

10<sup>th</sup> Annual

# FLUXCOURSE

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# Why are you here?



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**Industrialization**

Agricultural

Stratospheric  
Ozone depletion

CH<sub>4</sub>

Land Use Change

Increased  
storm  
frequency

CO<sub>2</sub> rising

Disturbance

**Rising  
Temperature**

Rising tropospheric  
Ozone

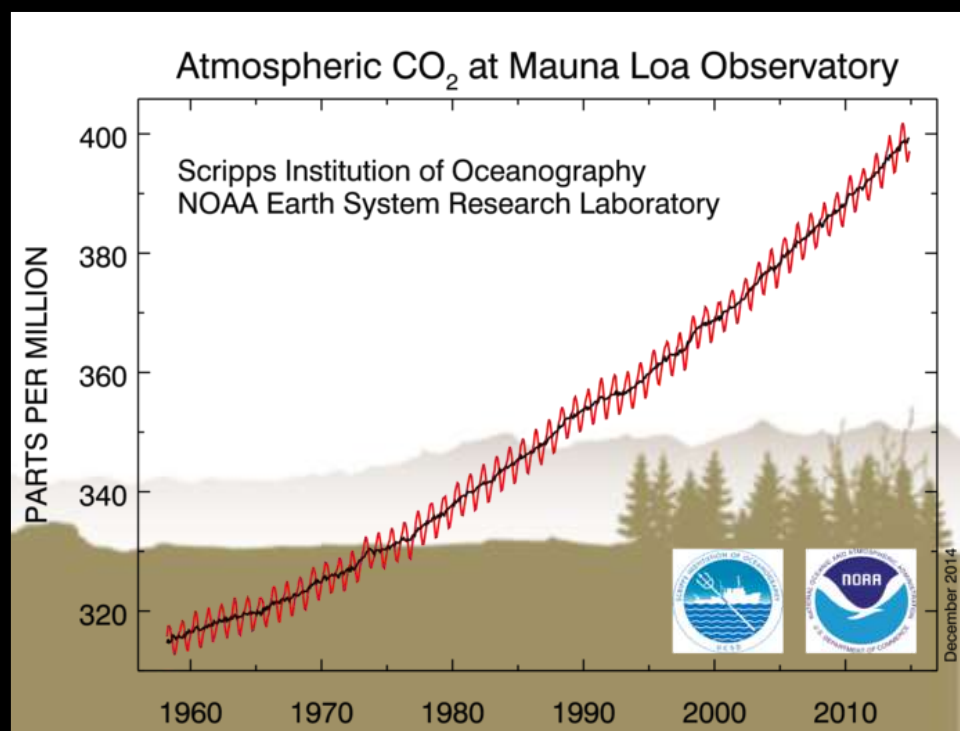
Deforestation

**Melting  
polar  
regions**

Invasive  
species

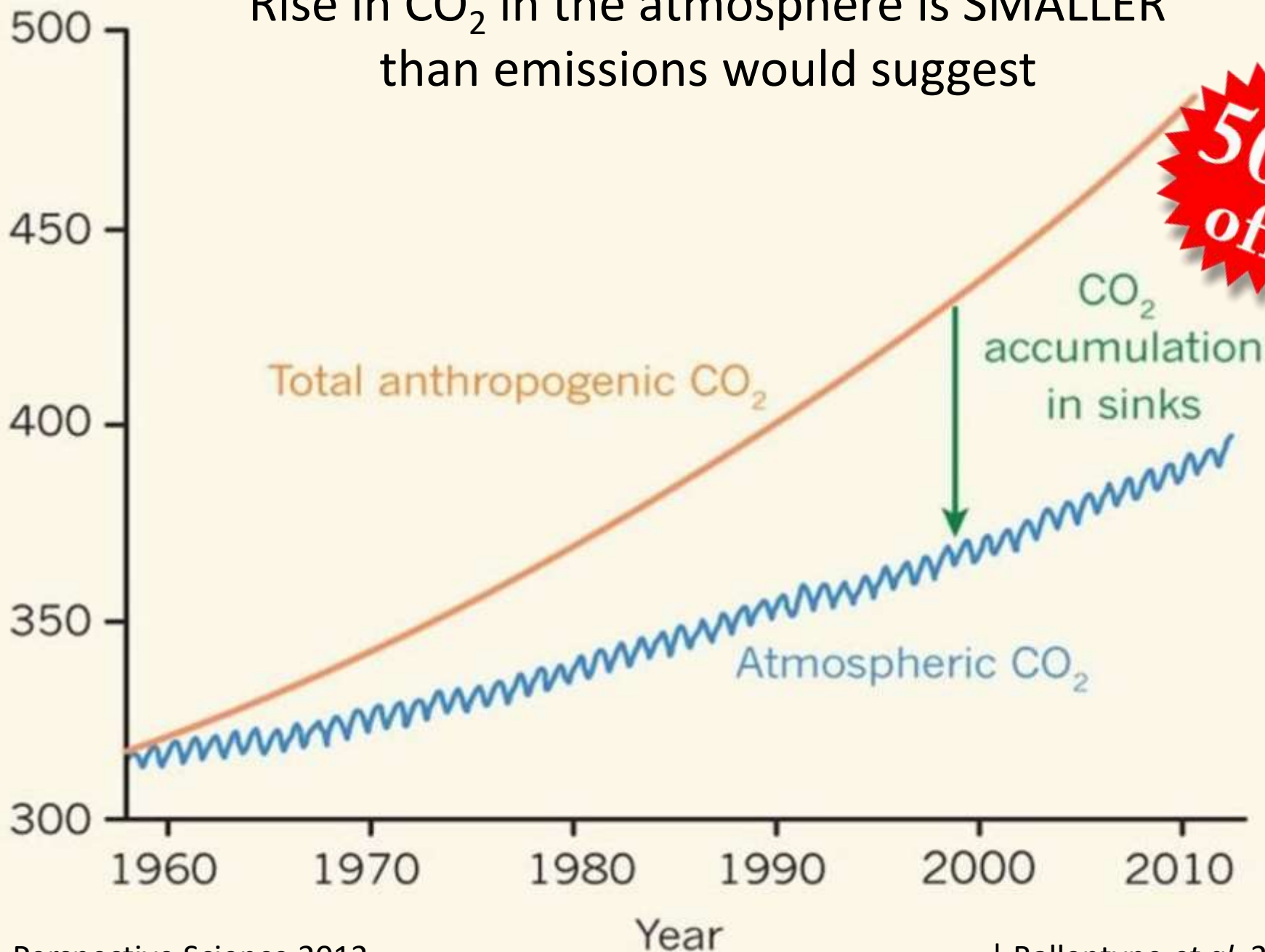
Changing  
precipitation  
patterns





Rise in CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is SMALLER  
than emissions would suggest

50%  
off

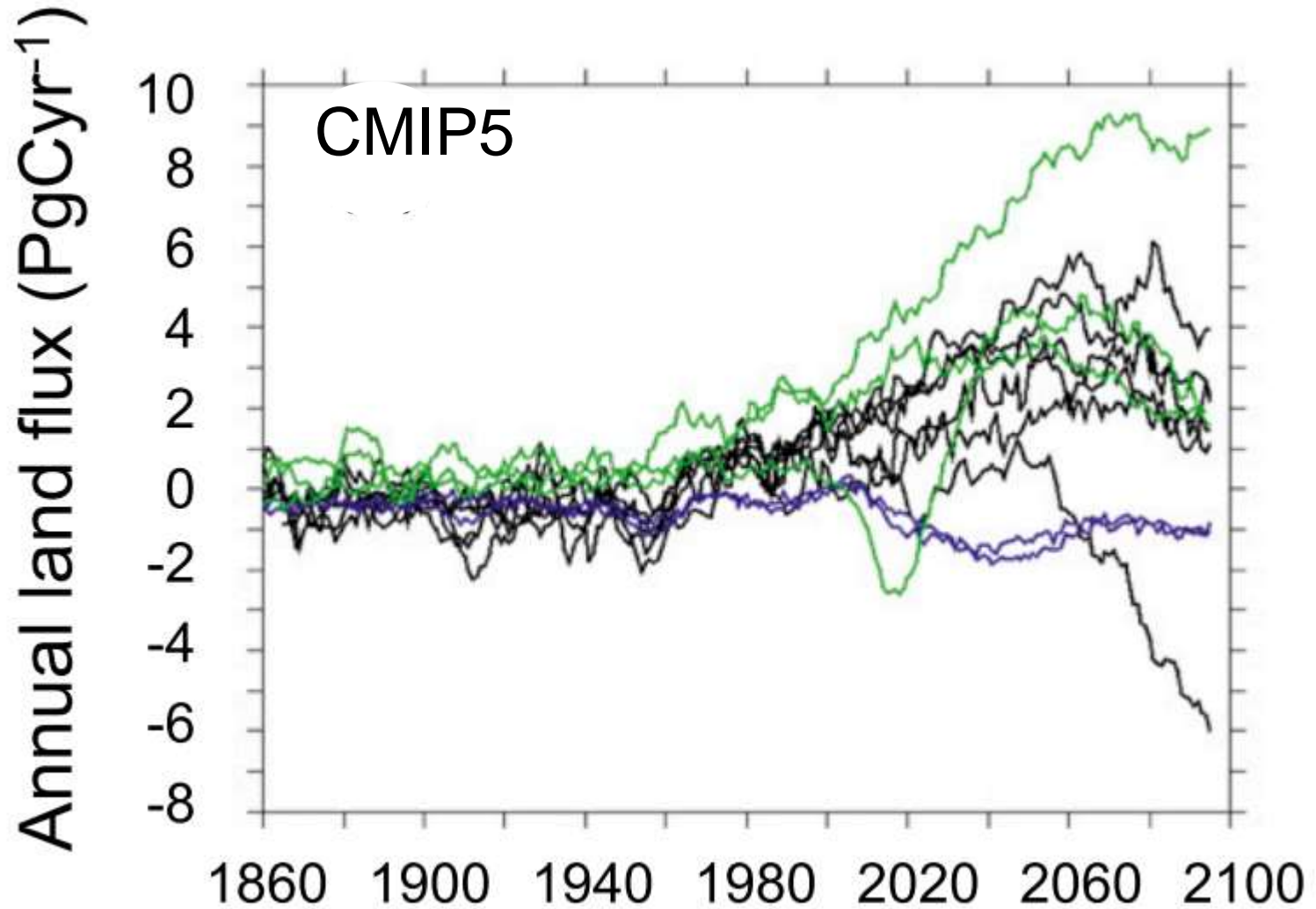








# Spaghetti Carbon-Era

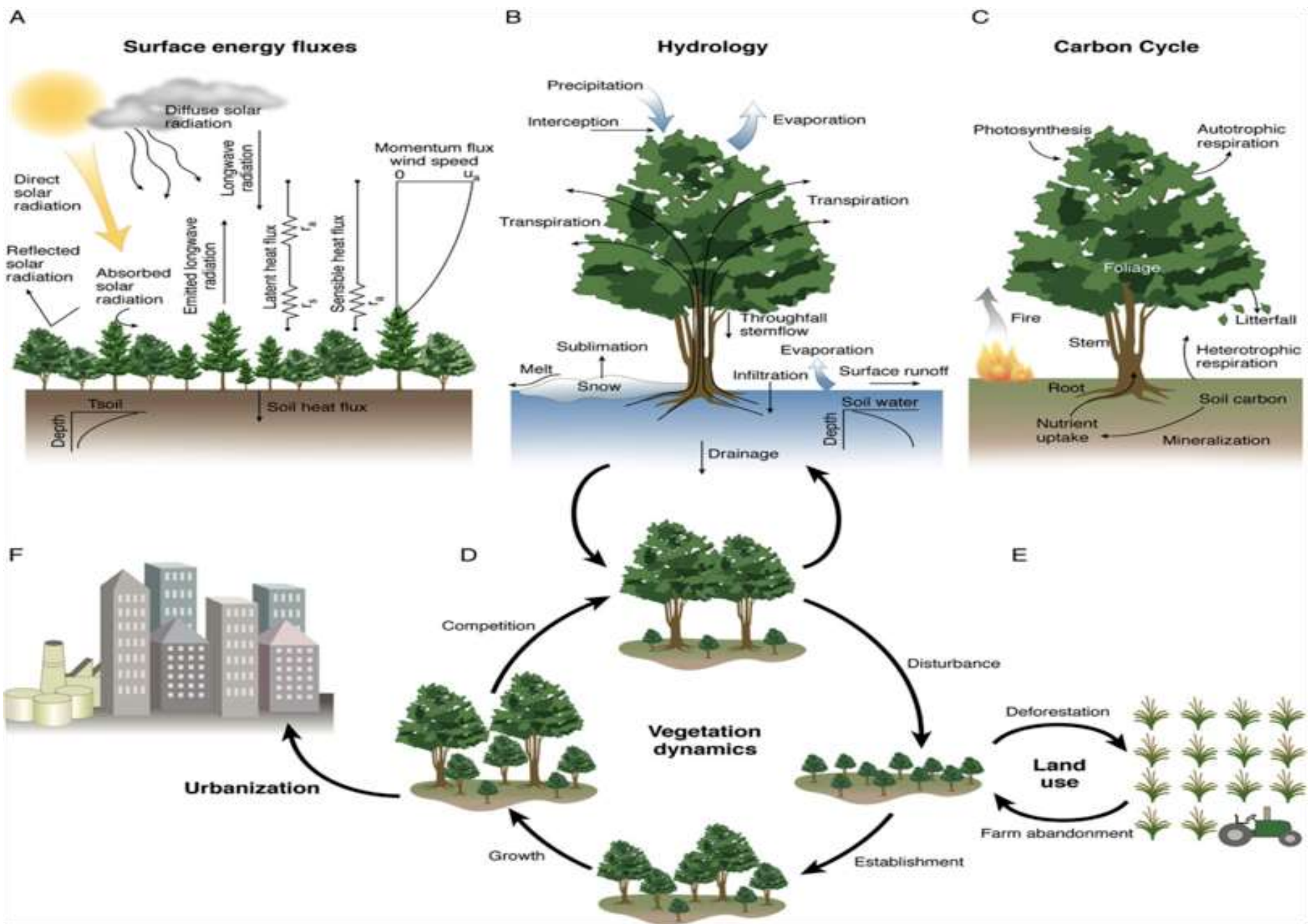




To predict how ecosystems will function in future we need to:

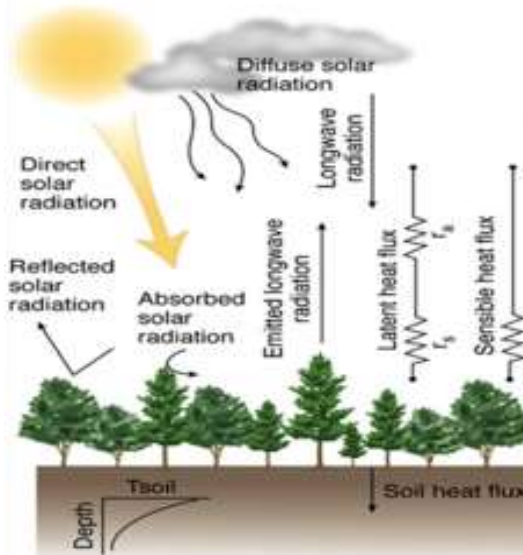
- 1) Observe ecosystems under different conditions
- 2) Understand how ecosystems change in response to environmental variation
- 3) Integrate these responses in sensible ways using process based or statistical models.

Each of these steps requires a  
specialized skill set



A

## Surface energy fluxes



B

## Hydrology

Precipitation

```
// calculate transpiration (cm H2O * day^-1)
// and dWater (factor between 0 and 1)
void moisture(double *trans, double *dWater, double potGrossPsn, double vpd, double soilWater) {
    double potTrans; // potential transpiration in the absence of plant water stress (cm H2O * day^-1)
    double removableWater;
    double wue; // water use efficiency, in mg CO2 fixed * g^-1 H2O transpired

    if (potGrossPsn < TINY) { // avoid divide by 0
        *trans = 0.0; // no photosynthesis -> no transpiration
        *dWater = 1; // dWater doesn't matter, since we don't have any photosynthesis
    }

    else {
        wue = params.wueConst/vpd;
        potTrans = potGrossPsn/wue * 1000.0 * (44.0/12.0) * (1.0/10000.0);
        // 1000 converts g to mg; 44/12 converts g C to g CO2, 1/10000 converts m^2 to cm^2

        removableWater = soilWater * params.waterRemovefrac;
        if (climate->tsoil < params.frozenSoilThreshold) // frozen soil - less or no water available
            removableWater *= params.frozenSoilEff; /* frozen soil effect: fraction of water available if soil is frozen
            (assume amt. of water avail. w/ frozen soil scales linearly with amt. of
            water avail. in thawed soil) */

        if (removableWater >= potTrans)
            *trans = potTrans;
        else
            *trans = removableWater;

        #if WATER_PSN // we're modeling water stress
            *dWater = *trans/potTrans; // from PnET: equivalent to setting DWATER_MAX = 1
        #else // WATER_PSN = 0
            if (climate->tsoil < params.frozenSoilThreshold && params.frozenSoilEff == 0)
                // (note: can't have partial shutdown of psn with frozen soil if WATER_PSN = 0)
                *dWater = 0; // still allow total shut down of psn. if soil is frozen
            else // either soil is thawed, or frozenSoilEff > 0
                *dWater = 1; // no water stress, even if *trans/potTrans < 1
        #endif // WATER_PSN
    }
}
```

C

## Carbon Cycle



Urbanization



Vegetation dynamics

Growth



Establishment



Land use

Farm abandonment





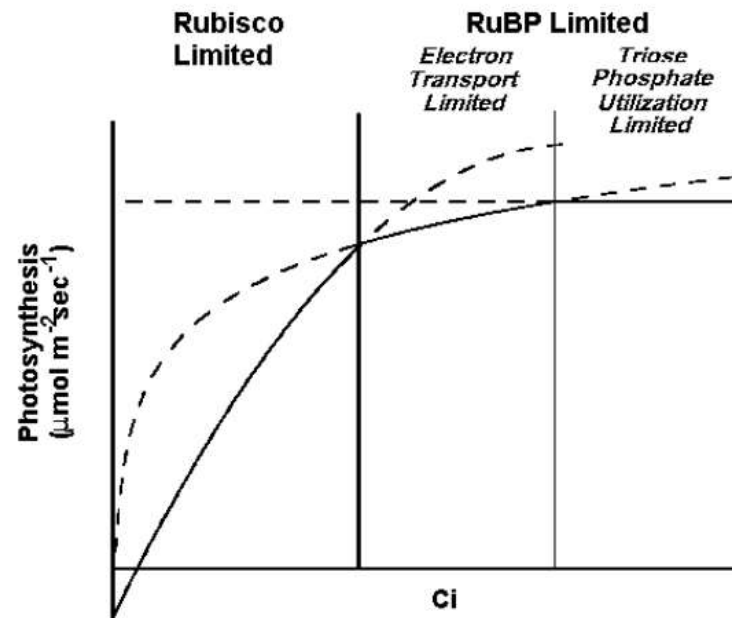
# Field Observations



# Physiological Theory & models

## Chloroplast- and Leaf-Level Flux Modeling

$$A = V_c - 0.5V_o - R_d$$



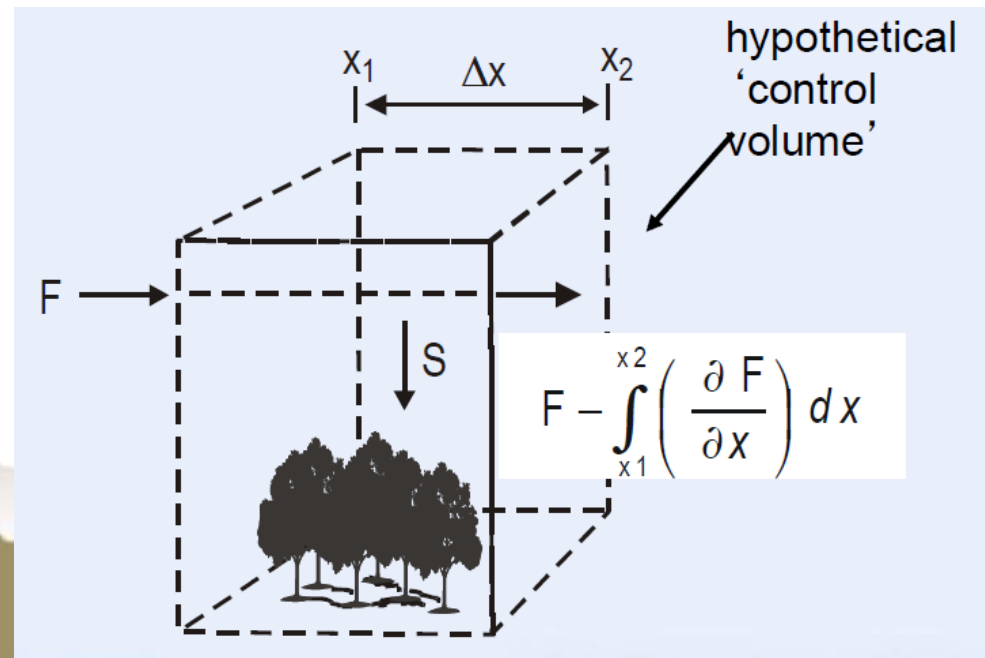
$$A = \min \{w_c, w_j, w_p\} (1 - \Gamma^* / C) - R_d$$



# Theory of the eddy flux, measurements, calibration



Russ Monson  
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A photograph showing two people in a field setting. In the foreground, a woman with a long braid, wearing a red t-shirt and a dark cap, is pointing her right hand towards a piece of electronic equipment. The equipment is a white rectangular box mounted on a metal frame, with a smaller white panel attached to its side that has the 'CAMPBELL SCIENTIFIC' logo. Below the main box is a terminal block with several wires connected. In the background, a man wearing a blue and white plaid shirt and a grey cap stands with his hands near his chest, looking towards the camera. The background consists of green foliage and trees.

Peer teaching

# Processing real data warts and all ... Ed

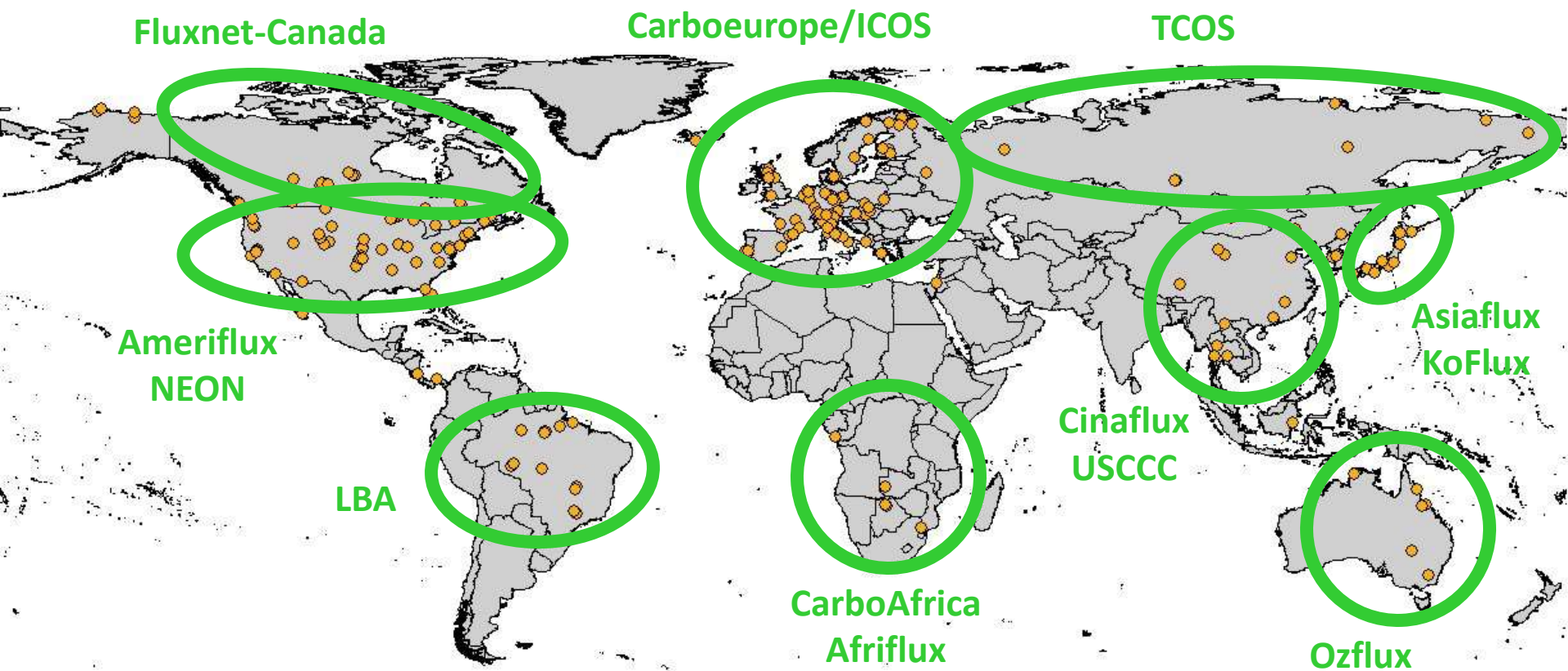








Eddy covariance sites are world-wide distributed and organized in regional networks



AfriFlux

ChinaFLUX

OzFlux  
Australian and New Zealand Flux Research and Monitoring

USCCC

NECC  
Nordic Centre for Studies of Ecosystem Carbon Exchange  
and its Interactions with the Climate System



# Course Components

- Lectures – recorded for later reference
- Hands on data collection
- Build an eddy-covariance tower
- Manually adjust fluxes to deal with real world glitches
- Graphing, analyzing and inferring ecological meaning in teams
- Downloading and manipulating satellite remote sensing information for the students own site.
- Hands on modeling and data assimilation exercises – working in groups with advice from 4-5 instructors.



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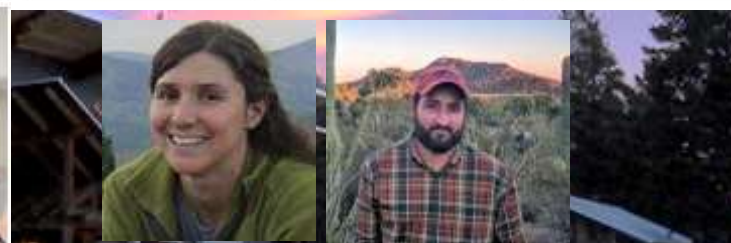
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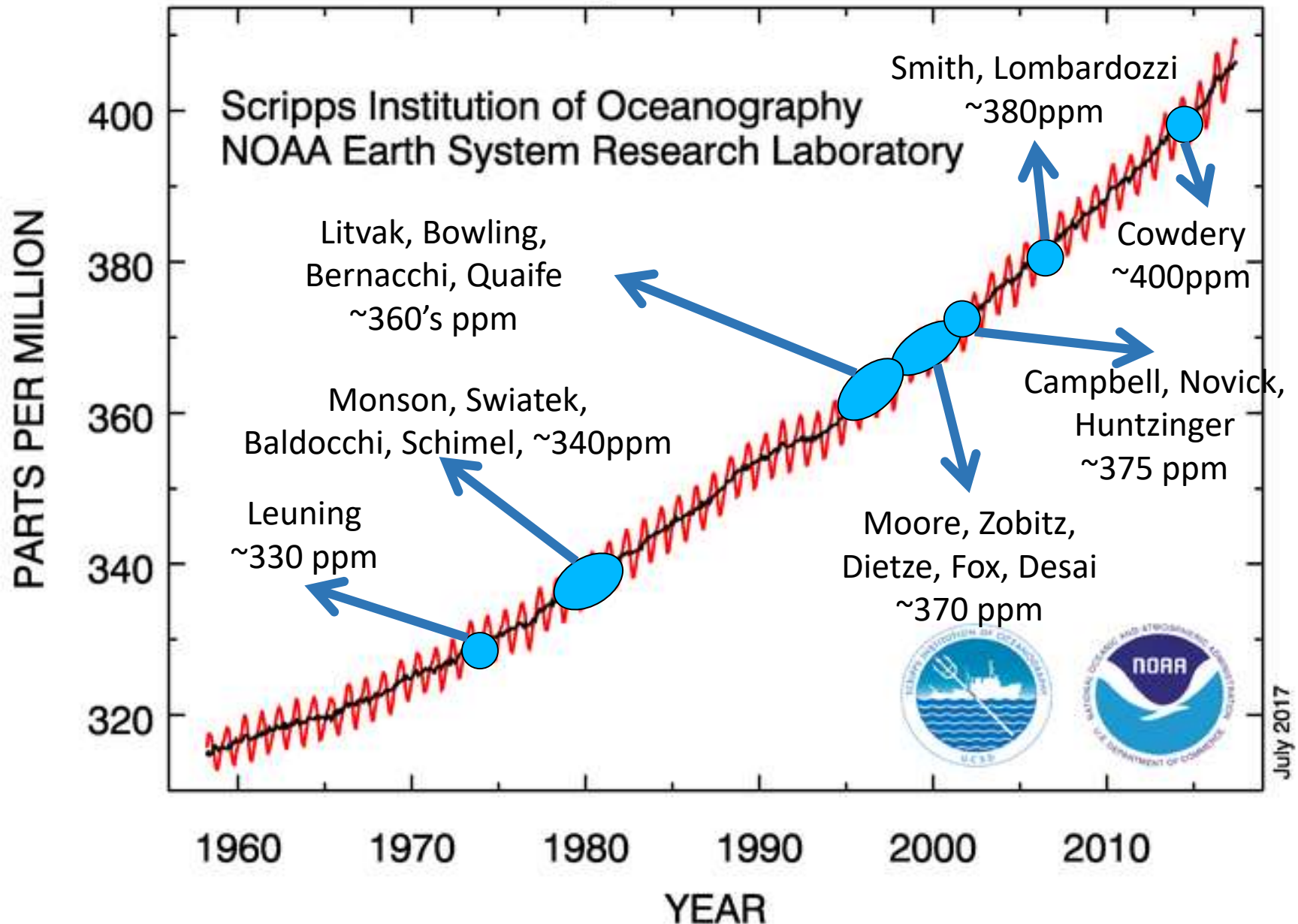
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# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at Mauna Loa Observatory



# What we hope you learn

Rule 1: Be a scientist – making measurements doesn't make you an 'empiricist' ; using models doesn't make you a 'modeler'

Rule 2: Know your discipline well

Rule 3: Respect other disciplines – don't expect others to you know your discipline in as much detail as you

Rule 4: Explain yourself

Rule 5: Listen carefully

Rule 6: Work together to solve problems

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