

**Measurements of Surface Energy and CO<sub>2</sub> Exchanges  
at City-Atmosphere Interface:  
Case Study at Highrise Residential Area and Urban Park  
in Seoul Metropolitan Area**

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## ***Motivation***

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### ◆ Rapid growth of megacities in Asia

- 1) Only 2% of the world land but >50% in the population in cities
- 2) 1.3 million people into cities each week
- 3) 75% of the world's resource are used by cities
- 4) 1.2kg of solid waste per person every day
- 5) Strong greenhouse gases emission in and around cities.
  - ✓ Only 17% of land cover
  - ✓ 91.0% of population ... (in 2012)
- 6) Eco- & Energy-Friendly urban development

### ◆ Urban Forest: Debate on benefits of urban forest

- 1) Changes in microclimate and air quality
- 2) Impacts on urbanites (UHIs, air pollution, heat wave)
- 3) Mitigation and adaptation for environmental change (carbon uptake of trees)

## Research Objectives

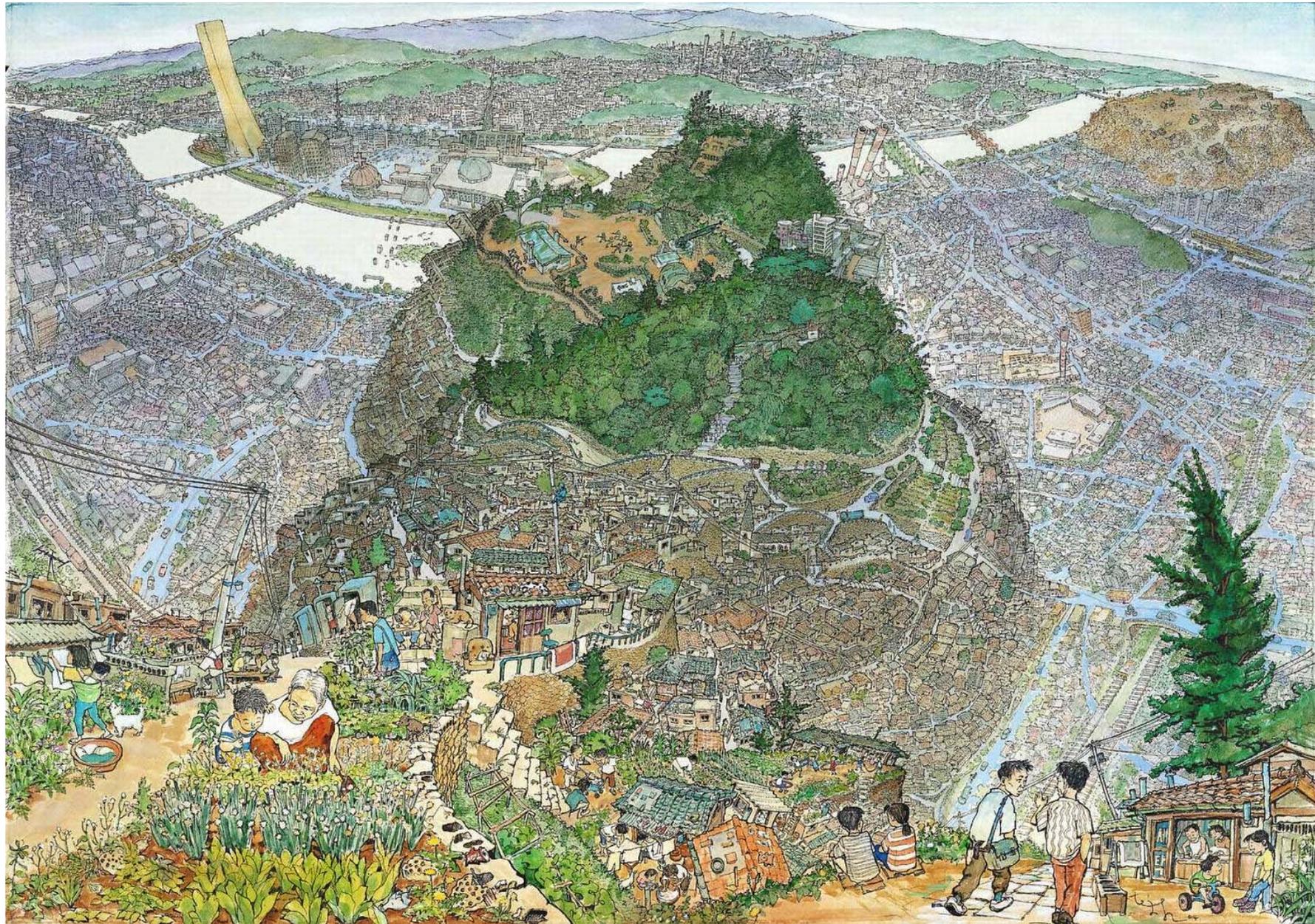
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In two distinct urban land cover (**compact highrise residential area** and **urban park**)

- Quantification of carbon uptake and surface energy balance
- Understanding of micrometeorological and urban re-development perspectives of green areas in Seoul



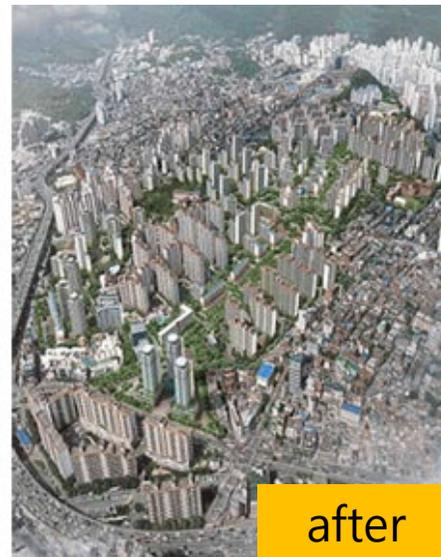
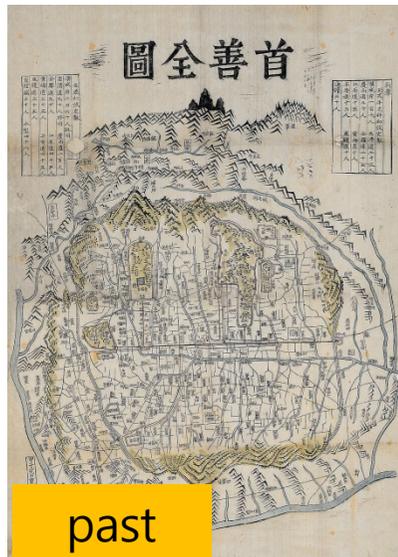
# Seoul Metropolitan Area



Mt. Wau by H.-C. Choi (1994)

## Seoul Metropolitan Area

- Started in 1394 as the new capital of the *Choseon* Dynasty
- Population statistics
  - ✓ Seoul: 10 million in  $\sim 600 \text{ km}^2$  /  $17,000 \text{ km}^{-2}$
  - ✓ Seoul metropolitan area : 25 million in  $\sim 1200 \text{ km}^2$  /  $2100 \text{ km}^{-2}$
- Land use
  - ✓ Forest: 24% / River: 9% / Crop: 4%
  - ✓ Road: 13% / Urban Park: 3% (Natural park: 0.6%)
  - ✓ Roadside trees:  $4.7 \text{ ha}^{-1}$  (*ginko biloba* 40% / *Platanus occidentalis* L. 25%)
- Re-development stage:  $\sim 40\%$  of buildings is older than 20 years



# Site Description



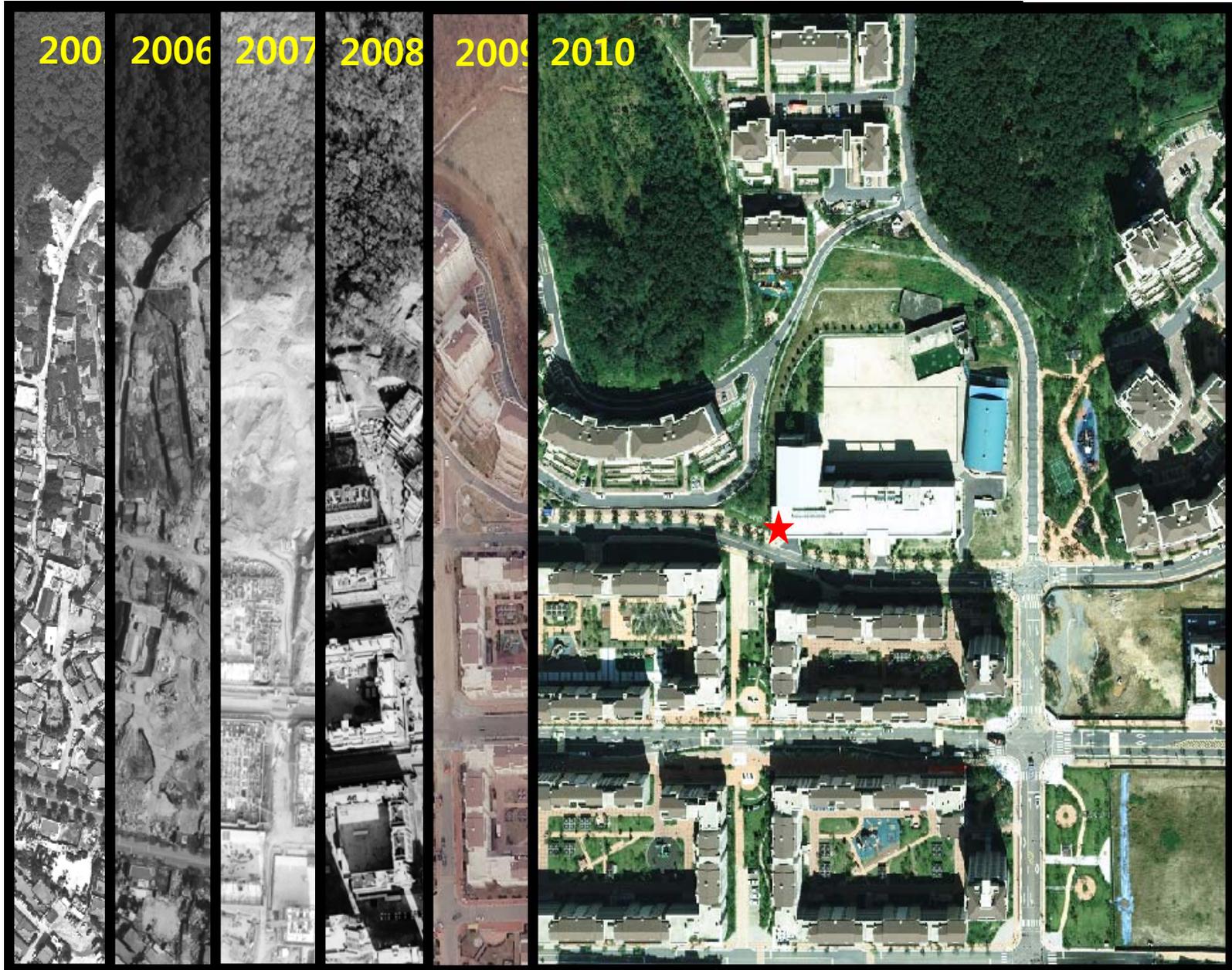
## Site Description

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### 1. Compact Highrise Residential Area

- EunPyeong New-Town district (N 37.64°, W 126.93°), situated northern west part of Seoul metropolitan city
- **Urban re-development since 2008**
  - ✓ Compact high-rise apartment from low-rise apartment and bare soil
  - ✓ Roadside trees are transplanted  
cherry tree (*Prunus serrulata* var. *spontanea*).
  - ✓ Population increase from 3,646 (317 km<sup>-2</sup>) in 2008 to 49,524 (4,299 km<sup>-2</sup>) in 2012
  - ✓ About 30% vegetated surface (tree, turf grass)
  - ✓ 1500mm annual precipitation / 14°C annual mean temperature





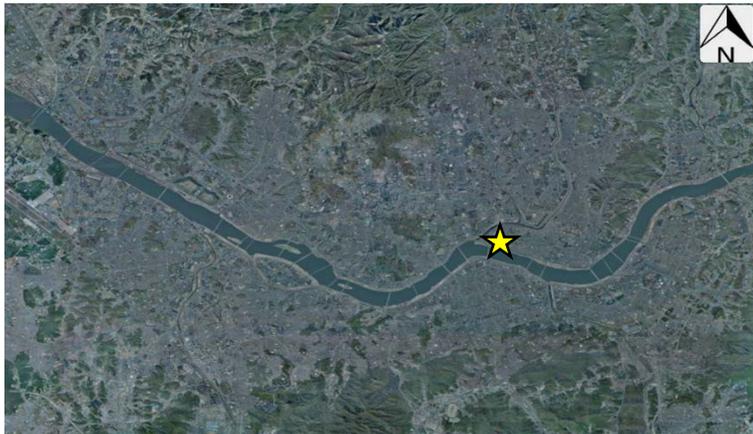
*Aerial Photograph of EunPyeong Newtown (from Seoul metropolitan government)*

## Site Description

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### 2. Urban Park

- Seoul Forest (N 37.54°, W 127.04°), situated central part of Seoul metropolitan city (Area ~ 1.2 km<sup>2</sup>)
- **Artificially Created Park in 2005**
  - ✓ Urban park from golf course and racecourse
  - ✓ Human management ( Regular irrigation / litterfall removal )
  - ✓ Mixed forest (pine, ginkgo, zelkova trees), pond, and turf grass
  - ✓ Canopy height is about 10m
  - ✓ Similar synoptic environment with the compact highrise residential area



# Micrometeorological Measurements

## Compact Highrise Residential Area

- ◆ Eddy covariance measurement
  - Measurement since 2008
  - CPEC200 (Campbellsci)
  - CNR1 (Kipp&Zonnen)
  - Automatic weather station
- ◆ Footprint Analysis
  - Schmid(1999) / Hsieh et al. (2000)
- ◆ Building morphology
  - Airborne lidar building information
  - Mean horizontal building fraction:  $\sim 0.35$
  - Mean building height: 20 m
  - roughness length: 1.7 m
  - zero-plane displacement height: 12 m
  - Skyview factor: 0.5



## Urban Park

- ◆ Eddy covariance measurement
  - Measurement since 2013
  - CPEC200 (Campbellsci)
  - NR Lite2 (Kipp&Zonnen)
  - Automatic weather station
  - Soil temperature/moisture probes
- ◆ Footprint Analysis
  - Schmid(1999) / Hsieh et al. (2000)
- ◆ Vegetation canopy
  - Mixed forest (pine, ginkgo, zelkova trees)
  - Canopy height :  $\sim 10\text{m}$



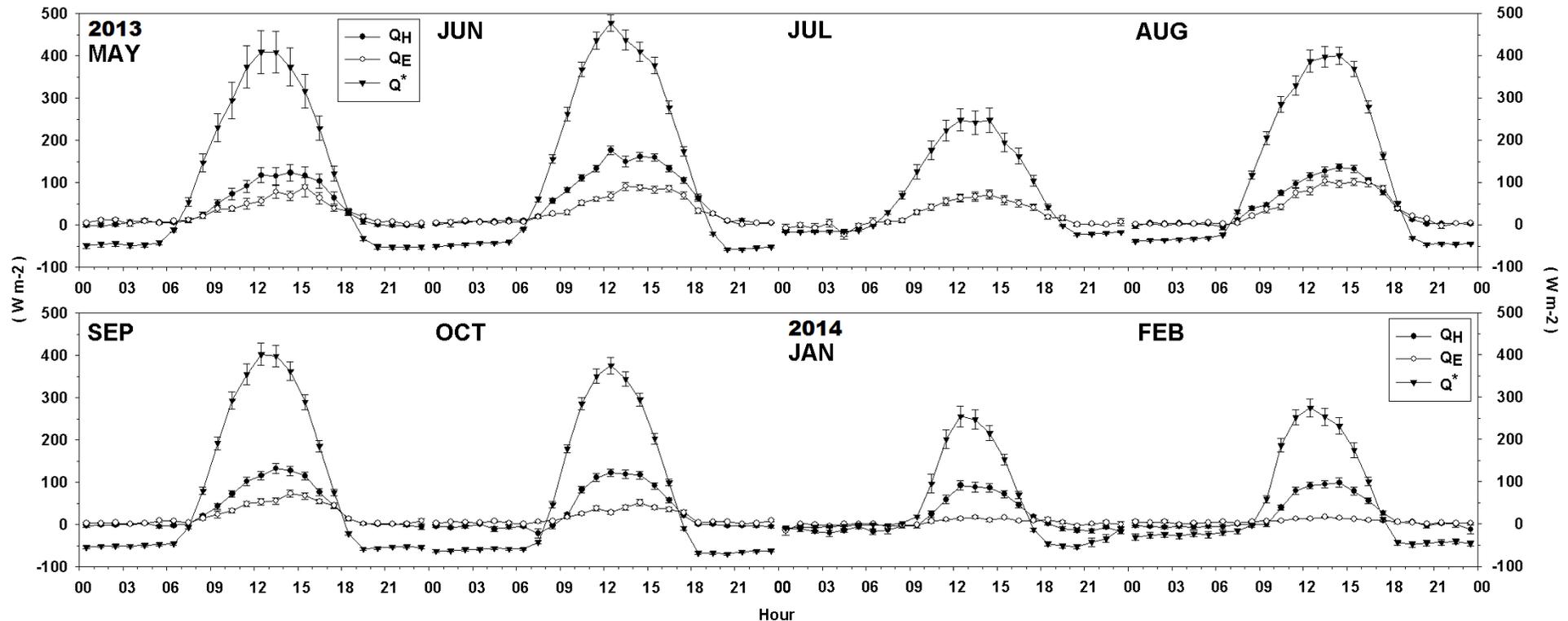


## Results

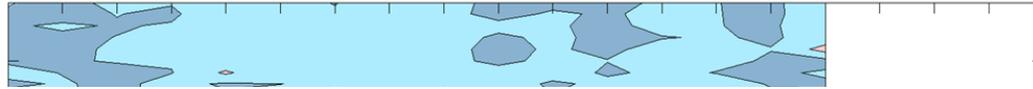
### **Compact Highrise Residential Area (Extensive Apartment Complex)**



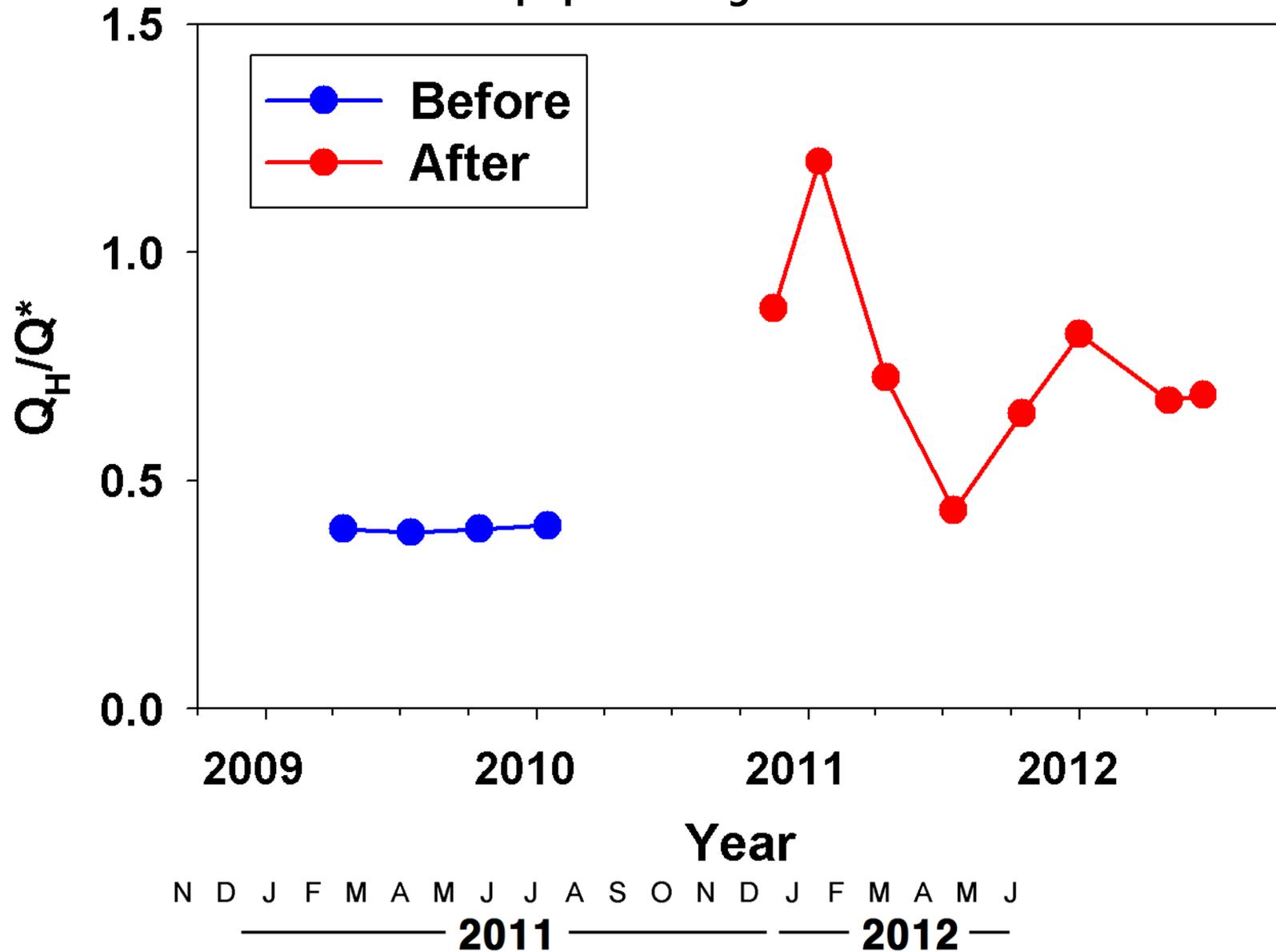
# ■ Surface Energy Fluxes



- ✓ Bowen ratio ( $Q_H/Q_E$ ) : 1.7 (total), 5.7 (winter), 0.9 (Jul)  
: Sources of LE are roadside trees, turf, and soil.
- ✓ Time-lag between the peak of  $Q_H, Q_E$  ↑ and  $Q^*$  ↓  
: the role of heat storage ( $\Delta Q_s$ ) by urban structure.

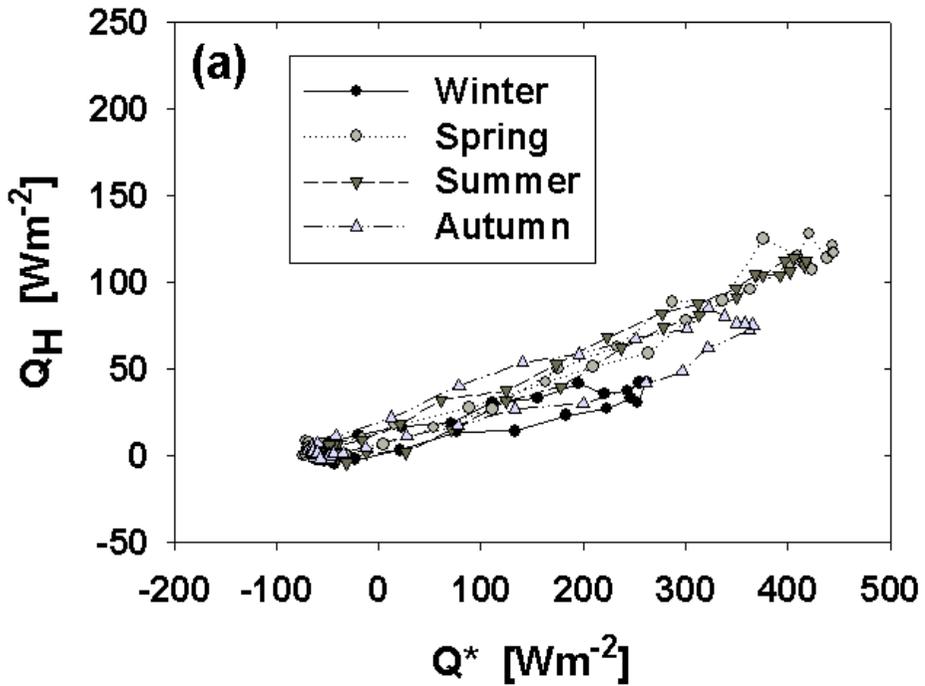


population growth of about 230%

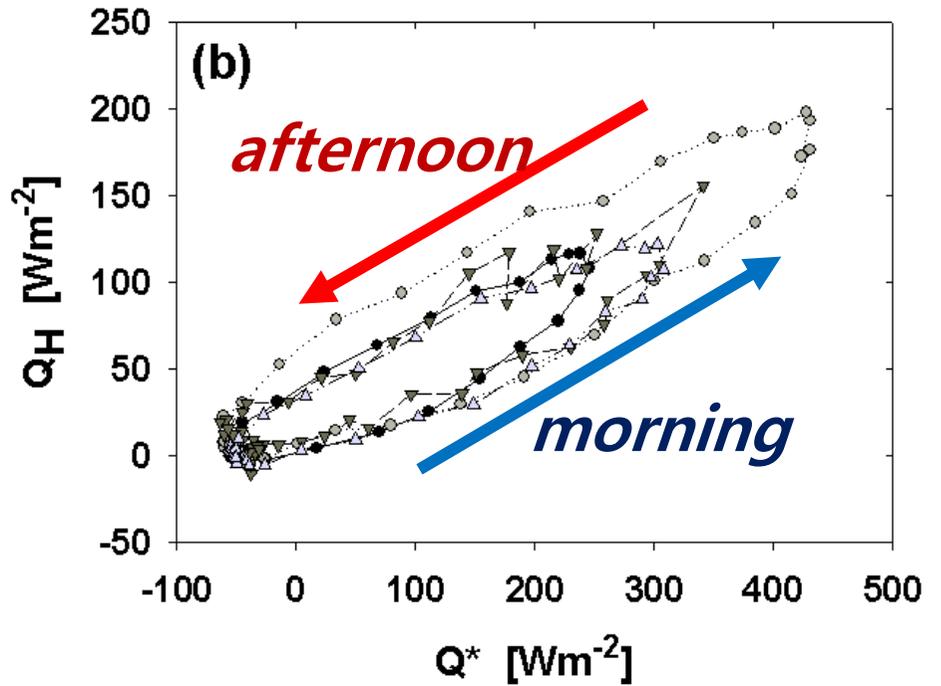


# Heat Storage: Hysteresis of sensible heat fluxes

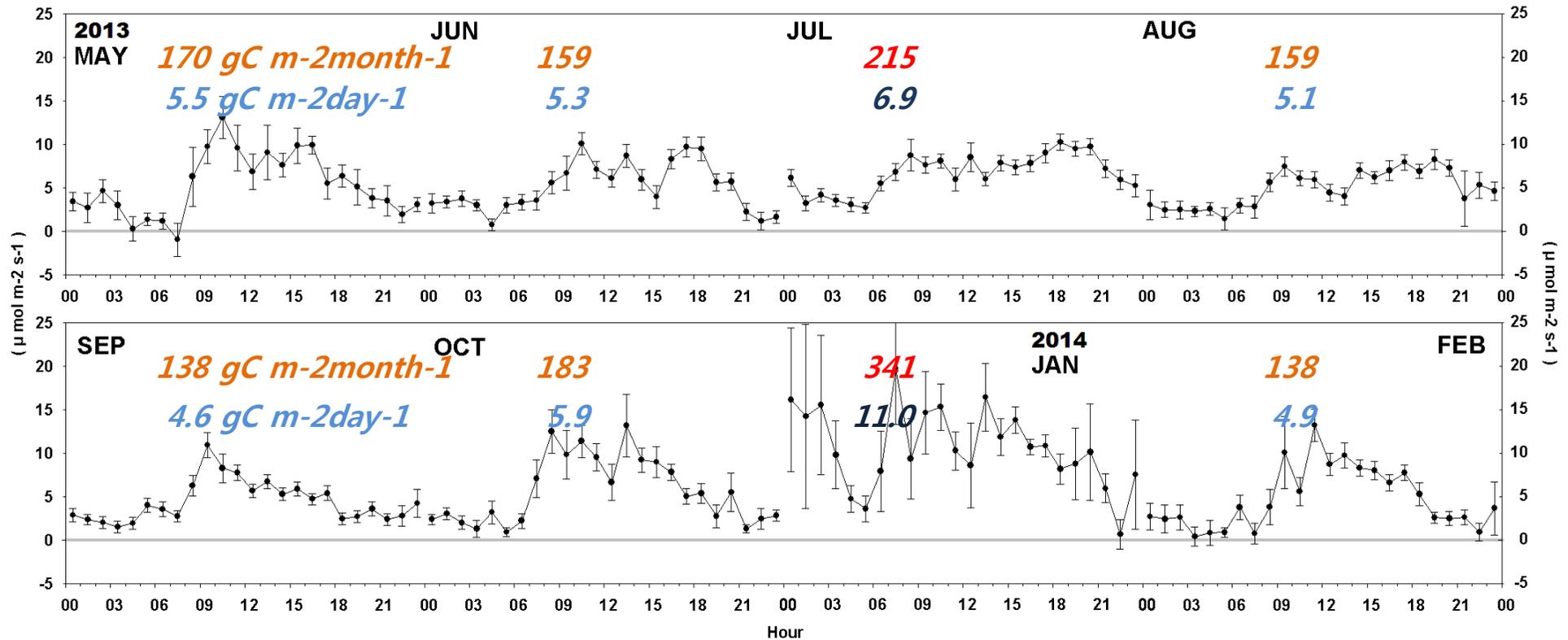
Before re-development



After re-development



# CO<sub>2</sub> Flux

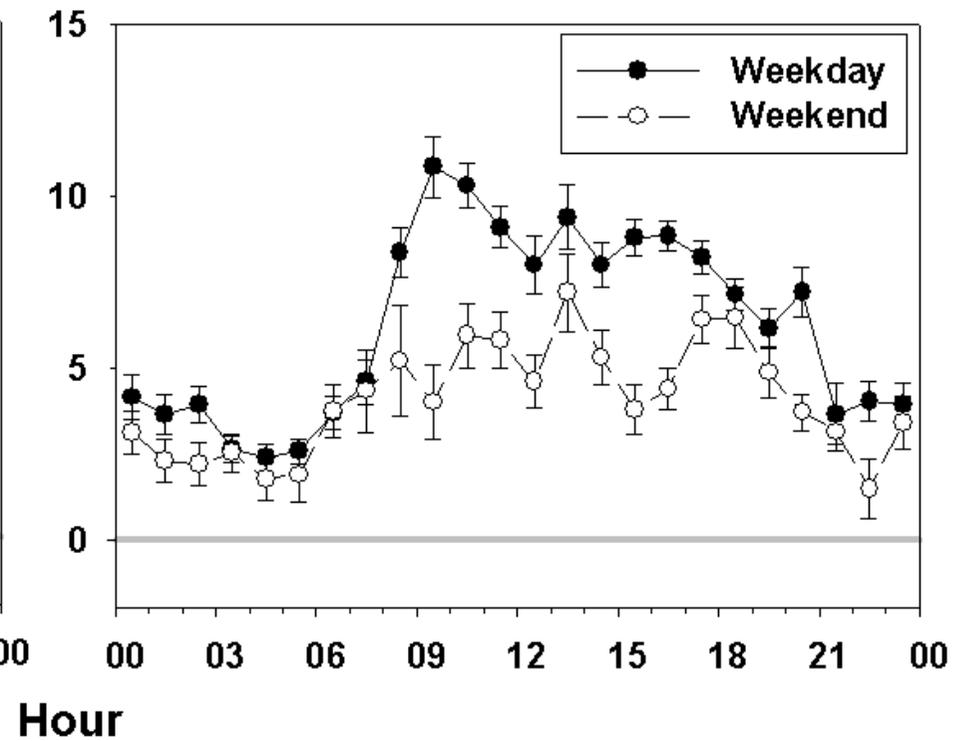
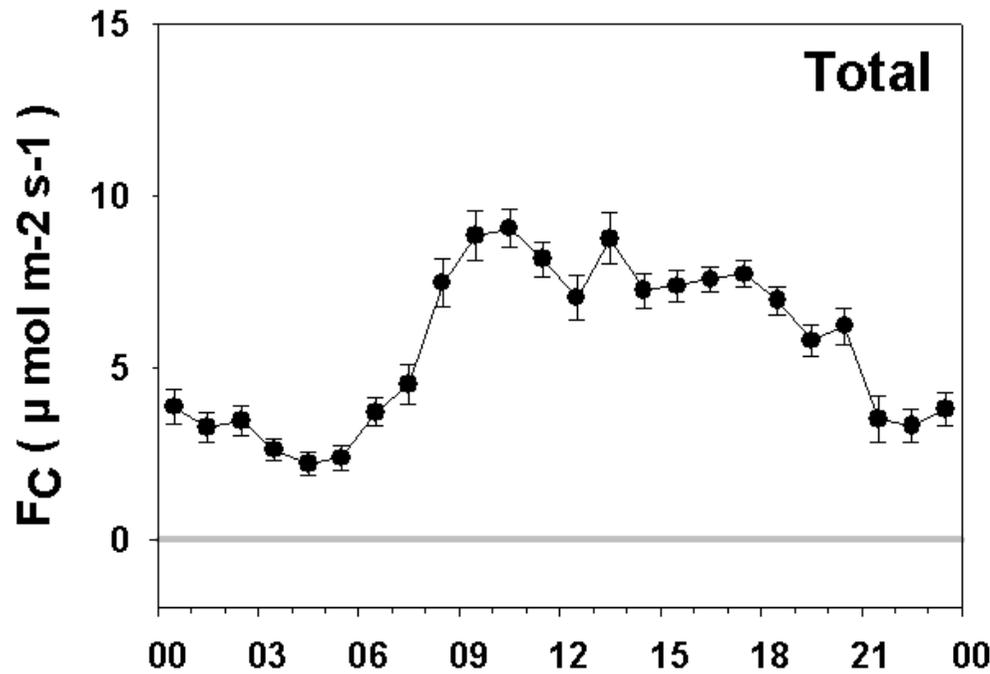


✓ Fc : **4.6 ~ 11.0 gC m<sup>-2</sup>day<sup>-1</sup>** (**138 ~ 341 gC m<sup>-2</sup>month<sup>-1</sup>**)

✓ Main sources of Fc : traffic, local heating (winter)  
vegetation effects (Jul)

## ■ CO<sub>2</sub> Flux

- ✓ **Weekday** :  $6.5 \text{ gC day}^{-1}$
- ✓ **Weekend** :  $4.2 \text{ gC day}^{-1}$
- ✓ **Mean** :  $5.8 \text{ gC day}^{-1}$



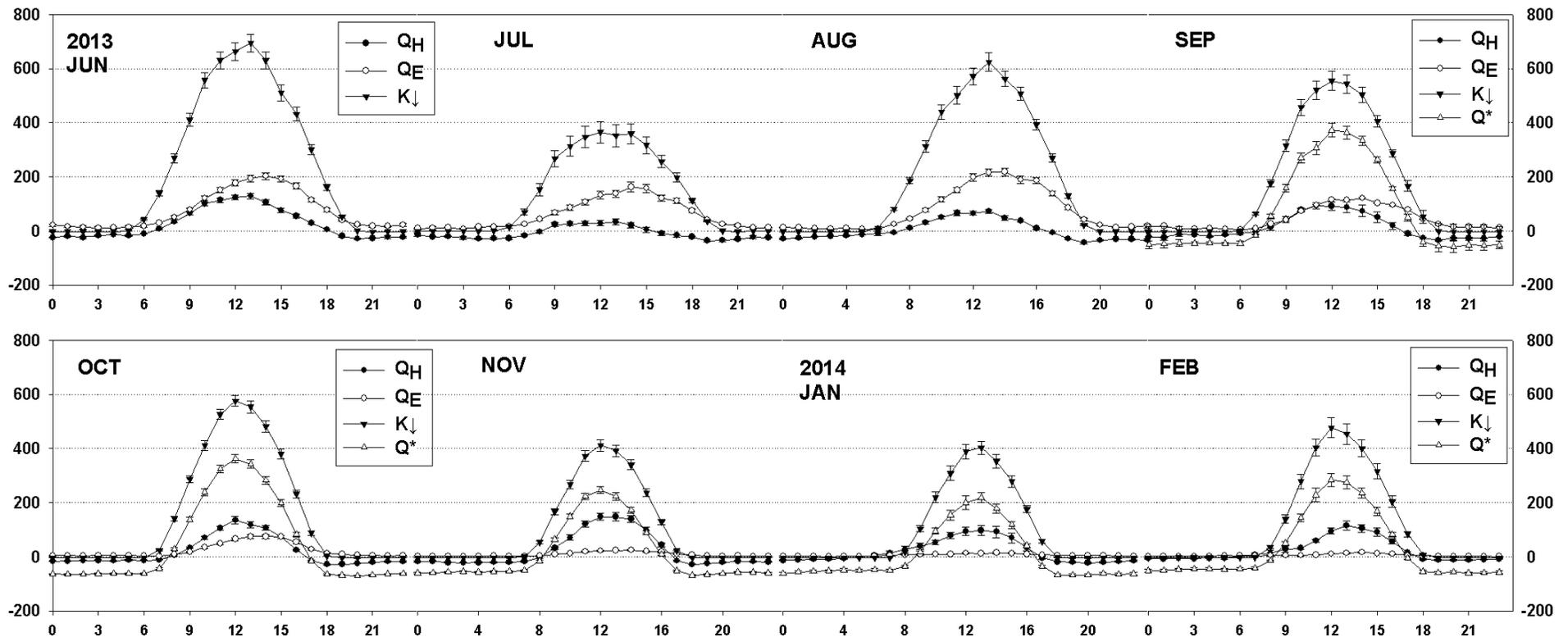


# Results

## Seoul Forest (Artificially Created Park)

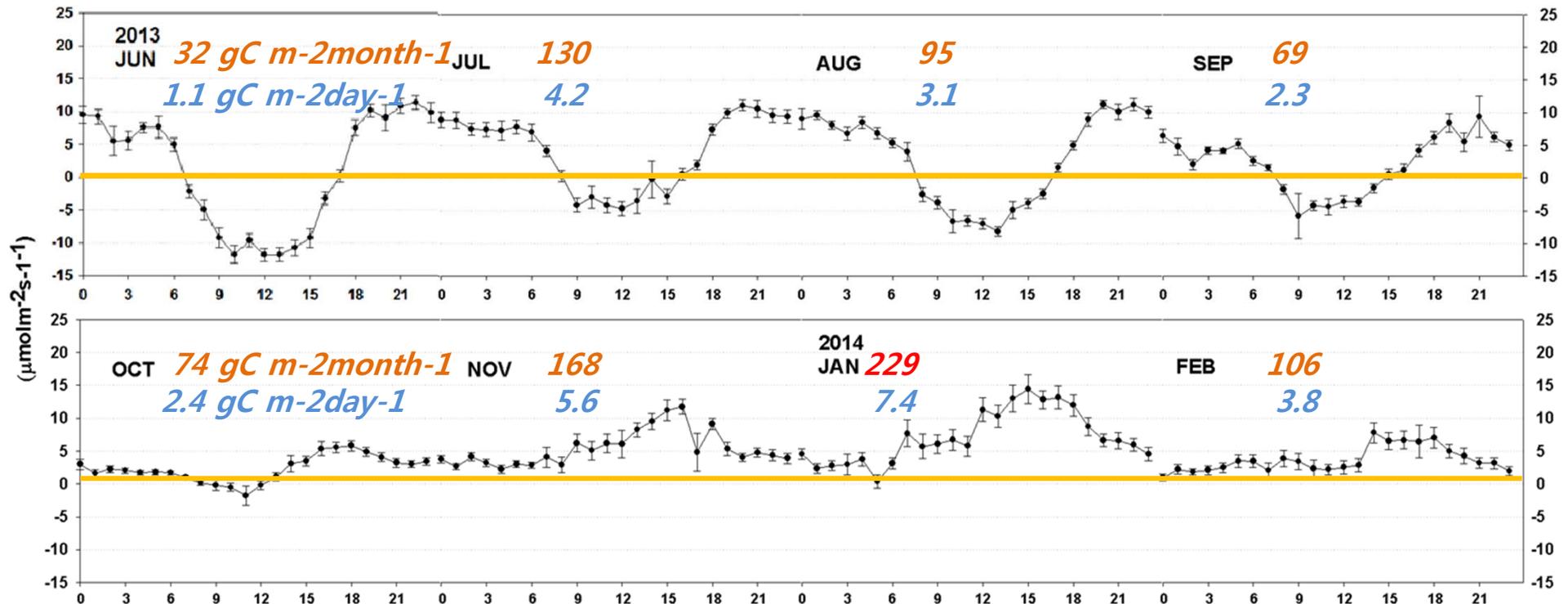


# ■ Surface Energy Fluxes



- ✓ Bowen ratio ( $Q_H/Q_E$ ) : 0.8 (total), 6.3 (winter), 0.4 (Jul)
- ✓ Latent heat flux is dominant except winter.

# ■ CO<sub>2</sub> Flux

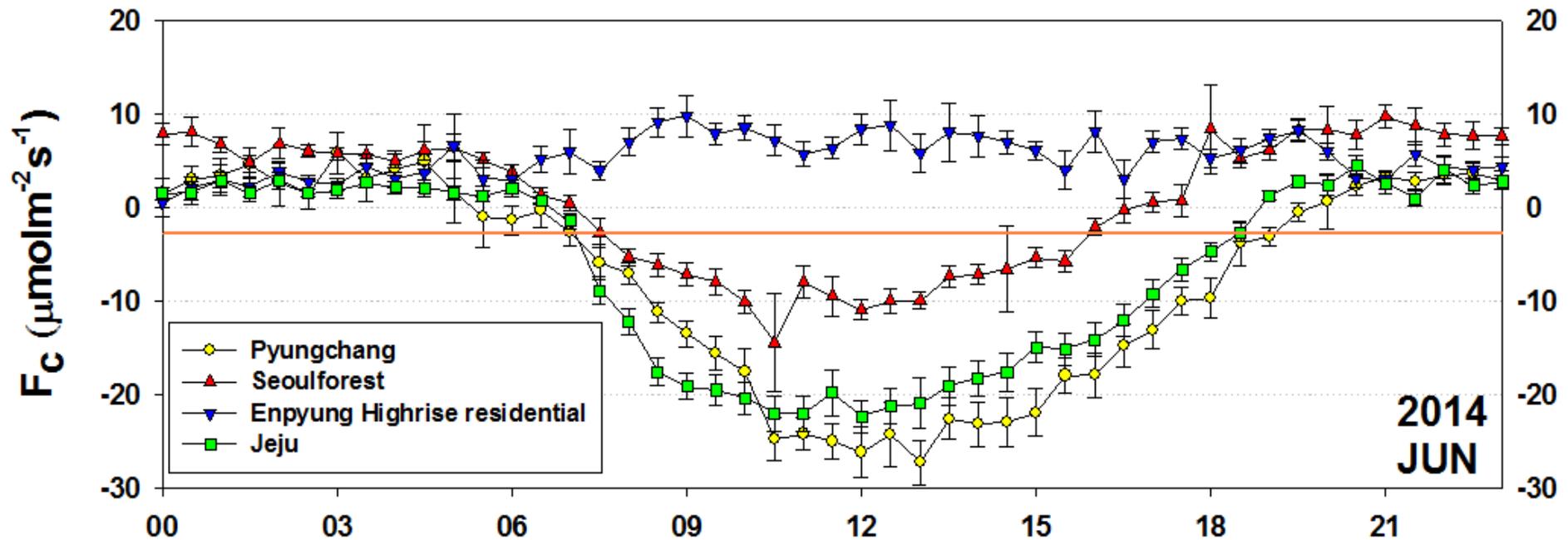


- **Fc : 1.1 ~ 7.4  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$  (32 ~ 229  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{month}^{-1}$ )**
- **Clear diurnal and seasonal variations**

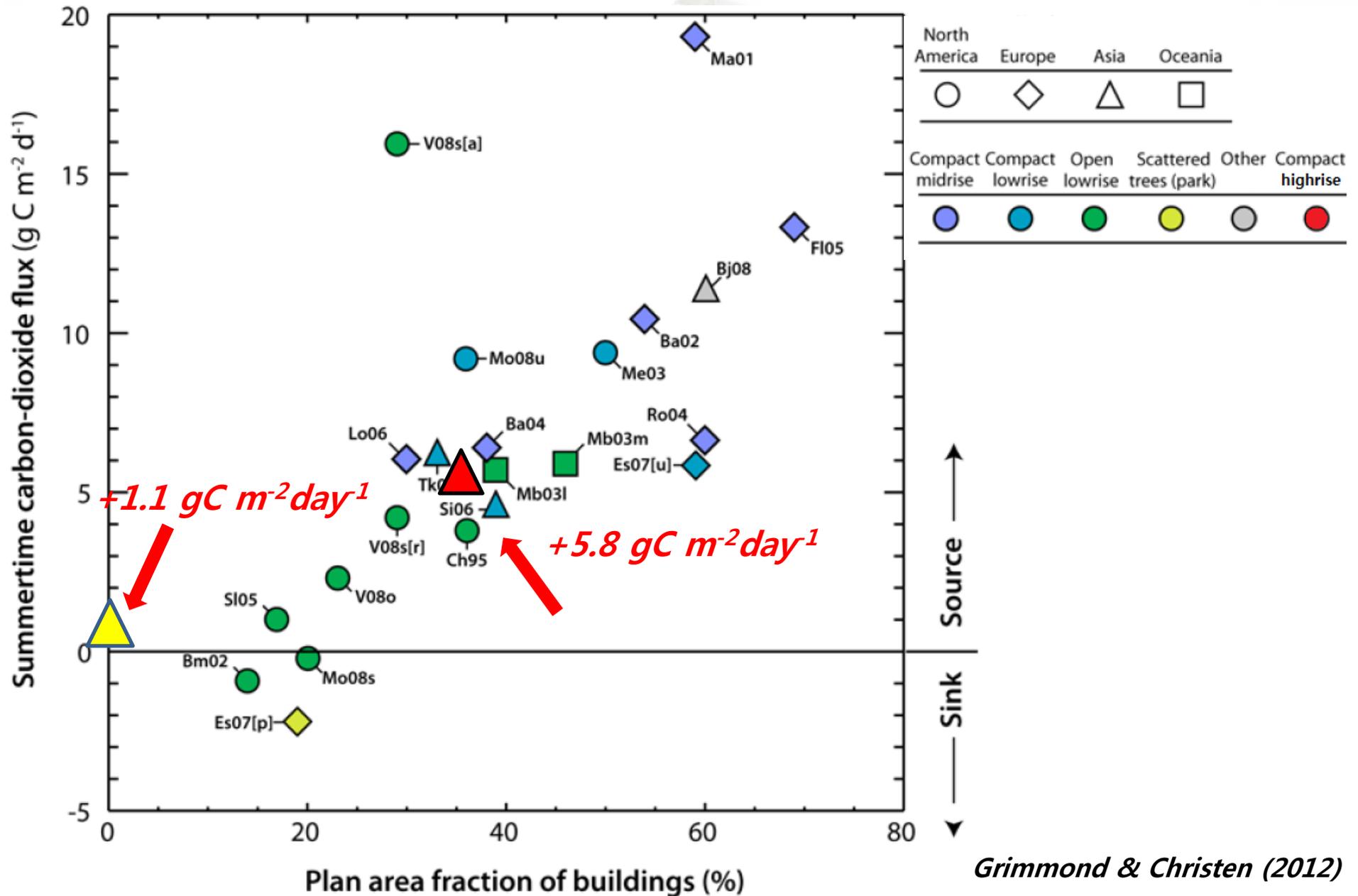
\* During the same period @ Eunpyeong Newtown  
 : 4.6 ~ 11.0  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$  (138 ~ 341  $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{month}^{-1}$ )

# Diurnal Variation of CO<sub>2</sub> Flux

- ✓ **Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> Flux with Natural forest stations exposed to the similar climate in Korea**



# Summer-time CO<sub>2</sub> Flux



Grimmond & Christen (2012)

## Summary (1)

- Turbulent fluxes are first measured at recently re-developed **compact highrise urban area** in Seoul .
  - ✓ **Carbon source** of  $138 \sim 341 \text{ gC m}^{-2}\text{month}^{-1}$  ( $1.3 \text{ tC ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )
  - ✓ CO<sub>2</sub> emission shows **clear diurnal variations** following traffic volume but its **seasonal change is weak** (heating in winter).
  - ✓ It is a **relatively weak carbon source** considering **high population density and traffic volume**.
  - ✓ **Bowen ratio** is larger than 1 except the monsoon seasons. shows significant seasonal variations despite significant portion of **impervious surface**.
  - ✓ Daytime QE and increased FC in July consistently attract attention to **the role of urban vegetation**.
  - ✓ **Heat storage** and **anthropogenic** heat emission become significant after the re-development with **the footprint of the Asian monsoon**.

## Summary (2)

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- Turbulent fluxes is measured at **urban park in Seoul** and unique features are observed.
  - ✓ **Carbon source** of  $32 \sim 229 \text{ gC m}^{-2}\text{month}^{-1}$  ( $21 \text{ tC ha}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ )
  - ✓  $\text{CO}_2$  uptake shows **strong diurnal and seasonal variations** (maximum carbon uptake in summer).
  - ✓ Even summer growing season, **daily Net Ecosystem Exchange is positive** despite of human management such as irrigation and litterfall removal.
  - ✓ **Ecosystem respiration is pretty large** compared to natural forest around Seoul.
  - ✓ **Similar to natural forest, Latent heat flux** is bigger than **sensible heat flux** from Jun to Sep, but **Latent heat flux** is almost 0 during winter season.

# Thank you for your attention

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