

# ***ASD instruments for continuous unattended measurements in Senegal***

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2. ASD automated multi-angular field spectrometric system set-up and measurement protocol
3. Some results: Relationship between ASD hyperspectral reflectance data and savanna ecosystem properties for EO upscaling purposes
4. Lessons learned and recommendations



## ***Site description:***

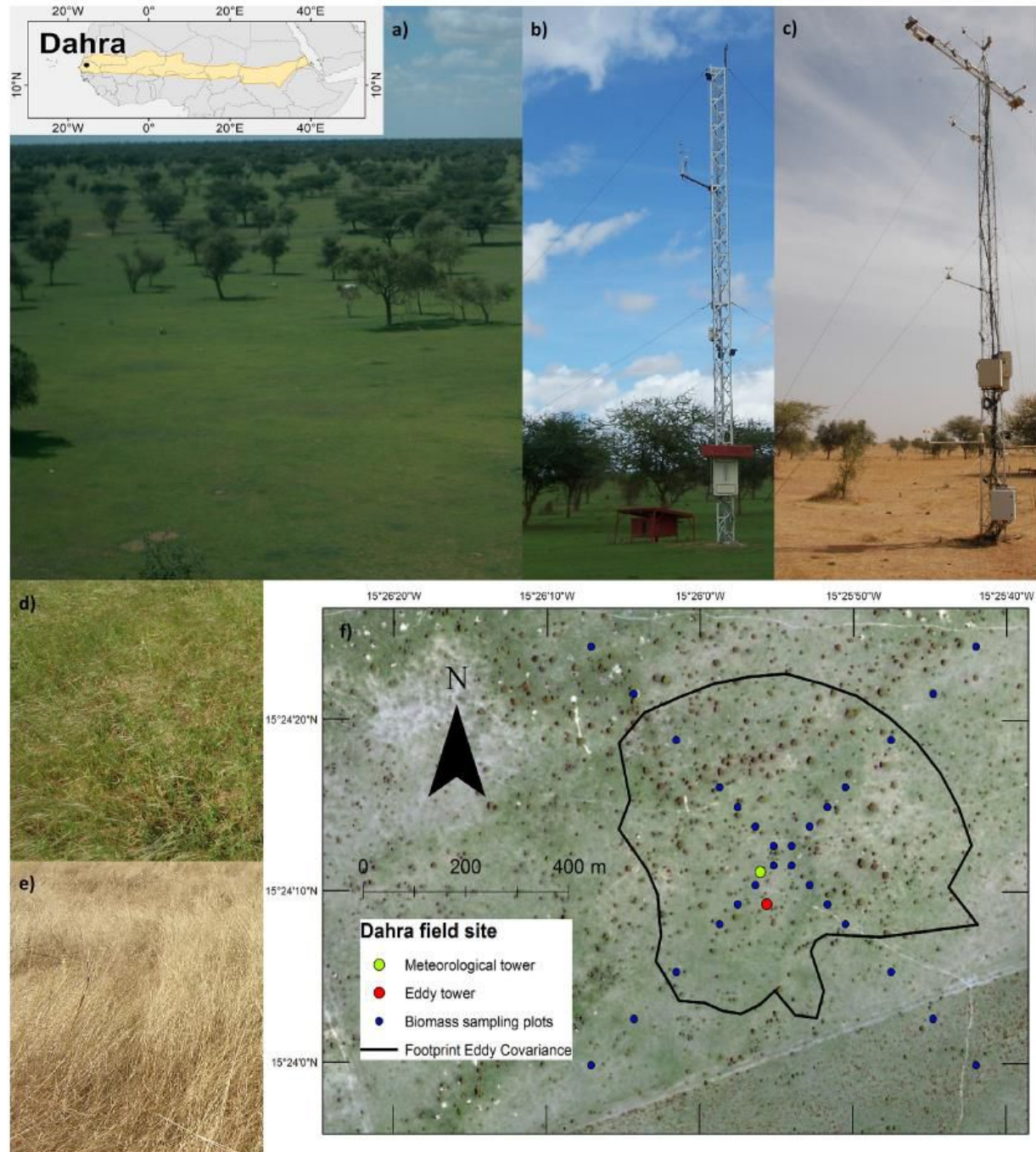
### ***Dahra field site in Senegal (15.40° N, 15.43° W)***

- Annual rainfall 416 mm
- Mean annual air temperature 29 °C
- Rainy season from July to October
- The site is a typical low tree and shrub savanna environment with ~3% tree cover
- The land is used as grazed rangeland.
- The site is flat and with homogeneous vegetation cover within a radius of at least 3 km





# Site description



ASD's form part of a larger  
instrumental setup

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Ecosystem properties of semiarid savanna grassland in West Africa and its relationship with environmental variability

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# *Site description*

June





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**July**





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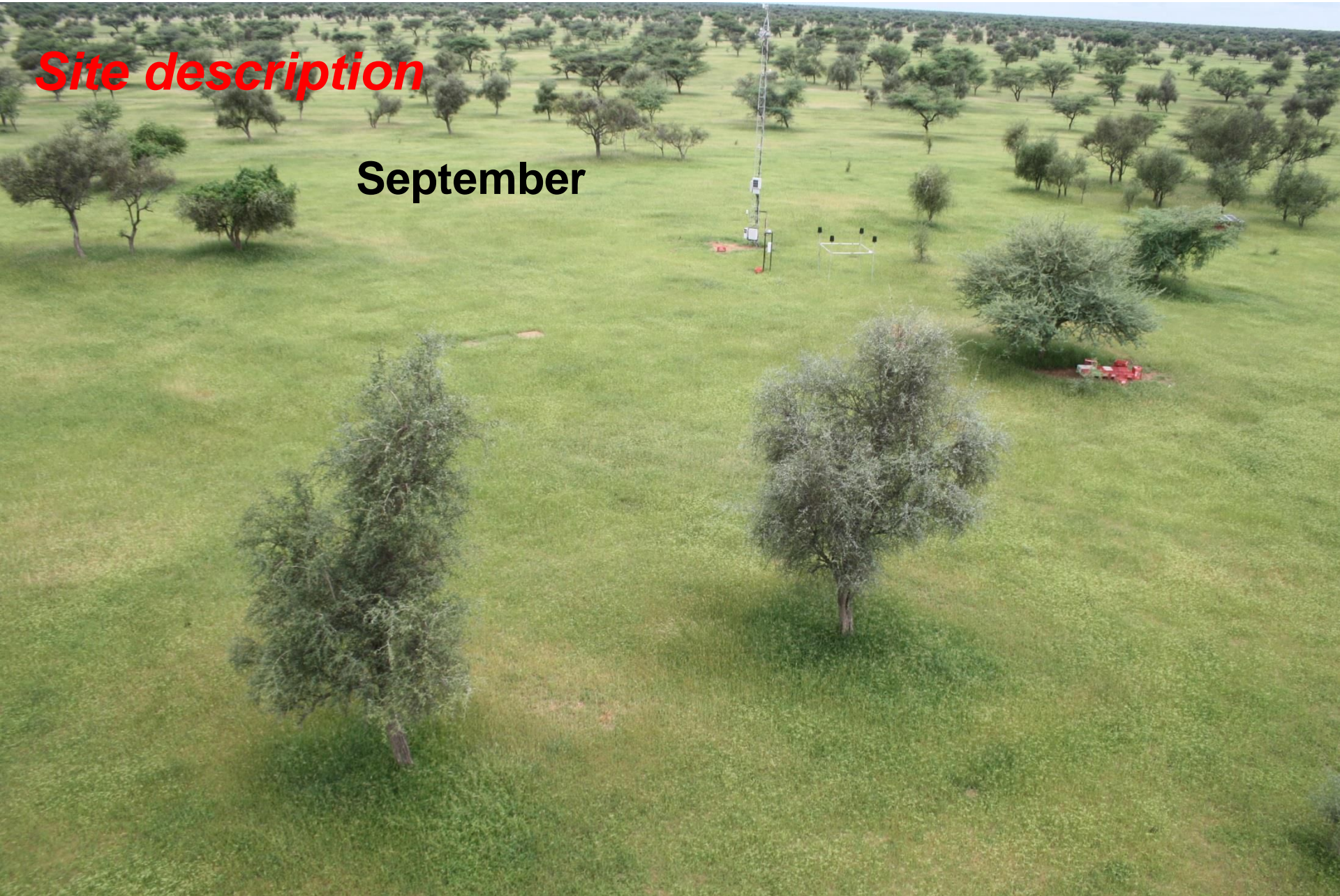
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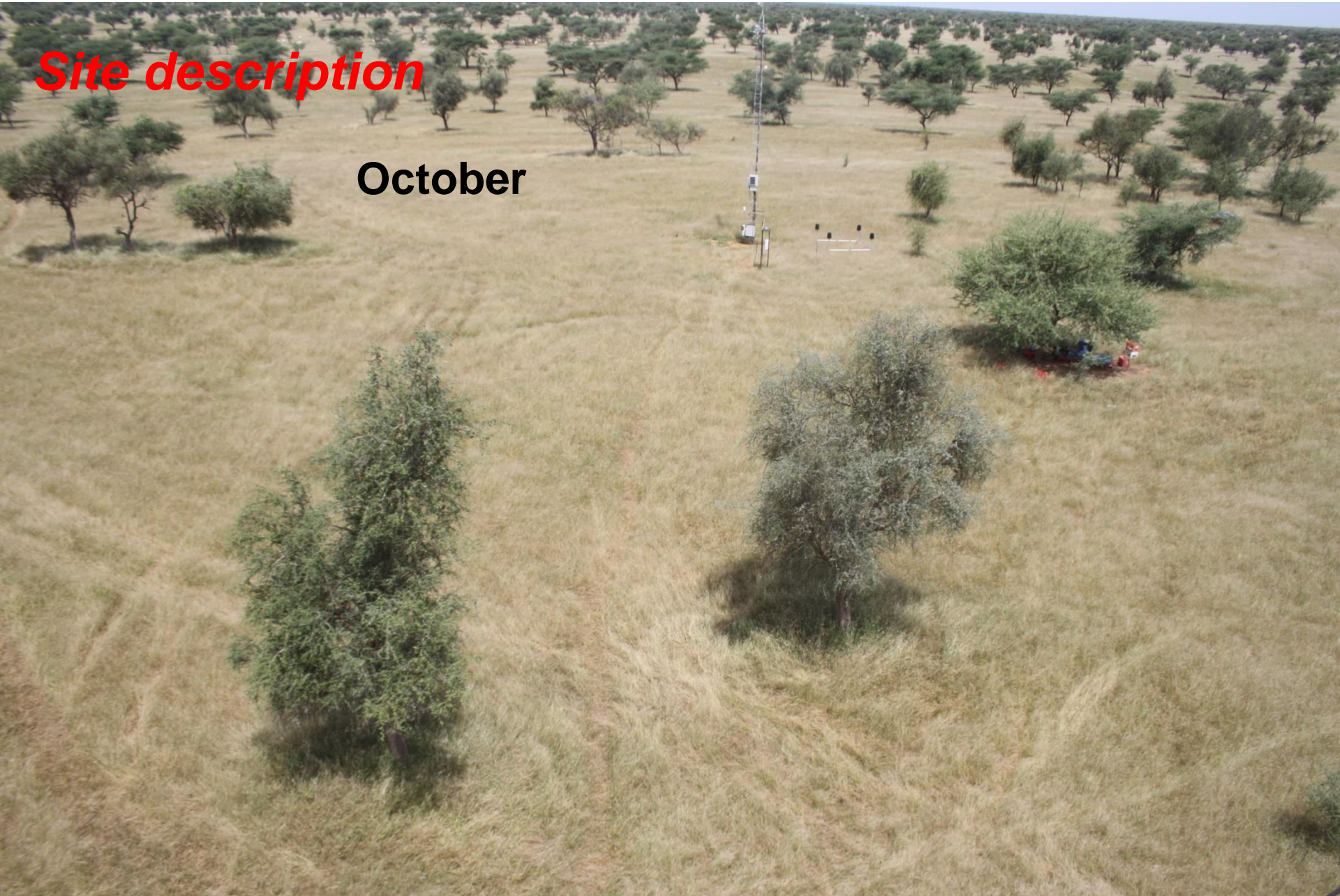
**September**





# *Site description*

**October**





# *Site description*

**November**



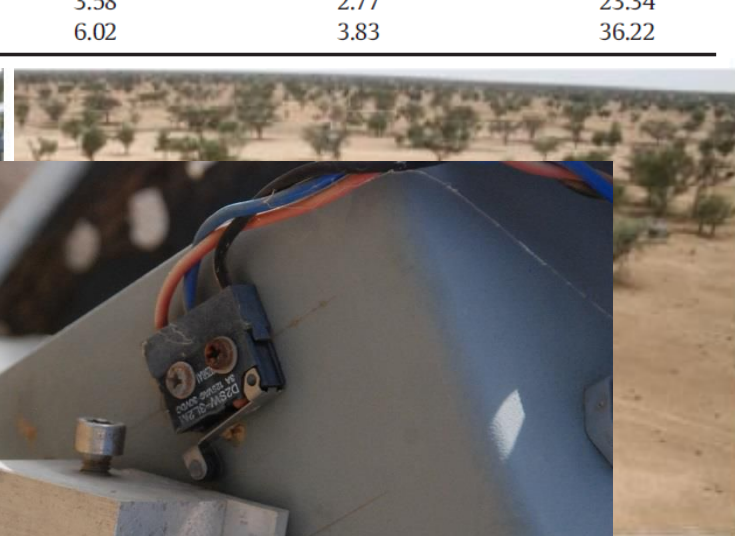
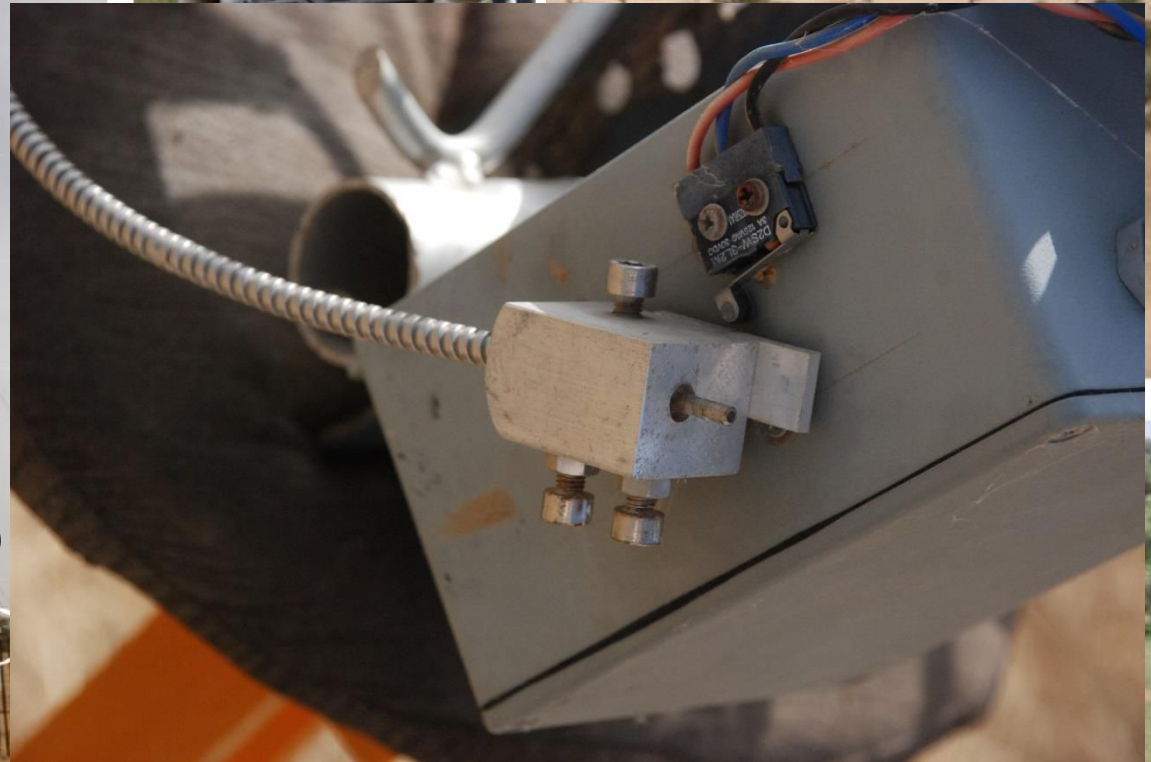
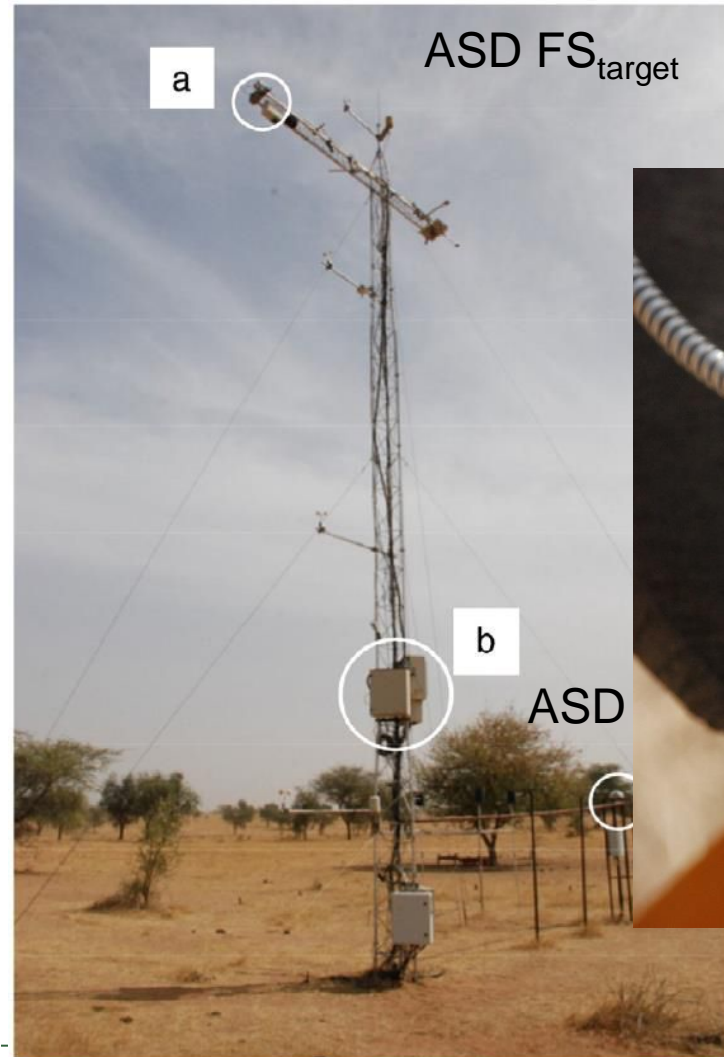


# System setup

## 2 ASD FieldSpec3®

Change of the ground instantaneous field of view (GIFOV) relative to the observation angle. Note that the major half axis of the GIFOV is changing asymmetrically in the along (east-west) and across direction from the center point.

Observation angle [°]	Major half axis along sensor track [m]	Major half axis across sensor track [m]	Sampled area [m <sup>2</sup> ]
0	2.34	2.34	17.22
15	2.67	2.37	18.52
30	3.58	2.77	23.34
45	6.02	3.83	36.22



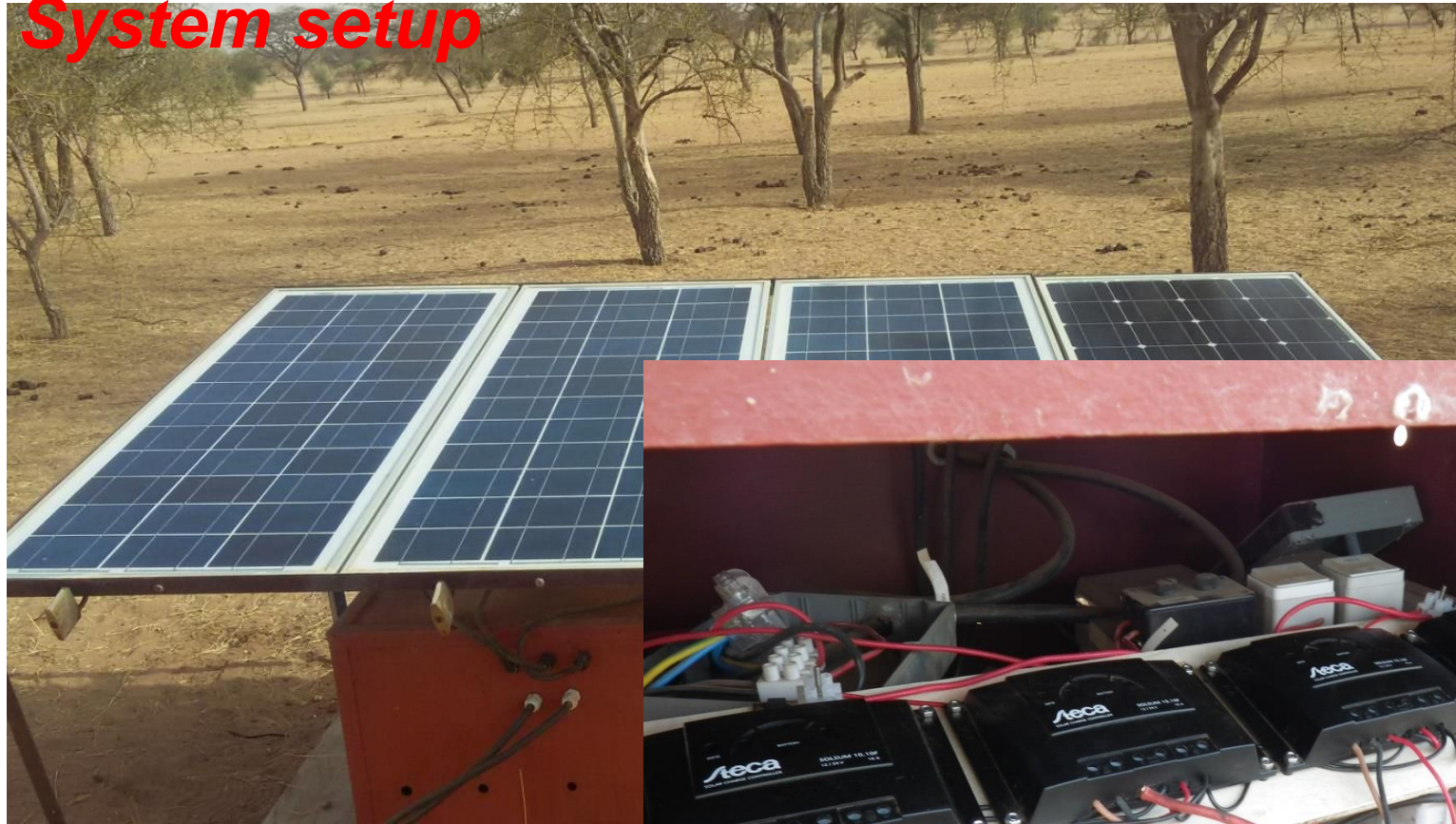


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# **System setup** ASD Measurement sequence

(every 15 minutes from 6 am to 6 pm):

- 1) ASD<sub>ref</sub> optimization (sensitivity to illumination)
- 2) ASD<sub>ref</sub> dark current (DC) correction (VIS/NIR)
- 3) ASD<sub>ref</sub> white reference measurement
- 4) ASD<sub>target</sub> optimization (sensitivity to illumination)
- 5) ASD<sub>target</sub> dark current (DC) correction (VIS/NIR)
- 6) ASD<sub>target</sub> measurement (7 viewing angles)





## **System setup** ASD Measurement sequence

(every 15 minutes from 6 am to 6 pm):

- 7) ASD<sub>ref</sub> optimization (sensitivity to illumination)
- 8) ASD<sub>ref</sub> dark current (DC) correction (VIS/NIR)
- 9) ASD<sub>ref</sub> white reference measurement



- 1. and 2. ASD<sub>ref</sub> measurements used for data filtering  
(removing measurements of fractions outside 0.95-1.05)
- 30 scans are averaged every time
- Full measurement sequence takes less than 1 minute



# *System setup*

Instrument calibration  
- November

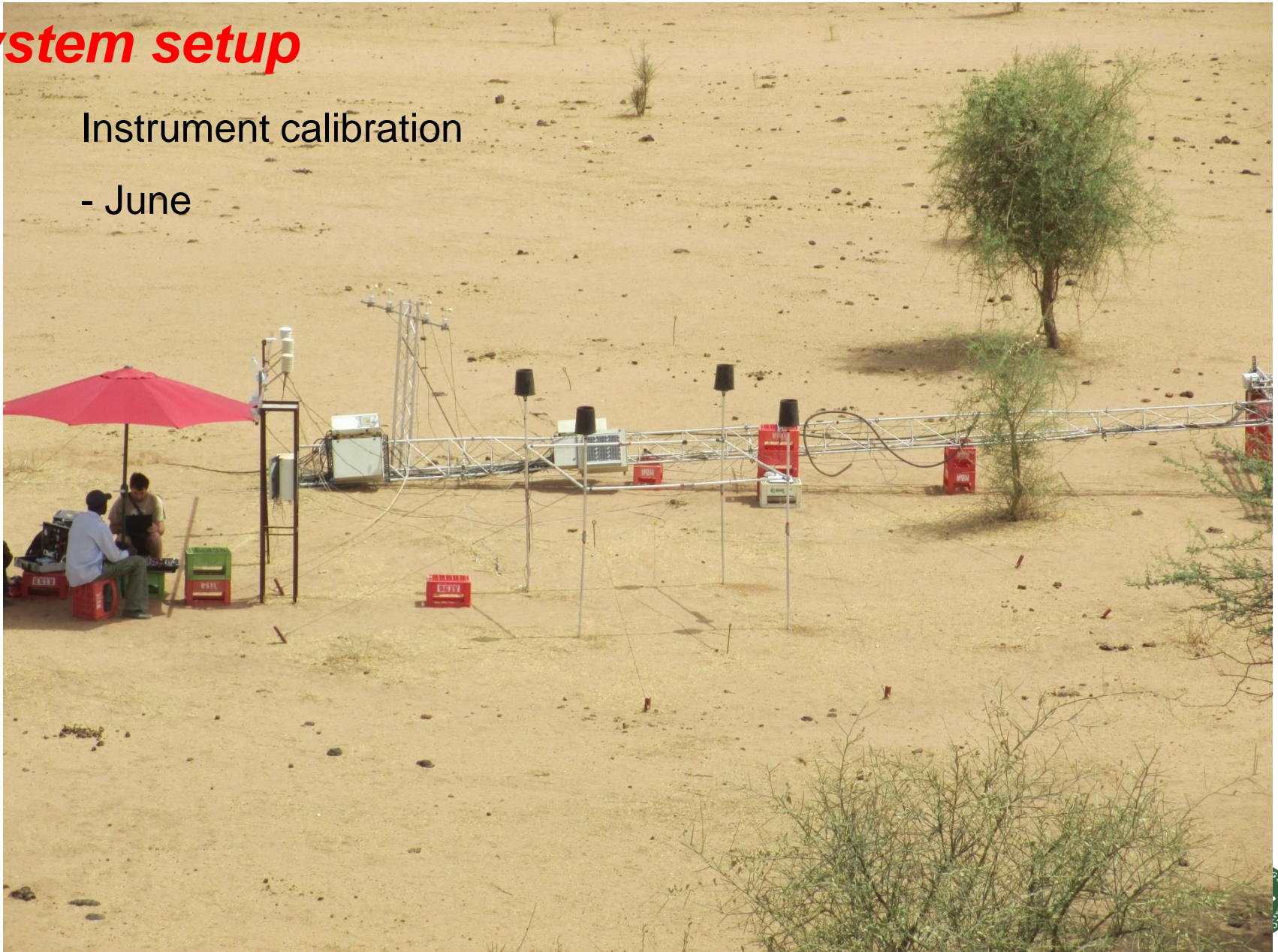




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Instrument calibration

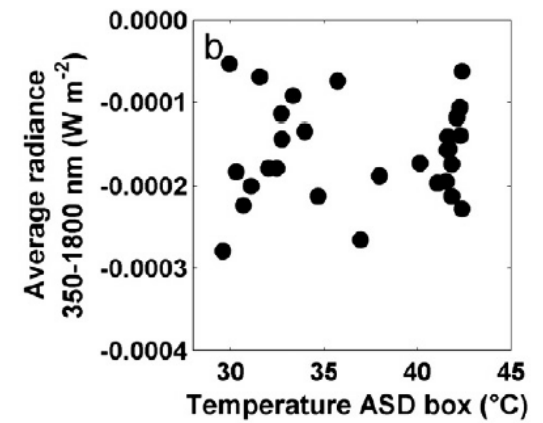
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# System setup

## Instrument calibration





# ***System setup***

Instrument maintenance





# ***System setup***

External threats





# ASD instruments for continuous unattended measurements: *Some results*

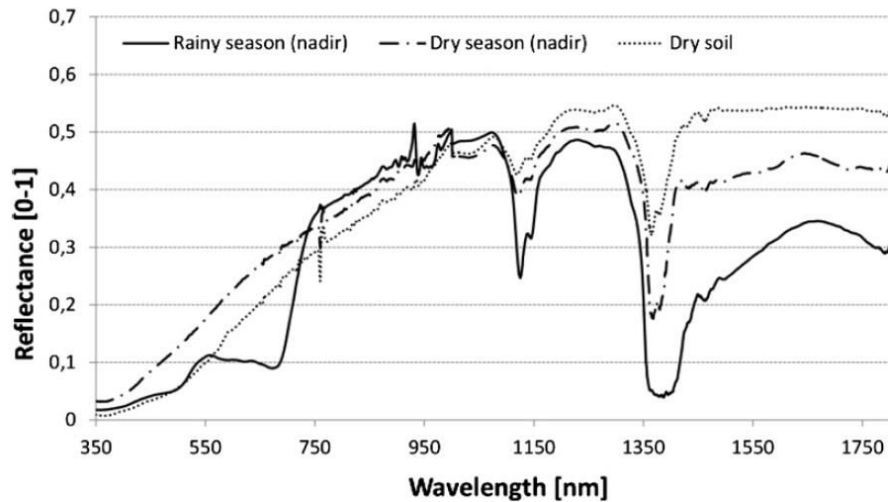


Fig. 5. Mean nadir spectra for the rainy season 2011 (DOY 237–251), the dry season 2012. (DOY 71–85) and dry soil 2013 (DOY 14).



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An automated field spectrometer system for studying VIS, NIR and SWIR anisotropy for semi-arid savanna

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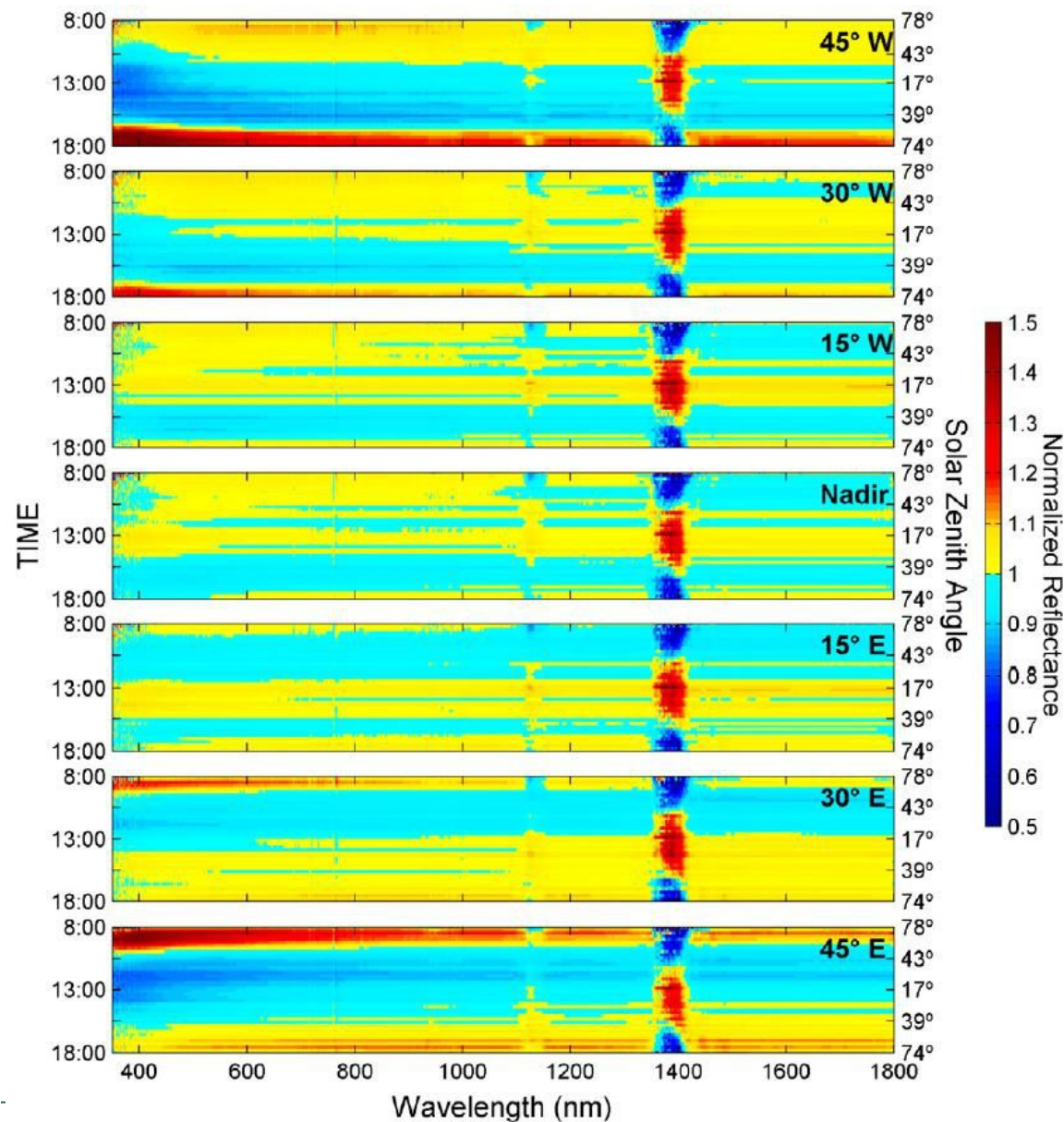








## Results – angular dependence



Normalized reflectance

(fraction of the time-specific reflectance divided by the daily average)

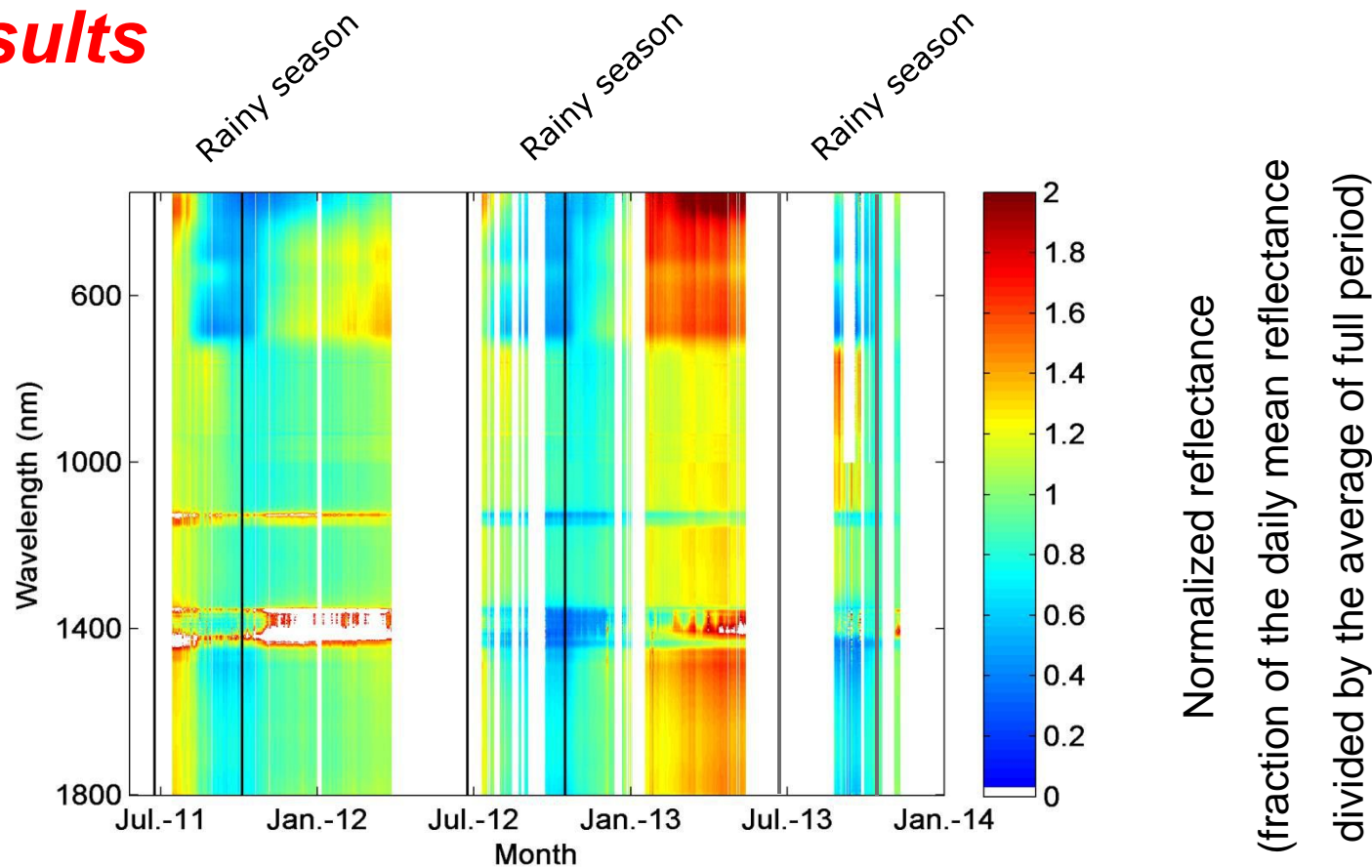
for the dry season 2012  
(DOY 71–85)



measured from sunrise to sunset  
(solar noon is around 13:00).



# Results



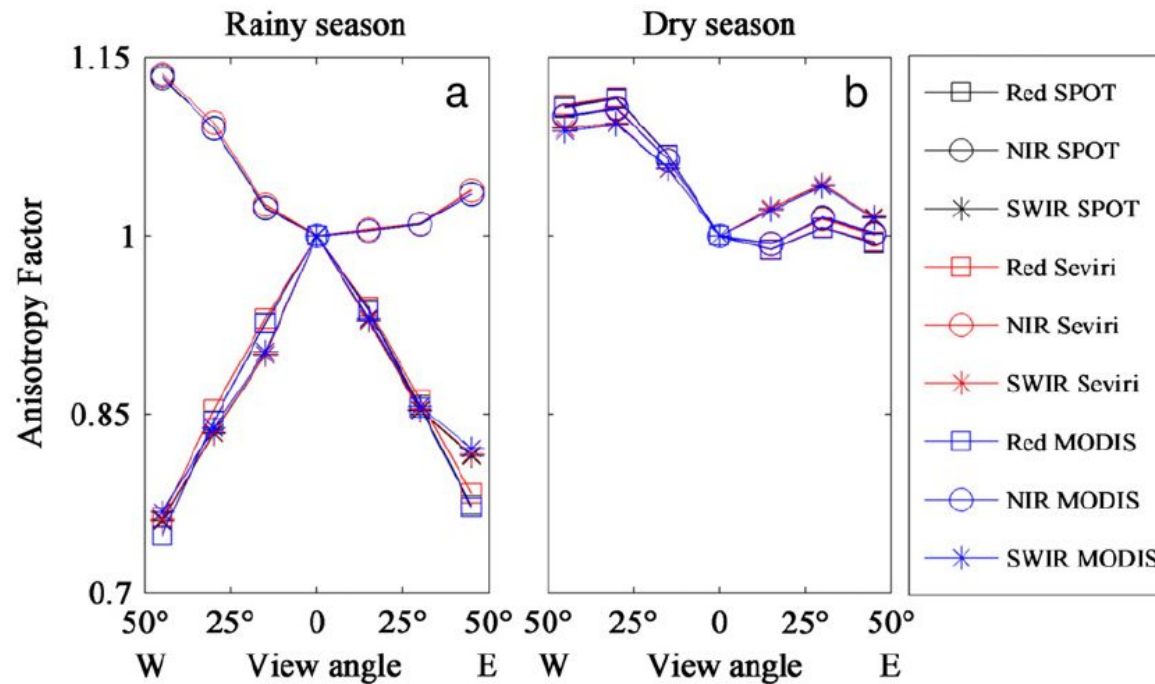
From June 2015 – today:

*Measurements without data-gaps acquired  
with DC shutter turned off/removed (applied twice a year)*





## ***Vegetation indices and directional effects***



## **ANIF:**

***The portion of radiation reflected into a specific view direction relative to the nadir reflectance.***

Red, near infrared (NIR) and shortwave infrared (SWIR) bandwidths for MODIS, SEVIRI and SPOT, respectively.

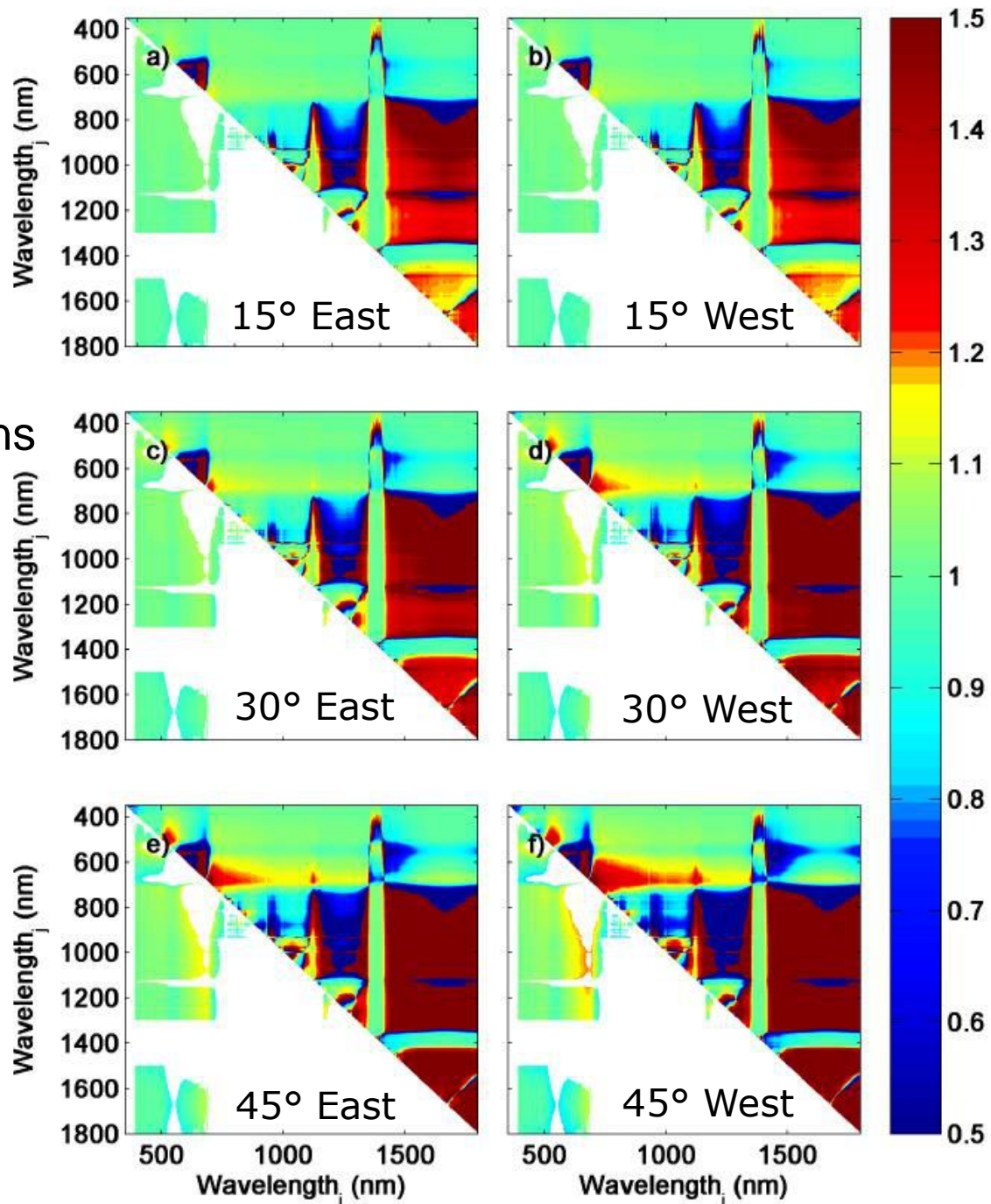
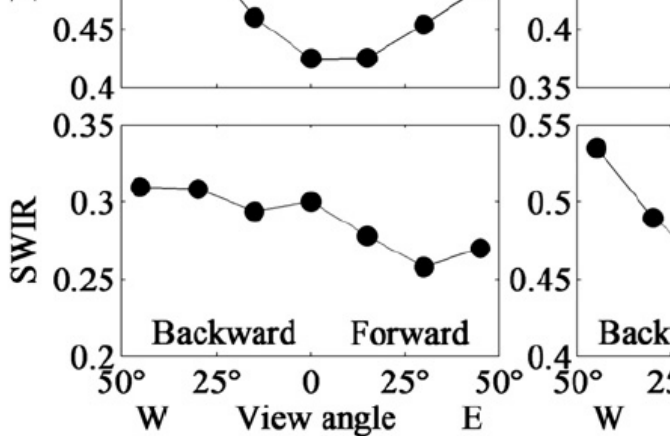
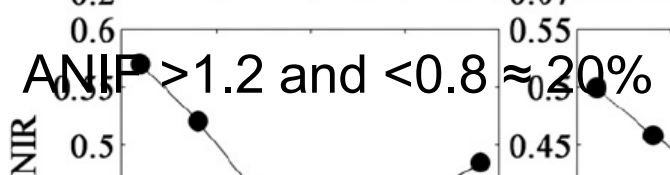
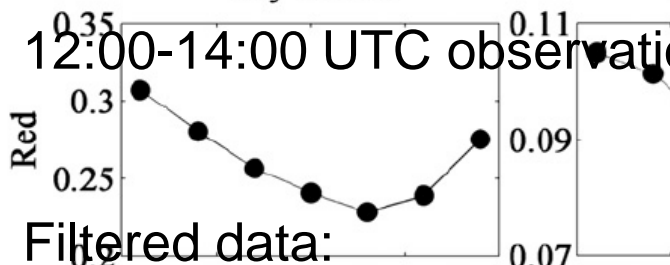
Sensor	Red [nm]	NIR [nm]	SWIR [nm]
MODIS	620-670 (50)	841-876 (35)	1628-1652 (24)
SEVIRI	560-710 (150)	740-880 (140)	1500-1780 (280)
SPOT	610-680 (70)	780-890 (110)	1580-1750 (170)



# Vegetation indices & directional effects

Dry season

12:00-14:00 UTC observations





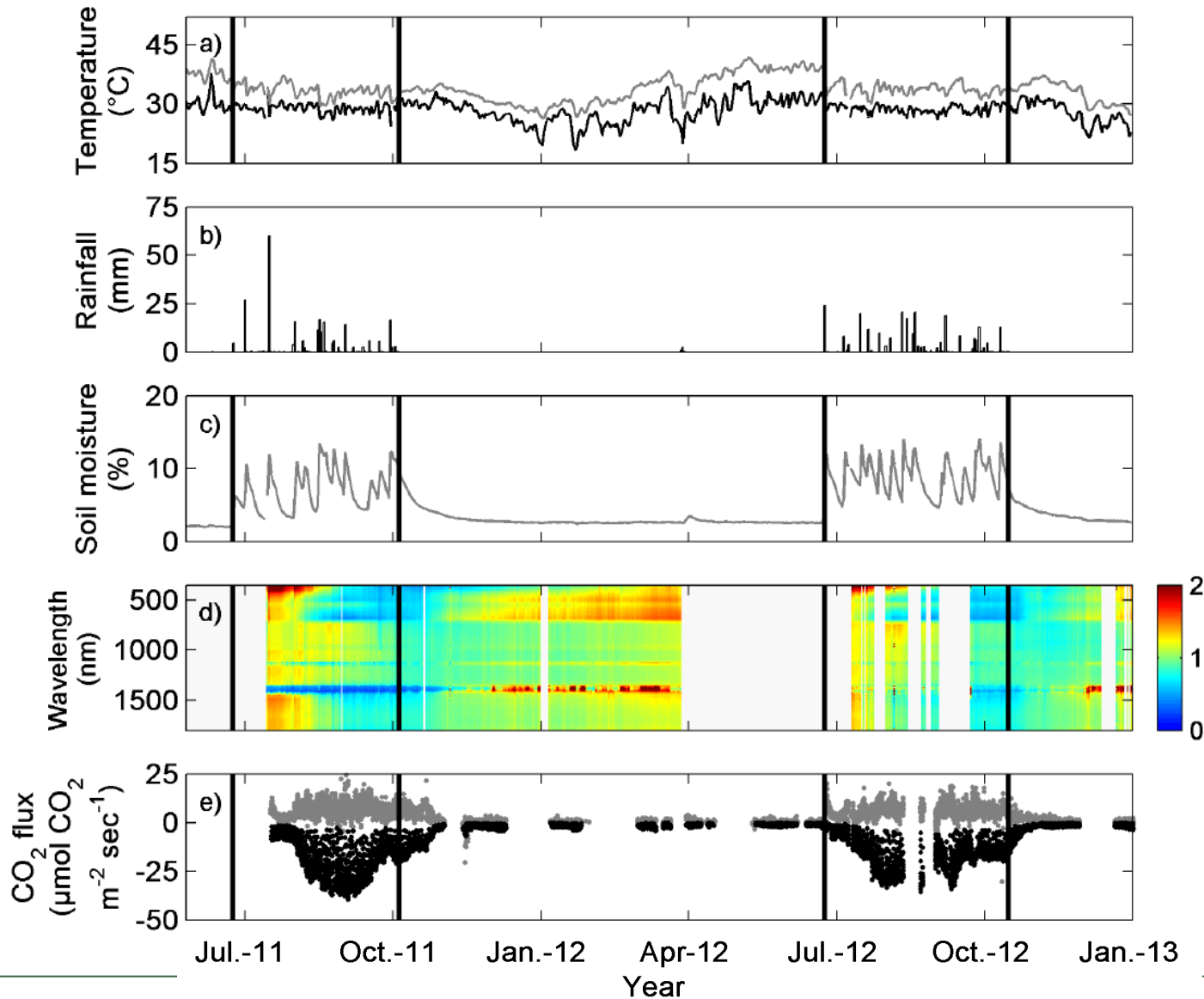
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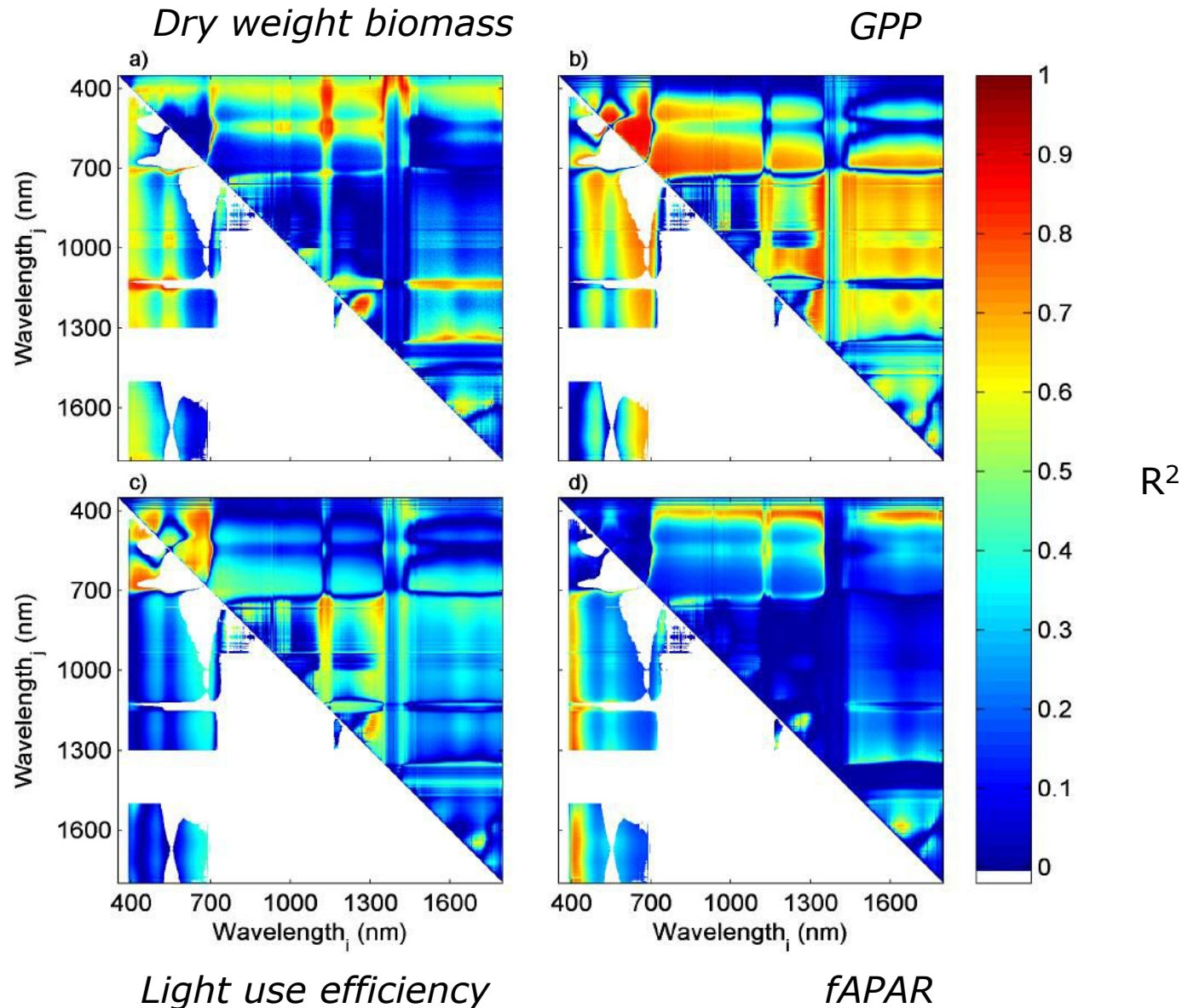
Deriving seasonal dynamics in ecosystem properties of semi-arid  
 lands from in situ-based hyperspectral reflectance

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# ASD hyperspectral reflectance data and savanna ecosystem properties

$$\text{NDSI} = \frac{(\rho_i - \rho_j)}{(\rho_i + \rho_j)}$$

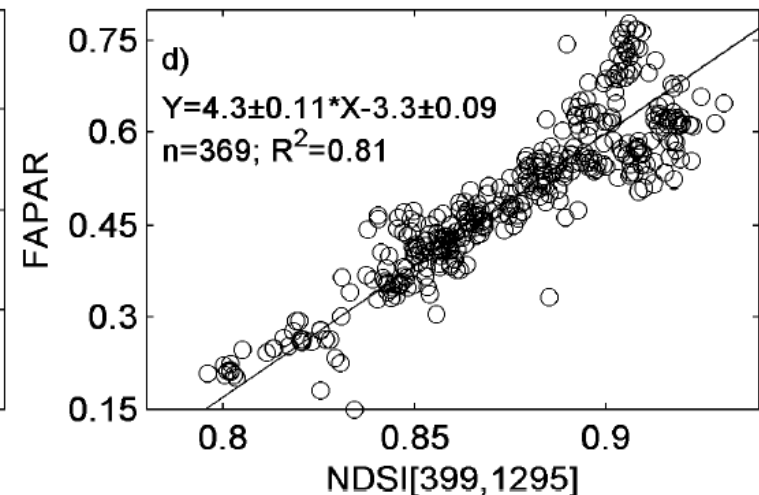
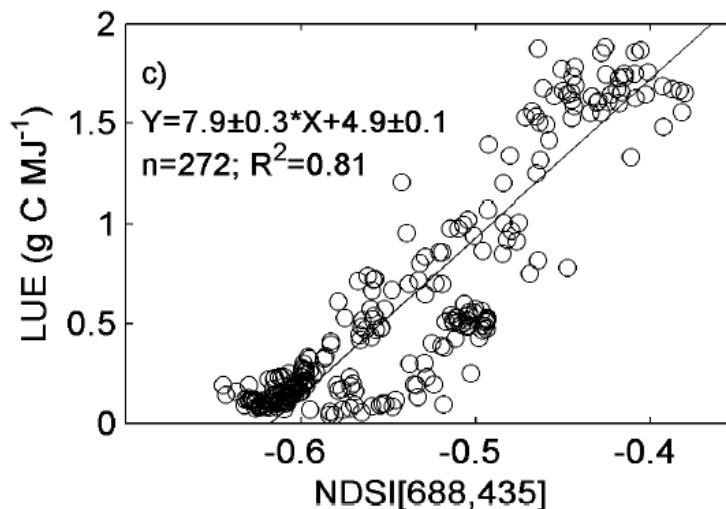
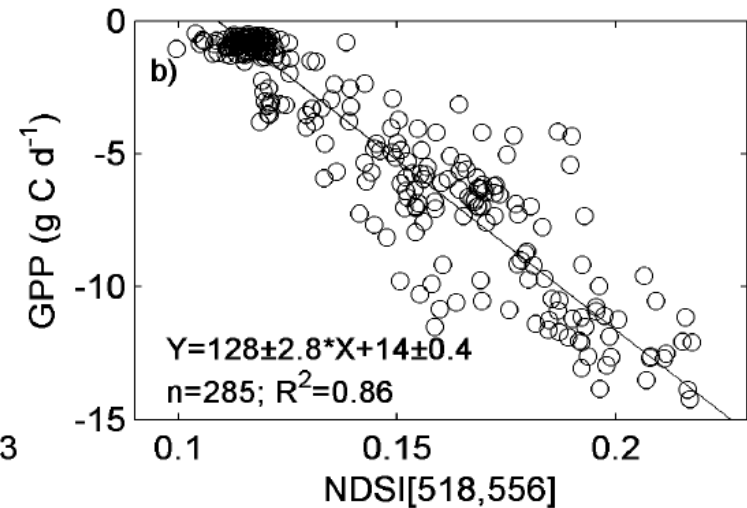
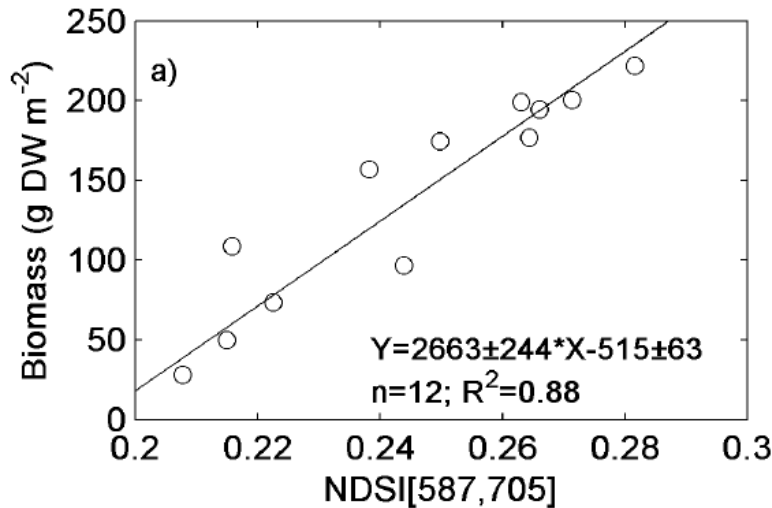




## ASD hyperspectral reflectance data and savanna ecosystem properties

$$\text{NDSI} = \frac{(\rho_i - \rho_j)}{(\rho_i + \rho_j)}$$

Strongest correlation:



# ***Lessons learned and recommendations for ASD continuous unattended measurements***

- **Avoid excessive use of Dark Current calibration**
- **Frequent instrument inter-calibration**
- **Use metal coated fiber-optical cables**
- **Regular cleaning of dome (maintenance)**



***Thank you***

***– and sorry for not being there in person***