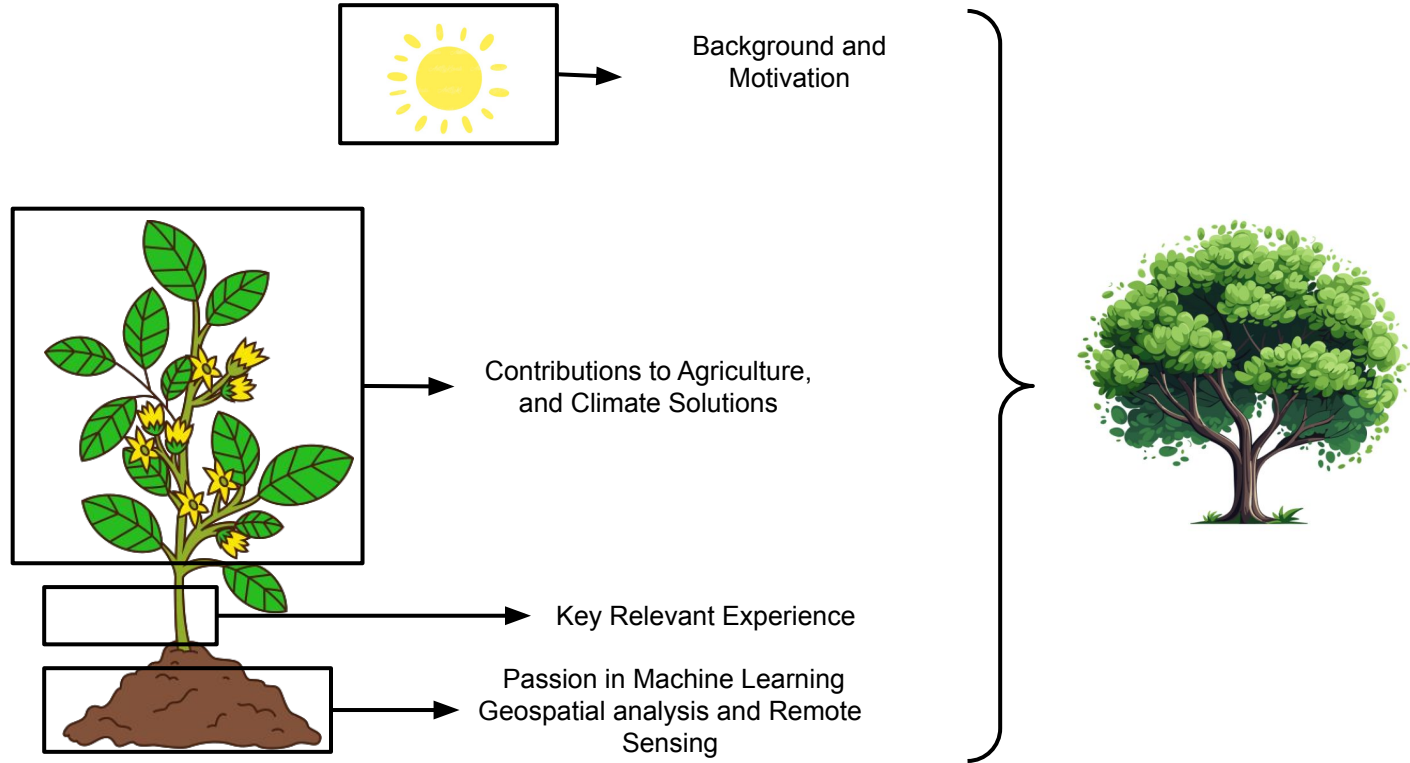


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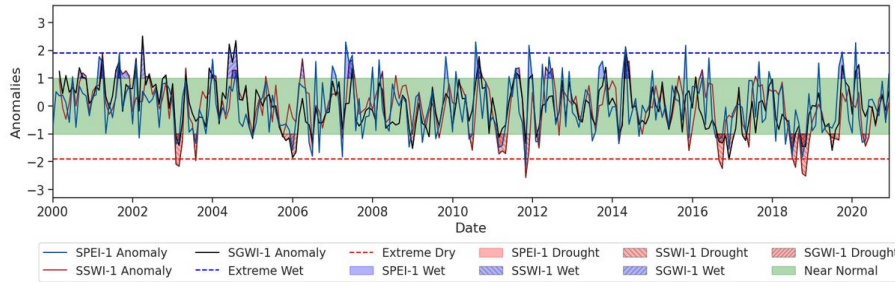
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# Analysis of drought propagation and interaction

- Understanding drought development dynamics and impacts on Vegetation health, in Overijssel, NL

## i. Drought type dynamic analysis.



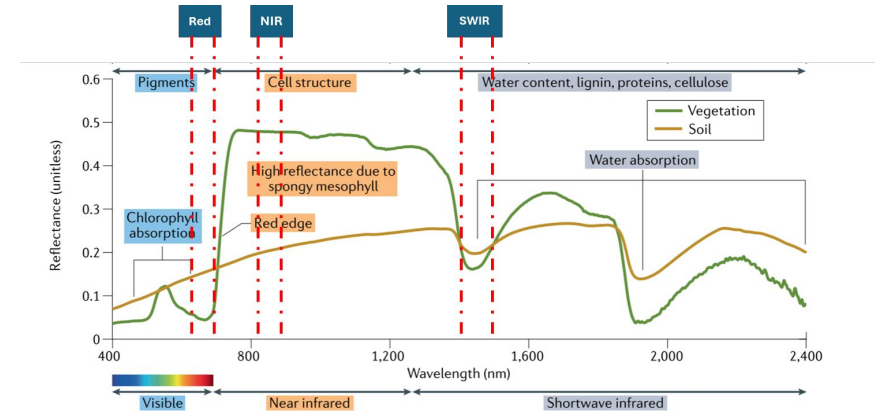
**Figure 4:** Temporal pattern of Meteorological, Soil Moisture, and Groundwater drought indices (2000-2020).



- Large Scale data analysis,
- Python programing
- Statistical analysis
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## ii. Vegetation and Crop condition Indices development.

Primary productivity  
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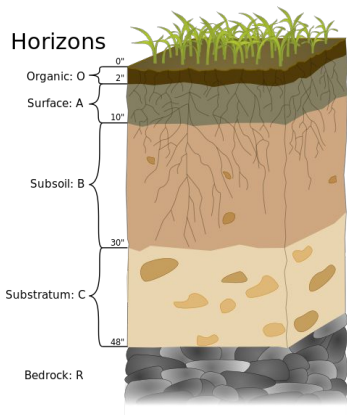
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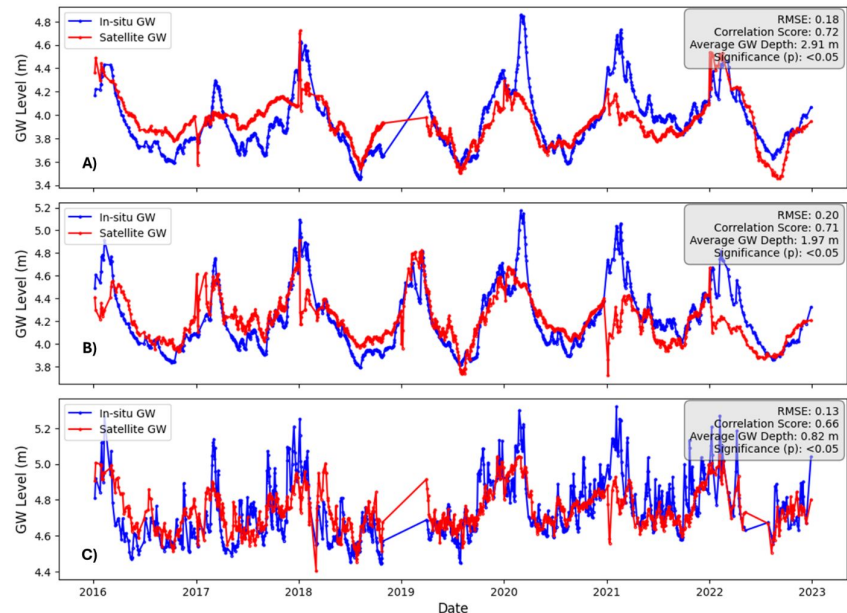
- Developing a Geospatial workflow to model the impact of Groundwater abstraction on Agriculture, in Witharen, NL

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**Figure 6:** Demonstration of the soil moisture measurements setup across different depths. (Carranza et al., 2021)

ii. GW ↔ RZSM Spatio-temporal coupling.



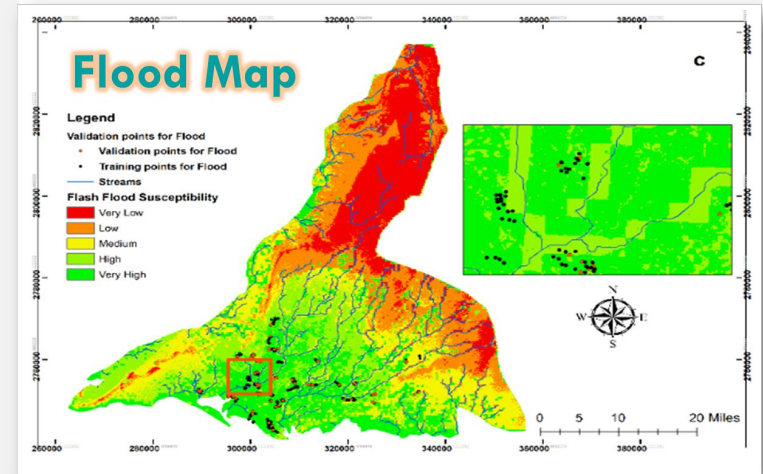
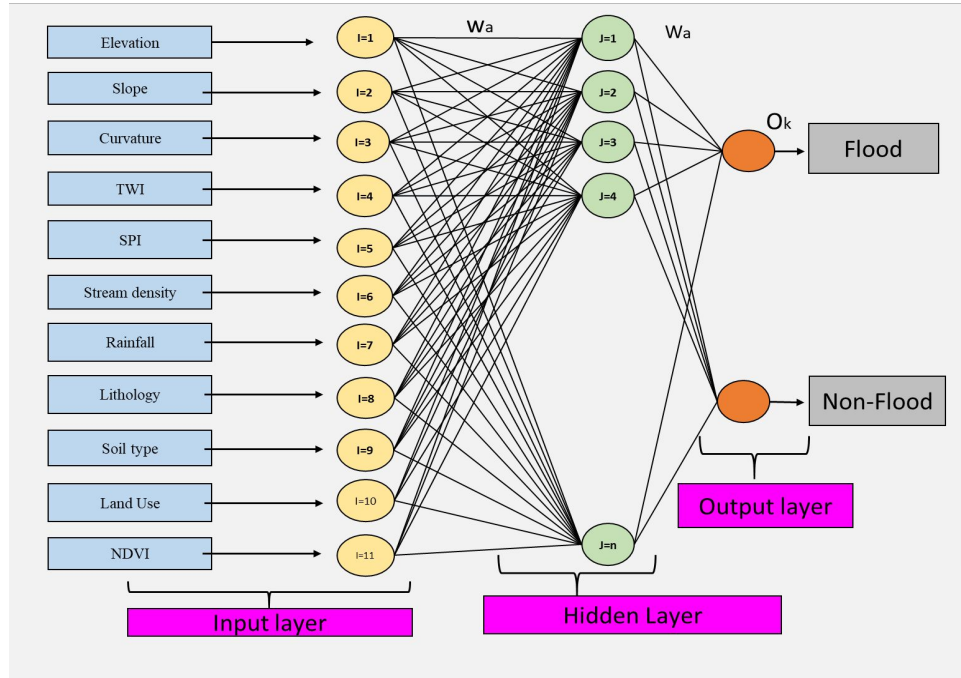
**Figure 7:** Demonstration of the predicted and actual groundwater time series for 3 selected wells



- Radar RS,
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- Cloud computing and automation GEE



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# Flood exposure mapping and mitigation.

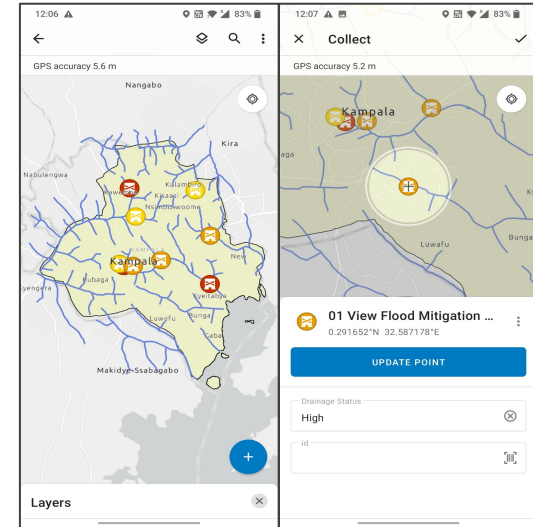
- Developing an approach to improve flood mapping and mitigation in Kampala, Ug.

## i. Stakeholder engagement



**Figure 9:** Stakeholder meeting, Kampala Flood exposure mapping and mitigation.

## ii. Spatial Dashboards for Drainage Status Monitoring



**Figure 10:** Crowdsourcing Interface. flood in Kampala (2020).



- Stakeholder engagement,
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- i. Improving coverage, frequency and quality of Surface water quality monitoring under a limited budget.
  - Chlorophyll-a and Turbidity from farms.

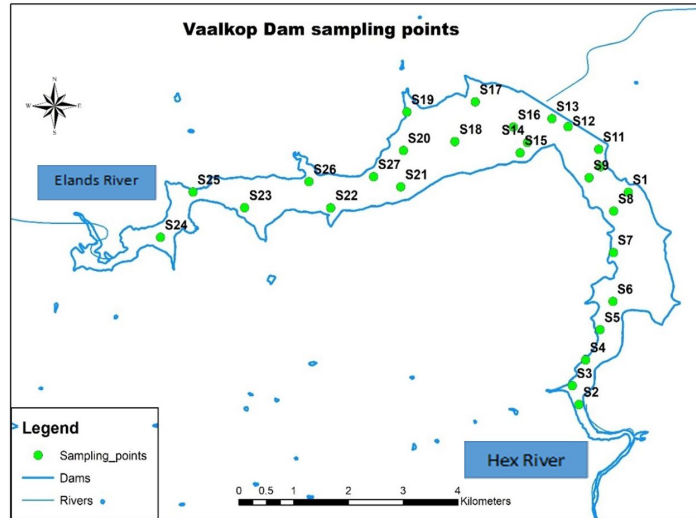


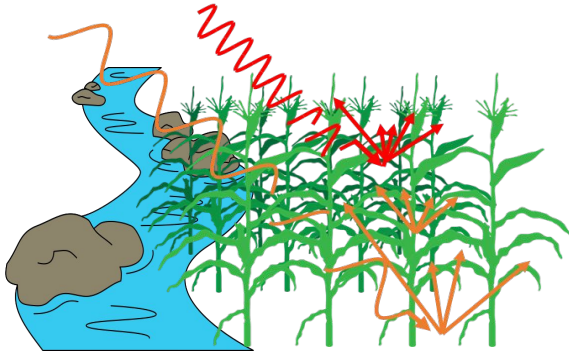
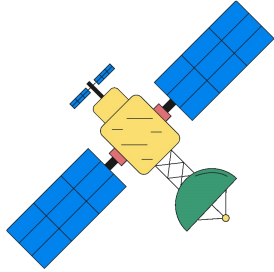
Figure 11: Vaalkop dam and the water quality monitoring locations, SA



- Spatial interpolation,
- Python programing
- Machine Learning.
- Water Resources monitoring



# Publications.



## i. Scientific Collaborations publications.

- **Vitens** collaboration.
- **Calvin Samwel Swai (2024)**; Unraveling the Spatial-Temporal Dynamics of **Drought Anomalies** and Their Interactions with Vegetation. (<https://purl.utwente.nl/essays/102081>).
- Neema Sumari, Fanan Ujoh, **Calvin Samwel Swai**, and Muchen Yang (2023); Urban growth dynamics and expansion forms in 11 Tanzanian cities from 1990 to 2020 (<https://doi.org/10.1080/17538947.2023.2218114>).
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**THANK YOU**





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