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Phenological Spectral Trends at the Mer Bleue Artic Surrogate Simulation Site

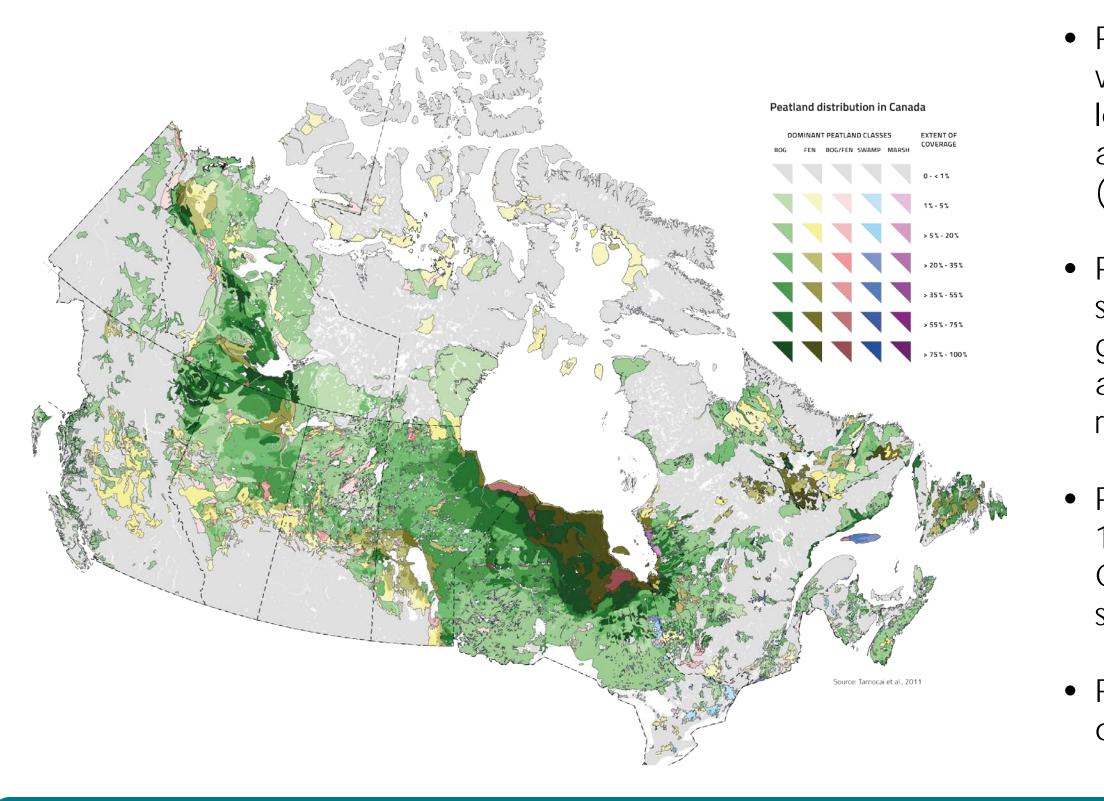
Implementation of Field Spectroscopy and Hyperspectral Airborne Multitemporal Datasets to Validate Sentinel-2 Land Products for Northern Peatlands

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Context

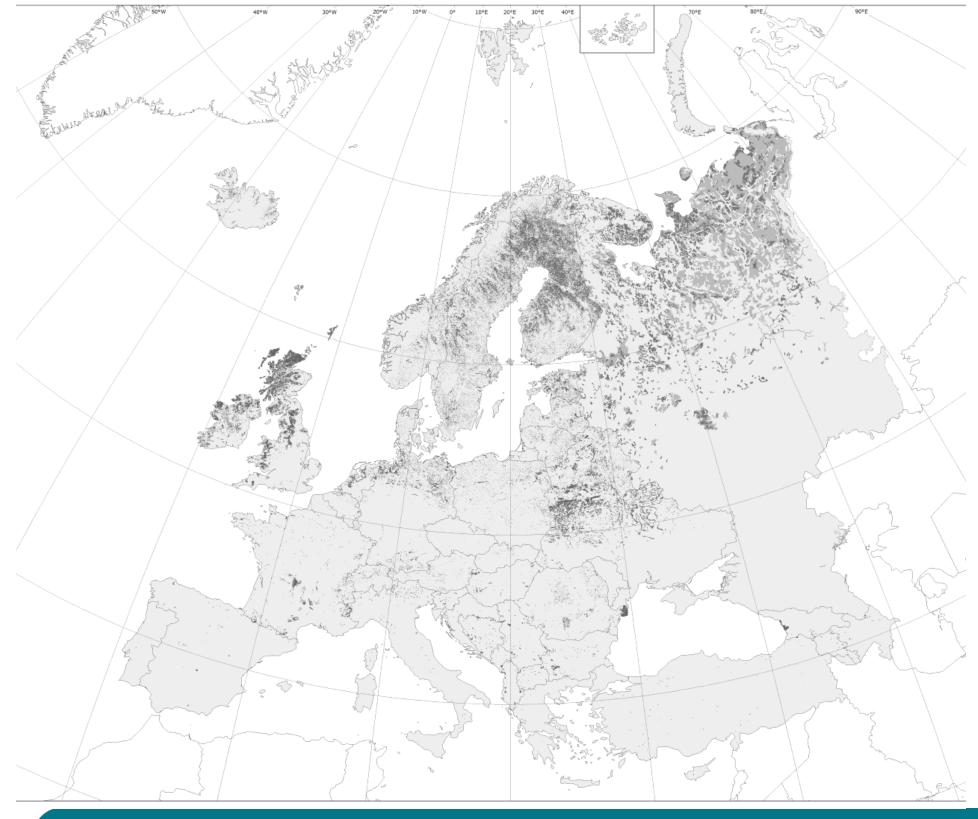
 Peatlands are wetlands with at least 40 cm of accumulated peat (3% global surface).

 Peatlands play a significant role in the global carbon cycle and climate regulation (30% C).

 Peatlands cover 113.6 M hectares in Canada (13% surface area)

• Response to climate change?





- area

Tanneberger et al. 2016. The peatland map of Europe . *Mires* and Peat

Context

• Europe: 593,727 km² (>30 cm depth)

• > 1,000,000 km² (incl. <30 cm).

• Approximately 10 % of the total surface

• Still peatlands are ignored in most global models

 Aggregated with other wetlands



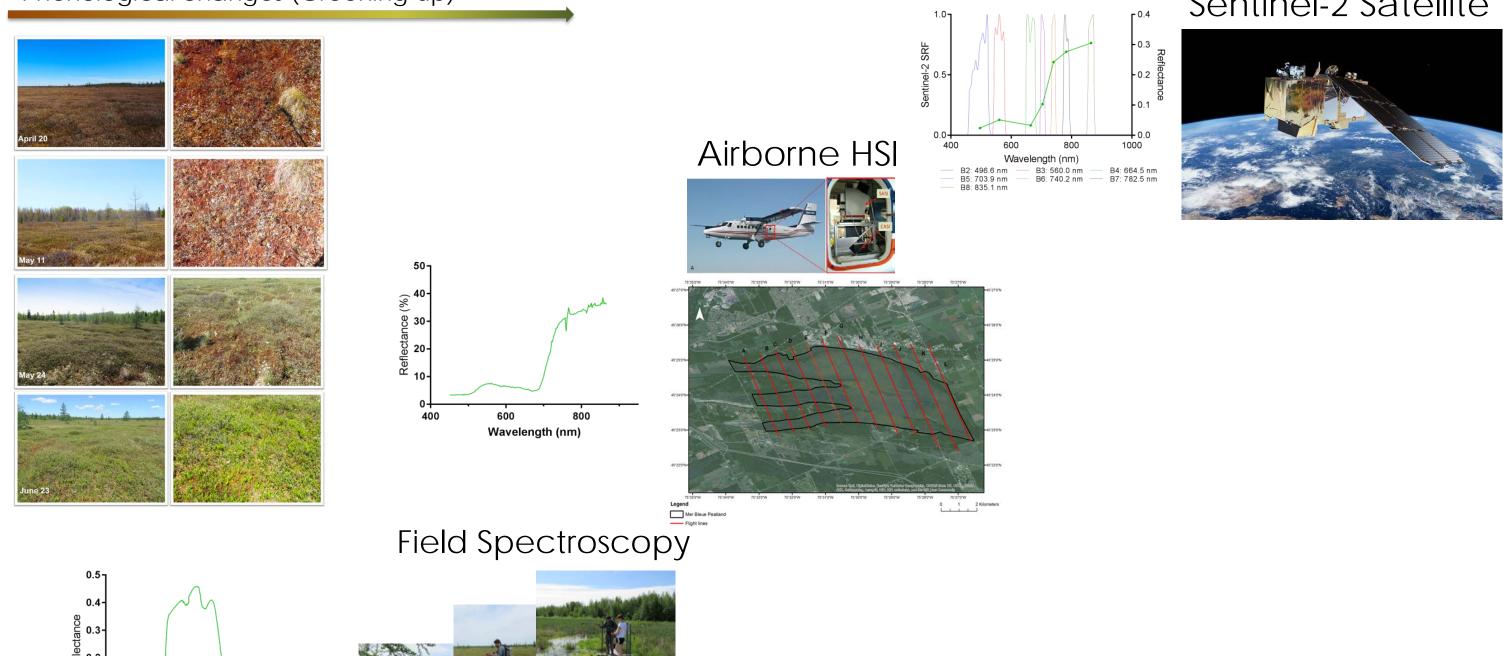
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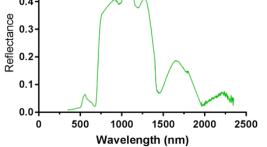
∆ Height <50 cm

Hollows



Phenological changes (Greening up)





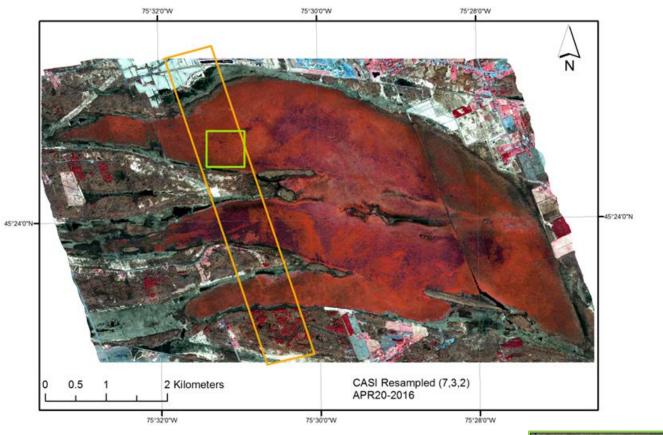


Sentinel-2 Satellite



To compare data products (reflectance and vegetation indices) for hyperspectral airborne and Sentinel-2 imagery, for four time periods. Aim is to capture phenological changes (greening up) at the landscape level at the Mer Bleue ombrotrophic peatland.





Mer Bleue Conservation Area

- Surrogate site for high latitude peatland ecosystems
- 35 km²

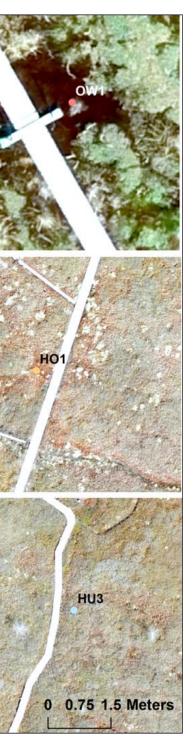
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- 10 km from Ottawa Int. Airport
- Long-term peatland research site
- Tower measurements since 1988

N Plot Vegetation Physiognomies BlueDome BogMargin Hollow Hummock Open Water

Field Plots for Field Spec.

City of Ottawa (2005)



UAV Base Image ARSL (McGill)



Field Spec. vs CASI Assessment

CASI Res. vs S-2 Assessment

UAV Base Image

Sentinel-2

CASIRes

ARSL (McGill)

400

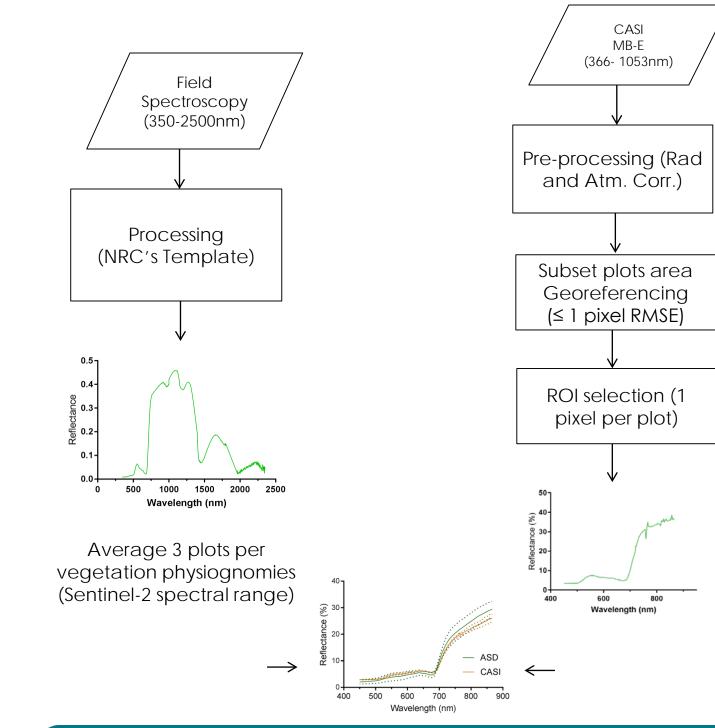
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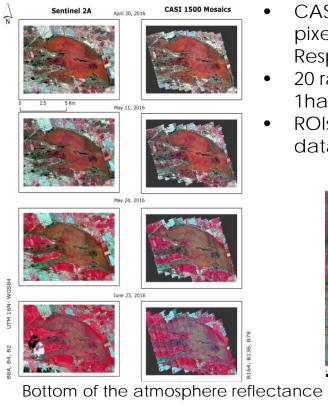
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700 800

Wavelength (nm)

900 1000

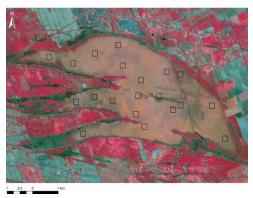




Vegetation Index	Formula (Sentinel-2 reflectance	Reference
	channels)	
NDVI	(NIR _{B8} -R _{B4}) / (NIR _{B8} +R _{B4})	Rouse et al. (1974)
SR	NIR _{B8 /} R _{B4}	Birth and McVey (1968)
RENDVI	$(NIR_{B6}-NIR_{B5}) / (NIR_{B6}-NIR_{B5})$	Gitelson and Merzlyak (1994)

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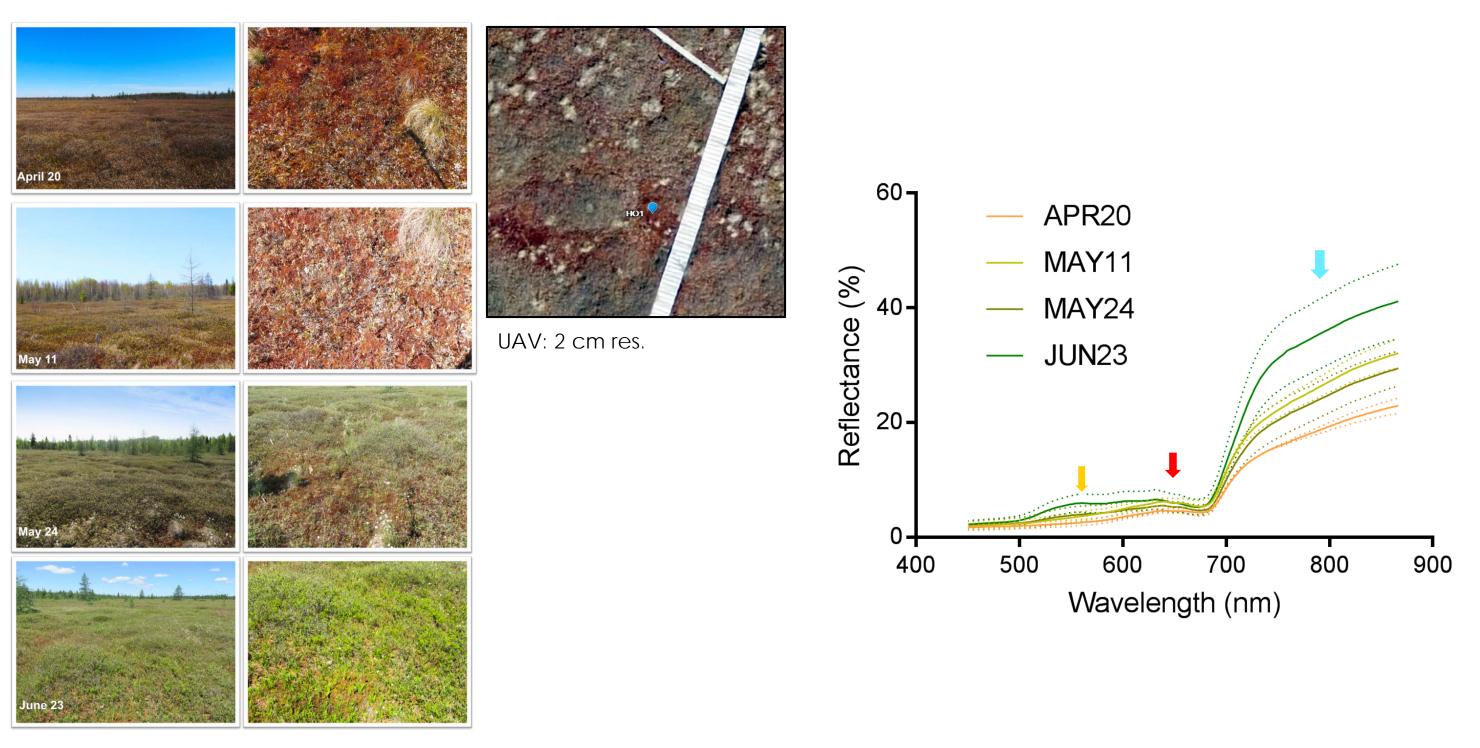
- CASI resampled to Sentinel-2 pixel size and Spectral Response Function (SRF) 20 random plots (5x5 pixels=
- 1ha)
- ROIs reflectance values (2 datasets)



Sentinel-2 Image (June 23, 2016)

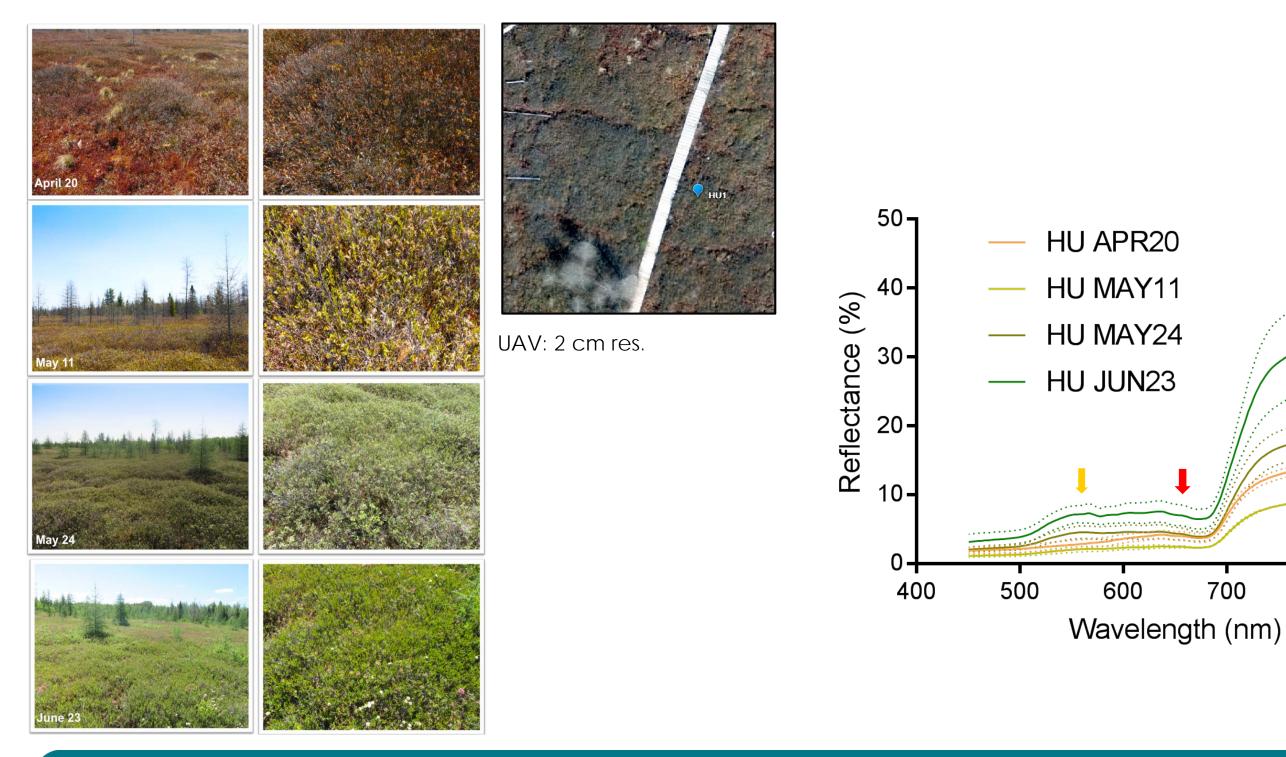


HOLLOWS

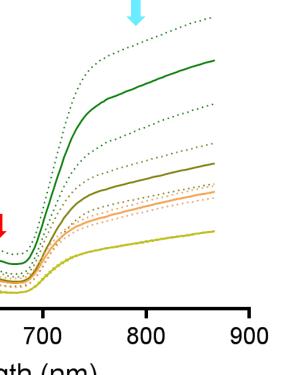




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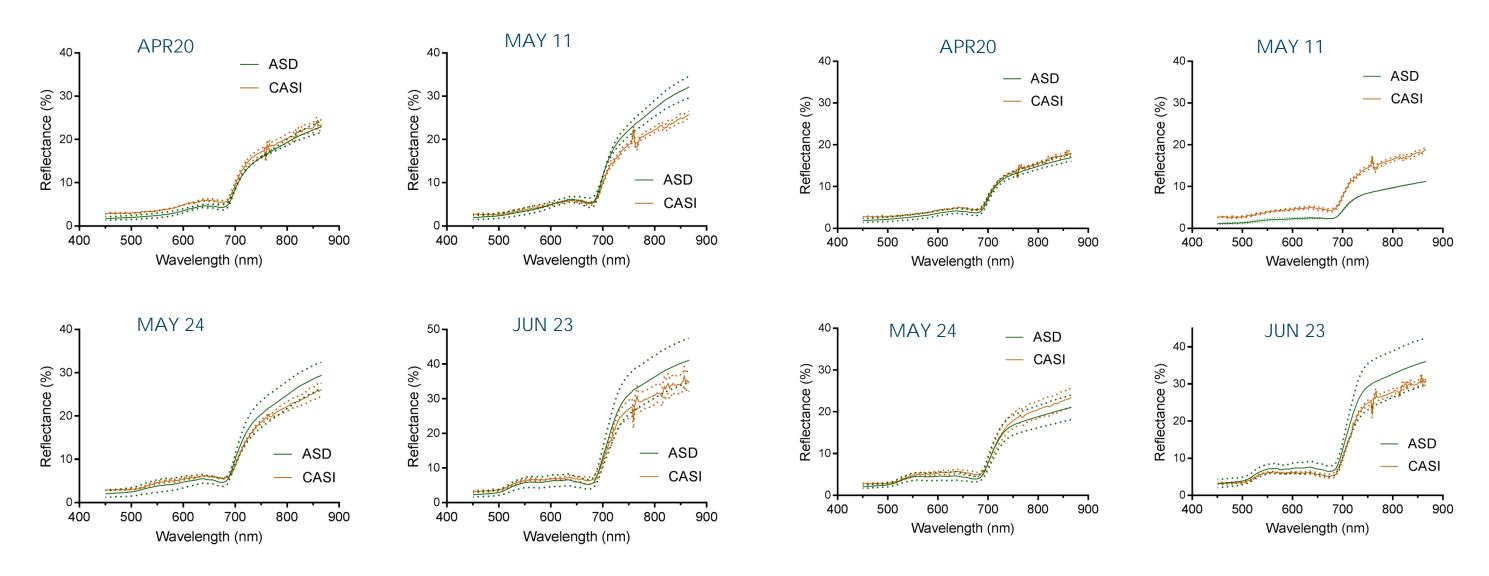




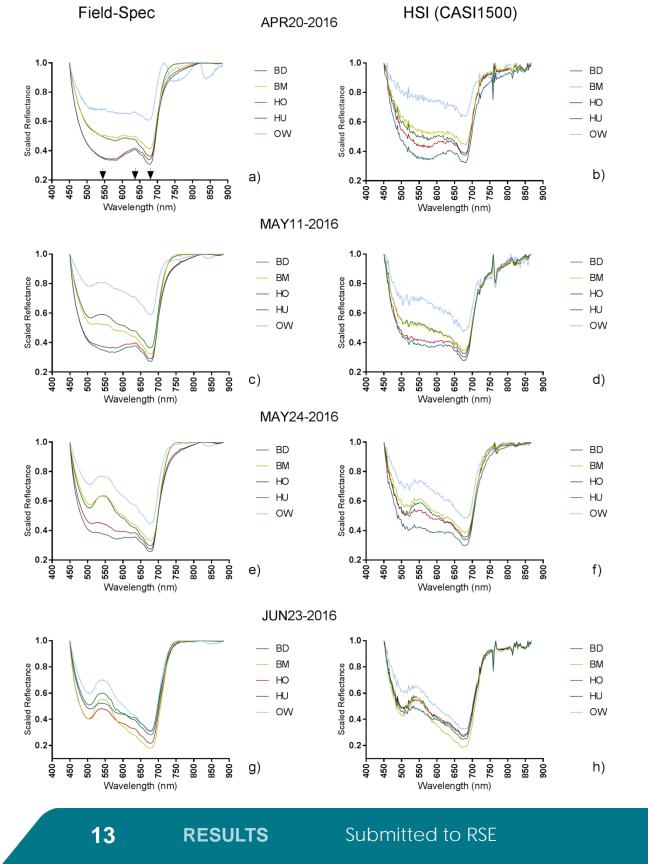
Field Spec. vs CASI Spectra

HOLLOWS

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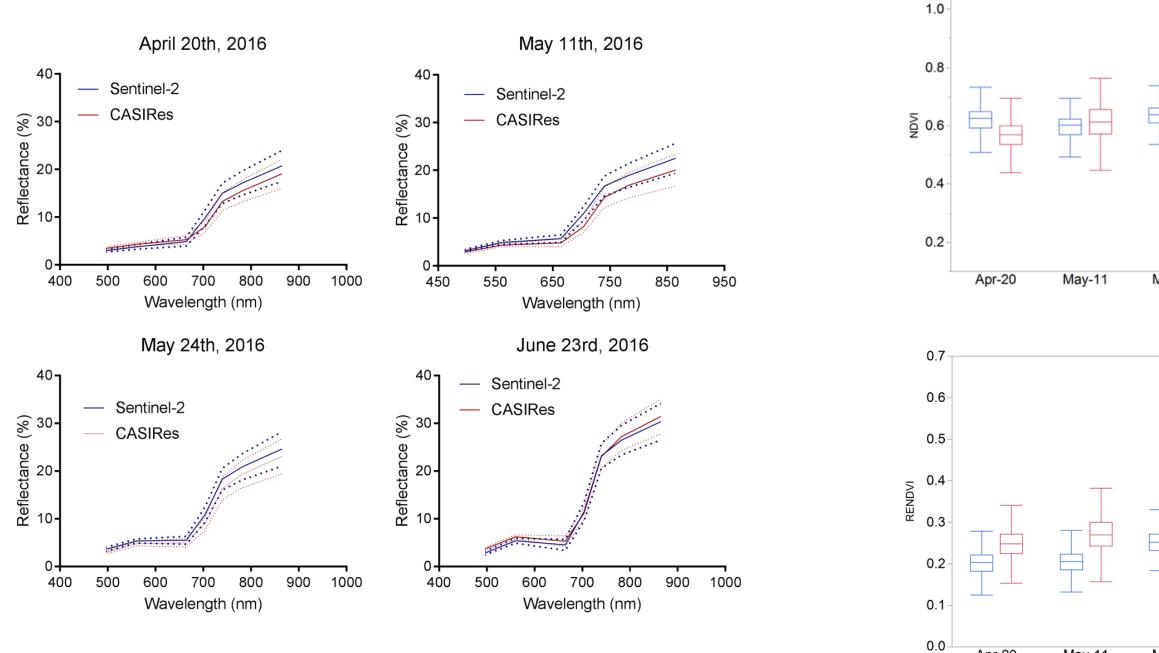




- Three spectral features revealed by the continuum lacksquareremoval analysis and consistent between Field-Spec and HIS:
 - Global minima: 675-680 nm, 668-682 nm
 - Local maxima around 650 nm APR-MAY specially Hollows and Blue Dome
 - Global maxima in green region captures vegetation greening
- First derivative results consistent with spectral ${\color{black}\bullet}$ features revealed by continuum removal
- Second derivative results indicate wider inflection lacksquarepoints around the green peak for field spectra



CASI Res. vs S-2 Assessment



14 RESULTS

		⇔ Sentinel-2 ⇔ CASI
May-24	Jun-23	-
May-24	Jun-23	 CASI

Apr-20

May-11



- Unique approach with the integration of field spectroscopy, airborne hyperspectral and Sentinel-2 for validating satellite products over time.
- Three datasets with different spectral and spatial characteristics captured Mer Bleue phenological changes between April and June 2016.
- Results consistent with what we know about Mer Bleue, but now capture at the landscape level for the first time.







uCASI (400-900 nm)

- Matrice 600 Pro (D-RTK) ullet
- uCASI-UAV system 16 kg •
- IMU/GPS
- 3 axes gimbal
- Vibration isolation

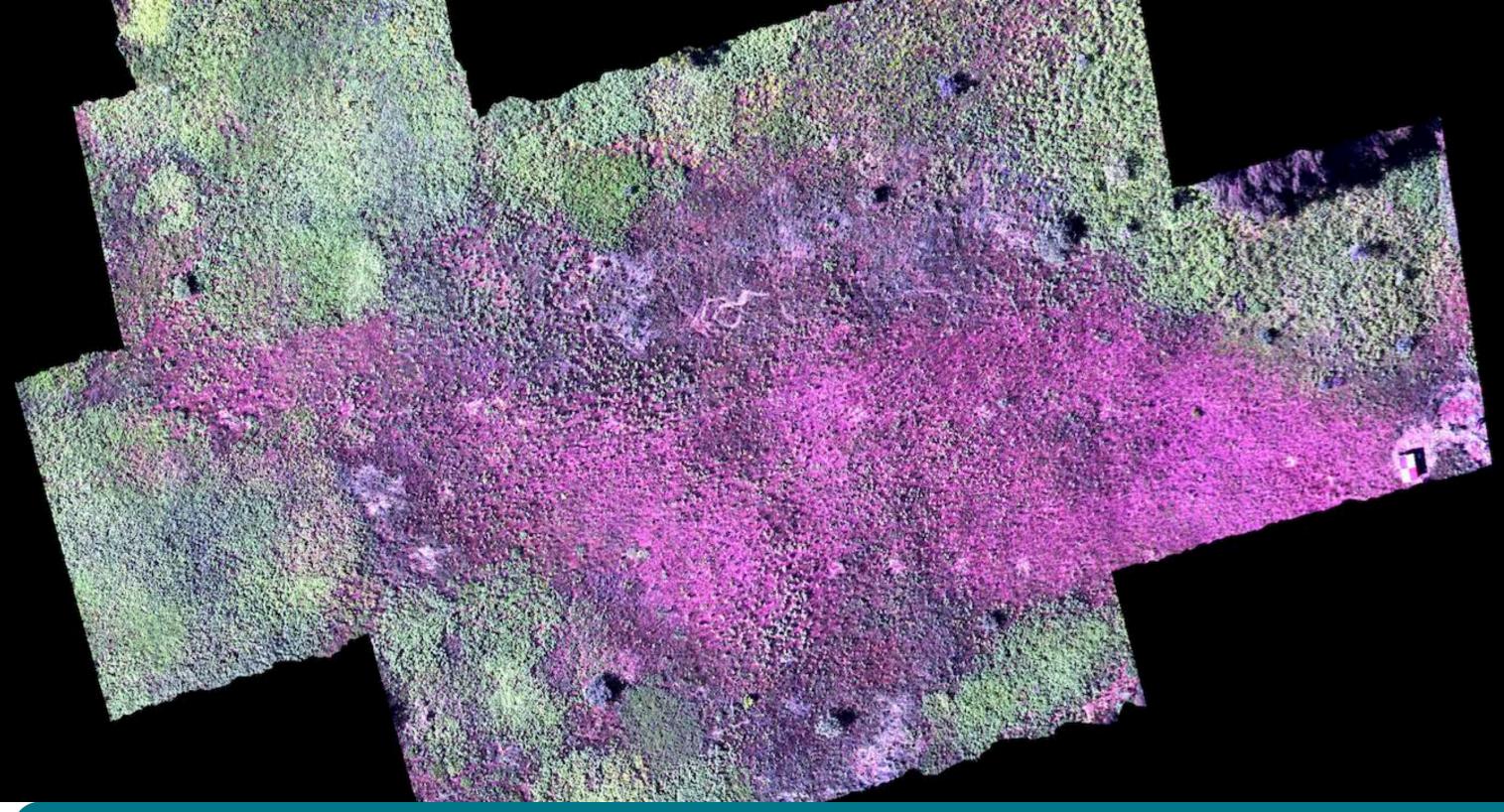
Inspire 2

- X5S camera
- M4/3 sensor
- 20.8 Megapixels
- 72 FOV
- 5280 x 3956 pixels

M600Pro

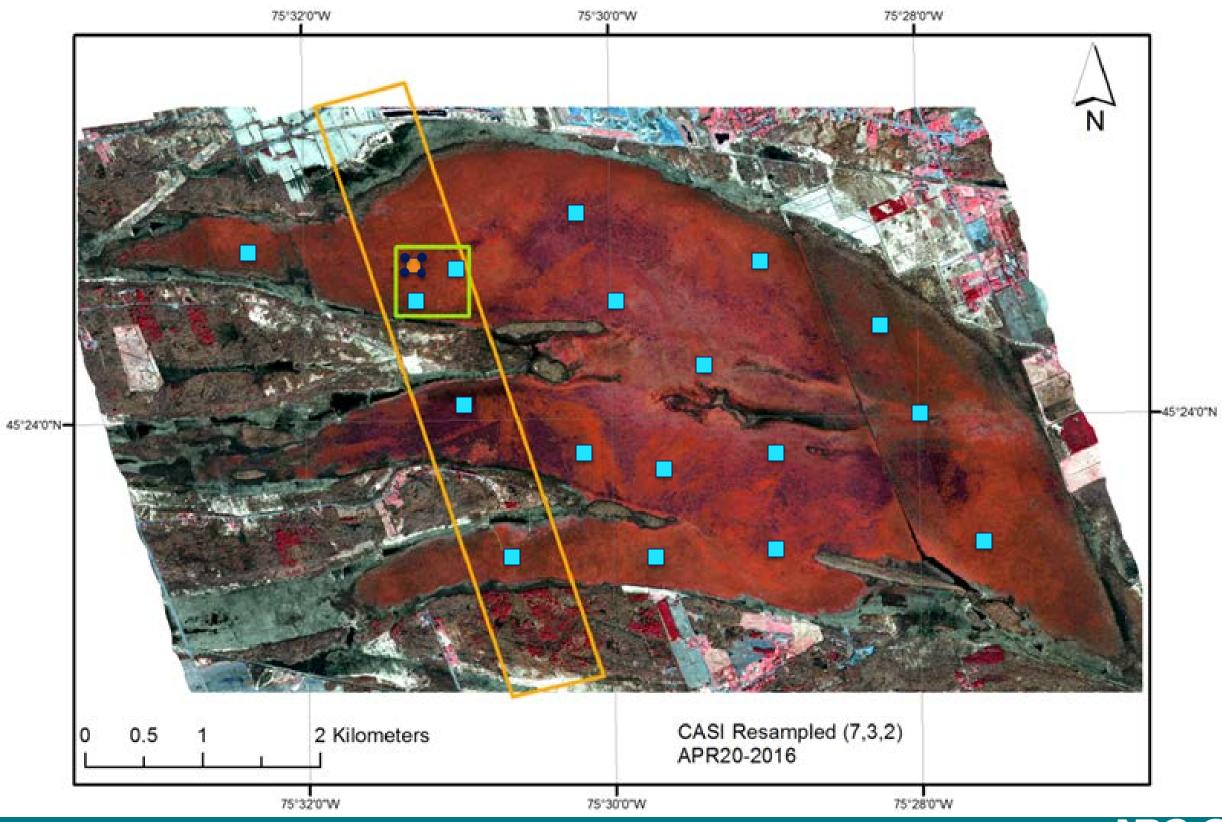
- Canon 5D MarkIII
- **D-RTK Geotags**





Mosaic:1.5 hectares, 288 bands @ 5 cm (40 GB)







Thank you

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