

# Model and observation for Surface Atmosphere Interactions

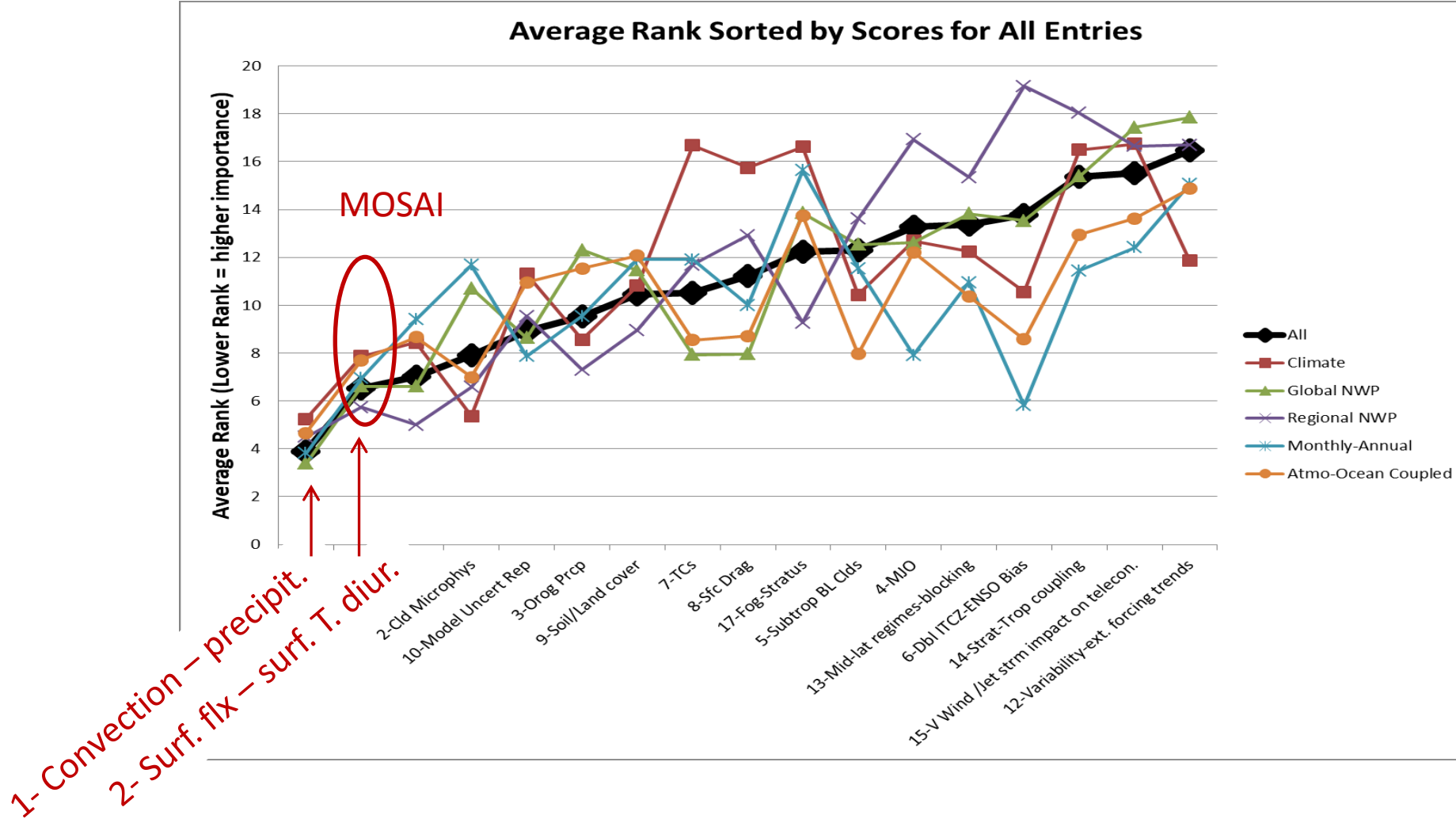
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# Motivations

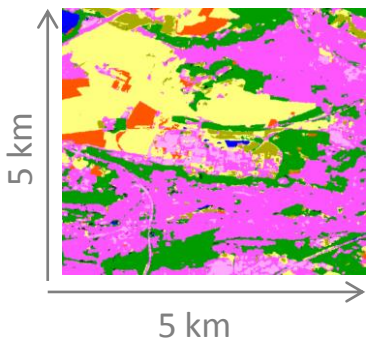
## Working Group on Numerical Experimentation (Fev. 2019)



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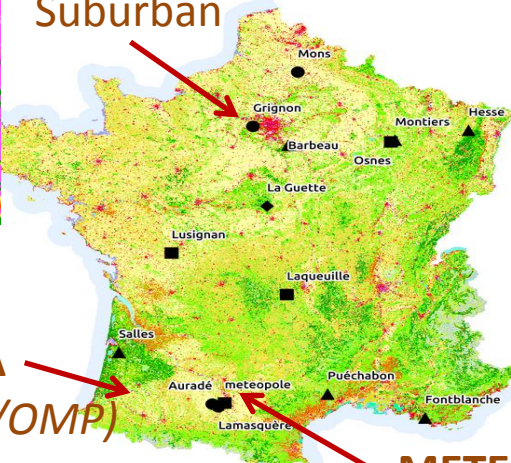
Land use map  
(Sentinel-2)

- Urban
- Forest
- Grass
- Crops

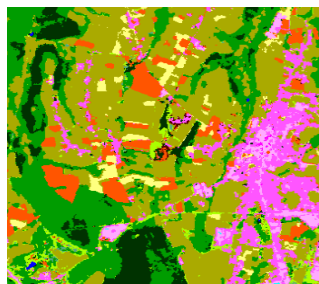


SIRTA (IPSL)

Suburban



ICOS  
Integrated Carbon Observation System

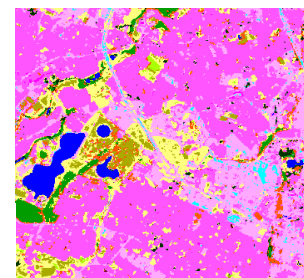


P20A  
(UT3/OMP)

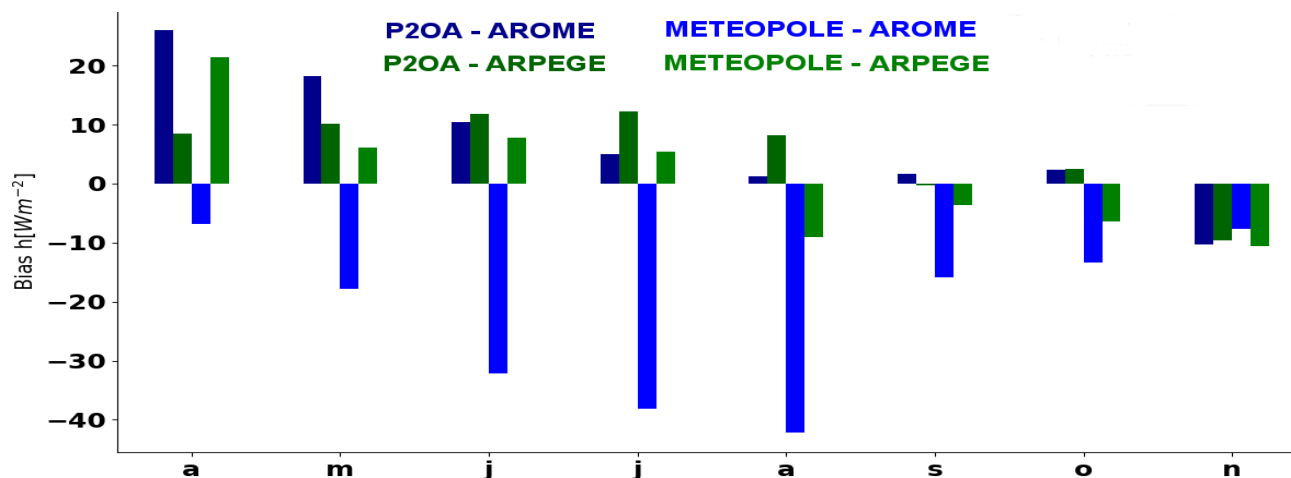
Rural

METEOPOLE-FLUX

Urban



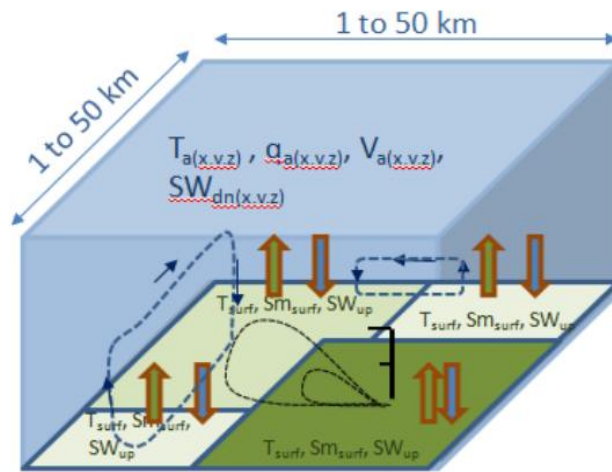
Monthly Bias (Model – Observations) for sensible heat flux



@Guylaine Canut, CNRM

# MOSAI Objectives

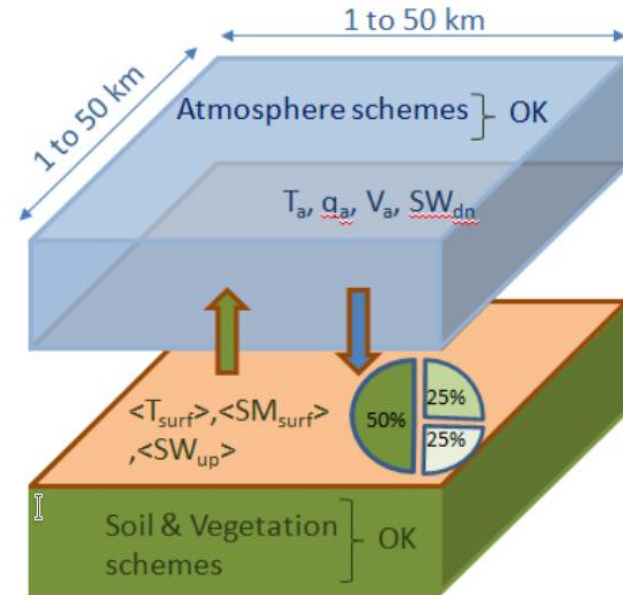
Observations at model grid scale



**WP1: uncertainty and horizontal representativeness of L-A exchanges measured over heterogeneous landscape**

**WP2: Model evaluation using long-term measurements**

Climate or NWP model grid



**WP3: Improvement of the L-A models coupling**

# Outline

- Motivations
- Objectives
- Strategy
- 2023 field experiment
- Some ongoing works for each objective
  - O1: Representativity
  - O2: New methods for model evaluation
  - O3: Improving surface/atmosphere coupling

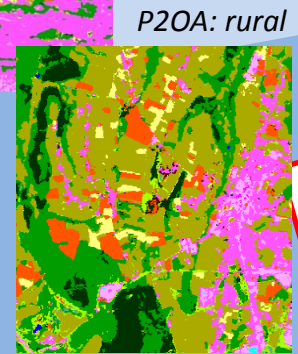
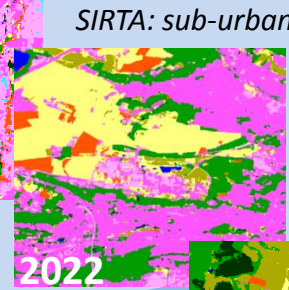
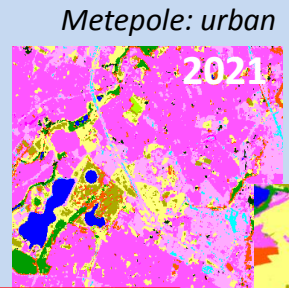


# MOSAI Strategy

**Permanent Observations**  
~ 10 years



**SURFACE HETEROGENEITY**

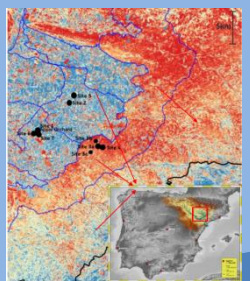


**Enhanced Observations**  
~ 1 year

**P20A SOP**  
**Roughness Transition**

**Intensive Observations**

**LIAISE**  
2021



**VERTICAL STRUCTURE**

**Numerical Models**

Méso-NH/ SURFEX ; LES  
WRF / ORCHIDEE; Régional  
AROME / SURFEX; Regional

ARPEGE / SURFEX; Cimate  
LMDZ / ORCHIDEE; Climate  
DYNAMICO / ORCHIDEE; Climate

# Field campaign at P20A



## Main objective :

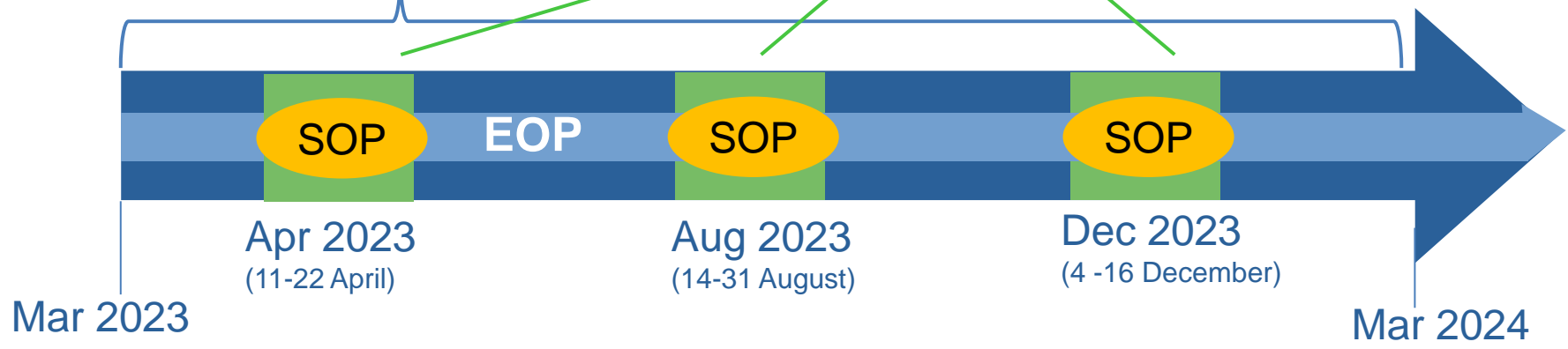
- Characterize the representativity of the P20A 60 m tower relatively to the heterogeneous landscape
- Document the vertical structure
- Investigate the impact of a roughness transition

### EOP

- Surface flux towers
- Scintillometers
- scanning lidar,
- GNSS
- UHF,
- ceilometer,
- sky imager

### SOP

- Radiosoundings
- Tethered balloon
- Remotely Piloted Airplanes

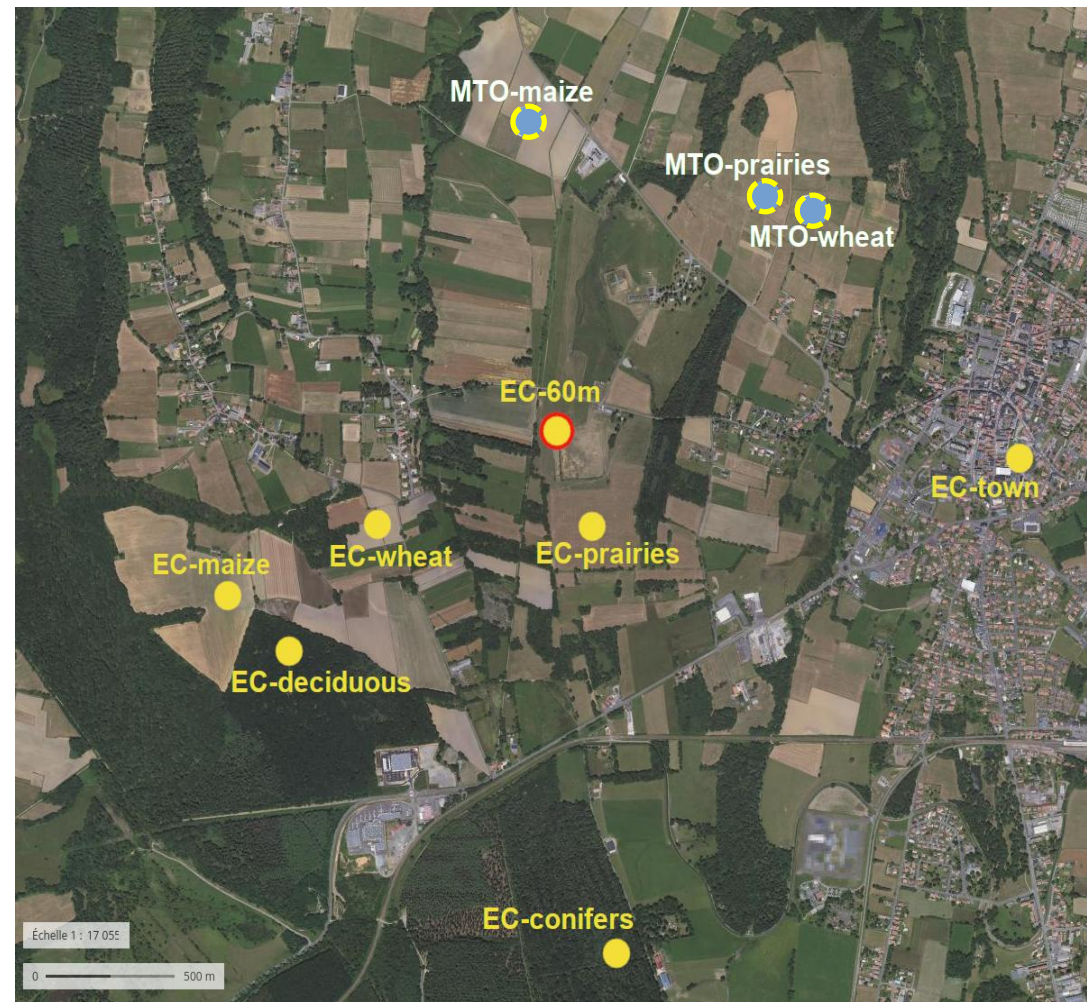
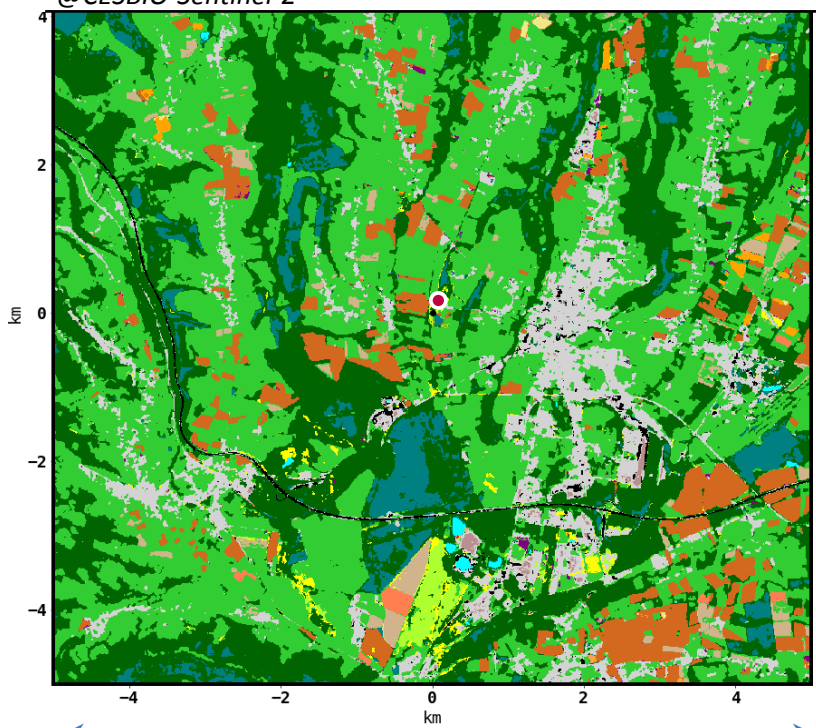


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## Deployment of flux stations:

- Prairies
- Deciduous forest
- Summer crops
- Urban in Lannemezan
- Winter crops
- Conifer forest / mixt forest

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4 km

MTO station → Flux estimates: see presentation Jomé et al

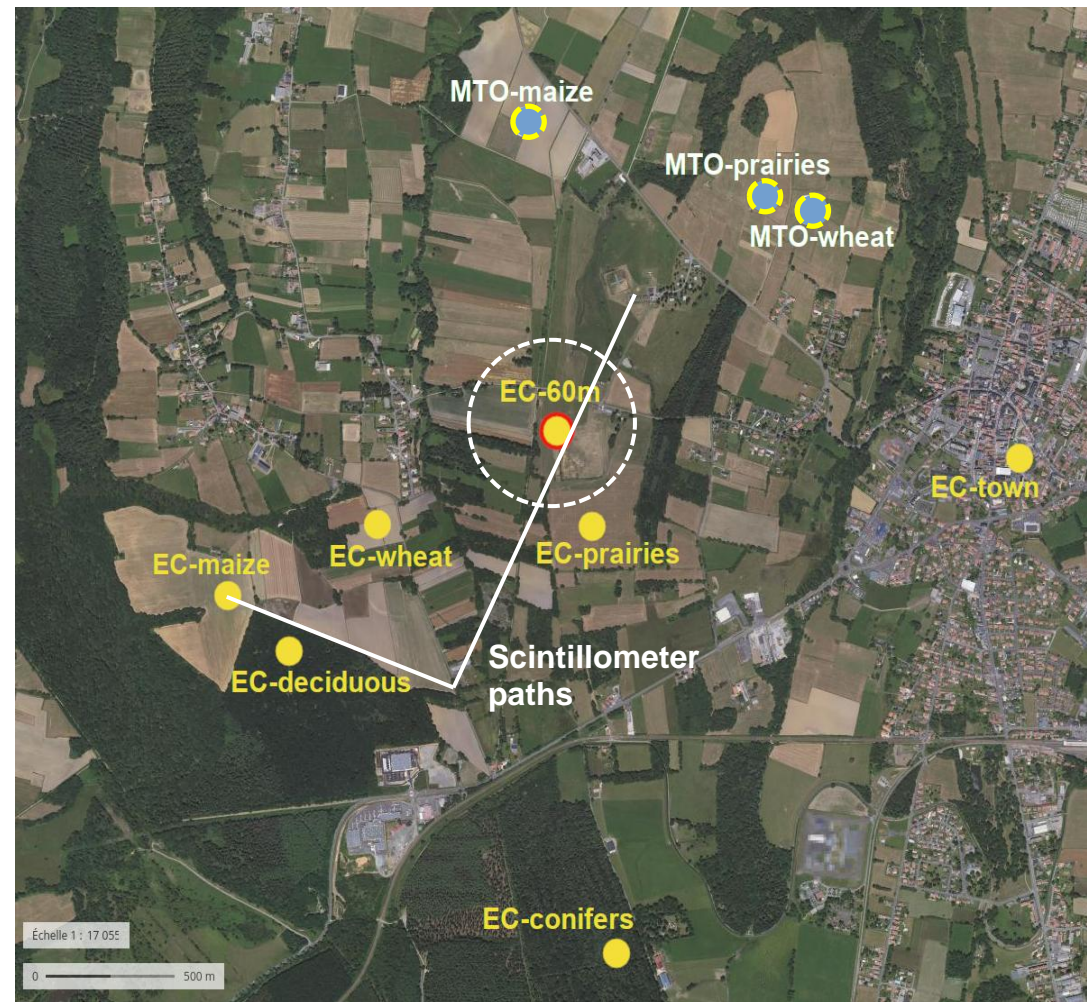
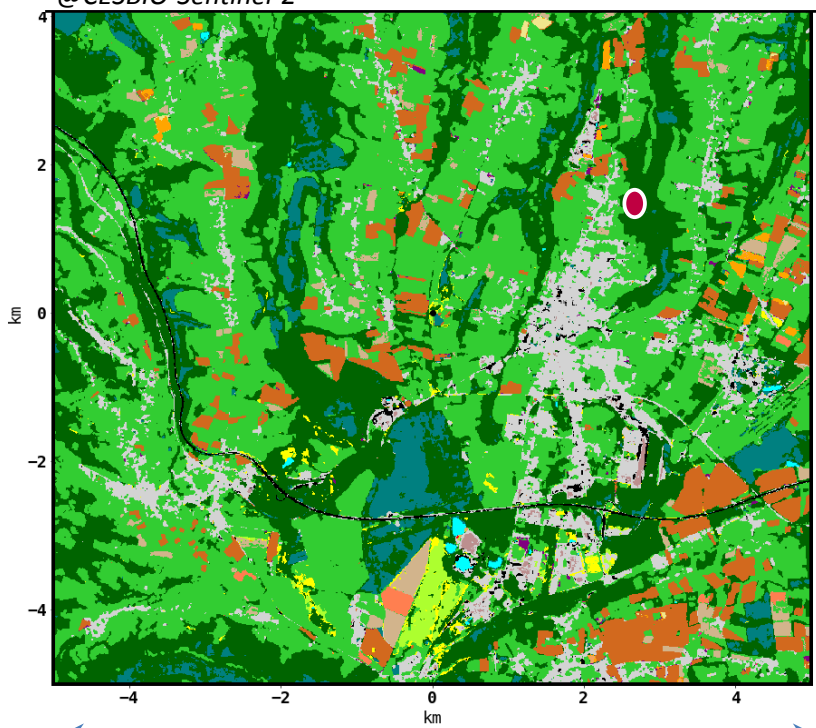


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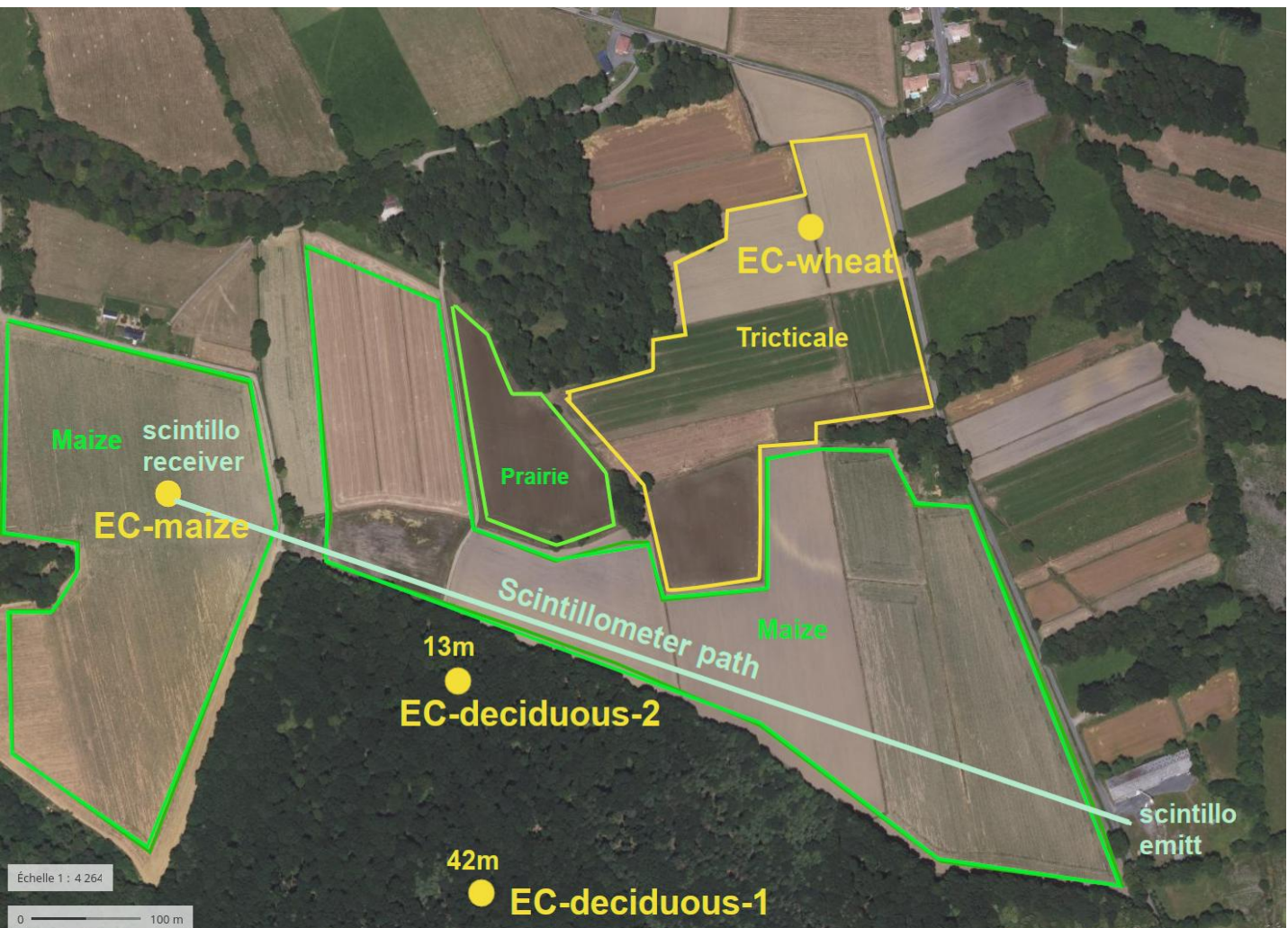
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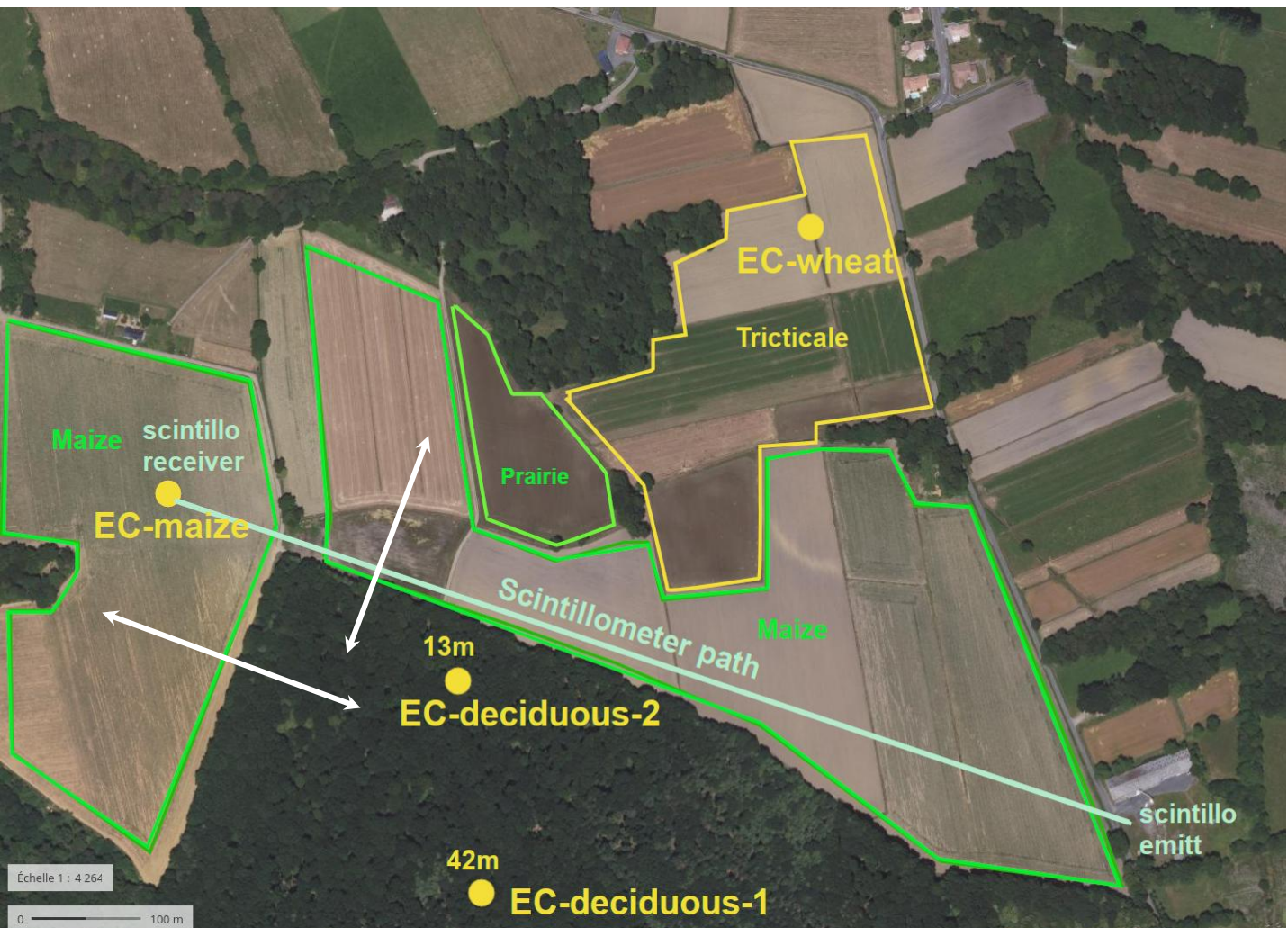


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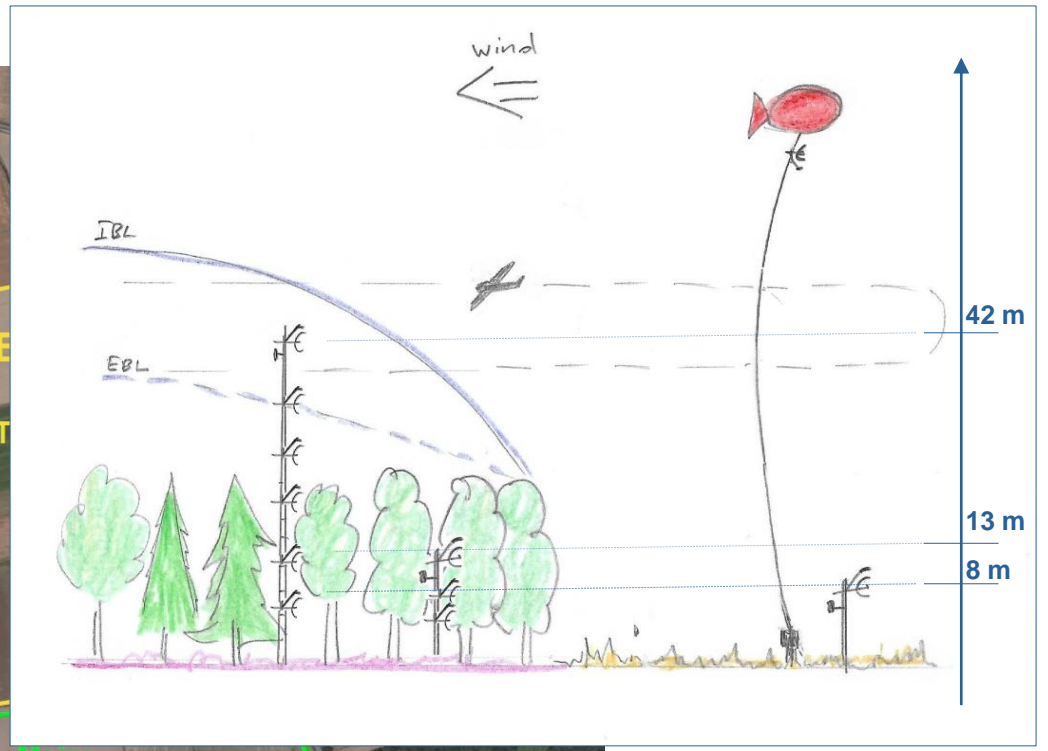
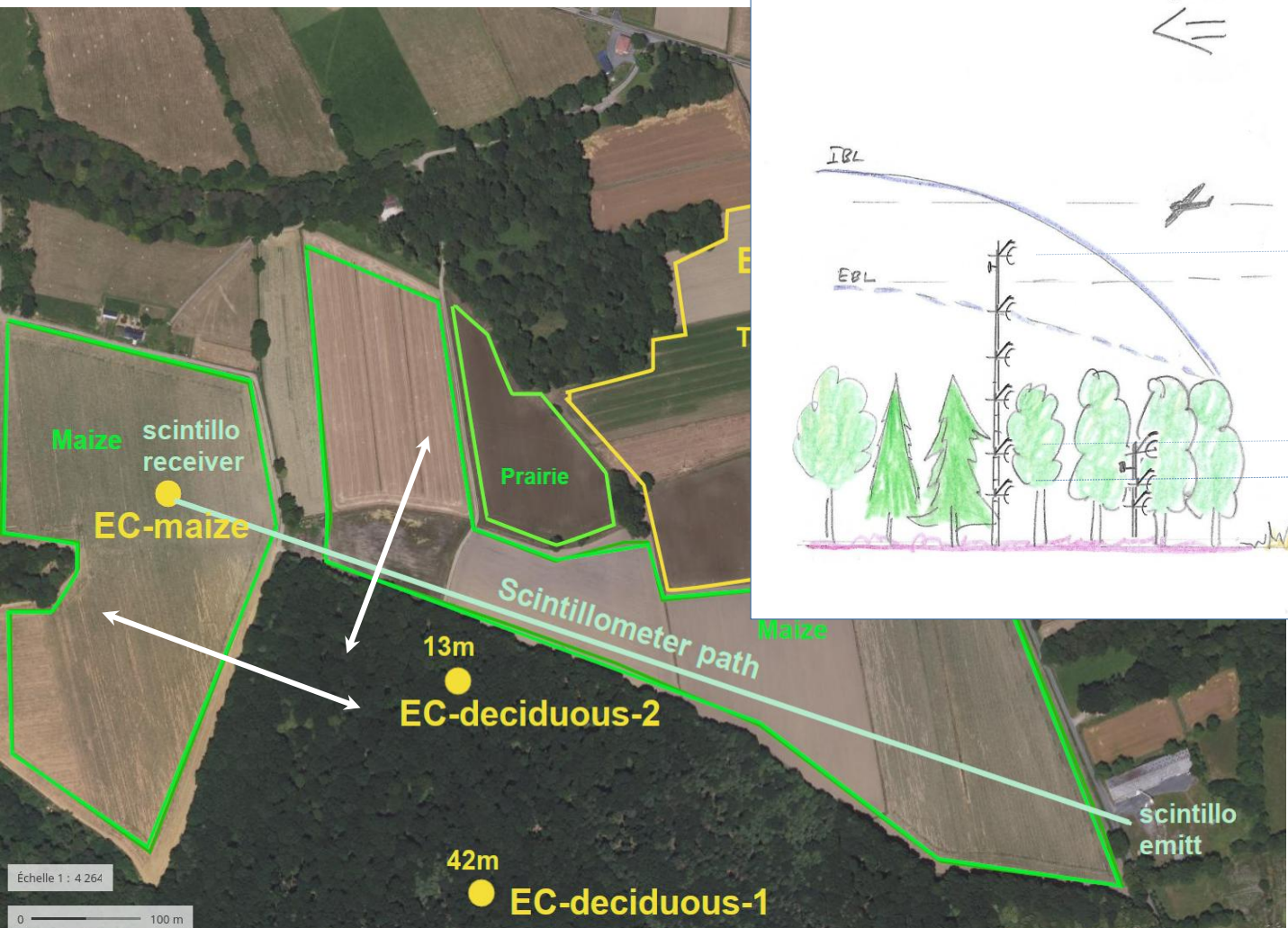
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- Impact on fluxes and influence of atmospheric structures within canopies
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# O1- Representativity

## How to evaluate the representativity of reference long-term surface flux measurements in an heterogeneous landscape ?

See Poster from Mathilde Jomé (LAERO) !  
 Based on Meteopole EOP (2021)  
 - Surface heterogeneity indicators  
 - Link between surface energy budget residual and flux heterogeneity

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#### INTRODUCTION AND AIMS

An accurate evaluation of land-atmosphere (L-A) exchanges and their representation are needed for weather and climate forecasts. A survey<sup>1</sup> on systematic errors established that the modelling of surface fluxes is the second most important issue, highlighting the importance of improving the representation of the surface-atmosphere interactions in the models. Large biases in the models are still pointed out in the representation of surface-atmosphere flux when compared to observations.

The Models and Observation for Surface-Atmosphere Interactions (MOSAID) project (<https://mosaid.aeris-data.fr/>) aims at reducing those biases.

The main objective here corresponds to the first scientific objective of this project and concerns the investigation and determination of the uncertainty and representativity of L-A exchanges measured over heterogeneous landscapes (Fig. 2).

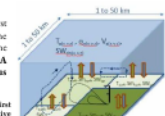


Fig. 2: Schematic representation of the first MOSAID project objective

#### LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES :

- one family of indicators linked to the surface fluxes measurement errors and bias
- the other linked to the horizontal representativity of the local measured fluxes in the heterogeneous landscape

#### STEPS TO THESE OBJECTIVES :

- definition of the surface heterogeneity
- establishment of a relationship between those heterogeneities and the fluxes bias

#### THE MÉTÉOPOLE CAMPAIGN

Dedicated field experiments are needed to document the variability of the land-atmosphere exchange within a grid mesh. To do so, three ACTRIS-FR (The Aerosol, Clouds and Trace Gases Research Infrastructure) sites (Météopole/ Toulouse, SIRTA/Paris, PDAO/close to the Pyrénées) were instrumented for a one-year field campaign, with up to six surface patches with different vegetation covers.

The data from the Météopole campaign are used to develop a methodology that will later be applied to the two other campaigns.

For this field campaign, six different vegetation covers were instrumented (Fig. 3). Those surfaces were chosen according to the high-resolution land use map created by CESBIO, in order to measure L-A exchanges (Fig. 4) over the main surfaces in the landscape at a grid-mesh scale.




Fig. 3: Satellite images of the six instrumented sites for the Météopole campaign. The red dots represent the location of the EC stations.




Fig. 4: Composite diurnal cycle of sensible heat flux for the six different observation sites instrumented during the Météopole campaign

#### SURFACE HETEROGENEITY INDICATORS

**Local spatial variability of the flux :**

An object identification algorithm (Najda Villafraque, thesis) (Fig. 5) is applied to land-use maps (CESBIO) to identify and characterize the different surface patches (Fig. 6). For a 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid-mesh, 90% of the surface is represented by patches larger than 41m. This arrangement corresponds to the "unstructured heterogeneity" defined by Bou-Zeid<sup>2</sup> (poorly studied but most realistic case).




Fig. 5: Example of object identification on a 10x10 km grid-mesh

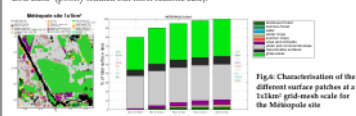


Fig. 6: Characterization of the different surface patches at a 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid-mesh scale for the Météopole site

The local spatial variability of the flux is then defined using two different standard deviations : a classical one associated to the area of a 10x10m<sup>2</sup> pixel (pixel method), and a second one considering the surface of the identified object (object method) (Fig. 7).

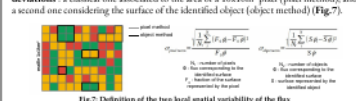


Fig. 7: Definition of the two local spatial variability of the flux

**Flux footprint :**

We use a simple two-dimensional parameterisation for the Flux Footprint Prediction<sup>3</sup> and the use-land maps to estimate the surface source areas and their contribution to the measured fluxes (Fig. 8).

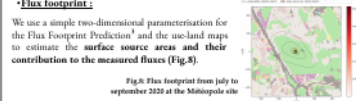


Fig. 8: Flux footprint from July to september 2020 at the Météopole site

#### NON-CLOSURE AND HETEROGENEITY

Many recent studies have focused on the SEB non-closure issue that turned out to be multifactorial<sup>4,5</sup>. Surface heterogeneity is one of these factors and therefore, we investigate the potential existence of a relationship between the non-closure of the SEB and the heterogeneity of the surface using the two heterogeneity indicators previously defined for the Météopole instrumented site.

Normalized SEB non-closure =  $\frac{abs(-\sum_{i=1}^N LE_i)}{SEB}$

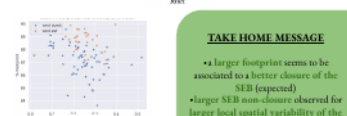


Fig. 9: % of the grass areas in the Météopole site footprint as a function of normalized SEB non-closure from July to september 2020. Daily average for flux=500W/m<sup>2</sup>.

**TAKE HOME MESSAGE**

- a larger footprint seems to be associated to a better closure of the SEB (expected)
- larger SEB non-closure observed for larger local spatial variability of the H flux (to be confirmed)
- no obvious conclusion for the LE flux

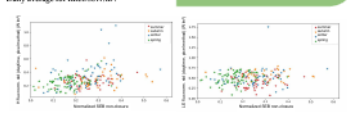


Fig. 10: H flux (left) and LE flux (right) normalized standard deviation as a function of the normalized SEB non-closure for the Météopole site for a 1 km<sup>2</sup> grid-mesh. Each point represents a daily average for flux=500W/m<sup>2</sup>. The whole year of campaign is represented here.

#### PERSPECTIVES :

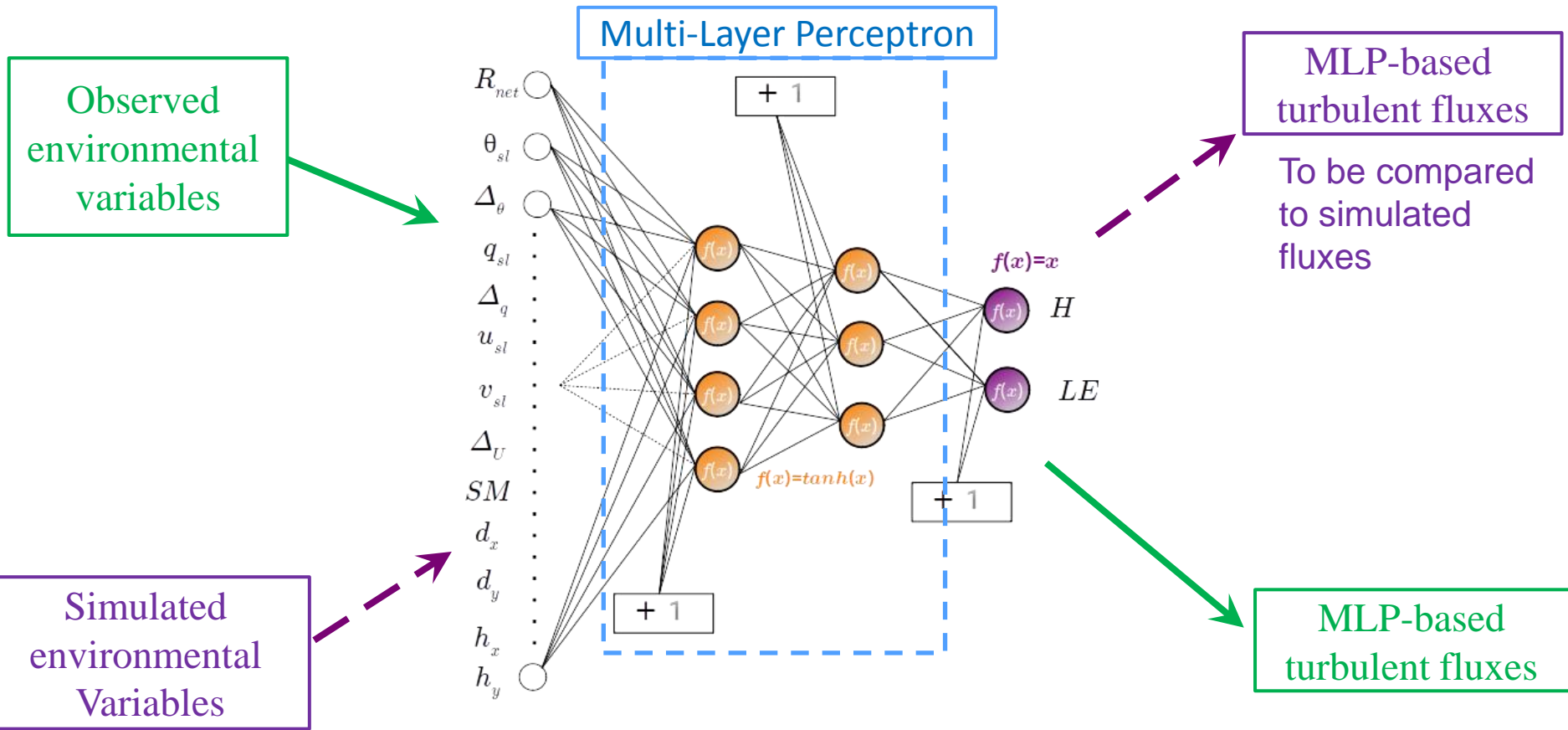
- repeat this study considering the stability of the atmosphere
- apply it on the other stations of the Météopole campaign
- studying the horizontal representativeness of these fluxes in the heterogeneous landscape

# O2 - New methods for model evaluation

Using neural network to estimate model bias

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Objective: Make a “fair” model/obs comparison, by freeing from differences in environmental forcings.



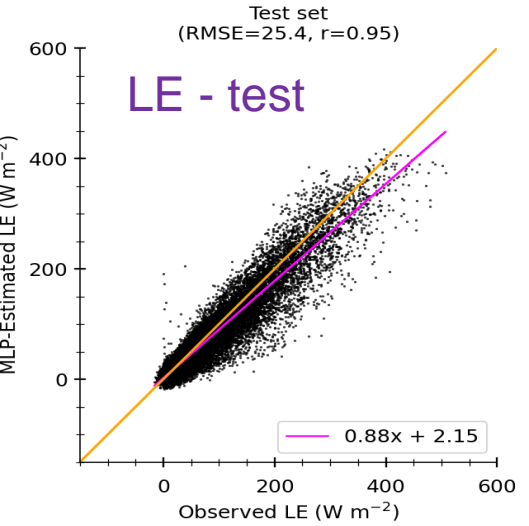
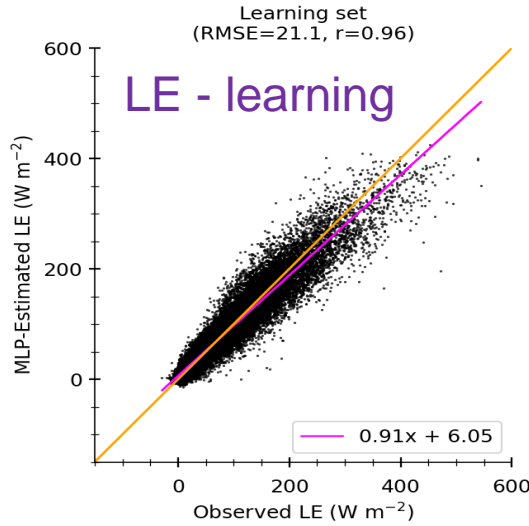
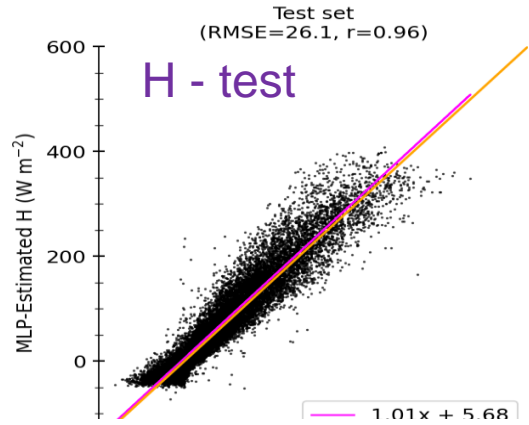
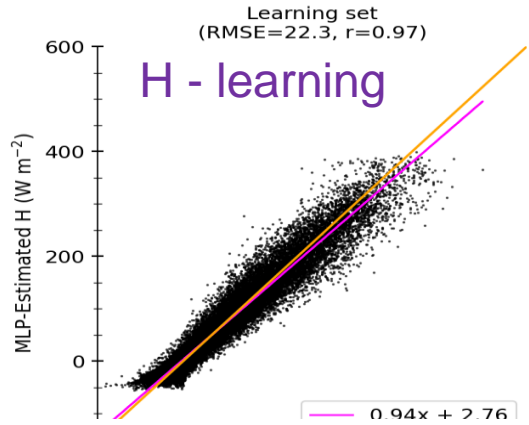
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Observational data from  
Meteopole, Toulouse  
(Jun 2012 - Dec 2021)

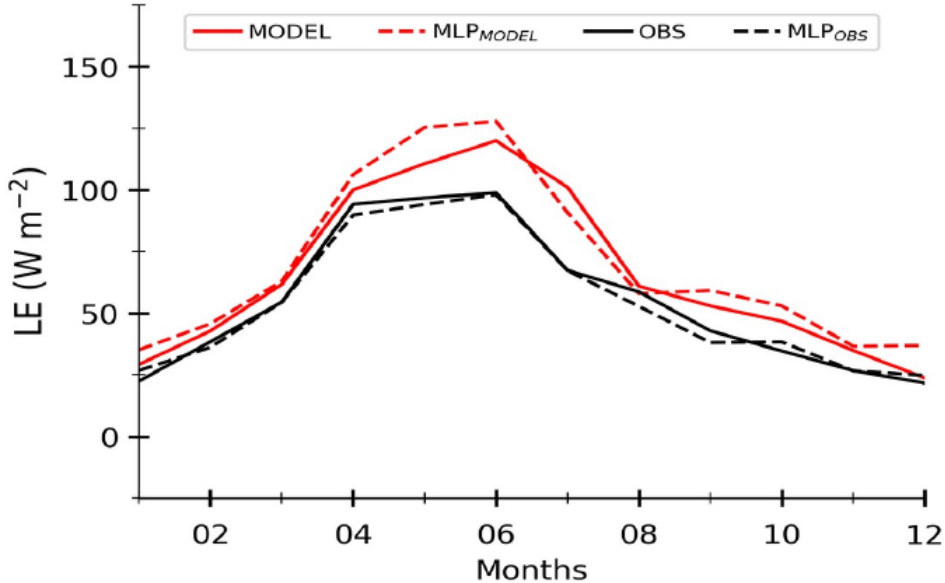
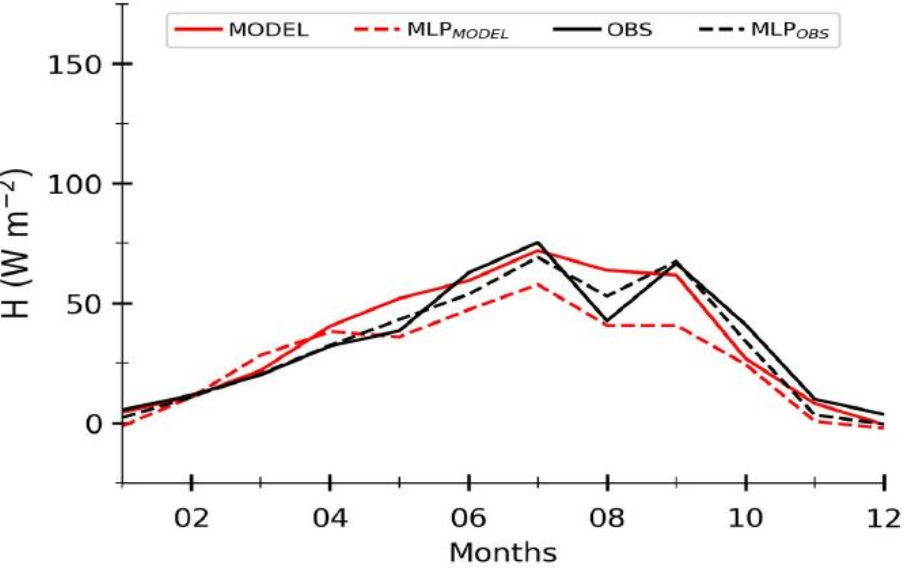
- Trained MLP performs well
- Difficulties for H estimation in strongly stable surface layer
- Difficulties in cases of large LE



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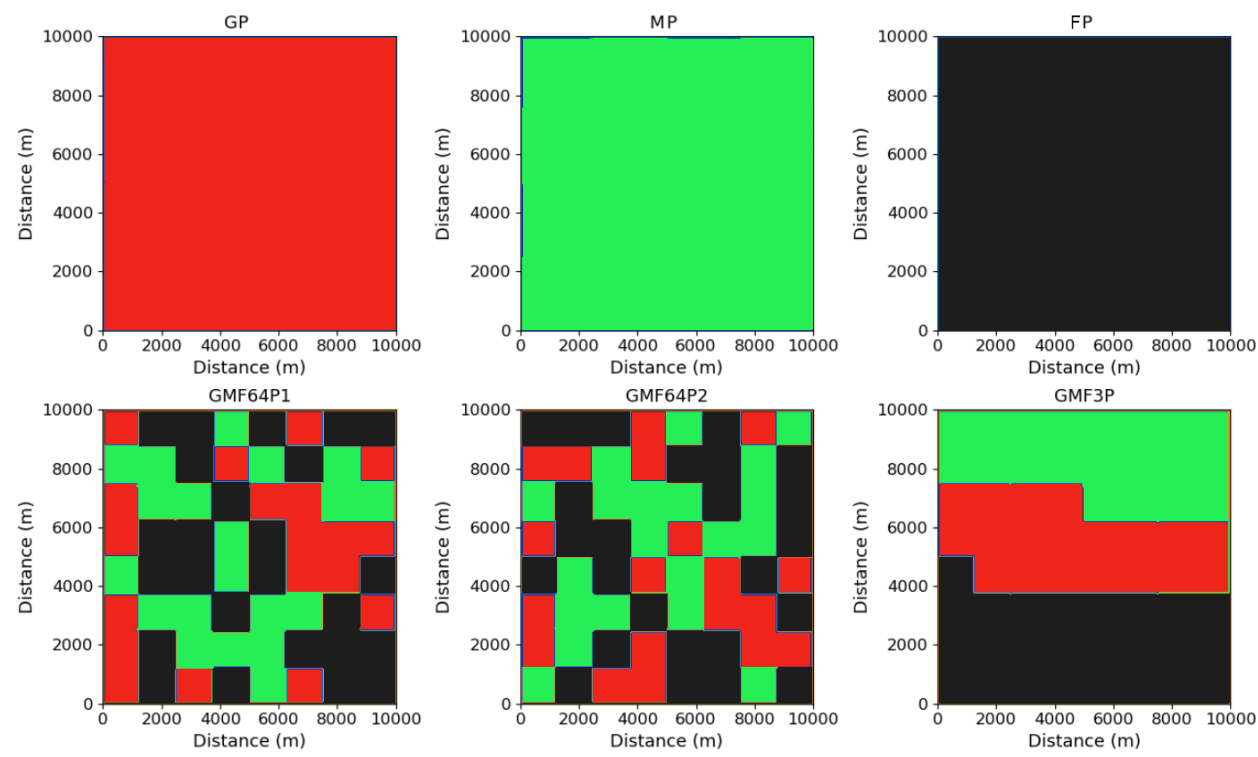


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MesoNH/SURFEX coupled LES

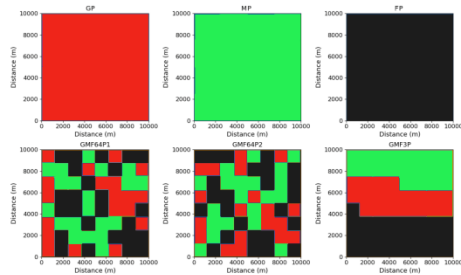
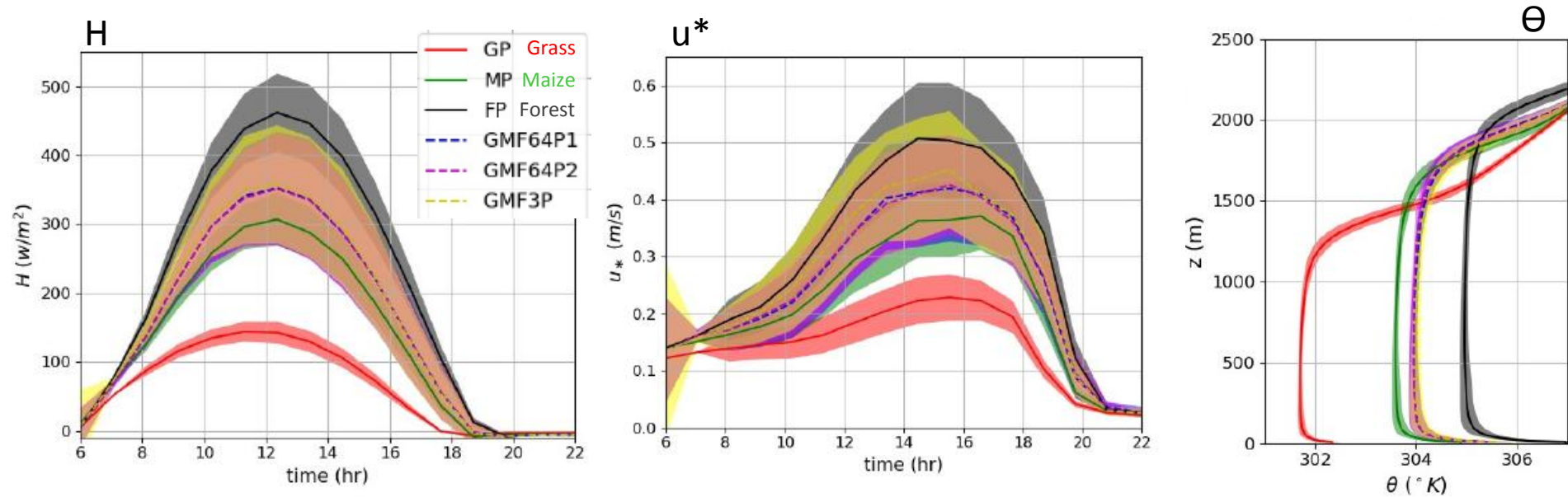


**Interactive surface**  
 10 km<sup>2</sup> x 4 km  
 dx = dy = 50m  
 dz1 = 5m, stretched grid



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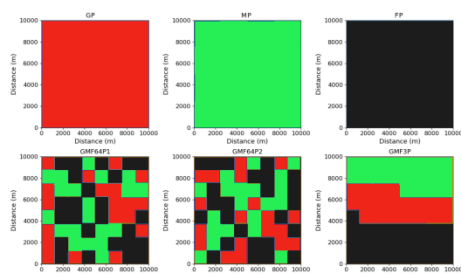
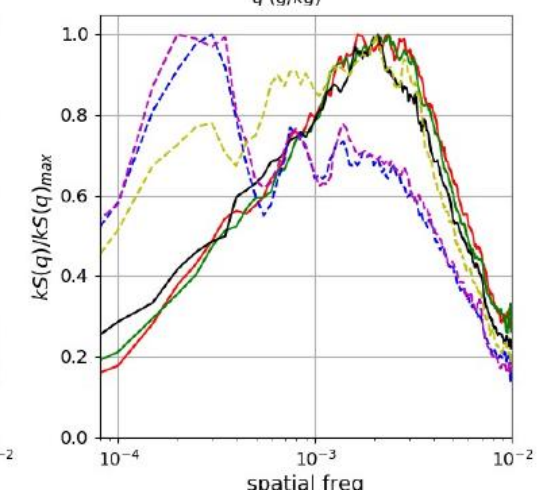
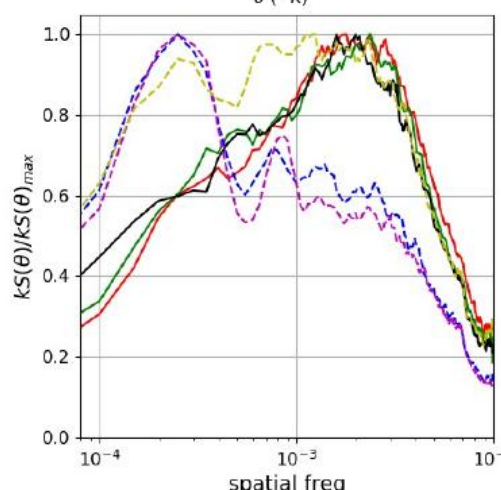
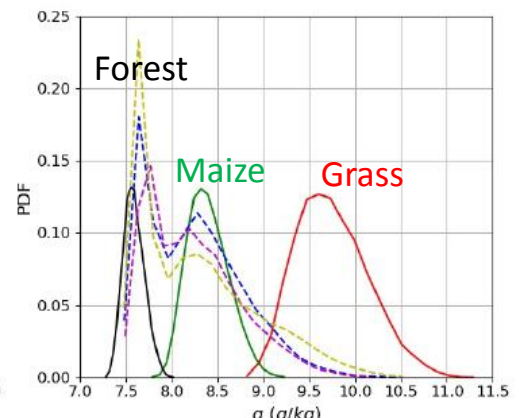
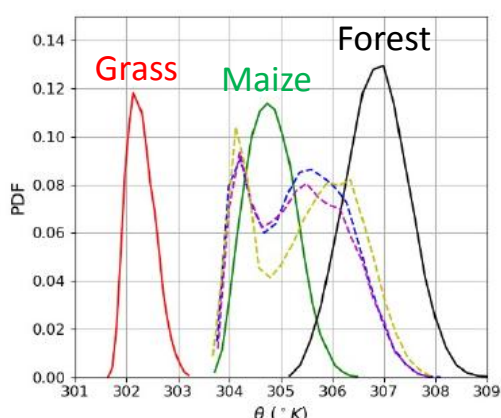
- Heterogeneity slightly increases mean flux and roughness (larger than the weighted average)
- Near surface wind is more influenced
- BL slightly deeper, but remains well homogeneous, and independent of patch size and distribution

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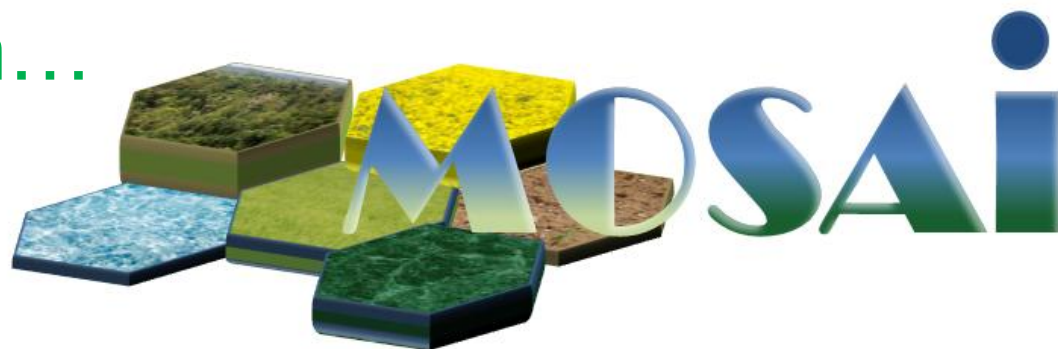


Heterogeneity induces  
 Bimodal distributions and excess  
 of energy at larger scales  
 → due to **secondary circulations**



More to come soon...

Thank you !



**Web site & Data base:**

<https://mosai.aeris-data.fr/>



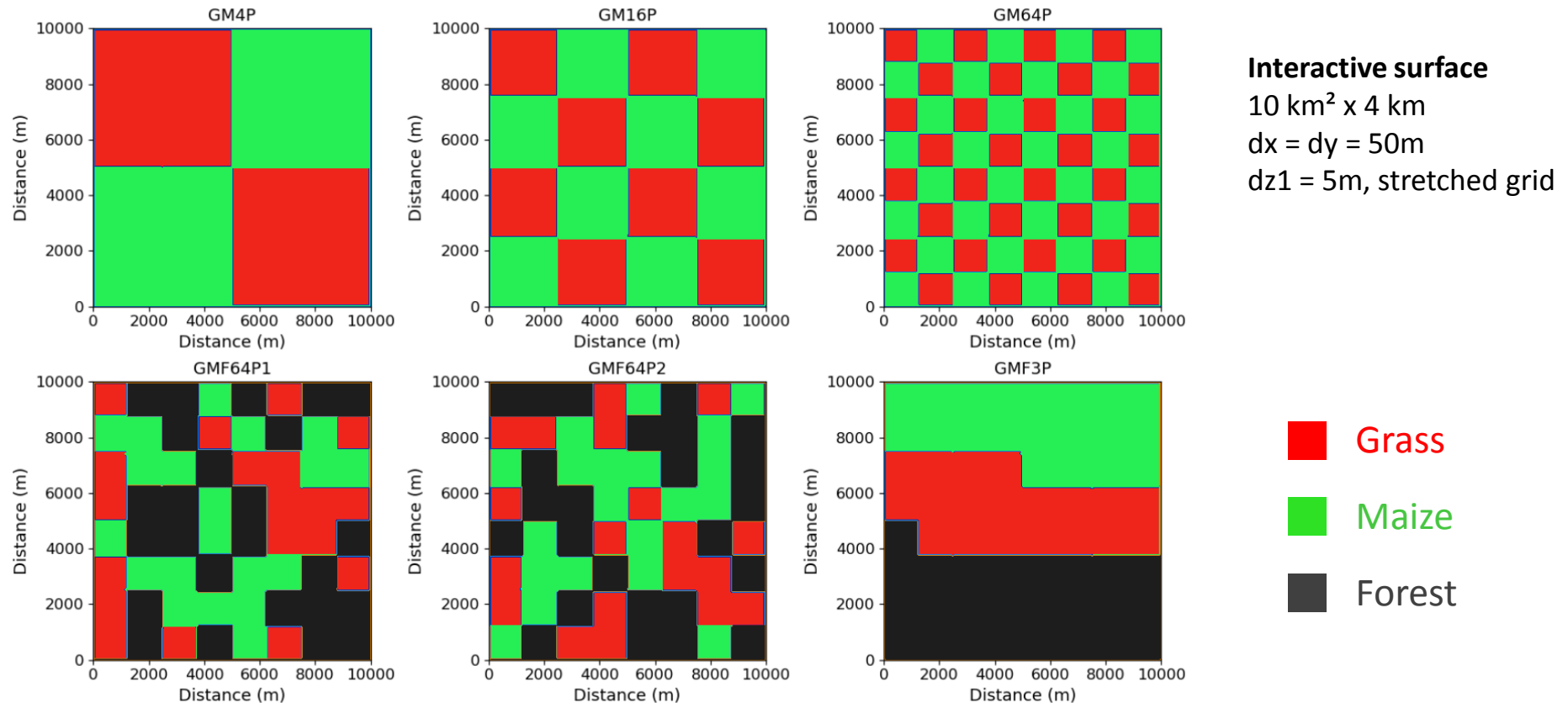


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