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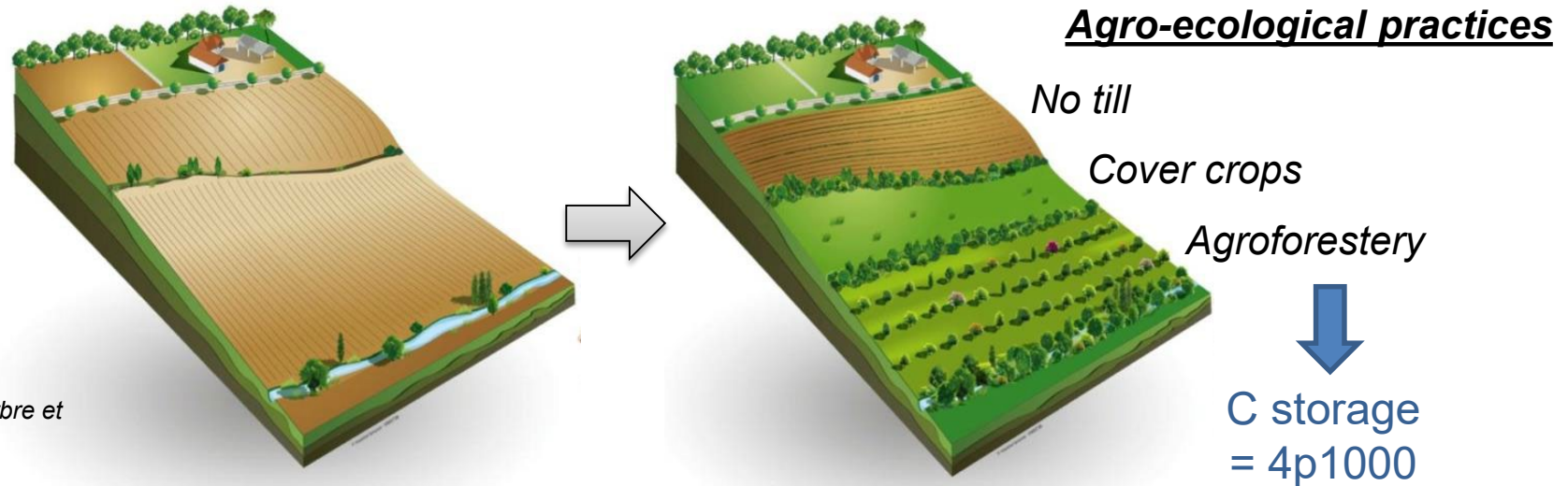
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# Monitoring Soil Carbon change

Questioning of the **durability of the conventional agriculture** (climate change & other environmental impacts)



Lack of **large scale multi-criteria diagnostic modelling tools working at plot level** to

- ✓ Analyse cropland C budgets → Biomass, Yield & net CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes
- ✓ Quantify the impact of some management practices (changes in ecosystem services) and climate

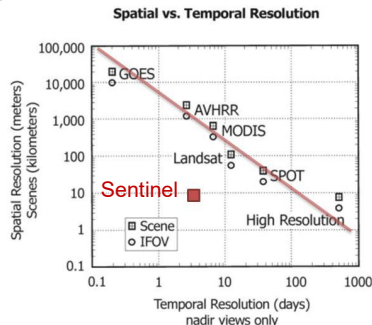
➔ **SAFYE-CO<sub>2</sub>** : Simple Algorithm for Fluxes and Yield Estimates, (Veloso, 2014 ; Pique G. et al. submitted to GEODERMA)

# Why is it possible now ?



**Sentinel 1**  
(10 m, 6j, Radar)

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Revolution !!!  
(free all over  
the globe)



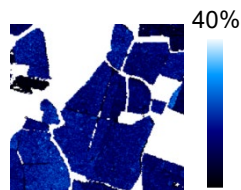
**Sentinel 2**  
(10 m, 5j, Optical)



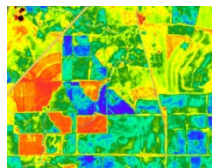
Clear or cloudy sky conditions  
Rugosity & surface water content

Monitored  
parameters

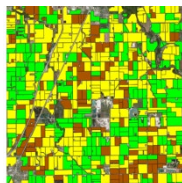
Clear sky conditions  
Reflectances (13 bands)



Soil  
humidity



Biomass

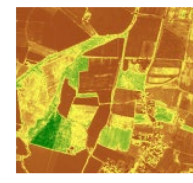


Soil work

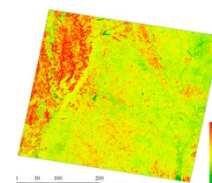
Dynamic mapping



Land cover



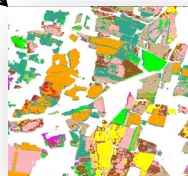
LAI/  
phenology



Albedo

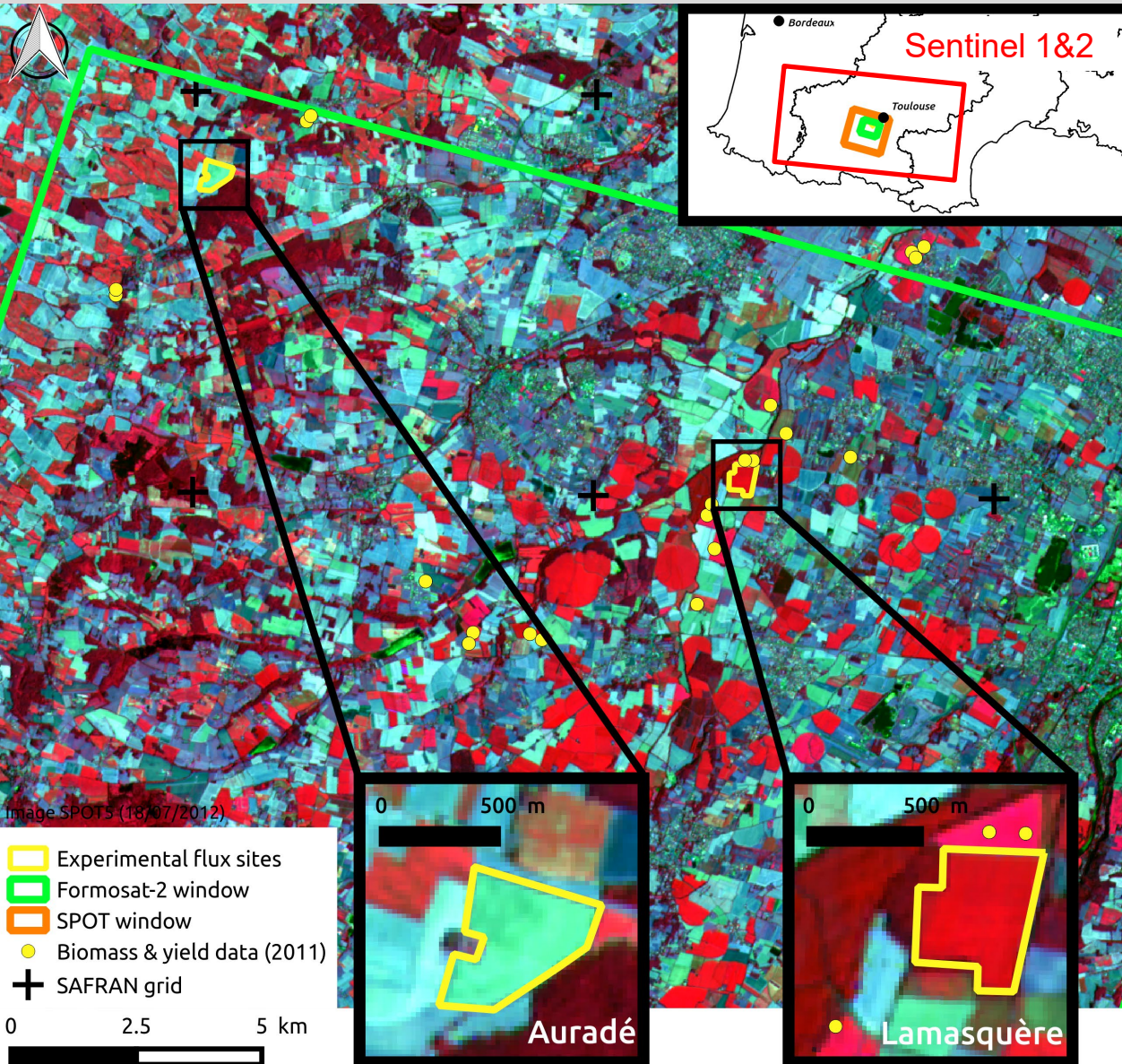
fusion

Land use dynamic mapping



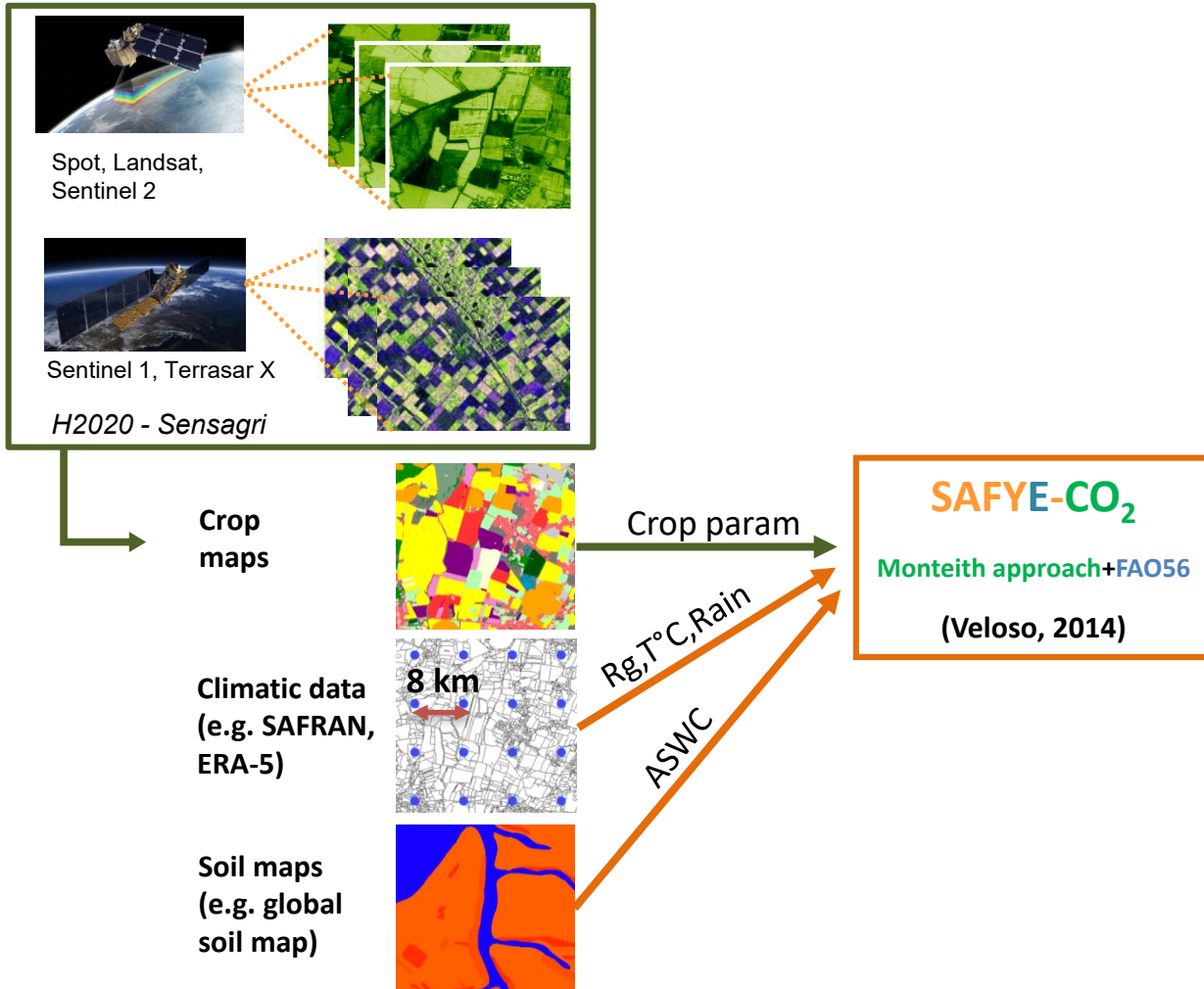
How to use those RS derived products to answer scientific and societal challenges related to agriculture ?

# The Spatial Regional Observatory (SRO)

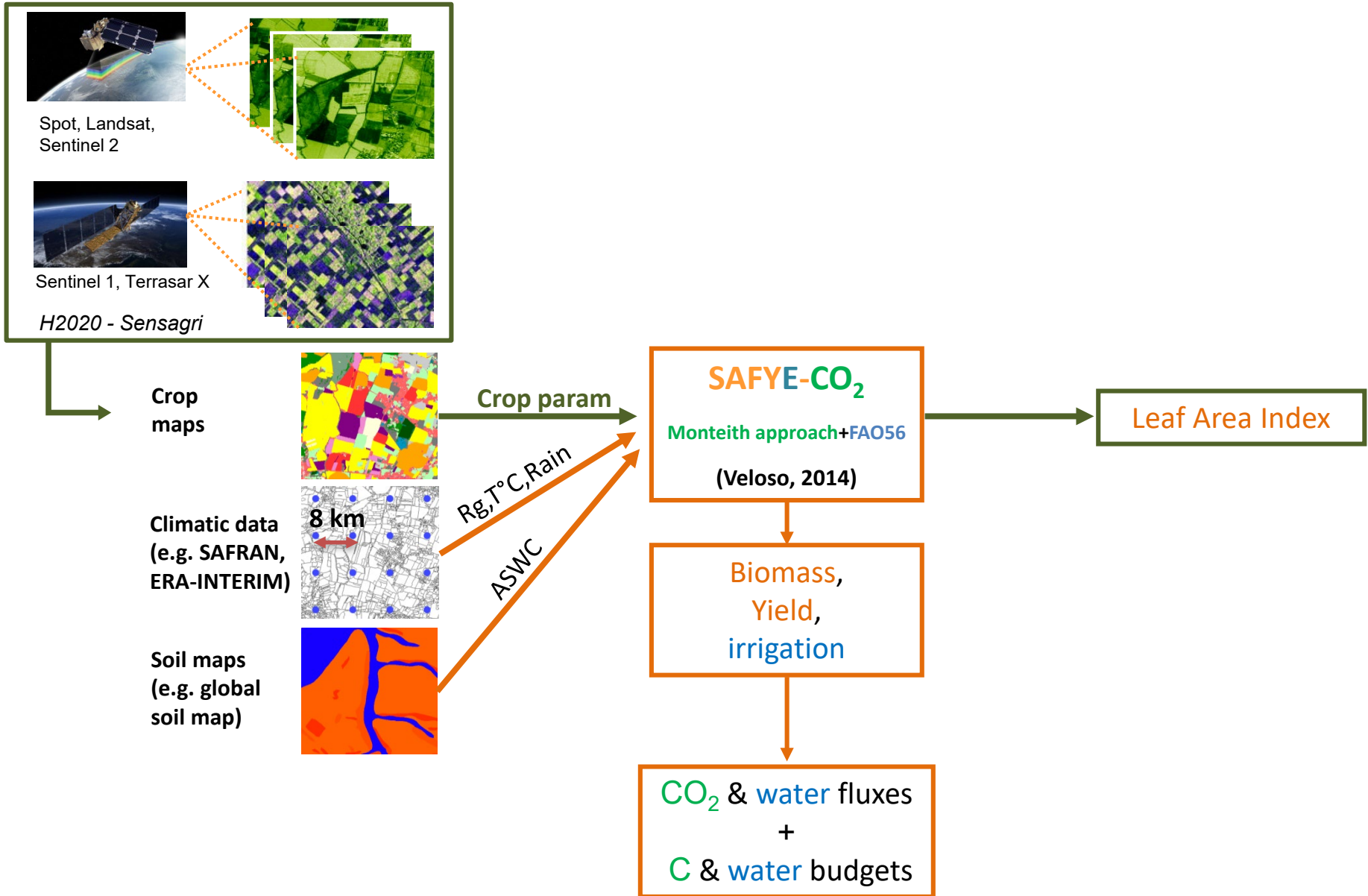


- Started in **2002**
- Part of **JECAM & ICOS** network
- Intensive **measurement campaigns** (Biomass, LAI, yield, soil moisture)
- Continuous **CO<sub>2</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>O flux** acquisition since **2005**

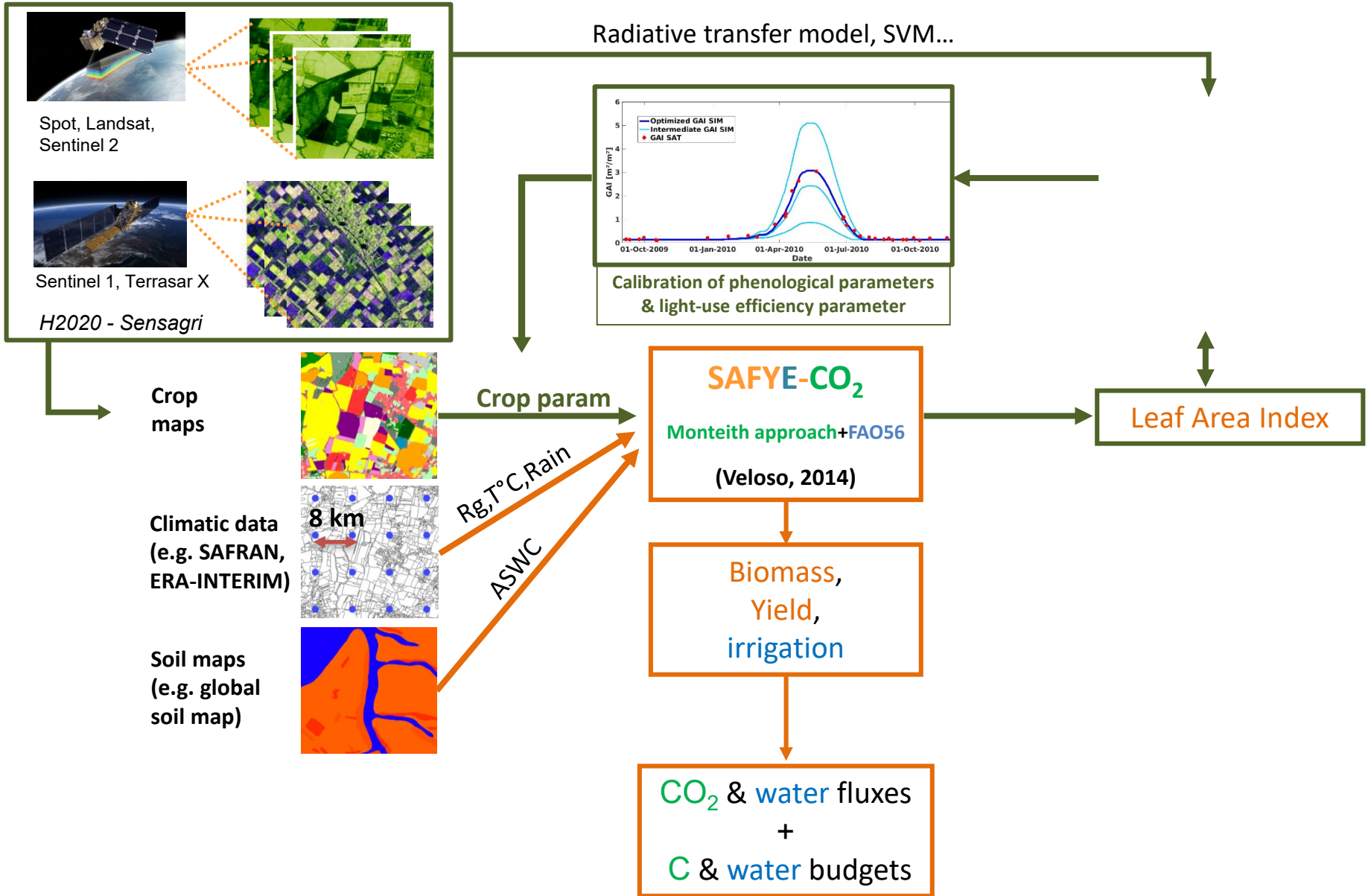
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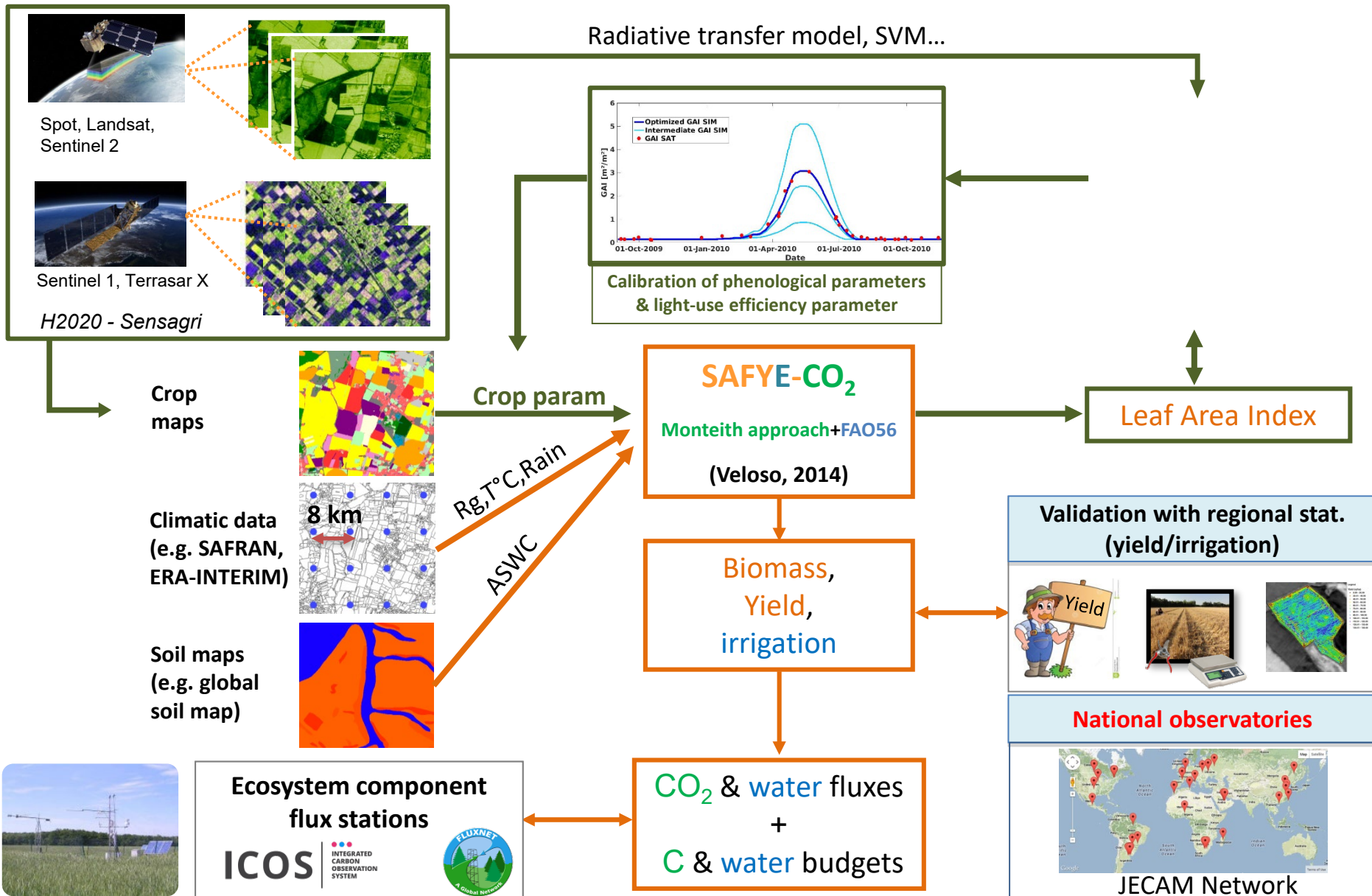


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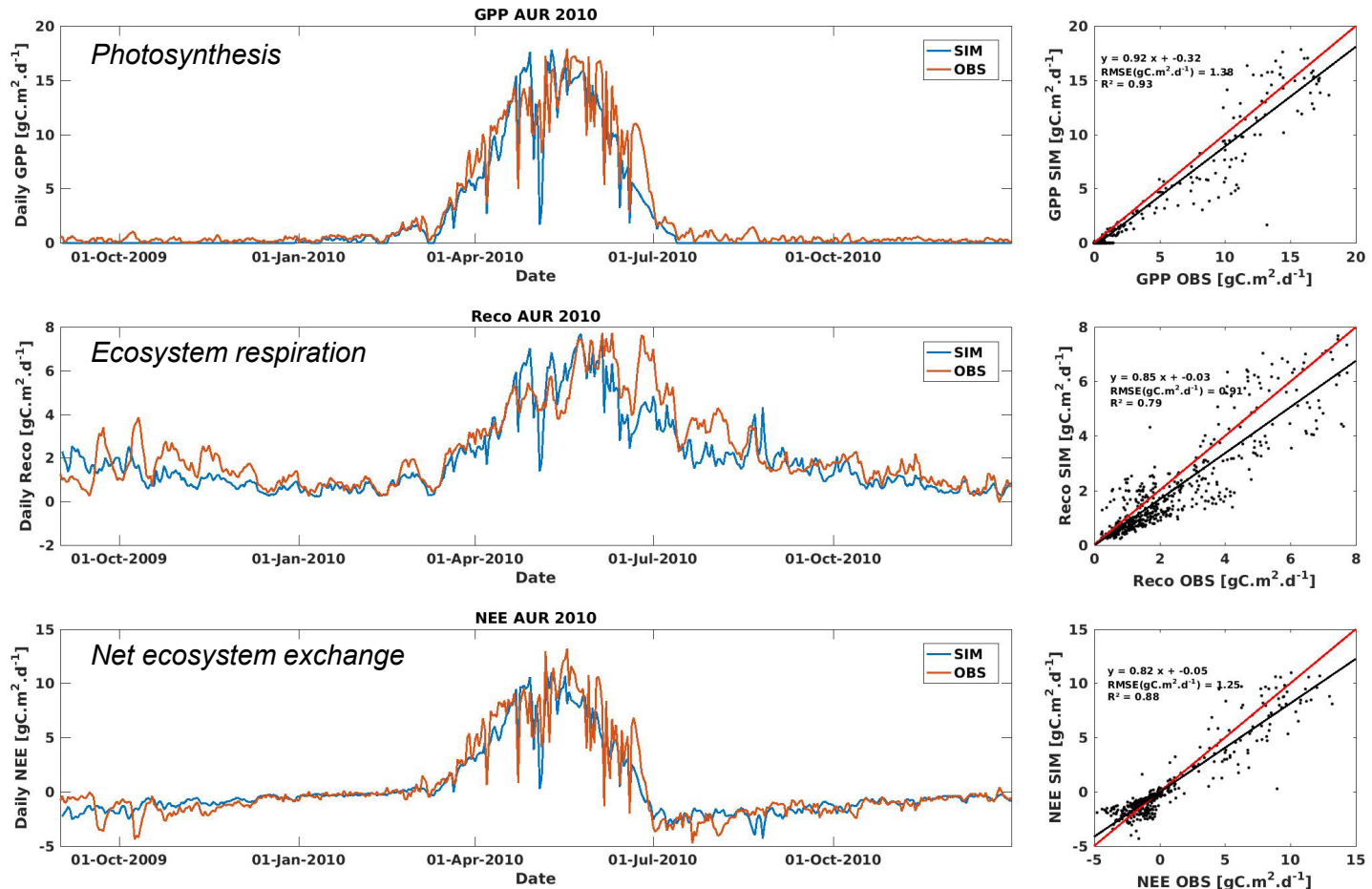


# Modelling approach with SAFYE-CO<sub>2</sub>



## CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes dynamics at the Auradé site in 2010

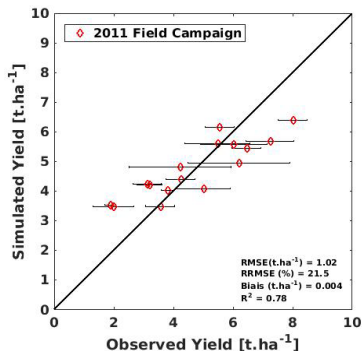
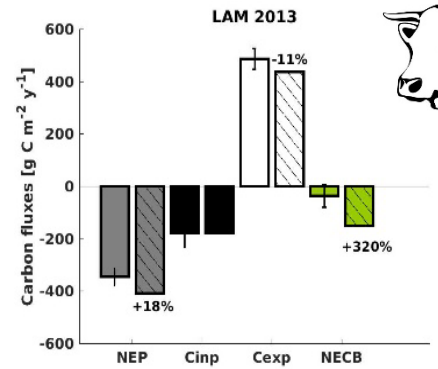
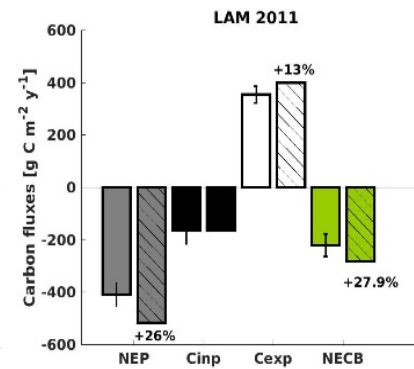
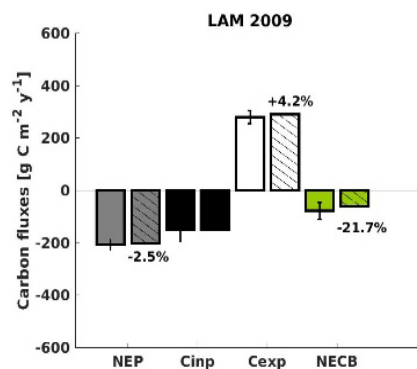
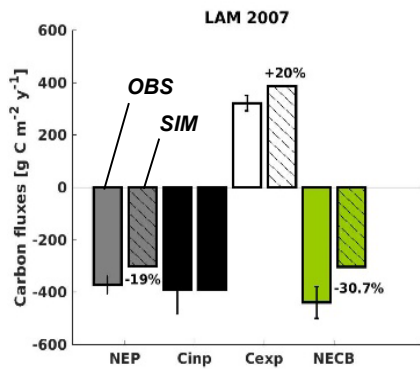
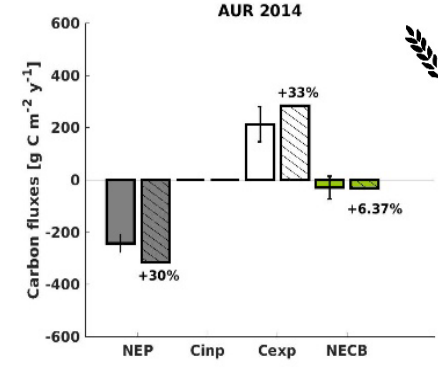
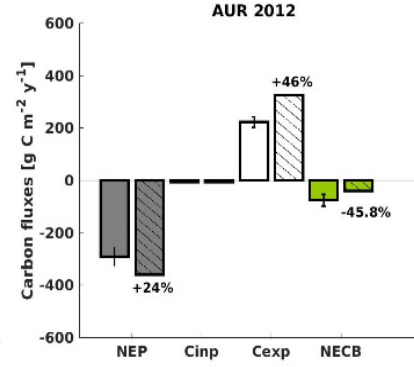
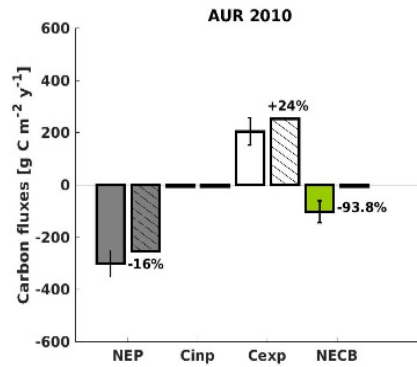
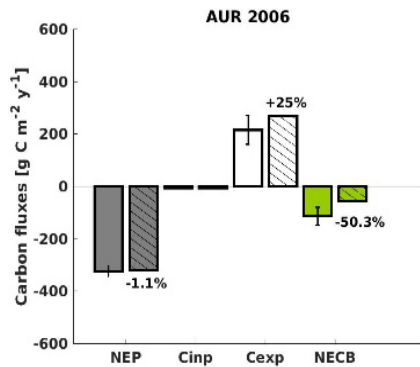
SAFYE-  
CO<sub>2</sub>



- Very good agreement with observations
- NEE statistics for 8 cropping years of wheat :  $R^2 = 0,86$  ;  $RMSE = 1,29gC.m^{-2}.d^{-1}$
- Possibility to compute carbon budget over cultural year

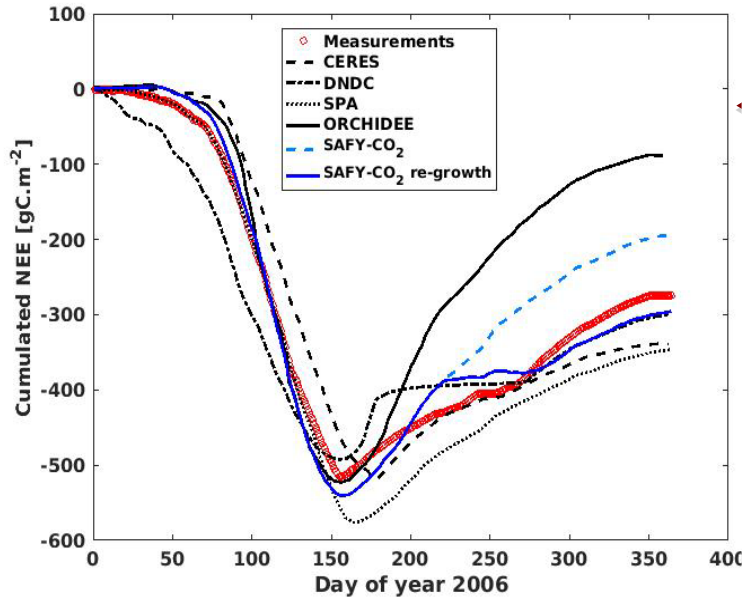
# Performances of our approach

Annual carbon budget over 8 winter wheat cropping years  
Lamasquère & Auradé sites



- $\Delta$ Carbon budget  $\in [1,8 ; 134,8]$  gC.m<sup>-2</sup>.yr<sup>-1</sup>
- Uncertainties on in situ Cexp
- Estimation of soil C variation
- RMSE (TC/ha/an) = 0.77

## With and without accounting for regrowth events



Wattenbach et al. (2010)

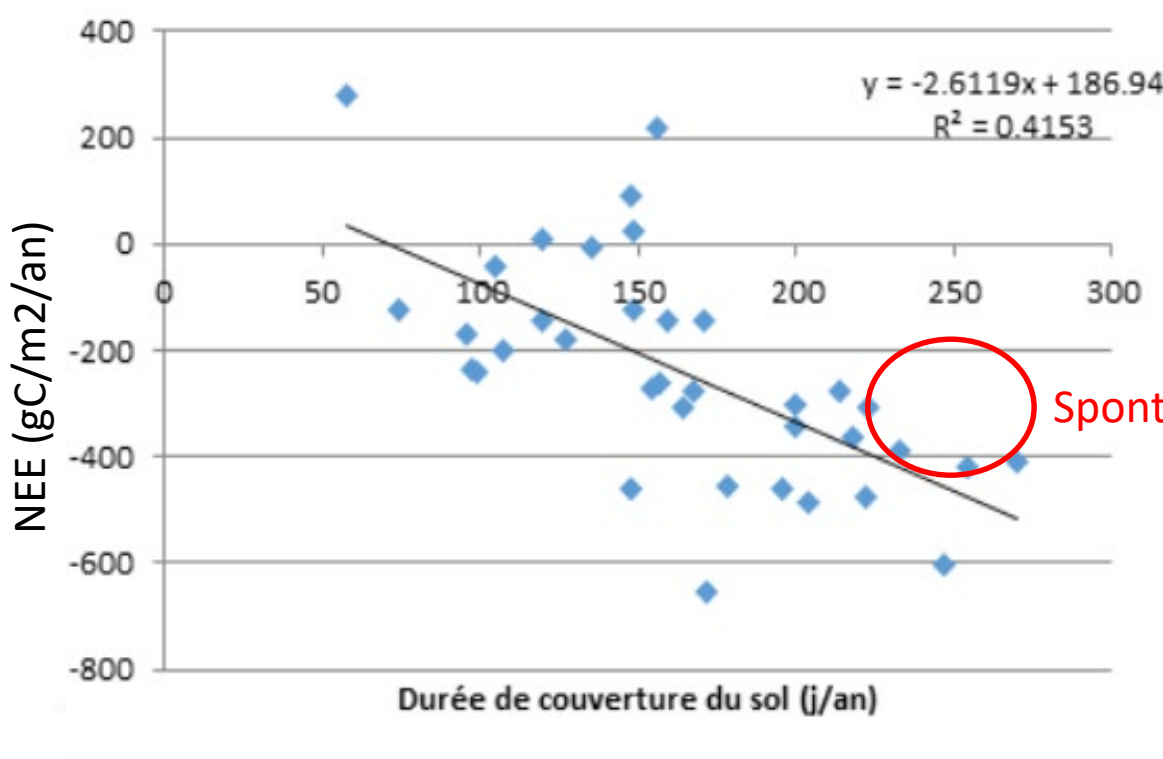
Pique et al. (in prep)

Very good performance of this simple modelling approach that does not require data on management (fertilisation, sowing date..) or on SOC (no soil Corg module) compared to other models.

Shows the power of remote sensing for constraining this crop model

$$C \text{ budget} = NEE + C_{\text{harvested}} - C_{\text{amendements}}$$

Farmers data



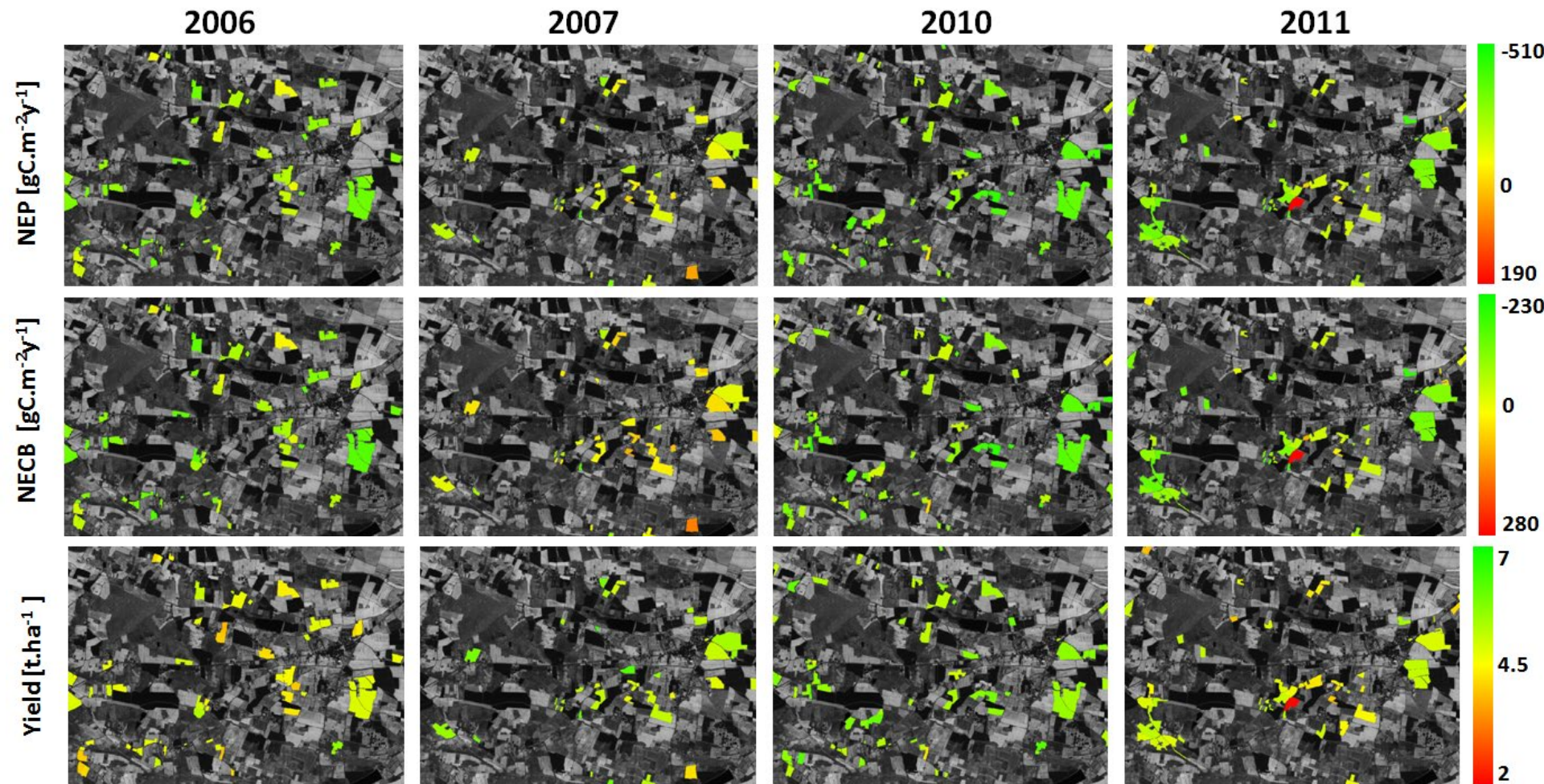
Spontaneous regrowth

15 European flux sites (Italy to Denmark), 43 site-years (Ceschia 2010), 15 different crop species

Number of days of active vegetation

# Plot scale regional estimates for winter wheat

## Net CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes (NEP), C budgets (NECB), Yield



- Diagnostic approach : but some scenarii can be tested
- Optical RS data must be combined with radar data (Sentinel 1) in cloudy areas & for strong crop development (optical RS saturates for high LAI values); ongoing research → H2020 Sensagri
- Not suited for areas with animal farming : impossible to quantify organic fertilization from RS and very difficult to locate fields where straw is exported → main causes of uncertainties on the C budget



# Conclusions

- This approach was developed in the perspective of generalizing it by using Sentinel data/products (for model input) and the JECAM & ICOS networks (for validation); with some limits... and some challenges (huge amount of RS data... → DIAS\*),
- Well suited for assessing the effects of straw management and cover crops on cropland C budgets,
- The transposability of this modelling approach has been verified (Morocco, Mexico, India...) for the SAFYE\*\* version, next is to test SAFY-CO<sub>2</sub> over other areas (e.g. JECAM & ICOS crop sites),
- The model is currently tested for several other crops in order to simulate crop rotations,
- Research tool that needs improvements before it can be used in operational mode for mapping ecosystem services.

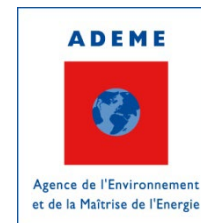
\* Data Integrated & Analysis System

\*\* SAFYE = SAFY-WB (Claverie et al., 2012)





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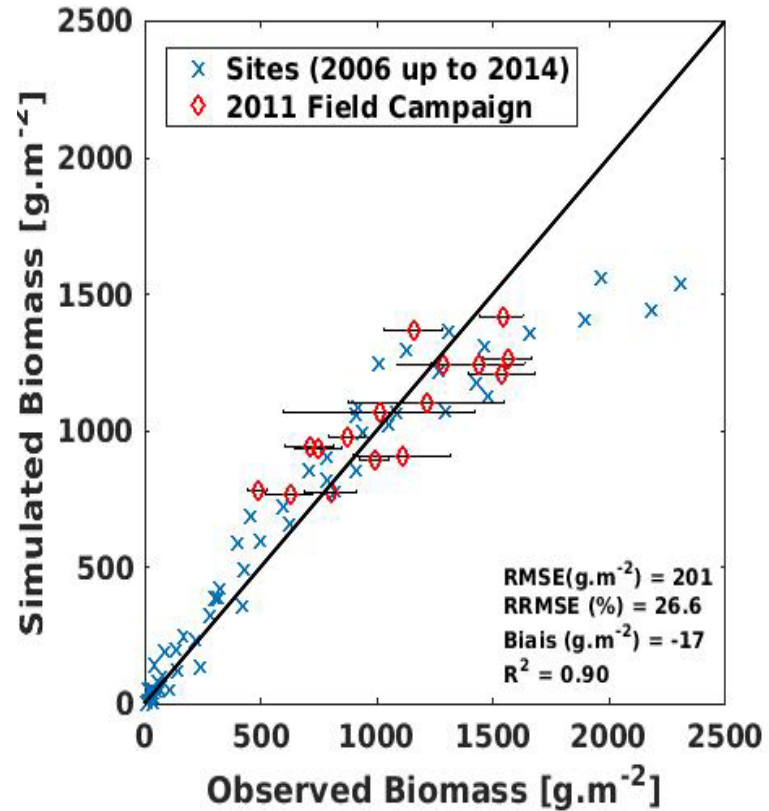
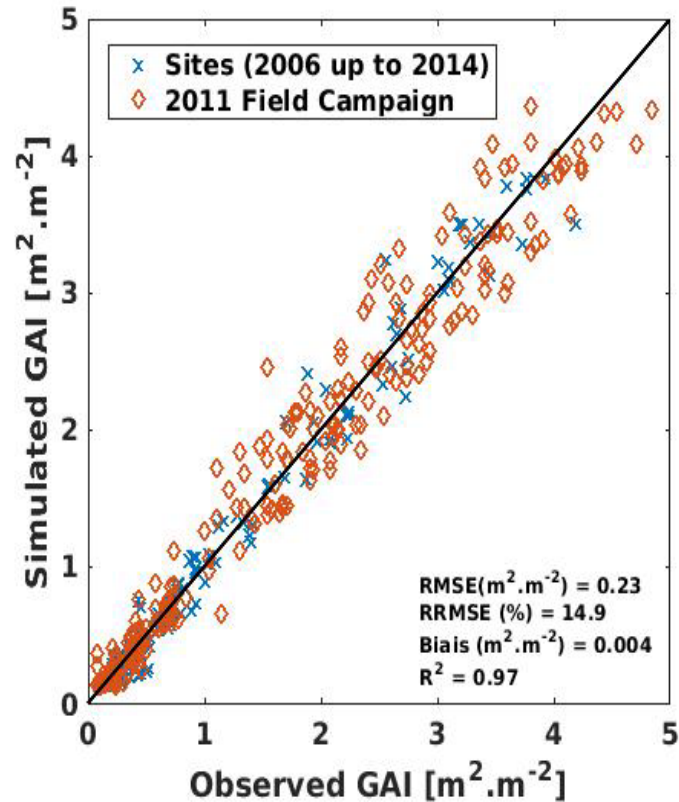


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For complete description of the model see : [http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/data\\_all/theses/Th\\_Veloso\\_2014.pdf](http://www.cesbio.ups-tlse.fr/data_all/theses/Th_Veloso_2014.pdf)

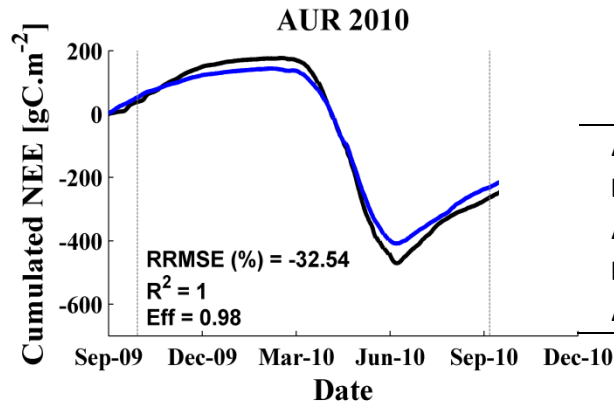
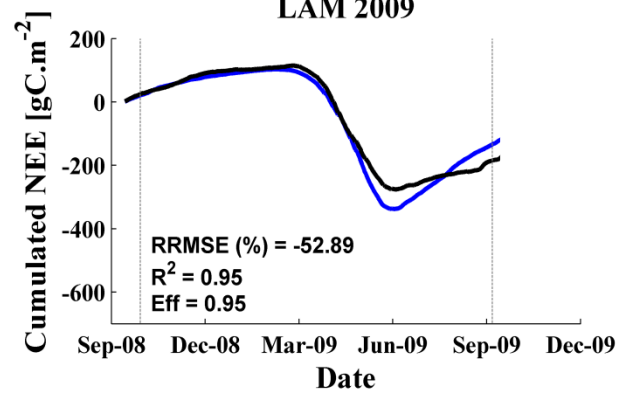
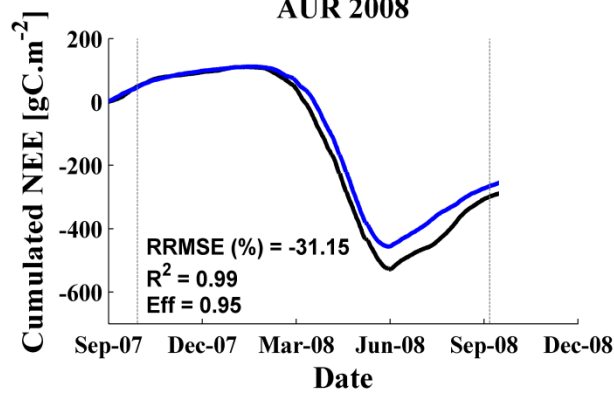
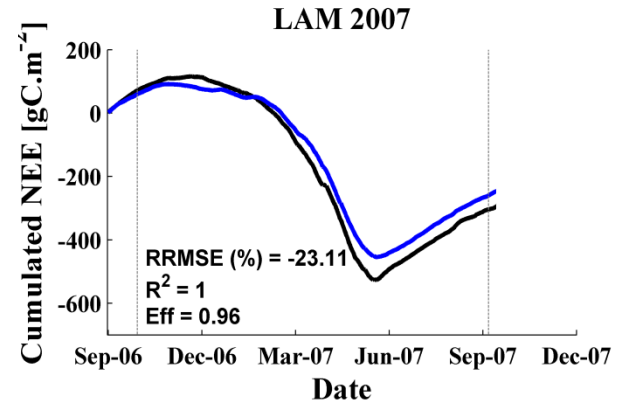
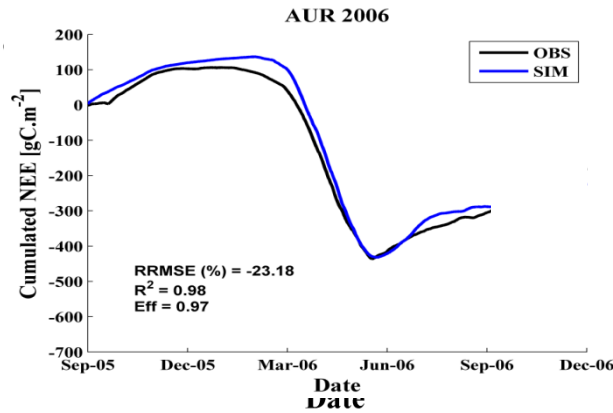
# Supplementary materials

- Field campaign 2011 : 21 points, 16 fields
- Good estimations of LAI & biomass



# Supplementary materials

SAFYE-  
CO<sub>2</sub>



	NEE		
	R <sup>2</sup>	RMSE*	Slope
AUR2006	0.85	1.21	1.02
LAM2007	0.87	1.06	0.81
AUR2008	0.89	1.05	0.87
LAM2009	0.79	1.19	0.88
AUR2010	0.88	1.28	0.79

# Supplementary materials

## cumulated ETR

SAFYE-  
CO<sub>2</sub>

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