



Carbon Cycle Data Assimilation System (CCDAS)

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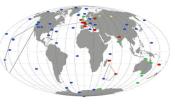
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Objectives

- Illustrate the potential of multi-data C Cycle assimilation systems
- Stress the risks of model parameters optimizations...
- Using examples for the Land C cycle

Outline

- Current limitations of « standard » atmospheric flux inversions
- Multi-data streams assimilation: Basis for model parameters optimization (CCDAS)
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Atmospheric CO₂ inversions....



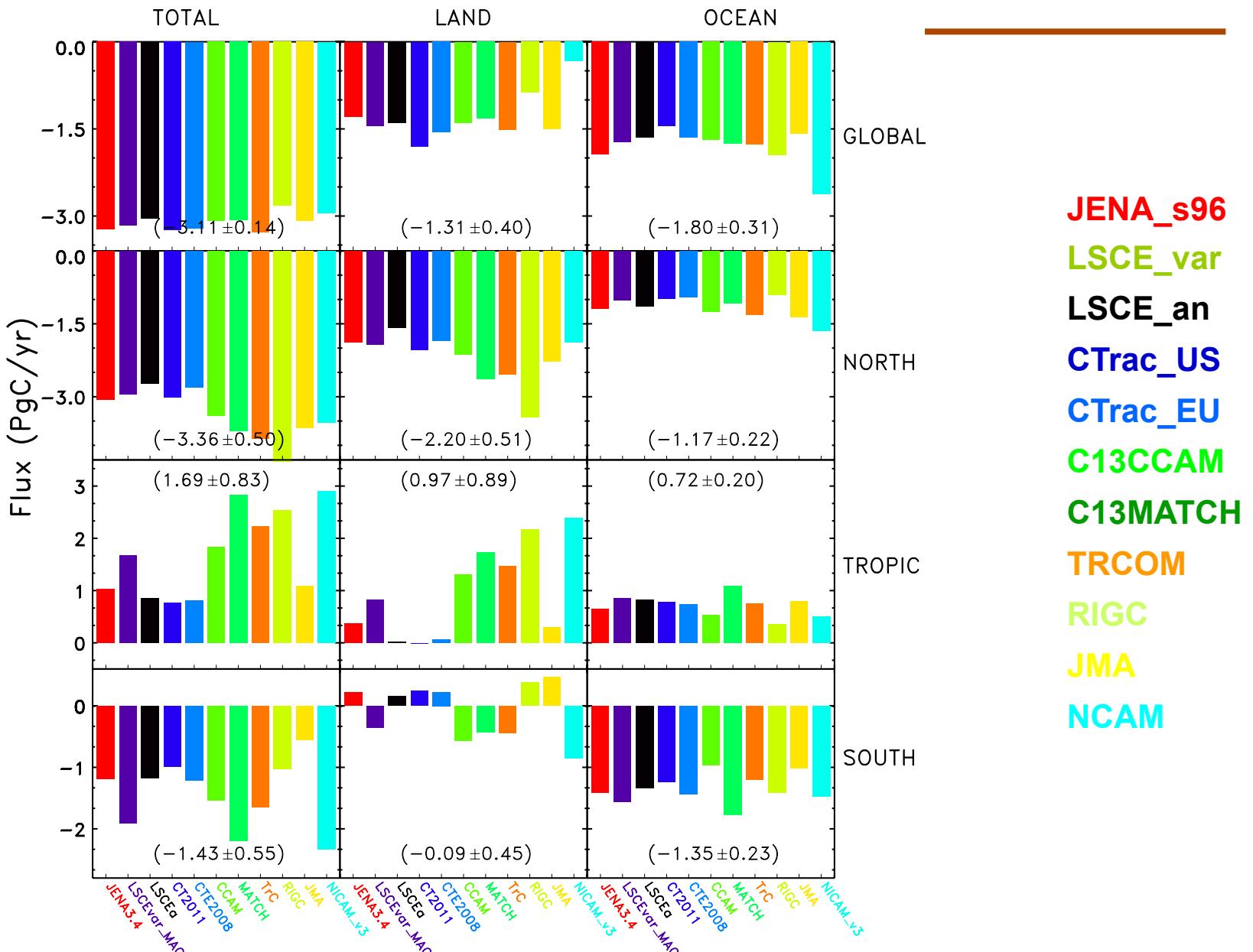
- Top-down approach :
 - ➔ Estimated fluxes account for all surface processes
- Verifiable by independent groups
- Several implementations applied so far...

Atmospheric inversions

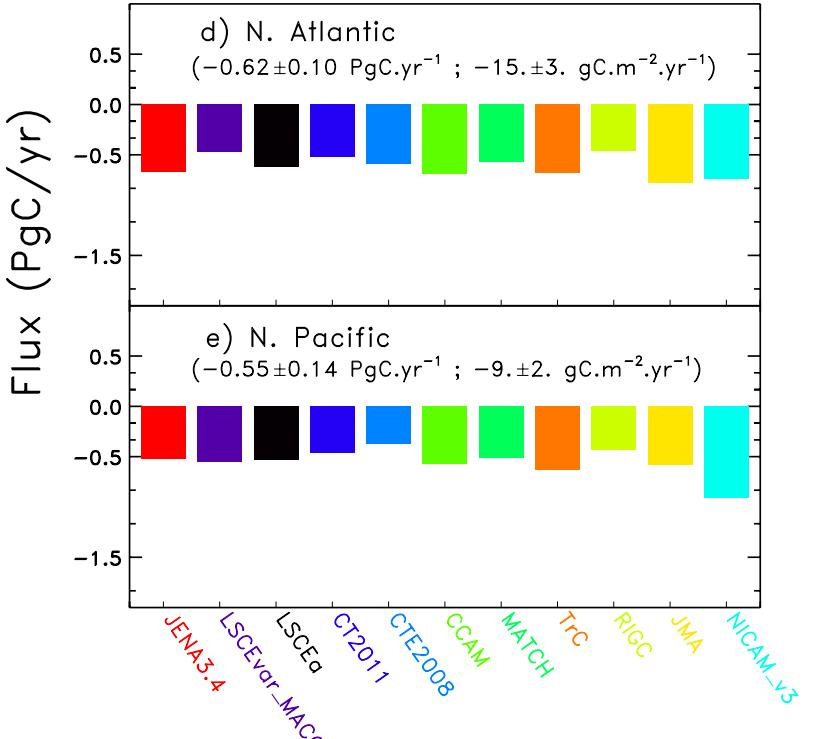
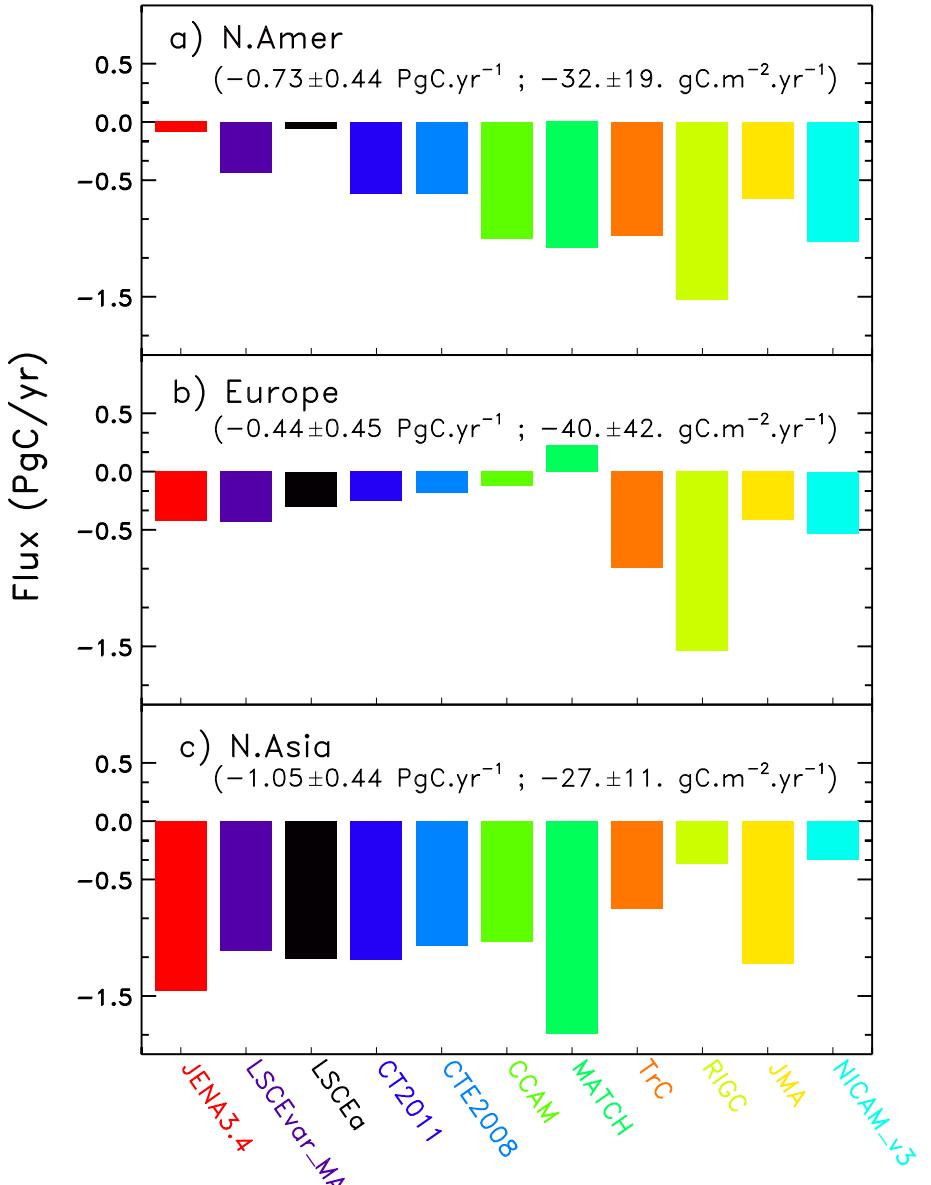
	<i>Inverse System</i>	<i>N o regions</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>T i m e Period</i>	<i>Obs</i>	<i>observing stations</i>	<i>IAV</i>
LSCEa	Lsce_an_v2.1	Grid-cell (96x72)	Philippe Peylin	1996-2004	MM	76	Yes
LSCEv	Lsce_var_v1.0	Grid-cell (96x72)	Frederic Chevallier	1988-2008	Raw	128	Yes
CCAM	C13_CCAM_LAW	146	Rachel Law	1992-2008	MM	73 CO ₂ , 7 C13	No
MATCH	C13_MATCH_Rayner	116	Peter Rayner	1992-2008	MM	73 CO ₂ , 7 C13	No
CTrUS	Carbontracker_US	156	Andy Jacobson Wouter Peters	2000-2008	Raw	94	Yes
CTrEU	Carbontracker_EU	156	Wouter Peters	2000-2008	Raw	117	Yes
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RIGC	Rigc_Patra	64	Prabir Patra	1993-2007	MM	74	Yes
JMA	JMA_2010	22	K. Yamada	1985-2008	MM	146	Yes
TrC	TRCOM_mean	22	Kevin Gurney	1995-2008	MM	103	No
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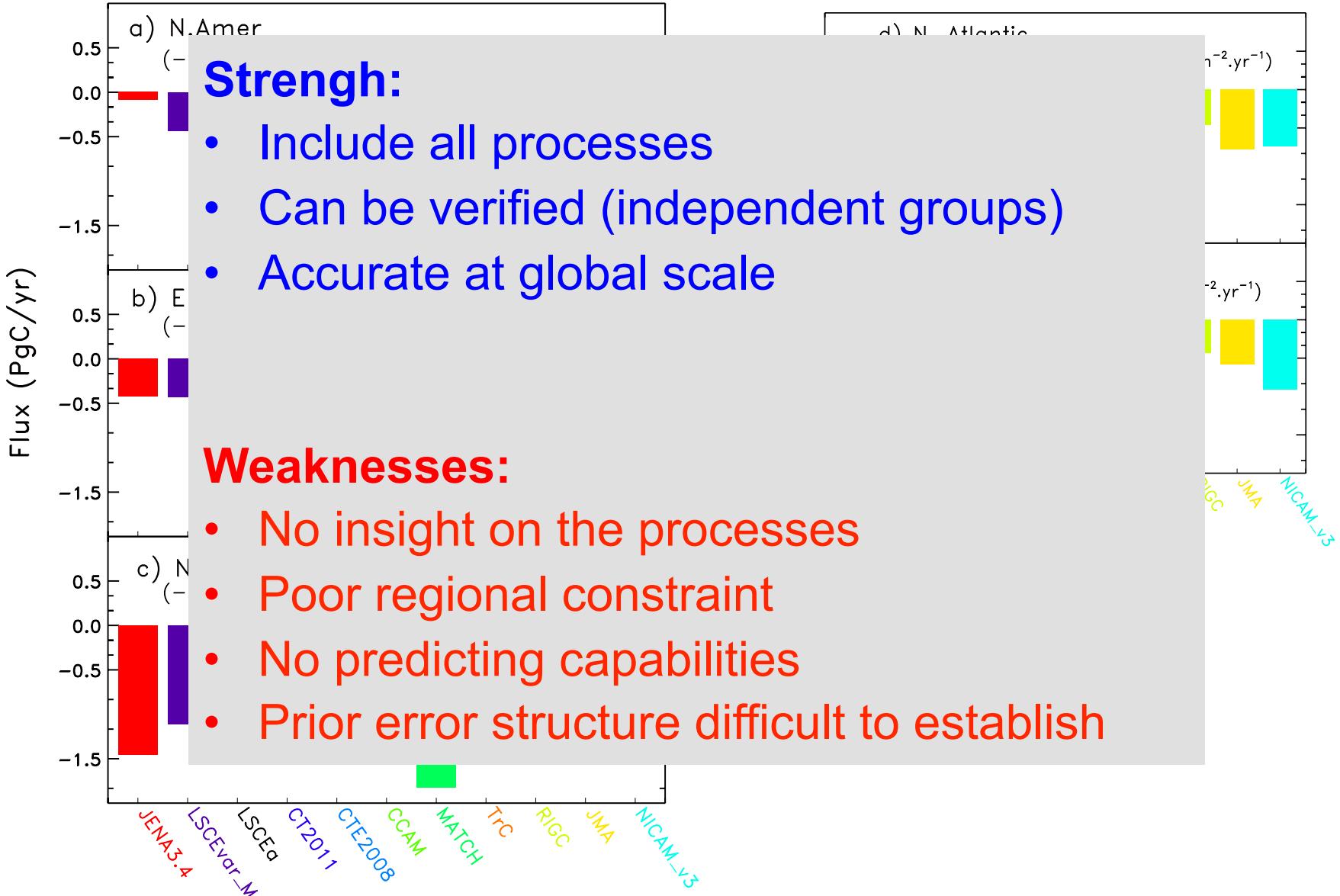
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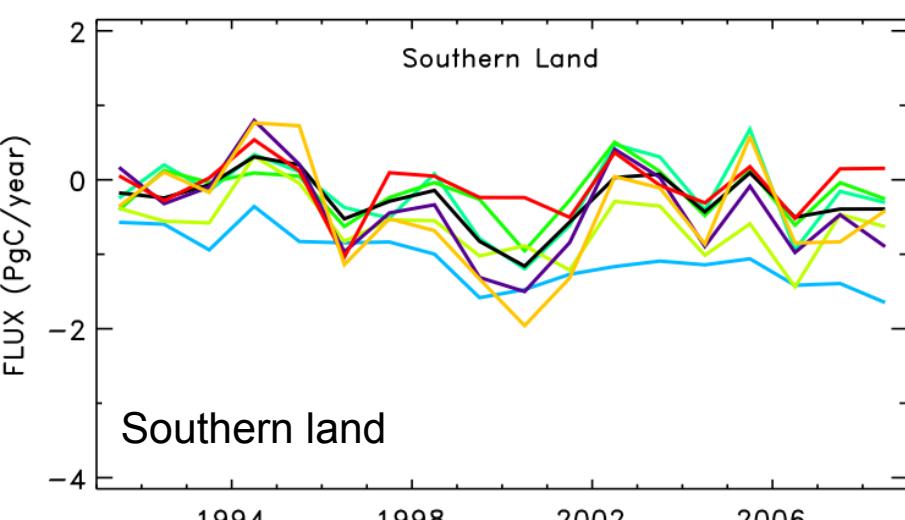
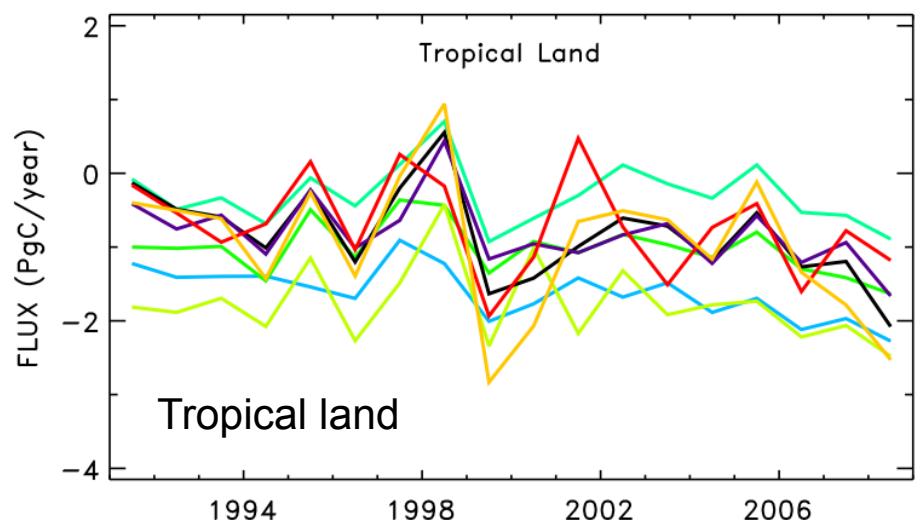
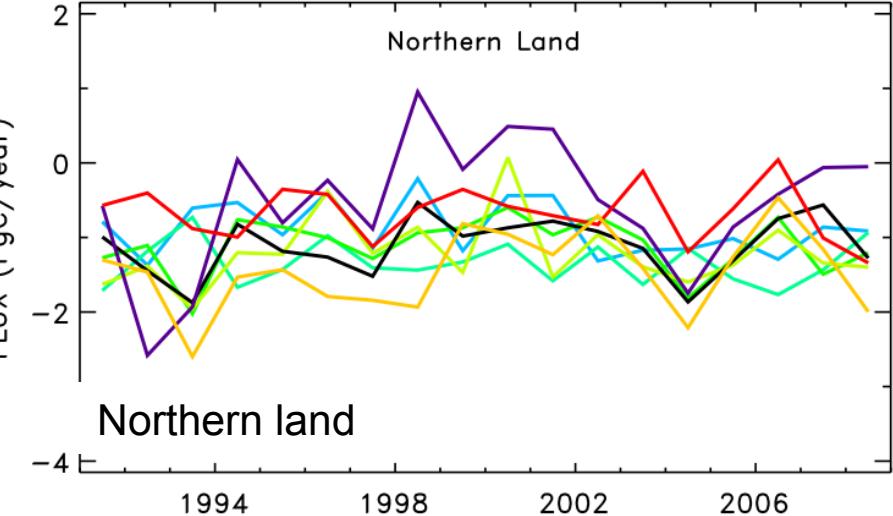
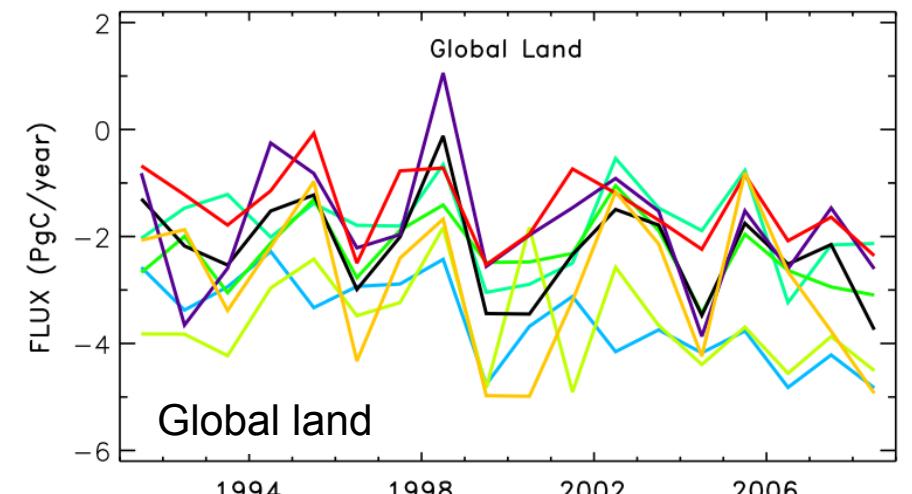


Dynamic global vegetation models

→ DGVM models used in Trendy intercomparison

Model Name	Abbreviation	Spatial resolution	Land Surface Model	Full Nitrogen Cycle	River Export Flux	Fire simulation	Source
Community Land Model 4CN	CLM4CN	0.5°×0.5°	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Olcson et al., 2010; Lawrence et al., 2011
Hyland	HYL	3.75°×2.5°	No	No	No	No	Friend et al., 1997; Levy et al., 2004
Lund-Potsdam-Jena	LPJ	0.5°×0.5°	No	No	No	Yes	Sitch et al., 2003
LPJ-GUESS	LPJ-GUESS	0.5°×0.5°	No	No	No	Yes	Smith et al., 2001
ORCHIDEE-CN	OCN	3.75°×2.5°	Yes	Yes	No	No	Zachle & Friend, 2010; Zachle et al., 2010
ORCHIDEE	ORC	0.5°×0.5°	Yes	No	No	No	Krinner et al., 2005
Sheffield-DGVM	SDGVM	3.75°×2.5°	No	No	Yes	Yes	Woodward et al., 1995
TRIFFID	TRI	3.75°×2.5°	Yes	No	No	No	Cox, 2001
VEGAS	VEGAS	2.5°×2.5°		No		No	Zeng et al., 2005

DGVM: Annual flux temporal variations



HYLAND

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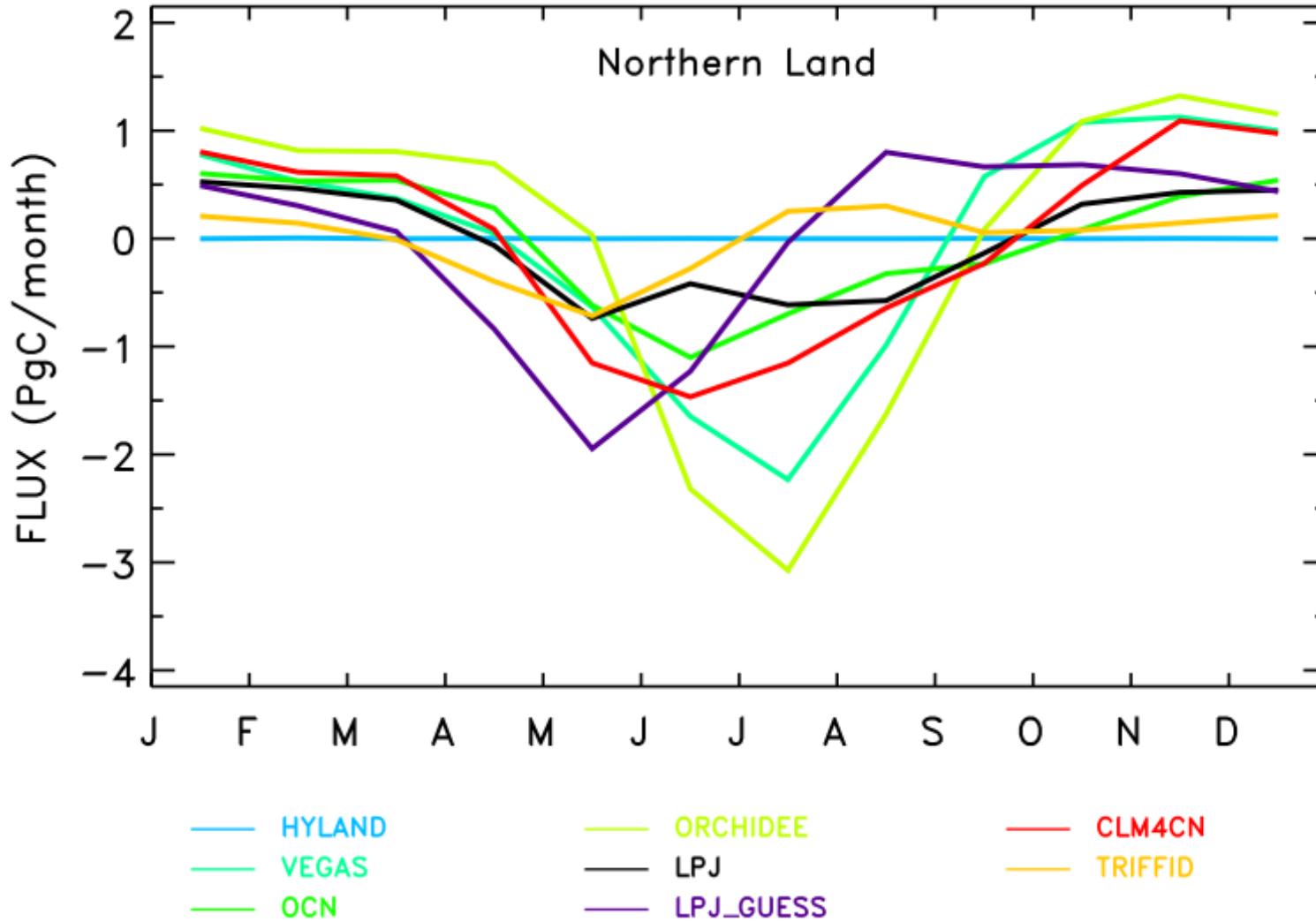
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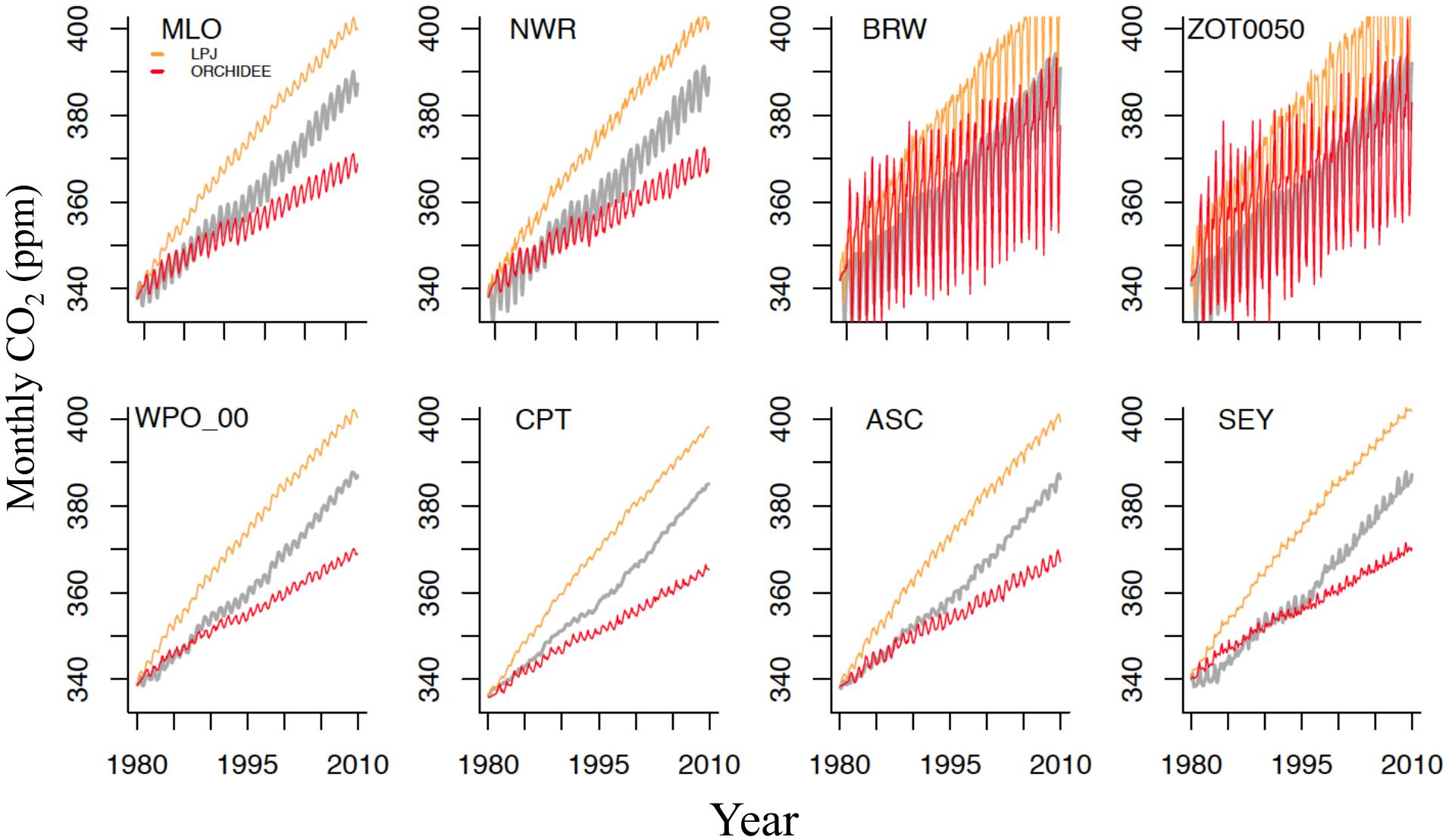
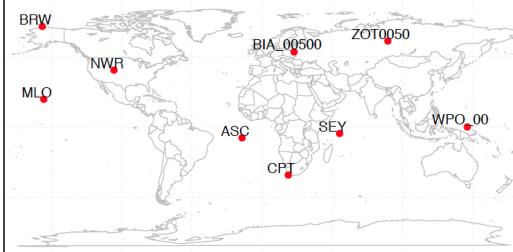
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Mean seasonal cycle : Northern land



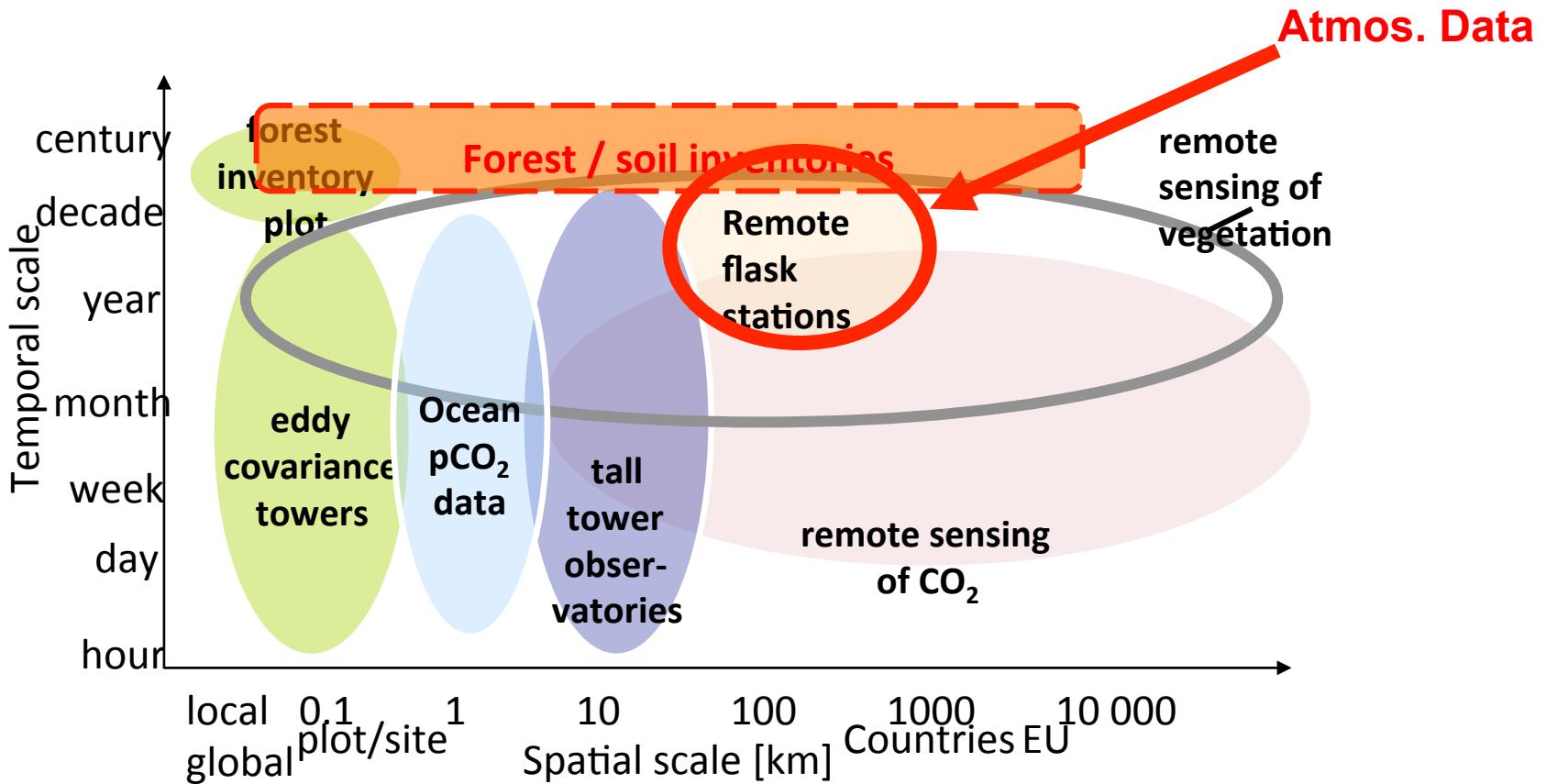
S3: CO₂ concentrations (obs. In grey)



How to move forward ?

Strong Need to :

- Combine the information from several data streams
- Attribute the net carbon flux variations to key processes

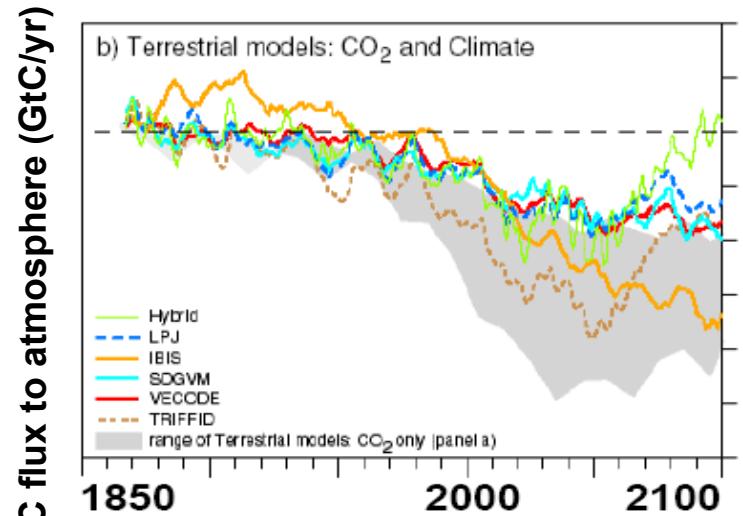


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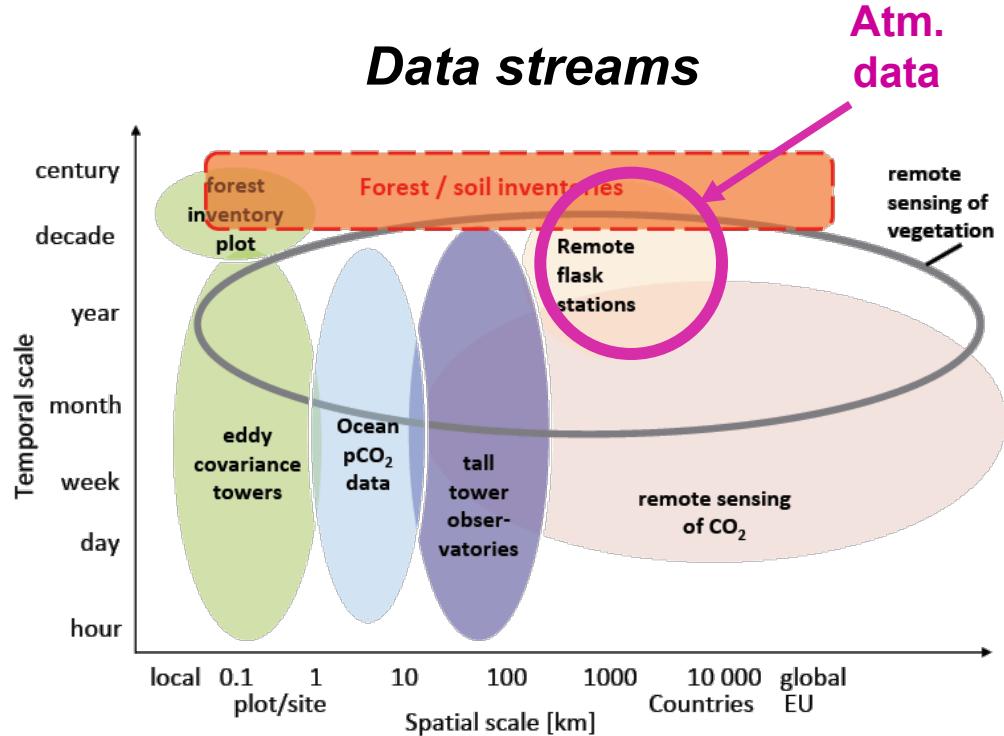
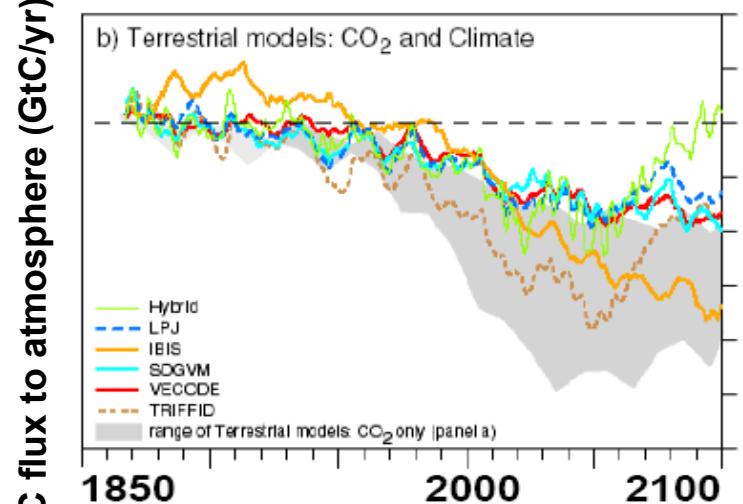
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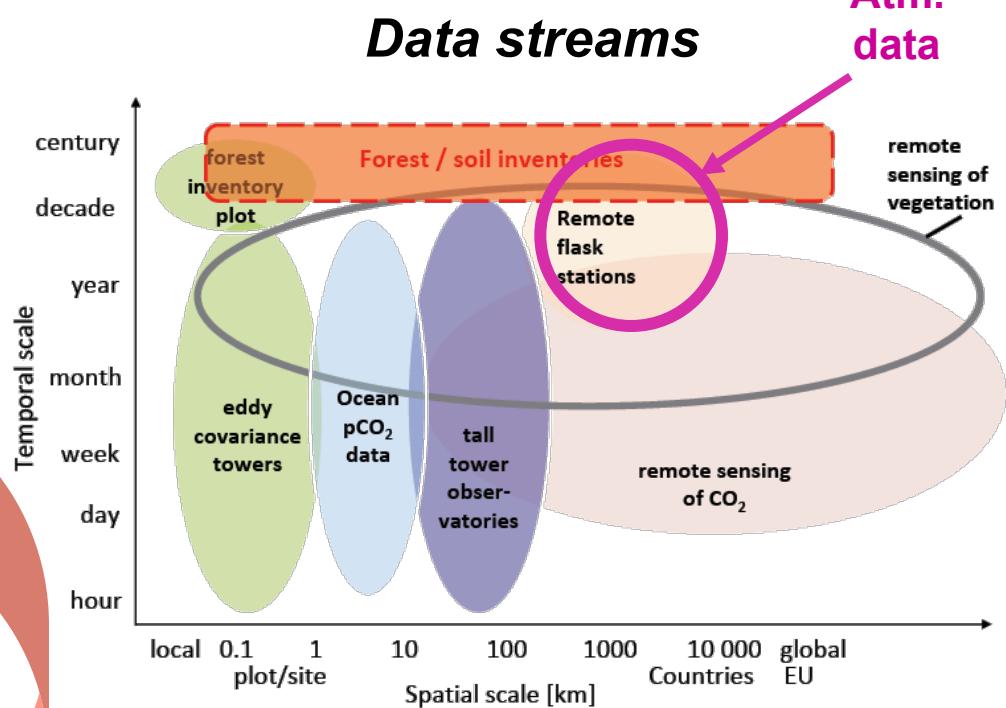
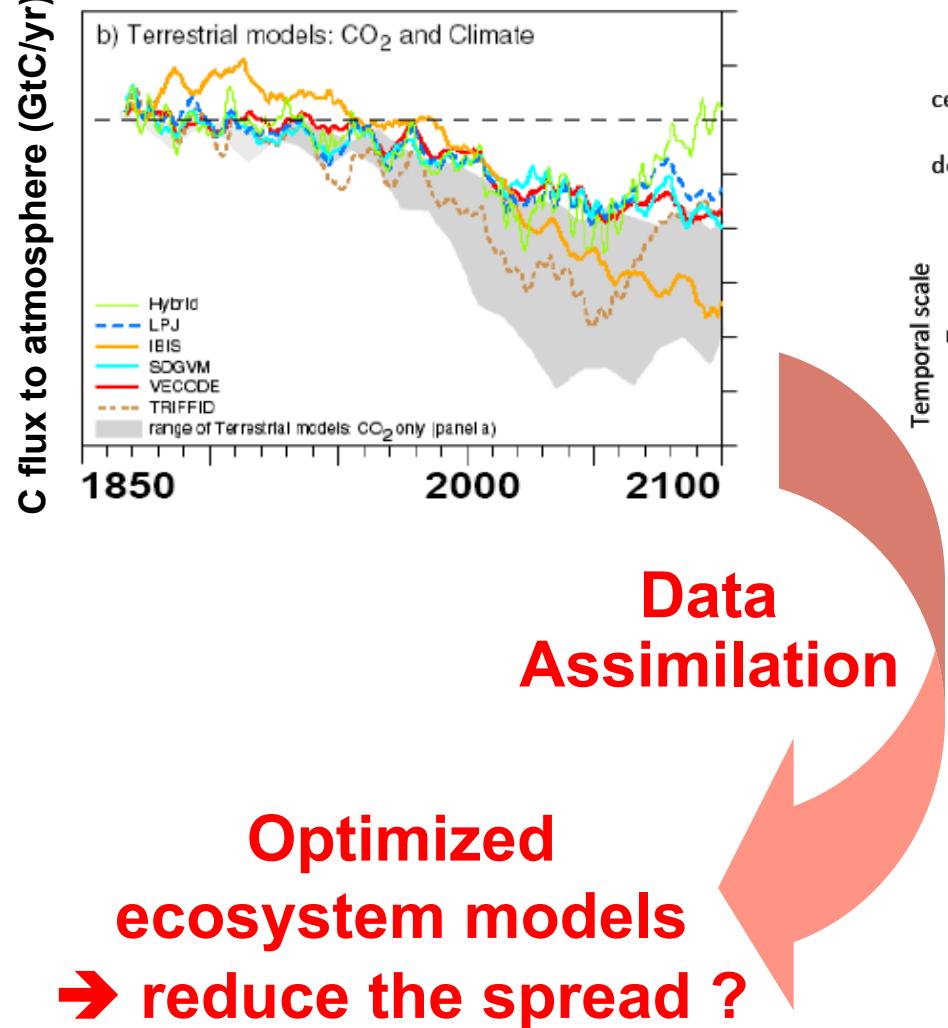
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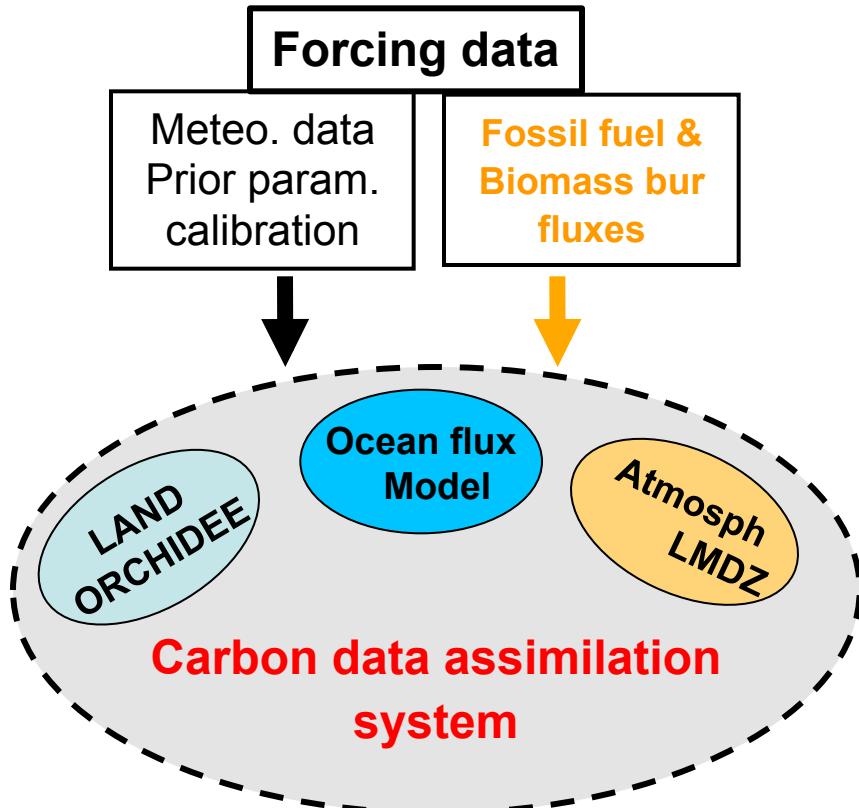


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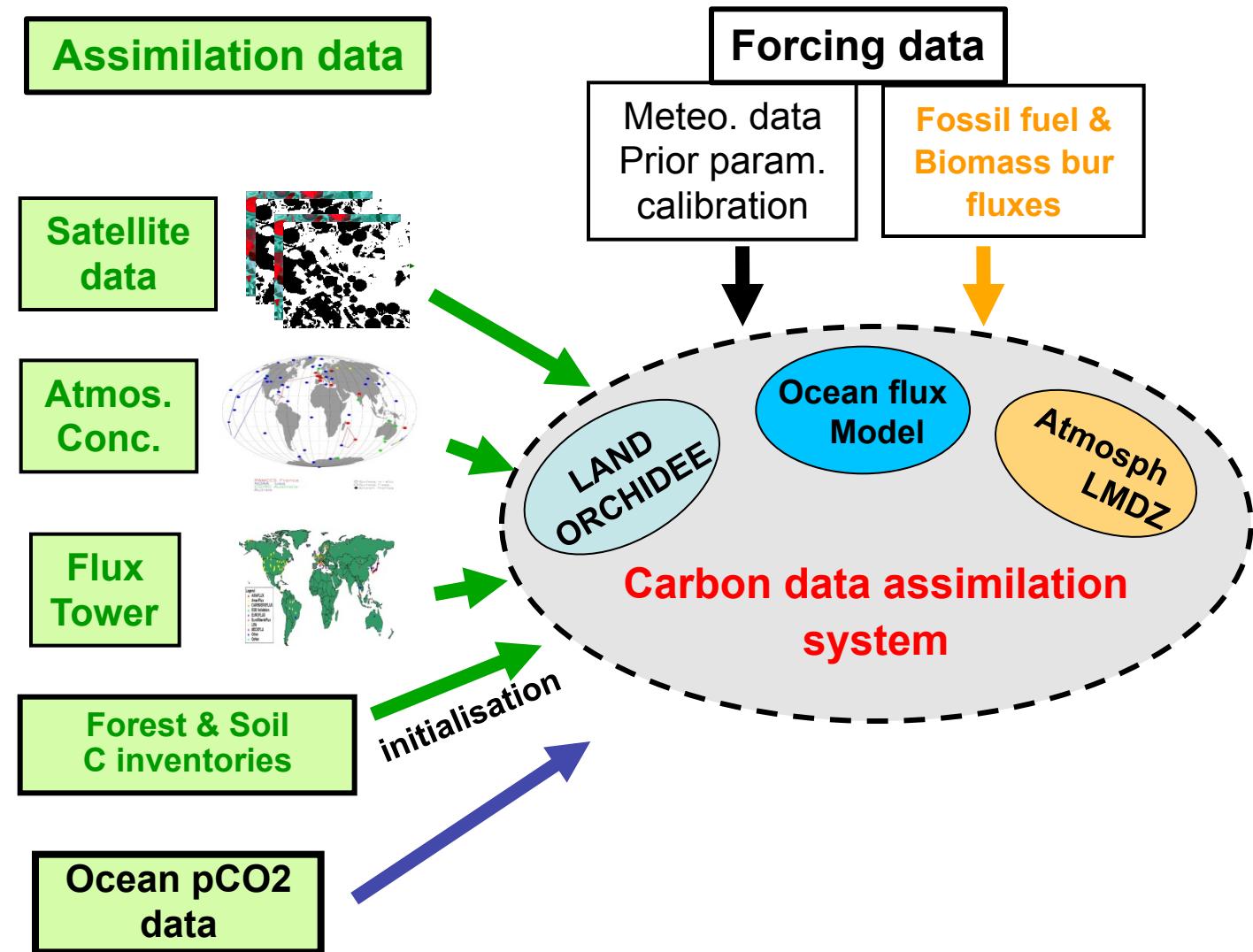
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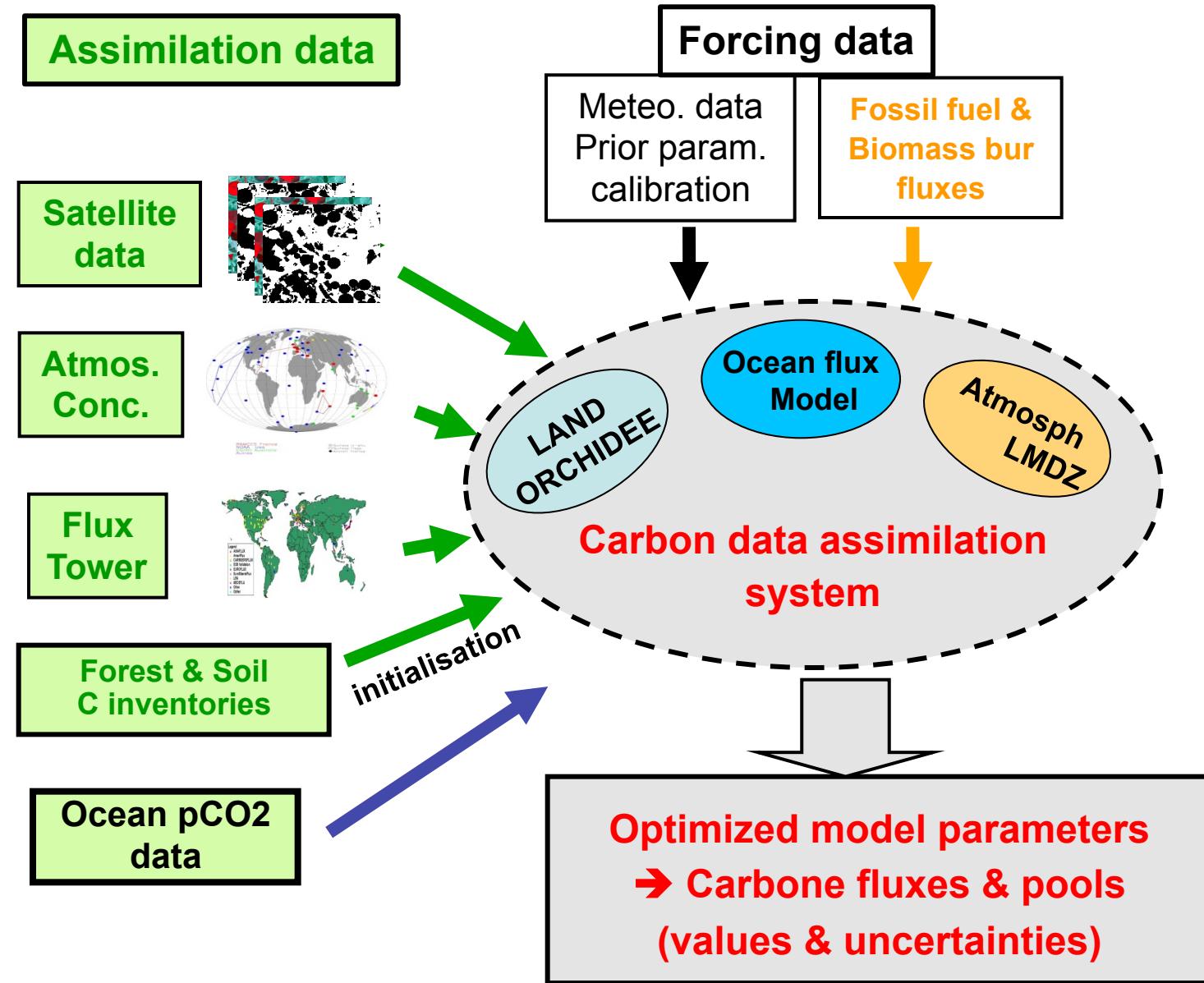
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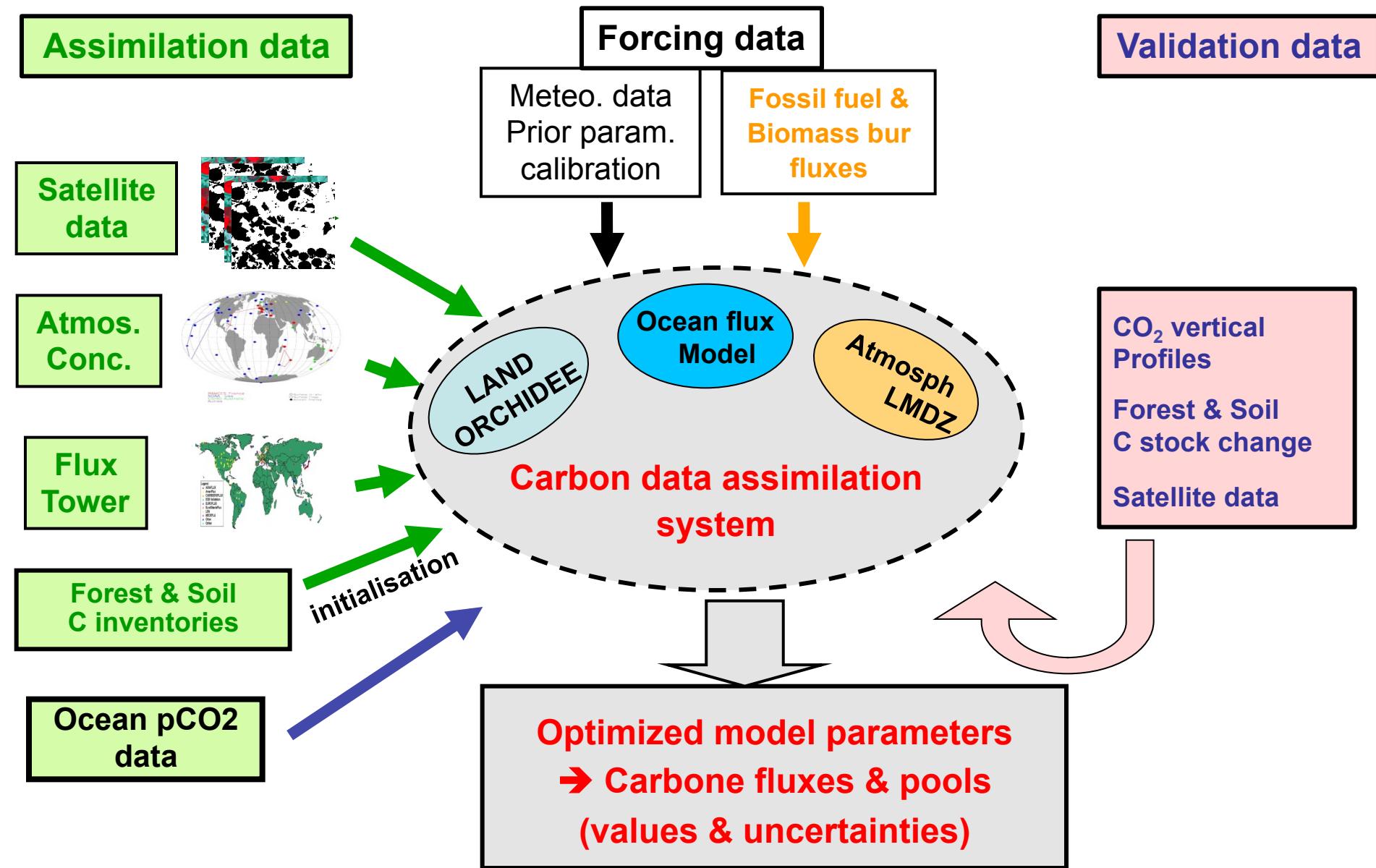
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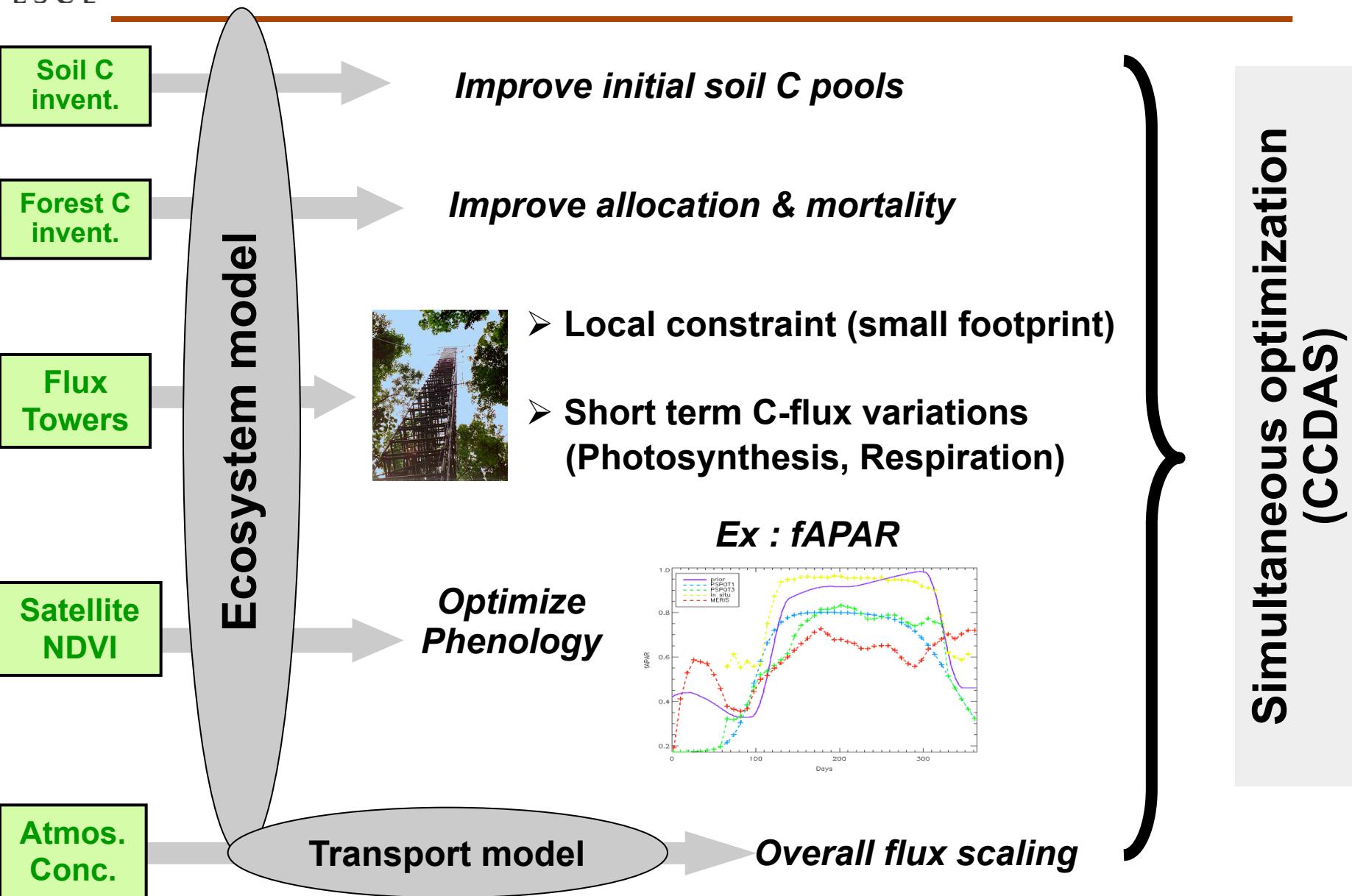
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Land CCDAS components



Formalism...

Baye's theorem: $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x}).p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{y})}$

Assuming Gaussian Error statistics

Minimize the cost function $J(\mathbf{x})$ to obtain the mean of $p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y})$

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b)^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b) + (\mathbf{Hx} - \mathbf{y})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{Hx} - \mathbf{y})$$

\mathbf{x} : state vector ;

\mathbf{x}_b : mean prior value of state vector

\mathbf{y} : observation vector ;

\mathbf{H} : linear observation operator

\mathbf{B} / \mathbf{R} : Background / Observation error covariance matrix

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- **Analytical solution**

- Need to linearize the model $H(x)$
- **Sensitivities (H) from tangent linear or Adjoint**

$$\mathbf{K} = (\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} \mathbf{H} + \mathbf{B}^{-1})^{-1} \mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T (\mathbf{H} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T + \mathbf{R})^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{x}_a = \mathbf{x}_b + \mathbf{K}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{Hx}_b)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{K} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{B}$$

- **Variational solution**

- Adapted to large size problems
- **Error estimation more difficult !**

$$\nabla J(\mathbf{x}) = 2\mathbf{B}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b) + 2\mathbf{H}^T \mathbf{R}^{-1}(\mathbf{Hx} - \mathbf{y})$$

$$\mathbf{A} = 2[J''(\mathbf{x}_a)]^{-1}$$

- **Monte Carlo approaches**

- Used mostly for site-level studies
- **Required time usually prohibitive with “complex model”**
- No limitations wrt LINEARITY & parameter PDF

Parameters versus Flux optimization

Flux

Atm
data

- Dependent on record length
- Error correlation difficult to assess

Parameters

- Dependent on ecosystem model structural errors
- over-tuning of parameters always possible

FluxNet
NEE

- Scale mismatch

NDVI

- Not possible

- constraint “fast” processes params (1/h to seasonal)

- constraint Phenology params.

→ Approach may depend on “scientific objective”

→ “Best flux re-analysis” : Atm. data to constrain fluxes

→ “Best model for future simul.” : Atm. data to constraint parameters

Stepwise vs Simultaneous Assimilation

Simultaneous

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})^t \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b)^t \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b)$$

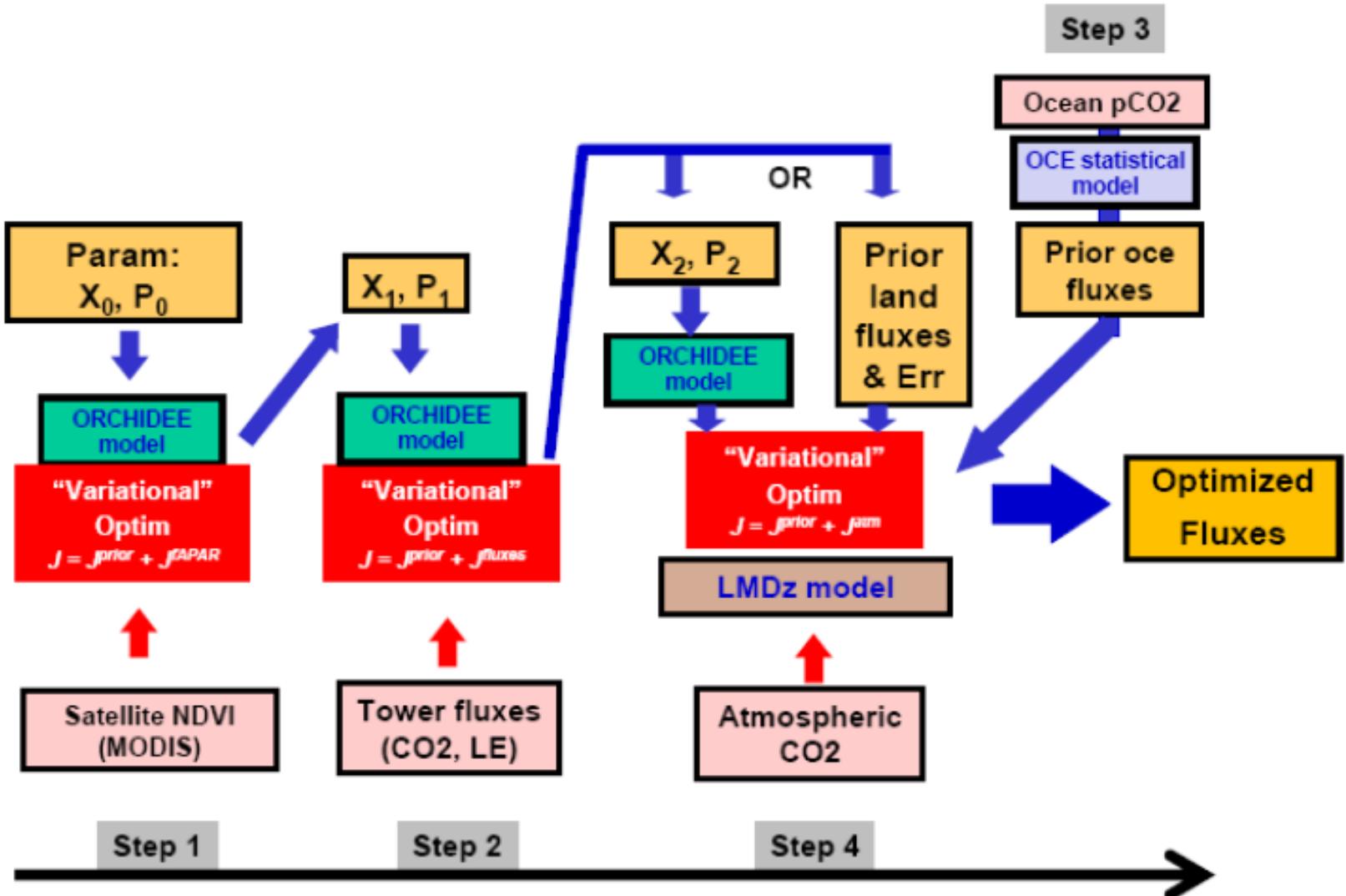
- All data streams assimilated consistently at once
- Consistency of the cost function
- “Fit to all” data stream ensured
- Huge computing cost (around 8 weeks for 20 yr)
- Difficult to set the relative errors between data streams
- Problem of Equi-finality..

Stepwise

- Each step is more easy to handle
- Easier to control errors per data-stream
- Expose only specific params to specific observations
- Assessment of the contribution of each data stream
- Possible missfit of data stream from “previous steps”
- Difficulties to carry over the error from one step to the other

➔ Stepwise is less rigorous but easier to implement

Exemple of sequential assimilation...

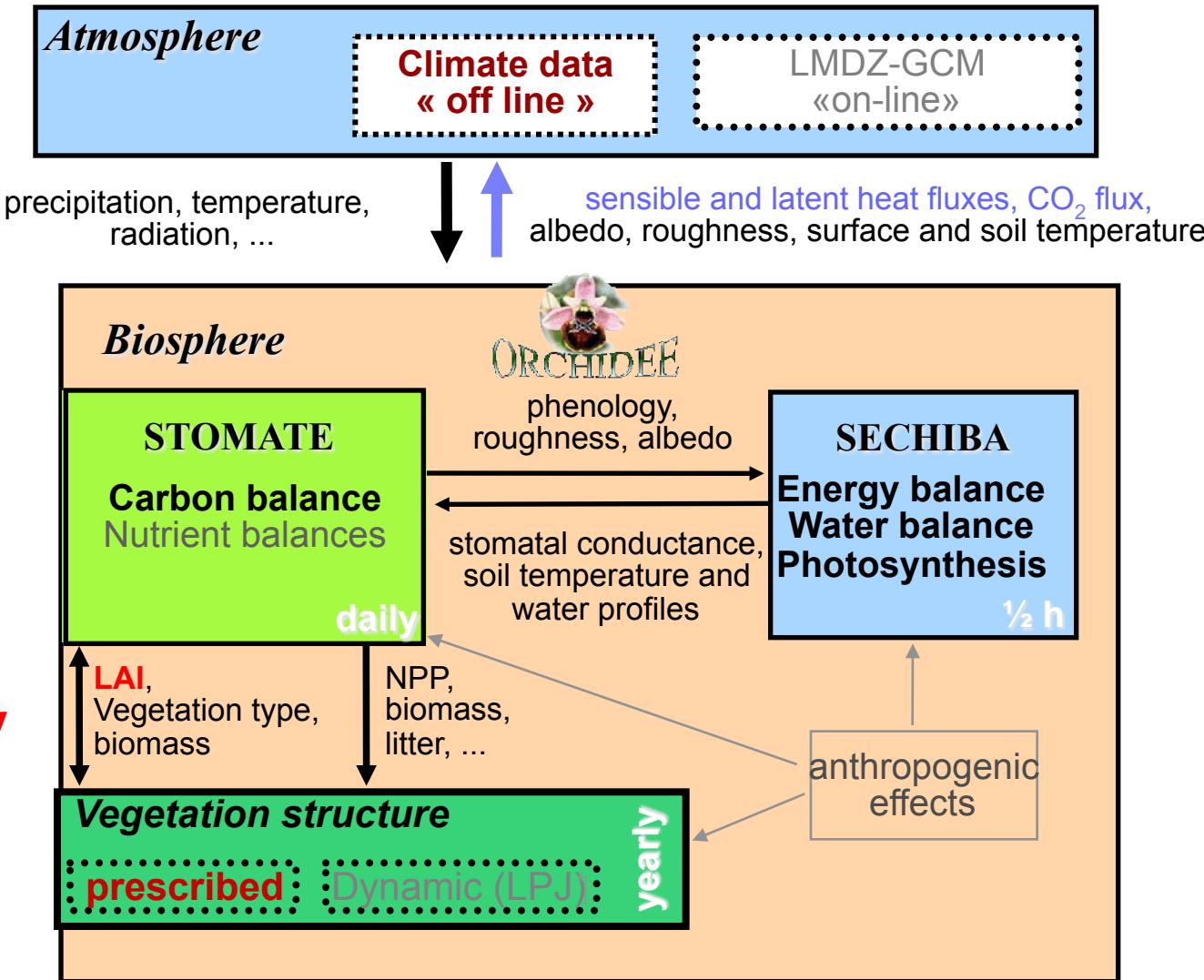


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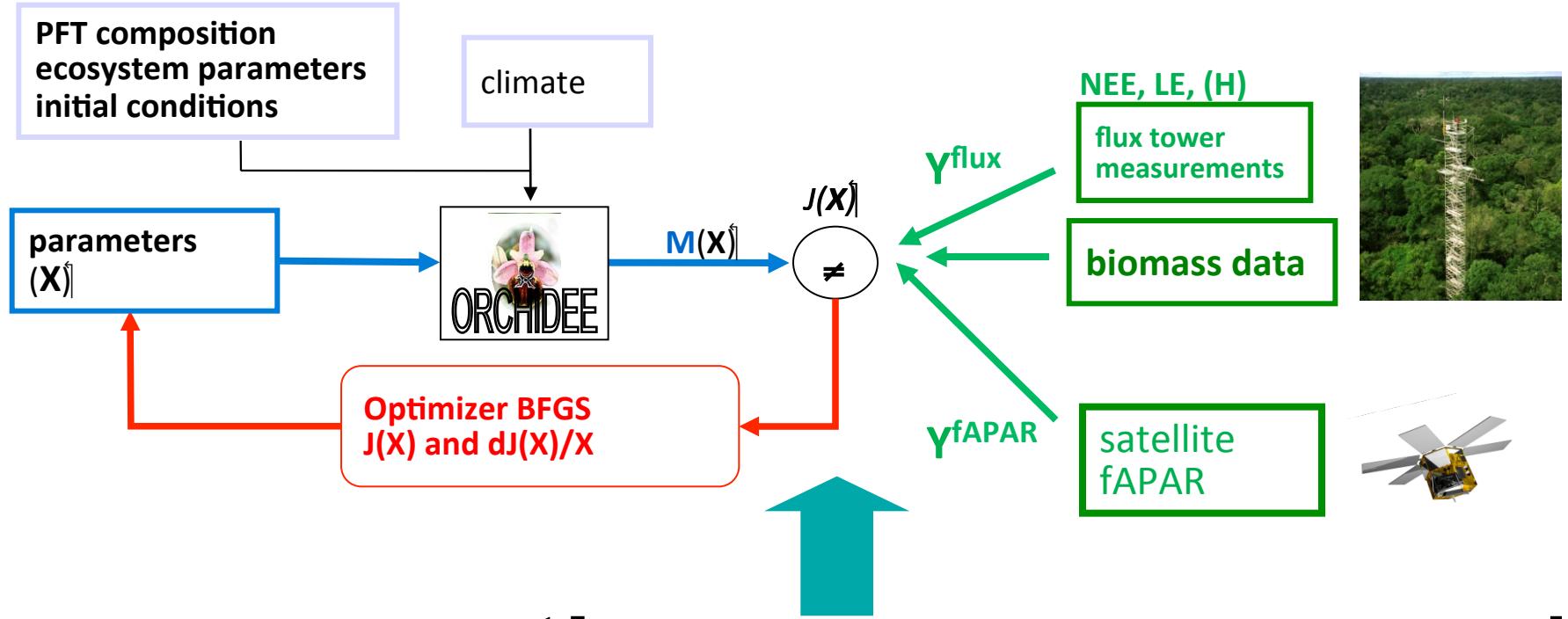
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The ORCHIDEE ecosystem model

- Process driven model used for IPCC AR5 simulations
- Energy / Water / Carbon balances
- Global - Site level
- 13 PFT's
- Pronostic phenology
- $\frac{1}{2}$ hourly time step
- multiple C pools



Implementation..



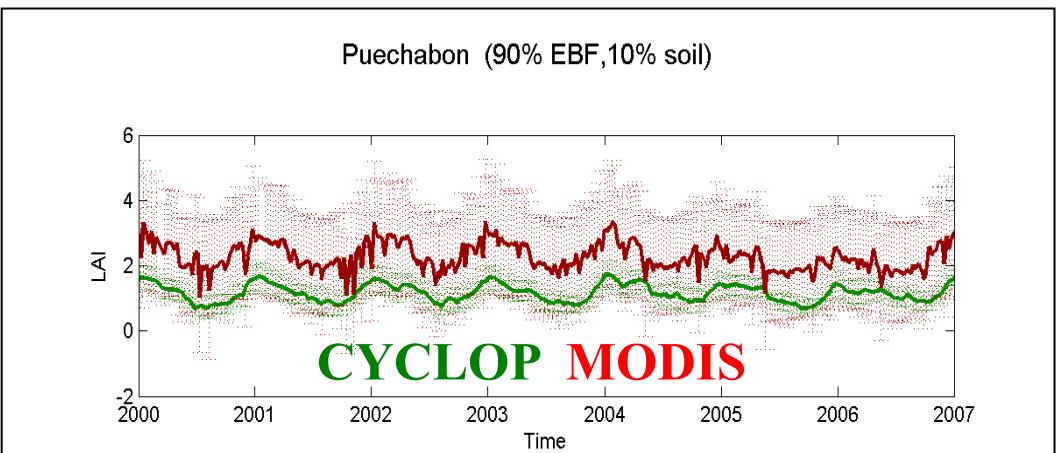
Cost function:
$$J(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left[(y - M(x))^t R^{-1} (y - M(x)) + (x - x_b)^t P_b^{-1} (x - x_b) \right]$$

- Iterative minimization using either:
 - Variational approach (with Tangent Linear model for DJ/dx)
 - Monte Carlo approach

Satellite data to optimize phenology...

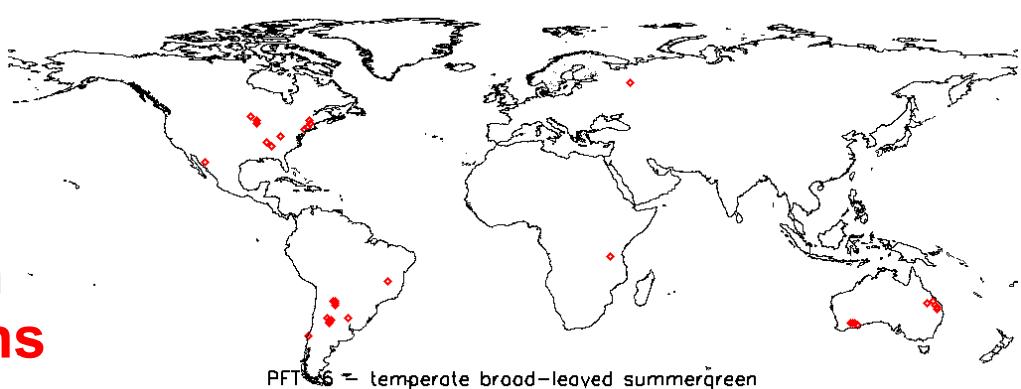
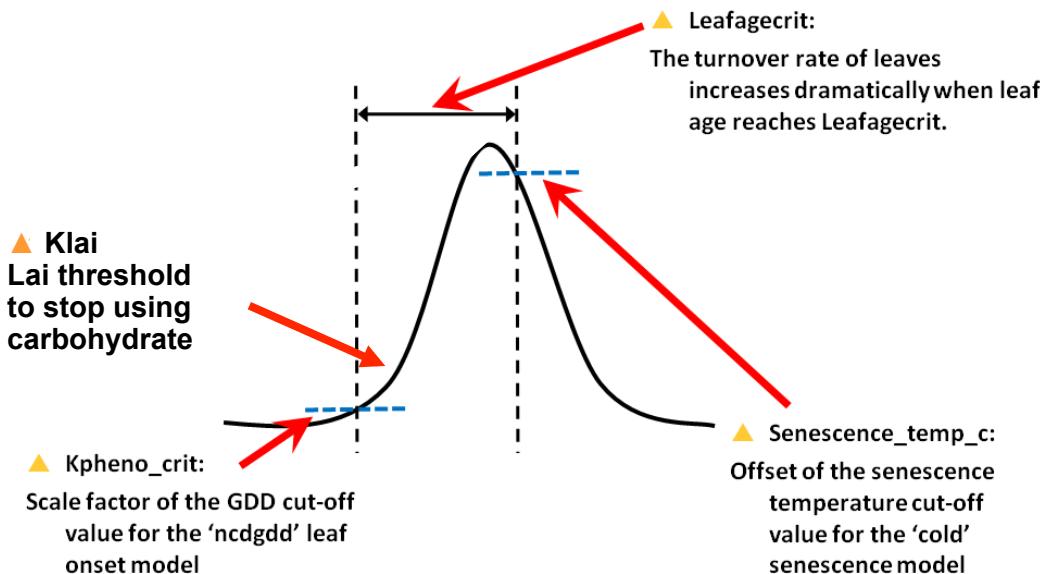
- Used initially by all ecosystem modelers to “manually” adjust their phenology model
- Recent formal studies with a complete statistical approach:
 - Stockli et al. 2008, 2011
 - Knorr et al. 2010

➤ Only the temporal variations are robust across products...



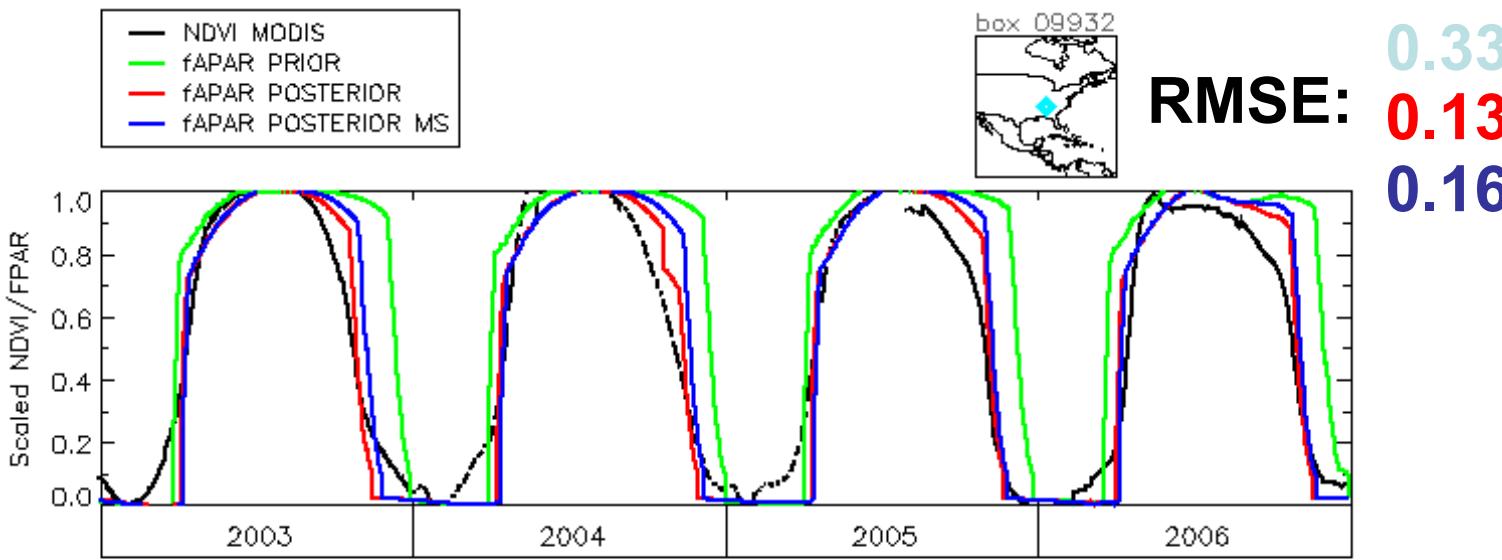
MODIS NDVI to optimize phenology...

- Optimize 4 parameters using normalised NDVI (2000-2008) to optimize model fAPAR
- ORCHIDEE run with IERA Meteo (0.7°)
- For each PFT use 30 points with $>70\%$ PFT cover

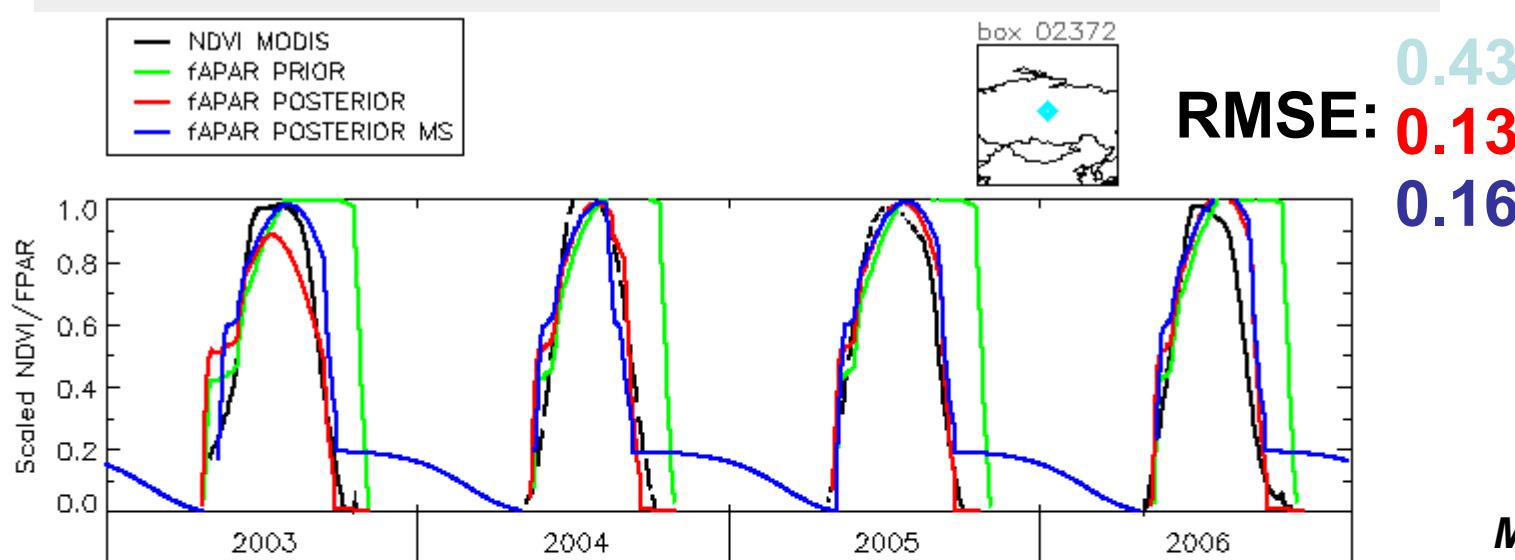


1 multi-sites optimization
 & 30 single-site optimizations

PFT : ‘temperate broad-leaved summergreen’



PFT : ‘boreal needleleaf summergreen’



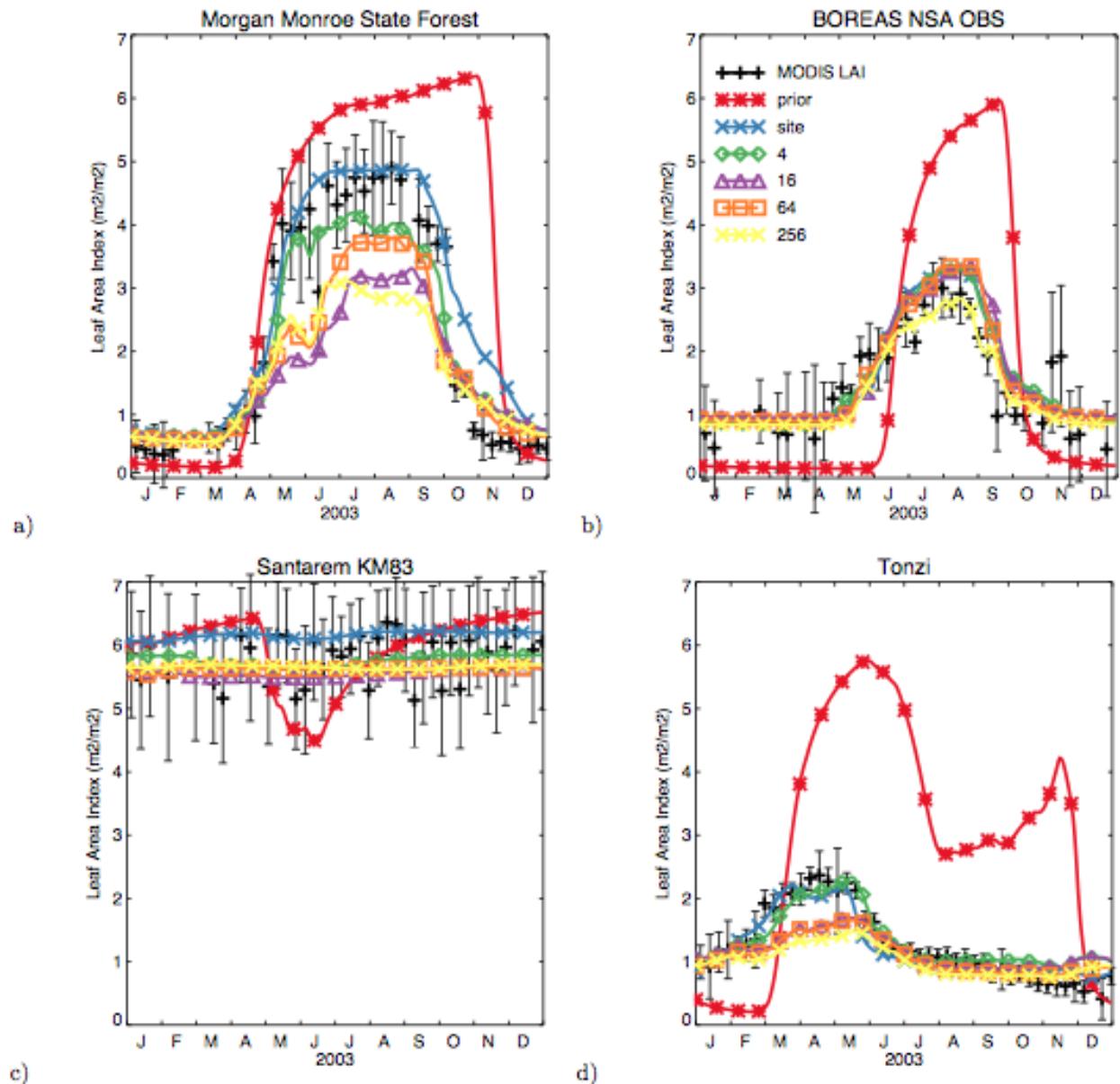
Evaluation of the new model parameters

- ▲ New **ORCHIDEE global simulation** with optimized parameters for 4 PFTs out of 12
- ▲ Global correlations between satellite NDVI and modeled fAPAR time-series:
→ significant improvement..

Mean correlation value	prior	posterior
PFT 6: temperate broad-leaved summergreen	0.70	0.73
PFT 8: boreal broad-leaved summergreen	0.72	0.86
PFT 9: boreal needleleaf summergreen	0.39	0.89
PFT 10: C3 grass	0.46	0.56

Results from Stockli et al. 2011

- Assimilate MODIS LAI or FAPAR
- Calibrate a specific Phenology model
- Use different nb of regions in the optimization
- → compare at few sites with in situ observations.



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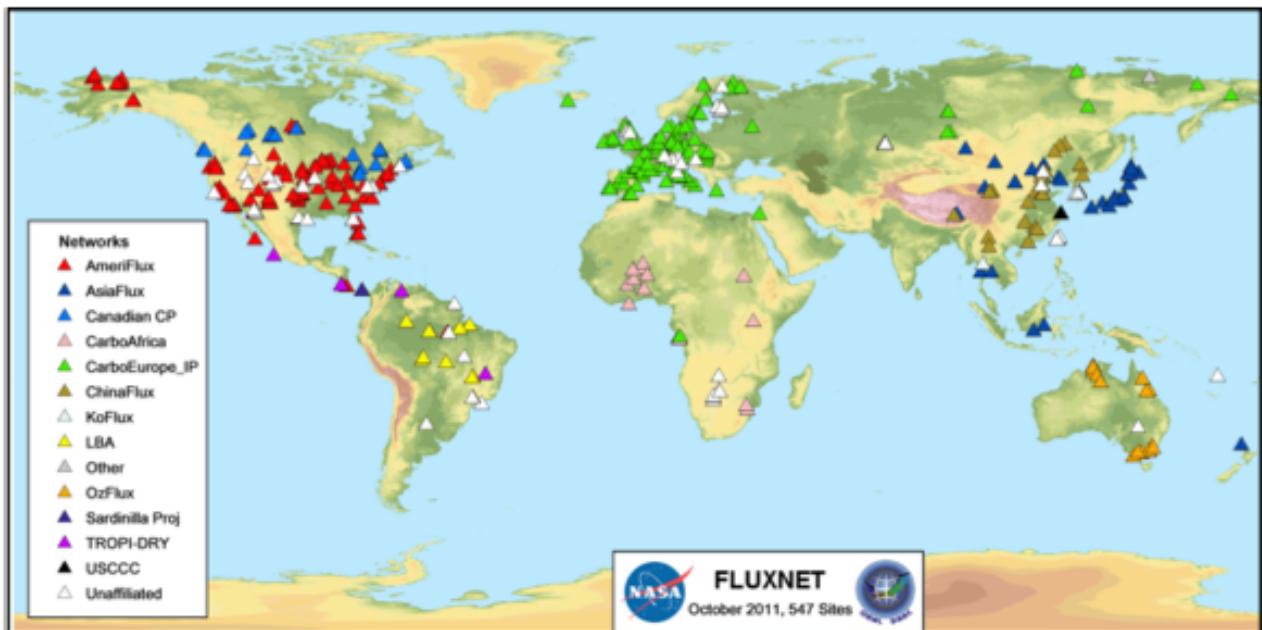
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Assimilation of Flux data



→ Half hourly measurements of :

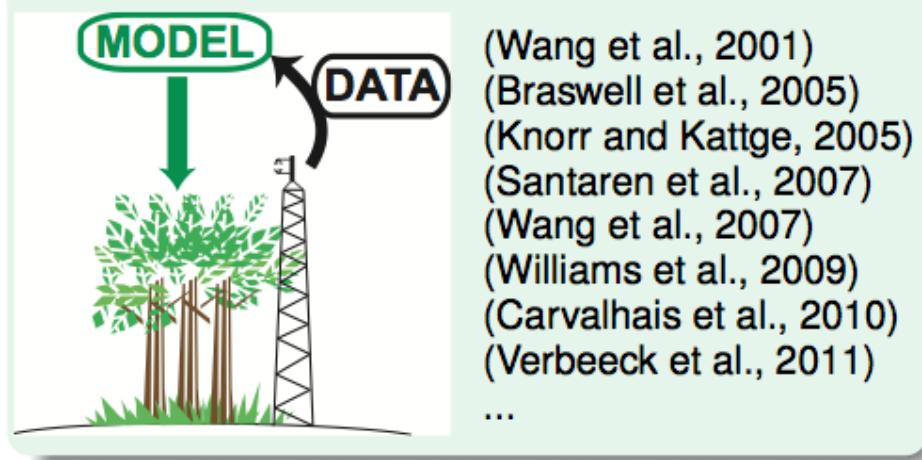
- NEE
- LE & SH



History of Flux data assimilation



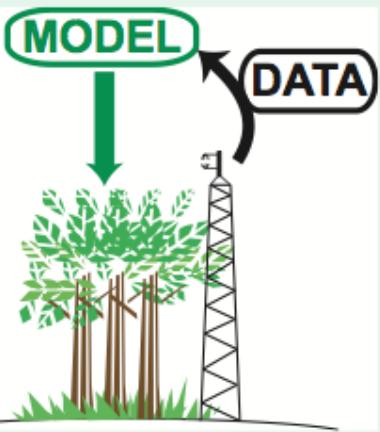
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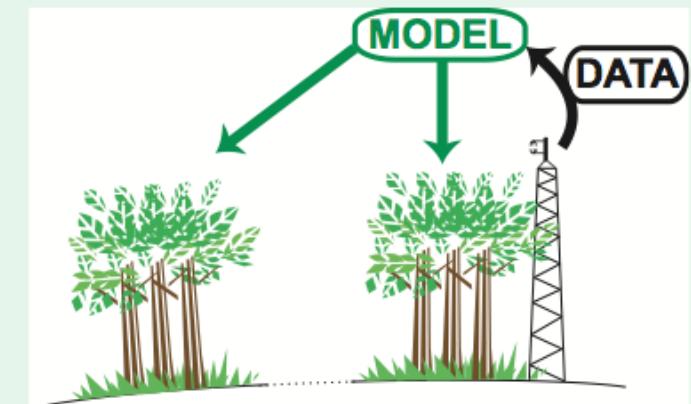


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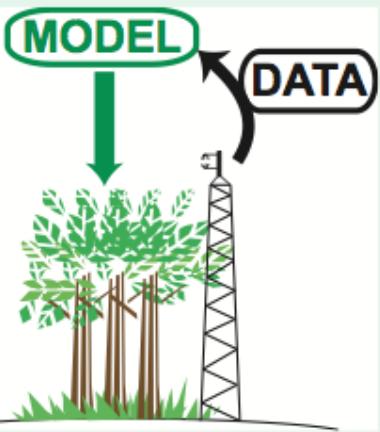


- (Medvigy et al., 2009; Verbeeck et al., 2011)

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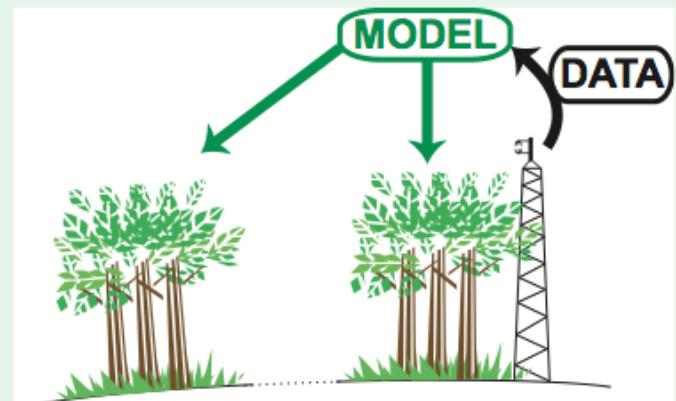


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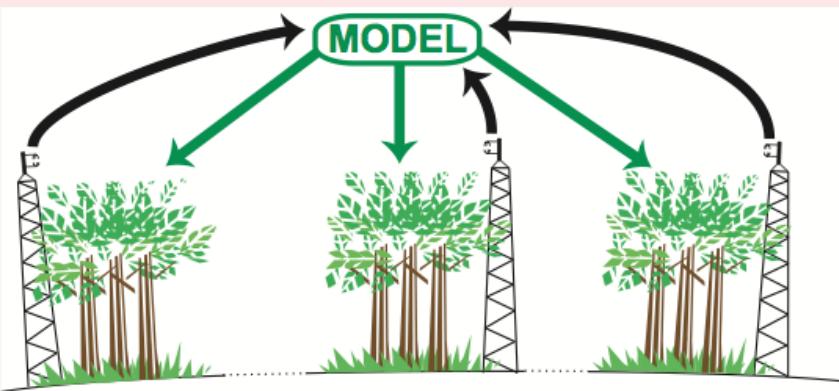
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Multi-site optimization



- Starting....
- Kuppel et al. 2012 (ORCHIDEE)
- Groendijk et al. 2011 (simple model)

Assimilation of Flux data

Ex: temperate Deciduous Broadleaf Forest
use 12 sites with > 70 % DBF coverage



- **Obs type : NEE & Latent heat**
- **Resolution : daily data**
- **period : 3 to 4 years per site**

Example of parameter equations

C3 photosynthesis

Photosynthetic capacity

$$A = \min(V_c, V_j) \left(1 - \frac{r^*}{C_i}\right) - R_d$$

Stomatal conductance

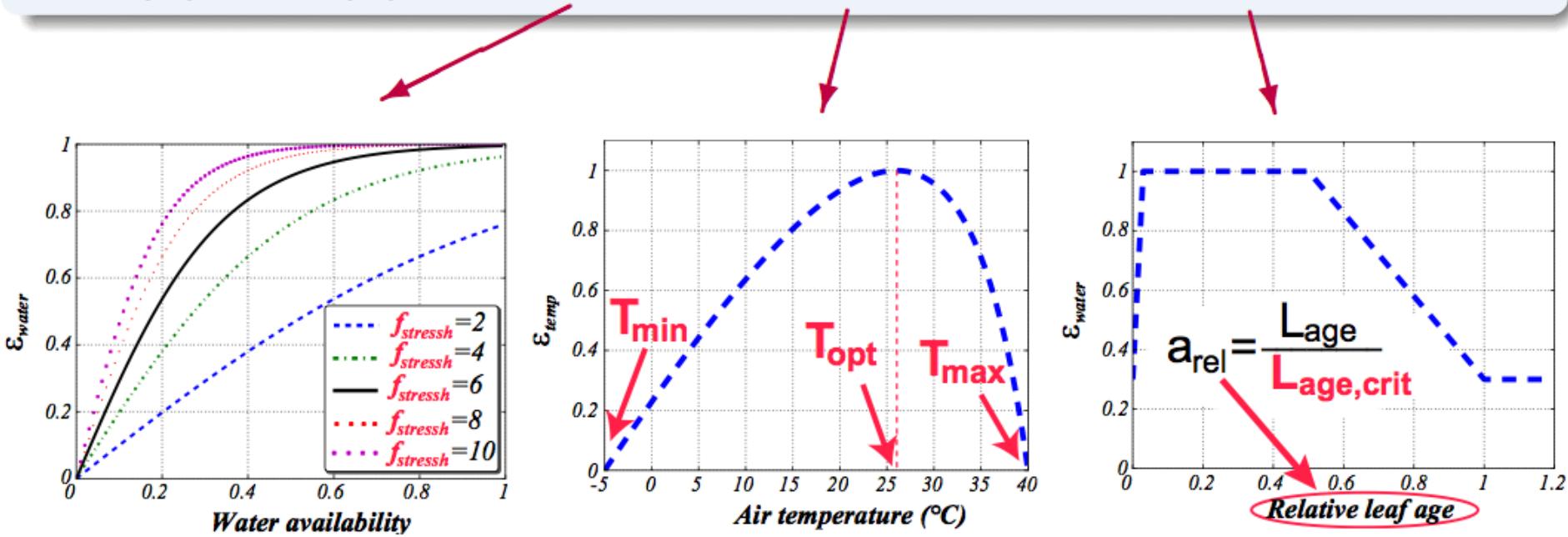
$$g_s = G_{s,\text{slope}} \frac{h_r}{C_a} A + G_{s,\text{offset}}$$

CO₂ diffusion

$$A = g_s (C_a - C_i) / 1.6$$

PFT-dependent parameters / Fixed equations:

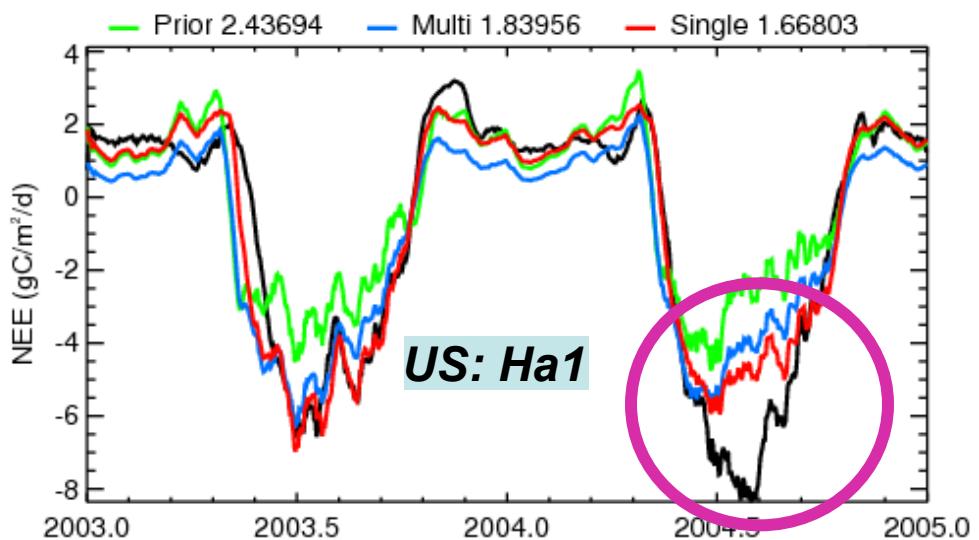
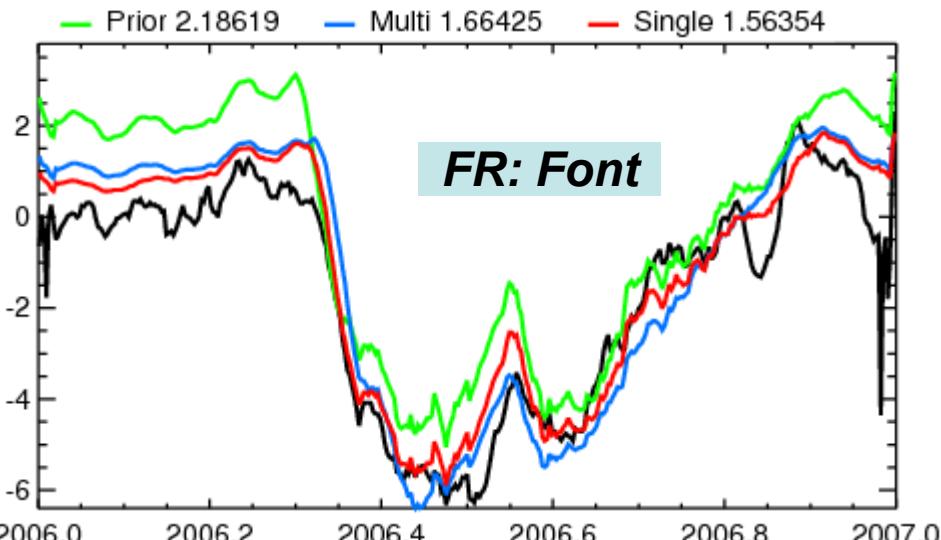
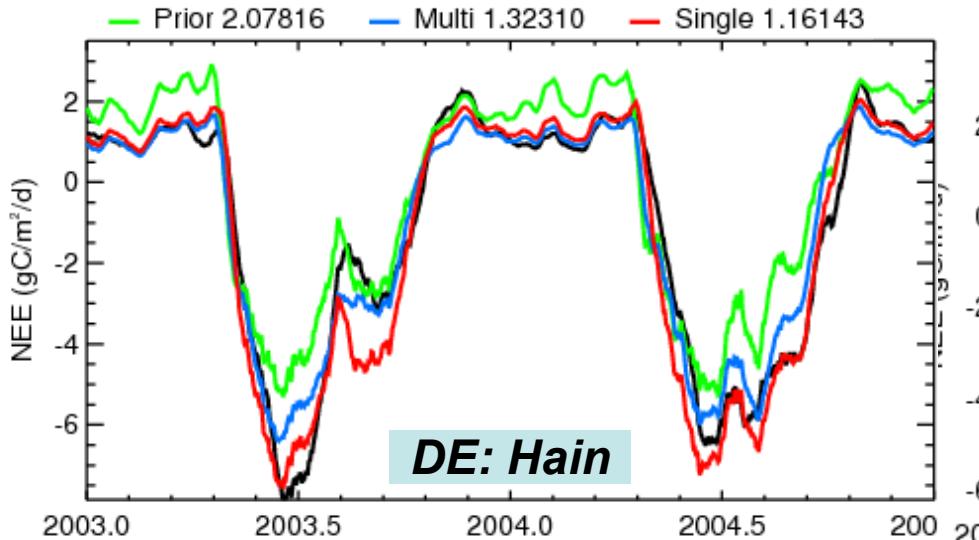
$$V_{\{c,j\}\max} = V_{\{c,j\}\max,\text{opt}} \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{water}}(f_{\text{stressh}}) \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{temp}}(C_{T\min}, C_{T\text{opt}}, C_{T\max}) \cdot \varepsilon_{\text{leaf}}(L_{\text{age,crit}})$$



Optimized model parameters : 21 per PFTs

Name	Description	Associated processes	Genericity
V_{cmax}	Maximum carboxylation rate	Photosynthesis	PFT
$G_{s,slope}$	Slope of assimilation in stomatic conductance	Photosynthesis	PFT
c_{Tmin}, c_{Topt}	Offset for minimum/optimal photosynthesis temperature	Photosynthesis	PFT
SLA	Specific leaf area (LAI per dry matter content)	Photosynthesis, Respiration	PFT
$K_{pheno,crit}$	Multiplicative factor for growing season start threshold	Phenology	PFT
$c_{T, senescence}$	Offset for temperature threshold for senescence	Phenology	PFT
LAI_{MAX}	Maximum LAI per PFT	Photosynthesis, Phenology, Energy balance	PFT
$L_{agecrit}$	Average critical age for leaves	Phenology	PFT
$K_{lai,happy}$	LAI threshold to stop carbohydrate use	Photosynthesis, Phenology	PFT
Hum_{cste}	Root profile	Photosynthesis, Water stress	PFT
Dpu_{cste}	Total depth of soil water pool	Water stress, Energy balance	Global
Q10	Temperature dependence of heterotrophic respiration	Heterotrophic respiration	Global
K_{soilC}	Multiplicative factor of initial carbon pools	Heterotrophic respiration	Site
b_H, c_H	Humidity dependence of heterotrophic respiration	Heterotrophic respiration	Global
MR_b, MR_a	Offset and first-degree coefficient for temperature dependence of maintenance respiration	Maintenance respiration	PFT
GR_{frac}	Fraction of biomass allocated to growth respiration	Growth respiration	PFT
$Z0_{overheight}$	Characteristic rugosity length	Energy balance	Global
$K_{albedo,veg}$	Multiplying factor for surface albedo	Energy balance	Global

Model – FluxNet data fit : ex. for 3 sites



NEE ($\text{gC}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$)

Data

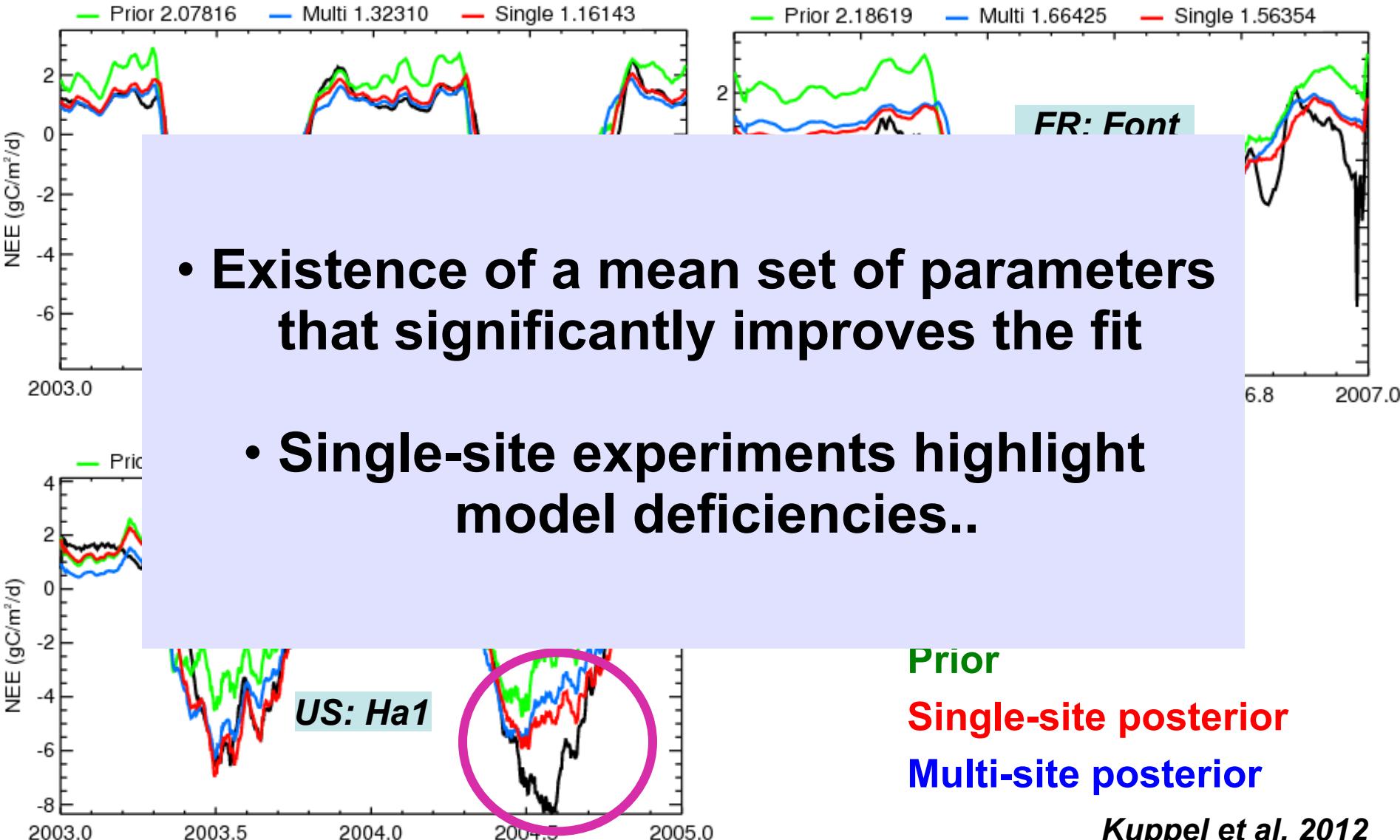
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Single-site posterior

Multi-site posterior

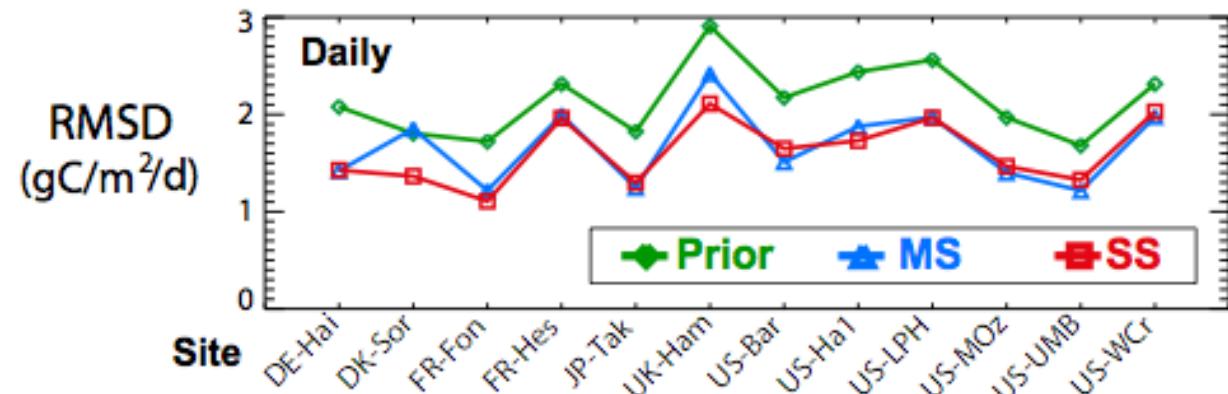
Kuppel et al. 2012

Model – FluxNet data fit : ex. for 3 sites



Model-data fit for NEE (RMSE)

Carbon flux (NEE)

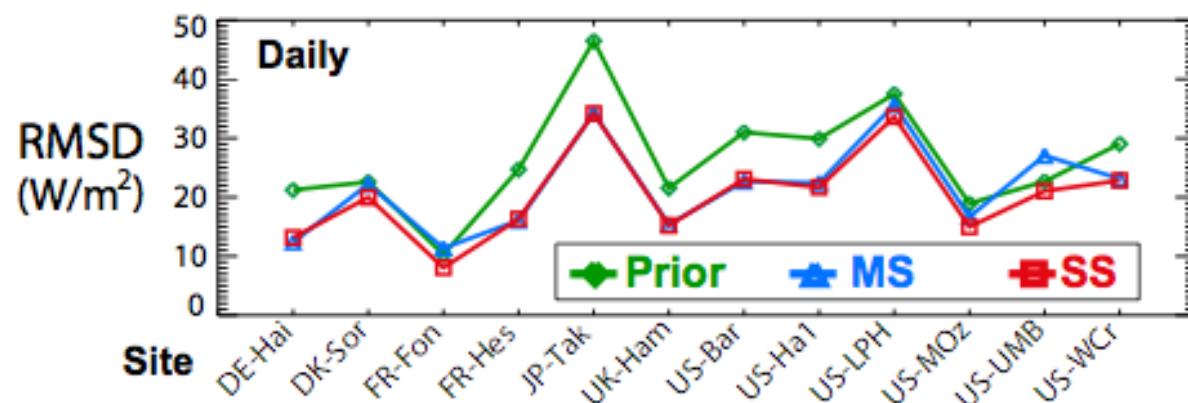


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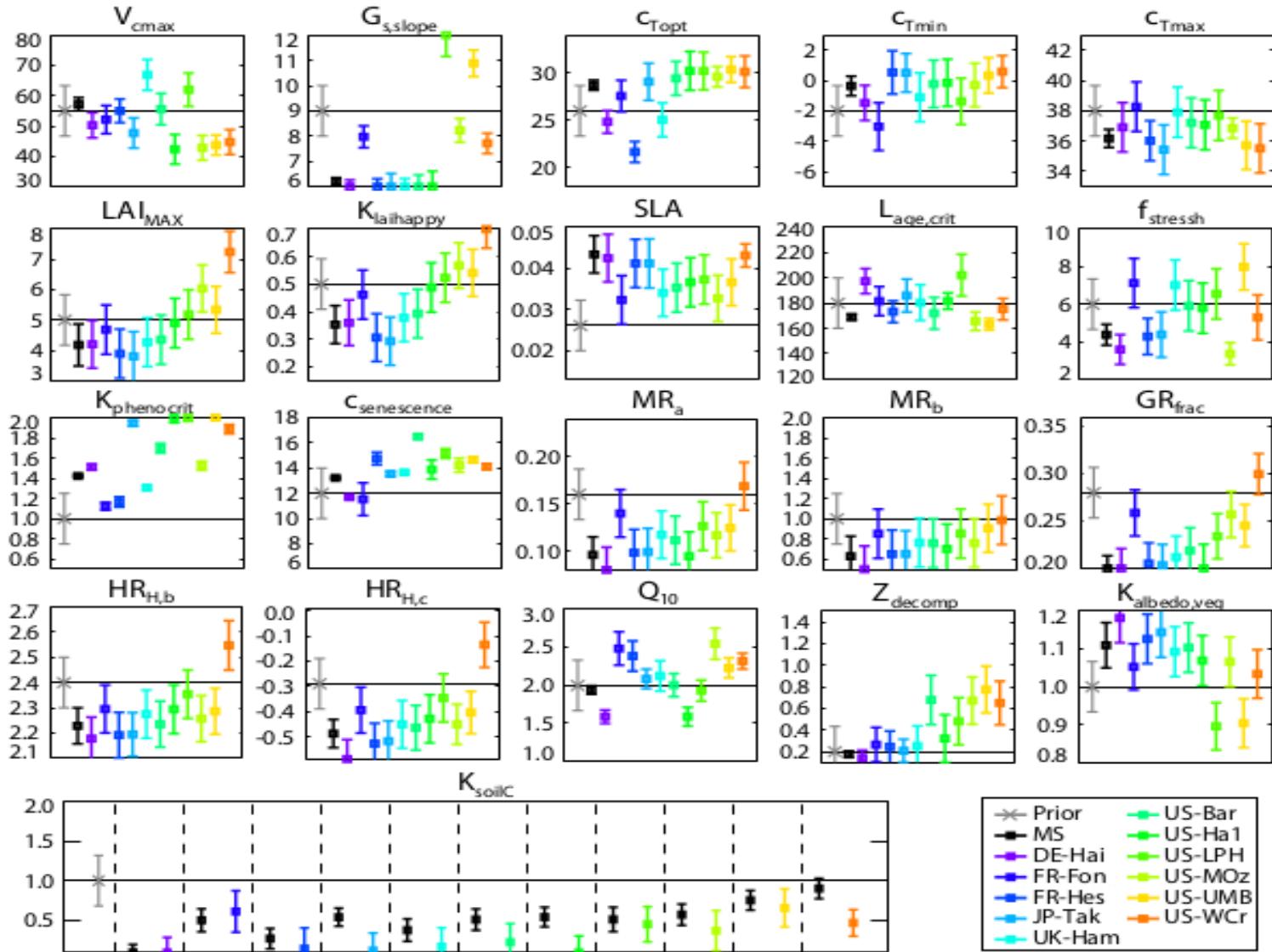
Latent heat flux (LE)



→ RMSE reduce by
 - 30% for NEE
 - 15 % for LE

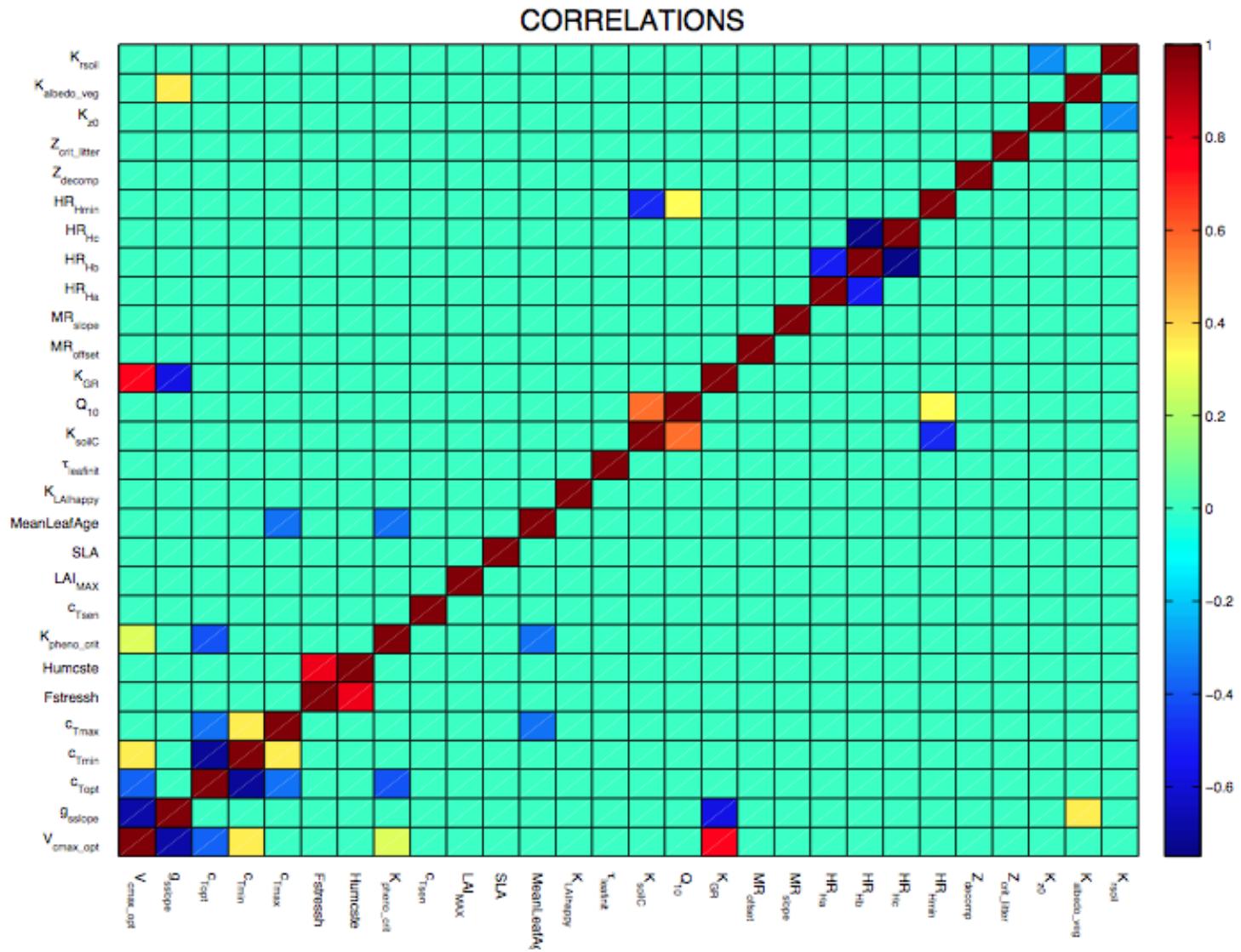
Parameters errors

Black: Multi-site Colors: Single-site

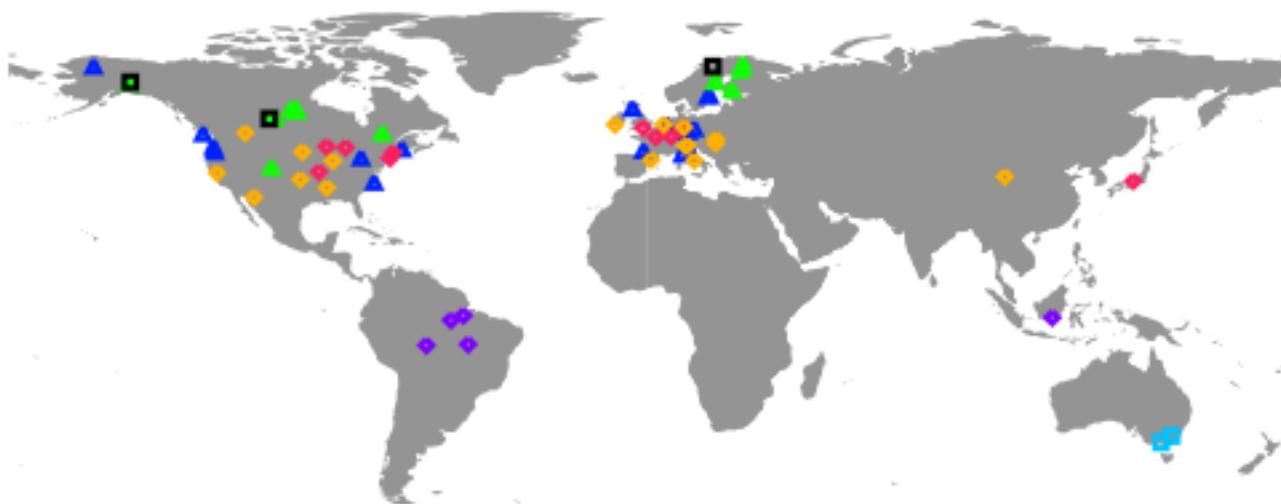




Posterior error covariance matrix



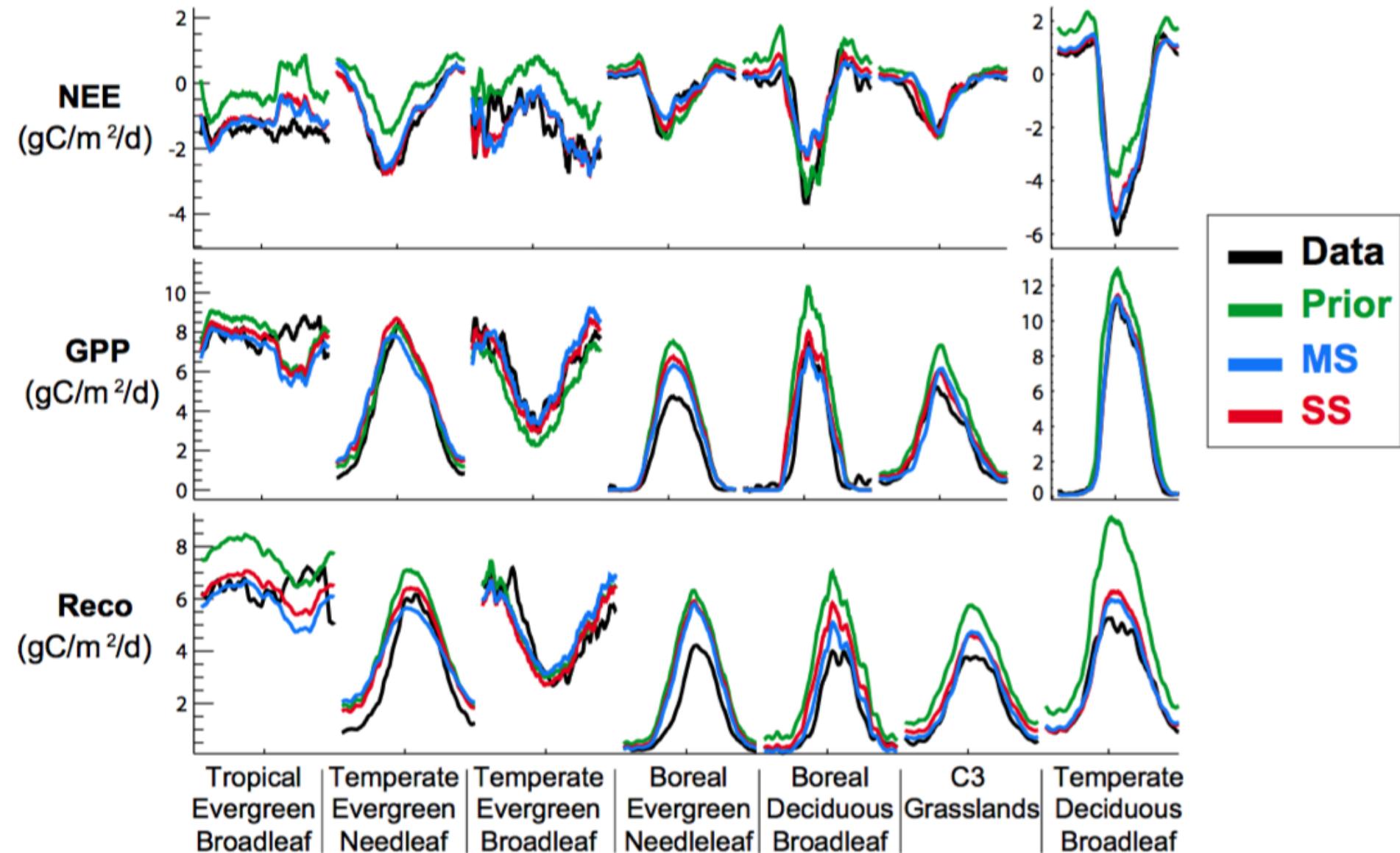
Localisation of all sites used in the Optimization



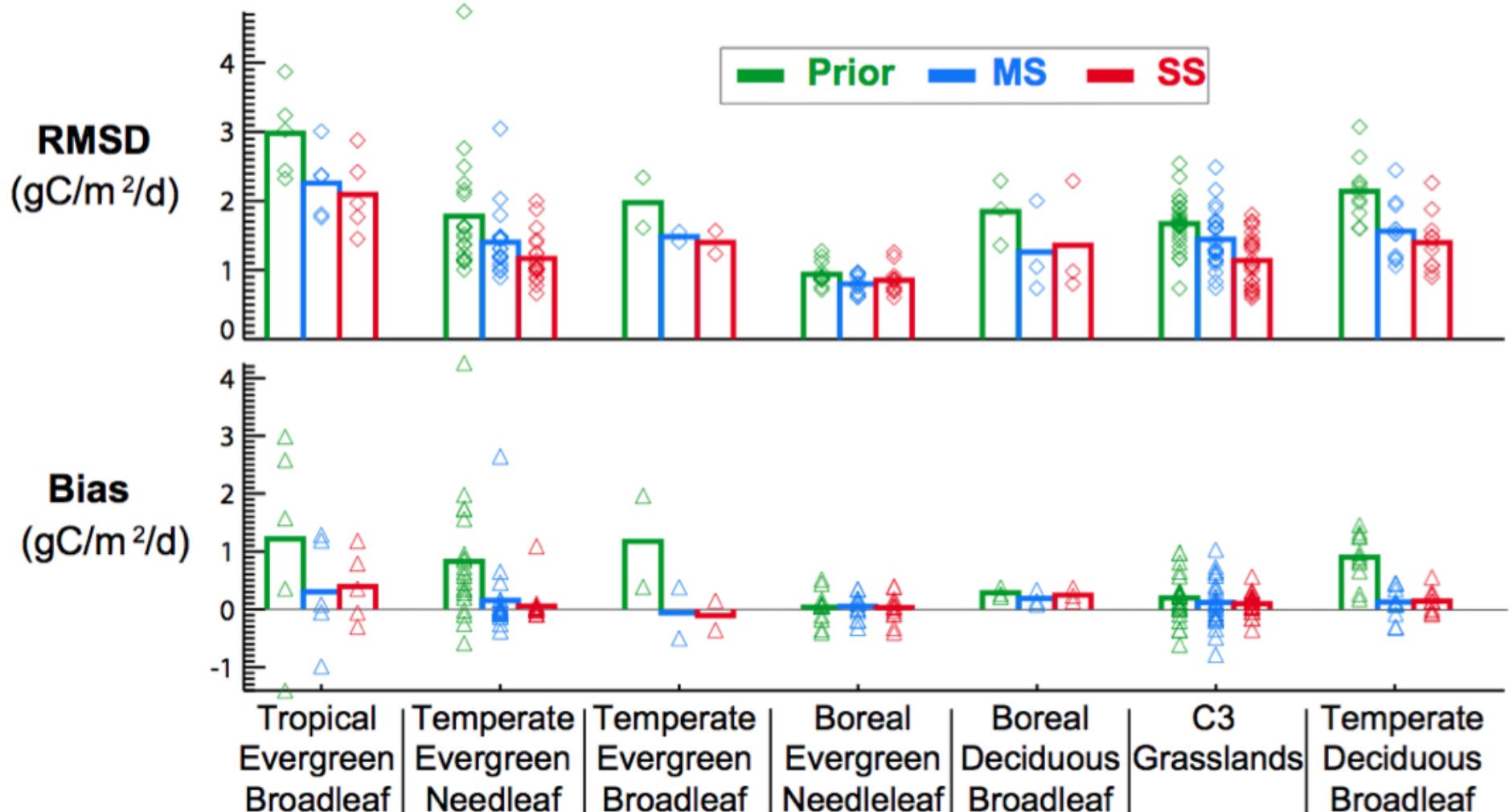
- ◆ Tropical evergreen broadleaf
- ▲ Temperate evergreen needleleaf
- Temperate evergreen broadleaf
- ◆ Temperate deciduous broadleaf
- ▲ Boreal evergreen needleleaf
- Boreal deciduous broadleaf
- ◆ C3 grasslands

- ➔ Between 60 and 80 sites depending on the tests
- ➔ NEE & LE : Correction for the Energy budget

Results for all Plant Functional Types...

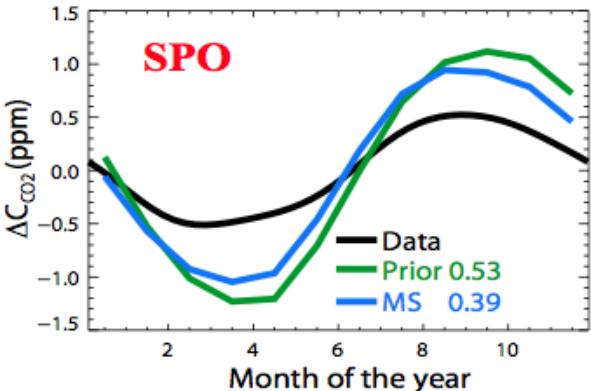
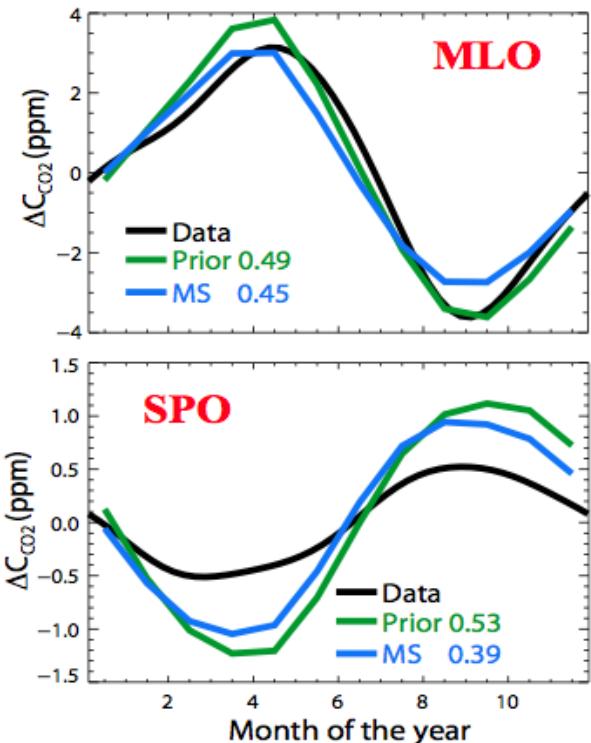
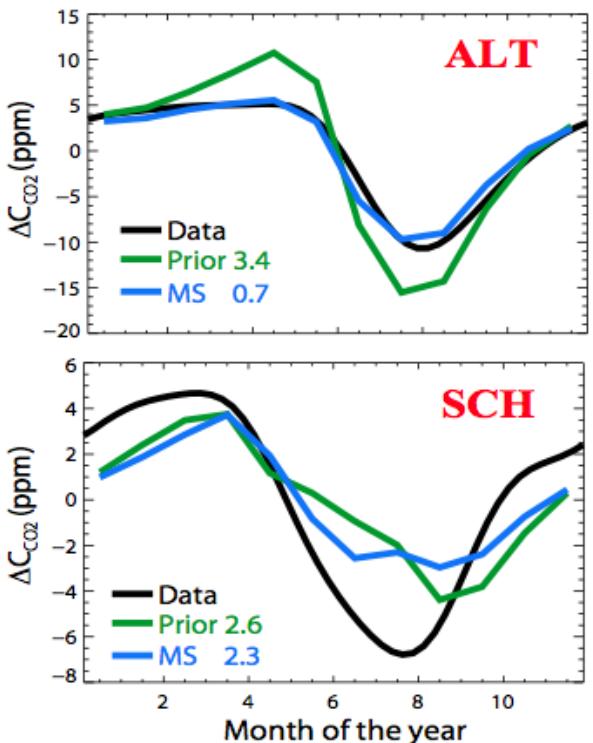
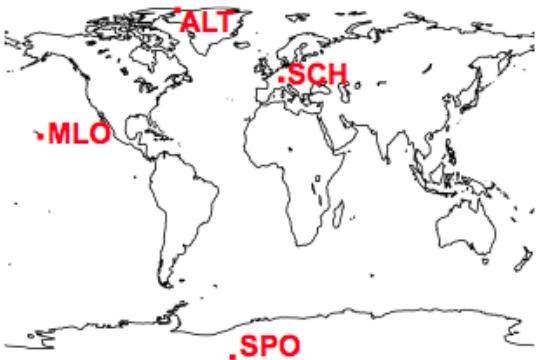
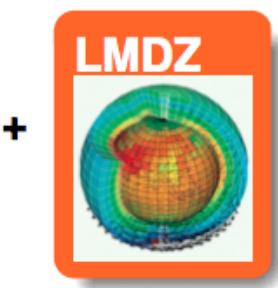


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Evaluation against atmospheric CO₂

Mean seasonal cycle at ground-based observatories (1989-2009)



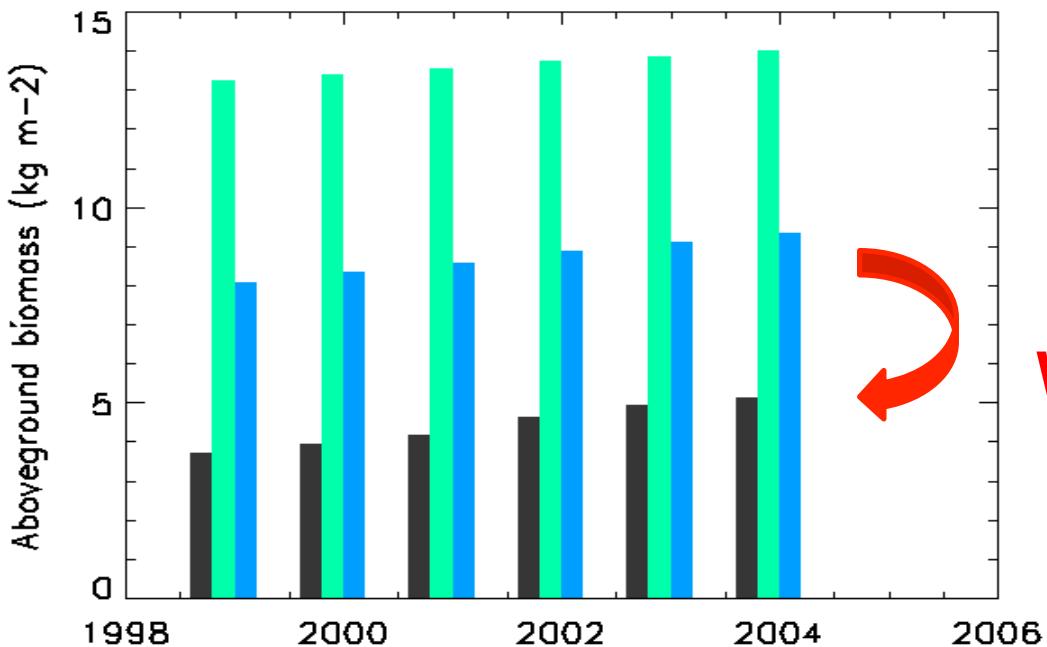
- Major improvement from NH boreal ecosystems' fluxes
- Need for more constraints elsewhere ?

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Assimilation of Biomass measurements (ex: Site level ; Beech Forest ; France)

Above ground biomass (Hesse site) : Prior model output



Wrong input
and / or
Wrong mortality

Measurement
Model: Steady state
Model: Realistic age

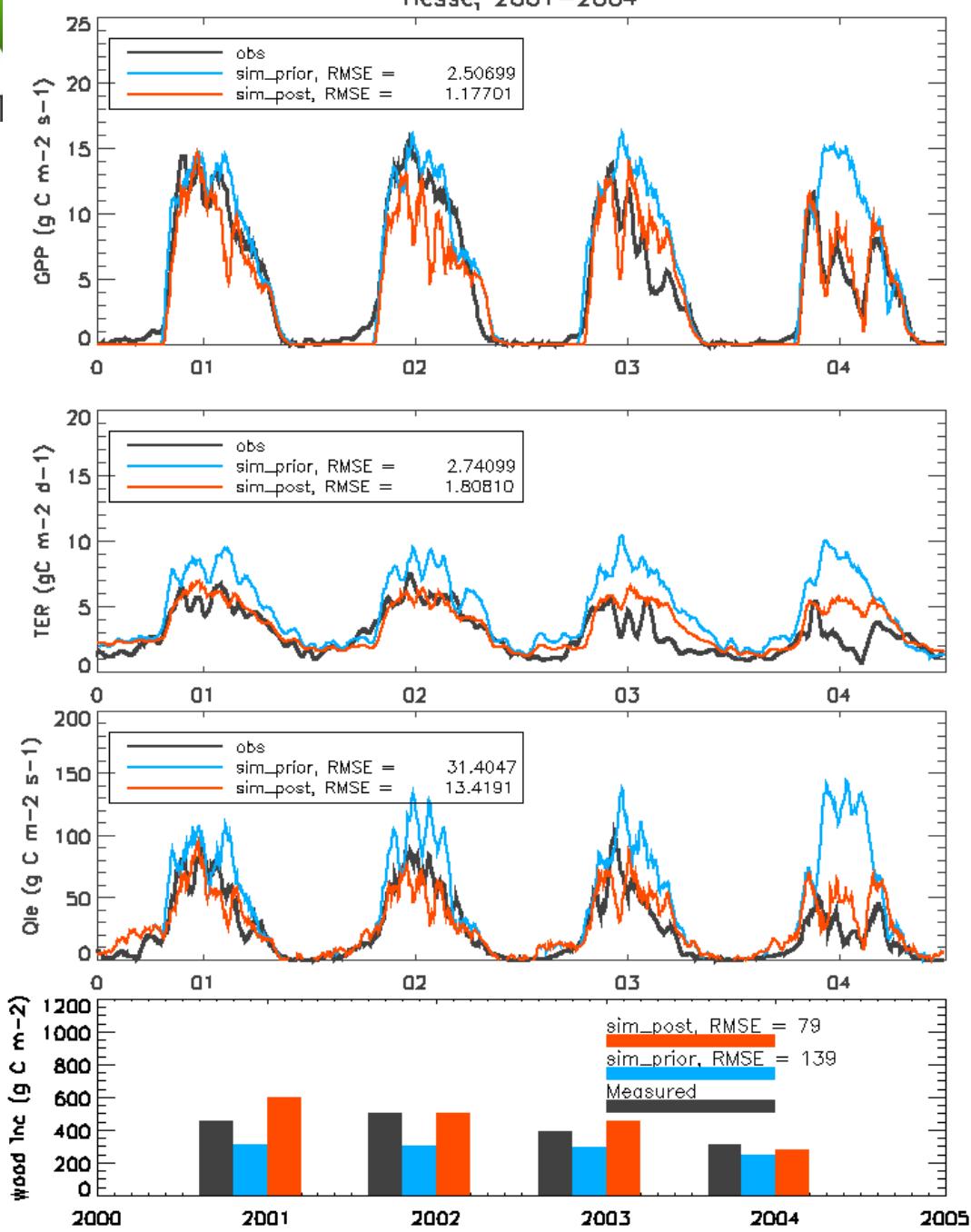
Hesse site: Assimilation of Flux data & Yearly Biomass incr.

(25 flux related params)

Measurement

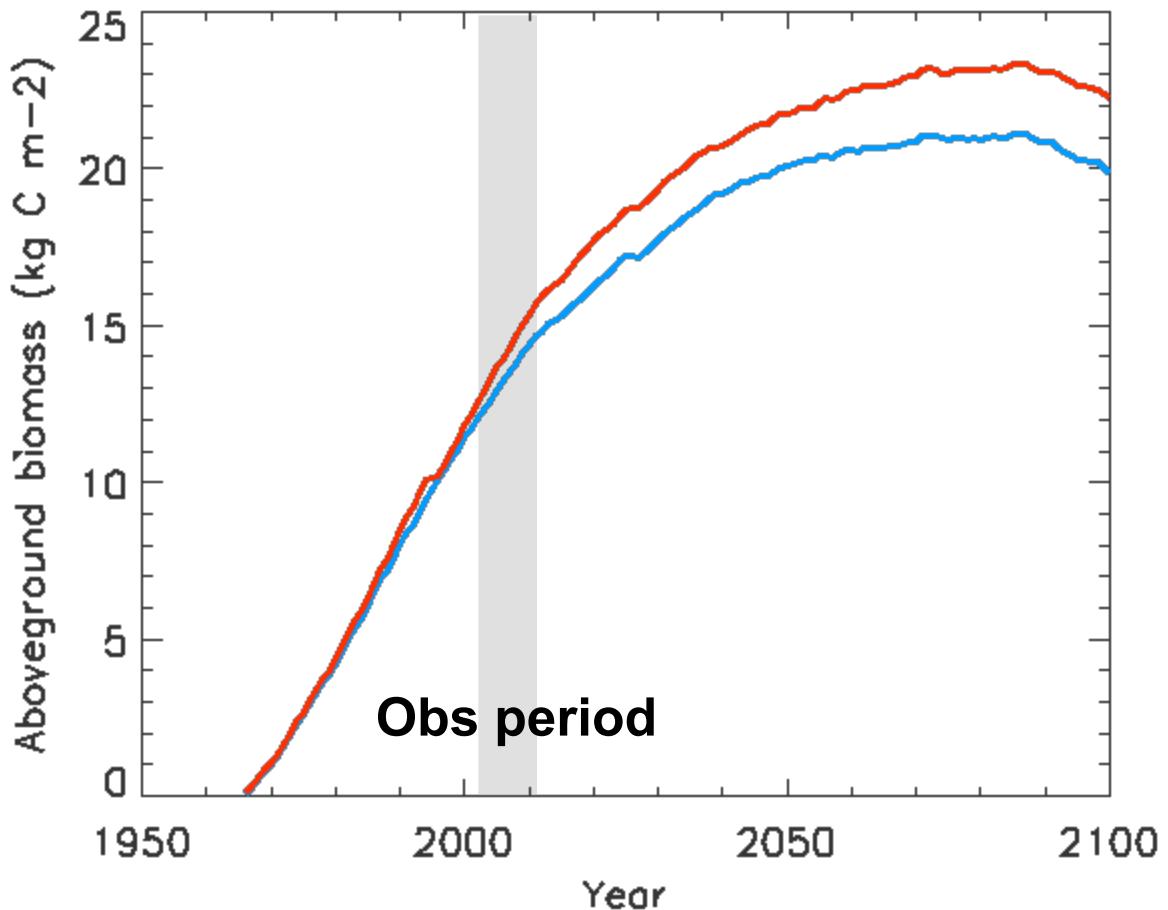
Prior model
 $GPP_{RMSE} = 2.5$
 $TER_{RMSE} = 2.7$
 $Qle_{RMSE} = 31$

Posterior model
 $GPP_{RMSE} = 1.1$
 $TER_{RMSE} = 1.8$
 $Qle_{RMSE} = 13$



Impact on futur run: 1965-2100: aboveground biomass

Above ground biomass (Hesse site)

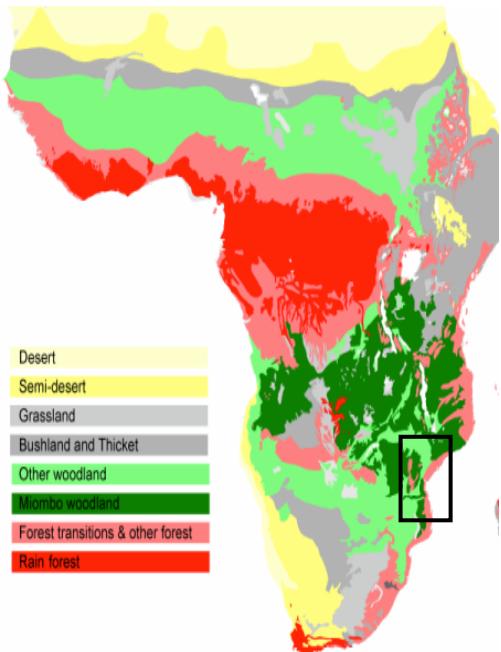


Default
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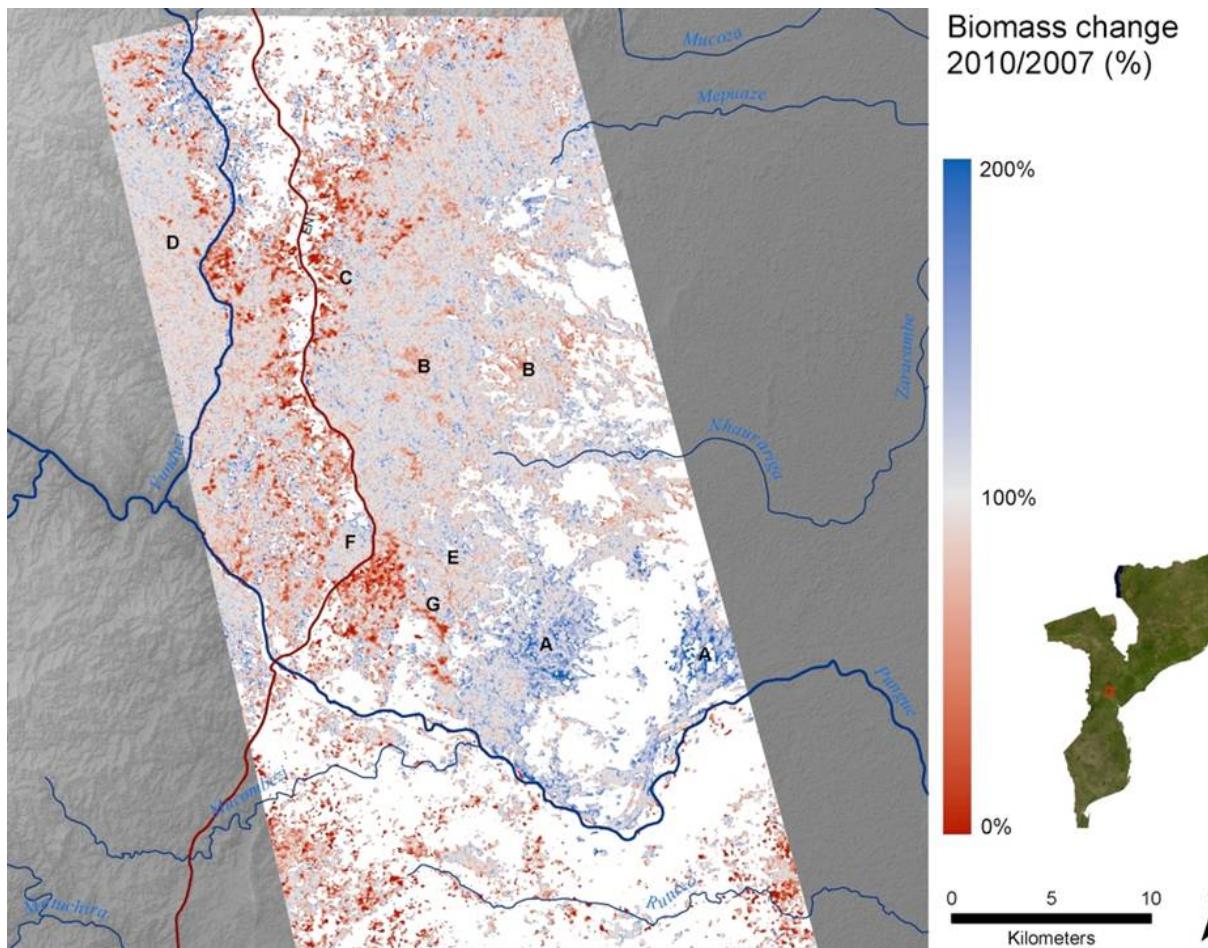
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Using radar retrievals of forest biomass data Over tropical woodlands

Biome demography
is critical for
African woodlands



Biomass change
from 2007 to 2010

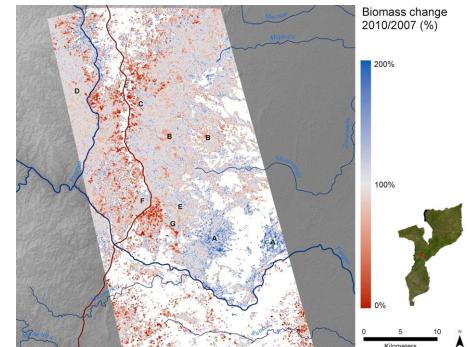


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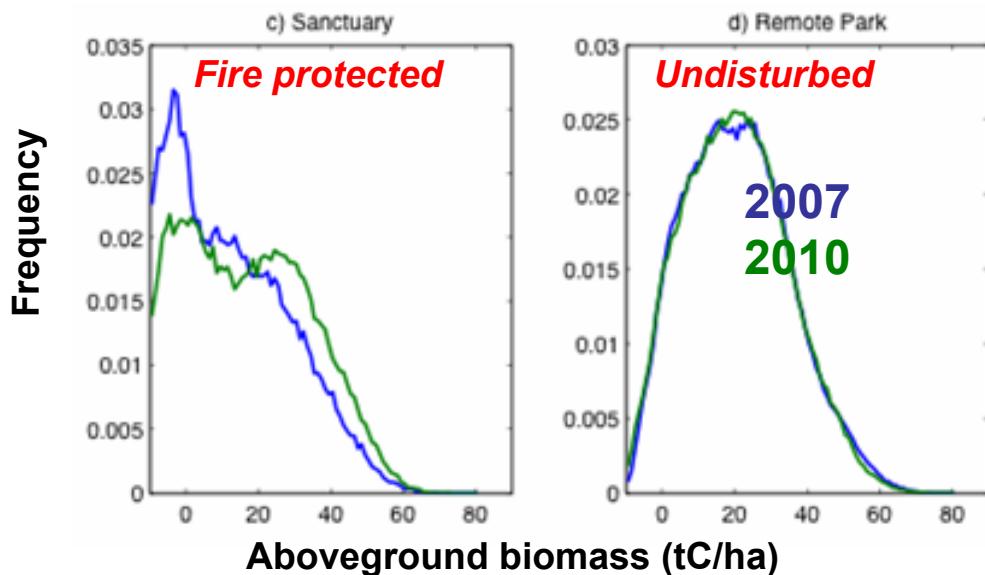
Using radar retrievals of forest biomass data Over tropical woodlands



$$\Delta C_w = a_w \text{NPP} - t_w C_w - P F C_w$$



Biomass change (ΔC_w) is determined by growth (NPP), tree lifespan (t_w) and by the **probability (P) and intensity (F) of disturbance**



→ Assimilation scheme
to determine parameters
 P and F

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Mathew Williams et al.

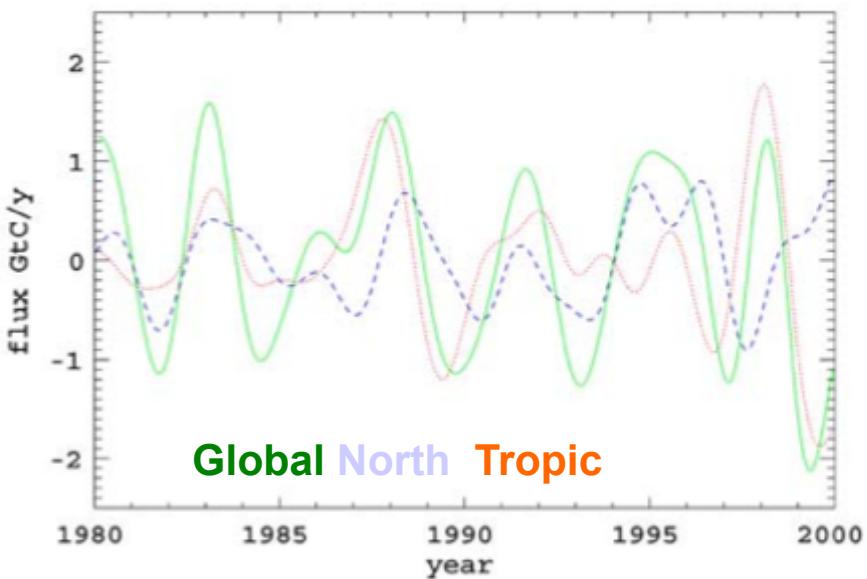
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First CCDAS with Atmospheric CO₂ : Rayner et al. 2005

- Optimizing 57 parameters of BETHY
- Using TM2 transport model with 41 stations

Flux IAV North / Tropic partition



Flux IAV NPP / Resp partition

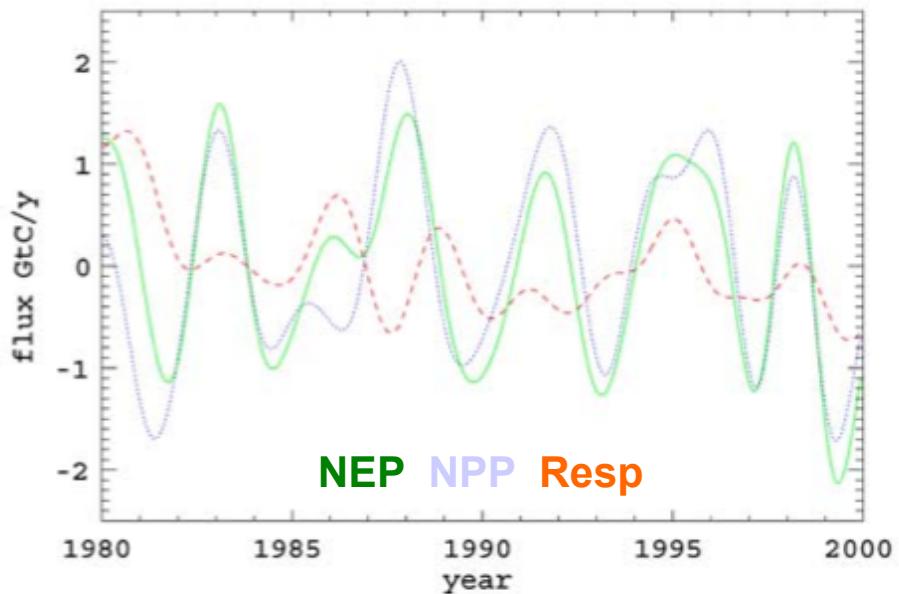


Figure 11. Global (solid line), tropical (20°S – 20°N) (dotted line), and northern extratropical (20°N – 90°N) (dashed line) anomalies in flux to the atmosphere from the optimized model.

Figure 12. Global anomalies in negative NEP (solid line), negative NPP (dotted line), and fast respiration (dashed line) on interannual timescales. See text for details of time filtering.

MODIS
NDVI

FluNet
NEE / LE

Atmospheric
CO₂

4 phenology
params
per PFTs

4 + (\approx 15) \approx 20
params per PFTs
(photosynthesis,
respiration)

Initial soil C = 50 params
+ 3 params per PFTs
(from previous set)

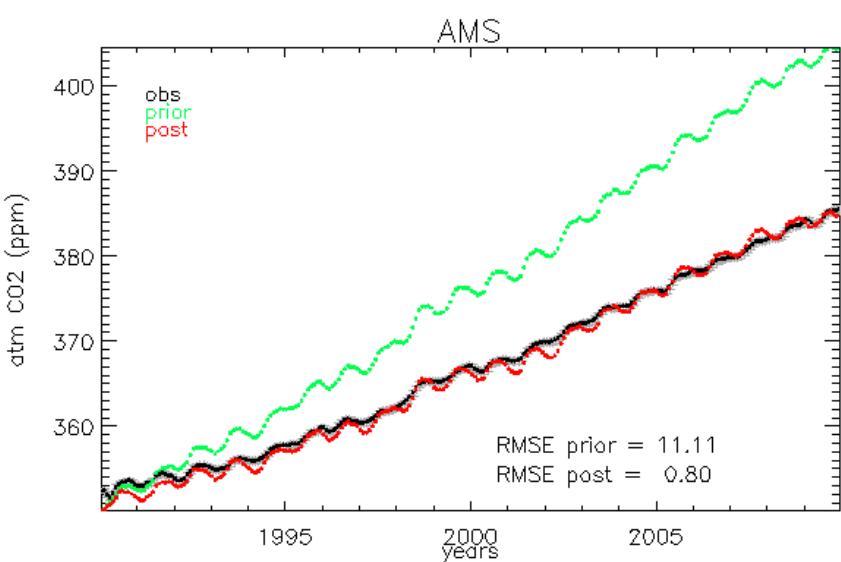
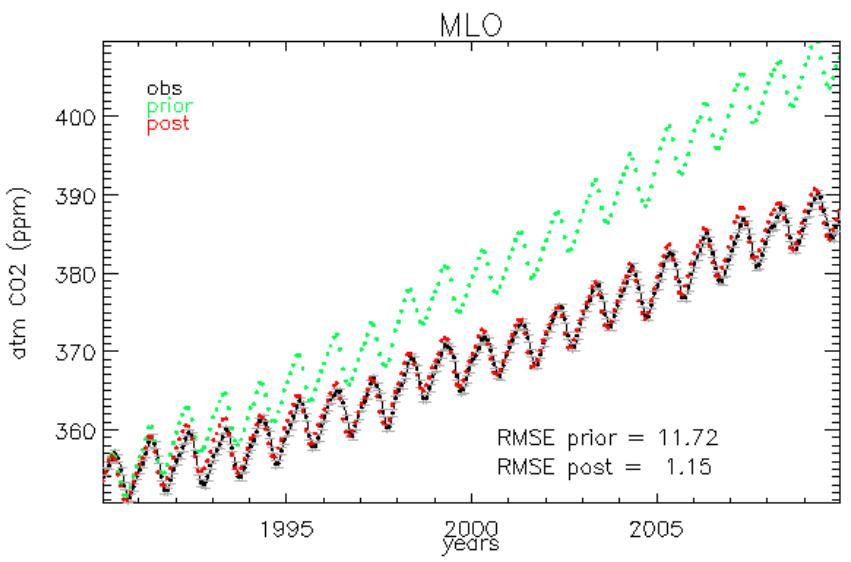
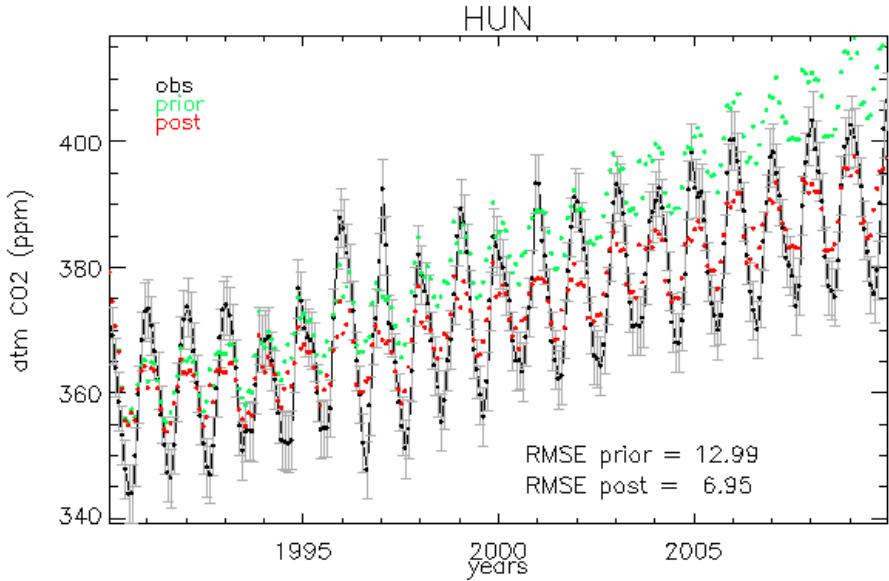
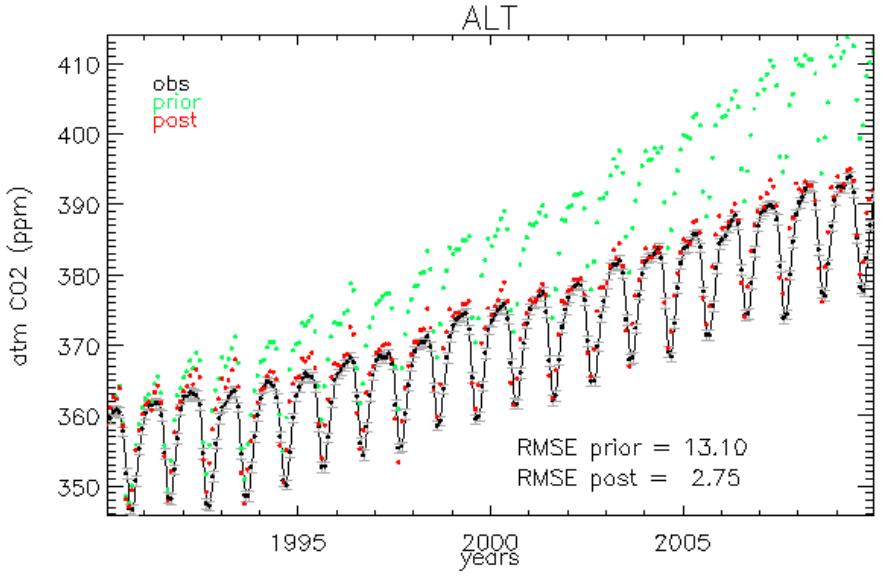
40 params

\approx 100 params

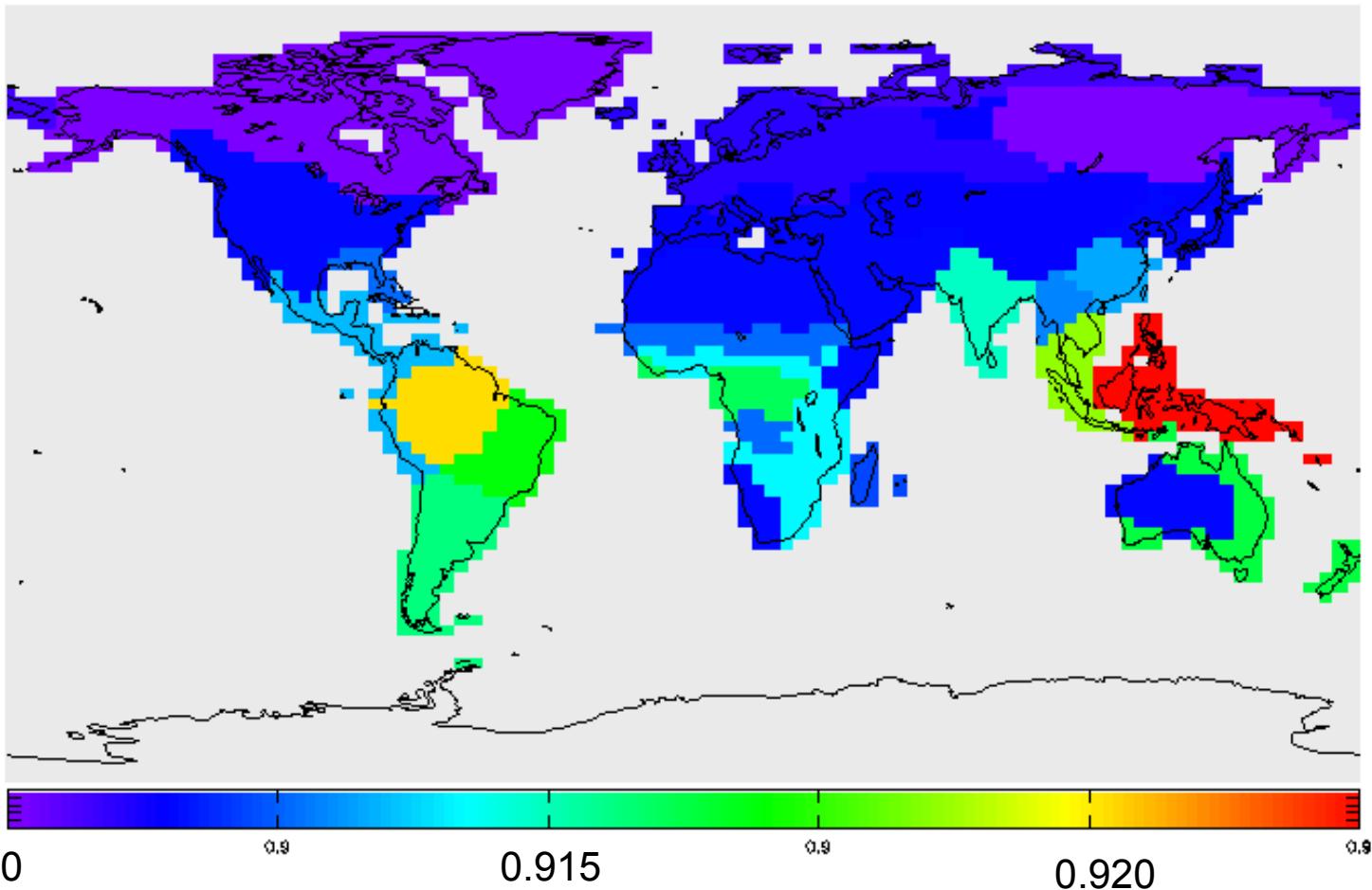
\approx 80 params



LSCE-CCDAS : Fit to the data

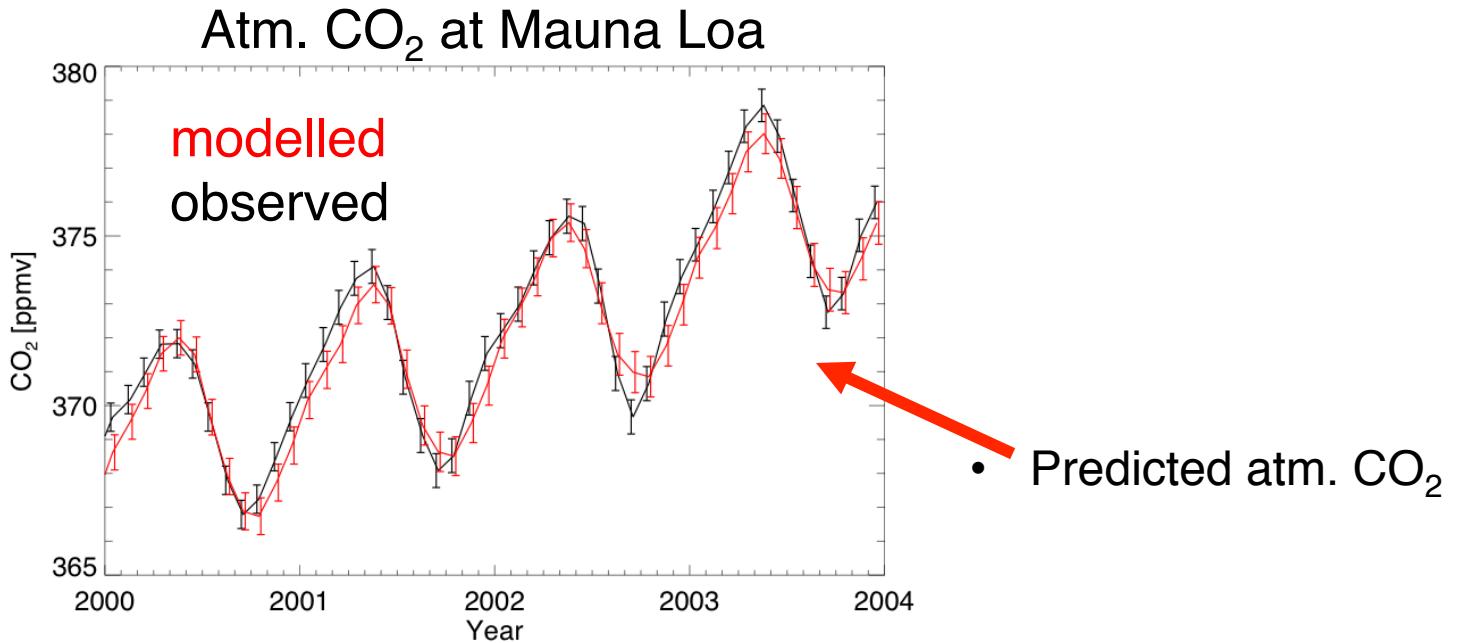


Optimized « scalar » of initial soil carbon pools sizes...

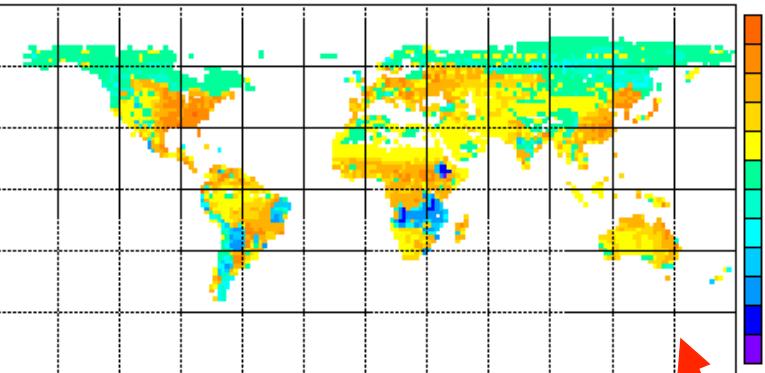
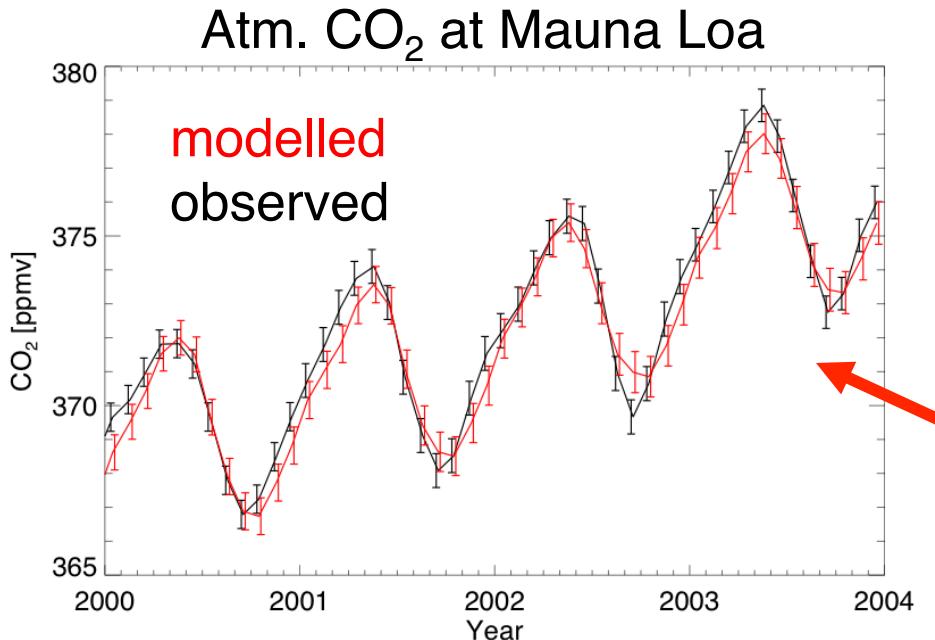


- Very few emerging studies...
- Results with BETHY ecosystem model
 - + TM2 transport model
 - ✓ Assimilation of Atm CO₂ and satellite fAPAR
(Scholze *et al.* 2007)
- Preliminary results with ORCHIDEE + LMDz
 - ✓ MODIS-NDVI + FluxNET + Atm CO₂
 - ✓ 3 years

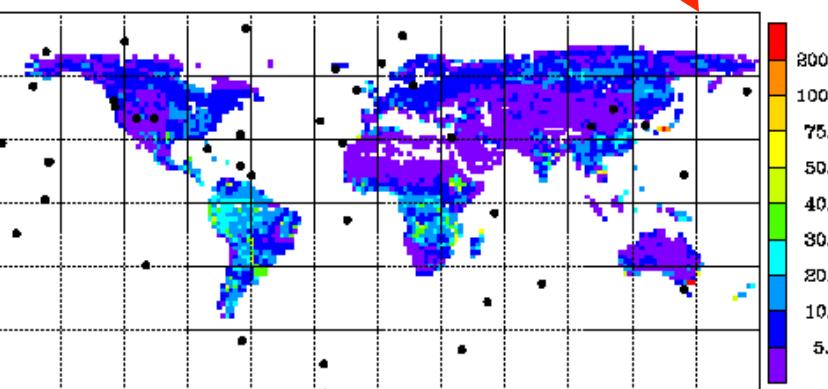
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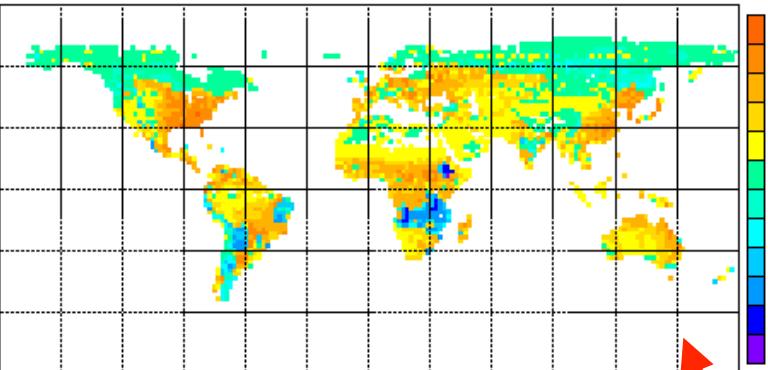
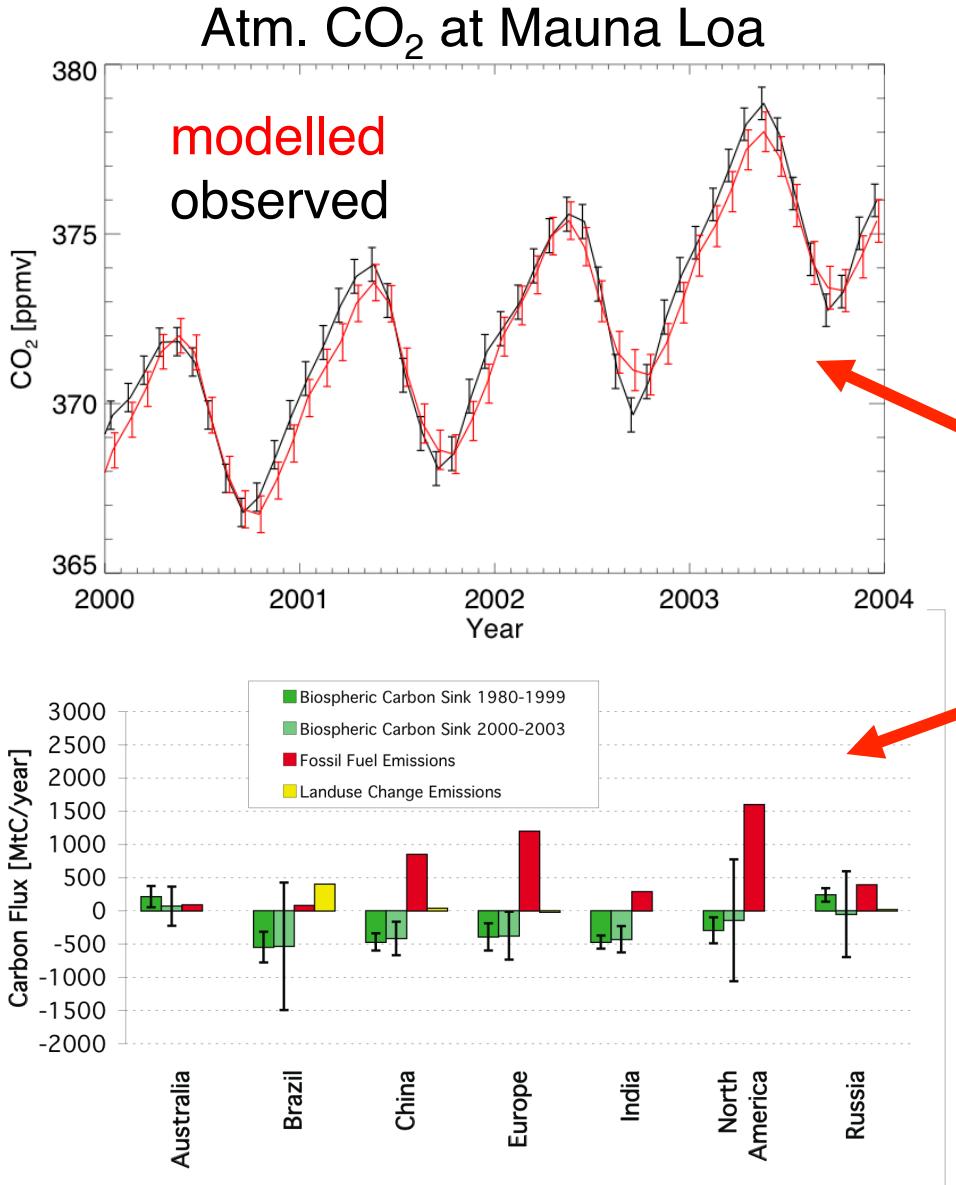
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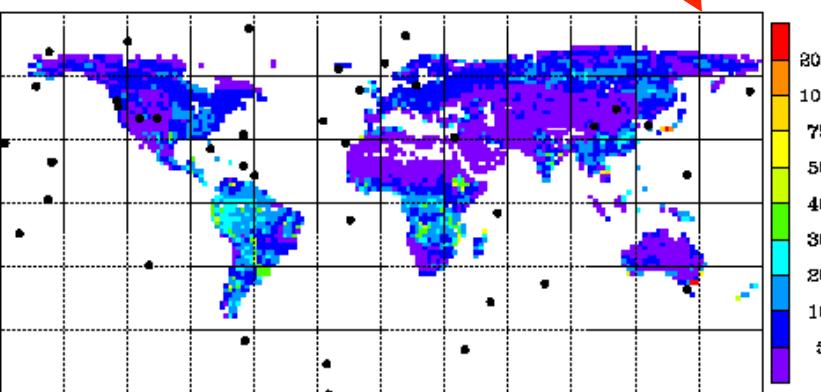
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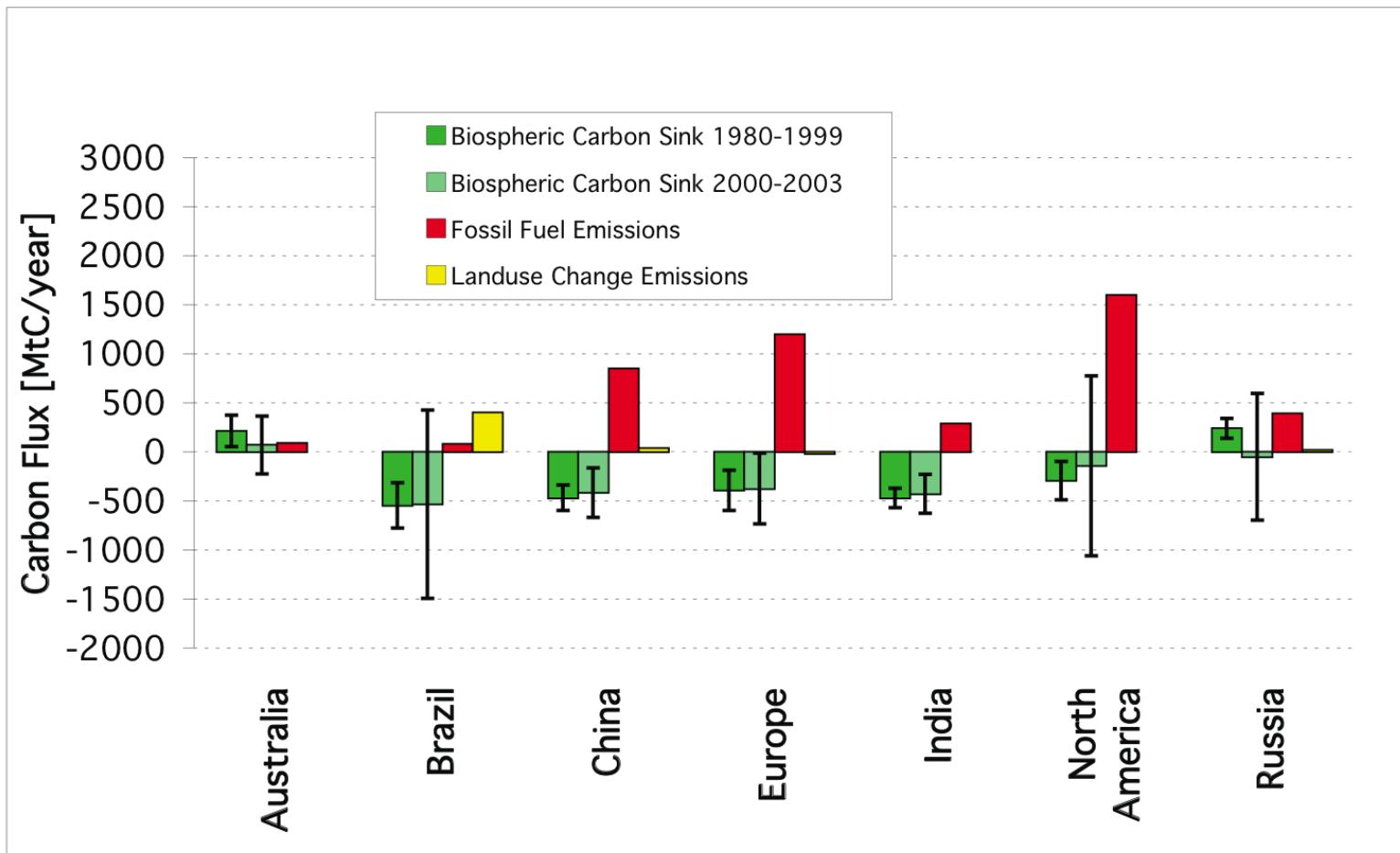


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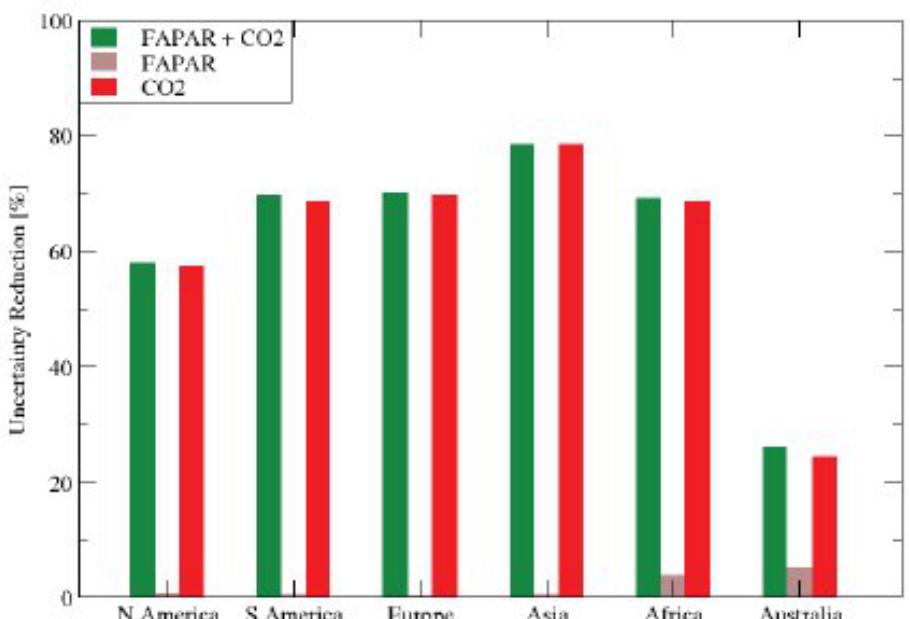
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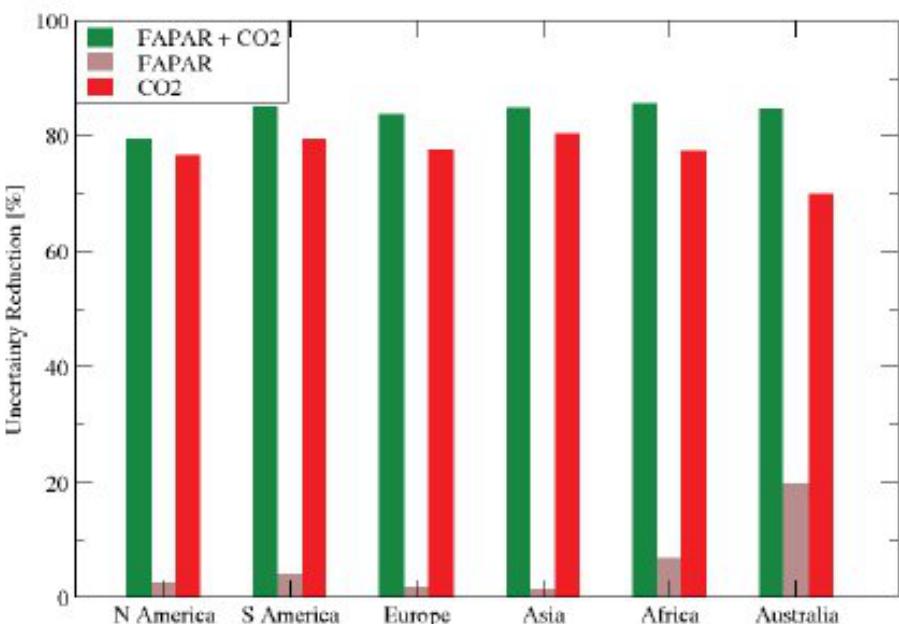


Benefit per data stream: Carbon Cycle

Regional NEP



Regional NPP



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Summary: Potential of a CCDAS..

- Promizing approach to account for multi-data streams
- Helps to identify model deficiencies !
- Relative Error characterization bw data stream becomes crucial for a proper assimilation
- Anticipated data streams to become crucial:
 - soil-C observations...
 - data from Ecosystem Manipulative Experiments
- Ongoing large community effort :
 - GeoCarbon EU-project (5 land CCDAS)
 - Existing inter-comparison of Model-Data fusion exercise

Limitations of a CCDAS...

- Strongly rely on a given model structure
- Missing processes in the ecosystem model might lead to
 - Wrong parameter estimates
 - Poor model predictability (Strong biases)
- Non-linearities might complicate the parameter optimization
- Need to :
 - keep independent data for model output validation
 - Keep classical Atmospheric inversion

CCDAS error assessment

➤ Estimation of the parameter errors

$$P_b' = \left[H^t \cdot R^{-1} \cdot H + P_b^{-1} \right]^{-1}$$

P_b – prior parameter error P_b' – posterior parameter error

R – prior flux error R' – posterior flux error

H – Jacobian matrix

➤ Propagation of parameter- errors on fluxes

$$R' = H \cdot P_b' \cdot H^t$$

➤ Evaluation against other products

Evaluation of Model error: Rationale

$$J(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \left[\underbrace{(\mathbf{y} - H(\mathbf{x}))^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - H(\mathbf{x}))}_{\text{observations}} + \underbrace{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b)^T \mathbf{B}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_b)}_{\text{parameters}} \right]$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{R}}_{\text{observation error}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_{\text{meas}}}_{\text{measurement error}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{R}_{\text{model}}}_{\text{inadequate/missing model equations}}$$

- \mathbf{R}_{meas} from experimentalists
- $\mathbf{R}_{\text{model}}$?

Evaluation of Model error: Principle

Notations

H : Observation operator (model)

\mathbf{x} : State vector

\mathbf{y} : Vector of observation data

\mathbf{H} : Linearized H

\mathbf{x}_b : Background state (prior parameters)

$\mathbf{d}_o^b = \mathbf{y} - H(\mathbf{x}_b)$: Prior residuals

Diagnostics in observation space

$$\underbrace{E \left[\mathbf{d}_o^b \left(\mathbf{d}_o^b \right)^T \right]}_{\text{Cross-product of prior residuals}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{H} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T}_{\text{Background error}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{R}}_{\text{Observation error}}$$

(Desroziers et al., 2005)

Daily NEE : diagnosis set-up

Temperate deciduous broadleaf forest sites



Prescribed background error

- Diagonal \mathbf{B}
- $\sigma_b = f(\min_{par}, \max_{par})$

Hypothesis

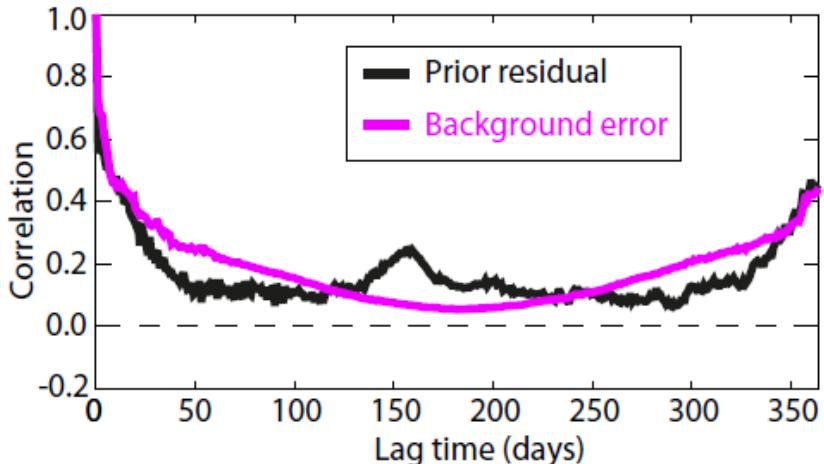
Errors stationary in time

Parameters

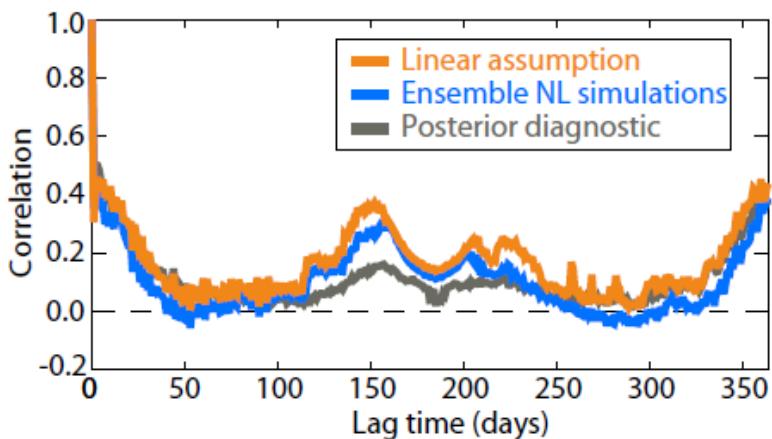
$V_{cmax,opt}$, $C_T,min/opt,max$,
 $L_{age,crit}$, $f_{stressh}$
 $G_{s,slope}$
 LAI_{MAX} , SLA
 $K_{lai,alloc}$
 $K_{phenocrit}$, C_{senes}
 Hum_{cste} , Dpu_{cste}
 MR_a , MR_b , GR_{frac}
 K_{soilC} , Q_{10} , HR_a , HR_b ,
 HR_c , HR_{min} , Z_{decomp}
 $K_{albedo,veg}$, $Z_0_{overheight}$

Temporal error structure

$$E \left[\mathbf{d}_o^b (\mathbf{d}_o^b)^T \right] \text{ and } \mathbf{H} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T$$



$$\mathbf{R} = E \left[\mathbf{d}_o^b (\mathbf{d}_o^b)^T \right] - \mathbf{H} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{H}^T$$



Median prior residuals

- SD = $2.1 \text{ gC.m}^{-2}.\text{d}^{-1}$
- Seasonal structure
- Bump due to overestimated GSL ?

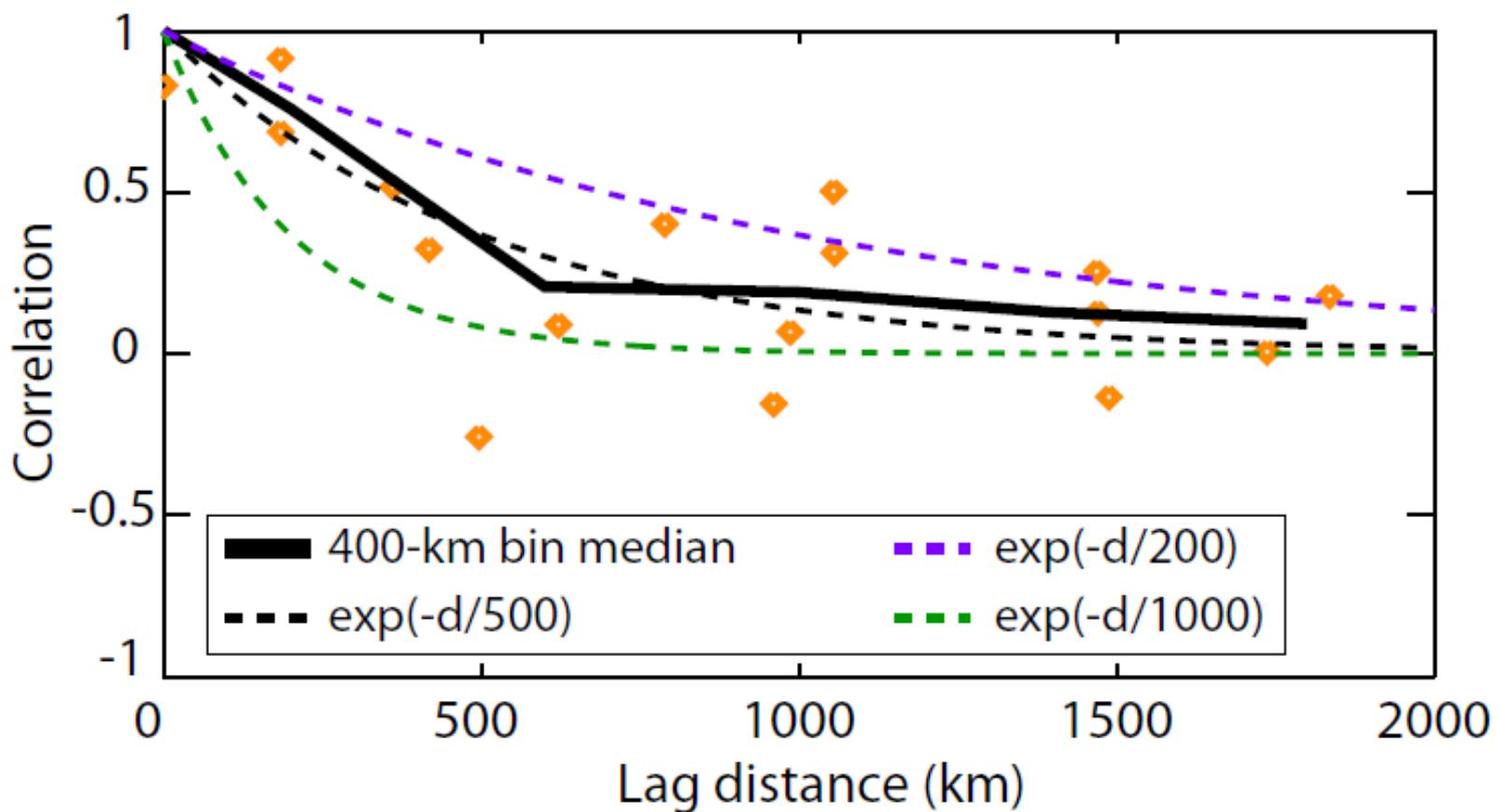
Median background error

- SD = $1.3 \text{ gC.m}^{-2}.\text{d}^{-1}$
- Smooth seasonal structure

Median observation error

- SD = $1.7 \text{ gC.m}^{-2}.\text{d}^{-1}$
- Rapid decrease after 1 day
- Robust without linearity near \mathbf{x}_b
- Consistent with posterior diagnostics

Spatial structure of R



- Nearly exponential median decay
- e-folding length of ~ 500 km

The model error

$$\mathbf{R}_{\text{model}} = \mathbf{R} - \mathbf{R}_{\text{meas}}$$

\mathbf{R}_{meas} {

- $0.2 \leq \sigma_{\text{meas}} \leq 0.8 \text{ gC.m}^2.\text{d}^{-1}$ (Richardson et al., 2008)
- No significant spatial error structure
- Negligible daily error autocorrelation (Lasslop et al., 2008)

$\Rightarrow \mathbf{R}_{\text{model}}$ {

- $\sigma_{\text{model}} \approx 1.6 \text{ gC.m}^2.\text{d}^{-1}$
- similar to \mathbf{R} in structure

NEE error budget in other ecosystems

	Observation error (measure + model Structure)	Prior-parameter error
Tropical EBF	2.78	1.23
Temperate ENF	1.28	0.81
Temperate EBF	1.45	1.39
Temperate DBF	1.65	1.42
Boreal ENF	0.70	0.61
Boreal DBF	1.35	1.17
C3 grasslands	1.36	1.01

For daily averaged fluxes (gC/m²/d)