

Terrestrial Monitoring and GHG Inventories

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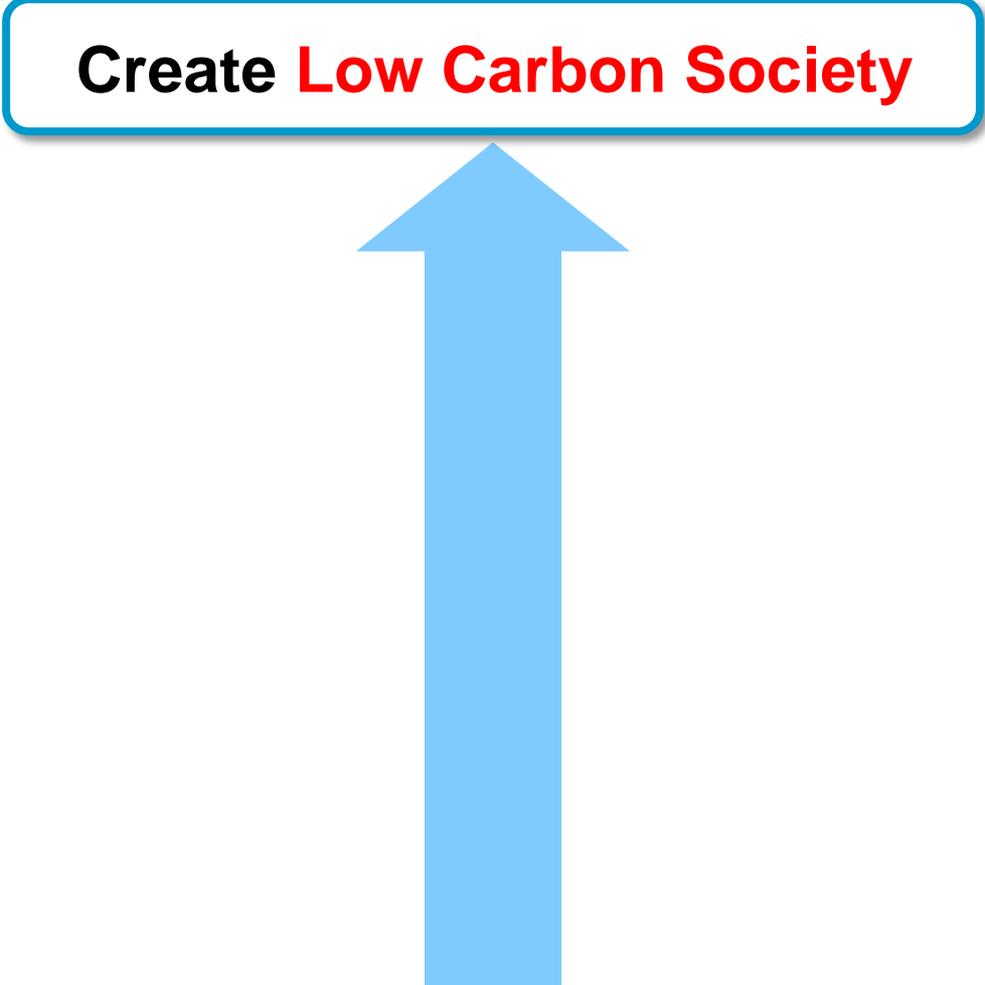
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Background and Needs in Global C Management

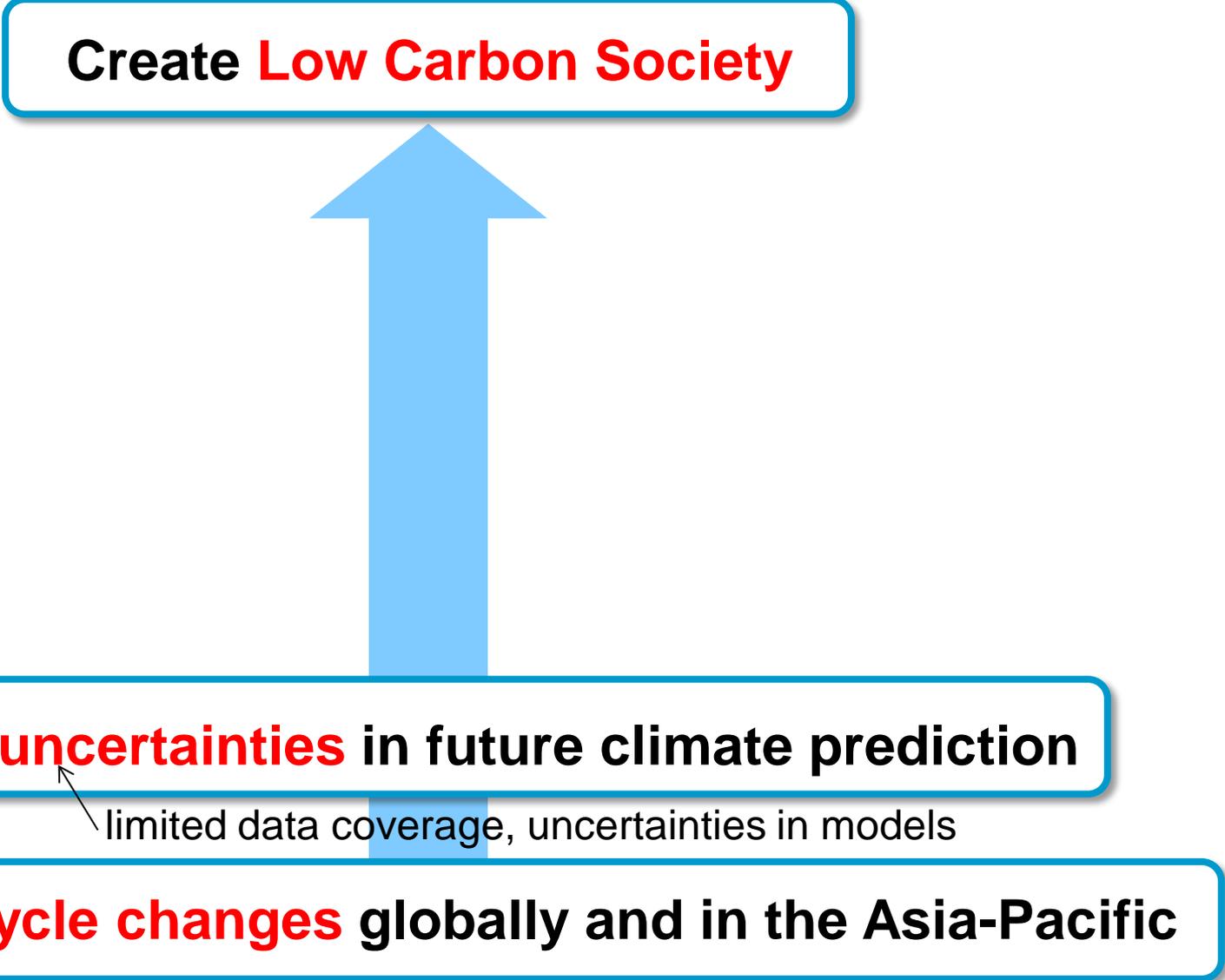
Create Low Carbon Society

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Monitor C-cycle changes globally and in the Asia-Pacific

Background and Needs in Global C Management

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limited data coverage, uncertainties in models

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2-1401 Integrated Observation and Analysis System for Early Detection of Carbon Cycle Change Globally and in Asia-Pacific Region

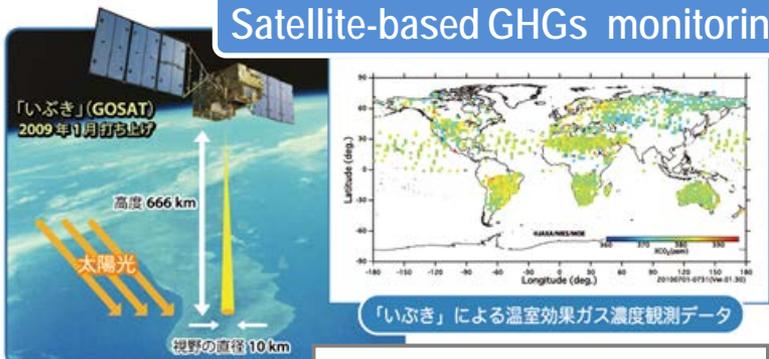
Integrated observing system for GHGs and their surface fluxes globally and in the Asia-Pacific



Improved estimates of regional fluxes using atmospheric inverse models

Integrated system for combining top-down and bottom-up approaches

Satellite-based GHGs monitoring



Improved estimates of terrestrial surface fluxes based on bottom-up approaches

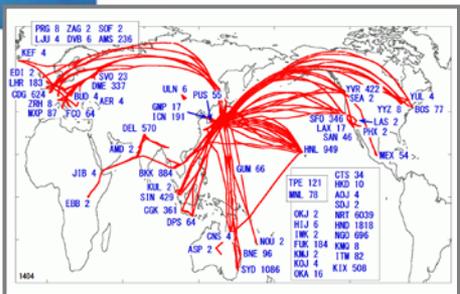
Parameter optimization
Data assimilation



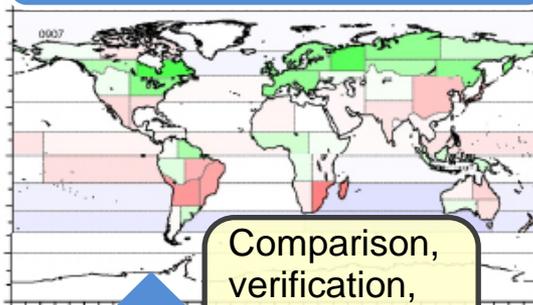
Better estimation of temporal & spatial distributions of GHGs concentration and their fluxes



Airplane- and Ship-based monitoring of GHGs

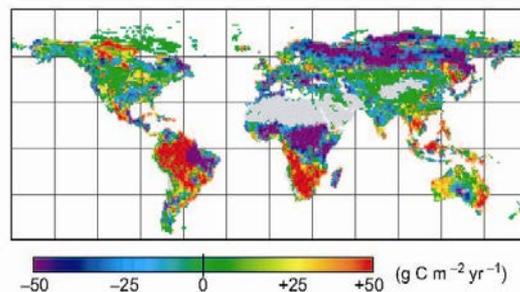


Top-down approach



Comparison, verification, uncertainty assessment

Bottom-up approach



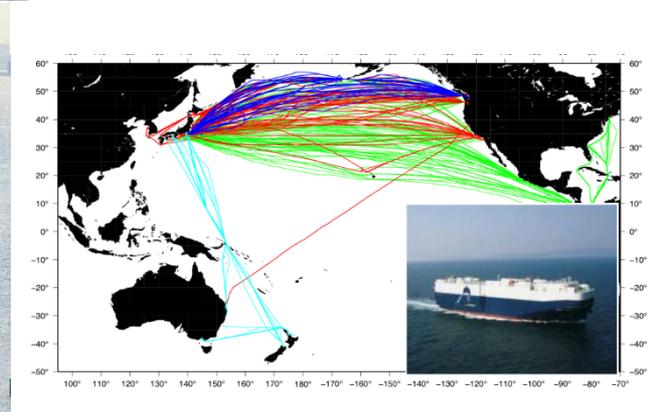
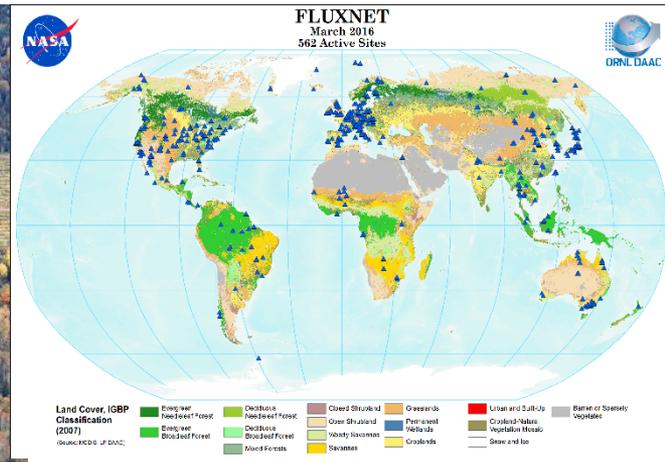
- National & regional estimates of CO₂ sink-source distributions
- Detection of large source from urban area, fire, etc.

- Early detection of C-cycle and environmental changes in A-P region
- Better mitigation & adaptation assessment for environment and society

Ground-based monitoring of GHGs concentration and their fluxes



Recent progress in studies of Bottom-up approach

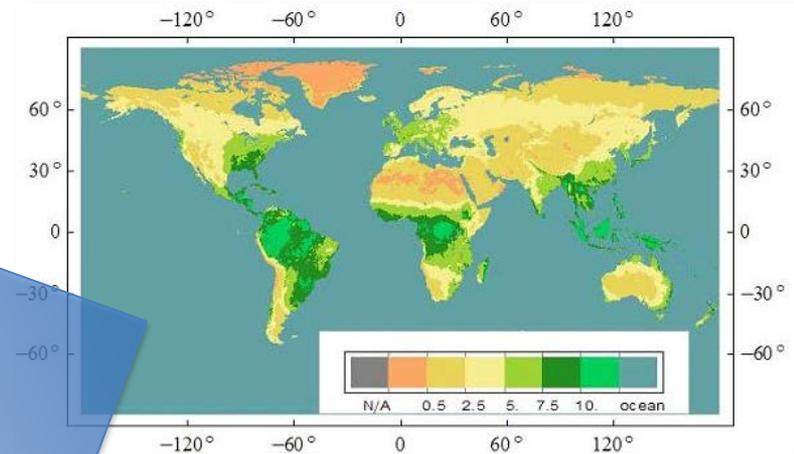


Recent progress in studies of Bottom-up approach

Up-scaled sink/source
distribution (biosphere)



Ground-based
observations for
C-sink and source



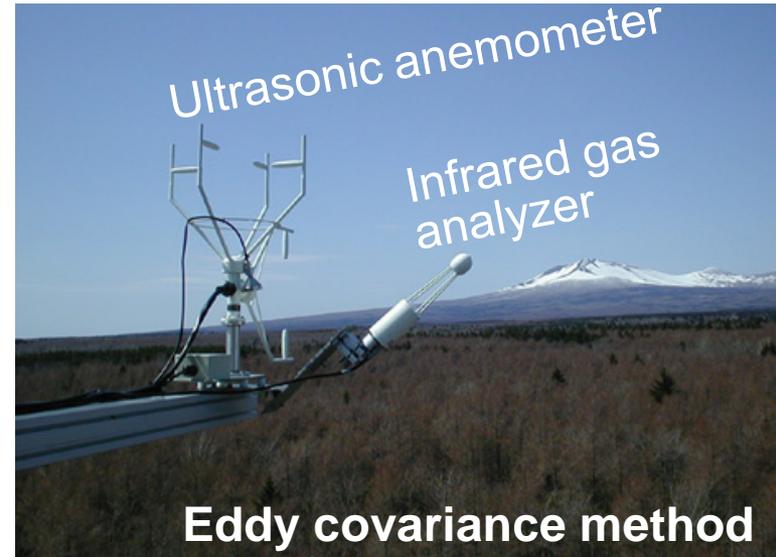
Verification and optimization
of process models

C-budget estimations based on network observation

FLUXNET (1996~)

World-wide network for monitoring CO_2 , H_2O , and energy exchanges between terrestrial ecosystems and the atmosphere (> 600 sites)

Archiving CH_4 , N_2O flux data (started)



Location of
FLUXNET sites

<http://fluxnet.ornl.gov>

FLUXNET2015 Dataset available!

Networks	AmelFlux	CarboAfrica (EU-FP6)	Carbomont (EU-FP5)	Greengrass (EU-FP5)	MedFlu (EU-FP4)	Unaffiliated
CarboSiy (IT-FP6)	AsiaFlux	CarboEuroFlux (EU-FP5)	ChinaFlux	IMECC (EU-FP6)	MesFlux	Urban Fluxnet
TCOS Siberia (EU-FP5)	BERMS	CarboEurope	EuroFlux (EU-FP4)	JapanFlux <th>OzFlux</th> <td></td>	OzFlux	
AERONET	CNRMGAME (METEO-FRANCE, CNRS)	CarboEurope-IP (EU-FP6)	European Unaffiliated	KoFlux	PhenoALP e-PHENO, ALCOTRA 07-13	
Agroforestry Panama	Canadian Carbon Program (CCP)	CarboExtreme (EU-FP7)	GHG-Europe (EU-FP7)	MIND (EU-FP5)	USCCC	



FLUXNET
April 2014
683 Sites



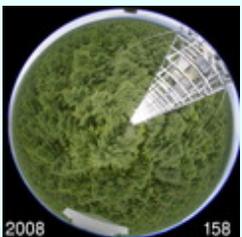
Integrating
Worldwide CO_2 ,
Water and Energy
Flux Measurements

Long-term monitoring of energy, water vapor, CO₂ fluxes by eddy covariance method



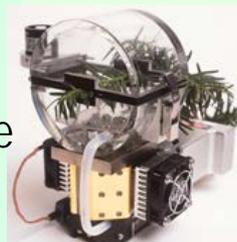
Canopy:

- Meteorology
- Fluxes of CO₂/H₂O/CH₄/energy
- Spectral reflectance

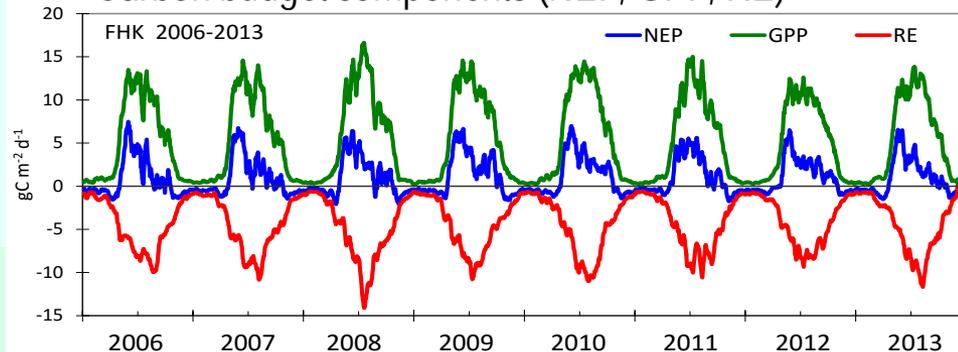


Leaf:

- Photosynthesis
- Spectral reflectance
- C/N, Chlorophyll



Carbon budget components (NEP, GPP, RE)



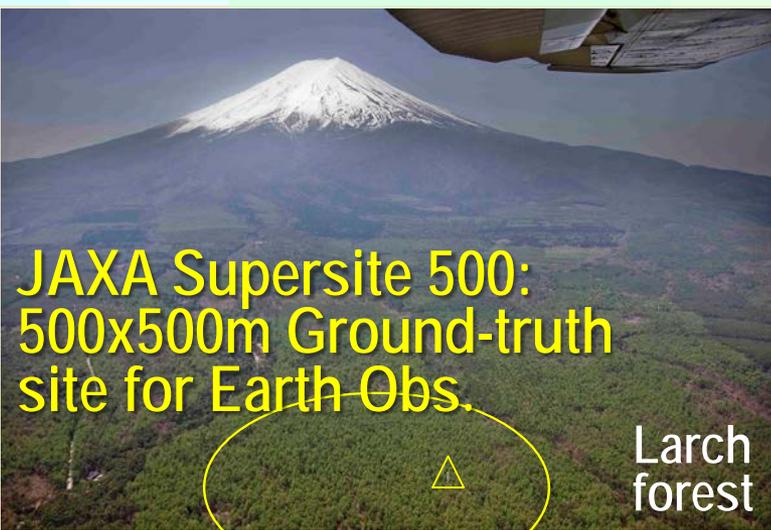
C-Cycle in the forest:

- Soil environment (temp, water, heat flux, C/N, ...)
- Respiration (Soil, root, etc.)
- Tree census, litter fall, fine root, CWD

Canopy access tower



Soil chamber



Fuji-Hokuriku (FHK: NIES)

Monitoring CO₂ uptake after artificial disturbance

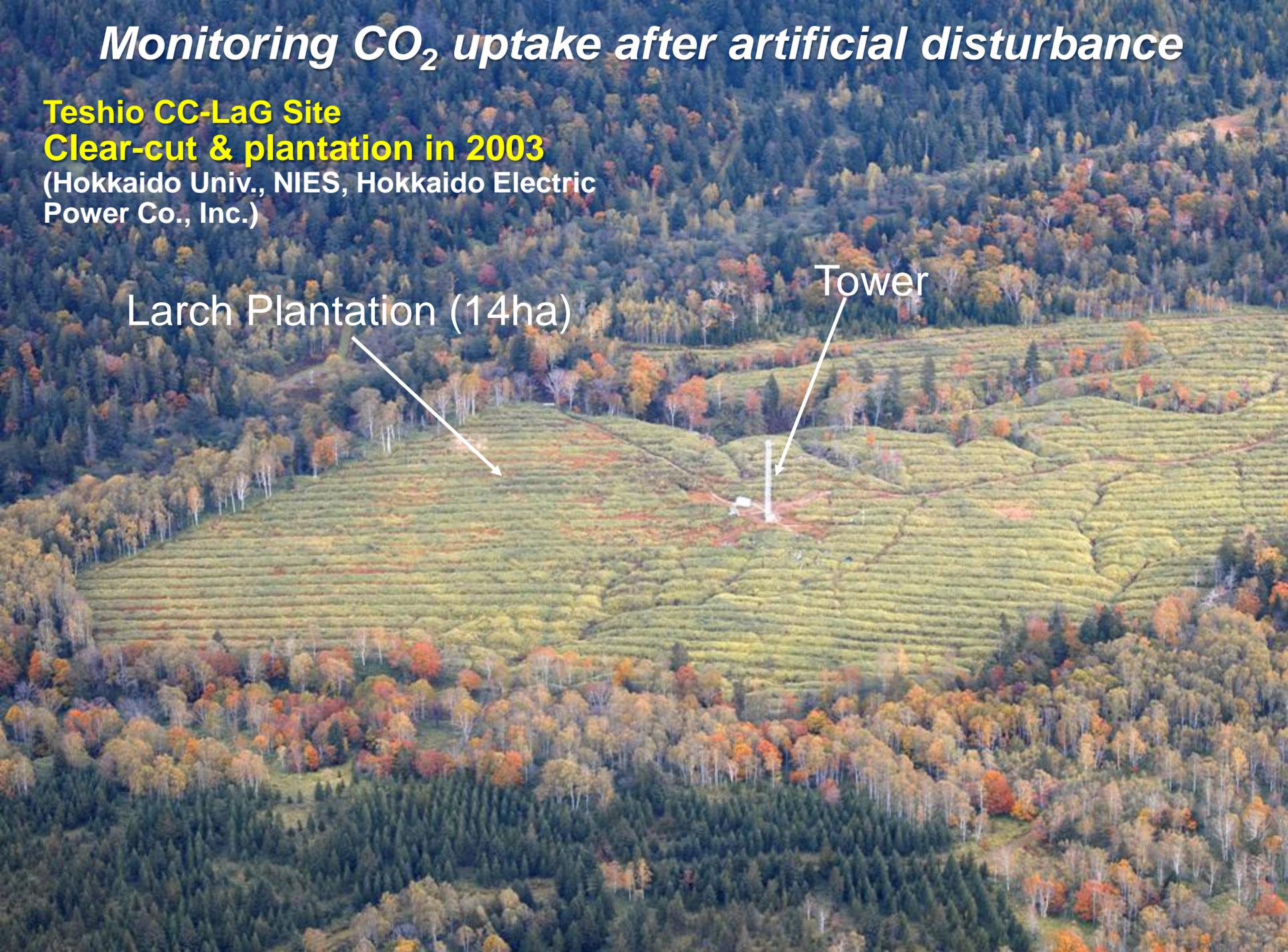
Teshio CC-LaG Site

Clear-cut & plantation in 2003

(Hokkaido Univ., NIES, Hokkaido Electric Power Co., Inc.)

Larch Plantation (14ha)

Tower



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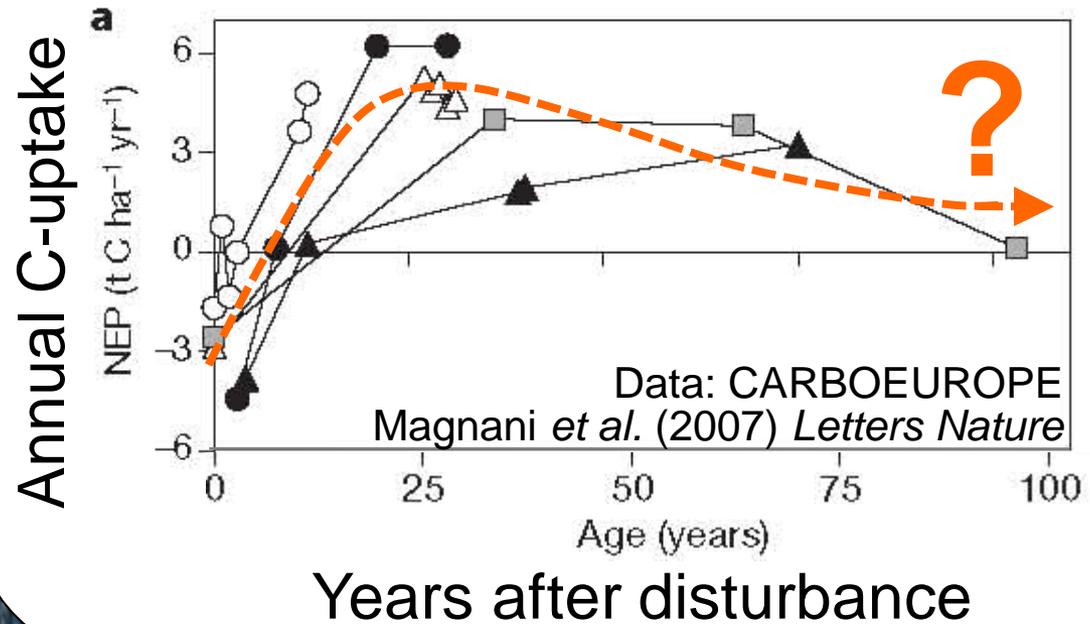
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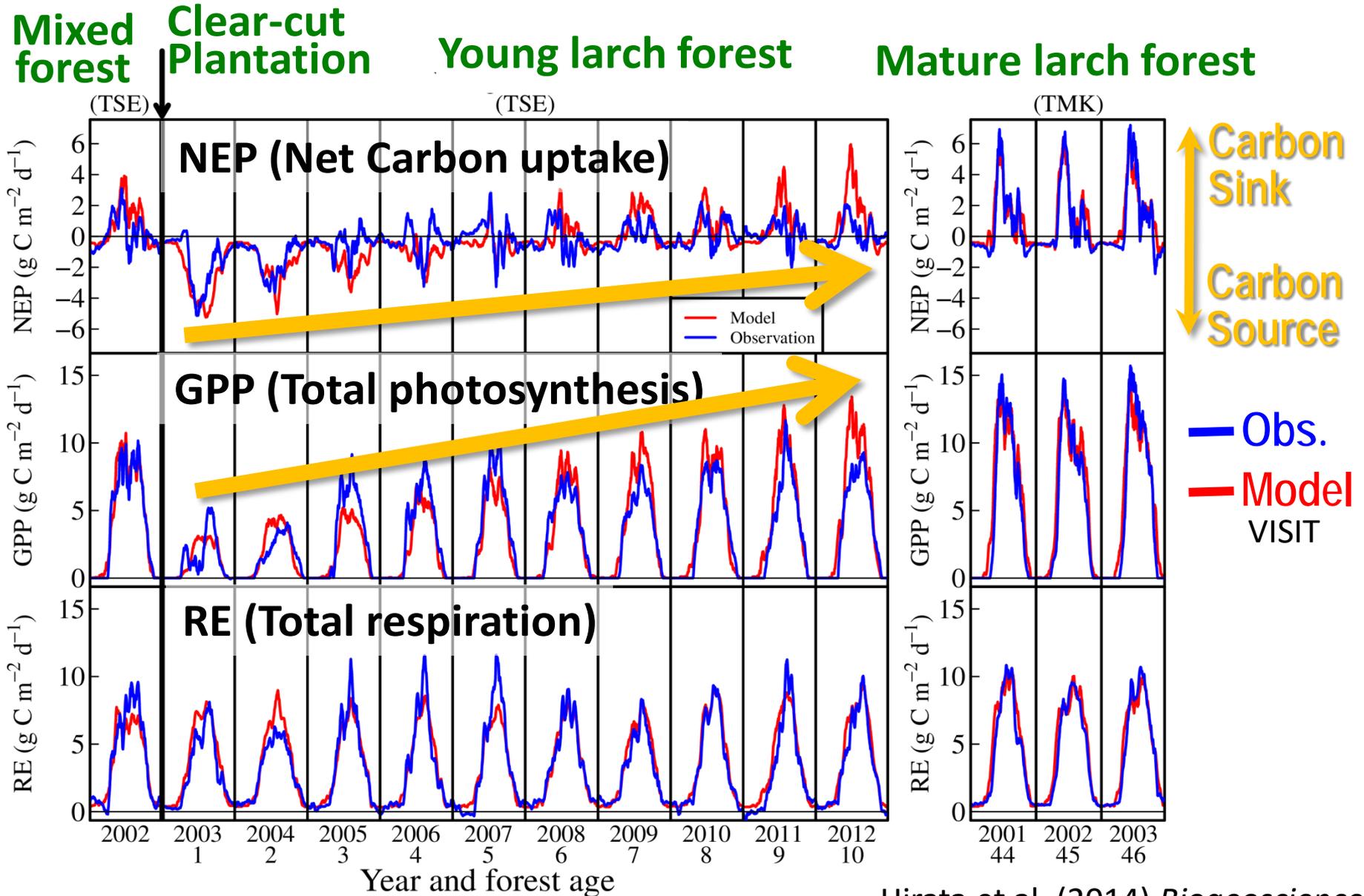
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Larch Plantation (1)

How does the C-uptake rate change with the years after disturbance?



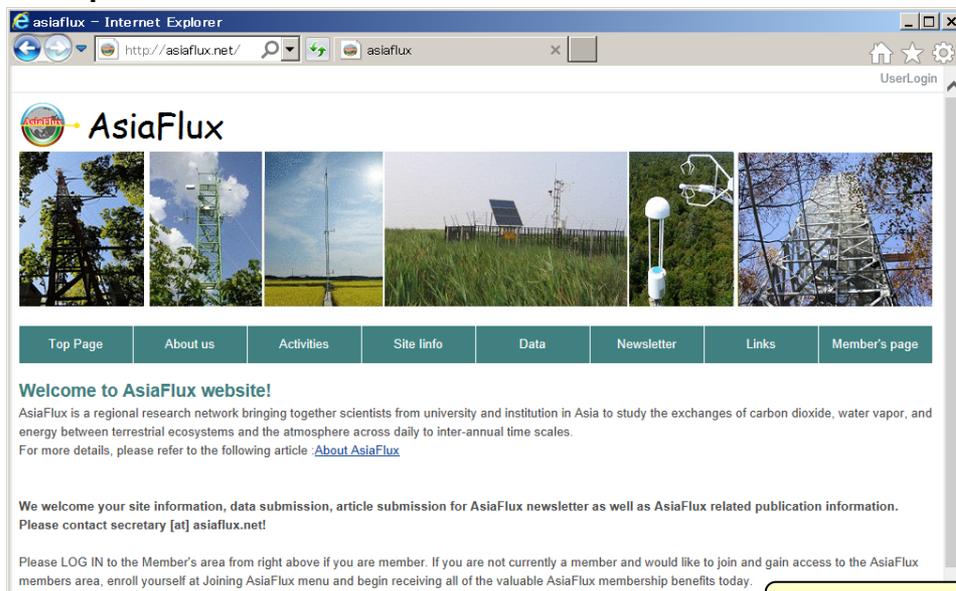
Terrestrial model validation to improve disturbance impacts



AsiaFlux: A Regional Network in FLUXNET

AsiaFlux Tsukuba Office (CGER/NIES)

<http://asiaflux.net>



Location of AsiaFlux sites



Number of sites registered: 102

Number of datasets in the database: 125 (34 sites)

Promoting managed ecosystem monitoring (Rice paddy, etc.)

AsiaFlux training & seminar on methane flux and carbon cycle



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Training CH₄ flux monitoring by EC method

"Bridging Atmospheric Flux Monitoring to National and International Climate Change Initiatives"

12th AsiaFlux workshop on



18-23 August 2014 at International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Los Baños, Philippines

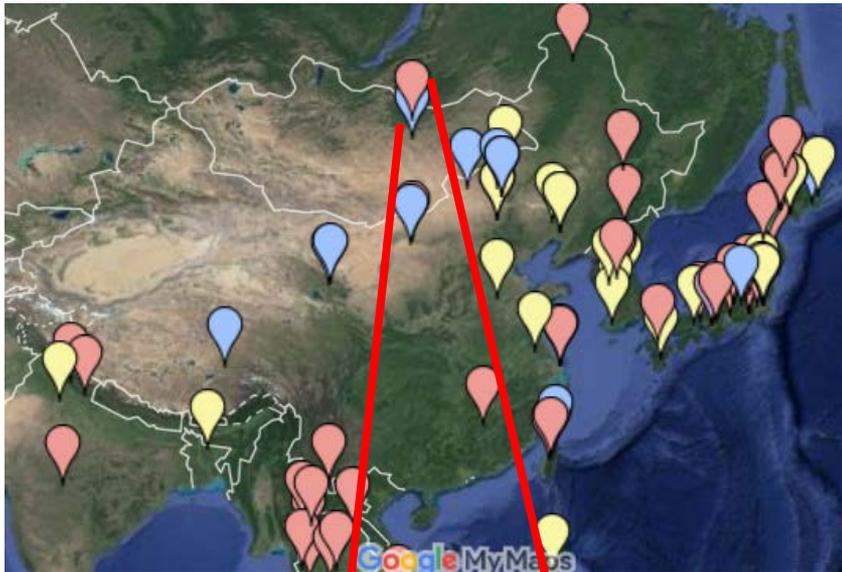


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Location of registered sites in East Asia



Sites in Mongolia

Kherlenbayan Ulaan



Southern Khentei Taiga



Site Information

http://asiaflux.net/index.php?page_id=103

Observation Period and Data Availability

Measurement Period	from March 2003 to present
Measurement Frequency	Continuous
Data Availability	2003-2006 in AsiaFlux Database

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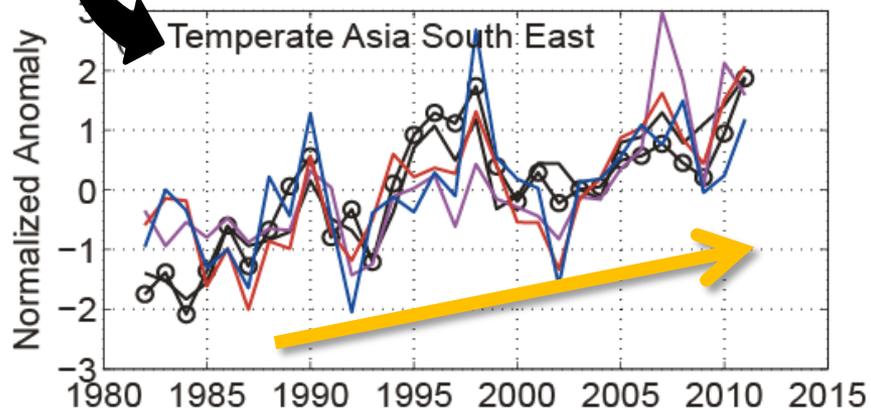
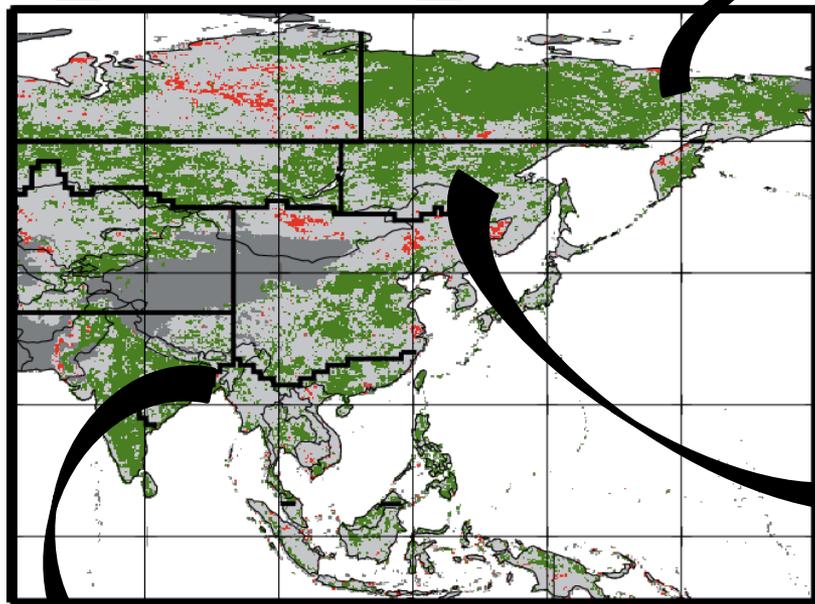
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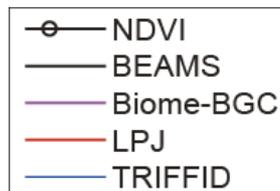
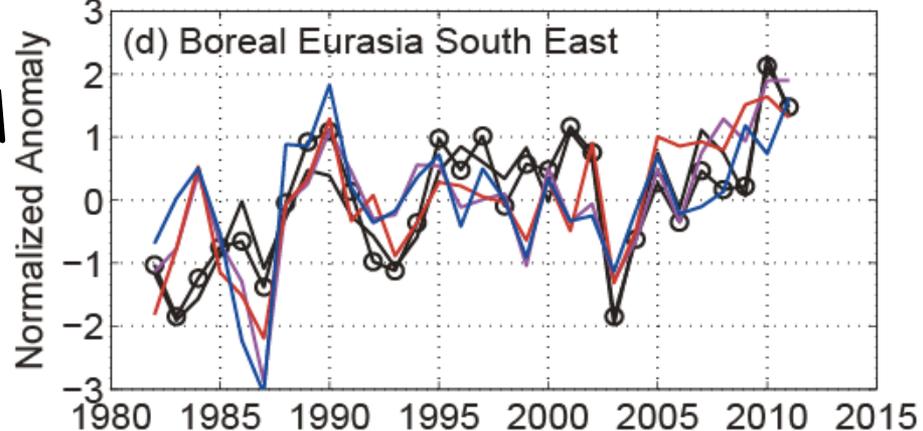
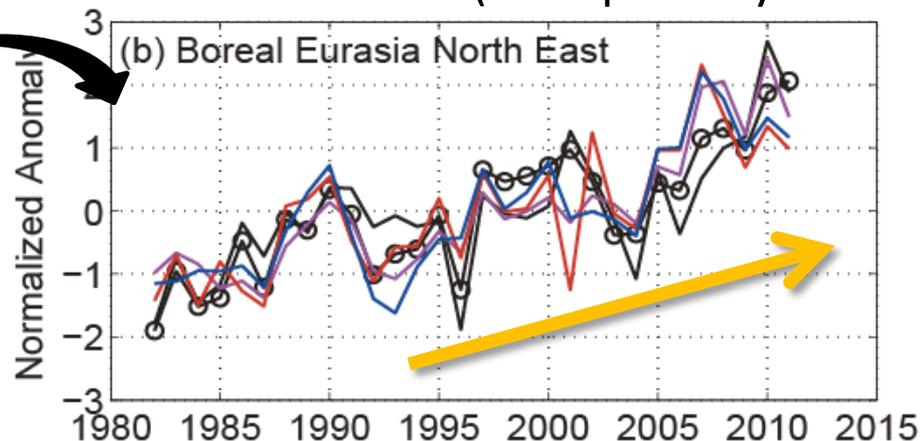
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Detect Increasing Trends in NDVI & Productivity in Siberia

Trends in AVHRR-NDVI

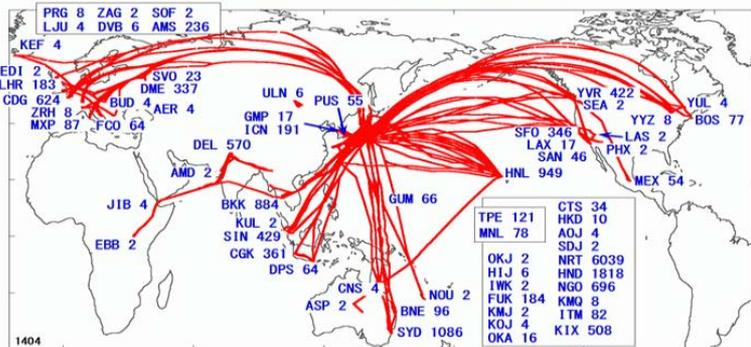


Trends in NDVI and GPP (total photosynthesis)



Recent progress in studies of Top-down approach

CONTRAIL: Atmospheric CO₂ and other trace gas observation using commercial airlines



<http://www.cger.nies.go.jp/contrail/>

GOSAT Project

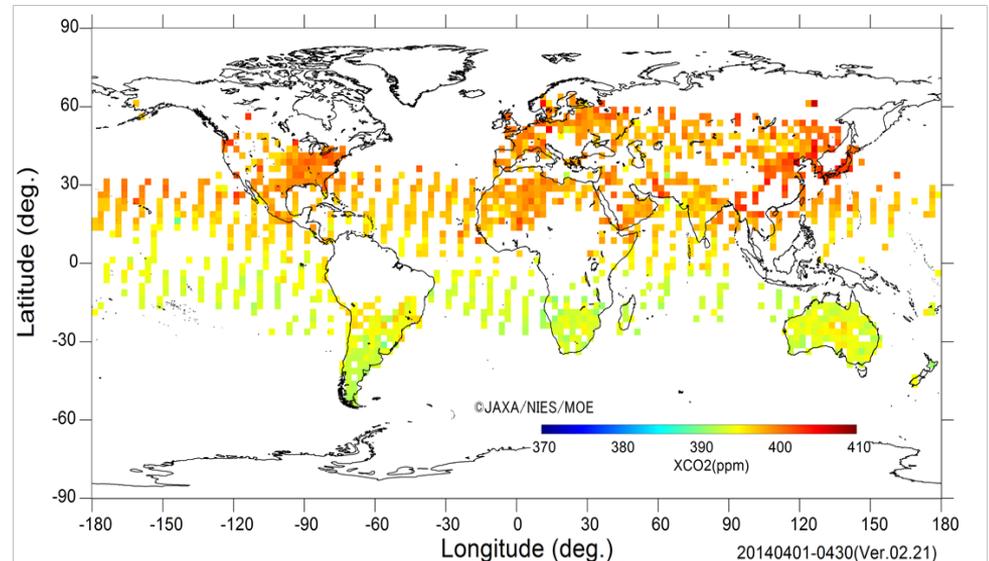
Greenhouse gases GOSAT PROJECT Observing Satellite

<http://www.gosat.nies.go.jp/en/>

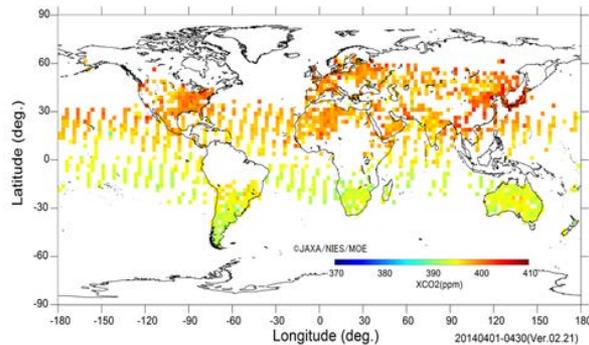
Greenhouse Gases Observing Satellite "IBUKI"

NIES organized the research team dedicated to the GOSAT project within its organization in April 2004, and since then has been working for the research and development with respect to GOSAT "IBUKI".

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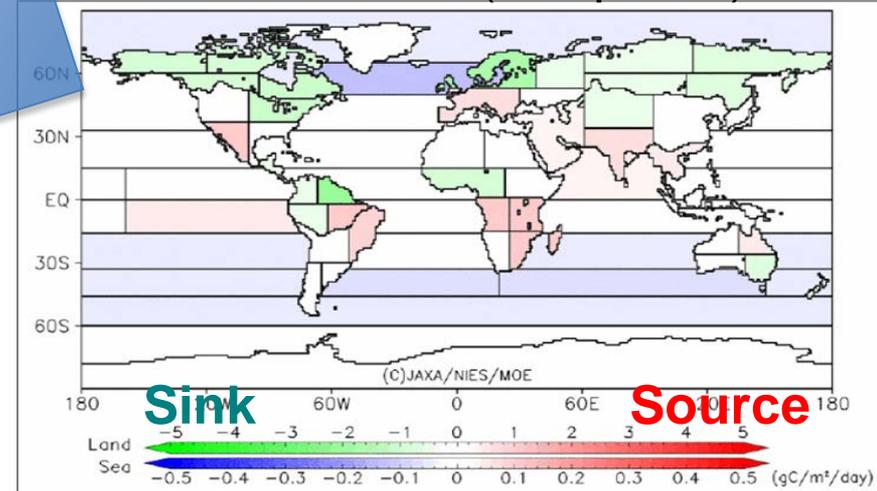


Inverse analysis so that the difference between observed and modeled CO₂ concentration becomes minimum.



Subtract anthropogenic emission

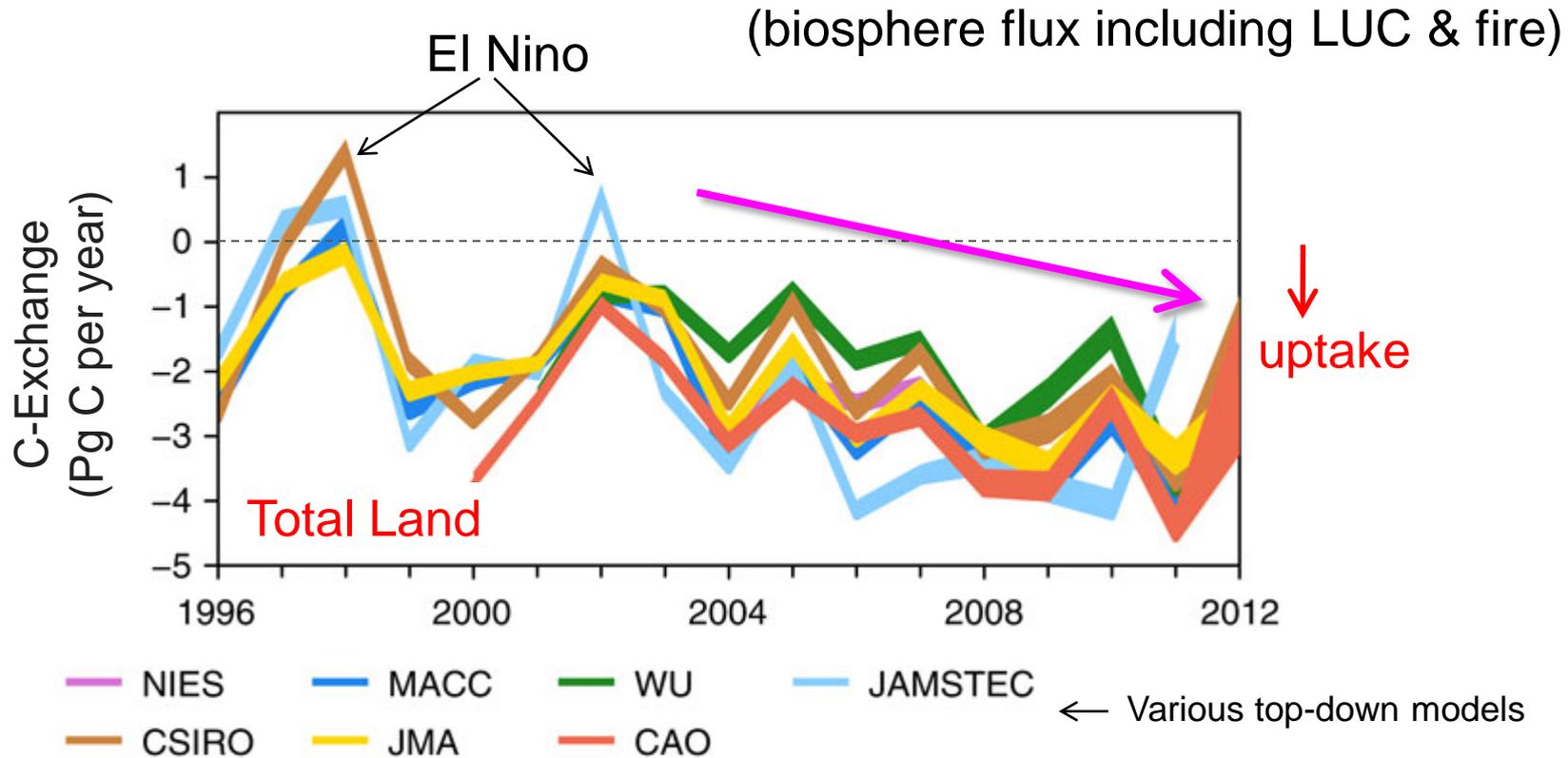
Global & regional sink/source distribution (biosphere)



High quality atmospheric CO₂ concentration data observed by various platforms

Estimate sink/source distribution based on atmospheric concentration data

Top-down assessment of the carbon budget since the mid 1990s

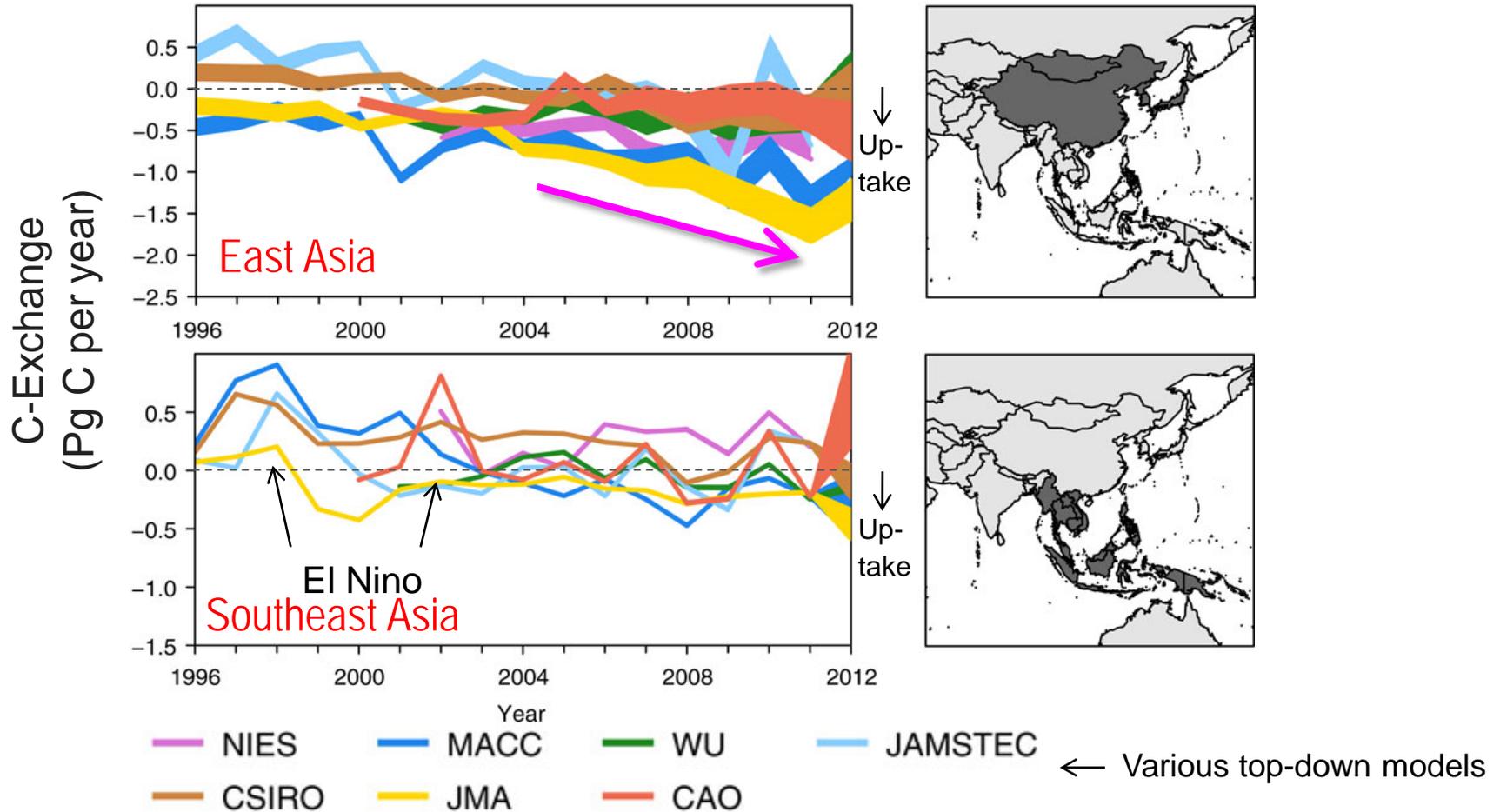


- The width of each curve: Range obtained by different FFC emissions (CDIAC*, EDGAR** & IEA*** inventories)
- Uncertainty in the FF emissions contributes 32% to the uncertainty in land biosphere sink change.

*CDIAC (Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, 2013); **EDGAR (Emission Database for Global Atmospheric Research, ver.4.2); ***IEA (International Energy Agency, 2014)

Top-down assessment of the Asian carbon budget since the mid 1990s

(biosphere flux including LUC & fire)

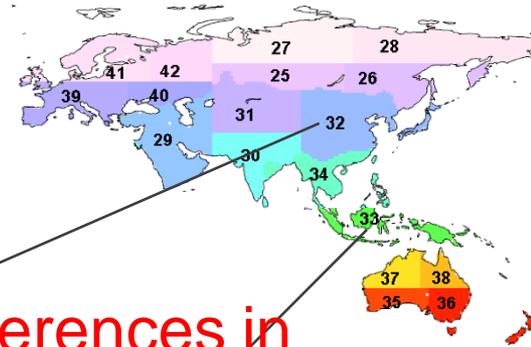


- East Asia: The annual CO₂ sink increased, accounting for ~35% of the increase in the global land biosphere sink.

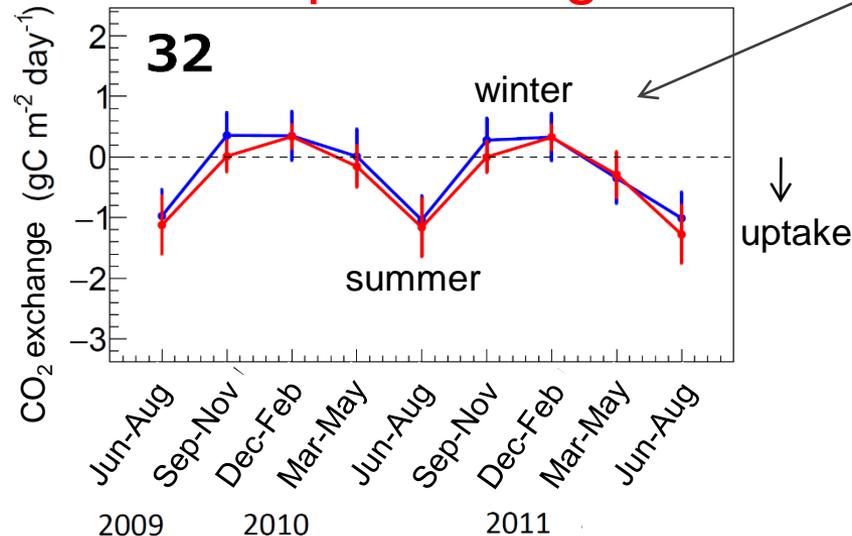
Data-Driven Top-down vs Bottom-up CO₂ Fluxes

Inter-comparison between Top-down & Bottom-up approaches

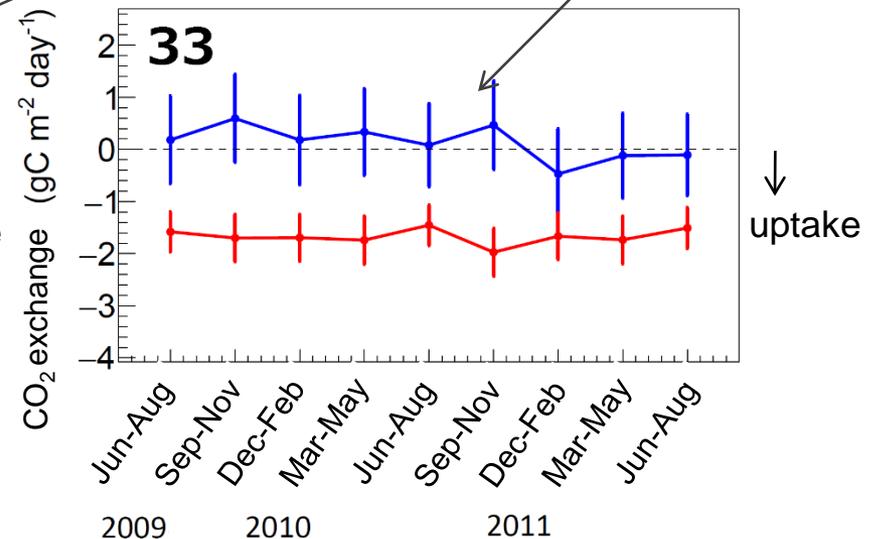
- GOSAT Level 4A
- Upscaling with FLUXNET & remote sensing data



Consistent in boreal and temperate regions



Large differences in tropical regions



Tropical peat forest



Fire



Next Challenge:

Detect Large C Emissions from Land Use Change

- **Plantation, Cropland expansion**
- **Biomass burning**
- **River export...**

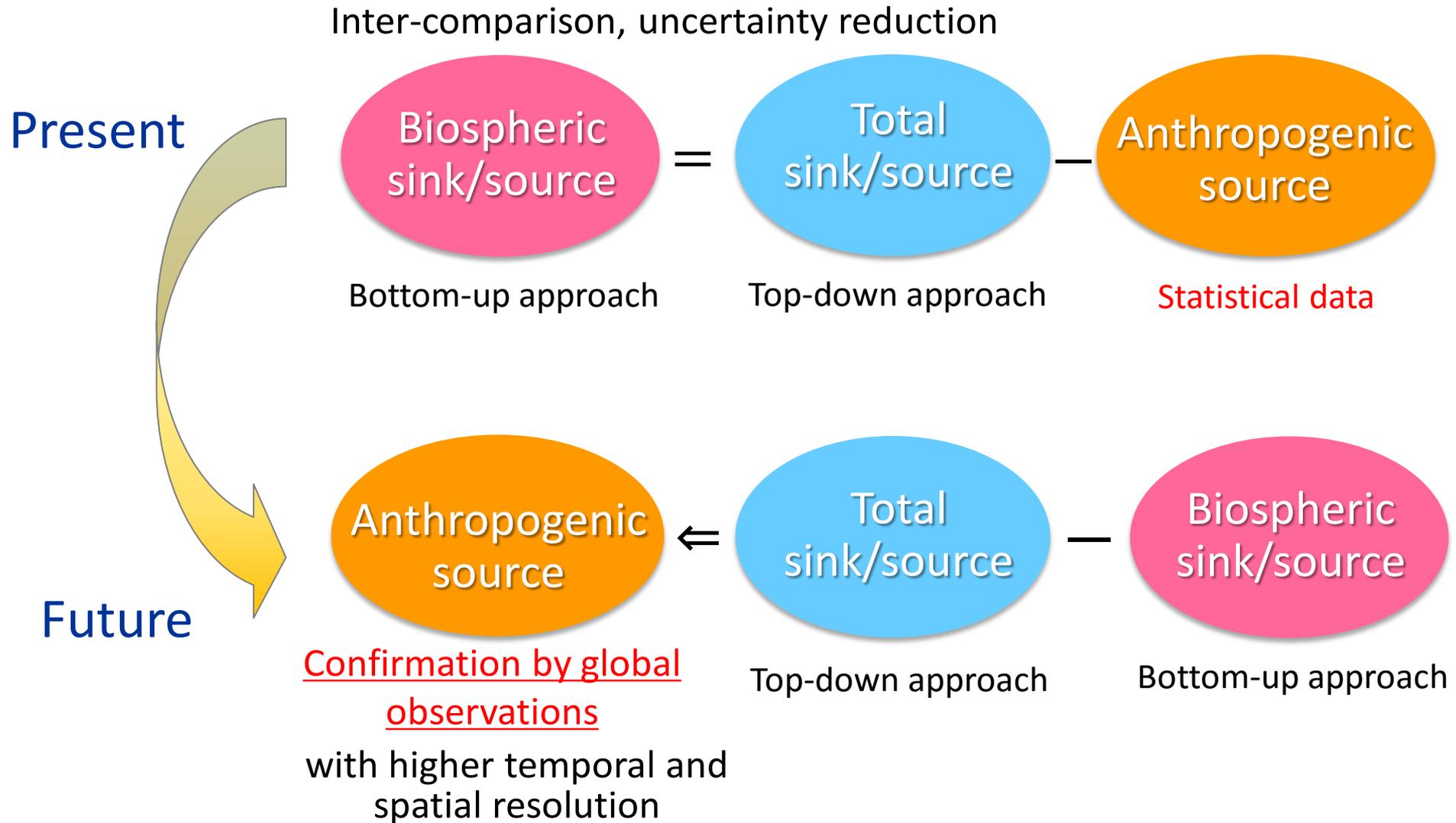
Burnt forest



Oil palm plantation



Summary and the Next Challenge



Summary

For accurate C source/sink estimates for Global C Monitoring to assess mitigation and adaptation policies, we urgently need:

- **Multi-platform observations & integration** into improved data analysis/assimilation systems for C-fluxes particularly in Asia-Pacific, especially tropical regions
- **Changes in terrestrial biomass** to be used as an independent validation of terrestrial C-flux estimation

To evaluate human impacts on the changes in C-fluxes and stocks, we have to have:

- Improved estimates of emissions from land-use change, fires, and other anthropogenic sources
- Confirmation of anthropogenic sources by top-down and bottom-up approaches