

Remote sensing of photosynthesis: Challenges and opportunities

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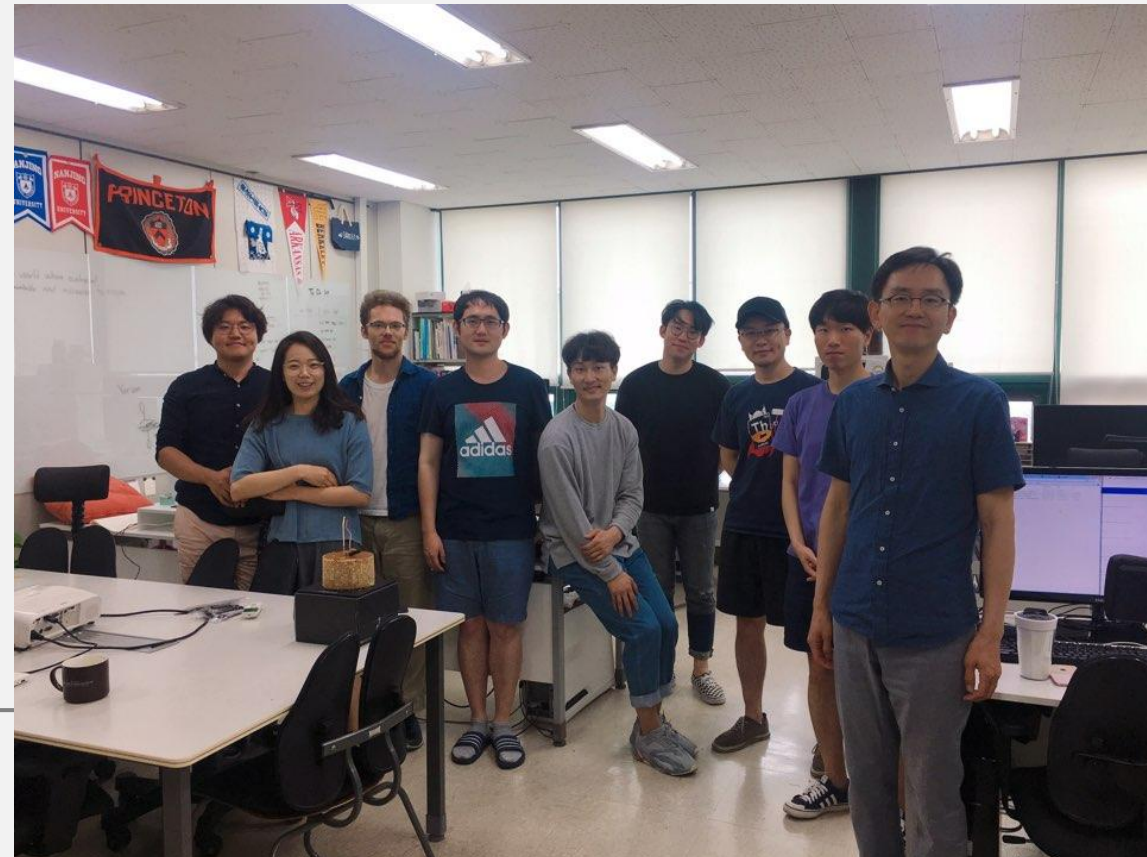
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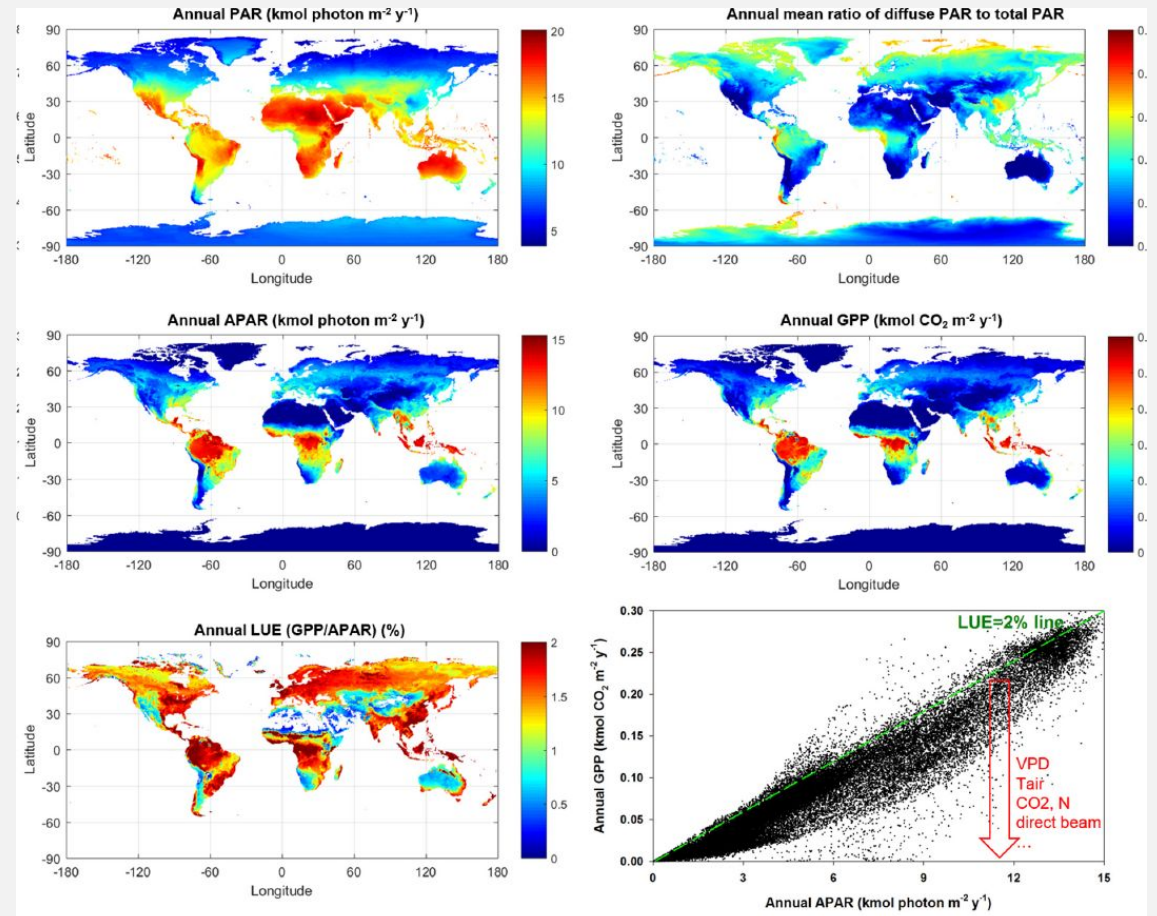
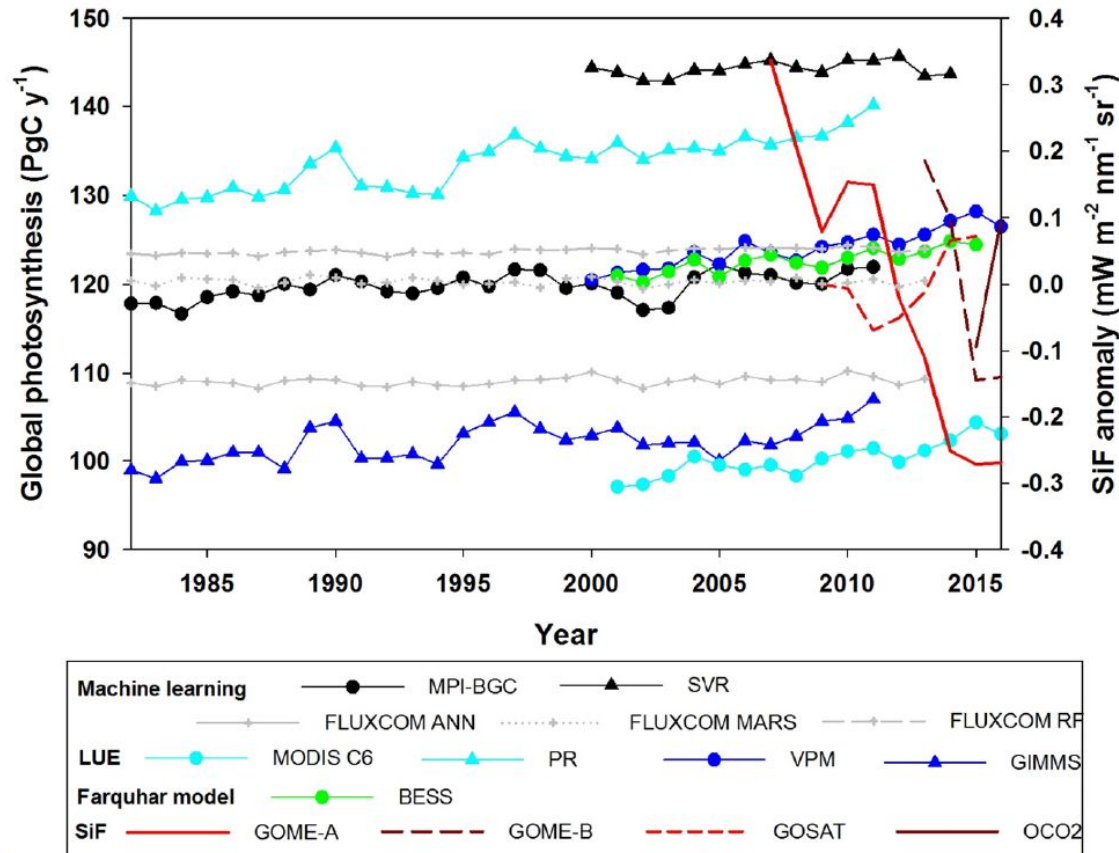
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Towards global photosynthesis everywhere, all of the time

What will be ECOPROPHET global GPP?



SiF as a proxy of GPP

New global observations of the terrestrial carbon cycle from GOSAT: Patterns of plant fluorescence with gross primary productivity

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TECHNICAL ADVANCE

Sun-induced fluorescence – a new probe of photosynthesis: First maps from the imaging spectrometer *HyPlant*

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OCO-2 advances photosynthesis observation from space via solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence

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Spectral super site

-Cherwon rice paddy site in KoFlux-



North Korea



Flux tower: 10 m

Spectral sensors:

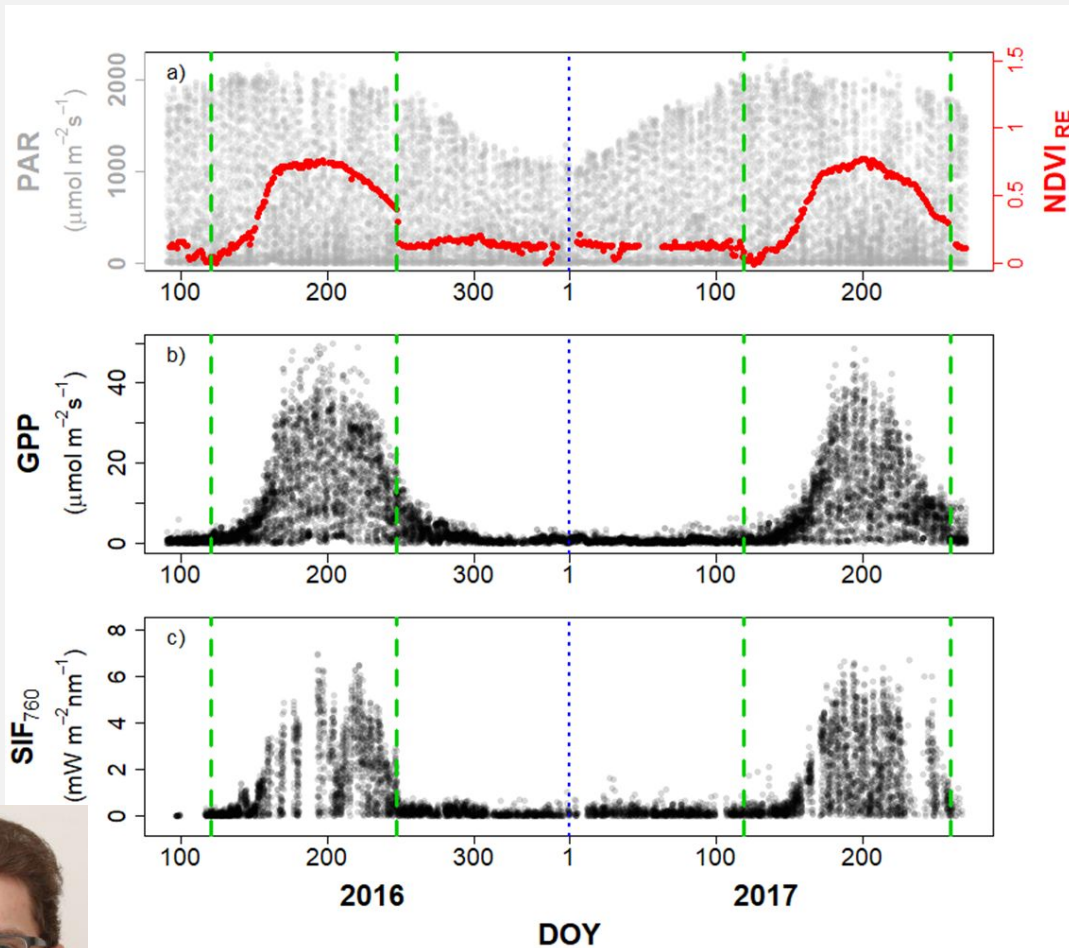
- SiF (730-780 nm)
- VIS-NIR (400-900 nm)
- LEDs X micro-cameras
- ASD FieldSpec

Eddy covariance system: CO₂, H₂O, CH₄



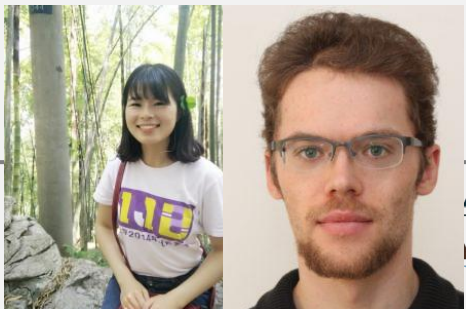
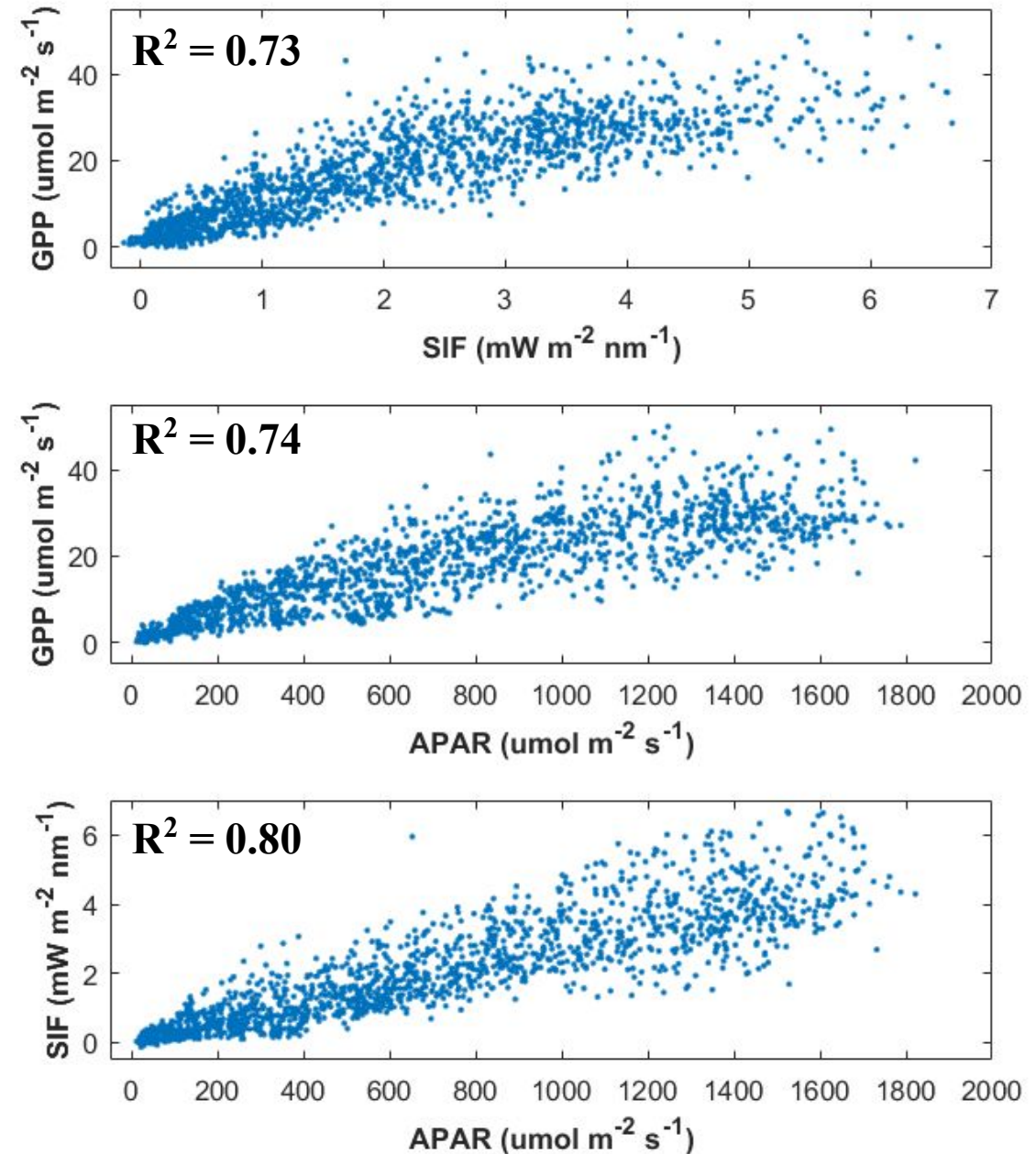
Data is open to public!

- Goldmine to explore relationships between GPP, SiF, APAR
- VNIR hyperspectral data available too
- Continuous until now



SiF~APAR, not GPP

- SiF is a better proxy for APAR than GPP
- To convert SiF to GPP, one has to know light use efficiency (=GPP/APAR)
- Back to John Monteith's light use efficiency approach

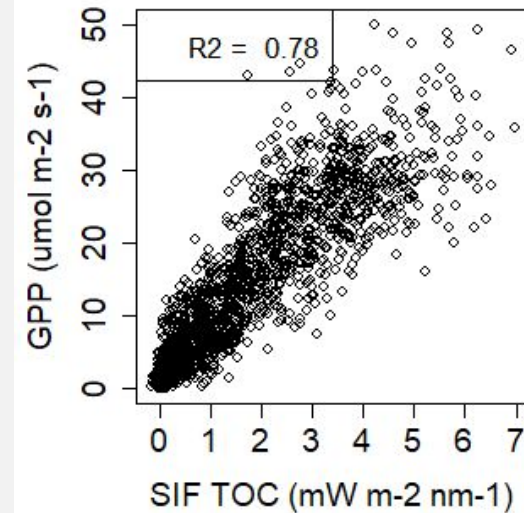


Escape ratio do not help in improving SiF:GPP relationships

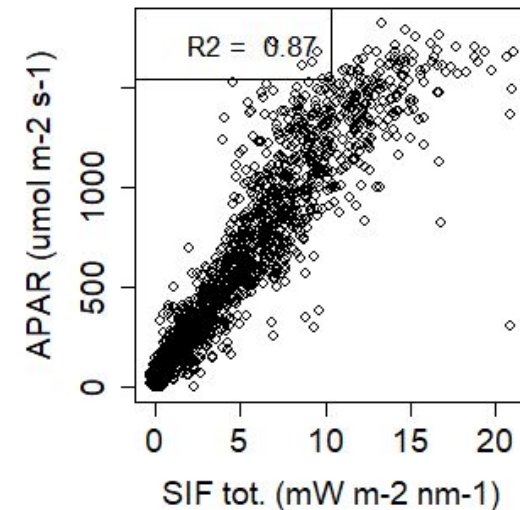
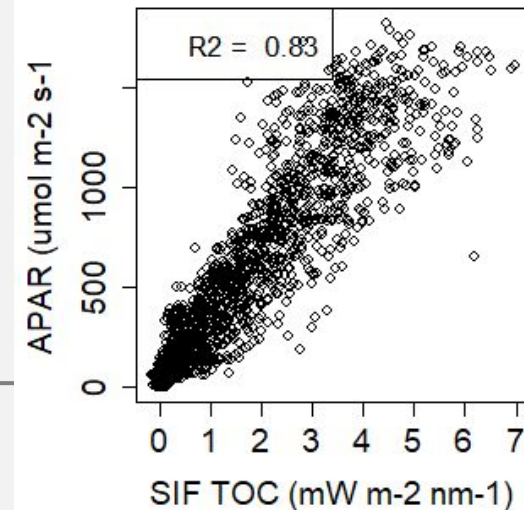
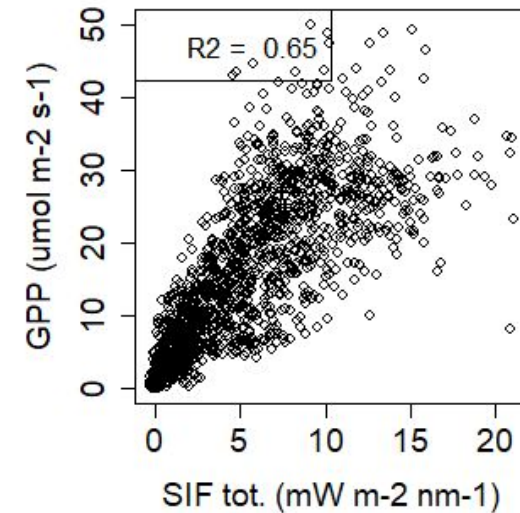
- Escape ratio ($\sim \text{NIRv}/\text{fPAR}$) helped improving APAR:SiF relationship
- But, SiF:GPP relationship became poorer!
- Further supports SiF \sim APAR, not SiF \sim GPP

Dechant et al (revised) Remote Sensing of Environment

Canopy escaping SiF

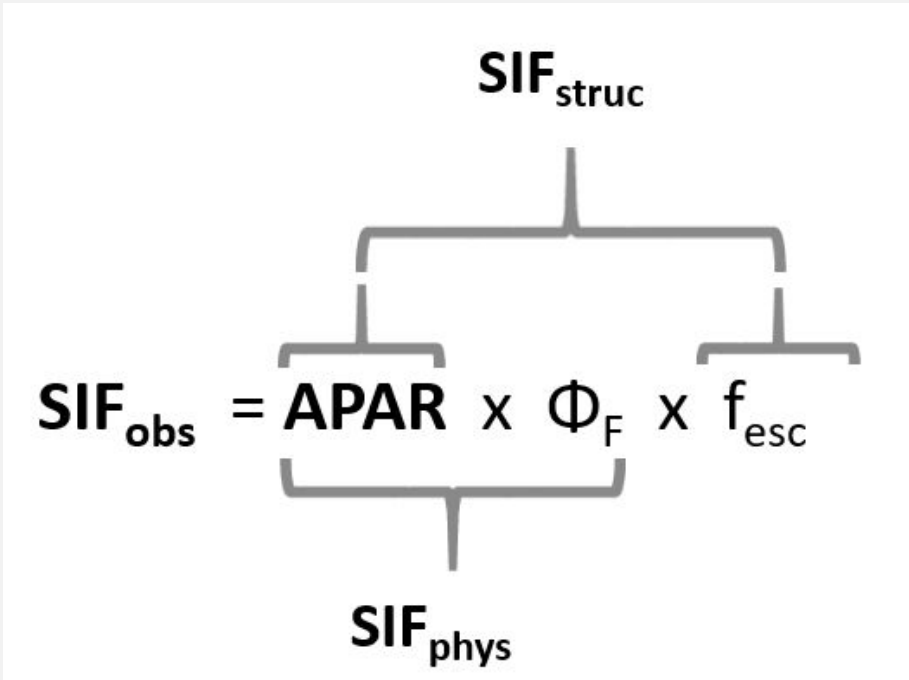


Total emitted SiF



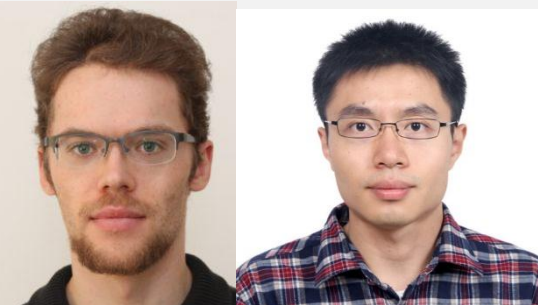
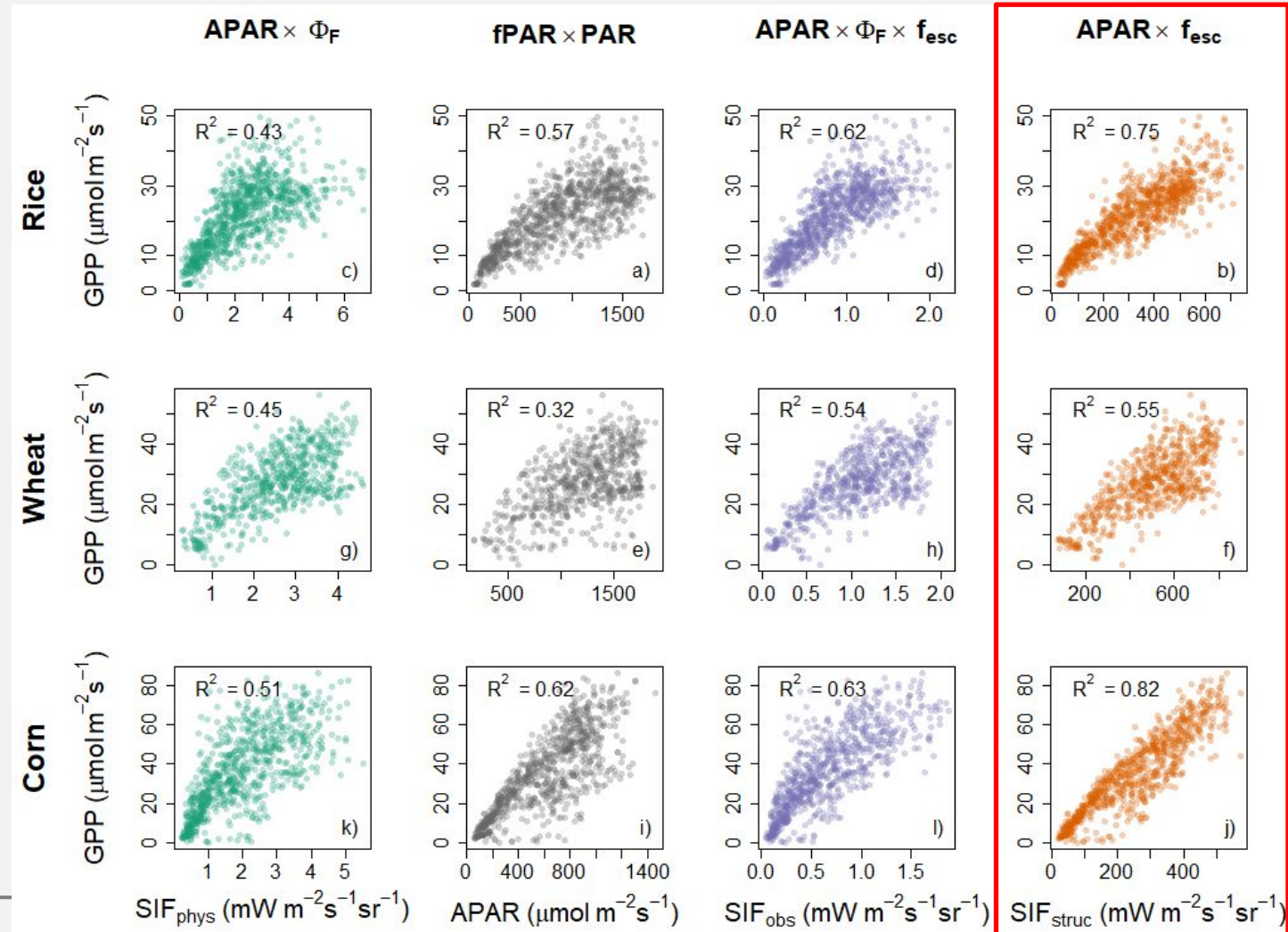
We extended to three major crops field datasets

-same answer: $APAR \times f_{esc}$ predicts GPP best-

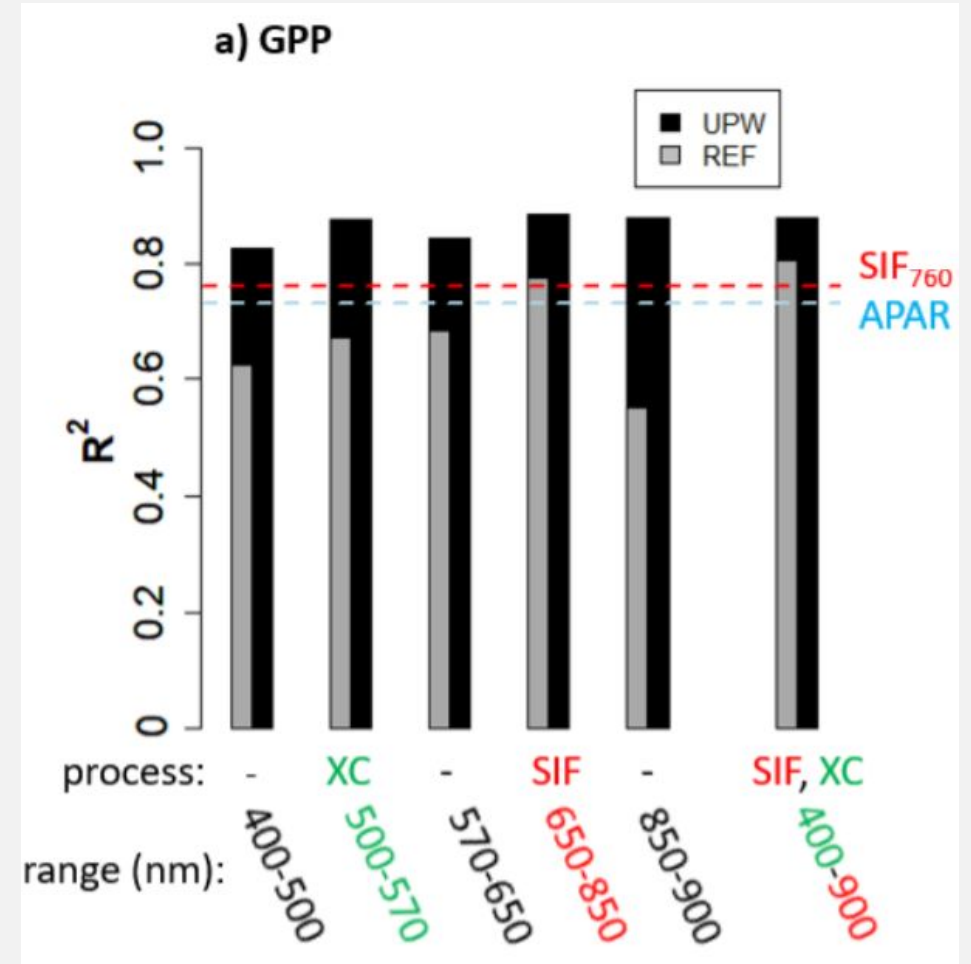
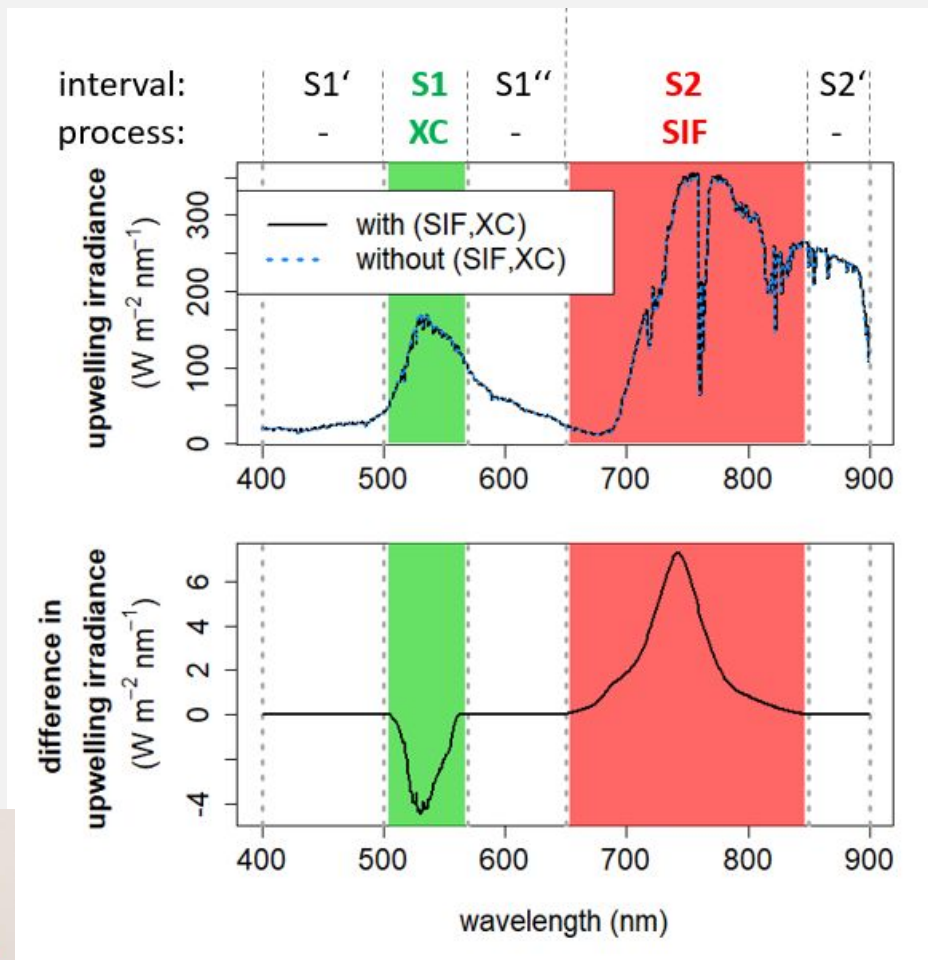


$f_{esc} = NIRv / fPAR$ (Zeng et al 2019 RSE)

$APAR \times f_{esc} = NIRv \times PAR$

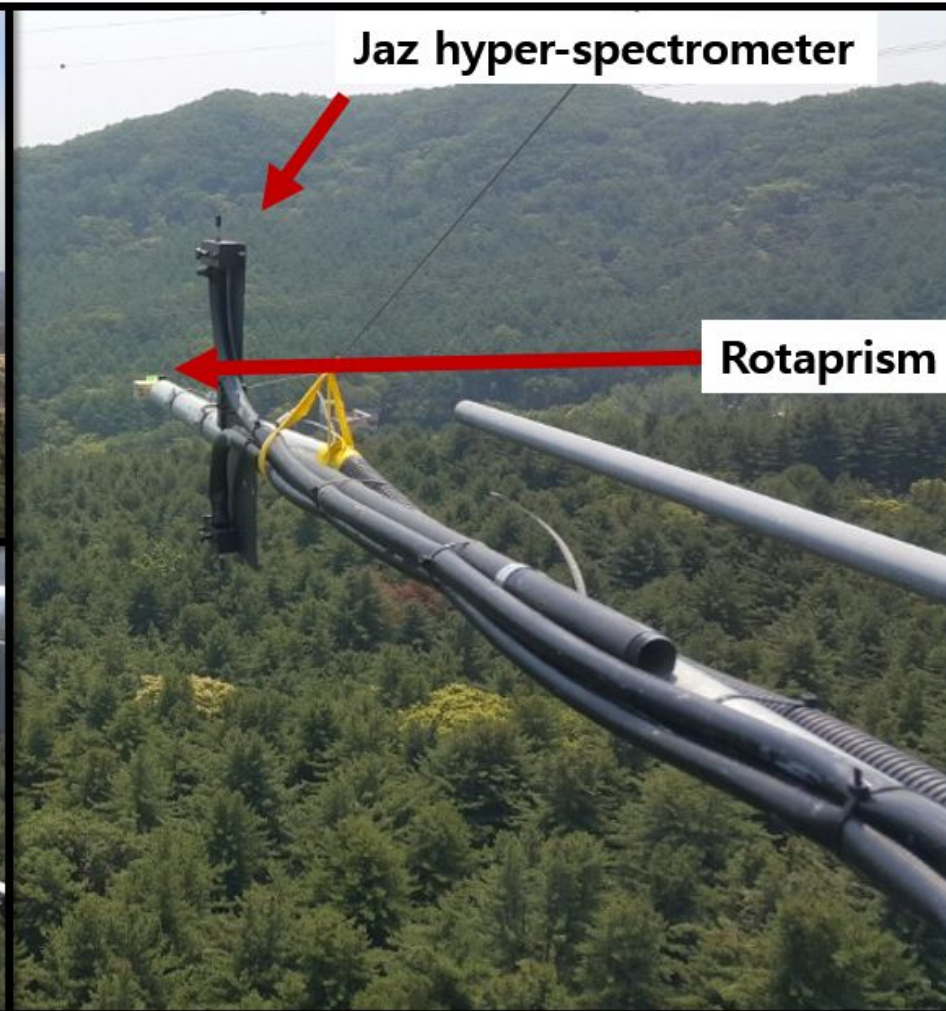
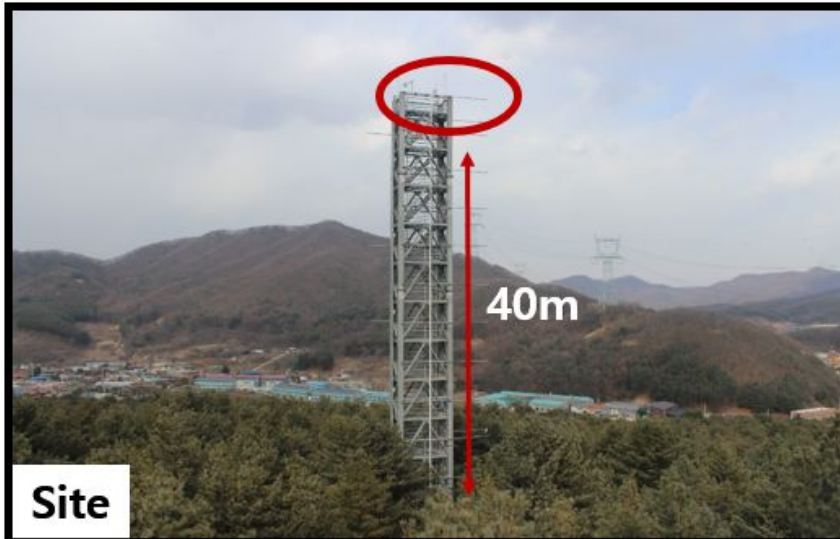


In the rice paddy, applying PLS to in-situ hyperspectral data showed reflected NIR is so powerful in predicting GPP



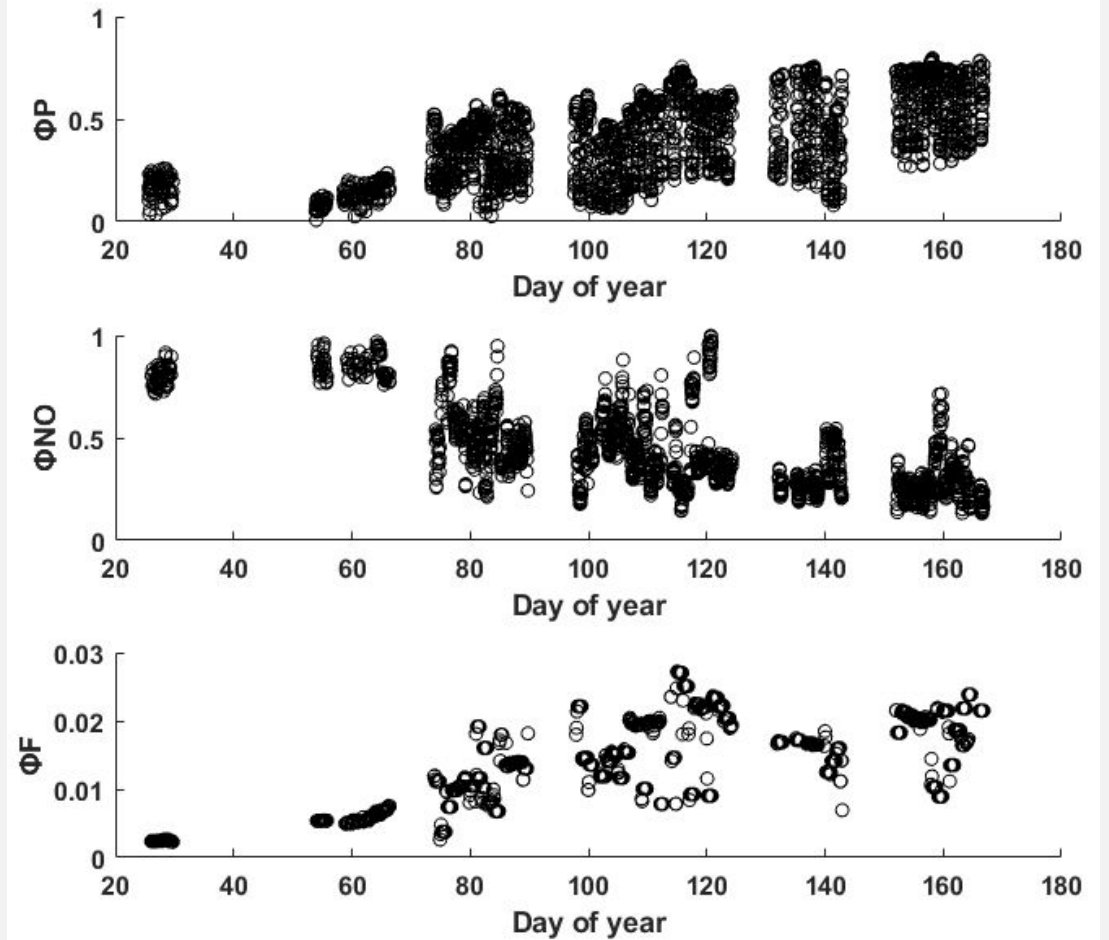
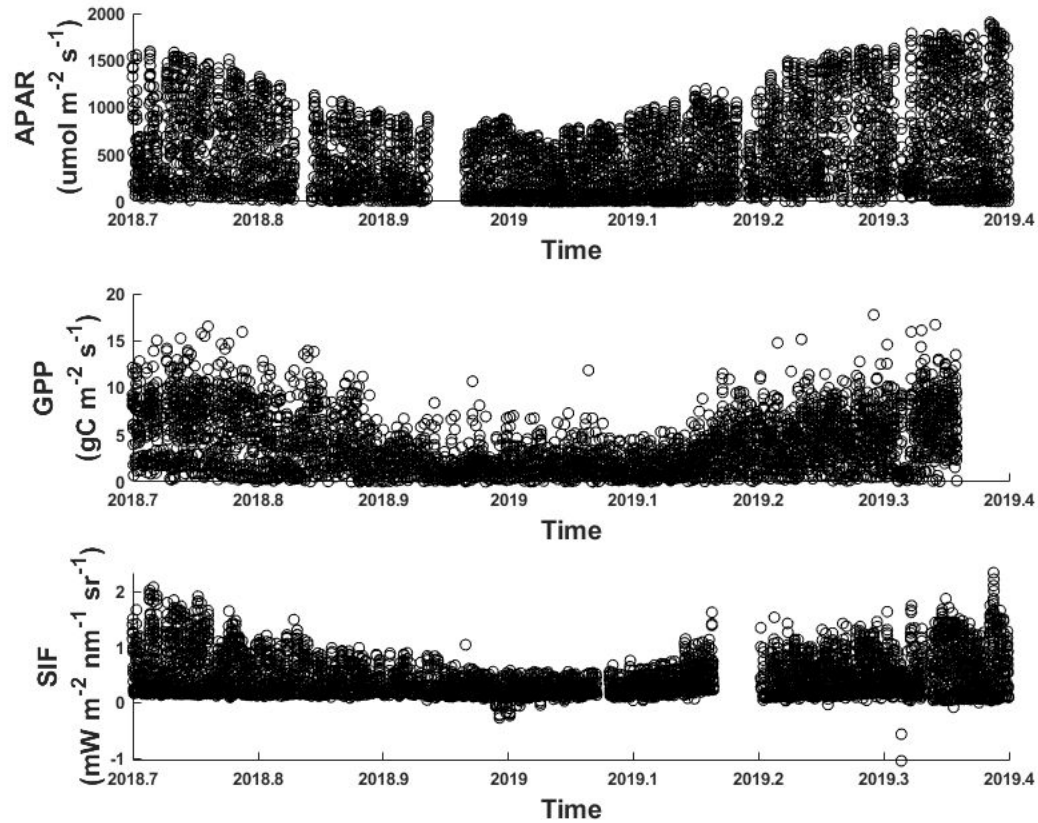
Tall ENF site

-in situ SiF, VNIR system with Moni-PAM-



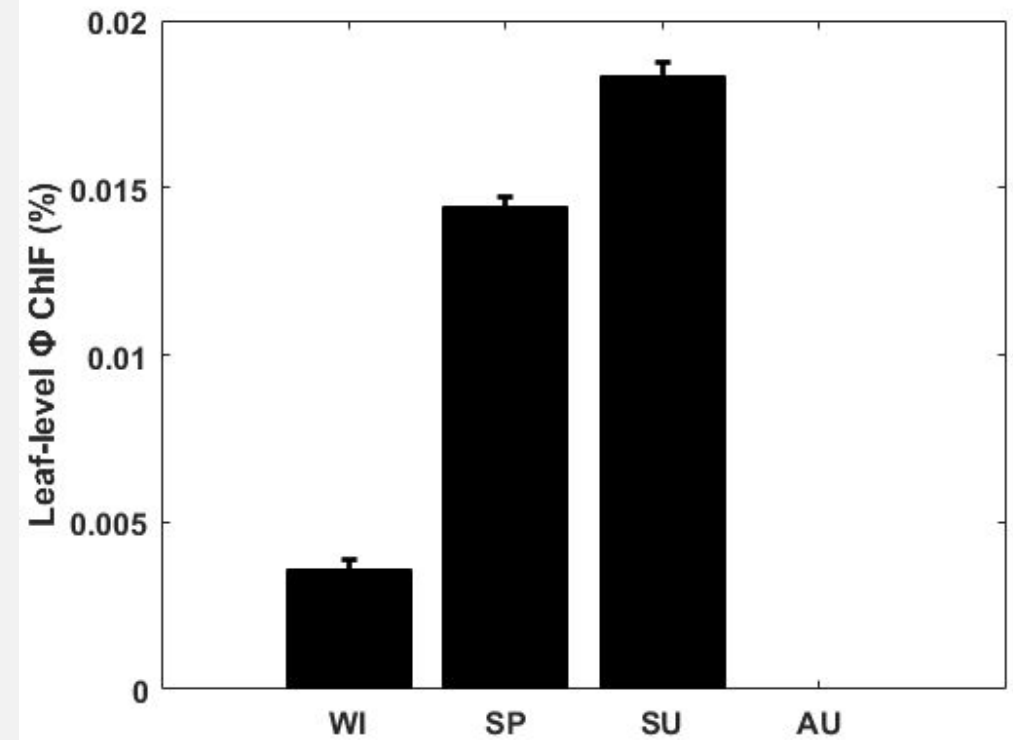
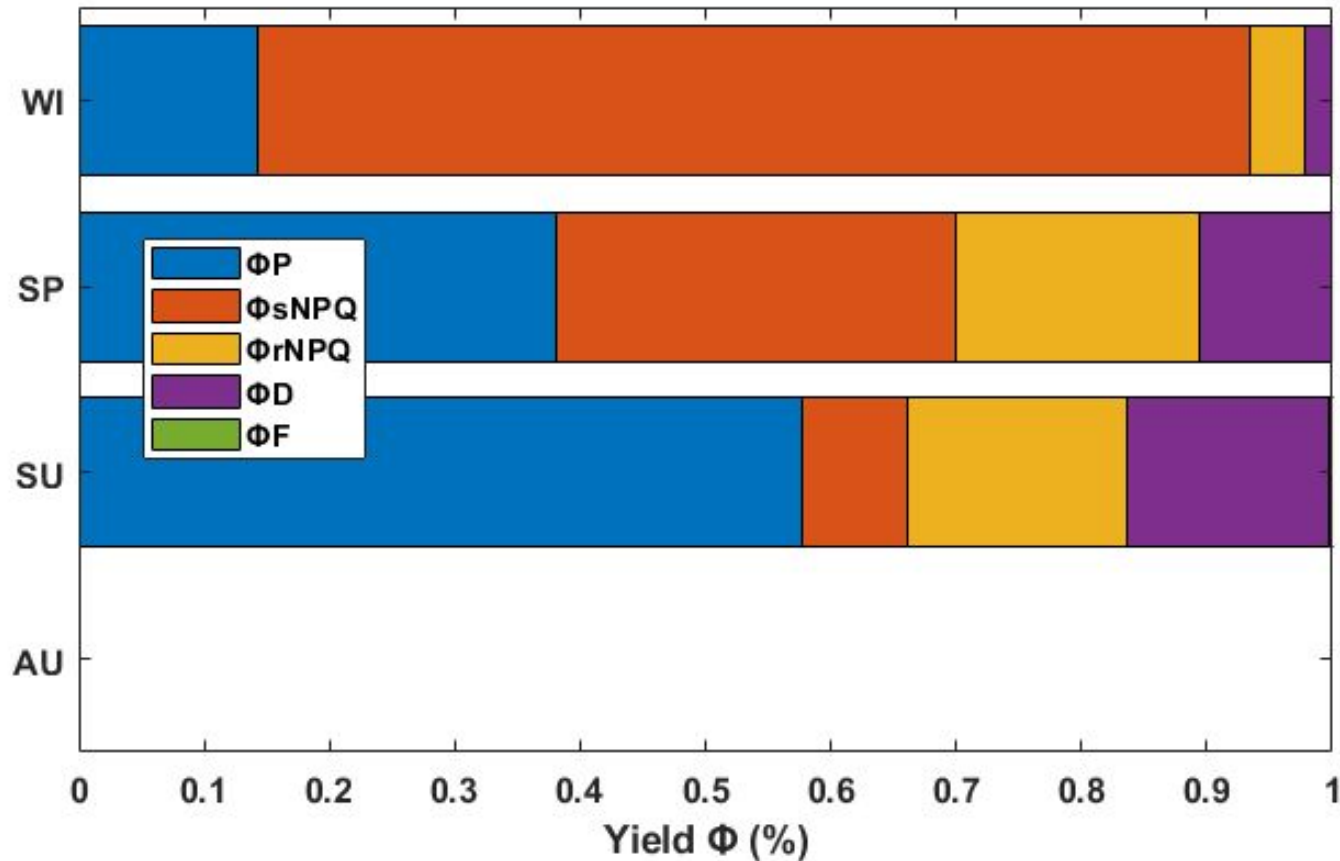


Continuous observations at canopy and leaf

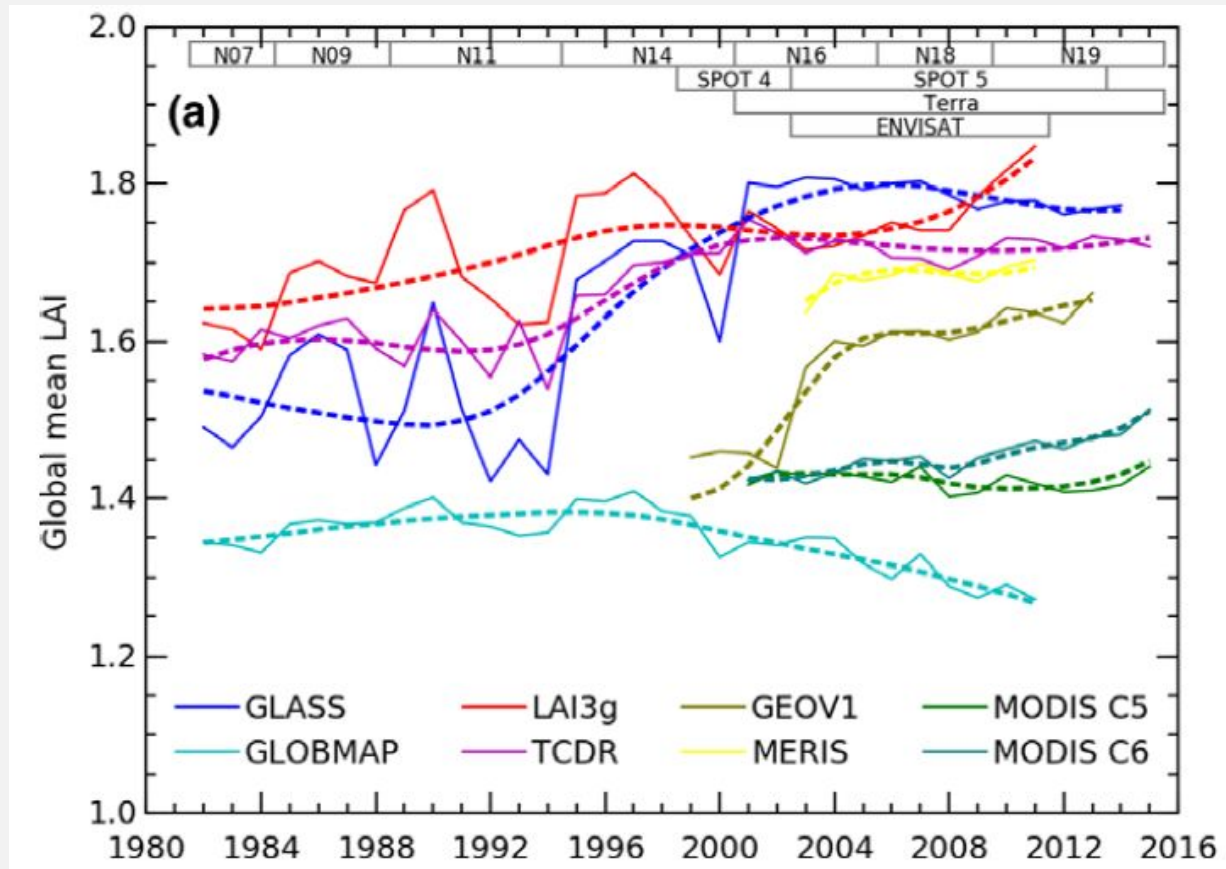


PhiF shows large seasonal variations

Sustained NPQ too



Inconsistent global long-term LAI products

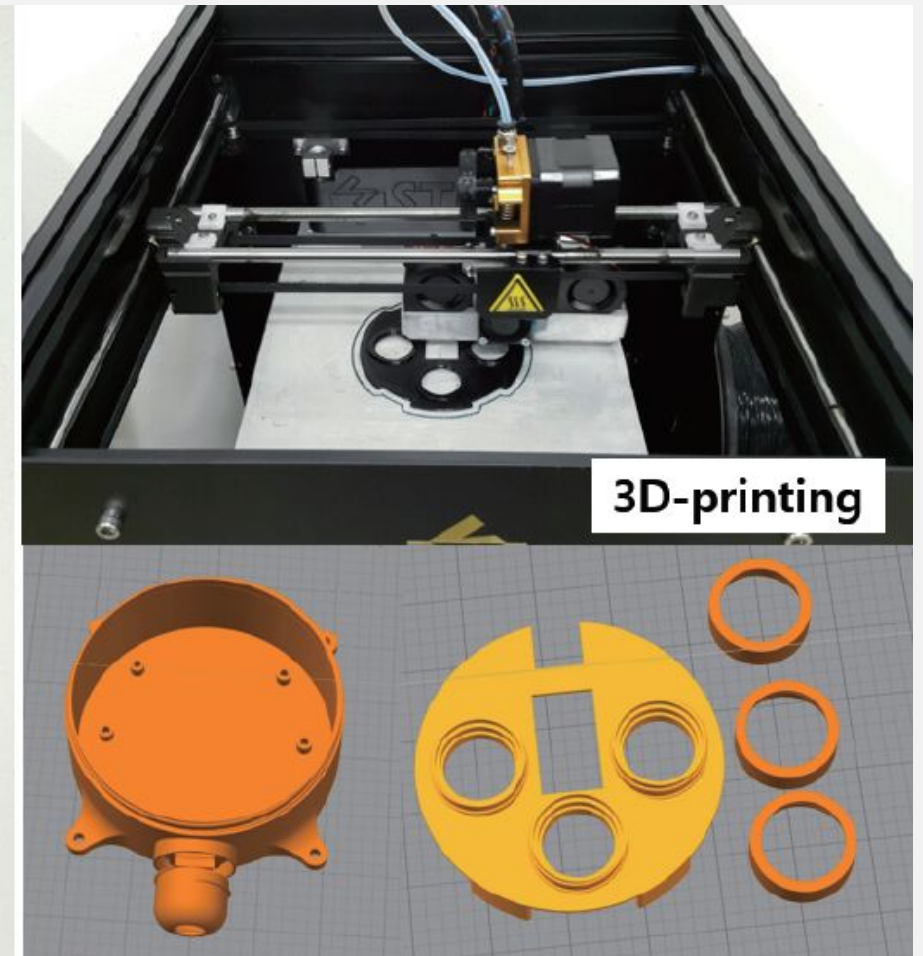
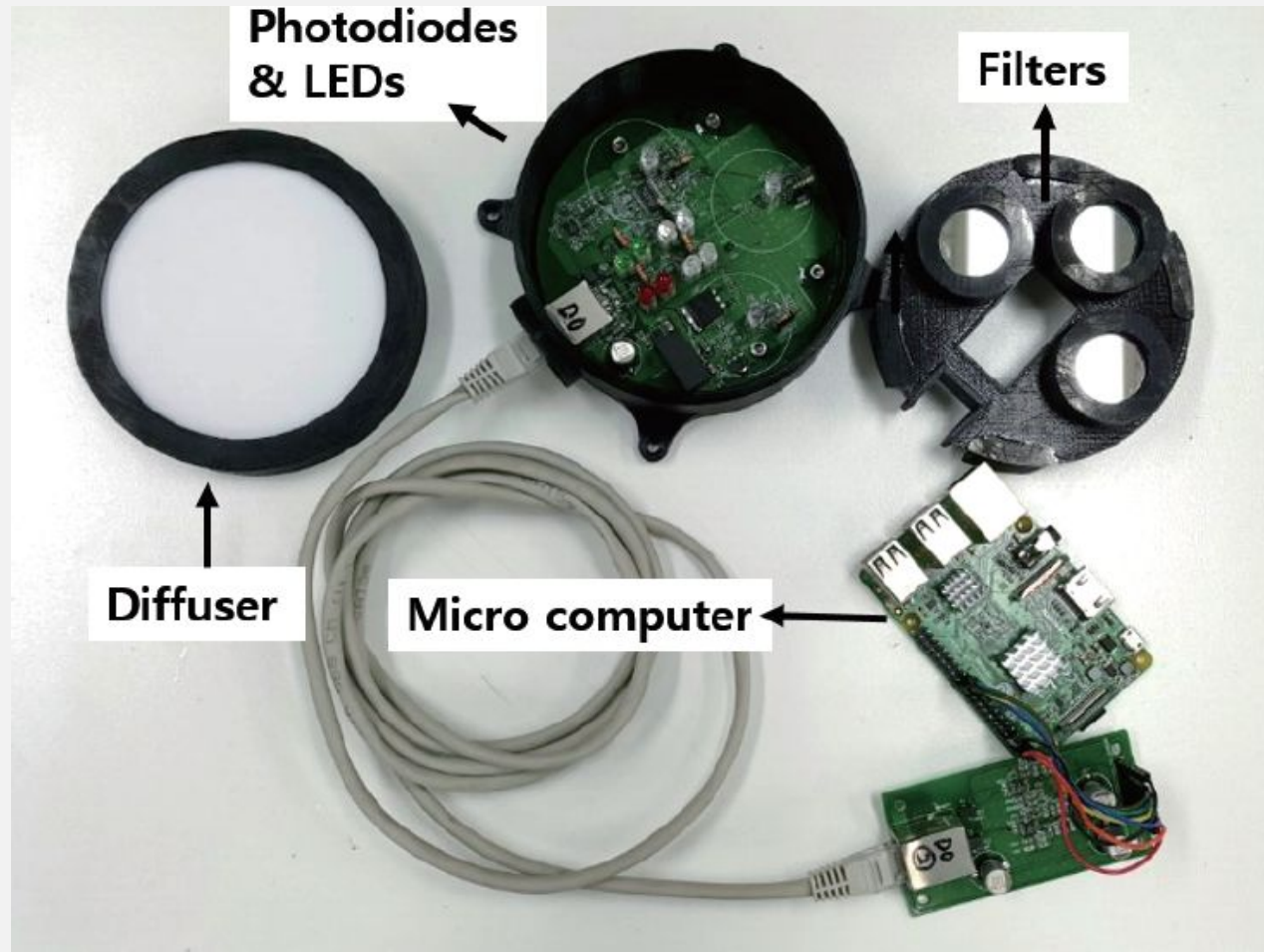


- Magnitudes
 - Interannual variability
 - Trends
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- Global greening??
 - Big challenge in making land surface flux maps back to 1982

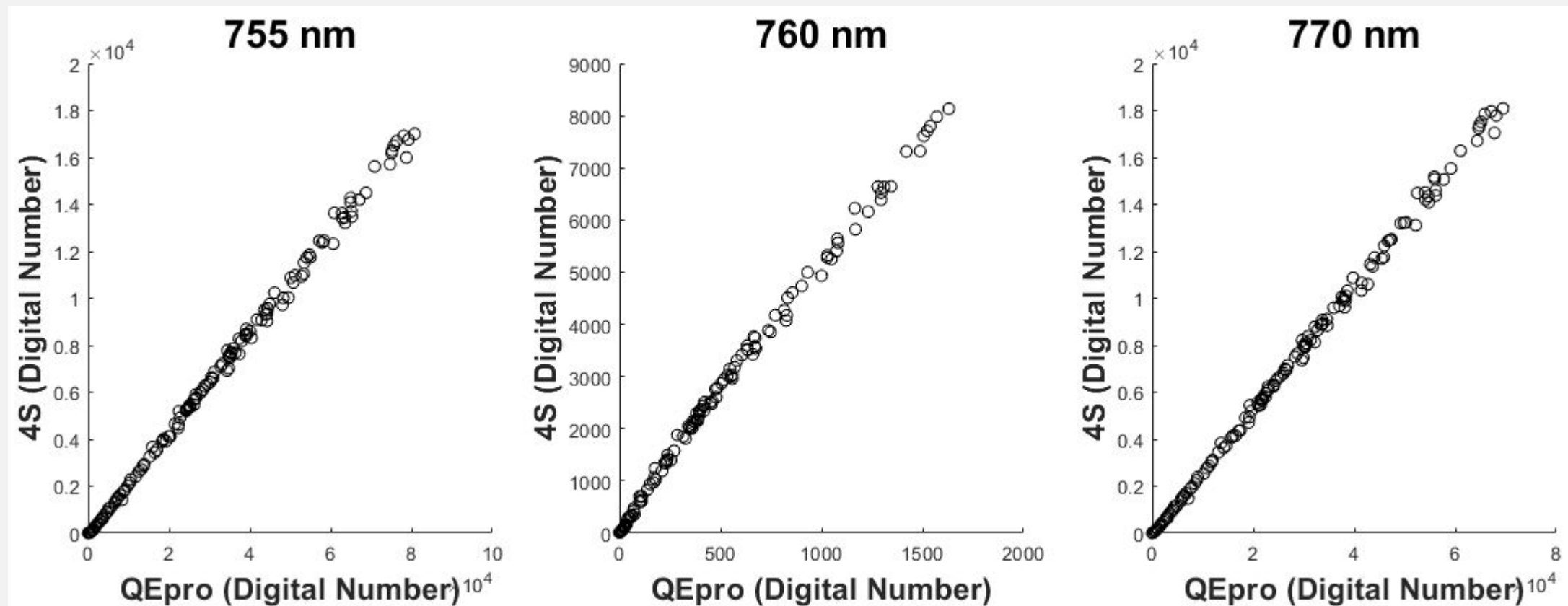


OPPORTUNITIES

Filter based 4S-SiF sensor



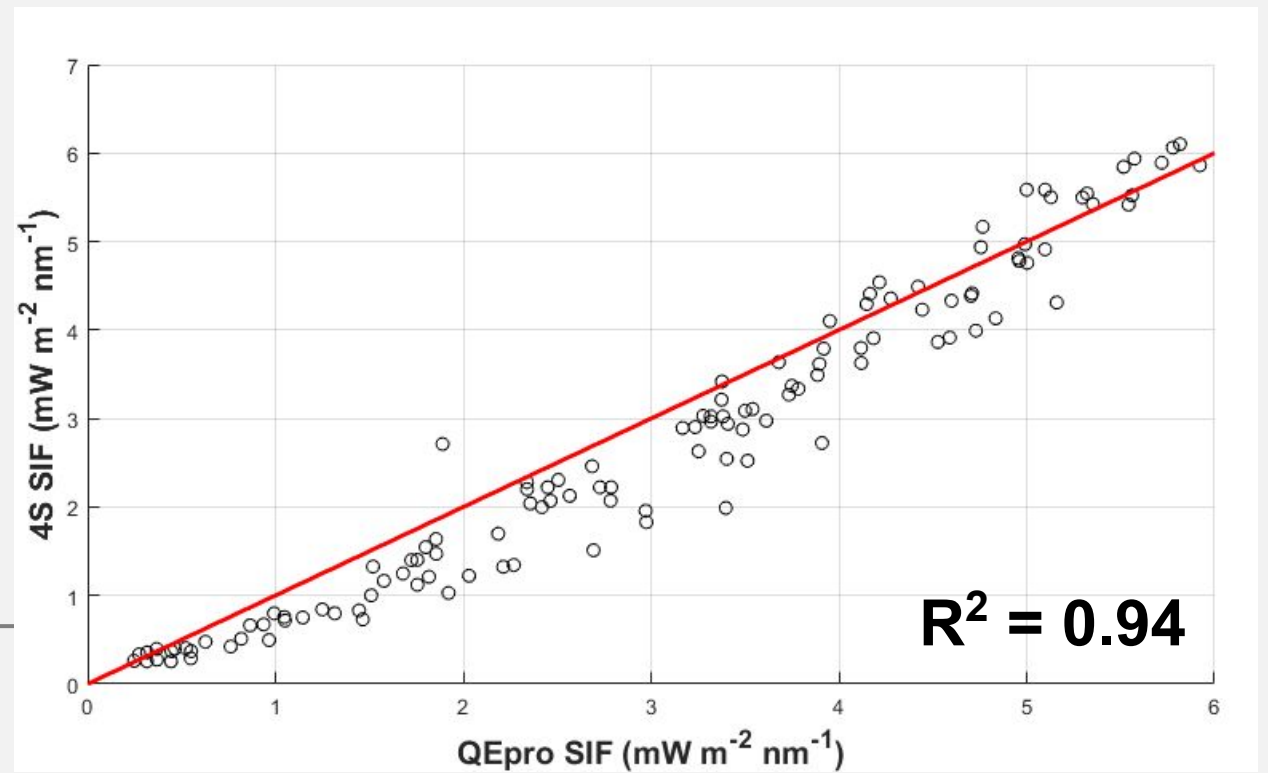
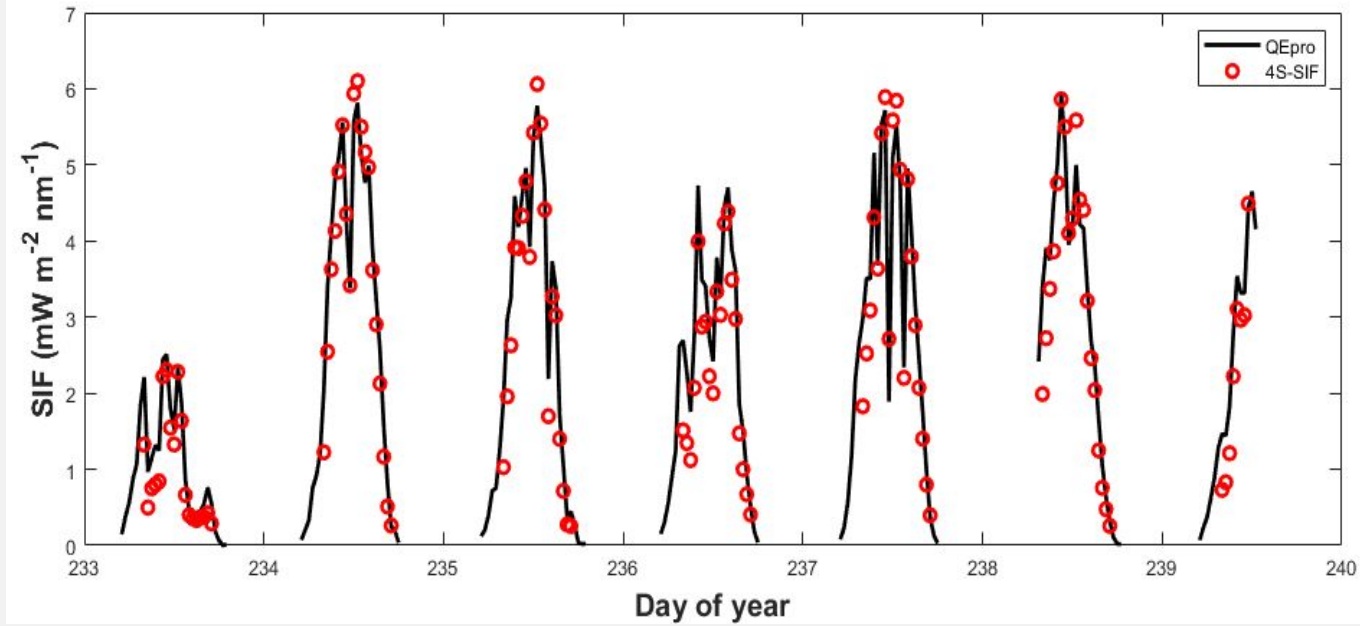
Linearity test against QEPro



Test in the field

hyperspectral spectroradiometer (QEpro)

4S-SIF



New (actually old) approach : near-infrared reflectance of vegetation

spectral observations of the canopy reflectance would exhibit the following characteristics:

- i. the near-infrared reflectance would be a near-linear indicator of APAR and a near-linear indicator of P_c and $1/r_c$ under stress-free conditions,
- ii. the SR would be functional on the near-infrared reflectance only,
- iii. surface reflectance in the visible region would be invariant with leaf area index.

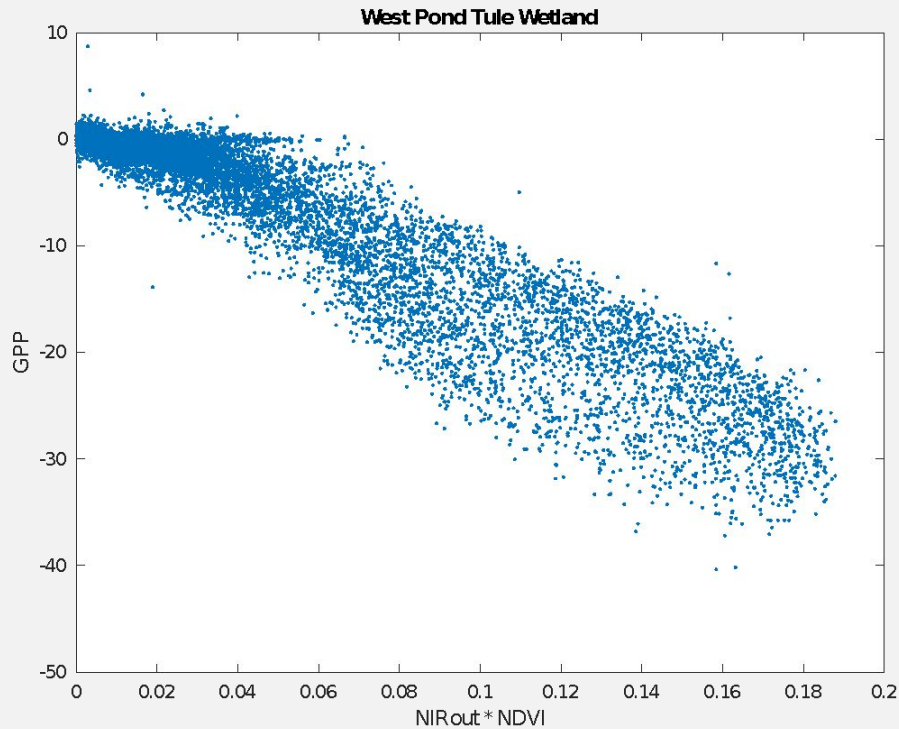
All of the above may be expressed more prosaically. If an experimenter were

somehow to launch an equal number of visible/PAR and near-infrared photons at a vegetated surface, he could estimate the number of visible/PAR photons absorbed by the vegetation (as opposed to the soil) by counting the reflected near-infrared photons rather than the reflected visible/PAR photons. The relationship between the two would be most linear under the ideal conditions we have specified above in (31).

The next section discusses the feasibility of applying reflectance data to estimation of APAR, P_c , and $1/r_c$. In particular, the limitations imposed by



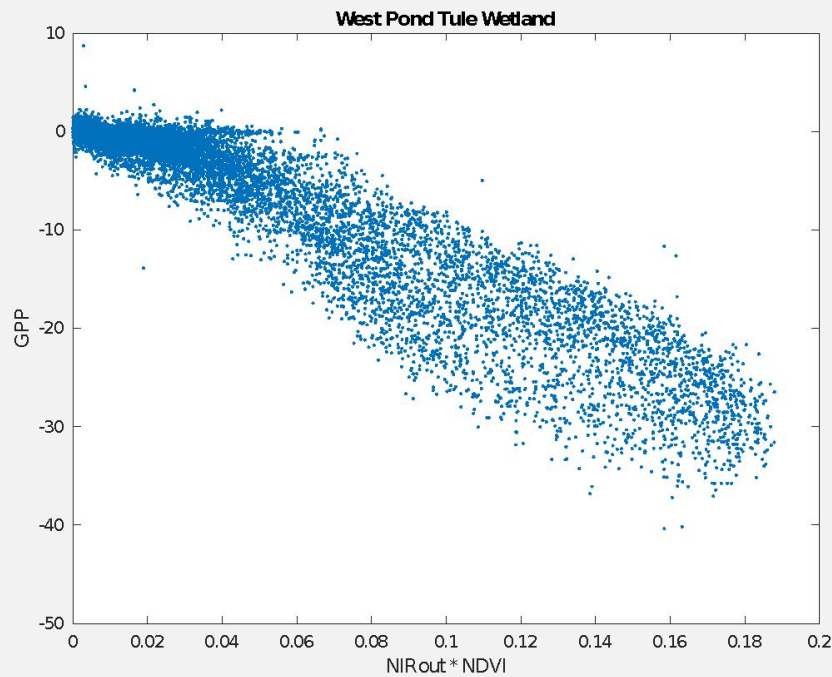
NIRvP across flux towers in California -half hourly, whole year-



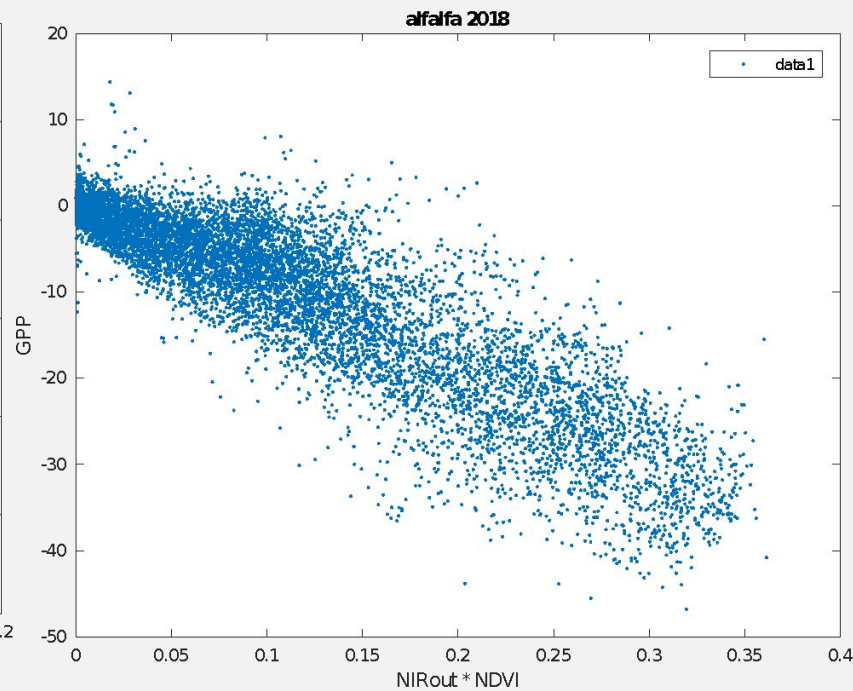


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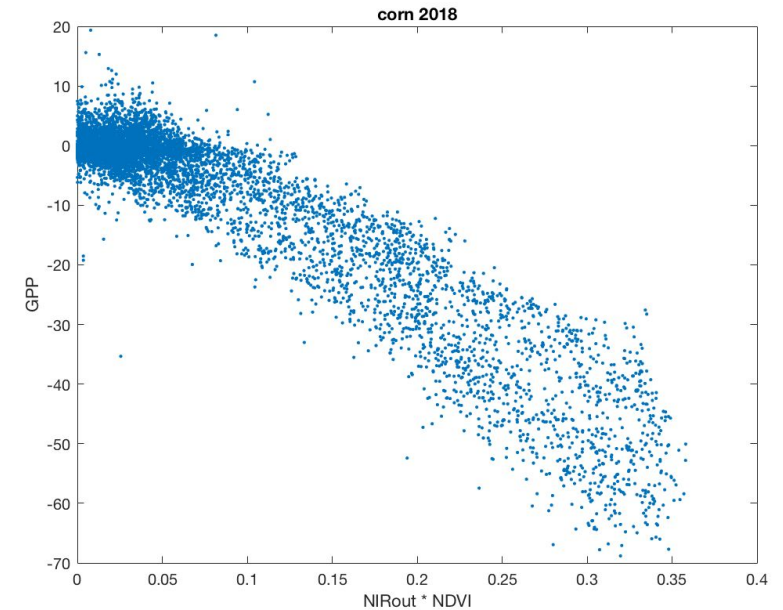
Wetland



Alfalfa



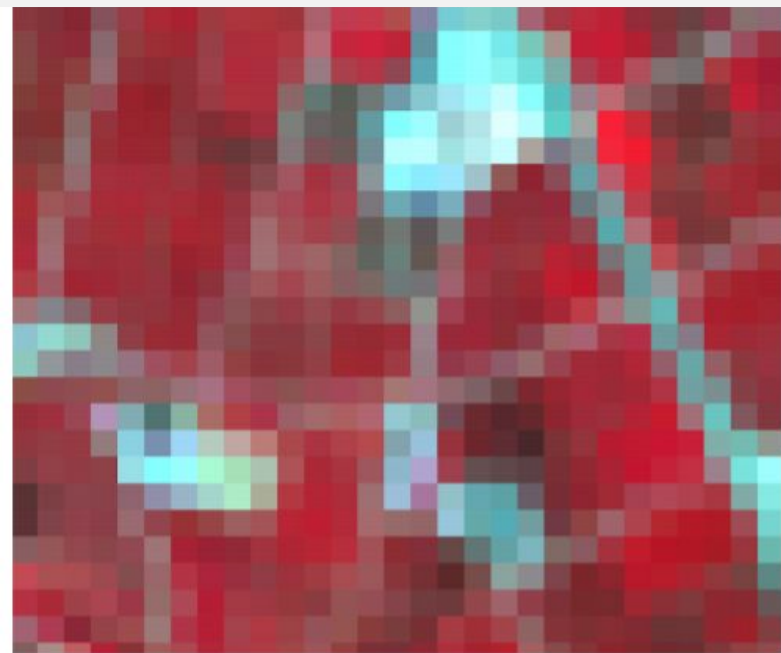
Corn



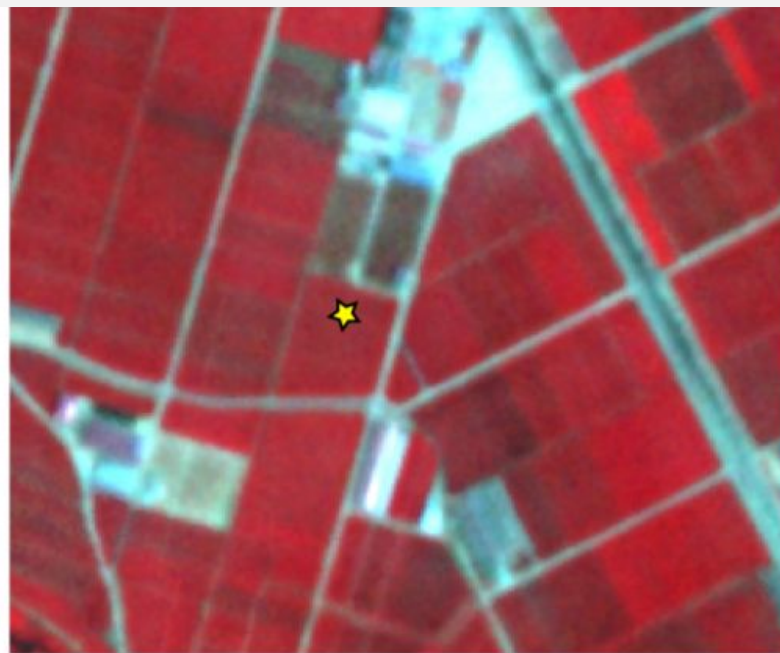


CubeSats: very high resolution, with poor spectral quality

Landsat 8 (23 June 2017)

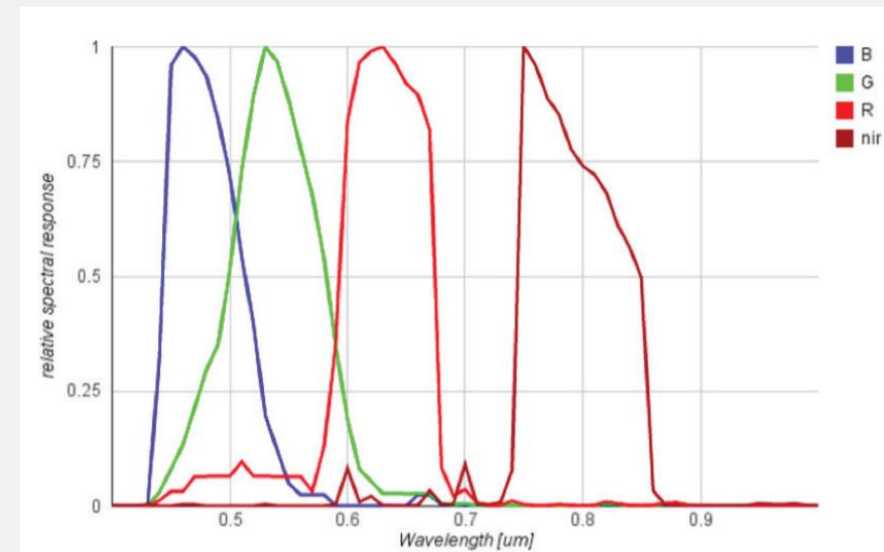


CubeSat (23 June 2017)



Rice paddy landscape (star: flux tower)

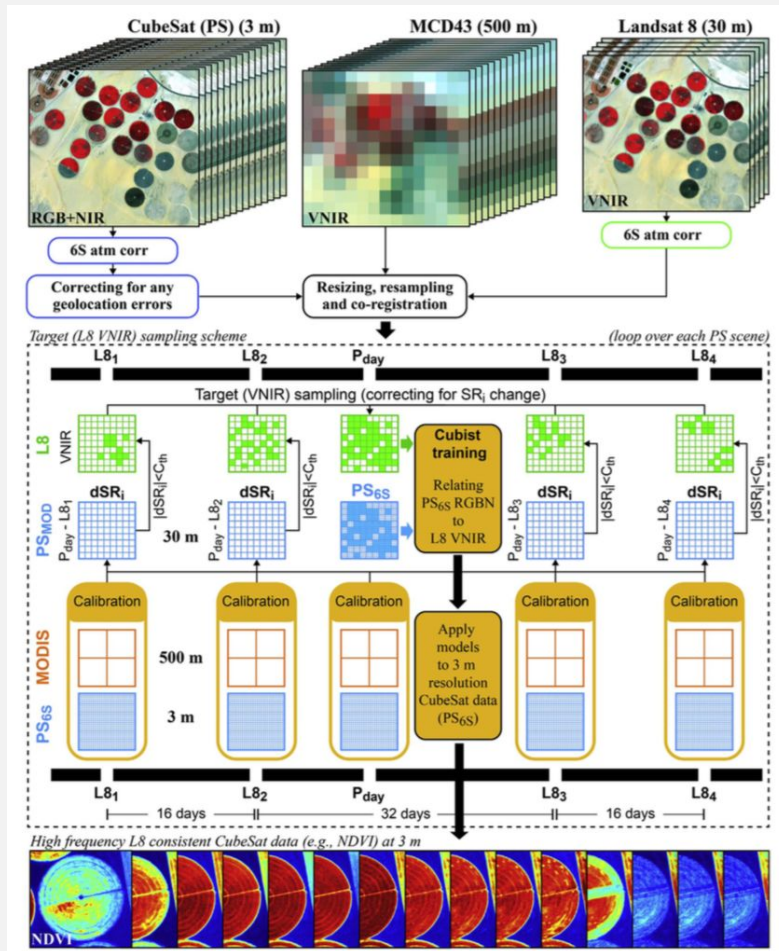
Spectral response of R/G/B/NIR



Source: <https://www.planet.com/>



CESTEM

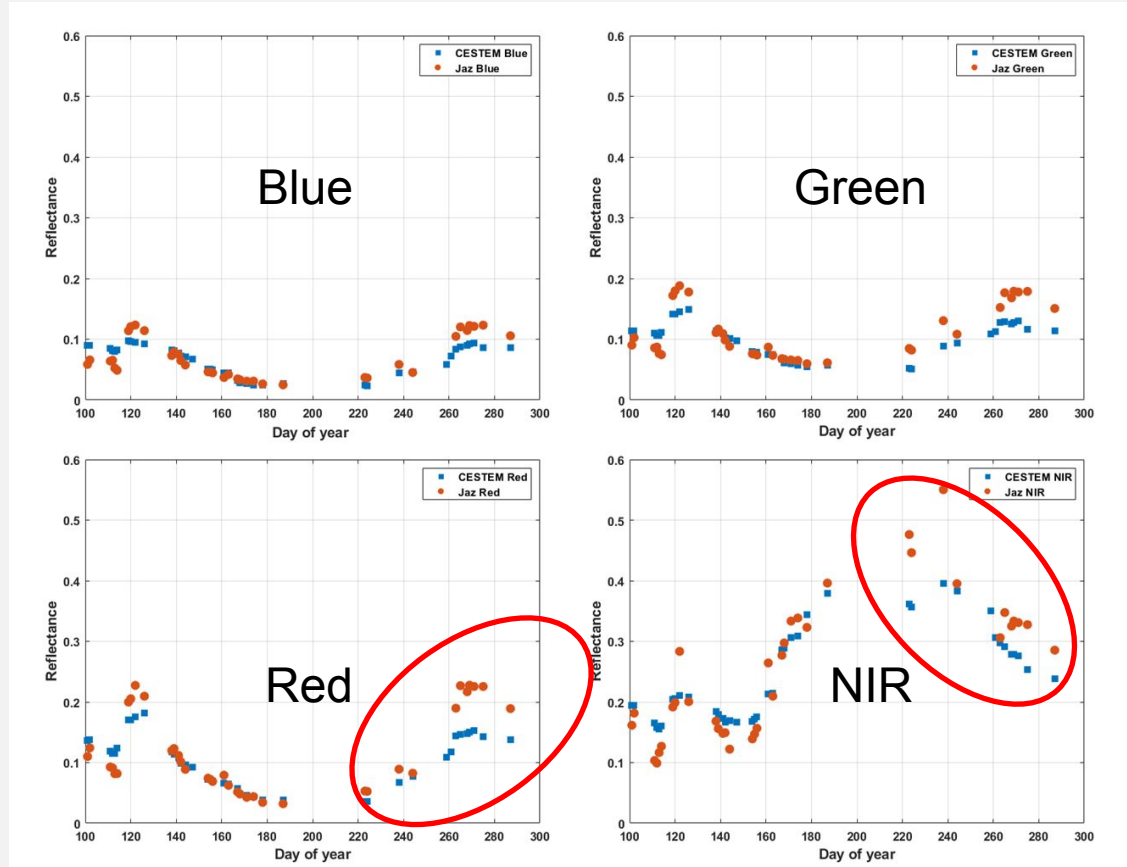


- Surface reflectance at the quality of Landsat and MODIS
- Consistent radiometric calibration across CubeSats constellation
- Why not using NIRv?

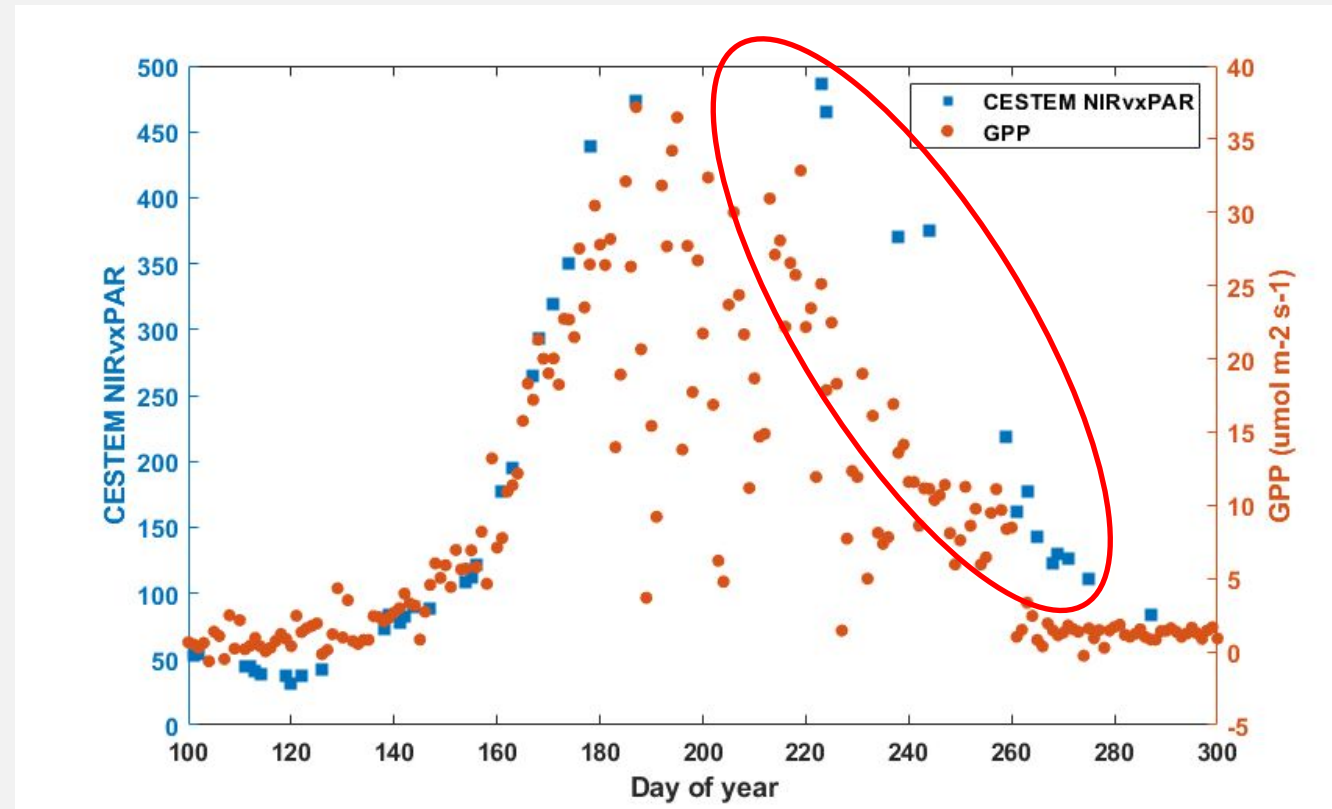
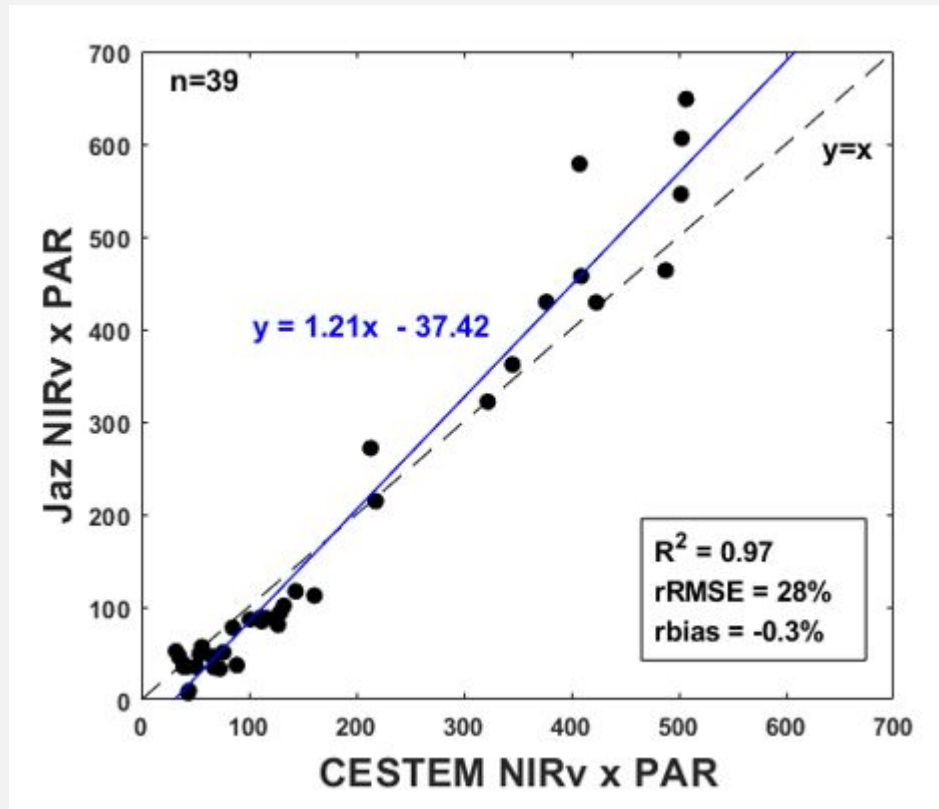
Testing CESTEM time series in the rice paddy landscape




- Blue: CESTEM
- Red: In-situ spectral sensor
- CESTEM well tracked four band spectral reflectance over the seasons



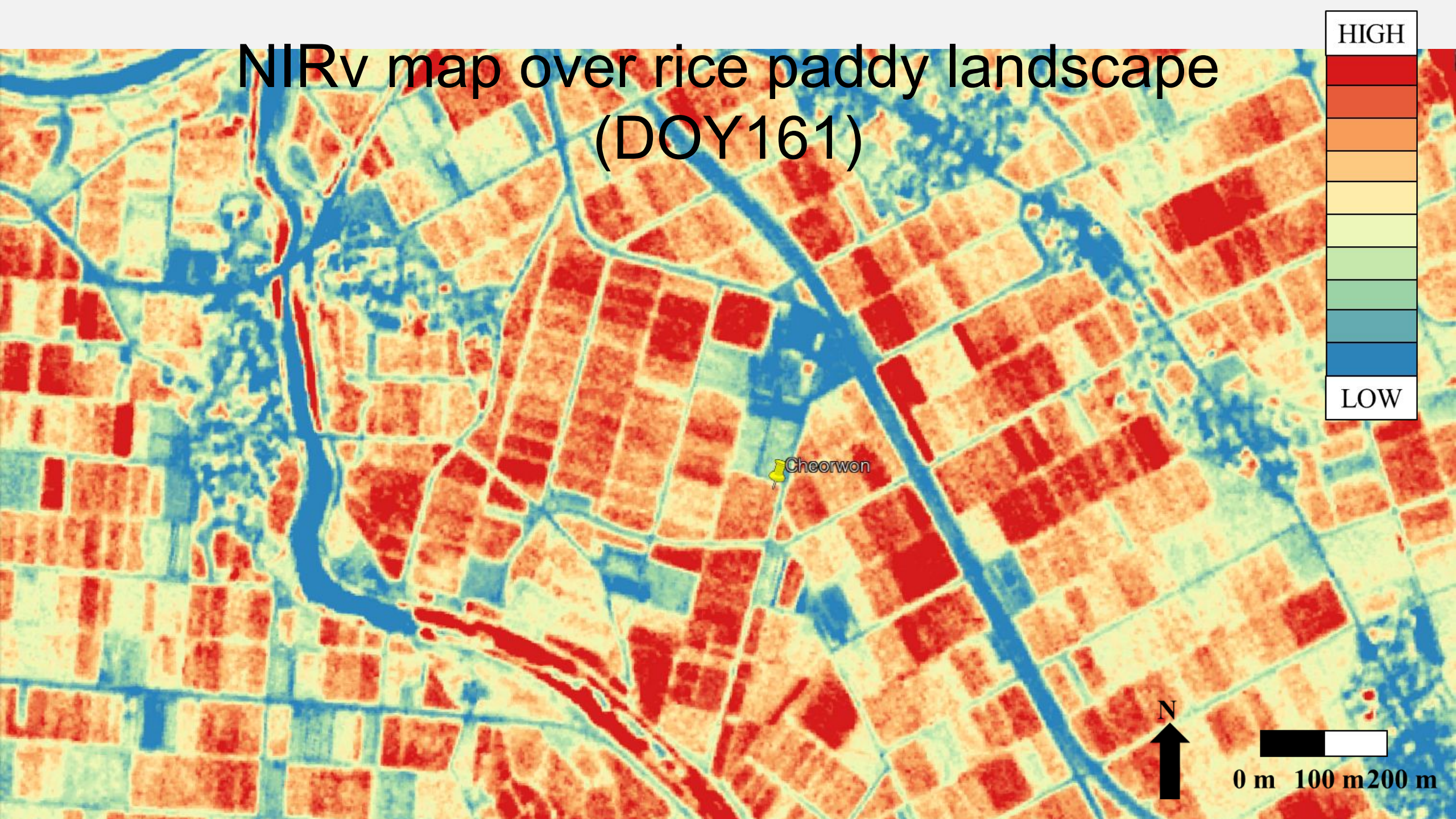
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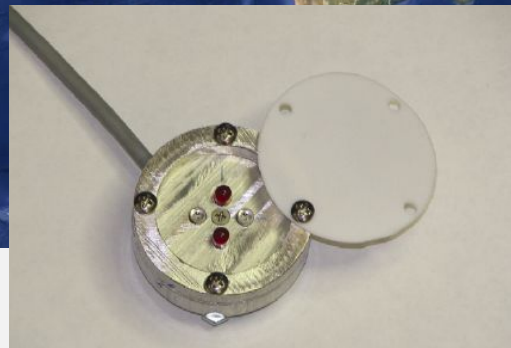
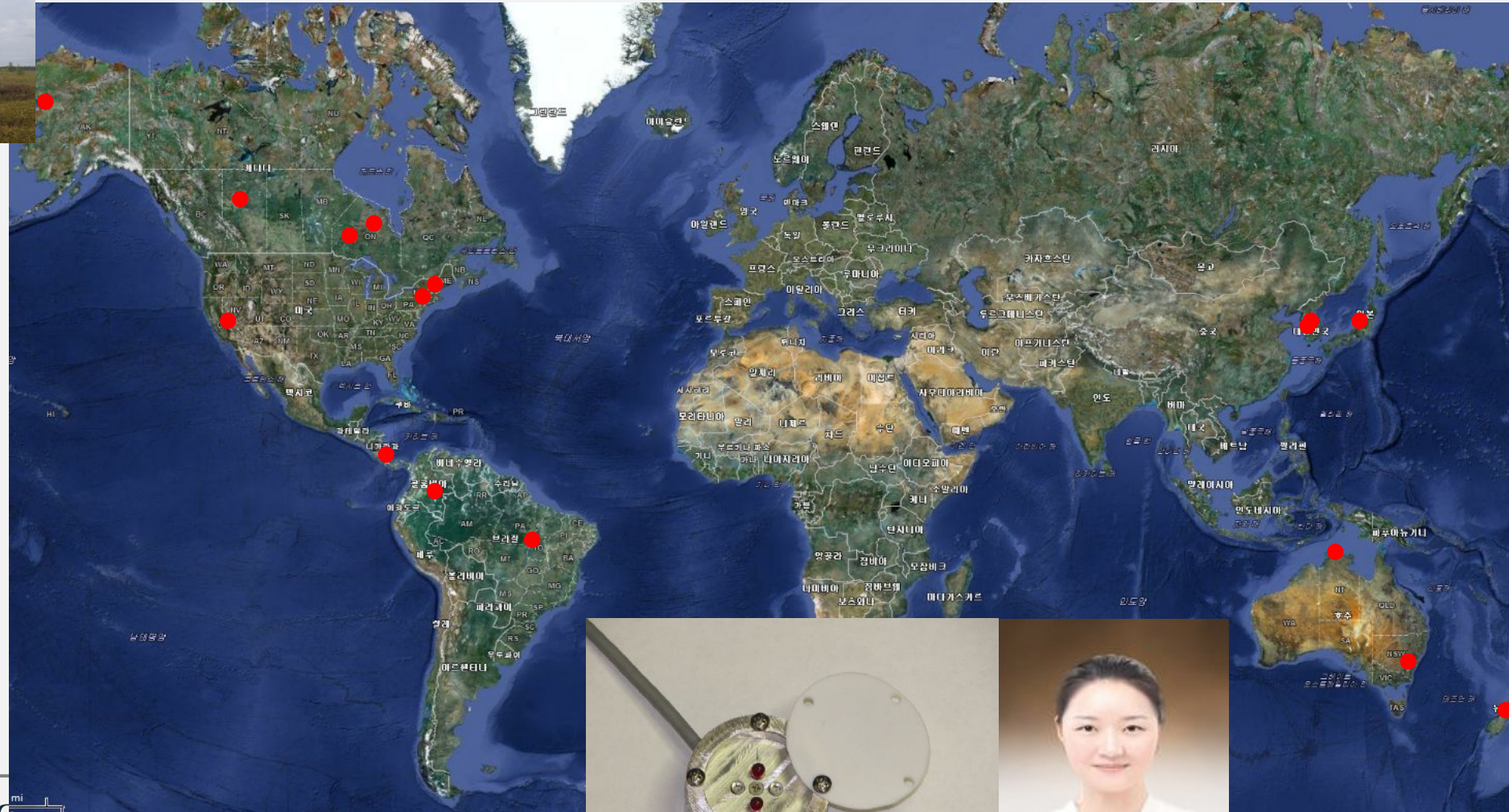


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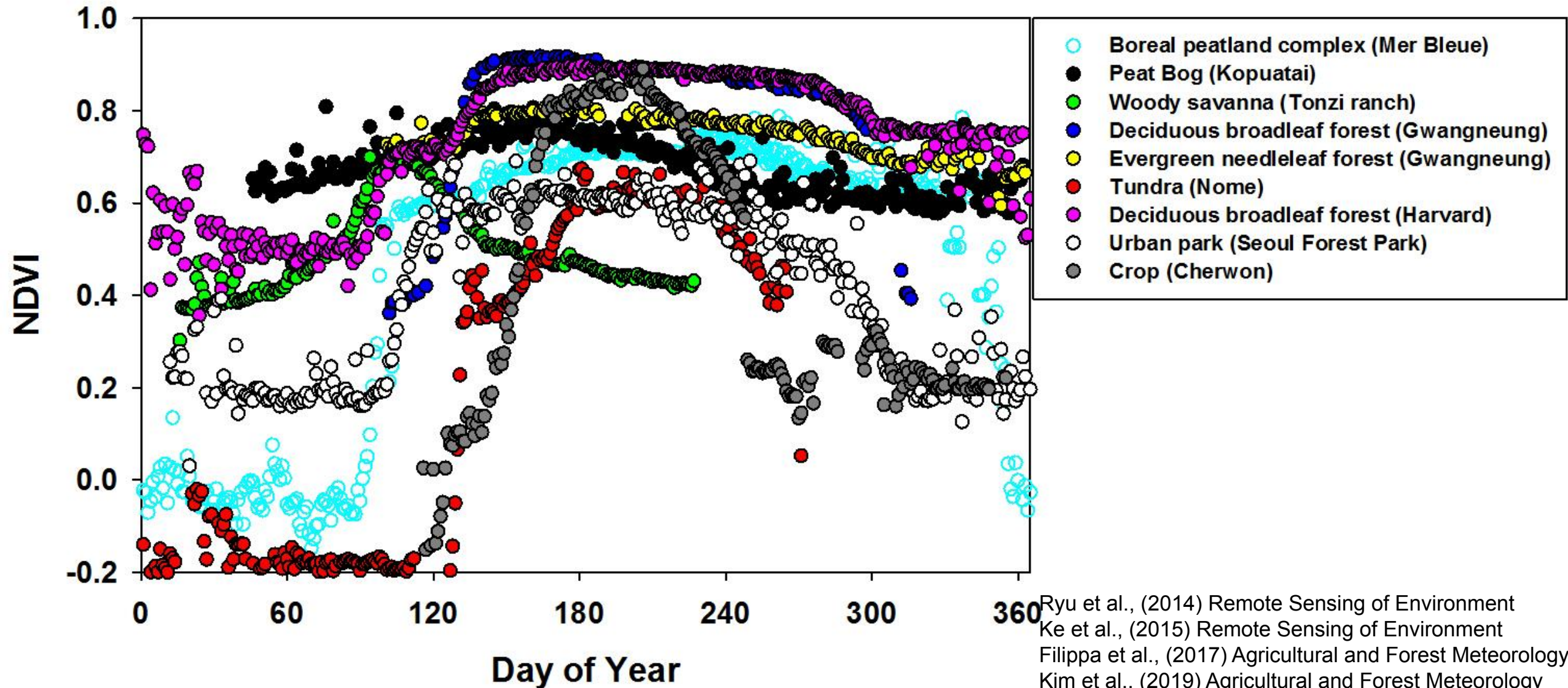
NIRv map over rice paddy landscape (DOY161)



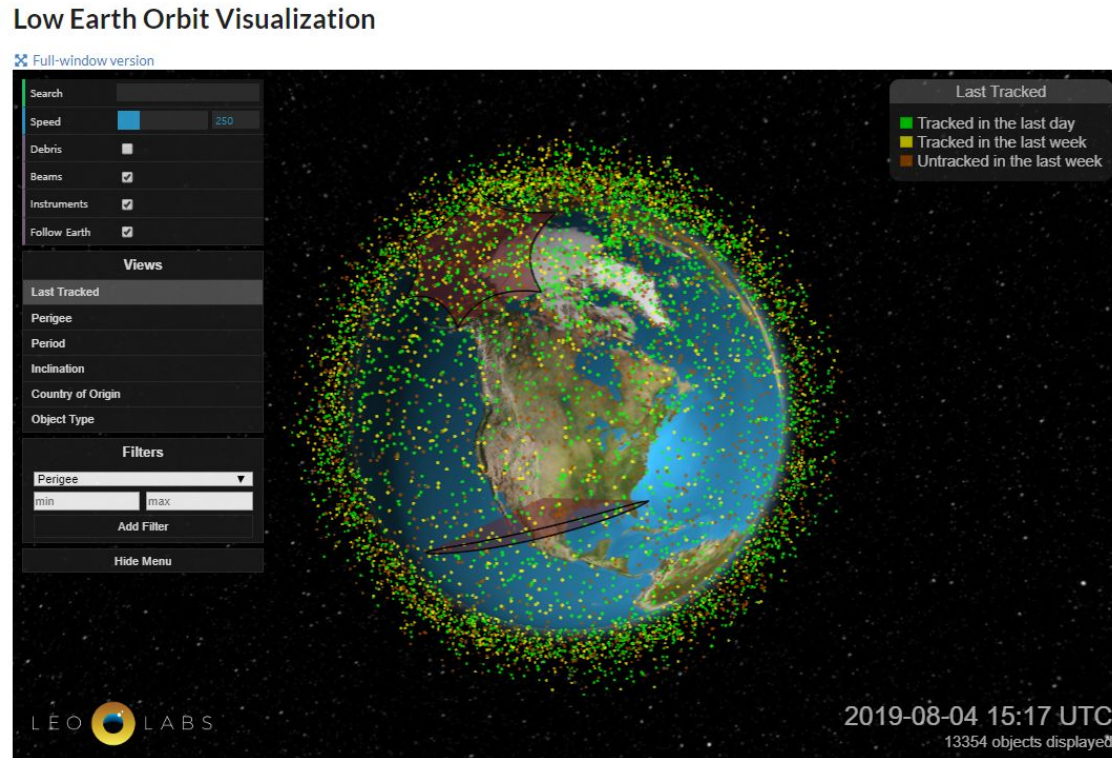
Inexpensive, LED spectral sensing network



In-situ NDVI time series (NIRv can be done)



CubeSats X in-situ sensing network : a new frontier in photosynthesis monitoring



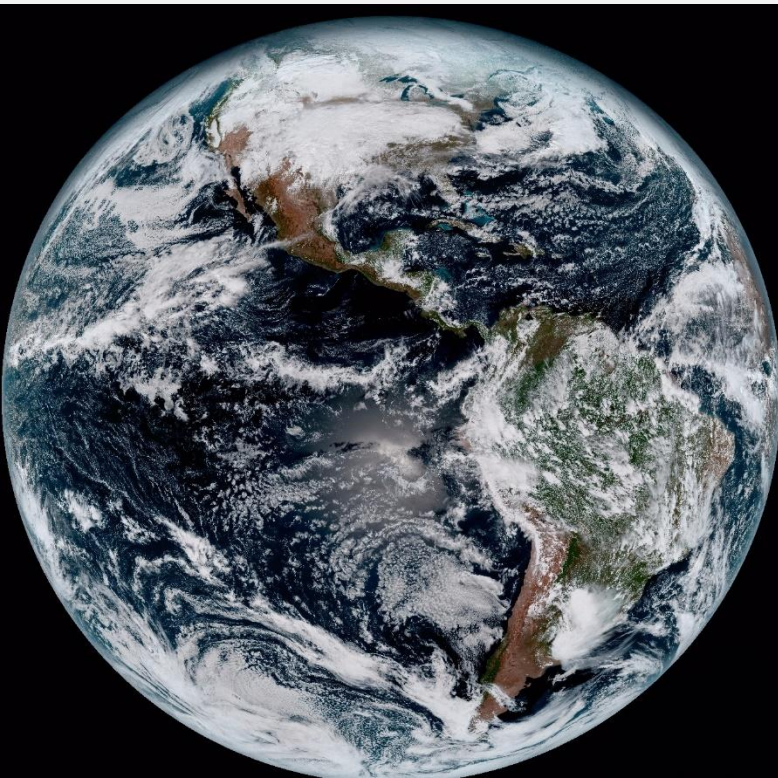
Calibration!



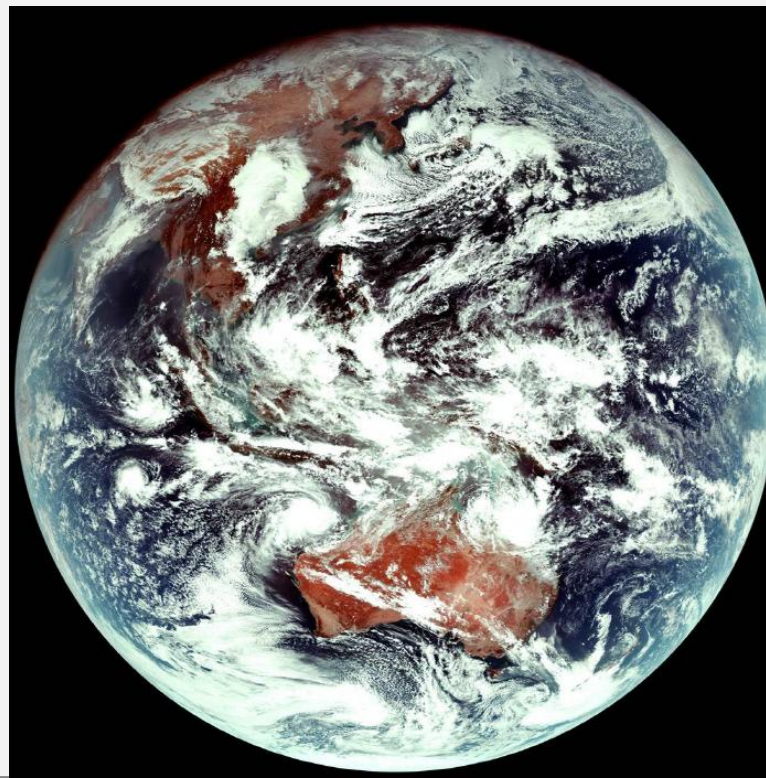
Fig. 2. The Smart Surface Sensing System. All components are connected, and the microcomputer controls the automated data workflow.

Geostationary satellites cover almost the entire world at every a few min

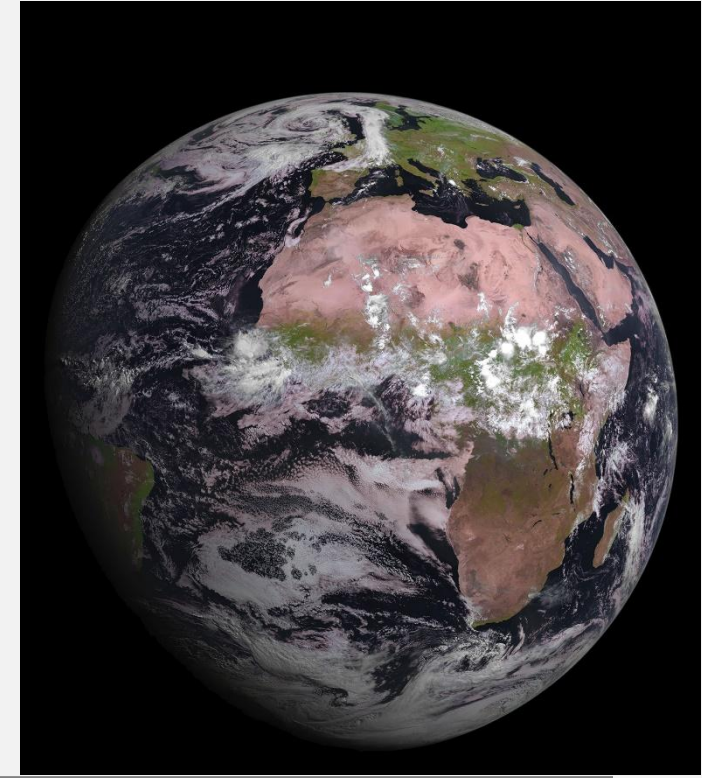
GOES



Geo-Kompsat 2A



SEVIRI



Take home message

- SiF is an exciting topic that requires understanding biochemistry and canopy structure together
- Canopy structure effects seem to be dominant in canopy SiF
- Don't trust any satellite remote sensing data too much
 - Calibration, calibration, calibration,
- As an end user, you have to know “uncertainty”
- CubeSat and Geostation satellite offer powerful ways to monitor photosynthesis at unprecedented scales