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The ability to accurately predict changes of the carbon and energy balance on a regional scale is of

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### Abstract

12 great importance for assessing the effect of land use changes on carbon sequestration under future climate conditions. Here, a suite of land cover-specific Distributed Time Delay Neural Networks 13 with a parameter adoption algorithm optimized through Bayesian regularization was used to model 14 the statewide atmospheric exchange of CO2, water vapor, and energy in Oregon with its strong 15 spatial gradients of climate and land cover. The network models were trained with eddy covariance 16 data from 9 atmospheric flux towers. Compared to results derived with more common regression 17 networks utilizing non-delayed input vectors, the performance of the DTDNN models was 18 significantly improved with an average increase of the coefficients of determination of 64%. 19 The optimized models were applied in combination with downscaled climate projections of the 20 21 CMIP5 project to calculate future changes in the cycle of carbon, associated with a prescribed conversion of conventional grass-crops to hybrid poplar plantations for biofuel production in 22 23 Oregon. The results show that under future RCP8.5 climate conditions the total statewide NEP increases by 0.87 TgC per decade until 2050 without any land use changes. With all non-forage 24 grass completely converted to hybrid poplar the NEP averages 32.9 TgC in 2046-2050, an increase 25 of 9%. Through comparisons with the results of a Bayesians inversion study, the results presented 26 demonstrate that DTDNN models are a specifically well-suited approach to use the available data 27 from flux networks to assess changes in biosphere-atmosphere exchange triggered by massive land 28 29 use conversion superimposed on a changing climate.

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