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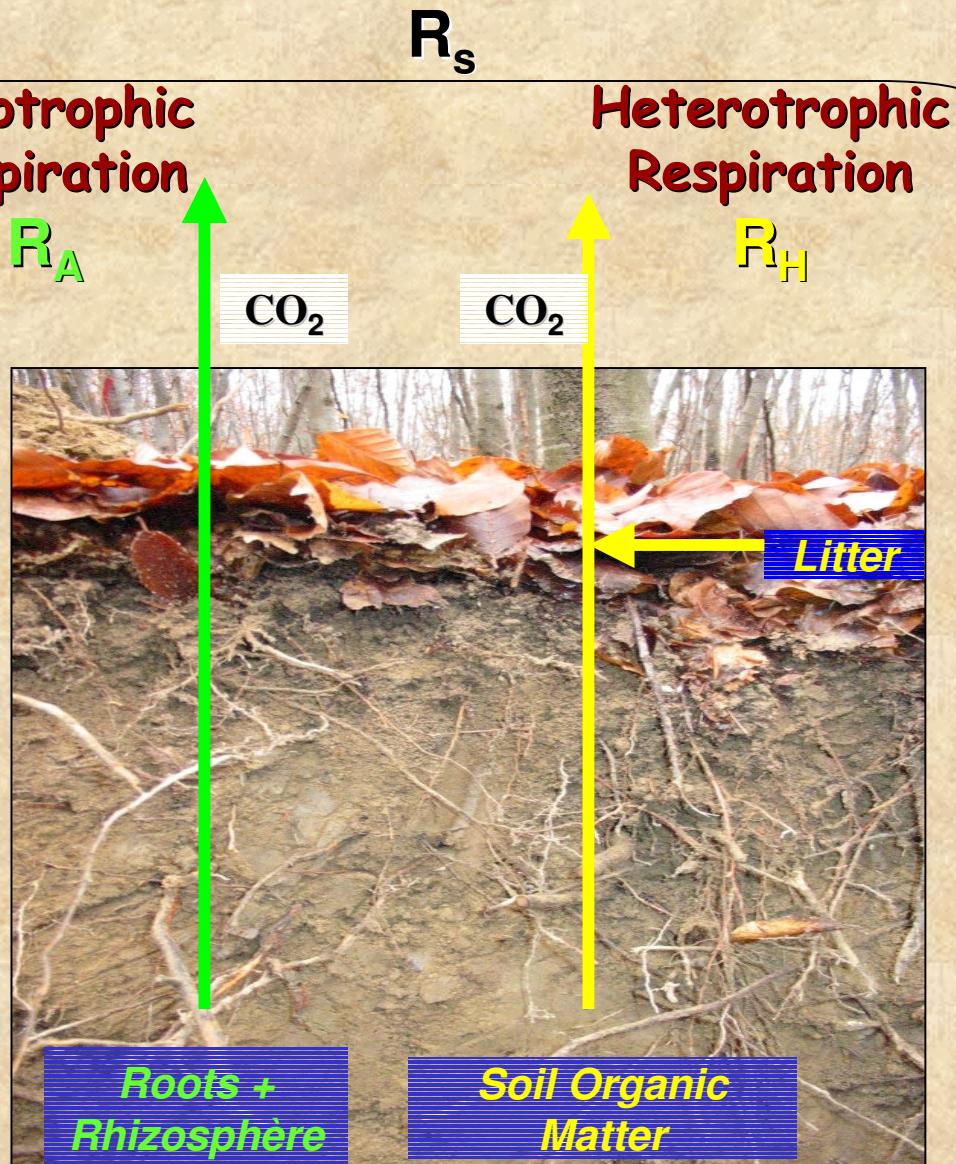
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Soil respiration partitioning

Context



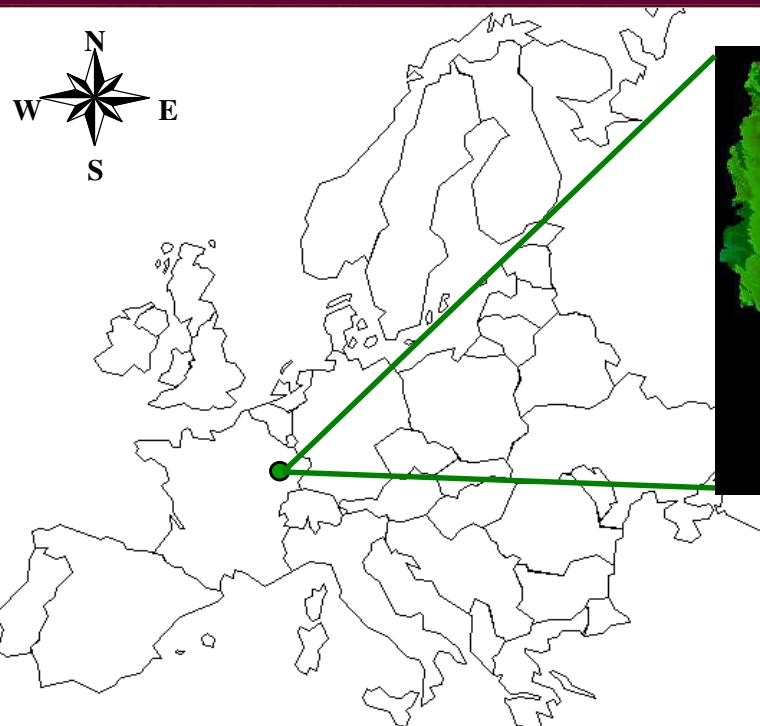
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Trees carbon budget
&
Soil carbon budget

by
input/output

HESSE, France (CarboEurope & Fluxnet site)

Site



Location : **48°40'N, 7°05'E**

Climate : **Temperate oceanic**

Mean annual air Temp. : **9.2°C**

Mean annual Precip. : **820 mm**

Soil type:
luvisol/stagnic luvisol (FAO)



Hesse 1 :

Species : **90% Beech** Height : **18m**

Age : **37 years** LAI : **7-4 m² m⁻²**

Hesse 2 :

Species : **Beech, Hornbeam, Oak**

Age : **14 years** Height : **8m** LAI : **8-5 m² m⁻²**

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PARACOU, French Guyana

Site



Mixed forest :
180 species ha⁻¹

Height : **35 m**

LAI : **7 m² m⁻²**

Mean annual Precip. : **2875 mm**

Mean annual air Temp. : **25.8°C**

Soil type : **ferralsitic**

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Use of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ for soil respiration partitioning

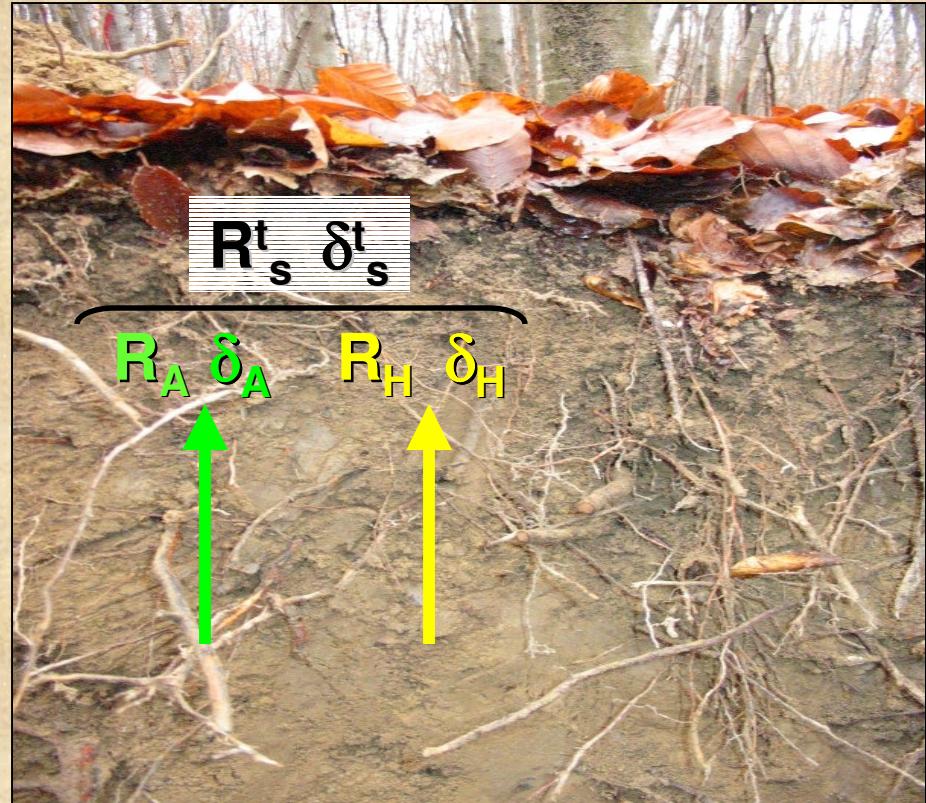
Methodology

Mass balance equations :

$$R_H/R^t_s = \frac{(\delta_s^t - \delta_A)}{(\delta_H - \delta_A)}$$

$$R_A/R^t_s = \frac{(\delta_s^t - \delta_H)}{(\delta_A - \delta_H)}$$

$$\max(\delta_A, \delta_H) > \delta_s^t > \min(\delta_A, \delta_H)$$



Feasibility : $\delta_A \neq \delta_H$

1st Approach

Methodology

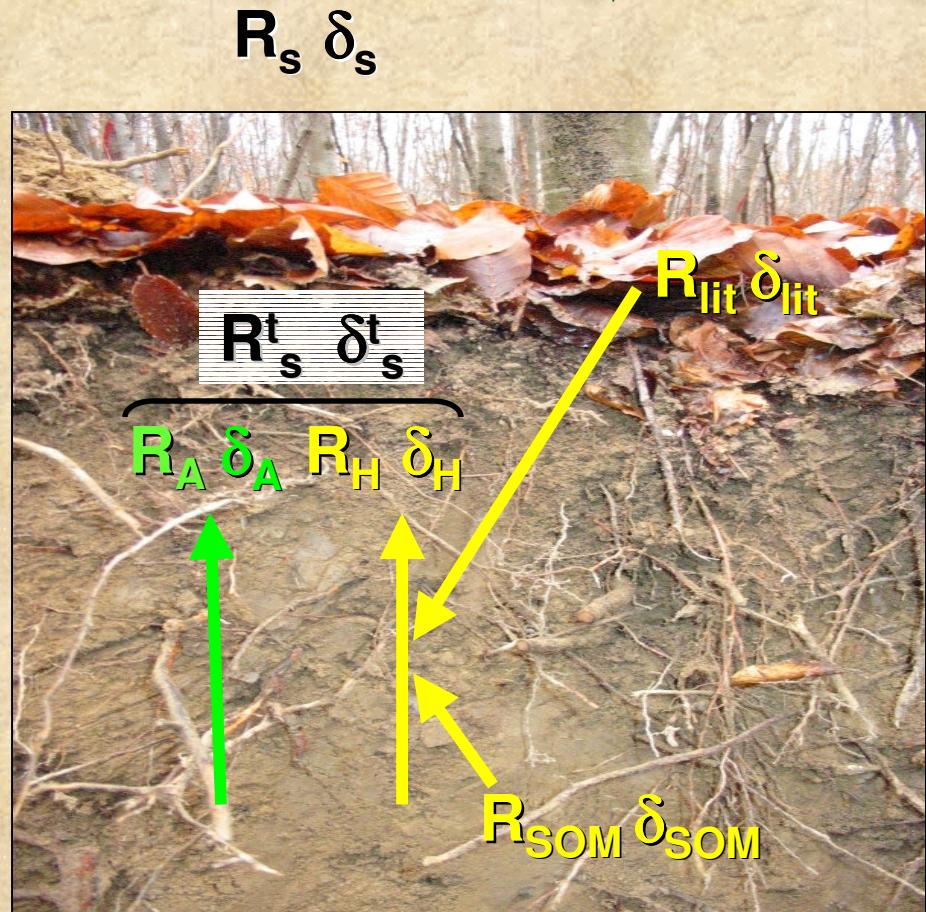
1. $R_s^t = R_s$
2. $\delta_s^t = \delta_s$ Keeling plot
3. $\delta_A = \delta_{LR}$ Incubation
4. $\delta_H = ???$ SOM+lit

$$\delta_H = \frac{R_{SOM} \delta_{SOM} + R_{lit} \delta_{lit}}{R_{SOM} + R_{lit}}$$

δ_{SOM} Incubation

δ_{lit} Incubation

R_{SOM} & R_{lit} !!!



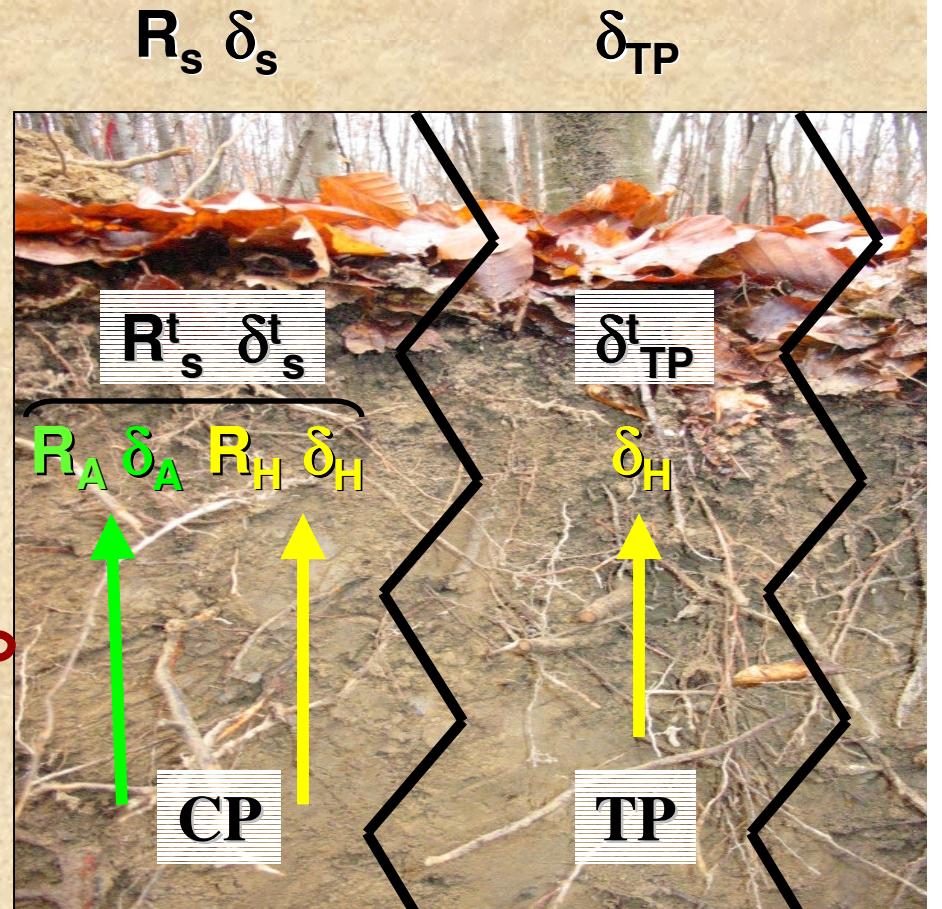
2nd Approach : Trench plot



Methodology

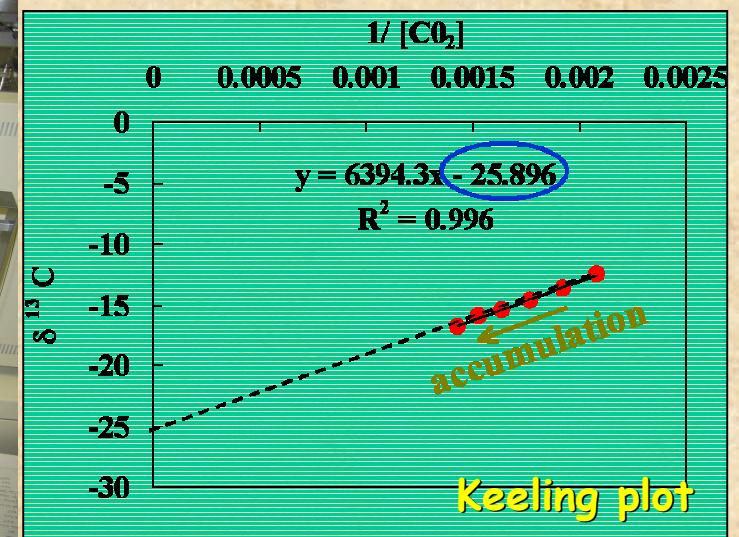
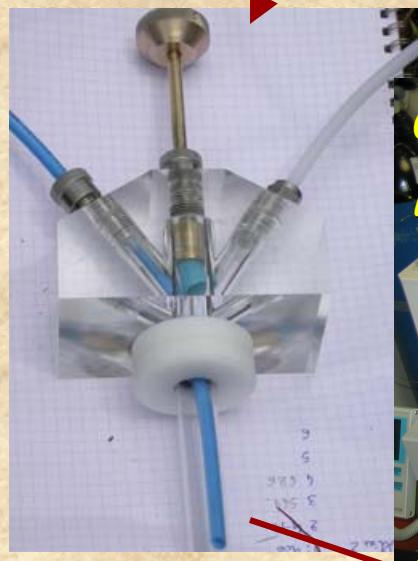
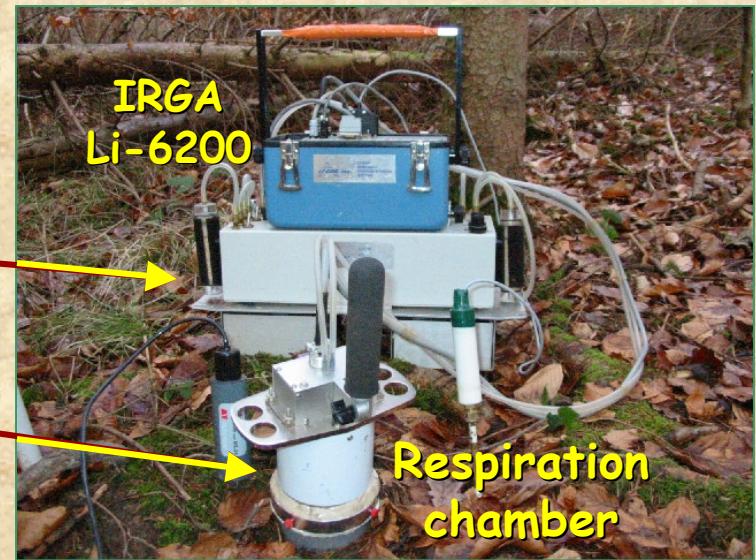
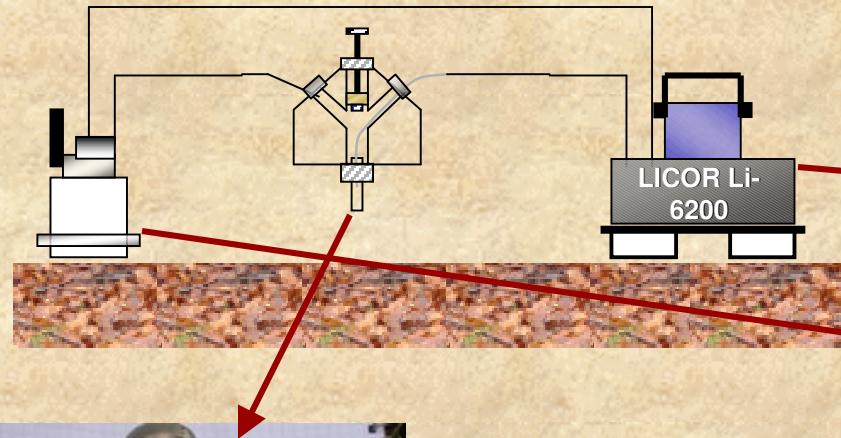
1. $R_s^t = R_s$
2. $\delta_s^t = \delta_s$ Keeling plot on CP
3. $\delta_A = \delta_{LR}$ Incubation
4. $\delta_H = \delta_{TP}^t = \delta_{TP}$ Keeling plot on TP

Feasibility : $\delta_A \neq \delta_H$
→ $\delta_s \neq \delta_{TP}$



Soil Keeling Plot

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Feasibility : $\delta_s \neq \delta_{TP}$

Results

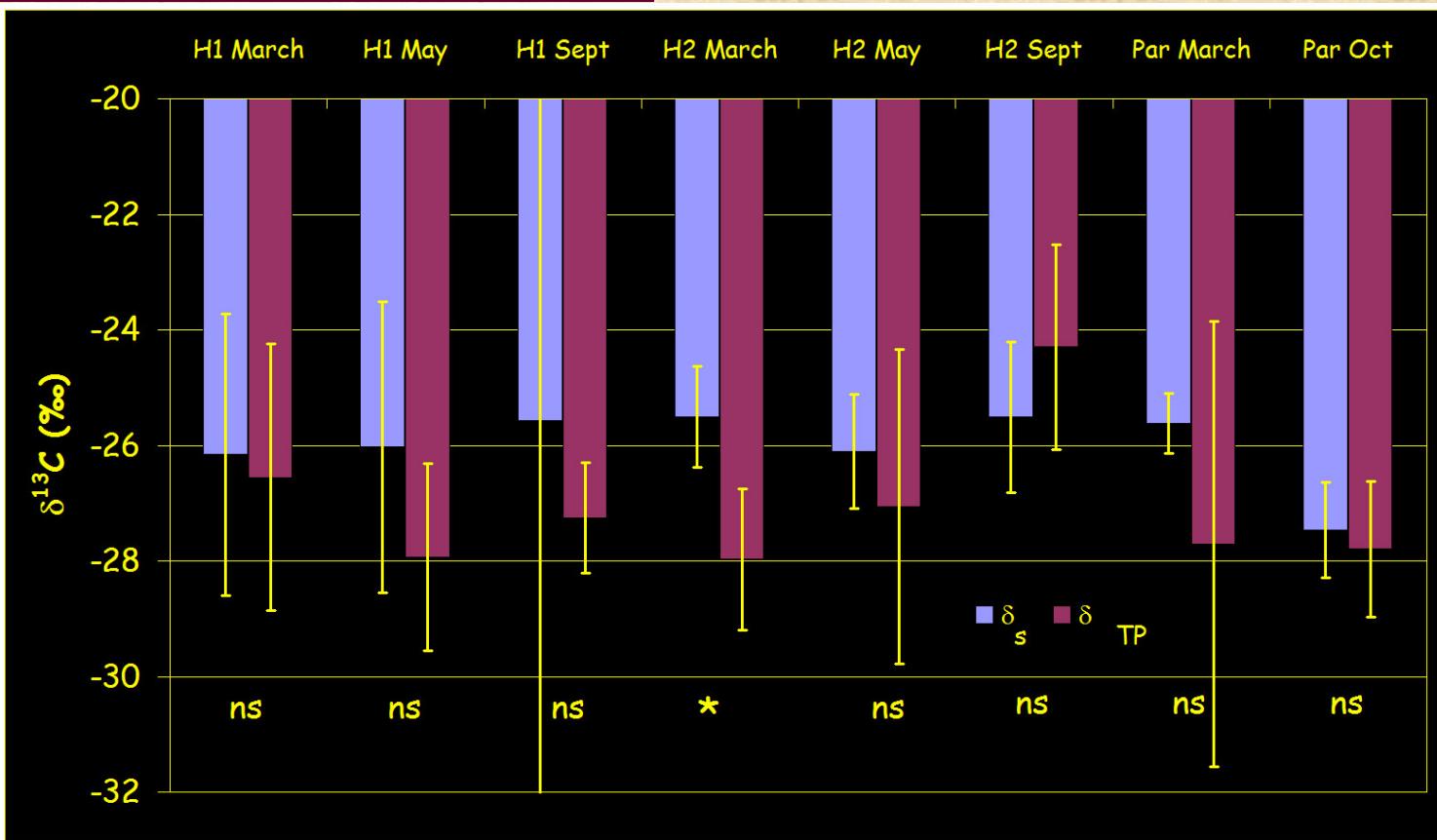
$n \approx 4$

$\delta_s \approx \delta_{TP}$

$\delta_A = \delta_H$

or

assumptions



1. $R_s^t = R_s \rightarrow$
2. $\delta_s^t = \delta_s$ Keeling plot on CP
3. $\delta_A = \delta_{LR}$ Incubation \rightarrow
4. $\delta_H = \delta_{TP}^t = \delta_{TP}$ Keeling plot on TP

Discrimination during diffusion

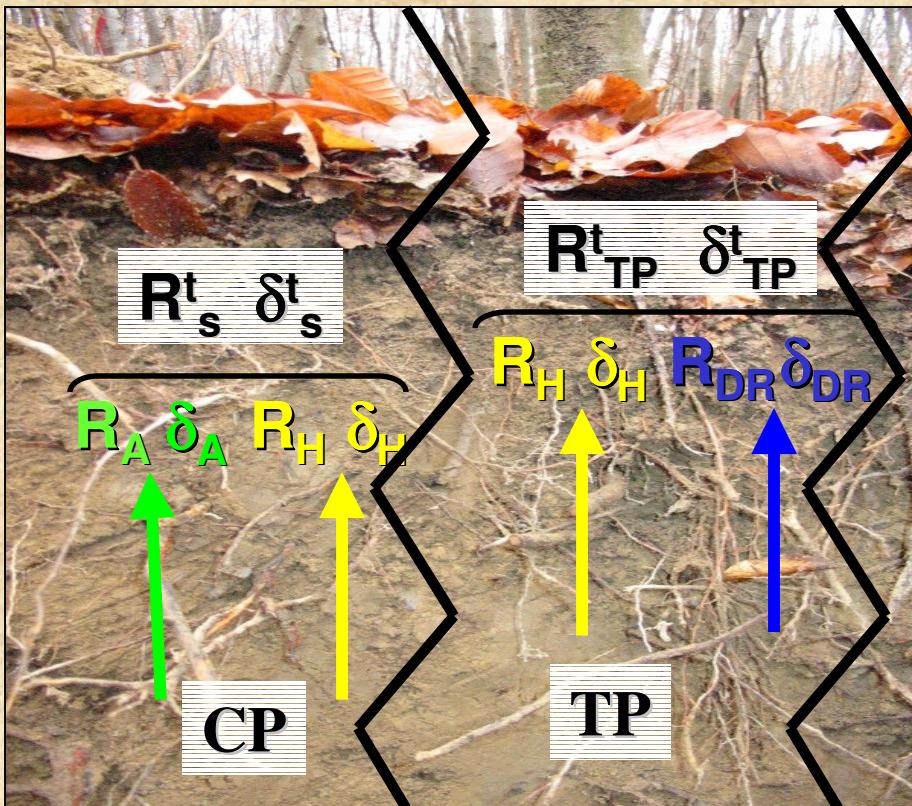
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Dead roots

$$\delta_H \neq \delta_{TP}^t$$

Discussion

Dead Roots



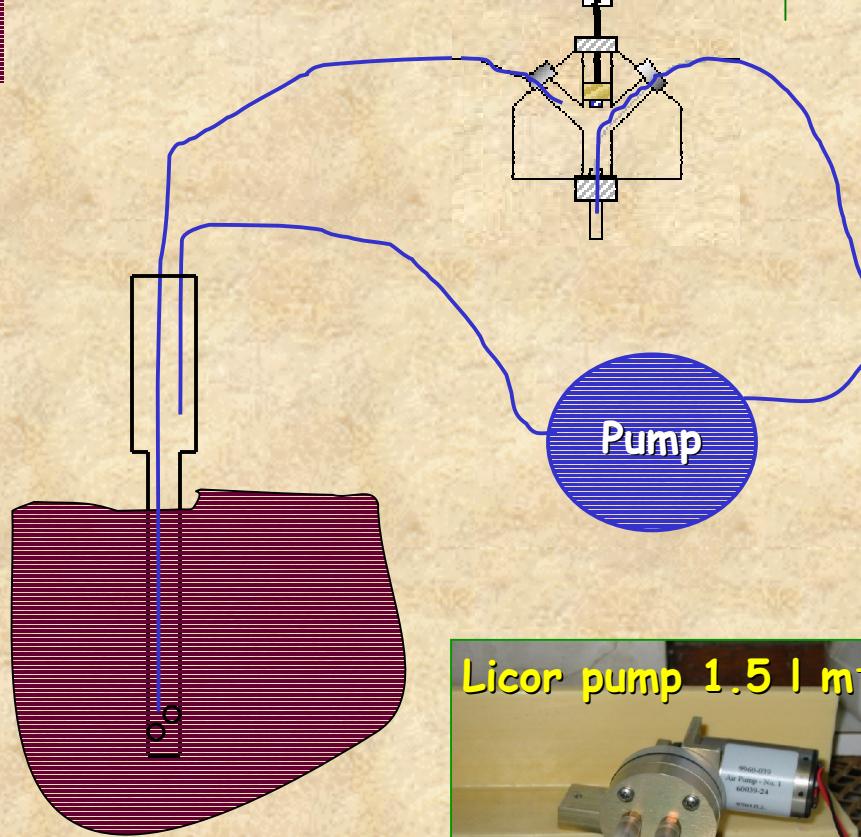
Impact of δ_{DR} on δ_{TP} if
 R_{DR} not significant for R_{TP}

$R_{DR} \simeq 50\%$ of R_{TP} (H1 & H2)
(Ngao et al. *in prep.*)

→ Determination of δ_{DR}

Discrimination during diffusion

$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of soil air



Licor pump 1.5 l m^{-1}

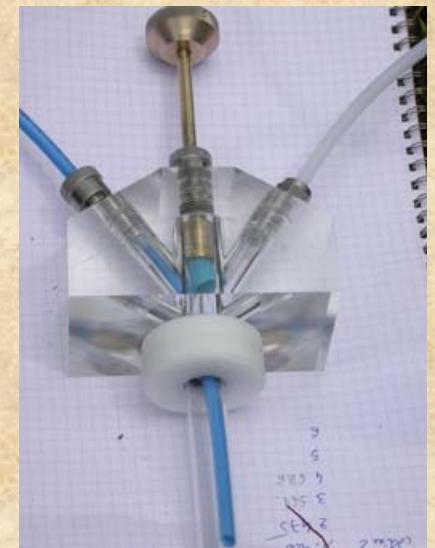


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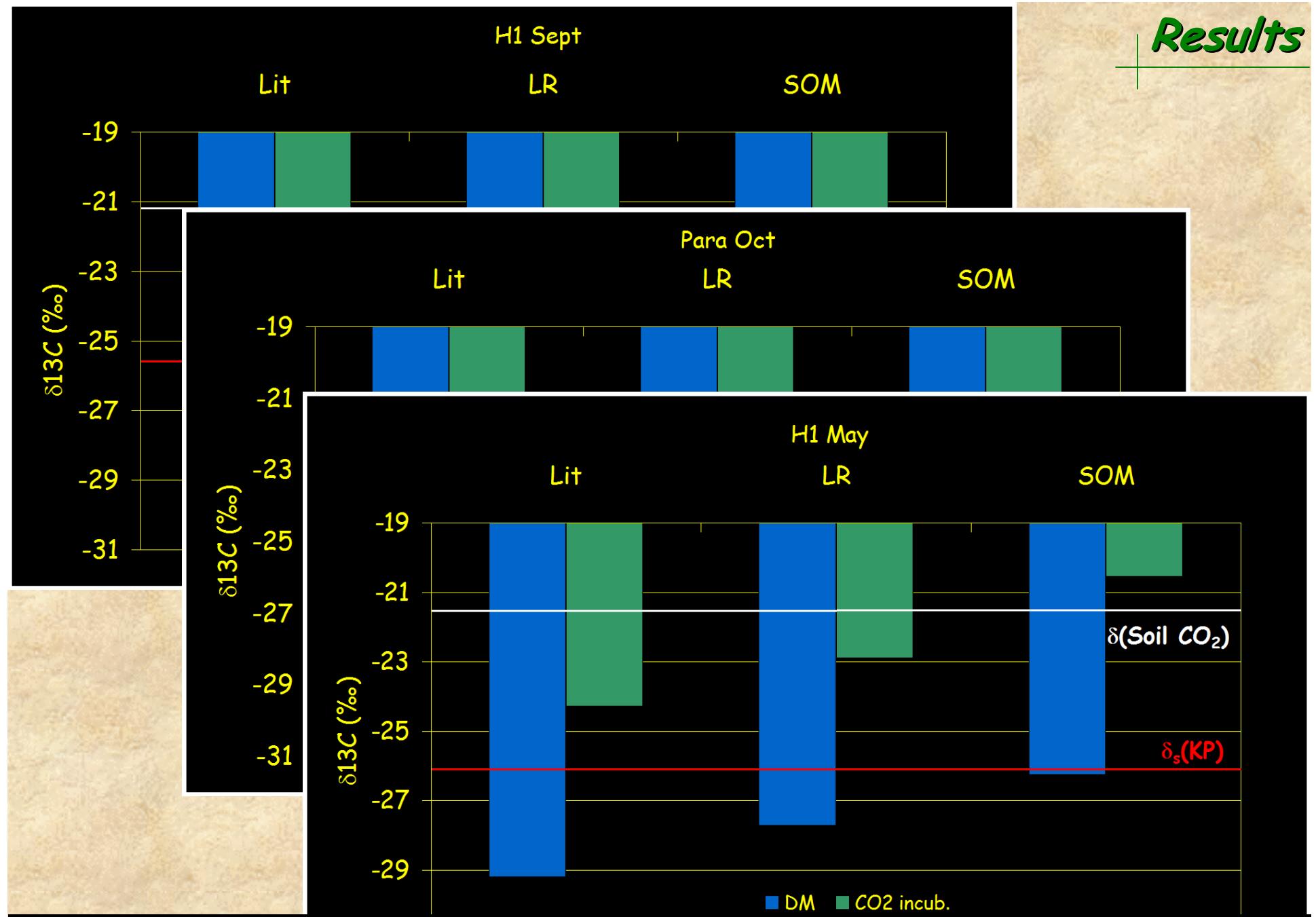
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Sampling chamber



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Results



Positive discrimination during diffusion

Quantification of the discrimination during diffusion

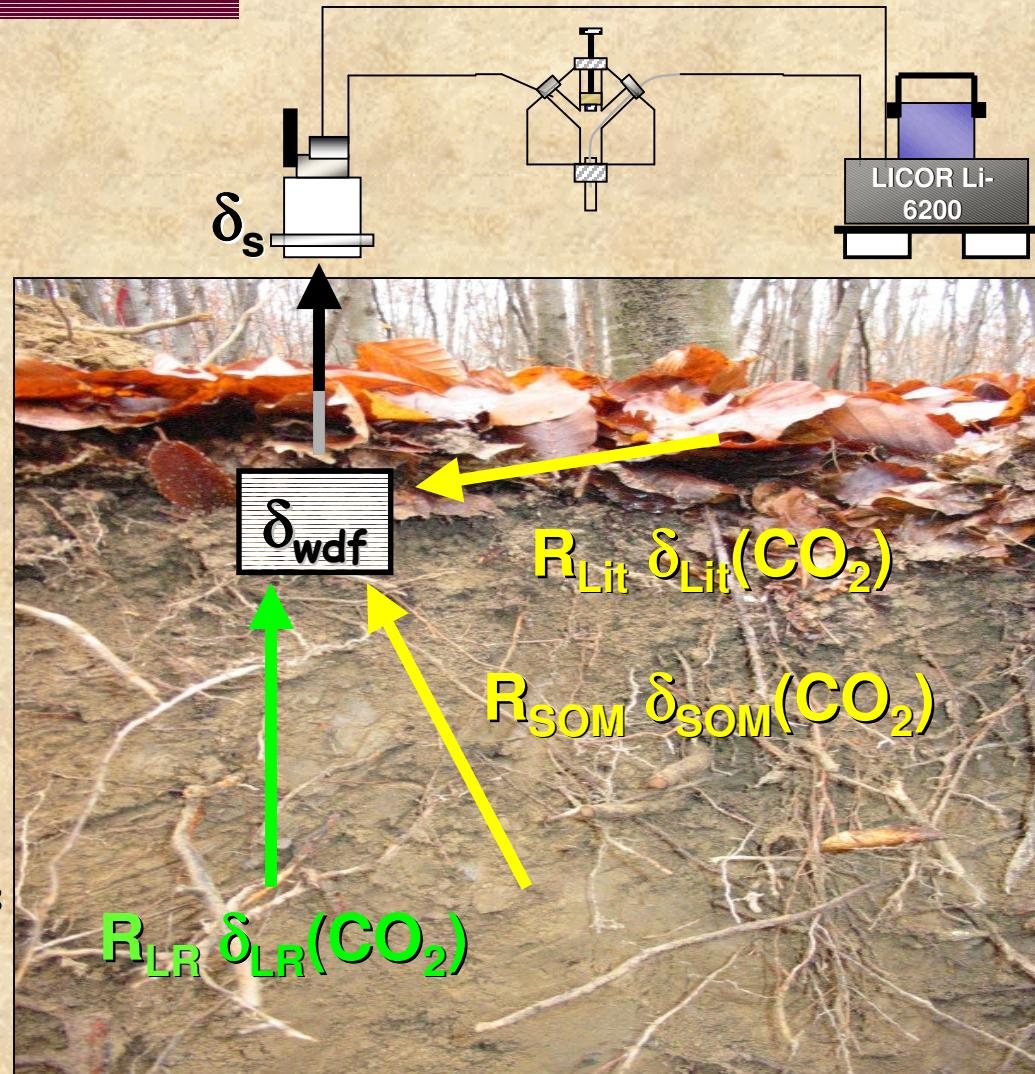
Discussion

Incubations
+
 R_{SOM} , R_{LR} (TP)
+
 R_{Lit} (depleted litter)
+
Mass balance equations

→ δ without diffusive fractionation = δ_{wdf}

Confrontation $\delta_{wdf} \leftrightarrow \leftrightarrow \delta_s$

Apparent diffusive discrimination



Apparent discrimination during diffusion

| | Fract. max | Fract. min | Mean Fract. |
|---------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Hesse 1 | +3.8 ‰ | +3.0 ‰ | +3.3 ‰ |
| Hesse 2 | +2.5 ‰ | +2.0 ‰ | +2.3 ‰ |
| Total | +3.8 ‰ | +2.0 ‰ | +2.9 ‰ |

≠ 4.4 ‰ according to Davidson (1995), fct of Cs, Ca, δa

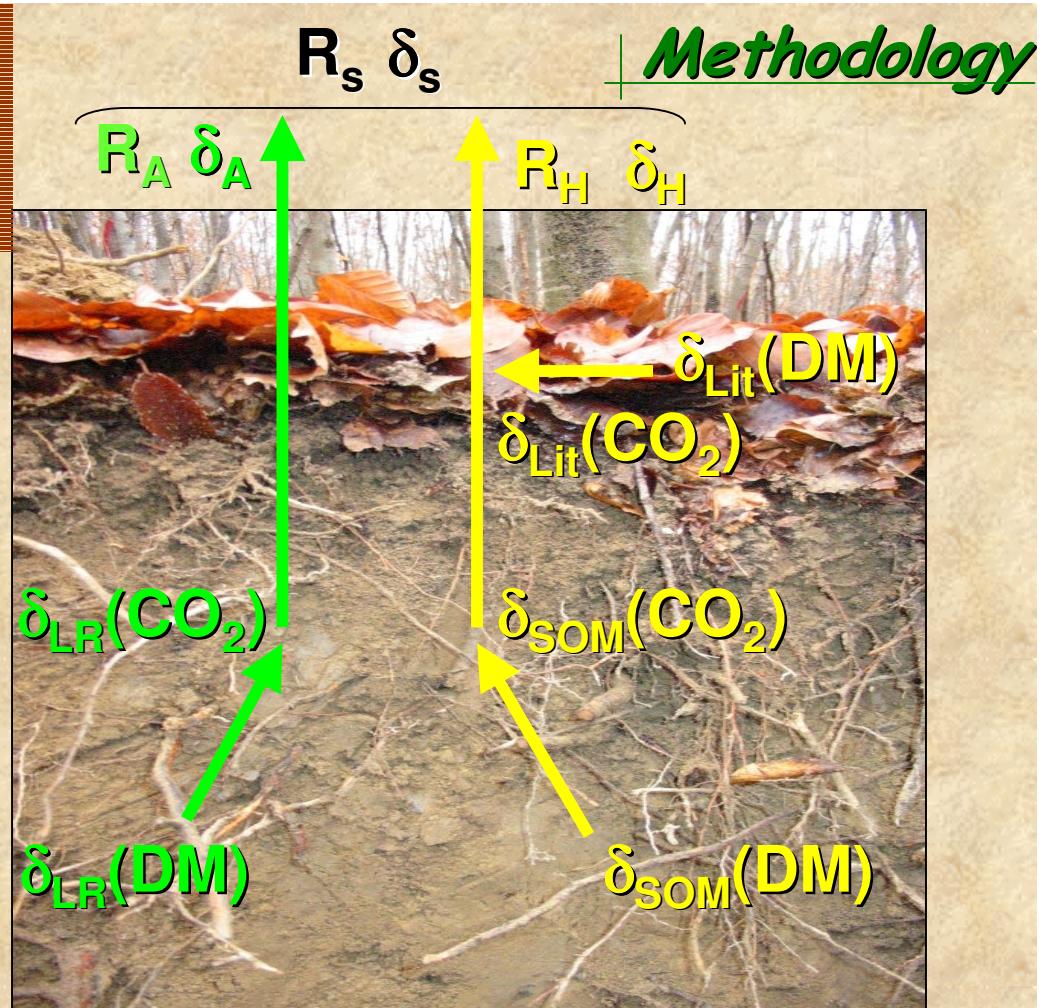
Apparent fractionation during production (DM \rightarrow CO₂)?

• Dry matter

$\delta_{LR}(DM)$ $\delta_{SOM}(DM)$ $\delta_{Lit}(DM)$

• Incubation

$\delta_{LR}(CO_2)$ $\delta_{SOM}(CO_2)$ $\delta_{Lit}(CO_2)$



$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of Dry Matter

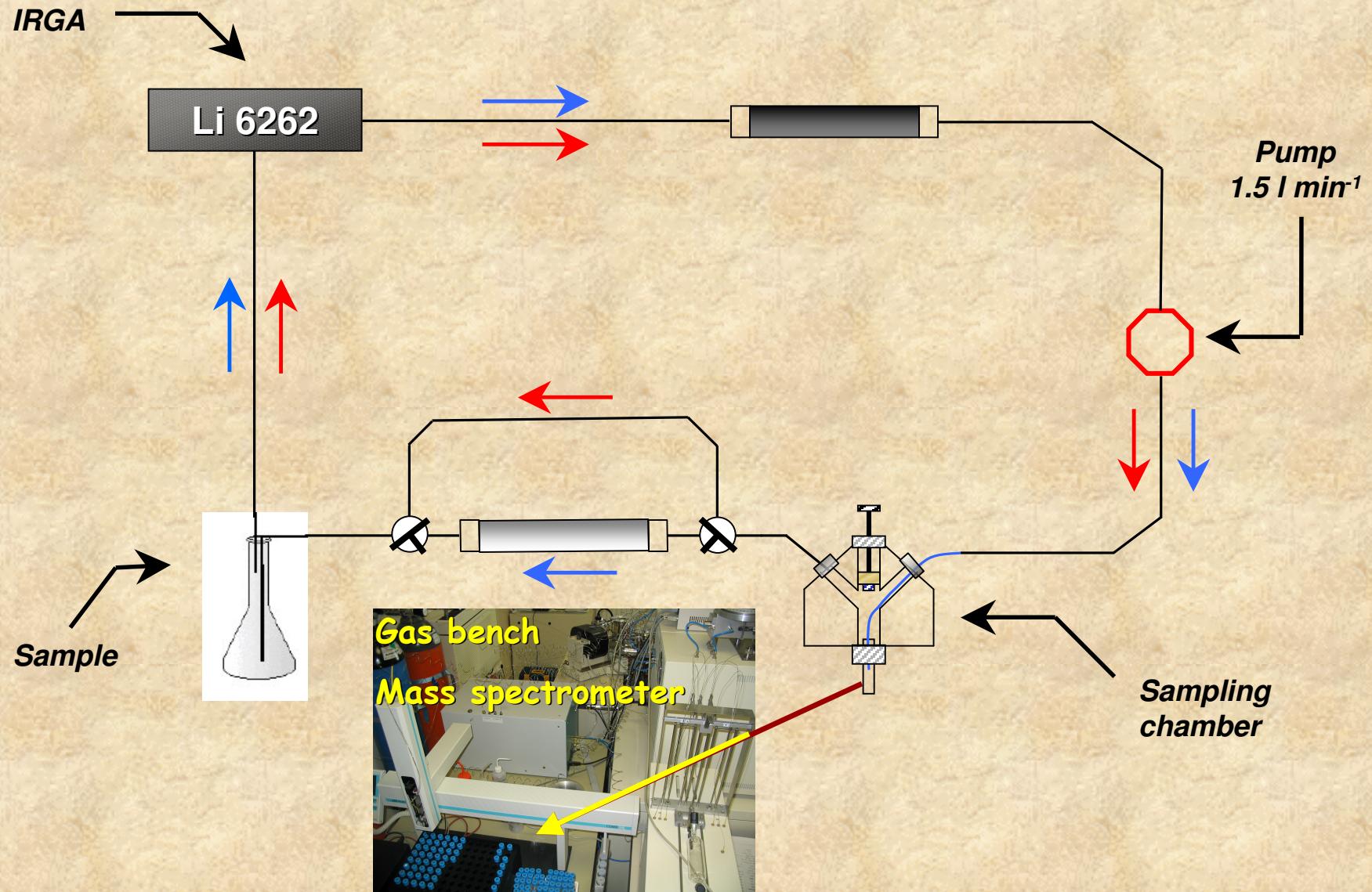
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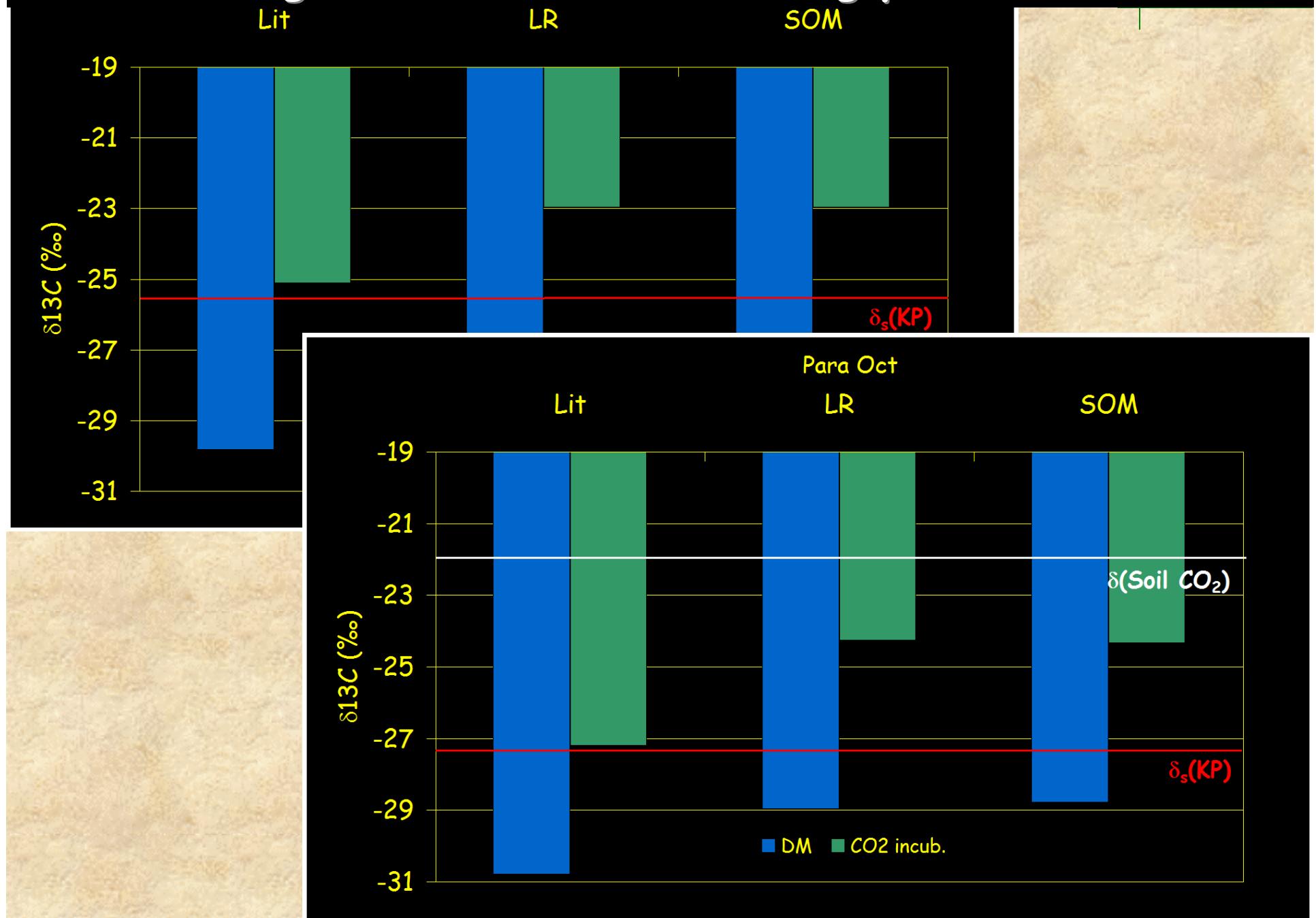
Incubation

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Negative discrimination during production



Apparent discrimination (DM \rightarrow CO₂) during production

| | Fract. max | Fract. min | Mean Fract. |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Living Roots | -5.3 ‰ | -3.7 ‰ | -4.6 ‰ |
| SOM | -5.8 ‰ | -2.9 ‰ | -4.6 ‰ |
| Litter | -8.2 ‰ | -3.7 ‰ | -5.3 ‰ |
| Total | -8.2 ‰ | -2.9 ‰ | -4.9 ‰ |

- ✓ Comparison between δ_S and δ_{TP} not yet usable for soil respiration partitioning (dead roots, diffusion discrimination)
- ✓ Quantification of apparent discriminations:
production $\approx -5 \text{ ‰}$
diffusion $\approx +3 \text{ ‰}$
- ✓ Discriminations during soil respiration process (production / diffusion) have to be better described

THA
THA
KNA
KNA
COYY
COO

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$\delta_H = ?$

$$R_H/R_s = \frac{(\delta_s - \delta_A)}{(\delta_H - \delta_A)}$$

$$R_A/R_s = \frac{(\delta_s - \delta_H)}{(\delta_A - \delta_H)}$$

Dead roots (δ_{TP} , R_{TP}) $\delta_H = ?$ $\delta_A = ?$