



# CT Pedosphere

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Die *TERENO*-Standorte wurden weiter ausgebaut:

- Konzentration auf die Beobachtung und Vorhersage gekoppelter Stoffflüsse in terrestrischen Systemen in einem integrierten Ansatz
- Ziel:
  1. Bereitstellung langfristiger Datenreihen für die Validierung mathematischer Modelle
  2. Entwicklung neuer Technologien zur Erfassung wichtiger Systemzustände
  3. Entwicklung von Adaptationsstrategien im Rahmen des Klima- und Landnutzungswandels



## ***Fluxes, heterogeneity - Pedosphere***

- **Pedosphere interlinks all terrestrial environmental processes.**
- **Pedosphere is dynamic in function of time and space.**
- **Pedosphere is affected by climate change, landuse and land management changes.**

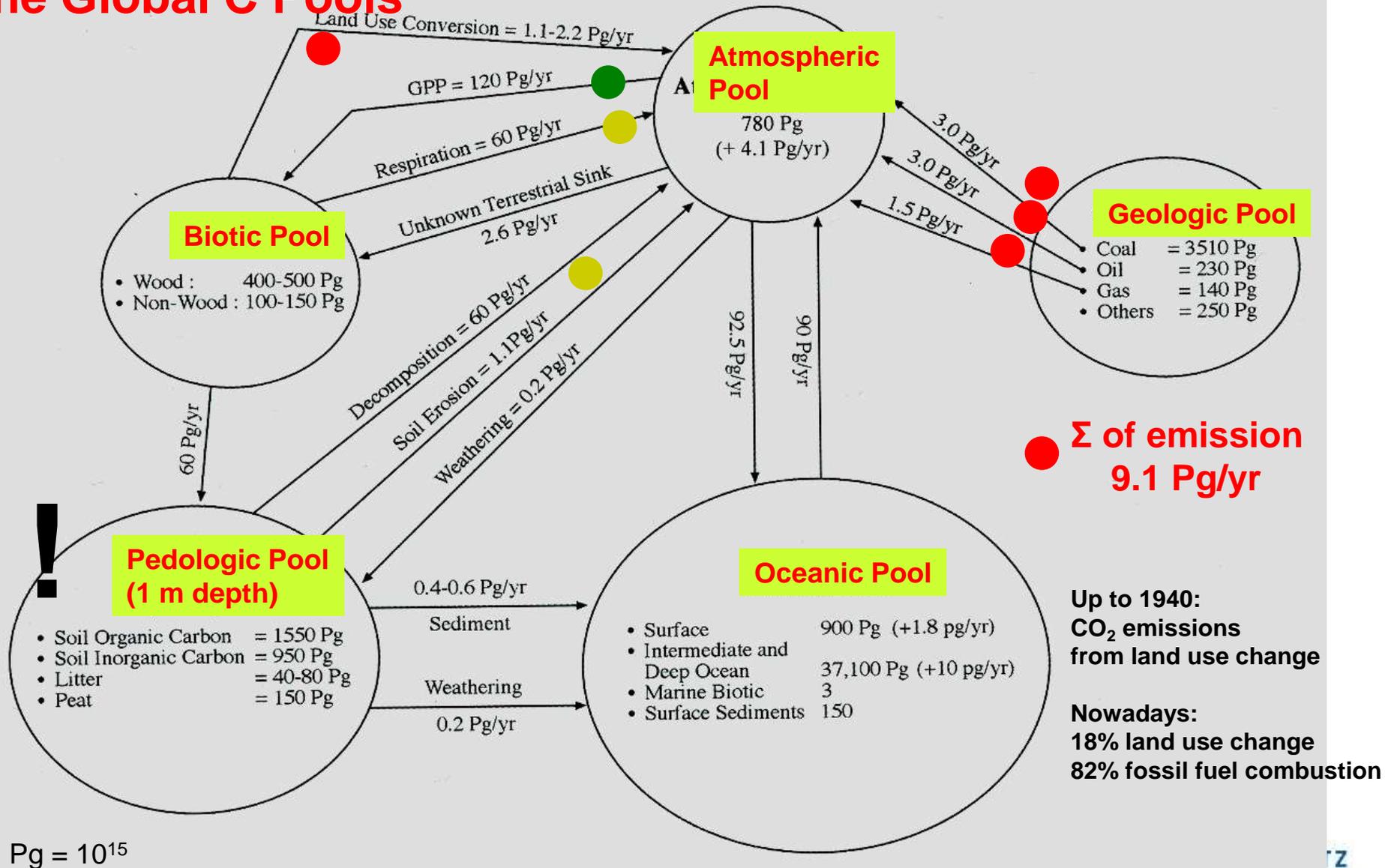


## Three examples about research activities:

1. Necessities to increase the precision in mapping soil heterotrophic respiration at field scale
2. GHG (CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>) measurements at TERENO (Sub) Alpin Lysimeters in the Ammer catchment
3. Geophysical measurements at Schäfertal



# The Global C Pools



Pg = 10<sup>15</sup>



### 3. Necessities to increase the precision in mapping soil heterotrophic respiration at field scale

Goals:

- generate the ,most realistic‘ spatial pattern of soil respiration at field scale from point measurements
  1. spatial estimation using covariates
  2. conditional stochastic simulation using covariates
- identify an optimum set of covariates and to quantify the resulting improvement of the spatial estimation of respiration
- quantify the improvement in the spatial estimation using soil carbon fractions and not just  $C_{org}$  as covariates

*Source: A geostatistical approach to the field-scale pattern of heterotrophic soil CO<sub>2</sub> emission using covariates.*

*M. Herbst, L. Bornemann, A. Graf, G. Welp, H. Vereecken, W. Amelung: Biogeochemistry DOI 10-1007/s10533-011-9661-4*



## Sampling: field site ‚Selhausen‘

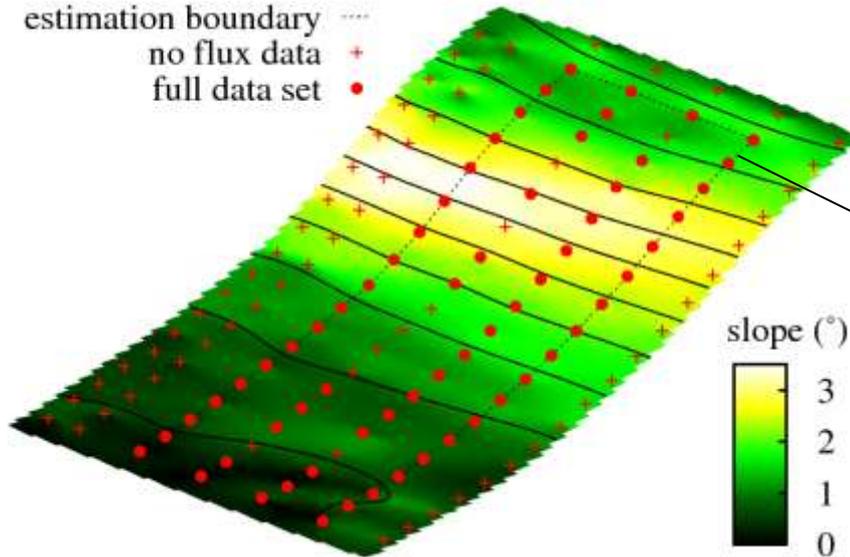


LI-8100, 20 cm diameter



bare soil

estimation boundary ----  
 no flux data +  
 full data set •



30x170 m  
 62 CO<sub>2</sub> flux measurements



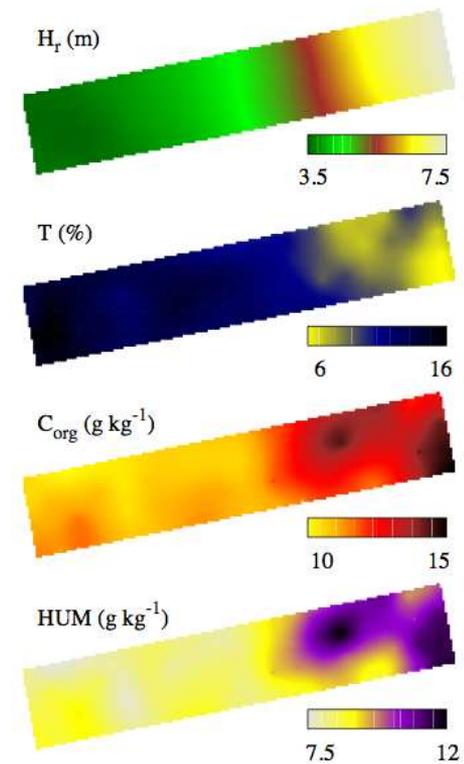
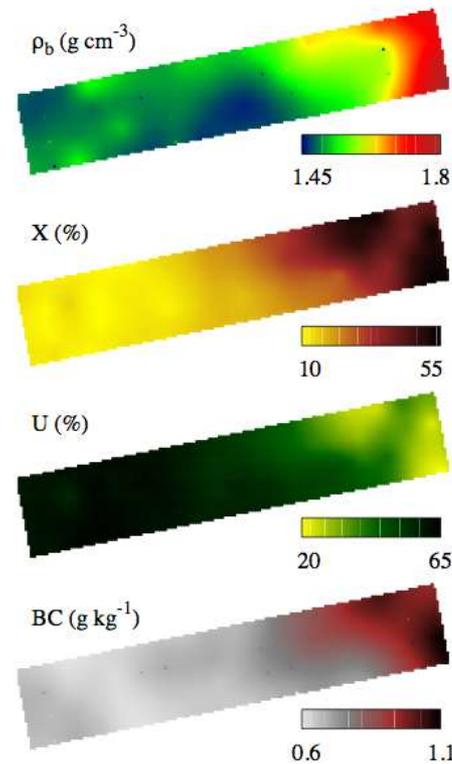
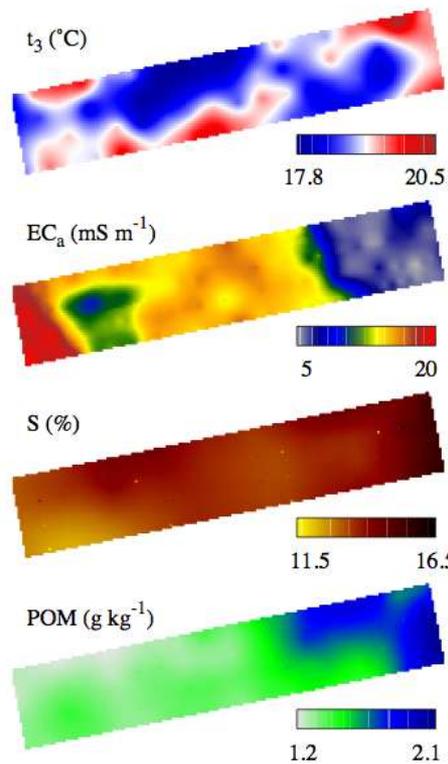
## covariates

n=72

- soil temperature; simultaneously measured at 3 cm depth
- terrain slope and relative elevation, DEM
- soil bulk density (n=62)
- grain size distributions; X, S, U and T
- organic carbon content
- carbon fractions, POM, BC and HUM
- apparent electrical conductivity, EM38 (n=225)



## Covariates (interpolated spatial patterns)



(Total POM: 53 – 2000 $\mu\text{m}$ ; HUM smaller 20 $\mu\text{m}$ )



# correlation



	$t_3$	X	T	U	S	$C_{org}$	POM	BC	HUM	$h_r$	$EC_a$	$\beta$	$\rho_b$	$R_s$
$t_3$	1	0.20	-0.07	-0.23	0.06	-0.22	-0.17	-0.20	-0.20	0.15	-0.14	-0.08	0.28	-0.08
X		1	-0.95	-0.99	0.20	-0.85	-0.97	-0.90	-0.99	0.95	-0.83	0.63	0.71	-0.66
T			1	0.92	-0.22	0.83	0.92	0.88	0.95	-0.93	0.87	-0.70	-0.65	0.61
U				1	-0.32	0.87	0.96	0.88	0.98	-0.94	0.81	-0.59	-0.72	0.65
S					1	-0.36	-0.14	-0.11	-0.19	0.19	-0.20	0.01	0.18	-0.07
$C_{org}$						1	0.78	0.71	0.84	-0.82	0.75	-0.45	-0.66	0.55
POM							1	0.89	0.95	-0.92	0.79	-0.61	-0.69	0.63
BC								1	0.91	-0.84	0.75	-0.67	-0.58	0.58
HUM									1	-0.95	0.83	-0.64	-0.70	0.67
$h_r$										1	-0.86	0.69	0.67	-0.66
$EC_a$											1	-0.54	-0.59	0.61
$\beta$												1	0.29	-0.43
$\rho_b$													1	-0.45
$R_s$														1

n=62



$C_{org}$  only

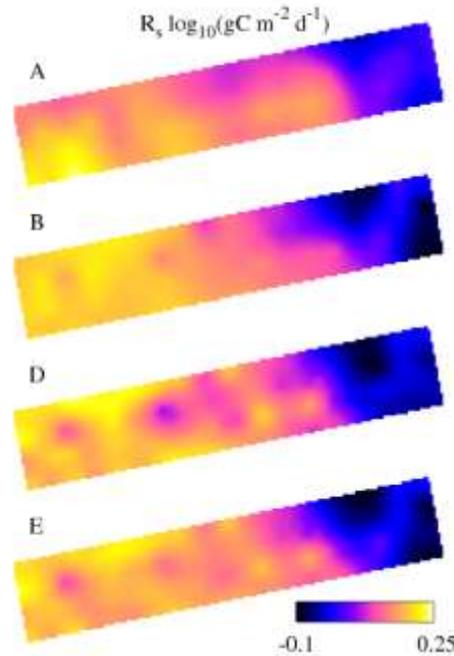
C fractions

# regression

model		$R^2$	$R^2_{adj}$
A	$-0.45+0.066C_{org}$	0.307	0.295
B	$-0.31+0.0022POM-0.0027BC+0.009HUM$	0.449	0.421
D	$0.49041+0.021t_3+0.0069X-0.036T-0.0034U+0.011C_{org}+0.031POM-0.0029BC+0.02HUM-0.018h_r+0.0085EC_a-0.012\beta-0.0081\rho_b$	0.498	0.376
E	$-0.32-0.021T+0.0098HUM+0.0081EC_a$	0.470	0.443

full data set

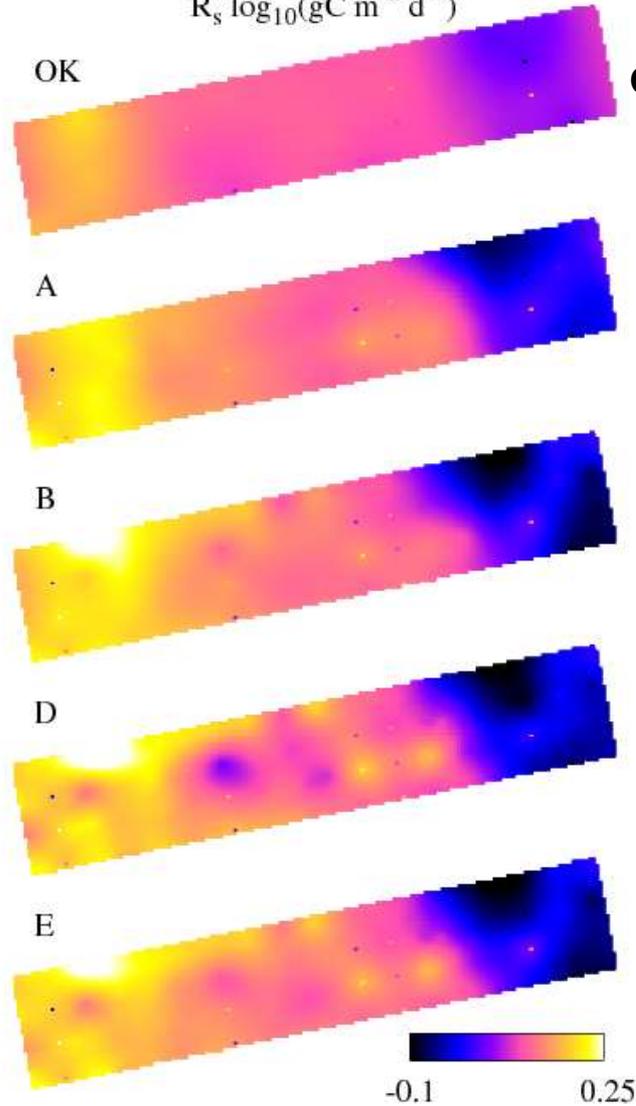
optimum  $R^2_{adj}$





# External drift kriging

$$R_s \log_{10}(\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1})$$



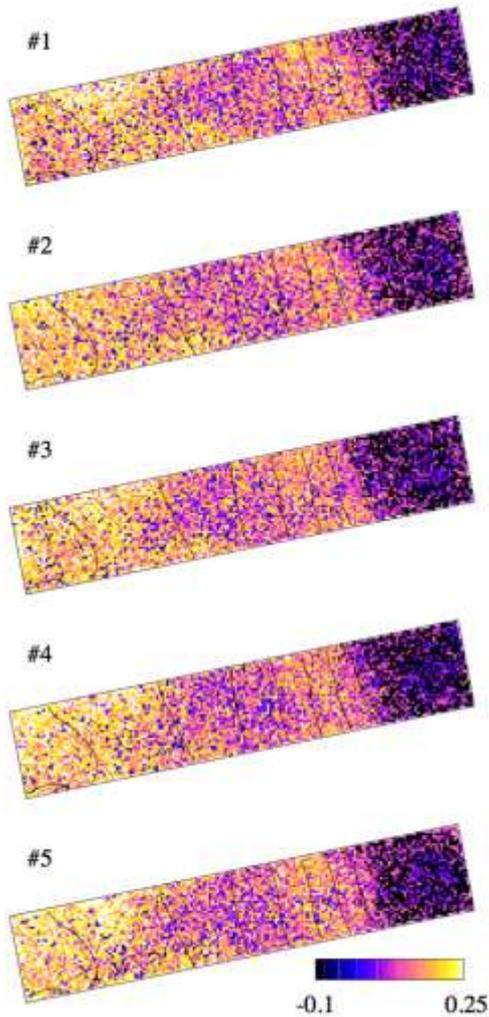
**OK: ordinary kriging (without covariates),  
 A,B,D,E with covariates**

Relative improvement  $I_r$  of the mean absolute error (MAE) using different combinations of covariates for external drift kriging in relation to ordinary kriging

Covariate	$I_r$ (%)
Model	MAE
A	2.2
B	7.7
D	13.4
E	7.9



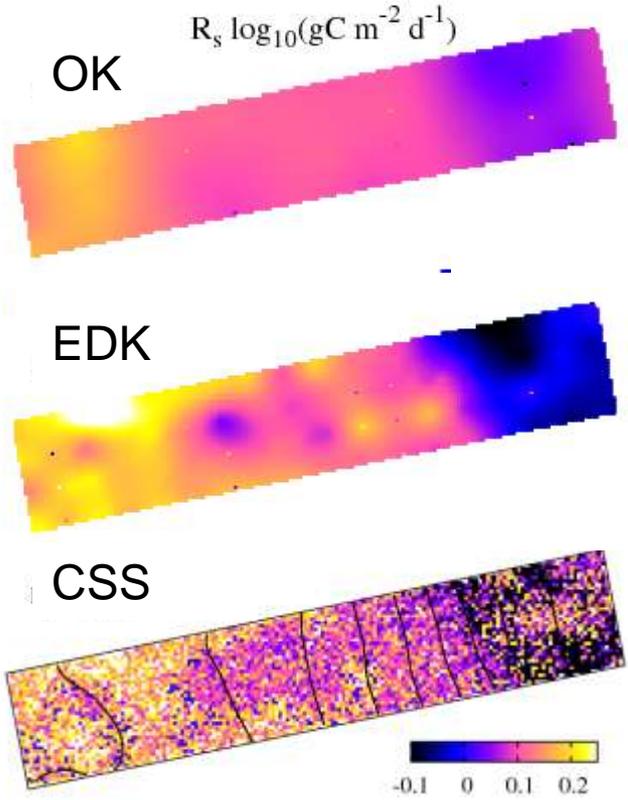
## conditional stochastic simulation (CSS)



Five out of 100 realisations generated by simulated annealing for heterotrophic respiration ( $\log_{10} (\text{gC m}^2 \text{ day}^{-1})$ )



G-statistics

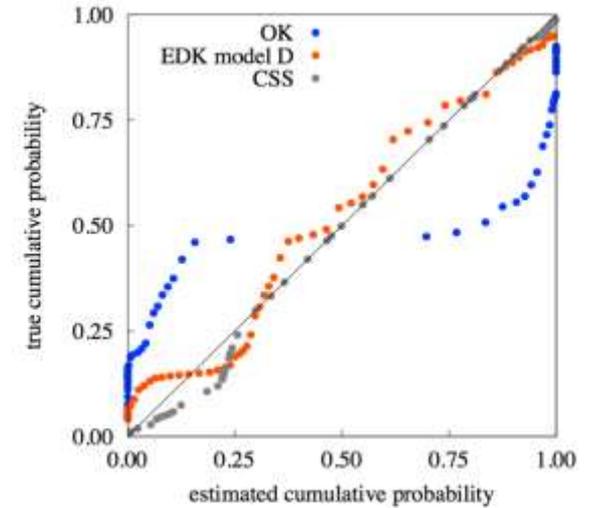


0.36

0.71

0.93

**variogram of cumulative probability density functions (cpdf)**





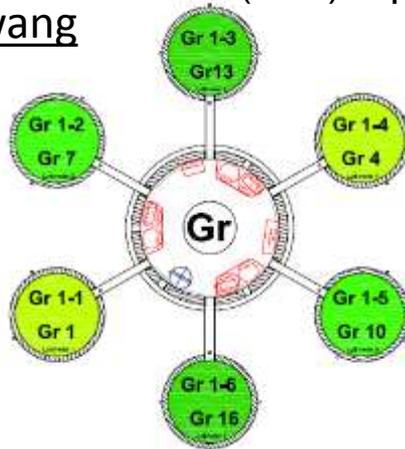
## summary and conclusions

- due to the lack of variation in soil temperature it does not help to explain the spatial pattern of heterotrophic respiration
- a combination of clay content, apparent electrical conductivity (physical stabilisation of C, soil water content) and the humic carbon fraction shows the highest potential in explaining the spatial pattern of heterotrophic respiration
- the improvement in the mean absolute error (MAE) due to using covariates is rather small with up to 13%
- the use of carbon fractions yields a significant improvement compared to using just  $C_{org}$
- multivariate conditional stochastic simulation (CSS) is seen as an appropriate tool since it preserved the cpdf and preserved the measured spatial structure



GHG (CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>) measurements at TERENO  
(Sub) Alpin Lysimeters in the Ammer catchment

Graswang



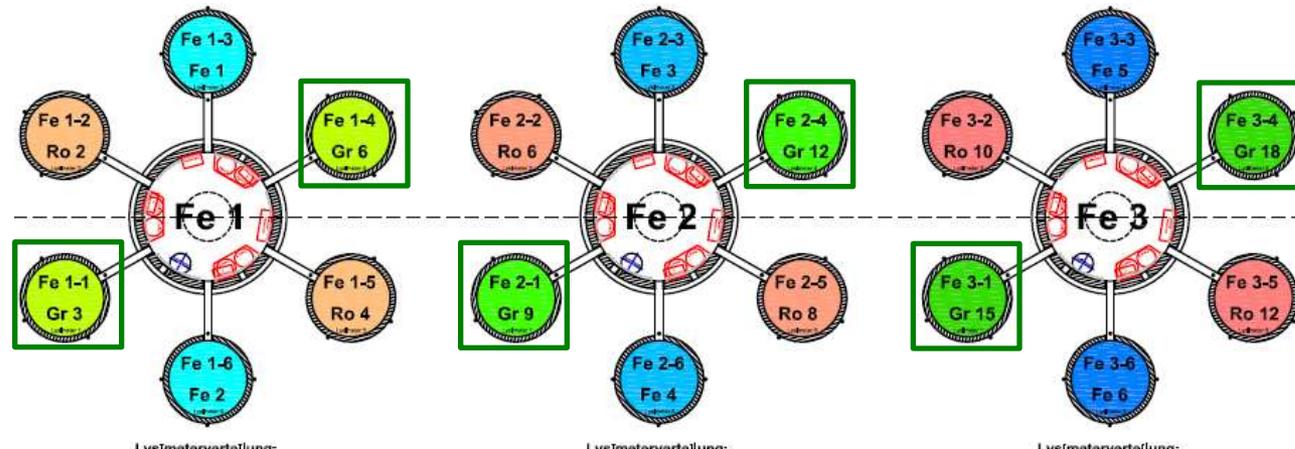
to better cover spatial variation at each elevation soil cores were sampled at 3 different locations e.g.

- Graswang location 1: 6 lysimeters (# 1-6)
- Graswang location 2: 6 lysimeters (# 7-12)
- Graswang location 3: 6 lysimeters (# 13-18)



Graswang lysimeter in Fendt

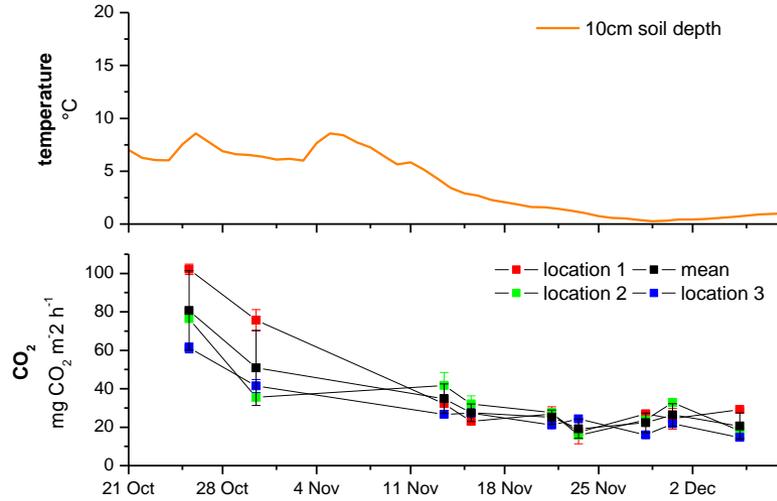
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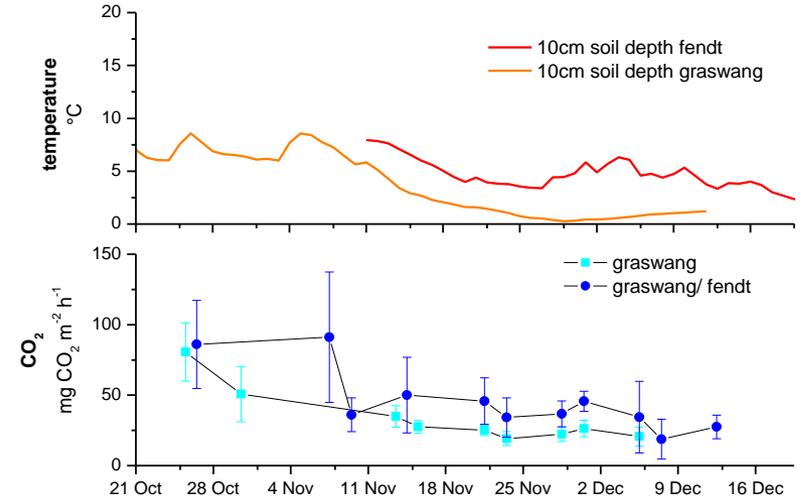


## Graswang

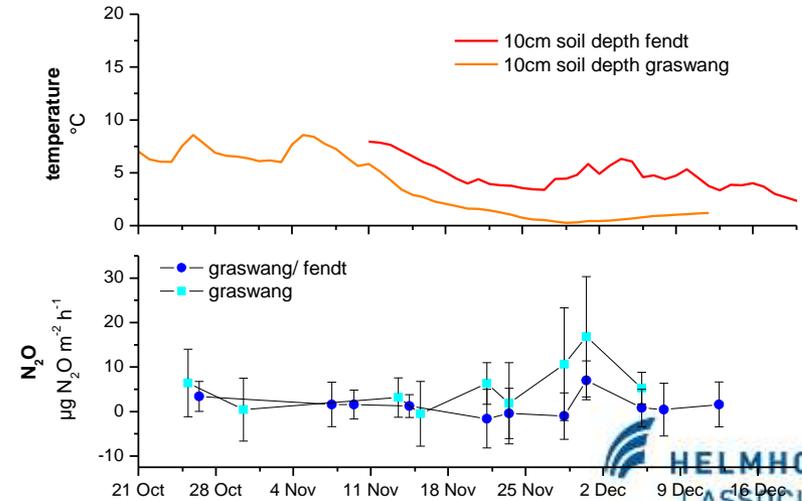
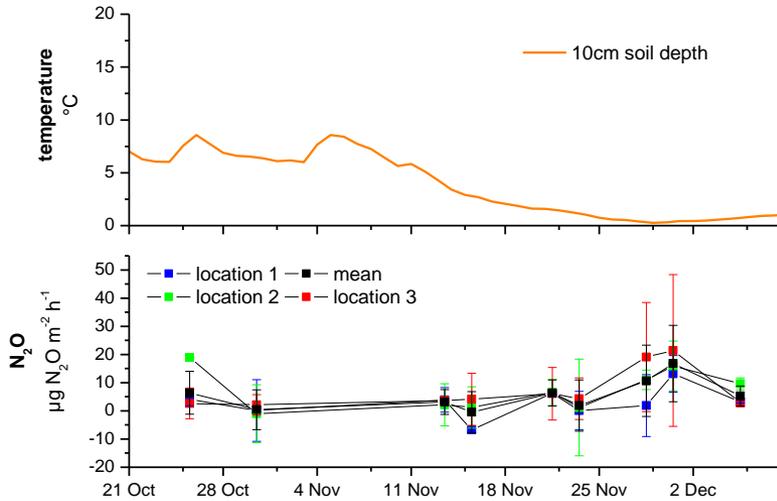
CO<sub>2</sub>:



## Fendt vs. Graswang translocated



N<sub>2</sub>O:





## Preliminary conclusion and remarks:

- automatic and manual GHG measurements at the elevation gradient running since October 2011
- observed temperature difference in 10cm soil depth of 3.4°C caused
  - higher CO<sub>2</sub> soil emissions of translocated grasland soils, but
  - higher N<sub>2</sub>O emissions of control grasland soils, due to effects of frost-thaw which only occurde at the colder control site

The latter finding points towards the potential importance of frost-thaw driven N<sub>2</sub>O emissions and (winter measurements) which could contradict the temperature effect of the translocation experiment

In 2012 GHG measurements will be continued and supported by nutrient leaching (DIN, DON, DIC and DOC) and NEE chamber/ biomass measurements for investigation of impacts of increased temperature on plant growth



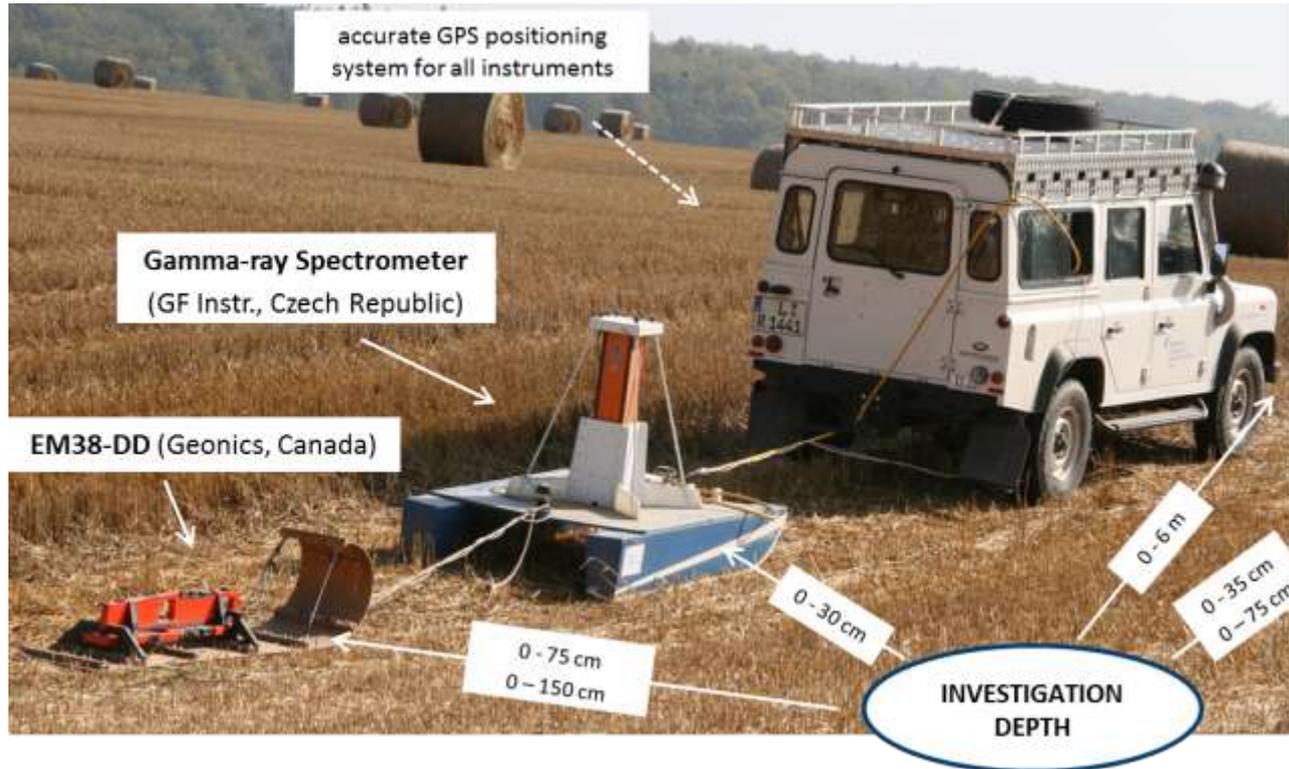
### 3. Geophysical measurements at Schäfertal

#### Electromagnetic Induction (EMI) sensors:

- measurement of apparent electrical conductivity (**ECa**) of soil at different depths
- proxy data e.g. for soil texture, clay content, soil salinity, soil water content ...

#### Gamma-ray spectrometer:

- concentration of K, U, Th and dose rate
- proxy data for soil texture (good chance for organic carbon, pH, plant available nutrients)

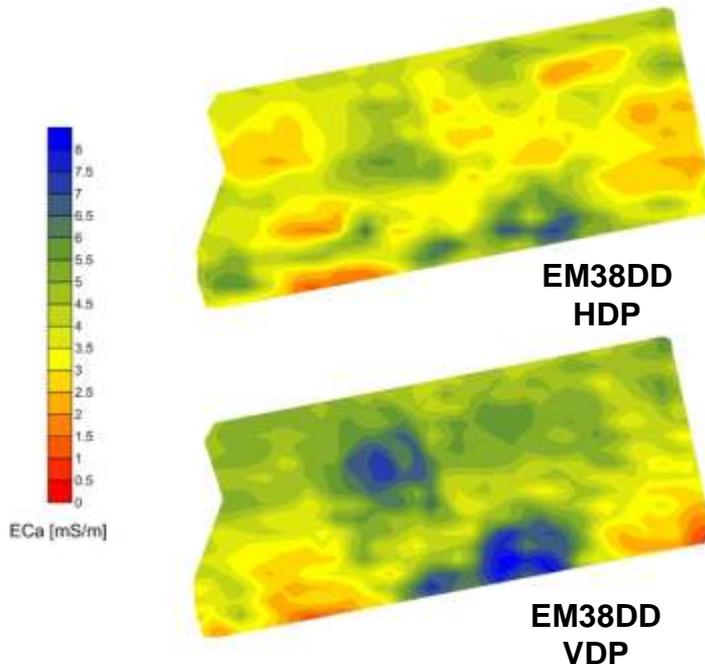
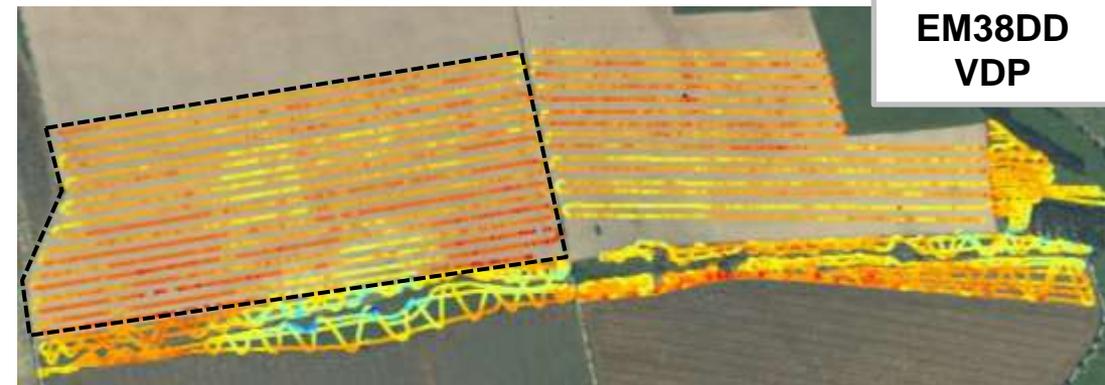
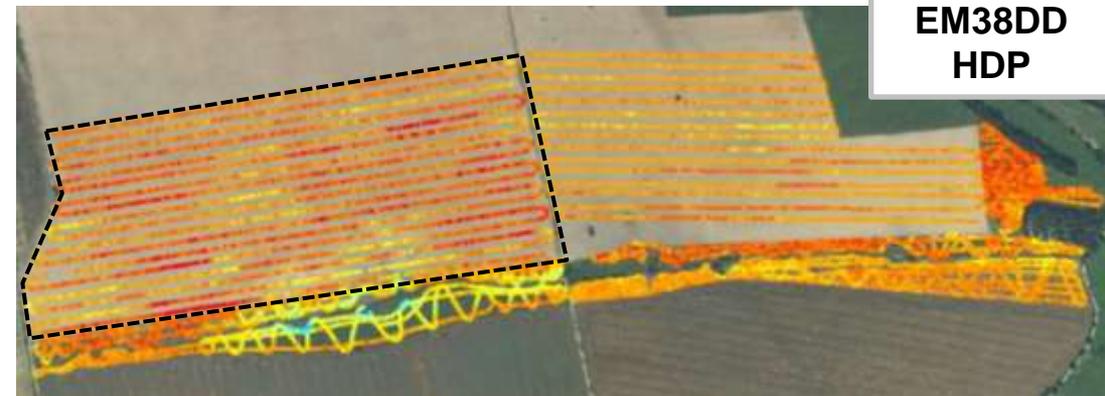
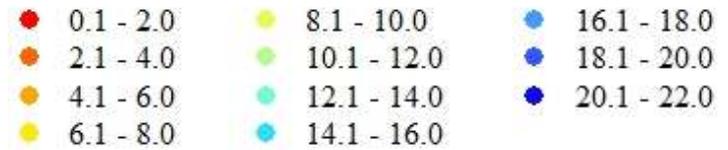




## Geophysical measurements at Schäfertal

- investigation of the complete area
- multi-depth survey at the same time
- possibility of comparison between different EMI measurement depths
- ECa patterns are evident both in raw and interpolated maps

ECa [mS/m]





**Danke für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!**