

# Shaking Hands between Eddy Fluxes and Remote Sensing

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#### To Understand the Temporal and Spatial Dynamics of Carbon Fluxes We must have Appropriate Site Meta Data



Contrasting Ecosystems Experience Different Seasonality in C fluxes

# Remote Sensing is an Important Partner to Quantify Canopy Structure, Function and Phenology of Ecosystem Metabolism



How we Interpret Reflected Light, from Space and Aircraft To infer Canopy Structure Depends upon How we Abstract that Canopy

# Topics

- Evaluating Site Meta Data
  - LAI and Phenology with Gap Fraction and Spectral Reflectance
  - Canopy Height with LIDAR and Turbulence
- Temporal/Spatial Upscaling and Modeling
  - Flux Correlations with Normalized Difference
    Spectral Indices, broad-band and narrow-band



In Heterogeneous Forests it is Necessary to deploy Sensors On a Roving Tram to Study Light transmission and Canopy Structure

Bill Reifsynder (1924-2006), Yale





## Renaissance in Instrumentation to Monitor Surface Phenology with a Suite of Optical Sensors



LED NDVI Sensor



#### Flux Tower with Digital Camera



Upward Looking Camera



Hyper-spectral spectrometer

# What New Optical Sensors can Do?

- Digital Cameras: P<sub>0</sub>, Normalized Difference
  Vegetation Indices, e.g. greenness, phenology
- Radiation Trams: P<sub>0</sub>, APAR
- LEDs: NDVI, phenology
- HyperSpectral Spectrometers: NDVIs
- Airborne LIDAR: canopy height, tree size and spacing, digital elevation maps, flux footprint
- Terrestrial LIDAR: 3D voxel geometry of trees

# Monitor Seasonality of Gap Fraction of Forests with Upward Looking Camera





#### Gap Fraction Phenology with Upward Looking Cameras under Oak Savanna



#### Can Detect Start and End of Growing Season with Precision



Upward Looking Cameras can Produce Accurate LAI estimates

Ryu et al 2012 Remote Sensing Environment

Many Native Vegetation Stands are Clumped At Crown and Landscape Scales





Canopy as a Turbid Medium With Random Leaves

Canopy with Clumps of Vegetation

Seasonality of clumping index = f(Crown Porosity, Gap Fraction)



### Hemispherical Lens have Limitations in Open Savanna

Hemispherical Camera



Upward Looking Camera



Terrestrial LIDAR Maps Canopy in High Fidelity To Better Evaluate Clumping and Upscaling of Leaves to Canopies



Slide of M. Beland

Sensor head Rotary tabl Type of LIDAR Matters: **Comparison of Tree Characteristics** with Terrestrial and Airborne LIDAR 0.25terrestrial Lidar 0.2 airborne Lidar terrestrial Lida airborne Lidar 0.20 Relative frequency (fractions) Relative frequency (fractions) 0. -01 0.1 0.05-0.0 r 0 NA 5 9 ~ 2 3 10 ŝ ۵. 5 6 1 Ֆ 0.00 9 0 Crown diameter [m] 2 2 ზ 2 5 6 1 θ ~ 3 NA 5 2 10 Tree height [m] Beland, Natake, Baldocchi, unpublished

# Measuring Light Transmission and Clumping



Volume: 30 cm \* 30cm \* 30cm

Grid: 14 \*14 (2cm each)



Numbers: The number of contacts the needle made with leaves

 $\Omega = 2 / (\sigma^2 / Mx + 1)$   $\sigma^2 = variance$ Mx = mean of numbers



Beland, Nakate, Baldocchi, unpublished

# Clumping within Foliage Voxels of Broadleaved Trees seems to be Nil, but Variable

preliminary results\_july 29 2013, G function and effect of leaf size vs voxel size are not yet accounted for here



High variability of clumping within a species

Samples: 10 each = 40 total

New Opportunity to Deduce Canopy Height from Log Wind Law: Cheaper and Can Produce Time Series



Baldocchi, Sturtevant, Knox, Koteen, Pennypacker, Verfaillie, unpublished

#### **LED NDVI over Annual Grassland**





Ryu et al. 2010 AgForMet

Good Fit over Multiple Years, but Non-Linear and May be Site Specific



#### Phenology of Flowering and Seeding Plants Complicates interpretation of Greenness Indices



Purple Flowering Alfalfa



White and Yellow flowers on Pepperweed



Rice in Seed Stage

#### **Greenness Index over Crop, Wetland and Pasture**

**Digital Camera** 



Saenz, Knox, Sturtevant, Koteen, Verfaillie, Baldocchi, unpublished

#### Cameras Monitor Management and Phenology of Crops, Rice 2013



Disced, pre-planting



Flooding, seedlings



Full canopy, vegetated



Seed Filling



Harvesting

Chopped Straw

### **Canopy Photosynthesis vs Vegetation Index, Rice**





#### **Restored Wetland**





Fall 2010

Summer, 2012





Summer, 2013

Winter, 2013

### Digital Cameras Produce Cheap Long Term Records of Phenology

Mayberry Restored Tule Wetland













Day





### Time Series of Hyperspectral Reflectance



#### 3D time Series of Hyperspectral Reflectance, Rice





Jaclyn Hatala, PhD dissertation

# **Big Picture Goal :**



• How can We Evaluate Carbon Fluxes 'Everywhere, All the Time?'

#### Scale Satellite Snap-Shot with Daily Integral of Energy Fluxes





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#### Validate Model Across FLUXNET



Ryu et al. 2012 Global Biogeochemical Cycles



GPP (gC m-2 yr-1) Year: 2003


# **Concluding Remarks**

- Links between Eddy Flux Measurements and Digital Information from Cameras, LED sensors and Hyperspectral Spectrometers has potential for Inexpensive landscape upscaling of carbon fluxes
  - May have potential for assessing Carbon Exchange for Carbon markets and other Applications

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### Interannual Variability



Year

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Simulated understory (1m above the ground) radiations near the tram site







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Year

Ryu et al.

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# Method: Comparing Tree Location, Height and Crown Size

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Map 4: Tree Distribution at Tonzi Ranch shown by Processed Airborne Lidar Data

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![](_page_58_Picture_3.jpeg)

 Trees based on Processed Airbone Lidar Data
The tree positions were produced by Airborne Lidar data, processed through a certain algorithm.
The zoomed area shows strong agreement of tree locations betweem IKONOS image and processed Airborne Lidar data.
Map Created by Taichi Natake 6/25/13 \*The area of interest (shown by white rectangular box) has area of 2.52 ha (140m \* 180m). \*\*Flux Tower and road were shown in yellow as spatial references.

Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N

#### Airborne data was processed by Chen et al. 2006

Processing Demo: <u>Demo Files\Terrest Tree Demo.mp4</u>

## **Result2:** Comparison of Tree Characteristics

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Differences between Airborne and Terrestrial LIDAR data might be significant to Radiative Transfer Model

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### LIDAR derived map of Tree location and Height

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LIDAR Measurements of Tree Height Oak Savanna, Ione, CA

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Model assumption of canopy shape

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### Simulated images (RGB composite)

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Comparisons of landscape average simulated and AVIRS reflectance

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Comparisons of simulated and measured spectral transmittance

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## Simulated and measured understory radiations along the 20m transect



Comparison of simulated and tram-measured PAR and net radiation Each point is an average of 20m tram transect



## Comparison of simulated and tram based radiation measurements



## Comparison of top of the tower net radiation, sensible heat and latent heat





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