Light & Architecture



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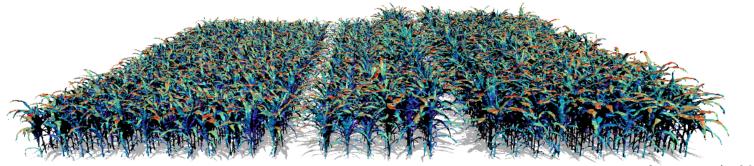




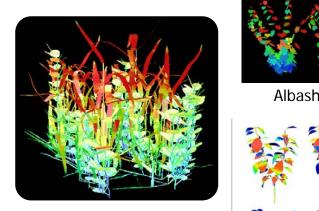




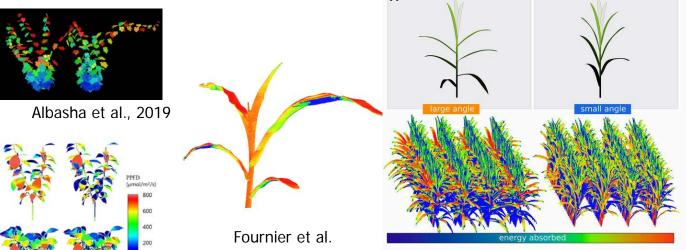
Why?



Artzet et al., 2020



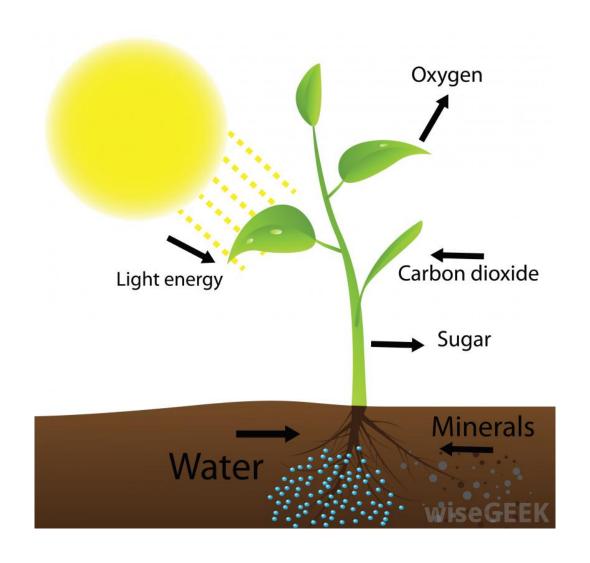
Barillot et al., 2012



Chen et al., 2014

Truong et al., 2015

Photosynthesis



Competition within canopy

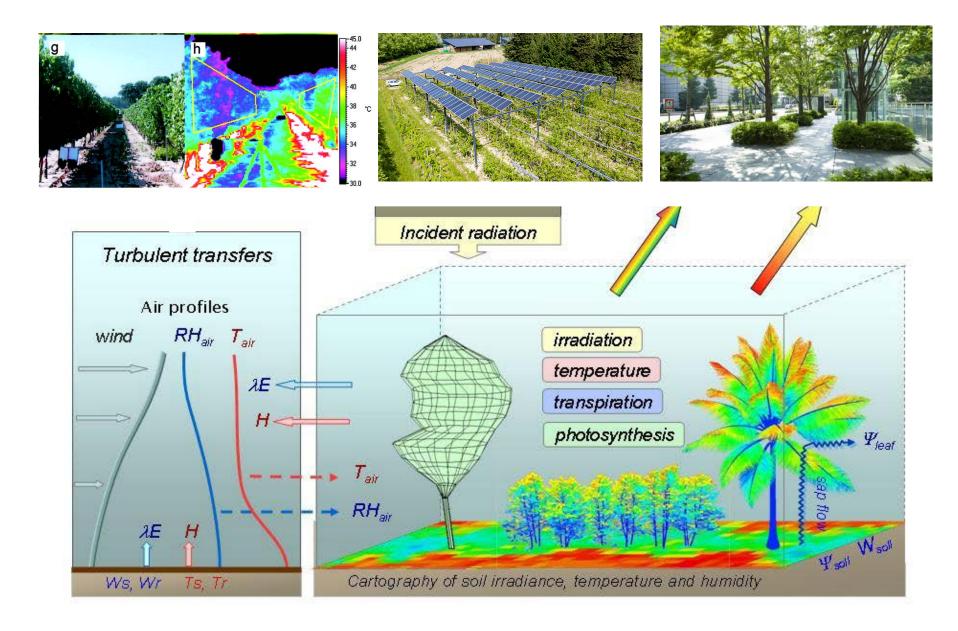




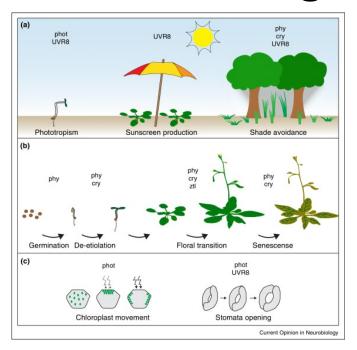




Microclimate

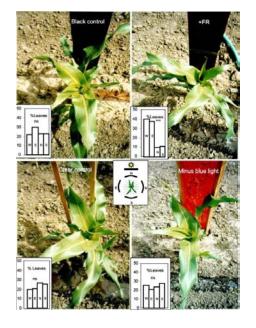


Light perception

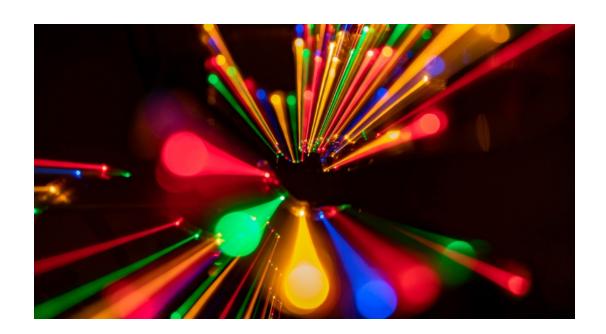






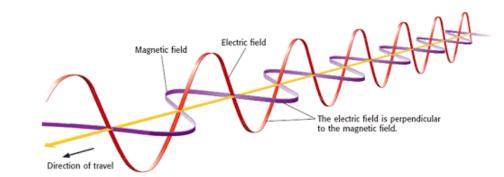


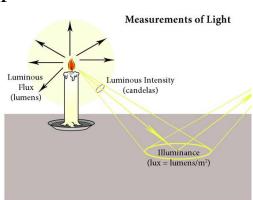
What is Light?

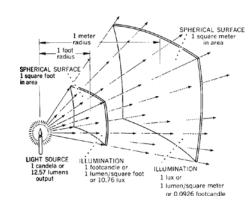


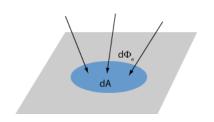
Light & Light Quantity

- Light: a form of energy carried through perturbation of the electromagnetic field
- Modelled as flux of waves and/or a flux of particles propagating straight forward
- Radiance (luminance): emitted flux of energy per unit surface per second (J.m⁻².s⁻¹ or W.m⁻²)
- Irradiance (illuminance): Incoming flux of energy per unit surface per second (J.m⁻².s⁻¹ or W.m⁻²)



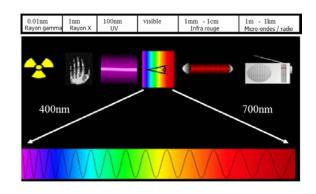






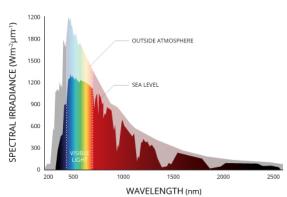
Light Quality

- Radiations have an intrinsic energy expressed by the wavelength of the light wave
- Monochromatic sources (laser) emit radiations with same wavelength
- Polychromatic sources (sun...) emit a bunch of radiations in a range of wave lengths
- Photosynthesis occurs in visible light range (400-700 nm) => PAR domain
- Light perception occur in PAR (Blue, red) + Far red range => MAR domain
- Micrometeorological process occur in PAR (shortwave) + Infrared (longwave) range

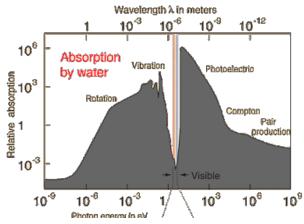


| Longueur d'onde | Domaine |
|---|---|
| >10cm | Radio (150 kHz - 3 GHz) |
| 3mm - 10cm | Micro-onde et radar (10cm±1cm, 3-100GHz) |
| 300μm - 3mm | Terahertz (100GHz-10THz) |
| 1μm - 300μm | Intrarouge |
| 400nm - 700nm | Lumière visible: Rouge/Orange/Jaune/Vert/Bleu/Violet |
| 10nm - 400nm | Ultraviolet |
| 10 ⁻¹¹ m - 10 ⁻⁸ m | Rayon X |
| 10 ⁻¹⁴ m - 10 ⁻¹¹ m | Rayon γ |

Sun emission

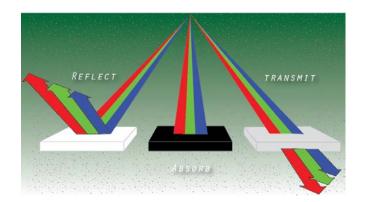


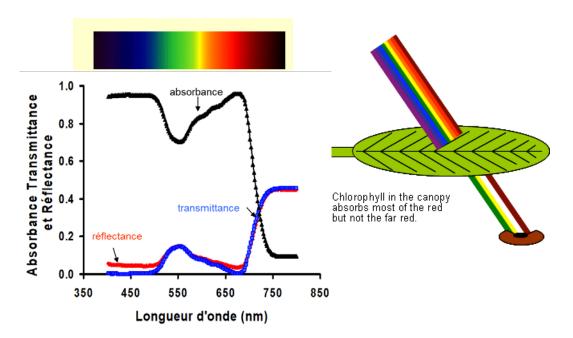
Water transparency



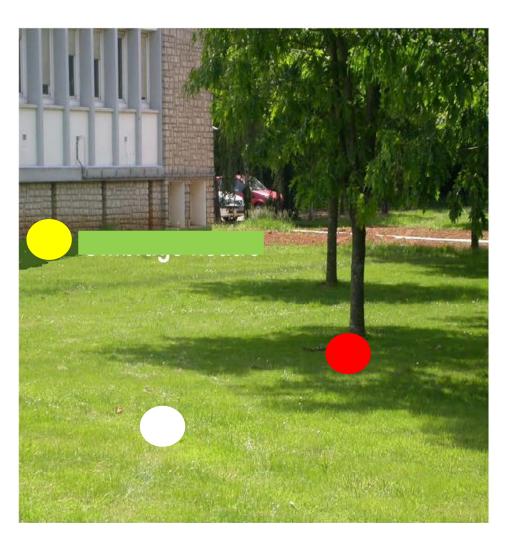
Interactions with objects

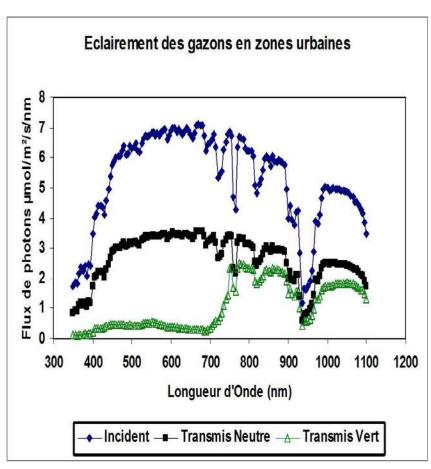
- Reflect (specular or scattered)
- Absorb (and partly re-emit)
- Transmit (with or without deviations)
- Interaction depends on wavelength
- Leaves Absorb high percentage of PAR (although a little less green and yellow)
- Leaves do not absorb far red / infrared





Find which curve correspond to which zone





What next?

