

In situ measurements &
processes driving
carbonyl sulfide fluxes (OCS/COS)

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In situ Atmospheric Measurement Techniques of OCS

GC-MS analysis of **flasks** (Towers and airborne)

Steve Montzka (NOAA GMD)

Elliot Atlas (Miami)

Don Blake (Irvine)

CIMS analysis of **ice cores**:

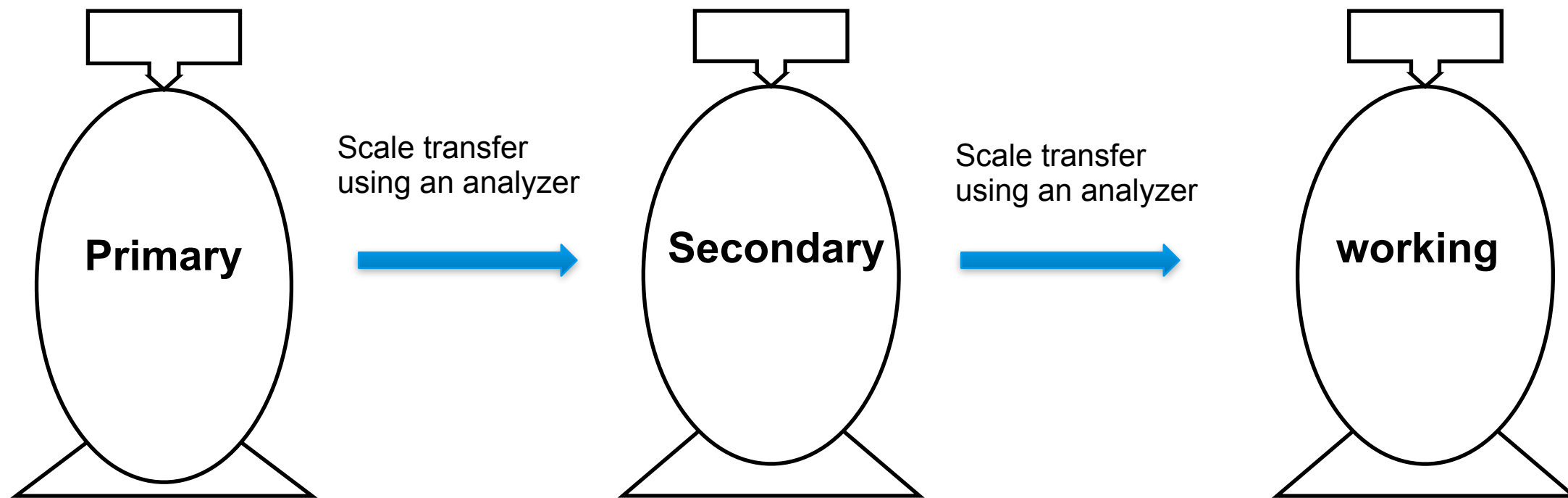
Eric Saltzman & Murat Aydin (Irvine)

Laser Absorption Spectrometers (Towers, eddy flux)

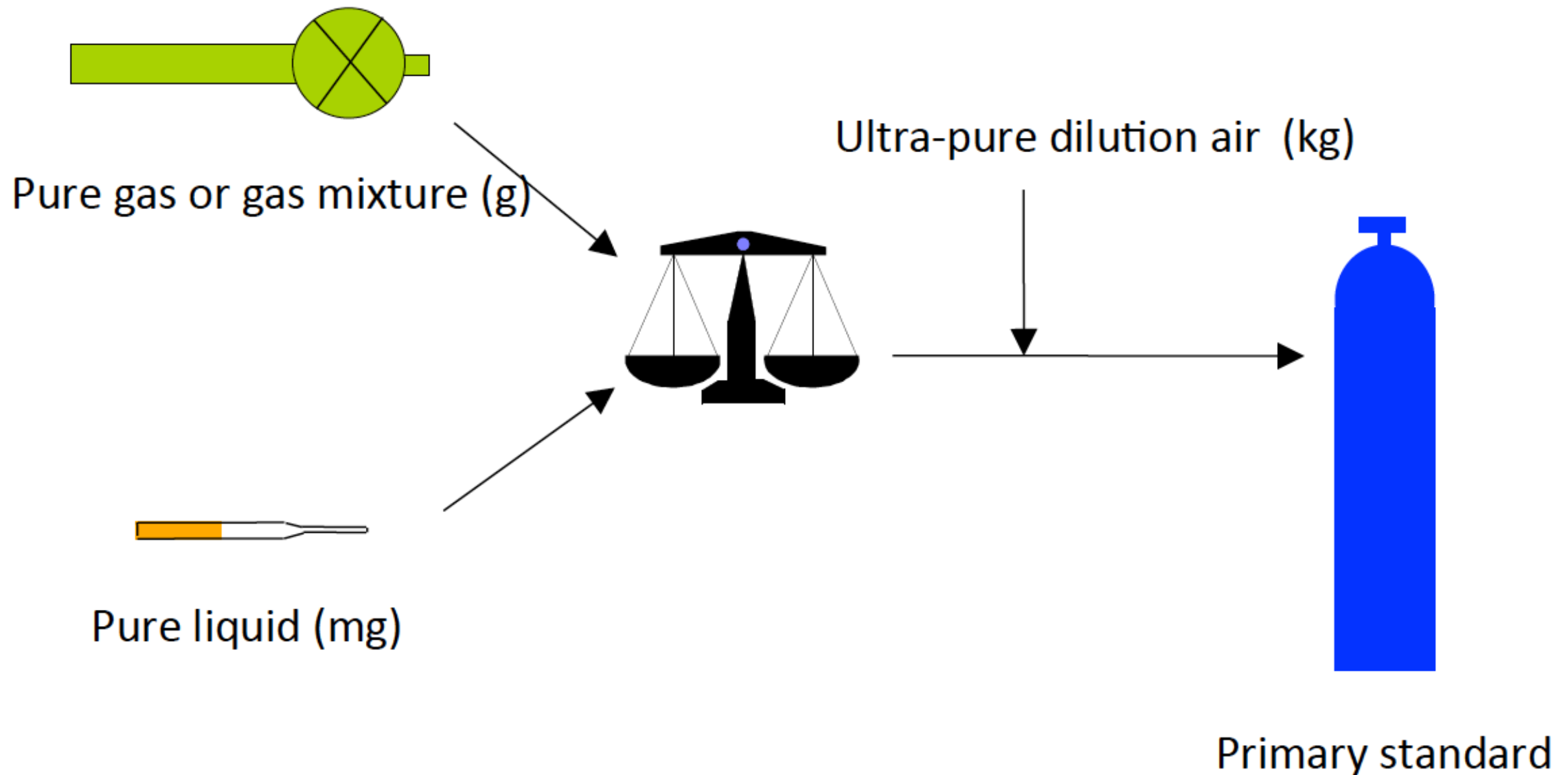
Aerodyne QCL - Mark Zahniser, Dave Nelson

Los Gatos Off-Axis ICOS

COS Scale transfer



NOAA Primary COS standard: gravimetric method



- COS pure gas: 99.9% purity
- Uncertainty ~ 0.1-0.5%

Uncertainty of QCLS COS, CO₂, CO measurements

Uncertainty contributions	COS [ppt]	CO ₂ [ppm]	CO [ppb]
Repeatability of the NOAA or WMO scale ^a	2.1	0.07	2.0
Transfer scale to working standards (1 σ) ^b	2.8	0.12	1.7
Measurement calibration ^c	2.8	0.12	1.7
Water vapor correction (1 σ)	2.9	0.10	1.1
Measurement precision (1 min) ^d	5.3	0.09	0.3
Overall uncertainty	7.5	0.23	3.3

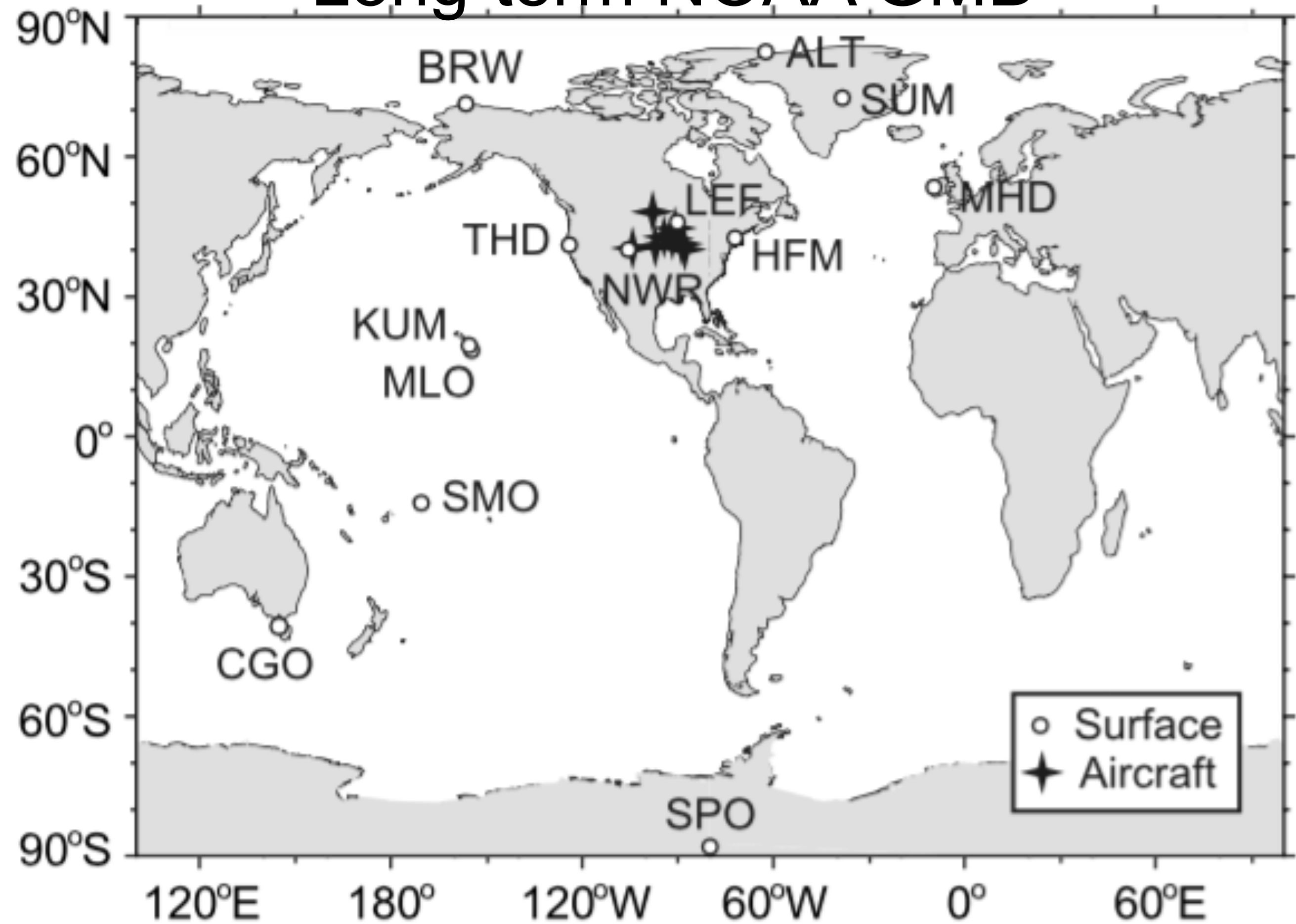
^a For COS: defined as the standard deviation of the measurements associated with the cylinder calibration. For CO₂ and CO: certified by the WMO central calibration laboratory (NOAA/ESRL).

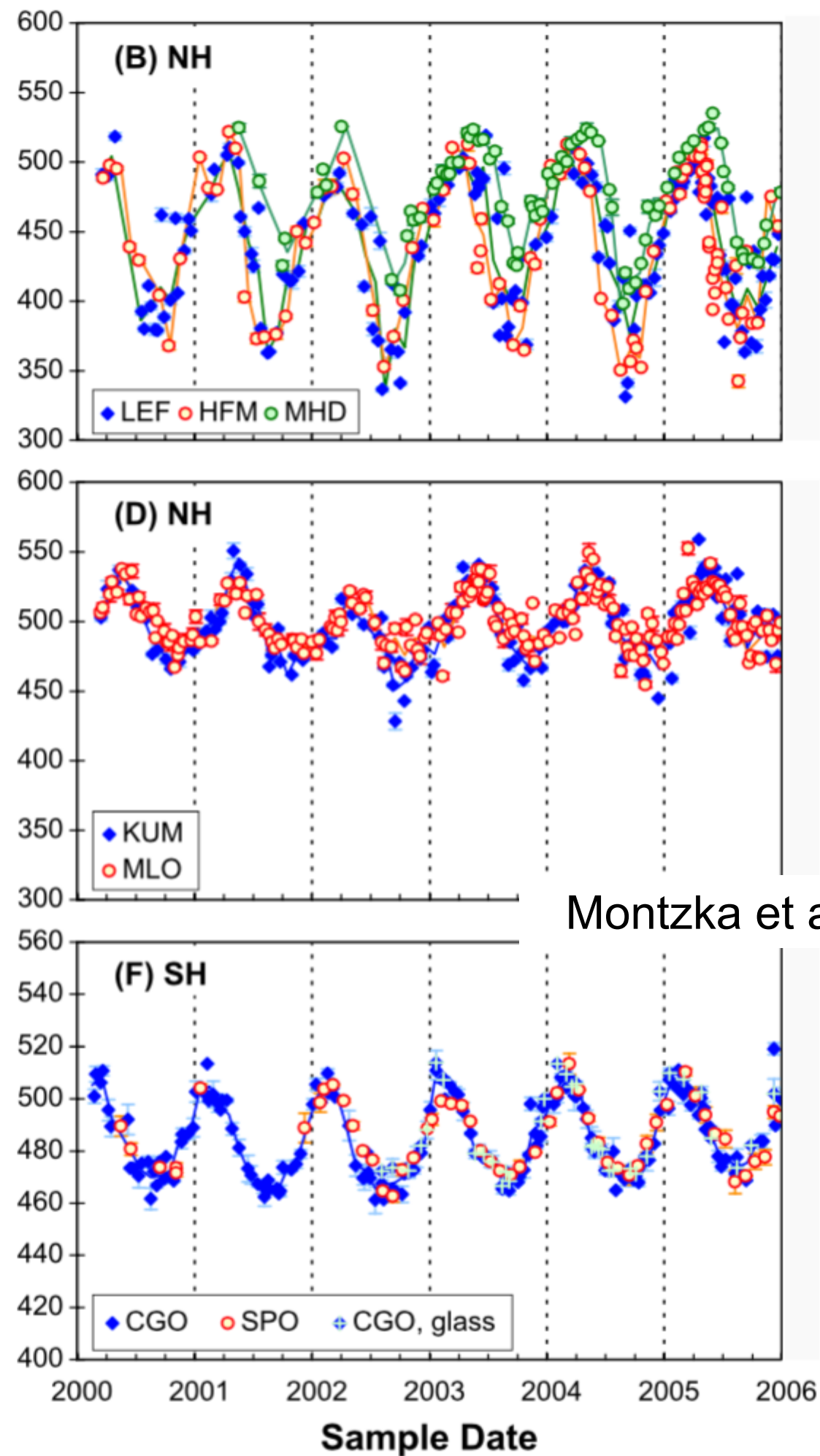
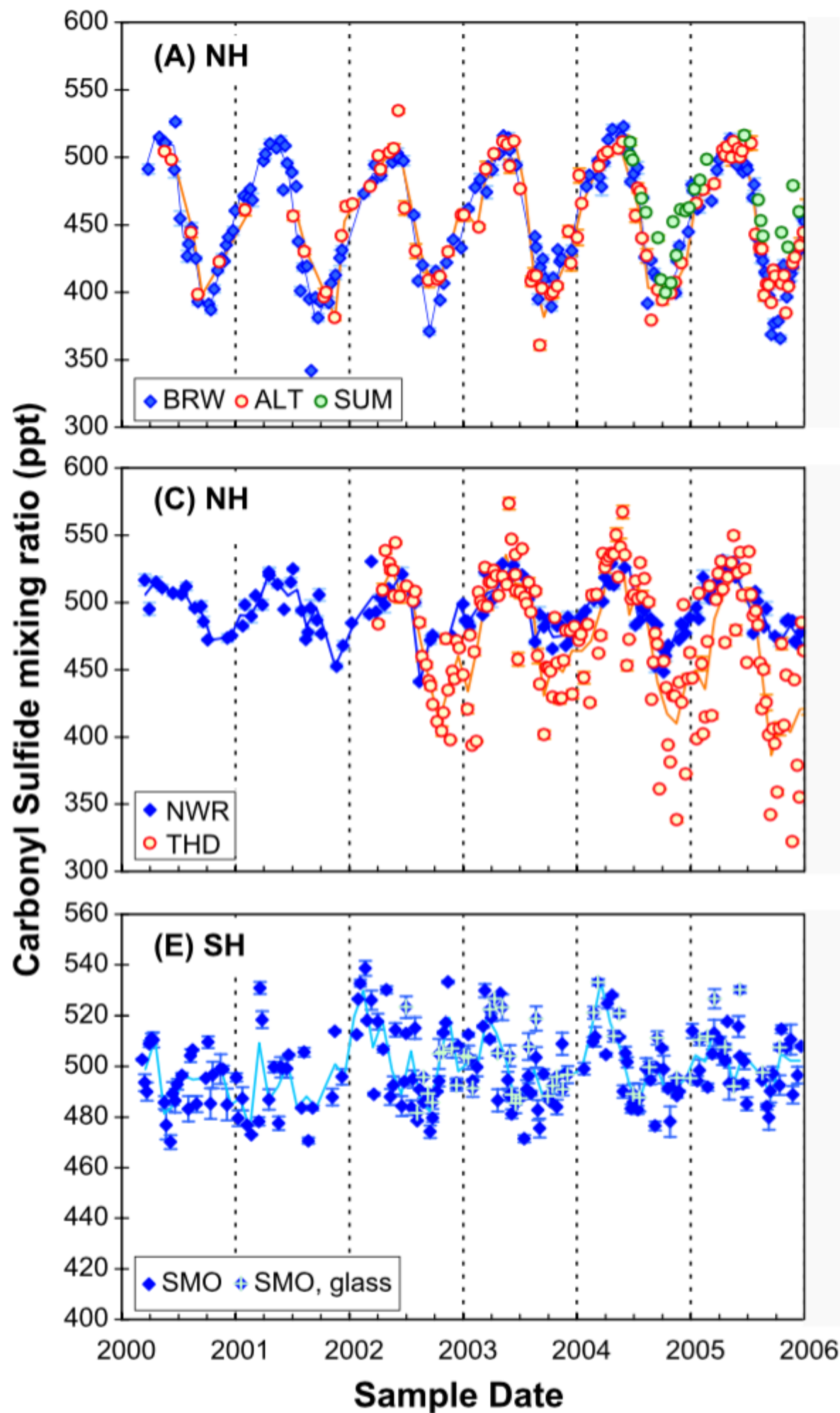
^b Average uncertainty over four cylinders in Table 2 (method 3).

^c Using the single bias correction (see Sect. 2.2.2) it is the same as transferring the scale to the working standards.

^d The standard deviation over minute-averaged cylinder measurements after drift correction with reference measurements every 30 min (Table 3).

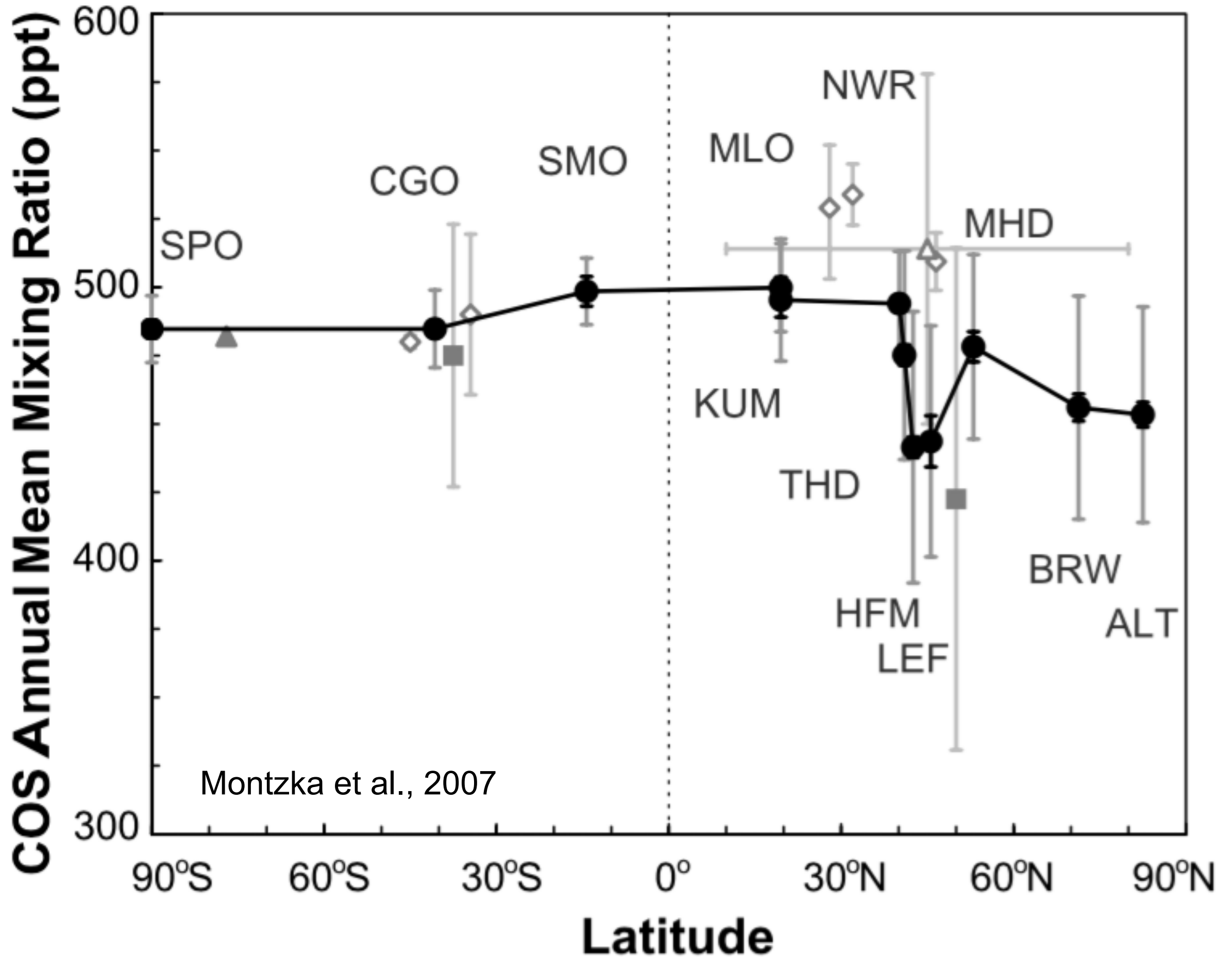
Long-term NOAA GMD



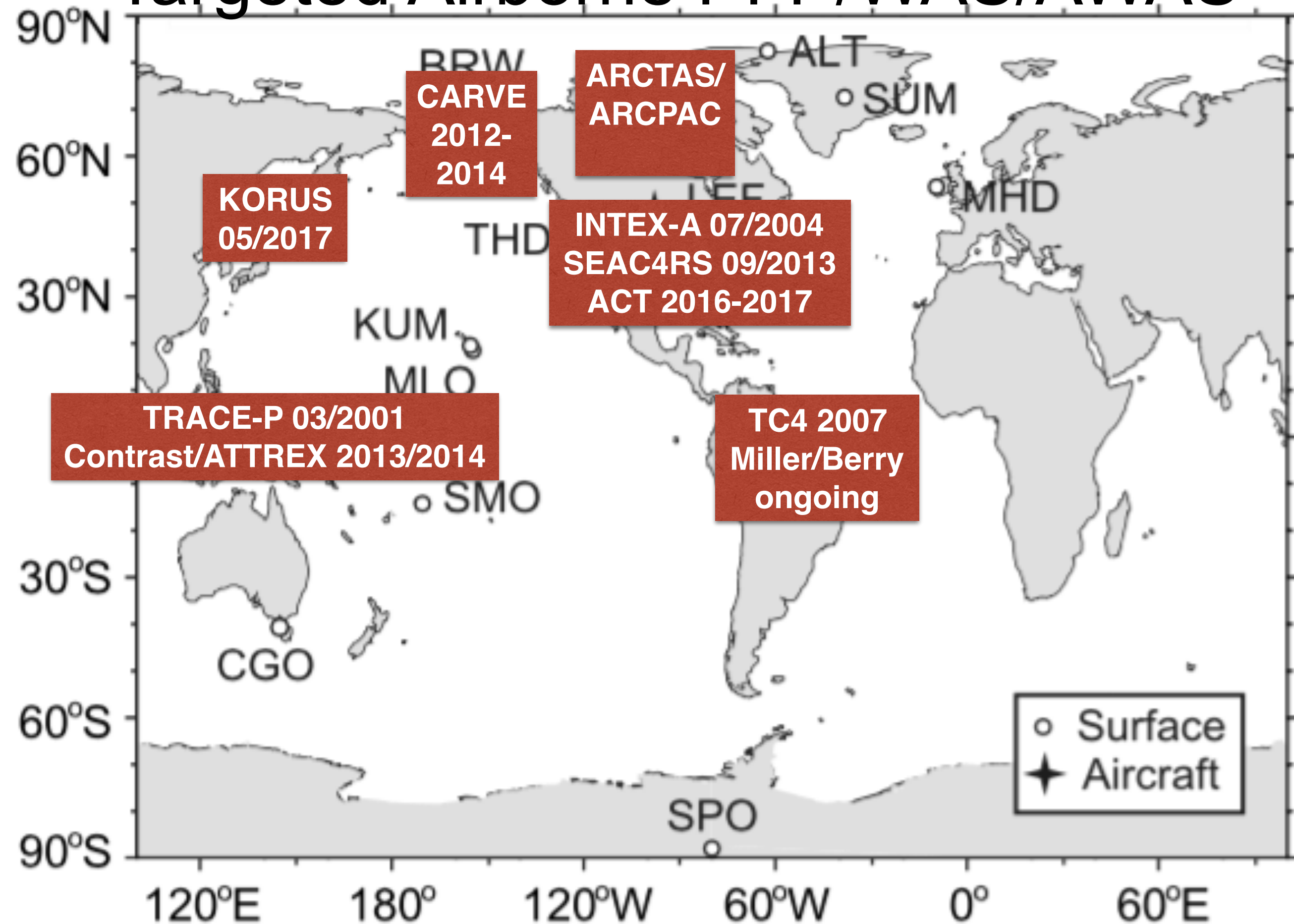


Montzka et al., 2007

Annual mean OCS with Latitude

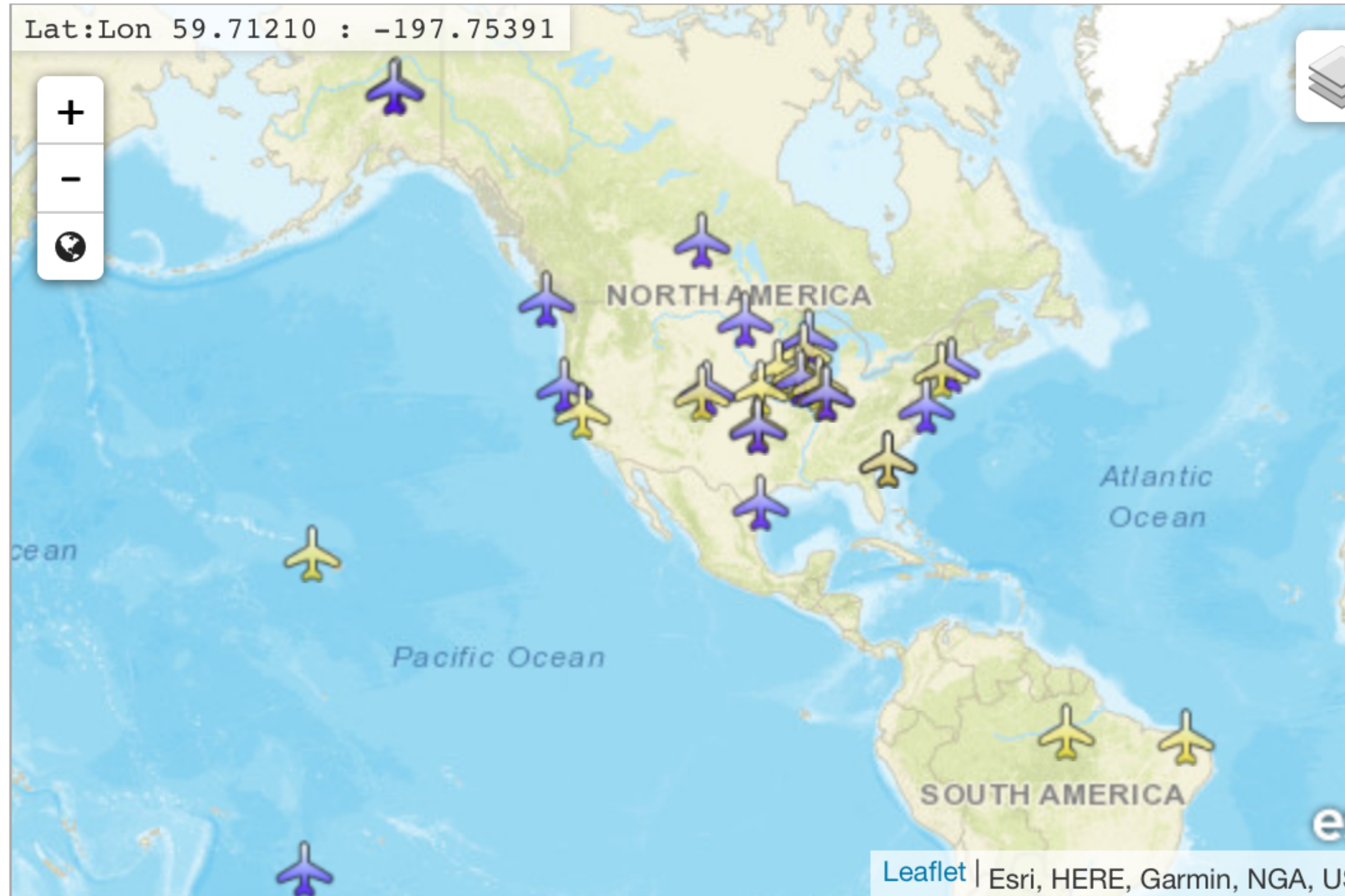


Targeted Airborne PFP/WAS/AWAS



Survey Flights: Long-term NOAA GMD

Lat:Lon 59.71210 : -197.75391



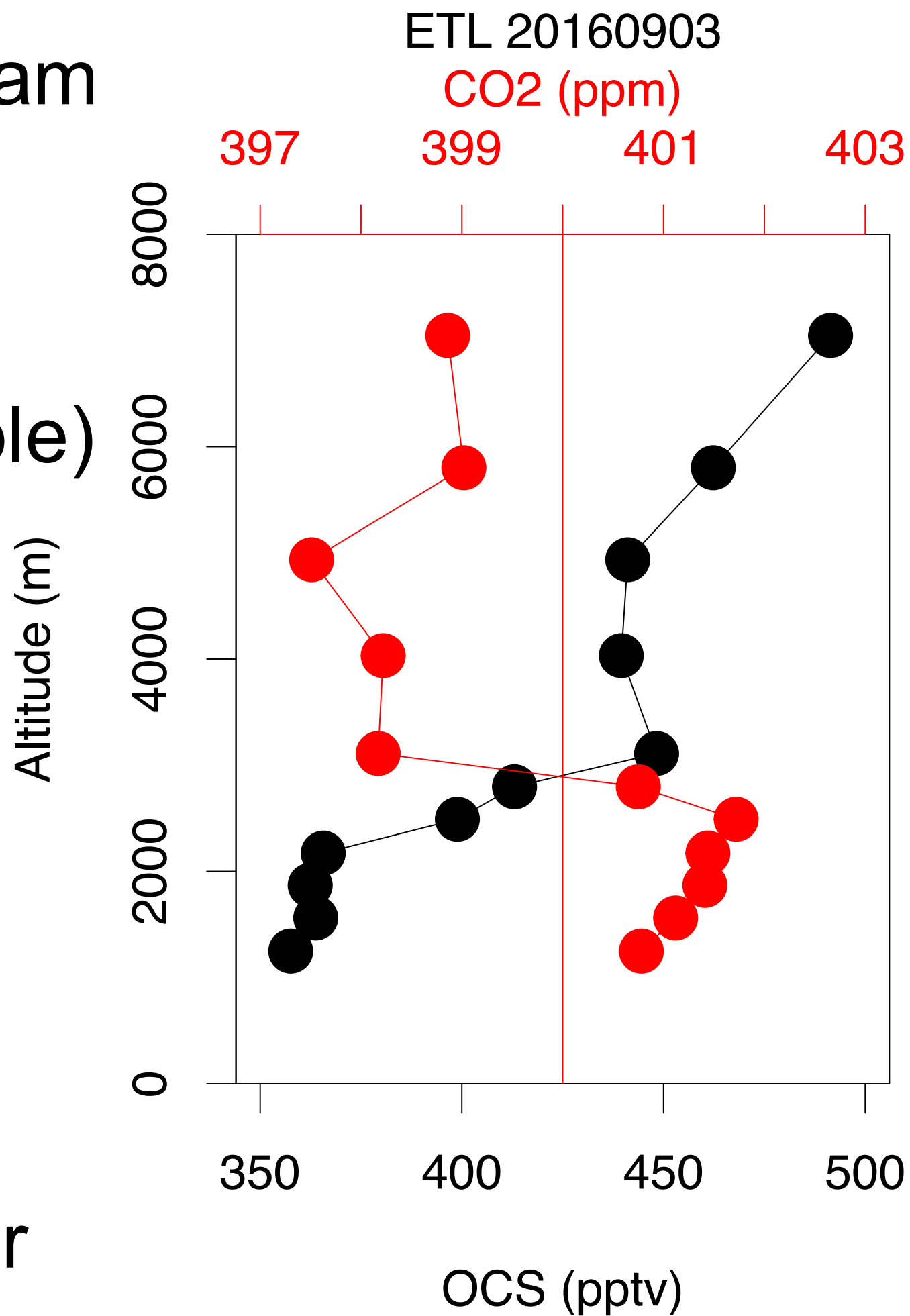
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Monthly sampling
Year round (when possible)

East Trout Lake (ETL)
Northern Canada

September 2016

OCS depletion and
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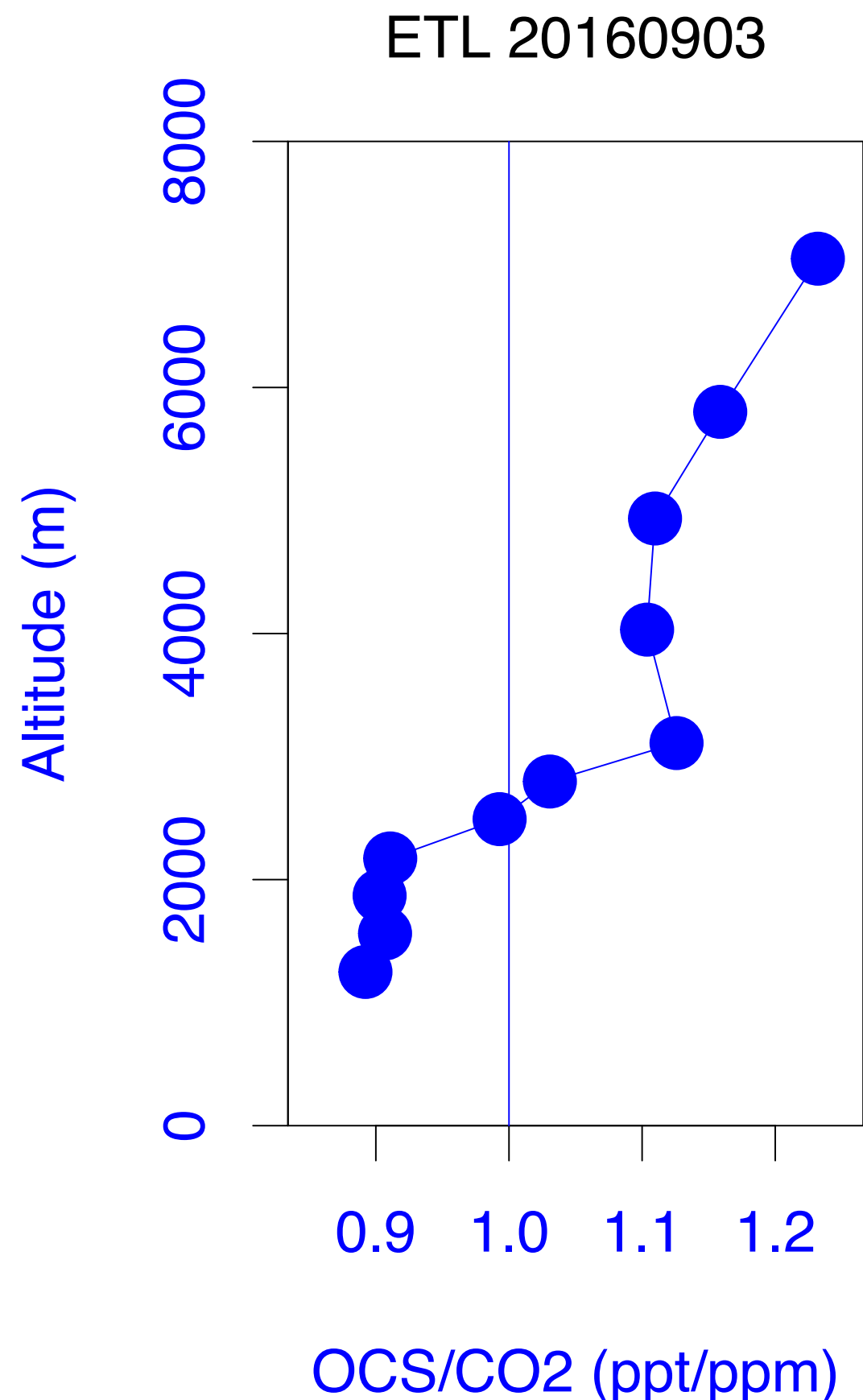
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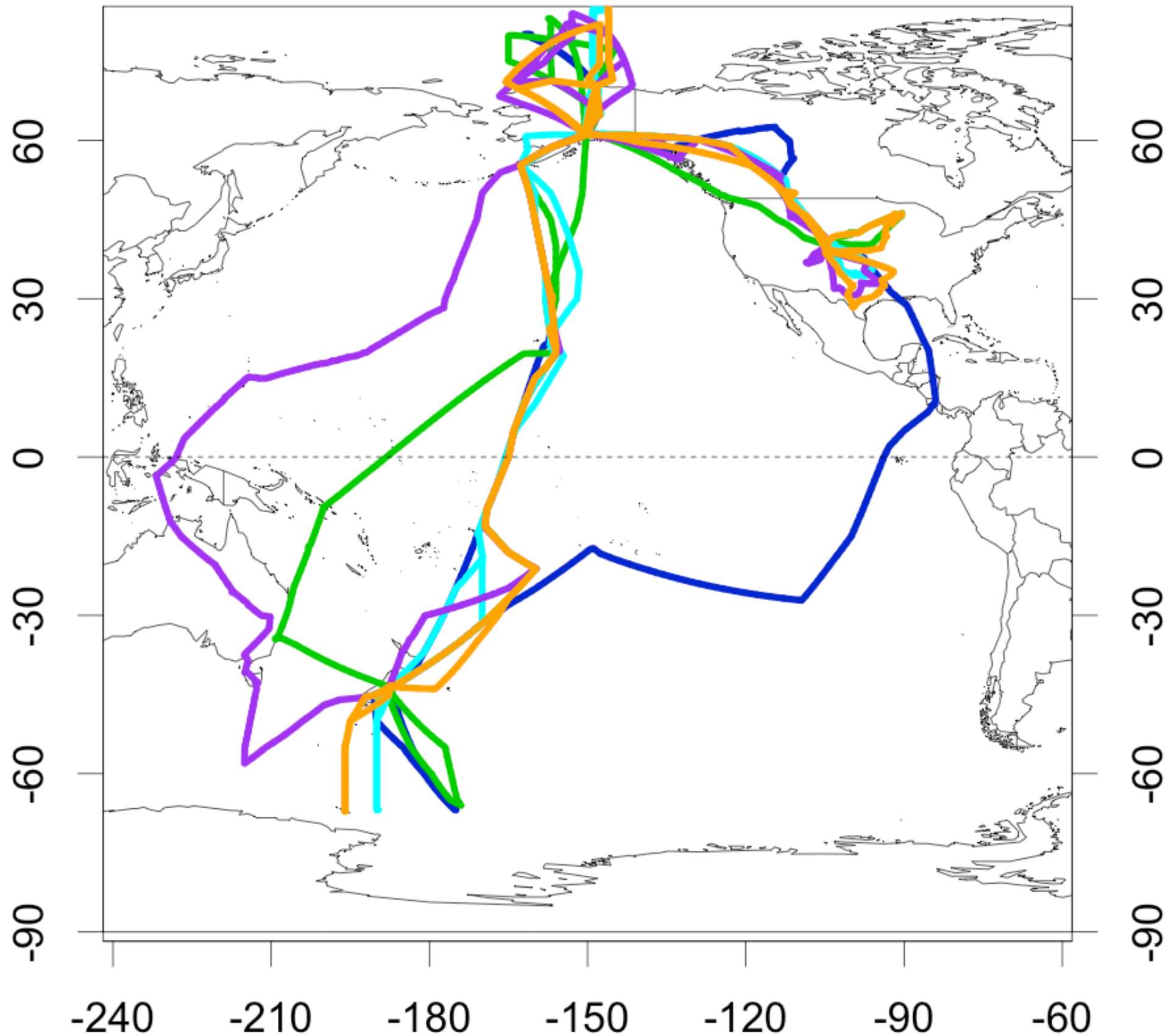
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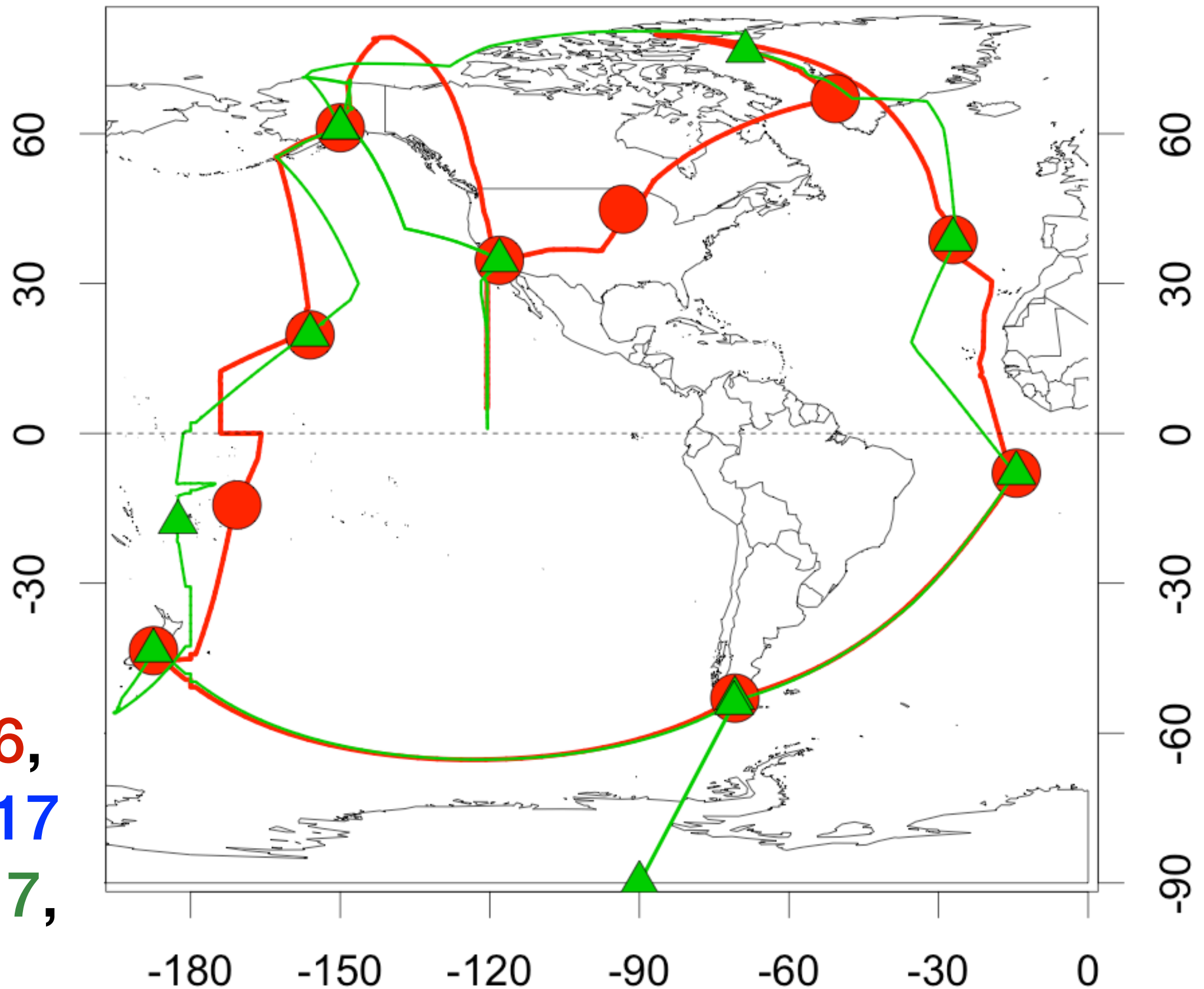


Survey Flights: HIPPO 1-5 in Pacific 2009-2011: Measured OCS in Flasks: Montzka, Atlas



Survey Flights: ATom 1-4 Pacific & Atlantic 2016-2018

Measured OCS in Flasks: Montzka, Blake, UCATS



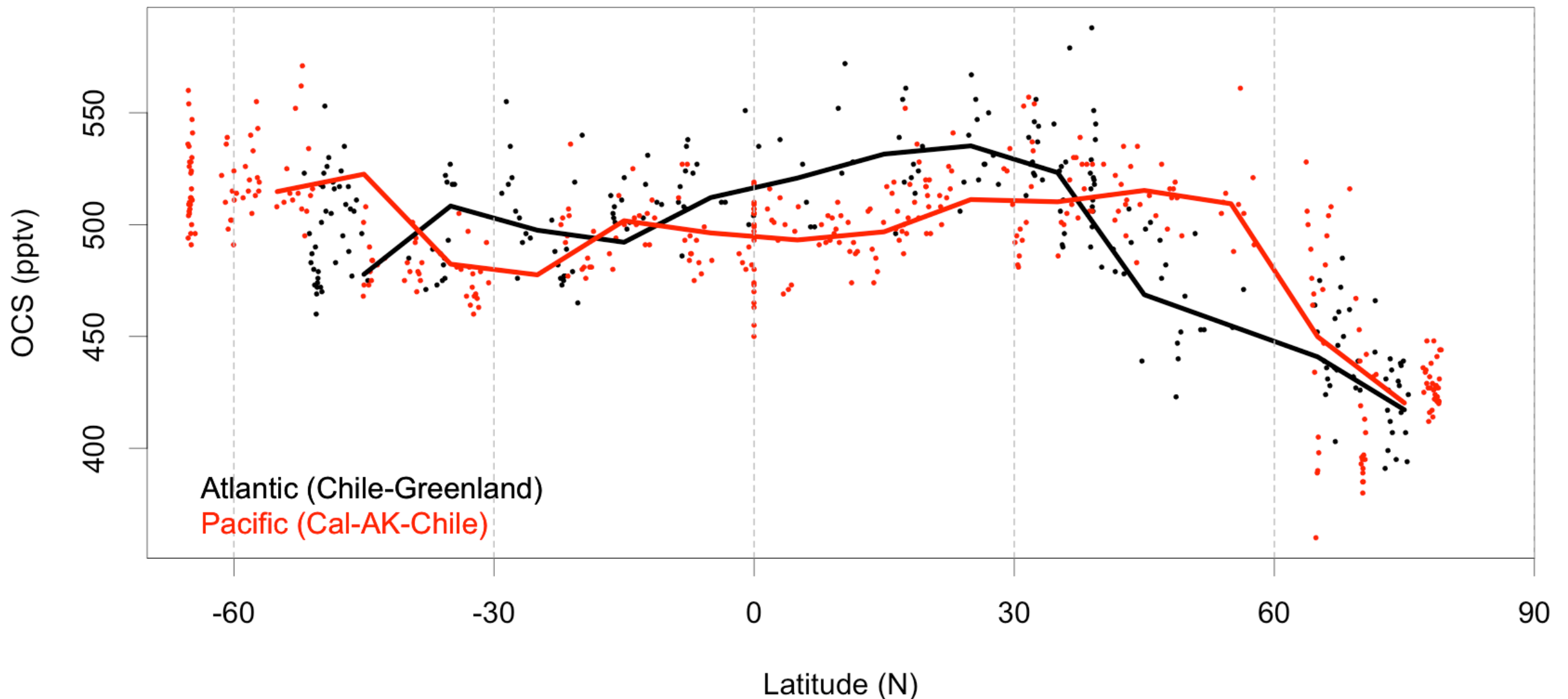
August 2016,
February 2017
October 2017,
May 2018

ATom 1 Pacific & Atlantic Aug 2016

Measured OCS in Flasks: Blake

Fresh biomass burning removed

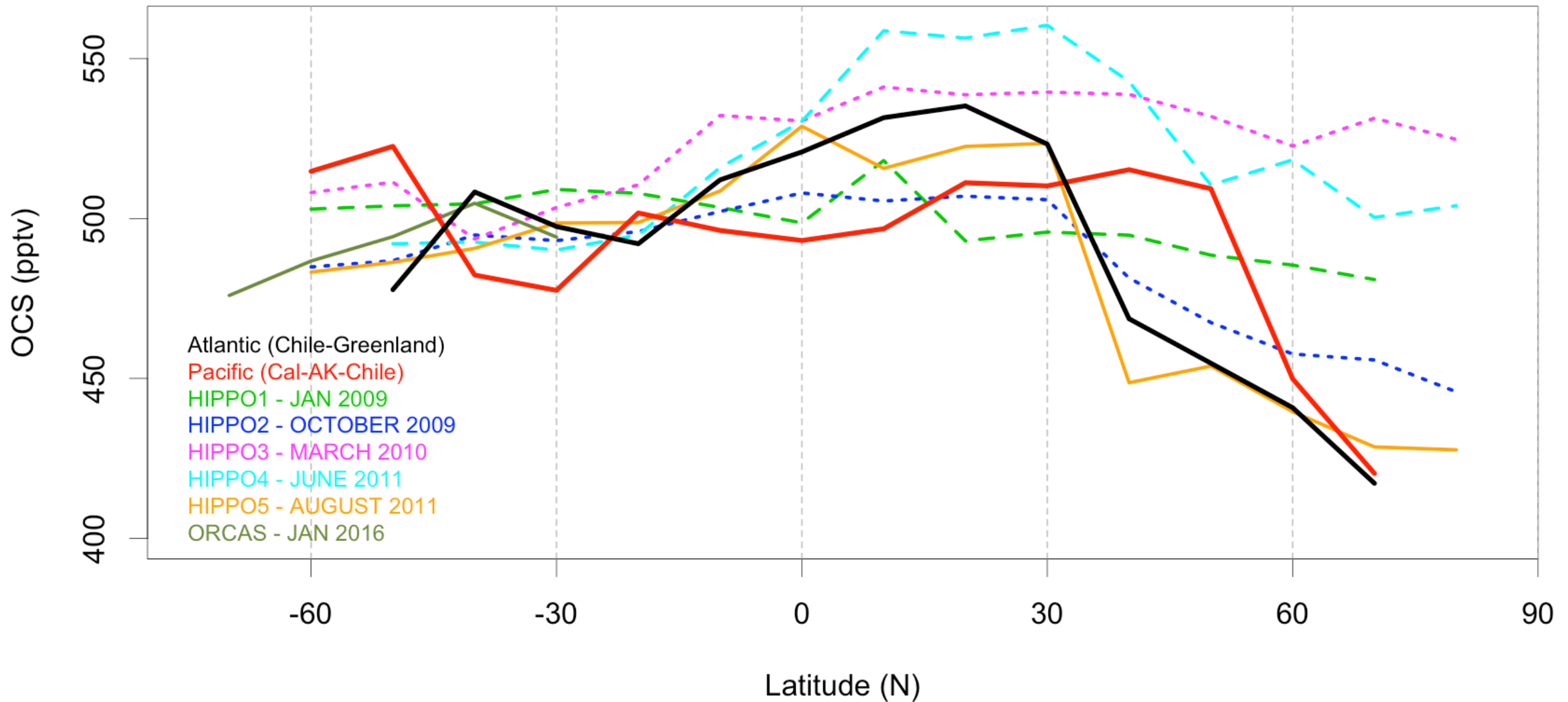
**WAS - 50 pptv to scale to PFP;
Cal scale matters!**



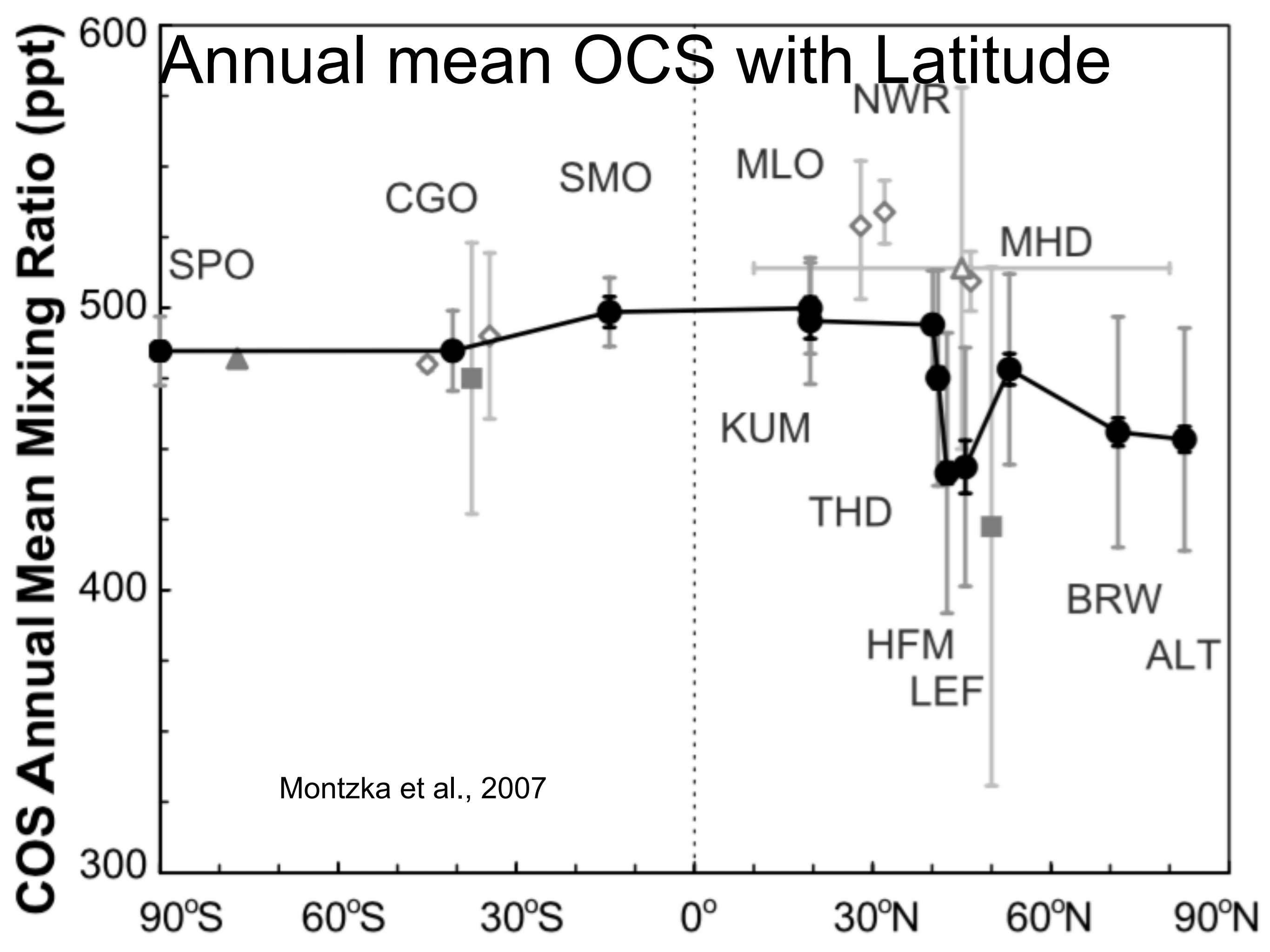
ATom 1 Pacific & Atlantic Aug 2016: WAS ~50 pptv > PFP

ATom1 Pacific and Atlantic vs HIPPO Pacific

Scaled OCS: PFP HIPPO; WAS ATom - 50; AWAS ORCAS - 50



Annual mean OCS with Latitude



What drives the OCS budget? Can we directly measure these processes/fluxes?

Direct Ocean

CS₂ oxidation

Soils

Sources

Wetlands

Anthropogenic

Biomass Burning

Vegetation / Trees

Crops

Lichens/ Mosses

Soils

Sinks

Oxidation

Stratospheric
photolysis

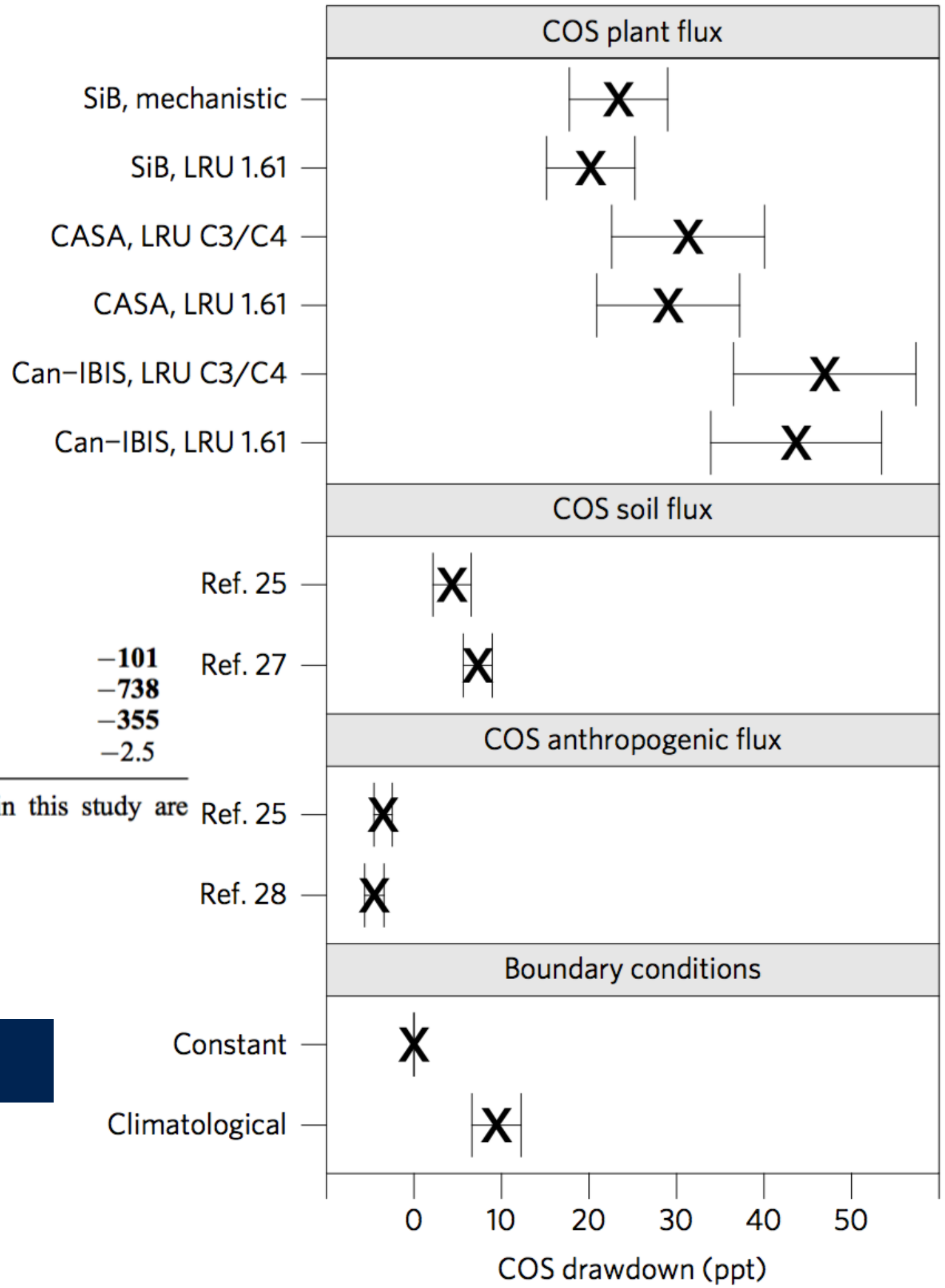
Berry et al., 2013

Sinks

Destruction by OH Radical	-94	-101
Uptake by Canopy	-238	-738
Uptake by Soil	-130	-355
Net Total	-5	-2.5

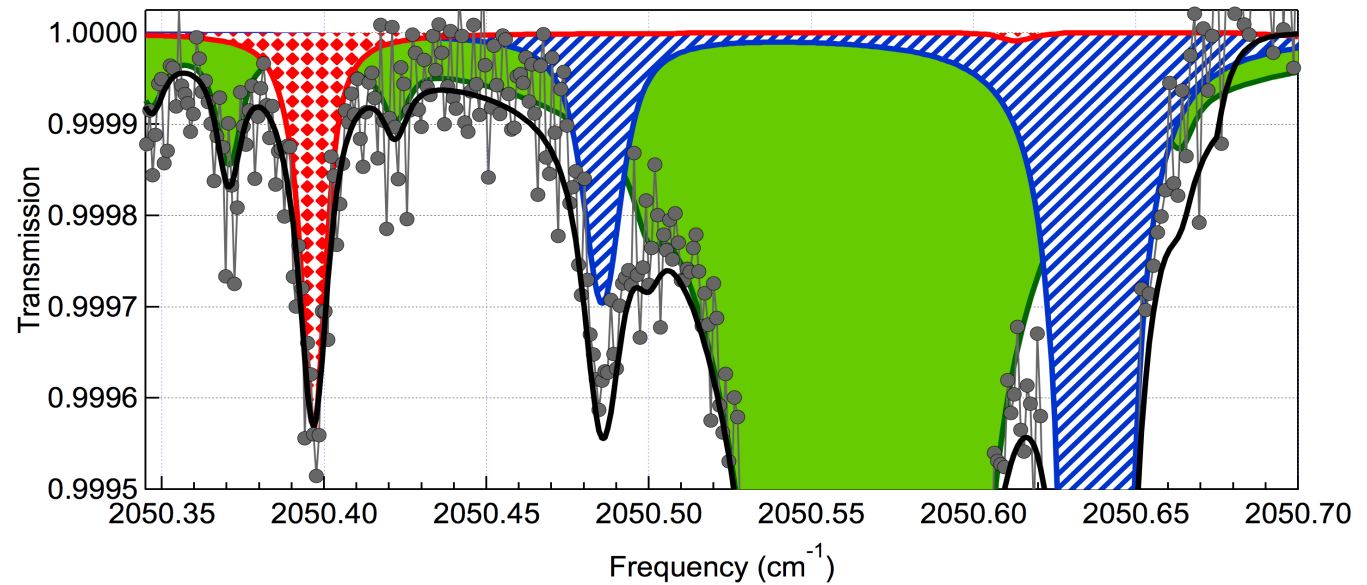
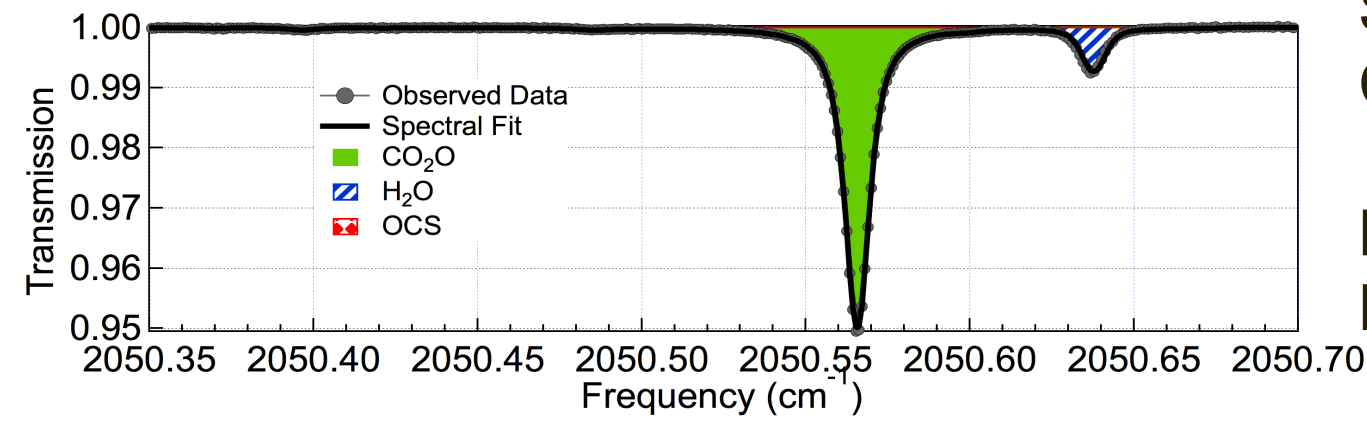
^aUnits are 1.0×10^9 g of sulfur. Fluxes changed in this study are highlighted with bold type.

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Quantum Cascade Laser Spectrometer (QCLS) mid-IR Absorption



Stimler et al., 2011; Commane et al., 2013, Commane et al., 2015,

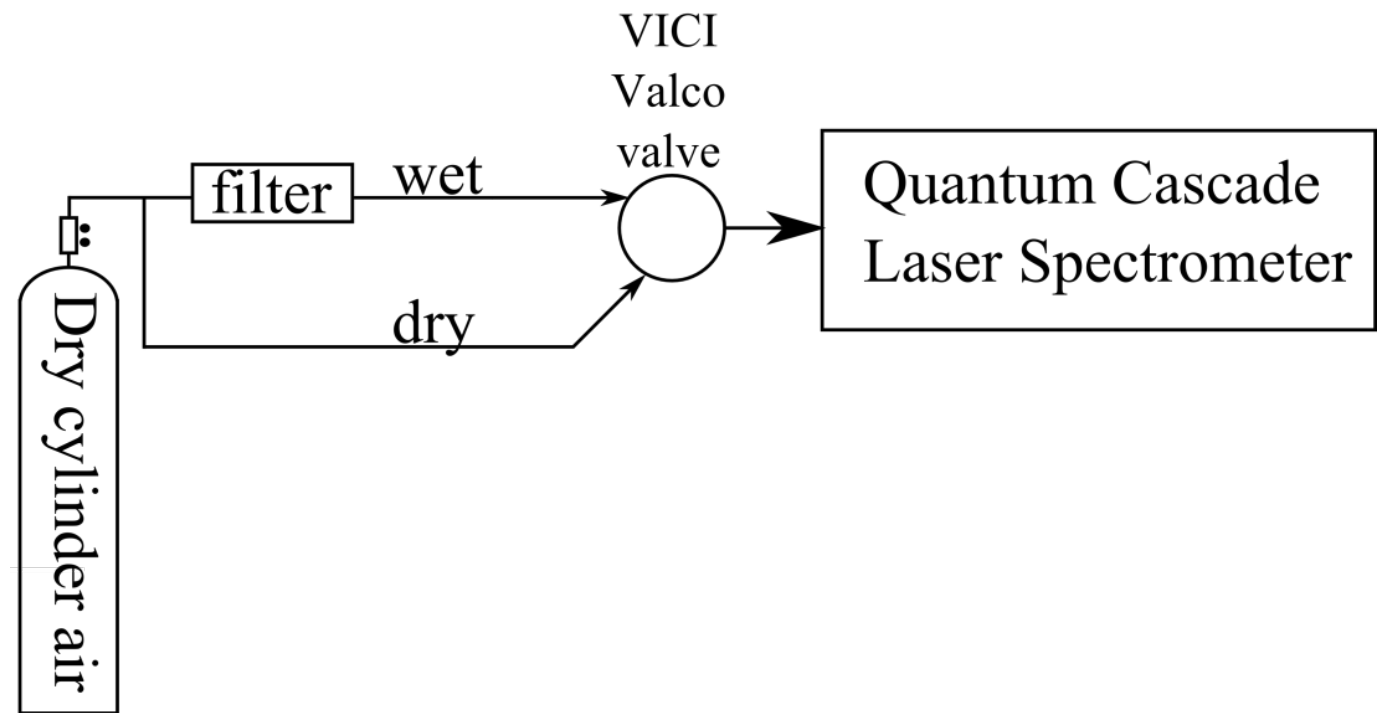
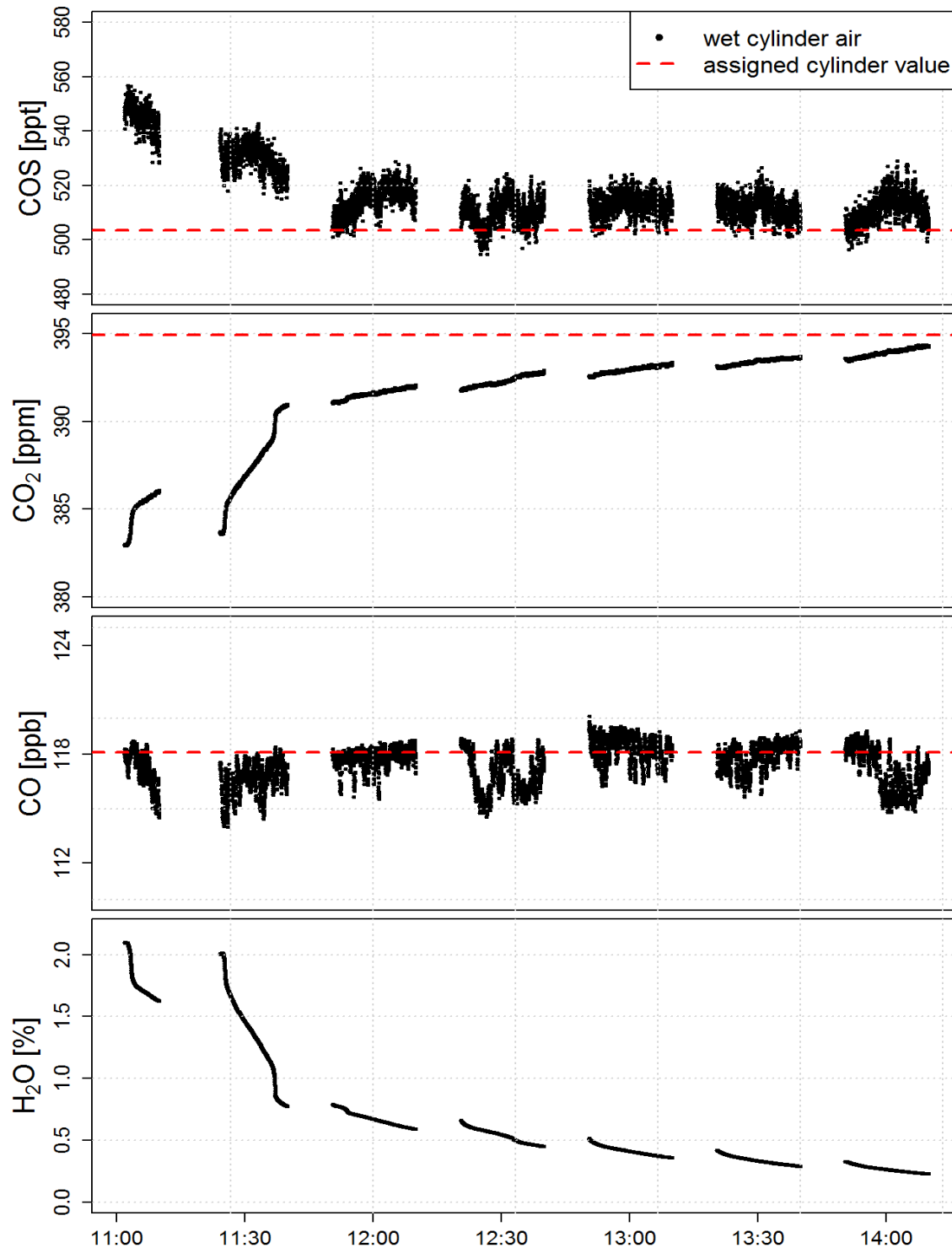
Billesbach et al., 2014, Maseyk et al., 2014, Kooijmans et al., 2016, 2017, Wehr et al., 2017

Single detector system
500mL Multipass cell volume
76 cm pathlength ; Reference Cell

Absorption Peaks @ -17° C

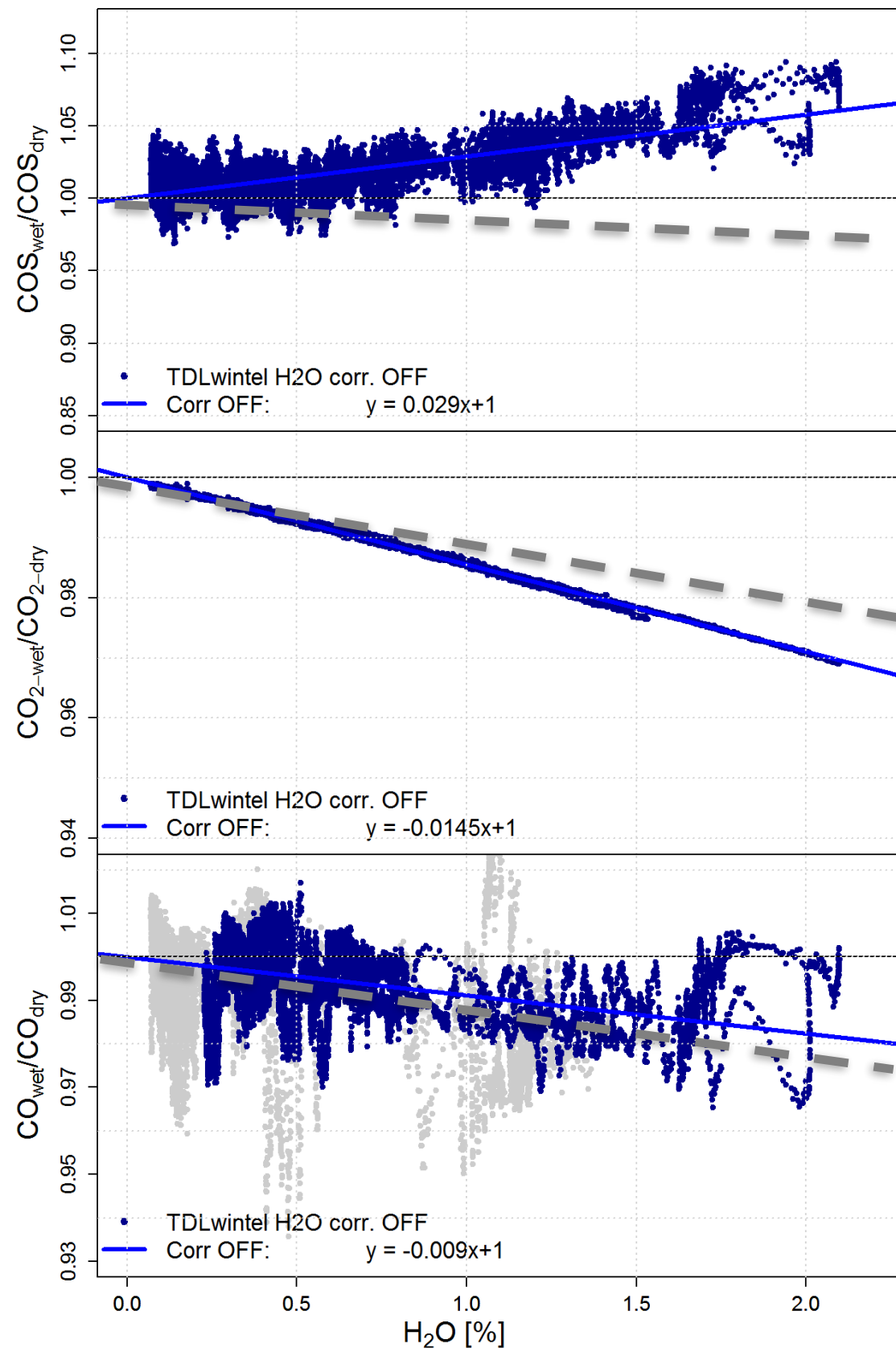
OCS:	2050.397 cm ⁻¹
H ₂ O:	2050.566 cm ⁻¹
CO ₂ :	2050.638 cm ⁻¹

COS dry mole fractions: Water vapor corrections

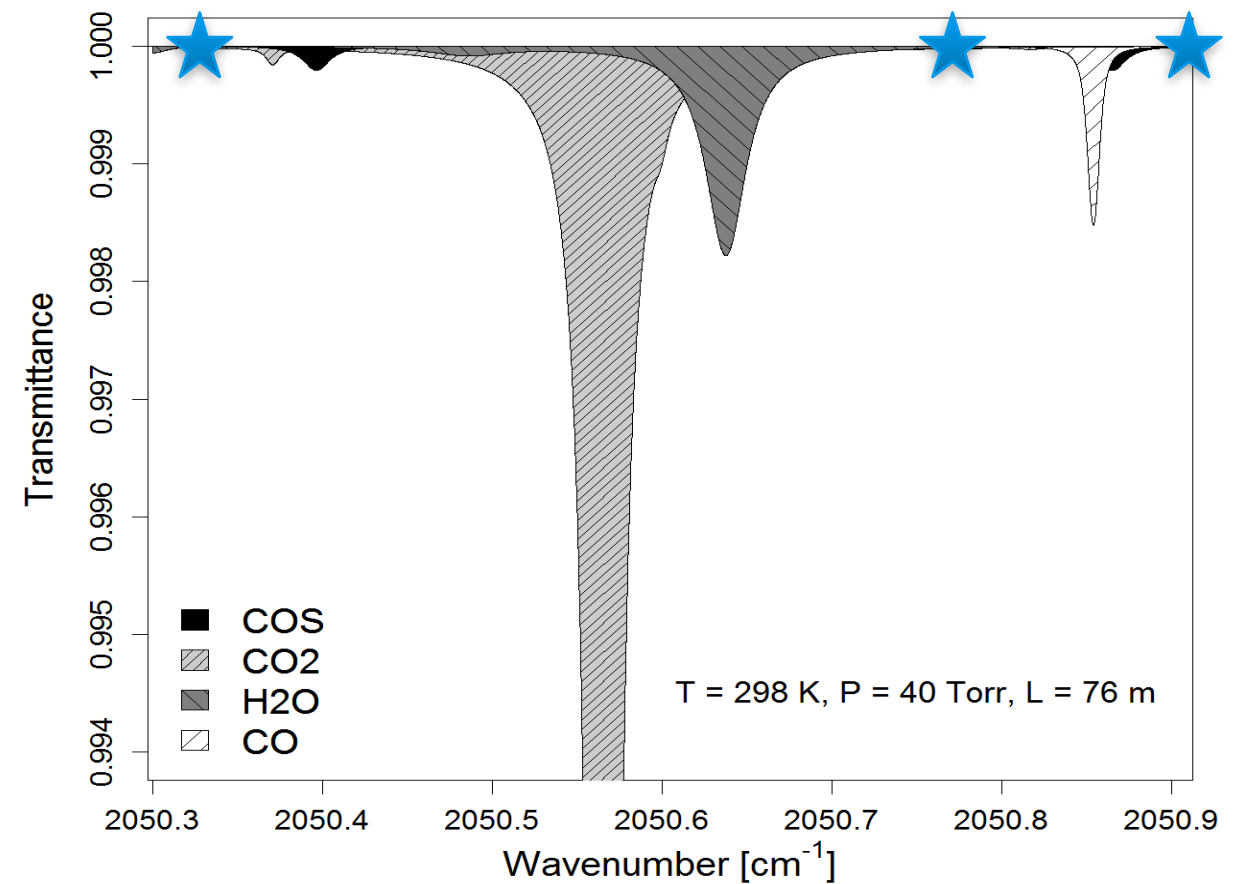


Water vapor experiment with humidified cylinder air to characterize the H₂O dependence.

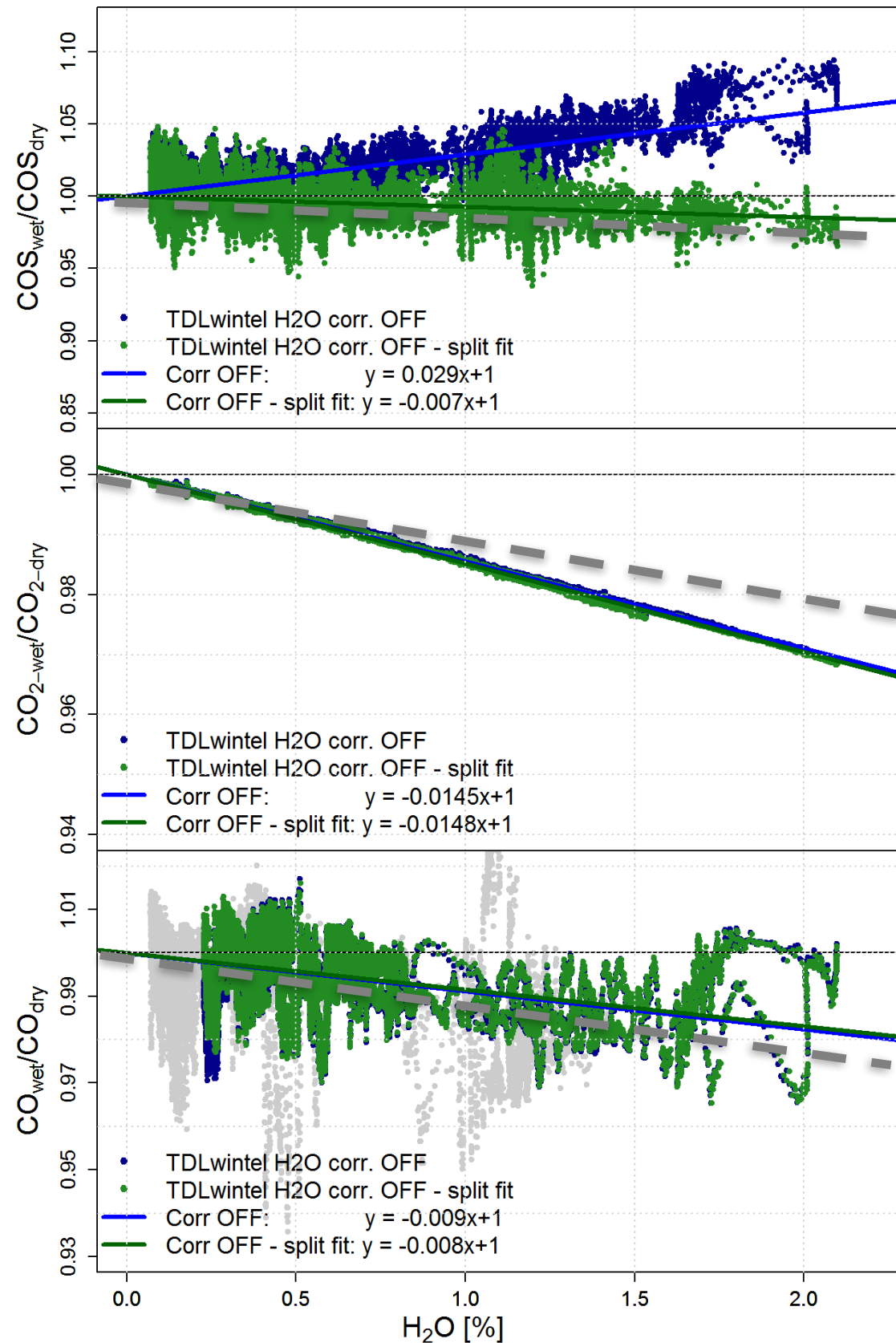
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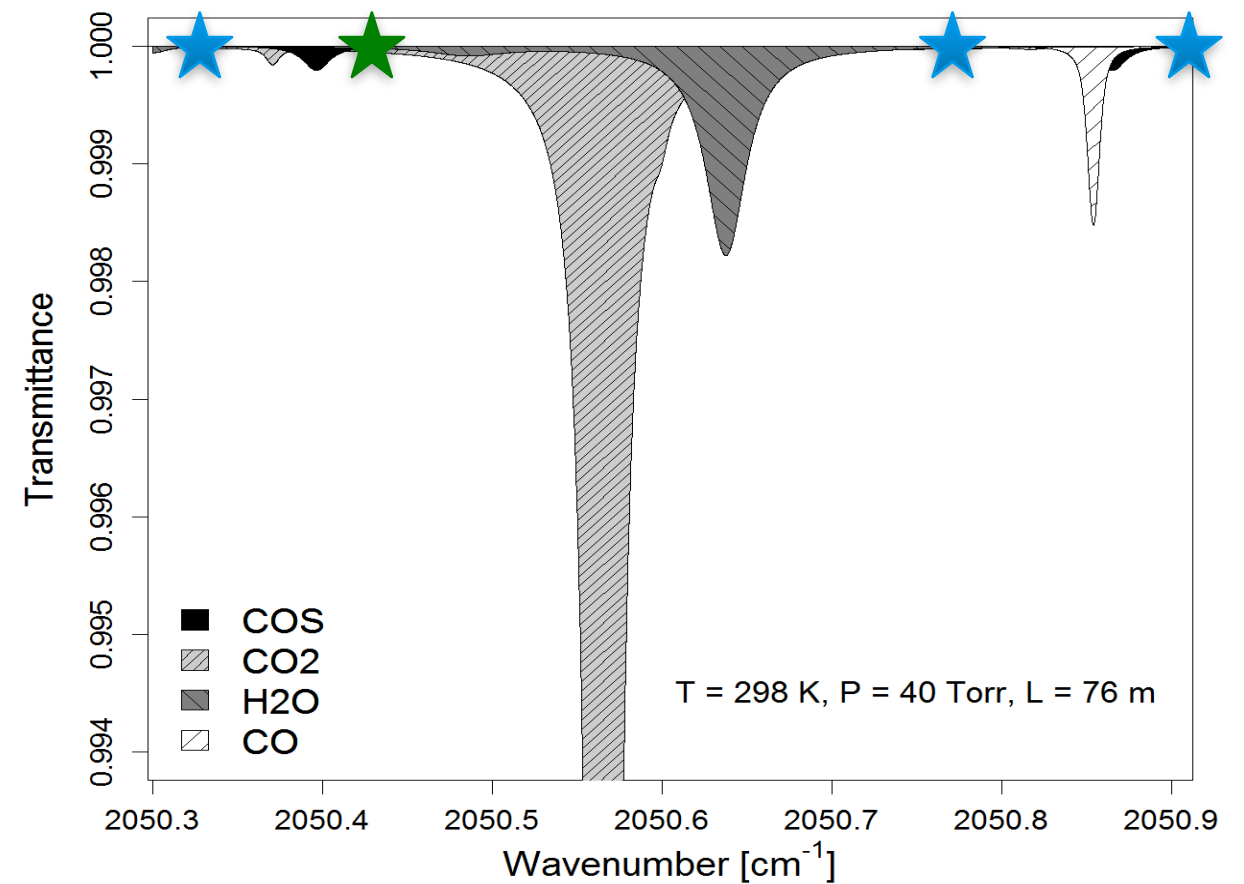
Water correction can be applied based on linear H_2O dependence.



Water vapor corrections



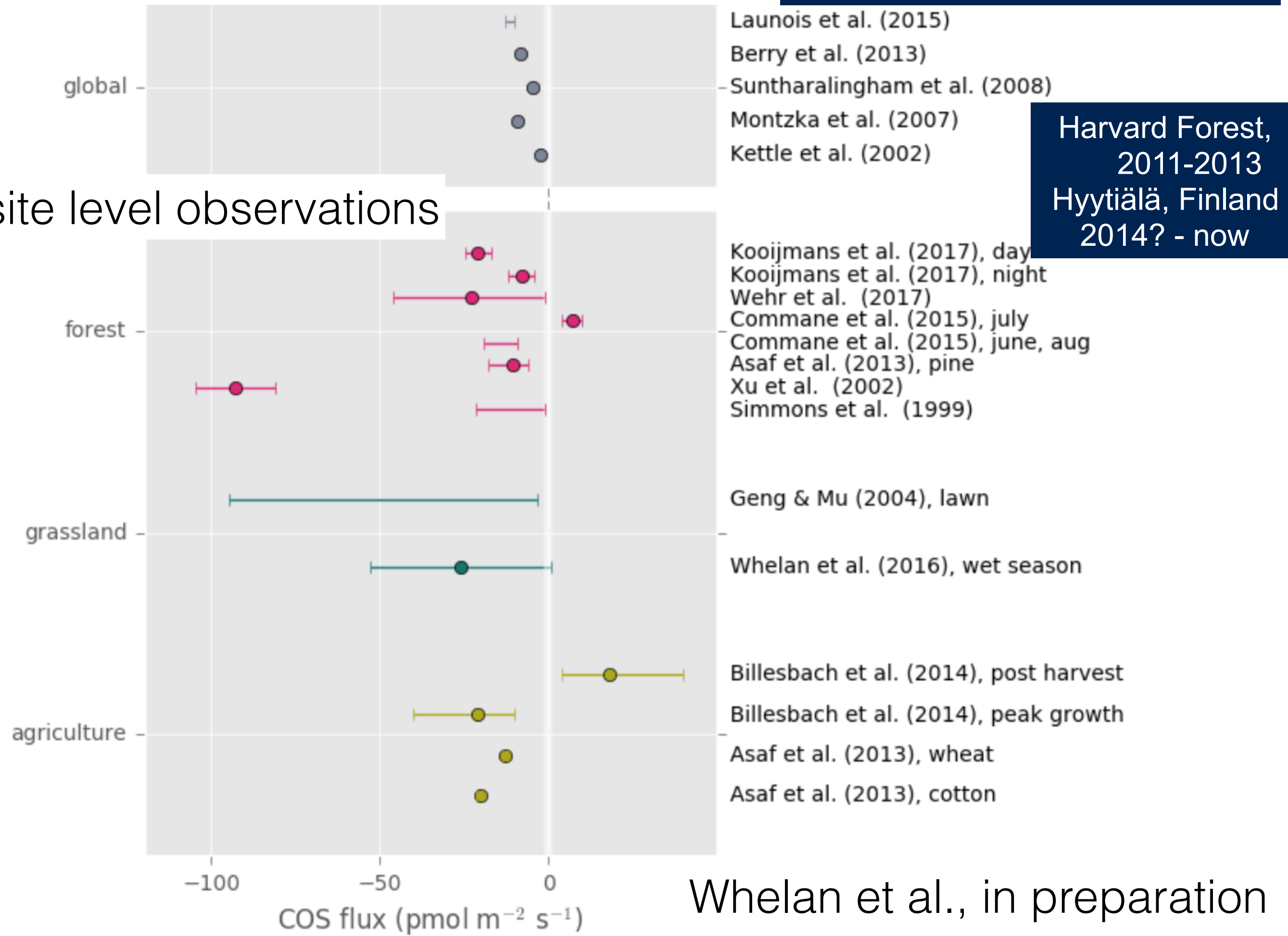
Updated water corrections



Global average land OCS uptake from modeling studies

Ecosystem Scale OCS

site level observations



Whelan et al., in preparation

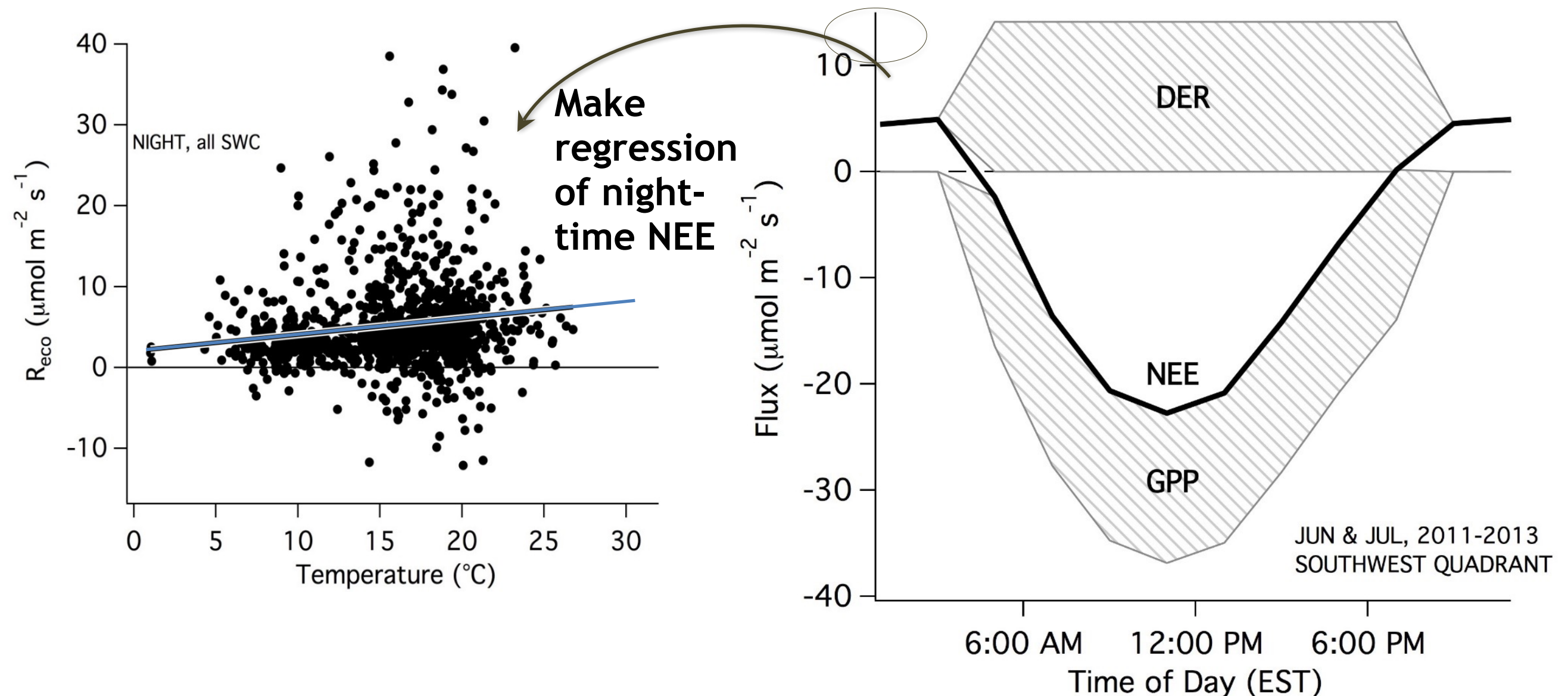
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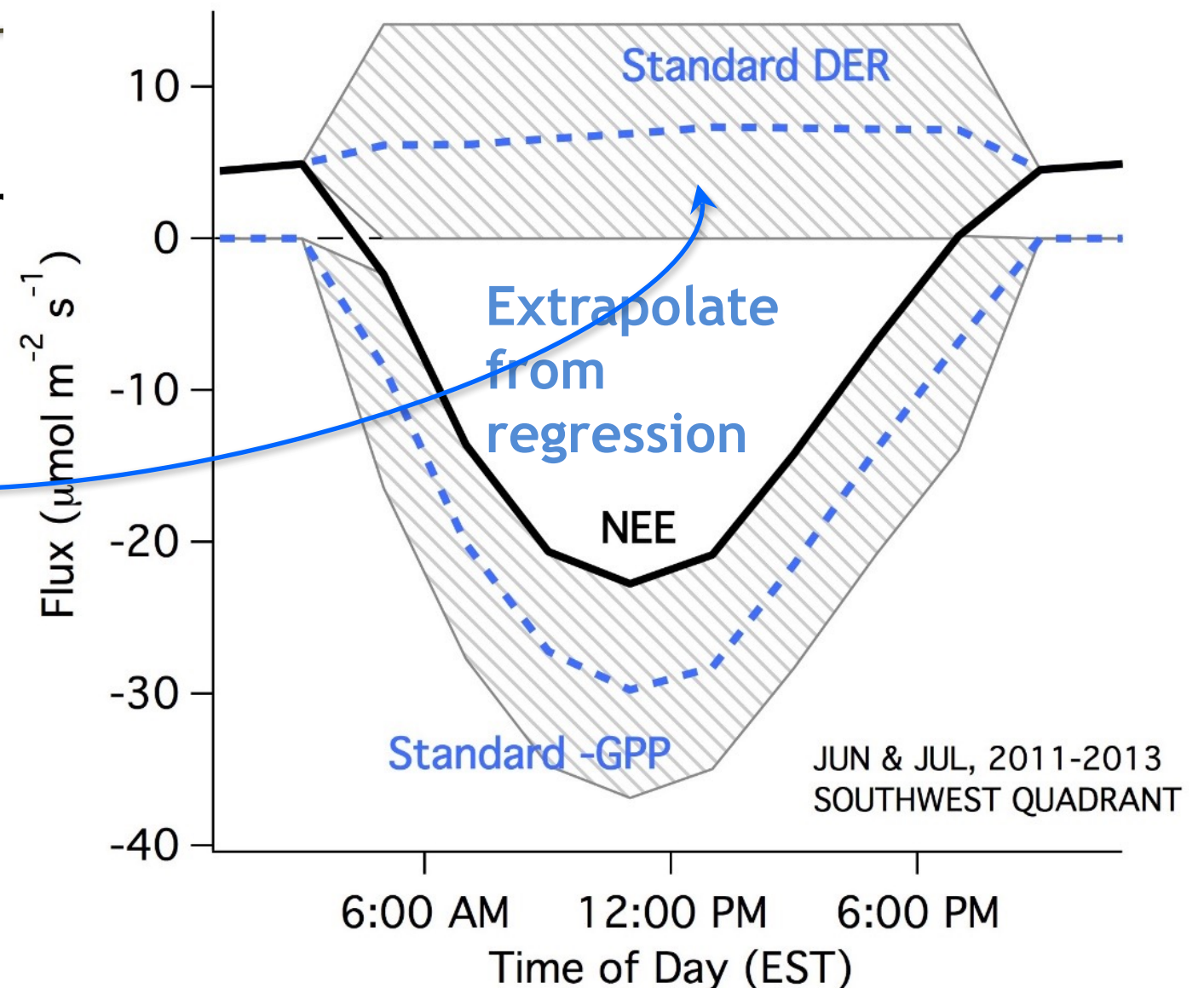
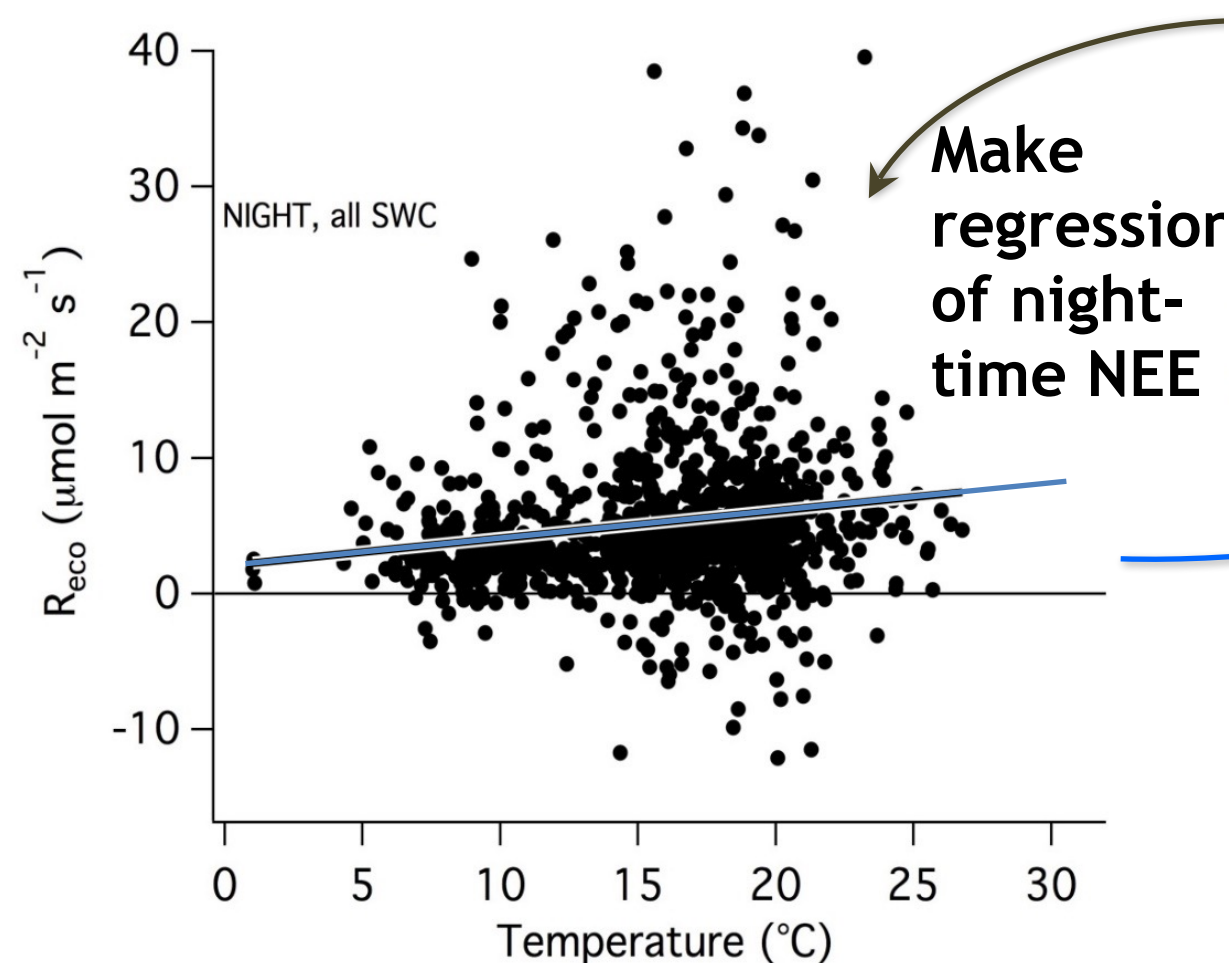
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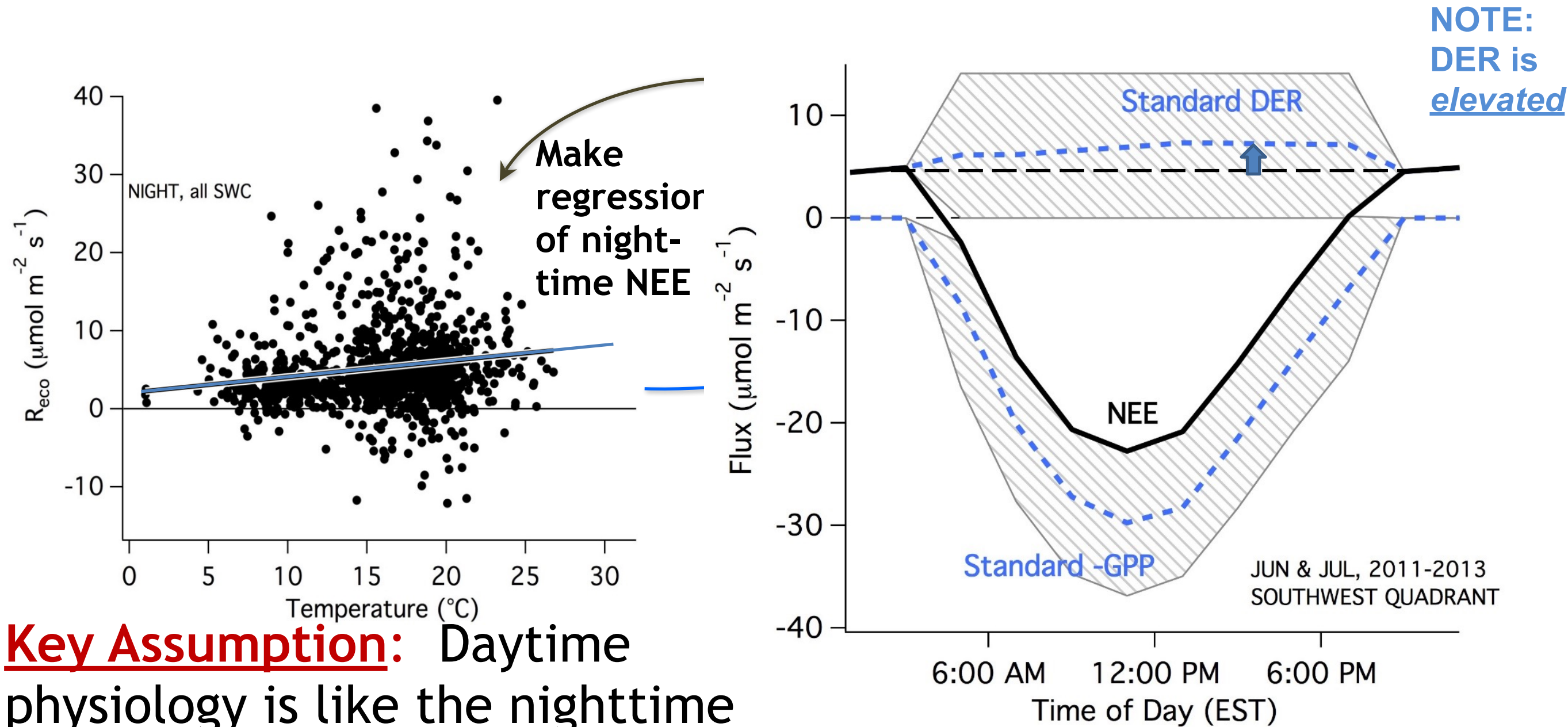
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Key Assumption: Daytime physiology is like the nighttime