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# WATER FLUX PARTITIONING FOR EDDY COVARIANCE DATA

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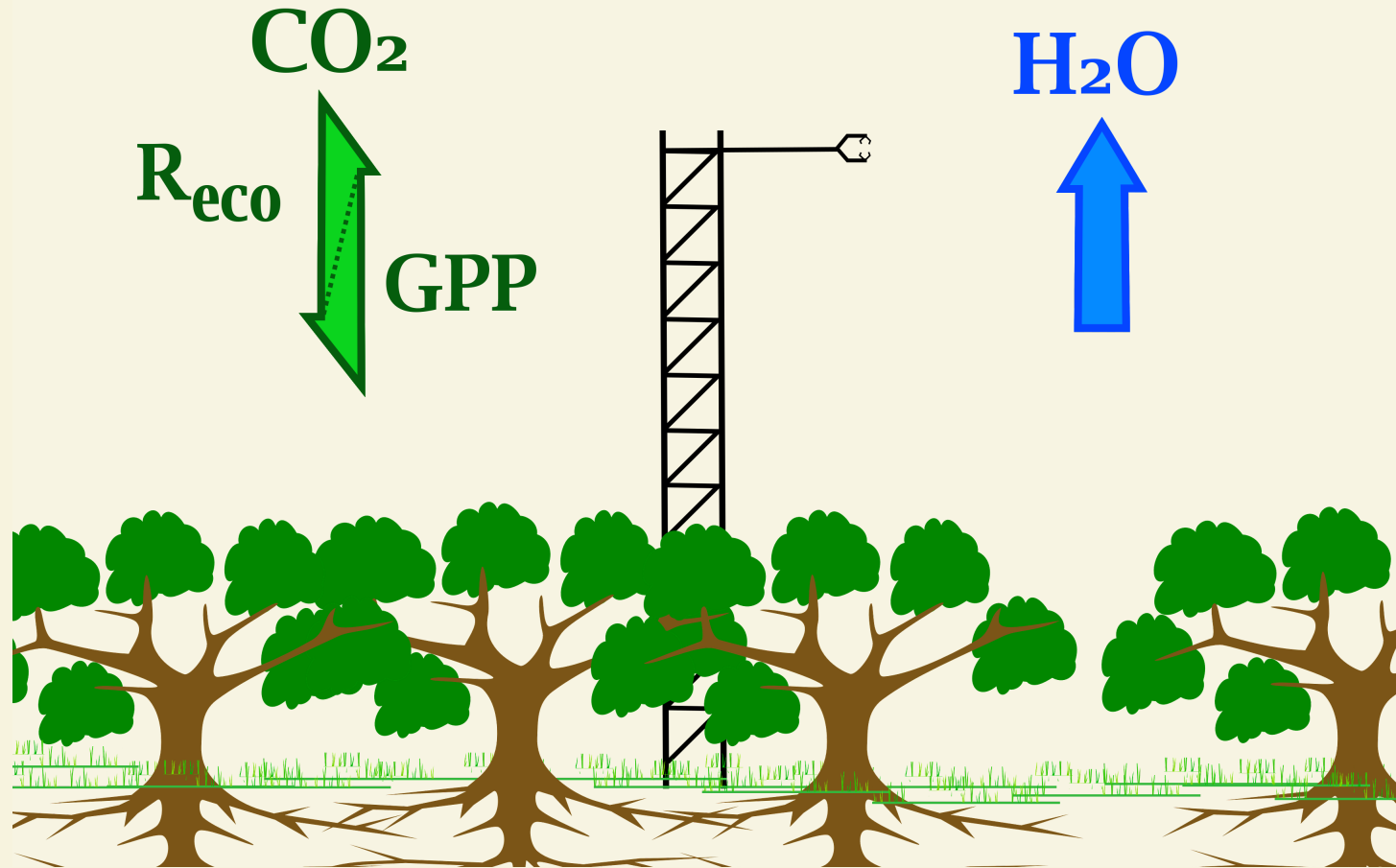
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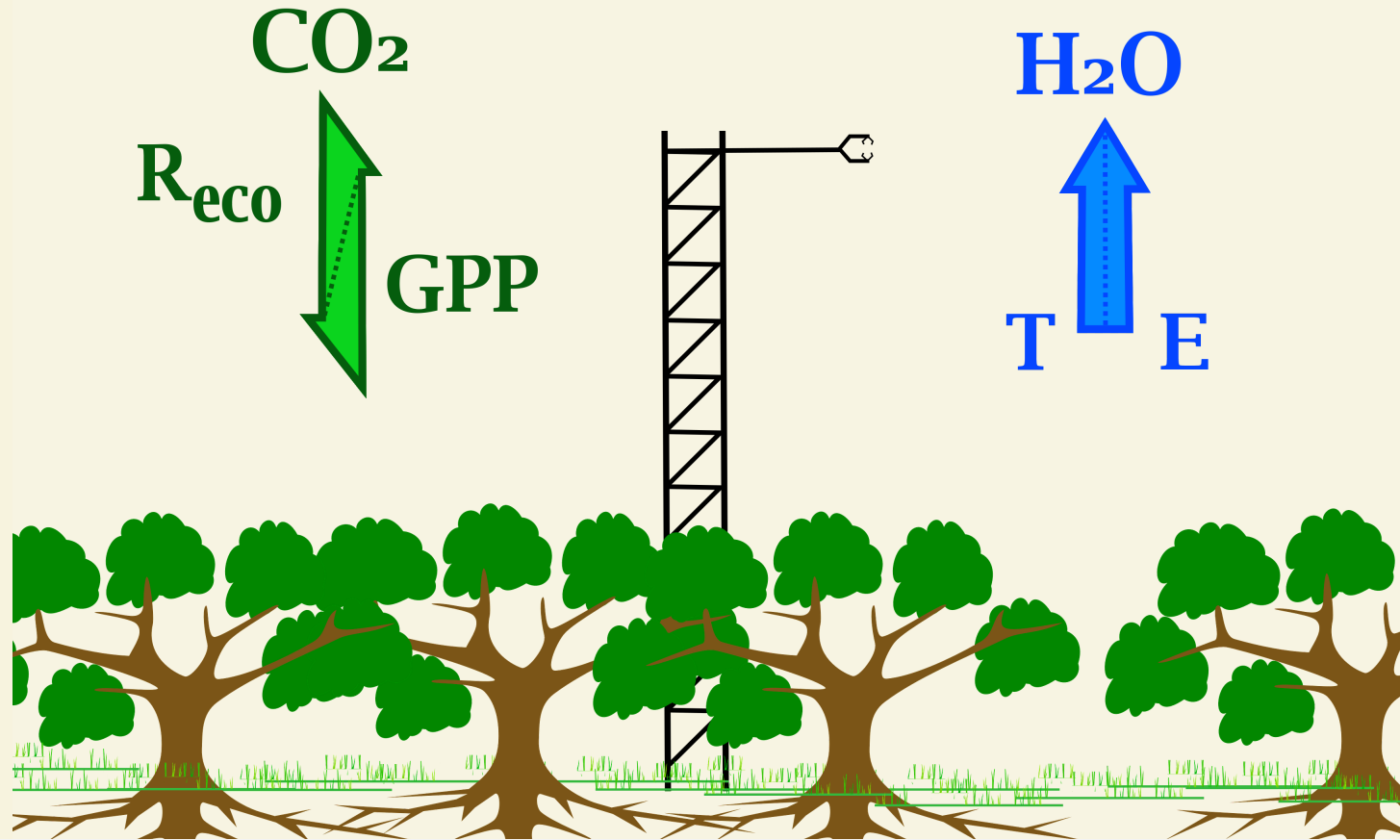
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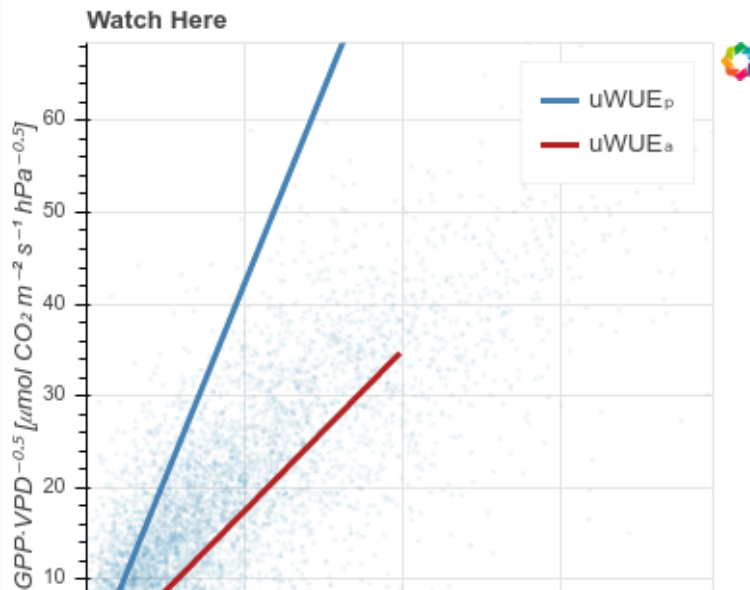
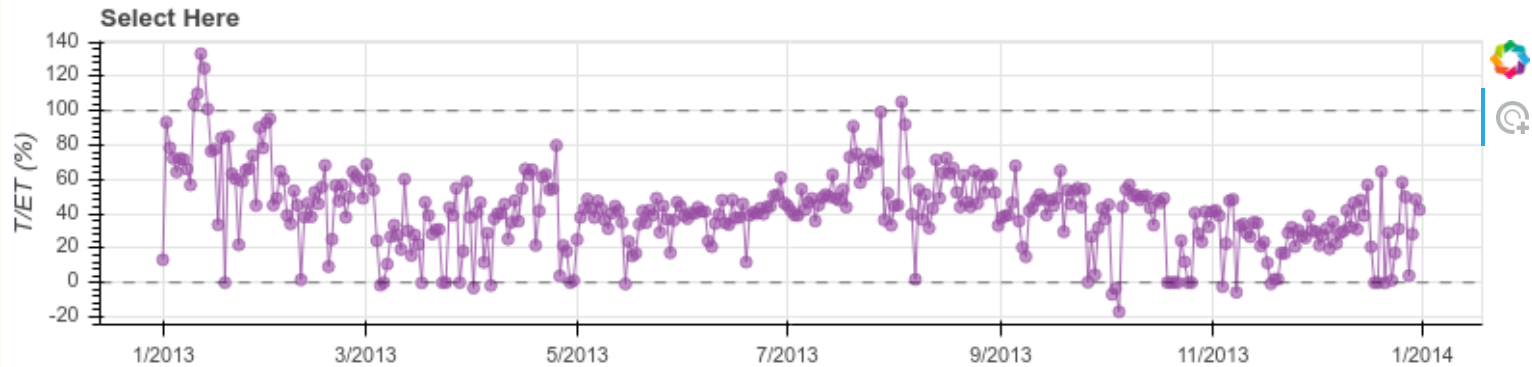
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- In the last few years, methods have come out to replicate the success of  $NEE$  partitioning with the water fluxes by partitioning evapotranspiration ( $ET$ ) into transpiration ( $T$ ) and evaporation ( $E$ ).

- Description and application of three ET partitioning methods:
  - underlying water use efficiency (uWUE)
  - Pérez-Priego
  - TEA



The uWUE method relies on estimates of the underlying water use efficiency (uWUE):

$$uWUE = \frac{GPP \cdot \sqrt{VPD}}{ET},$$

Two uWUE variants are calculated from half-hourly data:

1. the potential uWUE ( $uWUE_p$ ) is calculated at an annual scale using a 95<sup>th</sup> percentile regression between  $GPP \cdot \sqrt{VPD}$  and  $ET$ , representing conditions with the highest carbon gain to water loss and thus where  $T \approx ET$
2. the apparent uWUE ( $uWUE_a$ ) is estimated as the linear regression slope from a daily or 8 daily window.

T/ET is then calculated as:

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## HERE IS A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE UWUE METHOD.

- See the paper [here](#).
- Navigate ↓down↓ to see a tutorial of how to apply this method to a FLUXNET2015 dataset.
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## introduction

Here we will go through application of the uWUE partitioning algorithm to eddy covariance data. The script is designed to run on FLUXNET2015 (<https://fluxnet.fluxdata.org/data/fluxnet2015-dataset/>) .csv files directly, which ensures consistent variable names, processing and units. The tutorial will use data from the Hyytiälä forest (<http://sites.fluxdata.org/FI-Hyy/>) in Finland, but can be applied to any FLUXNET2015 dataset.

Some experience in Python will make things easy, but I will try to explain the process step by step so as to be accessible to all backgrounds.

## first things first

The first step is to import all needed packages:

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In [15]: import xarray as xr # labelled multi-dimensional arrays that are compatible with netcdf formats
import numpy as np # numerical python for working with basic n-dimensional array
import warnings # standard library for suppressing warnings
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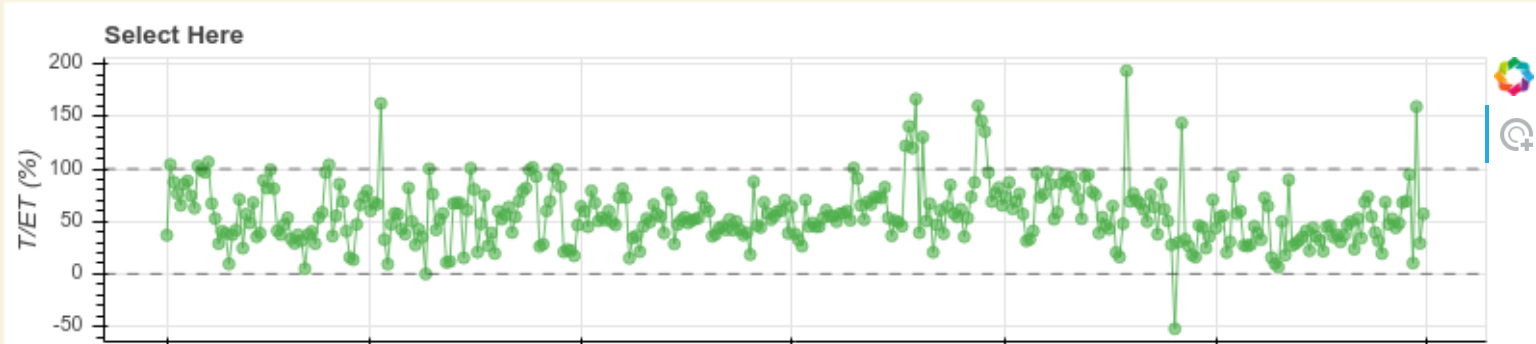
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### UWUE



- An interactive tutorial can be found here:





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symbol	description
$a_1, a_2, a_3, \beta$	fit model parameters
TA	ambient air temperature
VPD	vapor pressure deficit
PPFD	photosynthetic photon flux density
$GPP_{max}$	ninetieth percentile of GPP in 5 day window
$C_a$	ambient $CO_2$ mixing ratio
$\chi$	Internal to ambient $CO_2$ concentration
$\chi_0$	Long-term effective $\chi$
$g_c$	canopy stomatal conductance

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This example has been adapted from the original example:

[https://github.com/oscarperezpriego/ETpartitioning/blob/master/inst/main\\_ETpartitioning.r](https://github.com/oscarperezpriego/ETpartitioning/blob/master/inst/main_ETpartitioning.r)  
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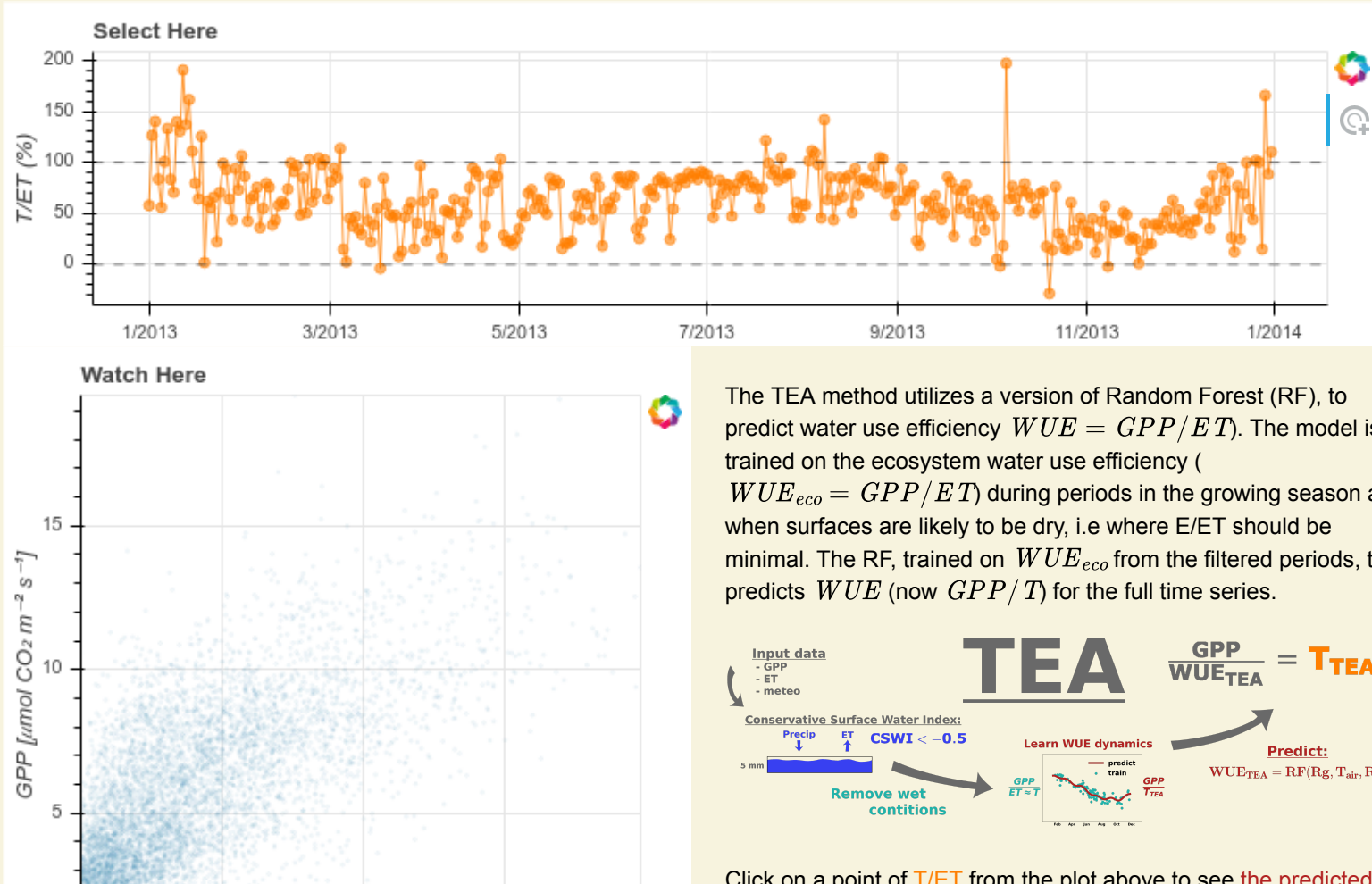
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**PÉREZ-PRIEGO**



- An interactive tutorial can be found here:

loading the dataset



Click on a point of  $T/ET$  from the plot above to see the predicted

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## resource usage

Note that processing large dataset can take some time and memory use. This script only processes six years worth of data. Processing the original 18 year dataset with one processor takes approximately 10 minutes and 0.75 GiB of RAM. If you have access to a multi-core processor, the speed can be increased considerably. Here are the maximum memory usage and run times when using different number of processors on my laptop:

processors	max memory	time
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TEA



- An interactive tutorial can be found here:

## uWUE

- $T \propto GPP \cdot \sqrt{VPD}$
- $T \approx ET$  during some periods
- easiest to calculate

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## Pérez-Priego

- big leaf model with optimality
- no  $T \approx ET$  assumption
- expensive parameter estimation

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## TEA

- models WUE via machine learning
- $T \approx ET$  during some periods

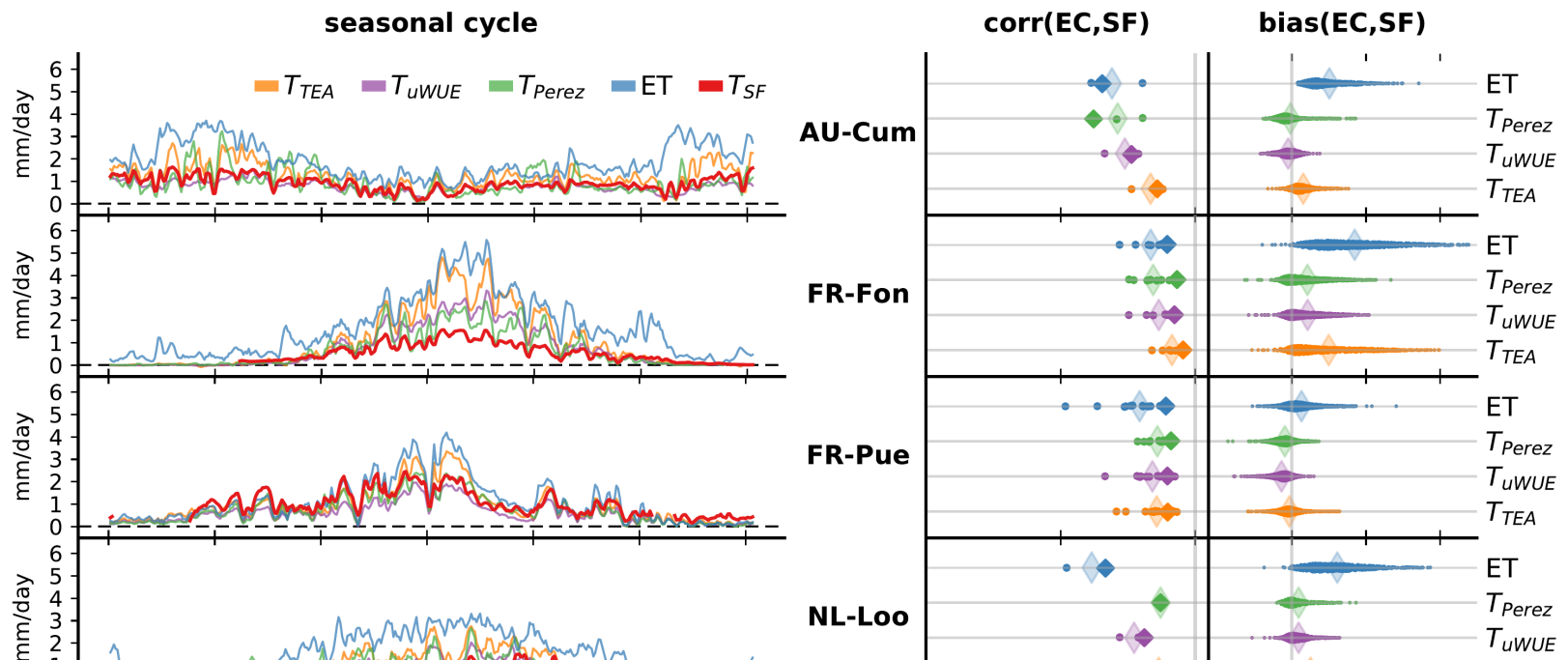
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- The table above summarizes some key aspects of the three methods related to:
  - core functionality
  - whether the method assumes  $T \approx ET$  during some periods
  - unique aspects of the method

- Comparison of the partitioning methods to:
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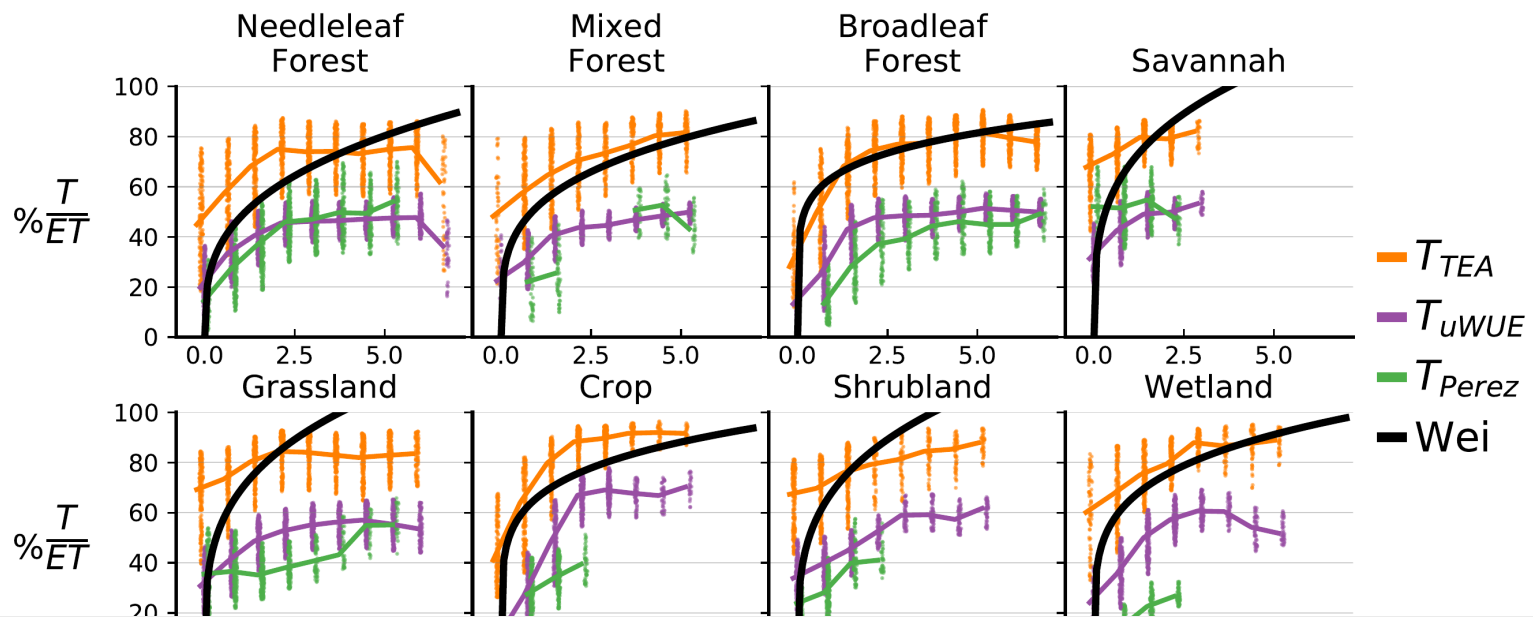


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Comparison of sap flow based estimates of transpiration ( $T_{SF}$ ) against estimated transpiration (T) and measured evapotranspiration (ET) from eddy covariance (EC). Note the three different sizes of markers in the correlation plots (corr(EC,SF)), where the largest markers represents the mean correlation, the smallest markers represent the correlations from each available year, and the medium sized markers represent the selected year shown (time series in the left column of sub-figures).

### Sap flow data from SAPFLUXNET

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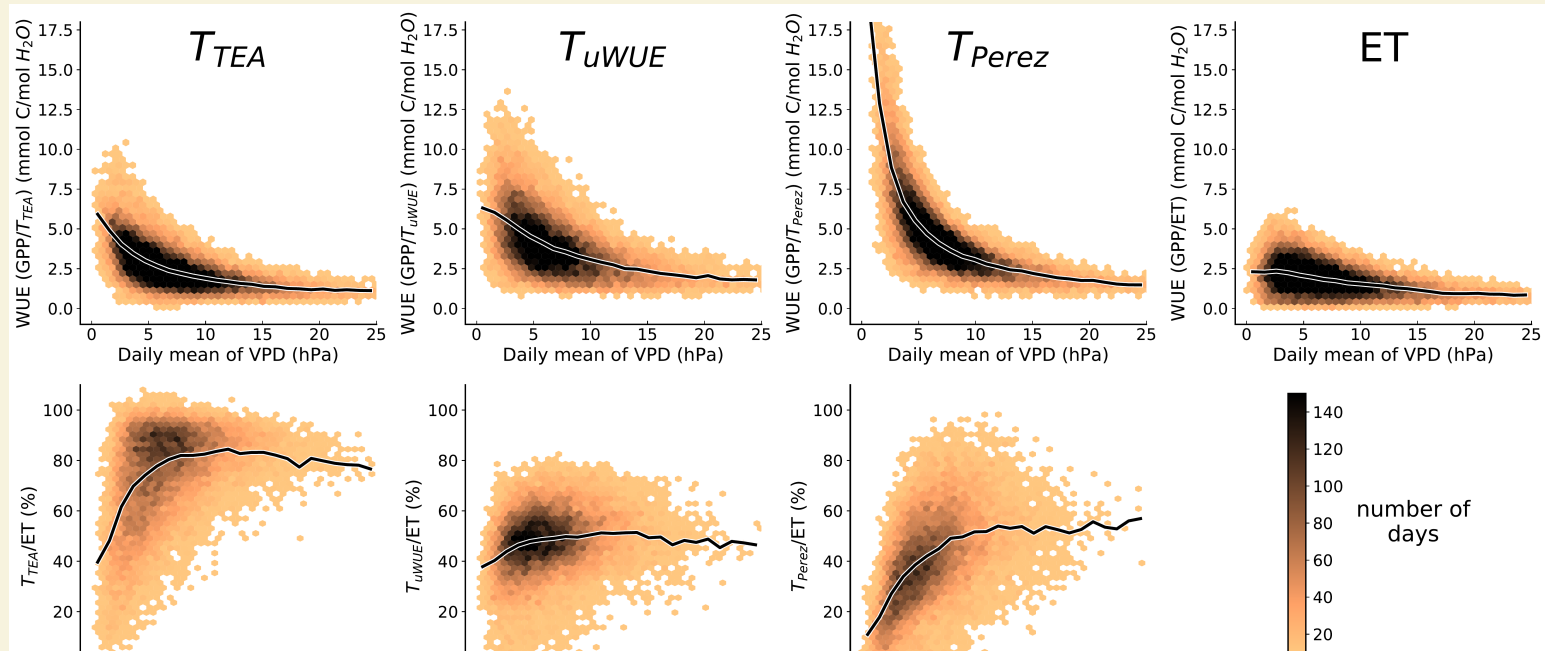


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Daily  $T/ET$  from each EC based method as a function of MODIS LAI. For each PFT, the associated relationship derived from [Wei et al \(2017\)](#) is shown in black, which was derived from site level  $T/ET$  estimates. Points show the distribution within the given LAI bin, truncated to the 25<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles. PFTs were grouped to match those found in [Wei, Z. et al \(2017\)](#) and are slightly different compared to subsequent figures.

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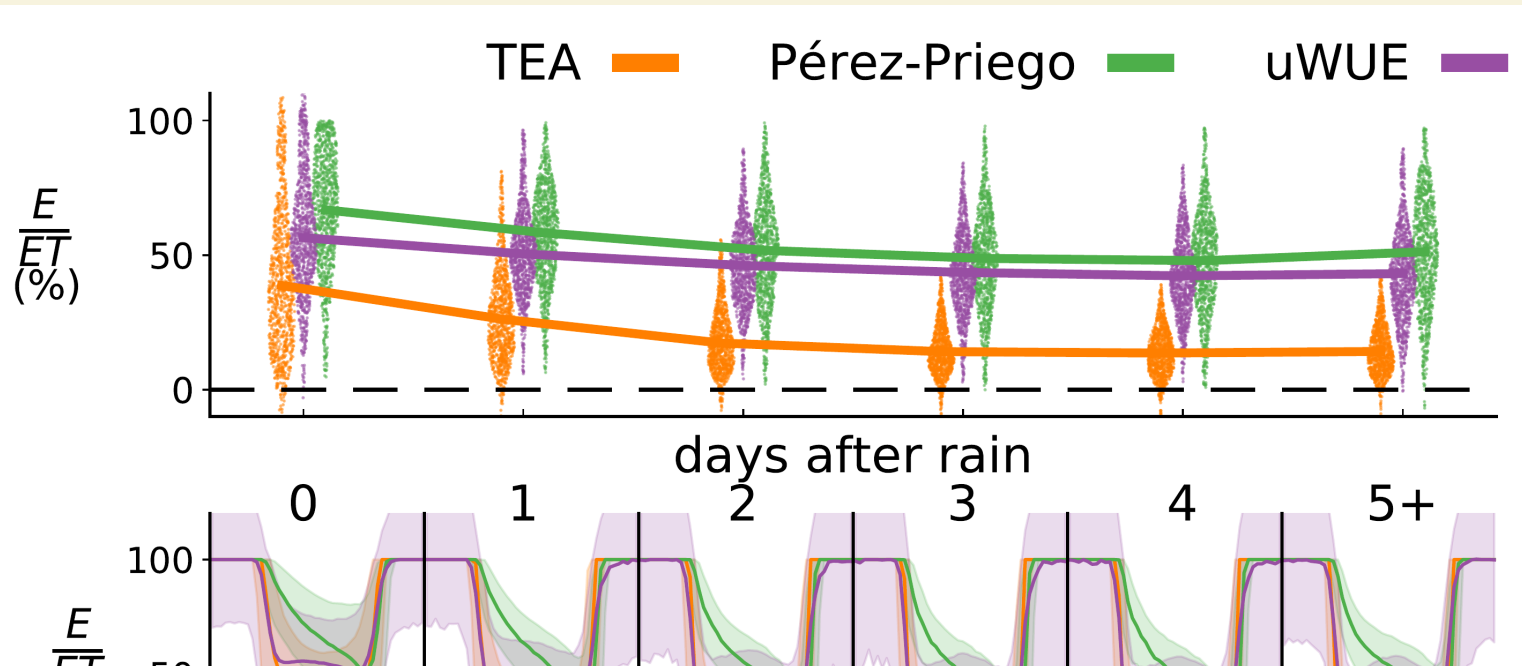




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Relationship of both WUE (top row) and T/ET (bottom row) to VPD at daily scale across 124 sites. Lines indicate the median value from one hPa wide bins. Only days with a mean temperature above  $5^\circ\text{C}$ , at least  $1\text{ mm, day}^{-1}$  of ET, and where all three partitioning methods could be applied were included.

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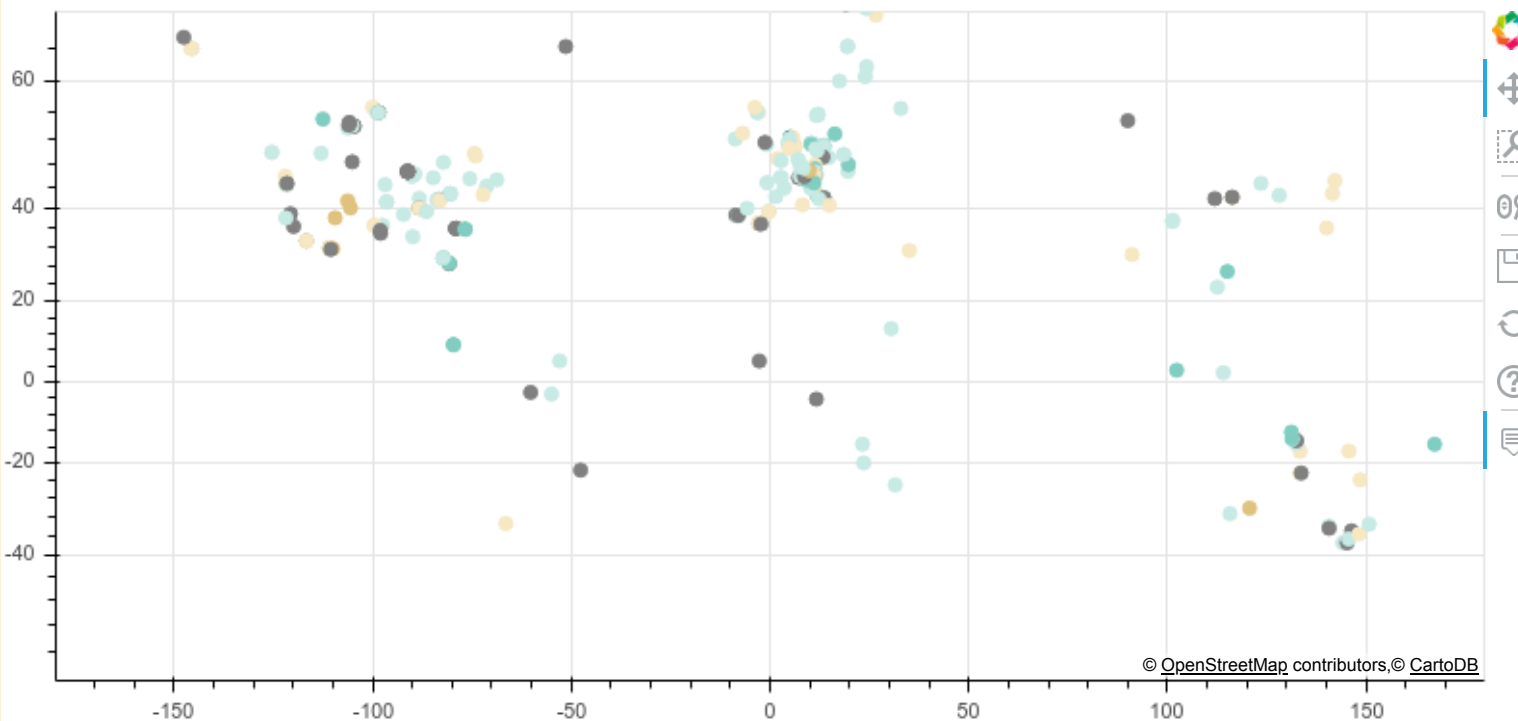


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Percentage of evaporation ( $E/ET$ ) estimated using the TEA, uWUE, and Pérez-Priego methods for progressive days after rain (rainy days defined as receiving  $> 0.1$  mm in one day). Upper and lower panels show daily aggregated and diurnal cycles of  $E/ET$ , respectively. Diurnal cycles are estimated as the median for each half hour, with the interquartile range shown as shading. Only days with a mean temperature above  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , at least  $1\text{ mm}, \text{day}^{-1}$  of ET, and where all partitioning methods could be applied for all half hours in a day were included.

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Sites used



#	Site ID	Site Name	Citation	Dataset	PI	TEA T/ET (%)	uWUE T/ET (%)
0	AR-SLu	San Luis	10.18140/FLX/14401	FLUXNET 2015	Gabriela Posse	56.7	22.4
1	AT-Neu	Neustift	10.18140/FLX/14401	FLUXNET 2015	Georg Wohlfahrt	78	51.2
2	AU-ASM	Alice Springs	10.18140/FLX/14401	FLUXNET 2015	Derek Eamus	51.4	26.2
3	AU-Cpr	Calperum	10.18140/FLX/14401	FLUXNET 2015	Georgia Koerber	62.4	38.8
4	AU-Cum	Cumberland Plain	10.18140/FLX/14401	FLUXNET 2015	Elise Pendall	64.4	40.3
5	AU-LDaP	Daly River Savanna	10.18140/FLX/14401	FLUXNET 2015	Jason Beringer	75.2	52.1

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