

Current status of data-driven estimation of terrestrial carbon and energy fluxes using eddy-covariance network and remote sensing data

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The terrestrial biosphere plays important roles in regional and global energy and carbon cycles through biogeochemical and biophysical processes, in turn affecting the trajectory of climate change. Despite the importance of this issue, model intercomparison efforts have revealed large and persistent uncertainties in CO₂ fluxes among terrestrial biosphere models. Reducing uncertainties in terrestrial carbon cycle simulation is a challenging task because of insufficient observed CO₂ fluxes, which serve as references for refining terrestrial biosphere models at regional and global scales. Recently, the network of eddy-covariance observation has increased, and more data have become available to public. These datasets allow data-driven modeling (empirical upscaling) of terrestrial CO₂ and H₂O fluxes, and their application has shown significant progresses. Since data-driven models rely on the statistical relationship between observed fluxes and explanatory variables, the estimated flux is independent from terrestrial ecosystem models. Therefore, the results provide a new data constraint to terrestrial carbon and energy cycle communities. In this presentation, we introduce an overview and applications of data-driven modelling to terrestrial biogeochemical studies. We used regional and global networks of eddy-covariance observations (e.g. AsiaFlux and FLUXNET) and remote sensing as the forcing of data-driven model, and conducted various applications using them. First, we will show the methodology and algorithms of data-driven model. Second, we will show the applications of the resulting data: i.e., spatio-temporal variability in terrestrial CO₂ flux (Saigusa et al. 2010; Ueyama et al. 2013) and energy balance (Ueyama et al. 2014). Third, we will present evaluation of data-driven models with an assimilation of atmospheric CO₂ from GOSAT Level 4A product (top-down approach) (e.g. Kondo et al. 2015). Fourth, we will demonstrate that regional/global CO₂ and H₂O fluxes upscaled by data-driven models can be used to refine terrestrial ecosystem models (e.g. Ichii et al. 2009).

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