

## BOREAS Science White Papers

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November 15, 1995

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### 3.4 Sites and Timing

Two tower flux trajectories: FIFE → BOREAS  
ABLE-2,3 → BOREAS

“remotely sensible science” ← → “Boy Scout science” ← → “aleatoric science” (WV)

Two approaches: long-term fluxes ← → intensive field campaigns

Slow growth in belief that eddy fluxes could be long-term efforts  
Mysteries dealing with ‘energy balance closure’ problem.

1993: First BOREAS ‘test’ deployment.

Discussion with Dennis B et al.: long-term continuous fluxes necessary!  
(San Diego AgFor meeting—lunchtime debate!)

BOREAS role in ‘birthing’ FLUXnet ; changes in BOREAS plan 1994 → 1996 “White Papers”

(At a meeting in [La Thuile, Italy](#) during 1995....)

→ the real “Boy Scout Science” with merit badges!

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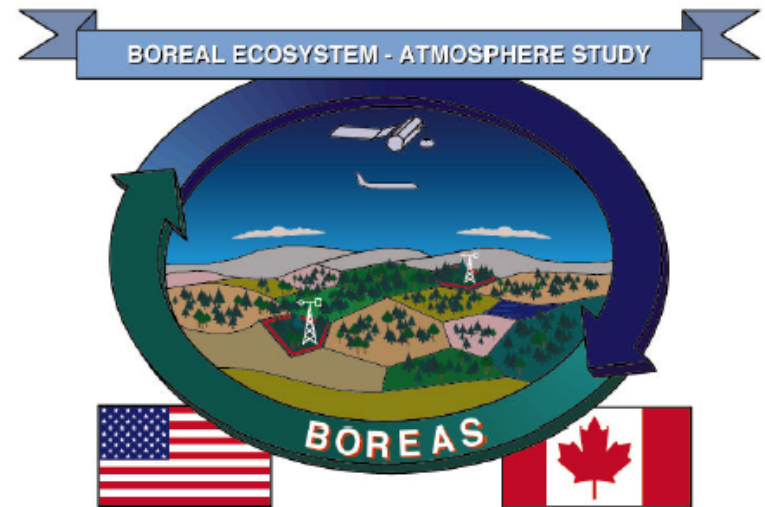




Winnipeg Workshop 1993 “Essence without substance” Award  
Toronto Workshop 1996 “Truth in Jest” Award

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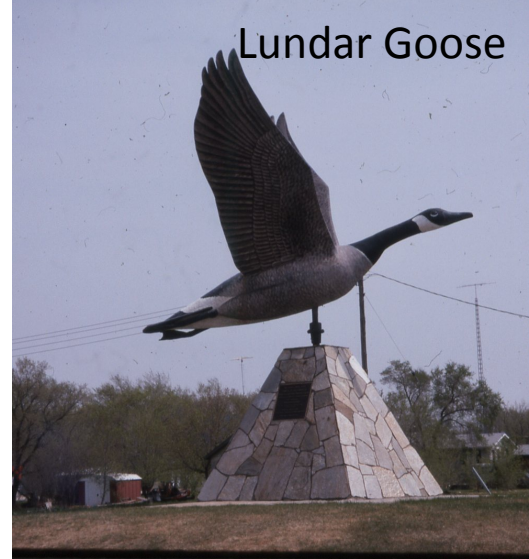




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 IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL  
 MONITORING EQUIPMENT OF  
 NO RESALE VALUE.  
 TAMPERING WITH IT  
 WILL DESTROY  
 VALUABLE SCIENTIFIC DATA  
 PROTECTING YOUR OUTDOORS.  
 THANK YOU.

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Lundar Goose

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Could we have been more *erudite* 21 years ago?

....or was this just BS? You decide.



At present, the surface meteorological measurements from BOREAS are being used to drive both local stand level SVAT models and regional ecosystem models. These models require long continuous time-series of forcing variables.

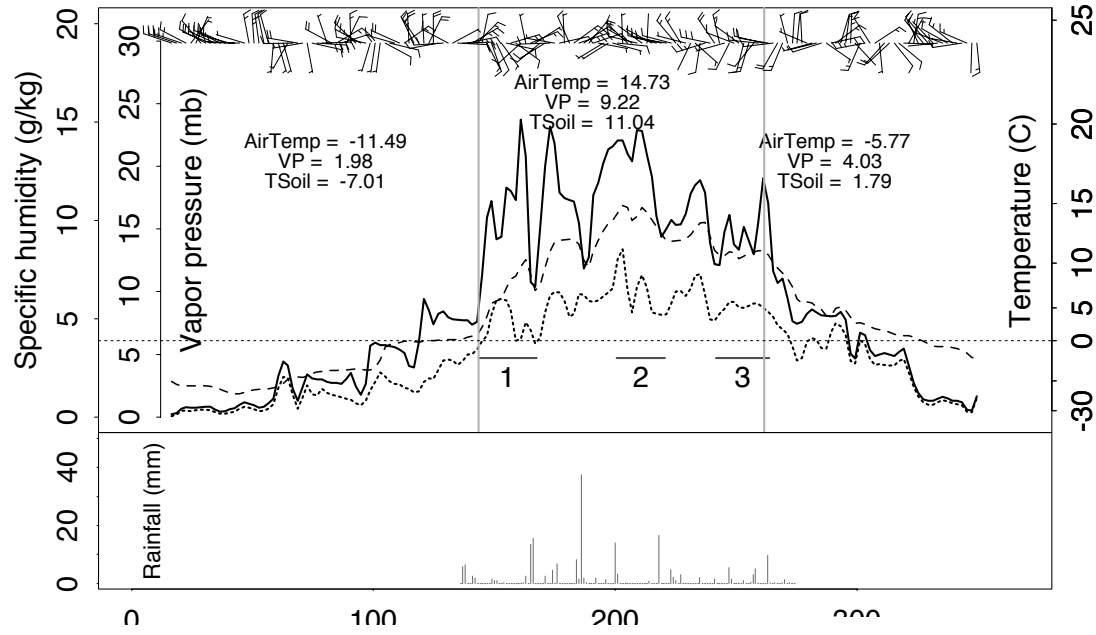
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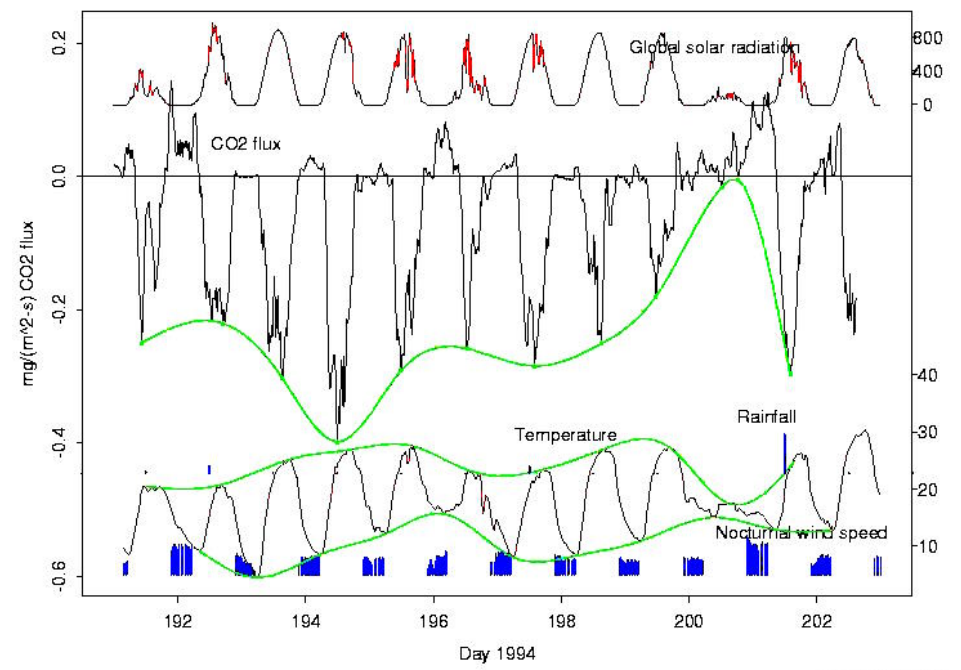




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Links between clouds, boundary layer & surface fluxes, including carbon:

*Still working on BOREAS data:*

Case study: BOREAS stratus breakup. August 8, 1994.  
(with Kara Sulia...)

Clouds, light fluctuations & C uptake: the great diffuse light enhancement story.

BOREAS efforts 1995

OJP as part of multiple site ensembles 2016:

(with Sergey Kivalov)

Carbon enhancements *but also with some hope to identify the mechanism*

How does forest carbon uptake depend on  
fluctuating light level?

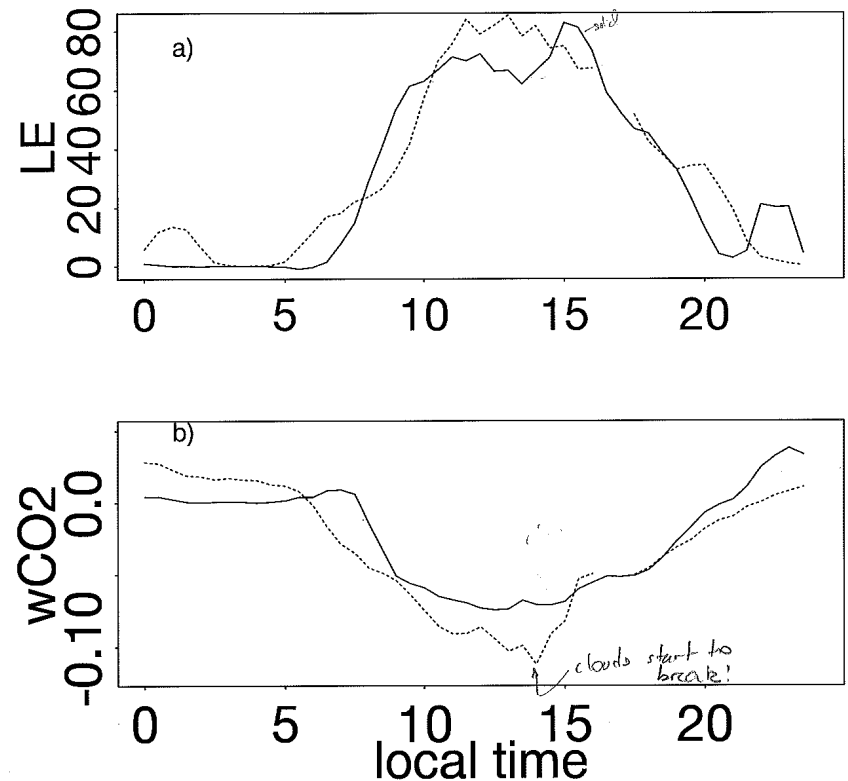
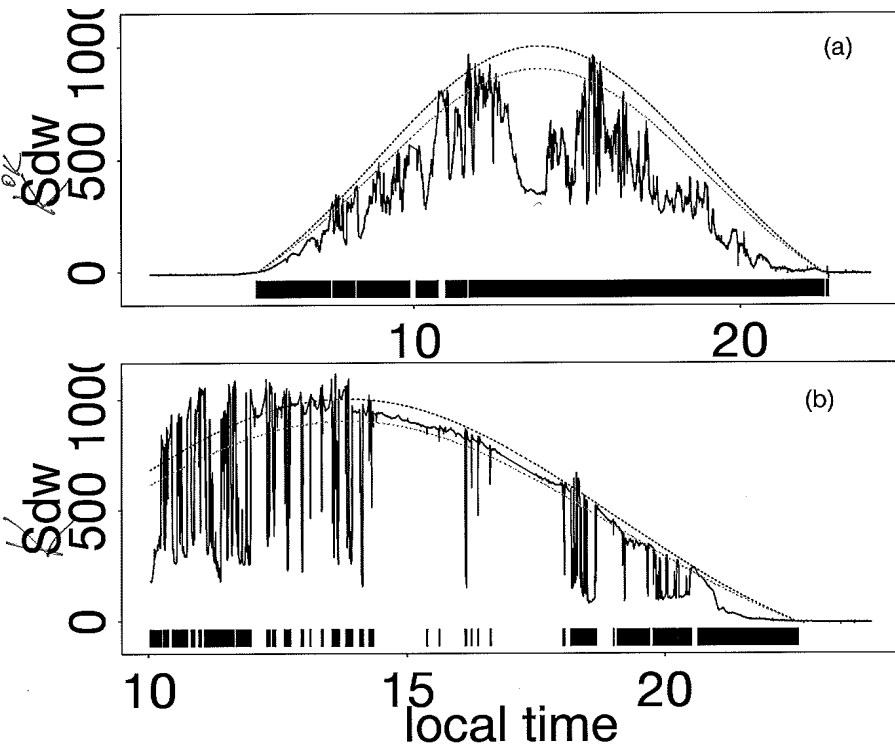
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University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY

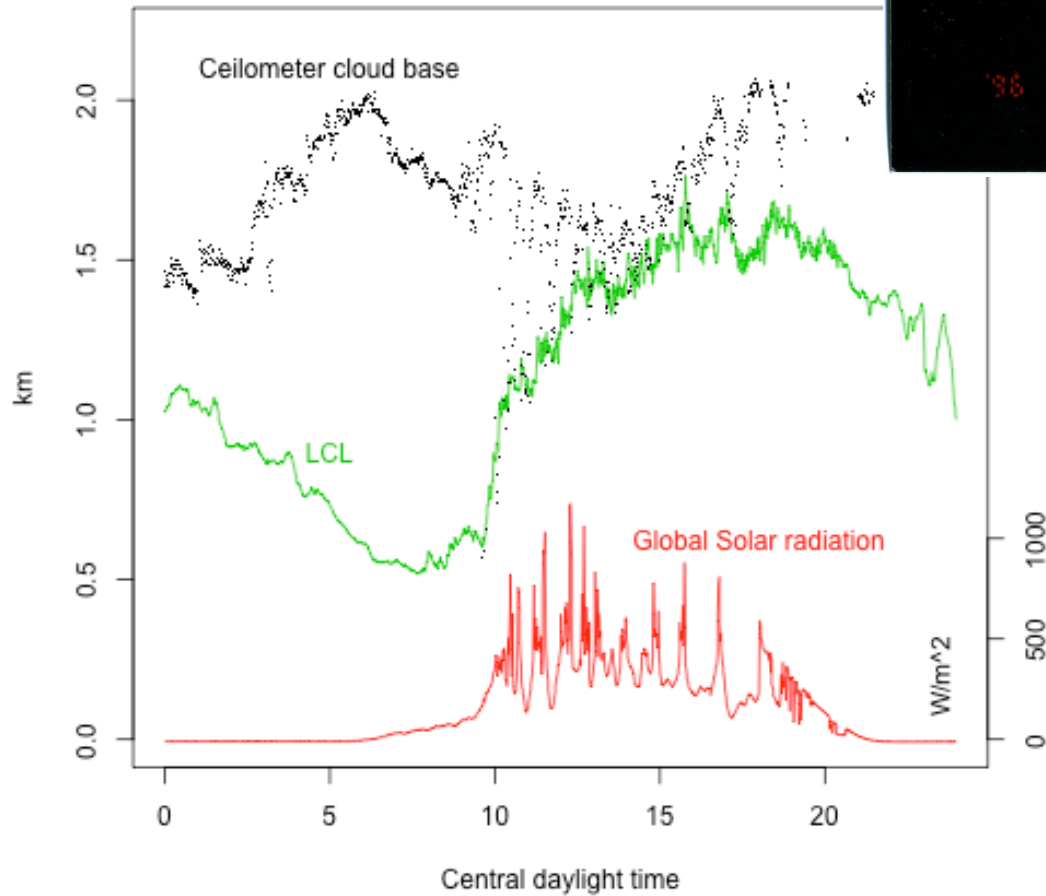
## HOW DO FOREST SURFACE FLUXES DEPEND ON FLUCTUATING LIGHT LEVEL?

Ricardo K. Sakai, David R. Fitzjarrald, Kathleen E. Moore,  
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### Clouds and forest C uptake—first findings...

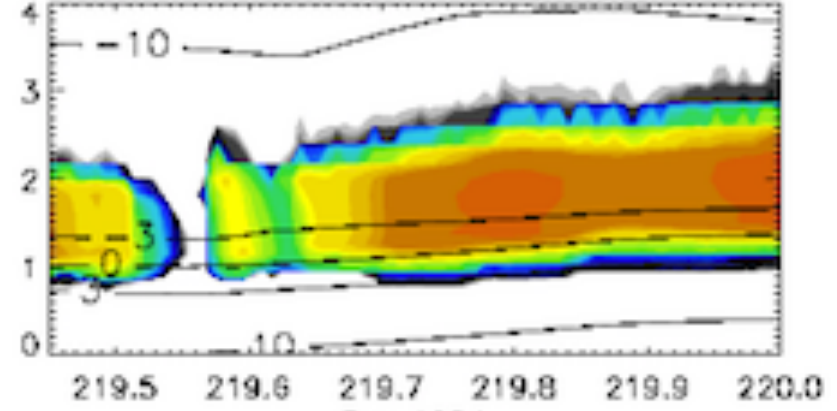
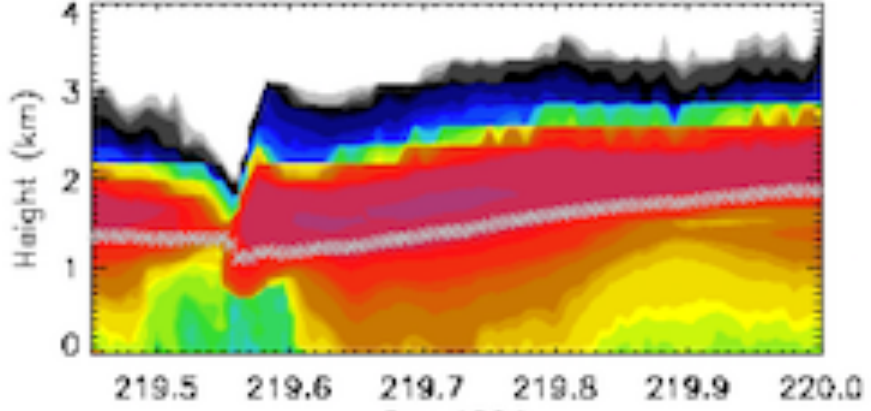




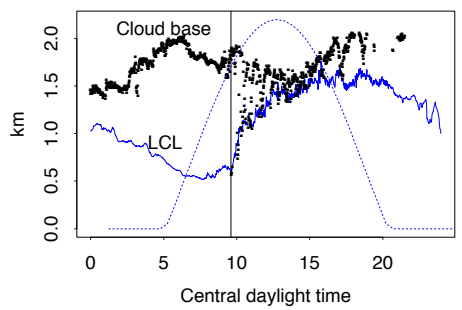




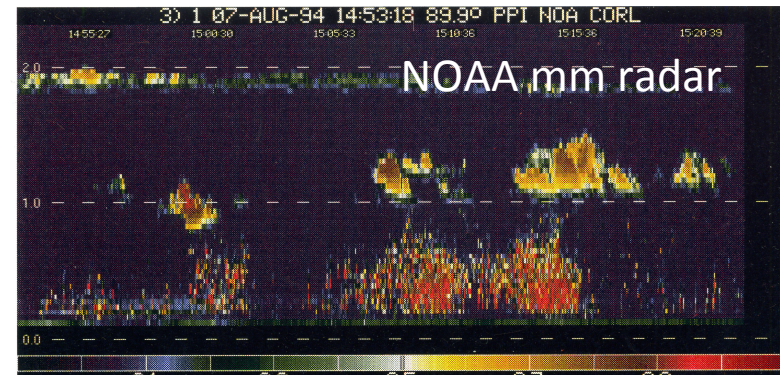
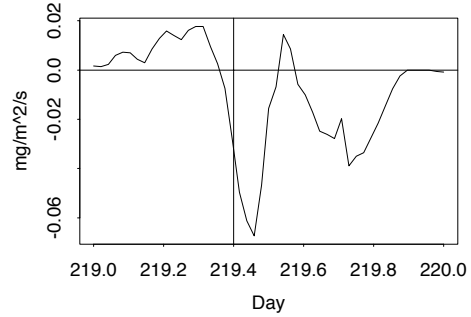
# Kara Sulia (ASRC/SUNY) WRF simulation.



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CO2 flux



Surface fluxes

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Solar radiation

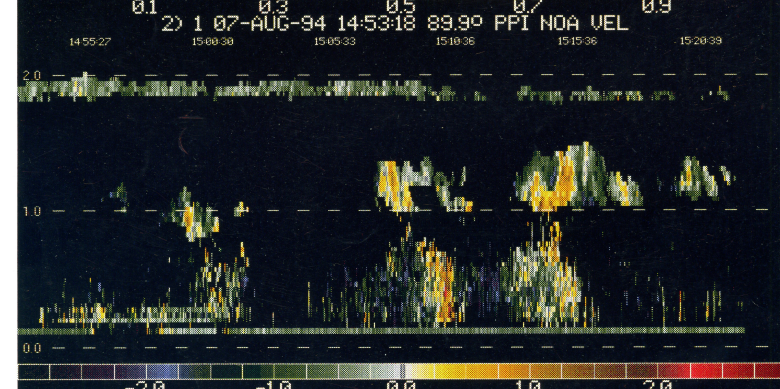
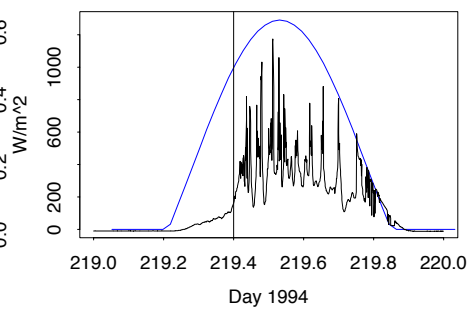
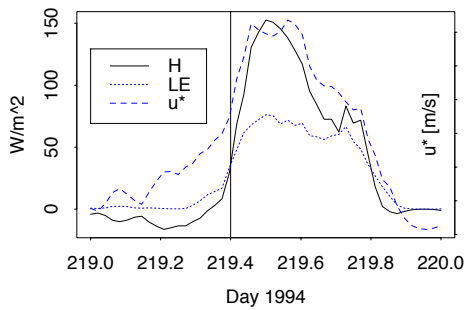
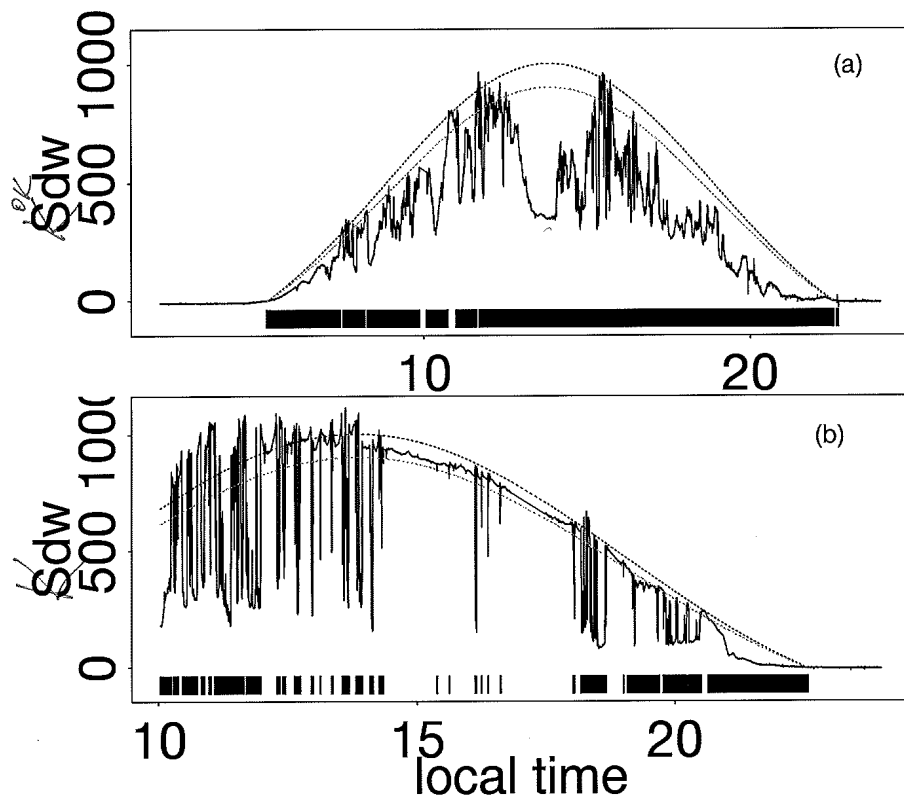


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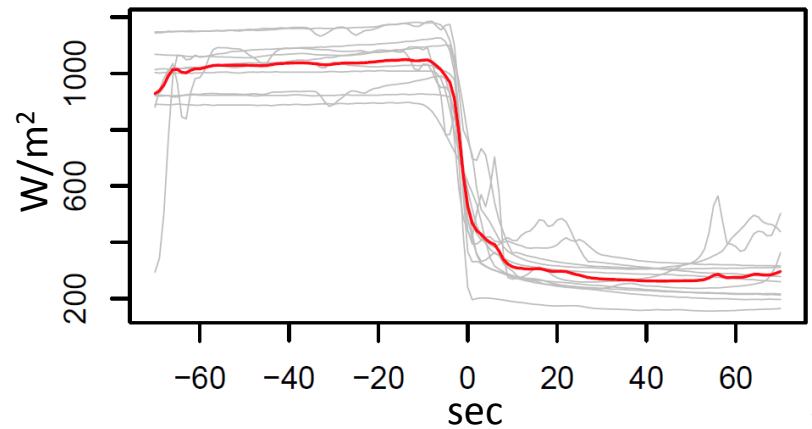
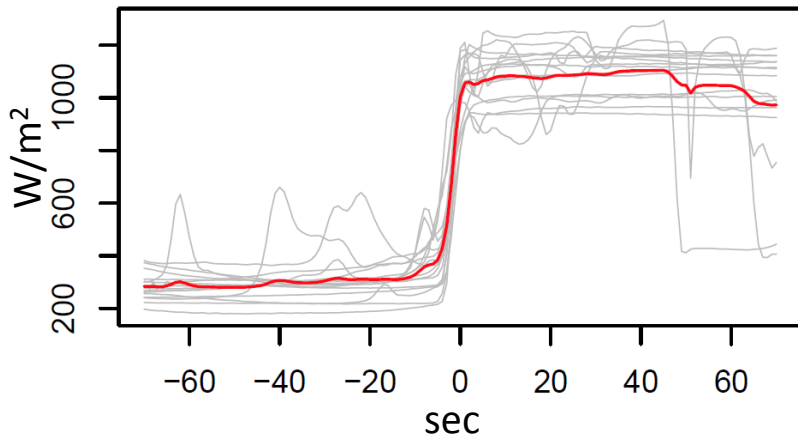
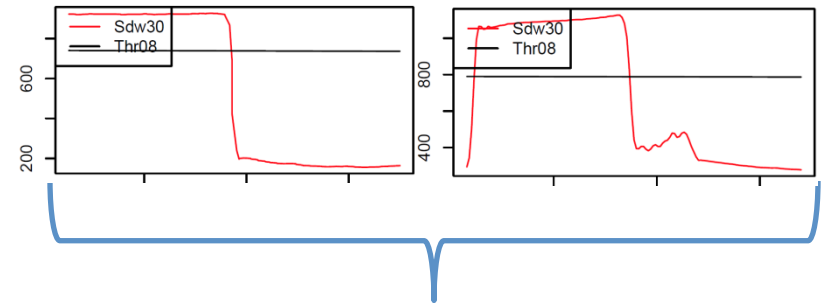
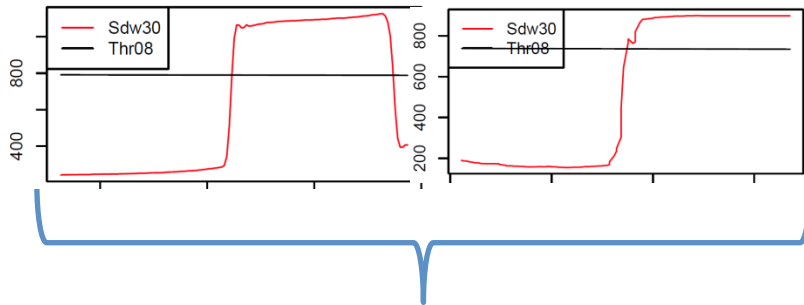
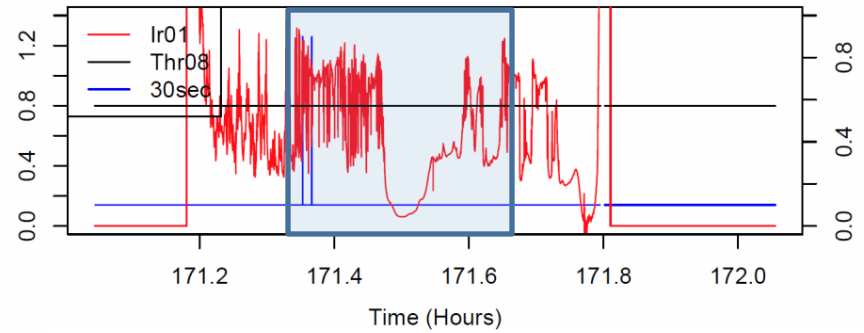
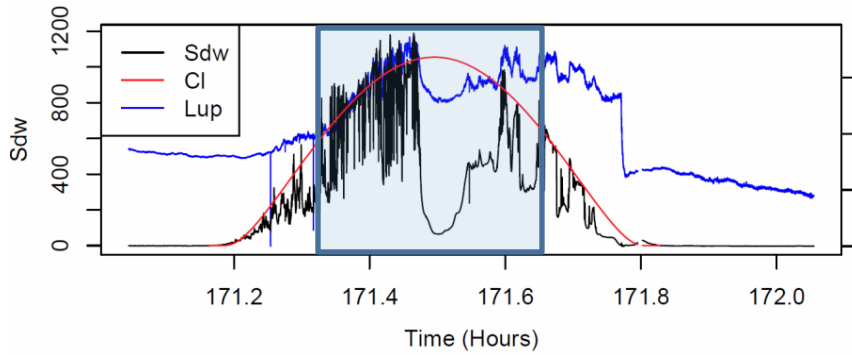
Sakai et al. 1995

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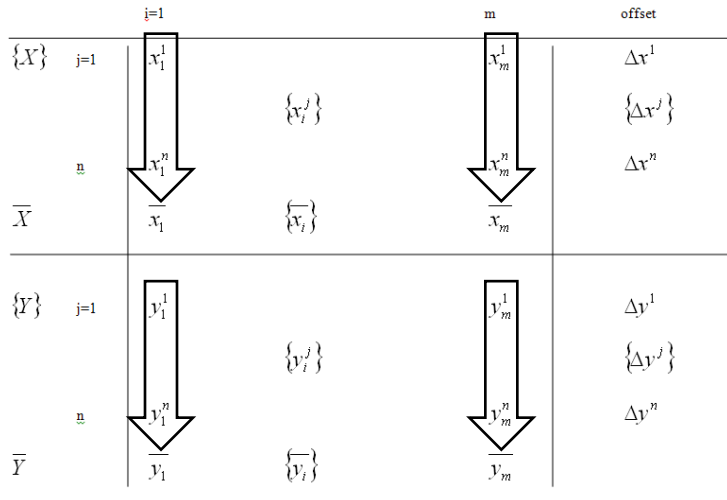
# Reynolds ensemble for Irradiances methodology example

•Light and dark 80+sec samples from June 2006

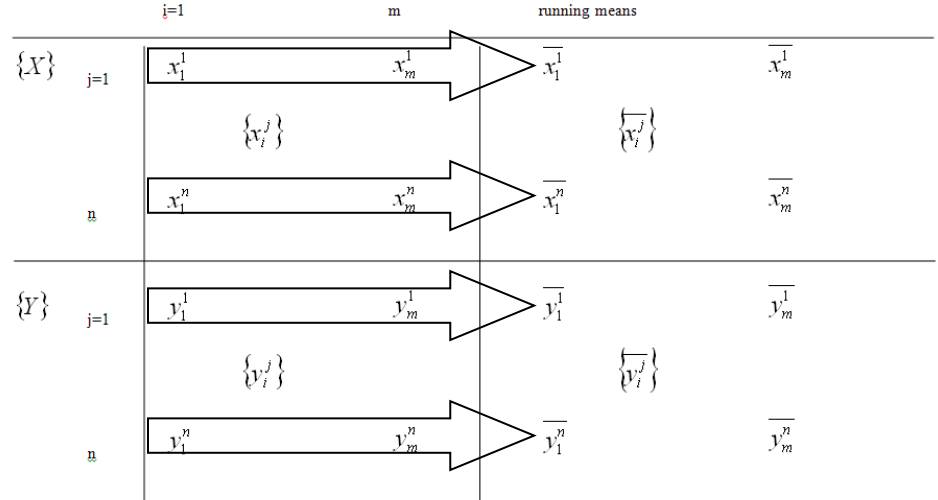


# Reynolds ensemble flux

“True” Reynolds ensemble flux with instrumental offsets



Short time flux with mean removal



Two sets of sequences length  $i = 1, m$  :

$$X^j = \{x_i^j\} = \{\bar{x}_i + \Delta x^j + x_i'^j\}$$

$$Y^j = \{y_i^j\} = \{\bar{y}_i + \Delta y^j + y_i'^j\}$$

“True” ensemble flux is calculated by the formula:

$$Flux\_X \uparrow = \overline{X \cdot Y} - \bar{X} \cdot \bar{Y} + \overline{\Delta x \cdot \Delta y} - \bar{X} \cdot \overline{\Delta y} - \overline{\Delta x} \cdot \bar{Y}$$

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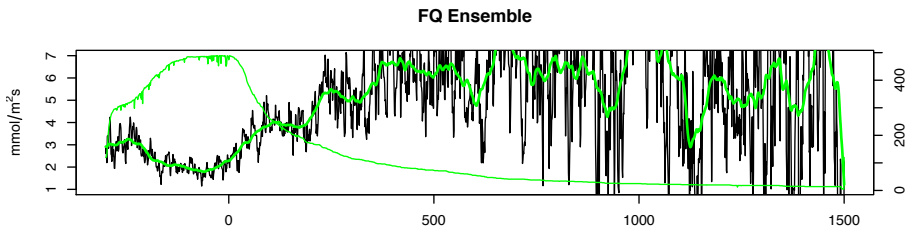
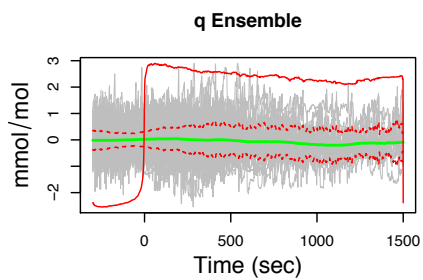
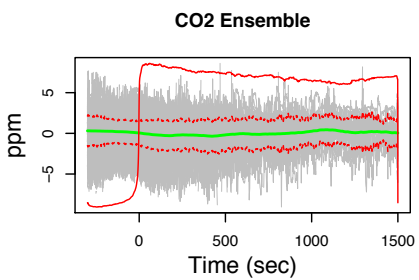
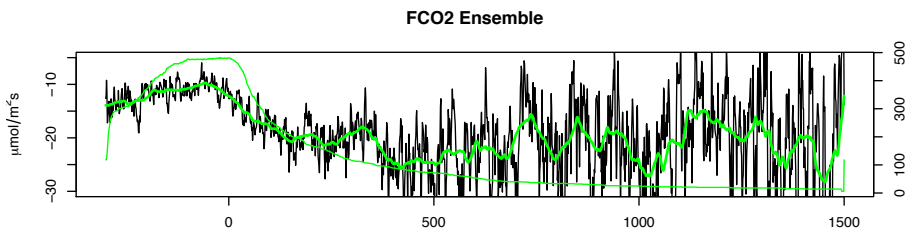
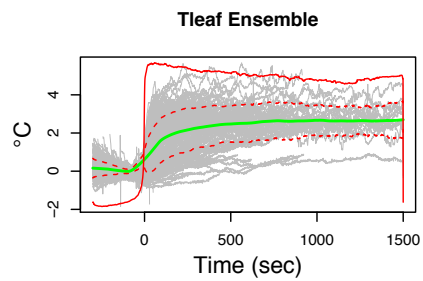
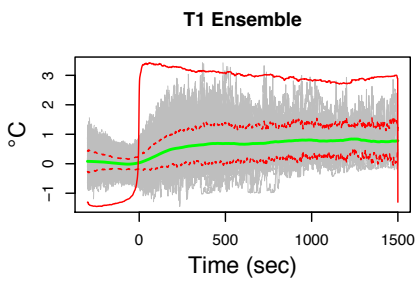
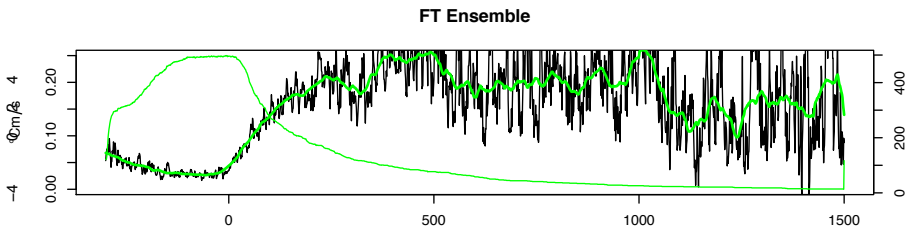
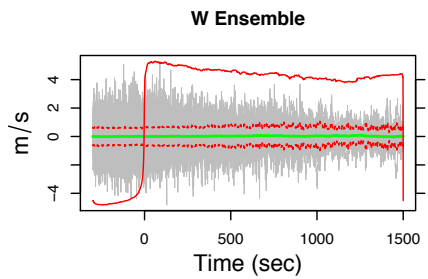
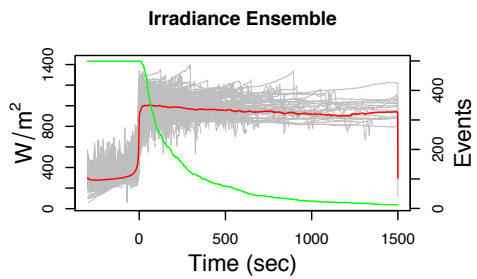
From the Eddy covariance method summation by  $i$ :

$$Flux_j = \overline{(x_i'^j \cdot y_i'^j)}$$

And from Ensemble averaging for fluxes:

$$Flux = \overline{Flux_j}$$

We will do both approaches, but here we present the examples for the first approach new to the observational literature on this topic







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\* **SMELTER APPRECIATION NIGHT** \*  
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\* **JUNE 03, 94 ST. JOSEPH'S HALL** \*



\* **COCKTAIL 6:00 - 7:00** \*

\* **PRESENTATION 7:00** \*

\* **DANCE TO A LIVE BAND FOLLOWING PRESENTATION** \*

\* **COLD PLATE TO BE SERVED** \*

\* **DOOR PRIZES** \*

\* **TICKETS \$10.00 EACH** (CALL SMELTER TRAINING) \*



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— John Barth *Last Voyage of Somebody the Sailor*

“...remember that there's always another way of seeing things: that's the beginning of wisdom.”

— John Barth, *Giles Goat-Boy*