

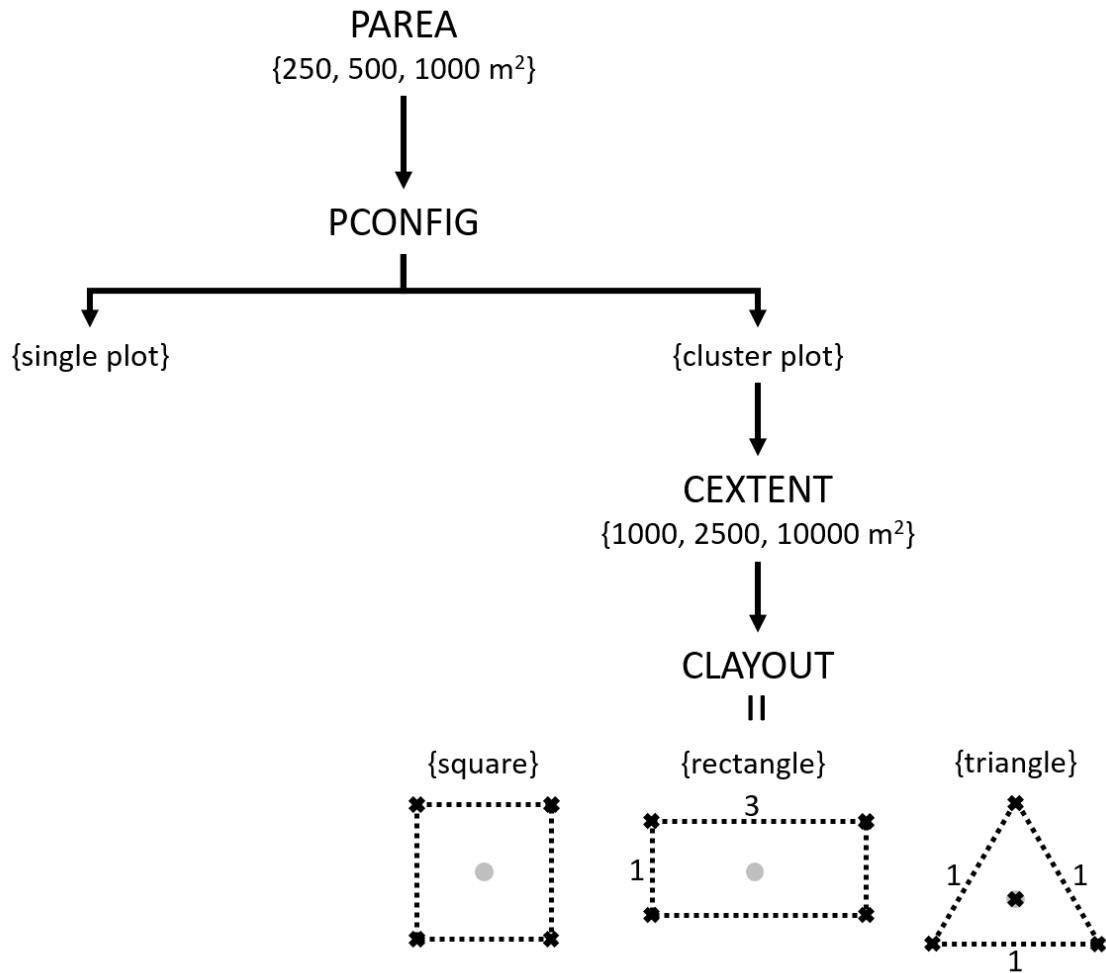


Figure S1. Plot design factors and their corresponding levels for the simulation study. The four design factors are: (1) plot configurations (PCONFIG), (2) area of a single plot or total area of subplots of a cluster plot (PAREA), (3) geometrical layout of subplots (CLAYOUT), and (4) extent of ground area covered by a cluster plot (CEXTENT). Levels of a design factor are shown in curly brackets. A black cross depicts a plot or a subplot center. A gray dot depicts a cluster center.