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Determining crop traits using multi-spectral data & radiative transfer models

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BOKU – INSTITUTE FOR SURVEYING, REMOTE SENSING AND LAND INFORMATION



History:	... since 1875
Staffing:	... ca. 20
Teaching:	... several bachelor & master programs
Thematics:	... Remote sensing & photogrammetry
	... GIS & land information
	... Surveying & geodesy



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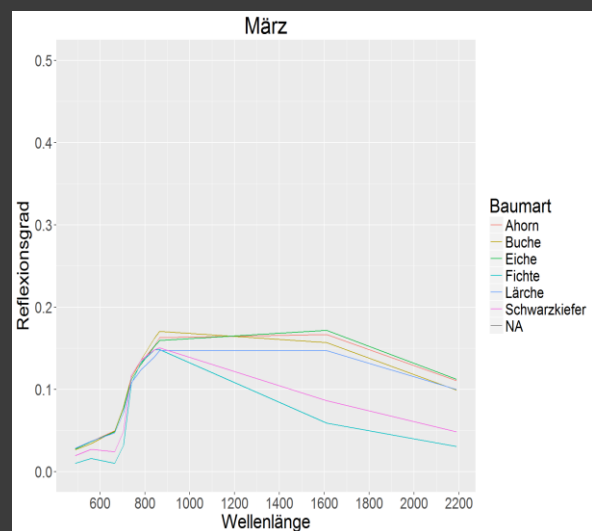
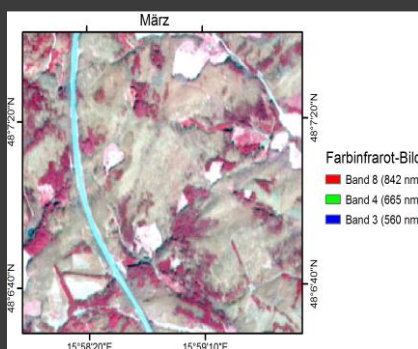
CLASSICAL APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING



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*High
resolution
land cover
classification*

... CROP & TREE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION ...

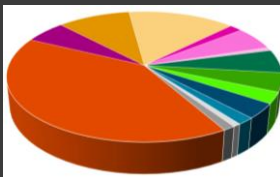
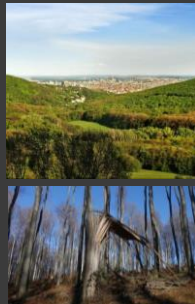


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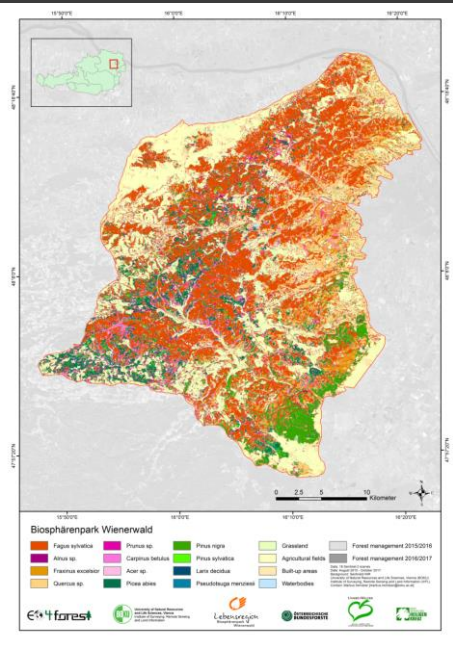
High
resolution
tree species
classification

... TREE SPECIES IDENTIFICATION ...

- 12 tree species
OAA: 89.9 %



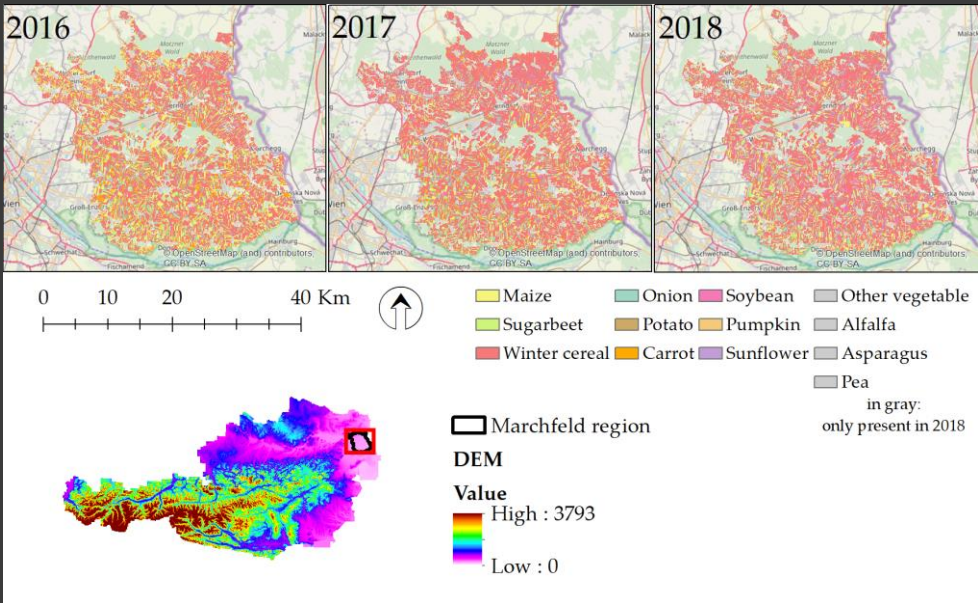
Fagus sylvatica	Prunus sp.	Pinus nigra
Alnus sp.	Carpinus betulus	Pinus sylvestica
Fraxinus excelsior	Acer sp.	Larix decidua
Quercus sp.	Picea abies	Pseudotsuga menziesii



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High
resolution
crop type
classification

... CROP TYPE IDENTIFICATION ...

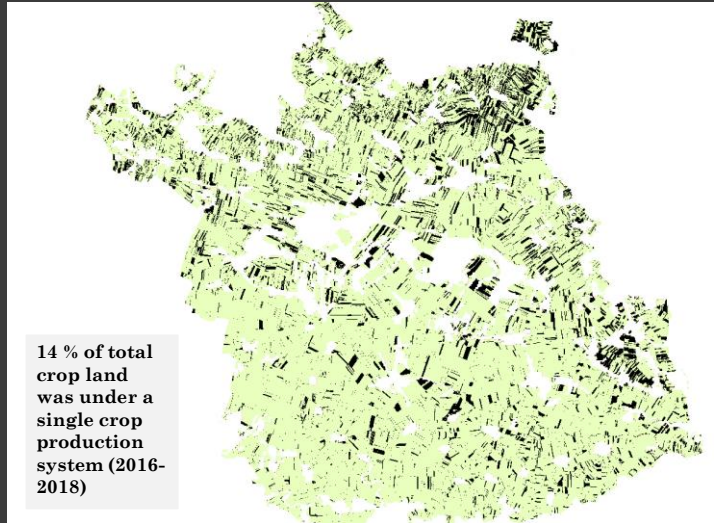
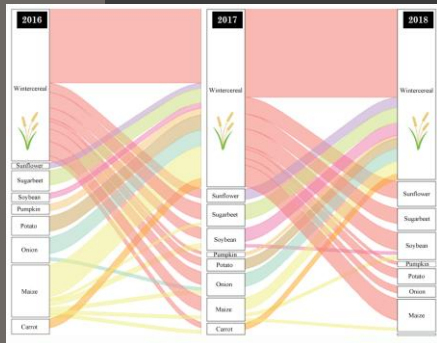


<https://ivfl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=589e41739c474c0f92ad8009b2c09fb5>

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Regional
crop rotation

... CROP ROTATION ...



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Change
detection

... CHANGE DETECTION ...



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OBSERVING CROPS USING EO DATA:

DROUGHT RESISTANCE

PHENOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

NITROGEN UPTAKE

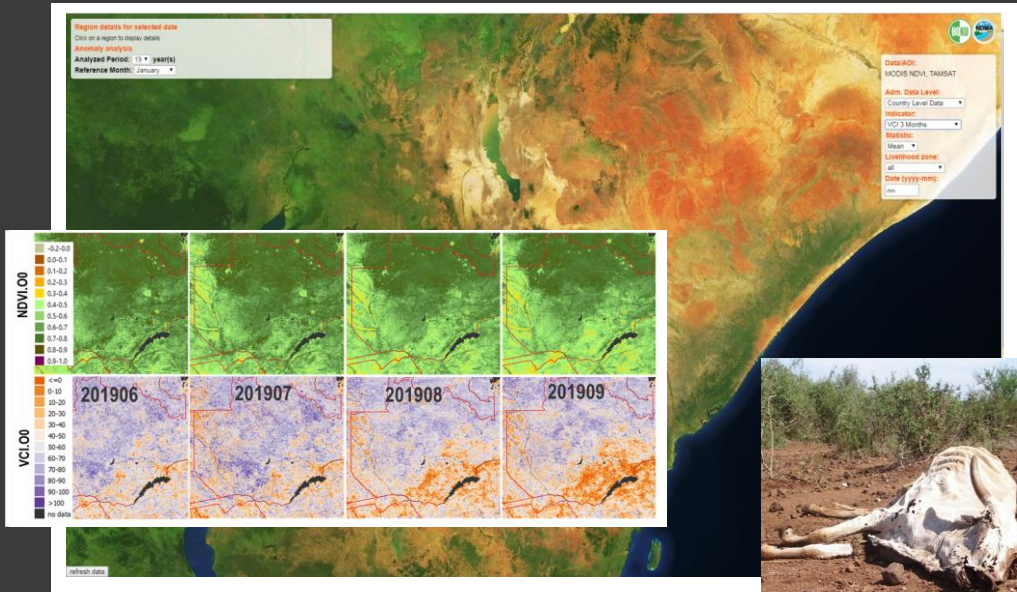
WATER STRESS



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Coarse scale
monitoring

... DROUGHT MONITORING ...



<https://ivfl-arc.boku.ac.at/kenya/map/>

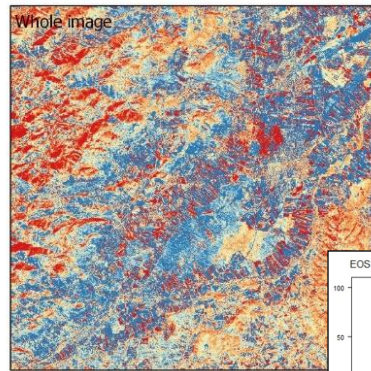


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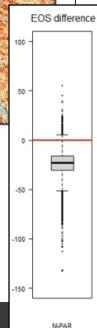
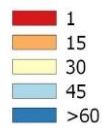
Coarse scale
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... LAND SURFACE PHENOLOGY ...

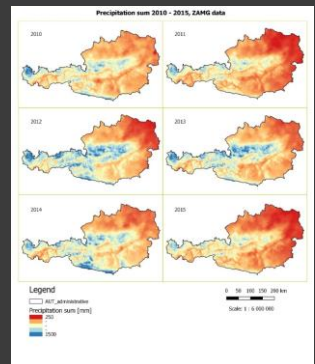
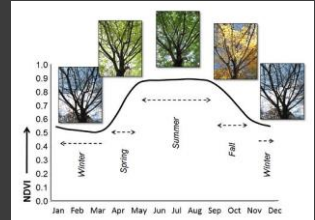
End of season differences from 2010-2014 and 2015



Earlier EOS 2015 [days]



0 2.5 5 7.5 10 km

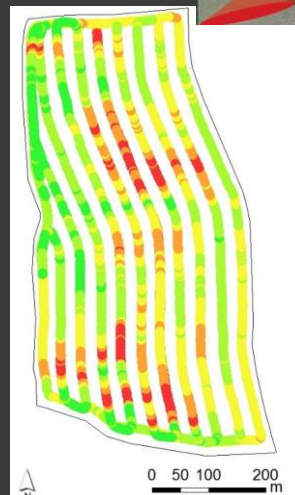
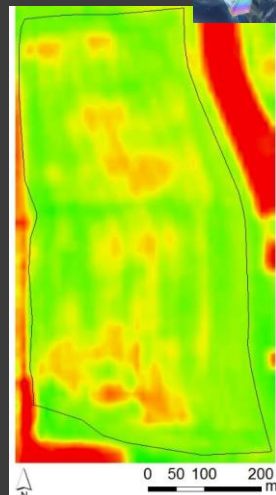


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PrecAg:
Nitrogen
management

... N-MANAGEMENT...

Sentinel-2



YARA N-sensor

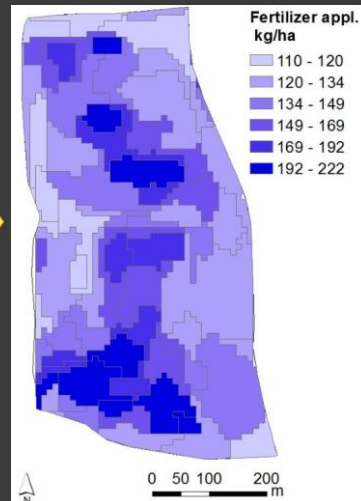
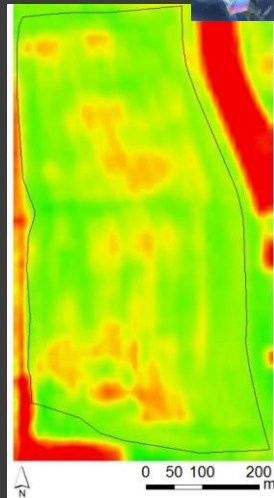
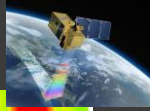


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PrecAg:
Nitrogen
management

... N-MANAGEMENT...

Sentinel-2



1st VRT N appl.
April 26th 2017



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PrecAg:
Irrigation
management

... IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT ...



Mobile



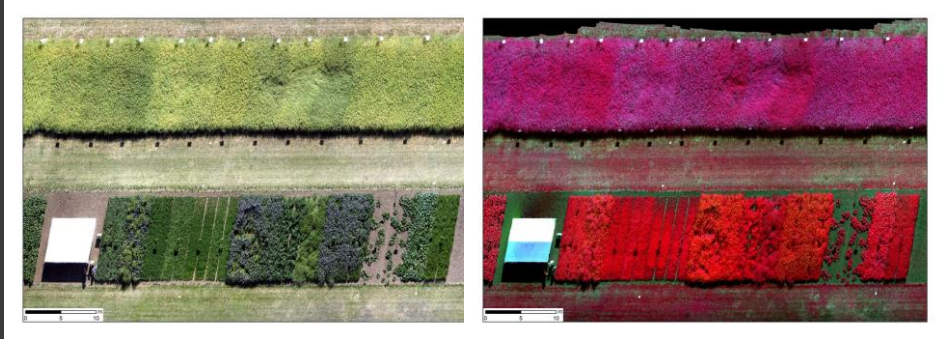
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... PHENOTYPING ...

Cooperation with:

Pablo Rischbeck - Division of Agricultural Engineering

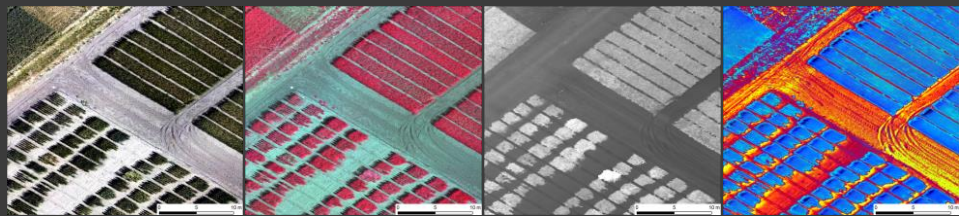
Heinrich Grausgruber - Division of Plant Breeding



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UAVs

... PHENOTYPING ...



RGB

CIR

DSM

Thermal



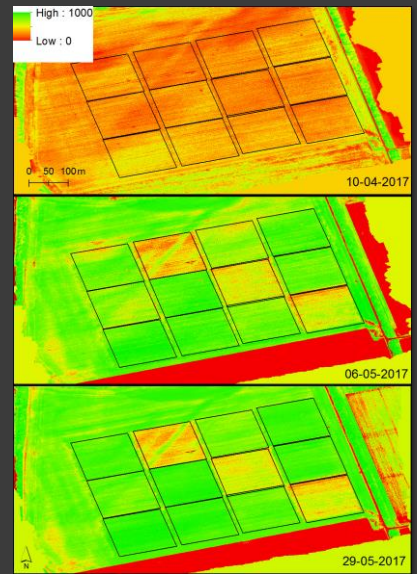
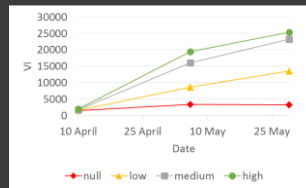
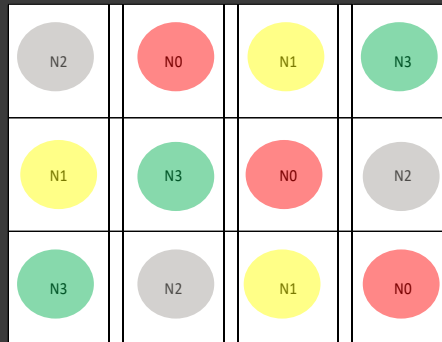
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UAVs

... FERTILIZATION EXPERIMENTS ...



FATIMA



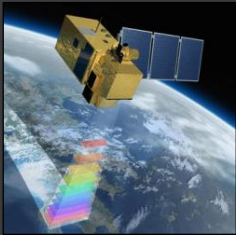
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NEW SENSORS FOR LEAN
PHENOTYPING

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*Sentinel-2
game
changer*

... THE ARRIVAL OF A GAME CHANGER ...



- Two identical satellites
- 10m spatial resolution
- 13 spectral channels
- Global coverage every 5 days
- Data is free and open

The **Sentinel-2** mission is a land monitoring constellation of two identical satellites providing high resolution optical imagery and provide continuity for the current SPOT and Landsat missions for the next ~20 years.

The mission provides a global coverage of the Earth's land surface every 5 days, making the data of great use for agricultural applications.

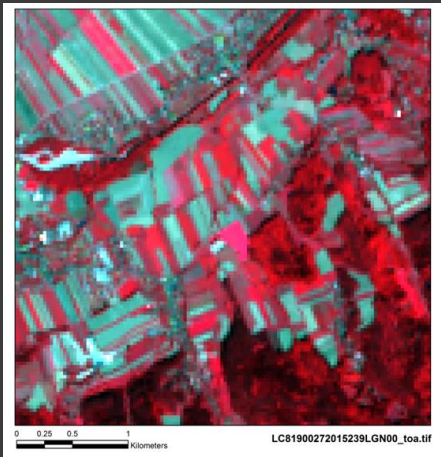
The satellites are equipped with the state-of-the-art MSI (Multispectral Imager) instrument, that offers high-resolution optical imagery. All data are for free to everyone.



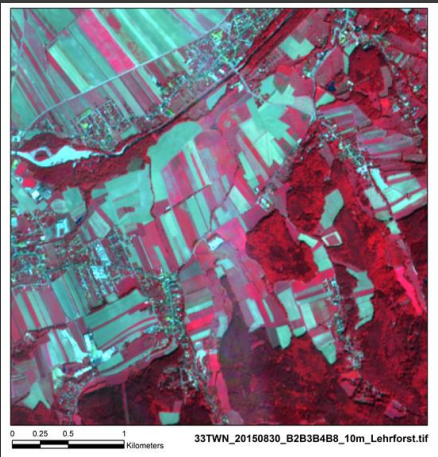
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*Spatial
resolution of
10m*

... THE ARRIVAL OF A GAME CHANGER ...



Landsat @30m



Sentinel-2 @10m



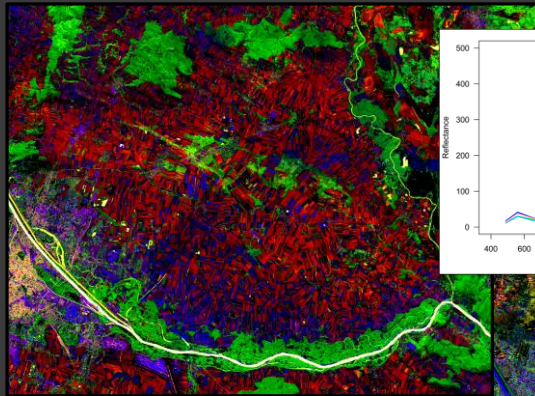
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*Rich and
uncorrelated
information*

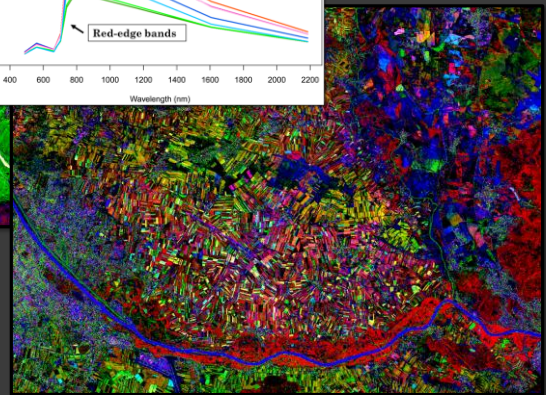
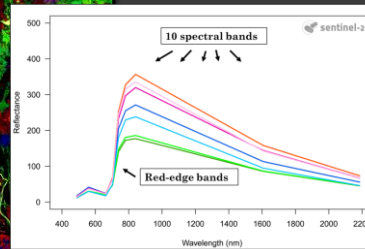
Single image



... THE ARRIVAL OF A GAME CHANGER ...



PCs: 1-2-3: 30/08/2015



PCs: 5-6-7: 30/08/2015



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RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELLING: *MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF FULL SPECTRAL INFORMATION*

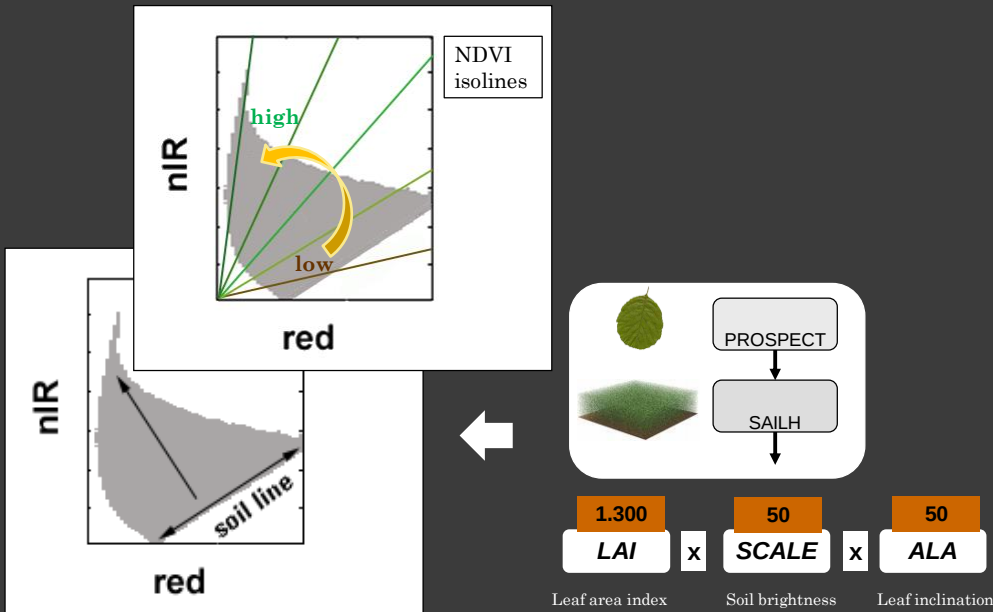


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Whats wrong
with (2-band)
VIs ?



... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...

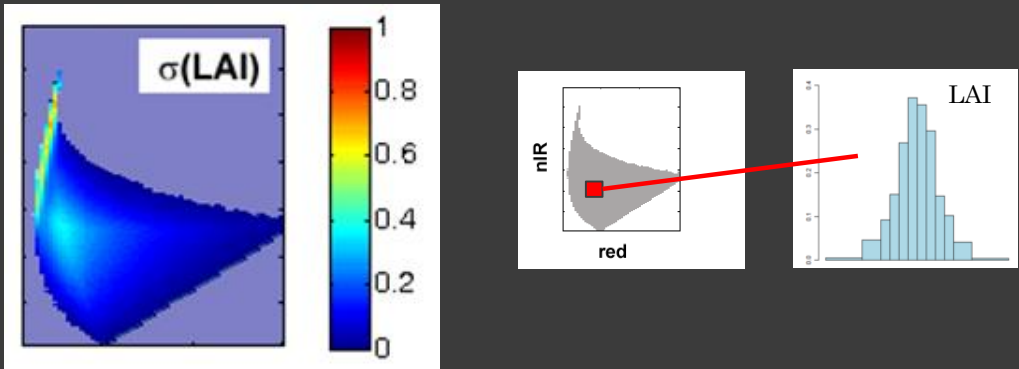


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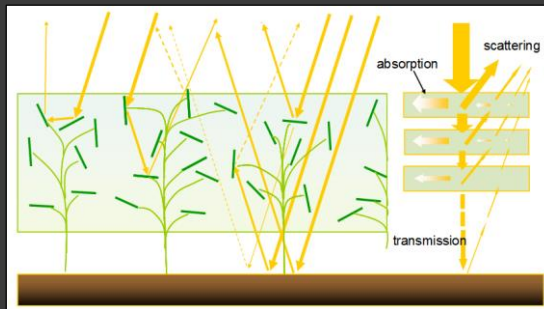


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RTM based
on physical
principles

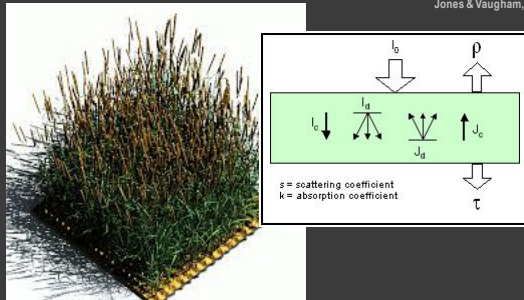


... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...



Jones & Vaughan, 2010

Radiative transfer modeling:
"Use of physical laws"



... therefore some advantages (in theory):

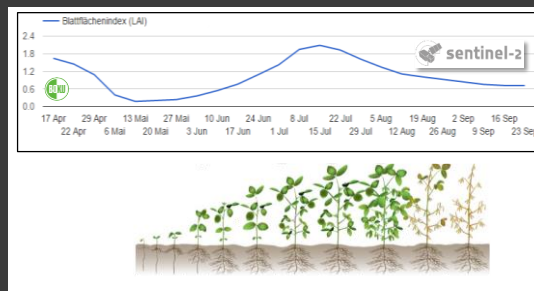
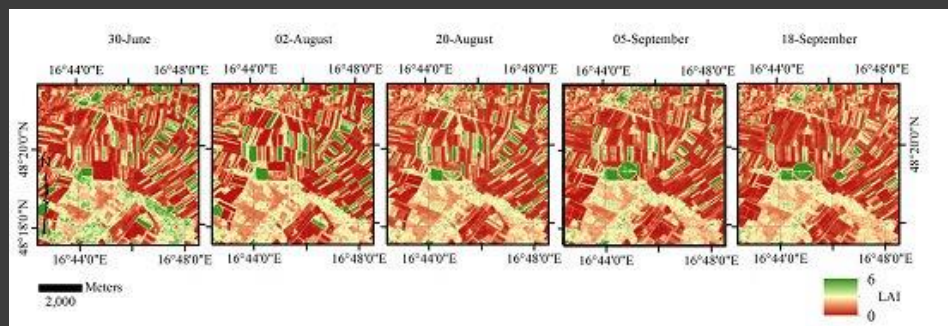
- Field data only for validation needed
- More generic (time, landscape)
- Not sensor specific
- Data redundancy not a problem

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LAI
validation



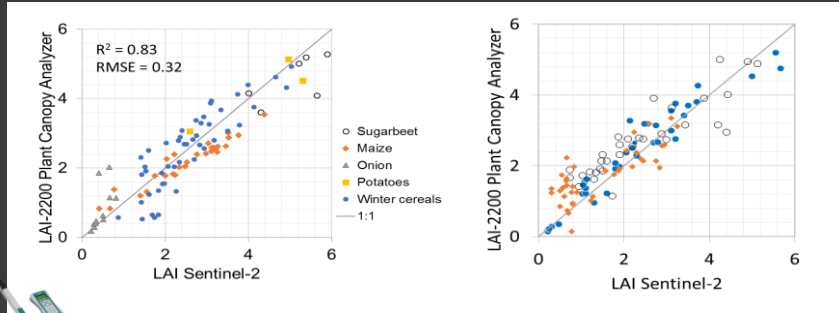
... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...



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LAI
validation

... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...

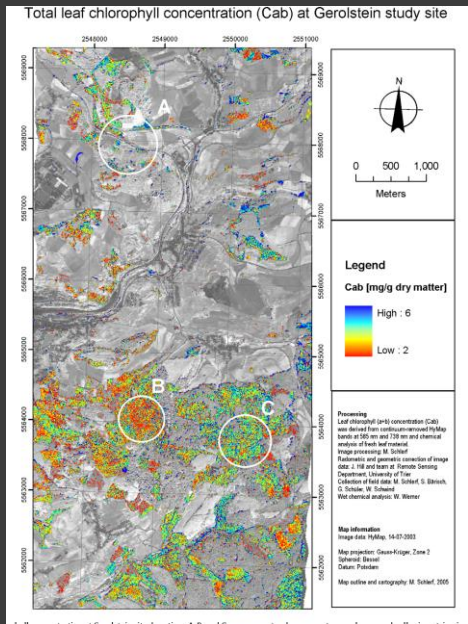


Validation of PROSAIL-derived LAI



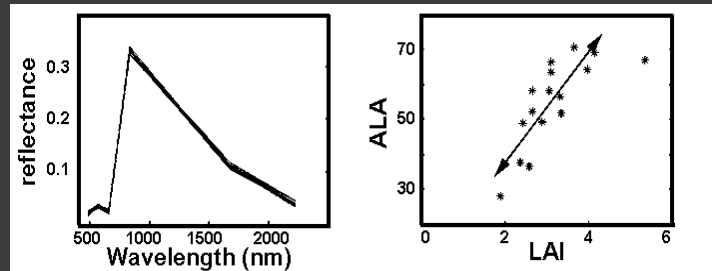
Chlorophyll
validation

... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...



Solving the
ill-posed
inverse
problem

... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...



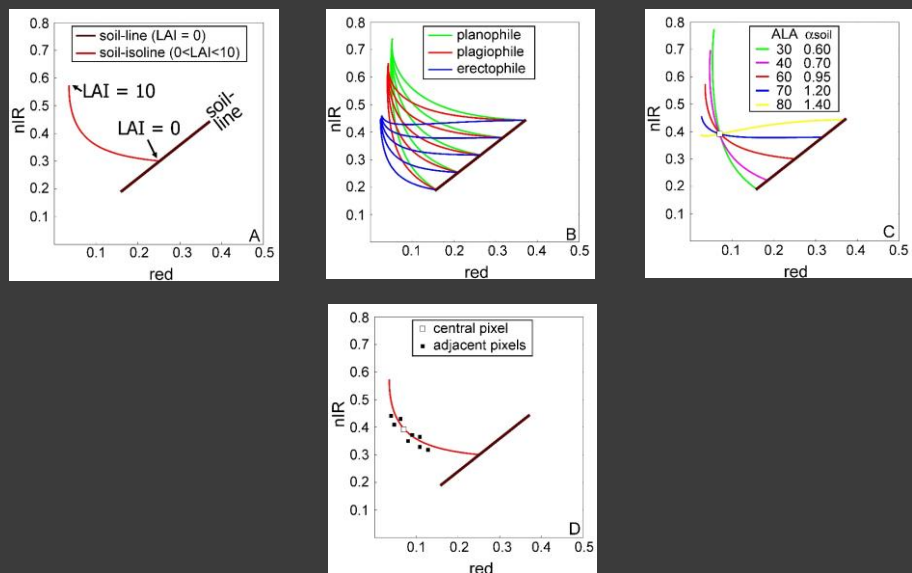
The ill-posed inverse problem illustrated for a Landsat-TM sensor: (left): 15 different parameter combinations lead to $\pm$ similar canopy reflectance spectra (SAILH+PROSPECT simulations); (right): counterbalancing effect between average leaf angle (ALA) and leaf area index (LAI)



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Solving the
ill-posed
inverse
problem

... RADIATIVE TRANSFER MODELING...



Optimization of „soil-isolines“ for pixels within 3 x 3 gliding windows, assuming that only LAI shows a remarkable variation within ± 1 pixel



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... CONCLUSIONS ...

Vegetation indices (VI) only capture part of the available information ! ... too much information is lost & no generalization

Radiative transfer models link crop types with spectral signatures ! ... based on physical principles ... & using all bands

Method transfer from (classical) Earth Observation to phenotyping is warranted ... leveraging experience in EO



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Thank you!

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