

Canopy processes in the Community Land Model

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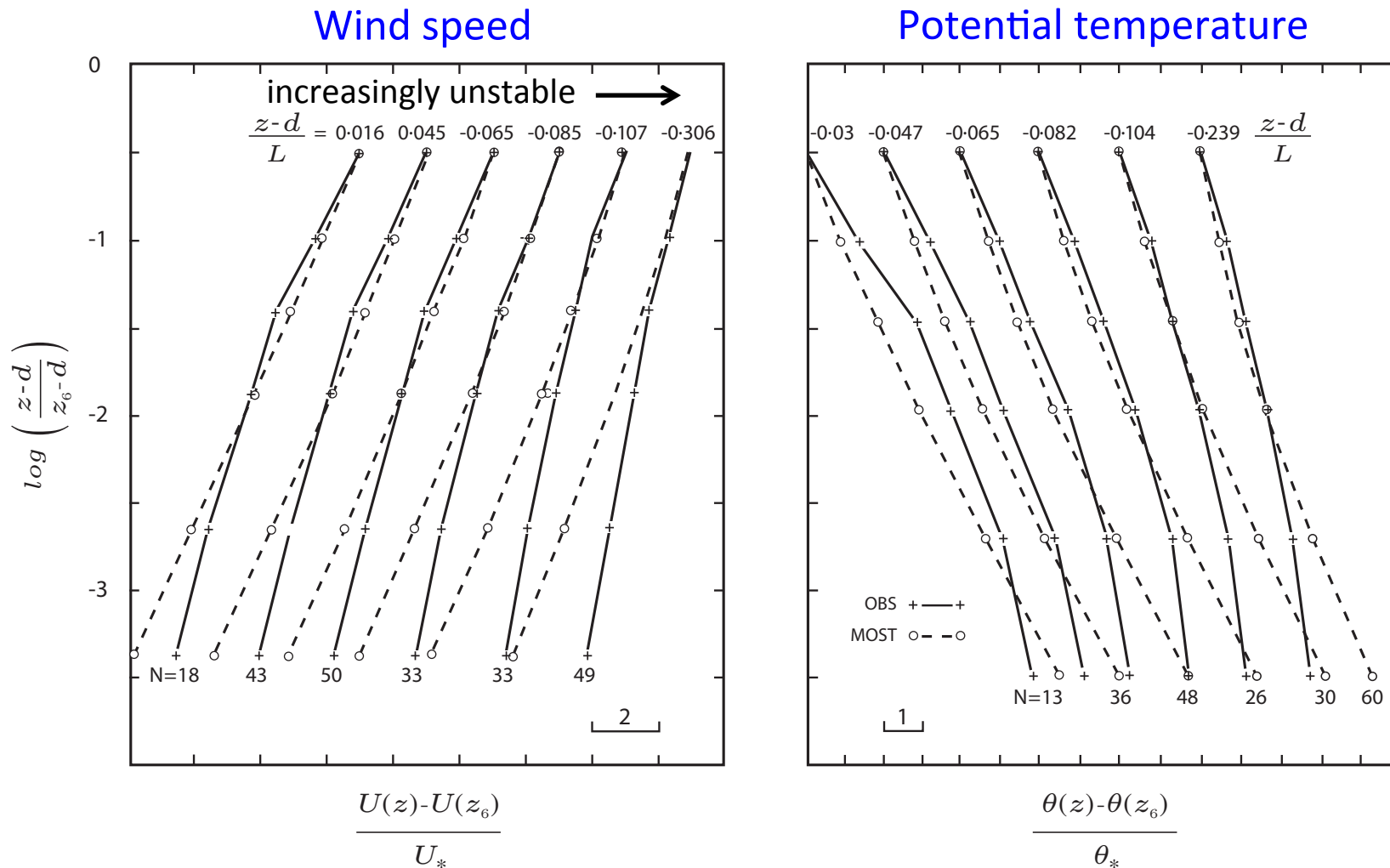
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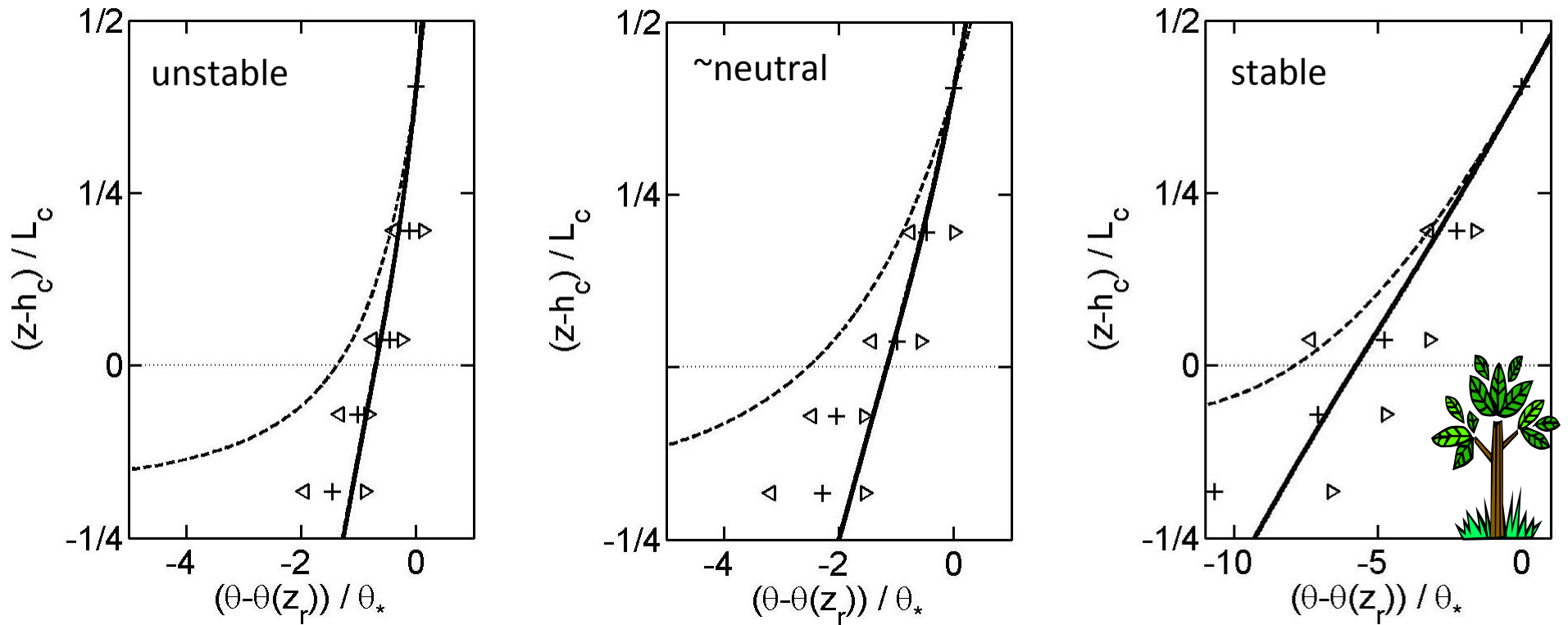
Canopy turbulence and the roughness sublayer



Flow within 2-3 canopy heights above/within tall (plant) canopies does not conform to Monin-Obukhov Similarity Theory (M-O); this region is called the roughness sublayer (RSL).

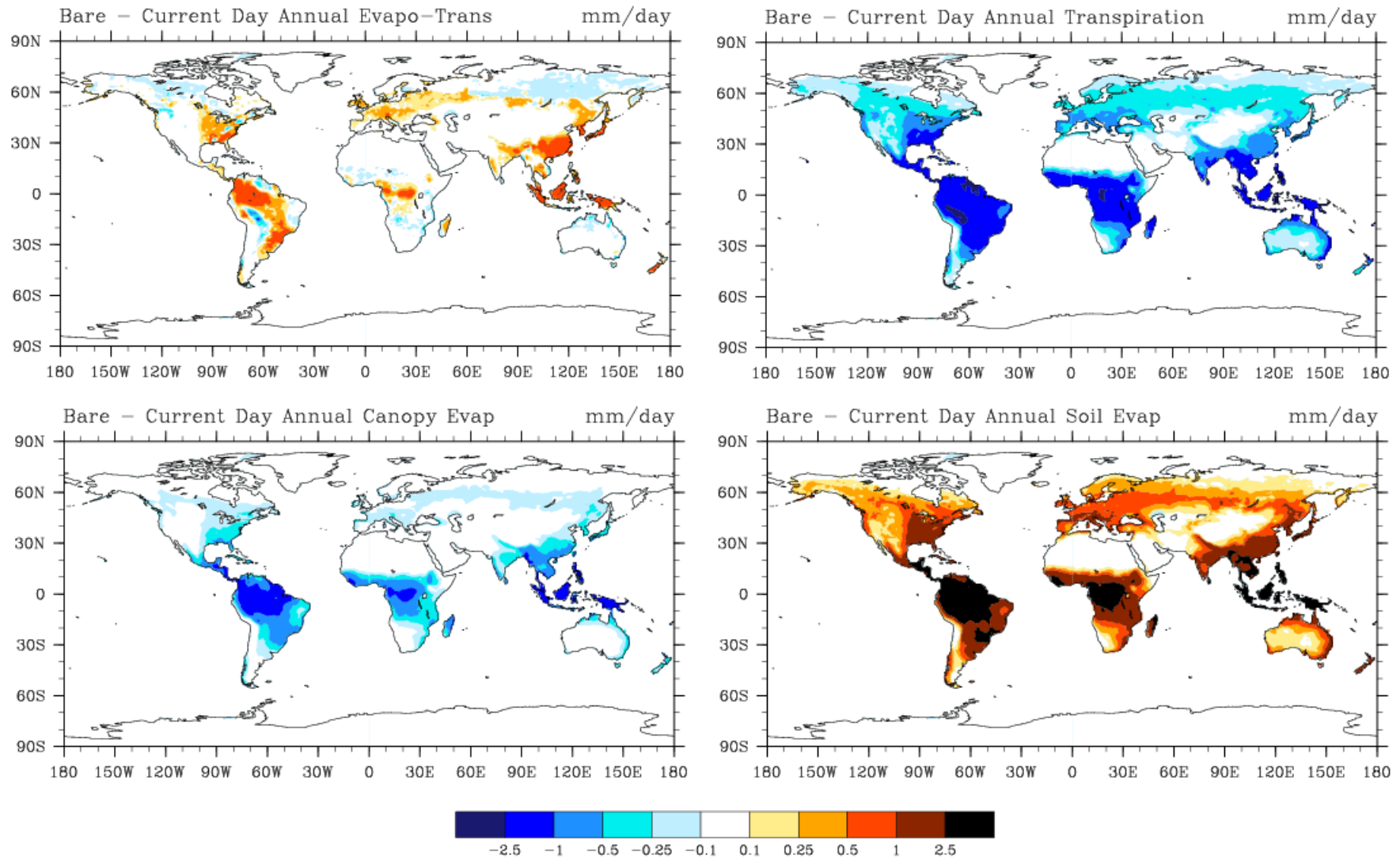
Raupach (1976), Chen and Schwerdtfeger (1989)

Comparison with observations - scalar profiles



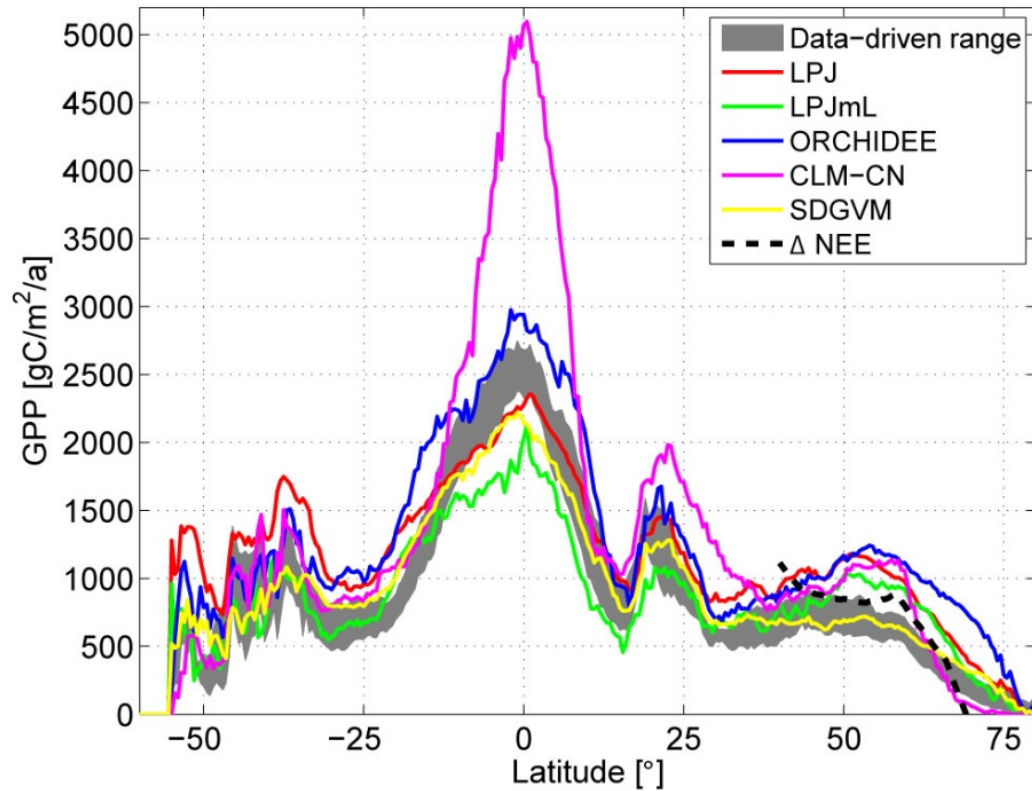
Similar agreement for water vapor concentration but not for CO₂ concentration

Offline CLM4: vegetation removal increases annual ET



GPP biases

CLM4 (purple line) overestimates annual gross primary production (GPP) compared with data-driven estimates and other models



Beer et al. (2010) Science 329:834-838

Multi-scale model evaluation

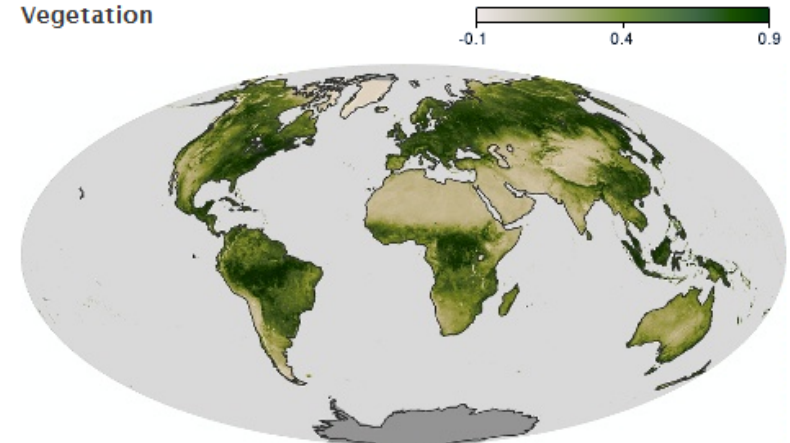
Canopy fluxes

GPP, latent heat flux

AmeriFlux, FLUXNET
Light response curves
(Lasslop et al. 2010. GCB
16:187-208)



Vegetation



Global vegetation

GPP, latent heat flux

Jung et al. (2011) JGR, 116, doi:
10.1029/2010JG001566

Canopy processes

Theory

Numerical parameterization

Profiles of light, leaf traits, and photosynthesis

Global databases of leaf traits and eddy covariance flux datasets allow model testing with observations across multiple scales, from leaf to canopy to global

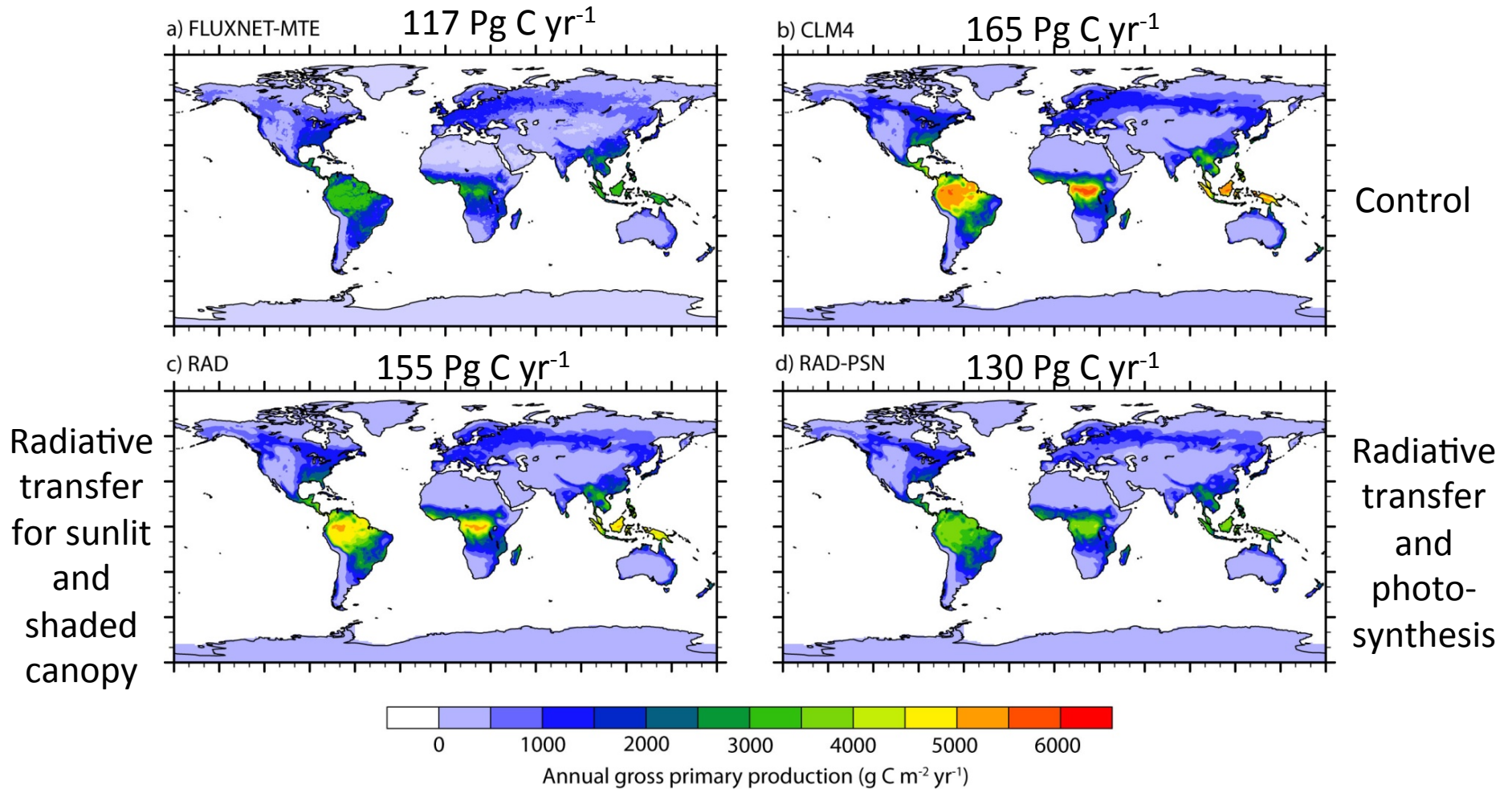
Leaf traits

Nitrogen concentration, V_{cmax}

Kattge et al. (2009) GCB 15:976-991

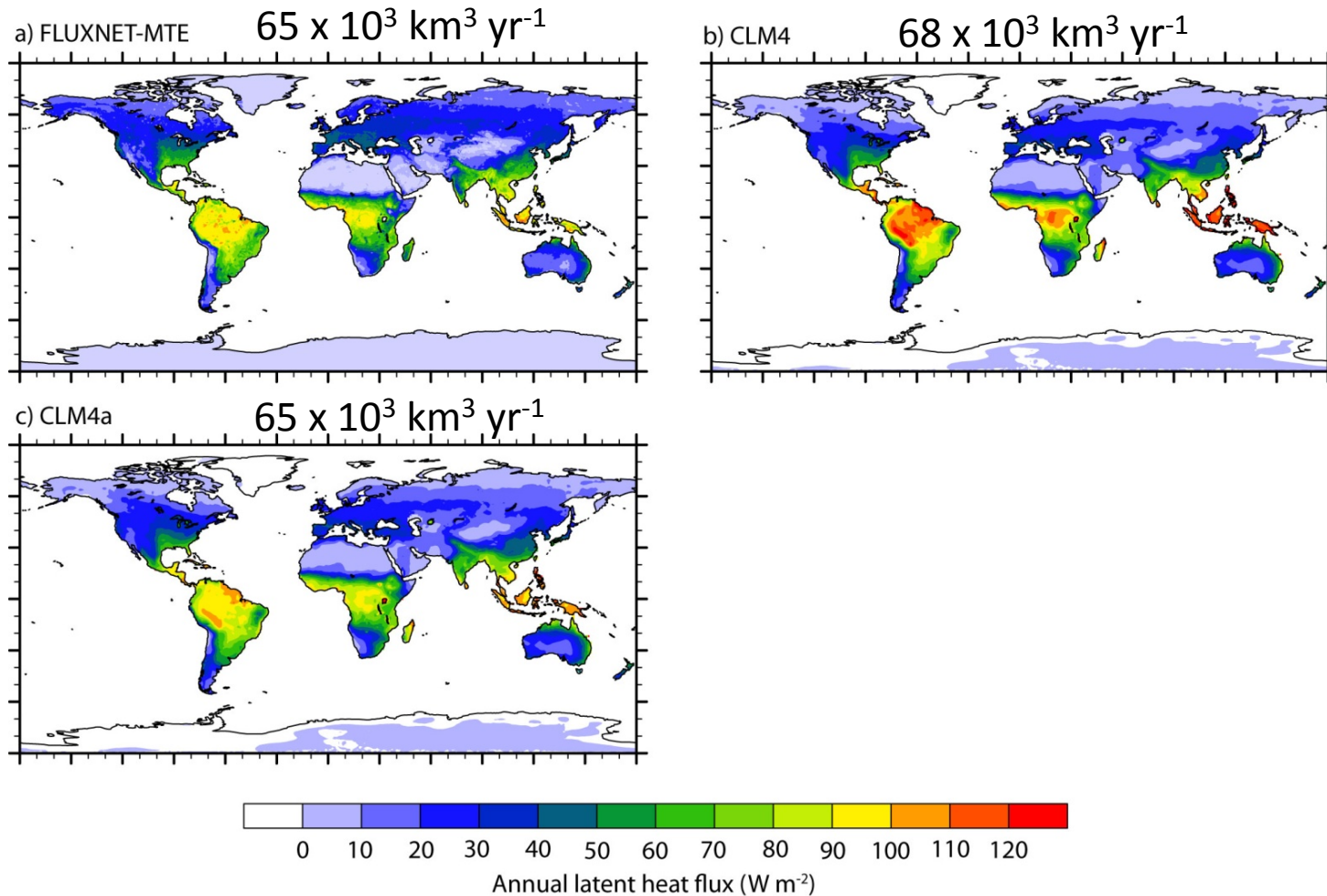


Gross primary production bias reduction

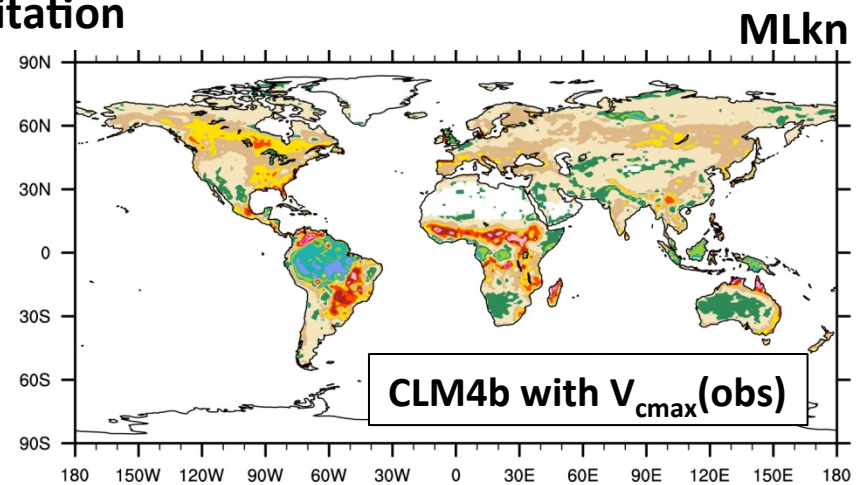
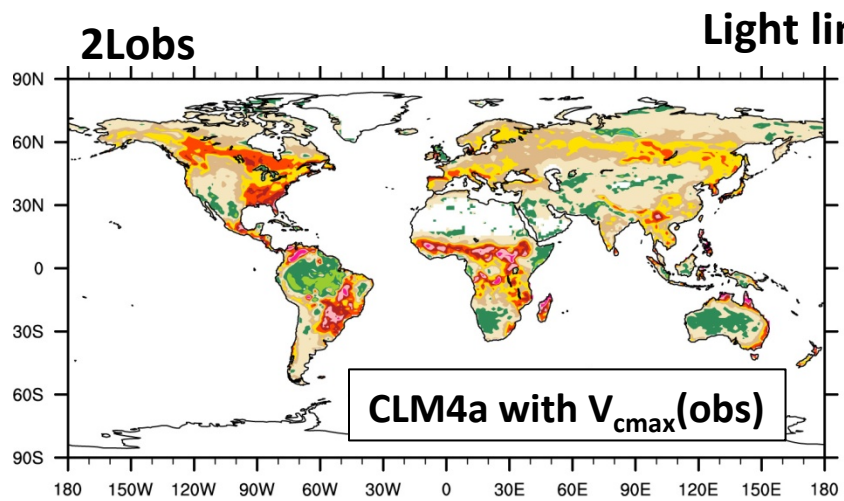


CLM4 overestimates GPP. Model revisions improve GPP. Similar improvements are seen in evapotranspiration

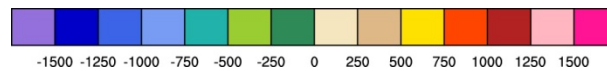
Improved annual latent heat flux



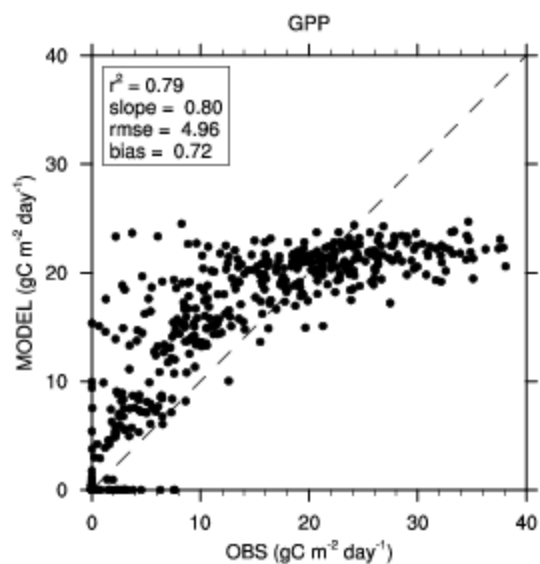
**Model improvements (CLM4a)
reduce ET biases, especially in
tropics, and improve monthly
fluxes**



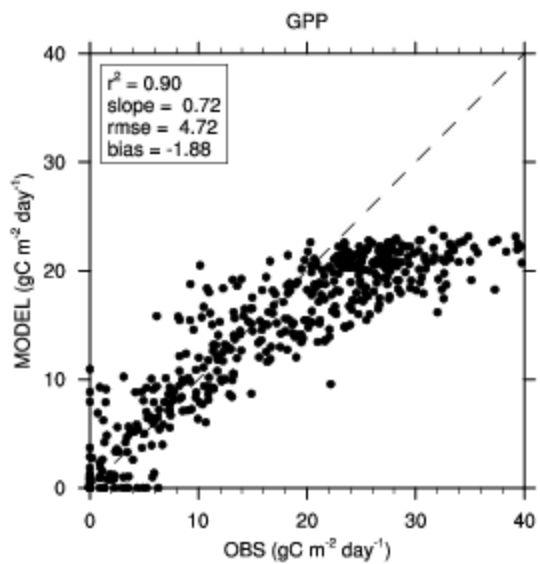
Model - FLUXNET GPP ($g\ C\ m^{-2}\ yr^{-1}$)



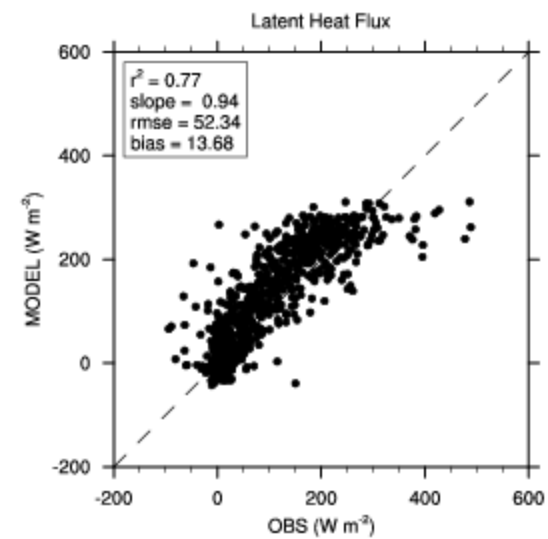
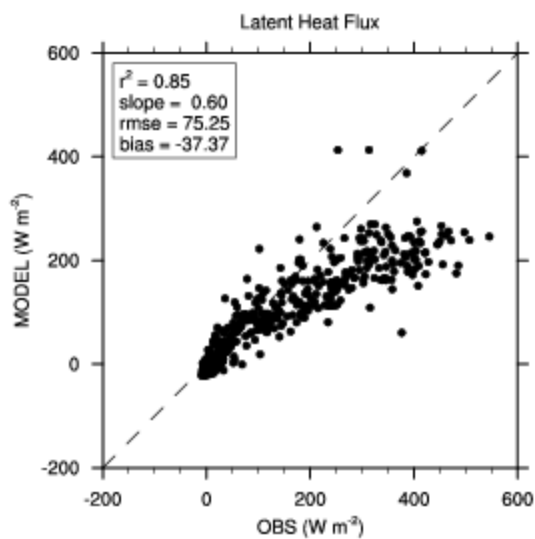
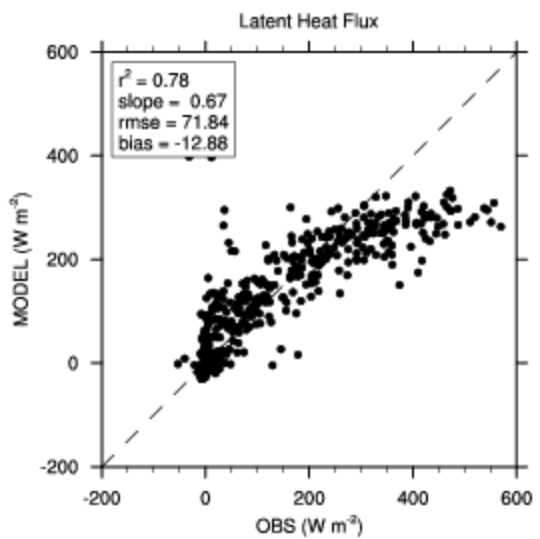
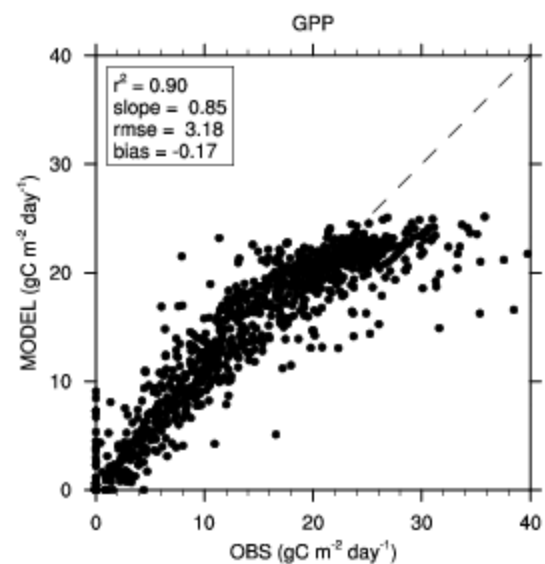
AMF_USMMS CLM45SCI111, Observed Fluxes, DOY_182-212_2001

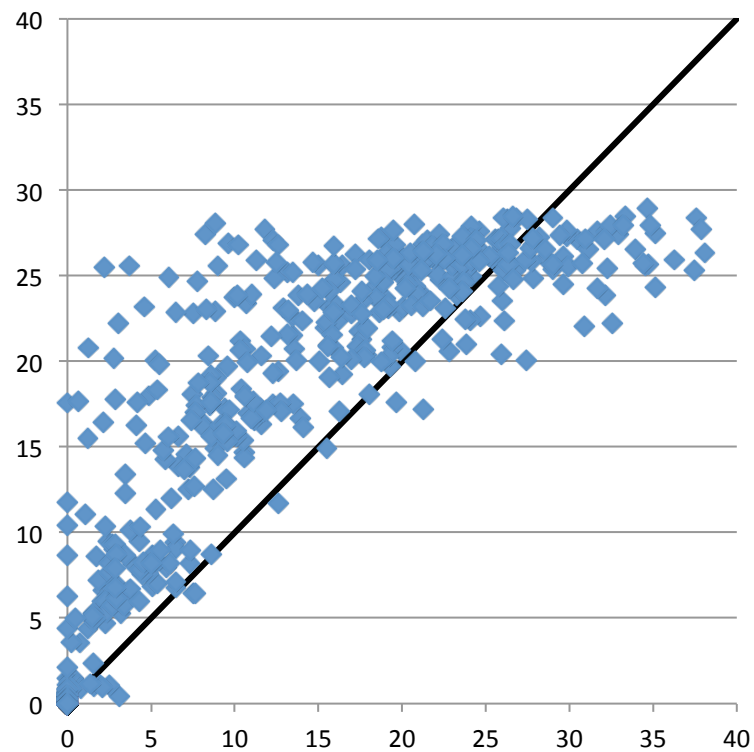
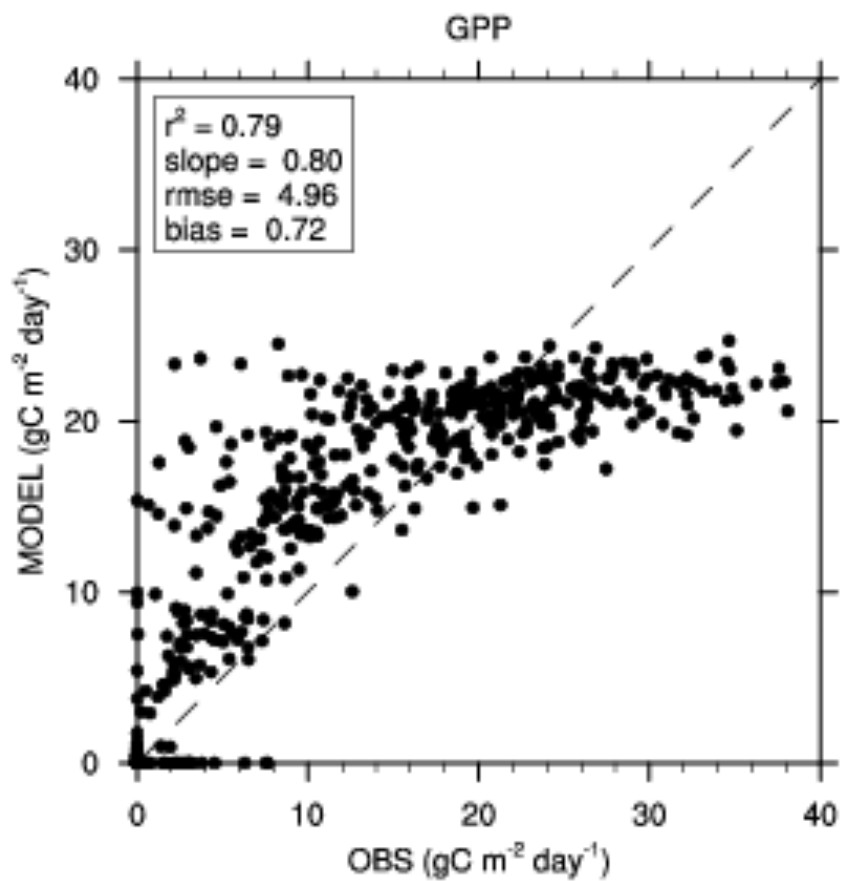


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AMF_USHo1 CLM45SCI111, Observed Fluxes, DOY_182-212_2003





Leaf-to-canopy scaling using two-leaf canopy

Plant, Cell and Environment (1997) **20**, 537–557

Simple scaling of photosynthesis from leaves to canopies without the errors of big-leaf models

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Canopy Reflectance, Photosynthesis, and Transpiration. III. A Reanalysis Using Improved Leaf Models and a New Canopy Integration Scheme.

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