



**Monitoring and analysis on blue carbon fluxes in  
coastal mangrove restoration area in Southern  
Zhejiang Province, China**

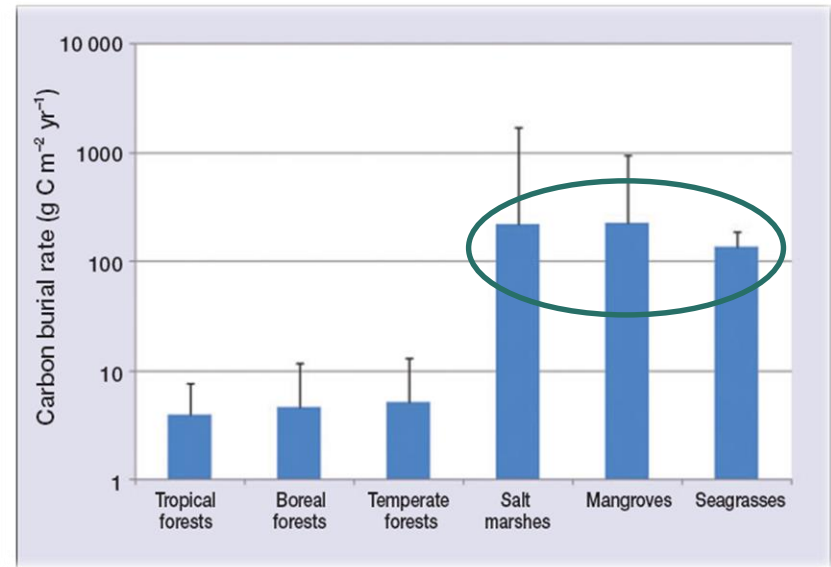
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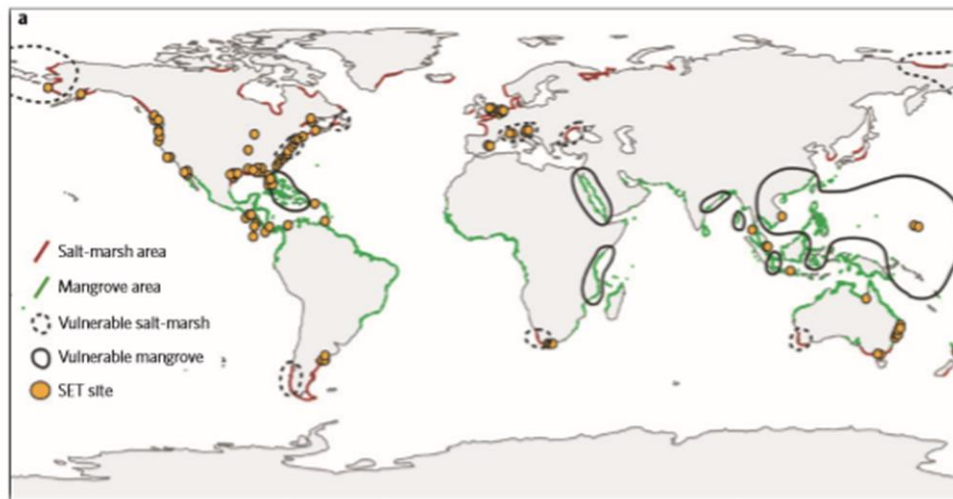
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# Background



Coastal blue carbon plays great role in carbon sink.

- Mangrove forests
- Saltmarsh
- Seaweed bed

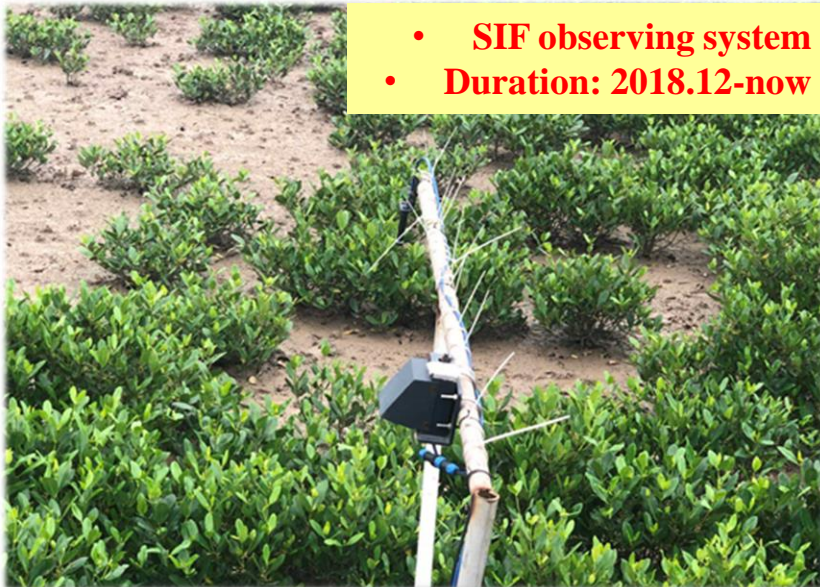


(Webb et al., 2013, NCC; Mcleod et al., 2011)

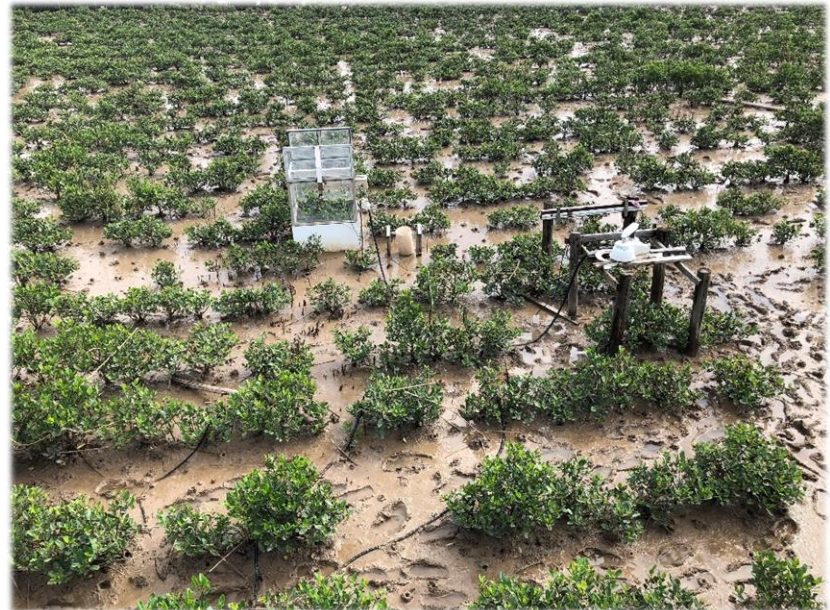
Due to sea level rising, 20% global wetland will disappear by 2080.

- Carbon emission
- Ecological function loss
- Extreme climate
- Relocation and migration

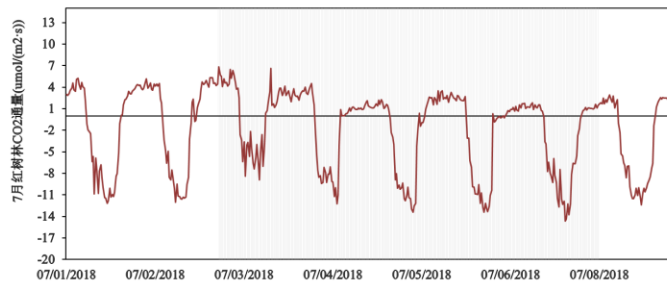
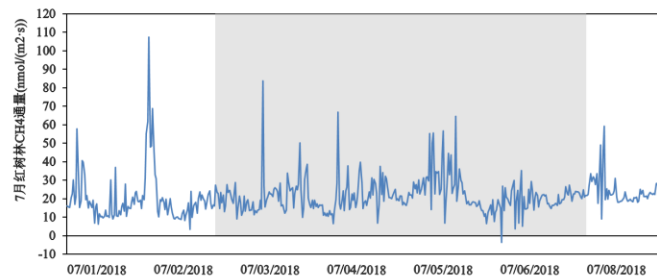
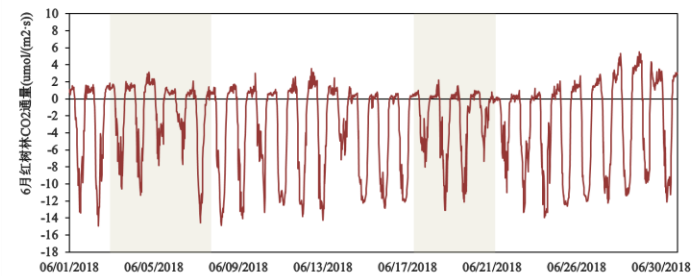
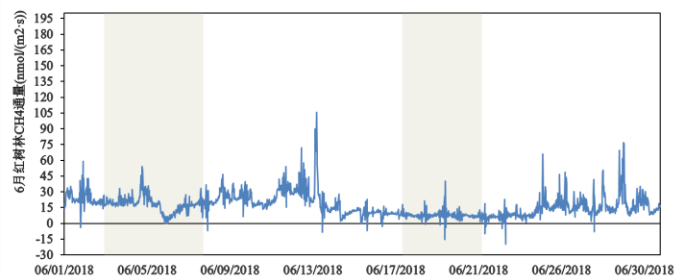
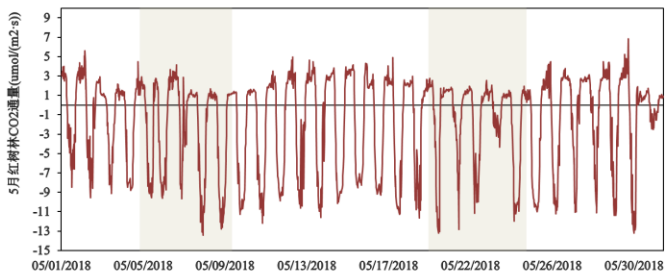
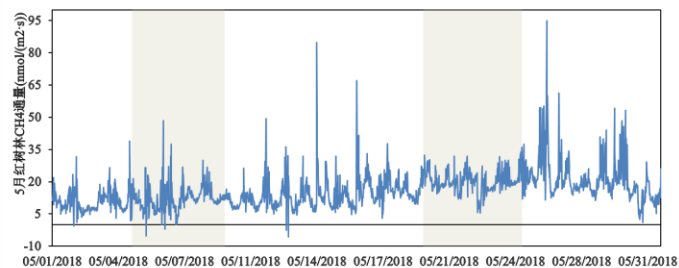
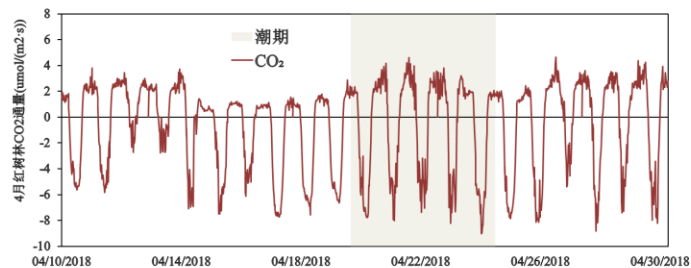
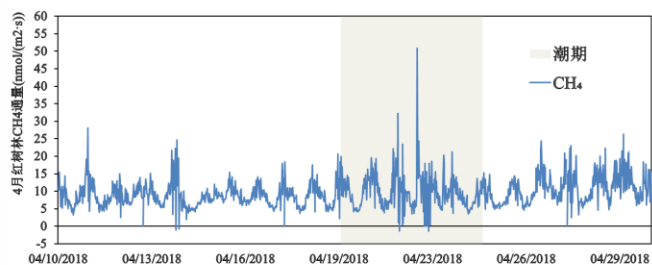
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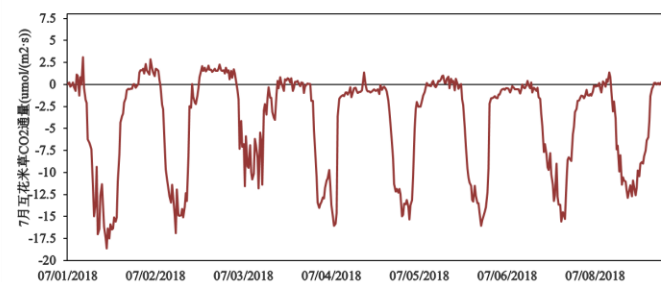
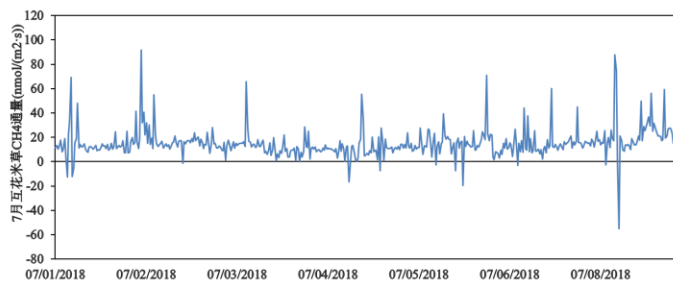
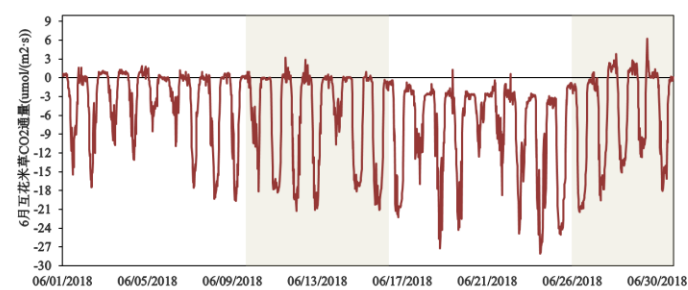
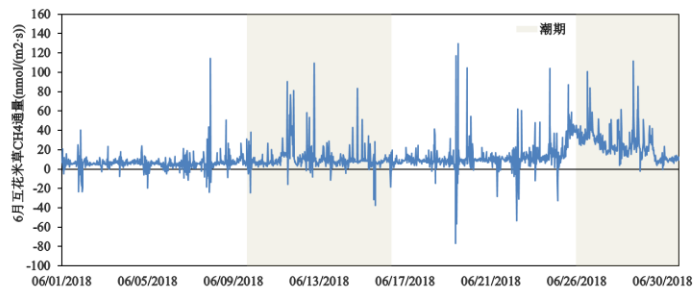
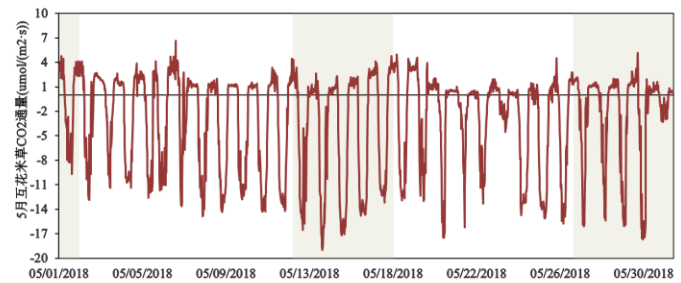
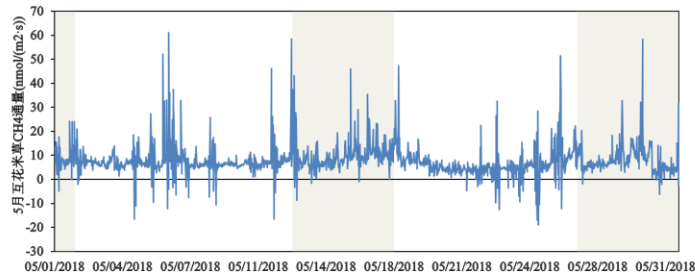
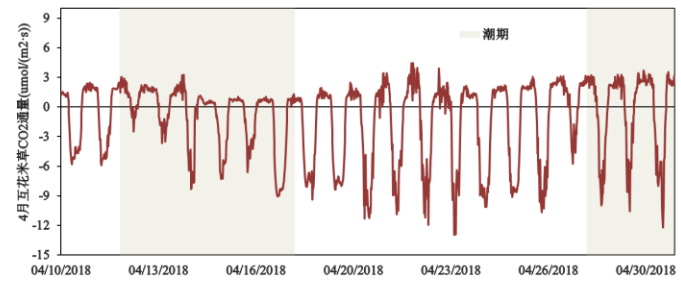
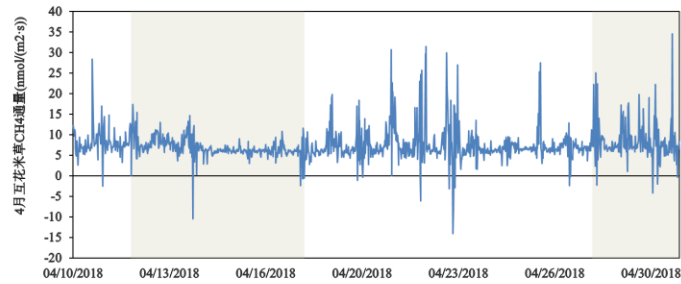
## (1) Impact of tide on $\text{CH}_4/\text{CO}_2$ fluxes in mangrove ecosystem



# Impact of tide on CH<sub>4</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes in mangrove ecosystem

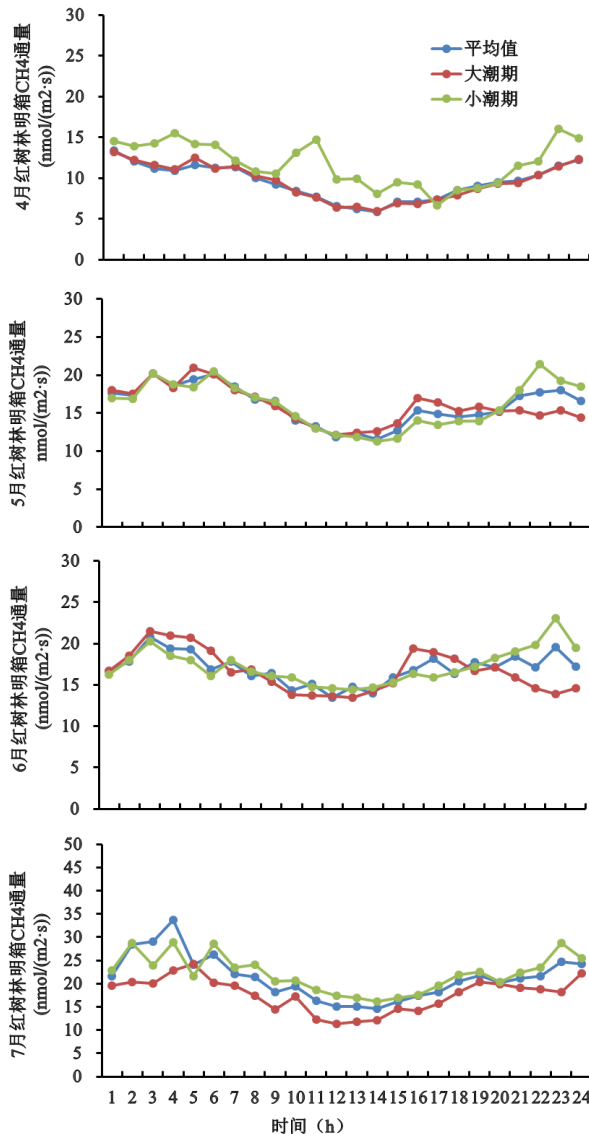


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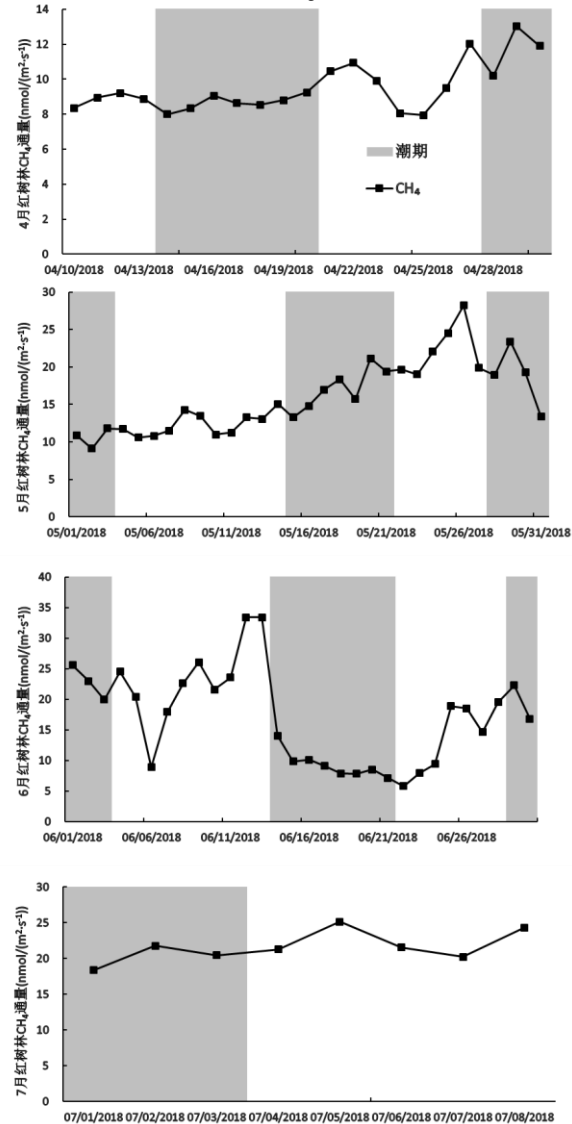


# CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes in mangrove from different time scales

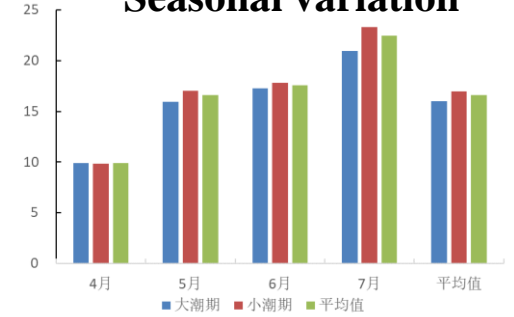
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## Monthly variation



## Seasonal variation



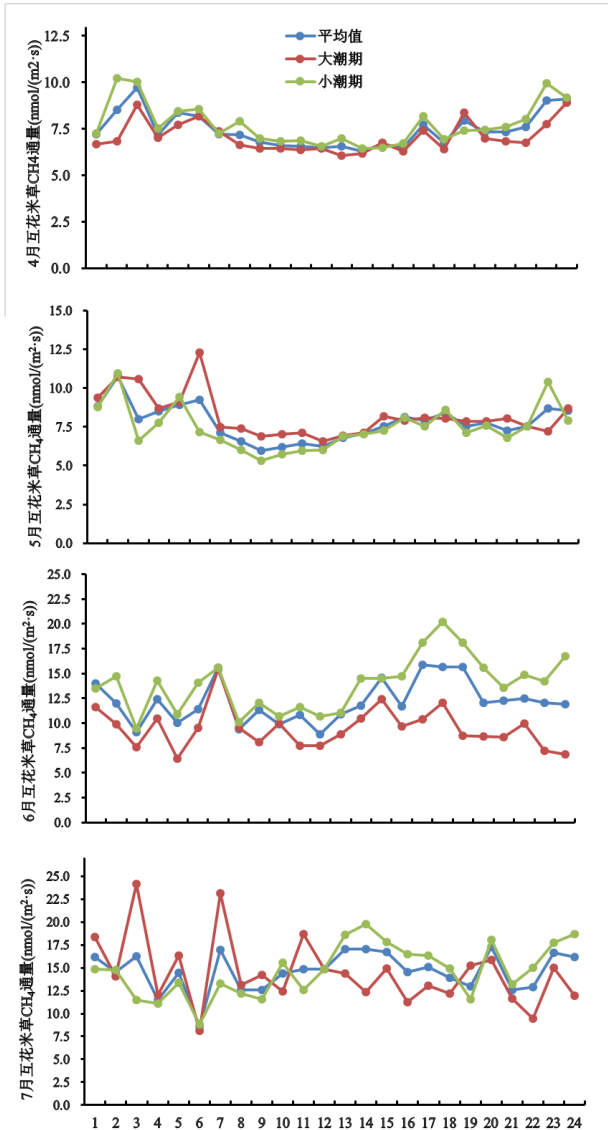
- Spring tide: CH<sub>4</sub> decreasing
- Neap tide: CH<sub>4</sub> increasing
- Mean Flux: 16.6 mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

Neap > Spring

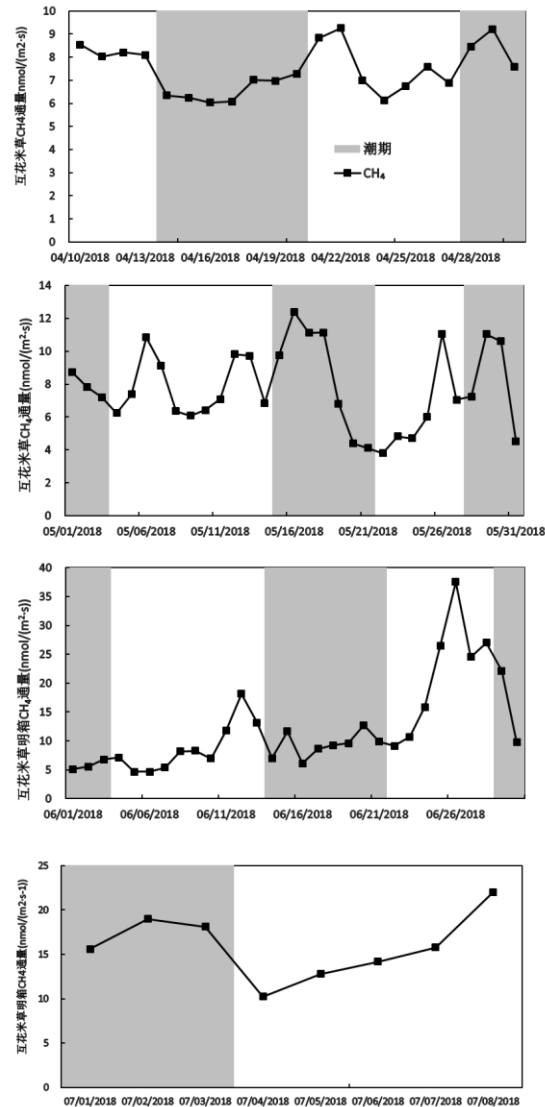


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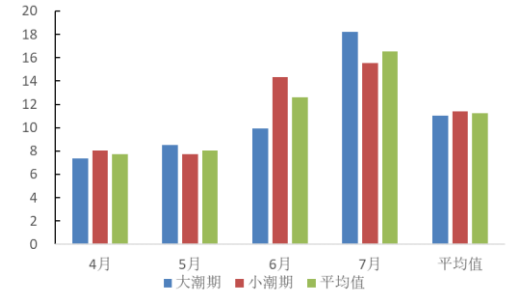
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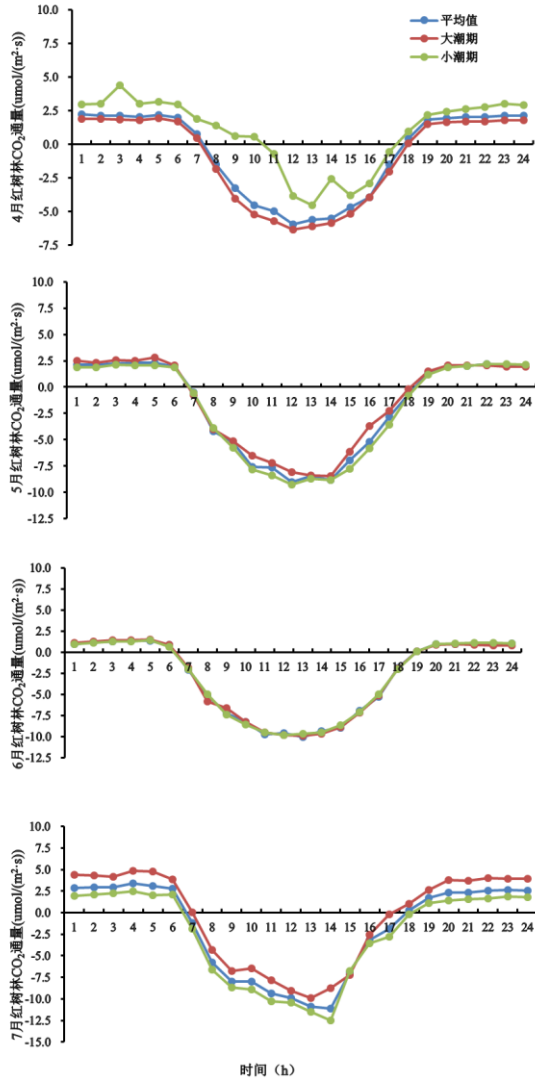


- Spring tide: CH<sub>4</sub> decreasing
- Neap tide: CH<sub>4</sub> increasing
- Mean Flux: 11.2 mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

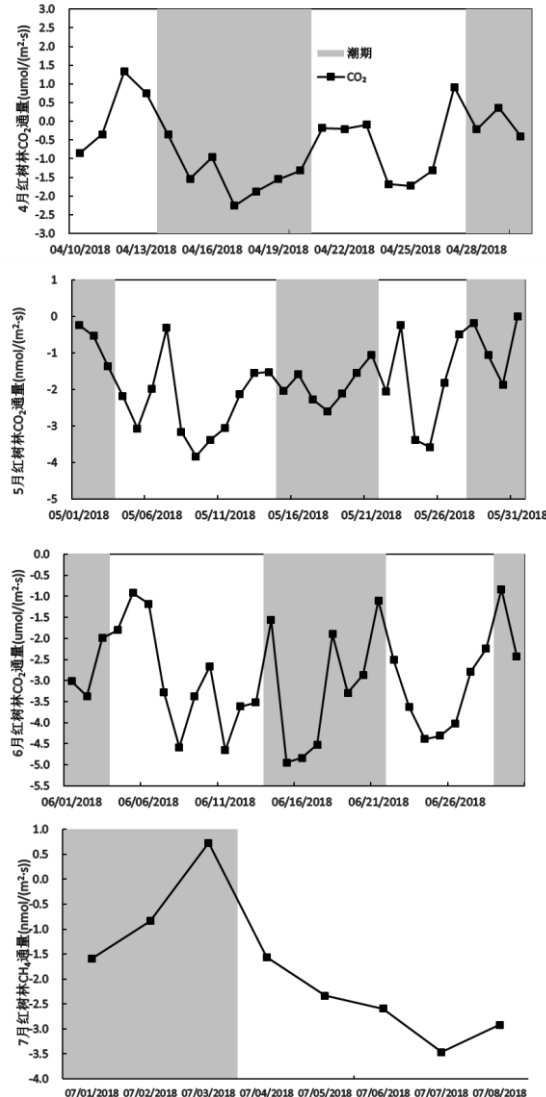
Neap > Spring  
Cordgrass < Mangrove

# CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes in mangrove from different time scales

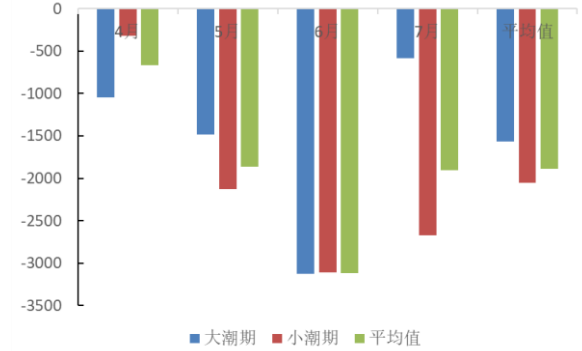
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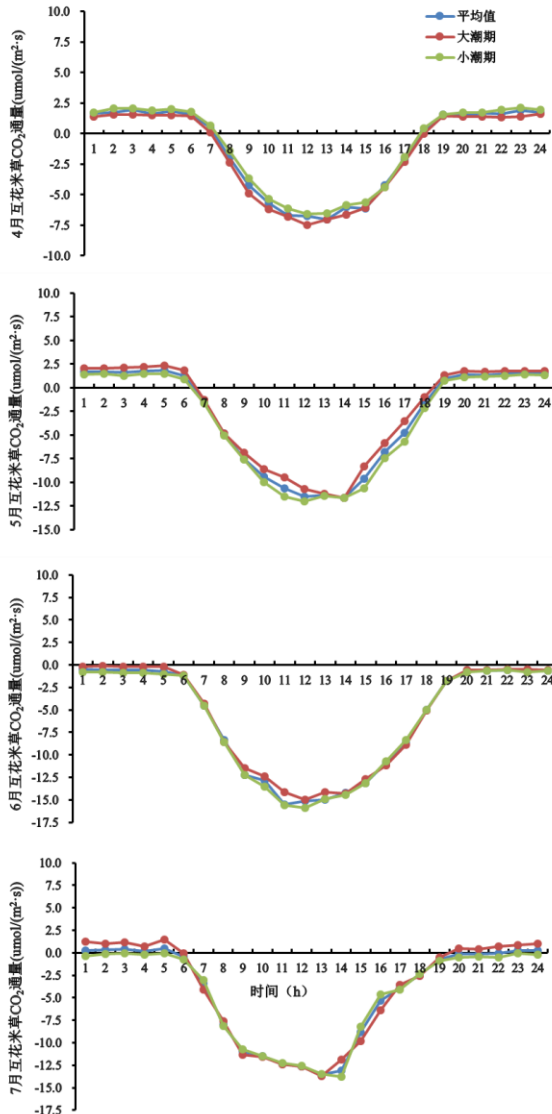


- Spring tide: CO<sub>2</sub> decreasing
- Neap tide: CO<sub>2</sub> increasing
- Mean NEE: -1888 mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

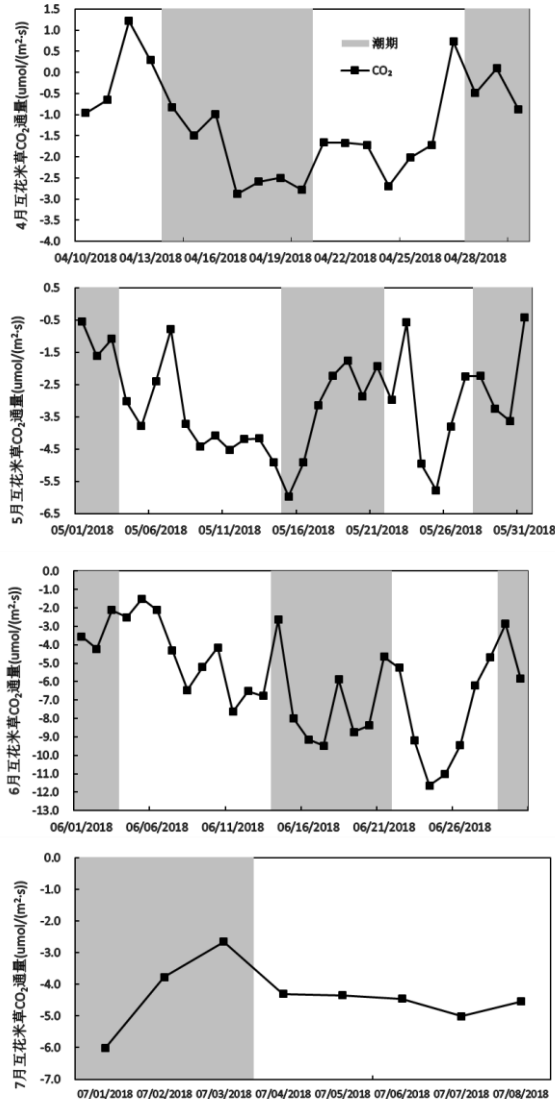
**Sink: Neap > Spring**

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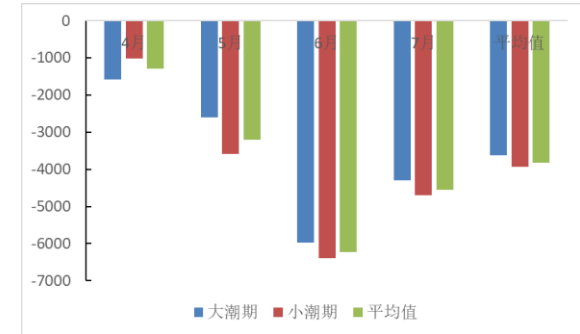
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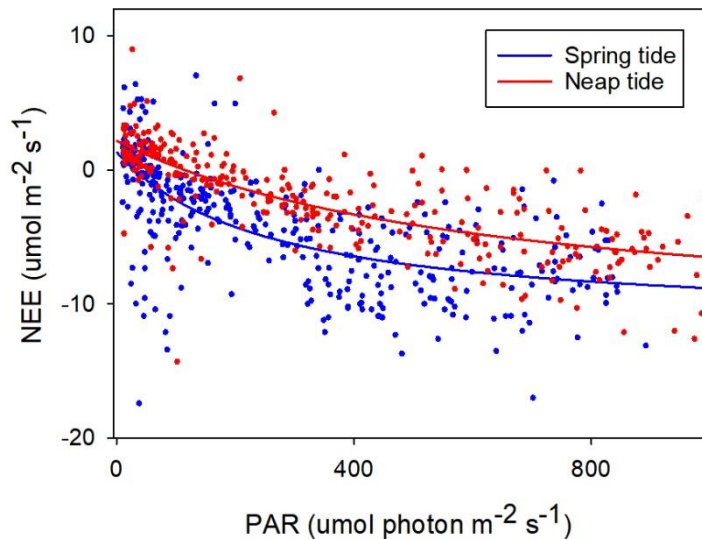
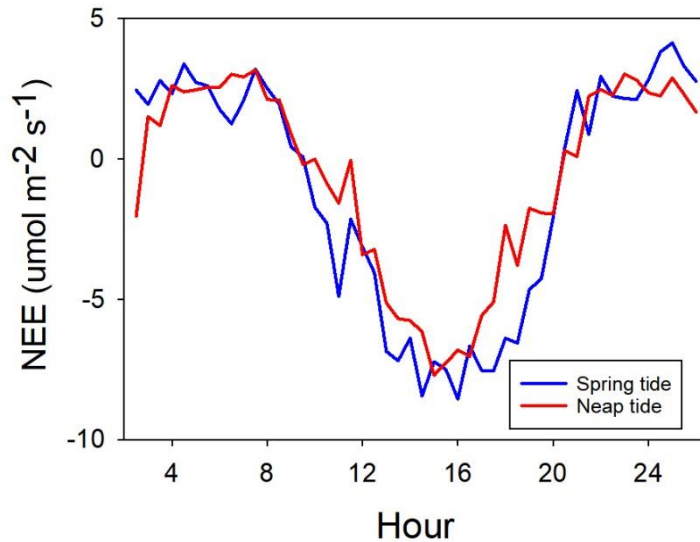


- Spring: CO<sub>2</sub> decreasing
- Neap: CO<sub>2</sub> increasing
- Mean NEE: -3818 mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>

**Sink: Neap > Spring**

**Cordgrass > Mangrove**

# EC based NEE variations and the response to par



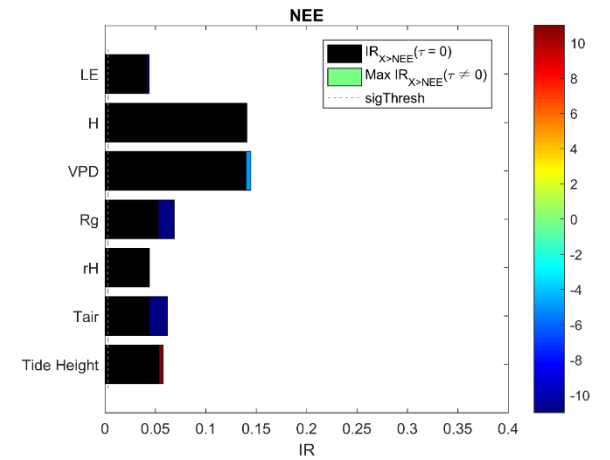
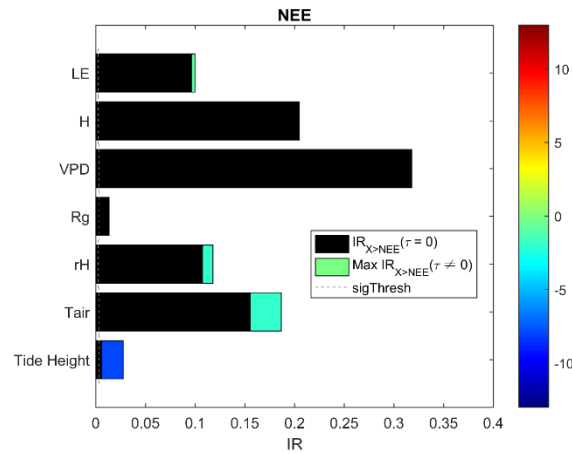
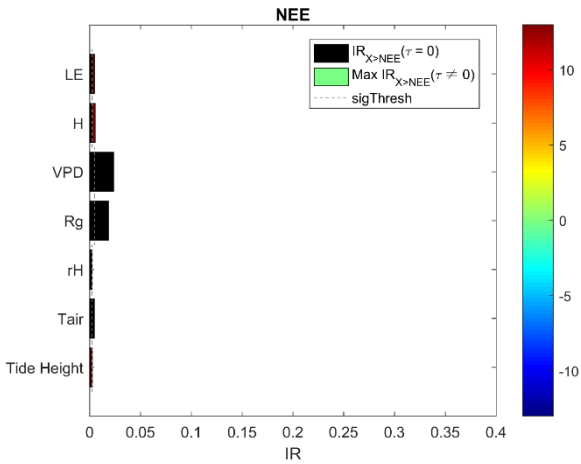
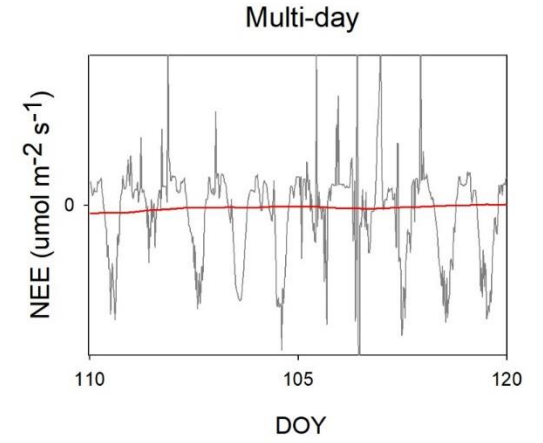
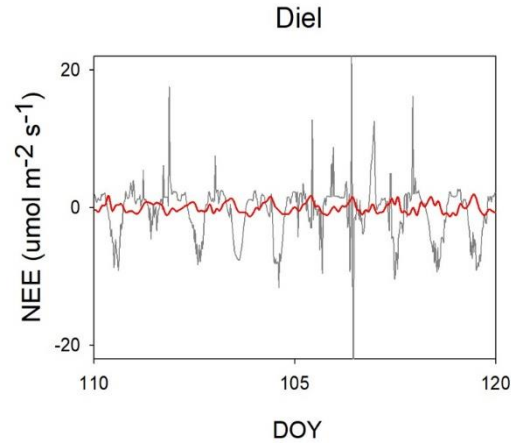
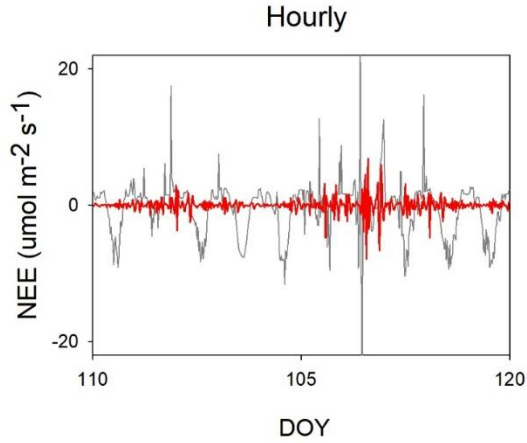
- At night, spring tide,  $R_{\text{soil}}$  relatively high.
- During day time, spring tide  $>$  neap tide.

$$\text{NEE} = -\frac{A_{\text{max}}\alpha\text{PAR}}{A_{\text{max}} + \alpha\text{PAR}} + R_{\text{eco}}$$

**$A_{\text{max}}$ : light-saturated net  $\text{CO}_2$  exchange;  
 $a$ : apparent quantum yield**

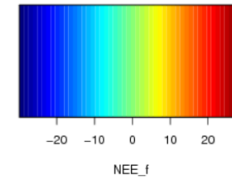
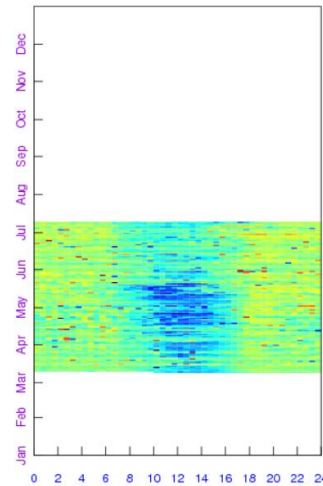
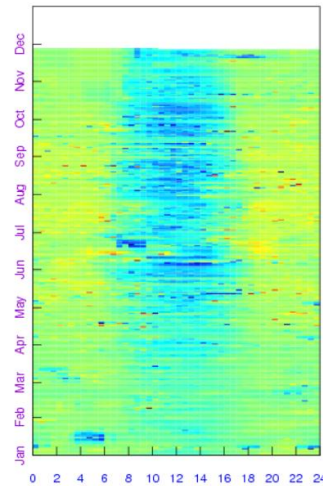
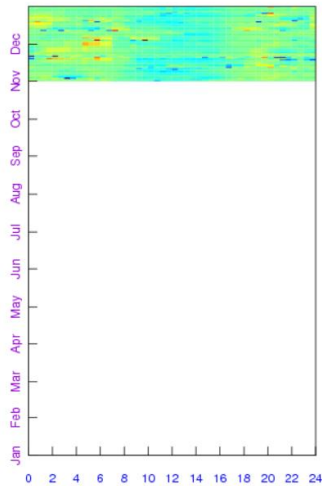
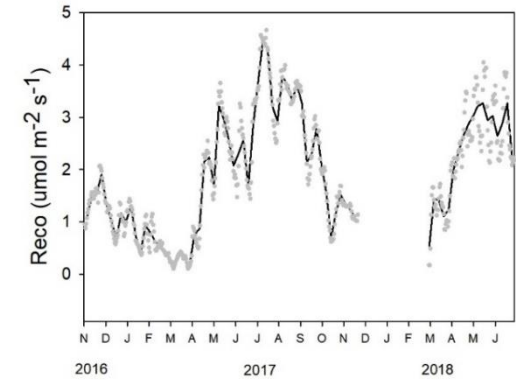
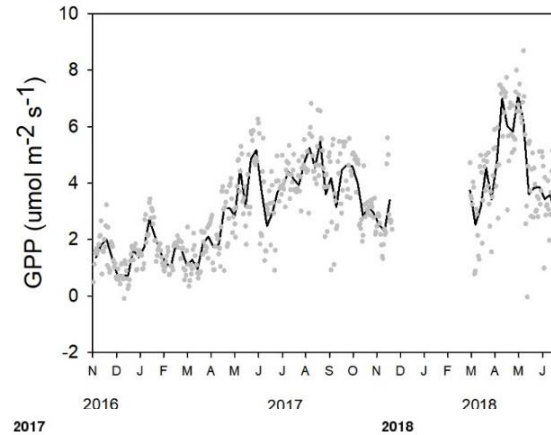
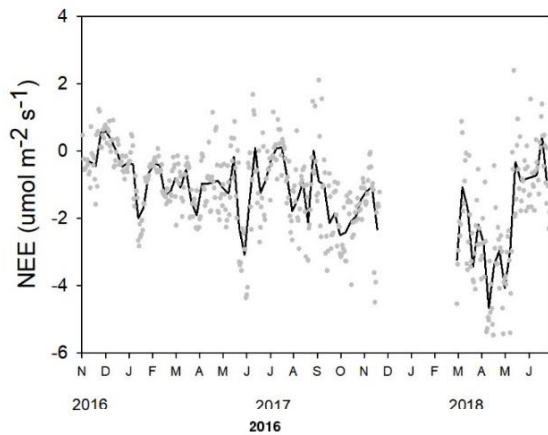
- $A_{\text{max}}$ : Spring tide (14.17)  $>$  neap tide (12.77).
- $a$ : Spring tide (0.03)  $<$  neap tide (0.04).

# NEE variation and the impact factors





# NEE, GPP, and Reco during 2016-2018

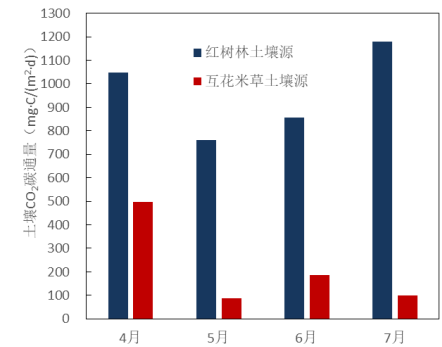
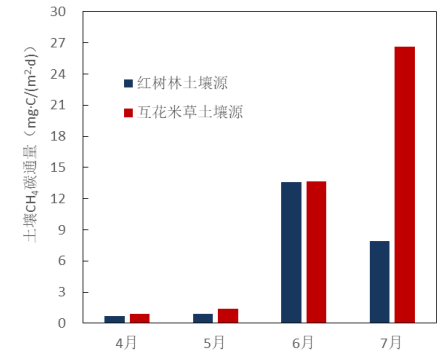
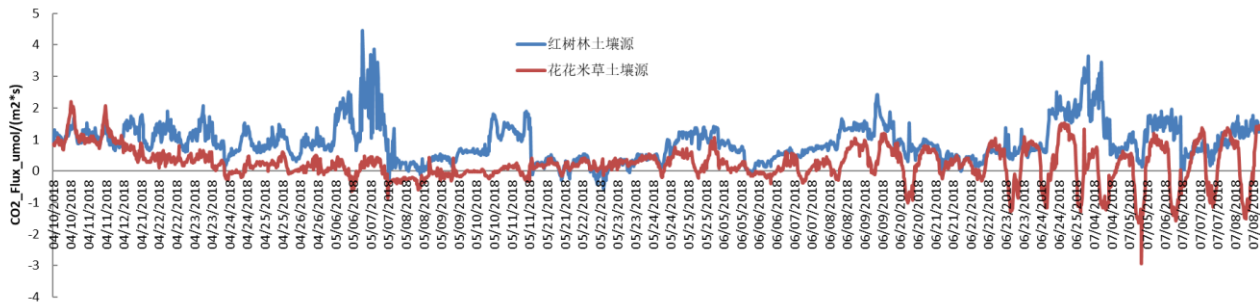
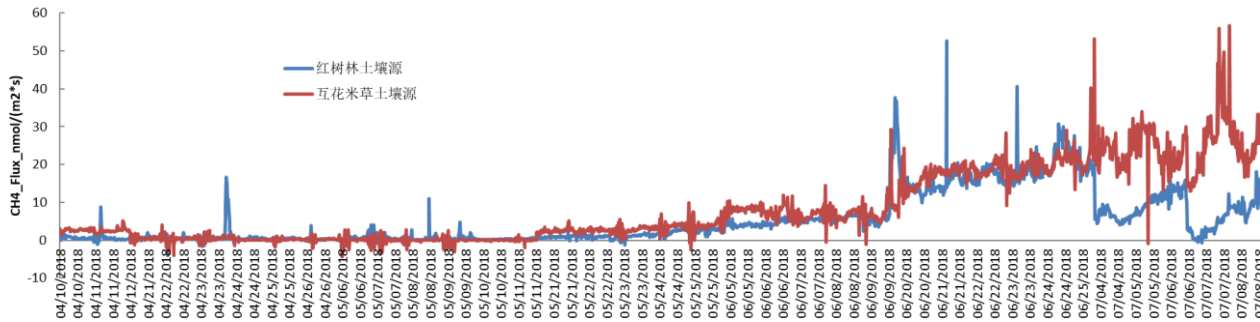


- During 2016-2018, GPP, Reco, and NEE showed similar tendency with the annual carbon sink of  $441.65 \text{ g C m}^{-2}$ .
- NEE fluxes fluctuated at  $-16\text{-}4 \text{ umol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , in agreement with LGR results.

## (2) Impact of mangrove and cordgrass on $\text{CH}_4$ and $\text{CO}_2$ fluxes



# CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes from soil sources

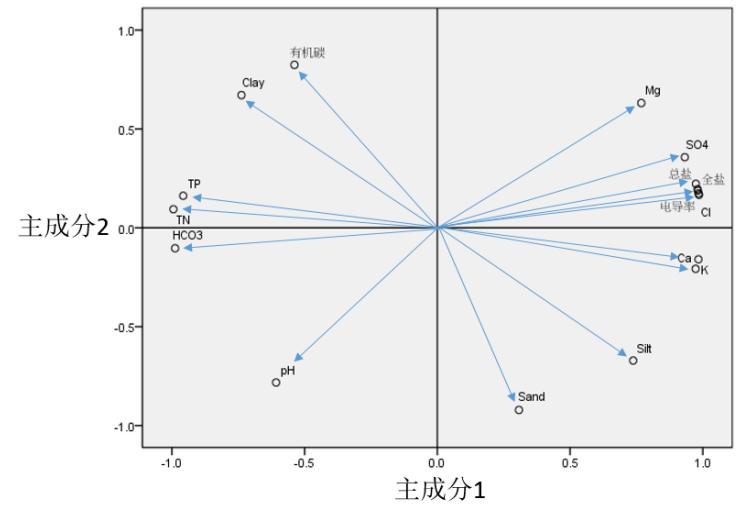
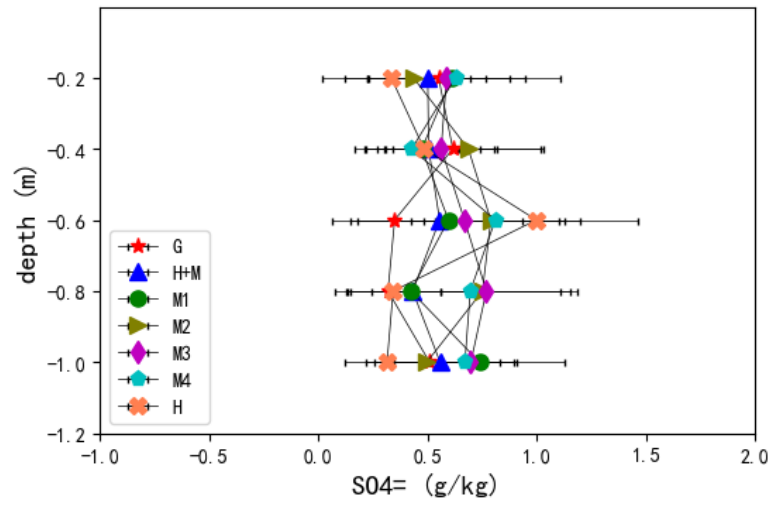
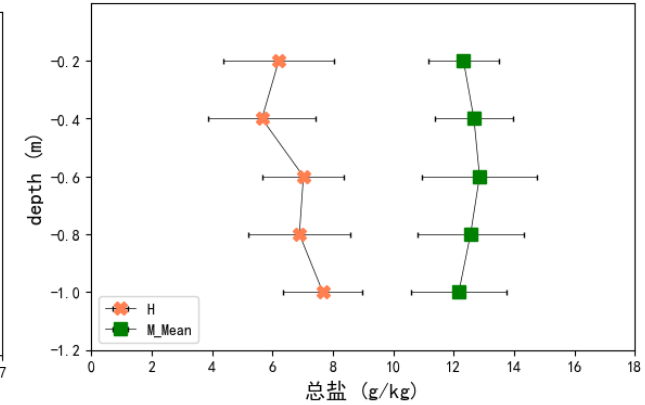
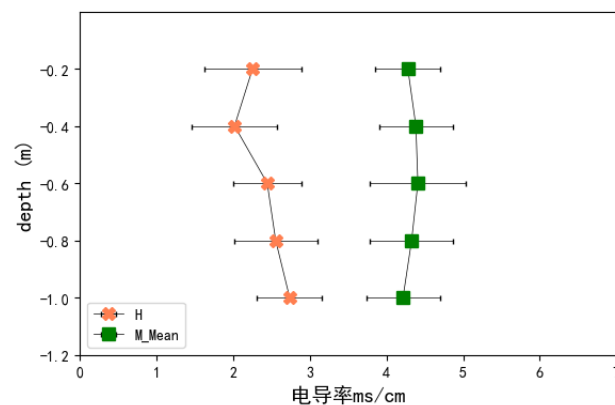
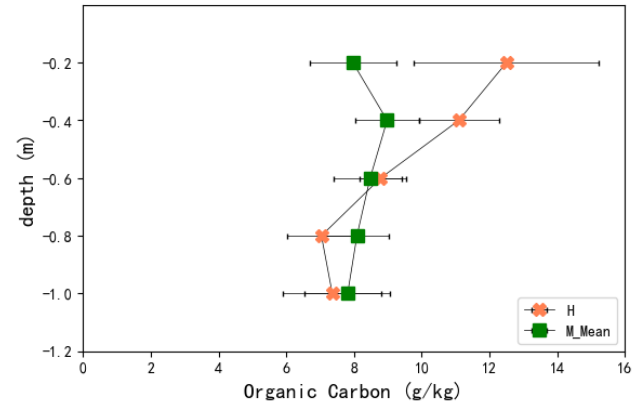


- Both mangrove and cordgrass were the sources of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Soil CH<sub>4</sub> emissions: Cordgrass (0.88-13.6 mg C/(m<sup>2</sup> d) ) > Mangrove ( 0.66-11.6 mg C/(m<sup>2</sup> d) ).
- Soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: Cordgrass (86-497 mg C/(m<sup>2</sup> d) ) < Mangrove (761-1049 mg C/(m<sup>2</sup> d)).
- GWP: Mangrove CO<sub>2</sub>-eq 529 g m<sup>-2</sup> > Cordgrass 407 g CO<sub>2</sub>-eq m<sup>-2</sup>.
- Much higher carbon sink potential would be found when the mangrove forests ages was old.

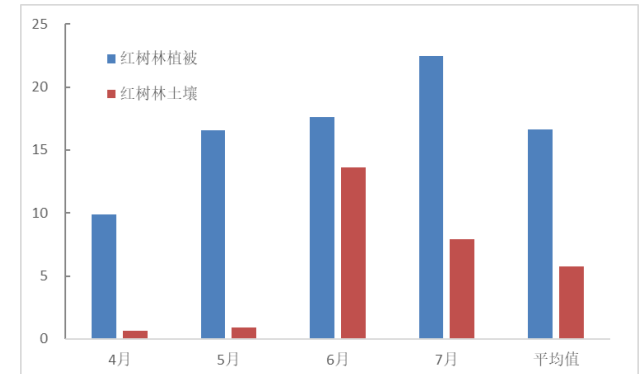
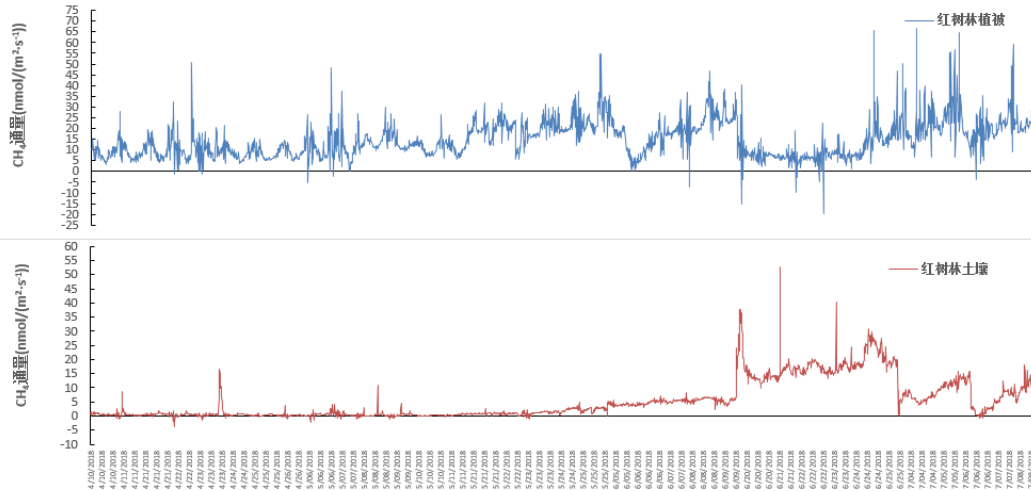




# Impact factors of CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes from soil sources

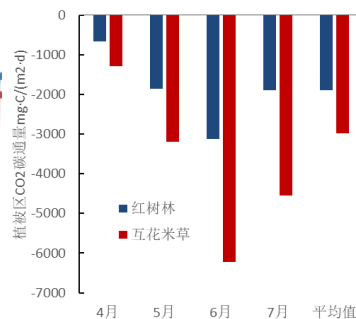
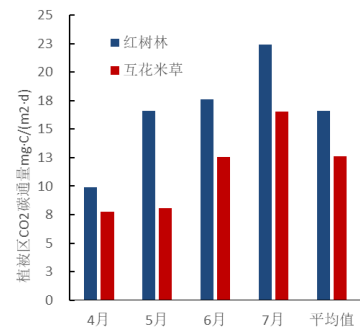
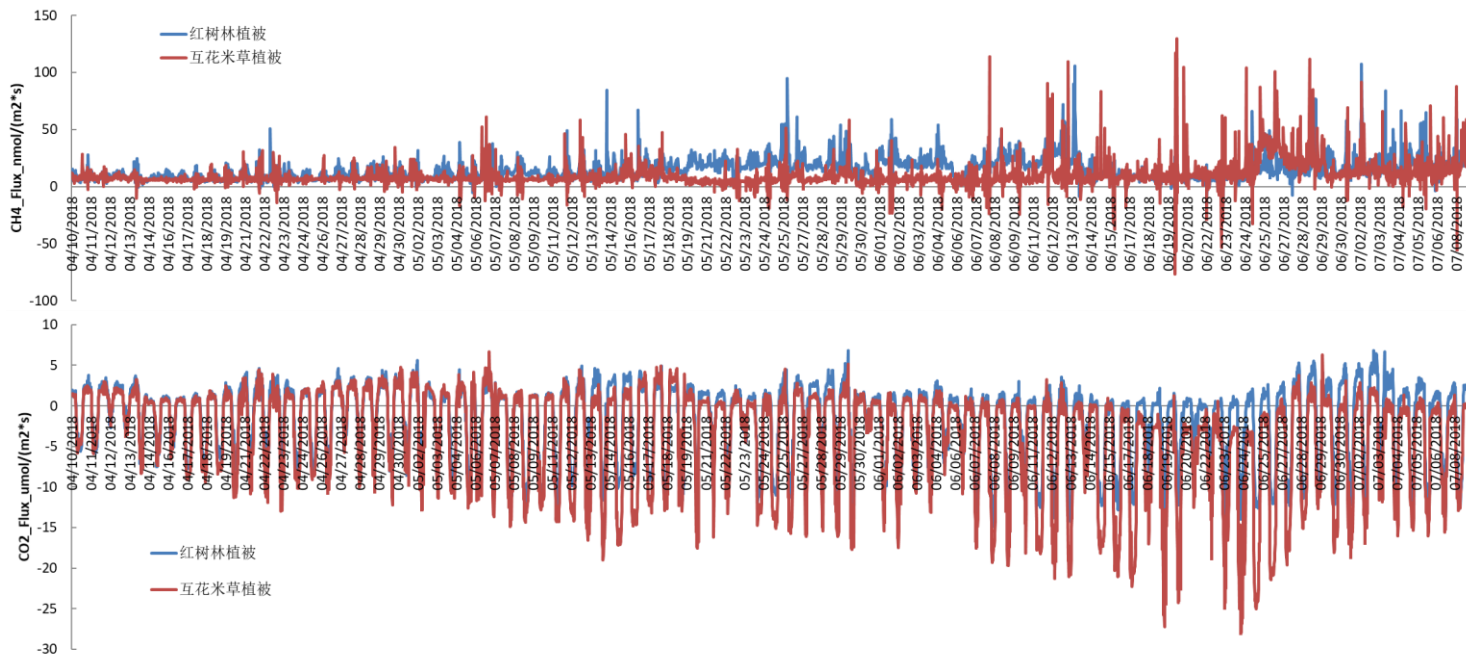


# Mangrove forests promoted CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes



- Compared with CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes in mangrove soil (0.66-13.6mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>), mangrove forests significantly promoted CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes (9.9-22.4mg C m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>) by 3-18 times.
- About 60% CH<sub>4</sub> emitted via mangrove vegetation.

# Vegetation-soil CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes



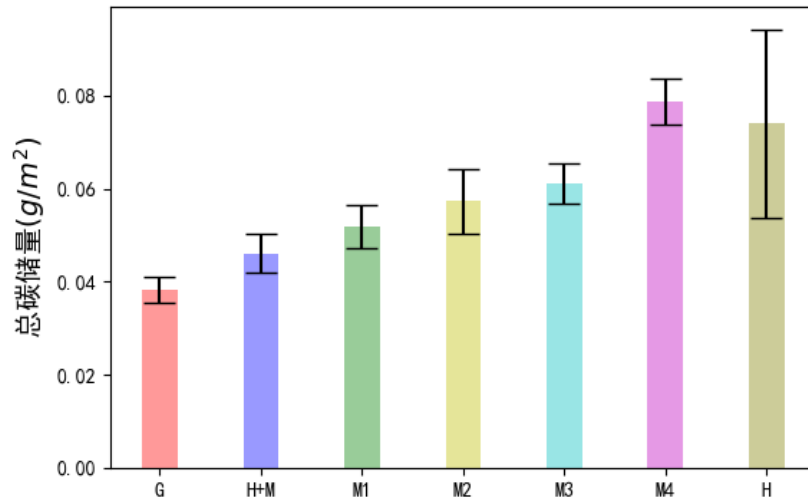
- Both mangrove and cordgrass were the sources of CH<sub>4</sub> (16.6-22.4; 8.0-16.5 mg C/(m<sup>2</sup> d) ) and the sinks of CO<sub>2</sub> (1866-3117; 3202-6227 mg C/(m<sup>2</sup> d) ).
- 红树林和互花米草覆被区均为大气和，互花米草土壤CH<sub>4</sub>的释放量低于红树林土壤、CO<sub>2</sub>吸收量高于红树林。
- 互花米草覆被区CH<sub>4</sub>排放量较低、CO<sub>2</sub>碳汇功能较大，可能由于红树林的树龄较小（4-5年）而互花米草生长势迅猛。且造成植被覆被区气体排放通量差异的主要因素

## (3) Soil organic carbon stock across soil moisture and salinity gradient

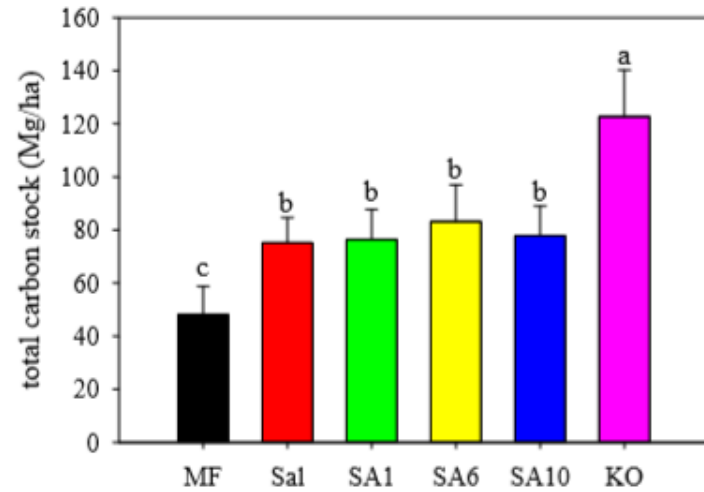




# Soil organic carbon stock



In this study



(Feng et al., 2019)

- Soil organic carbon stock increased across soil moisture and salinity gradient with the mean values of 40-80 Mg/ha.



# Conclusions and implications

- ❖ EC-LGR-SIF automatic monitoring system supplies an important platform to analyze the carbon sink potential of mangrove forests in coastal zone.
- ❖ Spring and neap tides play great role in controlling  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions from blue carbon ecosystems. From large scale, the carbon sink potential was high during the spring tide period since the response of NEE to PAR was significant. From point scale, high carbon sink potential occurred during neap tide period. The soil moisture and properties cause the difference in this study.
- ❖ Both mangrove and cordgrass were the sources of  $\text{CH}_4$  and the sinks of  $\text{CO}_2$ . The mangrove promoted  $\text{CH}_4$  emissions, while the cordgrass increased the carbon sink potential. As the increasing of mangrove forests age, high carbon sink potential might be found with long-term observation in this study area. Lateral carbon cycling is necessary to calculate the carbon budget of mangrove restoration regions.

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