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MULTI-TEMPORAL ESTIMATIONS OF PEATLAND NEE FROM AIRBORNE AND SATELLITE IMAGERY

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- Peatlands valued for long-term C accumulation (cooling influence on climate)
- High C density (> 500 Gt C)
 ~30% of global SOC
- Diversity swamps, bogs, fen
- Slow decomposition of organic matter
- Globally 4-5 million km²
- Canada 22 million tons of C per year

Carbon budget





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Mer Bleue





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Longest continuous EC measurements from a northern peatland

- Since May 1998
- Focal point of the Mer Bleue Arctic
 Surrogate Simulation
 Site (MBASSS):
 Sentinel 2 Product
 Validation Project

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- Net sink of atmospheric CO₂ of ~60 g C m⁻² yr⁻¹
- Loses C via CH₄ efflux and DOC (each ~5-10 g C m⁻² yr⁻¹)
- Net Ecosystem Exchange (NEE) highly variable between years
 - GPP-R

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16 yr NEE







Source: Humphreys E.

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Research Questions



- Can NEE and Water Table Depth be modeled at the ecosystem scale from satellite/airborne imagery?
 - Eddy covariance towers are limited in number (also data is not spatially explicit)
 - Satellite imagery allows for historical observations important to identify patterns at the landscape level
 - New sensors (Sentinel 2, Landsat 8) provide finer spectral resolution and higher radiometric resolution, better SNR: potentially useful for mapping ecosystem processes

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Water Table Depth



- 18 SASI airborne flight lines (2011-2016)
- NDWI₁₂₄₀ related to in-situ WT data





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Relative Azimuth Angle







- Anisotropy
- Considerations for mission planning
- Effects on satellite products from SWIR?

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Net Ecosystem Exchange





Net Ecosystem Exchange





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Correlation between CASI NEE and tower observations: -0.91 (daily) and -0.85 (30 min)

Correlation between S2 NEE and tower observations: -0.68 (daily) and -0.72 (30 min)

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Net Ecosystem Exchange – S2





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Net Ecosystem Exchange – CASI





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Image: Image

Final Considerations



- Peatland anisotropy
- Implications of illumination for flight planning coincidental with satellite overpasses
- Satellite estimations of peatland properties in the SWIR?
- Radiometric (SNR, Rad. Res), spectral (response function), geometric and spatial (PSF) properties of the sensors
- Band to band registration especially for cloud masking / cirrus
- Atmospheric correction: LEDAPS, LaSRC, Sen2Cor, FLAASH, ATCOR
- Multispectral vs hyperspectral
- **Inclusion of peatlands as a separate ecosystem for cal/val

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Thank you

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