# Modeling regional crop GPP by upscaling flux data with satellite sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence

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# (traditional) Vegetation remote sensing

- Focused on vegetation indices indicating "greenness"
  - ~ Biomass x Chlorophyll content
- **Reflectance** based vegetation indices are related only to potential photosynthesis

# Sun-induced chlorophyll fluorescence

- Fluorescence is an emission signal from the surface
- Fluorescence is a much better predictor of actual photosynthetic activity, not potential ones







### 1.1 Chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF)



## Pathways of solar energy after absorption by chlorophyll:

- Part of the energy is used for photochemical processes and photosynthesis resulting in ecosystem gross primary production (GPP).
- Part of the energy is dissipated as heat.
- A remaining fraction is re-emitted as fluorescence.
- Under natural conditions, fluorescence and photosynthesis are positively correlated → a measurement of fluorescence can be related to photosynthetic activity.



# **Global SIF Data Sets**

#### GOSAT, GOME-2, SCIAMACHY, OCO-2 ...



	GOSAT	GOME-2	SCIAMACH	OCO-2	TROPOMI	FLEX
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起始时间	2009年6月	2007年1月	2002-2012	2014年7月	2016年	~2022年
过境时段	13:30	9:30	9:30	13:15	13:30	10:00
波段	757-775 nm	650-790 nm	650-790 nm	757-775 nm	675-775 nm	650-780 nm
空间采样方式	间断	连续	连续	间断	连续	连续
像元大小	直径10 km	$40 \times 80 \text{ km}^2$	$30 \times 240 \text{ km}^2$	$1.3 \times 2.25 \text{ km}^2$	$7 \times 7 \text{ km}^2$	$300 \times 300 \text{ m}^2$
空间分辨率	$2 \times 2^{\circ}$	$0.5 \times 0.5^{\circ}$	1×1°	1×1°	$0.1 \times 0.1$ °	$300 \times 300 \text{ m}^2$
提取时对云的敏感性	低	高	高	非常低	中	低
每天晴空观测像元数	1300	3500	900	∼450,000	∼400,000	/

# **Global SIF Data Sets**



# Modeling ecosystem GPP with SIF

• Empirical statistical approach (see Guanter<sup>#</sup>, Zhang<sup>#</sup> et al., PNAS, 2014)

# Global and time-resolved monitoring of crop photosynthesis with chlorophyll fluorescence

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• Hybrid methods based on process-based models

# The Problem

## High bias in GPP modeling from dynamic vegetation models



Beer, et al., 2010, Science

## Causes of GPP bias

#### Model structure error

- Canopy radiative transfer
- Photosynthesis-stomatal conductance
- Canopy integration
- Model parameter uncertainty
  - Maximum rate of Rubisco carboxylation (Vcmax)

Bonan et al., 2011, JGR-Biogeosciences

# The Problem

## The most influential model in the carbon cycle research

# **FvCB model**

$$W_{c} = \frac{V_{cmax}(c_{i}-\Gamma^{*})}{c_{i}+K_{c}(1+O_{i}/K_{o})}$$
$$W_{j} = \frac{J_{max}(c_{i}-\Gamma^{*})}{4(c_{i}+2\Gamma^{*})}$$

Two key metabolic variables

- •Vcmax: Rubisco activity
- •Jmax: Electron transport rate



# The Problem

## FvCB model

#### Farquhar et al. (1980)

there are two key parameters which, although often correlated in vivo, show important genotypic and phenotypic variation. These are the RuP<sub>2</sub> carboxylase capacity of the leaf  $(V_{c_{max}} = \rho k_c E_t)$  and the electron transport capacity  $(J_{max} = \rho j_{max})$ . The way in which these two capacities vary, absolutely, and in ratio may well be a key to our understanding of the ecophysiology of plants.

Determine the key metabolic variables

•Vcmax: Rubisco activity

•Jmax: Electron transport rate

# Contant Vcmax assumed for each PFT in models



What: Constrain GPP modeling with process model

- **How:** Optimize photosynthetic capacity parameter ( $V_{cmax}$ )
- With: Satellite-based fluorescence data
- And: A coupled photosynthesis-fluorescence model (SCOPE)

## SCOPE

Soil Canopy Observation of Photosynthesis and the Energy balance



#### 2. Methods

Flux sites





## Homogeneous



**Corn Soybean** 



# Inversion of V<sub>cmax</sub>

## Link fluorescence to V<sub>cmax</sub>

2. Methods



Inversion of V<sub>cmax</sub>

## Sensitivity of fluorescence to $V_{cmax}$



**Zhang et al., 2014, GCB** 14

#### 3. Results

## **Hourly GPP:** fixed $V_{cmax}$ vs. $V_{cmax} = f(SIF)$

- Model-based inversion of crop photosynthetic capacity (Vcmax) from GOME-2 SIF data.
- Substantial improvement of GPP modeling with estimated seasonal Vcmax





Zhang et al., 2014, GCB

#### 3. Results

# Light Use Efficiency for photosynthesis (LUEp):



# How SIF relates to independently estimation of $V_{cmax}$ at seasonal scale?



Zhang et al., RSE (under review) 17



#### Zhang et al., RSE (under review)

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### 4. Continuing work

## Another example from Harvard Forest



# Field measurements of SIF during the growing season of 2013 (Yang et al., 2015)

Zhang et al., RSE (under review) <sup>19</sup>

## 4. Continuing work Upscaling to a bigger scale

Regional  $V_{cmax}$  for C4 crop during the growing season



#### Vcmax for C4 Crops during 2009

## Seasonally and spatially varied for C4 crop

## 4. Continuing work Upscaling to a bigger scale

Regional  $V_{cmax}$  for C3 crop during the growing season



#### Vcmax for C3 Crops during 2009

## Seasonally and spatially varied for C3 crop

## Modeling regional GPP with $V_{cmax}$ from SIF



## 4. Continuing work Validation

**"Validation":** comparison with GPP scaled from SIF and NPP data from agricultural inventories by USDA



Zhang et al. (under review)

**"Validation":** comparison with GPP scaled from SIF and NPP data from agricultural inventories by USDA



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**"Validation":** comparison with GPP derived from agricultural inventories by USDA

 $\Delta GPP = GPP_{sim} - GPP_{inv}$ 



Modeling regional GPP with constant Vcmax



Modeling regional GPP with Vcmax from SIF

Zhang et al., RSE (under review)

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### 5. Summary

1. Satellite fluorescence retrievals could be a proxy of seasonally-varying maximum rate of carboxylation  $(V_{cmax})$ 

2. A potential to **parameterize**  $V_{cmax}$  seasonally from satellite fluorescence data for terrestrial biosphere models

3. **Discussion**: What is the difference between Vcmax derived from DVMs and leaf measurements?







## You are welcome to join SIF Session at AGU 2017:

Session Title: Chlorophyll fluorescence as a proxy of photosynthesis: from field to satellite measurements, modeling and applications (Kaiyu Guan, Yongguang Zhang, Joanna Joiner, and Xi Yang)



Thank you for your attention !



## Fs yield and photochemical yield related to Vcmax



Modelled Fs yield  $\Phi$ F, photochemical yield  $\Phi$ P, photosynthesis A, and  $\Phi$ F multiplied by irradiance, as functions of irradiance, for the following values of Vcmax: 10, 30, 50, 70 and 90

## 2. Methods

Incorporation of optimized  $V_{cmax}$  into SCOPE and comparison with fixed  $V_{cmax}$  in terms of GPP and other parameters

**Evaluation** 



#### 3. Results

## Sensitivity of fluorescence to $V_{cmax}$

LUT -> Vcmax = f (SIF, t)



2/3 sensitivity of new version compared to old one