



# ALBERI



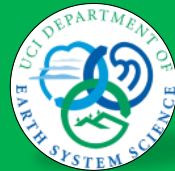
Assessing Links between Biogenic Emissions and  
Remotely-sensed photosynthesis Indicators



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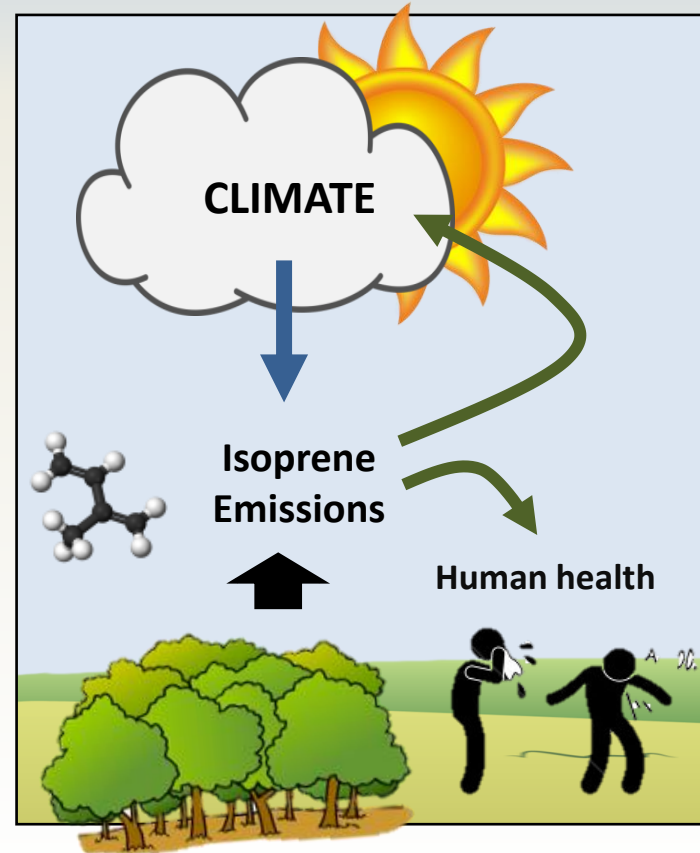
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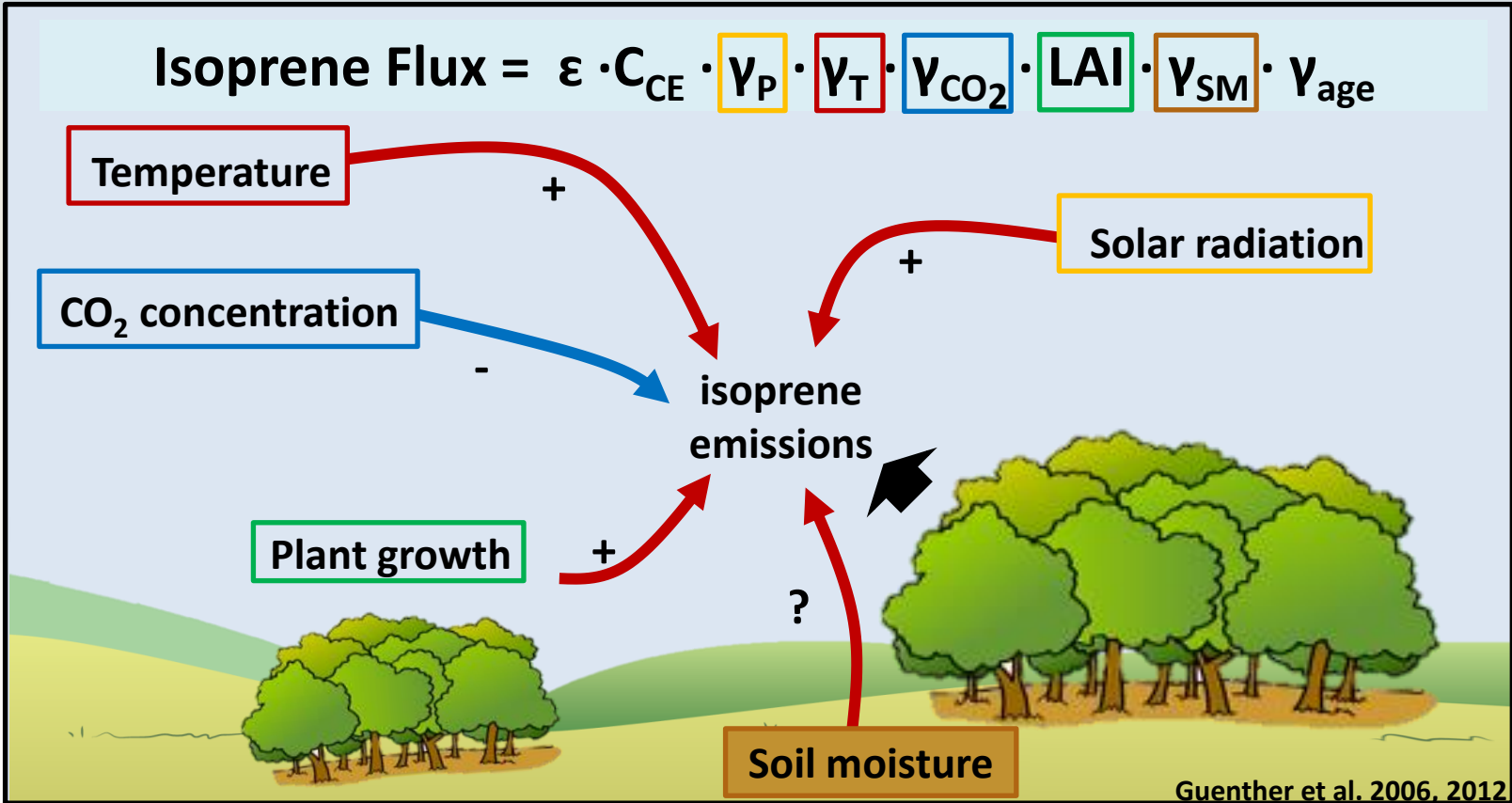
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# Why do we care about biogenic emissions?

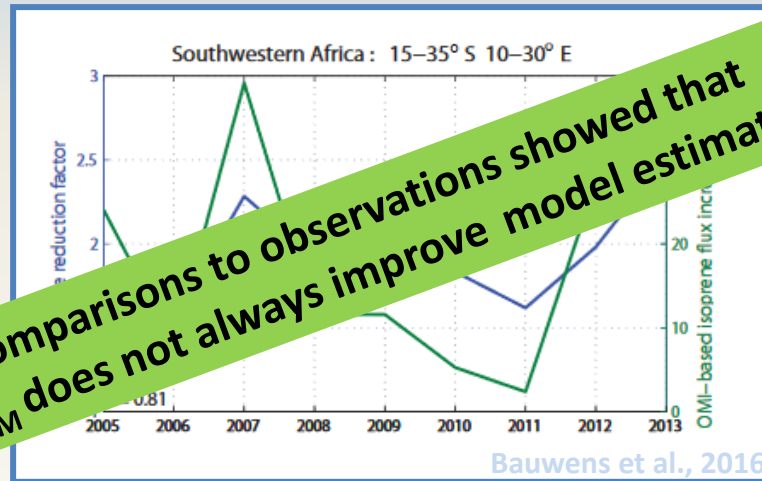
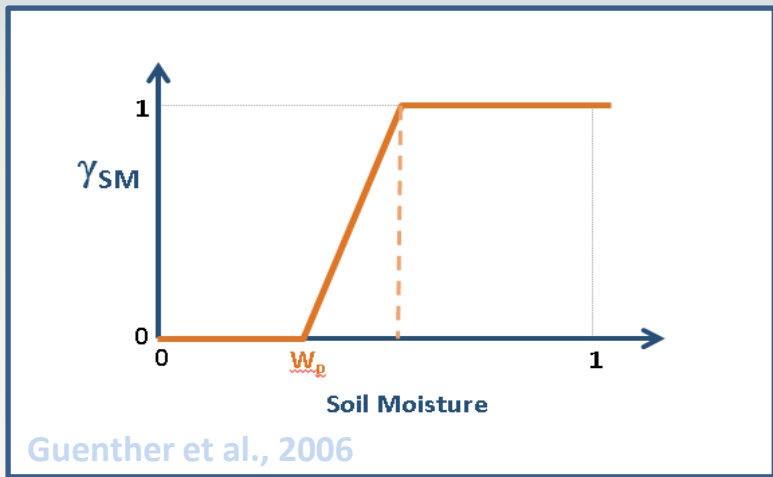
- Plants emit about 1100 Tg/yr BVOC globally in the atmosphere
- Central in atmosphere-biosphere-climate interactions
- 500 TgC/yr is emitted as isoprene
- Highly reactive: leads to the formation of:
  - $O_3$  under polluted conditions
  - secondary organic aerosols (SOA)
- Strongly influenced by meteorology



# BVOC emission model MEGAN



# Soil moisture as modeled now



comparisons to observations showed that  $\gamma_{SM}$  does not always improve model estimates

Since 2016

$$\gamma_{SM} = 1$$

$$\text{Isoprene Flux} = \epsilon \cdot C_{CE} \cdot \gamma_P \cdot \gamma_T \cdot \gamma_{CO_2} \cdot LAI \cdot \gamma_{SM} \cdot \gamma_{age}$$

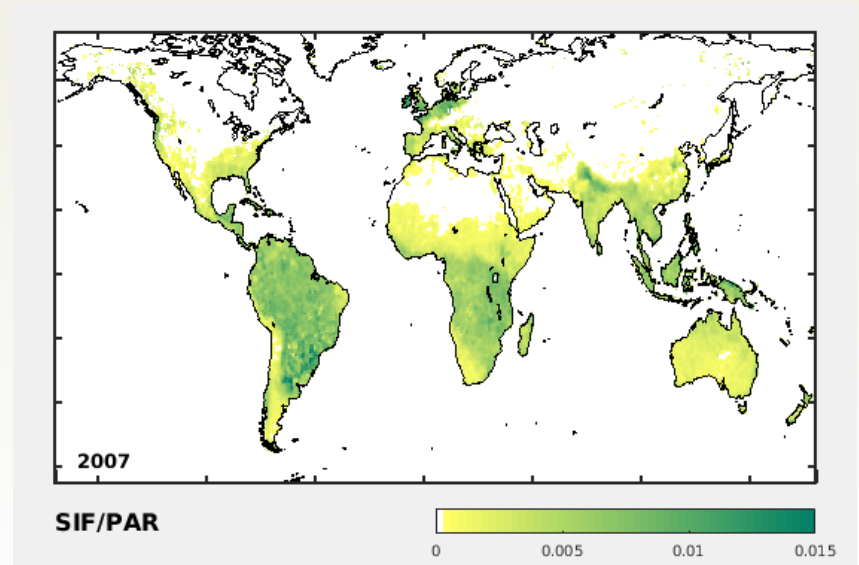


# SIF as drought indicator ?

- A recent study based on field measurements showed that drought leads to:
  - lower SIF and ISOPRENE flux
  - lower formaldehyde columns

Zheng et al. 2017

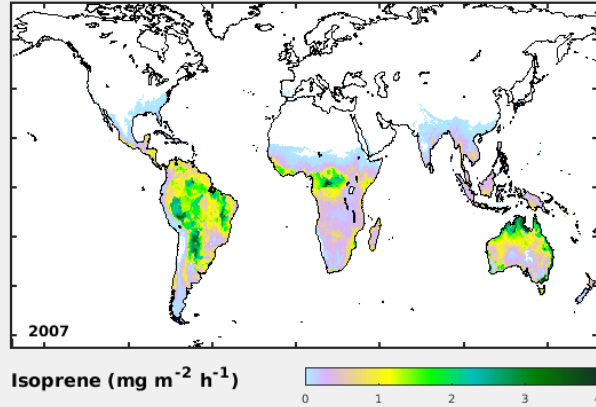
- Long-term and global observations!



# WORKPLAN



WP1: BIRA

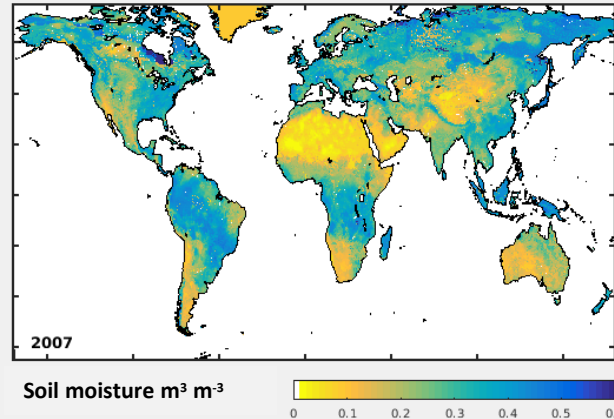


MEGAN model updates

- LUC & LCC
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Validate against HCHO

Implement in MEGAN

WP2: U GENT



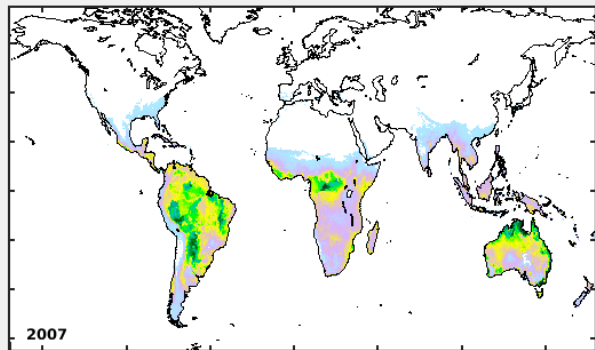
- Develop observation-based root-depth soil moisture
- Assimilate SMAP data
- Validate using *in situ* data



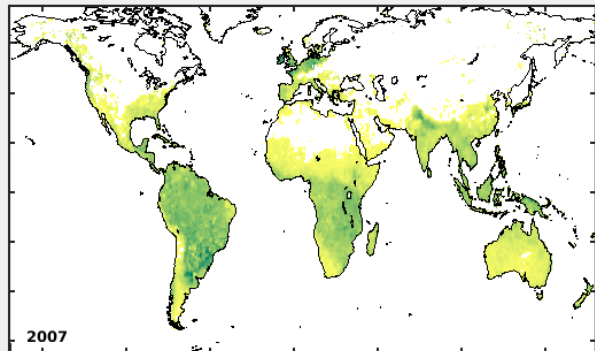
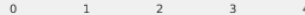
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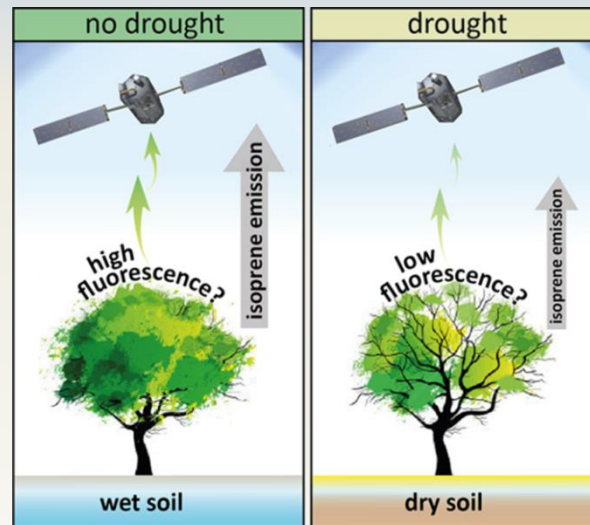
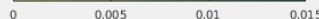
WP3: BIRA+UGENT+UCalifornia



Isoprene ( $\text{mg m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$ )



SIF/PAR



Establish an empirical link between biogenic VOC emissions and a remotely-sensed photosynthesis indicator such as SIF

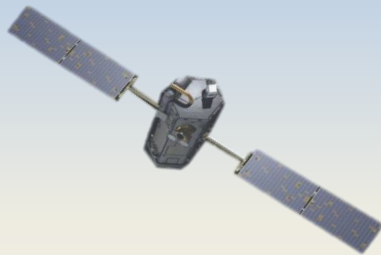


modulate the shape of the  $\gamma_{SM}$  function per pixel



Improve emission estimates





Innovation project  
ALBERI kicked-off in September 2019  
2-yr duration

<http://alberi.aeronomie.be>

*Time for questions*

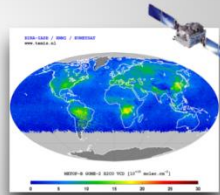




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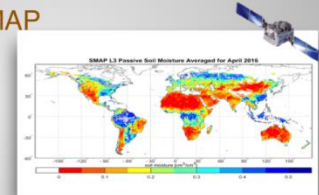
## WP1 : MEGAN model updates (not related to soil moisture stress) and validation (BIRA-IASB, UCI) T0 →T0+12

- Account for changes in climate, land use, and tree composition, role of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Use MODIS (leaf area index, surface temperature and radiation)
- Evaluate the updates against OMI HCHO and IMAGES model simulations



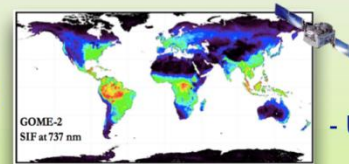
## WP2 : Root-zone soil moisture retrieval consistent with MEGAN (UGent), T0 →T0+12

- Assimilation of SMAP soil moisture data
- Explore data assimilation of the SMAP brightness temperature data
- Validate the root-depth soil moisture using in situ data
- Implement in MEGAN



## WP3 : Observation-driven soil moisture stress parameterization and validation (BIRA-IASB, UCI, UGent), T0+8 →T0+24

- Identify regions with major droughts
- Use root-zone soil moisture content and satellite SIF yield to modulate the shape of soil moisture stress



*Case study : summer 2018  
European drought*

- Use 2018 TROPOMI retrievals of HCHO and SIF, assess

# Why ALBERI – VOC's health and climate

- isoprene
- monoterpenes
- methanol
- acetone
- sesquiterpenes
- others

