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# Overview of OzFlux and TERN

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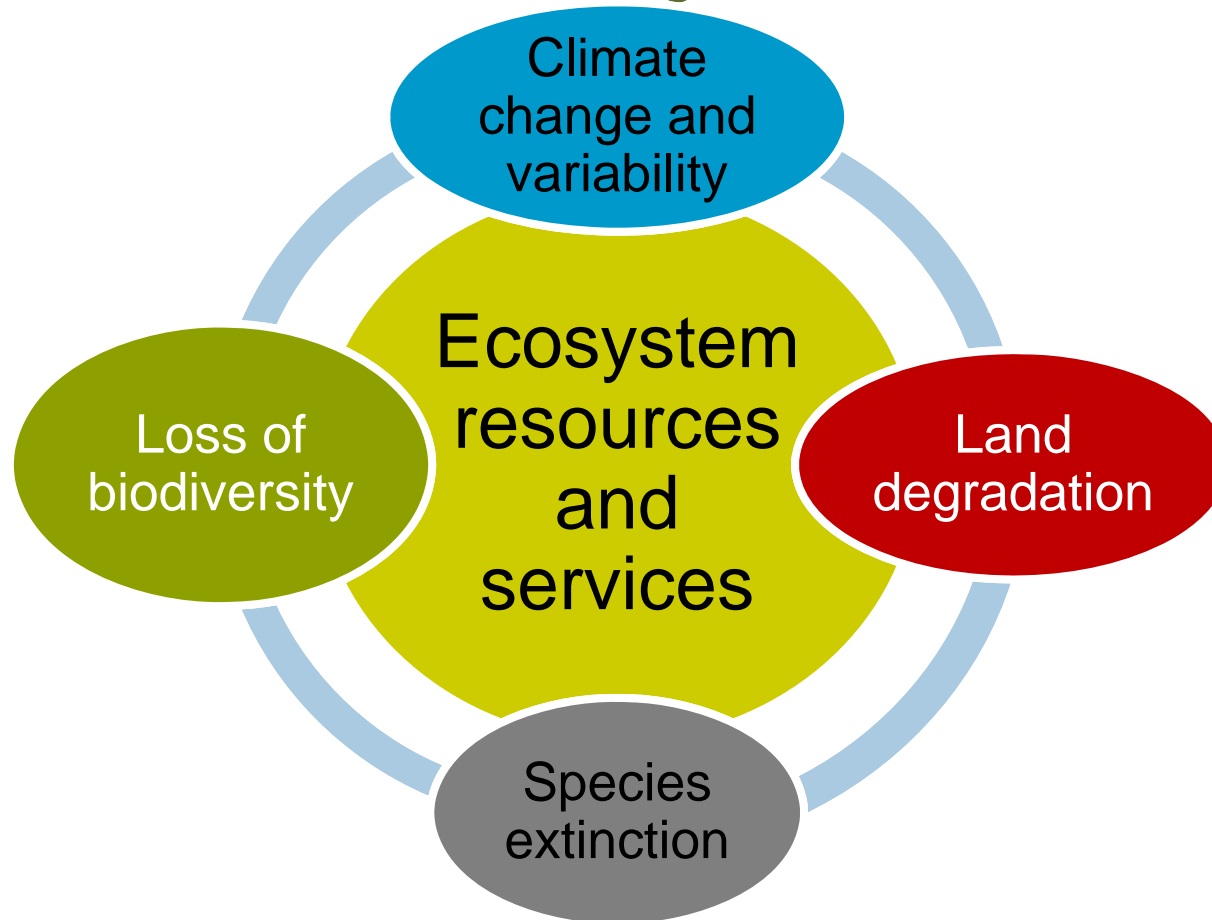


# Context (1): Carbon, water and climate feedbacks in Australian ecosystems

- Terrestrial ecosystems:
  - Modulate climate via exchanges of energy, water, momentum and greenhouse gases (GHGs)
  - Are the biggest users of water via evapotranspiration
- Some key research questions
  - What is the net carbon uptake for Australian ecosystems and the continent, and how does this vary?
  - What is the stability of the land-based carbon sinks and what does this mean for our future climate?
- Impact of climate change on terrestrial ecosystem functioning and services can be informed by ecosystem energy, water and carbon budgets

## Context (2): Australian ecosystem data, information and understanding

- Information and knowledge needed for the sustainable management of ecosystems, and the services they provide, in the context of significant environmental change



## Context (2): Australian ecosystem data, information and understanding

- How are ecosystems changing – including the spatial distribution of plant and animal species – over time?
- How do land management and climate drivers affect ecosystems and ecosystem processes?
  - Terrestrial carbon, water and nutrient cycles
  - GHG emissions
  - Biodiversity
  - Soil and water quality
- What is the impact of natural disturbance regimes and how are they changing?

# TERN:

## A Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network

### Goal

- Provide data, information, understanding and capabilities needed to answer these questions and overcome long-standing

### VISION:

The network and resources to enable sustained, long-term collection, storage and sharing of ecosystem data to meet terrestrial ecosystem and natural resource management research needs in Australia

- Enabling and fostering collaboration among ecosystem science communities



# TERN:

## A Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network

- Resources and Timing

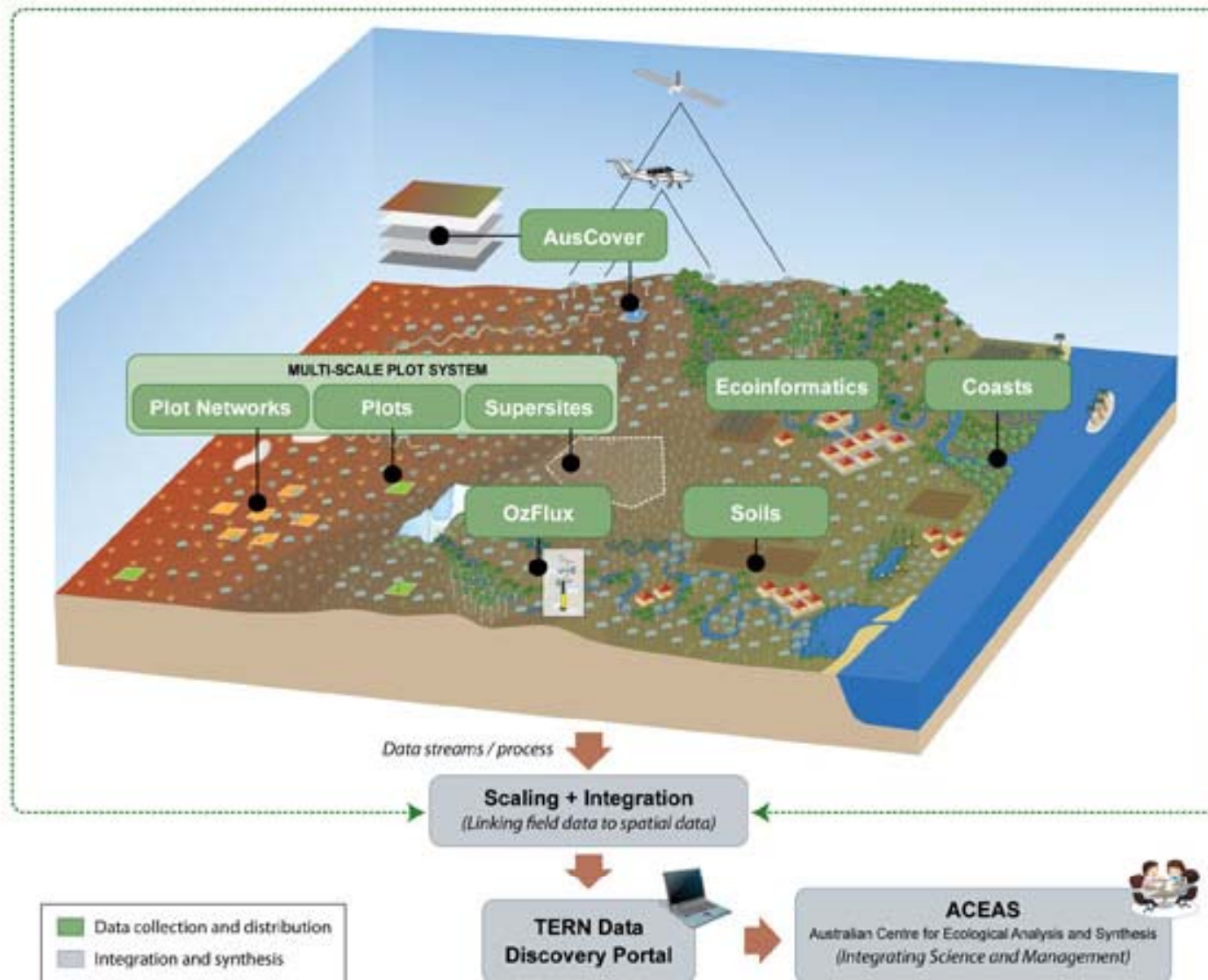
- 2009 - 2011: \$20m from DIISR's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy to create TERN-NCRIS
- 2011 - 2014: \$25.63m from DIISR's Education Investment Fund for a second phase of TERN - TERN-EIF

- Structure

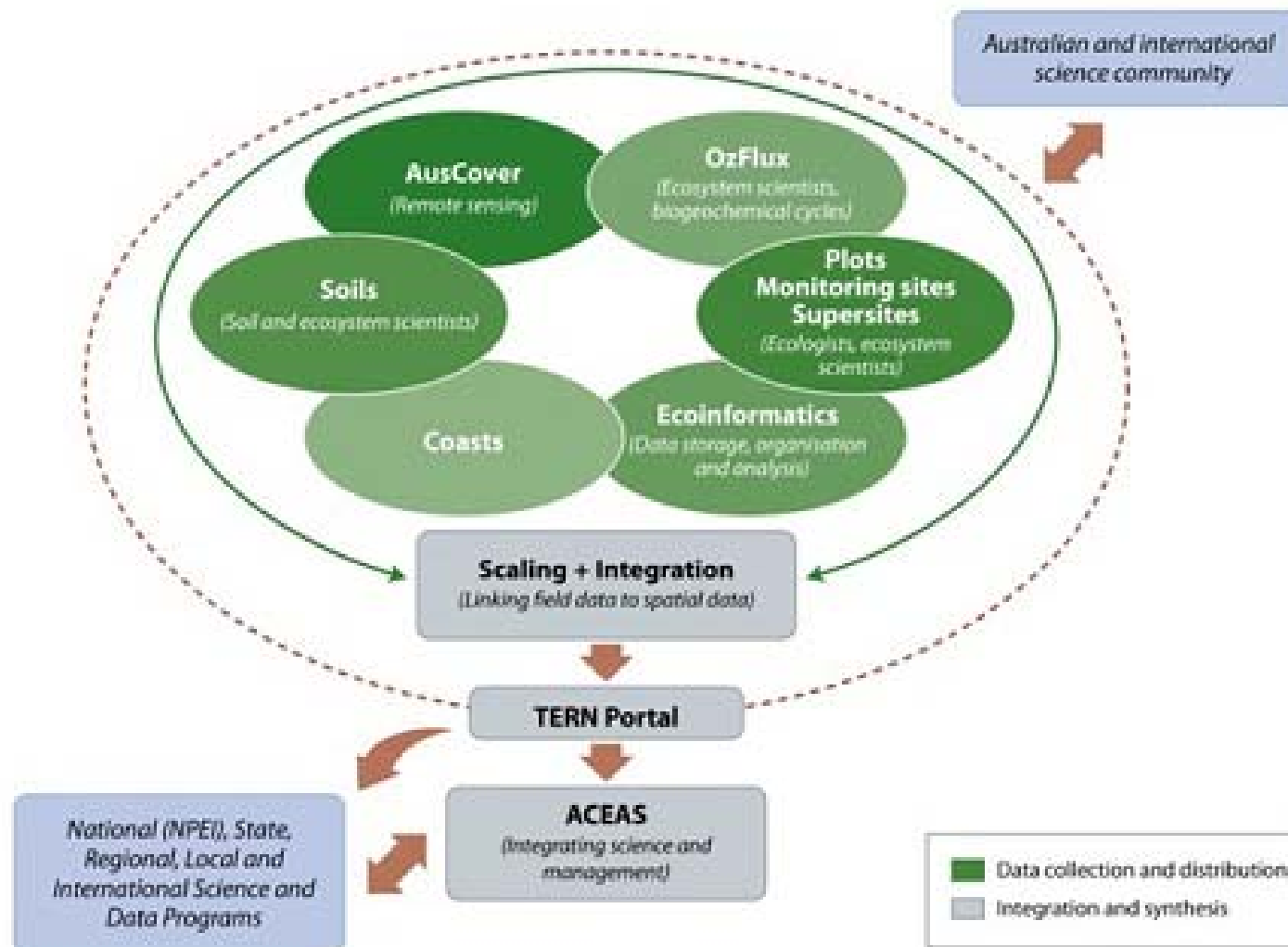
- 6 data collection and 2 integration & synthesis (eMAST; ACEAS) Facilities
- TERN Office (Univ. Queensland)
  - TERN Director
  - Coordination and Communication
  - TERN data portal



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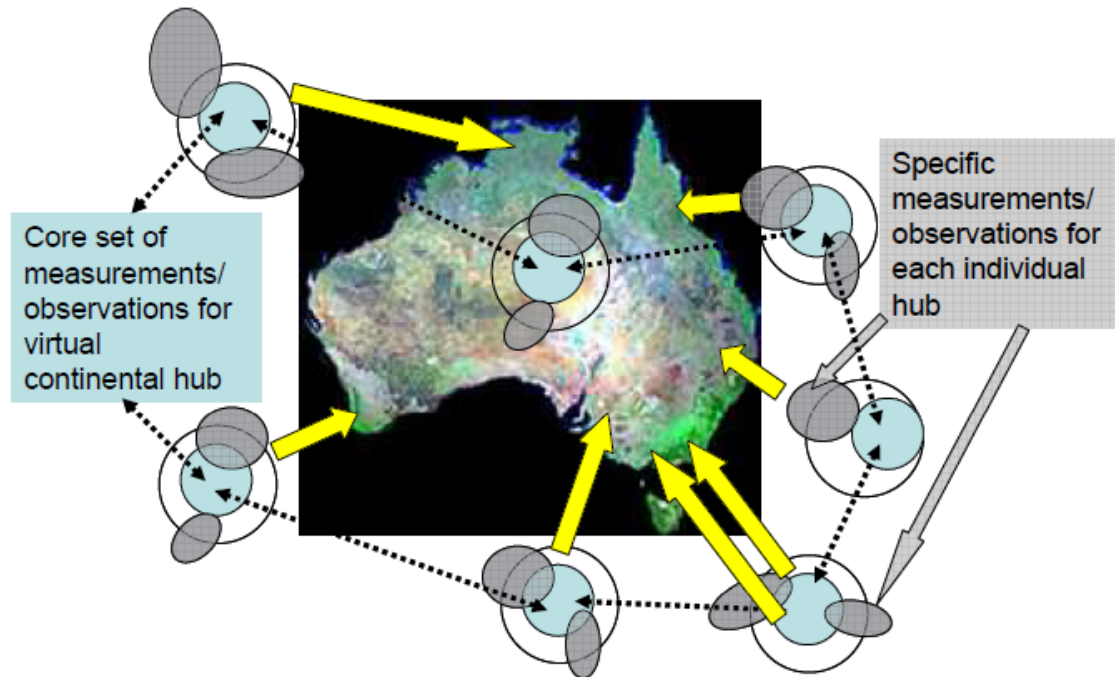


# OzFlux and TERN

A network of flux stations delivering nationally consistent observations of energy, carbon and water fluxes

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- Green - core observations made to standard measurement protocols  
 Gray - 'constellation' measurements specific to each site



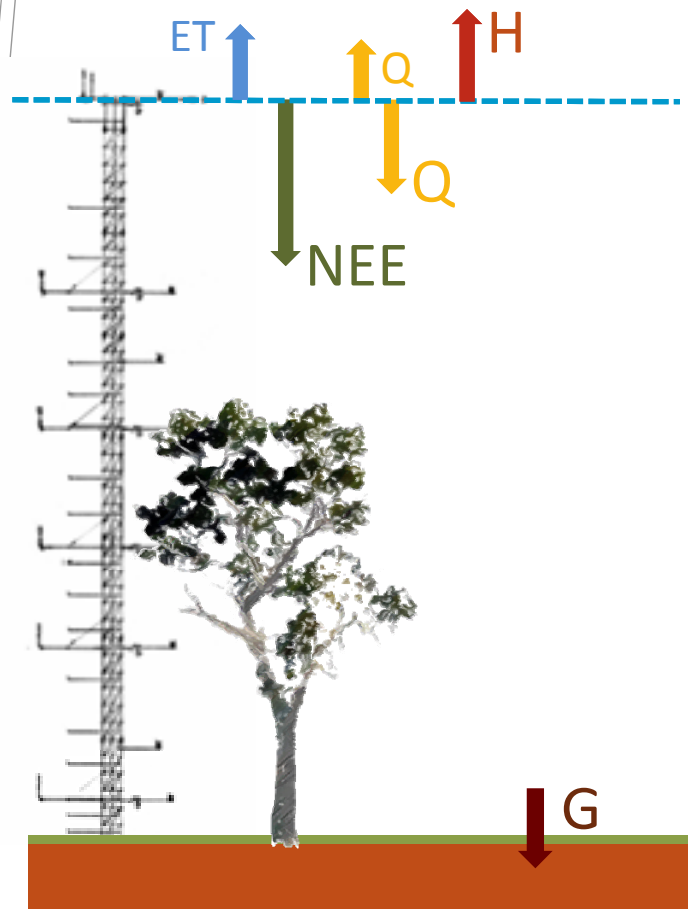
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# Flux stations measure ecosystem water use and carbon fluxes



## Purpose is to measure:

- $\text{CO}_2$  and water vapour fluxes using eddy covariance method
  - Water ( $\lambda E$ ,  $ET$ ) and  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $NEE$ )
- Energy fluxes
  - Radiation ( $Q$ ) and heat ( $H$ ,  $G$ )
- Above canopy, spatially-averaged fluxes
- Continuous: hourly to multi-annual

# Flux stations measure ecosystem water use and carbon fluxes

Flux towers measuring vineyard and forest CO<sub>2</sub> and water fluxes



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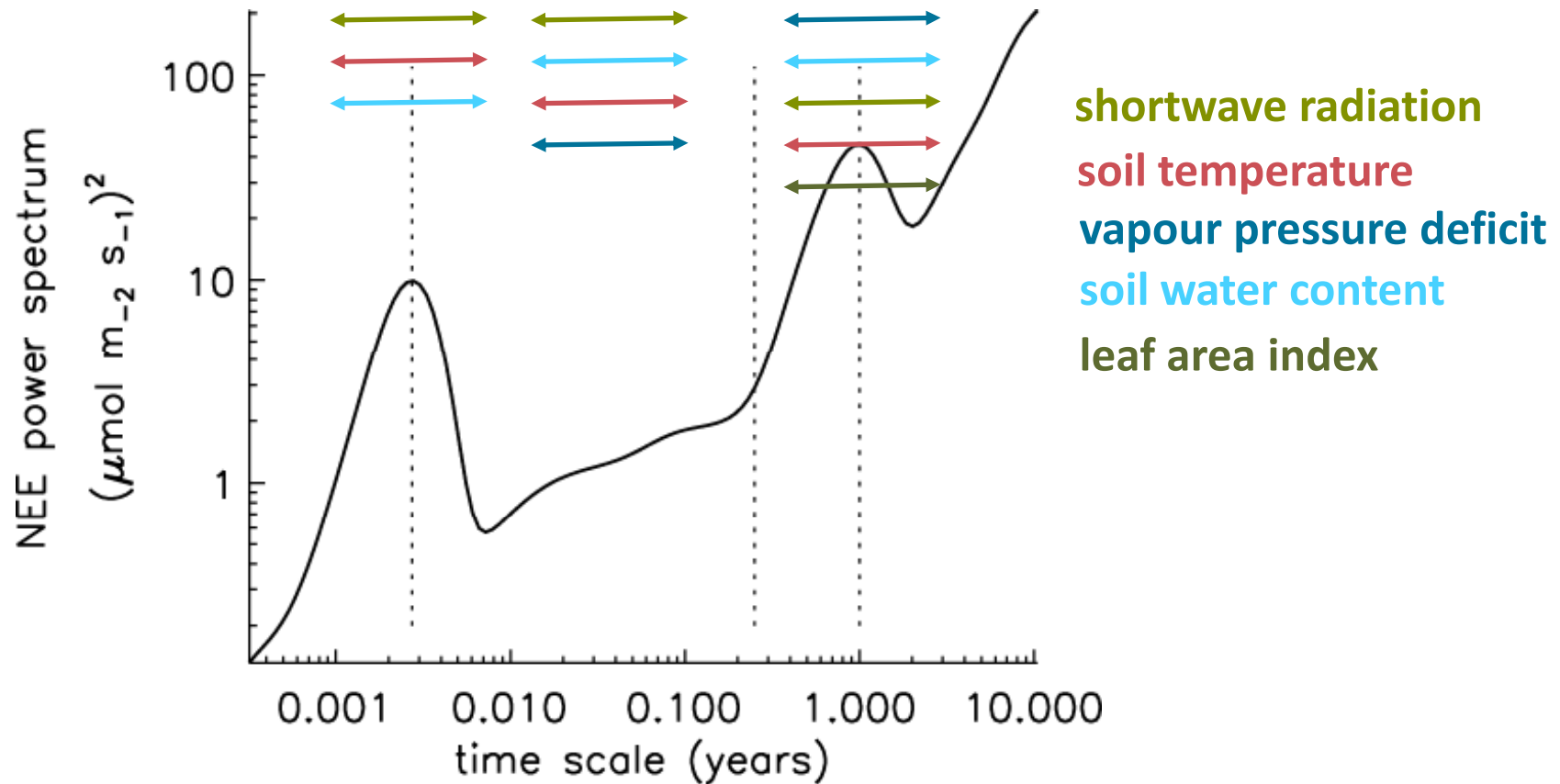
Drivers:

- Above-canopy meteorology
- Soil temperature and moisture

Data for analysis & interpretation:

- Within-canopy temperature, CO<sub>2</sub>, humidity and wind profiles

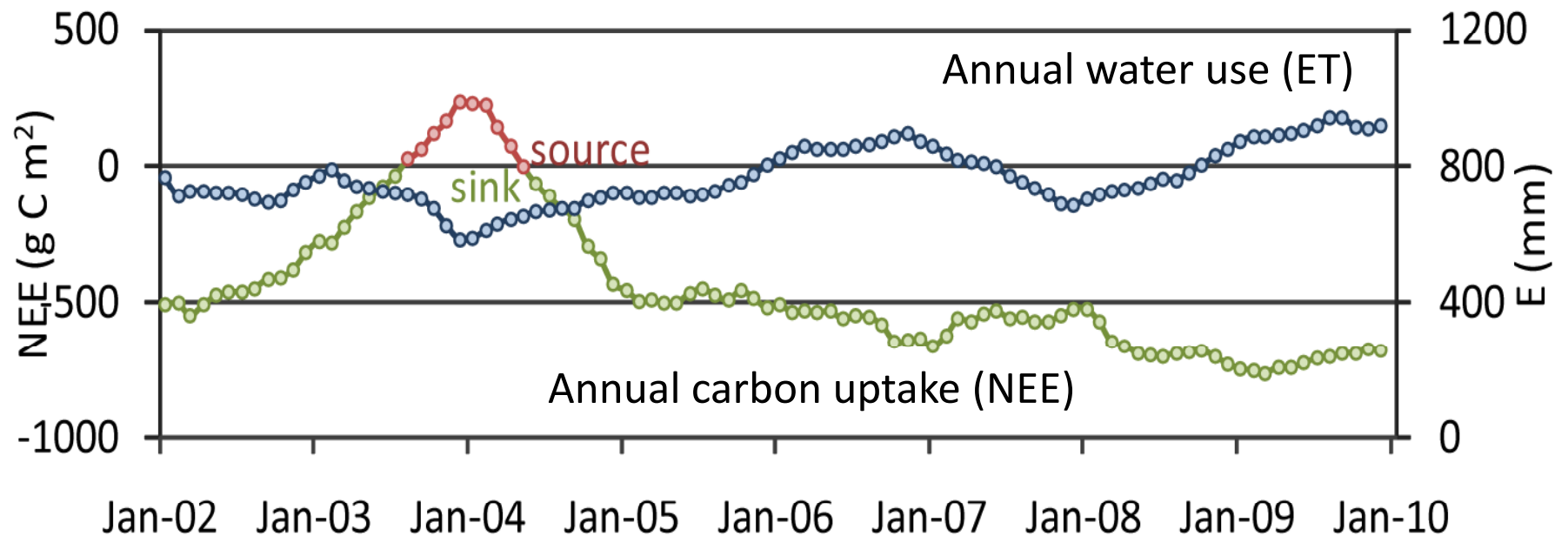
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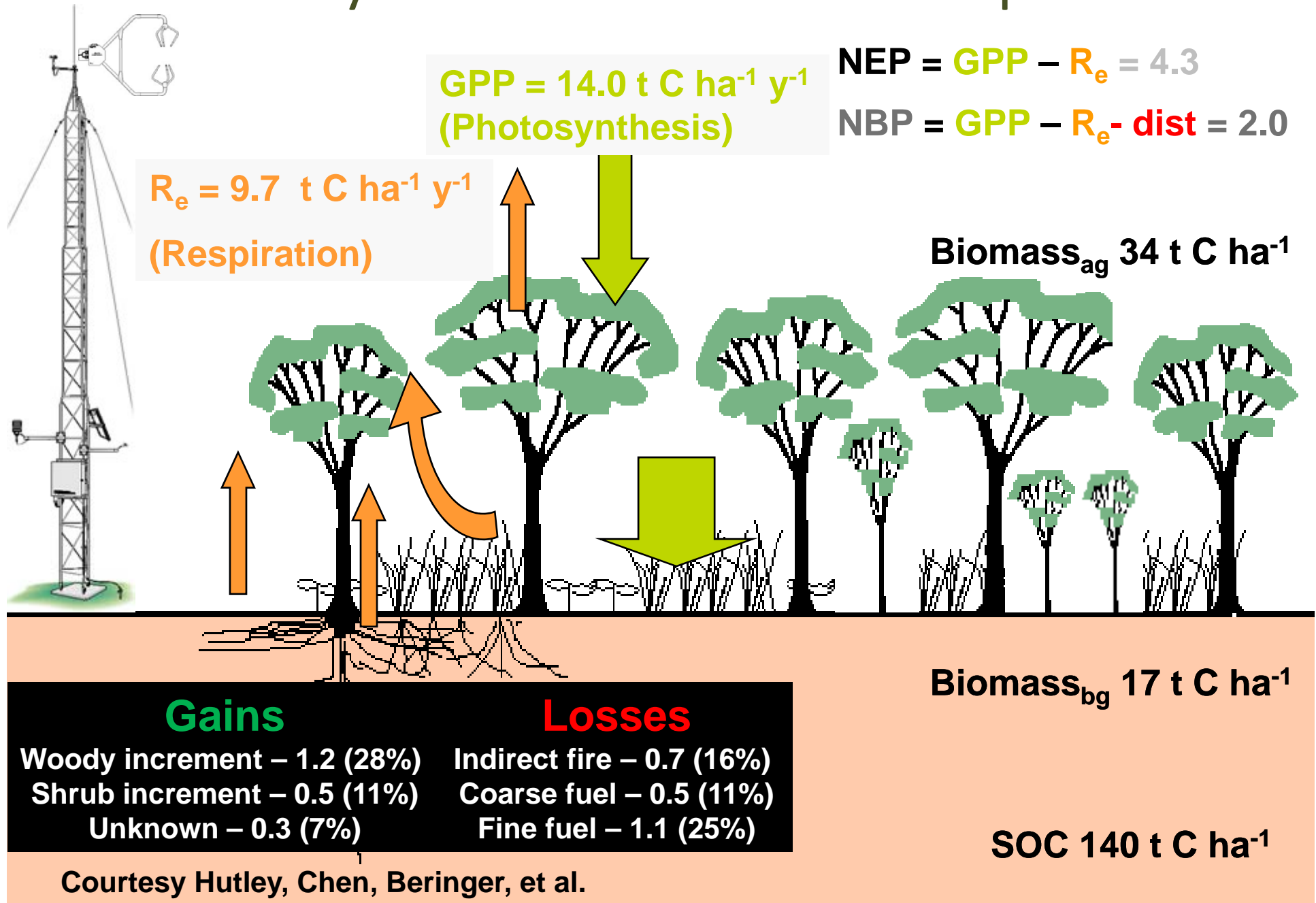
From van Gorsel et al., 2011

# Flux stations measure ecosystem water use and carbon fluxes

A decade of continuous fluxes for a mixed Eucalypt forest in SE Australia - showing the importance of multi-annual time series of carbon and water fluxes

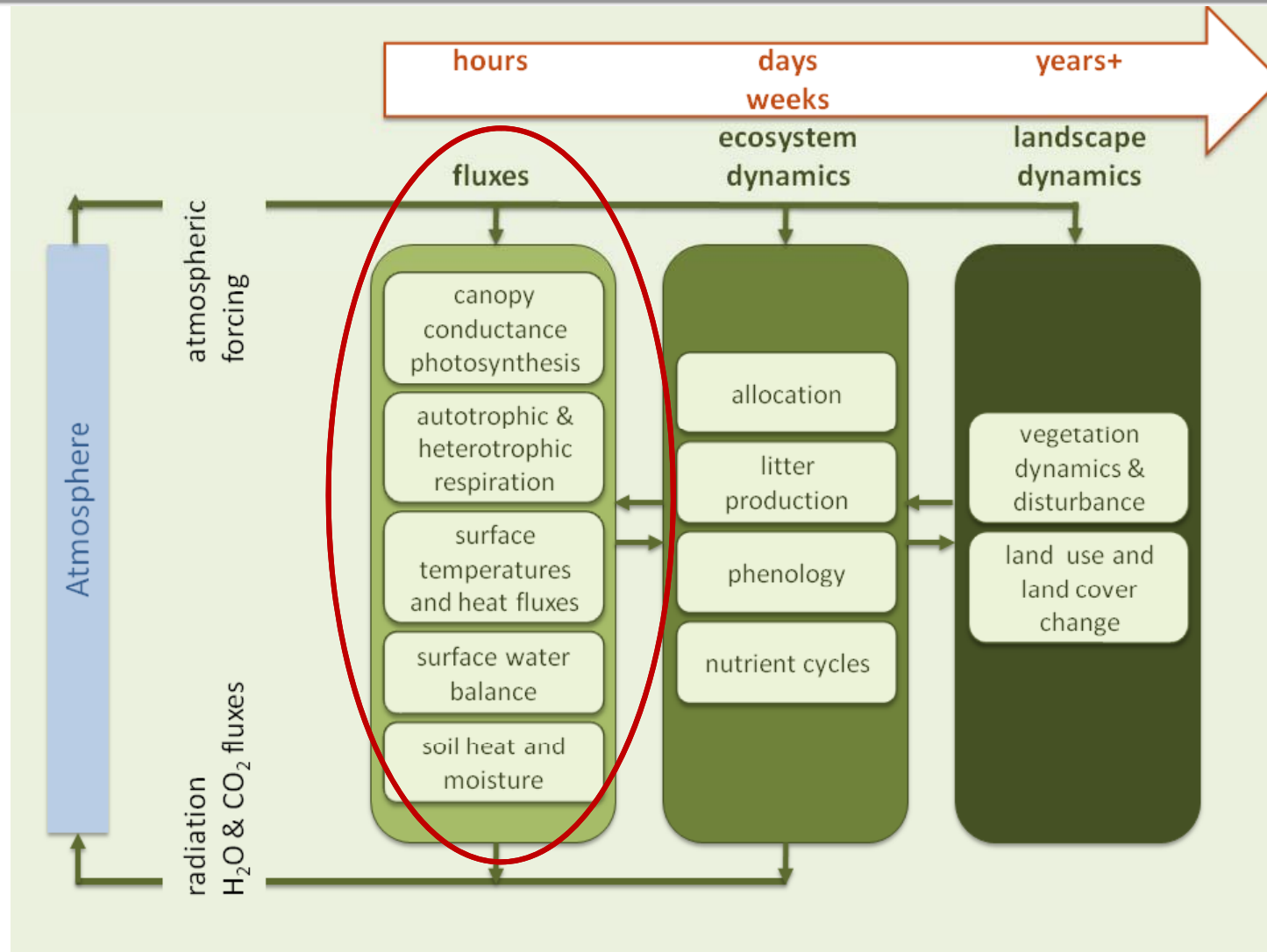


# Ecosystem carbon fluxes and pools





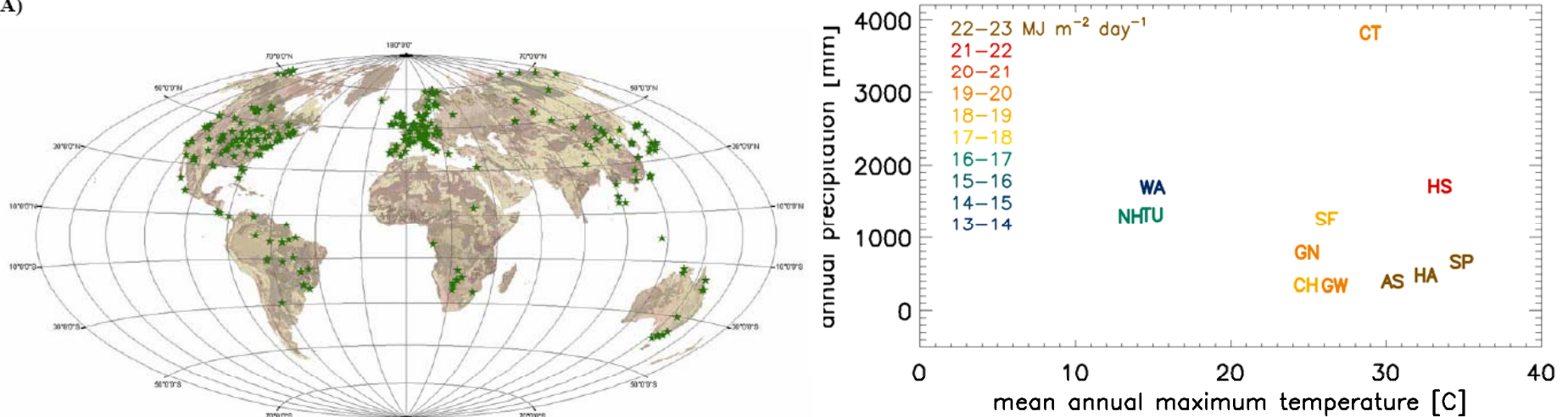
# Flux stations and Ecosystem models



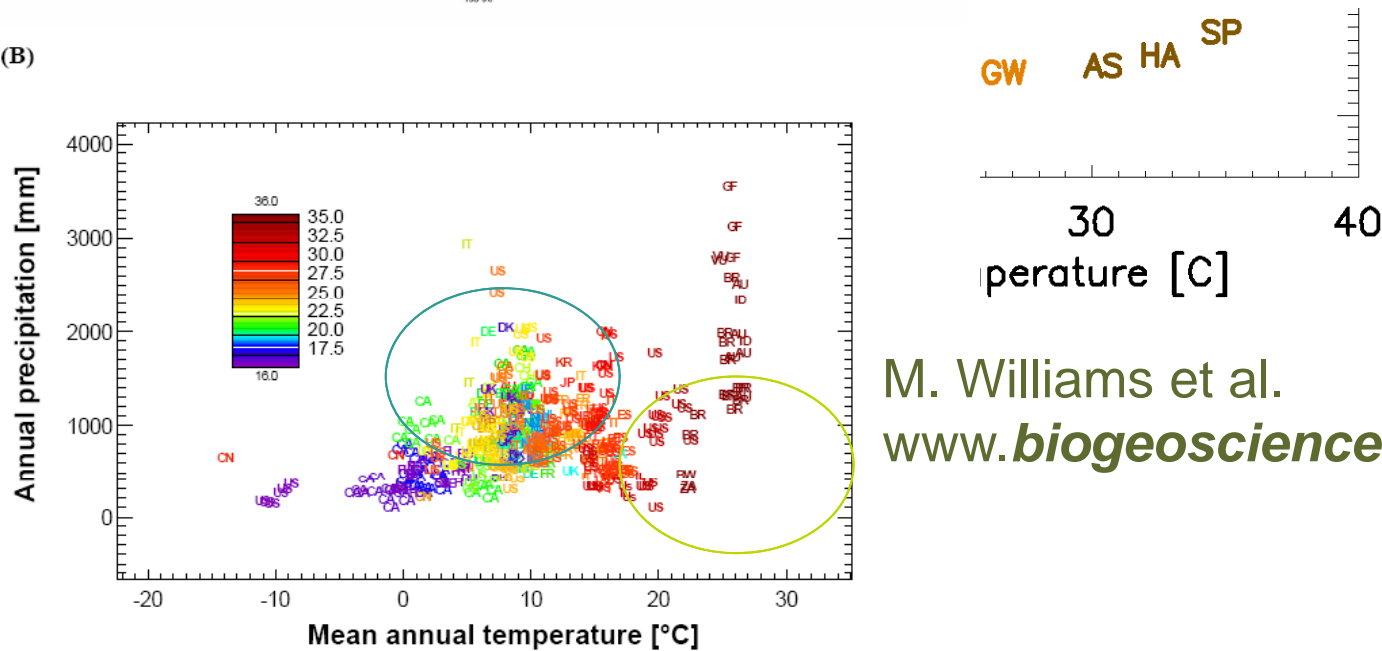
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# OzFlux and Fluxnet: A broad range of ecosystems and climates

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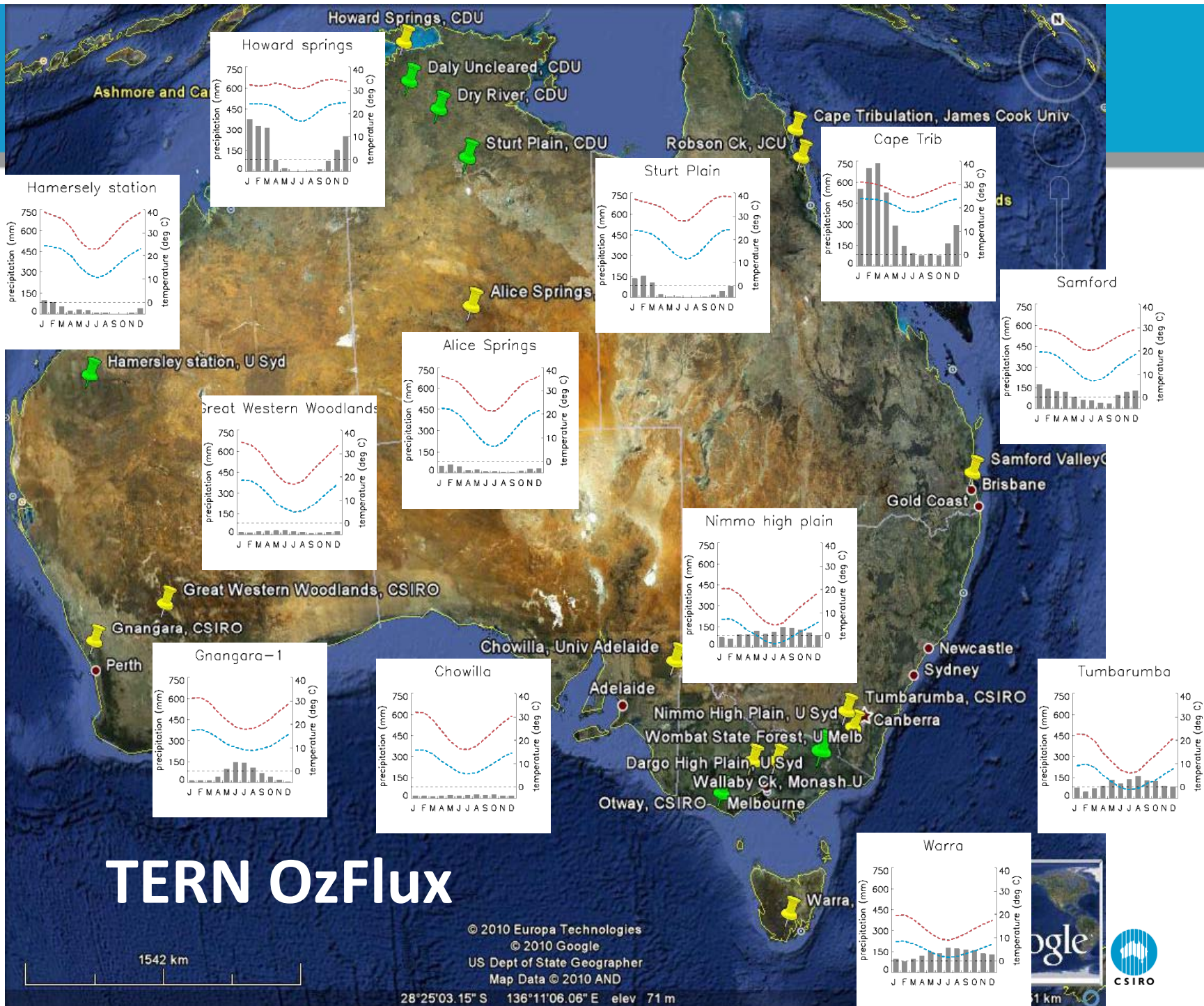
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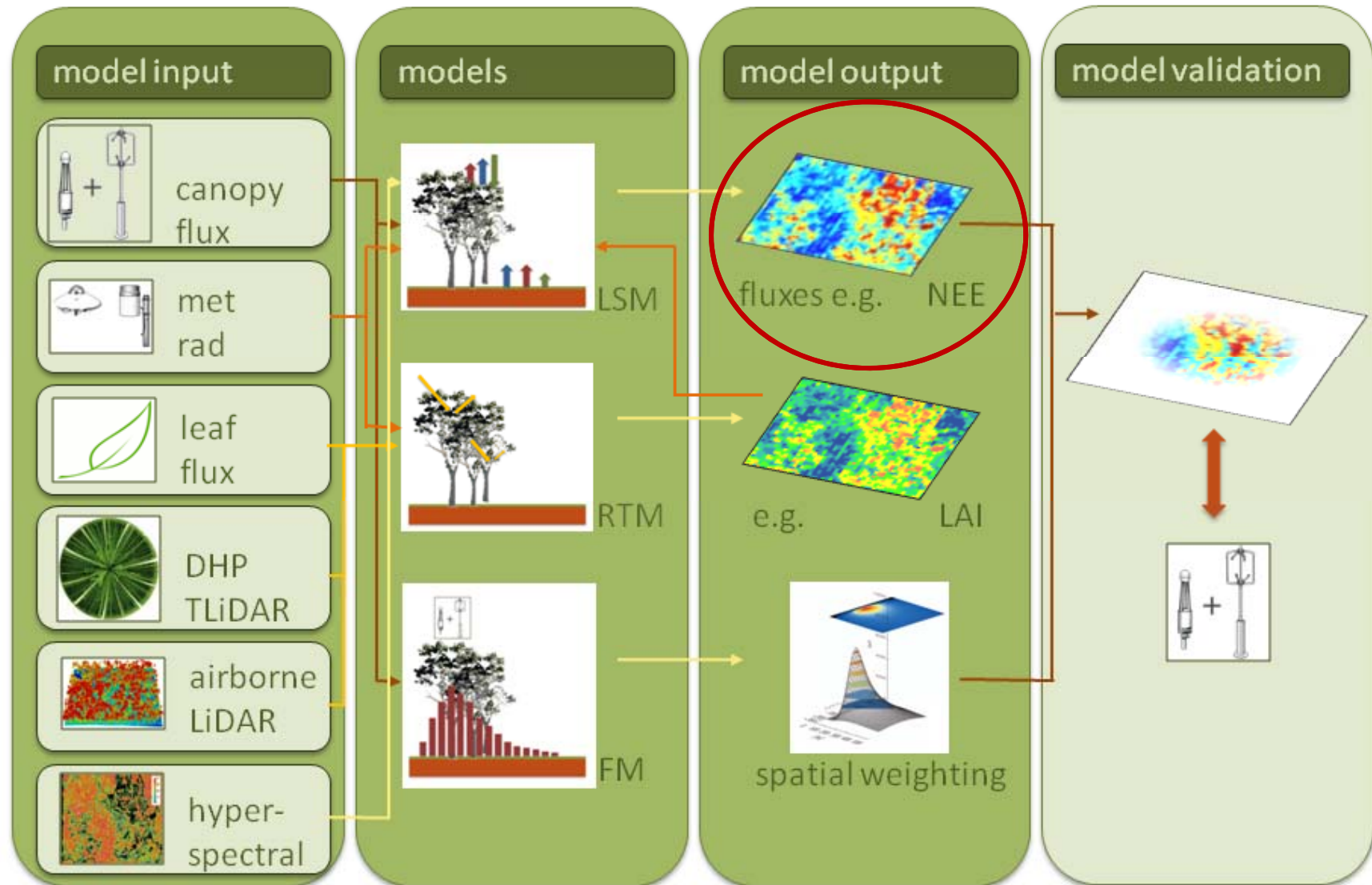
# OzFlux Achievements

- OzFlux Facility and Central node established
  - Around 15 operational or soon-to-be operational (not all via TERN funding)
- TERN data portal and Information Infrastructure Group
- OzFlux data portal and Data Management System
  - Consistent data processing
  - Centralised data repository – fluxes and metadata
- Developing a calibration system and procedure
- Funding for OzFlux workshops
- Web site: <http://www.ozflux.org.au/index.html>
  - We need you!
- eMAST and GHG website



Site Name	Ecosystem	Location
1. Robson	Simple notophyll vine forest	Qld (Atherton Tablelands)
2. Cape Tribulation	Complex mesophyll vine forest	Qld (Daintree)
3. Samford	Peri-urban	Qld (Brisbane)
4. Tumbarumba	Alpine ash forest ( <i>E. delegatensis</i> )	SE NSW
5. Wallaby Creek	Mountain ash forest ( <i>E. regnans</i> )	SE Vic
6. Wombat	Dry sclerophyll Eucalypt forest ( <i>E. obliqua</i> ; <i>E. radiata</i> and <i>E. rubida</i> )	Central Vic
7. Warra	<i>E. obliqua</i> forest	Tasmania
8. Nimmo High Plains	<i>Poa</i> C <sub>3</sub> grassland	NSW alpine region
9. Chowilla	Mallee	SA (Lower Murray)
10. Gnangara	Coastal heath	Southern WA
11. Great Western Woodlands	Temperate woodland, heath and mallee	WA
12. Hamersley Station	Semi-arid C <sub>4</sub> grassland	NW WA
13. Weeli Wolli Creek	Semi-arid, riparian coolabah woodland	NW WA
NT Savanna Flux Transect 14. Howard Springs 15. Daly and 16. Dry River	Wet tropical savanna to rangelands	NT – N/S transect
17. Alice Springs	Mulga – arid rangelands	NT

# OzFlux, TERN and the climate and ecosystem community



# Partners

James Cook University

Monash University

University of Melbourne

Forestry Tasmania

University of Adelaide

Charles Darwin University

The University of Sydney

University of Technology, Sydney

Queensland University of Technology

University of Queensland

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Australian Climate Change  
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# OzFlux sites

Tumbarumba

PIs: van Gorsel, Leuning  
(CSIRO)

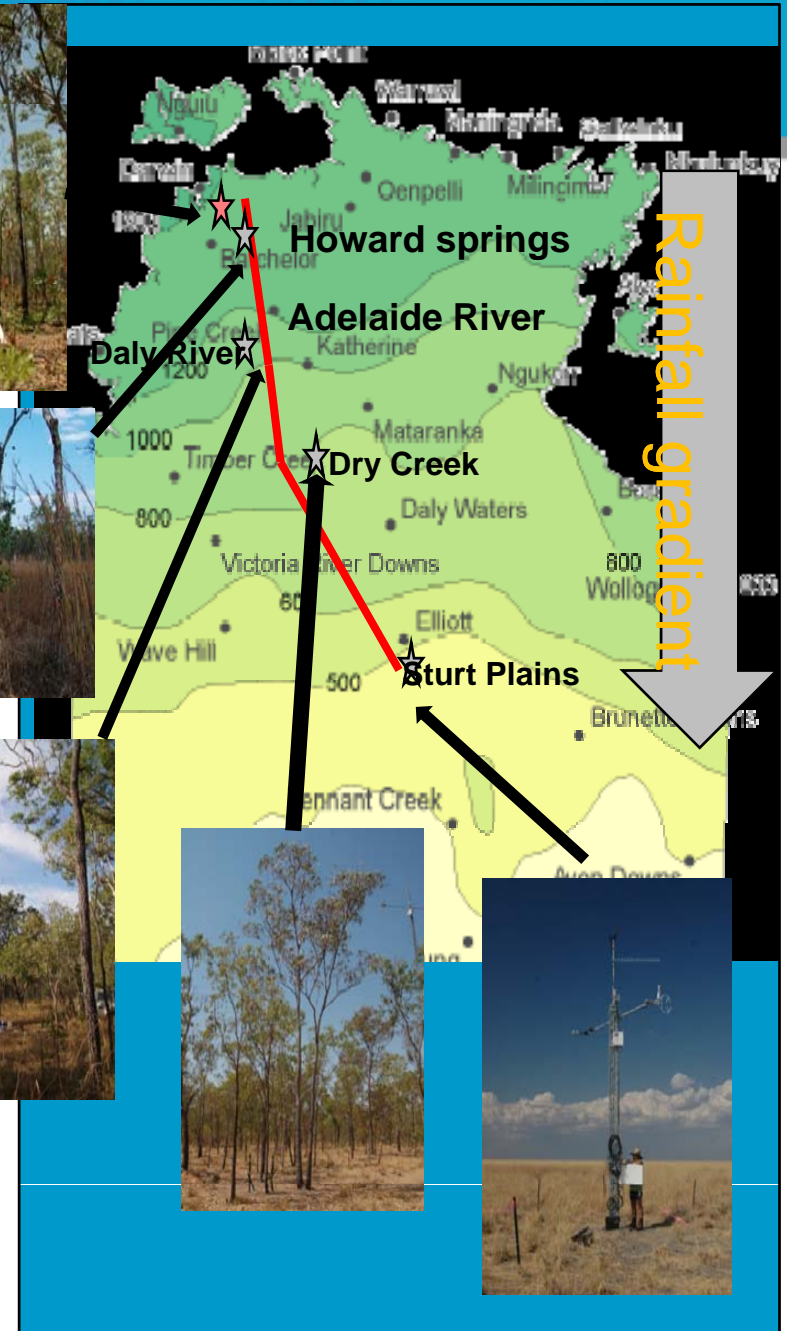
- Carbon and water budgets in a mixed Eucalypt forest ecosystem
  - What is the role of climate and land management drivers?
- Scaling to regions via remote sensing
- Data for testing and improving land surface models
  - CABLE in ACCESS



# OzFlux sites

Northern Tropical  
Savanna Flux Transect  
PIs: Beringer, Hutley  
(Charles Darwin and  
Monash Universities)

- Carbon and water balances
- Disturbance due to land clearing and fire
- Aerosols and trace gas emissions

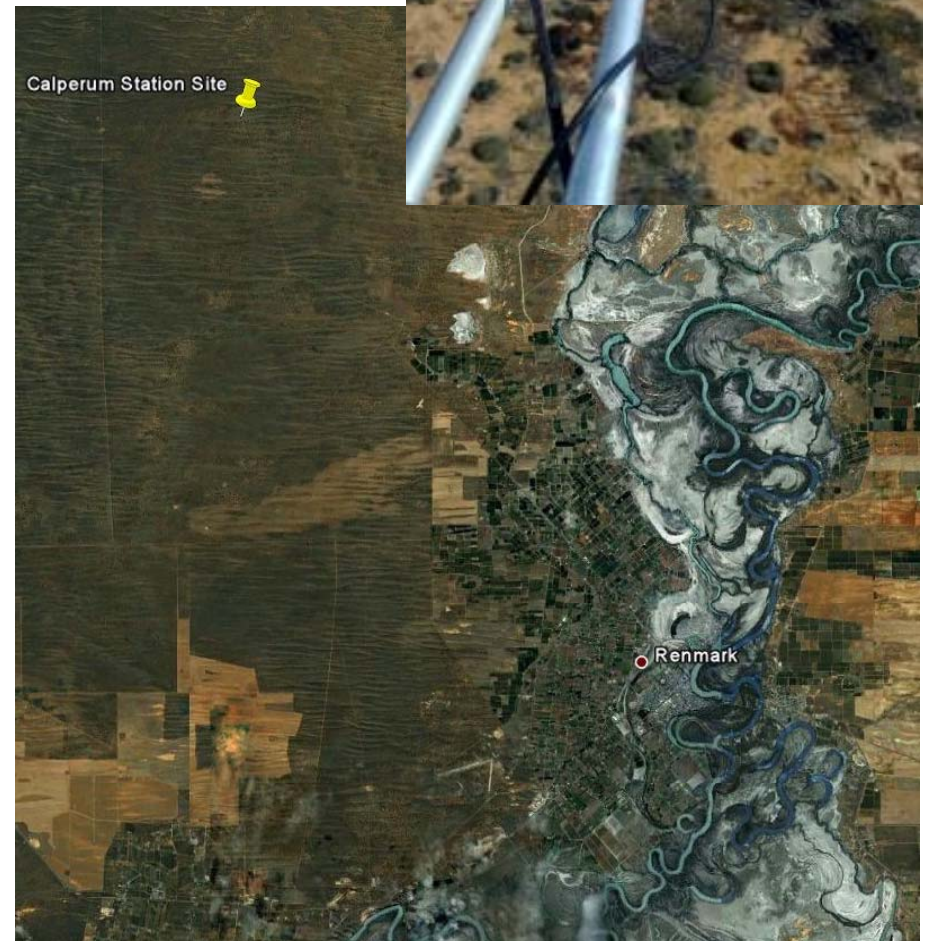


# OzFlux sites

Calperum – Chowilla

PIs: Meyer, Chittleborough (Univ. Adelaide)

- Cycles of carbon and water in a recovering mallee ecosystem
  - How do they respond to management?
  - What is the impact of a changing climate?
- Assess effectiveness of conservation management



# Simple energy, water and carbon budgets in plant ecosystems

$$Q^* = \lambda E + H + \Delta Q_S$$

$$P + I = ET + D + \Delta S$$

$$GPP = [R_H + R_A] + \Delta C$$

$$\Delta C = NEE$$

## ENERGY

$Q^*$  = Net allwave radiation

$\lambda E$  = Latent heat

$H$  = Sensible heat

$\Delta Q_S$  = Heat storage

## WATER

$P$  = Precipitation

$I$  = Irrigation

$ET$  = Evapotranspiration

$D$  = Runoff + Drainage

$\Delta S$  = Soil moisture

## CARBON

