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Prior biosphere model impact on global terrestrial CO₂ fluxes estimated from OCO-2 retrievals

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1 Table S1: Data corresponding to Figure 7. Seasonally-averaged NEE (PgC yr⁻¹) averaged over the 11 TransCom-3 land regions (refer to
 2 Fig. 1) for the MsTMIP (“truth”), CASA-GFED (prior) and posterior mean from three different prior uncertainties (PgC yr⁻¹). The
 3 differences between the posterior NEE values are presented as SD (1σ) and range. Prior model values are presented in standard font
 4 and posterior estimates are in bold. Seasons are represented as Winter (W): December-February, Spring (Sp): March-May, Summer
 5 (Su): June-August and Fall (F): September-November. The synthetic observations in these OSSE simulations correspond to the OCO-2
 6 LN+LG observing modes.

Region*	NEE: Truth				NEE: Prior, and Posterior Mean				Posterior SD				Posterior Range							
	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F				
1	1.1	-0.2	-2.8	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.4	-3.7	-2.7	1.4	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
2	1.5	-1.5	-2.3	0.0	2.6	1.5	0.3	-1.3	-4.4	-2.5	1.1	-0.1	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.5
3	-0.6	-0.2	-1.4	-1.3	0.4	-0.6	1.4	0.6	-2.2	-1.1	-0.6	-1.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.1
4	-1.5	-0.4	0.7	-0.4	-1.9	-1.4	-0.1	-0.4	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
5	1.3	1.0	-1.9	-2.0	-0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-1.2	-1.4	-1.8	0.5	0.0	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.0	1.2	0.3
6	-2.4	-1.6	1.2	1.2	-0.9	-1.7	-2.5	-1.8	-0.7	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.7
7	1.2	1.0	-4.6	1.2	2.0	1.6	2.3	1.2	-7.4	-5.0	2.4	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.5
8	1.4	0.0	-1.9	-0.4	1.3	1.2	-0.1	-0.3	-2.2	-2.0	0.1	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4
9	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.4	-0.4	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.1
10	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7	0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.8	-1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3
11	2.8	-1.7	-3.2	1.6	2.8	2.5	0.0	-1.3	-5.2	-3.2	2.5	1.5	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3

7 *TransCom-3 region name and location displayed in Fig. 1.

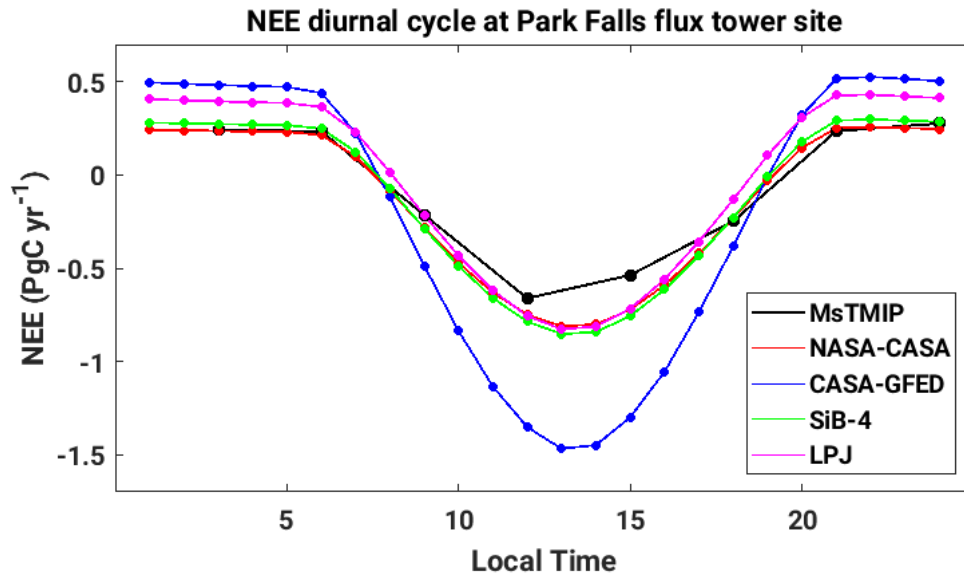
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1 Table S2: Data corresponding to Figure 8. Seasonally-averaged NEE (PgC yr⁻¹) averaged over the 11 TransCom-3 land regions (refer to
 2 Fig. 1) for the MsTMIP (“truth”), multi-model prior mean and multi-model posterior mean (PgC yr⁻¹). The differences between the
 3 prior and posterior model NEE values are presented as SD (1 σ) and range. Prior model values are presented in standard font and
 4 posterior estimates are in bold. Seasons are represented as Winter (W): December-February, Spring (Sp): March-May, Summer (Su):
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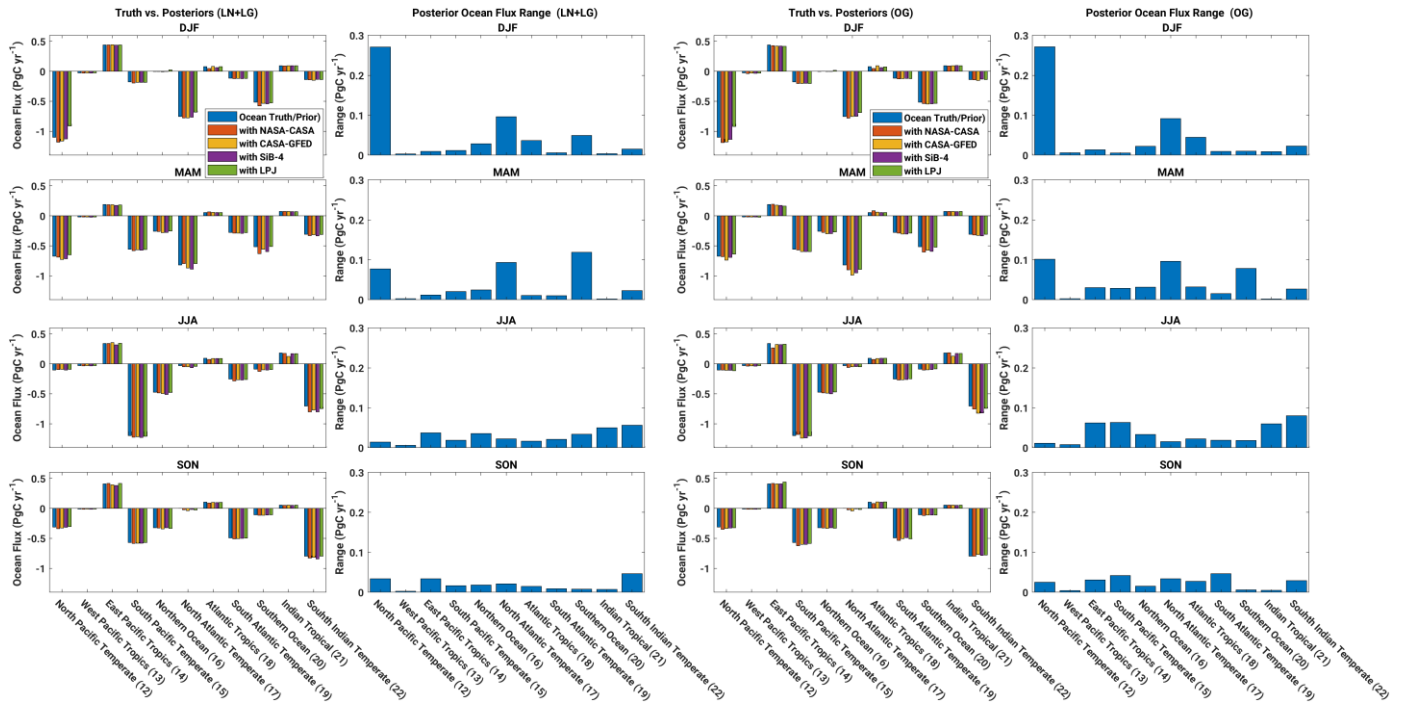
Region*	NEE: Truth				NEE: Mean				NEE: Standard Deviation				NEE: Range															
	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F	W	Sp	Su	F												
1	1.1	-0.2	-2.8	0.7	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.4	-3.4	-3.1	1.3	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.2	1.2	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.9	0.3	1.2	0.5
2	1.5	-1.5	-2.3	0.0	1.9	1.7	-1.0	-1.8	-3.2	-2.4	0.6	-0.2	1.1	0.3	1.3	0.2	2.0	0.1	0.8	0.2	2.3	0.7	3.2	0.5	4.3	0.2	1.6	0.4
3	-0.6	-0.2	-1.4	-1.3	0.4	-0.8	0.6	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.1	-1.4	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.2	1.4	0.0	2.6	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.8	0.4	3.1	0.1	5.9	0.6
4	-1.5	-0.4	0.7	-0.4	-1.1	-1.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.6	0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.1	2.0	0.5	0.9	0.4	1.9	0.3	2.0	0.2
5	1.3	1.0	-1.9	-2.0	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.3	-0.8	-1.7	-1.4	-2.1	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.1	1.2	0.2	2.3	0.4	1.6	0.5	2.0	0.3	3.0	0.5
6	-2.4	-1.6	1.2	1.2	-0.9	-2.0	-1.1	-1.7	0.3	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.1	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.2	1.2	0.3	2.2	0.3	2.6	0.5	1.7	0.4
7	1.2	1.0	-4.6	1.2	1.5	1.3	0.9	0.7	-5.6	-4.3	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.3	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	1.8	1.6	2.2	0.8	3.3	0.8	1.3	0.5
8	1.4	0.0	-1.9	-0.4	1.4	1.3	-1.0	-0.1	-2.3	-2.0	0.1	-0.7	1.3	0.2	0.9	0.4	2.5	0.1	1.7	0.3	3.0	0.6	2.1	0.9	5.7	0.1	3.7	0.6
9	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.2	1.9	0.1
10	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.5	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.2	0.1
11	2.8	-1.7	-3.2	1.6	2.3	2.8	-0.9	-1.4	-3.7	-3.2	1.6	1.4	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.2	1.5	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.6	2.5	0.6	3.5	0.1	1.5	0.9

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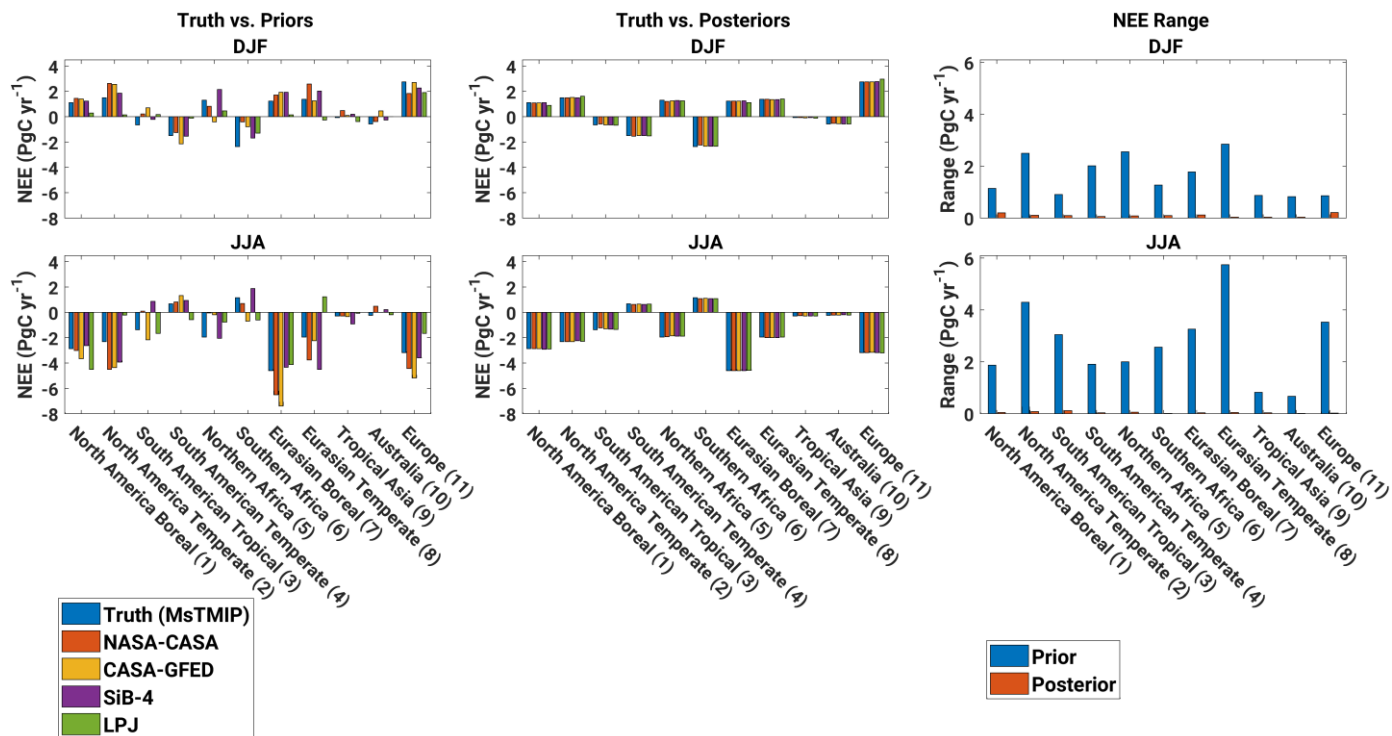


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 2 **Figure S1:** The monthly-averaged diurnal variation of NEE from the “true” (MsTMIP, 3-hourly resolution) and prior biosphere models
 3 (NASA-CASA, CASA-GFED, SiB-4 and LPJ; hourly resolution) for July 2015 at the Park Falls flux tower site (45.95°N, 90.27°W).
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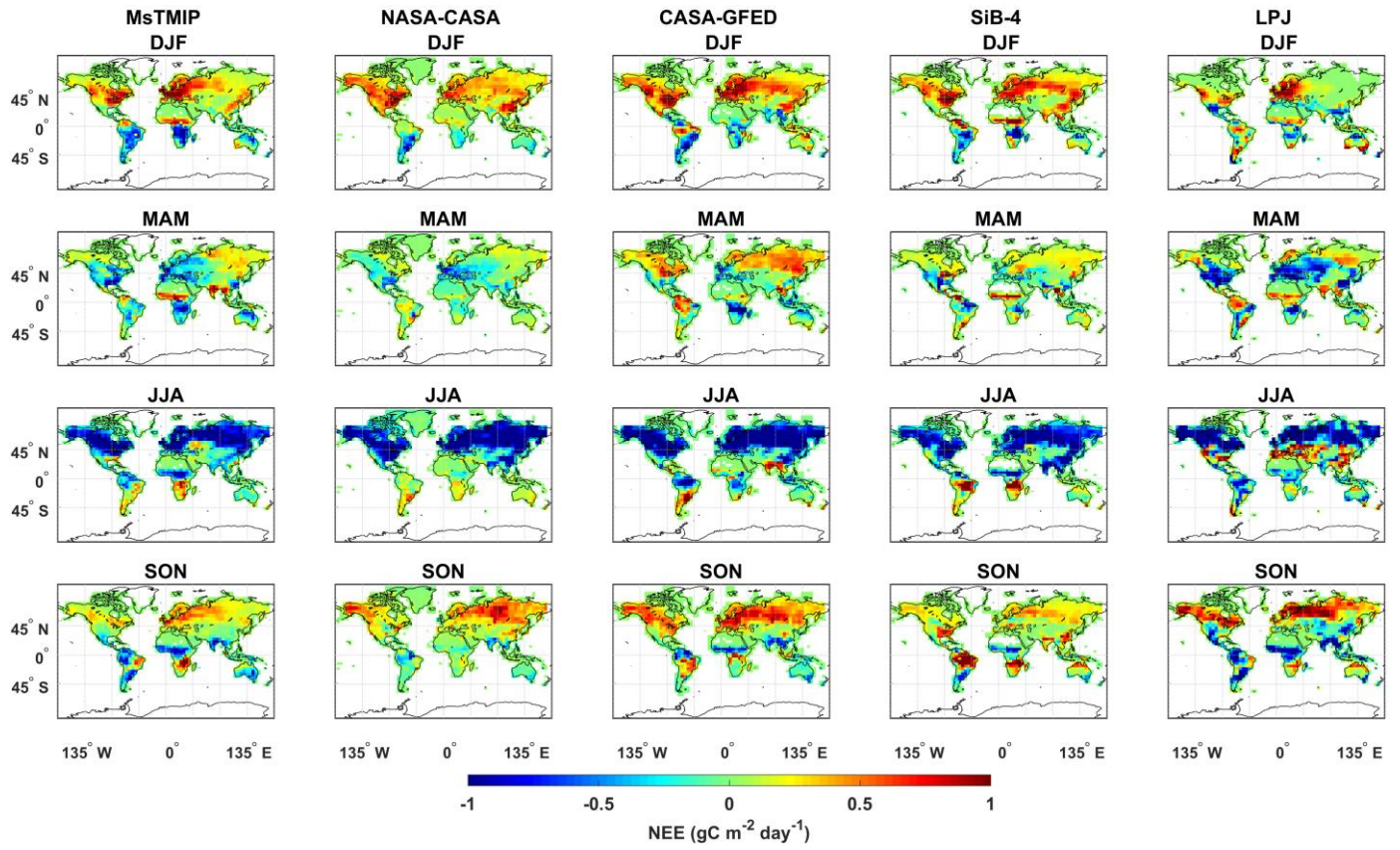
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Figure S2: Seasonally-averaged oceanic CO₂ flux (PgC yr⁻¹) over the 11 TransCom-3 oceanic regions from the CarbonTracker 2016 model output (“truth” and prior) and the posterior oceanic flux estimates from four OSSEs (with prior NEE fluxes from the NASA-CASA, CASA-GFED, SiB-4 and LPJ biosphere models) (first and third columns) and the corresponding range of posterior oceanic CO₂ flux (second and fourth columns). The synthetic observations in the OSSE simulations correspond to the OCO-2 LN+LG (two columns on the left) and OG (two columns on the right) observing modes.



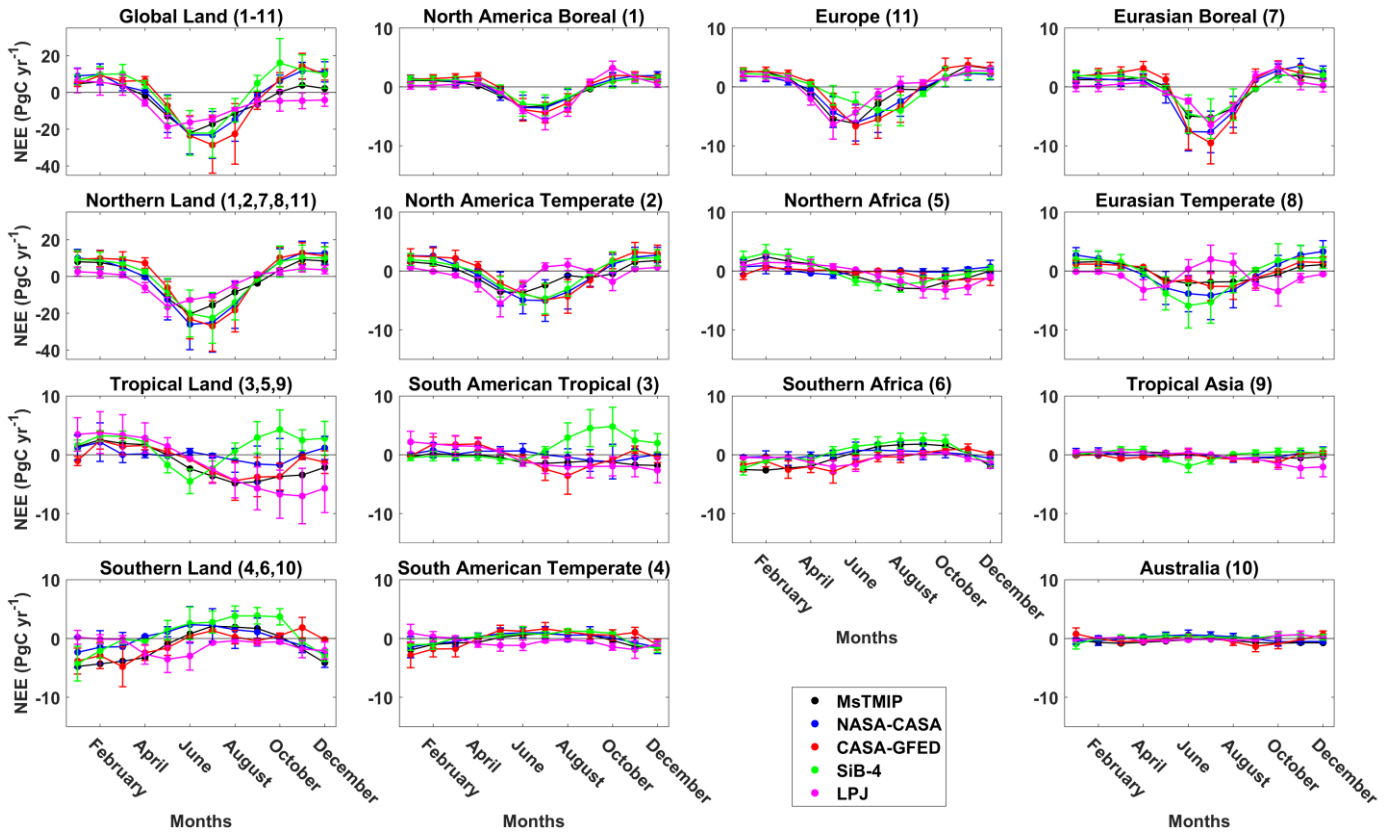
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2 Figure S3: Seasonally-averaged NEE (PgC yr^{-1}) over the 11 TransCom-3 land regions from MsTMIP (“truth”) versus the prior biosphere
 3 models (NASA-CASA, CASA-GFED, SiB-4 and LPJ) (left column), posterior estimates (middle column) from the “pseudo” data
 4 assimilations (refer to Sect. 2.4.8) and the corresponding range of prior and posterior NEE estimates (right column). The “pseudo”
 5 observations in these OSSE simulations are the simulated hourly surface CO_2 concentrations for all grid boxes of the GEOS-Chem
 6 model.
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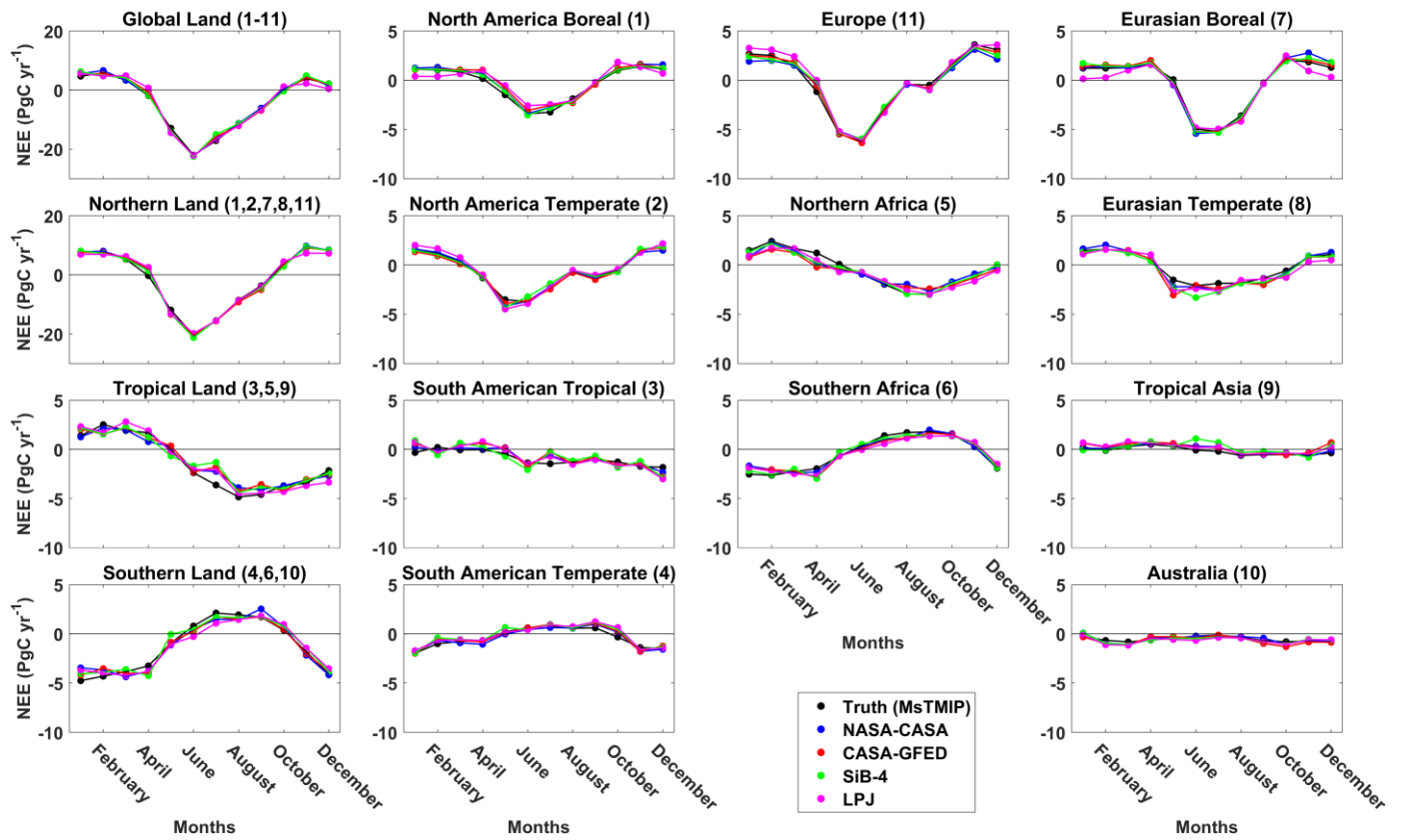
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Figure S4: Seasonally-averaged NEE ($\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$) flux for MsTMIP (“truth” in OSSEs), NASA-CASA, CASA-GFED, SiB-4 and LPJ prior biosphere models for the year 2015.

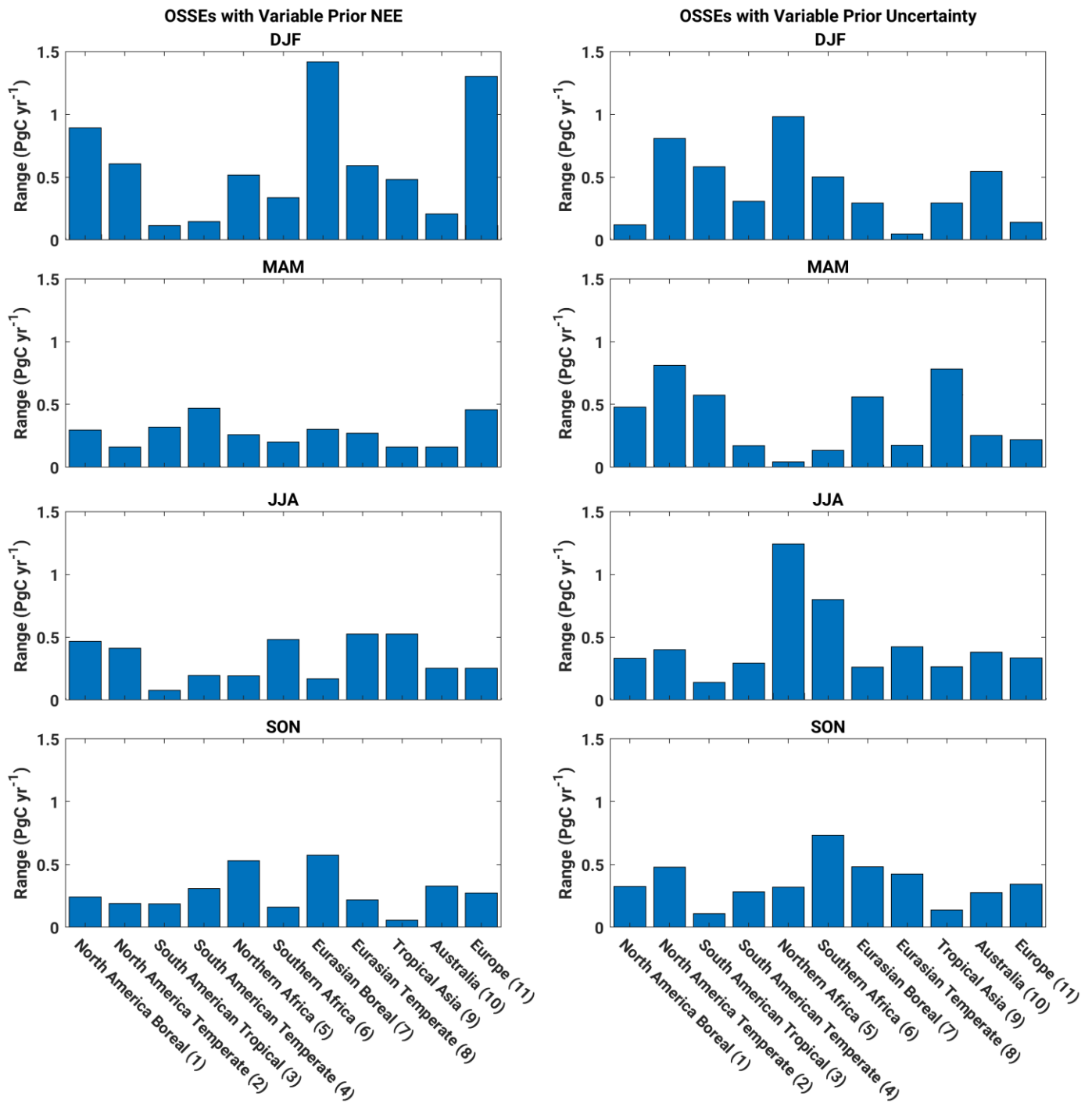


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Figure S5: Monthly-mean NEE (PgC yr^{-1}) (dots) averaged over the TransCom-3 land regions (Global land, three hemisphere-scale land regions and 11 individual land regions) from MsTMIP (“truth” in OSSEs) and the prior biosphere model NEE and 1σ prior uncertainties (error bars) used in the OSSEs (NASA-CASA, CASA-GFED, SiB-4 and LPJ). Note that the y-axis is different for Global Land and Northern Land (top two panels in the left column).



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 2 **Figure S6: Monthly-mean NEE (PgC yr⁻¹) (dots) averaged over the TransCom-3 land regions (Global land, three hemisphere-scale land**
 3 **regions and 11 individual land regions) from MsTMIP (“truth”) versus posterior estimates using different prior biosphere models in the**
 4 **OSSEs (NASA-CASA, CASA-GFED, SiB-4 and LPJ). Note that the y-axis is different for Global Land and Northern Land (top two**
 5 **panels in the left column). The synthetic observations in these OSSE simulations correspond to the OCO-2 LN+LG observing modes.**
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2 **Figure S7:** Seasonally-averaged posterior NEE range (PgC yr^{-1}) averaged over the 11 TransCom-3 land regions from OSSE simulations
 3 with variable prior NEE fluxes considered (left column) and from OSSE simulations with variable prior uncertainty assumptions (right
 4 column). The synthetic observations in OSSE simulations correspond to the OCO-2 LN+LG observing modes.