

Recent Global CO₂ Flux Inferred From Atmospheric CO₂ Observations And Its Regional Analyses

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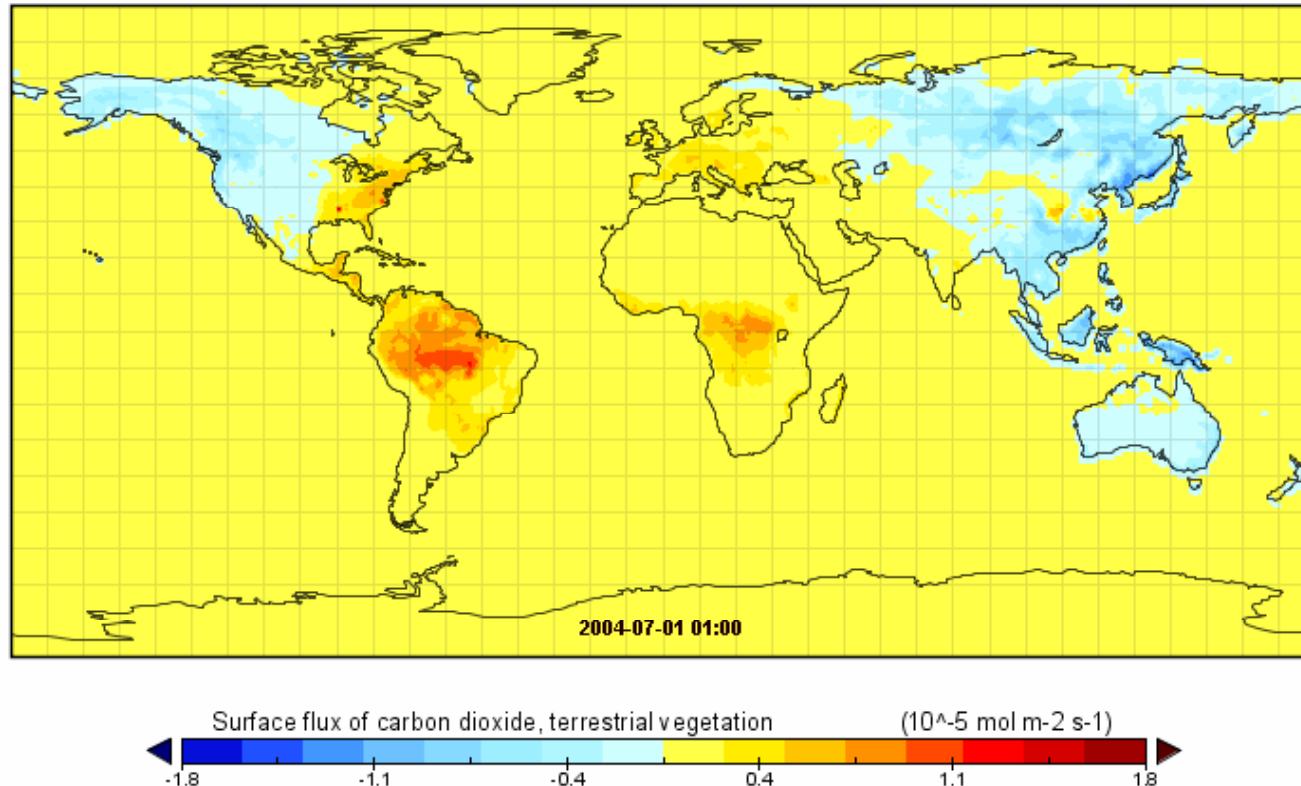
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- Introduction
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Estimating Terrestrial Carbon Flux Distribution

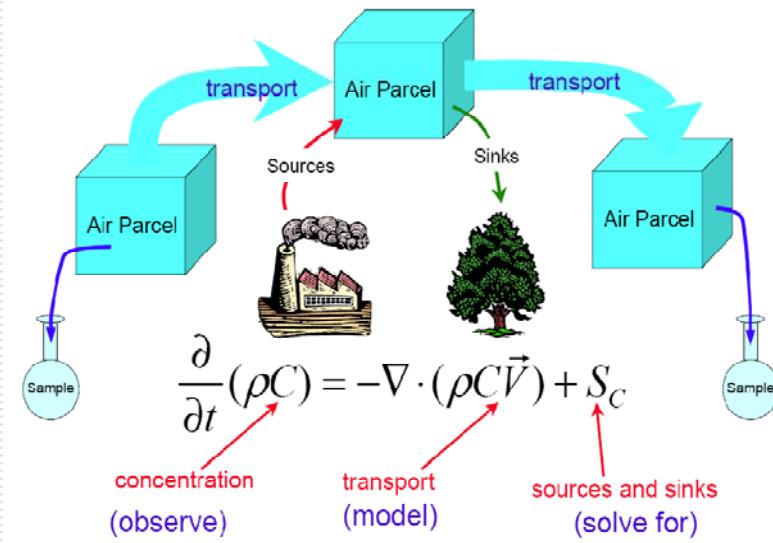
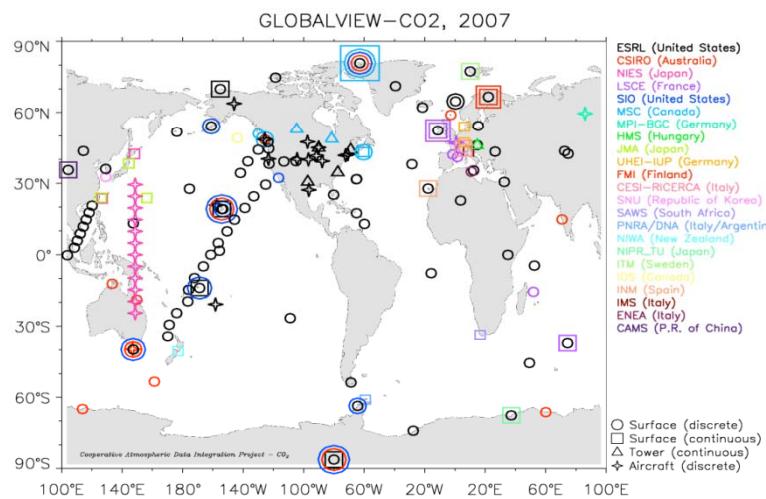
- Direct measurement: Fluxnet
 - Limited locations
 - Short time series
- Terrestrial ecosystem modeling [Sellers et al., 1986 and 1996; Running and Coughlan, 1988; Running and Gower, 1991; Prentice et al., 1992; Potter and Klooster, 1999; Chen et al., 1999; Jones et al. 2001]
 - Parameters
- Atmospheric inversion [Rayner et al., 1999, 2008; Keeling et al., 2001; Roedenbeck et al., 2003; Peylin et al., 2005; Baker et al., 2006, Gurney et al., 2004, 2008; Peters et al., 2007, 2010]
 - Measurement sites too sparse

The Boreal Ecosystem Productivity Simulator (BEPS)



Chen et al., 1999

CO₂ Concentration Observations & Surface Flux Inversion



Source: GLOBALVIEW-CO₂: Cooperative Atmospheric Data Integration Project - Carbon Dioxide. NOAA ESRL, Boulder, Colorado

Source: S. Denning

Bayesian Formalism

- Use data, c , prior flux estimates, s_p , and model (with transport operator M) to estimate fluxes, s
- Estimate obtained by minimizing:

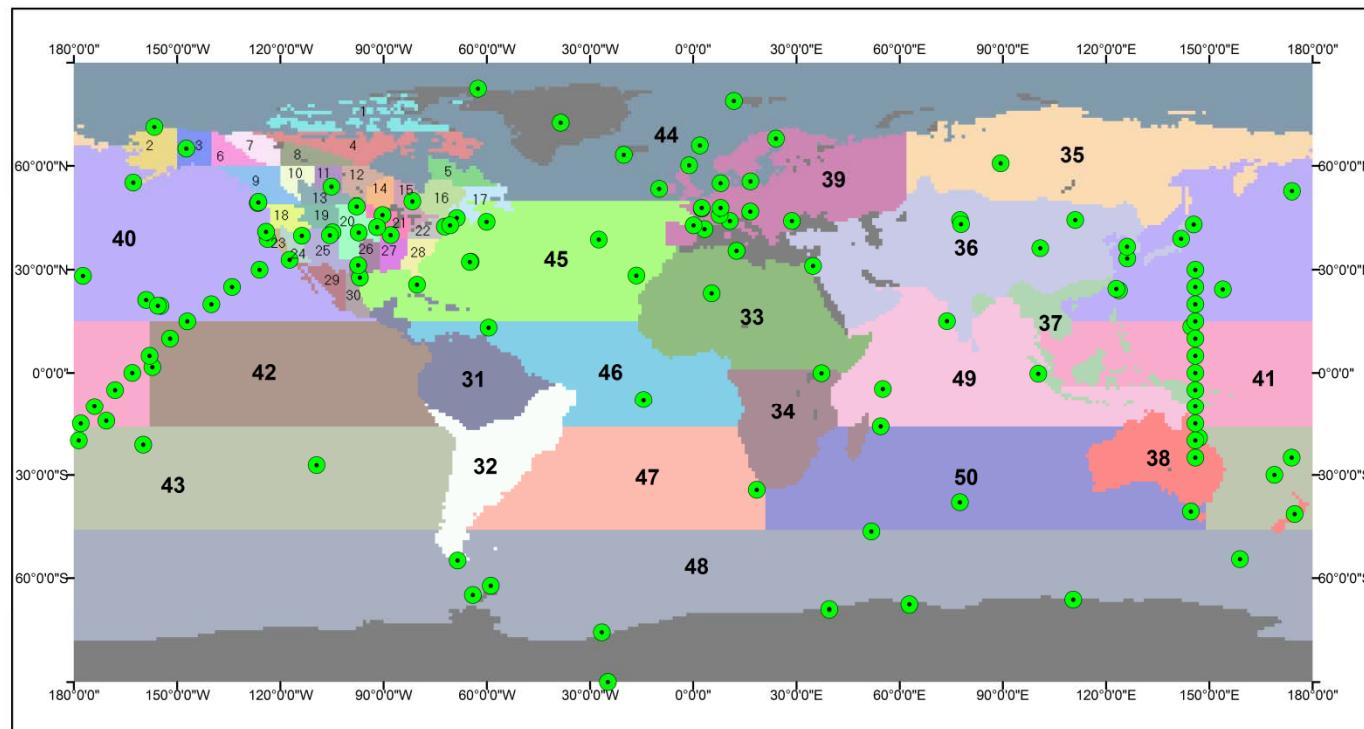
$$J = \frac{1}{2}(Ms - c)^T R^{-1}(Ms - c) + \frac{1}{2}(s - s_p)^T Q^{-1}(s - s_p)$$

- Solution is $\hat{s} = (M^T R^{-1} M + Q^{-1})^{-1} (M^T R^{-1} c + Q^{-1} s_p)$
- Estimates, \hat{s} have covariance

$$\hat{Q} = (Q^{-1} + M^T R^{-1} M)^{-1}$$

Nested Global Inversion System

**30 small regions in North America, 20 large regions for the rest of the globe
(Transcom 3), and 208 CO₂ stations (GlobalView-2008)**

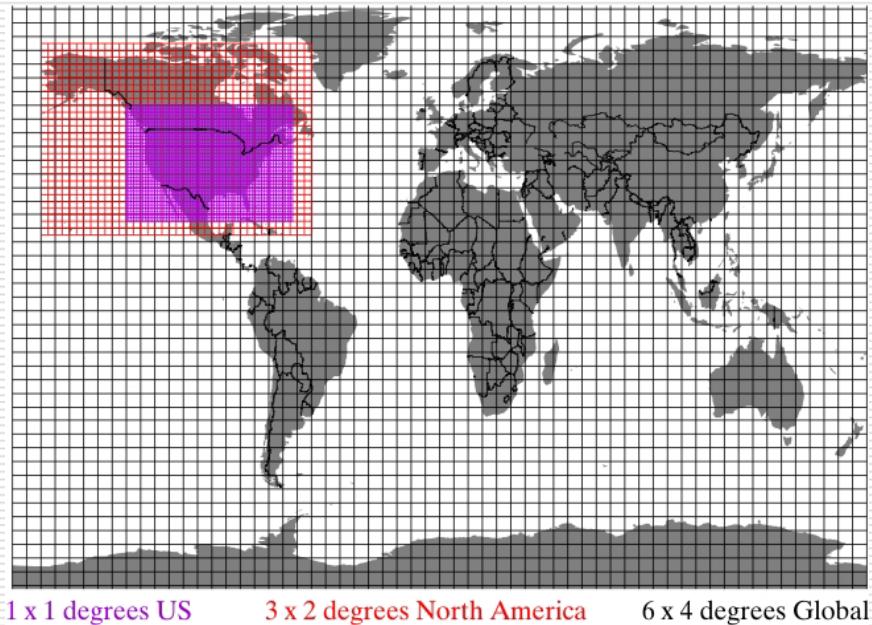


Source: Deng et al. (2007)

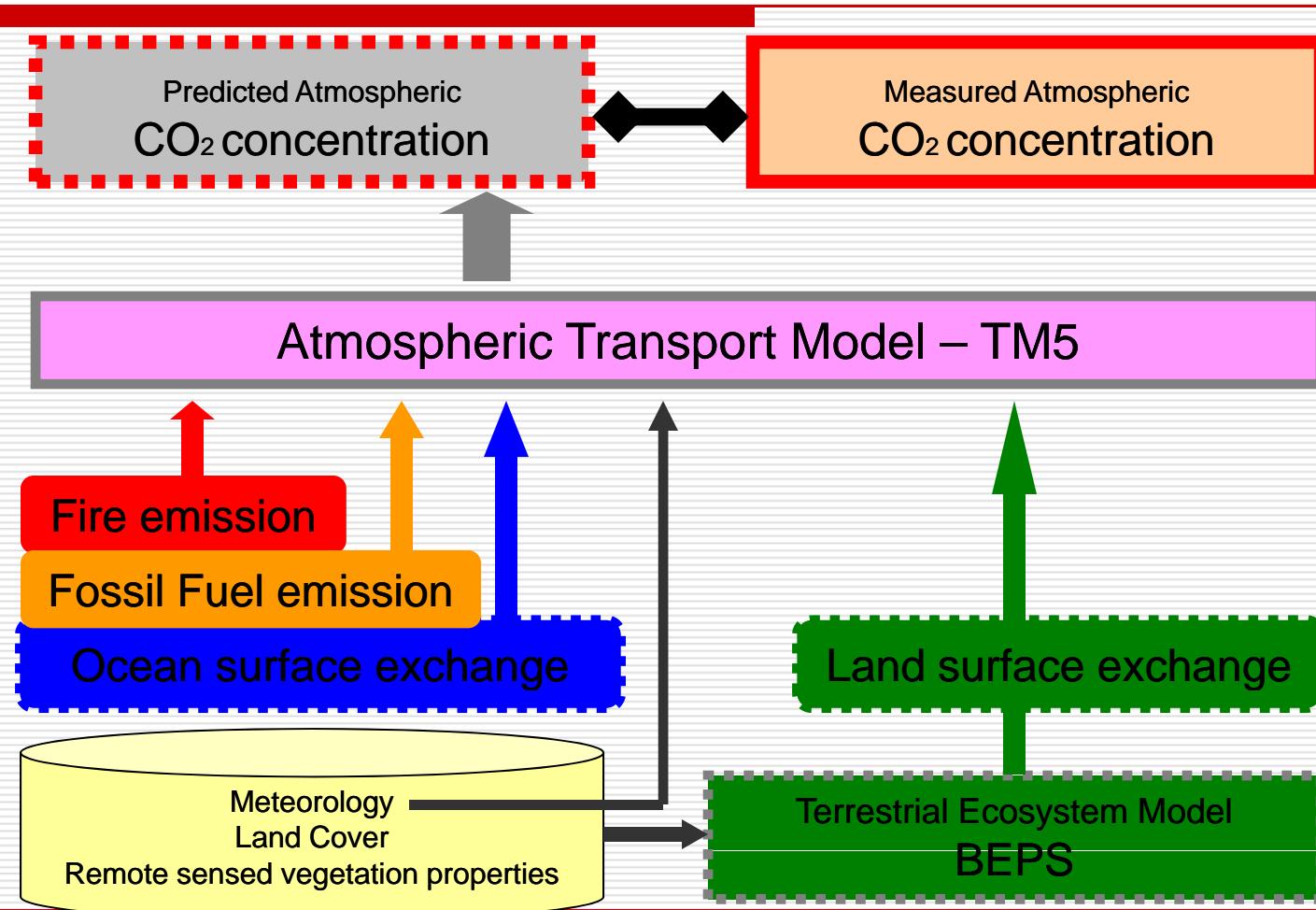
TM5

- Offline atmospheric transport model**
- Meteorology from ECMWF**
- Global simulation $6^\circ \times 4^\circ$**
- Target area $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$**
- 25 vertical layers**

Krol et al. (2005)
Peters et al. (2004)



Inversion technique



Key Datasets

- **Fossil Fuels**
 - Carbon tracker (J. B. Miller, <http://carbontraacker.noaa.gov>)
- **Fires**
 - The Global Emissions Fire Database version 2 (GFEDv2). (van der Werf et al., 2003; Giglio et al., 2006).
- **Ocean**
 - Results of CO₂ fluxes using the OPA-PISCES-T model.
 - Forced by daily wind stress and heat and water fluxes from the NCEP reanalyzed data for 1948 to 2004.
- **Biosphere**
 - Hourly global NEE produced by the BEPS model with resolution 1°x1° was produced for a five-year period (2000-2004).
 - Forced by NCEP reanalyzed meteorology and LAI derived from Remote sensing measurements.

The model-data mismatch error (R)

R can be defined with the error standard deviation of month i by

$$R_{ii} = \sigma_{const}^2 + GVsd^2$$

$GVsd$ - from the average monthly variability (var) files of
GLOBALVIEW-CO₂ 2008

$$\sigma_{const} = \begin{cases} 0.15 & \text{Antarctic} \\ 0.3 & \text{oceanic sites} \\ 1.5 & \text{land and tower sites} \\ 1.25 & \text{mountain sites} \\ 1.0 & \text{aircraft samples} \end{cases} \quad w_{ii} = 1 / (1 + 0.6(n-1))$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} ((\mathbf{Ms} - \mathbf{c})\mathbf{W})^T \mathbf{R}^{-1} ((\mathbf{Ms} - \mathbf{c})\mathbf{W}) + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_p)^T \mathbf{Q}^{-1} (\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{s}_p)$$

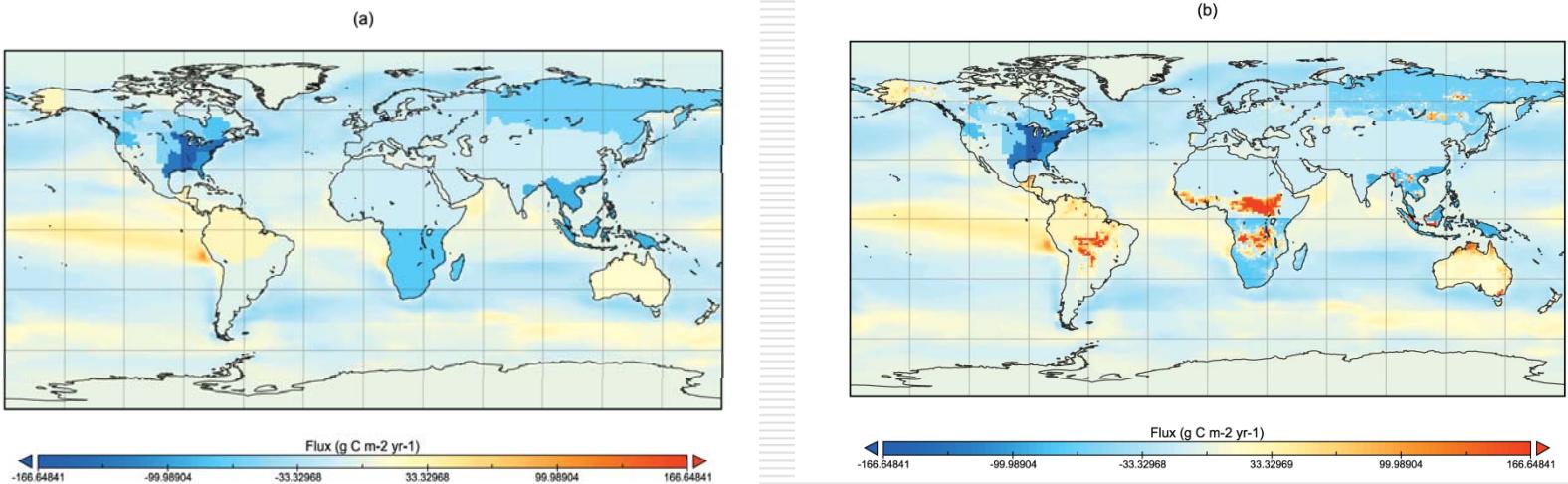
The *a priori* uncertainties

- Land 2.0 Pg C/year
- Ocean 0.67 Pg C/year
- Distribution
 - Land regions according to NPP from BEPS
 - Ocean regions according to Baker (2006)

Improved Inversion Model

- the diurnal variation of PBL modeled by TM5.
- the diurnal variation of terrestrial surface flux modeled by BEPS.
- annually balanced BEPS flux, and zero *a priori*, so any inverted annual source or sink is driven by the CO₂ concentration observations.

Global mean distribution (2002-2007)



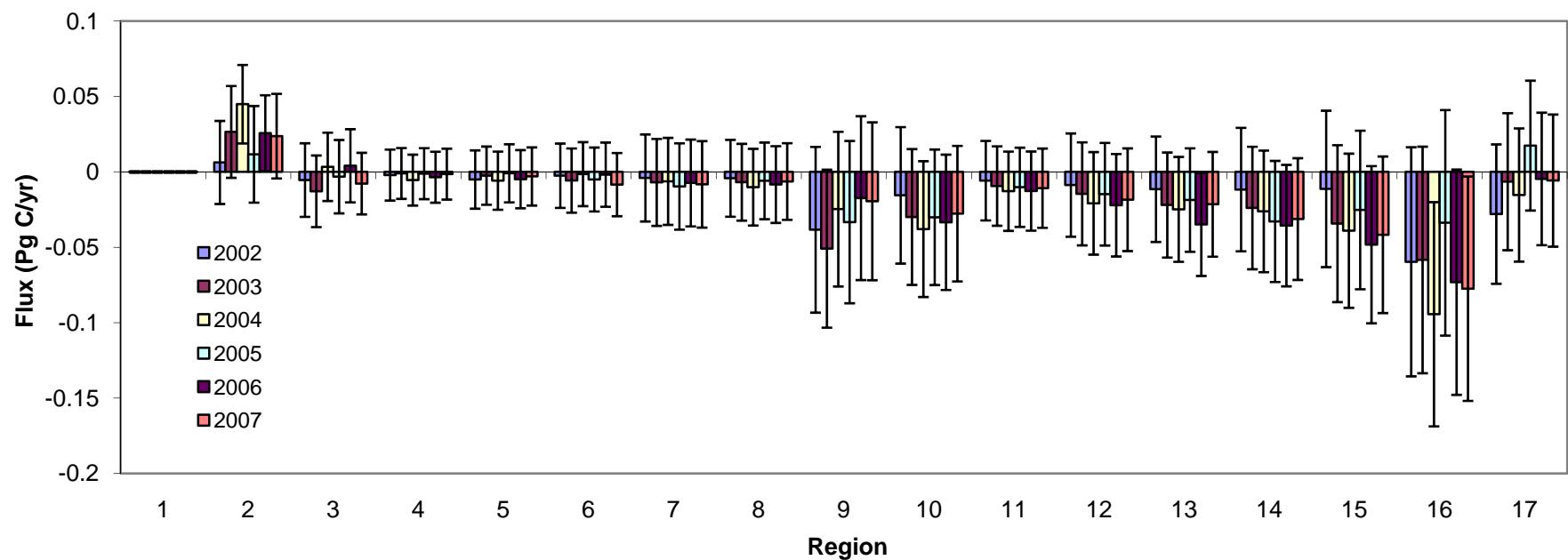
-2.35 ± 0.25
 -0.62 ± 0.47
 -0.67 ± 0.34

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 0.81 ± 0.47
 0.22 ± 0.34

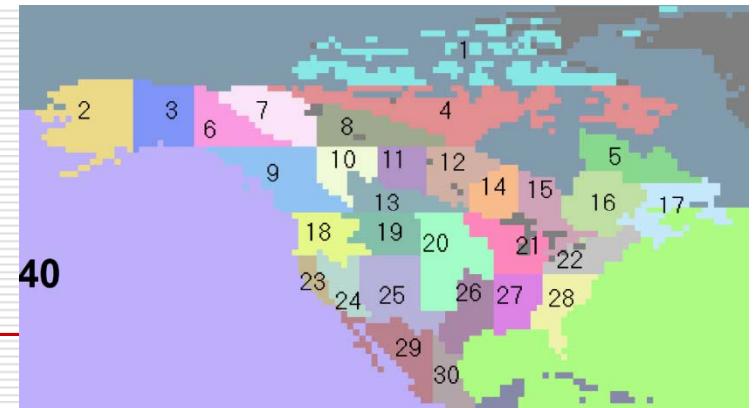
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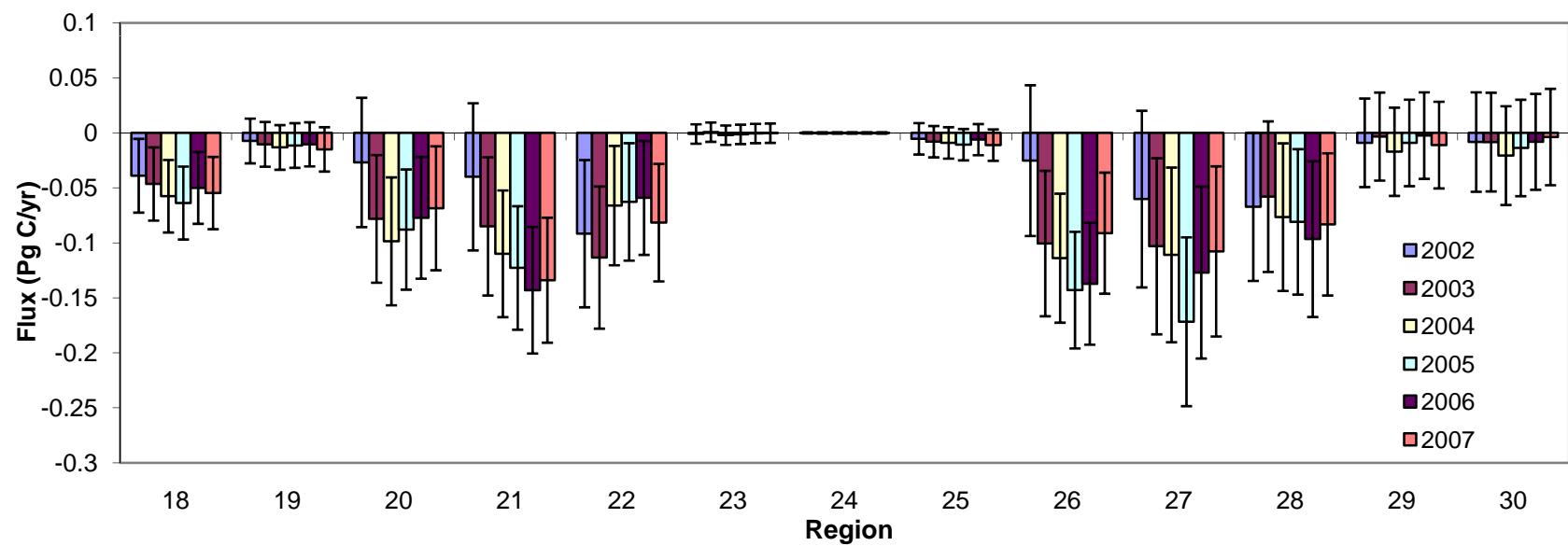
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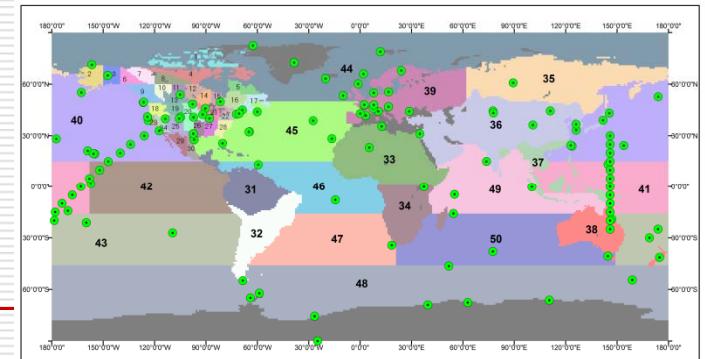
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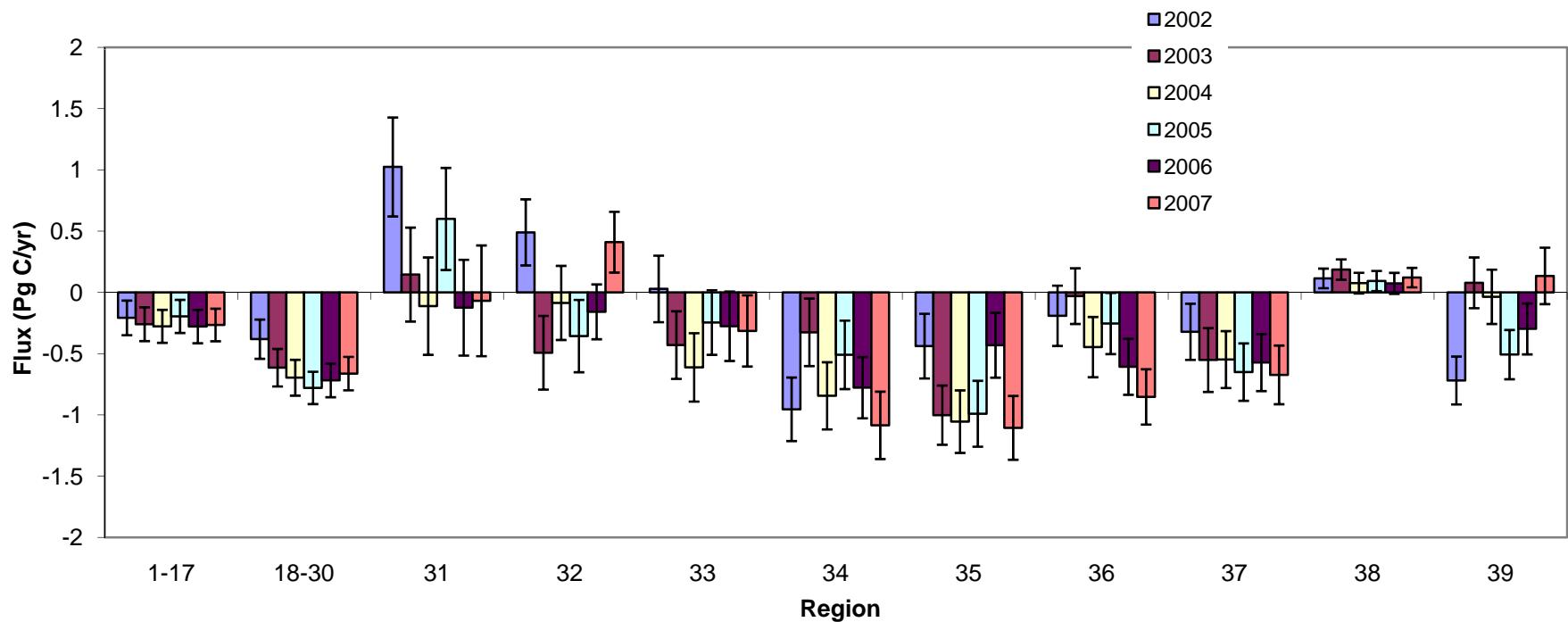
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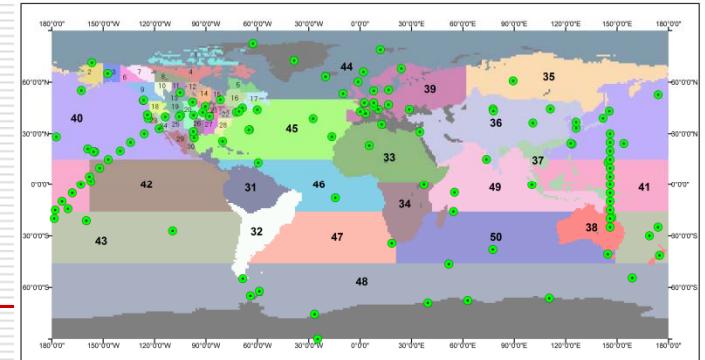
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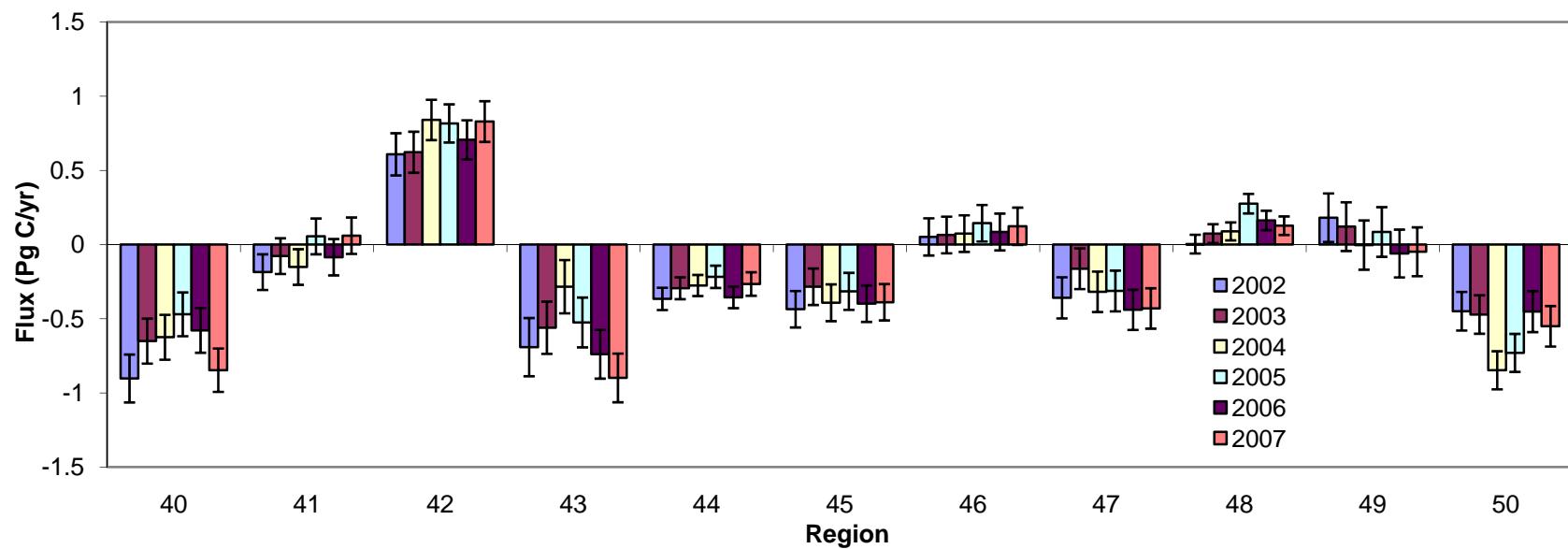
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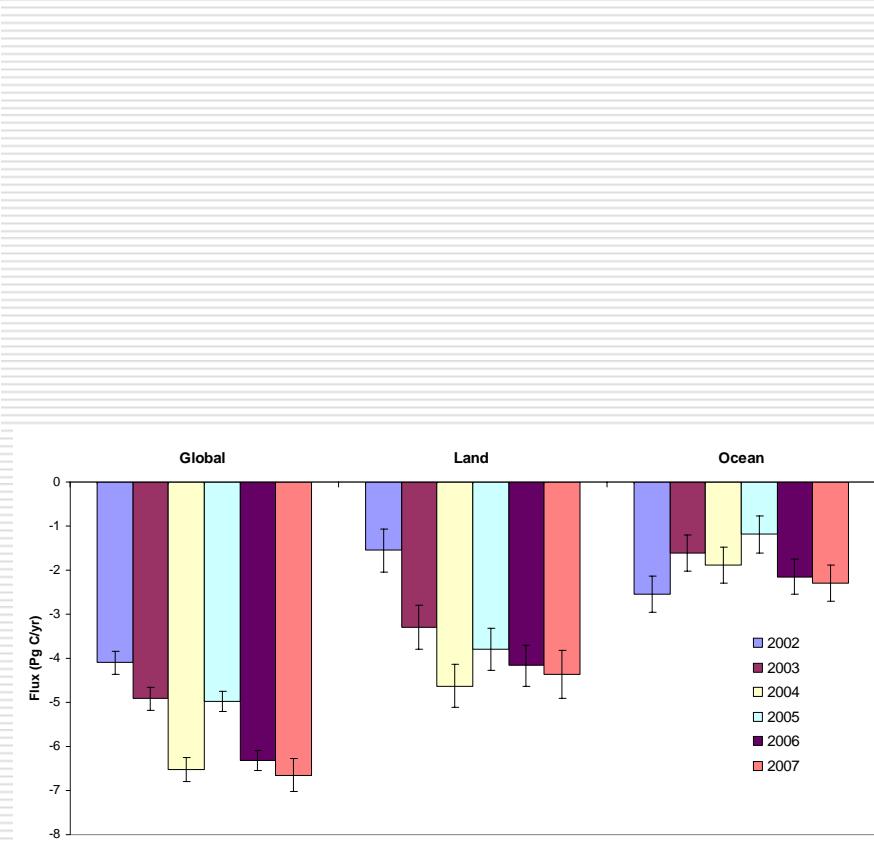
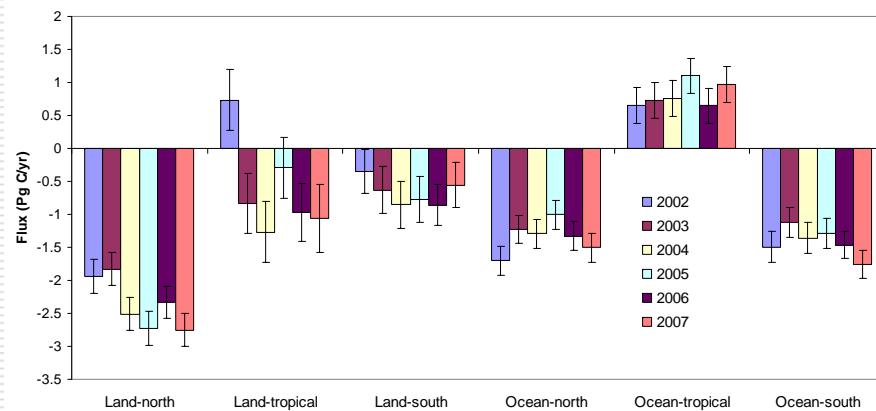
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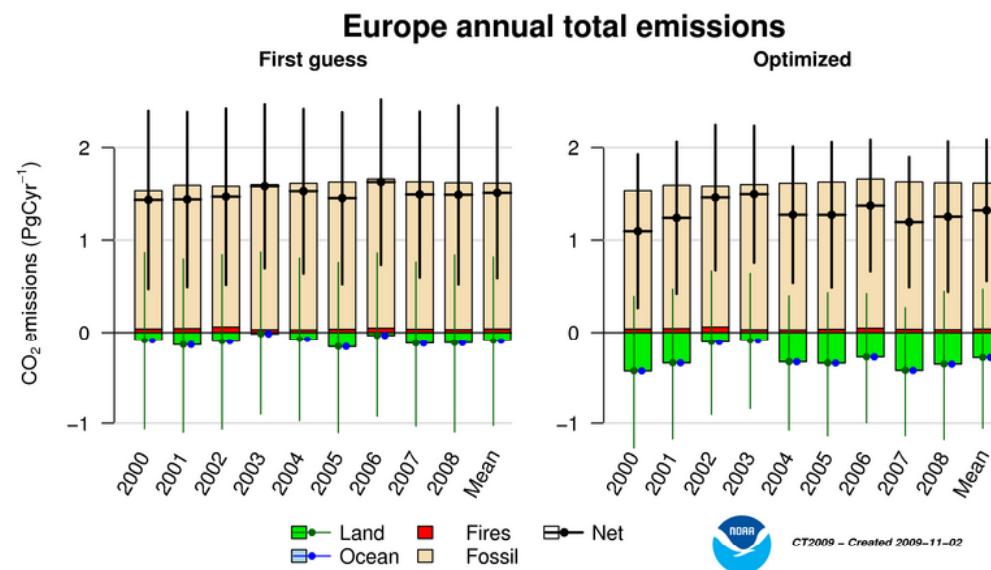
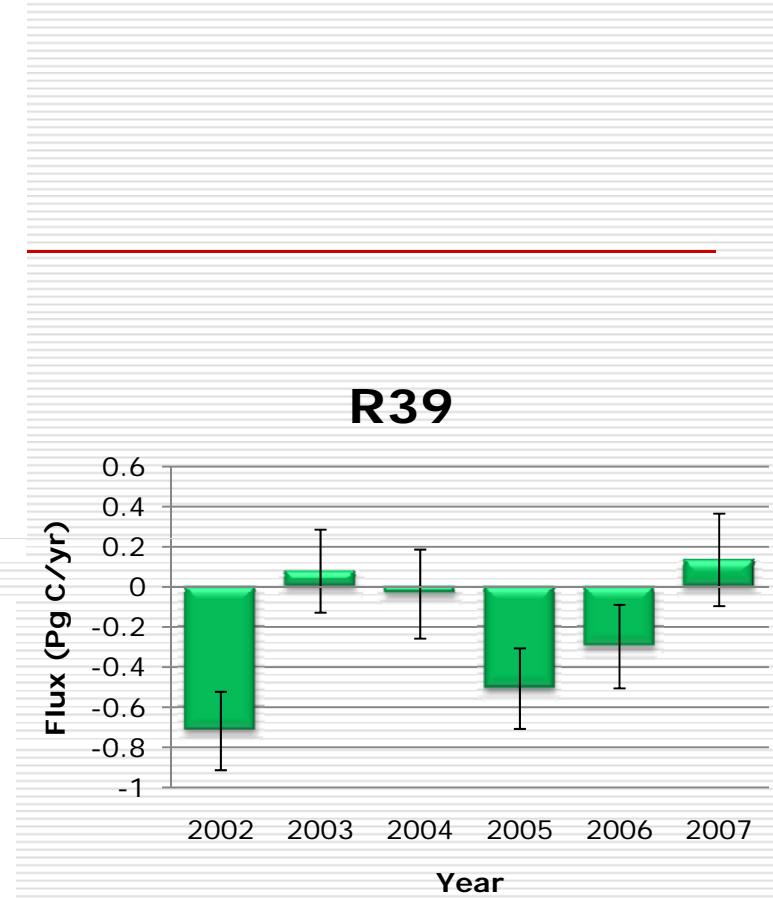
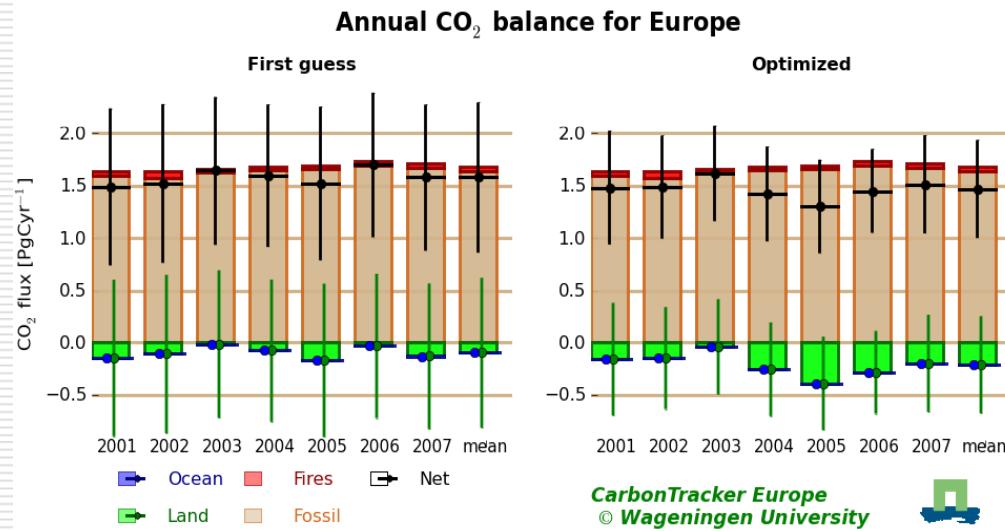


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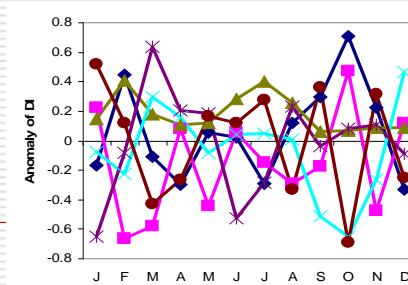
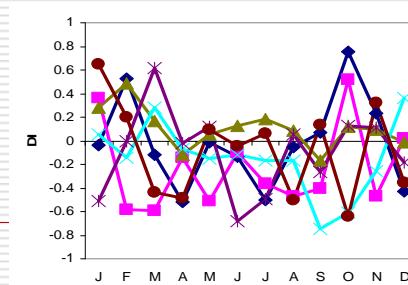
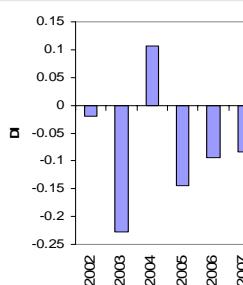
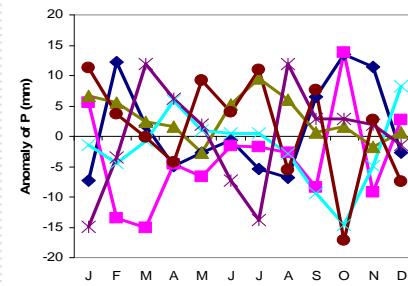
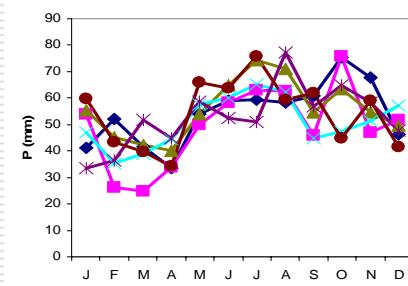
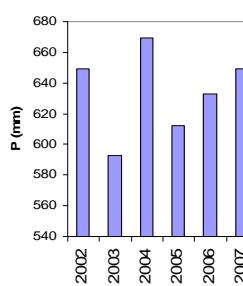
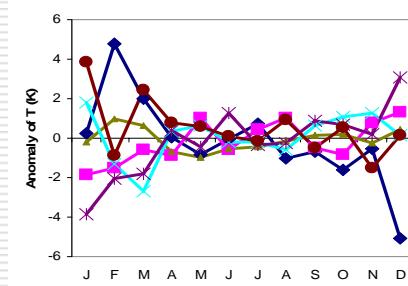
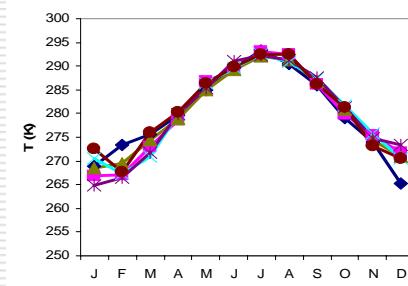
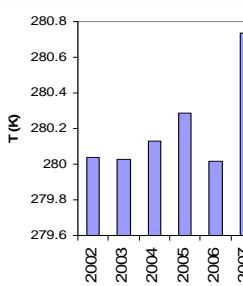
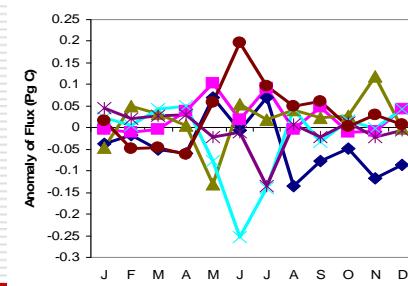
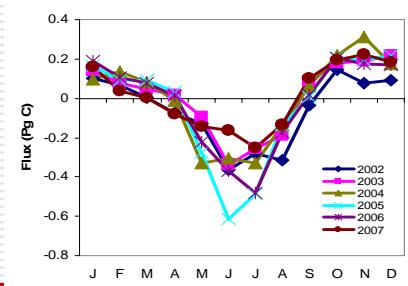
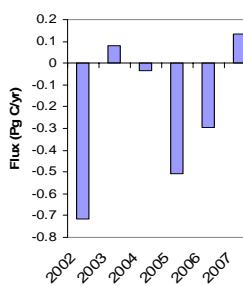
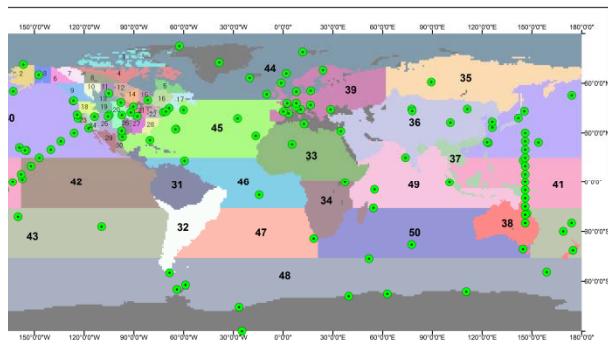
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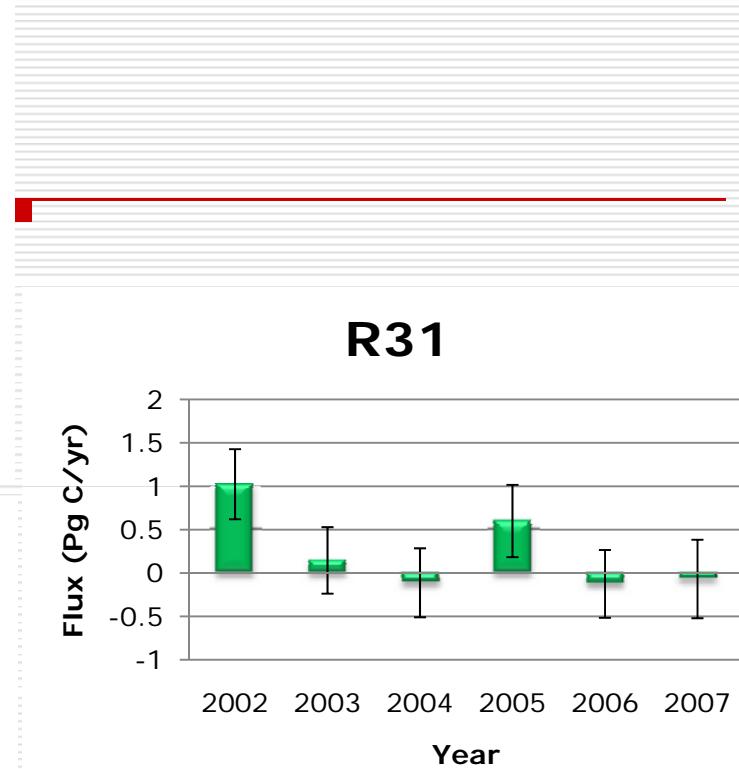
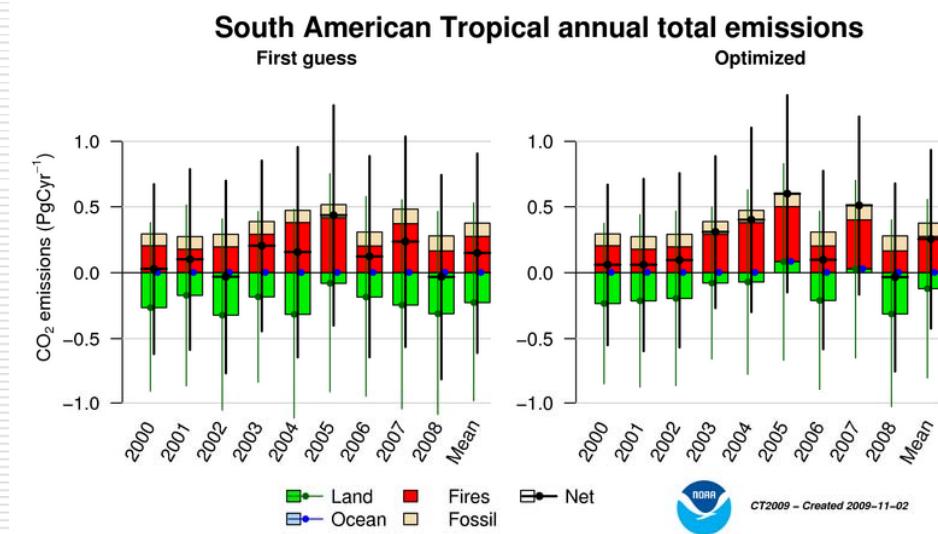
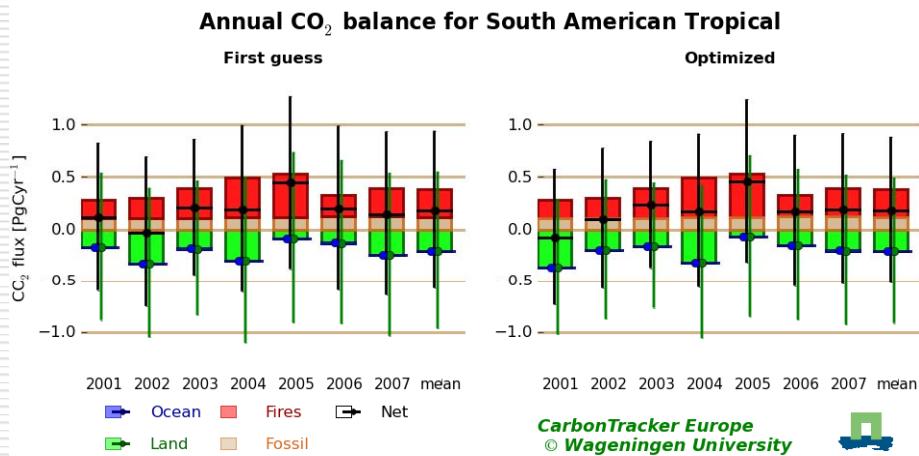




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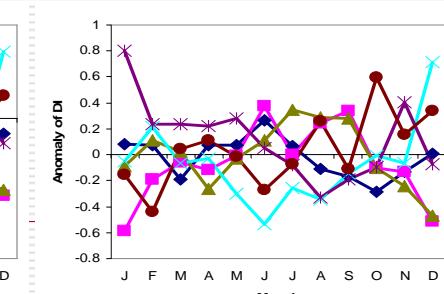
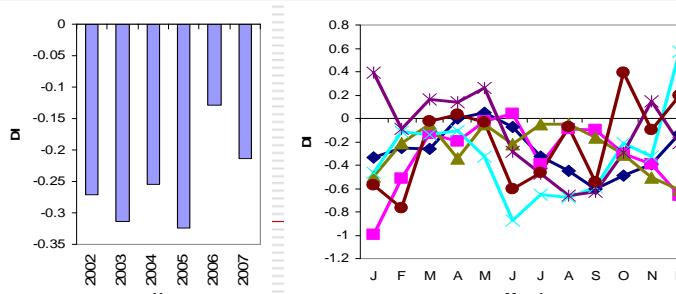
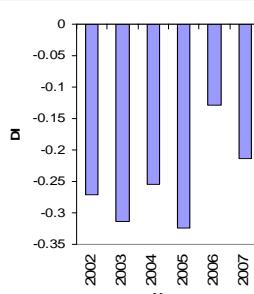
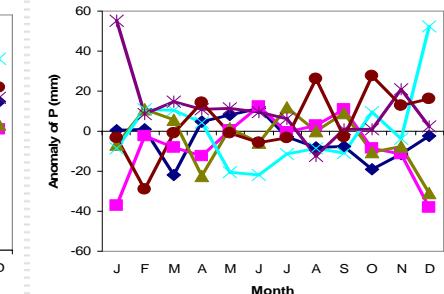
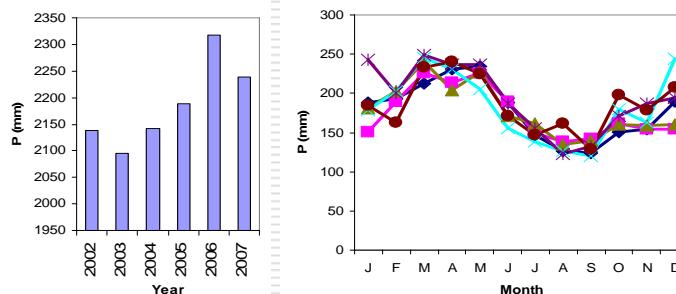
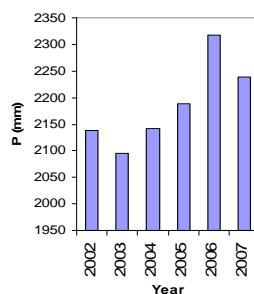
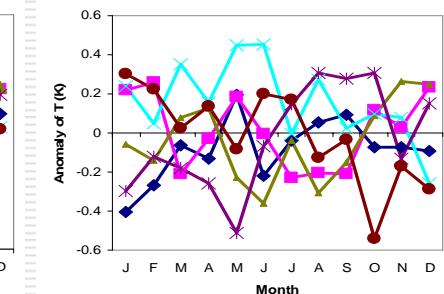
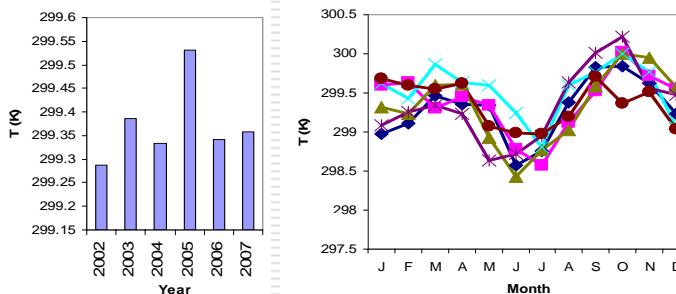
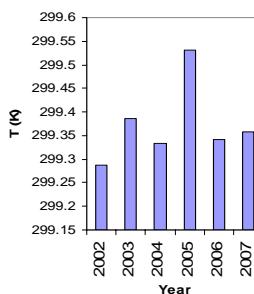
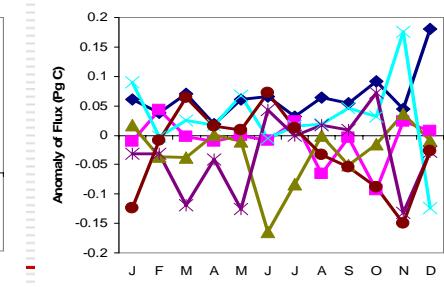
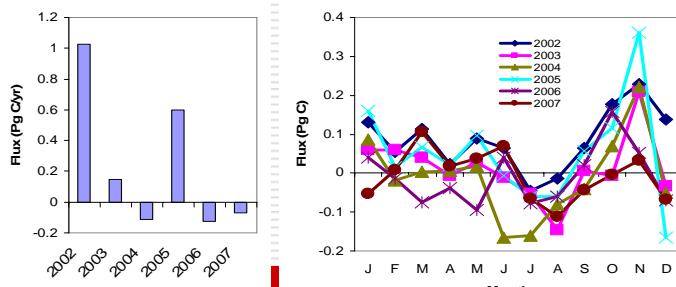
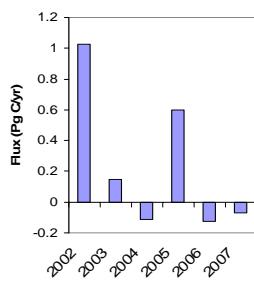
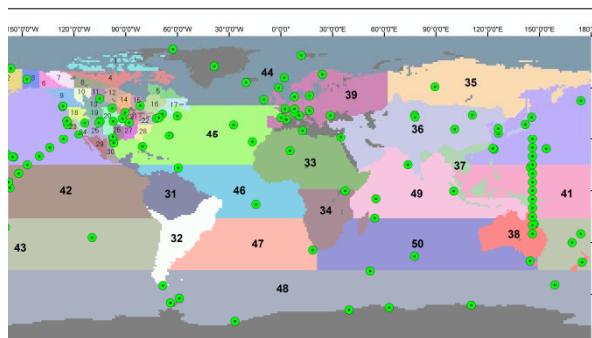
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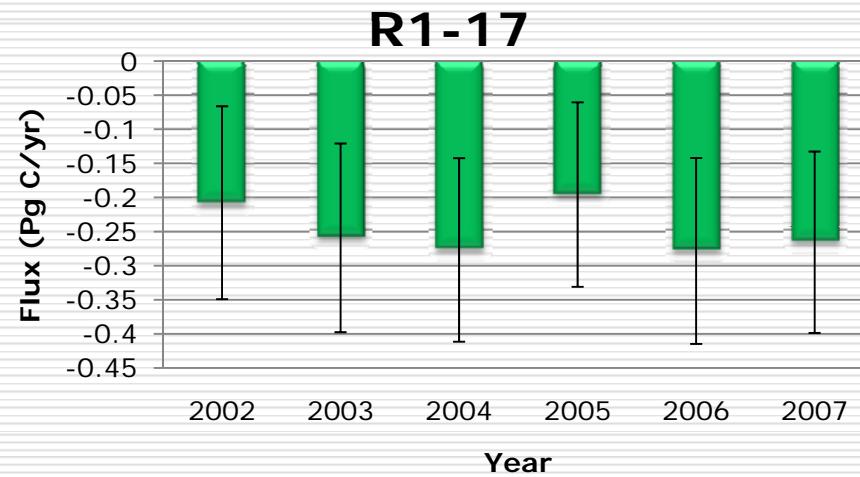
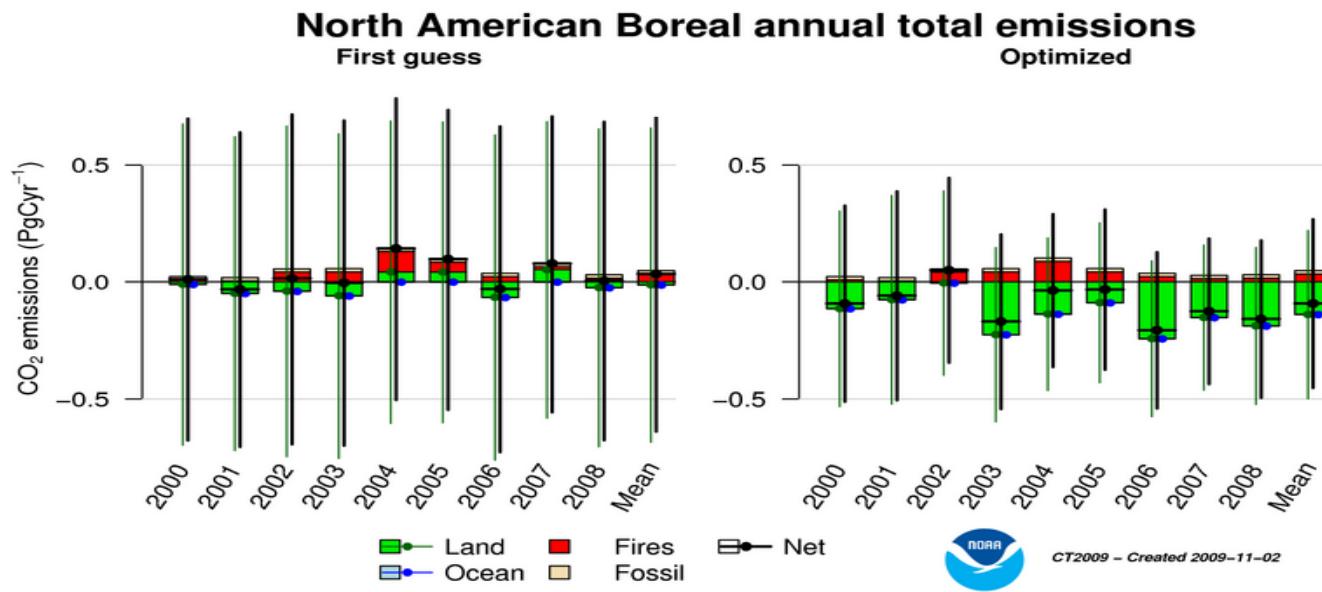




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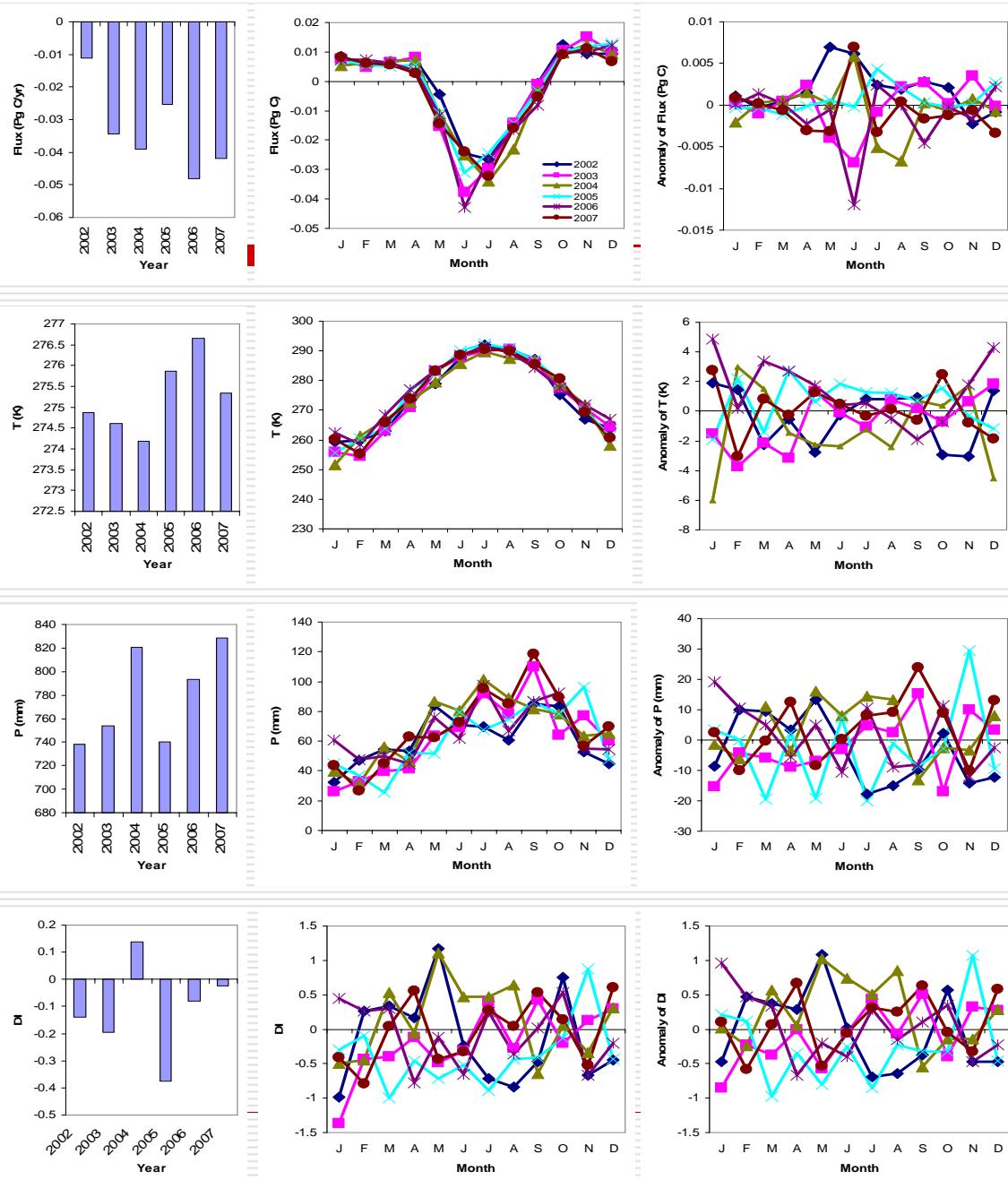
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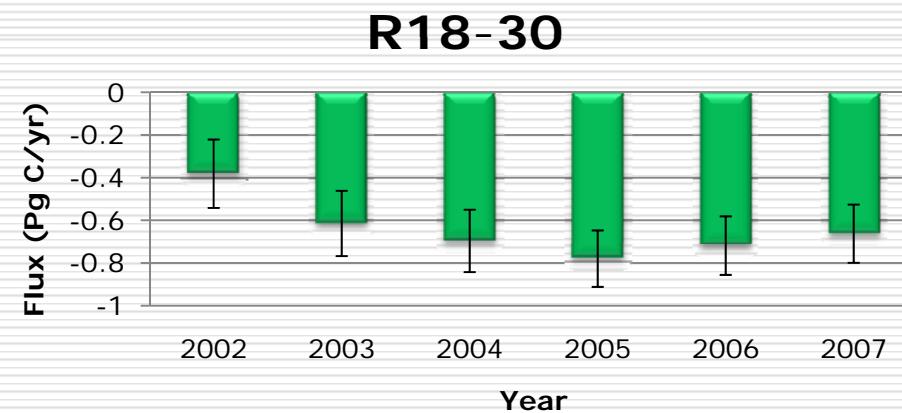
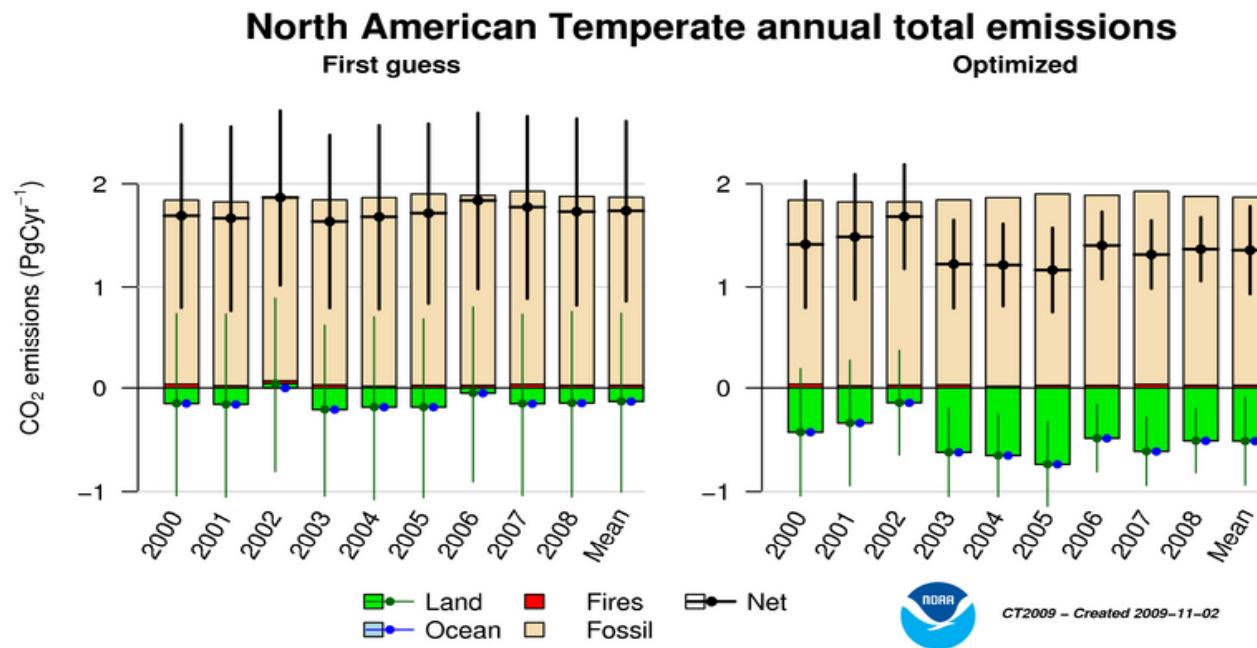




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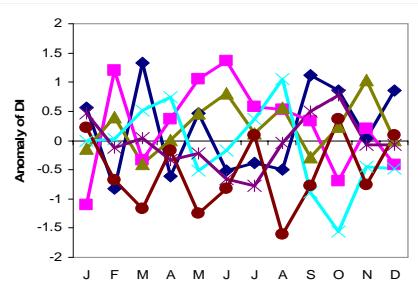
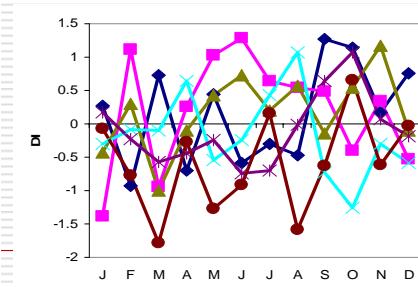
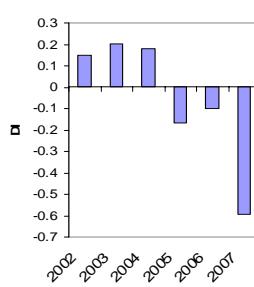
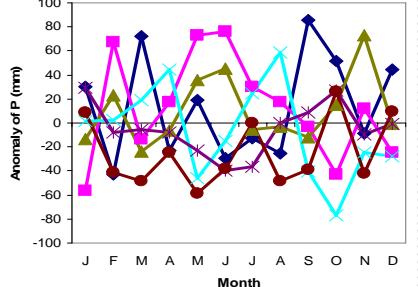
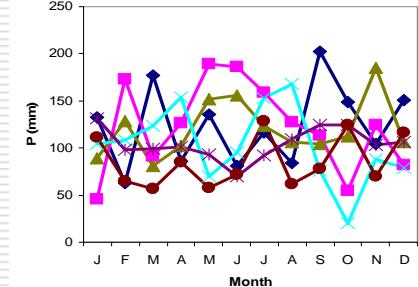
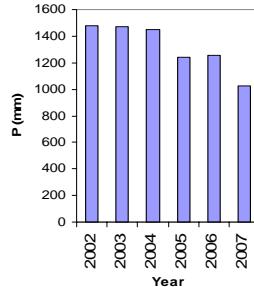
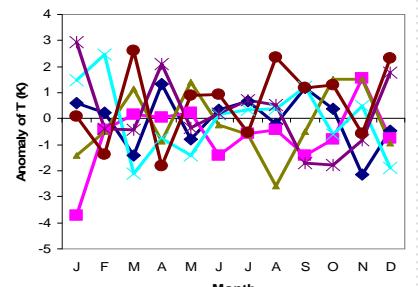
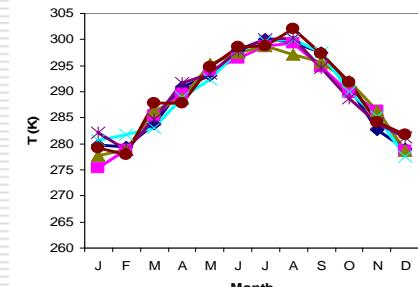
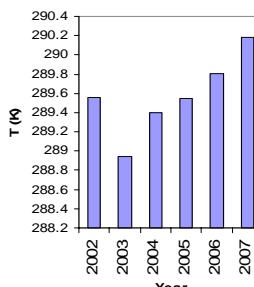
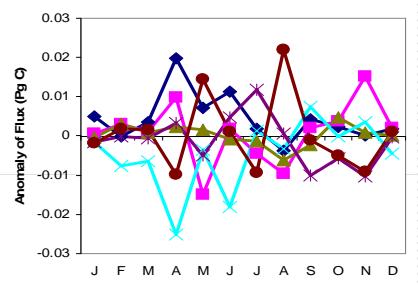
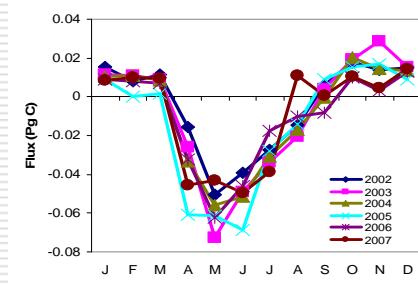
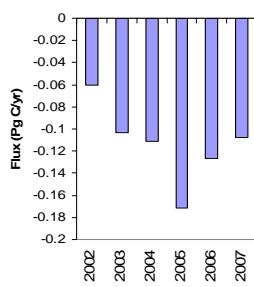
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Conclusions

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