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Stomatal conductance governs plant water use and carbon uptake and is fundamental to larger-scale regional prediction of carbon-water cycle and their feedbacks to climate change. However, the nonlinear effect of vapor pressure deficit (VPD) on carbon-water coupling induces large uncertainty in modeling the stomatal conductance. In this study, we propose a new pathway to model the stomatal conductance at the subdaily time scale and this hysteresis model minimize time lags among stomatal conductance (g_s), solar-induced chlorophyll fluorescence (SIF) and VPD, even though under the water stress situation. Half-hourly data were used to validate our model for forest, crop and grass ecosystems. Correlation analysis shows that the g_s and SIF relationship is better after adding their influence factor of VPD. Our results suggest the potential use of remotely-sensed SIF for estimating stomatal conductance and plant transpiration.