

## **Title: Agricultural expansion dominates climate changes in southeastern Amazonia: The overlooked non-GHG forcing**

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Study area - Our study area is the upper Xingu basin in Mato Grosso, Brazil, a 176,892 km<sup>2</sup> area in southeast Amazonia that is dominated by transitional forests. The region encompasses the Xingu Indigenous Park and several adjacent indigenous reserves, which form a large (34,503 km<sup>2</sup>) mosaic of protected areas, hereafter referred to as the XIP. The area outside the parks is composed of private properties, many of which have been deforested and converted to croplands or pastures (Schwartzman *et al* 2013). In 2001 61% of the study area was forest, 24.5% was pasture and 1.2% was croplands, mostly soybeans. The remaining 13.3% of the area was occupied by cerrado, a native savanna (non-forest vegetation). By 2010, the forested area had decreased to 49% and the extent of pasture and cropland had increased to 31% and 6% of the total area, respectively. Almost all of the forest loss during this period occurred on private lands outside the XIP (Macedo *et al.*, 2012). At the same time, 4,962 km<sup>2</sup> of pasturelands were converted to croplands (2.8% of the upper Xingu basin).

### S2. Net radiation estimation

Net radiation ( $R_{net}$ ) at the land surface can be expressed as

$$R_{net} = R_S^{\downarrow}(1 - albedo) + R_l^{\downarrow} - R_l^{\uparrow}$$

Where  $R_S$  is downward shortwave radiation; *albedo* is the reflection coefficient of the shortwave radiation; and  $R_l^{\downarrow}$  and  $R_l^{\uparrow}$  are the downward and upward longwave radiation fluxes respectively. We estimated daily average  $R_{net}$  under all sky conditions using MODIS and weather station data, according to previously published methods for calculating  $R_{net}$  based on remote sensing products (Bisht and Bras 2010, Bisht *et al.*, 2005, Ryu *et al.*, 2008). We followed five steps (a-e) to calculate  $R_{net}$  (Fig. S1).

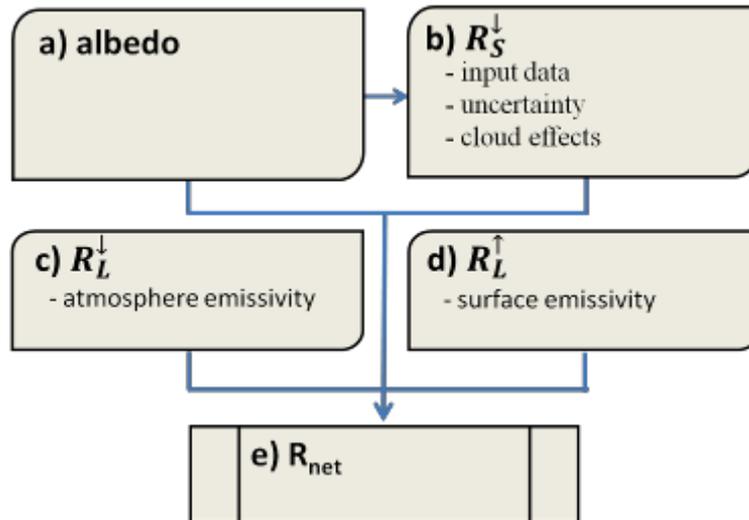


Fig. S1. Diagram of steps to calculate net radiation based on MODIS and weather station data.

**a) Albedo** –We calculated actual albedo using the broadband black-sky and white-sky (0.25 – 4.0 $\mu$ m) albedo layers from the 500 m MODIS albedo product (MOD43A3, collection 005), as in Eq. 2 (Schaaf *et al* 2002):

$$albedo = [1 - S(\theta, t)]\alpha_{bs} + S(\theta, t)\alpha_{ws}$$

where  $t$  is the atmospheric optical depth (AOD),  $S(\theta, t)$  is the fraction of diffuse light,  $\alpha_{bs}$  is the black-sky albedo,  $\alpha_{ws}$  is the white-sky albedo. We retrieved  $S(\theta, t)$  from the look-up table available in the MOD43 software (Schaaf *et al* 2002). We calculated the actual albedo at local noon and we retrieved AOD from MOD08 (Hubanks *et al.*, 2014) (we assumed that AOD was homogeneous in our study area).

**b) Downward shortwave radiation (Rs)** - We estimated  $R_s$  daily for clear sky days as described in Bird and Hulstrom (1981) and implemented by the *insolation* function in the *insol* R package (Corripio 2014). Based on solar position algorithms, the model computes direct and diffuse solar irradiance perpendicular to the beam, for a given zenith angle (one-hour intervals from sunrise to sunset), Julian Day (every 8 days), altitude, and atmospheric condition (Corripio 2003, Reda and Andreas 2004, Bird and Hulstrom 1981).

The input data to calculate  $R_s$  was altitude (derived from a 1 km DEM;

<http://www.worldclim.org>), air temperature, relative humidity (RH), albedo of the surrounding terrain, ozone thickness (OZ) and atmospheric optical depth (AOD). The air temperature and RH were estimated by kriging data from 12 weather stations belonging to the Brazilian National Meteorological Institute (INMET) (INMET 2012) (Table S1). Albedo was calculated based on MOD43A2 as explained in step (a). We used OZ (at 550 nm) and AOD from the 8-day MODIS atmospheric product (MOD08E3) (Hubanks et al., 2014). We assumed that OZ and AOD were homogeneous in a 1° grid. AOD was used to calculate horizontal visibility in km (as in Eq. 64 of Román *et al* (2010)).

We calculated the effect of clouds on  $R_s$  using Eq. 3 (Bisht and Bras 2010):

$$R_s^{cloudy} = R_s^{\downarrow} [(1 - f_c) + f_c e^{-t_c / \cos(\theta)}]$$

where  $R_s$  is estimated shortwave radiation for clear sky days,  $f_c$  is cloud fraction

(retrieved from MOD08E3 (Hubanks et al., 2014)),  $\tau_c$  is cloud optical thickness (MOD08E3), and  $\omega$  is the solar zenith angle (MOD08E3).

**c) Downward longwave radiation (RL)** – We calculated RL for all sky condition by using Eq. 4 (Bisht and Bras 2010):

$$R_L^\downarrow = \sigma \varepsilon_a T_a^4 + \sigma (1 - \varepsilon_a) \varepsilon_c T_c^4$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant ( $5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$ ),  $\varepsilon_a$  is atmosphere emissivity,  $T_a$  is air temperature (from INMET weather stations),  $\varepsilon_c$  is cloud emissivity (MOD08E3), and  $T_c$  is cloud temperature (MOD08E3). To estimate  $\varepsilon_a$  we first estimated the dew point temperature based on relative humidity (as in Eq. 64 of Lawrence (2005)), then calculated near surface pressure (Rogers and Yau 1989), and finally calculated  $\varepsilon_a$  using the scheme proposed by Prata (1996).

To estimate  $\varepsilon_a$  we first computed the near-surface vapor pressure ( $e$  sub zero) as in Eq. 5 (Rogers and Yau 1989), where  $L_v$  is the latent heat of vaporization ( $2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ ),  $R_v$  is the gas constant for water vapor ( $461 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ ) and  $T_d$  is the dewpoint temperature, computed based on relative humidity (Lawrence 2005). Then we computed  $\varepsilon_a$  using the scheme proposed in Prata (1996):

$$e_0 = 6.11 \exp \left[ \frac{L_v}{R_v} \left( \frac{1}{273.15} - \frac{1}{T_d} \right) \right]$$

$$\varepsilon_a = 1 - (1 + \xi) \exp(-\sqrt{(1.2 + 3\xi)})$$

**(d) Upward longwave radiation (RL)** – We calculated (RL) using land surface temperature and surface emissivity (Ryu et al., 2008):

$$R_L^\uparrow = \sigma \varepsilon_s T_s^4 + (1 - \varepsilon_s) R_L^\downarrow$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant ( $5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$ ),  $\varepsilon_s$  is surface emissivity,  $T_s$  is surface temperature in Kelvin (MOD11A2), and  $R_L^\downarrow$  is downward longwave radiation (Bisht and Bras 2010).

**The surface emissivity was calculated as:**

$$\varepsilon_s = 0.273 + 1.778 \varepsilon_{31} - 1.807 \varepsilon_{s31} \varepsilon_{32} - 1.037 \varepsilon_{32} + 1774 \varepsilon_{32}^2$$

where  $\varepsilon_{31}$  and  $\varepsilon_{32}$  are the emissivity in bands 31 and 32 of MOD11A2 product. These bands are in the thermal infrared regions.

## Net Radiation (*R<sub>net</sub>*)-Daily average *R<sub>net</sub>* was estimated under all sky conditions

### S4. Data uncertainty

Our estimated shortwave radiation for clear sky days showed good agreement to observed data from a nearby INMET (INMET 2012) weather station (INMETA916, located at -12.62°S, -52.22°W, in Querência Mato Grosso) (Fig. S2).

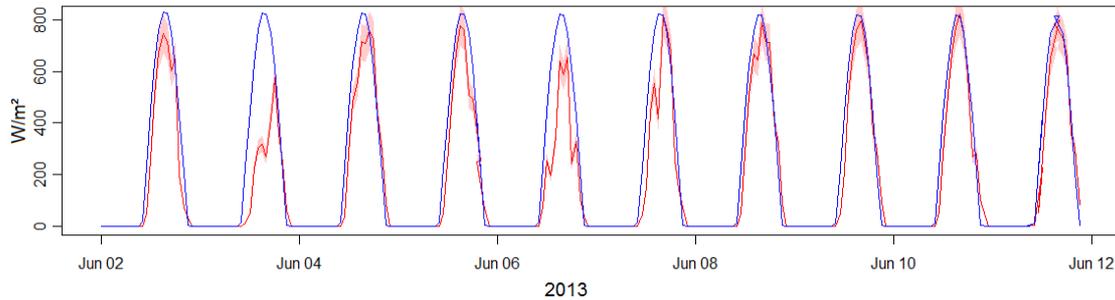


Fig. S2. Comparison of simulated global short wave radiation for clear sky days (blue line) and observed solar radiation from INMET weather station in Querência (red line), Mato Grosso (-12.62°S -52.22°W).

*Net radiation (R<sub>net</sub>)* - To validate our *R<sub>net</sub>* estimates, we used measurements from a net radiometer installed on a tower in Sinop, Mato Grosso (-13.06°S, -52.38°W; Beija-flor Project: [www.lba.cptec.inpe.br/beija-flor](http://www.lba.cptec.inpe.br/beija-flor)). The daily mean of these in situ *R<sub>net</sub>* measurements was 11.45 (SD±2.06) MJ m<sup>2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup> between 2000 and 2002, compared to

11.37 (SD±1.77) MJ m<sup>2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup> in the MODIS-based estimates for the same location and period. We also averaged the in situ measurements every 8 days to match the temporal resolution of the MODIS data. A comparison of the two datasets indicates that the MODIS-based estimates adequately capture the actual *R<sub>net</sub>* in terms of magnitude (root mean square errors = 1.15 MJ m<sup>2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>; 10%; Fig. S5) and seasonality (Fig. S4).

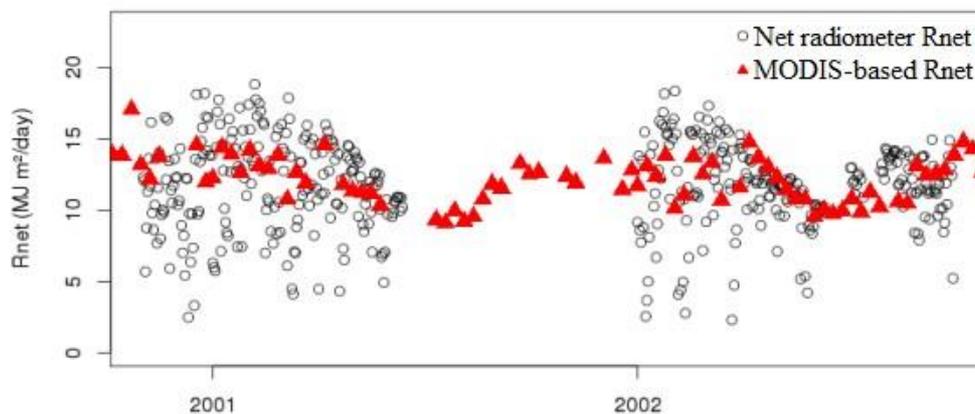


Fig. S4. Comparison of MODIS-based estimates of *R<sub>net</sub>* (every 8 days) and daily measurement from a net radiometer on an eddy flux tower located in Sinop, Mato

Grosso.

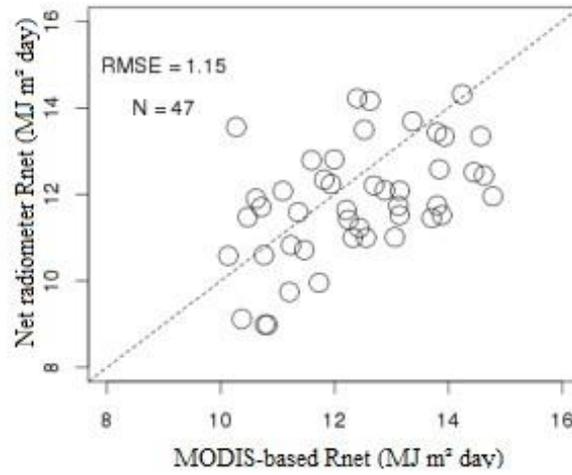


Fig. S5. Comparison of  $R_{net}$  measured with a net radiometer on an eddy flux tower in Sinop and MODIS-based  $R_{net}$  estimates. All data are shown as 8-day means. RMSE = Root Mean Square Error.

Table S4. Daily mean of albedo, net longwave, net shortwave and net radiation for the three land cover types analyzed in the upper Xingu basin (standard deviation in parenthesis).

Land cover	Albedo (reflectivity)	$(MJ\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1})$		
		Net longwave	Net shortwave	Net radiation
Forest	0.130 (0.002)	-2.65 (0.196)	15.29 (0.24)	12.64 (0.31)
Pasture	0.143 (0.003)	-3.93 (0.196)	15.15 (0.24)	11.22 (0.34)
Cropland	0.164 (0.003)	-4.25 (0.200)	14.68 (0.26)	10.43 (0.32)

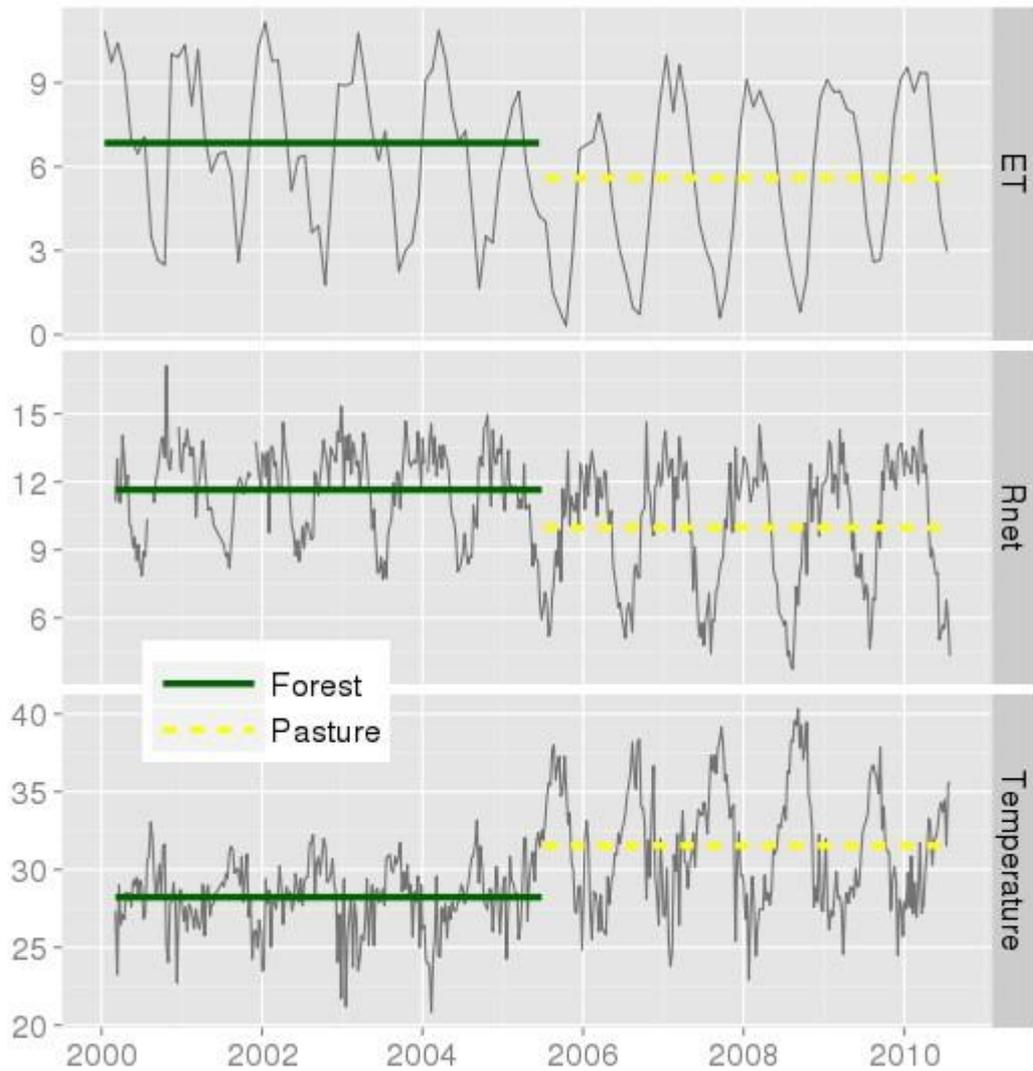


Fig. S7. Temporal pattern of evapotranspiration (ET, MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>), net radiation (Rnet, MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>), and land surface temperature (°C) for three polygons experiencing a forest-to-pasture transitions in 2005 in the upper Xingu basin. Horizontal lines represent the average over the period when the area was covered by forest (solid line) or pasture (dashed line).

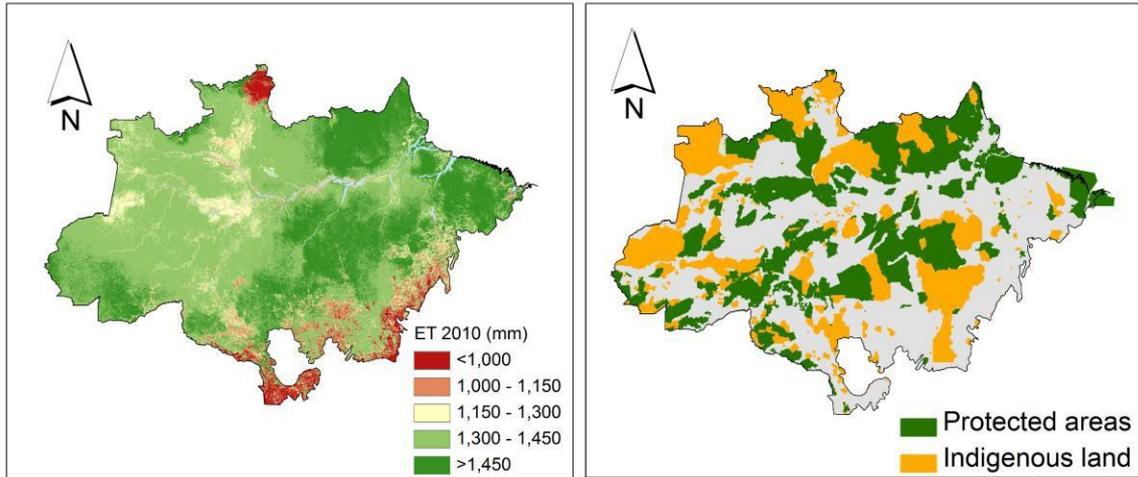


Fig. S8. Yearly mean of ET in 2010 from MOD16A3 (right panel) and protected areas and indigenous land in the Brazilian Amazon Biome (left panel).

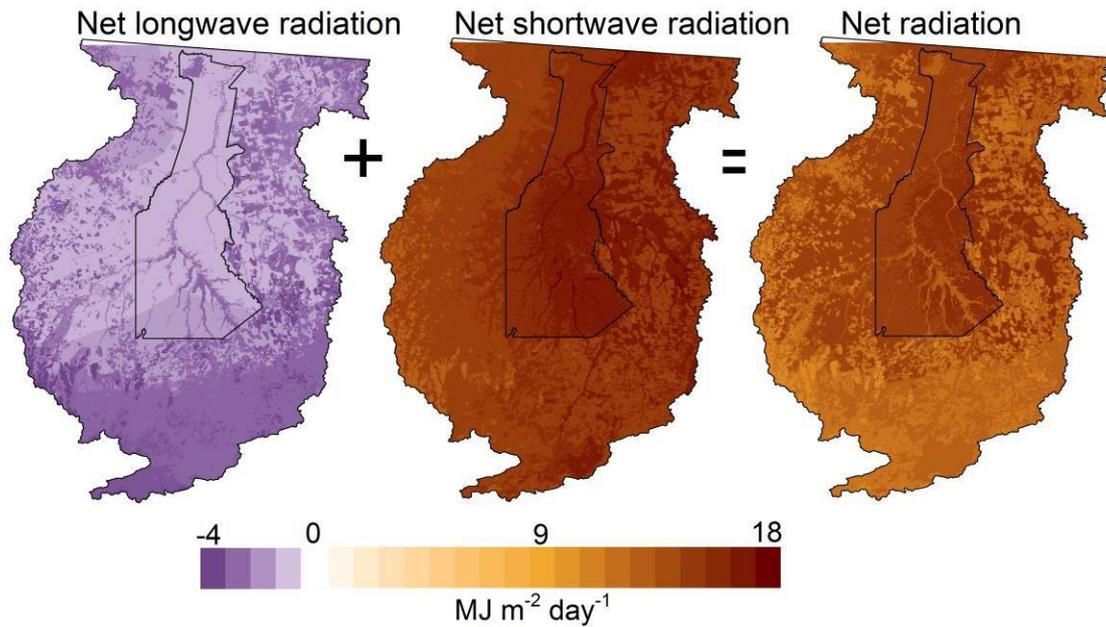


Fig. S9. Net shortwave radiation (incoming shortwave solar radiation minus the fraction reflected by the land surface), net longwave radiation (the difference between incoming and outgoing longwave radiative fluxes) and net radiation (net longwave plus net shortwave radiation) in 2010 for the upper Xingu basin in  $\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ .

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