

Networks of Interactions in Intercropping

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Intercropping (IC) consists in **growing various crops on one single plot at the same time**. Despite the **wide range of advantages** it is associated to, its **adoption in Belgium remains low**. In fact, **many interactions** can take place between two associated crops, which lead either to **facilitation** or **competition**. Despite several decades of research, the exact relationships leading to facilitation or competition and the conditions in which they occur are **still unclear**. Consequently, it is **hard to predict the outcome** of a given IC design in a given environment **and to advise farmers**.

In order to (i) **better understand the mechanisms at work in intercropping** and to (ii) **identify the gaps in current knowledge**, we made an extensive literature review and compiled the information in the form of networks of interactions.

