

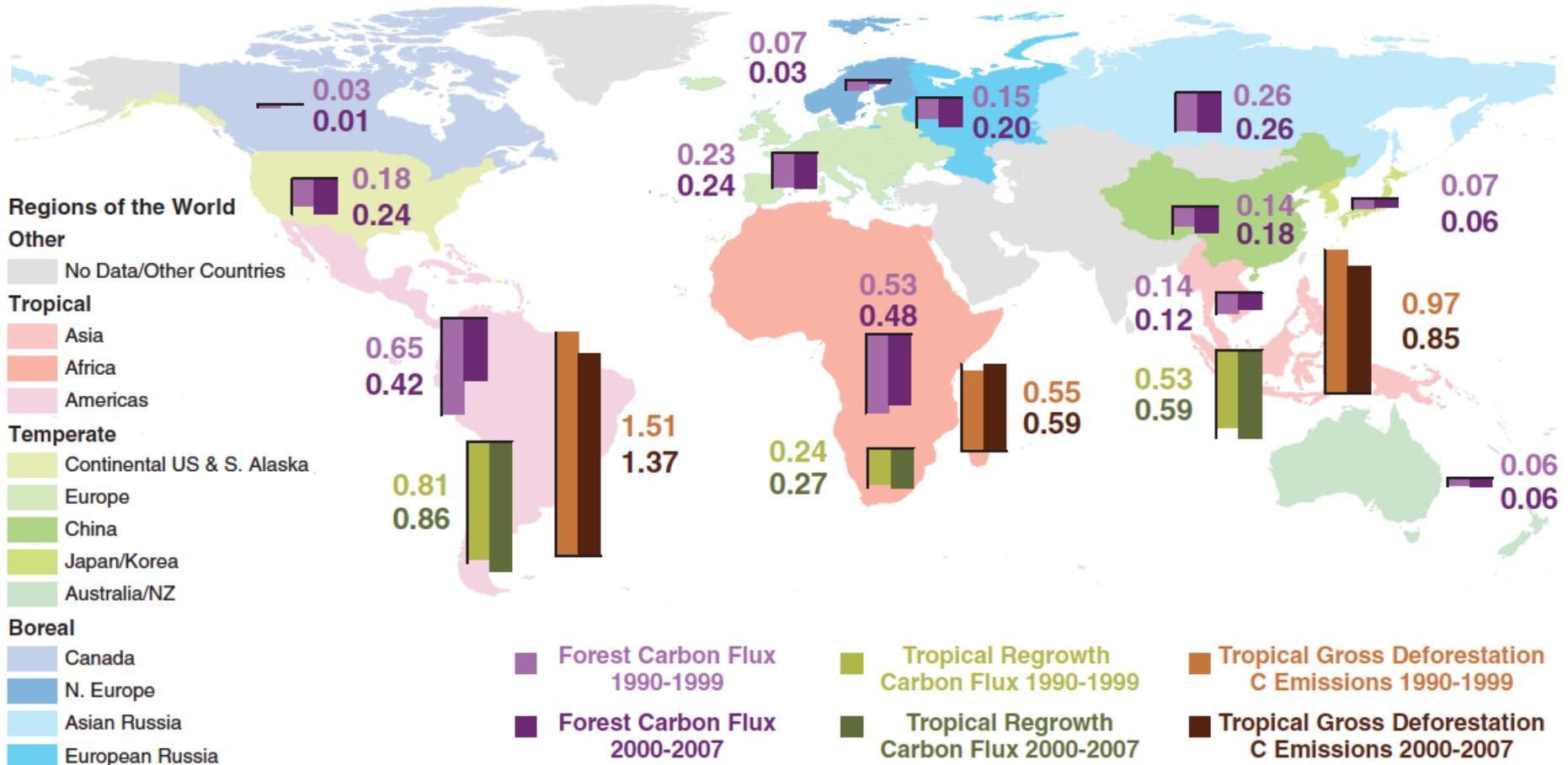
# Forest age datasets

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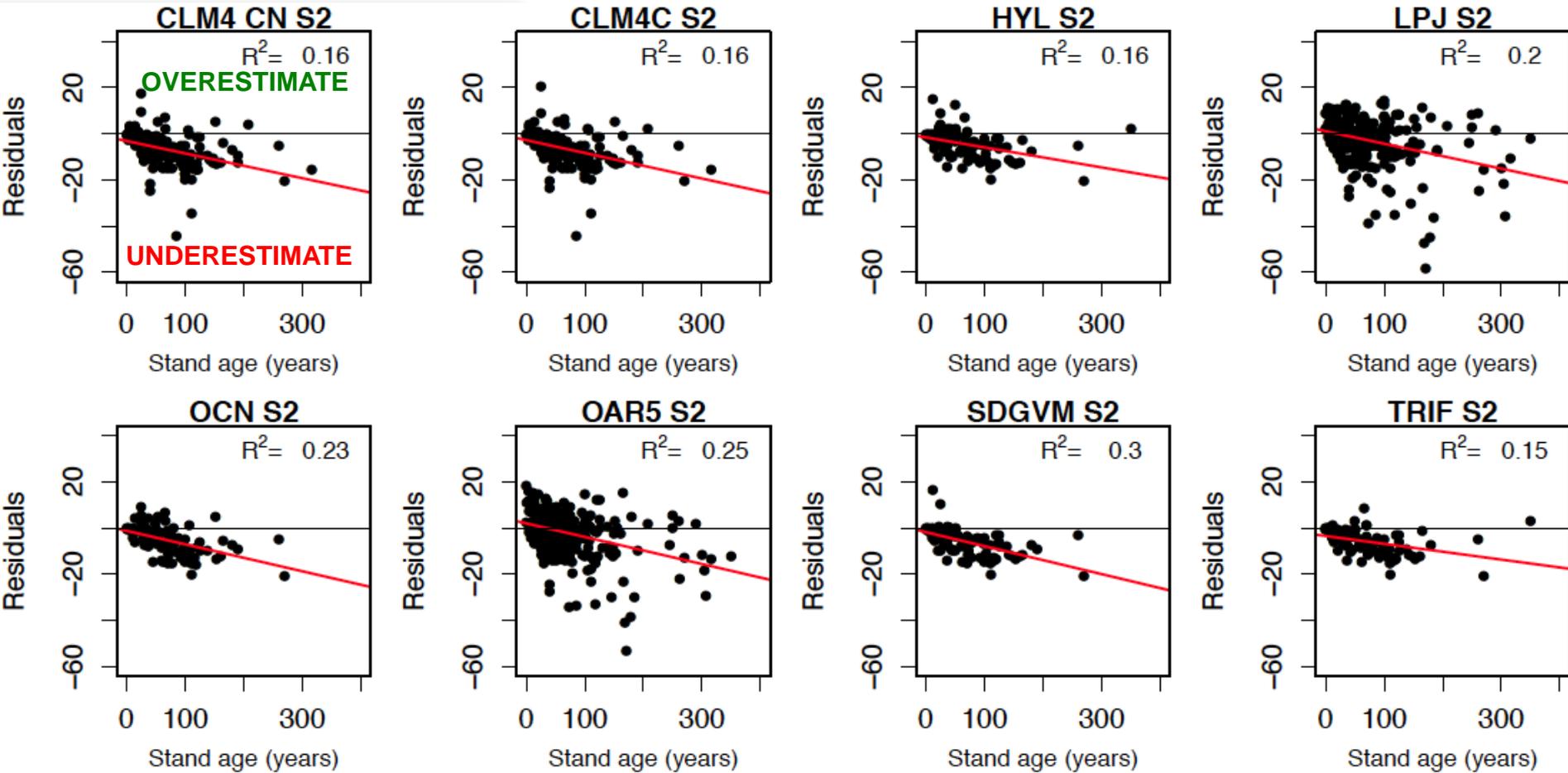
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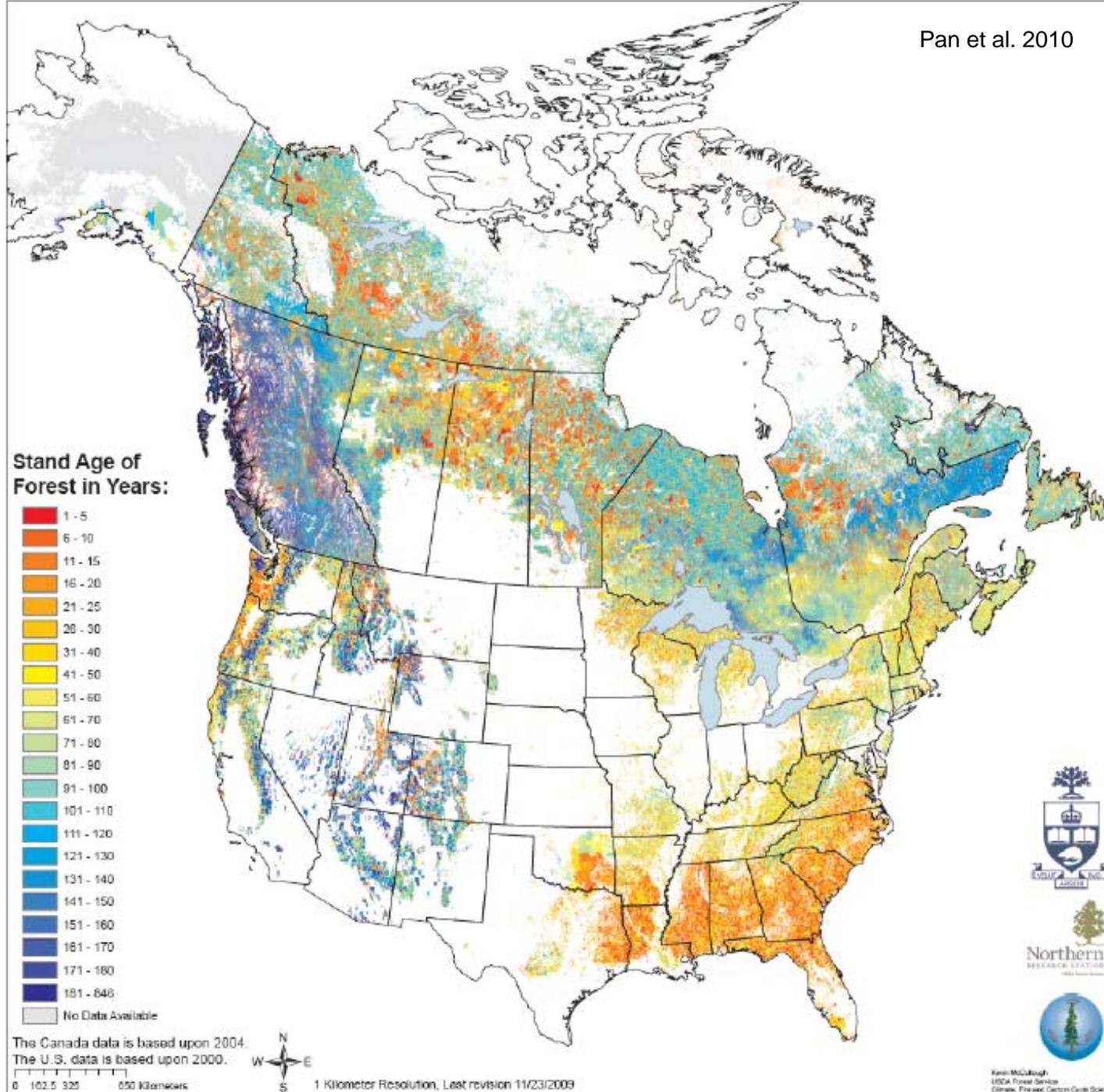
Pan et al. 2011



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Forest age explains 15-30% of model minus data residual





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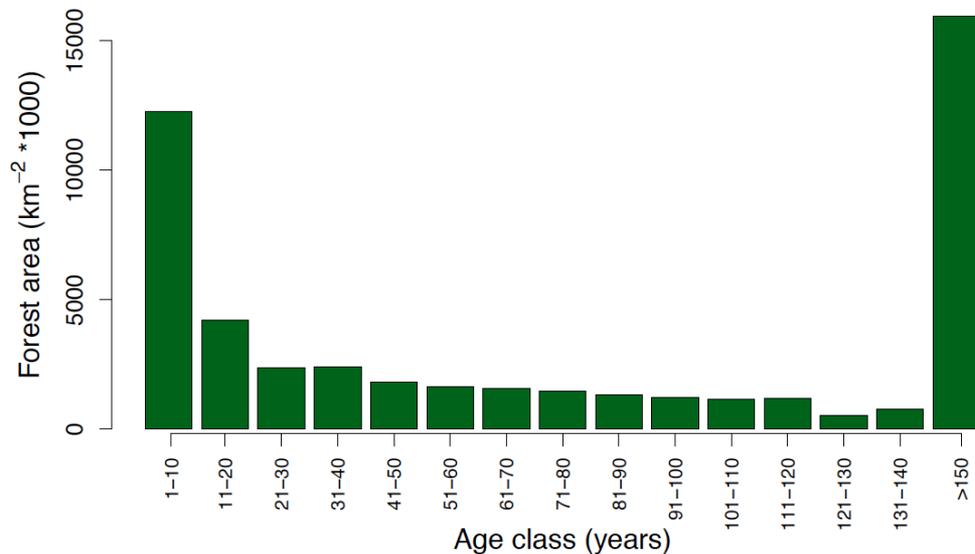
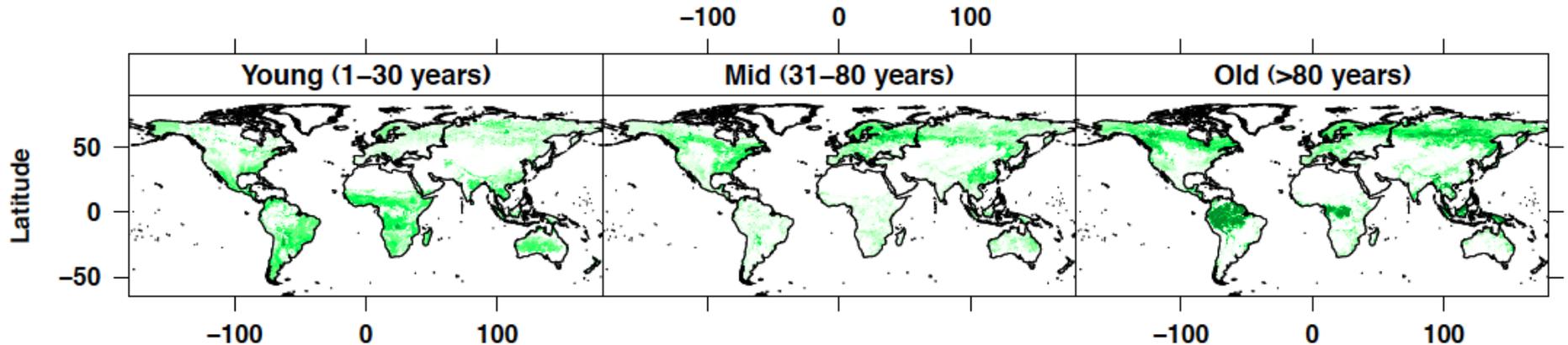
Region/Country	Data Source	Managed/Unmanaged	Ancillary data
United States	US FIA	None	States
Russia	IIASA	None	
Canada	CanFI	Yes	Large fires database
Europe	EFISCEN	None	Provinces
Pan-tropics	Saatchi biomass	None	Marin-Spiotta biomass-age curves
China	6 <sup>th</sup> National Forest Inventory	Yes	Plantations
Other countries	New Zealand NFI Mongolia NFI Japan NFI	None None Yes	Provinces

- MODIS version 5.1 land cover converted to 0.5 degree plant functional types
- Spatial downscaling assumed homogeneous variance within each spatial domain
- For the tropics, climate-stratified biomass-age curves (Marin-Spiotta & Saatchi)



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Tree cover (fraction)



Global Forest Age



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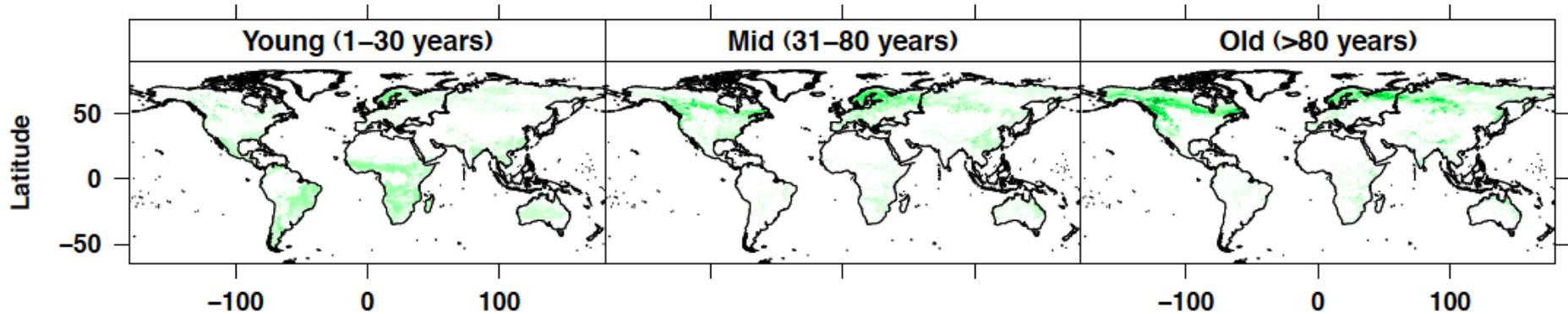


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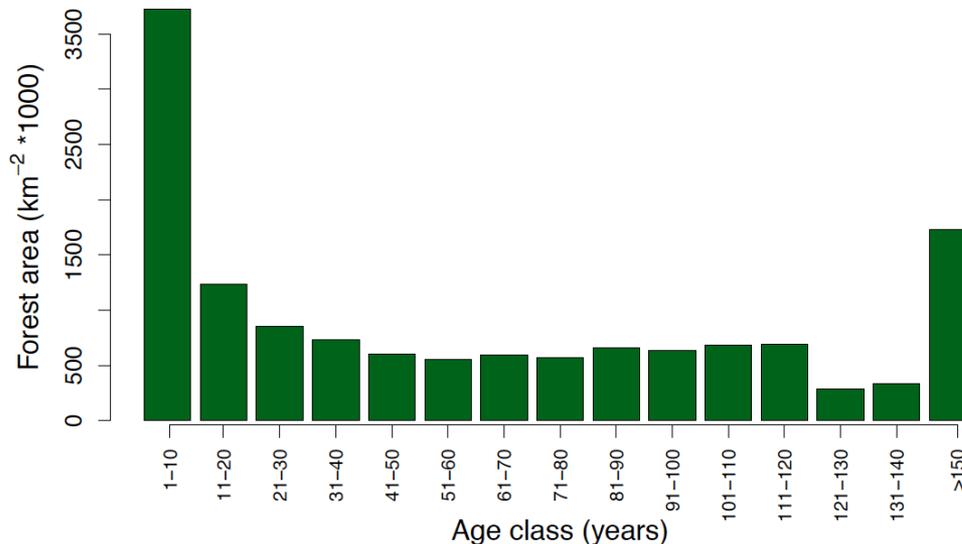
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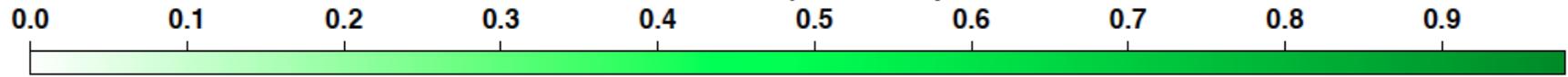


Needleleaf  
evergreen  
forest age



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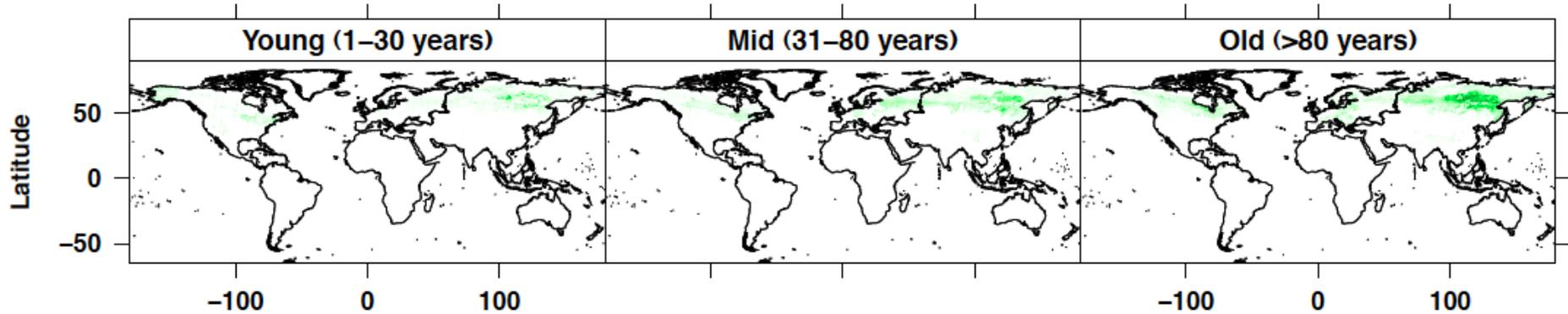


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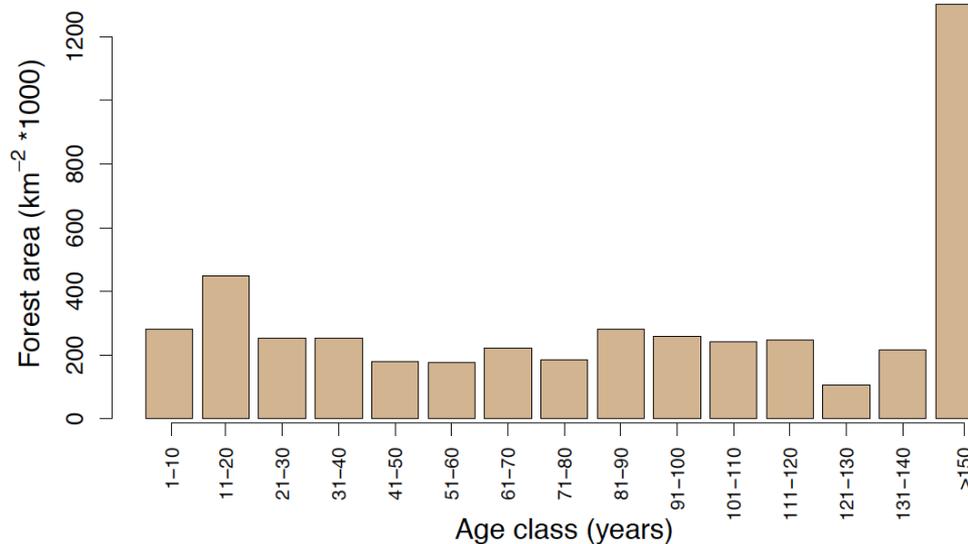
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Needleleaf  
deciduous  
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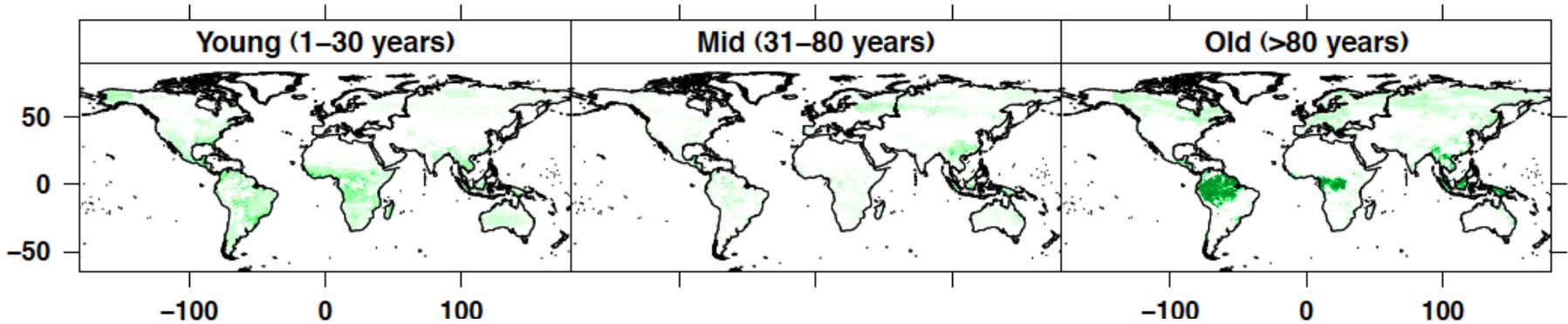


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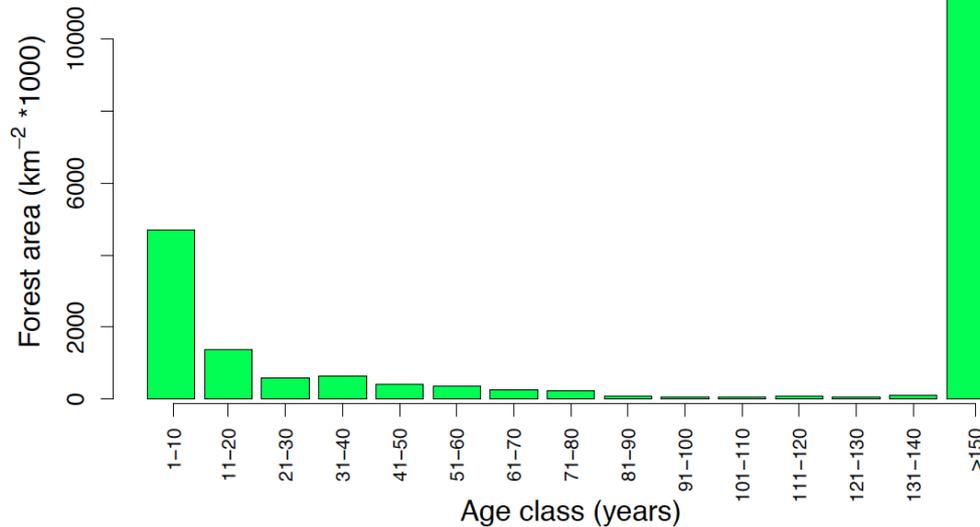
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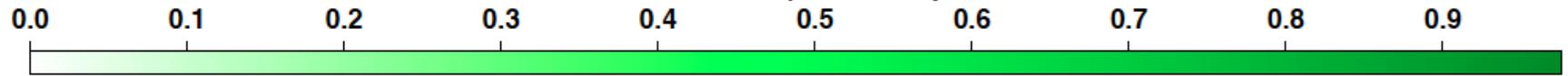


Broadleaf  
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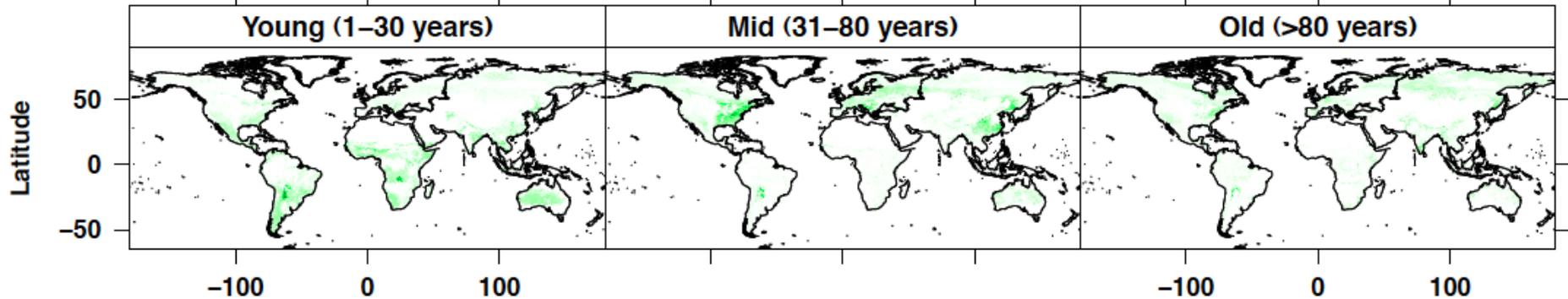


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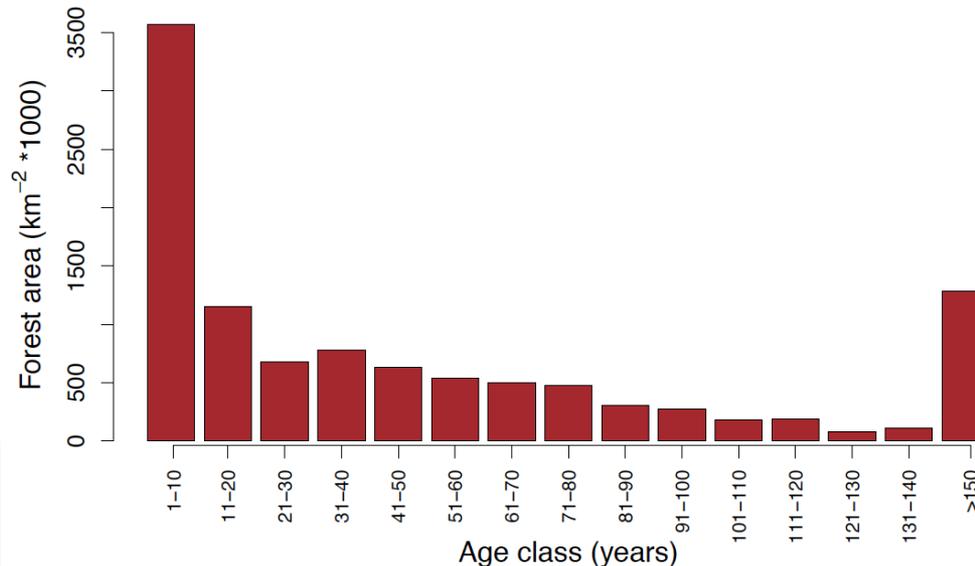
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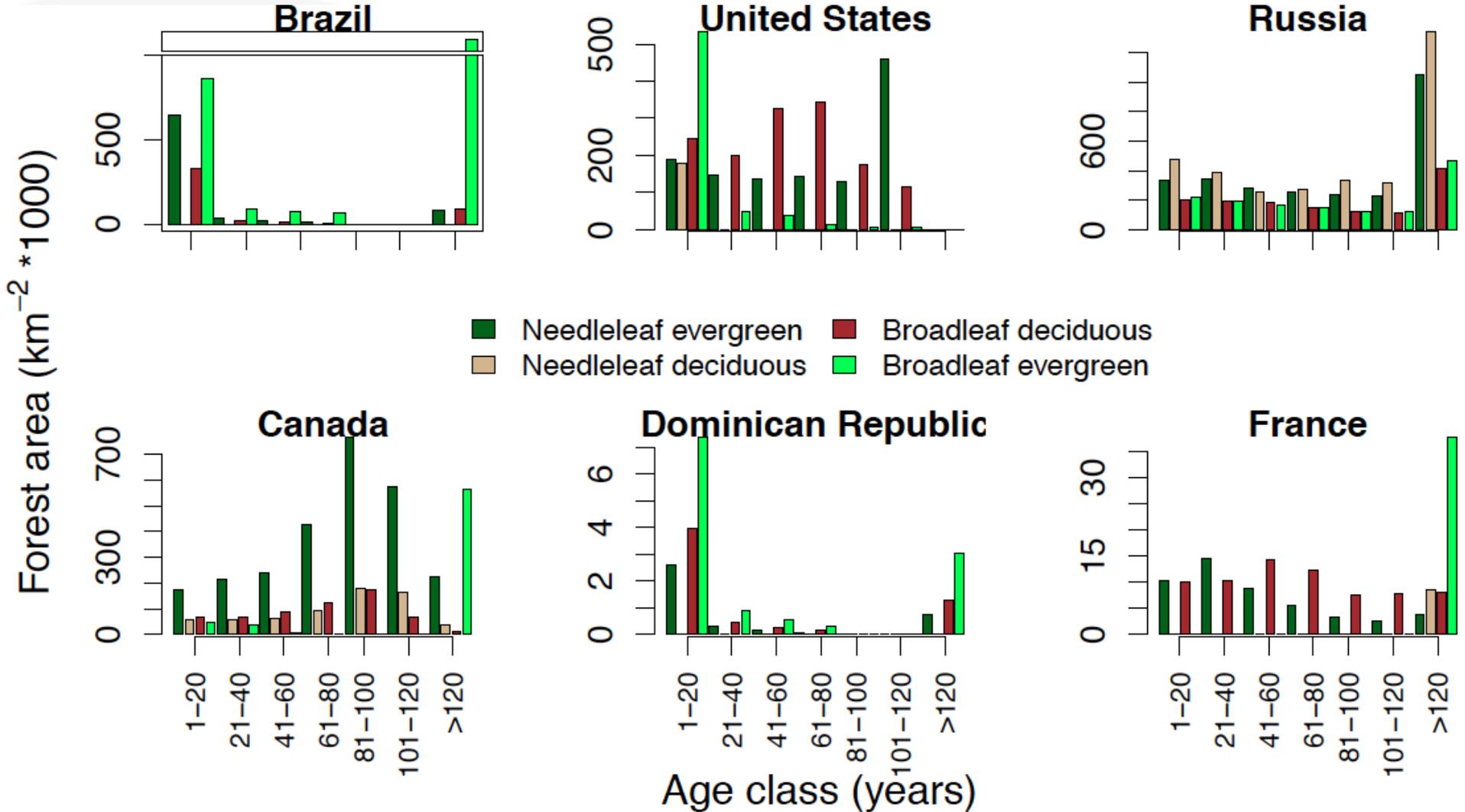
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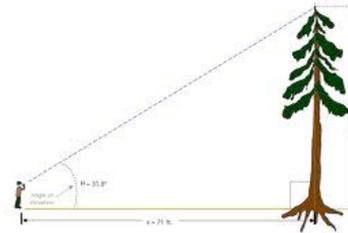
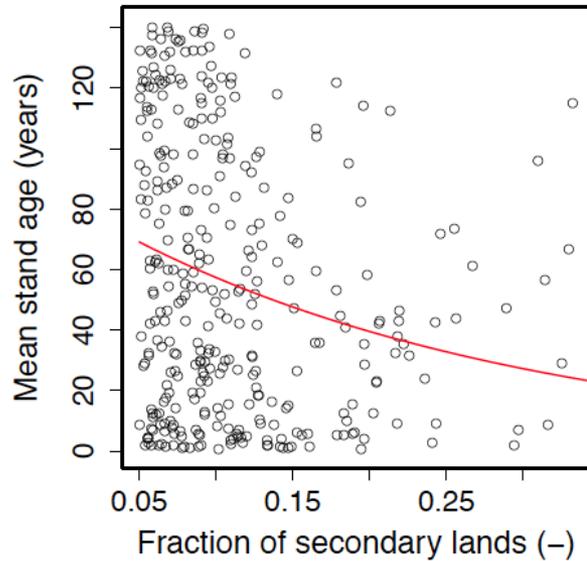
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Consistency check:

Tropical Secondary Forests



Tree Height (Simard et al)



Burned area (GFED v3.1)

