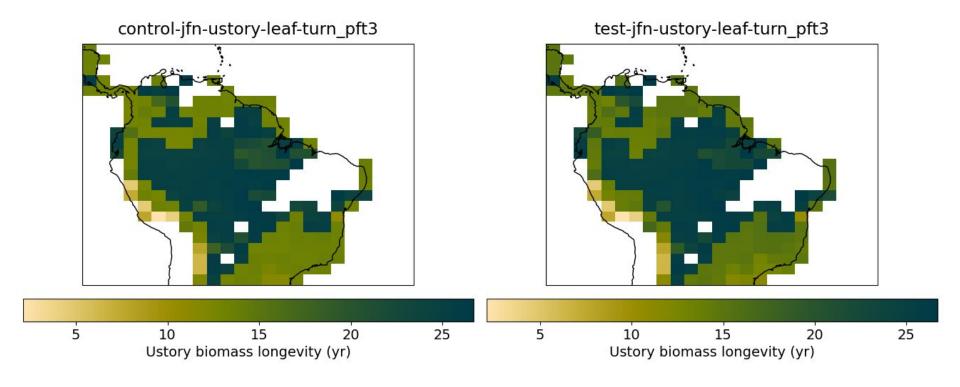
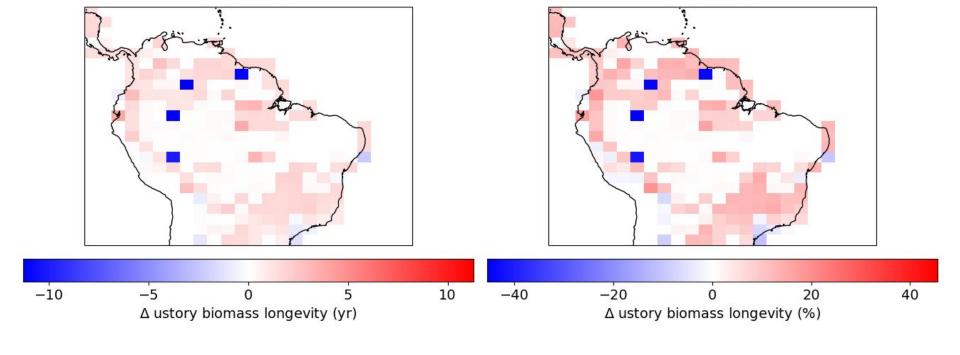
Understory leaf lifespan

Testing with late successional evergreen PFT, with understory leaf lifespan = canopy lifespan = 3 years in the control case and with understory leaf lifespan = 9 years in the test case (and canopy leaf lifespan = 3 yrs)

Longer ustory leaf lifespan reduces ustory biomass turnover time

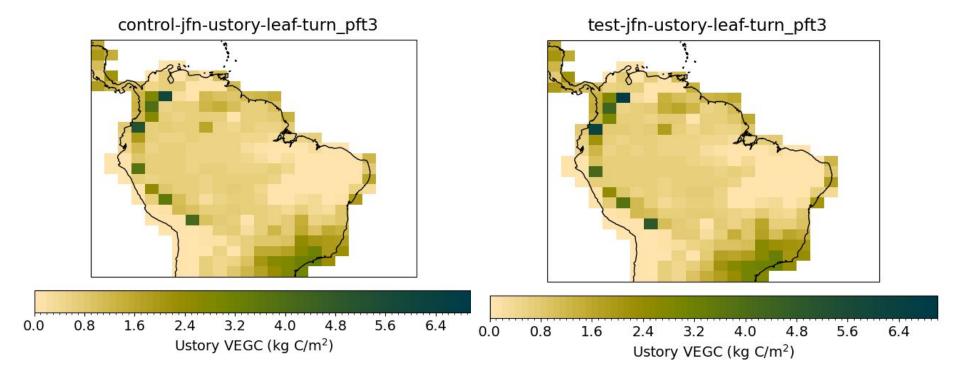


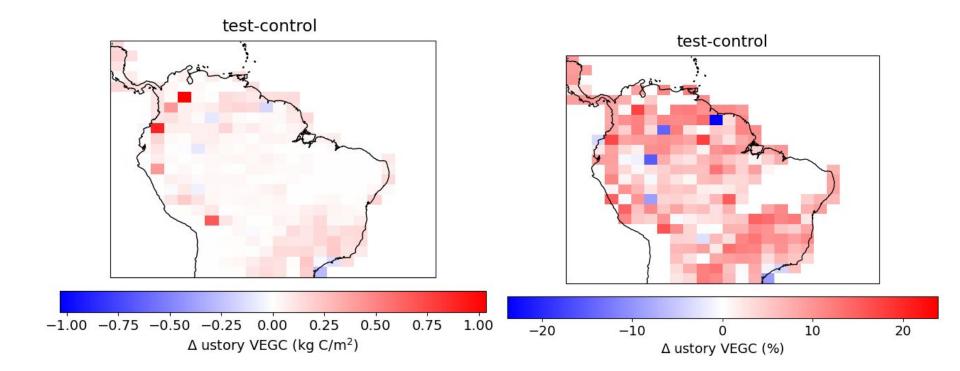


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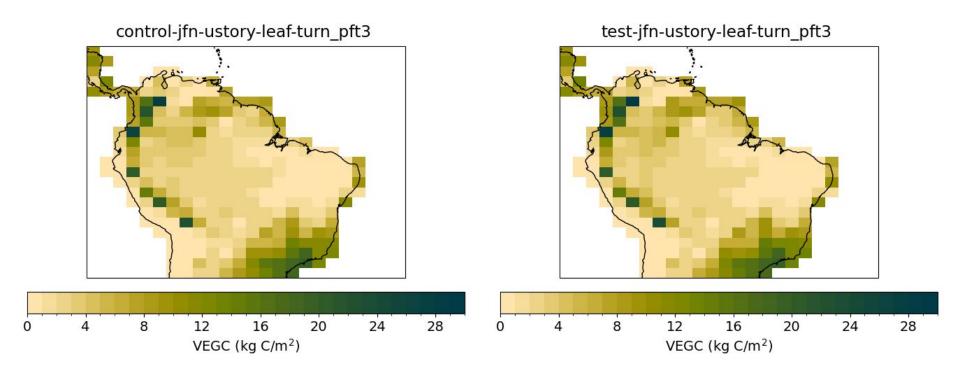
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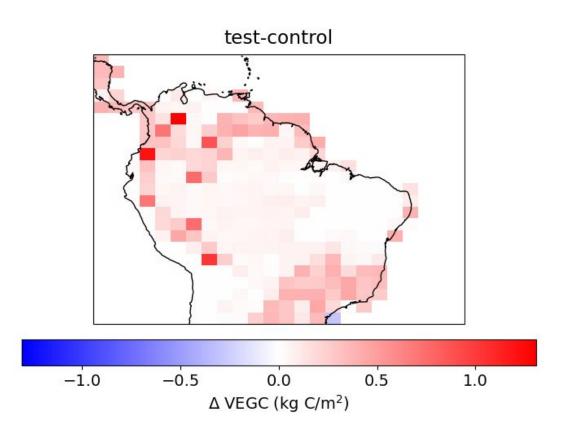




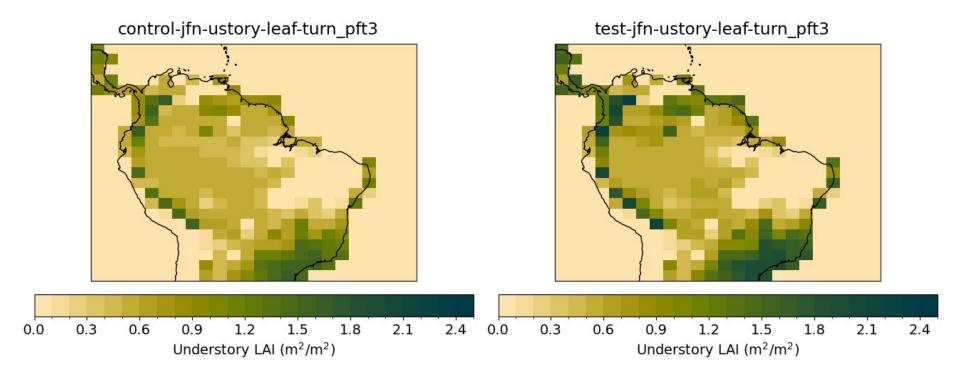
Longer understory leaf lifespan increases total biomass

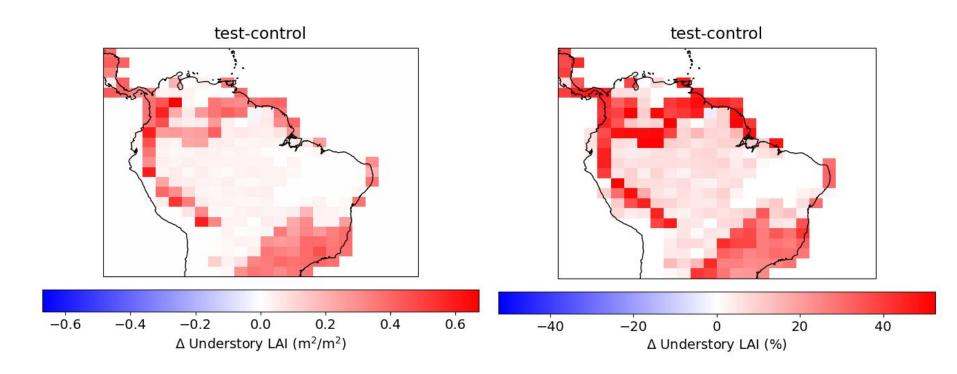


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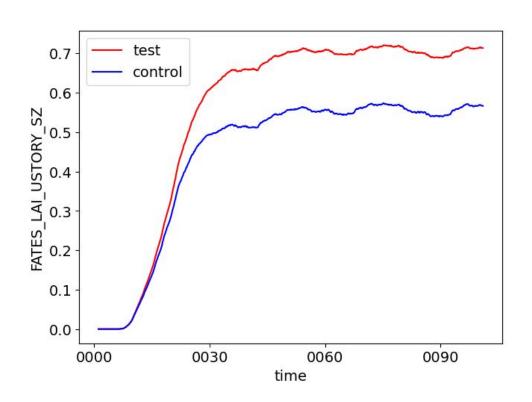


Longer understory leaf lifespan increases understory LAI

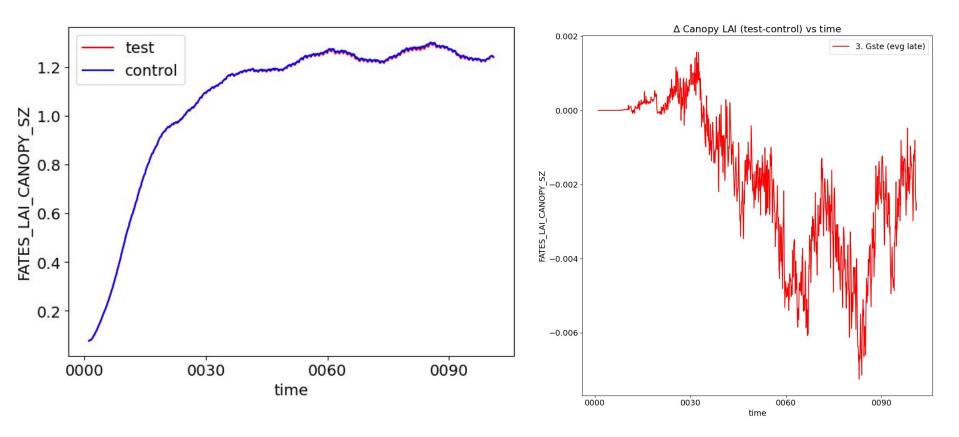




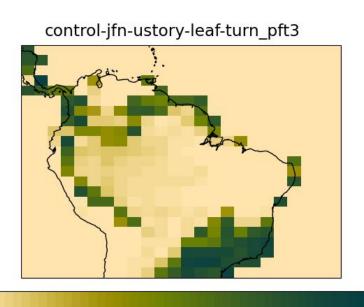
Understory LAI vs time, averaged over region

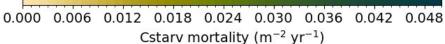


Negligible difference to canopy LAI

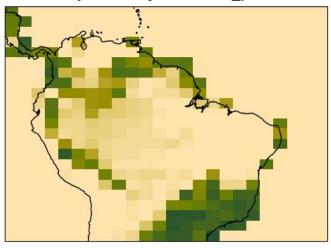


Decreases carbon starvation mortality



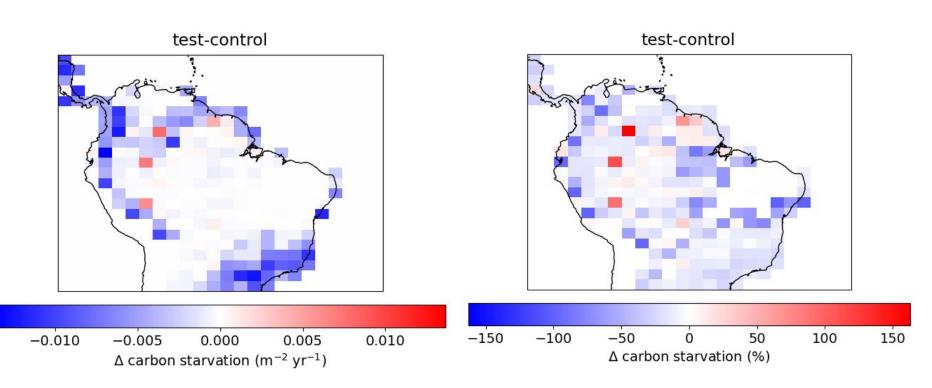




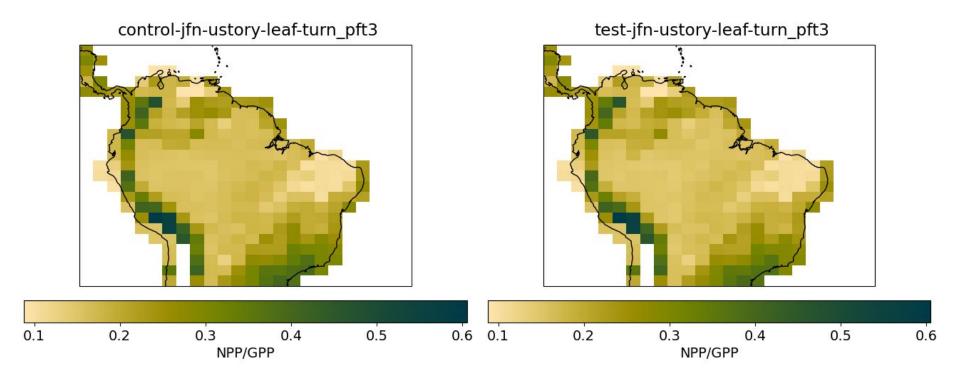


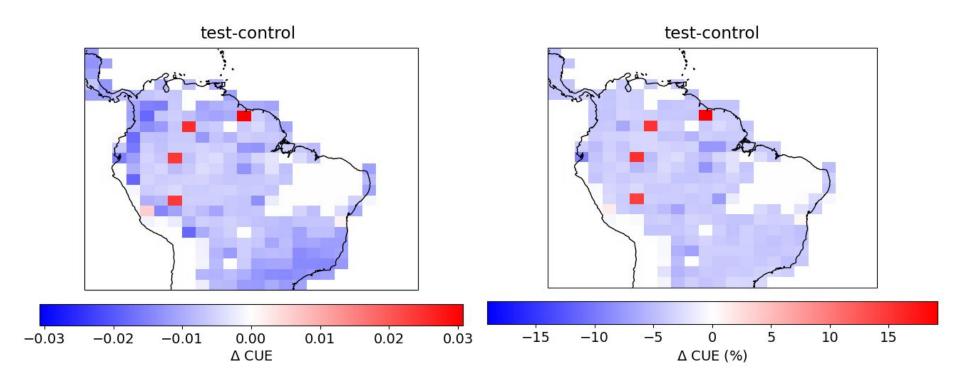
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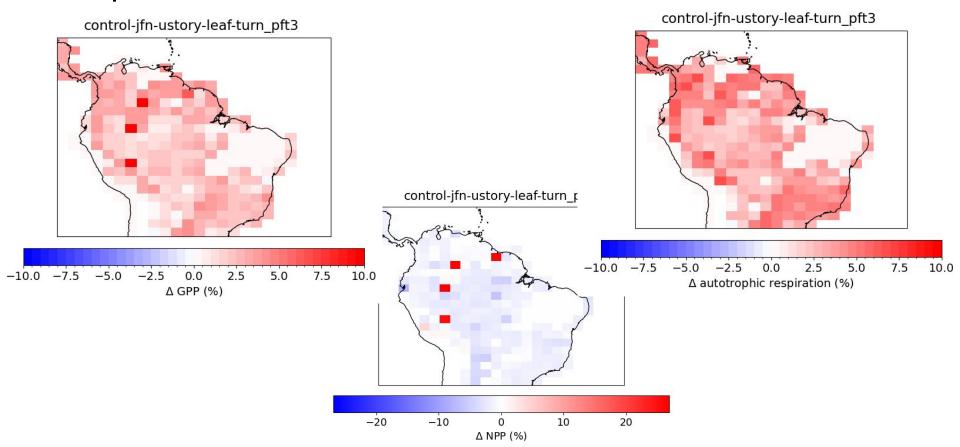


Longer ustory leaf lifespan decreases total CUE

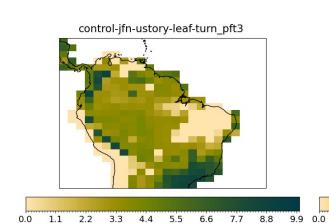




Δ resp > Δ GPP so NPP decreased



Decreased understory leaf turnover (FATES_LEAFCTURN_USTORY_SZ)



Leaf turnover (kg C/m²/s)

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