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Supporting Information for

**Implications of the Steady-state Assumption for the Global Vegetation Carbon turnover**

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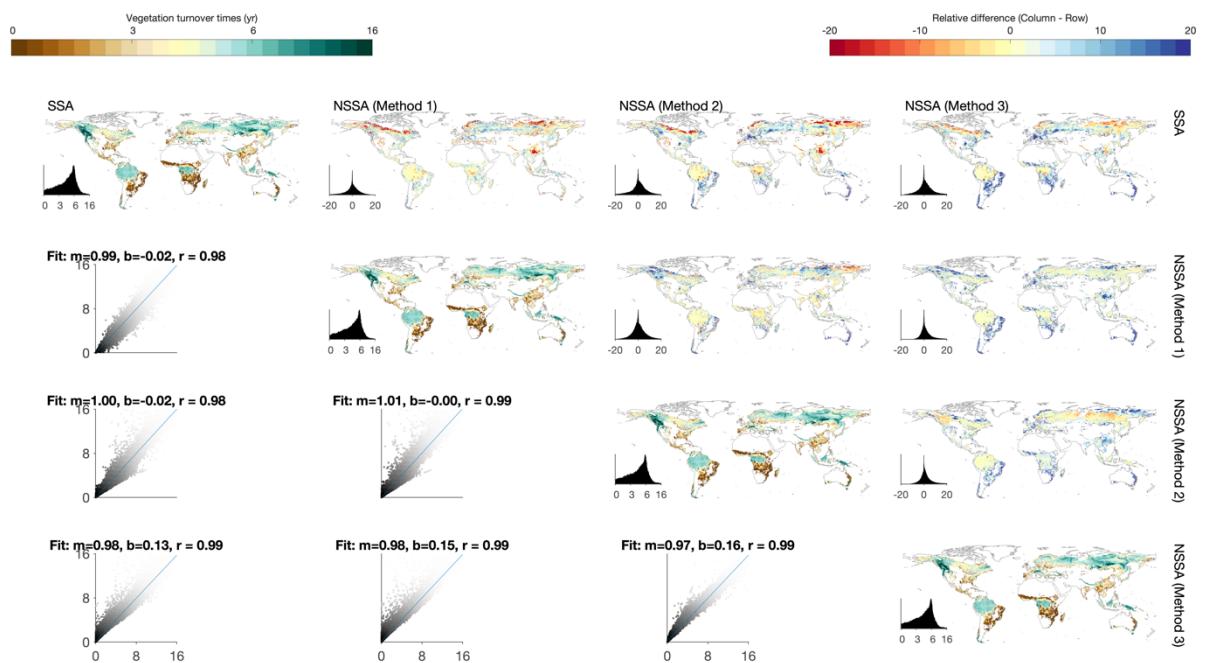
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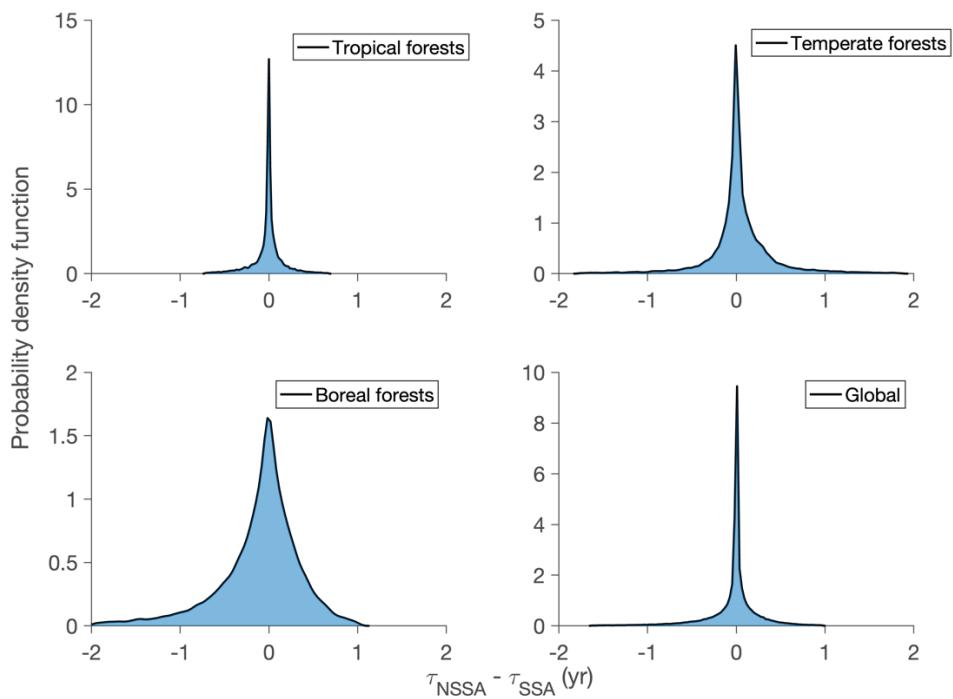
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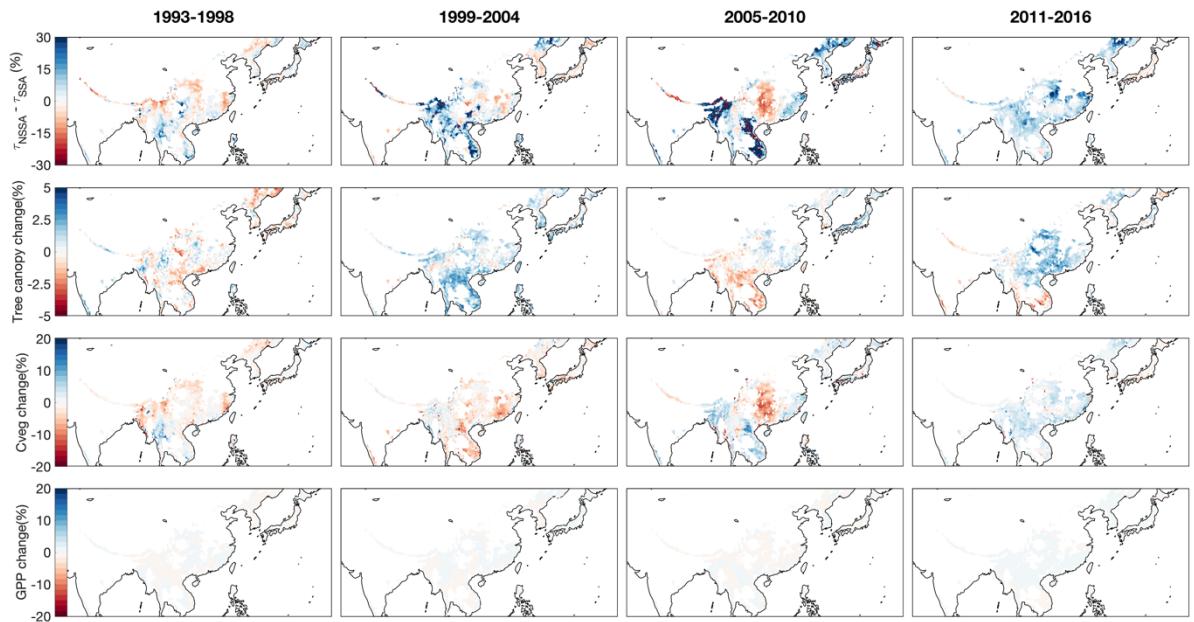
**Figure S1.** Comparison of  $\tau$  under SSA and NSSA using different methods. The upper off-diagonal subplots show the relative difference between each pair of datasets (column/row). The bottom off-diagonal subplots show the density plots and major axis regression line between each pair of datasets (m: slope, b: intercept, r: correlation).



**Figure S2.** Spatial distribution of the relative difference (in percent) between  $\tau_{\text{NSSA}}$  and  $\tau_{\text{SSA}}$ . The histograms show the probability distribution of  $\tau_{\text{NSSA}} - \tau_{\text{SSA}}$  (in years) in tropical forest, temperate forest and boreal forest. The  $\tau_{\text{NSSA}}$  shown here was estimated using Method 1. The estimations using Method 2 and Method 3 are shown in Figure S5 and Figure S6 in the Supplementary Information.

Table S1. Statistics of carbon turnover estimations at different biomes (associated with Figure S2).

SSA_TAU	NSSA_TAU	CORR	DIFF_25	DIFF_75	MEAN
4.09	4.02	1.00	-4.49	3.53	4.01
3.09	3.10	0.99	-8.47	12.40	10.44
5.04	4.97	0.97	-13.32	7.52	10.42
2.66	2.60	0.99	-11.97	8.46	10.21



**Figure S3.** Regional changes in the relative difference between  $\tau_{\text{NSSA}}$  and  $\tau_{\text{SSA}}$  ( $(\tau_{\text{NSSA}} - \tau_{\text{SSA}}) / \tau_{\text{SSA}} * 100$ ), row 1, forest cover change (%), row 2, vegetation biomass change (%), row 3, GPP change (%), row 4 at different time periods in Southern China.