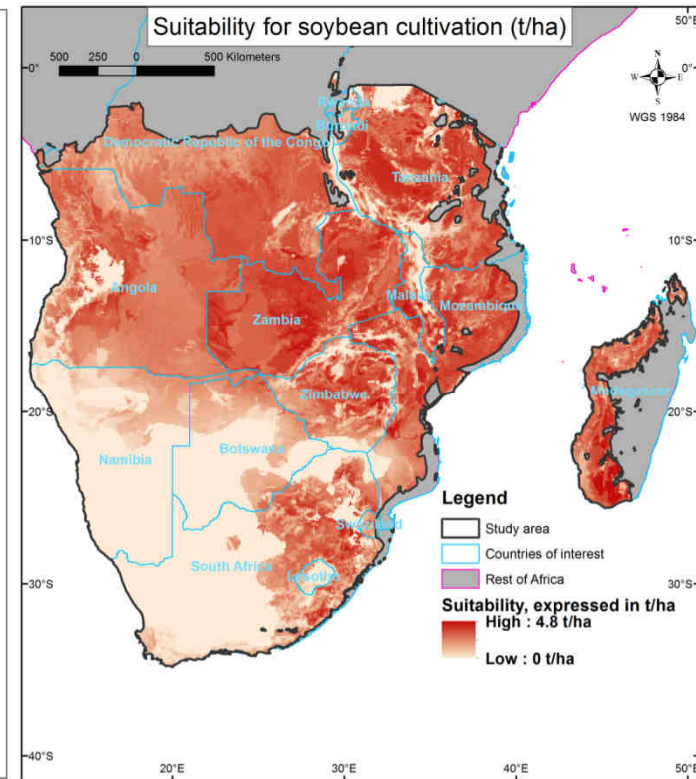
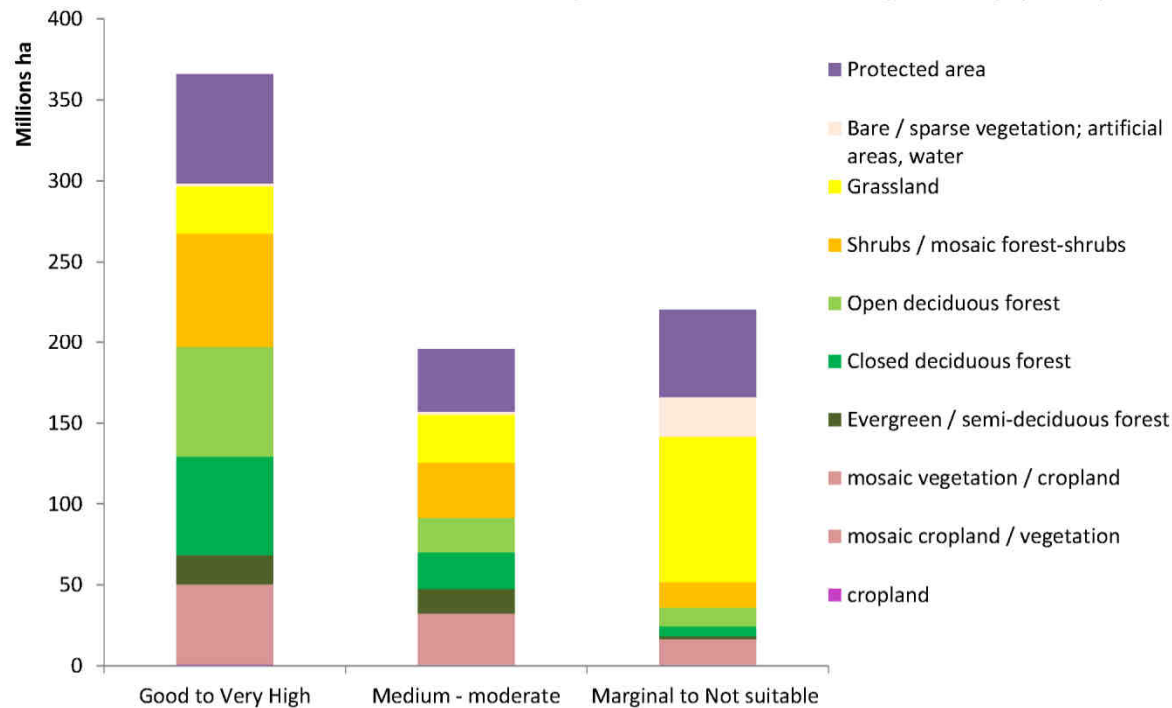




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Current land use / cover per class of suitability for soy (Mha)



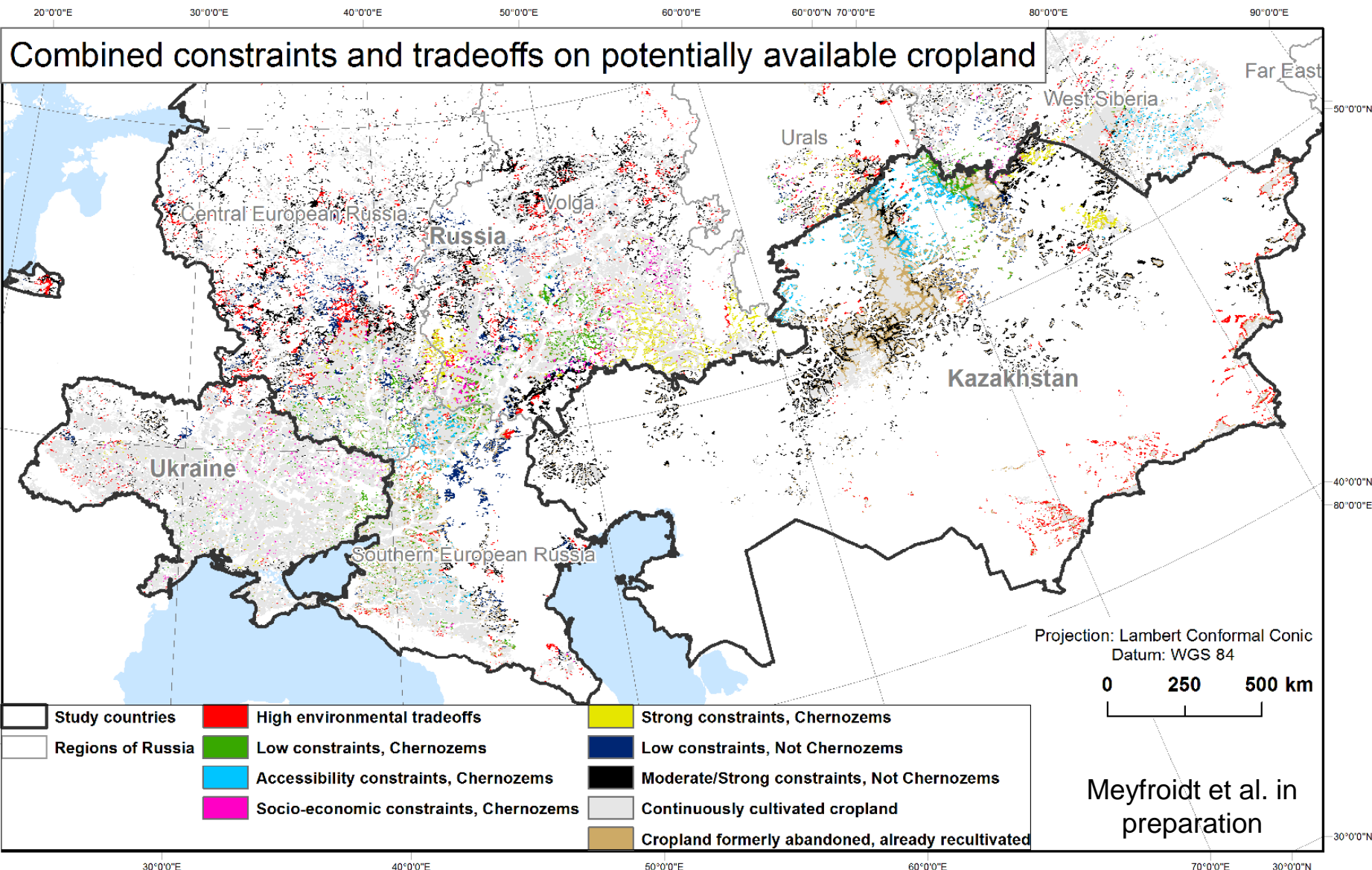
365 Mha with good to very high suitability, of which:

- * 50 Mha are cropland mosaics
- * 67 Mha are protected areas
- * 80 Mha with a cattle density > 10 heads/ha

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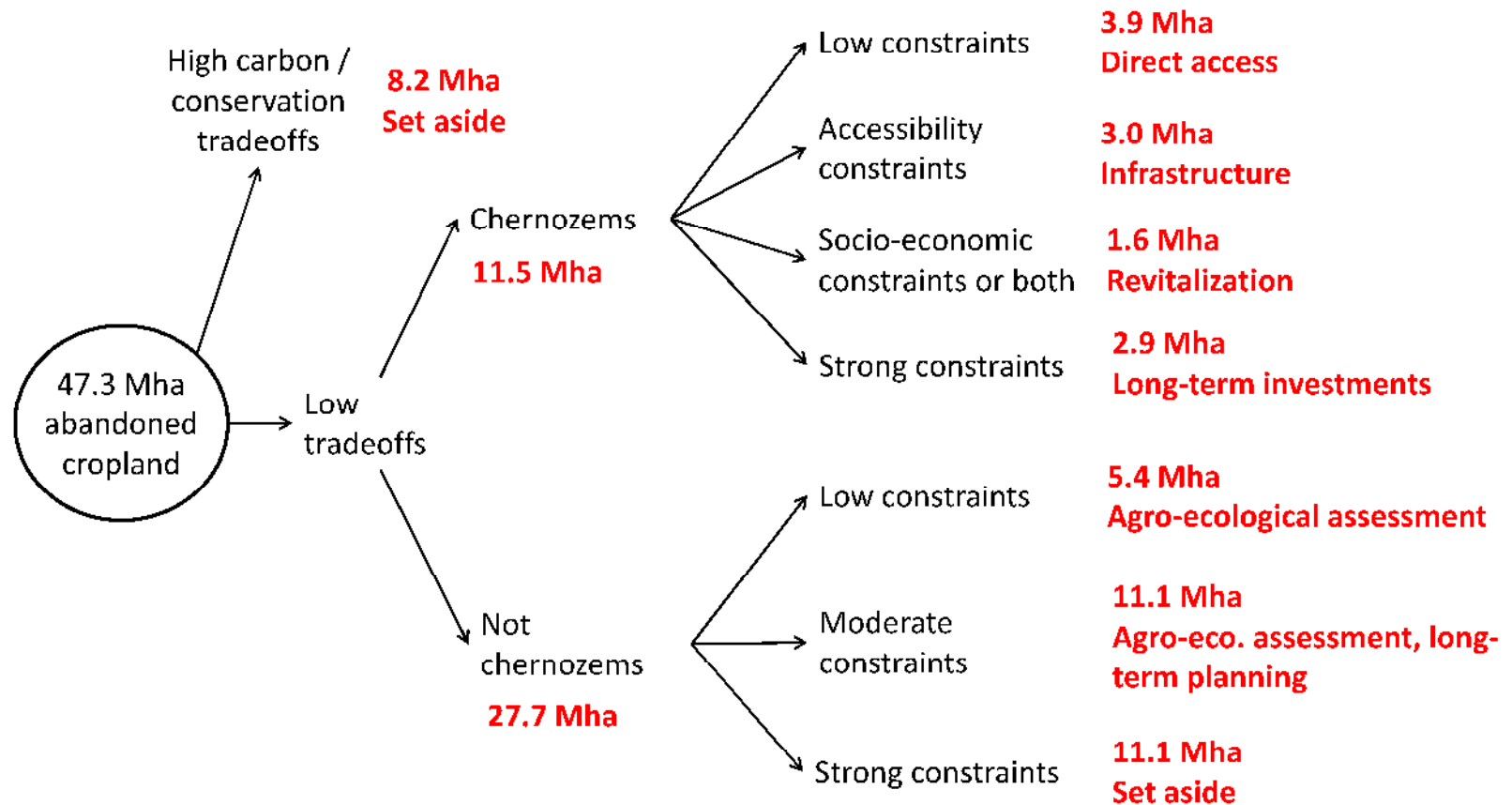


Former Soviet Union: Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan

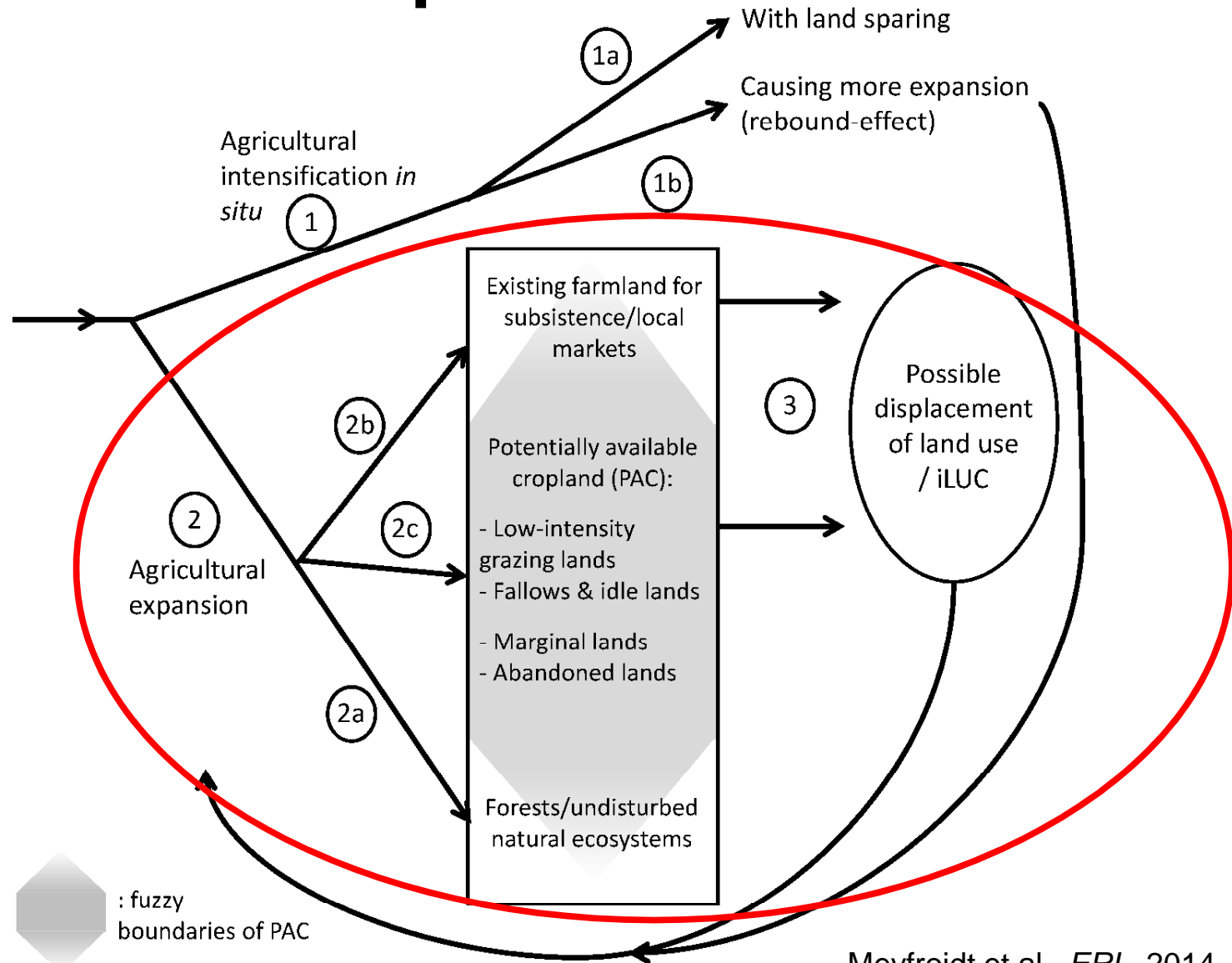


Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan

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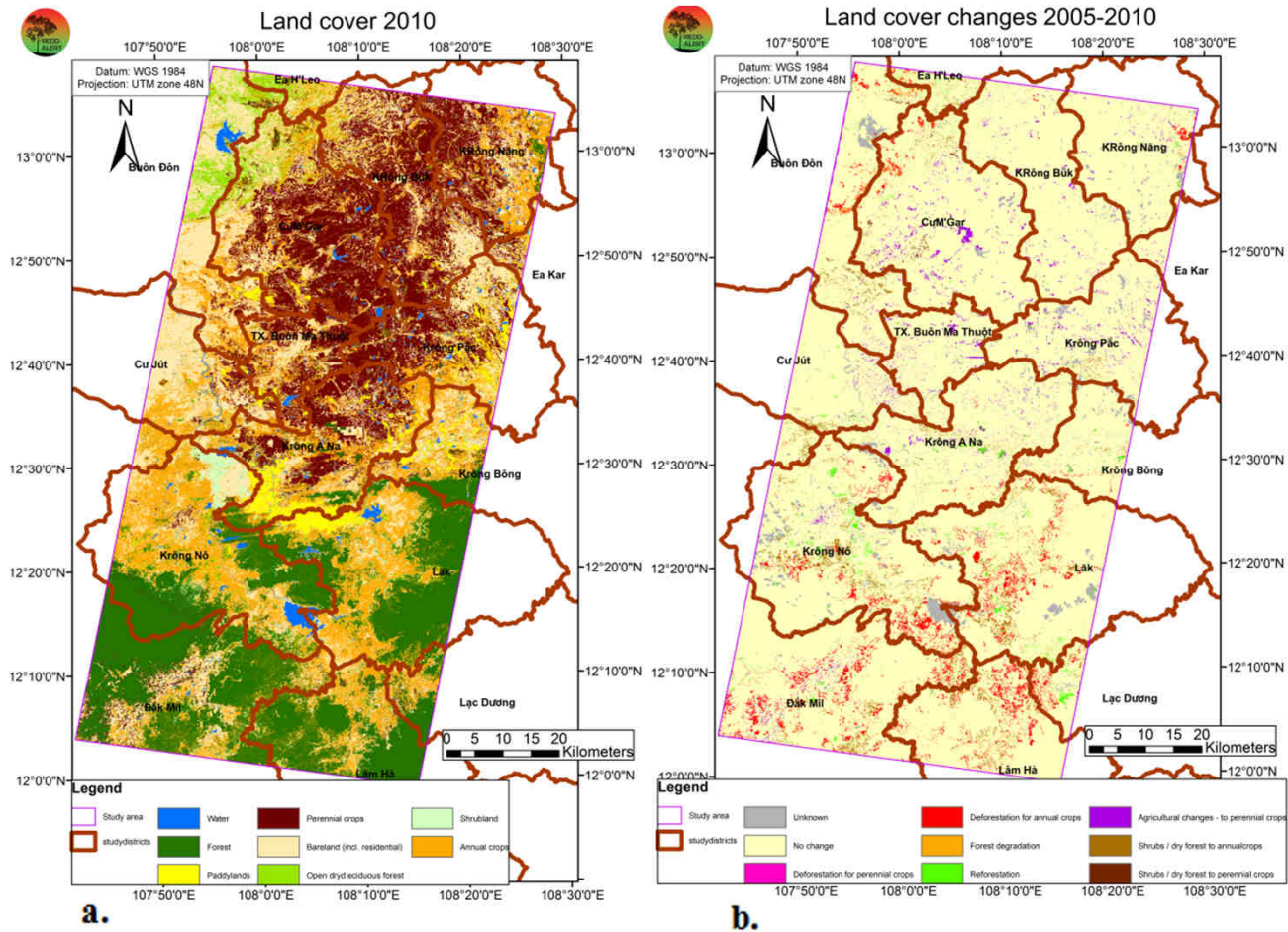
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Vietnam Central highlands

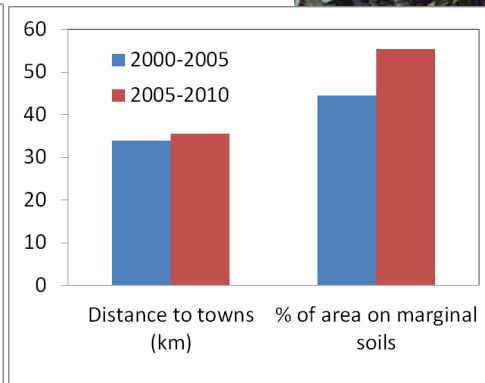
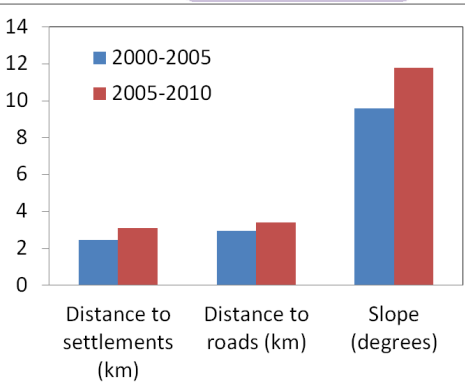
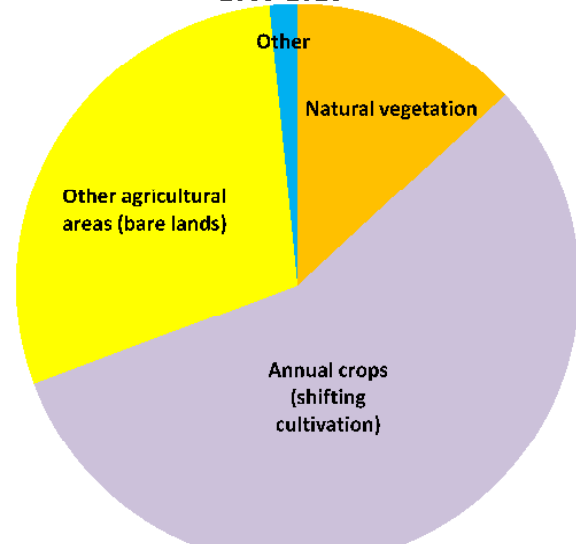


→ Direct cause of deforestation: annual crops (shifting cultivation)

Vietnam Central highlands

Main sources of perennial cropland expansion

2005-2010



- Coffee expansion over agricultural lands
- Shifting cultivation over marginal & remote areas
- Displacement of poor/ethnic minorities households (iLUC).

Meyfroidt et al. 2013, *Global Environ. Chang.*, doi: [10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2013.04.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2013.04.005)



Main factors

Main factors controlling pathways of commodity crop expansion in tropical forest landscapes

LANDSCAPE

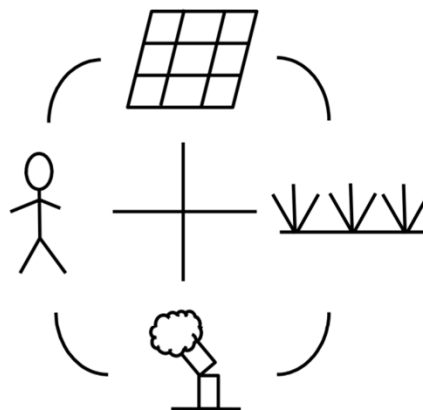
Availability of forestland versus other land pools:

- Physical availability
- Agro-ecological potential
- Accessibility
- Land use policies

ACTORS

Differences in constraints and opportunities between small and largeholders:

- Sizes of land holdings targeted to reach economies of scale
- Transaction costs and conflicts associated with land consolidation
- Capital versus labor constraints, including for clearing forests
- Capacity to negotiate with public authorities
- Capacity to establish and enforce property rights
- Capacity to establish infrastructures
- Responsiveness to governance instruments



LAND USE / AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS

Relative characteristics of the different land uses:

- Export orientation
- Accessibility requirements
- Infrastructures requirements
- Specific agro-ecological requirements
- Bid rent

FORESTRY / AGRICULTURE LINKAGES

Contextual factors affecting costs and benefits of forest clearing:

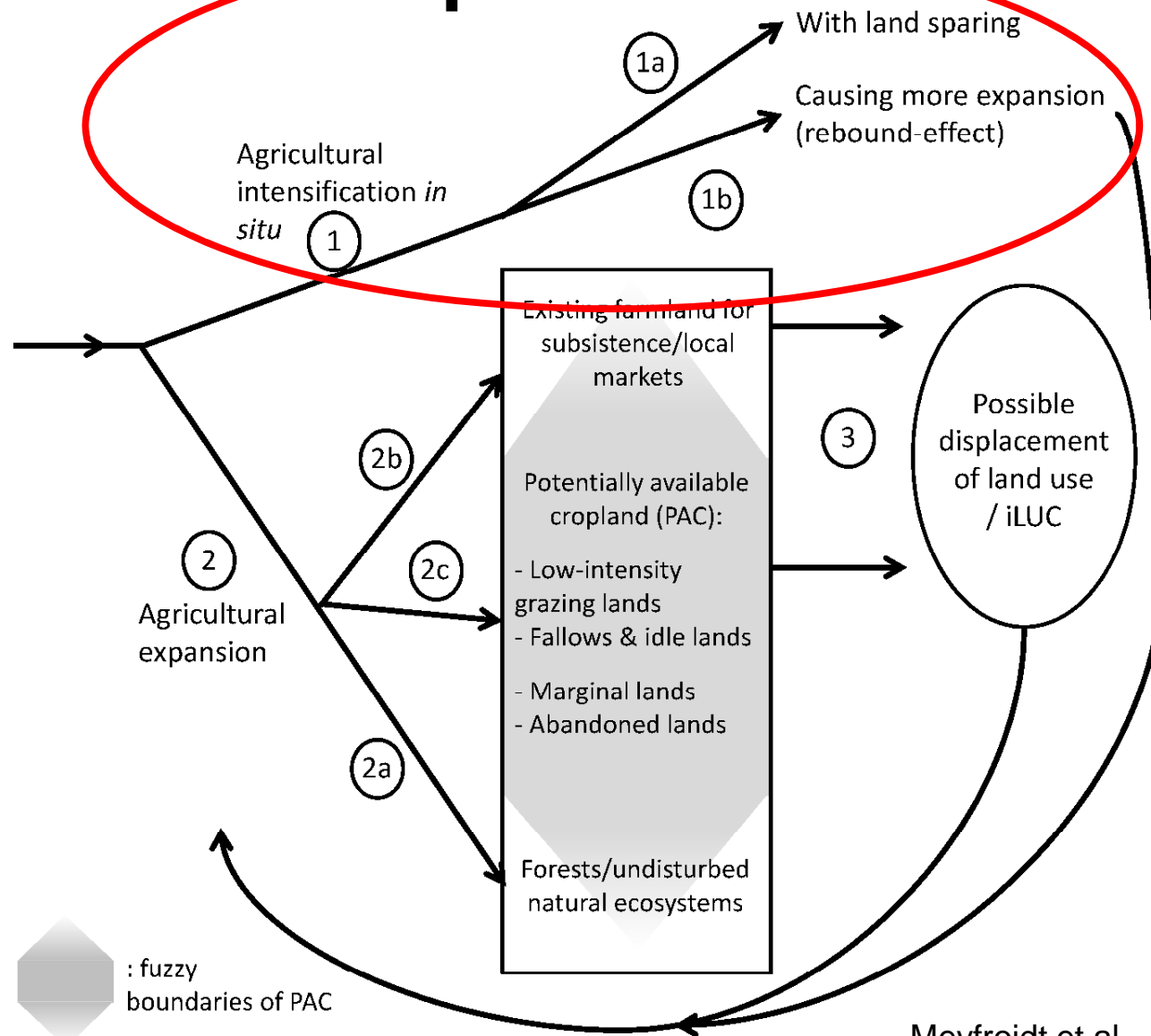
- Amount and quality of timber stocks in forests
- Market demand and prices for timber
- Integration between forestry and agricultural activities



Land use intensification



Pathways of increase of commodity crop production



Meyfroidt et al., *ERL*, 2014



Globalization and rebound-effect

- Intensification can **spare land** when
 - Labor intensification when labor constraints
 - Area expansion potential is limited
 - Inelastic demand (staple products / closed markets)

Example: Vietnam – paddy rice intensification

- But **rebound-effect** when:
 - Unconstrained labor (migration)
 - Capital intensification (w. mobile capital flows)
 - Income- and price-elasticity of demand – meat, leisure crops, bioenergy crops, especially with open markets
 - Relatively low yields in intensification region

Lambin and Meyfroidt 2011
Angelsen and Kaimowitz 2001
Rudel et al. 2009
Hertel et al. 2014
Villoria et al. 2014
Byerlee et al. 2014



African Green Revolution

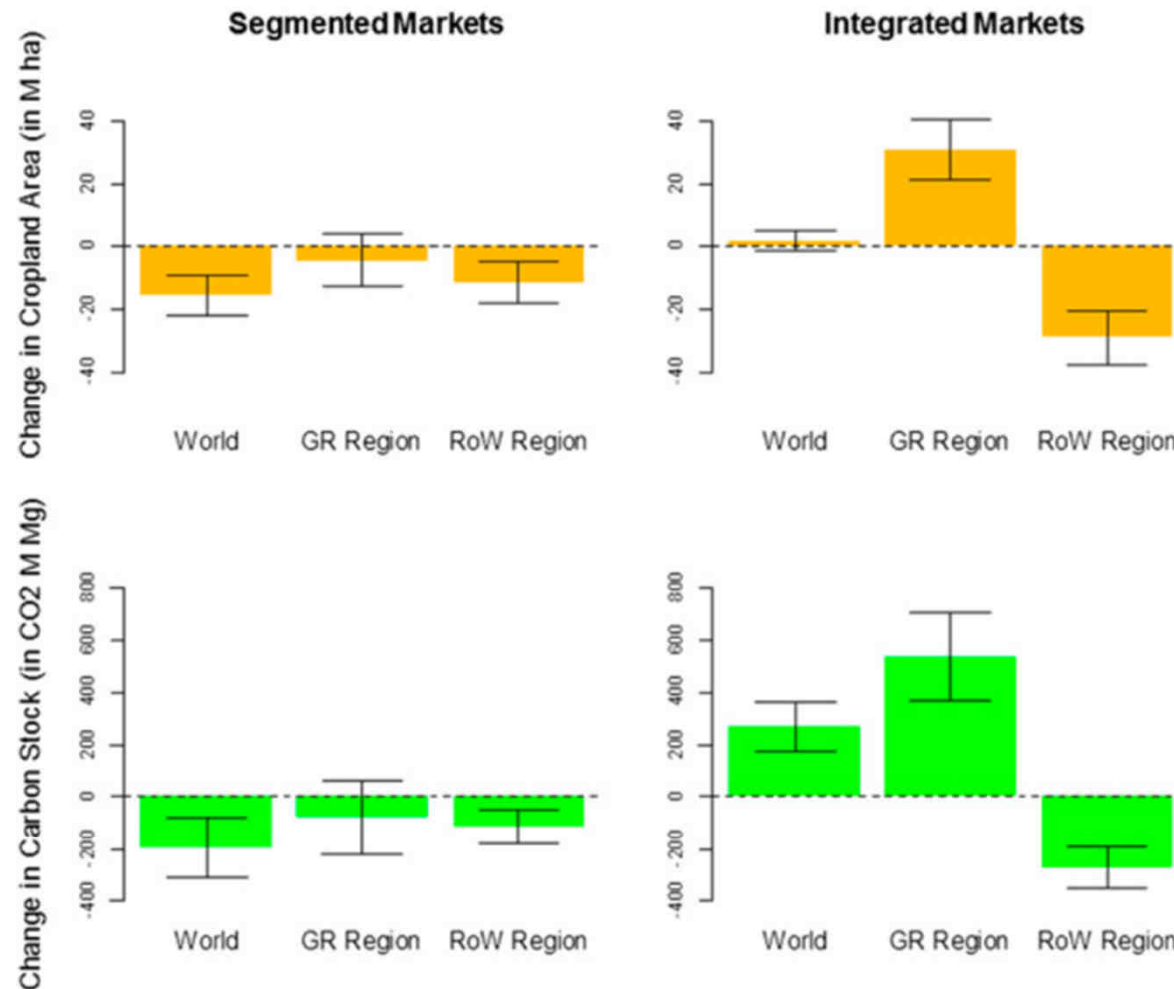
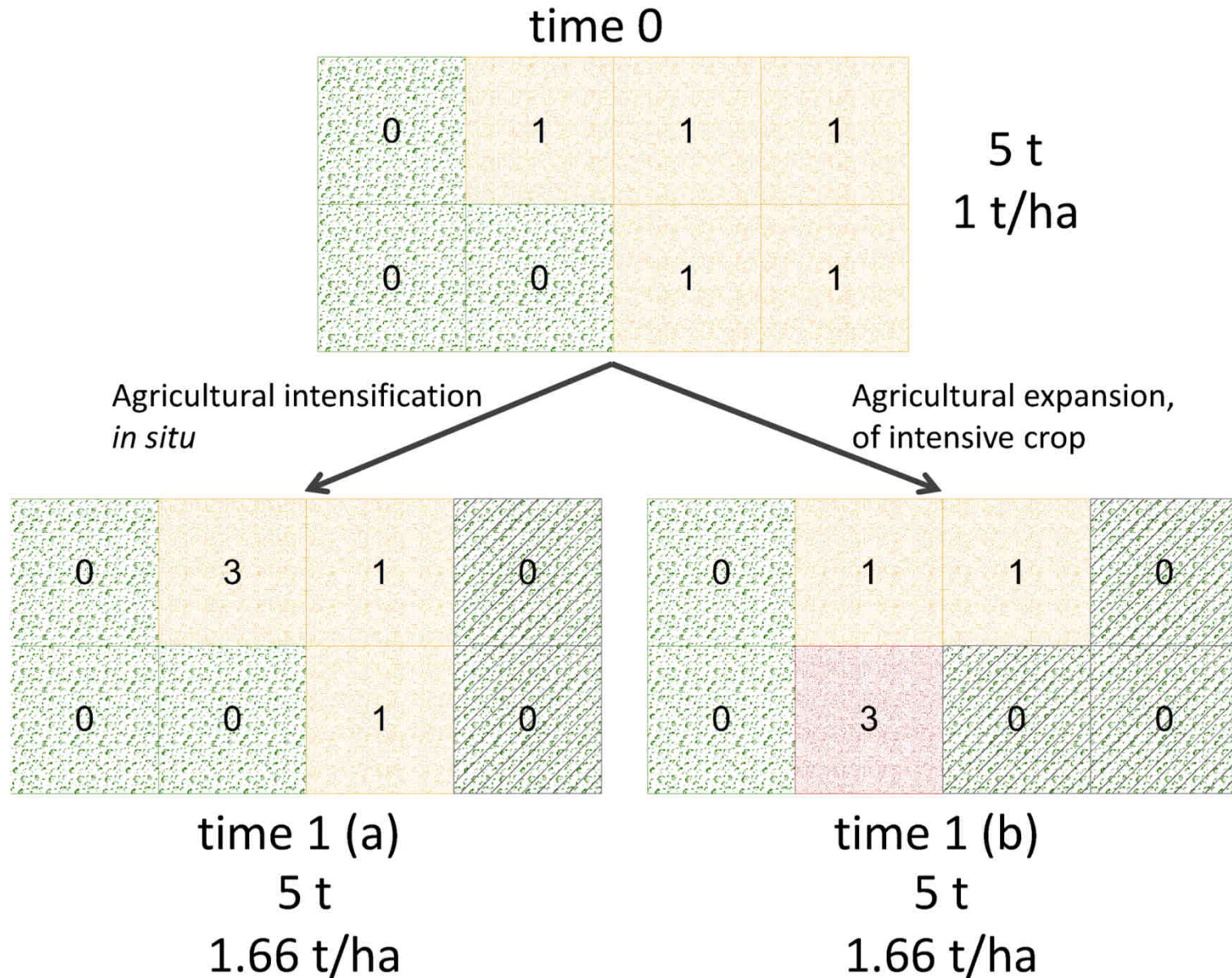


Fig. 3. Sensitivity analysis of the regional and global cropland change and their corresponding carbon emissions given a future African Green Revolution under both segmented and integrated markets: difference between with vs. without Green Revolution TFP growth. Error bars reflect 95% CIs obtained from Monte Carlo analysis with respect to parameter uncertainty.

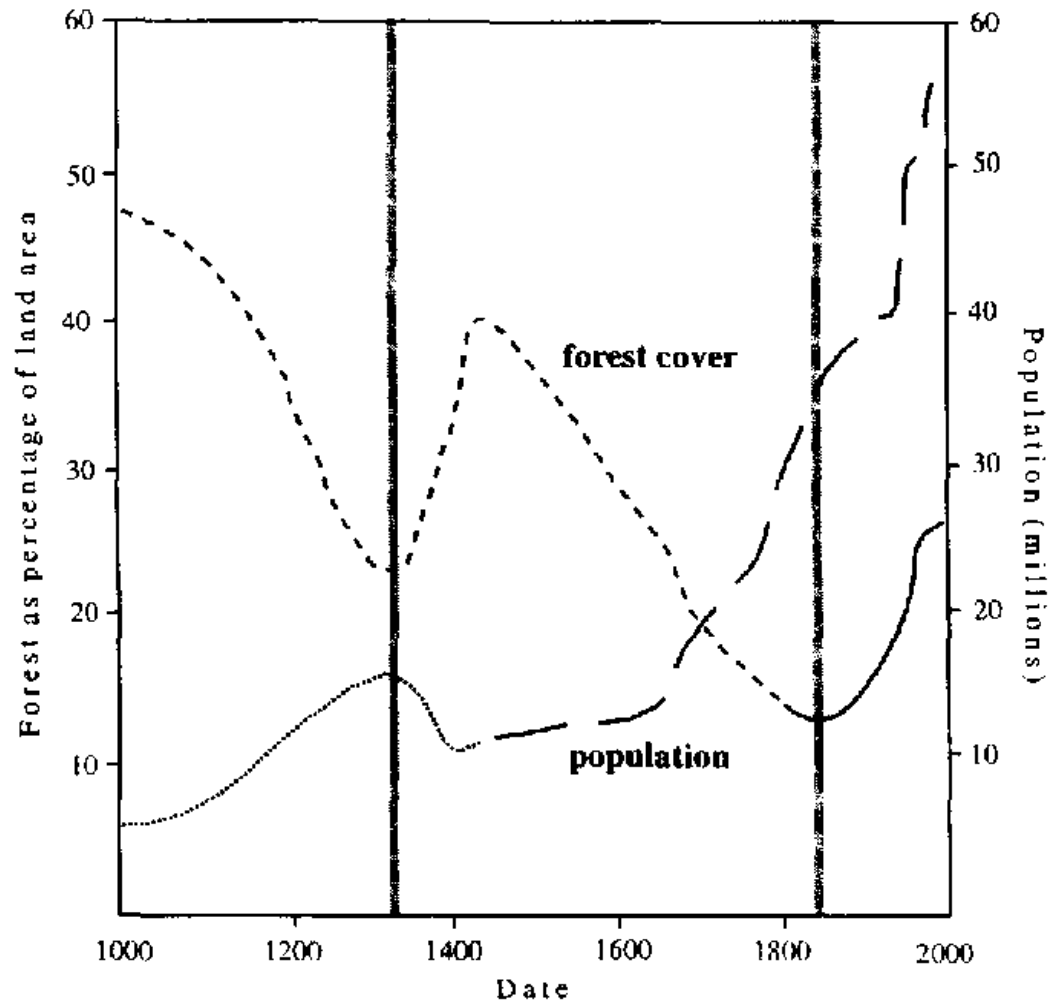
Pathways of land sparing



Land use policies, forest transitions and land use displacement



Forest transition in France



Mather et al. 1999

Turnaround in forest cover trend from deforestation to reforestation

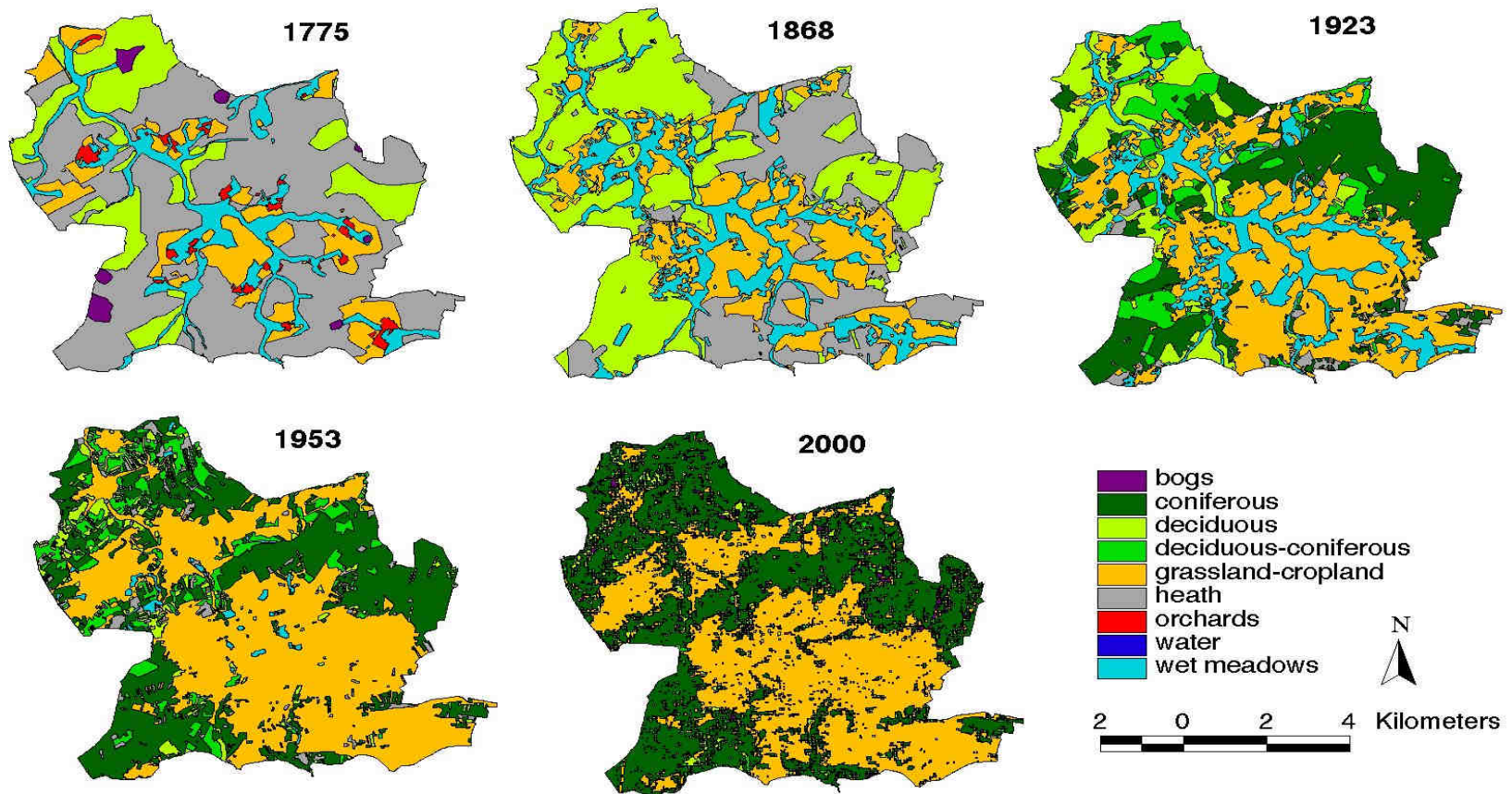
Regional or national scale

Long-term trend



Long-term land-cover change in a community of the Belgian Ardennes

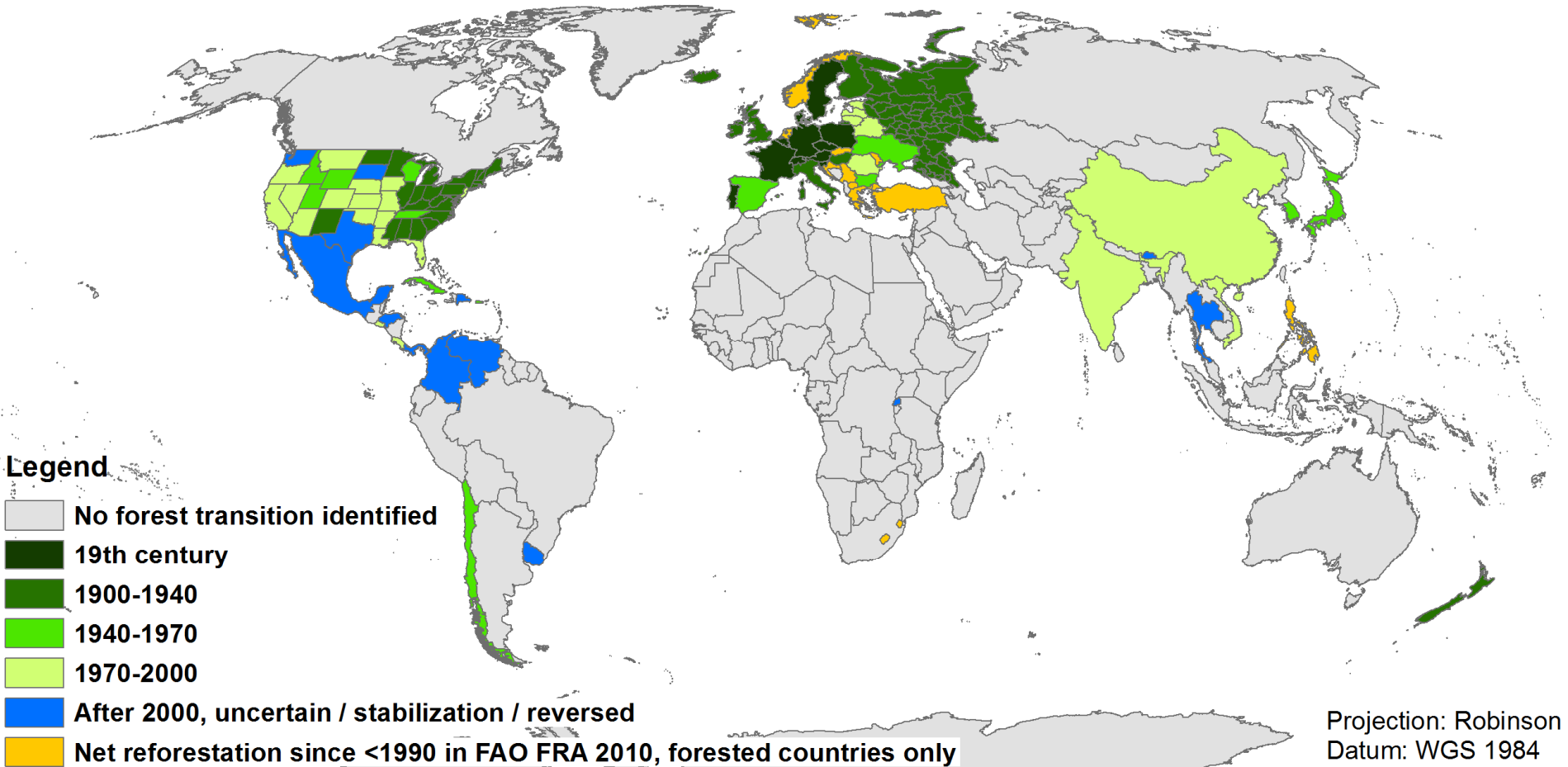
Land cover in Lierneux (Belgian Ardennes): 1775-2000



Petit & Lambin, 2002



Periods of the described recent forest transitions and forest stabilization



Adapted and updated from Meyfroidt P, Lambin EF. 2011, *Annu Rev Environ Resour*

Pathways of forest transition

Economic development path:

Economic development creates enough non-farm jobs to pull farmers off of the land, thereby inducing the spontaneous regeneration of forests in old fields.

Agricultural intensification and markets developments allow food supply to increase and concentrate on the most productive land.

Forest scarcity path:

A scarcity of forest products and a decline in ecosystem services (e.g., floods) prompts governments and landowners to plant trees and protect remaining forests

Rudel et al. 2005



State forest policy path: Changes in national forest policies modify management practices on forests. Motivations:

Modernize the economy

Integrate marginal social groups

Promote tourism or foreign investments

Assert control over remote territories

Globalization path:

Neo-liberal economic reforms: free trade, specialization

Labour out-migration, remittances

Growing tourism, land acquisition by expatriates

Diffusion of nature conservation ideology

*Lambin and Meyfroidt 2010;
Meyfroidt and Lambin 2011*



Smallholder, tree-based land use intensification path:

Marginal regions with smallholder agriculture: landscape mosaics with “anthropogenic” or “domestic” forests

Agroforestry systems, fruit orchards, secondary successions, wood lots, abandoned pastures, gardens, hedgerows

Conservation value; provide multiple ecosystem services

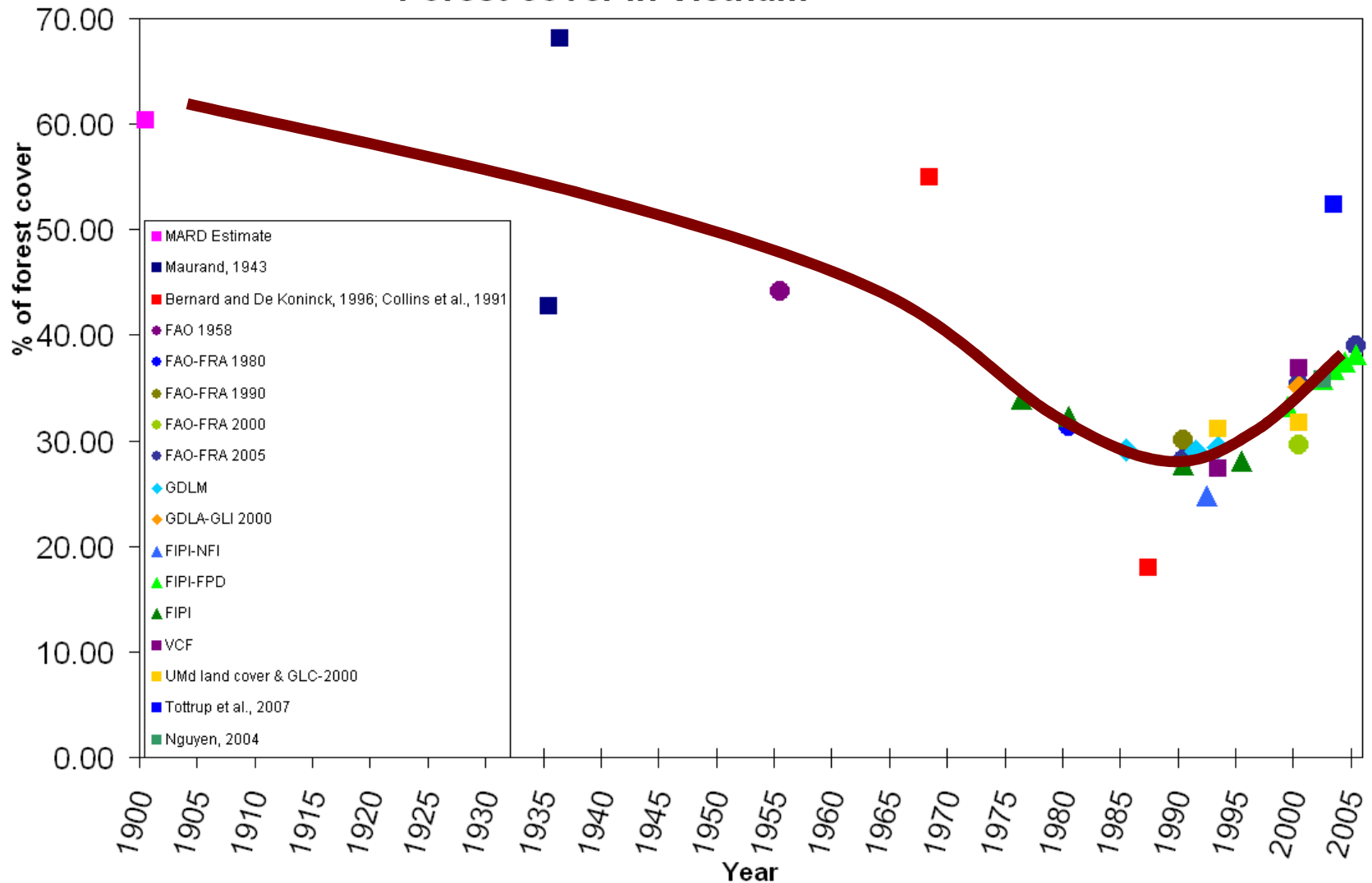
No decline in rural population or agriculture

Smallholders decrease their vulnerability & guarantee their livelihood through ecological and economic diversification

*Lambin and Meyfroidt 2010;
Meyfroidt and Lambin 2011*



Forest cover in Vietnam



Forest transition in 1991-1993 with 25-31% of forest cover

Forest cover of 32-37% in 1999-2001

Reforestation of 2.5 – 3.2 Mha between 1992 and 2000

Meyfroidt &
Lambin, GCB,
2008a





Teak plantation (*T. grandis*)
~10 years



~50%: tree plantation
~50%: natural regeneration

Secondary forest
~15 years

Combination of causes

- Policies allocating forestry land to households and regulating land use
- Liberalization of markets for agricultural inputs & outputs
- Land and forest scarcity (population growth & land degradation)

→ **Decline of cultivation on hillsides & forest regeneration**

→ Intensification in lowland plots with high agro-ecological potential

- Increasing timber demand for urban and industrial markets
- Afforestation / reforestation programs

Local scarcity of forest products

→ **Forest plantations in accessible locations & with capital**

No decline in rural population



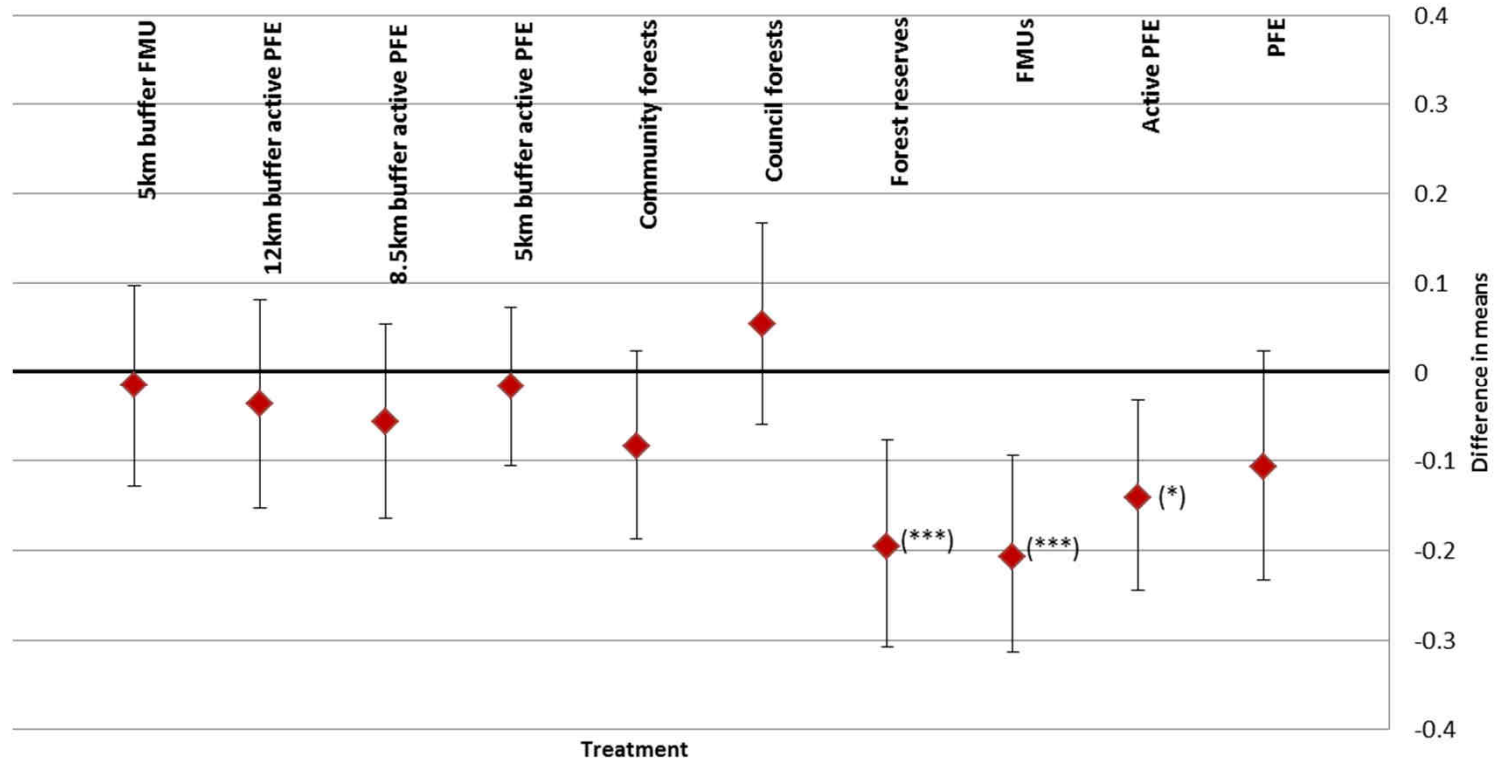








Cameroon



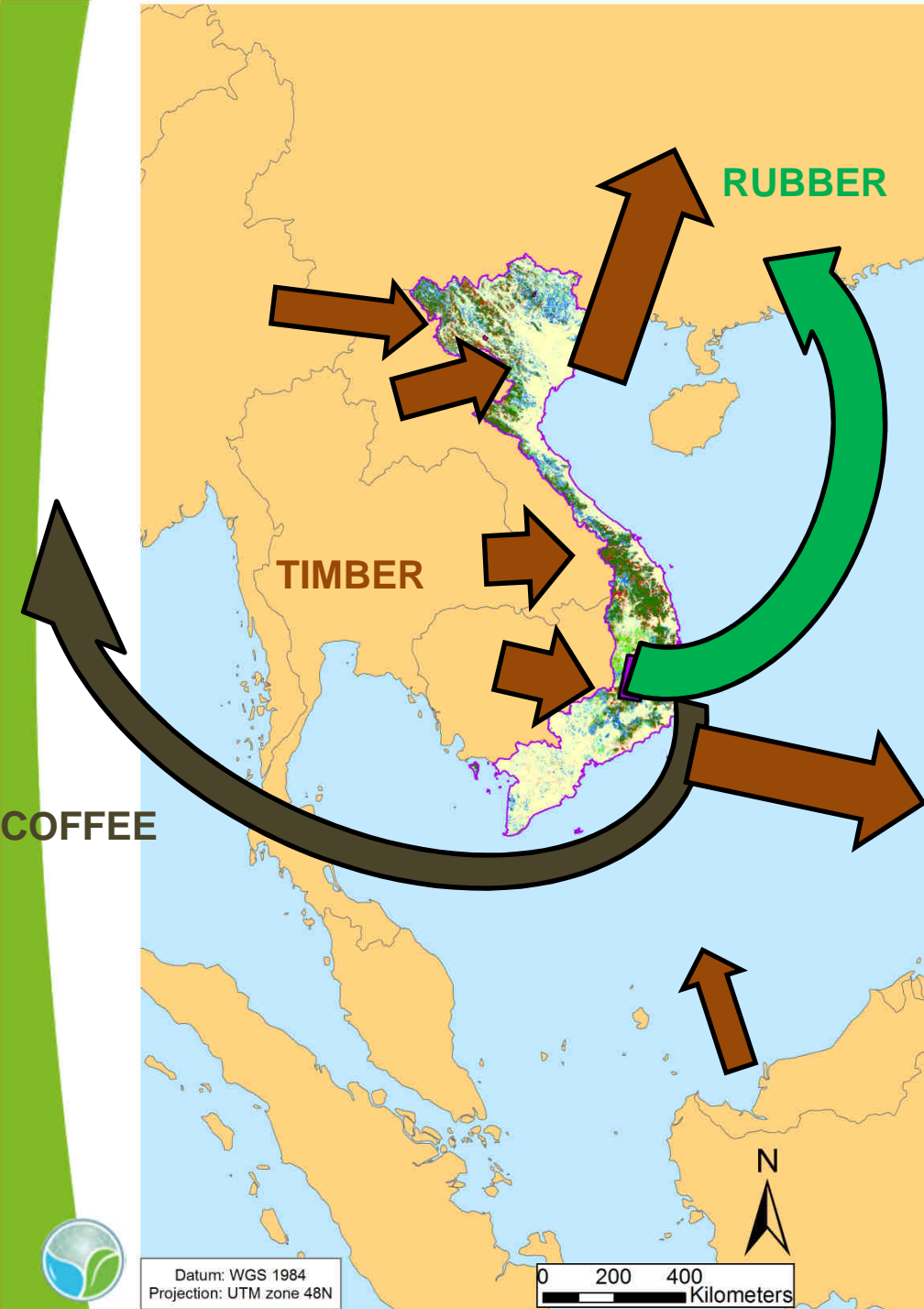
Land zoning, including logging concessions, can be effective to reduce deforestation, and sometimes forest degradation



Land use policies

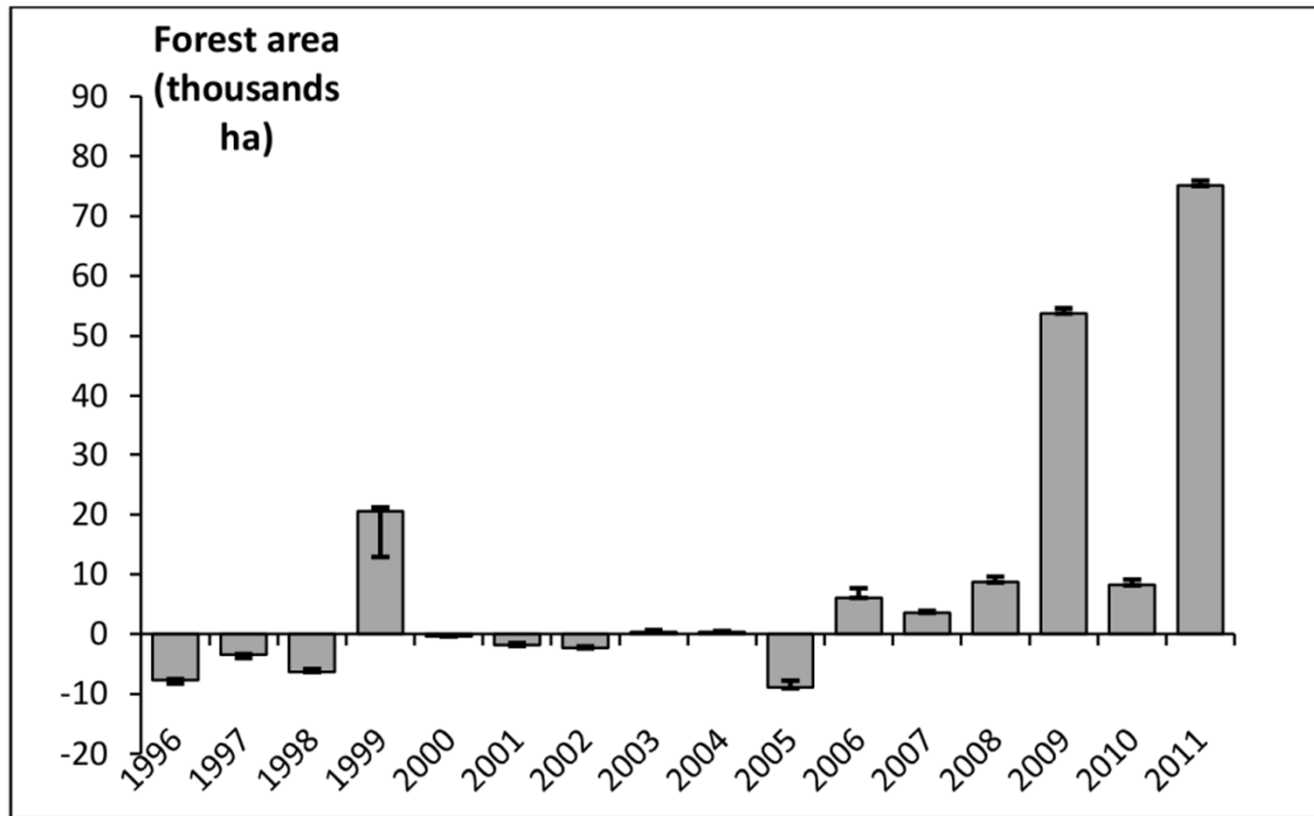
- Evidence that LU policies / zoning can be effective;
 - For deforestation, less clear for degradation
 - Spatially explicit, high priority areas (e.g. systematic conservation planning, Margules and Pressey 2000)
- But:
 - No zero deforestation
 - Displacement / leakage (limited local, but international)
 - Loopholes
 - Environmental effects e.g. soil degradation / erosion
 - Cost-effectiveness / livelihoods; political process
 - Difficulty to manage multifunctional land uses
- Combination of supply & demand approaches; Contextual effects: same policy not same effect everywhere





Meyfroidt and Lambin 2009 *PNAS*
Meyfroidt et al. 2013 *GEC*

Bhutan



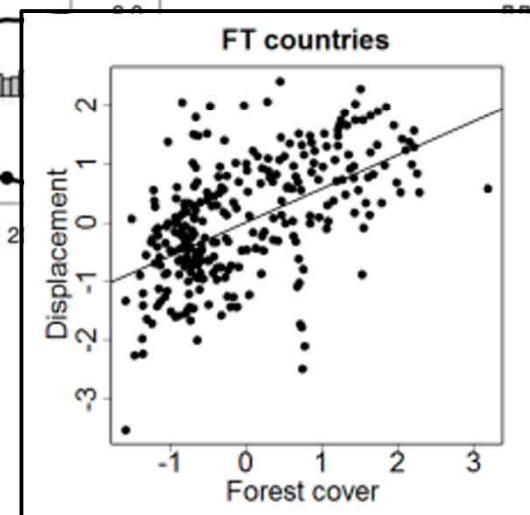
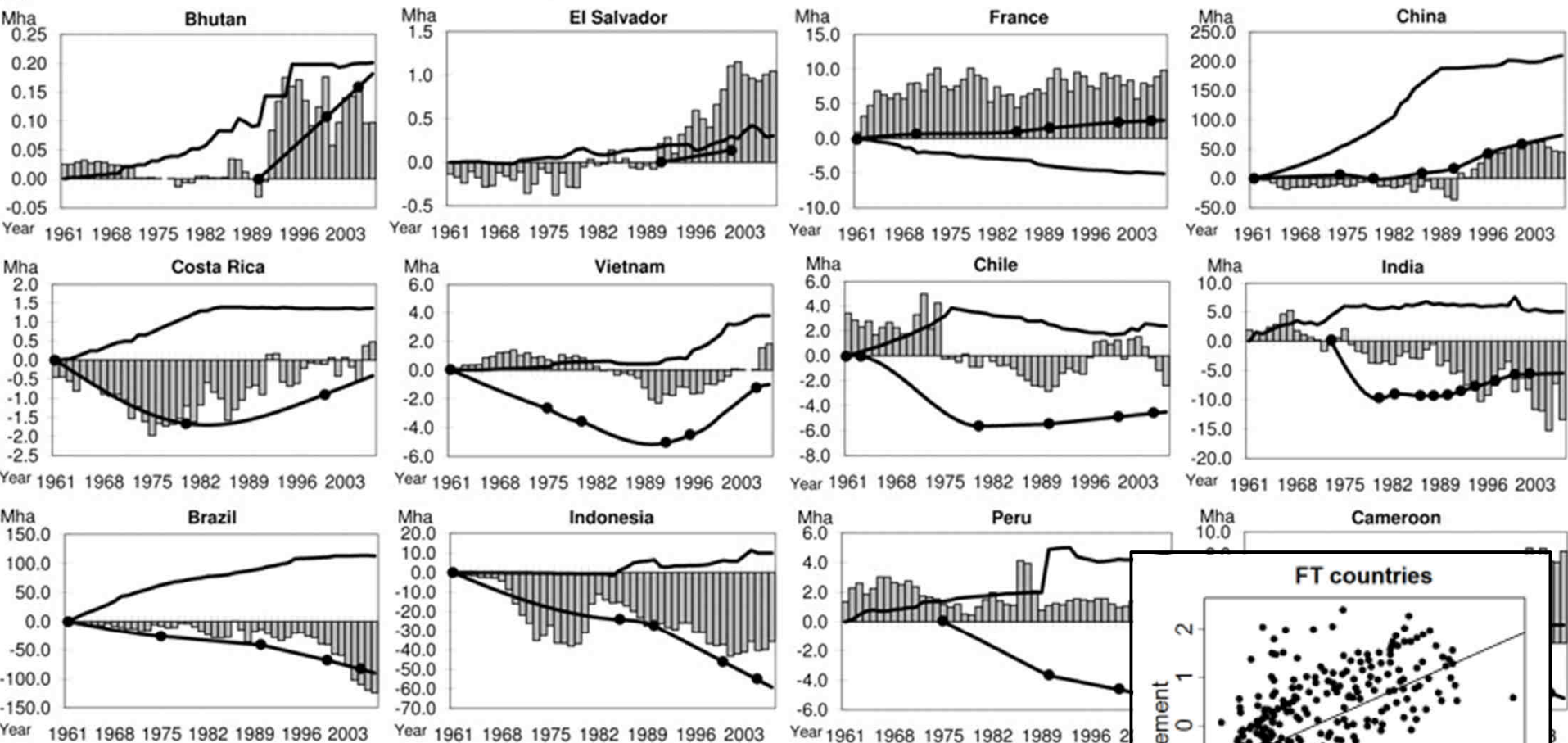
Forest use displacement to India (charcoal) to feed industrial upgrading and exports of higher added-value products (calcium-carbide and ferrosilicon)



Forest transitions & displacement

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Net displacement and land use



Meyfroidt et al., 2010, PNAS



Conclusion



Solutions & caveats

- Target expansion on “**potentially available cropland**” → But no real “free” land, always tradeoffs
- **Land use policies**, control expansion → But displacement / leakage
- Demand-side signals towards sustainable land uses, **market-based instruments** → See Eric's talk
- **Sustainable Intensification** → But rebound-effect, + multiple dimensions
- **Food security**: distribution, income → Rebound-effect too
- **Reduce demand** for most resource-demanding products (diets, wastes)
- **Agroecology**: land use which addresses food security issues → But urban demand for multiple land-based resources - food, wood, energy...; at least 2 billion more urban people in 2050.

