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Profile

Remote sensing scientist with specific interest in the use of multi-source remote sensing and land surface modelling to assess cryosphere, atmosphere and ecosystem dynamics.

Stef Lhermitte is assistant professor Geoscience & Remote Sensing at TUDelft, after obtaining a PhD in bioscience engineering at KULeuven, Belgium, and several international post-docs positions (CEAZA, KNMI, KULeuven), where he worked on broad range of remote sensing technologies in a variety of applications ranging from cryospheric and atmospheric sciences to ecology and hydrology. Now he focuses on the development of innovative remote sensing methods for assessing land-atmosphere interactions in order to assess the effect of climate (change) on the cryosphere, ecosystem dynamics, the hydrological cycle, sea level rise, etc. and their feedbacks on (future) climate.

Stef Lhermitte (co-)authored 50 publications in international and peer-reviewed scientific journals included in Web of Science and has an H-index of 20/23*. He is first/second author on 20 publications.

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Current position

Assistant professor Geoscience & Remote Sensing

Delft University of Technology (TUDelft)

Department of Geoscience & Remote Sensing (GRS)

Education

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| 2016 | Big data: management, analysis, visualization and legal aspects
GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM |
| 2012 | Ice sheets and glaciers in the climate system: Karthaus summer school
INSTITUTE FOR MARINE AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH (IMAU), NETHERLANDS |
| 2004-2008 | PhD in bioscience engineering
KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Dissertation: <i>Vegetation regrowth monitoring after wildfires based on satellite time series similarity.</i> |
| 1999-2002 | MSc in engineering of forest and land management [with high distinction]
KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Dissertation: <i>Improving soil salinity management in sugarcane using earth observation</i> |
| 1997-1999 | BSc (candidate) in bio-engineering [with distinction]
UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP, BELGIUM |

Experience

- 2016-now **Assistant professor**
DEPT. OF GEOSCIENCE & REMOTE SENSING, TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS
Assistant professor focusing on the combined use of multi-source remote sensing and land surface modelling to assess cryosphere, atmosphere and ecosystem dynamics.
- 2013-2016 **FWO post-doctoral research fellow**
DEPT. OF EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Postdoctoral research fellow combining multi-source remote sensing data and land surface models to assess cryosphere, atmosphere and ecosystem dynamics.
- 2011-2013 **Post-doctoral researcher**
ROYAL NETHERLANDS METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE (KNMI), NETHERLANDS
Postdoctoral researcher focusing on the improvement of the albedo parametrisation in the regional climate model RACMO using optical satellite remote sensing data (in cooperation with IMAU, Netherlands)
- 2008-2010 **Remote sensing scientist & head of the Remote sensing and GIS laboratory**
CEAZA, CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS AVANZADOS EN ZONAS ÁRIDAS, CHILE
Head of the Remote Sensing and GIS laboratory and remote sensing scientist working on use of multi-source satellite imagery to study hydrological, snow/ice and ecological processes in the arid zones of north-central Chile.
- 2008 **Post-doctoral researcher**
M3-BIORES, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Postdoc researcher focusing on the development of a hierarchical, multi-scale, spatio-temporal segmentation software tool (in cooperation with CSIRO, Australia).
- 2002-2008 **Research associate and PhD student**
M3-BIORES, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Research associate focusing on the development of new methodologies to assess ecosystem dynamics after wild fires based on satellite remote sensing time series data.

Publications

Articles in peer reviewed journals

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Student support & teaching

PhD supervision & support

2018-now	Thore Kausch TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS Modelling & Remote Sensing of Antarctic SMB variability
2015-now	Niels Souverijns KULEUVEN, BELGIUM The role of cloud-aerosol interactions in East Antarctica's surface mass balance
2015-now	Alexandra Gossart KULEUVEN, BELGIUM The role of snowdrift on local mass redistribution in East Antarctica
2012-2016	Kristof Van Tricht KULEUVEN, BELGIUM Understanding the role of clouds in the climate of Greenland
2011-2015	Wanda De Keersmaecker KULEUVEN, BELGIUM Quantification of vegetation response to climate anomalies through remote sensing
2010-2014	Steven Vanonckelen KULEUVEN, BELGIUM Detection and analysis of forest cover dynamics with Landsat satellite imagery, application in the Romanian Carpathian Ecoregion
2008-2010	Sander Veraverbeke GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM Assessing fire burn severity using spaceborne spectral indices

PhD committee member

Robin Lombaert (KULeuven, 2013), Roberto Chavez (WUR, 2014), Junchao Shi (TUDelft, 2017), Eliakim Hamunyela (Wageningen University, 2017), Seyed Hosseini Aria (TUDelft, 2018), Jonathan Van Beek (KULeuven, 2012-now), Vincent Smets (KULeuven, 2015-now), Björn Rombouts (KULeuven, 2016-now), Raymond Sellevold (TUDelft, 2017-now), Laura Muntjewerf (TUDelft, 2017-now)

MSc/BSc supervision

19 MSc/BSc students as supervisor, co-promotor, promotor: Ruben Rommens (MSc KULeuven, 2003-2004), Miet Boonen,

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Teaching

- 2017-2018 **Simulation & visualisation [CIE4604]**
MSc CIVIL ENGINEERING & GEOSCIENCES, TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS
Lecturer on Google Earth Engine
- 2016-2018 **Ice, snow & climate change [CIE4602]**
MSc CIVIL ENGINEERING & GEOSCIENCES, TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS
Lecturer of remote sensing topics
- 2016-2018 **Introduction to geophysics & remote sensing [AESB1440]**
BSc CIVIL ENGINEERING & GEOSCIENCES, TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS
Lecturer of remote sensing topics
- 2016-2018 **Spaceflight assignment [AE3536]**
BSc MINOR SPACEFLIGHT, TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS
Responsible for 3 assignments for 9 students
- 2016-2018 **Earth observation [CT3532]**
BSc MINOR SPACEFLIGHT, TUDELFT, NETHERLANDS
Coordinator + responsible lecturer
- 2014-2016 **Remote sensing of the atmosphere**
MSc IN GEOGRAPHY / MSc IN EARTH OBSERVATION, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Coordinator + responsible lecturer
- 2014-2016 **Remote sensing: climatological applications**
MSc IN BIOSCIENCE ENGINEERING, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Guest lecture in *Land Cover & Land Use monitoring* (coordinator Prof. Somers B.)
- 2014-2015 **Remote sensing of the cryosphere**
MSc, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, NETHERLANDS
Guest lecture in *Physics of Remote Sensing* (coordinator Prof. Houweling S.)
- 2011-2014 **Temporal image analysis techniques**
MSc IN EARTH OBSERVATION, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Guest lecture in *Remote sensing of vegetative systems* (coordinator Prof. Coppin P.)
- 2005-2007 **Trend analysis**
ADVANCED MSc IN EARTH OBSERVATION, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Guest lecture in *Vegetative canopy monitoring* (coordinator Prof. Coppin P.)
- 2002-2005 **Geographical information systems [Practical sessions]**
MSc IN ENGINEERING OF FOREST & LAND MANAGEMENT, KULEUVEN, BELGIUM
Practical sessions of *Geographical Information Systems* (coordinator Prof. Coppin P.(2002-2004), Prof. Van Orshoven J. (2005))

Grants & fellowships

- NWO GO Firm **Assessing fire processes from multi-source satellite data**
FUNDED BY NWO USER SUPPORT FOR SPACE RESEARCH
PI
- Mass2Ant **East Antarctic surface mass balance in the Anthropocene : observations and multi-scale modelling**
FUNDED BY BELSPO BRAIN / NWO
Co-PI and principal NWO-funded collaborator (4 years of PhD funding) on project of PI Goosse H. (UCL)

PV-MEP TPS	Snow monitoring using the Proba-V Mission Exploitation Platform (PV-MEP) Third Party Services FUNDED BY ESA Co-PI and responsible for snow monitoring work package
U-Turn	Understanding turning points in dryland ecosystem functioning FUNDED BY BELSPO STEREO III International partner
Black & bloom	Microbial processes darken and accelerate the melting of the Greenland Ice Sheet FUNDED BY NERC International collaborator on project of PI's Tranter M. and Bamber J. (University Bristol)
Benemelt	Melting of Dronning Maud Land ice shelves: a combined modelling and observational approach FUNDED BY INBEV-LATOIR Collaborator on project of PI Lenaerts J. (Utrecht University)
Aerocloud	How do aerosols and clouds affect the East Antarctic climate? FUNDED BY BELSPO BRAIN Collaborator on project of PI Van Lipzig N. (KULeuven)
Aerocloud	Antarctic precipitation, clouds and their interplay with aerosols: Combining ground-based remote sensing and regional climate modeling FUNDED BY FWO Collaborator on project of PI Van Lipzig N. (KULeuven)
FWO post-doc fellowship	Changes in surface properties of the Greenland ice sheet and their impact on climate modeling FUNDED BY FWO Principal investigator
Fondecyt Regular 2011	Modelling the current and future hydrological contribution of glaciers and seasonal snow in semi arid mountain catchments FUNDED BY FONDECYT (CHILE) International collaborator on project of PI Kinnard C. (CEAZA)
Fondecyt Iniciacion 2009	The introduction of fusion techniques to improve the determination of snow cover properties based on remote sensing imagery FUNDED BY FONDECYT (CHILE) Principal investigator
Planet Action	Spatio-temporal changes in glacier surface facies and ablation morphology in the Norte Chico region, Chile FUNDED BY SPOT IMAGE Principal investigator
Ecoseg-SR/01/108	Development of a spatio-temporal segmentation algorithm for satellite time series to monitor forest condition FUNDED BY BELSPO STEREO II Investigator on project of PI Prof. Coppin P. (KULeuven)
Glovex-SR/16/81	Assessment of vegetation regrowth by satellite remote sensing FUNDED BY BELSPO STEREO II Investigator on project of PI Prof. Coppin P. (KULeuven)

Scientific committees & reviews

Co-convenorship


EGU 2018	Remote sensing of the cryosphere [CR2.1] EGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018, VIENNA, AUSTRIA Co-convenor
EGU 2017	Remote sensing of the cryosphere [CR2.1] EGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017, VIENNA, AUSTRIA Convenor

- EGU 2016 **Remote sensing of the cryosphere [CR2.1]**
EGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016, VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Convenor
- EGU 2015 **Remote sensing of polar snow and ice [CR2.1]**
EGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 12 APRIL – 17 APRIL
Co-convenor
- EGU 2014 **Remote sensing of the cryosphere [CR2.1]**
EGU GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014, VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 28 APRIL – 2 MAY
Co-convenor
- Multitemp 2007 **Fourth International Workshop on the Analysis of Multitemporal Remote Sensing Images**
MULTITEMP 2007, LEUVEN, BELGIUM, 18-20 JULY
Member of the organisation committee

Reviews for















Nature Geoscience, The Cryosphere, Remote Sensing of Environment, Journal of Glaciology, IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Global Ecology and Biogeography, Photogrammetric Engineering Remote Sensing, Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing, Remote Sensing, International Journal of Remote Sensing, Biogeosciences, Atmospheric Science Letters, Journal of Arid Environments, Nonlinear Processes in Geophysics, Geocarto International, International Journal of Geographical Information Science, Biosystems Engineering, EARSeL eProceedings, Sensors, Scientia Agricola, Ecological Modeling, Annals of Forest Science, NSF, Fondecyt, NWO, EUFAR

Editorial work

- 2017-2018 **Remote Sensing Special Issue**
"Remote Sensing of Glaciers at Global and Regional Scales"
GUEST EDITOR
mdpi.com/journal/remotesensing/special_issues/Glaciers 

Press & outreach

Press

- 2018 **Fifteen Years of Change in the Arctic**
ONLINE PRESS
Nasa Earth Observatory 
- 2018 **Antarctic grounding lines**
ONLINE PRESS
VRT NWS 
- 2018 **Penguin colonies on Antarctica**
RADIO
De wereld vandaag @ VRT Radio 1  VRT Radio 2 
- 2018 **Mass2Ant fieldwork**
RADIO
NPO Radio 1 
- 2017 **Pine Island Glacier calving**
RADIO, WRITTEN & ONLINE PRESS
Washington Post , Nasa hyperwall , NY Times , The Verge 
- 2017 **Greenland wildfire**
RADIO, WRITTEN & ONLINE PRESS
BBC , Nasa Earth , Nasa Earth Blog 
- 2017 **Asian glaciers**
WRITTEN PRESS
De Volkskrant , De Morgen 

- 2017 **Larsen-C iceberg A68**
TV, RADIO, WRITTEN & ONLINE PRESS
- 2017 **Peterman rift**
TV, RADIO, WRITTEN & ONLINE PRESS
Washington Post , Washington Post follow-up  CNN , NOS op 3 
- 2016 **Nature Climate Change paper (Lenaerts, Lhermitte et.al.) in the news**
TV, RADIO, WRITTEN & ONLINE PRESS
VRT nieuws , VTM journaal , Karrewiet @ Ketnet , RTL journaal , De wereld vandaag @ VRT Radio 1 , VRT Radio nieuws 
- 2016 **Nature Communications paper (Thiery et.al.) in the news**
ONLINE PRESS
Delta 
- 2016 **Benemelt Antarctic field campaign in the news**
RADIO & WRITTEN PRESS
ROB TV , De Ochtend @ VRT Radio 1 , Nieuwe Feiten @ VRT Radio 1 , De Wereld vandaag @ VRT Radio 1 , Het Nieuwsblad , De Standaard , Rondom Leuven 
- 2012 **Interview for Science magazine on exceptional Greenland melt**
WRITTEN & ONLINE PRESS
Science 

Lectures & Outreach

- 21 Mar 2018 **La Belgique et l'Antarctique, Impressions de Chercheurs**
EVENING CONFERENCE ON ANTARCTIC RESEARCH
Presentation for ice shelf research & experiences
- Feb 2018 **Antarctica voor beginners**
BASIS- & KLEUTERSCHOOL URSULINEN
Introductie voor kleuter- & lagere school
- 21 Feb 2017 **Ijsplaten van Antarctica in een veranderend klimaat**
CAUSERIE @ OXACO
Presentation for wider audience
- 31 Jan 2017 **Ijsplaten van Antarctica in een veranderend klimaat**
SLO NATUURWETENSCHAPPEN (GEOGRAPHY) KULEUVEN
Presentation for geografie leerkrachten
- 18 Dec 2016 **Ice shelves on Antarctica**
ONDERNEMERSHUIS MECHELEN
Presentation on 'Ice shelves on Antarctica'
- Dec 2015 **Antarctica voor beginners**
KLEUTERSCHOOL URSULINEN
Introductie voor kleuterschool

Skills

Software

Office applications:	Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access), LaTeX, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash)
Open-source Office:	Libreoffice suite, Inkscape, imagemagick
Program languages:	python, R, C++, fortran, bash, IDL, matlab, javascript, php, html+css, sql
Remote sensing:	QGIS, Google Earth Engine, gdal/ogr, ArcGIS, Envi, Idrisi, PCI
Operating systems:	Linux, Mac, Windows

Languages

Dutch:	Mother tongue
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English: Very good understanding, speaking, and writing
French: Good understanding, good speaking, and intermediate writing
Spanish: Very good understanding and speaking, good writing

Field work management

Organisation of field campaigns in the Chilean Andes (2010, 2014) and coordinator and assistance in a scientific field campaign on the Roi Baudoin ice shelf (East-Antarctica, Jan 2016 & Dec 2017).