

## Part 2

**The SOM and soil restoration by  
cropping system associated with  
conservation tillage**



# Topics

➔ The turnover time of C

➔ C balance in cropping systems associated with tillage management





# Cropping systems and Crop residues management

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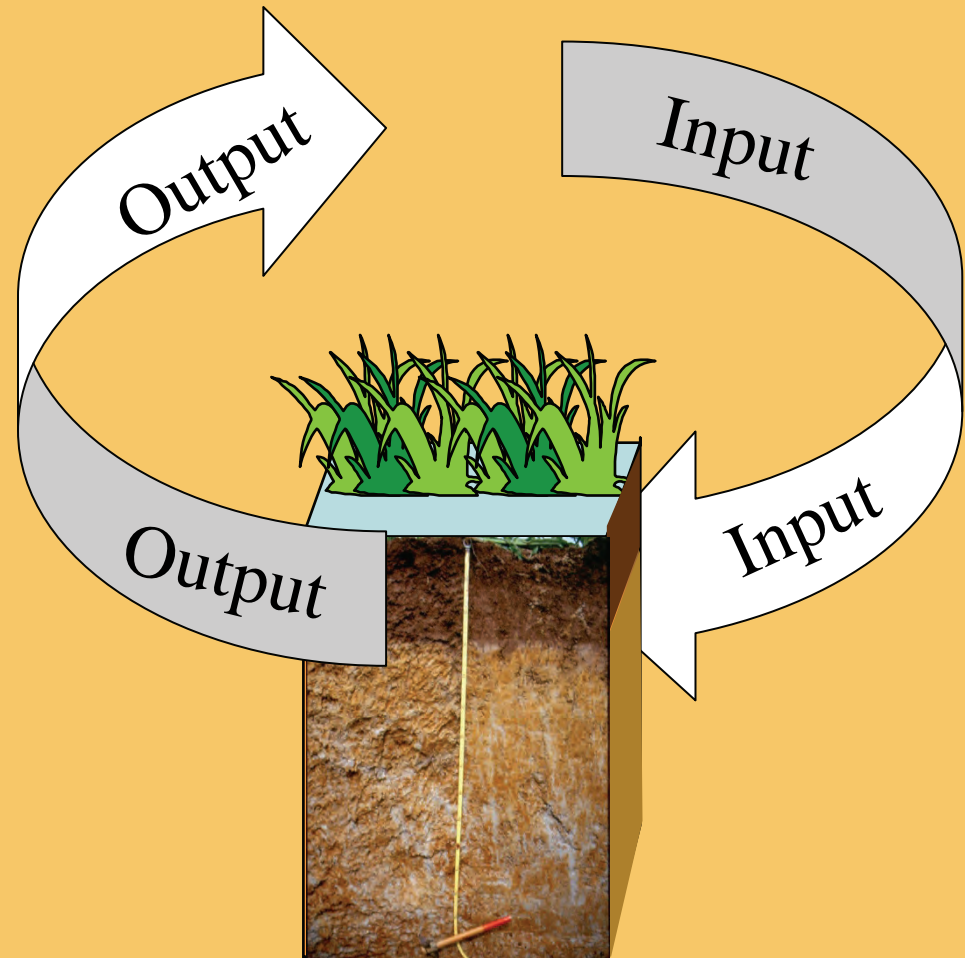
# The turnover time of the SOM

## Turnover

Process in which the losses and gains proceed simultaneously

## Definition

The organic carbon flow through in a know soil volume





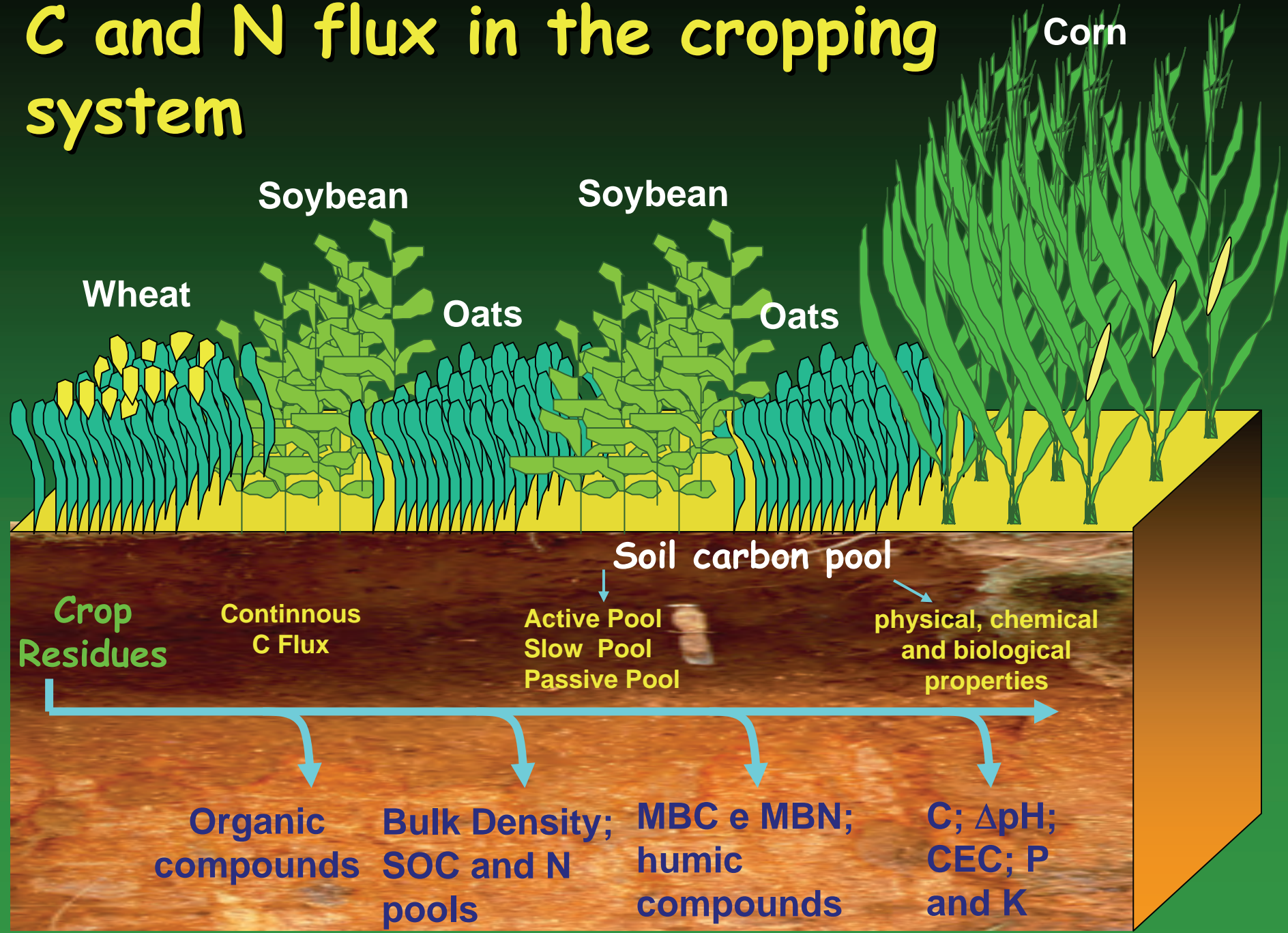
## Turnover time

“The amount of carbon in a soil system when the balance has been reached, divided by the annual entrance of carbon inside of that system”

Jenkinson & Rayner, 1977



# C and N flux in the cropping system



# Turnover time of the SOM

Functional compartments	Turnover time	Composition	General name
<b>Metabolic – C</b>	0.2 – 0.5 years	Cells debris, cellulose, sugars, protein	Plant and animal detritus
<b>Active</b>	0.3 – 2 years	Microbial biomass debris, POM, polysaccharides, non humic substances, fulvic acids	Labile fraction
<b>Structural – C</b>	2 – 4 years	Cells wall, lignin, polyphenol, cellulose, wax	Plant detritus
<b>Slow</b>	15 – 100 years	Tissue finally divided, high lignin	Moderate labile fraction
<b>Passive</b>	500 – 5000 years	Humus physical protected, humin, humic acids	Humic substances, recalcitrant fraction

Prof.  
(cm)

PSF  
( $\mu\text{m}$ )

■ % SOC from soil

■ % SOC from  
Crop Residues

■ % SOC lost

0 25 50 75 100

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0-2.5

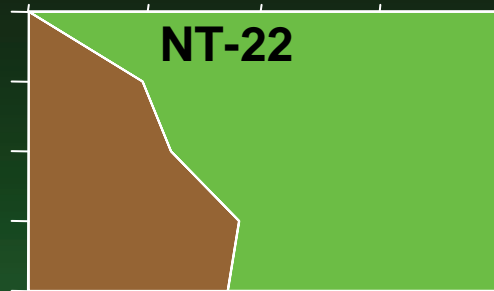
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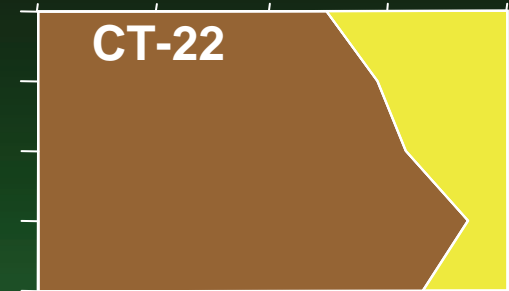
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0-2



CT-22



2.5-5

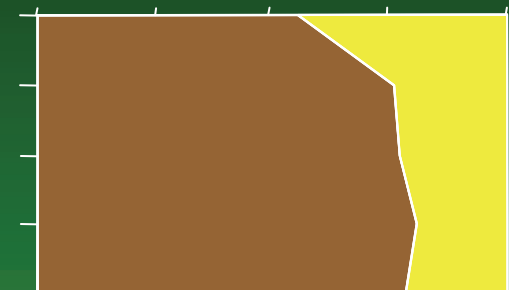
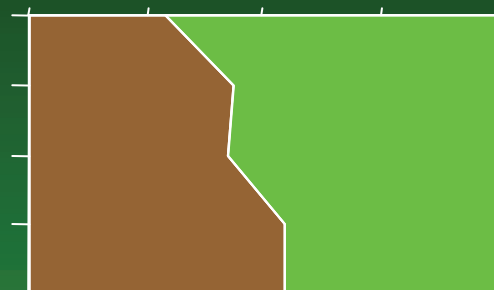
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5-10

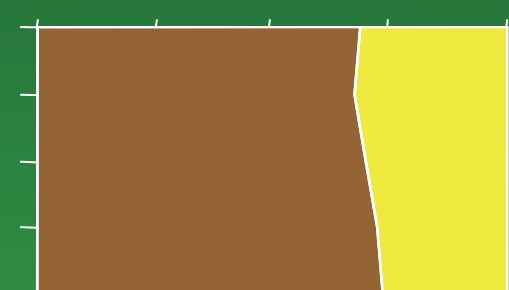
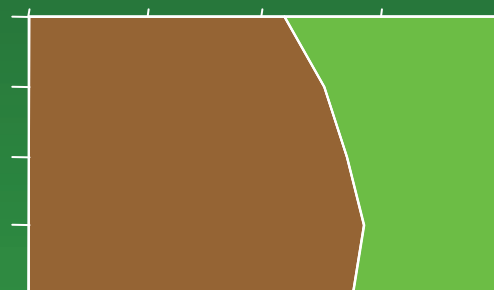
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Fonte: Sá et al., 2001



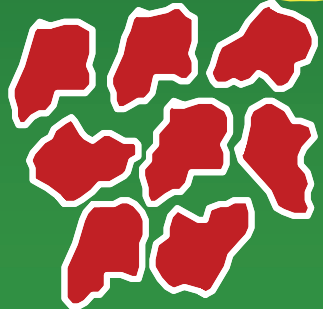
Associated microaggregates  
to silt (2-20 $\mu\text{m}$ )

+

Microbial and residues lysed

+

Microaggregates  
20-250  $\mu\text{m}$



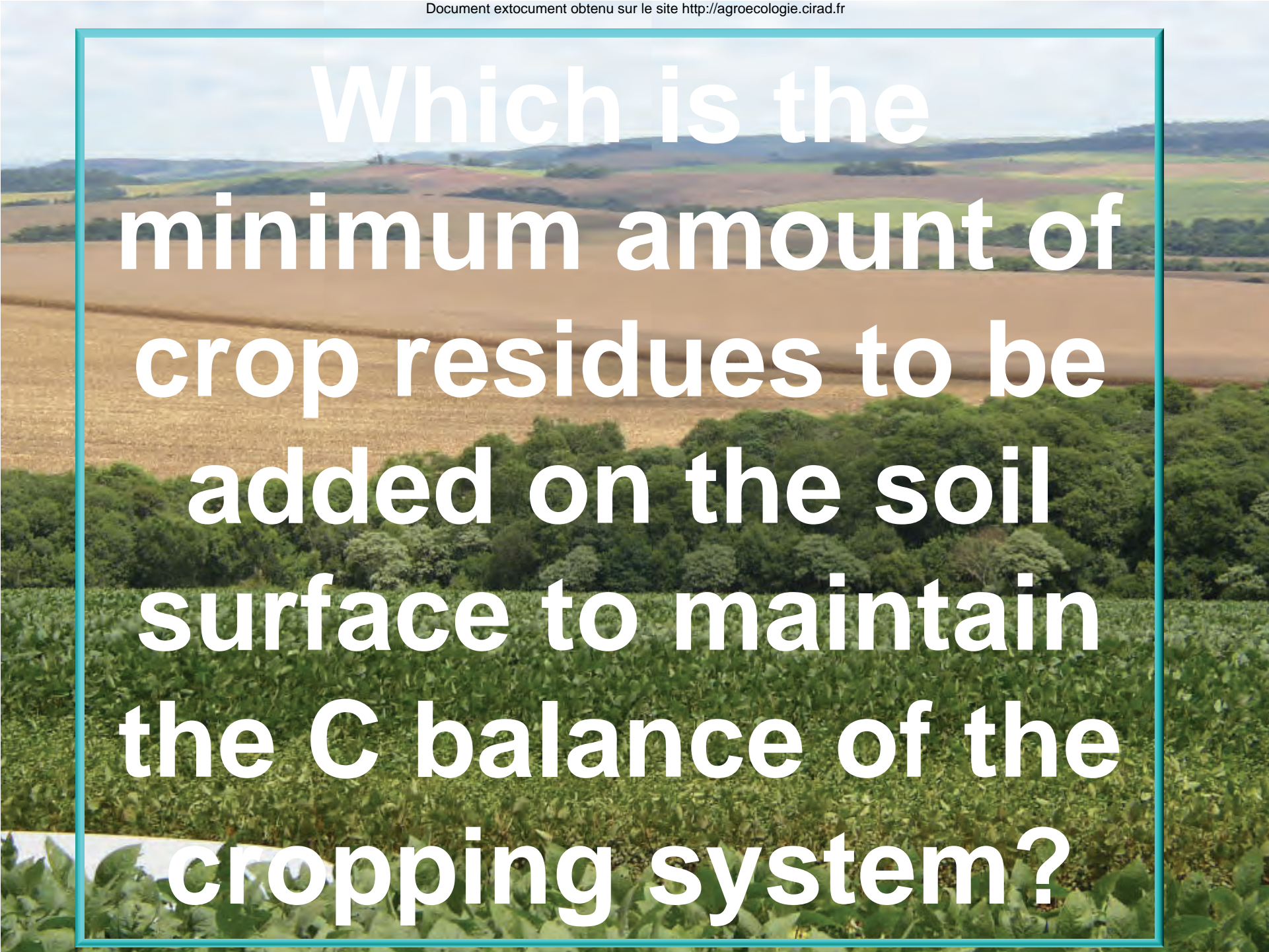
Crop residues + Polysaccharides, DOC,  
microbial C and N + fungi hyphae



Bulk density and rate of  $\text{O}_2$   
controlled

Microaggregates

Macroaggregates



**Which is the minimum amount of crop residues to be added on the soil surface to maintain the C balance of the cropping system?**





## Uni-compartment Model

“The soil carbon balance it's strength associate with the equilibrium of the input and output of C from the crop residues ”

Henin & Dupuis, 1947

$$dC/dt = -K_2C + K_1A$$

**dC/dt** It represents the changing rate of soil organic C with the time

**A** It is the annual addition rate of C (C from de crop residues) for the soil ( $t\ ha^{-1}$ )

**K<sub>1</sub>** Represent the humification coefficient of C derived of the crop residues

**C** It is the soil organic carbon stock ( $t\ ha^{-1}$ )

**K<sub>2</sub>** It is the annual oxidation rate of the SOC represented by decomposition of crop residues and the mineralization of the soil organic car( $t\ ha^{-1}$ )



$$Bd \times h = \text{Volume} = \text{cm}^3, \text{dm}^3, \text{m}^3$$

$$Bd = \text{Mass/Volume} = \text{g/cm}^3 = \text{kg/dm}^3 = \text{ton/m}^3$$

$$\text{Exemple} = Bd = 1.31 \text{ ton/m}^3$$

Diameter = d

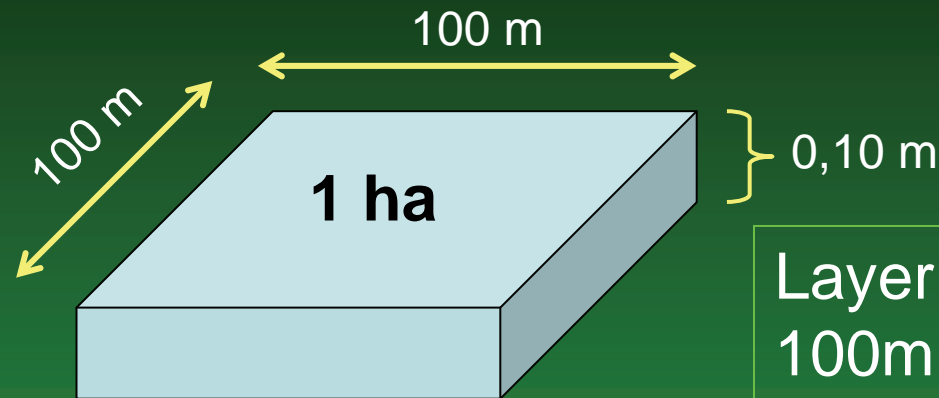
Height = h

Indisturbed  
Sample

A diagram of a cylindrical soil sample is overlaid on a photograph of soil. The cylinder is shaded gray and has a black outline. A red double-headed arrow at the top indicates the diameter, labeled 'Diameter = d'. A red double-headed arrow on the left side indicates the height, labeled 'Height = h'. The text 'Indisturbed Sample' is centered inside the cylinder.

# SOC stock calculations (ton/ha)

$$\text{SOC stock (ton/ha)} = \underset{\text{Soil test}}{C \text{ (g/kg)}} \times \underset{\text{Measured}}{Bd \text{ (ton/m}^3\text{)}} \times \underset{\text{Calculated}}{\text{Volume (m}^3\text{)}}$$



$$\text{Layer volume} = 100\text{m} \times 100\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m} = 1000 \text{ m}^3$$

$$Bd = 1.31 \text{ ton/m}^3$$

$$\text{Soil mass}_{\text{(Layer 0.1m)}} = 1.31 \text{ ton/m}^3 \times 1000 = 1310 \text{ ton}$$

$$C = 2.8 \% = 28 \text{ g/kg} = 28 \text{ kg/ton de solo (Soil test)}$$

## C amount in the Soil mass

$$28 \text{ kg of C} \longrightarrow 1.0 \text{ ton of soil in 0.1m deep}$$

$$X \longrightarrow 1310 \text{ ton/ha in 0.1m}$$

$$X = 36680 \text{ kg/ha de C}$$

or

$$X = 36.68 \text{ ton/ha}$$



$$dC/dt = -K_2C + K_1A$$

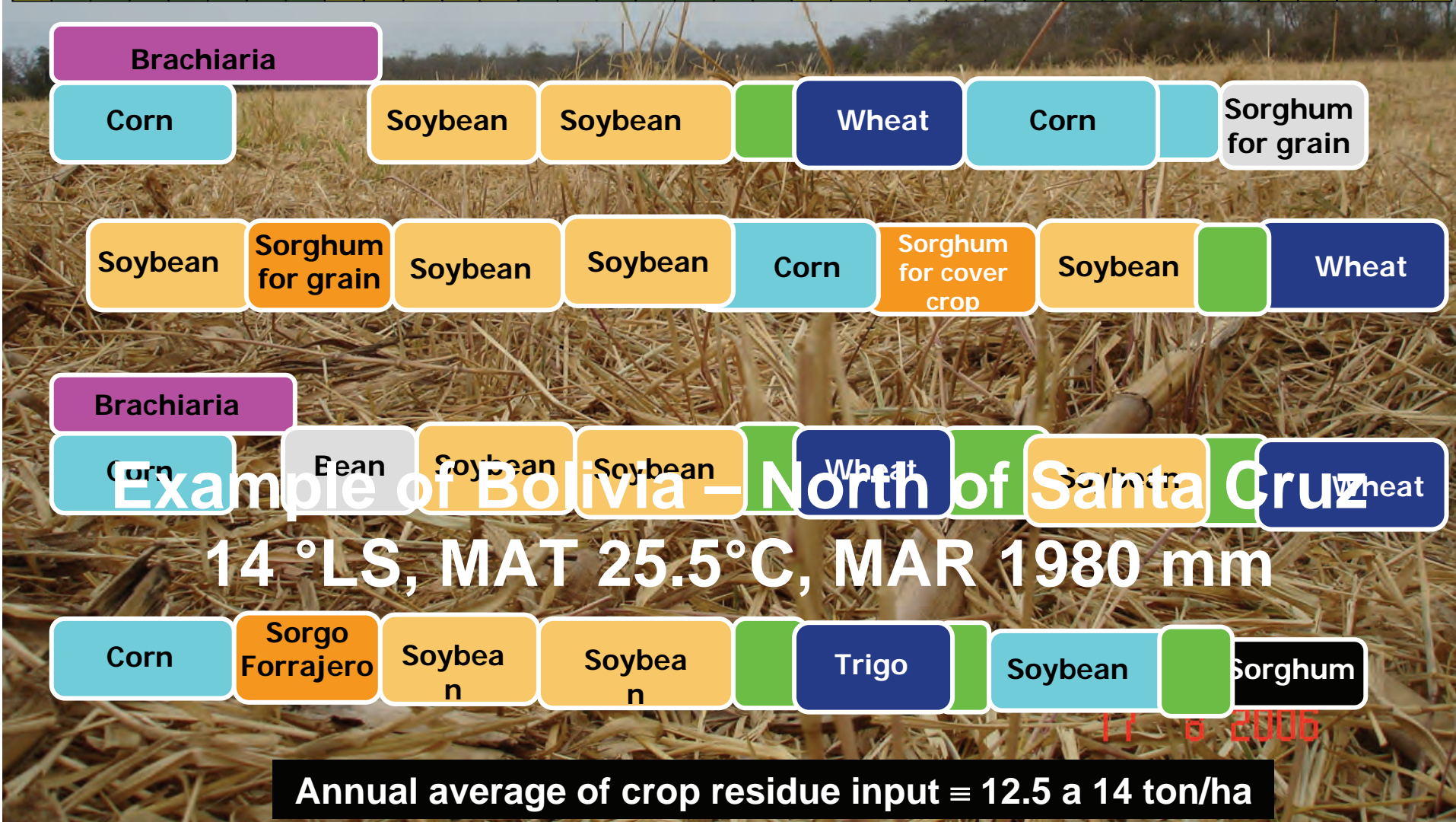
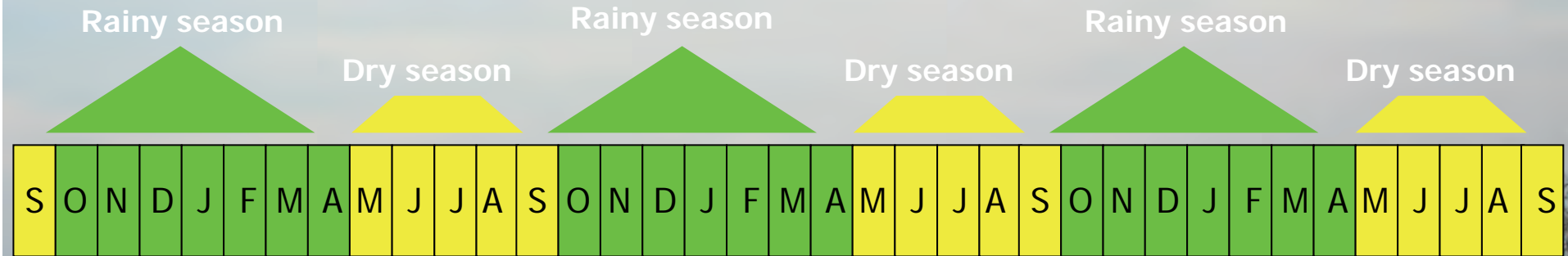
Does it work?

## SOM content in soils under forest compared to crop land (> 1800 mm yr<sup>-1</sup>)

Depth	Forest'	Crop Land	SOM Loss in the crop land
(cm)	-- % SOM ---		----- % -----
0 - 5	5.33	2.80	47.42
0 - 20	3.19	2.28	28.63
% of SOM in the 0 – 5 cm	40.1	18.7	

§ Avg = 20 samples





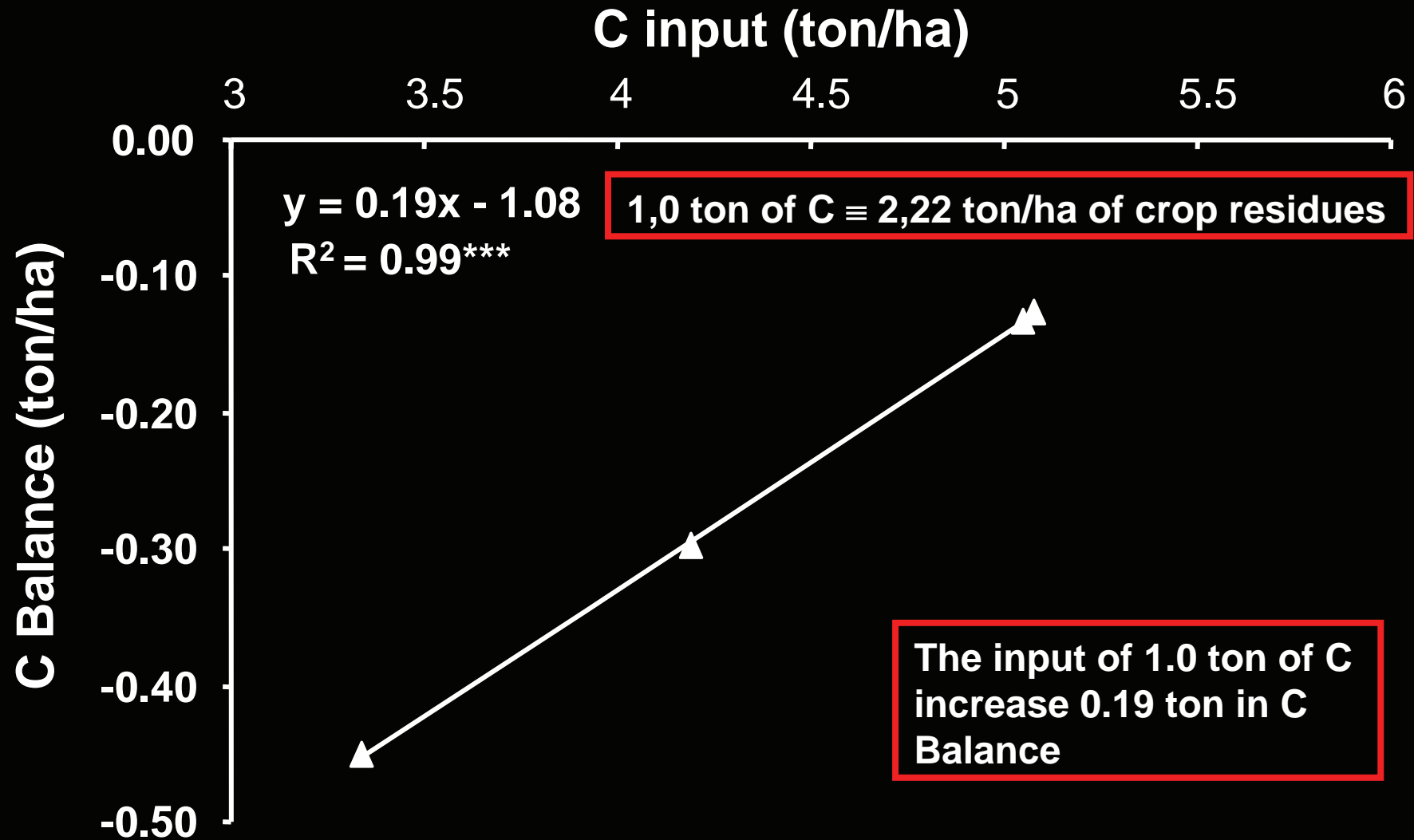
# Example of Bolivia – North of Santa Cruz

14 °LS, MAT 25.5°C, MAR 1980 mm

Annual average of crop residue input = 12.5 a 14 ton/ha

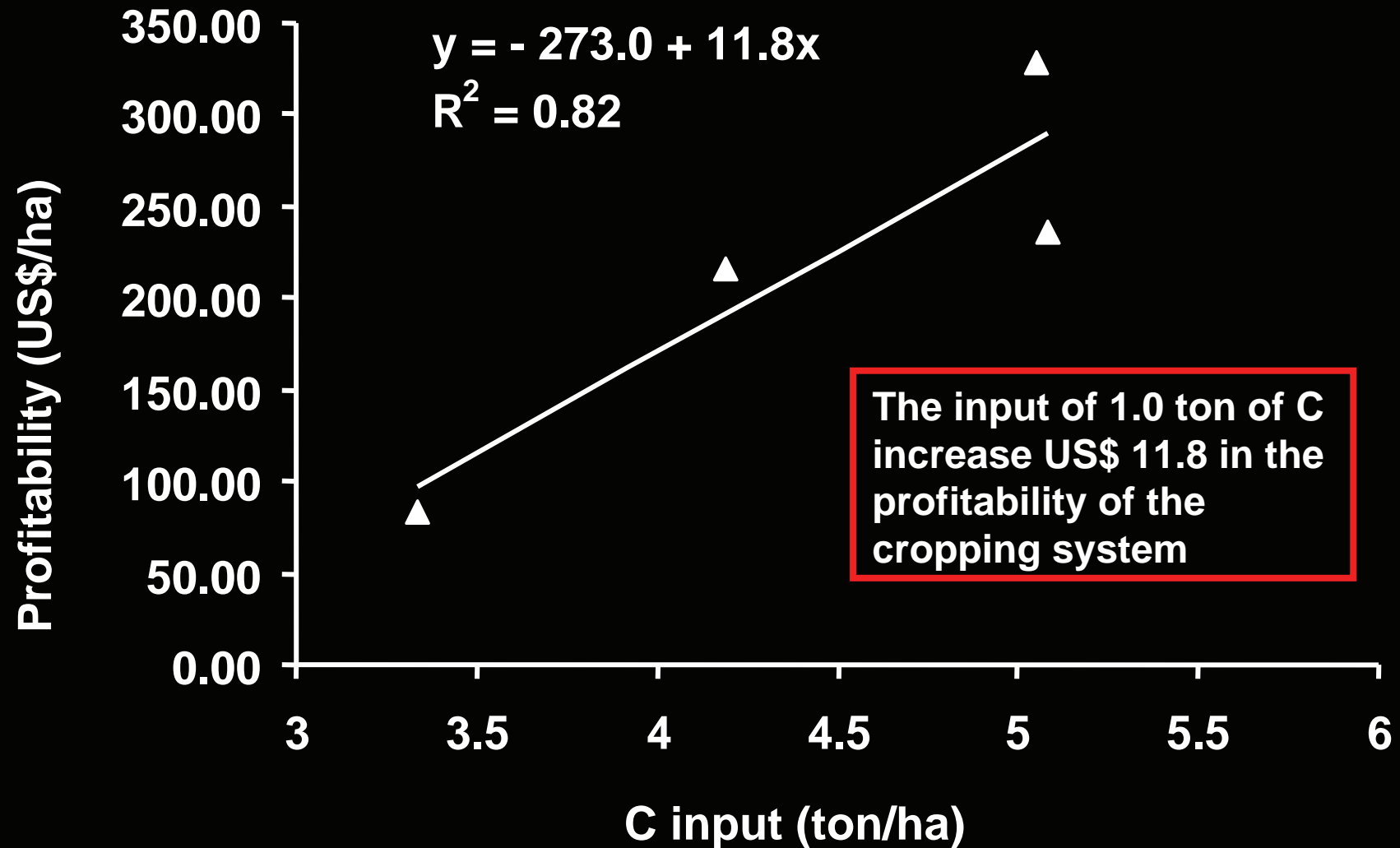
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# C Balance x Annual C input (Farm assessment)

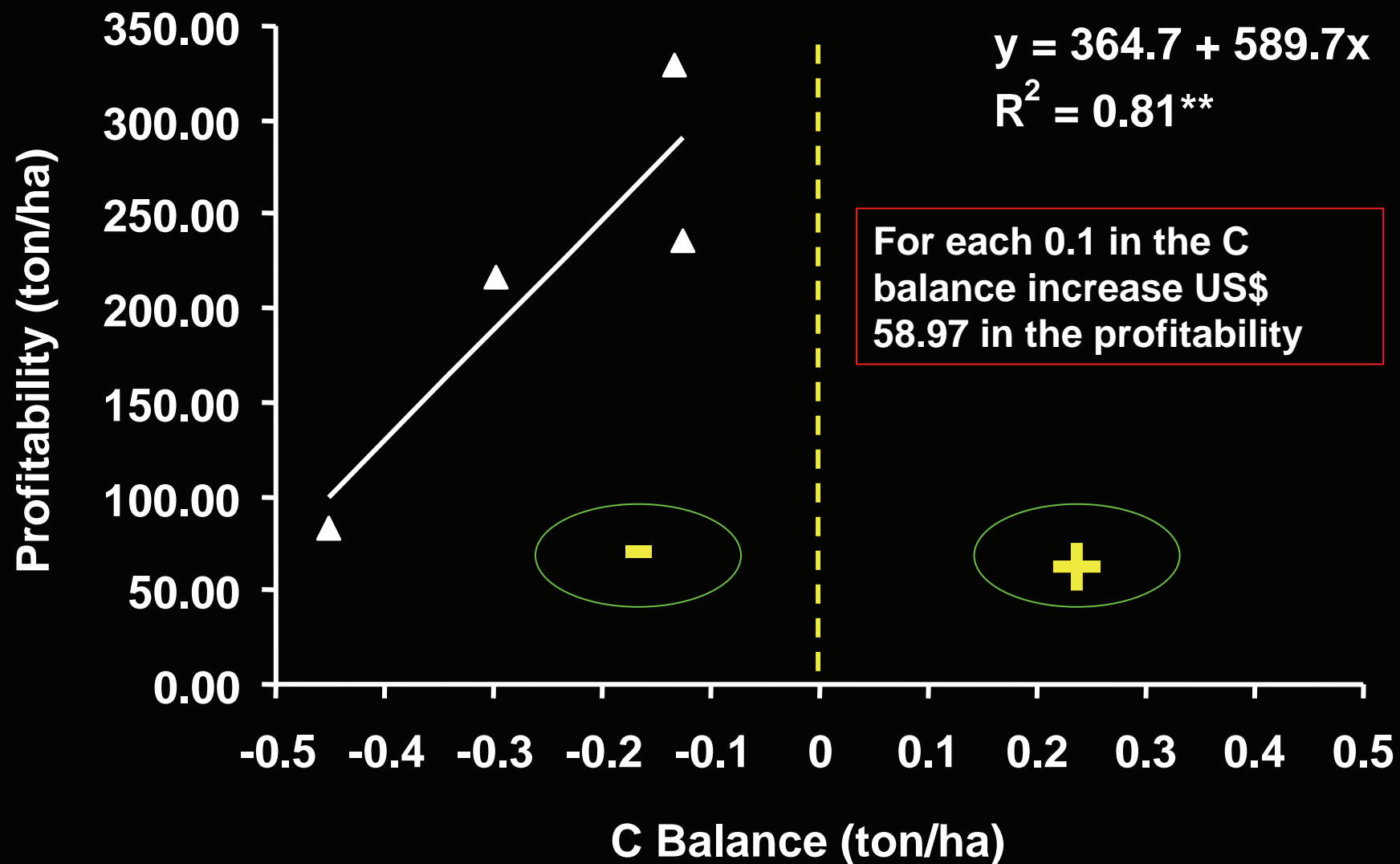




# Farm profitability x C input



# Profitability in the farm sites x C balance

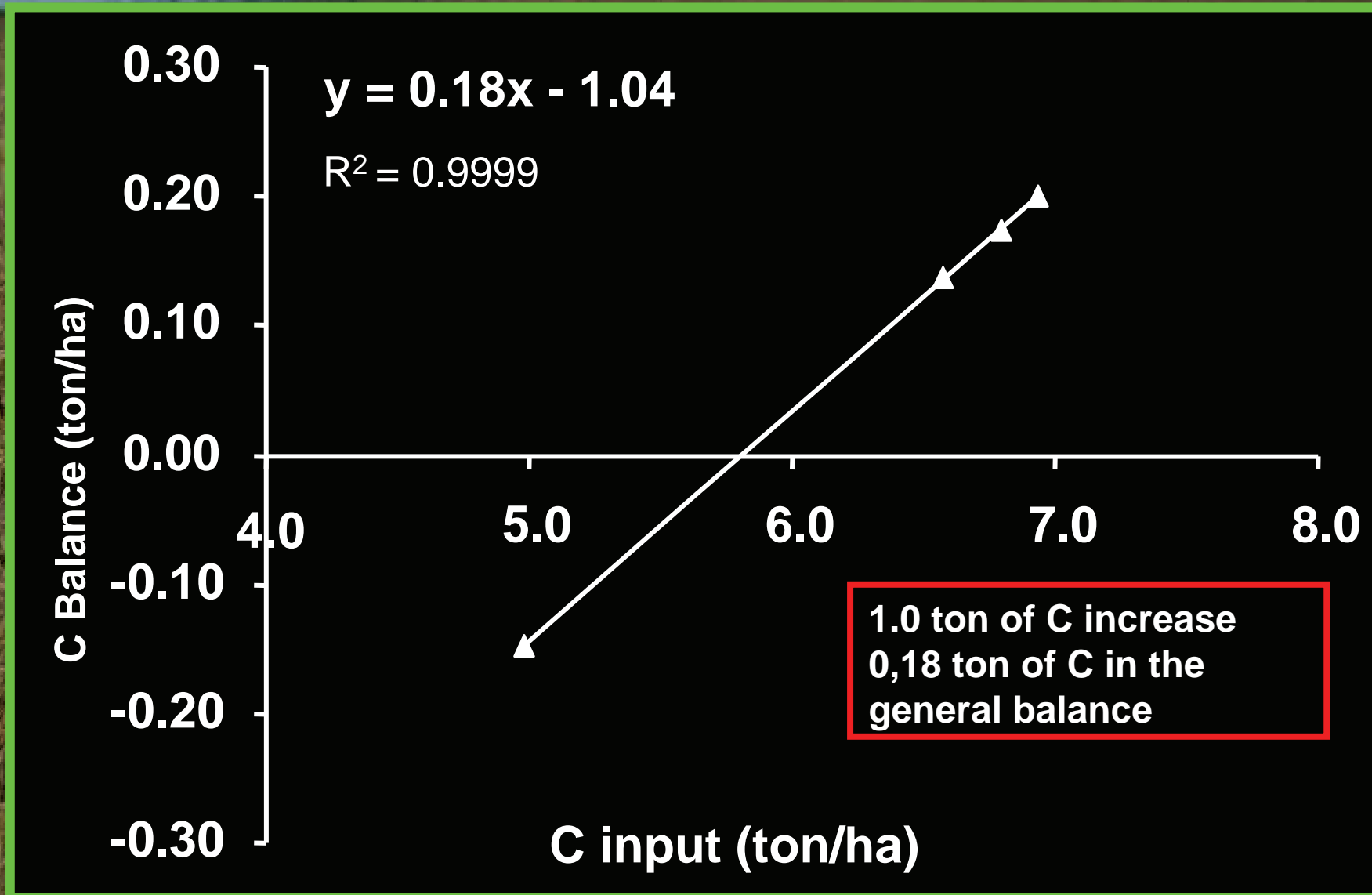




## Crop residue input, C input, C balance and Profitability by intensity cropping system under no-tillage

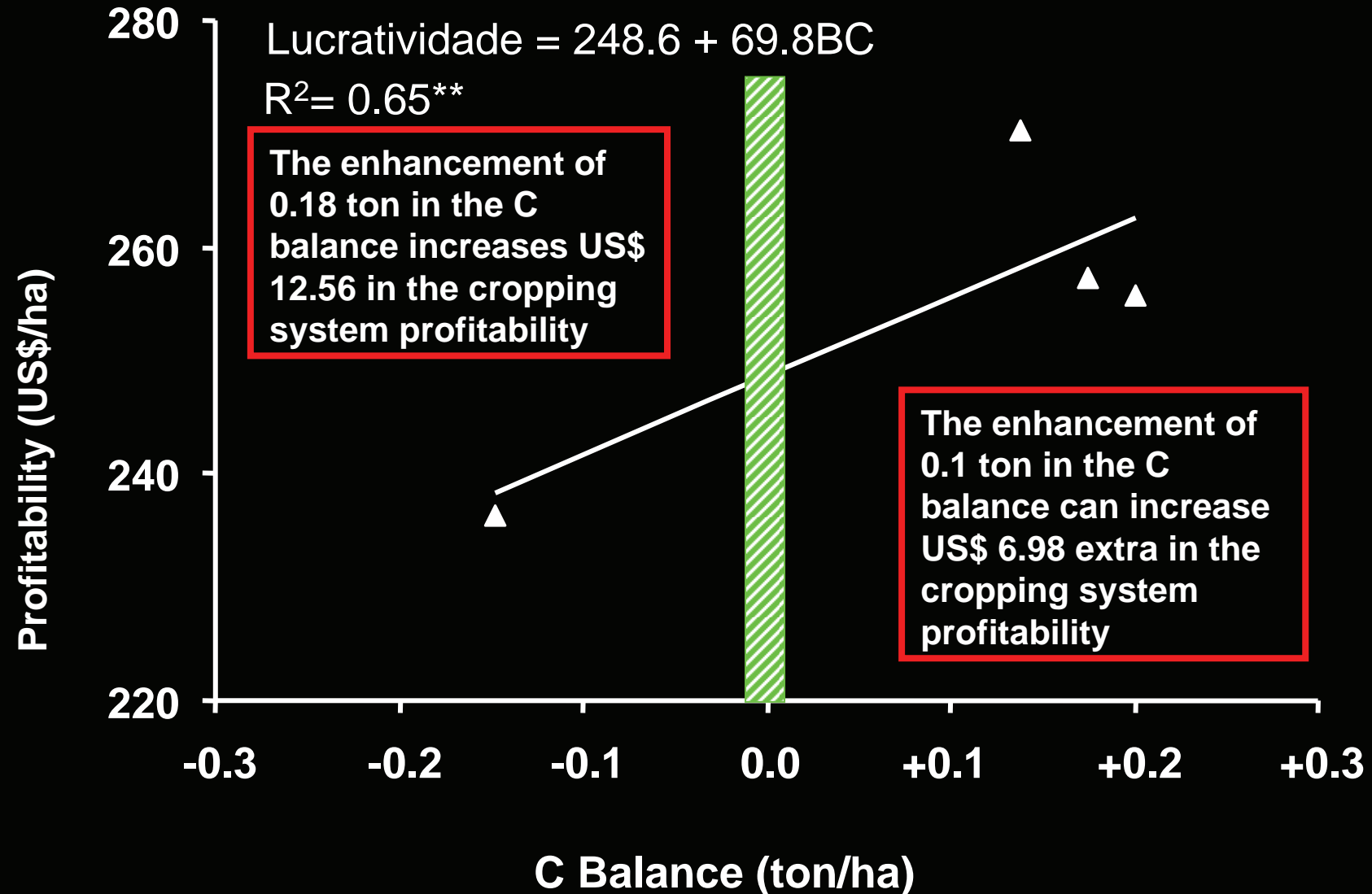
Component	Farms				
	AGP	HDS	5 EST	EL TJ	$\bar{X}$
Crop residue input	14.61	15.10	15.41	11.07	14.05
C input	6.57	6.80	6.93	4.98	6.32
C Balance	+ 0.138	+ 0.174	+ 0.200	- 0.148	+ 0.066
Profitability	270.4	257.3	255.8	236.4	255.0

# Balanço de C nos sistemas de rotação de culturas em função da adição anual de C - GPN

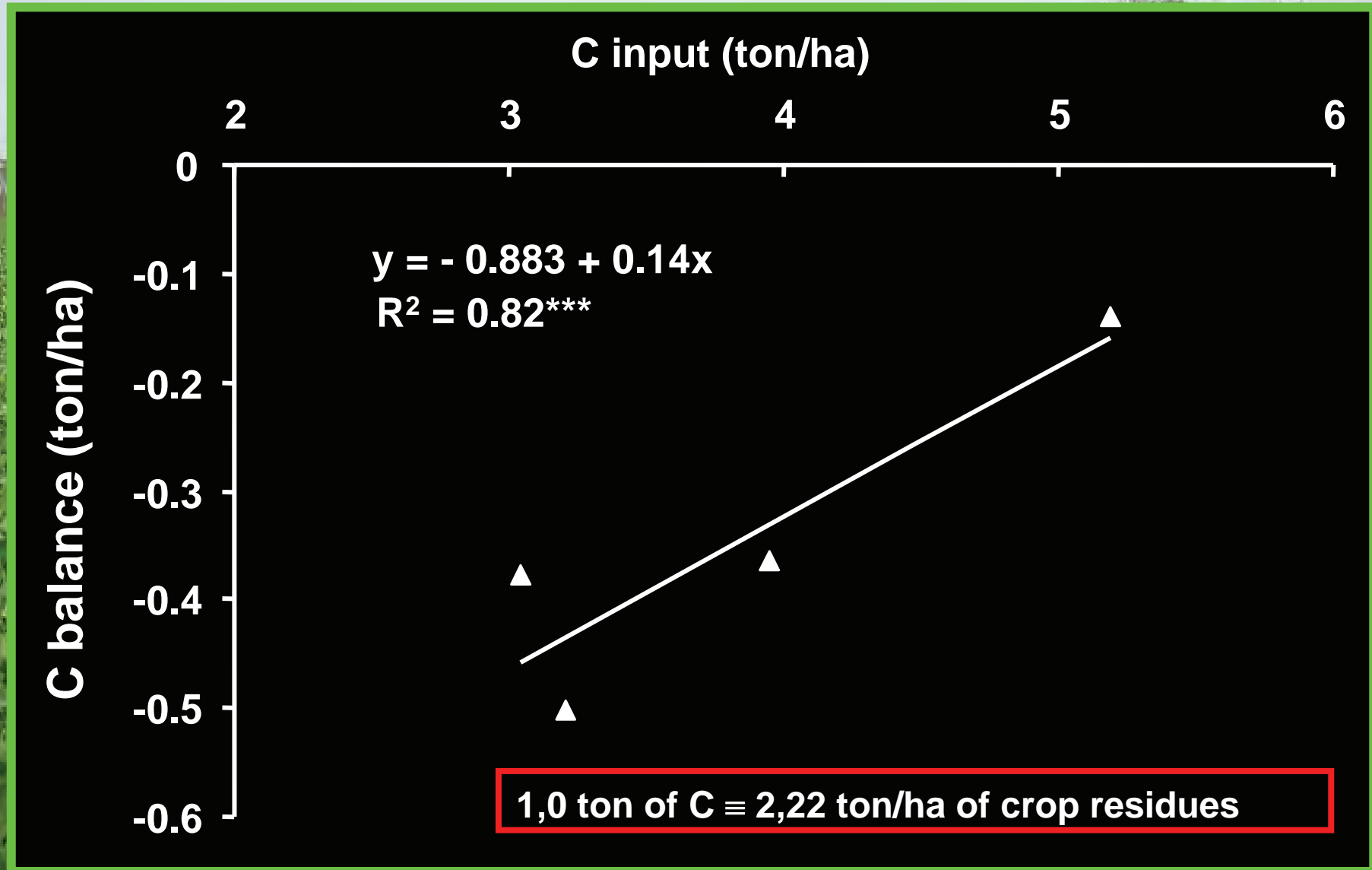




# Profitability of the cropping systems with high biomass input

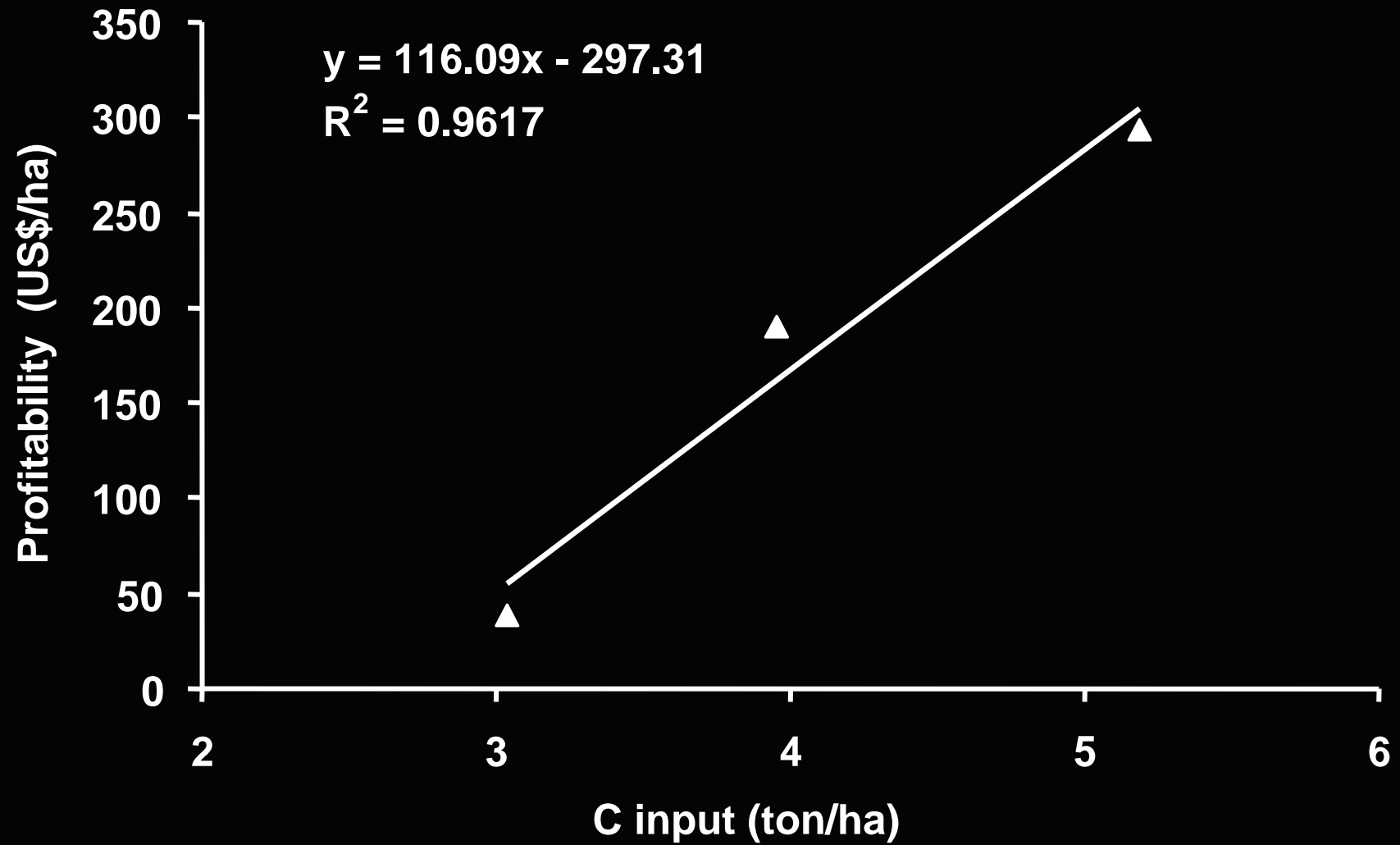


# C balance x C input



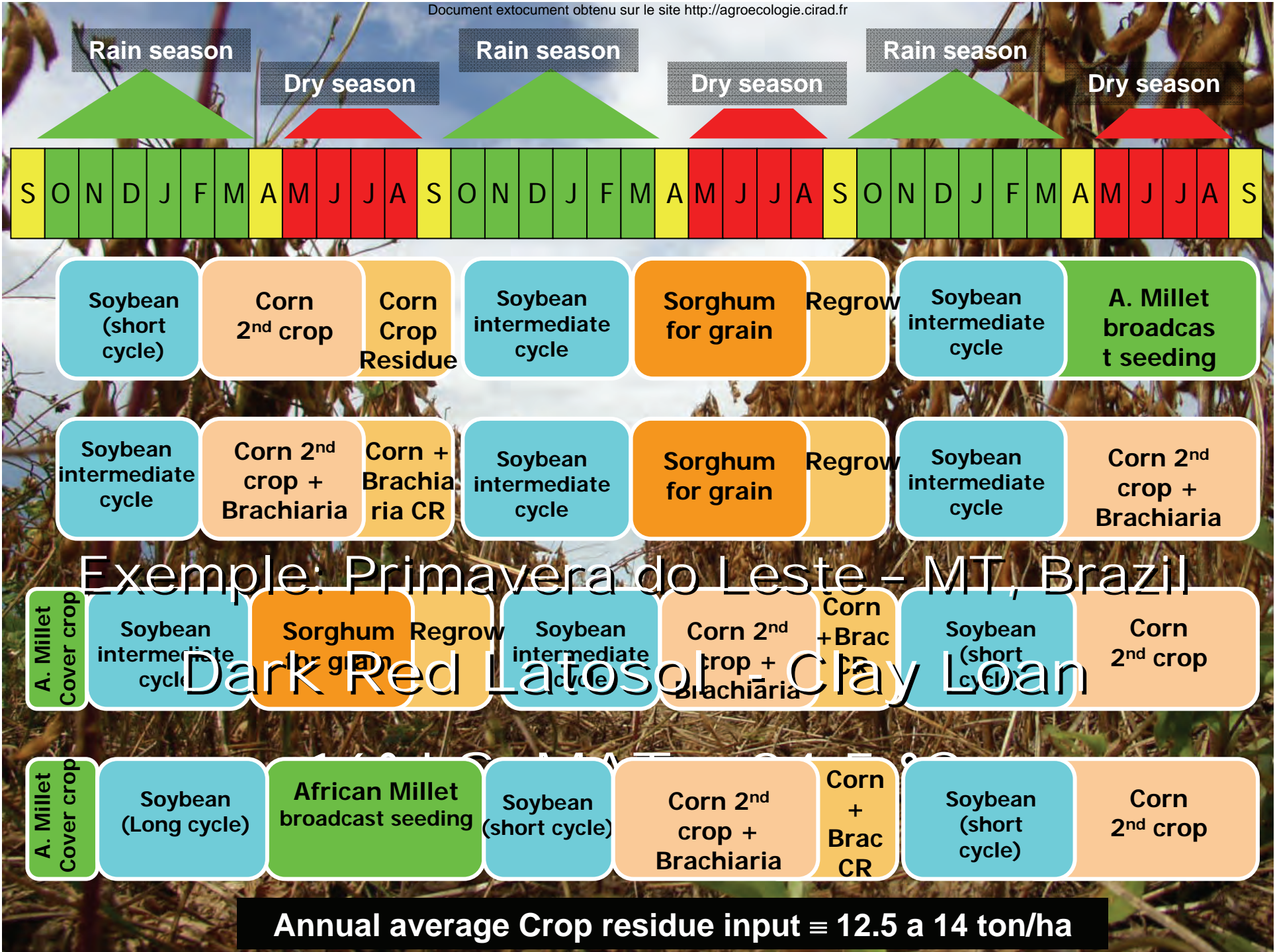


# Profitability x C input

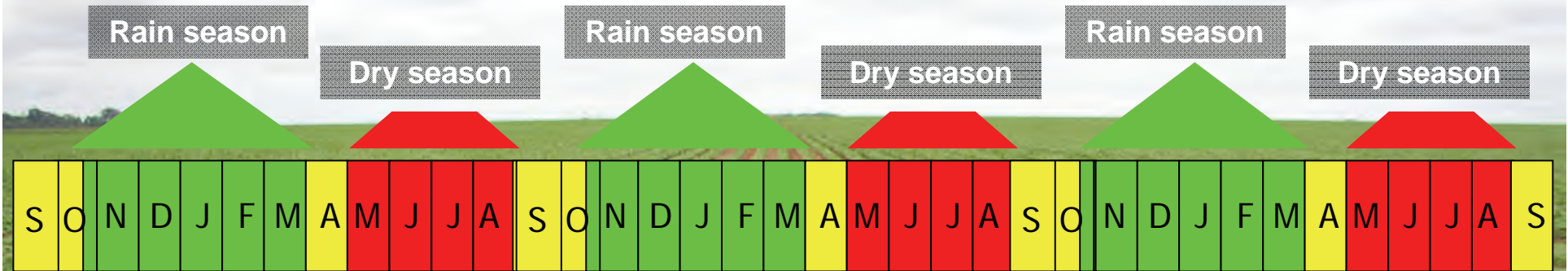


## Crop Residue input, C input, C Balance and economic return by *intensive* cropping systems (Sta. Cruz, Bolivia)

Components	Propriedades				
	Cnt	Estr	Tjbo	SJT	$\bar{X}$
Crop Residue input	13.35	13.75	11.5	11.45	12.51
C input	6.04	6.19	6.52	5.15	5.96
C balance	- 0.010	+ 0.061	+ 0.11	- 0.055	+ 0.026
Profitability	257	307	293	222	262







14° **LS MAT** 25.3°C, MAR 1580 mm

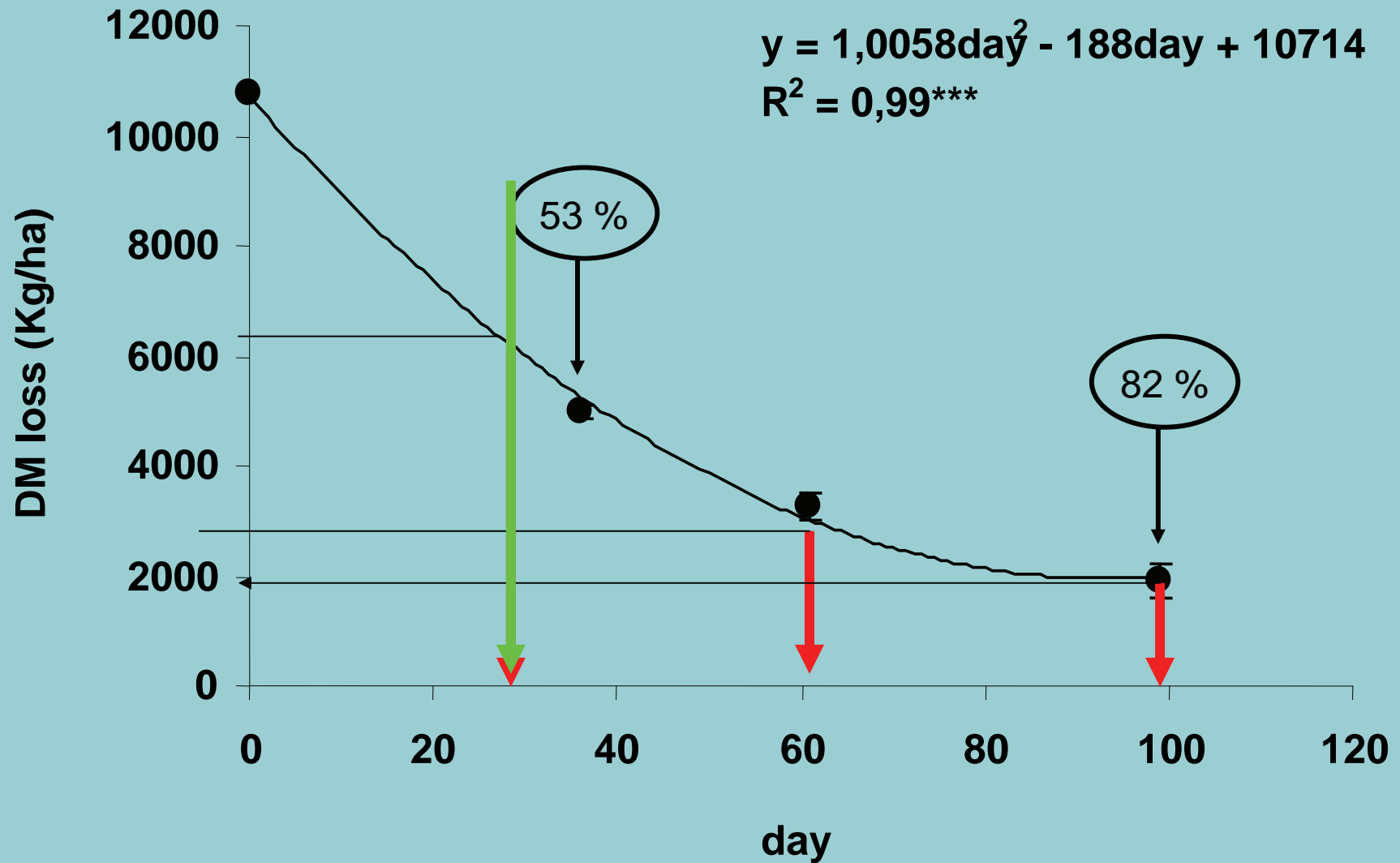
Neosols (Sandy < 15 % of Clay) and Red Latosols (18 to 25% of clay)

Area = 2000 ha (1000 ha of cotton and 300 ha of Corn and 700 ha Soybean)

Annual average of Crop Residues input = 12.0 ton/ha

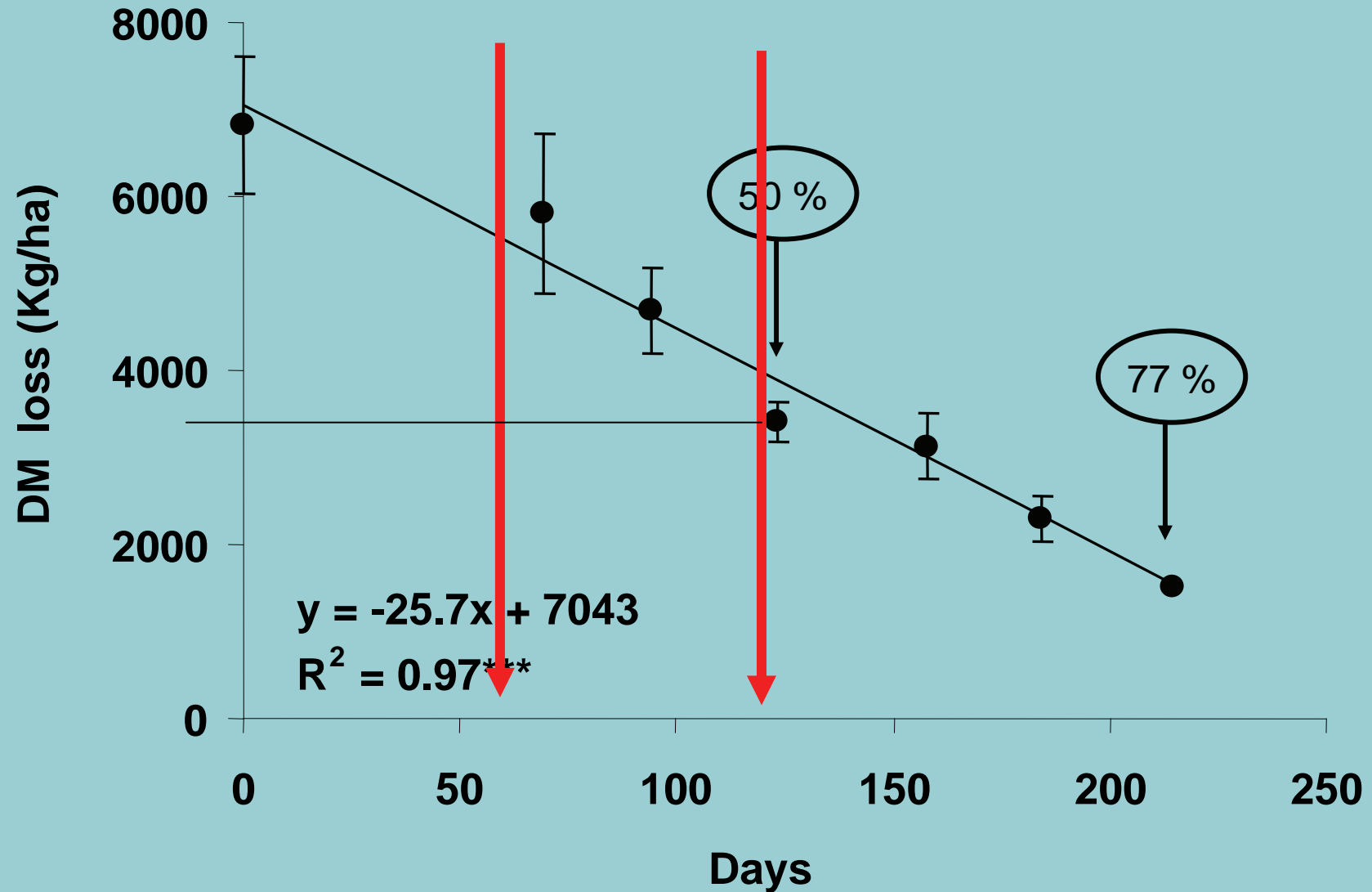
# Decomposition rate

TAJIBO - Plot A (*Brachairia decumbens*)

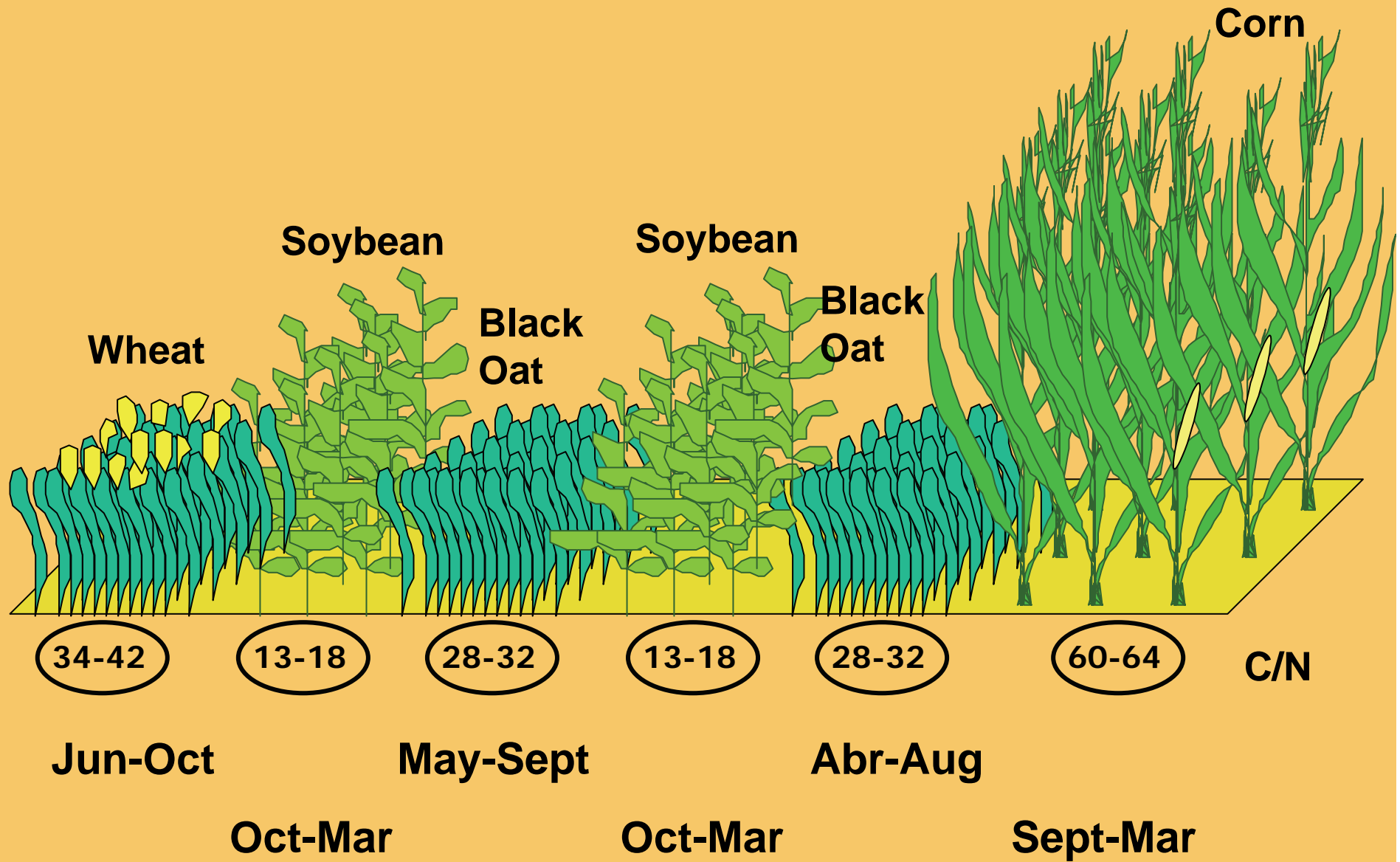


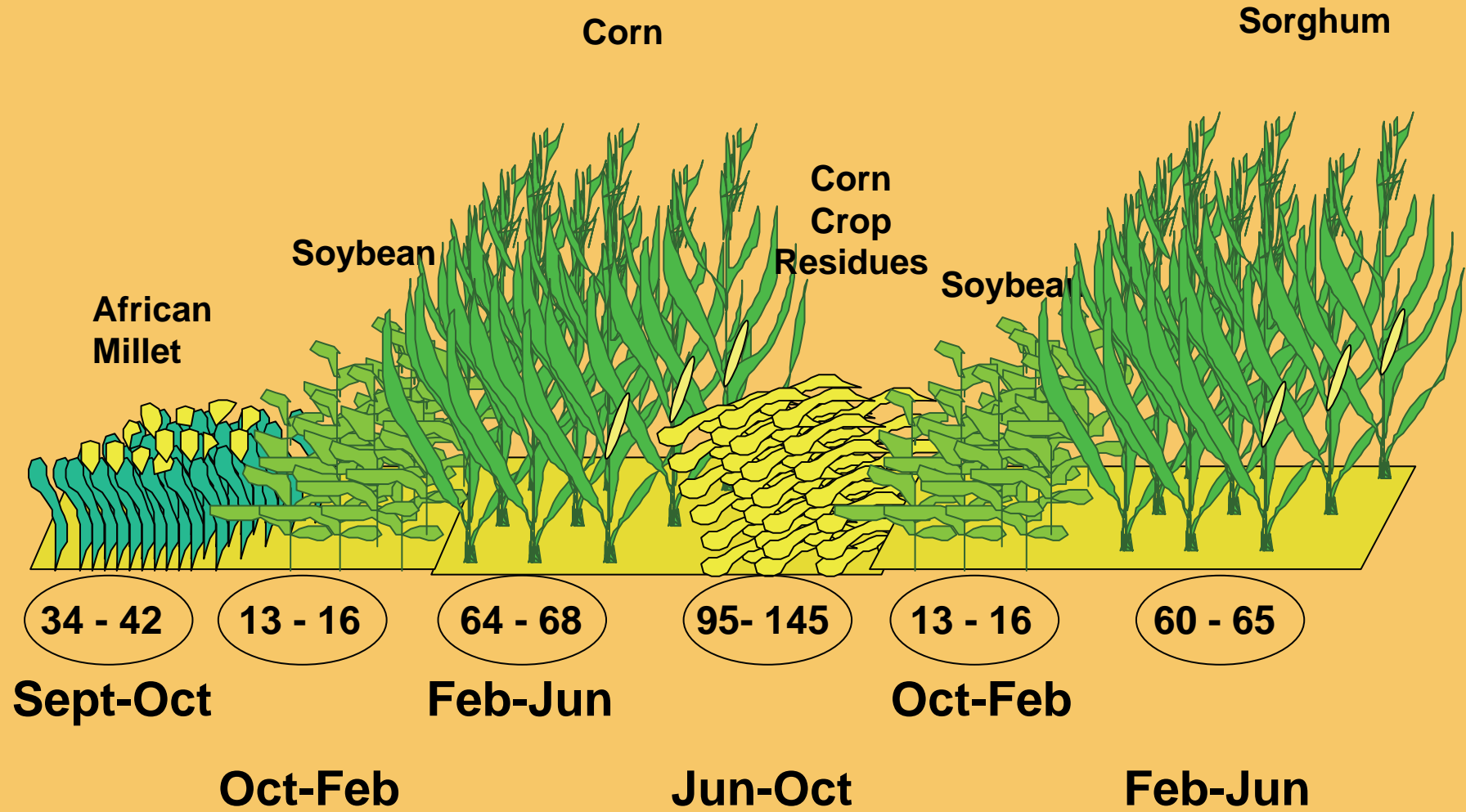
# Decomposition rate

TACUARÍ Fram - Plot 37 (Sorghum DK-73)

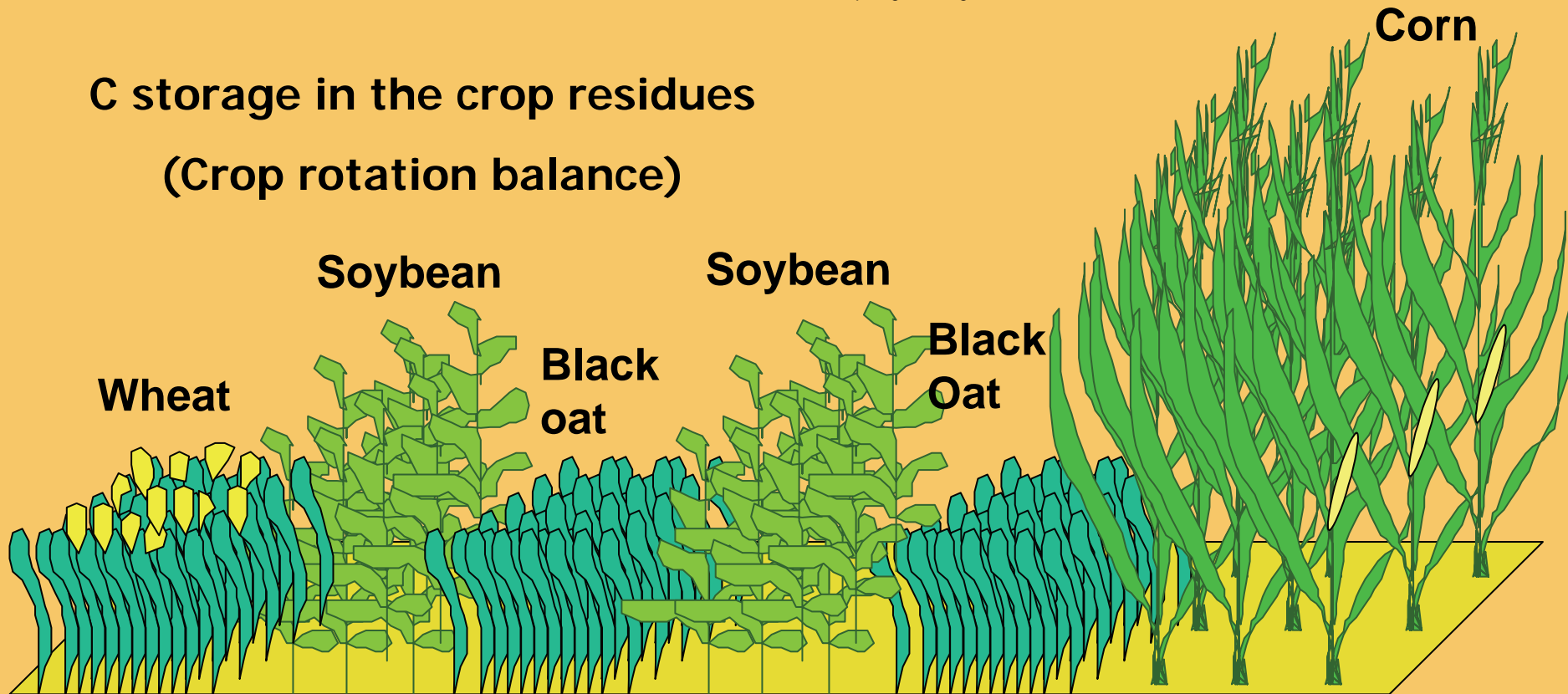








# C storage in the crop residues (Crop rotation balance)



Crop residues input: Above + Belowground (ton ha <sup>-1</sup> )					
+ 3.4	+ 3.5	+ 4.35	+ 3.5	+ 4.35	+ 11.2
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
(C of CR to SOC ton ha <sup>-1</sup> )					
+ 0.41	+ 0.42	+ 0.52	+ 0.42	+ 0.52	+ 1.33

**General Balance = + 3.6 ton C ha<sup>-1</sup> ≈ 1.20 ton ha<sup>-1</sup> ano<sup>-1</sup>**



Minimum amount of N<sub>2</sub>O (Pesticides etc.) added to maintain the C balance in NT

7.2 a 8.5 ton/ha/year



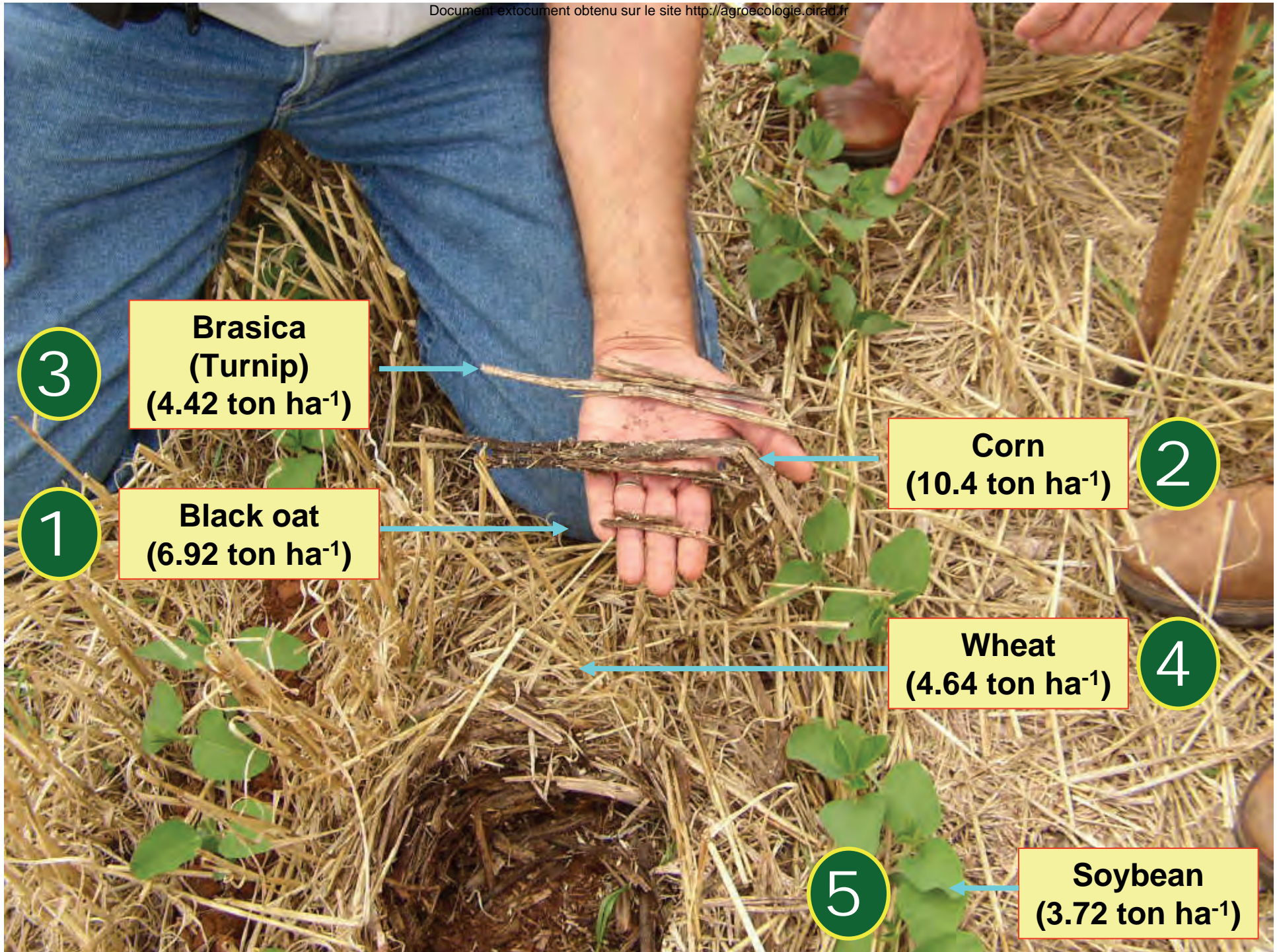
Crop Sequence	----- Mg ha <sup>-1</sup> -----					
(DM) W/S	+ 3.40	+ 3.50	+ 4.35	+ 3,50	+ 4,35	+ 11,20
(DM) Annual		+ 6.90		+ 7,85		+ 15,55
C Addition		+ 3.10		+ 3,53		+ 6,99
K <sub>1</sub> *A		+ 0.82		+ 0,93		+ 1,85
C stock		58.65		59,58		61,43
K <sub>2</sub> *C		- 0.53		- 0,48		- 0,43
dC/dt		+ 0.29		+ 0,45		+ 1,42
<b>Δ C stock</b>	<b>+ 0.29 + 0.45 + 1.2 = 2.6 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup> /3 years = 0.72 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup></b>					

Minimum amount of crop residues to compensate the C oxidation ( $K_2 = 3$  years average) in the steady-state by the tillage sequence in a long term experiment (18 years)

SMS	$C \cdot K_2$	$dC/dt \neq 0$	Crop residue equivalent		
			$dC/dt = 0$	Annual addition (AA)	$\Delta$ (AA - $dC/dt=0$ )
----- Mg ha <sup>-1</sup> -----					
CT	1.67	- 0.20	13.84	12.38	- 1.46
MT	1.14	0.45	10.00	12.62	+ 2.62
CNT	0.99	0.70	9.00	12.99	+ 3.99
PNT	0.84	0.99	8.04	13.12	+ 5.08

(Source: Burkner & Sá, 2006)





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**Brasica  
(Turnip)**  
**(4.42 ton ha<sup>-1</sup>)**

1

**Black oat**  
**(6.92 ton ha<sup>-1</sup>)**

2

**Corn**  
**(10.4 ton ha<sup>-1</sup>)**

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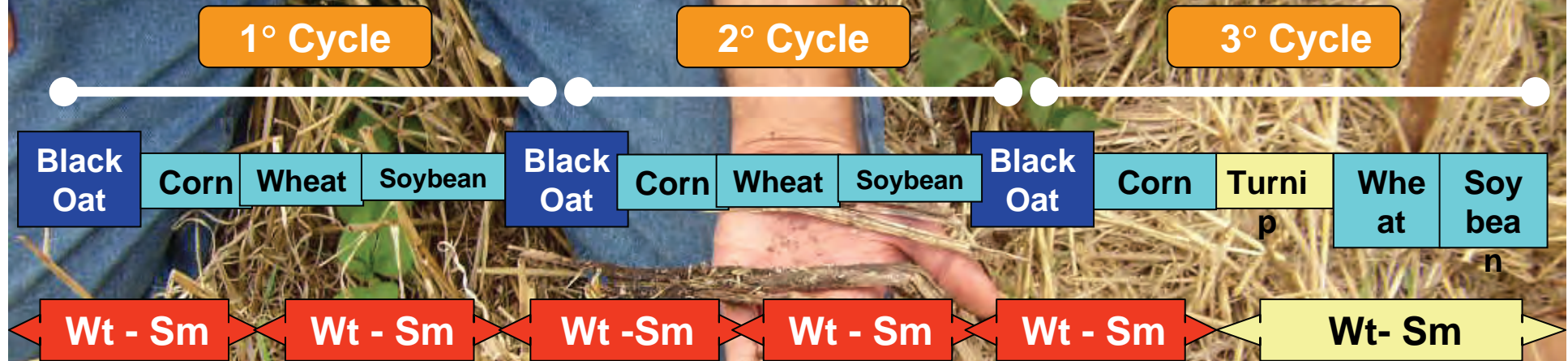
**Wheat**  
**(4.64 ton ha<sup>-1</sup>)**

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**Soybean**  
**(3.72 ton ha<sup>-1</sup>)**



# C balance in a intensive cropping system in Southern Brazil



**Annual C input (AVG) = 6.8 Mg C ha<sup>-1</sup>**



# SIMULAÇÃO DO BALANÇO ANUAL DE CARBONO (C) SOBRE 2 ROTAÇÕES EM PLANTIO DIRETO (PDSCV) NA ECOLOGIA DOS LATOSSOLOS DAS FLORESTAS ÚMIDAS DO MATO GROSSO - SINOP/MT - 1998/2002

1 - Sucessão anual contínua: Soja + (Sorgo + *Brachiaria ruziziensis*)



Adições (A)	mg ha <sup>-1</sup>		
	Adubação mineral		
	Nível baixo <sup>4</sup>	Nível médio <sup>4</sup>	Nível elevado <sup>4</sup>
Matéria Seca (MS) anual (t/ha)	14,5 - 19,2	20,2 - 25,6	22,2 - 28,9
Adição C (t/ha)	6,53 - 8,64	9,09 - 11,52	9,99 - 13,0
$K_1 \times A$ ( $K_1 = 0,265$ )	+ 1,73 - 2,29	+ 2,41 - 3,052	+ 2,64 - 3,445
Estoque C (t/ha)	27,5	27,5	27,5
$K_2 \times C^2$ ( $K_2 = 2\%$ )	- 0,55	- 0,55	- 0,55
dc/dt simulado	1,18 - 1,74	1,86 - 2,50	2,09 - 2,89
* dc/dt real medido sobre 3 anos mesma sucessão	-	2,73	-
dc/dt <sup>3</sup> =0 Quantidade mínima de resíduos para manter um equilíbrio estável (t/ha)	<b>12 a 14</b>	<b>13 a 15</b>	<b>14 a 17</b>

1 -  $K_1 = 0,265$  (Sá et al., 2001)

2 -  $K_2 = 2\%$  (adaptado de Van Veen et Paul, 1981 et Bayer, 1996) - Solo sempre coberto

3 - Adição de C - dc/dt; transformação de C em M. S.  $\rightarrow C \times \frac{100}{45}$

4 - Nível de adubação mineral

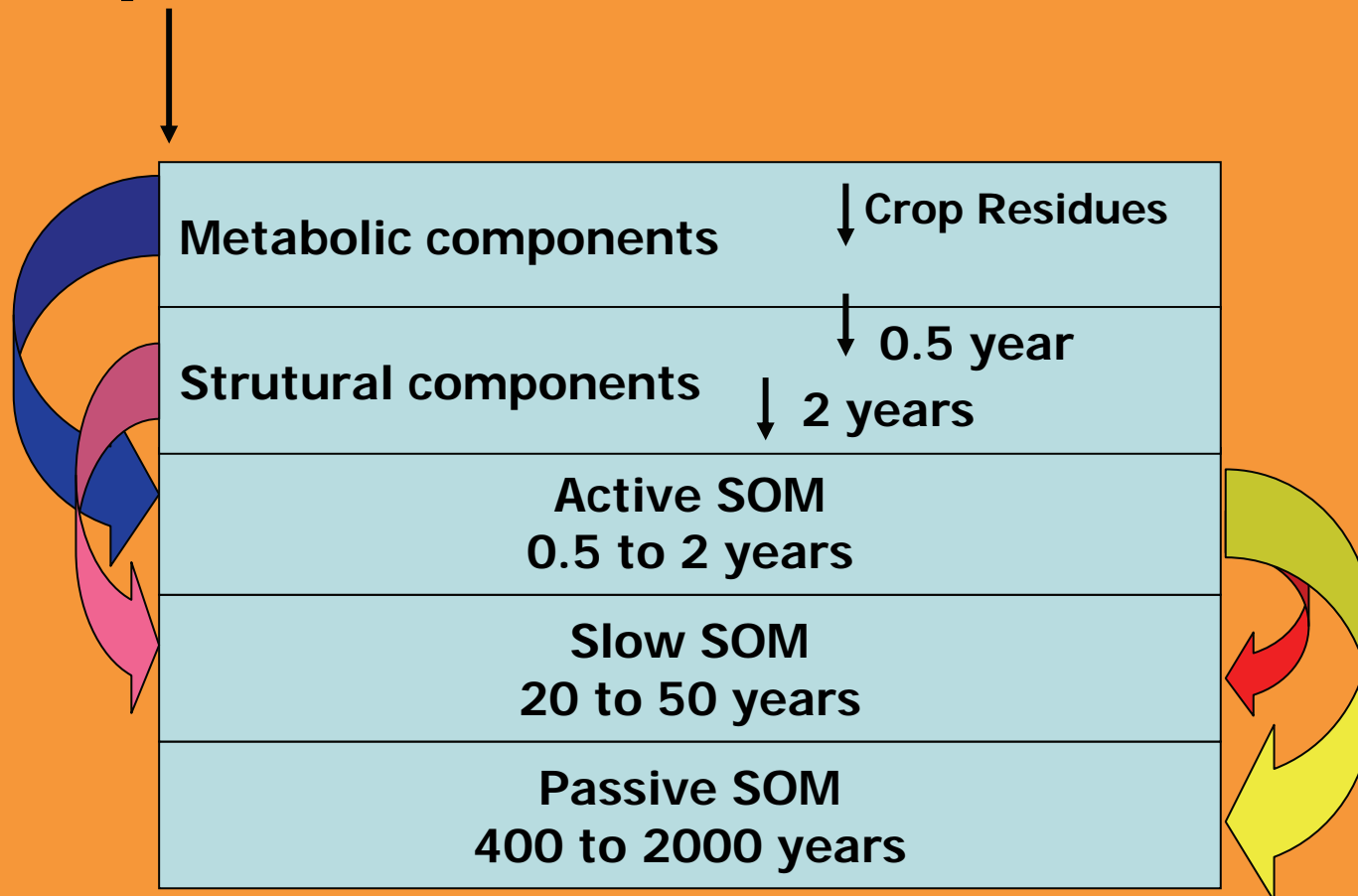
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Fonte: L. Séguy, S. Bouzinac, CIRAD-CA/UR1, A. C. Maronezzi, AGRONORTE, J. C. Moraes de Sá, UEPG - Goiânia-GO, Brasil, 2006

# Carbon flow in the organic matter pool's

## Crop Residues

## Multi-compartment Model Jenkinson and Rayners, 1977





# Multi-Compartments Model's

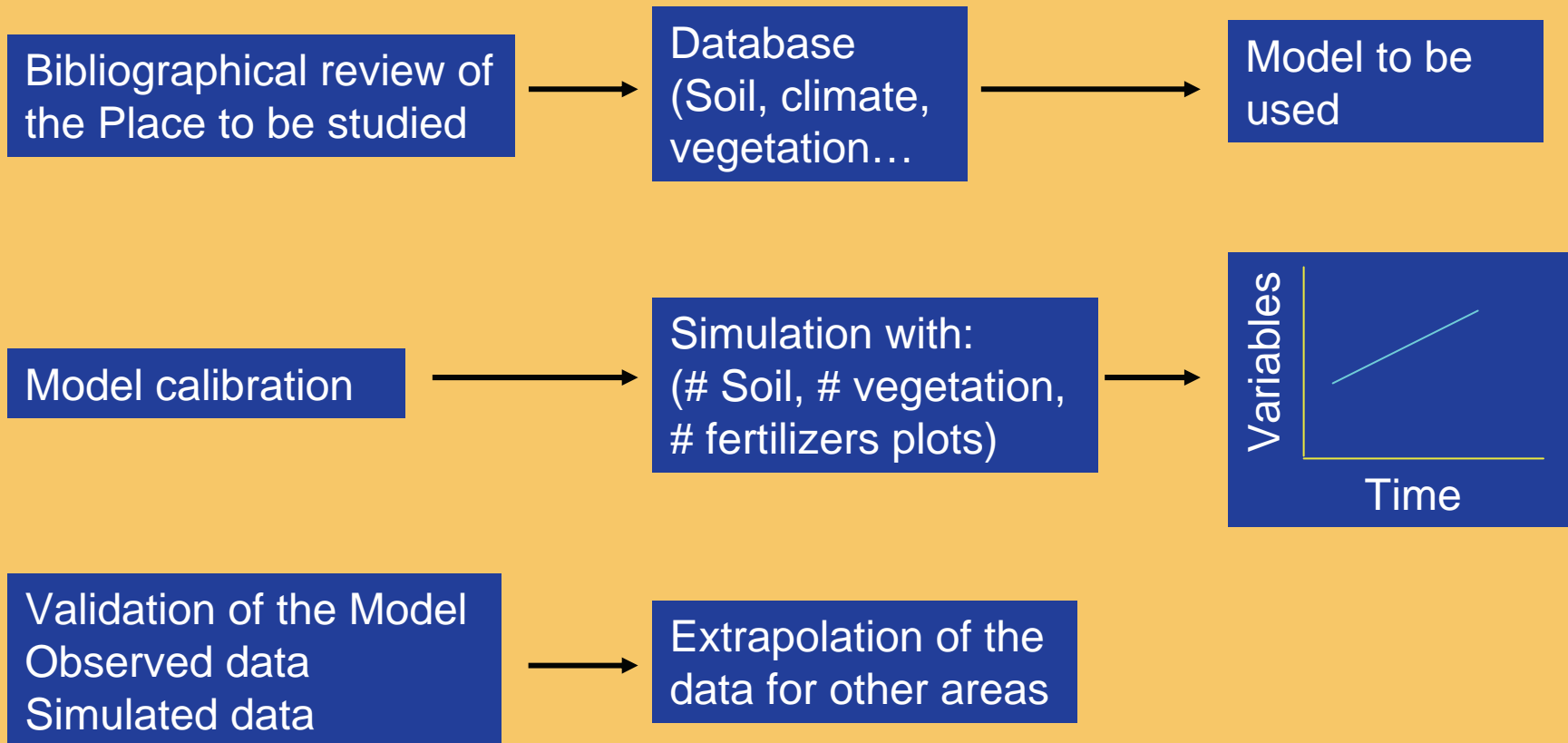
## Nutrient cycling (C, N, P e S) and Green House Gases

<b>CENTURY</b>	( Parton et. al., 1987)
<b>TEM</b>	(Raich et al. 1991)
<b>DNDC</b>	(Li et al., 1992)
<b>CASA</b>	(Potter et al., 1993)
<b>Roth C</b>	(Polwson et al., 1996)

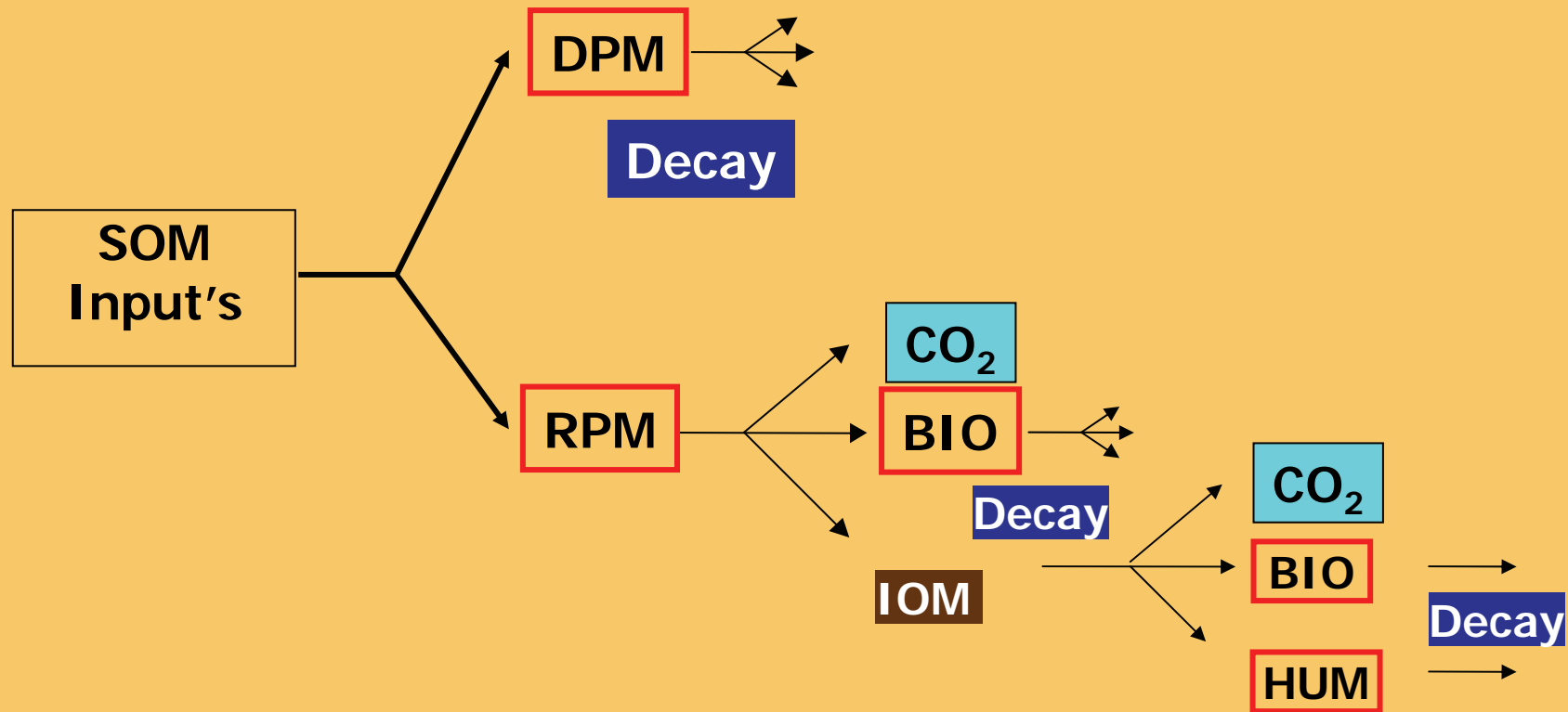
# CENTURY SOM Model

Developed for temperate climate and adjusted for tropical climate

## Procedure to use the Mathematical Modelling



# Diagram of the Roth C Model



**DPM:** Decomposable plant material

**RPM:** Resistant plant material

**BIO:** Microbial biomass

**HUM:** Humified organic material

**IOM:** Inert organic matter