

# Suivi de la végétation à partir de mesures de transmittance

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# Loi de Beer/Poisson

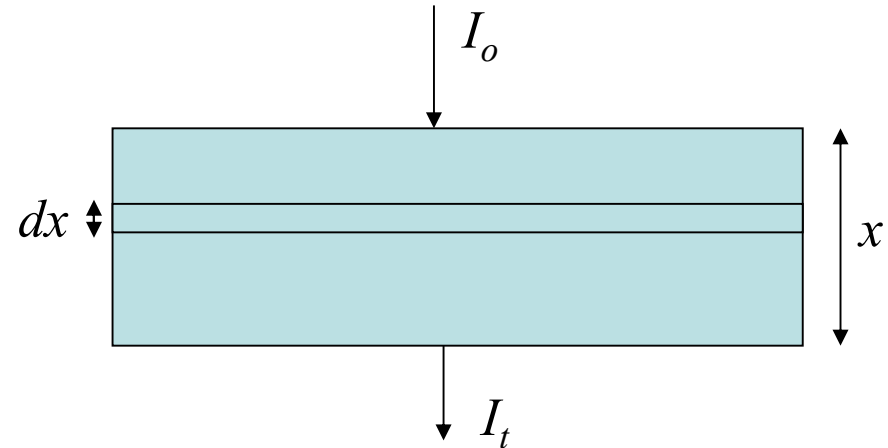
Transmission dans un milieu homogène purement absorbant

Coefficient d'extinction

$$dI = -I \cdot k \cdot dx$$

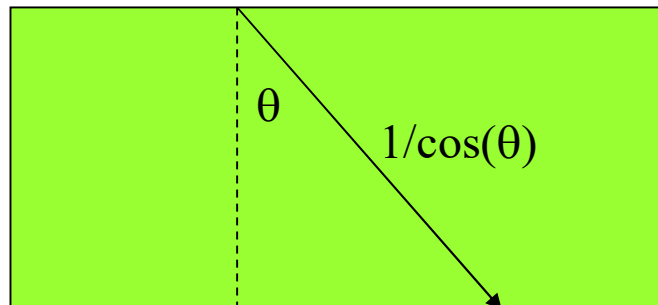
$$I_t = I_o \cdot e^{-k \cdot x}$$

$$T = \frac{I_t}{I_o} = e^{-k \cdot x}$$

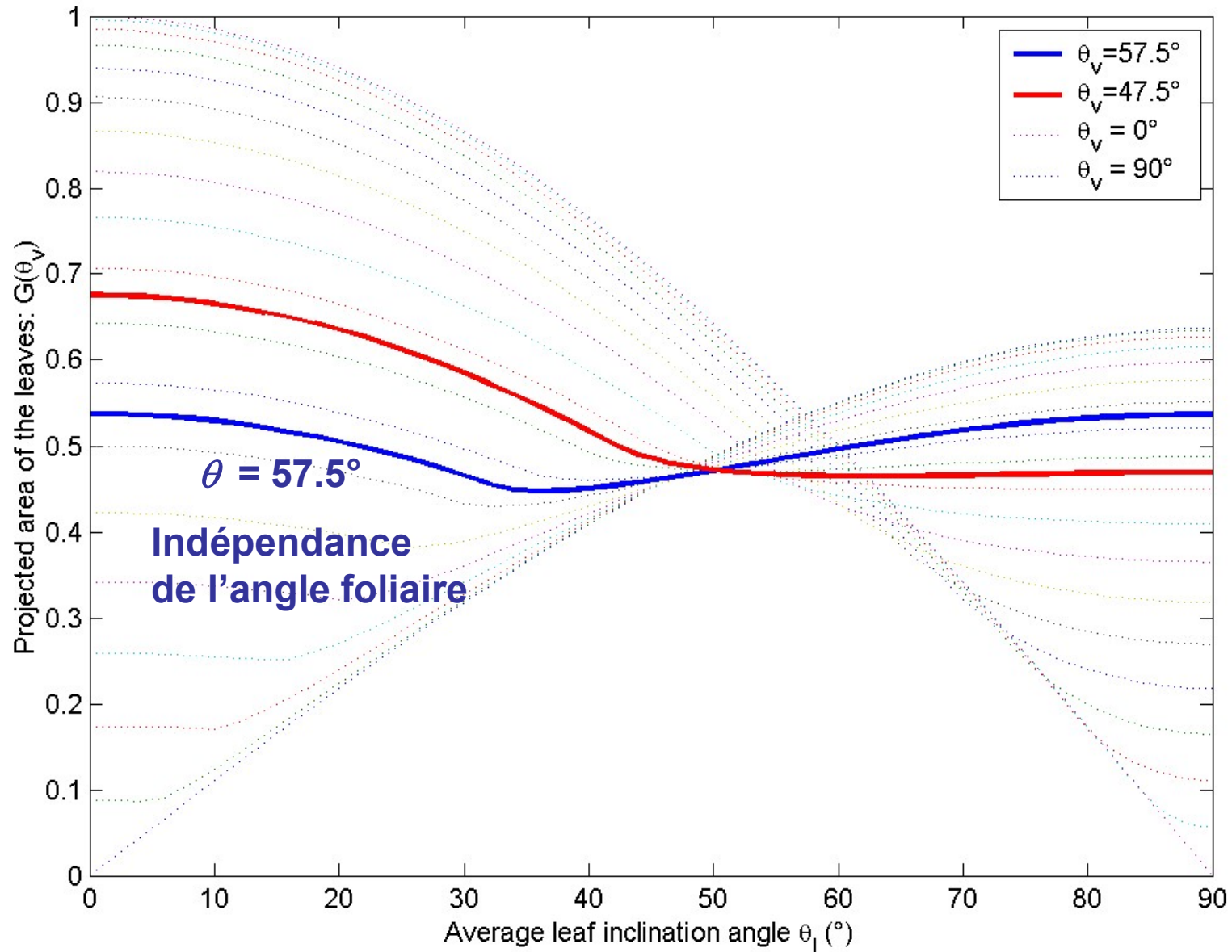


# Interet de la mesure de la fraction de trous (transmission)

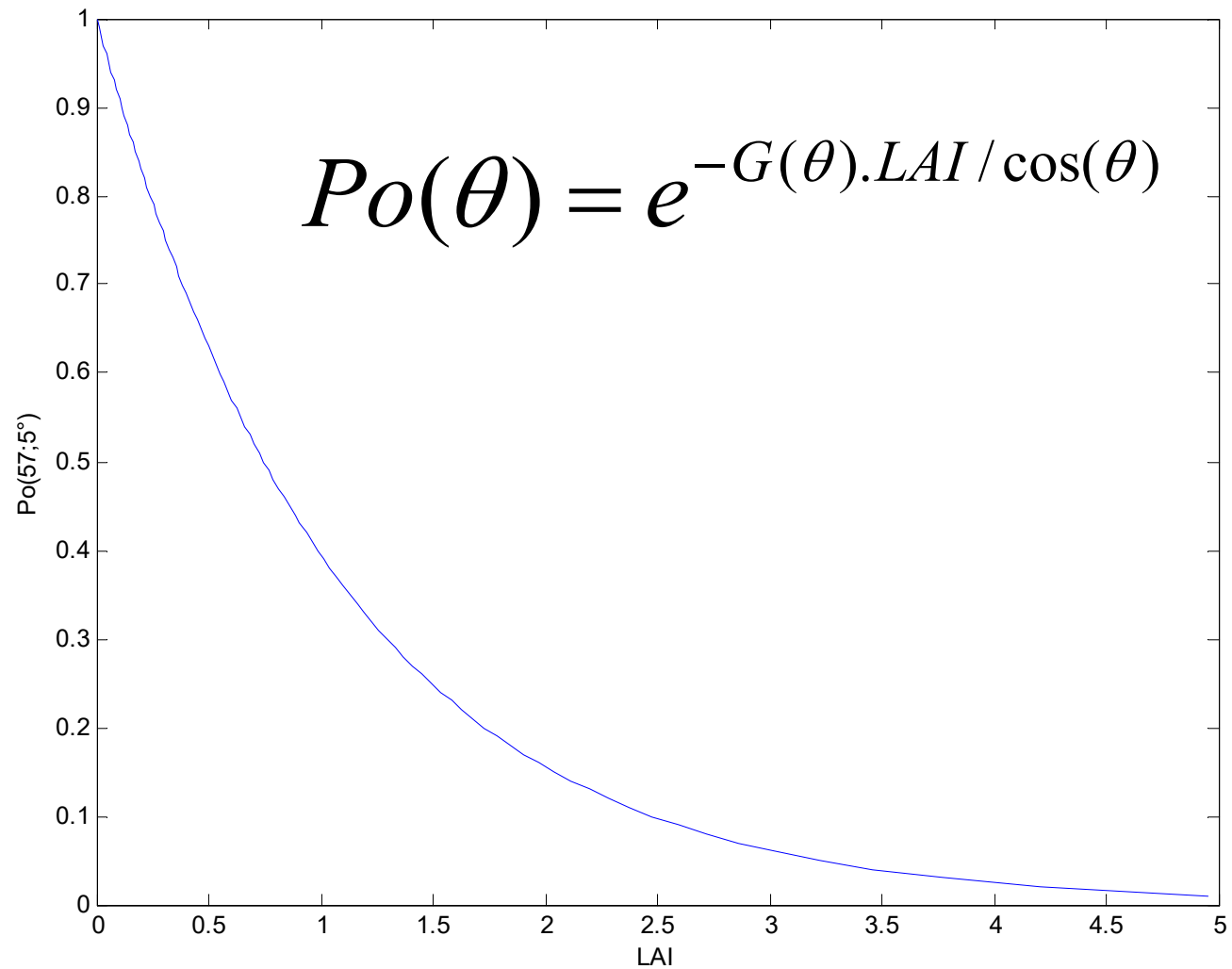
- $fCover = 1 - P_o(0)$
- $fAPAR(\theta_s) \approx fIPAR(\theta_s) = 1 - P_o(\theta_s)$
- $$P_o(\theta) = e^{-k.LAI} \quad k = \frac{G(\theta, \theta_l)}{\cos(\theta)}$$



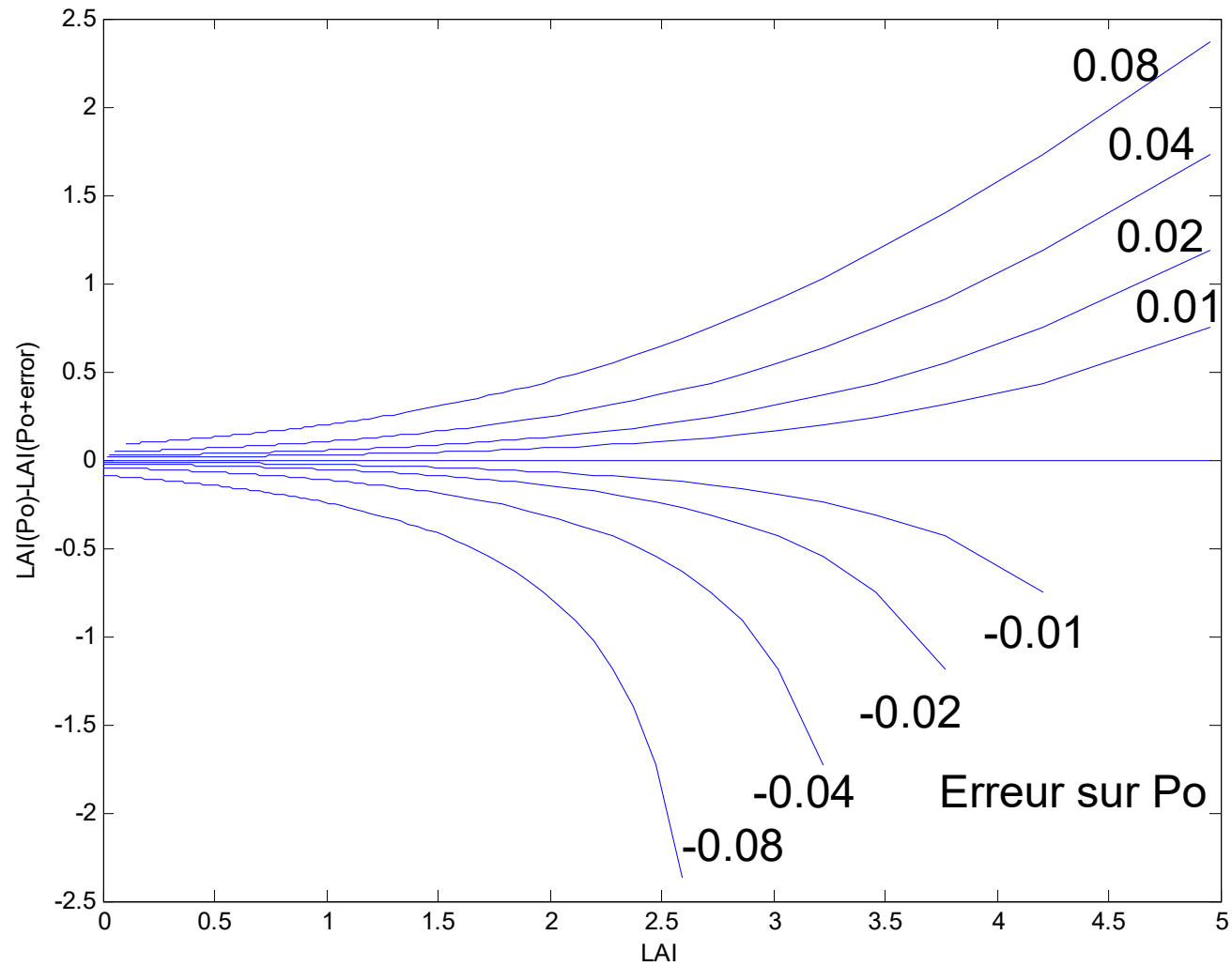
# Fonction de projection $G(\theta)$



# Relation entre GAI et Po



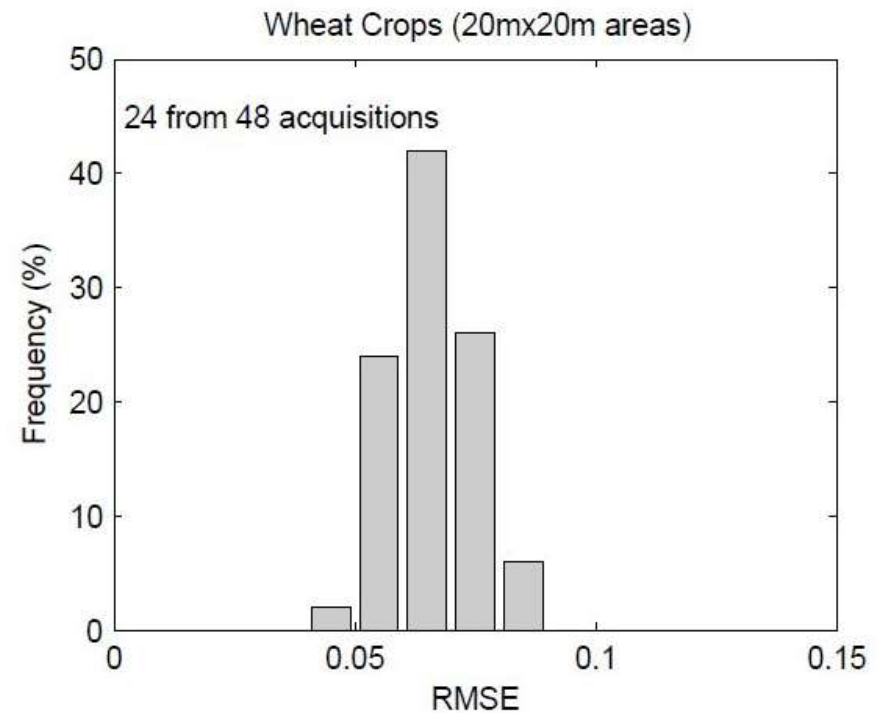
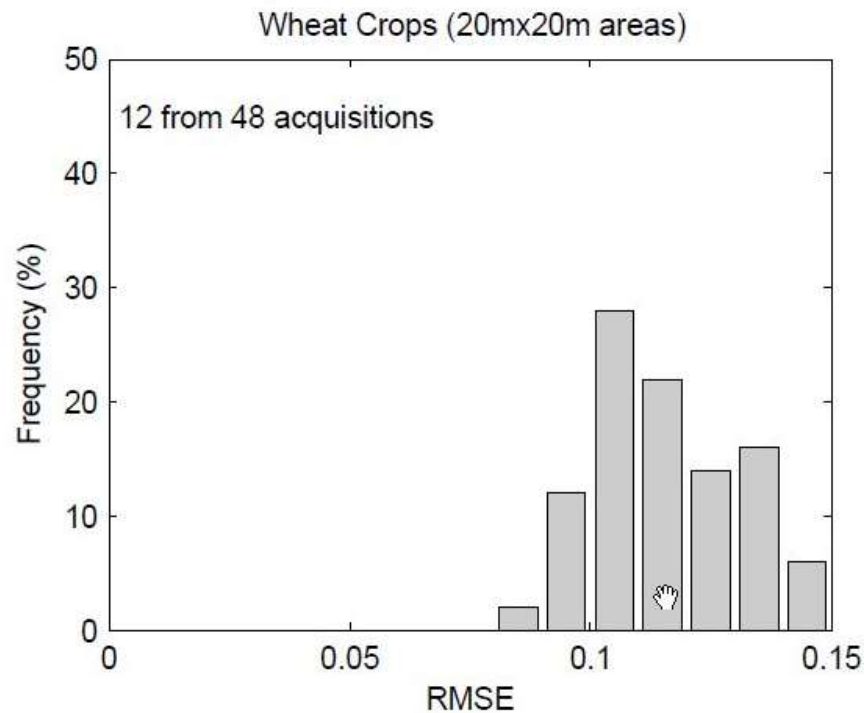
# Erreur sur l'estimation du LAI



# Echantillonnage spatial

Entre 5 et 15 points de mesures sont nécessaires pour représenter une surface de 10-20 m de coté

Bien prendre en compte l'effet de rang (transects en diagonale).



# Les instruments de mesure

Comparison between instruments allowing indirect LAI measurements

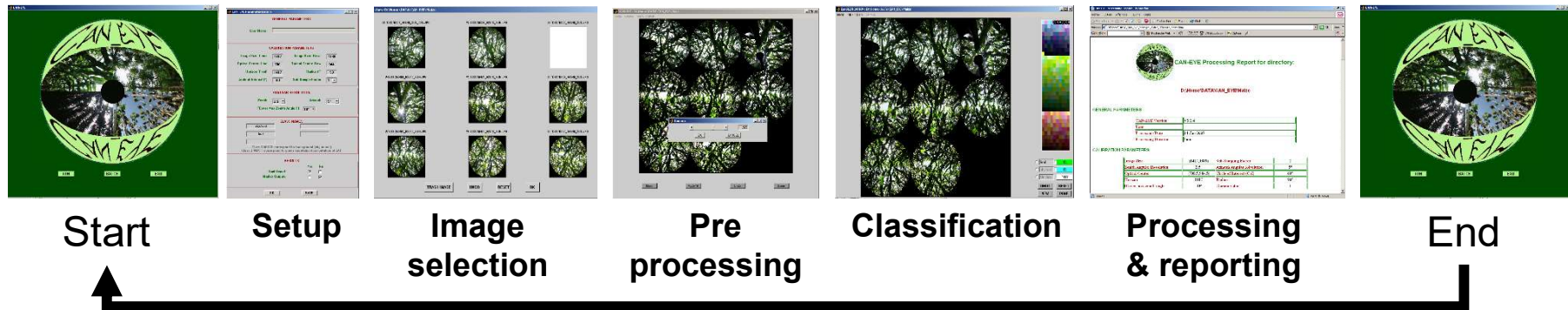
System	Illumination conditions	Spectral domain	No. of zenith angles	Azimuthal coverage	Gap size distribution	Reference readings	Post-processing	Computer resources
DEMON	Direct	430 nm	–	–	No	Yes	No	Low
Sunfleck ceptometer	Diffuse, direct	PAR	–	–	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low
AccuPAR	Diffuse, direct	PAR	–	–	Yes	Yes	No	Low
LAI-2000	Diffuse	<490 nm	5	Full range selectable by hardware	No	Yes	No	Low
Tracing Radiation and Architecture of Canopies (TRAC)	Direct	PAR	–	–	Yes	Yes	No	Low
Hemispherical Cameras	Diffuse, direct	Selectable	Full range	Full range selectable by software	Yes	No	Yes	High
Multiband Vegetation Imager (MVI)	Diffuse	VIS and NIR	Full range	Full range	Yes	No	Yes	High
Ideal device	Diffuse and direct	VIS and NIR	Full range	Full range selectable by software	Yes	No	–	–

## Intérêt de la photographie hémisphérique:

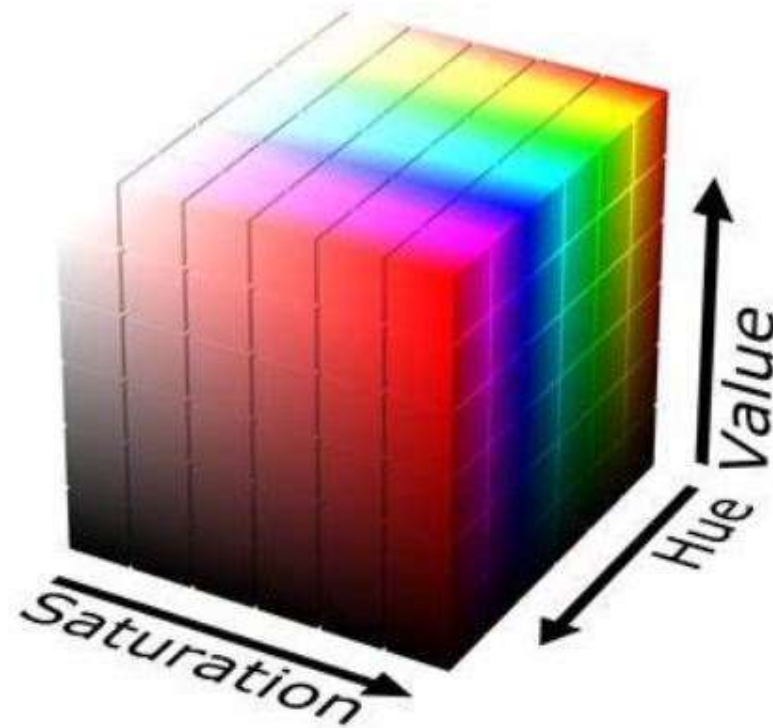
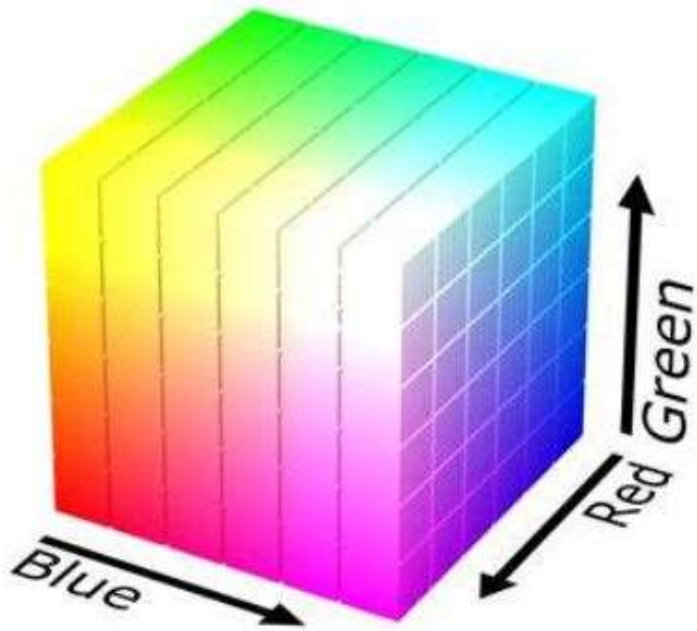
- Peu coûteuse (appareil+fish-eye<1000 euros)
- Facile à mettre en œuvre (conditions d'éclairement)
- Pas de mesures de référence
- Possibilité de mesures sur couvert très peu développés
- Possibilité de contrôle de la qualité des mesures (images)
- Possibilité de distinction d'éléments non verts
- Possibilité de calcul de l'agrégation



# CAN\_EYE: les différentes étapes



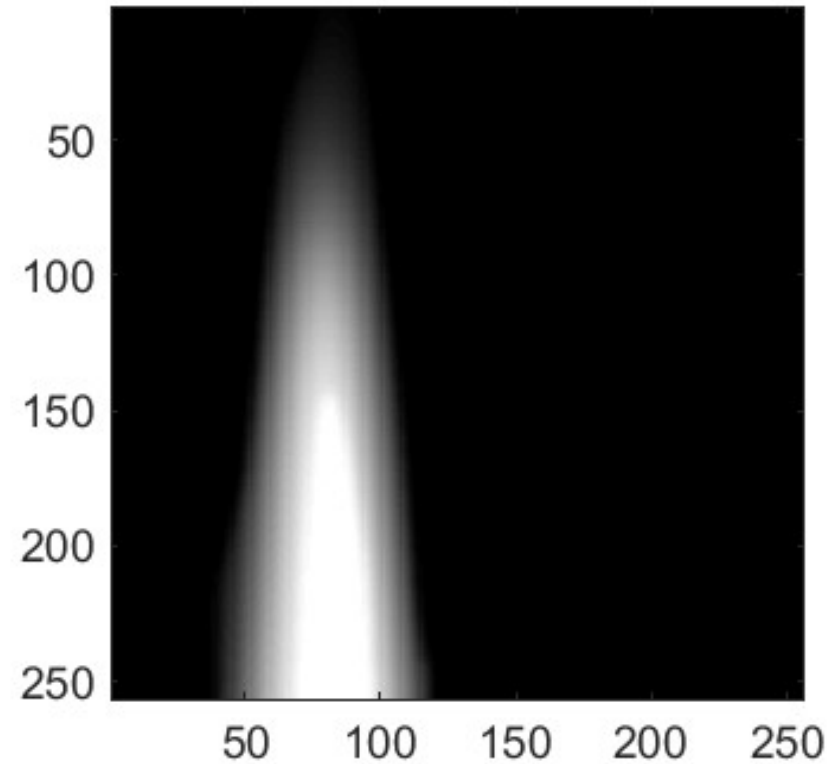
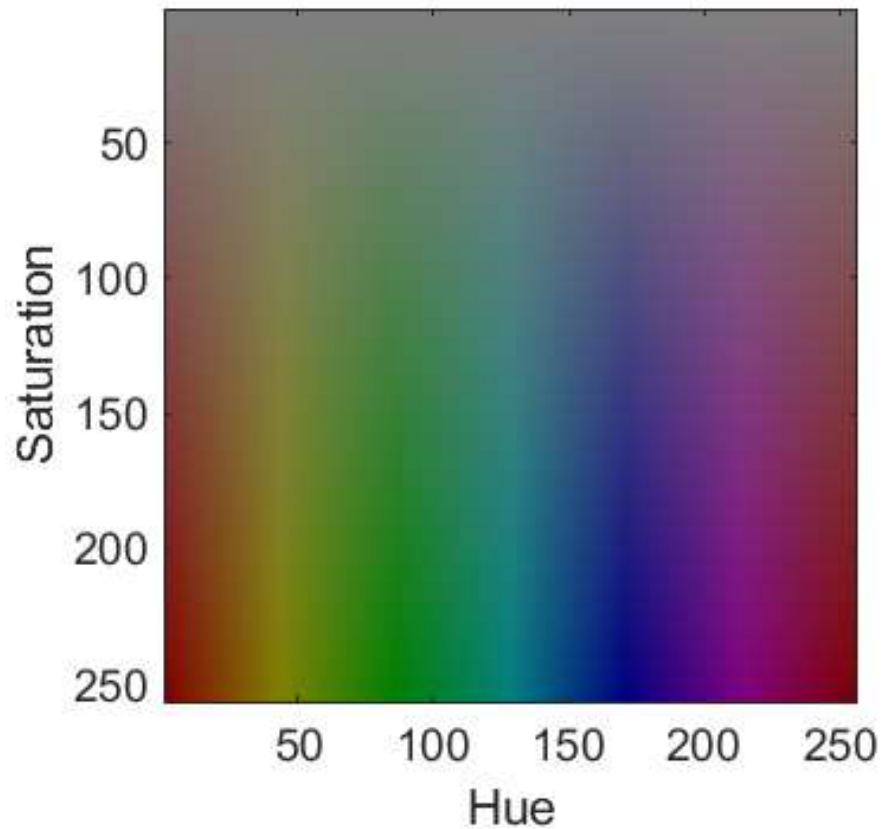
# Green segmentation



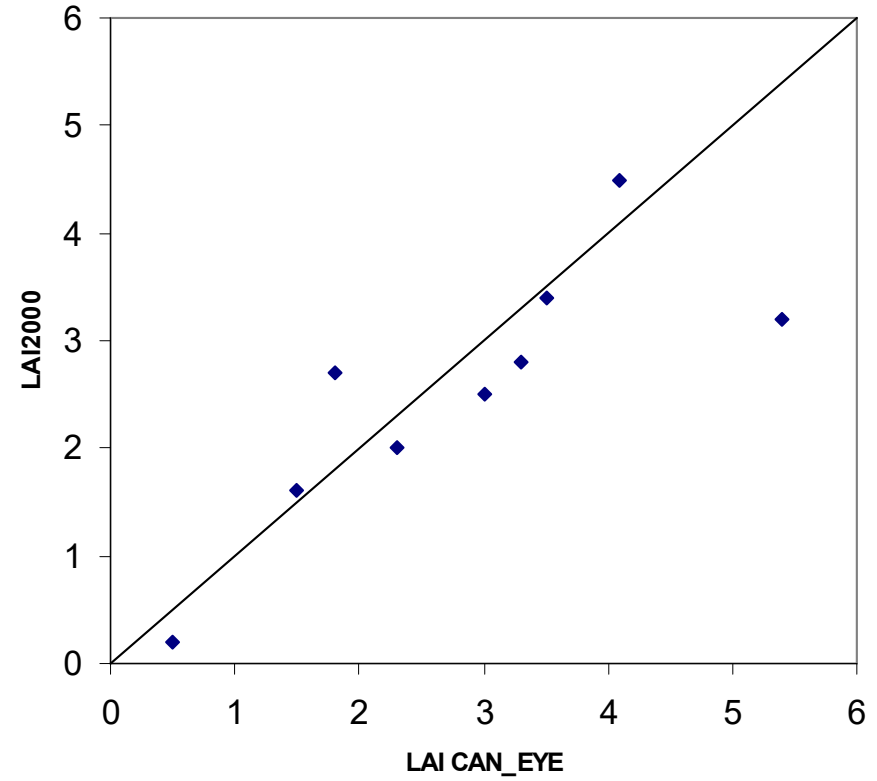
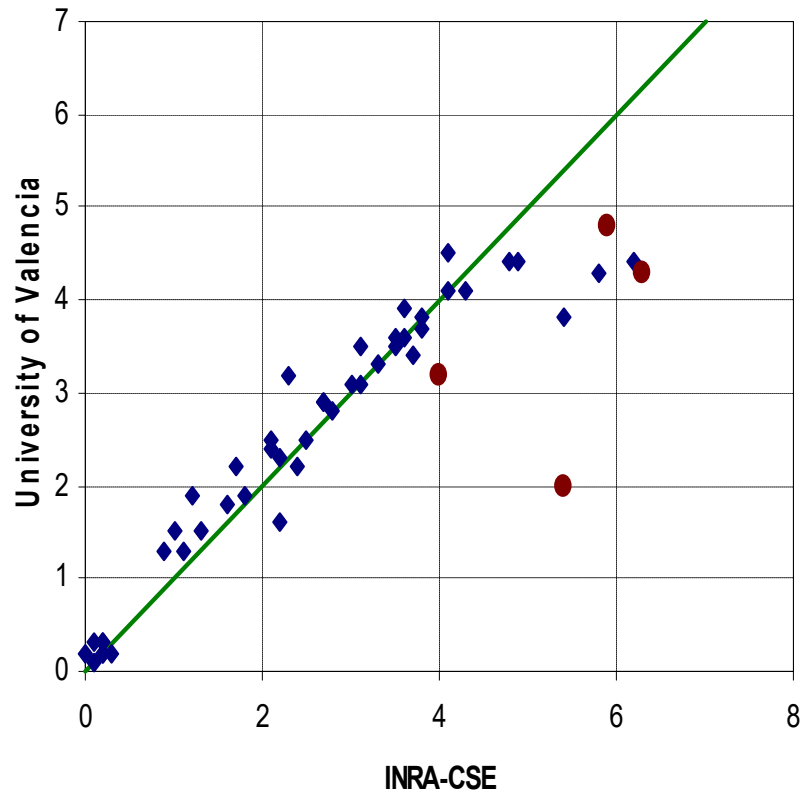
# Classical methods for green segmentation

- **Thresholding a color index.**
  - Color indices. Several color indices have been proposed
    - Excess Green, with mainly two main formulations:
      - Absolute formulation:  $ExGr = 2G - R - B$  Woebbecke et al. 1995 ; Garcia-Santillan 2017
      - Relative value:  $ExGr = (ExGr) / (R + G + B)$  Meyer, 2008; Gee, 2008;
    - $ExR = (1.4R - B) / (R + G + B)$
    - $ExGr - ExR$  Meyer, 2008;
    - $NDI = (G - R) / (G + R)$  Perez et al. (2000) ; Hunt et al. (2005)
    - VARI=
    - CIVE & VEG Guijarro, 2010; Hague, 2006
    - HSV or LAB YES color space transformation (Gnädinger, 2017; Lootens, 2016 Saber, 1996
    - RDC (Reduced Dimension Clustering): Kmeans from distances to main lines in the RGB space (Steward, 2004)
    - Modified Hue
    - $i_1 i_2 i_3$  or  $(i_1 i_2 i_3)_{new}$  (Philipp, 2002)
  - Thresholding.
    - Optimized by training (Meyer, 2008)
    - Otsu automatic thresholding was used in most cases (Meyer, 2008)
    - Adaptive threshold (Saber, 1996)
- **Training a machine learning:**
  - random forest Guo, 2013
  - SVM
- **3D color space segmentation** Hemming, 2000

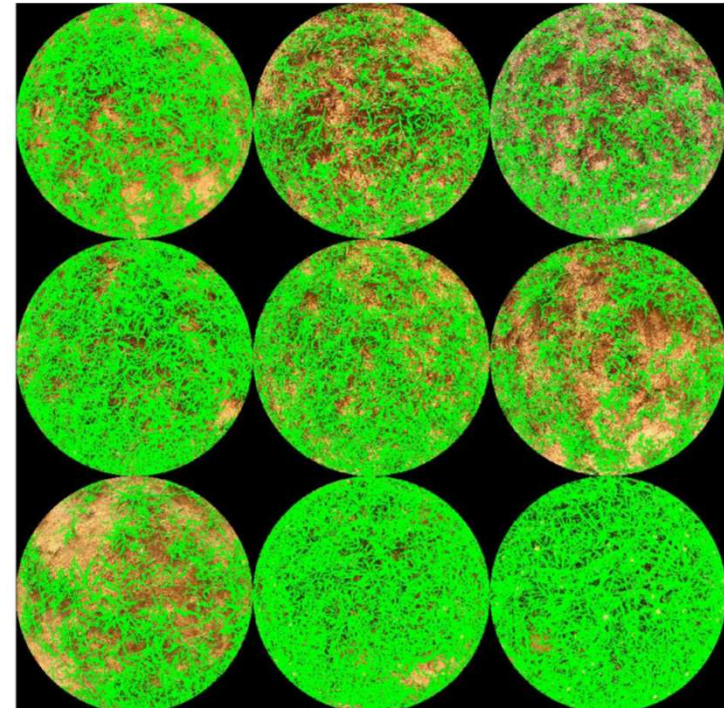
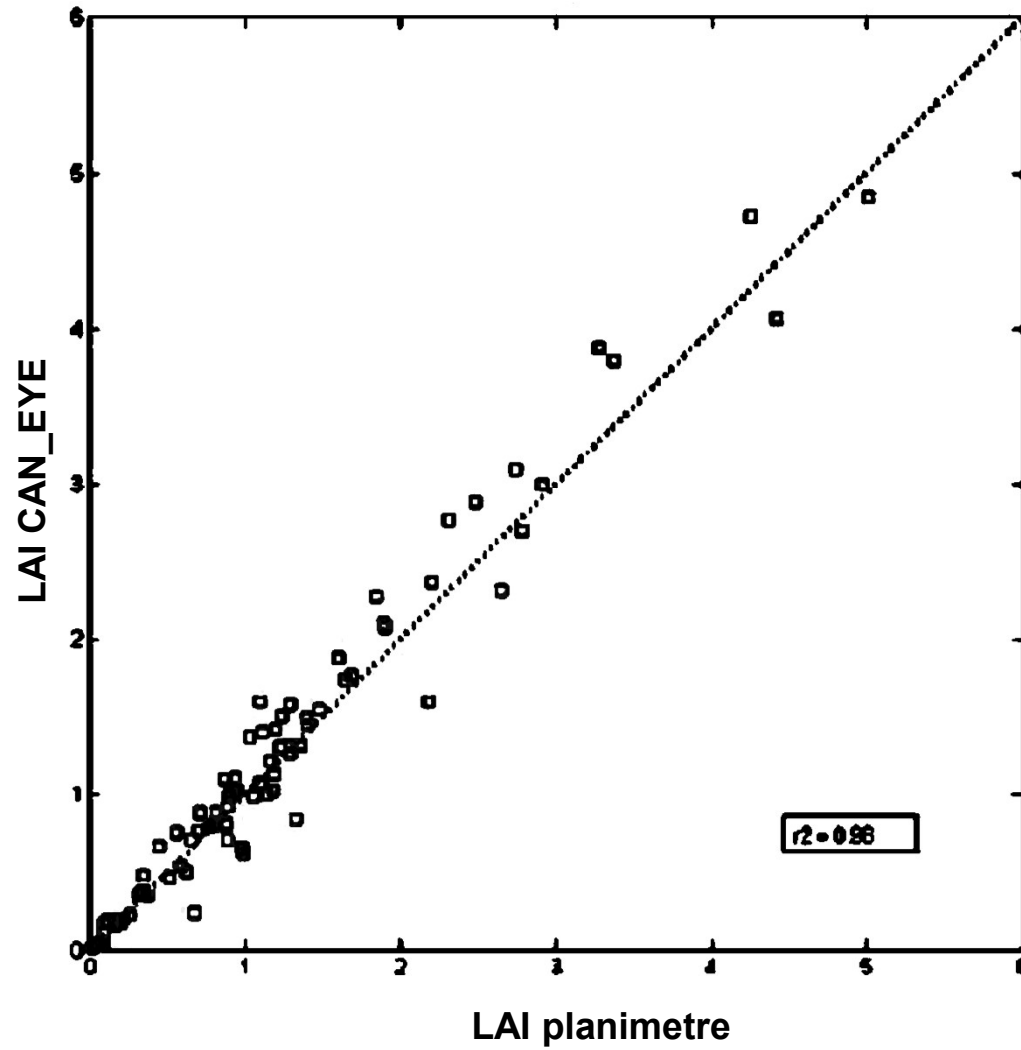
# Discrimination dans le plan Saturation / Hue



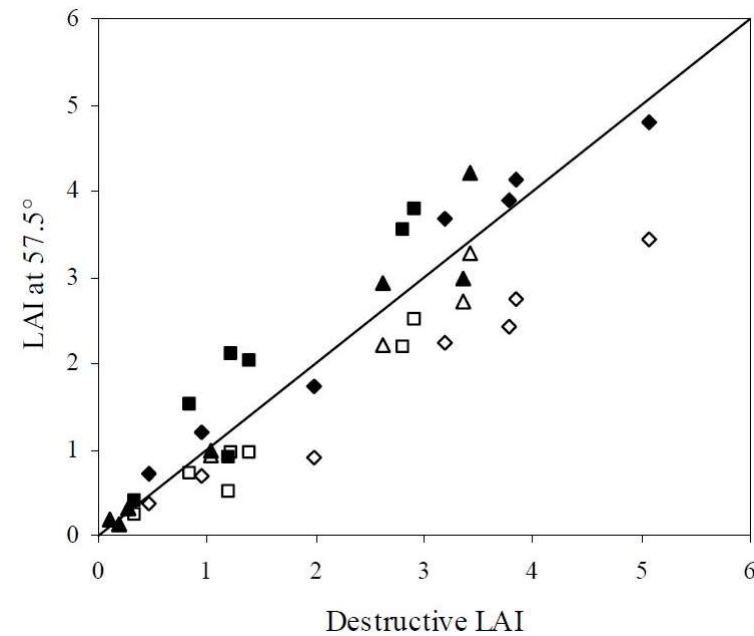
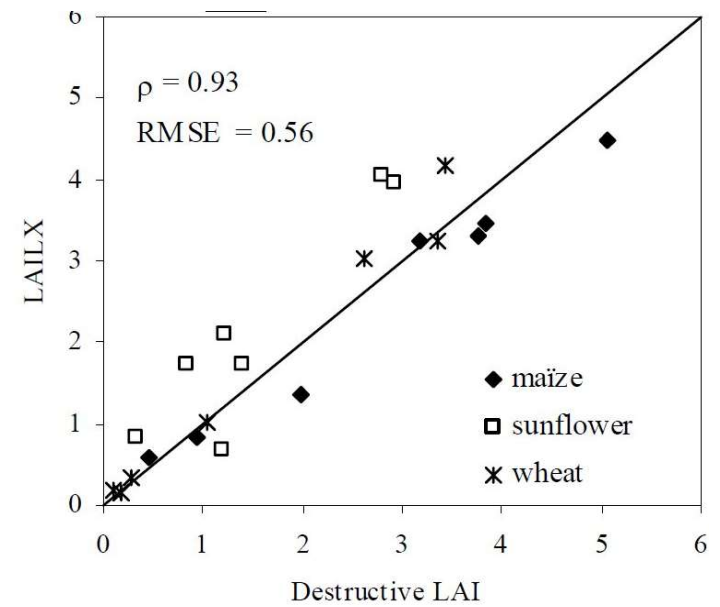
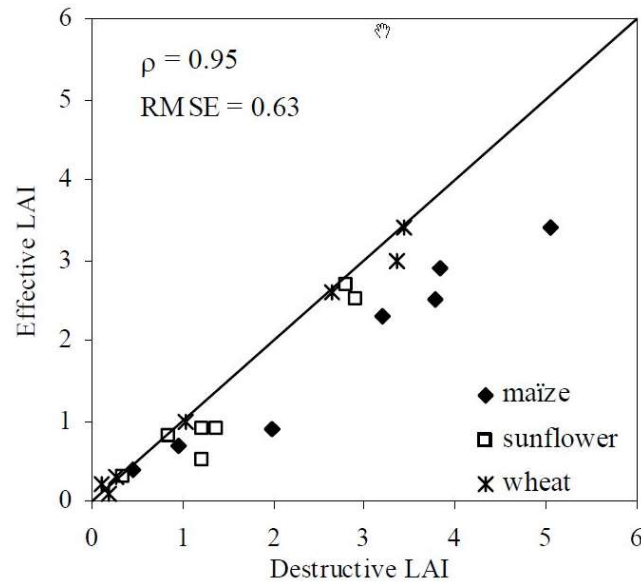
# Résultats 1/3: Barrax



# Resultats 2/3: Mali



# Resultats 3/3: Sud-ouest



# P@rameters

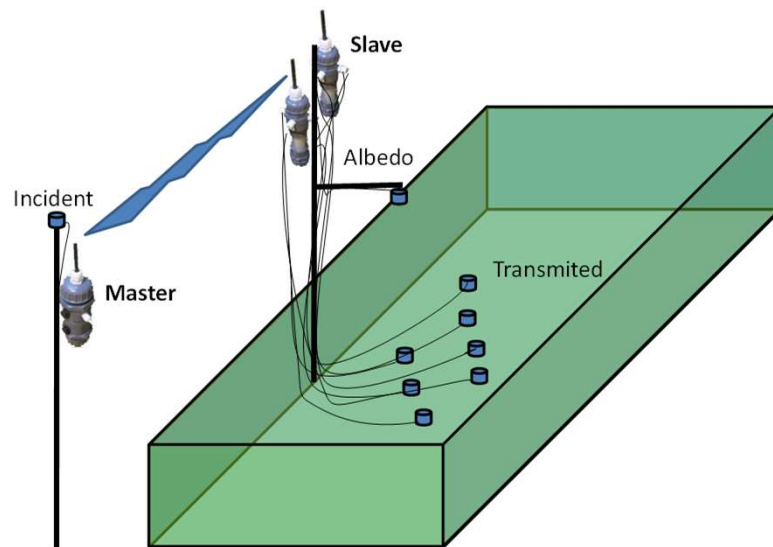


Criteria	Hemispherical PAR sensors	Directional blue photodiode sensors
PAI estimates	Yes	Yes
PAR measurement	Yes	No
Albedo measurements	Yes	No
Sensitivity to illumination conditions	Yes (sun position, diffuse fraction)	No
Sensitivity to leaf clumping (for PAI estimates)	Yes	restricted
Spatial sampling	Larger ( $\pm 90^\circ$ )	Restricted ( $\pm 20^\circ$ )
Cost	50€	25€

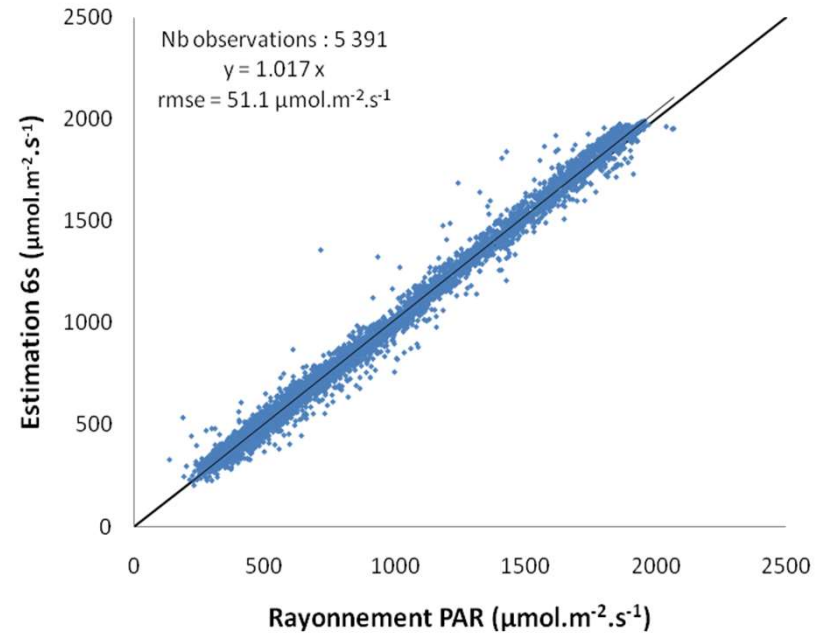
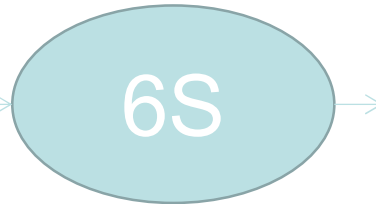


# PAR@METER

- Better suited for agriculture



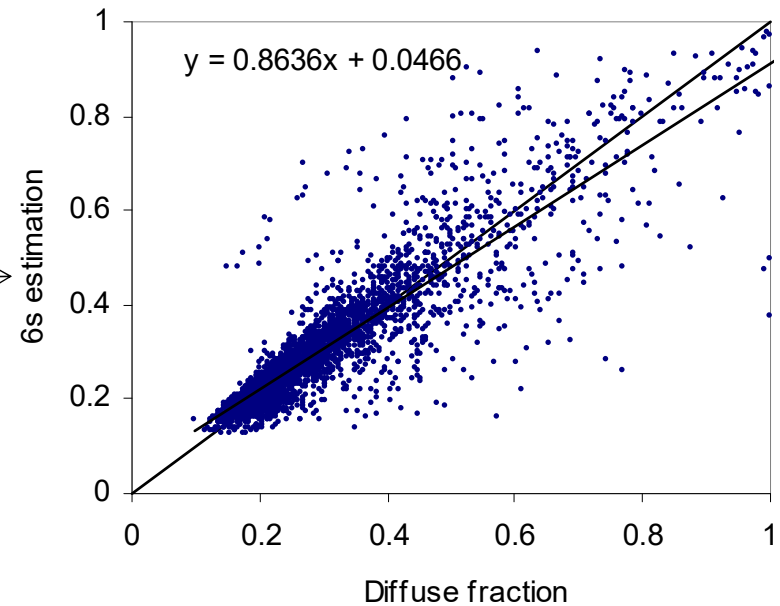
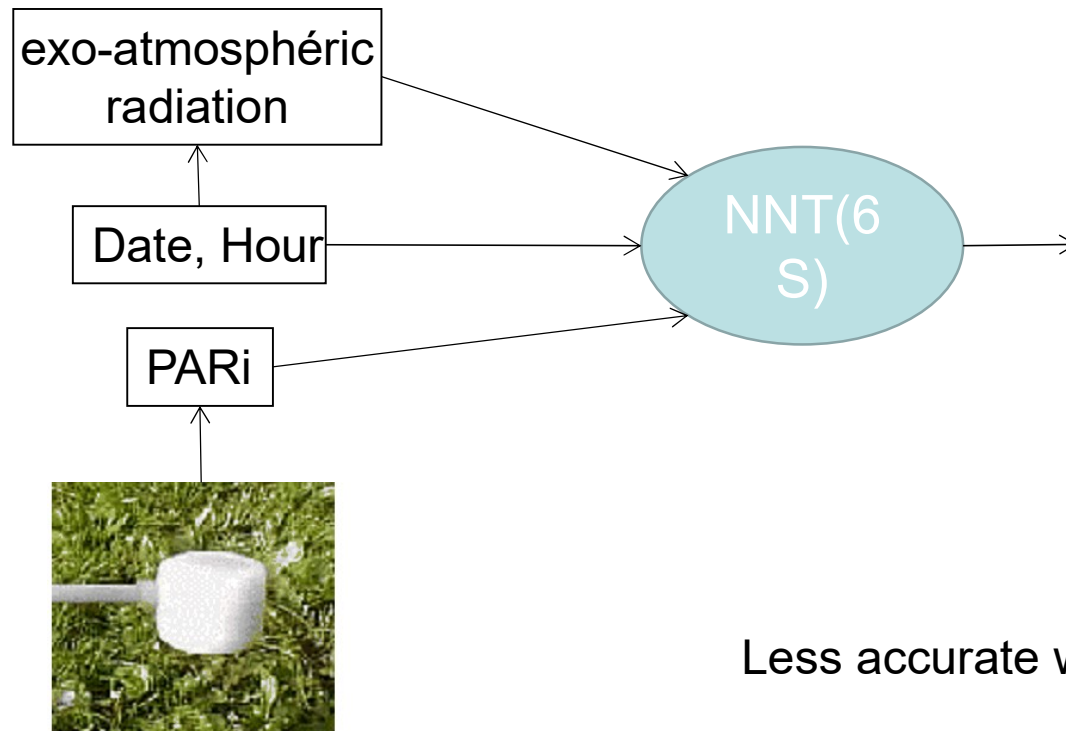
# Absolute calibration based on AERONET measurements



Absolute calibration needed for diffuse fraction estimation



# Estimates of the diffuse fraction from irradiance measurements based on 6S model simulations



Less accurate when partially cloudy sky

# PAI estimation

$$[\tau] = [f] \cdot e^{-K(ALA, h) \cdot PAI} + (1 - [f]) \cdot e^{-K(ALA, [\theta]) \cdot PAI}$$

Transmittance PAR<sub>t</sub>/PAR<sub>i</sub>

Hemispherical extinction coefficient

Diffuse fraction

Directional extinction coefficient

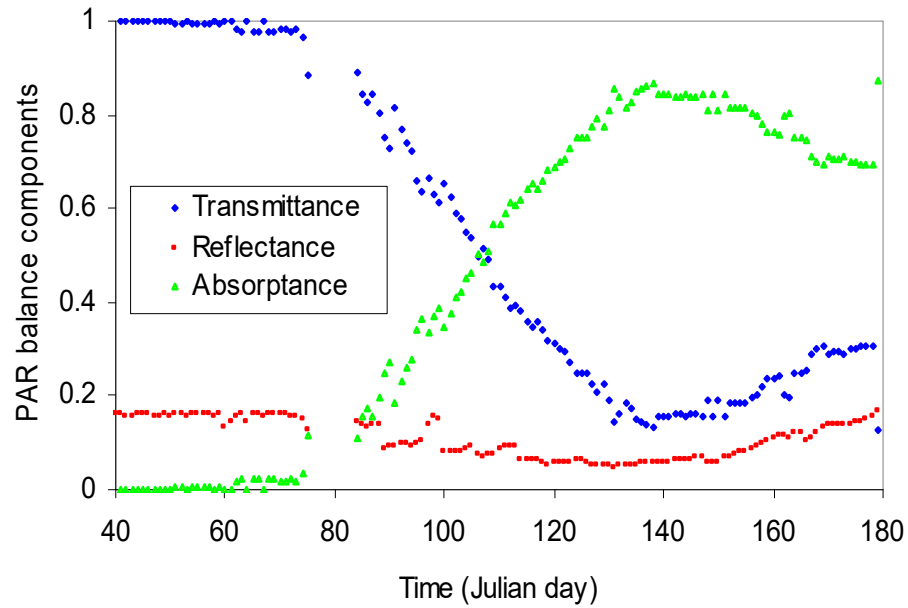
Adjusting ALA and PAI over a temporal window of few days

$$J = \sum_1^n \omega \cdot (\tau - \hat{\tau})^2 + J_{prior}$$

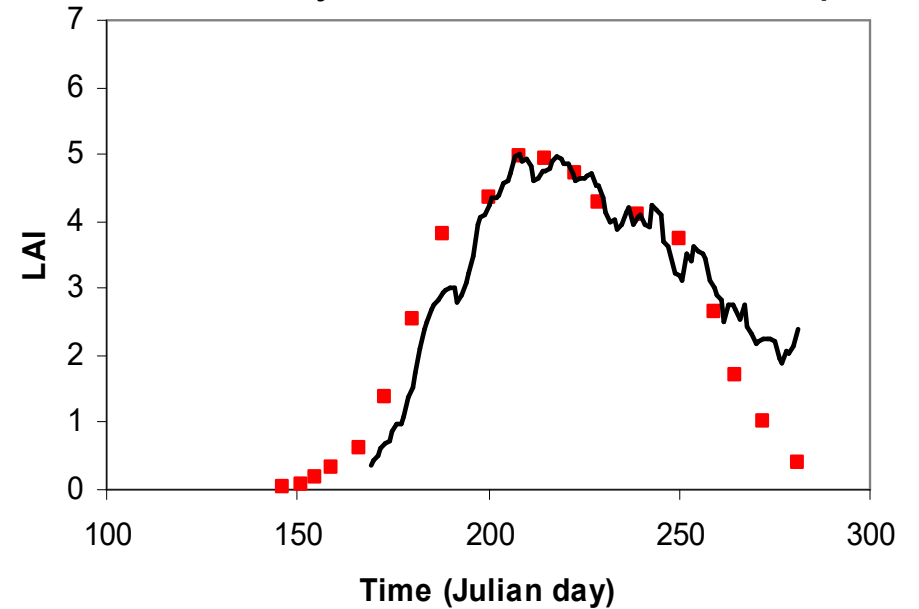
The Poisson model is currently used under randomly distributed vegetation elements  
The radiative transfer model may be refined for specific vegetation types

# Additional results

PAR balance over Wheat crop



LAI dynamics over maize crops



# LAI: several definitions

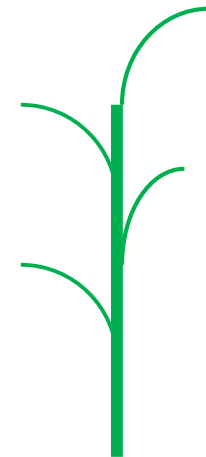
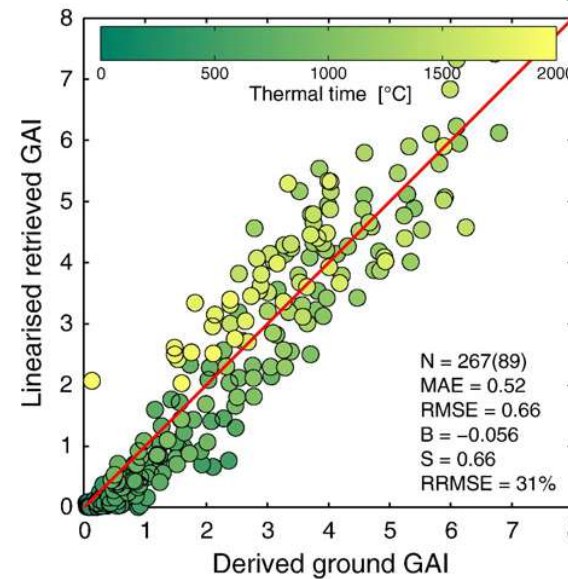
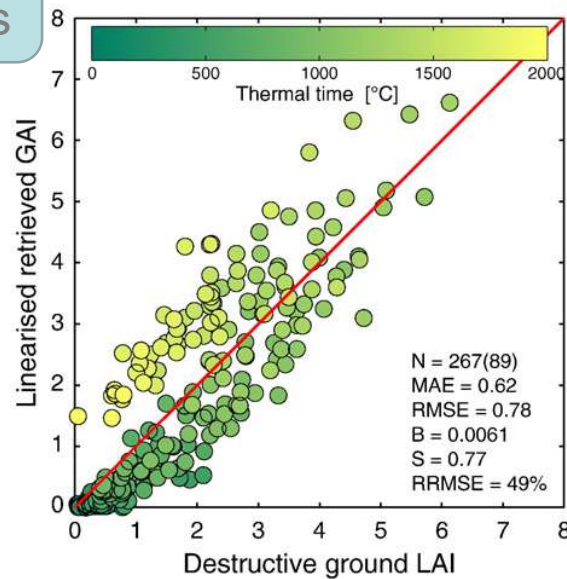
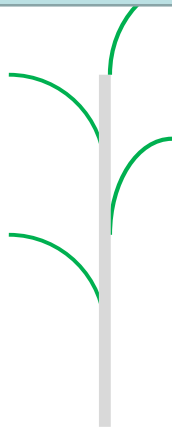
Destructive measurements

	Only leaf	All vegetation elem.
Green+non green	LAI	PAI
Green	GLAI	<b>GAI</b>

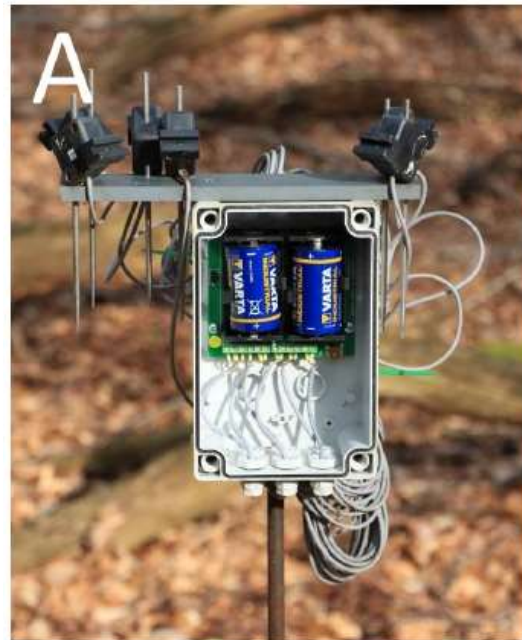
Upward looking  
Indirect methods

**downward  
looking Indirect  
methods  
Incl. Remote  
Sensing**

Destructive measurements






# PASTIS 57°

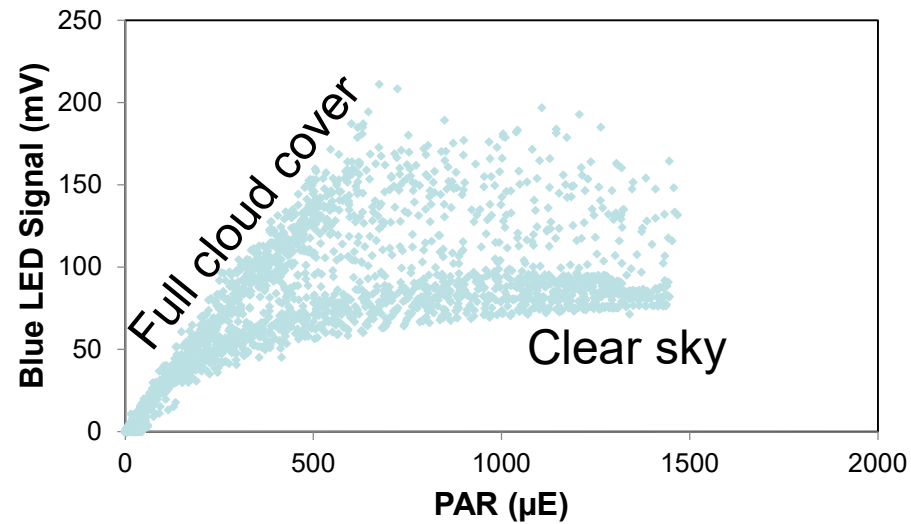
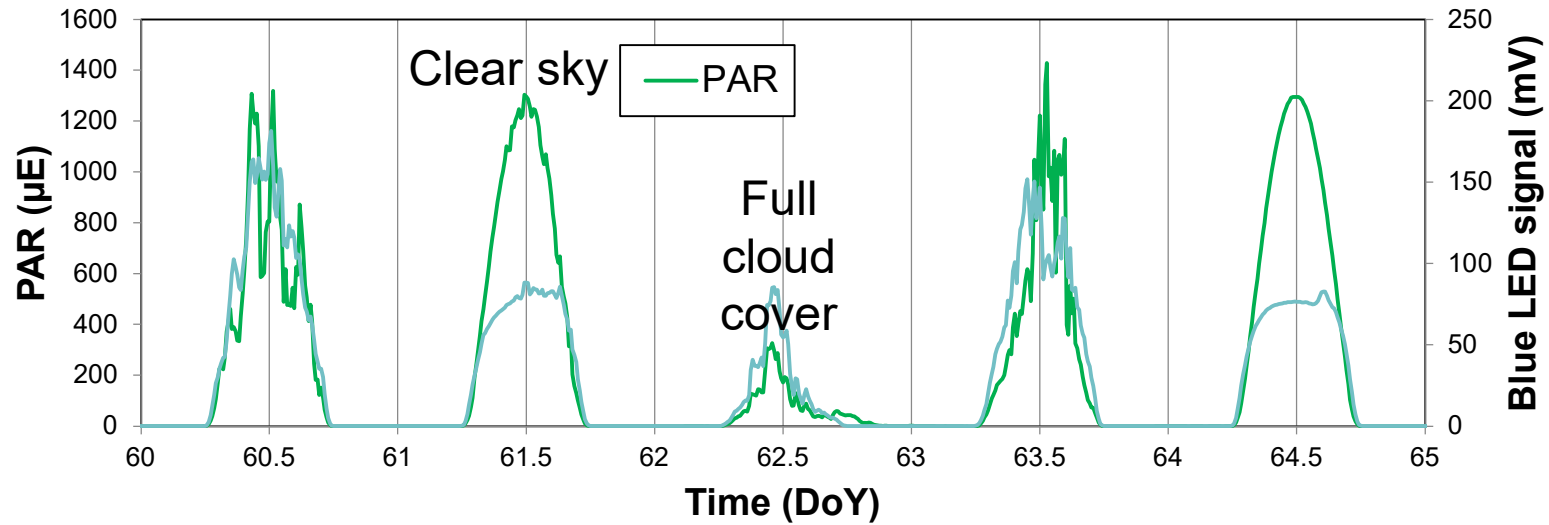


Article

## Monitoring Forest Phenology and Leaf Area Index with the Autonomous, Low-Cost Transmittance Sensor PASTiS-57

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# Comparison with PAR sensors





# Why 57° towards North in the blue?

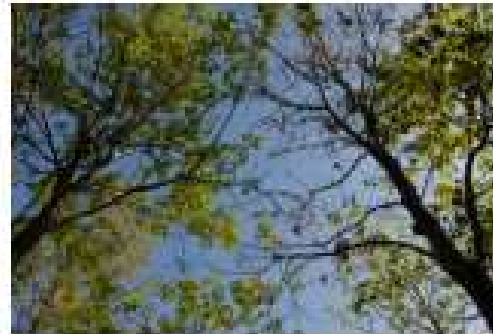
- Why blue spectral domain?
  - Better contrast between vegetation (almost black) and sky (rayleigh and aerosol scattering)
  - Limits multiple scattering in the canopy
- Interest of 57°
  - Minimization of leaf angle distribution effect
  - Minimization of plant clumping effect
  - Compromise between sensitivity (short path length) and spatial sampling (longer path length)
- Why North orientation?
  - Avoids direct sun light
  - Reverse to South in the southern hemisphere!

# Some results on phenology: direct ground observations

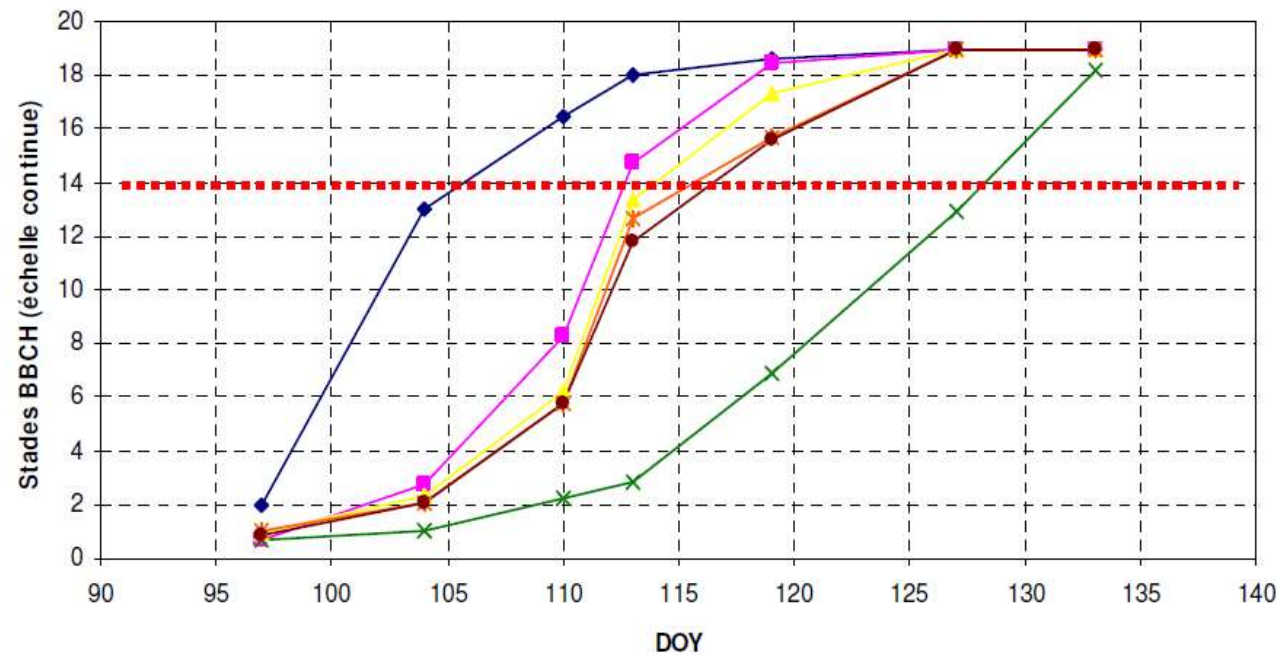
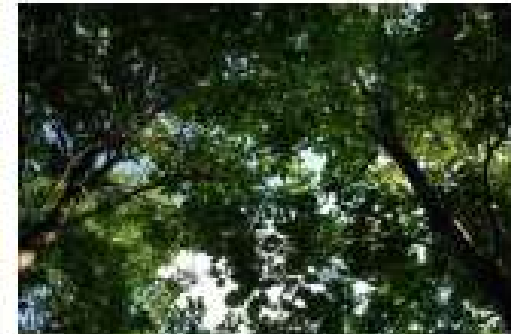
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7 May



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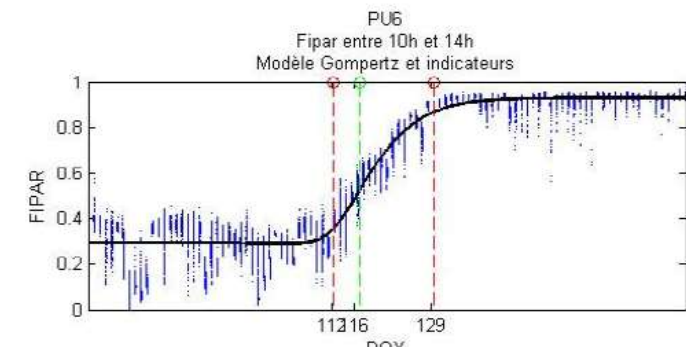
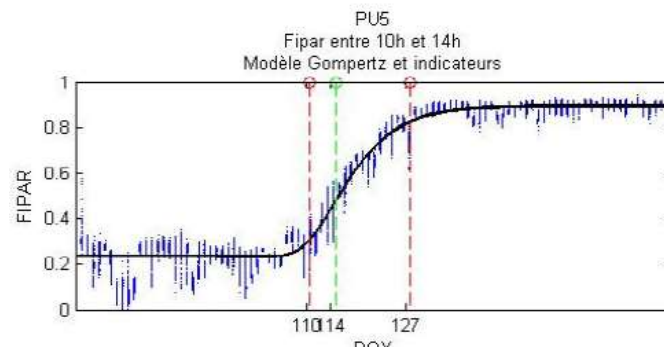
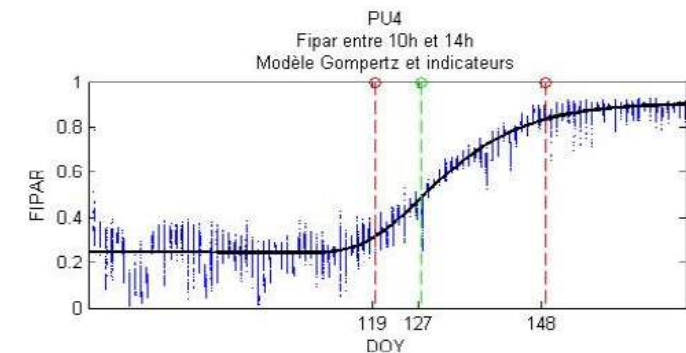
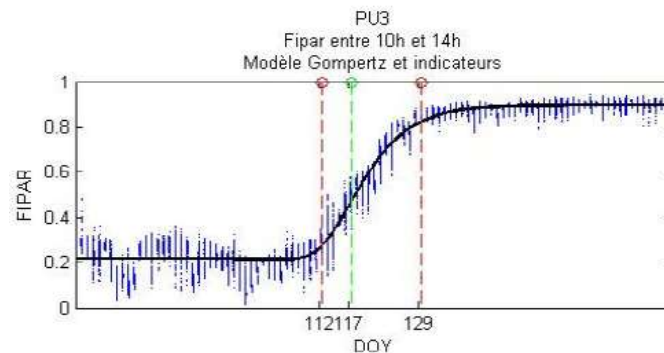
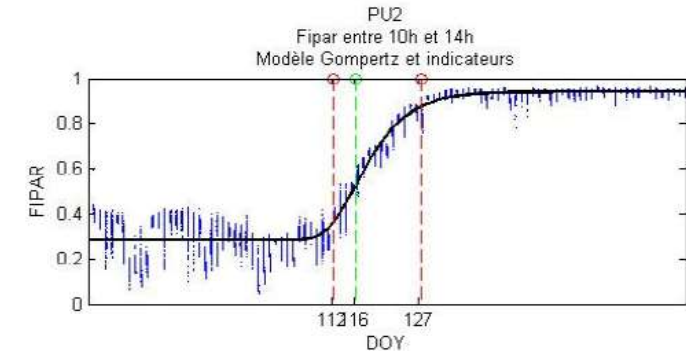
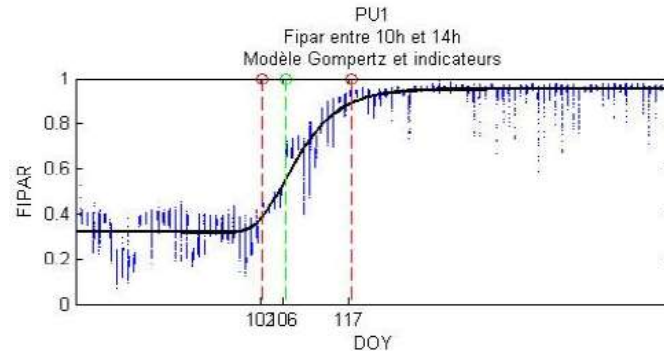


# Typical dynamics measured

Incident

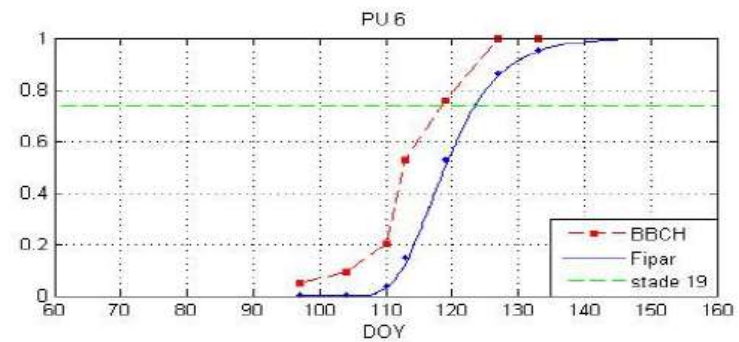
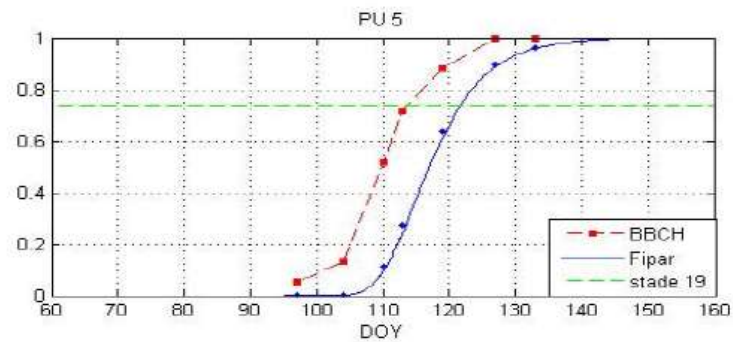
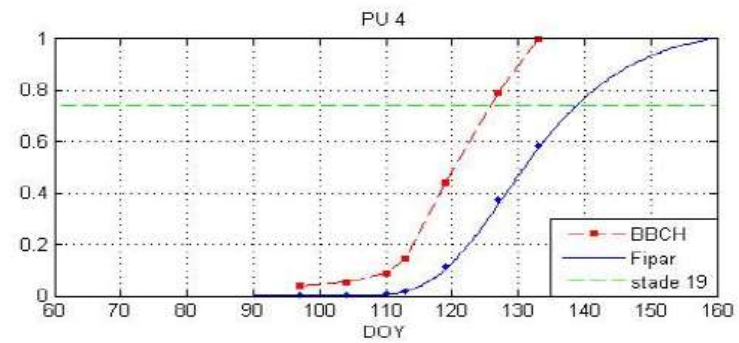
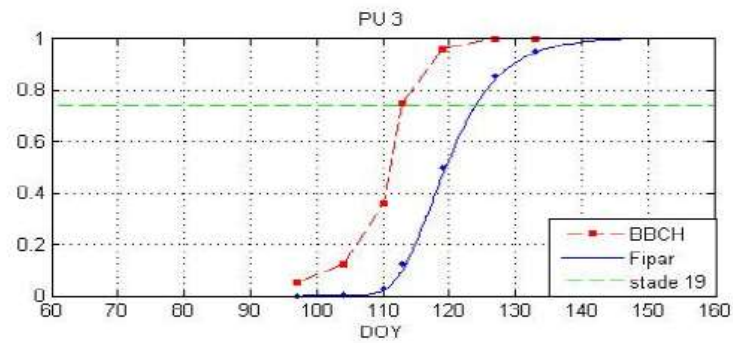
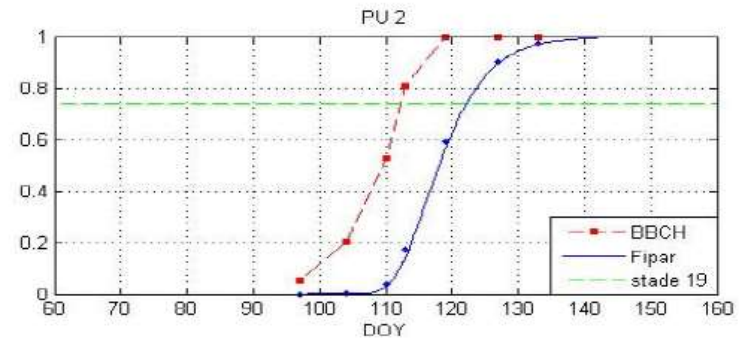
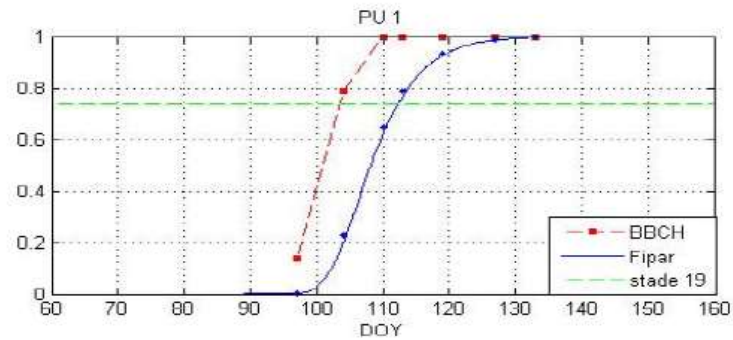


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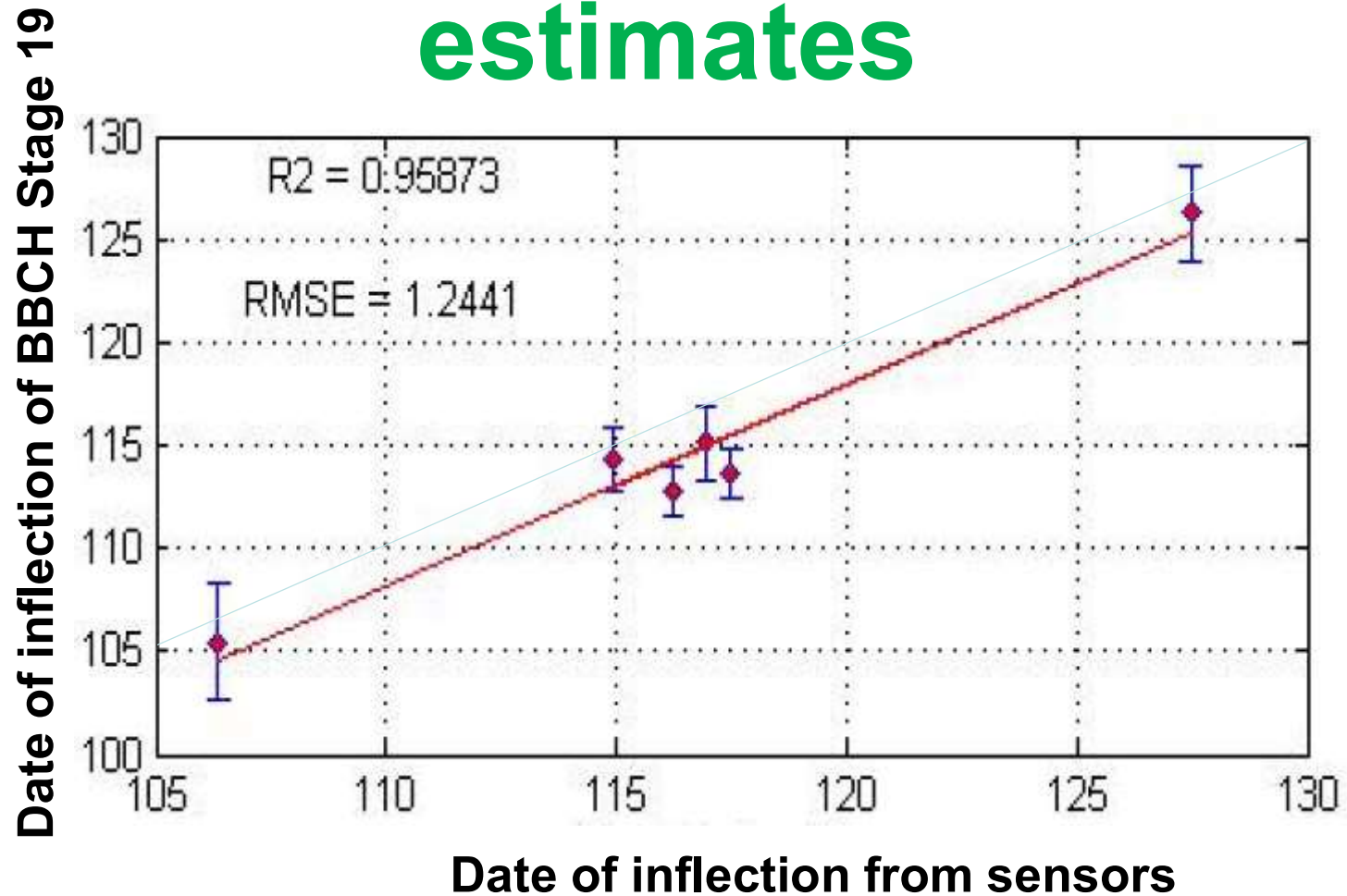


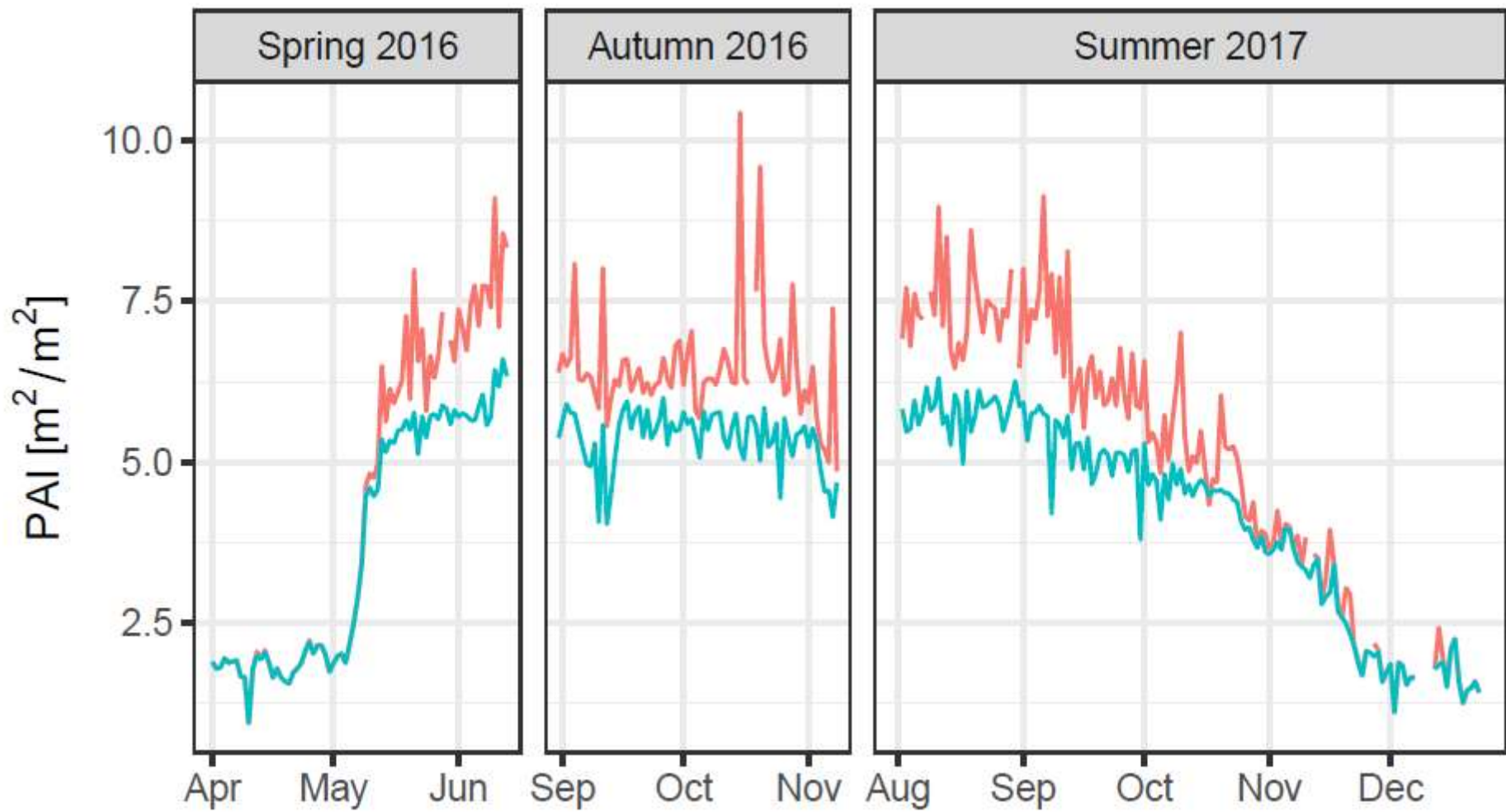
Prototype sensors (PAR domain, 40° zenith angle)

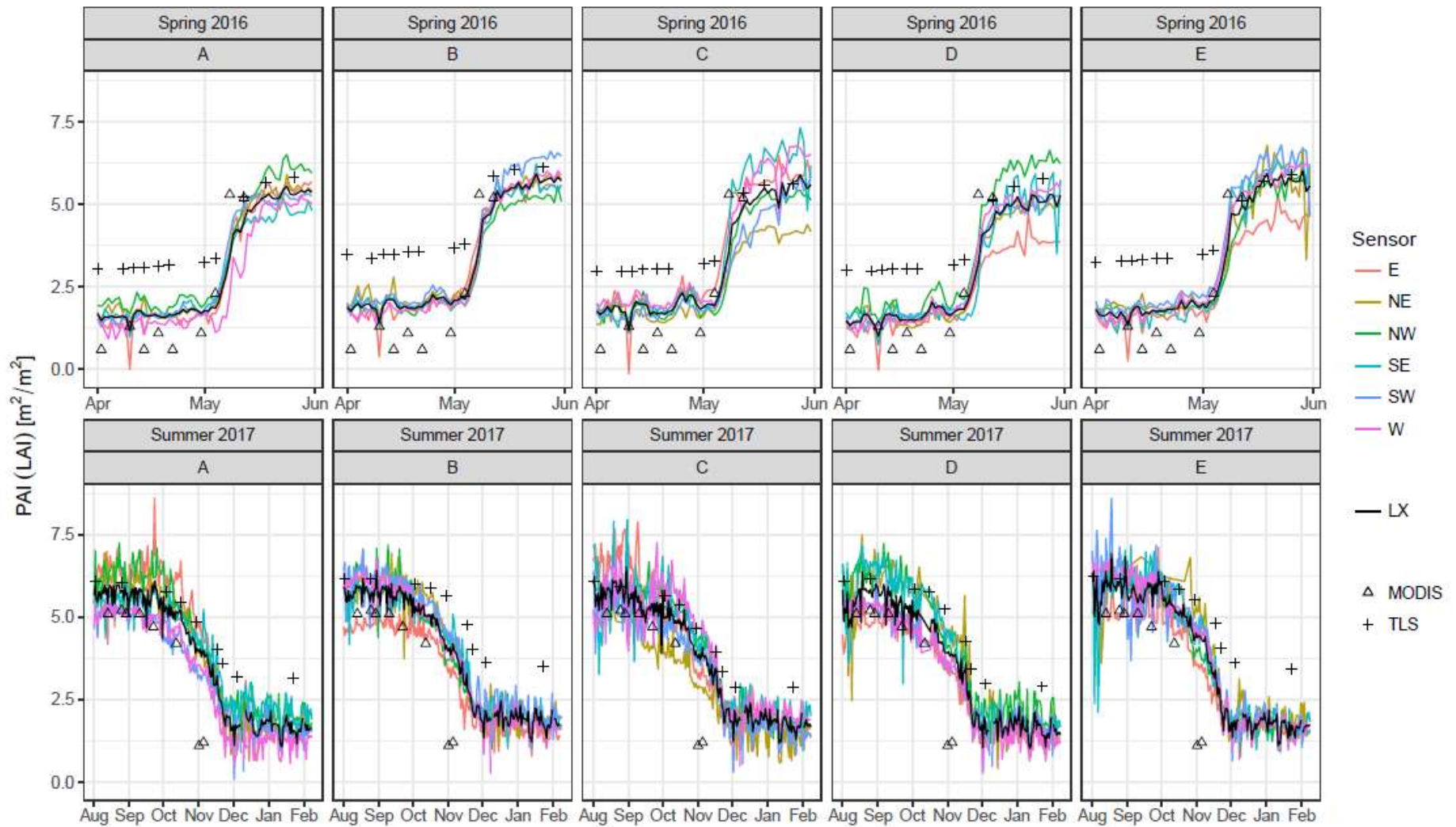
# Comparison with visual notations



# Performances of stages estimates







# Conclusion

- (Relatively) low cost systems are now available for ground measurements of leaf development:
  - LAI
  - FAPAR
  - Albedo (PAR or PIR)
- Good performances with regards to visual estimates of phenology
- Good consistency with satellite observations



