

Harnessing remote sensing big data for predicting food production

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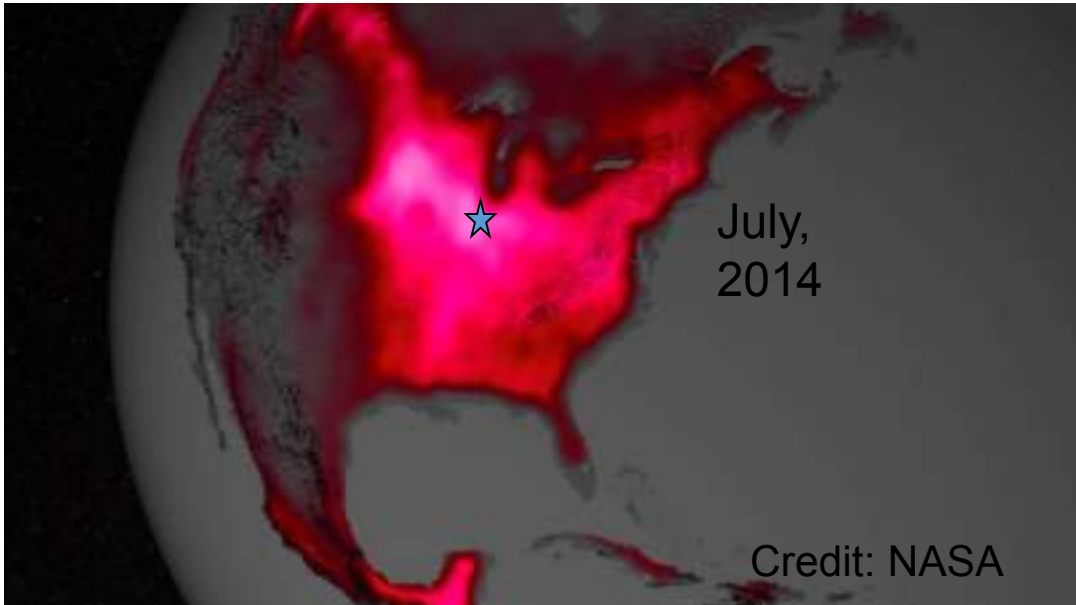
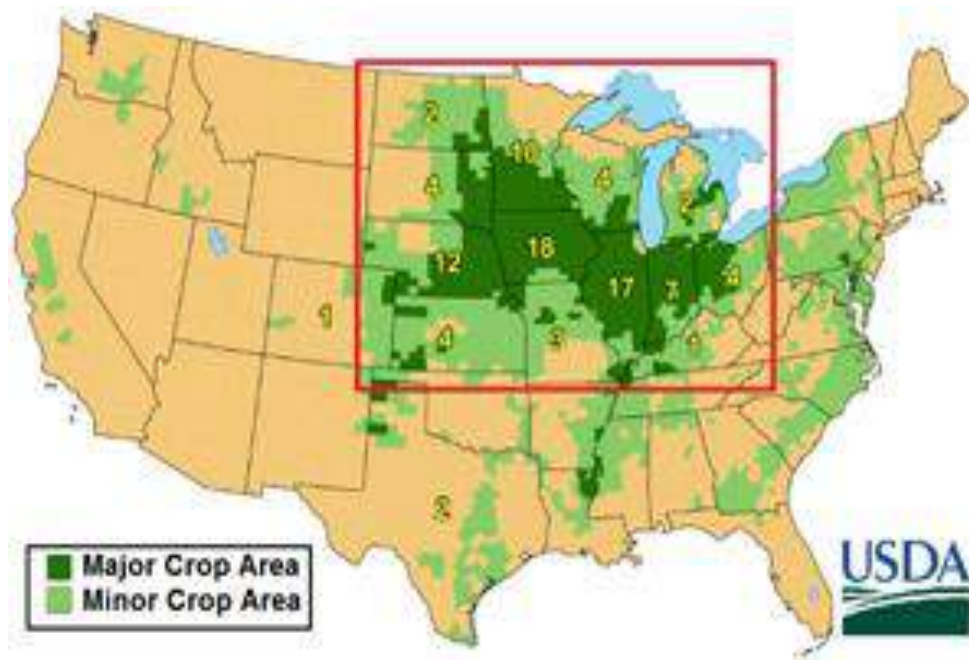


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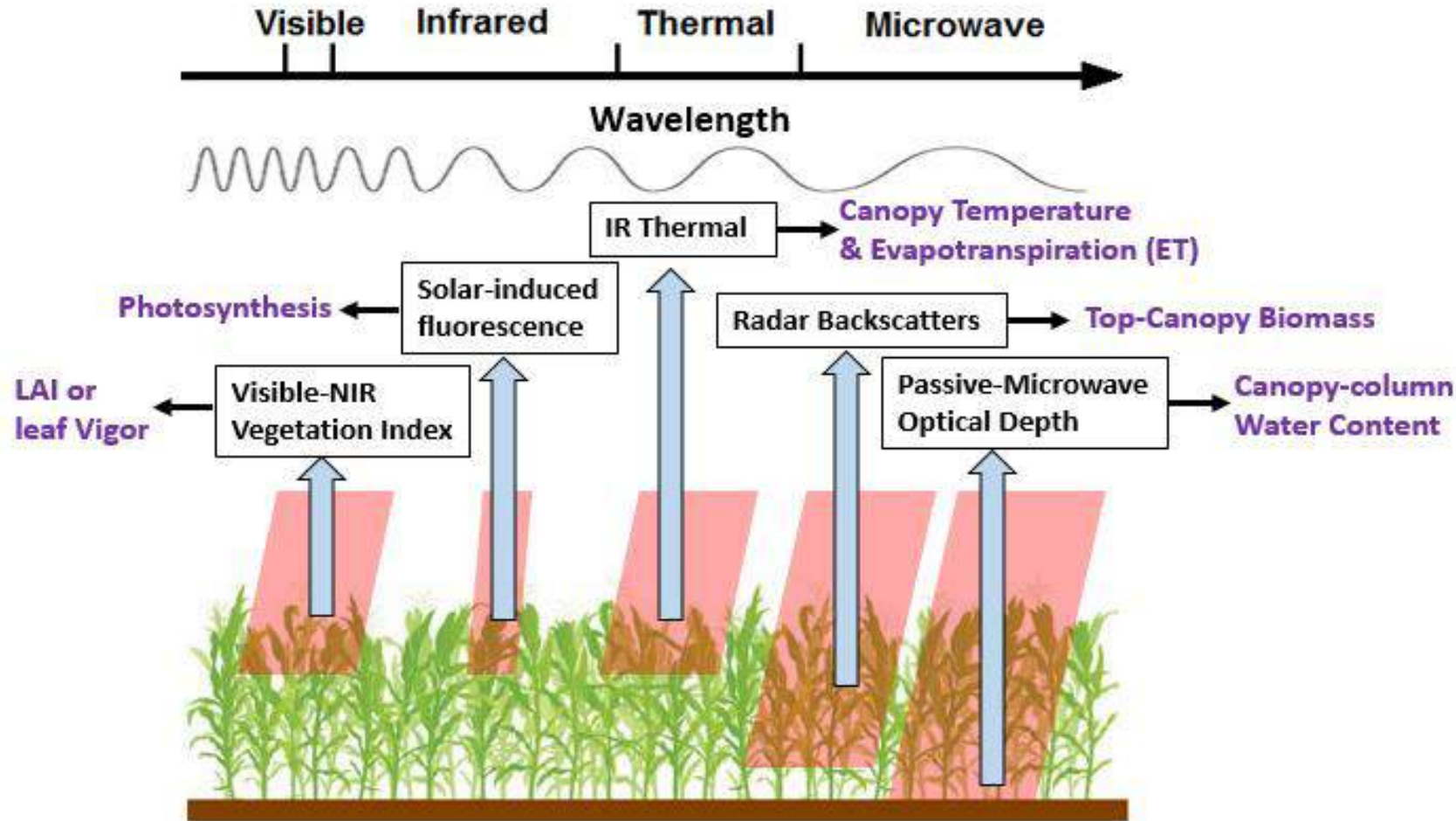


Study domain in red box. The background shows the averaged corn production from 2007-2012, and the numbers indicate the percentage (%) of the state production to the national total corn production.

Sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF) as a proxy of photosynthesis.

US Corn Belt produces ~45% of global corn production and ~30% of global soybean production.

A New Era of Earth Observation from **Satellite**: Vegetation Properties



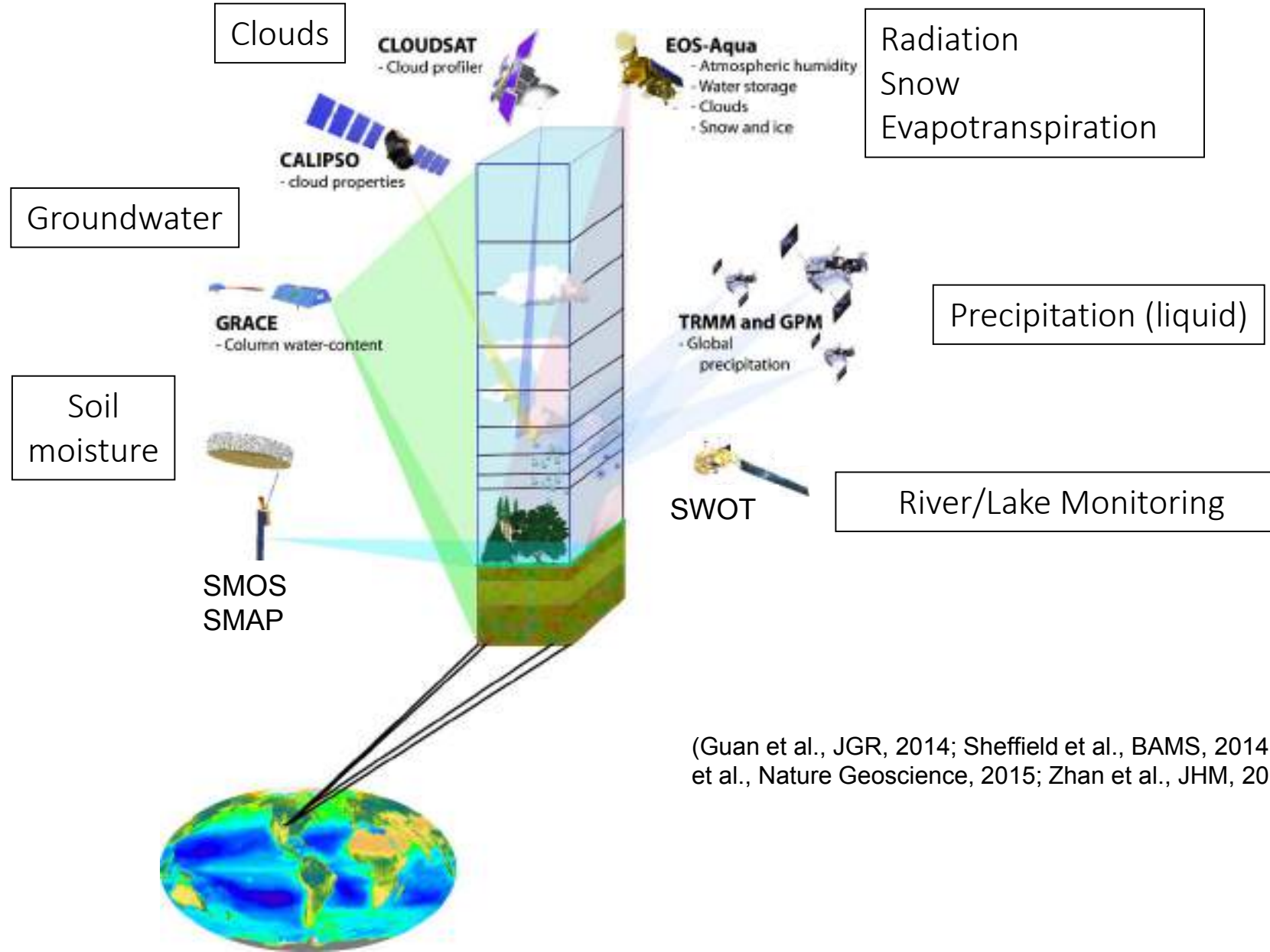
Take home message:

All the satellite data share some common information.

However, when excluding this common information, many data contain their unique information that tremendously improve our understanding of vegetation growth.

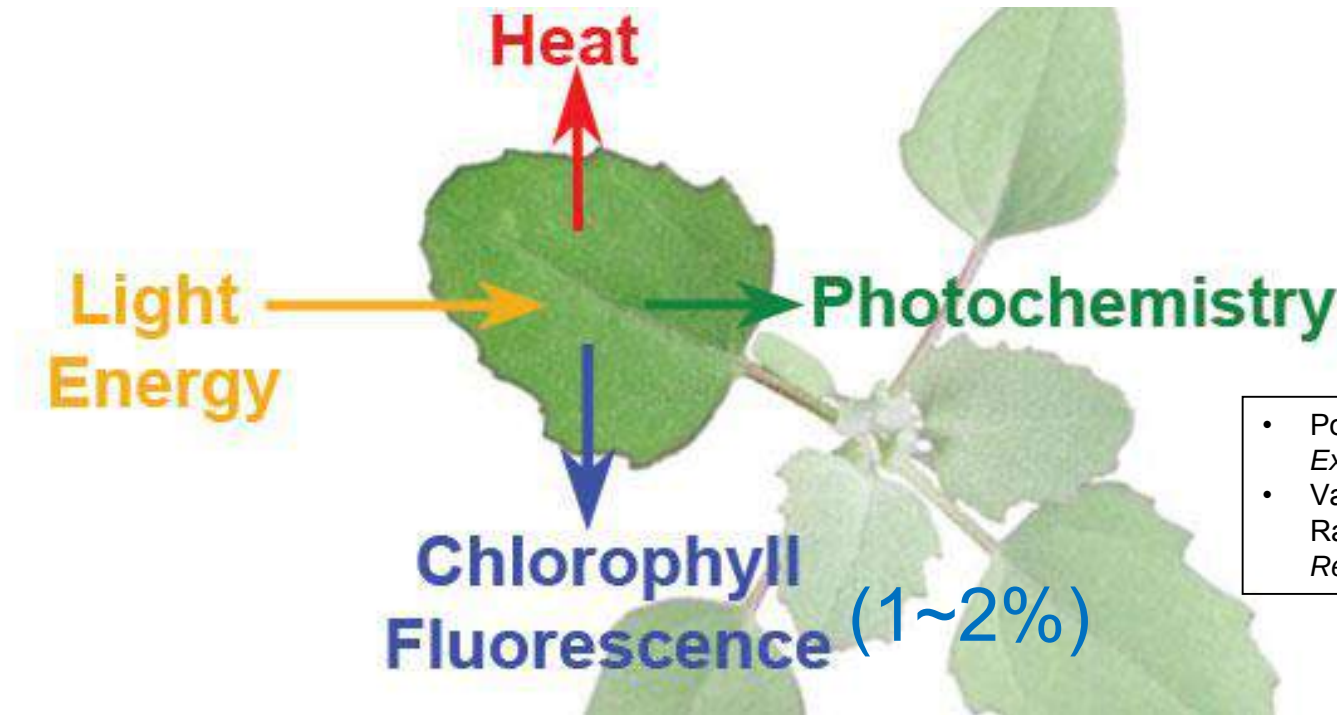
(Guan et al., RSE, 2012; Guan et al., Ecosphere, 2013; Guan et al., IEEE, 2014; Guan et al., JGR, 2014; Guan et al., GCB, 2016; He et al., RSE, 2016; Guan et al., RSE, 2017)

A New Era of Earth Observation from **Satellite**: Hydrological States



Innovative use of fluorescence information

What is Solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)?



- Porcar-Castell, A. et al. (2014). *Journal of Experimental Botany*, 1–31.
- Van der Tol, C., Berry, J. A., Campbell, P.K.E. and Rascher, U. (2014). *Journal of Geophysical Research: Biogeosciences*.

SIF is possible to retrieve from space only in a decade, and mature products only became available around 2011.

Scientific foundations:

$$GPP = PAR \times fPAR \times LUE$$

$$SIF = PAR \cdot fPAR \cdot \Phi_F \cdot \Omega_C$$



$$GPP = SIF \times \frac{LUE}{\Phi_F \times \Omega_C}$$

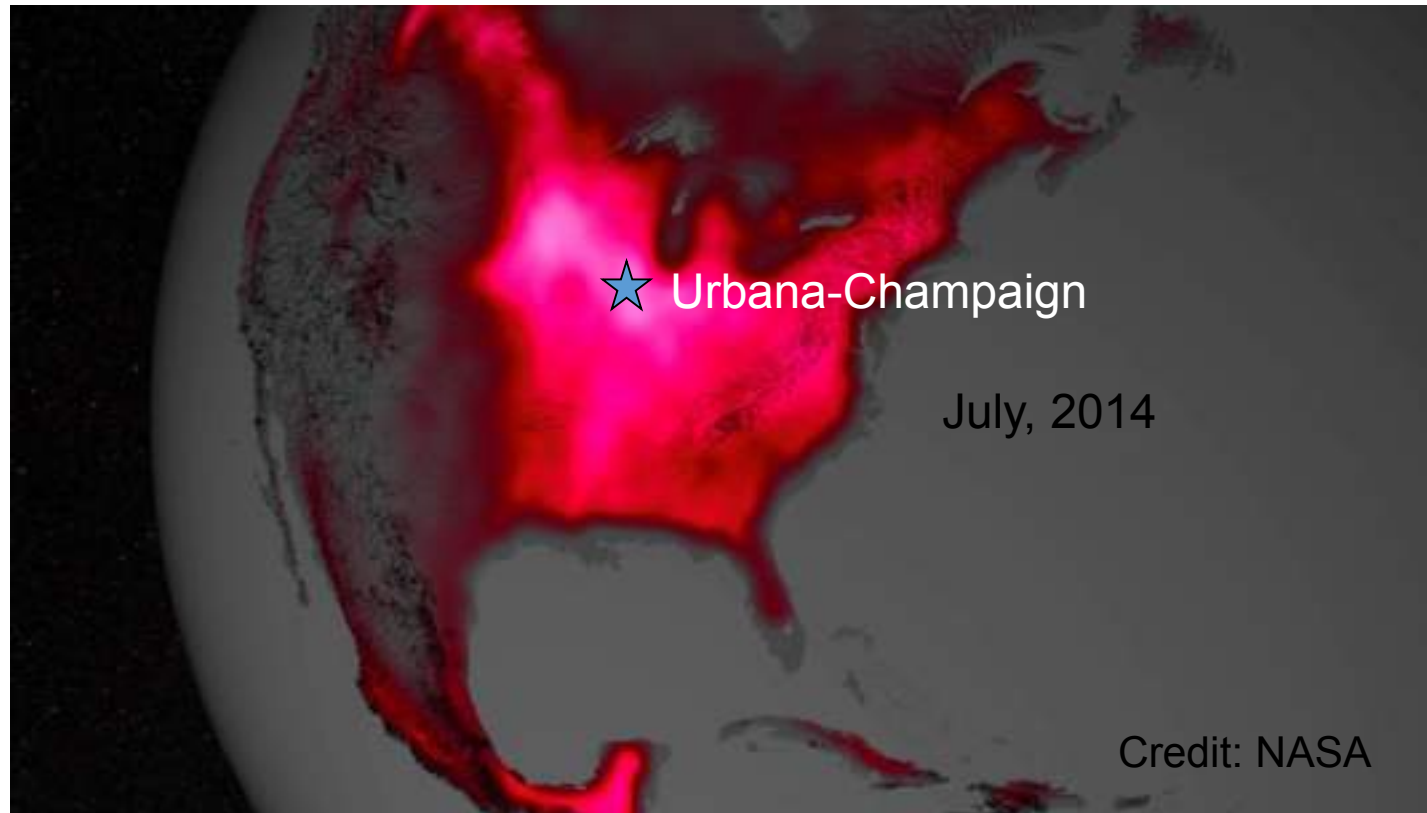
LUE: light use efficiency of photosynthesis.

Φ_F is the yield of fluorescence in the wavelength band of the measurement.

Ω_C is the probability that an emitted photon will escape the canopy to be detected.

- Ref: Frankenberg C and Berry J 2017 *Solar Induced Chlorophyll Fluorescence: Origins, Relation to Photosynthesis and Retrieval* (Elsevier) Online: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780124095489106323>

Satellite-sensed photosynthesis



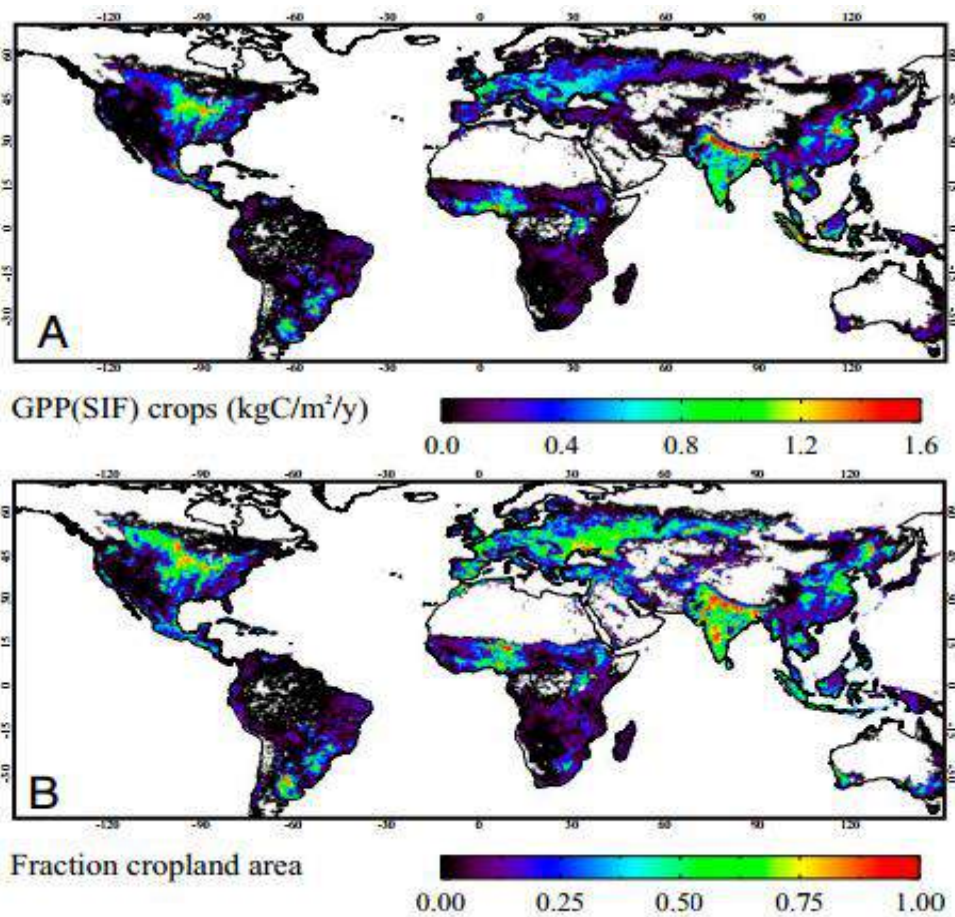
Sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)

Existing satellite-based SIF products (resolutions are all aggregated):

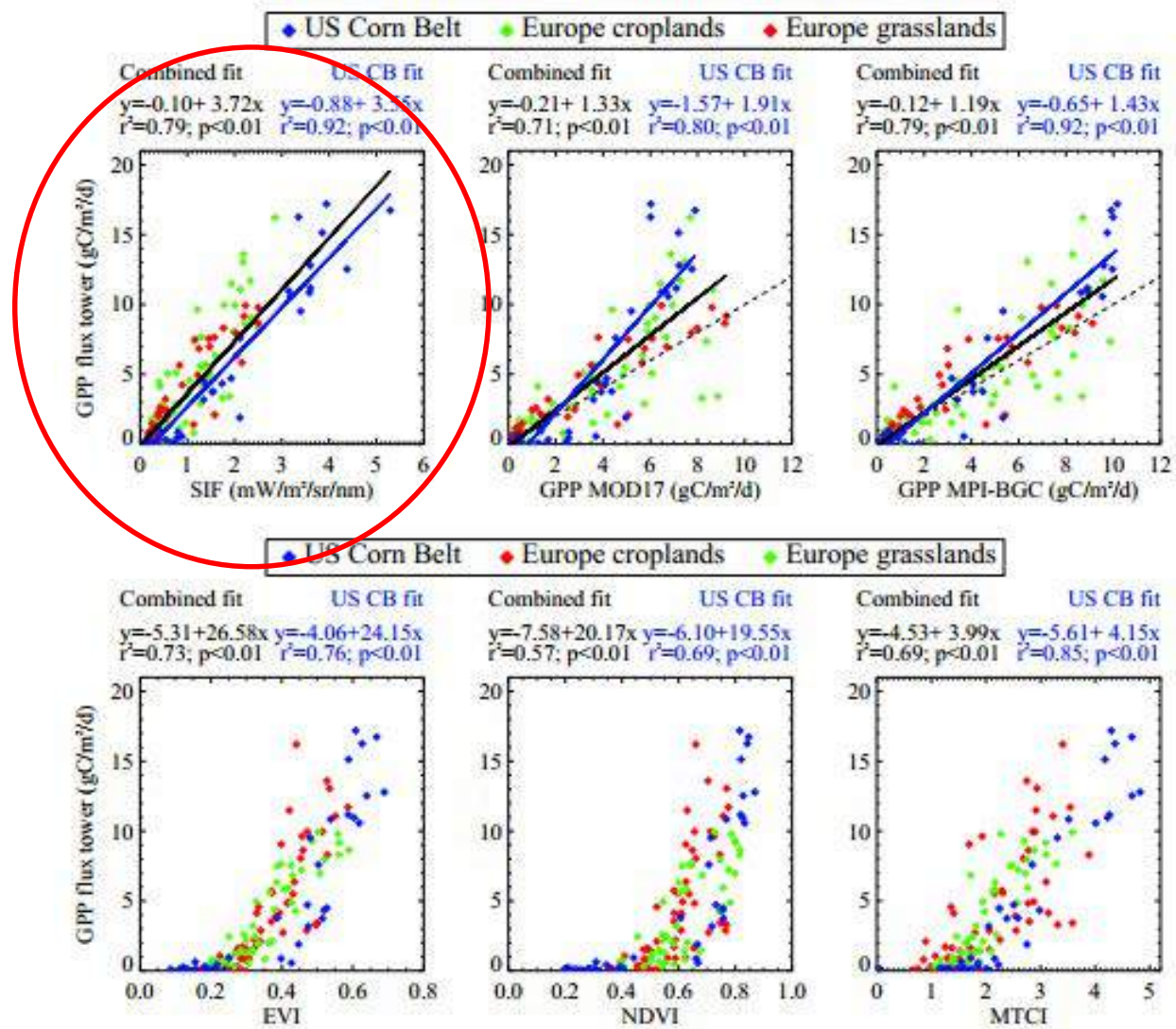
GOSAT (2 degree, monthly), GOME-2 (0.5 degree, biweekly), SCHYMACHY (1 degree, monthly), OCO-2 (~1-2 degree, monthly)

(sadly OCO3 is ceased for funding ...)

(Frankenberg, Butz, et al., 2011; Guanter et al., 2014; Joiner et al., 2011, 2013)

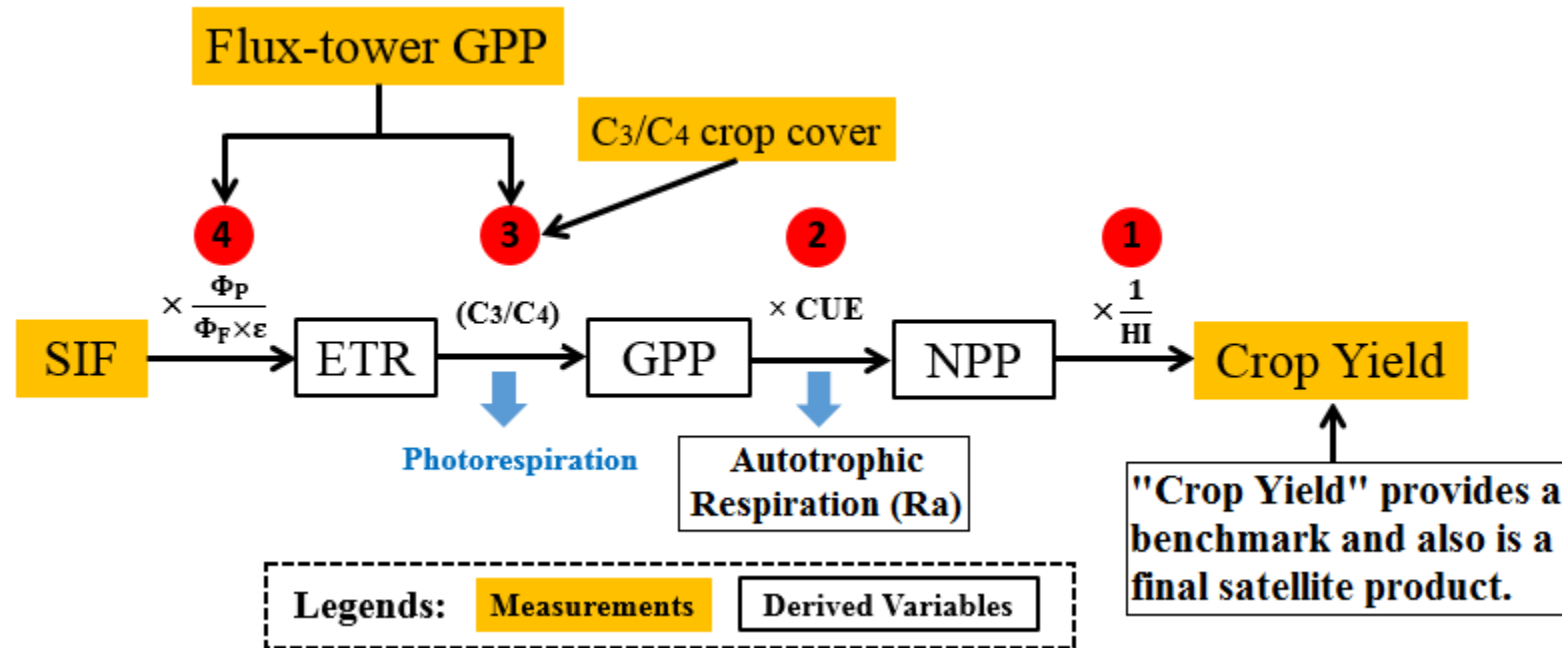


Global fluorescence hotspots (from GOME-2 satellite) are all in agriculture area (adapted from Guanter et al., 2014).

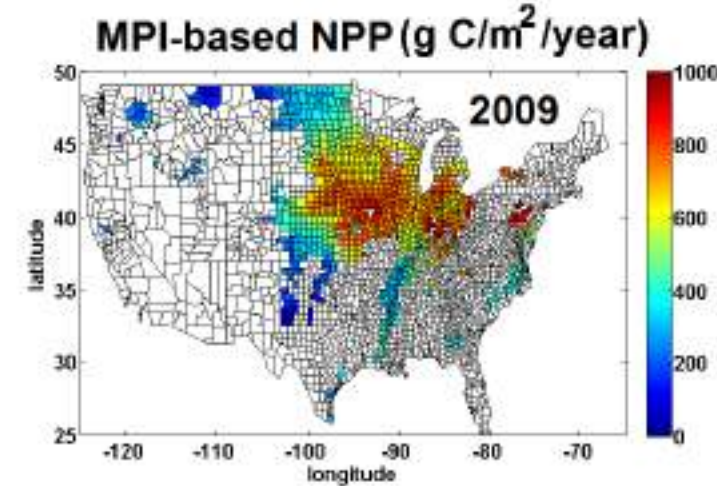
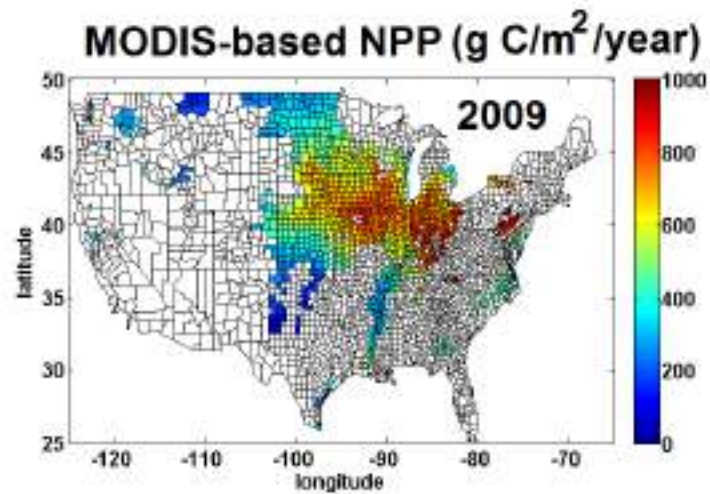
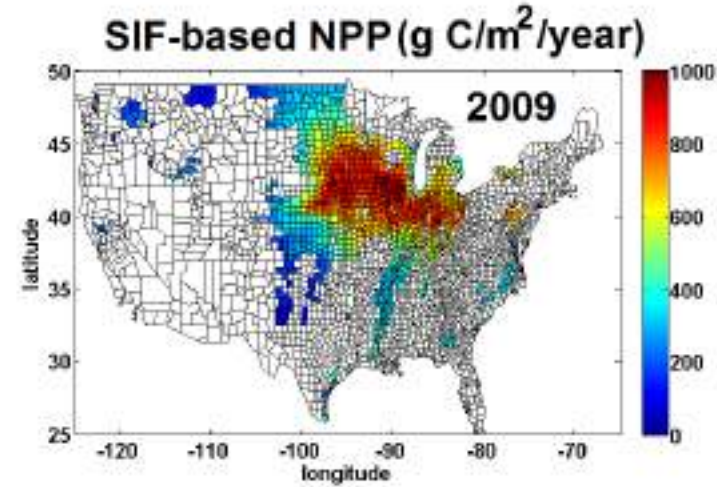
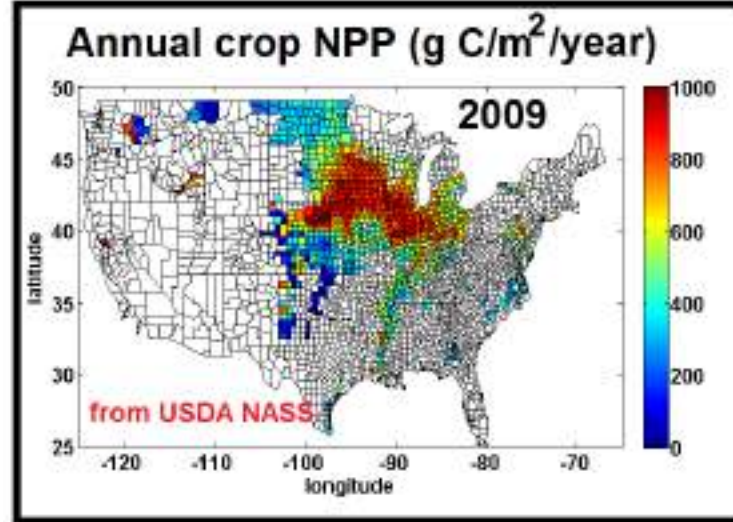


- Guanter L, Zhang Y et al. (2014) Global and time-resolved monitoring of crop photosynthesis with chlorophyll fluorescence *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* **111** E1327–33

A new framework of using SIF for crop monitoring



(Guan et al., "[Improving the monitoring of crop productivity using spaceborne solar-induced fluorescence](#)", Global Change Biology, 2016)



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Long-term measurements of solar-induced fluorescence (SIF)

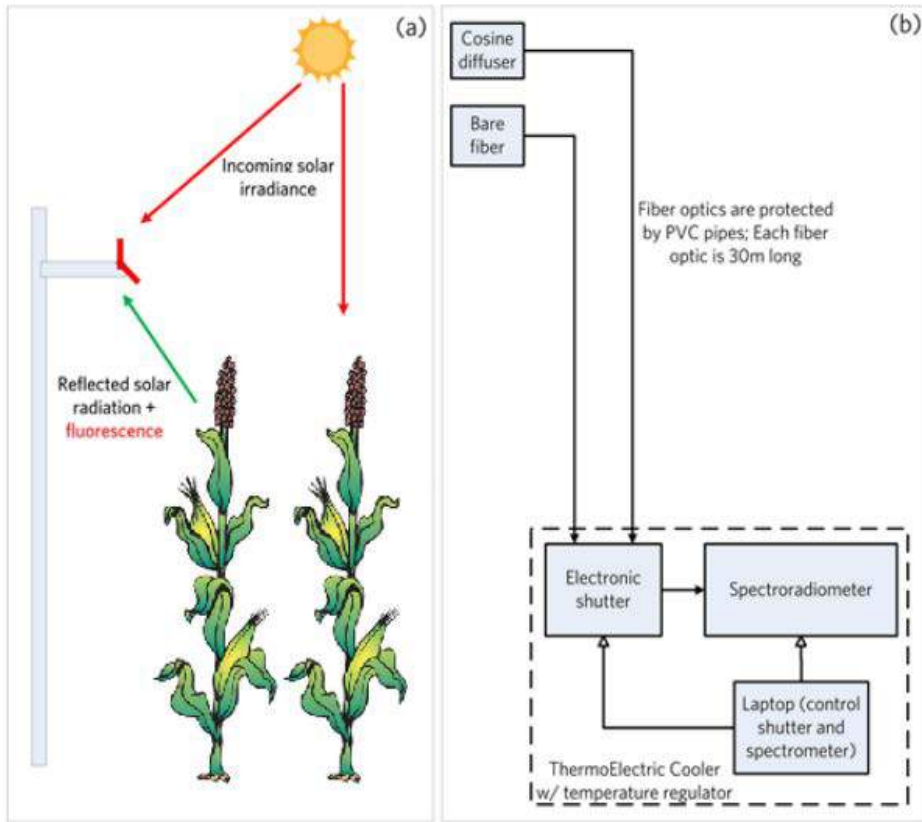
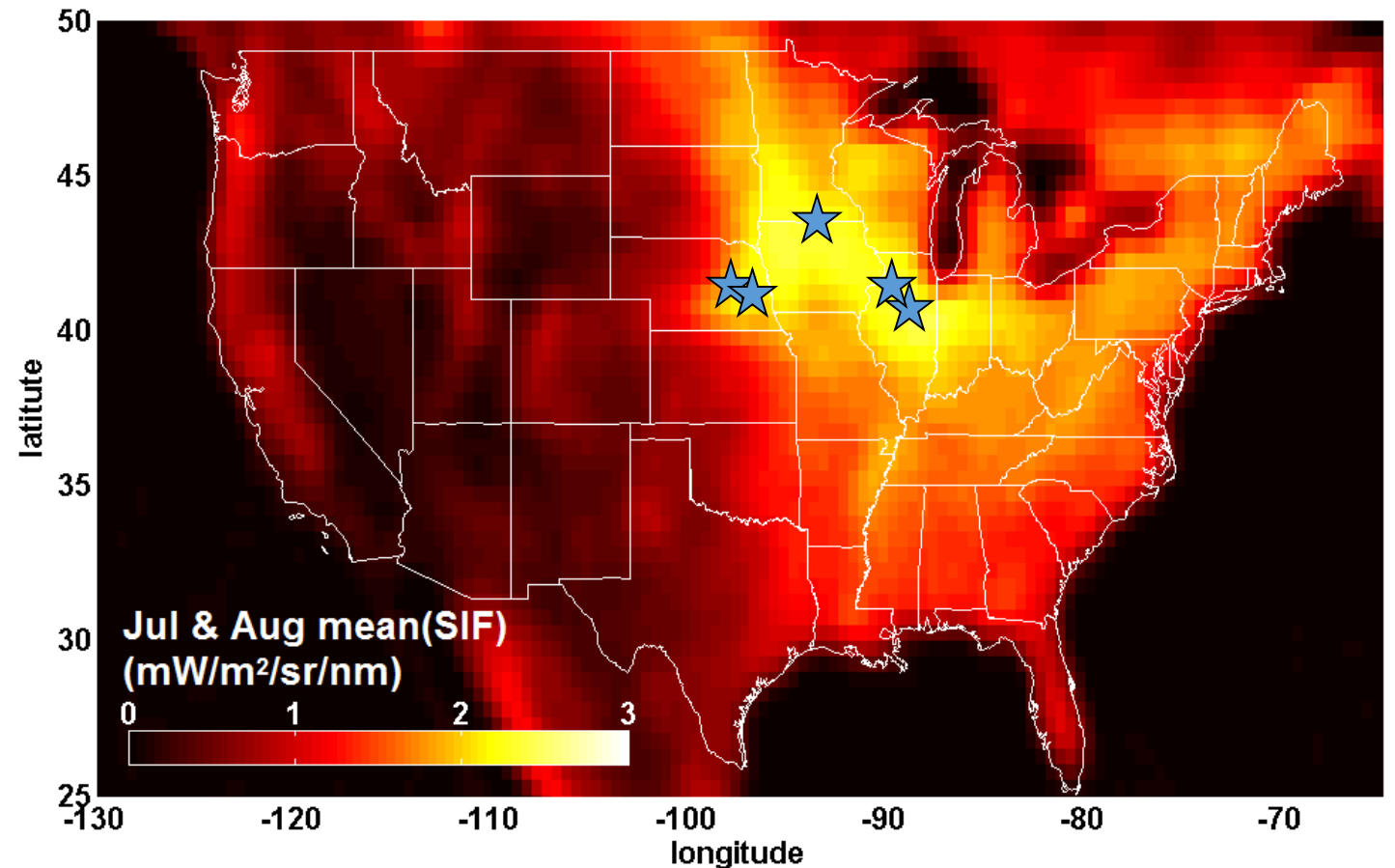


Fig 5. The design of FluoSpec2 designed by Dr. Xi

(Guan et al., NASA New Investigator, 2016)
(Frankenberg, Guan et al., NASA Carbon Sciences, 2016)



Instrumentation

(Fluospec – Yang et al. 2015)

	Fiber height (h)	Footprint (diameter $d = (h - h_c) * \tan(12.5) * 2$)
Soybean	3.6 m	1.1 m (if $h - h_c = 2.5$ m)
Maize	4.8 m	0.9 m (if $h - h_c = 2.0$ m)



2 spectrometers per site:

- OceanOptics QEPRO: 730-780 nm (0.04-0.07 nm)
- OceanOptics HR2000+: 400-900 nm (0.42-0.47 nm)



Our SLF systems at University of Illinois (postdoc: Guofang Miao)



The long-term seasonal SIF measures on crops (the first one for the US cropland)



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Key Points:

- Sun-induced fluorescence was continuously measured at the canopy level across multiple growth stages in a soybean field
- The positive relationship between SIF and GPP was dominated by a strong relationship between SIF and APAR
- SIF yield was positively correlated with APAR and negatively correlated with LUE under stable sunny conditions

Supporting Information:

- Supporting Information S1
- Movie S1

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Sun-Induced Chlorophyll Fluorescence, Photosynthesis, and Light Use Efficiency of a Soybean Field from Seasonally Continuous Measurements

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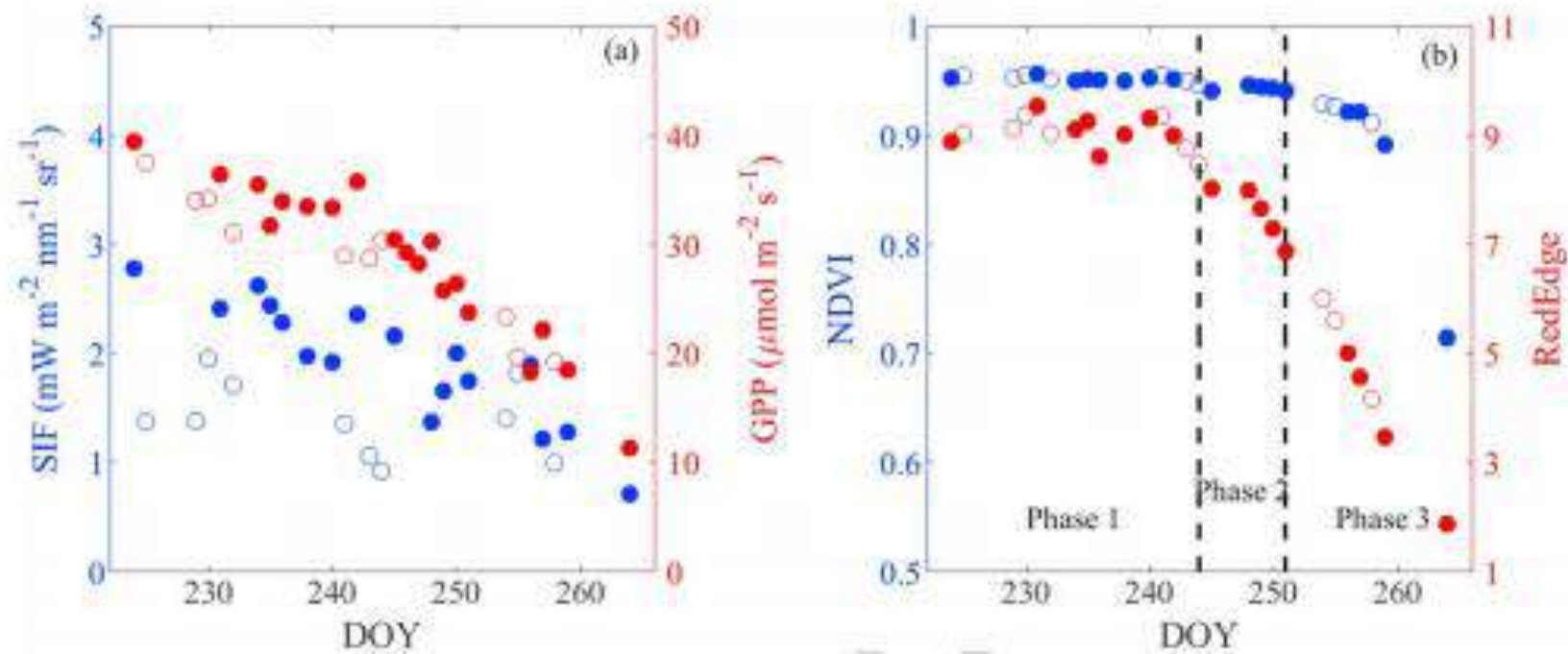
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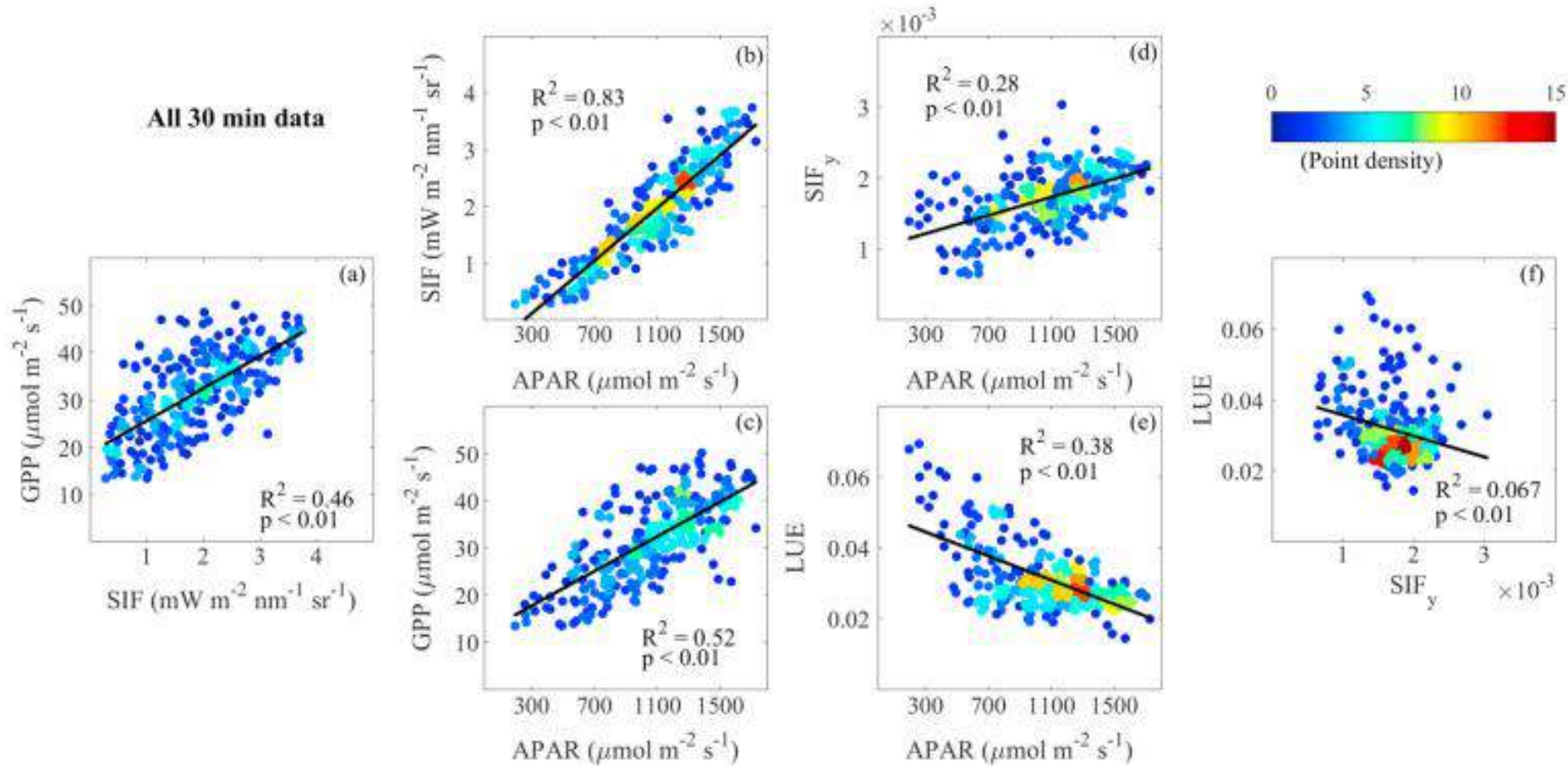
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Abstract Recent development of sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF) technology is stimulating studies to remotely approximate canopy photosynthesis (measured as gross primary production, GPP).



Daily mean time series at the soybean field from 11 August to 20 September (day of year 224 to 264): (a) Sun induced chlorophyll fluorescence (blue) and gross primary productivity (red); (b) Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (blue) and Rededge Index (red). The solid circles represent for sunny days and open circles for cloudy days.

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Relationship of 30 min (a) GPP-SIF, (b) SIF-APAR, (c) SIFyield-APAR, (d) GPP-APAR, (e) LUE-APAR and (f) LUE- SIFyield across study period at the soybean site. Color represents point density.

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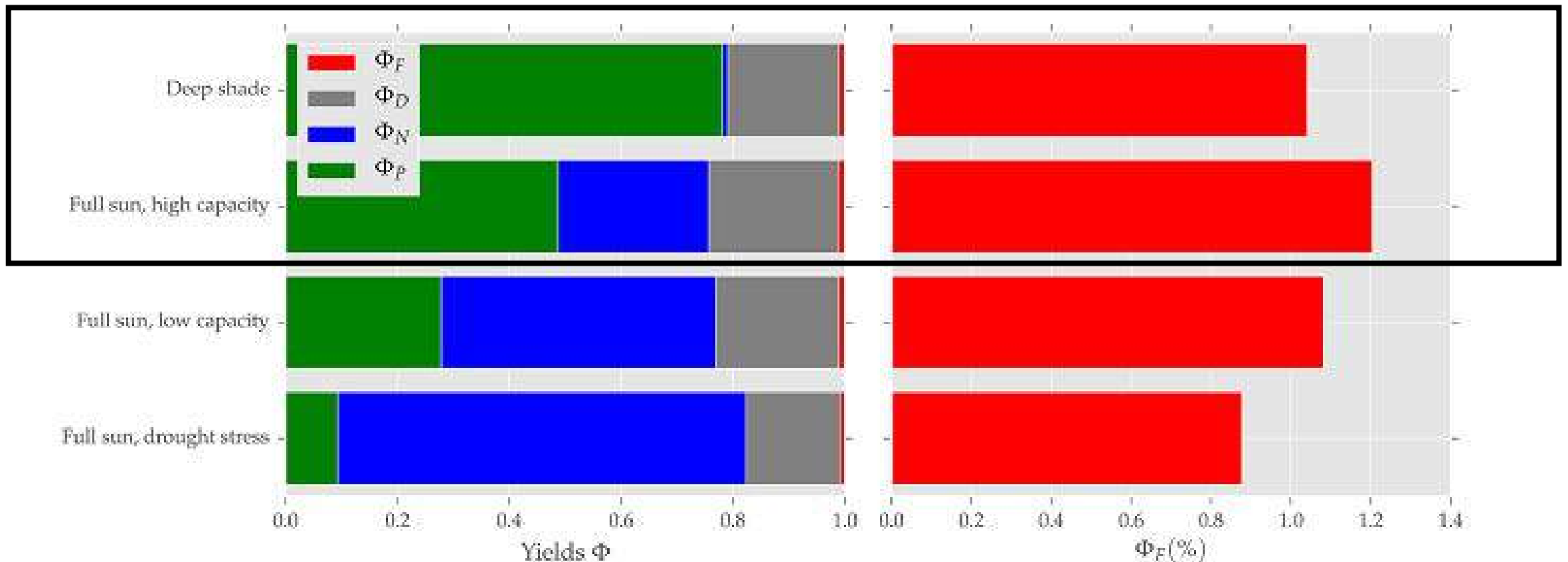


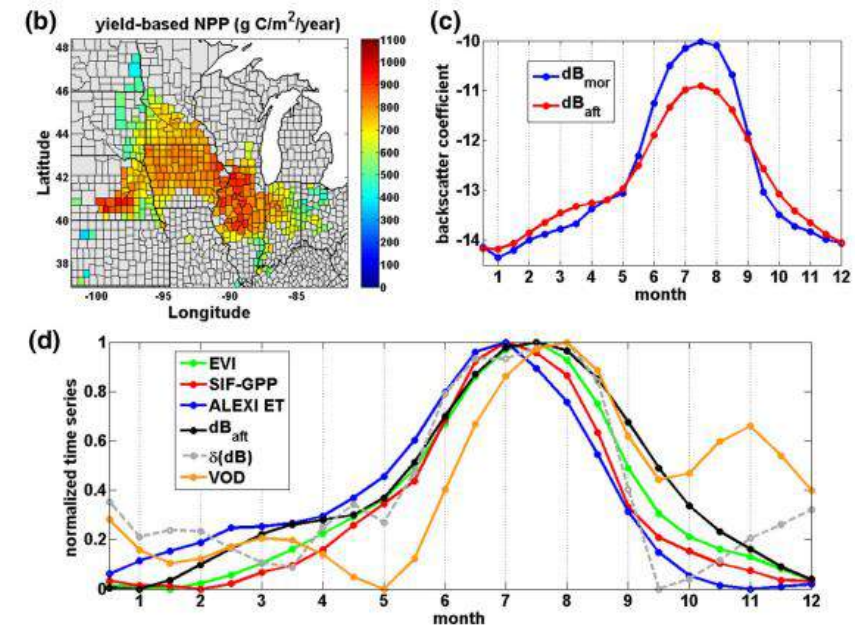
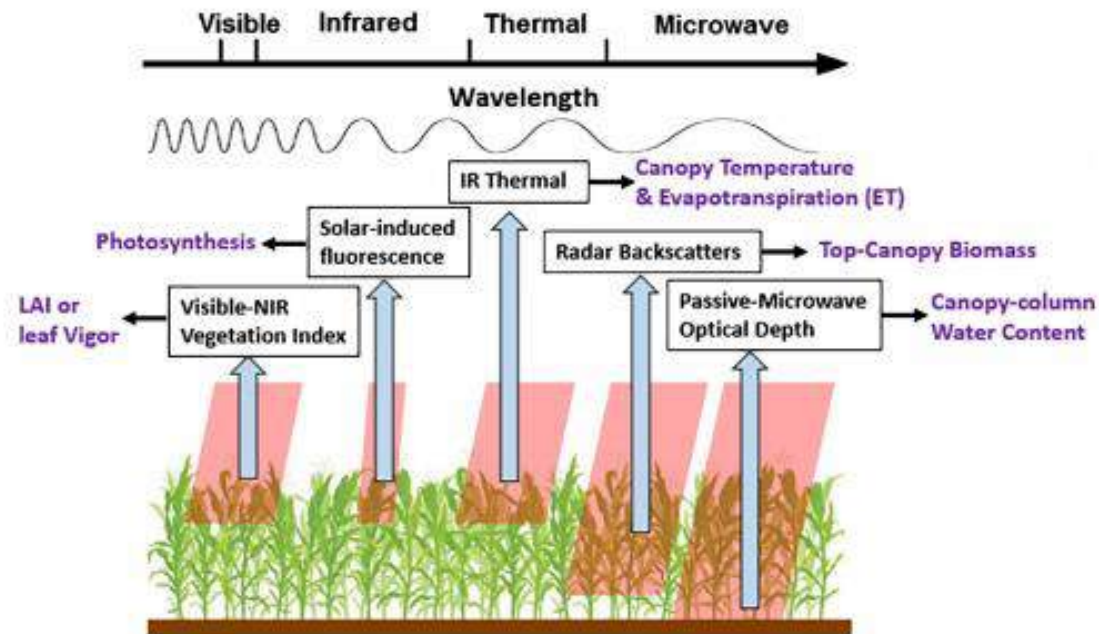
Fig. 2 Quantum yields (Φ) for the four pathways used by leaves to process photons depend on whether the leaf is shaded or exposed to full sun, whether the leaf has a high or low photosynthetic capacity, and whether drought stress is present. In the histogram, green denotes photosynthesis (PSII yield); blue, nonphotochemical quenching; gray, nonradiative decay; and red, fluorescence. The results shown here were obtained with a laboratory instrument called a PAM fluorometer. As the *right panel* shows, the fluorescence quantum yield changes less than the PSII yield but also noticeably with varying conditions, especially once nonphotochemical quenching becomes dominant.

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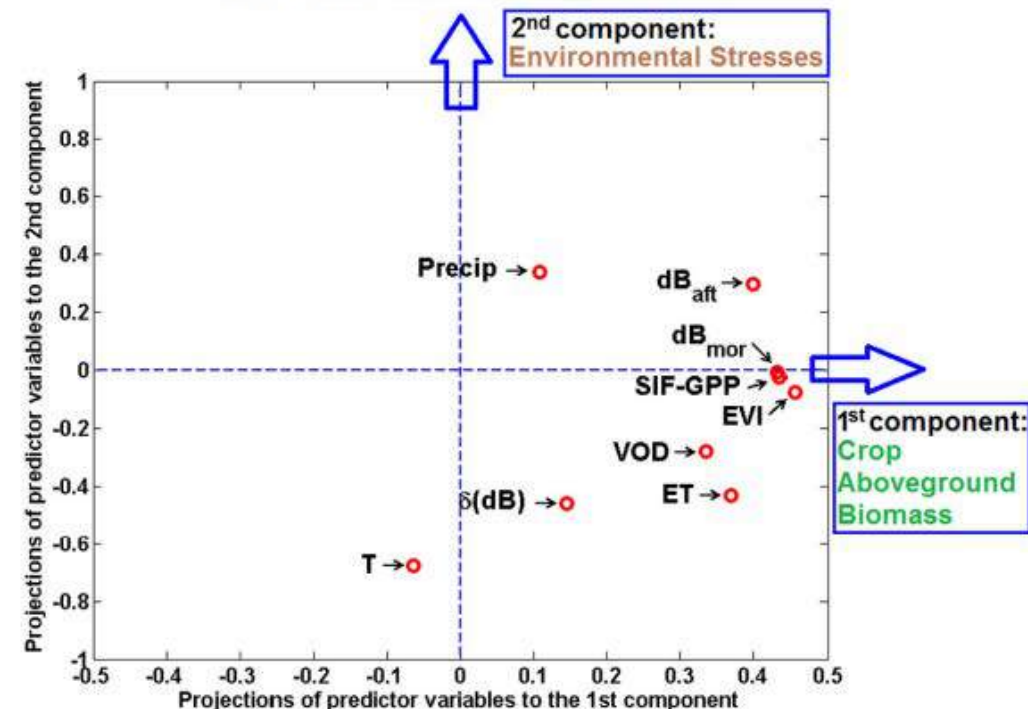


The shared and unique values of optical, fluorescence, thermal and microwave satellite data for estimating large-scale crop yields

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2007-2009. Satellite+Climate.Raw



Challenges and Opportunities of satellite SIF

- **Existing satellite-based SIF data:**

GOSAT, GOME-2, SCHYMACHY, OCO-2 (sadly OCO3 is ceased for funding ...)

They are coarse resolutions and low frequency -> SIF's advantage has not been fully tapped at all!!

- **Incoming and future satellite SIF data:**

TROPOMI (Sentinel-5P) – launched on Oct 2017, 3*7km² footprint, daily coverage (~200x increase in observations compared with any previous global SIF data set).

FLEX mission (Rascher et al., 2008): expected launch in 2022.

A series of geostationary satellites: SIF measurements in hourly intervals or better over some regions in Europe (Sentinel-4) and the Americas (TEMPO and GeoCARB).