Comparing Simulated and Observed Gross Primary Productivity

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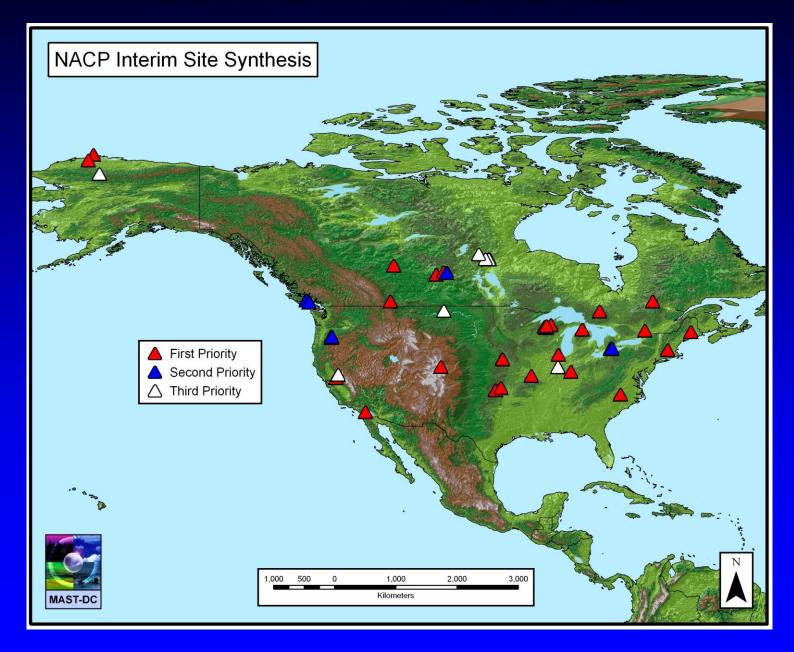
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Objectives

 Quantify how well models simulate GPP

• Identify sources of error

32 Flux Tower Sites



21 Models, 3 MODIS, 2 Model Mean

AGROIBIS LPJ

BEPS MODIS_alg

BIOMEBGC MODIS_C5

CAN-IBIS MODIS_C5.1

CNCLASS ORCHIDEE

DLEM SIB

DNDC SIBCASA

ECLUEEDCM SIBCROP

ECOSYS SSIB2

ED2 TECO

ISAM TRIPLEX

ISOLSM Mean (all)

LOTEC Mean (diurnal)

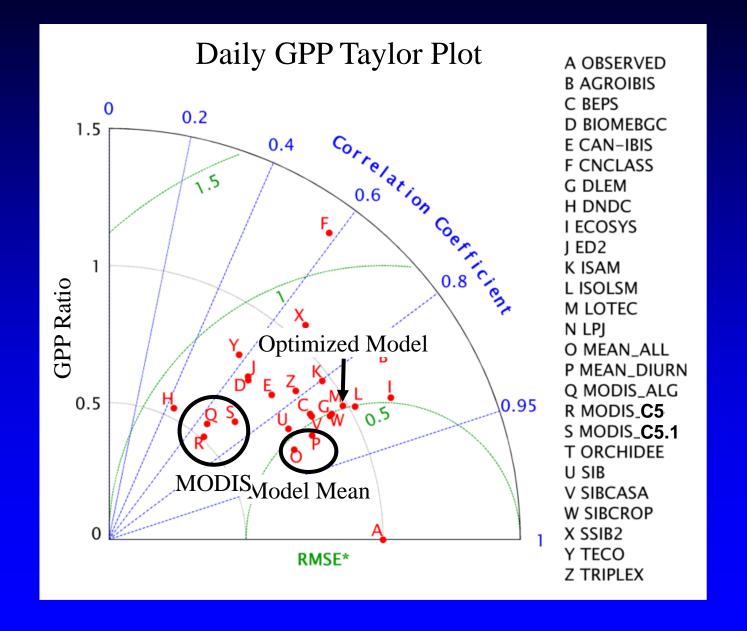
Model Runs

- Gap-filled observed weather
- Steady state
- Observed NEE partitioned into GPP & respiration
- GPP Uncertainty
 - Random
 - U* filtering
 - Gap-filling
 - Partitioning

Model-Data Comparison

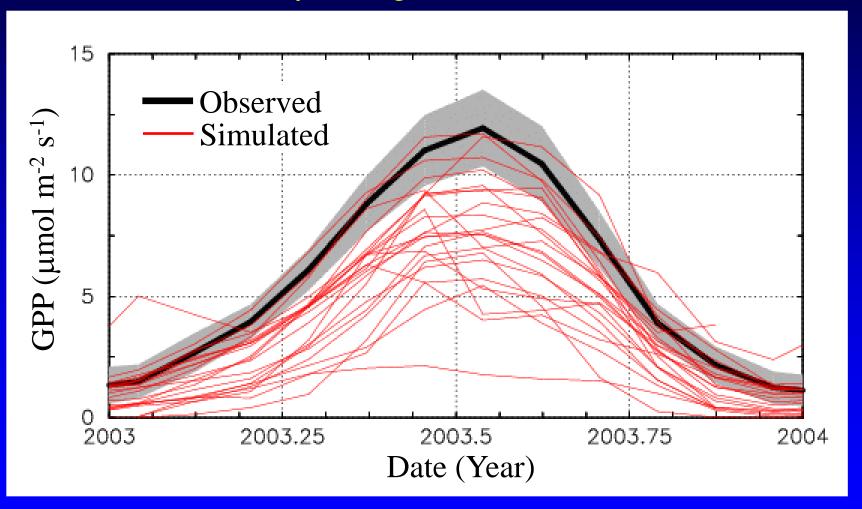
- Daily average GPP
- Performance Measures
 - Chi-squared statistic
 - Root Mean Squared Error
 - Normalized Mean Absolute Error
 - Bias

Overall Model Performance



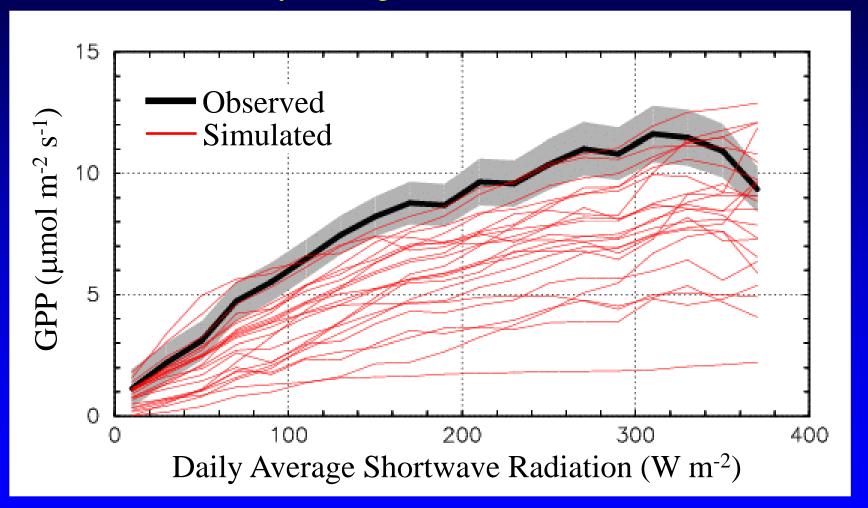
Typical GPP

Monthly Average GPP for CA-Ca1



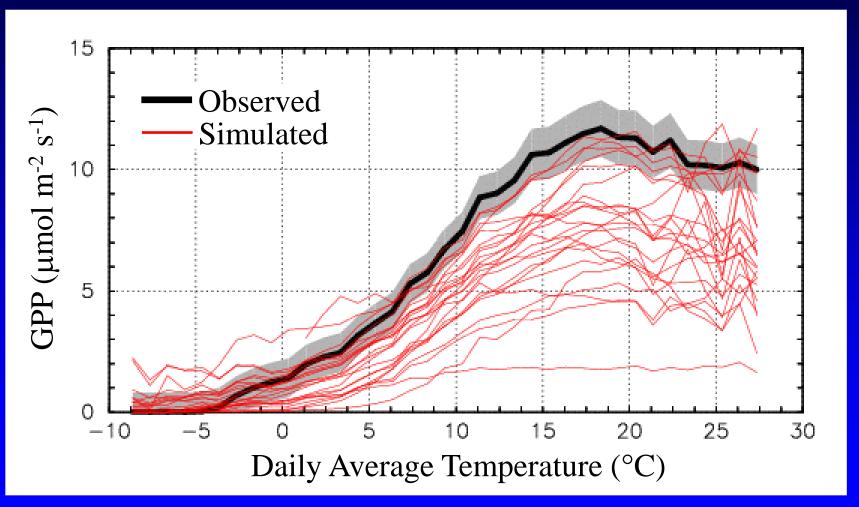
Light Use Efficiency Curves

Daily Average GPP for CA-Ca1



Temperature Response Curves

Daily Average GPP for CA-Ca1



Conclusions

- Models don't simulate GPP well
- Bias in seasonal amplitude
- Improve LUE
- Improve Temperature Response

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Statistics

Chi-squared

$$X^{2} = \frac{1}{n} \sum \left(\frac{GPP_{mod} - GPP_{est}}{\varepsilon_{GPP}} \right)^{2}$$
 \(\text{\$\text{\$X\$}^{2} \sim 1\$ model matches data within uncertainty } \)

Root Mean Square Error

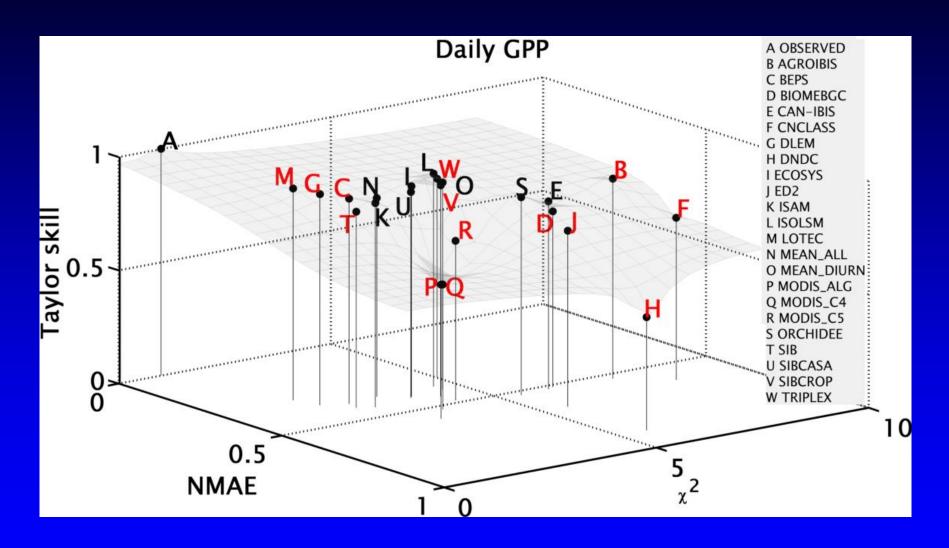
$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum (GPP_{mod} - GPP_{est})^2}$$
 $RMSE = 0$ perfect fit with data

Normalized Mean Absolute Error

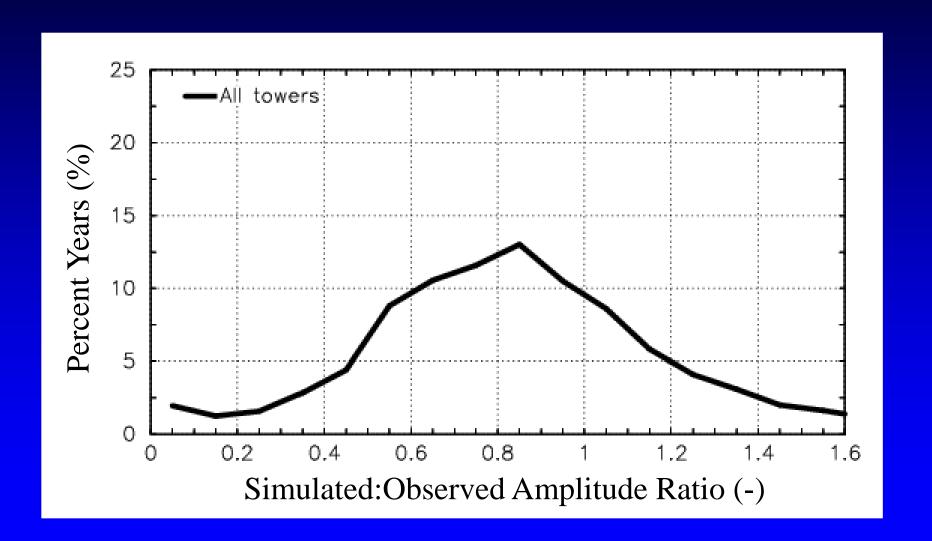
$$NMAE = \frac{1}{\overline{GPP_{est}}n} \sum |GPP_{mod} - GPP_{est}|$$
 $NMAE = 0$ perfect fit with data

$$B = \frac{1}{n} \sum (GPP_{mod} - GPP_{est})$$
 $B > 0$ model greater than data

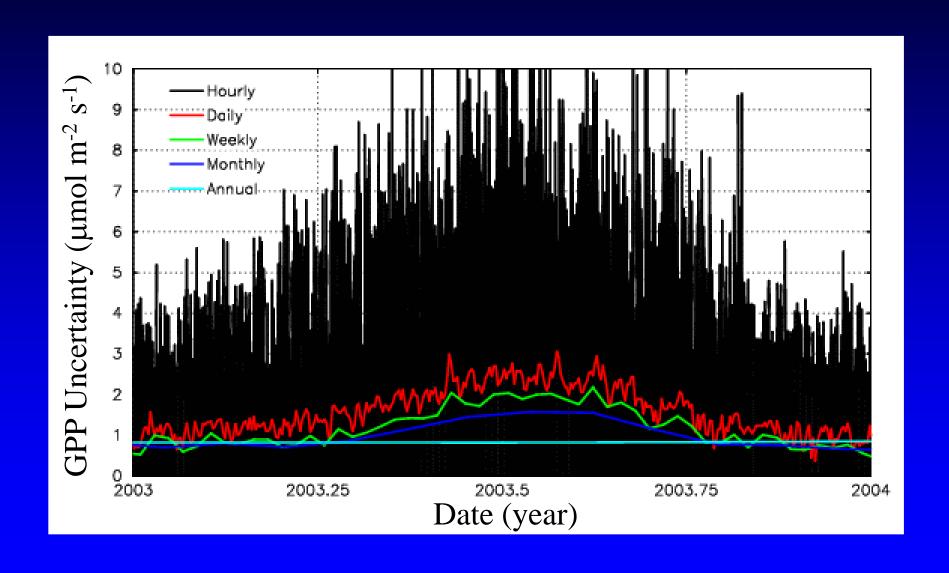
Overall Performance by Model



Ratio of Annual GPP Amplitude



GPP Total Uncertainty for CA-Ca1



GPP Uncertainty for CA-Ca1

Daily Average GPP

