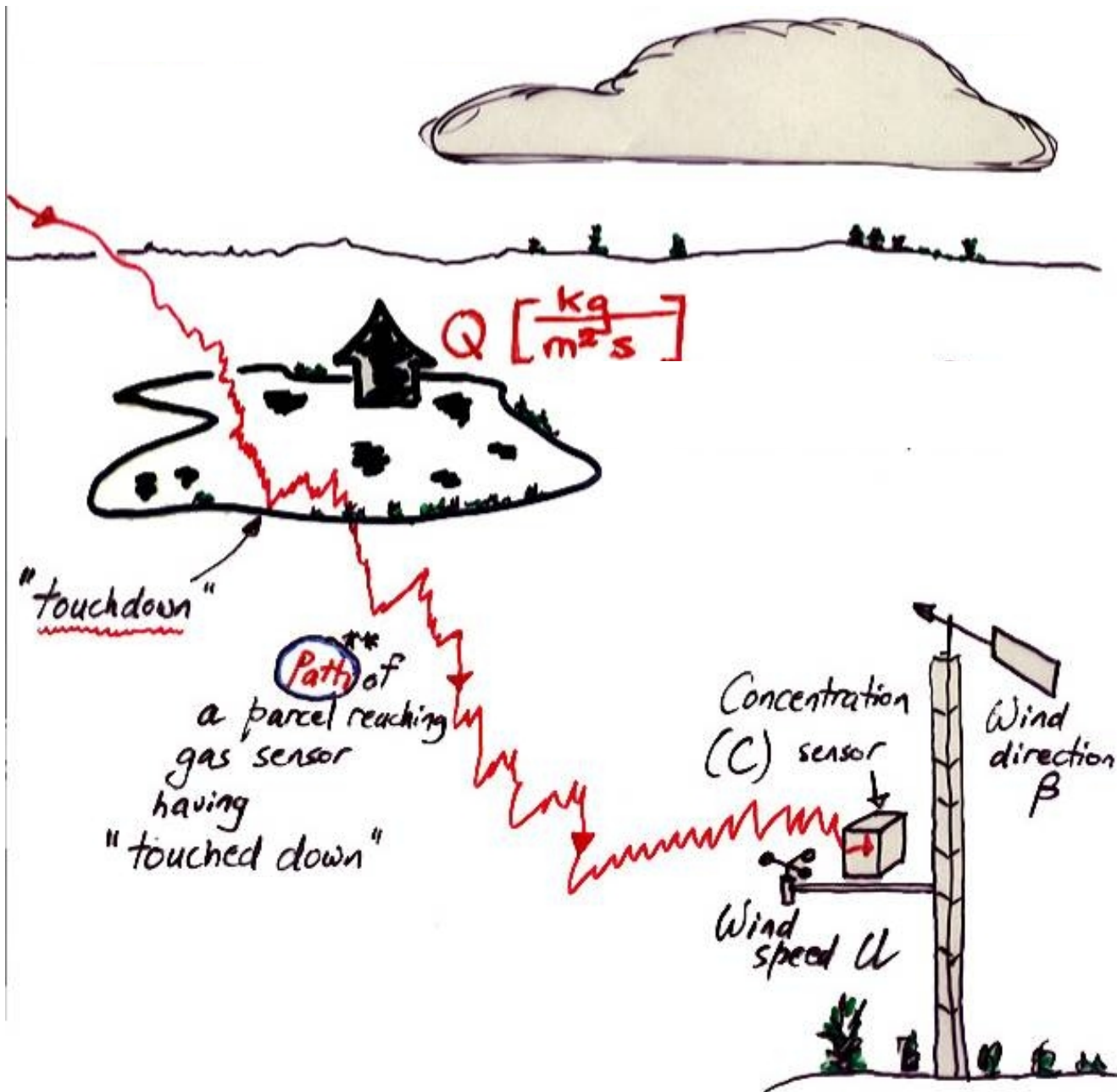


"bLS" method to infer emission rate Q from measured concentration C



$$\frac{U (C - C_b)}{Q} = n$$

We may use a dispersion model to estimate the dimensionless number n , i.e. to determine the "C-Q" relationship...

Then, measuring C fixes Q

“bLS” method to infer emission rate Q from measured concentration C

- calculate trajectories *upwind* from point where C is measured
- efficient & simple to find Q from area source
- needed information lies in ensemble of touchdown locations and associated touchdown velocities w_0

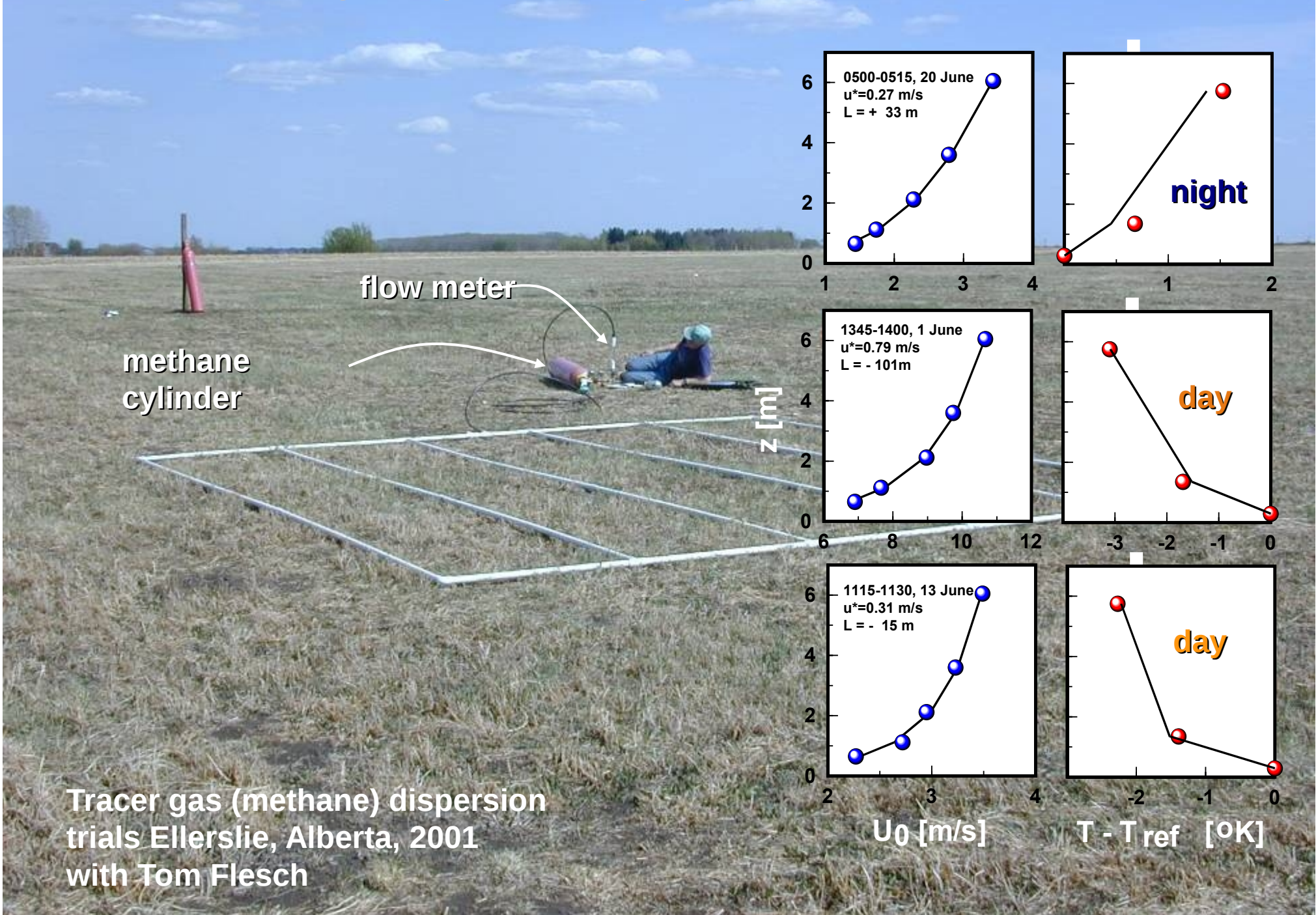
$$n = \frac{1}{N_P} \sum \frac{2U}{|w_0|}$$

Compute N_P paths. Sum over all touchdowns within source boundary.

thus

$$Q^{bLS} = \frac{C - C_b}{\frac{1}{N_P} \sum \frac{2}{|w_0|}}$$

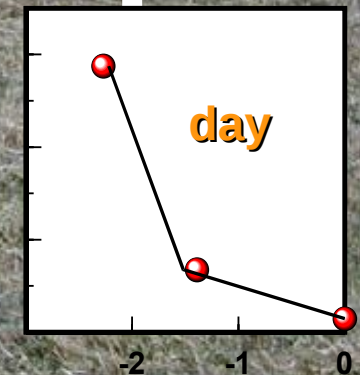
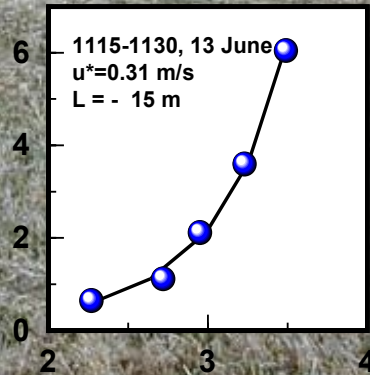
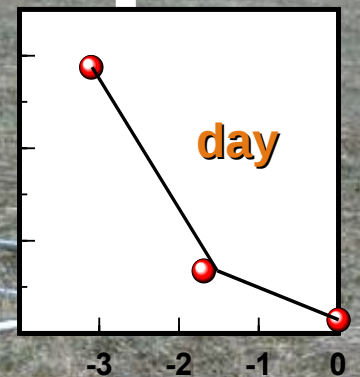
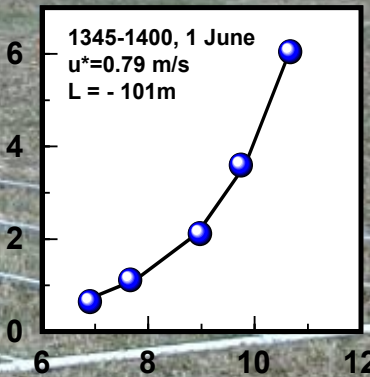
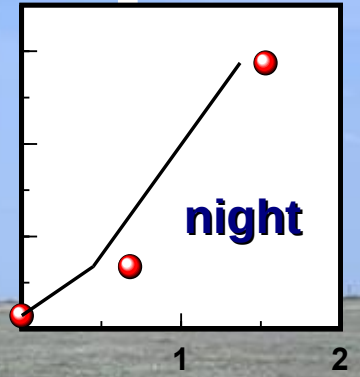
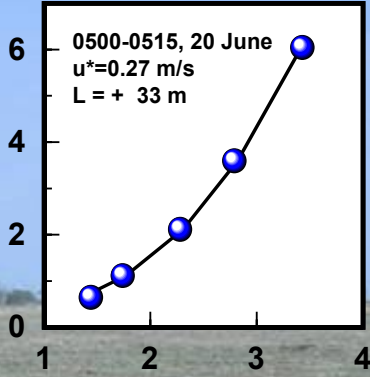
Verification in ideal setting: profiles on the infinite flat plain well known (Monin-Obukhov similarity theory -- lines on graphs)



methane cylinder

flow meter

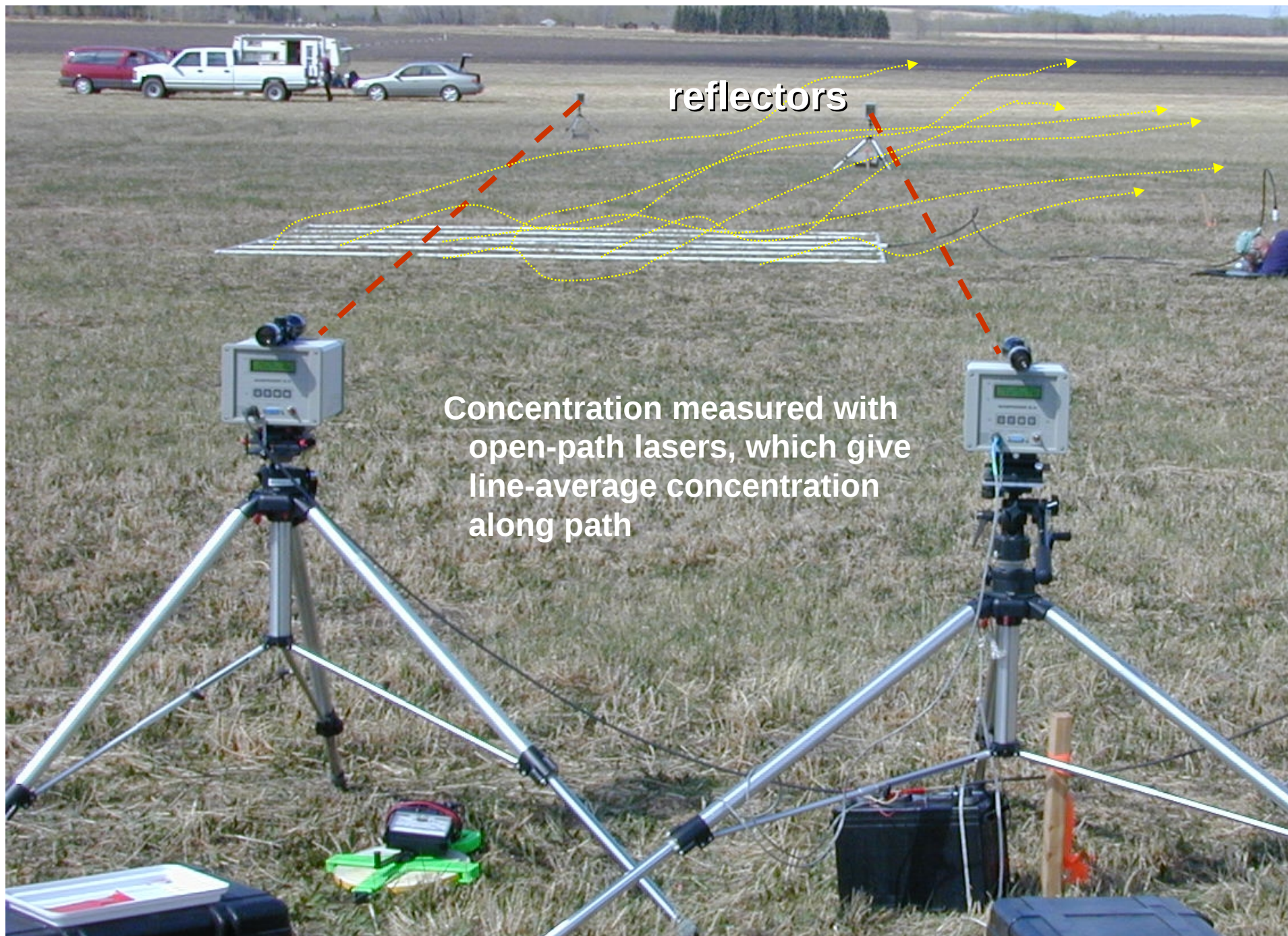
z [m]



U_0 [m/s]

$T - T_{ref}$ [°K]

Tracer gas (methane) dispersion trials Ellerslie, Alberta, 2001 with Tom Flesch



reflectors

Concentration measured with
open-path lasers, which give
line-average concentration
along path

Atmospheric measurements:

- cup windspeed (U)
profile

- temperature (T)
profile

- turbulence ($\sigma_u, \sigma_v, \sigma_w$)

providing bLS
parameters:

- U , wind dir, z_0 , L

- eleven laser paths

- $z_{laser} = 0.85$ to 1.0 m

- fetch from 0 to 90 m

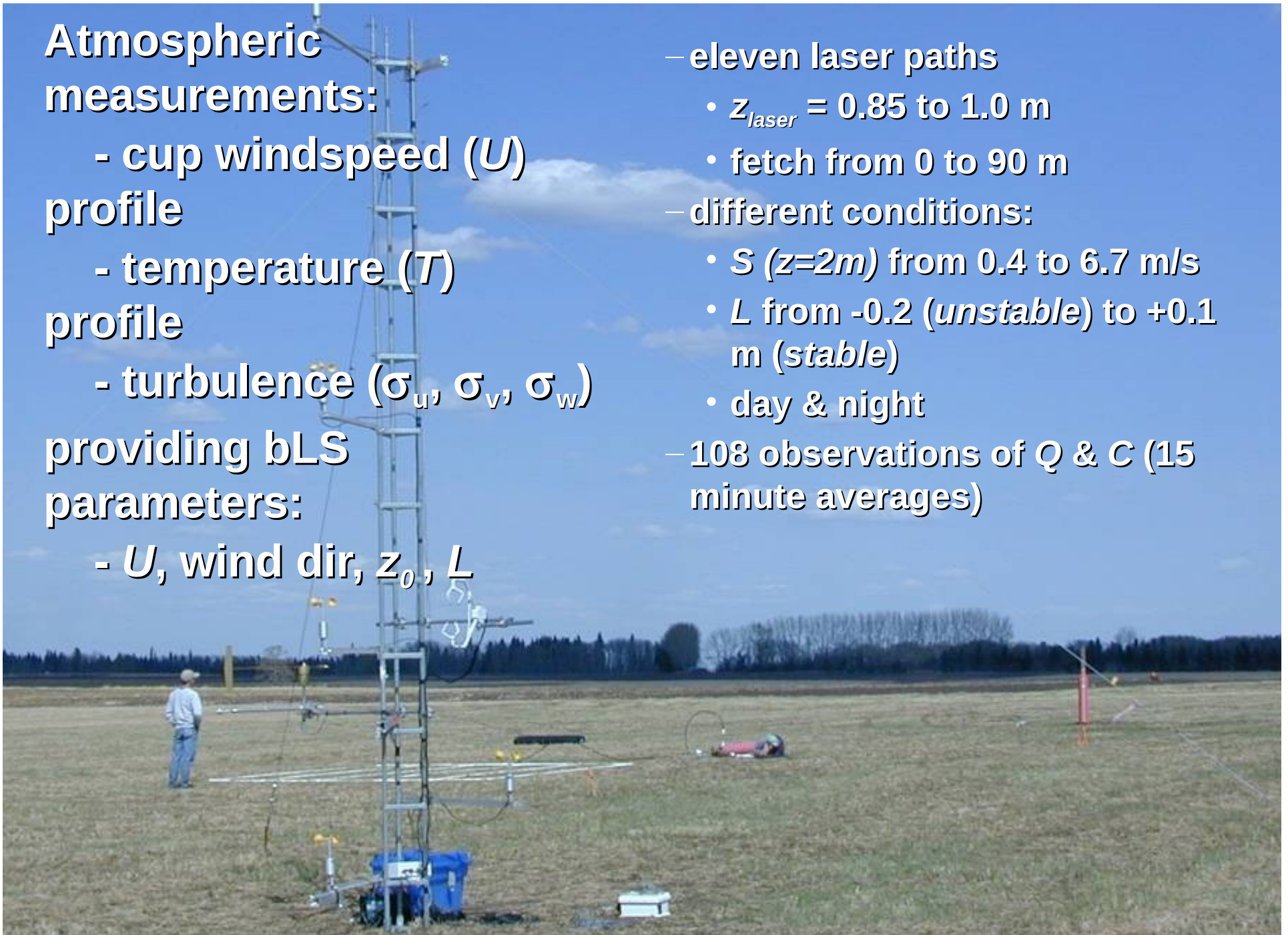
- different conditions:

- S ($z=2m$) from 0.4 to 6.7 m/s

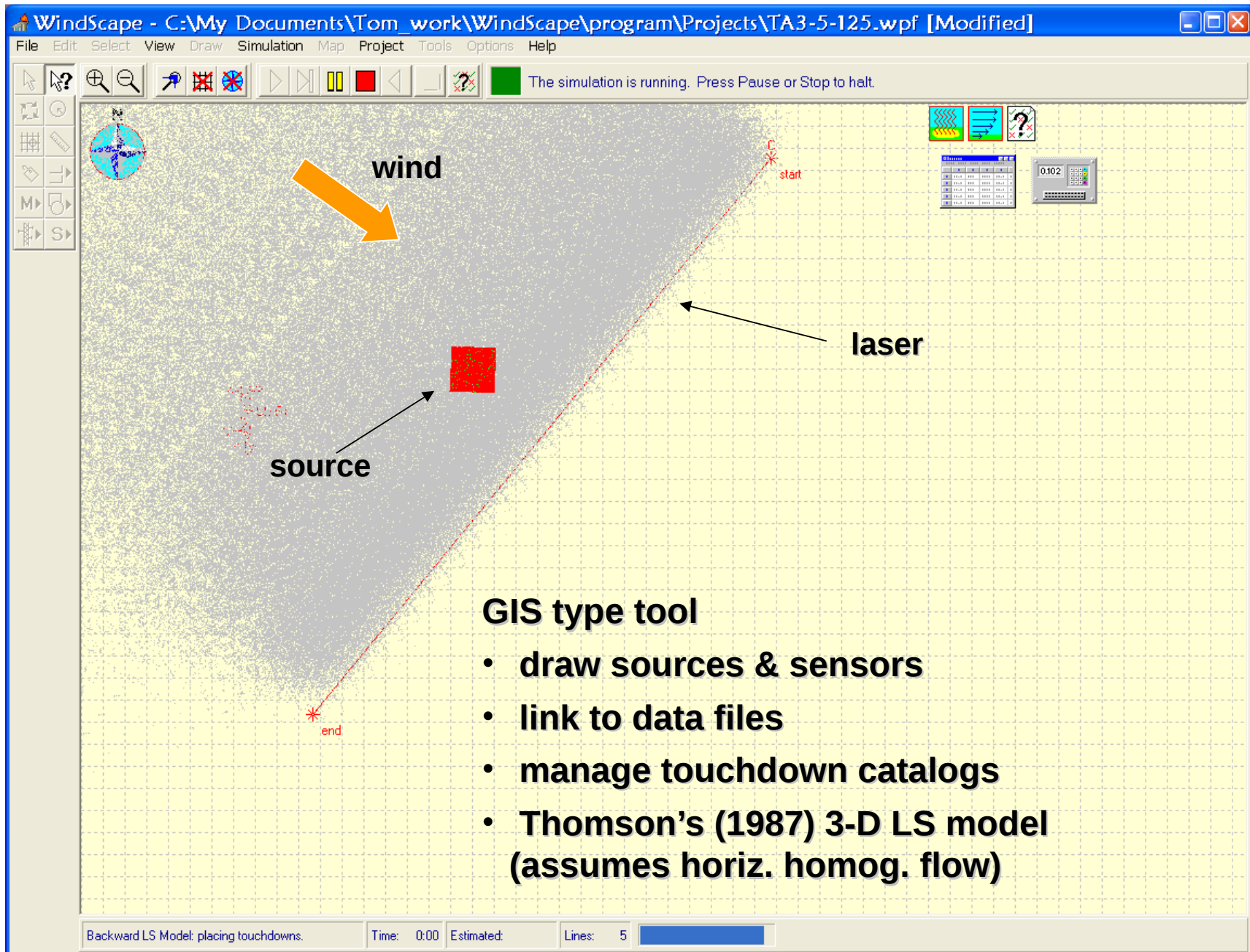
- L from -0.2 (*unstable*) to +0.1 m (*stable*)

- day & night

- 108 observations of Q & C (15 minute averages)



Brian Crenna's "WindTrax" for MO-bLS

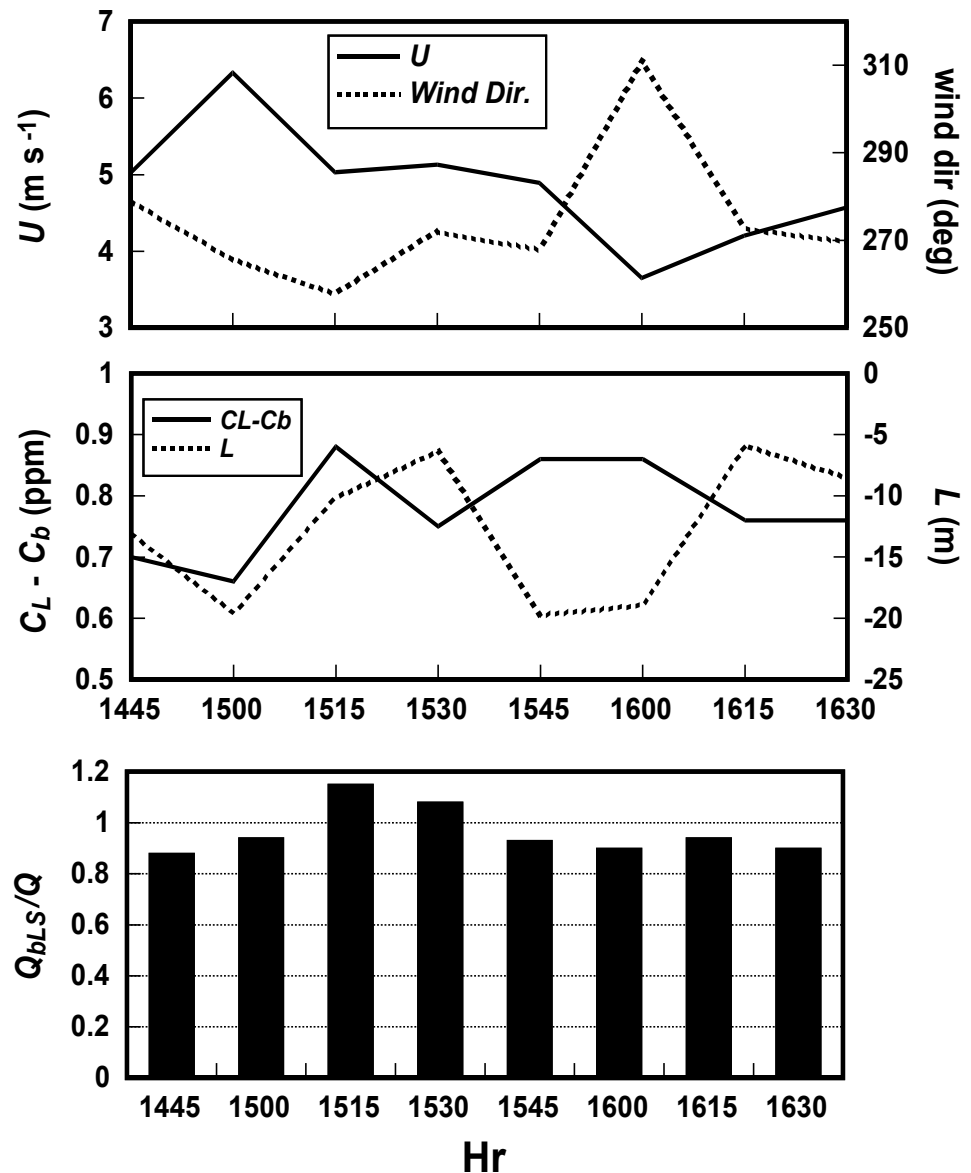


Performance of MO-bLS in ideal conditions

Reject periods when MOST does not fit profiles:

Q_{bLS} / Q averaged 1.02 ($n = 77$ obs. periods)

And $\sigma_{Q/Q} = 0.2$



bLS integrates changing winds with skill to yield accurate Q_{bLS}

Texas Feedlot: 47,000 cattle

Determining ammonia emissions from a cattle feedlot with an inverse dispersion technique

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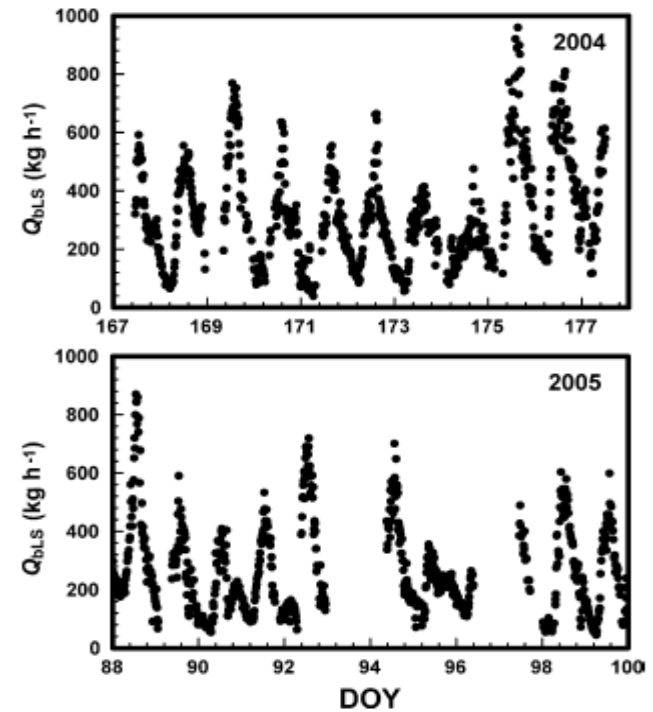
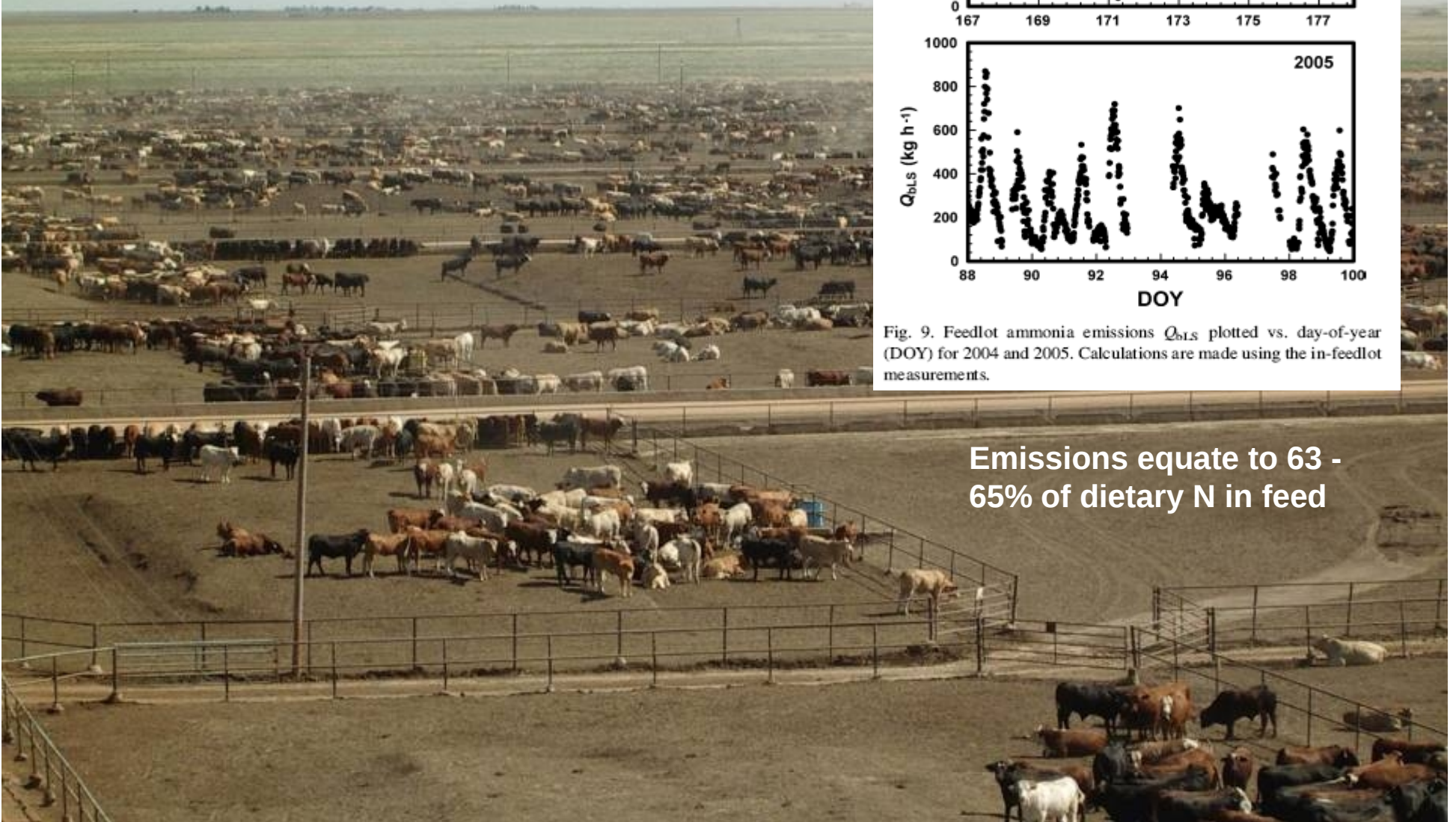


Fig. 9. Feedlot ammonia emissions Q_{bLS} plotted vs. day-of-year (DOY) for 2004 and 2005. Calculations are made using the in-feedlot measurements.

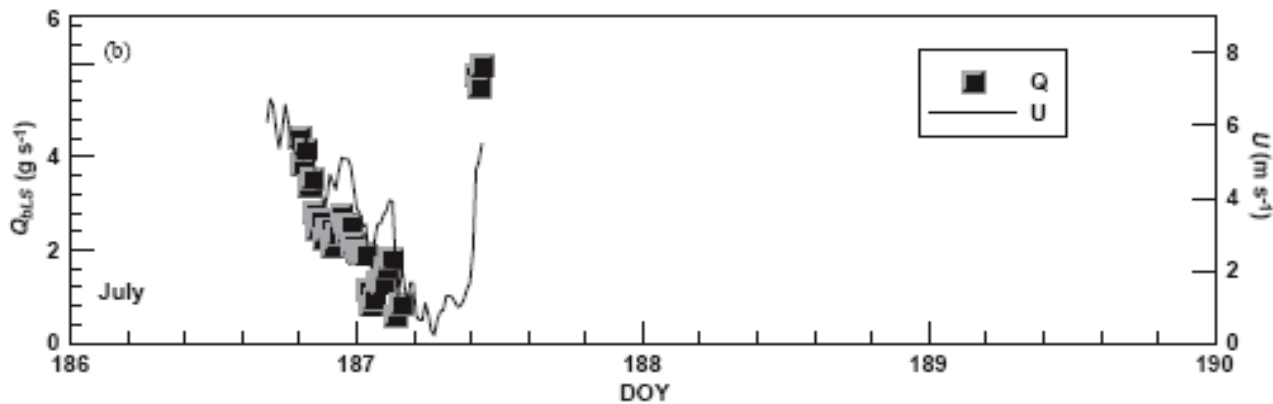
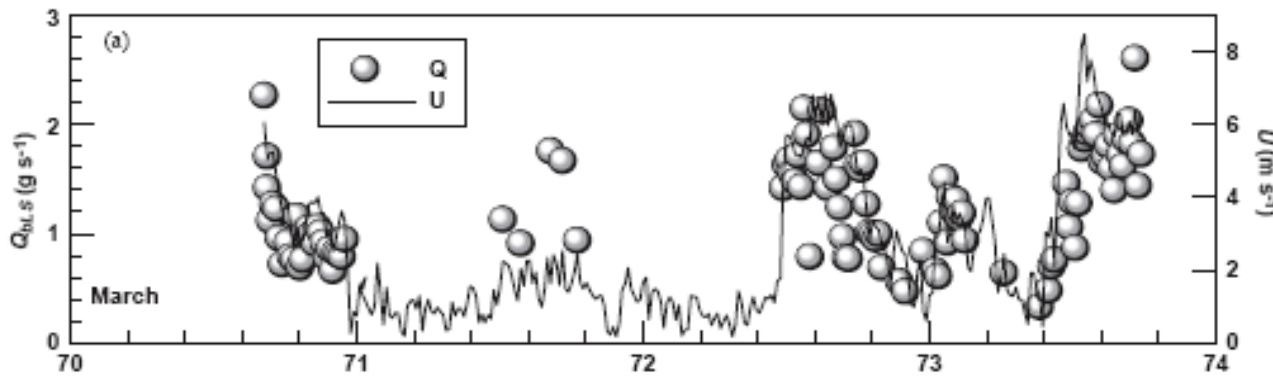
Emissions equate to 63 - 65% of dietary N in feed

Utah Swine farms - ammonia



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“we calculated ammonia emissions of 6.5 and 16 g animal⁻¹ day⁻¹ in March and July, respectively”