

# Aggregating fluxes and surface characteristics of heterogeneous surfaces

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# Background

- Upscaling from point (field scale) to grid (landscape scale).
- Need for effective surface parameters in weather forecasting, climate modelling, and air pollution modelling.
- Relevant surface boundary conditions from satellite images are now available.

# Objective

Calculate the effective roughness lengths for momentum and temperature in heterogenous terrain

# Goal

Improve estimation of momentum and surface sensible heat fluxes in heterogeneous terrain

# Motivation....for heat flux calculation

We are upscaling from point (field scale) to grid (landscape scale) because there is a need for

effective surface roughness parameters in:

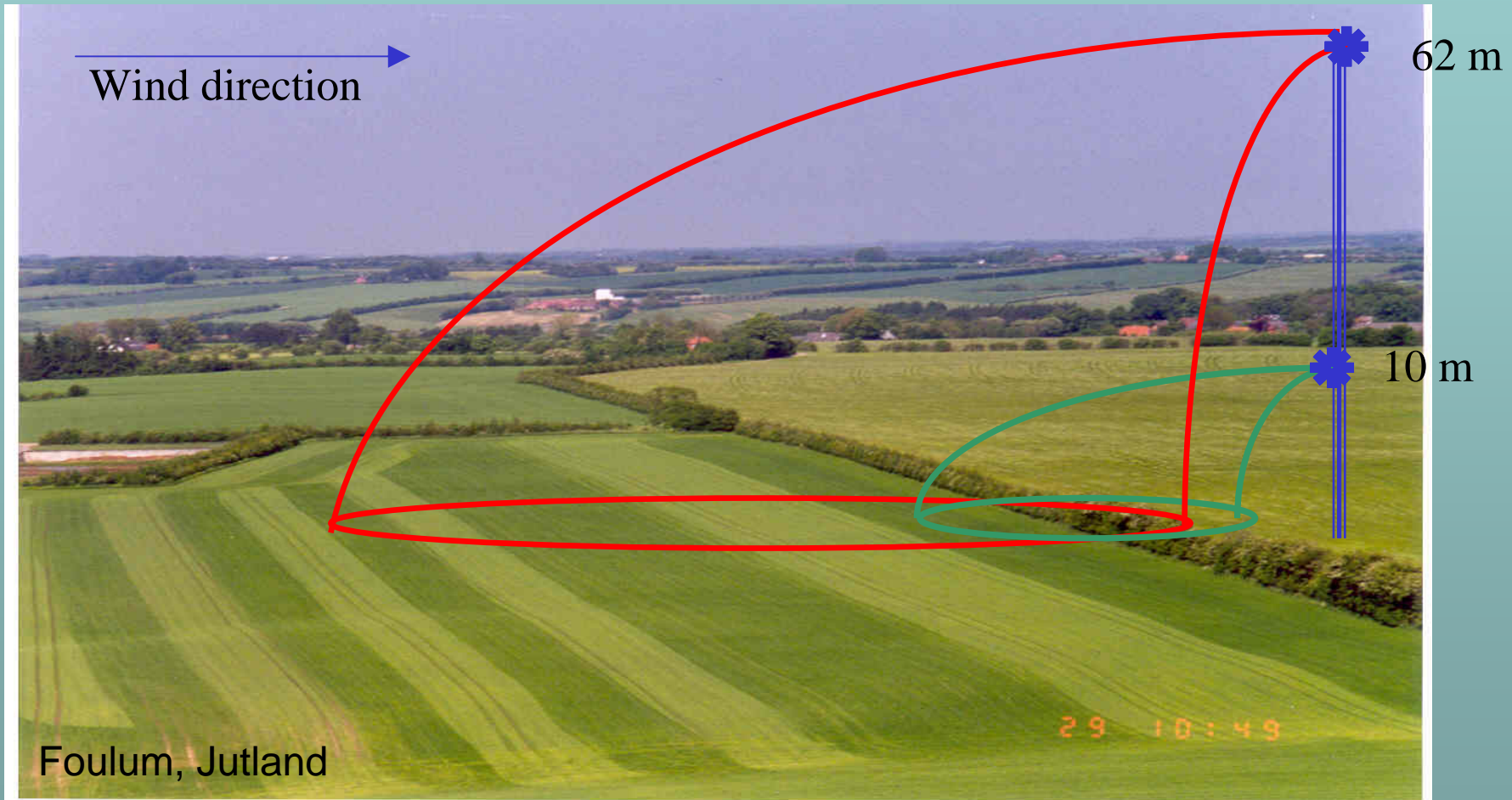
weather forecasting,

climate modelling,

crop water modelling,

air pollution modelling.

# Surface fluxes in heterogeneous terrain



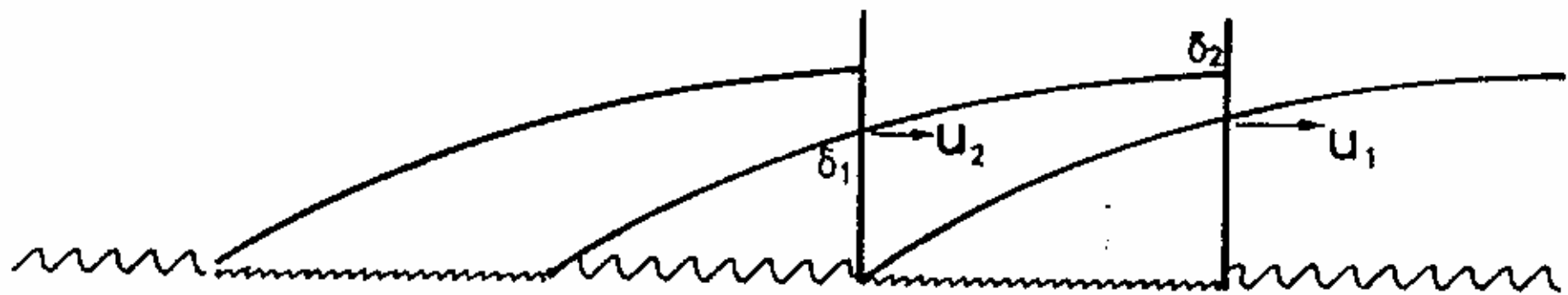
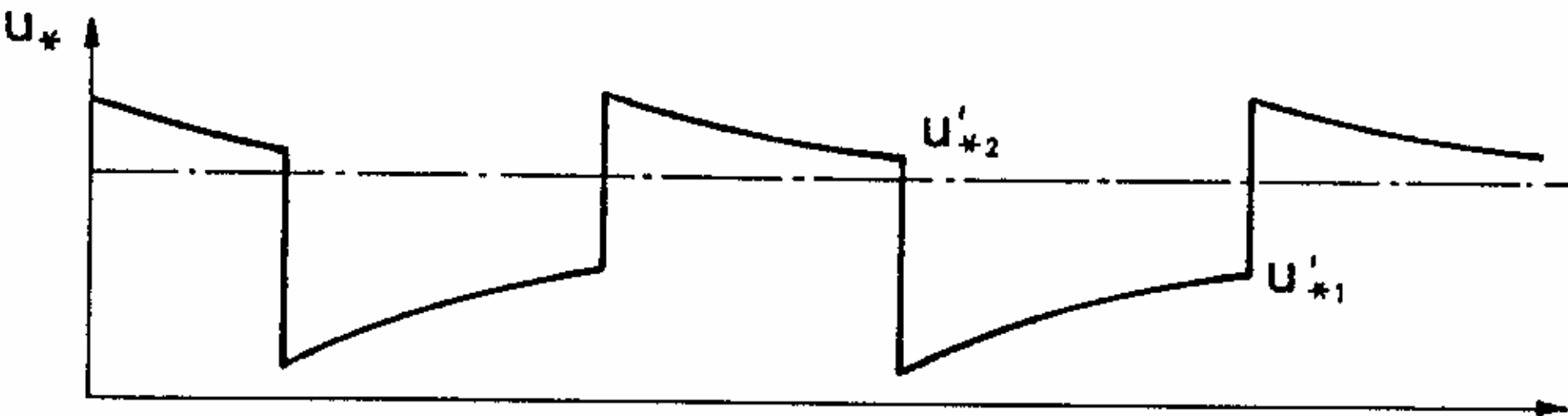
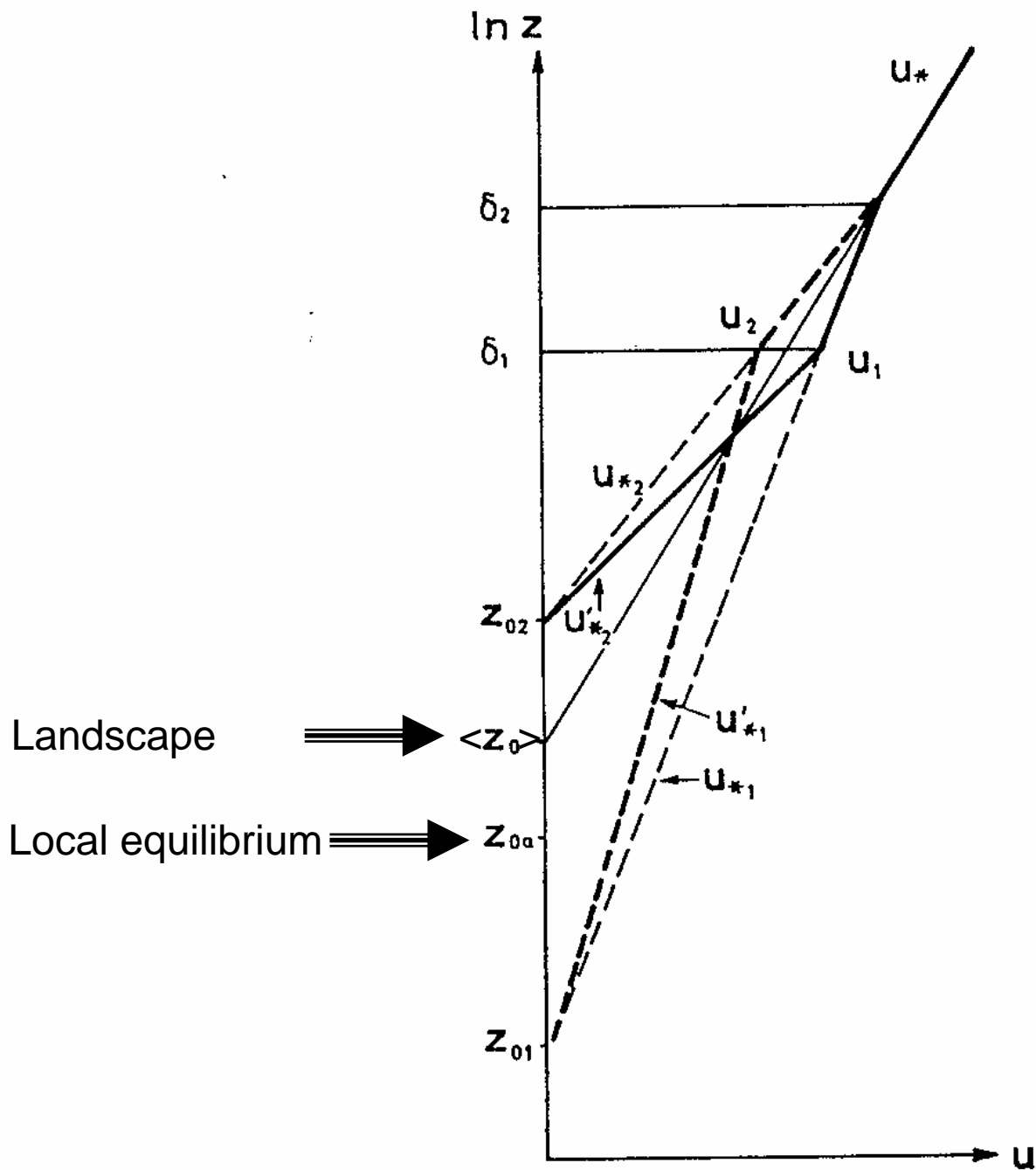


Figure 3:



The heterogenieties are  
variations in surface boundary conditions

Roughness ( $z_0$ )

Surface temperature ( $T_s$ )

Leaf area index (LAI)

Surface humidity

The spatial scale is important



# How to model the non-linear effects?

Use a two-dimensional atmospheric model in the horizontal domain

Describe the non-linear response at each boundary condition step change

Remember the influence from one grid cell to the next

Apply Monin-Obukhov similarity theory and  $\psi$ -function for stability correction

Calculate the local surface fluxes and roughness

# Basic flow equation

$$U_0 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = K \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$U_0$  is the mean wind

$u$  is the perturbation wind

$U$

Land cover  
satellite  
map

Index list

$z_0$

FFT

$u^*$

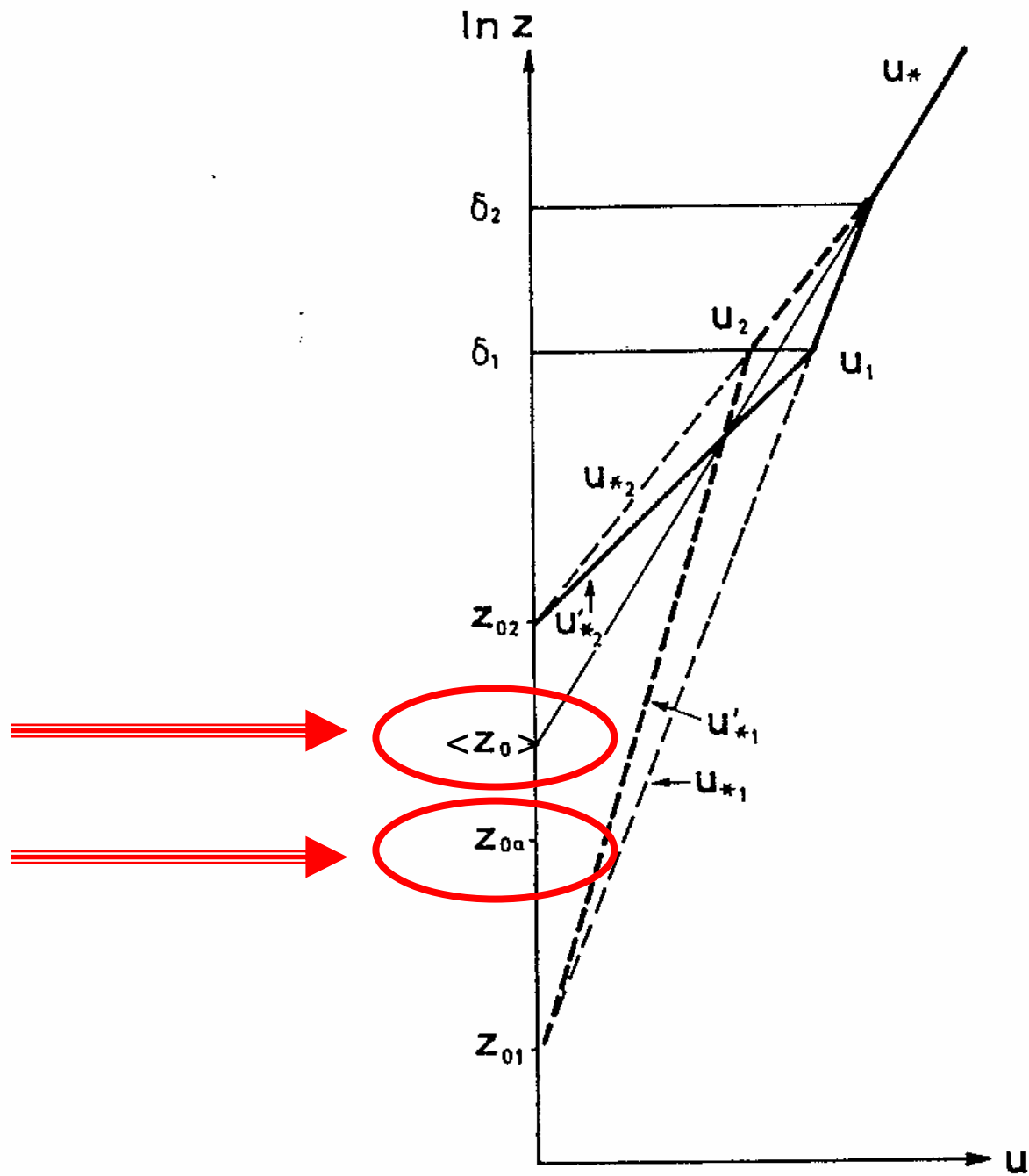
$$U \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = K_x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\langle u_* \rangle = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1 n_2} \sum_{x=1}^{n_1} \sum_{y=1}^{n_2} u_*^2(x, y)}$$

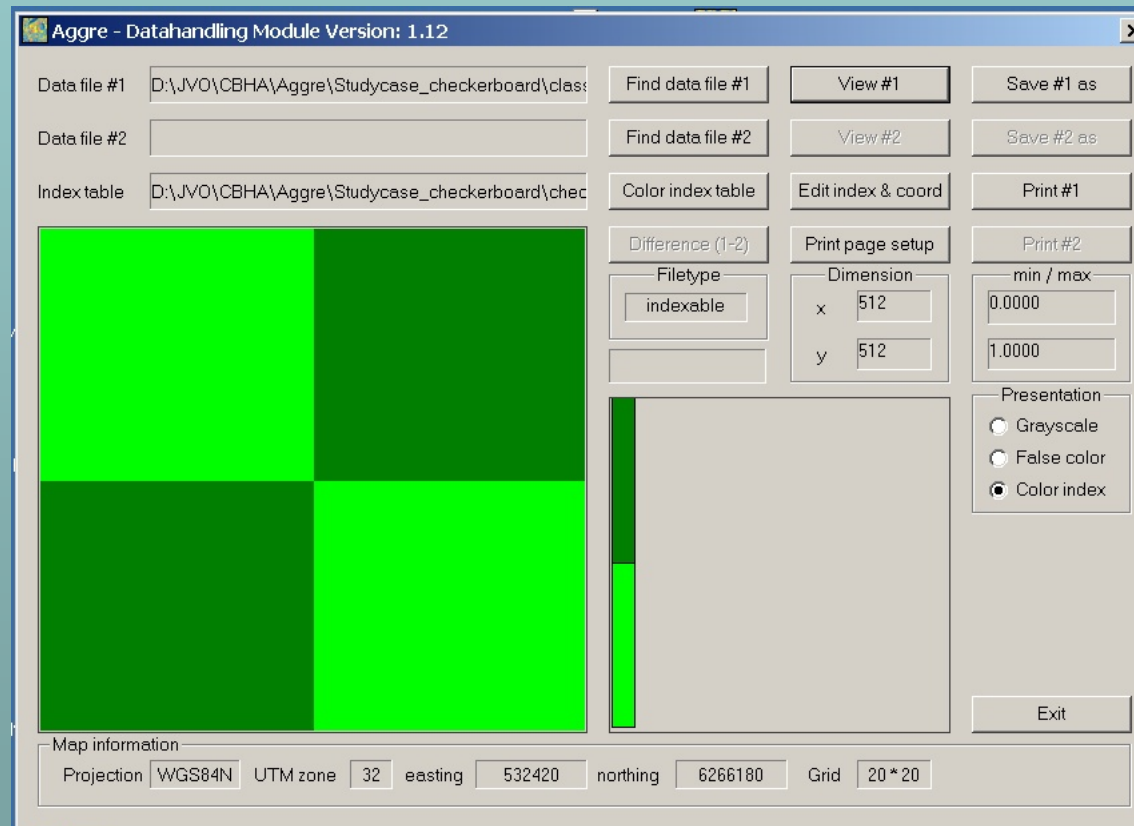
$$\langle z_0 \rangle = z \left[ \exp\left(\frac{\kappa U}{\langle u_* \rangle}\right) \right]^{-1}$$

$\langle z_0 \rangle$  larger than  $z_{0a}$

Hasager and Jensen 1999 *QJRMS*  
Hasager et al. 2003 *BLM*



# Checkerboard case (synthetic data)



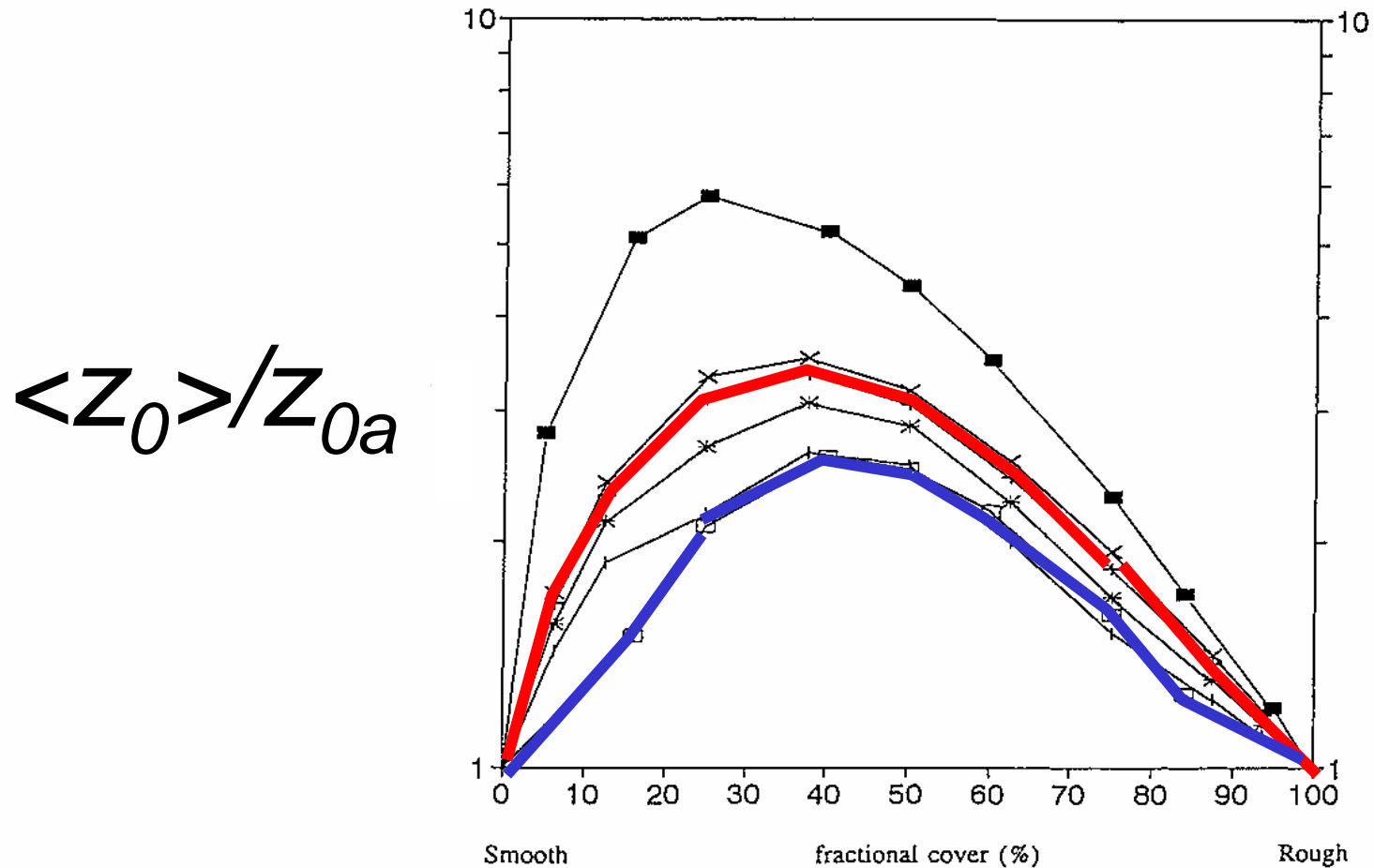
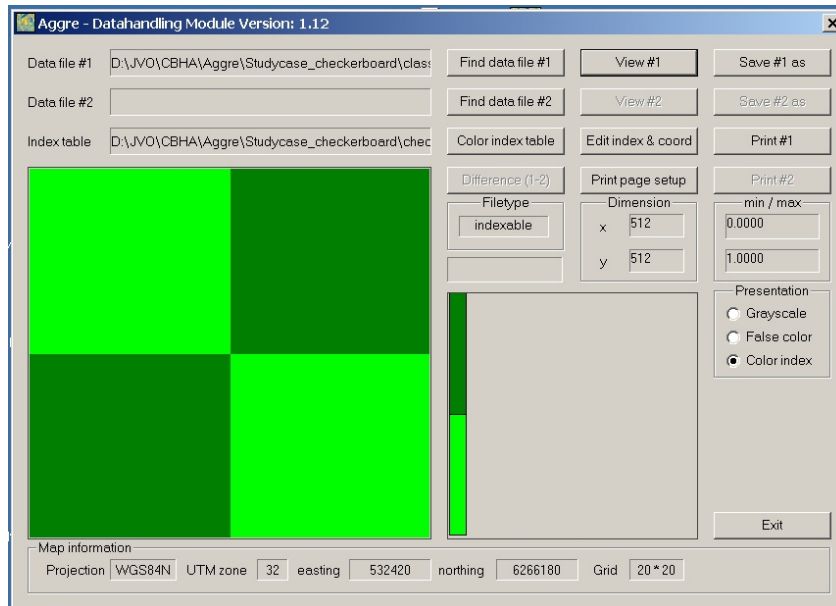


Figure 5. Microscale aggregation results of the effective roughness compared with the logarithmic average as a function of fractional areal coverages. The results are calculated for  $(z_{01}, z_{02}, M)$  (see text) of (0.1 m, 0.001 m,  $\pm 4.8$ ) for variable patch sizes:  $\times$ , 12.5 m;  $+$ , 50 m;  $*$ , 200 m;  $|$ , 800 m. Results from Schmid and Bünzli (1995) for:  $\blacksquare$ , mixing-length model for 50 m patches and  $\square$ ,  $K - \varepsilon$  model for 50 m patches are shown.

TABLE 5. SENSIBLE-HEAT FLUX RESULTS ( $Wm^{-2}$ ) FOR CHECKERBOARD TERRAIN WITH WARM, ROUGH AND COOL, SMOOTH PATCHES (CASE A) AND REVERSED (CASE B) FOR VARIABLE AIR TEMPERATURES AT 5 M HEIGHT AND WIND SPEED  $5 m s^{-1}$

			Temperature ( $^{\circ}C$ )									
			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
(1)	$QH_{eq}$	A	407	337	267	198	131	65	0	-62	-122	-179
		B	411	340	270	201	133	66	0	-64	-125	-184
(2)	$\langle QH \rangle$	A	591	500	409	321	233	147	64	-18	-98	-176
		B	453	364	276	189	104	21	-60	-138	-215	-288

(1) Equilibrium. (2) Nonlinear aggregation.



## Cases

A: Warm rough and cool smooth

B: Cool rough and warm smooth

# Equations for vegetation, non-vegetation and water

**Vegetated land** (include grass, grains, deciduous and conifer forest)

$$z_{ot} = \frac{z_o}{\exp\left(\frac{5.85}{LAI^{2/3}} u_*^{1/3}\right)}$$

**Bare land** (include bare soil, ice, snow and urban areas)

$$z_{ot} = \frac{z_o}{\exp(23.1\sqrt{u_*})} \quad \text{for } z_o < 0.05 \text{ m}$$

$$z_{ot} = \frac{z_o}{\exp(103.3\sqrt{z_o u_*})} \quad \text{for } z_o \geq 0.05 \text{ m}$$

**For smooth water, ie for  $u_* < 0.1$**

$$z_o = 0.1 \nu / u_*$$

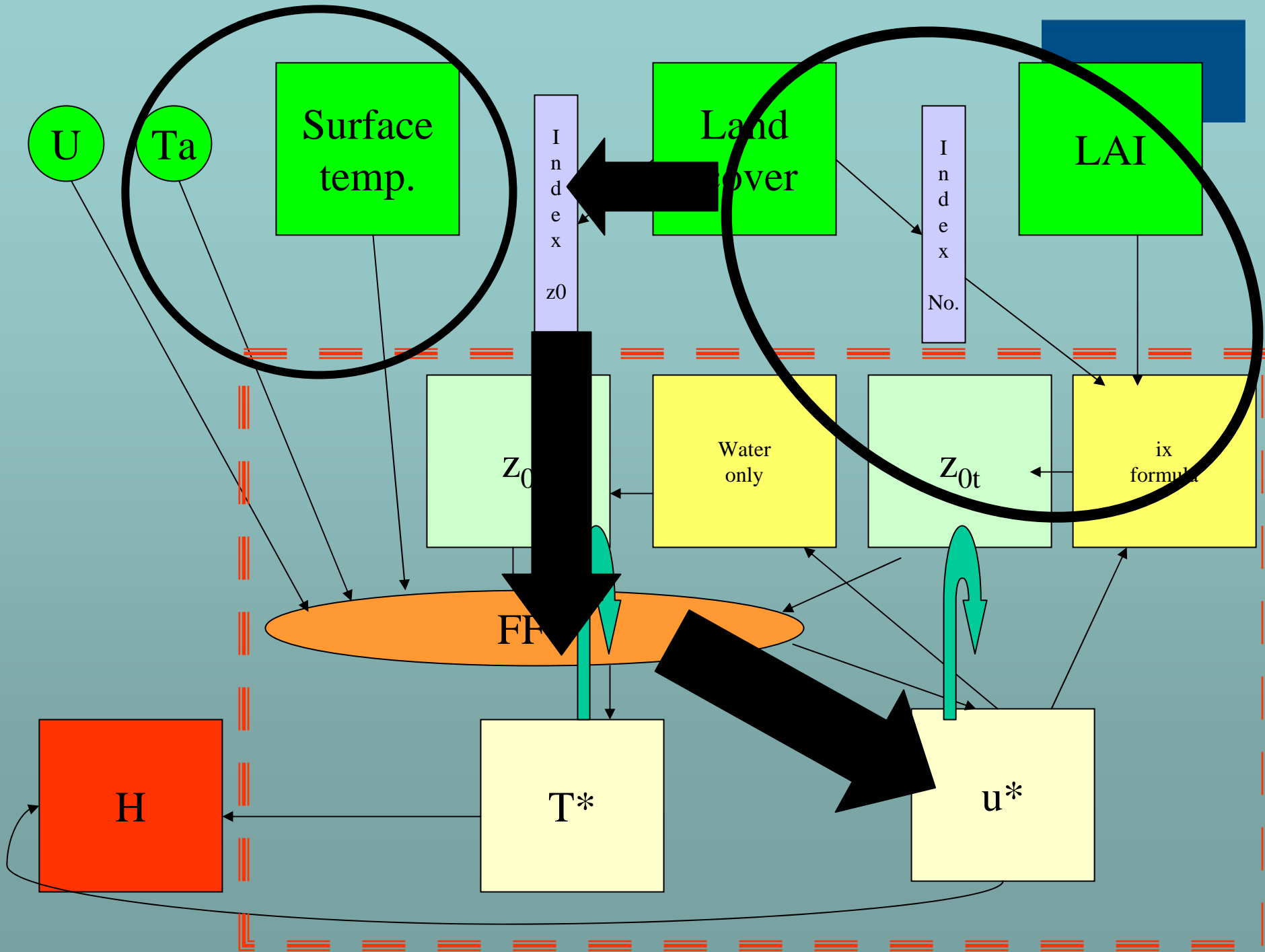
$$z_{ot} = z_o$$

**For rough water, ie for  $u_* > 0.1$**

$$z_o = 0.015 \frac{u_*^2}{g}$$

$$z_{ot} = \frac{z_o}{\exp(100 (z_o u_*)^{1/2})}$$





$$\frac{H}{\rho c_p} = w' \theta' = -u_* \theta_*$$

$$u(z) = \frac{u_*}{K} \ln\left(\frac{z}{z_0}\right) \quad \theta(z) - \theta_0 = \frac{\theta_*}{K} \ln\left(\frac{z}{z_{0t}}\right)$$

$$z_{0t} = \frac{z_0}{\exp\left(\frac{5.85}{LAI^{2/3}} u_*^{1/3}\right)}$$

Parameters from  
remote sensing

# Input-output

You will need

1. Land cover type map
2. Roughness map (or look-up table)
3. Leaf area index (LAI) map
4. Surface temperature map
5. Air temperature (e.g at 10 or 50 m)
6. Wind vector (e.g at 10 or 50 m)

You will achieve

1. The effective roughness for momentum  $\langle z_0 \rangle$
2. The effective roughness for temperature  $\langle z_{0t} \rangle$
3. A friction velocity map
4. A surface sensible heat flux map

## Major characteristics of the model:

- It is a microscale model valid for local to regional scale from 20 m to 15 km
- It is two-dimensional in the horizontal domain
- It calculates the effective roughness values for momentum and heat
- It calculates the surface momentum flux and sensible heat flux
- It is fast as it is a spectral model (linearized equations solved with FFT)

# Example of the AggreData interface

Aggre - Datahandling Module Version: 1.12

Data file #1: D:\JVO\CBHA\Aggre\Studycase\_Foulum\tm\_class19

Data file #2:

Index table: D:\JVO\CBHA\Aggre\Studycase\_Foulum\studycase\_

Find data file #1 View #1 Save #1 as

Find data file #2 View #2 Save #2 as


Color index table Edit index & coord Print #1

Difference (1-2) Print page setup Print #2

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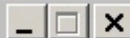
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	bog	heather
	setasid	clover
10	beets	maize
	rape	peas
	springp	winterb
5	springb	winterw
	grass	forest
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Map information

Projection: WGS84N UTM zone: 32 easting: 532420 northing: 6266180 Grid: 20 \* 20



Job title

Temperature map

Temperature estimate T1:  T2:  Grid dimensions  Grid size  Area size

U0:  V0:  (m/sec) Kx / Kz  zr in m  Temp. at zr in deg C

Initial z0T

Initial z0T array

z0T / z0 ratio r=

Land Class

Class file

Class table (.csv)

Leaf Area Index

LAI map file

LAI estimate LAI1:  LAI2:

z0

z0 file

Calculate z0 from Land Class and Class table

z0 estimate z01:  z02:

Output file format  
 IEEE32  
 GeoTIFF

Job file

Map information

Projection  UTM zone  easting  northing  Grid  meter

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