


# Success and Failures with Implementing Biophysical Modeling to Upscale Carbon and Water Fluxes to the Global Scale



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A photograph of a man with glasses and a blue shirt, wearing a backpack with a large metal canister, examining a pine branch in a forest. The man is looking intently at the branch he is holding. The background is a dense forest of green trees.

“We were rich in theory in the old days, with limitations on technology. Today I fear the situation may be reversed. Lots of good measurements **without** sometimes much theoretical basis for interpretation.”

-personal communication, Richard Waring-

Photo (taken 1974) from Bob Logan





**Fig. 4.** John Norman (right) making “simultaneous” measurements of stomatal conductance and photosynthesis, using a Delta T porometer, and a home-made chamber with syringes.

**Welles and Anderson 2009 AFM**

Where we are?

# **0. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND OF BIOPHYSICAL MODELING**

# IBP Workshop at Trebon 1969

- Before the Cold War
- Scientists across continents joined
- From giants (e.g. Hendrick deWit) to junior faculty (e.g John Monteith, Paul Jarvis, Hal Mooney)



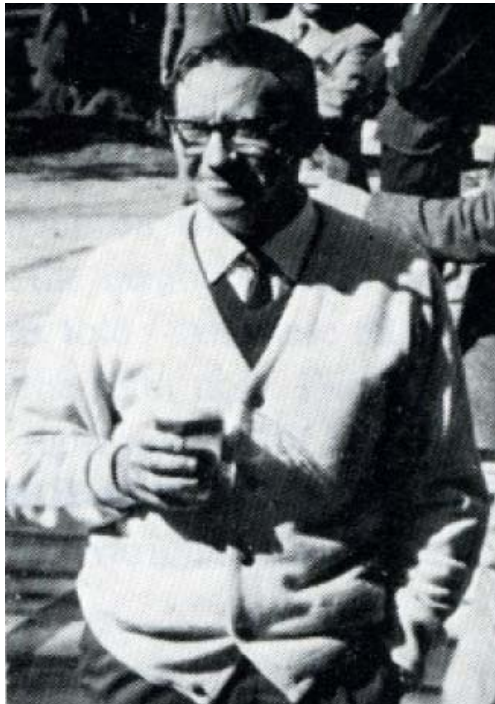


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CT deWit



John Monteith



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Paul Jarvis



Joe Landsberg



Olle Björkman

Photos: IBP Proceedings, 1969

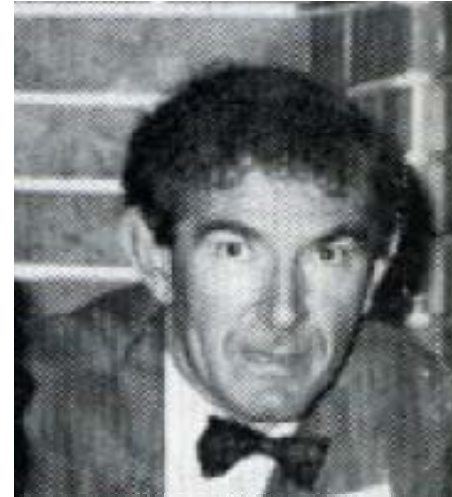
Identified by Drs Jarvis, Waring, Nilson, Norman, Baldocchi



Margaret Anderson



Z Uchijima



Lloyd Evans  
(father of John Evans at CSIRO)



Harold Mooney



Ed Lemon



Masami Monsi  
(Monsi and Saeki 1953)







# Biophysical model in 1969



deWit CT

“Seven-stage simulation models by means of which eco-systems may be explained on basis of the molecular sciences are *impossible large and detailed and it is naive to pursue their construction*”

# IUFRO meeting at Knoxville, 1986

- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO)
- Organized by Luxmoore, Landsberg and Kaufmann
- Micrometeorologists and forest ecologists met!
- Biophysical model can be tested at ecosystem scale!



Richard Waring

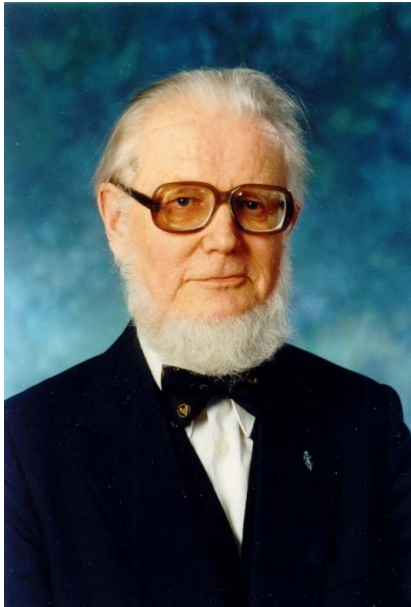
“Paul Jarvis and I probably commented more than we should have, trying to get the physiologists to make better links to atmospheric science”

-personal email-



# Stomata workshop at Penn State U, 1989

- Organized by Toby N Carlson
- **Scale up** of trace gas fluxes from stomata to canopy, landscape and region



Juhan Ross (grand father of canopy radiative transfer study)

# Biophysical model

IBP workshop, Trebon 1969



IUFRO workshop, Knoxville 1986



Stomata workshop, PennSU 1989

# Fluxnet data

Marconi Fluxnet workshop, 2000



LaThuile Fluxnet workshop, 2007

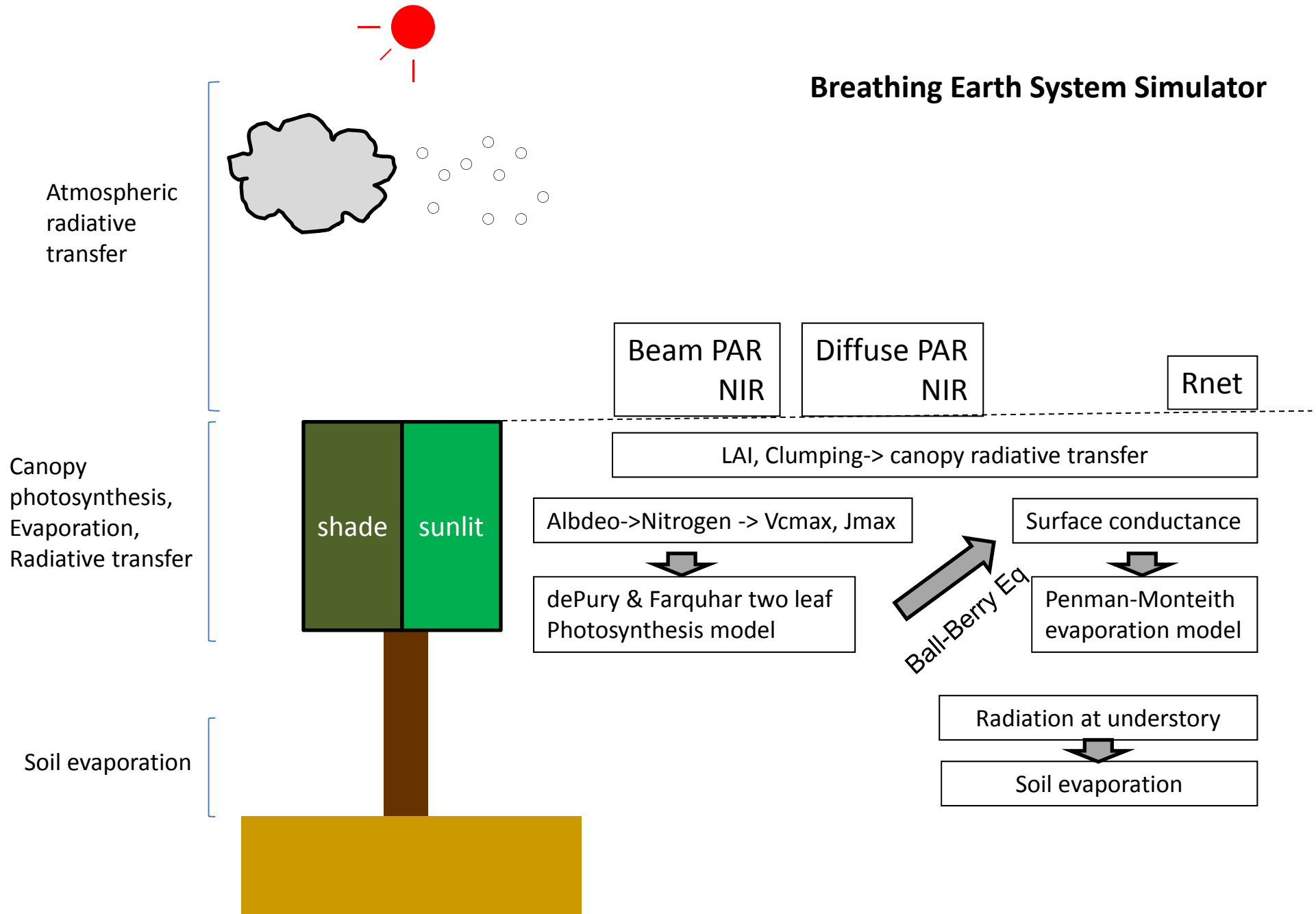


APPROACH

**1. MODEL:  
BREATHING EARTH SYSTEM SIMULATOR  
(BESS)**



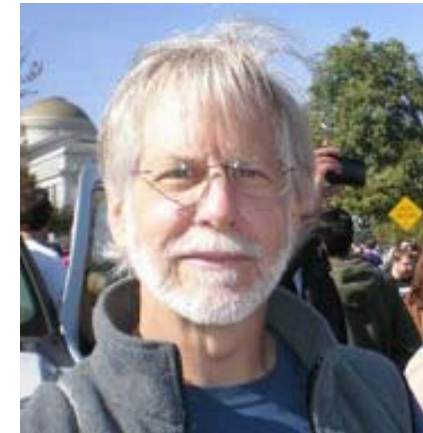
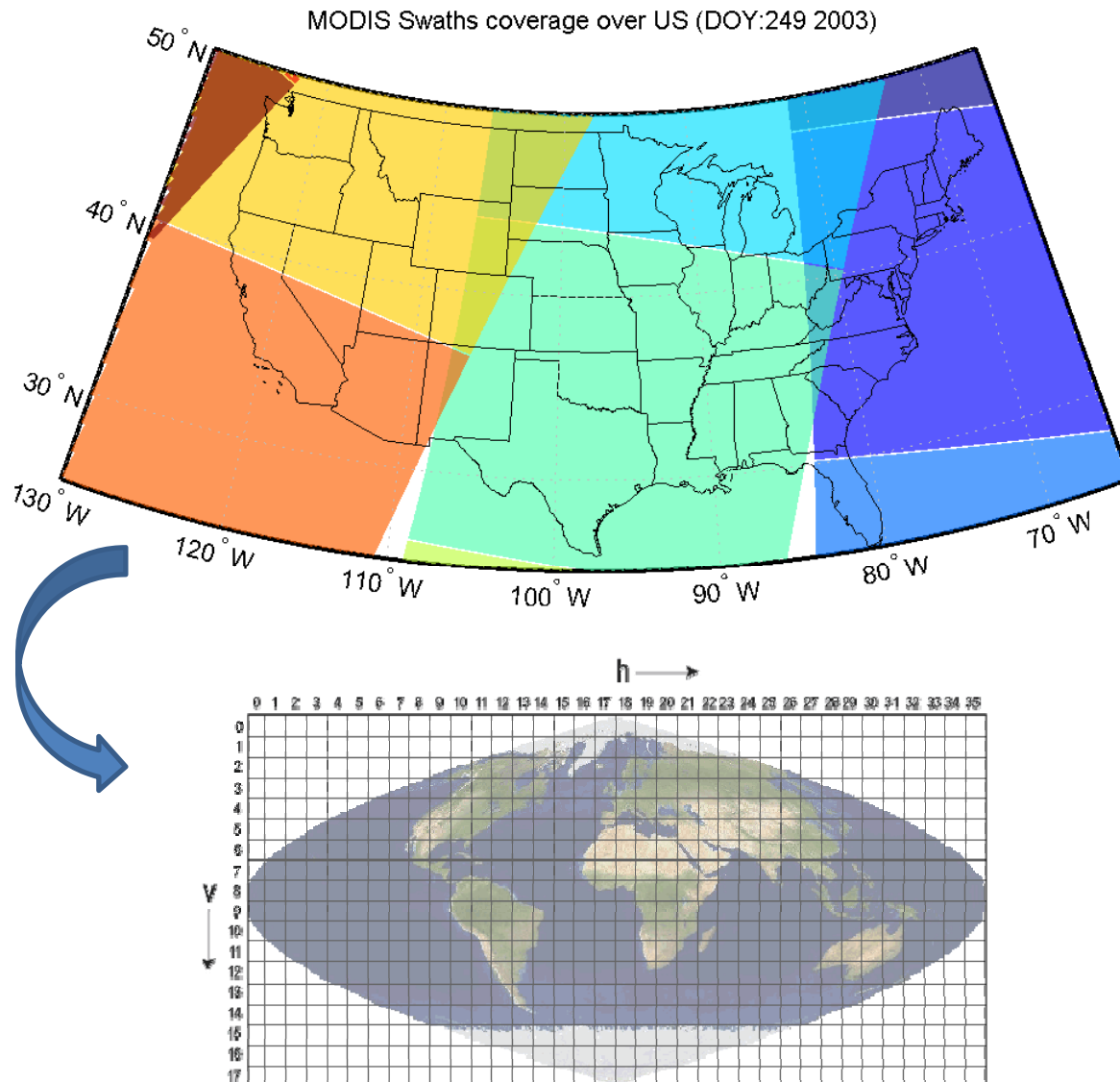
# Breathing Earth System Simulator



# Key point: 1. Atmospheric radiative transfer model at 1 km resolution

- Monte Carlo approach developed by Iwabuchi (2006) and Kobayashi and Iwabuchi (2008)
- Develop LUT
- Forcing data from MODIS atmospheric/land products
- Producing “instantaneous” 1 km radiation fields, for PAR, NIR with beam and diffuse components, under both clear and cloudy skies, at globally.

# Gridding L2 MODIS Atmospheric products



Robert Wolfe

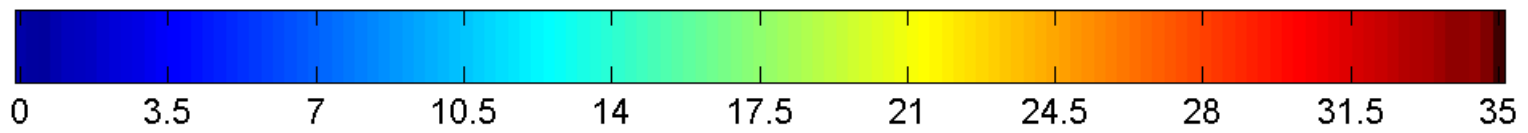
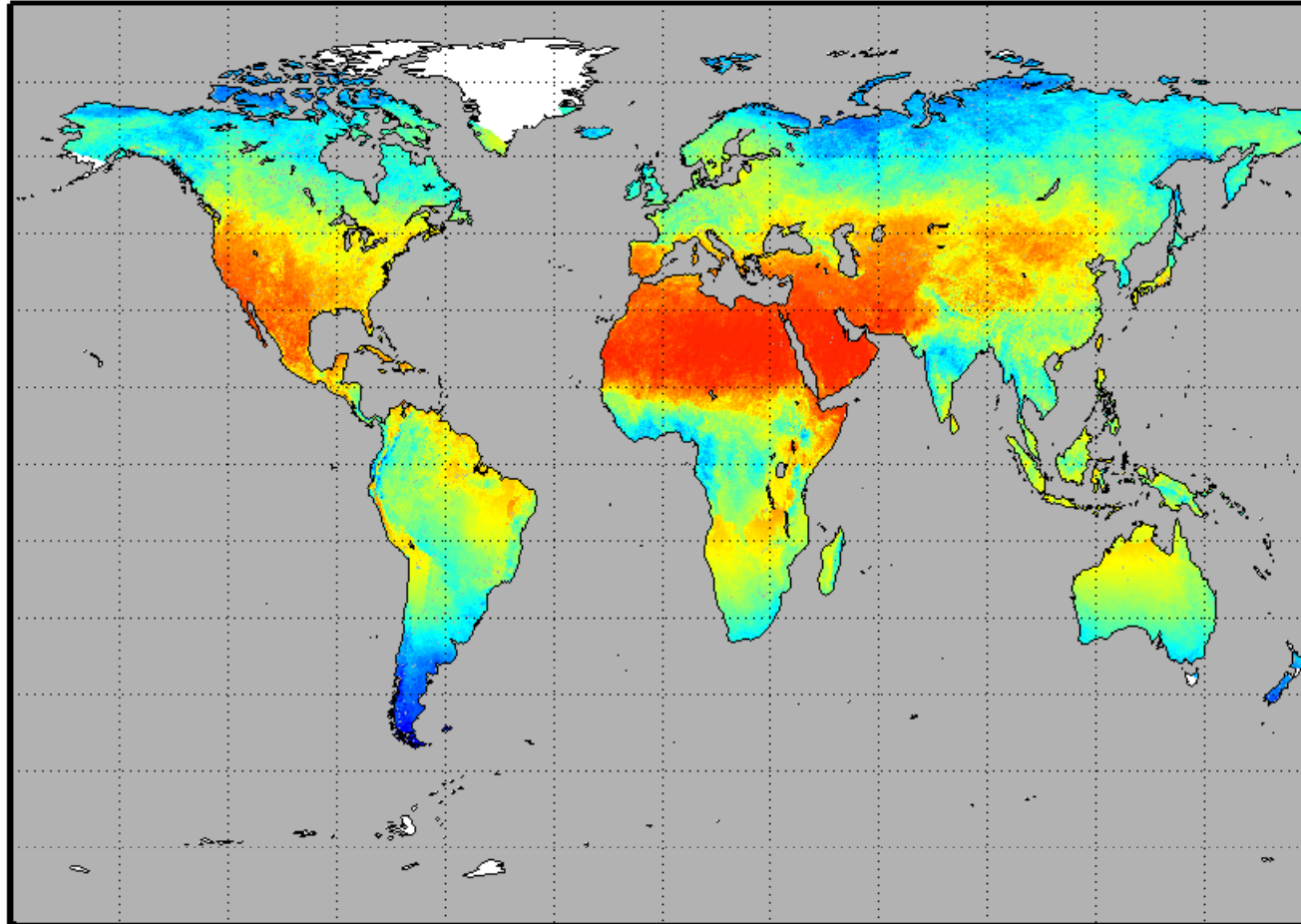


Petr Votava



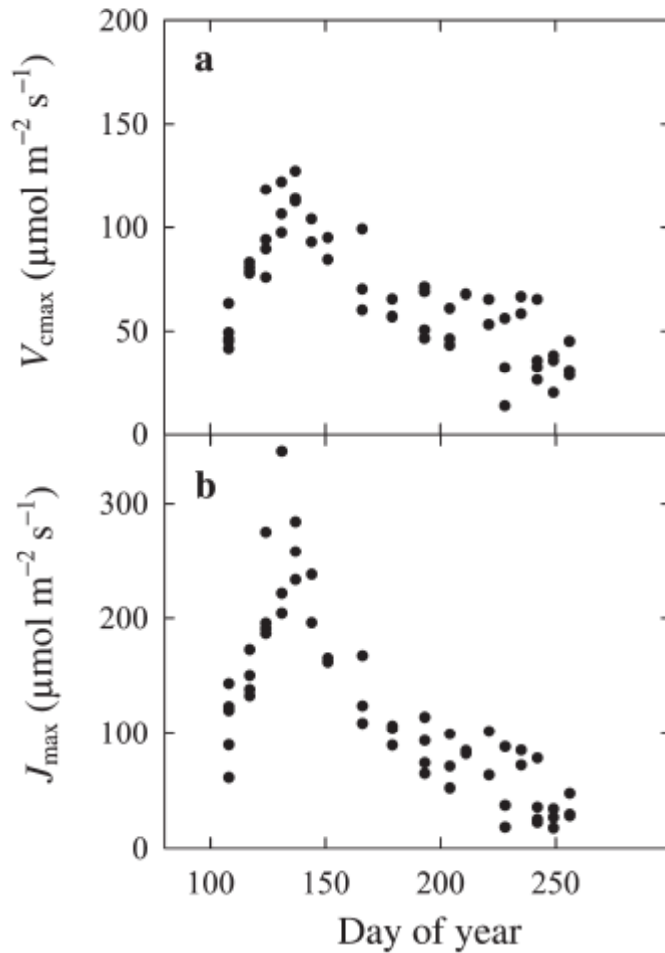
**1 km resolution** Solar radiation (MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>) Year: 2002 Mon: 8

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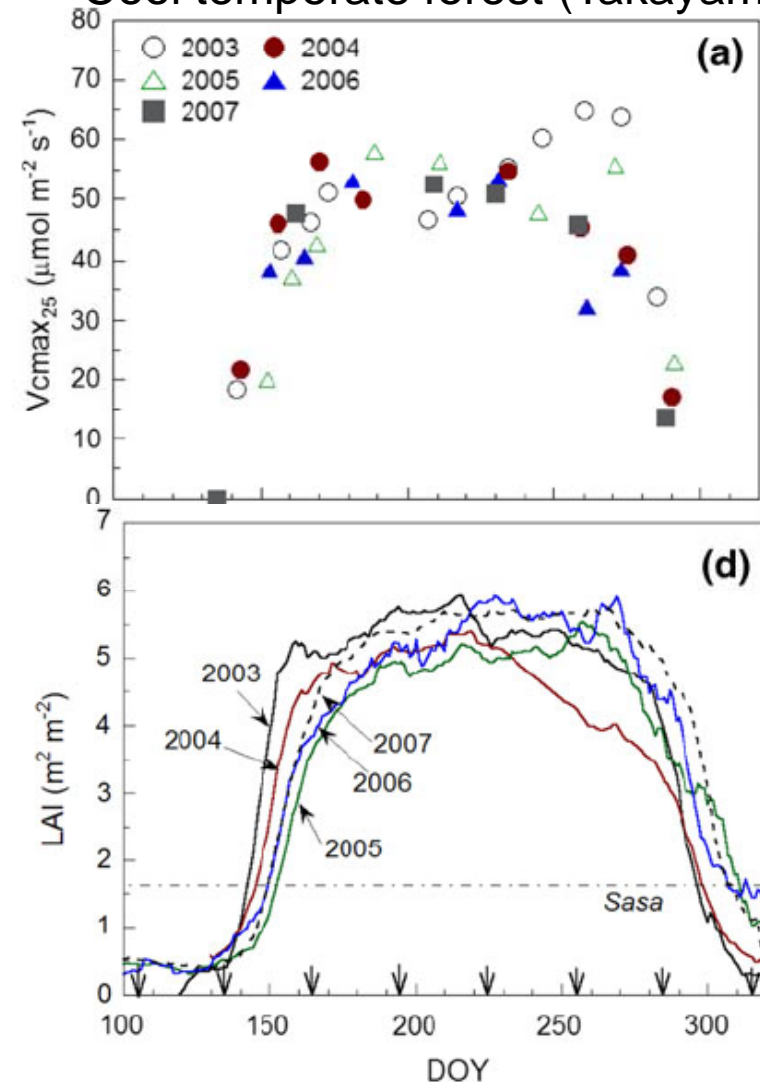
# Key point: 2. $V_{cmax@25C}$ is not constant.

Oak savanna (Tonzi)



Xu and Baldocchi 2003

Cool temperate forest (Takayama)



Muraoka et al 2010

Seasonal pattern of  $V_{\max}@25$  follows the seasonal pattern of LAI  
(modified version of Houborg et al 2009 AFM)

$$V_{\max}^{25C} = a \times PeakV_{\max}^{25C} + (1 - a) \times PeakV_{\max}^{25C} \times \frac{L_c - L_{\min}}{L_{\max} - L_{\min}}$$

# Key point: 3. Two-leaf energy balance, photosynthesis, leaf temperature are coupled

$$d\Delta T^2 + e\Delta T + f = 0.$$

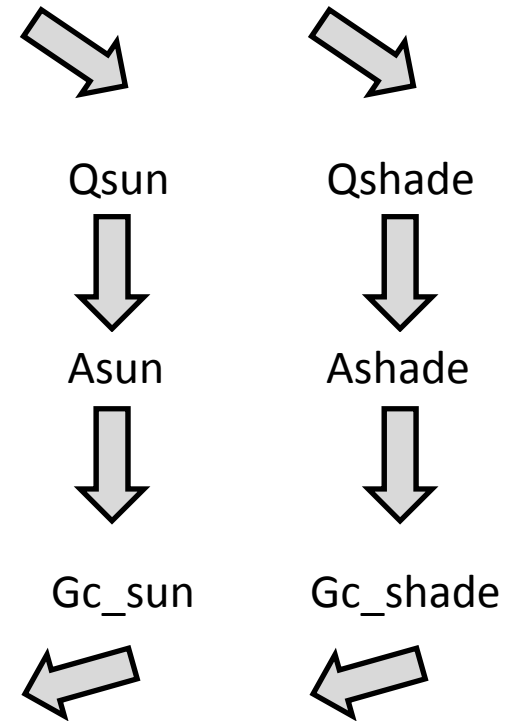
$$d = 6\varepsilon\sigma T_a^2 + \frac{\rho_a\lambda G_w m_v}{2m_a P} \frac{d^2 e_s(T_a)}{dT^2}$$

$$e = 4\varepsilon\sigma T_a^3 + \frac{\rho_a\lambda G_w m_v}{m_a P} \frac{de_s(T_a)}{dT} + \rho C_p G_a$$

$$f = \varepsilon\sigma T_a^4 + \frac{\rho_a\lambda G_a m_v (e_s(T_a) - e_a)}{m_a P} + -Q + G_{soil}.$$

Quadratic form of leaf energy balance

PawU and Gao (1988)



Q: absorbed radiation  
A: photosynthesis  
Gc: canopy conductance

# Key point: 4. Temporal upscaling of fluxes from snap-shots to 8-day mean daily sum estimates

Satellite overpass time

30 min

Rg at TOA

$$SF_d(t) = \frac{1800s \times \lambda E(t)}{\int_d \lambda E(t) dt} \approx \frac{1800s \times R_{gPOT}(t)}{\int_d R_{gPOT}(t) dt}$$

Day (1-8)

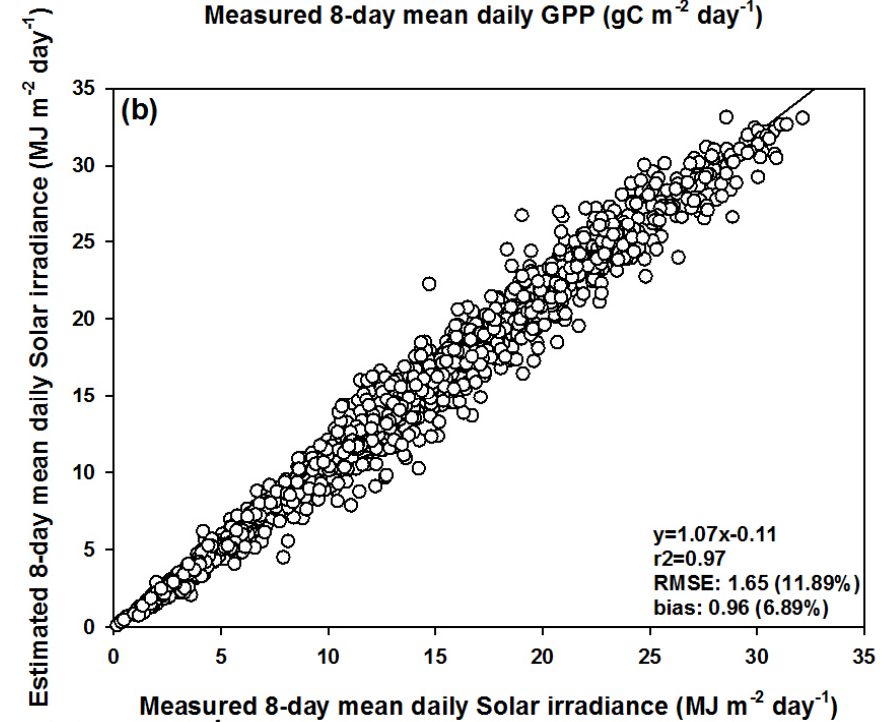
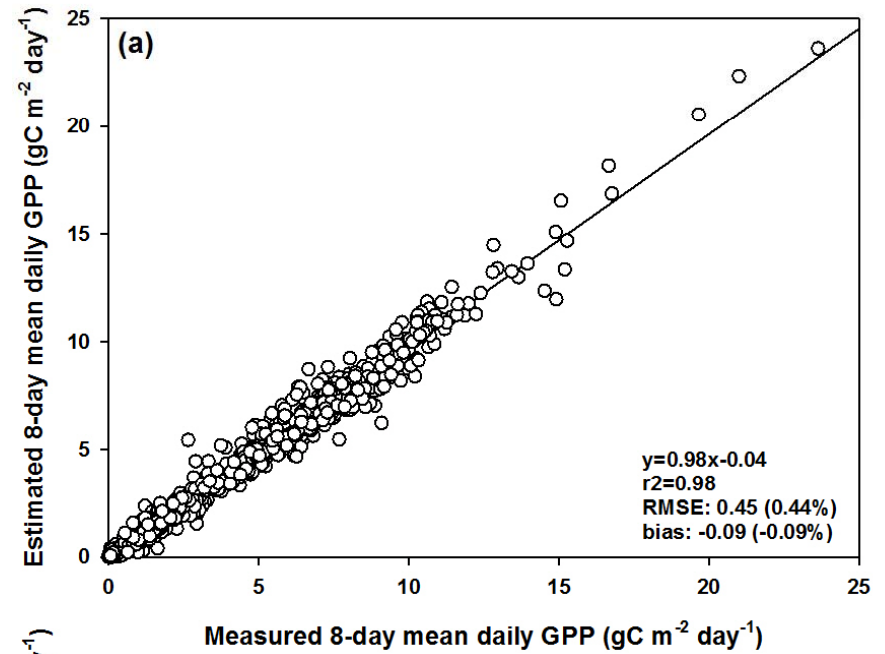
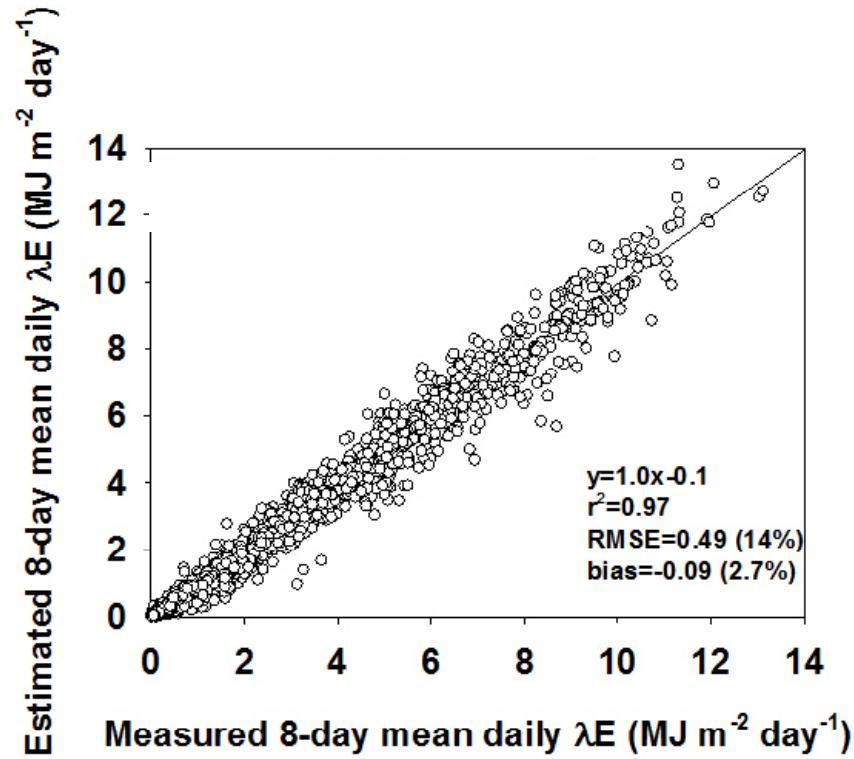
$$\lambda E_{8day} = \frac{1}{8} \sum_{d=1}^8 \frac{1800s \times \lambda E(t_d)}{SF_d(t_d)}$$

Instantaneous LE

$$R_{gPOT} = f(\text{latitude, longitude, time})$$



Tested the scheme using 33 flux tower data from the Arctic to the Tropics



# Key point: 5. Working in the Cloud computing

## **Some numbers that I learned from this project**

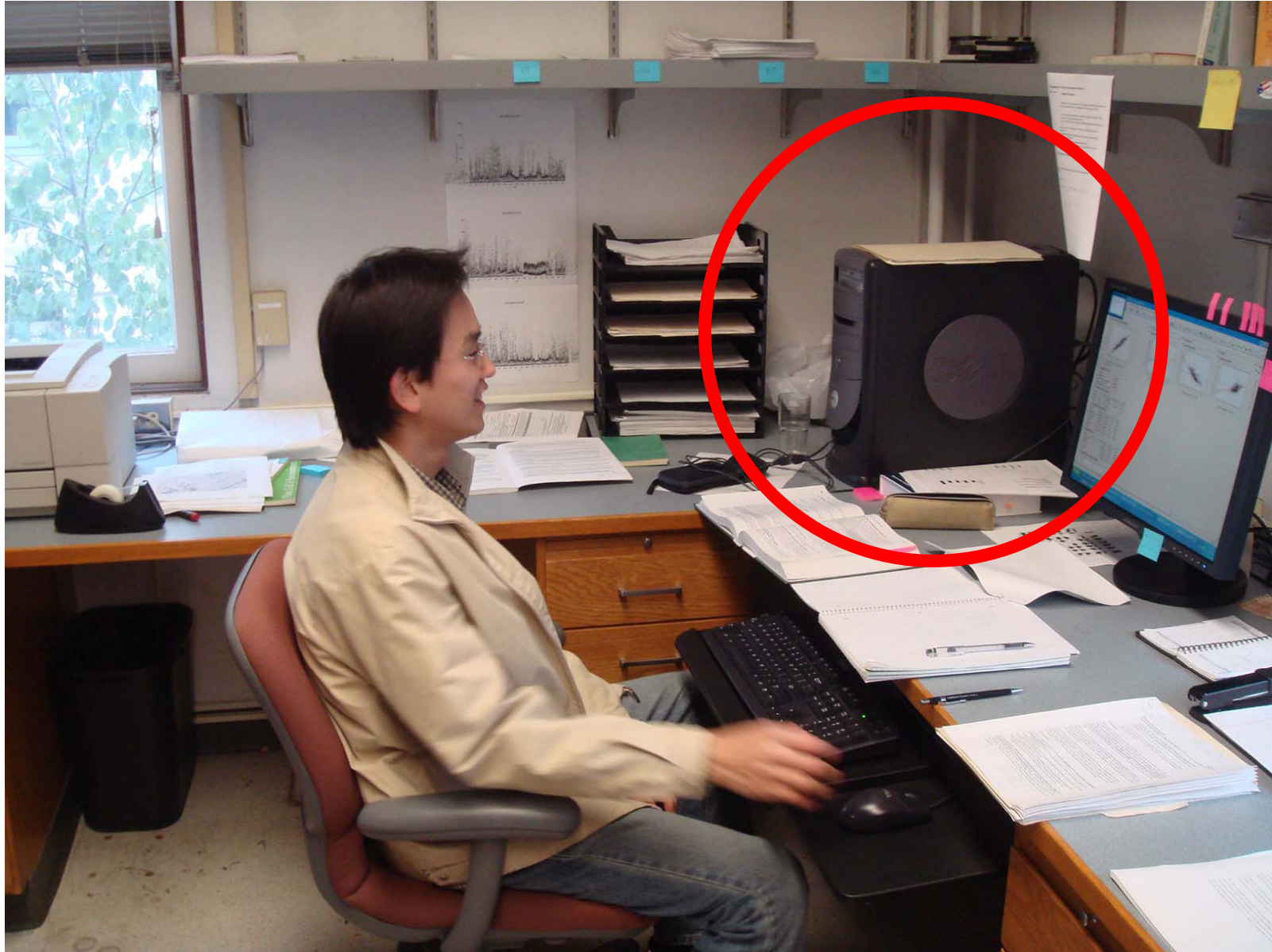
- Global 1-year calculation for ET and GPP: 9000 CPU hours
- That is, 375 days.
- 1-year calculation takes 1 year with 1 CPU!
  
- 8 TB downloaded from NASA ftp server
- 940 TB moved across the Cloud computing system

## How to do global RS study?





Youngryel was lonely with 1 PC



# We made a team, MODIS-Azure, with Computer Scientists Microsoft kindly funded



Deb Agarwal



Catharine van Ingen

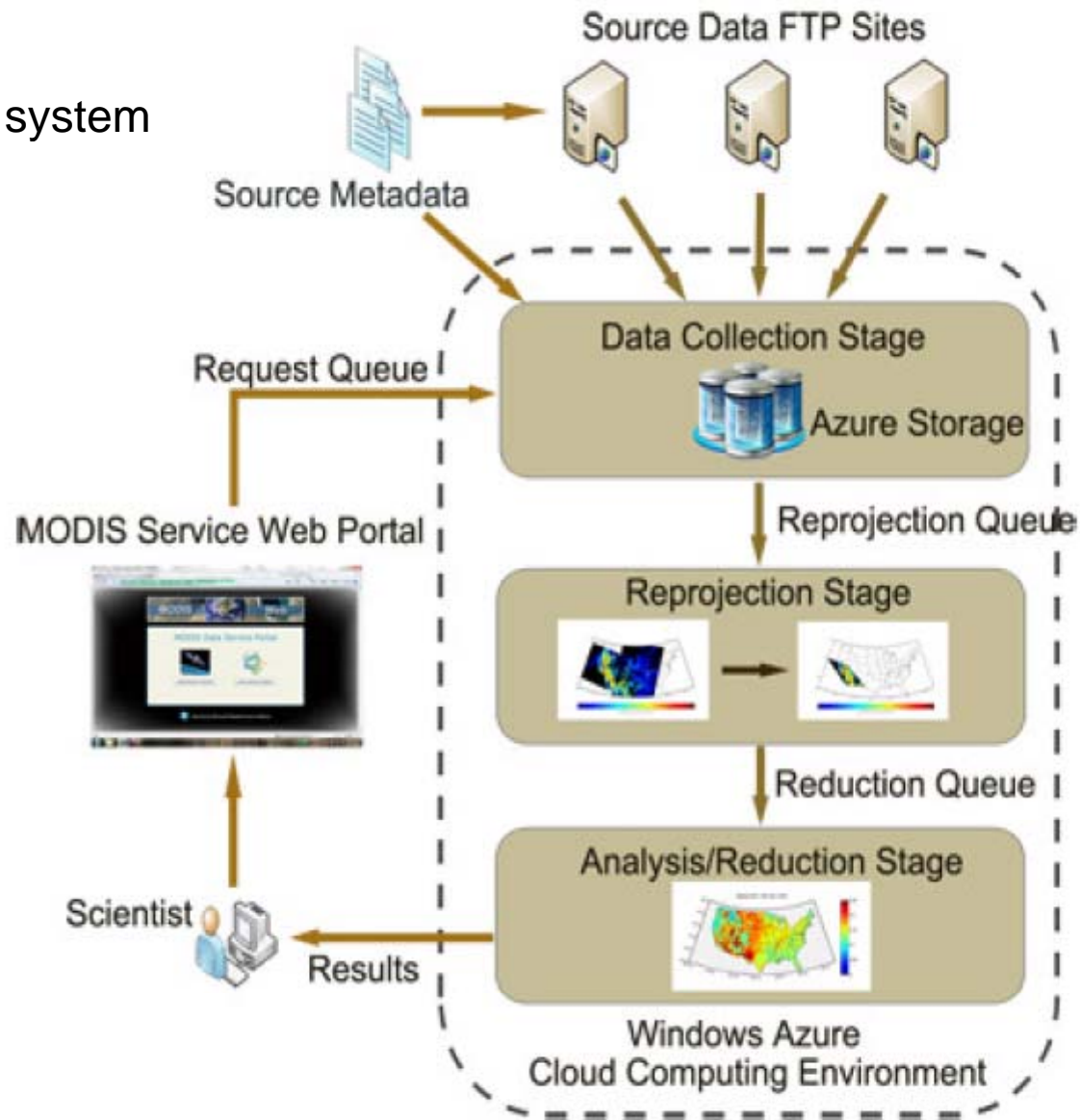
Kieth Jackson



Jie Li



# MODIS-Azure system



Li et al 2010. *IEEE e-Science 2010 Conference*

Li et al 2010. *IEEE International Parallel and Distributed Processing Symposium*

Hey et al 2011. *International Journal of High Performance Computing*

# Data preparation

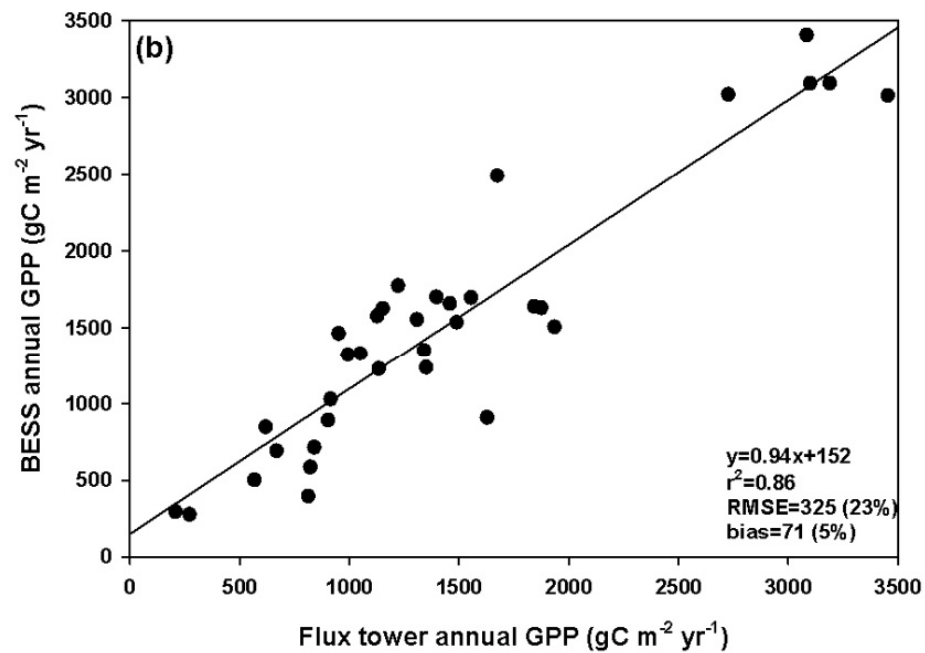
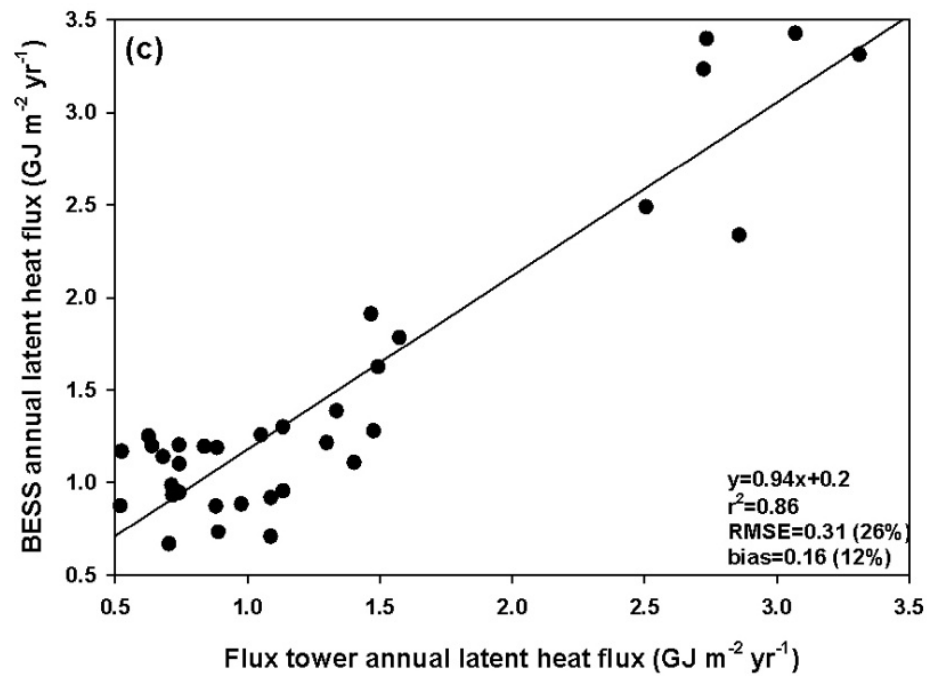
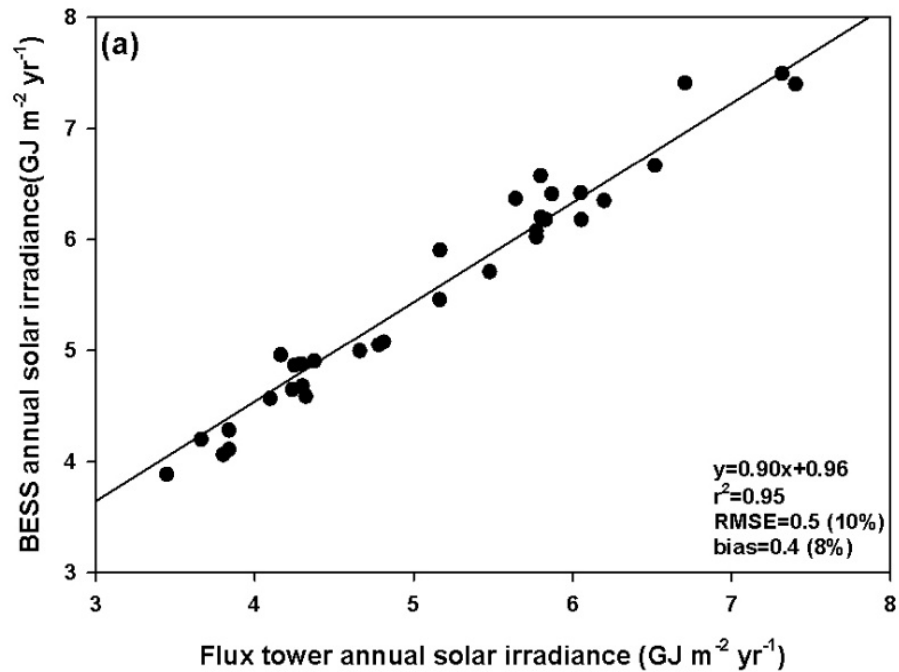
- MODIS
  - MOD04 (aerosol)
  - MOD05 (precipitable water)
  - MOD06 (cloud)
  - MOD07 (atmospheric profile)
  - MOD11 (land surface temperature)
  - MCD12 (land cover)
  - MCD15 (LAI)
  - MCD43 (albedo)

# Data preparation

- Global climate map (Koeppen-geiger)
- Global foliar clumping index map (Chen et al 2005 RSE, updated by Pisek 2010)
- Global C4 map (Still et al 2003 GBC)
- NCEP (to fill the data gaps in MODIS)

Results

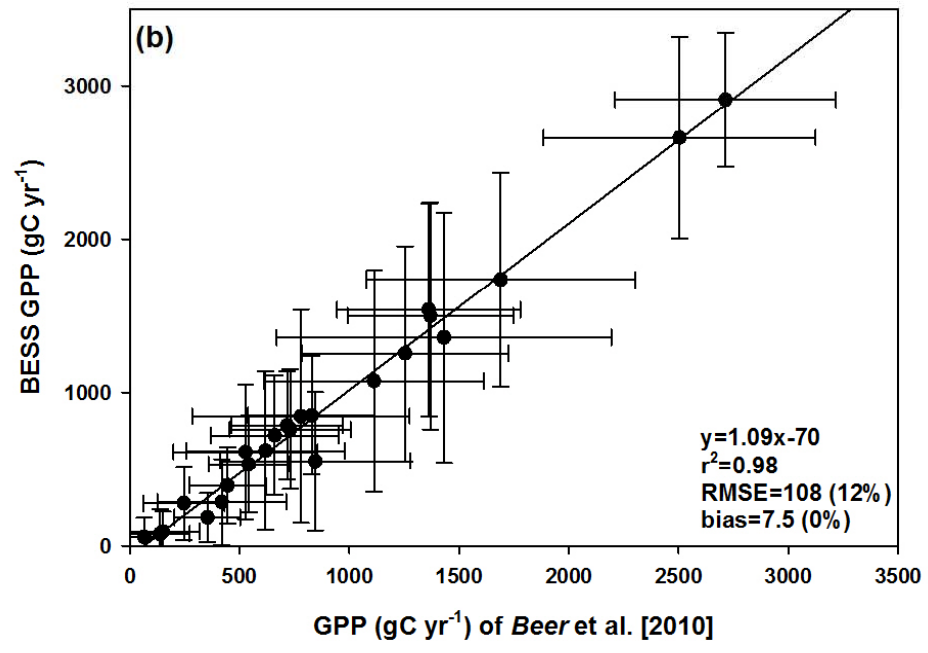
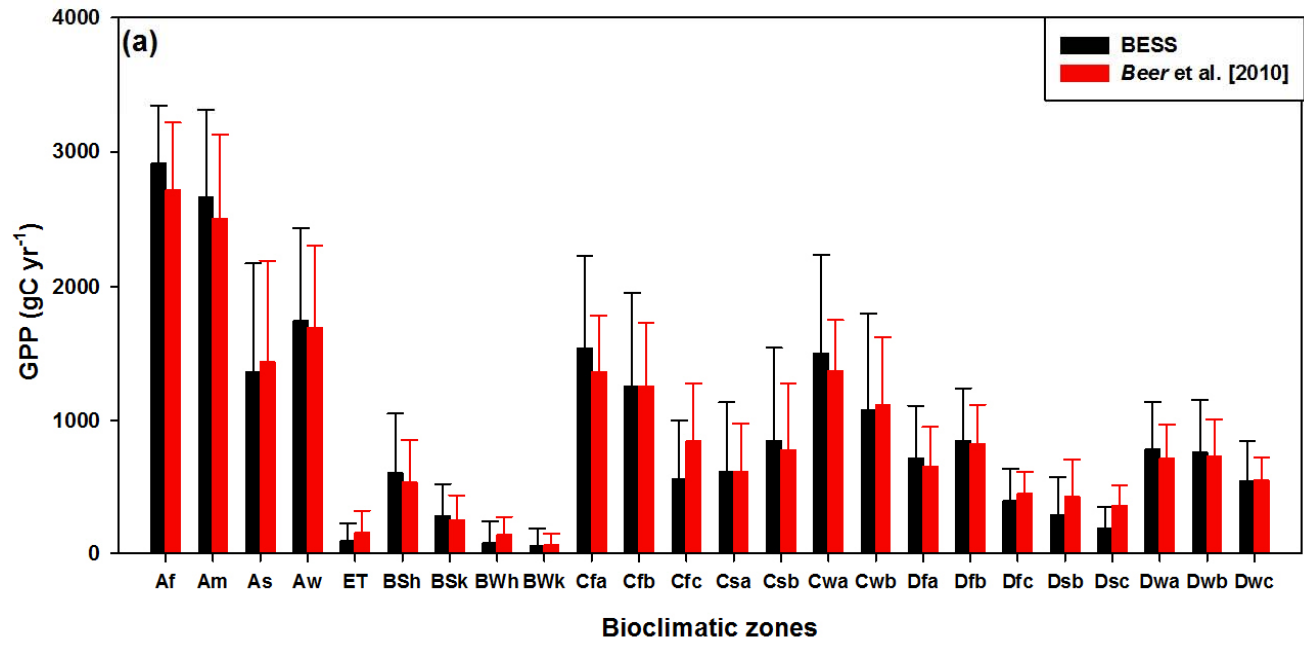
**COMPARISON AGAINST FLUXNET DATA  
(1 KM SCALE) AT 32 SITES FROM ARCTIC  
TO TROPICS**



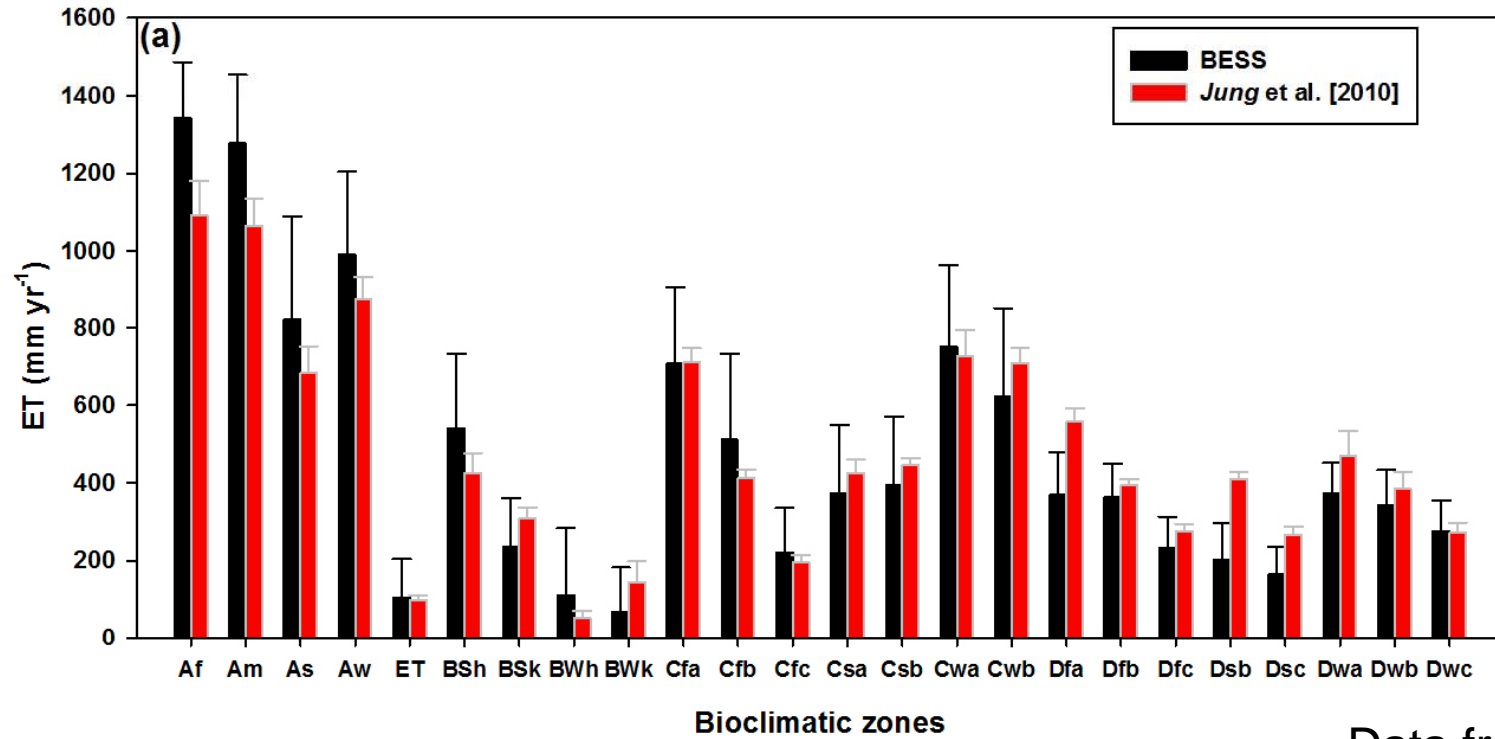


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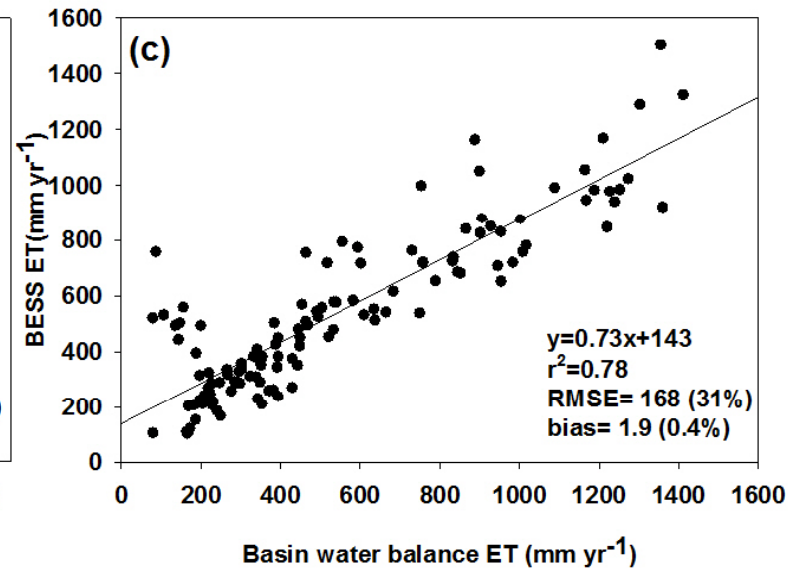
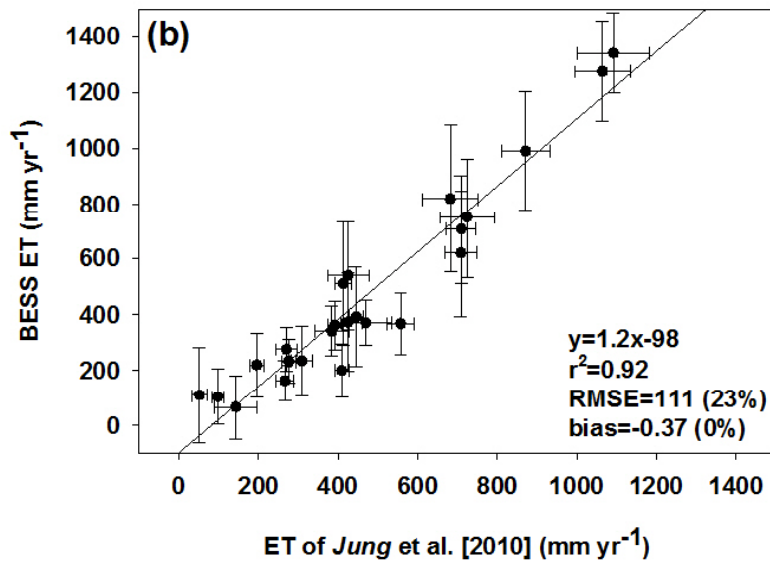
# **COMPARISON AGAINST DATA- DRIVEN PRODUCTS**



Data from Beer

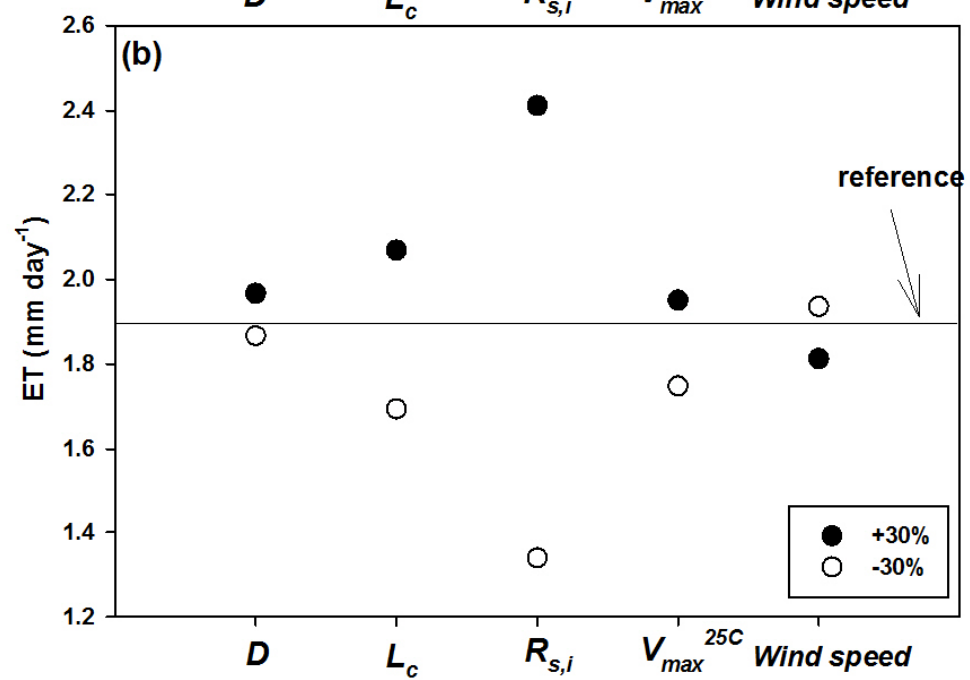
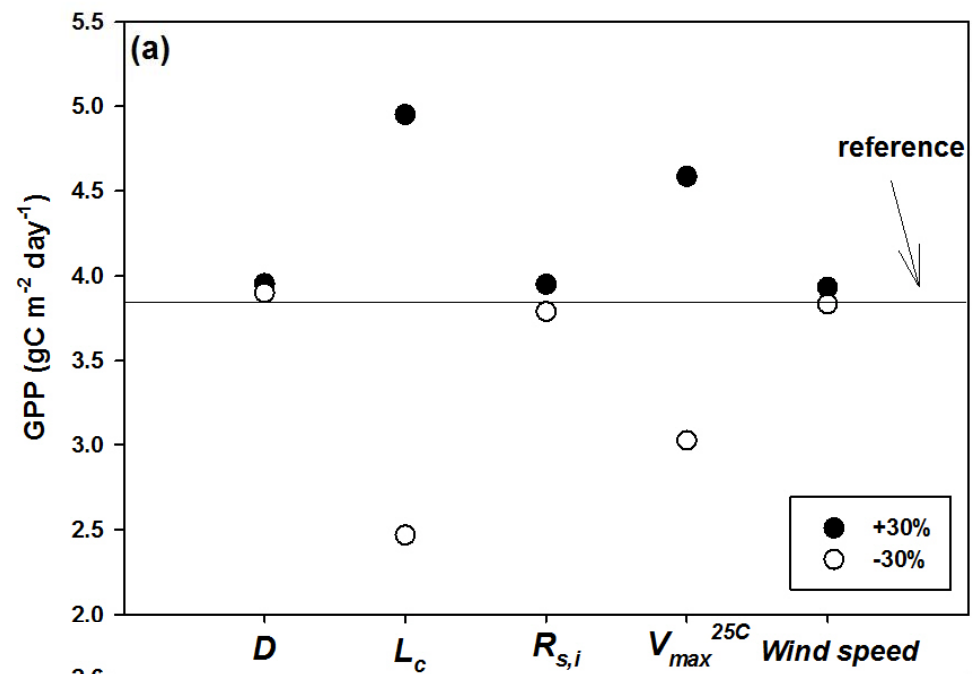


Data from Jung



Results

# **SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS**



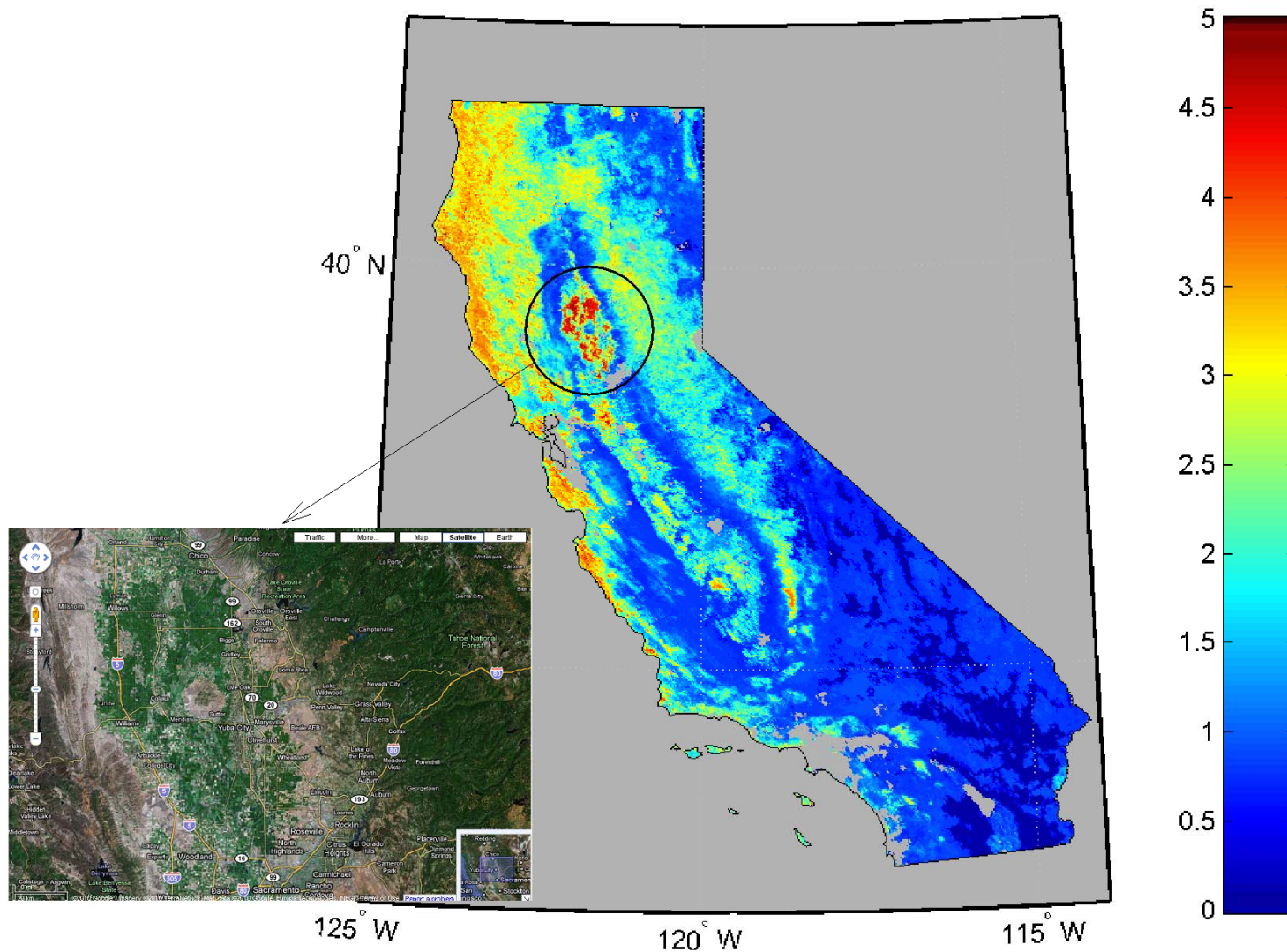
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# **SUCCESS OF BIOPHYSICAL MODEL FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL SCALE**

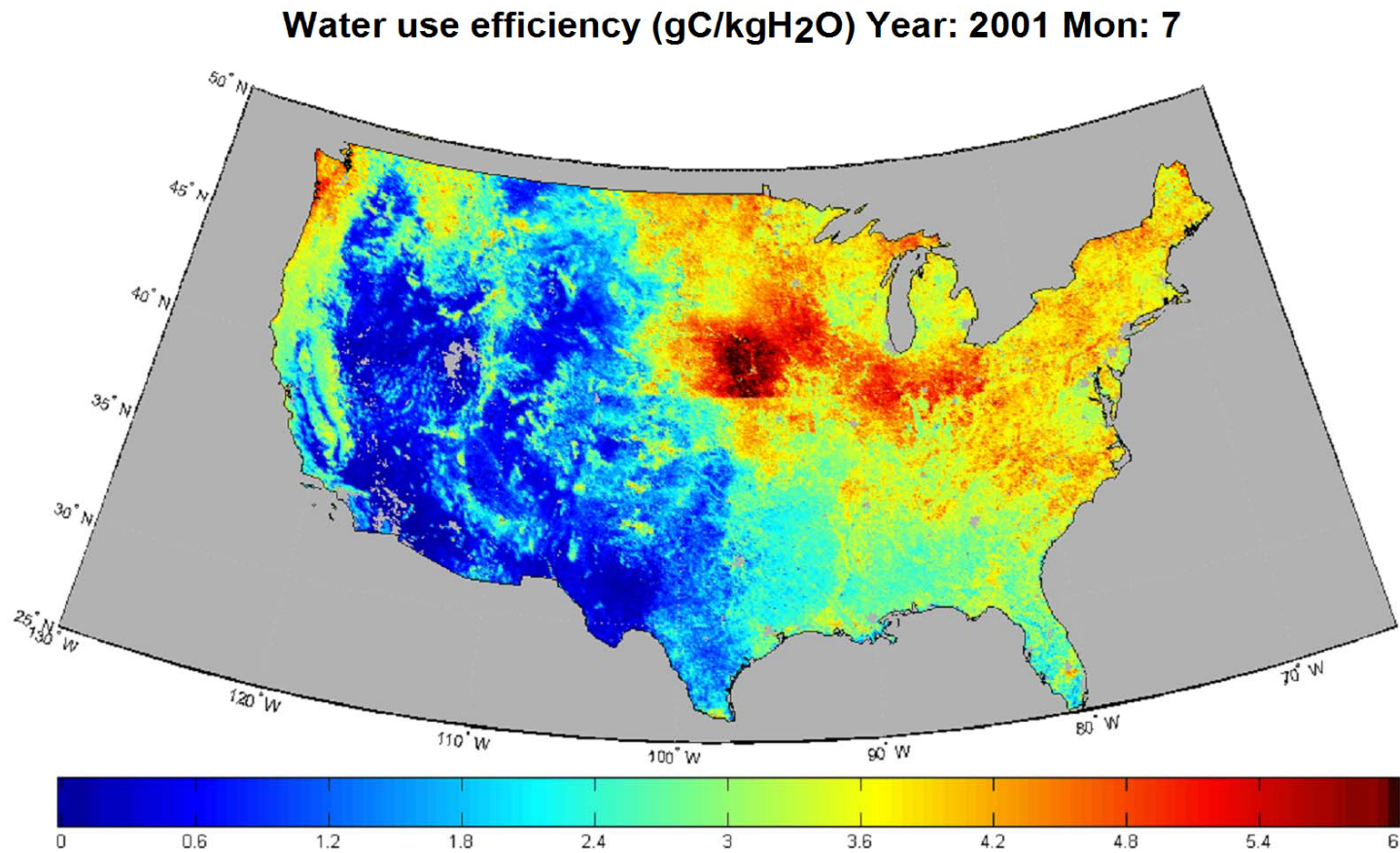


# 1 km resolution ET map, with 1 km forcing data

ET (mm d<sup>-1</sup>) Year: 2004 Mon: 7

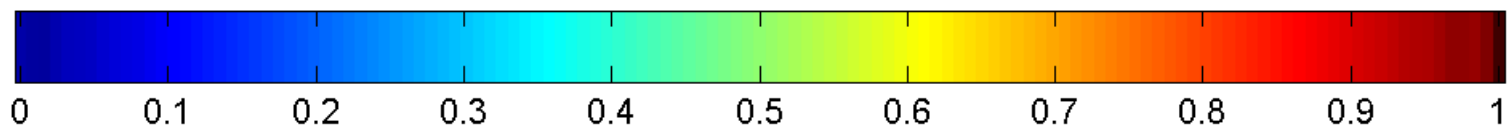
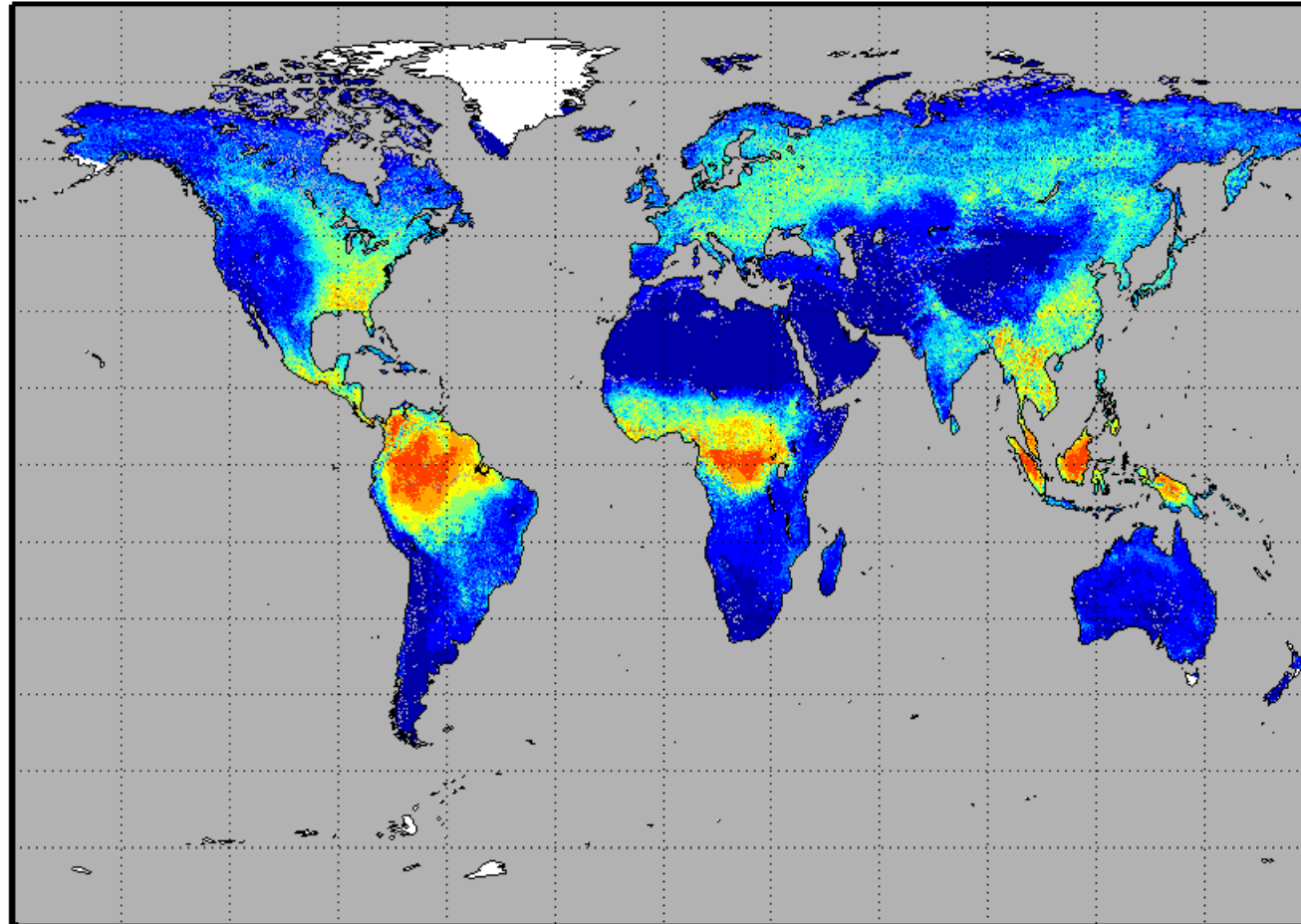


# Linking water and carbon, directly

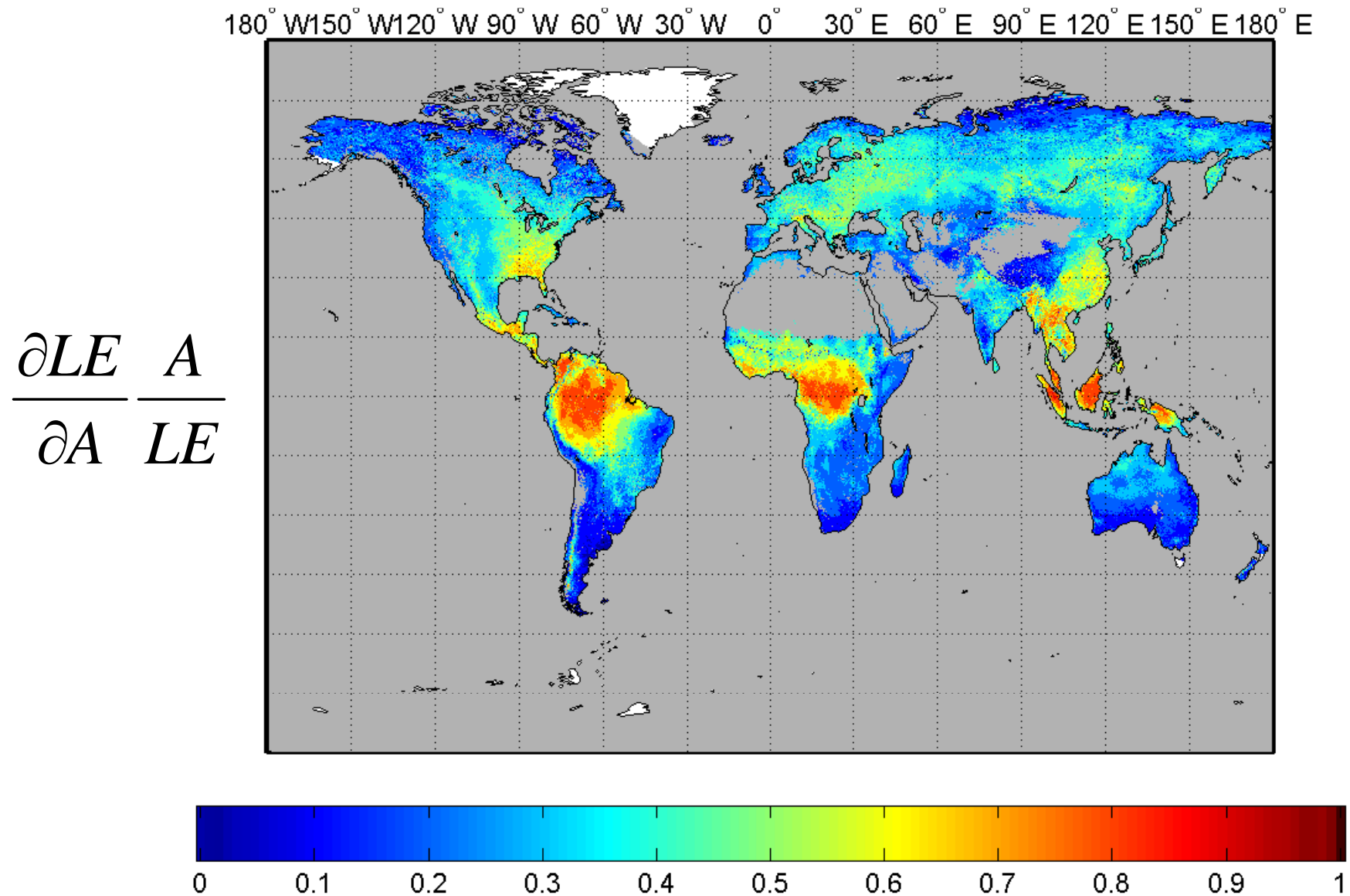


# Linking land and atmosphere (decoupling factor by Jarvis and McNaughton 1986) in July, 2003

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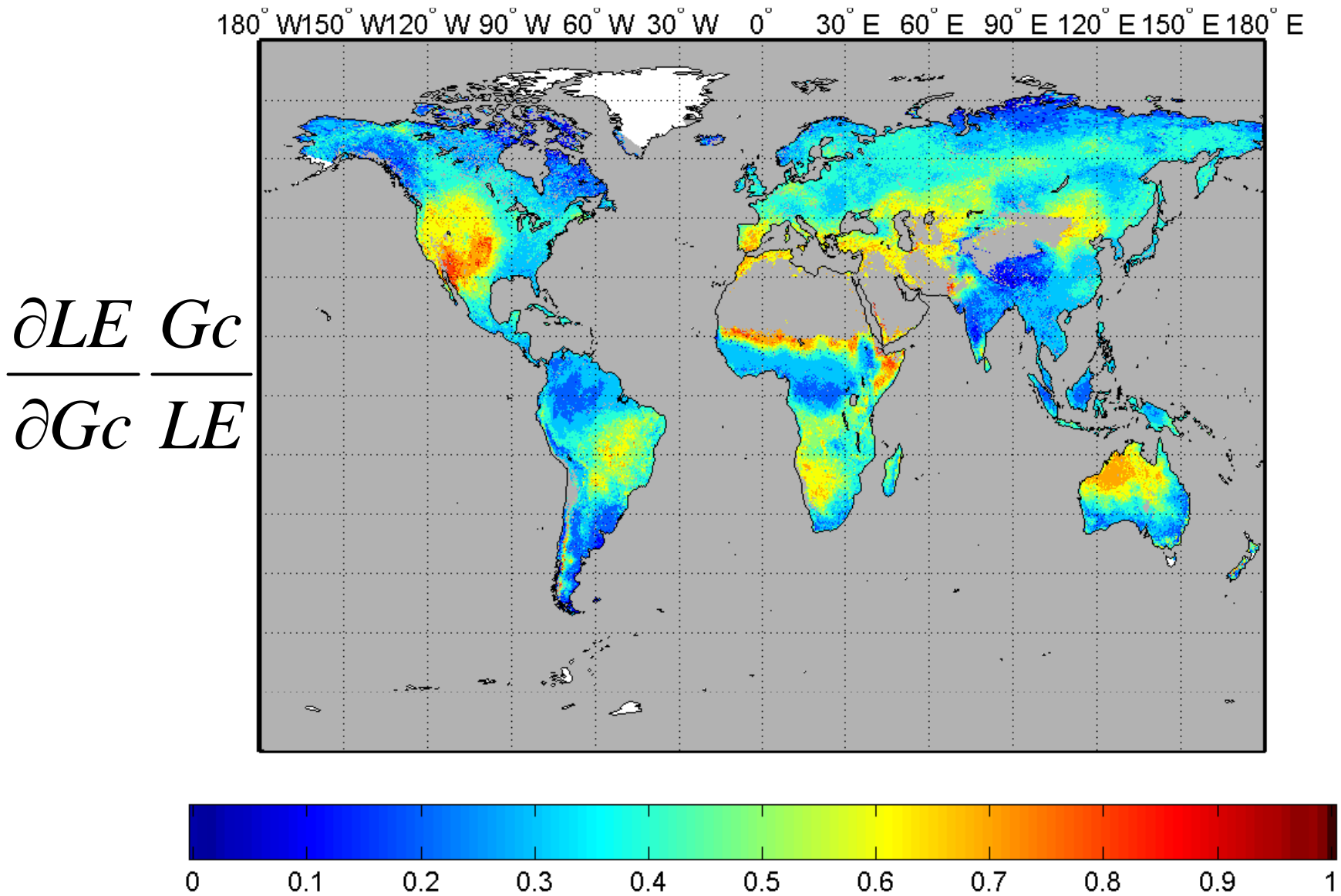


# Sensitivity of ET on available energy (July, 2003)





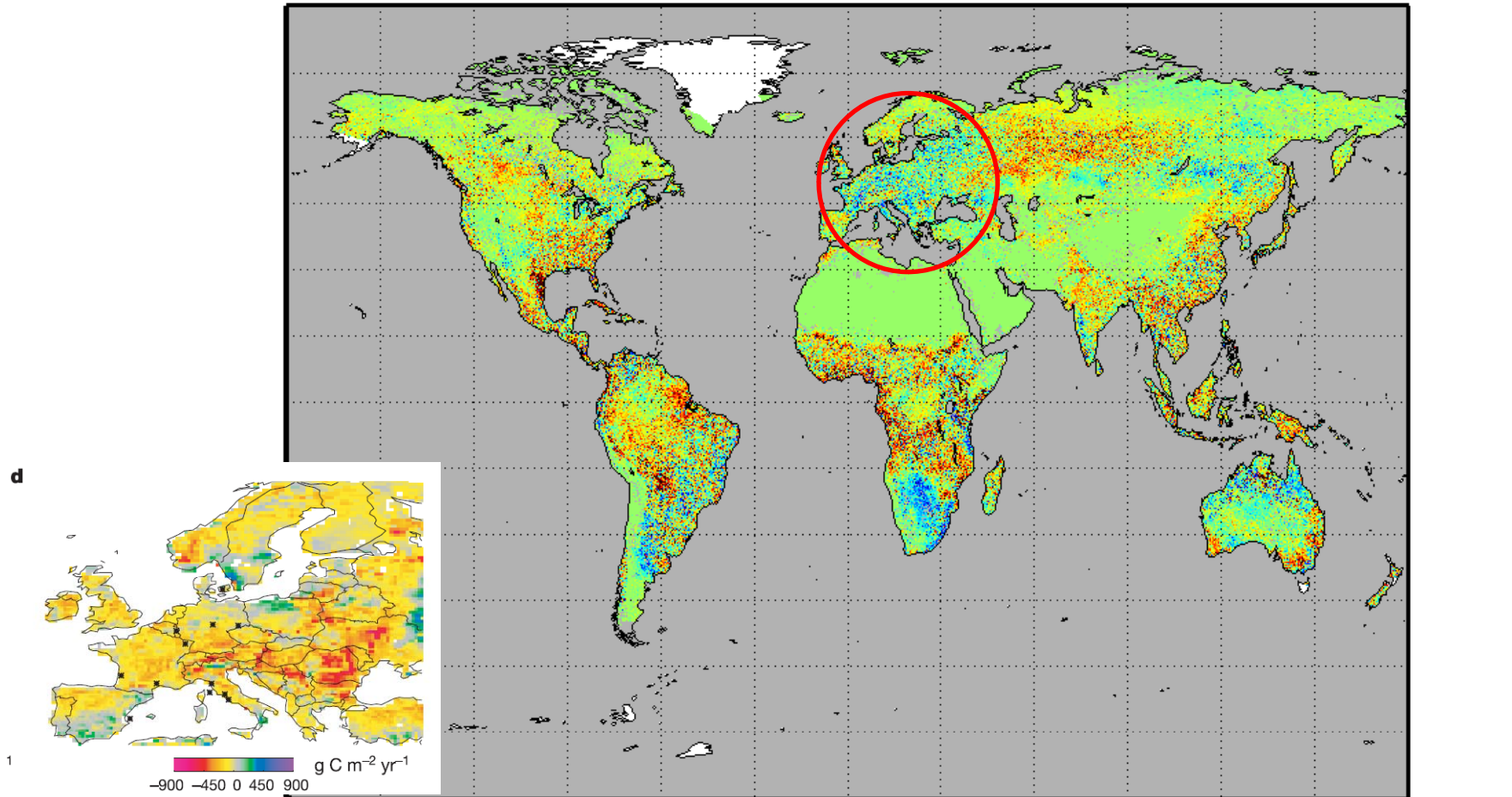
# Sensitivity of ET on canopy conductance (July, 2003)



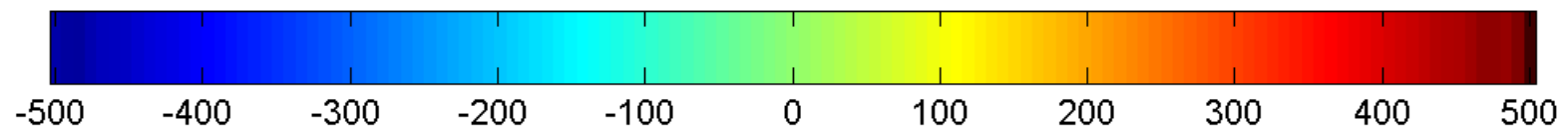
# Interannual variation of GPP

## Difference of annual GPP (2003yr – mean of 2001-2002)

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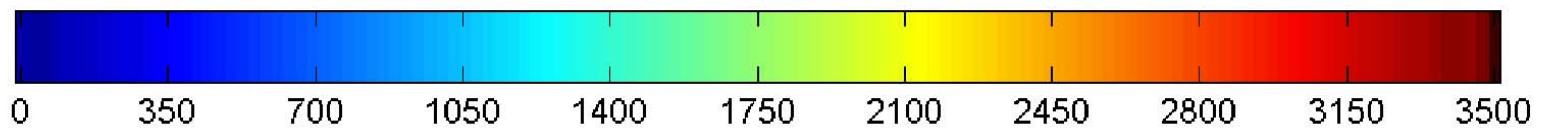
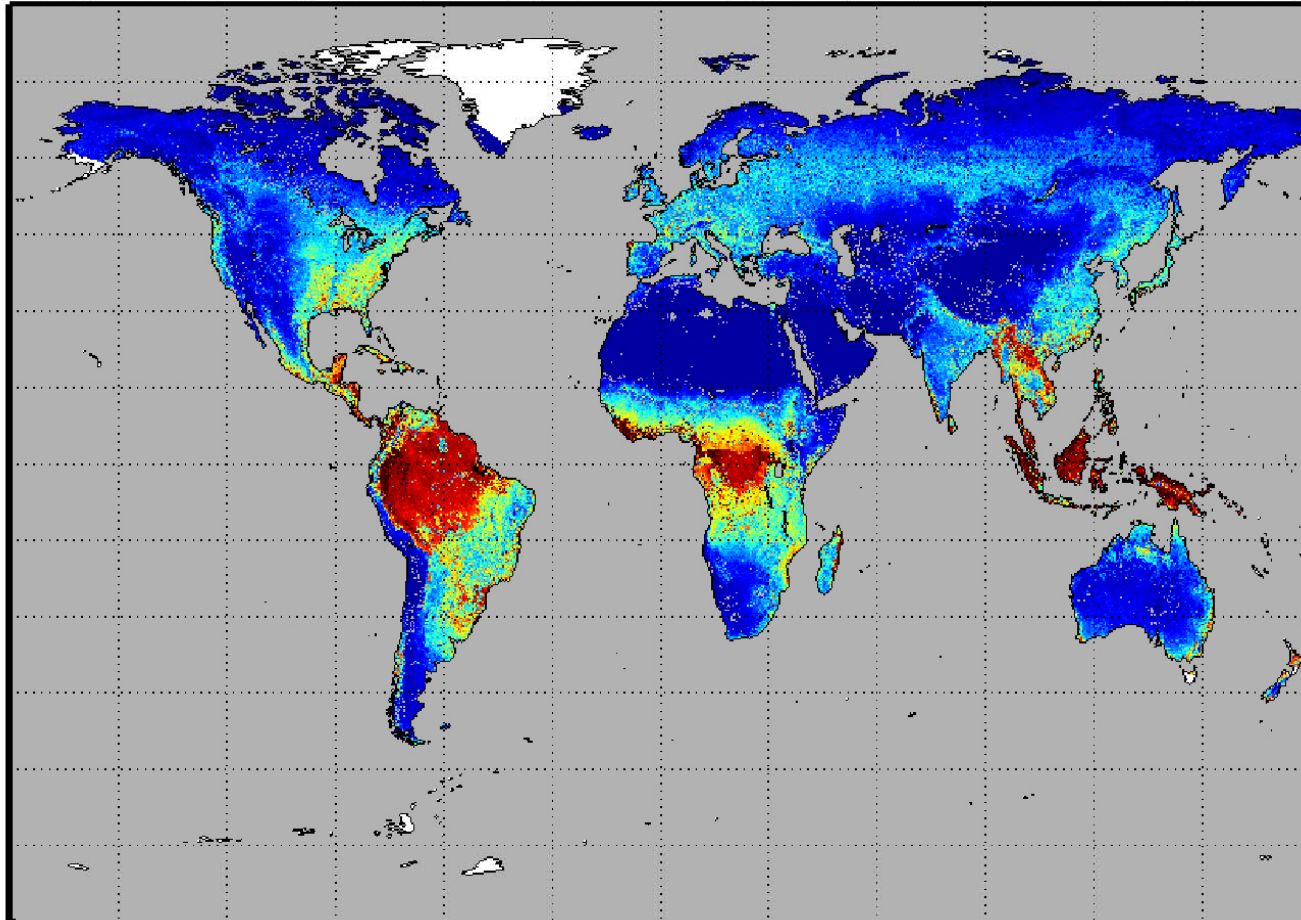
Ciais et al 2005 Nature



GPP anomaly (gC m-2 yr-1)

# Mean annual GPP ( $\text{PgC yr}^{-1}$ ) between 2001 and 2003

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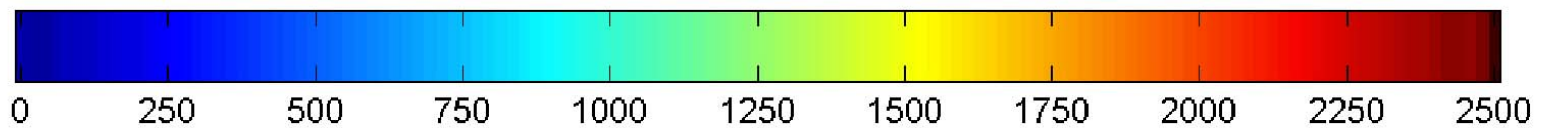
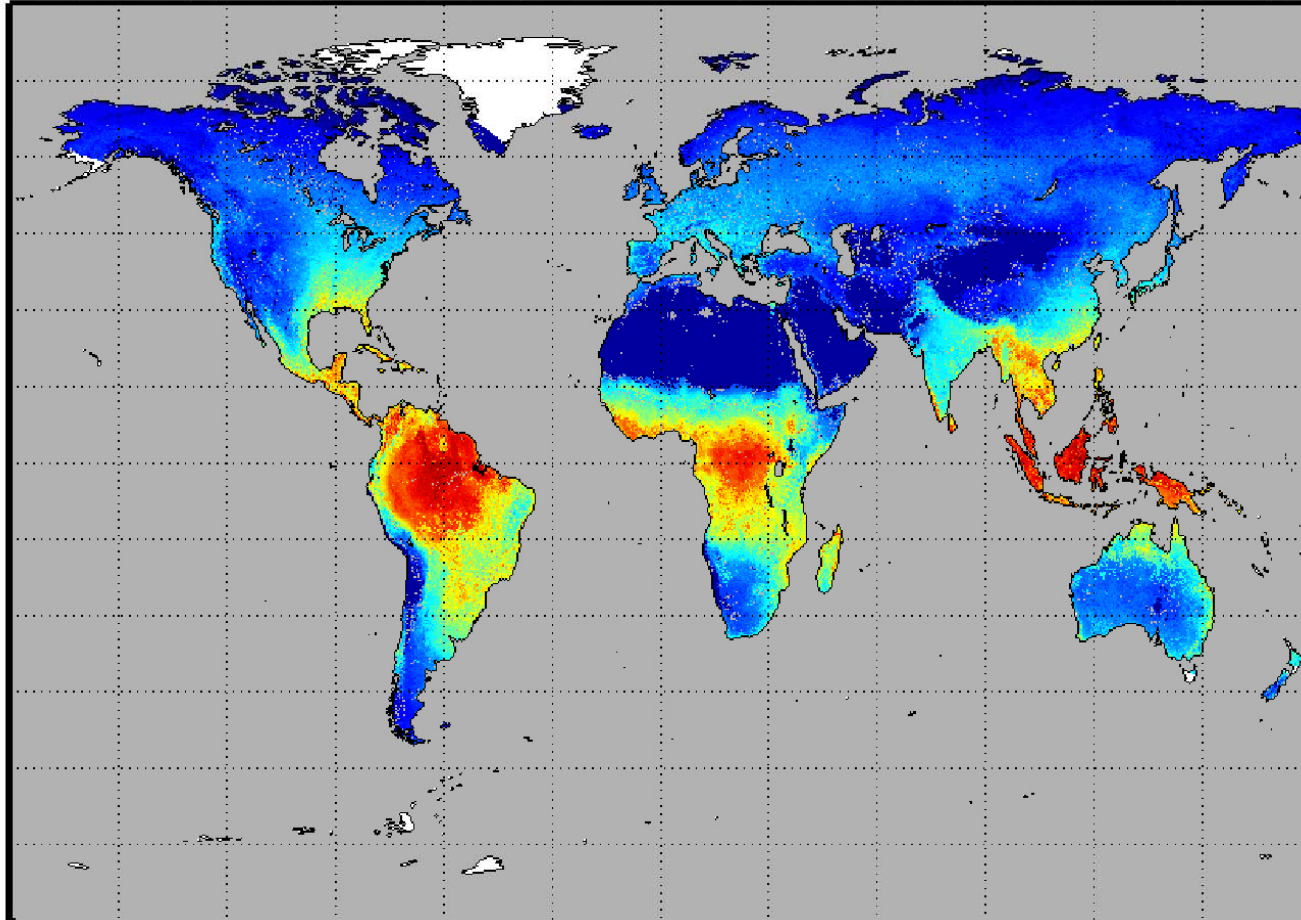


**118±26  $\text{PgC yr}^{-1}$**



# Mean annual ET (mm yr<sup>-1</sup>) between 2001 and 2003

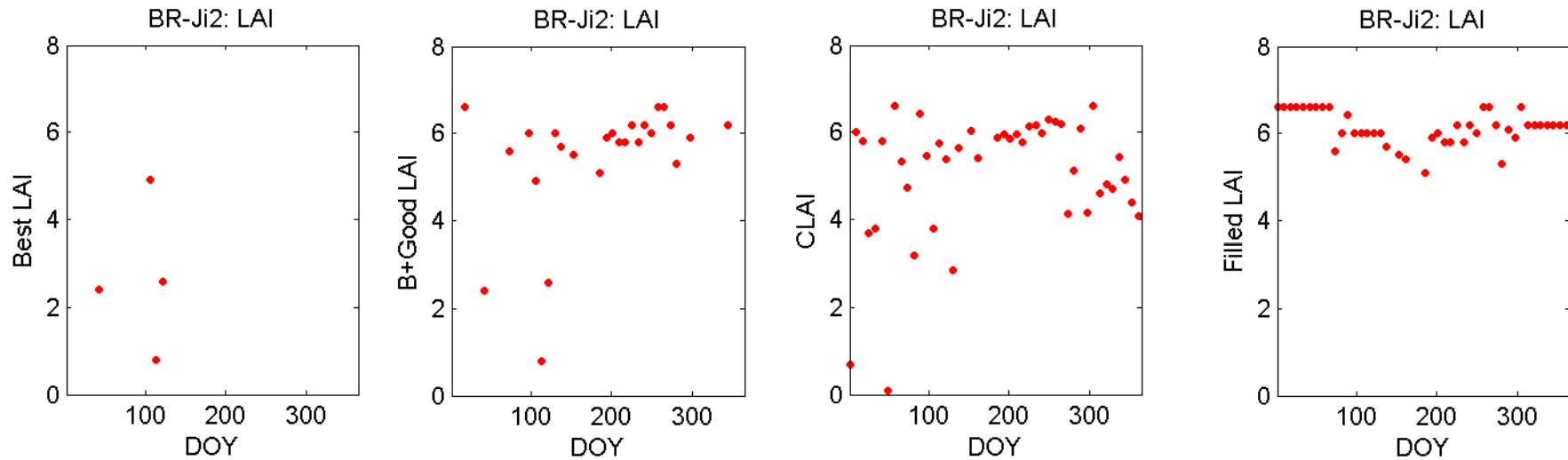
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63,000±13,100 km<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

**FAILURES OR LIMITATION**

# LAI in the tropics



“Main (RT) method used, best result possible (no saturation)” - Best

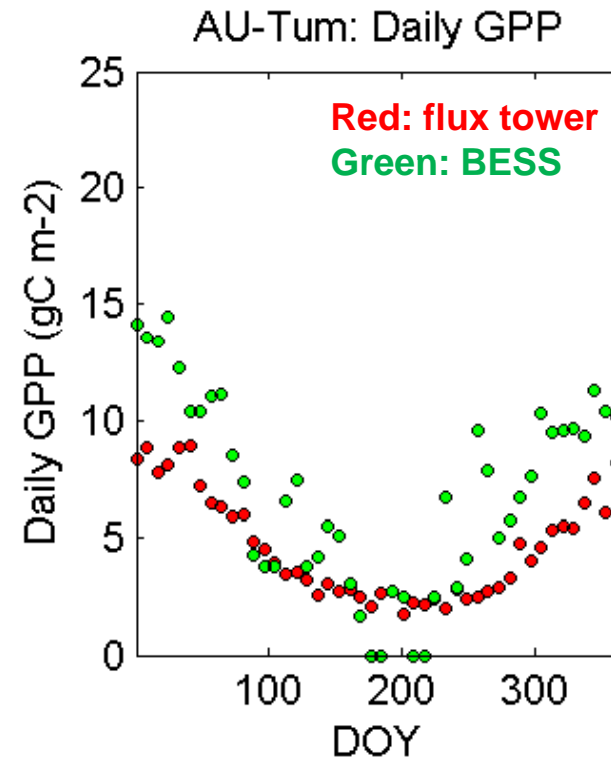
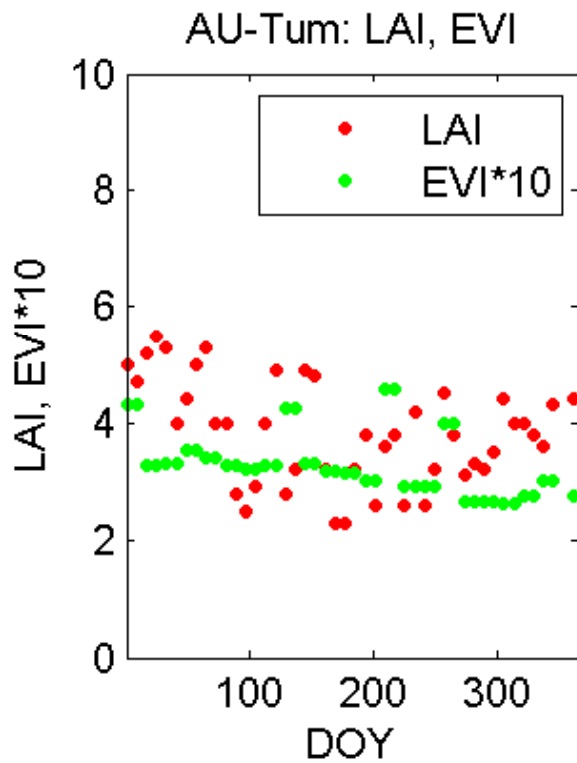
“Main (RT) method used with saturation. Good, very usable” - Good

5 year mean LAI for Best+Good

Select max(Best or Good, 5 year mean)  
Replace LAI value which is <80% of the max LAI over 6 week interval



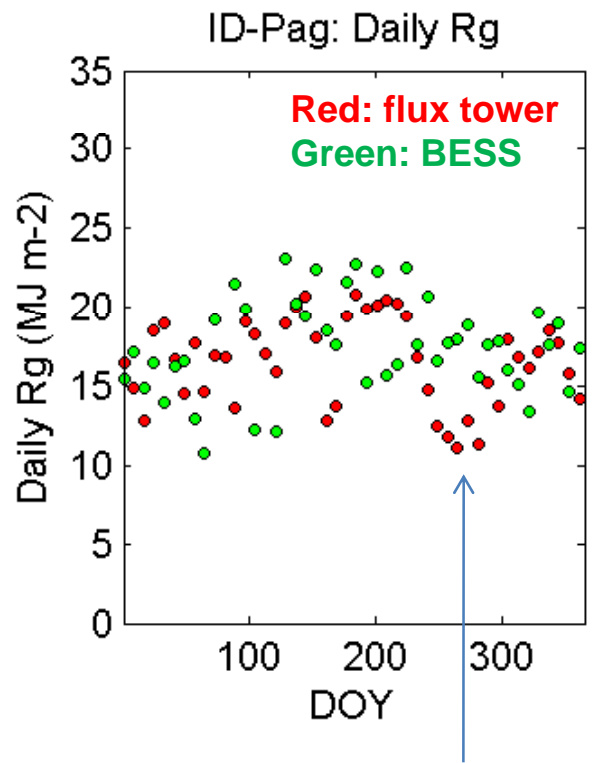
# LAI



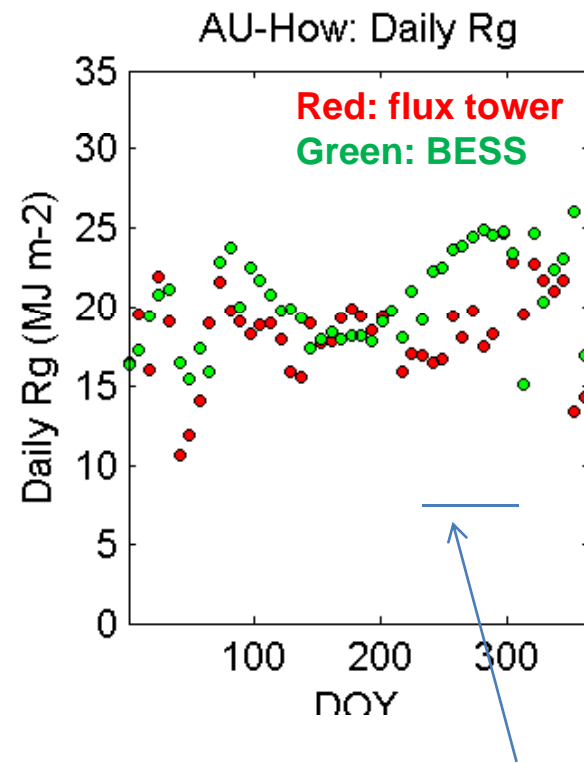
In-situ peak LAI ~2.5

(Leuning et al 2006 AFM)

# Solar radiation in the Tropics



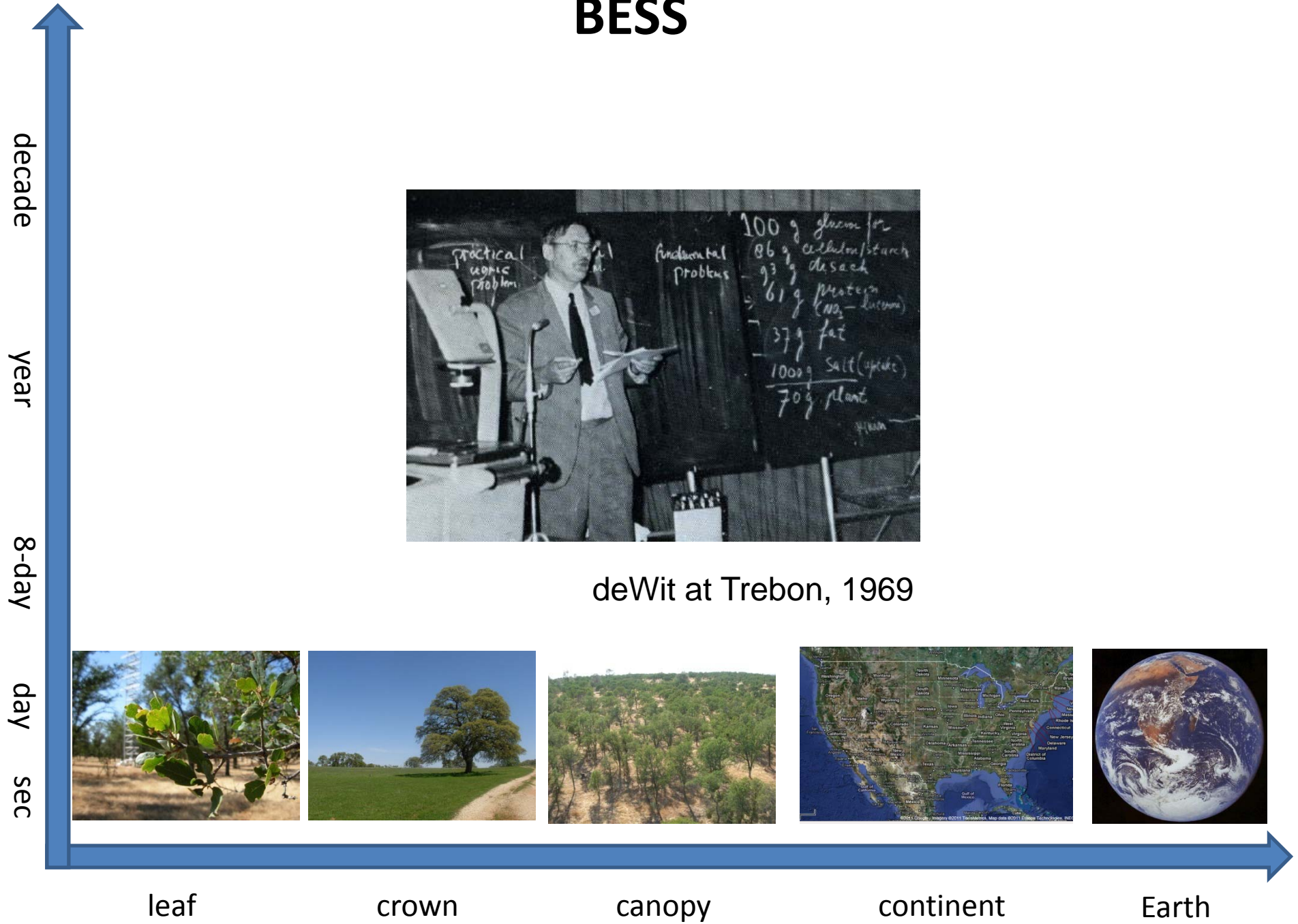
Intense fire



Frequent fires

# **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

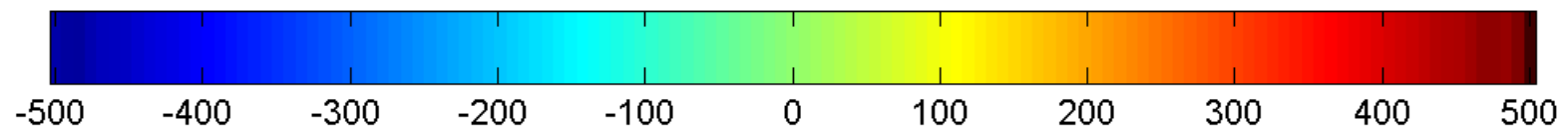
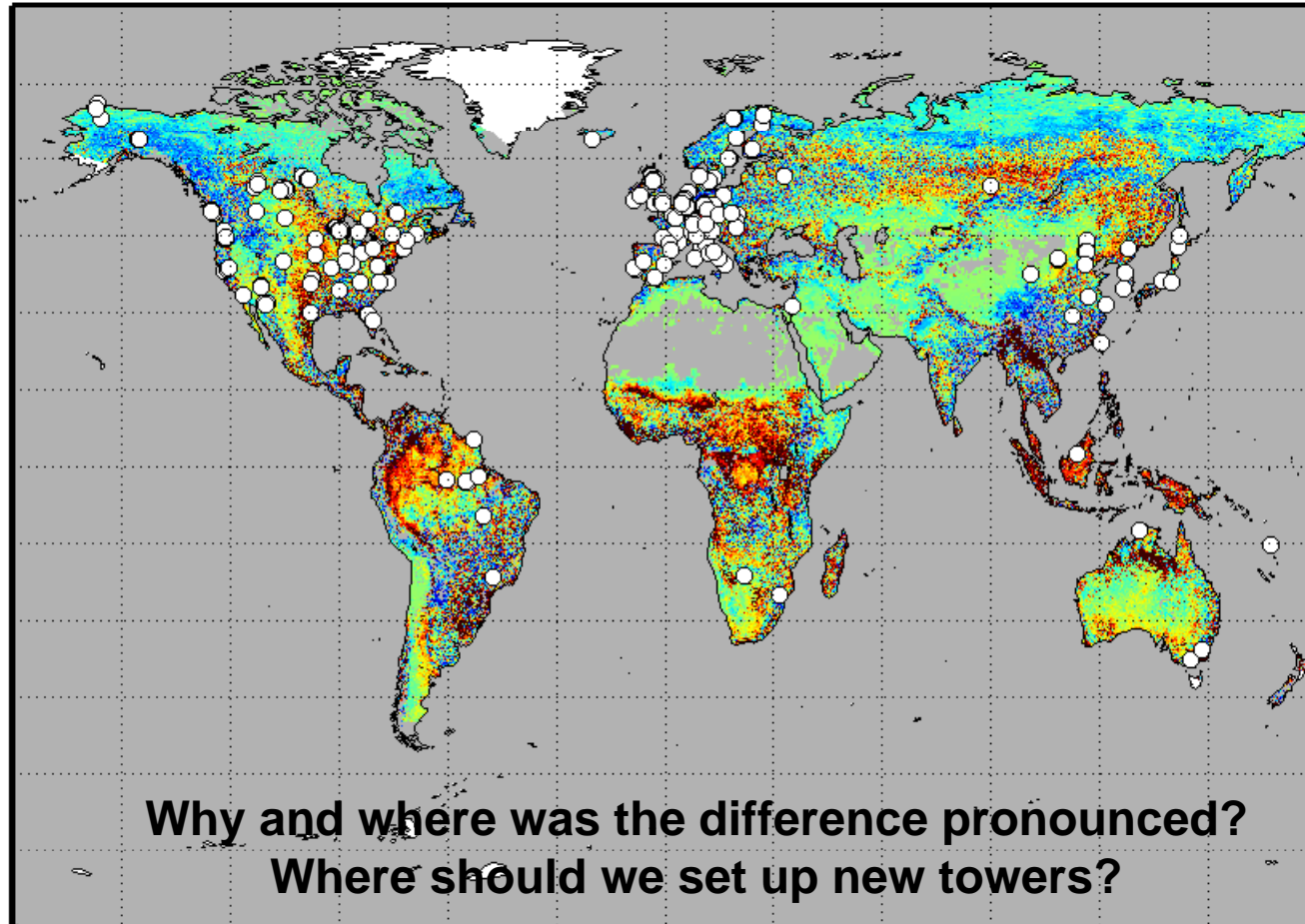
# BESS





## GPP difference (BESS minus Beer et al 2010)

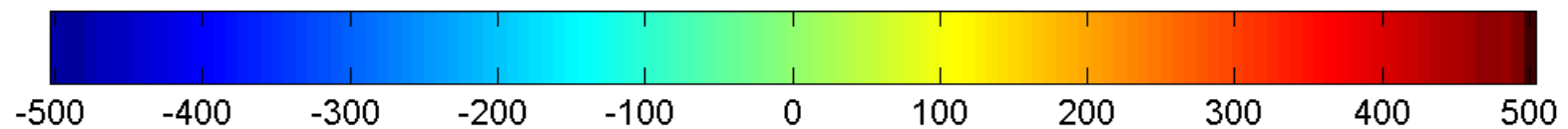
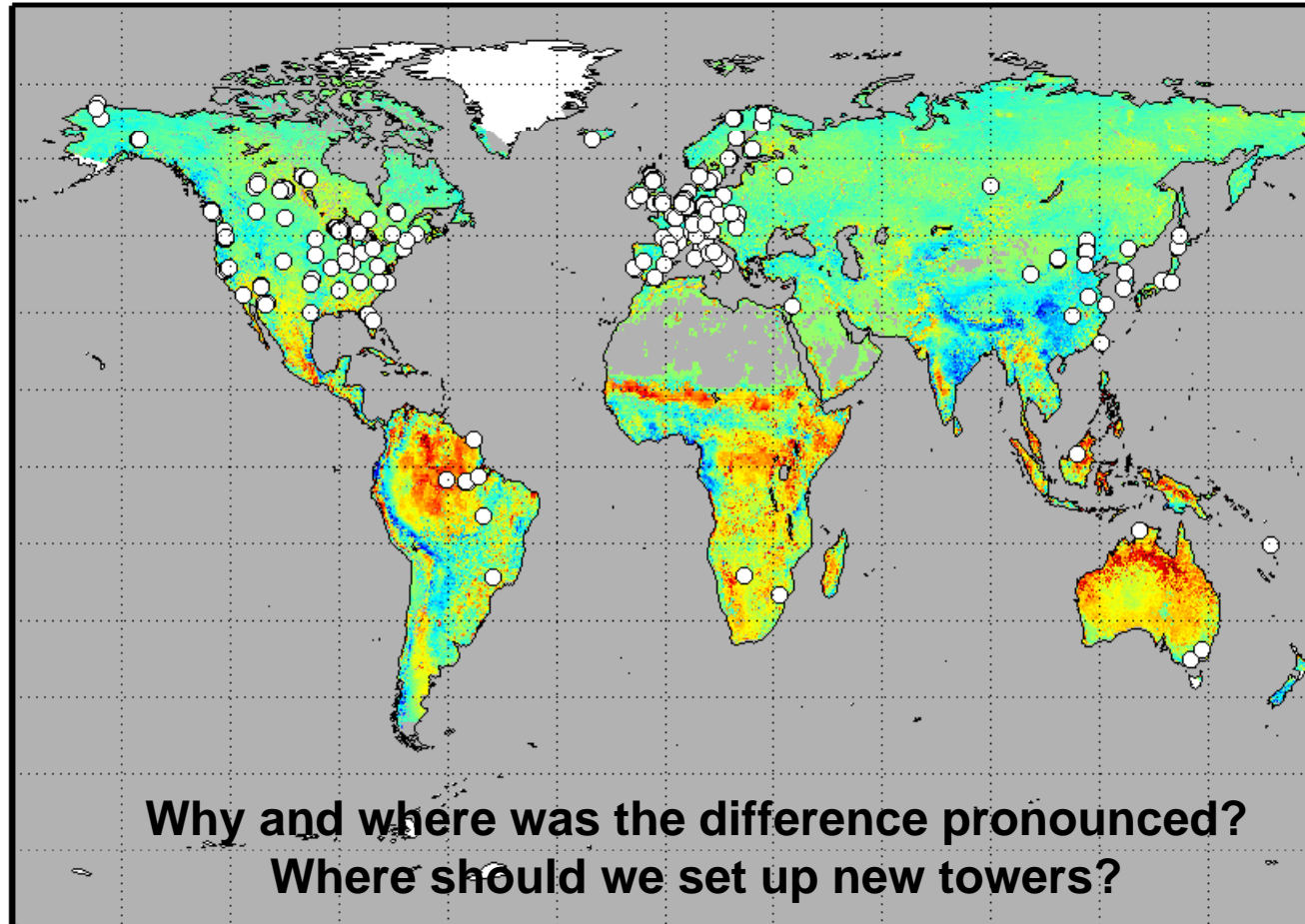
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GPP difference (gC m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>)

## ET difference (BESS minus Jung et al 2010)

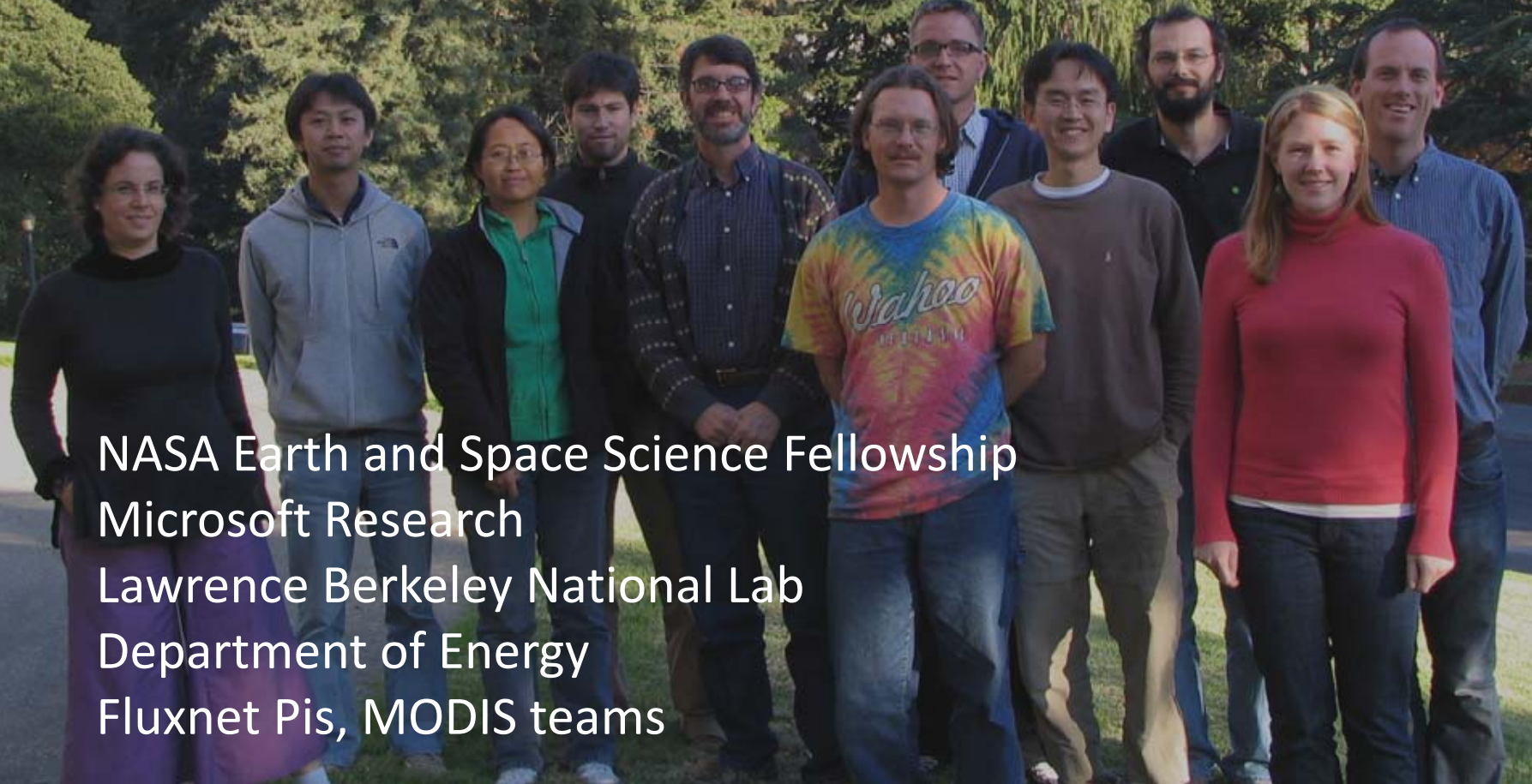
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ET difference (mm yr-1)



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