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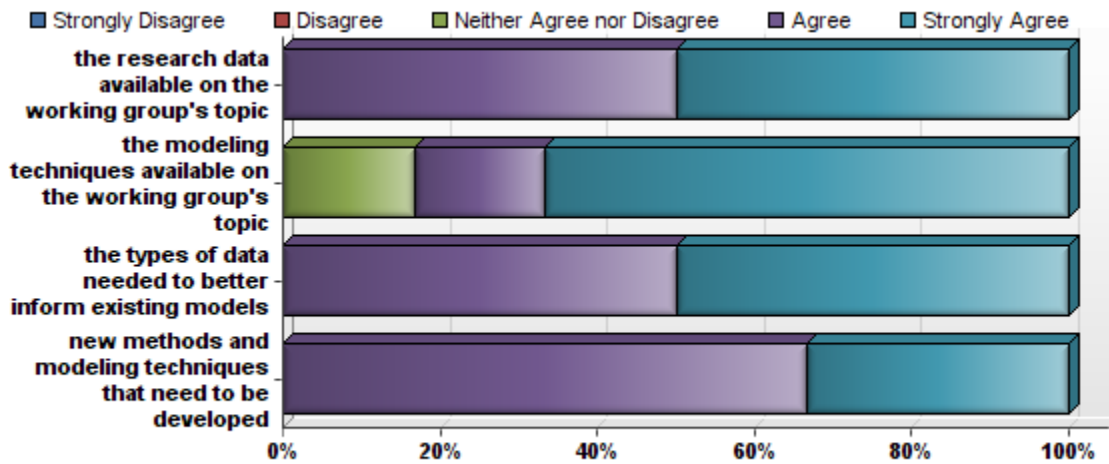## Working Group: *A DEB Model for Trees*
Meeting One

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1. *Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.*
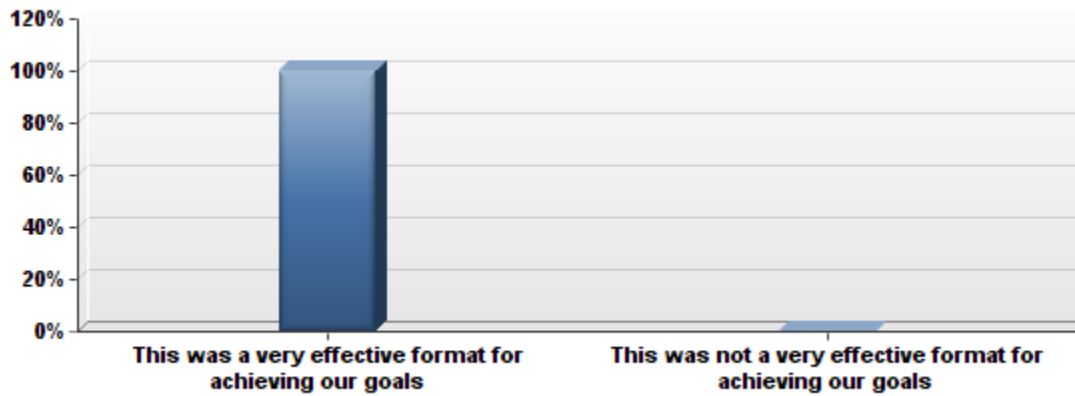
As a result of participating in this working group, I have a better understanding of:

2. *Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about this working group:*
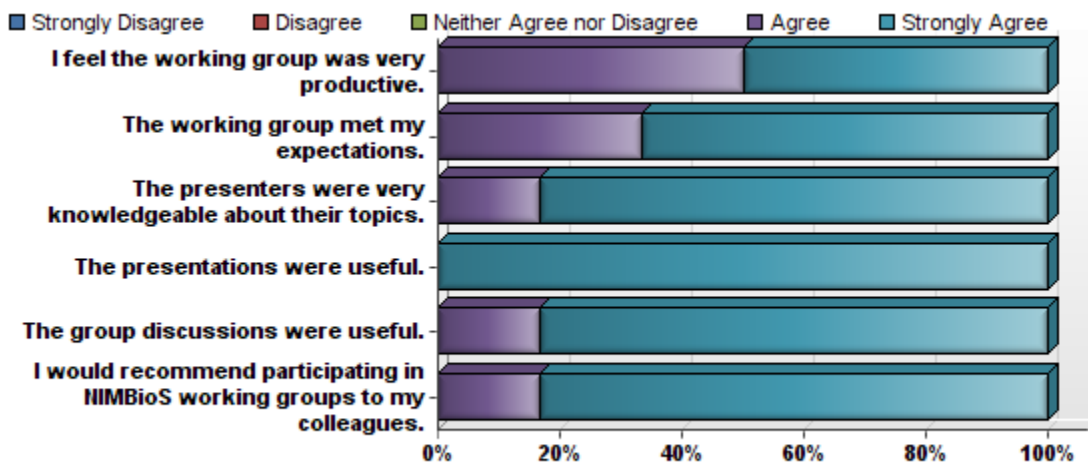
3. How do you feel about the format of the working group?

The working group format would have been more effective if: No data

4. Do you feel the working group made adequate progress, for its first meeting, toward finding a common language across disciplines in the research area?
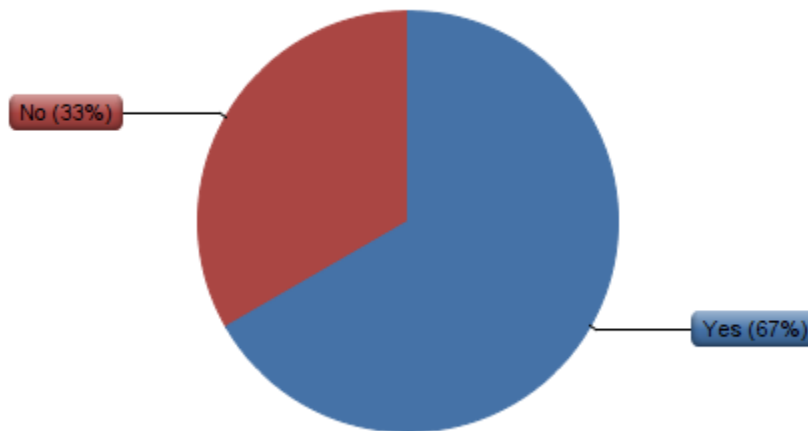
5. Do you feel the participating in the working group helped you understand the research happening in other disciplines in the group's topic area?
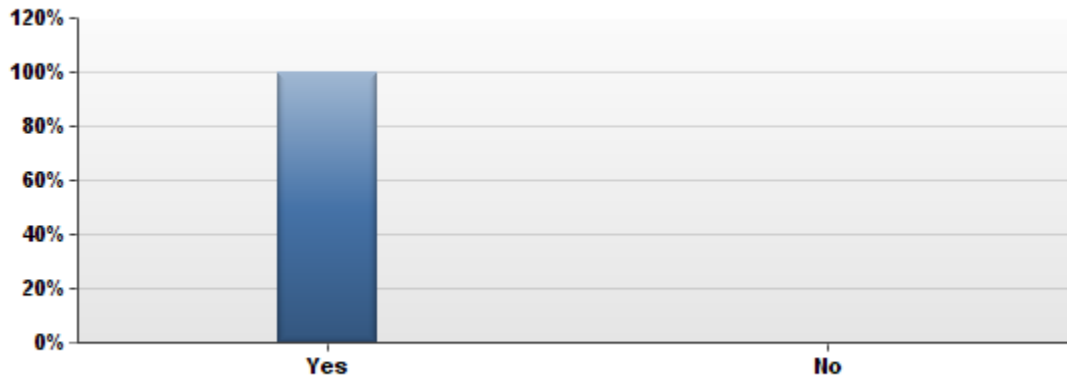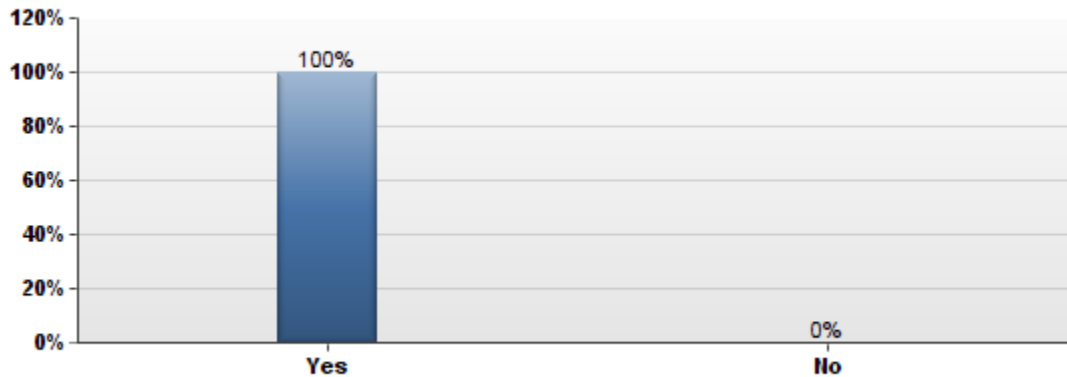

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6. Did you develop unanticipated plans for collaborative research with other working group participants?

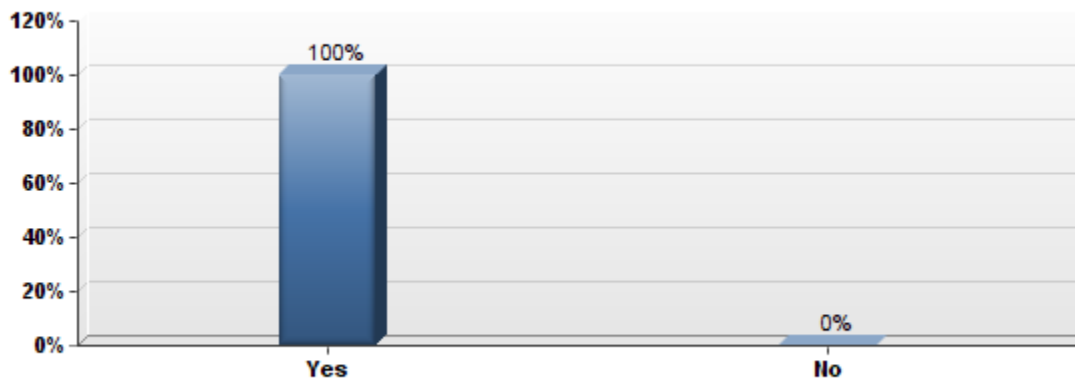*Please explain:* No data

7. Do you feel that the exchange of ideas that took place during the working group will influence your future research?

Comments: *No data*

8. Do you feel the expectations for the next working group are clear (in the sense that you are leaving this meeting with a good idea of what your contribution will be at the next meeting)?

Comments: *No data*

9. What do you feel was the most useful aspect of the working group?

Gathering specialists from different areas to figure out how to connect essential processes in a DEB model.

For me the most useful aspect were the discussions between leaders in modeling and plant physiology. This brought out very clear descriptions of what we know and what can be done. I learned a lot from this and think that it moved forward our goals for building a model as well.

Meeting a new suite of researchers and collaborators who have a skill set I didn't know existed before the meeting.

Range of represented disciplines

The fact that specialists from different areas came together to work on a common project. Seeing the same problem from many different angles greatly helps to identify the most important aspects.

10. What, if anything, would you change about the working group?

Nothing

I can't think of anything substantive I would change about the working group.

Include a soil microbiologist.

11. Please provide any additional comments about your overall experience with the working group:

The NIMBioS staff were great! Thank you!

Another person participated in our group. NIMBioS postdoc Angie Peace wrote beforehand to see if she could sit in. We agreed, and I found her to be a nice addition to the group. We will be continuing to collaborate and I've written to request that she be made an official member. Also, I chose "exceeds expectations" rather than "greatly exceeds expectations" because my expectations were very high to begin with. Our group grew out of a smaller group that met in January at Nebraska. That meeting went well, but this one was much more successful, in part because the people we added contributed so much.