



Carbon budgets and trends in China

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3. What the situation of carbon budget is: uncertainty
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1. What kinds of terrestrial carbon data we have

1.1 Ecosystem research data

1.2 IGBP-transect research data

1.3 Forest inventory data

1.4 Eddy flux data

1.1 Ecosystem research data

♣ Time: May, 1998 – Present

♣ Typical ecosystems

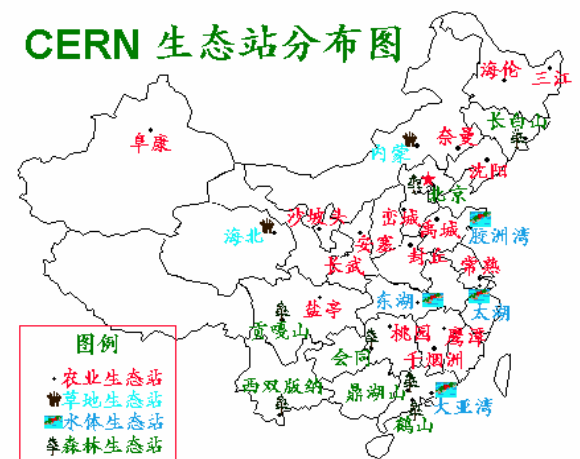
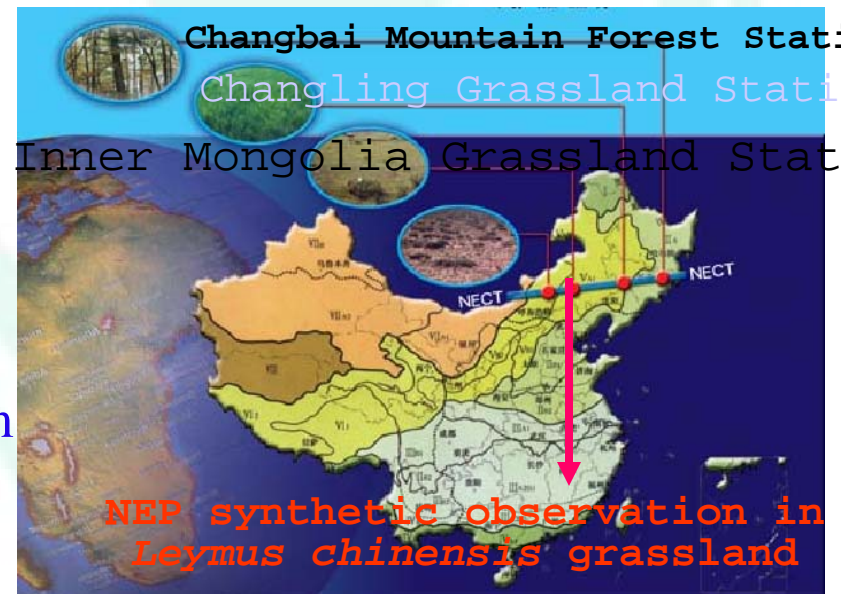
- Changbai Mountain Forest Ecosystem Research Station

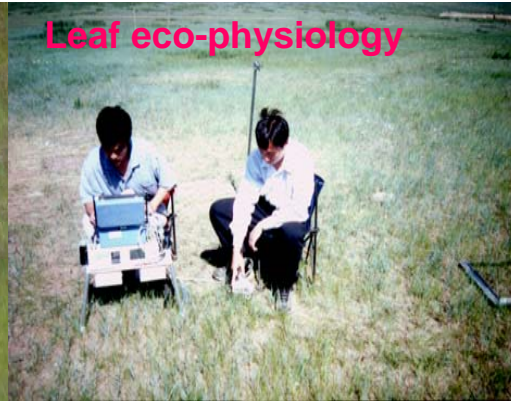
- *Quercus mongolica* forest ecosystem
- *Pinus Koraiensis* forest ecosystem

- Changling Grassland Station

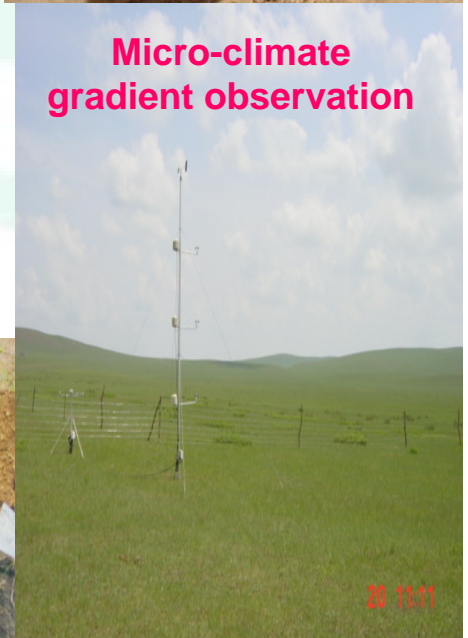
- Inner Mongolia Grassland Ecosystem Research Station

- meadow steppe & meadow steppe farmland
- Fenced & grazing *Leymus chinensis* grassland
- Fenced & grazing *Stipa gradis* grassland
- Dry steppe





- **Contents**
- Daily and seasonal soil CO₂ fluxes
- Plant community photosynthesis
- Leaf ecophysiology
- Dynamical biomass and NPP
- C, N, P, S of dominant species
- Soil property
- Microclimate gradient observation



1.2 IGBP-transect research data

Investigation time:

- 1994
- 1997
- 1998
- 2001

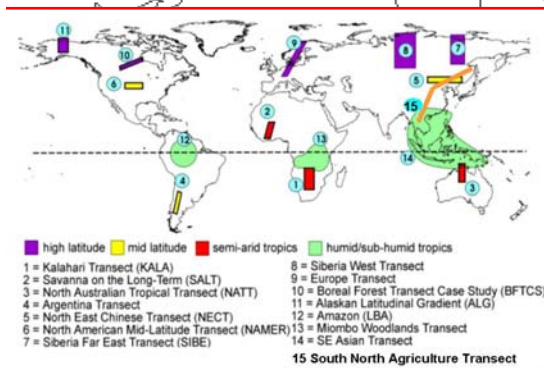
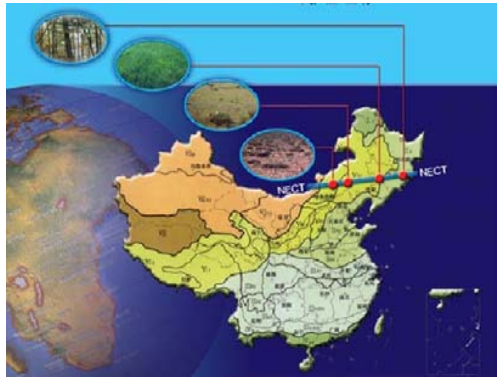
mid-latitude semi-arid areas

Lat. 42°~46° N

Long. 112°~130.5° E

Length: 1,600 km

Width: 300 km



• Land use database

- Time: 1997 & 2001
- Sampling plots:81(every 25 kilometers one spot)
- contents:location, land use types

• Soil carbon database

- Time: 1997 & 2001
- Sampling plots:30
- contents:Bulk density,C、 N、 P、 K and effective C、 N、 P、 S, K、 Na、 Ca、 Mg、 Cu、 Zn、 Fe、 Mn and effective K、 Cu、 Zn、 Fe、 Mn, Cation exchange capacity, pH, Electronic conductivity, Soil water-holding capacity, Soil texture(International system)

• Soil CO₂ flux

- Time: 2001
- Sampling plots:30
- Contents:Soil CO₂ emission, Soil temperature: 0, 5, 15, 20cm

- **Plant community Photosynthesis**

- **Time: 2001**
- Sampling plots:30
- contents: Photosynthesis of plant community

- **Plant leaf physiological database**

- **Time: 1997**
- Sampling plots:100 plots, 252 species
- contents: location,leaf photosynthesis, leaf conductance, leaf transpiration, air temperature, air relative humidity, etc

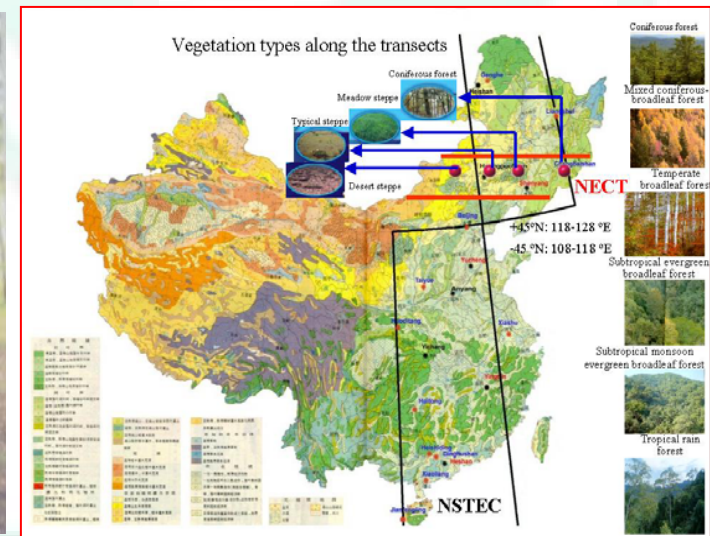
- **Plant community investigation**

- **Time: 1997 & 2001**
- Sampling plots:51(1997)/30(2001)
- Contents:
 - tree : LAI, number and DBH of every species
 - Shrub : LAI, number,coverage and height of every species
 - grass in forest sampling: number,coverage and height of each species
 - grass in grass sampling:coverage,height and frequency

1.3 Forest inventory data

- Up to now, national level forest inventory survey in China has been executed five consecutive times from 1973 to 1998

- 1973-1976
- 1977-1981
- 1984-1988
- 1989-1993
- 1994-1998





1.4 Eddy flux data

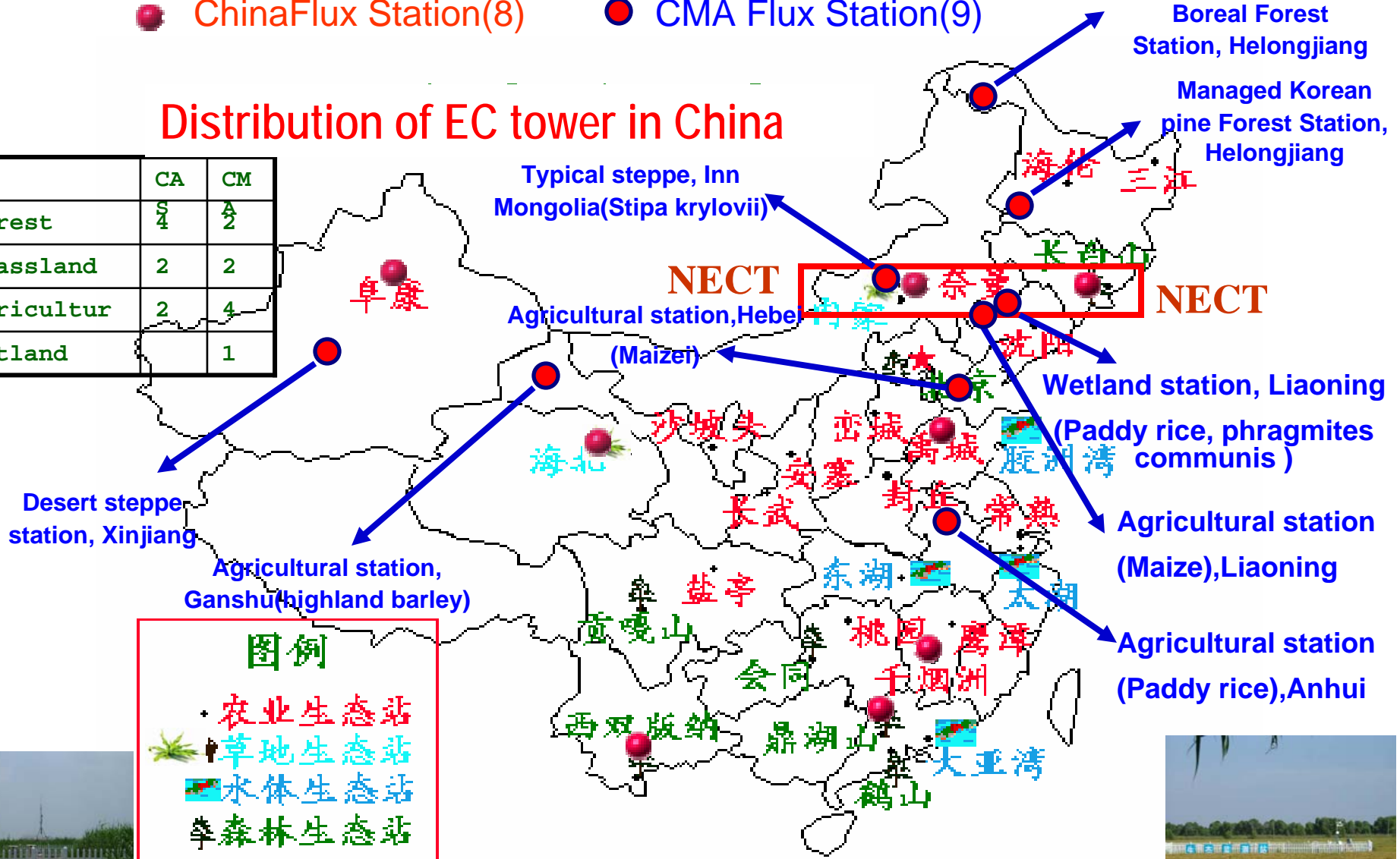


● ChinaFlux Station(8)

● CMA Flux Station(9)

Distribution of EC tower in China

	CA	CM
Forest	5/4	2/2
Grassland	2	2
Agriculture	2	4
Wetland		1



图例

- 农业生态站
- 草地生态站
- 水体生态站
- 森林生态站



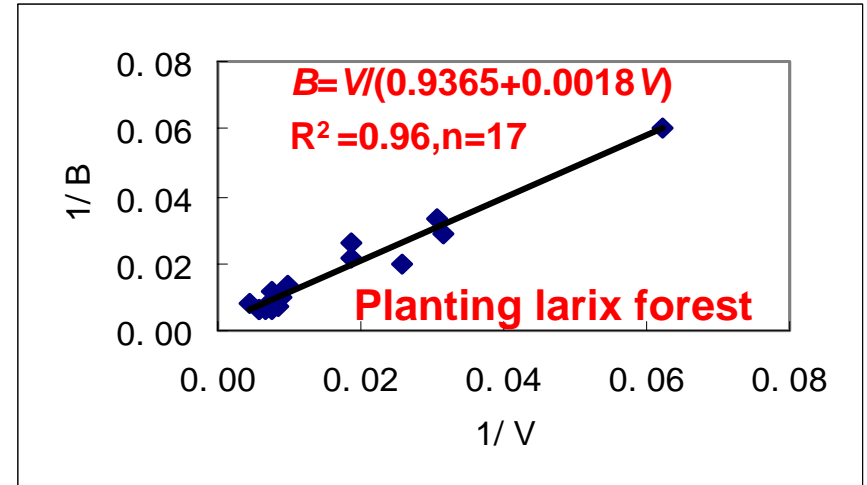
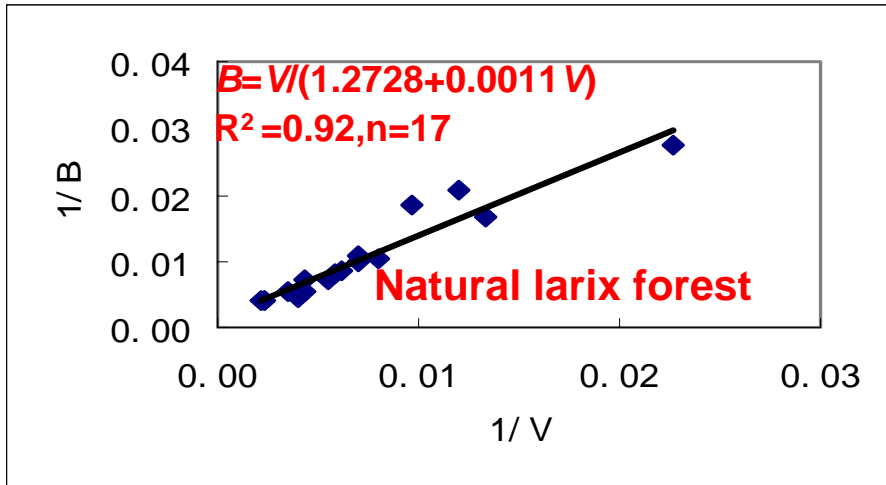
2. What we have done in evaluating carbon budget

2.1 FID-based NPP model

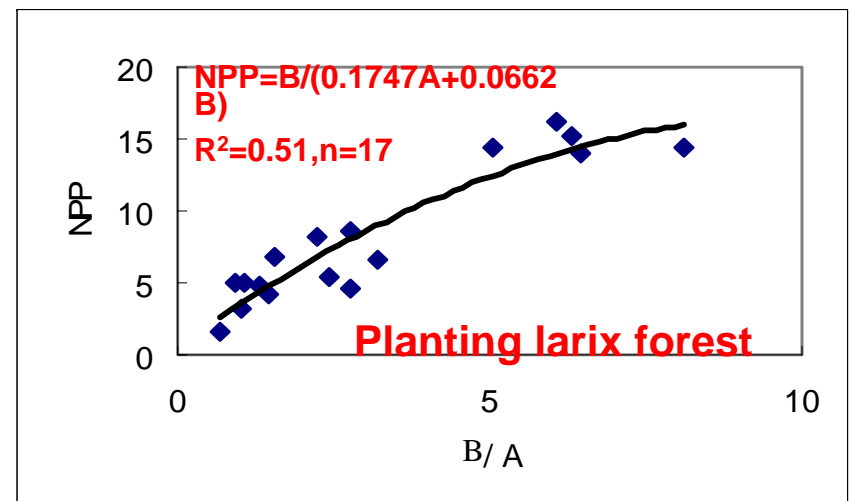
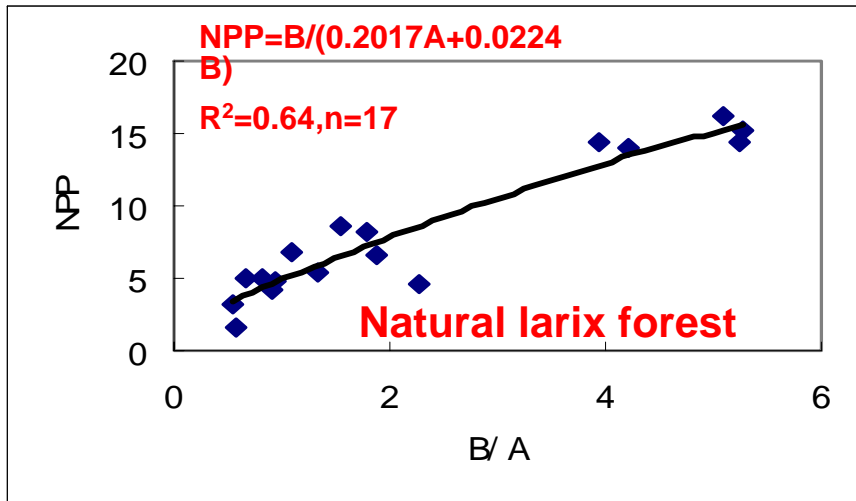
2.2 Terrestrial ecosystem dynamic model

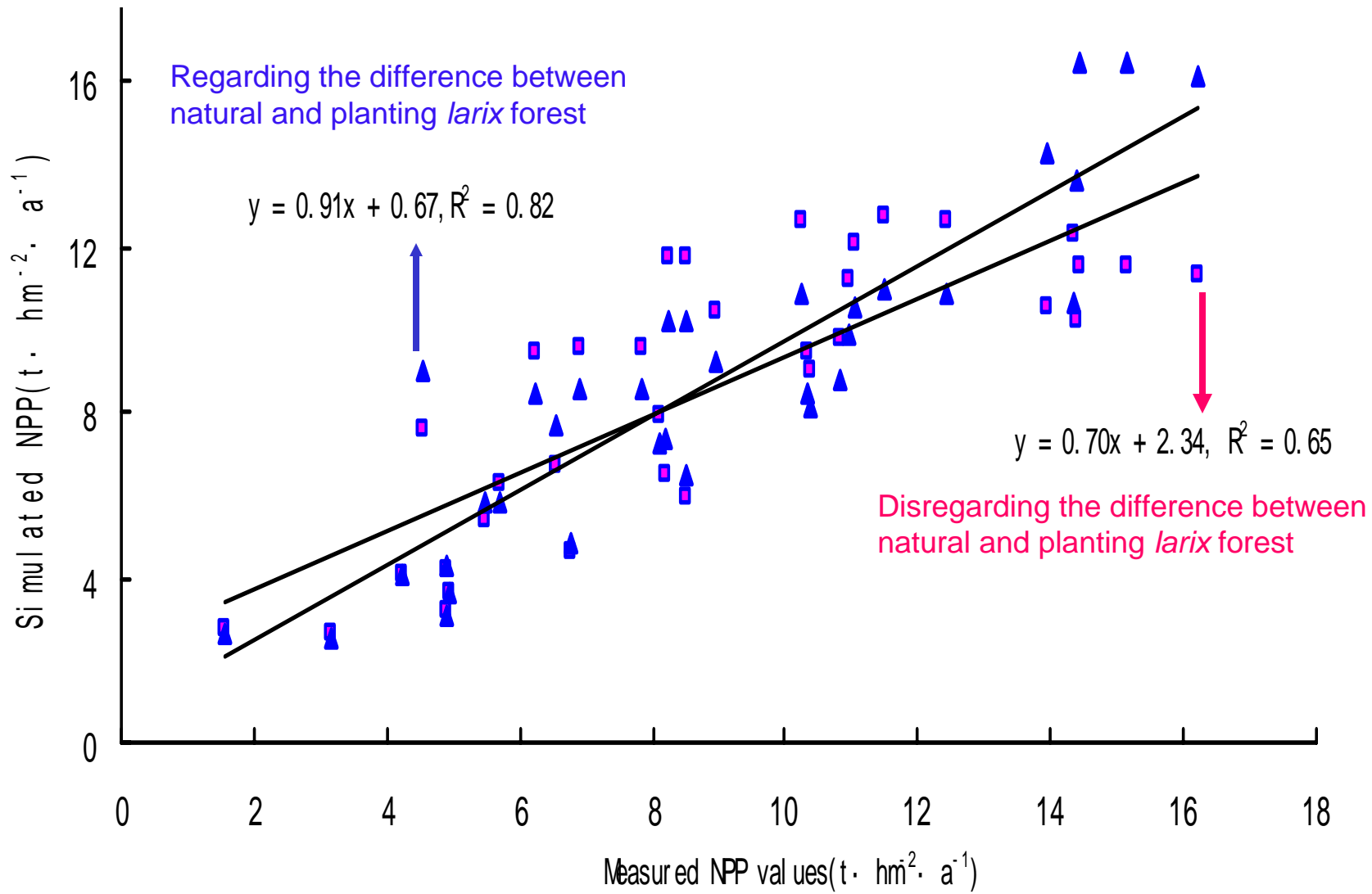
2.1 FID-based NPP model

$B=aV$ (Brown & Lugo, 1984) or $B=aV+b$ (Fang et al., 1996)



$NPP=f(B)$, Linear, Exponential and Power functions (Fang et al., 1996)



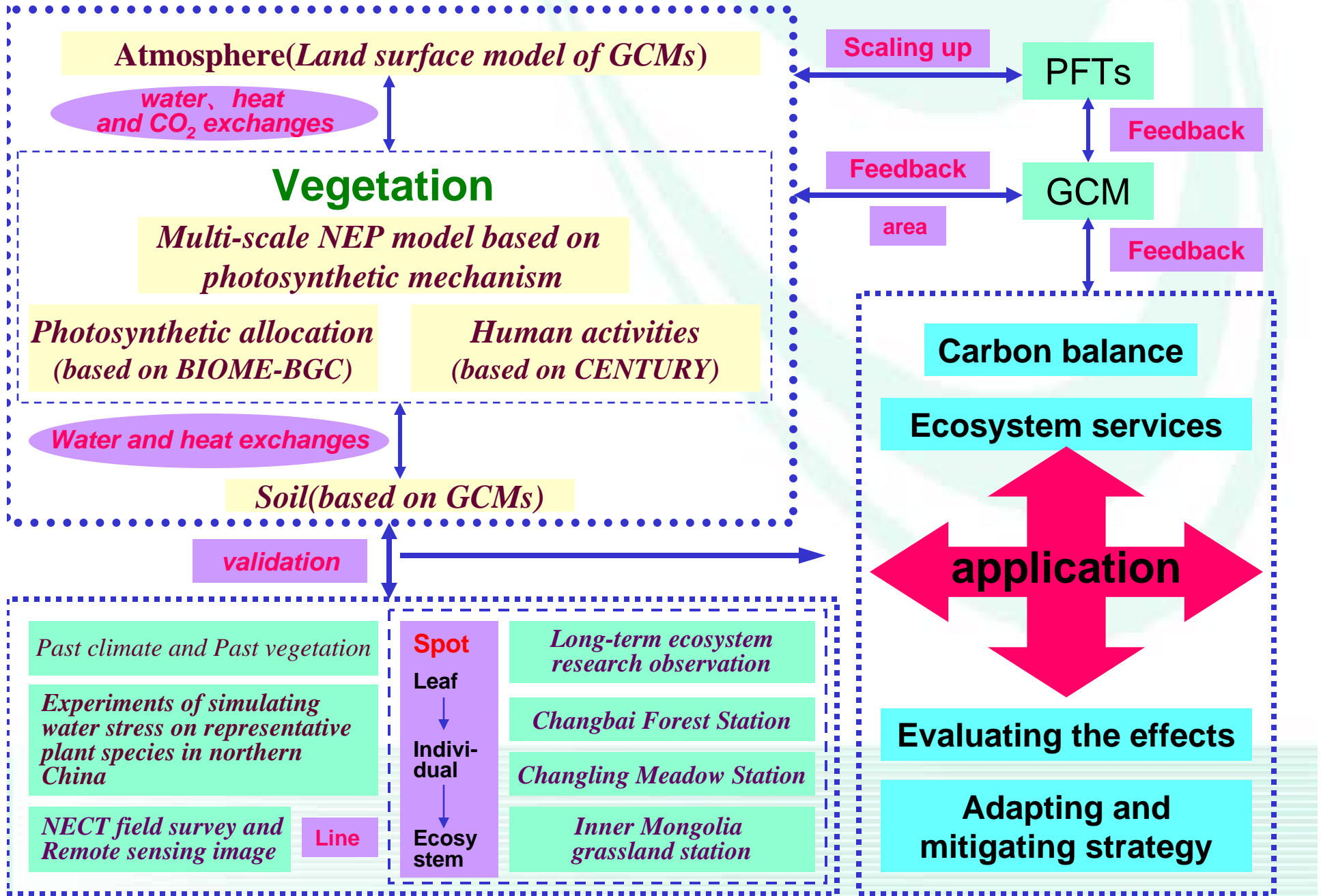


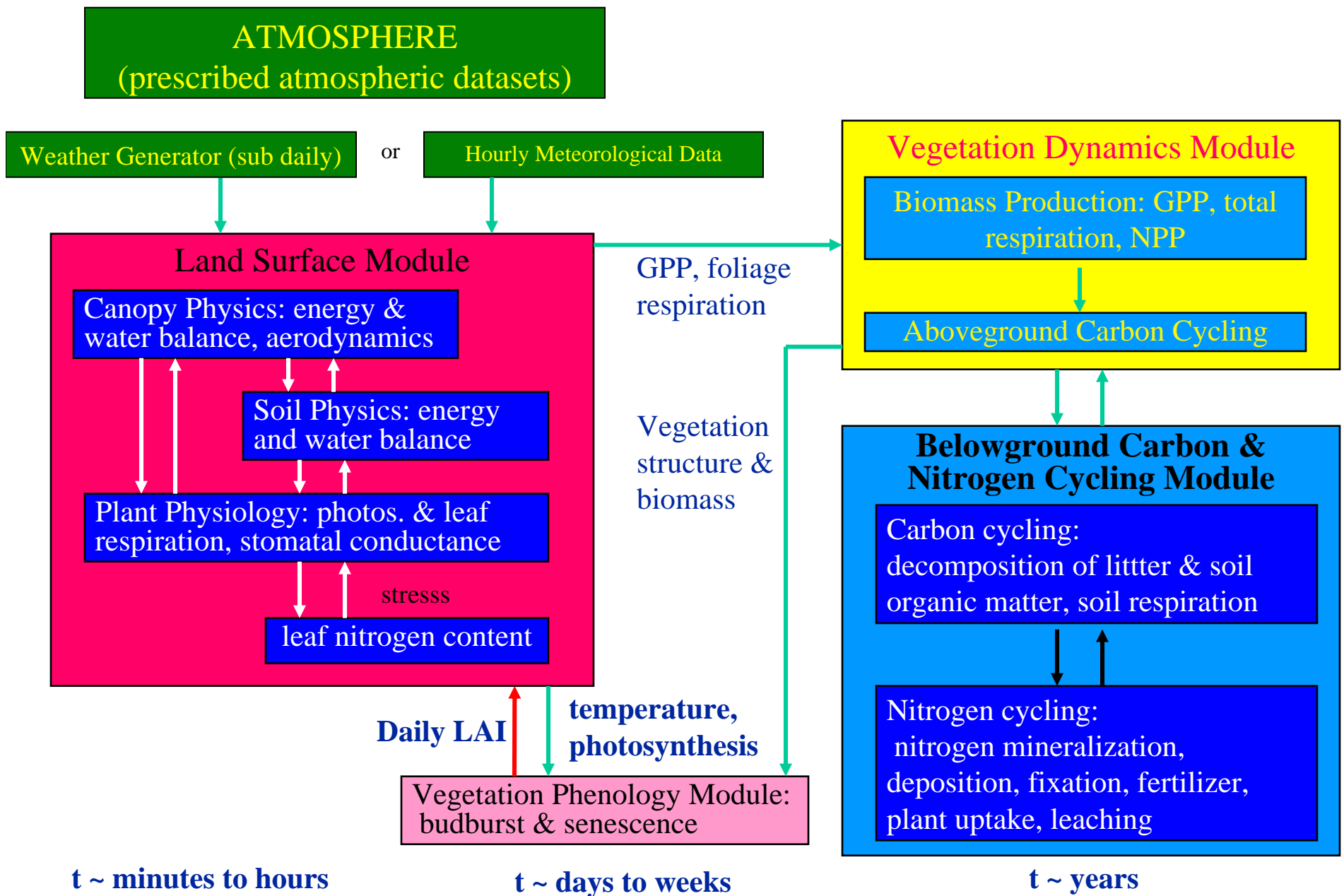
Application of FID-based model in forest of China

($B = \frac{V}{a + bV}$, **B** and **V** are biomass(Mg/ha) and volume(m³/ha), **a**、**b** are constants)

Type of forest stands	Parameters in Eq.2			
	a	b	n	r ²
<i>Cunninghamia Lanceolata</i>	0.808	0.0067	29	0.64
<i>Pinus Massoniana, P.yunnanensis</i>	1.428	0.0014	27	0.79
<i>Larix spp.</i>	0.94	0.0026	34	0.94
<i>Picea, Abies</i>	0.56	0.0035	26	0.85
<i>P.tabulaeformis</i>	0.32	0.0085	32	0.86
<i>P.armandii</i>	0.542	0.0077	17	0.73
Other pines and conifer forests	1.393	0.0008	15	0.72
<i>Cypress</i>	1.125	0.0002	21	0.97
Mixed conifer and deciduous forests	2.558	-0.0038	11	0.95
<i>Populus</i>	0.587	0.0071	21	0.92
<i>Betula</i>	0.975	0.001	14	0.91
<i>Quercus</i>	0.824	0.0007	48	0.92
<i>Cinnamomum, Phoebe</i>	0.76	0.0012	10	0.87
<i>Casuarina</i>	0.807	-0.0001	14	0.88
<i>Sassafras</i> <i>Eucalyptus</i> and mixed broad-leaf forests	0.727	-0.0012	21	0.75
Nonmerchantable woods	0.98	-0.0007	14	0.95

4.4 Terrestrial Ecosystem Dynamic Model (TEDM)





Effects of soil nutrient ($S_c, S_n, g/m^2$) on An

Biochemical model : $An = \min\{W_c, W_j, W_p\} - Rd = f(C_i, T_r, PPFD)$

$$W_c = \frac{V_{c \max} (C_i - \Gamma)}{C_i + K_c (1 + O / K_o)}; \quad W_j = \frac{J (C_i - \Gamma)}{4.5 (C_i + 2.33 \Gamma)}; \quad W_p = \frac{V_{c \max}}{2}$$

$$V_{c \max} = V_{c \max 15} \cdot \exp\left\{3000 \cdot \left[\frac{1}{288 \cdot 16} - \frac{1}{T_r + 273 \cdot 16}\right]\right\}$$

$$V_{c \max 15} = \frac{(A_{\max} + Rd)[C_i + K_c \cdot (1 + O/K_o)]}{C_i - \Gamma}$$

$$A_{\max} = \frac{190 \cdot N}{360 + N} \quad N = N_T \cdot \frac{I}{I_0}$$

$$N_T = \frac{\exp[u_1 - u_3 / (0.00831 T_r)]}{1 + \exp[(u_2 \cdot Tr - 205.9) / (0.00831 T_r)]} \cdot K_T(T_r)$$

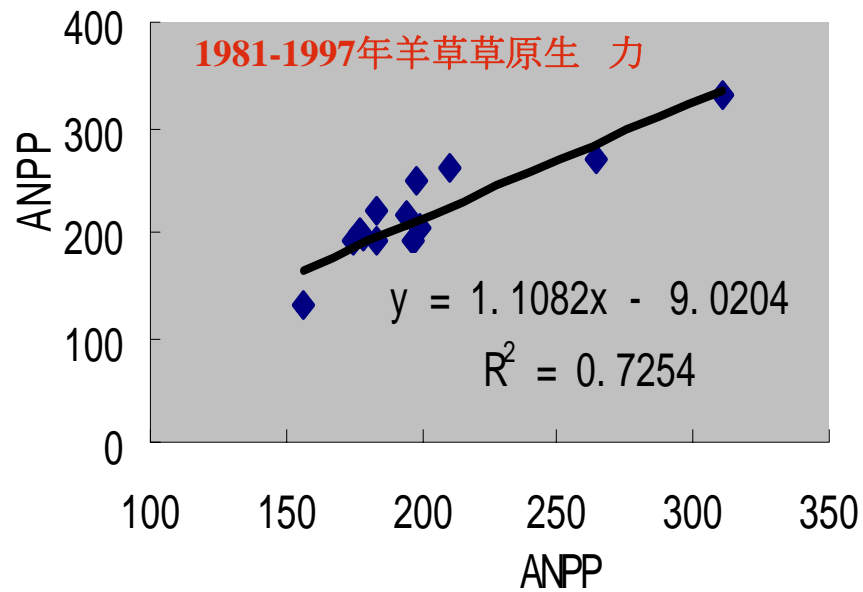
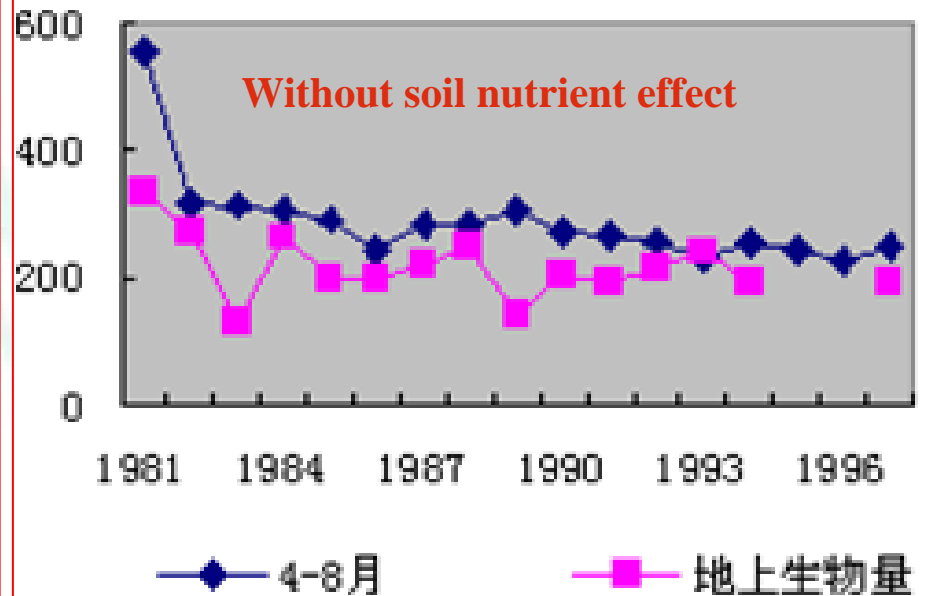
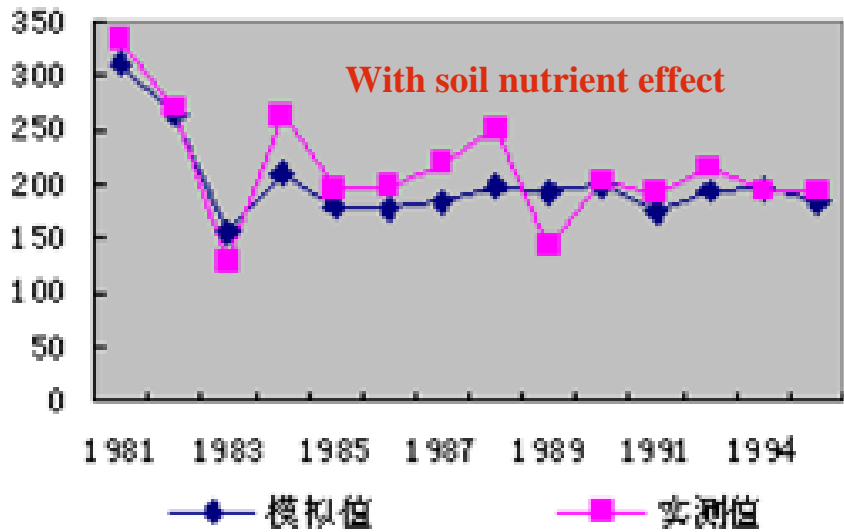
$$K_T(T_r) = \begin{cases} \{1 + [15 - (T_r - 273 \cdot 16) / 30]\} \cdot (1 + S_c / 10000) & \mu \pm S_c > 13000 \text{ g/m}^2 \text{ \& } T_r < 288 \cdot 16 \text{ K} \\ 1 & \mu \pm S_c \leq 13000 \text{ g/m}^2 \text{ \& } T_r \geq 288 \cdot 16 \text{ K} \end{cases}$$

$$u_1 = 40.8 + 0.01 \cdot (T_r - 273 \cdot 16) - 0.002 (T_r - 273 \cdot 16)^2$$

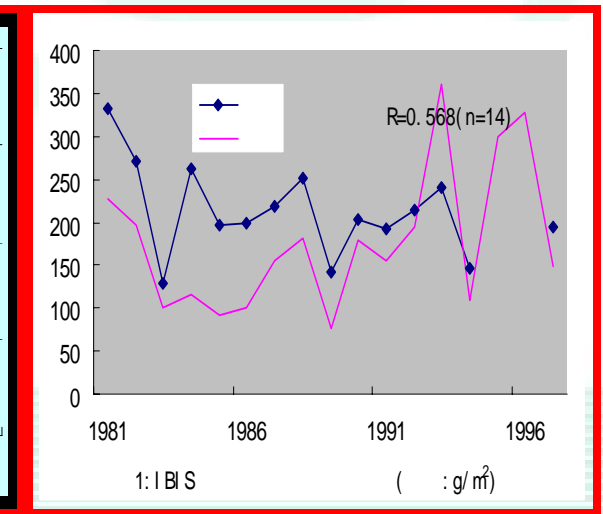
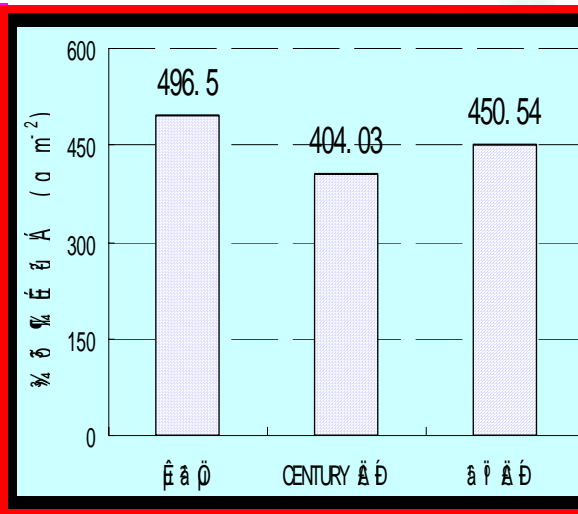
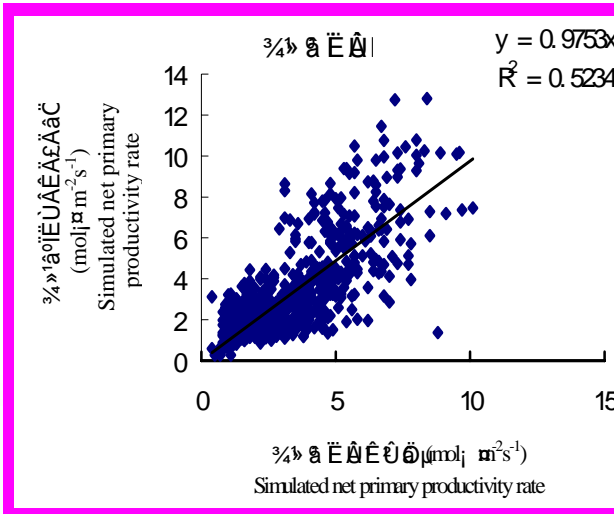
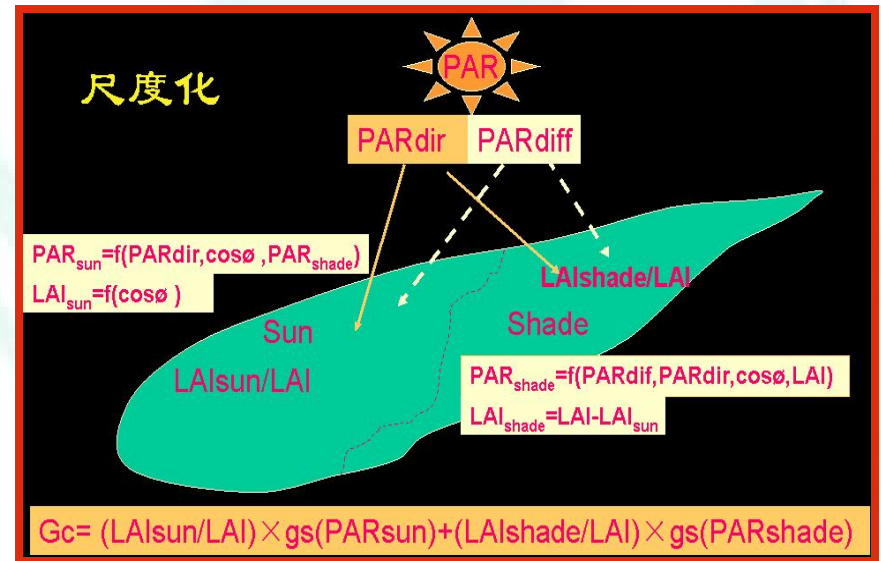
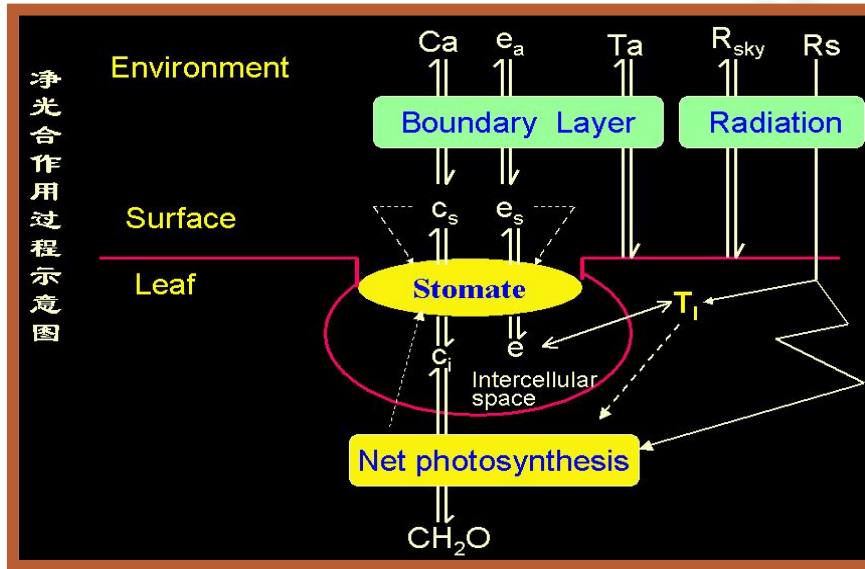
$$u_2 = 0.738 - 0.002 (T_r - 273 \cdot 16)$$

$$u_3 = 97.412 - 2.504 \ln(N_p)$$

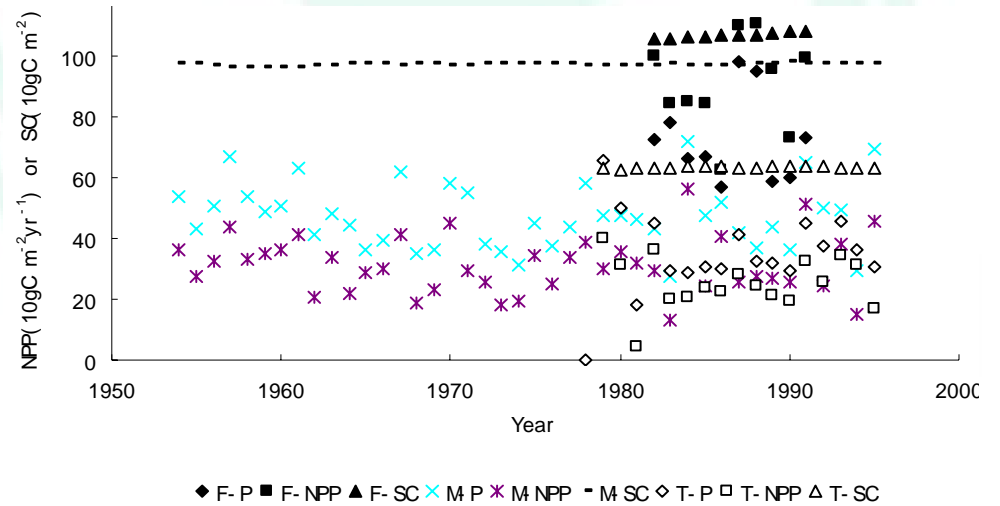
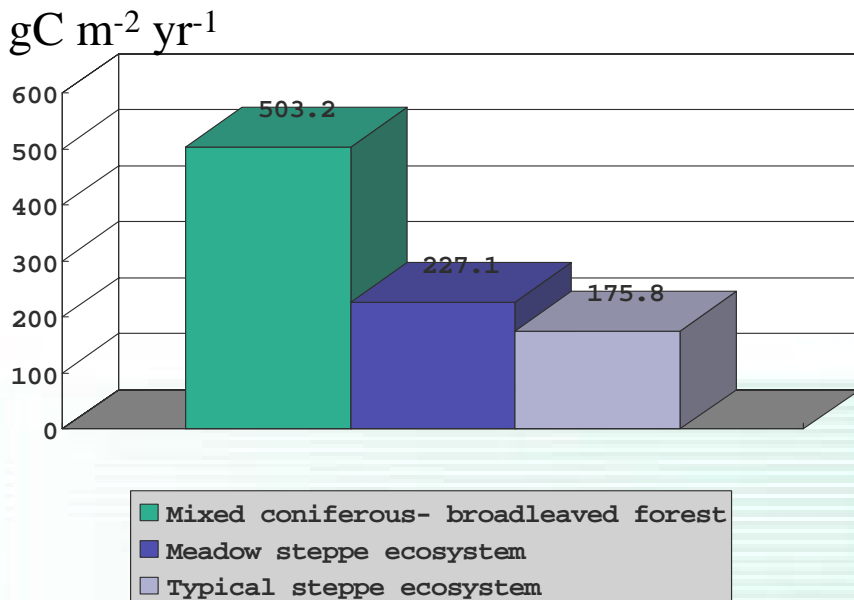
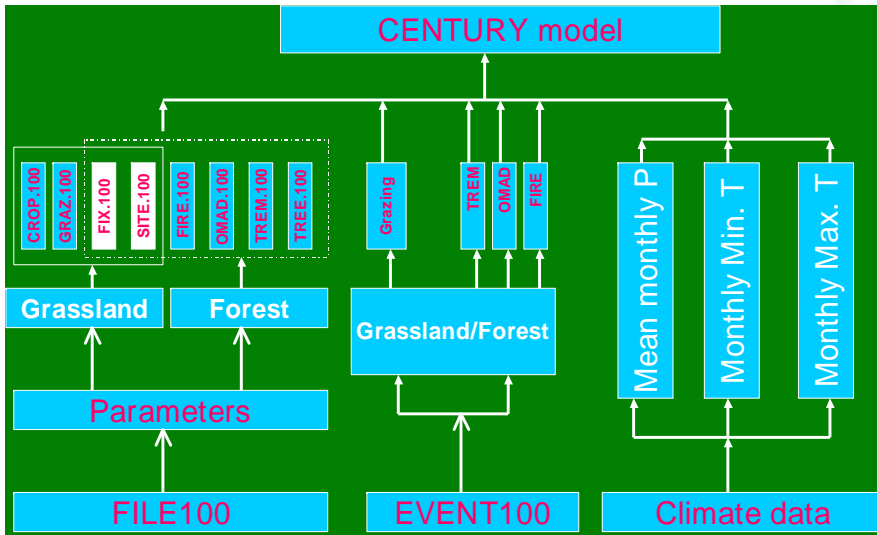
$$N_p = 120 \cdot \text{Min}\{S_n / 600, 1\} \cdot \exp(-8 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot S_c)$$



Scaling from leaf to canopy



3. What the situation of carbon budget is: uncertainty



F: Changbai Forest Ecosystem Research Station
 M: Changling Grassland Station
 T: Inner Mongolia Grassland Ecosystem Research Station
 P: precipitation (cm)
 NPP: $10\text{gC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{a}^{-1}$
 SC: total soil carbon ($10\text{gC}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$)

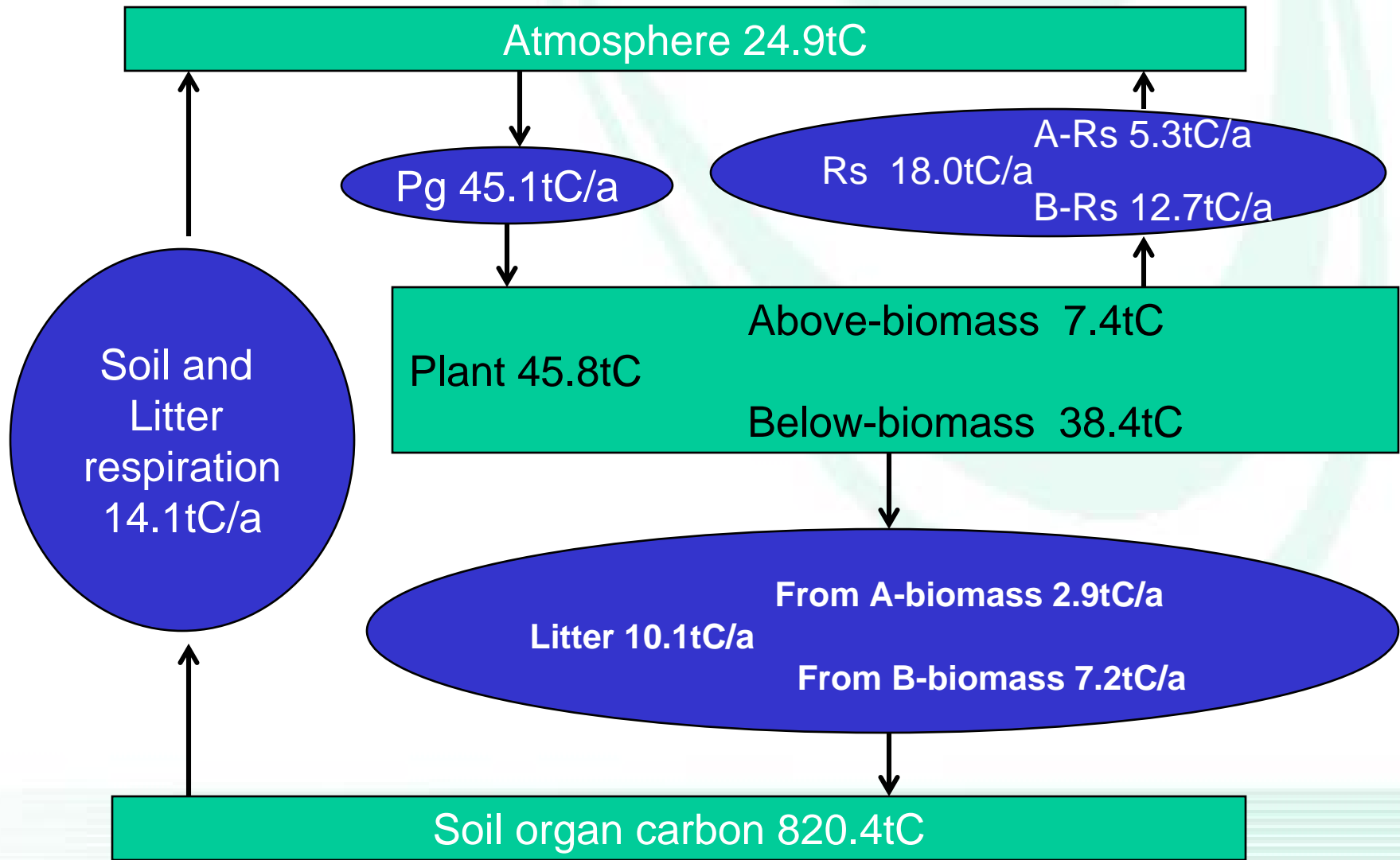
**Annual NEP:
4.03tC/hm²•a**

**Annual soil emission:
1.91tC/hm²•a**

Carbon budget: 2.12tC/hm²•a

Boreal Forest is a carbon sink

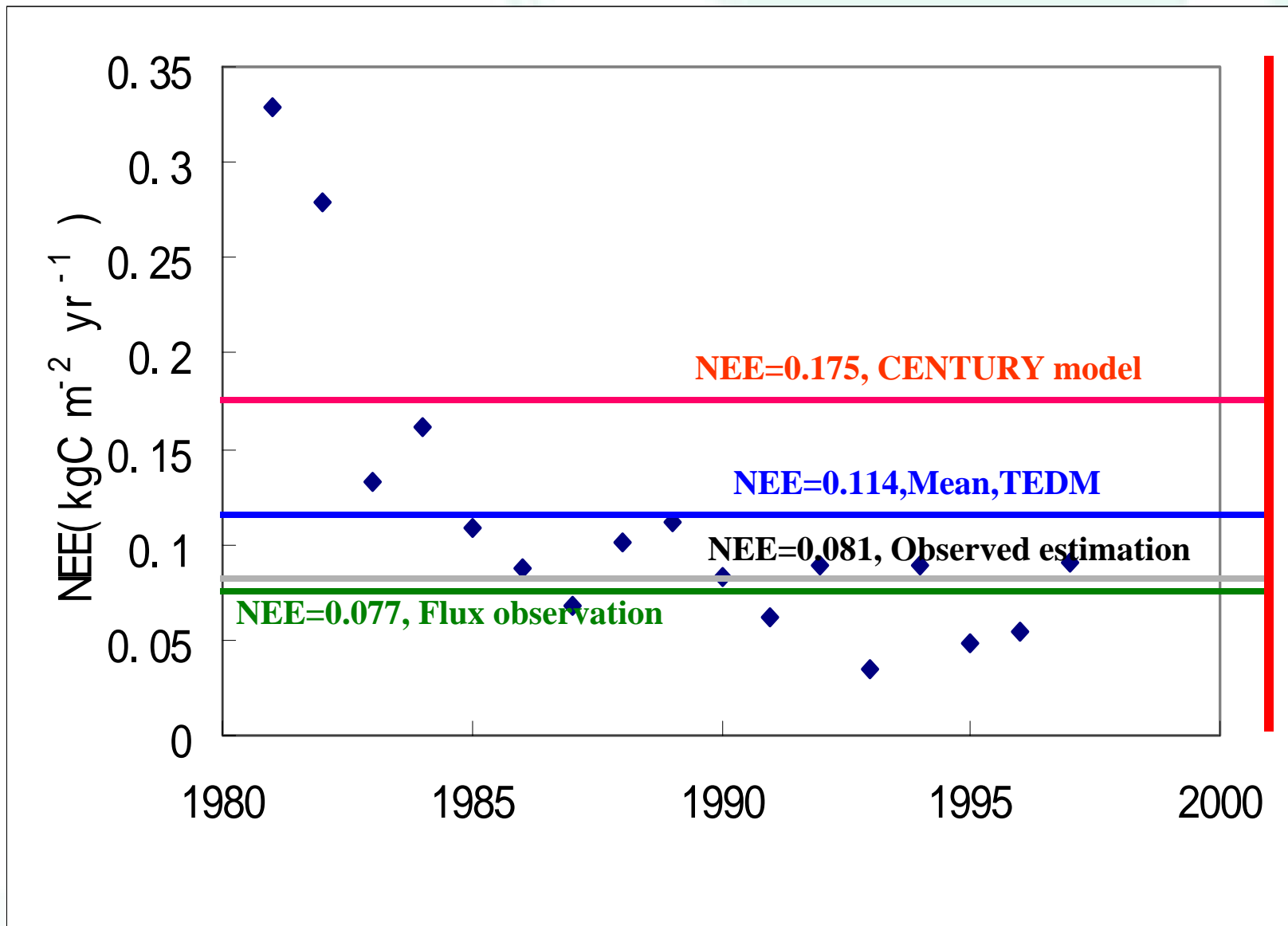
Case study — Carbon budget of the *Stipa Grandis* steppe (estimating area: 400m×400m) in Inner Mongolia



Carbon flow

Carbon storage

Carbon sink 13.0tC/a or 81.2gC/m²•a



NEE of Typical steppe ecosystem in Inner Mongolia by TEDM model

4. What is essential to Chinese carbon study

- How to obtain properly carbon flux? E.g. sampling time, data calibration, and EC in mountain region
- How to evaluate regional carbon flux by EC? IGBP-transects, remote sensing method
- Data fusion: how to integrate different carbon data?
- How to mitigate carbon emission and enhance carbon sequestration? Wind energy, bio-fuel

Thanks!

