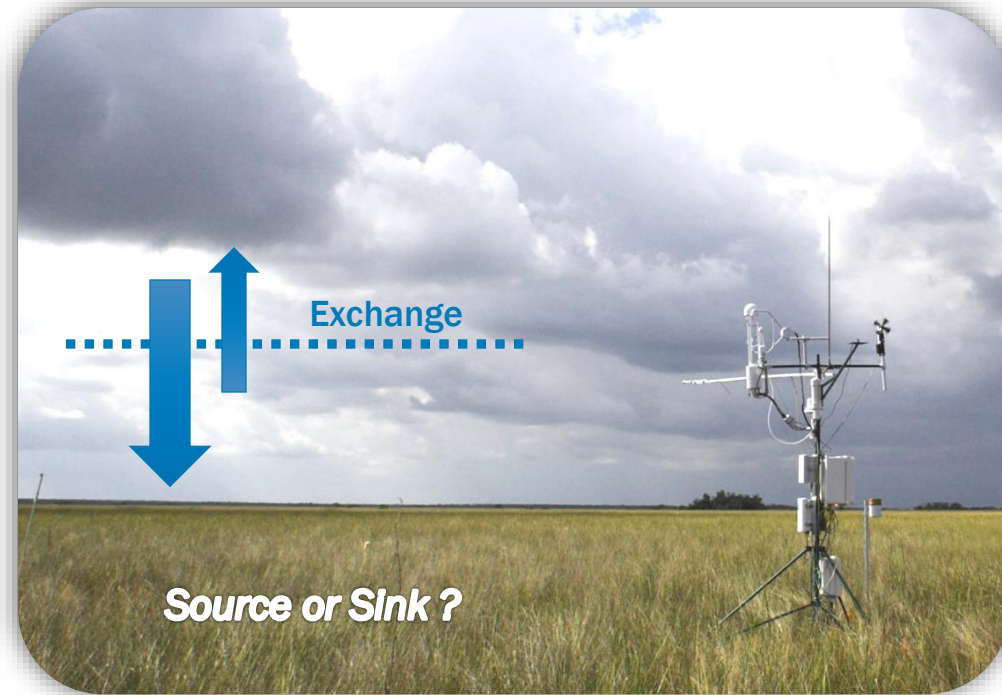


## An Introduction to Eddy Covariance

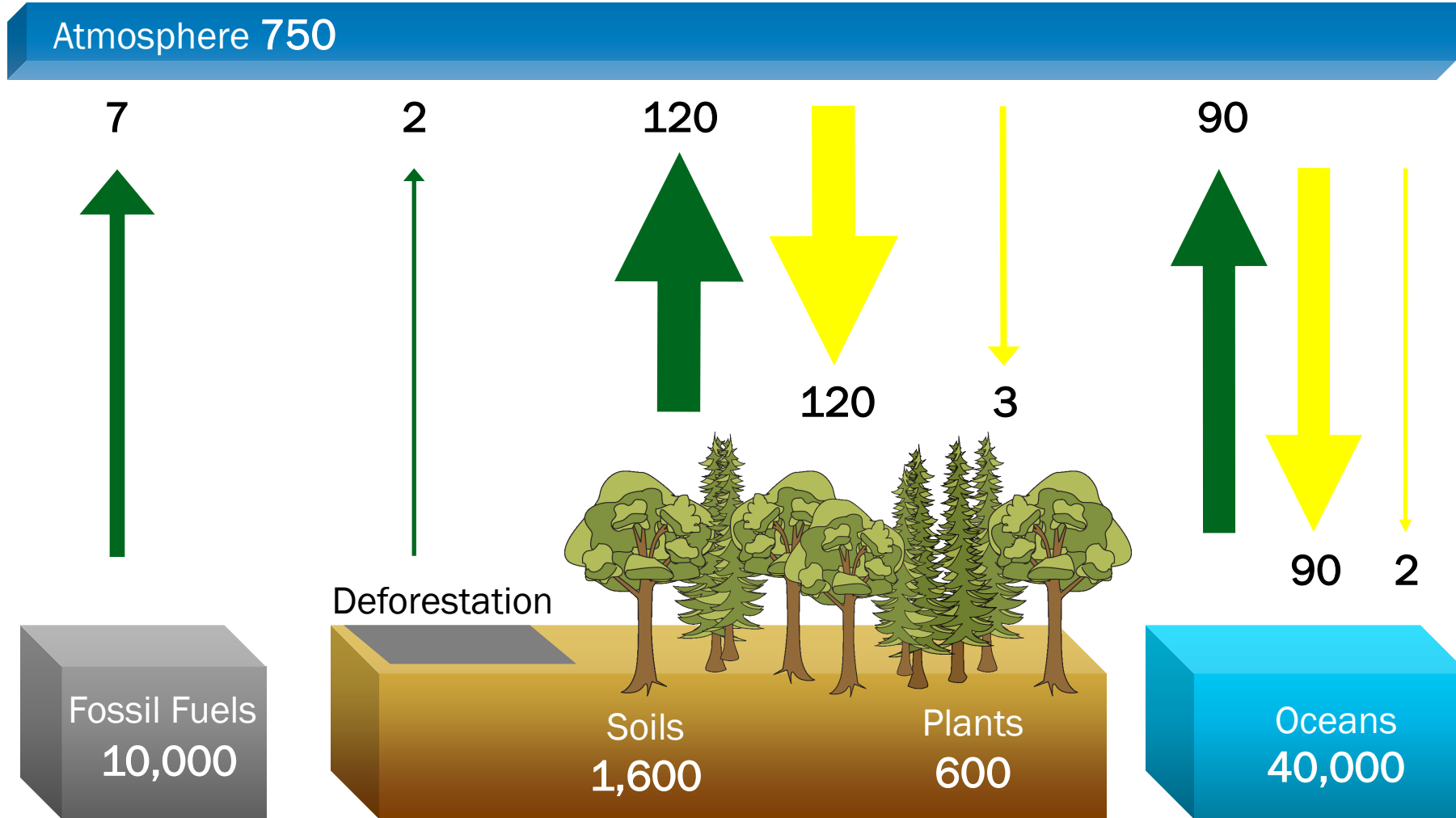
# Objective

Estimate **vertical turbulent flux** of heat, water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, ...

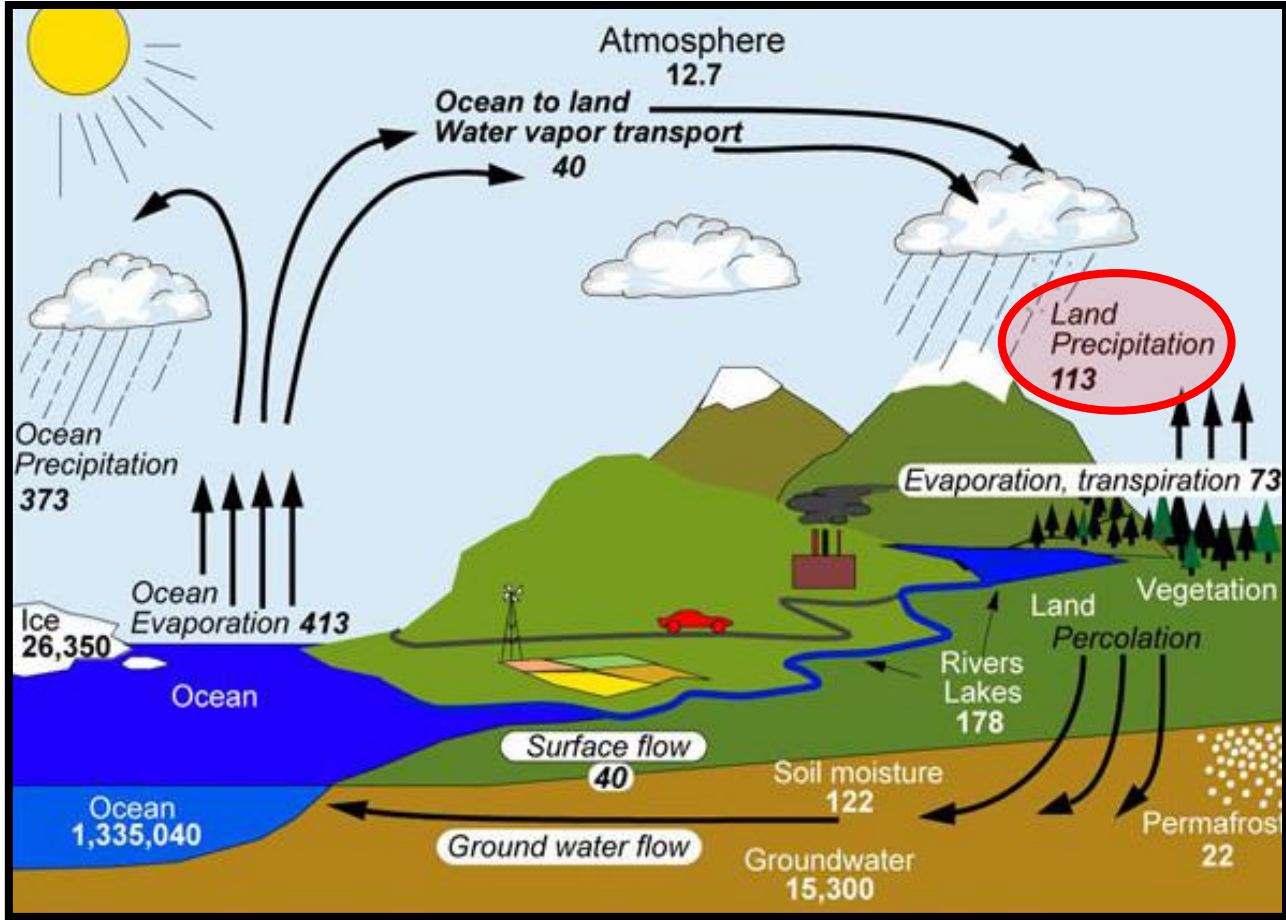


# The Carbon Cycle

Data sources: USGS, DOE, and IPCC.



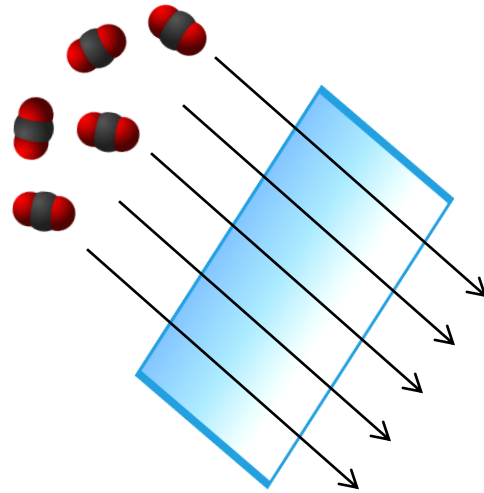
# The Hydrological Cycle



Trenberth et al., 2007. *Journal of Hydrometeorology*, 8: 758-769.

# What is flux?

**Flux** – how much of an entity (heat, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>, etc) moves through a unit area per unit time



$$CO_2 \left[ \frac{mol}{m^2 s} \right]$$

mol:  $6.022 \times 10^{23}$

CO<sub>2</sub>: 44 g mol<sup>-1</sup>

# Terminology and units

**Density:** g air m<sup>-3</sup>, mol air m<sup>-3</sup>  
g CO<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-3</sup>, mol CO<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-3</sup>

**Mole Fraction:** μmol CO<sub>2</sub> per mol total air (ppm)

**Dry Mole Fraction:** μmol CO<sub>2</sub> per mol dry air (ppm)

**Mixing Ratio:** mmol H<sub>2</sub>O per mol dry air (ppt, ‰)

# Terminology and units for CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, and CH<sub>4</sub> flux

**CO<sub>2</sub> flux:**  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
 $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$   
 $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

**H<sub>2</sub>O flux (E):**  $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
 $\text{mm hr}^{-1}, \text{mm day}^{-1}$

**CH<sub>4</sub> flux:**  $\text{nmol CH}_4 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$   
 $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$   
 $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

# Terminology and units for energy flux

**Net radiation ( $R_{\text{net}}$ ):**  $\text{W m}^{-2}$

**Sensible heat flux (H):**  $\text{W m}^{-2}$  ( $\text{J m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )

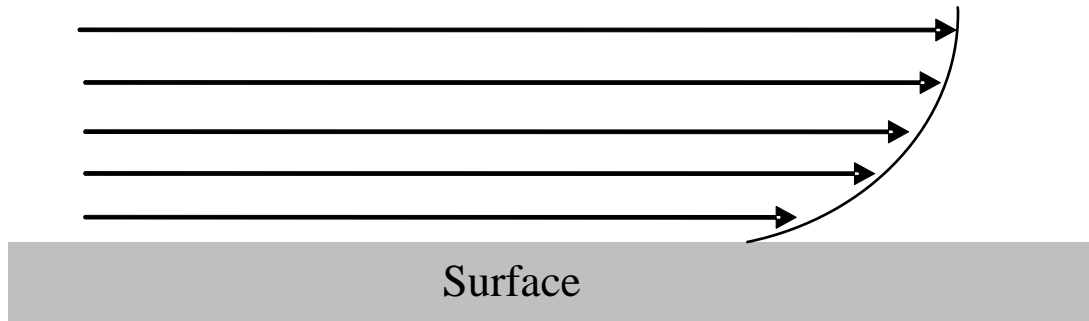
**Latent heat flux (LE):**  $\text{LE} = \lambda E$  ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ )  
(*E is water vapor flux*)

**Soil heat flux (G):**  $\text{W m}^{-2}$

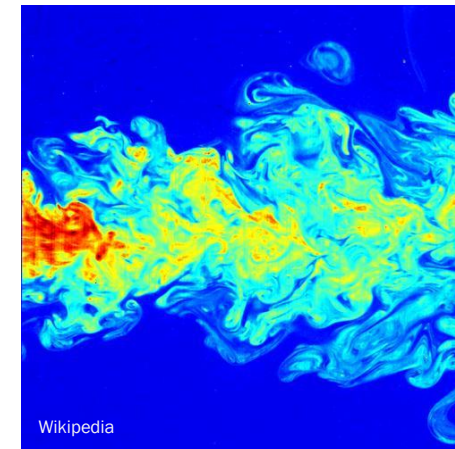
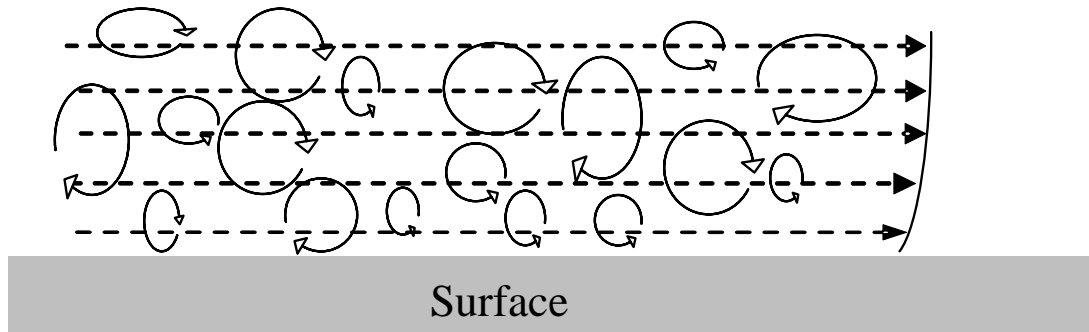


# Air Flows

## Laminar flow

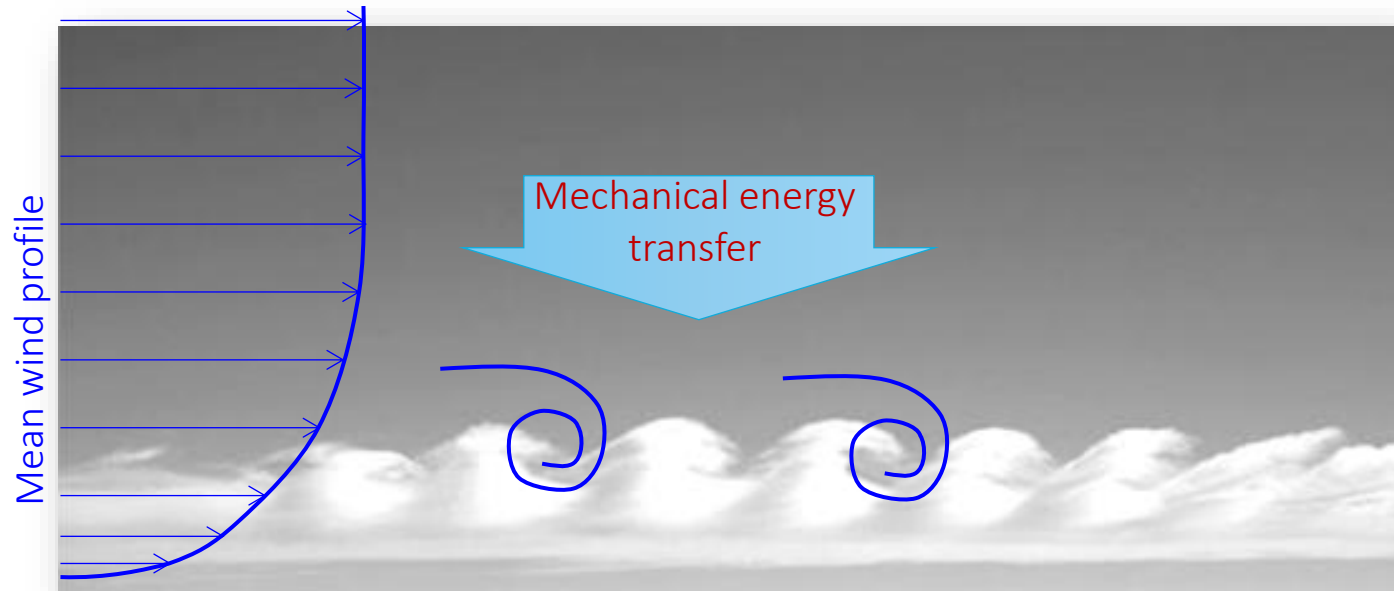


## Turbulent flow (Eddies)



# Turbulence generation

Mechanical turbulence and friction velocity  $u^*$



- ✓ The speed difference between different layers generates eddies → **turbulence**
- ✓ This results in a net kinetic energy transfer from upper to lower layers.
- ✓ This phenomenon is quantified by friction velocity  $u^*$

# Turbulence generation

## Thermal turbulence

- ✓ Temperature gradient induced by earth surface heating generates upward-moving eddies → **convective turbulence**
- ✓ **Upward** eddies are then compensated by **downward** movements
- ✓ **Turbulence intensity** is proportional to the **vertical temperature gradient**



# Fundamentals of Turbulence

## 1. Randomness

Chaotic and mechanistically unpredictable

-> Statistics to describe turbulence

## 2. Rotationality

Three-dimensional velocity

-> Measure horizontal, lateral, and vertical wind speeds

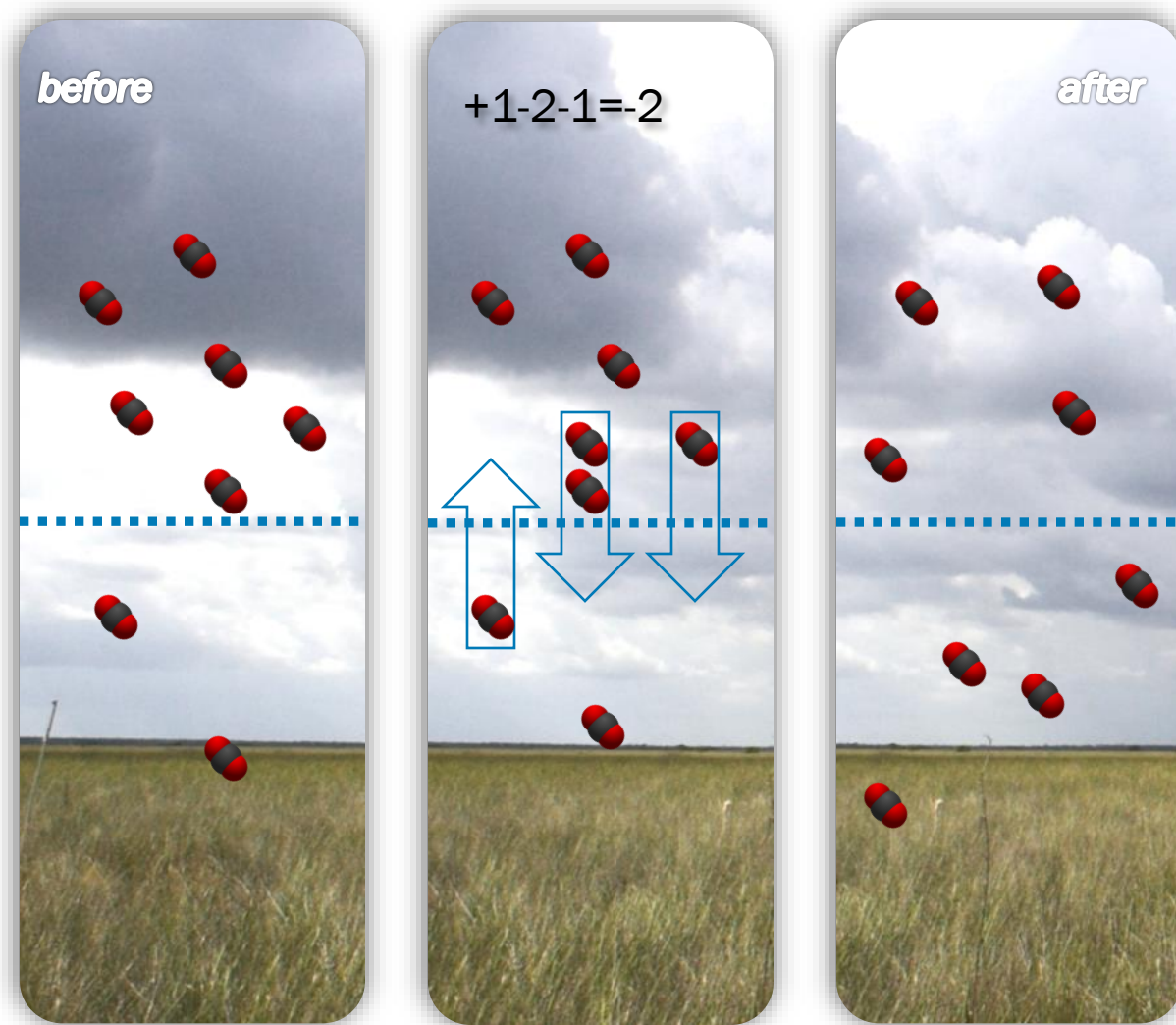
## 3. Multiple scales

Eddy sizes: mm – km

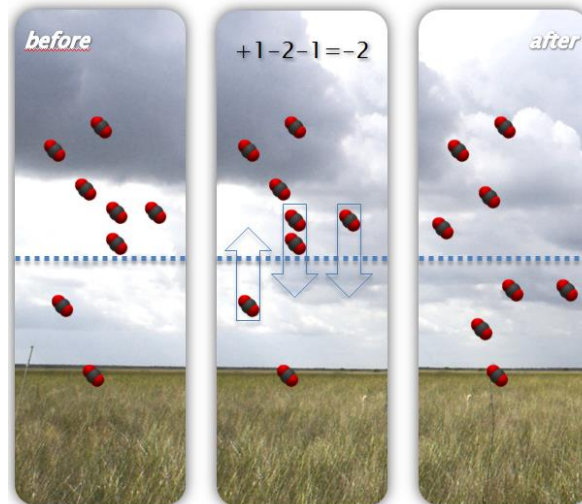
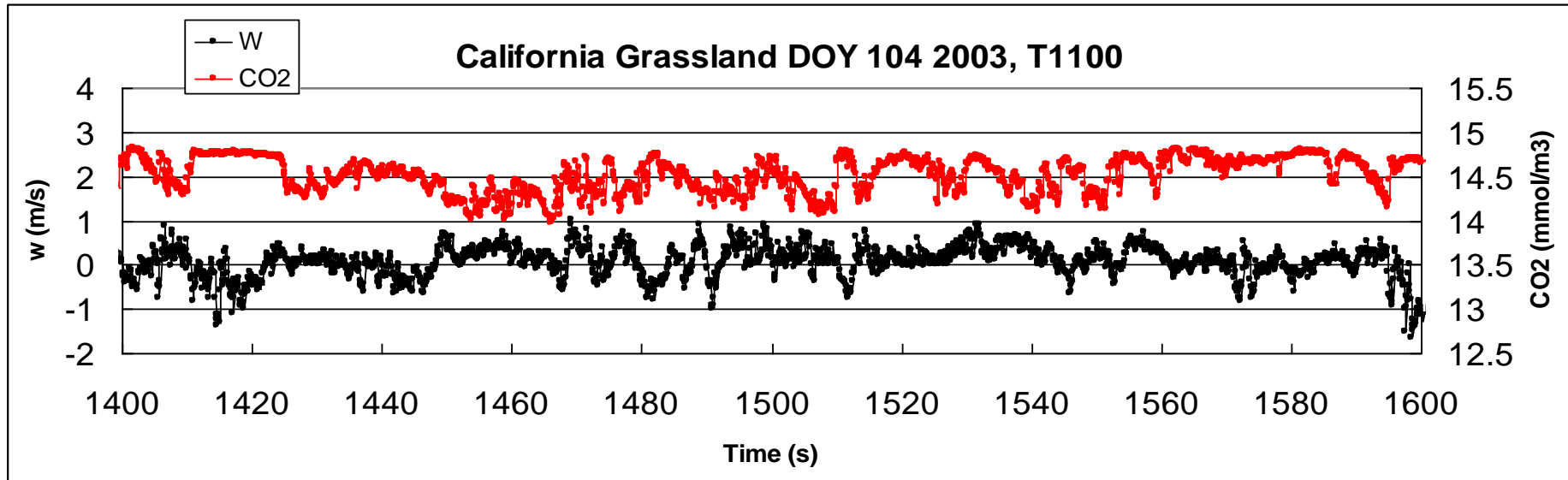
-> High-speed instruments and a proper averaging periods

*Reference: S. Pal Arya, Introduction to Micrometeorology (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*

# Eddy Covariance



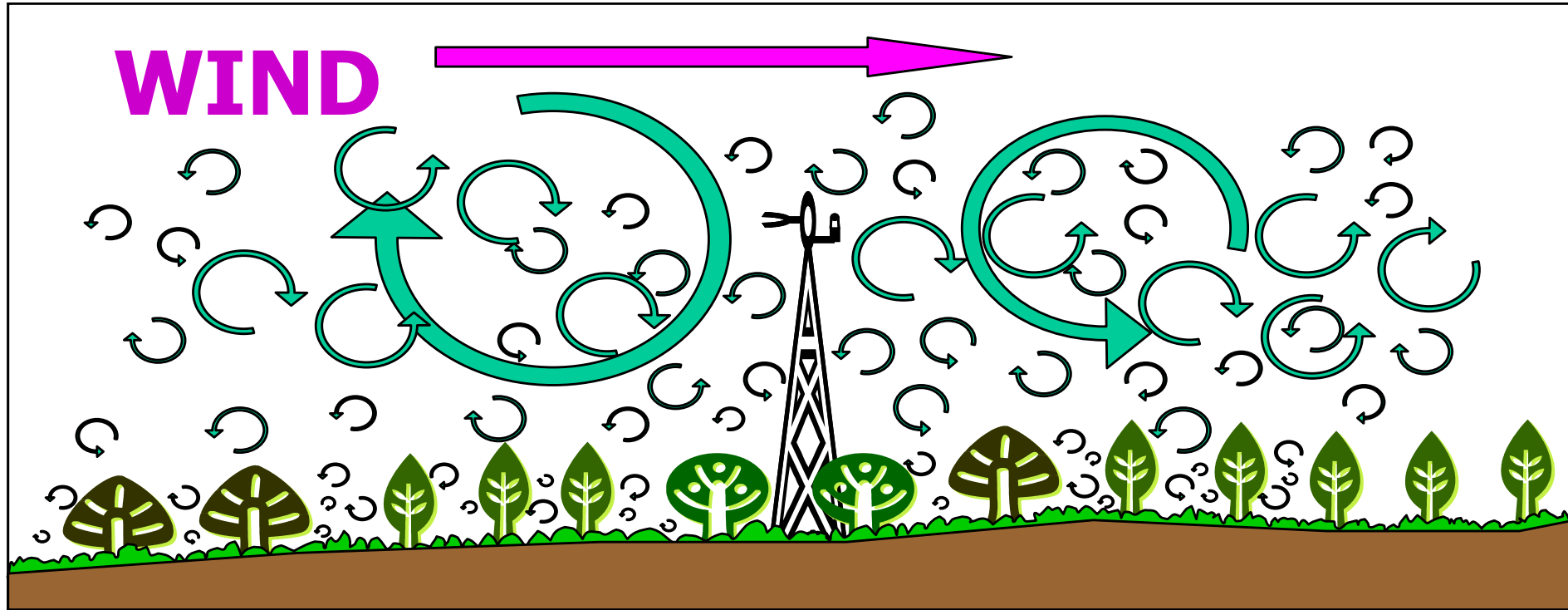
# Eddy Covariance



Covariance:

$$\overline{w'x'} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N [(w_k - \bar{w})(x_k - \bar{x})]$$

# Measurement: how fast, how long?

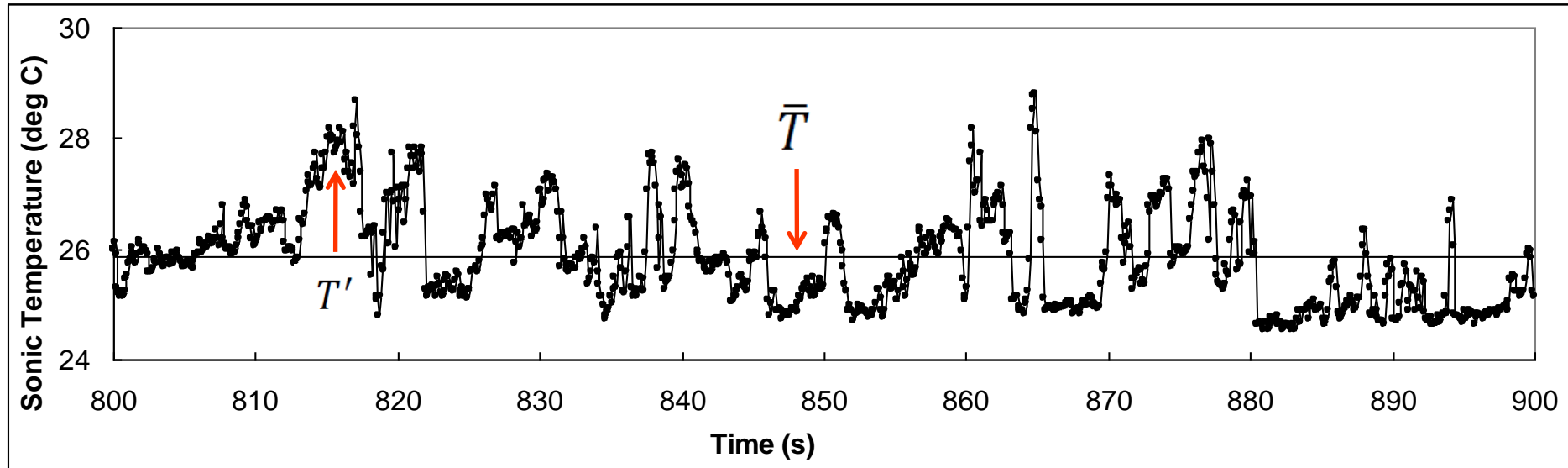


how fast: capture small eddies, ~ 0.1 seconds (10 Hz)

how long: capture large eddies, ~ 30 minutes

Measurements at a point could represent an upwind area: "Frozen Turbulence" (Taylor hypothesis)

# Reynolds' Averaging Rules



$$x = \bar{x} + x' \qquad \bar{x}' = 0$$

$$\overline{x + y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y} \qquad \overline{xy} = \bar{x}\bar{y} + \overline{x'y'}$$



# EC theory: Complete equations

$$\boxed{F = \overline{\rho_a w s}} \quad \frac{g \text{ dry air}}{m^3} \times \frac{m}{s} \times \frac{g \text{ CO}_2}{g \text{ dry air}} = \frac{g \text{ CO}_2}{m^2 s}$$

$$F = \overline{(\rho_a + \rho'_a)(w + w')(s + s')}$$

$$F = \overline{\rho_a w s} + \overline{\rho_a w s'} + \overline{\rho_a w' s} + \overline{\rho_a w' s'} + \overline{\rho'_a w s} + \overline{w \rho'_a s'} + \overline{s \rho'_a w'} + \overline{\rho'_a w' s'}$$

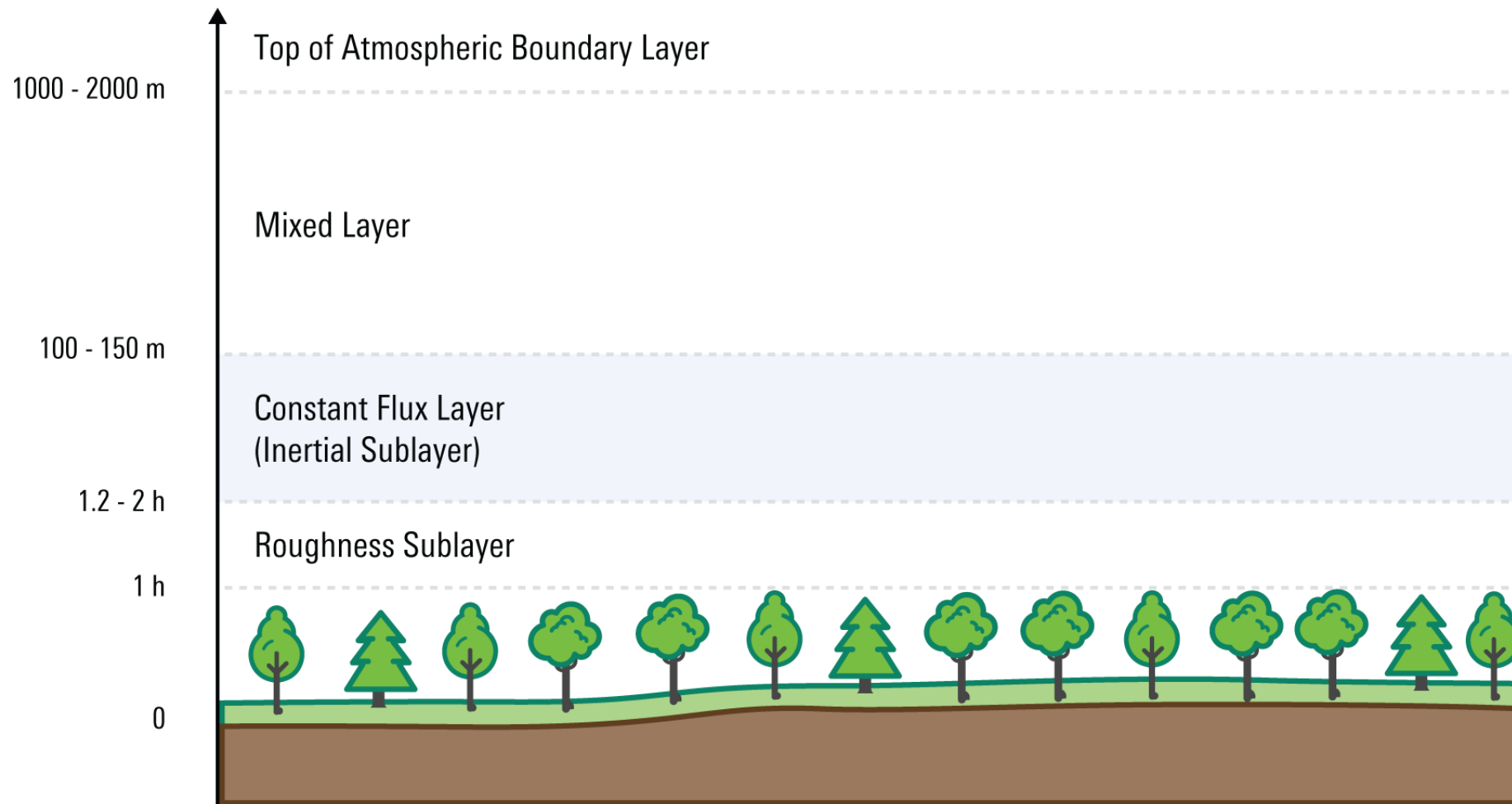
*Averaged deviation from the average is zero*

*Quantitatively negligible terms*

*Mean vertical velocity assumed negligible  
for horizontal homogeneous terrain  
(no divergence/convergence)*

$$\boxed{F \approx \overline{\rho_a} \overline{w' s'}}$$

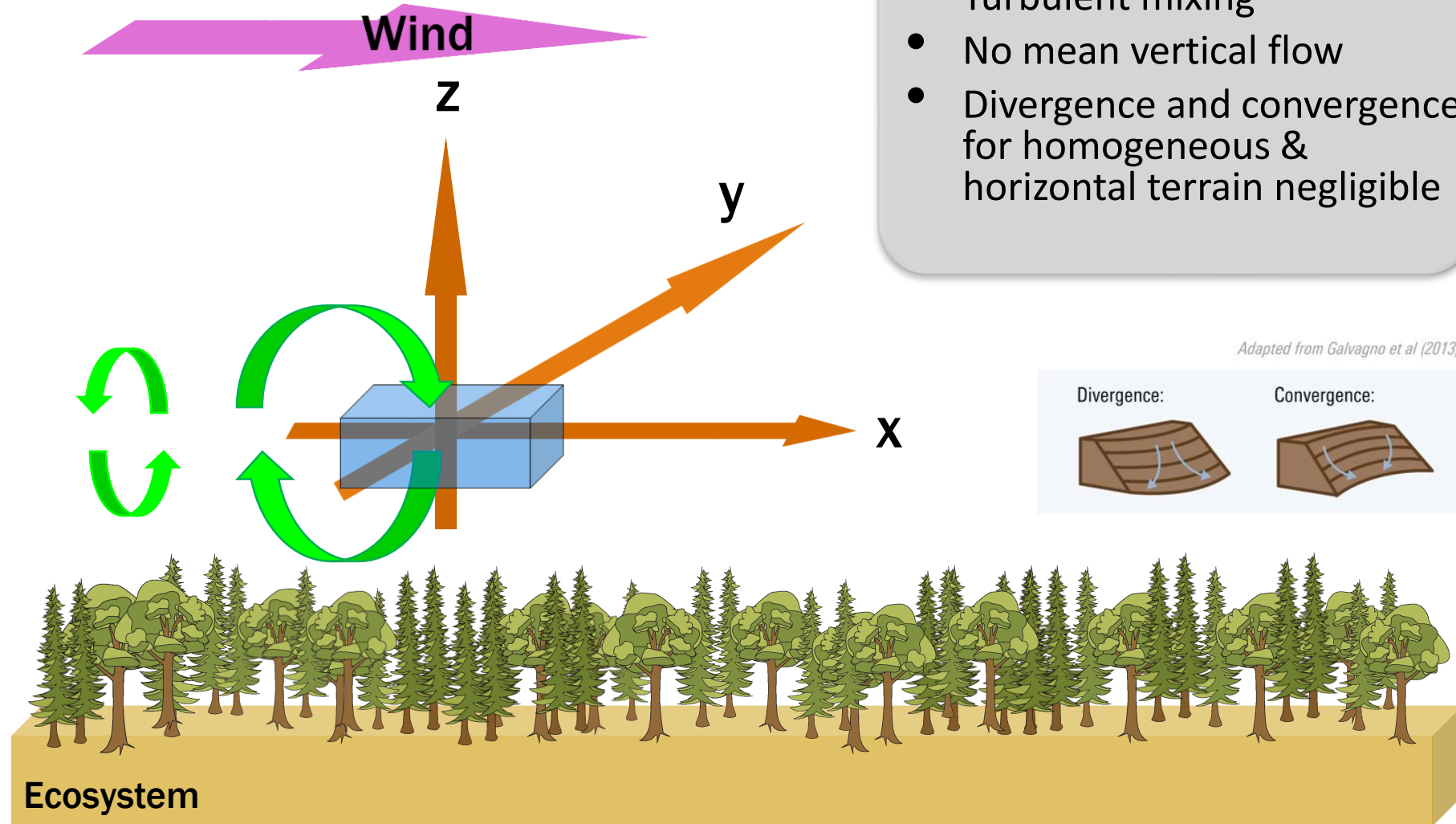
s is dry mole fraction of e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>



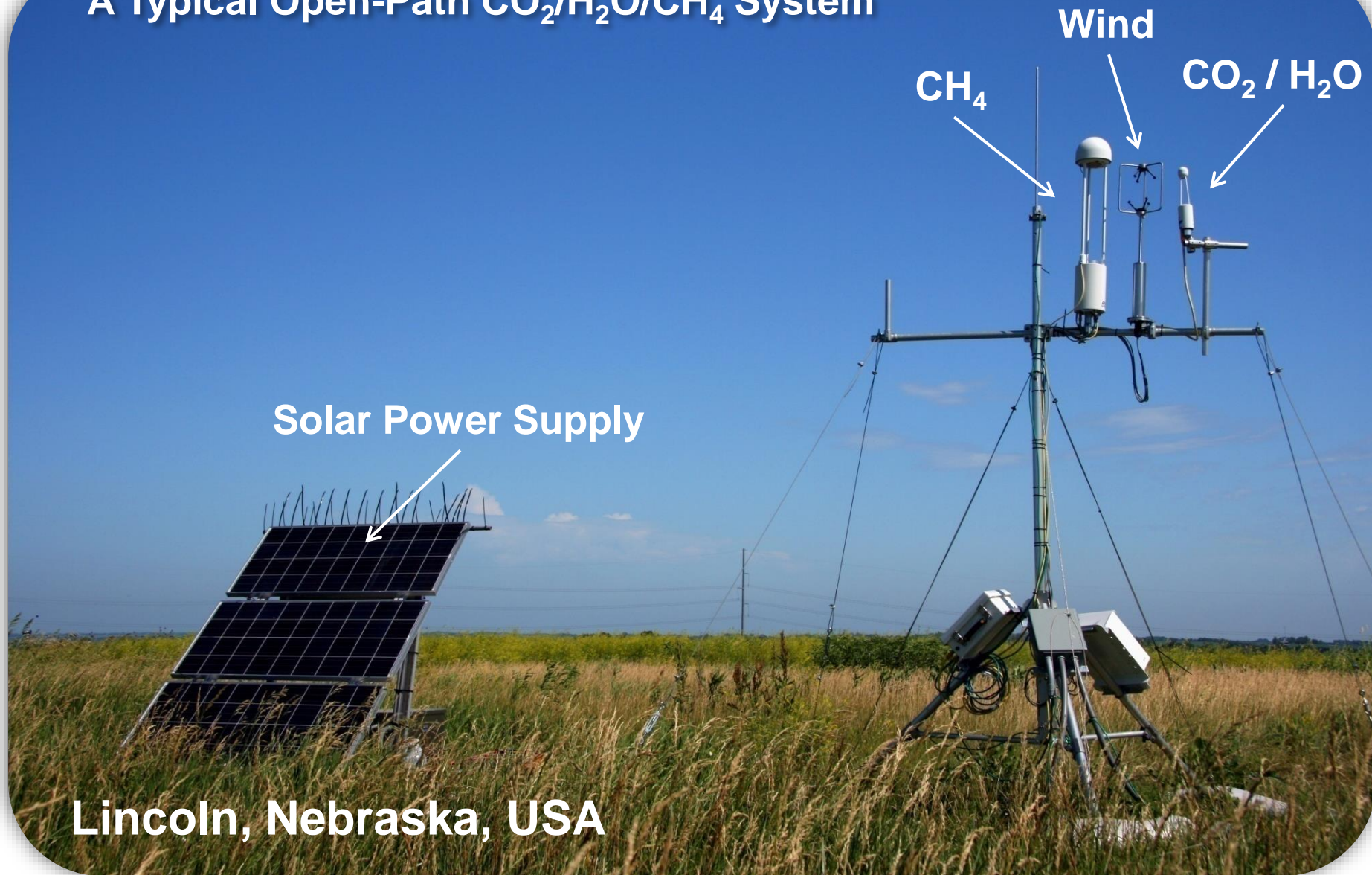
# Gas Transfer in the 'Constant Flux' Layer

## Assumptions:

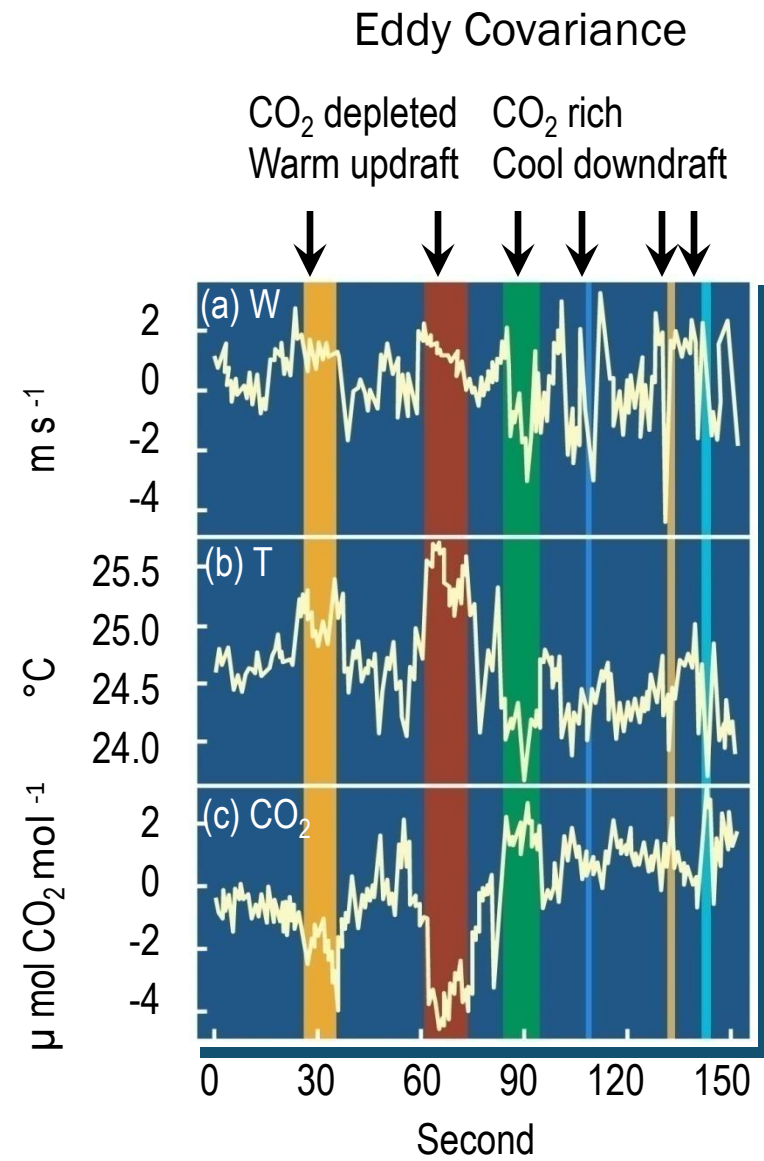
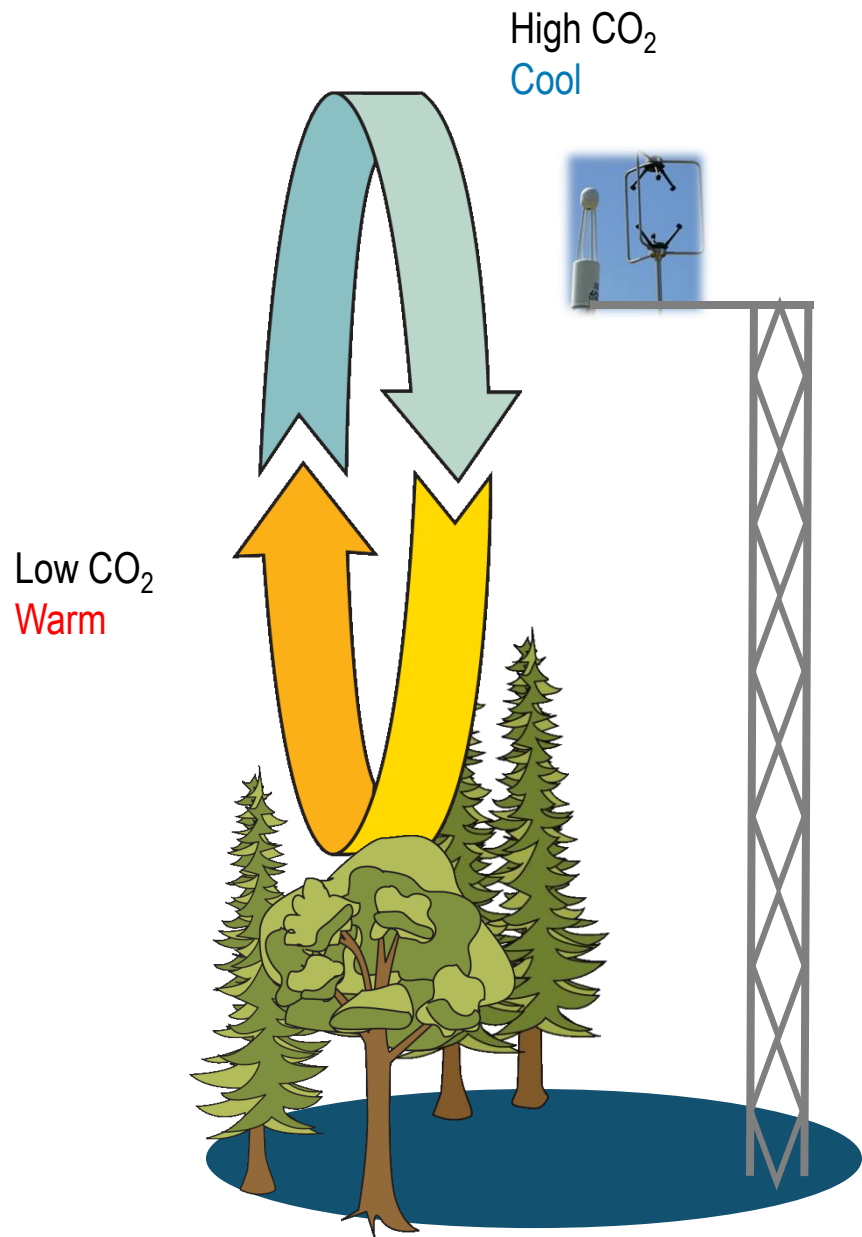
- Turbulent mixing
- No mean vertical flow
- Divergence and convergence for homogeneous & horizontal terrain negligible



## A Typical Open-Path CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>4</sub> System

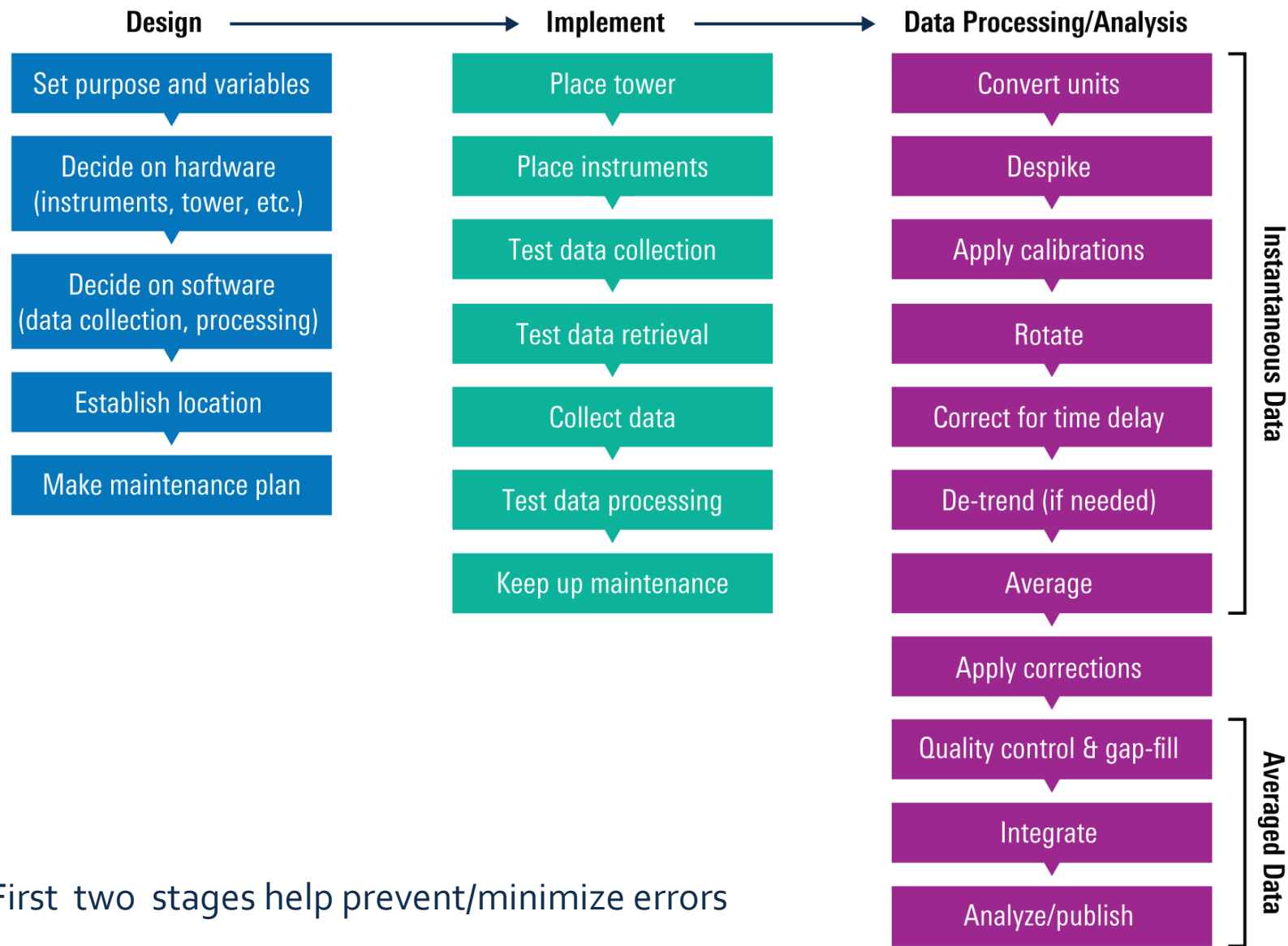


Lincoln, Nebraska, USA



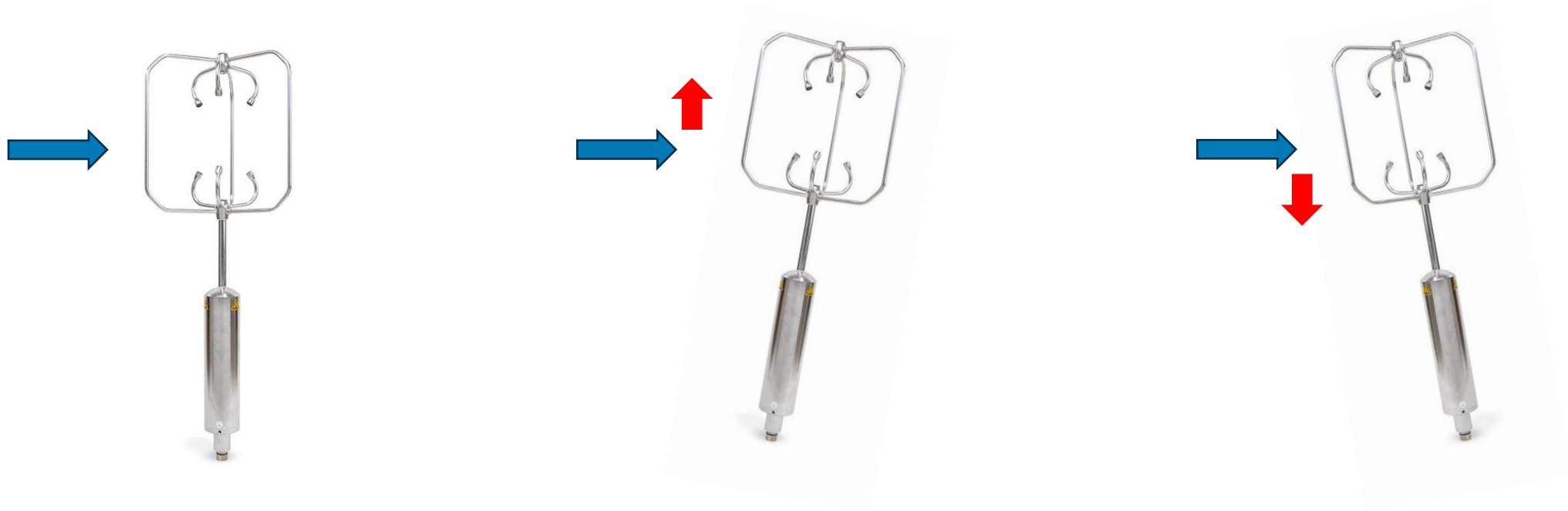
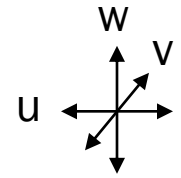
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# Selected Eddy Covariance data processing principles



First two stages help prevent/minimize errors

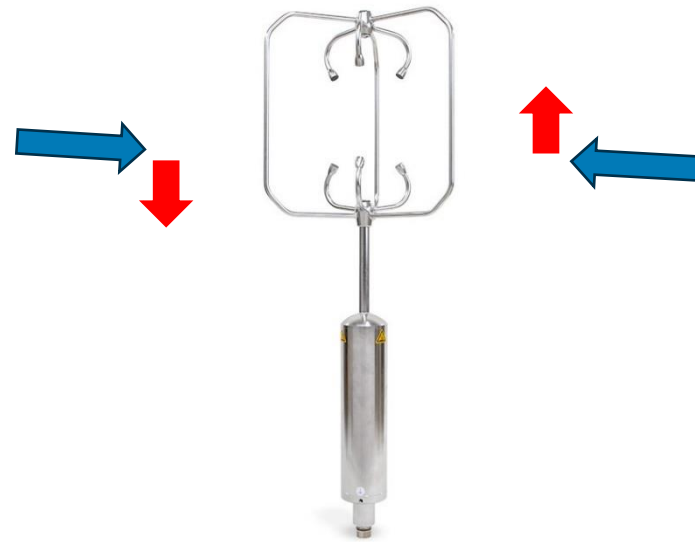
# Data Processing: Coordinate rotation



Surface plane

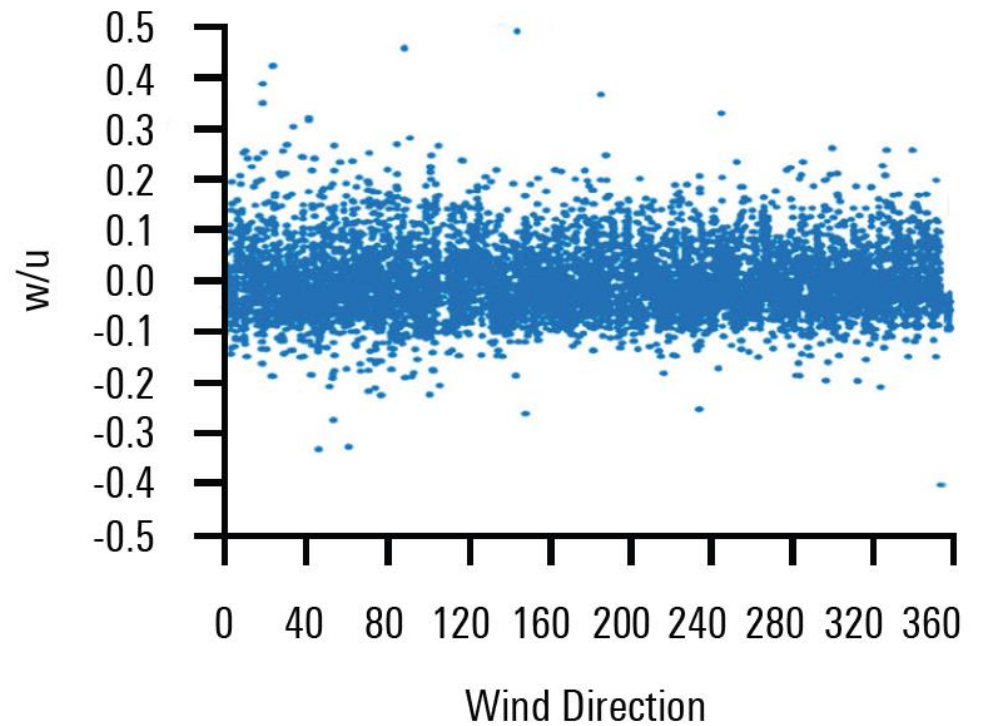
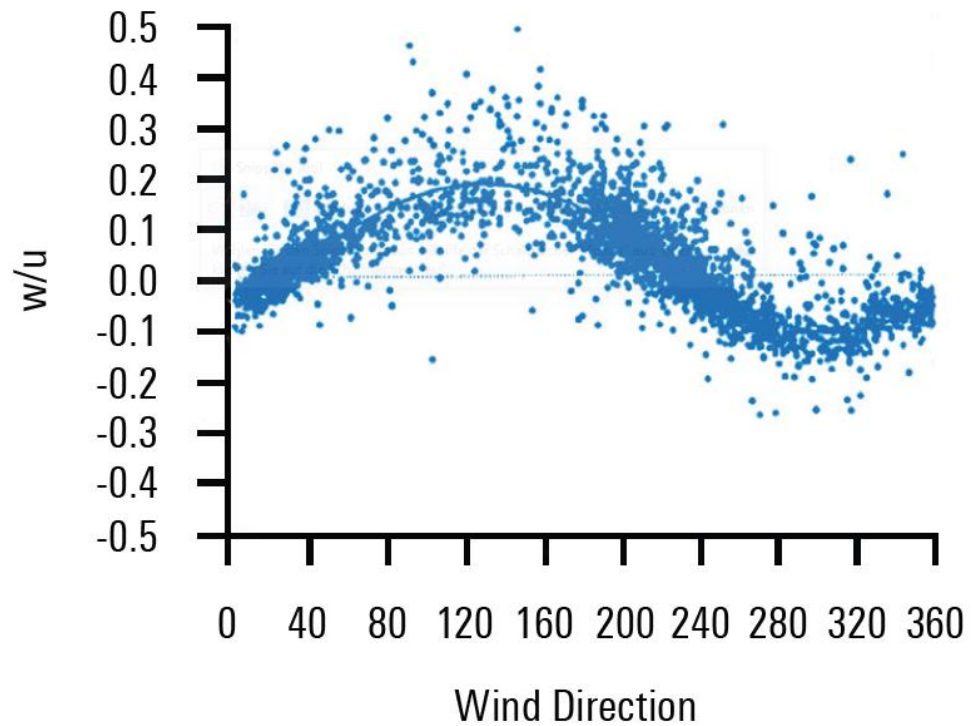


# Data Processing: Coordinate rotation



Surface plane

# Data Processing: Coordinate rotation



# Data Processing: 2-D rotation

$$u_1 = u_m \cos \theta + v_m \sin \theta$$

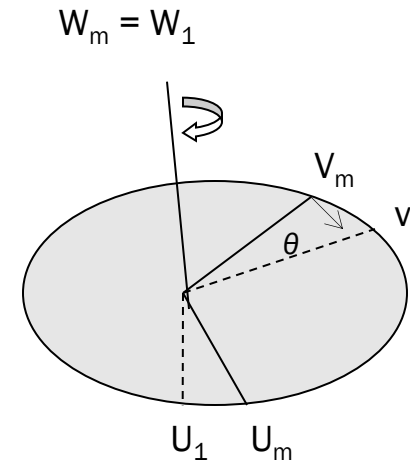
$$v_1 = -u_m \sin \theta + v_m \cos \theta$$

$$w_1 = w_m$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\overline{v_m}}{\overline{u_m}} \right)$$

sets  $\overline{v} = 0$

**1<sup>st</sup> rotation:** get velocity components in direction of mean wind vector



Tanner and Thurtell (1969), Kaimal and Finnigan (1994)

# Data Processing: 2-D rotation

$$u_2 = u_1 \cos \phi + w_1 \sin \phi$$

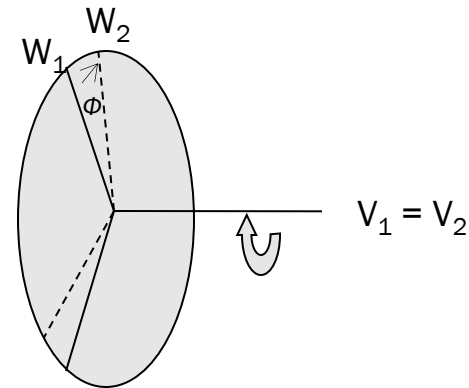
$$v_2 = v_1$$

$$w_2 = -u_1 \sin \phi + w_1 \cos \phi$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\overline{w_1}}{\overline{u_1}} \right)$$

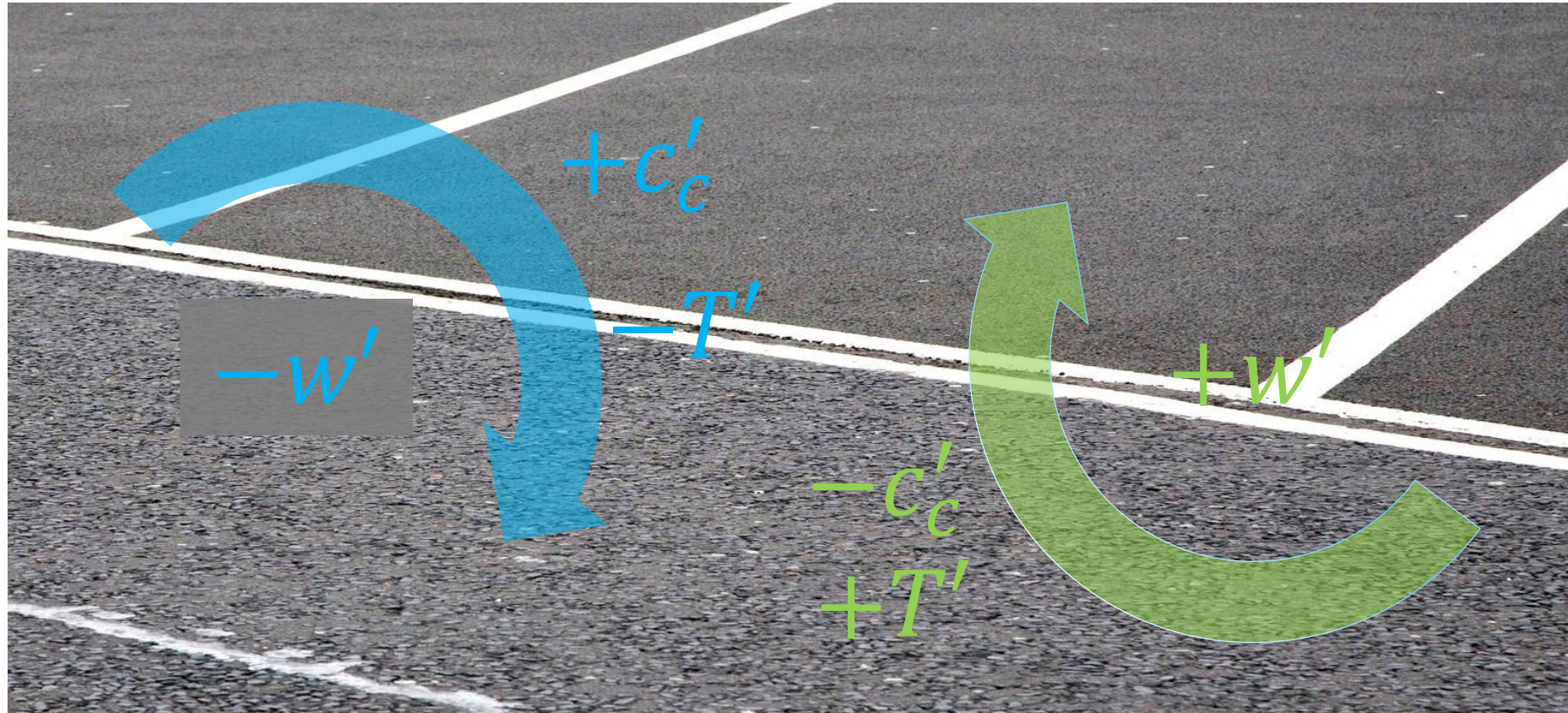
sets  $\overline{w} = 0$

2<sup>nd</sup> rotation: get velocity components in streamline of terrain



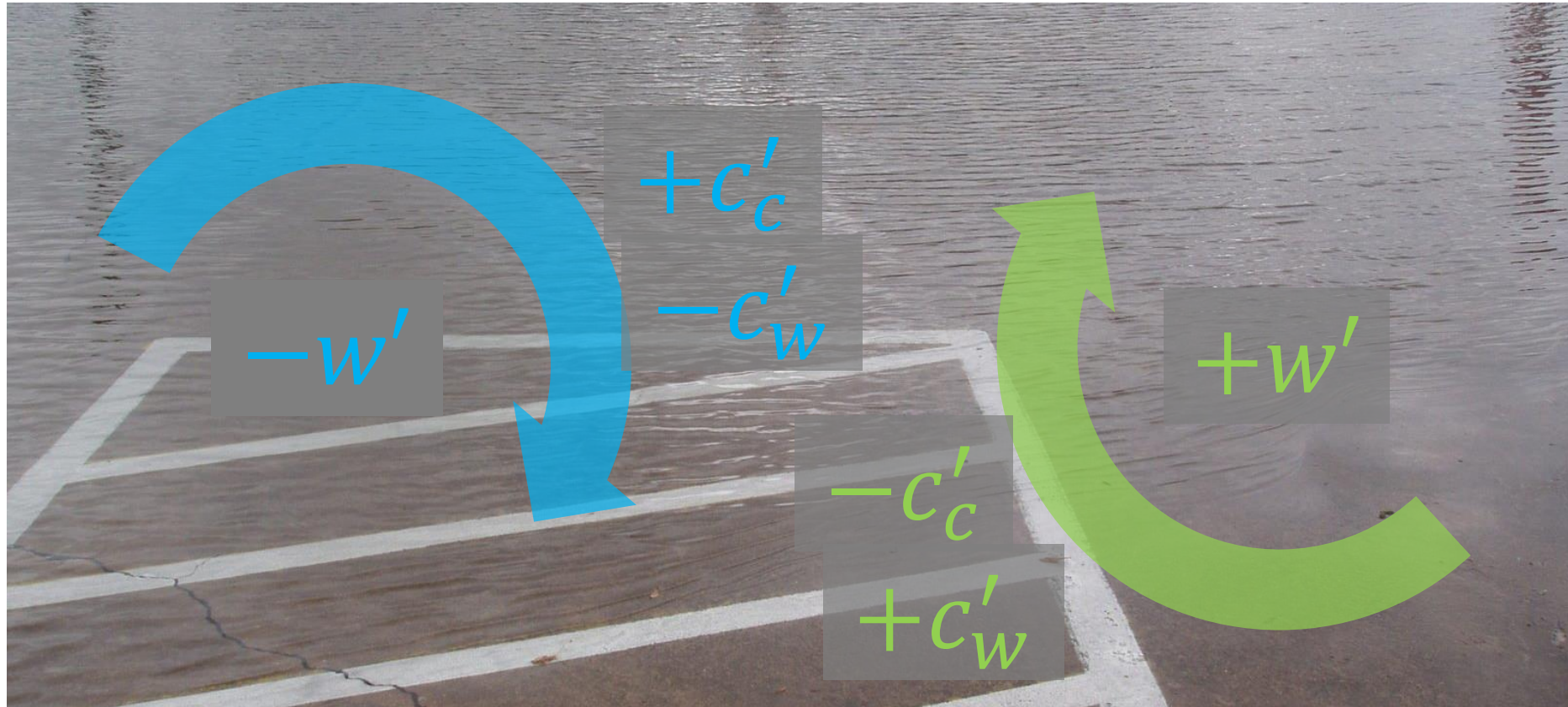
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# Dilution due to thermal expansion



No change in the total number of CO<sub>2</sub> molecules going up or down.  
Only more (cooler) or less (warmer) molecules per volume of air.

## Dilution due to water vapor flux



No change in the total number of  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules going up or down.  
Only more (dry) or less (wet)  $\text{CO}_2$  molecules per volume of air.

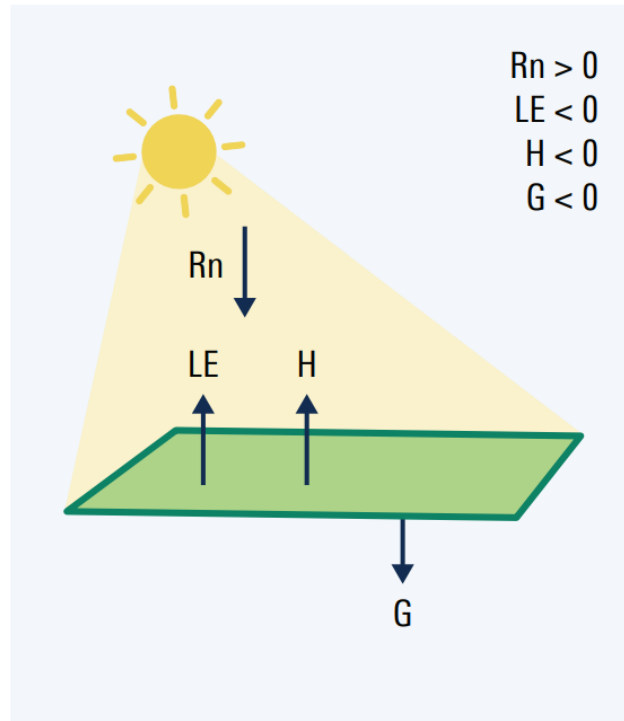


# Magnitude of the density correction





# Surface Energy Balance



Short Equation:

$$R_n + H + LE + G \approx 0$$

$R_n$  Net Radiation  
 $LE$  Latent Heat Flux  
 $H$  Sensible Heat Flux  
 $G$  Sum of Soil Heat Flux & Soil Heat Storage

$$R_n = K\uparrow + K\downarrow + I\uparrow + I\downarrow$$

$R_n$  net radiation

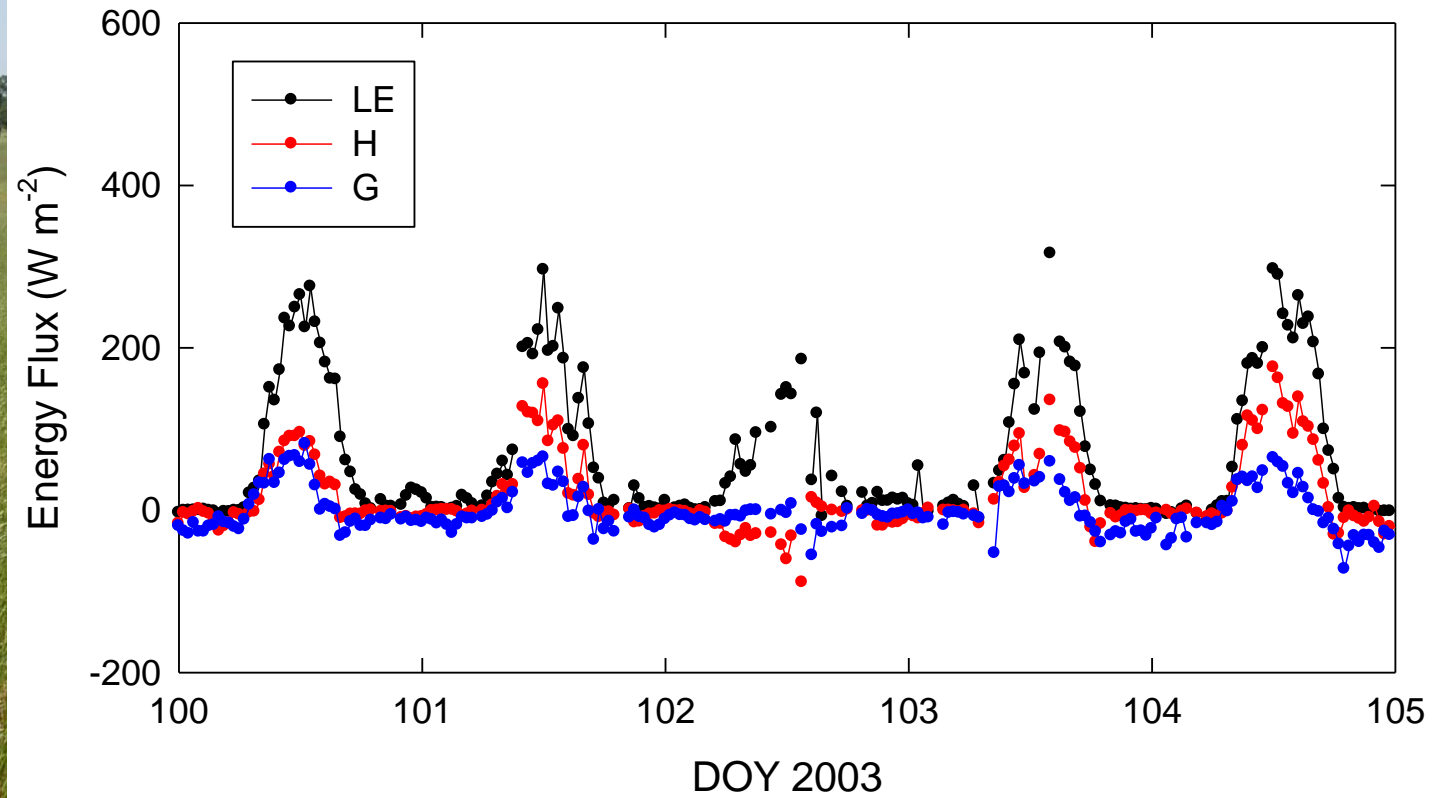
$K\downarrow$  incoming short-wave radiation

$K\uparrow$  reflected short-wave radiation

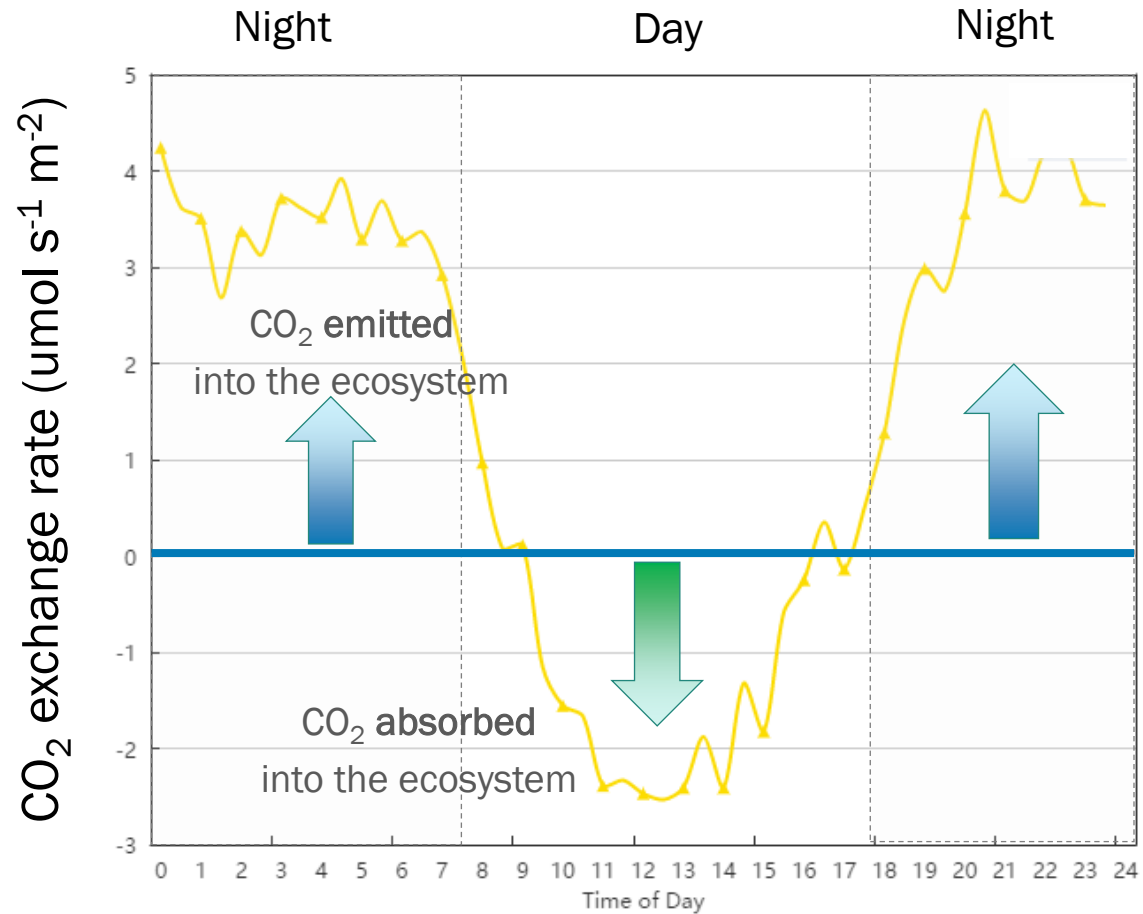
$I\uparrow$  upward long-wave radiation

$I\downarrow$  downward long-wave radiation

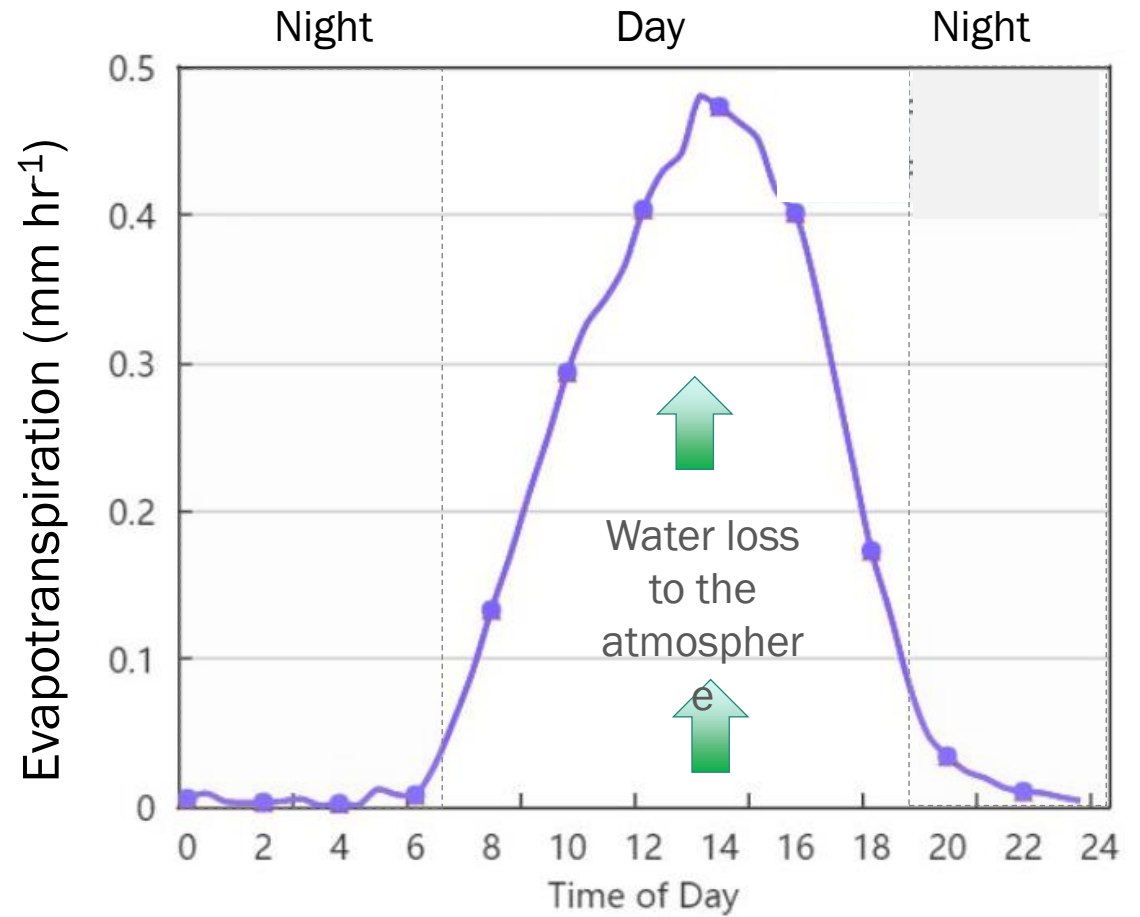
# Magnitude of the density correction



# Typical Flux Results (Diurnal ensemble)

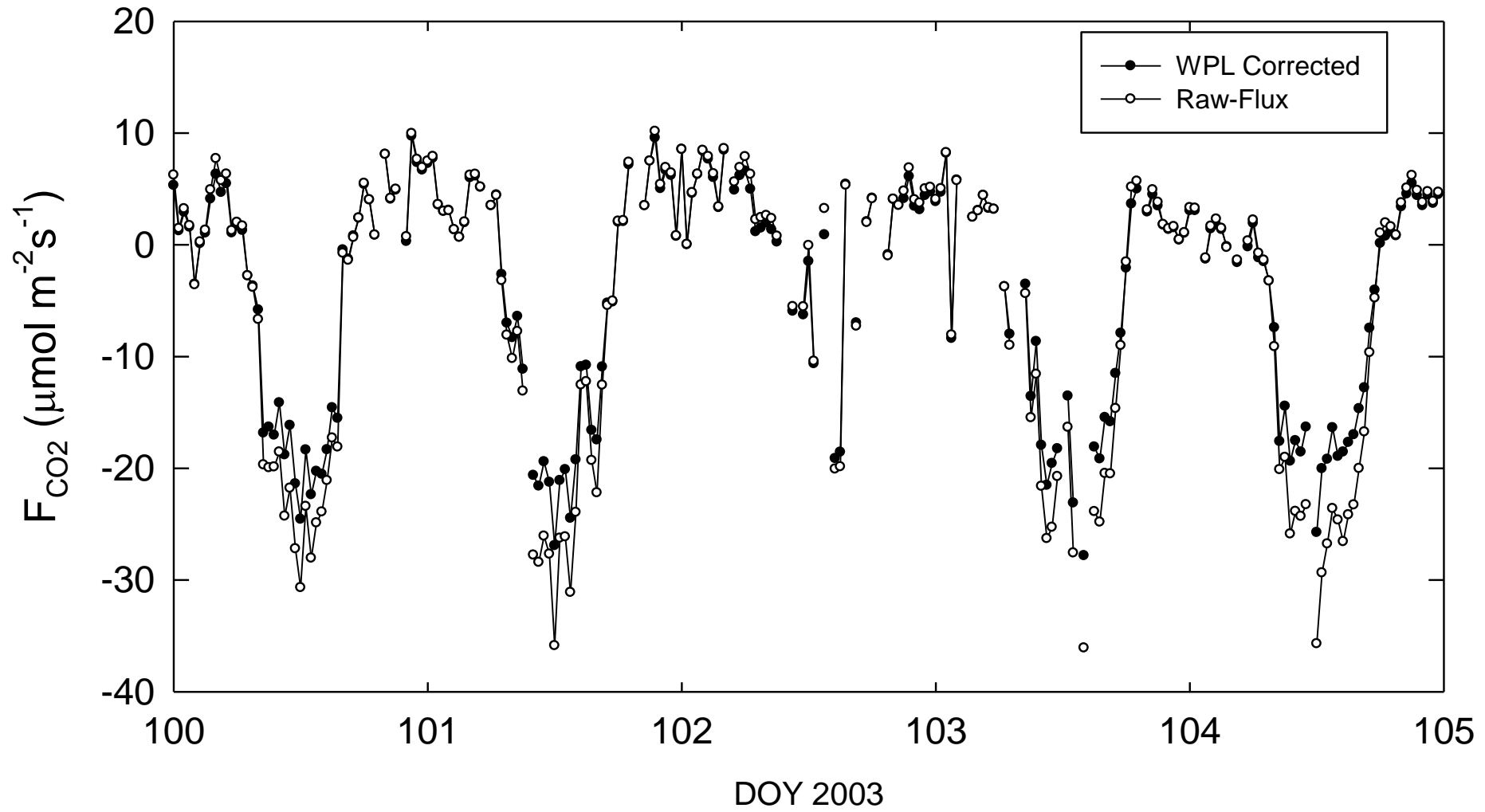


24-hour period



24-hour period

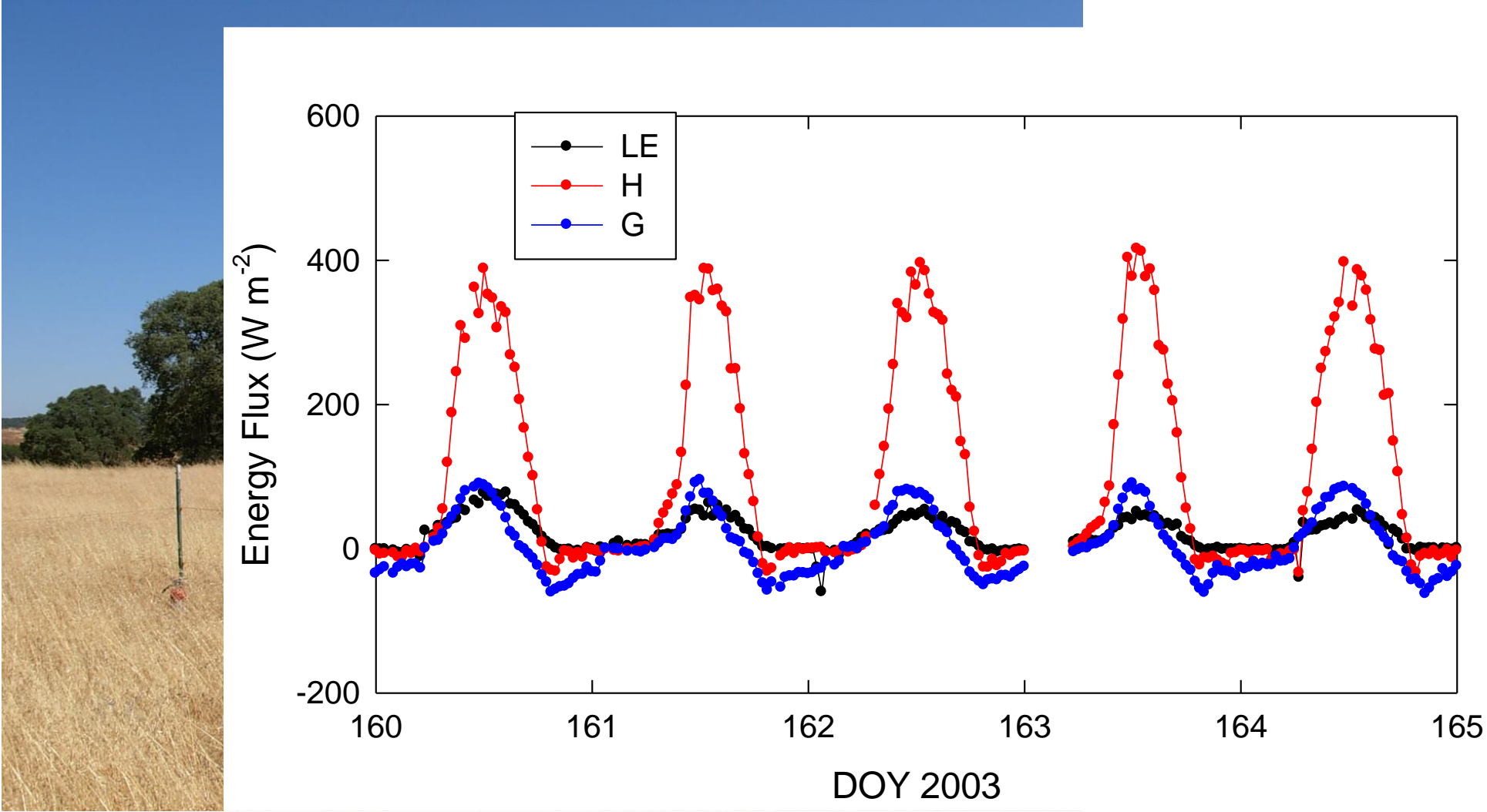
# California grassland 2003, growing season



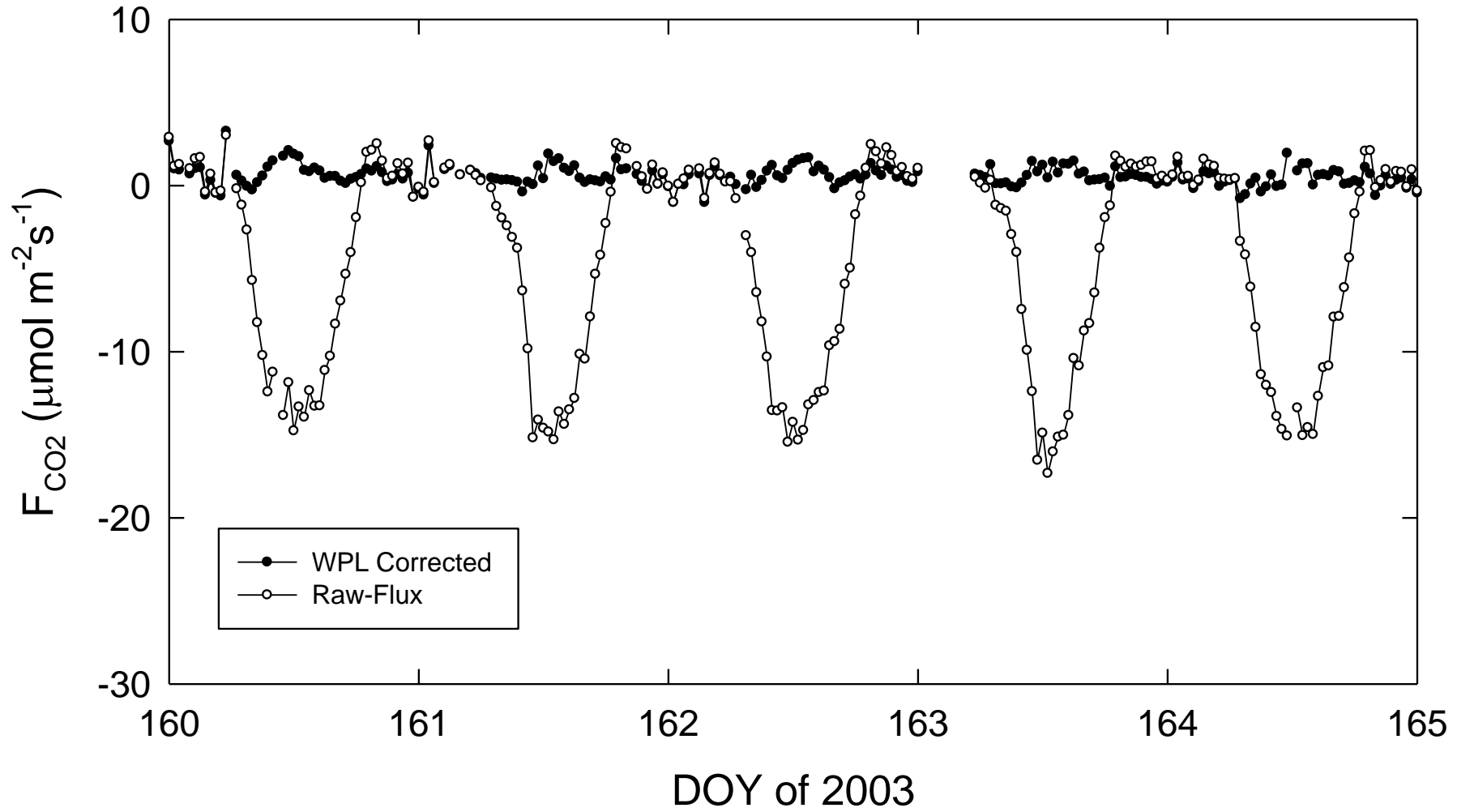
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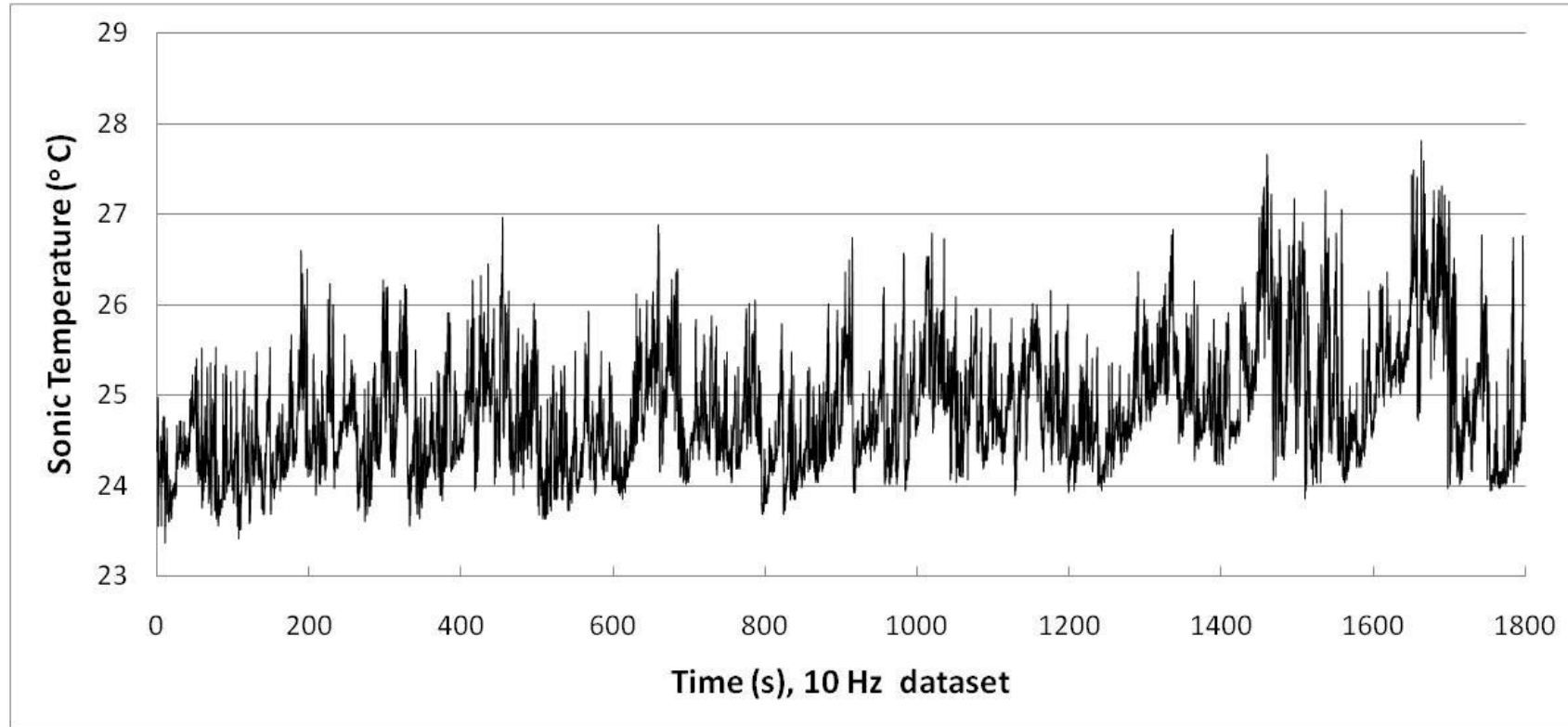
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# California Grassland 2003, non-growing season



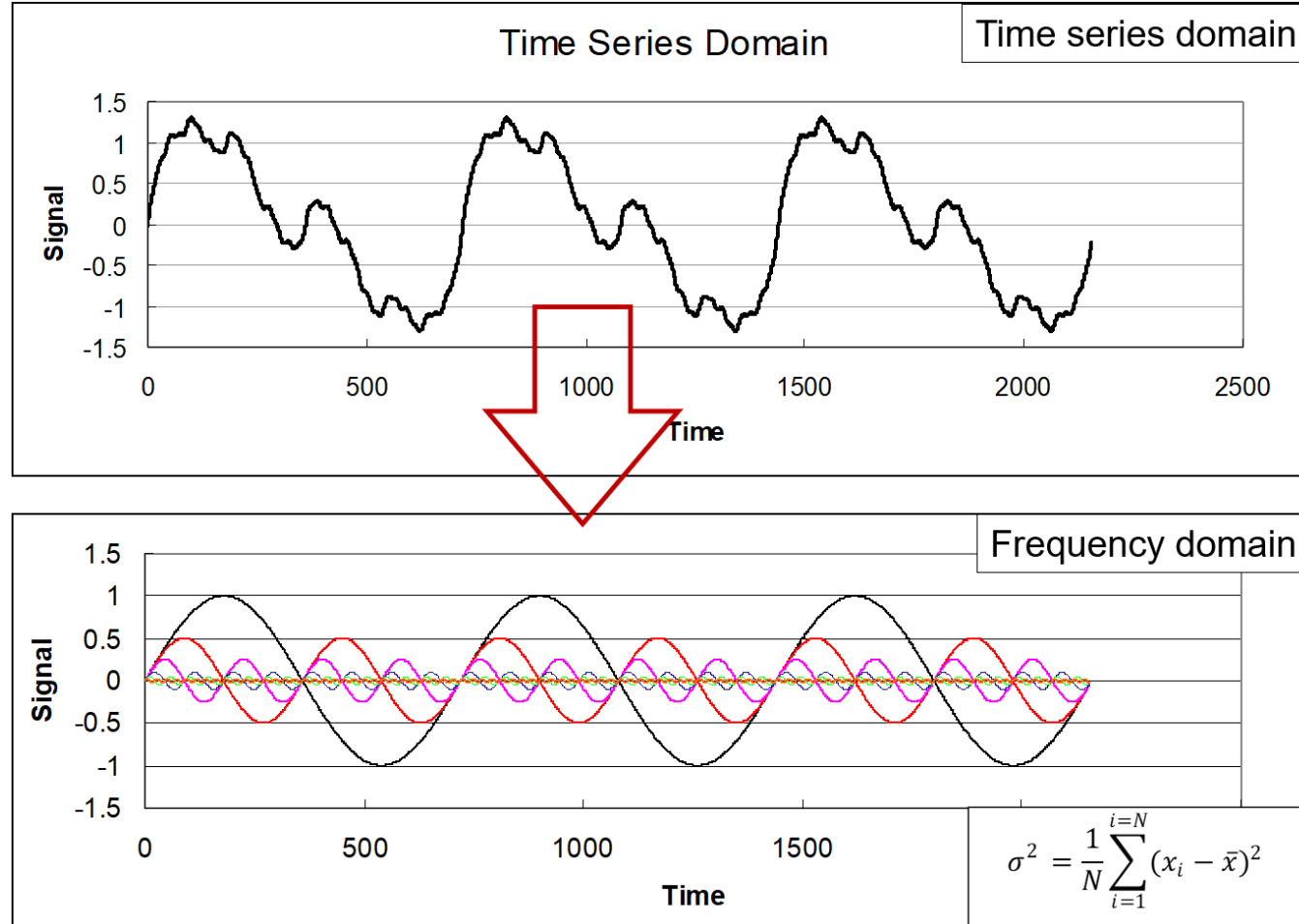
# Spectra Analysis



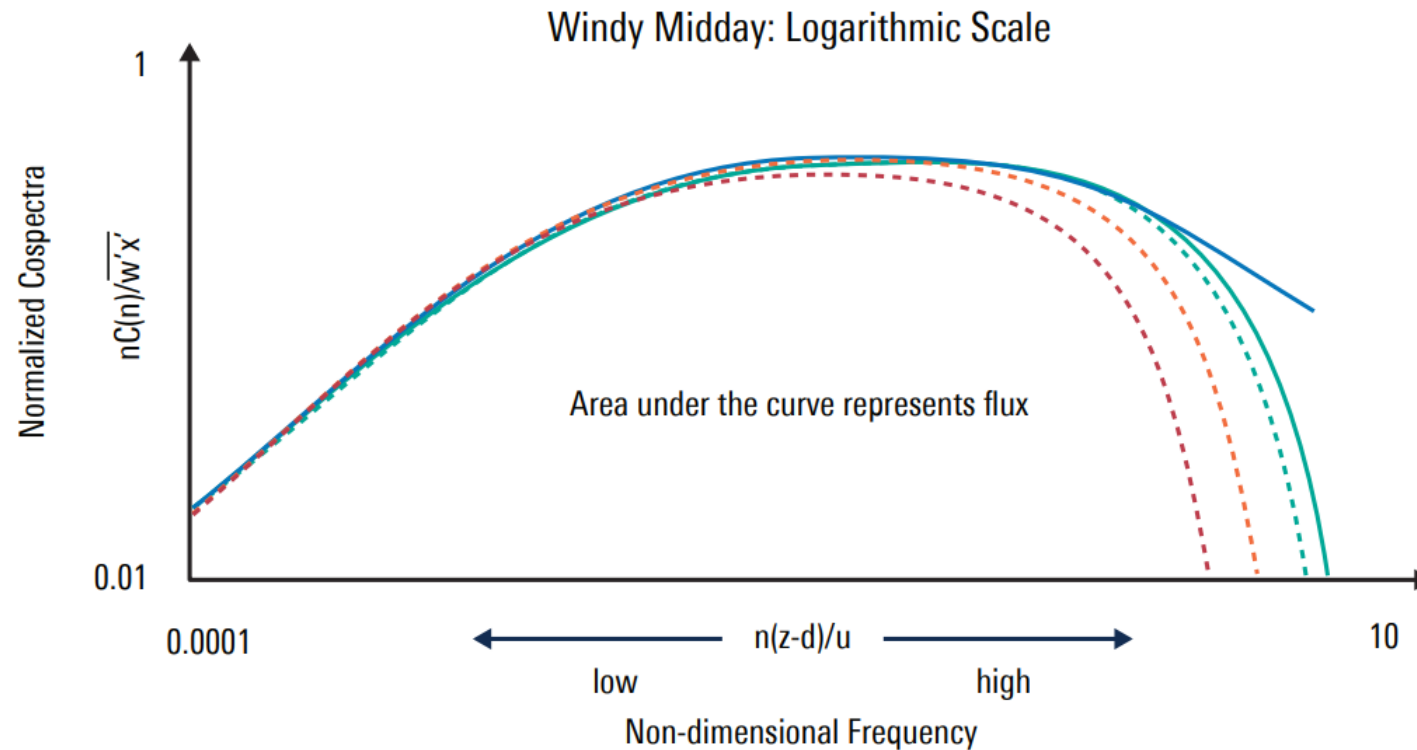
In the case of a discrete time series with a finite number of points, you can have only a finite number of sine and cosine terms to fit our points exactly.



# Spectra Analysis



# Spectra Analysis: Open vs. Closed Path Analyzers



— Ideal cospectra;  $w'T'$  cospectrum from sonic anemometer usually looks quite similar

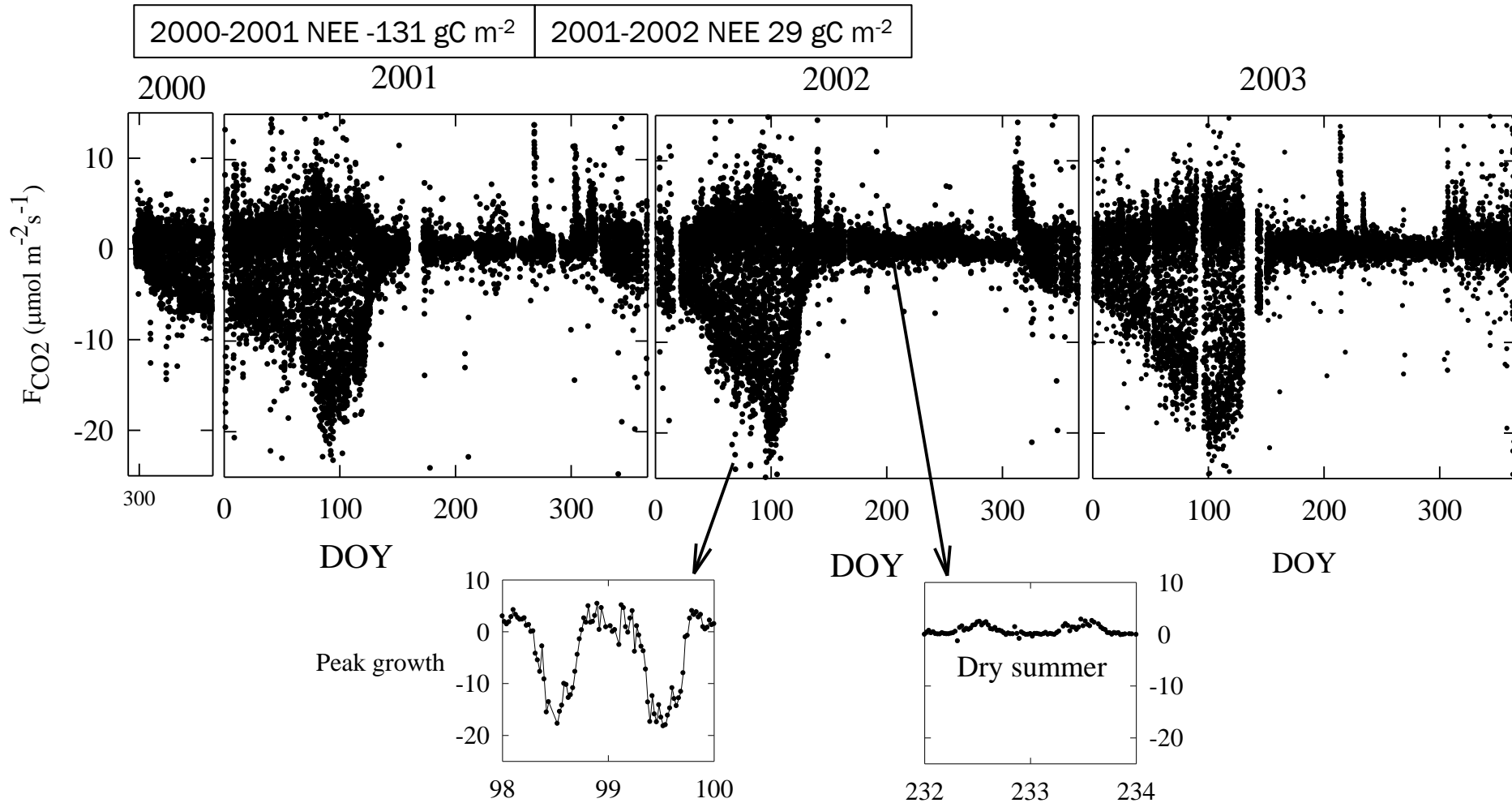
— Typical cospectra for  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  fluxes from open-path systems

⋯ Typical cospectra for  $\text{CO}_2$  flux from enclosed and closed-path systems

- - - Typical cospectra for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  flux from enclosed-path short-tube devices

- - - Typical cospectra for  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and other sticky gases from closed-path long-tube systems

# Example of long-term flux data (2000-2003) California grassland



# Advantages of the EC Method over other methods

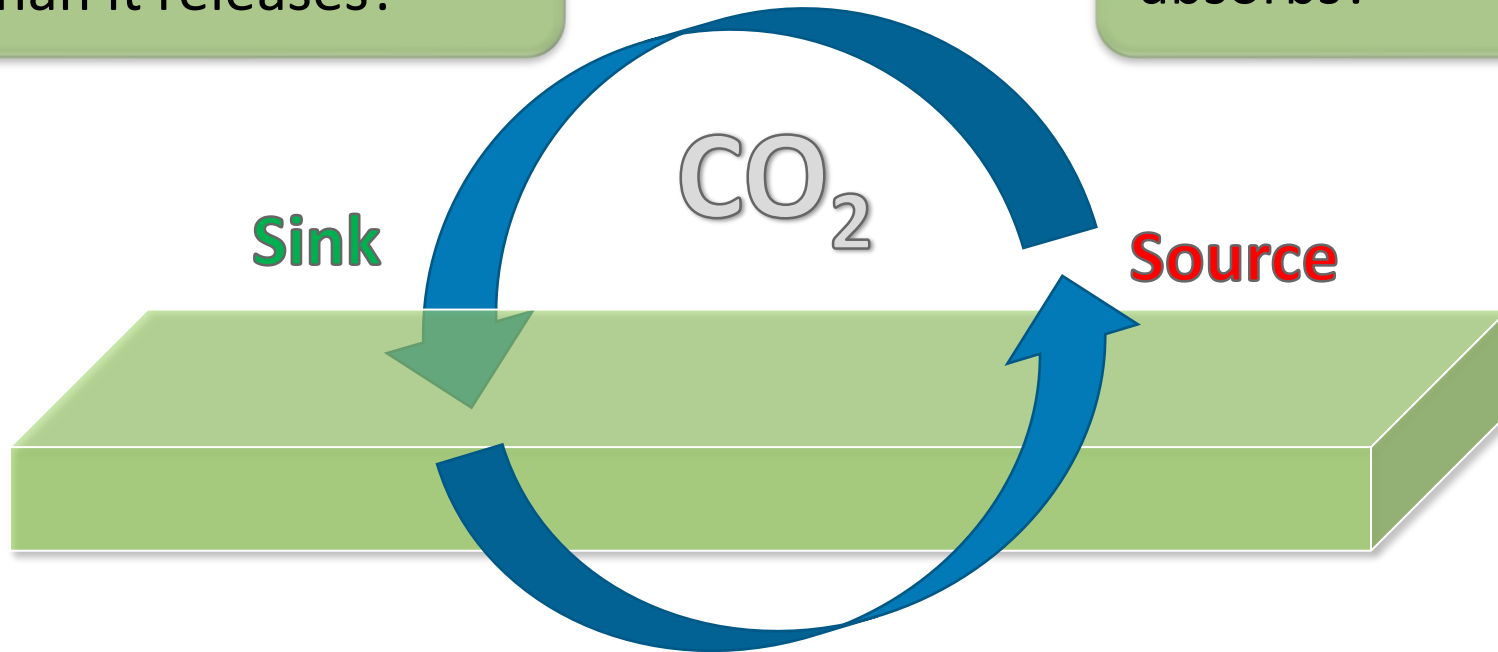
- direct measure of the flux density
- *in situ*
- No disturbance on the system
- Continuous
- Represents a large upwind area

# EC Applications

# Eddy covariance applications: Ecological research

Does this Ecosystem **absorb** more carbon than it releases?

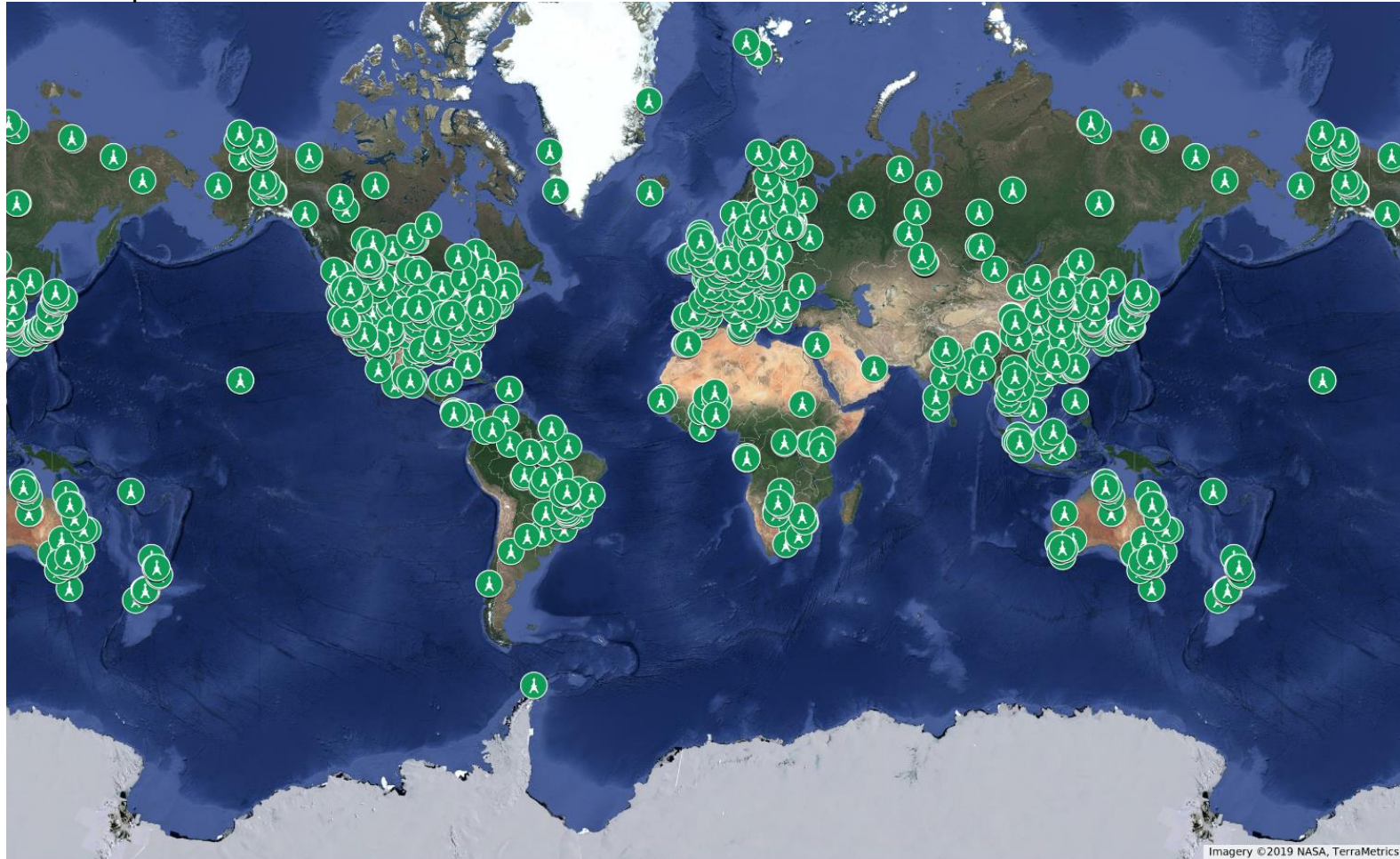
Or **release** more carbon than it absorbs?



# Past and Present Eddy Covariance Measurement Locations

Past and present EC sites: 2029

Known discontinued EC sites: 608

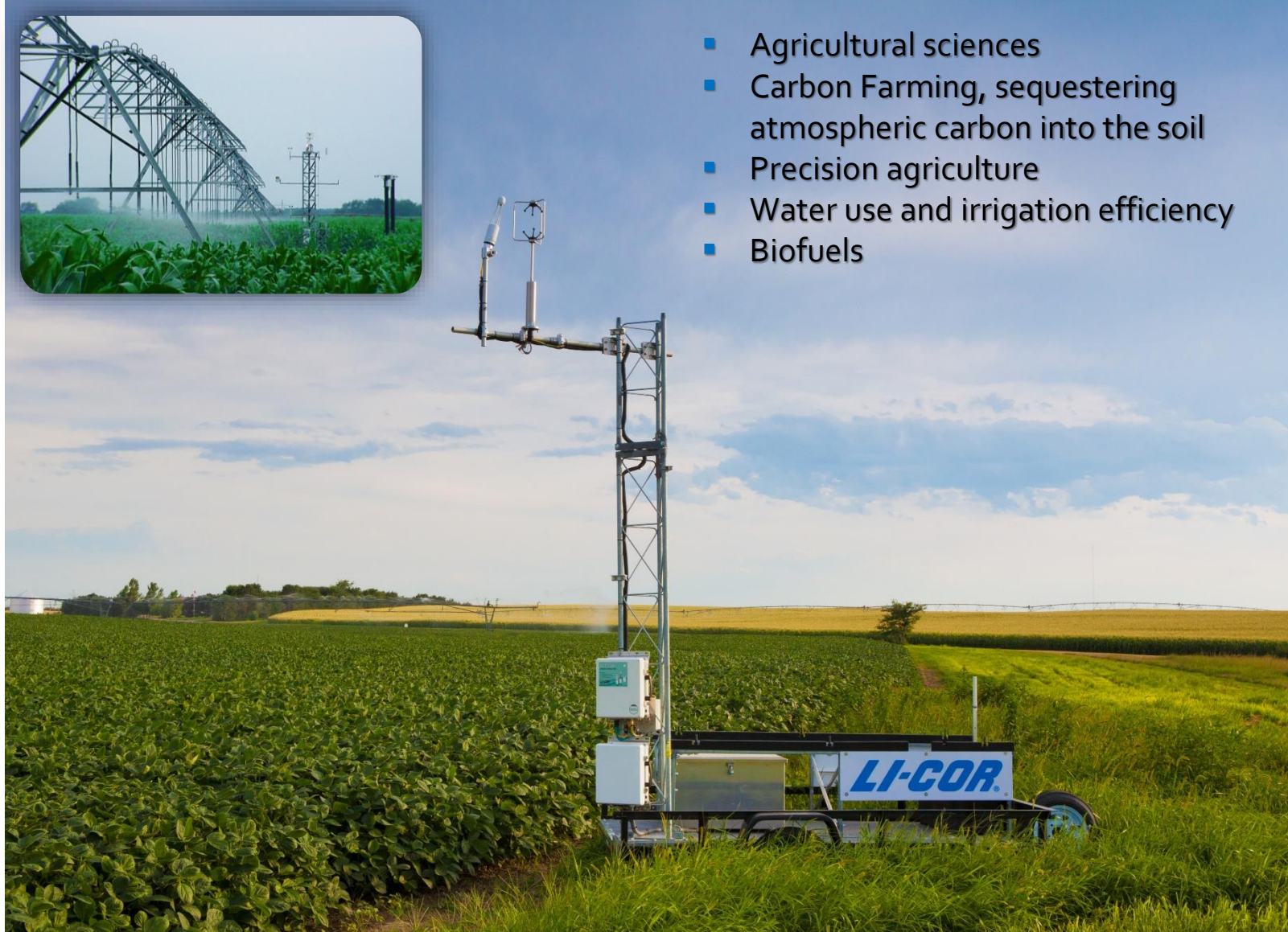


George Burba, 2019, Illustrative Maps of Past and Present Eddy Covariance Measurement Locations: I. Early Update. DOI - 10.13140/RG.2.2.25992.67844/1

# Agriculture



- Agricultural sciences
- Carbon Farming, sequestering atmospheric carbon into the soil
- Precision agriculture
- Water use and irrigation efficiency
- Biofuels



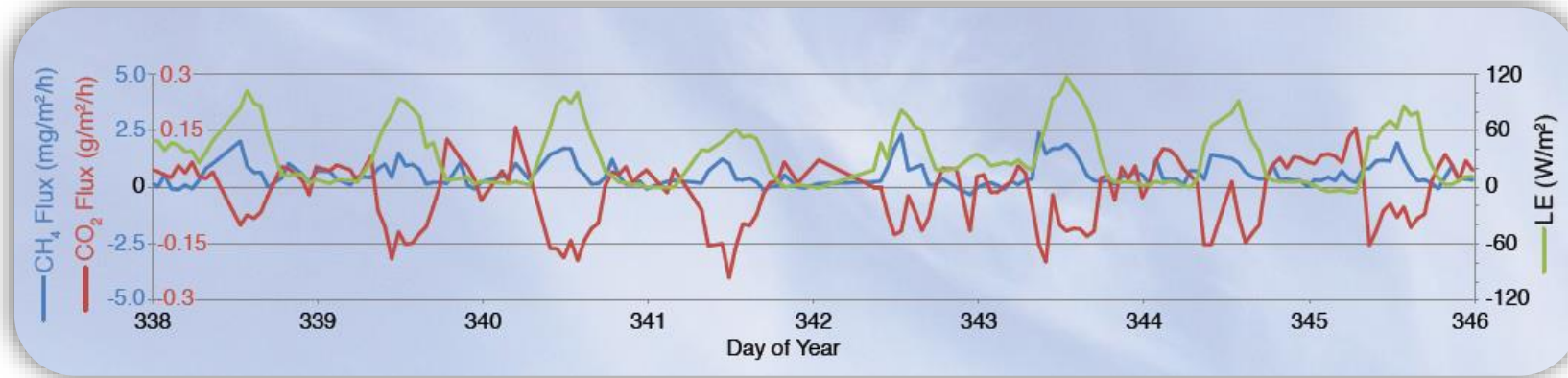




## Land management, Deforestation

Law et al., 2004. Disturbance and climate effects on carbon stocks and fluxes across Western Oregon USA. *Global Change Biology* 10: 1429-1444.

# Wetland research, CH<sub>4</sub> emissions, CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O budgets



# Rice field, CO<sub>2</sub>, ET, and CH<sub>4</sub> flux



# Mangrove research, CH<sub>4</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> budgets

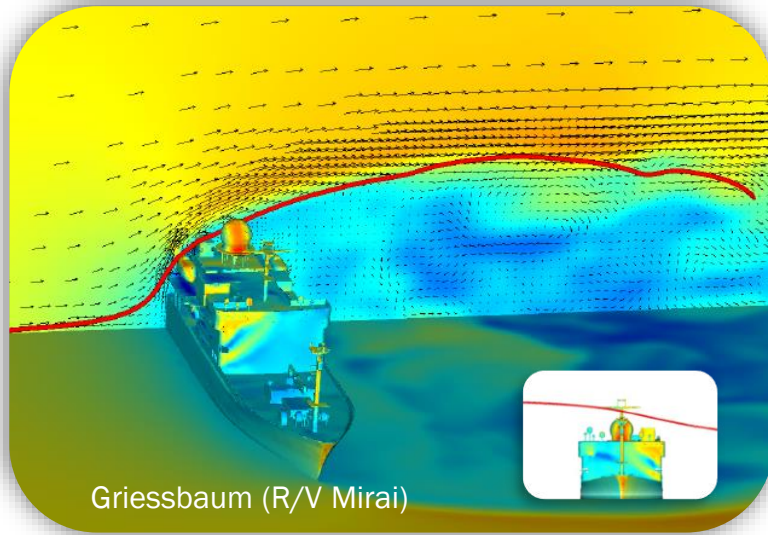


Mangrove ecosystem, Kenya, Africa

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**Gas-phase carbon exchange between mangrove forests and the atmosphere**

Mark Rayment



## Oceanography

Miller S. D. 2010. Ship-based measurement of air-sea CO<sub>2</sub> exchange by eddy-covariance. *J of Geophys. Res.* 115:D02304, doi: 10.1029/2009JD012193.

# Water management

Water losses through **Evapotranspiration**?

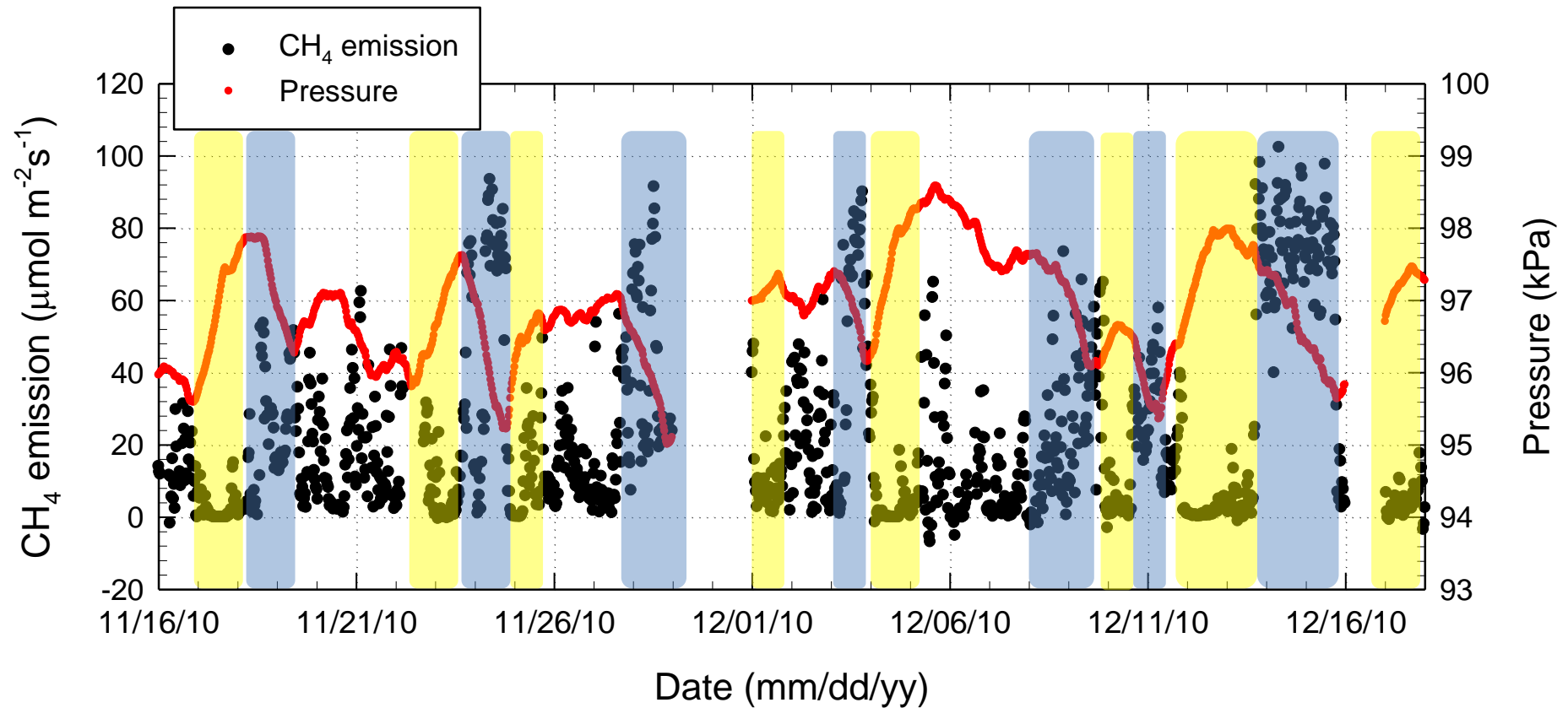
- To investigate water rights.
- To protect endangered species.
- Agricultural Irrigation needs.
- Human demands for water.





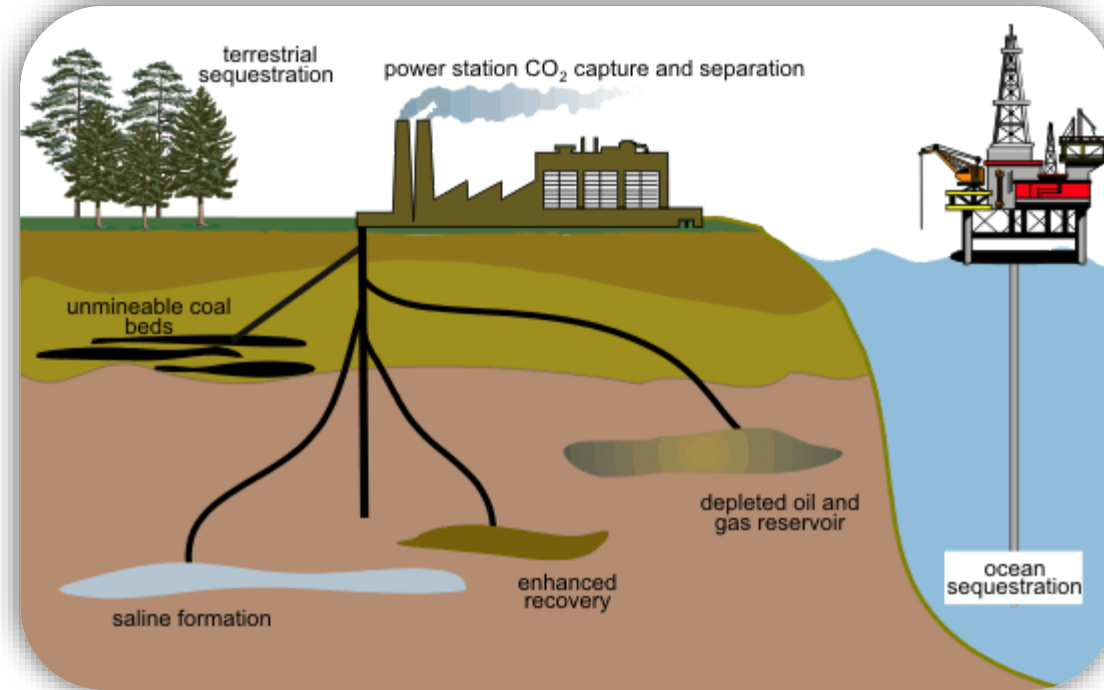
Landfill, CH<sub>4</sub> emissions and capture, etc.

# Landfill CH<sub>4</sub> emission depends on changes in barometric pressure



Xu et al., 2014. Impact of Changes in Barometric Pressure on Landfill Methane Emission.  
*Global Biogeochemical Cycles*.





- Carbon capture & sequestration
- Carbon budget
- Leak detection

Eddy Covariance can be used for leak detection

Midwest Geological Sequestration Consortium  
Illinois Basin- Decatur Illinois Site. One million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> will be injected over a three-year period at a rate of 1,000 ton/day. The pure CO<sub>2</sub> will be captured from a nearby ethanol plant, then injected into the 1,500 ft thick Sandstone, at a depth of 6,000 to 7,000 ft.

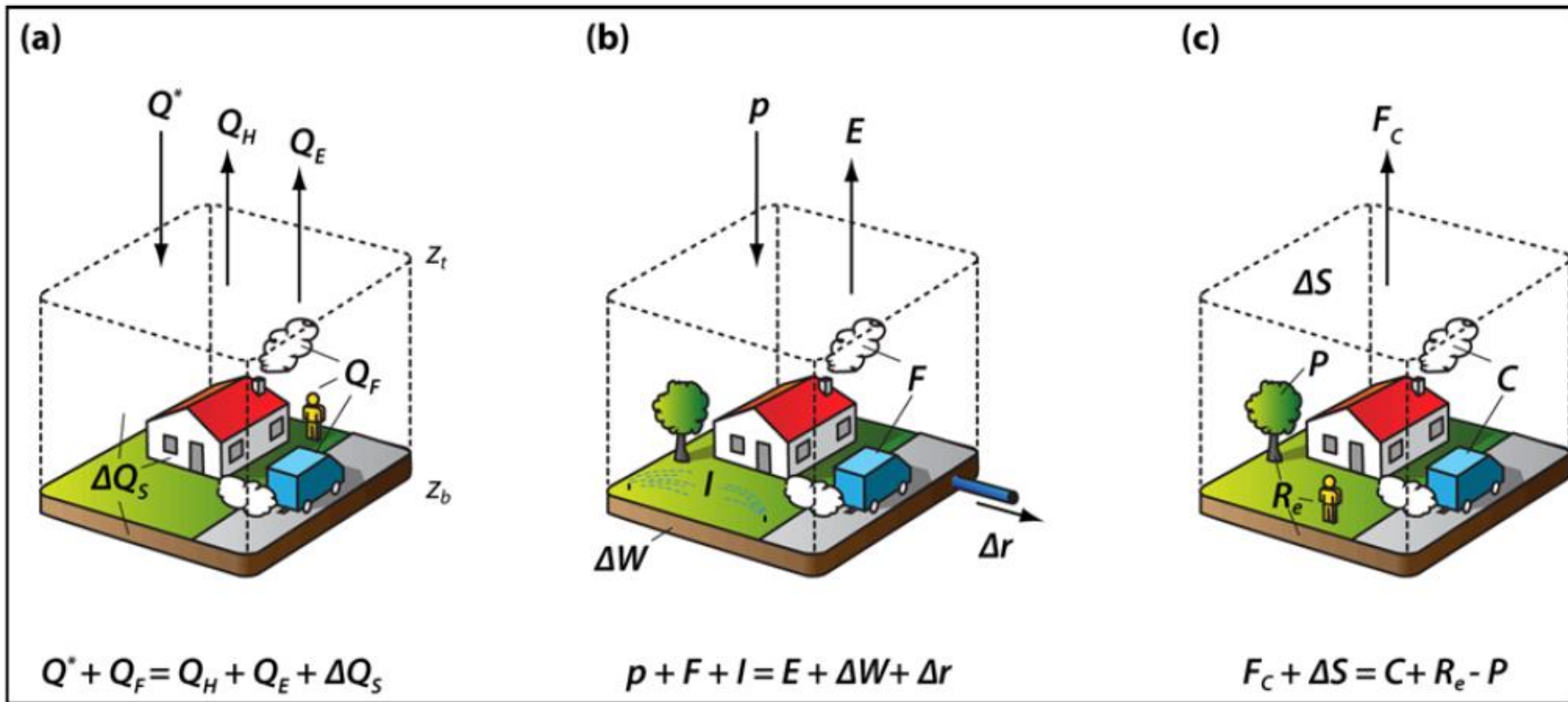




## Urban studies

Moriwaki R; Kanda M, 2004. Seasonal and diurnal fluxes of radiation, heat, water vapor, and carbon dioxide over a suburban area.  
*Journal of Applied Meteorology* (43), 1700-1710





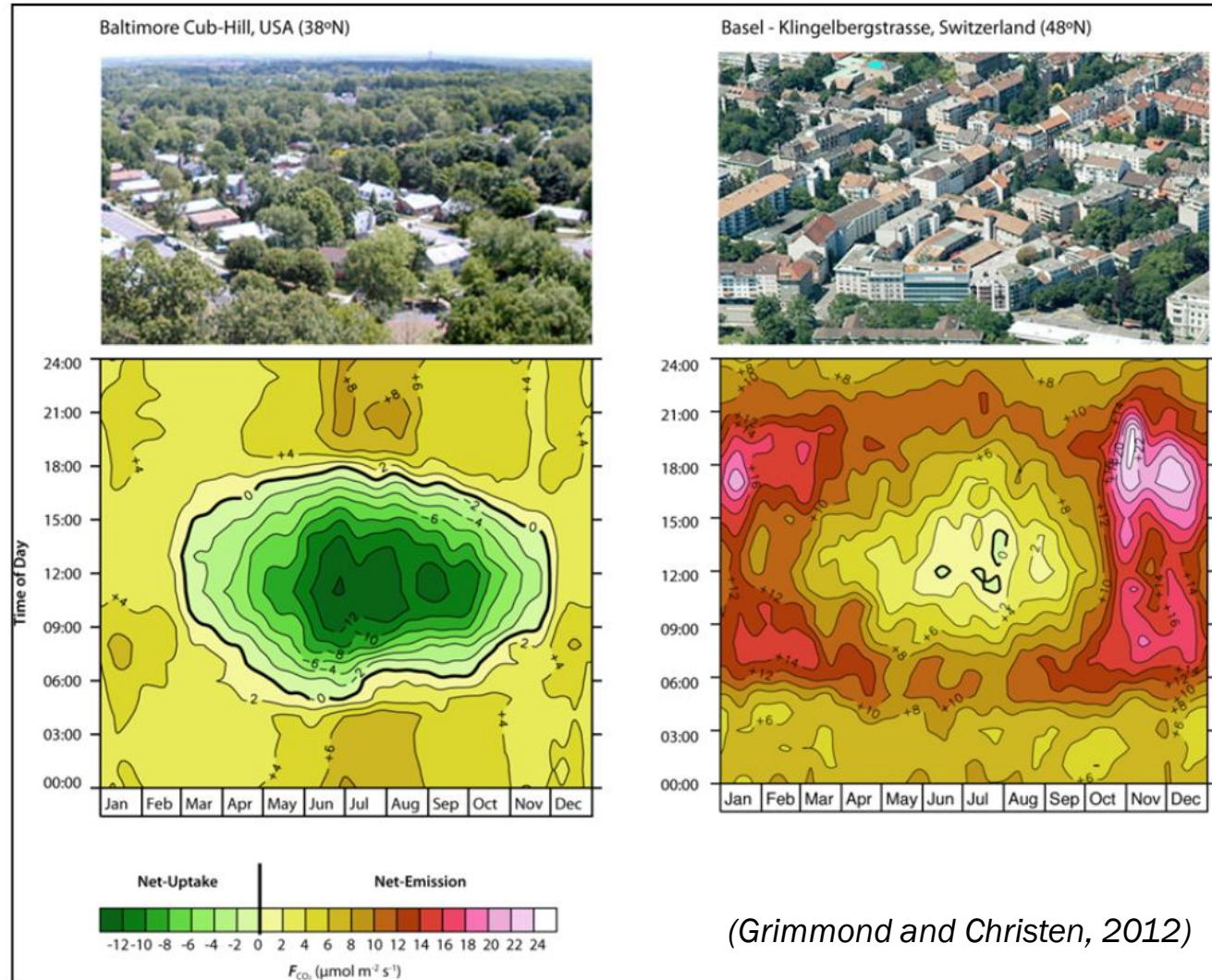
$Q^*$ : net radiation  
 $Q_F$ : heat from human activities  
 $Q_H$ : sensible heat flux  
 $Q_E$ : latent heat flux  
 $\Delta Q_S$ : storage term

$P$ : precipitation  
 $F$ : from combustion  
 $I$ : irrigation  
 $E$ : evaporation  
 $\Delta W$ : storage term  
 $\Delta r$ : runoff

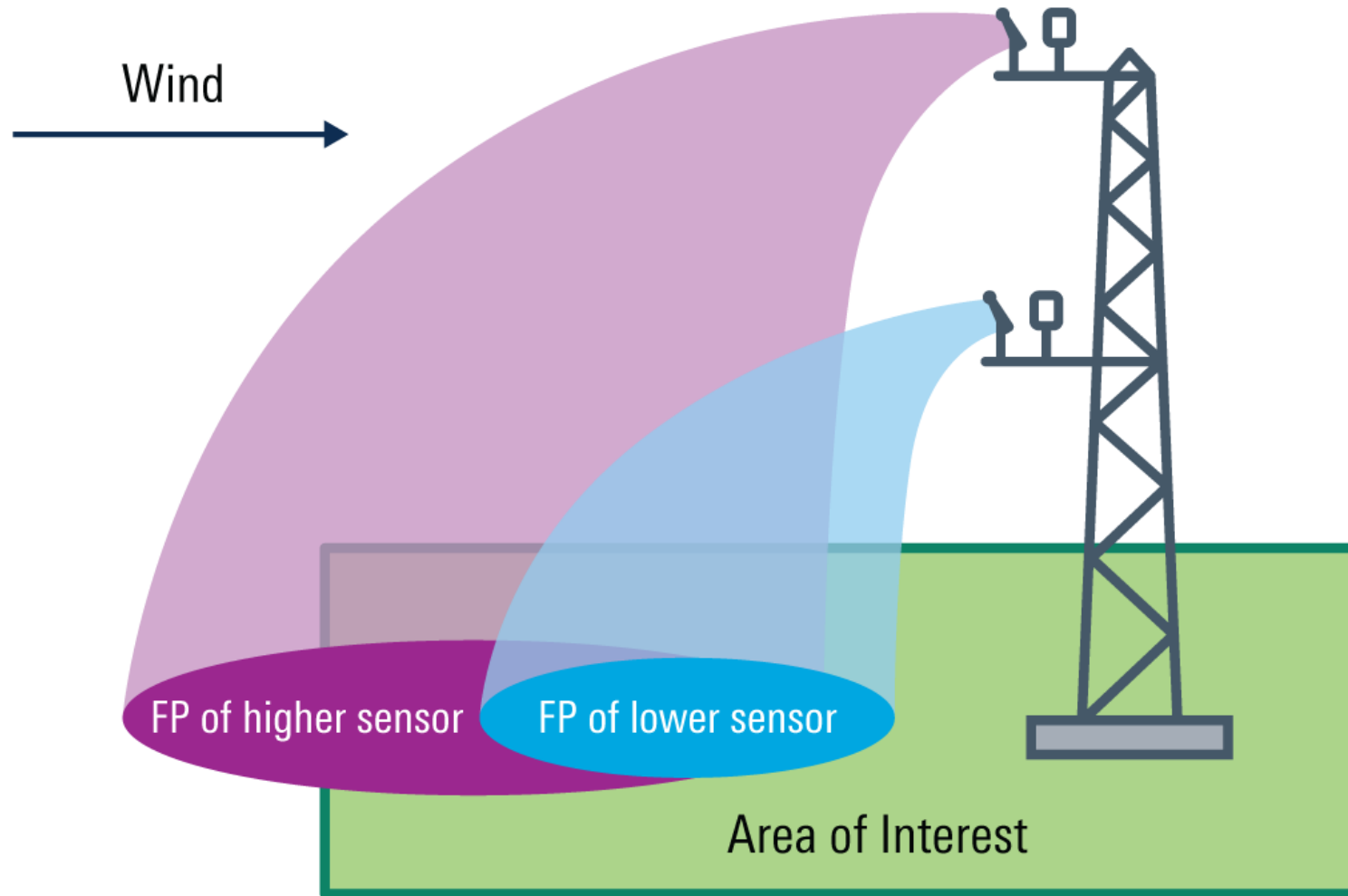
$F_c$ : net  $\text{CO}_2$  flux  
 $\Delta s$ : storage term  
 $C$ : combustion  
 $R_e$ : respiration  
 $P$ : photosynthesis

Feigenwinter et al., 2012

# Urban CO<sub>2</sub> flux depends on vegetation cover

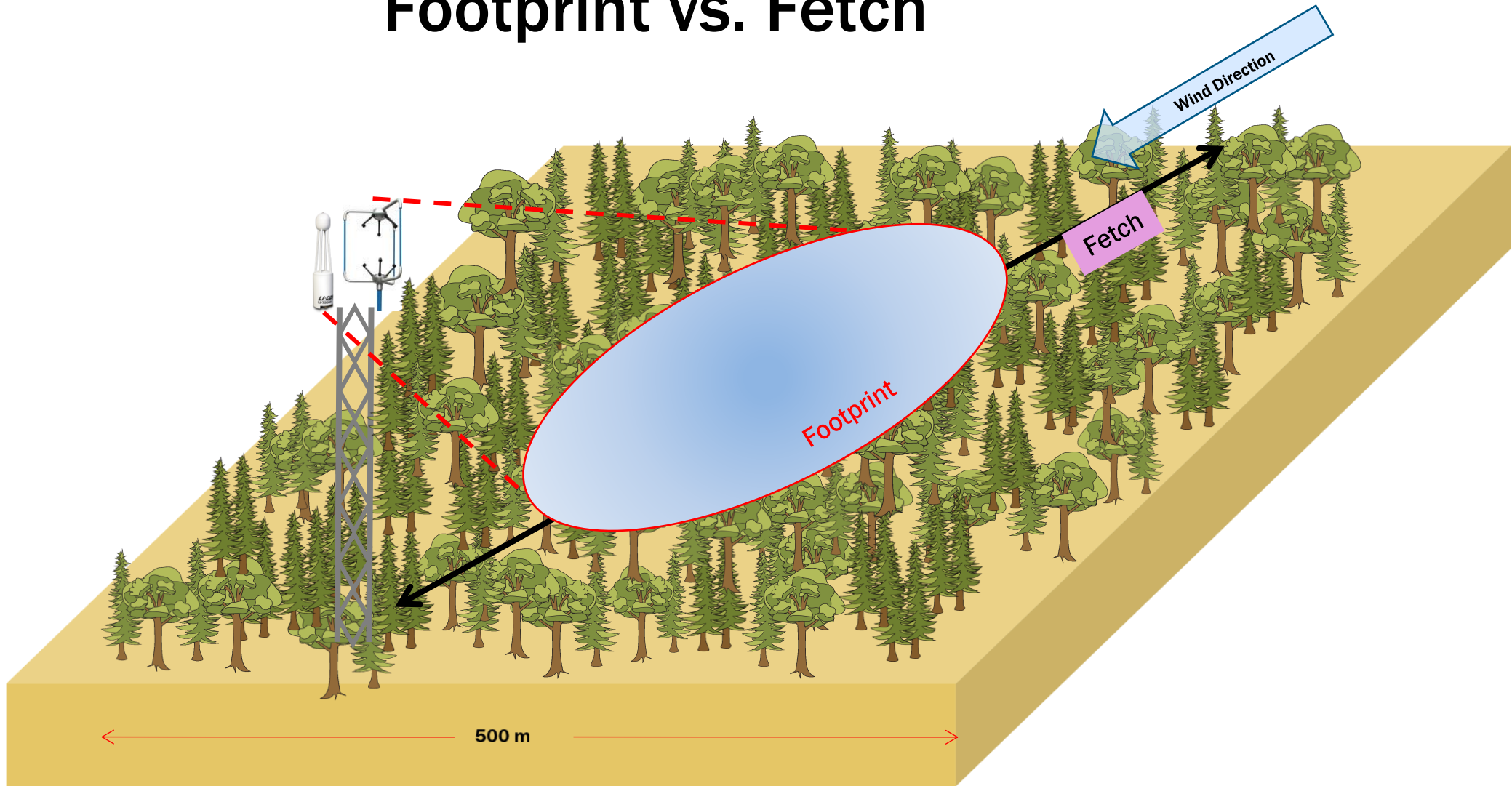


Location matters!



Tower will "see" fluxes from the upwind direction

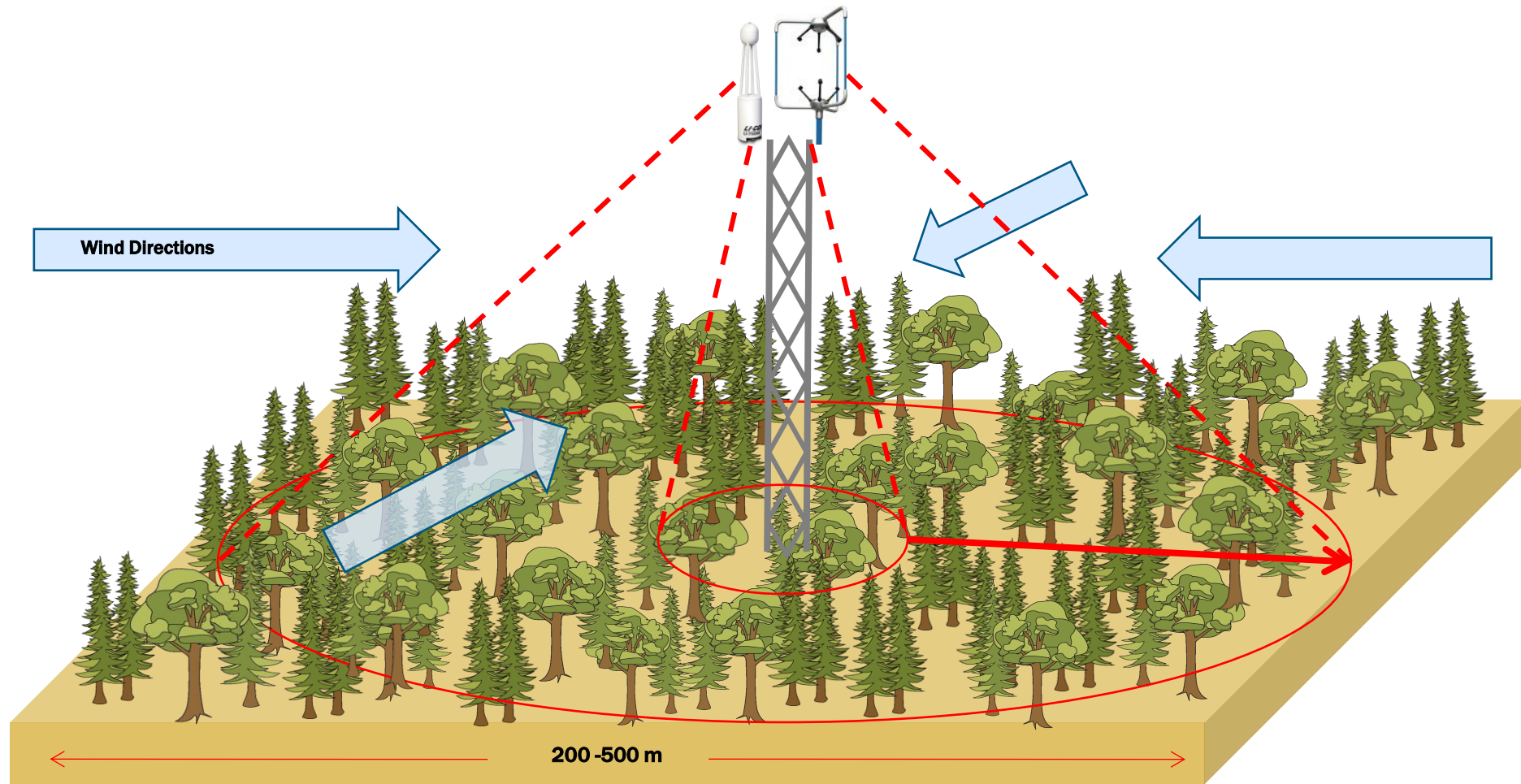
# Footprint vs. Fetch



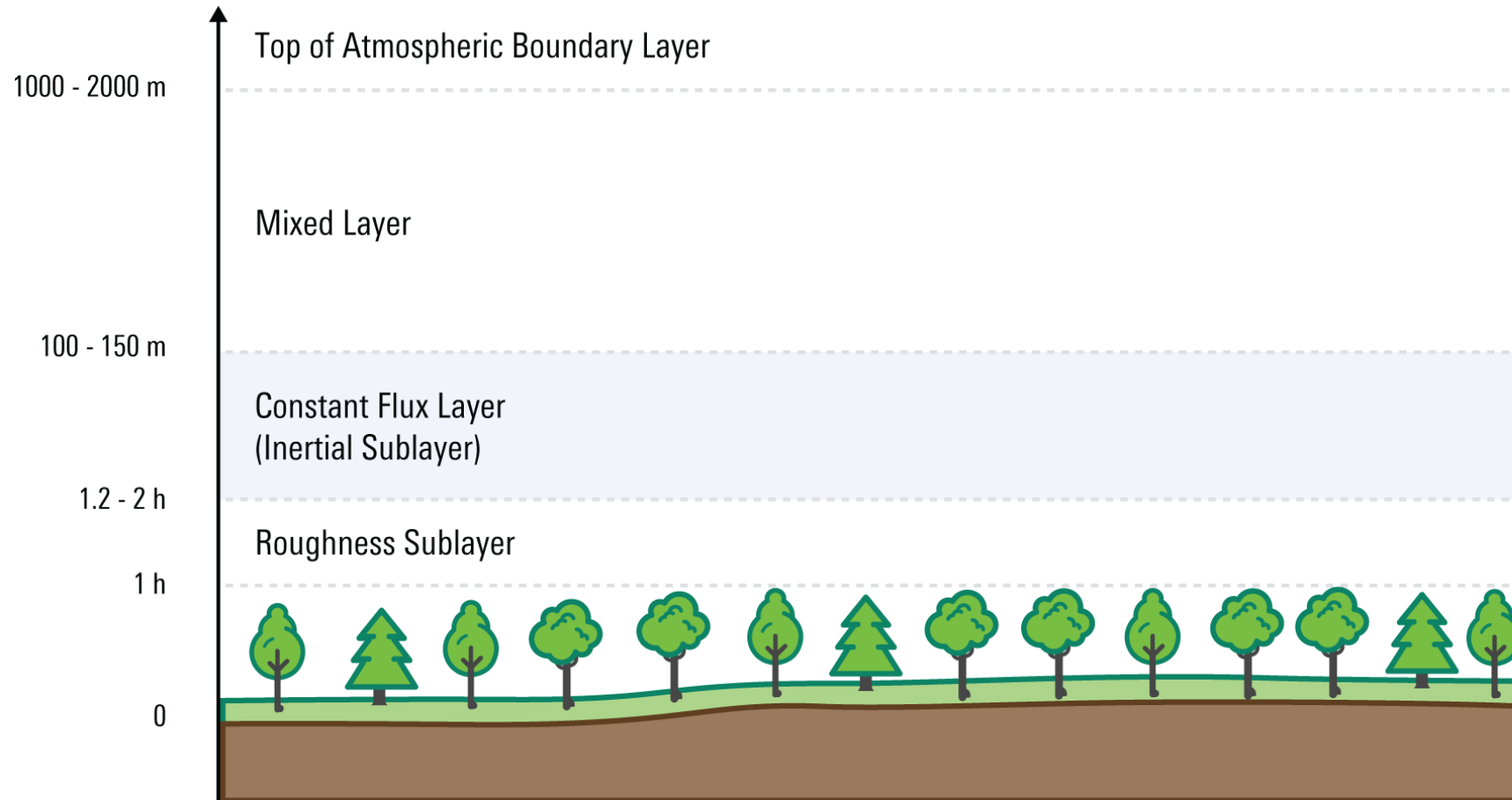
Footprint size varies also with atmospheric conditions



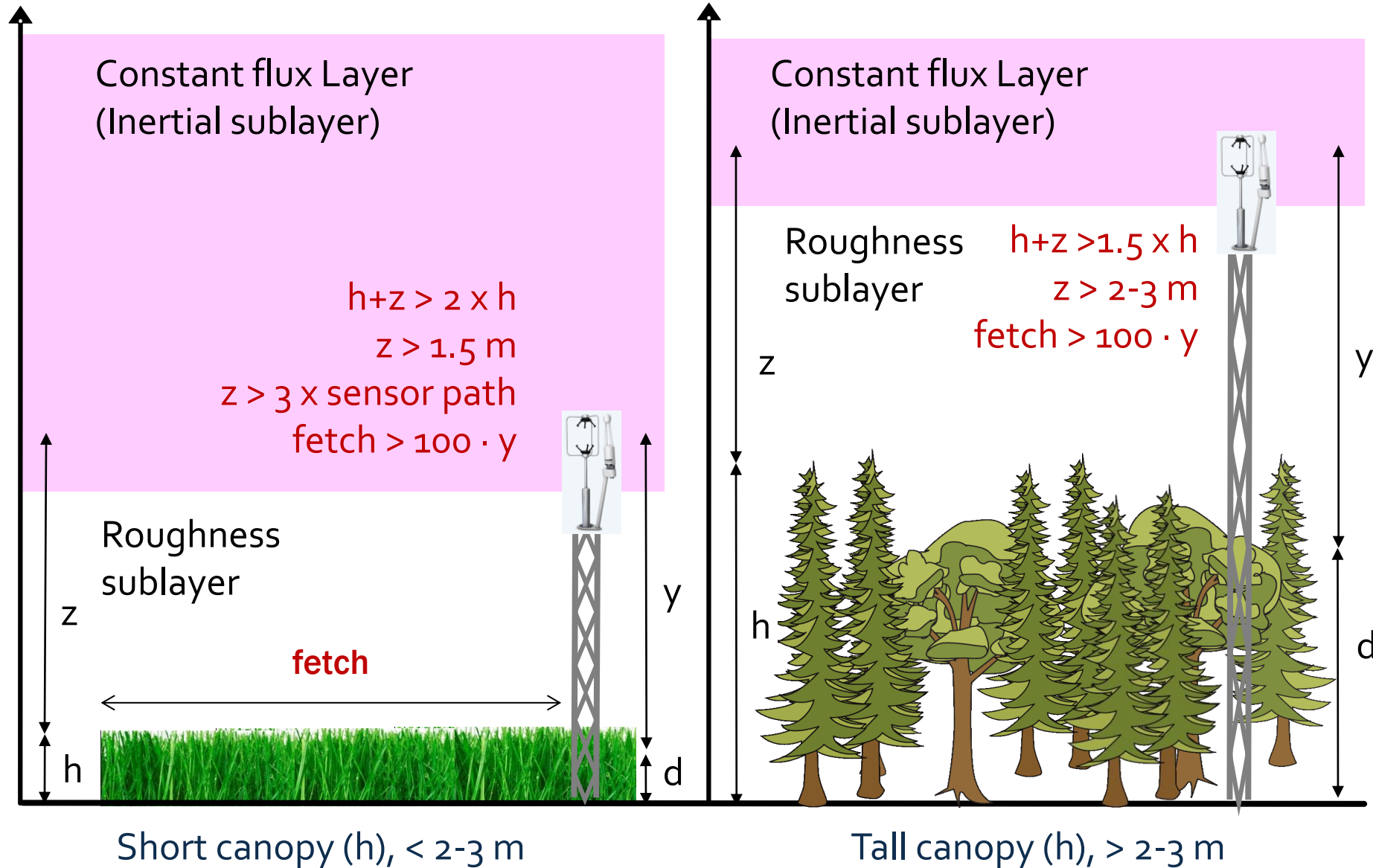
# Omnidirectional Setup



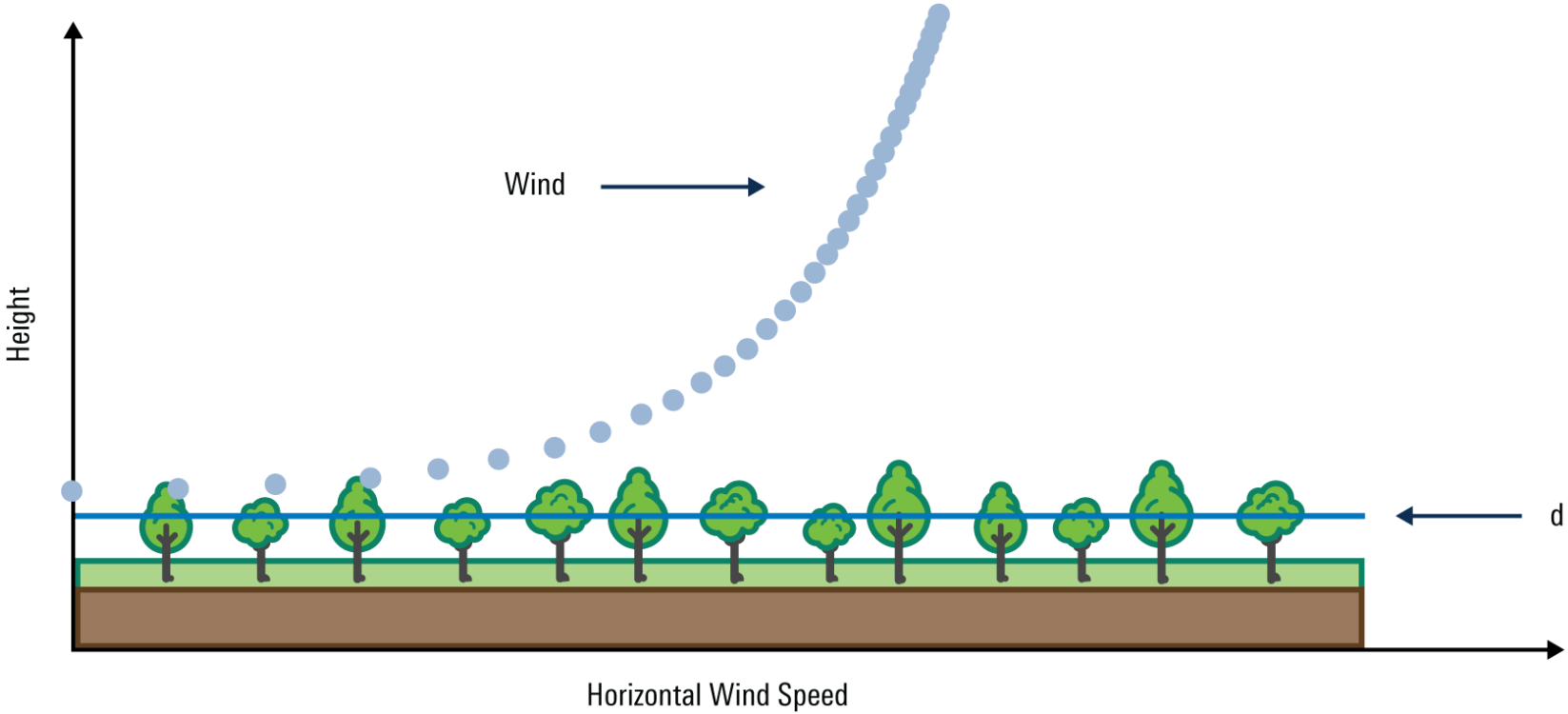
# Constant Flux Layer



# Rules-of-thumb: Instrument placement height

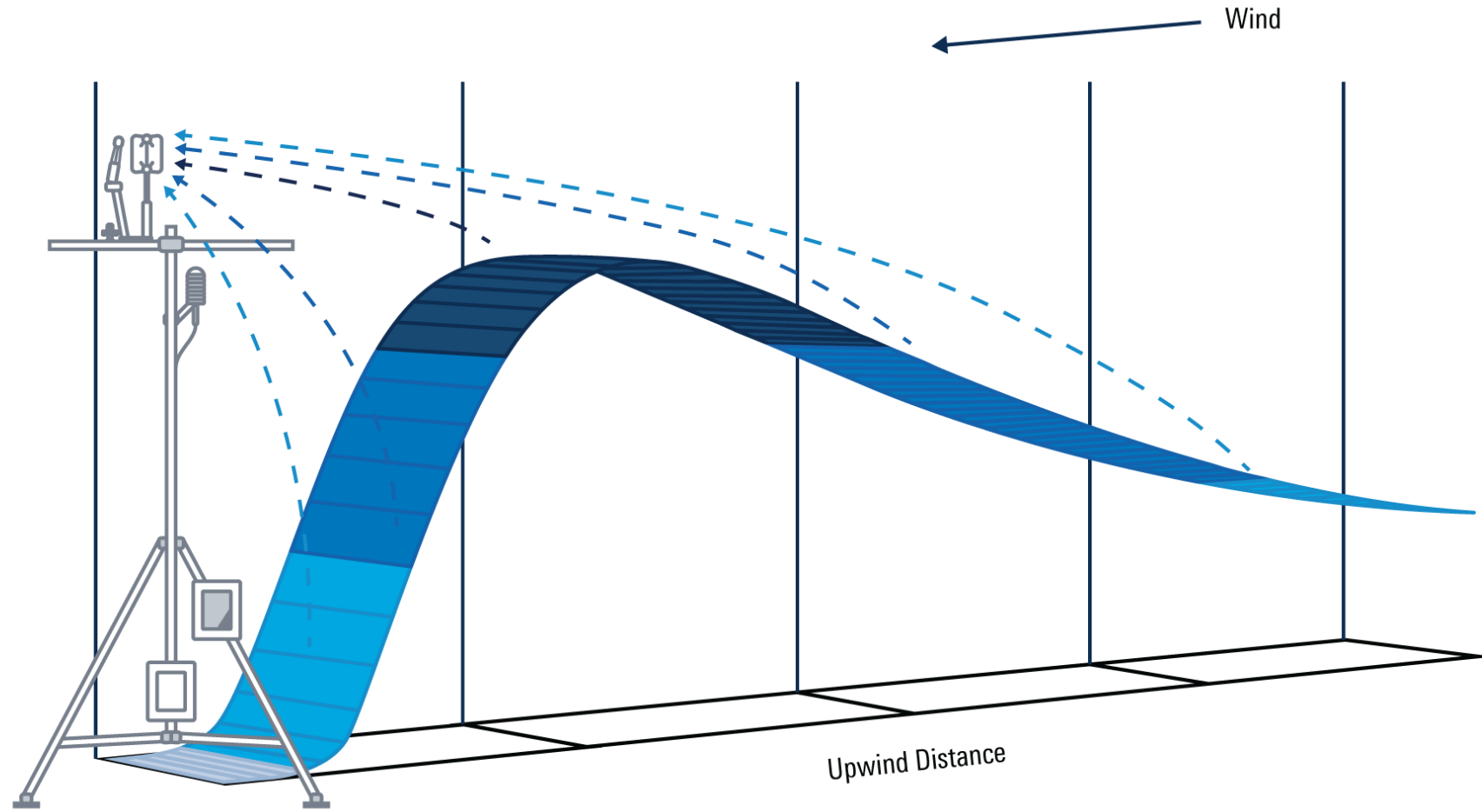


# Zero Plane Displacement Height (d)



$d \approx 0.67 \text{ to } 0.8 \times \text{canopy height}$

# Flux Contributions at up-wind distance from the EC system



For near-neutral conditions:

$$CNF(x_L) = - \int_0^{x_L} \frac{U(z-d)}{u_* k x^2} e^{-\frac{U(z-d)}{u_* k x}} dx = e^{-\frac{U(z-d)}{u_* k x_L}}$$

CNF is Cumulative Normalized contribution to Flux measurement, %

$x_L$  is distance from the station, m

U is mean integrated wind speed,  $m s^{-1}$

z is measurement height, m

$u_*$  is friction velocity,  $m s^{-1}$

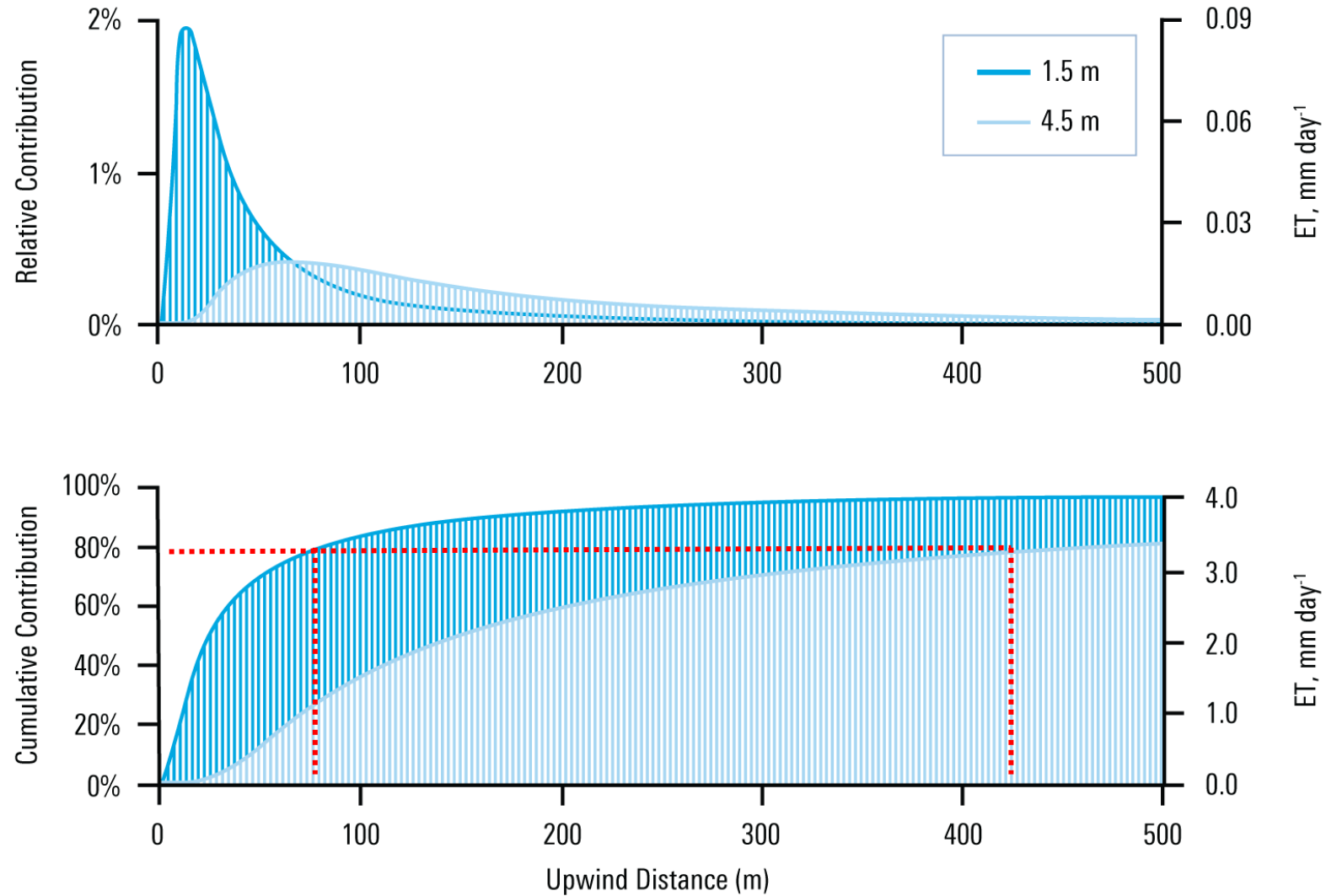
d is zero plain displacement, m

k is von Karman constant (0.4)

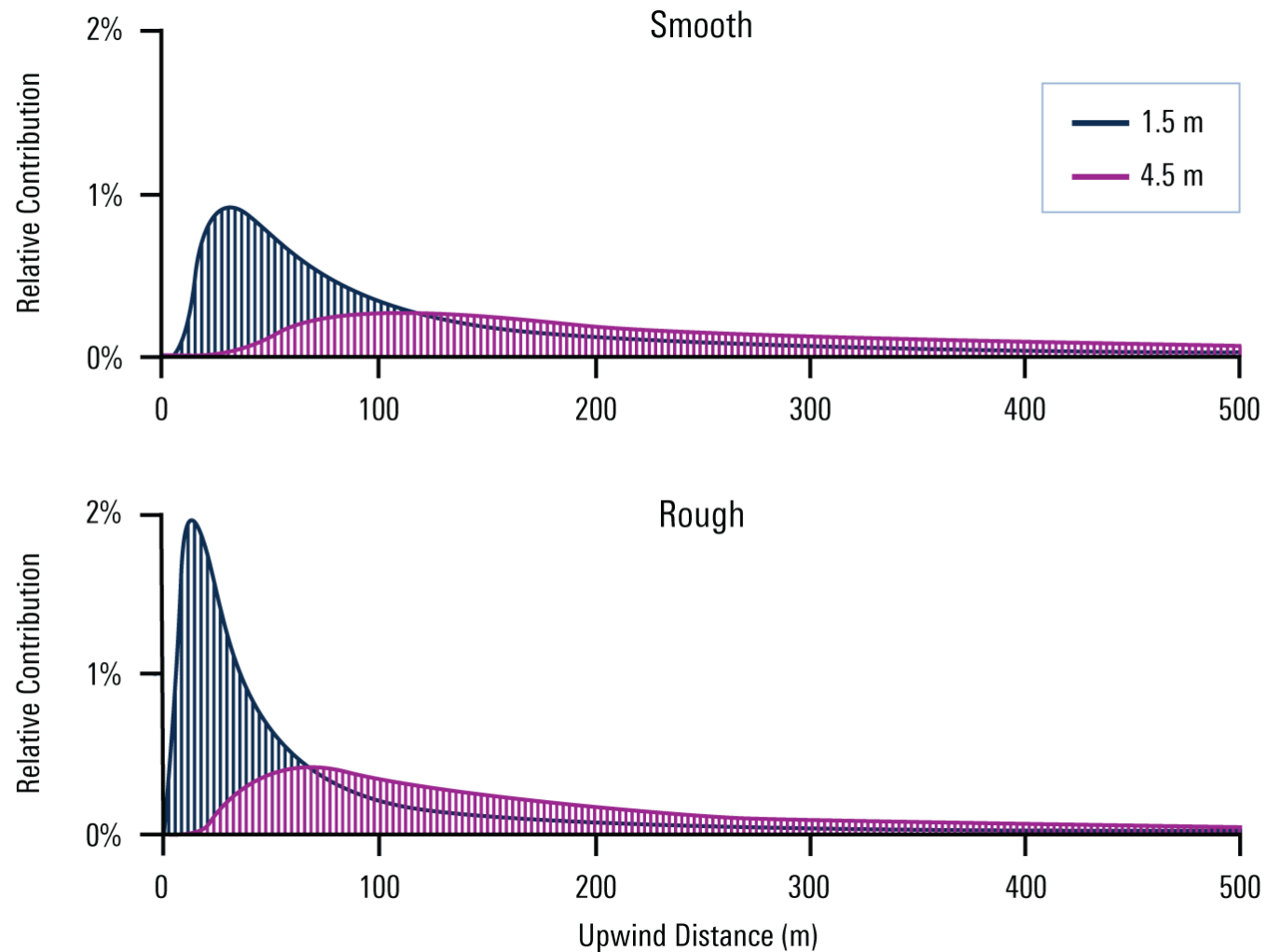
Schuepp, P.H., Leclerc, M.Y., Macpherson, J.I., and R.L. Desjardins (1990)

'Footprint prediction of scalar fluxes from analytical solution of the diffusion equation'

# Measurement Height

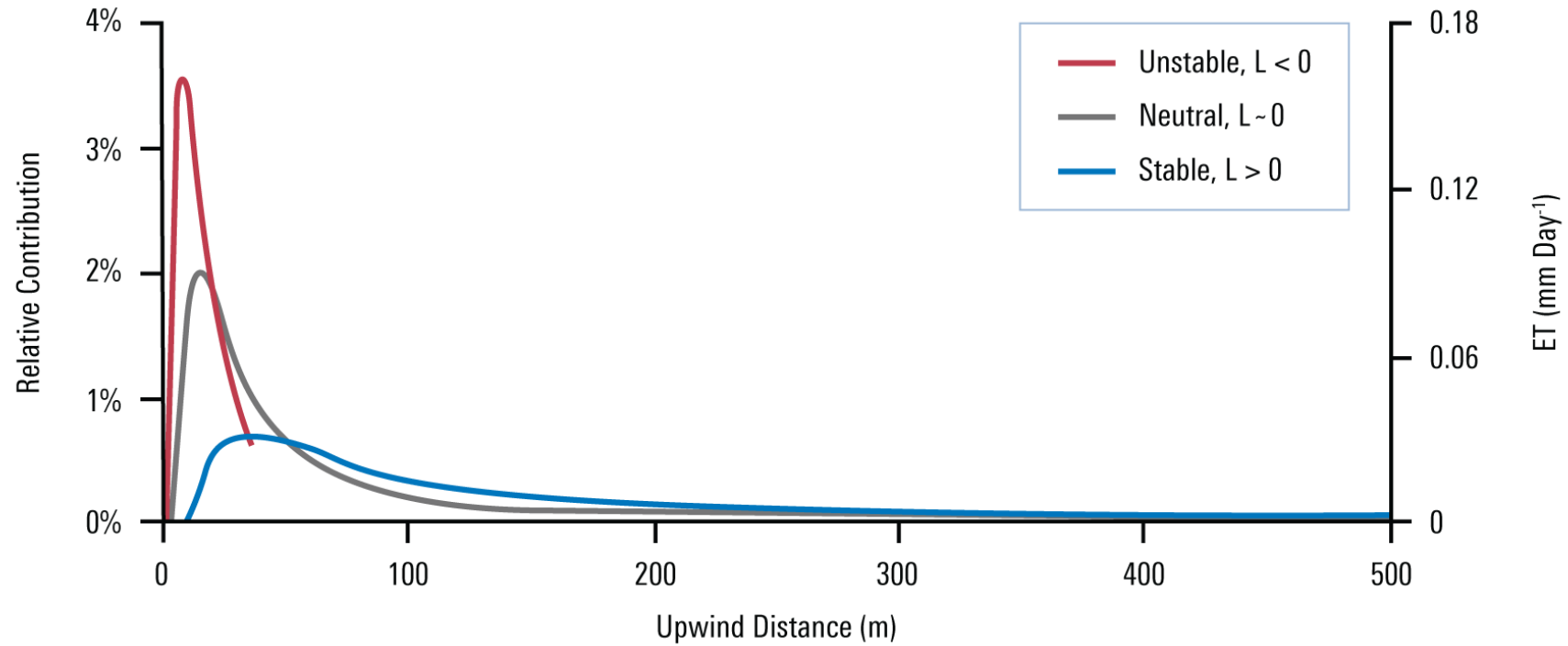


# Surface Roughness

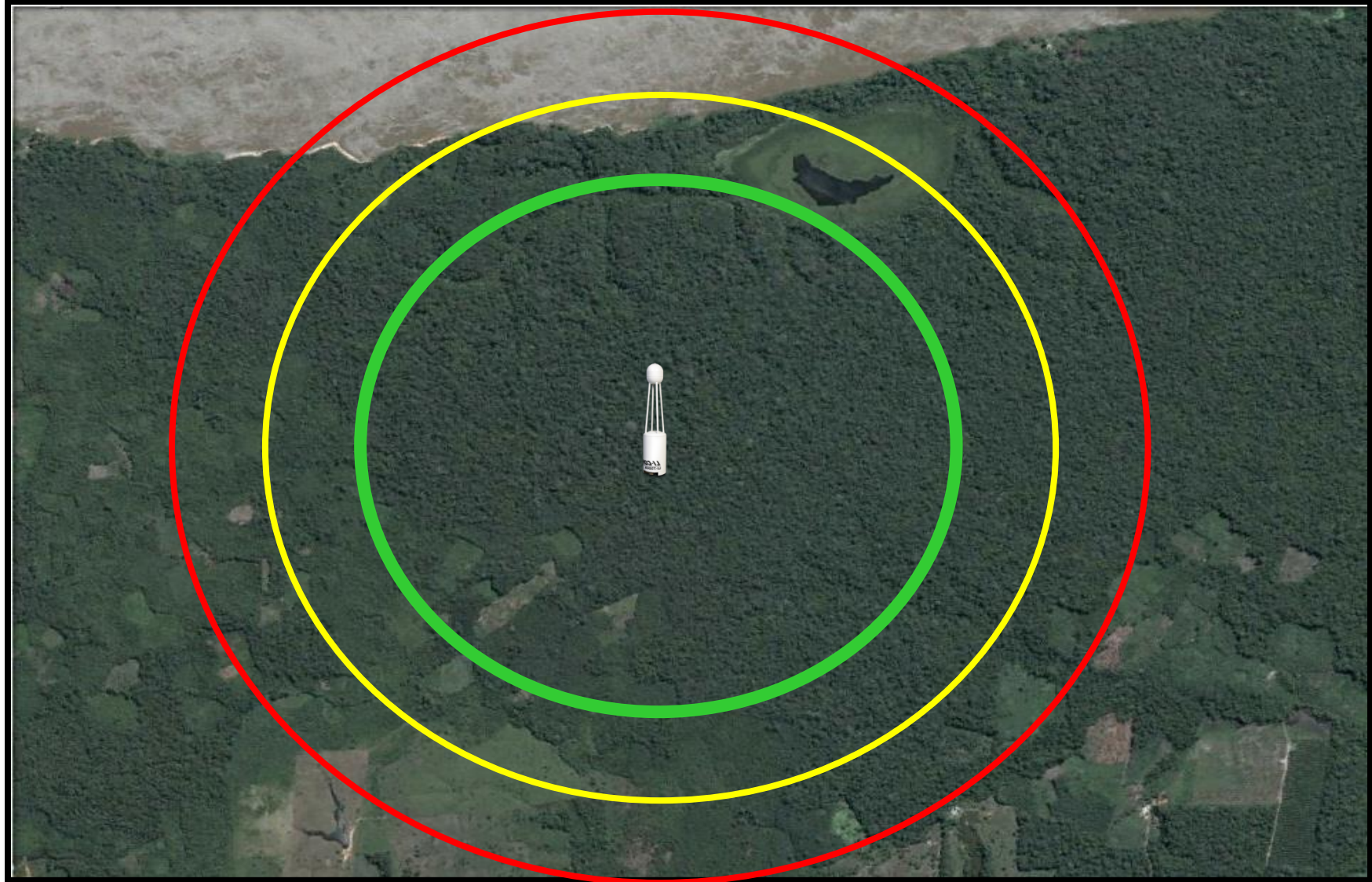




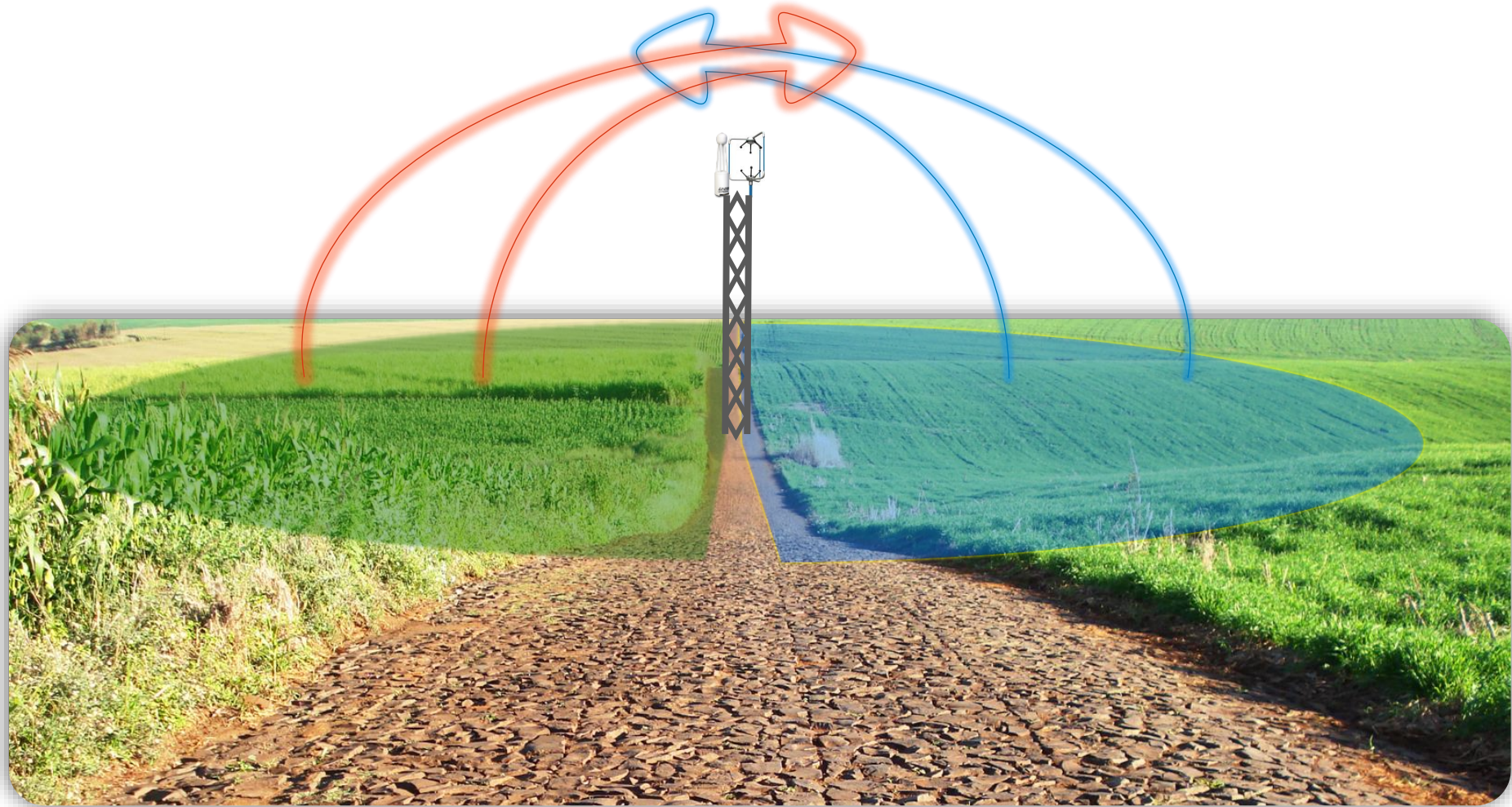
# Thermal Stability



# Fetch Requirement



Tower will “see” fluxes from the upwind direction

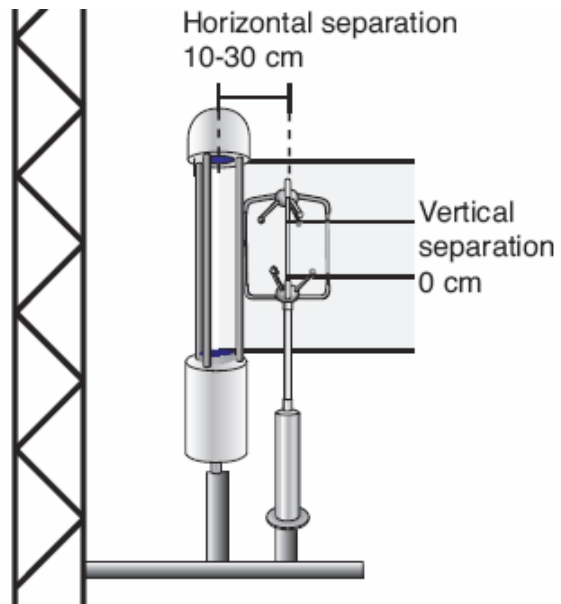


WIND

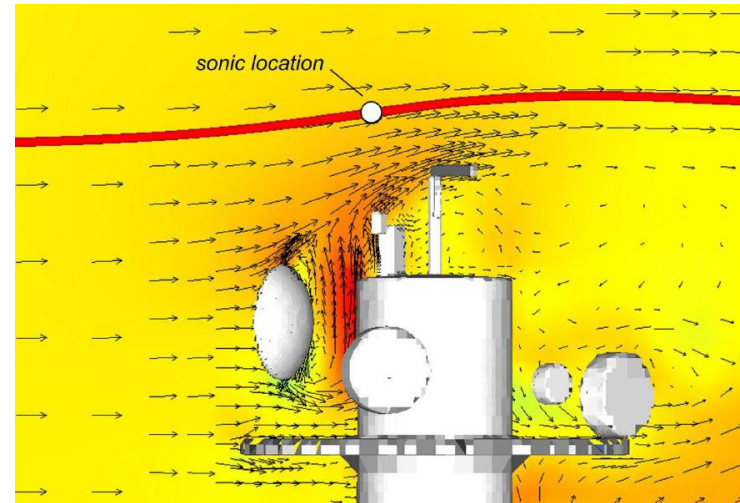


# Arrangement of instruments on a tower

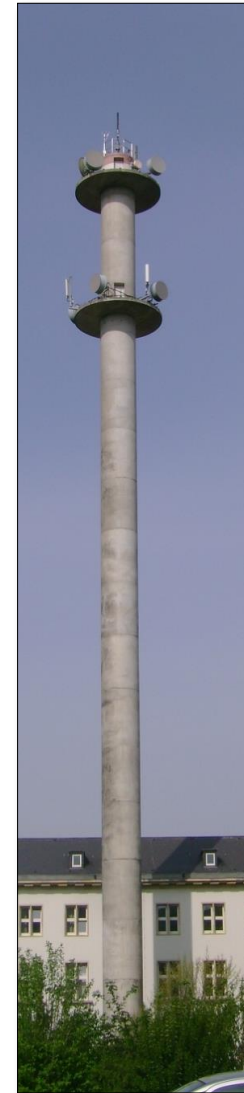
## Sensor separation



## Airflow distortion



Griessbaum and Schmidt (2009)



Münster, DE

- Each experimental site is different and requires unique treatment
- **Eddy Covariance is, to a large extent, a site-specific method**
- The entire process of experimental design, implementation and data processing should be tailor-made for specific purpose at specific site

***During experiment design:***

- establish purpose
- define variables
- select instruments
- decide on software
- finalize location
- develop maintenance plan

***During implementation:***

- place tower
- position instruments
- test data collection
- test data retrieval
- test processing with standard file
- continuously keep up maintenance

A meteorological sensor station is positioned in a lush green field. The station consists of a central vertical pole supported by a tripod base. At the top of the pole, there are several sensors, including a white cup anemometer for wind speed and direction, a white ultrasonic anemometer for wind speed and direction, and a white sensor for air temperature and humidity. A horizontal arm extends from the pole, holding a solar radiation sensor. A white data logger is mounted on the pole near the base. The background shows a vast green field under a sky with scattered white and grey clouds.

# Biomet Sensors and Measurements

# What are 'Biomet' Sensors?

- Sensors used for monitoring the environment (biological and meteorological).
- Typically measured once every 1-60 seconds



# Biomet Measurements



Solar Radiation And PAR

Net Radiation



Pheno Cam

Air Temperature and RH



Precipitation

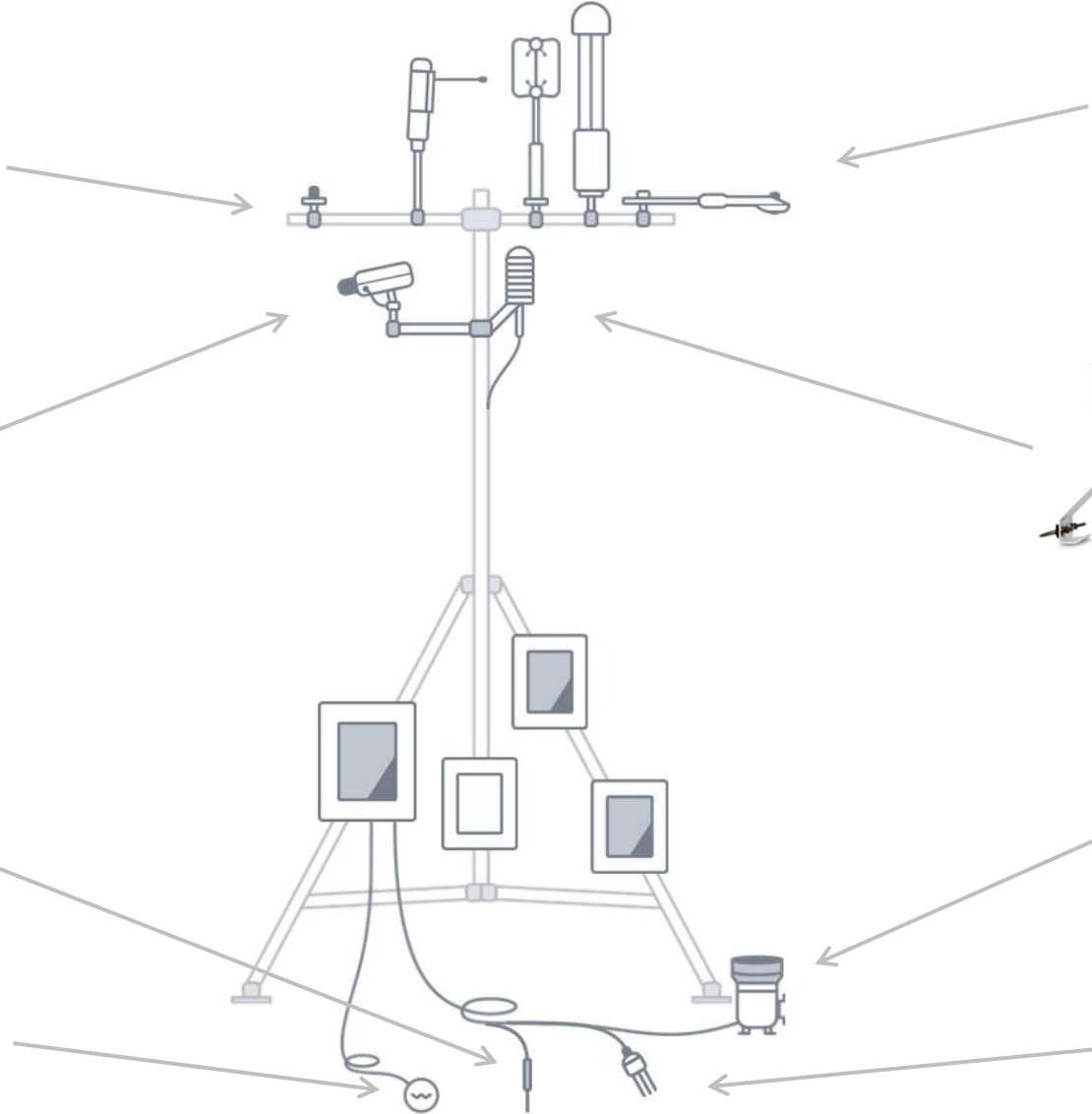


Soil Temperature



Soil Heat Flux

Soil Moisture



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# Improving fluxes

Fluxes (e.g. over 30 min intervals) are calculated and corrected based on:

- **Covariances**: calculated from fast measurement, acquired at  $f > 5$  Hz
- **Mean quantities**: averaged over the 30 min interval, calculated starting either from fast or slow measurements

$$F = \overline{\rho_a} \cdot \overline{w'c'}$$

# Improving fluxes

Average  $T_a$  and  $P$  are involved in various flux equations, for example:

- dry air density:  $\rho_d = \frac{P}{R_d T_a} - \rho_w \frac{m_d}{m_w}$

- Gas flux:  $F = \overline{\rho_d} \overline{w' s'}$

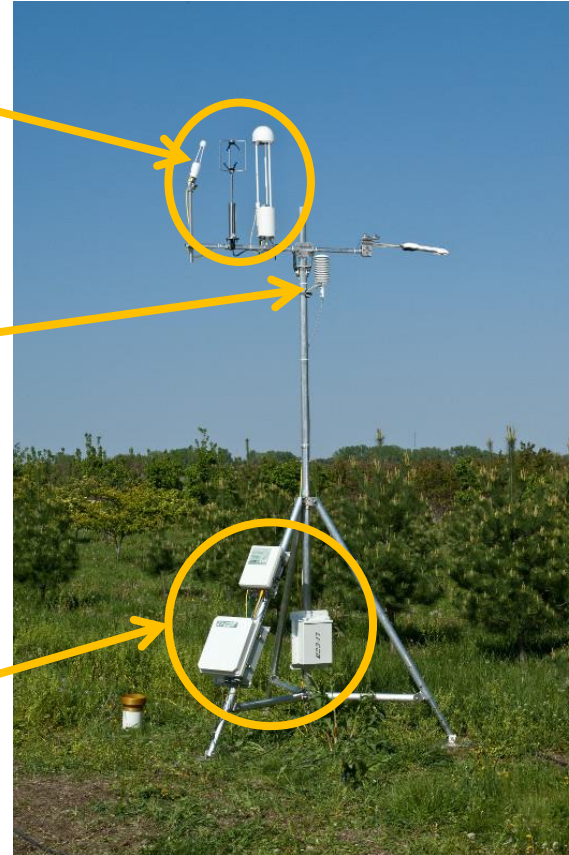
- WPL term:  $F = F_o + \mu \frac{E}{\rho_d} \frac{\rho_c}{1 + \mu \frac{\rho_w}{\rho_d}} + \frac{H}{\rho_d C_p} \frac{\rho_c}{T_a} + P_{term}$



Vaisala HMP155 Humidity and Temperature Probe with RM Young Radiation Shield

# Improving fluxes

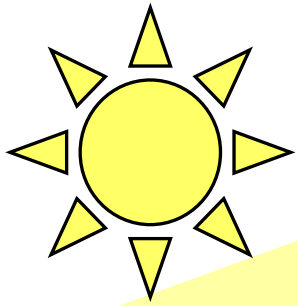
- Height where flux measurements are made.
- Measuring air temperature up here, and using this value in the flux calculations, can improve results.
- Height where the CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O analyzer measures temperature.



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# The Energy Budget (daytime)



$$R_n = H + LE + G + S + Q$$

All terms have units of ( $W m^2$ ).

$R_n$  ~ net radiation flux density

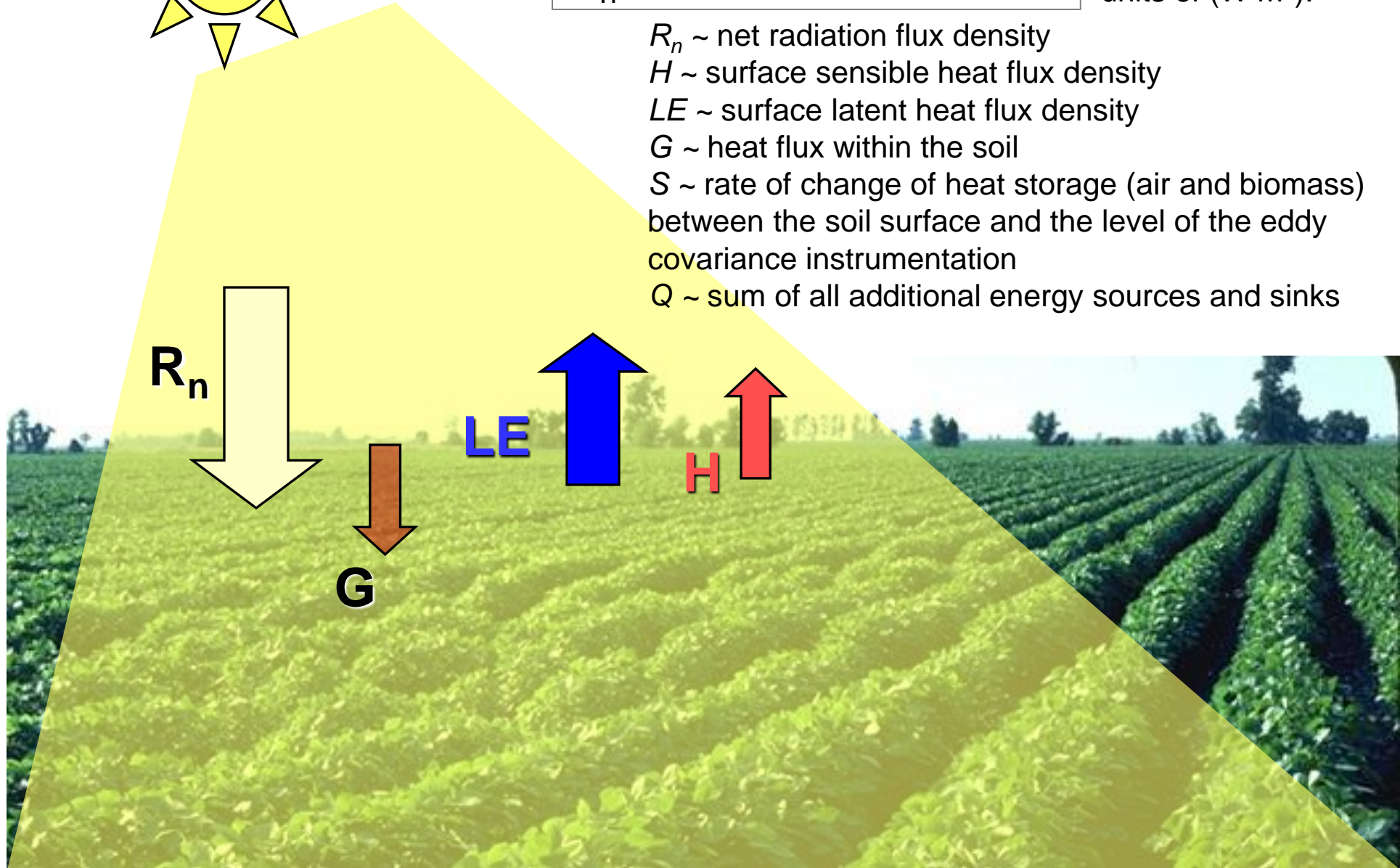
$H$  ~ surface sensible heat flux density

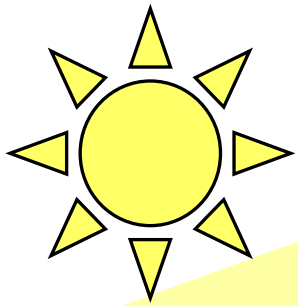
$LE$  ~ surface latent heat flux density

$G$  ~ heat flux within the soil

$S$  ~ rate of change of heat storage (air and biomass) between the soil surface and the level of the eddy covariance instrumentation

$Q$  ~ sum of all additional energy sources and sinks



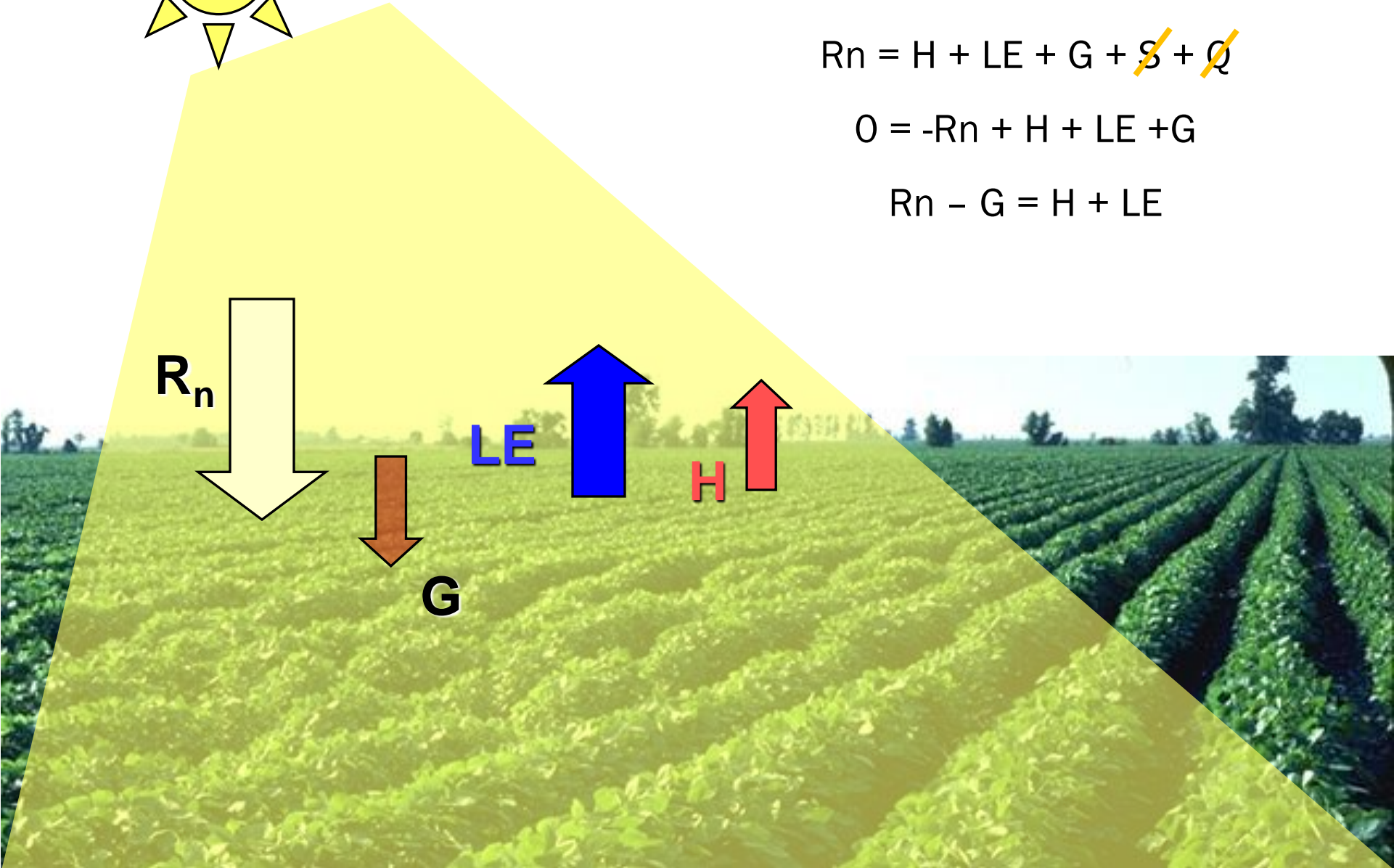


# The Energy Budget

$$R_n = H + LE + G + \cancel{S} + \cancel{Q}$$

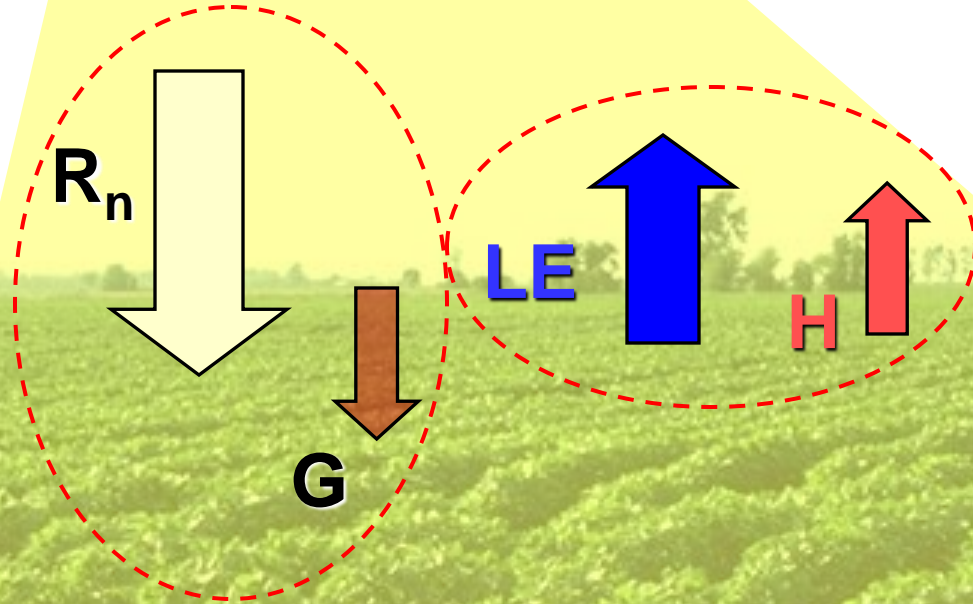
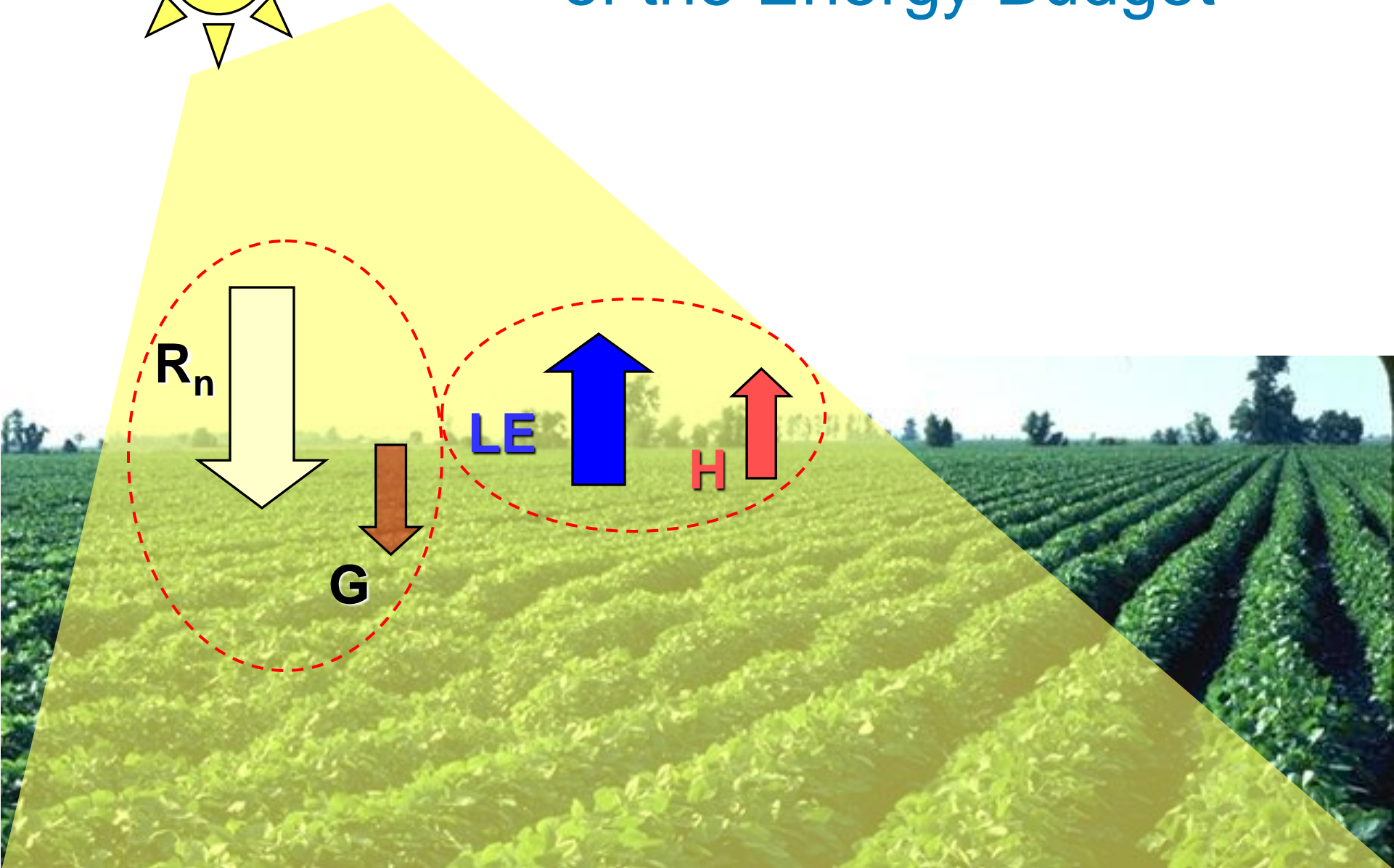
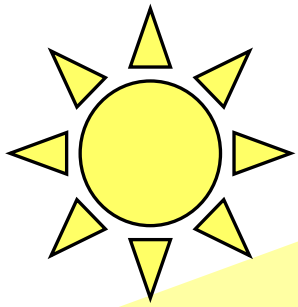
$$0 = -R_n + H + LE + G$$

$$R_n - G = H + LE$$



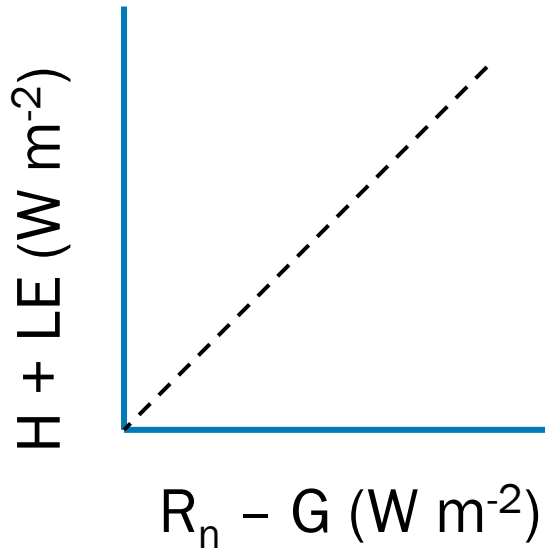


# Measuring the components of the Energy Budget



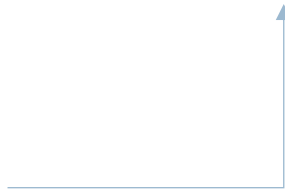
# Checking for energy balance closure

Measured  
by the EC  
System



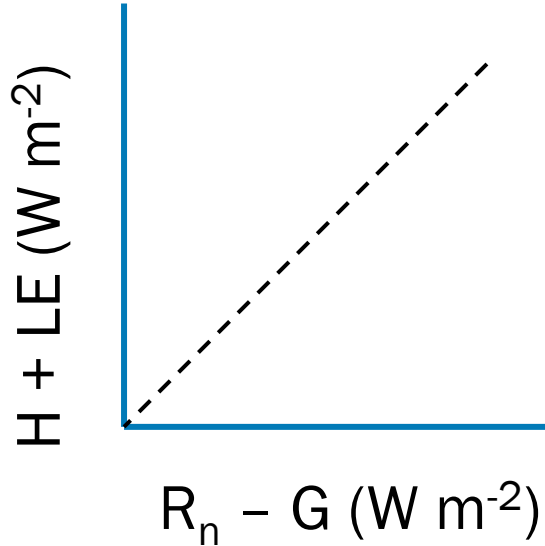
**Ideal closure** is represented by a  
slope of 1 and an intercept of 0.

Measured by  
the Biomet  
System



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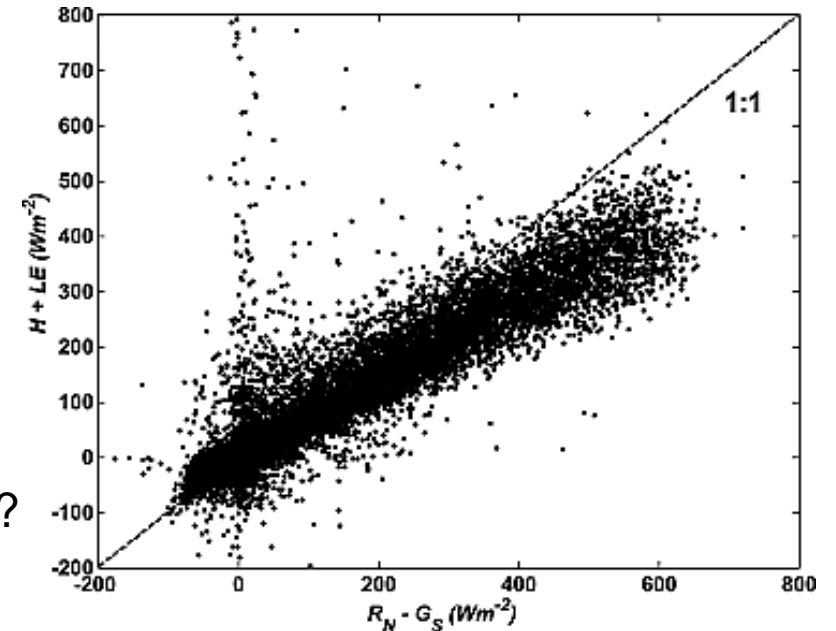
Measured by the Biomet System

**Ideal closure** is represented by a slope of 1 and an intercept of 0.

**If not ideal:**

- Sampling errors?
- Systematic biases?
- Neglected energy sinks?
- Other?

**Realistic (measured) closure**



## How Sampling could cause an imbalance

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Cause of imbalance	Examples
Sampling	Source areas differ
Instrument bias	Net radiometer biased
Neglected energy sinks	Storage above soil heat plates
High/low frequency loss	Sensor separation/large eddies
Advection	Regional circulation

# One EC System between two different plots

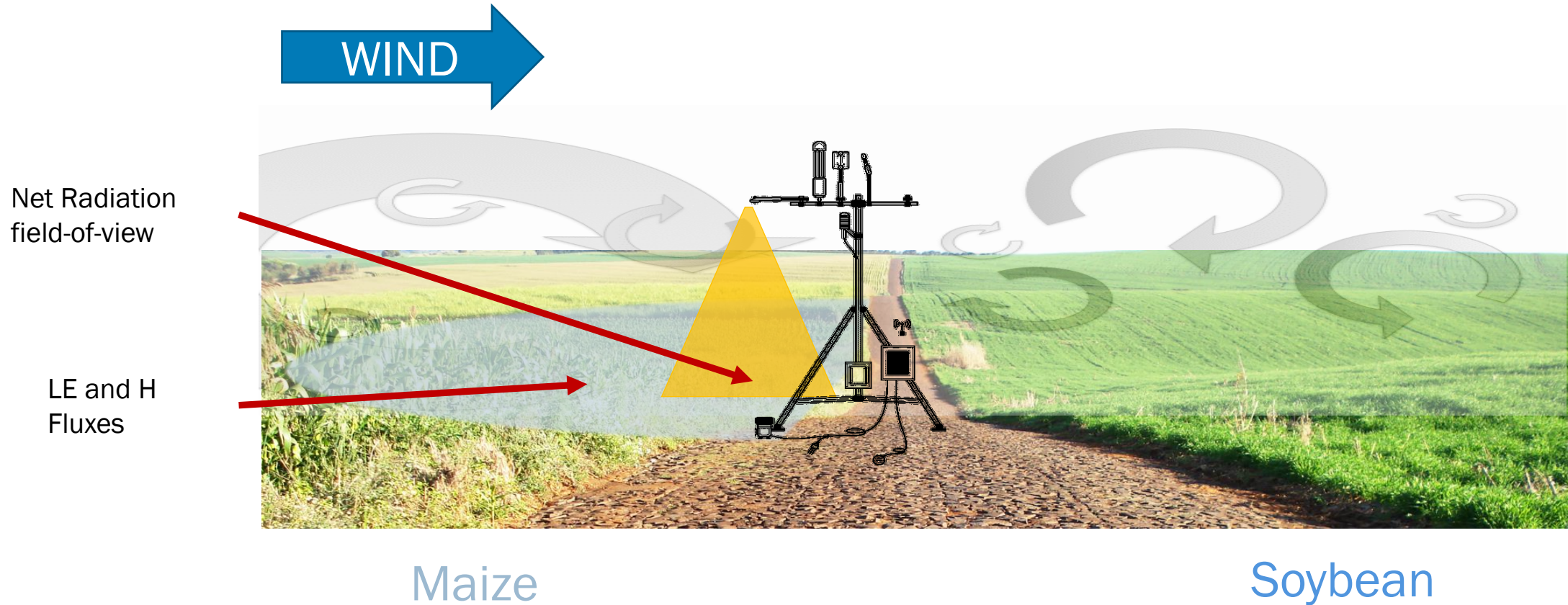


LE and H  
Fluxes

Maize

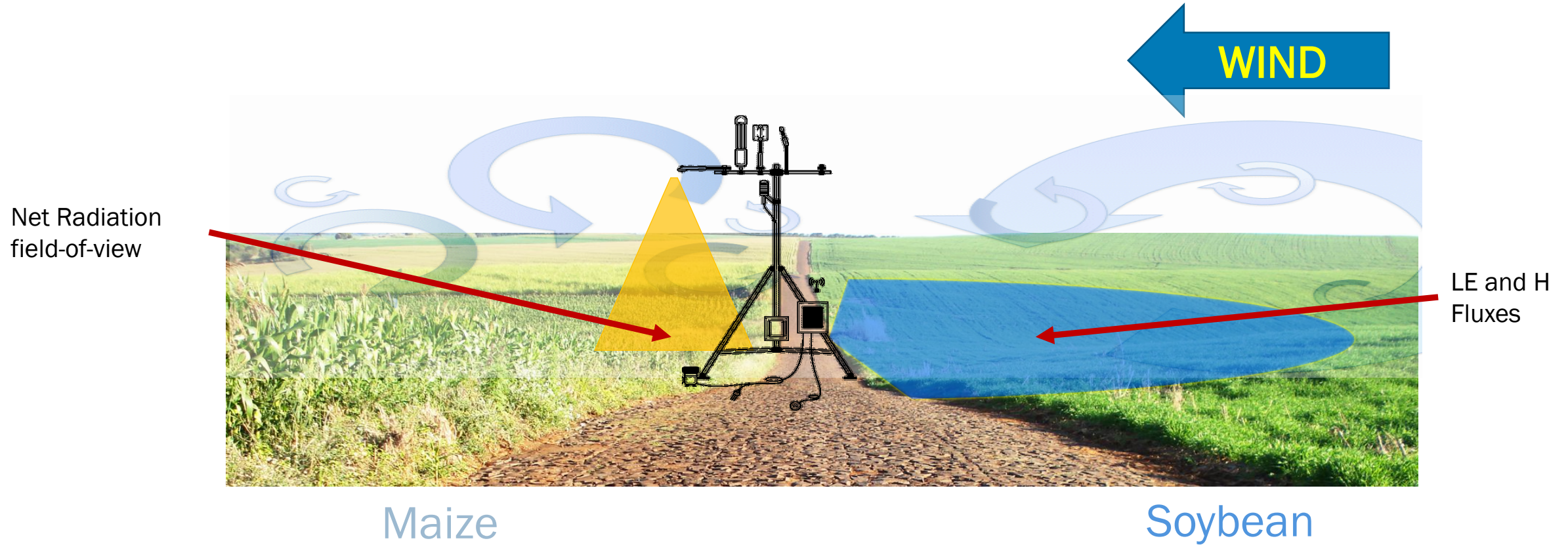
Soybean

# When Source Areas are the same...



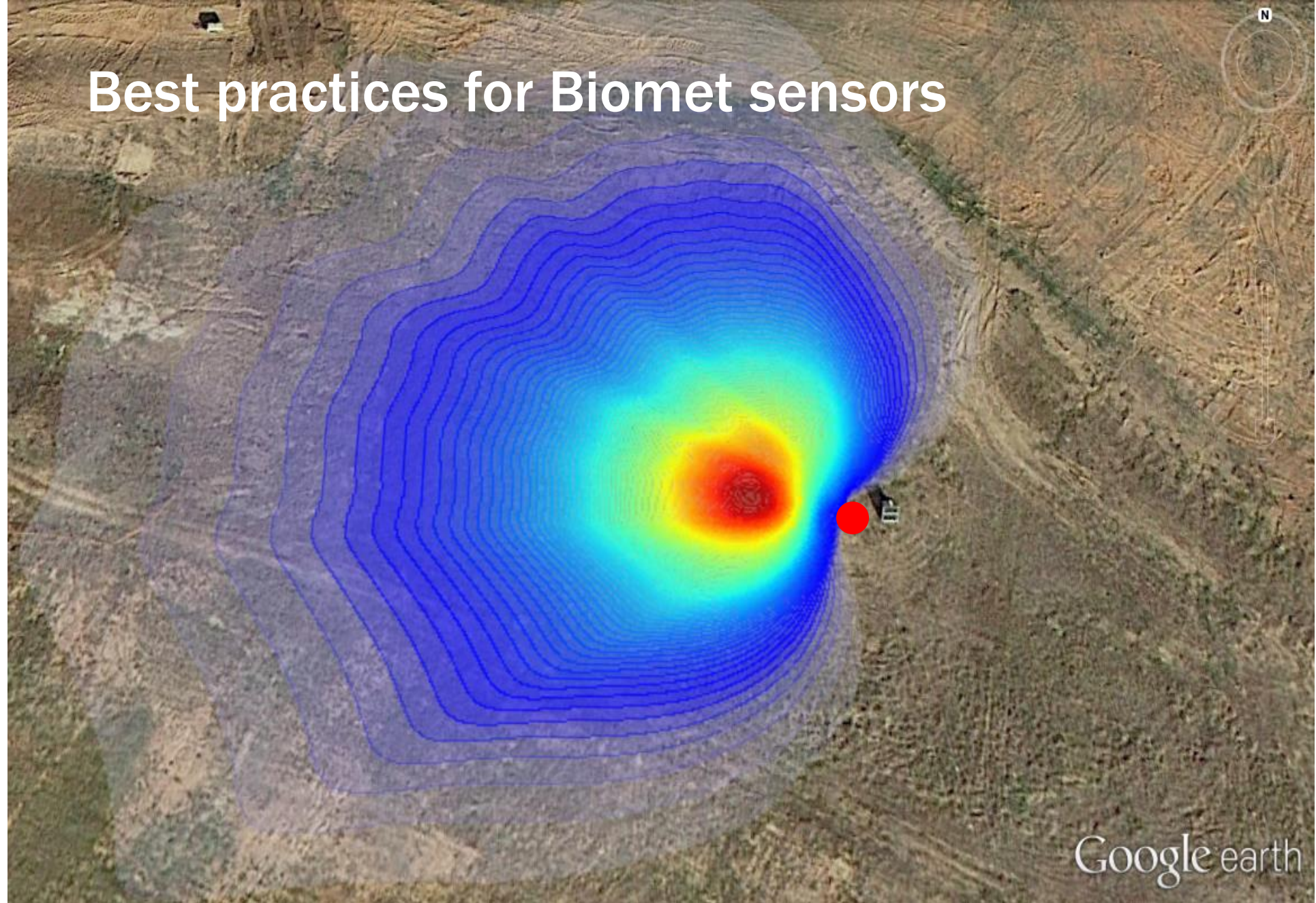
Energy measurements are from the same ecosystem

# When Source Areas are different...



! Energy measurements are from the different ecosystems

# Best practices for Biomet sensors





# How Biases could cause an imbalance

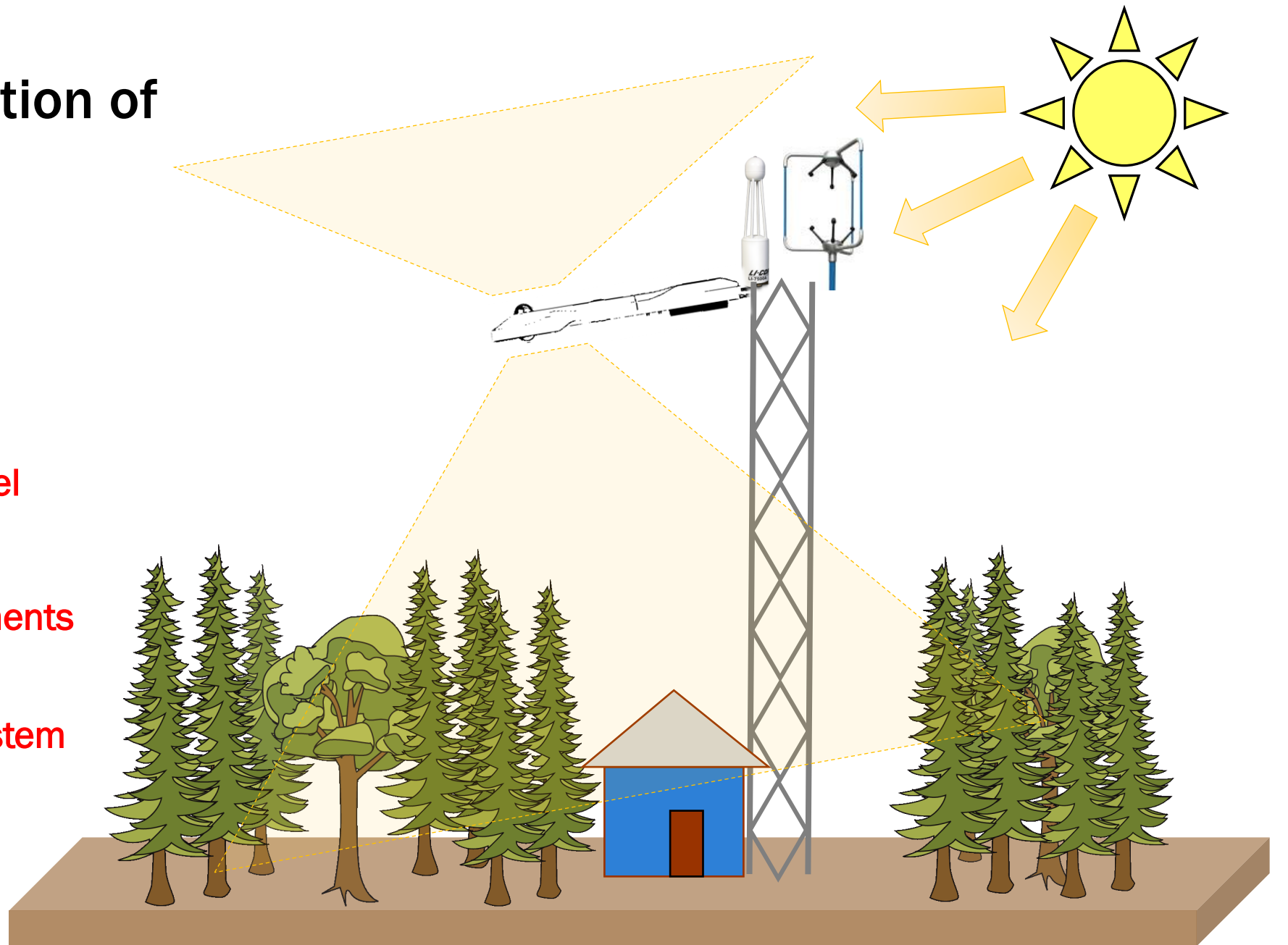
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# Instrument bias; improper installation of Net Radiometer

- ! Radiometer is not level
- ! Radiometer can be shaded by EC instruments
- ! Radiometer is not measuring the ecosystem
- ! Radiometer is measuring the tower

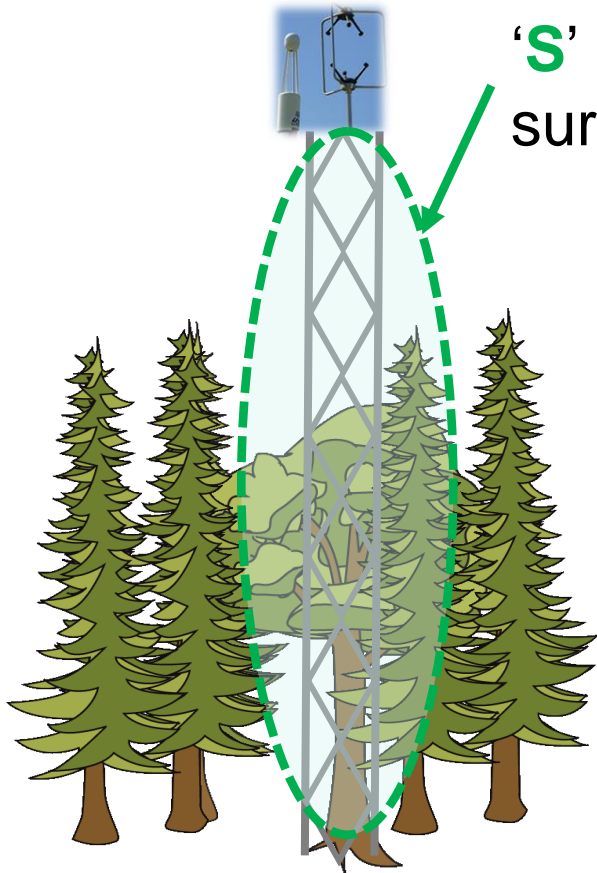


# How neglecting energy sinks could cause an imbalance

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# Heat energy is stored in the (tall) canopy

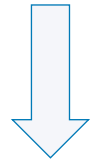
For tall vegetation sites ( $h > 8\text{m}$ )



'**S**' is the rate of change of heat storage between the soil surface and the level of the eddy covariance instrumentation

If we add '**S**' back into the Energy Balance Eqn:

$$R_n = H + LE + G + \mathbf{S} + Q$$

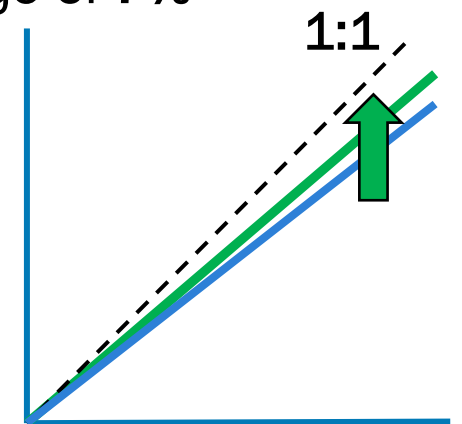


$$R_n - G - \mathbf{S} \approx H + LE$$



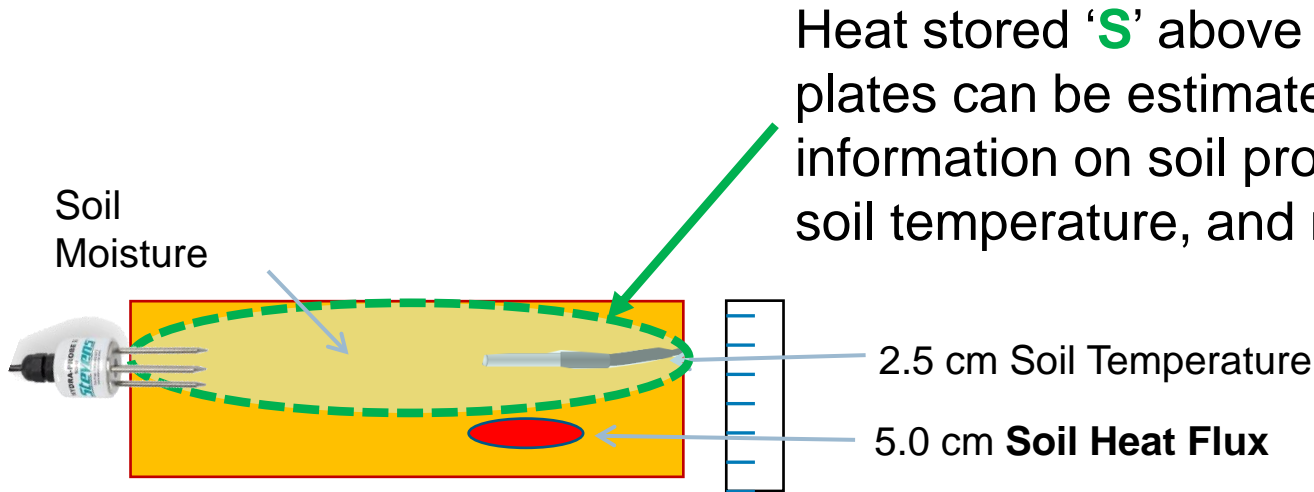
Tall forested sites should measure **S**.

Based on 26 site-years of data, including '**S**' for tall sites increased the slope by an average of 7%



# Heat Energy is also stored in the Soil

We can estimate Heat Storage in the Soil (between Heat flux plates and surface)



Soil Heat Flux at Surface = Measured Soil Heat Flux + Storage Term (**S**)

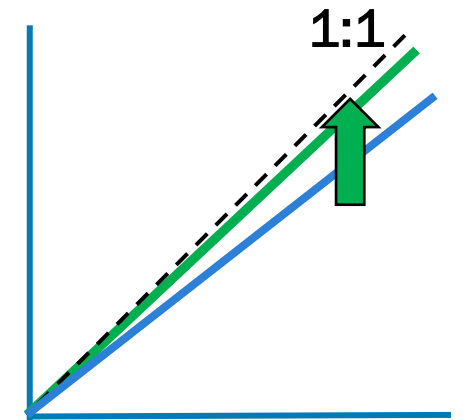
If we add '**S**' back into the Energy Balance Eqn:

$$R_n = H + LE + G + \mathbf{S} + Q$$

$$\Rightarrow R_n - G - \mathbf{S} \approx H + LE$$

Including the soil heat storage '**S**' increases the average slope by about **20%** for grasslands and agricultural sites

Short canopy sites should measure **S**.

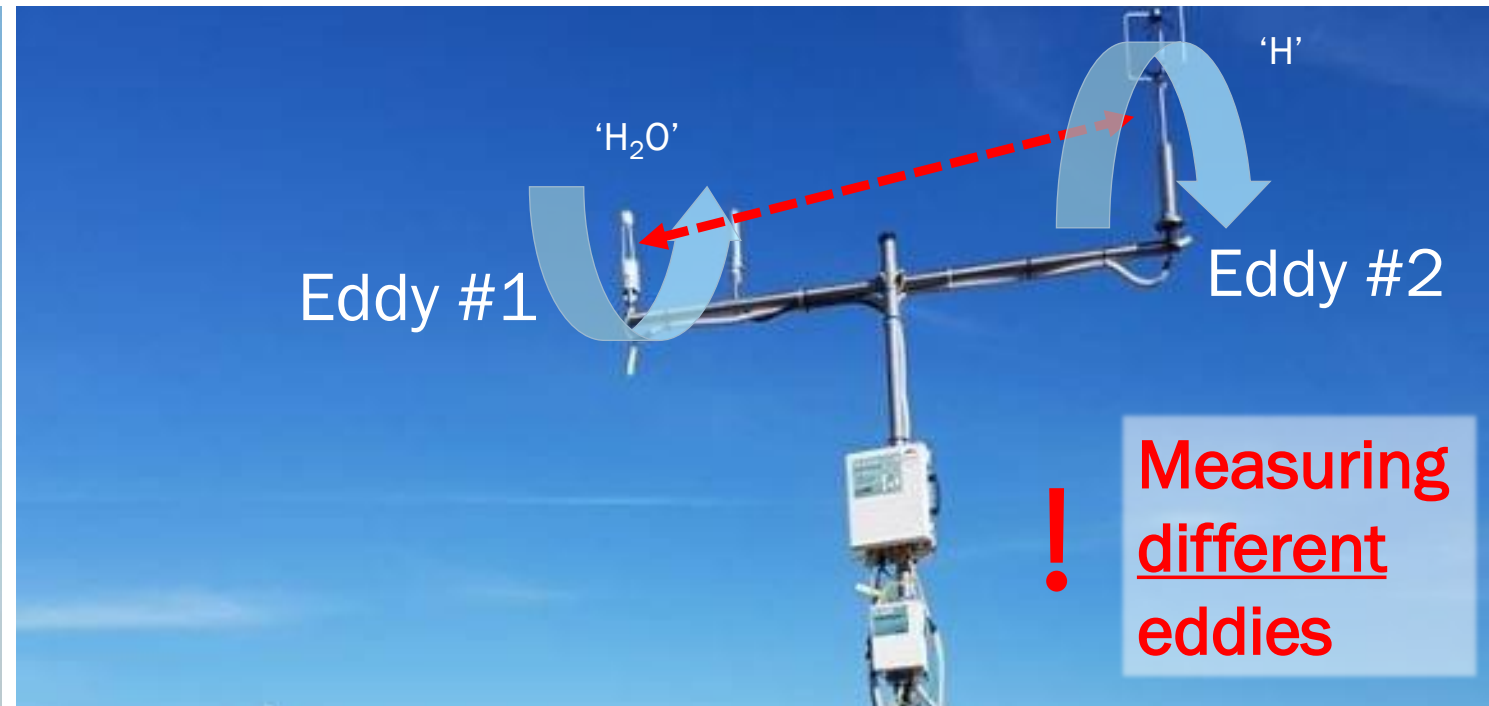


# How losing high / low frequencies, and advection can cause an imbalance in the EB closure

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# Improper sensor separation can cause the loss of high frequency energy measurements

- If separation is too big, H and H<sub>2</sub>O are not from the same eddy and covariance is lost, creating an energy imbalance



# Summary Energy Balance closure

- Good closure is not necessarily a validation, bad closure is a definite problem *Burba 2013*
- Energy balance closures cannot be used as a quality criteria for turbulent fluxes (Aubinet et al. 2000). This is because the influencing factors are so greatly different, wrong conclusions are possible. In comparison with similar experiments, energy balance can give only a rough criterion about the accuracy of the fluxes. *Foken 2008*



# Other Closure checks

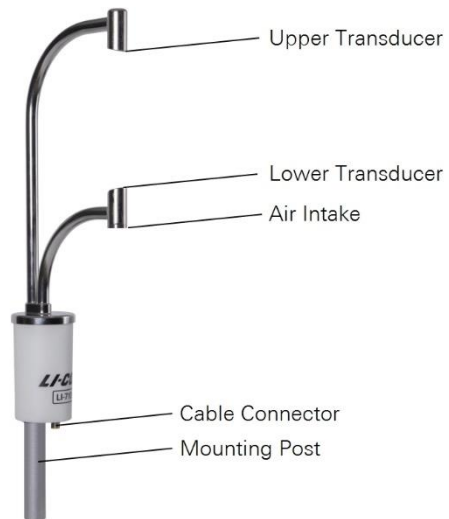
## Carbon Closure

- Long-term biomass accumulation, compare to cumulated EC measurements

# Other Closure checks

Hydrological balance

- Rain = LE + Runoff + Percolation + Storage



LI-710 Evapotranspiration Sensor

Water Node



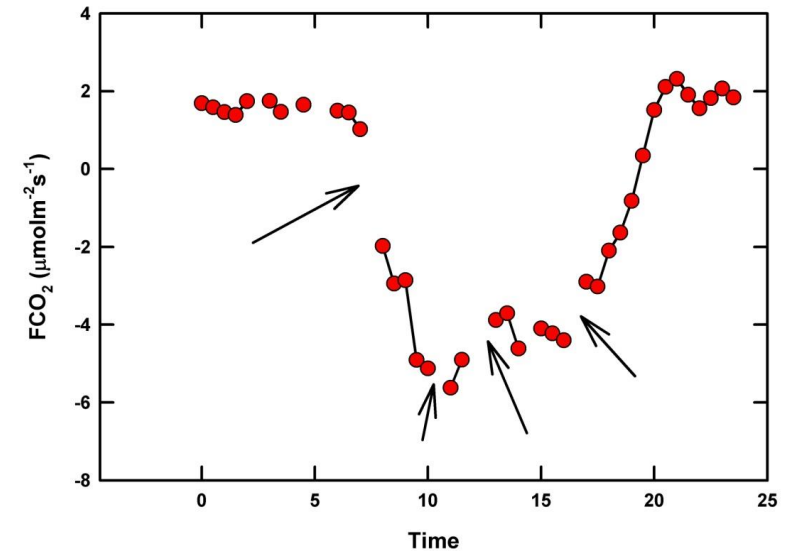
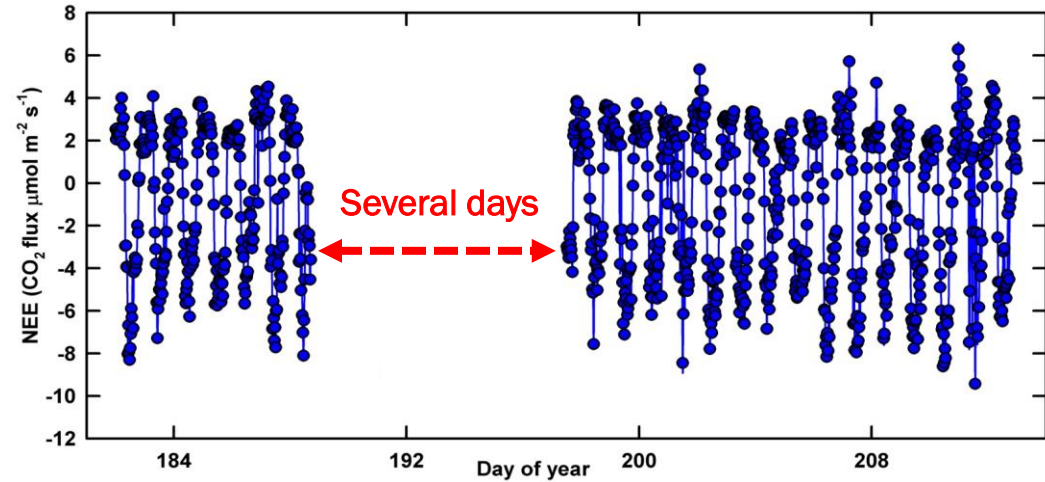
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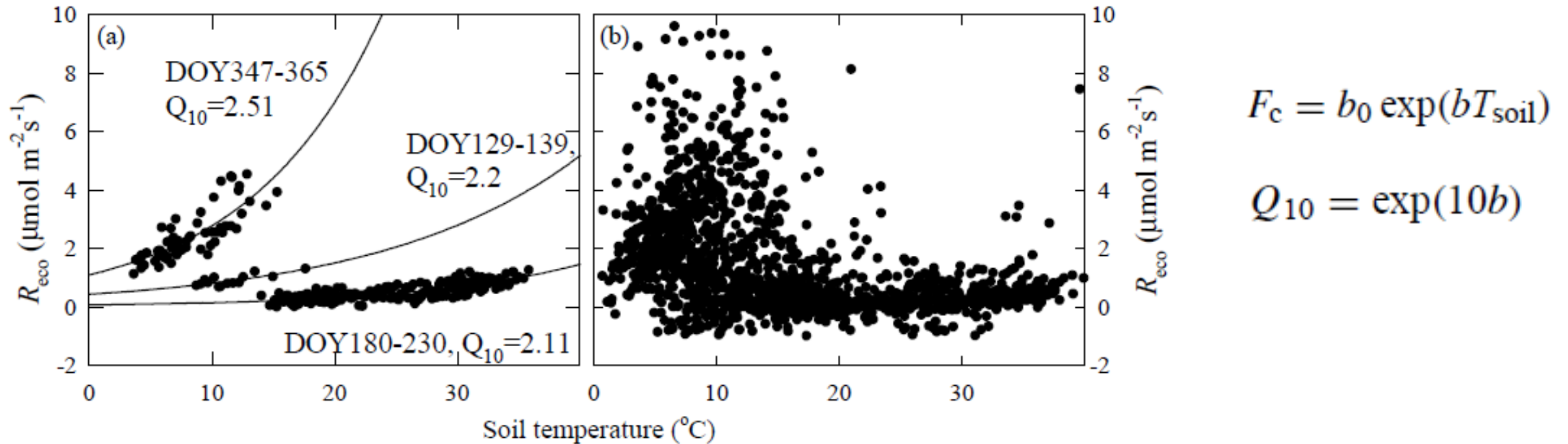
# Gapfilling

Gaps occur due to:

- Power supply issues
  - Sensor failures
  - Data flagged
  - Spikes in data due to rain events
  - Data flagged for low  $U^*$
- Small gaps: interpolation techniques
- Large gaps: other techniques

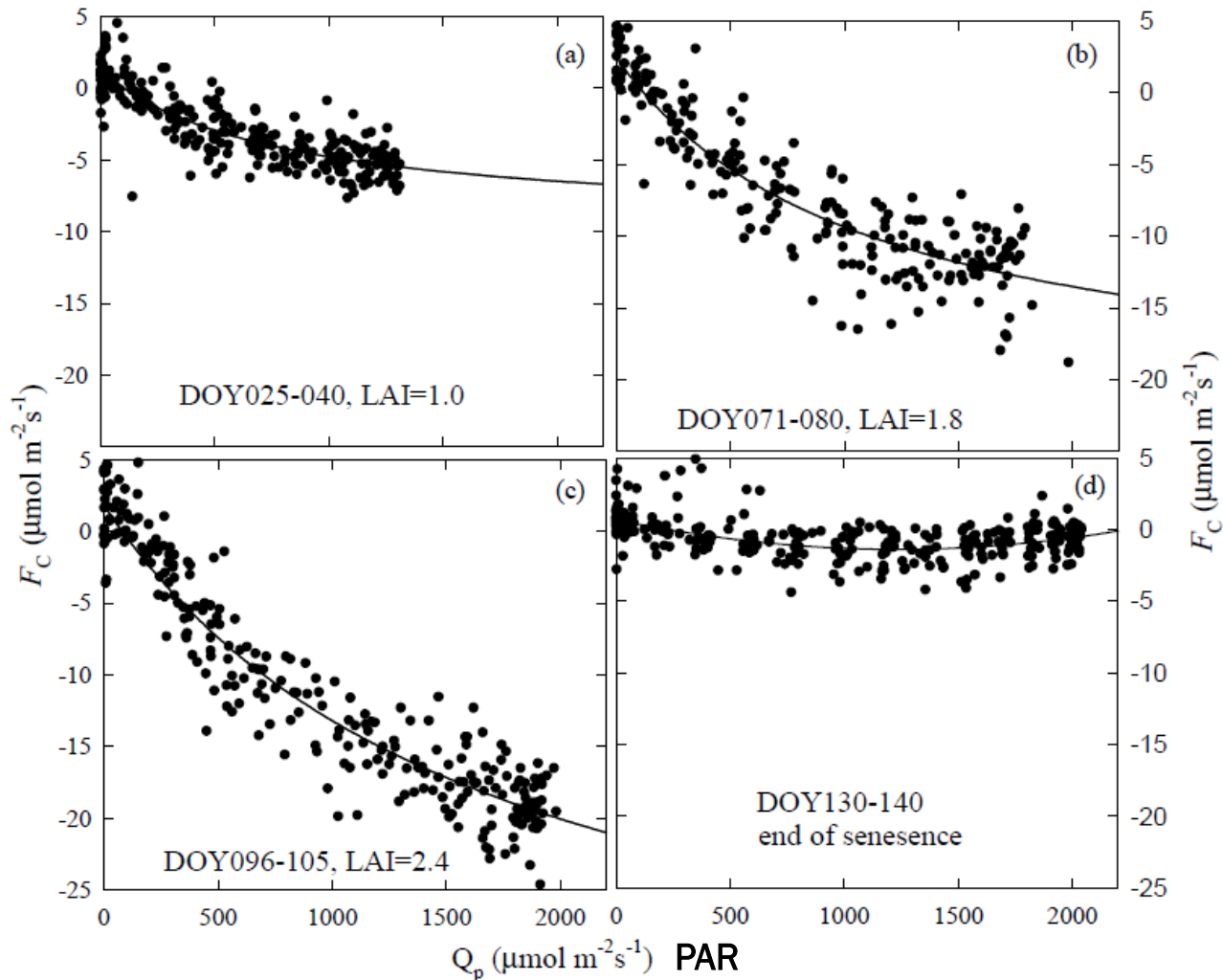


# Example, gap filling using Soil Temperature as a driver for Ecosystem Respiration



Seasonal relationships between *Soil Temperature* and *Ecosystem Respiration*

# Example, gap filling using PAR as a driver for $F_{CO_2}$

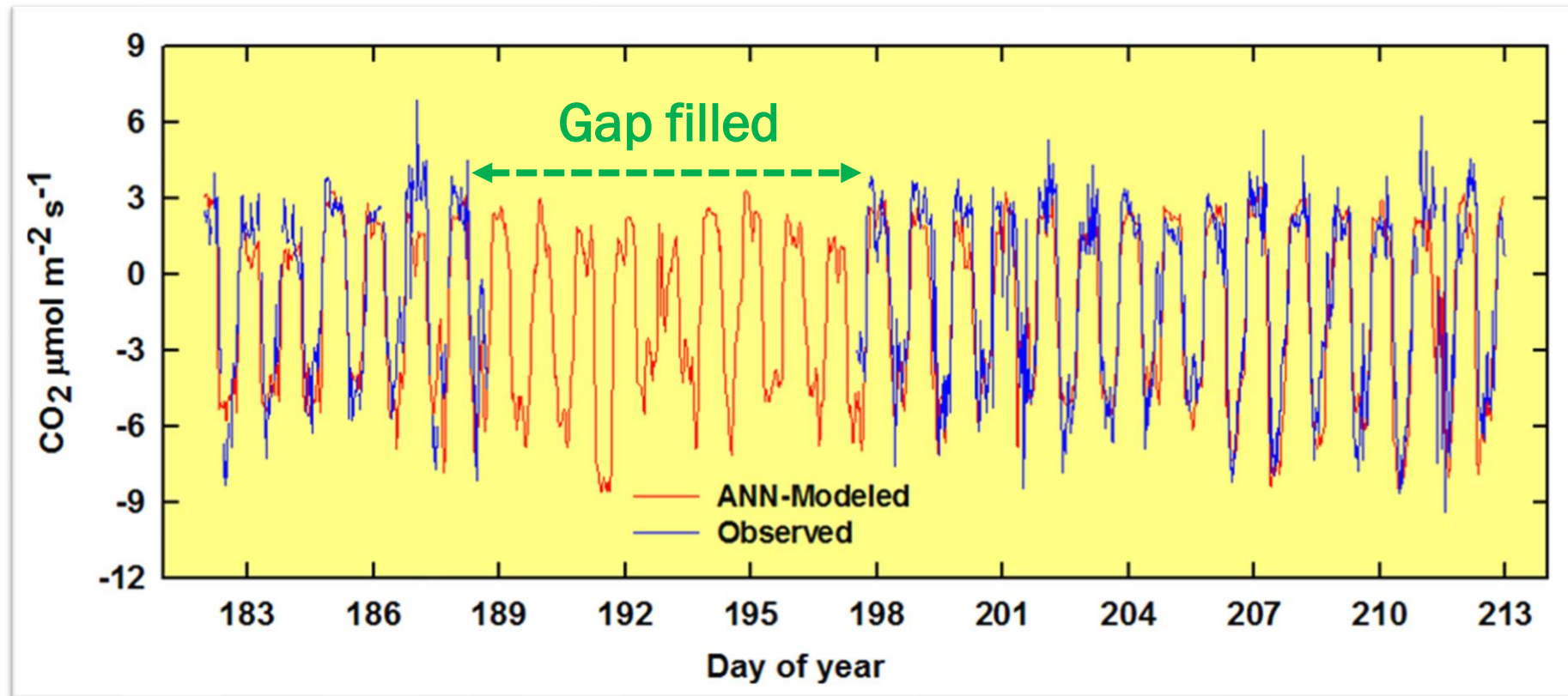


$$F_c = \frac{F_{max} \alpha PAR}{\alpha PAR + F_{max}} + R_{eco}$$



Seasonal relationships between PAR and CO<sub>2</sub> flux

# Gapfilling – Artificial Neuronal Networks



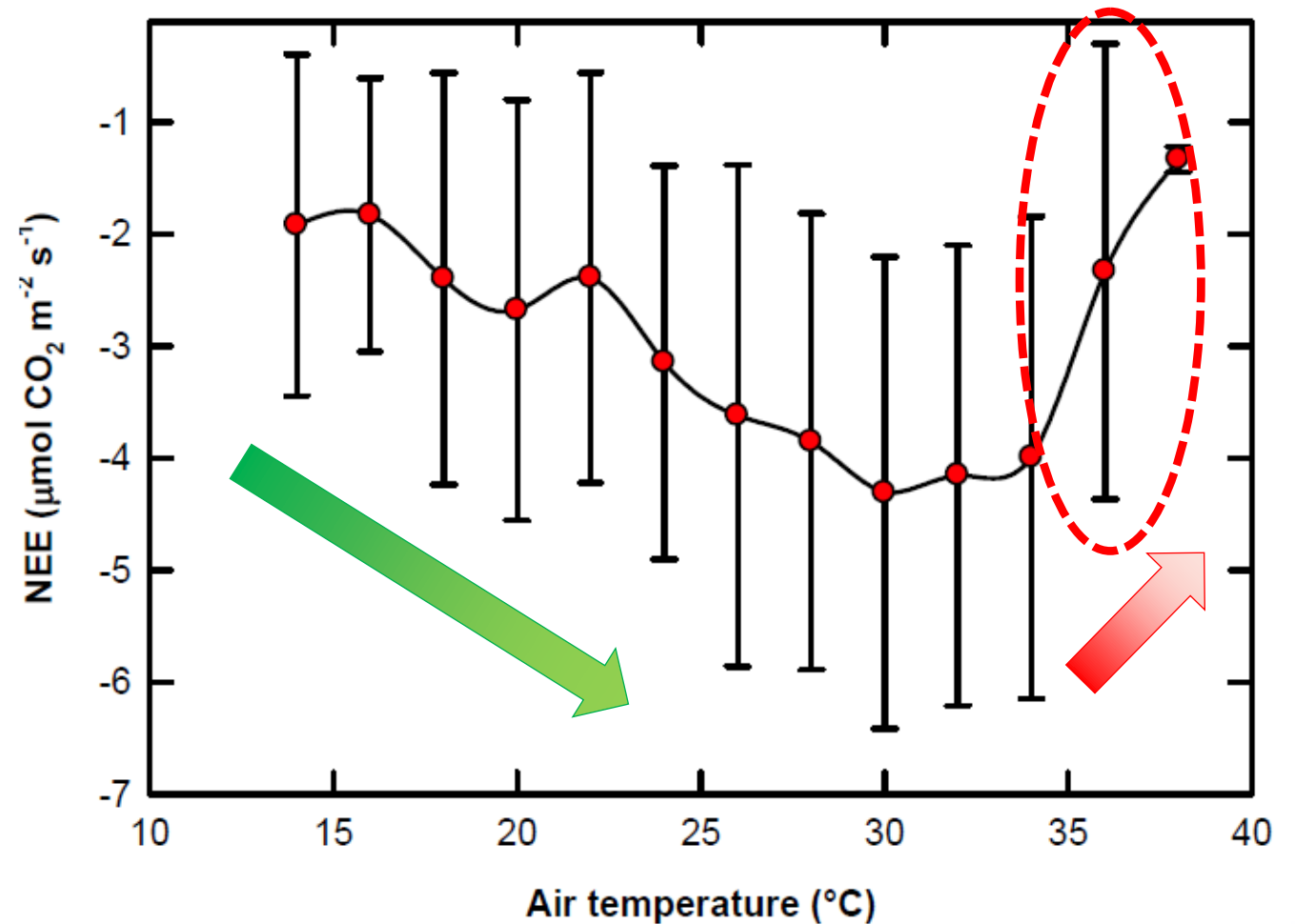
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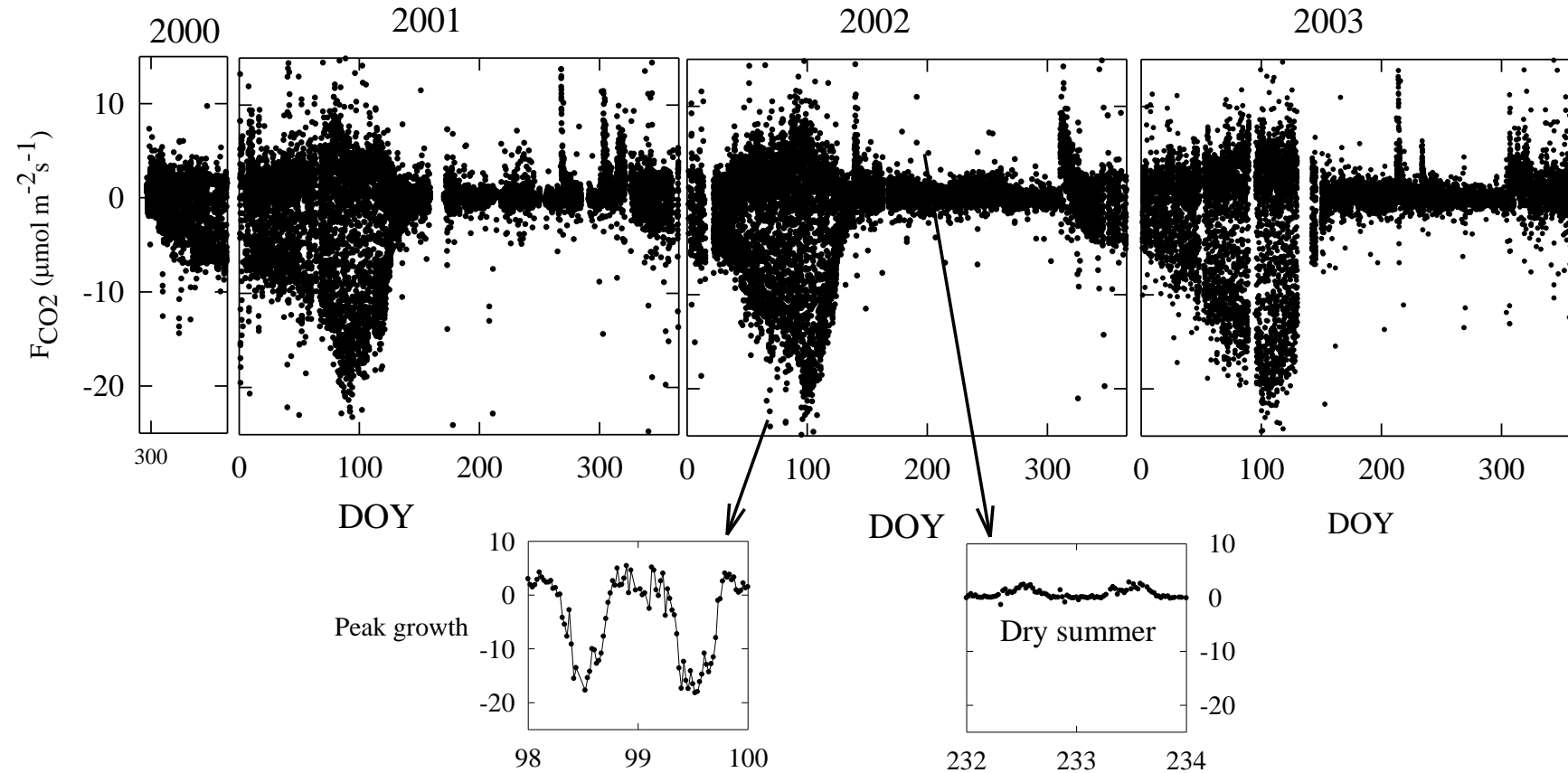


## Example, how air temperature can affect fluxes

- We can see that air temperature can be a driver for fluxes

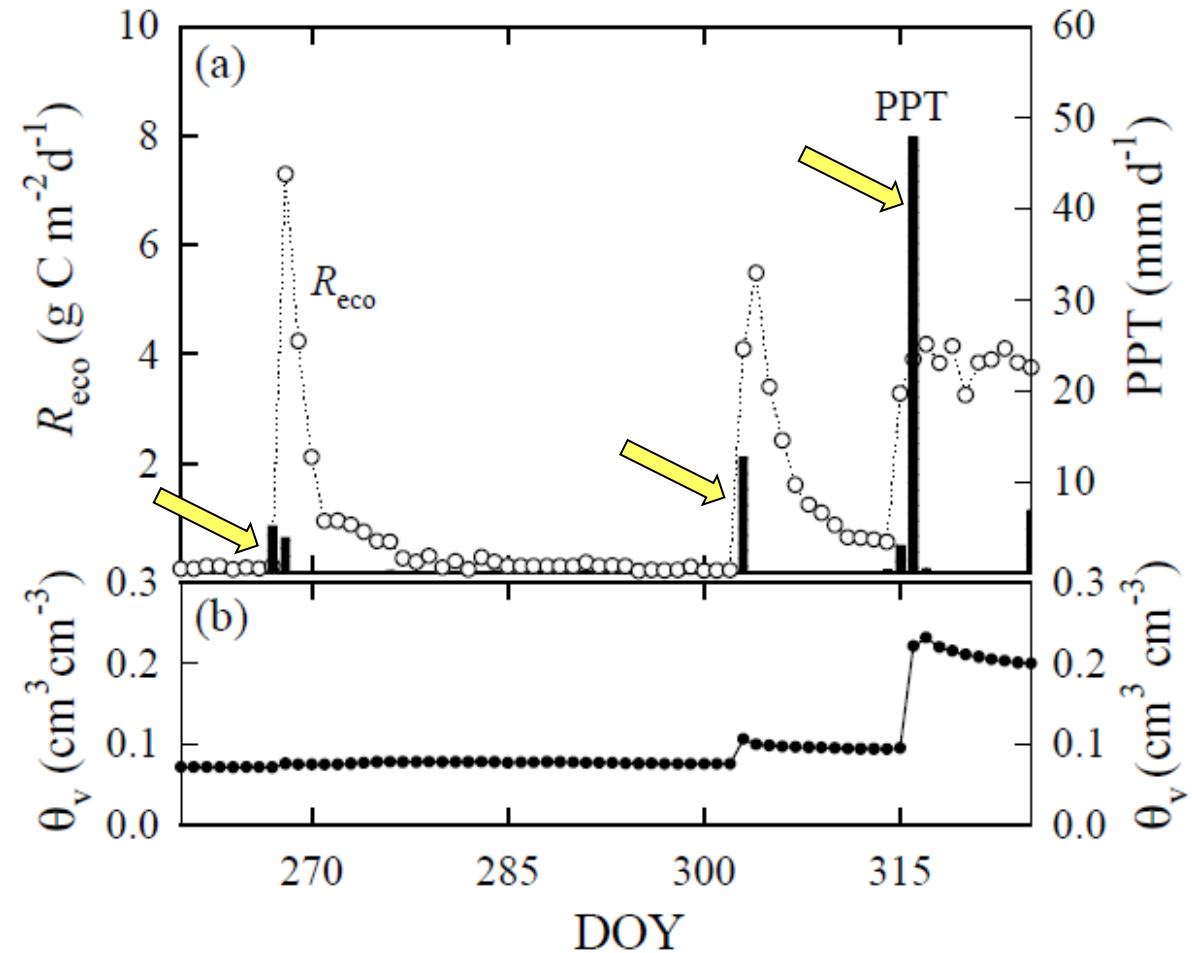


# Example of long-term flux data - California grassland

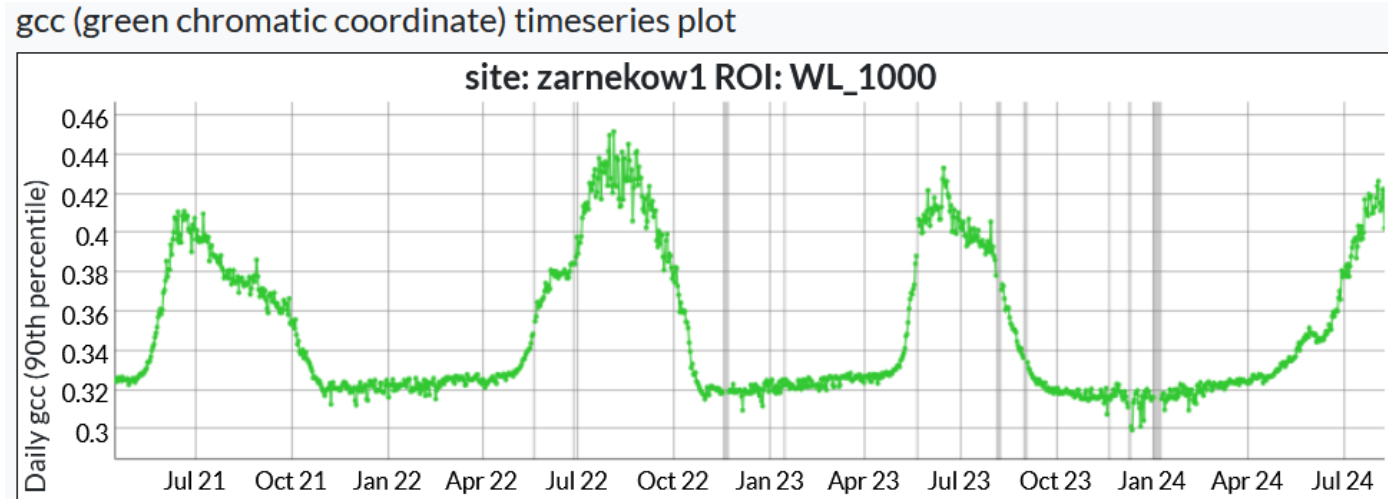


# Example of long-term flux data - California grassland

Rain events affect Soil  
Moisture and Ecosystem  
Respiration rates



# Phenocam – Network



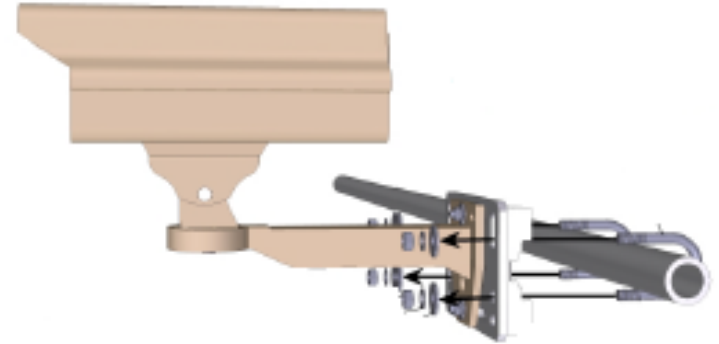
- StarDot:
- NetCam SC
  - StarDot Live2 (new!)



Interface: Ethernet  
Power requirements: 12 VDC

# Phenocam – Installation

- Direct the camera to the North (on northern hemisphere) to avoid lens flare and shadowing.
- Mount the camera at a height of 5 to 10 meters above the canopy.
- The image should capture about 20% sky and 80% canopy. Be sure to include the horizon in the image.
- Mount the camera securely to prevent movement.

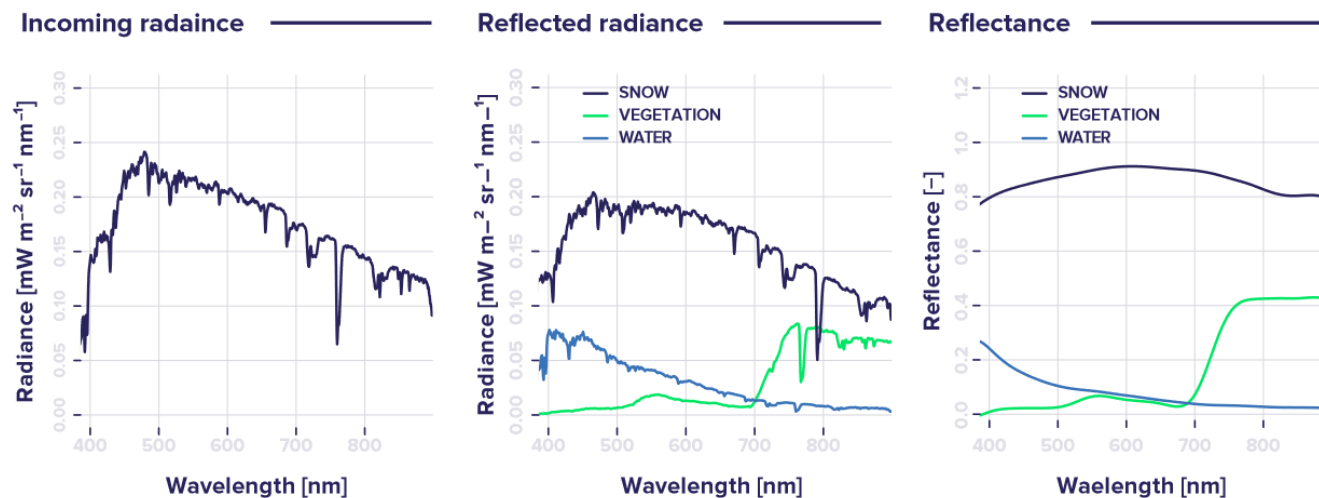


## RoX and FloX

### RoX – The Reflectance Box



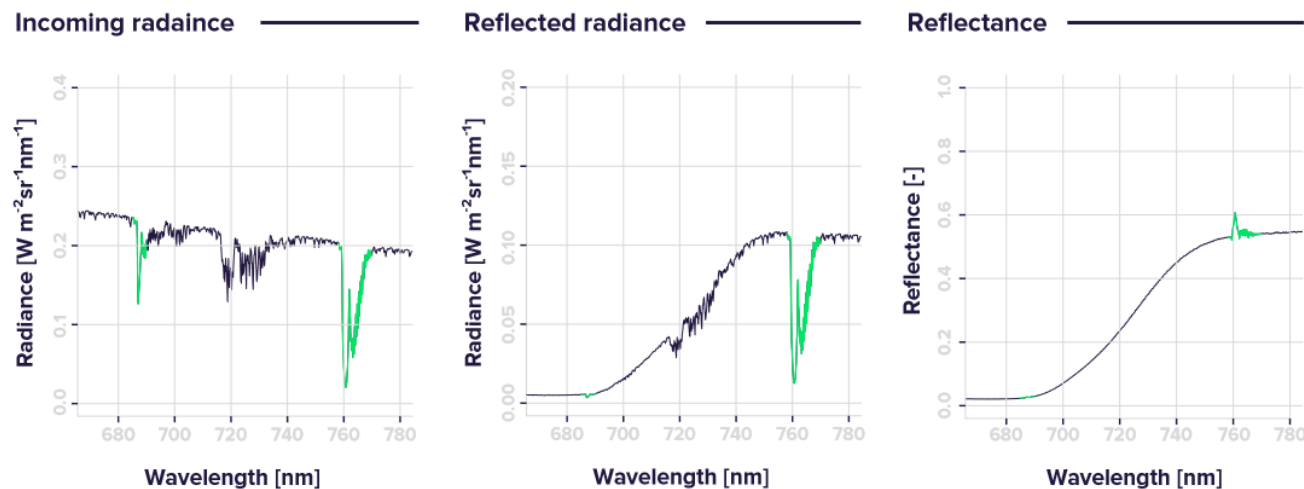
Spec: 400-950 nm, SSI 0.65 nm, FWHM 1.5 nm, in 180°, refl. 25°



### FloX – The Fluorescence Box



Spec1: 650-800 nm, SSI 0.17 nm, FWHM 0.3 nm, in 180°, refl. 25°  
 Spec2: 400-950 nm, SSI 0.65 nm, FWHM 1.5 nm, in 180°, refl. 25°

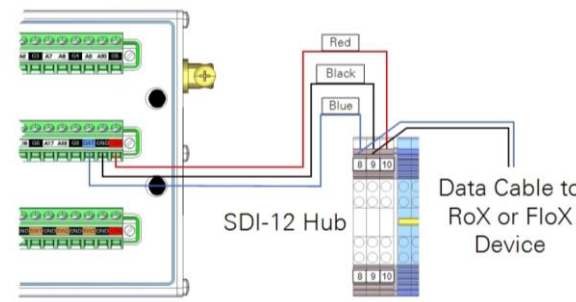


## DAQM Integration via SDI-12

DAQM



## SDI-12 integration



FloX

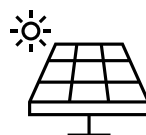


RoX



**Table 1.** RoX and FloX specifications<sup>3</sup>.

	RoX	FloX
Power Requirements	10 to 14 VDC, 15 W	10 to 14 VDC, 60 W <sup>1</sup>
Weight	3 kg	18 kg
Fiber Length <sup>2</sup>	1x/1x, 7 meters	2x/2x, 7 meters
Internal Memory	32 GB SD card (24 months of raw data)	32 GB SD card (12 months of raw data)



## Logging sun-induced fluorescence, reflectance, and vegetation indices in EC datasets

 Application Note

The addition of hyperspectral spectrometry to an eddy covariance (EC) system provides valuable data, such as solar induced fluorescence (SIF) as well as reflectance-based vegetation indices, for instance NDVI, PRI, or NIRv, besides many others. The Reflectance Box (RoX) provides reflectance spectra, while the Fluorescence Box (FloX) also provides SIF (red and far red) in addition.

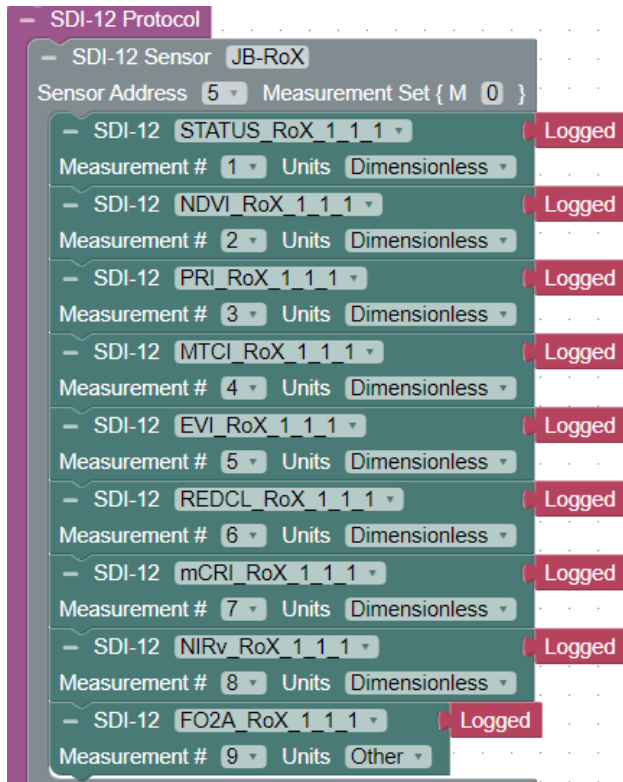
This application note describes the integration of a JB Hyperspectral Devices FloX or a RoX instrument into a Biomet Data Acquisition Module (DAQM) of a LI-COR EC system by utilizing the SDI-12 protocol. Furthermore, installation and system configuration recommendations are provided.

### Configuring the RoX/FloX

- 1 Ensure the scal\*.jb calibration file is in the root folder of the instrument SD card.  
If this file is present, the instrument can calculate and send the indices via SDI-12. The same output is also enabled in the serial stream and SD card headers.
- 2 Configure the RoX/FloX measurement time windows.  
RoX/FloX units can be set to sleep mode during the night to pause the measurement in the absence of sun radiation. The configuration file `config.txt`, located in the root folder of the SD Card, offers two time window settings

### RoX and FloX output via SDI-12

#### DAQM Code



SDI-12	Name	Wavelengths	FWHM	Formula
1	STATUS	n/a	n/a	temperature+humidity+errors+voltage
2	NDVI	800;670	10;10	$(a-b)/(a+b)$
3	PRI	531;570	2;2	$(a-b)/(a+b)$
4	MTCI	754;709;681	7;10;7	$(a-b)/(b+c)$
5	EVI	800;670;480	10;10;10	$2.5*(a-b)/(a+6*b-7.5*c+1)$
6	RedCL	785;725	15;5	$a/b-1$
7	mCRI	510;725;785	5;5;15	$c/(a-b)$
8	NIRv	L800	40	$NDVI * L800$
9	FO2A	O2A	n/a	3FLD

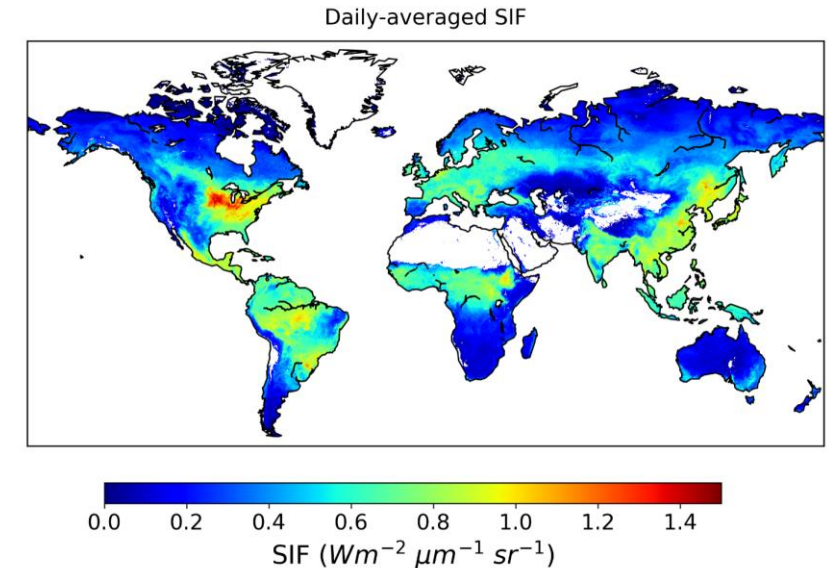
FO2A (SIF) only available from FloX; FWHM: full width at half maximum  
Requires reprocessing for publication grade results



# JB-Hyperspectral Devices Integration

Field based measurements of sun-induced-fluorescence (SIF) and vegetation indices

- SIF and vegetation indices research topics include:
  - Ecosystem research: diurnal and seasonal dynamics of GPP, water deficit, heat effects, biomass/canopy density
  - Plant health/research: bacterial/fungal infection, stress detection, herbicide effects, nitrogen deficit, phenotyping
  - Plant damage prediction before manifestation
- Provide ground-truth for satellite-based SIF, such as for the FELX mission
- Flux networks (Fluxnet, Ameriflux, ICOS, NEON, ...) started to intergrade ground-based SIF measurements, measurement protocols are being developed



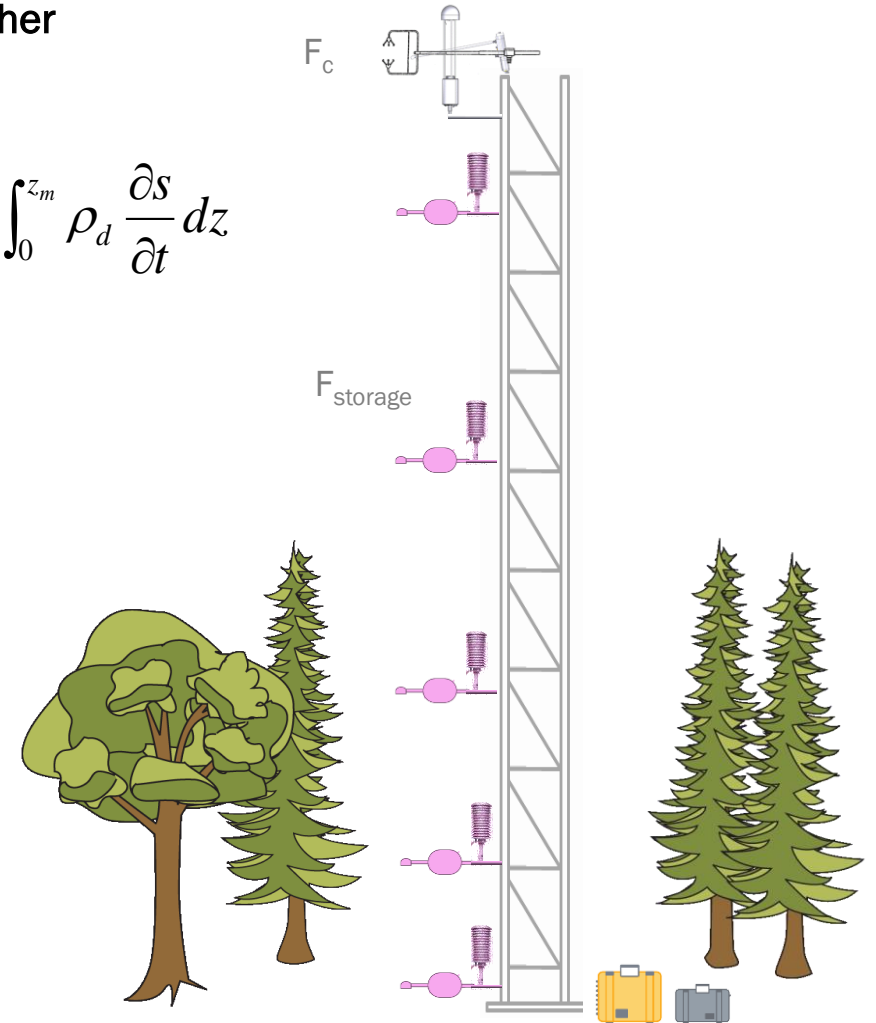
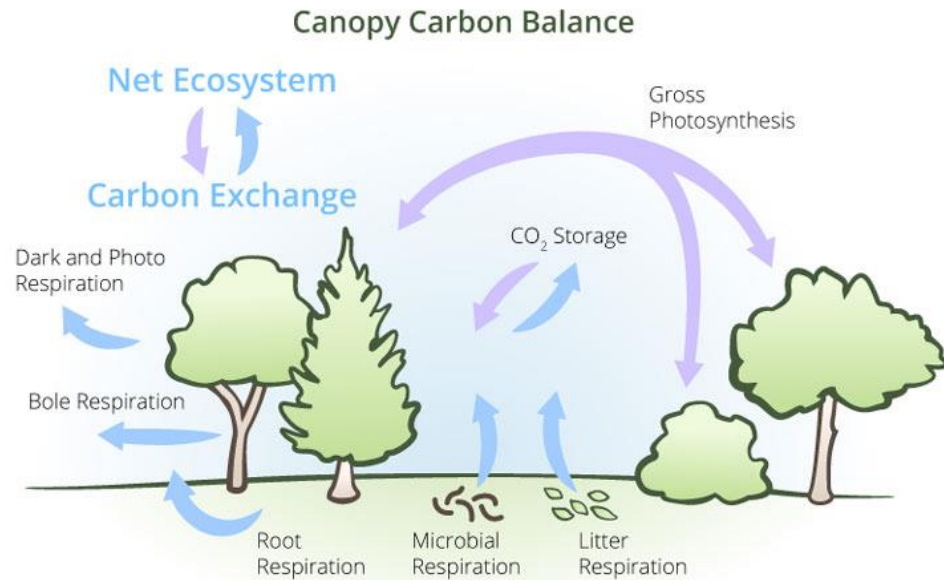
Daily-corrected SIF at 740 nm for August 2015. The highest SIF values during this time period were observed in agricultural sectors in the Northern Hemisphere

# Atmospheric Profiling System with LI-8250 Multiplexer

Storage Flux - CO<sub>2</sub> / CH<sub>4</sub> / N<sub>2</sub>O

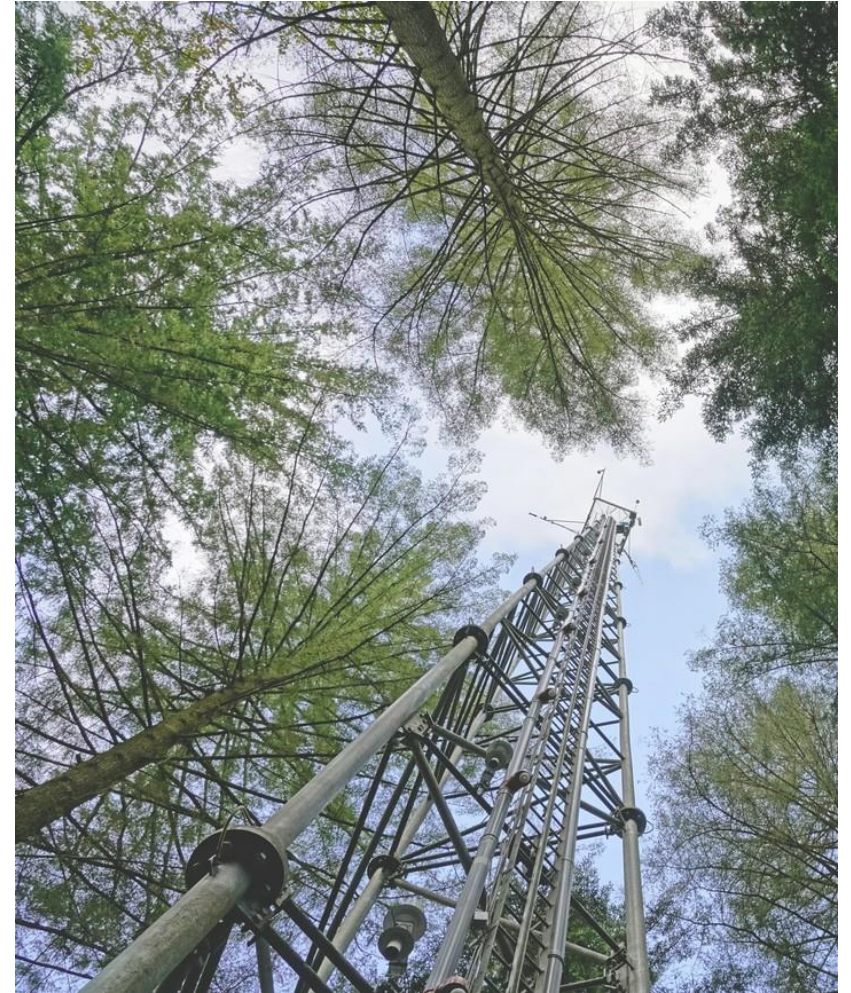
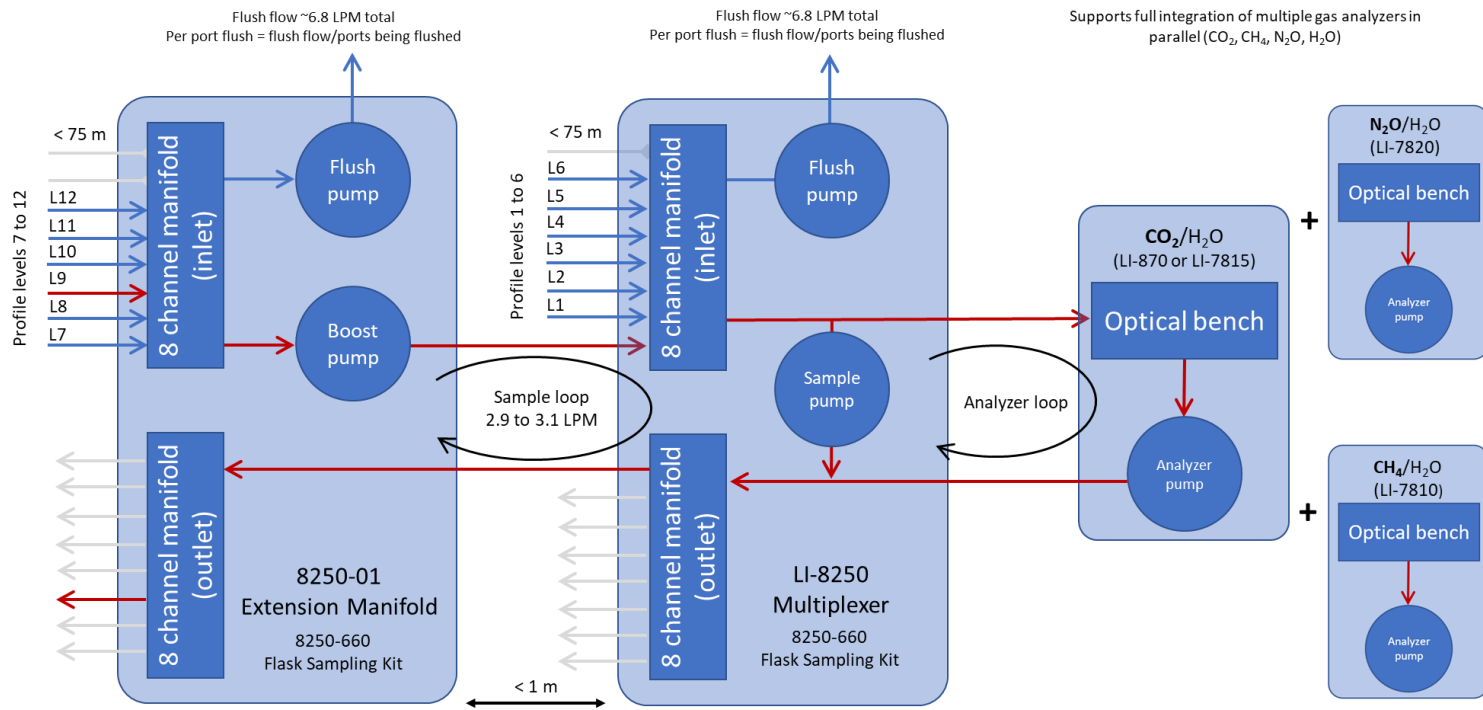
ICOS: Atmospheric storage flux measurements are mandatory for EC systems higher than 4 m above ground.

$$F_{\text{ecosys}} = F_c + F_{\text{storage}} = F_c + \int_0^{z_m} \rho_d \frac{\partial s}{\partial t} dz$$



# Atmospheric Profiling System with LI-8250 Multiplexer

## 12 Level Atmospheric Profile



# Mixed System – Profile and Soil Flux in one System

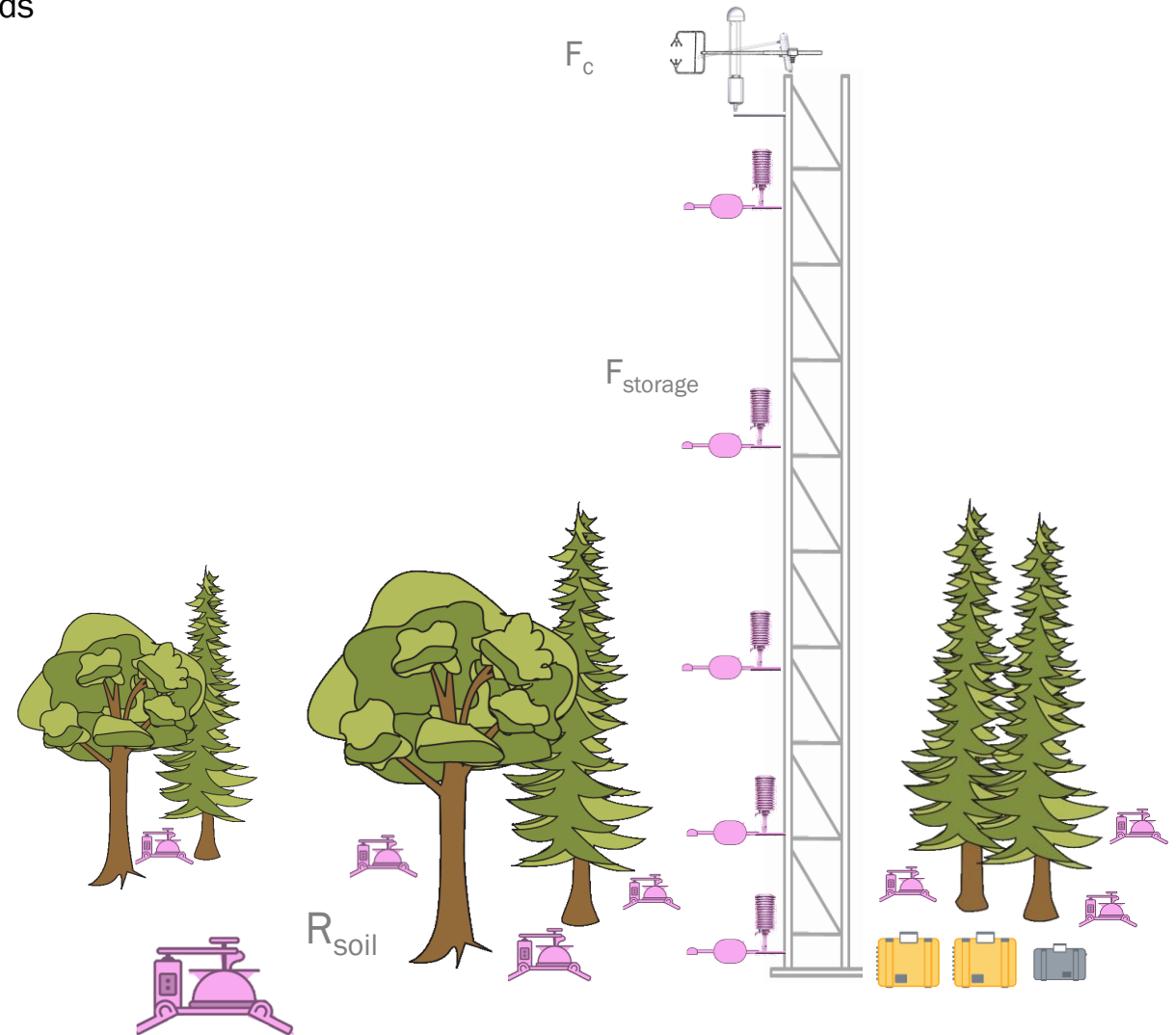
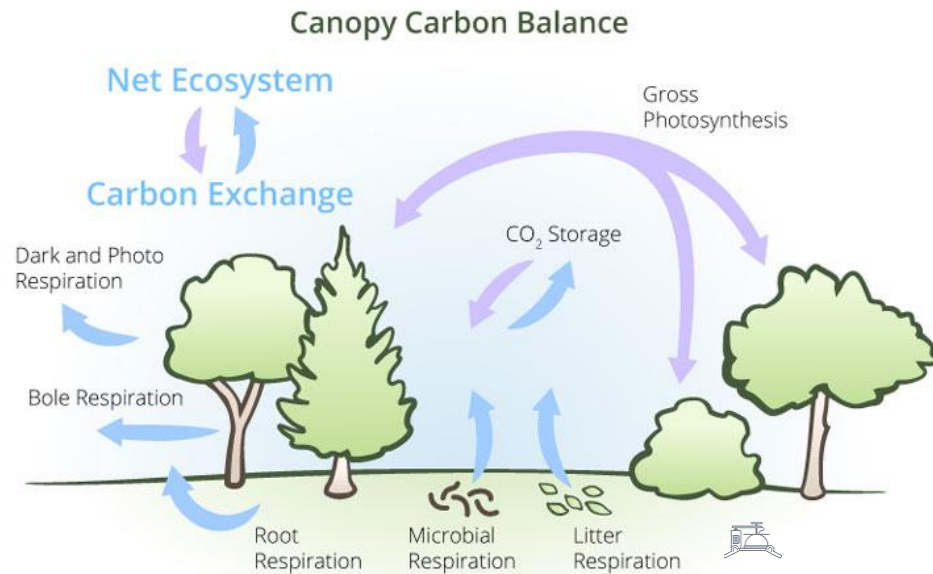
## Add Soil Flux Measurement to Profile Measurement

Recommended to connect **chambers** and **profile** tubes on different manifolds (multiplexer + extension manifold/s)

Example of a 30 min measurement schedule (1x mux + 2x ext. manifold):

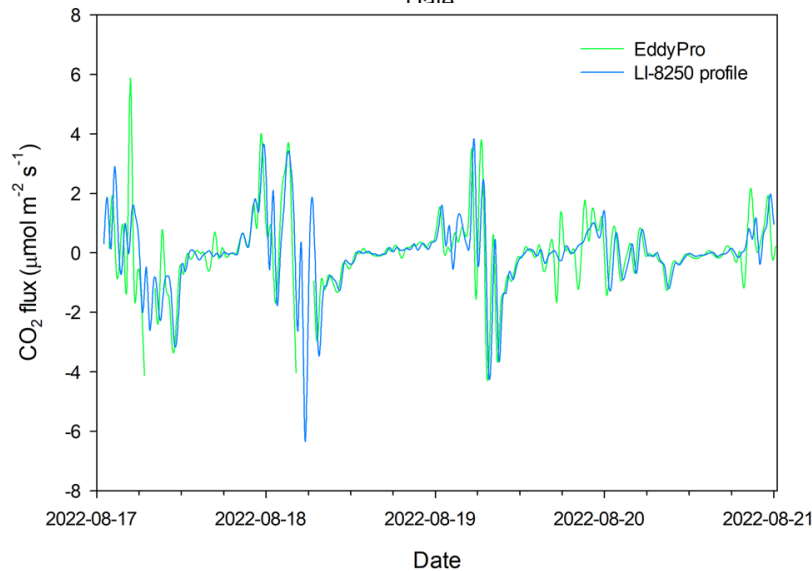
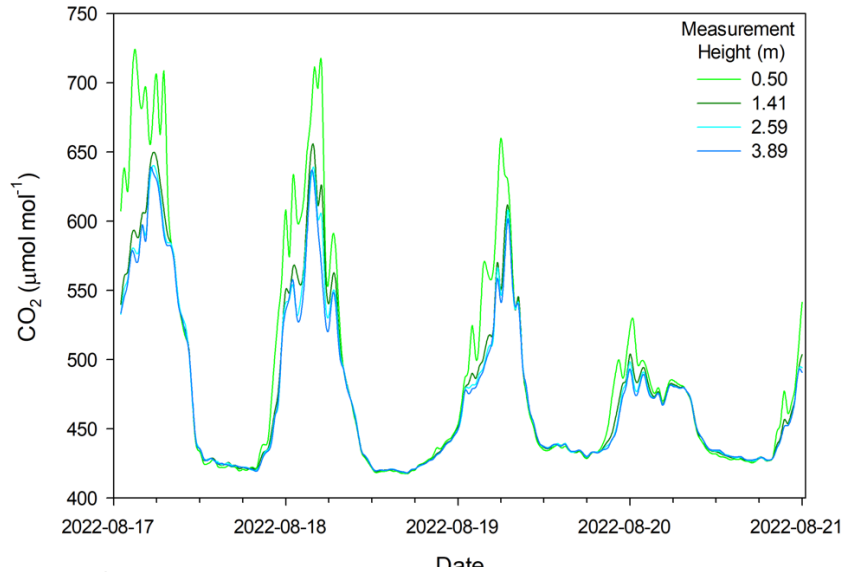
- EC flux interval (30 min)
- 12x profile level -> 3 min
- 8x Long term chamber, each 3 min -> 24 min

$$F_{\text{ecosys}} = F_c + F_{\text{storage}}$$



# Atmospheric Profiling System with LI-8250 Multiplexer

CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Flux - Example setup at LI-COR experimental station, Lincoln NE



Buffered intake, rain cap and 3l buffer volume



## Atmospheric profile measurements with the LI-8250 multiplexer system

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fall between 1.5 and 2 times the height of the plant canopy that the system is deployed in.

$$n = h_m^a \quad 1$$

The parameter  $a$  has a recommended default value of  $2/3$ , but may be adjusted depending on canopy characteristics. For canopies where vegetation density is highly uniform with respect to height this value may be reduced to as little as 0.5. For more complicated, less uniform canopies values up to 0.75 may be used.

# Basic reading for non-micrometeorologists and beginners:

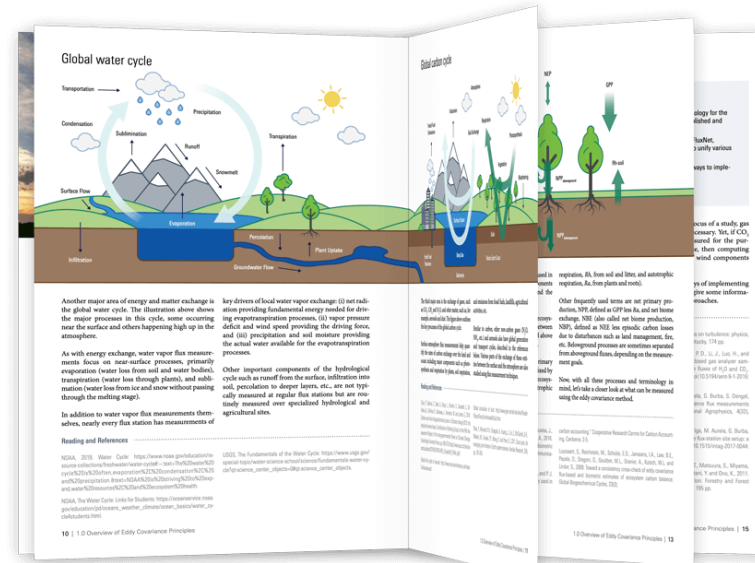
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**Global water cycle**

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Sublimation  
Snowfall  
Surface Flow  
Evaporation  
Infiltration  
Groundwater Flow  
Transpiration  
Plant Uptake

Another major area of energy and matter exchange in the global water cycle...  
Key drivers of local water vapor exchange: (i) net radiation providing fundamental energy needed for driving evapotranspiration processes, (ii) vapor pressure deficit and wind speed providing the driving force, and (iii) precipitation and soil moisture providing the actual water available for the evapotranspiration process.

Other important components of the hydrological cycle such as runoff from the surface, infiltration into soil, percolation to deeper layers, etc., are not typically measured at regular flux stations but are routinely measured over specialized hydrological and agricultural sites.

**Global carbon cycle**

Other important processes are...  
Key drivers of local carbon exchange: (i) net radiation providing fundamental energy needed for driving evapotranspiration processes, (ii) vapor pressure deficit and wind speed providing the driving force, and (iii) precipitation and soil moisture providing the actual water available for the evapotranspiration process.

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10 | 1.0 Overview of Eddy Covariance Principles

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*A more advanced reading for both non- and micrometeorologists:*



EC: A Practical Guide to Measurement and Data Analysis, 2012. By M. Aubinet, T. Vesala, D. Papale *et al.* (Eds.)



Micrometeorology, 2008. By T. Foken. Springer-Verlag.



Handbook of Micrometeorology: A Guide for Surface Flux Measurement and Analysis, 2008. By X. Lee; W. Massman; B. Law (Eds.). Springer-Verlag.



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