

# Southern Yucatán Peninsular Region

## Integrated Land Science



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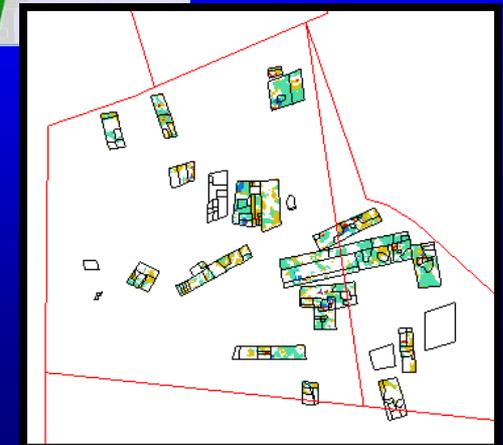
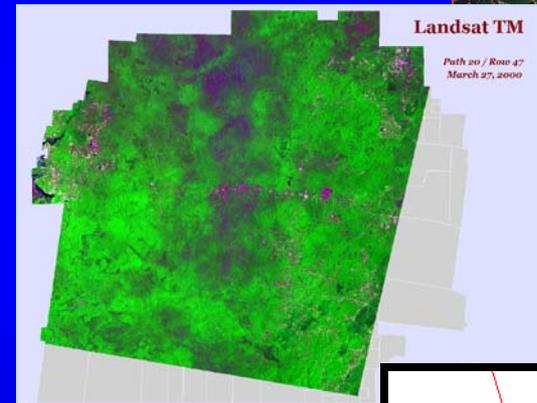
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Land-use & land-cover  
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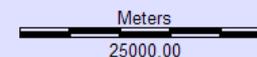
[understand, model, and project]

# Land Cover

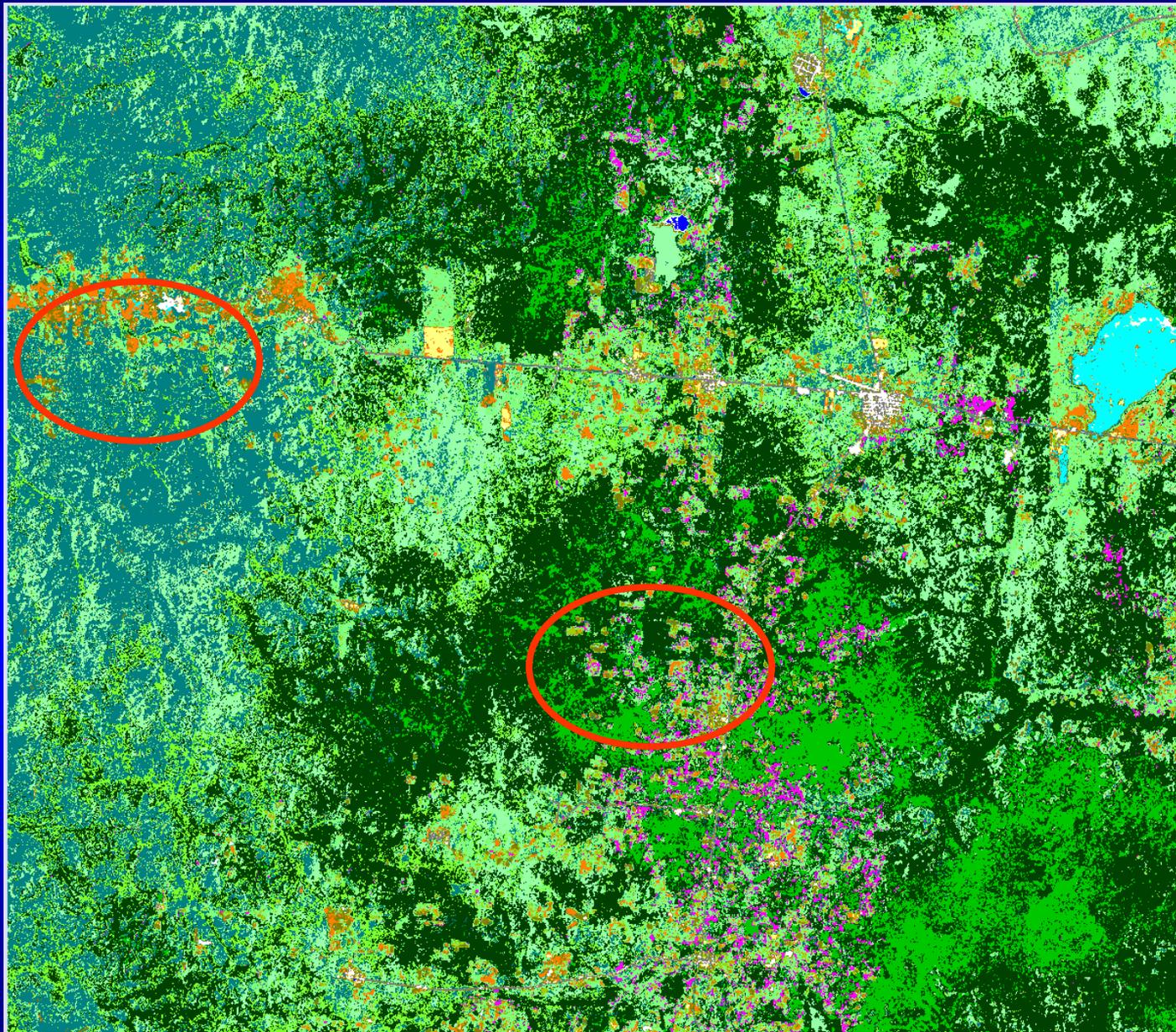
90%  
Accuracy

- Herbaceous Secondary ●
- Shrubby Secondary ●
- Arboreous Secondary ●
- Pasture
- Bracken Fern
- Tular
- Milpa Cultivation
- Selva Baja Inundable Seca \*
- Selva Mediana \*
- Selva Mediana y Baja Subcaducifolia \*
- Paved Roads
- Water
- Selva Baja Inundable \*
- Bare Surfaces
- Selva Alta y Mediana \*

“Extreme” detail



Note: TM imagery pushed to extreme land-cover detail; in this case 5 forest types & 3 stages of succession



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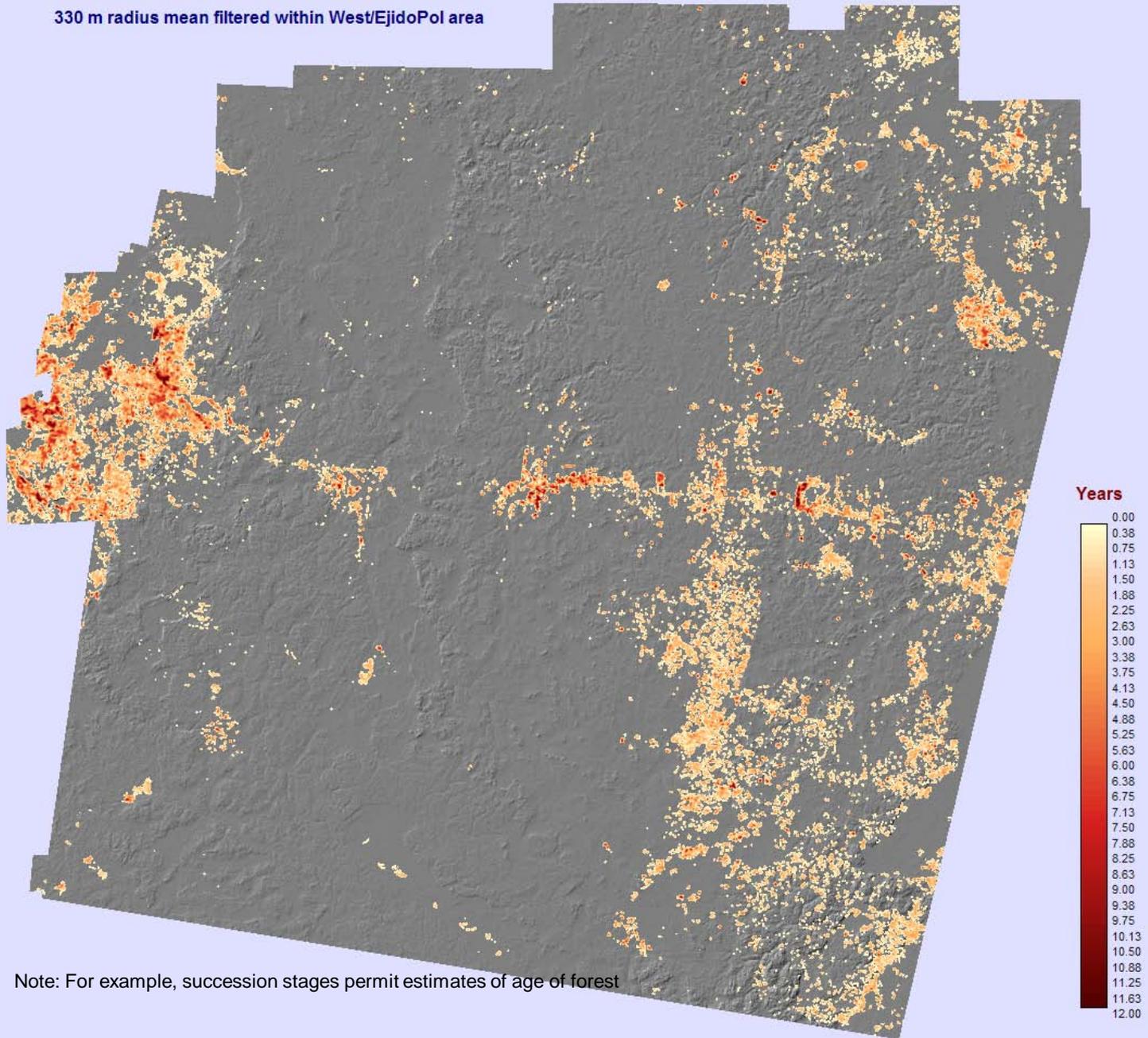
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Meters  
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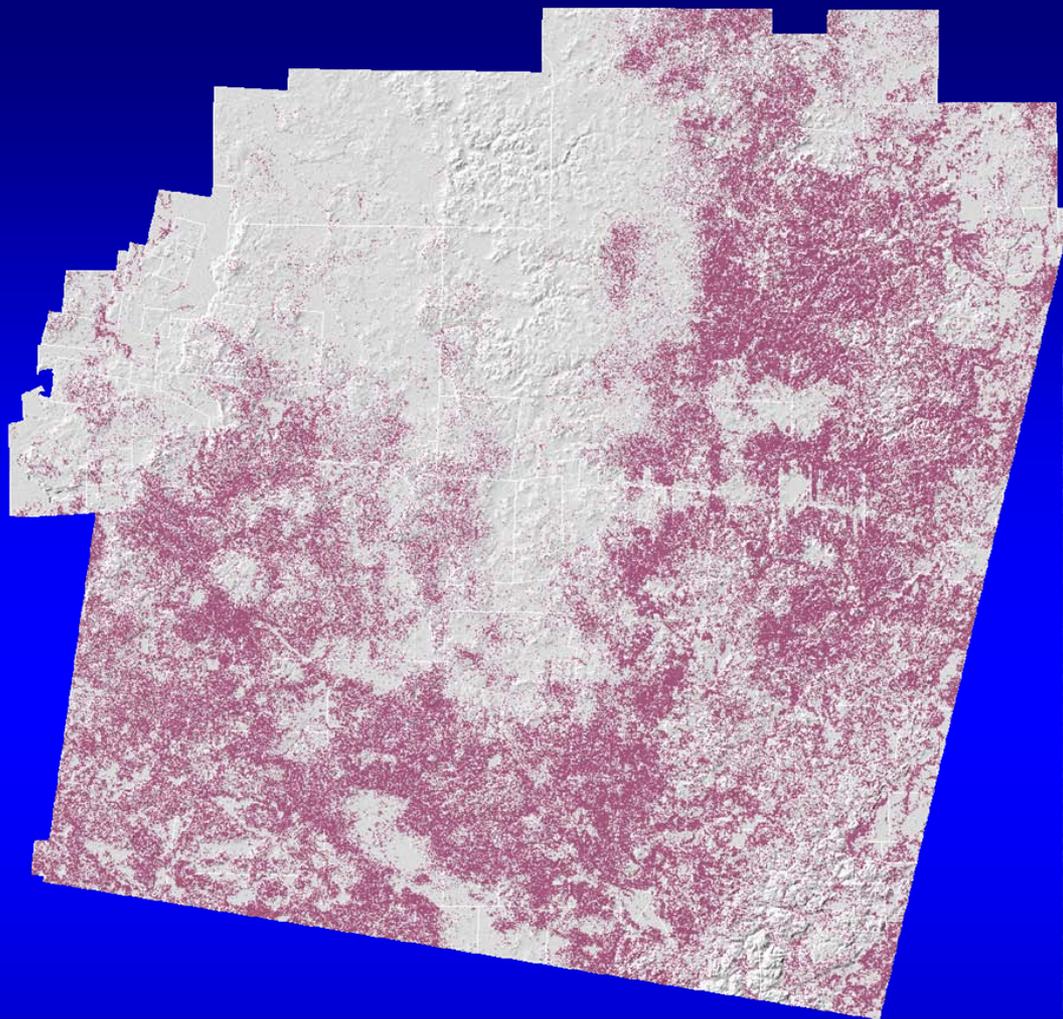
Note: "extreme" detail" critical to land-use dynamics and long term forest consequences

# Age of Secondary Forest

330 m radius mean filtered within West/EjidoPol area

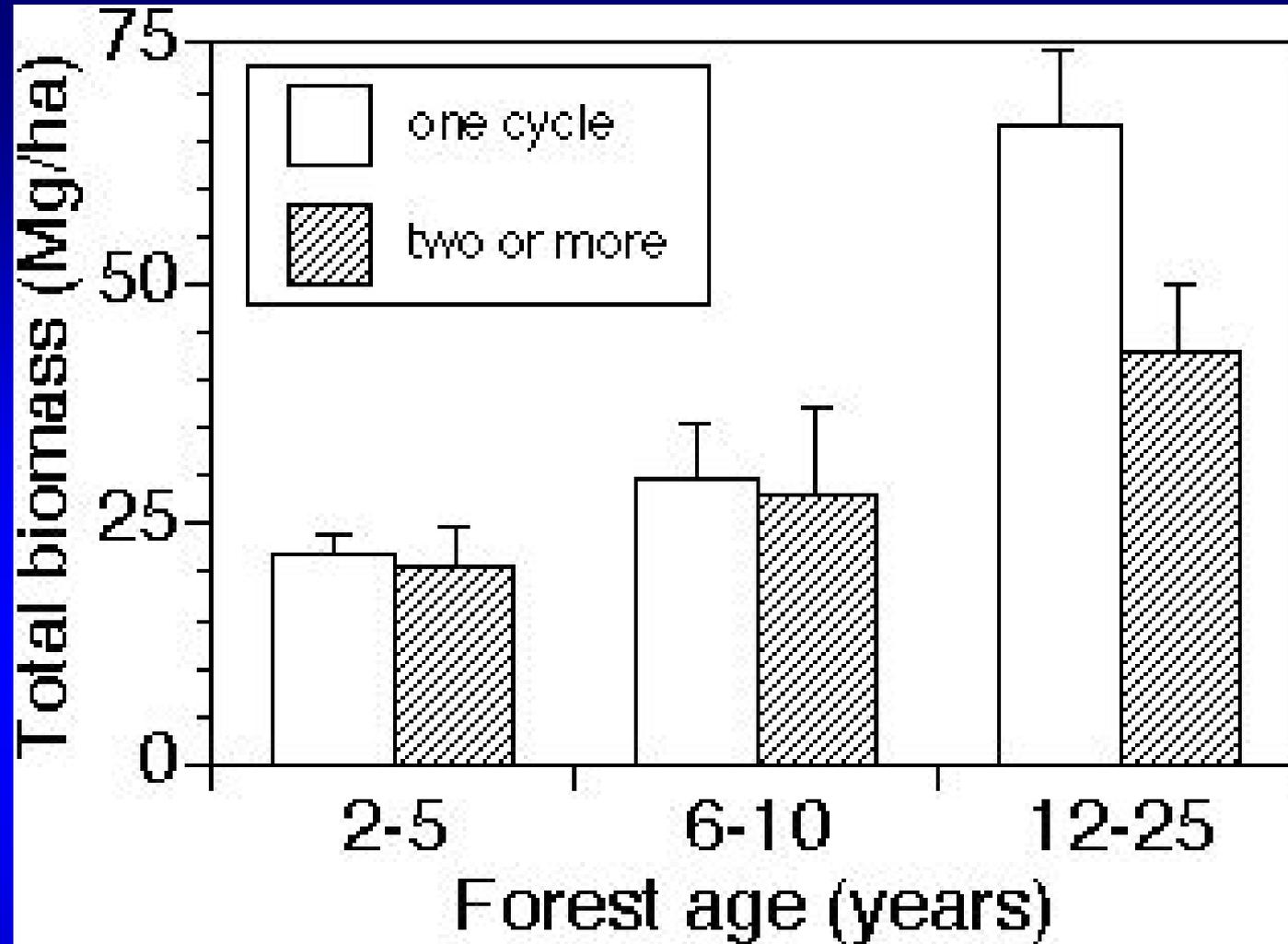


Note: For example, succession stages permit estimates of age of forest



## Selva Mediana

Note: each category of forest can be identified by pixel



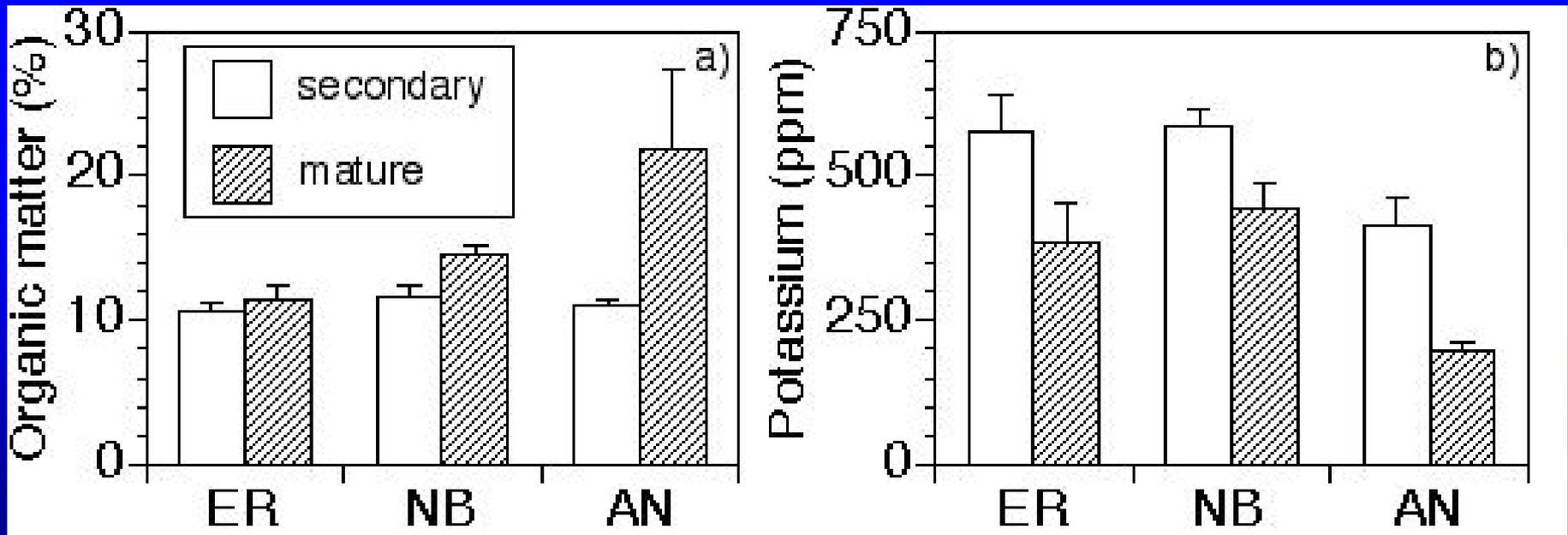
**Total biomass as a function of age class and the number of prior swidden fallow cycles**

Analysis of variance by region and number of prior swidden-fallow cycles, with age as a co-variate, showed significantly lower biomass with repeated cultivation (history effect,  $p=0.032$ ).

Note: land affected by 2 or more swidden cycles = significant drop in biomass

# Soil nutrient characteristics as function of disturbance (mature vs secondary forest) and location in the region

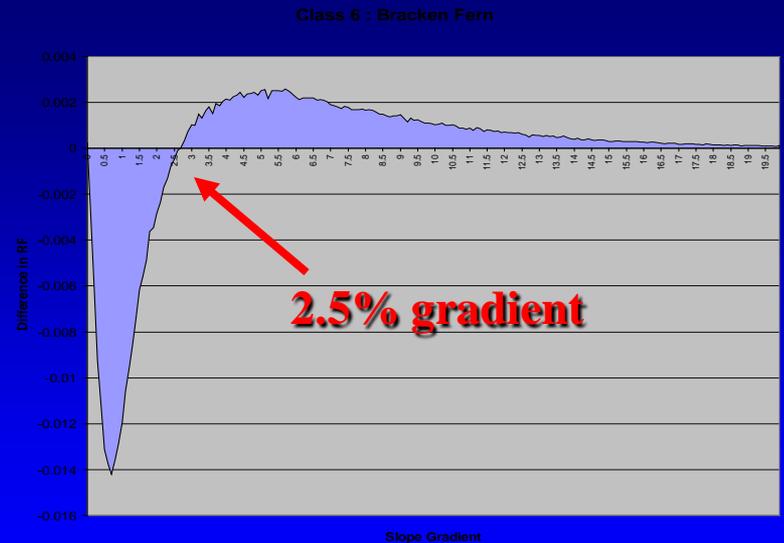
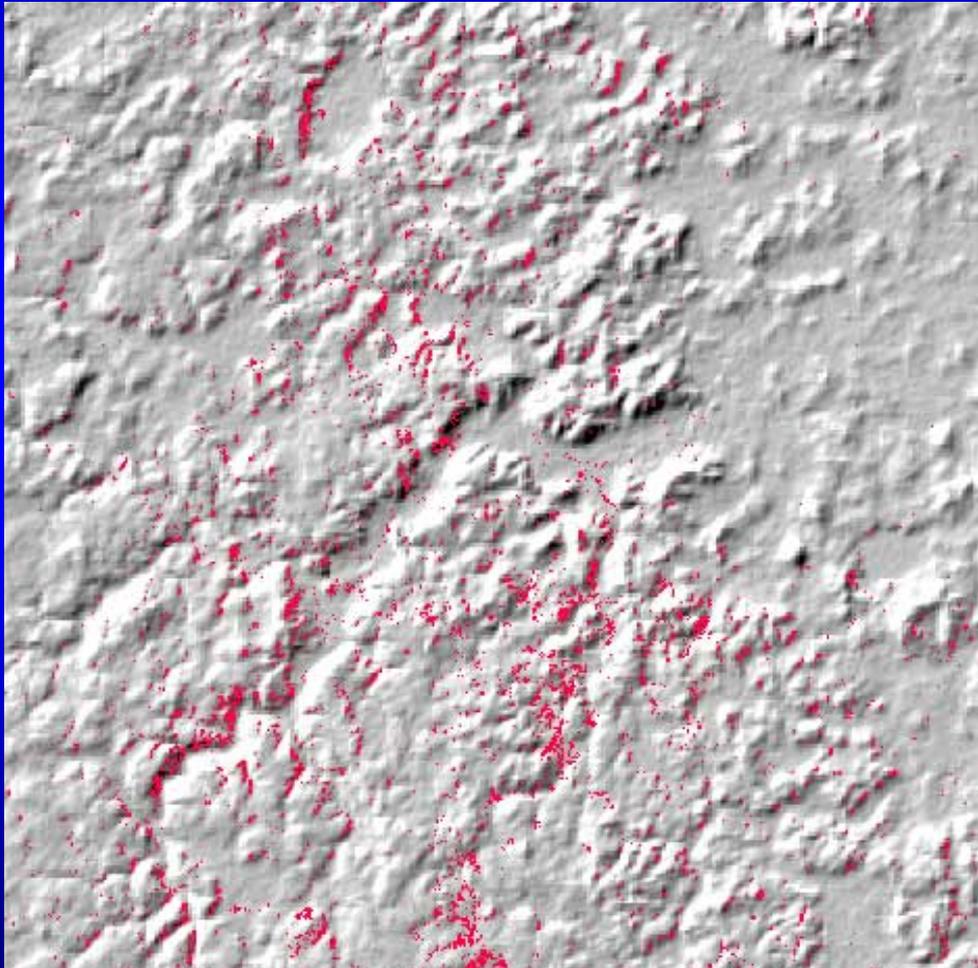
A two-factor ANOVA demonstrated significantly higher soil organic matter in mature forests ( $p=0.003$ ), and significantly higher potassium concentration in secondary forests ( $p=0.005$ ). ER (El Refugio), NB (Nicolas Bravo), and AN (Arroyo Negro) represent study locations from the drier north to wetter south, respectively.



Note: forest age and precipitation affect soil nutrients and hence forest structure-function and agriculture

# Bracken Fern

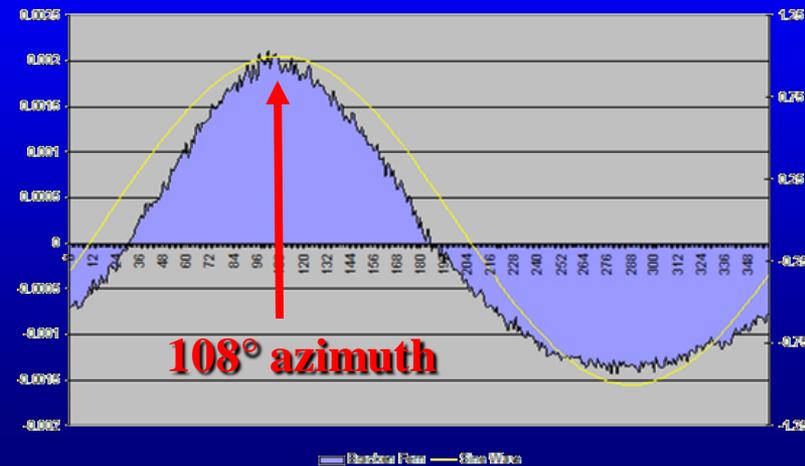
Difference in relative frequency from that expected according to the regional distribution of slopes



## Slope Gradient

Note: The major invasive species persistence favors slope (agriculture) and high summer sun

## Aspect





**1987**



**1992**



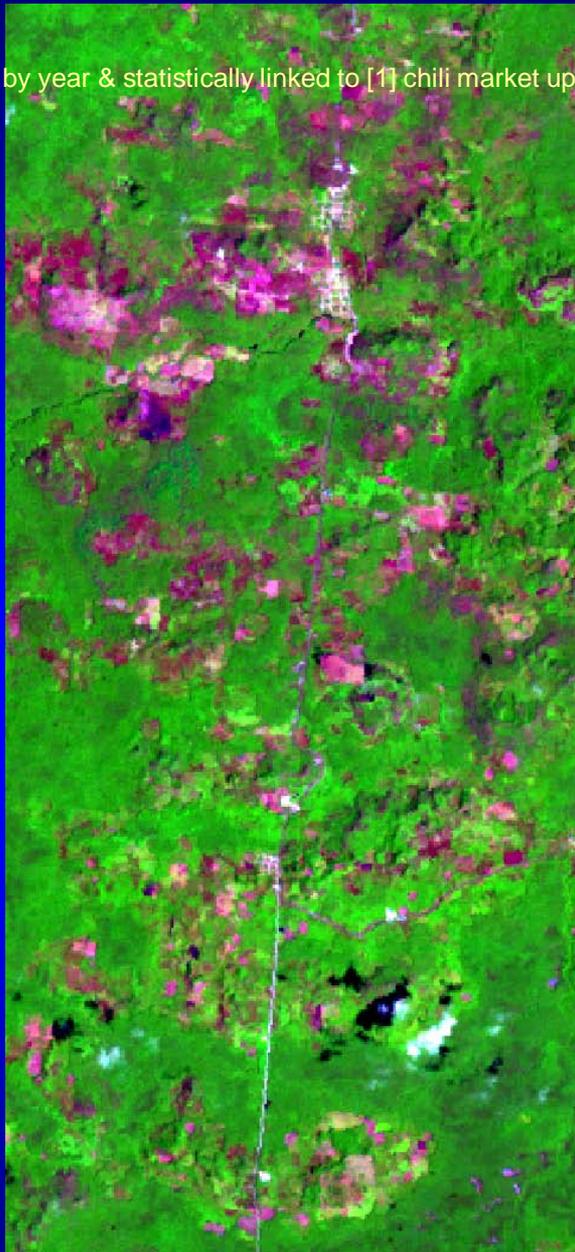
**1995**

Note: significant flux in land-cover by year & statistically linked to [1] chili market ups and downs and [2] policy shifts

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**1999**



**2001**

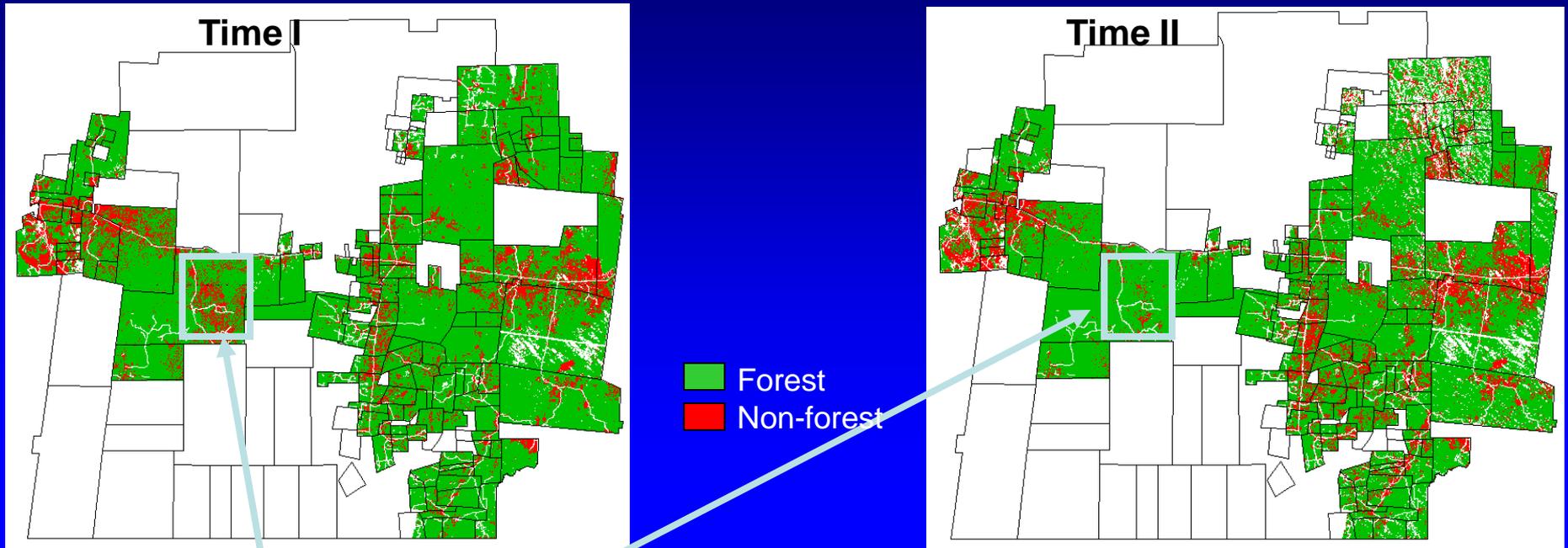


**2003**

DEPENDENT VAR	AGENCY-BASED MODEL	STRUCTURE-BASED MODEL	JOINT STRUCTURE-AGENCY MODEL
<i>Milpa</i>	R <sup>2</sup> =0.6387 <i>Entitlement</i> Family size	R <sup>2</sup> =0.5577 PROCAMPO	R <sup>2</sup> =0.8625 <i>Tenancy</i> Labor/Consumer ratio Labor (no buy, no sell) Net worth livestock Chili income last year Forest use PROCAMPO RPS PRONASOL Extension Links to unions Ejido-level sociopolitical cap.
Note: combined agent and structural models score better in regard to individual kinds of land use than individual models; social science must not focus on one kind of model over the other owing to ideology.			
<i>Tornamil</i>	R <sup>2</sup> =0.7873 <i>Entitlement</i> Net worth livestock Forest use	R <sup>2</sup> =0.6668 Not significant	R <sup>2</sup> =0.8909 <i>Tenancy</i> Family size Labor/Consumer ratio Net worth livestock Forest use QOL subsidies
<i>Chili</i>	R <sup>2</sup> =0.8237 <i>Mestizo</i> Family size Labor/Consumer ratio Labor (buy, no sell) Labor (sell, no buy) Net worth livestock Chile income last year	R <sup>2</sup> =0.6180 RPS QOL subsidies PRONASOL Links to NTFP coops Ejido-level sociopolitical cap	R <sup>2</sup> =0.9557 <i>Mestizo</i> Labor (no sell, no buy) Net worth livestock Chili income last year Off-farm wage income sources Forest use PROCAMPO RPS QOL subsidies Extension Links to NTFP coops

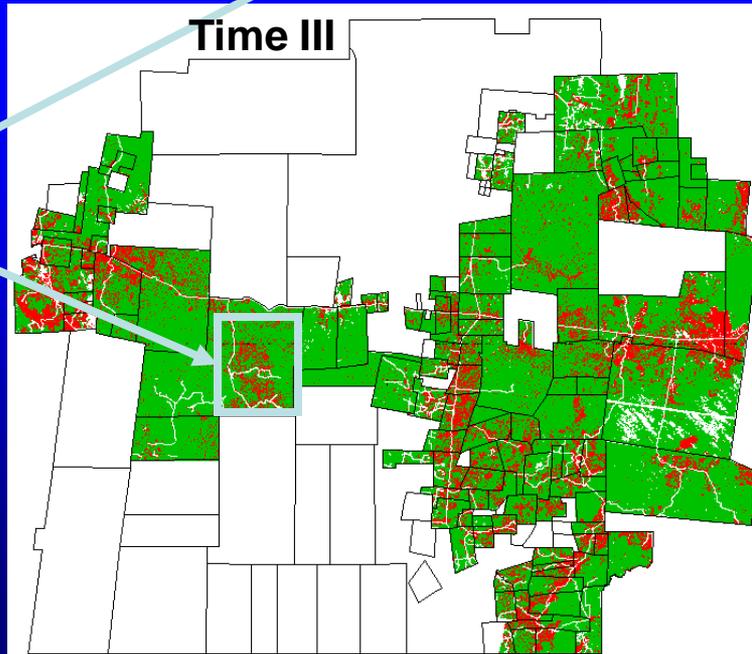
DEPENDENT VAR	AGENCY-BASED MODEL	STRUCTURE-BASED MODEL	JOINT STRUCTURE-AGENCY MODEL
<i>Nescafé milpa</i>	R <sup>2</sup> =0.5748 <i>Mestizo</i> <i>Entitlement</i> Family Size Labor/Consumer ratio Send and receive remittances Off-farm wage income sources	R <sup>2</sup> =0.7257 QOL subsidies Links to unions Links to NTFP coops Ejido-level sociopolitical cap. Seasonal employment	R <sup>2</sup> =0.9560 <i>Mestizo</i> <i>Tenancy</i> <i>Entitlement</i> Family Size Labor (sell, no buy) Labor (buy, no sell) Net worth livestock Off-farm wage income sources RPS QOL subsidies Links to unions Links to NTFP coops
Actively managed fallows (agrofor. & reforest.)	R <sup>2</sup> =0.5411 <i>Tenancy</i> Labor (sell, no buy) Labor (buy, no sell)	R <sup>2</sup> =0.8476 RPS Supported AF/ref Links to unions Seasonal employment	R <sup>2</sup> =0.9684 Entitlement Labor (no sell, no buy) Labor (sell, no buy) Off-farm wage income sources Supported AF/ref Extension Links to unions Links to NTFP coops
Passively managed fallows (“natural” succession)	R <sup>2</sup> =0.8680 <i>Tenancy</i> Family size Remittances (send, no rec) Remittances (receive, no send) Labor (no buy/sell) Net worth livestock	R <sup>2</sup> =0.5580 PROCAMPO QOL subsidies	R <sup>2</sup> =0.9268 <i>Tenancy</i> Labor/Consumer ratio Labor (no buy, no sell) Labor (buy, no sell) Net worth livestock PROCAMPO

# Regional Logit Model



30 km

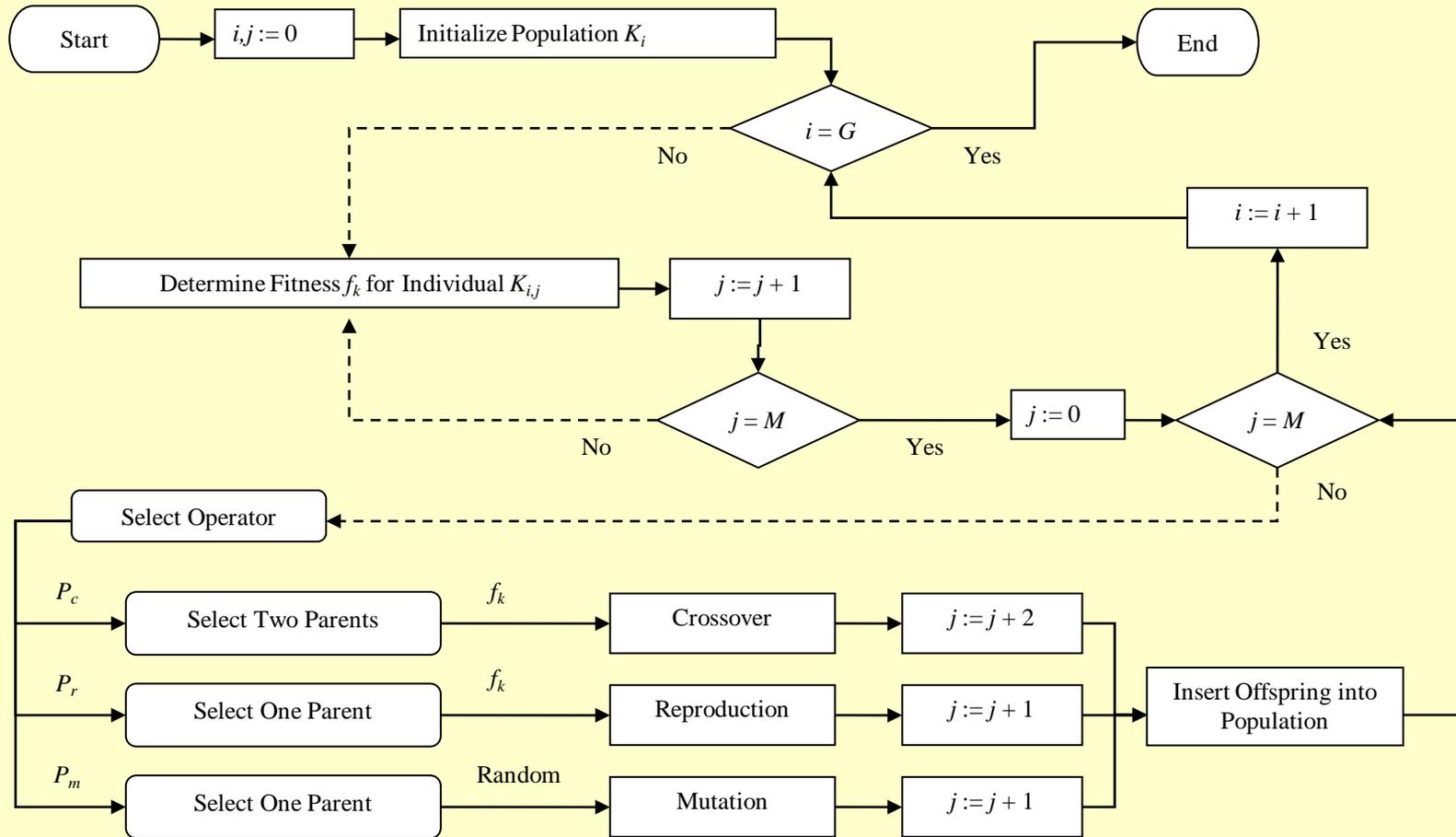
Time III



- Geospatial variables more important than census variables
- Choice of dependent variable matters
- Location + timing of multiple land uses = key

Boxed area shows importance of swidden cycle dynamics to model

# Genetic Program



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# Integrated Land-Change Science and Tropical Deforestation in the Southern Yucatán

*Final Frontiers*

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