Vegetation classes used in this paper	JSBACH	JULES	CLM	ORCHIDEE
Broadleaf ever- green trees (EvgTr)	Tropical broadleaf evergreen are placed in grid cells with tropical climate <sup>a</sup> ; Extra-tropical evergreen populate the remaining vegetated areas.	Broadleaf trees	Broadleaf ever- green trees	Tropical broadleaf evergreen are placed in grid cells with tropical climate <sup>a</sup> ; Temperate broadleaf evergreen populate the remaining vegetated areas.
Broadleaf deciduous trees (DecTr)	Tropical broadleaf deciduous are placed in grid cells with tropical climate <sup>a</sup> ; Extratropical broadleaf deciduous populate the remaining vegetated areas.	Broadleaf trees	Broadleaf decidu- ous trees	Tropical broadleaf deciduous are placed in grid cells with tropical climate <sup>a</sup> . Temperate broadleaf summergreen are placed in grid cells with arid and temperate areas <sup>a</sup> . Boreal broadleaf summergreen populate the remaining vegetated areas.
Needleleaf trees (NedTr)	Coniferous deciduous are placed in grid cells where they are dominant according to the default PFT distribution <sup>b</sup> . Coniferous evergreen populate the remaining vegetated areas.	Needleleaf trees	Needleleaf trees	Boreal needleleaf summergreen trees are placed in grid cells where they are dominant according to the default PFT distribution Boreal needleleaf evergreen populate the remaining boreal and polar areas <sup>a</sup> . Temperate needleleaf evergreen populate the remaining tropical, temperate and arid areas <sup>a</sup> .
Shrubs (Shrub)	Deciduous shrubs are placed in grids where they are dominant in the default PFT distribution <sup>b</sup> ; Raingreen shrubs populate the remaining vegetated areas.	Shrubs	Shrubs	No PFTs are available.
Grasses (Grass)	Grid cell assigned either $C_3$ grass or $C_4$ grass, based on the dominant photosynthetic pathway at grid cell level <sup>b</sup> .	C <sub>4</sub> grass	Grid cell assigned either $C_3$ <i>crop</i> or $C_4$ <i>crop</i> , based on the dominant photosynthetic pathway at grid cell level <sup>b</sup>	Grid cell assigned either $C_3$ grass or $C_4$ grass, based on the dominant photosynthetic pathway at grid cell level <sup>b</sup> .
Crops (Crops)	Grid cell assigned either $C_3$ crop or $C_4$ crop, based on the dominant photosynthetic pathway at grid cell level <sup>b</sup> .	C <sub>3</sub> grass	Standard <i>C</i> <sub>3</sub> <i>crop</i> (representing wheat)	Grid cell assigned either $C_3$ <i>crop</i> or $C_4$ <i>crop</i> , based on the dominant photosynthetic pathway at grid cell level <sup>b</sup> .