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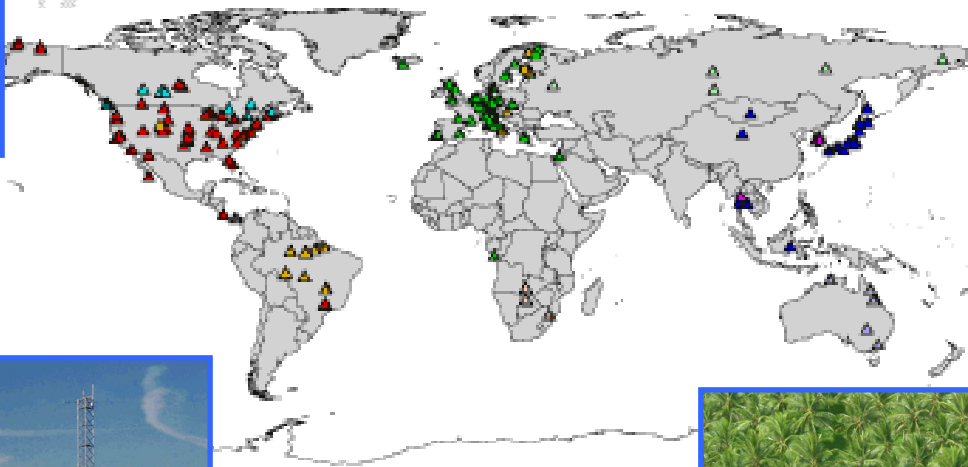
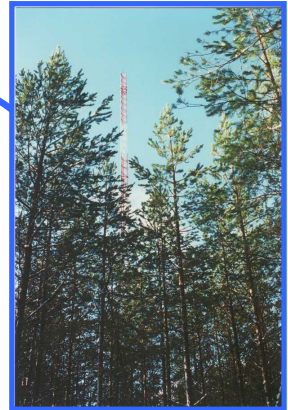
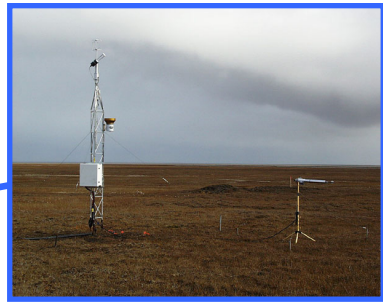
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**Data-Based Mechanistic Modelling Strategies for PUB  
- Land Surface Flux Predictions -**

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# FLUXNET



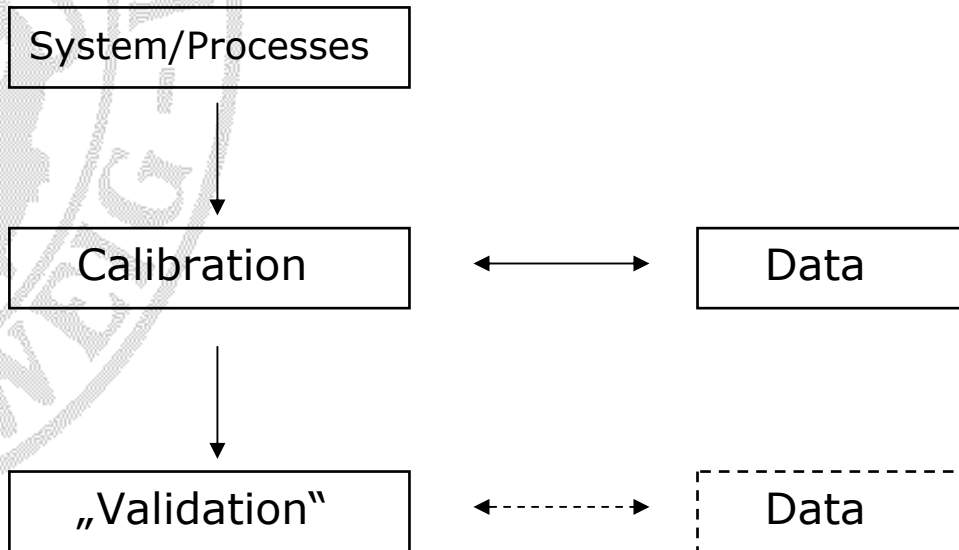
# Difficulties

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- Models are often overparameterised
- Impossible to identify parameters
- Extrapolation:
  - Location
  - Boundary conditions

# Data Based Mechanistic Modeling

„classic“



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„Data-based“

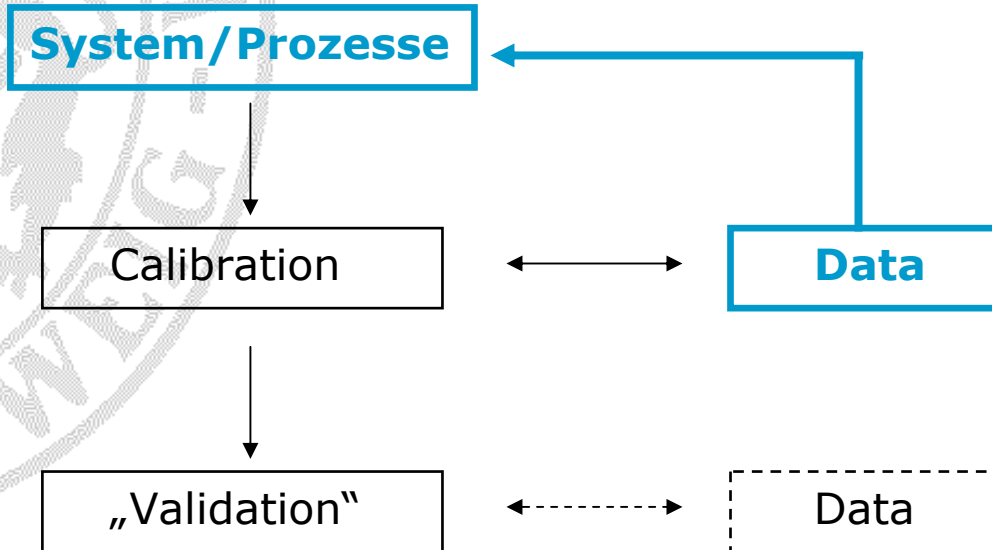
**System/Prozesse**

Calibration

„Validation“

**Data**

Data

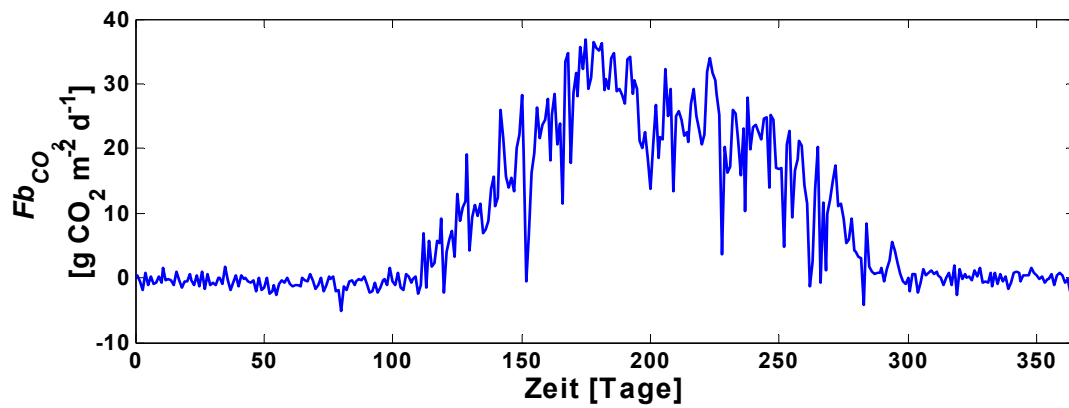
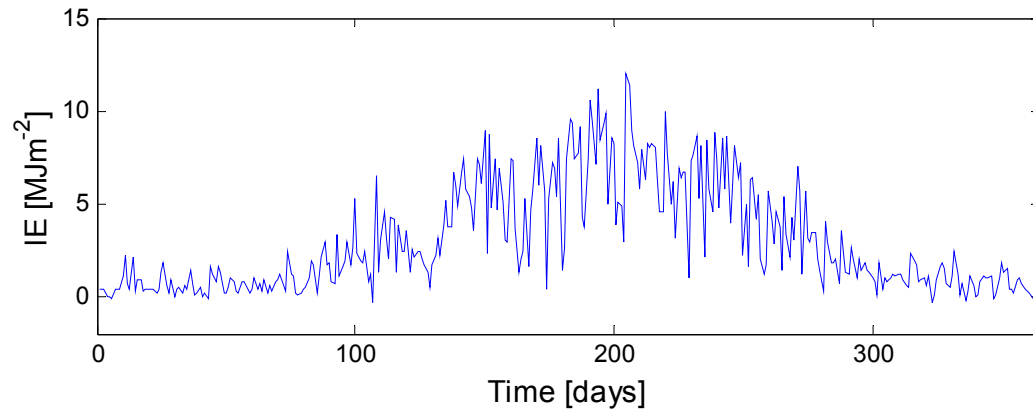


# Data Based Mechanistic Modeling (Young, 2003)

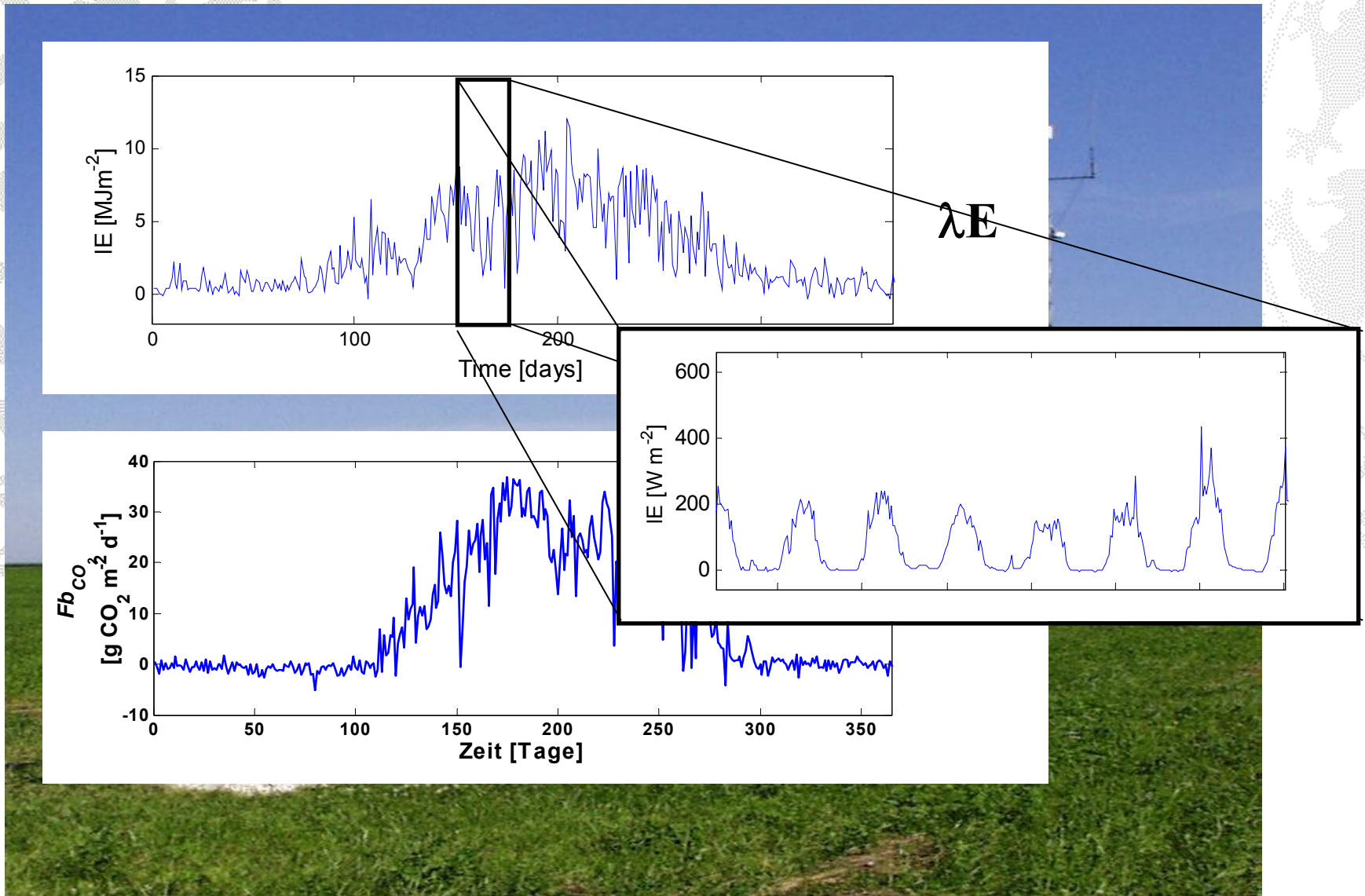
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1. Definition of modelling objectives
2. Model structure identification
3. Constant parameter estimation
4. Nonparametric time variable or state dependent parameter estimation
5. Parameterization of state dependency and optimization of non-linear model
6. Physical interpretation of model structure
7. Testing, „Validation“ – uncertainty and sensitivity analysis

# 1. Modelling Objectives



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## 2. Model Structure Identification

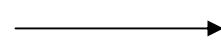
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Generic class of Transfer Function Models (TFM):

$$y_t = \frac{b_0(s_t) + b_1(s_t)z^{-1} + \dots + b_m(s_t)z^{-m}}{1 + a_1(s_t)z^{-1} + \dots + a_n(s_t)z^{-n}} \cdot x_{t-\delta} + \xi_t$$

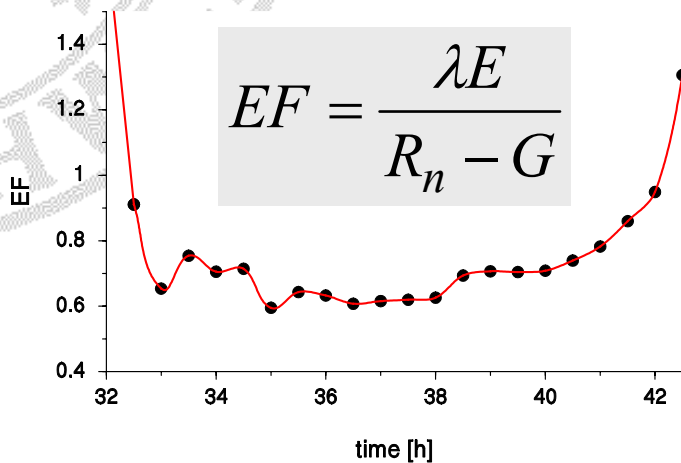
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$$\lambda E \propto R_n \text{ bzw. } S_0$$



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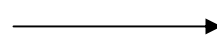
Evaporative Fraction (EF):



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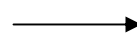
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$$\lambda E \propto R_n \text{ or } S_0$$



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$$Pb_{CO_2} \propto PAR \text{ or } S_0$$



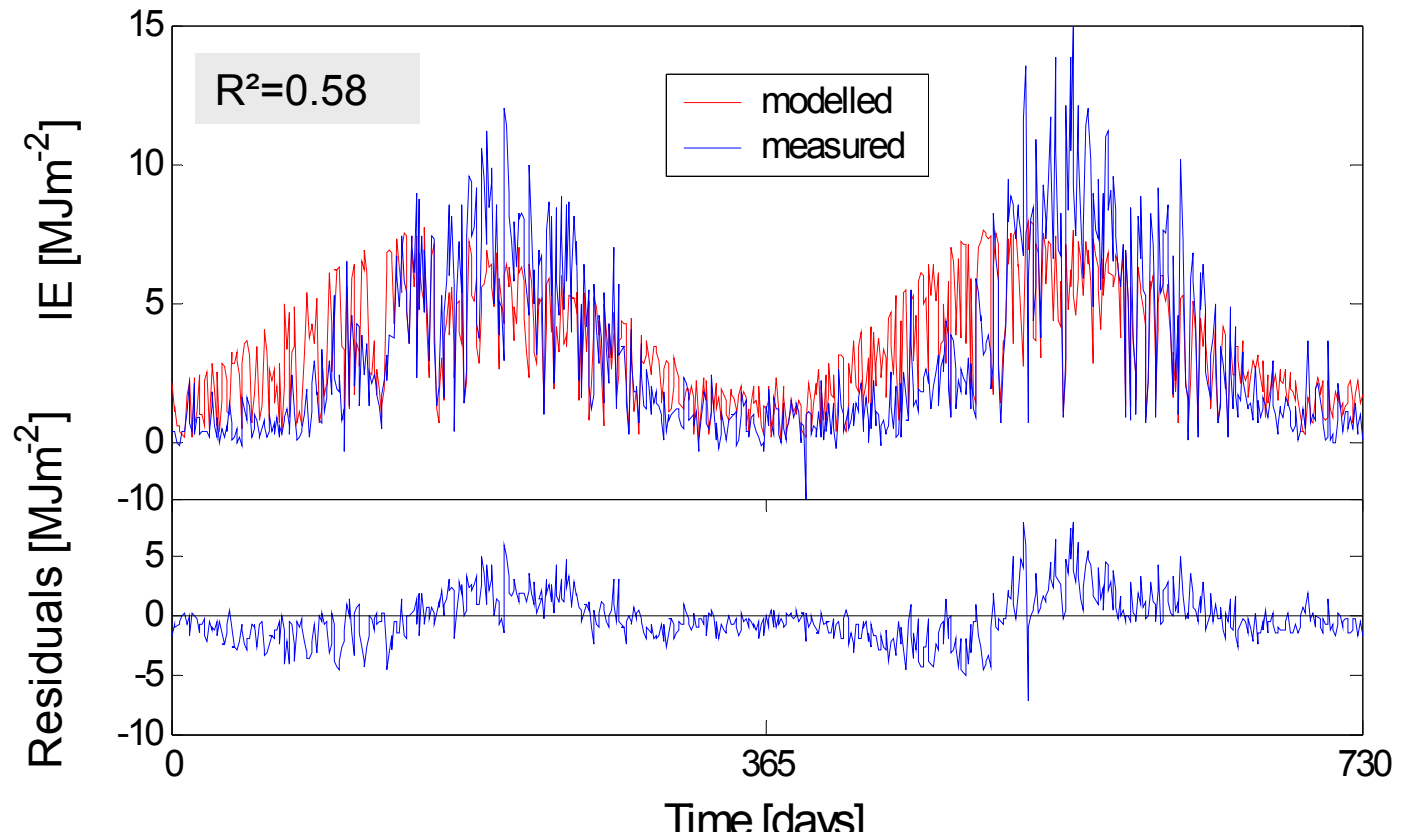
$$Pb_{CO_2}(t) = LUE \cdot PAR(t) + \xi_{Pb}$$

Light Use Efficiency (LUE):

$$LUE = \frac{Pb_{CO_2}(t)}{PAR(t)}$$

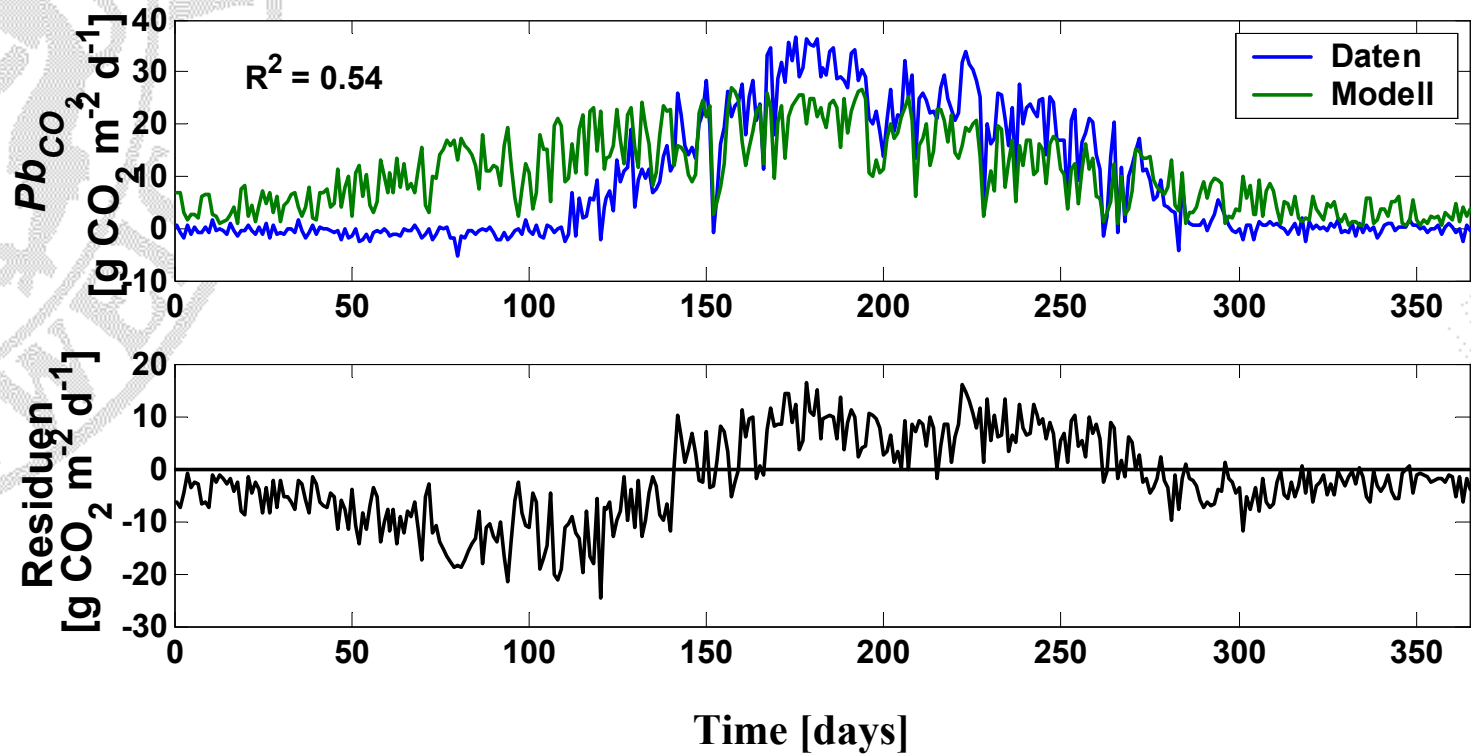
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$\lambda E$ , Harvard Forest 1998-99:



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CO<sub>2</sub>, Harvard Forest 1994:



## 4. Time and State Dependence

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non-stationary, dynamic

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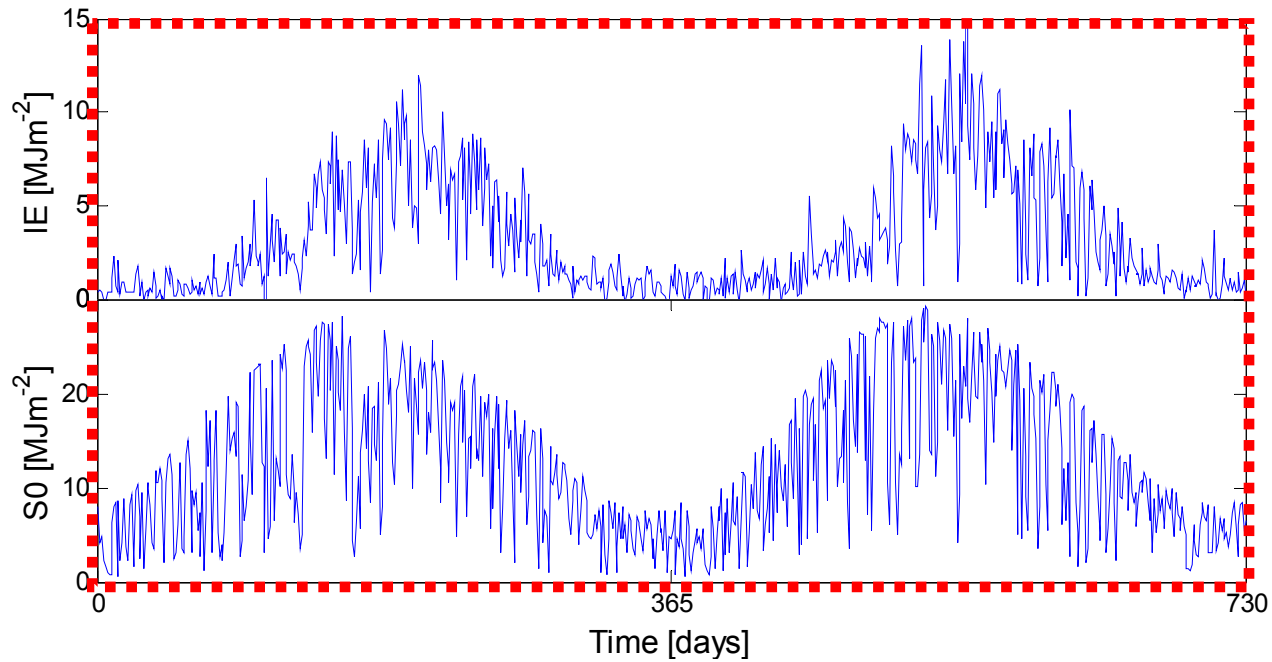
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Dynamic Linear Regression (Young, 1999)

$$\lambda E(t) = EF(t) \cdot S_0(t) + \xi_{\lambda E}(t)$$

with  $EF(t) = EF(t-1) + \eta_{EF}(t)$

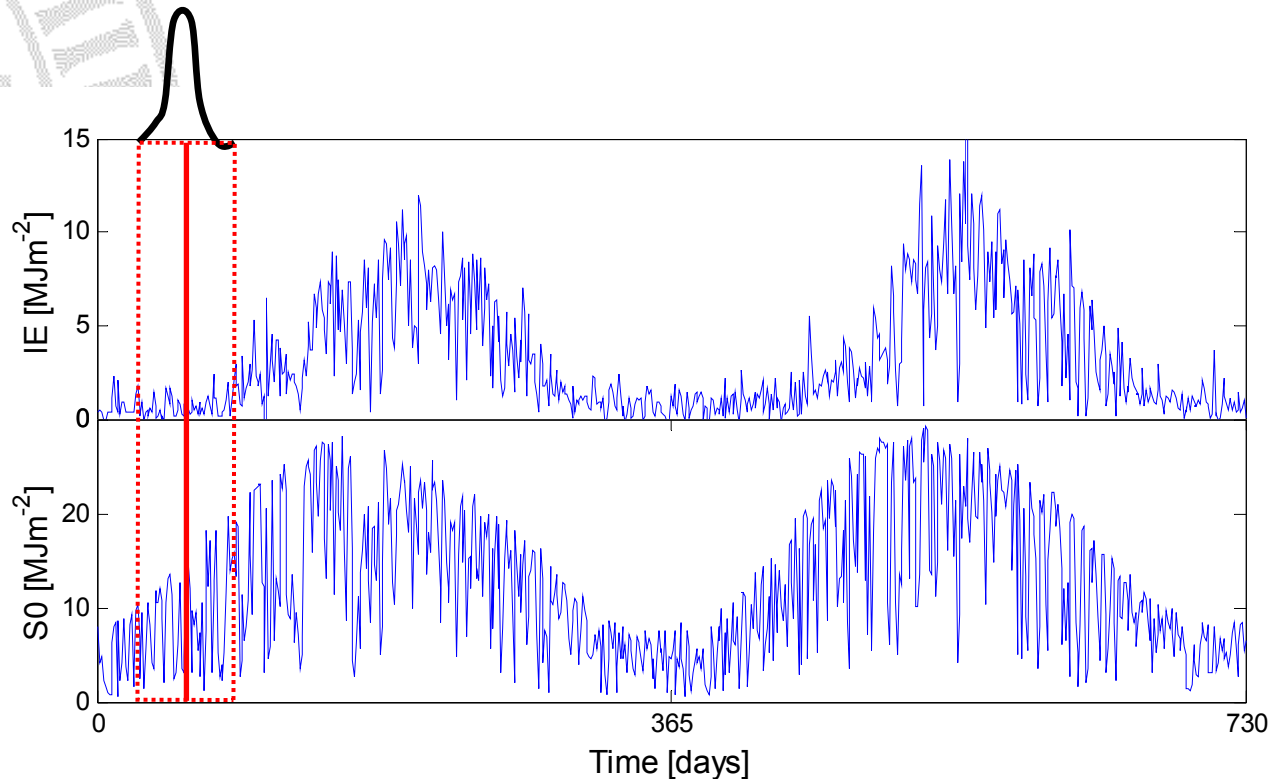
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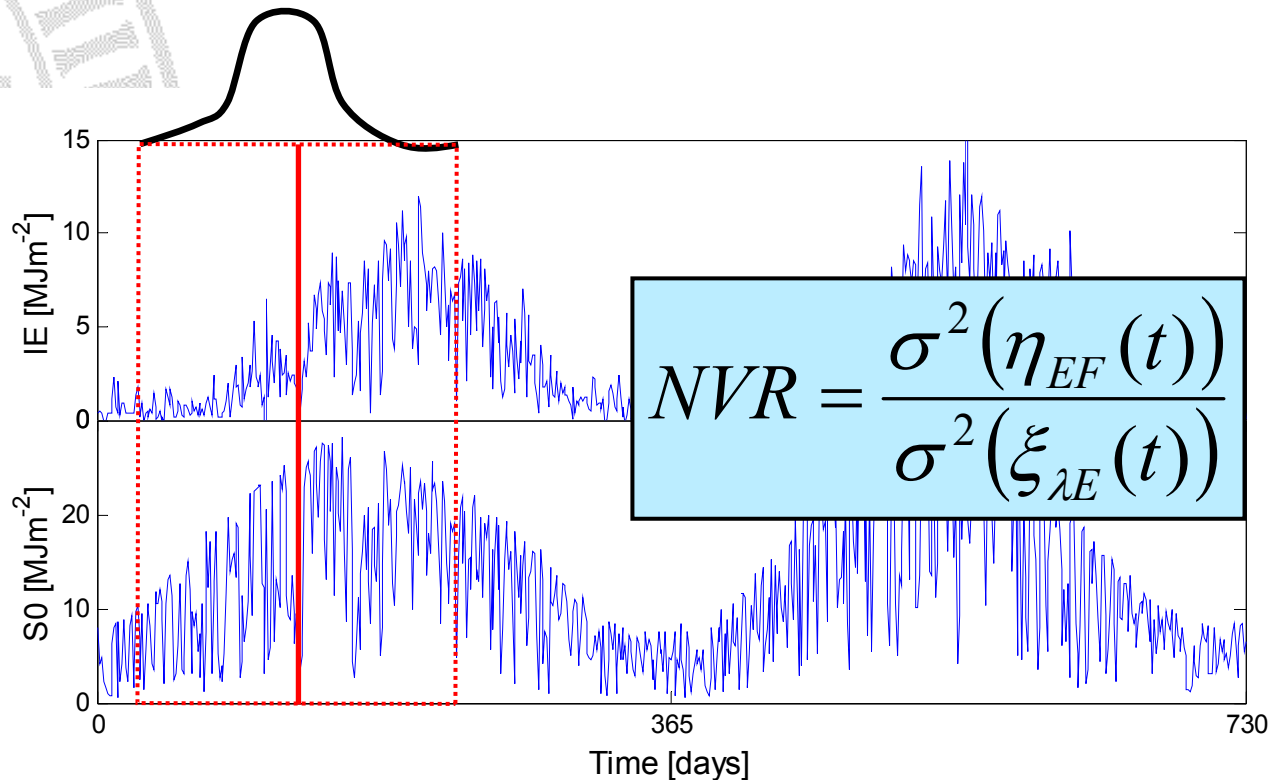
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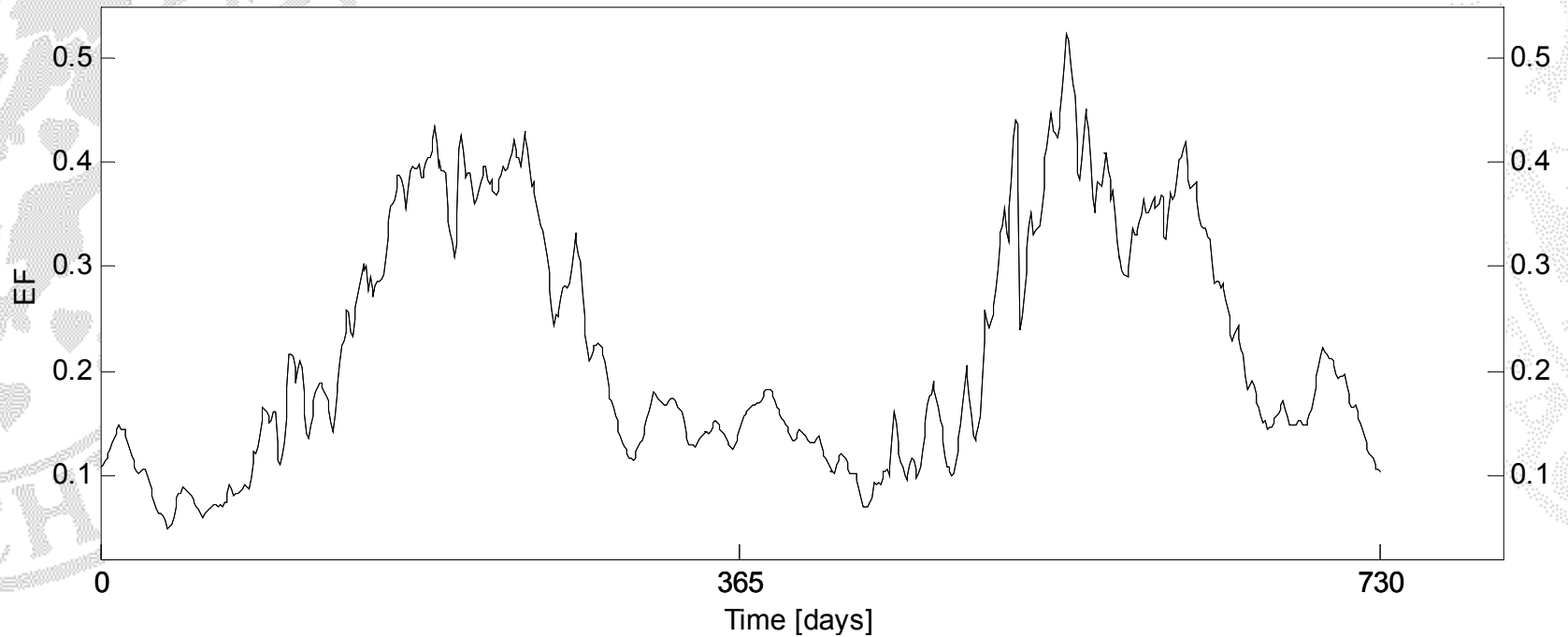
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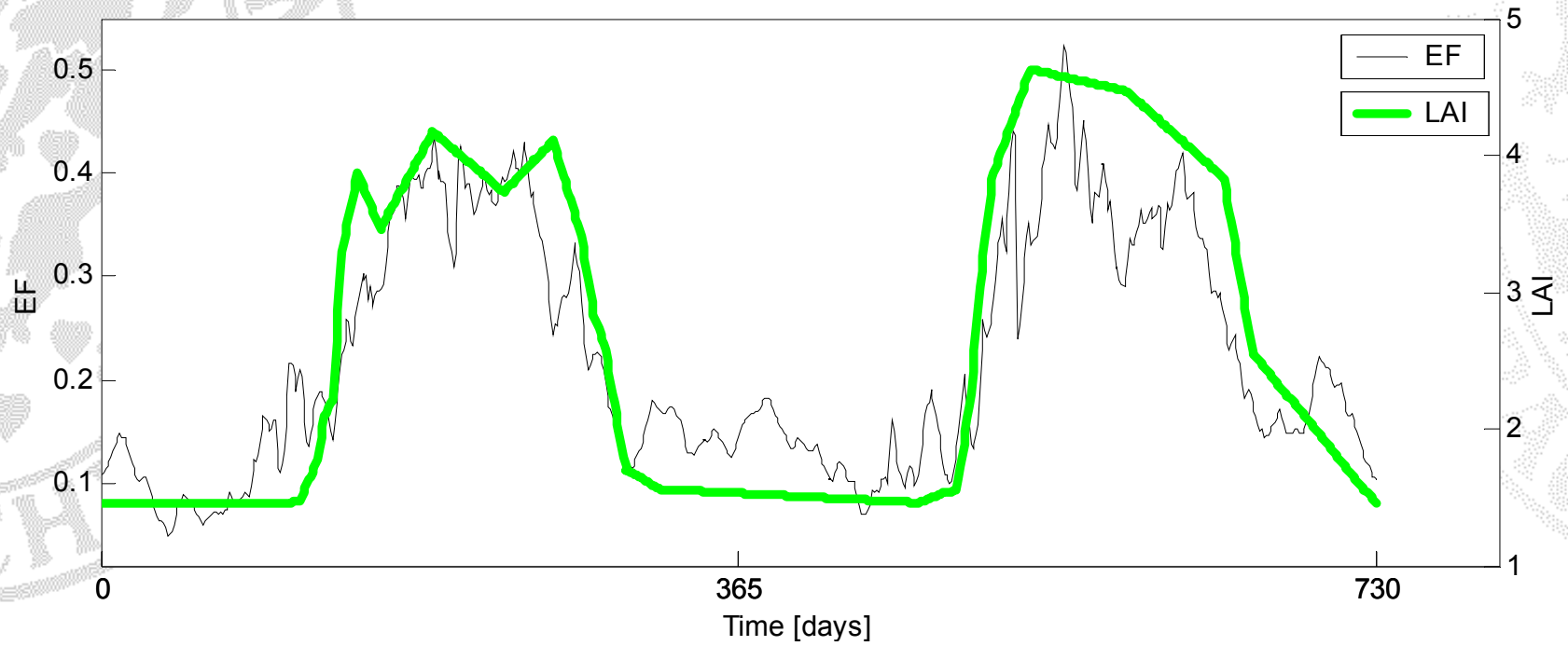
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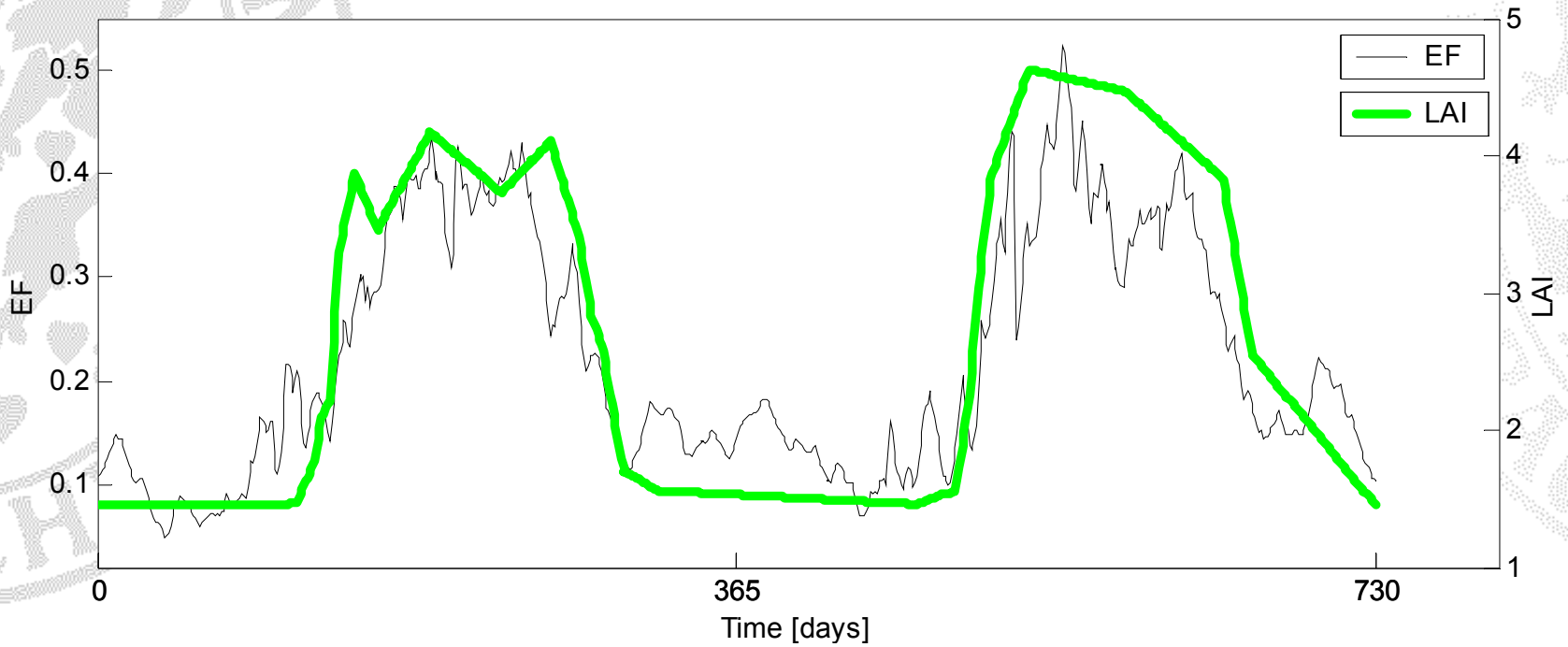


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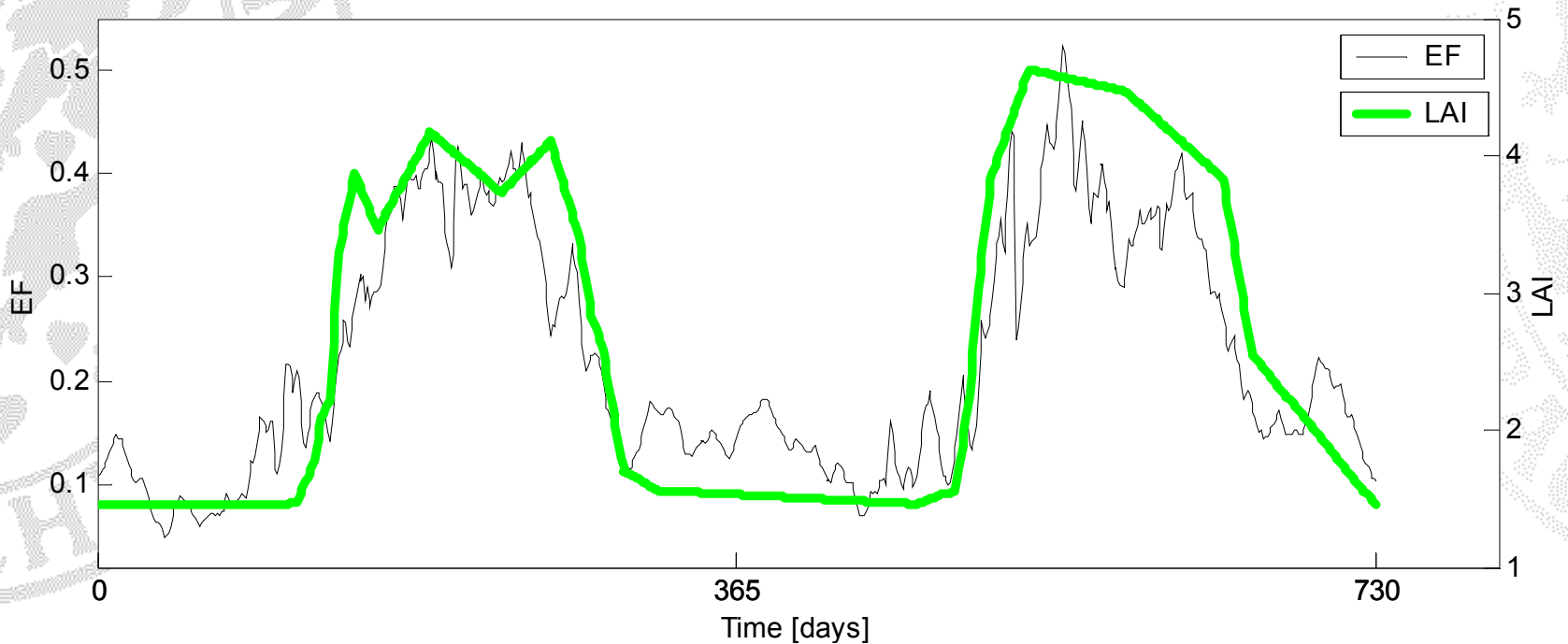


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$$EF(t) = a_1 + a_2 \cdot LAI(t)$$

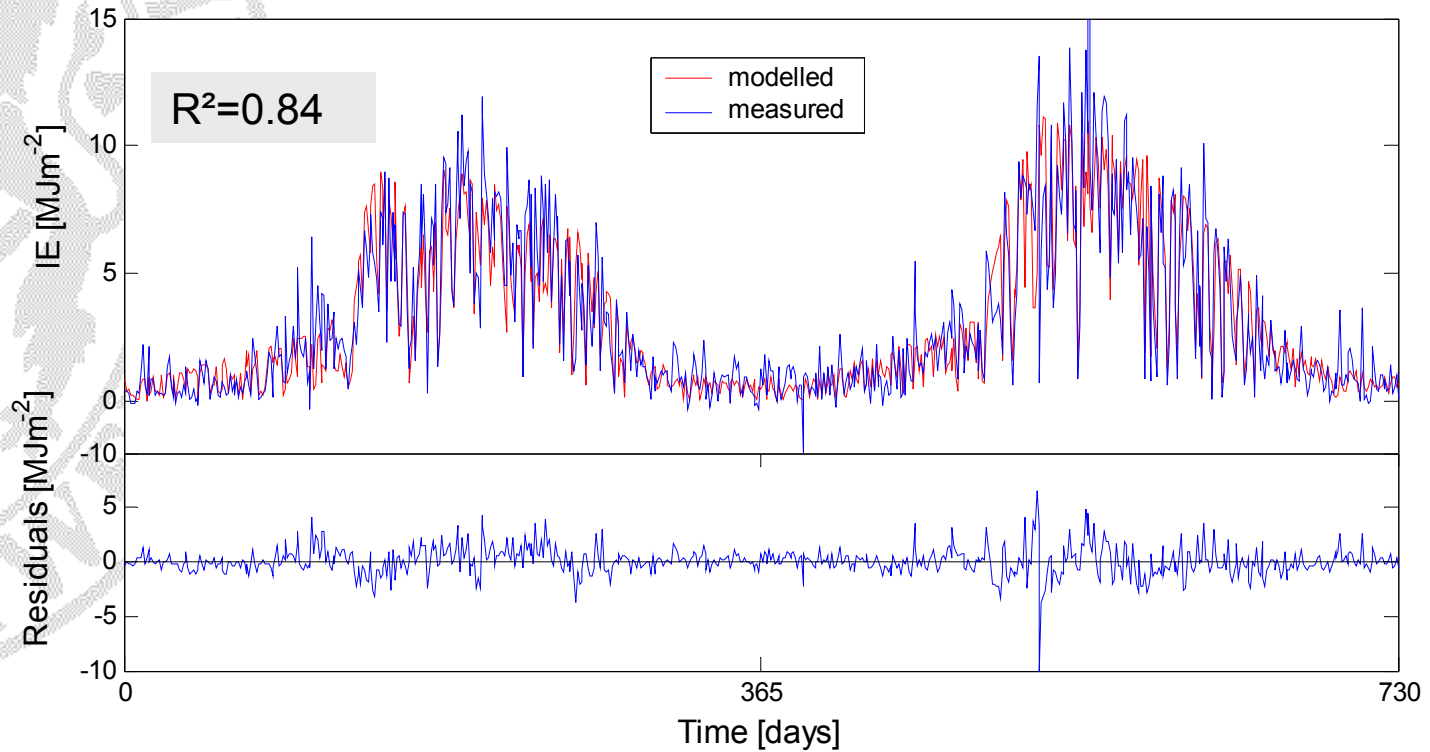
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$$EF(t) = a_1 + a_2 \cdot LAI(t)$$

$$\lambda E(t) = (a_1 + a_2 \cdot LAI(t)) \cdot R_n(t) + \xi_{\lambda E}(t)$$

# 5. Model Optimization



$$\lambda E(t) = (a_1 + a_2 \cdot LAI(t)) \cdot S_0(t)$$

$$a_1 = -0.0207 \pm 0.0093$$

$$a_2 = 0.0908 \pm 0.0027$$

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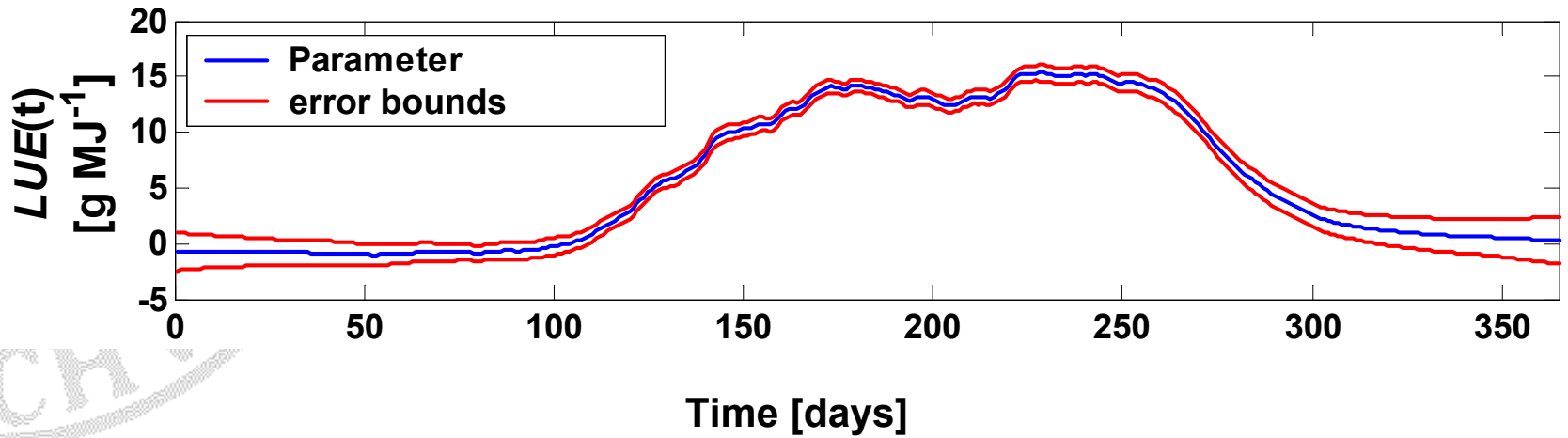
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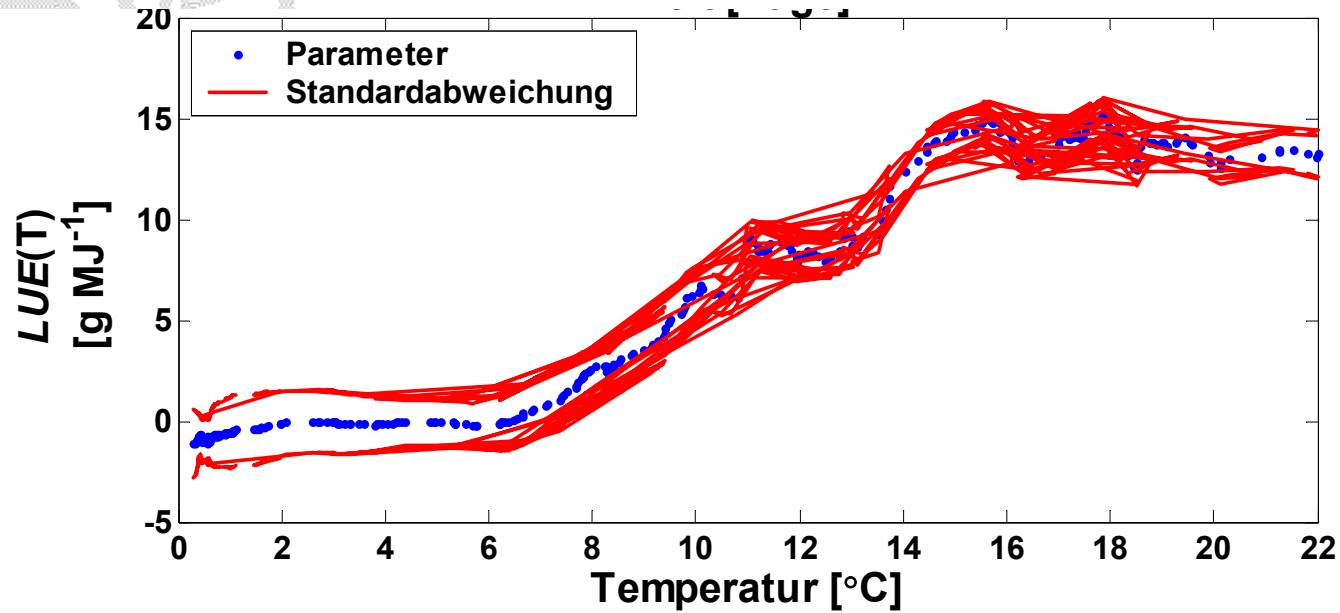
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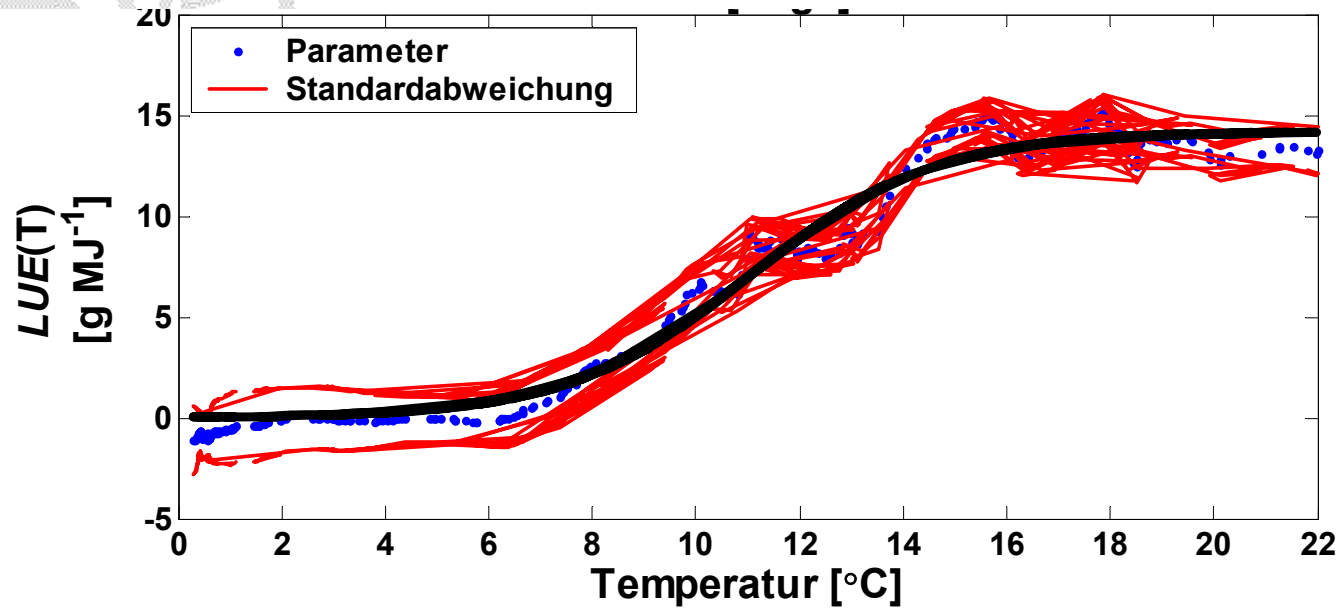
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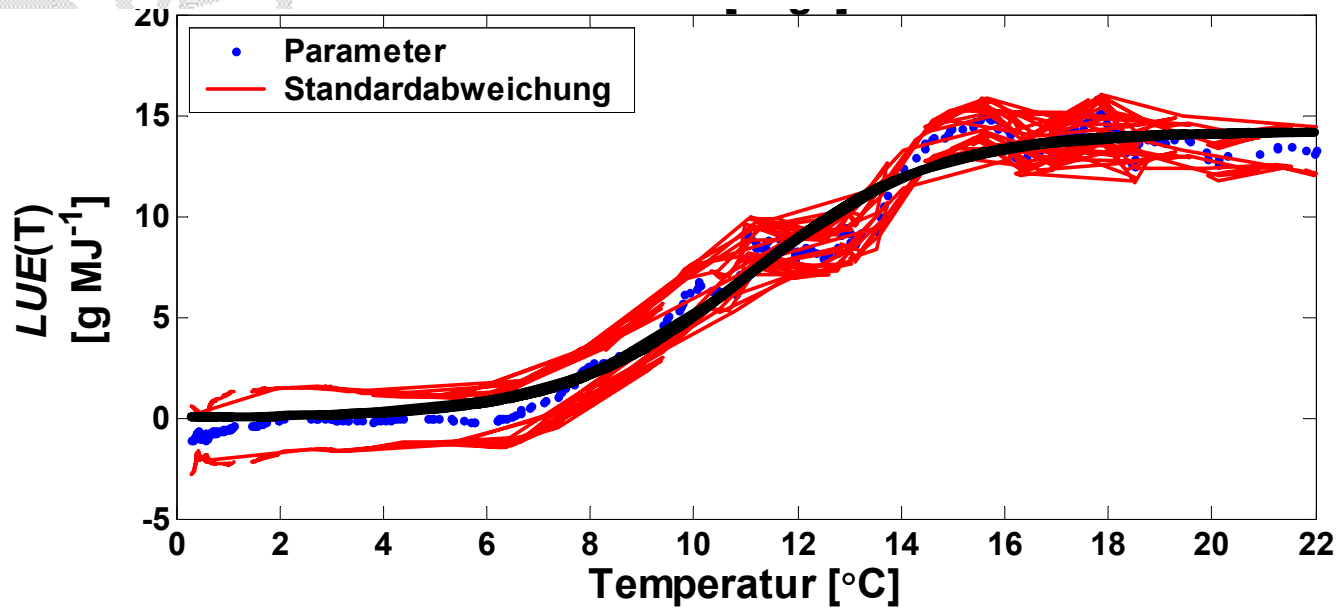
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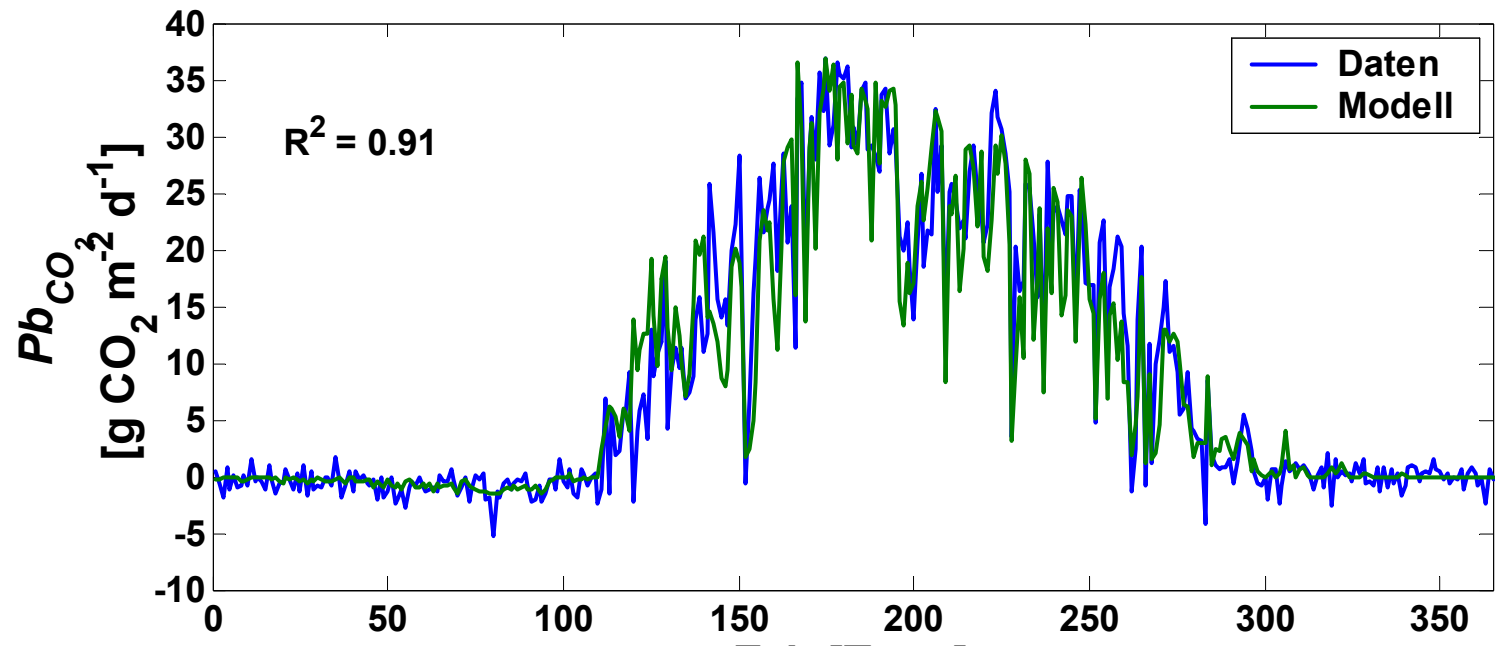
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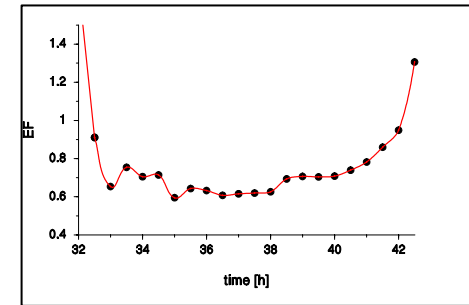
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## 6. Physical Interpretation

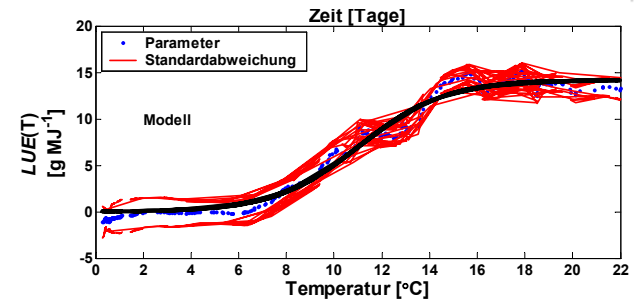
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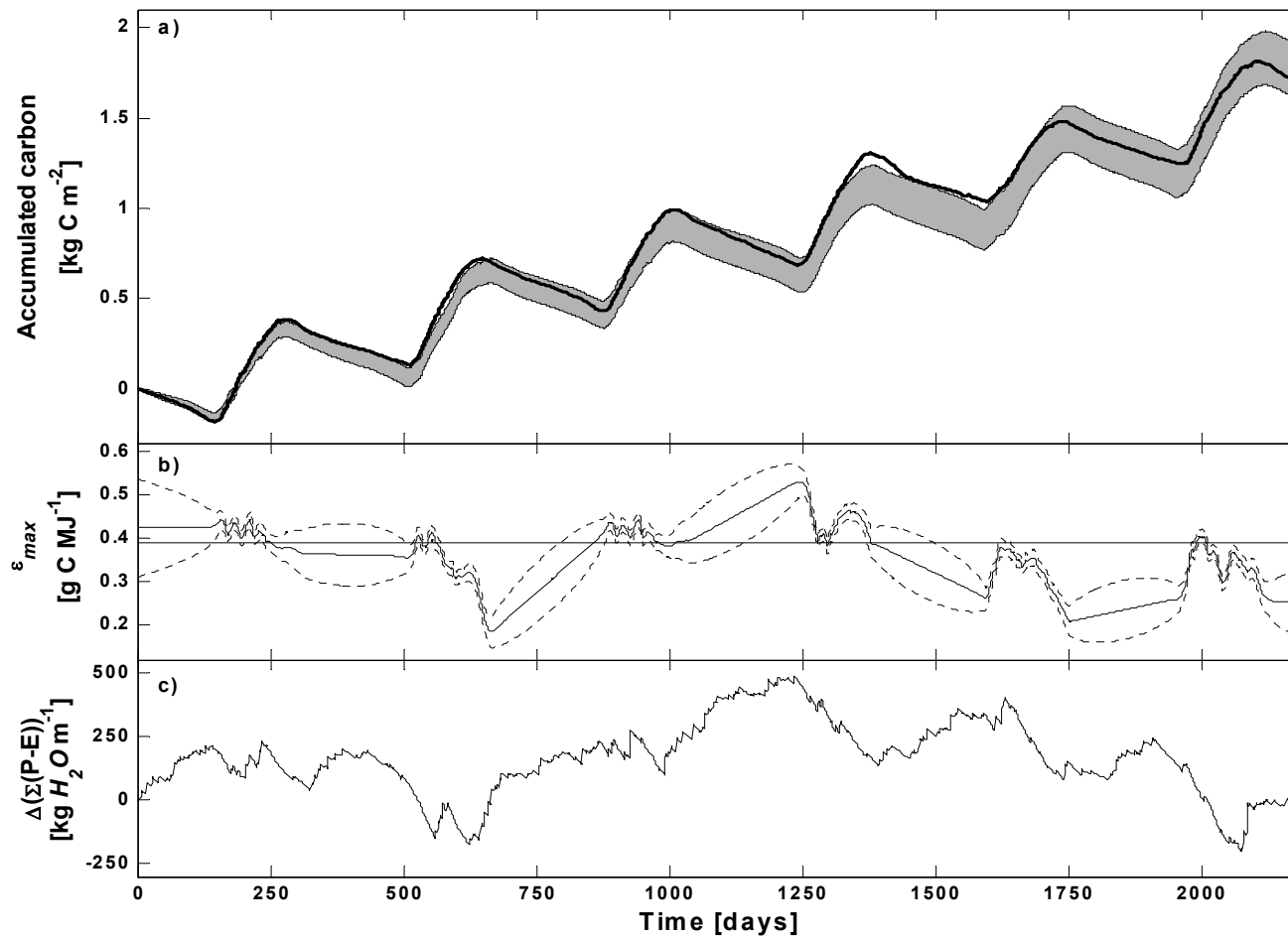


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# 7. Testing – “Validation”



# Conclusions

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- Data-based modelling strategies allow for identification:
  - Simplest possible structure
  - Effective parameter values
- Advantage for regionalization within PUB

