Integration of canopy biophysical variables infered from hyperspectral data into SVAT models



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Four Working Groups:

WG1) State of the art of the optical sampling networks, protocol definition
 WG2) Intercomparison: instrument characterization, standardization, intercalibration and measurement protocol issues
 WG3) New instruments development

WG4) Upscaling biophysical parameters and fluxes from the ecosystem at upper levels

Description of the ecosystem geography (ecoregions) of the United States



http://www.fs.fed.us/land/ecosysmgmt/index.html



Soil-Vegetation-Atmosphere Transfer (SVAT) models



Calvet et al. (1998), Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, 92:73–95; Olioso et al. (2005), Irrigation and Drainage Systems, 19:377–412.

| Biophysical processes | Ecophysiological variables |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Interception of solar radiation | fAPAR Green LAI Canopy structure |
| Photosynthesis / Respiration | LAI Leaf pigment and water content Leaf anatomy |
| Decomposition of organic matter | Soil water content Leaf C:N ratio |
| Evapotranspiration | fCover LAI Albedo Soil water content Leaf water content |
| Plant species / Biodiversity | LAI Canopy structure Leaf chemical content |

Rautiainen et al. (2010), Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research, 25:325–339.

- water (vacuole) : 90-95% ←
- dry matter (cell walls) : 5-10%
 - cellulose: 15-30%
 - hemicellulose: 10-30%
 - proteins: 10-20% ⇔ N
 - lignin: 5-15% \Leftrightarrow C
 - starch: 0.2-2.7%
 - sugar
 - etc.
- wax (cuticle)
- chlorophyll a and b + carotenoids (chloroplasts)
- other pigments (cytoplasm)
 - anthocyanins
 - flavons
 - brown pigments
 - etc.





Extraction of canopy biophysical parameters

- Combination of narrow bands
- Absorption band depth
- Spectral shifts
- Statistical approach Multiple linear regression model Stepwise linear regression analysis Partial least square regression
- Wavelet decomposition
- Spectral mixture analysis
 Principal components analysis
 Multiple endmember mixture model
 Hierarchical foreground-background analysis
- Model inversion

Approaches based on the observation space: iterative, look-up-table Approaches focusing on the space of leaf variables: artificial neural networks

Estimation of soil C:N ratio using partial least squares regression



Predicted soil C:N ratios (organic plus mineral) for the White Mountain National Forest of New Hampshire, USA

Wessman et al. (1988), Nature, 335:154–156 ; Ollinger et al. (2002), Ecology, 83:339–355.

Estimation of canopy water content using hierarchical foreground-background analysis



Water content (mg H₂O / g dry weight)

Ustin et al. (1998), Remote Sensing of Environment, 65:280–291.

Estimation of leaf chlorophyll content and SLA using optimized vegetation indexes



Le Maire et al. (2008), Remote Sensing of Environment, 112:3846–3864.

Coupled states, processes and scales



Schaepman et al. (2009), Remote Sensing of Environment, 113:S123–S137.

PROSPECT + SAIL = PROSAIL



Jacquemoud et al. (2009), Remote Sensing of Environment, 113:S56–S66.

http://teledetection.ipgp.fr/prosail/

Estimation of leaf pigment content by inversion of PROSAIL





Féret et al. (2011), *Remote Sensing of Environment*, in preparation. http://cao.stanford.edu/

Photosystem = antenna complex + reaction centrer



The photochemical reflectance index (PRI) versus solar-induced fluorescence



ESA (2008), Flex – fluorescence explorer, Report for Assessment, ESA SP-1313/4, 126 pp.

Determination of plant biodiversity using thermal infrared spectroscopy

Liquidambar formosana (18.19)



Ribeiro da Luz & Crowley (2010), Remote Sensing of Environment, 114:404–413 ; Gerber et al. (2011), Remote Sensing of Environment, 115:404-414.



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