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**Project Carbon tracker and water  
availability: controls of land use and  
climate changes**

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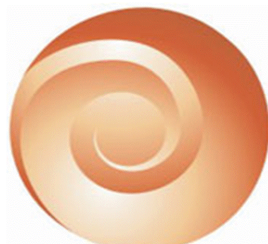
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Large Scale Biosphere-  
Atmosphere Experiment  
in Amazonia

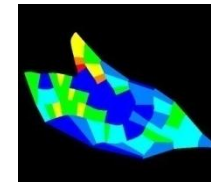
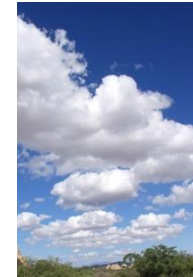
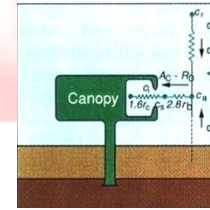


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# Main questions



1. Which is the Carbon balance of the Amazon basin ?
  - (a) How do natural vegetation, rivers and other processes contribute to local and regional C balance ?
2. How can land use change alter the hydrological cycle and river discharge ?
  - (a) Do reforestation helps to control floods and minimum river flows?
  - (b) Do crops, reforestation and pastureland help to change regional evapotranspiration ?



# Watershed modelling and flux tower studies

Ecophysiology (SiB2)

Atmosphere (BRAMS)

Hydrology (SWAT model, DBHM model)

**Four selected watersheds:**  
**Tocantins-Araguaia**

**Mogi-Guaçu river**

**Piracicaba river (PCJ basin)**

**Paraibuna-Paraitinga**



# Field sites



1. **TROPICAL AMAZONIAN terra firme FOREST – Santarem K67 Flona Tapajos**



2. **FLOODPLAIN (in FOREST-SAVANNA transition areas – Bananal Island)**



3. **CERRADO RESTRITO (Gleba Pé de Gigante) + Sugar Cane (Usina Sta Rita) + Eucaliptus (Faz Cara Preta)**

4. **ATLANTIC MOIST MONTANE FOREST (Nucleo St Virginia Parque Estadualerra do Mar)**



# Measurements in the flux tower sites



top

Irradiância solar e RFA (incidente, refletida)

(Rn) Saldo de radiação =  
+ H (fluxo calor sensível)  
+ LE (evapotranspiração)  
+ Fluxo CO<sub>2</sub>

Radiômetros

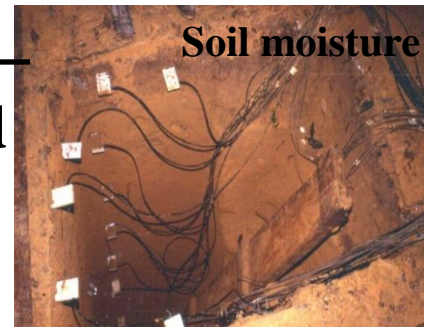
Anemômetro sônico

Analisador CO<sub>2</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>O



Data control

ground



Soil moisture

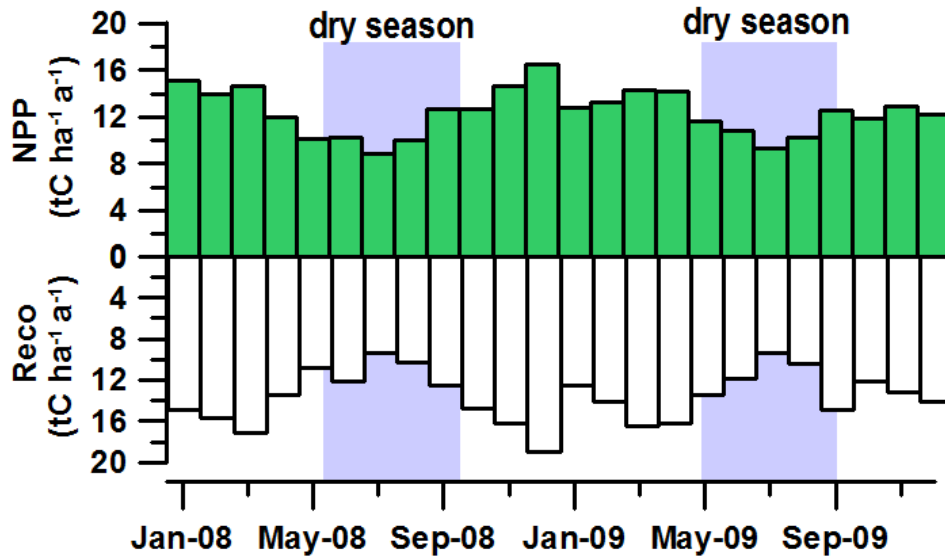
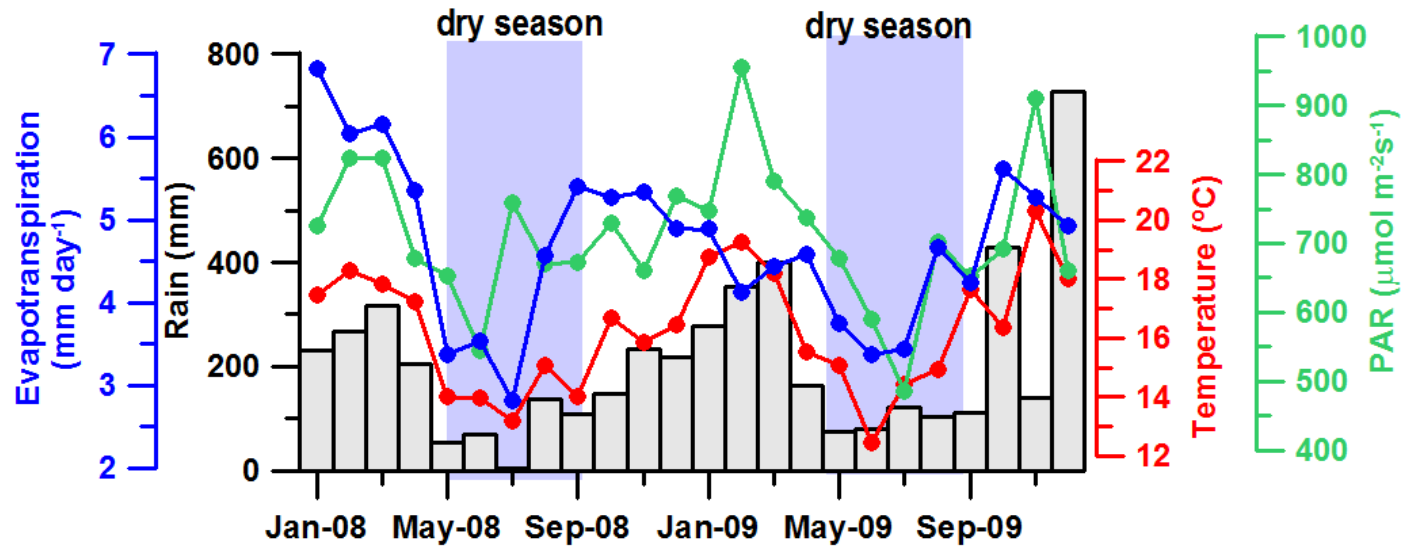


Streamflow



# Water and CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes - Atlantic montane Forest (Serra do Mar)

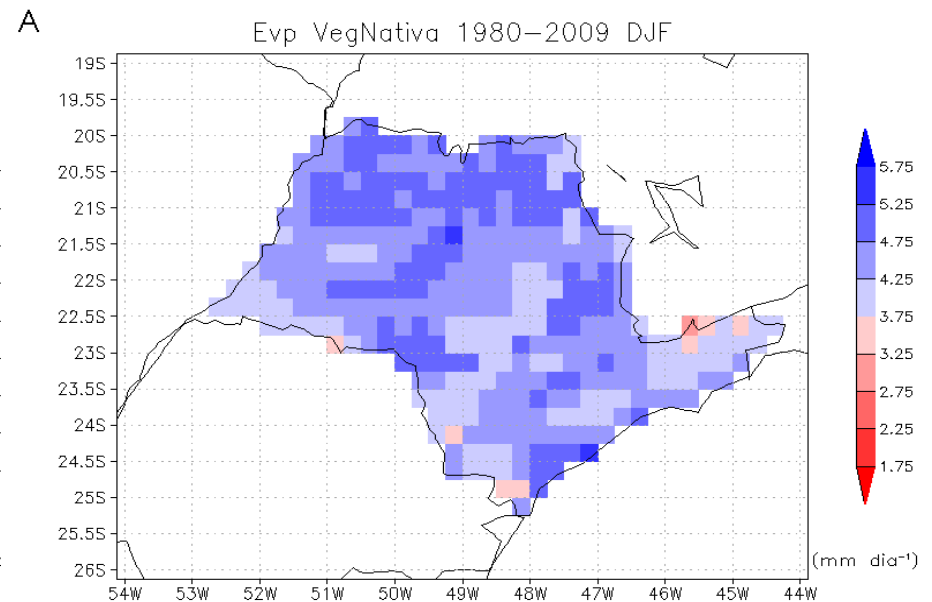
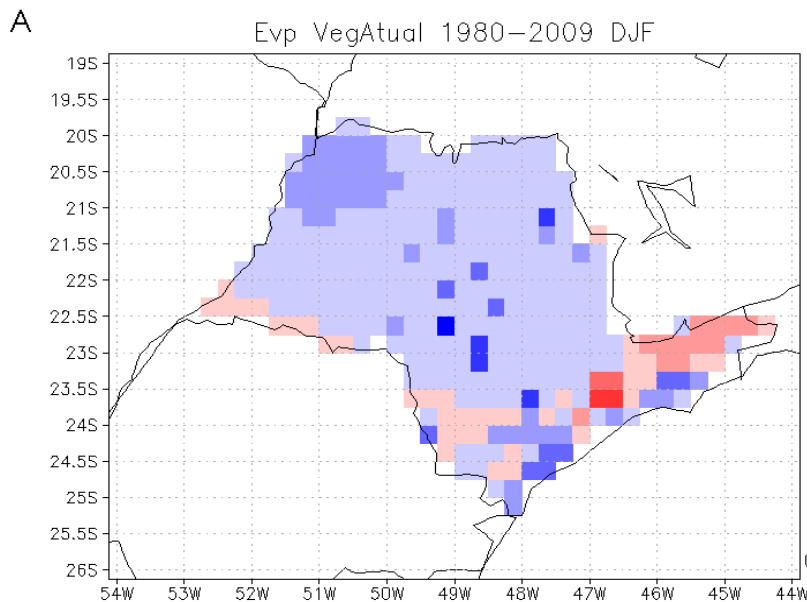
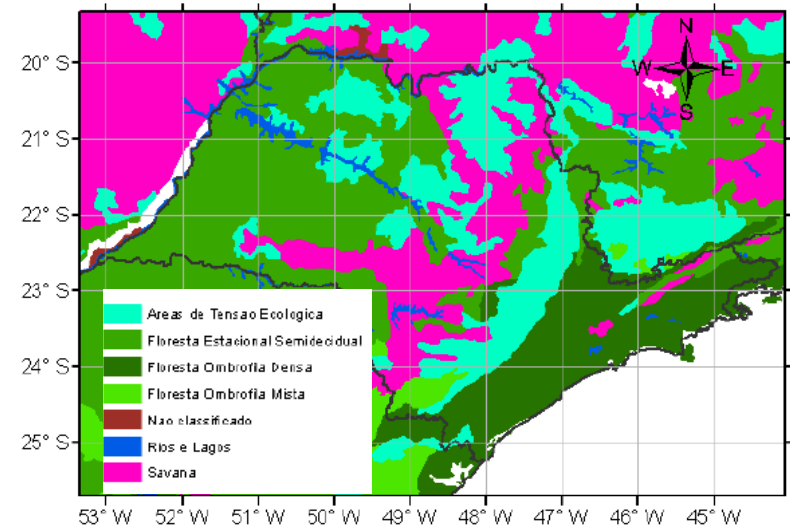
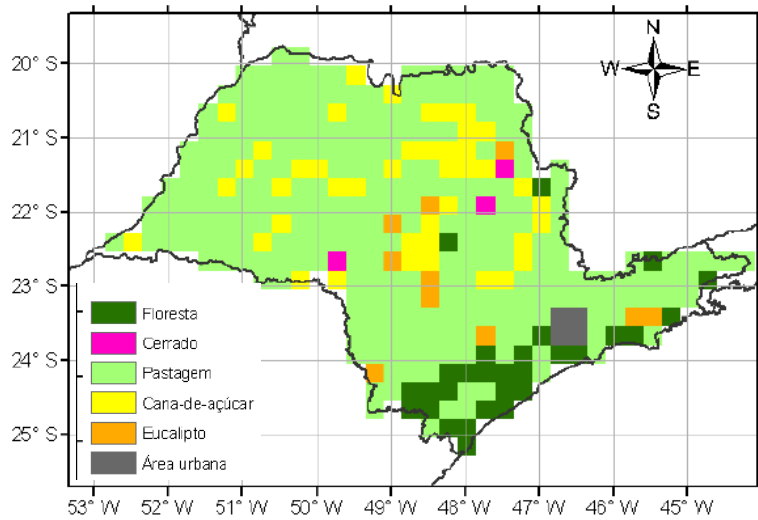
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# Mean climatological EVT (mm / day) with SiB2 model

## Current and original vegetation

## MSc thesis (Martins, 2011)

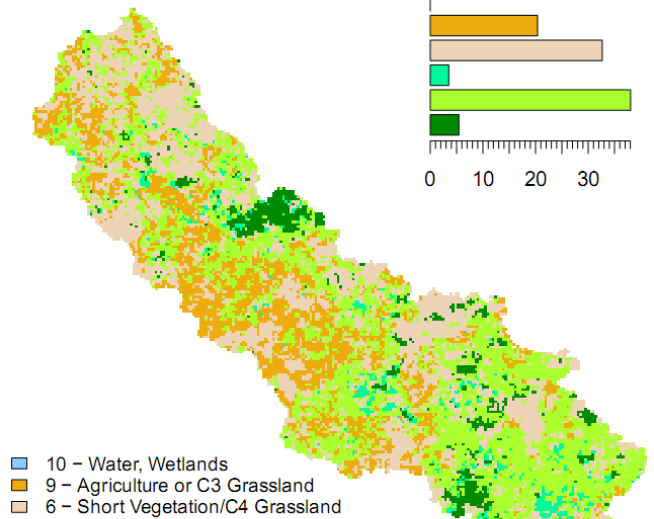
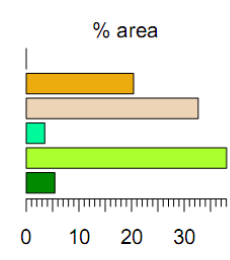
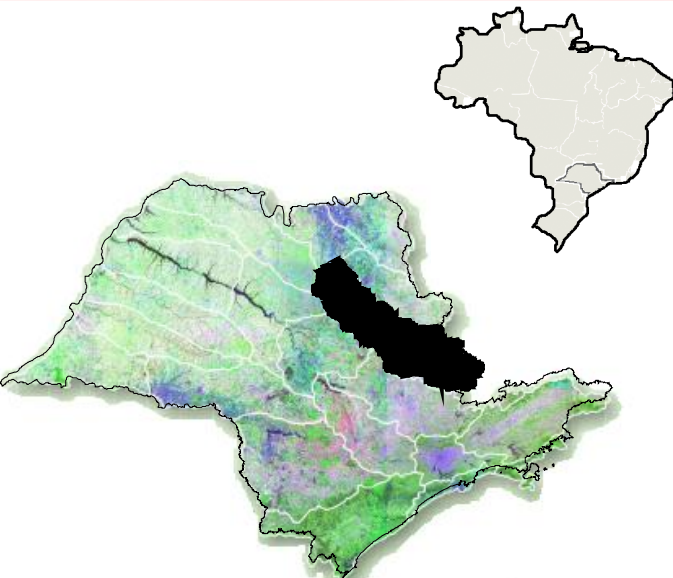




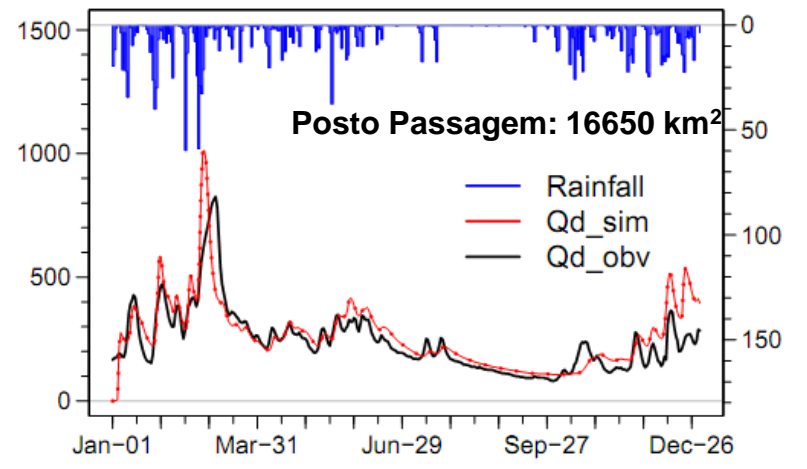
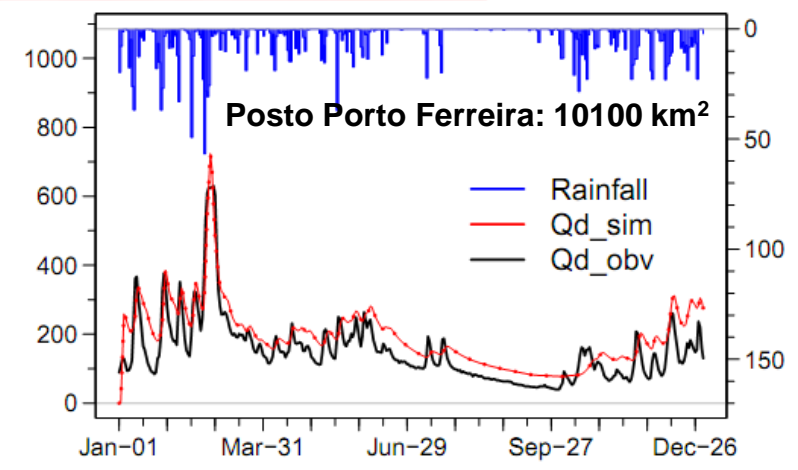
# Hydrological and vegetation modelling (SiB2-DBHM model)

## MogiGuaçu watershed

(PhD thesis, Tatsch 2011)



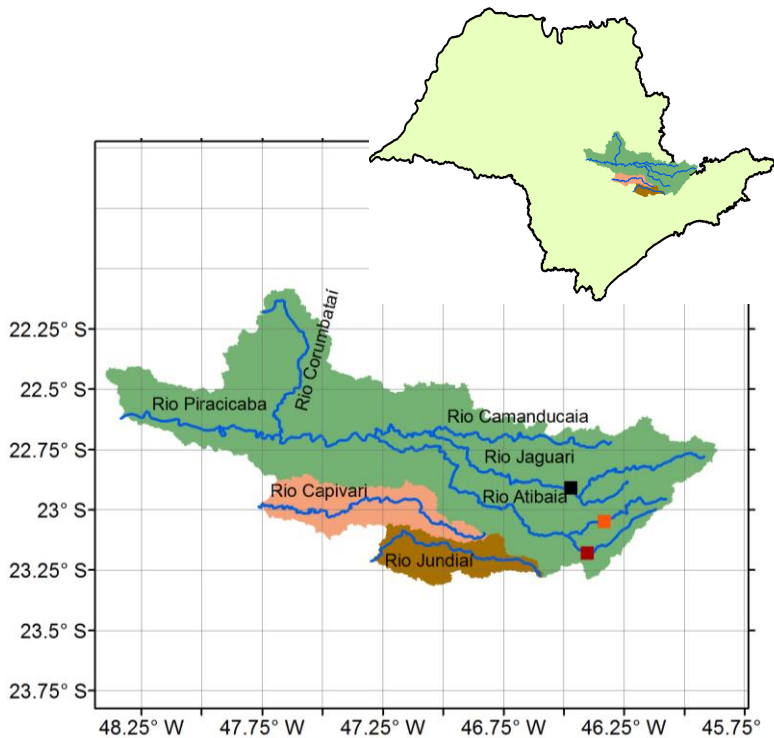
- 10 - Water, Wetlands
- 9 - Agriculture or C3 Grassland
- 6 - Short Vegetation/C4 Grassland
- 4 - Needleleaf Evergreen Trees
- 3 - Broadleaf and Needleleaf Trees
- 1 - Broadleaf Evergreen Trees



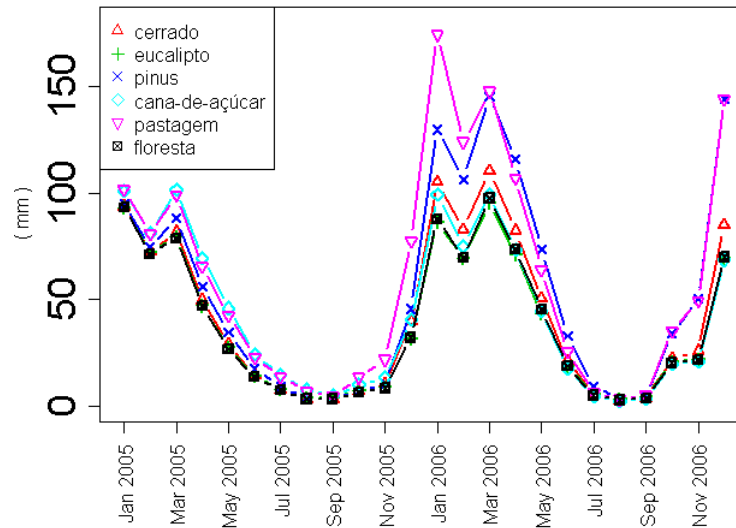
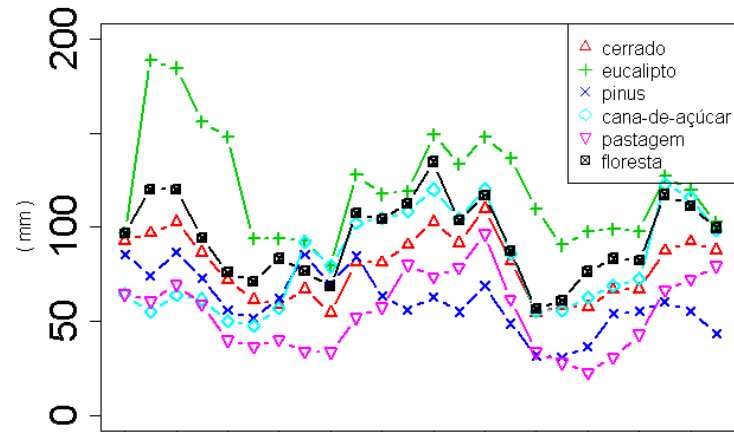
# Hydrological and vegetation modelling

## SWAT model (J. Mota, M. Queiroz, PhD thesis)

### Mean EVT and discharge (mm per month) – preliminary results



**Rivers Piracicaba-  
Capivari-Jundiá (PCJ)  
watershed**



# Regional Carbon balance - Mass balance approach

$$\left. \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} \right|_v = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \iiint_V \rho \chi dV = - \iint_S \rho \chi \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{n} dS + \left. \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} \right|_{\text{vertical}} + F_{\text{surf}}$$

Wind basinwide transports

Sinks/sources of vegetation, rivers, burnings ...

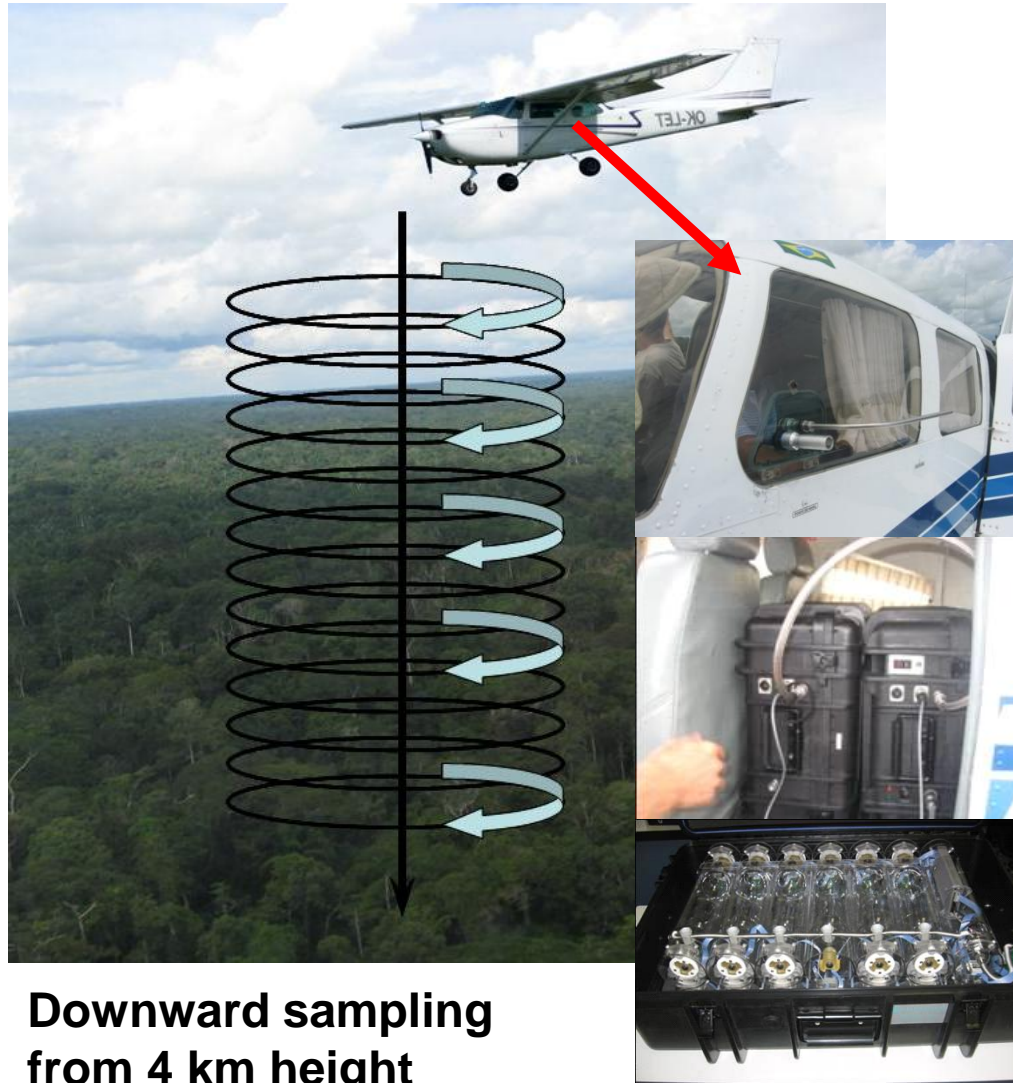
## - Other data assimilation methods

Column method

Amazonian Carbon Tracker



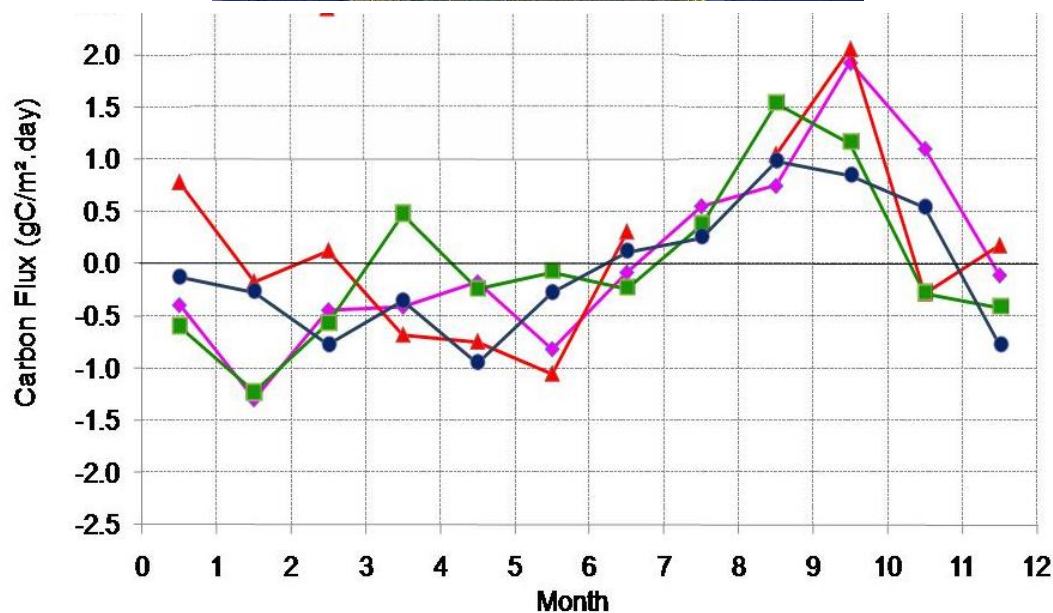
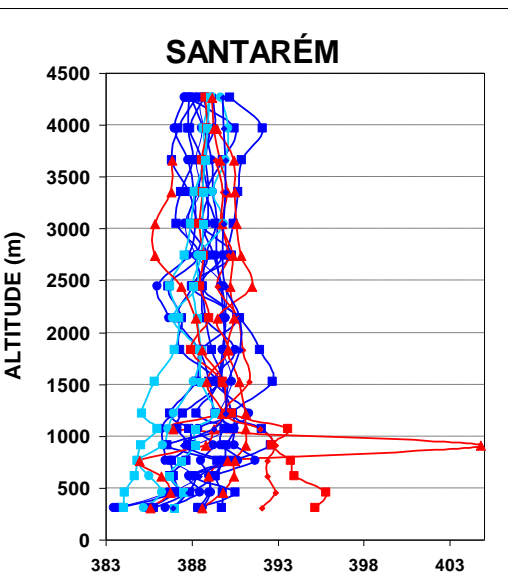
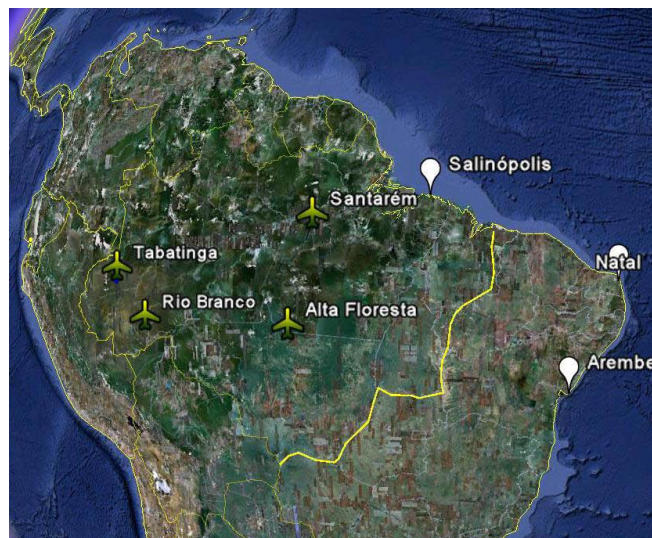
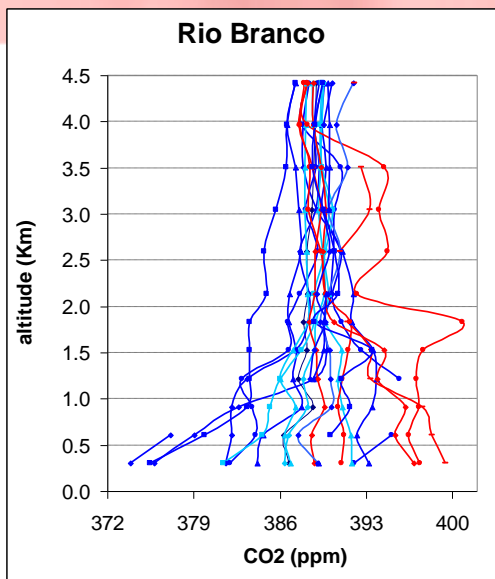
# Aircraft based vertical profiles of $\text{CO}_2$ , $\text{CO}$ , $\text{CH}_4$ and $^{13}\text{CO}_2$ IPEN laboratory (L. Gatti and students)



**Downward sampling  
from 4 km height**

**Portable Compressor  
unit and Flask Unit**

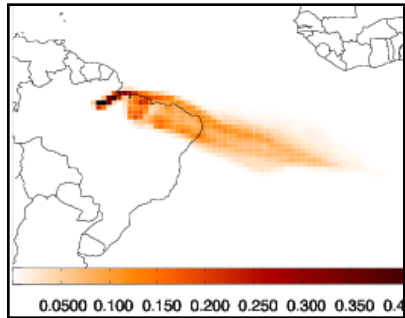
# Carbon flux calculated with column method using vertical profiles (L. Gatti, 2011) (in prep)



# Carbon Tracker Amazonia

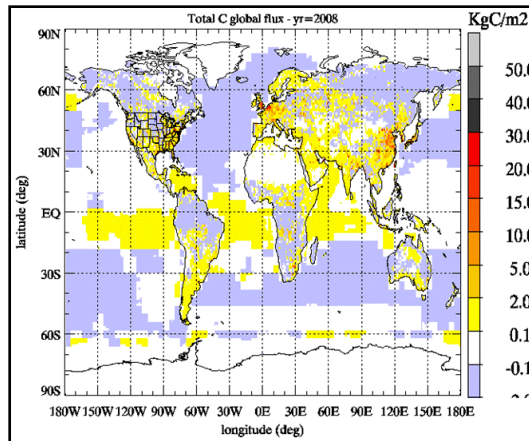
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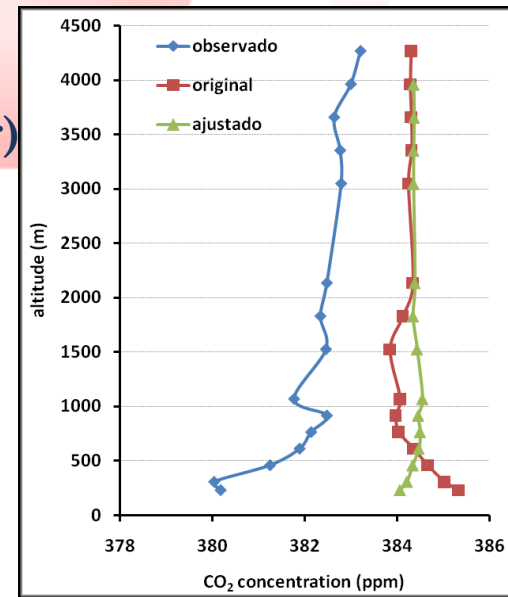


Footprint (ppm of CO<sub>2</sub> /flux)

em pontos seletos na  
Amazonia  
(FLEXPART submodel)



First guess Fluxo CO<sub>2</sub> (NOAA, every  
3h, 1°) from:  
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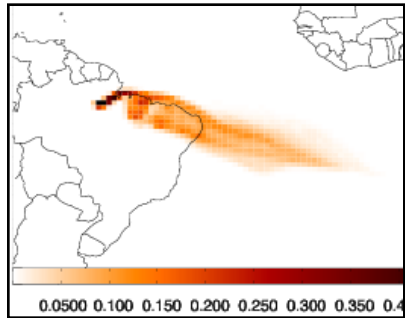
CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (calculada vs observada)  
em pontos seletos na Amazonia  
Ajuste dos perfis verticais  
Cálculo fator de correção e reestimativa do  
fluxo



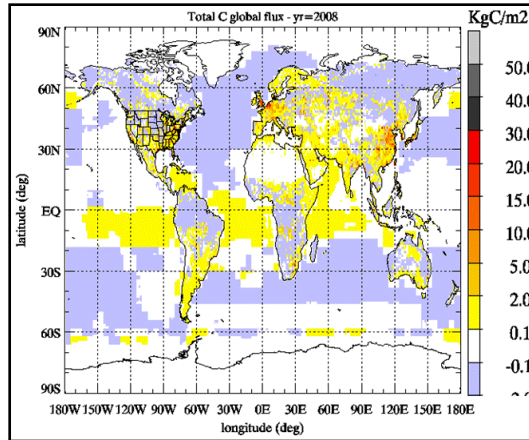
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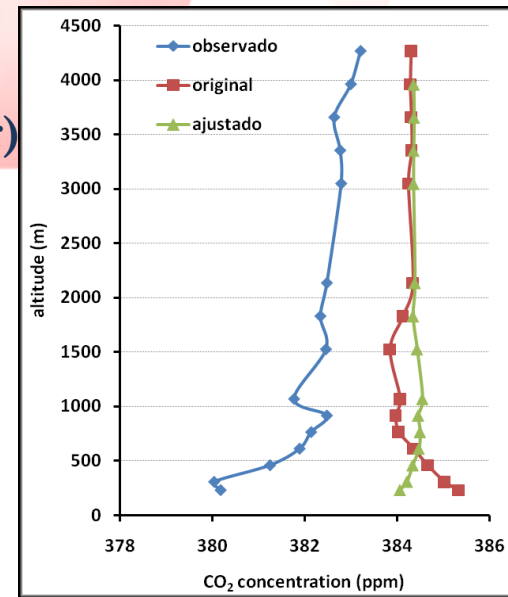
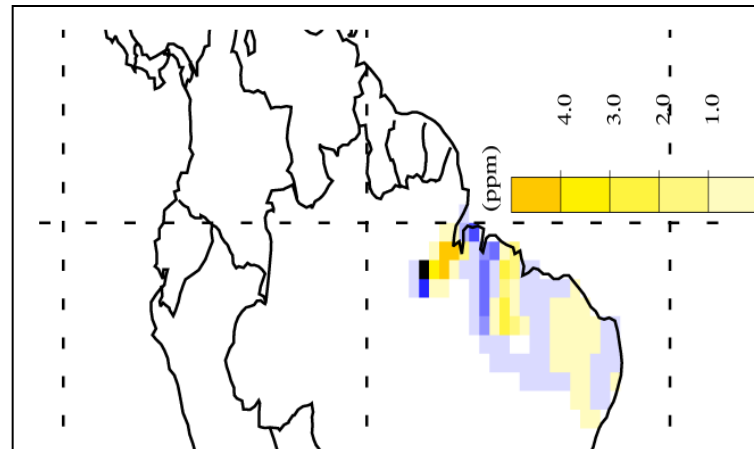
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Concentração CO<sub>2</sub> (calculada vs observada)  
em pontos seletos na Amazonia  
Ajuste dos perfis verticais  
Calculo fator de correção e reestimativa do  
Fluxo de CO<sub>2</sub>

Exemplo - contribuição à  
concentração global do fluxo  
vento-acima de Santarem