# Observational network and hydrological modelling to adress water environmental services in watershed scale in Brazil

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## Brazil: climate and crop production



## 1. Seasonal variability of GPP as estimated with NEE - Rh



flux tower sites across a transition of biomes to measure surfaceatmosphere CO2 and water exchanges

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Gross Ecosystem Productivity

## (fraction of max GEP)



journal homepage: www.elsevier.com/locate/agrformet

What drives the seasonality of photosynthesis across the Amazon basin? A cross-site analysis of eddy flux tower measurements from the Brasil flux network

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## 2. Seasonal variability of evapotranspiration and soil moisture patterns



JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH, VOL. 114, G00B12, doi:10.1029/2007JG000640, 2009 Click Patterns of water and heat flux across a biome gradient from tropical forest to savanna in Brazil





#### Soil moisture dynamics in an eastern Amazonian tropical forest



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JOURNAL OF GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH, VOL. 114, G01003, doi:10.1029/2007JG000641, 2009

Atmosphere and hydrological controls of the evapotranspiration over a floodplain forest in the Bananal Island region, Amazonia

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## Brazil: water security and environmental services



Posses creek watershed (headwater of Cantareira system) : 1<sup>st</sup> brazillian case of Payment for Environmental Services (PES), a contractual transaction managed by municipalities and ANA (National Water Agency/Brasil) (started 2010) between

1. Payer : public/private organization that benefits from ES **Source: fees from water users collected by municipalities** 

2. Provider : person that restores ecosystems providing ES Small rural producers earn about \$28 /acre/ year (cost opportunity of cattle for beef)

### Modelling streamflow (Mota 2014, PhD thesis, USP)



Posses creek watershed (12 km<sup>2</sup>)

SWAT hydrological model Streamflow calibrated (2 yrs data) Evapotranspiration calibrated via evaporative fraction







Stream flow calibration (daily)



## **Modelling streamflow**

# Modelling scenarios: reforestation of riparian zones



Scenarios (% reforested area)	Q1% (Ls <sup>-1</sup> )	Q_mean (Ls <sup>-1</sup> )	Q99% (Ls <sup>-1</sup> )
current 2012= 22%	2595	76	7.7
30%	2482 (-4.3%)	69 (-9%)	7.6(-0.52%)
42%	2251 (-13.2%)	57 (-25%)	7.9(3.76%)
49%	2116 (-18.4%)	50 (-34%)	8.3 (8.6%)
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## Network: installation started 7 Sep 2014



#### Data acquisition and transmission

- ✓ Board control with SD Card
- ✓ Transceiver ZigBee
- ✓ Lithium Polymer Battery 3,7V
- ✓ solar Panel 2W

#### Sensors

✓ Vaisalla WXT, Delta-T PR2



Current network: 12 weather stations Vaisalla WXT/soil moisture profilers Delta-T PR2



### Air temperature and wind speed on 9 sep 2014





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## Air temperature on 8 sep 2014



Mean hourly temperature (oC)



Deviation of mean hourly temperature (oC) from all stations

## Air humidity on 8 sep 2014 (light rain at 16 h)



Mean hourly specific humidity (g/kg)

Deviation of mean hourly specific humidity (g/kg) from all stations



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