### Fluxes of Heat, Water Vapour and CO2 over the Northern Territory from airborne measurements during the TIPPEX Campaign

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- . 2 research aircraft, based at Tipperary Station
- Team of ~10 people
- VH-EOS: 41:05 mission hours;
- VH-EOS: 34:30 ferry hours;
- Grand total: 165:45 hours flown

VH-OBS: 55:40 mission hours;

VH-OBS: 34:30 ferry hours;

both: 96:45 mission hours both: 69:00 ferry hours

- Total amount of raw data: ~1TB
- Atmospheric parameters (BAT with FUST, LiCor 7500, Meteolabor TP3)
  - temperature, humidity, CO2, 3D-wind, turbulence, pressure
- Laser altimeters (Riegl LD90)
- IR surface temperature (Heimann KT15)
- Incoming and outgoing short- and long-wave radiation radiation balance (Eppley PIR, PSP)
- Flux parameters (H, E, Cm)
- High accuracy CO2 (modified LiCor 6262)
- . Full waveform lidar (Riegl Q560)
- Tri-spectral line scanner (AWI/ARA)
- Hyper-spectral scanner (SPECIM AISA+)
- 12Mpix camera (Canon EOS 1Ds)
- PLMR soil moisture
- PodCams
- Aircraft position and attitude (3 x OXTS RT4003/RT3120 GPS/IMU)
- GPS Base Station (Novatel)





Fogg Dam Comparison Transects

TIPPEX/SIOP Airborne Flux Measurements September 2008

181 km



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Daly Comparison Transects

Howard Springs

Daly Grids

**Budget Circles** 



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Eye alt 605.16 km 🕻

Dry River Grid

Southern Trans

Image © 2009 DigitalGlobe © 2009 MapData Sciences FtyLtd, PSMA © 2009 Cnes/Spot Image © 2009 Europa Technologies 13°58'00.08" S 130°31'21.73" E elev 115 m

Sturt Plains Grid

#### **TIPPEX / SIOP Sep 2008**

#### **OVERVIEW** of ARA activities (by day)

DATE	EOS	OBS	FLUXES	BUDGET	LIDAR	TSLS	HYPER	CANON	PLMR	PODCAMS	OTHER
2 Sep		3:40			OS (1000m)		OS (1000m) OS (3000m)				
4 Sep	0:20	2:10	TP (test)		TP (cal@1100m)	TP (cal@1100m)	TP (cal@1100)				
5 Sep	5:25	6:10	ST(2), FC		MT (800m), ST (800m)	MT (800m), ST (800m), STG (1700m)	MT (800m), ST (800m), STG (1700m)				
6 Sep	4:25	5:10	MT(2), FC(2), DUC, DRG		MT (430m)	MT (430m), DUC (1350m), DRG (2000m)	MT (430m), DUC (1350m), DRG (2000m)				
7 Sep	0:25		TP, DD								
8 Sep	4:55	5:50	NT(2), HSG, FC	2 / 1 AC							
9 Sep	4:40	5:35		2 / 2 AC							
10 Sep	5:10	5:40		2 / 2 AC							
11 Sep		4:40									CO2
12 Sep	4:50	4:30	MT(2), DUC, DRG		MN (550m), DR (<400m)	MN (550m), DR (<400m)	MN (550m), DR (<400m)	MN (550m), DR (<400m)		MT (25m)	
13 Sep	6:20	6:10			MT (900m), ST (900m)	MT (900m), ST (900m)	MT (900m), ST (900m)	MT (900m), ST (900m)	MT (900m), ST (900m)	MT (900m), ST (900m)	
14 Sep	5:00	2:05	NT(2), HSG		RW (500m), Other (<500m)	RW (500m), Other (<500m)				NT (25m)	
15 Sep	3:35								NT (900m)	NT (900m)	
16 Sep		4:00			NT (600m), HSG (600m) AR (700m)	NT (600m), HSG (600m) AR (700m)	NT (600m), HSG (600m) AR (700m)	NT (600m), HSG (600m) AR (700m)			

OS: Owen Springs / Alice Springs TP: Tipperary Station MT: Middle Transect NT: Northern Transect ST: Southern Transect DD: Douglas Daly area FC: Flux Comparison runs DUC: Daly Uncleared Grid MN: Mount Nancar area RW: Richard Weinman's area CO2: Darwin CO2 profiles BUDGET: Budget/flux circles near TP HSG: Howard Springs Grid DRG: Dry River Grid STG: Sturt Plains Grid DR: Daly River AR: Adelaide River VH-EOS: "Flux"-Dimona VH-OBS: "Remote Sensing" and "Budget"-Dimona



# Fluxes ..... what fluxes ?

How does one estimate fluxes from such a data set ?

- purpose ?
- validity ?
- diurnal course ?
- cloud ?
- other ? ("steps")
- on what scale ?

Aircraft data is fundamentally different from tower data It adds another dimension – spatial changes That's great, but it complicates data processing tremendsously

In any case – one needs to process the data first (not the fluxes yet....) -

• tested two independent processing procedures – BN (10Hz) / JMH (20Hz) – very similar results

Then one can start to compute fluxes – and that's where it becomes difficult -

• averaging length? Steps? Filtering? - no established method (perhaps there is none...)

Then one might want to attempt an intercomparison with "something" -

- flux towers "dumb" comparison normally not very useful, but one can start with that
- model estimates ?? What does it mean if there are large differences or if it fits ??
- other estimates ??

Visualisation of fluxes is useful (except perhaps if flux estimates are only used for "dumb" model input) – ("simple" and probably not necessary for towers, because there are far less variables)

- why visualisation ?
  - to be able to link the estimates to features in the landscape
  - to pick up problems
  - to find interesting features
  - more.....
- how to visualise ?
  - Google Earth is an attractive and relatively simple framework
  - transect plots showing all parameters measured, including landscape parameters
  - "re-fly" the transects human eye and brain is most powerful tool to "see things"



**Middle Transect** 



6 Sep – MT1&2 NW-SE: 12:30-13:30LT SE-NW: 14:00-15:00LT

175km each way

Flying altitude: 25m AGL

Wind: At first ~4m/s Easterlies, later nearly no mean wind



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#### 6 Sep – MT1&2 175km







5 Sep – ST

Sensible Heat Flux (W/m2)

10km averages





**Southern Transect** 



5 Sep – ST1&2 NW-SE: 12:00-13:30LT SE-NW: 13:30-15:00LT

275km each way

Flying altitude: 25m AGL

Low wind conditions (~2m/s Easterlies)



#### 6 Sep – ST1&2 275km







NW-SE: 12:30-13:30LT





6 Sep – MT

Sensible Heat Flux (W/m2)

10km averages

SE-NW: 14:00-15:00LT



Southern Transect Having a closer look...



90km section



#### TIPPEX - Sep08 0905E\_ST1x (12:41:40LT)



45km section



TIPPEX - Sep08 0905E\_ST1x (12:45:50LT)



22km section



#### TIPPEX - Sep08 0905E\_ST1x (12:47:30LT)



7km section





2km section

Very strong thermal – more that 3-times higher vertical velocity then second strongest one; max w=9m/s (at z=30mAGL!!); horizontal gust >10m/s; diameter ~70m; delta T: >3deg



2km section

"it was quite a bump...."



Tower Comparison "dumb" ones at this stage

	UTC	LT	LT	Н	н	н	LE	LE	LE	Cm	Cm	Cm
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HOWARD SPRINGS												
14/09/2008												
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	03:21	12:51	13:00	300		269	150		131			
FOGG DAM												
14/09/2008												
	03:15	12:45	12:30	212		294	250		187			
			13:00			243			95			
ADELAIDE RIVER												
14/09/2008												
	02:30	12:00	12:00	375		314	126		71			
	02:30	12:00	12:00	434		314	105		71			
	04:35	14:05	14:00	310		312	156		108			
	04:35	14:05	14:00	495		312	-88		108			
DALY 5YR												
14/09/2008												
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			11:00			276			45			
	05:30	15:00	15:00	200		173	360		41			
DALY UNCLEARED												
14/09/2008												
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	05:30	15:00	15:00	200		244	350		56			

#### **Daly Uncleared Grid 6 Sep**

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DALY UNCLEARED												
6/09/2008												
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		11:58		380			66					
		12:04		323			128					
		12:09		401			123					
		12:15		305			135					
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			12:30			418			141			

Aircraft: averages over individual transects of grid (10km – 2.5km lateral spacing), averages over 1km around tower site and average over all transects





### Dry River Grid 6 Sep

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DRY RIVER												
6/09/2008												
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		13:35		377			82			-2.2		
		13:40		400			89			-6.1		
		13:45		384			63			-5.6		
		13:50		419			78			-2.3		
		13:55		424			99			-2.9		
		14:00		326			83			-4.2		
		14:05		332			63			-4.8		
		13:28-14:05	13:30	391		402	84		91	-3.9		-4.3
			14:00			312			58			-3.5

Aircraft: averages over individual transects of grid (10km – 2.5km lateral spacing) averages over 1km around tower site and average over all transects





#### Daly 25Yr Intercomparison Transects 6 Sep

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DALY 25YR												
6/09/2008												
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		11:36		382	479		13	3		9.5	21	
		11:39		420	635		35	152		11.7	13	
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		15:10		116			18					
		15:13		138			-2					
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		15:20		119			18					
		15:07-15:20	15:00	144		167	16		16			
			15:30			134			7			

Aircraft: averages over individual transects along same track (5km), averages over 1km around tower site and average over all transects







1km averaged sensible heat flux for successive transects at 10m AGL DALY 25yr Tower (296 W/m2)



## Grids

#### 1km averaged sensible heat flux for DALY GRID (6 Sep - 11:50-12:30LT)



### H in W/m2

ndvi



#### 1km averaged latent heat flux for DALY GRID (6 Sep - 11:50-12:30LT)



### E in W/m2

#### ndvi



### 1km averaged CO2 flux for DALY GRID (6 Sep – 11:50-12:30LT)



Cm in 10umol/m2/s

ndvi



### **Budget Circles**





# "Re-flying" the patterns

"Re-flying" the pattern using a combination of:

Google Earth and

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 StrePla (gliding software) – to be modified to display measured and derived parameters, such as fluxes (currently only showing altitude); also use lidar/tri-spectral/hyper-spectral/other as background maps

Non-aircraft-derived parameters could also be included



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# RASP

Data from less than 5 mins of flight in Sep 09 over the Daly River:

- wLIDAR
- Tri-spectral scanner
- hyper-spectral scanner
- hi-res digital photography

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### RASP

**Open Source** 

Written in Free Pascal

Runs under Windows, Linux, MacOS, others

Paired with ARA's two other opens source packages (RAMF/R12 and PPREP) It offers a totally integrated system to process and combine all ARA aircraft data To a stage, where "scientific" processing can start (and beyond)

> Batch/script-driven Rudimentary GUI

### Conclusions

- Aircraft-derived flux measurements are very different to tower-based ones
- need to inspect every transect and make subjective decision about validity
- there is no "standard" method to compute fluxes
- needs to be tied to landscape parameters visualisation essential interactive process
- great potential to study "convective processes in the landscape"
- no other flux tool can do that
- especially in combination with other measurements derived simultaneously
  - laser altimeter; lidar; tri/hyper-spectral scanners; micro-wave scanners
  - complex processing no standards available
- change of turbulence structure depending on landscape parameters

In summary: There is a lot more that \*\*CAN\*\* be done with this data than is being done !!