

MAQ-WUR current and future (MSc/BSc) studies:

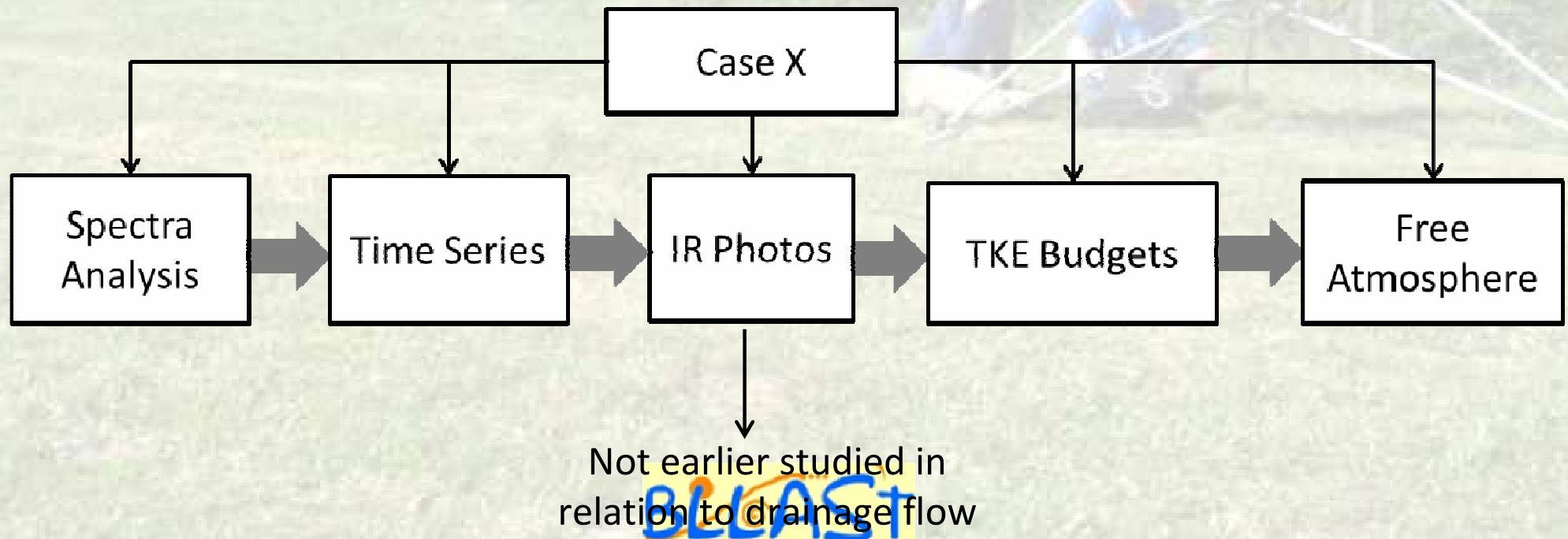
- Bridging scales between synoptic/meso and BL-dynamics in the morning and afternoon transition (example in this presentation, Henk's work)
- Role of surface heterogeneity
- Role of entrainment

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Near Surface Features in Very Stable Boundary Layers during BLLAST

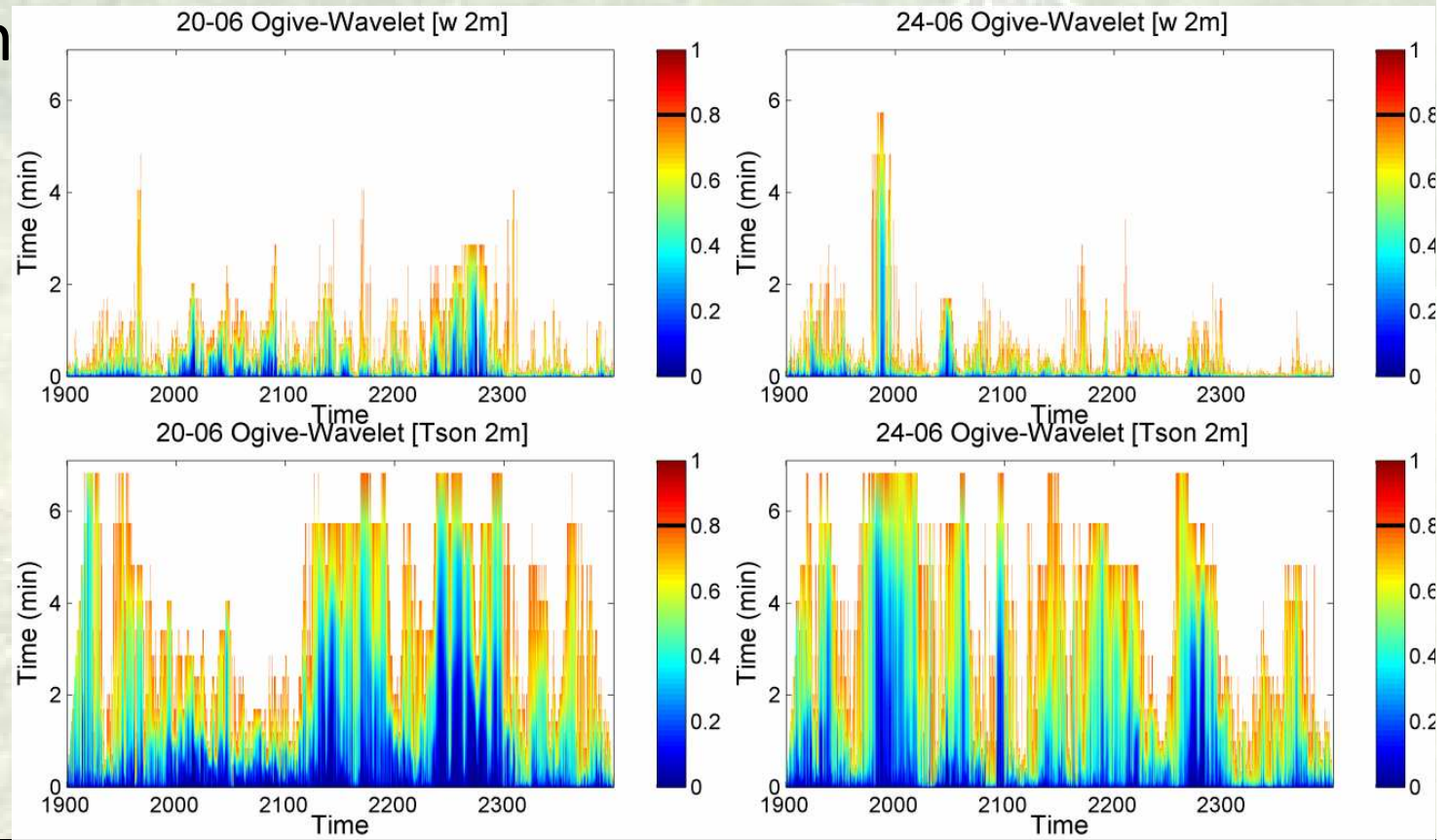
- Two Extreme Stable Cases
 - IOP 3, 20-06-11
 - IOP 4, 24-06-11
- Focus on Shallow Drainage Flow/ Skinflow



IOP 3+4 – Time Scales

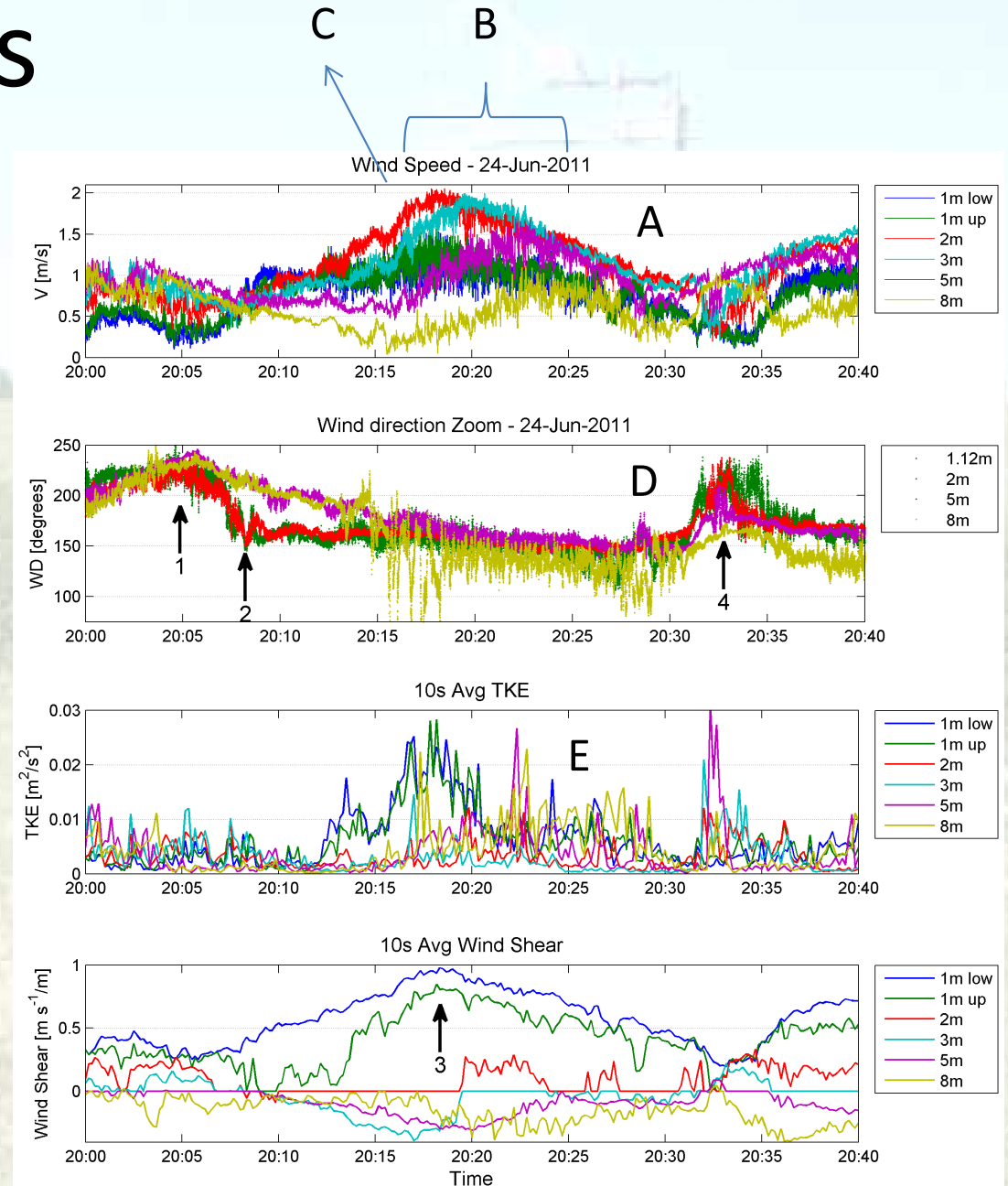
- Combination of Ogive and Wavelet
 - Filter out large time scales. Here we filter out >10 min.
 - Useful to determine averaging time
 - Quick method

- Easier to use compared to wavelet figures



IOP 4 - Velocities

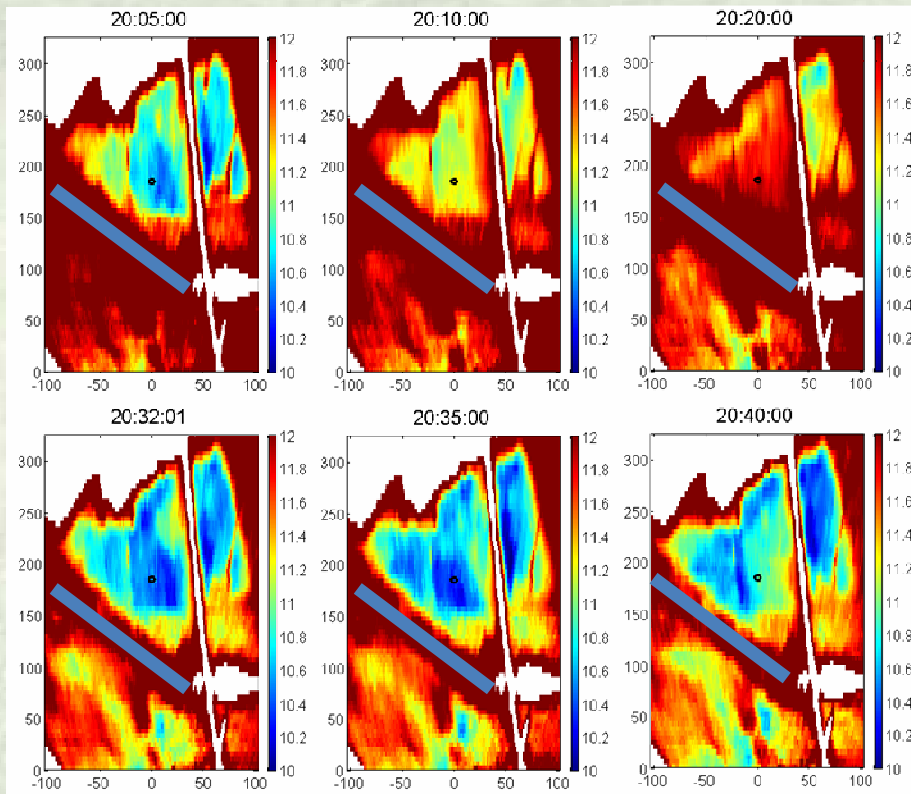
- A. Oscillatory behavior of wind speed
- B. Time lag between vertical levels
- C. Maximum jet around 2m
- D. Wind shifts of almost 100 degrees.
- E. Elevated turbulence



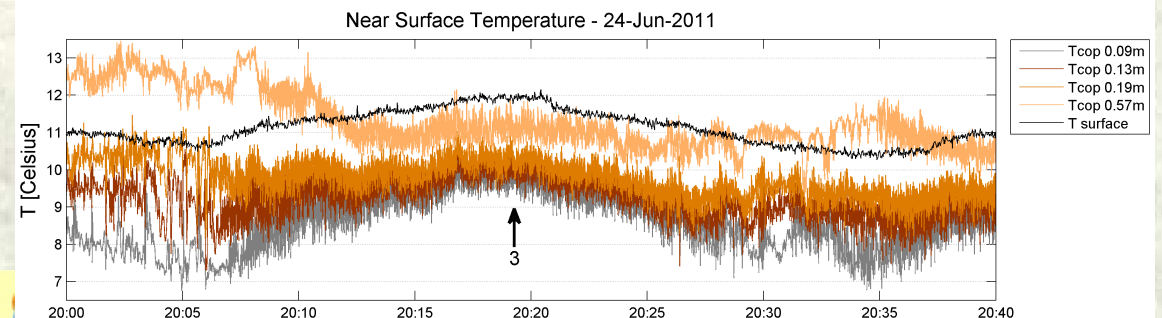
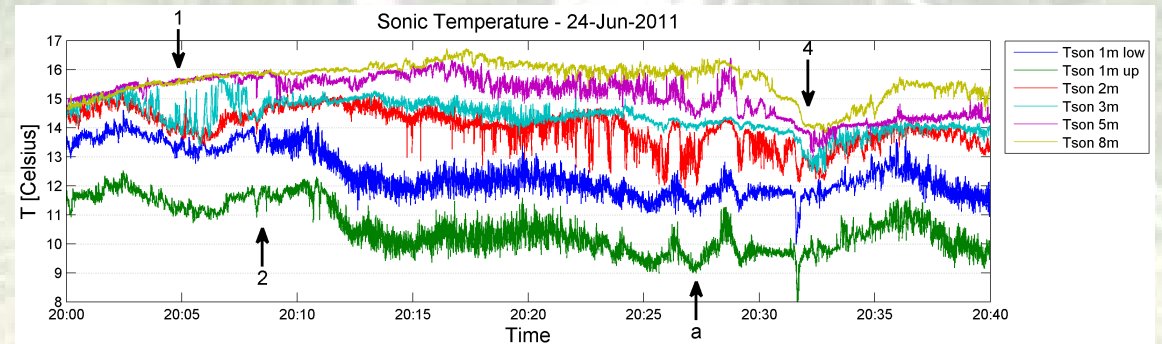
— = water channel

IOP 4 - Temperatures

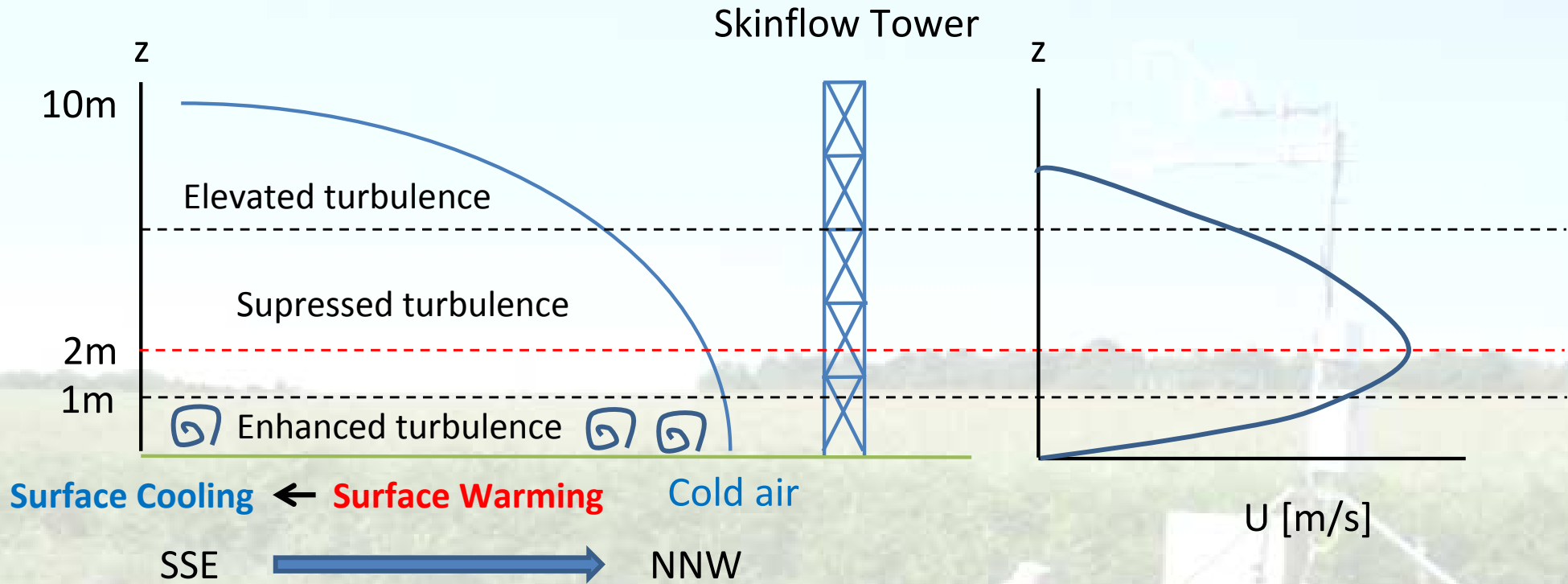
- Large negative deviations at T_{2m}
- Cold micro-front at point 4
- From video analysis: vanishing cold spot in direction of the flow.
- Surface temperature does not always evolve synchronically North and South of the water channel → heterogeneity is important



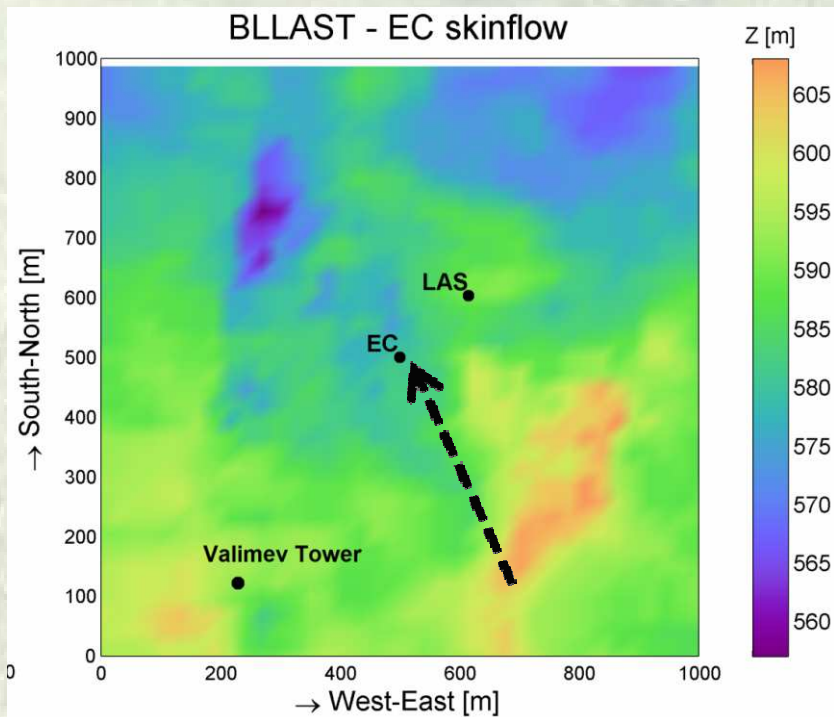
North



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- Drainage flow from SSE -> NNW
- Maximum jet around 2m
- Estimated depth >8 and <30
- Origin of drainage flow unknown



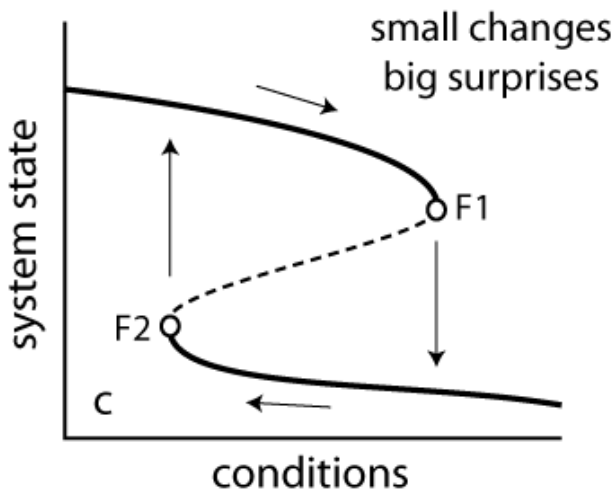
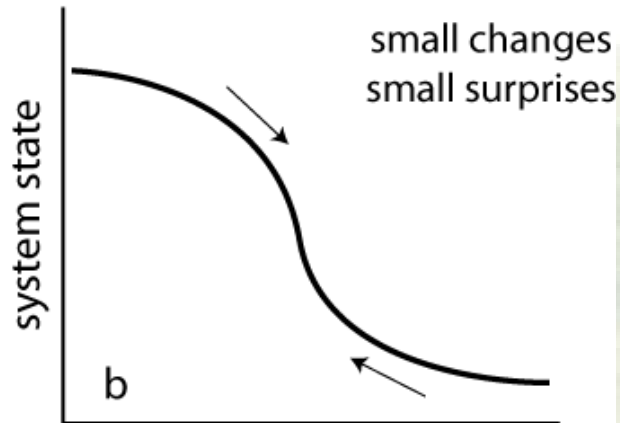
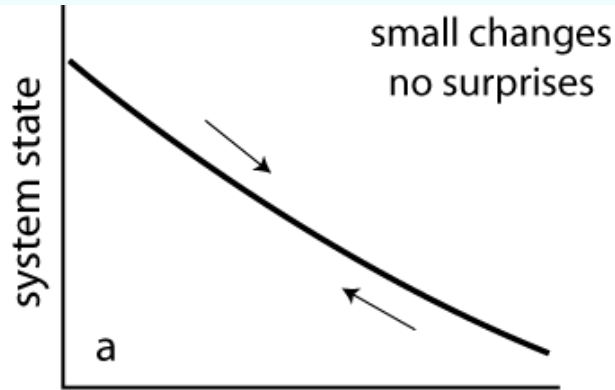
Research Outcomes

- Drainage flow comes appears with micro-fronts
 - Sharp temperature deviations
 - Wind shifts
- Weaken and Strengthen of the flow shows an oscillatory pattern
 - New pulses are often characterized by a micro-front passage.
- Investigation of physics is challenging due to very small fluxes. E.g. TKE budgets appeared to be almost useless.
- Drainage flow caused oscillations in (near) surface temperature. Use of IR camera in relation to drainage flow was not earlier reported in literature or captured.
- The IR photos appeared to be very useful
- The presence of such flows during the BLLAST campaign might be taken into account in other BLLAST studies.
 - Variance is determined by various time scales ; acting time scales are very dynamical



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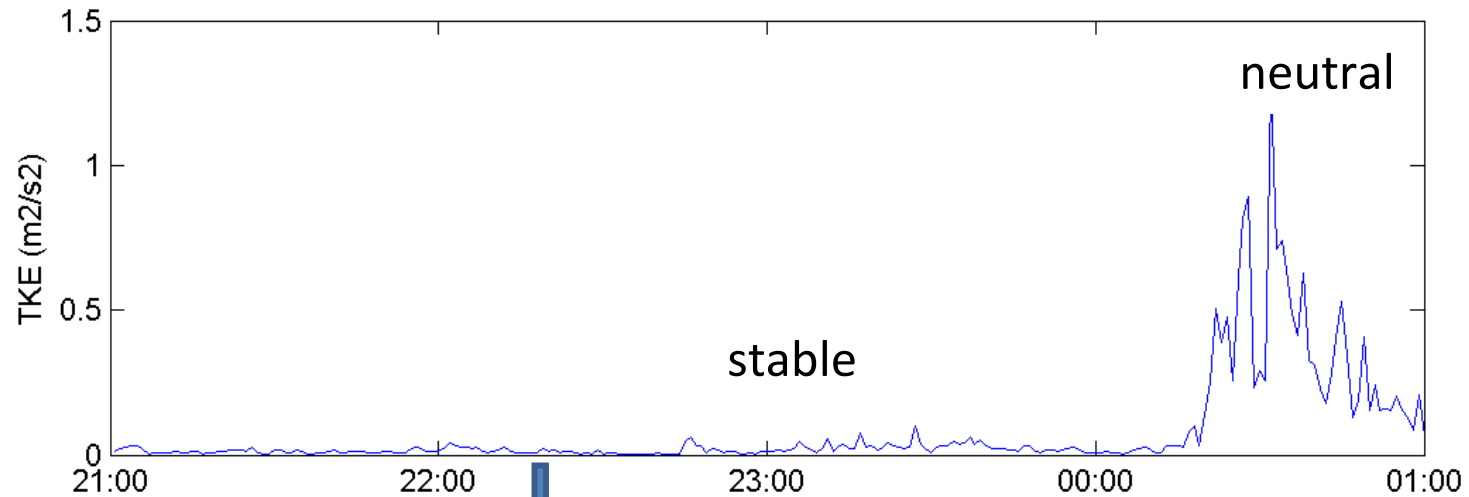


Critical transition

Very stable nocturnal BL

Neutral nocturnal BL

Critical transition



Early warning?

Eddy Covariance + Radiation: TKE, H, τ , σ_w

Early warning?

Only at night after DOY 172 (21 June);

- high autocorrelations in TKE, H , τ , σ_w
- high 'Kendall' numbers



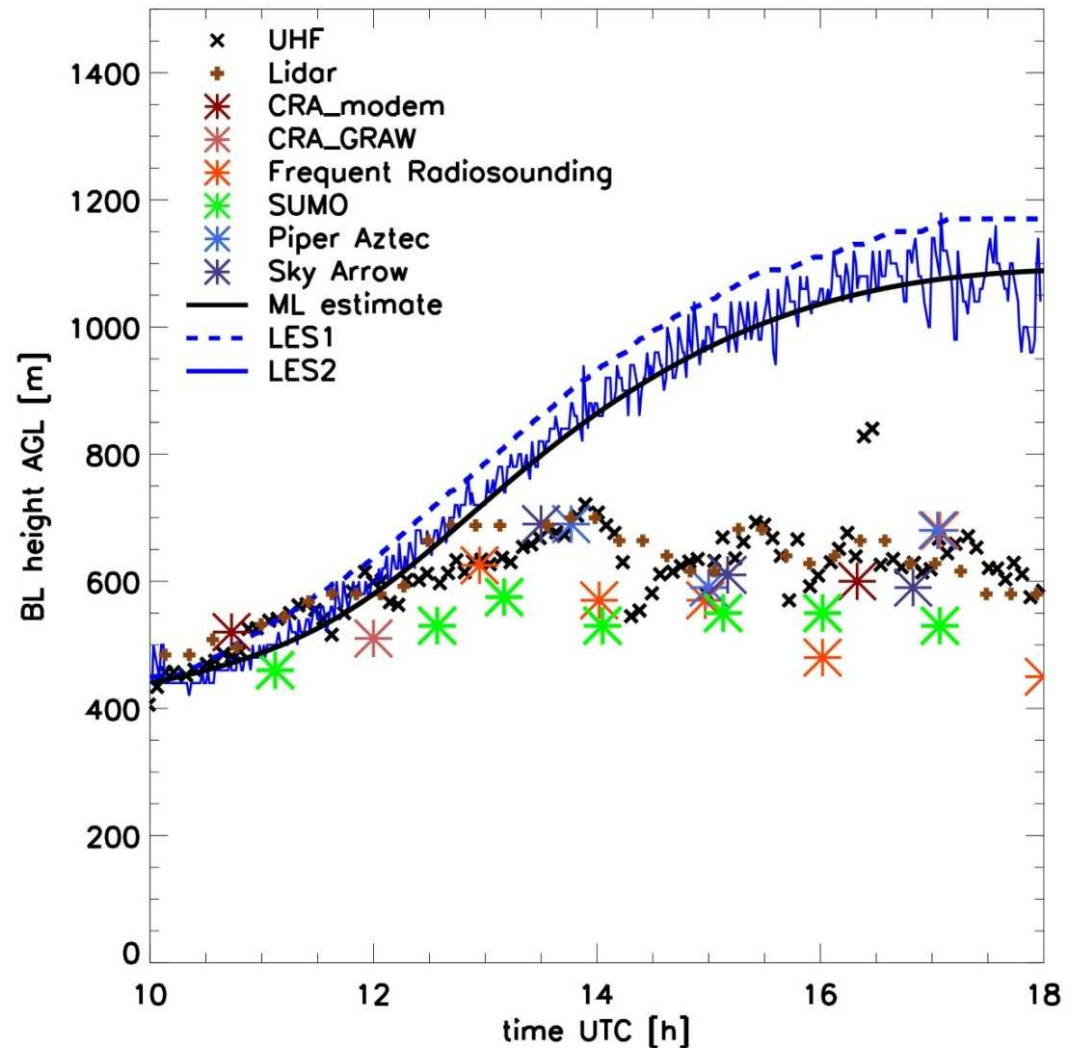
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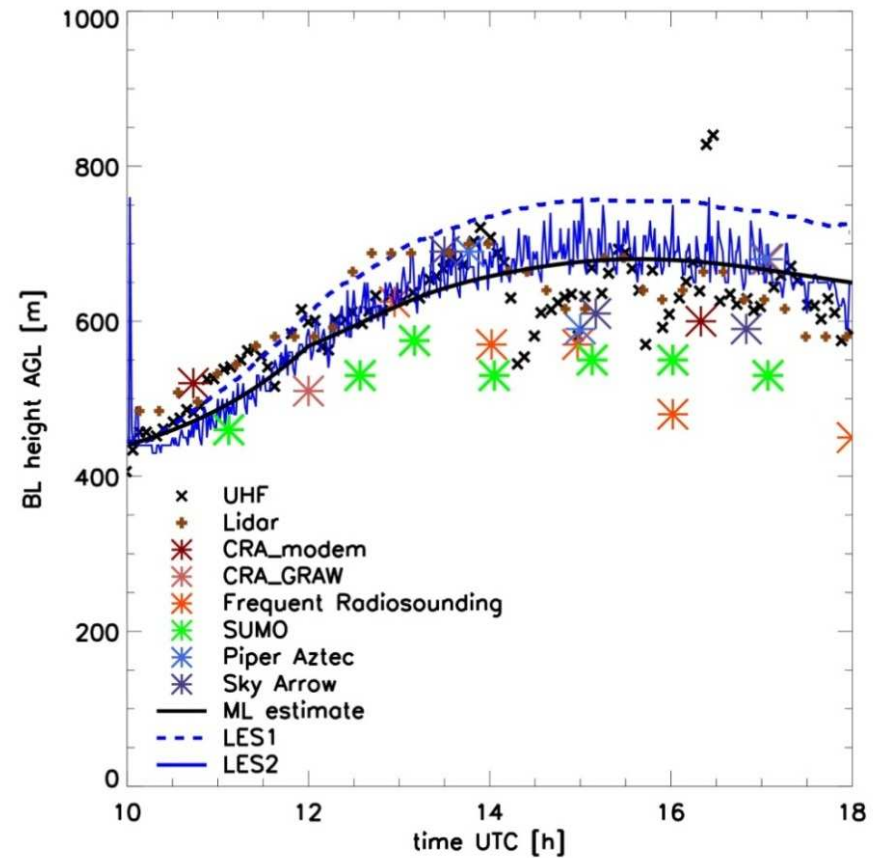
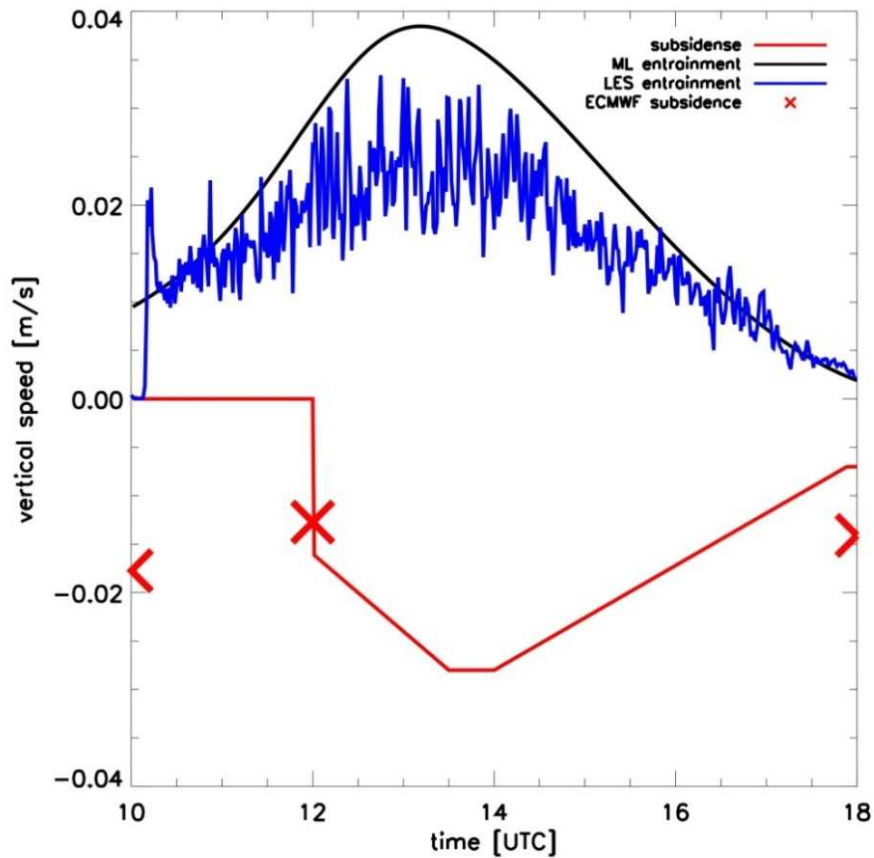


Large scale influences on boundary layer development

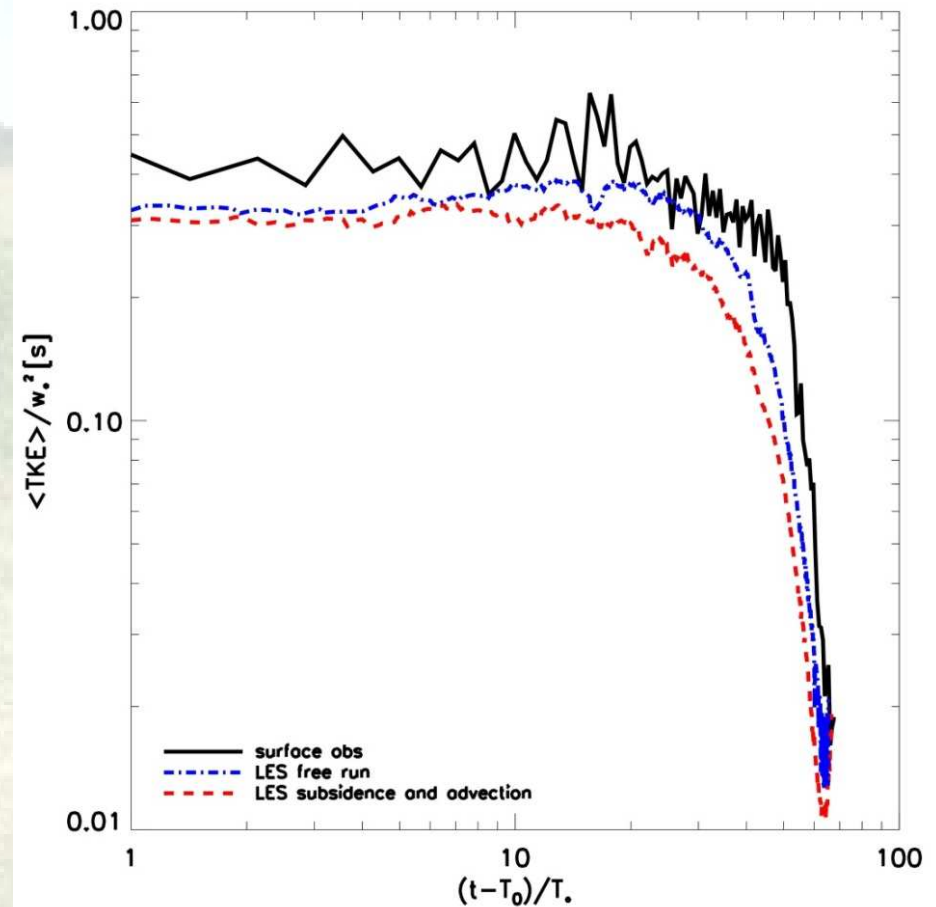
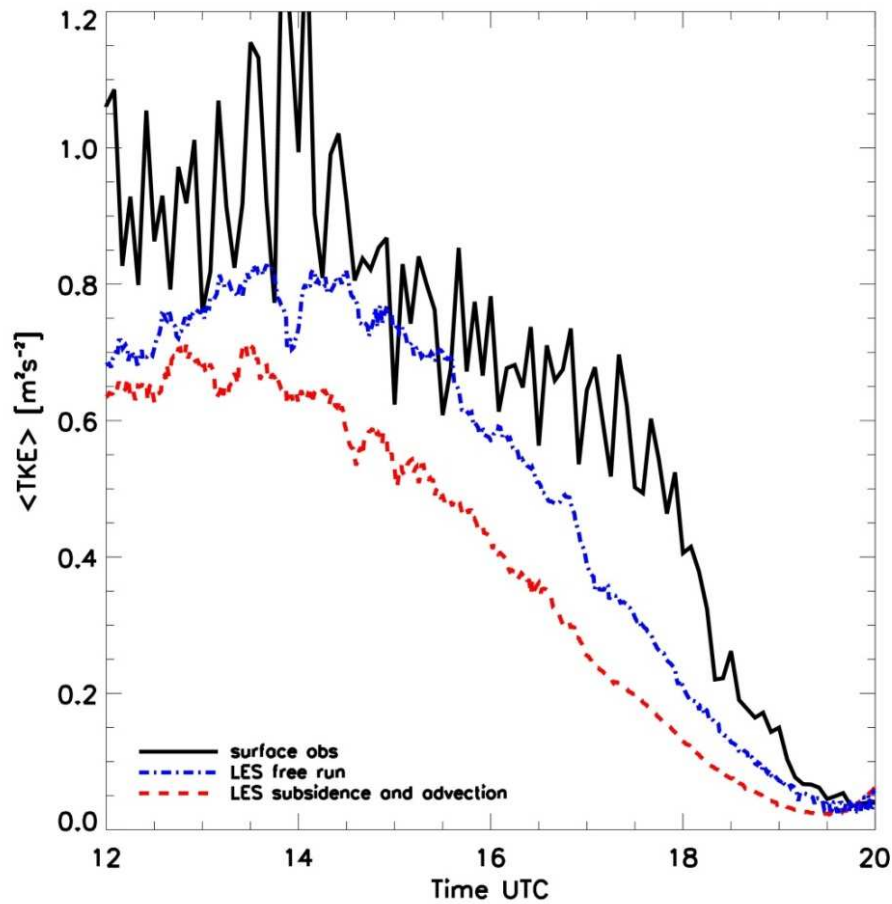
- Modeled boundary layer development using observations for initial and - boundary conditions



Adding subsidence subsidence and advection



<Bulk averaged> TKE evolution



Lower TKE due to homogeneity in models?

Conclusions

- External forcings (subsidence) are quantified and are relevant.
- With the use of ML theory, the structure and evolution of the boundary layer can be modelled quite well

=> support data interpretation, LES and mesoscale modelling

future

- Modelled TKE is still too low=> inter-comparison with different IOP to find it out

Potential missing factors:

- Transferences from mean kinetic energy to turbulent kinetic (role of wind shear, also directional)
- At smaller scales, induced secondary circulations due to surface heterogeneity is not included in the models



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Area averaged surface fluxes

Oscar is working on this...

RADIATION DIVERGENCE

Gert-Jan is looking for a student...

