Synergy between field spectrometry and eddy covariance data

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Drought is a recurring problem in Belgium!



Source: RTBF 2022

Frühling 2020 extrem trocken und sonnig

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Source: BRF 2020

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Uitzonderlijk droog in Vlaanderen: "Situatie die zich normaal één keer om de vijftig jaar voordoet"

Daar is de lente, daar is de zon. Maar beter zou zijn: daar is de regen. Het is 'droog' tot 'uiterst droog' in Vlaanderen, en dat zo vroeg in het jaar. "Een situatie die zich normaal maar één keer om de vijftig jaar voordoet", zegt grondwaterprofessor Marijke Huysmans (VUB).

Source: HLN 2022

Au moins 166 communes wallonnes touchées par un phénomène de sécheresse exceptionnelle (vidéo)

Des dédommagements sont espérés pour le début de l'année 2019 par le fond des calamités agricoles.



Source: Karrewiet 2019

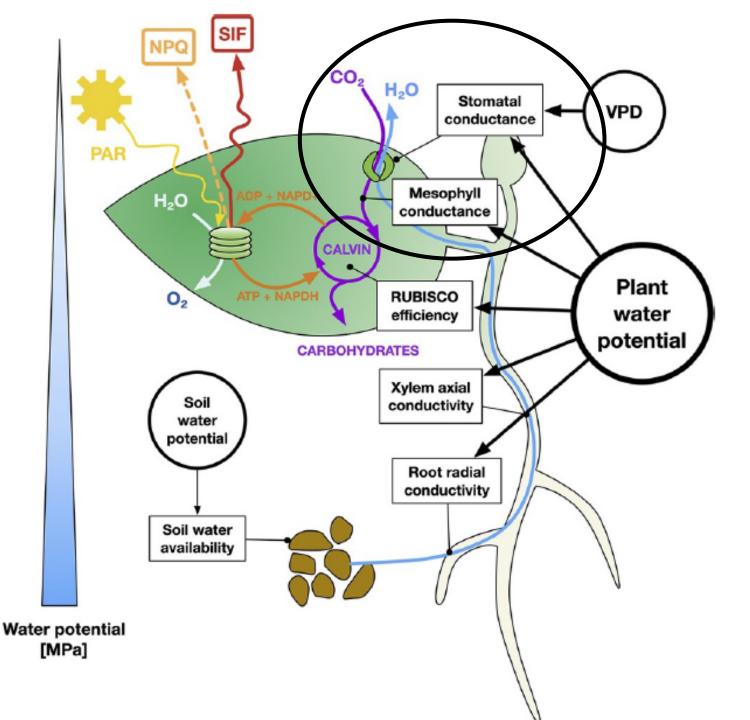
Droogte in Vlaanderen? Veel bedrijven zitten zonder plan B

We hebben een normale winter aehad met aewone temperaturen en een

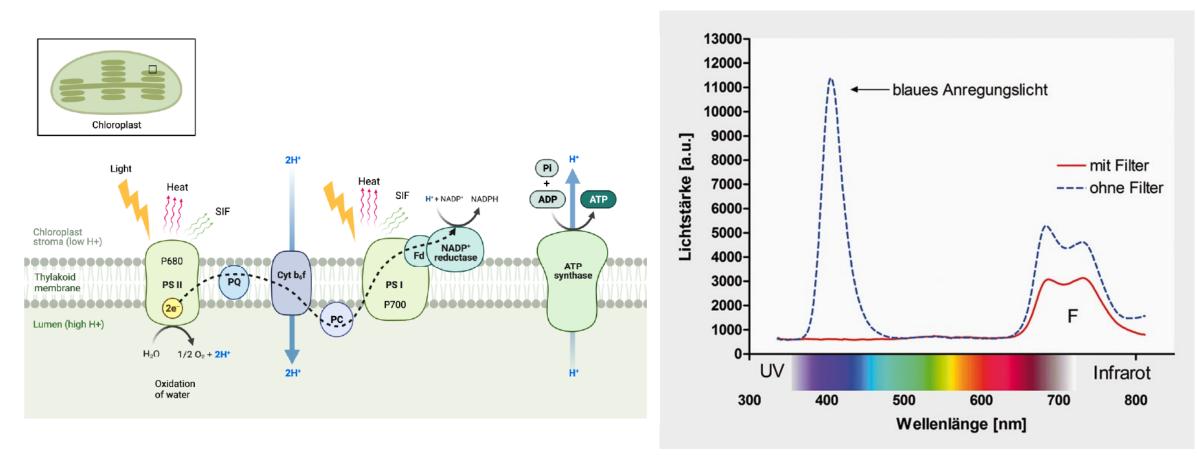
Source: vrt 2019

Photosynthesis is at intersection of water and carbon cycles

- Plants pump up water from soil to do photosynthesis
- Drought stress increases leaf resistance, slowing down photosynthesis
- Subsequent change in the light reactions of photosynthesis



SIF is a signal from the heart of photosynthesis



Burkart 2014

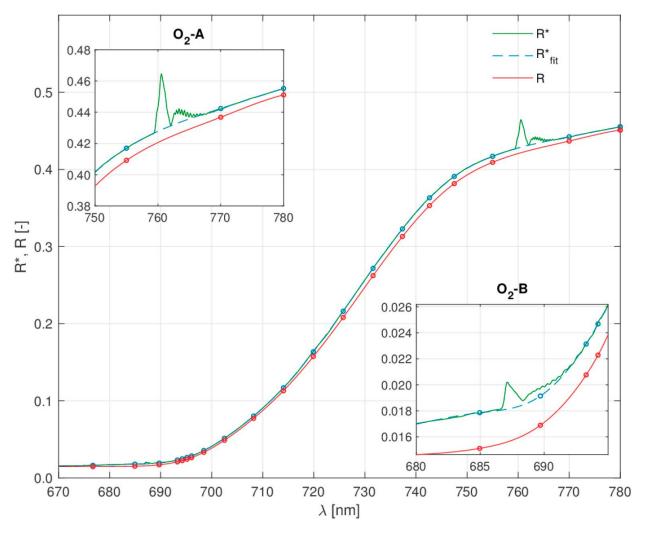
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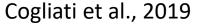
SIF can be visualized lab conditions

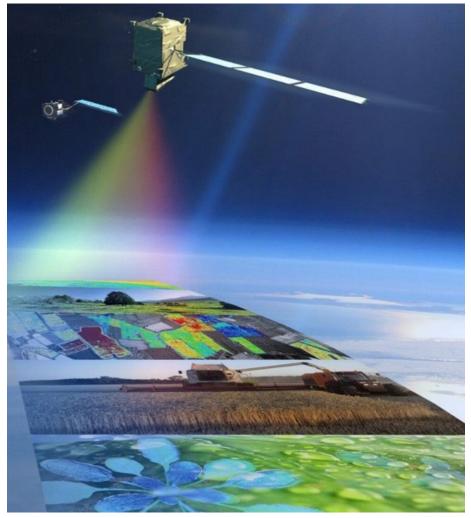


Photos by Andreas Burkart

Advances in spectrometry enable SIF retrievals







Artist's Imprission of FLuorescence EXplorer satellite

ICOS infrastructure is ideal for interpretation of SIF

Light reactions: monitored with sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)



ATP, NAD(P)H

ADP, NADP⁺

SIF and EC measurements go together as bread and butter Carbon assimilation: monitored with eddy covariance (EC) tower



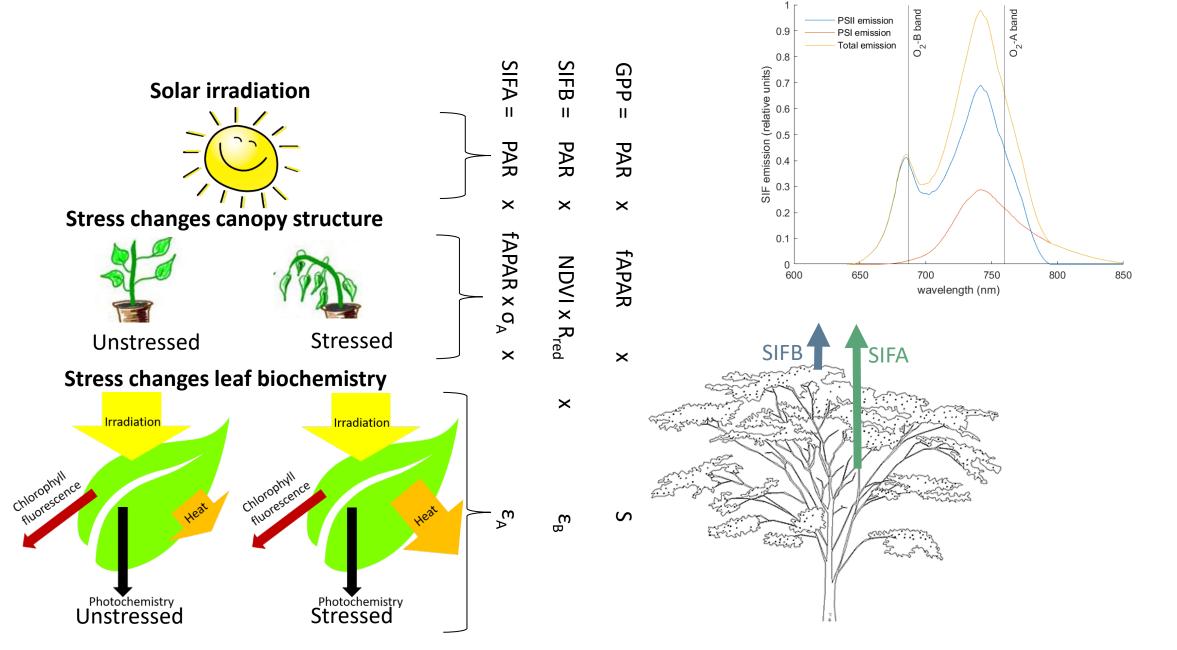
Field Experiment over Lonzée

Installed Field Spectrometer FLoX next to ICOS station in Lonzée on February 24, 2022

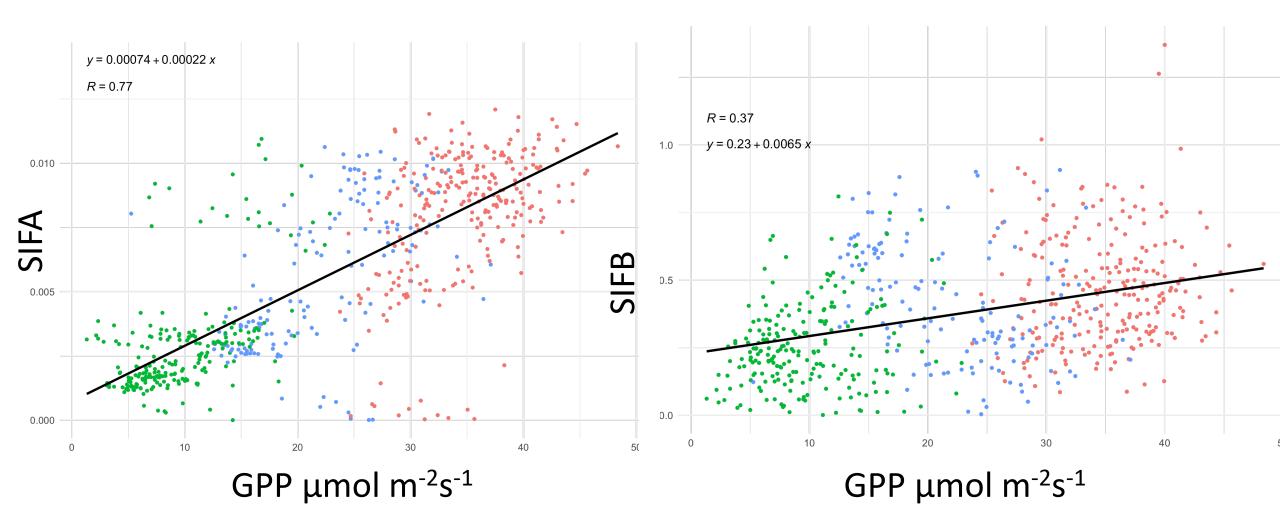
Measure SIF alongside Carbon and Water Fluxes over the Lonzée site during growing season



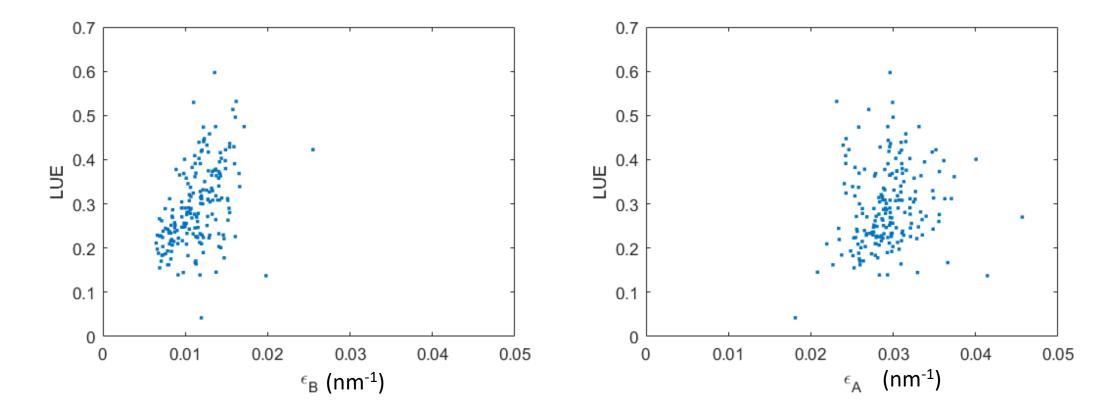
Effect SIFs on emission



Traditional approach: link SIF to GPP



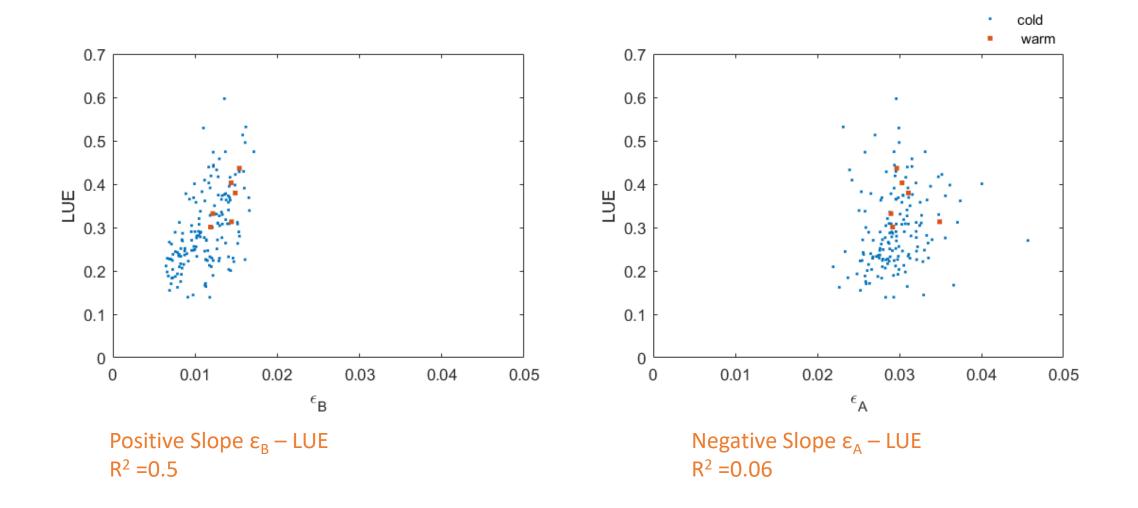
ICOS-FloX combination helps physiological interpretation of SIF signal



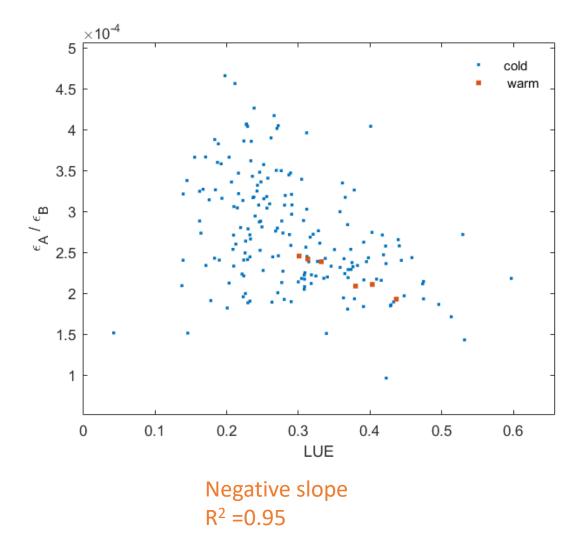
R²=0.98

R²=0.97

Effect VPD on shape fluorescence curve



SIF ratio as a potential LUE proxy?



Conclusion

- Sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence is an emerging signal, sensitive to photosynthesis
- ICOS infrastructure has been a cornerstone in experiments for SIF interpretation
- SIF can be normalized unto a physiological signal
- Ratio of SIF bands has potential to be used as proxy for LUE