## Supplement of

# Plant phenology evaluation of CRESCENDO land surface models Part 1: Start and end of the growing season 

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- Supplementary Table 6 contains the average difference between CGLS and LAI3g, MODIS, each land surface model, and multi-model ensemble mean (MME) in Growing Season Start (GSS) and Growing Season End (GSE) timings;
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## Global Growing Season Type



Supplementary Figure 1. Global climatological (averaged over 2000-2011) distribution of the four main growing season modes for (a) MODIS version 6, (b) LAI3g, (c) CGLS. Index values: (purple) evergreen; (green) single season with summer LAI peak; (cyan) single growing season with summer dormancy; (orange) two growing seasons type.


Supplementary Figure 2. Global climatological (averaged over 2000-2011) distribution of the four main growing season modes for (a) Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME); (b) CLM 4.5; (c) CLM 5.0; (d) JULES-ES; (e) JSBACH; (f) LPJ-GUESS; (g) ORCHIDEE; (h) ISBA-CTRIP. Only the areas characterized by the same type of LAI3g (Supplemetary Figure 1b) are shown. These common areas are called agreement regions. Index values: (purple) evergreen; (green) single season with summer LAI peak; (cyan) single growing season with summer dormancy; (4, orange) two growing seasons type. White regions are for disagreement areas. Above this selection, areas of agreement between satellite products are shaded with a different hatching pattern: LAI3g and MODIS (Supplementary Figure 1a) slash hatching (/); LAI3g and CGLS (Supplementary Figure 1c) backslash hatching ( $\backslash$ ); MODIS, CGLS, and LAI3g crossed hatching (X).

Supplementary Table 1. Fraction of land grid-cell in agreement with LAI3g for Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME) and LSMs in each growing season type. Values are reported in percentage. Colored regions in Supplementary Figure 2.

|  | CLM 4.5 | CLM 5.0 | JULES-ES | JSBACH | LPJ-GUESS | ORCHIDEE | ISBA-CTRIP | MME |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EVG | 56.4 | 73.7 | 90.1 | 21.8 | 61.2 | 71.1 | 72.0 | 40.2 |
| SGS-S | 67.4 | 44.0 | 50.4 | 75.3 | 76.0 | 81.3 | 77.0 | 78.9 |
| SGS-D | 37.4 | 20.8 | 5.0 | 41.1 | 17.9 | 20.6 | 39.6 | 13.1 |
| TGS | 14.0 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 8.3 | 14.1 | 3.8 | 7.1 | 0.5 |
| Total | 58.9 | 40.3 | 40.3 | 64.7 | 62.4 | 66.3 | 66.2 | 62.6 |



Supplementary Figure 3. Global climatological (averaged over 2000-2011) distribution of the four main growing season modes for (a) Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME); (b) CLM 4.5; (c) CLM 5.0; (d) JULES-ES; (e) JSBACH; (f) LPJ-GUESS; (g) ORCHIDEE; (h) ISBA-CTRIP. Only the areas characterized by the same type of CGLS (Supplemetary Figure 1c) are shown. These common areas are called agreement regions. Index values: (1, purple) evergreen; (2, green) single season with summer LAI peak; (3, cyan) single growing season with summer dormancy; (4, orange) two growing seasons type. White regions are for disagreement areas. Above this selection, areas of agreement between satellite products are shaded with a different hatching pattern: LAI3g and CGLS (Supplementary Figure 1b) slash hatching (/); MODIS and CGLS (Supplementary Figure 1a) backslash hatching ( $\backslash$ ); MODIS, CGLS, and LAI3g crossed hatching (X).

Supplementary Table 2. Fraction of land grid-cell in agreement with CGLS for Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME) and LSMs in each growing season type. Values are reported in percentage. Colored regions in Supplementary Figure 3.

|  | CLM 4.5 | CLM 5.0 | JULES-ES | JSBACH | LPJ-GUESS | ORCHIDEE | ISBA-CTRIP | MME |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EVG | 41.3 | 46.2 | 75.4 | 22.5 | 32.8 | 39.2 | 57.9 | 29.5 |
| SGS-S | 65.3 | 44.8 | 48.1 | 73.0 | 75.1 | 79.3 | 74.1 | 79.2 |
| SGS-D | 42.4 | 26.5 | 5.6 | 43.9 | 28.8 | 26.2 | 47.7 | 16.6 |
| TGS | 21.6 | 17.8 | 0.6 | 14.0 | 17.8 | 6.4 | 13.6 | 0.7 |
| Total | 58.3 | 42.4 | 46.5 | 61.0 | 63.0 | 66.3 | 67.2 | 63.8 |



Supplementary Figure 4. Global climatological (averaged over 2000-2011) growing season (a,b) start (GSS) and (c,d) end (GSE) timings for (a,c) LAI3g, and (b,d) CGLS.


Supplementary Figure 5. Global climatological (averaged over 2000-2011) differences in growing season start (GSS) between (a) MultiModel Ensemble mean (MME); (b) CLM 4.5; (c) CLM 5.0; (d) JULES-ES; (e) JSBACH; (f) LPJ-GUESS; (g) ORCHIDEE; (h) ISBACTRIP and LAI3g (Supplementary Figure 4a). The green regions represent areas of agreement between LAI3g and LSMs. Yellow-red colors correspond to areas where models timings are later compared to LAI3g, while blue-violet colors correspond to areas where models timings are earlier compared to LAI3g. Regions where GSS timings are not computed, such as non-vegetated and evergreen areas, are in white. Above this selection, areas of agreement between satellite products are shaded with a different hatching pattern: LAI3g and MODIS (Supplementary Figure 1a) slash hatching (/); LAI3g and CGLS (Supplementary Figure 1c) backslash hatching ( $\backslash$ ); MODIS, CGLS, and LAI3g crossed hatching (X). Note that the GSS in the TGS regions corresponds to the GSS of the first growing season cycle


Supplementary Figure 6. As Supplementary Figure 5 but for growing season end (GSE) timings between LAI3g (Supplementary Figure 4c) and Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME) and LSMs. Note that the GSE in the TGS regions corresponds to the GSE of the second growing season cycle.
Supplementary Table 3. The fraction of land grid-cell in agreement with LAI3g for MODIS, CGLS, each land surface model, and multi-model ensemble mean (MME) in growing season start (GSS) and growing season end (GSE) timings. Values are reported in percentages for global, North Hemisphere (NH), and South Hemisphere (SH). Green shaded areas in Supplementary Figures 5 and 6. The last row reports the fraction of land grid-cell in agreement with MODIS for each land surface model in growing season length. The values in brackets give the percentage of global, NH , and SH with a maximum difference of one month.

|  | MODIS | CGLS | CLM 4.5 | CLM 5.0 | JULES-ES | JSBACH | LPJ-GUESS | ORCHIDEE | ISBA-CTRIP | MME |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GSS | $\begin{gathered} 34.3 \\ (66.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 39.4 \\ (71.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.1 \\ (52.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.7 \\ (20.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1.9 \\ (16.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.7 \\ (50.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25.6 \\ (57.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21.7 \\ (58.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.6 \\ (55.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.1 \\ (38.3) \end{gathered}$ |
| GSE | $\begin{gathered} 40.9 \\ (72.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.7 \\ (66.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.4 \\ (38.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.0 \\ (22.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.3 \\ (11.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.7 \\ (36.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22.5 \\ (54.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21.6 \\ (54.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22.4 \\ (58.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 23.3 \\ (43.0) \end{gathered}$ |
| GSS NH | $\begin{gathered} 37.0 \\ (72.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 43.1 \\ (77.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19.0 \\ (59.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 5.4 \\ (21.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.4 \\ (20.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.9 \\ (58.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.9 \\ (62.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24.8 \\ (66.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.5 \\ & (65.5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.7 \\ (43.0) \end{gathered}$ |
| GSE NH | $\begin{gathered} 44.8 \\ (79.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 29.4 \\ (70.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.9 \\ (42.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4.2 \\ (22.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2.8 \\ (14.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.4 \\ (39.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 24.8 \\ (60.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25.1 \\ (62.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.1 \\ (67.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.3 \\ (47.7) \end{gathered}$ |
| GSS SH | $\begin{gathered} 24.9 \\ (48.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.5 \\ (51.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.5 \\ (27.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6.8 \\ (18.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.4 \\ (2.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8.1 \\ (20.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.0 \\ (39.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.2 \\ (31.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.1 \\ (21.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.7 \\ (22.0) \end{gathered}$ |
| GSE SH | $\begin{gathered} 27.4 \\ (49.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.4 \\ (50.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.4 \\ (27.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.7 \\ (23.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.5 \\ (1.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7.8 \\ (23.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.8 \\ (35.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.3 \\ (28.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.7 \\ (29.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.0 \\ (26.7) \end{gathered}$ |
| Length | $\begin{gathered} 24.6 \\ (55.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22.2 \\ (55.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.2 \\ (42.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.2 \\ (43.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.7 \\ (34.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.3 \\ (49.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.5 \\ (44.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19.4 \\ (53.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.2 \\ (47.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 26.1 \\ (52.3) \end{gathered}$ |

Supplementary Table 4. Average difference between LAI3g and MODIS, CGLS, each land surface model, and multi-model ensemble mean (MME) in Growing Positive values stand for later timings and negative values correspond to earlier timings.

|  | MODIS | CGLS | CLM 4.5 | CLM 5.0 | JULES-ES | JSBACH | LPJ-GUESS | ORCHIDEE | ISBA-CTRIP | MME |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GSS | -0.25 | 0.04 | 0.31 | 0.54 | 0.84 | 0.09 | 0.22 | 0.42 | 0.15 | 0.33 |
| GSE | 0.16 | -0.09 | -0.08 | -0.86 | -2.09 | -0.03 | 0.35 | 0.07 | -0.13 | -0.27 |
| GSS NH | -0.41 | -0.04 | 0.55 | 1.07 | 1.03 | 0.55 | 0.06 | 0.29 | 0.54 | 0.54 |
| GSE NH | 0.31 | -0.13 | -0.09 | -1.29 | -2.36 | -0.32 | 0.47 | -0.02 | -0.30 | -0.45 |
| GSS SH | 0.42 | 0.38 | -0.67 | -1.73 | -2.20 | -1.81 | 0.81 | 0.97 | -1.52 | -0.49 |
| GSE SH | -0.46 | 0.06 | -0.07 | 0.97 | 2.35 | 1.16 | -0.10 | 0.44 | 0.56 | 0.44 |



Supplementary Figure 7. As Supplementary Figure 5 but for growing season start (GSS) timings between CGLS (Supplementary Figure 4b) and Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME) and LSMs. Note that areas of agreement between satellite products are shaded with a different hatching pattern: LAI3g and CGLS (Supplementary Figure 1b) slash hatching (/); MODIS and CGLS (Supplementary Figure 1a) backslash hatching ( $\backslash$ ); MODIS, CGLS, and LAI3g crossed hatching (X).


Supplementary Figure 8. As Supplementary Figure 6 but for growing season end (GSE) timings between CGLS (Supplementary Figure 4d) and Multi-Model Ensemble mean (MME) and LSMs.
Supplementary Table 5. The fraction of land grid-cell in agreement with CGLS for MODIS, LAI3g, each land surface model, and multi-model ensemble mean (MME) in growing season start (GSS) and growing season end (GSE) timings. Values are reported in percentages for global, North Hemisphere (NH), and South Hemisphere (SH). Green shaded areas in Supplementary Figures 7 and 8. The last row reports the fraction of land grid-cell in agreement with MODIS for each land surface model in growing season length. The values in brackets give the percentage of global, NH , and SH with a maximum difference of one month.

|  | LAI3g | MODIS | CLM 4.5 | CLM 5.0 | JULES-ES | JSBACH | LPJ-GUESS | ORCHIDEE | ISBA-CTRIP | MME |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GSS | 42.1 | 42.2 | 24.3 | 7.3 | 3.2 | 24.3 | 28.1 | 29.5 | 24.1. | 26.0 |
|  | $(76.2)$ | $(71.6)$ | $(53.0)$ | $(32.1)$ | $(25.8)$ | $(57.2)$ | $(57.5)$ | $(60.5)$ | $(62.2)$ | $(49.6)$ |
| GSE | 30.3 | 32.4 | 7.5 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 5.9 | 18.2 | 7.6 | 16.8. | 19.7 |
|  | $(69.9)$ | $(67.3)$ | $(27.8)$ | $(11.8)$ | $(2.6)$ | $(28.6)$ | $(55.4)$ | $(42.7)$ | $(56.8)$ | $(39.5)$ |
| GSS NH | 44.4 | 38.6 | 26.9 | 6.7 | 3.9 | 26.8 | 31.3 | 32.4 | 26.6 | 29.3 |
|  | $(79.4)$ | $(70.6)$ | $(58.1)$ | $(33.1)$ | $(31.3)$ | $(62.9)$ | $(60.3)$ | $(65.3)$ | $(68.2)$ | $(55.9)$ |
| GSE NH | 29.8 | 28.5 | 5.3 | 2.2 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 17.0 | 6.6 | 17.5 | 20.0 |
|  | $(72.0)$ | $(65.5)$ | $(26.0)$ | $(7.8)$ | $(2.9)$ | $(30.3)$ | $(54.9)$ | $(44.2)$ | $(60.8)$ | $(39.9)$ |
| GSS SH | 32.5 | 56.7 | 14.1 | 9.9 | 0.6 | 13.9 | 14.7 | 17.5 | 13.7 | 12.4 |
|  | $(62.9)$ | $(75.7)$ | $(32.0)$ | $(28.1)$ | $(3.2)$ | $(33.9)$ | $(45.9)$ | $(41.2)$ | $(37.4)$ | $(23.7)$ |
| GSE SH | 32.0 | 48.7 | 16.3 | 7.3 | 0.1 | 6.4 | 22.9 | 11.6 | 13.6 | 18.5 |
|  | $(61.4)$ | $(74.8)$ | $(35.5)$ | $(28.0)$ | $(1.2)$ | $(21.6)$ | $(57.2)$ | $(36.8)$ | $(40.4)$ | $(37.6)$ |
| Length | 23.1 | 27.7 | 10.2 | 13.1 | 13.4 | 16.5 | 12.5 | 16.0 | 24.2 | 22.2 |
|  | $(58.1)$ | $(52.0)$ | $(32.0)$ | $(38.9)$ | $(36.1)$ | $(45.4)$ | $(42.5)$ | $(49.3)$ | $(56.2)$ | $(46.0)$ |

Supplementary Table 6. Average difference between CGLS and LAI3g, MODIS, each land surface model, and multi-model ensemble mean (MME) in Growing values stand for later timings and negative values correspond to earlier timings.

|  | LAI3g | MODIS | CLM 4.5 | CLM 5.0 | JULES-ES | JSBACH | LPJ-GUESS | ORCHIDEE | ISBA-CTRIP | MME |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GSS | -0.04 | -0.30 | 0.23 | 0.52 | 0.79 | 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.35 | 0.11 | 0.27 |
| GSE | 0.09 | 0.31 | 0.03 | -0.79 | -1.77 | 0.06 | 0.44 | 0.22 | 0.02 | -0.19 |
| GSS NH | 0.04 | -0.38 | 0.59 | 1.09 | 0.96 | 0.58 | 0.09 | 0.30 | 0.58 | 0.60 |
| GSE NH | 0.13 | 0.48 | 0.05 | -1.16 | -2.05 | -0.16 | 0.59 | 0.20 | -0.10 | -0.35 |
| GSS SH | -0.38 | 0.01 | -1.30 | -2.01 | -2.06 | -2.30 | 0.31 | 0.59 | -1.97 | -1.12 |
| GSE SH | -0.06 | -0.39 | -0.06 | 0.84 | 2.77 | 1.11 | -0.18 | 0.34 | 0.56 | 0.46 |



Supplementary Figure 9. Zonal mean (a,c,e) growing season start (GSS) and (b,d,f) growing season end (GSE) timings for LAI3g (red lines), MODIS (green lines), CGLS (blue lines), and multi-model ensemble mean (black dashed line). The grey regions show the multimodel ensemble spread. The zonal means are computed over three specific regions: $(\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b})$ Americas $\left(170-35^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\right.$, red rectangle in the upper map); (c,d) Europe plus Africa $\left(35^{\circ} \mathrm{W}-60^{\circ} \mathrm{E}\right.$, blue rectangle in the upper map); (e,f) Asia plus Oceania $\left(60^{\circ} \mathrm{E}-170^{\circ} \mathrm{W}\right.$, green rectangle in the upper map). Values are reported as months of the year (MOY)


Supplementary Figure 10. Global climatological (averaged over 2000-2011) distribution of the four main growing season modes for (a) MODIS, (b) CLM 4.5; (c) CLM 5.0; (d) JULES-ES; (e) JSBACH; (f) LPJ-GUESS; (g) ORCHIDEE; (h) ISBA-CTRIP. Index values: (purple) evergreen; (green) single season with summer LAI peak; (cyan) single growing season with summer dormancy; (orange) two growing seasons type. It is important to keep in mind that evergreen regions are detected as areas where changes in annual LAI cycle are smaller than $25 \%$ of the local annual LAI mean value (Peano et al., 2019).

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