Estimating CO2 fluxes over a boreal forest from tall tower mixing ratio measurements

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- Direct measurements (eddy covariance method) gives CO2 fluxes on rather small spatial scales, typically a few hectares.
- It is difficult to extrapolate the results to large regions.
- Measurements of CO2 concentrations on tall towers allows to estimate CO2 fluxes from large surface region (50 km x 50 km).

Boundary layer balance method

Free troposphere

Atmosphere boundary layer

Surface

Hundreds km

$$Q = H \frac{\partial C}{\partial t} + W(C - C_T)$$

- Flow from the surface

$$H\frac{\partial C}{\partial t}$$

- Change of CO₂ concentration in atmosphere boundary layer

 $W(C-C_T)$ - Exchange with free troposphere

- Height of atmosphere boundary layer

 C, C_{T}

- Concentrations in the boundary layer and troposphere

W

- Absolute value of vertical wind speed on the height H, obtained from reanalysis