



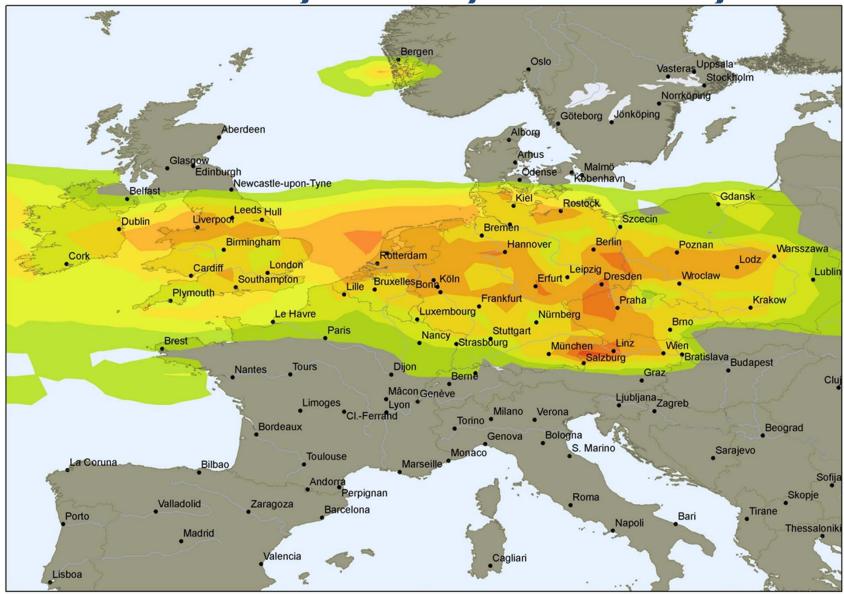
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Net ecosystem exchange of CO₂ in a wind-throw-disturbed upland spruce forest ecosystem – first results

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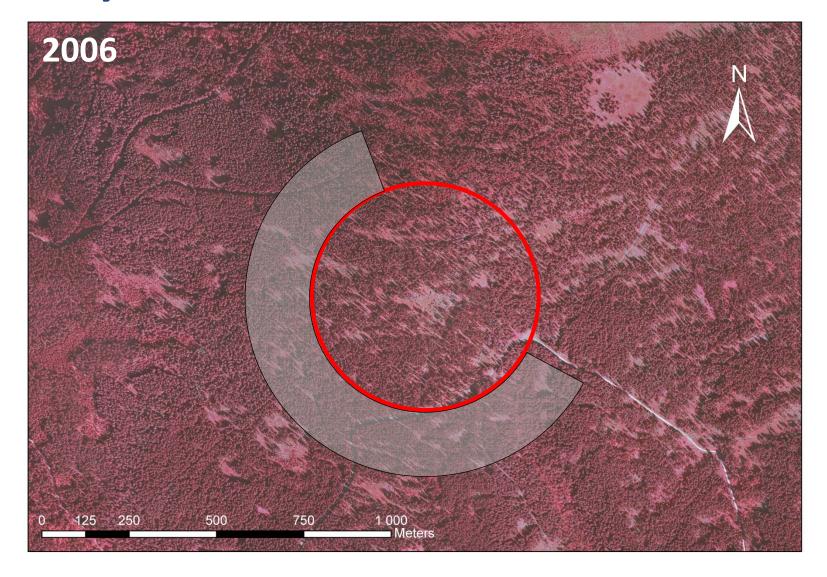
Winterstorm Kyrill 18th/19th January 2007



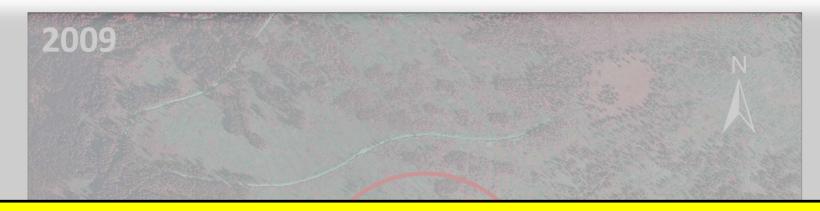
"Bavaria – that's somewhere near Germany"



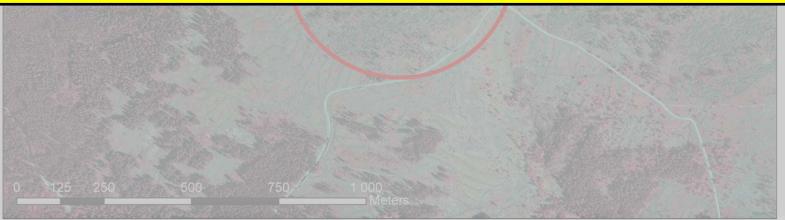
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Ideal opportunity for estimating long-term NEE of CO₂ in a disturbed forest ecosystem

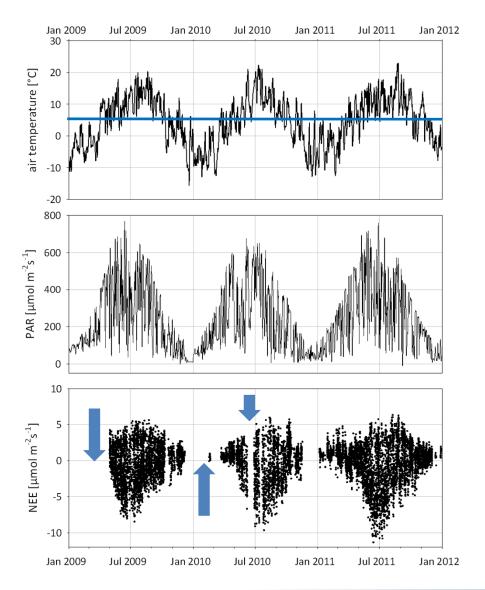


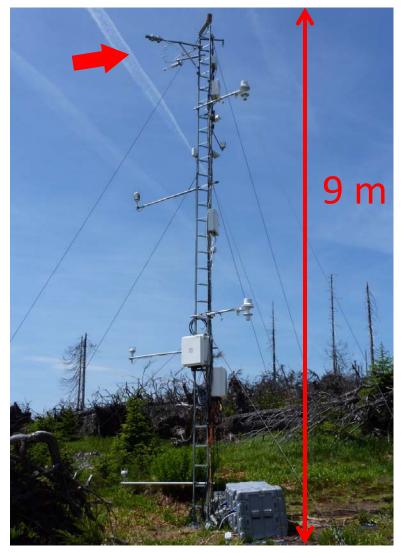
Lead Questions

- How does the ecosystem behave after disturbance?
 - How large are the CO₂ fluxes from the wind-throw area up to four years after the storm event?
 - -NEE = GEP R_{eco} ; Two opposing fluxes/processes
 - How large are the magnitudes of these component fluxes?
 - How sensitive are they to environmental forcings?



Eddy Covariance Flux Tower

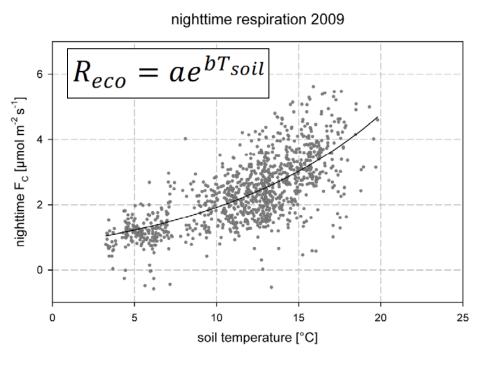


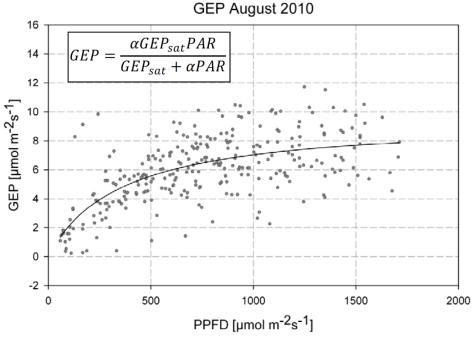


From raw fluxes to annual NEE

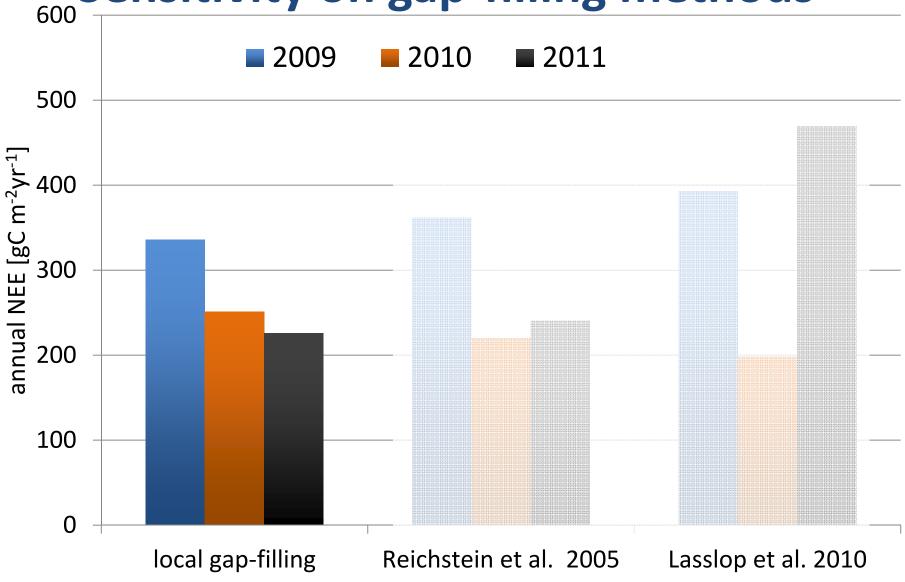
biophysical information for gap-fill modeling

$$GEP = -NEE + R_{eco}$$

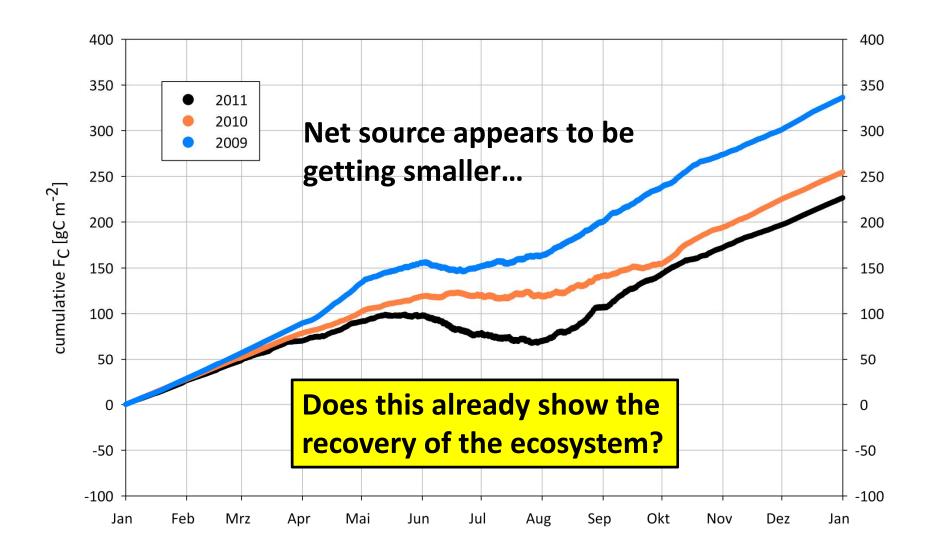




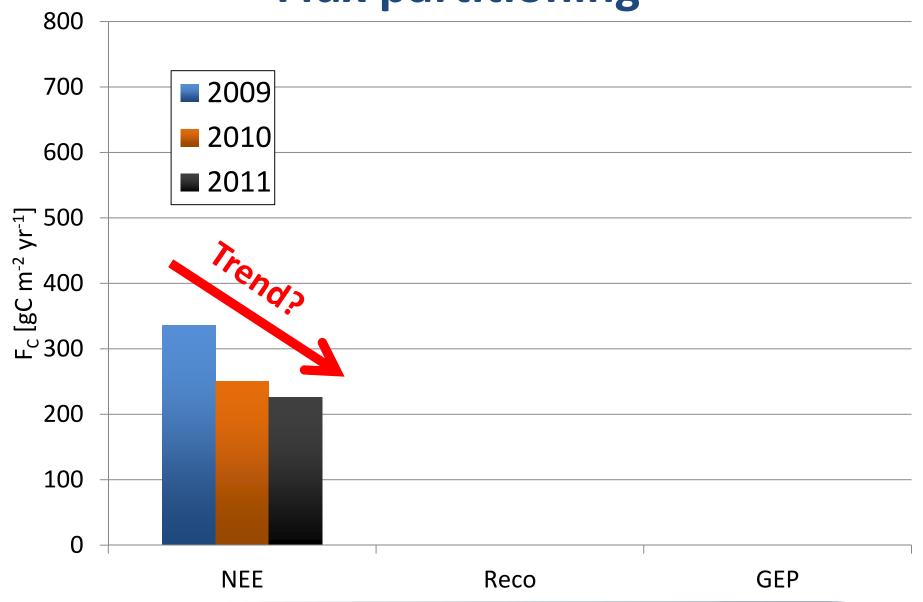
Sensitivity on gap-filling methods



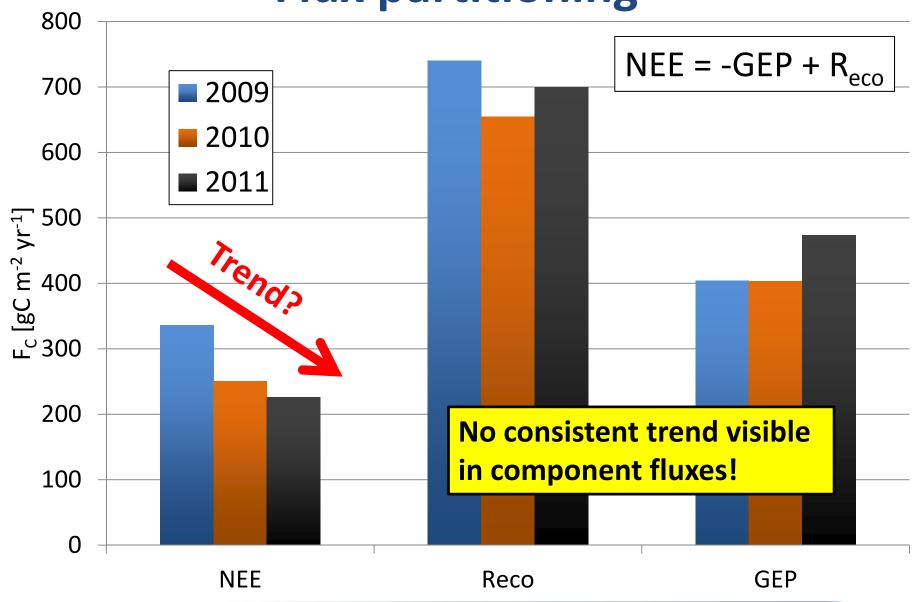
Cumulative NEE



Flux partitioning

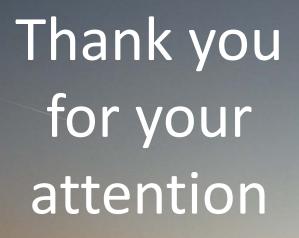


Flux partitioning



Conclusions

- How large are the CO₂ fluxes from the wind-throw area up to four years after the storm event?
 - NEE: positive -> net carbon source! (226 336 gC m⁻²yr⁻¹)
 - GEP: important already two years after storm (403 - 474 gC m⁻²yr⁻¹)
 - R_{eco}: dominant but variable
- How sensitive are the component fluxes to environmental forcings?
 - temperature and radiation are main drivers (no surprise!)
 - chrono-trend (post disturbance) still masked by environmental drivers





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