

Supporting the improvement of the carbon observing system by quantitative network design

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Objectives

- Demonstrate the rigorous quantitative evaluation of observational networks for the carbon cycle in a Carbon Cycle Data Assimilation System (CCDAS)
- Demonstrate the simultaneous use of multiple data streams
- Demonstrate the evaluation of a mission concept for remotely sensed CO₂ in a CCDAS

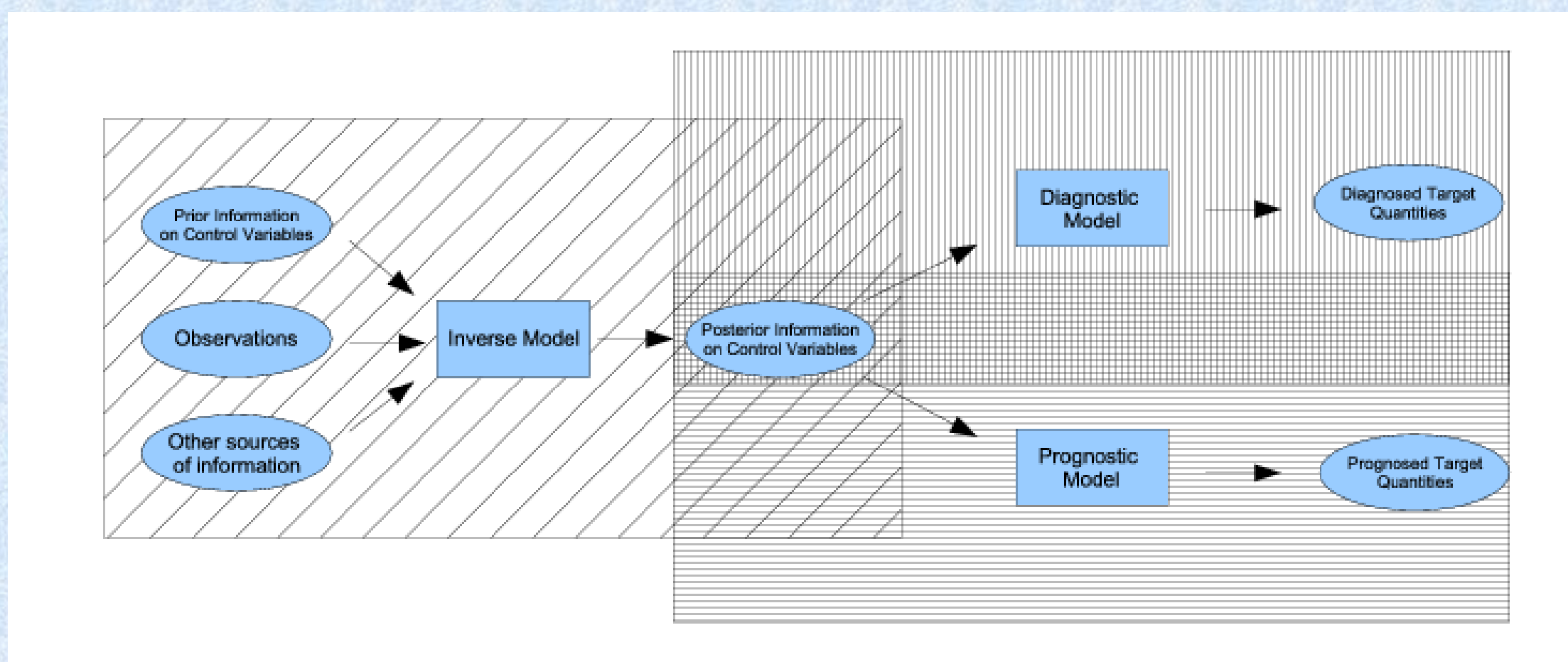
Network Designer

- Interactive online tool (<http://imecc.ccdas.org>)
- Evaluates three observational data types: flask and continuous observations of atmospheric CO₂, direct flux measurements
- Provides as target quantities NPP and NEP over three regions
- Constructed with European Commission project I3 project IMECC (<http://imecc.org>)

CCDAS

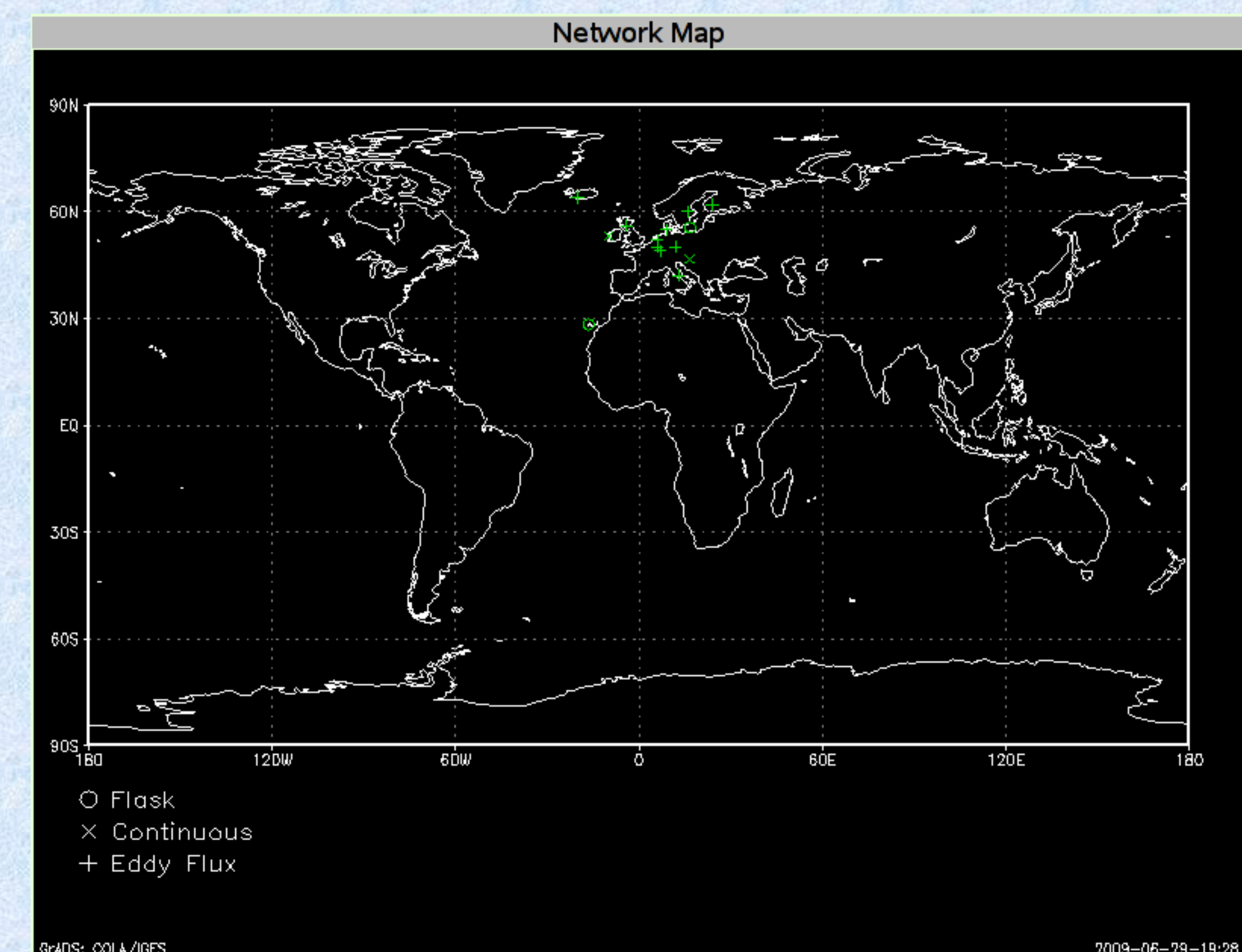
CCDAS works in a 2-step procedure:

- In an inversion step it estimates process parameters plus their uncertainties from observations and their uncertainties
- In a diagnostic/prognostic step it maps these uncertainties forward to target quantities of interest



Network Designer in support of ICOS

- Evaluated five networks for ICOS
- All observational constraints active over twenty years



Quantitative Network Design

- Evaluates prescribed networks in terms of their constraint on target quantities of interest
- Can handle potential networks, only the combined observational and model uncertainty has to be prescribed

x: Parameters
x_{pr}: Priors
C_{pr}: Uncertainties
M(x): Model
d: Observations
C_d: Their uncertainties
σ_d: Uncorrelated!
J(x): Cost function
 $\frac{d^2 J(x)}{dx^2}$: Hessian
x_{po}: Posterior parameters
C_{po}: Posterior uncertainties
y(x): Target quantity
σ_y: Its uncertainty

All derivative code generated from model code by automatic differentiation tool TAF

Inverse step:

$$J(x) = \frac{1}{2} (x - x_{pr})^T C_{pr}^{-1} (x - x_{pr}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1,nd} \left(\frac{M_i(x) - d_i}{\sigma_{d_i}} \right)^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 J(x)}{dx^2} = C_{pr}^{-1} + \sum_{i=1,nd} \frac{1}{\sigma_{d_i}^2} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} (M_i(x) - d_i)^2$$

- Hessian independent of x for linear model
- For synthetic data use $d = M(x)$.
- Decomposes nicely, can precompute model contribution

uncertainty in observations AND model

$$C_{po} \approx \frac{d^2 J(x_{po})}{dx^2}^{-1}$$

Propagation step:

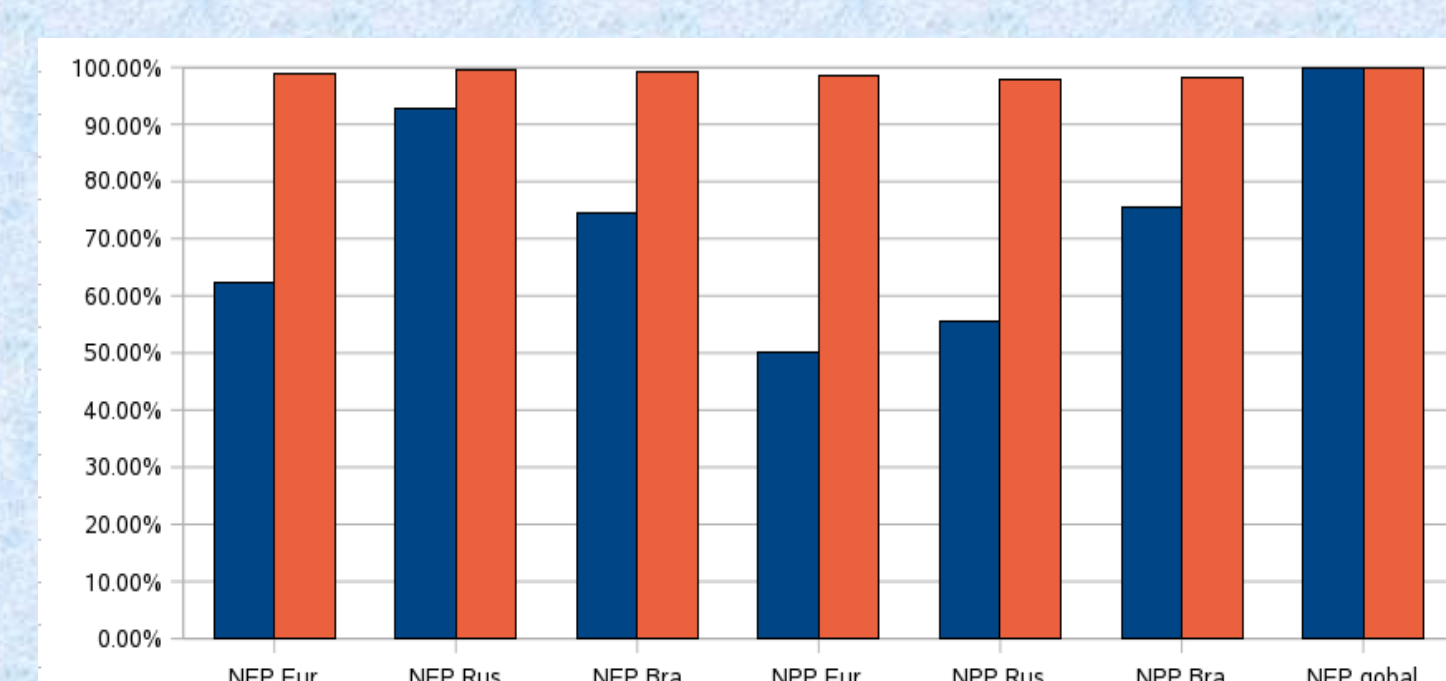
$$\sigma_y^2 \approx \frac{dy(x_{po})}{dx} C_{po} \frac{dy(x_{po})}{dx}^T \approx \frac{dy(x_{po})}{dx} \frac{d^2 J(x_{po})}{dx^2}^{-1} \frac{dy(x_{po})}{dx}^T$$

Configuration	Flux	Flask/Continuous	Network	NEP Eur	NEP Rus	NEP Bra	NPP Eur	NPP Rus	NPP Bra
prior	0	0	prior	0.45	1.45	1.13	0.66	1.08	4.86
base	10	2	base	0.01	0.09	0.08	0.01	0.06	0.19
noflux	0	2	noflux	0.08	0.19	0.12	0.12	0.24	0.82
noflask	10	0	noflask	0.02	0.14	0.11	0.01	0.06	0.22
nocont	10	2	nocont	0.03	0.16	0.28	0.01	0.06	0.29

Table 1: Posterior uncertainties in GtC/yr

A-SCOPE: CO₂ from space

- Active lidar instrument, can sample day and night
- Evaluated two horizontal weighting functions, two transport Jacobians based on TM3 in fine resolution, and a range of observational uncertainties
- Significantly better performance than 41 stations from GLOBALVIEW network
- Reduction in Uncertainty with respect to prior for 1.6 micron band horizontal weighting (red bars) and, for comparison, with GLOBALVIEW network only:



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