



# BELAIR – SONIA site

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# BELAIR – SONIA

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  - Study site & thematic interest
  - SONIA Team: Urban & Forest
  - Data use & Links
- BELAIR 2015 Campaign – SONIA
  - Airborne acquisition
  - Ground truthing
- Analysis and Preliminary results
- Feedback & Outlook

# SONIA study site

## Brussels

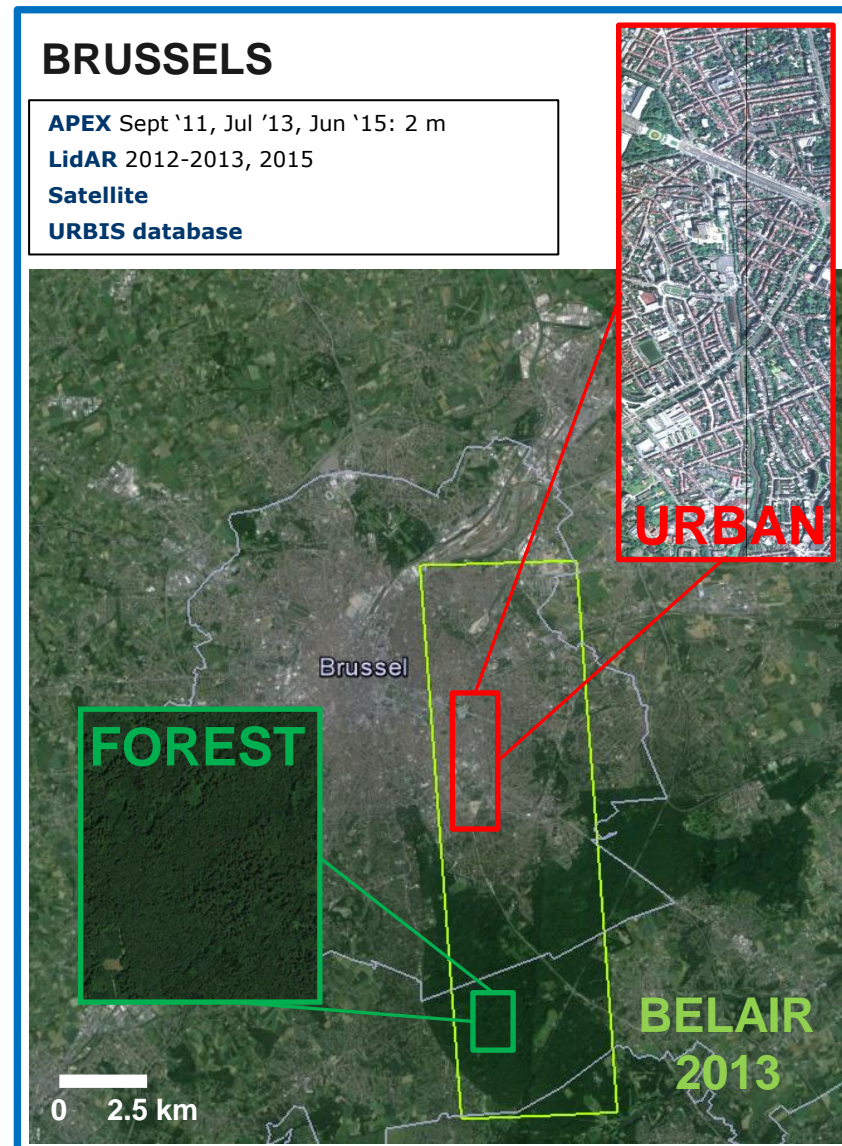
Urban diversity

Sonian Forest

Upper Woluwe basin

## Focus

**Spatiotemporal  
characterization  
and monitoring of  
water and energy  
fluxes in urban and  
forest environment**



# SONIA team

## URBAN



Hydrology  
Geography



Earth & Environmental  
Sciences



Forest Management  
and Spatial Information  
techniques

## FOREST



# Data use & Links

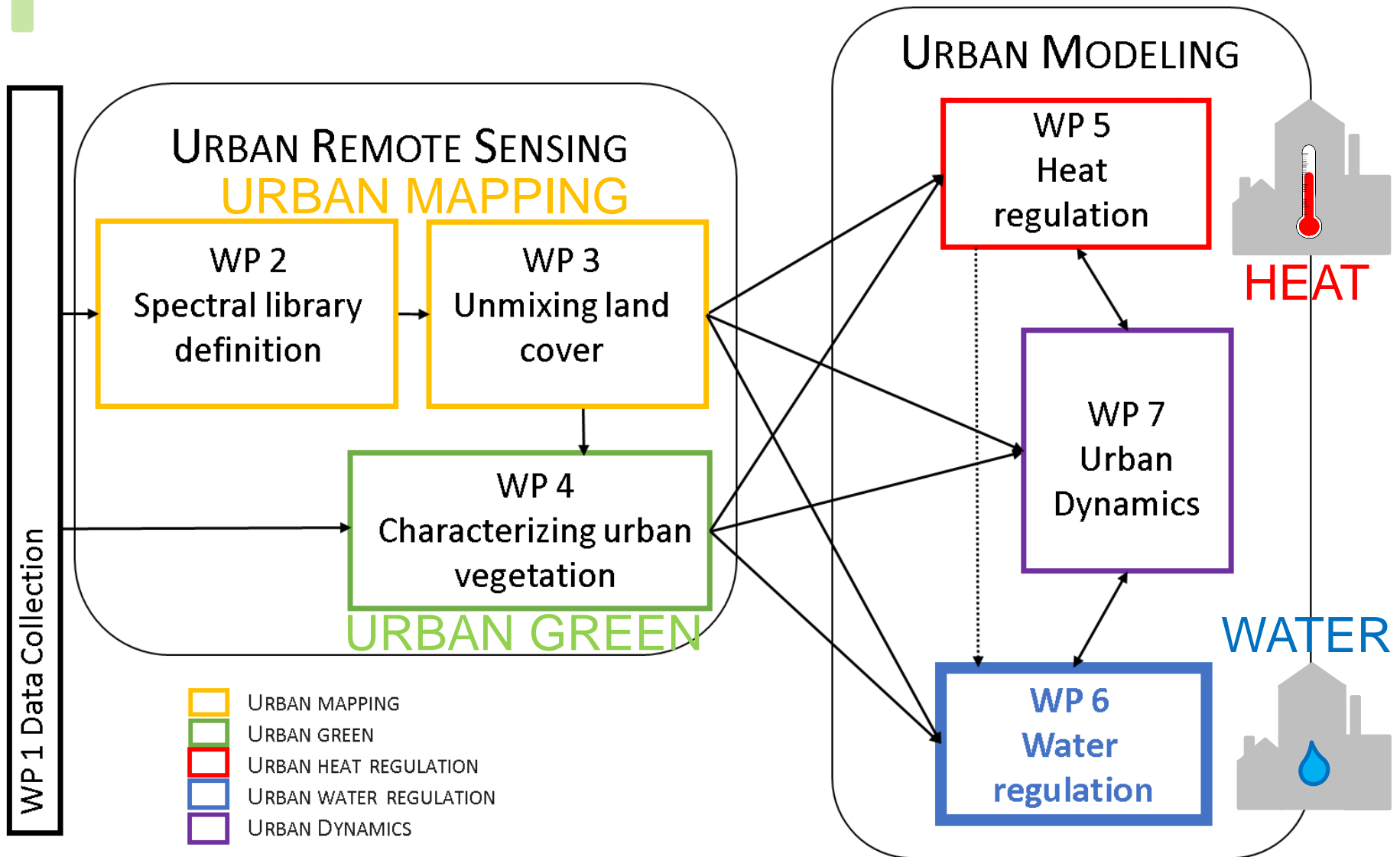
- BELSPO STEREO III Thematic project  
UrbanEARS > 4 PhD's + related work
- Innoviris project  
Water budgeting
- BELIRIS project  
Urban tree health
- PhD Theses (8)
- MSc Theses (7)

# URBANEARS

## URBAN ECOSYSTEM ANALYSIS SUPPORTED BY REMOTE SENSING



# URBANEARS - WORK PLAN



# Interdisciplinarity & International



Urban Vegetation



Remote Sensing  
Urban Modelling  
Urban Hydrology



Urban Climate



Remote Sensing

## UrbanEARS Partnership



Remote Sensing



Urban Planning  
& Architecture



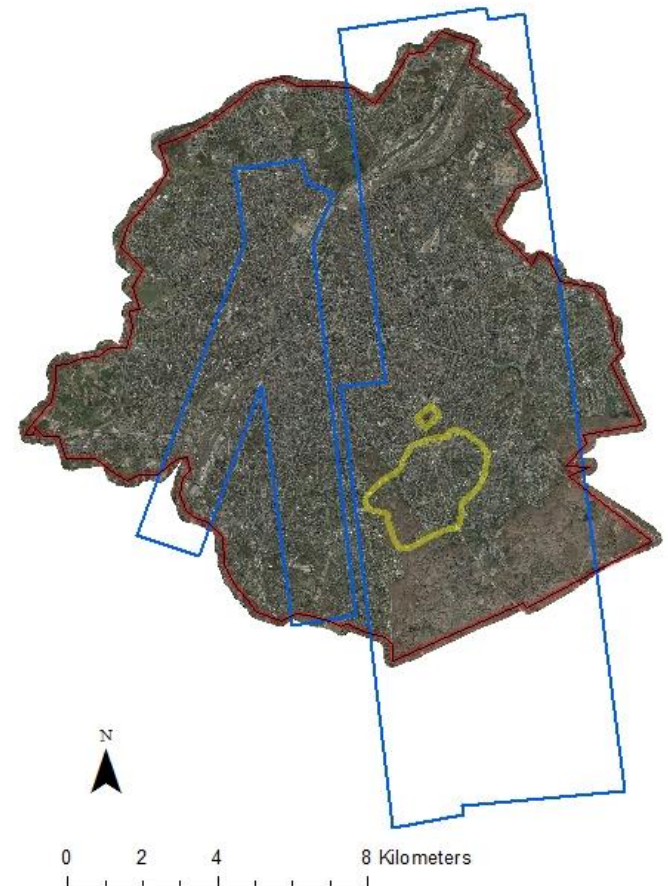
Urban Climate



# BELAIR 2015 campaign – SONIA

- Airborne acquisition
  - Hyperspectral APEX
  - 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2015
  - 7 flight lines
- Pre-processing (VITO)
  - Radiometric
  - Geometric
  - Atmospheric
- Image: 2m resolution

- Apex flight lines
- VUB and Watermaelbeek
- Brussels capital region



# BELAIR 2015 campaign – SONIA

- In-situ Ground truthing
  - **REFERENCE**
  - URBAN

# Reference measurements

- Spectral measurements reference targets

VUB – CGIS

ASD spectro

30 June 2015

10 July 2015

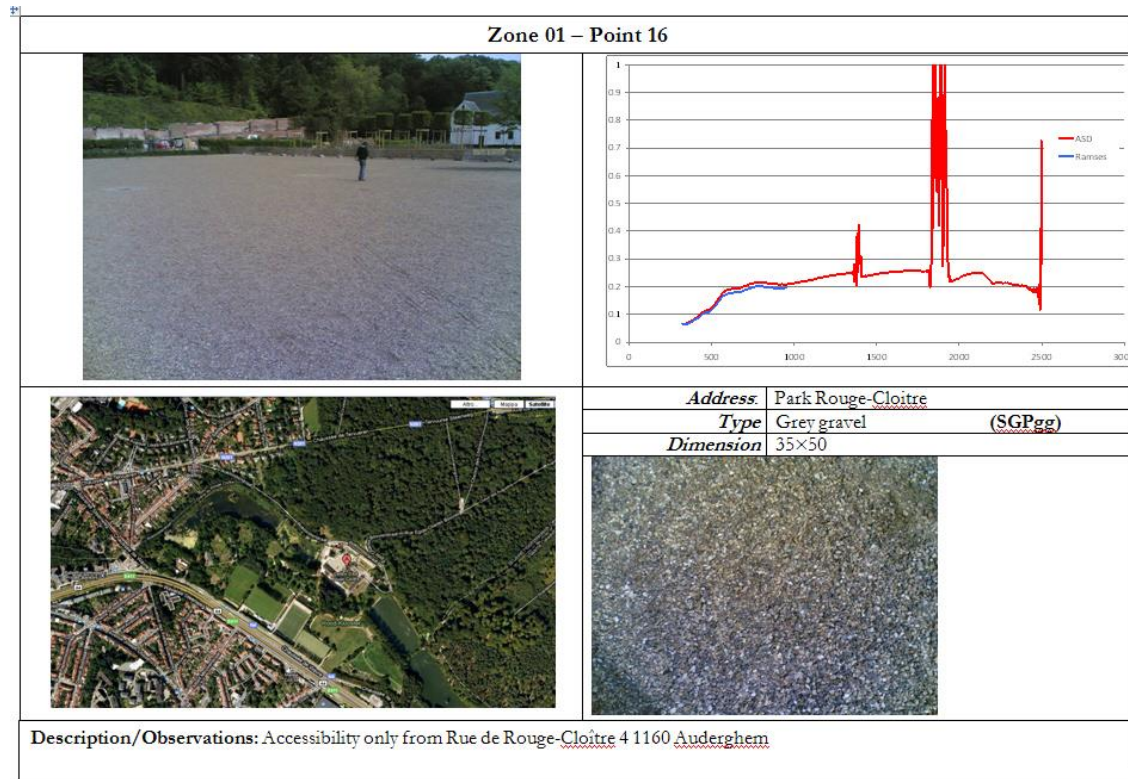
**Seven** targets:

Five dark

(asphalt, bitumen)

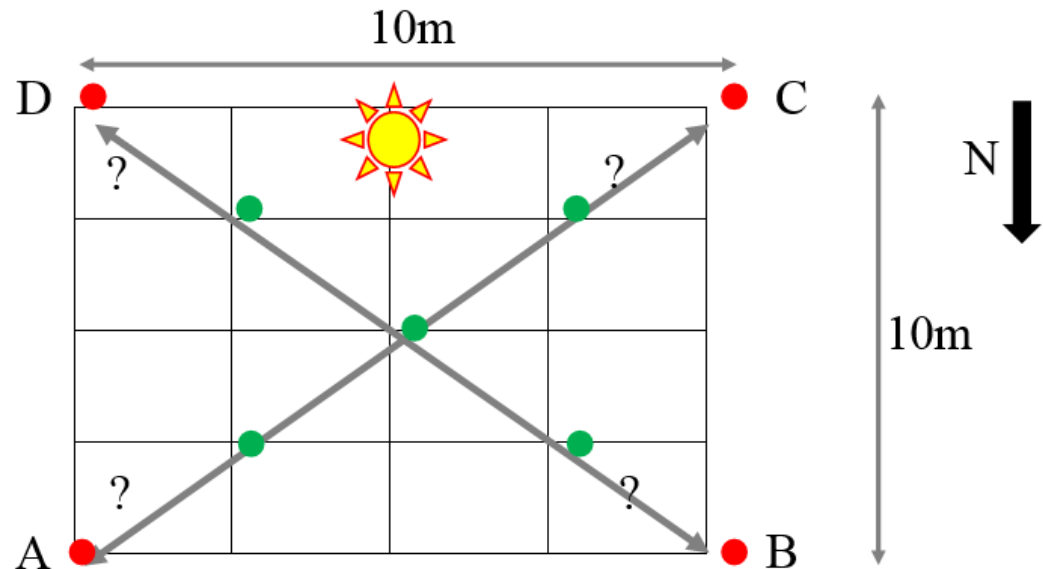
Two bright

(gravel)



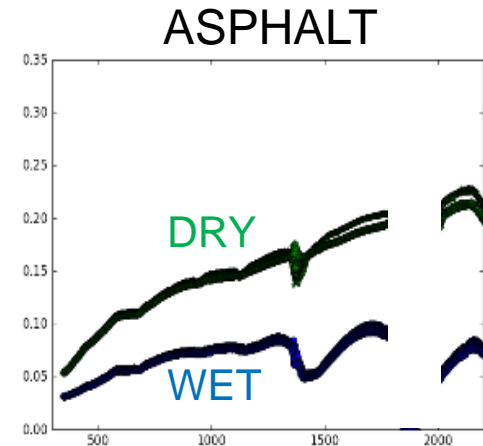
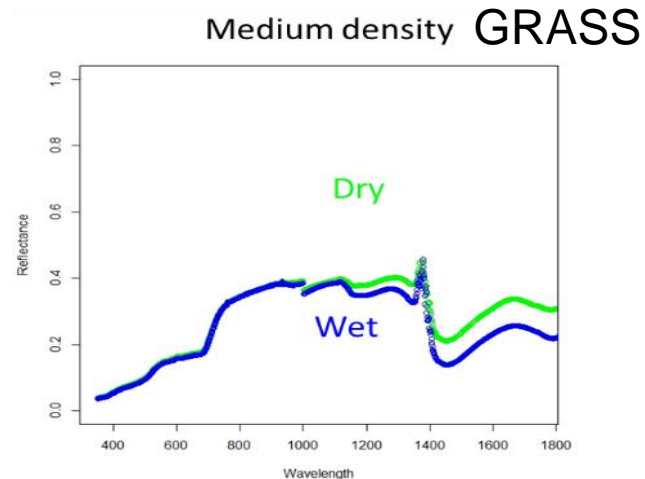
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- In-situ Ground truthing
  - REFERENCE
  - **URBAN → WATER & ENERGY FLUXES**Grass & top soil characteristics



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    - **URBAN → WATER & ENERGY FLUXES**
- Grass & top soil characteristics  
Spectral characterization grass & urban surfaces



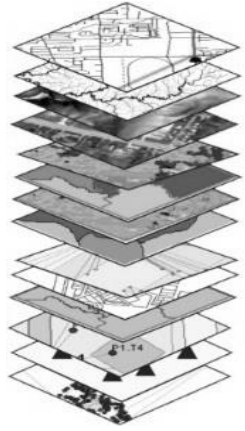
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    - Grass & top soil characteristics
    - Spectral characterization grass & urban surfaces
    - Tree characteristics
      - > LAI timeseries
      - > Sap flow



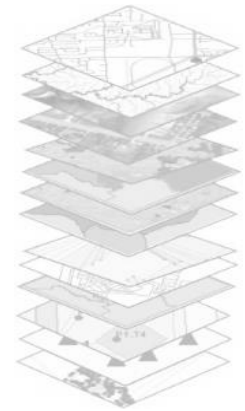
# Urban water/heat regulation

## URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE



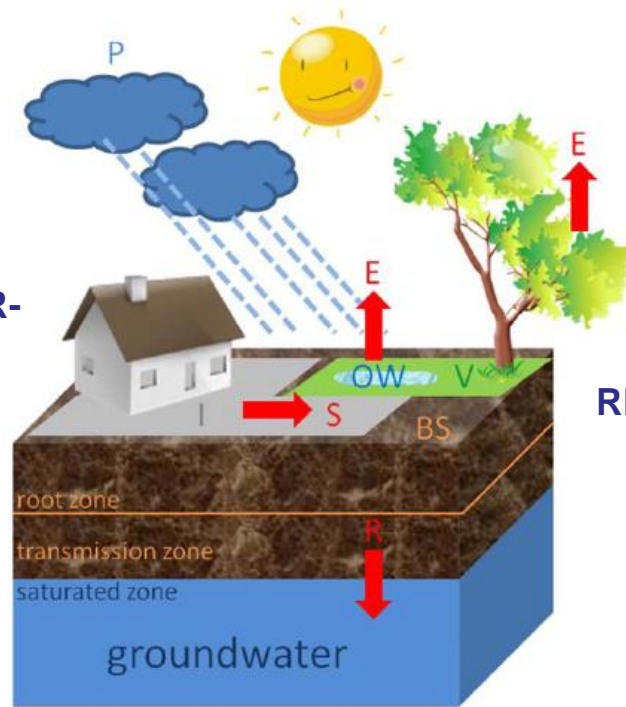
type of material  
height of buildings  
roof exposition  
etc,

## URBAN GREEN



LAI  
moisture content  
chl-a concentration  
species diversirty  
vegetation Height  
etc.

PARAMETER-  
ISATION

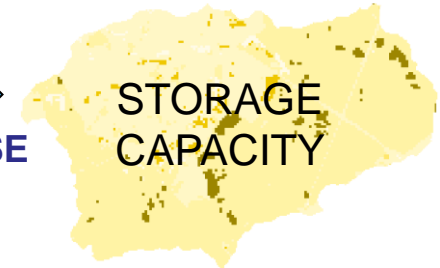


WATER BALANCE  
MODEL

HYDRO  
RESPONSE



RETENTION  
CAPACITY



STORAGE  
CAPACITY



EVOPORATIVE  
CAPACITY

ECOSYSTEM SERVICE  
INDICATOR MAPS

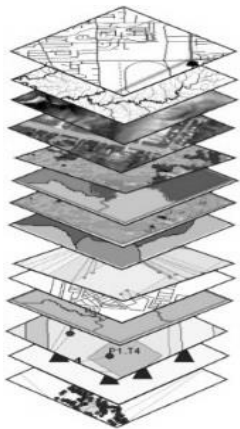
# Preliminary results

- Linked to UrbanEARS project

Mapping urban surfaces

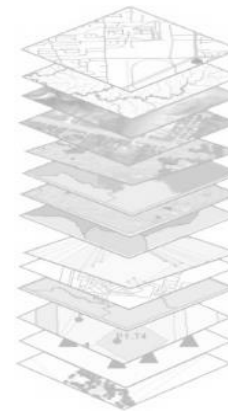
Urban green characterisation

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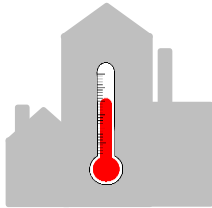


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# Urban mapping

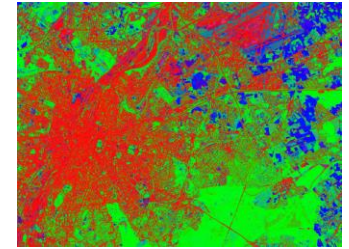
(Frederik Priem - VUB)



Urban ecosystem services

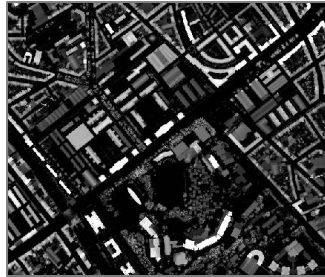


*Material characteristics*



*Urban composition*

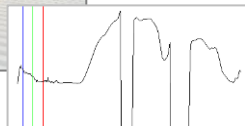
*Including LiDAR height information*



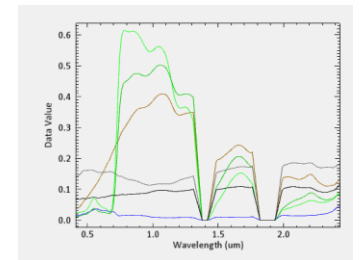
*Satellite imagery*



*Material mapping*



*Spectral library*



Urban land cover



# Urban mapping (Frederik Priem - VUB)

27 material classes  
trained for mapping

sunlit + shaded  
spectra included

Level 1	Level 2
roof	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. red ceramic tile</li> <li>2. dark ceramic tile</li> <li>3. dark shingle</li> <li>4. bitumen</li> <li>5. fiber cement</li> <li>6. bright roof material</li> <li>7. hydrocarbon roofing</li> <li>8. gray metal</li> <li>9. green metal</li> <li>10. paved roof</li> <li>11. glass</li> <li>12. gravel roofing</li> <li>13. green roof</li> <li>14. solar panel</li> </ol>
pavement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. asphalt</li> <li>16. concrete</li> <li>17. red concrete pavers</li> <li>18. railroad track</li> <li>19. cobblestone</li> <li>20. bright gravel</li> <li>21. red gravel</li> <li>22. tartan</li> <li>23. artificial turf</li> <li>24. green surface</li> </ol>
high vegetation	25. high vegetation
low vegetation	26. low vegetation
bare soil	27. bare soil
water <sup>o</sup>	28. water <sup>o</sup>



# Urban mapping

(Frederik Priem - VUB)

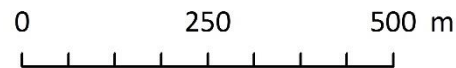
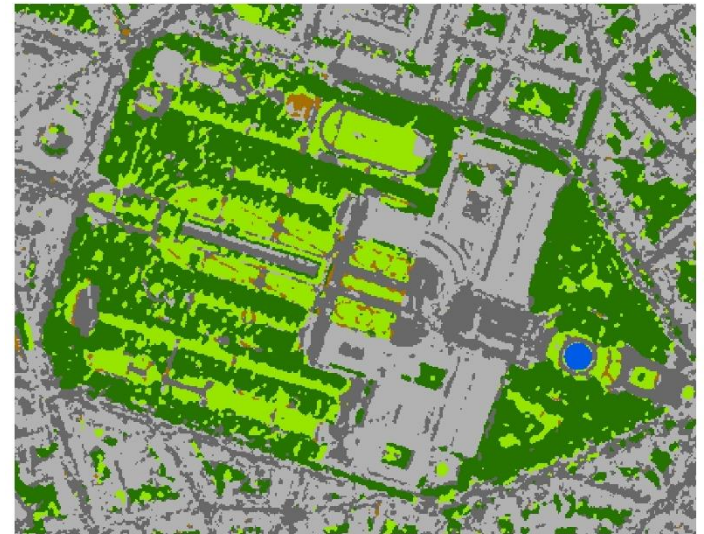
APEX SONIA



*Support Vector  
Classification*



Land cover + class probabilities

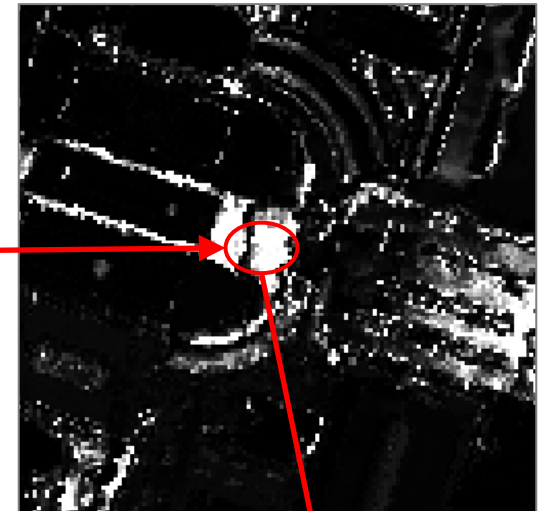
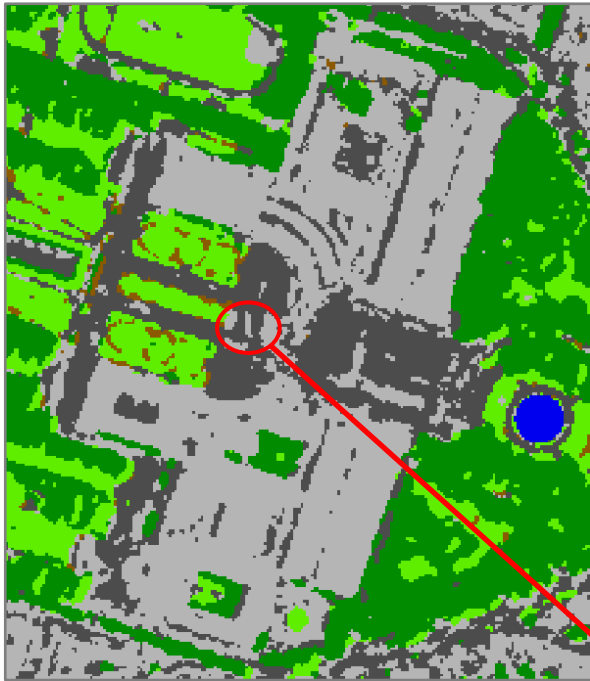


# Urban mapping (Frederik Priem - VUB)

Land cover

Geometry check

If wrong: next best class  
(SVC class probabilities)



- |   |  |
|---|--|
|  roof            |  low vegetation |
|  pavement        |  bare soil      |
|  high vegetation |  water          |



Bitumen

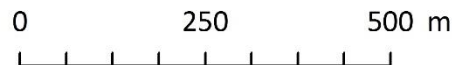
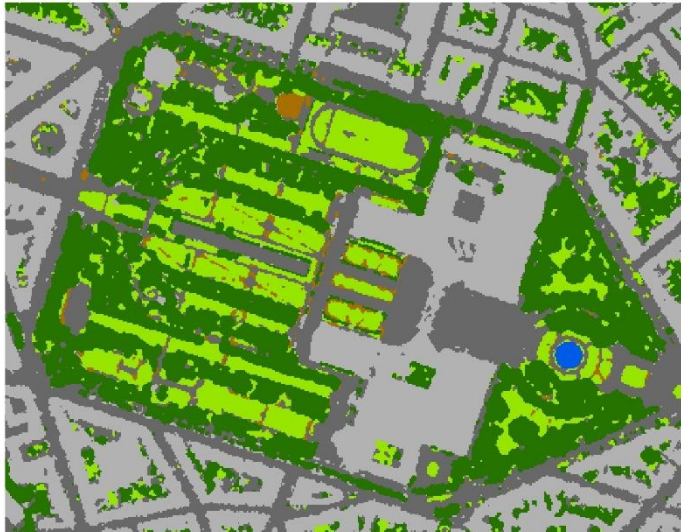
**Repeat!**

Asphalt

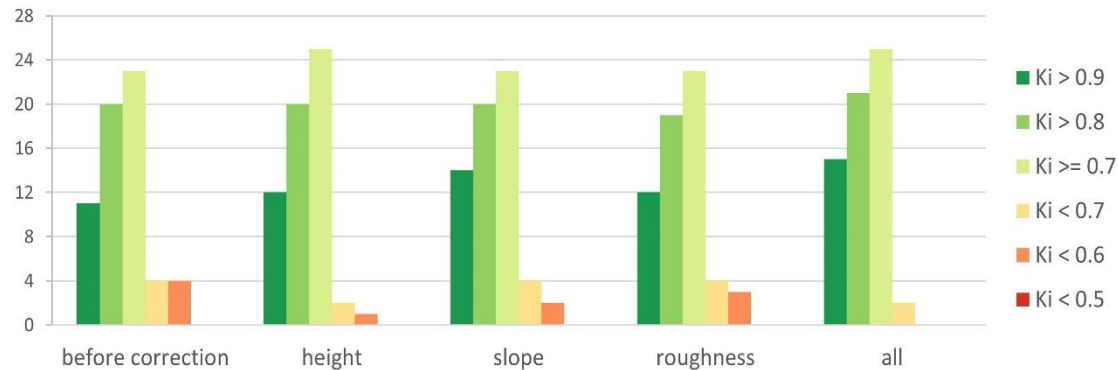
# Urban mapping

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Land cover after correction



Cumulative level 2 class wise kappa histograms



Overall level 2 kappa before correction = 0.80  
 Overall level 2 kappa after correction = 0.87

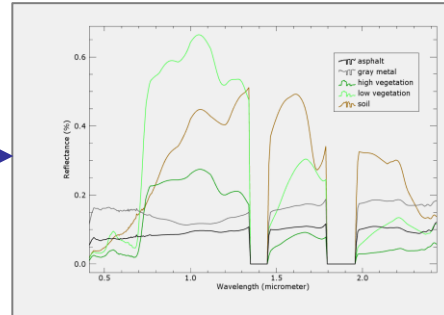
Priem F. & Canters F., *Synergistic use of LiDAR and APEX hyperspectral data for high-resolution urban land cover mapping*, *Remote Sensing*, **2016**, 8(10), 787; doi:10.3390/rs8100787

# Urban mapping (Frederik Priem - VUB)

APEX SONIA (2015)

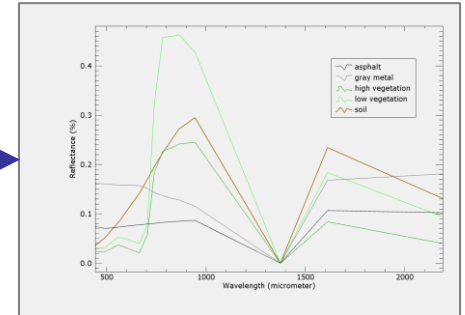


Hyperspectral library



resample

Multispectral library

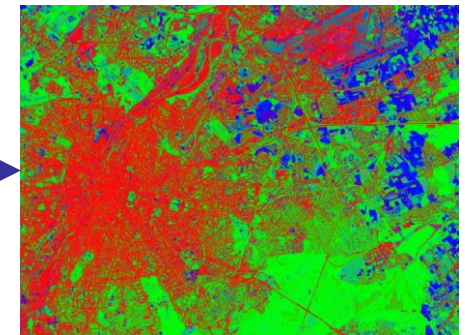


Sentinel-2 (2015)



**Support  
Vector  
Regression**

**Vegetation – Impervious  
- Soil fraction maps**



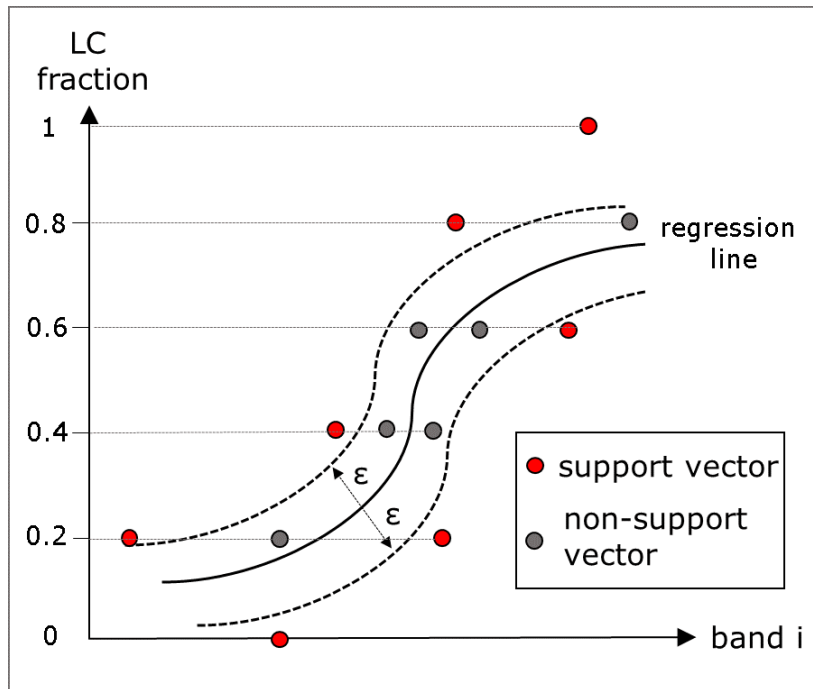
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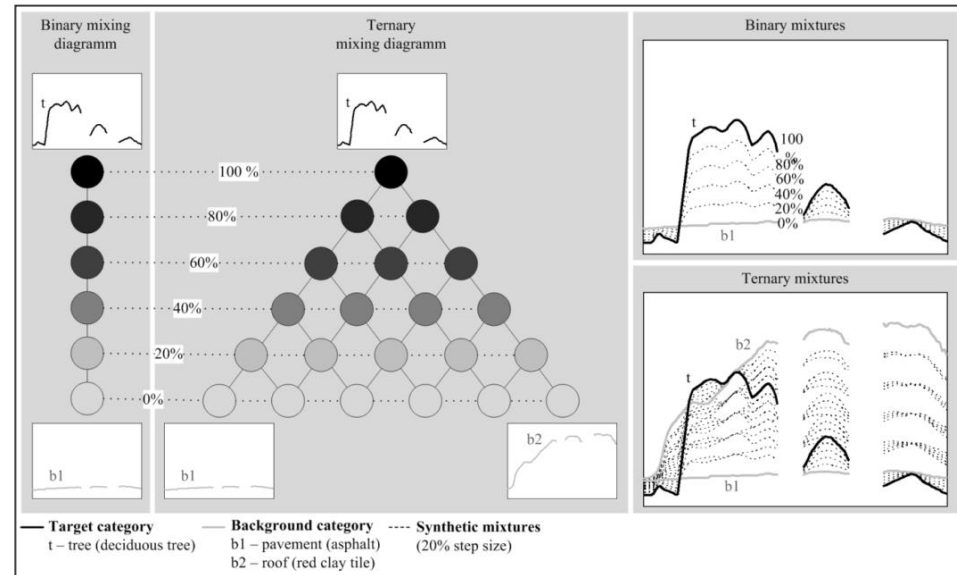
SVR needs quantitative training data



Synthetic mixing



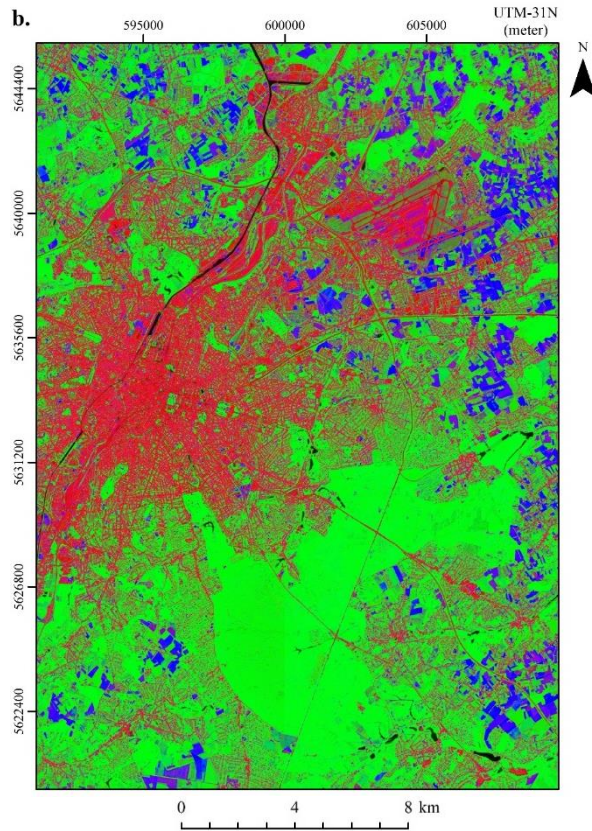
70 EM spectra yield > 300000 mixed spectra



Okujeni et al., *A Comparison of Advanced Regression Algorithms for Quantifying Urban Land Cover*, *Remote Sensing*, 2014, 6, 6324-6346, doi:10.3390/rs6076324

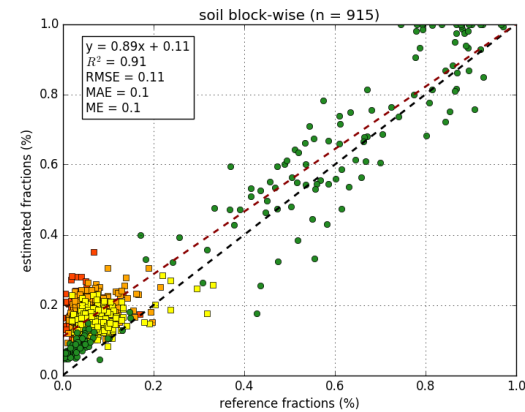
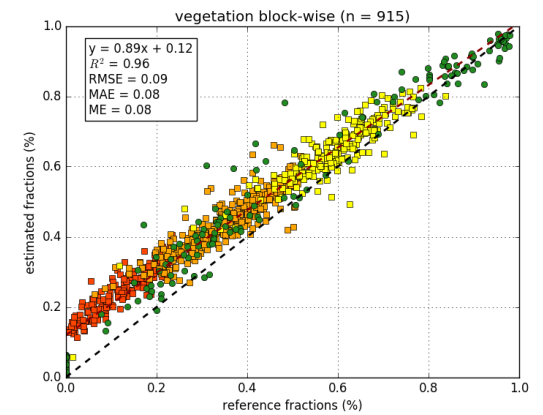
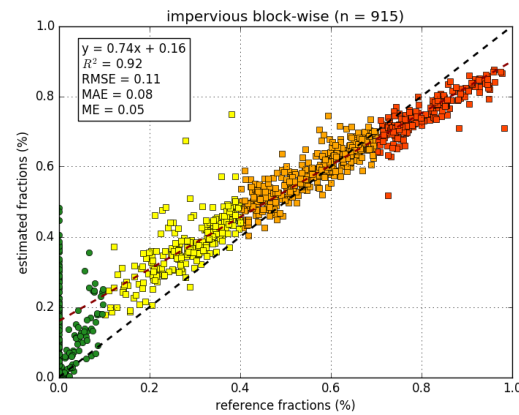
# Urban mapping (Frederik Priem - VUB)

## VIS fractions map



Red = Impervious  
Green = Vegetation  
Blue = Soil

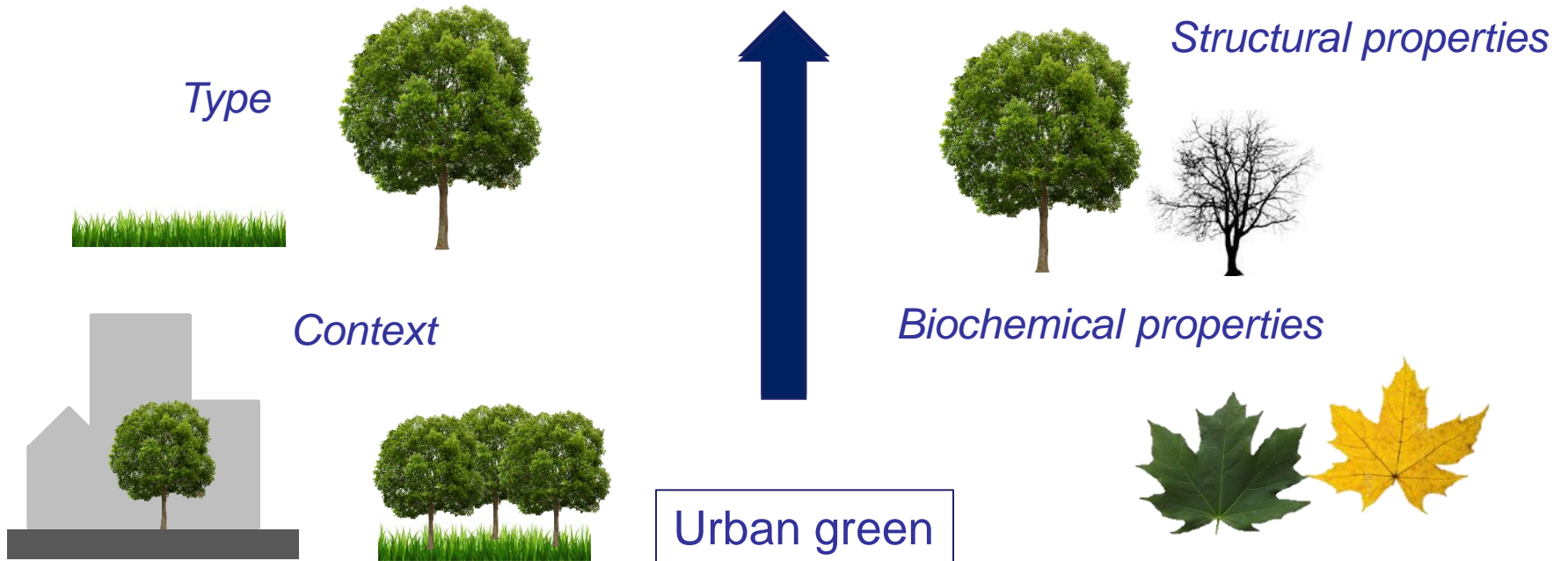
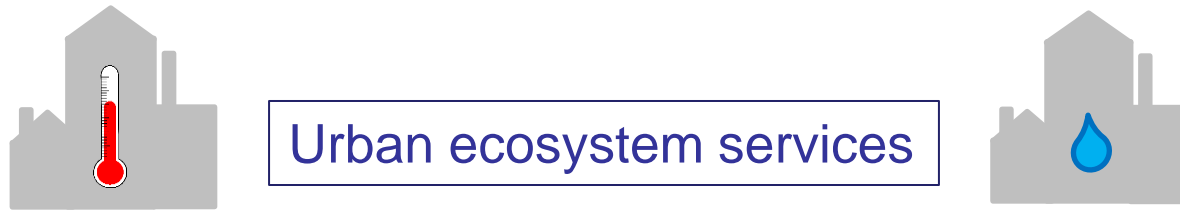
## Validation on block level ( $\pm 7$ S2-pixels)





# Urban green characterisation

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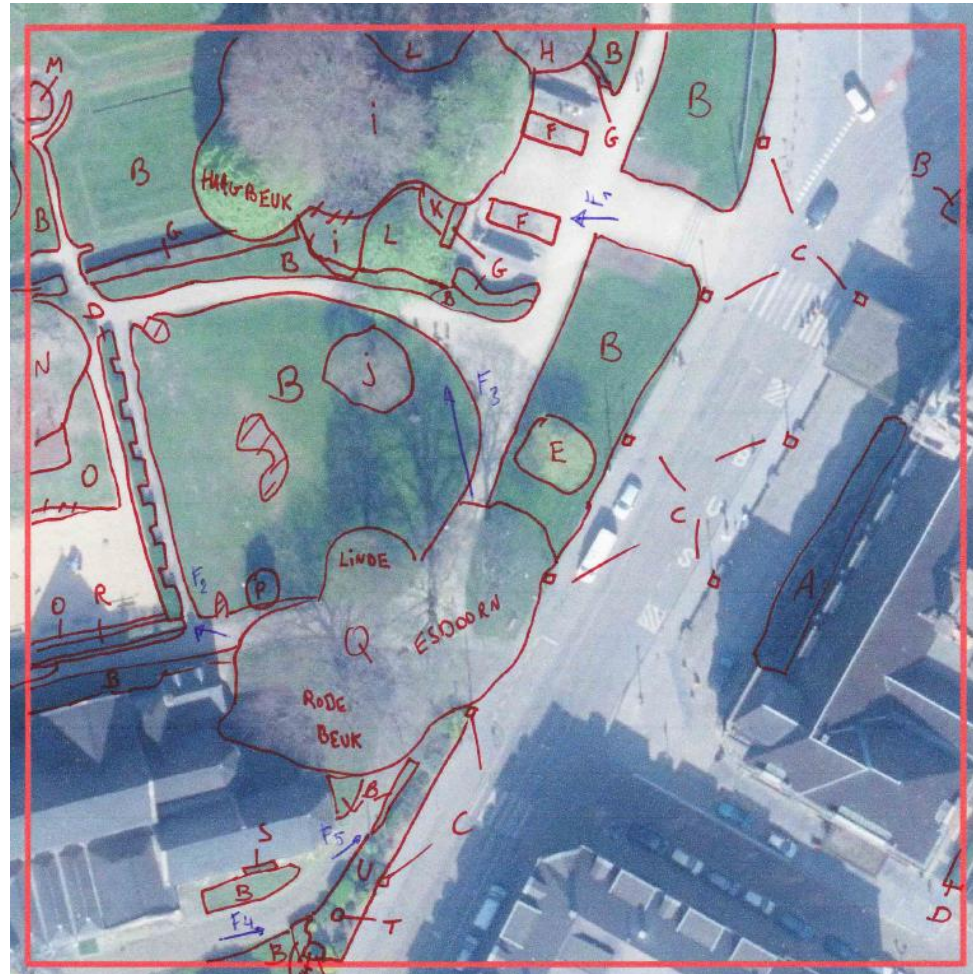
## Functional urban green typology



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Validation data



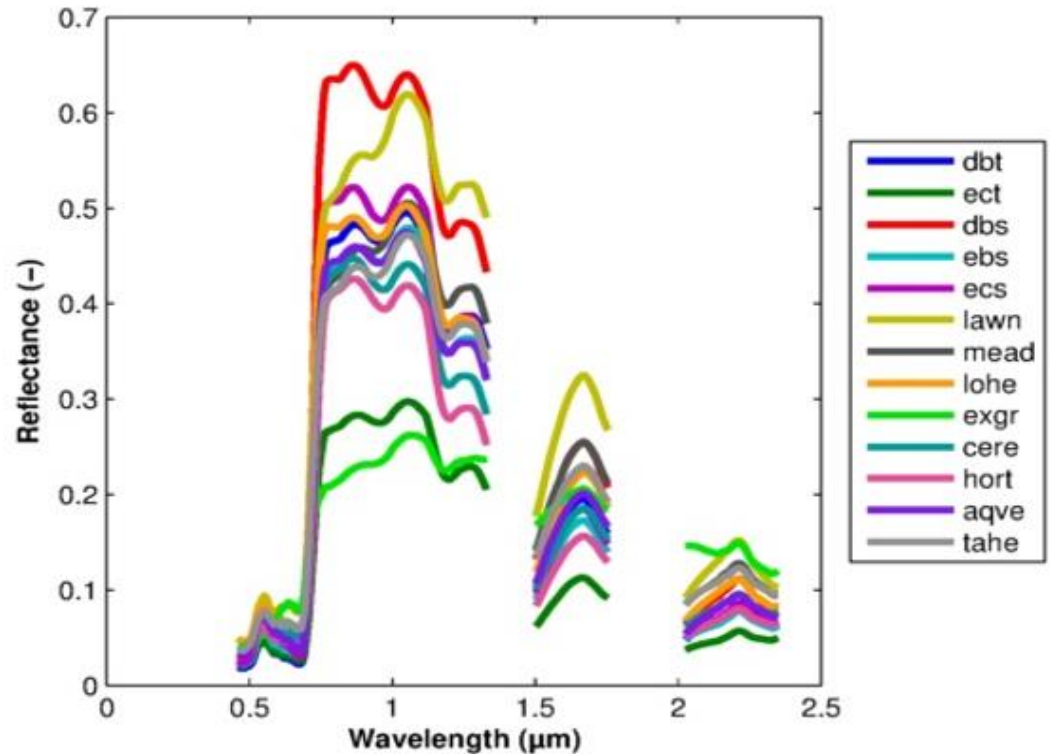
100 m

100 m

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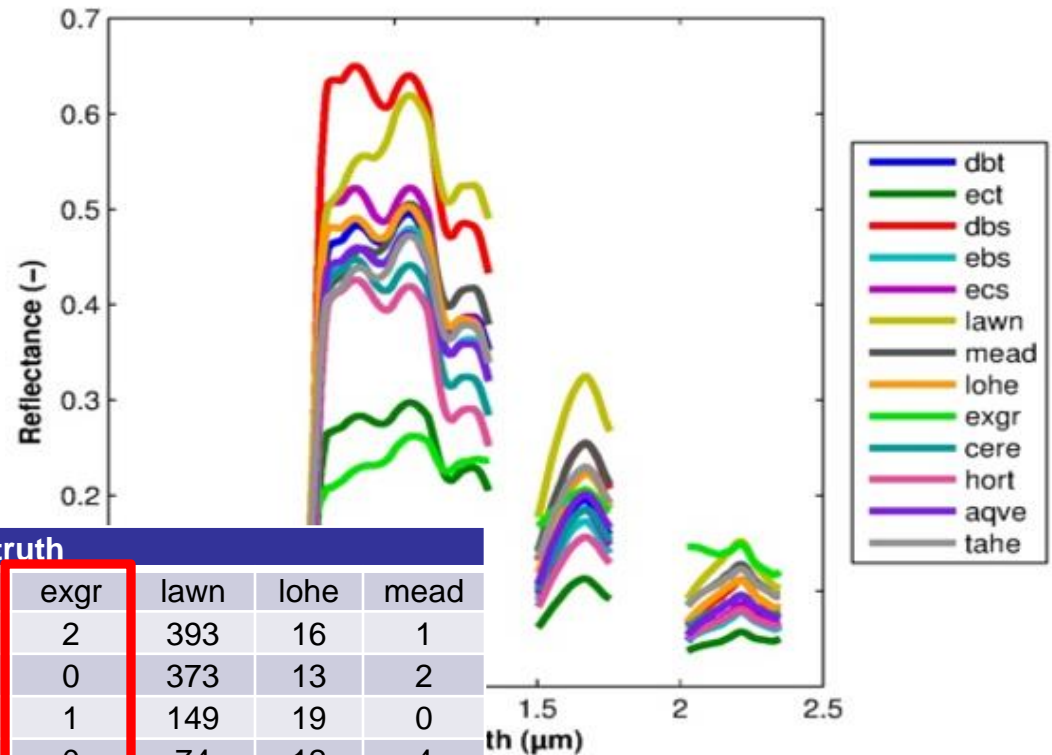
Preliminary results



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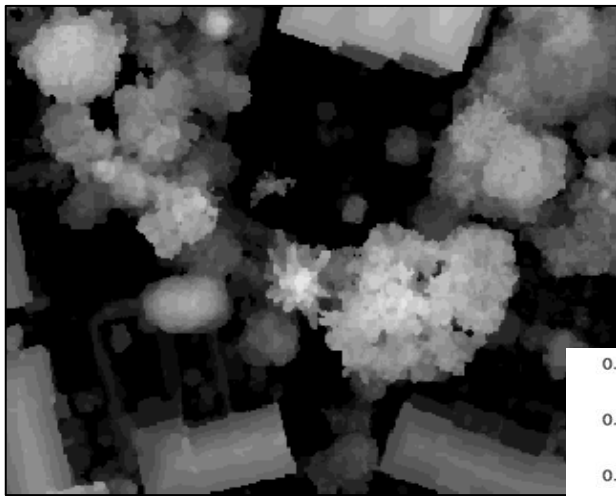


		Ground truth									
		dbs	dbt	ebs	ecs	ect	exgr	lawn	lohe	mead	
Classification result	dbs	344	674	85	39	35	2	393	16	1	
	dbt	428	4078	56	60	54	0	373	13	2	
	ebs	124	374	37	28	24	1	149	19	0	
	ecs	119	319	39	25	26	0	74	12	4	
	ect	282	1155	171	83	165	51	700	59	4	
	exgr	205	277	107	34	14	1382	304	41	4	
	lawn	252	781	68	19	25	0	2792	32	11	
	lohe	7	48	1	2	1	0	9	0	0	
	mead	263	543	63	36	30	12	1077	42	102	

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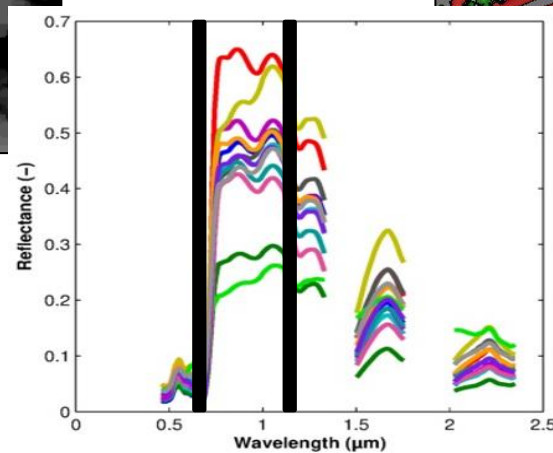
## Outlook



Integration with LiDAR



Object-based classification



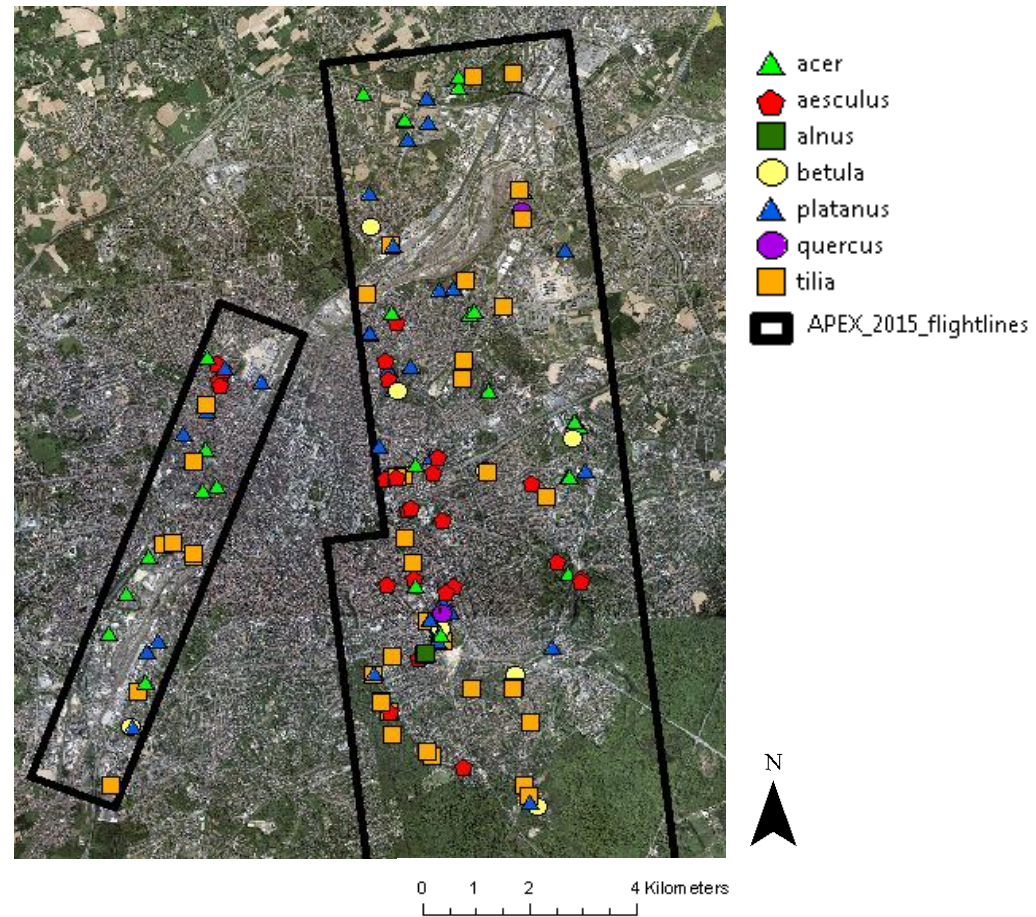
Spectral feature selection

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## Tree properties - validation

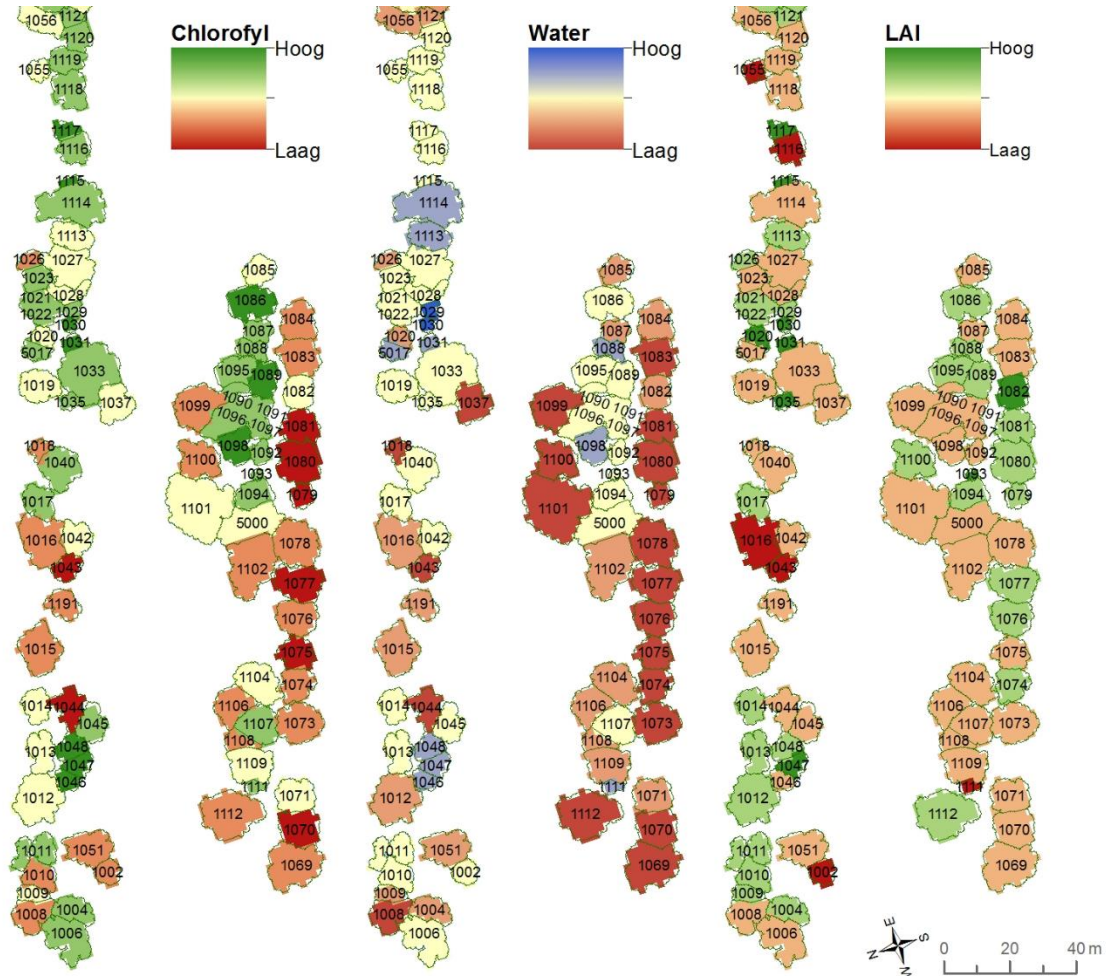
- Species
- Dimensions
- LAI
- Spectral measurements  
leaves -> chlorophyll, water



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## First results

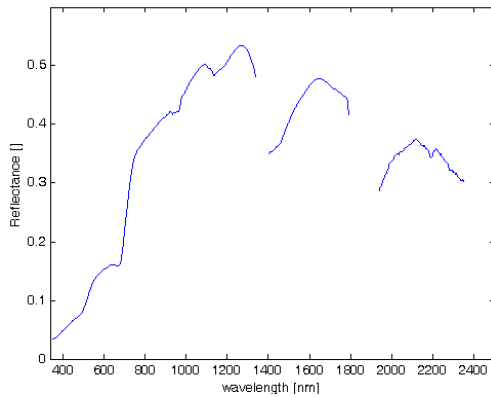




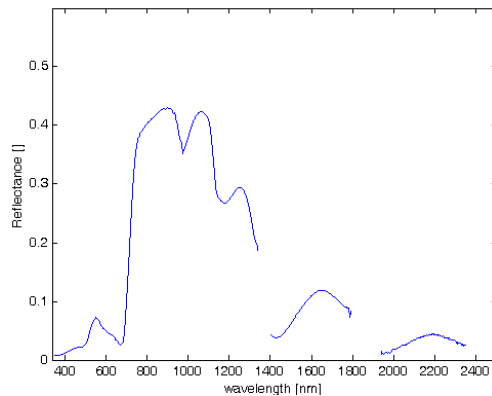
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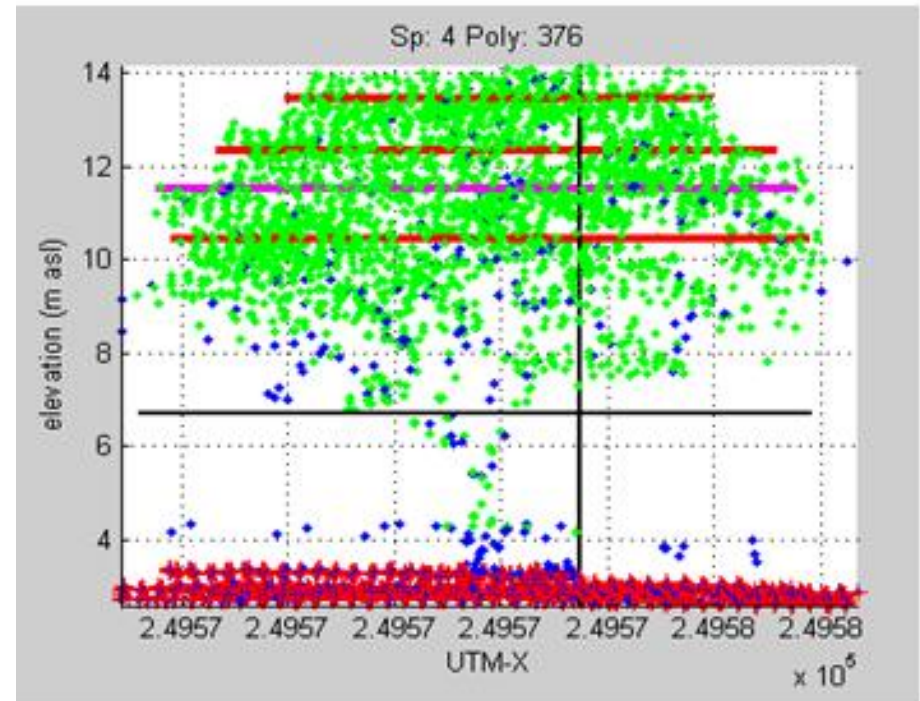
## Outlook



Mixed signal



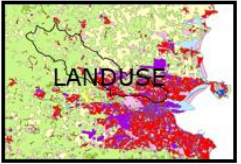
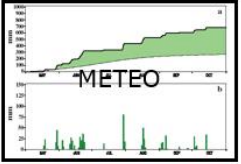
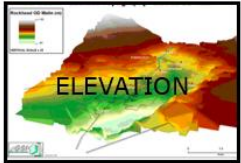
Pure vegetation signal



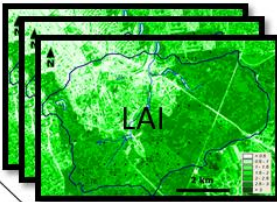
LiDAR point cloud metrics

# Improved hydrological parameterisation and simulation

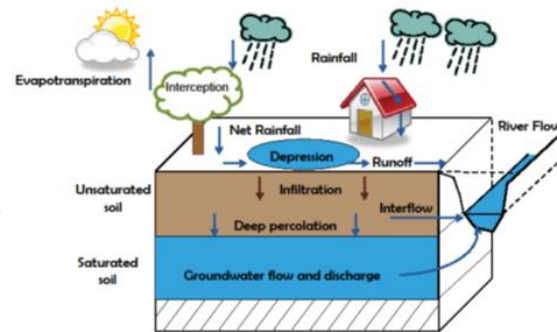
Input



+



Water Balance Model



Improved simulation hydrological response



# SONIA - Outlook

- Outlook
  - Future acquisitions
    - Multiple acquisitions during 1 growing season, advantageous for both urban and forest
      - NDVI/LAI validation (protocol)
      - Multi-temporal classification
    - Cover new urban areas with different structure & morphology (other cities?)
  - Ongoing & new projects: BELSPO STEREO III, Innoviris, etc.