

**Linking ecosystem physiology to hydrology in different environments and at different scales: An important resource management challenge.**

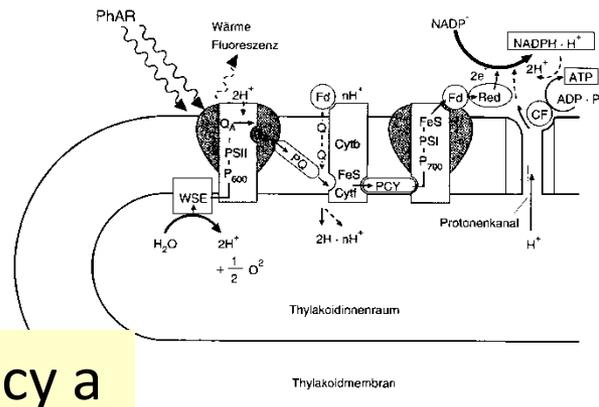
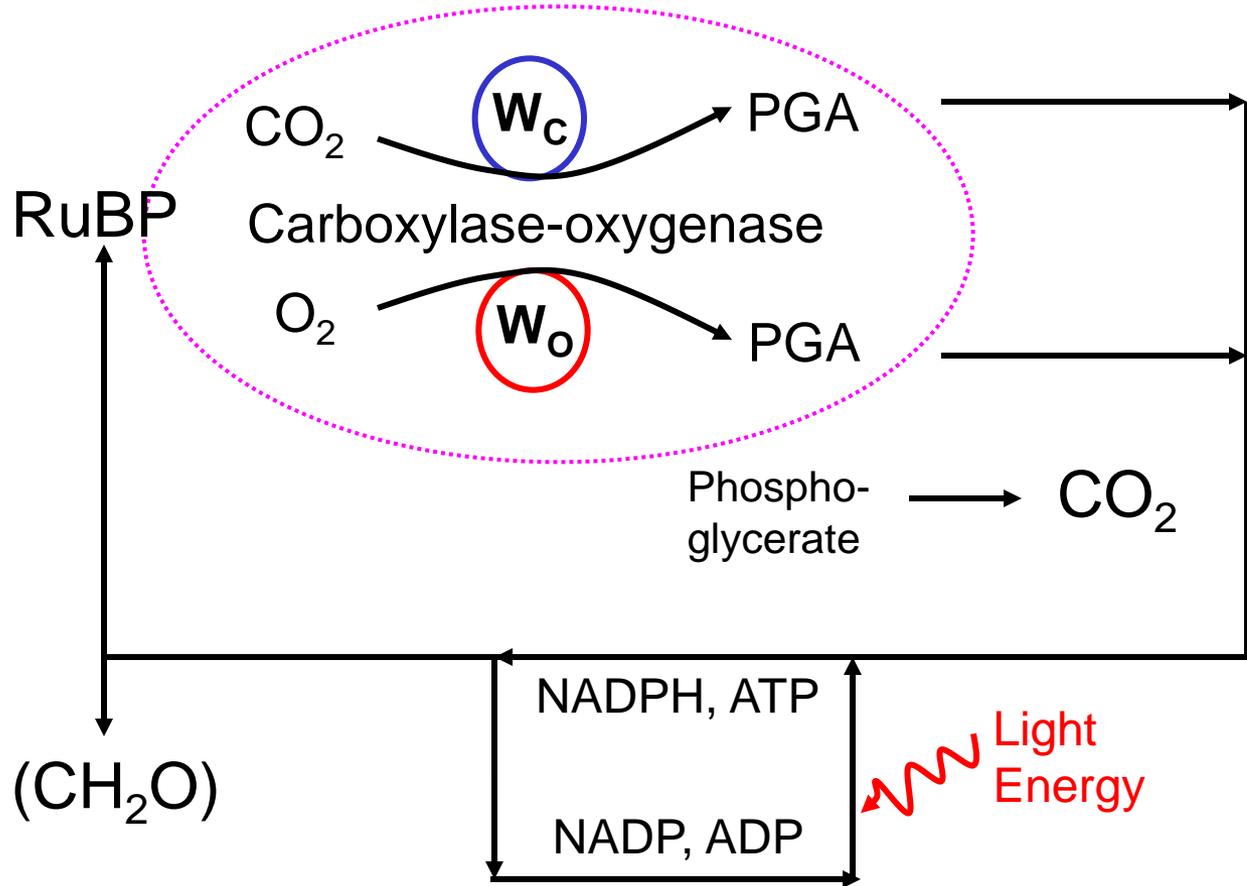
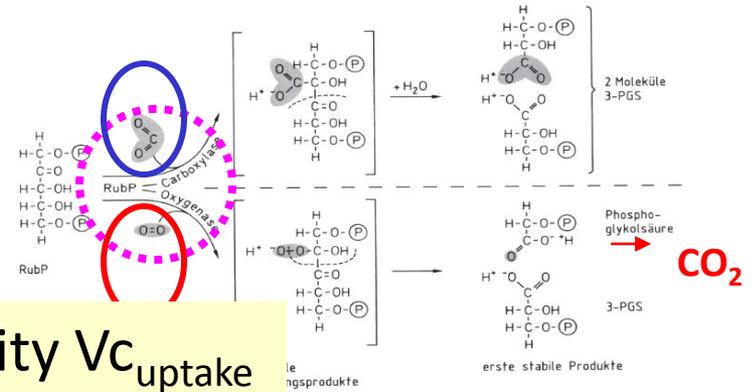
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# C<sub>3</sub> - Photosynthesis and NP-Dependencies

Critical Parameter: Carboxylation Capacity  $V_{c, uptake}$



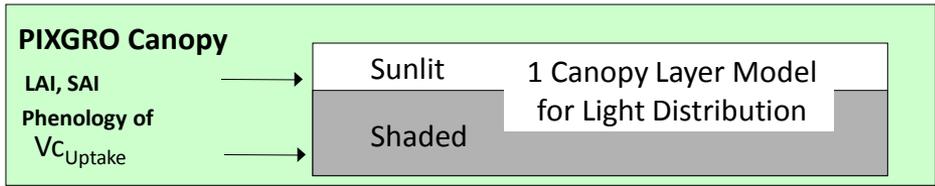
Critical Parameter: Light Utilization Efficiency  $a$

# MODIS LAI Product

## PIXGRO Critical Canopy Processes

Annual LAI<sub>max</sub>

$$GPP = f(LAI_{max}, Vc_{Uptake})$$



DAO

weather

PIXGRO  
Annual  
GPP  
etc.

$$Vc_{Uptake} = f(\text{seasonal change in LAI and } Vc_{max})$$

$Vc_{Uptake}$  is evaluated assuming a constant LAI at LAI<sub>max</sub>

RuBP reduction proportional to  $Vc_{Uptake}$

Light utilization efficiency proportional to  $Vc_{Uptake}$

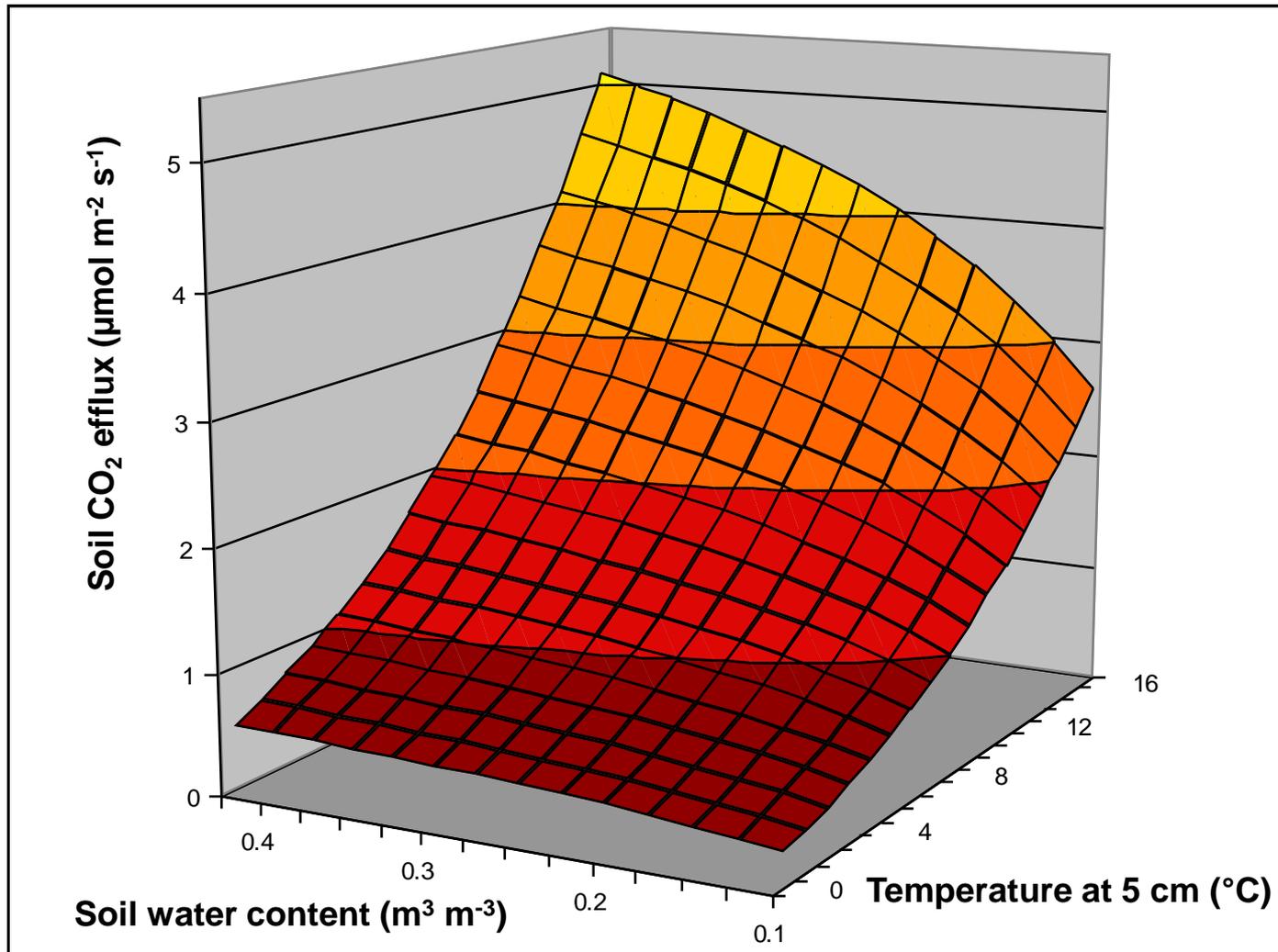
Dark respiration proportional to  $Vc_{Uptake}$



**Statistical  
Analysis**

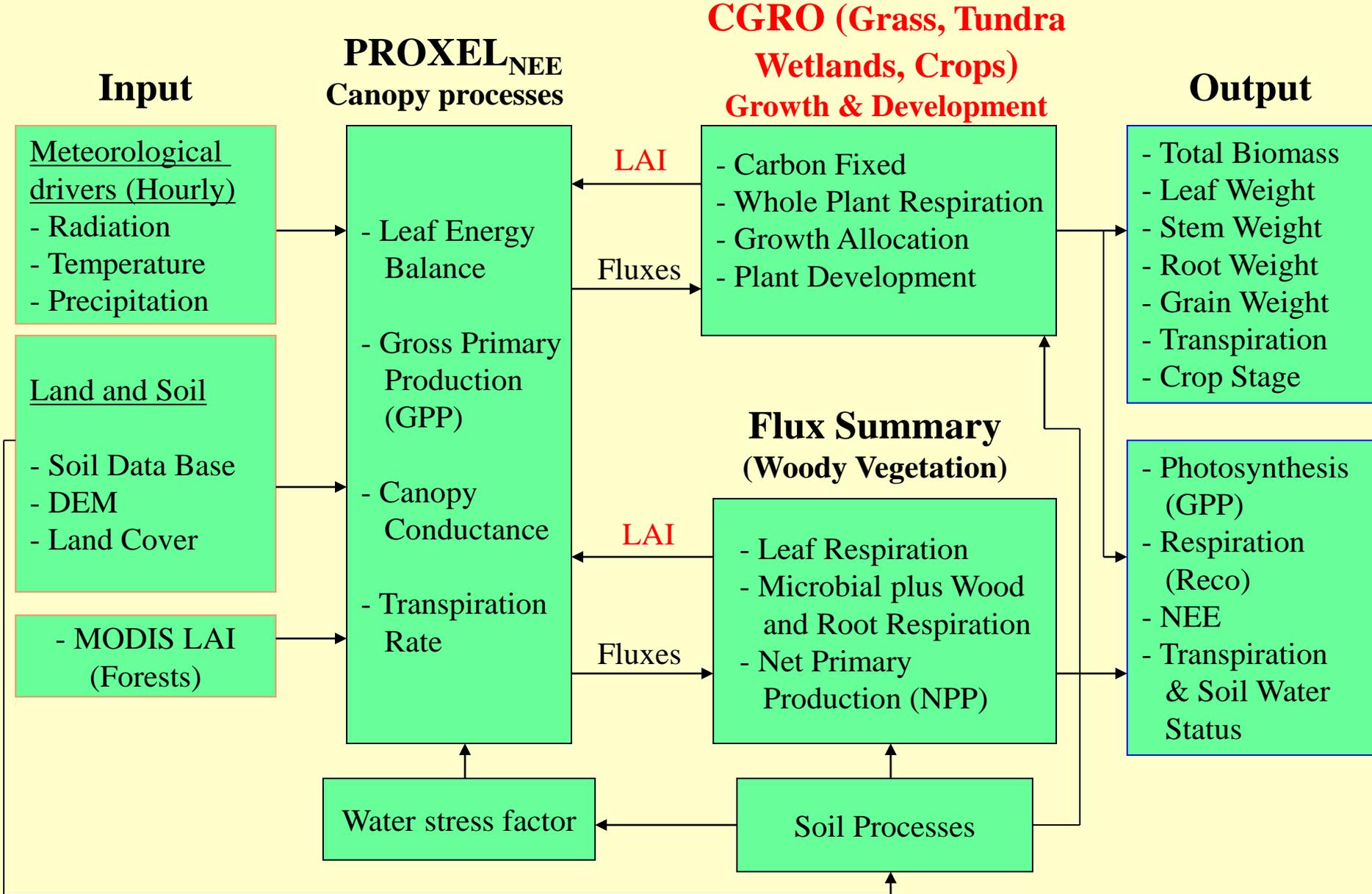
Tower  
Site  
GPP

# Temperature and SWC dependence of soil CO<sub>2</sub> efflux



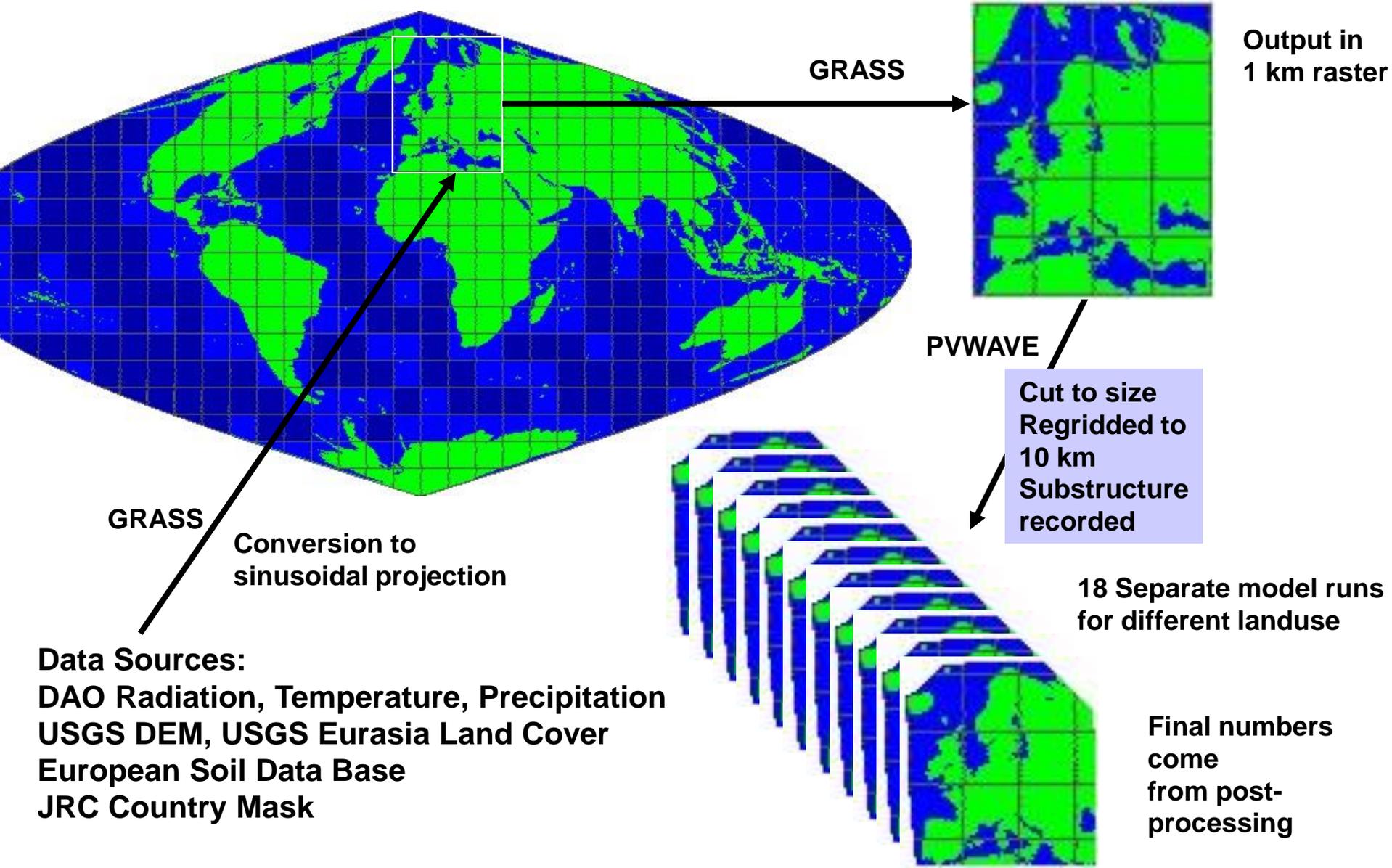
Empirical Description

# The Model PIXGRO



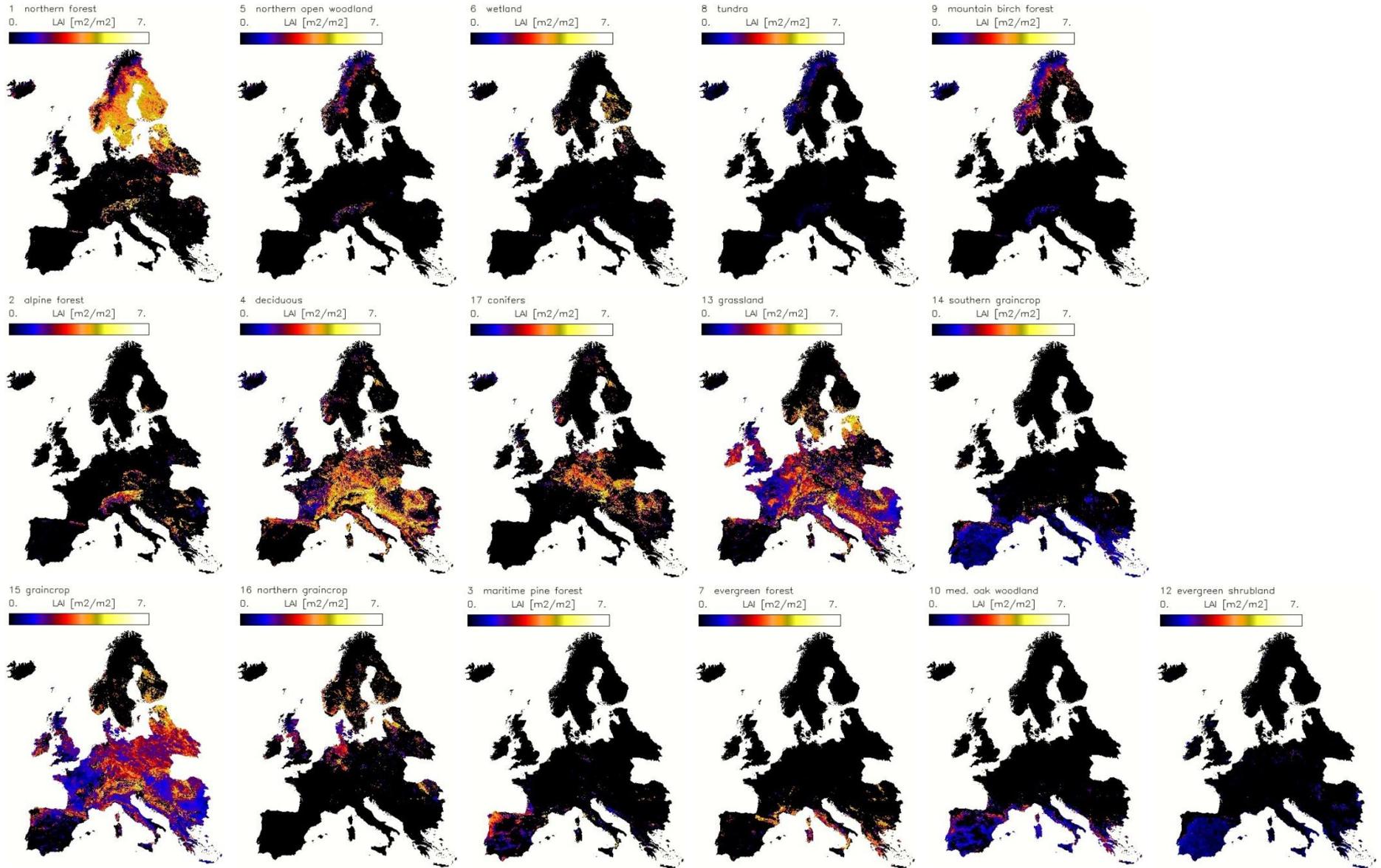
# PIXGRO Strategy - fine grain / high resolution version

MODLAND Sinusoidal Grid 10 degree Tiles (LAI, other data)



# FTs from USGS Eurasia land cover data base based on 1-km AVHRR

Maximum LAI determined from analysis of MODIS summer values



**Landuse Type in PIXGRO<sub>fine</sub>****km<sup>2</sup>****percent****Closed Forest Types**

Alpine Forest	$5.33 \times 10^4$	1.0
Coniferous Forest	$4.17 \times 10^4$	0.8
Deciduous Forest	$5.16 \times 10^5$	→ 9.8
Maritime Pine Forest	$9.15 \times 10^4$	1.7
Mediterranean Evergreen Forest	$6.10 \times 10^4$	1.2
Mountain Birch Forest	$1.20 \times 10^4$	0.2
Northern Forest	$8.30 \times 10^5$	→ 15.8
Pinus mugo Scrub	$4.59 \times 10^3$	0.1

**Open Woody Vegetation**

Northern Open Woodland	$4.39 \times 10^4$	0.8
Mediterranean Woodland	$1.99 \times 10^5$	→ 3.8
Evergreen Shrubland	$2.92 \times 10^5$	→ 5.5

**Short-statured Vegetation**

Tundra	$9.05 \times 10^4$	1.7
Wetland	$2.28 \times 10^4$	0.4

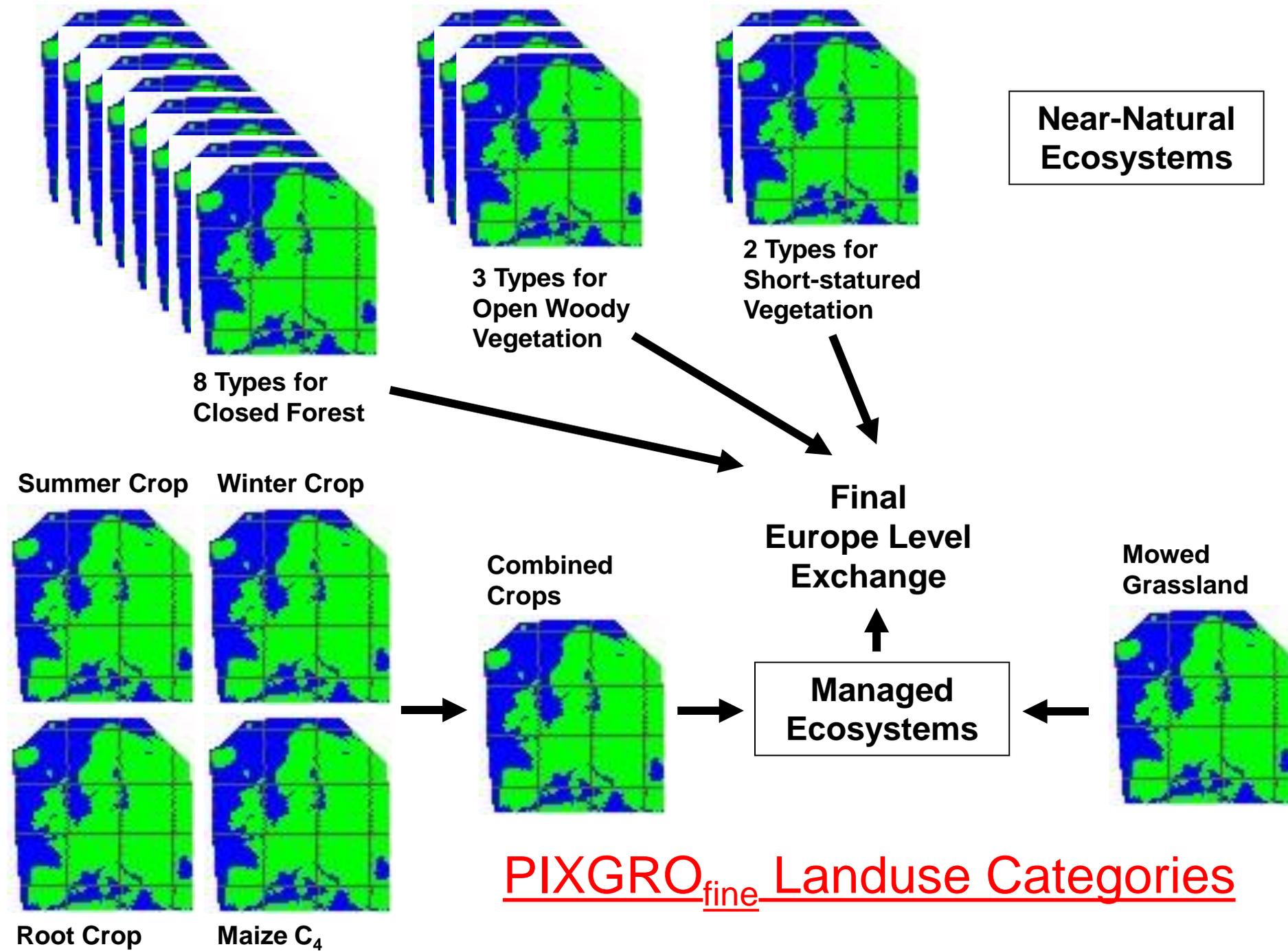
**Grassland with Mowing**

	$8.89 \times 10^5$	→ 16.9
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**Crops**

	$2.12 \times 10^6$	→ 40.2
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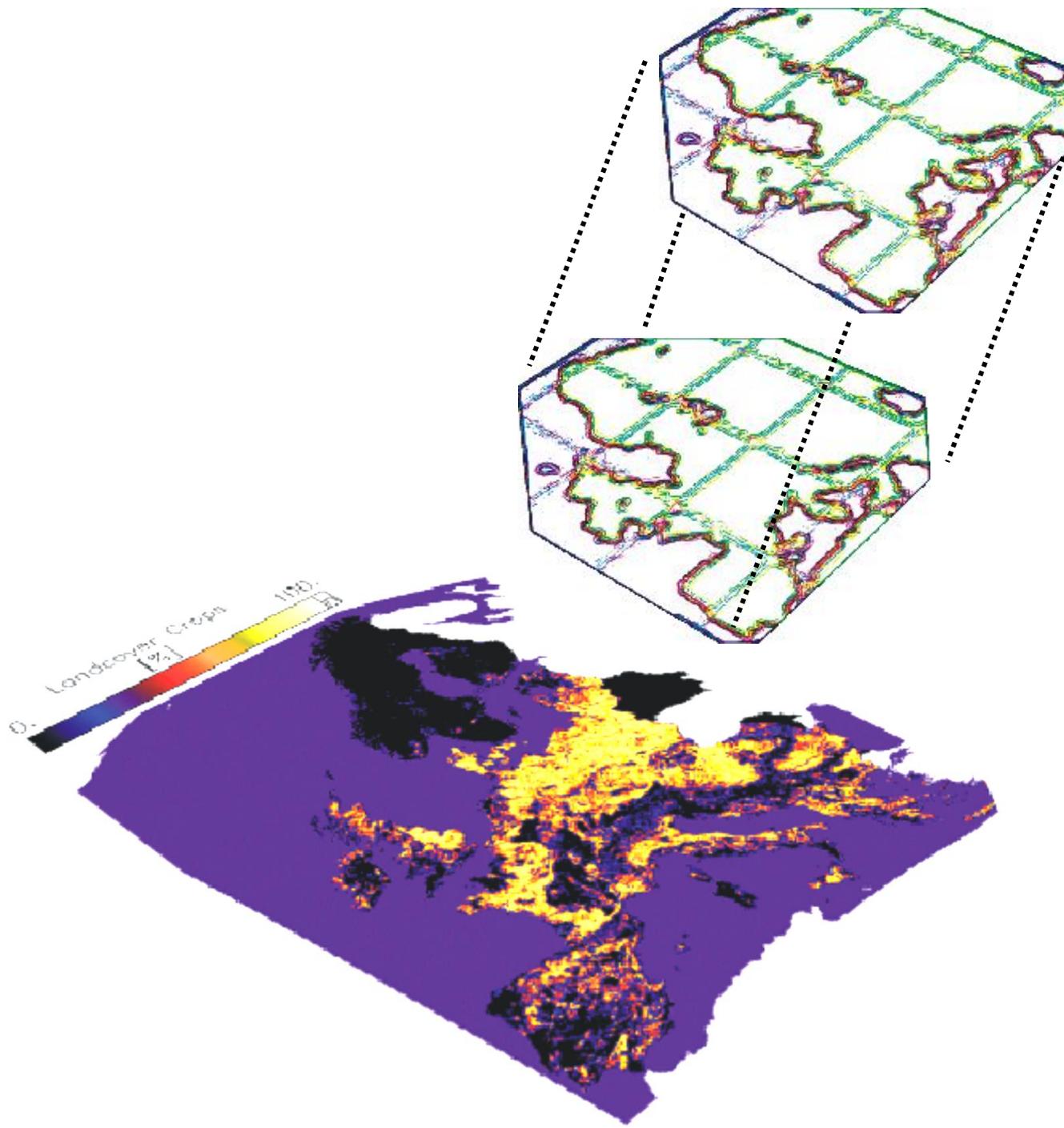
**You Need Some Kind of  
“Management”**

Masks from  
Remote Sensing  
or Statistical Data

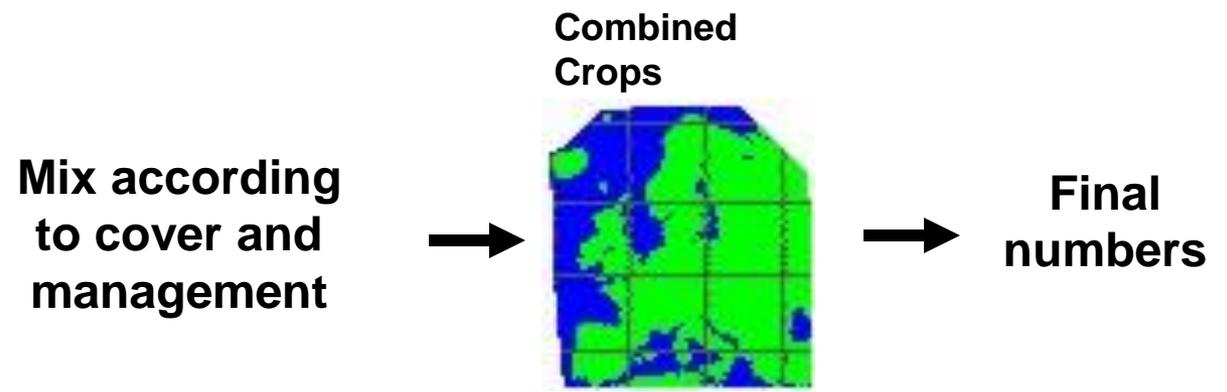
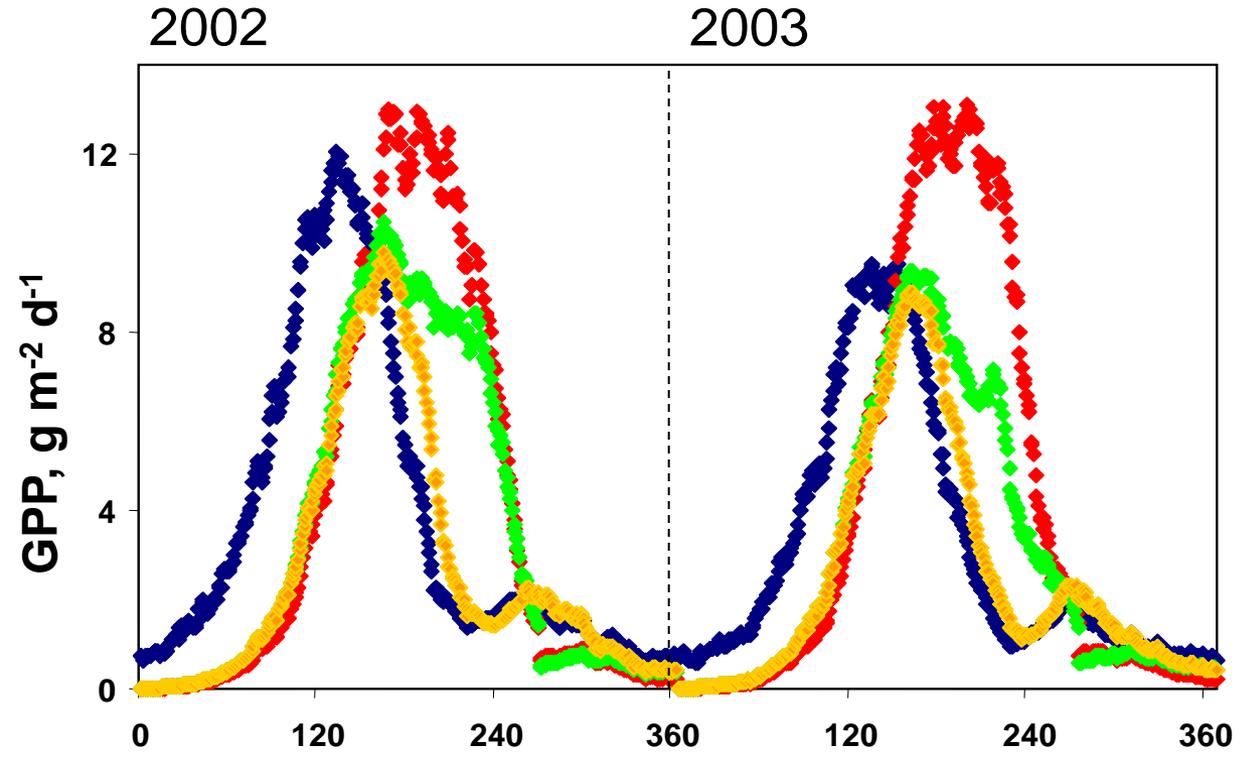
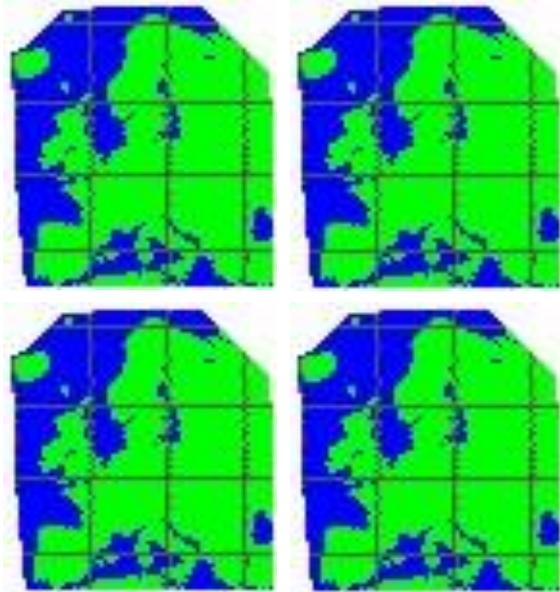
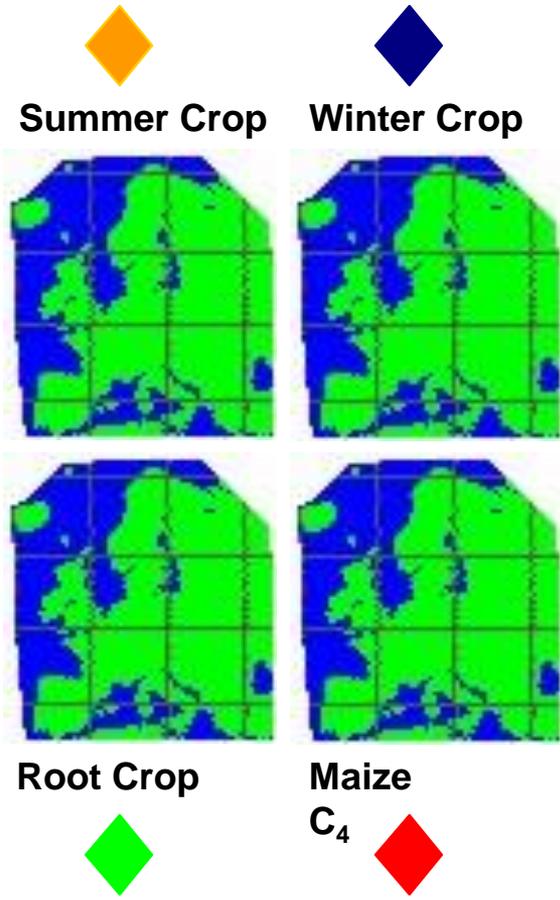
Crop- or  
grassland-type cover  
Planting date  
Fertilization date  
Irrigation date  
Harvest date



Management  
specific behavior  
at pixel level for  
crop and grass-  
land types



# Average PIXGRO<sub>fine</sub> Response Across Europe



**You Need Some Kind of  
“Up-scaling”**

**Exactly what you need is not clear.**

# Classification from a 1km-Layer to a 10km-Layer

soils type

vegetation

forest LAI

3	3	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	2
3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2
1	3	1	1	1	4	3	3	2	2
1	2	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	2
3	3	3	2	2	3	5	5	5	5
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4	4	4	15	15	15	13	15	4	4

4.2	4.3	5.2	6.1	5.2	5.3	5.7	4.2	4.2	6.2
4.1	4.0	4.2	5.9	4.2	4.2	4.8	4.4	6.2	6.9
4.2	4.2	5.8	5.4	4.8	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.8	6.1
6.2	4.2	5.3	5.1	4.2	4.6	5.5	4.2	5.7	5.4
5.9	6.2	6.0	5.8	4.2	5.2	5.4	6.2	5.5	5.8
5.6	7.0	6.2	5.2	6.2	6.2	5.3	5.9	5.4	4.2
6.2	6.5	5.7	4.6	4.2	4.2	4.5	6.2	4.2	4.8
6.1	5.2	5.3	4.8	6.1	6.0	5.2	5.8	5.2	5.8
6.0	6.1	4.2	6.2	5.9	5.7	6.3	4.2	6.2	5.9
5.9	5.3	4.8	5.9	5.9	5.8	6.8	4.2	5.8	6.4

Where(veg = 4,13,15 or 17)

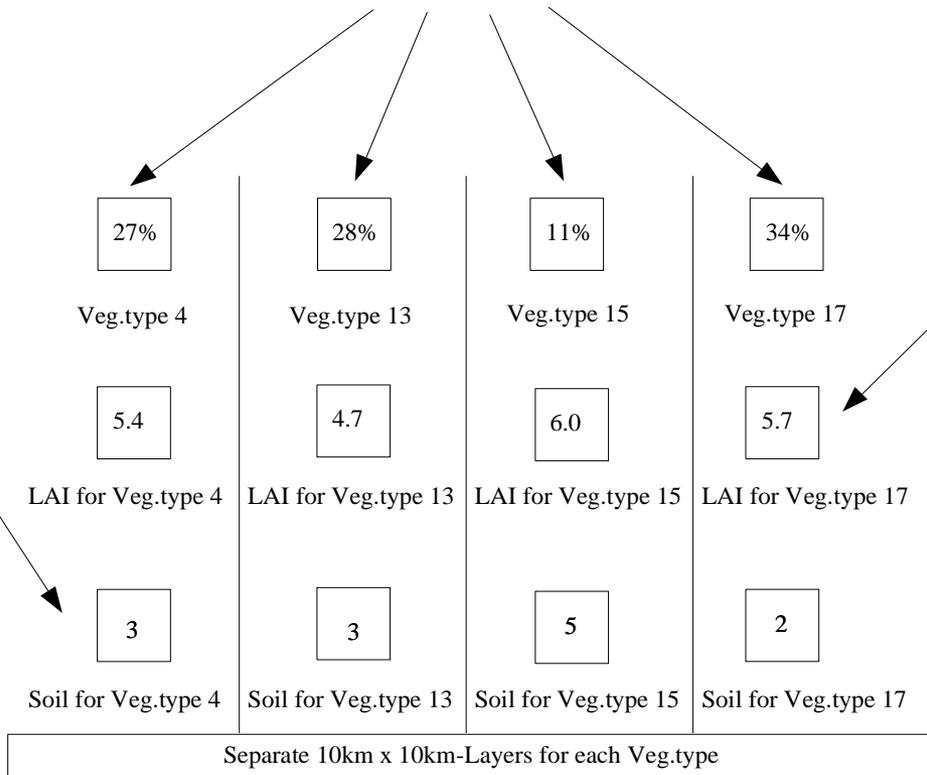
Where(veg = 4,13,15 or 17)

Max\_count\_of\_soiltype(when(veg = 4,13,15 or 17))

avg(when(veg = 4,13,15 or 17))

most common

average



# You Need “Phenology”

**Synthesis of phenological information is very poor, but . . .**

**you must start somewhere!**

Global Change Biology (2004) 10, 1133–1145, doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2486.2004.00784.x

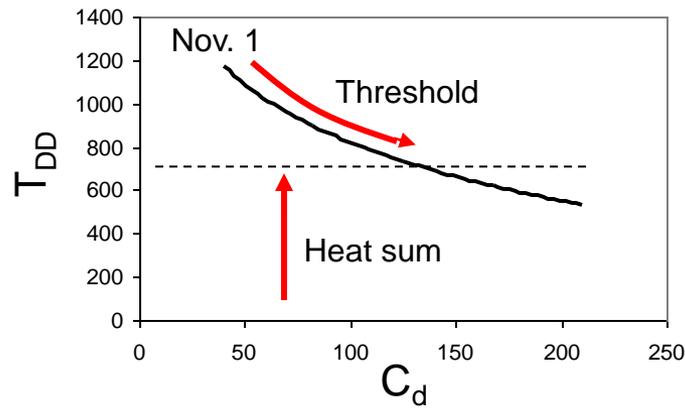
**Climate controls on vegetation phenological patterns in northern mid- and high latitudes inferred from MODIS data**

XIAOYANG ZHANG, MARK A. FRIEDL, CRYSTAL B. SCHAAF, ALAN H. STRAHLER  
*Department of Geography, Center for Remote Sensing, Boston University, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215, USA*

Phenology, e.g, springtime greenup, is estimated according to Zhang et al. 2004 considering chilling time and heat sums.

Europe Springstart 2001

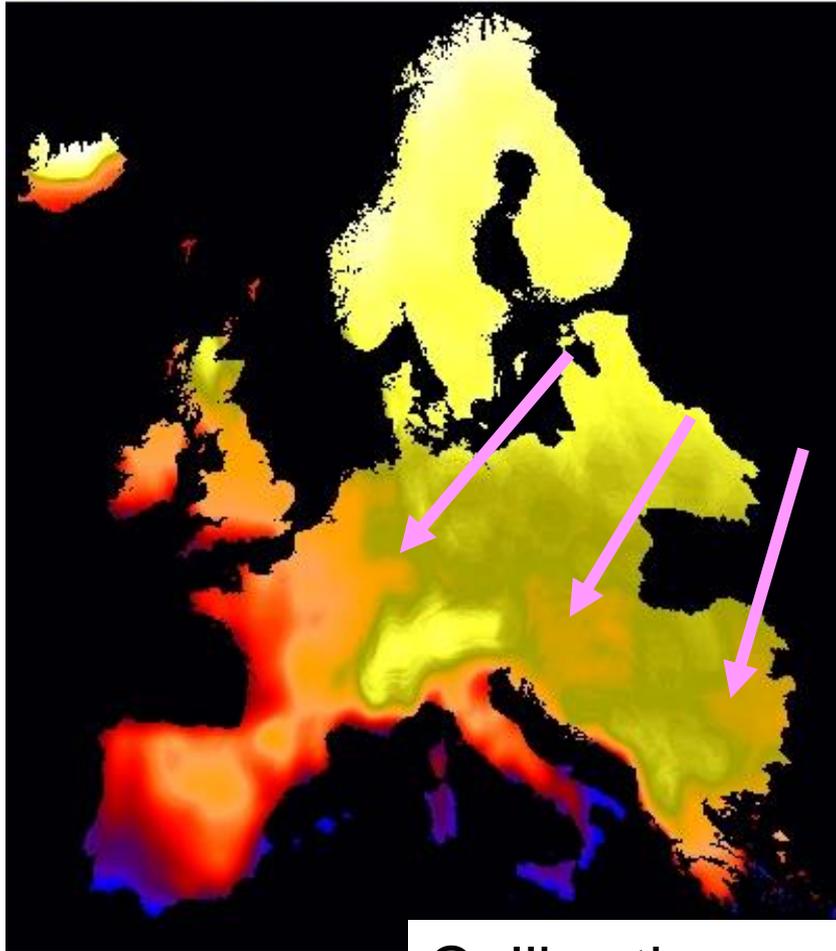
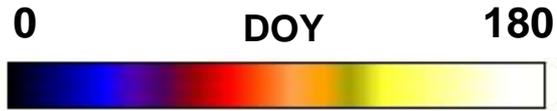
0. JulianDay 180.



$$T_{DD} = \alpha + \beta e^{-\gamma C_d}$$

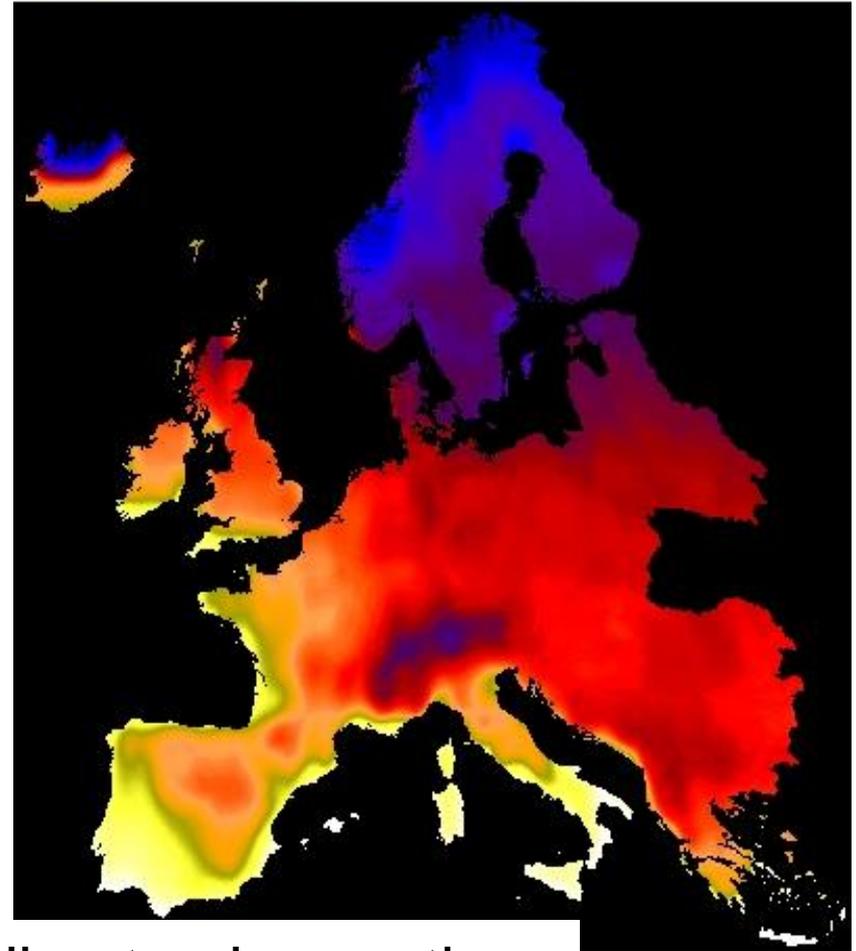
Locally climate specific with annual variation.

# Spring Activity Increase



2003 early

# Fall Activity Decrease



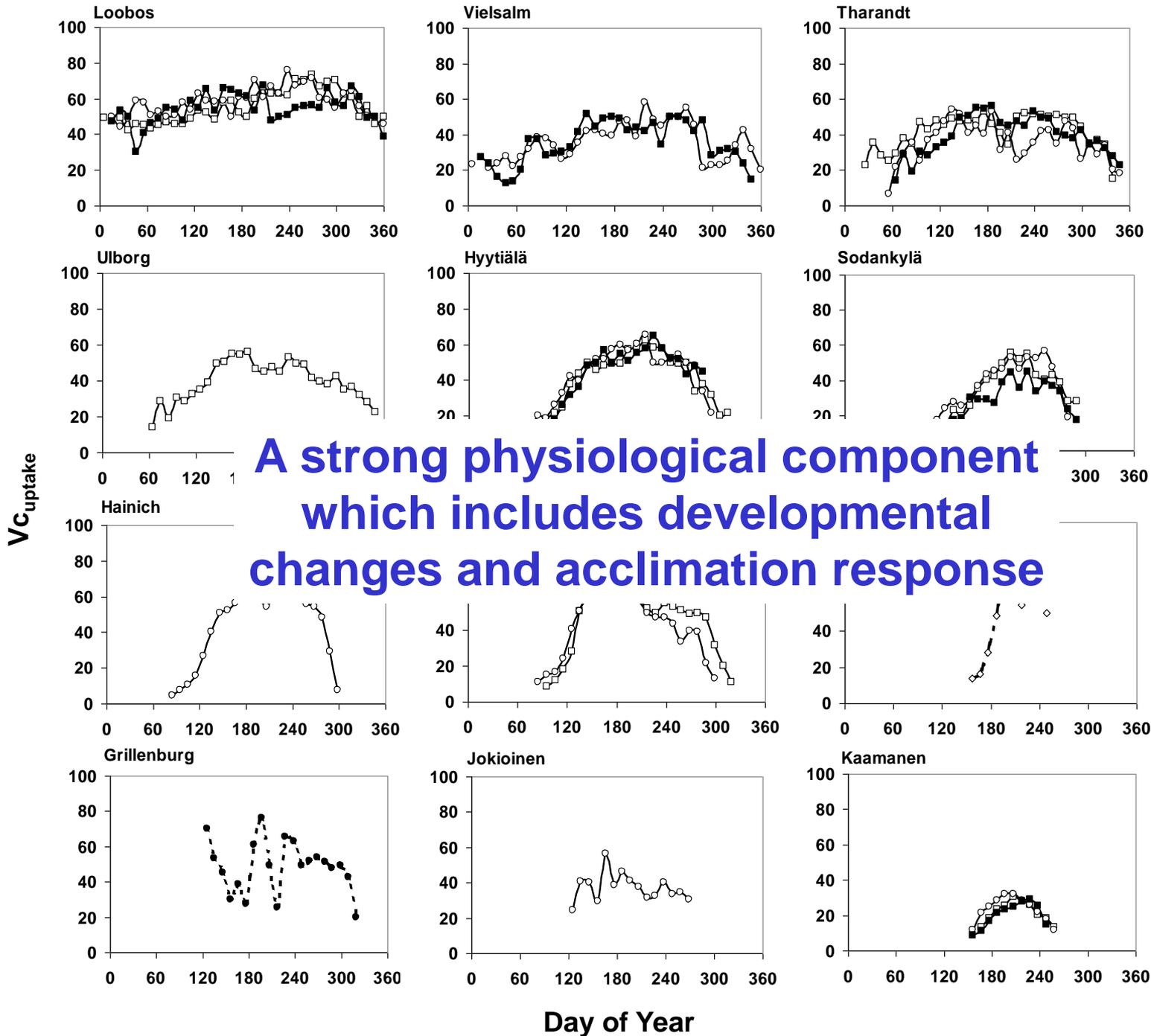
Calibration according to observations at eddy covariance sites is possible!

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# **You Need Physiology**

**“Critical Behavior of Canopies”**

**We know the principles but spatial  
generalization is difficult.**



**A strong physiological component which includes developmental changes and acclimation response**

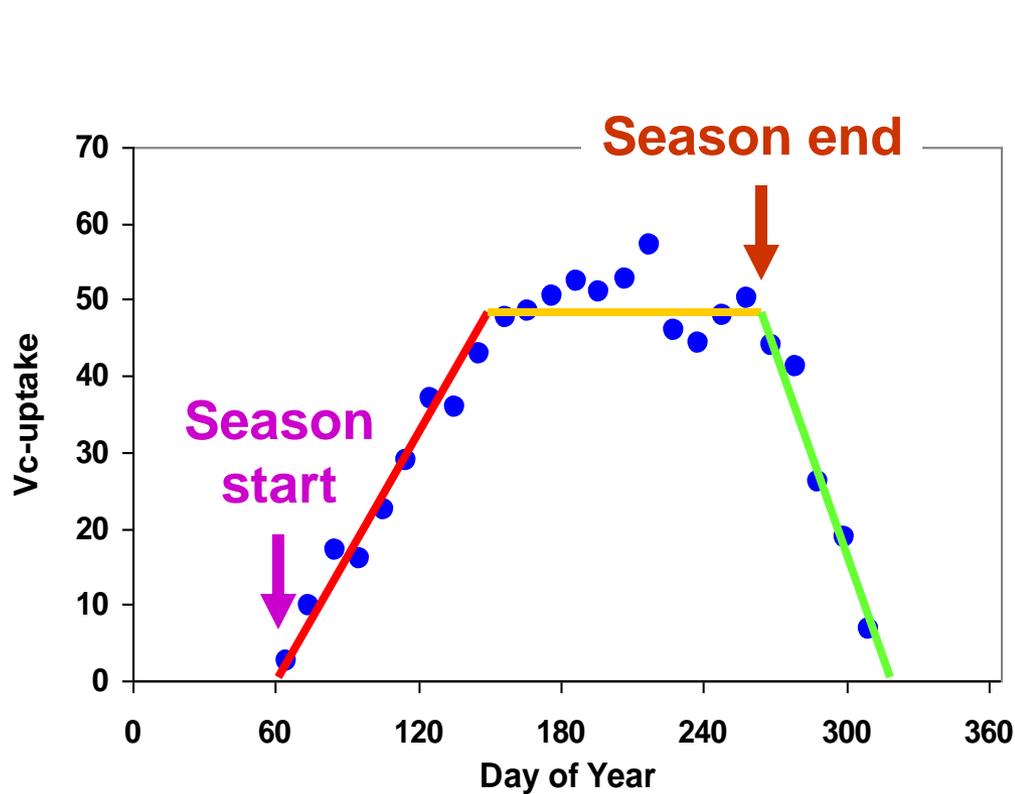
**Active in Response to Current T and L**

**Temperature Controlled Development and Dormancy**

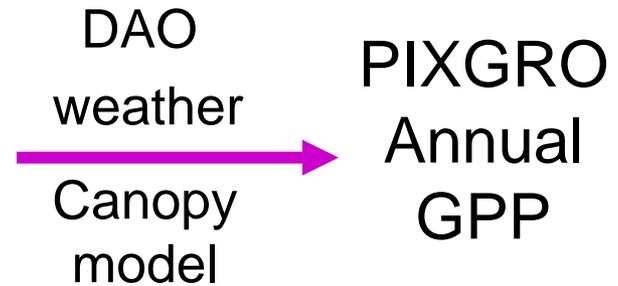
**Temperate Deciduous**

**Responsive to Management**

**Day of Year**



Critical  
PIXGRO  
Phenology

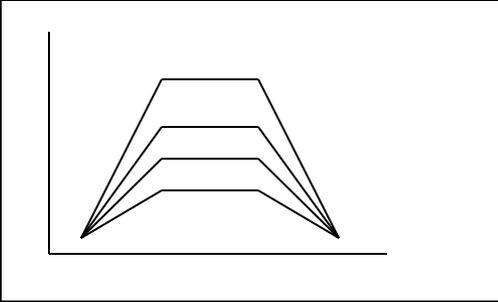


$V_{c,Uptake}$  is characterized for each vegetation class by:

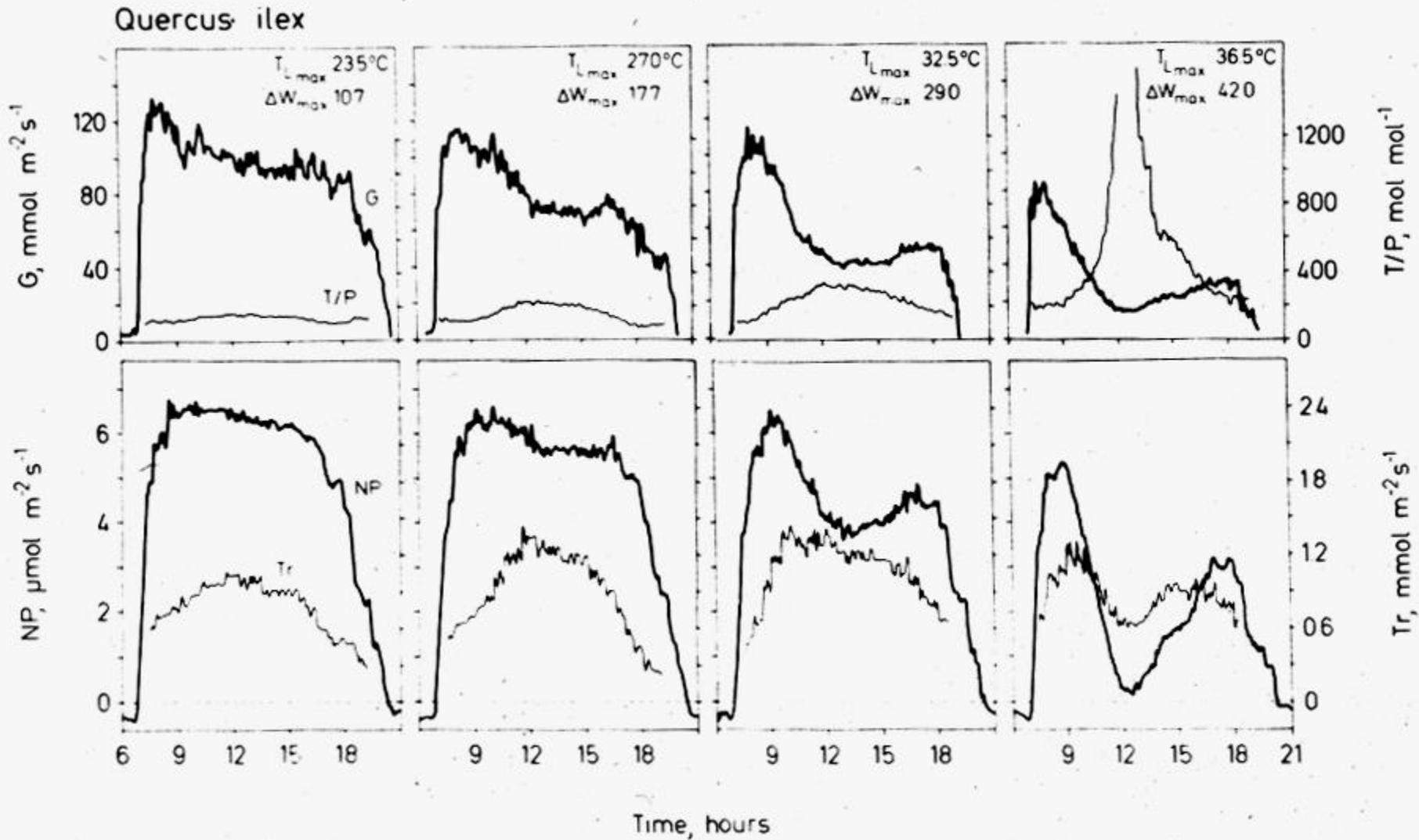
- 1) rate of spring increase —————
- 2) maximum achieved during mid - growth - period —————
- 3) rate of fall decrease —————
- 4) day on which springtime increase begins = f (temperature climate) ↓
- 5) day on which fall decrease begins = f (temperature climate) ↓

**You Need Sensitivity to**  
**“Critical Environmental Factors”**  
**Water Stress Response**



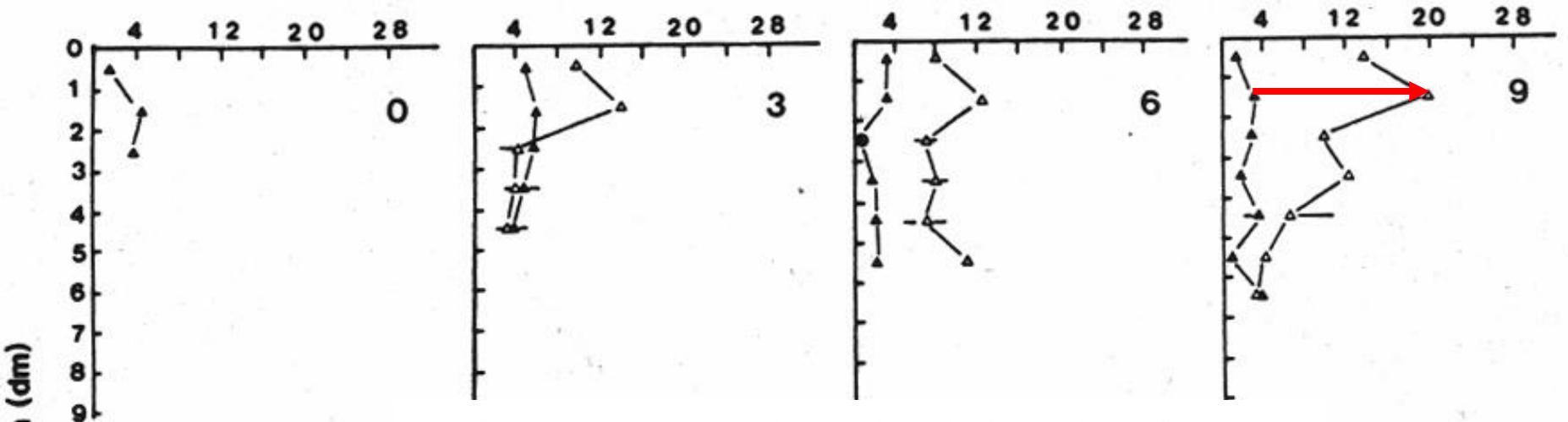


# Progressive Increase in Maximum Temperature

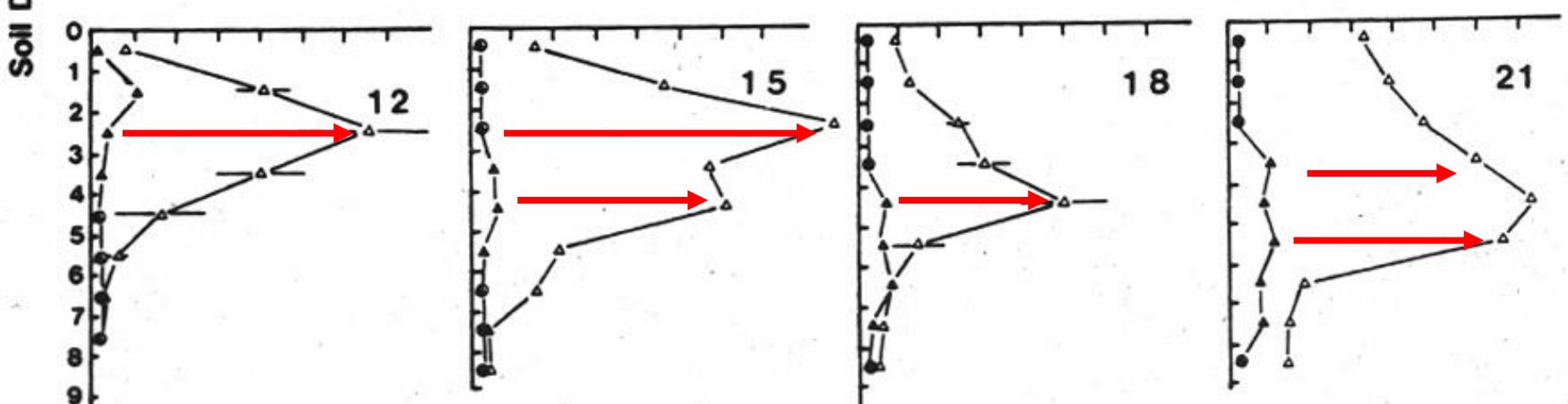


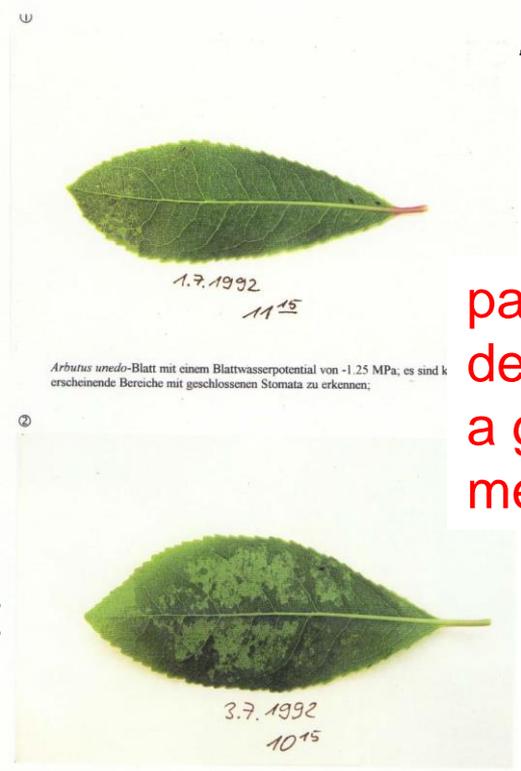
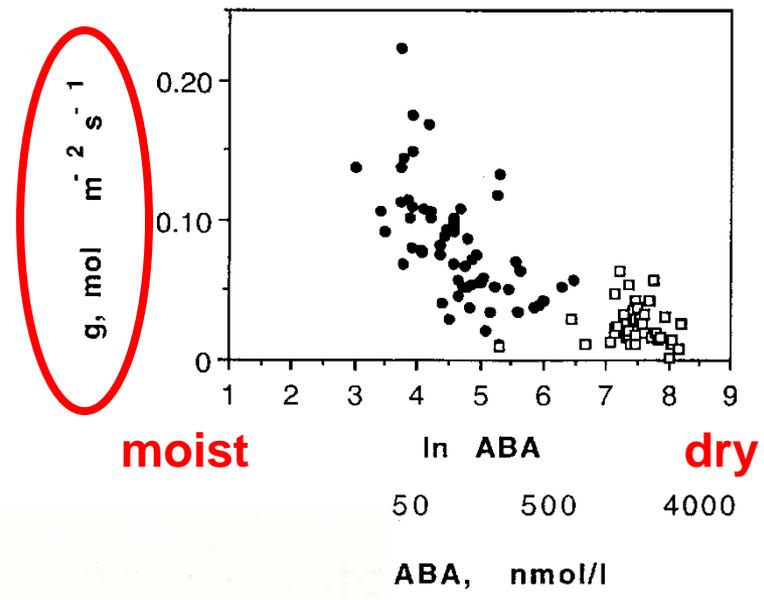
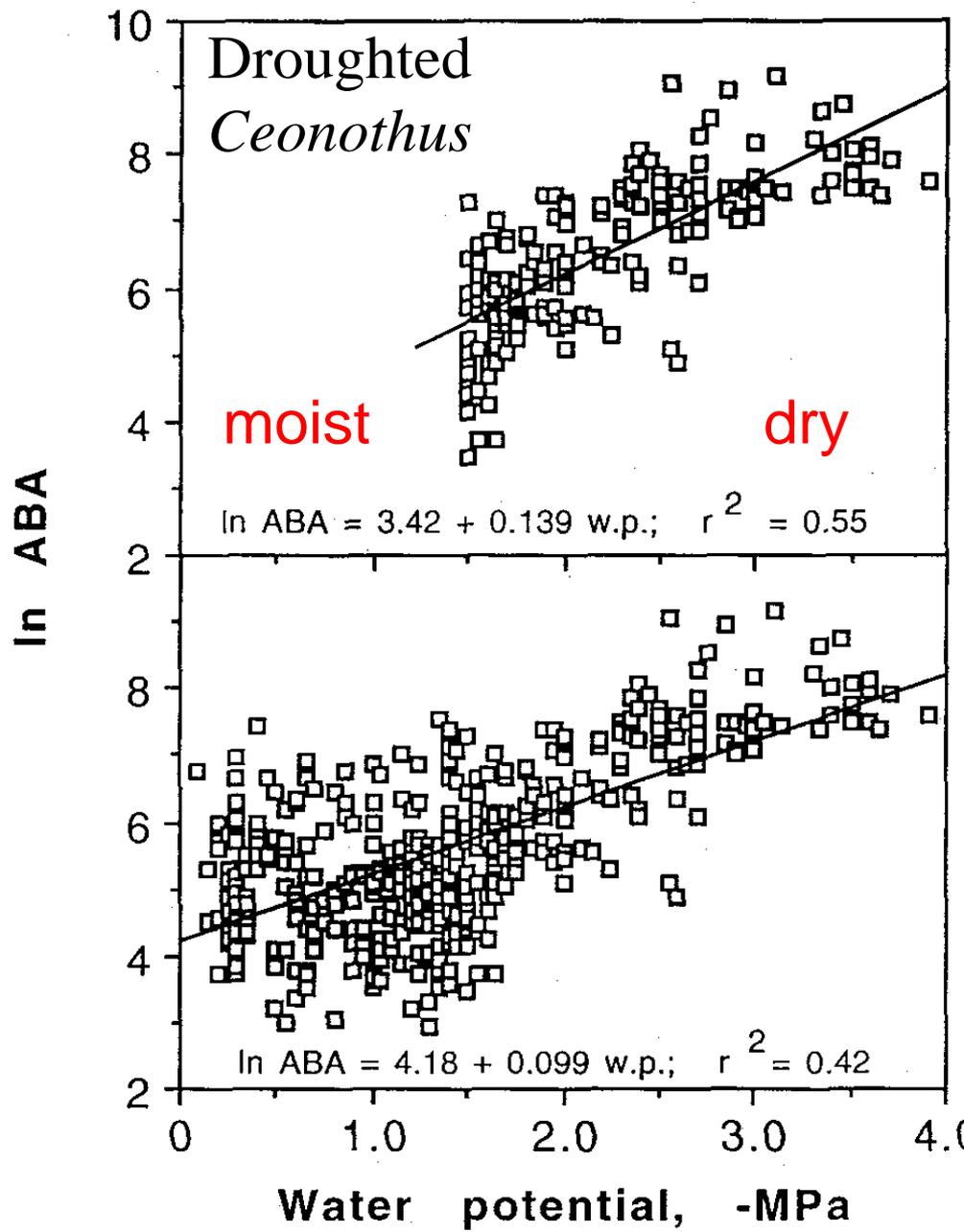
# Maize plants planted in Cylinders

ABA Content (ng/100 mg DWt)



Dying roots produce high levels of ABA.



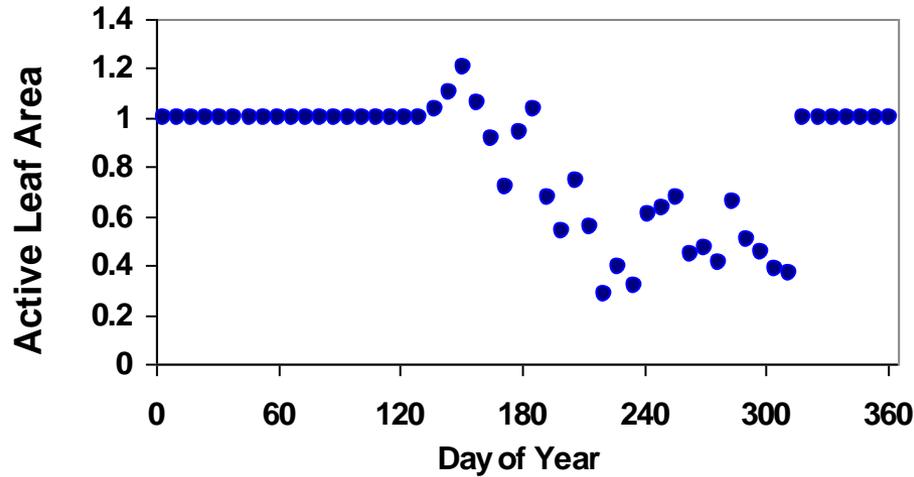


**patchy water delivery may be a general control mechanism**

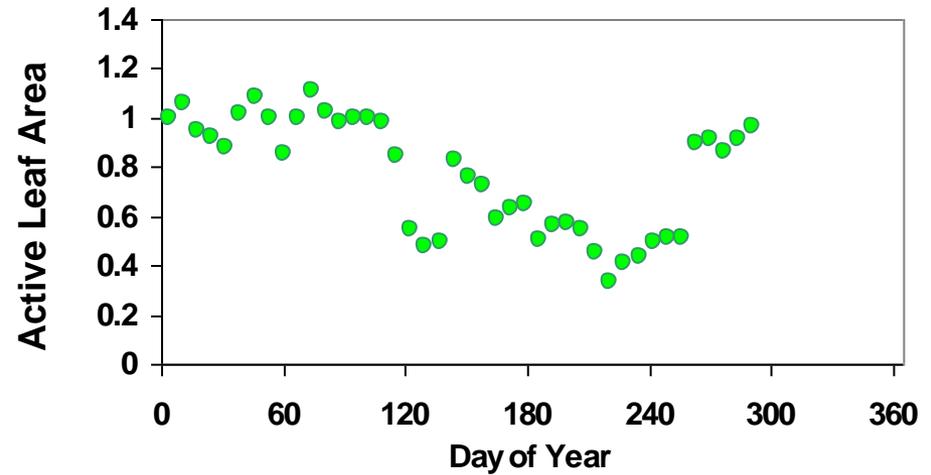
*Arbutus unedo*-Blatt mit einem Blattwasserpotential von -1.25 MPa; es sind k erscheinende Bereiche mit geschlossenen Stomata zu erkennen;

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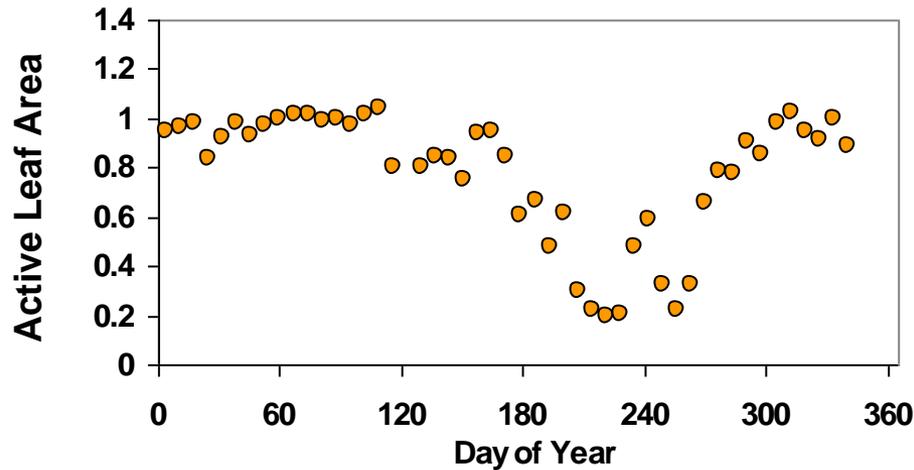
Hesse Beech Forest, France 2003



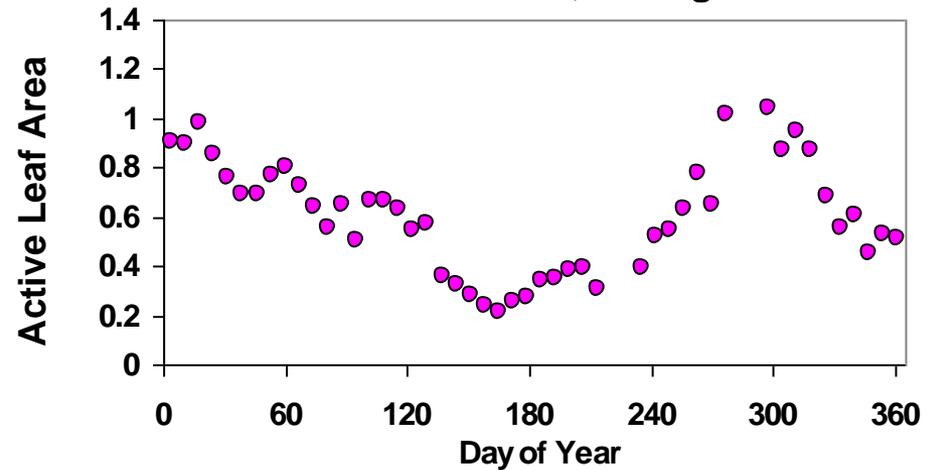
Castelporziano Oak Forest, Italy 2002



Peuchabon Oak Forest, France 2001



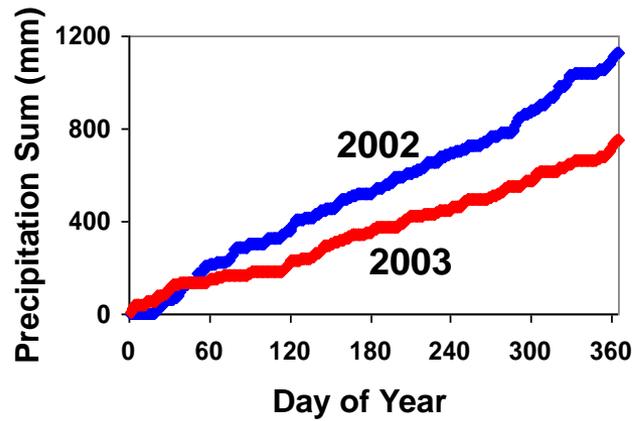
Mitra II Oak Woodland, Portugal 2002



Stomatal factor: assume that carboxylation capacity is known then carry out a second model inversion to estimate patchy stomatal behavior.

Downscaled  
DAO Climate

Test Pixel Input

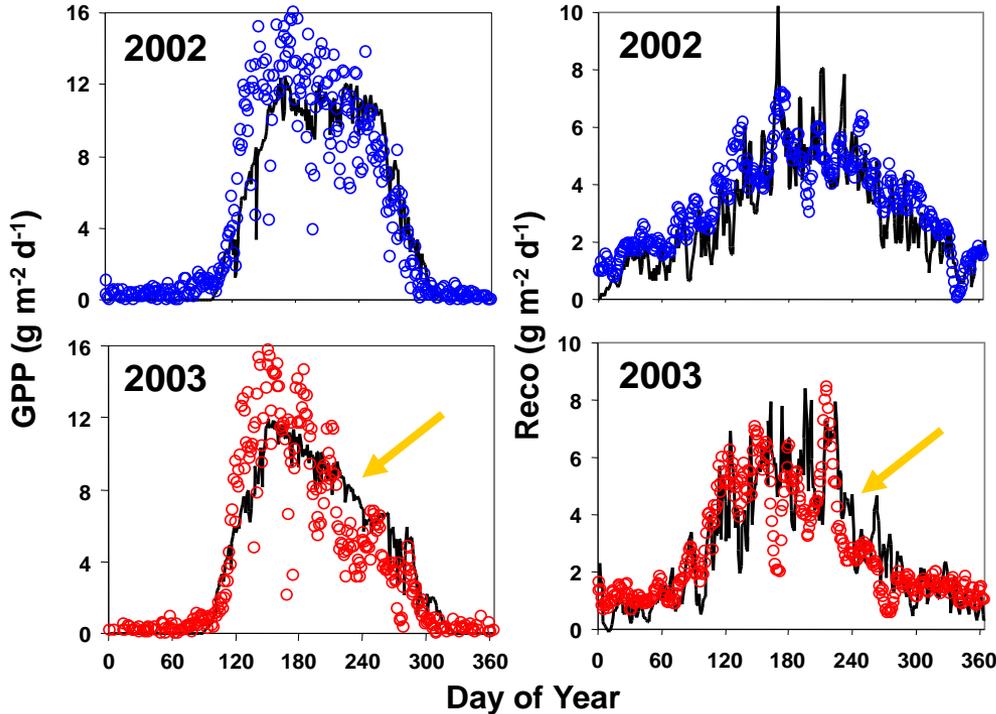


PIXGRO Framework

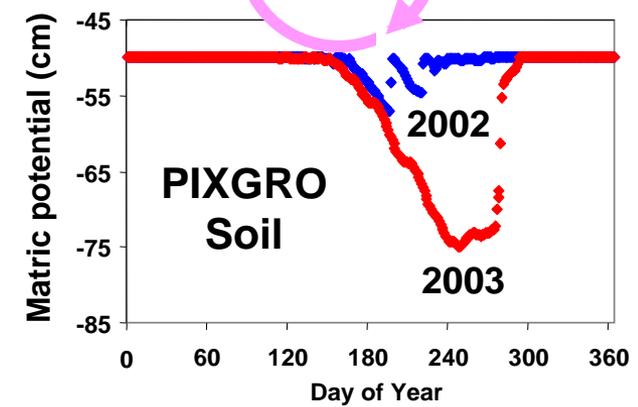
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D. Landcover [%] 100.



Deciduous Forest Test Site Hesse, etc.  
GPP and Reco



10x10  
km  
pixel  
output

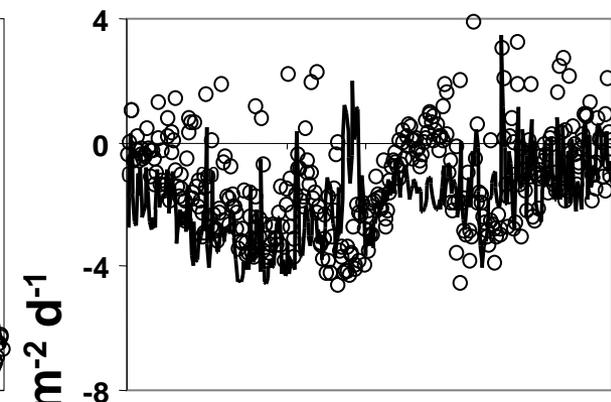
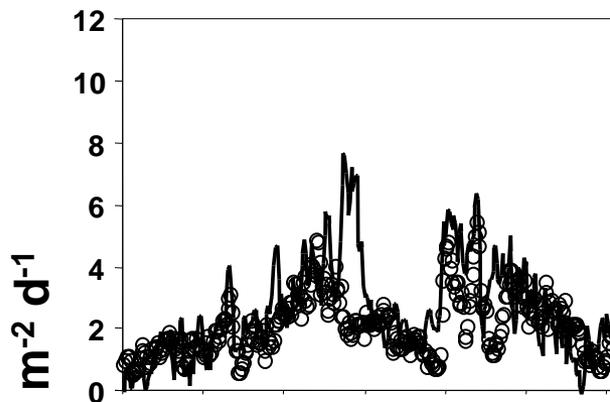
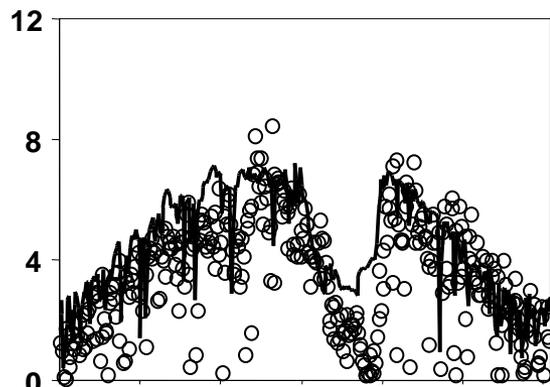


# Peuchabon, France Evergreen Oak Forest

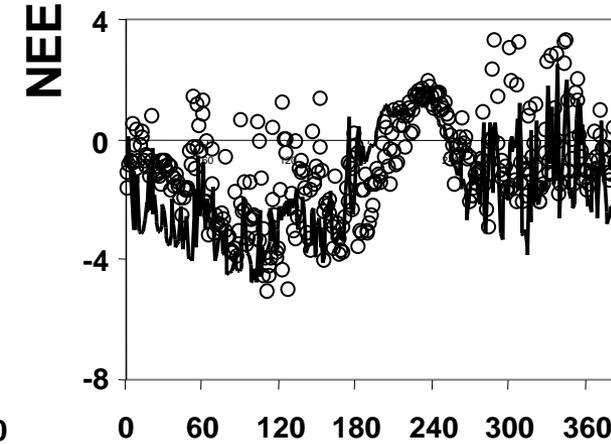
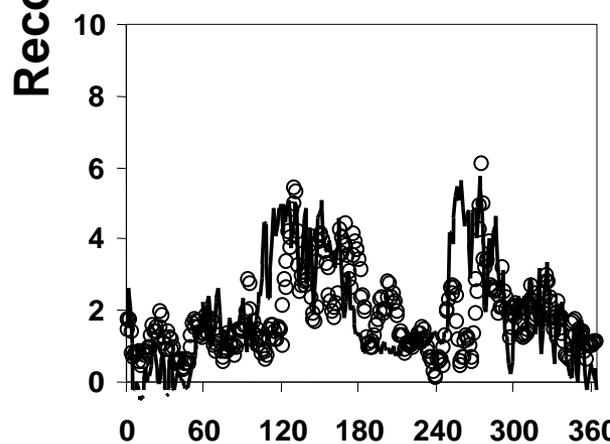
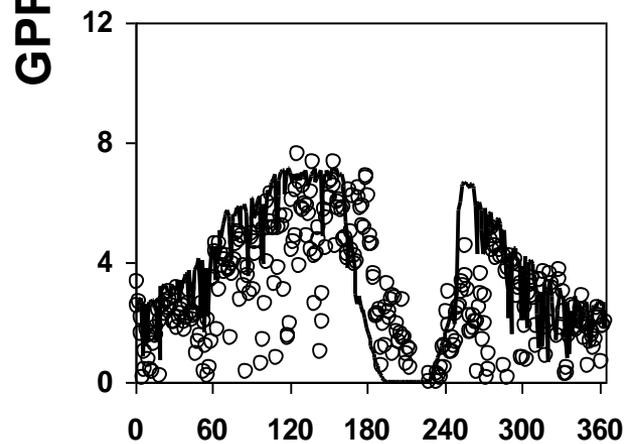
○ Observation

— Model

2002

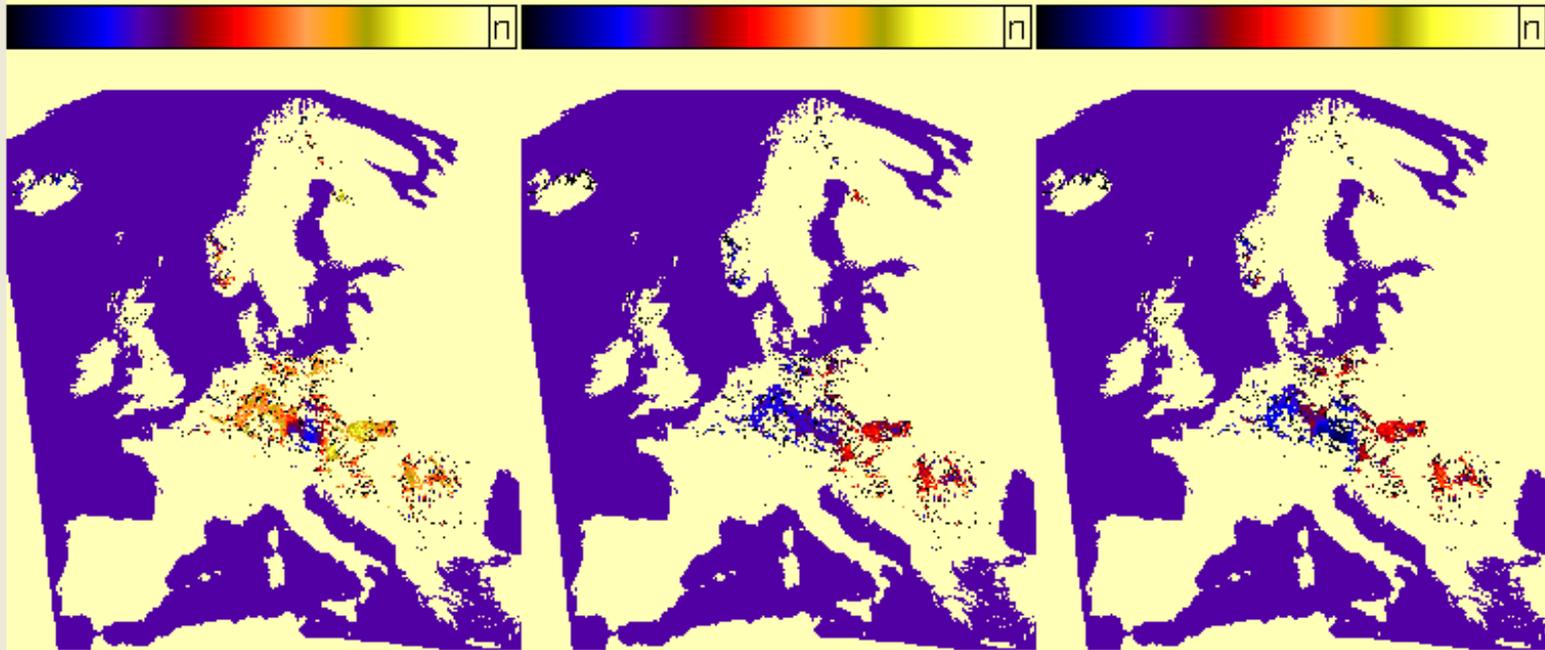


2003

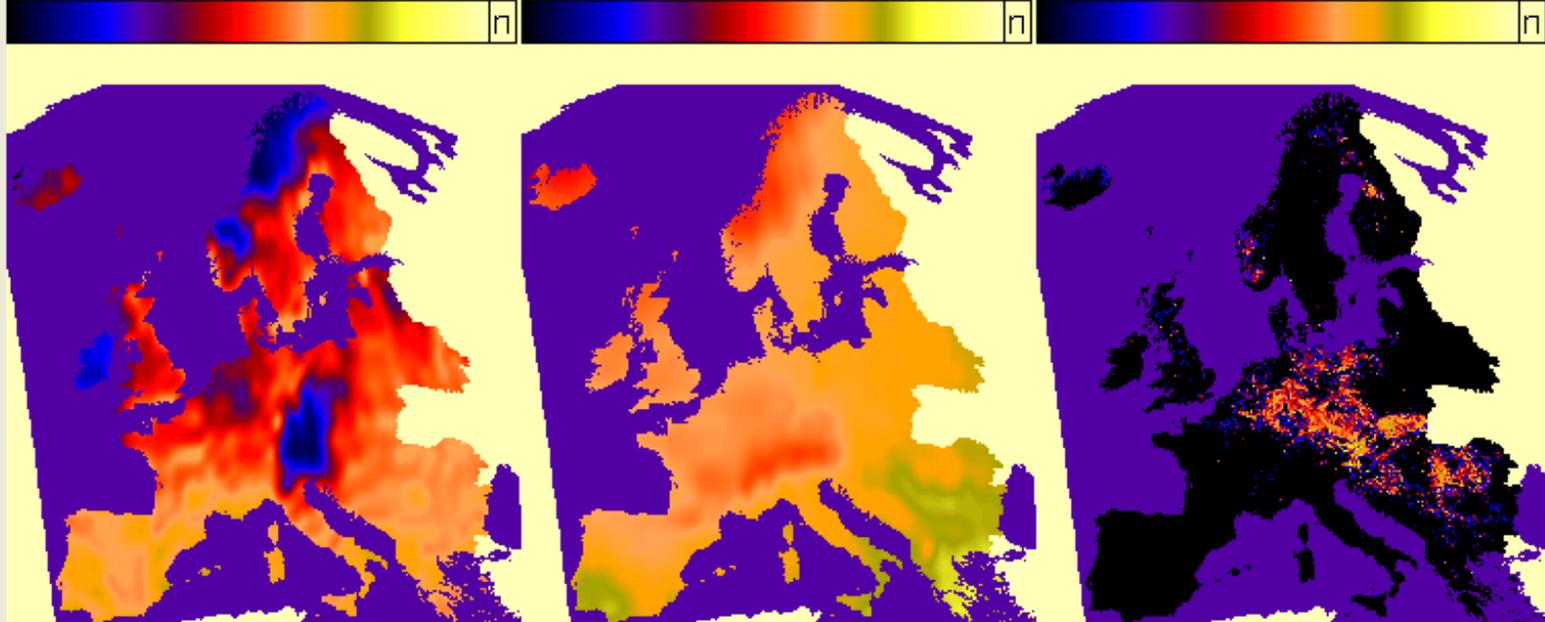


Day of Year

GPP Conifers JD: 201 0. [mmol/m2d] 1000.0. SRESP Conifers JD: 201 [mmol/m2d] 1000.0. TRANS Conifers JD: 201 [l/m2d] 4.



SRAD Conifers JD: 201 0. [MJ m-2 d-1] 35. TAIR Conifers JD: 201 [degC] 35. 0. LAI Conifers JD: 201 [m2/m2] 6.



**Included:**

“Ecosystem physiology from tower sites”

Radiation and temp. response

MODIS max. LAI as constant

DAO weather

Phenology

Elevation influences

Soil coupling

Water stress

Spatial influence on soil CO<sub>2</sub> efflux

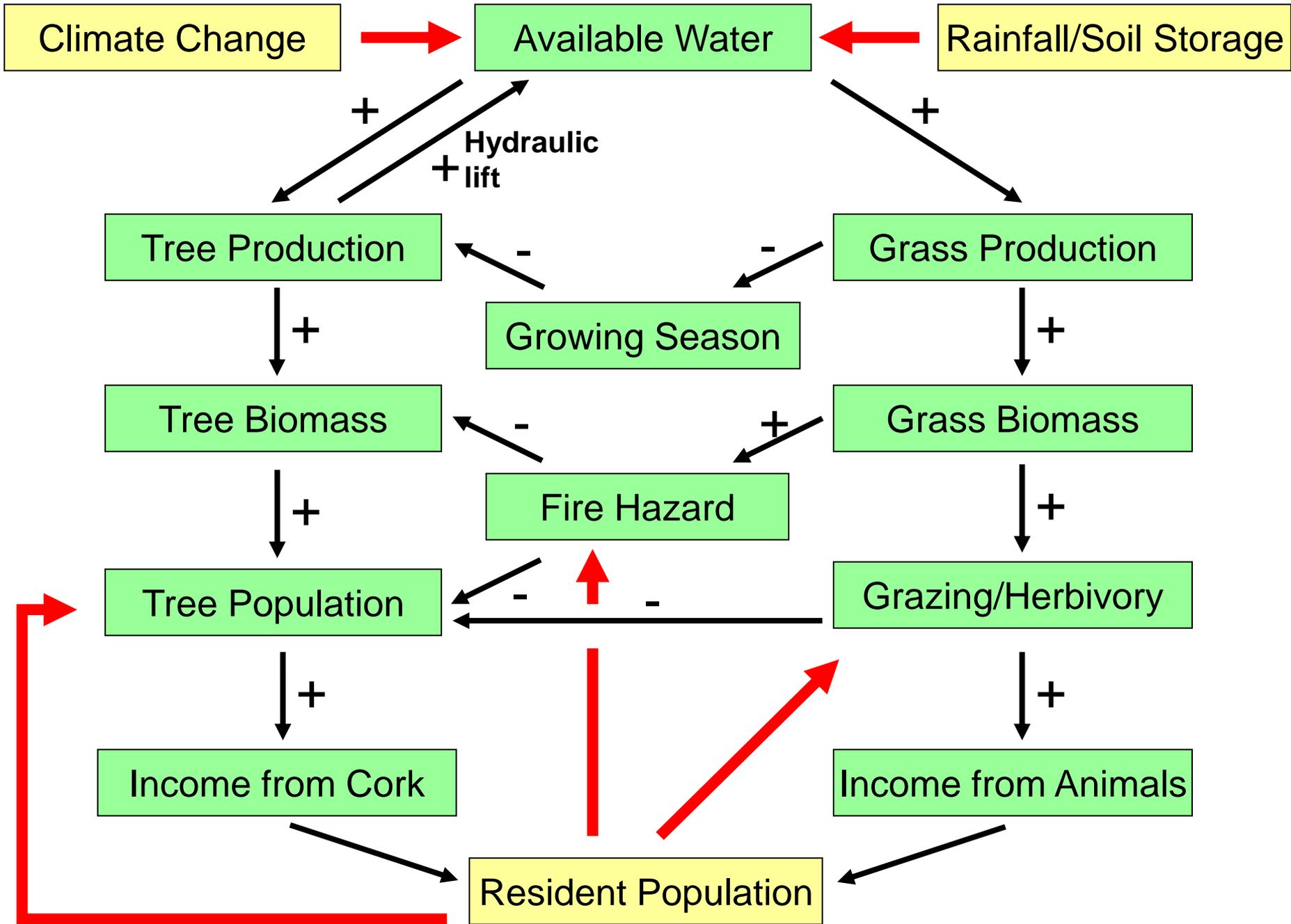
Acclimation!

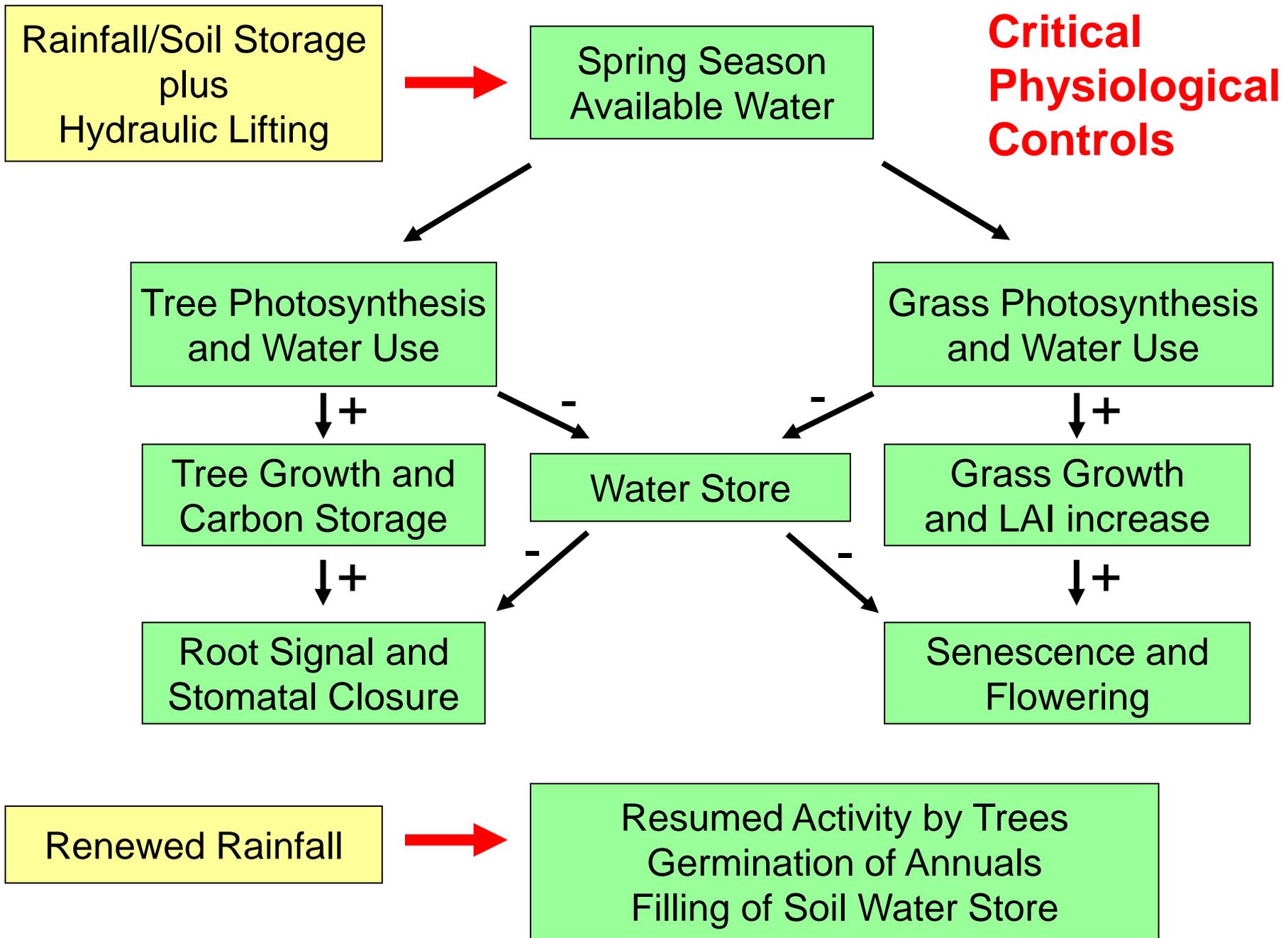
# Controls on Ecosystem Level Fluxes in Savanna: Relating Ecology to Vulnerability of the Montado



# Montado at Herdade de Mitra



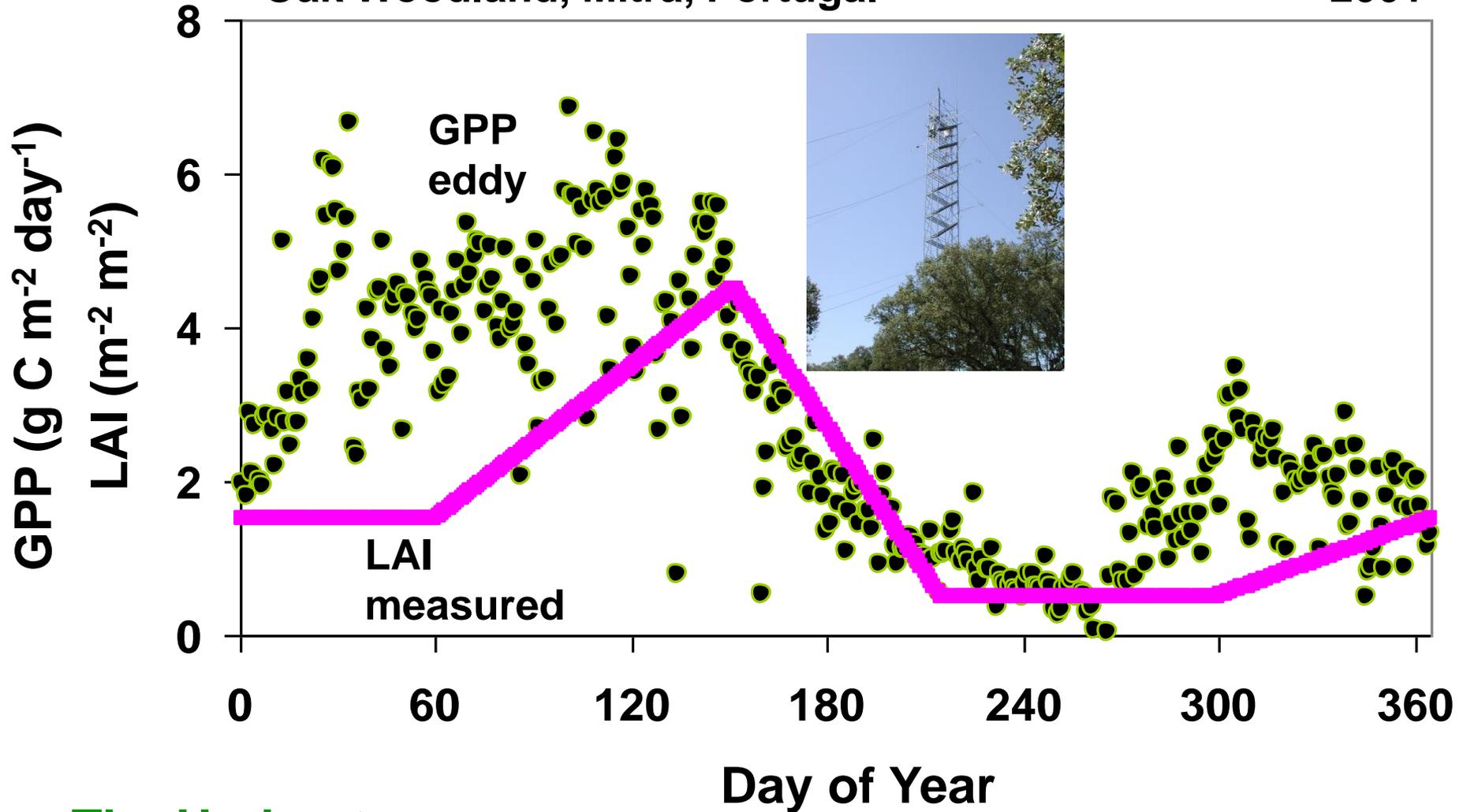




# Relating System Level Fluxes to the Grass Component

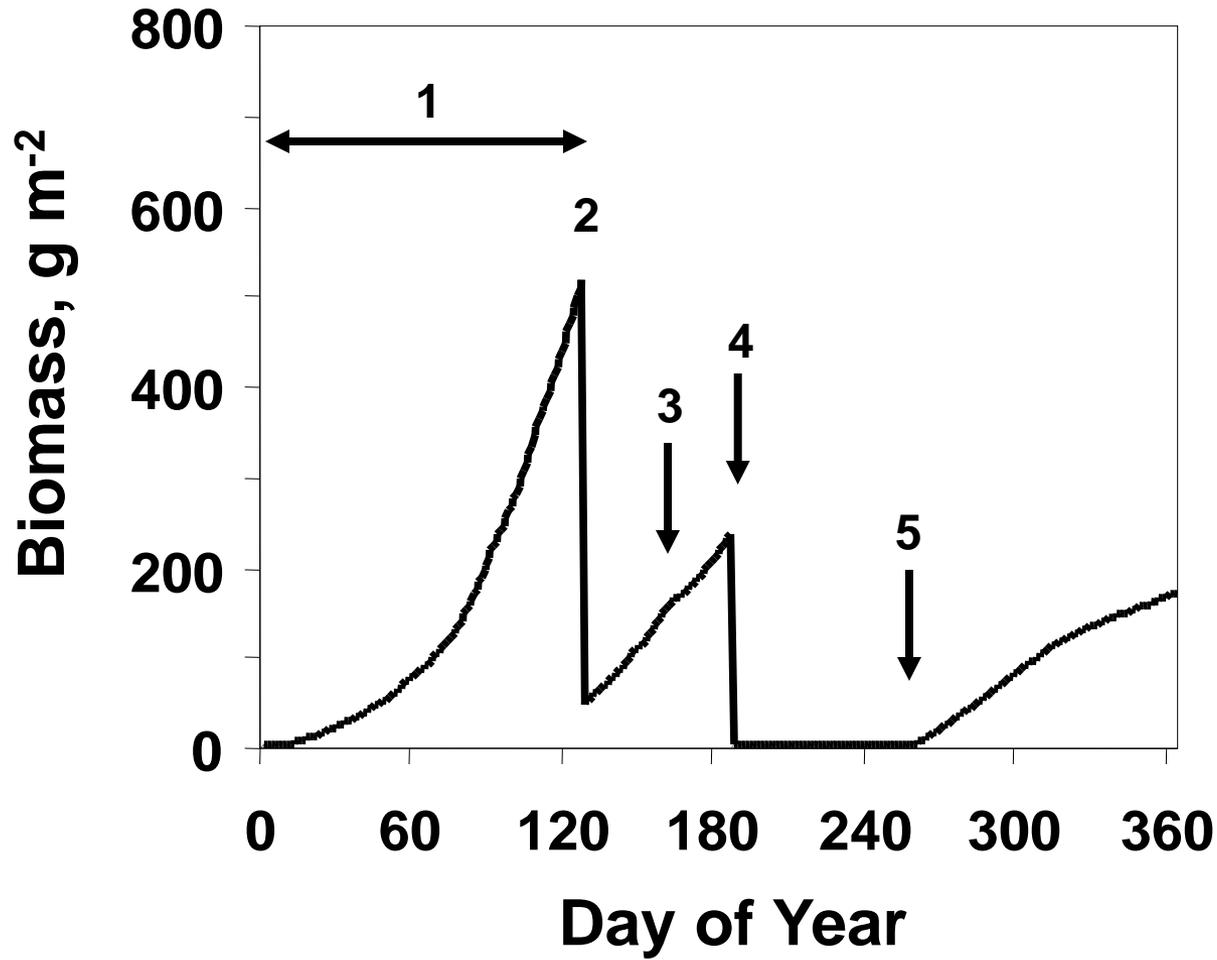
Oak Woodland, Mitra, Portugal

2001



The Understory

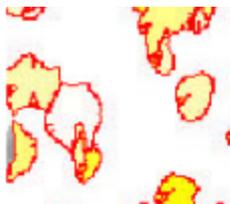
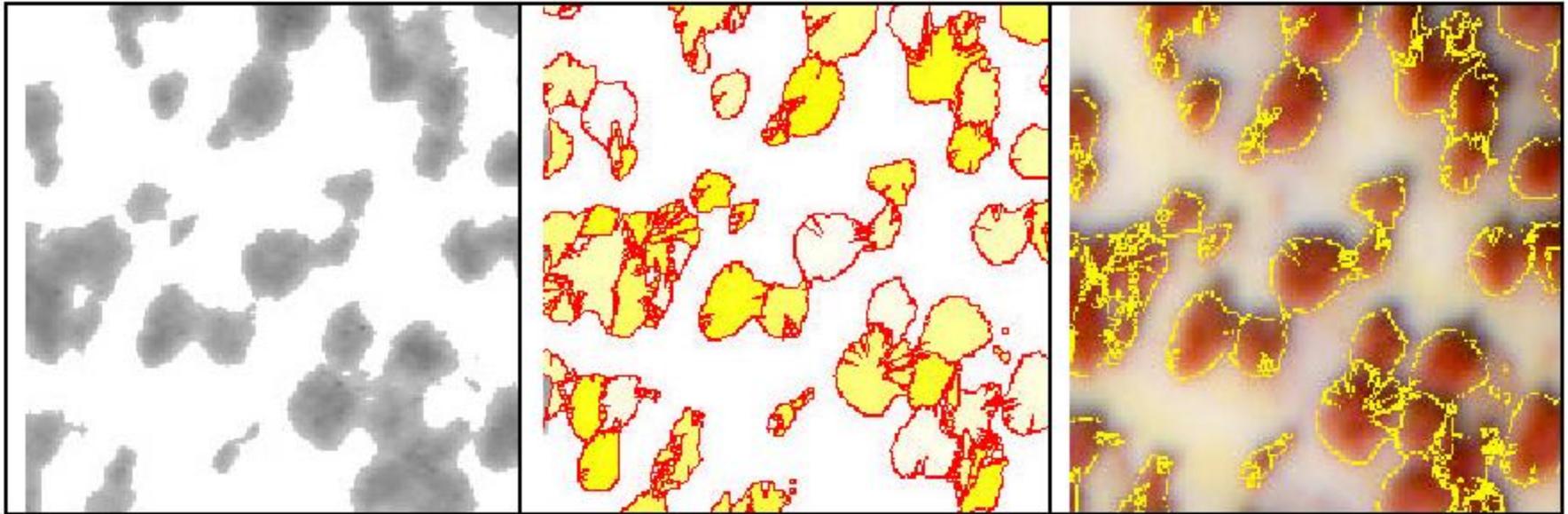
# Herdade de Mitra, Portugal



# **USING THE MODELS:**

**Working Across Scales with  
the Aid of Remote Sensing**

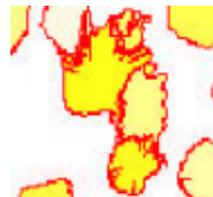
# The Mosaic



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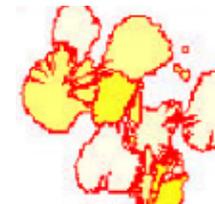
Under- story    Trees



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Under- story    Trees

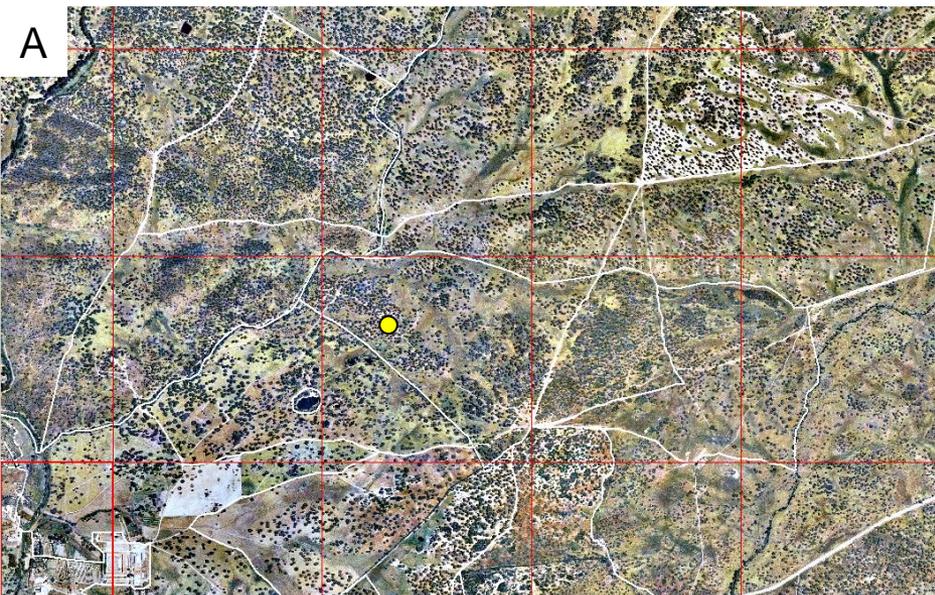


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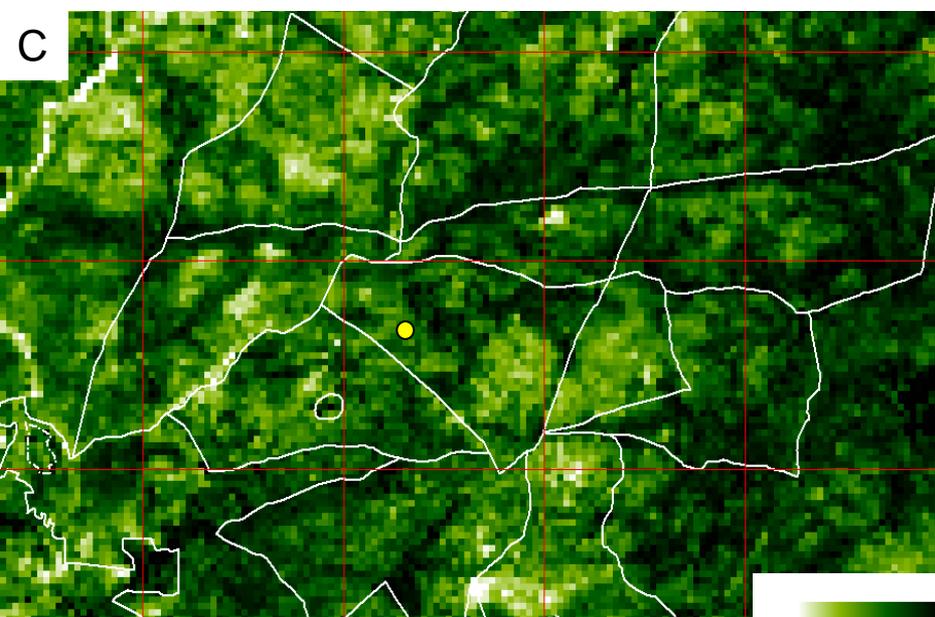
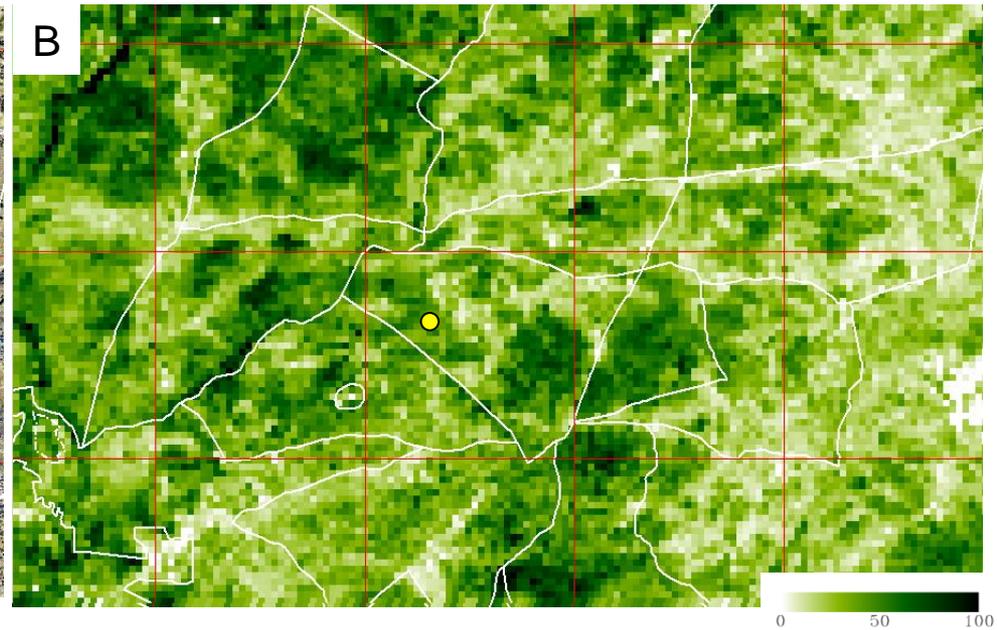


Under- story    Trees

# Herdade de Mitra, Aerial Photo

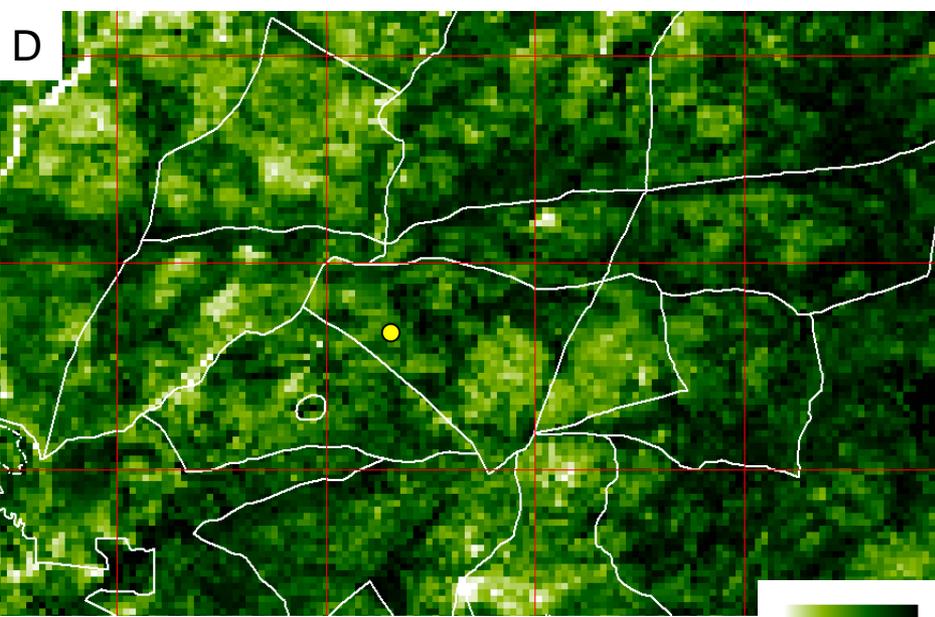


# Tree Canopy Cover



# Evapotranspiration

150 200

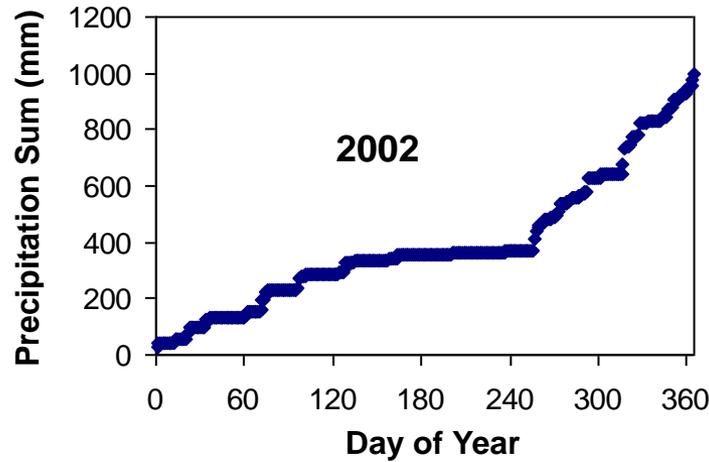


# Aboveground Herb Biomass

0 900

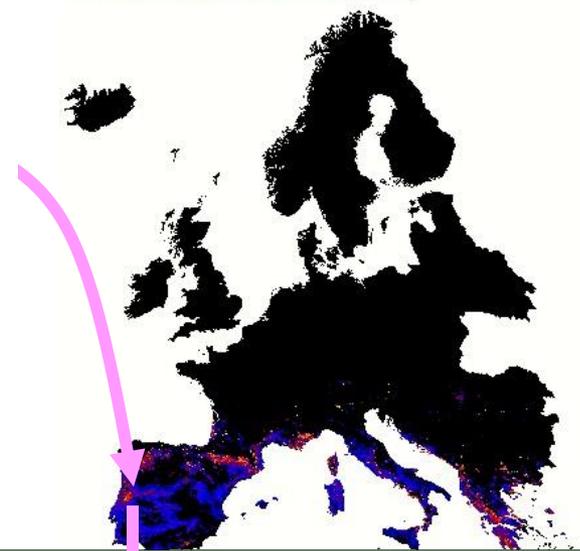
Downscaled  
DAO Climate

Test Pixel Input

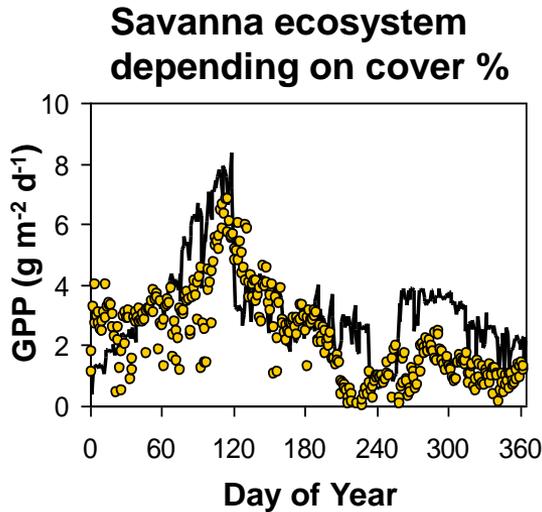


PIXGRO Framework

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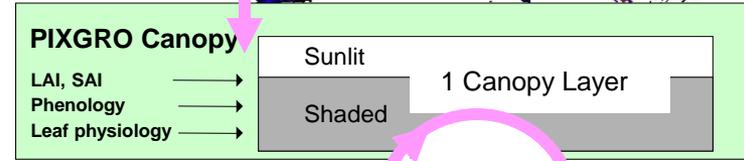
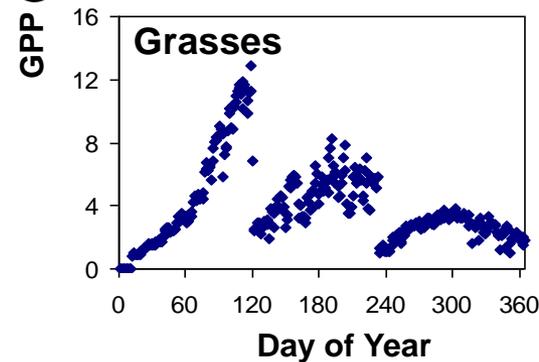
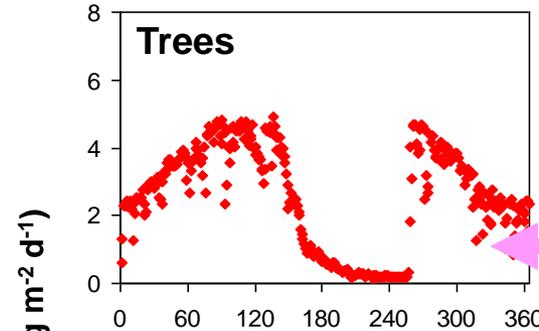


GPP at Mitra II in Evora, Portugal  
10 x 10 km pixel output

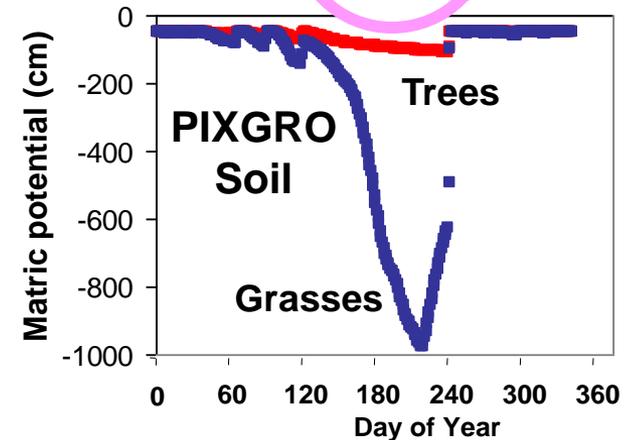


Solid line = observed  
Symbols = modelled

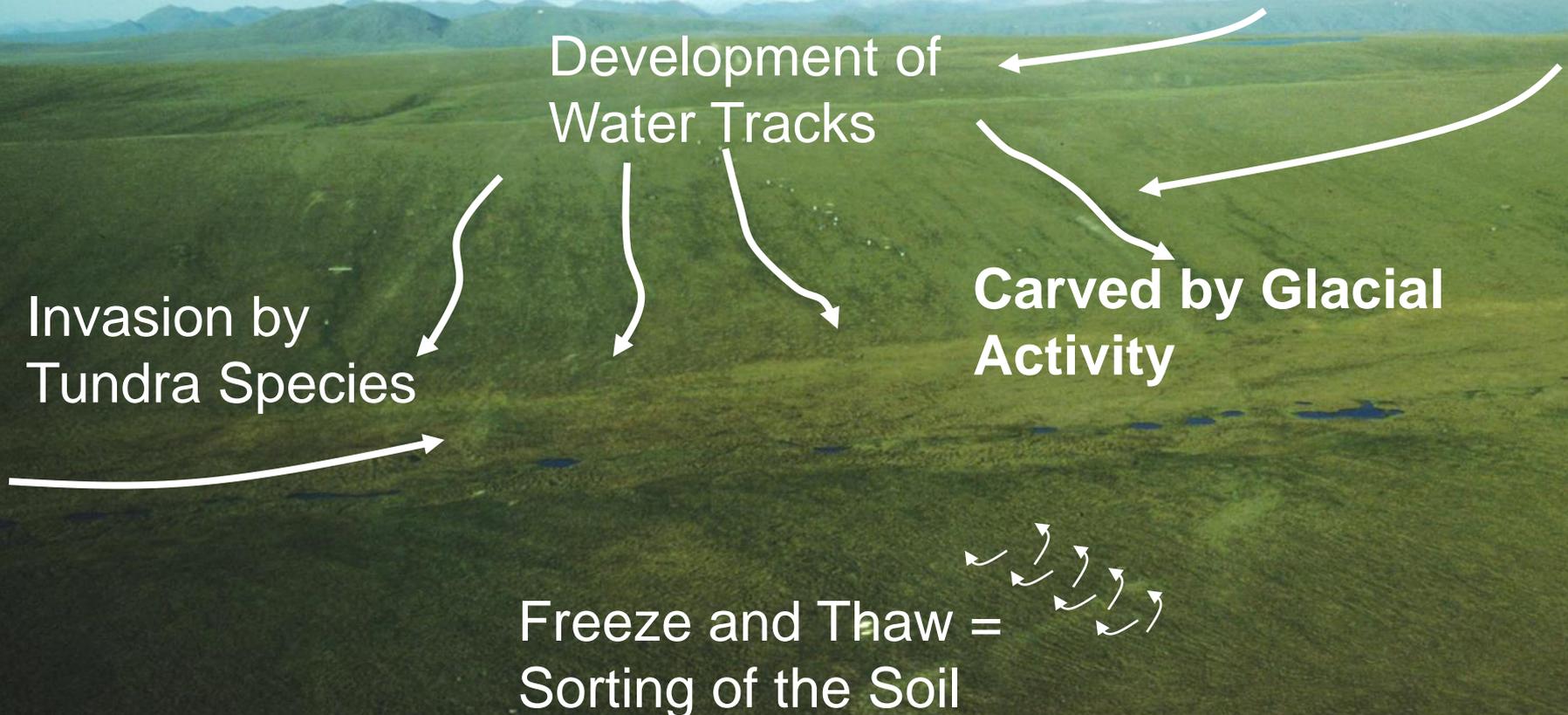
Component predictions



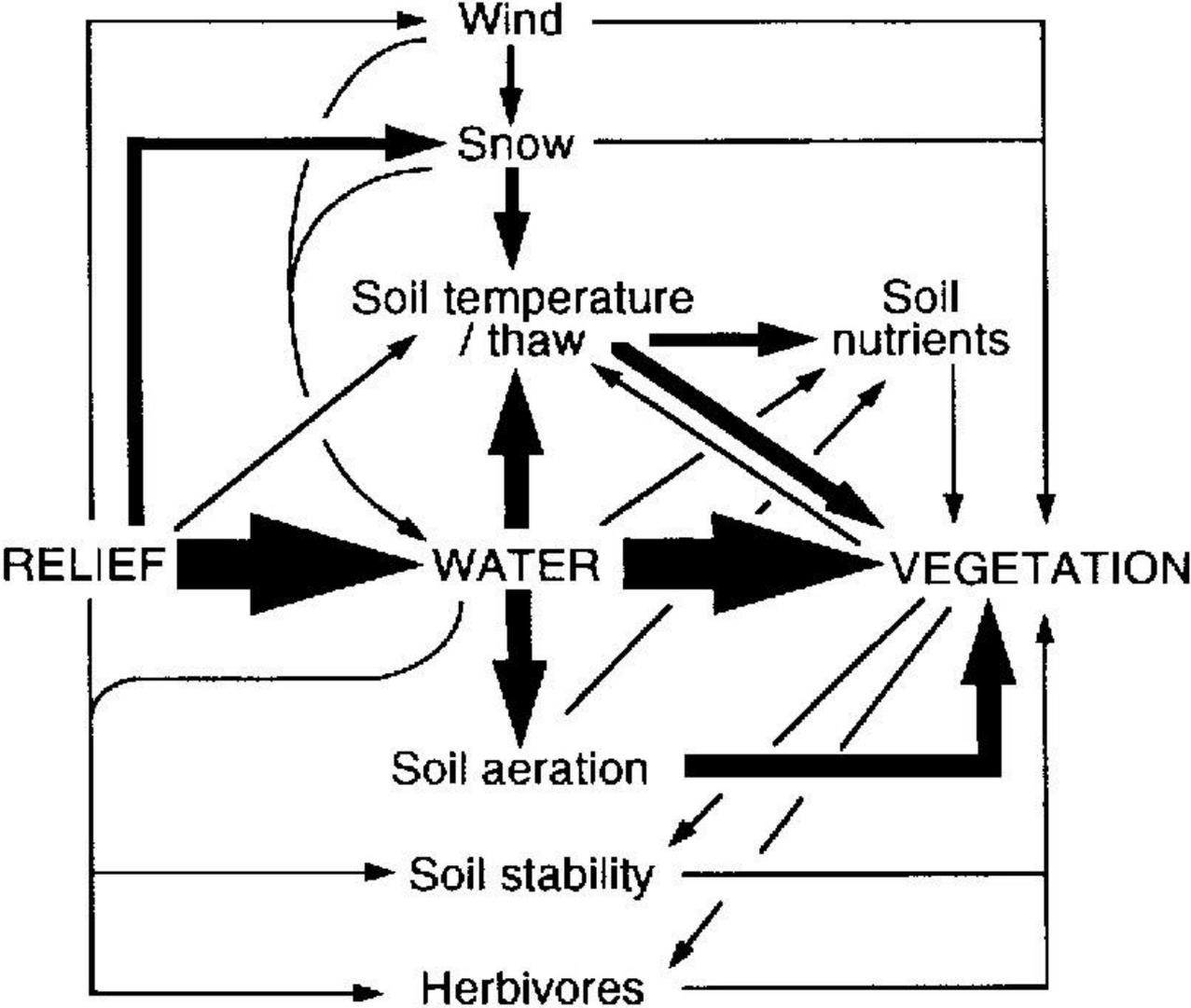
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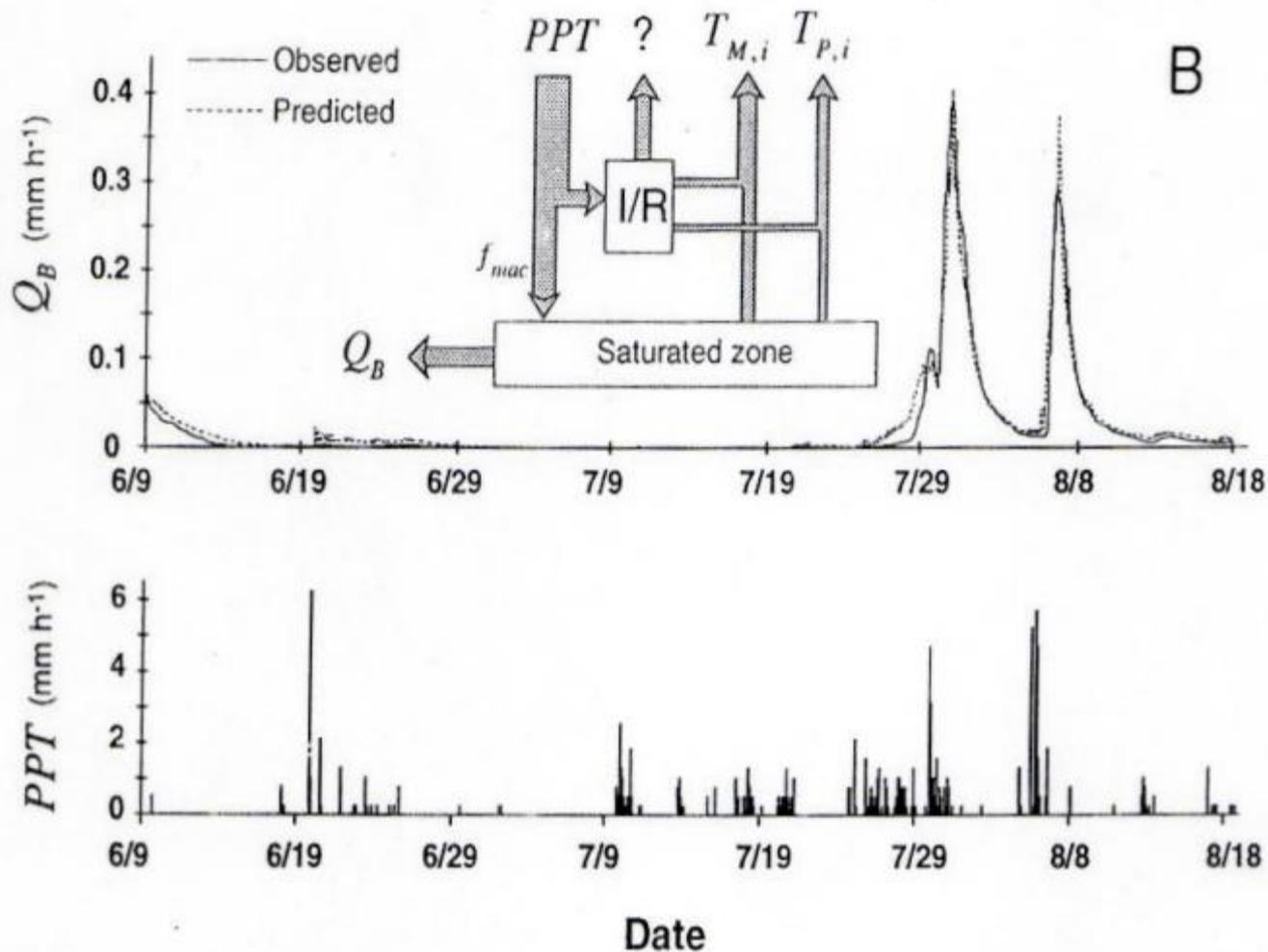
# Controls on Ecosystem Level Fluxes in Tundra: Relating Ecology to Carbon Storage and Release

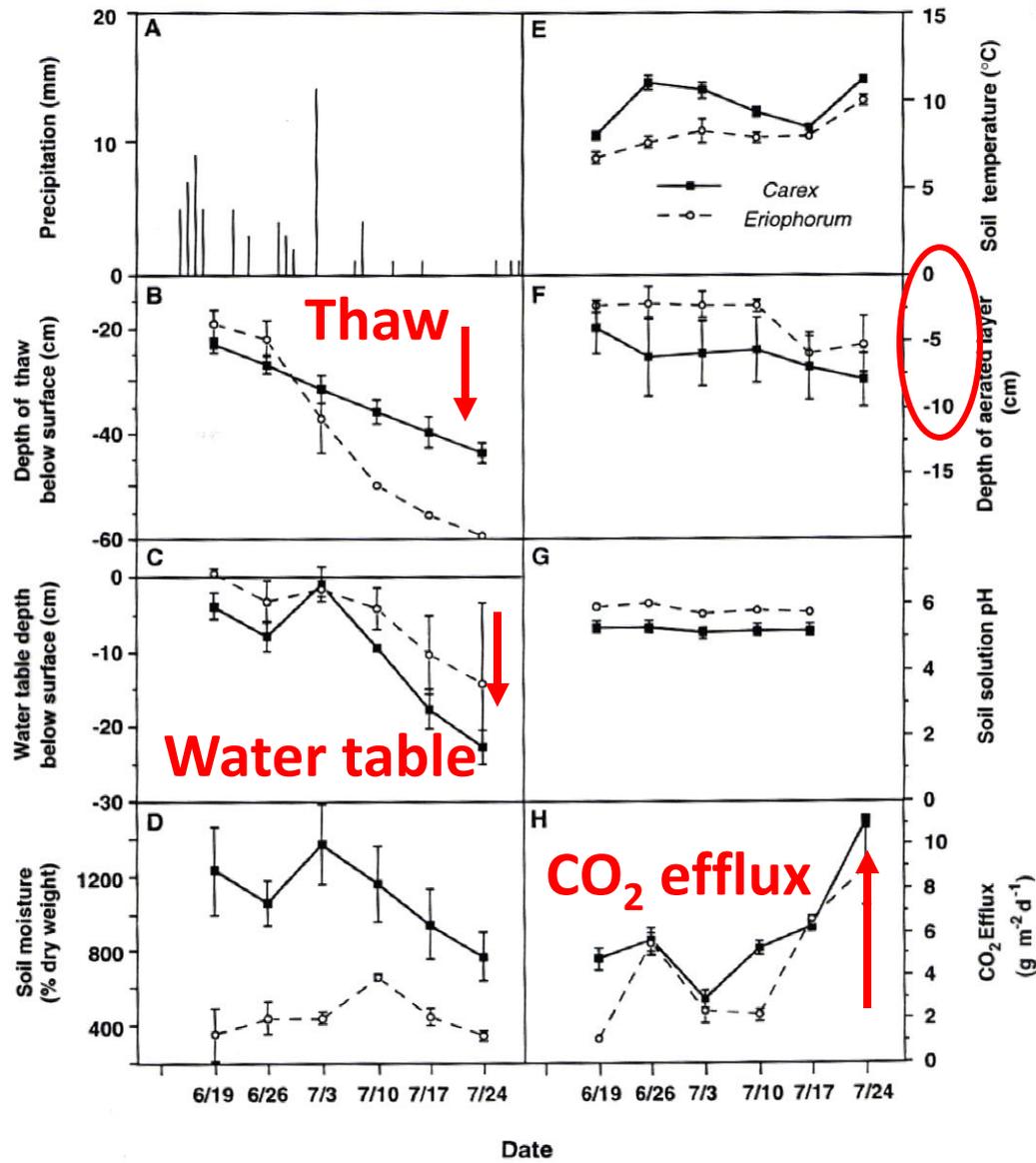


# The Influence of Physical Factors on Ecosystem Processes in Tundra Regions



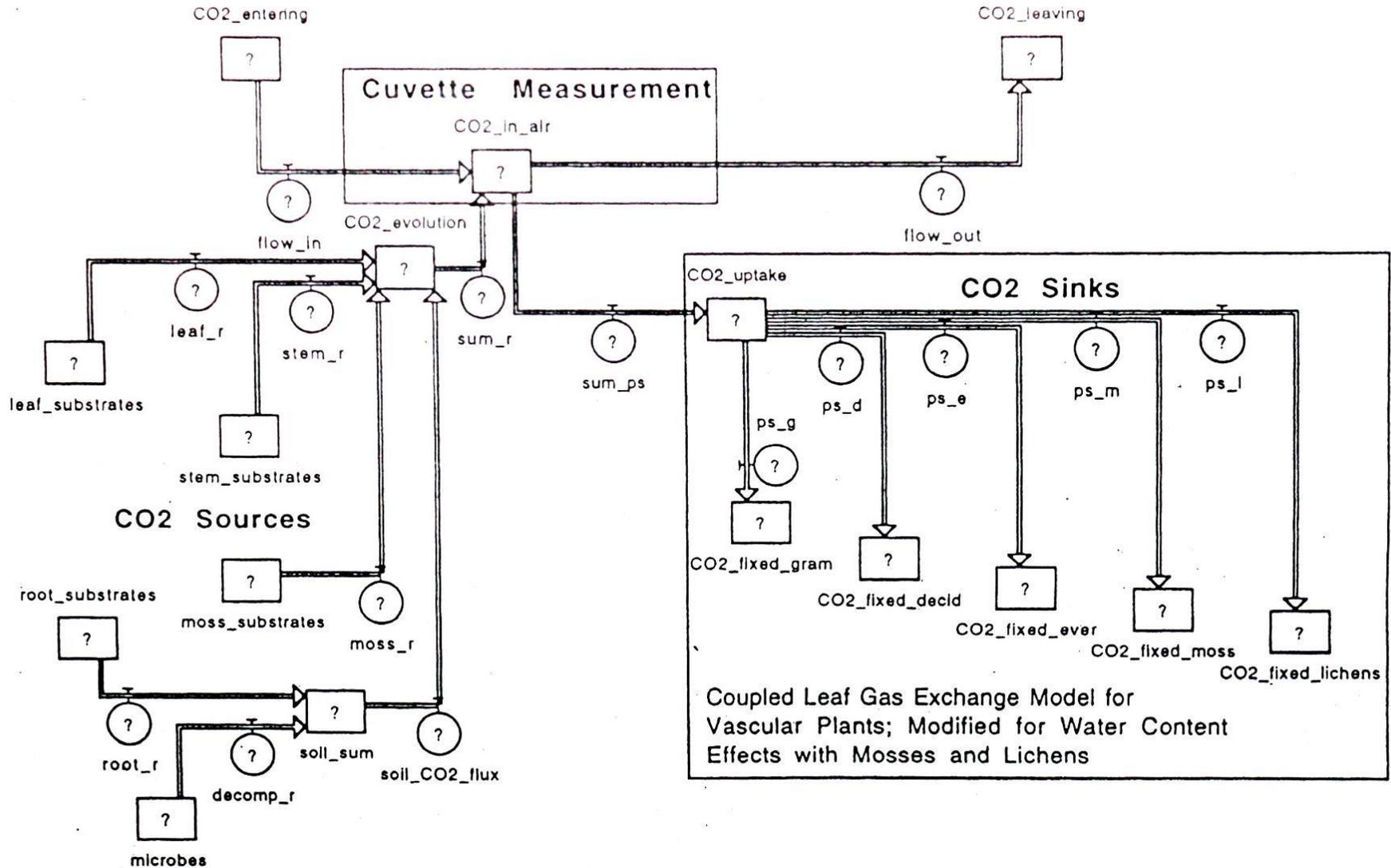
Hydrological modelling demonstrates the importance of moss (50% of green biomass - as in tropical forests) in controlling water balance.



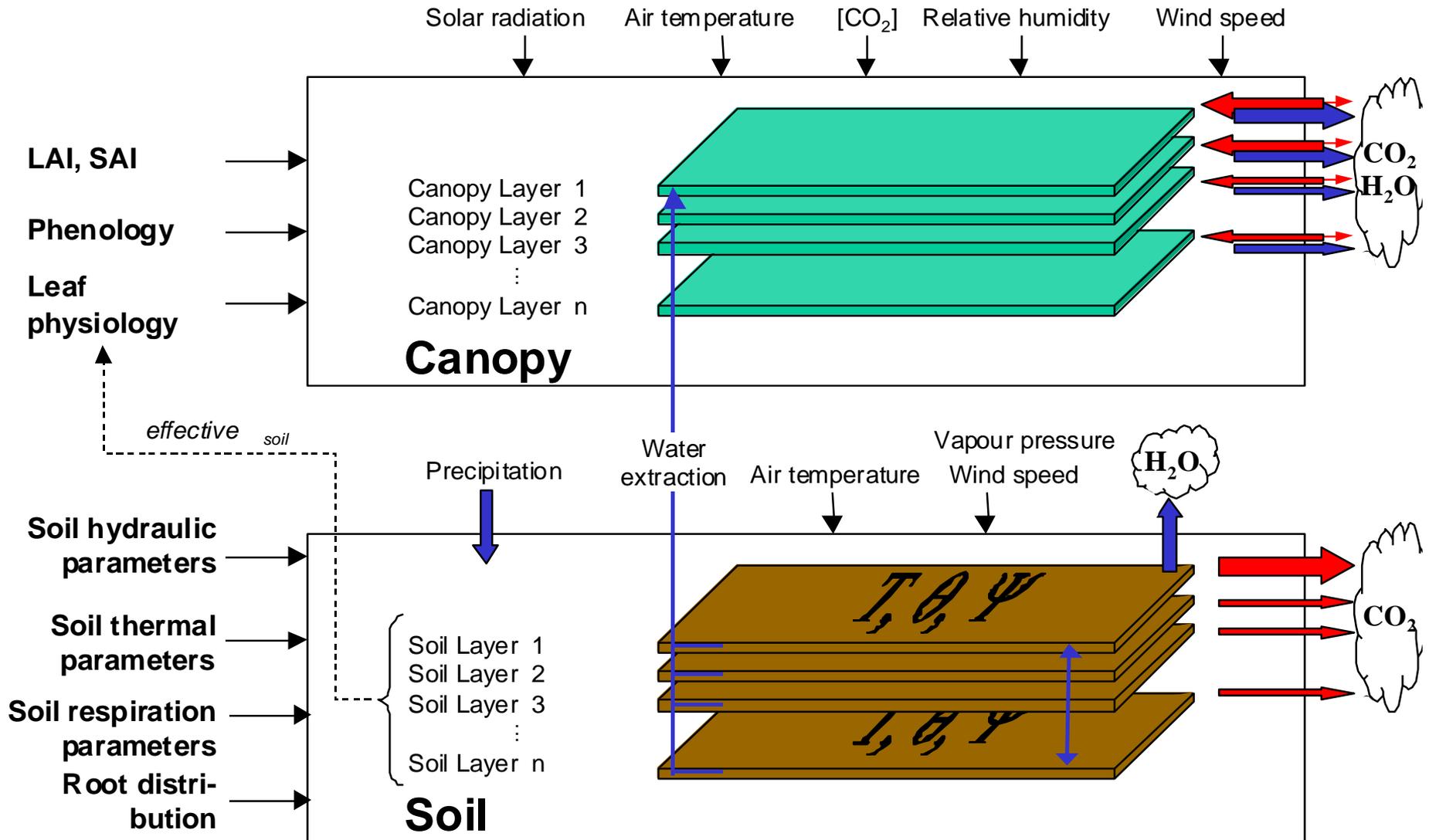


Local aeration of soil determines soil CO<sub>2</sub> efflux and carbon balance.

# Stratified Stand Level Component - PROXEL<sub>NEE</sub>



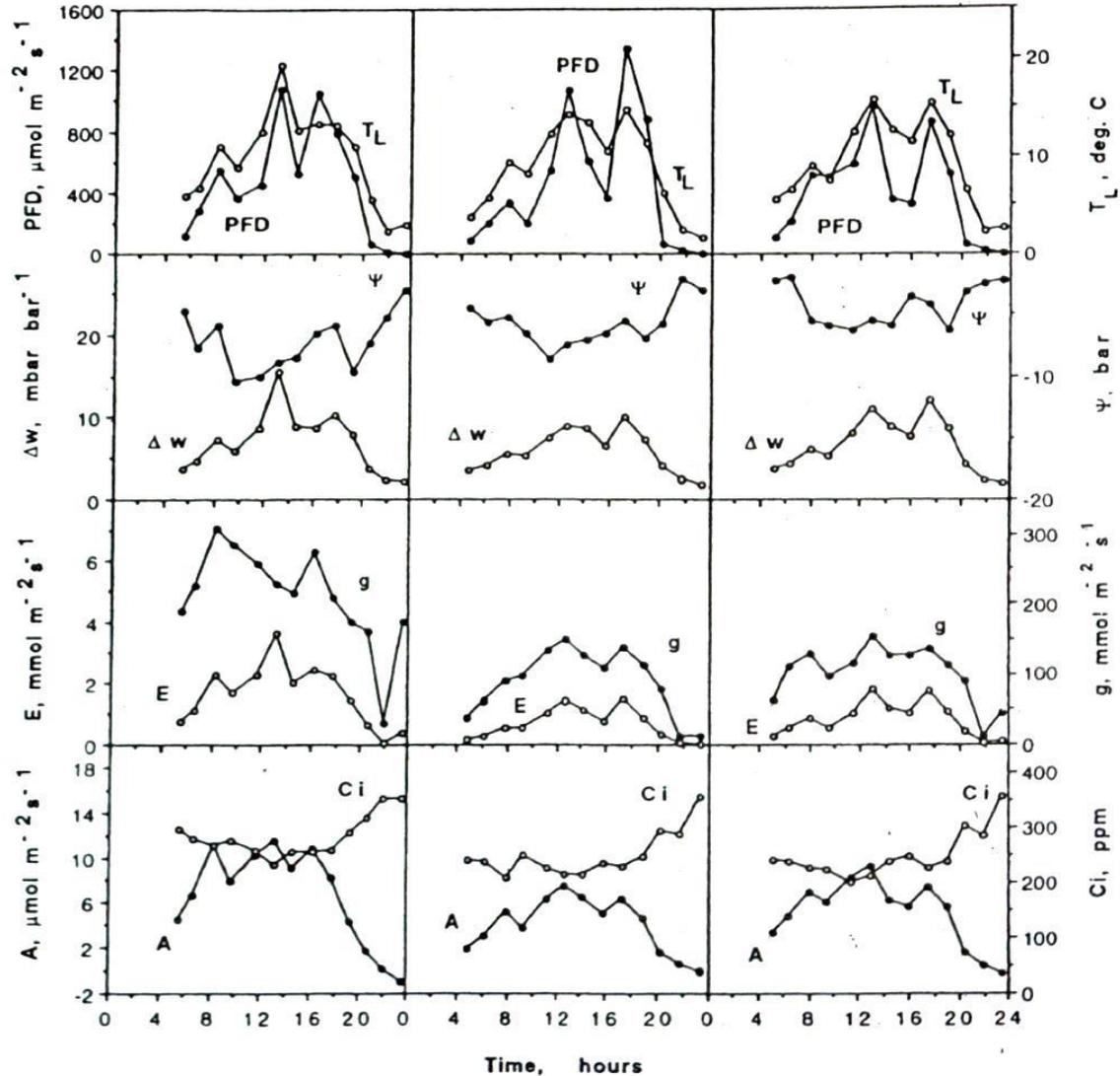
# Stratified Stand Level Component - PROXEL<sub>NEE</sub>



# CO<sub>2</sub> – Exchange Behavior of Vascular Plants

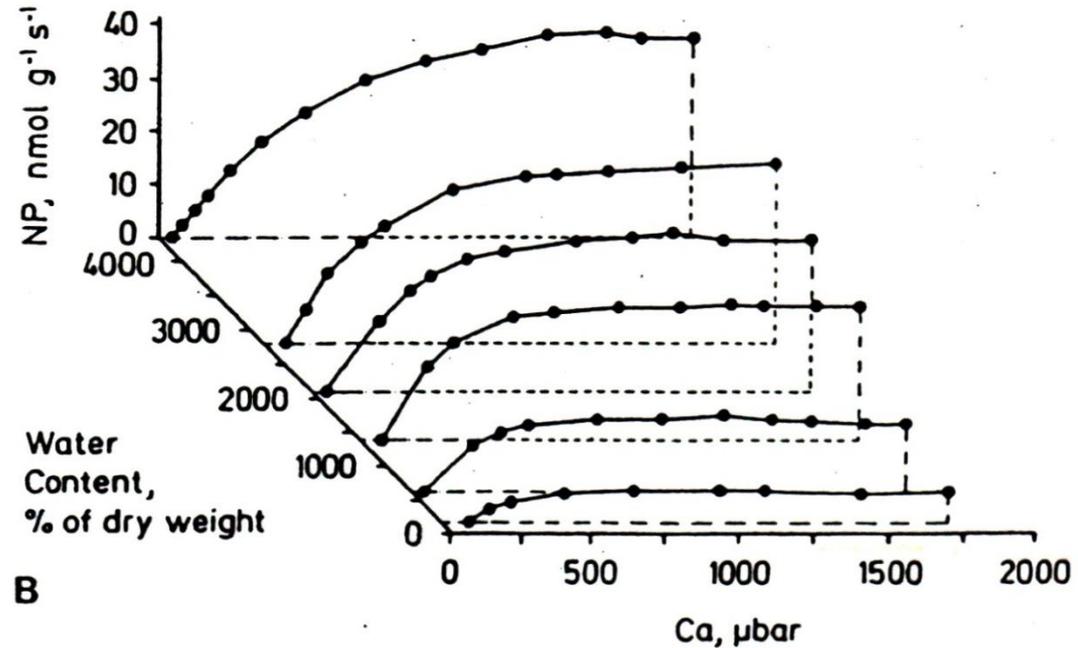
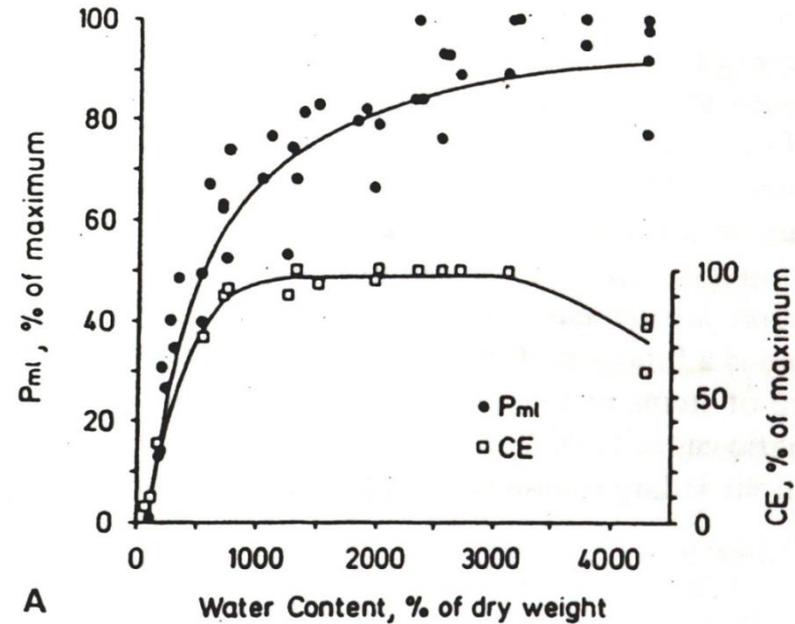
July 23, 1988

*Eriophorum vaginatum*    *Salix pulchra*    *Ledum palustre*



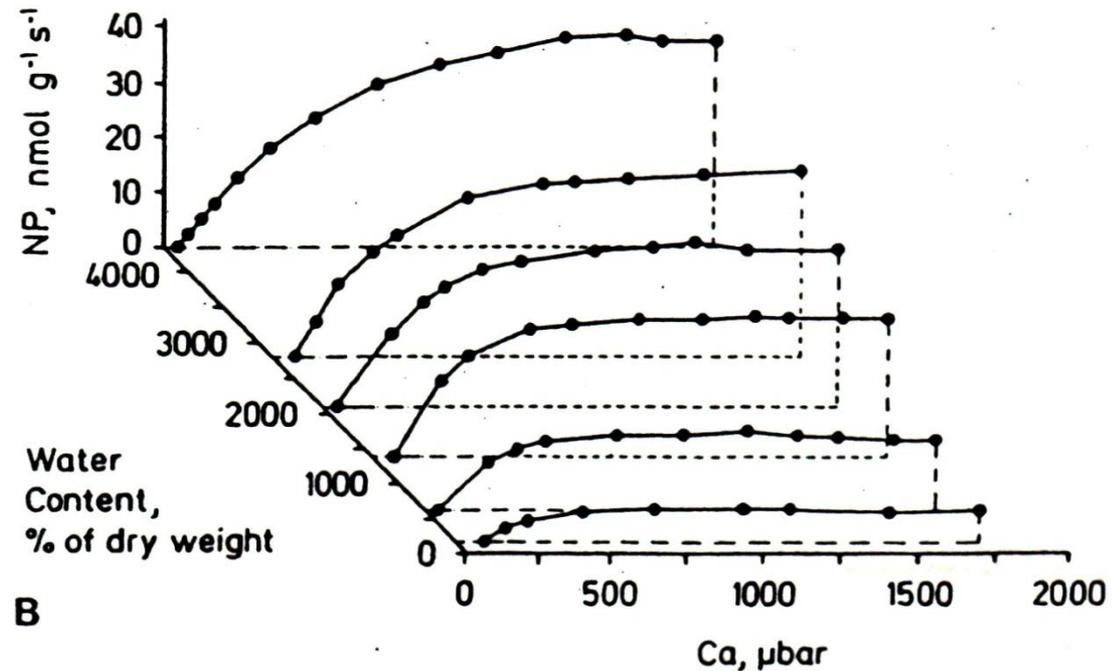
# CO<sub>2</sub> – Exchange Behavior of Moss

*Sphagnum palustre*

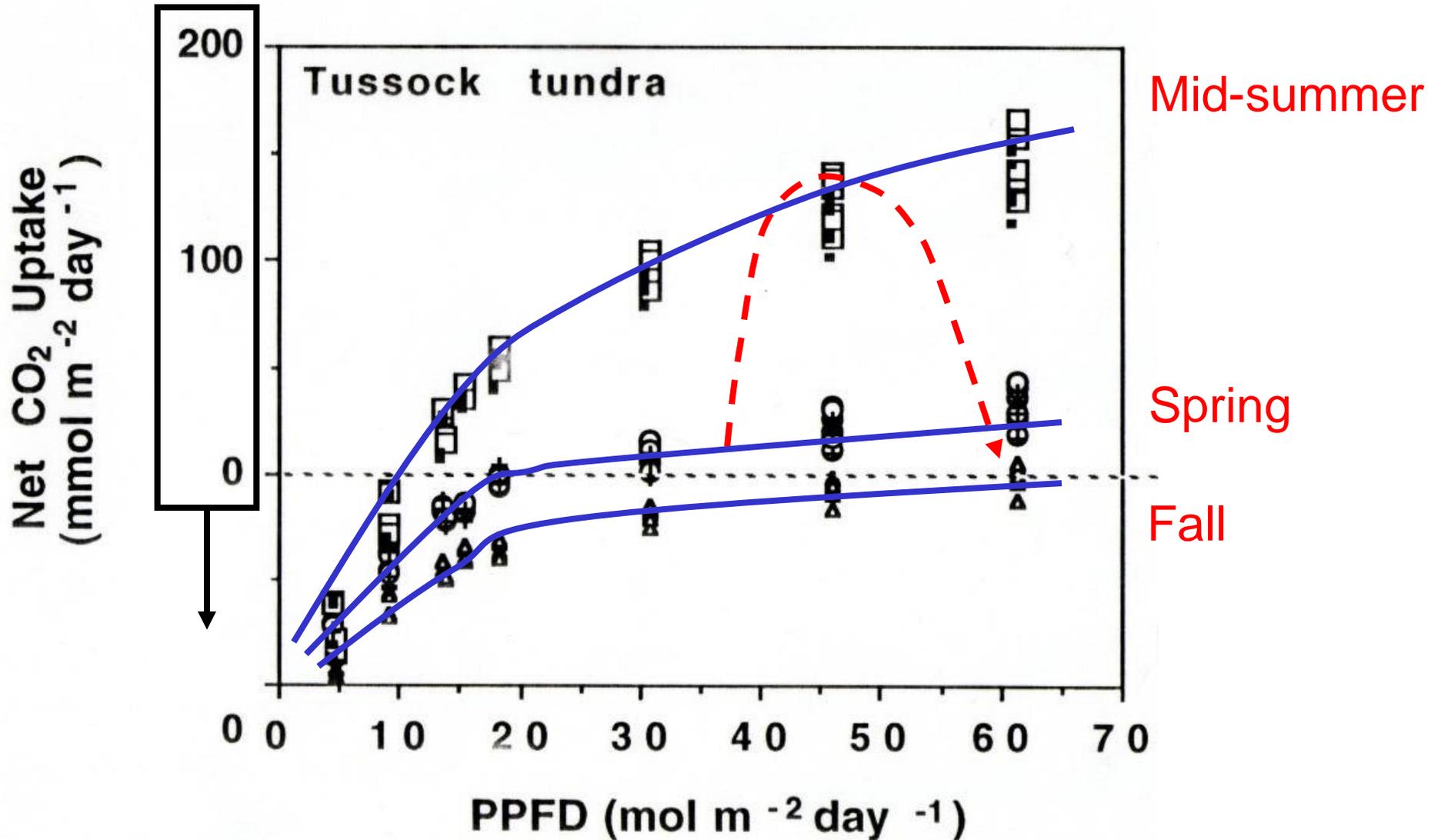


# CO<sub>2</sub> – Austausch bei wechselfeuchten Pflanzen

- Die Sphagnum-Sprösslinge wurden vertikal, aber getrennt angeordnet, um gleichmäßig zum Licht ausgerichtet zu sein
- Relative Luftfeuchtigkeit wurde nahe der Sättigung aufrechterhalten, sodass der Wassergehalt über eine längere Periode abnehmen konnte
- NP = Nettphotosynthese, Ca = Antwort auf Luft-CO<sub>2</sub> Konzentration

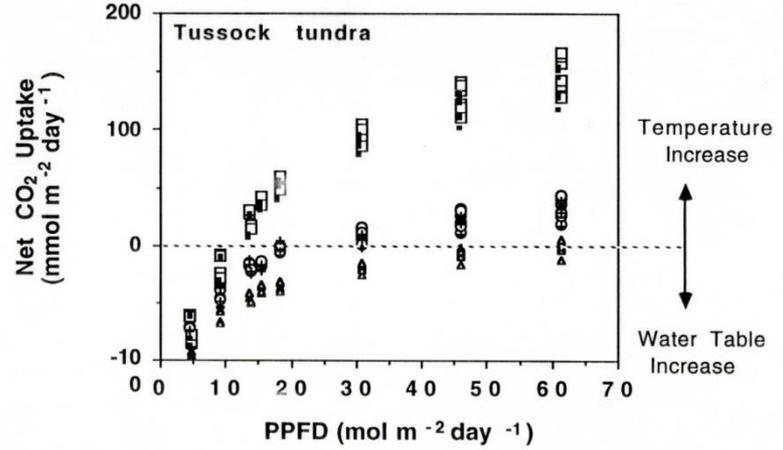
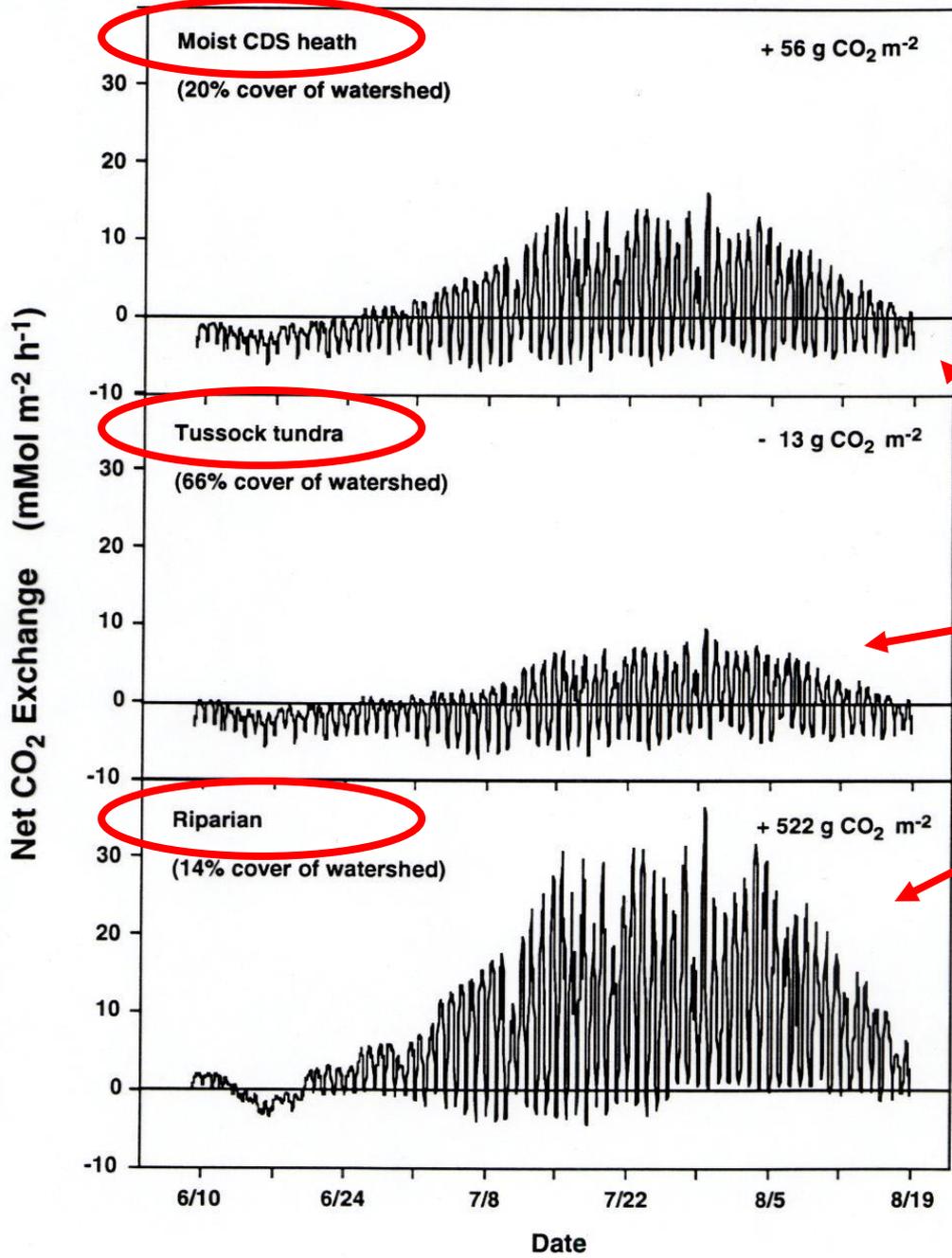


With seasonal development and  
with fluctuating water table, i.e., rainfall patterns

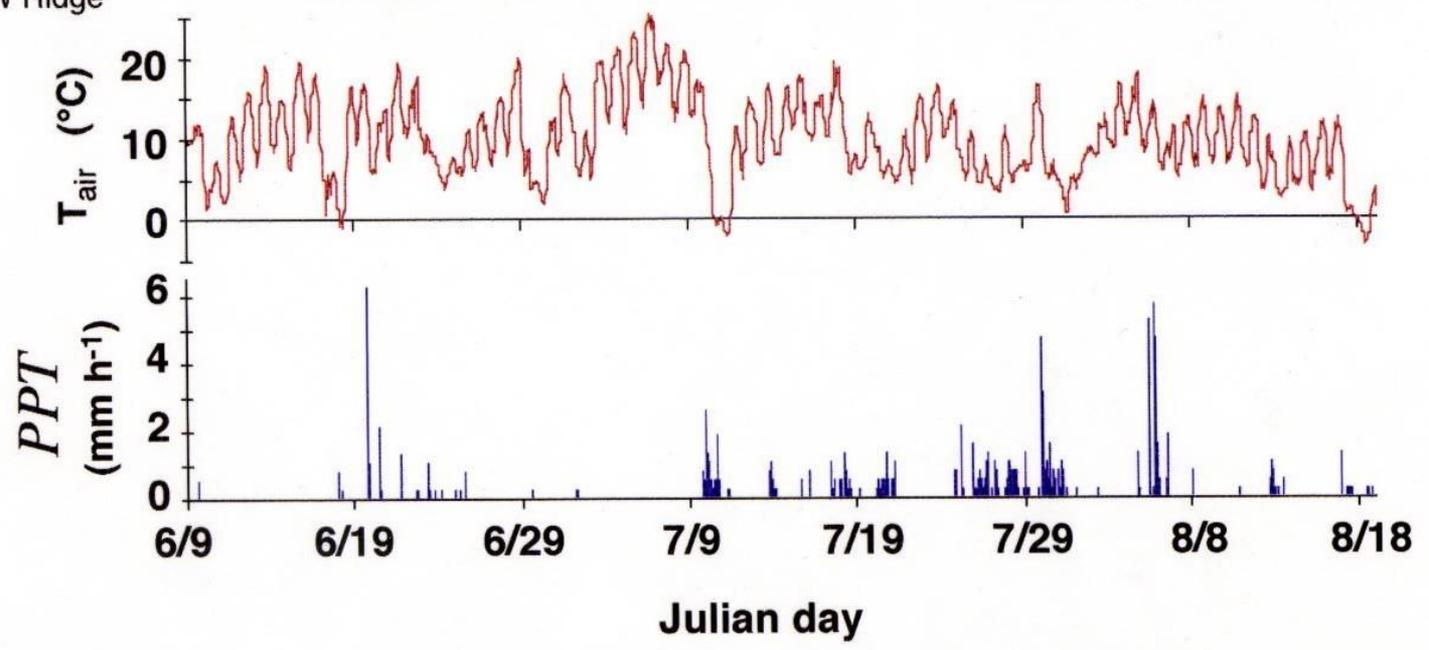
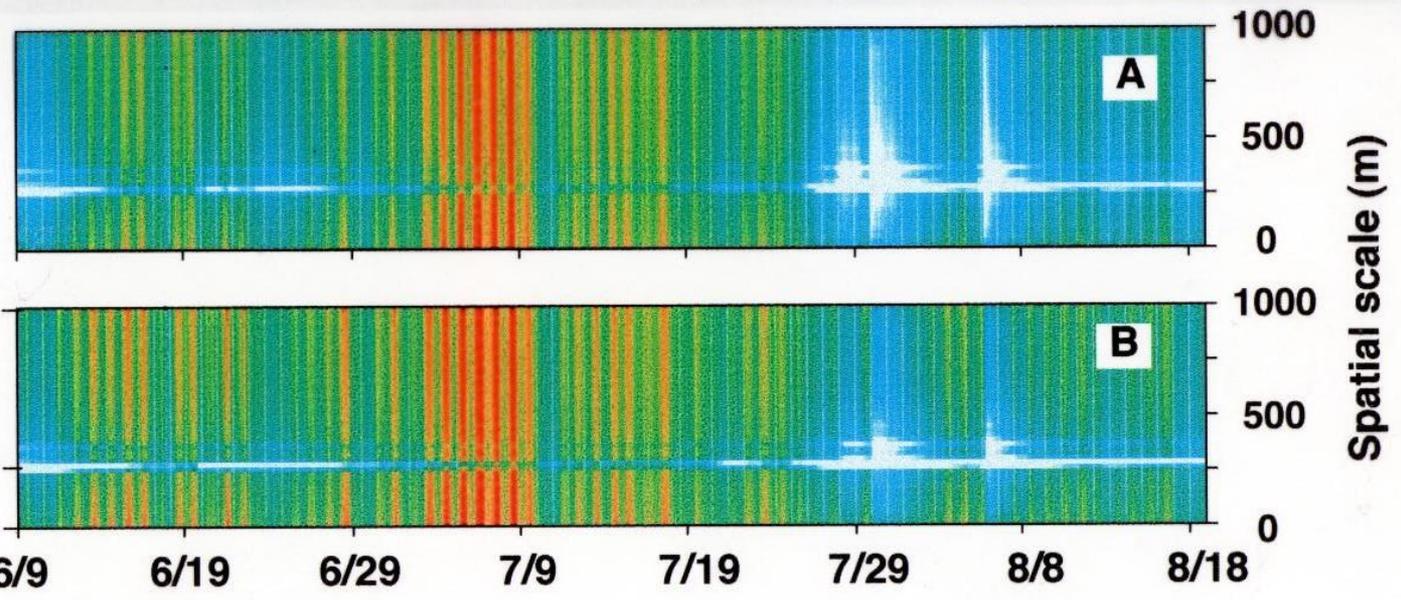
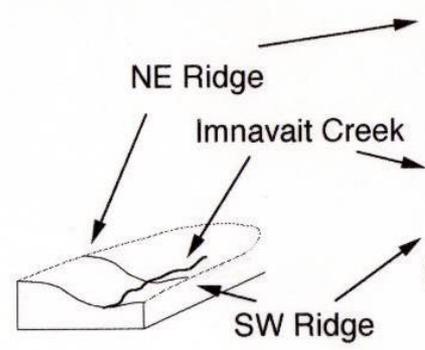
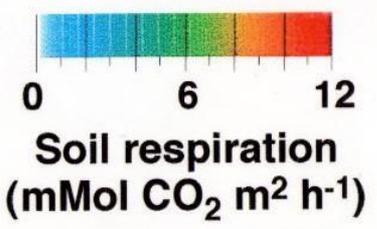


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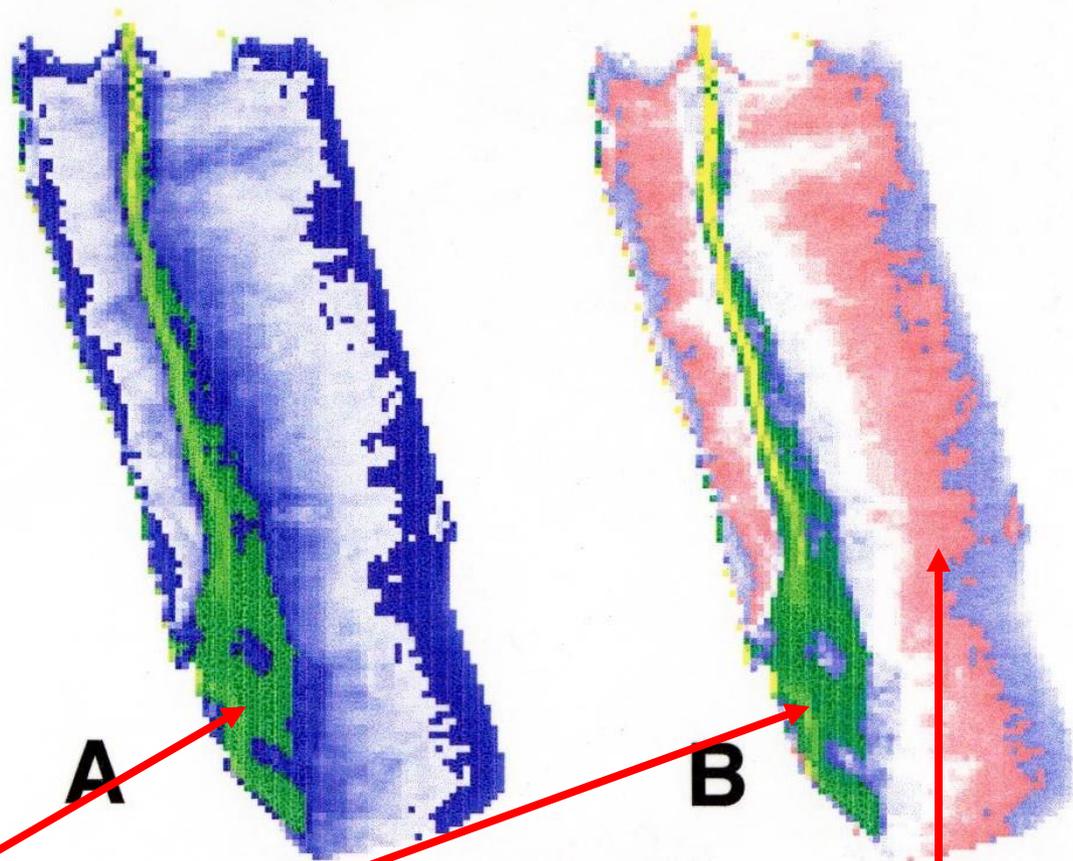
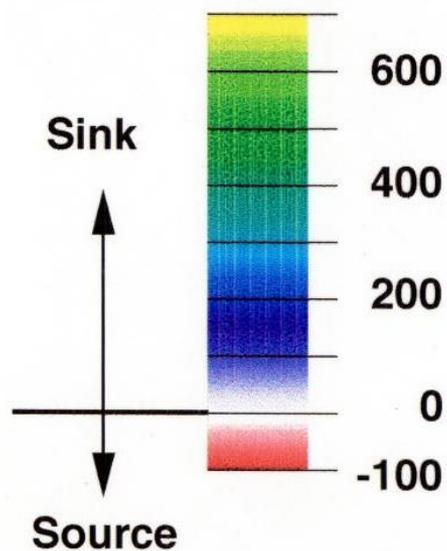
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CO<sub>2</sub>-balance, plant development, and N-uptake depend on topography and water tables



# Seasonal net CO<sub>2</sub> exchange (g m<sup>-2</sup>)

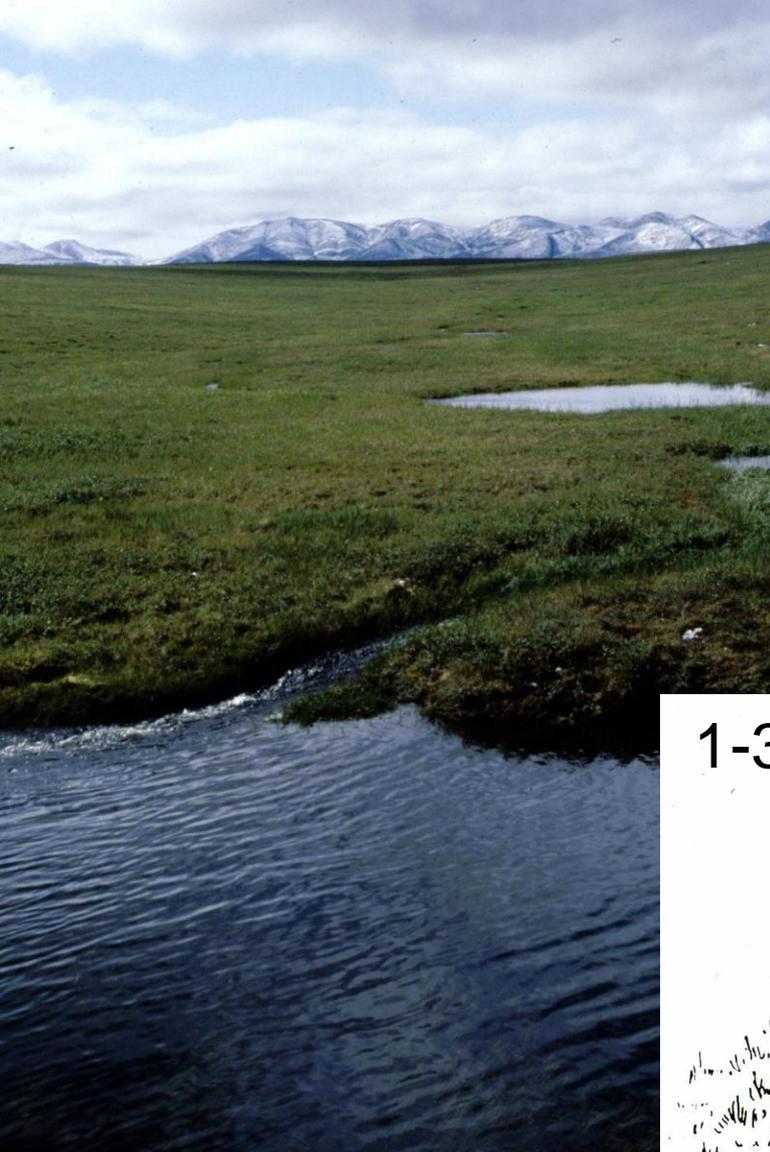


Strong CO<sub>2</sub> sink

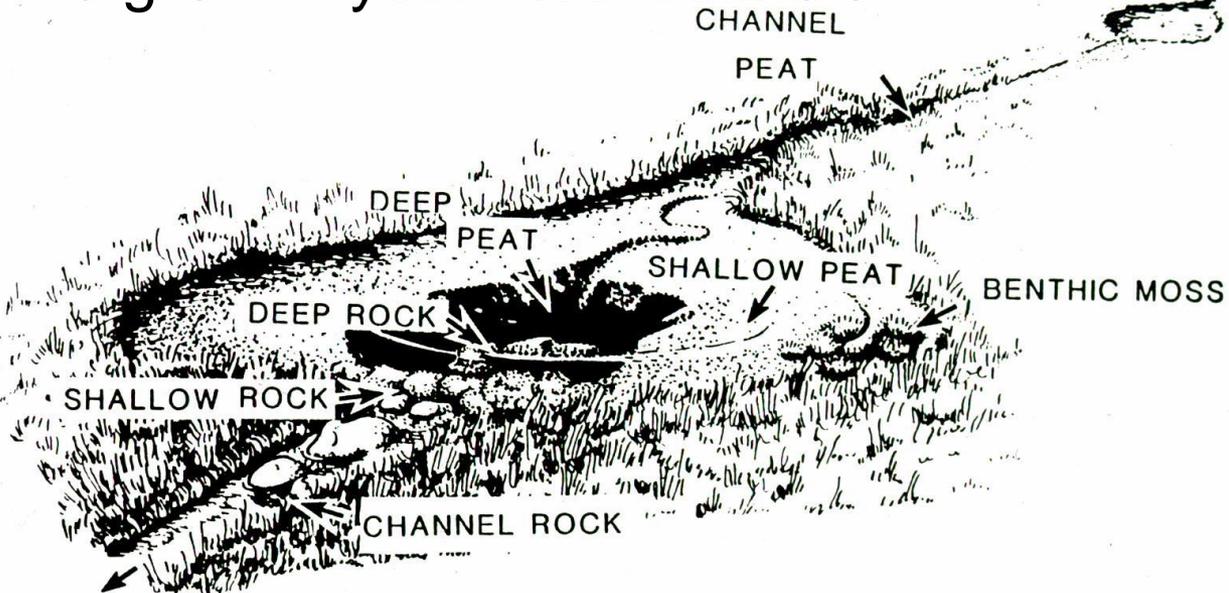
$\Sigma$  pixels = net balance

ca. 10 g C m<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup>

CO<sub>2</sub> source



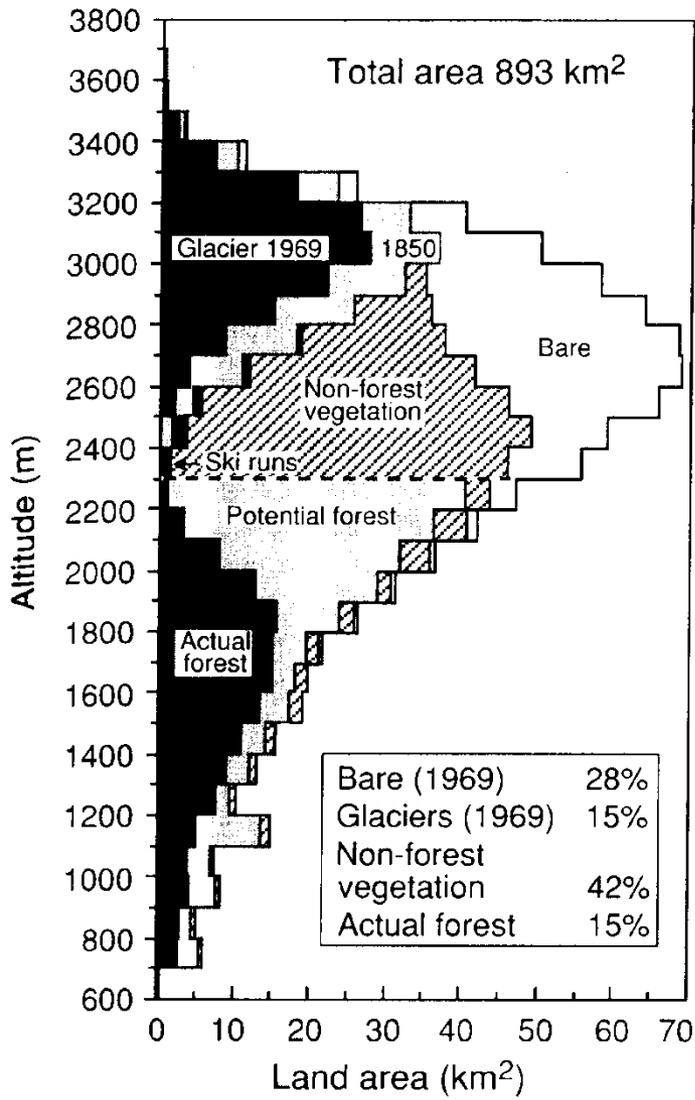
1-3 g C m<sup>-2</sup> year<sup>-1</sup> lost as DOC



but net balance  
also depends on  
methane, peat and DOC:  
not yet evaluated

# In Complex Terrain: Gradients in Ecosystem Properties

## Land Use and Change



## Shifts in Ecosystem Function with Elevation

### Climate Factors

- radiation
- shading
- exposition
- clouds\*
- temperature
- humidity
- precipitation\*
- drought
- CO<sub>2</sub> pressure

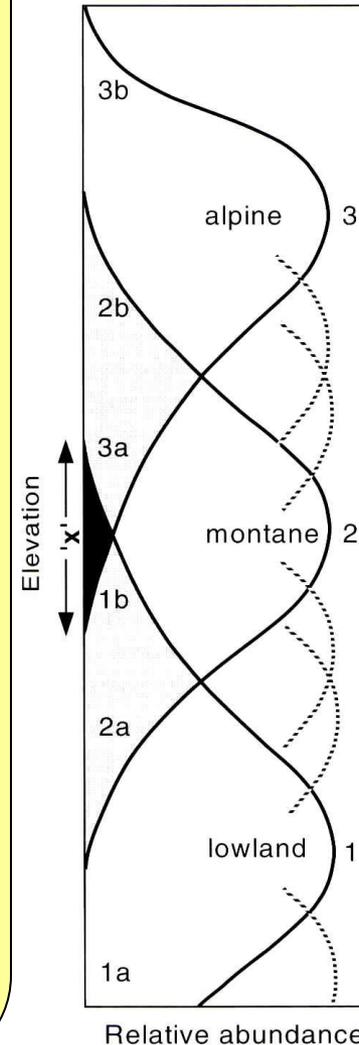
### Plant Physiological Response

- photosynthetic capacity
- leaf respiratory capacity
- stomatal response
- cold stress response
- woody respiration
- phenology/season length
- allocation to LAI/roots
- reproductive output

### Soil Characteristics

- soil temperature
- gas exchange
- nutrient availability
- N cycling, N forms
- microbial populations
- leaching

## Organism Distribution



# Thank You Very Much For Your Attention!

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