Albedo Measurements with Reference Cells vs. Pyranometers



Experiment

- Measuring albedo at preproduction met station site in Texas
- Two setups: one with pyranometers, one with c-Si reference cells
- Data collection summer 2019
- Ground cover: dry vegetation

Pyranometer

Reference Cell



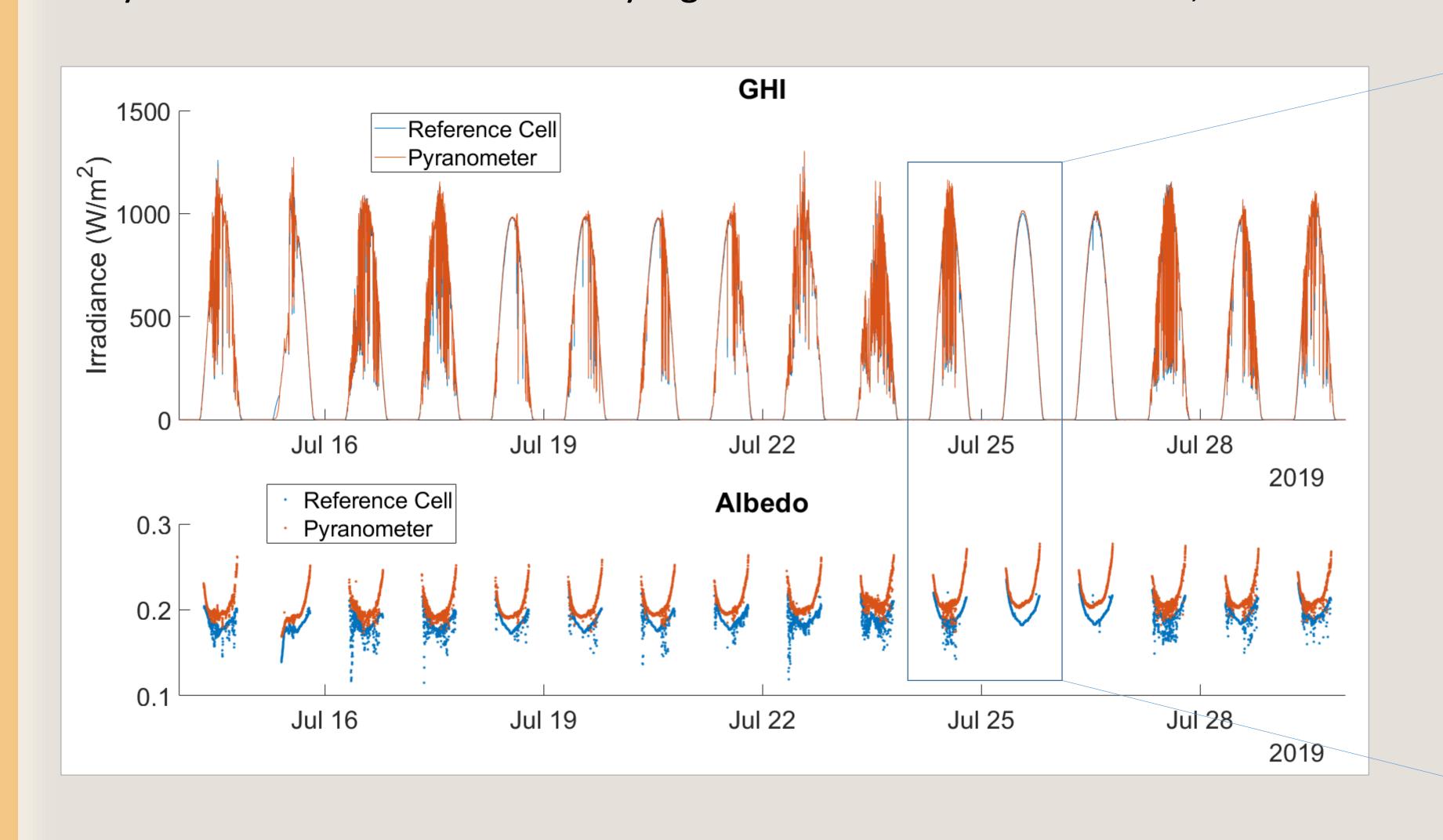
- Broadband response
- Cleaned weekly

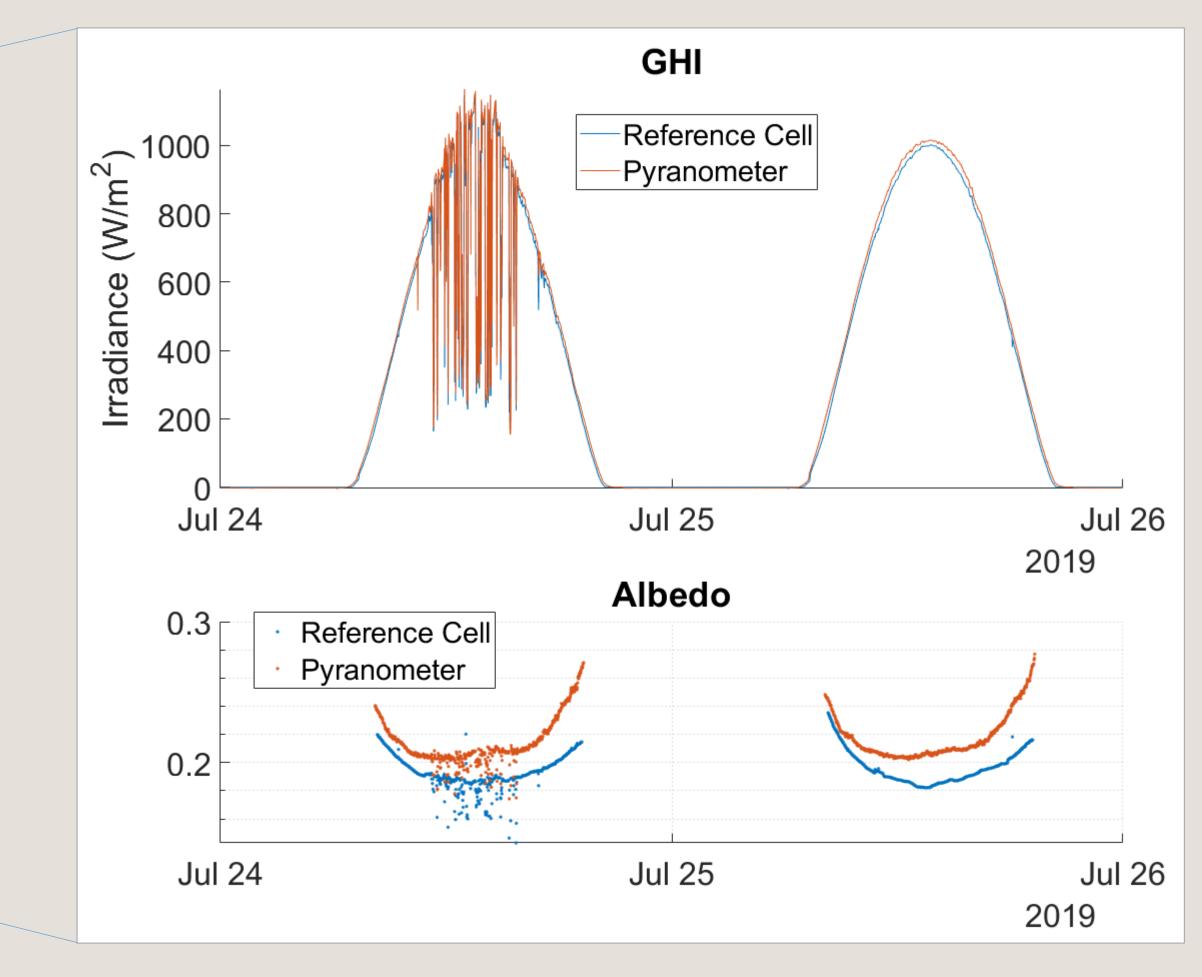


- Spectrally matched
- Soiling monitored and corrected with Mars™

Results

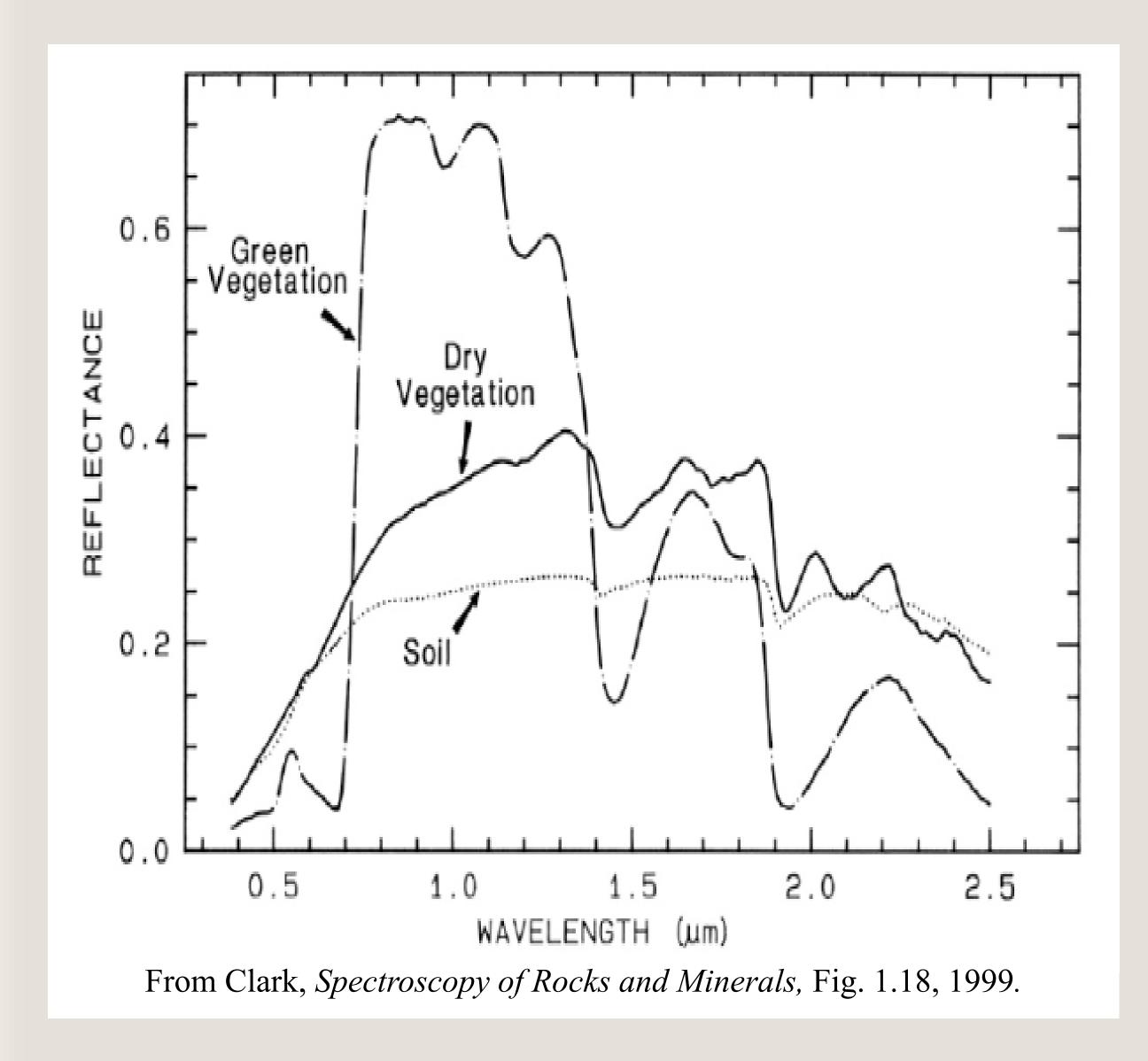
• Pyranometer albedo consistently higher than reference cell albedo, ~0.02 absolute (~10% relative)



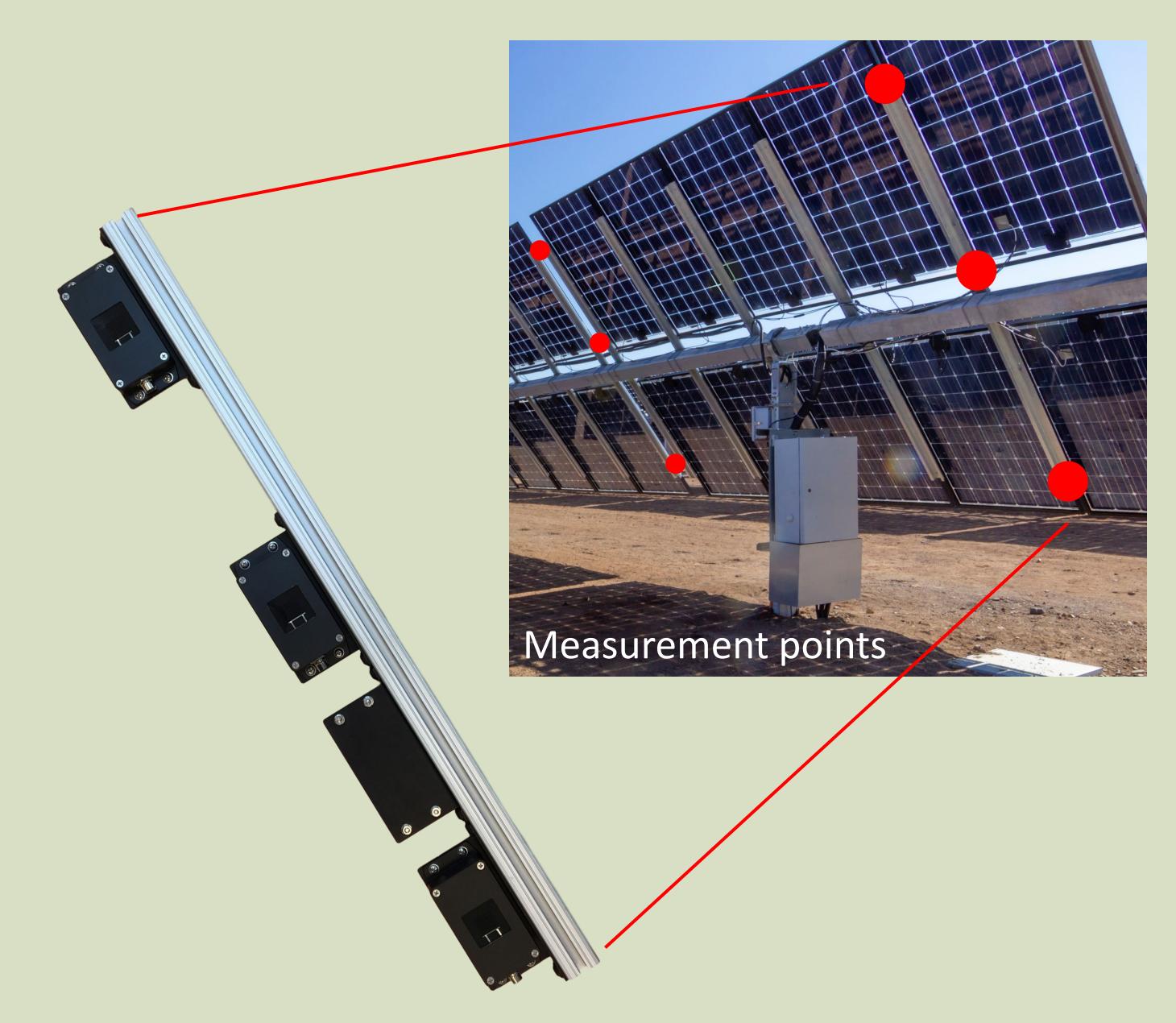


Albedo Spectral Dependence

Does spectral dependence cause pyranometer albedo mismatch with actual bifacial array performance?



Rearside Irradiance Measurement on Bifacial Arrays



Networked front-back reference cell system for multipoint measurement of front & rear-side irradiance