

# Remote Sensing of Solar Induced Chlorophyll Fluorescence

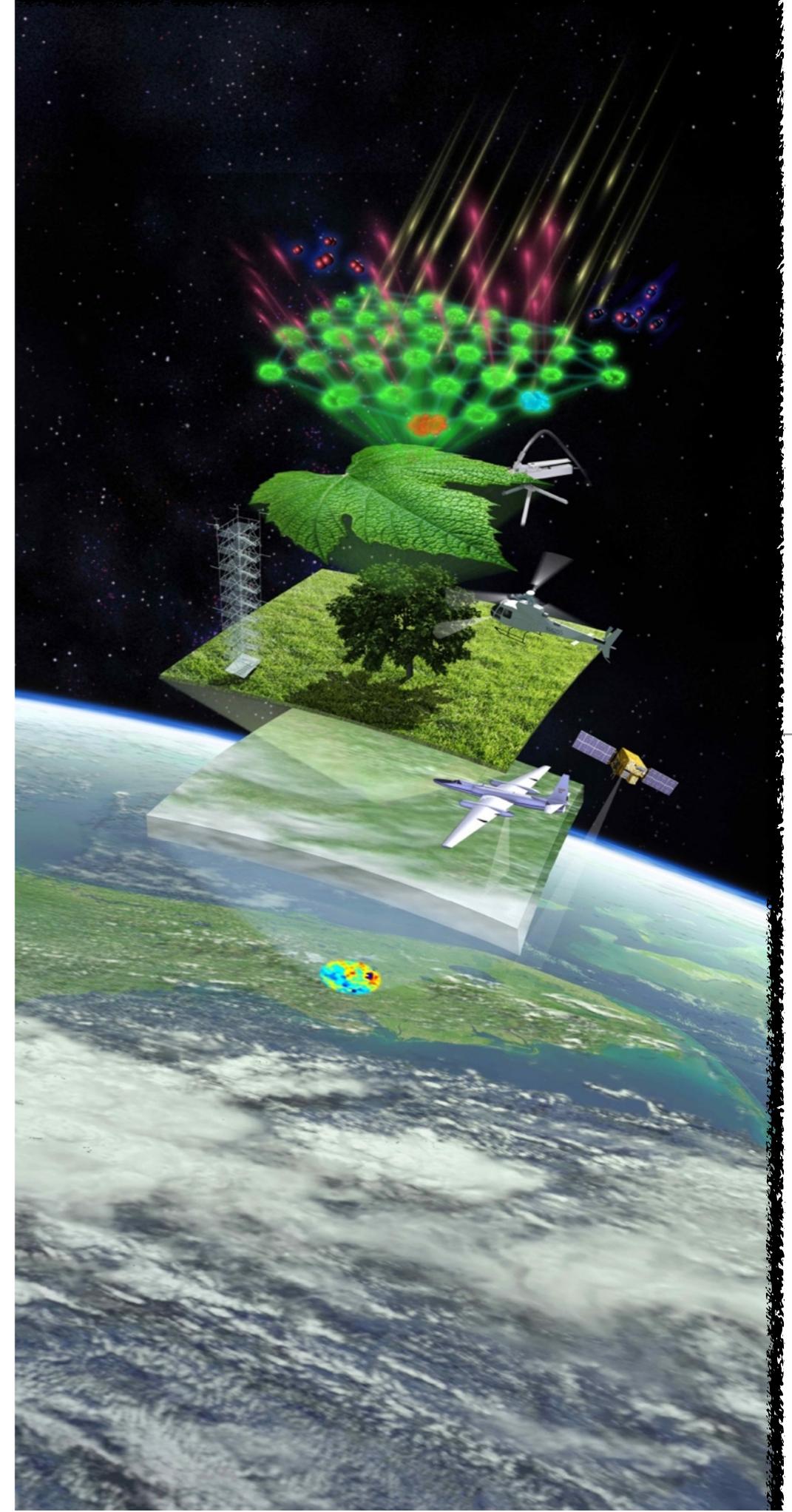
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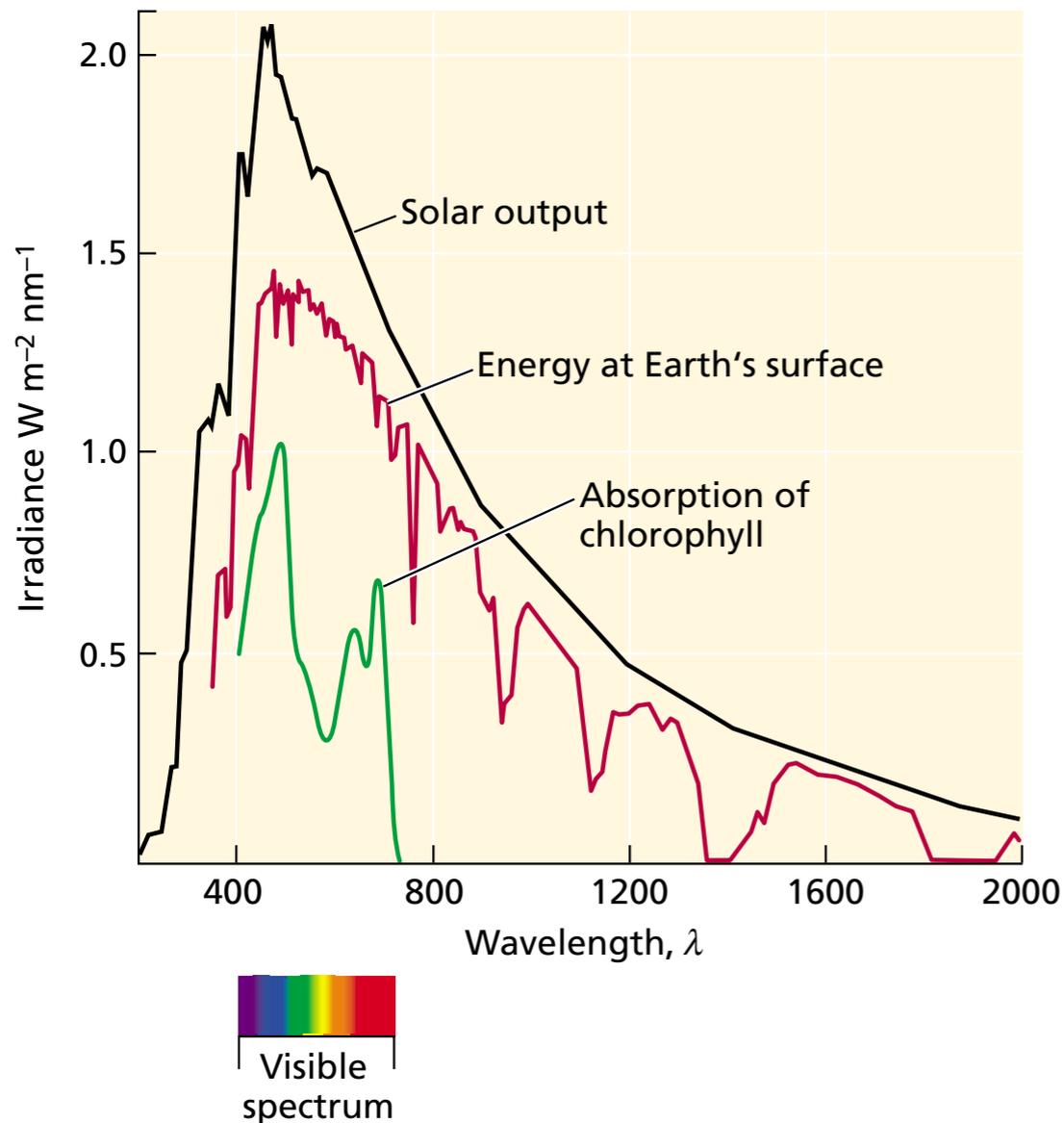
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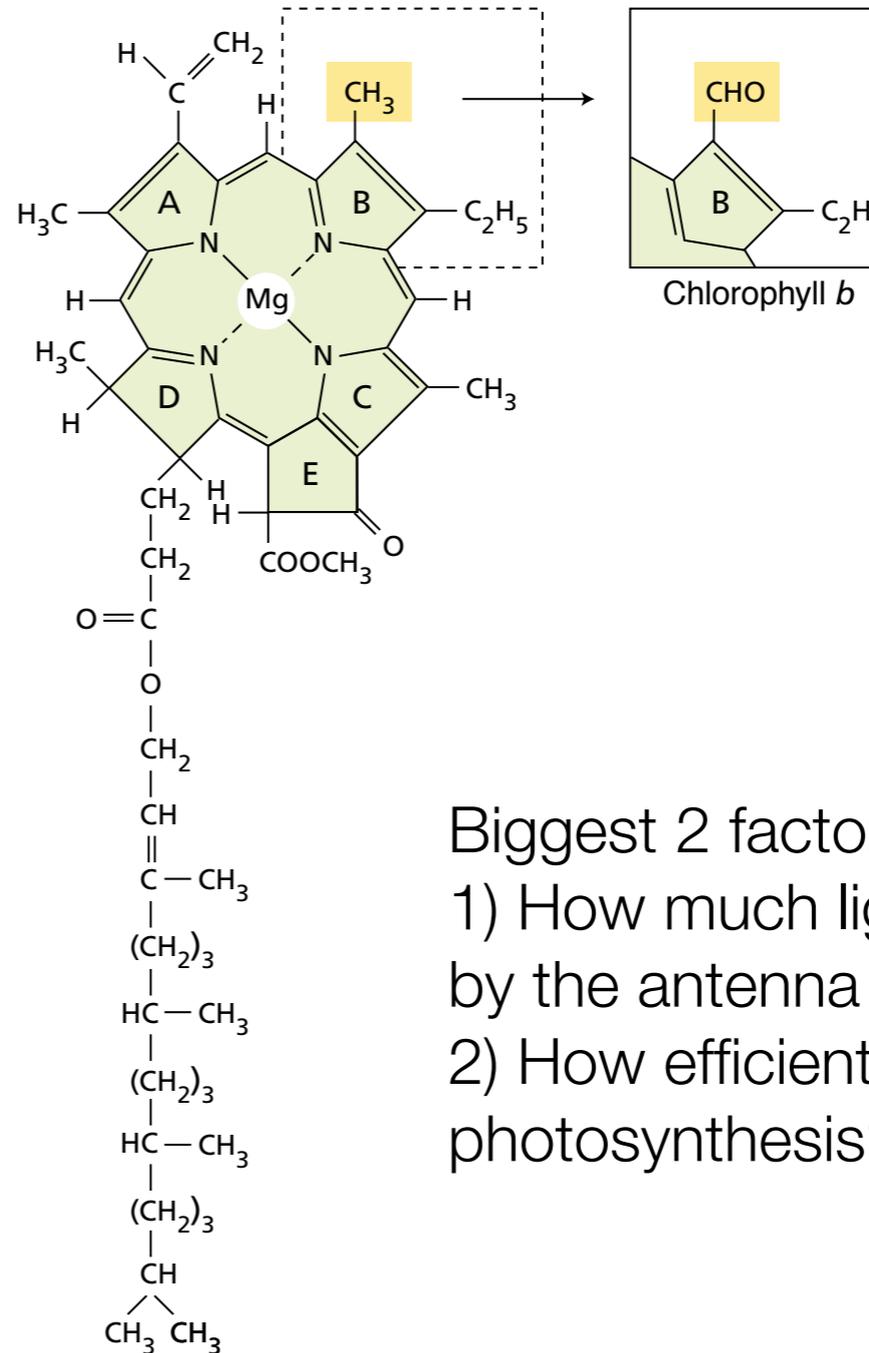
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# Absorption of sunlight drives it all.



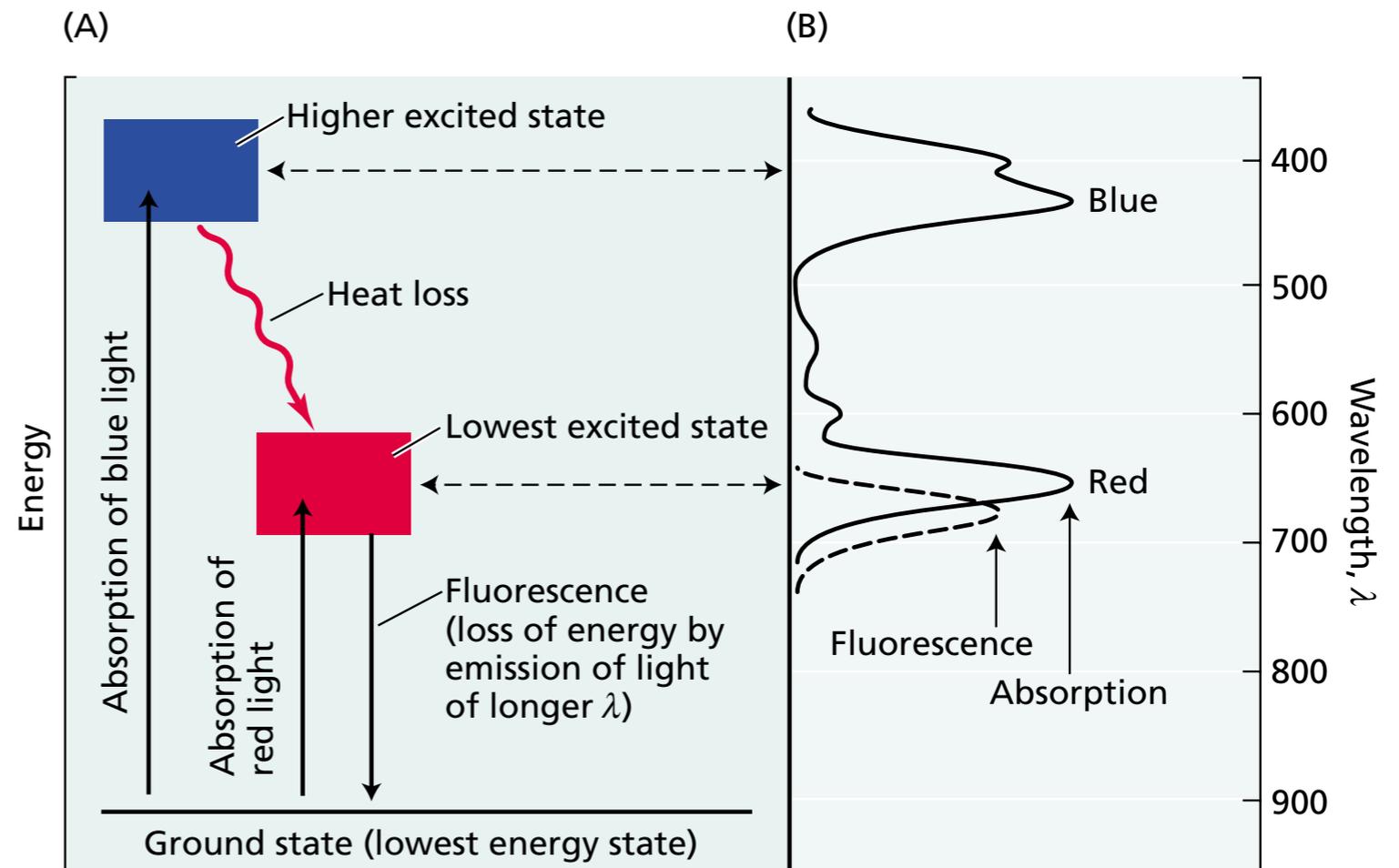
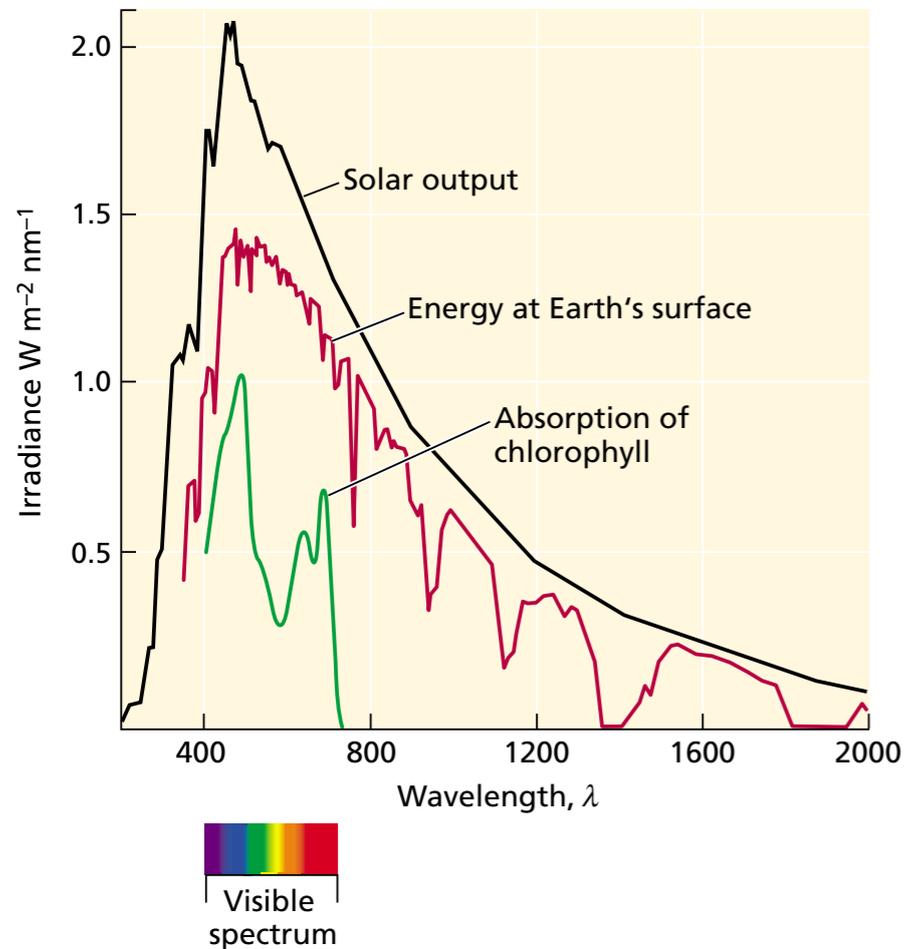
(A) Chlorophylls



Biggest 2 factors:

- 1) How much light is absorbed by the antenna system?
- 2) How efficiently is this light used for photosynthesis?

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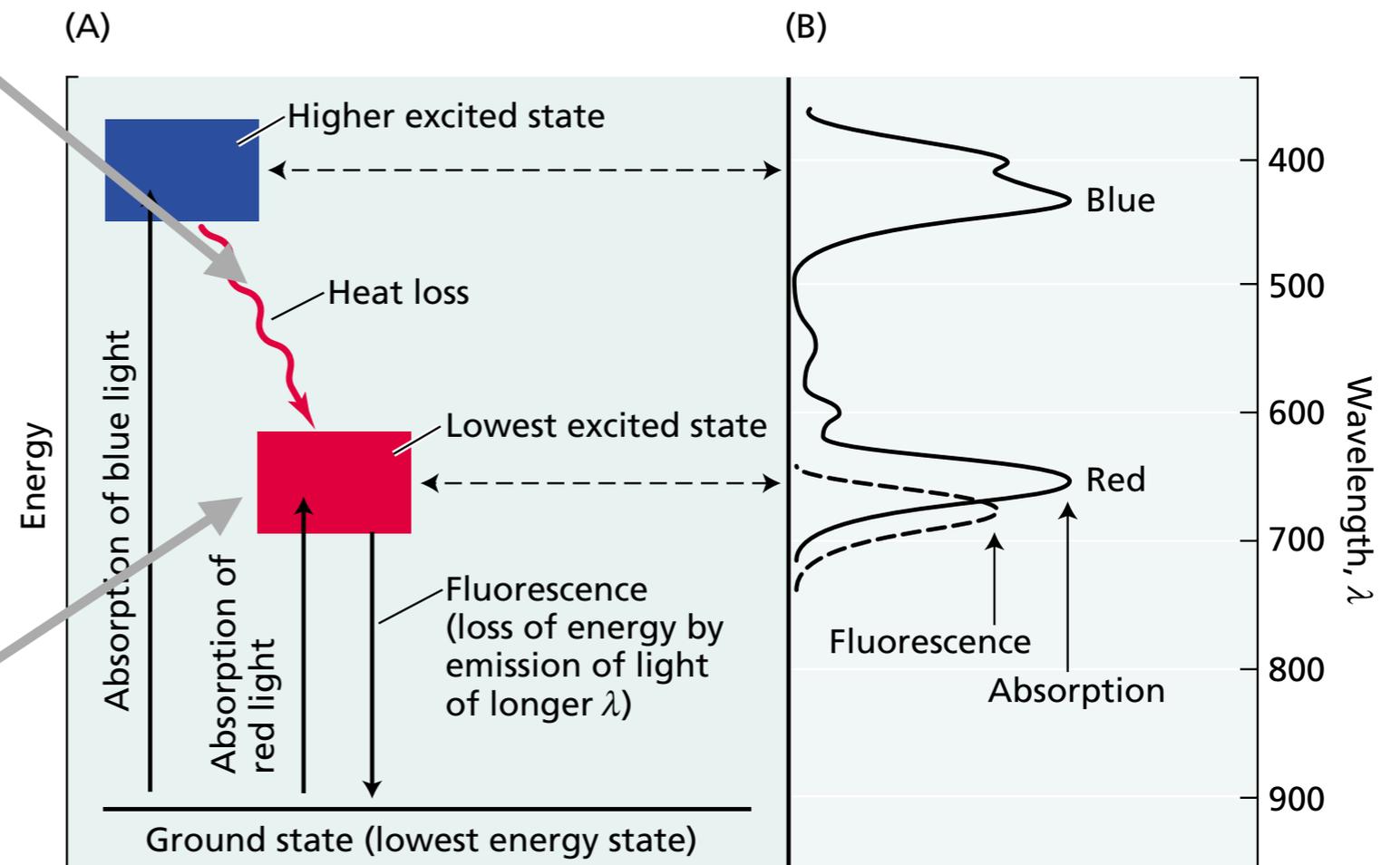


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Unstable higher state, very fast transition to lower state



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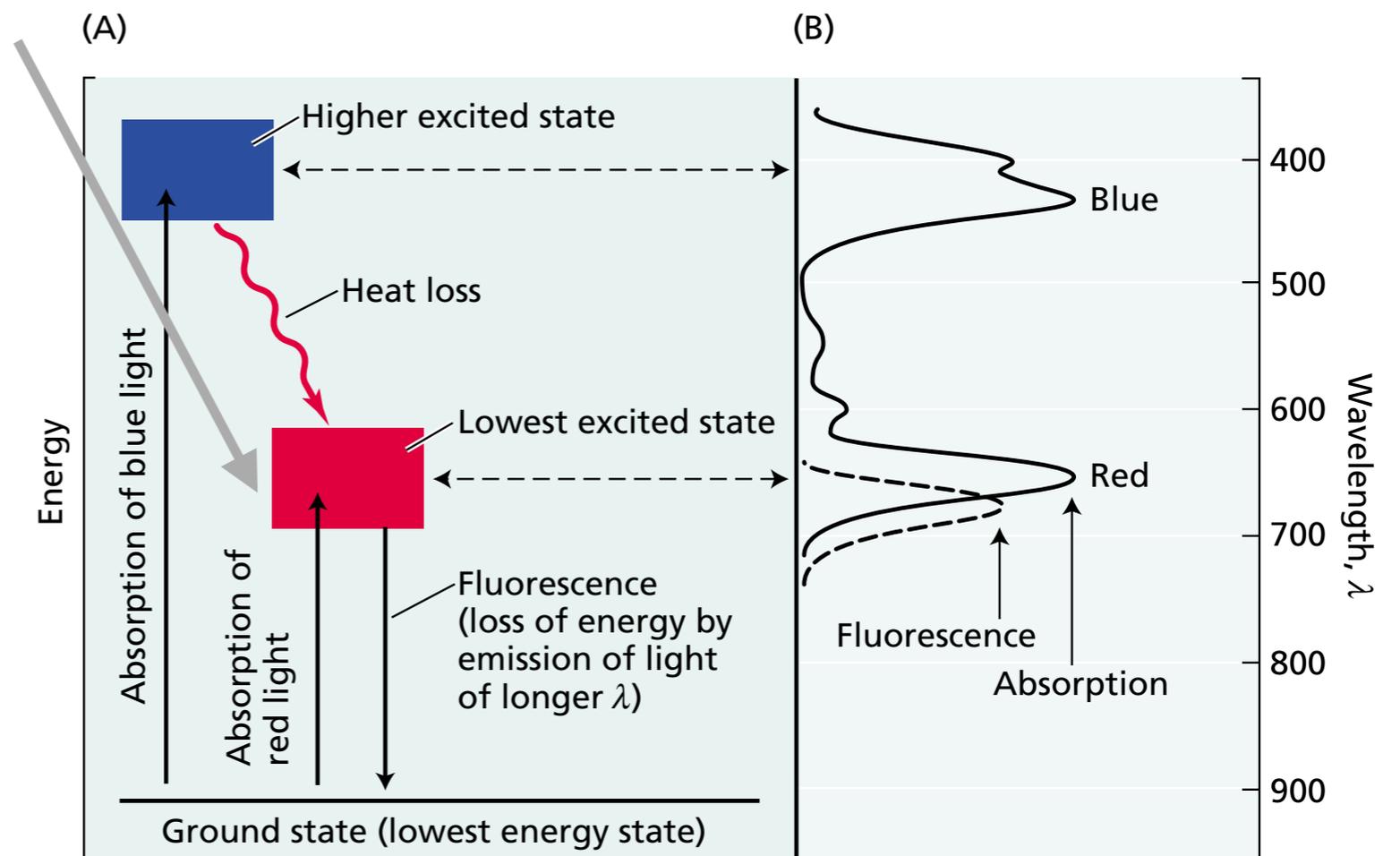
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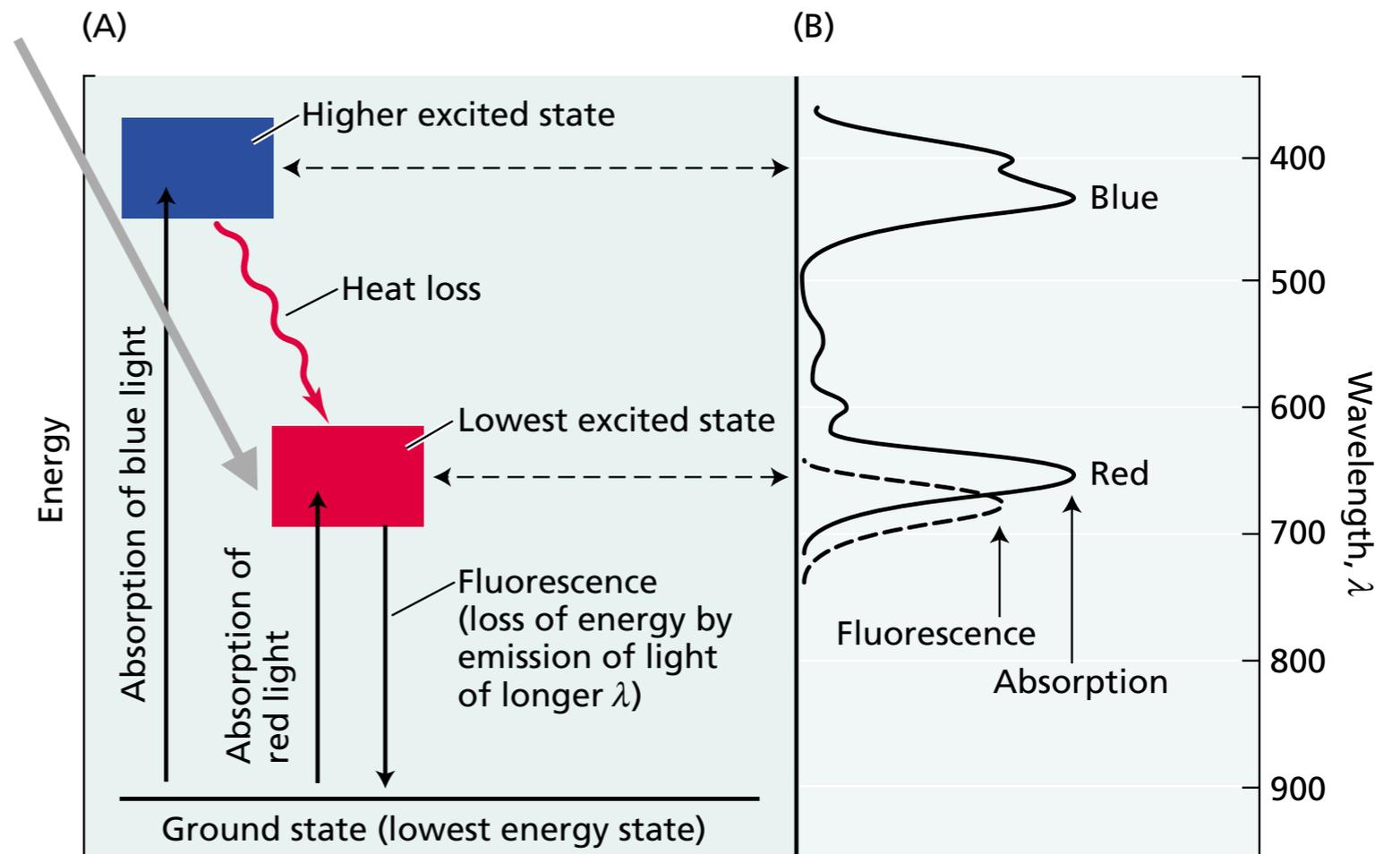


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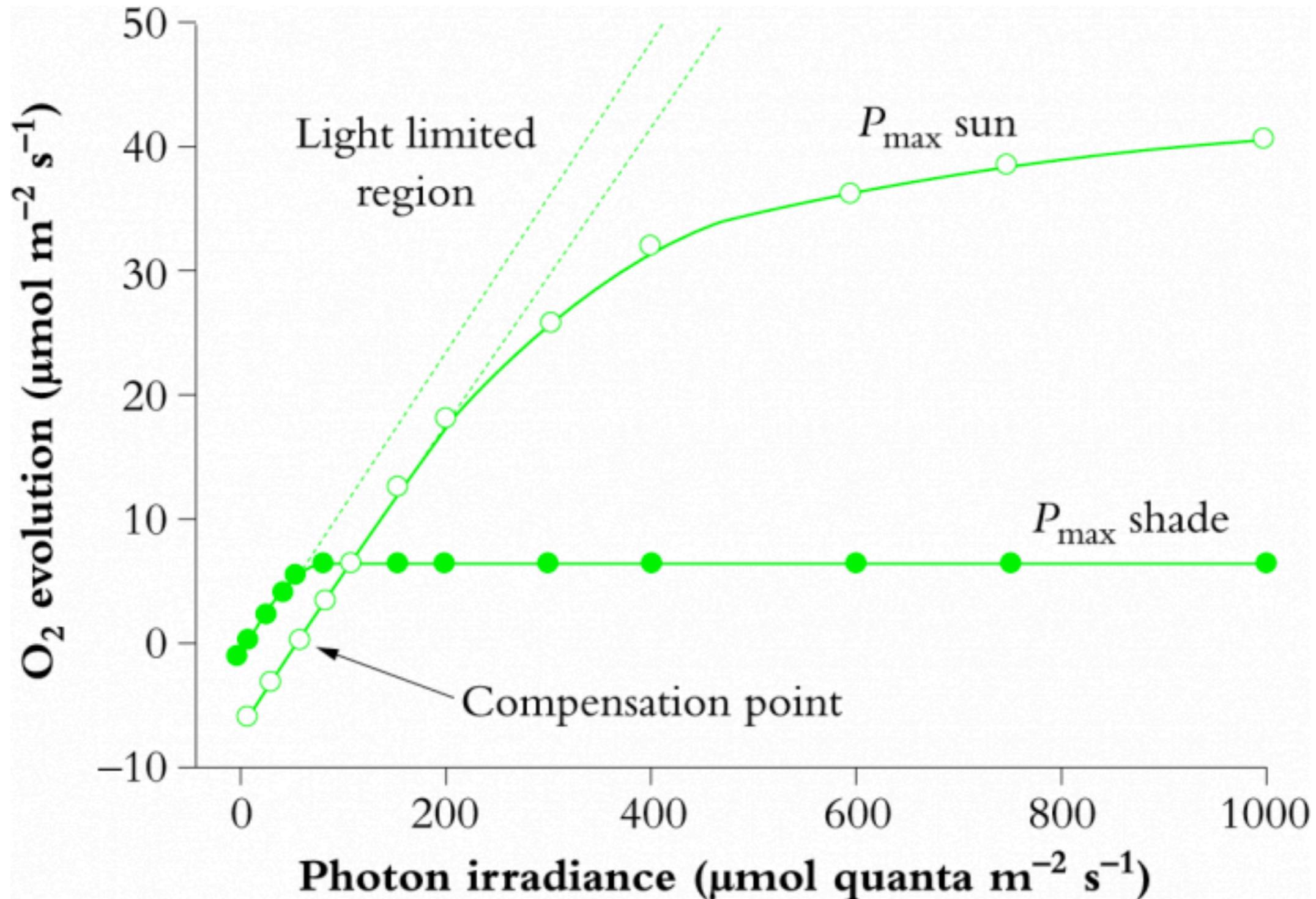
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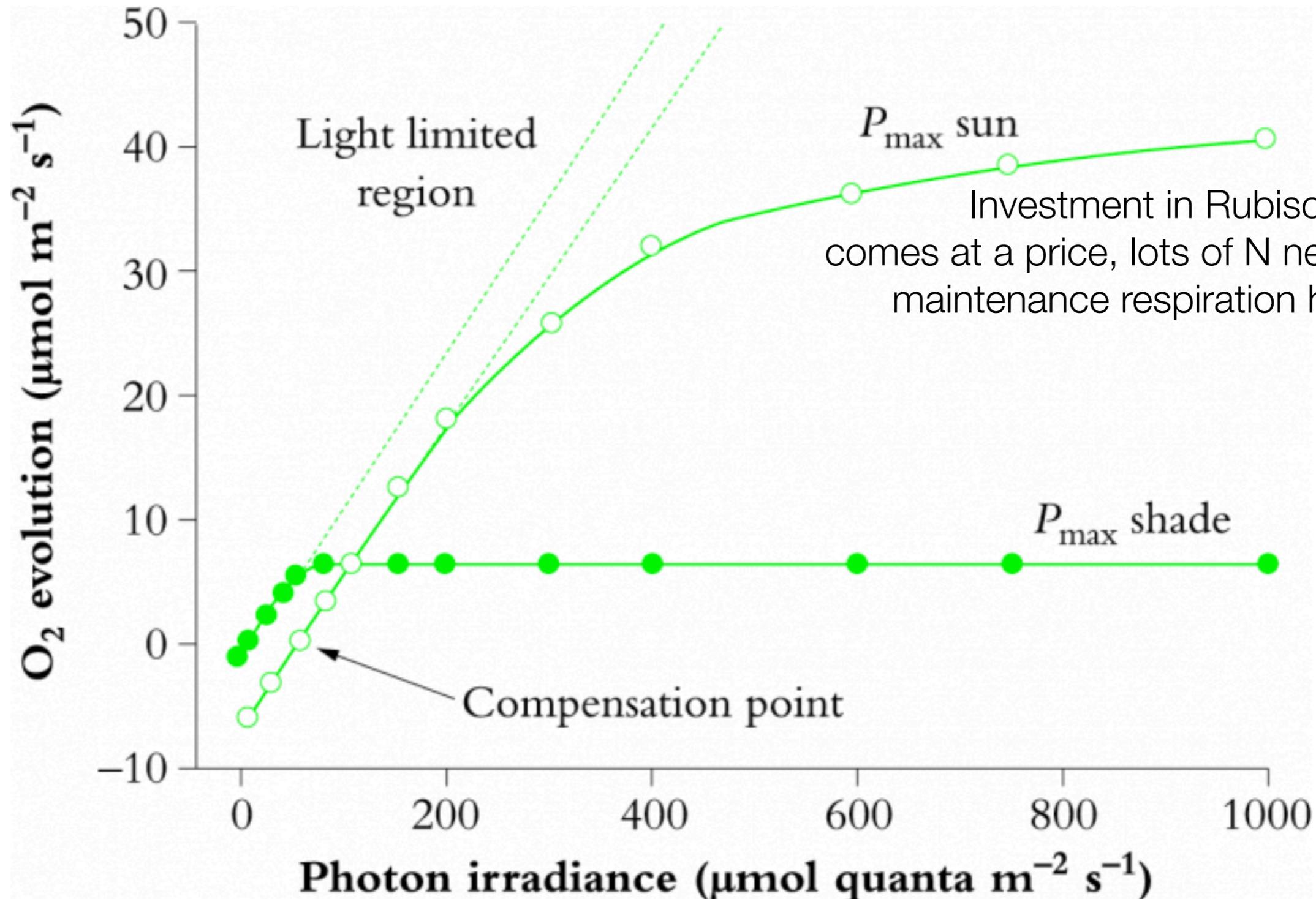
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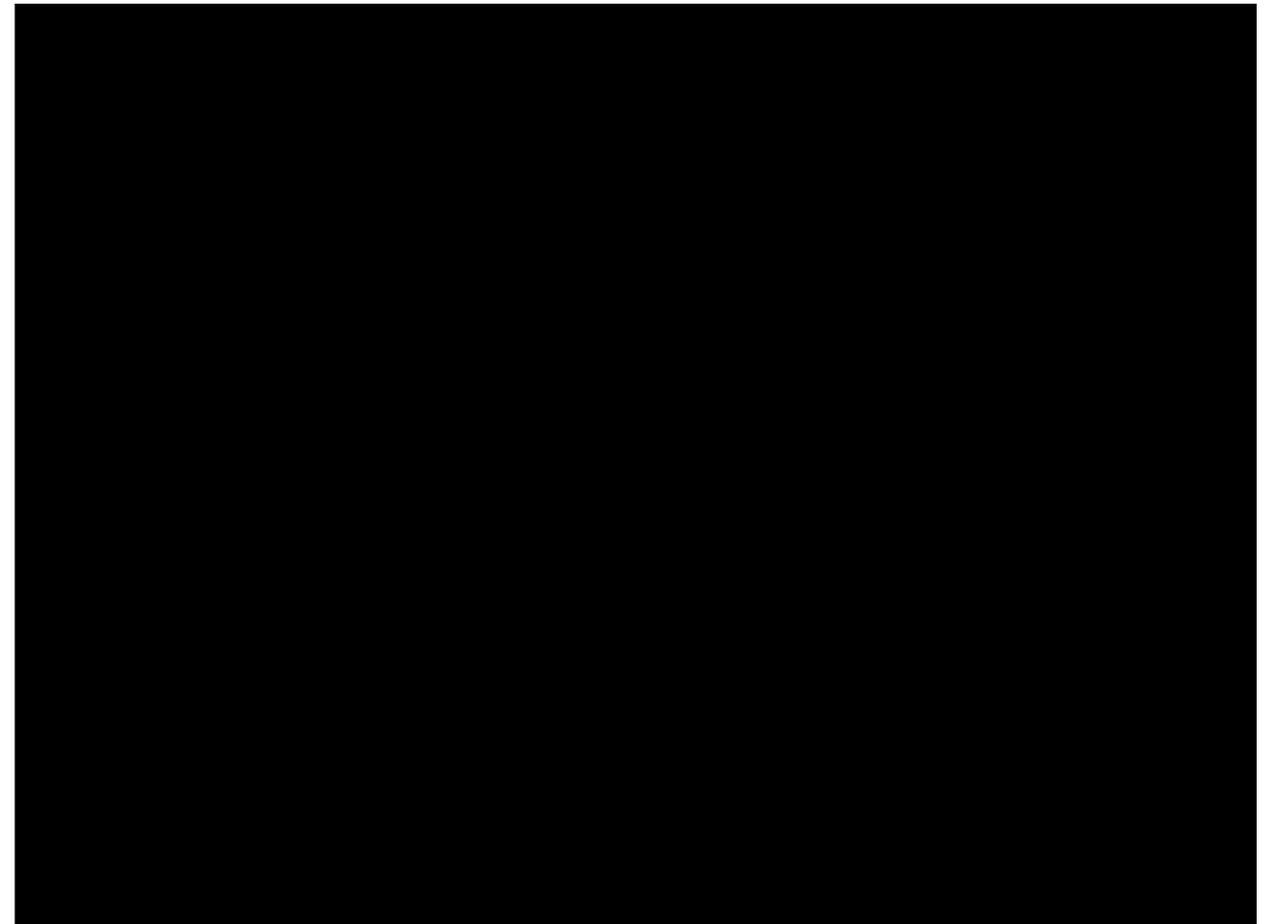
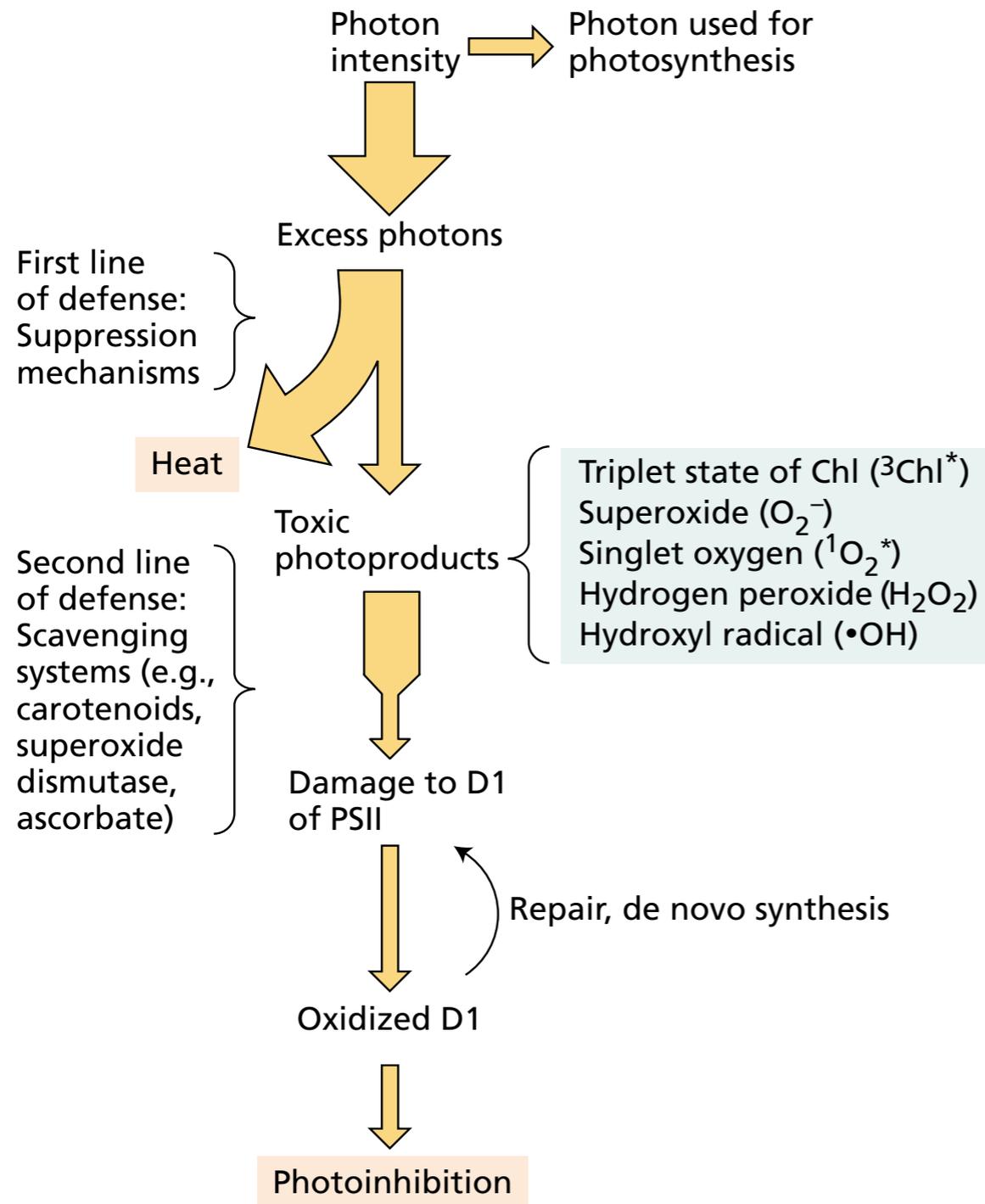


$P_{\text{max sun}}$   
Investment in Rubisco comes at a price, lots of N needed and maintenance respiration higher!

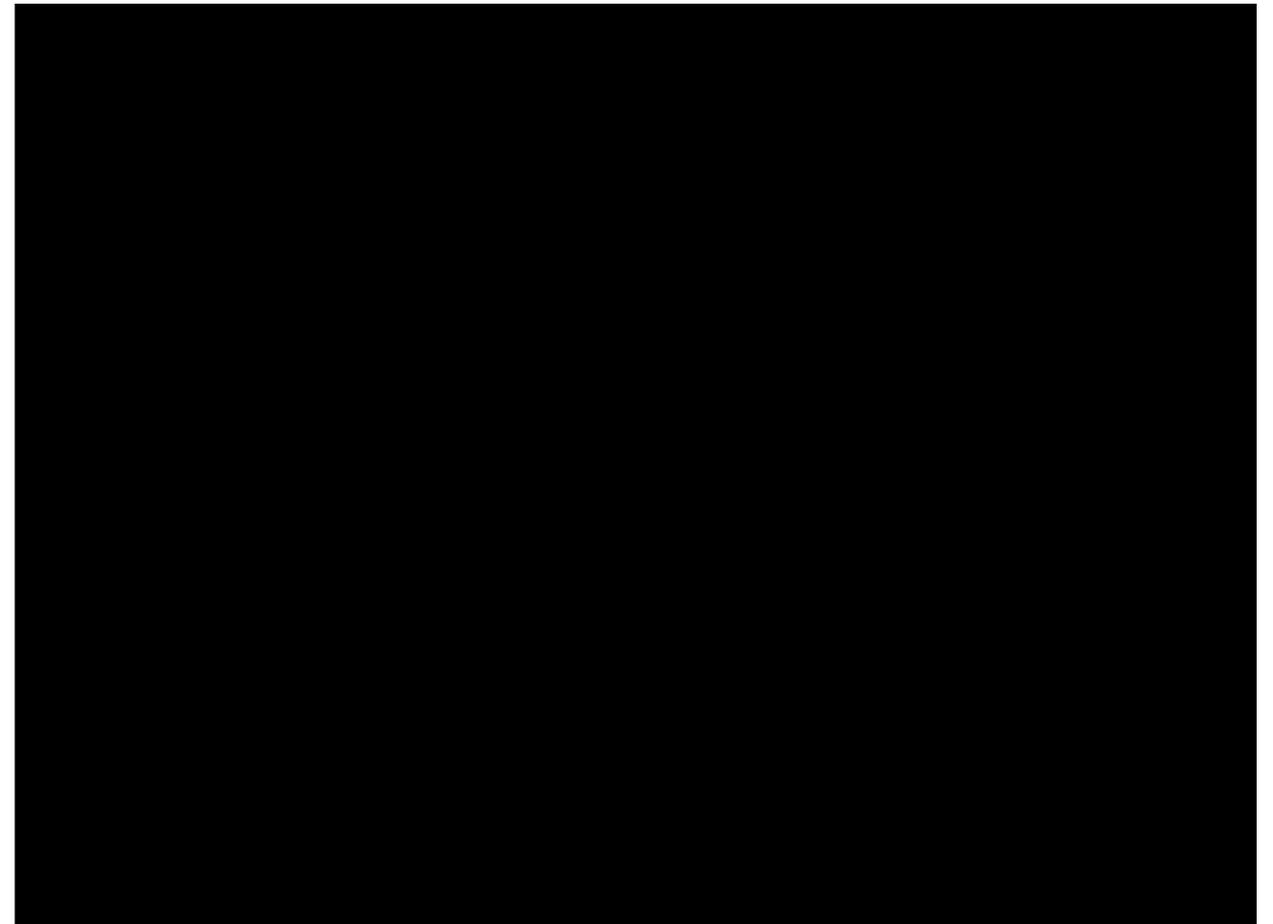
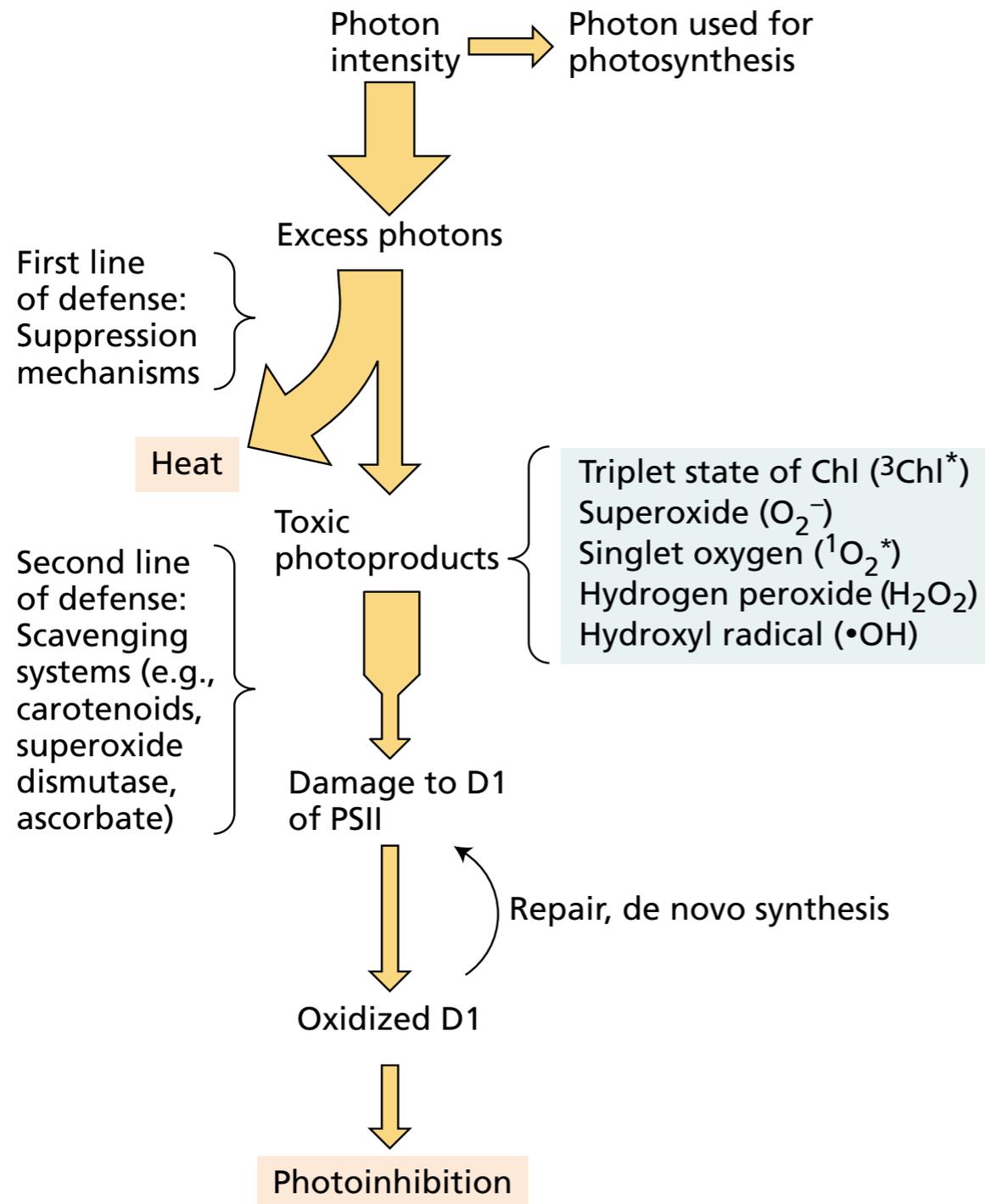
$P_{\text{max shade}}$

Compensation point

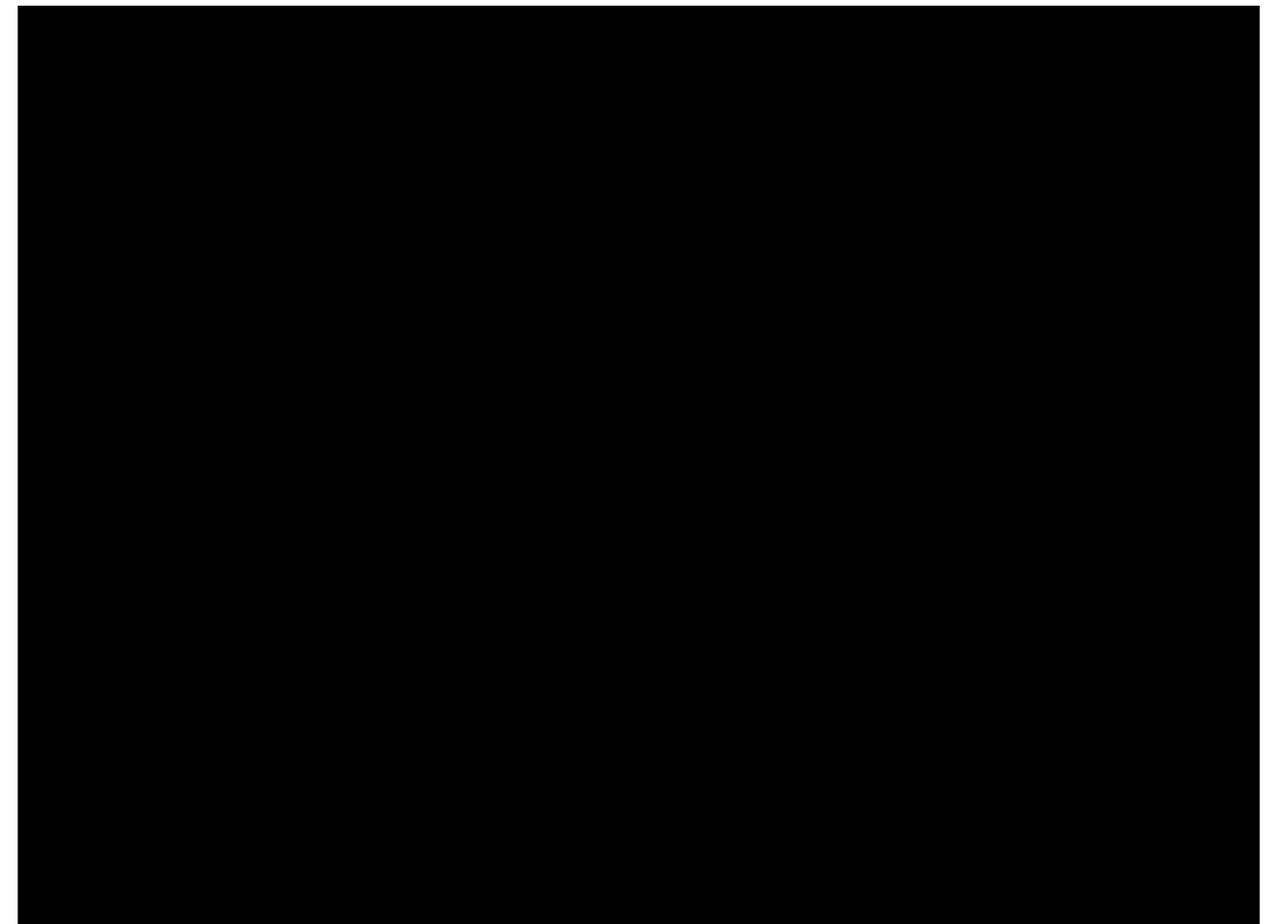
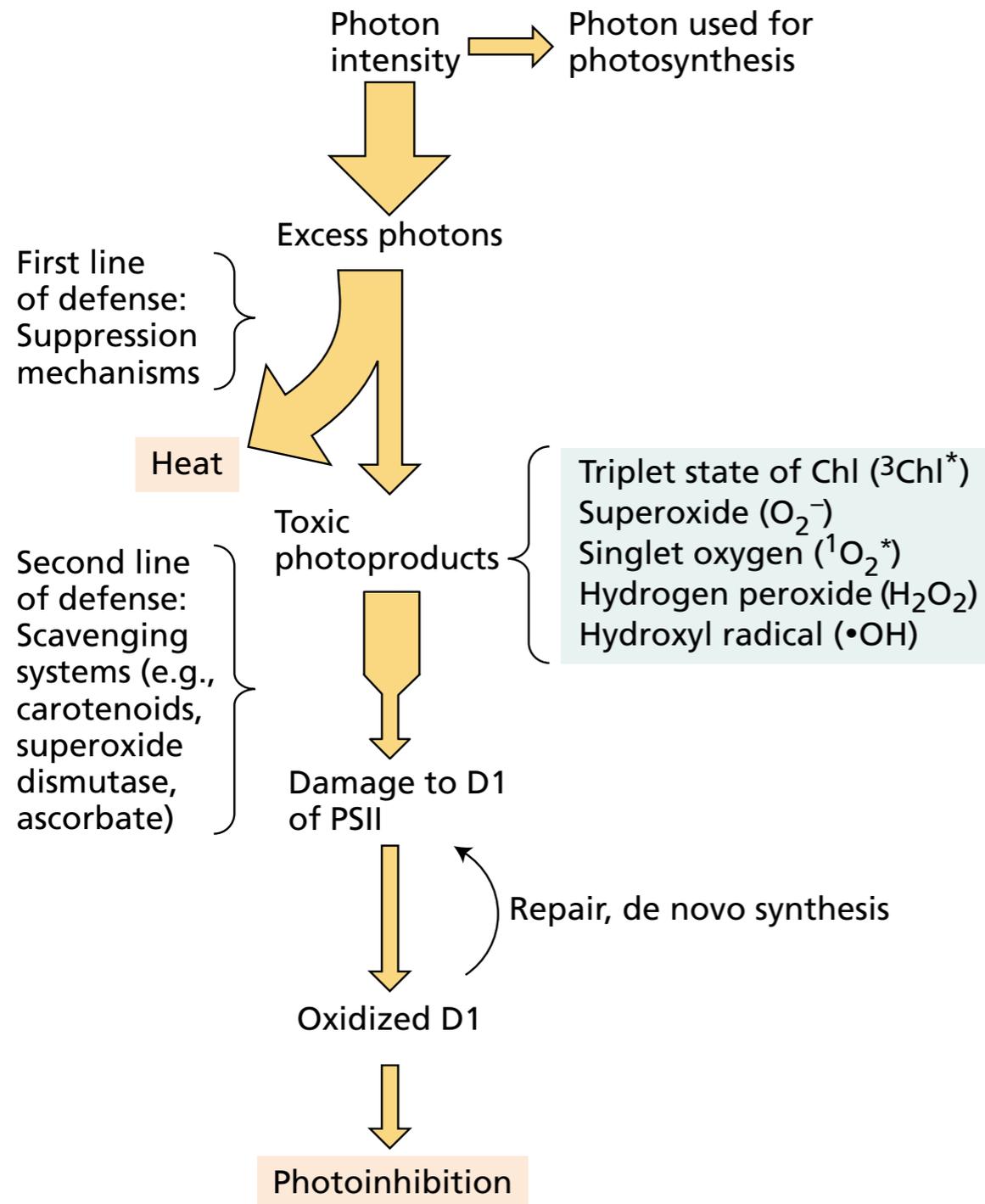
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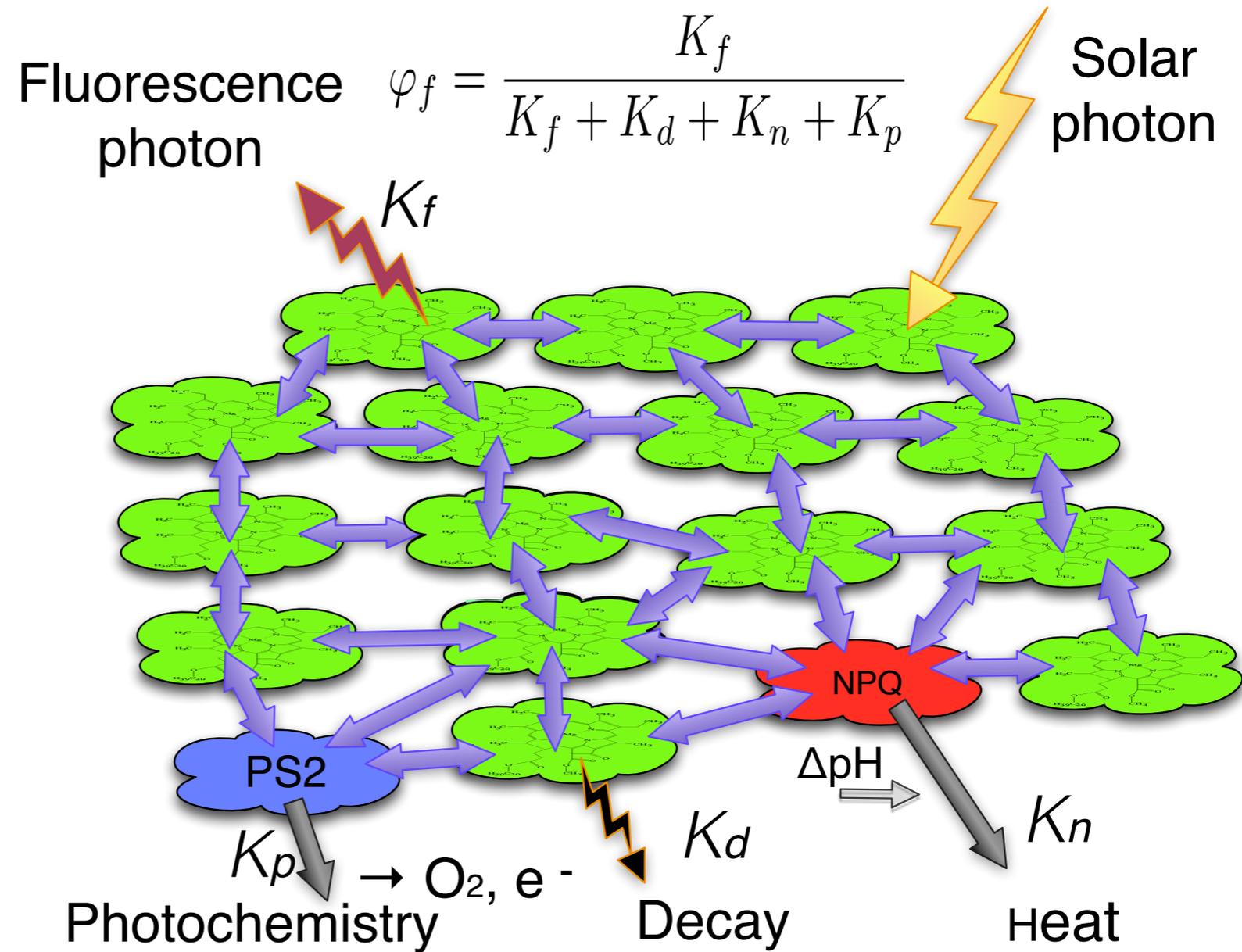


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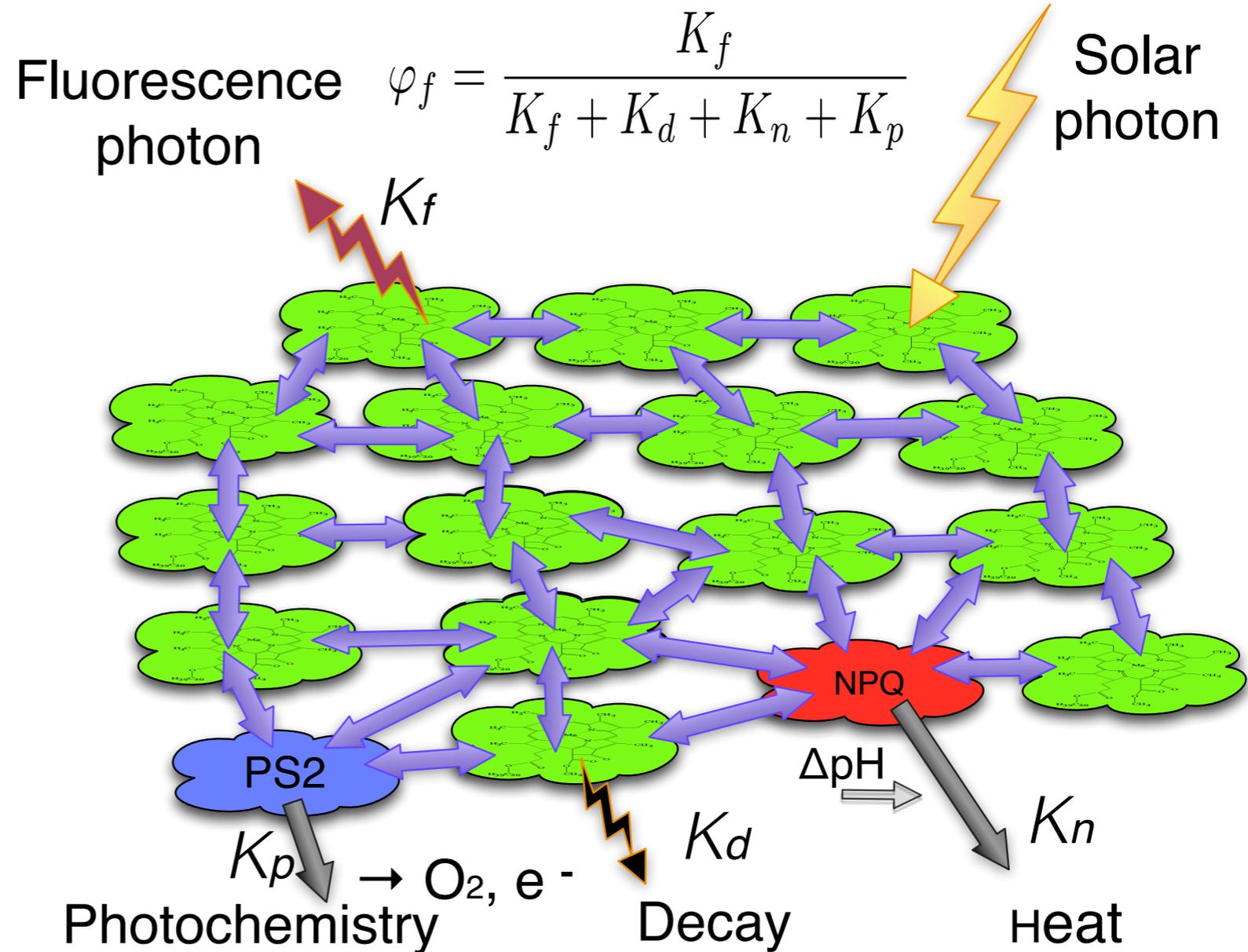


Need more pathways to quench absorbed energy

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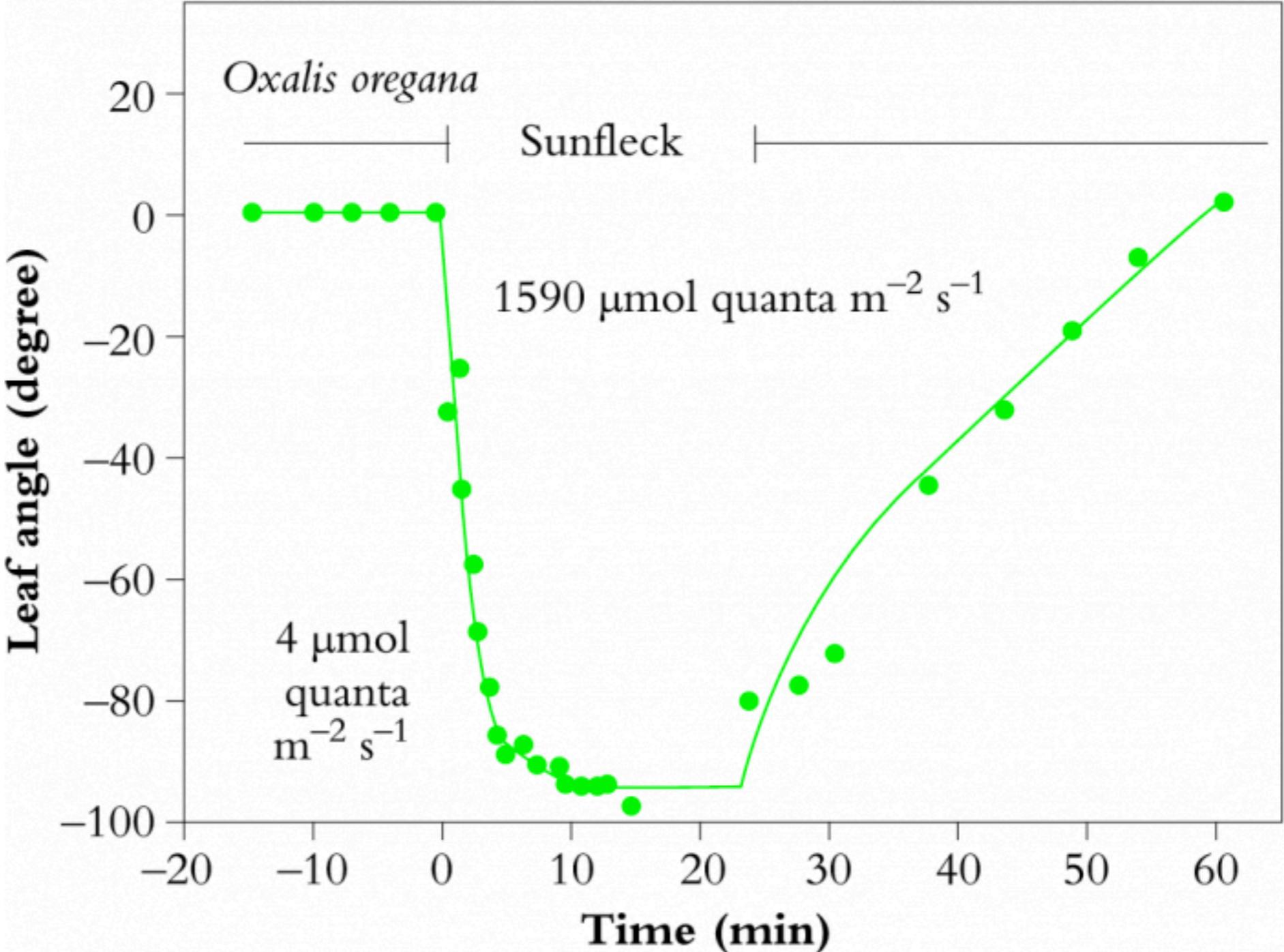
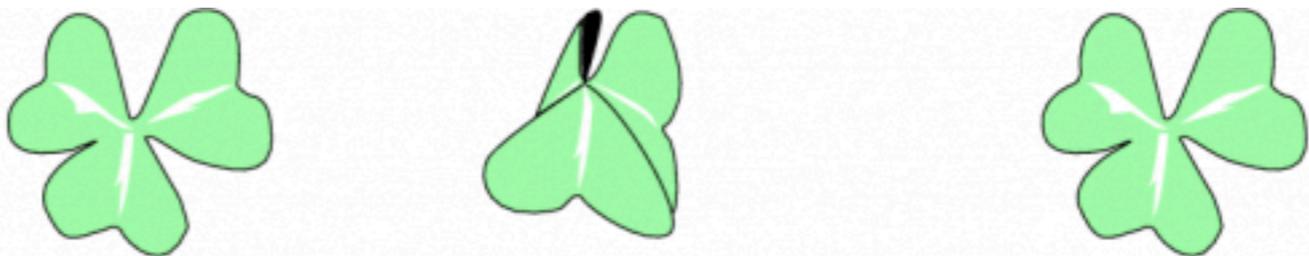


# Fate of absorbed photons in antenna system



Pure Chlorophyll Solution  $\rightarrow K_p$  and  $K_n=0$ , fluorescence yield around 1  
 higher fluorescence from Chl solution than leaf already found in 1874 (Mueller)

Alternative method:  
Avoid absorption in  
the first place  
— Leaf orientation

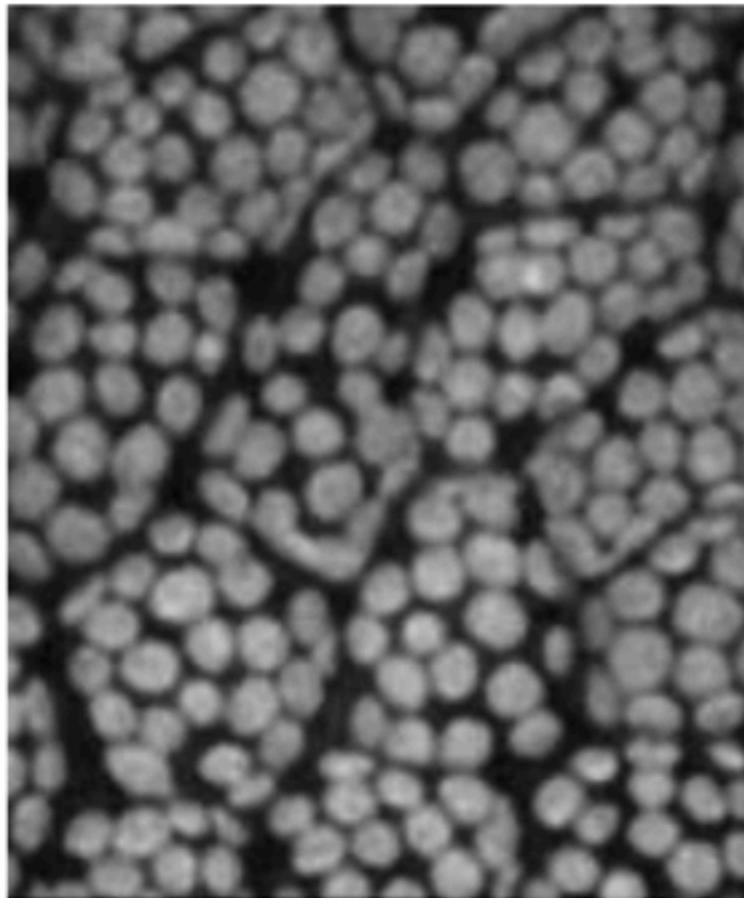


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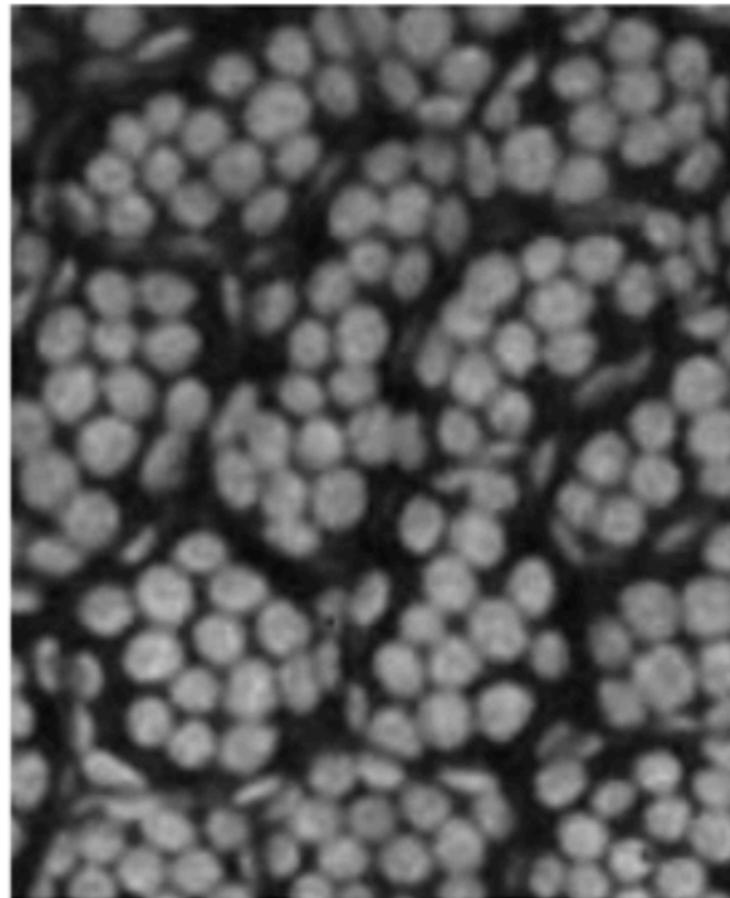
— Chloroplast movements

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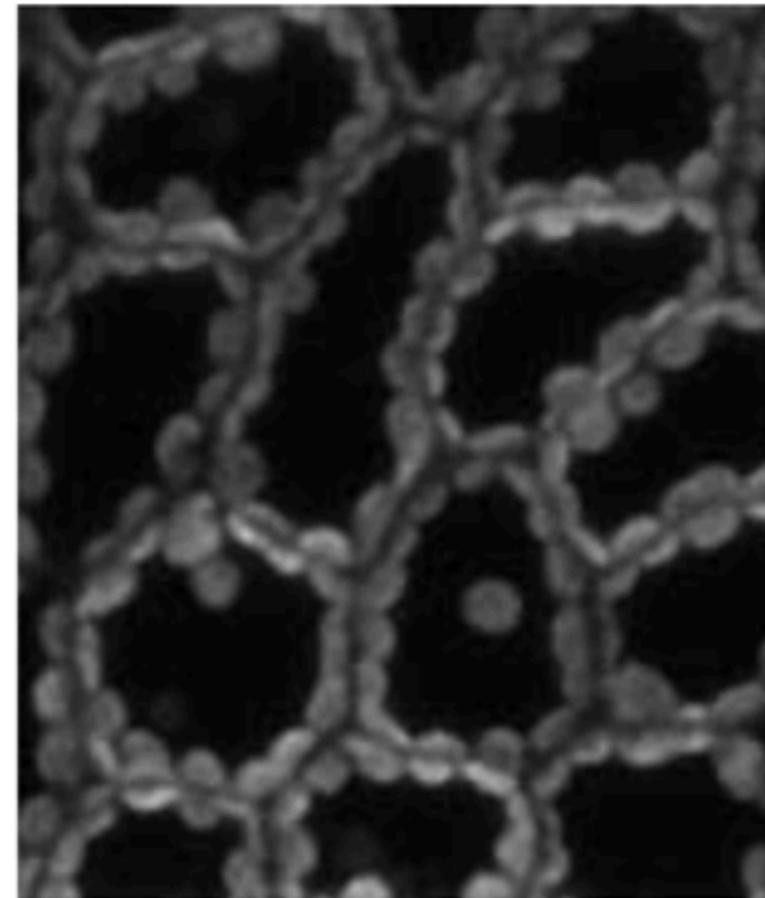
(A) Darkness



(B) Weak blue light



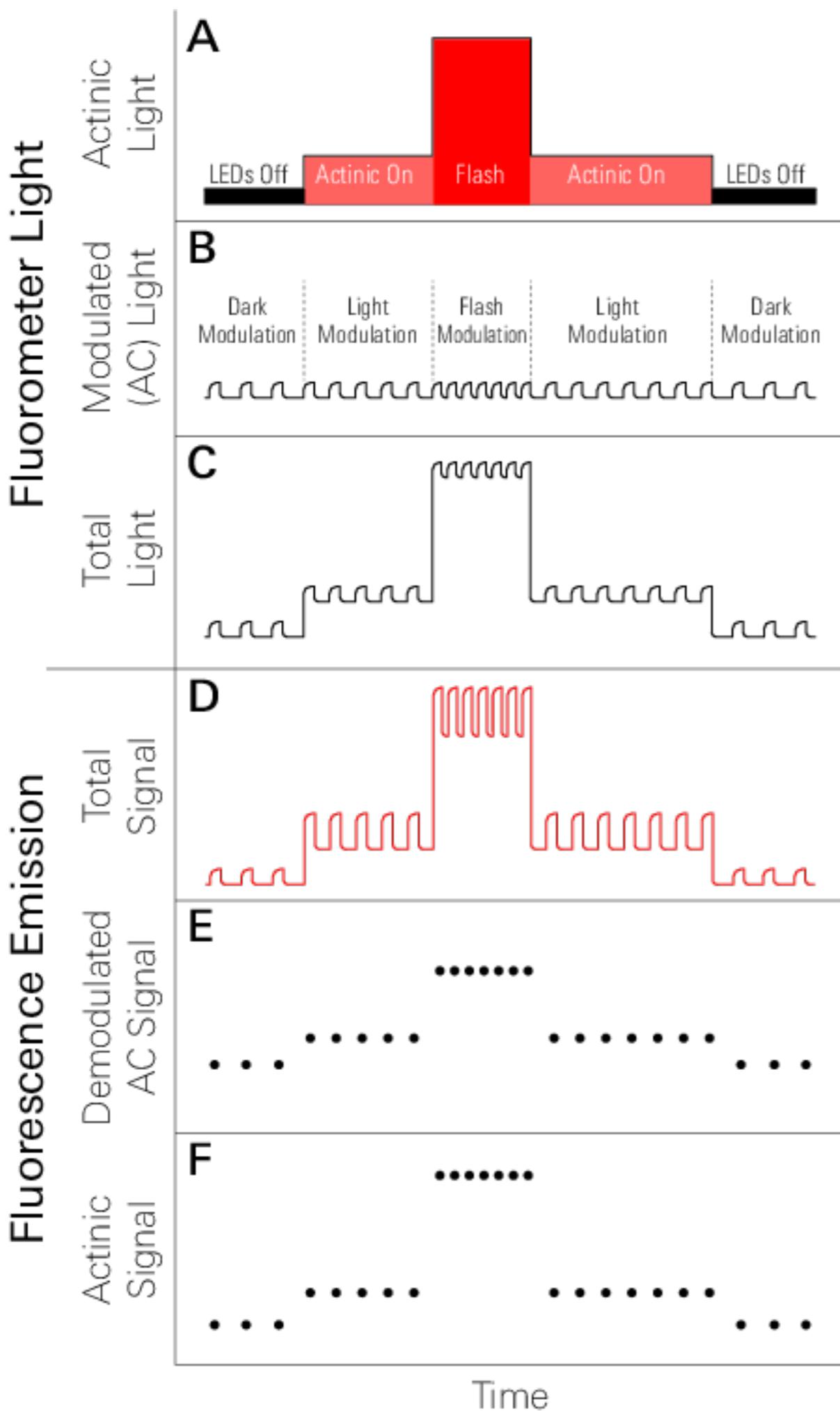
(C) Strong blue light



**FIGURE 9.5** Chloroplast distribution in photosynthesizing cells of the duckweed *Lemna*. These surface views show the same cells under three conditions: (A) darkness, (B) weak blue light, and (C) strong blue light. In A and B, chloroplasts are positioned near the upper surface of the cells,

where they can absorb maximum amounts of light. When the cells were irradiated with strong blue light (C), the chloroplasts move to the side walls, where they shade each other, thus minimizing the absorption of excess light. (Micrographs courtesy of M. Tlalka and M. D. Fricker.)

# Pulse Amplitude Modulated (PAM) fluorometry



$F_s$  (dSIF/dAPAR)

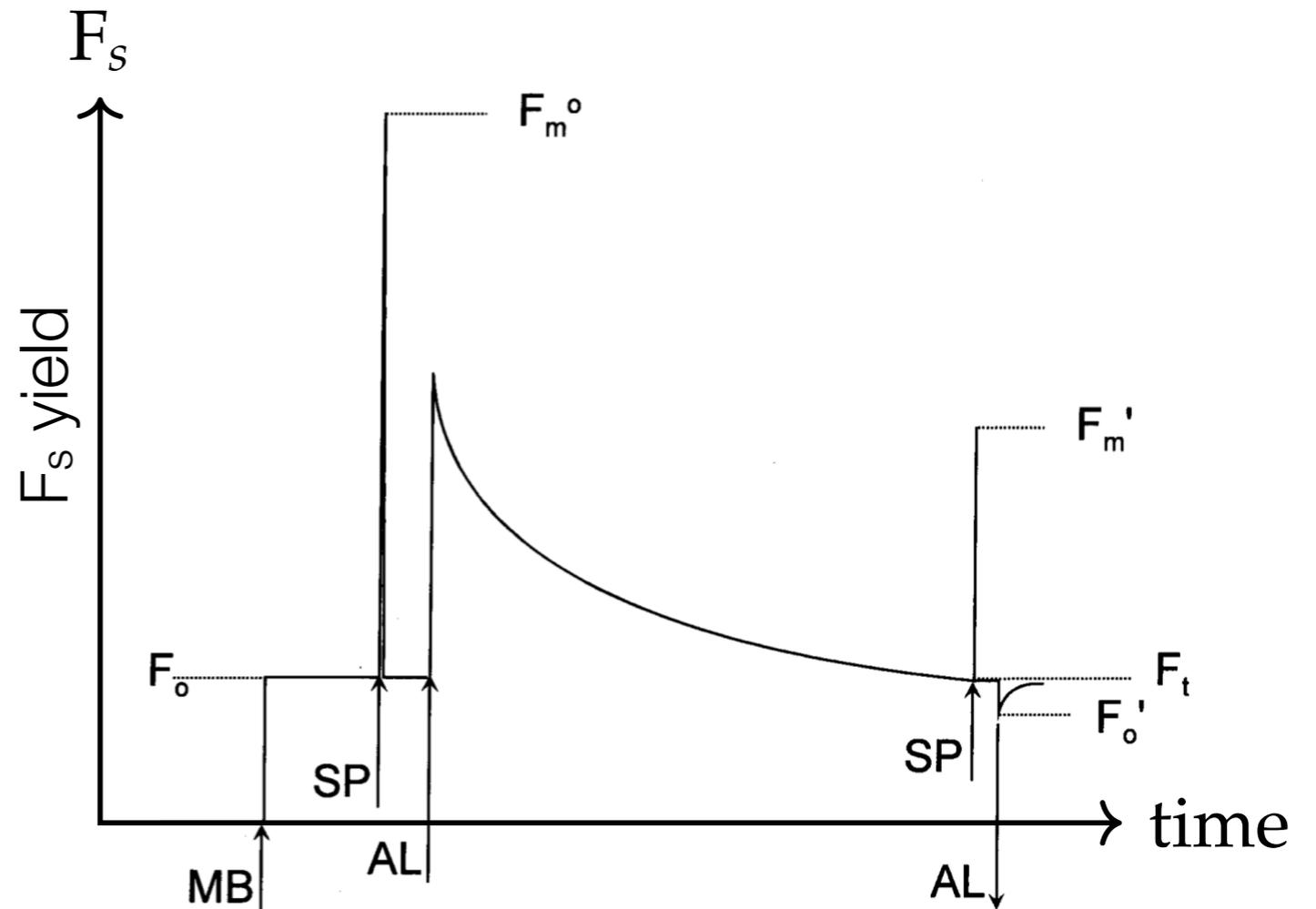
SIF

# The leaf scale — Active Fluorometry

► Fluorescence yield

$$\Phi_f = \frac{K_f}{K_f + K_p + K_n}$$

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from Maxwell & Johnson 2000

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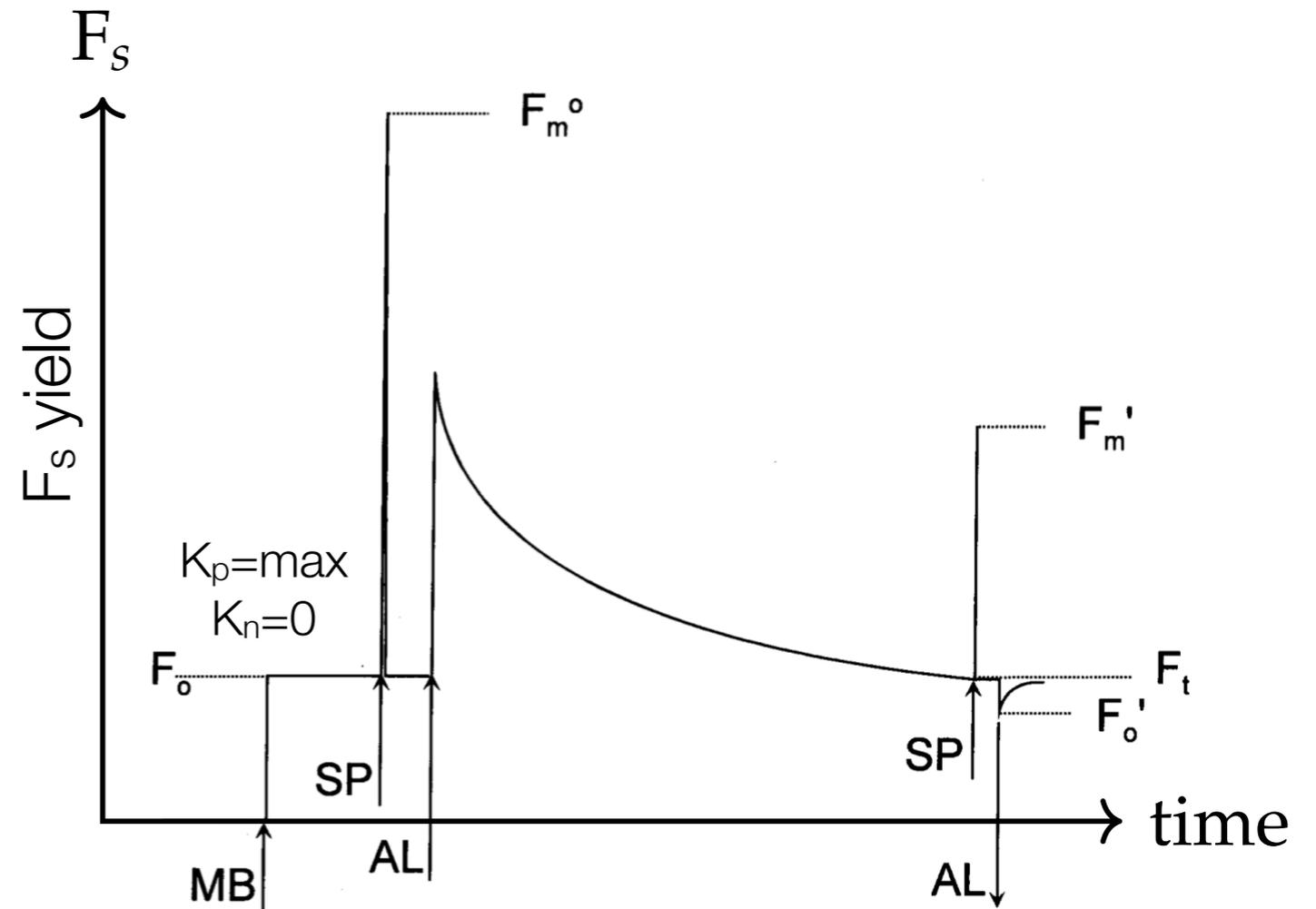
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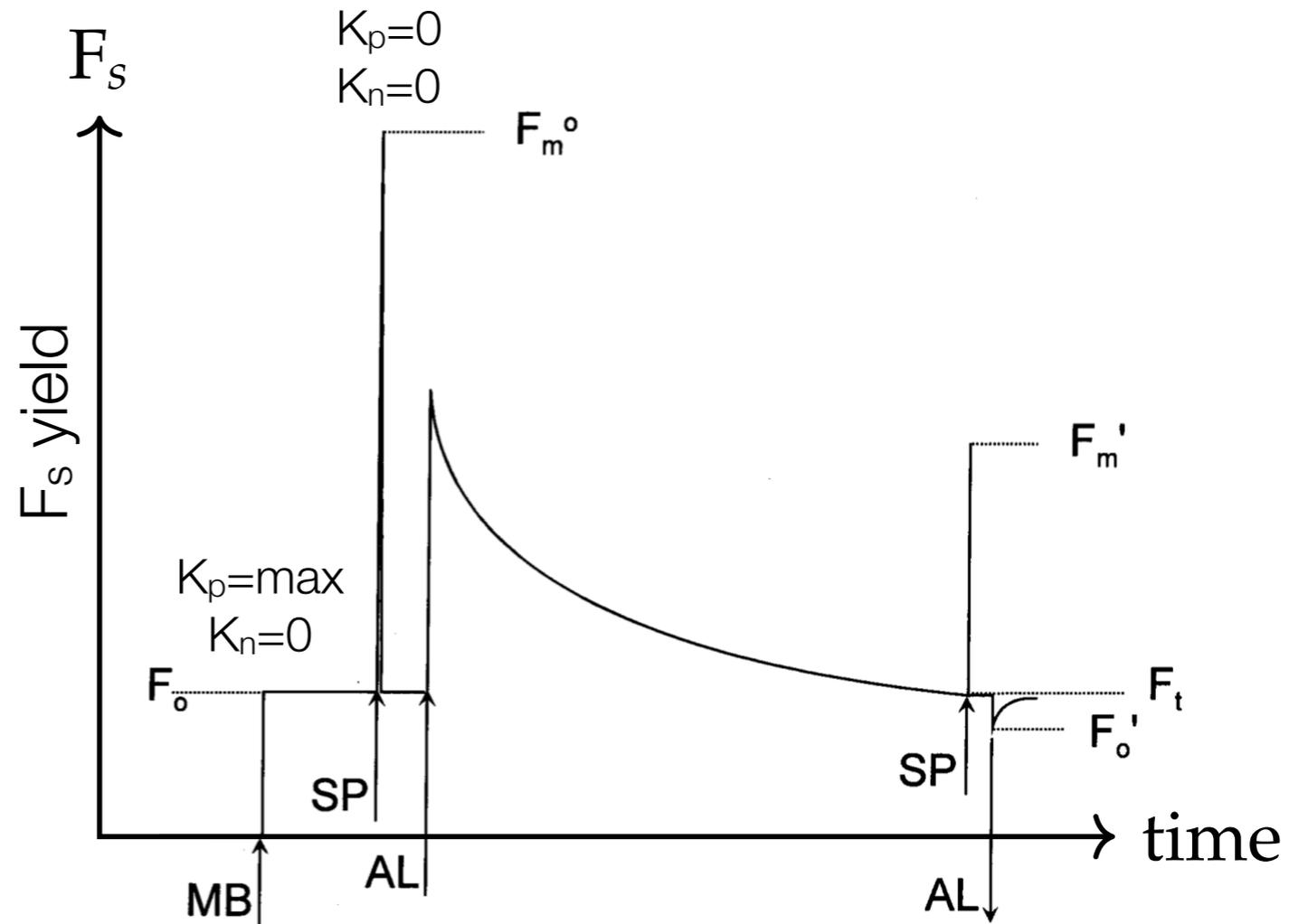
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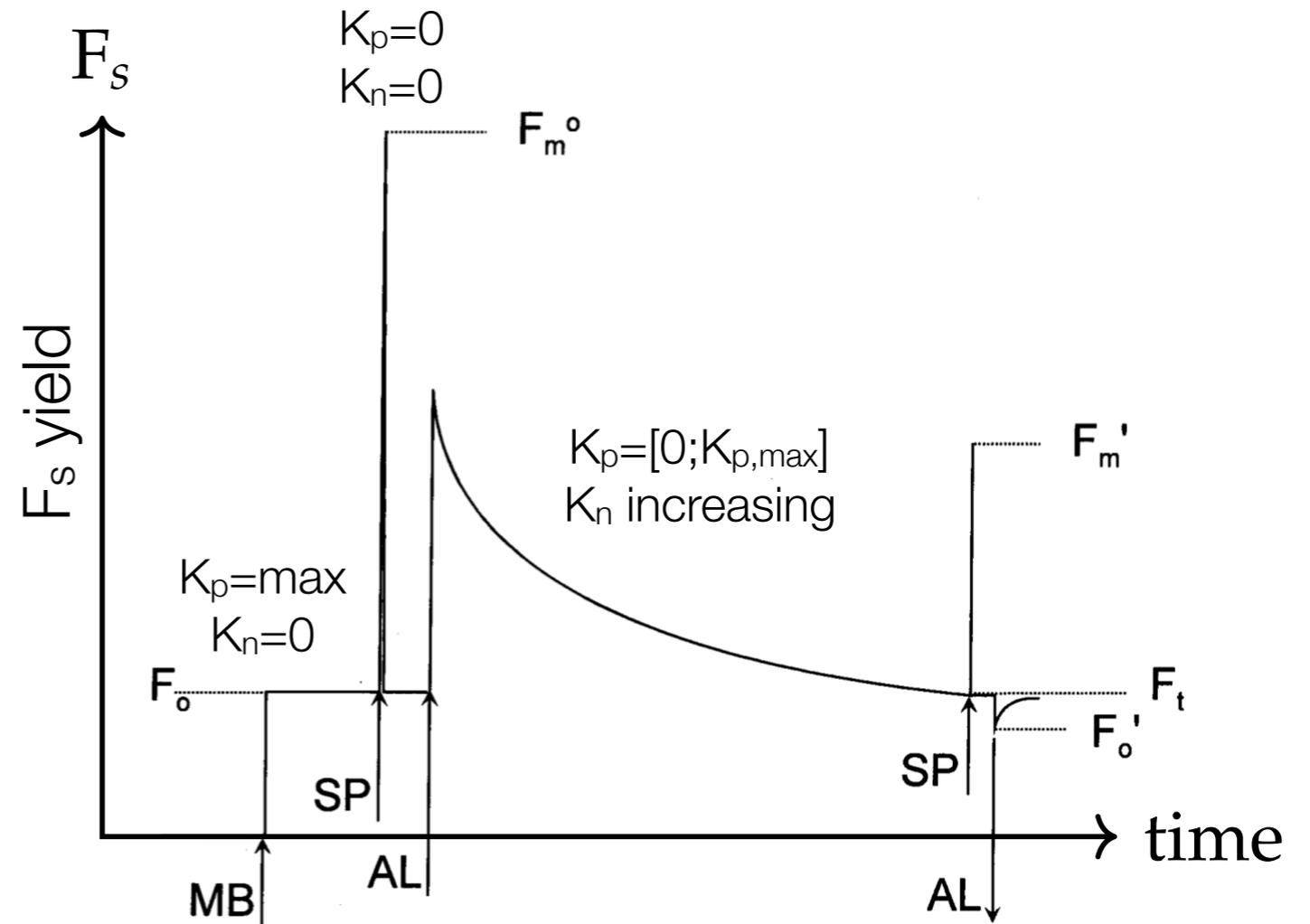
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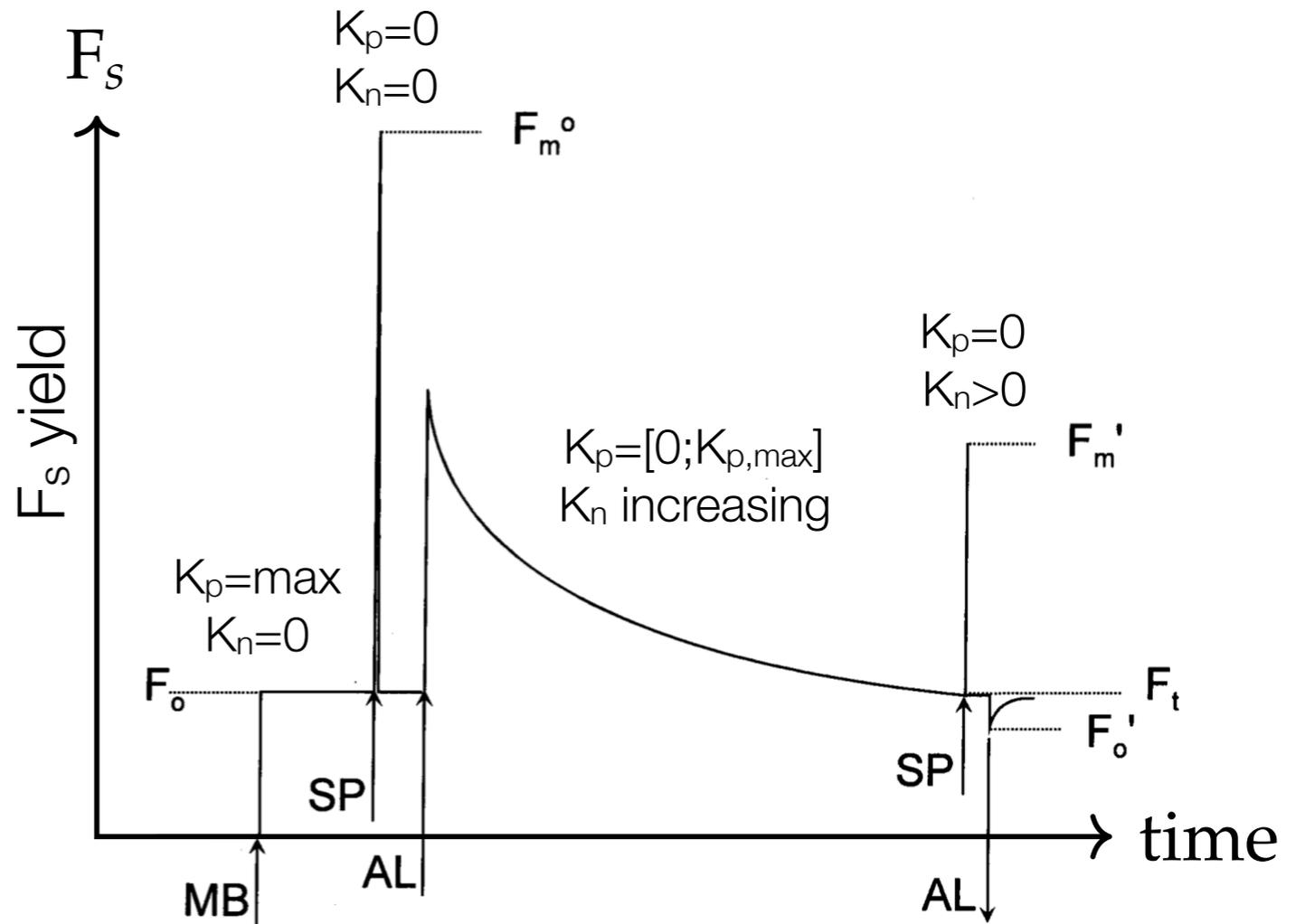
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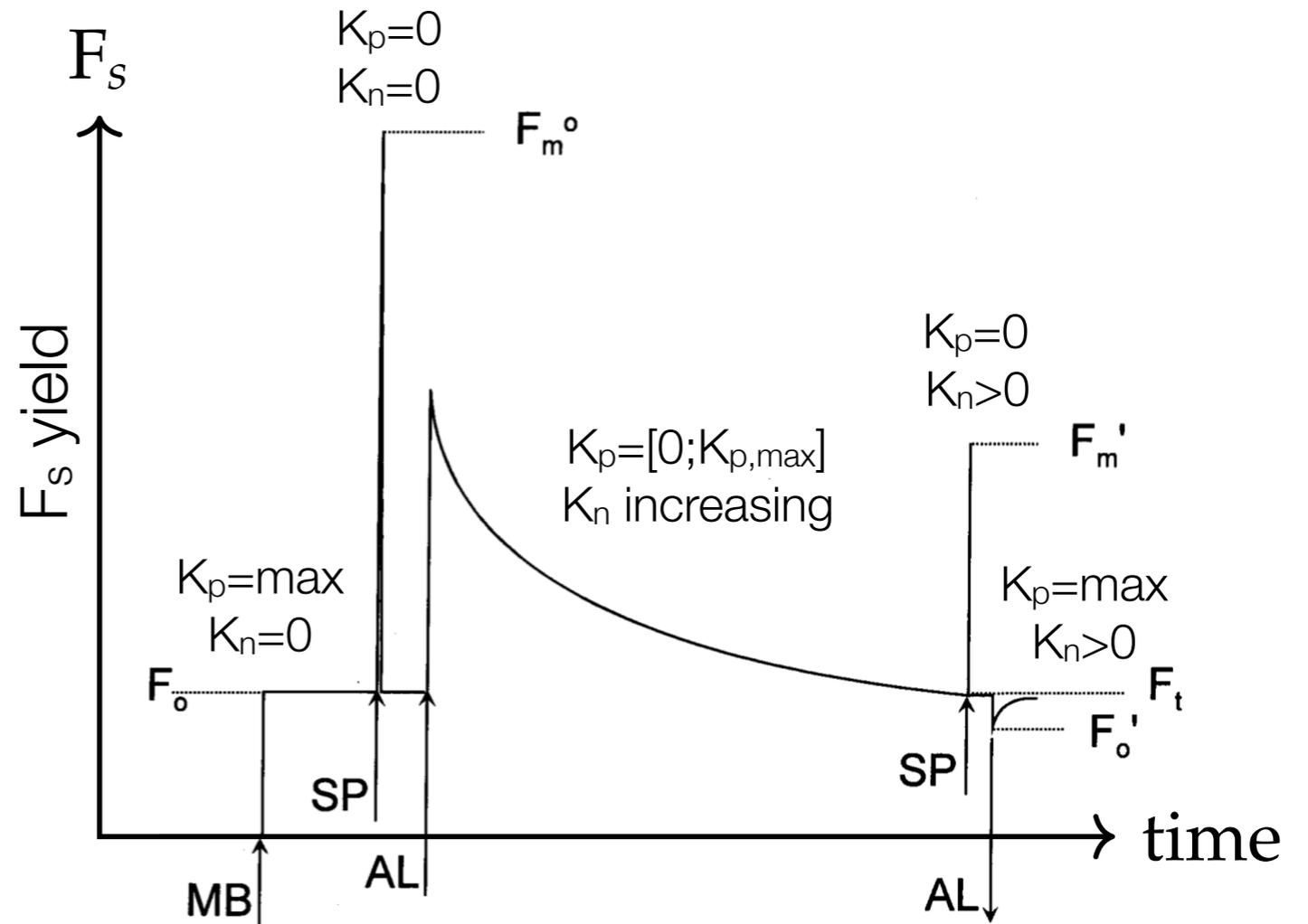
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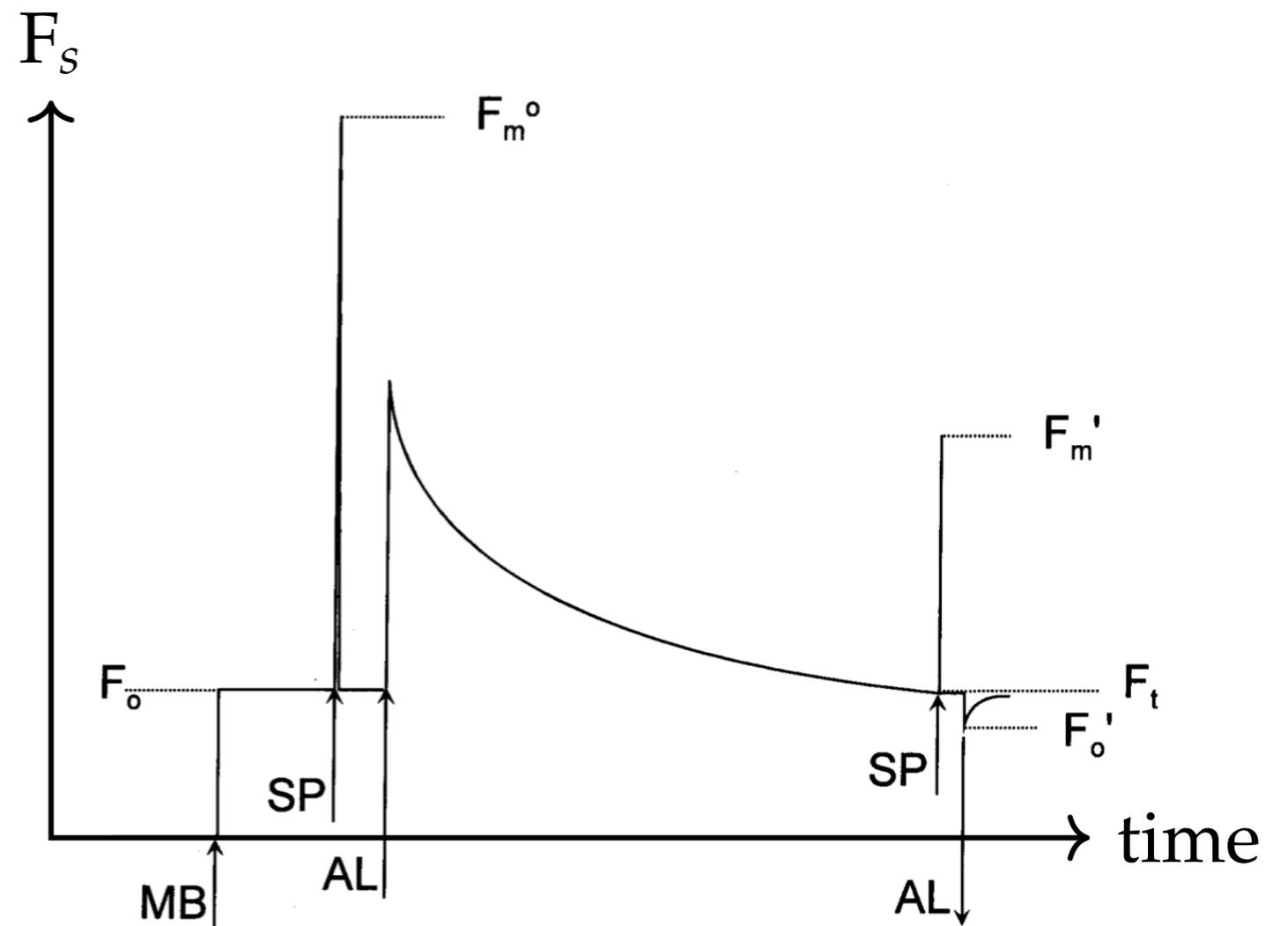


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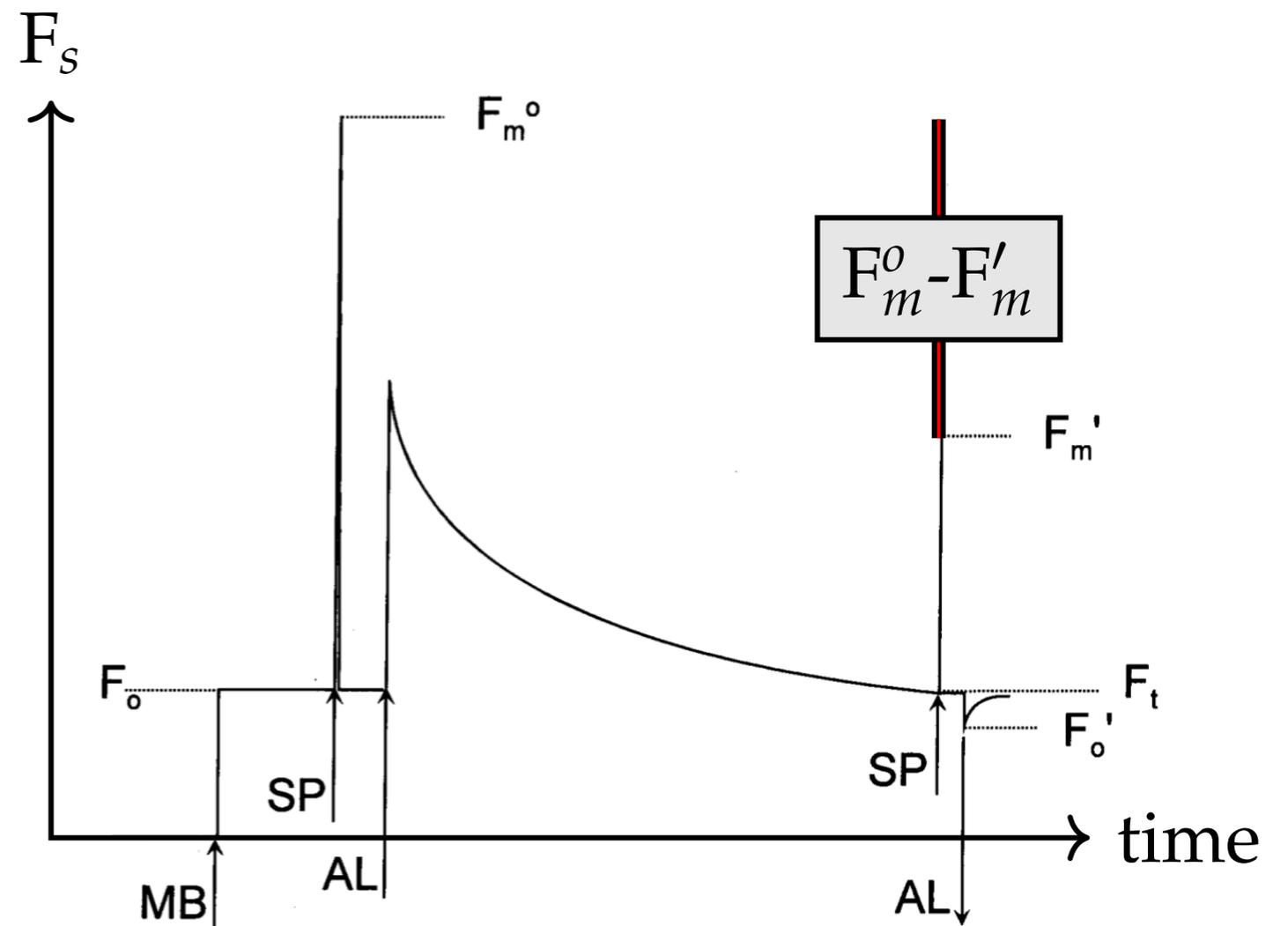
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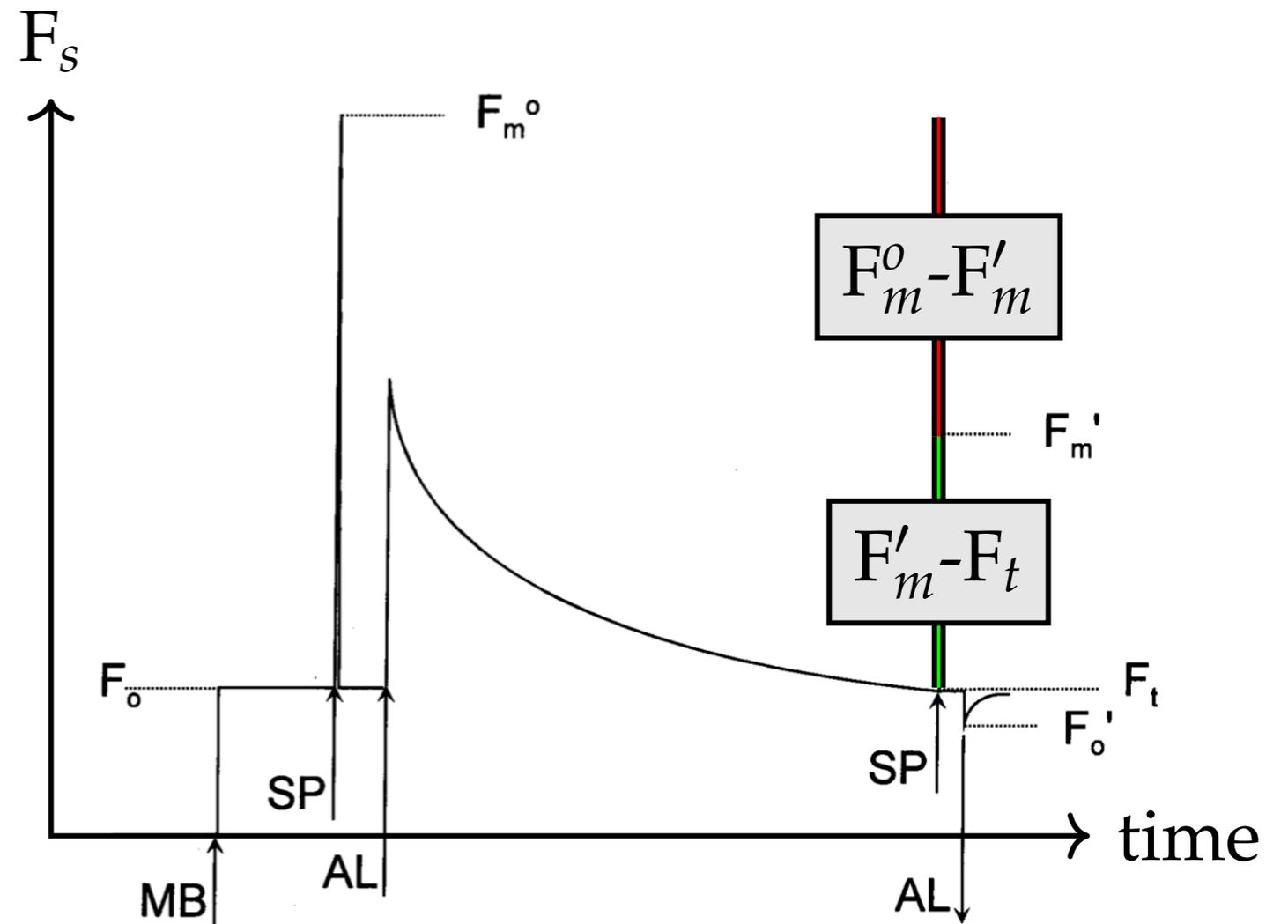
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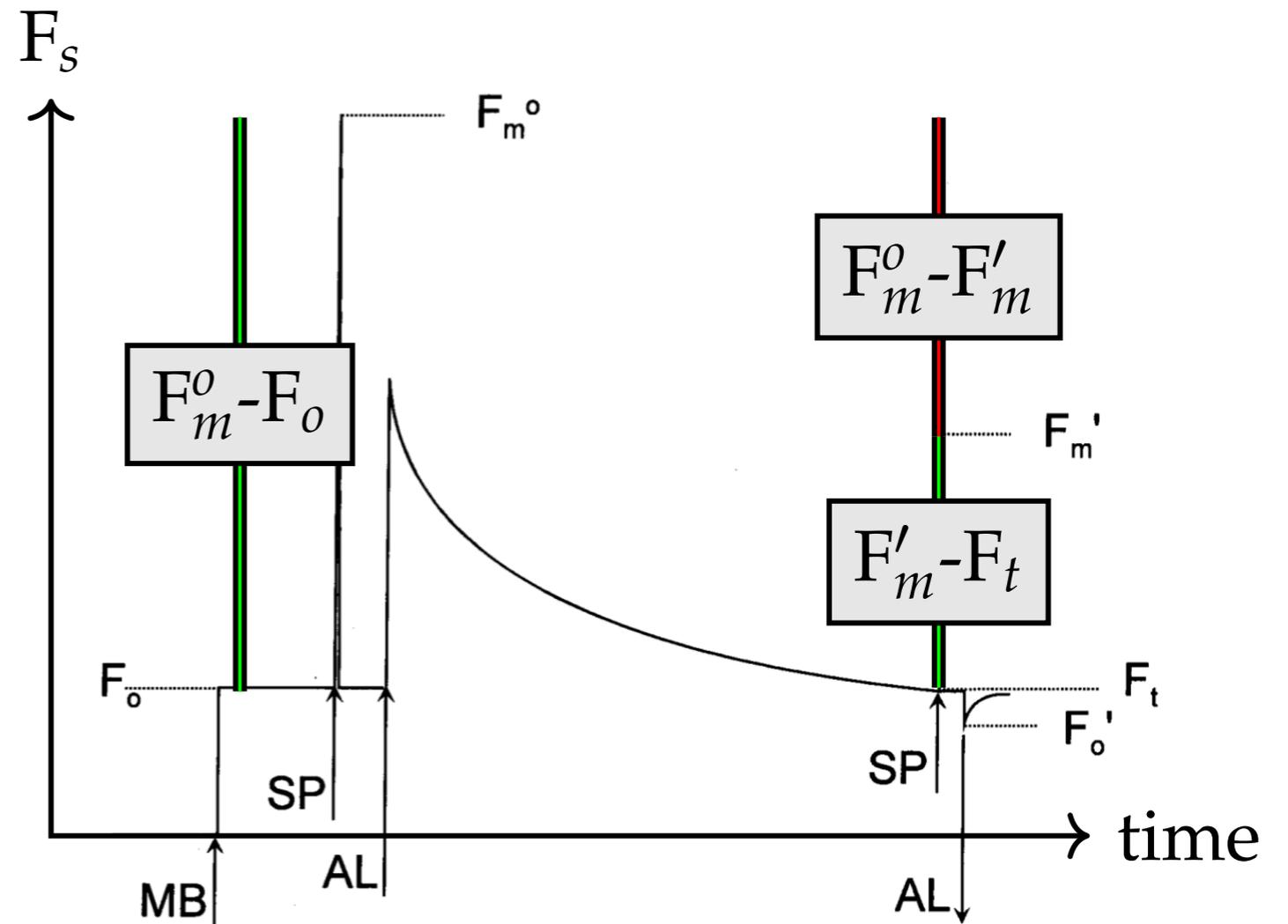
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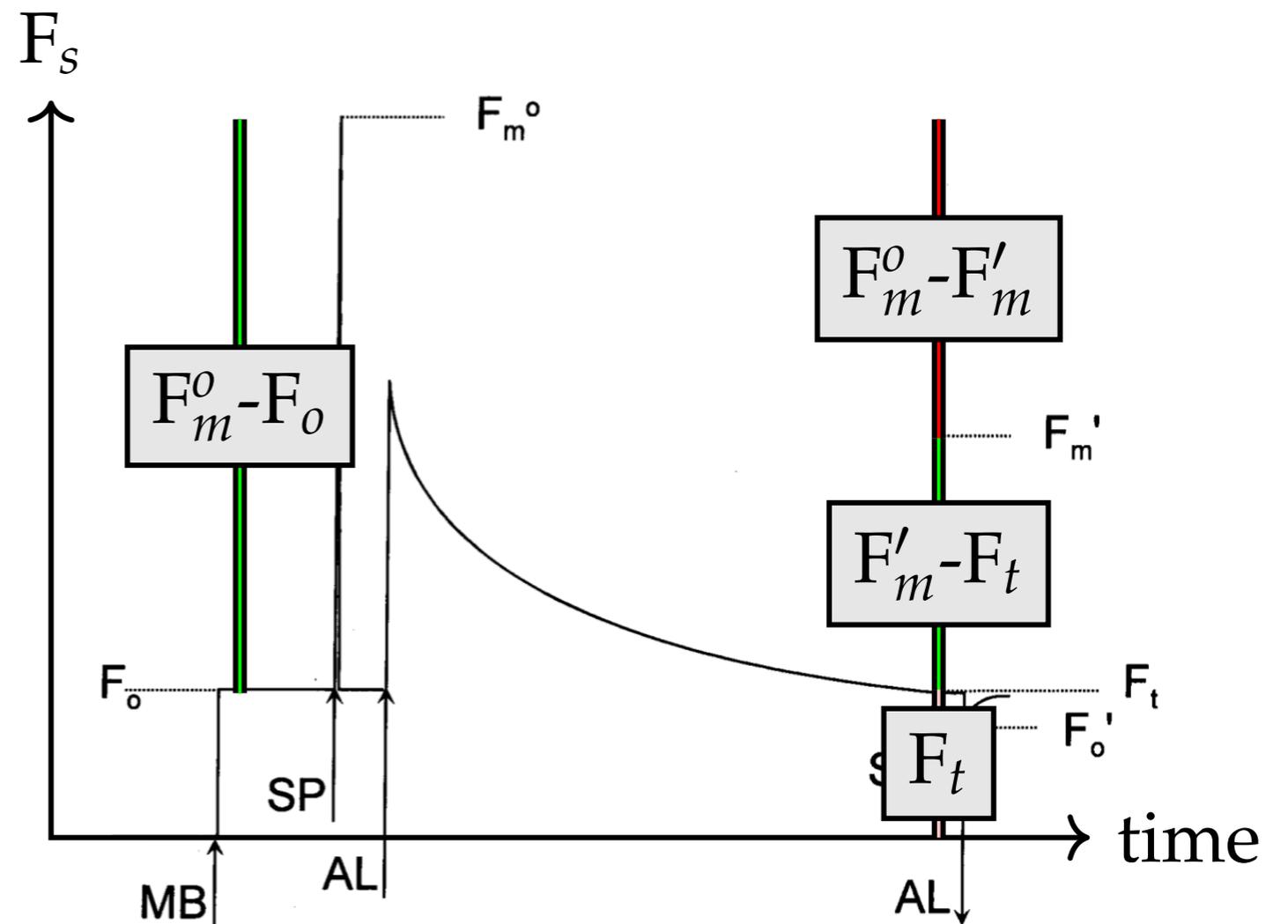
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▶ maximum PSII yield  
 $= (F_m - F_o) / F_m$

▶ steady state  
 fluorescence  $F_t$

▶  $F_t * APAR$  is the  
 only thing we can  
 measure from space

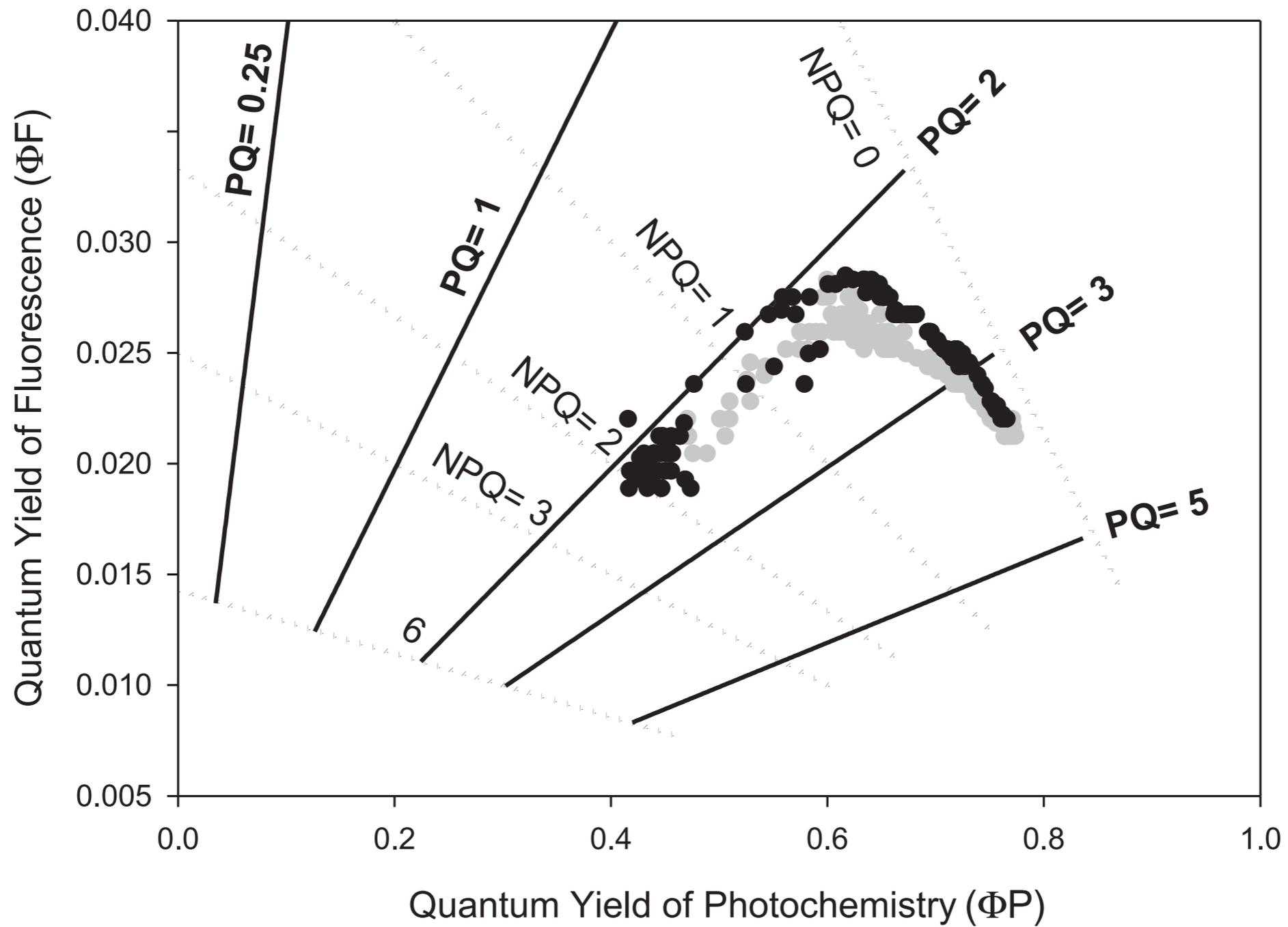


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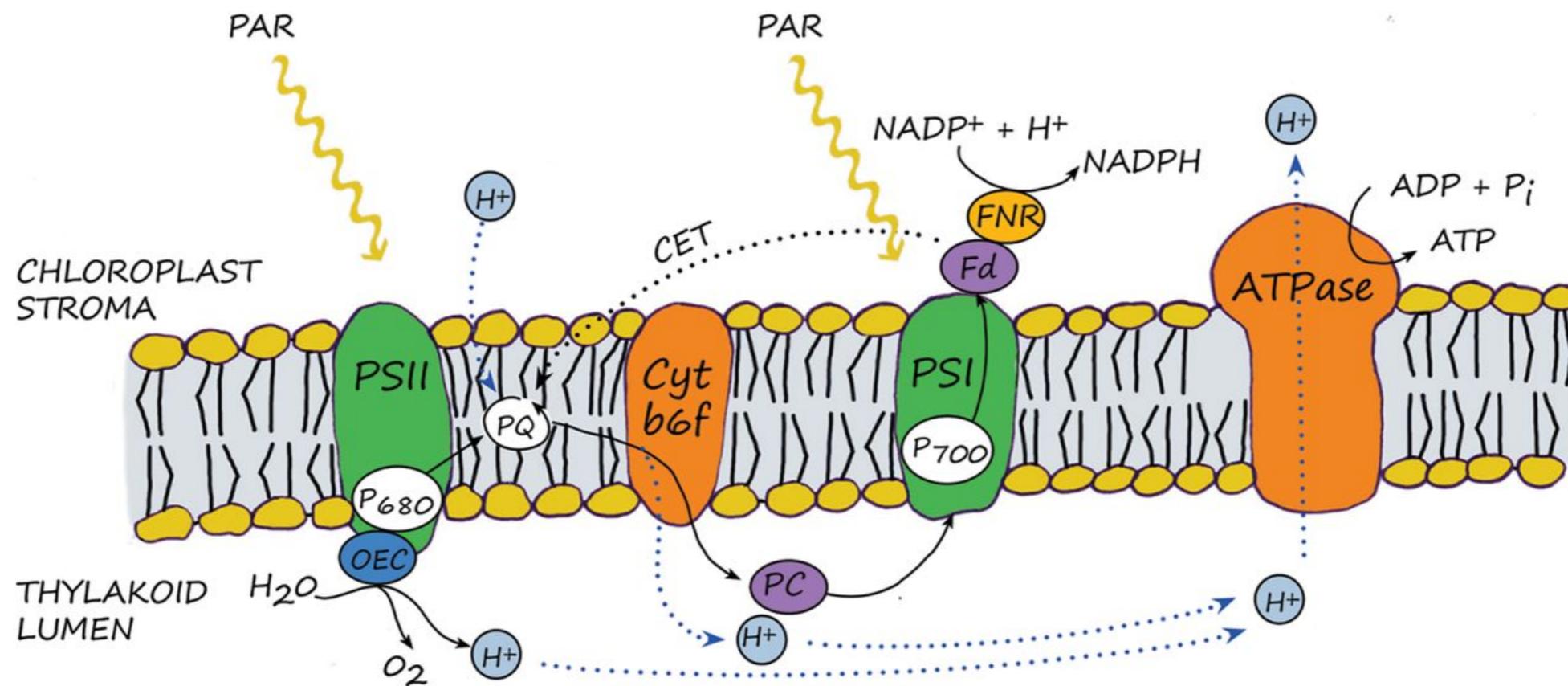
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# General yield relationship



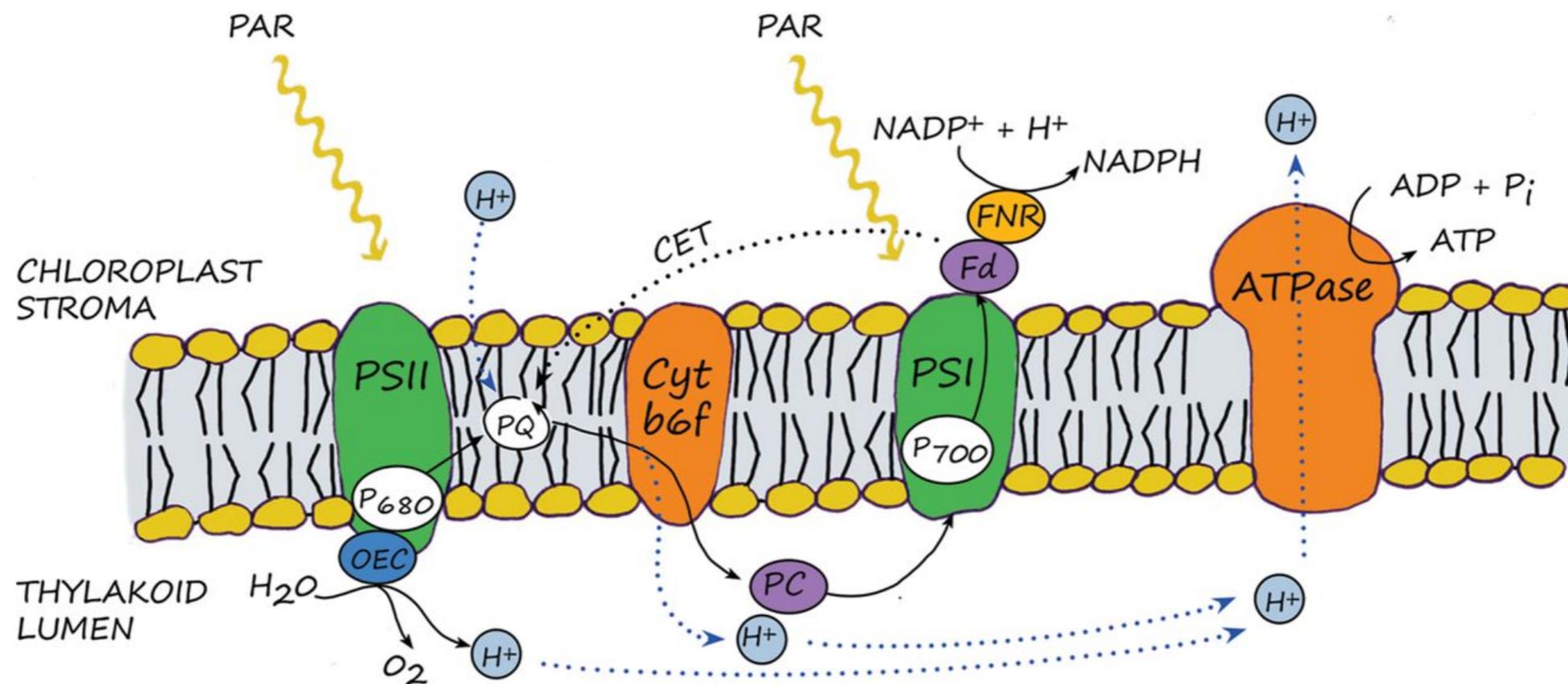
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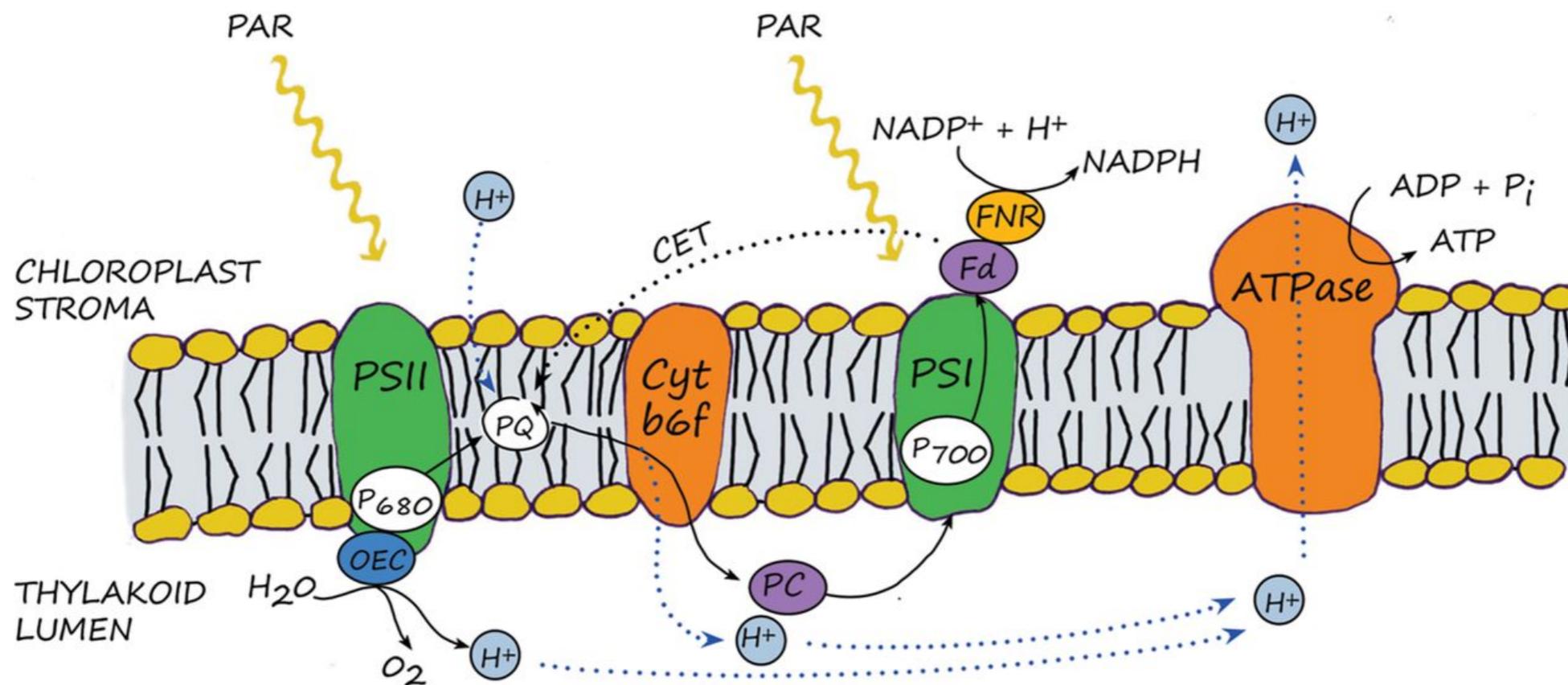
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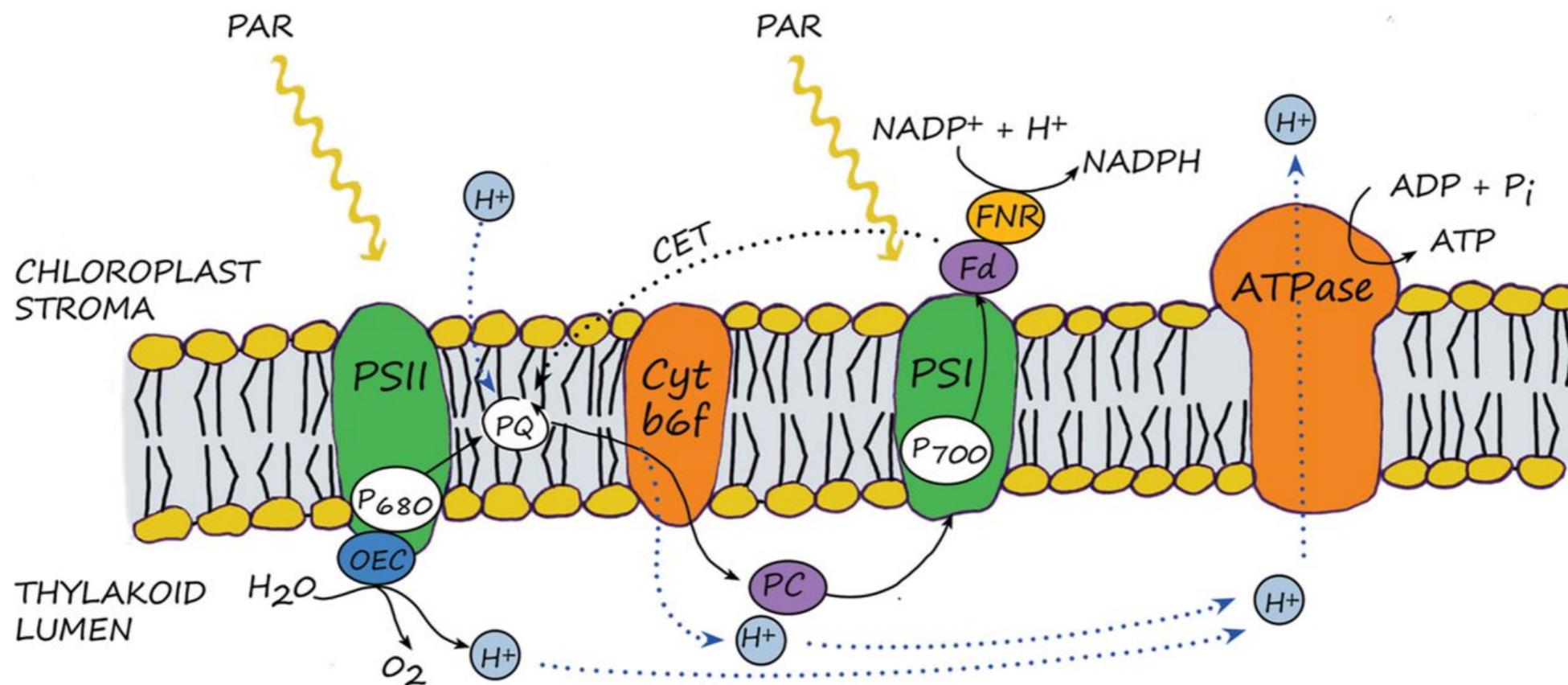
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Quenching in antenna system

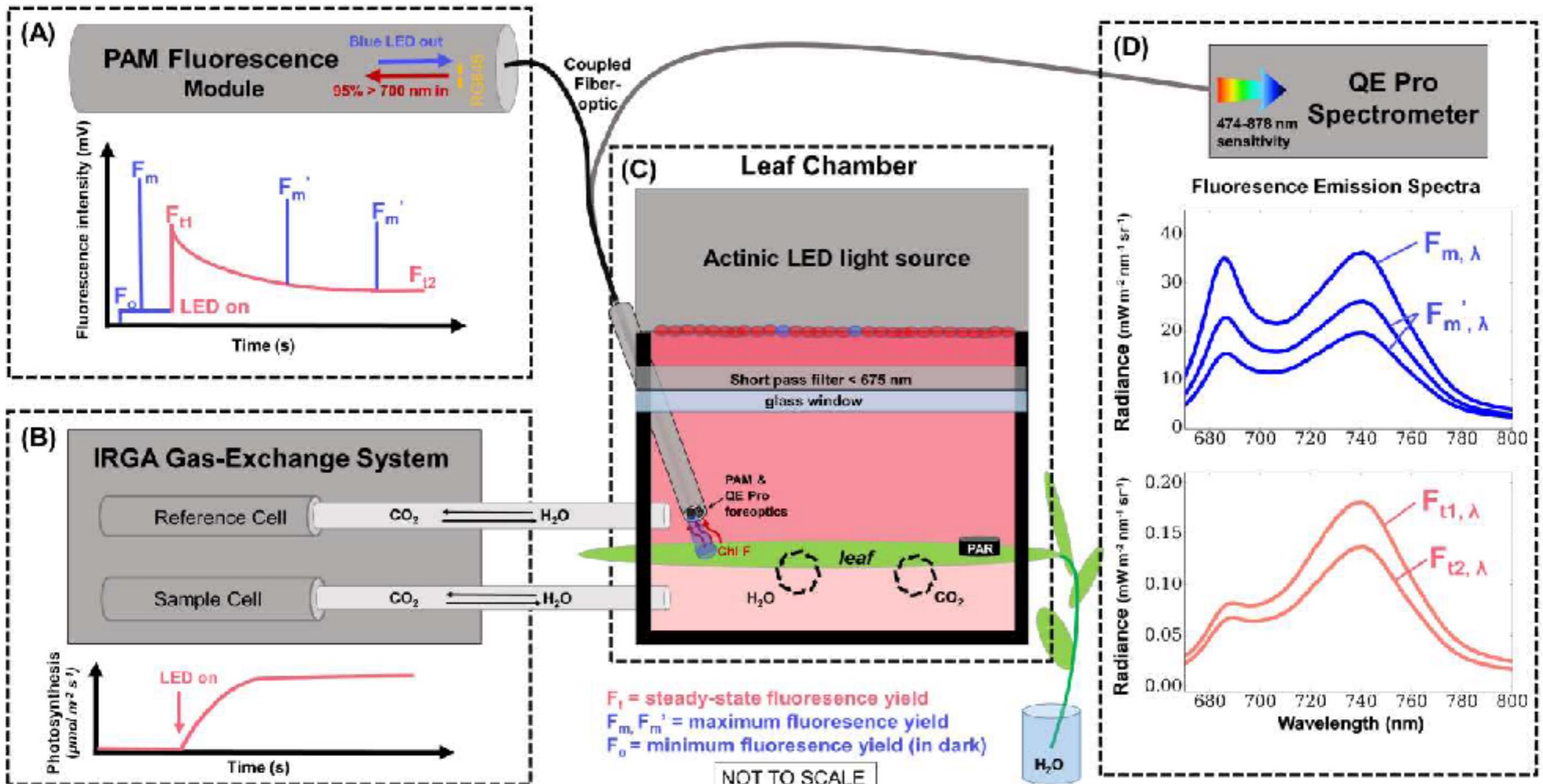
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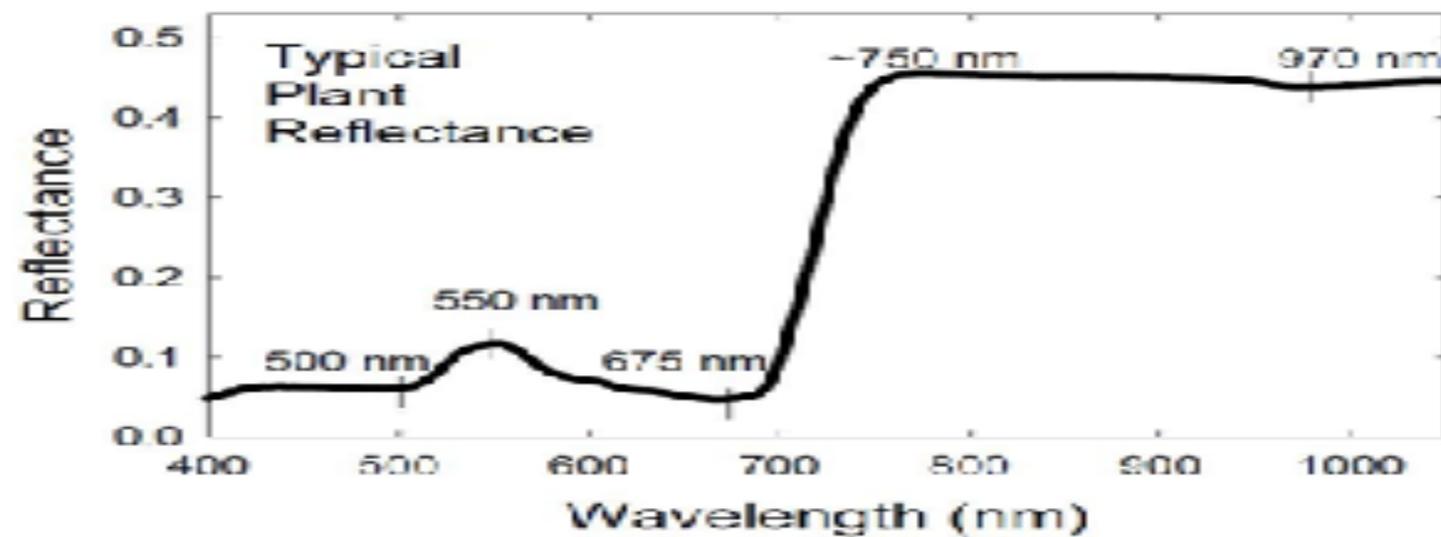
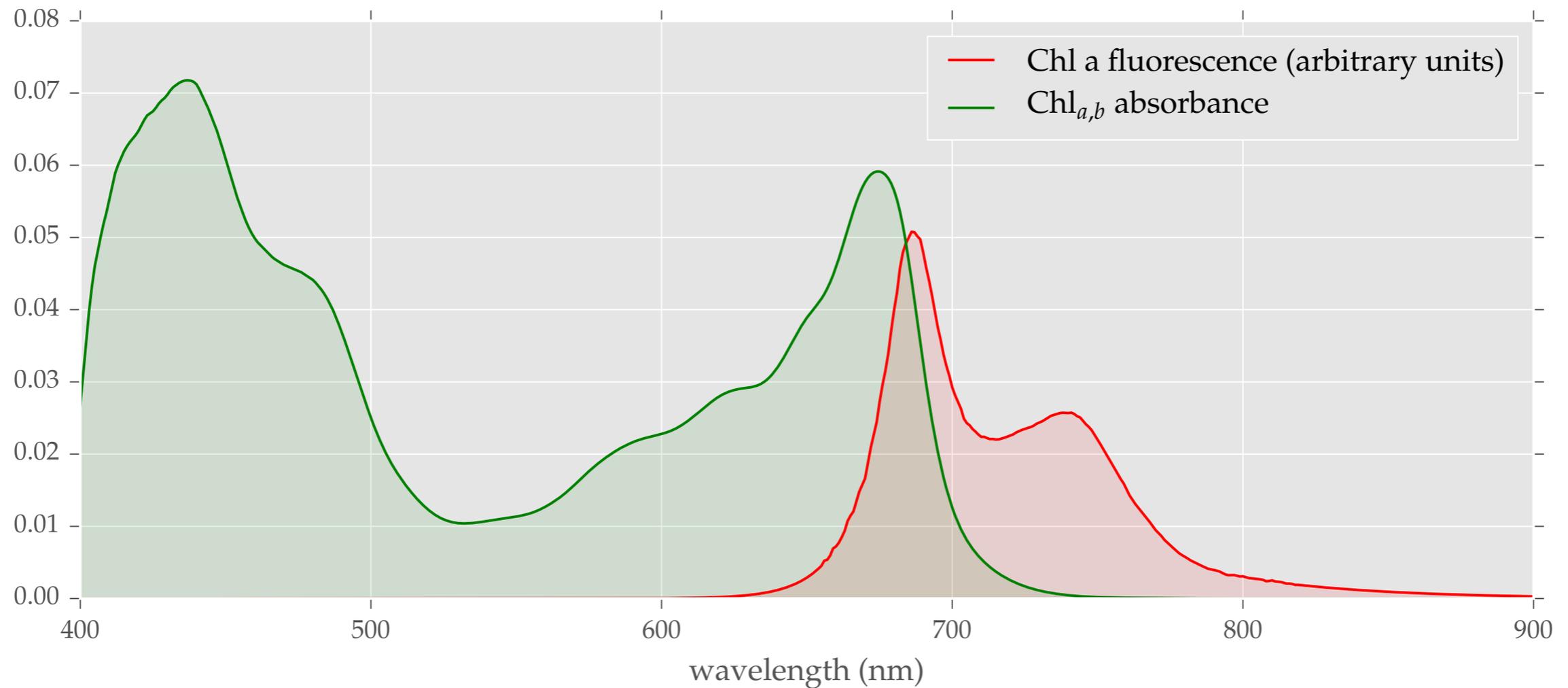
# Combine PAM with SIF spectral shape measurements

## A modified WALZ GFS-3000 system

Magney, Frankenberg et al, *New Phytologist* 2017



# Remote Sensing of vegetation and SIF



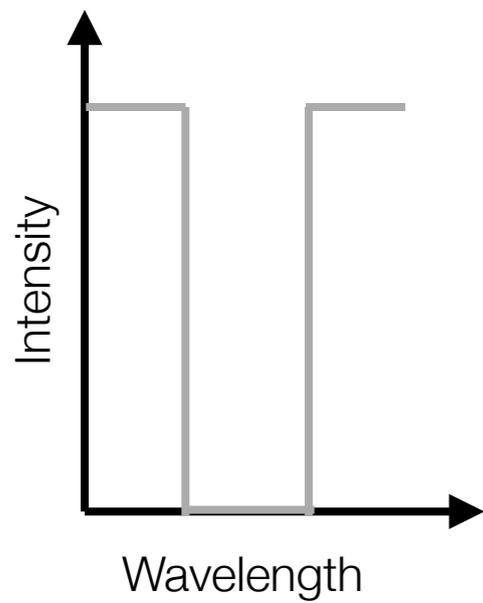
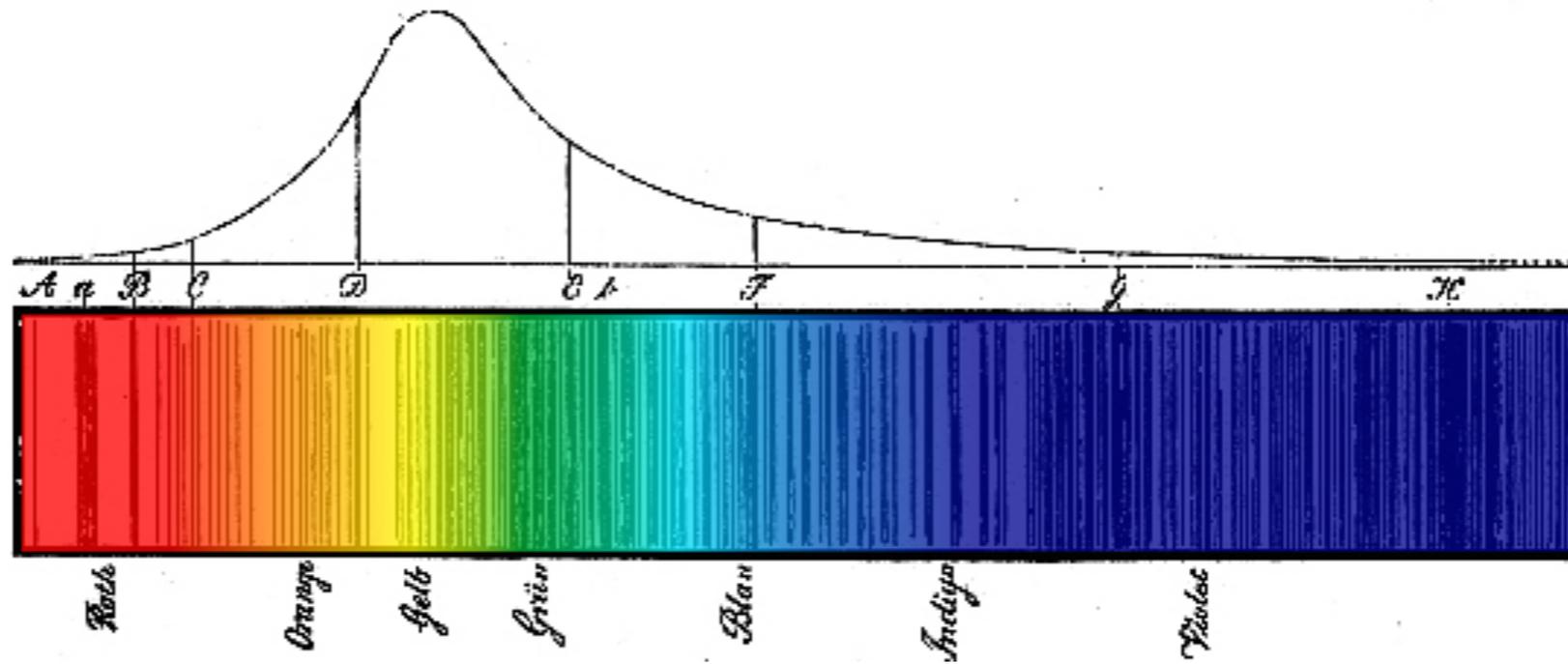
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Land Surface Remote Sensing (©NIR photography picture from Tom Prince, Caltech)

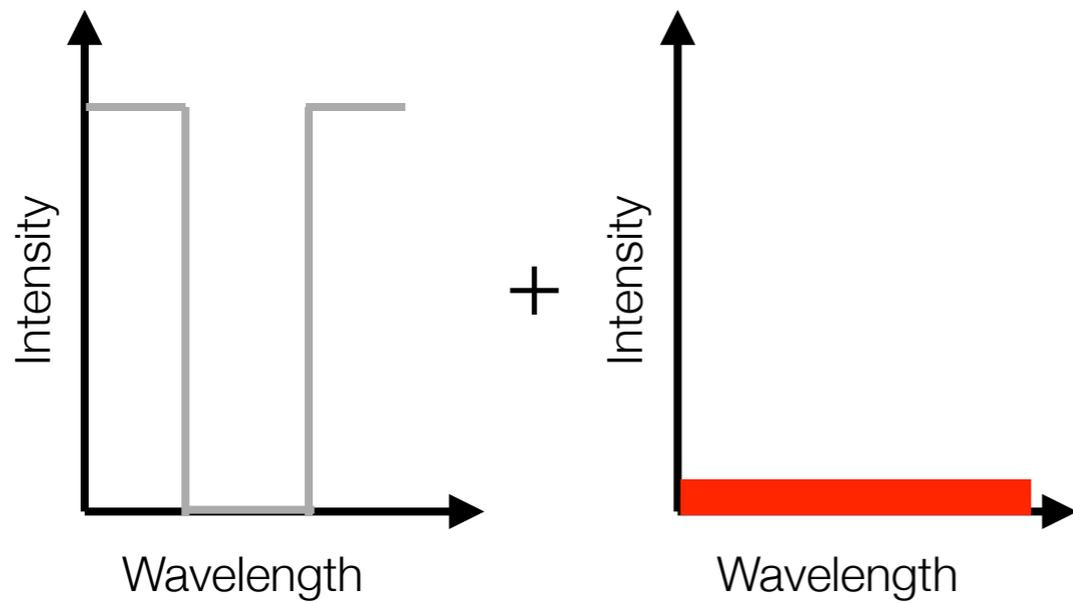
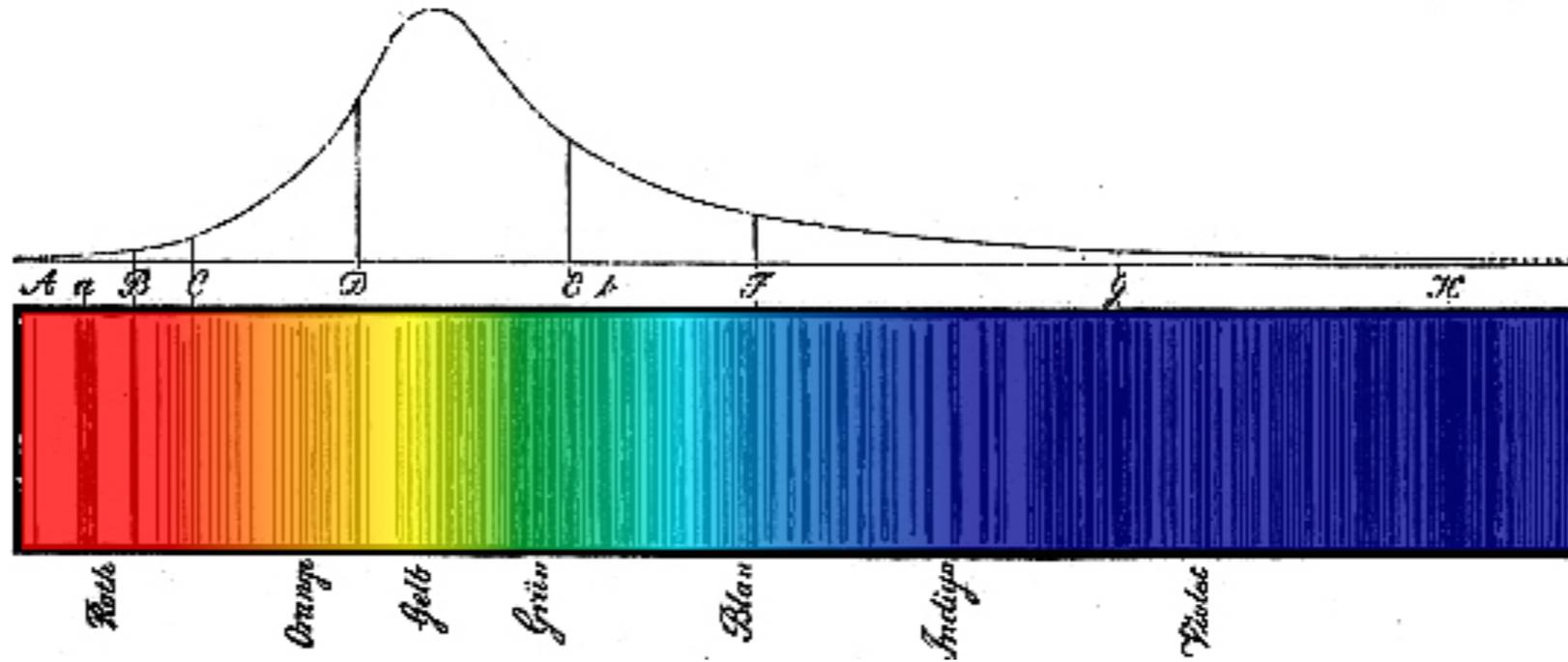
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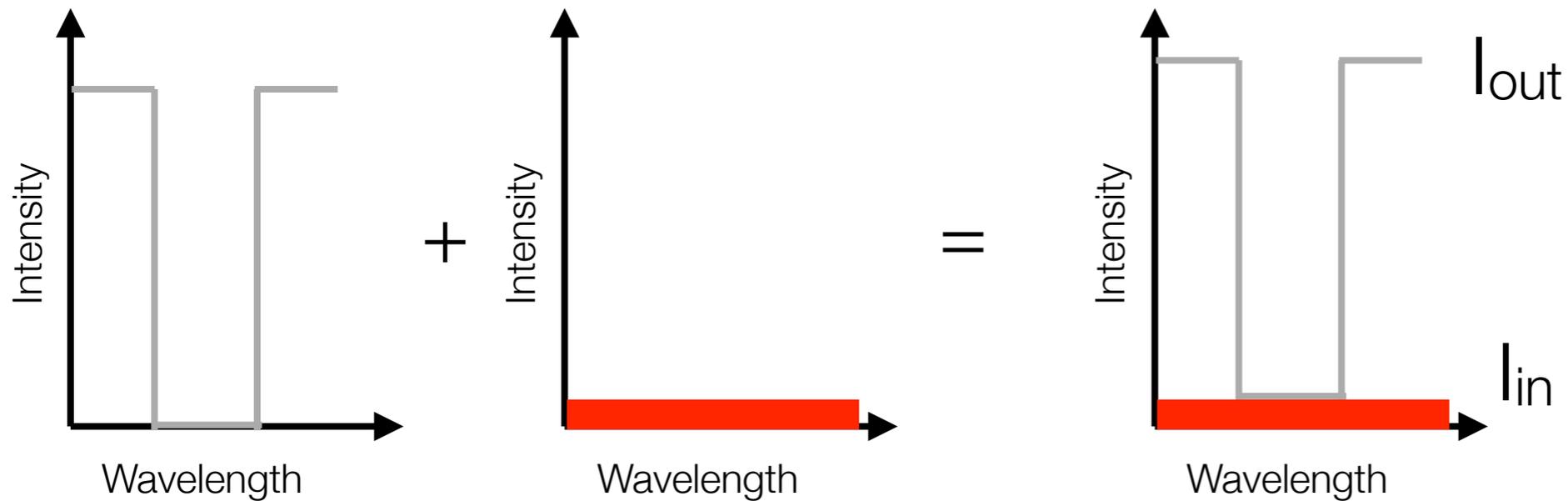
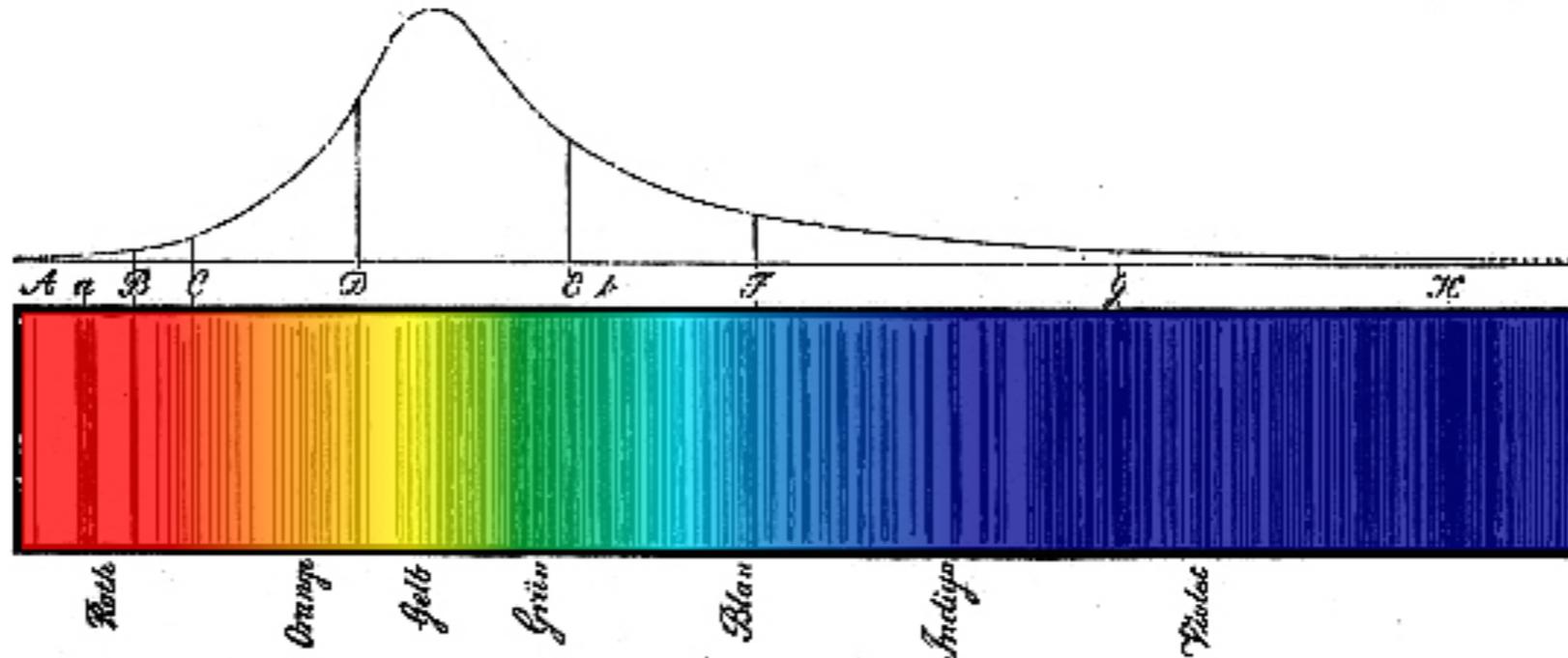


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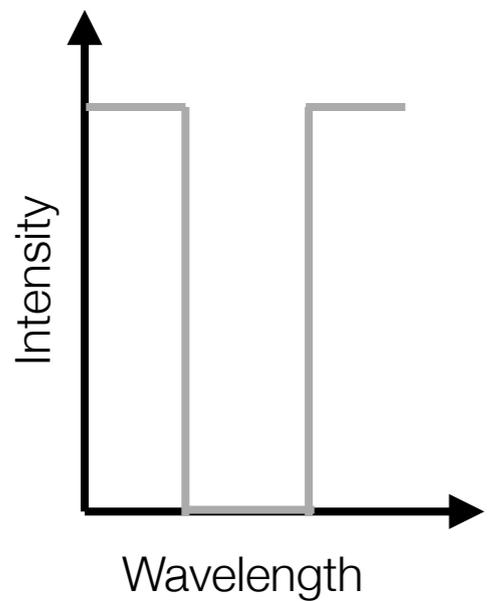
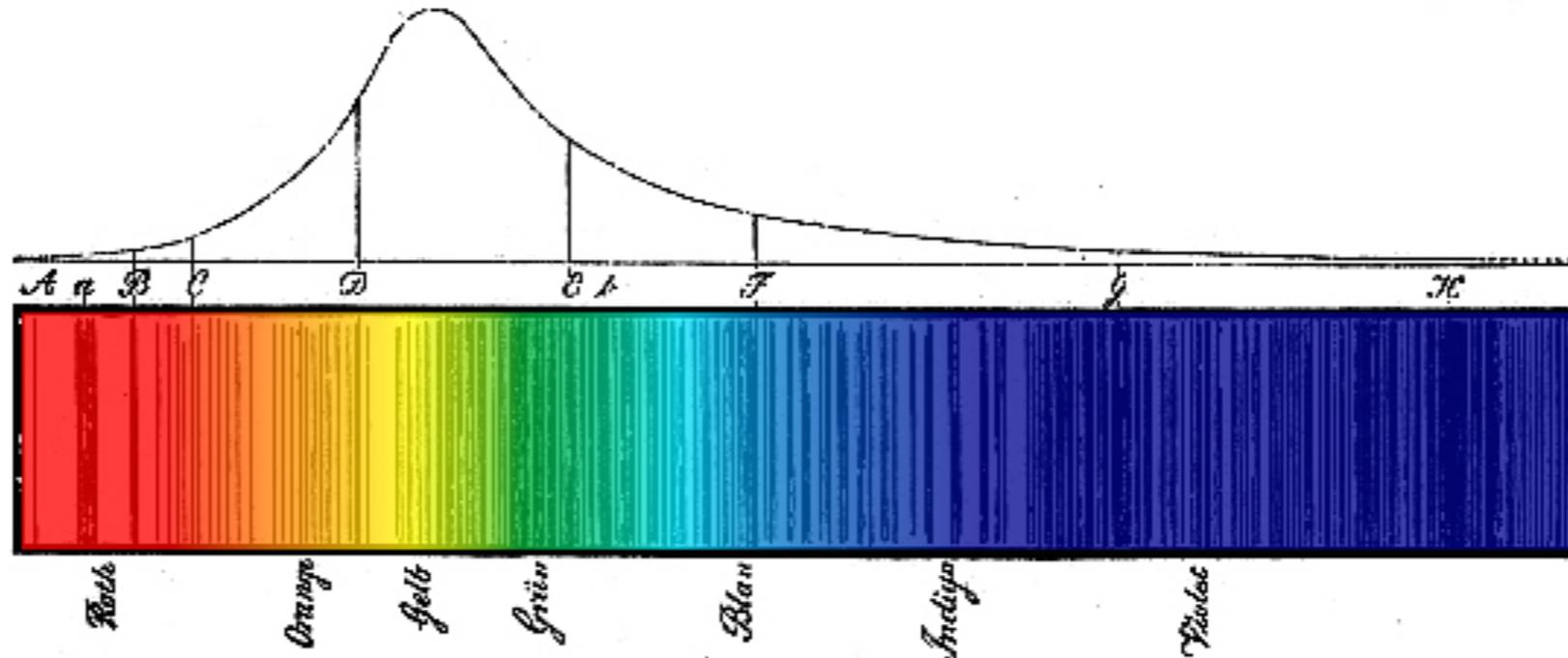
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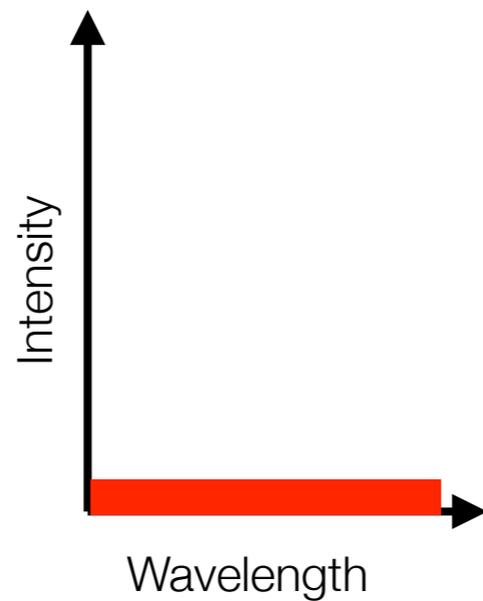
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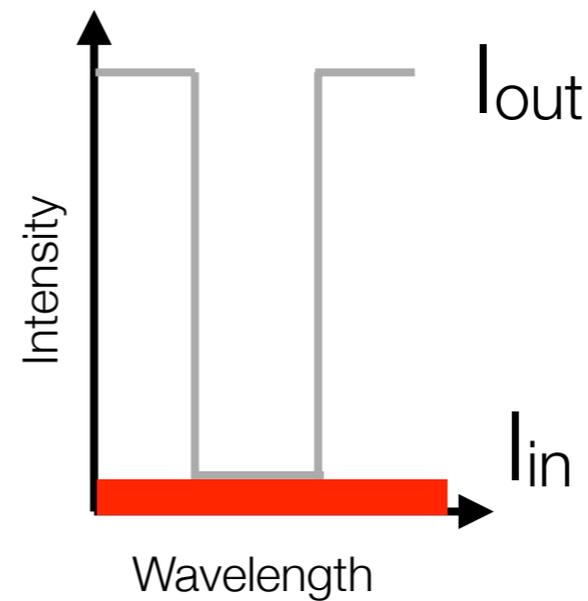
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$I_{in}/I_{out}$   
changes!

# History of Fraunhofer line in-filling studies

Lunar Luminescence (1950-1960), started with NA Kozyrev in 1956

## Luminescence of the Moon and Solar Activity

Zdeněk Kopal

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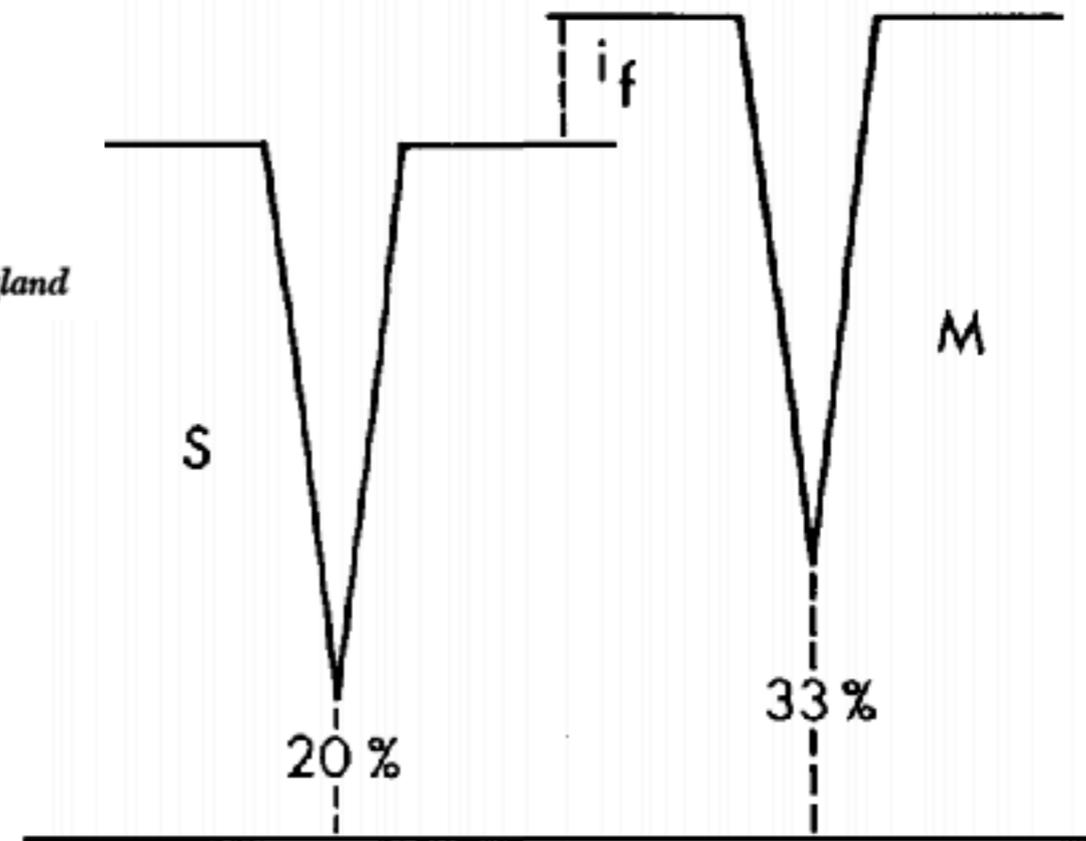


FIGURE 9-2: The line-depth method of detecting luminescence calls for comparing profiles of absorption lines in the spectra A of the sun (*left*) and moon (*right*). An increase in the residual intensity in the case of the moon is a measure of the light ( $i_f$ ) attributable to lunar luminescence—in this example 16.67 per cent of the total moonlight.

# History of Fraunhofer line in-filling studies

Potter et al, 1984 → unlikely to be a thermal effect (using multiple spectral ranges)

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Grainger and Ring —> Detected Anomalous Fraunhofer Line Profiles in scattered sun-light

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## Letters to Nature

*Nature* **193**, 762 (24 February 1962) | [doi:10.1038/193762a0](https://doi.org/10.1038/193762a0)

## Anomalous Fraunhofer Line Profiles

J. F. GRAINGER & J. RING

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**DURING the spring of 1961 we made observations of the  $H$  line of Ca(II) in the spectrum of moonlight, with the view of detecting any luminescent radiation which might have been present. The observations were made with the 50-in. reflector of the University of Padua's Observatory at Asiago.**

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Theoretical Explanation by Brinkmann — Rotational Raman Scattering (RRS) in N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>

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## ROTATIONAL RAMAN SCATTERING IN PLANETARY ATMOSPHERES\*

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and Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, California

*Received March 9, 1968; revised May 24, 1968*

### ABSTRACT

When spectra of deep solar Fraunhofer lines recorded in sunlight scattered by the Earth's atmosphere are compared with similar spectra of direct, unscattered sunlight, it is found that the scattered line profiles are systematically less deep (relative to the continuum) than the direct profiles by a few per cent. This has been taken to indicate the presence of an extra, inelastic component of the scattered radiation field. Its nature has remained unexplained. In this paper it is pointed out that rotational Raman scattering in the atmosphere can be expected to produce just such an extra component. Previous observational work is reviewed and interpreted in light of this explanation. The magnitude of the effect in the atmospheres of other planets is also briefly explored.

# History of Fraunhofer line in-filling studies

In-depth study by Kattawar et al in 1980, RRS henceforth called “Ring” effect

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## INELASTIC SCATTERING IN PLANETARY ATMOSPHERES. I. THE RING EFFECT, WITHOUT AEROSOLS

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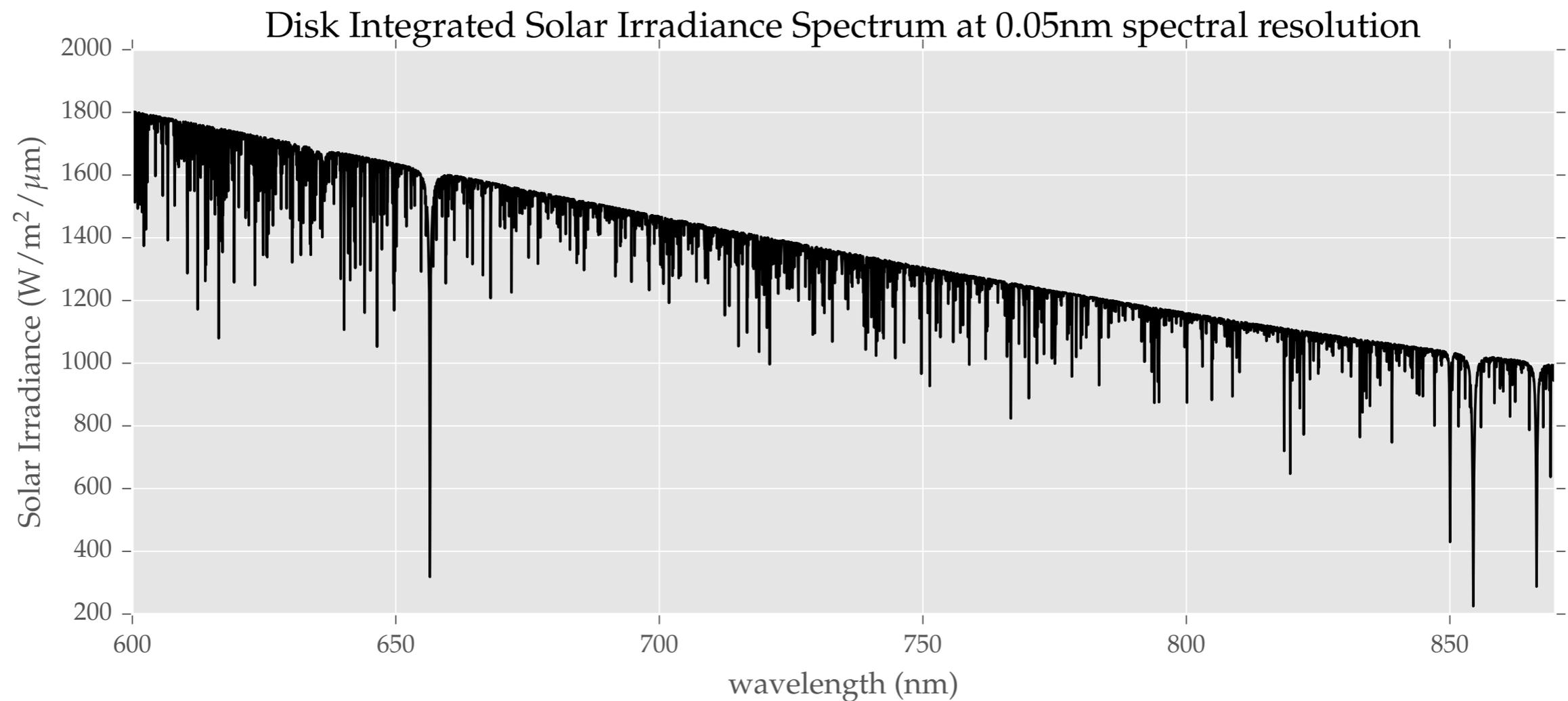
### ABSTRACT

We have investigated the contribution of inelastic molecular scattering (Rayleigh-Brillouin and rotational Raman scattering) to the filling-in of Fraunhofer lines in the light of the blue sky. Aerosol fluorescence is shown to be negligible, and aerosol scattering is ignored in this paper. We discuss the angular and polarization dependences of the filling-in detail for single scattering. An approximate treatment of multiple scattering, using a backward Monte Carlo technique, allows us to investigate the effects of the ground albedo. As the molecular scatterings alone produce more line-filling than is observed, it seems likely that aerosols dilute the effect by contributing unaltered sunlight to the observed spectra.

*Subject headings:* planets: atmospheres — polarization — radiative transfer

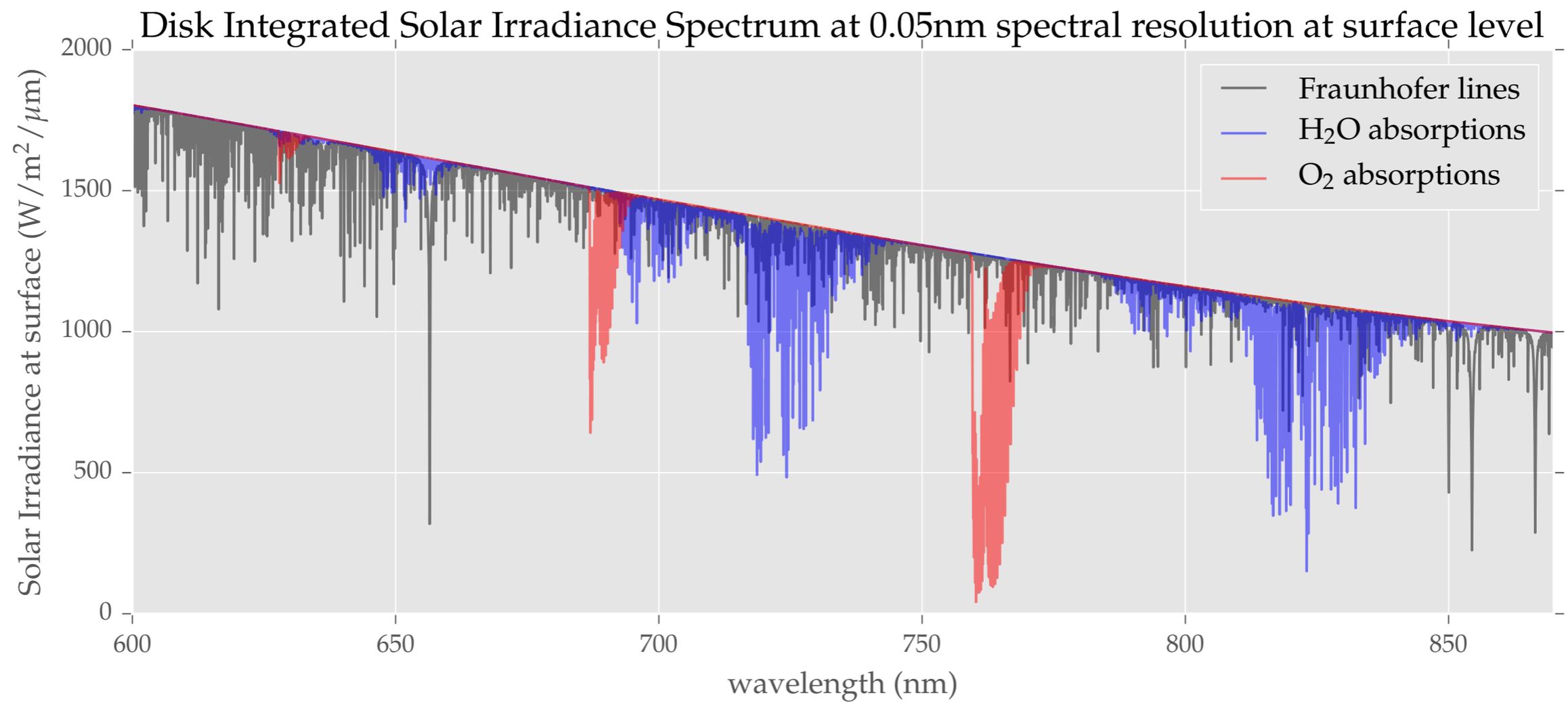
Need absorption features that are only un-changed in the atmosphere —> Fraunhofer lines are ideal

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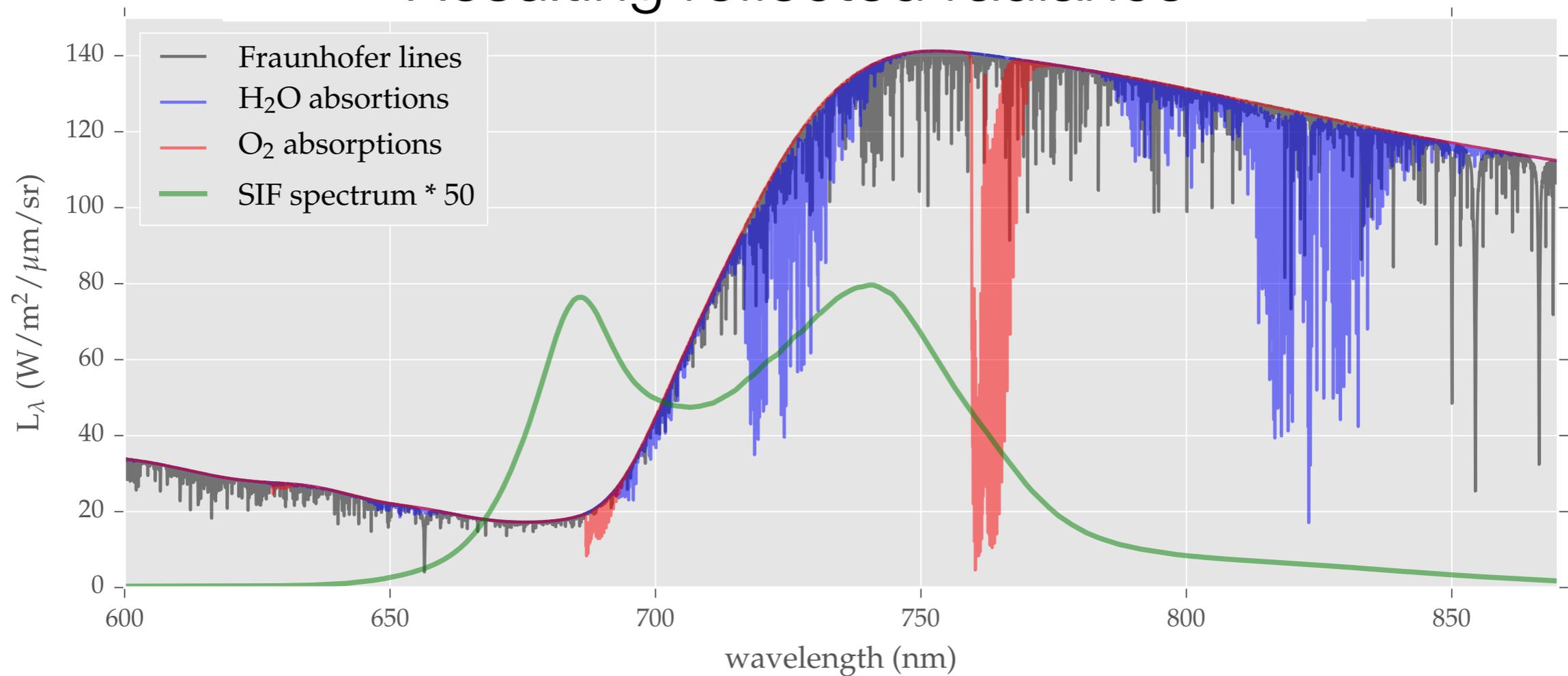
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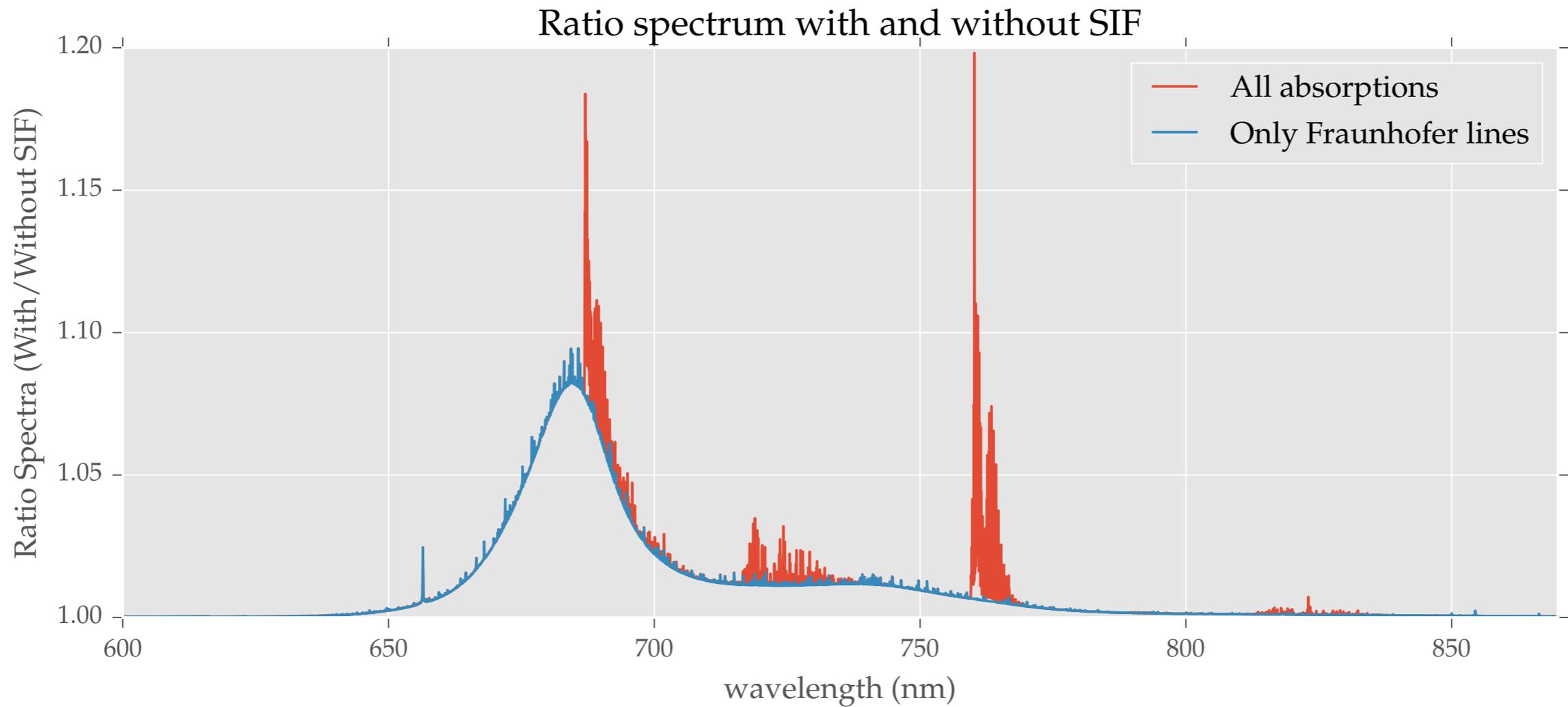


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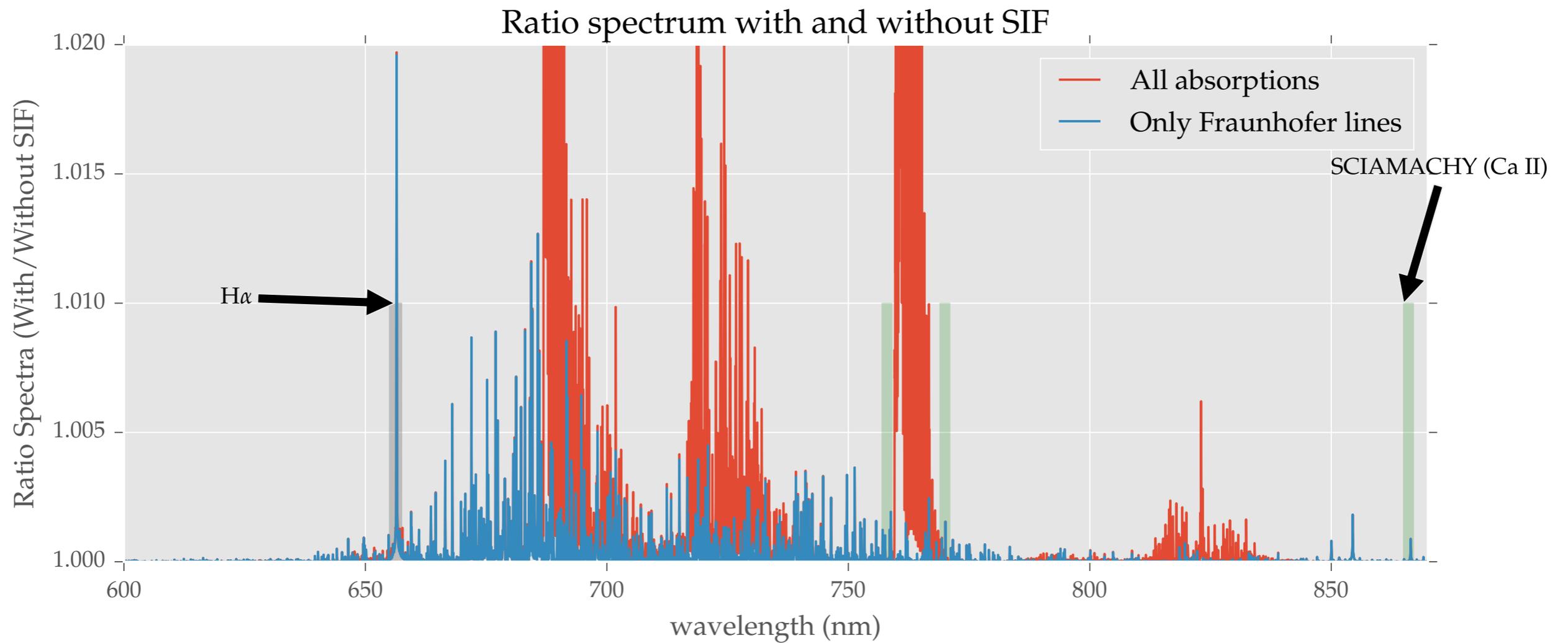
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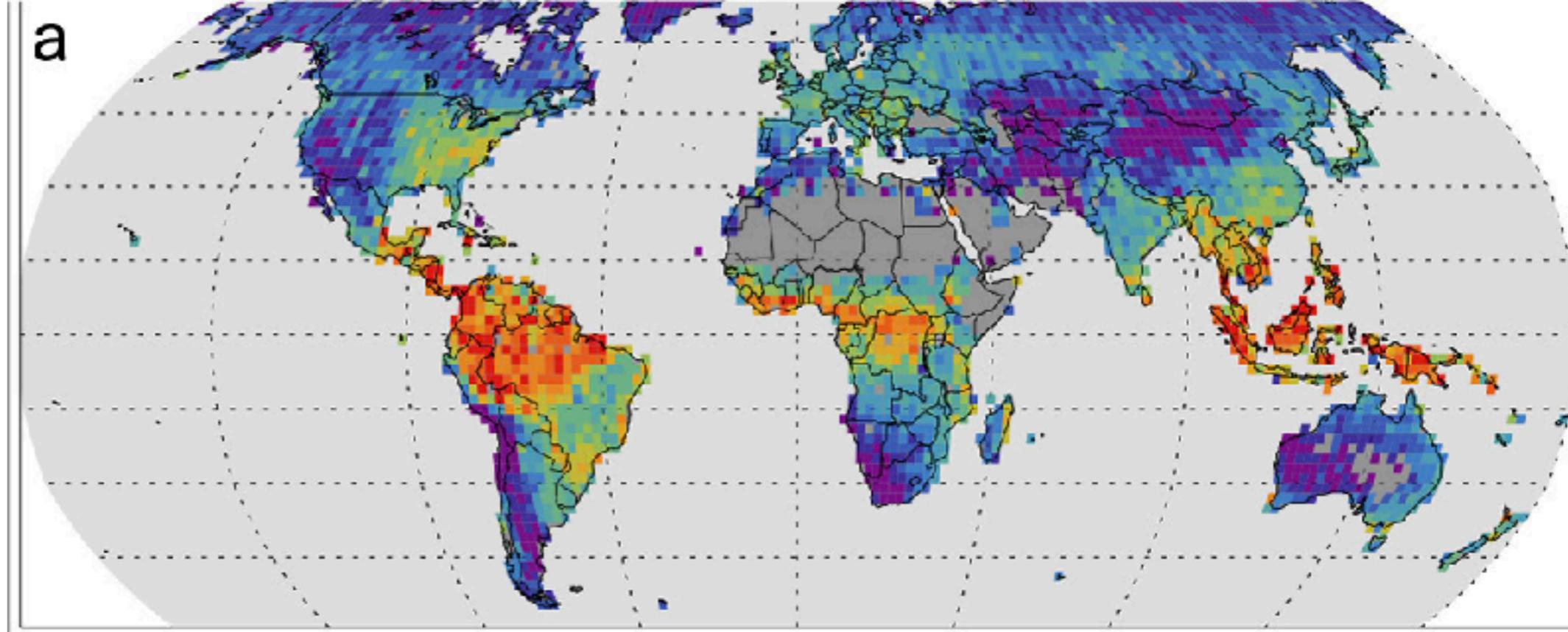
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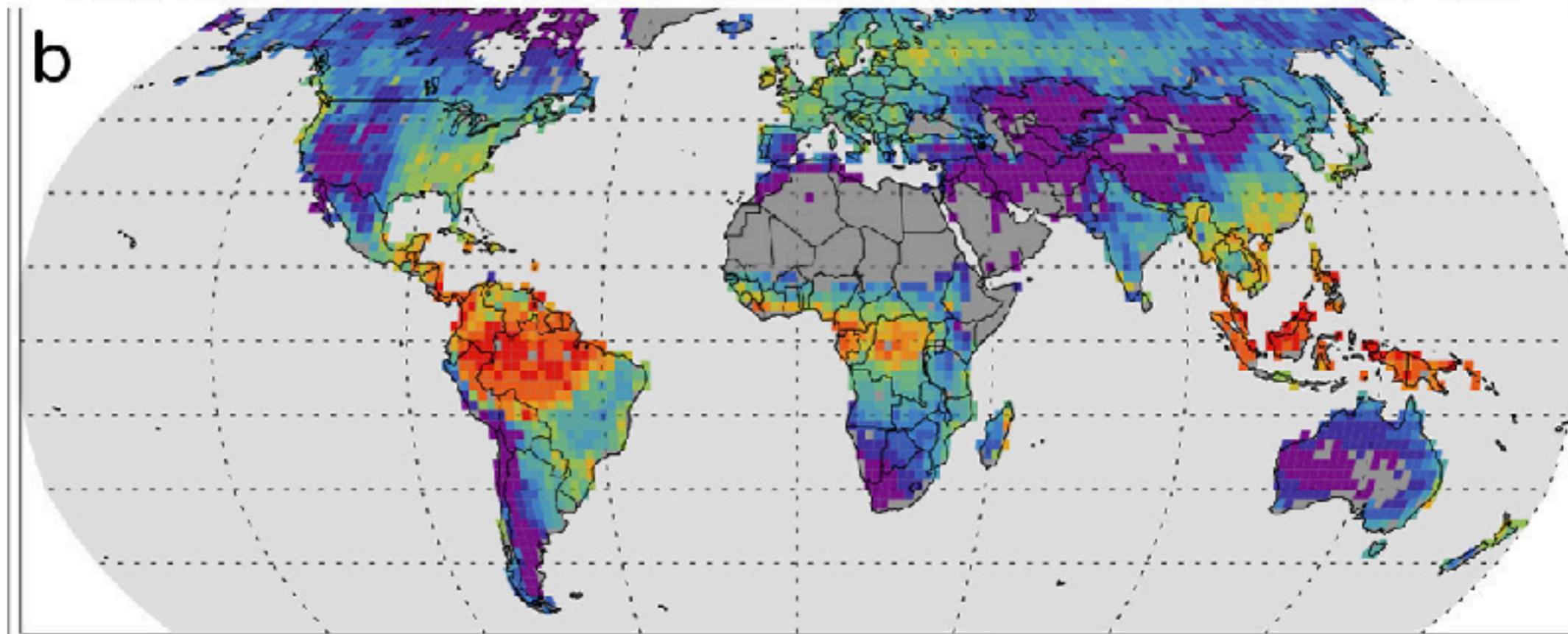
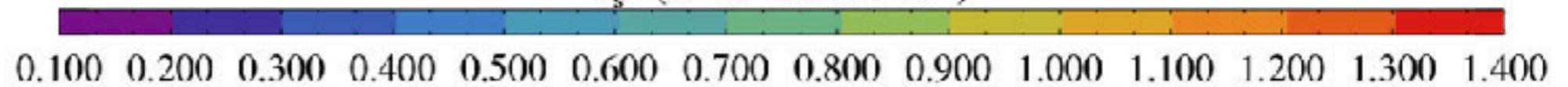
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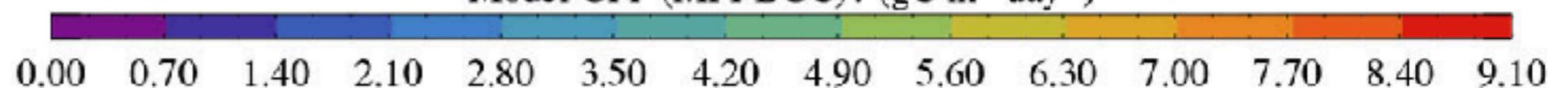
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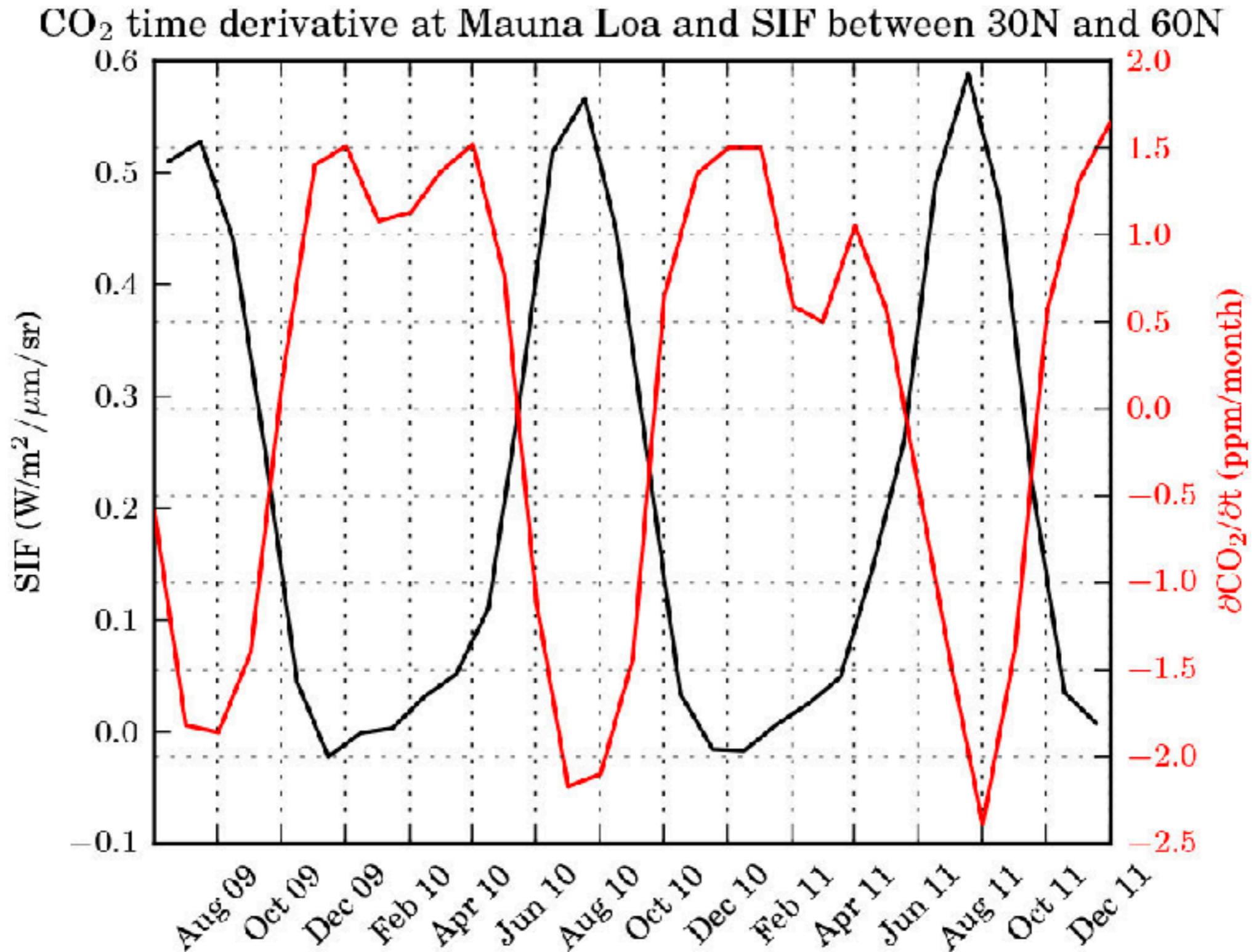
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Model GPP (MPI-BGC) / ( $\text{gC m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ )

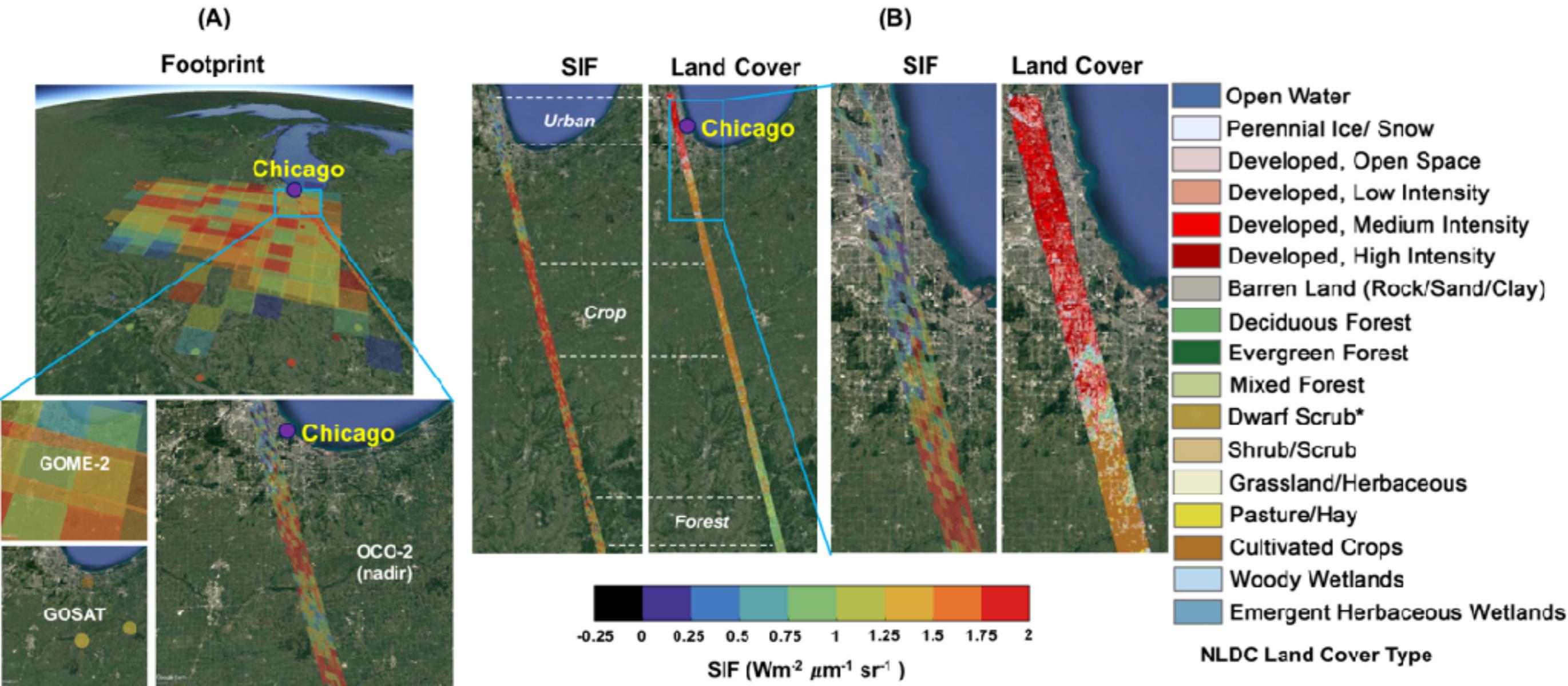


# Hemispheric-scale CO<sub>2</sub> derivatives and SIF



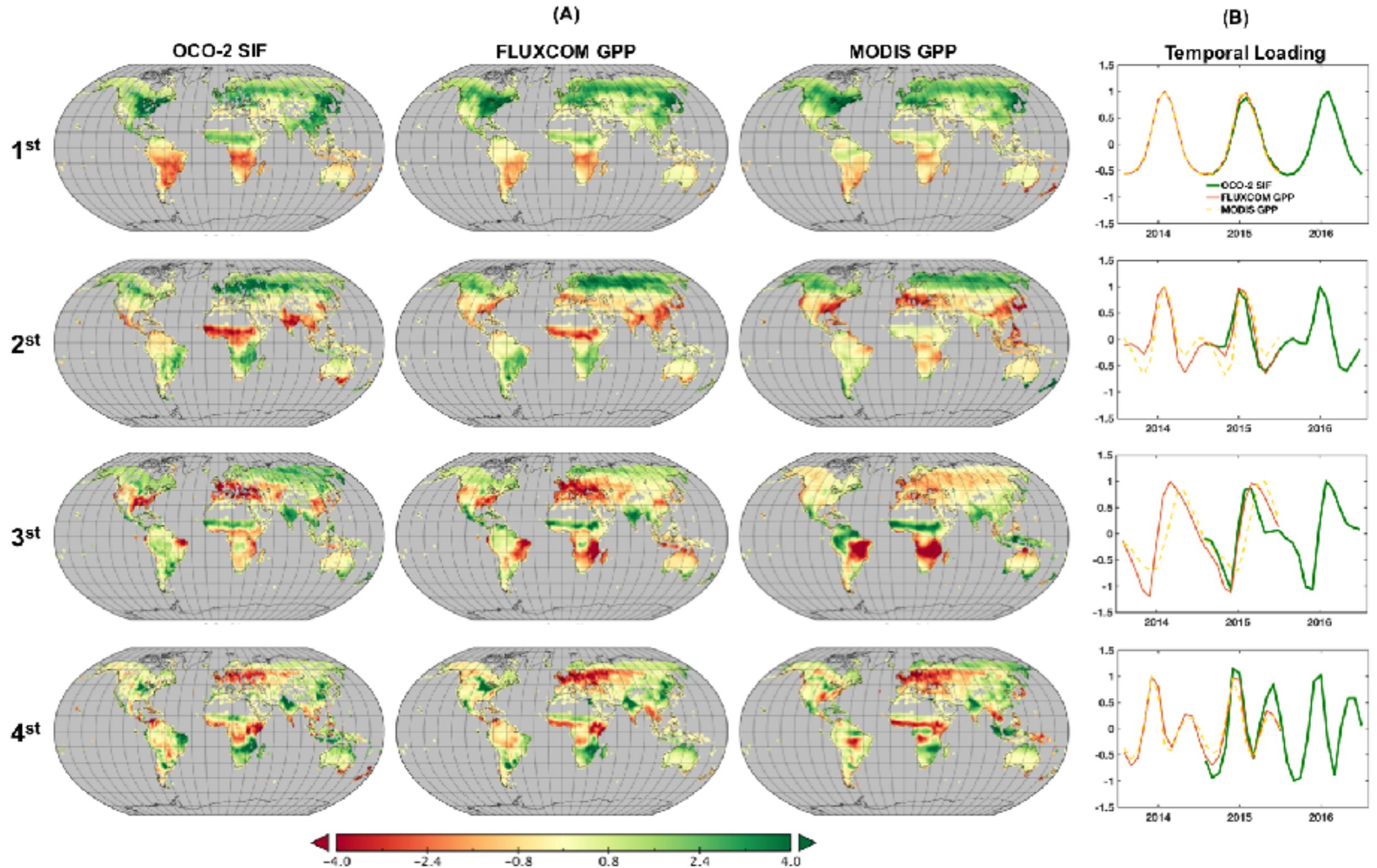
# The view from space: Now OCO-2

Sun et al, Solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence from the Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2: Overview of the retrieval and biophysical performance



# Primary Modes of GPP

Sun, Frankenberg et al, to be published end of Sept.



# CFIS — Chlorophyll Fluorescence Imaging Spectrometer

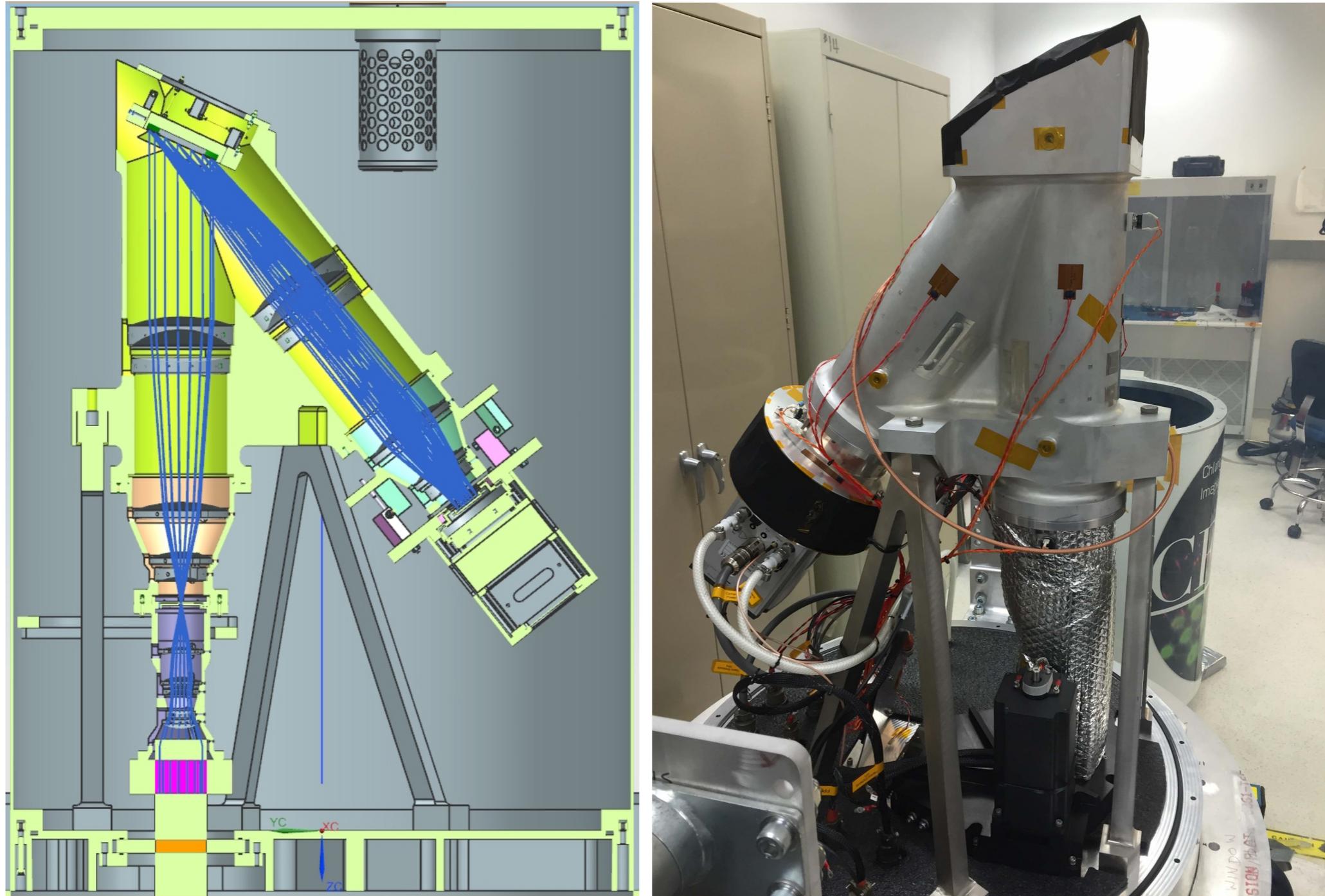
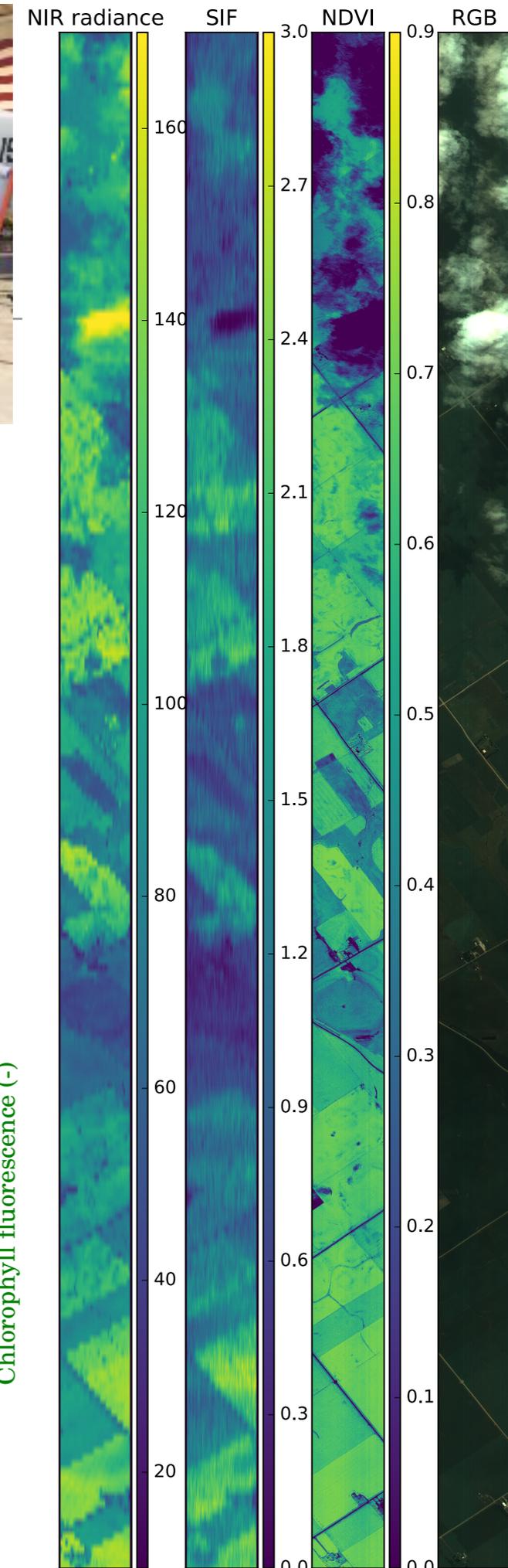
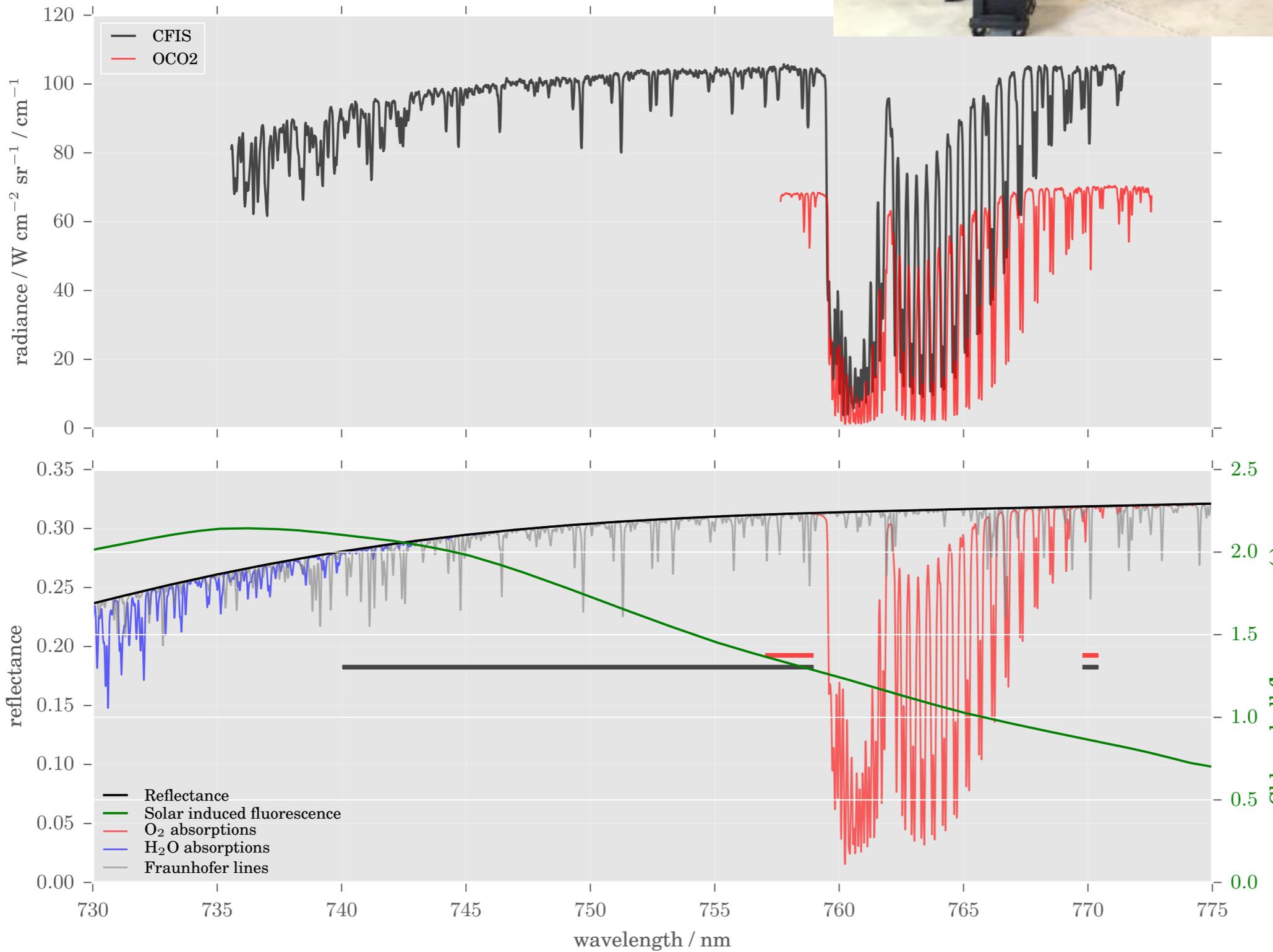


Figure 2: Left: CFIS computer-aided design model, showing the mechanical and optical layout. Right: Picture of CFIS without housing can in the laboratory.

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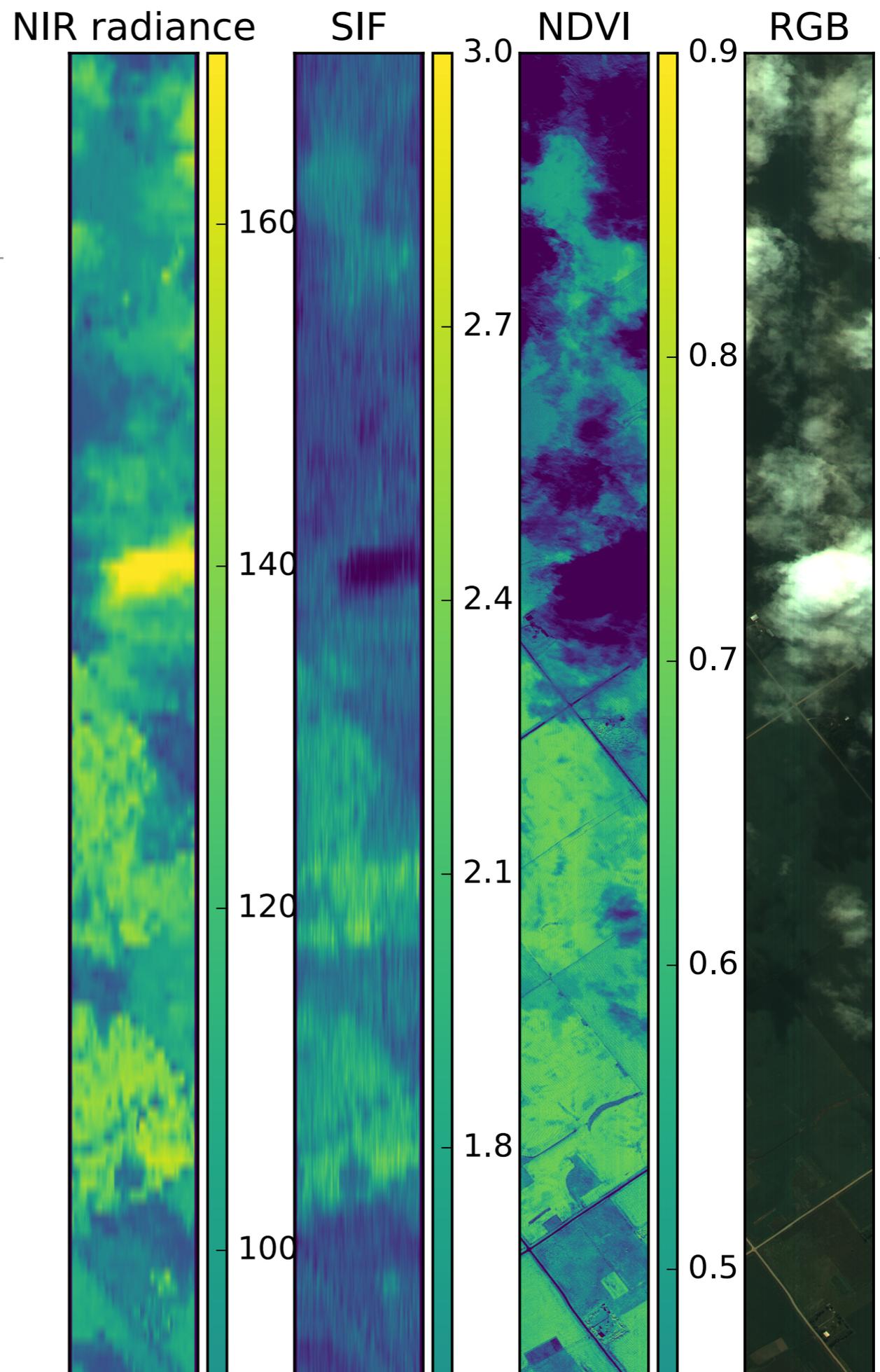
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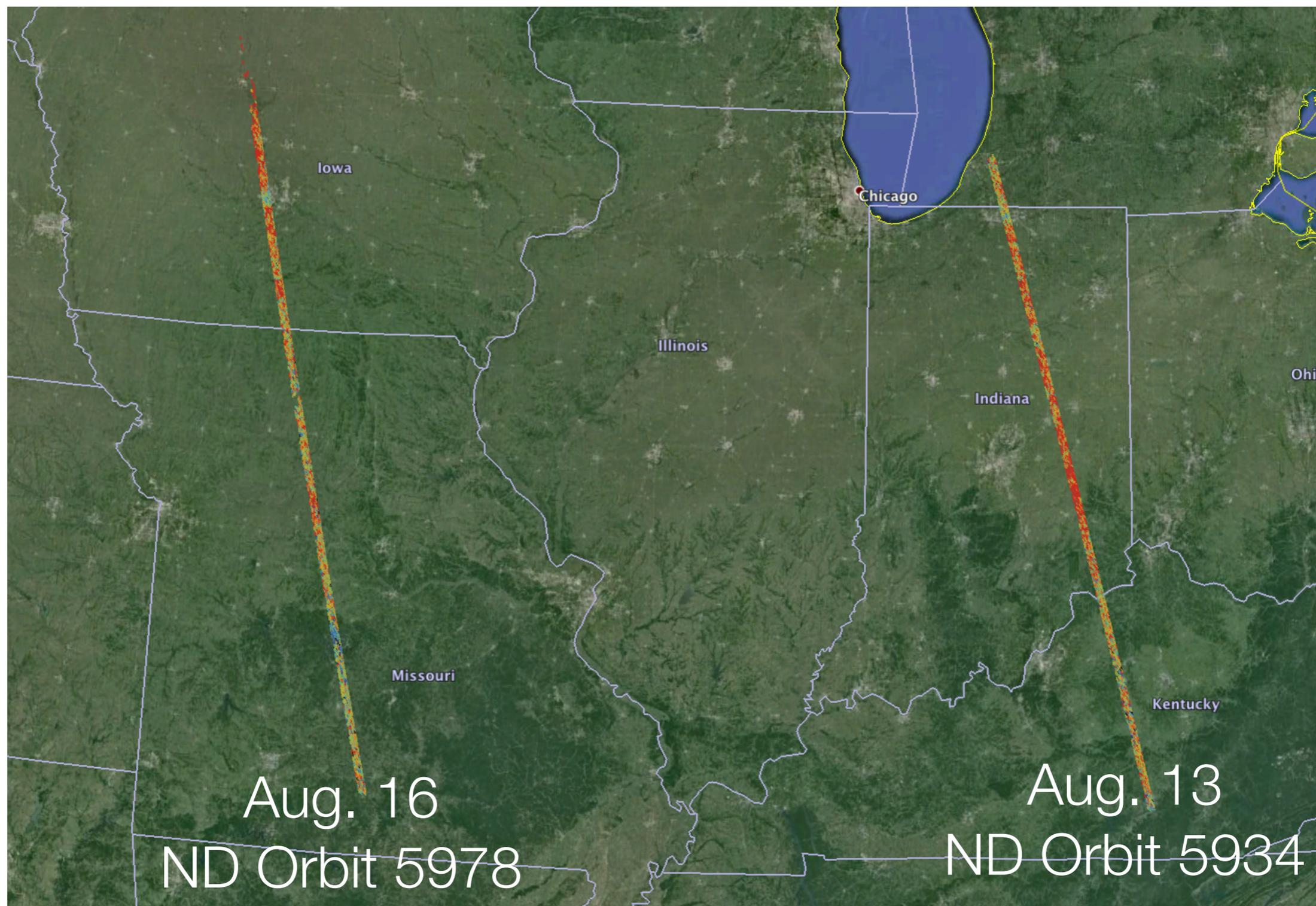
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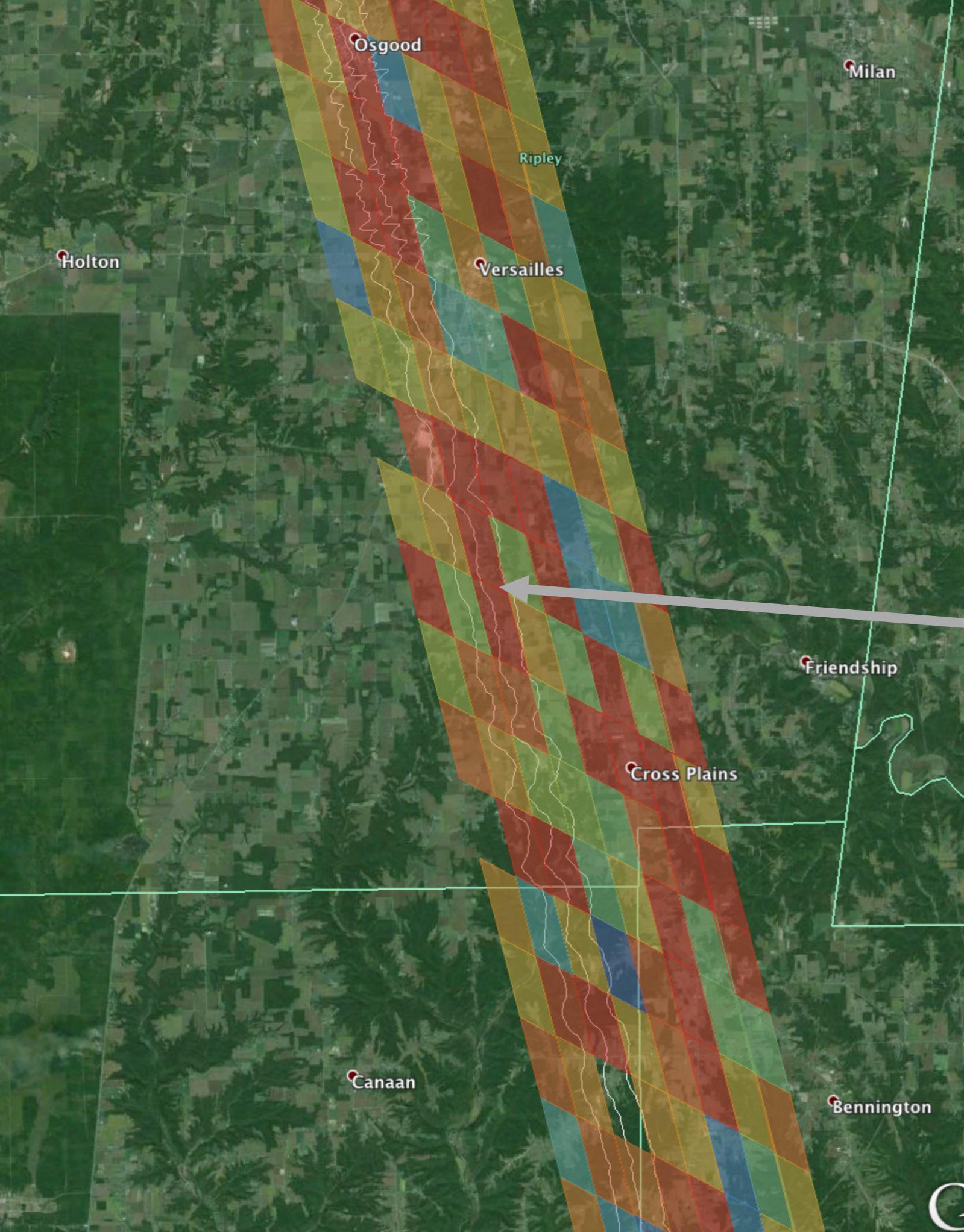
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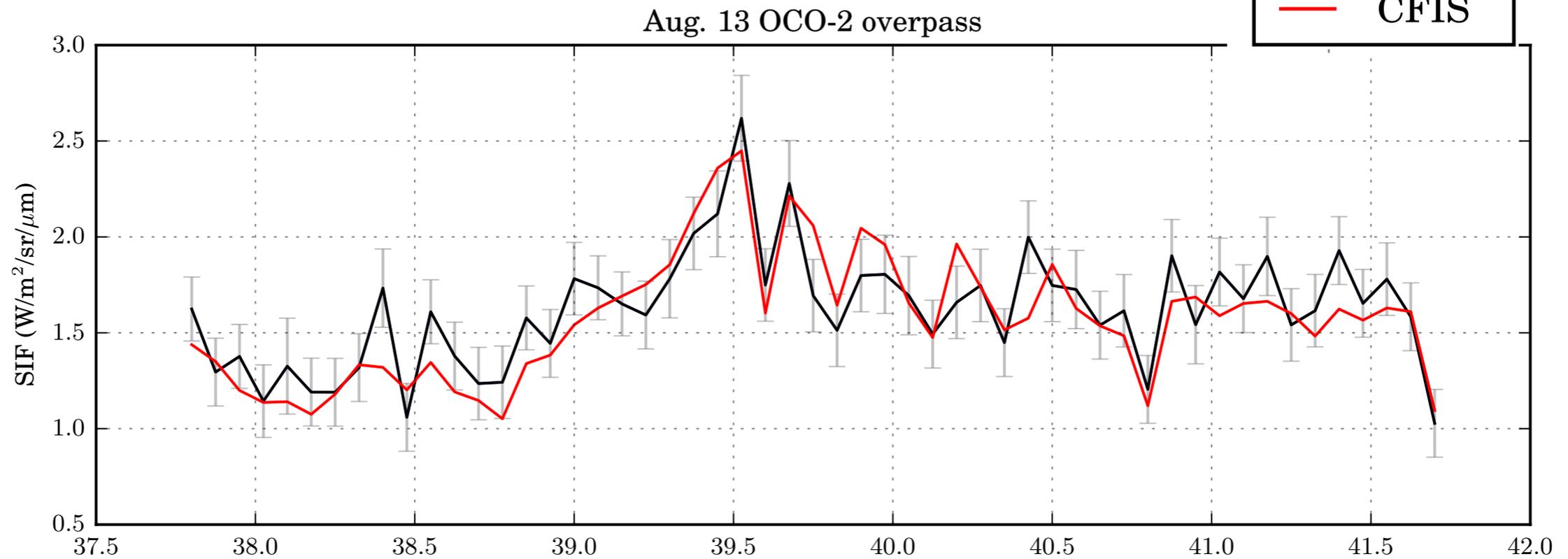
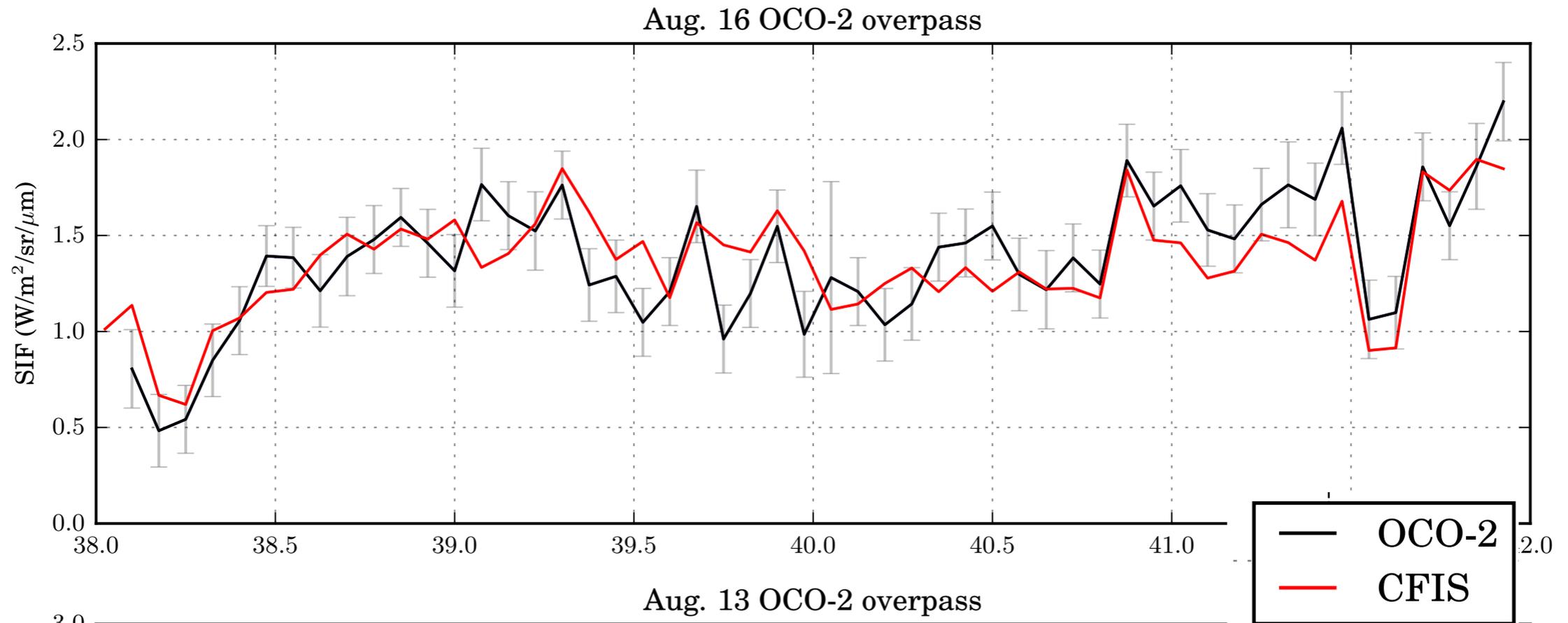
# OCO-2 underpasses — OCO2 SIF



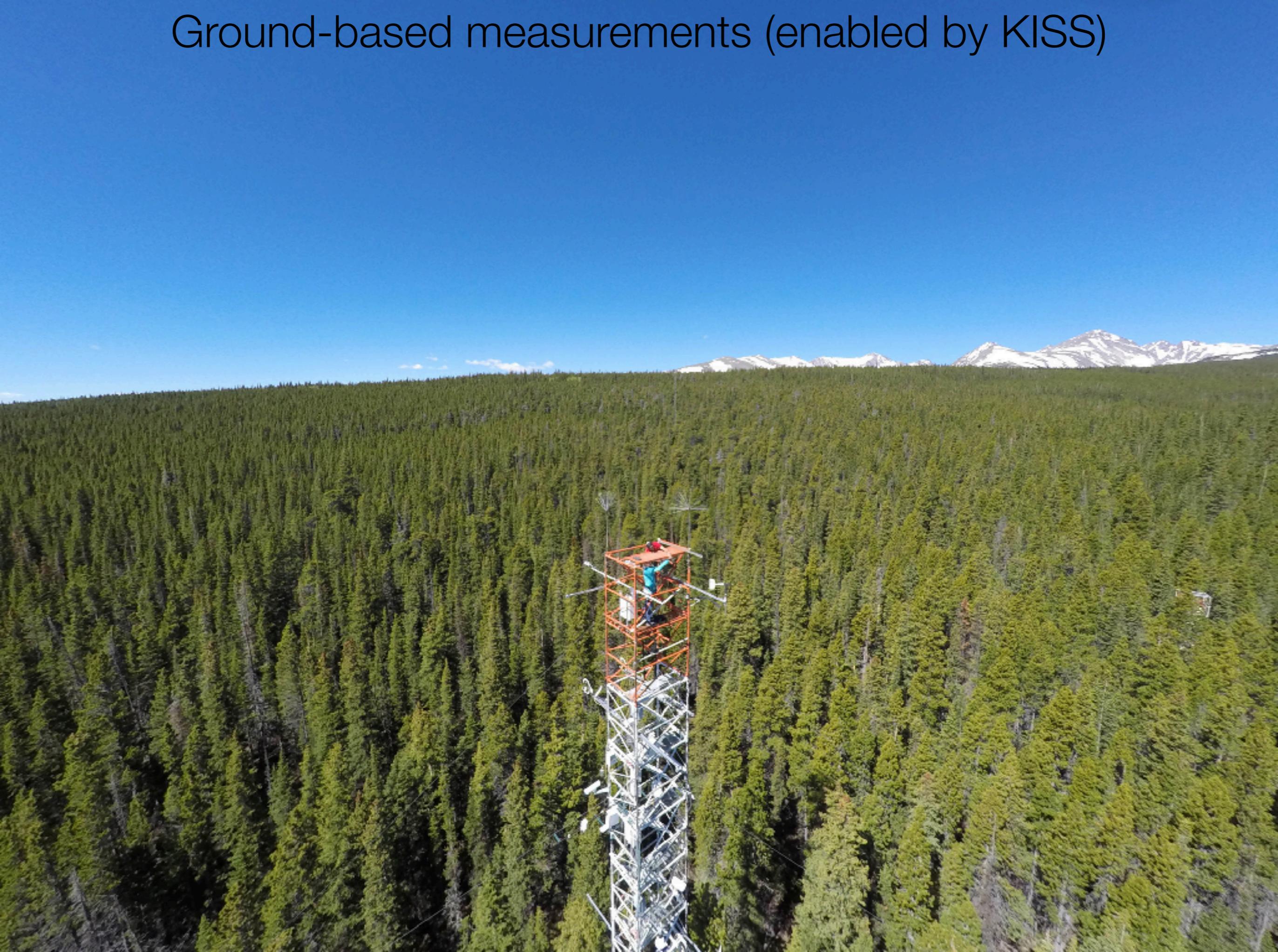


White lines indicate edges and center of CFIS swath

# OCO-2 SIF validation (via CFIS)



# Ground-based measurements (enabled by KISS)



# Ground-based measurements PhotoSpec systems, enable by KISS

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# The future from space

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- TROPOMI (will be launched soon, fingers crossed)
- FLEX (chosen by ESA as Earth Explorer 8)
- GeoCARB (Geostationary, SIF no primary focus though)
- Sentinel 3?