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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

This Version 3.00 of the Nitrogen Carbon Interaction Model (NCIM) is the first NCIM Version which has been released.

NCIM is a global generic model of the terrestrial carbon and nitrogen cycles. It was designed to investigate the coupling in nature of the carbon and nitrogen cycles of terrestrial ecosystems and the influences both cycles have on each other. This is important because carbon and nitrogen compounds are major atmospheric greenhouse gases and the cycles of these two elements, besides others, are strongly affected by human activities. Carbon and nitrogen pools interact considerably with the processes of carbon and nitrogen turnover in the ecosystems and with the climate system. NCIM allows the investigation of these interactions, their importance on the global or regional scale, and the role of natural and anthropogenic influences, on time scales from month to centuries.

NCIM is regionalized on a 0.5 degrees grid of geographical latitude and longitude (62 483 grid elements). The carbon and nitrogen cycles in the model are independent and closed. Mass-balance is maintained. During a regular model run, no amounts of carbon and/or nitrogen or C/N ratios are prescribed. Rather, the C/N ratios of all biospheric and soil compartments are calculated from the respective pools in each model time step.

The coupling of the carbon and nitrogen cycles has been performed in the way we prefer: Information on the system state (pools, state variables) is used for steering or regulating the processes (fluxes). For this purpose the coefficients of the process equations are calculated from the respective state variables by use of empirical functions (for the model structure see Figures 2.1 and 2.2 on pages 12 and 13).

These empirical functions, as well as the flux equations, were calibrated using data sets from our own experiments which were carried out in natural ecosystems of many climate zones of the world, in open top chambers, the phytotron of the Justus–Liebig–University and the Giessen

Table 1.1: Some terms which are frequently used in this document together with the explanation of their meaning in this documentation. The variables which represent the terms in the model code may be (rarely) scalars or one- to multi-dimensional arrays.

term	synonym	meaning
pool	state variable	the compartments of the system containing matter (carbon, nitrogen, etc.) or energy
flux	process	transport of matter or energy from one pool to another. Fluxes are used to balance the pools
coefficient		variable in an equation which is updated once at the beginning or several times during a model time step. The current values of coefficients depend on the state of the system (pools) and/or on the current boundary conditions and driving forces (which are state variables in other systems).
parameter		variable in an equation which is set at the very beginning of the model run. Parameters depend on either initial conditions or boundary conditions which are assumed to be constant during the model run (i.e., vegetation type, soil type and texture, etc.).
driving force	control variable	(independent) variable in an equation which changes during time but is not changed by the model itself. Driving forces may either be read from files or provided by other coupled model(s). They are pools (state variables) in other than the currently modelled systems.
initial condition		Value assigned to a pool before the time evolution of the model starts.

FACE Experiment (Jäger et al., 2003).

The model makes use of a global digital vegetation data set on the 0.5 degrees grid, derived from the Atlas for Biogeography (Atlas zur Biogeographie, Schmithüsen 1976). This vegetation data set includes 176 vegetation units throughout the world. The soil information on soil types and textures was digitized from the Soil Map of the World (FAO–Unesco 1974 ff.).

NCIM’s structure is modular. Each module is independent of the other modules and consists of a number of “tasks” which again are independent. The tasks work on the entire model grid, so that the state variables, coefficients, parameters, and driving forces are arrays of the respective grid. The dimensions of the commonly used arrays of variables in the model code are:

$$i_{grid} = 1, \dots, 62\,483 \quad (\text{model grid})$$



$icount$	= 1, ..., 149	(country structure)
$ibiome$	= 1, ..., 176	(biomes, vegetation types)
$ip$	= 1, ..., 56	(pools = state variables)

The documentation follows the **Module** and **Task** structure of the model code.

In this documentation, we use several terms which are explained in Table 1.1. The following conventions are used unless differently indicated:

- Variables in mathematical terms are written in *italics*.
- Variables related to the program code are written in `typewriter`.
- m<sup>2</sup> means square meter of ground surface area.
- g means gram of carbon or nitrogen.

The program code of NCIM has been written in standard FORTRAN 77. Only two exceptions were made: (1) we use the command `include` to include common block structures in the modules, and (2) we use the non standard character \_ (underline) in names of variables. Either have become standard with FORTRAN 90.

# Chapter 2

## Model structure

### 2.1 Structure of the carbon and nitrogen cycles

The carbon cycle in NCIM consists of carbon pools and carbon fluxes. Its nitrogen cycle includes nitrogen pools and nitrogen fluxes. Each pool is balanced by the fluxes which are connected to this pool.

The carbon and nitrogen cycles are calculated for a standard  $\text{m}^2$  of each grid element, with a monthly time-step. The dimension of the pools is  $[\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}]$ , and the dimension of the fluxes is  $[\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{month}^{-1}]$ , therefore.

In addition, NCIM uses a number of pools which we call “dummy”-pools. They are used to collect fluxes for output purposes.

In NCIM the pools are two-dimensional arrays, of the notation  $p(\text{igrid}, ip)$ , with  $\text{igrid}$  being the respective grid element, and  $ip$  the type of the carbon or nitrogen pool (see Tables 2.1 and 2.2 respective 2.3 and 2.4).

For the fluxes (processes) we use one dimensional arrays of the form  $\text{flux}(\text{igrid})$  with  $i$  being a grid element, to balance the pools by differential equations. The flux terms are assigned to these arrays. The carbon and nitrogen fluxes are found in the Tables 2.5 and 2.6.

The differential equations are integrated in time using a forth-order Runge-Kutta method. The time-step of integration is two days.

The Figures 2.1 and 2.2 on pages 12 and 13 show the structure of the carbon and nitrogen cycles of NCIM. Some ecosystem compartments are represented in either the carbon and nitrogen cycles. These include the atmosphere ( $\text{atmc}$  and  $\text{atmn}$ ), the phytomass ( $\text{pc}$  and  $\text{pn}$ ), the litter ( $\text{lc}$  and  $\text{ln}$ ), the soil organisms ( $\text{micc}$  and  $\text{micn}$ ), and soil humus ( $\text{humc}$  and  $\text{humn}$ ). Slowly decomposed organic residues ( $\text{ligc}$ ) are assumed to originate from plant lignin compounds and be free of nitrogen. Nitrogen pools without analogous carbon pools include the

Table 2.1: Carbon pools

meaning	ipool
phytomass carbon herbaceous above-ground	pcha
phytomass carbon herbaceous below-ground	pchb
phytomass carbon woody above-ground	pcwa
phytomass carbon woody below-ground	pcwb
litter carbon herbaceous above-ground	lcha
litter carbon herbaceous below-ground	lchb
litter carbon woody above-ground	lcwa
litter carbon woody below-ground	lcwb
carbon in lignin compounds	ligc
carbon in humic substances	humc
carbon in the biomass of litter and soil organisms	micc

Table 2.2: Carbon dummy pools (pools which are used to collect fluxes during a time period for output).

meaning	ipool
net primary productivity carbon, herbaceous material	nppch
net primary productivity carbon, woody material	nppcw
litter production carbon from herbaceous material	lpch
litter production carbon from woody material	lpcw
litter depletion carbon, herbaceous litter	ldch
litter depletion carbon, woody litter	ldcw
lignin production carbon	ligpc
lignin depletion carbon	ligdc
humic substances production carbon	humpc
humic substances depletion carbon	humdc
carbon (CO <sub>2</sub> ) segregated as excess carbon from soil organisms	misc
carbon respiration by soil organisms	mirc
carbon by mortality of soil organisms	mimc
carbon removed by deforestation	dforc

Table 2.3: Nitrogen pools

meaning	ipool
phytomass nitrogen herbaceous above-ground	pnha
phytomass nitrogen herbaceous below-ground	pnhb
phytomass nitrogen woody above-ground	pnwa
phytomass nitrogen woody below-ground	pnwb
litter nitrogen herbaceous above-ground	lnha
litter nitrogen herbaceous below-ground	lnhb
litter nitrogen woody above-ground	lnwa
litter nitrogen woody below-ground	lnwb
reserve nitrogen stored in plants, which is available for allocation to phytomass compartments	resn
nitrogen available (soluble) in litter and soil	avn
nitrogen in the biomass of litter and soil organisms	micn
nitrogen in humic substances	humn
nitrogen in soil buffer pool (immobilized ammonium)	puffn

mobile nitrogen reserves in plants (*resn*), the mineral “available” nitrogen in the soil (*avn*), and the nitrogen adsorbed on clay and humic substances in the soil (*puffn*).

In the carbon cycle, the main ecosystem turnover includes the atmospheric carbon pool as major object, and the fluxes connected with the atmosphere are the most important processes (net primary productivity *nppc* and depletion processes *miscf*, *mimcf* and *mircf*). In contrast, in the nitrogen cycle, the main turnover includes soil, plants, and soil organisms. The exchange with the atmospheric nitrogen pool is maintained by relatively minor fluxes like  $N_2$  fixation by symbionts or free living microorganisms (*legnf*, *azonf*, *actnf*) and denitrification processes producing  $N_2$  and  $N_2O$  from organic compounds (*n2onf*).

Although the carbon and nitrogen cycles are independent of each other and are mass-balanced each, they interact strongly. The state of nitrogen pools is used for steering some fluxes in the carbon cycle: net primary productivity *nppc*, litter depletion *ldc*, depletion of slowly decomposable organic compounds *ligdc*, production of excess  $CO_2$  by soil organisms *miscf*, and the production and depletion of humic substances *humpcf* and *humdcf*. On the other side, the state of carbon pools is similarly used for steering nitrogen fluxes: segregation of excess nitrogen by soil organisms *misnf*, uptake of available nitrogen by plants *avunf*, and the three

Table 2.4: Nitrogen dummy pools (pools which are used to collect fluxes during a time period for output).

meaning	ipool
nitrogen allocated by the net primary productivity	nppn
nitrogen transported with litter production	lpn
nitrogen transported to soil organisms by litter depletion	ldn
nitrogen excreted by soil organisms (humic substances nitrogen)	humpn
nitrogen transported to soil organisms by humus depletion	humdn
nitrogen transported to organisms from available N in litter and soil	mign
nitrogen mineralized by mortality of soil organisms	mimn
nitrogen segregated by soil organisms as excess N	misn
nitrogen uptake by plants from available nitrogen	avun
re-allocation of nitrogen from senescent leaves	raln
nitrogen fixed by symbionts in legume root nodules	legn
nitrogen fixed by <i>Azospirillum</i> symbionts in C4 grasses and cereals	azon
nitrogen fixed by actinomycetes	actn
N <sub>2</sub> O and N <sub>2</sub> gas eliminated from litter nitrogen pools by denitrification processes correlated with gross mineralization	n2on
nitrogen leached from soil to ground water and surface waters	lean
nitrogen deposition as NO <sub>x</sub> and HNO <sub>3</sub> from anthropogenic sources	depn

fluxes of N<sub>2</sub> fixation legnf, azonf, and actnf.

In the Figures 2.1 on page 12 and 2.2 on page 13 the steering influences on fluxes are indicated by black arrows marked with “N” and “C”, respectively.

Table 2.5: Carbon fluxes of NCIM.

meaning	flux array name
net primary productivity carbon into herbaceous above-ground parts	nppha
net primary productivity carbon into herbaceous below-ground parts	npphb
net primary productivity carbon into woody above-ground parts	nppwa
net primary productivity carbon into woody below-ground parts	nppwb
litter production carbon of above-ground herbaceous material	lpcha
litter production carbon of below-ground herbaceous material	lpchb
litter production carbon of above-ground woody material	lpcwa
litter production carbon of below-ground woody material	lpcwb
carbon losses of above-ground woody material by deforestation	dforca
carbon losses of below-ground woody material by deforestation	dforcb
litter depletion carbon of above-ground herbaceous material	ldcha
litter depletion carbon of below-ground herbaceous material	ldchb
litter depletion carbon of above-ground woody material	ldcwa
litter depletion carbon of below-ground woody material	ldcwb
lignin production carbon	ligpc
lignin depletion carbon	ligdcf
humus production carbon	humpcf
humus depletion carbon	humdcf
carbon loss by respiration of soil organisms	mircf
carbon release by mortality of soil organisms	mimcf
carbon (CO <sub>2</sub> ) segregated as excess carbon from soil organisms	miscf

Table 2.6: Nitrogen fluxes of NCIM.

meaning	flux array name
allocation of nitrogen due to net primary productivity into herbaceous above-ground parts	nppnha
allocation of nitrogen due to net primary productivity into herbaceous below-ground parts	nppnhb
allocation of nitrogen due to net primary productivity into woody above-ground parts	nppnwa
allocation of nitrogen due to net primary productivity into woody below-ground parts	nppnwb
re-allocation of nitrogen from senescent leaves	realnf
litter production nitrogen of herbaceous above-ground material	lpnha
litter production nitrogen of herbaceous below-ground material	lpnhb
litter production nitrogen of woody above-ground material	lpnwa
litter production nitrogen of woody below-ground material	lpnwb
nitrogen losses of above-ground woody material by deforestation	dforna
nitrogen losses of below-ground woody material by deforestation	dfornb
litter depletion nitrogen of above-ground herbaceous material	ldnha
litter depletion nitrogen of below-ground herbaceous material	ldnhb
litter depletion nitrogen of above-ground woody material	ldnwa
litter depletion nitrogen of below-ground woody material	ldnwb
humus depletion nitrogen	humdnf
excretion of nitrogen with humic substances by soil organisms	humpnf
uptake of available nitrogen by soil organisms	mignf
release of nitrogen by mortality of soil organisms	mimnf
segregation of excess nitrogen by soil organisms	misnf
uptake of available nitrogen by plant roots	avunf
fixation of available nitrogen on buffer in soil	avnpuv
return flux of nitrogen from buffer to available nitrogen	puavnf
N <sub>2</sub> fixation by symbionts in legume roots	legnf
N <sub>2</sub> fixation by <i>Azospirillum</i> symbionts of C <sub>4</sub> grasses and cereals	azonf
N <sub>2</sub> fixation by actinomycetes in tree roots and sandy soils	actnf
nitrogen deposition due to NO <sub>x</sub> and HNO <sub>3</sub> immissions	depnf
nitrogen flux to the atmosphere by denitrification in soil	n2onf
leaching of soluble N compounds from soil to groundwater	leanf

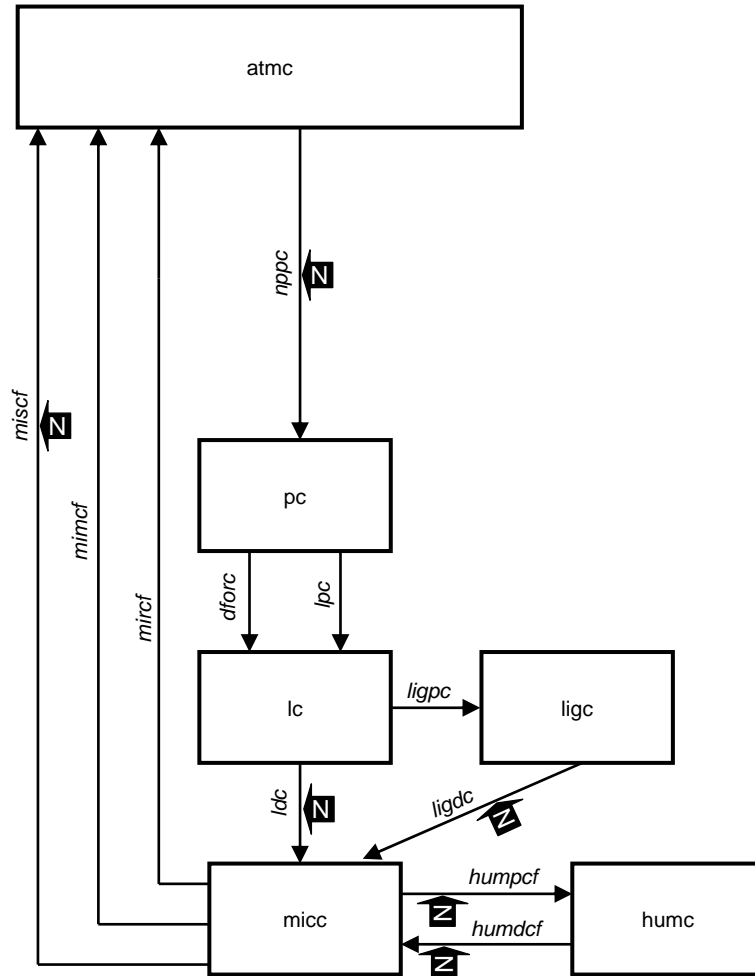


Figure 2.1: Structure of the carbon cycle of NCIM. Pools (state variables) are represented by squares, fluxes by arrows. The notation corresponds with Table 2.1 and Table 2.5. The pools **pc**, **lc** and the fluxes **nppc**, **lpc**, **ldc** exist four times each for herbaceous, woody, above ground and below ground materials. The black arrows indicated with "N" mark fluxes (processes) which depend on state variables of the nitrogen cycle.



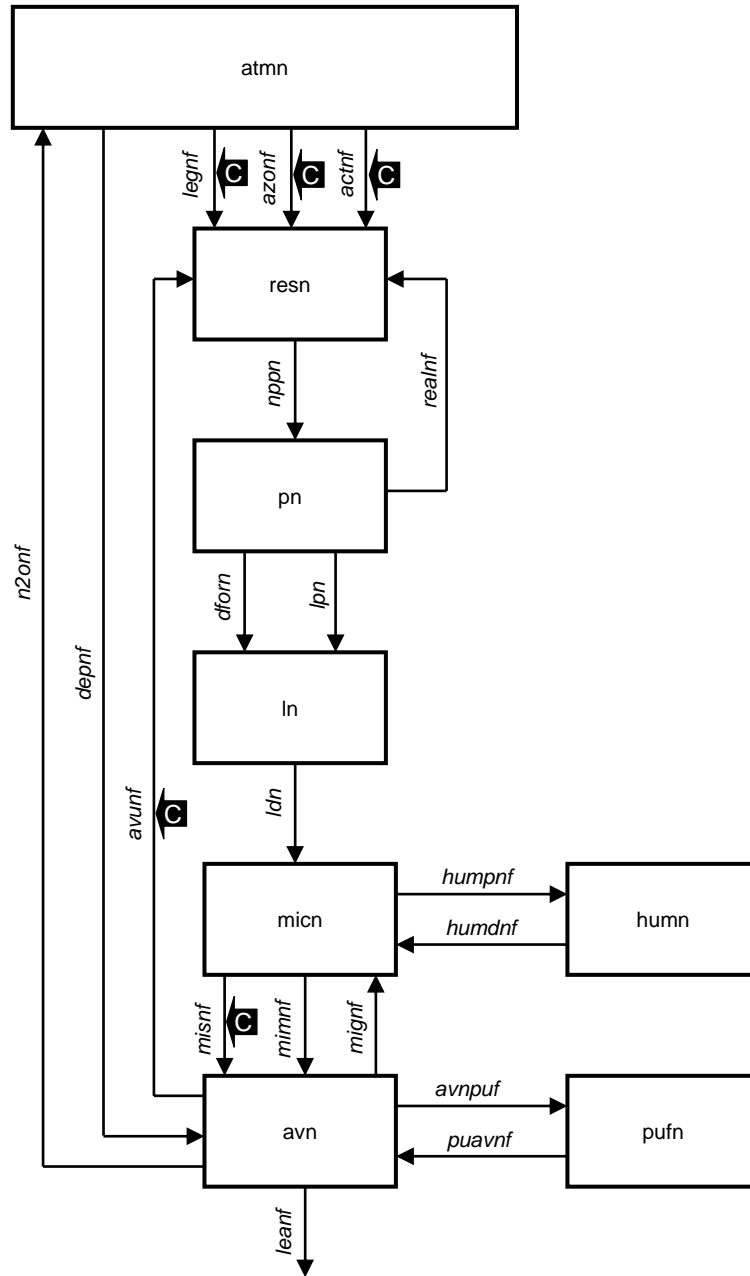


Figure 2.2: Structure of the nitrogen cycle of NCIM. Pools (state variables) are represented by squares, fluxes by arrows. The notation corresponds with Table 2.3 and Table 2.6. The pools  $p_n$ ,  $l_n$  and the fluxes  $npp_n$ ,  $l_{pn}$ ,  $l_{dn}$  exist four times each for herbaceous, woody, above ground and below ground materials. The black arrows indicated with “C” mark fluxes (processes) which depend on state variables of the carbon cycle.

## 2.2 Structure and function of the model code

The model code consists of modules, which are independent of each other (Figure 2.3 on page 15) and which interact with other modules using well-defined data interfaces. Each module includes one or several to many tasks, pieces of work of some independence, which contribute to the function of the module.

Data exchange between the modules is organized by common blocks. The only exception is the exchange of state variables and their estimates between `timint` and `dgl` respective `ndgl`. These three modules exchange data using a calling list.

The `main` module `ncim_3.00` represents the main program. It organizes the time management of the model, i.e. the calling sequence of the other modules. The module `timint` includes the time-integration by a 4th-order Runge-Kutta method. The innermost time loop `iday` of `main` is subdivided in `timint` into a number of integration steps `istep`. Each integration step executes four calls to the two modules which include the mass-balance equations, `dgl` and `ndgl`.

The grid element loops (62 483 grid elements of a 0.5 degrees latitude and longitude grid) are placed in the tasks of the modules.

After declaration of the variables, `main` calls five modules to read driving forces and boundary conditions of the model as input data from files. Next some initial calculations are carried out to get data derived from the input data.

The model pools are filled with initial conditions in the initializing modules. Initial conditions are selected to be able to start a stable model run, i.e. a run without numerical problems. These values are not a steady-state solution of the model for any environmental conditions. The steady state-pool values for a given set of conditions, that means the initial values for a productive model run, are calculated by the model itself during a spin-up process, which we call “prerun”. Two different preruns are carried out for about 5 000 model years each. In a first prerun, carbon/nitrogen (C/N) ratios of the relevant model fluxes, mainly the fluxes `nppc` and `nppn`, are kept constant. In prerun two, all C/N ratios are released and calculated by the model from the pools, until the model reaches steady-state. It is assumed that steady-state was achieved as soon as long-term trends of pool values are no longer observed (but seasonal changes are always present).

Productive model runs start with a steady-state set of pool values as initial conditions, which were derived by a prerun using the same boundary conditions and driving forces as in the first year of the productive model run period. Driving forces and boundary conditions change during the model run. Gridded or scalar data sets must be available for the modelling period (we use

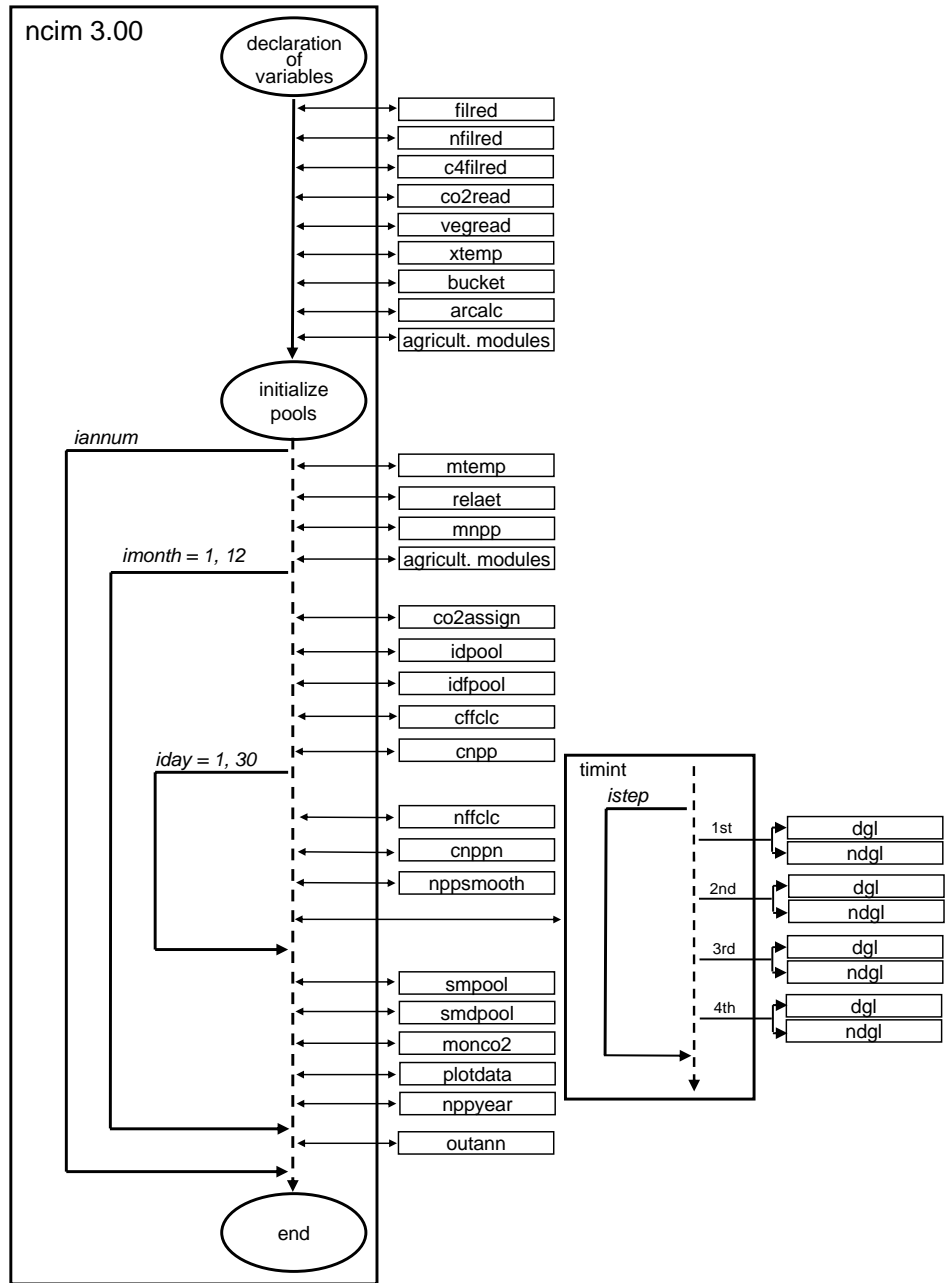


Figure 2.3: Structure of the NCIM program code. The code consists of 42 modules, including main (ncim 3.00), 6 modules in the initialize pools routine, and 7 agricultural modules. A detailed description of the modules in alphabetical order is given in chapter 3 beginning on page 17.

atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations from 1400 AD and climate anomalies and land–use changes from 1860 AD on).

In the annual loop `iannum` some long–term trends are updated first (land–use on per country level, soil, vegetation). The output of annual model results (summary non–gridded results) occurs at the end of the annual loop.

In the monthly loop `imonth` monthly changing driving forces are assigned, the dummy pools are set to zero (emptied to be filled again in the following month), and the coefficients of the flux–equations of the carbon cycle are calculated (`cffclc`, `cnpp`), thus creating the seasonality of the model. At the end of the monthly loop, upscaling of pools from square–meter to full grid element takes place and the output of gridded results takes place (`plotdata`).

The inner daily loop `iday` calls modules for the calculation of the coefficients of the nitrogen cycle. It also calls the integration module `timint` which evolves the model time by one day (Hoffstadt, Esser, 1997). One day is subdivided into several integration steps `istep`. The number of `istep` is selected so that numerical stability of the integration is maintained and integration biases are minimized. The two modules `dgl` and `ndgl` include the mass balance equations for the carbon and nitrogen cycles and the related processes as shown in Figures 2.1 and 2.2 on pages 12 and 13.

# Chapter 3

## The NCIM modules

In this chapter, the modules of NCIM 3.00 are explained in alphabetical order. The role of each module in the model, its interface, and, if applicable, important algorithms and equations are explained. In the FORTRAN 77 source code of the model, the modules are subroutines (except `ncim`, which is main) and are stored in separate files each. The filenames are similar to the module names but with the extension `*.f`. Detailed comments of the model code may be found in the source code files of the modules.

### 3.1 Agricultural modules

A number of modules are called if land–use is to be considered in a model run. These modules provide information on the areas used for agricultural purposes on country basis in the modelling period, on the grid elements which are used in the different years, and on the probability of the cultivation of C3 or C4 crops.

#### 3.1.1 Module `agc4su`

This module ranks all grid elements according to their probability to be useful for cultivation of C4 crops. A probability is calculated for each of the following C4 crops: maize, sugar cane, millet, and sorghum.

agc4su interface

In: monthly temperature	it(igrid,12)
monthly precipitation	ipp(igrid,12)
annual mean temperature	itann(igrid)
annual precipitation	ippann(igrid)
soil fertility	fsoil(igrid)
Out: probability for cultivation of four C4 crops	prpc4(nc4,igrid)

Call frequency is once at the begin of a model run and once per year from AD 1860 on.

### 3.1.2 Module agrc4pat

This subroutine determines the pattern of grid elements used for cultivation of C4 crops in a given model year.

agrc4pat interface

In: required area for four C4 crops (AD 1860-1991)	agc4re(nc4,icount,1860:1991)
standard map of the distribution of four C4 crops	usec4std(igrid)
probability for cultivation of four C4 crops	prpc4(nc4,igrid)
duration of land-use for each grid element (years)	useyr(igrid)
Out: use-matrix of grid elements for the four C4 crops	useann(igrid)

The integer numbers assigned to the matrix useann mean:

0 natural vegetation, no use

1 C3 field crops

2 sugar cane

3 maize

4 millet

5 sorghum

Call frequency is once at the begin of a model run and once per year from AD 1860 on.

### 3.1.3 Module agrfut

Module to provide data on the possible change of the use-matrix useann in the period 1991 to 2050 (land-use scenario). Based on a given ratio of agricultural net primary production to the population number of each country, it changes the use-matrix once a year so that the ratio is as close as possible to the given value.

Entire grid elements are transformed from `useann = 0` to `useann = 1`, or vice versa. This is done if the required change of the country's agricultural production exceeds 60% of the productivity of the next grid element to be taken into or out of use.

The population data per country are calculated by use of polynomials. Those were calculated from the FAO population estimates for the period 1980 to 2050.

agrftut interface		
In:	model year (period AD 1991–2050)	<code>iannum</code>
	area of each grid element	<code>area(igrid)</code>
	10 years running mean of potential agricultural npp of a grid element	<code>nppyrm(igid)</code>
	four parameters for population polynomial per country	<code>apop(icount, iparam)</code>
	relative agricultural productivity per country	<code>rap(icount)</code>
	annual modification factor for <code>rap</code> in the period 1991 to 2050	<code>fymult(icount)</code>
	relative agricultural productivity per grid element	<code>rapg(igrid)</code>
	probability of land–use of a given grid element in the given year	<code>agrprp(igrid)</code>
Out:	land–use–matrix of grid elements	<code>useann(igrid)</code>
	duration of land–use for each grid element (years)	<code>useyr(igrid)</code>

The call frequency is once per year for the period 1991 to 2050.

### 3.1.4 Module `agrpat`

This module provides the actual pattern of grid elements used for agricultural purposes in a given model year in the matrix `useann(igrid)`. The matrix `useann` includes values of zero for grid elements presently not in use, and 1 for those in use. If the module `agrc4pat` is called in advance of `agrpat`, the matrix `useann` may also include the values 2 through 5 which correspond with a variety of C4 field crops.

This module applies to model years up to 1990. Compare also module `agrftut` which provides land–use scenarios from 1991 on.

#### agrpat interface

In:	correction matrix to calculate the agriculturally used areas in each country in the current model year	<code>korri(icount,1860:1990)</code>
	standard map of the distribution of agricultural crops in AD 1980	<code>usestd(igrid)</code>
	probability of each grid element to be agriculturally used in the current year	<code>agrprp(igrid)</code>
	actual model year	<code>iannum</code>
	year of start of model run AD	<code>ianns</code>
	area of each grid element	<code>area(igrid)</code>
Out:	use-matrix of grid elements	<code>useann(igrid)</code>
	duration of land-use for each grid element (years)	<code>useyr(igrid)</code>

The module `agrpat` is called in the first model year and once every year in the period 1860 through 1990.

### 3.1.5 Module `agryie`

This module provides the relative agricultural net primary productivity for each country and assigns the value `rap(icount)` to each grid element of the country `rapg(igrid)`. The computation of `rap` depends on the current model year `iannum`.

- If `iannum` is equal to or lower than 1980, `rap` is set to the value of AD 1980.
- If `iannum` is greater than 1980 but equal to or lower than 1990, `rap` is determined by linear interpolation between the values of 1980 and 1990.
- For further scenarios, `rap` in 2050 of each country can be modified by a special factor considering individual developments `fymult`. Alternatively, `rap` in 2050 of all countries can be set to a fixed value `scfut`. The value `rap` for the current year is computed by linear interpolation between the value of AD 1990 and of AD 2050.



agryie interface

In:	global value for relative agricultural productivity in AD 2050	scfut
	current model year	iannum
	relative agricultural productivity in AD 1980	rap80(icount)
	relative agricultural productivity in AD 1990	rap90(icount)
	factor to modify relative agricultural productivity in each country	fymult(icount)
Out:	relative agricultural productivity in the current model year for each country	rap(icount)
	relative agricultural productivity assigned to grid elements in current model year	rapg(igrid)

Module `agryie` is called once per year in the period 1980 through 2050.

### 3.1.6 Module `agsuit`

In this module, the grid elements are ranked according to a “clearing probability” `agrprp`, which is defined as a product of several individual probabilities. At the present state, these individual probabilities include:

- probability based on the production potential: the higher the natural productivity, the higher the probability to be taken into use, the productivity is estimated by the Miami model (Lieth 1975).
- probability from soil quality: the higher the soil fertility, given by the array soil factor `fsoil`, the higher the probability to be used for agriculture,
- agricultural status of surrounding grid elements.

#### agsuit interface

In:	standard map of the distribution of agricultural crops in AD 1980	usestd(igrid)
	use-matrix of grid elements	useann(igrid)
	latitude of grid element (lower left corner)	lat(igrid)
	longitude of grid element (lower left corner)	lon(igrid)
	annual mean temperature of grid element	itann(igrid)
	annual precipitation of grid element	ippann(igrid)
	soil fertility factor	fsoil(igrid)
	actual model year	iannum
Out:	probability of each grid element to be agriculturally used in the current year	agrprp(igrid)

The call frequency is once in the first model year and once a year from AD 1860 on.

### 3.1.7 Module c4filrd

Module to read from files the information on the areas per country which are cultivated with C4 crops in the period 1961–1991, and a standard map of the distribution of grid elements dominated by C4 crops.

#### c4filrd interface

In:	file dc4map	usec4std(igrid)
	file dsugar	agc4re(sug, icount, iannum)
	file dmaize	agc4re(mai, icount, iannum)
	file dmillet	agc4re(mil, icount, iannum)
	file dsorghum	agc4re(sor, icount, iannum)
Out:	standard map of grid elements cultivated with C4 crops	usec4std(igrid)
	required agricultural area for sugar cane	agc4re(sug, icount, iannum)
	required agricultural area for maize	agc4re(mai, icount, iannum)
	required agricultural area for millet	agc4re(mil, icount, iannum)
	required agricultural area for sorghum	agc4re(sor, icount, iannum)

Call frequency is once in the first model year and once per year in the period 1961 through 1991.

## 3.2 Module arcalc

This module computes the area of each grid element from the latitude of its lower left (south-western) corner and the grid width. In addition it provides some information on the extremes of grid element sizes per country and global.

arcalc interface		
In:	latitude of lower left corner of grid element	lat(igrid)
	number of the first grid element of each country	lcgrid(icount)
	number of the last grid element of each country	mcgrid(icount)
Out:	area [m <sup>2</sup> ] of each grid element	area(igrid)
	area of the smallest grid element	aremin
	area of the smallest grid element of each country	aremi(icount)
	area of the largest grid element of each country	arema(icount)
	mean area of the grid elements of each country	aremea(icount)

arcalc is called once at the beginning of the model run.

## 3.3 Module bucket

bucket estimates monthly potential and actual evapotranspiration from a simple “bucket” soil moisture accounting scheme, using the Priestley/Taylor evapotranspiration formula. This module was adopted from the IIASA biome model (Prentice et al. 1992). In NCIM 3.00 actual evapotranspiration is used to influence seasonality, especially in the tropics and subtropics.

bucket interface		
In:	latitude of grid element (lower left corner)	lat(igrid)
	longitude of grid element (lower left corner)	lon(igrid)
	annual mean temperature of grid element	itann(igrid)
	annual precipitation of grid element	ippann(igrid)
	monthly temperatures of grid element	it(igrid, imonth)
	monthly precipitation of grid element	ipp(igrid, imonth)
	monthly mean cloudfreeness of grid element	icloud(igrid, imonth)
Out:	monthly actual evapotranspiration of each grid element	aetm(igrid, imonth)

bucket is called once per model year.

### 3.4 Module `cffcl`

Module to provide the coefficients for the fluxes litter production and litter depletion, soil organic carbon production and soil organic carbon depletion and for the additional deforestation flux. `cffcl` determines the coefficients for each grid element in a given month.

These coefficients are required to calculate carbon and nitrogen fluxes in the modules `dgl` and `ndgl`. In `cffcl` the coefficients of the slower processes are updated monthly. The faster processes are updated daily in the module `nffcl`.

`cffcl` translates the driving forces on a grid element level into coefficients which occur in flux equations. This module together with `nffcl` is an important interface between environmental conditions and the biosphere, therefore.

Due to the relative importance of this module a more detailed description is given here.

While this module is called the first time, the C/N ratio of litter production material is set to the standard value 32. Thus, it remained fixed during the first prerun (spin-up) procedure.

Next, `cdfor` is set to 0.06 for all grid elements under land-use. This results in a half-life time of the clearing progress of one year.

Next, the litter production coefficients for herbaceous material are set. It is assumed, that litter production only occurs in month with decreasing evapotranspiration. The coefficient's share in a given month is proportional to the amount of decrease of `aetm` in comparison to the total decrease in sequence `aetdsu`:

$$clpha(igrd) = \frac{aetdm(igrd, imonth)}{aetdsu(igrd)} \cdot \frac{herb(ibiome(igrd))}{0.59181 \cdot ageh(ibiome(igrd))^{0.79216}} \quad (3.1)$$

If no month with decreasing evapotranspiration occurs, litter production coefficients are evenly distributed over the months of a year:

$$clpha(igrd) = \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{herb(ibiome(igrd))}{0.59181 \cdot ageh(ibiome(igrd))^{0.79216}} \quad (3.2)$$

Litter production coefficients for woody material are evenly distributed throughout a year and are calculated analogously:

$$clpwa(igrd) = \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{1 - herb(ibiome(igrd))}{0.59181 \cdot agew(ibiome(igrd))^{0.79216}} \quad (3.3)$$

The coefficients for below-ground material are set equal to the analogous above-ground materials.

cffclc interface

In:	monthly decrease of aetm	aetdm(igrid, imonth)
	aetm in december of the last year	aetmdc(igrid)
	annual sum of negative monthly values of aetdm	aetdsu(igrid)
	use-matrix of grid elements for agriculture	useann(igrid)
	soil fertility factor	fsoil(igrid)
	share factor of herbaceous productivity of each biome	herb(ibiome(igrid))
	share factor of above-ground productivity of each biome	abvgrd(ibiome(igrid))
	mean age of herbaceous parts of each biome	ageh(ibiome(igrid))
	mean age of woody parts of each biome	agew(ibiome(igrid))
	long-term mean temperature of warmest months	mtwa(igrid)
	long-term mean temperature of coldest month	mtco(igrid)
	vegetation type of each grid element	ibiome(igrid)
	monthly temperatures of grid element	it(igrid, imonth)
	monthly precipitation of grid element	ipp(igrid, imonth)
	most important soil unit of the grid element	soilat(igrid)
	current month	imonth
Out:	coefficient litter production herbaceous above ground	clpha(igrid)
	coefficient litter production herbaceous below ground	clphb(igrid)
	coefficient litter production woody above ground	clpwa(igrid)
	coefficient litter production woody below ground	clpwb(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous above ground	cldha(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous below ground	cldhb(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion woody above ground	cldwa(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion woody below ground	cldwb(igrid)
	coefficient soil organic carbon production from herbaceous material	csocph(igrid)
	coefficient soil organic carbon production from woody material	csocpw(igrid)
	coefficient soil organic carbon depletion	socd(igrid)
	coefficient of deforestation	cdfor(igrid)
	counter for the number of month with litter production in sequence	ifall(igrid)
	flag indicating month with litter production	lfall(igrid)

For the biomes of the temperate and boreal zones, i.e. cold–deciduous biomes, the monthly coefficient of litter production will be set to  $(2 \cdot \ln 2)$  in the first three month in which the monthly temperature drops (NOT rises) to or below the half of the mean temperature of the warmest month.

Next, C/N ratios for litter material are calculated from the respective carbon and nitrogen pools. This is done after the two preruns (spin–up) have been completed (the ratios for the preruns are set in module `initn` to standard values). The C/N ratios are only calculated if the amount of carbon in a litter pool is not less than  $10^{-5}$  g. If it is less, C/N ratios are set to standard values.

The depletion coefficients for litter and soil organic materials are calculated from climate variables and depend on the nitrogen content of the material. They depend on climate in a complex way:

$$cldh = \exp(p_1 + p_2 \cdot \ln(ipp) - p_3 \cdot ipp^{p_4}) + \exp(p_5) \cdot \tanh(p_6 \cdot ipp) \quad (3.4)$$

with the parameters

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= -1.96628 \cdot (it - 5) - 12.39641 \\ p_2 &= 0.002236189 \cdot (it + 55)^2 \\ p_3 &= 4.568434 \cdot \exp(-0.1041649 \cdot (it - 5)) \\ p_4 &= 0.0001132567 \cdot (it + 55)^2 \\ p_5 &= 0.07315304 \cdot (it - 5) - 3.51145 \\ p_6 &= \exp\left(\frac{15000}{(it + 55)^2} - 6.5\right) \end{aligned}$$

and the restrictions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } ipp &= 0.0 \quad \text{then } cld = 0.0 \\ \text{If } it &< -30.0 \quad \text{then } cld = \exp(p_5) \cdot \tanh(p_6 \cdot ipp) \end{aligned}$$

Function (3.4) was developed using data for above ground herbaceous material (see Esser, 1986, for a list of the data used). It is modified for each compartment of litter according to

$$\begin{aligned} cldha &= cldhb = cldh \\ cldwa &= cldwb = 0.3 \cdot cldh \end{aligned}$$

The plot of function (3.4) is given in Figure 3.1.

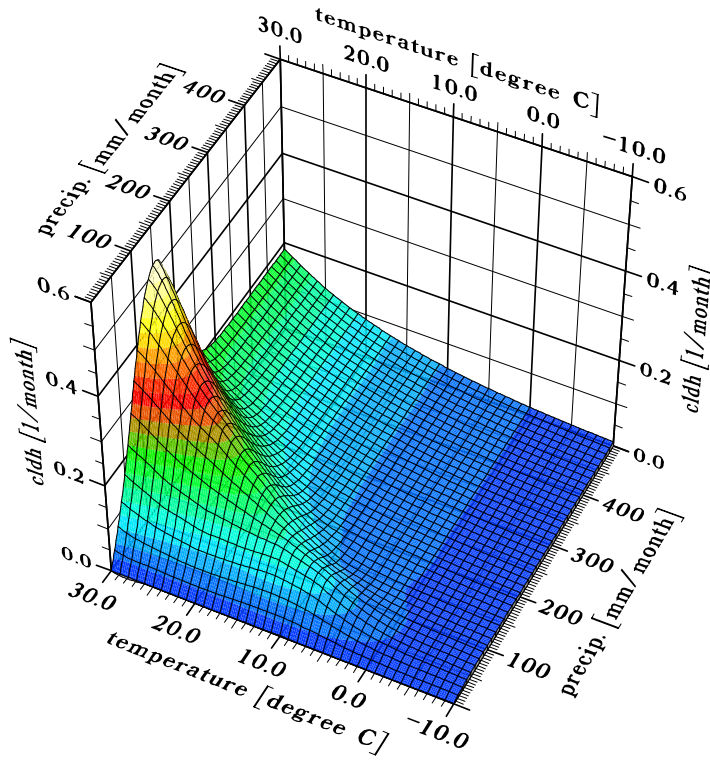


Figure 3.1: Plot of the litter depletion coefficient as a function of monthly precipitation and temperature (eq. 3.4).

Since function (3.4) requires a considerable amount of computing time, we have pre-calculated the depletion coefficients for a  $100 \times 100$  matrix of monthly temperature and precipitation intervals, in the range of temp -10 to 30 °C, precip 0 to 500 mm·month<sup>-1</sup>. Access to this matrix is then possible randomly by temp and precip classes.

Litter depletion coefficients as calculated from climate variables are then corrected according to the deviation of the actual nitrogen content of the material from a mean content:

$$cldha(igrid) = cldh \cdot \left( \frac{1.7}{1 + 1.4 \cdot \exp(0.1 \cdot (cnlha(igrid) - cnlmean))} + 0.3 \right) \quad (3.5)$$

The depletion coefficients for the materials woody above-ground, herbaceous below-ground, and woody below-ground are corrected analogously.

The depletion coefficients for humic substances and for lignin compounds are derived from the depletion coefficient for herbaceous material as calculated by equation (3.4). Since lignin compounds are nitrogen free, the nitrogen status of the soil organisms is considered for the depletion coefficient of lignin:

$$chumd(igrid) = cldh \cdot 0.0008 \quad (3.6)$$

$$cligd(igrid) = \frac{6}{cnnmic(igrid)} \cdot cldh \cdot 0.05 \quad (3.7)$$

For certain soil types, *chumd* and *cligd* are modified:

$$chumd \begin{cases} \cdot 0.2 & \text{for Histosols} \\ \cdot 0.5 & \text{for gelic Gleysols} \end{cases}$$

$$cligd \begin{cases} \cdot 0.038 & \text{for Histosols} \\ \cdot 0.5 & \text{for gelic Gleysols} \end{cases}$$

Finally, the lignin production coefficients are set. It was assumed therefore, that the lignin content of plant material will contribute to the formation of slowly decomposed humic acids in the soil. Thus, the lignin production coefficients are set to the mean share of lignin in herbaceous and woody plant material:

$$cligph(igrd) = 0.176 \quad (3.8)$$

$$cligpw(igrd) = 0.48 \quad (3.9)$$

The module `cffclc` is called once every month.

### 3.5 Module `cnpp`

This subroutine provides monthly net primary productivity for the array of grid elements. It considers climate on an annual basis, according to the Miami model (Lieth 1975). From the annual NPP value a part is allocated to the actual month according to the share of actual evapotranspiration of the current month, weighted by an exponent.

NPP from climate is then modified by correction factors for soil influence (`fsoil`), and the CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization effect (`co2fak`). If the grid element is considered to be agriculturally used, the `npp` is further corrected by a factor (`rapg`) which represents the “Relative Agricultural Productivity” of the respective country. For further explanation see Esser (1995) or Esser (1994).



cnpp interface

In:	annual mean temperature of grid element	<code>itann(igrid)</code>
	annual precipitation of grid element	<code>ippann(igrid)</code>
	monthly temperatures of grid element	<code>it(igrid, imonth)</code>
	monthly actual evapotranspiration of each grid element	<code>aetm(igrid, imonth)</code>
	soil fertility factor of grid element	<code>fsoil(igrid)</code>
	relative agricultural productivity of grid element	<code>rapg(igrid)</code>
	share factor of herbaceous productivity of each biome	<code>herb(ibiome(igrid))</code>
	share factor for above-ground productivity of each biome	<code>abvgrd(ibiome(igrid))</code>
	potential natural vegetation of grid element	<code>ibiome(igrid)</code>
	CO <sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere of a given month [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ]	<code>co2</code>
Out:	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous above-ground material	<code>nppha(igrid)</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous below-ground material	<code>npphb(igrid)</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of woody above-ground material	<code>nppwa(igrid)</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of woody below-ground material	<code>nppwb(igrid)</code>

Net primary productivity is calculated as the minimum of two potential productivities which were derived from temperature and precipitation. The fraction of NPP in a given month is calculated using information on actual evapotranspiration. The factor 0.45 transforms dry matter into carbon.

$$nppt = \frac{3000}{1 + \exp(1.315 - 0.119 \cdot itann(igrid))} \quad (3.10)$$

$$npppp = 3000 \cdot (1 - \exp(-0.000664 \cdot ippann(igrid))) \quad (3.11)$$

$$nppann = \min(nppt, npppp) \quad (3.12)$$

$$npp(igrid) = nppann \cdot \frac{aetml(igrid, imonth)^3}{aetsu2(igrid)} \cdot fsoil(igrid) \cdot rapg(igrid) \cdot fco2 \cdot 0.45 \quad (3.13)$$

In equation (3.13) `aetml` is equal to `aetm`, except in the case that `aetm` is less than 45 mm month<sup>-1</sup> in the given month and at least three month exist having `aetm` greater than 45 mm month<sup>-1</sup>. `aetsu2` is the annual sum of `aetml`<sup>3</sup>.

The factor  $f_{CO_2}$  in equation (3.13) represents the CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization effect. In NCIM 3.00 it is calculated from the actual atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ] and the soil fertility according to equation (3.14).

$$co2fak = a \cdot [1 - \exp\{-r \cdot (co2 - 80)\}] \quad (3.14)$$

where  $a = 1 + f_{soil}(igrid)/4$  and  $r = -\ln(1 - 1/a)/240$ .

The CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization effect is only applied to natural vegetation. If the grid element is agriculturally used, the factor will be set to 1 assuming supply limited by minerals rather than by the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

Finally, monthly net primary productivity is distributed to the four compartments herbageous and woody and above-ground and below-ground:

$$nppha(igrid) = npp(igrid) \cdot herb(ibiome(igrid)) \cdot abvgrd(ibiome(igrid)) \quad (3.15)$$

$$npphb(igrid) = npp(igrid) \cdot herb(ibiome(igrid)) \cdot (1 - abvgrd(ibiome(igrid))) \quad (3.16)$$

$$nppwa(igrid) = npp(igrid) \cdot (1 - herb(ibiome(igrid))) \cdot abvgrd(ibiome(igrid)) \quad (3.17)$$

$$nppwb(igrid) = npp(igrid) \cdot (1 - herb(ibiome(igrid))) \cdot (1 - abvgrd(ibiome(igrid))) \quad (3.18)$$

Module `cnpp` is called once a month.

### 3.6 Module `cnppn`

This module saves the monthly NPP as provided by `cnpp` after the soil correction has been eliminated. As often as called, `cnppn` corrects the monthly saved NPP according to the actual C/N ratio in the plant material. If `cnpp` was called, `cnppn` updates the saved NPP values.

In this module, the actual C/N ratios in the plant material are updated first.

$$cnacha(igrid) = \frac{pool(igrid, pcha)}{pool(igrid, pnha)} \quad (3.19)$$

$$cnachb(igrid) = \frac{pool(igrid, pchb)}{pool(igrid, pnhb)} \quad (3.20)$$

$$cnacwa(igrid) = \frac{pool(igrid, pcwa)}{pool(igrid, pnwa)} \quad (3.21)$$

$$cnacwb(igrid) = \frac{pool(igrid, pcwb)}{pool(igrid, pnwb)} \quad (3.22)$$

In the next step, NPP is corrected according to the deviation of the actual C/N ratio in leaves from a biome–typical standard C/N ratio  $cnh(ibiome)$ . The variable names ending with “o” refer to the old values of these variables.

$$x = \frac{cnh(ibiome(igrd))}{cnacha(igrd)}$$

$$fn = 1.7465 \cdot (1 - e^{-1.7 \cdot (x-0.5)})$$

$$fnmean(igrd) = \frac{fnmeano(igrd) \cdot (2 \cdot 15 - 1) + fn}{2 \cdot 15} \quad (3.23)$$

$$nppha(igrd) = fnmean(igrd) \cdot npphao(igrd) \quad (3.24)$$

$$npphb(igrd) = fnmean(igrd) \cdot npphbo(igrd) \quad (3.25)$$

$$nppwa(igrd) = fnmean(igrd) \cdot nppwao(igrd) \quad (3.26)$$

$$nppwb(igrd) = fnmean(igrd) \cdot nppwbo(igrd) \quad (3.27)$$

### 3.7 Module co2assign

The model uses values for the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of the atmosphere from AD 1400 on. These values are global means of each year. The module `co2assign` uses a simple interpolation procedure to calculate monthly means of the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration. The seasonal cycle is not considered. The monthly values help prevent high annual steps which would cause instabilities in the model. Prior to AD 1400 the monthly CO<sub>2</sub> concentration is set to the annual value for AD 1400.

co2assign interface

In:	annual mean CO <sub>2</sub> concentration [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ]	<code>co2ann(iannum)</code>
Out:	mean CO <sub>2</sub> concentration of current month [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ]	<code>co2</code>

This module is called monthly.

### 3.8 Module co2read

Read annual data of the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration `co2ann(iannum)` [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ] for the period AD 1400 including AD 2002 from file.

co2read interface

In:	file CO2.data	<code>co2ann(iannum)</code>
Out:	annual mean CO <sub>2</sub> concentration [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ]	<code>co2ann(iannum)</code>

Called once at the beginning of a model run.

### 3.9 Module dgl

Module dgl contains, together with its “sister” module ndgl (see page 38), the calculation of the fluxes (processes) and the mass–balance equations for carbon and nitrogen. Module dgl includes the “slow” fluxes of carbon, while ndgl includes the “fast” carbon fluxes and the nitrogen fluxes.

dgl interface		
In:	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous above–ground material	nppha(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous below–ground material	npphb(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody above–ground material	nppwa(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody below–ground material	nppwb(igrid)
	coefficient litter production herbaceous above ground	clpha(igrid)
	coefficient litter production herbaceous below ground	clphb(igrid)
	coefficient litter production woody above ground	clpwa(igrid)
	coefficient litter production woody below ground	clpwb(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous above ground	cldha(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous below ground	cldhb(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion woody above ground	cldwa(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion woody below ground	cldwb(igrid)
	coefficient lignin production from herbaceous material	cligph(igrid)
	coefficient lignin production from woody material	cligpw(igrid)
	coefficient of deforestation	cdfor(igrid)
In by list:	array of C and N pools	p(igrid,ip)
Out by list:	array of time–derivatives of pools	dp(igrid,ip)

#### 3.9.1 Calculation of fluxes (processes)

To prevent redundancy, fluxes are calculated first and assigned to arrays of local variables.

Litter production carbon fluxes:

$$lpcha(igrid) = clpha(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pcha) \quad (3.28)$$

$$lpchb(igrid) = clphb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pchb) \quad (3.29)$$

$$lpcwa(igrid) = clpwa(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pcwa) \quad (3.30)$$

$$lpcwb(igrid) = clpwb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pcwb) \quad (3.31)$$

Deforestation carbon fluxes:

$$dforca(igrid) = cdfor(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pcwa) \quad (3.32)$$

$$dforcb(igrid) = cdfor(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pcwb) \quad (3.33)$$

Litter depletion carbon fluxes:

$$ldcha(igrid) = clcha(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lcha) \quad (3.34)$$

$$ldchb(igrid) = clchb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lchb) \quad (3.35)$$

$$ldcwa(igrid) = clcwa(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lcwa) \quad (3.36)$$

$$ldcwb(igrid) = clcwb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lcwb) \quad (3.37)$$

Lignin depletion carbon flux:

$$ligdcf(igrid) = cligd(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, ligc) \quad (3.38)$$

### 3.9.2 Time-derivatives of the pools (mass-balance equations)

After calculating the carbon fluxes, the mass-balance equations follow. Mass-balance of carbon pools is maintained by balancing the input and output fluxes:

Phytomass carbon:

$$dp(igrid, pcha) = nppha(igrid) - lpcha(igrid) \quad (3.39)$$

$$dp(igrid, pchb) = npphb(igrid) - lpchb(igrid) \quad (3.40)$$

$$dp(igrid, pcwa) = nppwa(igrid) - lpcwa(igrid) - dforca(igrid) \quad (3.41)$$

$$dp(igrid, pcwb) = nppwb(igrid) - lpcwb(igrid) - dforcb(igrid) \quad (3.42)$$

Litter carbon:

$$dp(igrid, lcha) = lpcha(igrid) - ldcha(igrid)$$

(loss to soil lignin pool:)

$$- cligph(igrid) \cdot lpcha(igrid) \quad (3.43)$$

$$dp(igrid, lchb) = lpchb(igrid) - ldchb(igrid) - cligph(igrid) \cdot lpchb(igrid) \quad (3.44)$$

$$dp(igrid, lcwa) = lpcwa(igrid) + dforca(igrid) - ldcwa(igrid) - cligpw(igrid) \cdot lpcwa(igrid)$$

(due to clearing:)

$$- cligpw(igrid) \cdot dforca(igrid) \quad (3.45)$$

$$dp(igrid, lcwb) = lpcwb(igrid) + dforcb(igrid) - ldcwb(igrid) - cligpw(igrid) \cdot lpcwb(igrid)$$

(due to clearing:)

$$- cligpw(igrid) \cdot dforcb(igrid) \quad (3.46)$$

Soil lignin pool (residuals of litter pools):

$$dp(igrid, lige) = cligph(igrid) \cdot lpcha(igrid)$$

$$+ cligph(igrid) \cdot lpchb(igrid)$$

$$+ cligpw(igrid) \cdot lpcwa(igrid)$$

$$+ cligpw(igrid) \cdot lpcwb(igrid)$$

$$+ cligpw(igrid) \cdot dforca(igrid)$$

$$+ cligpw(igrid) \cdot dforcb(igrid)$$

(lignin depletion, the carbon uptake by organisms while feeding on lignin:)

$$- ligdcf(igrid) \quad (3.47)$$

In the following, the equations for the collection of fluxes in “dummy” pools are found (for the list of dummy pools and their notation see Tables 2.2 and 2.4 on pages 7 and 9).

$$dp(igrid, nppch) = nppha(igrid) + npphb(igrid) \quad (3.48)$$

$$dp(igrid, nppcw) = nppwa(igrid) + nppwb(igrid) \quad (3.49)$$

$$dp(igrid, lpch) = lpcha(igrid) + lpchb(igrid) \quad (3.50)$$

$$dp(igrid, lpcw) = lpcwa(igrid) + lpcwb(igrid) \quad (3.51)$$

$$dp(igrid, ldch) = ldcha(igrid) + ldchb(igrid) \quad (3.52)$$

$$dp(igrid, ldcw) = ldcwa(igrid) + ldcwb(igrid) \quad (3.53)$$

$$dp(igrid, ligpc) = cligph(igrid) \cdot lpcha(igrid)$$

$$+ cligph(igrid) \cdot lpchb(igrid)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&+ \text{cligpw}(\text{igrid}) \cdot \text{lpcwa}(\text{igrid}) \\
&+ \text{cligpw}(\text{igrid}) \cdot \text{lpcwb}(\text{igrid})
\end{aligned}
\tag{3.54}$$

$$dp(\text{igrid}, \text{ligdc}) = \text{ligdcf}(\text{igrid})
\tag{3.55}$$

$$dp(\text{igrid}, \text{humdc}) = \text{humdcf}(\text{igrid})
\tag{3.56}$$

$$dp(\text{igrid}, \text{dforc}) = \text{dforca}(\text{igrid}) + \text{dforcb}(\text{igrid})
\tag{3.57}$$

The module `dgl` is called `istep` times every model day (`iday`), see module `timint` and Figure 2.3 on page 15.

### 3.10 Module `filred`

This module is one of several which organize the input of data into the model. Those data include driving forces and boundary conditions. Files having names that end with the extension `*.05` contain gridded (0.5 degrees) data which are organized countrywise. For each country, a header record with the continent code, the country code, and the number of grid elements that belong to the country, starts the country data, followed by the data records for this country (each record includes data for one grid element).

Module `filred` is called once at the beginning of a model run.

### 3.11 Modules `idpool` and `idfpool`

In the model, we use so called “dummy” pools to add up fluxes of the model during a month for output (see Table 2.2 on page 7 and Table 2.4 on page 9). At the end of the month, those “dummy” pools contain the monthly accumulated sum of the material transported by the flux. The “dummy” pools are handled like ordinary pools, i.e. they are balanced by the flux(es) they should collect, and integrated in the modules `dgl` or `ndgl`.

At the beginning of each month, “dummy” pools are set to zero, which means they are made empty. This is done in the two modules `idpool` and `idfpool`. These modules are called every month at the beginning of the monthly loop.

filed interface

In:	file korrmatrix_1990	korri(icount, year)
	file fyield8090.country	rap80(icount)
		rap90(icount)
	file popparam	apop(icount, iparam)
	file fymult.2050	fymult(icount)
	file coord.05	lat(igrid), lon(igrid)
	file temp_cramer.05	it(igrid, imonth)
		itann(igrid)
	file prec_cramer.05	ipp(igrid, imonth)
		ippann(igrid)
	file clou_cramer.05	icloud(igrid, imonth)
	file soilfactors.05.mod1805	soilasc, fsoil(igrid)
	file usestd_1980_circl0.05	usestd(igrid)
	file fossil.year	foss(iannum)
	file cldmatrix	cld(nx, ny)
Out:	correction matrix to calculate the agriculturally used areas in each country in the current model year	korri(icount, iannum)
	relative agricultural productivity in AD 1980	rap80(icount)
	relative agricultural productivity in AD 1990	rap90(icount)
	four parameters for population polynomial per country	apop(icount, iparam)
	annual modification factor for rap, 1991 to 2050	fymult(icount)
	latitude of the lower left corner of a grid element	lat(igrid)
	longitude of the lower left corner of a grid element	lon(igrid)
	monthly temperature	it(igrid, imonth)
	mean annual temperature	itann(igrid)
	monthly precipitation	ipp(igrid, imonth)
	annual precipitation	ippann(igrid)
	“cloudfreeness” of the month	icloud(igrid, imonth)
	soil type (coded)	soilat(igrid)
	soil fertility factor	fsoil(igrid)
	standard map of agricultural crops in 1980	usestd(igrid)
	emissions of carbon (CO <sub>2</sub> ) from fossil sources	foss(iannum)
	depletion coefficients for a 100 × 100 matrix of monthly temperature and precipitation values	cld(nx, ny)



### 3.12 Module mnpp

Module calculates 10–years running mean of the annual sum of net primary productivity of agriculturally used grid elements ( $NPP_{agri}$ ). If a grid element is covered with natural vegetation, the  $NPP_{agri}$  is calculated as if it were used.

mnpp interface

In:	annual sum of net primary productivity	<code>nppyr(igrid)</code>
	relative agricultural productivity	<code>rapg(igrid)</code>
	vegetation type	<code>ibiome(igrid)</code>
Out:	10–year running mean of annual NPP	<code>nppyrm(igrid)</code>

Module called once a year.

### 3.13 Module monco2

Assign the monthly  $CO_2$  concentration to an annual array at the end of the month.

monco2 interface

In:	$CO_2$ concentration of the month [ $\mu l \cdot l^{-1}$ ]	<code>co2</code>
Out:	array of monthly $CO_2$ concentrations	<code>co2mon(imonth)</code>

To be called monthly at the end of the month.

### 3.14 Module mtemp

This module assigns the the mean temperature of the warmest month of a given model year and grid element to the array `mtwa(igrid)`, and the temperature of the coldest month to the array `mtco(igrid)`.

Besides that, it calculates a 50–years running mean of `mtwa` and assigns it to the array `mtwam(igrid)`.

mtemp interface

In:	monthly temperature	<code>it(igrid,imonth)</code>
Out:	mean temperature of warmest month	<code>mtwa(igrid)</code>
	mean temperature of coldest month	<code>mtco(igrid)</code>
	50–years running mean of <code>mtwa</code>	<code>mtwam(igrid)</code>

Module is called once a year.

### 3.15 Module `ncim 3.00`

This module represents the main program in FORTRAN code. Its main responsibility is to organize the call sequence and call frequencies of the modules of the model. For details and the model structure see Figure 2.3 on page 15.

Besides that `ncim` reads some data which are required for the configuration of an individual model run, from a configuration file `ncimdata`. This file is expected to be accessible at the beginning of a model run in the directory in which the model is started. The variables read and their possible values are as follows:

variable	meaning	values
<code>ipresw</code>	prerun switch	0 (no prerun performed) 1 (prerun, pools will be initialized) 2 (prerun, initial pools read from file)
<code>iprern</code>	prerun duration (years)	0, . . . , 10 000
<code>iannb</code>	starting year AD	1860 →
<code>iannend</code>	ending year AD	→ 2050
<code>fire</code>	fire switch	0 (no vegetation fires considered) 1 (vegetation fires considered)
<code>co2</code>	initial CO <sub>2</sub> concentration [ $\mu\text{l}\cdot\text{l}^{-1}$ ]	200, . . . , 600 preindustrial value 280.86
<code>nannpr</code>	nitrogen prerun 1 (years)	0, . . . , 10 000
<code>nannzu</code>	nitrogen prerun 2 (years)	0, . . . , 10 000
<code>agri</code>	agriculture switch	.true. or .false.

There are no other input data of this module. Output data include the model year `iannum`, the current month `imonth`, and the current day `iday`.

### 3.16 Module `ndgl`

Module `ndgl` contains, together with its “sister” module `dgl` (see page 32), the calculation of the fluxes (processes) and the mass–balance equations for nitrogen and carbon. Module `ndgl` includes the “fast” fluxes of carbon and the nitrogen fluxes, while `dgl` includes the “slow” carbon fluxes.

ndgl interface

In:	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous above-ground material	nppha(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous below-ground material	npphb(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody above-ground material	nppwa(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody below-ground material	nppwb(igrid)
	coefficient litter production herbaceous above ground	clpha(igrid)
	coefficient litter production herbaceous below ground	clphb(igrid)
	coefficient litter production woody above ground	clpwa(igrid)
	coefficient litter production woody below ground	clpwb(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous above ground	cldha(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous below ground	cldhb(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion woody above ground	cldwa(igrid)
	coefficient litter depletion woody below ground	cldwb(igrid)
	coefficient lignin production from herbaceous material	cligph(igrid)
	coefficient lignin production from woody material	cligpw(igrid)
	coefficient of deforestation	cdfor(igrid)
	depletion coefficient humic substances	chumd(igrid)
	allocation coefficient for N to herbaceous above-ground material	calha(igrid)
	allocation coefficient for N to herbaceous below-ground material	calhb(igrid)
	allocation coefficient for N to woody above-ground material	calwa(igrid)
	allocation coefficient for N to woody below-ground material	calwb(igrid)
	coefficient of N (avn)uptake by soil organisms	cgmic(igrid)
	coefficient of mortality of soil organisms	cmmic(igrid)
	coefficient of N (avn) uptake by plants	cassn(igrid)
	coefficient of fixation of $\text{NH}_4^+$ in soil	cavnpu(igrid)
	coefficient of desorption of N from soil	cpuavn(igrid)
	leaching coefficient of available N to groundwater	cleach(igrid)
	respiration coefficient of soil organisms	crmic(igrid)
	share of NPP by legumes	legnpp(ibiome(igrid))
	share of NPP by C4 plants	c4npp(ibiome(igrid))
	N deposition standard year	atmdep(igrid,imonth)
	change of N deposition period 1860–1990	kordep(land,iannum)
	standard C/N ratio of herbaceous material	cnh(ibiome(igrid))
	standard C/N ratio of woody material	cnw(ibiome(igrid))
	portion of recycled N before leaves are shed	rcych(ibiome(igrid))
	current model year	iannum
by list:		
In:	array of C and N pools	p(igrid,ip)
Out:	array of time-derivatives of pools	dp(igrid,ip)

In a first step, the C/N ratios for the different materials are calculated. Before the model run starts, i.e. during the two prerun procedures (spin-up), C/N ratios are set to standard values. After the start of the model run, C/N ratios for the 4 phytomass compartments, for the 4 litter compartment, for humic substances, and for the soil organisms are calculated by division of the respective carbon and nitrogen pools.

### 3.16.1 Calculation of fluxes (processes)

The next task in this module `ndgl` is to calculate the fluxes (processes):

Depletion of humic substances:

$$humdcf(igrd) = chumd(igrd) \cdot p(igrd, humc) \quad (3.58)$$

Allocation of nitrogen from the N-reserve pool in plants to structural N compounds in the herbaceous above-ground phytomass:

$$\begin{aligned} nppnha(igrd) = & calha(igrd) \\ & \cdot \left( \frac{p(igrd, resn)}{resn0(igrd)} \right)^{zalloc} \\ & \cdot 10^{\min\left(1, \frac{\ln \frac{cnacha(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))}}{(\ln 2)^3}\right)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.59)$$

The coefficient *calha* is provided by the module `nffclc`. The second term in equation (3.59) is the correction of allocation due to the availability of mobile nitrogen in the N-reserve pool of the plants. In the third term, the actual C/N ratio of the plant material (*cnacha*) is compared with the “normal” C/N ratio (*cnh*) of the material under consideration, thus detecting N deficiency or N abundance. This term provides a non-linear correction of allocation depending on the actual N-state of the tissues.

Similar equations are used for the allocation to the other three phytomass compartments *nppnhb*, *nppnwa*, and *nppnwb*.

During the preruns (spin-up procedure) the allocation of nitrogen is calculated differently, providing an input of carbon and nitrogen into the plant material with fixed C/N ratios:

$$nppnha(igrd) = \frac{nppha(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.60)$$

$$nppnhb(igrd) = \frac{npphb(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.61)$$

$$nppnwa(igrd) = \frac{nppwa(igrd)}{cnw(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.62)$$

$$nppnwb(igrd) = \frac{nppwb(igrd)}{cnw(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.63)$$

Nitrogen in the produced litter is assumed to be proportional to the respective pool in plant material, so that the litter production has variable C/N ratios:

$$lpnha(igrid) = clpha(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pnha) \quad (3.64)$$

$$lpnhb(igrid) = clphb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pnhb) \quad (3.65)$$

$$lpnwa(igrid) = clpwa(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pnwa) \quad (3.66)$$

$$lpnwb(igrid) = clpwb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pnwb) \quad (3.67)$$

Deforestation Nitrogen:

$$dforna(igrid) = cdfor(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pnwa) \quad (3.68)$$

$$dfornb(igrid) = cdfor(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pnwb) \quad (3.69)$$

Litter Depletion Nitrogen:

$$ldnha(igrid) = cldha(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lnha) \quad (3.70)$$

$$ldnhb(igrid) = cldhb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lnhb) \quad (3.71)$$

$$ldnwa(igrid) = cldwa(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lnwa) \quad (3.72)$$

$$ldnwb(igrid) = cldwb(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, lnwb) \quad (3.73)$$

Humus Depletion Nitrogen:

$$humdnf(igrid) = chumd(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, humn) \quad (3.74)$$

Excretion of humic substances by microorganisms, assumed to be 5% of total mineralized litter N:

$$humpnf(igrid) = (ldnha(igrid) + ldnhb(igrid) + ldnwa(igrid) + ldnwb(igrid)) \cdot 0.05 \quad (3.75)$$

Uptake of available nitrogen (avn) by organisms:

$$mignf(igrid) = cgmic(igrid) \cdot \max(0, p(igrid, avn))^{z_{mign}} \quad (3.76)$$

Mortality of microorganisms:

$$mimnf(igrid) = cmmic(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, micn) \quad (3.77)$$

Segregation of excess nitrogen, if the C/N ratio is  $< 6$ . At the moment, the maximum coefficient (at  $cnmic = 0$ ) is  $3/4$  per month, or 0.025 per day:

$$misnf(igrid) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{6 - \min(6, cnmic(igrid))}{6} \cdot p(igrid, micn) \quad (3.78)$$

Uptake of available nitrogen  $avn$  by plants:

$$\begin{aligned}
 avunf(igrid) = & \text{cassn}(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, pcha) \\
 & \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \exp(1 \cdot (p(igrid, resn) - resn0(igrid)))} \\
 & \cdot p(igrid, avn)^{zavn}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.79}$$

Ammonium fixation on buffer in soil:

$$avnpu f(igrid) = cavnpu(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, avn) \tag{3.80}$$

And return flux from buffer to  $avn$ :

Calculate actual adsorption–capacity in grid element:

$$\begin{aligned}
 cap(igrid) = & (1 - sand(igrid)) \cdot fsoil(igrid) \cdot 105 \quad (\text{from clay minerals}) \\
 & + p(igrid, humc) \cdot 3.5 \cdot 10^{-2} \quad (\text{from humic compounds})
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.81}$$

Correct the desorption coefficient by the calculated free capacity:

$$\begin{aligned}
 puavn f(igrid) = & \text{cpuavn}(igrid) \\
 & \cdot \frac{cap(igrid)}{cap(igrid) - p(igrid, pu ffn)} \\
 & \cdot p(igrid, pu ffn)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.82}$$

Respiration of microorganisms:

$$mirc f(igrid) = crmic(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, micc) \tag{3.83}$$

Mortality of microorganisms:

$$mimc f(igrid) = cmmic(igrid) \cdot p(igrid, micc) \tag{3.84}$$

Output of excess  $\text{CO}_2$  by microorganisms if they feed on carbon–rich compounds: Use a saturation function. The saturation function has half–saturation at  $cnmic = 9$ . The coefficient is scaled to 3/4 per month or 0.025 per day.

$$\begin{aligned}
 misc f(igrid) = & \frac{\max(6, cnmic(igrid)) - 6}{\max(6, cnmic(igrid)) - 3} \\
 & \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot p(igrid, micc)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.85}$$

There are “open” fluxes, which connect the atmospheric  $\text{N}_2$  pool to the biospheric nitrogen pools. These “open” fluxes are the only way to add to the biosphere additional nitrogen in order to compensate for the additional carbon ( $\text{CO}_2$  from fossil sources) which is incorporated into the

biosphere. This makes these fluxes most important. Equations (3.86) through (3.88) provide *preliminary* descriptions of these fluxes.

Nitrogen fixation by symbionts in legume roots:

$$\begin{aligned} legnf(igrd) = & legnpp(ibiome(igrd)) \cdot 0.3 \\ & \cdot \left( \frac{nppha(igrd) + npphb(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))} + \frac{nppwa(igrd) + nppwb(igrd)}{cnw(ibiome(igrd))} \right) \\ & \cdot \frac{resn0(igrd)}{p(igrd, resn)} \quad \text{(correct for N-requirements)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.86)$$

N fixation by *Azospirillum* symbionts in C4 grasses and cereals:

$$\begin{aligned} azonf(igrd) = & cAnpp(ibiome(igrd)) \cdot 0.03 \\ & \cdot \frac{nppha(igrd) + npphb(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))} \\ & \cdot \frac{resn0(igrd)}{p(igrd, resn)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.87)$$

N fixation by Actinomycetes in tree roots on sandy soils. (Assumed to be proportional to the respiration flux of soil organisms and to the sand fraction in the soil):

$$actnf(igrd) = 0.01 \cdot mircf(igrd) \cdot sand(igrd) \quad (3.88)$$

Anthropogenic nitrogen immissions (deposition of gaseous and particulate compounds) from emissions by traffic, heating devices, power plants, and others. For years prior to 1860 the deposition values of AD 1860 are assumed. Monthly values on per country level are calculated:

$$depnf(igrd) = atmdep(igrd, imonth) \cdot kordep(land(igrd), max(1860, iannum)) \quad (3.89)$$

Leaching of available nitrogen (avn) into groundwater. The leaching coefficient *cleach* is provided by the module `nffc1c`.

$$leanf(igrd) = cleach(igrd) \cdot p(igrd, avn) \quad (3.90)$$

Calculate the denitrification flux (N2ONF) of a grid element from the net mineralization. This flux includes the N<sub>2</sub>O and N<sub>2</sub> production from soil. We use an algorithm proposed by Nevison et al. (1996) which assumes that denitrification depends on net mineralization. It may be replaced in the near future.

$$n2onf(igrd) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 9.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot mimnf(igrd) & \text{for } mimnf \leq 2.3 \\ 7.2 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot mimnf(igrd)^2 \\ \quad + 3.3 \cdot 10^{-4} \cdot mimnf(igrd) \\ \quad + 1.0 \cdot 10^{-3} & \text{for } mimnf > 2.3 \end{array} \right\} \quad (3.91)$$

### 3.16.2 Time-derivatives of the pools (Mass-balance equations)

In the module `ndgl` the time-derivatives of the nitrogen pools and the “fast” carbon pools are calculated by balancing of the fluxes.

Humus Carbon:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dp(igrd, humc) = & \text{humpnf}(igrd) \cdot \text{cnhum}(igrd) && \text{(C flux from N flux)} \\
 & \cdot \text{cnmic}(igrd)/6 && \text{(regulating production)} \\
 & - \text{humdcf}(igrd) && 
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.92}$$

Carbon content of organisms in litter and soil:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dp(igrd, micc) = & \\
 & \left. \begin{aligned}
 & \text{ldcha}(igrd) + \text{ldchb}(igrd) + \text{ldcwa}(igrd) + \text{ldcwb}(igrd) \\
 & + \text{ligdcf}(igrd) \\
 & + \text{humdcf}(igrd)
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{(feed on C sources)} \\
 & - \text{humpnf}(igrd) \cdot \text{cnhum}(igrd) && \text{(excretion of humic substances)} \\
 & - \text{mircf}(igrd) && \text{(respiration of organisms)} \\
 & - \text{mimcf}(igrd) && \text{(output as CO}_2 \text{ due to mortality)} \\
 & - \text{miscf}(igrd) && \text{(output of excess CO}_2 \text{)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.93}$$

Phytomass Nitrogen:

$$dp(igrd, pnha) = nppnha(igrd) - lpnha(igrd) \tag{3.94}$$

$$dp(igrd, pnhb) = nppnhb(igrd) - lpnhb(igrd) \tag{3.95}$$

$$dp(igrd, pnwa) = nppnwa(igrd) - lpnwa(igrd) - dforna(igrd) \tag{3.96}$$

$$dp(igrd, pnwb) = nppnwb(igrd) - lpnwb(igrd) - dfornb(igrd) \tag{3.97}$$

Litter Nitrogen:

$$\begin{aligned}
 dp(igrd, lnha) = & \text{lpnha}(igrd) \\
 & \cdot (1 - \text{rcych}(\text{ibiome}(igrd))) && \text{(recycle N before leaves shed)} \\
 & - \text{ldnha}(igrd) && 
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.98}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dp(igrd, lnhb) = & \text{lpnhb}(igrd) \\
 & - \text{ldnhb}(igrd) && 
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.99}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 dp(igrd, lnwa) = & \text{lpnwa}(igrd) + \text{dforna}(igrd) \\
 & - \text{ldnwa}(igrd) && 
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.100}$$



$$dp(igrid, lnbw) = lpnbw(igrid) + dfornb(igrid) - ldnwb(igrid) \quad (3.101)$$

Humus Nitrogen (excretion of humic substances minus uptake by organisms):

$$dp(igrid, humn) = humpnf(igrid) - humdnf(igrid) \quad (3.102)$$

Nitrogen in organisms in litter and soil. This pool is one of the most important “fast” nitrogen pools in litter and soil. It absorbs very fast (hours) available nitrogen (soluble nitrogen compounds) thus preventing or minimizing losses by leaching. Nitrogen in organisms is freely available for plants due to the short life–span of these organisms:

$$dp(igrid, micn) =$$

$ldnha(igrid) + ldnhb(igrid) + ldnwa(igrid) + ldnwb(igrid)$	(input from litter)
$+ mignf(igrid)$	(input from available N)
$+ humdnf(igrid)$	(input from depletion of humic substances)
$- humpnf(igrid)$	(loss from production of humic substances)
$- mimnf(igrid)$	(loss (mineralization) by mortality)
$- misnf(igrid)$	(segregation of excess N if C/N < 6)

(3.103)

Available nitrogen in soil. This pool includes the soluble nitrogen compounds in soil (and litter) which are produced by mineralization or added by immissions or fertilizers, i.e. mainly the  $\text{NH}_4^+ \leftrightarrow \text{NO}_2^- \leftrightarrow \text{NO}_3^-$  system.

$$dp(igrid, avn) =$$

$mimnf(igrid)$	(mineralization by mortality of organisms)
$+ misnf(igrid)$	(segregation of excess N from organisms if C/N < 6)
$+ depnf(igrid)$	(immission of $\text{NO}_x$ )
$- mignf(igrid)$	(uptake by microorganisms)
$- avunf(igrid)$	(uptake by plants)
$- leanf(igrid)$	(leaching into groundwater)
$- n2onf(igrid)$	(denitrification from net mineralization)
$- avnpuf(igrid)$	(fixation by adsorption on buffer)
$+ puavnf(igrid)$	(desorption)

(3.104)

Balance of ammonium in the soil buffer system. This buffer system cuts peaks of available nitrogen, which would increase the leaching losses.

$$dp(igrd, pufn) = avnpuf(igrd) - puavnf(igrd) \quad (3.105)$$

Balance of reserve Nitrogen in plants. This pool serves as mobile nitrogen source for the allocation to the nitrogen in the phytomass compartments. Nitrogen uptake from soil, fixation of atmospheric N<sub>2</sub> by symbionts and re-allocation from senescent plant parts provide nitrogen for this pool.

$$\begin{aligned}
 dp(igrd, resn) = & \\
 & avunf(igrd) \quad \text{(available N uptake from soil)} \\
 & + lpnha(igrd) \cdot rcyh(ibiome(igrd)) \quad \text{(re-allocation from senescent leaves)} \\
 & + legnf(igrd) \quad \text{(fixation by symbionts in legume roots)} \\
 & + azonf(igrd) \quad \text{(fixation by Azospirillum symbionts)} \\
 & + actnf(igrd) \quad \text{(fixation by Actinomecetes)} \\
 & - nppnha(igrd) - nppnhb(igrd) \\
 & - nppnwa(igrd) - nppnwb(igrd) \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} & - nppnha(igrd) - nppnhb(igrd) \\ & - nppnwa(igrd) - nppnwb(igrd) \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{(allocation to phytomass compartments)}
 \end{aligned} \quad (3.106)$$

The module `ndgl` is called once per integration step `istep`.

### 3.17 Module `nfflc`

In this module the coefficients of the “fast” fluxes are calculated from their driving forces.

The allocation coefficients for nitrogen to the compartments of phytomass are assumed to be a standard fraction of the respective share of net primary productivity to this compartment:

$$calha(igrd) = \frac{nppha(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.107)$$

$$calhb(igrd) = \frac{npphb(igrd)}{cnh(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.108)$$

$$calwa(igrd) = \frac{nppwa(igrd)}{cnw(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.109)$$

$$calwb(igrd) = \frac{nppwb(igrd)}{cnw(ibiome(igrd))} \quad (3.110)$$

The coefficient of growth of soil organisms is assumed to be 15× higher than the depletion coefficient of herbaceous litter:

$$cgmic(igrd) = 15 \cdot cldha(igrd) \quad (3.111)$$

nffclc interface

In:	standard C/N ratio of herbaceous plant material	<code>cnh(ibioime(igrid))</code>
	standard C/N ratio of woody plant material	<code>cnw(ibioime(igrid))</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous above-ground material	<code>nppha(igrid)</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous below-ground material	<code>npphb(igrid)</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of woody above-ground material	<code>nppwa(igrid)</code>
	monthly net primary productivity of woody below-ground material	<code>nppwb(igrid)</code>
	coefficient litter depletion herbaceous above-ground	<code>cldha(igrid)</code>
	monthly actual evapotranspiration of each grid element	<code>aetm(igrid, imonth)</code>
	monthly temperatures of grid element	<code>it(igrid, imonth)</code>
	monthly precipitation of grid element	<code>ipp(igrid, imonth)</code>
	mean temperature of the warmest month	<code>mtwam(igrid)</code>
	sand fraction of the soil (0, . . . , 1)	<code>sand(igrid)</code>
Out:	allocation coefficient for N to herbaceous above-ground material	<code>calha(igrid)</code>
	allocation coefficient for N to herbaceous below-ground material	<code>calhb(igrid)</code>
	allocation coefficient for N to woody above-ground material	<code>calwa(igrid)</code>
	allocation coefficient for N to woody below-ground material	<code>calwb(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of growth of soil organisms	<code>cgmic(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of mortality of soil organisms	<code>cmmic(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of respiration of soil organisms	<code>crmic(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of N uptake by plant roots	<code>cassn(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of leaching of available N to ground water	<code>cleach(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of transport (adsorption) between available nitrogen and the soil buffer	<code>cavnpu(igrid)</code>
	coefficient of desorption from soil buffer	<code>cpuavn(igrid)</code>

It is assumed that the life span of soil–organisms depends on *cldha*.

$$cmmic(igrid) = 0.1 \cdot cldha(igrid) \quad (3.112)$$

The monthly respiration coefficient for soil organisms. This is the basic metabolic turnover of the soil organisms. It depends on temperature according to  $Q_{10} = 2$  with a base–temperature of 20°C. It is assumed that it is not influenced by humidity!

$$\begin{aligned} q_{10} &= 2.0 \\ x &= \frac{\ln q_{10}}{10} \\ crmic(igrid) &= 0.05 \cdot e^{x \cdot (it(igrid, imonth) - 20)} \end{aligned} \quad (3.113)$$

Nitrogen uptake coefficient by plant roots (N assimilation rate) *cassn*. We assume a maximum rate of 0.013 [gN/gC/month]. It is assumed that soil moisture must not be considered since green leaves phytomass, which drives the flux, already depends on moisture. *cassn* is corrected for the temperature influence: The maximum rate is assumed to be valid for the "temperature of adaptation", i.e. the mean temperature of the warmest month (*mtwam*) and modified with  $Q_{10} = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} q_{10} &= 2.0 \\ x &= \frac{\ln q_{10}}{10} \\ cassn(igrid) &= 0.013 \cdot e^{x \cdot (it(igrid, imonth) - mtwam(igrid))} \end{aligned} \quad (3.114)$$

Leaching rate of nitrogen into the ground water. The coefficient *cleach* depends on the water saturation of the soil and the composition (sand fraction) of the soil material. It is zero if the precipitation of the month is zero or less than the actual evapotranspiration or if the temperature is less than zero (frozen water):

$$\begin{aligned} cleach(igrid) &= 0 \begin{cases} \text{for } ipp(igrid, imonth) = 0 \\ \text{or } ipp(igrid, imonth) < aetm(igrid, imonth) \\ \text{or } it(igrid, imonth) < 0 \end{cases} \\ &\quad \text{else:} \\ cleach(igrid) &= (0.1 + sand(igrid)) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{aetm(igrid, imonth)}{ipp(igrid, imonth)} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.115)$$

Transport coefficients between available nitrogen in soil (*avn*) and soil buffer (mainly for ammonium). These are preliminary tentative values (Müller, Giessen, 2004, pers. comm.) and at present subject to further investigation.

$$cavnpu(igrid) = 10 \quad (3.116)$$

$$cpuavn(igrid) = \frac{cavnpu(igrid)}{60} \quad (3.117)$$

The module `nffclC` is called every day.

### 3.18 Module `nfilrd`

This module is one of several which organize the input of data into the model. This module reads data from files which are required to run the nitrogen cycle. Those data include driving forces and boundary conditions. Files having names that end with the extension `*.05` contain gridded (0.5 degrees) data which are organized countrywise. For each country, a header record with the continent code, the country code, and the number of grid elements that belong to the country, starts the country data, followed by the data records for this country (each record includes data for one grid element).

`nfilrd` interface

In:	file <code>texture.05</code>	<code>itext(igrid)</code>
	file <code>atmdep.05</code>	<code>depmax(igrid)</code>
		<code>scal(igrid,imonth)</code>
	file <code>korratm.1860-1986.icount</code>	<code>kordep(icount,iannum)</code>
Out:	sand–fraction in the soil of a grid element (0, . . . , 1)	<code>sand(igrid)</code>
	nitrogen deposition for AD 1980 [ $\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{month}^{-1}$ ]	<code>atmdep(igrid,imonth)</code>
	correction matrix to calculate the deposited amounts of N in each country in the current model year	<code>kordep(icount,iannum)</code>

### 3.19 Module `nppsmooth`

Module `nppsmooth` takes the net primary productivity (NPP) arrays (`nppha`, `npphb`, `nppwa`, `nppwb`) as soon as they are provided by modules `cnpp` and `cnppn`. It stores these original values and then overwrites the arrays with the smoothed NPP values. Smoothing means calculating a 12–day running mean of the NPP arrays in order to prevent steps of NPP values as a new month begins (NPP is updated from driving forces every month).

The Module `nppsmooth` is called daily.

nppsmooth interface

In:	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous above-ground material	nppha(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous below-ground material	npphb(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody above-ground material	nppwa(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody below-ground material	nppwb(igrid)
Out:	smoothed values of:	
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous above-ground material	nppha(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of herbaceous below-ground material	npphb(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody above-ground material	nppwa(igrid)
	monthly net primary productivity of woody below-ground material	nppwb(igrid)

### 3.20 Module nppyear

This module adds the dummy pools of net primary productivity for annual sums on a grid element basis (for output). This module is called every day.

nppyear interface

In:	dummy pools of monthly net primary productivity	p(igrid,nppch) p(igrid,nppcw)
Out:	annual npp [ $\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}$ ]	nppyr(igrid)

### 3.21 Module outann

This subroutine produces model output of global sums of nitrogen and carbon pools. Dummy pools are also added to produce global annual sums of fluxes. Since the output requirements depend on the investigated problem, we assume that this subroutine is re-written for any new research activity. This module imports fields (arrays) of the form `poolsm(imonth)` from the

modules `smpool` and `smdpool`. These fields contain the global sums of nitrogen or carbon for the 12 month of a year.

This module is called at the end of a model year. It may be called at the end of any month of any model year for which model results are required.

### 3.22 Module `plotdata`

This module is used to write a complete model system state to an output file. The pools and dummy pools together with running means of certain pools are saved in this file. The values are on grid element level and have the dimension  $[\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{yr}^{-1}]$ . The file may be used for several purposes, mainly (1) to restart the model if the computer run had to be stopped for any reason, (2) to produce thematic maps which show results on a 0.5 degrees resolution.

The module `plotdata` may be called in regular intervals to save the model state for security. It may be called on request to produce output results at a certain time.

### 3.23 Module `relaet`

The module `relaet` provides values that are necessary to distribute net primary productivity and the litter production over the months of a year.

relaet interface

In:	monthly actual evapotranspiration of each grid element	<code>aetm(igrid, imonth)</code>
Out:	monthly decrease of <code>aetm</code>	<code>aetdm(igrid, imonth)</code>
	<code>aetm</code> in december last year	<code>aetmdc(igrid)</code>
	annual sum of negative monthly values of <code>aetdm</code>	<code>aetdsu(igrid)</code>
	annual sum of actual evapotranspiration	<code>aetsum(igrid)</code>

Module `relaet` is called once a year at the beginning of the year.

### 3.24 Modules `smpool` and `smdpool`

In these modules, the fields (arrays) of the form `poolsm(imonth)` are produced, which are used by the output module `outann`. The pools respective dummy-pools on grid element level of the form `p(igrid, ip)` (see Tables 2.1 and 2.2 respective 2.3 and 2.4) are of the dimension  $[\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}]$ . In these modules, the values for entire grid elements are calculated by multiplication

with the grid element area from the module `arcalc`. Then these values are globally added for global sums.

`smpool` and `smdpool` are called monthly.

### 3.25 module `timint`

This subroutine is a special module for time integration. It propagates the system state by SEC seconds. It uses the Runge–Kutta method (4th order). The time derivatives of the state variables (pools and dummy pools) are provided by the subroutines `dgl` and `ndgl`.

If we assume, that the basic time interval, one day, is subdivided into `nstep` integration steps, we can define several time steps for integration:

$$\begin{aligned}deltat &= \frac{1}{nstep} \\dt2 &= \frac{deltat}{2} \\dt3 &= \frac{deltat}{3} \\dt6 &= \frac{deltat}{6}\end{aligned}\tag{3.118}$$

The integration of the mass balance system over one time step by `nstep` integration steps `istep` is then done as follows (`dp` being the time derivative of `pool`, `npool` the total number of state variables):

```
do 42  istep = 1, nstep

    call dgl (pool,dp)
    call ndgl (pool,dp)
    do 421 ip = 1, npool
    do 421 igrd = lgrid, mgrid, jgrid
        ptmp(igrd,ip) = pool(igrd,ip) + dp(igrd,ip) * dt2
        psum(igrd,ip) = pool(igrd,ip) + dp(igrd,ip) * dt6
421    continue

    call dgl (ptmp,dp)
    call ndgl (ptmp,dp)
    do 422 ip = 1, npool
    do 422 igrd = lgrid, mgrid, jgrid
```



```

        ptmp(igrid,ip) = pool(igrid,ip) + dp(igrid,ip) * dt2
        psum(igrid,ip) = psum(igrid,ip) + dp(igrid,ip) * dt3
422     continue

        call dgl (ptmp,dp)
        call ndgl (ptmp,dp)
        do 423 ip = 1, npool
        do 423 igrid = lgrid, mgrid, jgrid
            ptmp(igrid,ip) = pool(igrid,ip) + dp(igrid,ip) * deltat
            psum(igrid,ip) = psum(igrid,ip) + dp(igrid,ip) * dt3
423     continue

        call dgl (ptmp,dp)
        call ndgl (ptmp,dp)
        do 424 ip = 1, npool
        do 424 igrid = lgrid, mgrid, jgrid
            pool(igrid,ip) = psum(igrid,ip) + dp(igrid,ip) * dt6
424     continue

42     continue

```

In this algorithm, the two-dimensional array `pool(igrid,ip)` always contains the total system state.

Module `timint` is called every model day.

### 3.26 Module `vegread`

This module organizes the input into the model of the biomes and biome related parameters. Files having names that end with the extension `*.05` contain gridded (0.5 degrees) data which are organized countrywise. For each country, a header record with the continent code, the country code, and the number of grid elements that belong to the country, starts the country data, followed by the data records for this country (each record includes data for one grid element). The information is based on the “Atlas of Biogeography” by Schmithüsen (1976) which distinguishes 176 vegetation units of potential natural vegetation (biomes). We have aggregated these biomes into 31 biome-groups, for which vegetation parameters were established. These parameters are assigned to the 176 biomes.

#### vegread interface

In:	file schmithuesen.05	ibiome(igrid)
	file vegets	ibiome, igrpno(ibiome)
	file groupparameters_c	grpno, gagew(grpno)
		gageh(grpno), gherb(grpno)
		gabvgr(grpno)
	file groupparameters_n	grpno, gcnh(grpno)
		grcyh(grpno), gcnw(grpno)
		glegnp(grpno), gc4npp(grpno)
Out:	potential natural vegetation of grid element	ibiome(igrid)
	standard C/N ratio of herbaceous plant material	cnh(ibiome(igrid))
	standard C/N ratio of woody plant material	cnw(ibiome(igrid))
	share factor of herbaceous productivity of each biome	herb(ibiome(igrid))
	share factor of above-ground productivity of each biome	abvgrd(ibiome(igrid))
	mean age of herbaceous parts of each biome	ageh(ibiome(igrid))
	mean age of woody parts of each biome	agew(ibiome(igrid))
	portion of recycled N before leaves are shed	rcyh(ibiome(igrid))
	share of NPP by legumes	legnpp(ibiome(igrid))
	share of NPP by C4 plants	c4npp(ibiome(igrid))

The module `vegread` is called once at the beginning of a model run.

### 3.27 Module `xtemp`

Module to calculate growing degree days on a zero degree basis and growing degree days on a 5 degree basis.

#### xtemp interface

In:	monthly temperature	it(igrid, imonth)
Out:	growing degree days on zero basis	gdd0(igrid)
	growing degree days on 5 degree basis	gdd5(igrid)

Called once at the beginning of a model run.

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