

29 towers, 29 ~~stories~~
problems...

US-PFa
WLEF

“Why’d you have to go and
make everything so complicated?”

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Ameriflux 2019 Community Meeting

Photo: B. Butterworth

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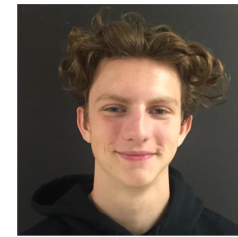
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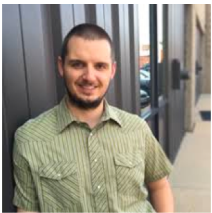
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Forests
Wetlands
Lakes

Farms

Urban
Lakes

US-PFa
US-Los
US-Syv
US-WCr
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US-CS1
US-CS2
US-CS3
US-DFC
US-DFK
US-PnP
US-Men

US-PFb
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Us-PFt

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Map created at ameriflux.lbl.gov

Moral of this journey

- We should disabuse ourselves of the notion that “homogeneity” is common across landscapes and in flux tower footprints
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How did we get here?

ChEAS core site cluster

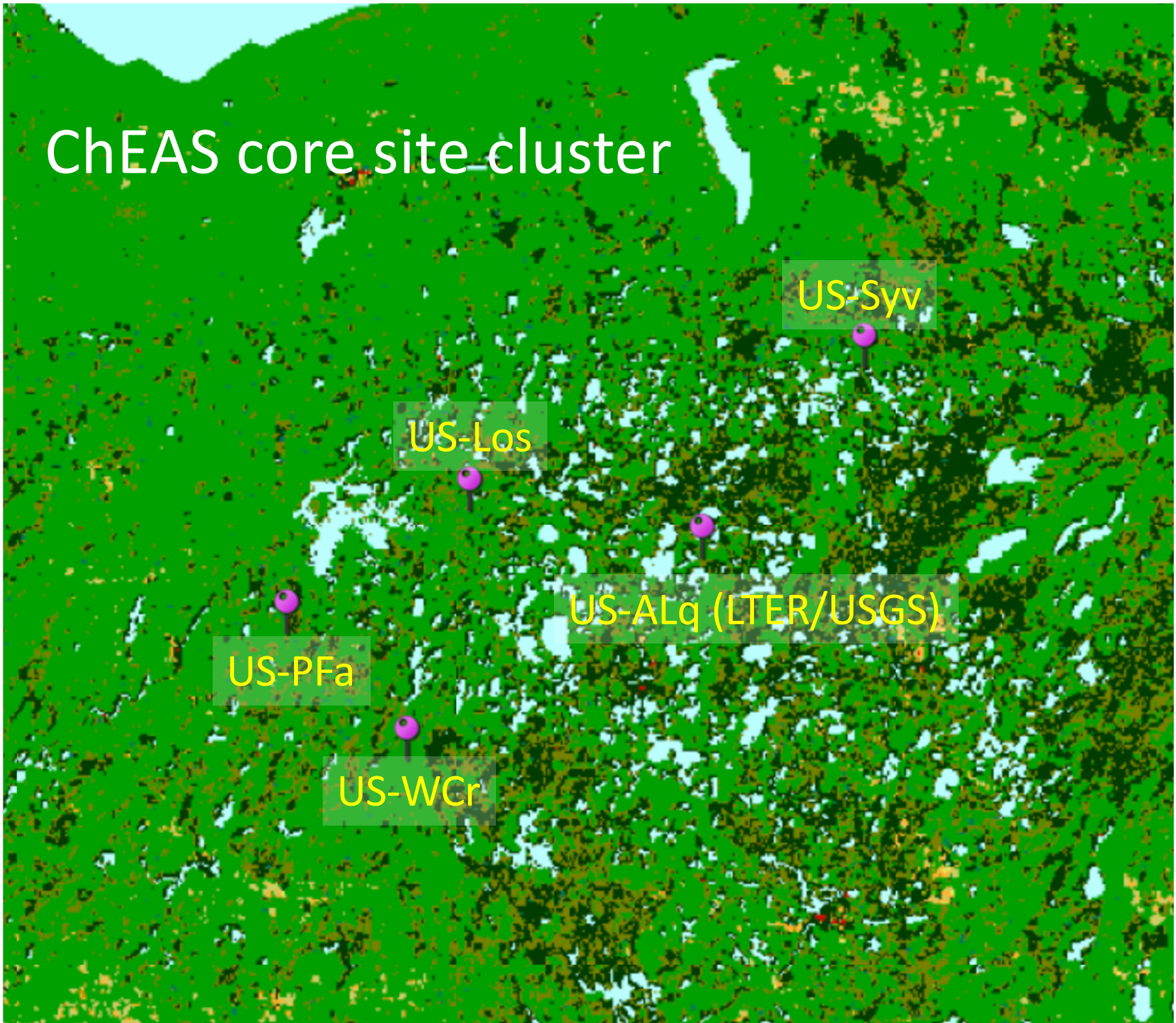
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US-Los

US-ALq (LTER/USGS)

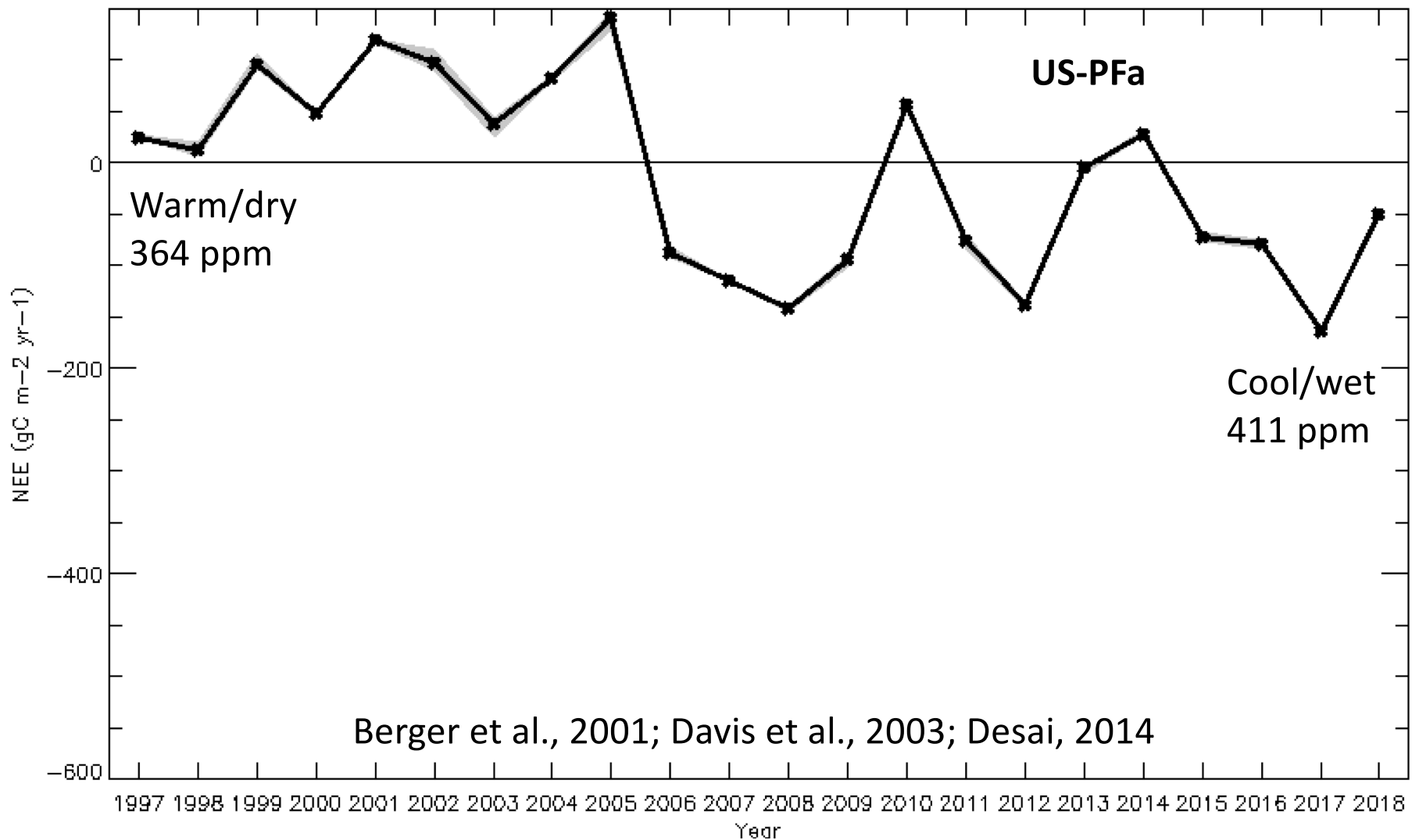
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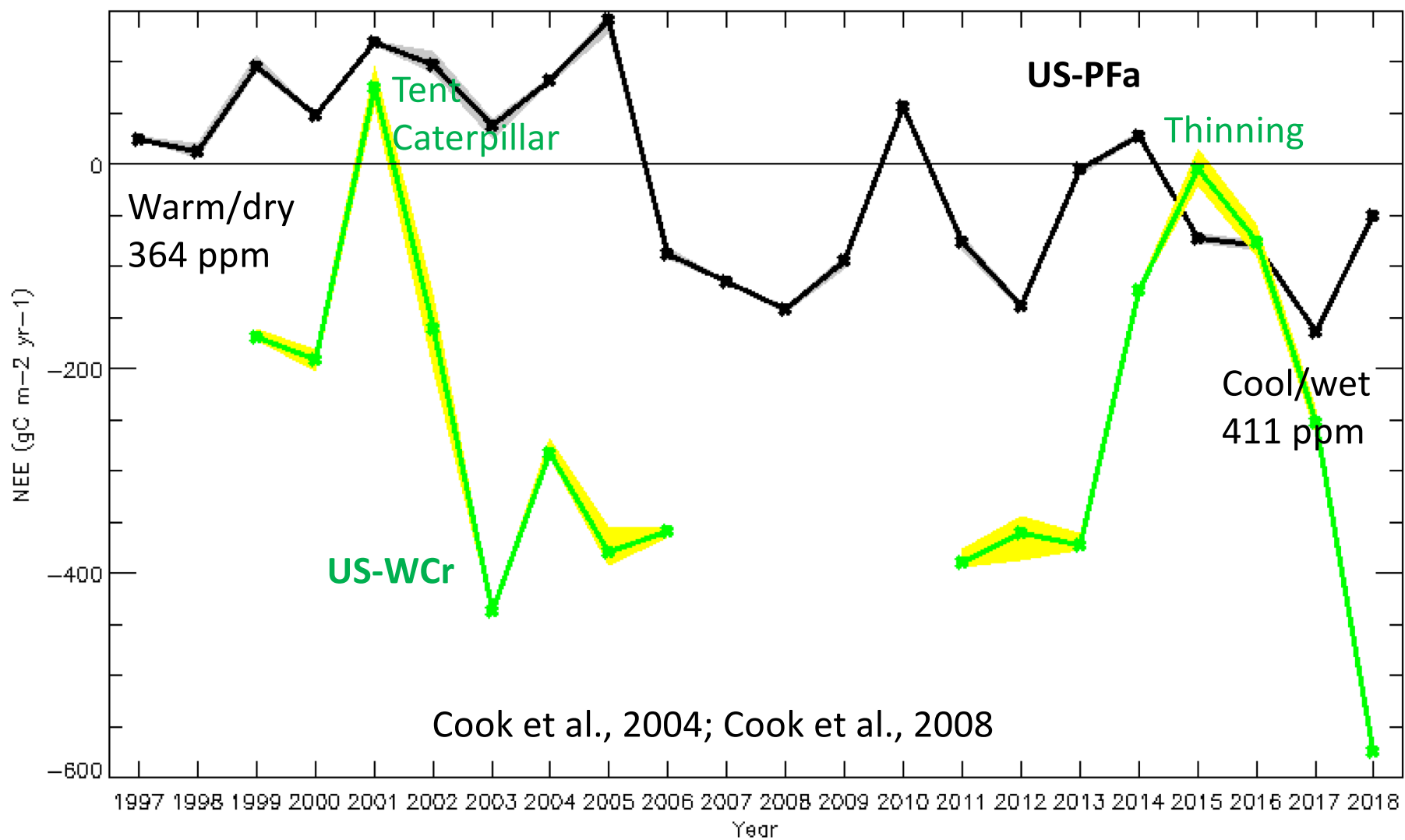
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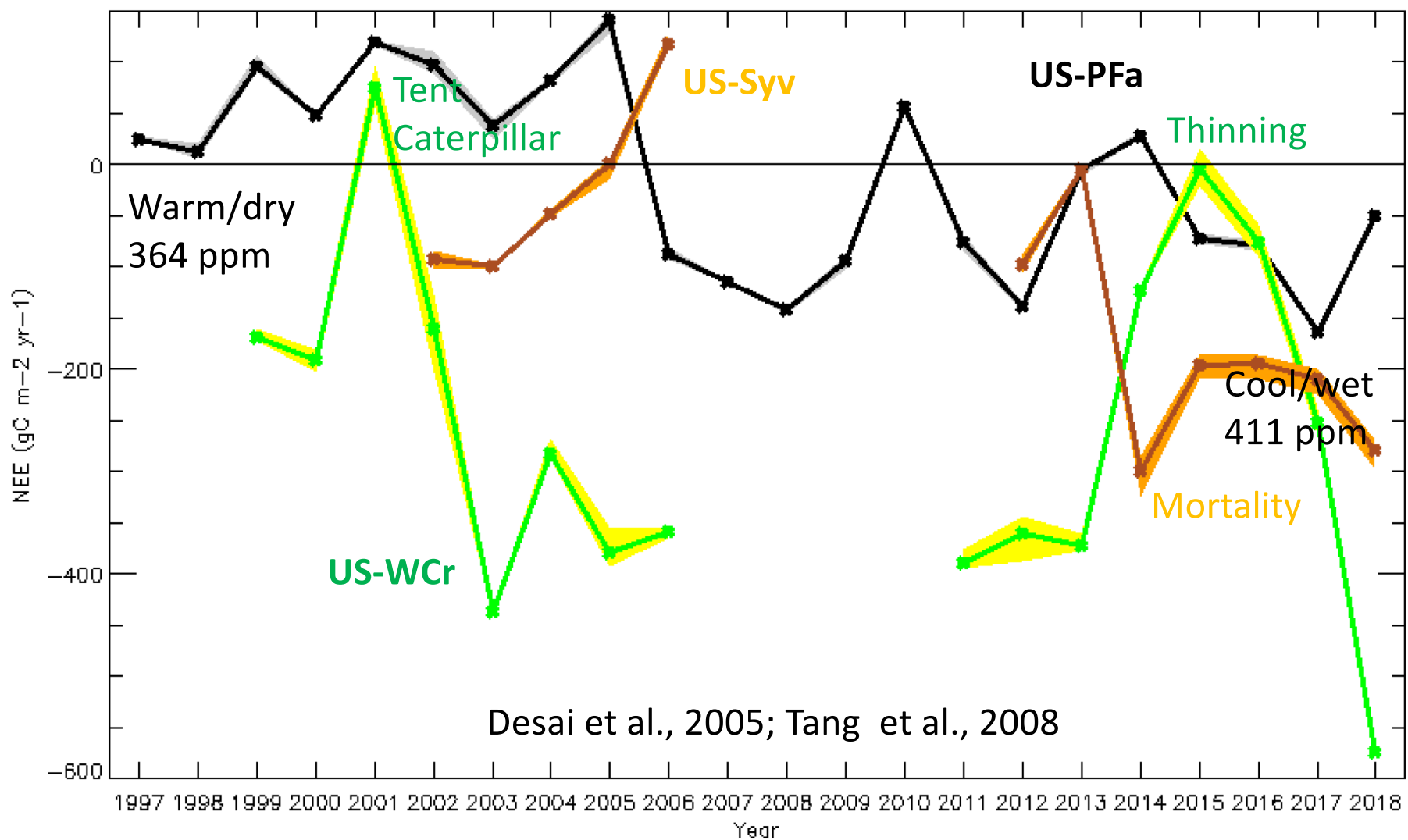


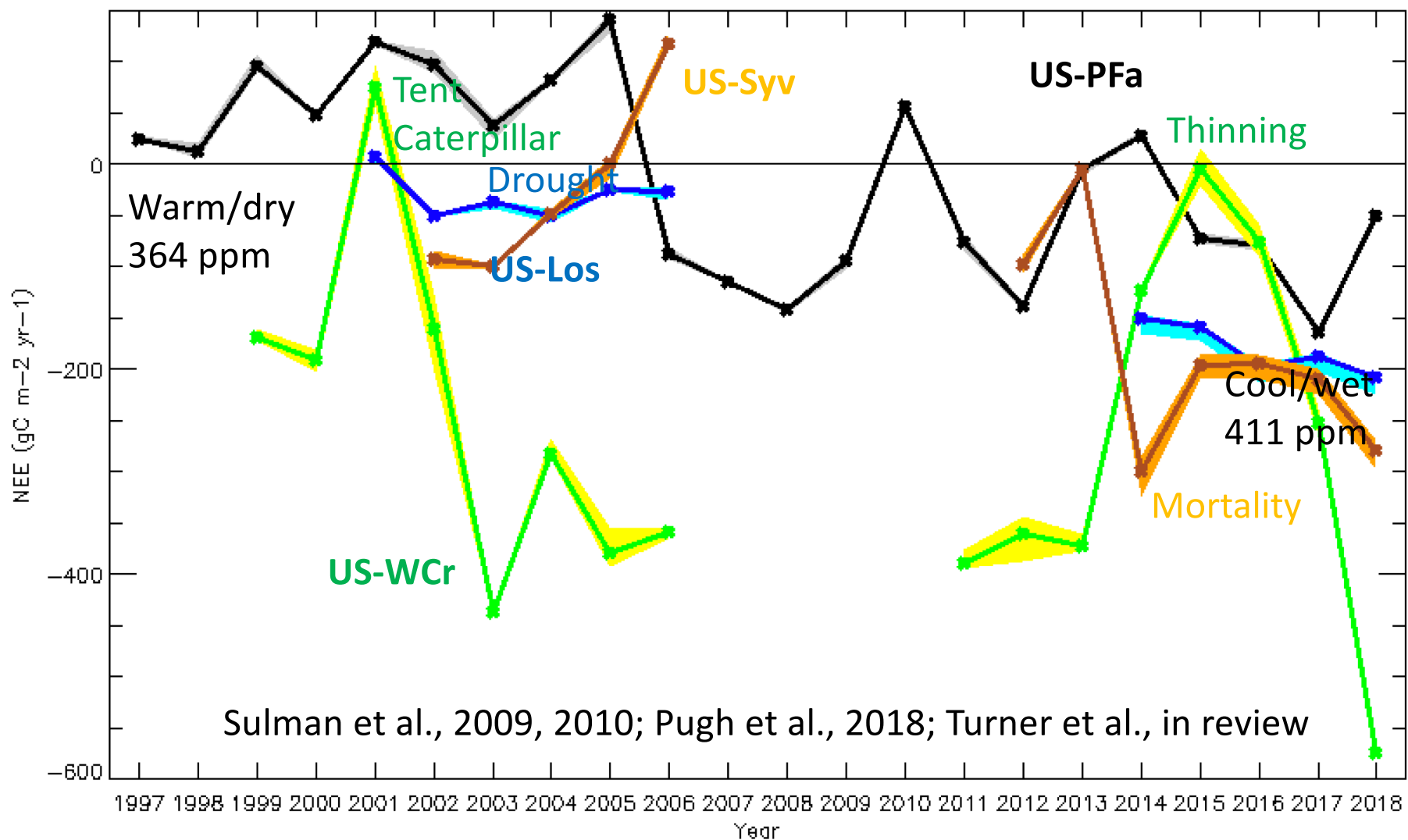
The Original "ChEAS"-heads

Chequamegon Ecosystem-Atmosphere Study

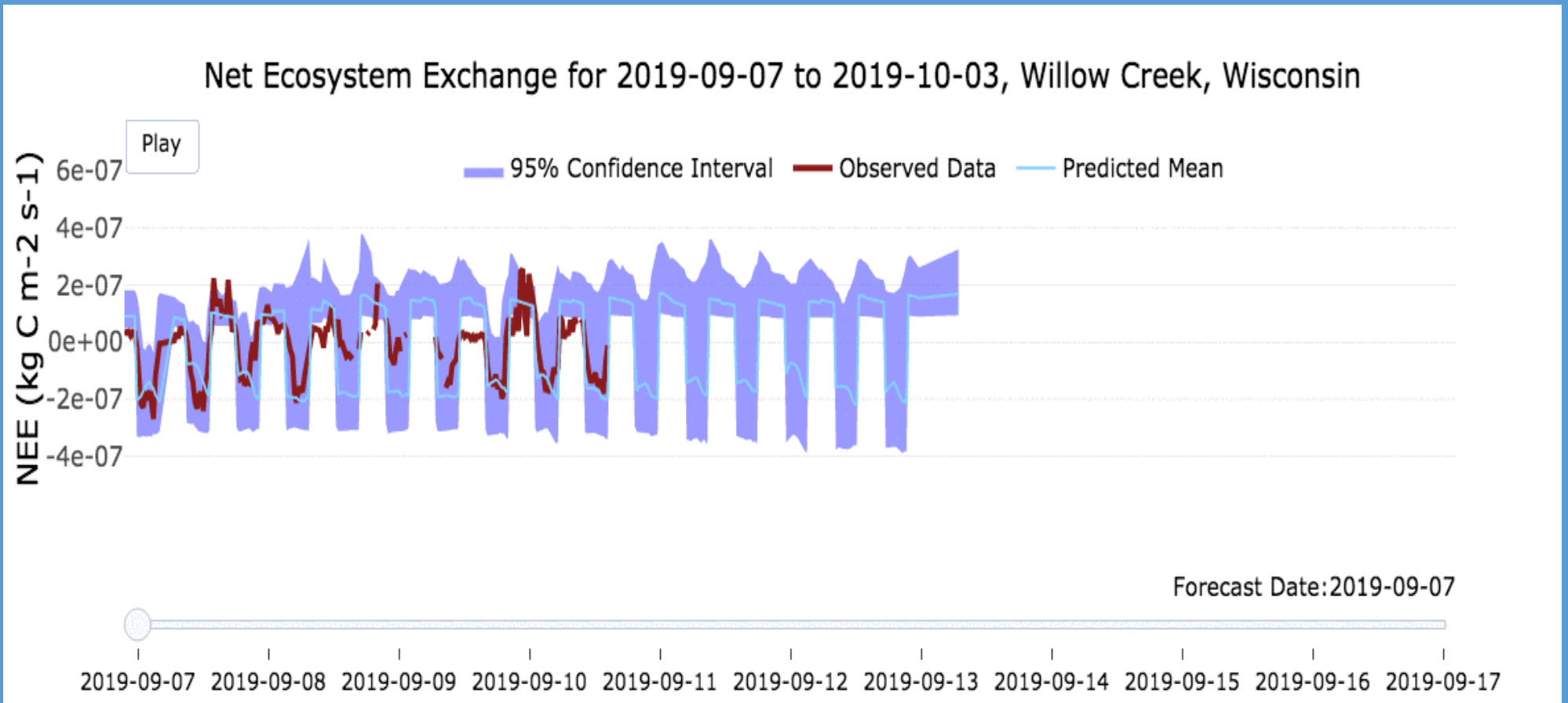




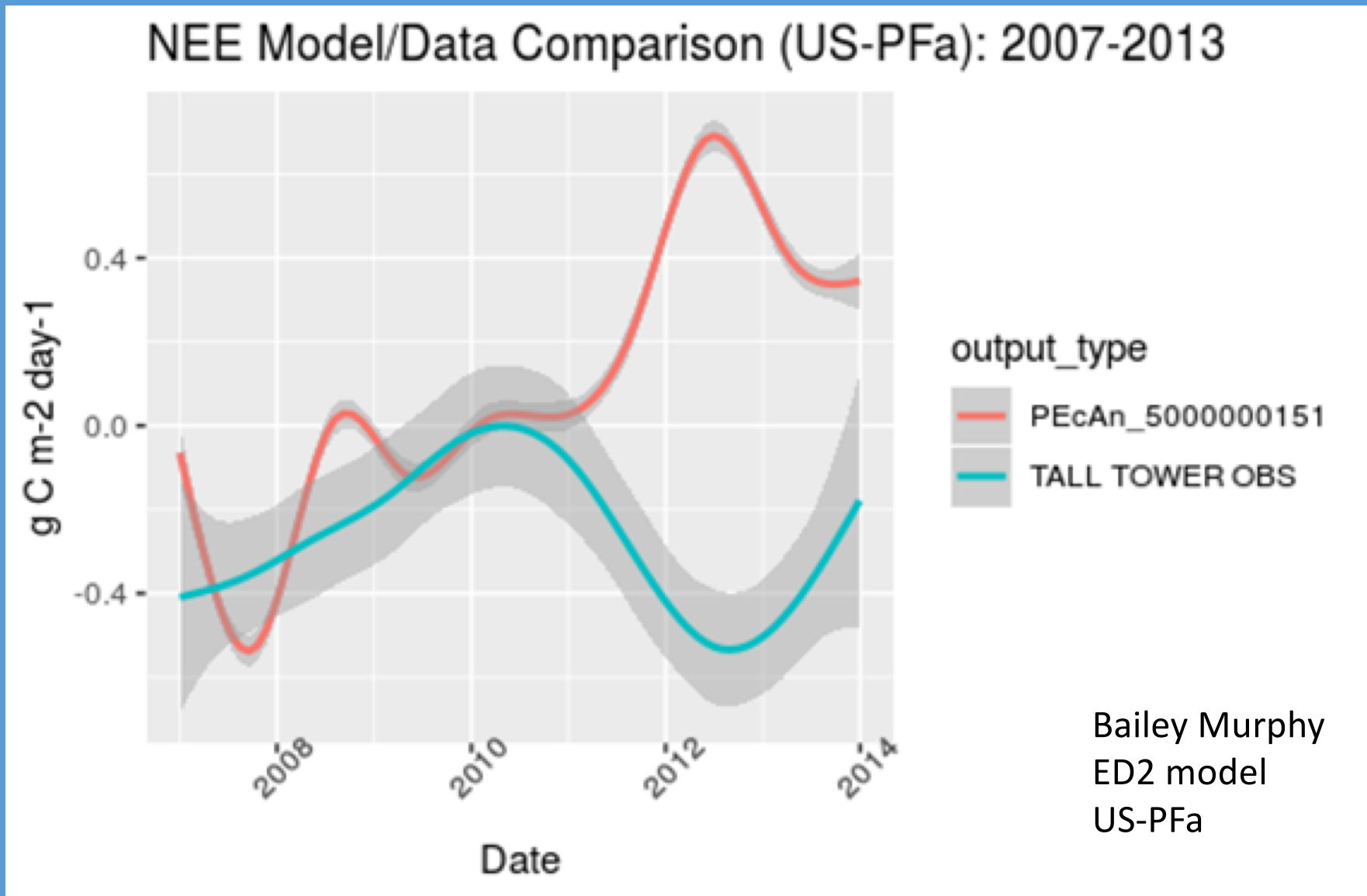




We can make nightly flux site forecasts!



But struggle modeling over longer time and space scales...



Forest management is part of it

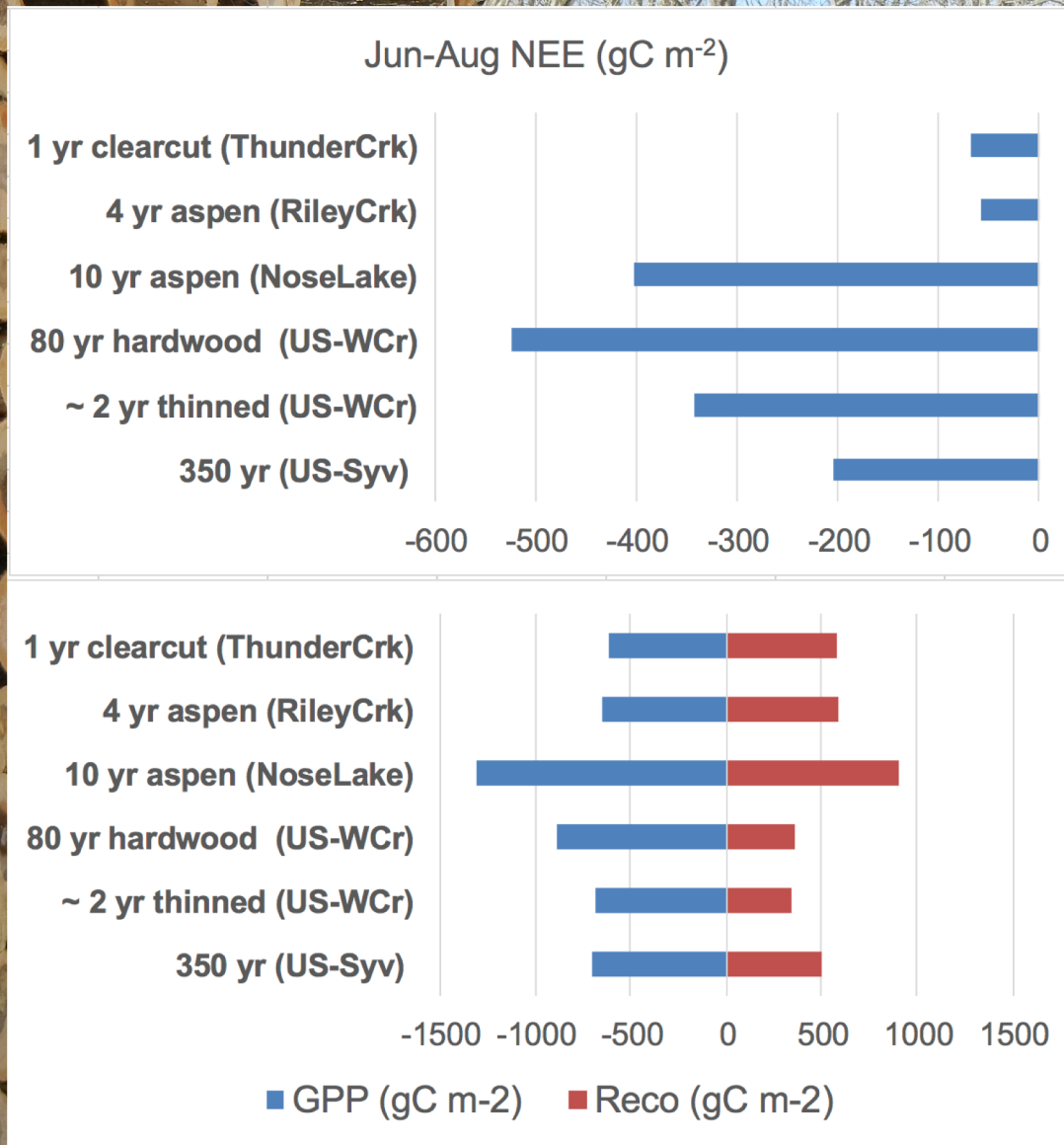
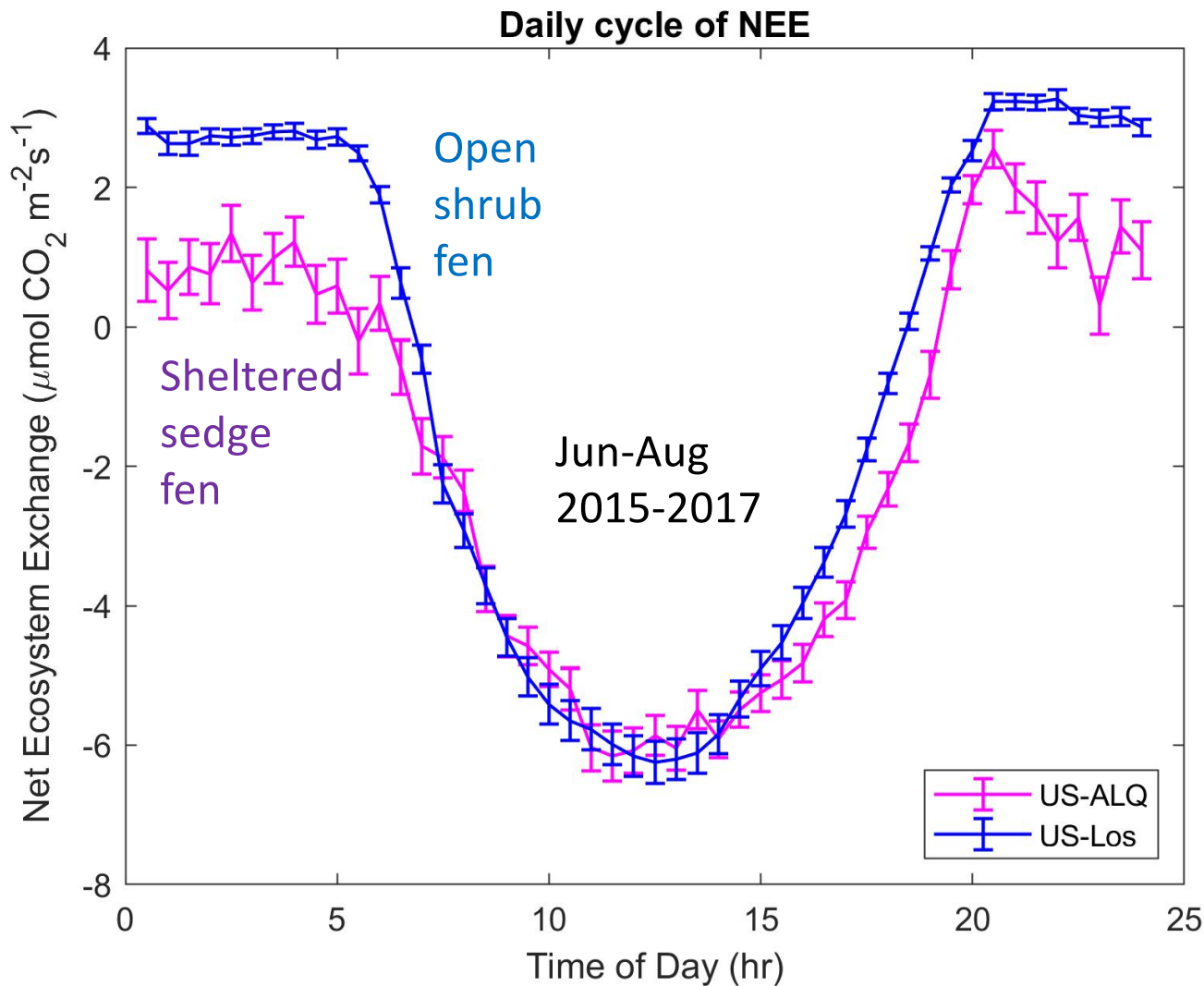


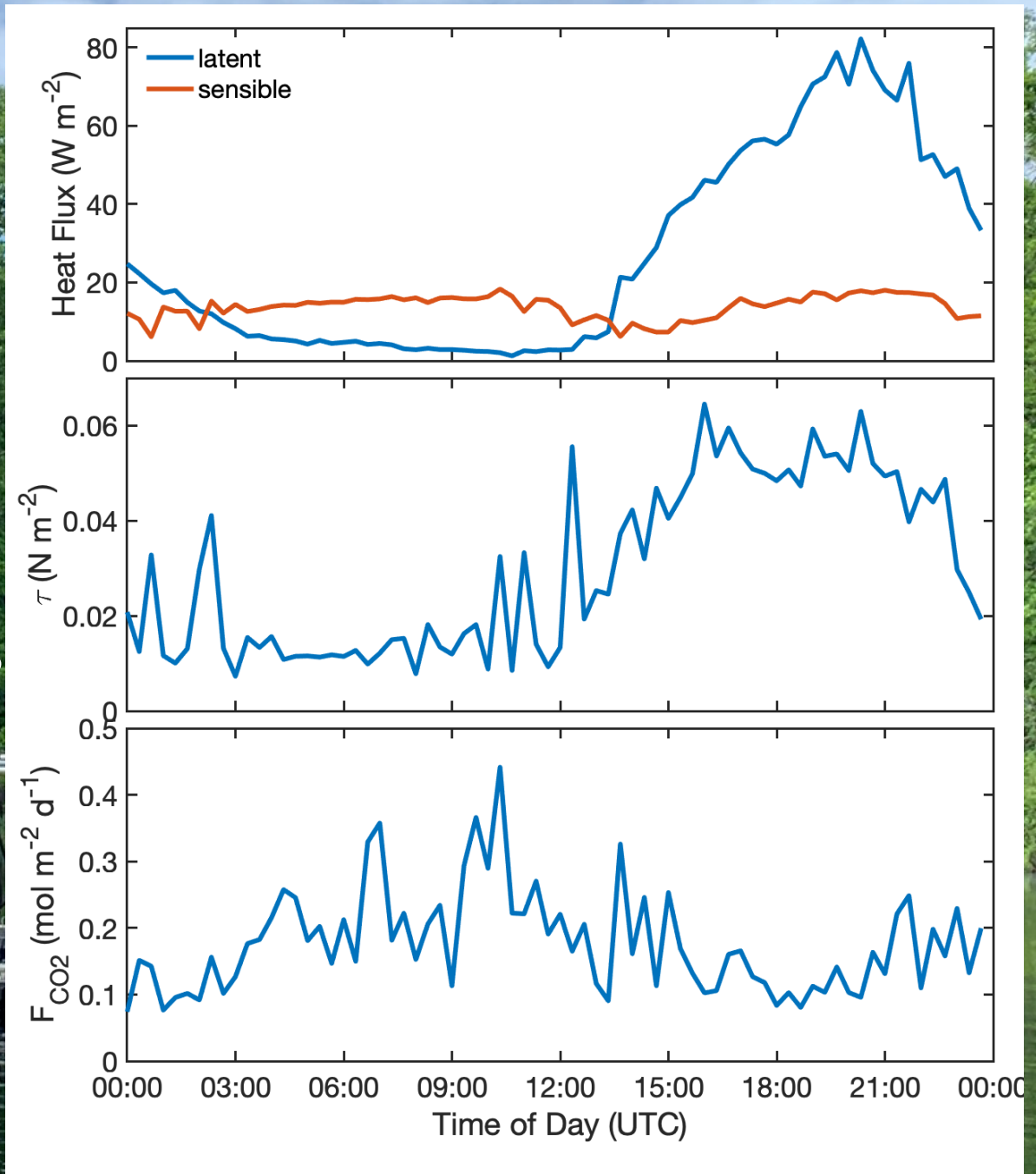
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Figure:
J McCarty
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Wetlands are another part of it



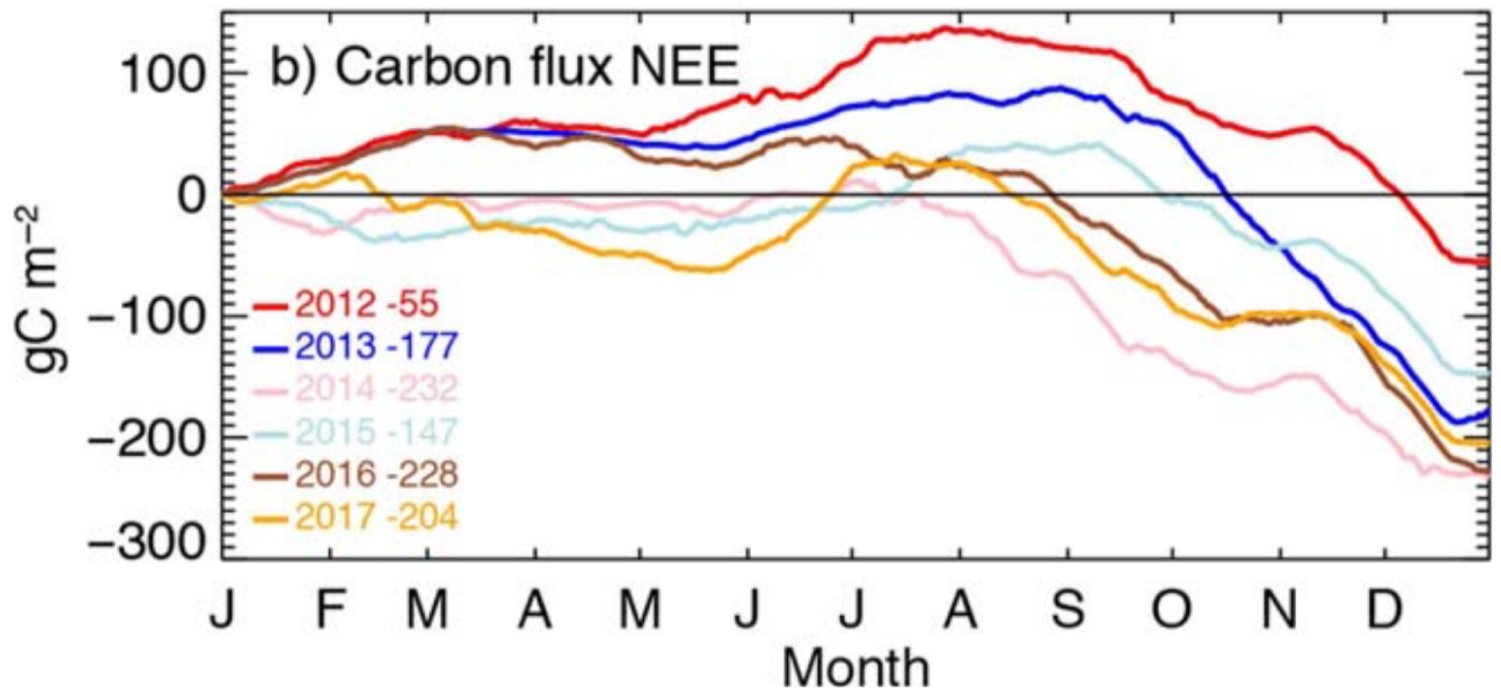
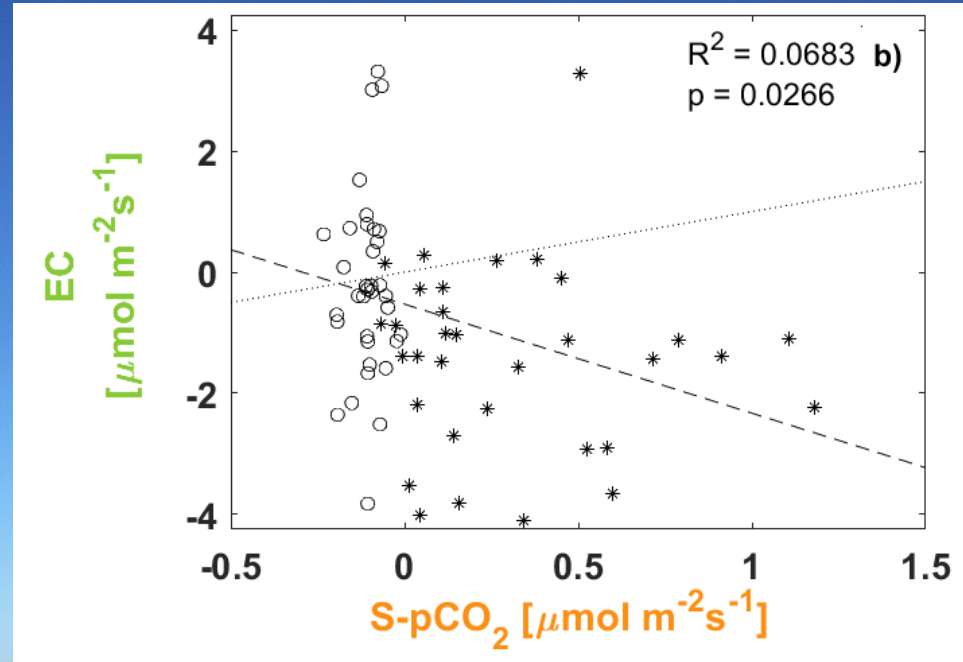
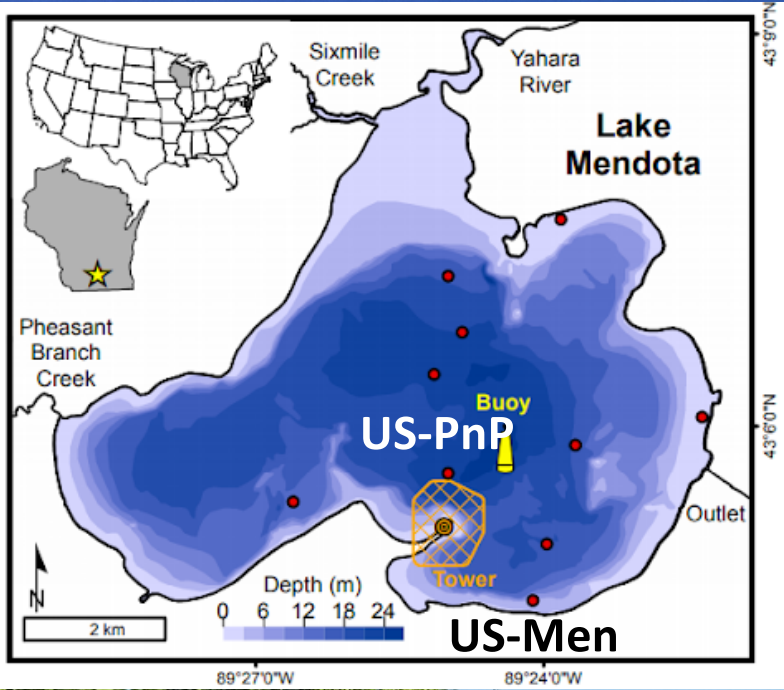
Lakes too!

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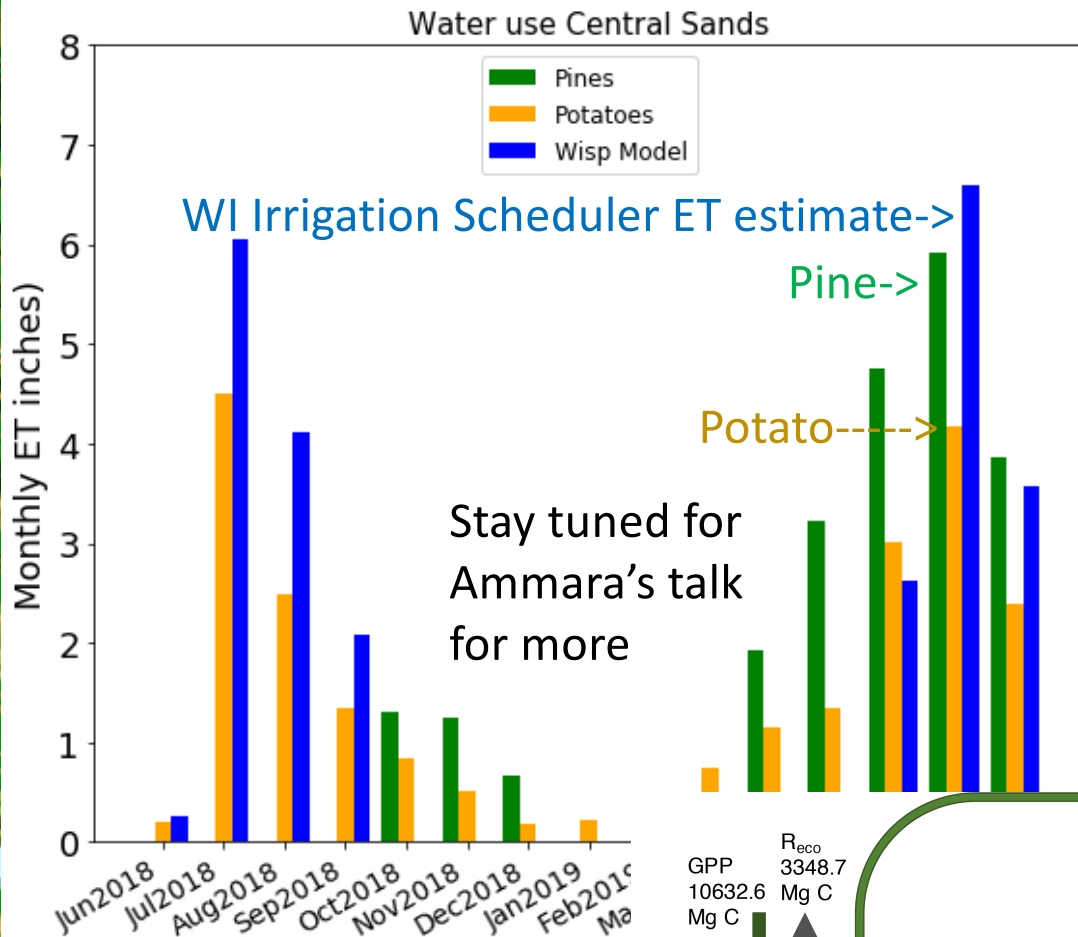
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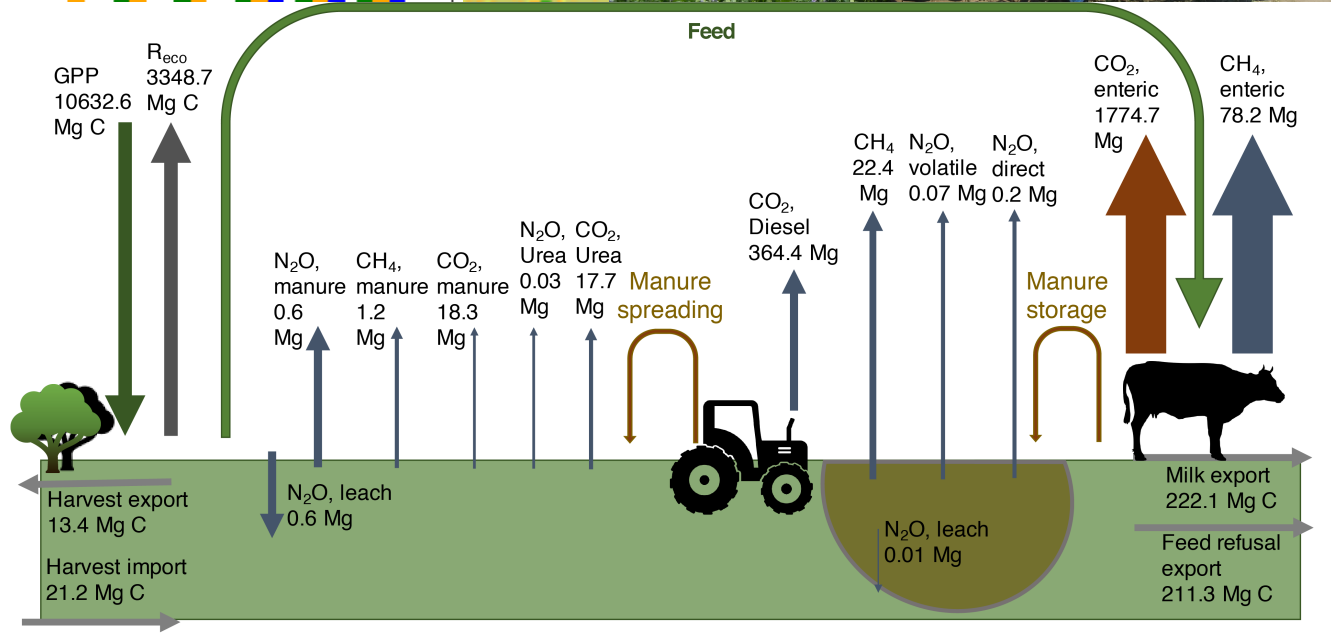


Reed et al., 2018; A. Baldocchi et al., in prep

Agriculture needs food for thought



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Research Sites

- Conifer
- Grass
- Hardwood Deciduous
- Lake
- Tussock
- ★ Tall Tower

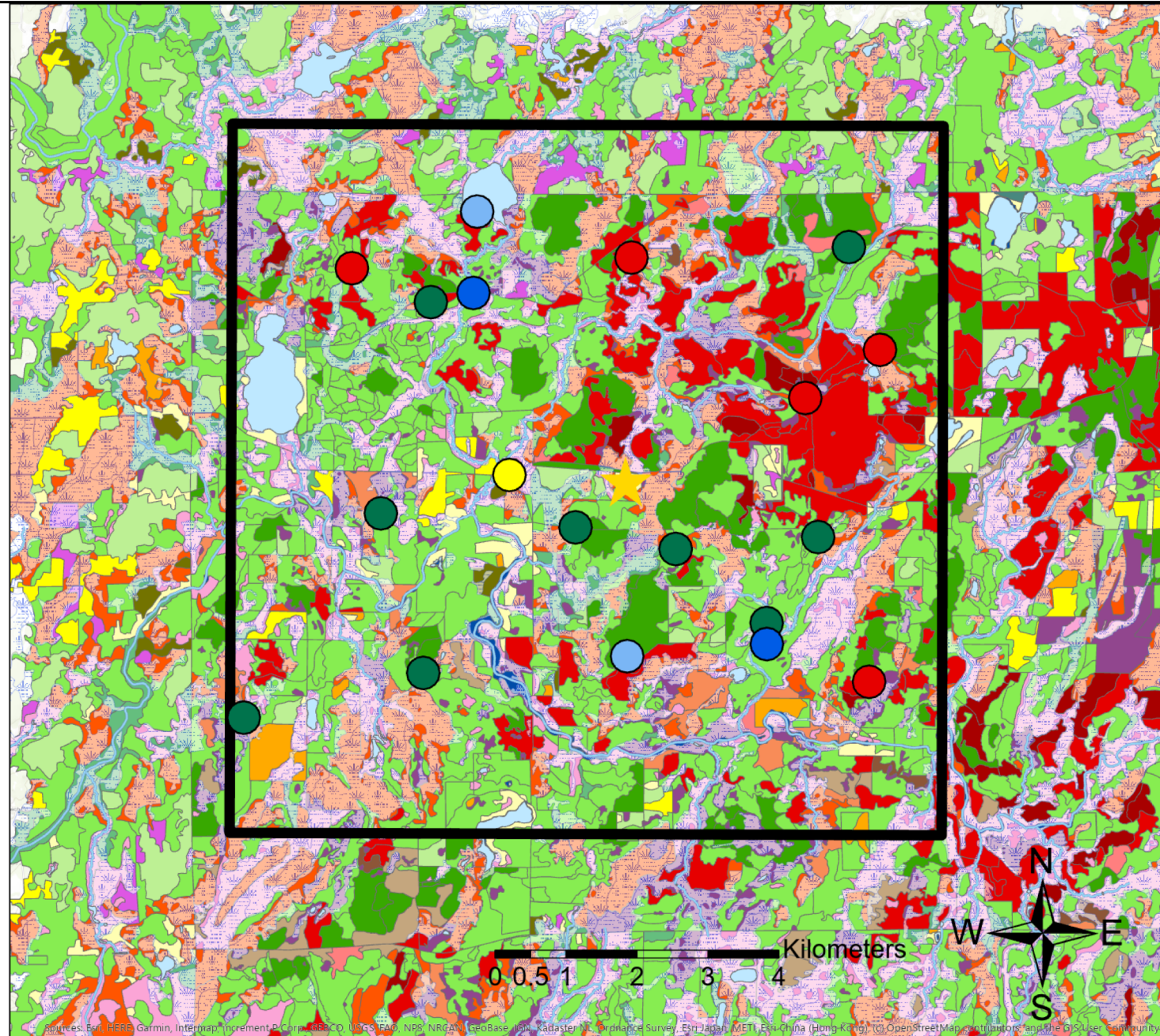
Vegetation

- Agriculture
- Aspen
- Balsam Fir
- Clearcut
- Hardwoods
- Hemlock
- Jack Pine
- Lowland Conifers
- Lowland Hardwoods
- Lowland Opening
- Oak
- Paper Birch
- Pine
- Red Pine
- Spruce
- Spruce/Fir
- Upland Hardwoods
- Upland Opening
- Urban
- Water
- White Pine

Hydrology

- Lake
- River
- Wetland

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12 Sep 2019

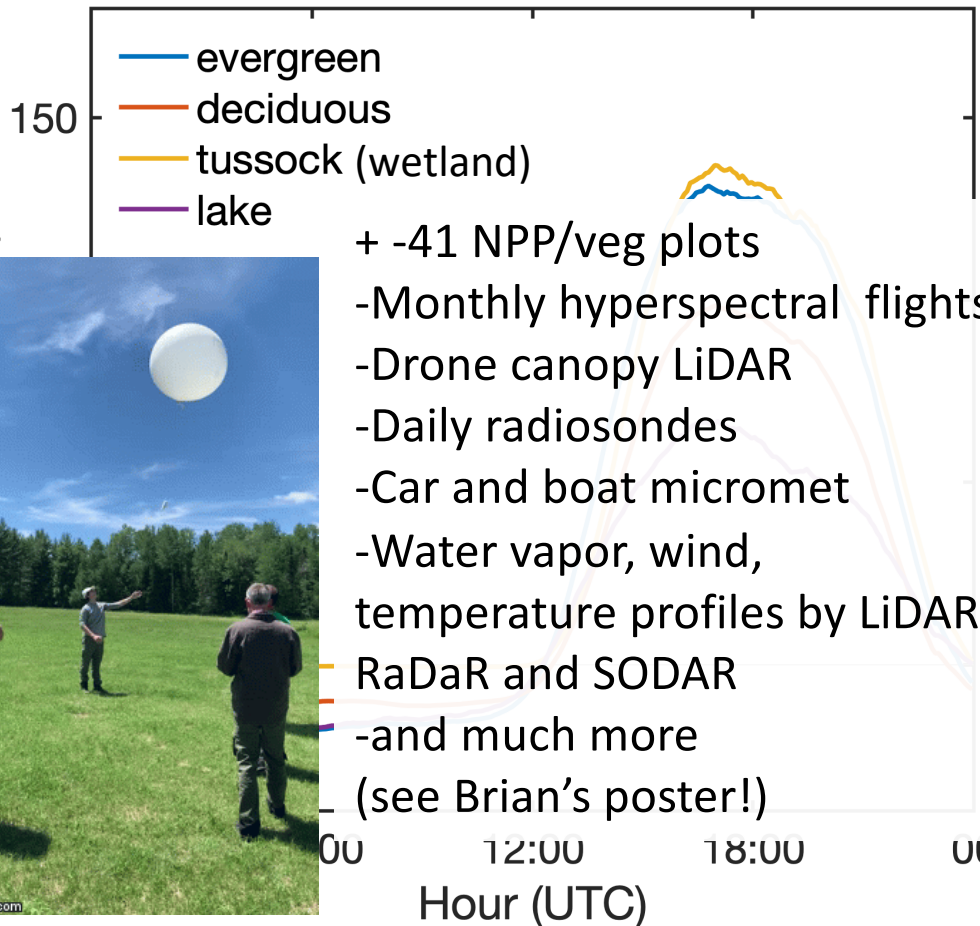


Desai et al., 2007, 2008; Xu et al., 2017, 2018; Sühring et al., 2019

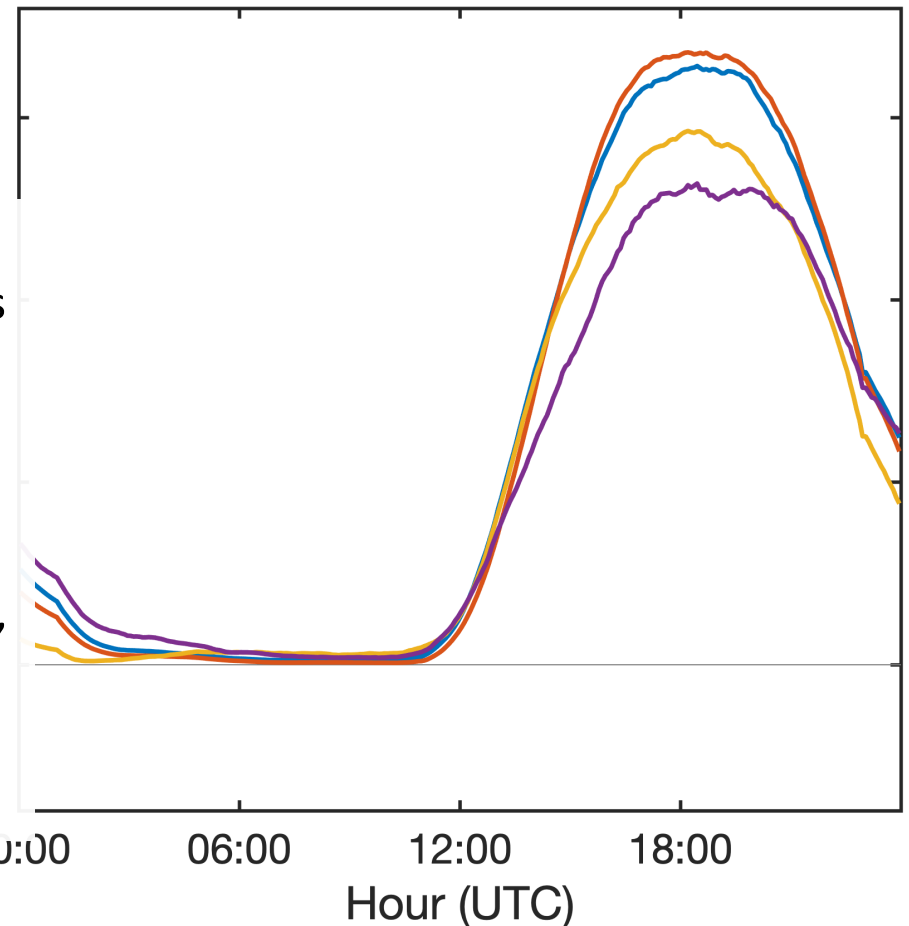
19 towers allowed us to have replicates across all major vegetation types in one 10x10 km area!

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Sensible Heat



Latent Heat



https://www.eol.ucar.edu/field_projects/cheesehead

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□ Research Boundary

Water Features

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- River
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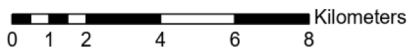
Land Ownership

- Private
- USDA FOREST SERVICE

King Air Flight

Alt

- ≤600 MSL
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- ≤3000 MSL



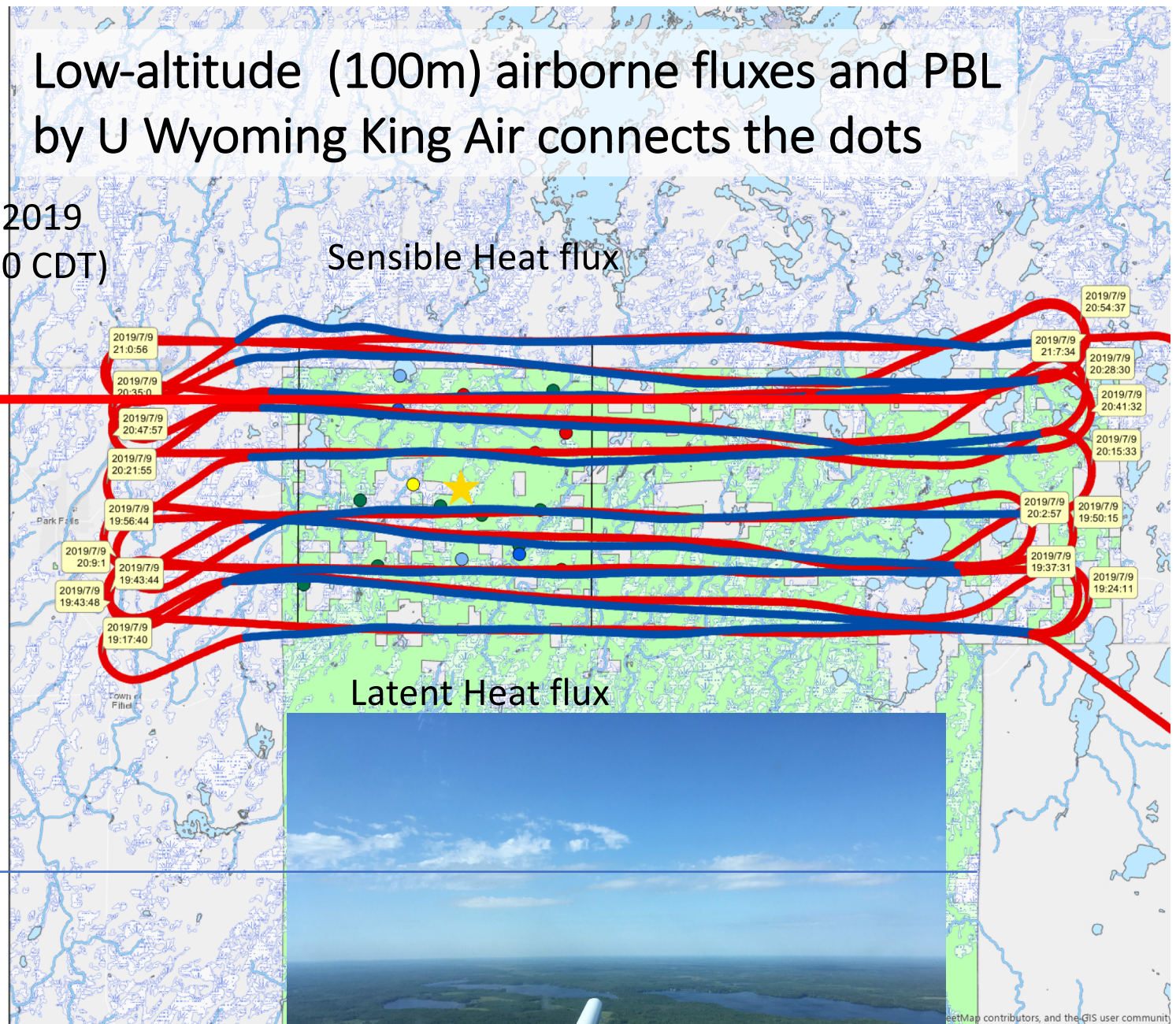
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Low-altitude (100m) airborne fluxes and PBL by U Wyoming King Air connects the dots

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Sensible Heat flux

Latent Heat flux



Map: J. Mineau

Photo: B. Butterworth

Figure: D. Durden + A. Desai

Photo: B. Butterworth

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Low-altitude (100m) airborne fluxes and PBL

by J. Mineau, King Air connects the dots

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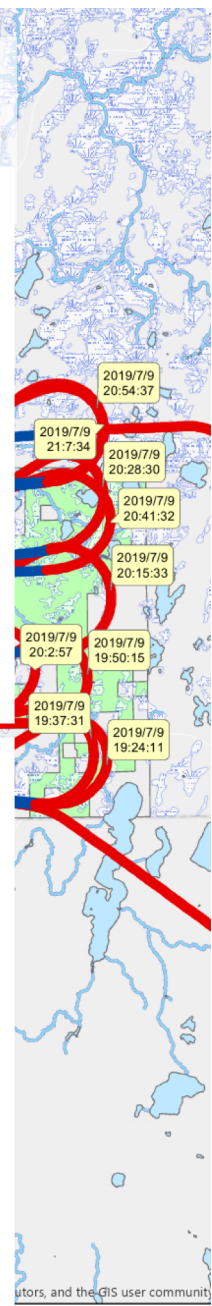
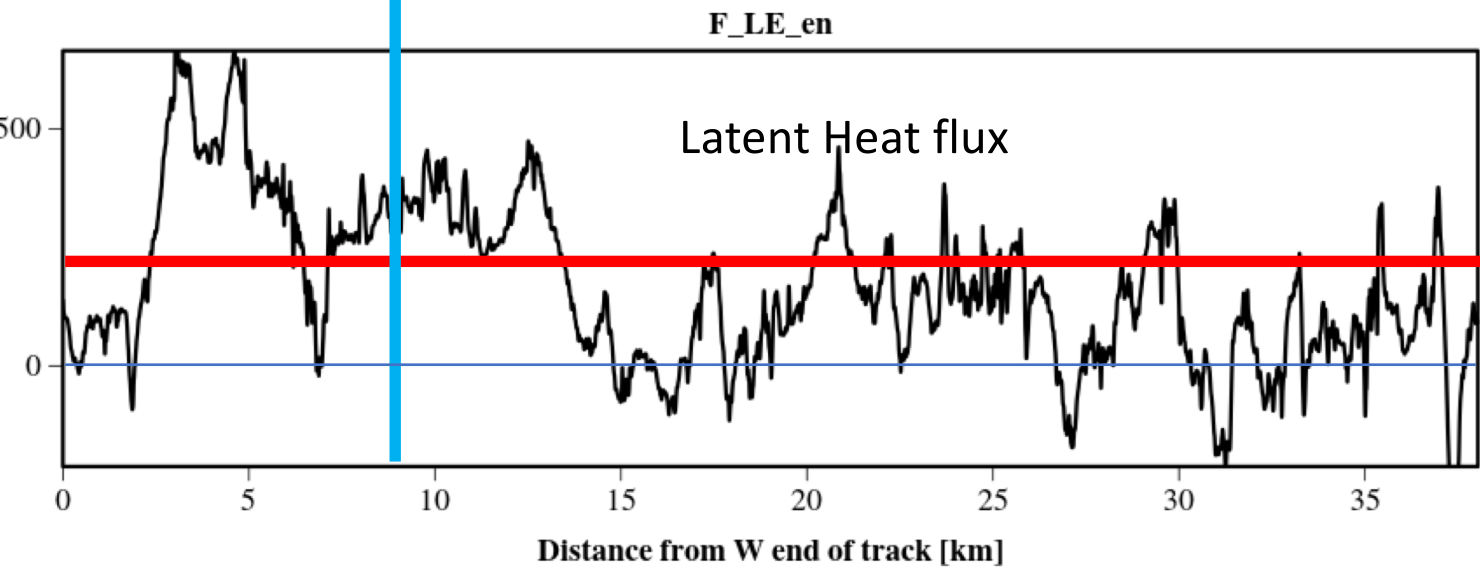
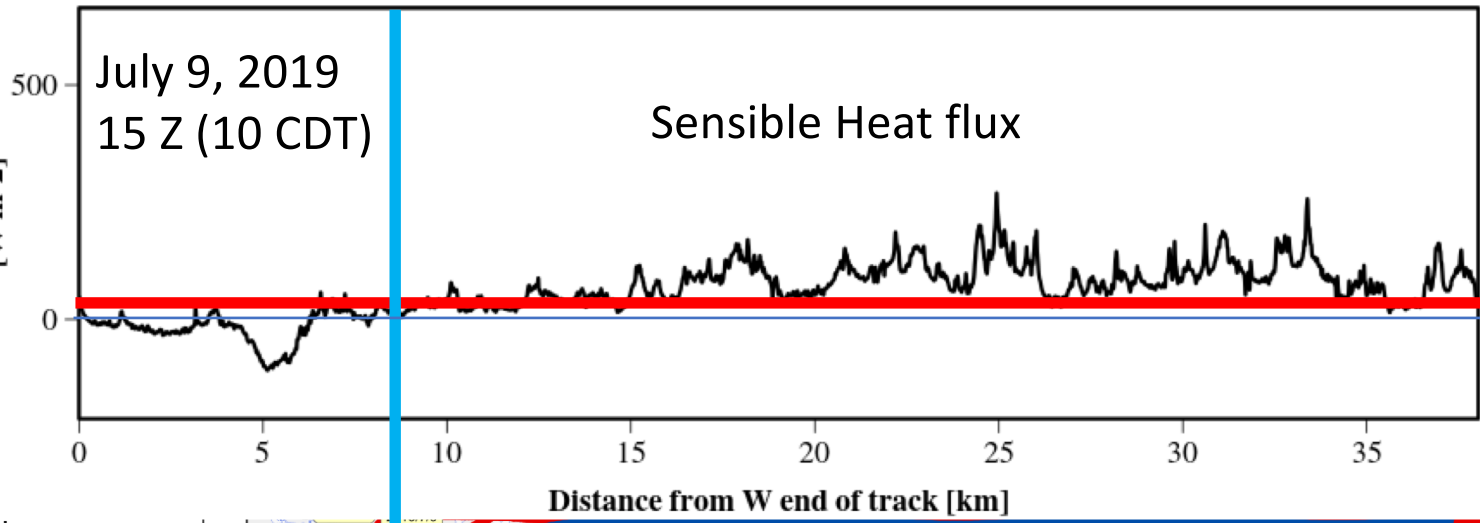
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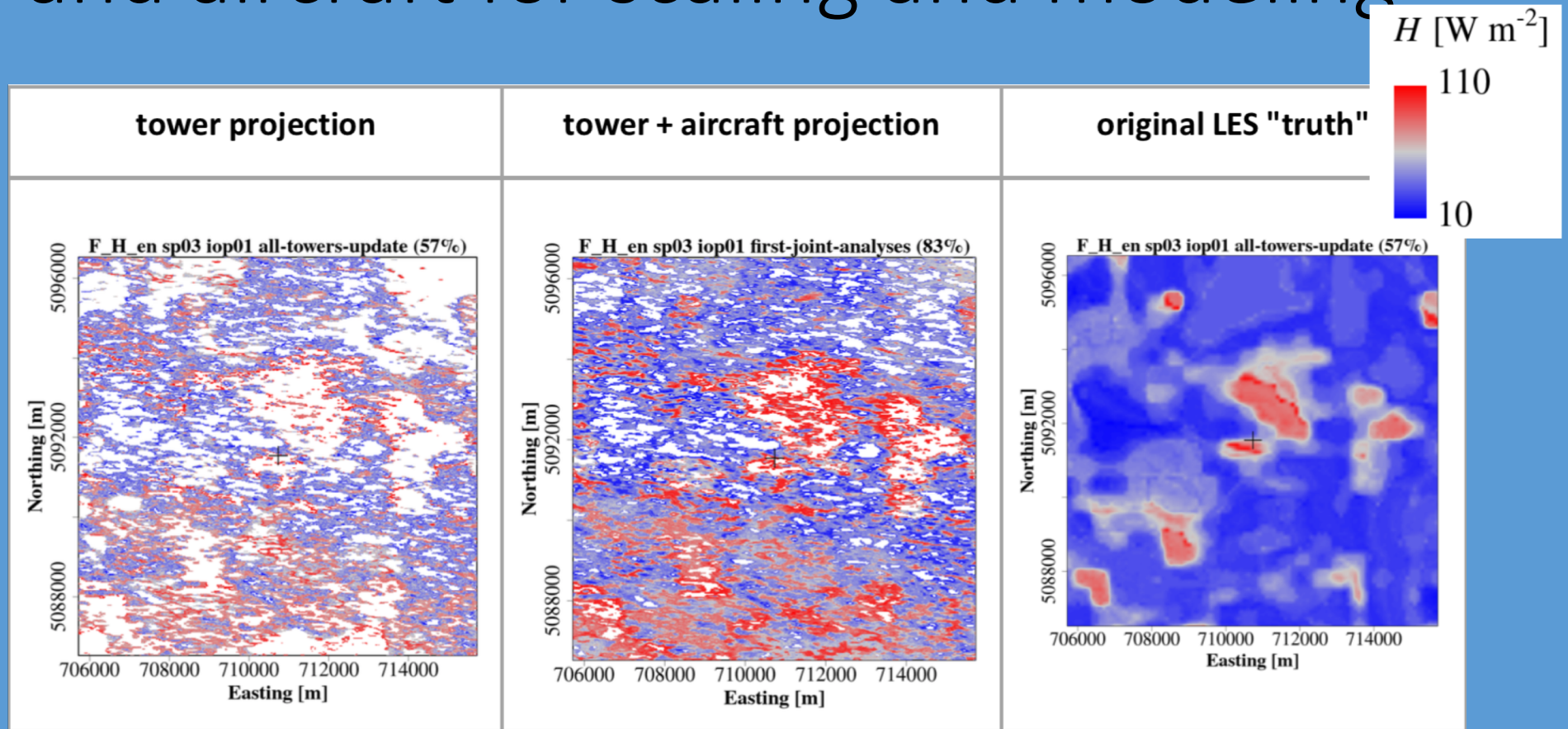


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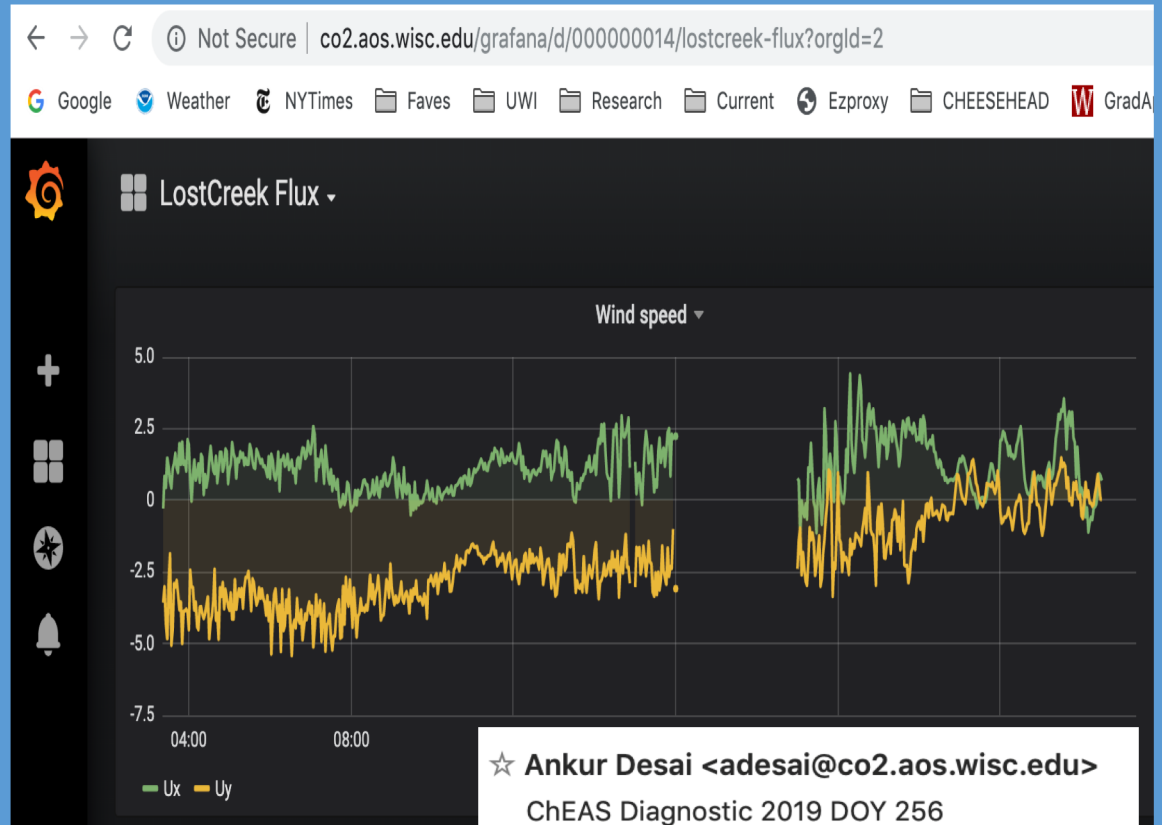
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LES models and advanced scaling methods (ERF) tell us how to maximize information from towers and aircraft for scaling and modeling



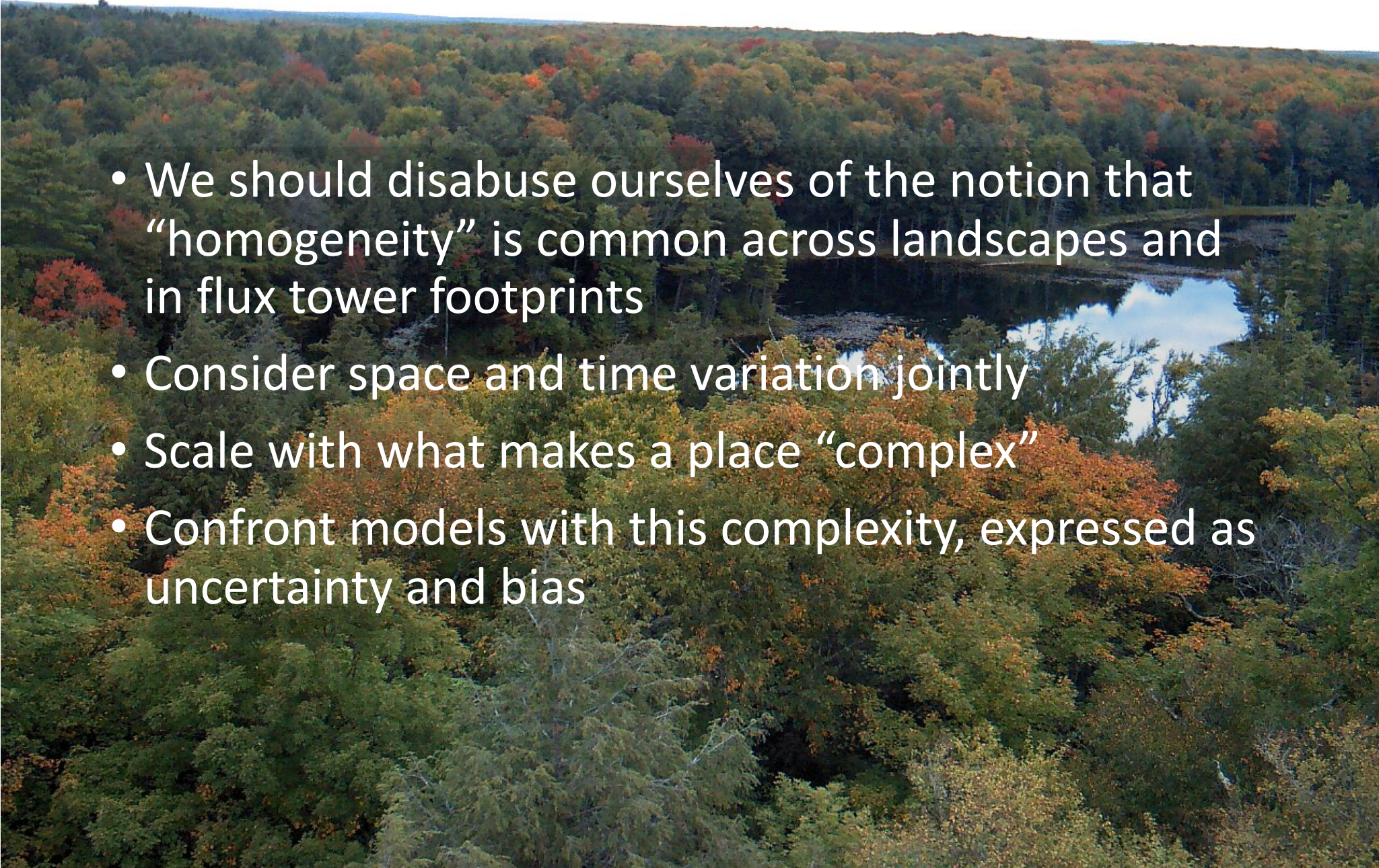
A small note on data processing

- Automation is key
- Cellular 4G raw data transfer every hour
- Grafana for real-time quicklook dashboard
- Loggernet server for remote access
- Bi-weekly site visits by local partners
- Nightly processing to Ameriflux format by custom scripts, Linux version of EddyPro (future: Eddy4R, OneFlux)
- Nightly upload of raw data to LBL + status email to me + all data and code real-time open, on web:
 - <http://flux.aos.wisc.edu/fluxdata>
- Support from Ameriflux Data/Tech team and QA/QC!
- PEcAn for fusing models and data
- Cyverse for bringing code to models and data
- Hire great staff, pay them well, lots of \$\$ on fleet + supplies!



Metzger et al., 2017
Xu et al., 2019
Andrews et al., 2014
Desai et al., 2008b

Journey recap

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- An aerial photograph of a vast forest landscape. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with colors ranging from deep green to bright orange and red. A small, calm lake is visible in the middle ground, reflecting the sky and the surrounding trees. The horizon is visible in the distance under a clear sky.



Thank you!

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