

Assessing the effects of hydrodynamic stresses on stomatal conductance in forest patches with trees of difference structures, sizes and species

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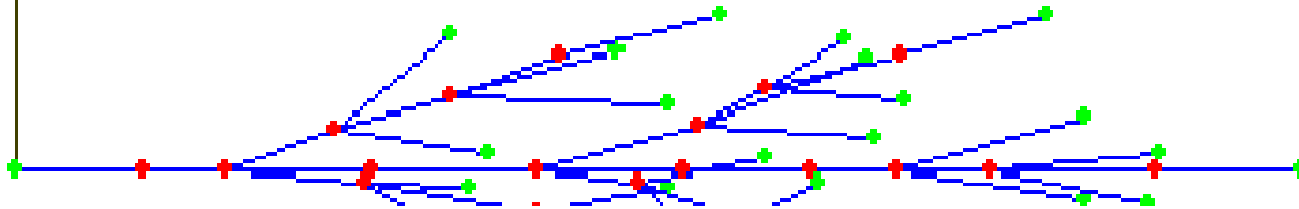
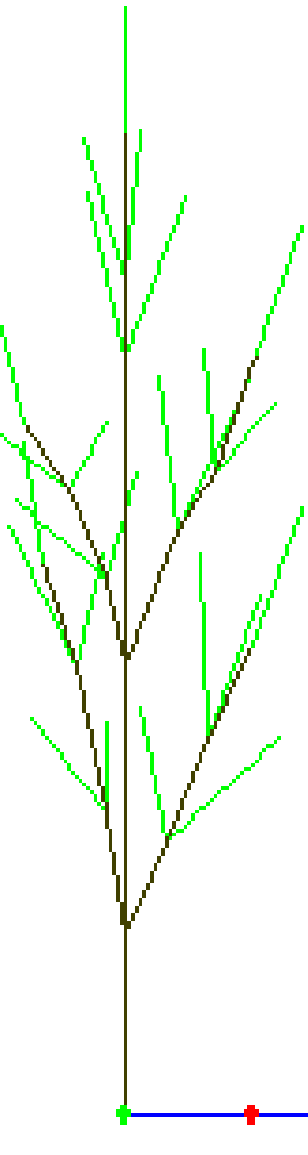
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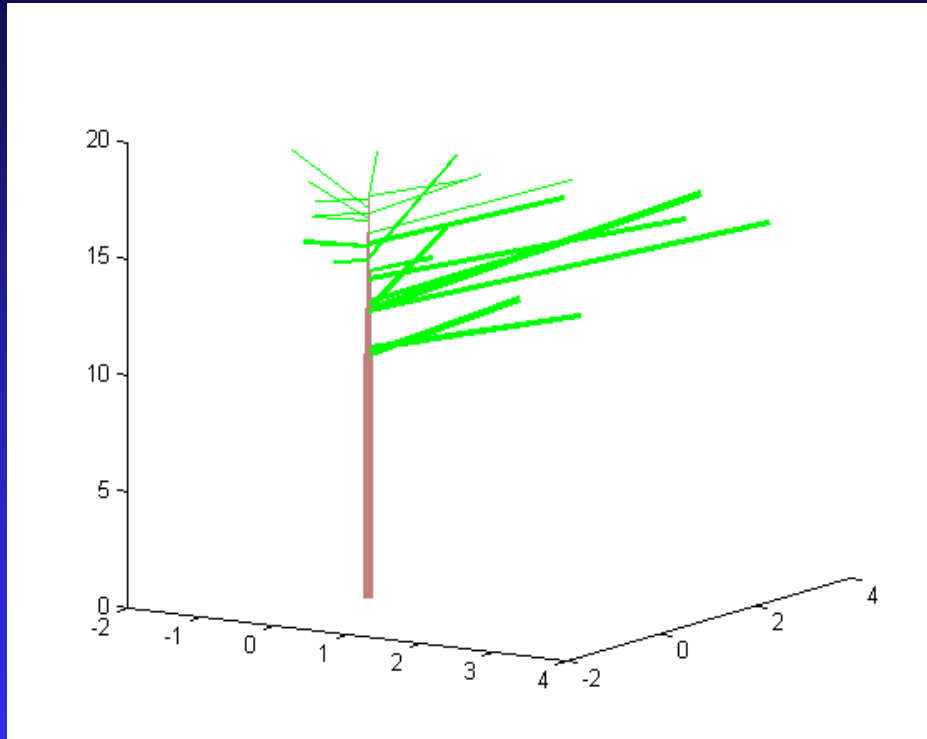
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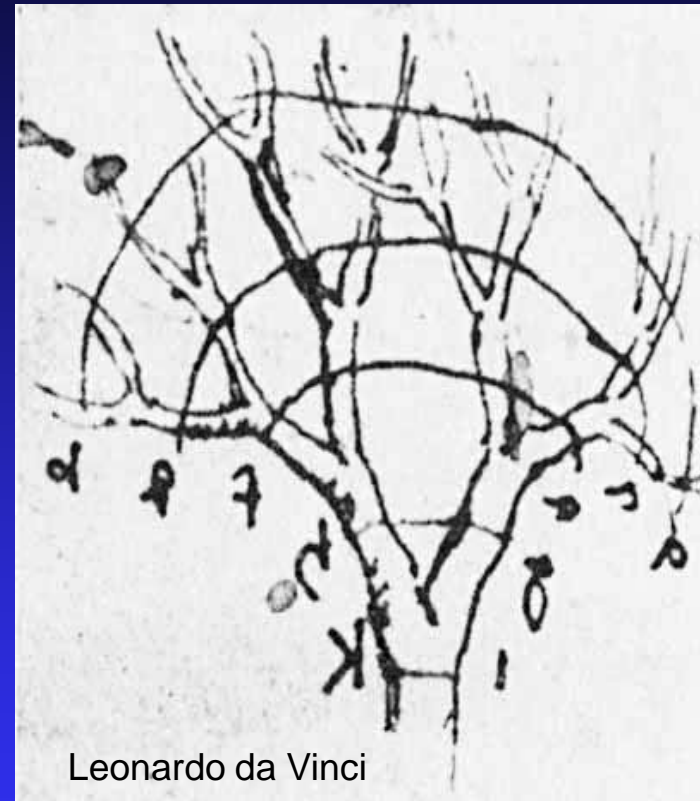


Incorporating the hydraulic structure of trees



Big-tooth Aspen

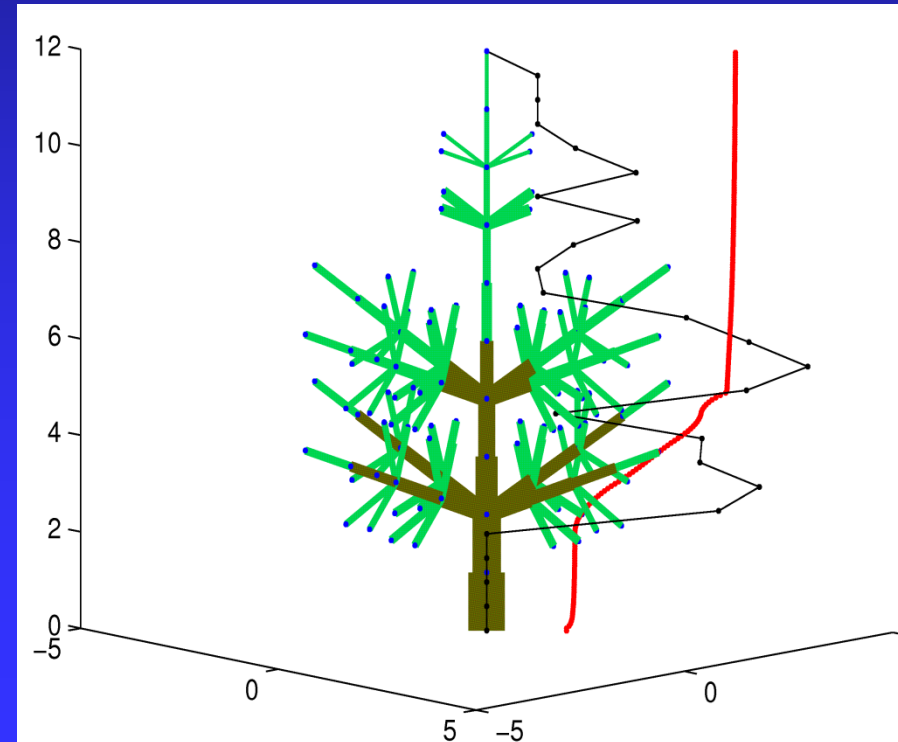
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Finite Elements Tree-Crown Hydrology (FETCH) model

- Advantages:
 - ◆ Accounts for trees' structure
 - ◆ Physical sense of hydraulics
 - ◆ 3-D sub-tree-scale solution of fluxes
 - ◆ Improved representation of fast temporal dynamics
 - ◆ Ability to forecast the effects of tree growth and structure on transpiration

Bohrer et al. 2005 WRR



1-D Richards equation in Pressure form

$$C(\Phi) \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = - \frac{\partial (K(\Phi) [\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} + \rho g \cos(\alpha)])}{\partial z} - E_v$$

Capacitance
Conductance
Pressure gradient
Gravitational term
Transpiration

- Mass conservation of water in a porous media
- Describes change of Φ (water pressure) in space and time

New “tricks”:

- Maximal potential transpiration restricted by stomatal response to water potential in branches
- 3D → 1D coordinate conversion
- $C(\Phi)$ derived from empirical cavitation curves $\theta = f(\Phi)$
- $E_{V,max}$ based on atmospheric conditions within-above canopy

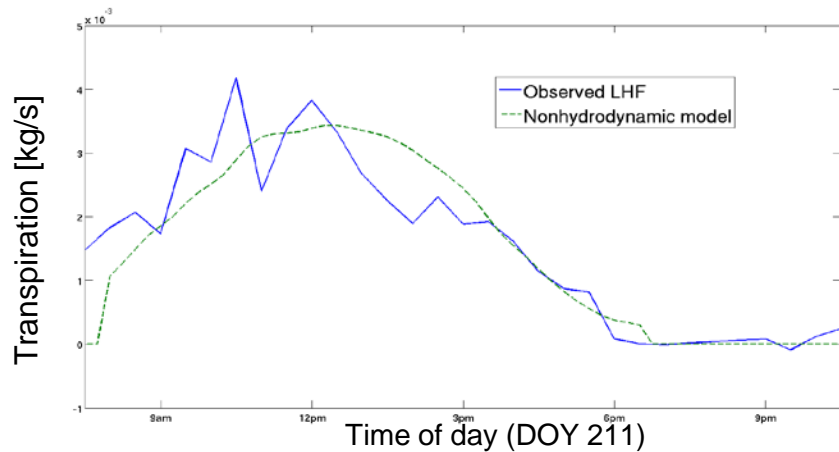
$$C(\Phi) = \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \Phi} = p\theta_{sat} \frac{1}{\Phi_0} \left(\frac{\Phi_0 - \Phi}{\Phi_0} \right)^{-(p+1)}$$

$$K(\Phi) = f(A_z) K_{max} e^{-(-\Phi/d)^{c1}}$$

$$E_v = E_{V,max} \times \exp \left[- \left(\frac{-\Phi^{(n-1)}}{\Phi_\sigma} \right)^{c3} \right]$$

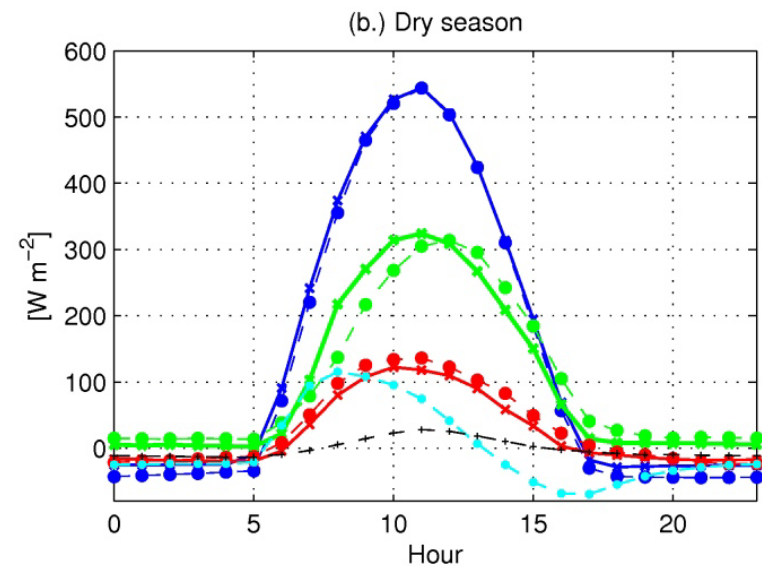
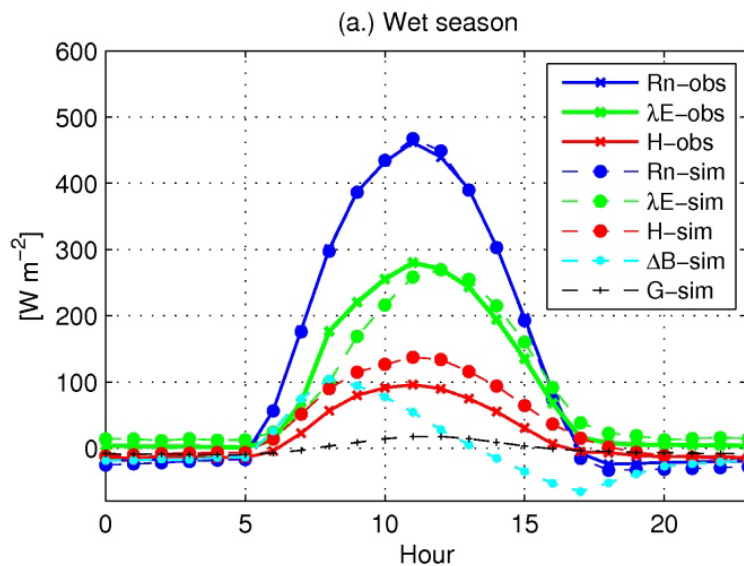
Hydrodynamic stress is everywhere !

Non-hydrodynamic transpiration models produce a light-dependent transpiration curve, symmetric around noon



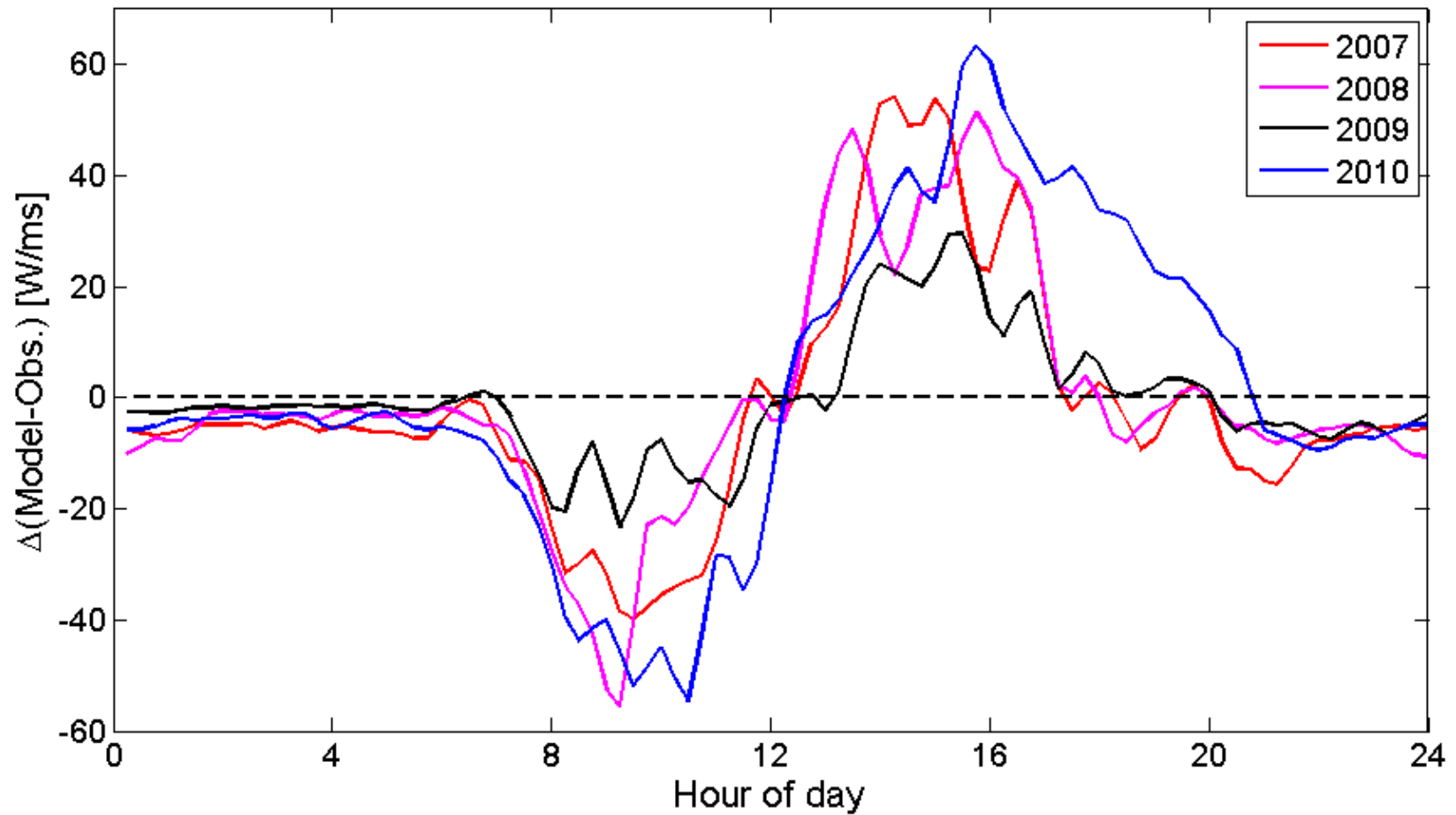
Observation – DOY 211.UMBS
Model – Poggi et al 2004+Leuning et al. 1995

Observations - Harvard Forest, summer
Model – VEGGIE (Ivanov et al 2008)



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4 summers model vs. observation comparison in UMBS

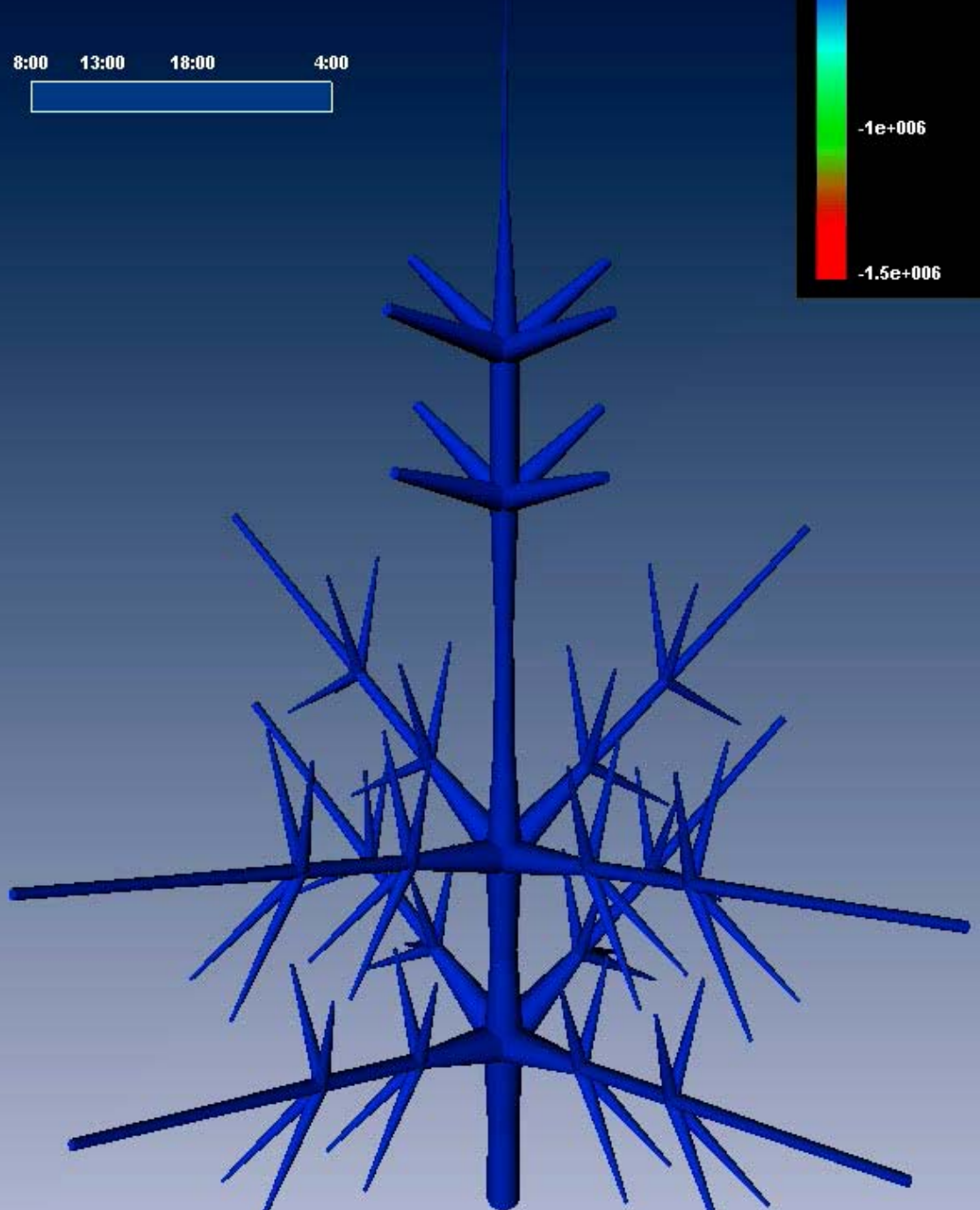
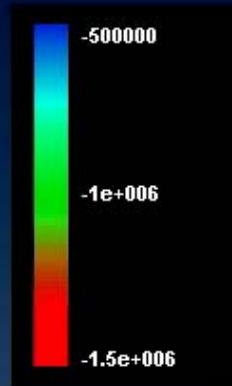


What can FETCH do?

Daily dynamics

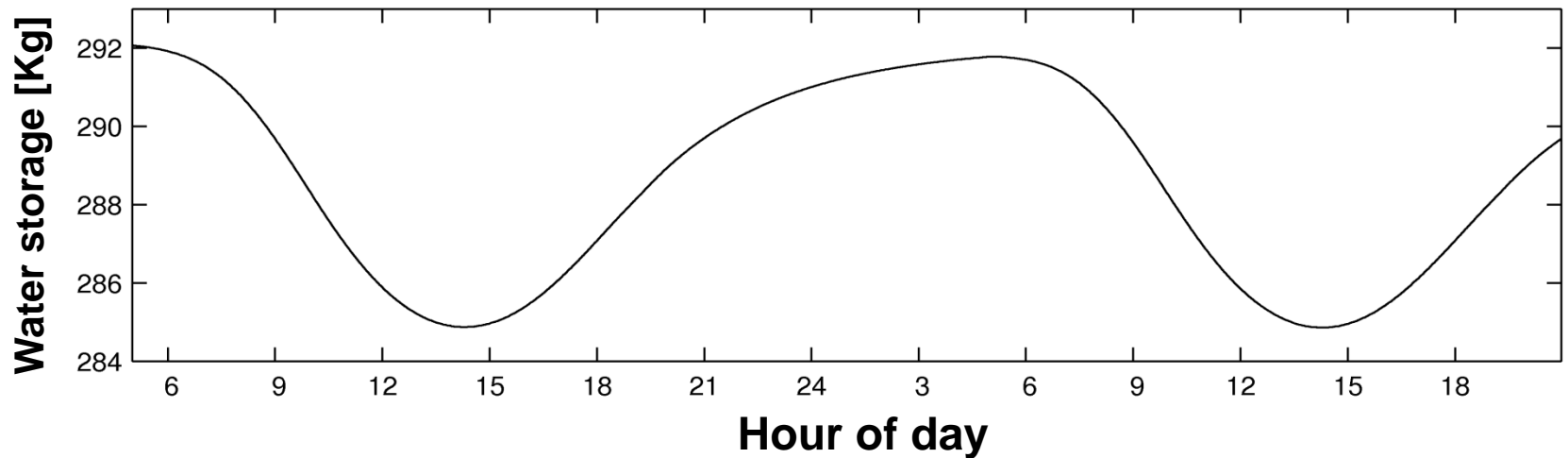
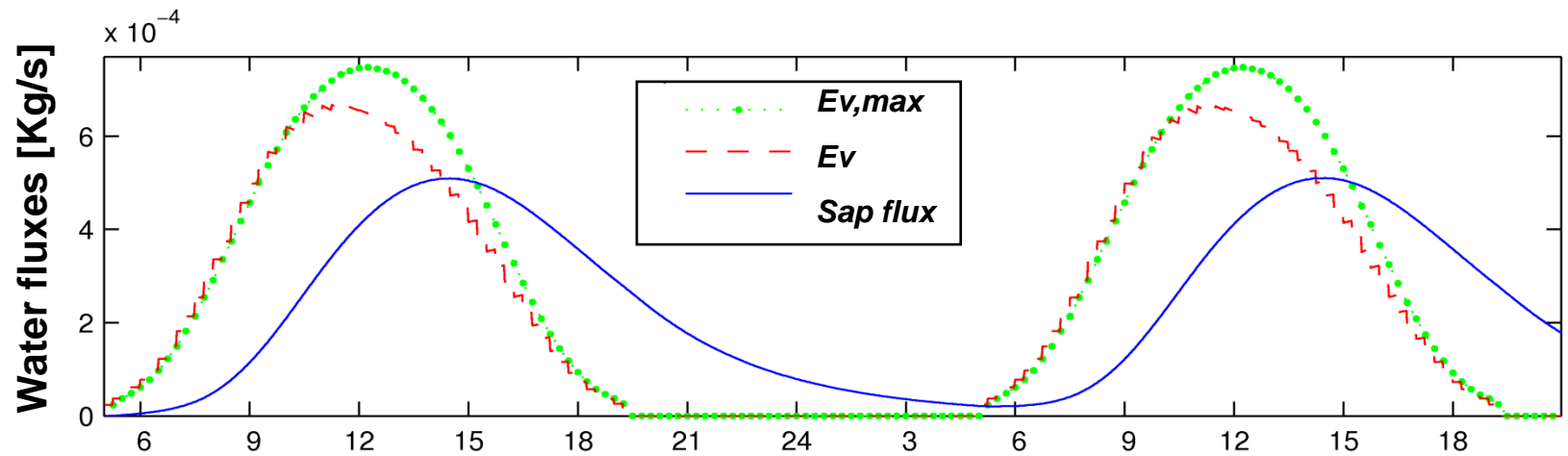
Pressure [Pa]
in model tree

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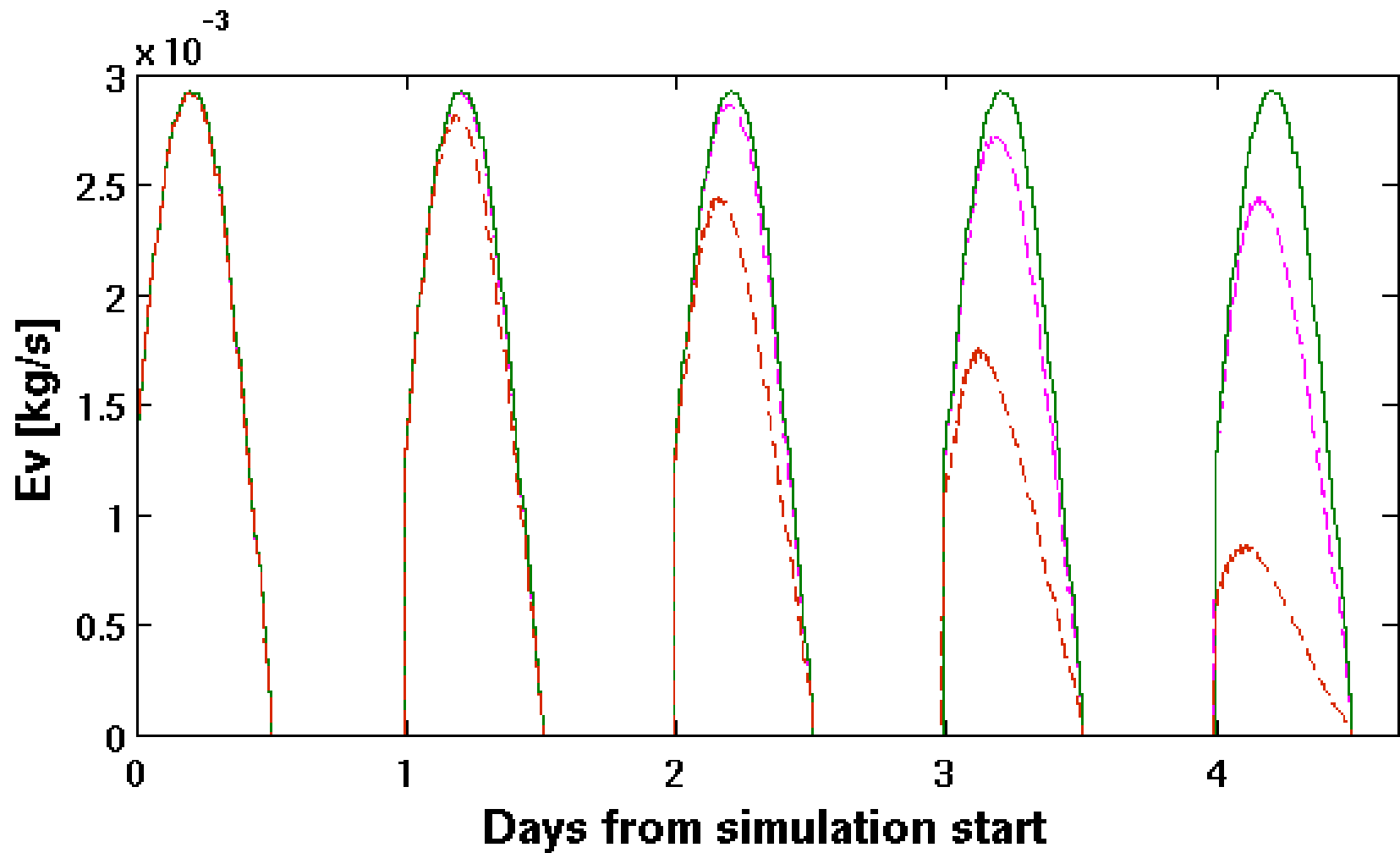
Daily dynamics from FETCH

Non-restrictive soil moisture

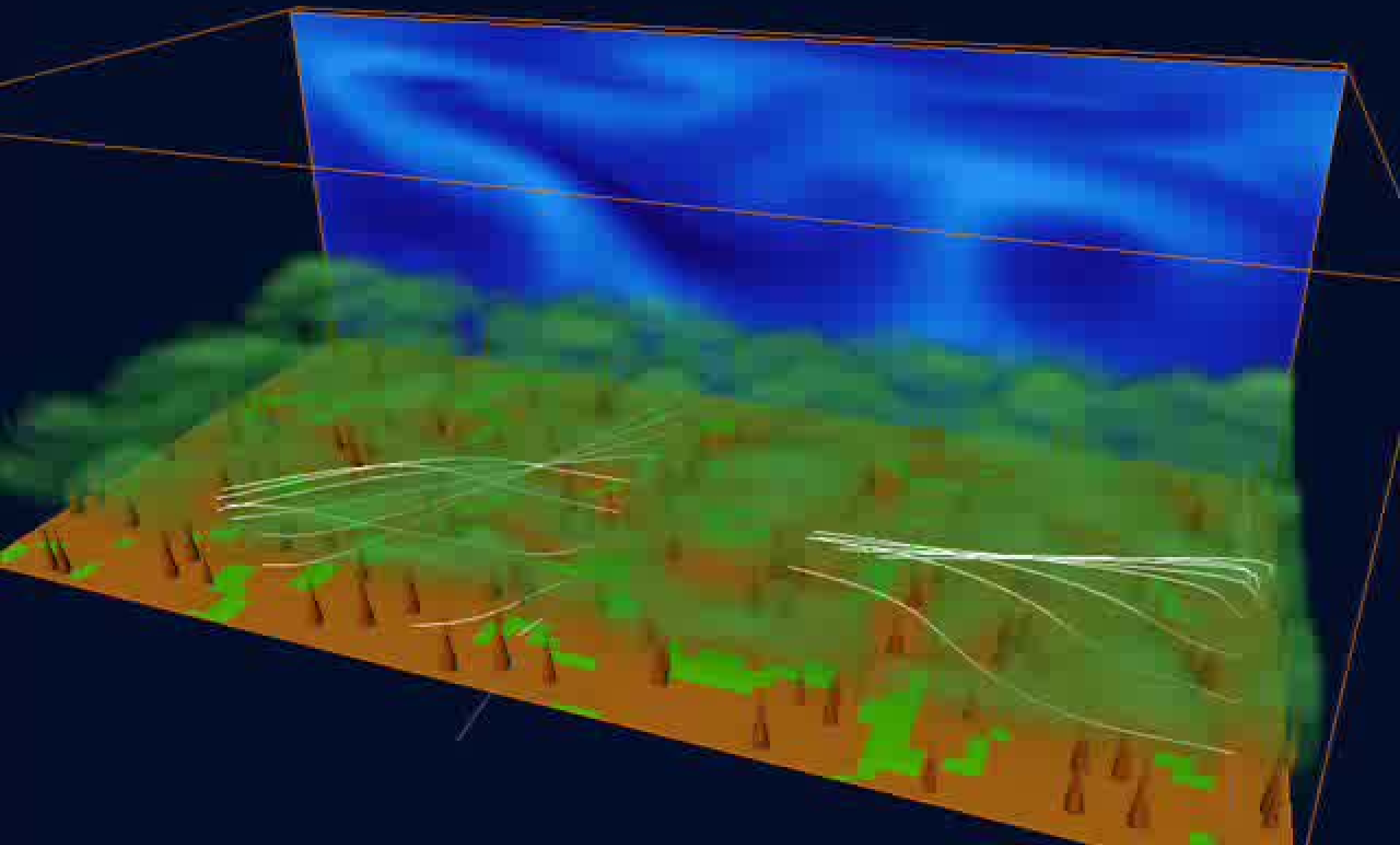


Daily dynamics from FETCH

Drought sequence



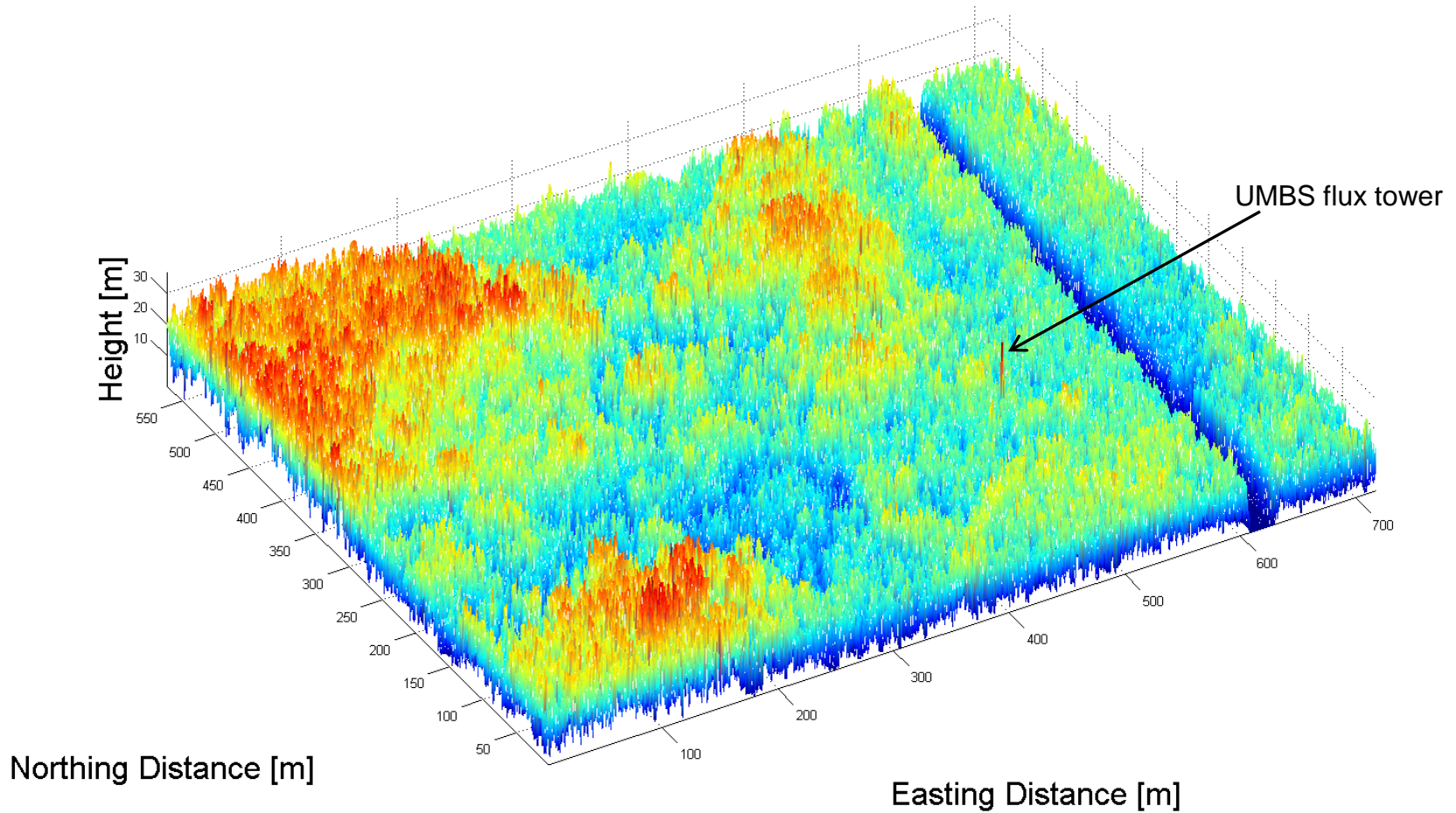
--- mild soil drying rate — Max potential transpiration - - - Fast soil drying rate



Application for ecological-atmospheric modeling
Accounting for within tree hydrological processes

How to get branch-level explicit description of canopy structure?

Aerial LiDAR Subset Region of UMBS

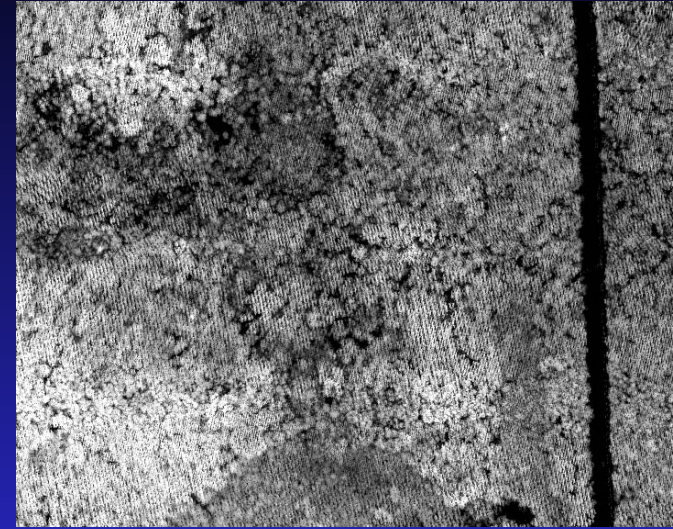


Airborne LIDAR (example sub-domain, $0.55 \times 0.7 \text{ km}^2$)

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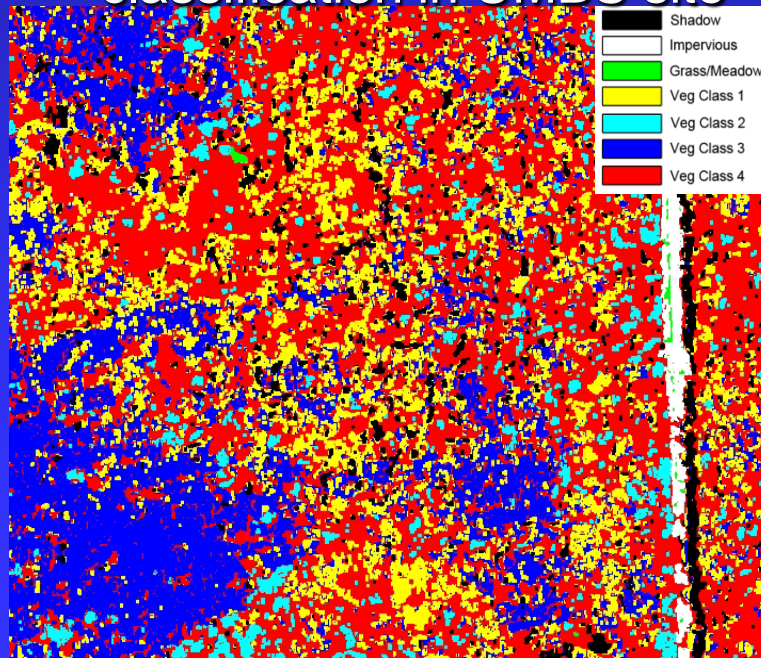


Airborne hyperspectral image

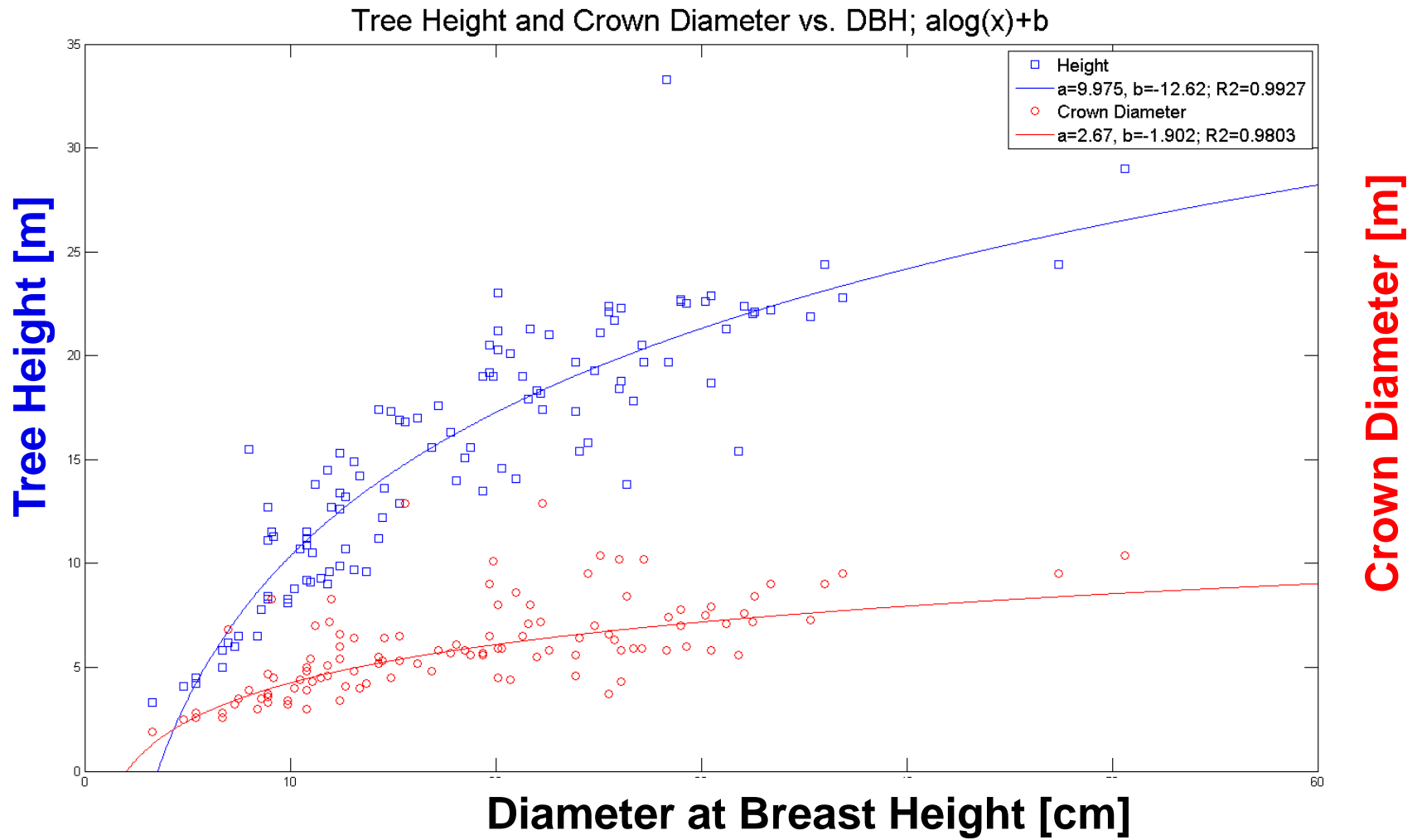


Airborne LIDAR

Combined to tree-type classification in UMBS site

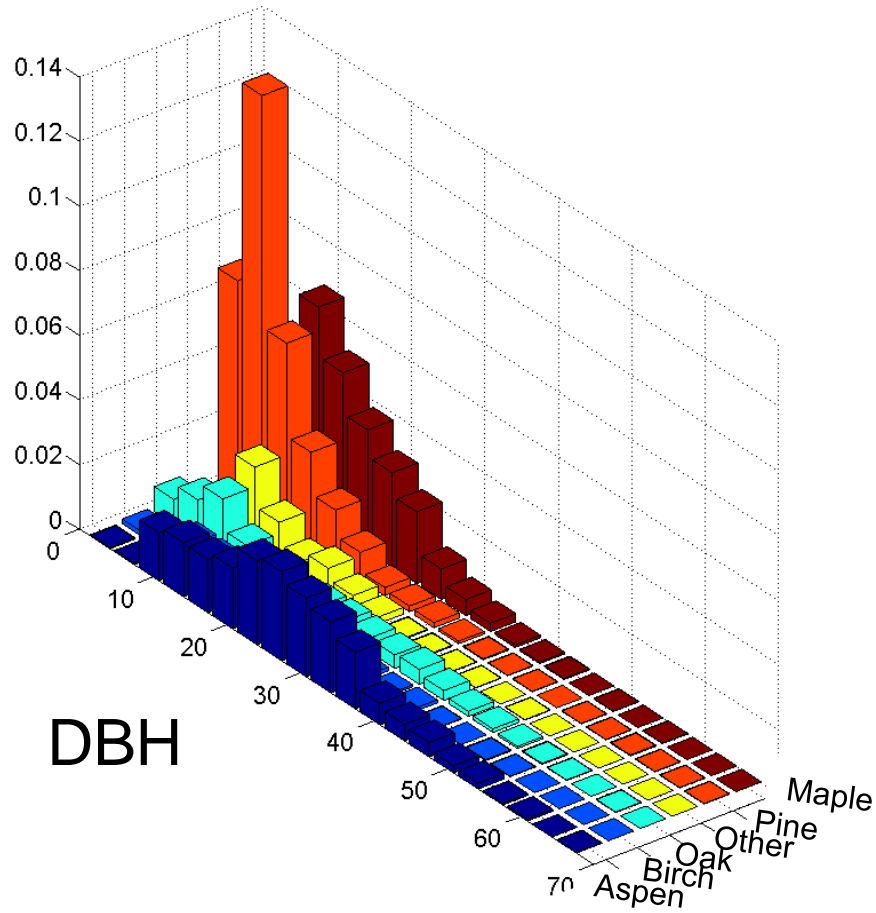


Use allometry to translate height-crown size data to DBH

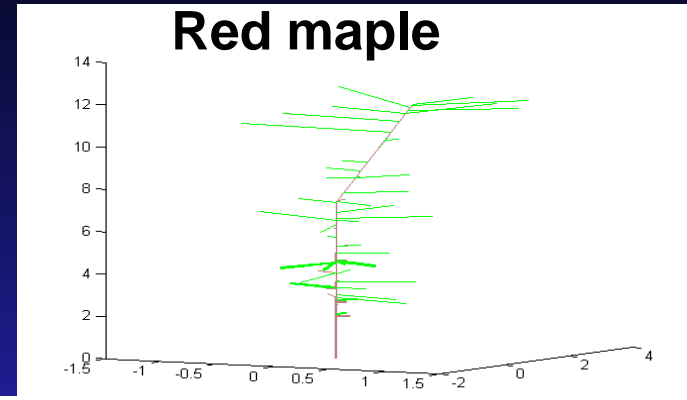
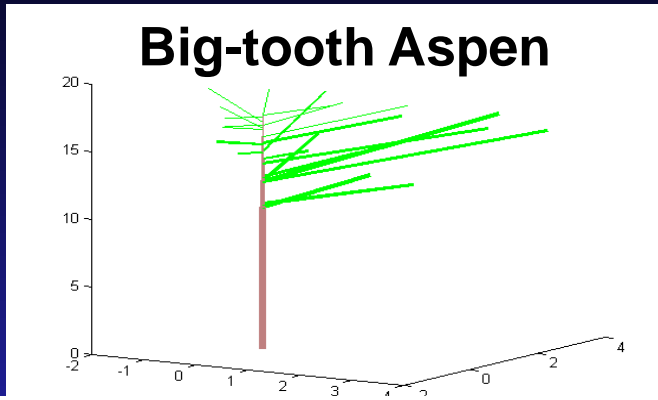


Decompose the forest to representative size/species DBH bins

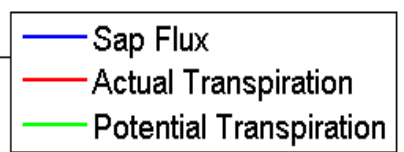
Distribution



Will changes in structure also affect water demand?

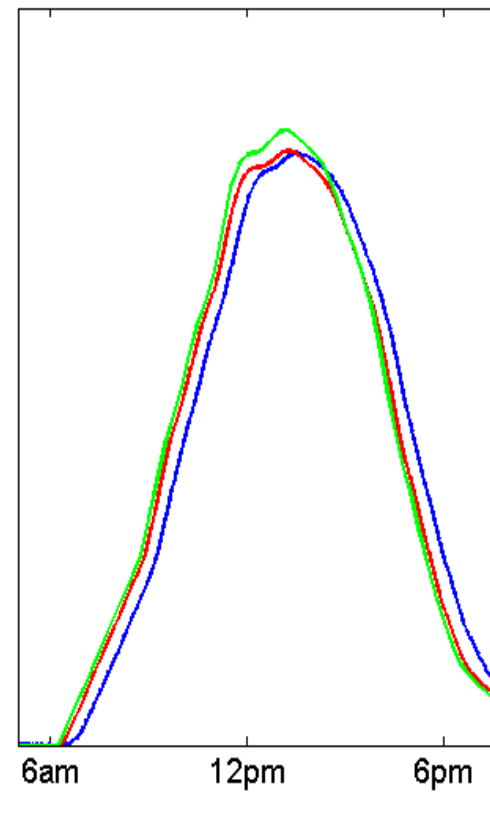
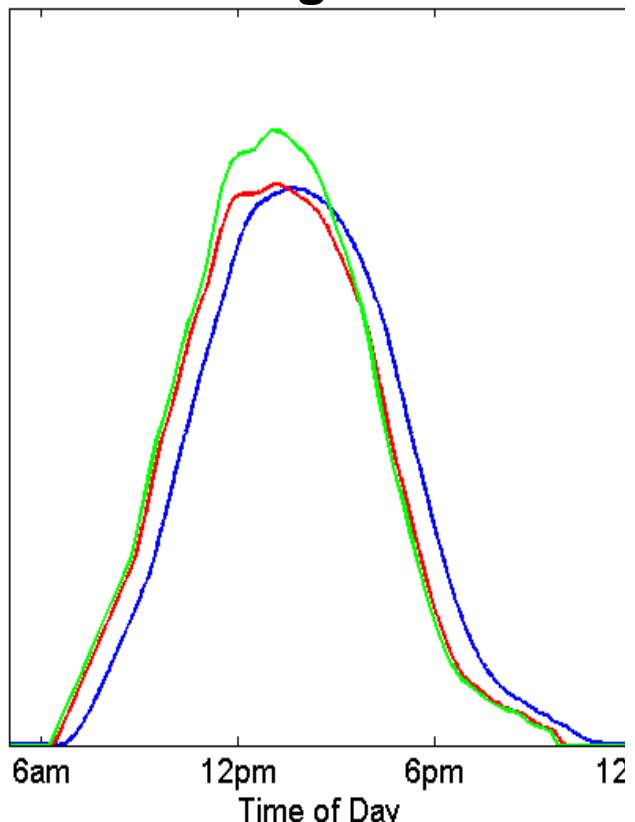
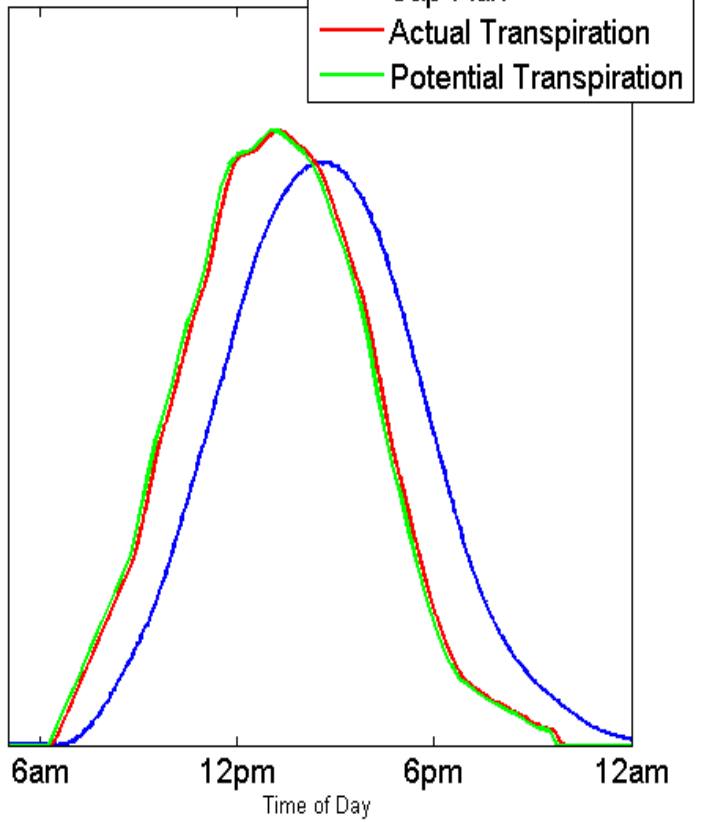


Medium



Large

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Airborne LIDAR – NCALM (UMBS data)

