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Improvement accuracy of

terrestrial NPP estimation using ADEOS-II/GLI data

(Part 1: Study on photosynthesis activity by using FluxNet tower sites data)

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Abstract

Ecosystem process model and remote sensing is useful for estimate Net Primary Production (NPP). This research will study to improve accuracy of terrestrial NPP estimation using ADEOS-II/GLI data as input towards Global Climate Observation Mission and carry Second generation Global Imager (GCOM-C/SGLI) that will be launched in near future. Fluxes data from FluxNet network were used to improve NPP estimation algorithms from stand scale up to regional and global estimates. Firstly, Gross Primary Production (GPP) was estimated from flux Net Ecosystem Exchange (NEE) data by analyze GPP and PAR relationship. GPP is expected to be a function of PAR. In this study the relation ship is exponential (rectangular hyperbola) the maximum GPP (Pmax) at light saturation and slope to understand the photosynthesis capability be found. In next step, ADEOS-II/GLI data vegetation condition and meteorological variable will be utilized for NPP estimation as well.

Key words : NEP, GPP, PAR, CO2 flux, VPD, Air temp, Flux Net

1. Introduction

Net primary production (NPP) is defined as the net production of organic matter by vegetation, the balance between the Gross Primary Production (GPP) by photosynthesis and the respiration of vegetation. GPP can be obtained from the integral of photosynthesis over Photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) from flux sites and satellite Vegetation Index (VI). To estimate GPP, PAR data with the diurnal variations is required. It's very useful to understand relationship of GPP and photosynthesis activity for potential estimation of NPP from satellite data. Therefore, light photosynthesis curve play an important role in GPP estimation. Fluxes data can be used to improve algorithms used to scale up from stand to regional estimates of net ecosystem productivity (NEP). Mostly of flux data measure net ecosystem exchange (NEE) with an eddy covariance (EC) system and record meteorological data regularly. The EC method forms provides a direct measurement of the net exchange of CO_2 , water vapor and sensible heat between a vegetated surface and the atmosphere. EC measurements can reliable estimates of long-term C sequestration to correct nighttime fluxes. Soil and vegetation gas exchange measurements are highly desirable because they can be scaled up to give an independent short-term measurement of NEP as well as provide insight into CO₂ exchange processes within the ecosystem. Later, we can also estimate GPP from NEE flux data by using ecosystem respiration. The objective of this study are firstly find relationship between NEP and PAR by using FluxNet tower data sites in each IGBP (The International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme) land covers classes. Secondly, in near future, study environmental factors (seasonal variation; vegetation index and short term variation; meteorological parameters) that have effect to light photosynthesis curve. Furthermore, the final goal of this research is to improve accuracy of terrestrial NPP estimation using ADEOS-II/GLI data as input towards Global Climate Observation Mission and carry Second generation Global Imager (GCOM-C/SGLI) that will be launched in early 2014.

2. Study sites and Methodology

Selected sites from FLUXNET website will be used in this study. FLUXNET; a "network of regional networks," coordinates regional and global analysis of observations from micrometeorological tower sites. The flux tower sites use eddy covariance methods to measure the exchanges of carbon di-

oxide (CO₂), water vapor, and energy between terrestrial ecosystems and the atmosphere. At present, over 500 tower sites are operating on a long-term and continuous basis. Researchers also collect data on site vegetation, soil, hydrologic, and meteorological characteristics at the tower sites.

2. 1) Study sites

FluxNet Canada Sites are show in Table 1 and figure 1. Sites were selected



Site	Data Availability		Vacatation type	Lat	Lan
	From	То	vegetation type	Lat	Lon
CA-Let	Jun 98	Apr 08	Mixed Grass Prairie	49.7093	-112.94
CA-WP 2	May 04	Oct 05	Wet land (Sphagnum moss)	55.5375	-112.334
CA-WP 1	Aug 03	Dec 05	Mixed Forests	54.9538	-112.467
CA-Mer	Jun 98	Dec 04	Peat land ecosystems	45.4094	-75.5186

Table 1 Study sites

base on IGBP land cover class then in Table 1 are representative sites in four kind of land cover class. Mostly of flux and meteorological data are comma delimited text files. The first row of each data file has a header with the parameter names listed below. The first seven columns of data file represent the time the data was collected (or time stamp). With the exception of the precipitation data, which represents a half-hour total, the other values in the data files represent 30 minute averages for the time period ending at the noted time stamp. The units and description for the parameter names are listed below.

Site Description : CA-Let

Located at Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada (altitude 951 meters above mean sea level), approximately 145 kilometers east of the Canadian Rockies and 95 kilometers north of the United States (Montana) border. Mixed Grass Prairie. Maximum canopy height is approximately 50 cm.

Eddy Covariance and Energy Balance and Basic Micrometeorological Instruments are Infrared Gas Analyzers (CO₂ and H₂O): LiCor LI-6262, Photosynthetically Active Radiation: LiCor Quantum Sensor: LI-190 SA, Air Temperature and Relative Humidity: Campbell Scientific 207 probe.

Parameter	Units	Description
Year	Year	Year
Month	Month	Number for Month of Year
Date	Day	Number for Day of Month
Day	Day	Day of Week
Julian Day	Day	Julian Day
hour	Hours	Hour of Day
minute	minutes	Minute of the Hour
SonicH	$W m^{-2}$	Sensible Heat Flux
LE	$W m^{-2}$	Latent Heat Flux
E	mmol $m^{-2} s^{-1}$	Evapotranspiration
С	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Net Ecosystem Exchange
MomtmFlux	$m^2 s^{-2}$	Momentum Flux
U*	$m s^{-1}$	Friction Velocity
M-O length	m	Monin - Obukov length
av c	μ mol mol ⁻¹	Mean CO ₂ concentration

av h	mmol mol ⁻¹	Mean H ₂ O concentration
windspeed	$m s^{-1}$	Mean wind speed
wind dir	degrees	Wind direction (compass direction)
PPFD	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Photosynthetic Photon Flux Density
Net Rad	$W m^{-2}$	Net radiation
207 Temp	°C	Air Temperature 207 probe 2 m above ground
RH	%	Relative Humidity 207 probe 2 m above ground
Soil Heat Flx 1	$W m^{-2}$	Soil Heat Flux 2 cm below surface
Soil Heat Flx 2	$W m^{-2}$	Soil Heat Flux 2 cm below surface
Air 5 m	°C	Air temp, aspirated thermocouple 5 m above ground
Air 1 m	°C	Air temp, aspirated thermocouple 1 m above ground
Soil 2 cm	°C	Soil temp 2 cm depth thermocouple
Soil 4 cm	°C	Soil temp 4 cm depth thermocouple
Soil 8 cm	°C	Soil temp 8 cm depth thermocouple
Soil 16 cm	°C	Soil temp 16 cm depth thermocouple
Precip	mm	Total Precipitation

Site Description : CA-WP 1

Site located approximately 200 km north-east of Edmonton, Alberta close to the confluence of the La Biche and Athabasca Rivers (35 km north of the town of Grassland, Alberta). Mean annual precipitation is 503.7 mm, mean annual temperature is 2.1°C, and elevation is 626 m. The May Tower site is a poor fen dominated by *Sphagnum* moss. Tony's Fen is a rich fen dominated by *Carex*, with a ground layer of 'brown mosses'.

Eddy Covariance and Energy Balance and Basic Micrometeorological Instruments are Infrared Gas Analyzer (CO_2 and H_2O): LiCor LI-7500 (Open-path), Photosynthetically Active Radiation: LiCor Quantum Sensor LI-190 SA. The meteorological equipment mast is 3 m tall. A separate mast (3 m tall) is used for the eddy covariance system.

Parameter	Units	Description
DataType	n/a	Flx 2 Met 2
Site	n/a	AB-May
SubSite	n/a	FlxTwr
Year	Year	Year UTC
Day	Day	Julian Day UTC
End_Time	HMin	Hour Minute UTC (e.g. 730: 30 minutes after the hour 7)
CO ₂ MixingRatio_AbvCnpy_3 m	μ mol mol ⁻¹	Mean CO ₂ mixing ratio (dry air) LiCor LI-7500
H ₂ OMixingRatio_AbvCnpy_3 m	$\mathbf{mmol} \ \mathbf{mol}^{-1}$	Mean H ₂ O mixing ratio (dry air) LiCor LI-7500
CO ₂ Flux_AbvCnpy_3 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Net Ecosystem Exchange via Eddy Covariance at 3 m
		(CO ₂ storage term not included)
NEE_AbvCnpy_3 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Net Ecosystem Exchange via Eddy Covariance at 3 m
		(CO ₂ storage term included)
LatentHeatFlux_AbvCnpy_3 m	$W m^{-2}$	Latent Heat Flux via Eddy Covariance at 3 m
SensibleHeatFlux_AbvCnpy_3 m	$W m^{-2}$	Sensible Heat Flux via Eddy Covariance at 3 m
FrictionVelocity_AbvCnpy_3 m	$m s^{-1}$	Friction Velocity at 3 m

HMP_AirTemp_2 m	°C
HMP_RelHum_2 m	%
Atm_Pressure	kPa
NrL_NetRad_ AbvCnpy_3 m	$W m^{-2}$
LI_DownPAR_AbvCnpy_3 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹
LI_UpPAR_3 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹
A at 3 m WaterTableDepth	cm
RMY_WindSpd_AbvCnpy_3 m	$m s^{-1}$
RMY_WindDir_AbvCnpy_3 m	degrees

Vaisala HMP 45 C in an aspirated shield at 2 m Vaisala HMP 45 C in an aspirated shield at 2 m Atmospheric Pressure Vaisala PTB 101 B Net radiation, Kip & Zonen NR Lite at 3 m Photon Flux Density (400–700 nm) LI-190 SA at 3 m Photon Flux Density (400–700 nm) LI-190 S Water table level relative to average Hummock surface (negative values represent water below hummock surface) Average wind speed R. M. Young 05103–10 at 3 m Compass direction of wind R. M. Young 05103–10 at 3 m

Site Description : CA-WP 2

The main flux site (La Biche River, Western Peatland) is located approximately 200 km north-east of Edmonton, Alberta close to the confluence of the La Biche and Athabasca Rivers (35 km north of the town of Grassland, Alberta). At the nearby town of Athabasca, mean annual precipitation is 503.7 mm, mean annual temperature is 2.1°C, and elevation is 626 m. The peatland site is currently dominated by stunted trees of *Larix laricina* and *Picea mariana*, with *Betula pumila, Ledum groenlandicum* and *Salix* sp. (shrubs) and a wide range of moss species.

Eddy Covariance and Energy Balance and Basic Micrometeorological Instruments are Infrared are Gas Analyzer (CO₂ and H₂O): LiCor LI-7000, Photosynthetically Active Radiation: LiCor Quantum Sensor LI-190 SA. The main equipment mast is 9.3 m tall, with instruments installed at various heights as noted below. The infrared gas analyzer is enclosed in temperature controlled housing and maintained at a temperature of $37\pm1^{\circ}$ C. The infrared gas analyzer and housing are mounted on a 4.5 m tall scaffold below the Ultrasonic anemometer.

Parameter	Units	Description
DataType	n/a	Flx 2 Met 2
Site	n/a	AB-WPL
SubSite	n/a	FlxTwr
Year	Year	Year UTC
Day	Day	Julian Day UTC
End_Time	HMin	Hour Minute UTC (e.g. 730: 30 minutes after the hour 7)
CO ₂ MixingRatio_AbvCnpy_9 m	μ mol mol ⁻¹	Mean CO ₂ mixing ratio (dry air) LiCor LI-7000
H ₂ OMixingRatio_AbvCnpy_9 m	mmol mol ⁻¹	Mean H ₂ O mixing ratio (dry air) LiCor LI-7000
CO ₂ Flux_AbvCnpy_9 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Net Ecosystem Exchange via Eddy Covariance at 9.3 m
		(CO ₂ storage term not included)
NEE_AbvCnpy_9 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Net Ecosystem Exchange via Eddy Covariance at 9.3 m
		(CO ₂ storage term included)
LatentHeatFlux_AbvCnpy_9 m	$W m^{-2}$	Latent Heat Flux via Eddy Covariance at 9.3 m
SensibleHeatFlux_AbvCnpy_9 m	$W m^{-2}$	Sensible Heat Flux via Eddy Covariance at 9.3 m
FrictionVelocity_AbvCnpy_9 m	$m s^{-1}$	Friction Velocity at 9.3 m
PRT_AirTemp_5 m	°C	Omega TX-92 A RTD in an aspirated shield at 4.5 m $$

HMP_AirTemp_5 m	°C	Vaisala HMP 45 C in an aspirated shield at 4.5 m
HMP_RelHum_5 m	%	Vaisala HMP 45 C in an aspirated shield at 4.5 m
CS 105_Atm_Pressure	kPa	Atmospheric Pressure Vaisala PTB 101 B
CNR_ShortWaveIn_6 m	$W m^{-2}$	Short wave Solar radiation, Kip & Zonen CNR 1 at 6.15 m
CNR_ShortWaveOut_6 m	$W m^{-2}$	Short wave Solar radiation, Kip & Zonen CNR 1 at 6.15 m
CNR_LongWaveIn_6 m	$W m^{-2}$	Long wave radiation, Kip & Zonen CNR 1 at 6.15 m
CNR_LongWaveOut_6 m	$W m^{-2}$	Long wave radiation, Kip & Zonen CNR 1 at 6.15 m
CNR_NetRad_6 m	$W m^{-2}$	Net radiation, Kip & Zonen CNR 1 at 6.15 m
LI_DownPAR_AbvCnpy_9 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Photon Flux Density (400-700 nm) LI-190 SA at 9.3 m
LI_UpPAR_6 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Photon Flux Density (400-700 nm) LI-190 SA at 6.15 m
BF 3_DownTotalPAR_9 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Photon Flux Density (400-700 nm) Delta-T-Devices BF 3 at 9.3 m
BF 3_DownDiffusePAR_9 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Photon Flux Density (400-700 nm) Delta-T-Devices BF 3 at 9.3 m
BF 3_DownDirectPAR_9 m	μ mol m ⁻² s ⁻¹	Photon Flux Density (400-700 nm) Delta-T-Devices BF 3 at 9.3 m

Site Description : CA-Mer

Located just east of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Mer Bleue is an ombrotrophic (rain fed) bog covering 2800 ha in area. The bog is roughly oval shaped, with an east-west orientation. The western end is dissected by two longitudinal gravel deposits. The bog surface is dominated by a hummock-hollow microtopography that has an average relief of 25 m between hummocks and hollows. Hummocks compose 70% of the surface and have a median diameter of about 1 m. Overstorey vegetation is dominated by a shrub canopy that is between 0.2–0.3 m in height.

Fluxes of carbon dioxide, latent and sensible heat have been continuously measured using the eddy covariance (EC) technique since June 1998. A correction factor of 1.25 has been applied to all F_c (CO₂ flux) measurements prior to Jan 1, 2004. This correction was required to match F_c measured with the old EC system and new EC systems. This likely reflects the average proportion of flux lost with damping of high-frequency fluctuations due to lower flow rates in the sampling tube, lower sampling rates and lower IRGA response rates (LI-COR model 6252 vs. 7000). Eddy-covariance sensors were mounted at the 3-m level on a 1 m boom extending from the tower to the North.

Label	Units
DataType	(n/a)
Site	(n/a)
SubSite	(n/a)
Year	(UTC)
Day	(UTC)
End_Time	(UTC)
NEP	(umol/m²/s)
R	(umol/m²/s)
GEP	(umol/m²/s)
GapFilledNEP	(umol/m²/s)
GapFilledR	(umol/m²/s)
GapFilledGEP	(umol/m²/s)

ModelledNEP	$(umol/m^2/s)$
ModelledR	(umol/m²/s)
ModelledGEP	(umol/m²/s)
EClosureNEP	(umol/m²/s)
EClosureR	(umol/m²/s)
EClosureGEP	(umol/m²/s)
GapFilledEClosureNEP	(umol/m²/s)
GapFilledEClosureR	(umol/m²/s)
GapFilledEClosureGEP	(umol/m²/s)
ModelledEClosureNEP	(umol/m²/s)
ModelledEClosureR	(umol/m²/s)
ModelledEClosureGEP	(umol/m²/s)

2. 2) Methodology

In FluxNet Canada NEE means (*Parameter's name : NEE_AbvCnpy_3 m or 9 m and F_s in-3 cluded*) was calculated as

$$NEE = F_c + F_s \tag{1}$$

Where F_c is the CO₂ flux at 3 m (site CA-WP 1) and at 9 m (site WP 2) and F_s is CO₂ storage (the 30 min change in CO₂ stored within the air column below the EC instrumentation). F_s was computed using the CO₂ concentration measured by the IRGA at 3 or 9 m. With this definition, positive values of NEE correspond to C losses from the ecosystem (release) and negative for uptake. F_s or CO₂ storage will stored CO₂ in canopy at night and stored CO₂ is transported to the atmosphere after sunrise with increasing radiation and boundary layer growth. The flux of CO₂ was determined as follows (*Parameter's name : CO₂Flux_AbvCnpy_3 m or 9 m and F_s not included*)

$$F_c = \rho_a \operatorname{cov}(w \ s_c) \tag{2}$$

where $cov(w \ s_c)$ is the covariance of the vertical wind speed (w) and the mixing ratio of CO₂ (s_c) over the averaging interval, usually 30 minute. Measurements were performed at 3 m (site CA-WP 1) and at 9 m (site WP 2) level. ρ_a is the density of dry air is given by $\rho_a = P/(R*T)$ where ρ_a is the air density in kg/m³, P is pressure in Pa, R is the specific gas constant; 287.05 J/kg⁻¹K⁻¹ for dry air, and T is temperature in kelvins.

The rate of change in CO₂ storage (the "storage flux"; F_s) in the air column below the EC measurement level was calculated from the mole fraction measurements of the LI-6252 IRGA sampling the eight profile levels using

$$F_s = summation_over_j (dh(i, j) \rho (i, j) (dchi_c(i, j)/dt))$$
(3)

where dh is the thickness of the j-th air layer centered around each measurement height, and rho is the mean molar air density in the layer. Then, dchi_c(i, j)/dt was calculated for half-hour i using dchi _c(i, j)/dt=(chi(i+1, j)-chi(i-1, j))/dt where dt=3600s. When mixing ratio s_c was available from the LI-6262 it was used instead of mole fraction chi_c and mean air density ρ was replaced by mean dry air density ρ_a in the equation above.

In this study, FluxNet NEE (umol/m²/s) from eddy covariance method, downPAR (μ mol/mol), CO₂ concentration (μ mol/mol), CO₂Flux (umol/m²/s) and Air Temp (Celsius) from CA-Let site, CA-WP 2 site, CA-WP 1 site and CA-Mer were used. Half-hour fluxes data were calculated for average and group in each month of available years. The calculation separated growing season data (Apr to Sep) from other months and only used growing season data for fitting the GPP and PAR relationship curve. Analyze the relationship between GPP and PAR of each Land cover class. Using NEE FluxNet data and equation (1), (2) and (3) for GPP calculation

$$NEE = -NEP (4)$$

$$GPP = NEP + Rec (5)$$

$$Rec = (A_1) Q^{(T1-T mon)/10} (6)$$

Here, Q=2.0 and A_1 is night time NEP (mgCO₂/m²/s) at air temperature (T₁) in the neutral night (friction velocity; u* more than 0.2 m/s) only, Tmon is Average air temperature in that month. And then plot the graph between GPP and PAR relationship to find maximum GPP level at light saturation. The relation ship between GPP and PAR is expected to exponential function (rectangular hyperbola) then find a and b by using

$$GPP = b *a PAR/(1 + a PAR)$$
 (7)

Here, a is initial slope to photosynthesis capability, b (Pmax) expresses the maximum level of GPP at light saturation (PAR is highest).

3. Results and Discussion

If there is a linear relationship between PAR and photosynthesis, it can use daily average PAR values estimated from the integrated daily or monthly PAR data instead of using light photosynthesis



Fig. 1 A-F show CA-Let site's diurnal data of PAR (A), NEE (B), CO₂ Concentration (C), Air temperature (D), Vapor Pressure Deficit (E) and NEE and PAR relationship (F)

¹⁰ curve that have diurnal variation (seasonal and meteorological) over time. Figure 1 A-F show diurnal data of CA-Let site that show PAR, NEE, CO₂ Concentration, Air temperature, Vapor Pressure Deficit and NEE and PAR relationship, respectively.

Fig. 2, A-D graph show relationship between NEE and PAR of CA-Let site, CA-WP 2 site, CA-WP 1 site and CA-Mer, respectively. Fig. 3 shows GPP and PAR relationship of CA-WP 2 site. This



Fig. 2 A-D graph show relationship between NEP and PAR of CA-Let site (A), CA-WP 2 site(B), CA-WP 1 site(C) and CA-Mer(D), respectively.

IGBP Land cover type	GRA : Grassland	WET : Permanent Wetlands	MF : Mixed Forests	OSH : Open Shrublands
SiteName	CA-Let	CA-WP 2	CA-WP 1	CA-Mer
Jan-Dec	0.6546	N/A	0.6575	0.6524
Apr-Sep (Only growing season)	0.7308	0.6318 (May-Sep)	0.7252	0.8323
Apr	0.9255	N/A	0.9721	0.9702
May	0.9931	0.9207	0.9897	0.9837
Jun	0.9952	0.9031	0.967	0.989
Jul	0.988	0.8636	0.9785	0.9837
Aug	0.9909	0.7866	0.9787	0.9848
Sep	0.9929	0.7376	0.9811	0.9778

Table 2 show NEE & PAR relationship (R²)

relationship tended to saturate at peak PAR values. Reveal that GPP and PAR have non-linear relationship. NEE are high in mixed forest; CA-WP 1, grassland; CA-Let; open Shrub lands; CA-Mer and wet land; CA-WP 2, respectively.

From Table 2 Grassland is the best representative for study NEP and PAR relationship. The best NEP and PAR relationship is CA-Let site; grassland ($R^2=0.9952$) in June and CA-WP1; Mixed

Forests ($R^2 = 0.9897$) in May. After PAR reach 1200–1400 (μ mol/m²/s), NEP seem to be constant at around 6–12(μ mol/m²/s). In summer (April September), NEP and PAR was higher than other months.

4. Future Tasks

Calculate light photosynthesis curve in other flux sites. Night time NEP and Wind velocity will use for ecosystem respiration calculation then GPP will calculated and fit to rectangular hyperbola equation by GPP=b *a PAR/ (1+a PAR) equation. Soil respiration and temperature will be examined. For develop accuracy of NPP calculation model, ADEOS-II/GLI satellite vegetation index and some significant meteorological variables (short term variation) such as Air temperature, Vapor Pressure Deficit (VPD), CO₂ flux and Humidity will be analyzed to see pattern that may be have significant relation to light photosynthesis curve as well.

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