

Critical Zone and Ecosystem Observatories at high latitudes or high altitudes: unravelling geosphere-biosphere interactions



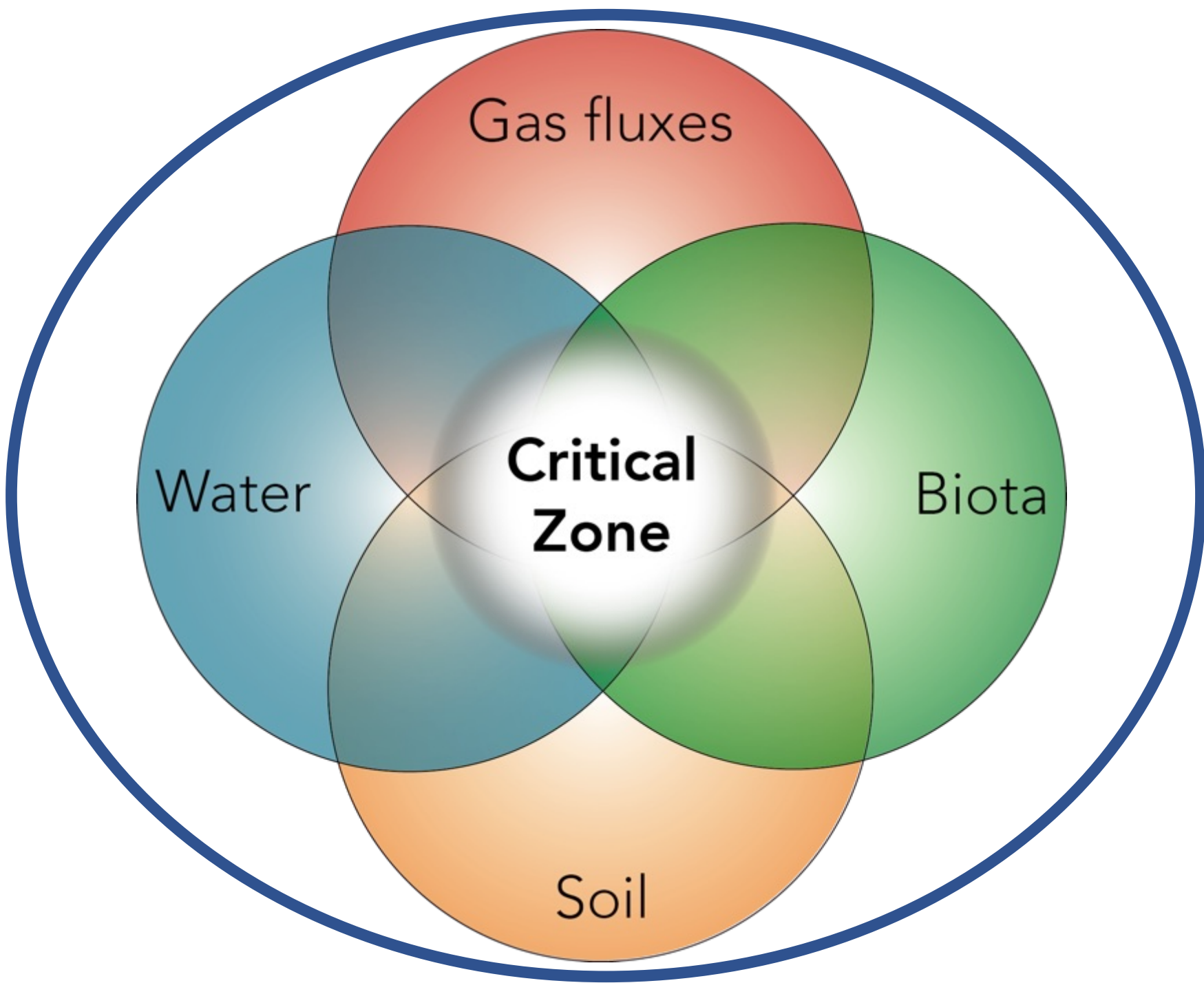
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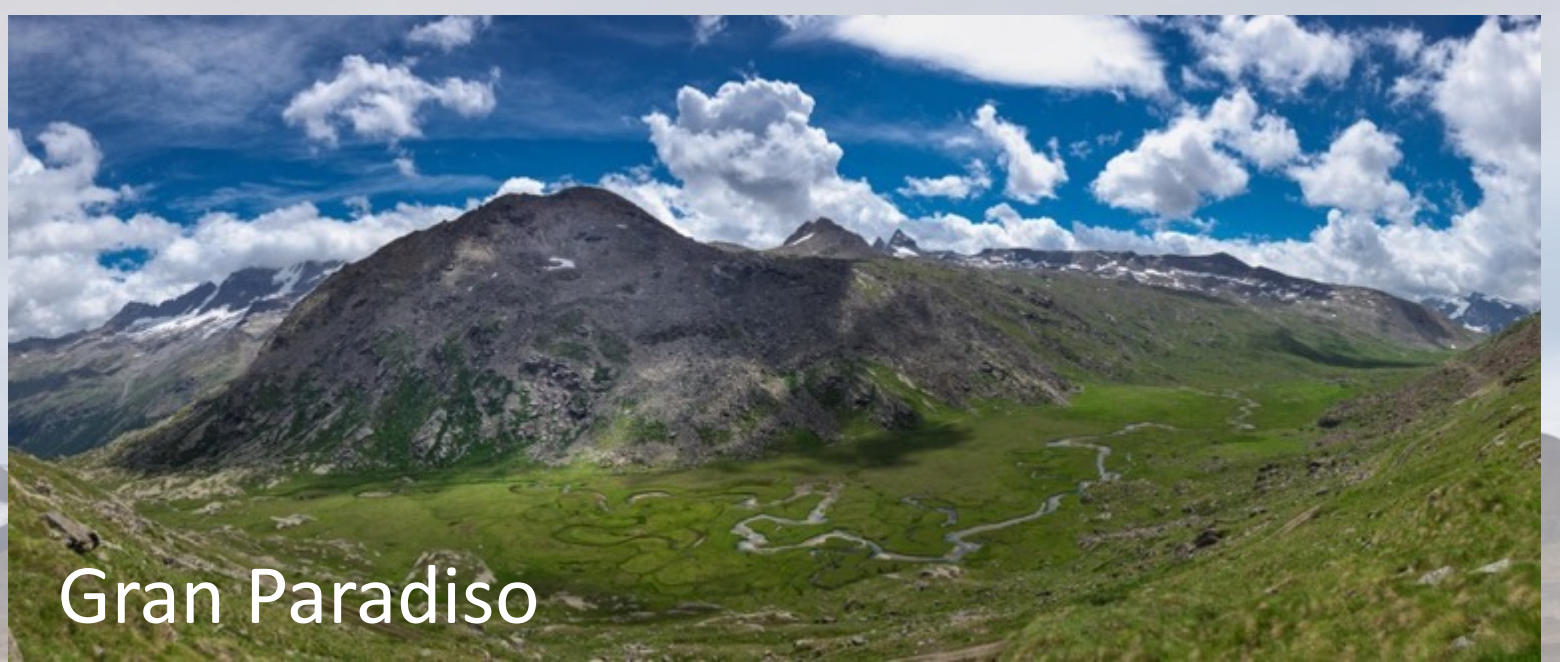


Pillars of the Critical Zone

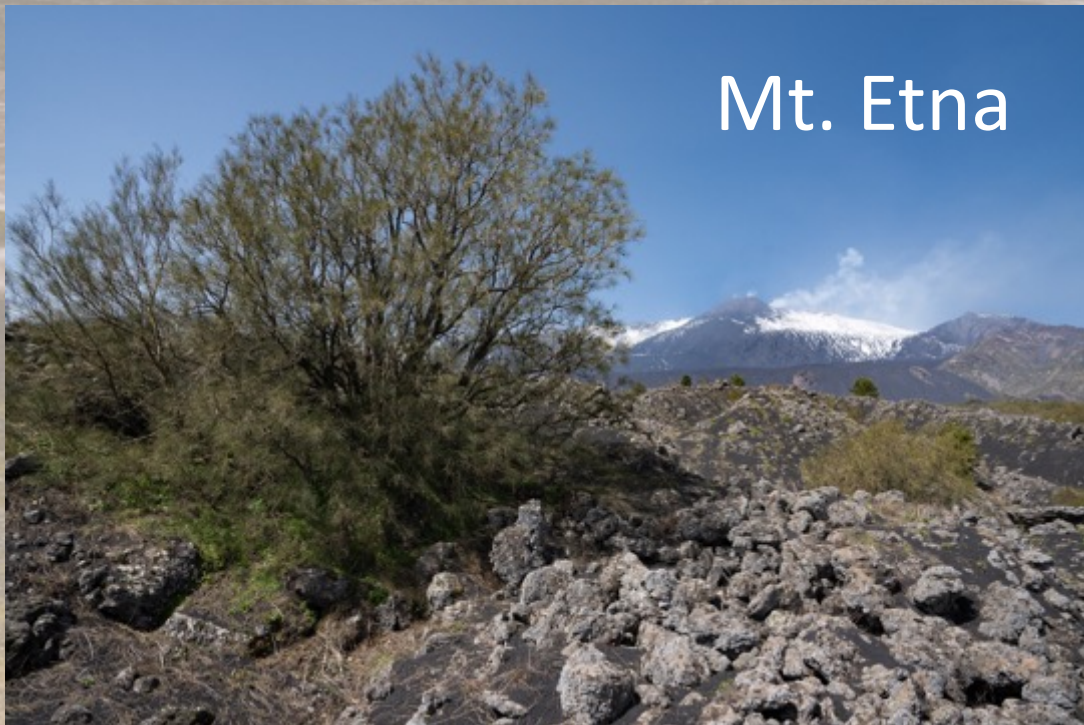


Biogeochemical cycles

**1. Active CZ
observatories of
interest here**



Gran Paradiso



Mt. Etna

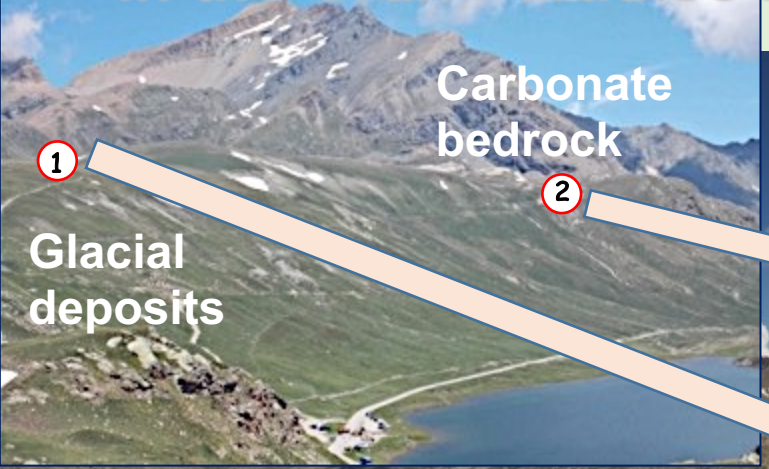


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Svalbard



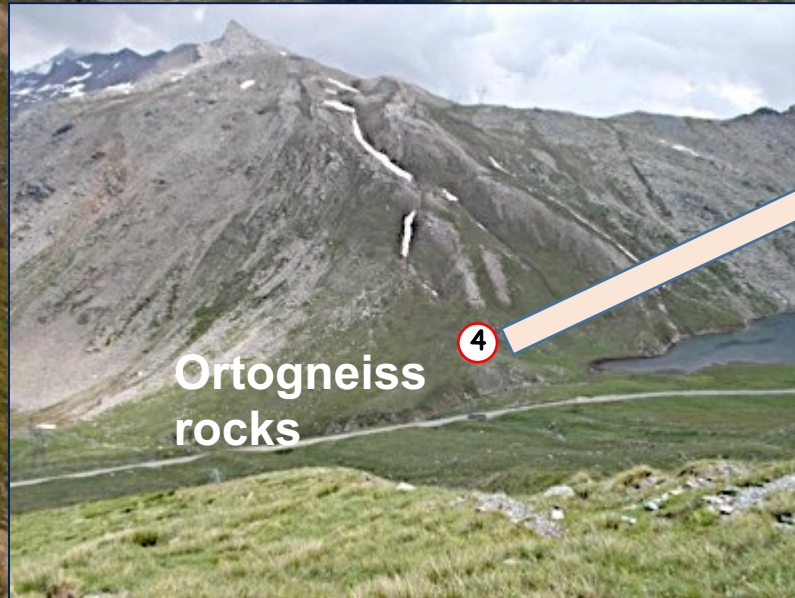
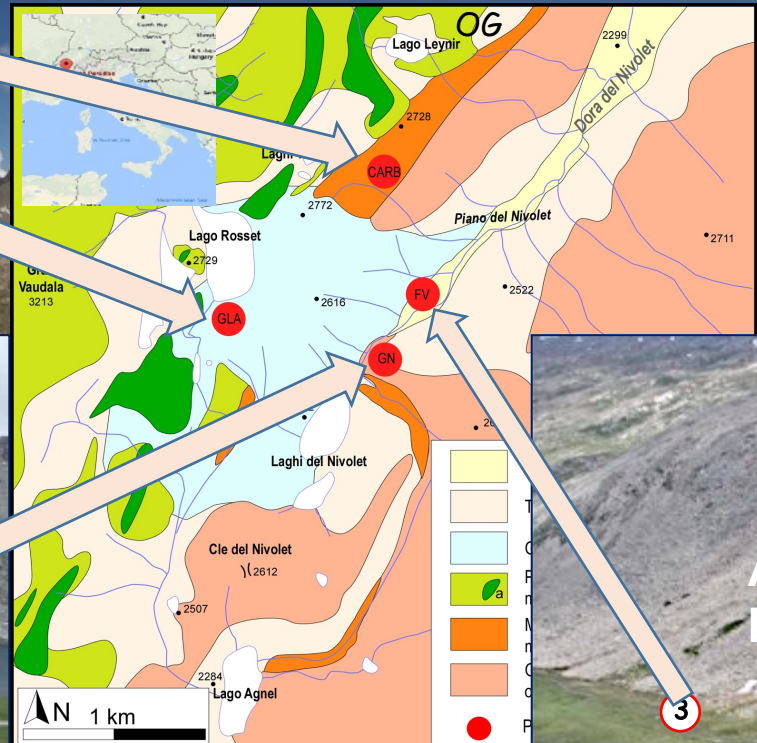
CZO@PNGP: Studies on alpine ecosystems in the Gran Paradiso National Park (since 2017): Nivolet

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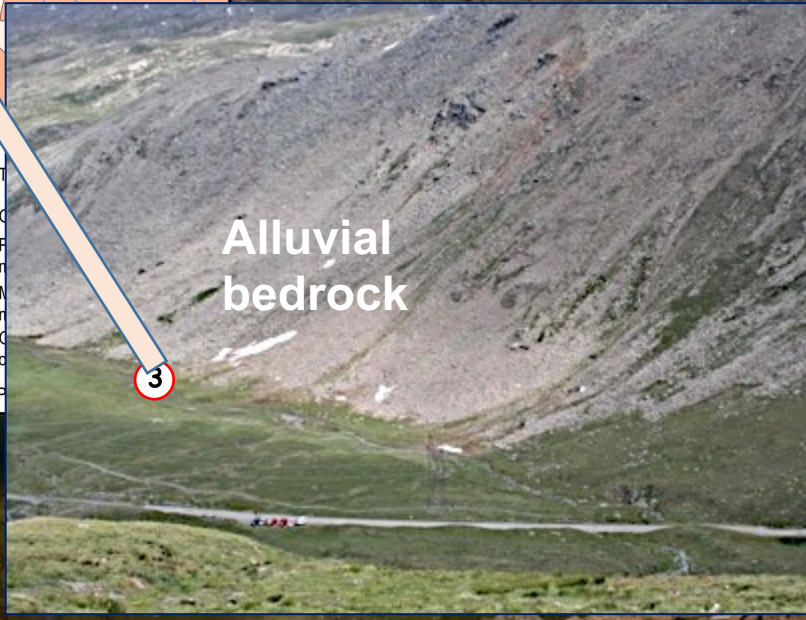


**Glacial
deposits**

**Carbonate
bedrock**



**Ortogneiss
rocks**

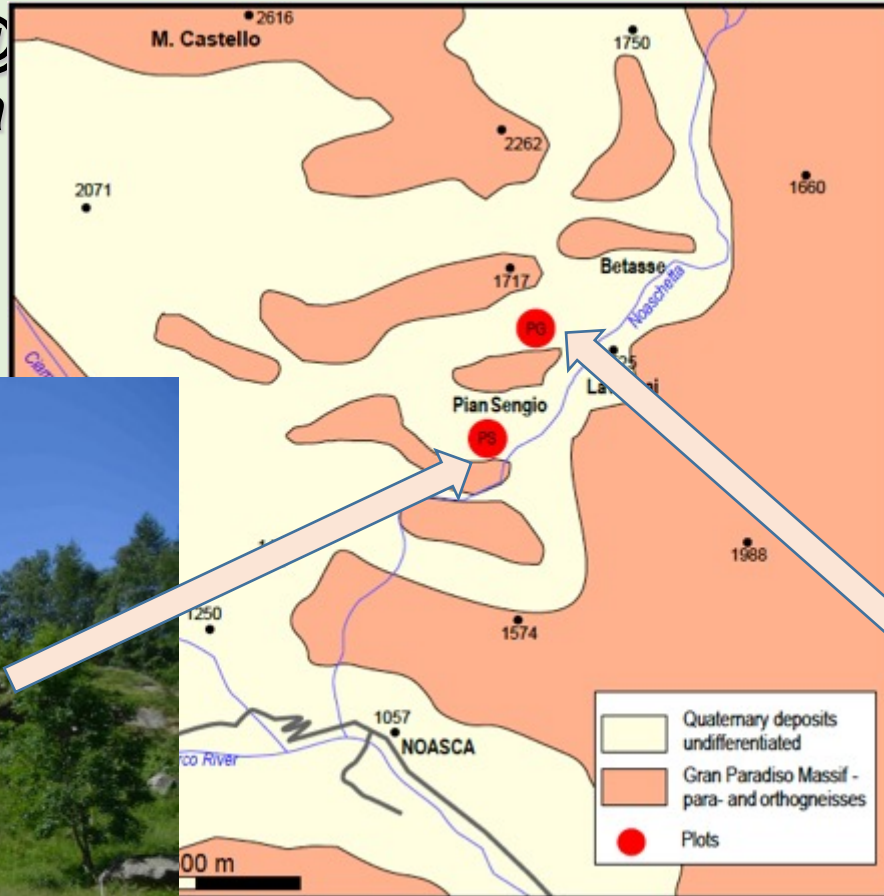


**Alluvial
bedrock**

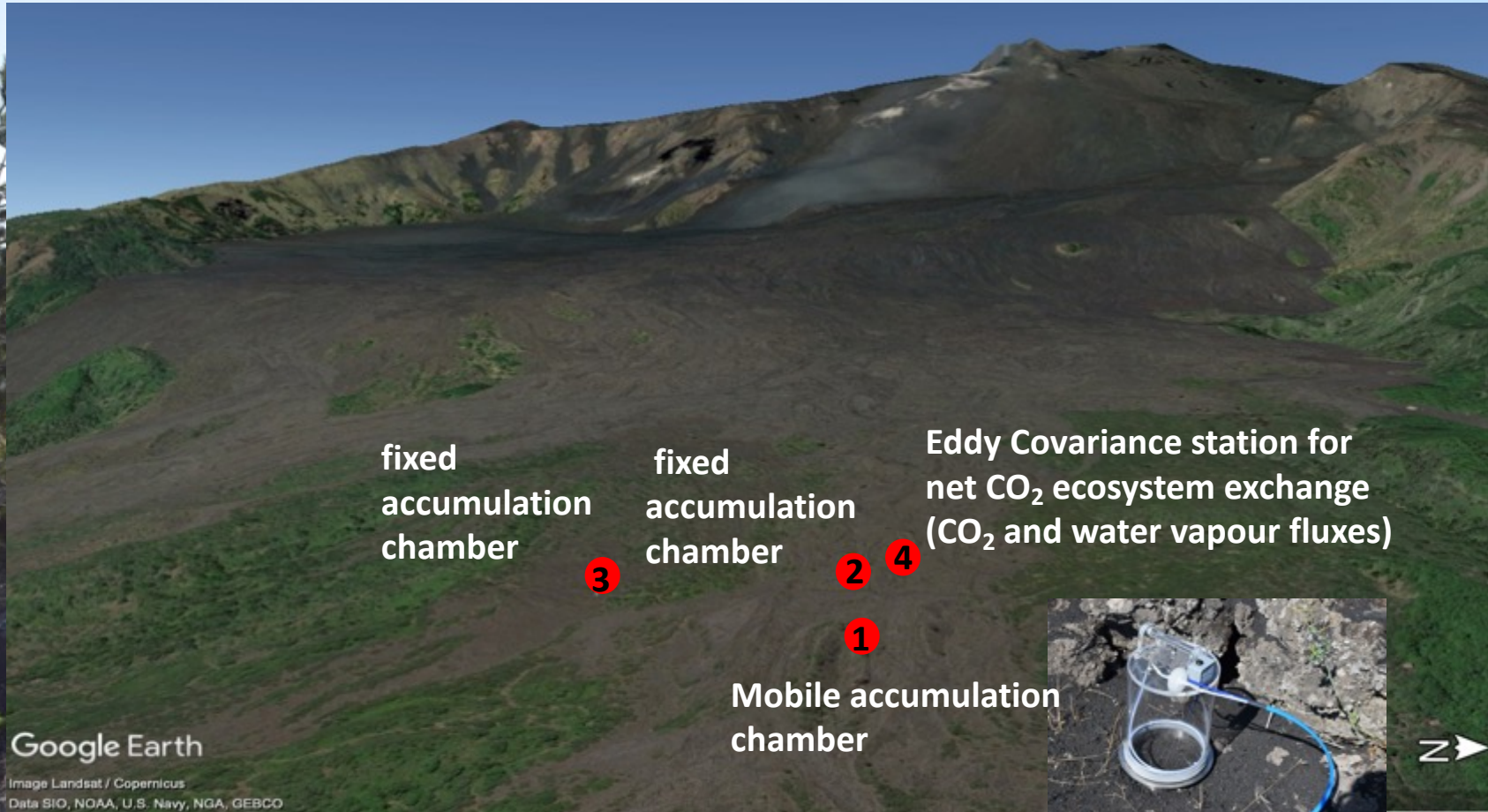


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systems
(2017): Noaschetta



CZO@Mt.ETNA: assessing the balance between CO₂ of volcanic and biogenic origin at Mt. Etna (since 2021)

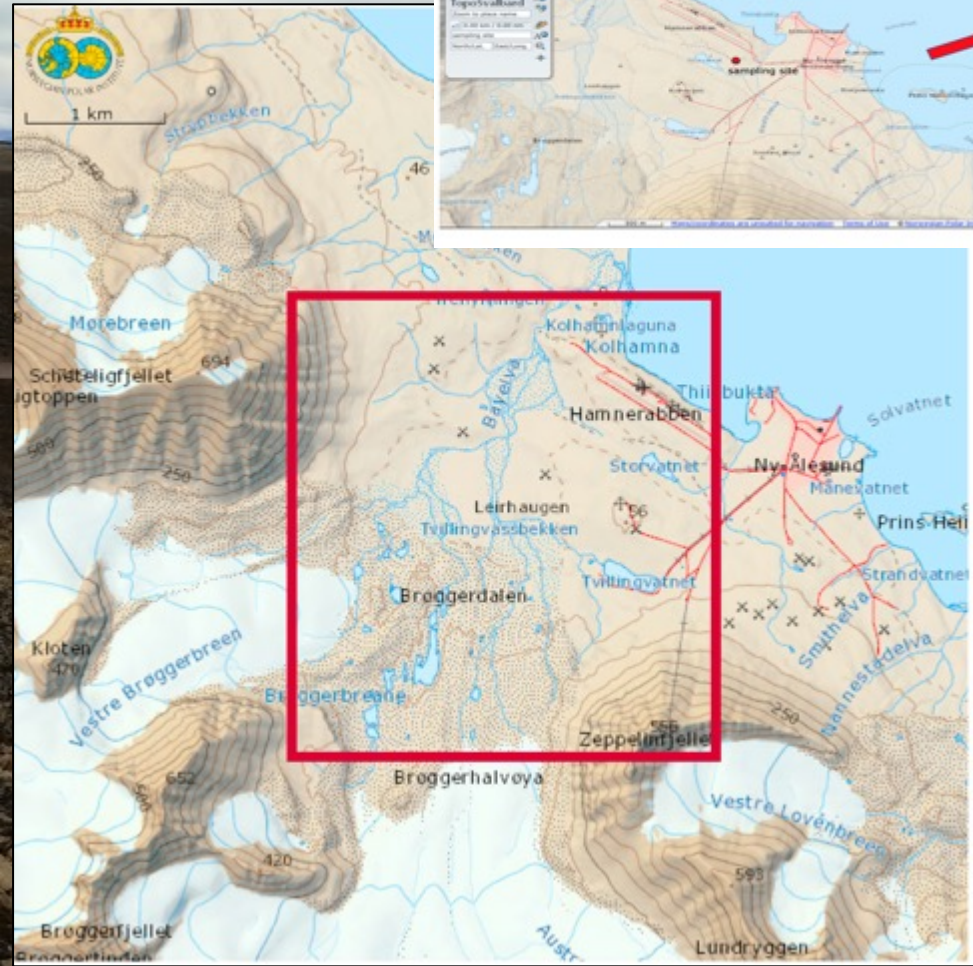




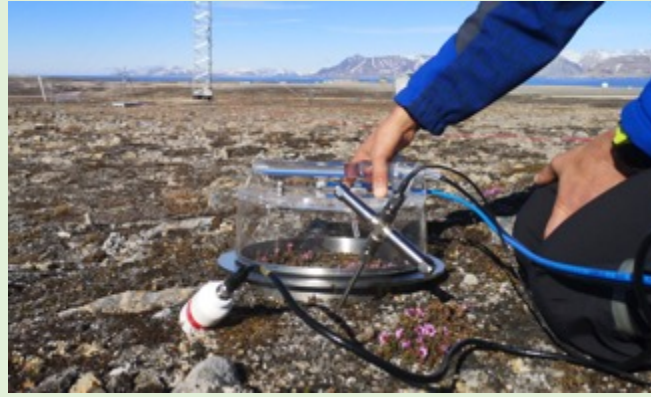
CZO@Bavelva: Observing Critical Zone processes in the Bayelva basin (since 2019)



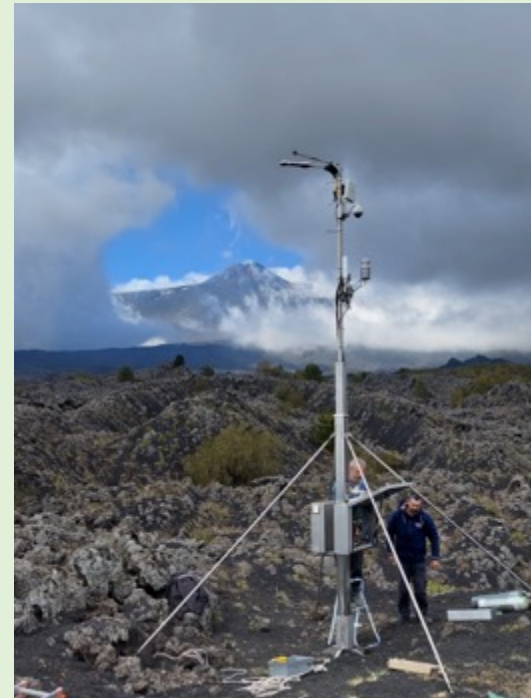
(since 2019)



1. CO₂ fluxes by a portable flux chamber



2. CO₂ fluxes by Eddy Covariance



3. CO₂ fluxes by automated flux chamber



Remote sensing by drones (RGB, thermal, multispectral, hyperspectral, LIDAR)

Mobile laboratory



Multiple drivers: empirical multivariate models

$$ER = (a_0 + a_1 GFC + a_2 VWC) \exp(b_0 Ta) + \varepsilon ,$$

$$GPP = \frac{F \alpha_0 rs}{F + \alpha_0 rs} (A_0 + A_1 GFC + A_2 VWC) + \varepsilon ,$$

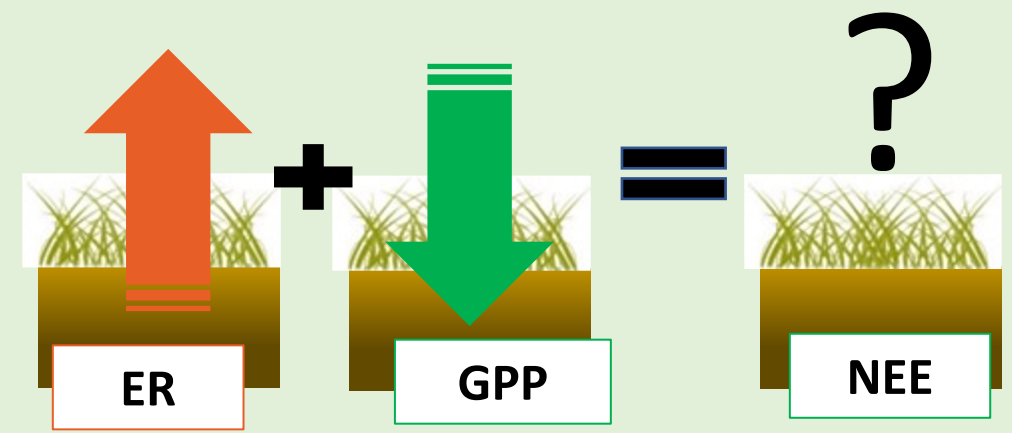
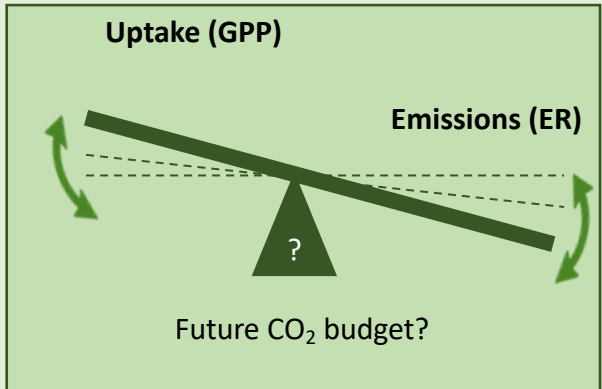
Water-carbon process-based models

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = I(s, r) - [f_v X_v(s) + (1 - f_v) X_b(s)] - K$$

$$\frac{dC_v}{dt} = P - R_v - L$$

$$\frac{dC_s}{dt} = R_s - L$$

Magnani et al., (2020). Drivers of carbon fluxes in Alpine tundra: a comparison of three empirical model approaches



Primary drivers

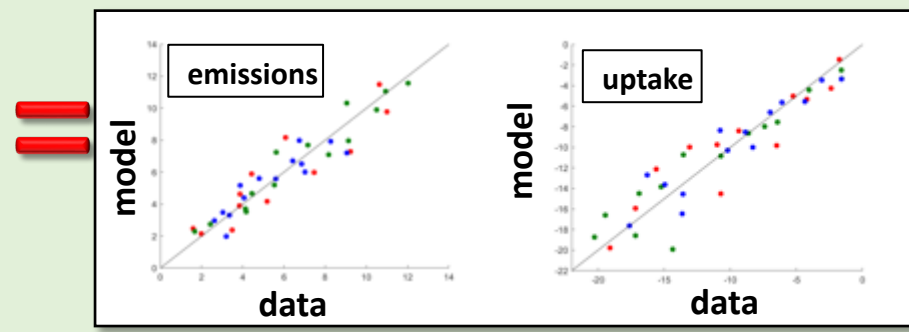
- Light for CO₂ uptake
- Air temperature for CO₂ emissions

Lloyd & Tylor (1994) Ruimy et al. (1995)



Additional drivers

<p>CO₂ emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Soil humidity</u> • Air pressure • Day Of the Year 	<p>CO₂ uptake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Soil humidity</u> • Day Of the Year
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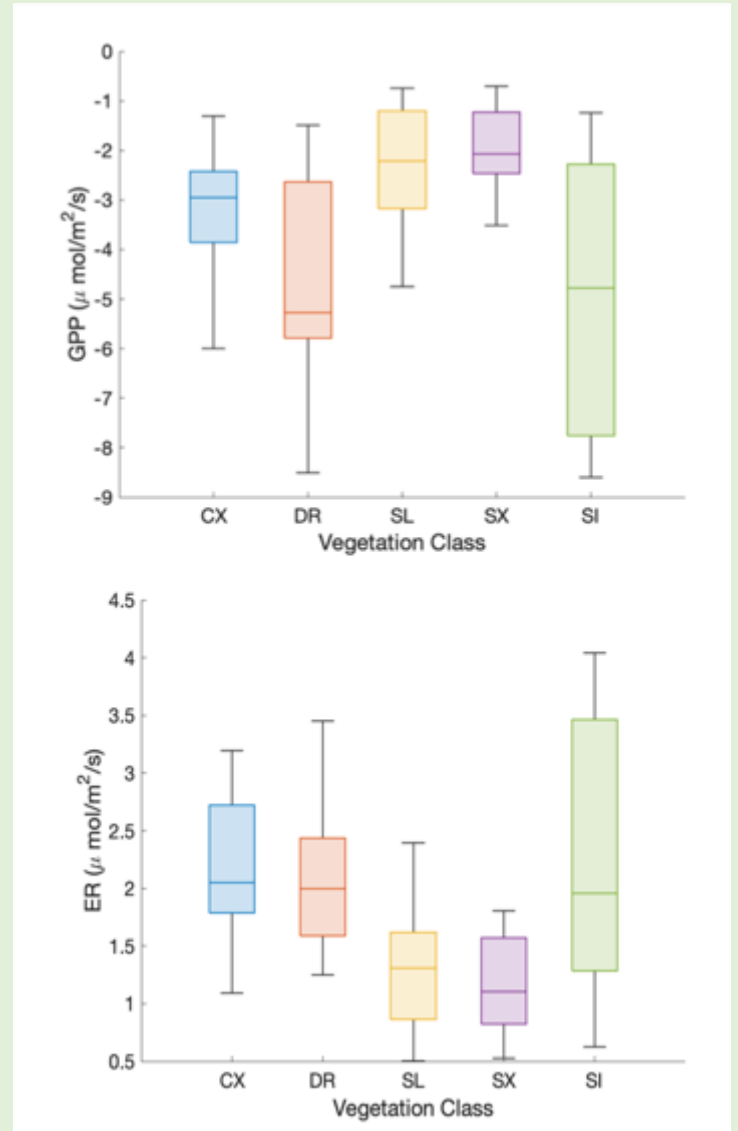
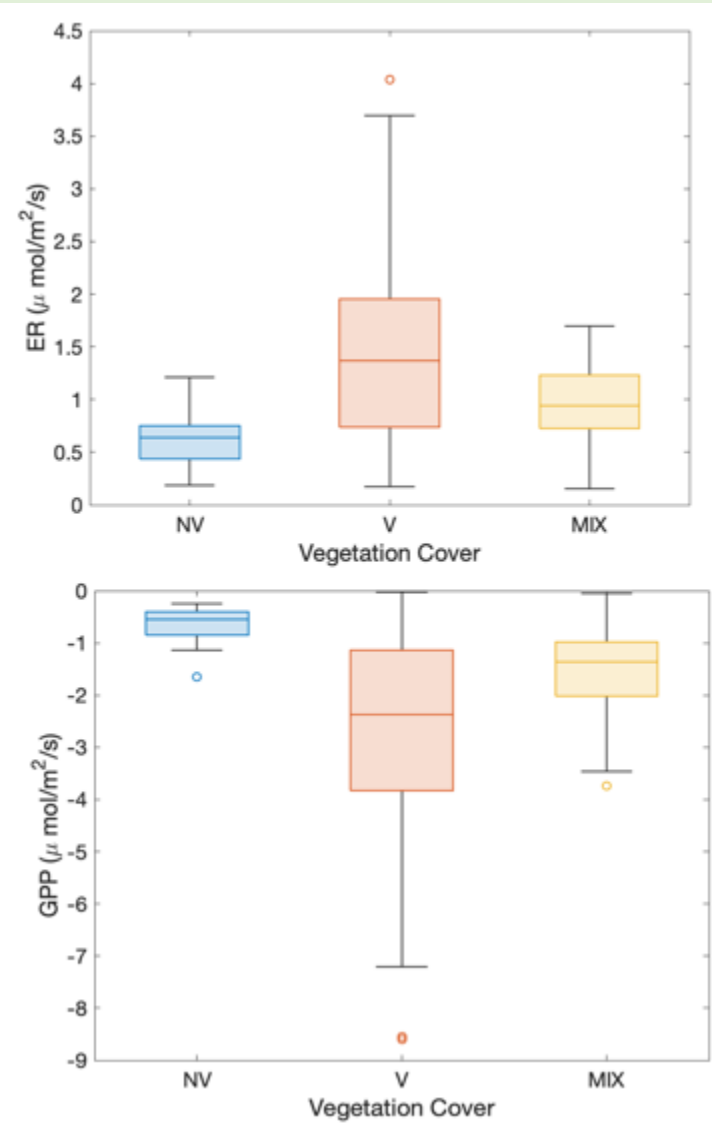


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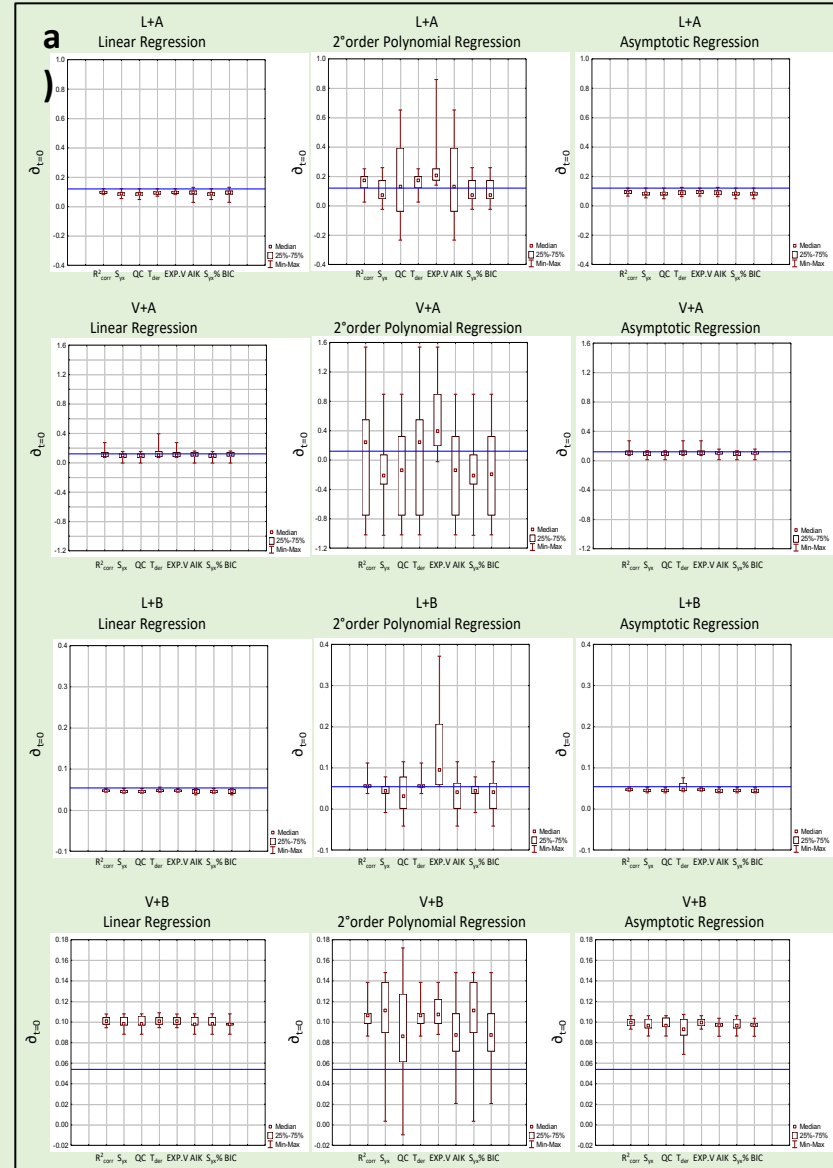
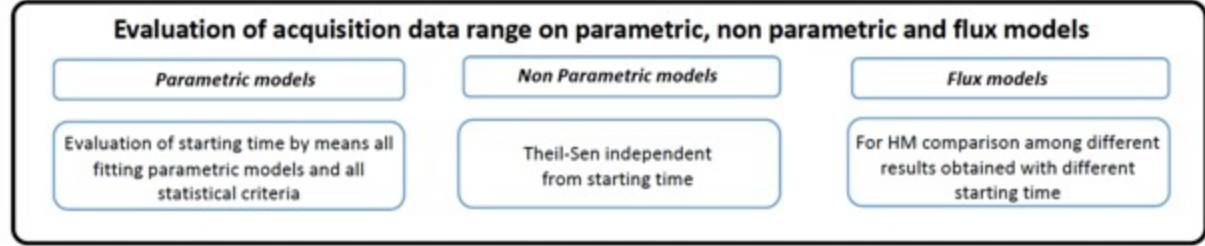
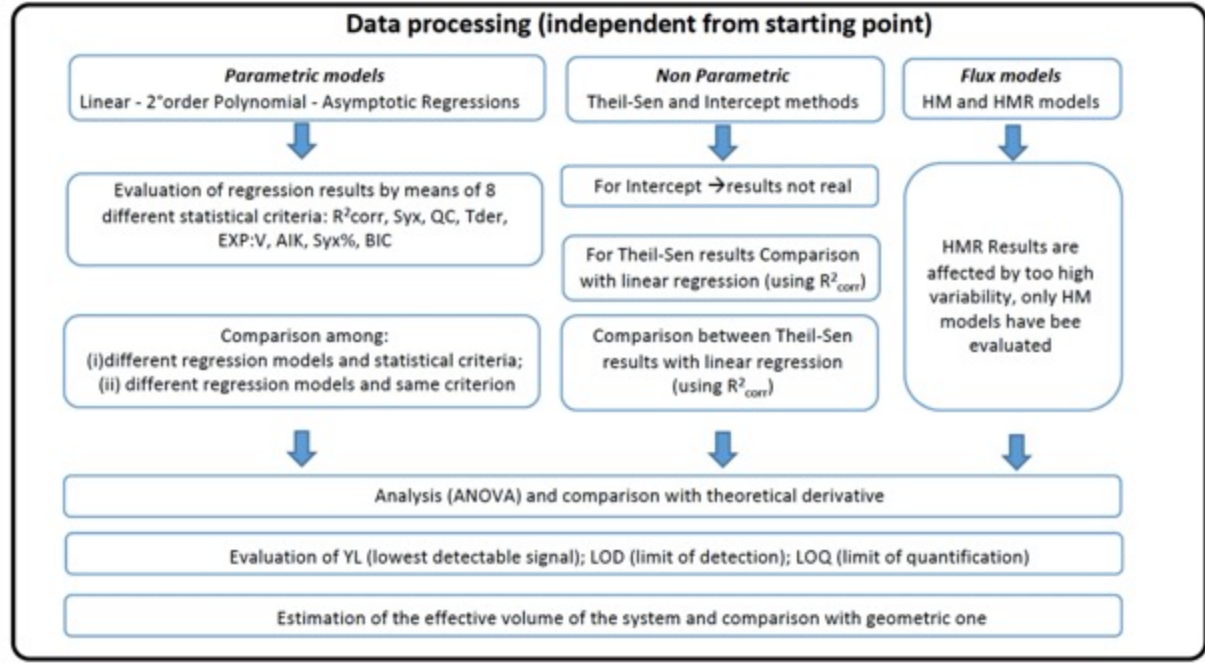
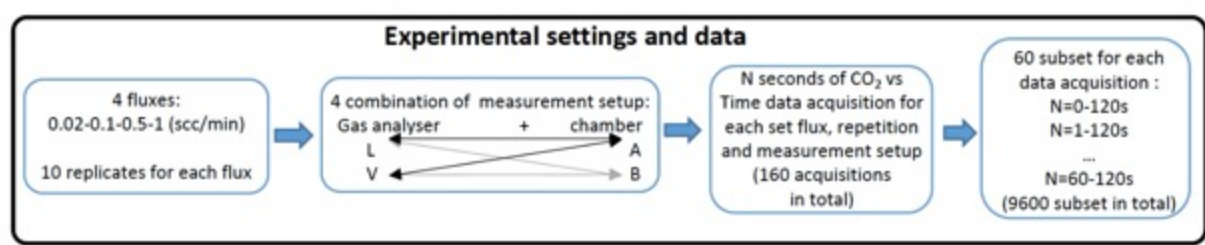
5 classes of most abundant vascular plants identified



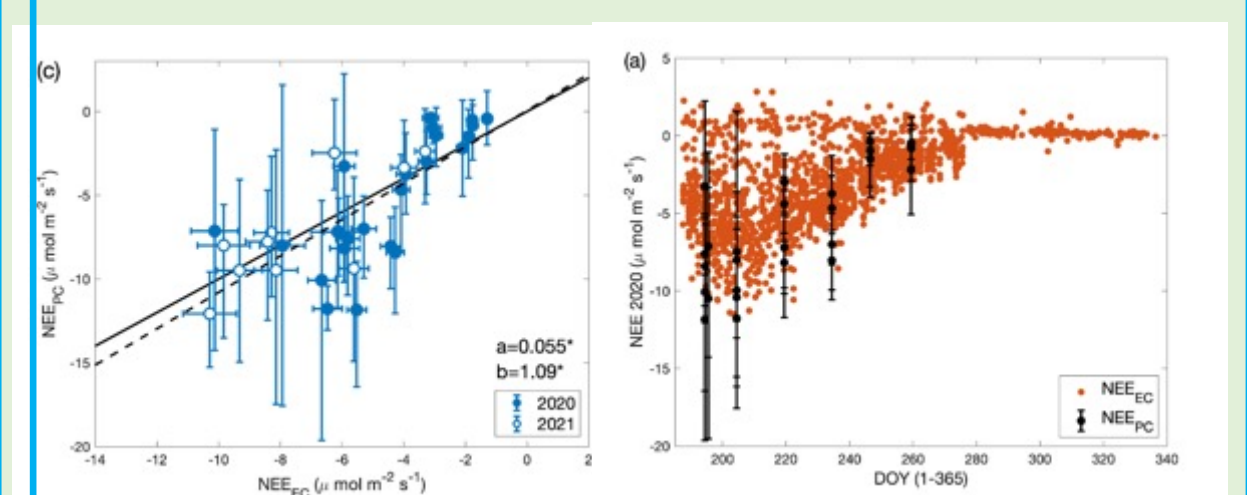
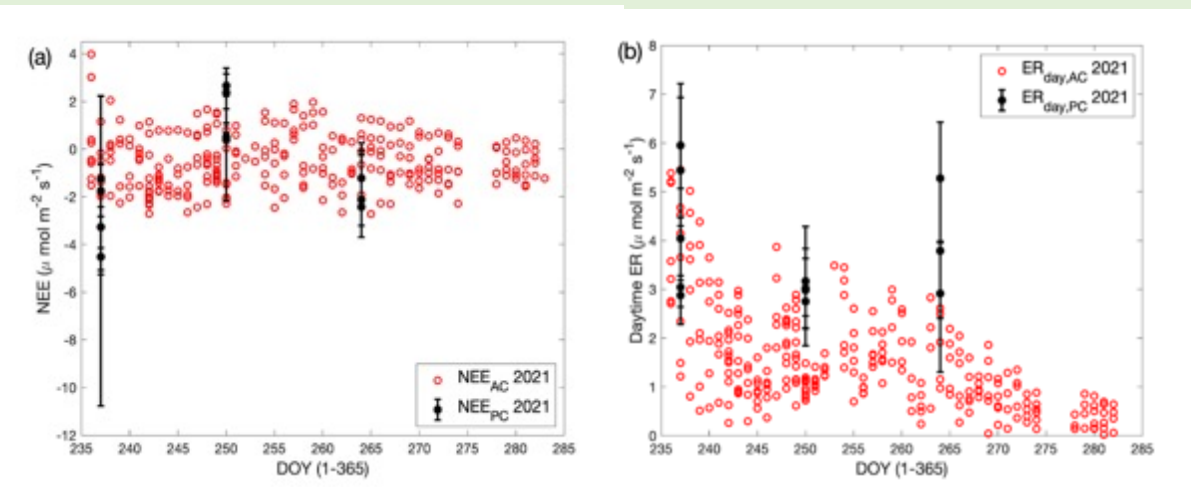
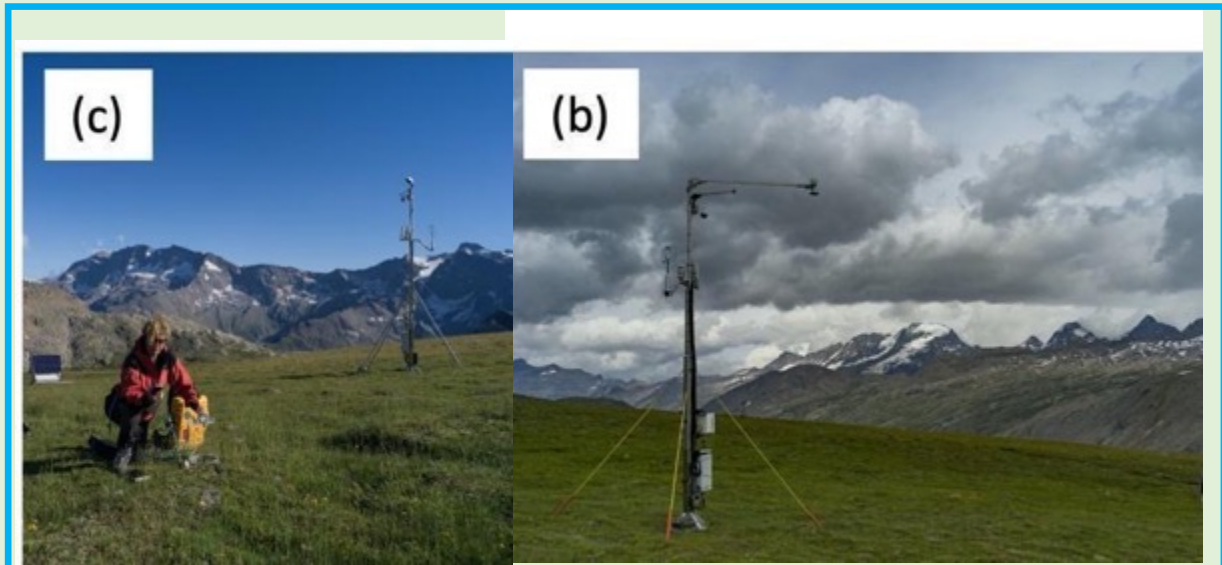
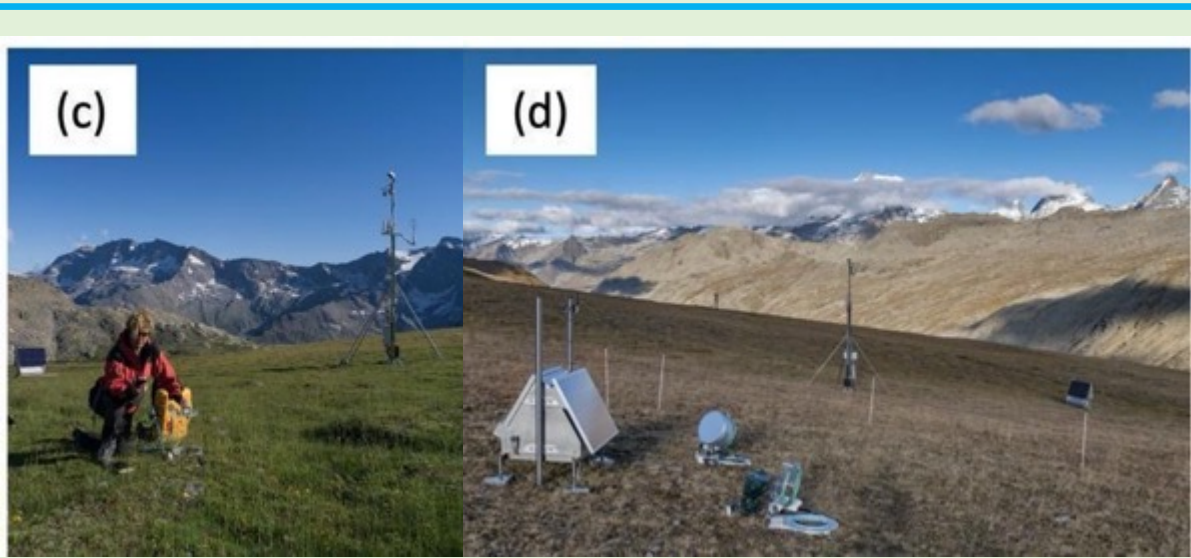
CX=Carex spp., DR=Dryas octopetala, SL=Salix polaris, SX=Saxifraga oppositifolia and SI=Silene acaulis



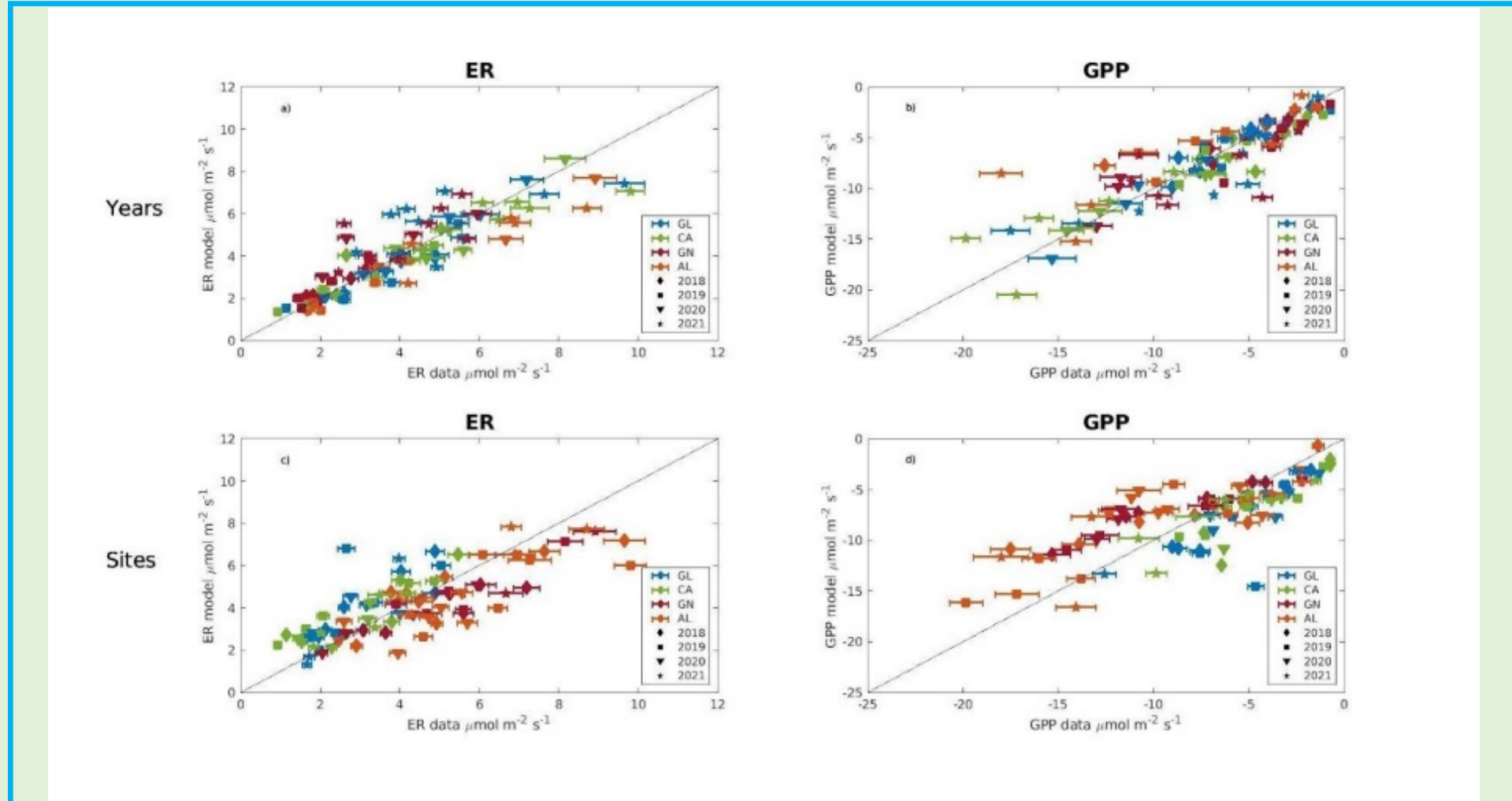
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Lenzi et al., (2022). Spatial and temporal variability of carbon dioxide fluxes in the Alpine Critical Zone: the case of the Nivolet plain , Gran Paradiso National Park, Italy. (submitted)



Colors indicate the areas, symbols the years



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