



collaboration

# The infinite flux tower project

*Introducing the*  
Chequamegon Heterogeneous Ecosystem  
Energy-balance Study Enabled by a High-  
density Extensive Array of Detectors  
(CHEESEHEAD19)

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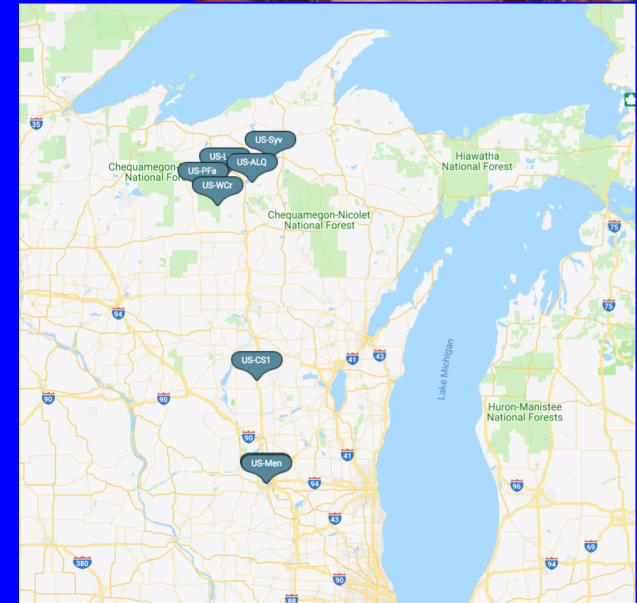
Ankur R Desai, UW-Madison, @profdesai,  
<http://flux.aos.wisc.edu>

My 10<sup>th</sup>!  
Ameriflux PI  
Meeting

# First, an advertisement, meet and use our



- Our Upper Midwest sites:
  - US-PFa (1997-), very tall tower (fluxes at 30, 122, 396 m)
  - US-WCr (1999-), mature northern hardwood
  - US-Los (2000-), fen shrub wetland
  - US-Syv (2001-), old-growth mixed forest
  - US-Men (2012-2018), Lake Mendota shoreline (LTER)
  - US-PnP (2016-), Lake Mendota peninsula (LTER)
- New sites:
  - US-CS1 (2018), center pivot irrigated potato
  - US-ALQ (2018), grass fen, stream (USGS)
- Upcoming:
  - US-CS2 (2018), central sands pine plantation
  - US-DFC (2018), USDA dairy farm restoration
  - US-DF? (2019), Kernza perennial wheat
- All online, in near real-time, thanks to hard work of Jonathan Thom and others: <http://flux.aos.wisc.edu/twiki/bin/view/Main/ChEASData>



**Yes, I am shameless**



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Commentary |  Free Access

Data Sharing and Scientific Impact in Eddy Covariance Research

B. Bond-Lamberty ✉

First published: 26 March 2018 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/2018JG004502>

Gerard Kleij, Gitta Lasslop, Miguel D. Manecna, Hank Margolis, L

First published: 14 September 2015 | <https://doi.org/10.1002/2015JG002701>

and Fluxes”  
– Strictly enforced publication

Impact of hydrological variations on modeling of peatland CO<sub>2</sub>  
fluxes: Results from the North American Carbon Program site  
synthesis

Benjamin N. Sulman ✉, Ankur R. Desai, Nicole M. Schroeder, Dan Ricciuto, Alan Barr,  
Andrew D. Richardson, Lawrence B. Flanagan, Peter M. Lafleur, Hanqin Tian, ... See all authors

First published: 10 March 2012 | <https://doi.org/10.1029/2011JG001862> | Cited by: 19

# In the beginning...



- Wanted to measure fluxes “everywhere and all of the time” [Chu et al., 2018]
- But we can’t just keep building more flux towers, could we?



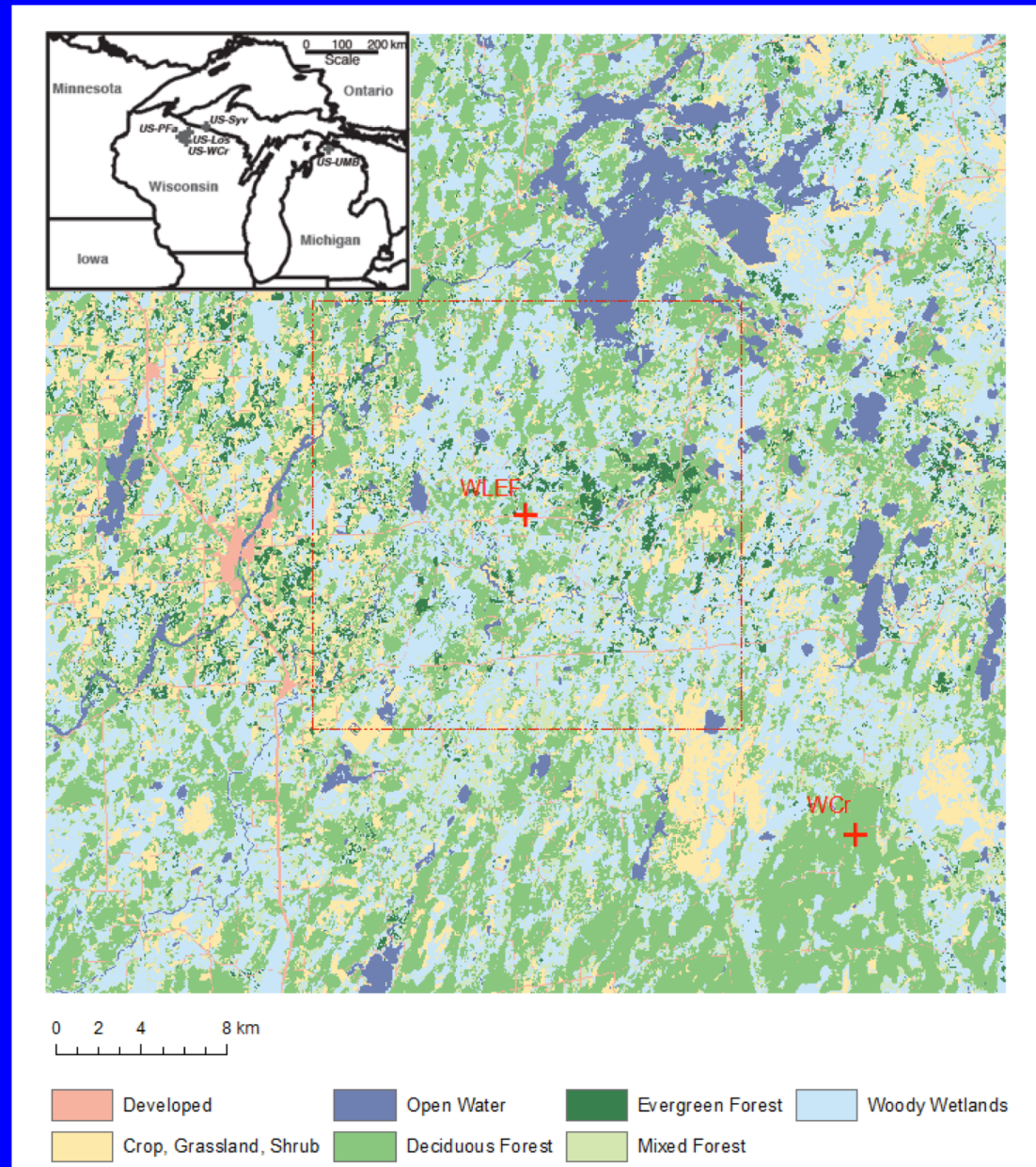
So how does that lead to this?



# Park Falls/Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest region, Wisconsin



Park Falls WLEF tower (US-PFa)  
EC fluxes at 30, 122, 396 m  
NOAA tall tower greenhouse  
gas site  
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TCCON column GHG



Credit: Matt Rydzik (U Wisconsin)

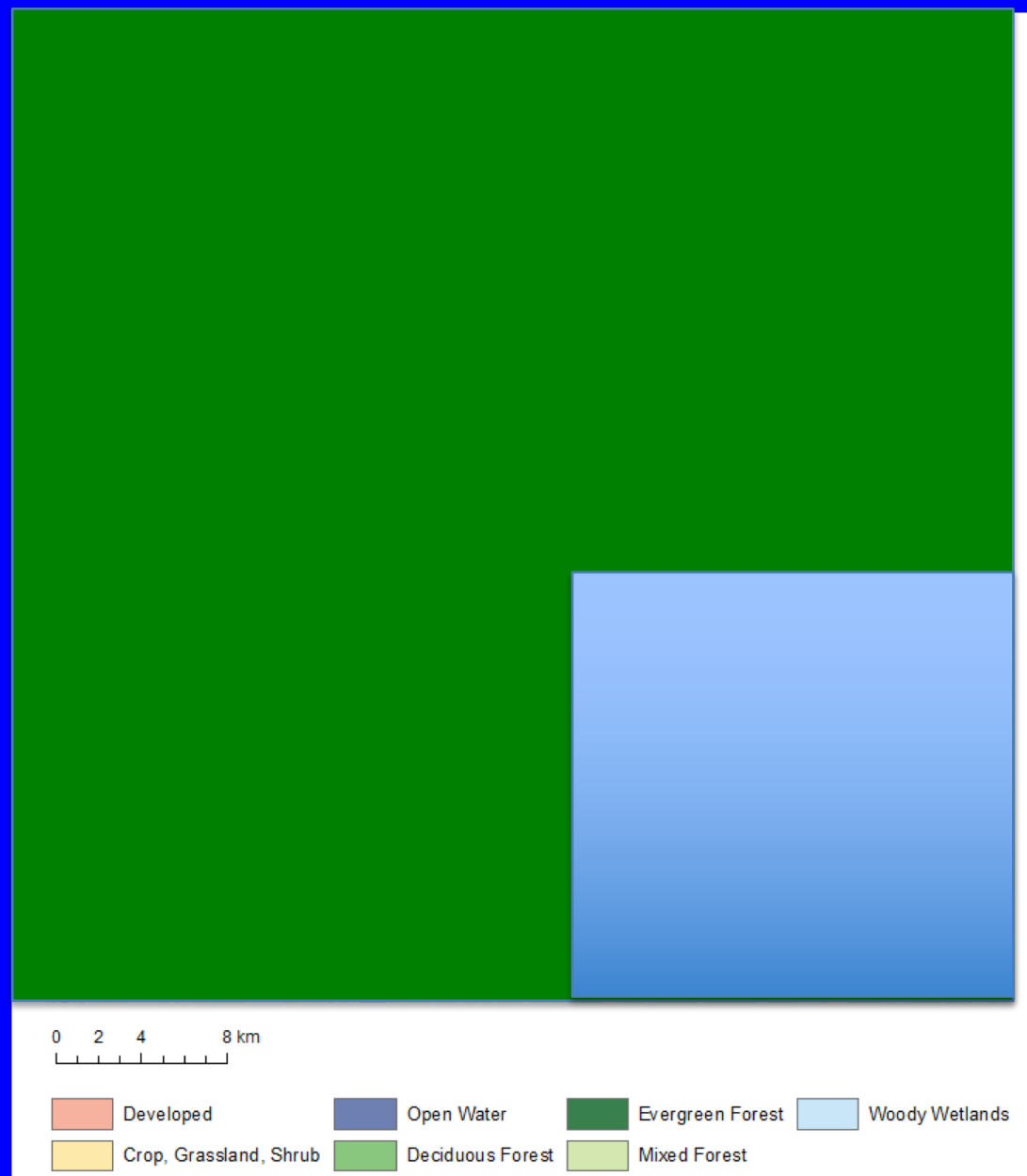
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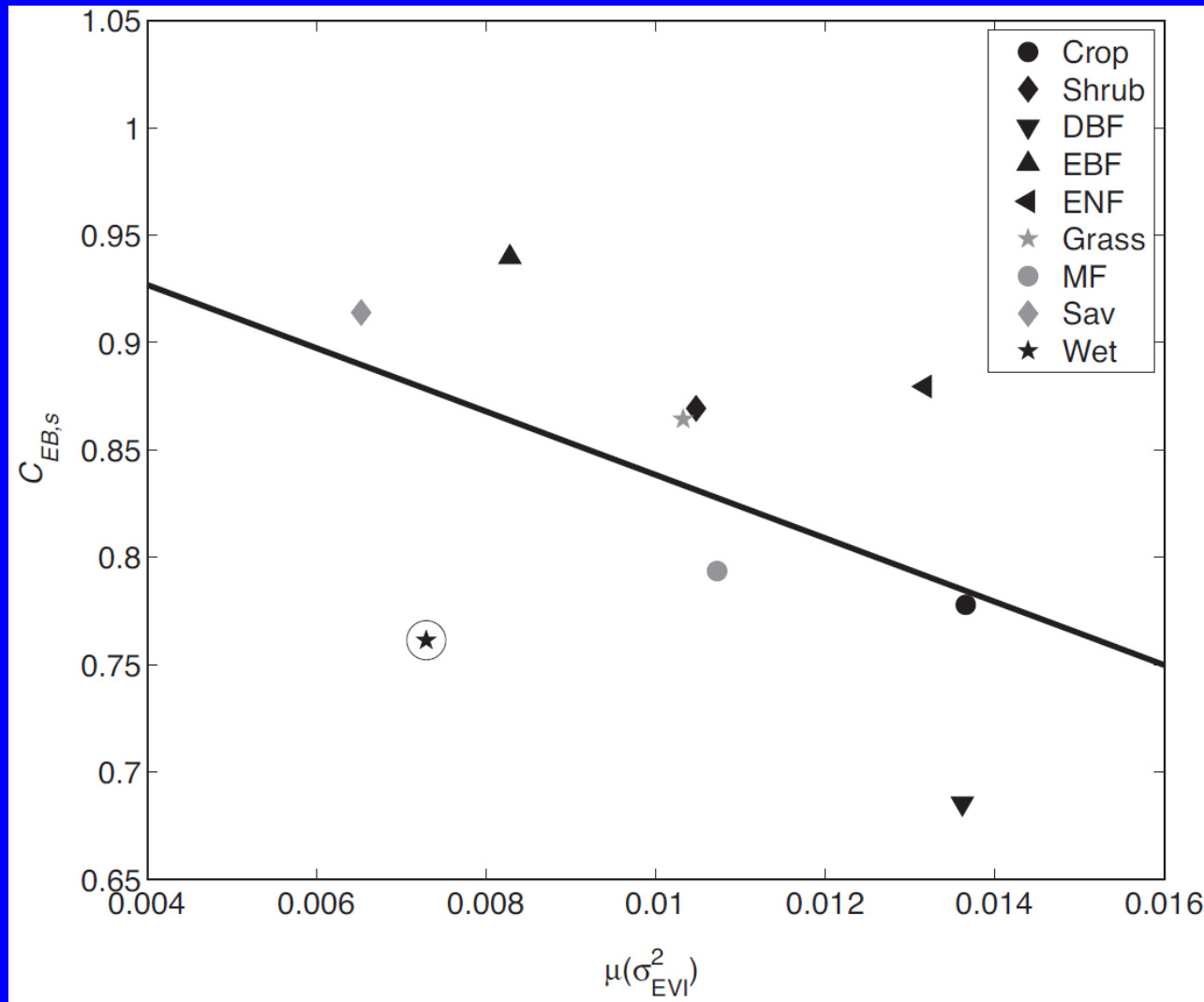
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# Paul Stoy is almost always right



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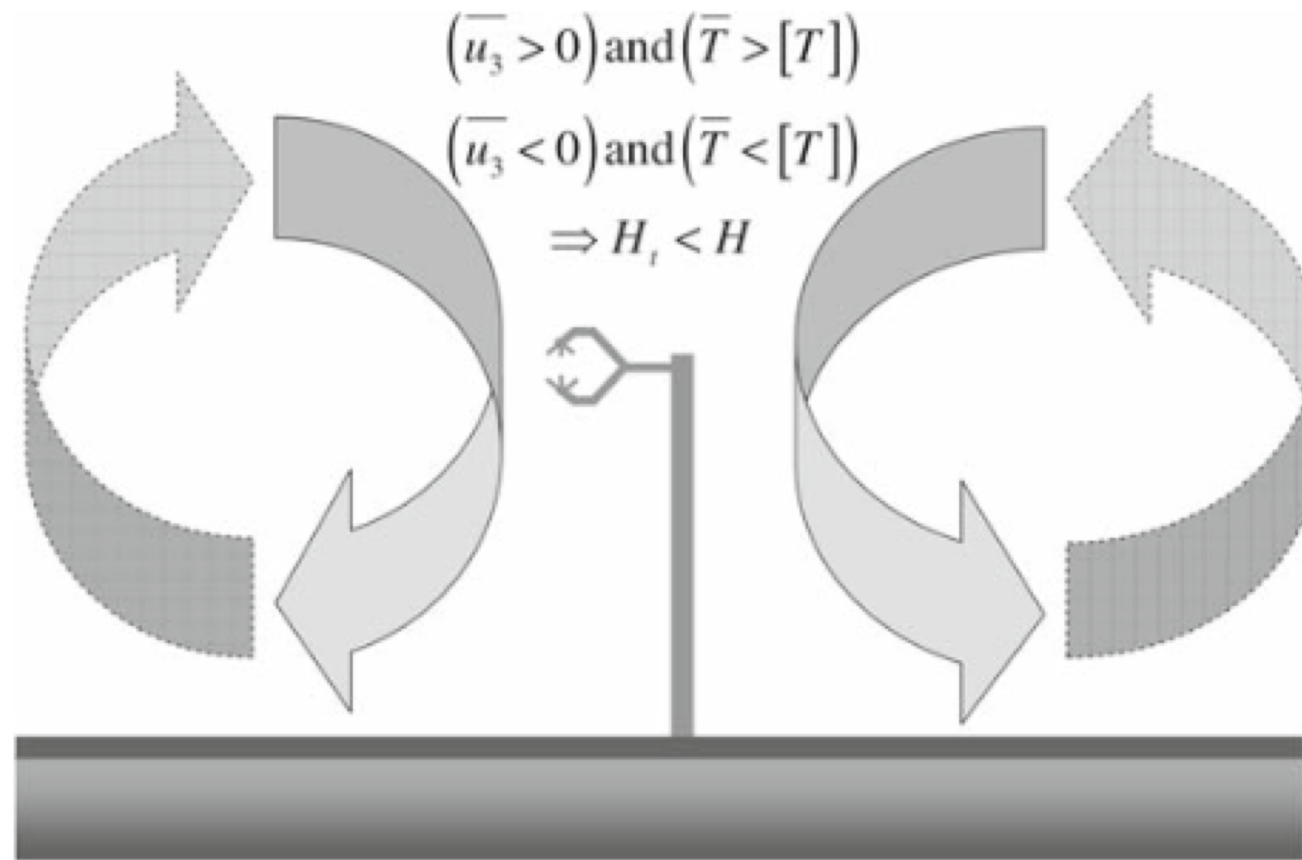


Greenness spatial variance

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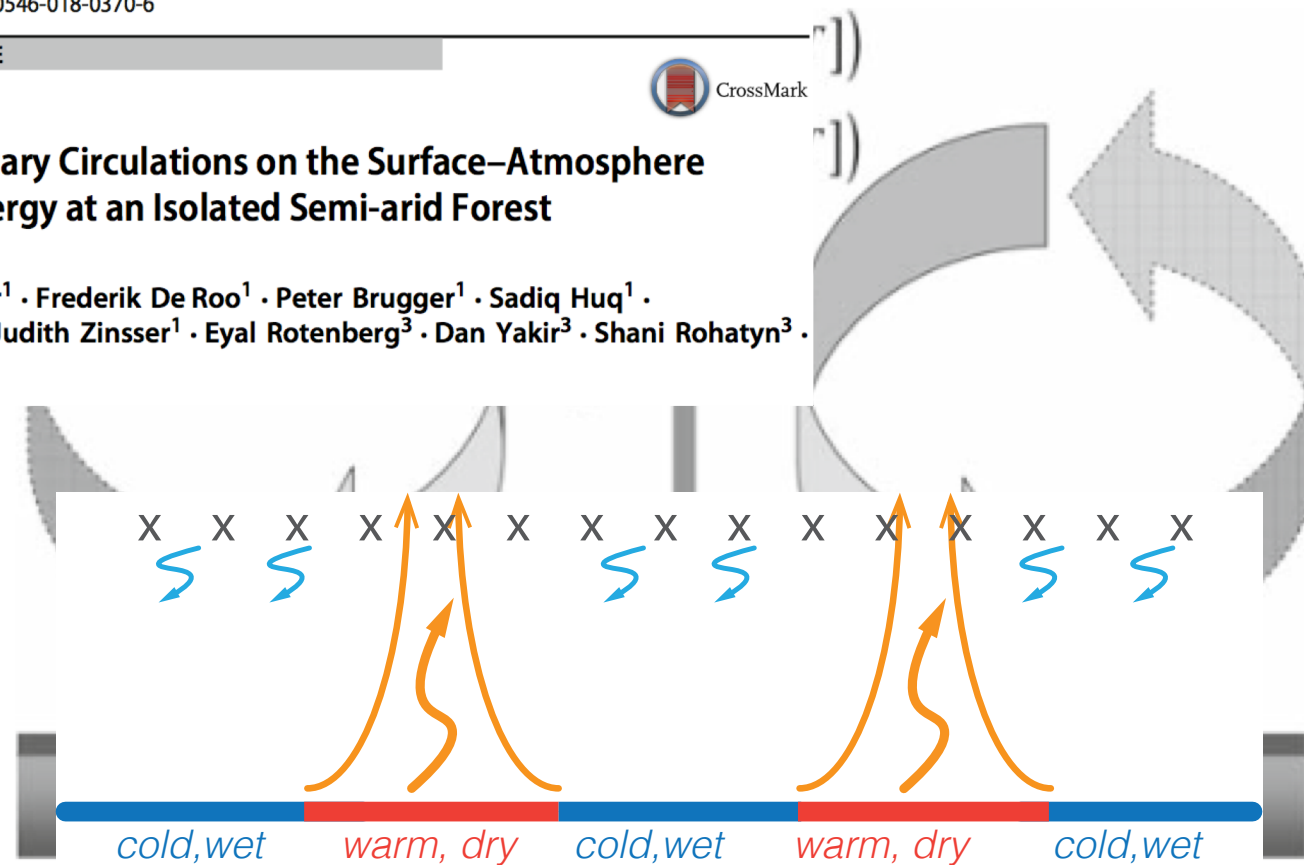
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## RESEARCH ARTICLE



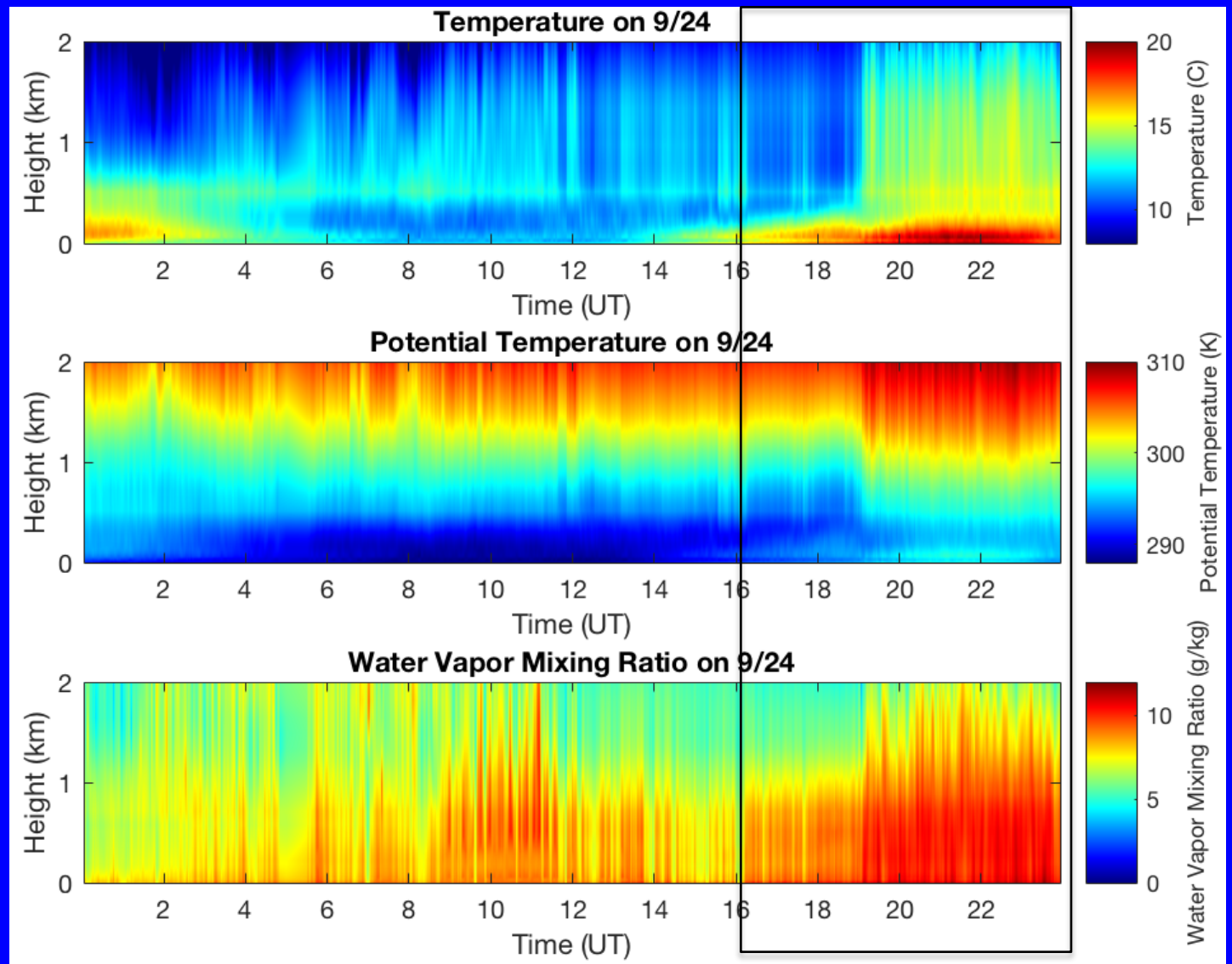
### Effect of Secondary Circulations on the Surface–Atmosphere Exchange of Energy at an Isolated Semi-arid Forest

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# Atmospheric Emitted Radiance Interferometer (AERI) at tall tower in fall demonstrates existence of large roll eddies $>$ flux averaging time even near surface



# QUESTIONS?????

- How homogenous is homogenous enough?
  - How well does a single eddy flux tower represent a typical earth system model domain (10x10 km) mean surface energy fluxes and how does mean flux and energy balance closure vary with surface flux heterogeneity?
- How many flux towers are towers enough?
  - If you had multiple towers, how many would you need before sufficiently sampling domain mean flux? Are there smarter ways to compute the mean flux when you have multiple towers?
- When and where does local surface heterogeneity drive local atmosphere circulations?
  - How does the presence or absence of these circulations influence the reliability and representativeness and energy balance closure of single-point eddy covariance flux tower measurements?





# Chequamegon Heterogeneous Ecosystem Energy-balance Study Enabled by a High-density Extensive Array of Detectors (CHEESEHEAD19)

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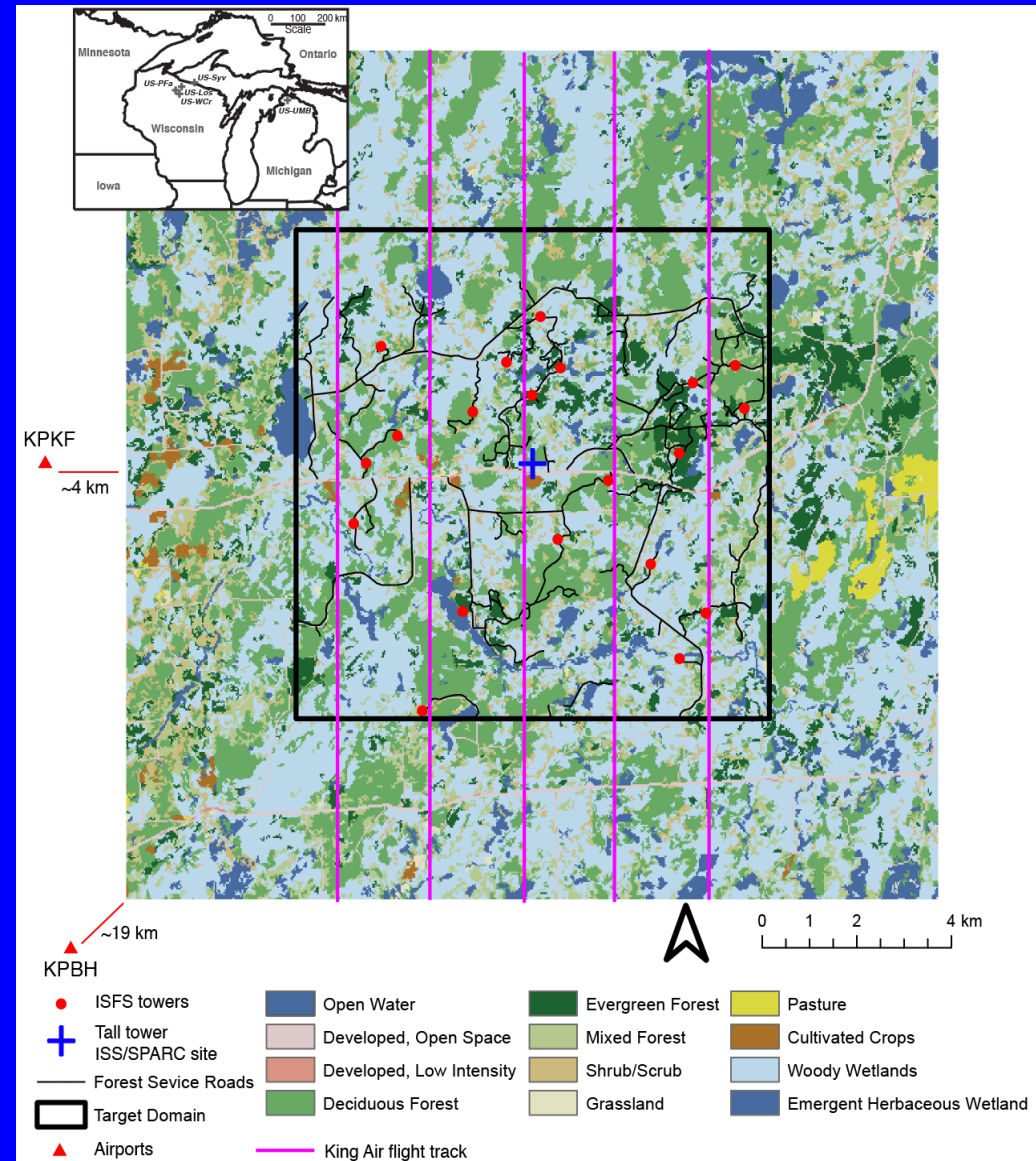
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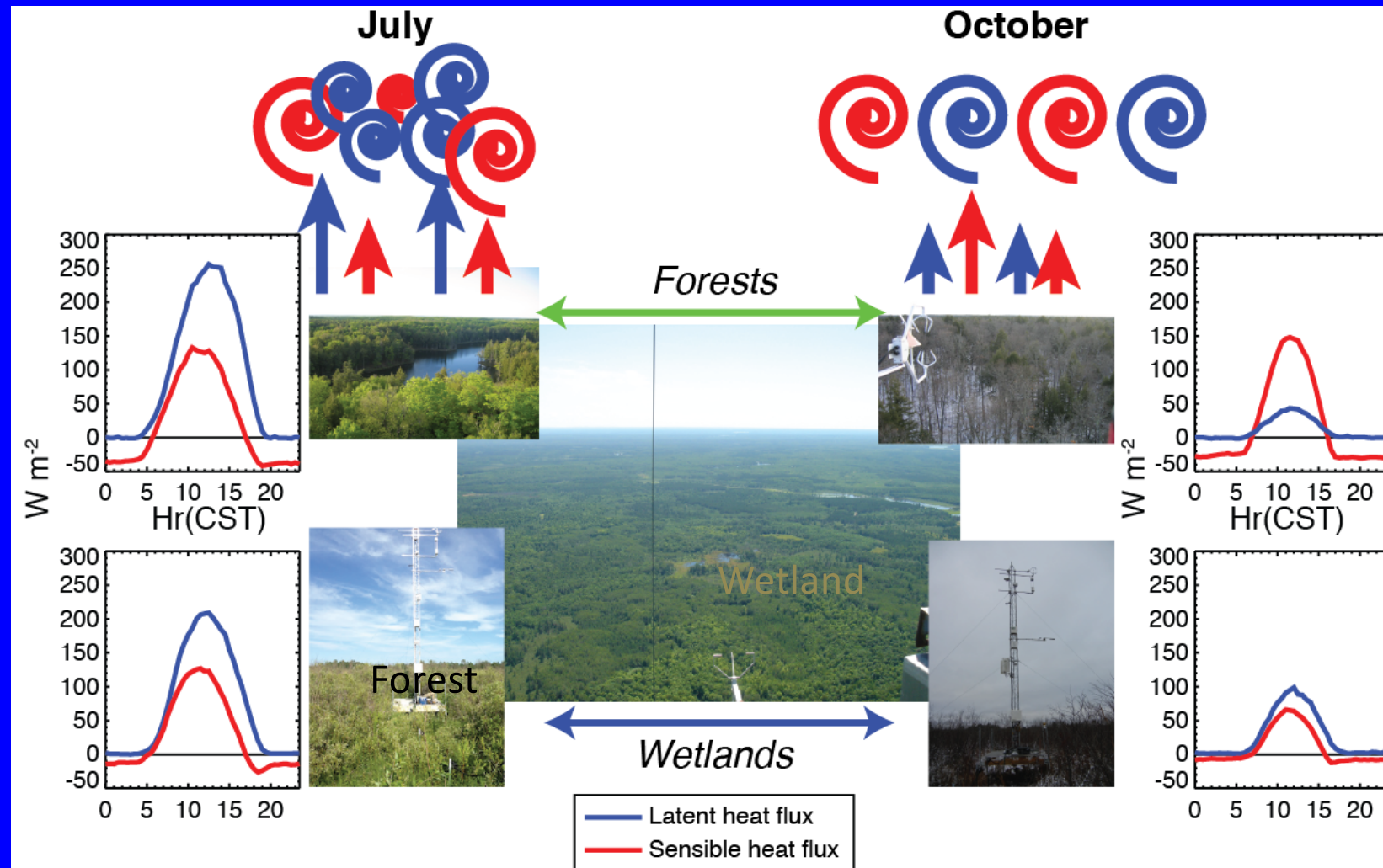
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# Experimental Design (Not BOREAS-II)

- Distribute 17 rapid-deployment eddy covariance flux towers (red dots) within 10x10 km box (black box, right) around US-PFa WLEF tall tower (blue cross).
- Run July-Oct 2019
- Ecophys, NPP, and phenology bi-weekly sampling
- Place in-situ and remote profiling instruments in 100 m clearing.
- 3 IOPs in late Jul, late Aug, late Sep with airborne legs in 2 km spacing at 500 and 1000 ft AGL (purple lines).
- Upward pointing LiDAR to map PBL dept. Raman LiDAR for profiles of temperature and water vapor, if possible
- Hyperspectral visible-IR and canopy LiDAR mapping mission from UW SpecEx
- LES simulations for each IOP and select cases across study period

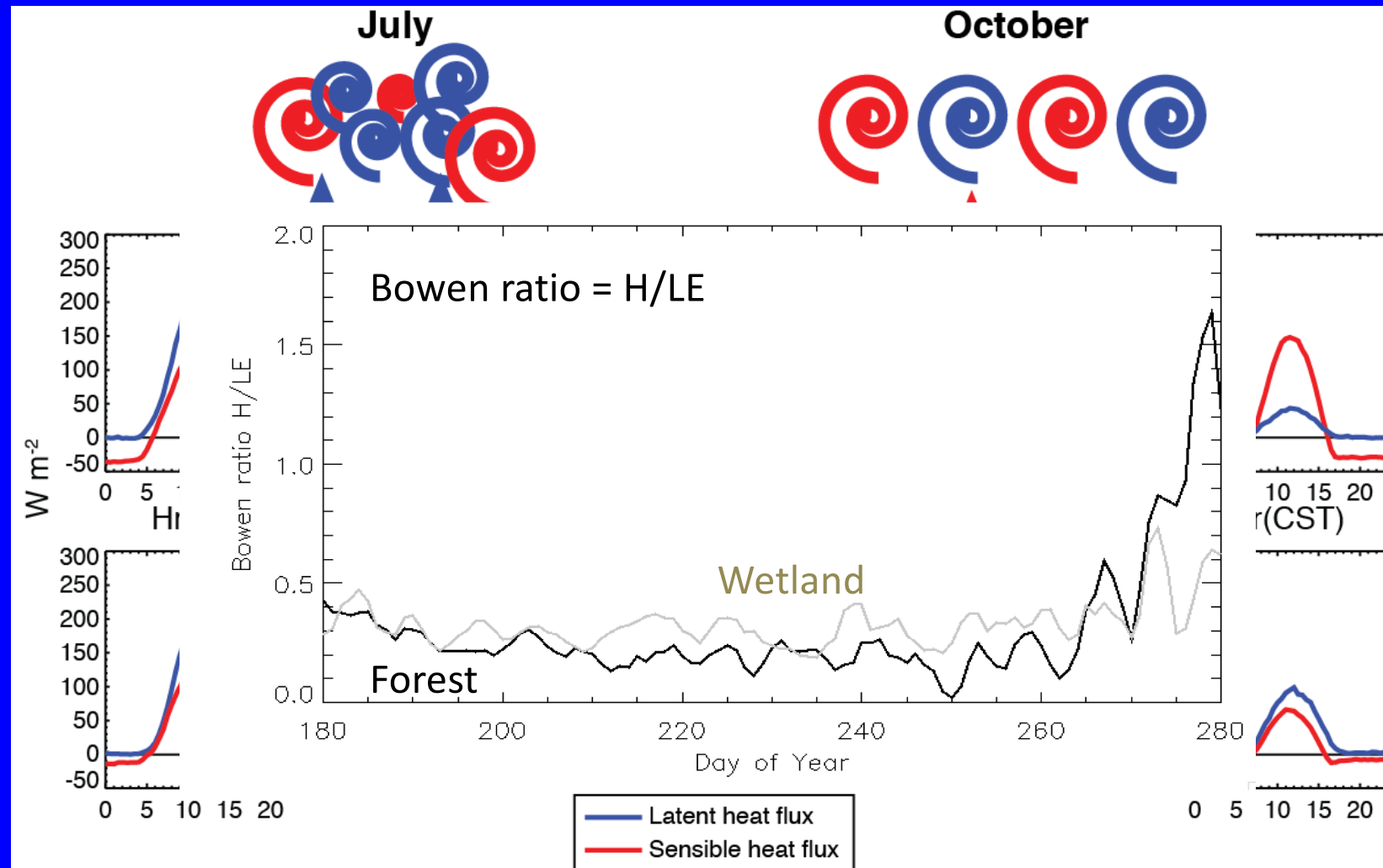


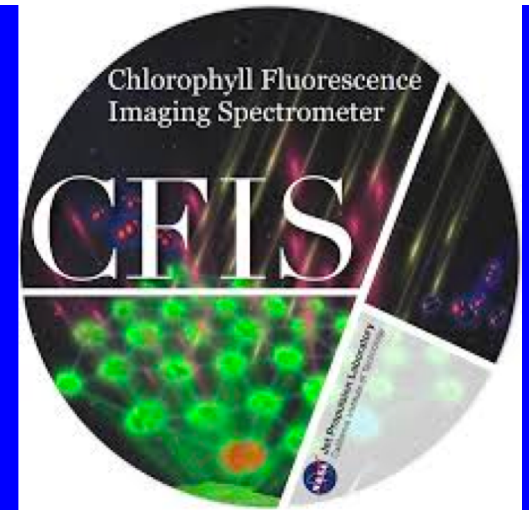
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*courtesy of Vanda Grubisic, Desert*









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*University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Geography (SCHWARTZ)*

Ground-based vegetation/phenology sampling

July-Oct, weekly, campaign/student-based

*NCAR EOL Integrated Surface Flux System (ISFS)*

15-20 10-20 m EC flux towers

July-Oct, above canopy fluxes and met

In-Situ Profiling (mostly at US-PFa Very tall tower)

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449 MHz modular wind profiler + RASS

July-Oct, Winds, T/RH profile

Radiosonde

Every morning (12 UTC) July-Oct

*UW Space Science and Engineering Center Portable Atmospheric Research Center (SPARC)*

Atmospheric Emitted Radiance Interferometer (AERI)

July-Oct, T and RH profile

HALO Photonics Streamline scanning Doppler LiDAR

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High-Spectral Resolution Lidar (HSRL)

July-Oct, aerosol backscatter

Vaisala Ceilometer

July-Oct, PBL depth

*University of Wisconsin-Madison, Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (DESAI)*

3-hourly high-resolution PBL sondes during IOPs

Daily during IOPs

*Karlsruhe Institute for Technology (VOGELMANN)*

DIAL/Raman Lidar

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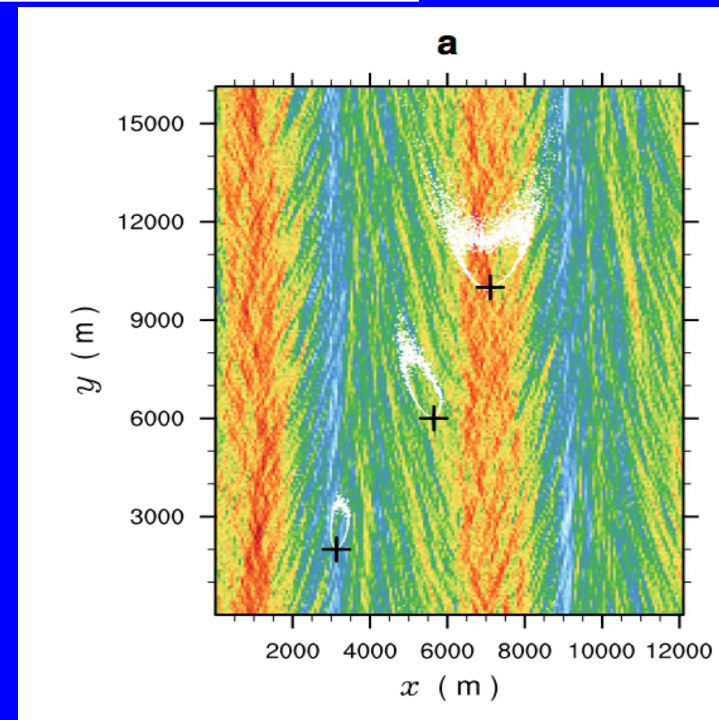
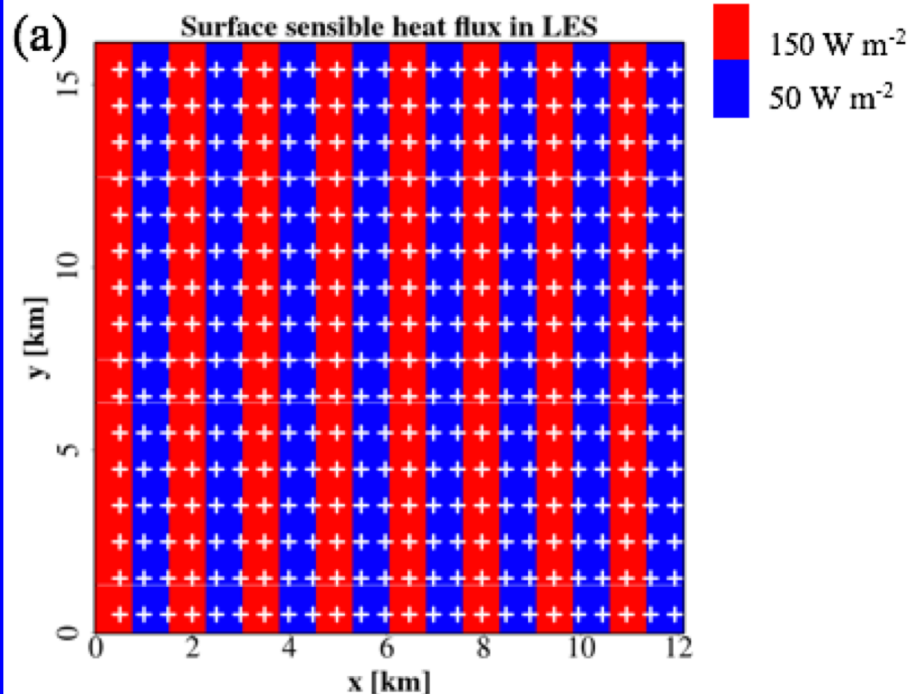
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ORIGINAL PAPER

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We can test 3 spatial eddy covariance methods that account for meso-scale eddies

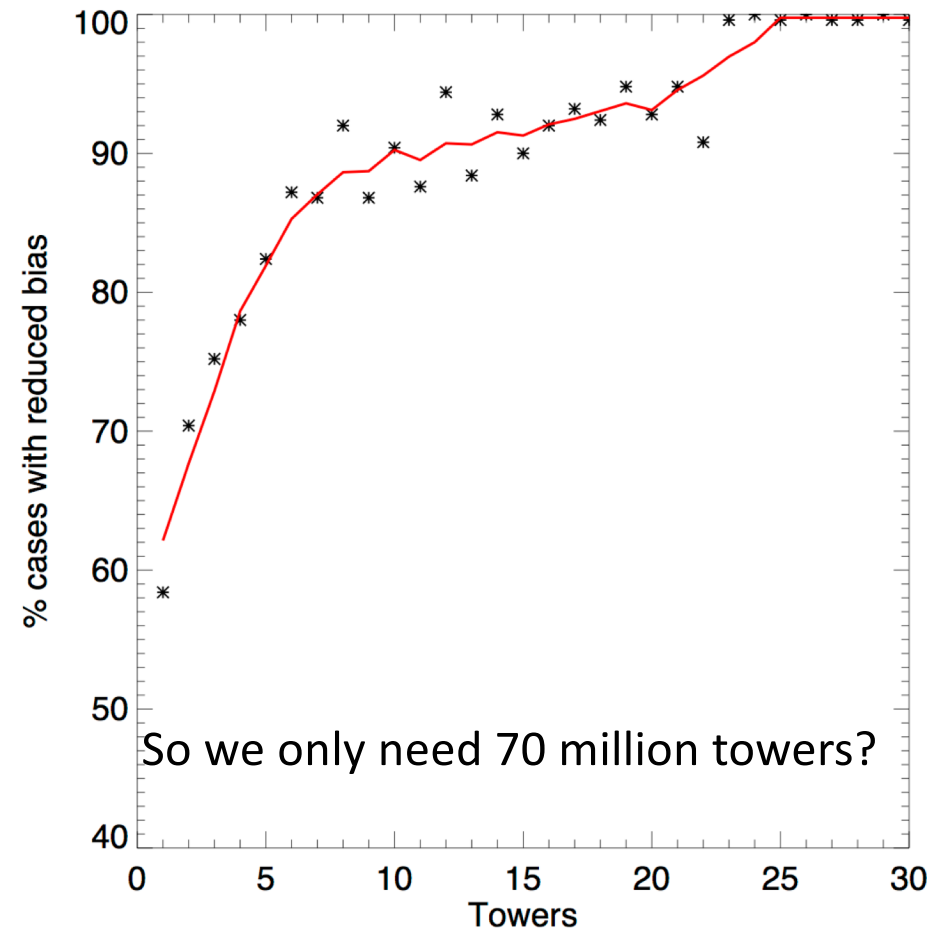
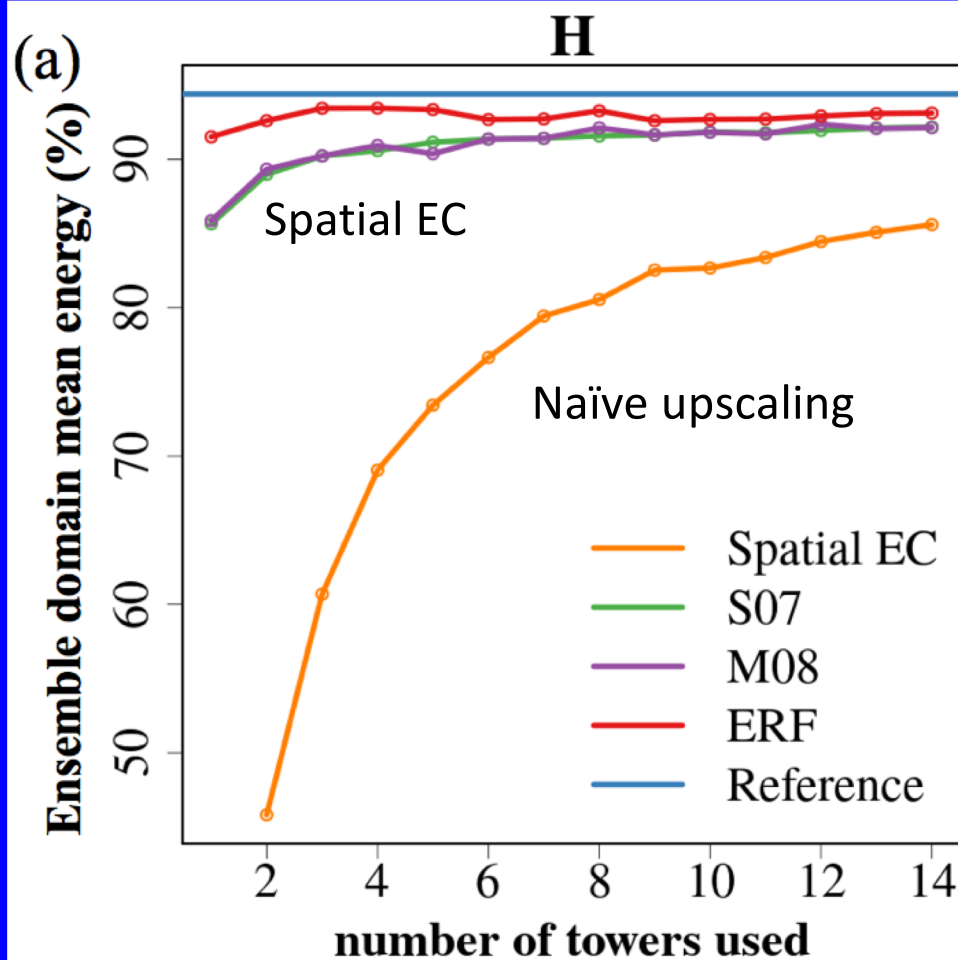
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$$B_{\text{comb}} = \overline{\langle w''\theta'' \rangle} + \overline{\langle w \rangle' \langle \theta \rangle'} \tag{3a}$$

$$= \overline{B_a} + \left(\frac{1}{M-1}\right) \sum_{i=1}^M \left( (\langle w \rangle_i - \overline{\langle w \rangle}) (\langle \theta \rangle_i - \overline{\langle \theta \rangle}) \right), \tag{3b}$$

$$H = \overline{u_3} \left( \overline{T} - T_0 \right) + \overline{u_3' T'} \approx \overline{u_3} \left( \overline{T} - [T] \right) + \overline{u_3' T'} = \overline{u_3} \left( \overline{T} - [T] \right) + H_t$$

Spatial eddy covariance improves energy balance and more rapidly converges to domain mean flux than naïve upscaling



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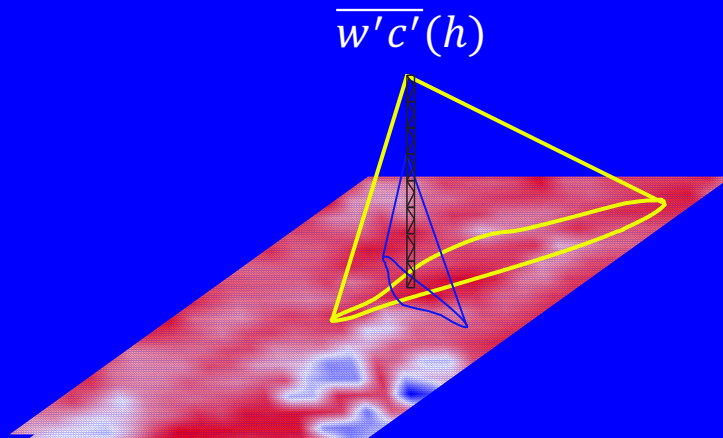
What's the ERF one?



# Environmental Response Function (ERF) scaling method

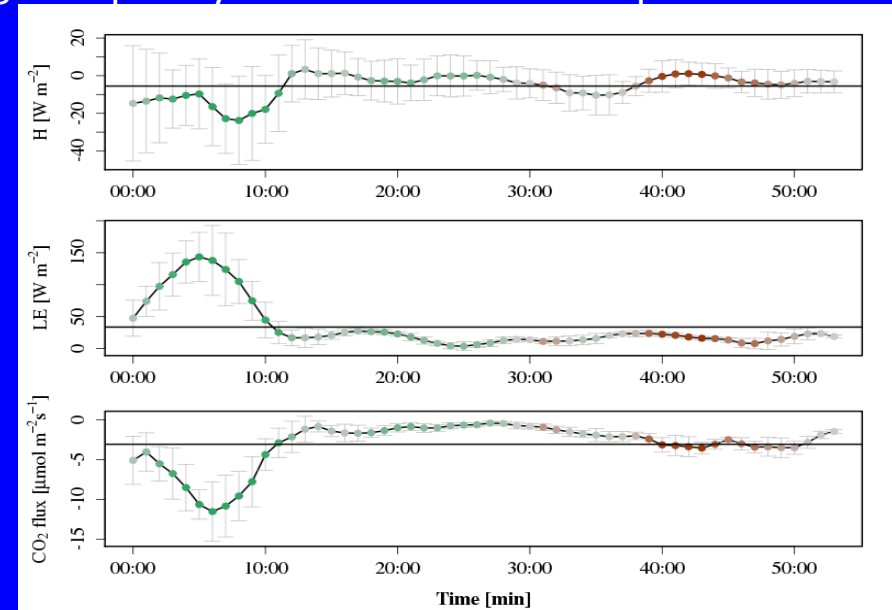
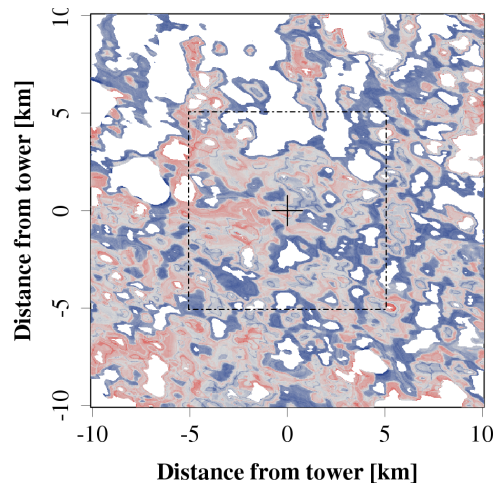
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High frequency time series of flux response and drivers

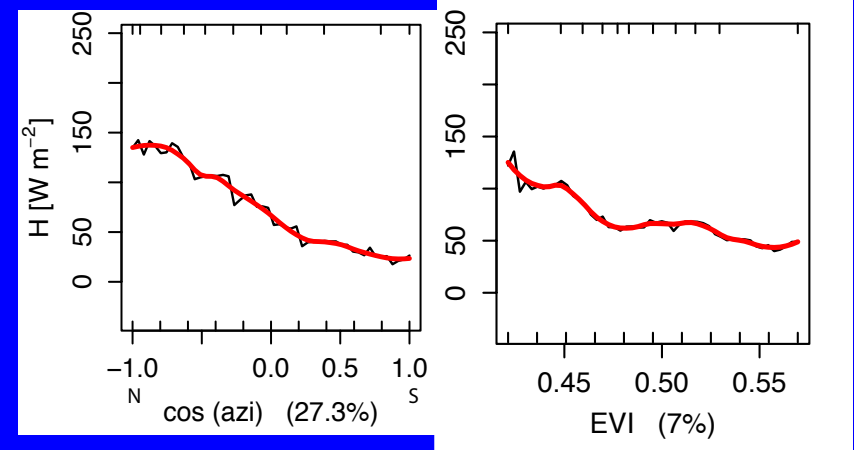


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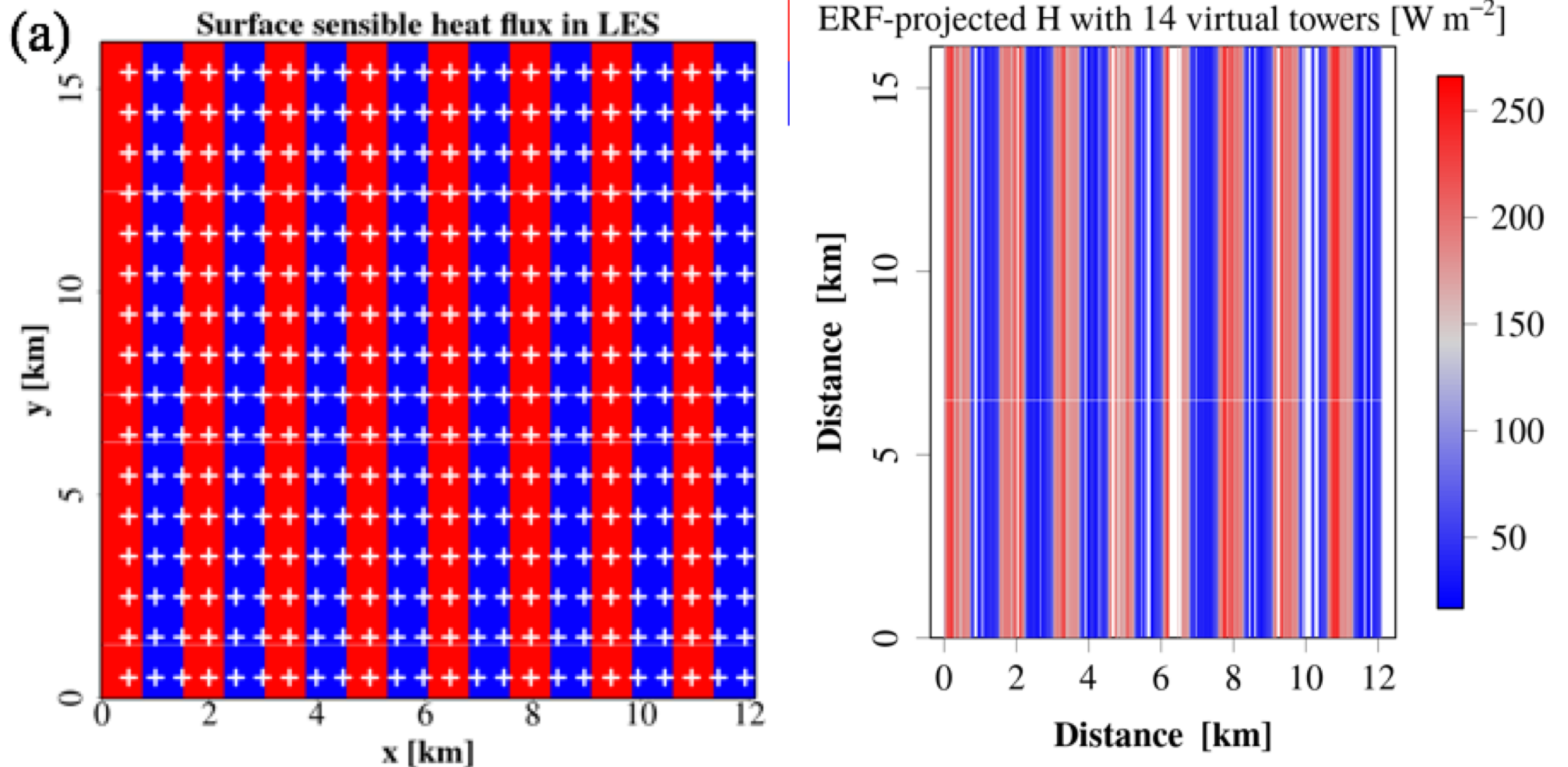
Domain-projected turbulent flux at measurement level



Extracted relationships



With 14 towers, we can recover highly heterogeneous fluxes in LES with ERF



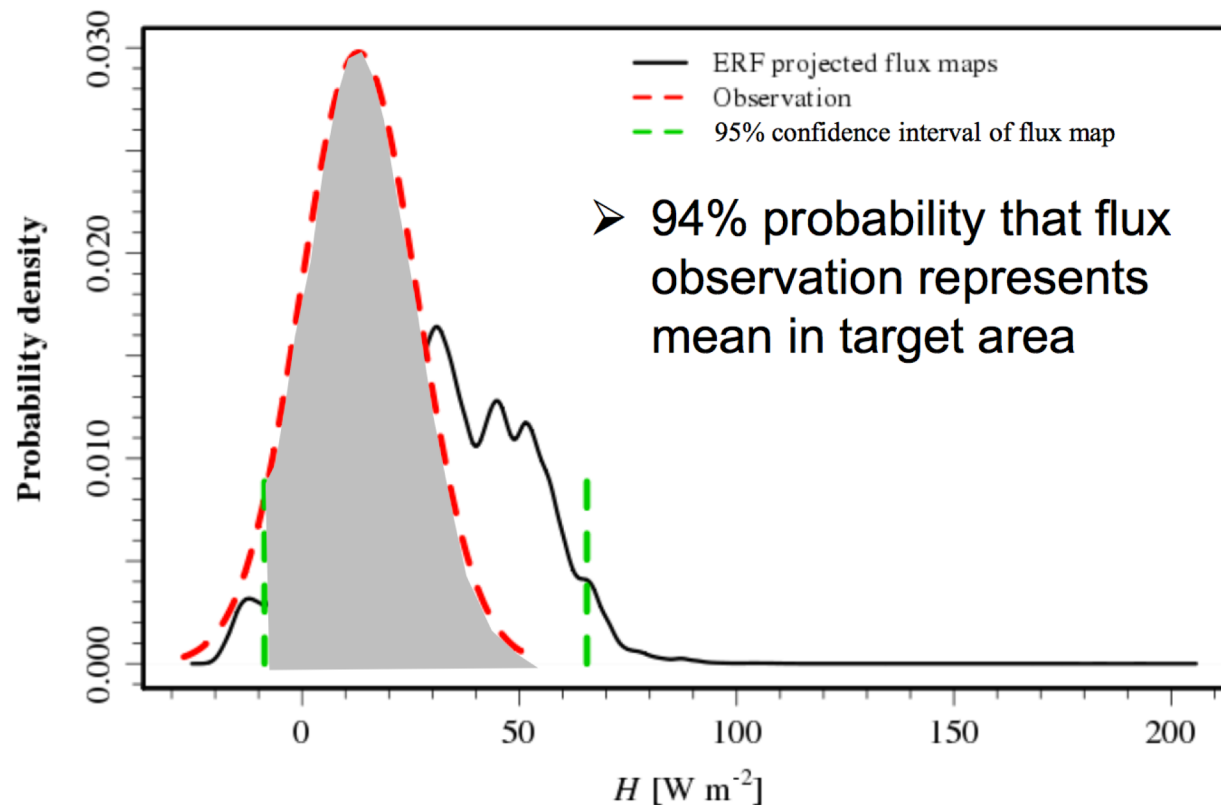
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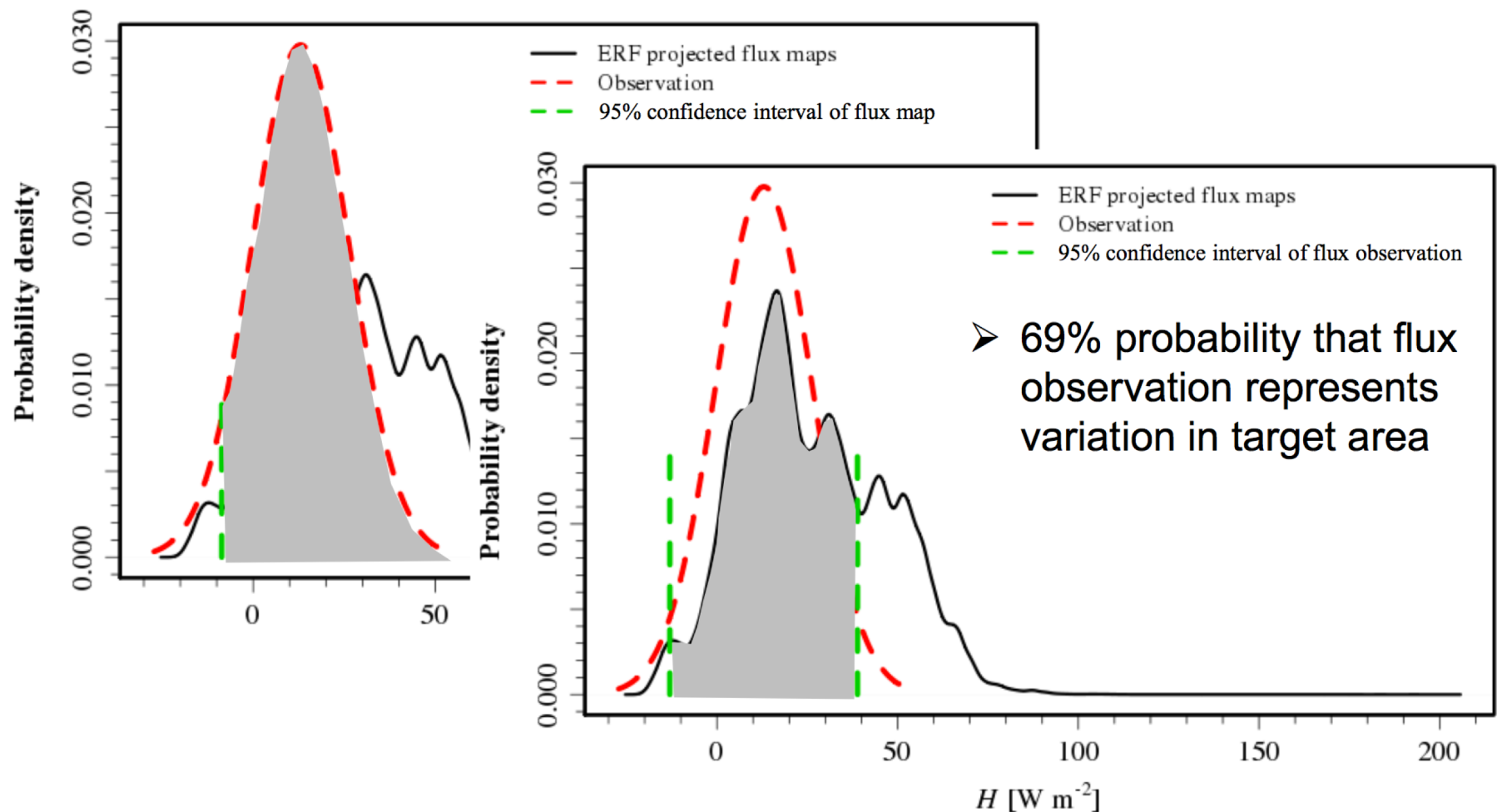
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# We are looking for infinite collaborators!

- Working on permitting now for tall tower clearing, USFS tower sites, FAA waivers
- Towers to operate mid June 2019 to mid October 2019
- All data (including raw turbulence) open-access, online < 6 months, NCAR hosted repository
- One post-doc position may be available still...
- Contact: Ankur Desai, [desai@aos.wisc.edu](mailto:desai@aos.wisc.edu) 608-218-4208, Twitter: @profdesai
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