



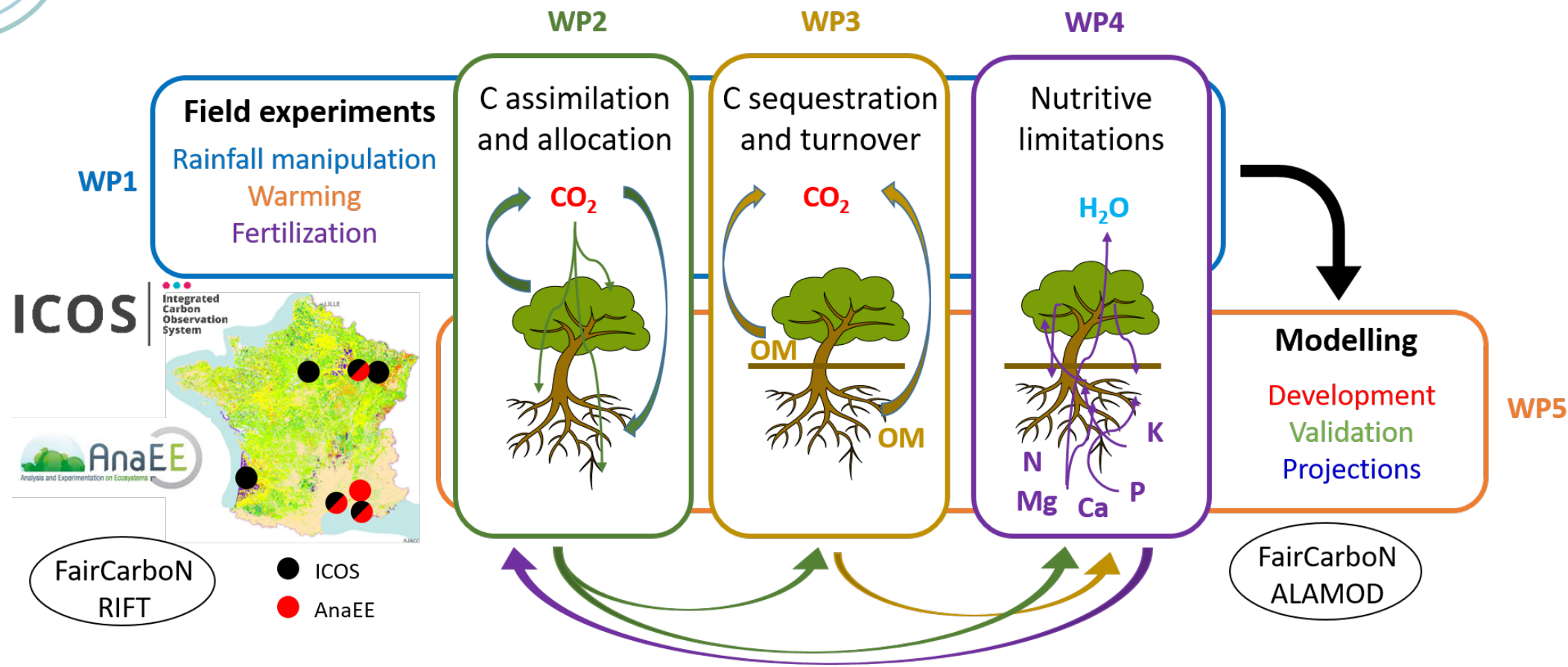
Drought ForC

Drought impacts on carbon stocks and fluxes in forest ecosystems: experiments and modeling





Drought ForC – Climate change impacts on C sequestration in forests



Monitoring, experiments and modeling



Long-term monitoring of forest C fluxes

Eddy covariance measurements of CO₂ and H₂O exchanges with the atmosphere

→ ICOS ERIC network of Ecosystem stations

→ 5 labelled stations in various French forest ecosystems

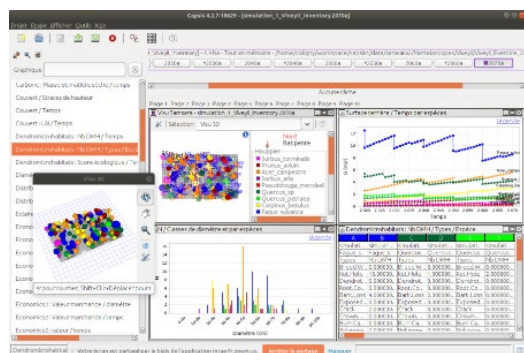


Rainfall manipulation experiments

Gutters or mobile roofs preventing the precipitation from reaching the soil

→ AnaEE research infrastructure of open-air experimental stations

→ 5 rainfall exclusion experiments in AnaEE-France



Numerical simulations with forest process based models

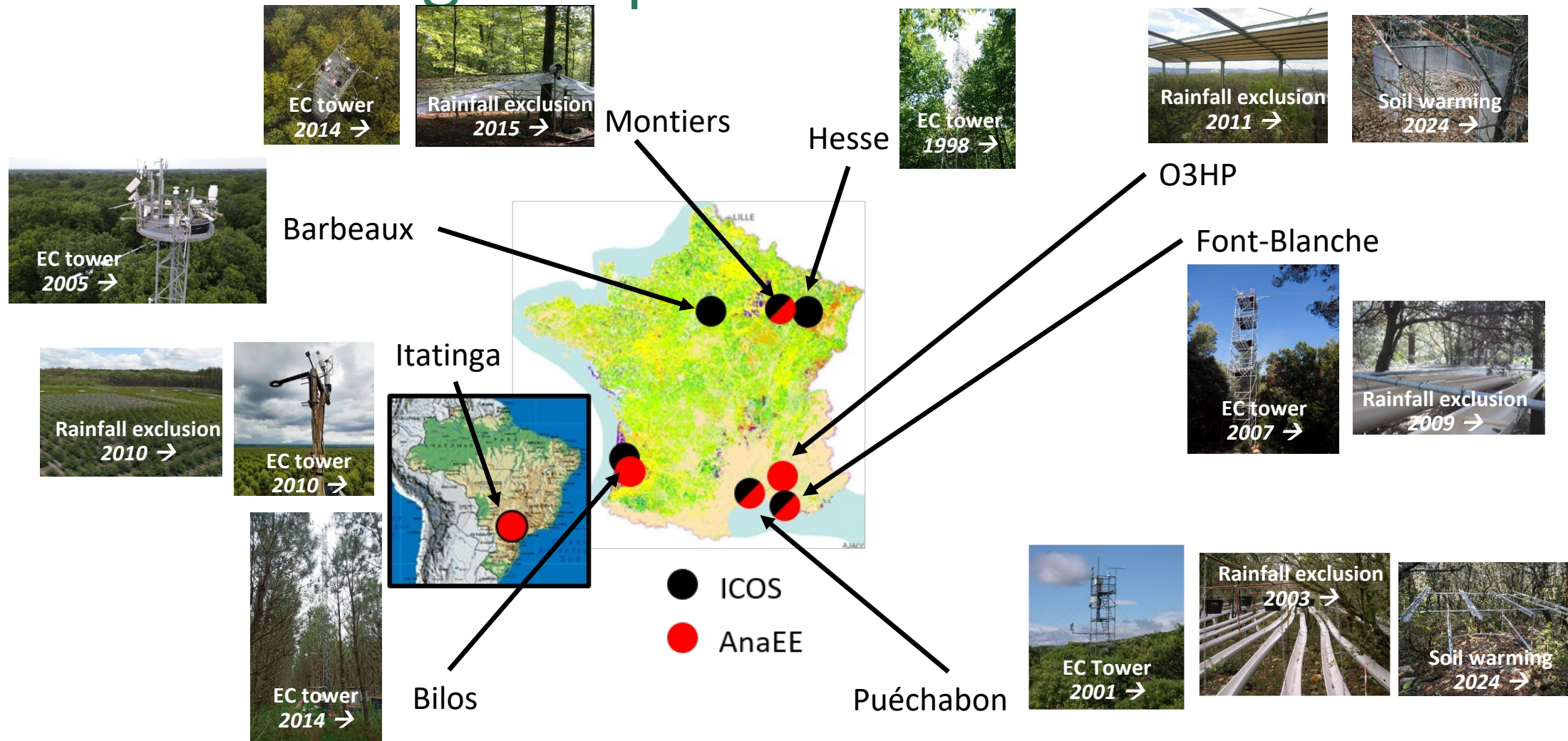
Wide diversity of hypotheses and mechanisms in forest models

→ A large number of forest models developed and used in France

→ 11 forest models brought together for the first time



A network of eight experimental sites



Drought ForC highlights in 2023-2024



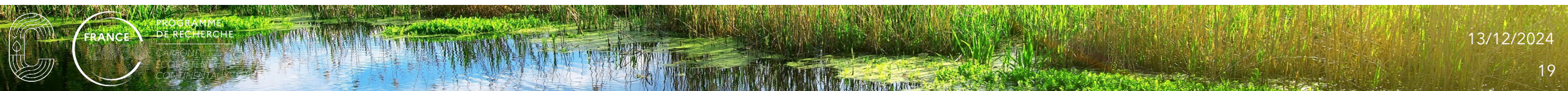
37 people from 9 research units participated to the kick-off meeting in Montpellier in 2023

2 PhD students have been hired in october 2024:

- **Jeanne Poughon**: carbon allocation
- **Philippine Dubertrand**: modeling NPK cycles

Soil cores collected in all the sites and experimental treatments in spring 2024:

- Root biomass
- Soil carbon and nutrient content
- Root carbon and nutrient content
- Root in-growth cores installed to be collected in 2025 and 2026





Drought ForC plans for 2025

- Gather the data regarding net primary production in all the focal forest sites
- Start common experiment on litter decomposition
- Collect and centralize plant and soil samples from the different sites for common analyses
- Format data sets for the modelling WP ← ALAMOD
- Start a new experiment to manipulate soil temperature

