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## Estimating soil moisture from hyperspectral images using (on-board) machine learning

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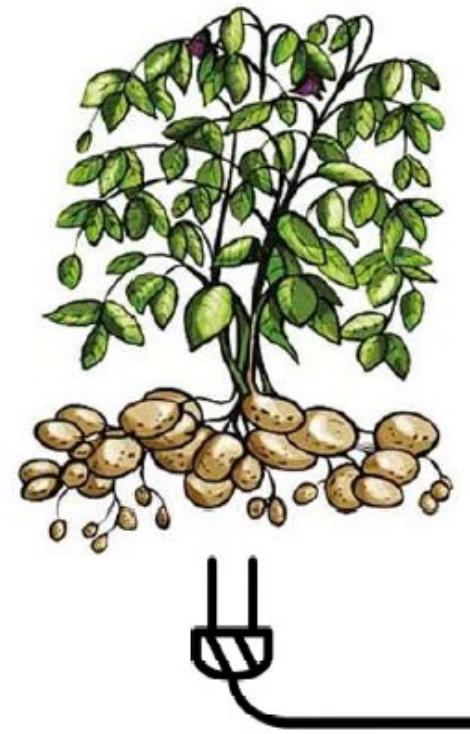
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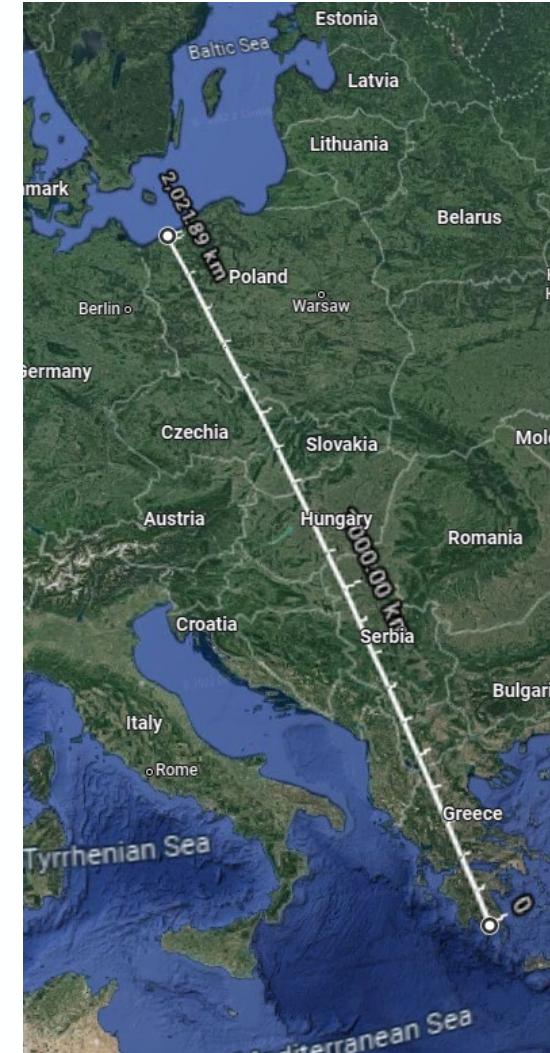
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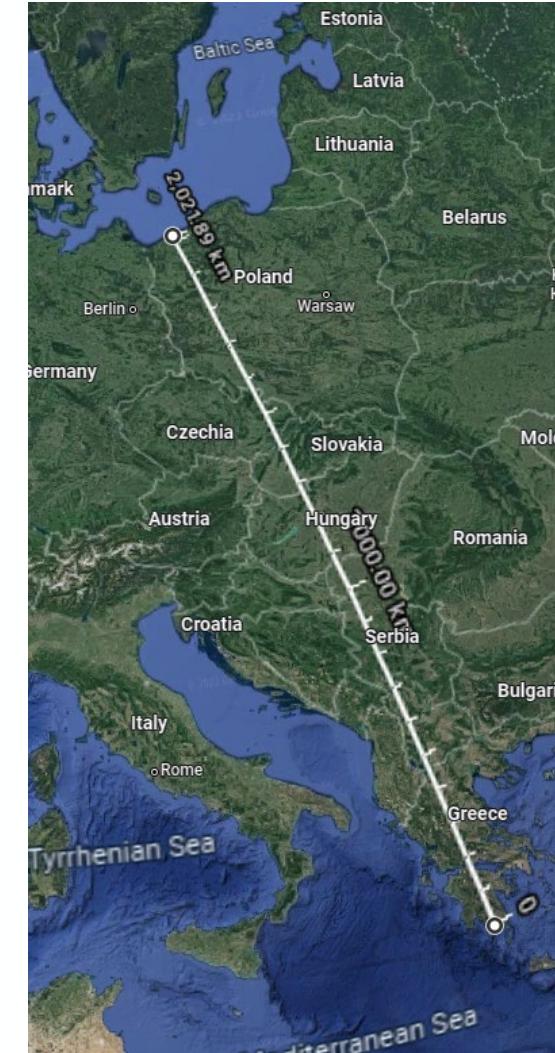
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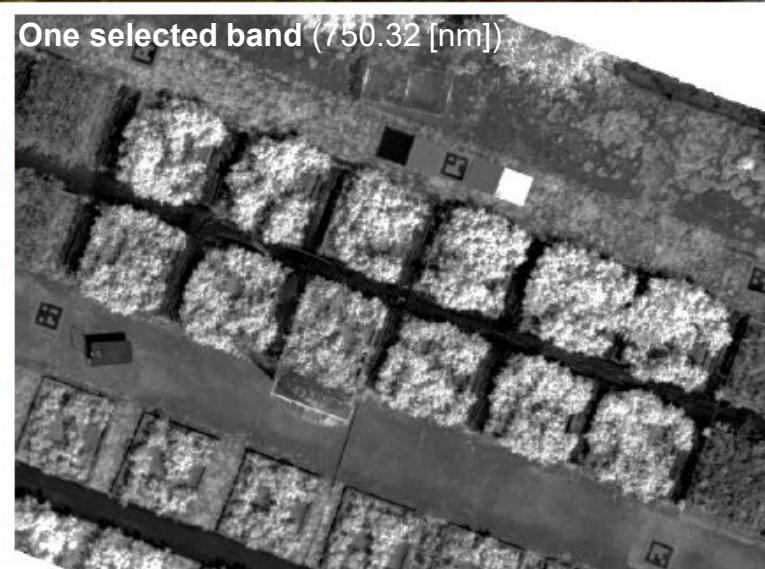
**Gravimetric in-situ measurements** (ratio of the mass of water in soil to its mass after drying up)



**RGB** (R: 639.49 [nm],  
G: 551.61 [nm], B: 468.83 [nm])



**One selected band** (750.32 [nm])



**NDVI**



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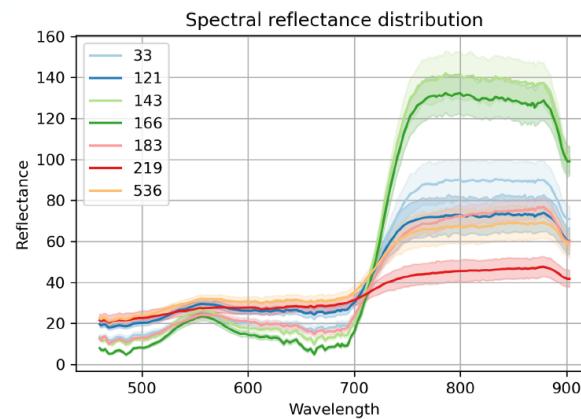
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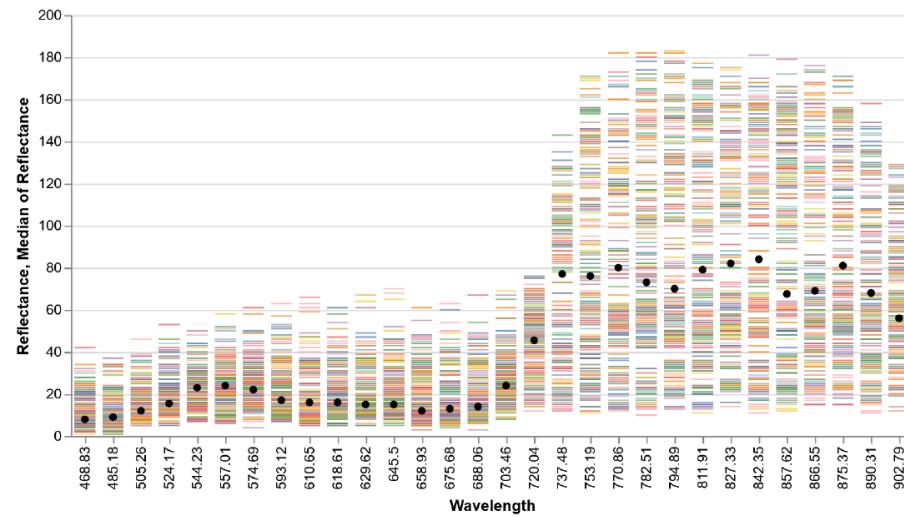
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## The reflectance distribution for different images:

33: 2020-06-16, moisture: 10.10,  
121: 2020-06-09, moisture: 10.93,  
143: 2020-07-01, moisture: 10.70,  
166: 2020-07-21, moisture: 10.14,  
183: 2020-08-13, moisture: 10.15,  
219: 2020-06-04, moisture: 10.83,  
536: 2020-06-09, moisture: 10.96



The reflectance distribution for images collected on one day with the same moisture measured (9.4) on the root level on 2020-06-16:

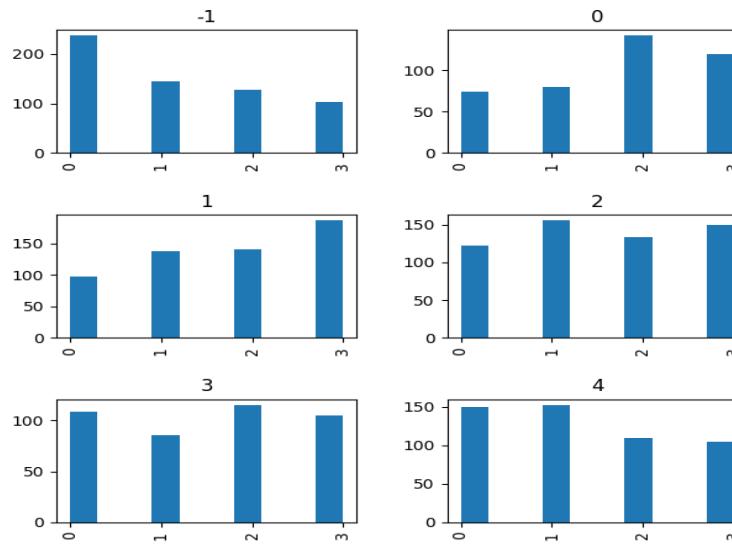
132: 10:21 (time),  
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139: 12:35,  
140: 13:37.

# Estimating soil moisture as classification and regression tasks



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Class	Moisture	
	from	to
0	0.21	4.77
1	4.77	8.18
2	8.18	10.70
3	10.70	22.13



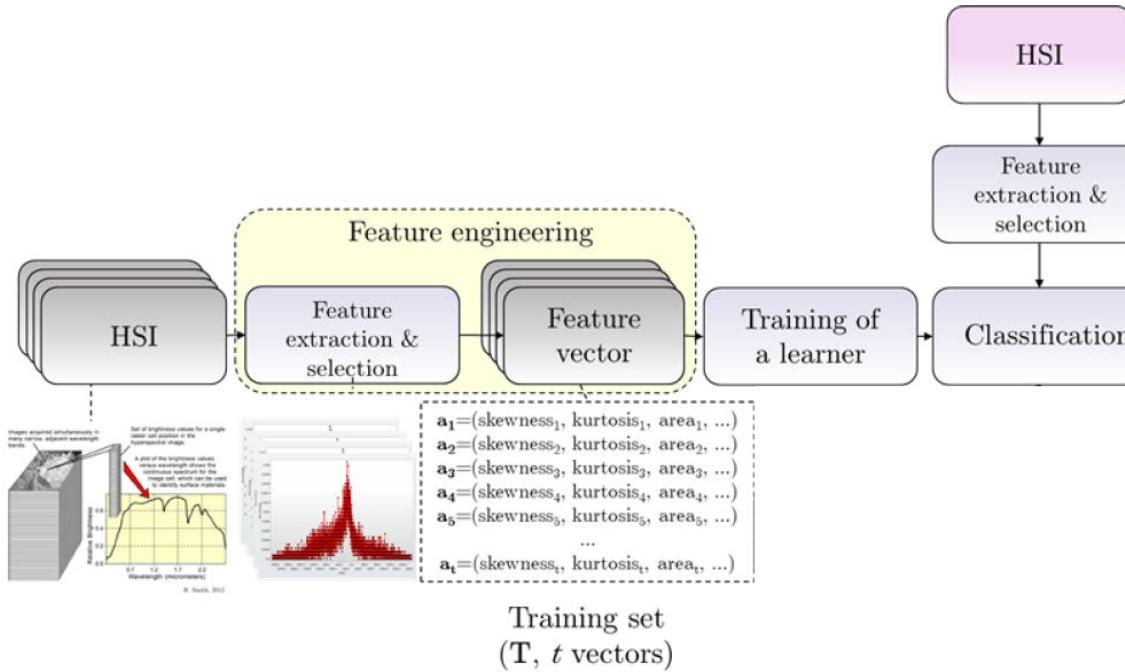
Class distribution in six non-overlapping folds

Fold	Number of samples (in each class)			
	0	1	2	3
-1	237	145	128	102
0	74	80	142	120
1	97	138	141	187
2	122	156	134	150
3	109	86	115	105
4	149	152	109	104

# Estimating soil moisture using classical machine learning



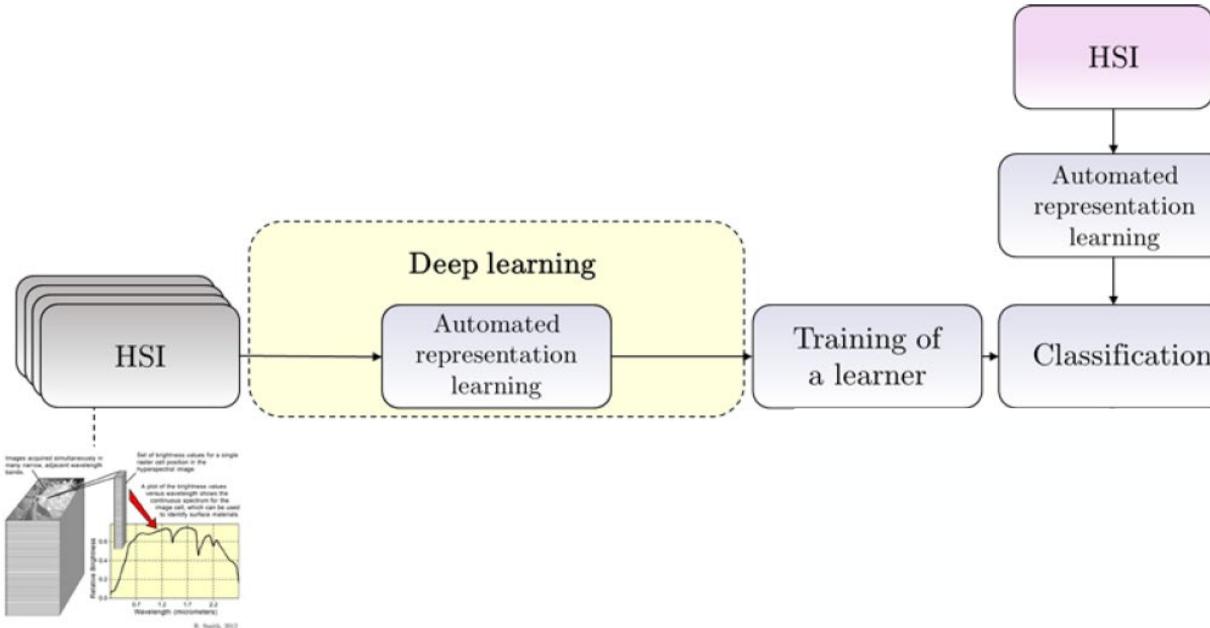
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# Estimating soil moisture using deep machine learning



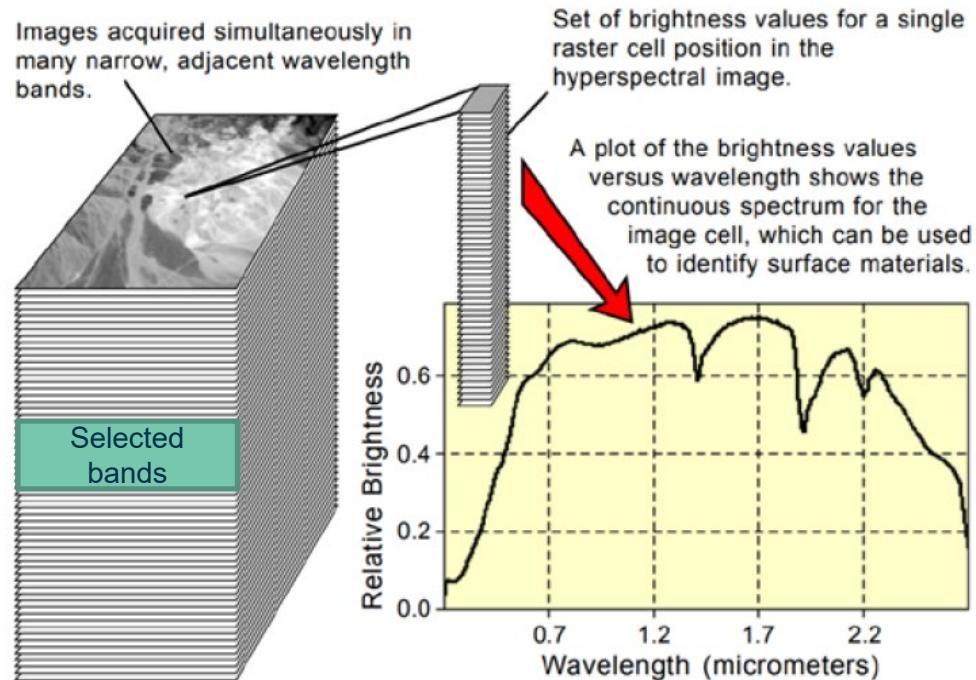
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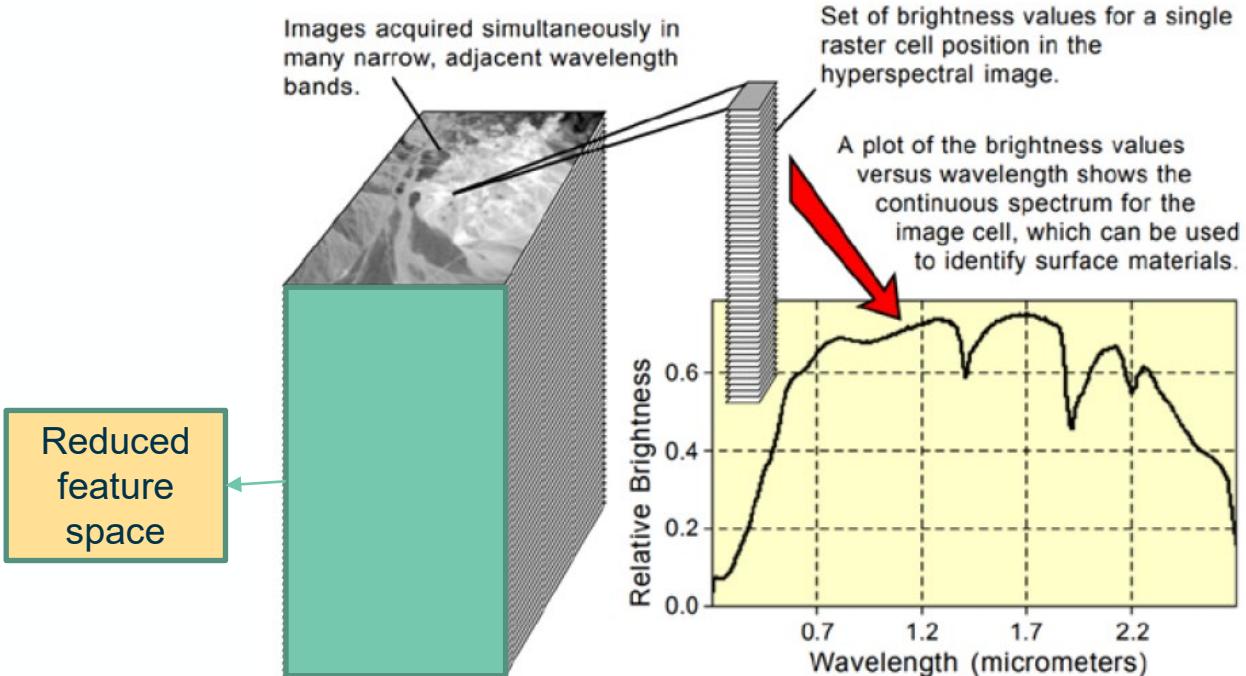


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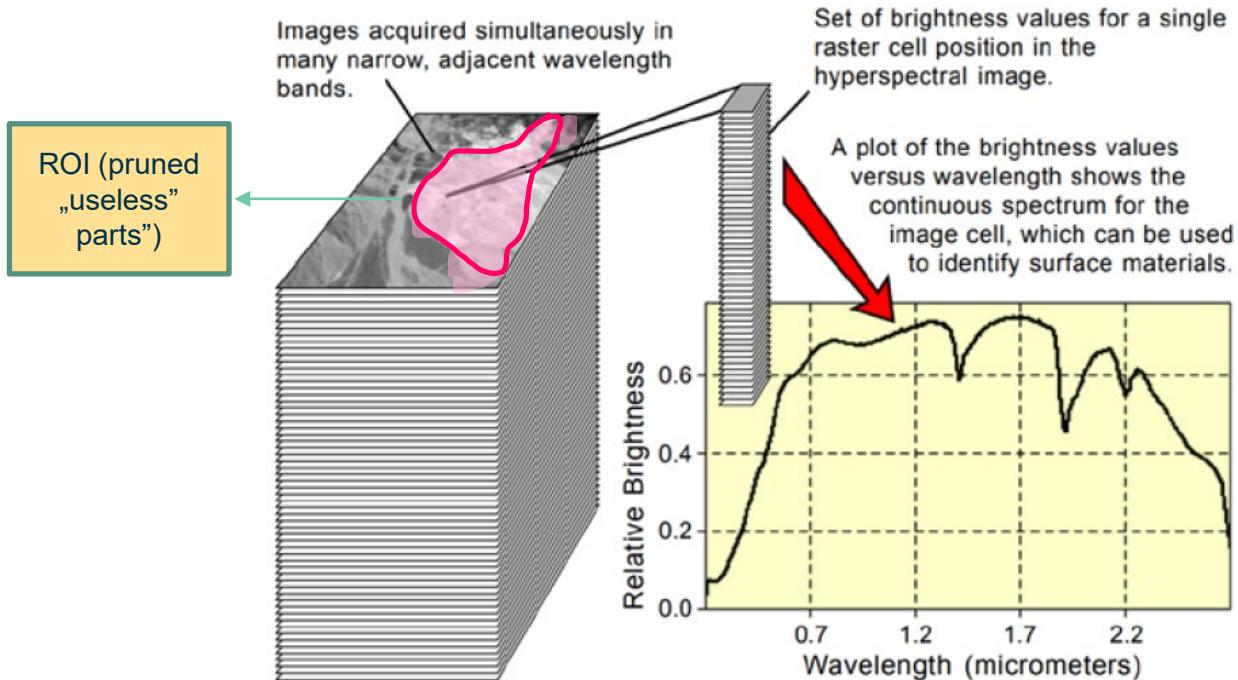
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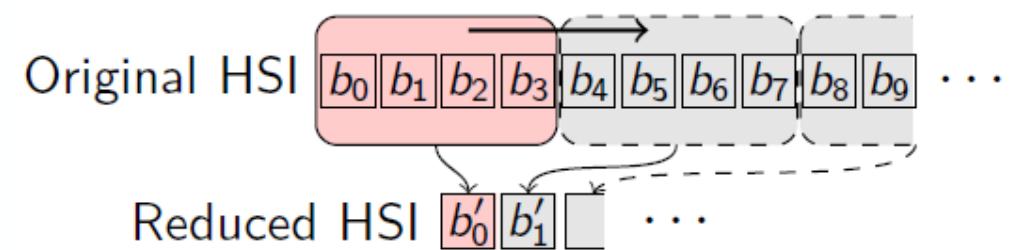
# Estimating soil moisture: the results (classification: TOP 5)



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	Acc	Pre	F1															
1D-CNN (NDVI)	0.601	0.594	0.590	0.508	0.503	0.500	0.582	0.594	0.587	0.553	0.565	0.551	<b>0.654</b>	<b>0.653</b>	<b>0.654</b>	<b>0.631</b>	<b>0.621</b>	<b>0.624</b>
Random forest (S-MSI), statistical (mean, std, median), histogram features	0.632	<b>0.624</b>	0.615	<b>0.591</b>	<b>0.596</b>	<b>0.580</b>	<b>0.626</b>	<b>0.645</b>	<b>0.630</b>	0.578	<b>0.602</b>	0.567	0.611	0.623	0.622	0.482	0.509	0.490
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Random forest, statistical (median)	0.587	0.561	0.563	0.551	0.545	0.541	0.559	0.578	0.559	0.564	0.564	0.546	0.623	0.618	0.624	0.479	0.486	0.478
Random forest (S-MSI), statistical (mean)	0.625	0.607	0.610	0.561	0.565	0.553	0.617	0.637	0.620	0.561	0.574	0.559	0.617	0.628	0.626	0.475	0.481	0.473

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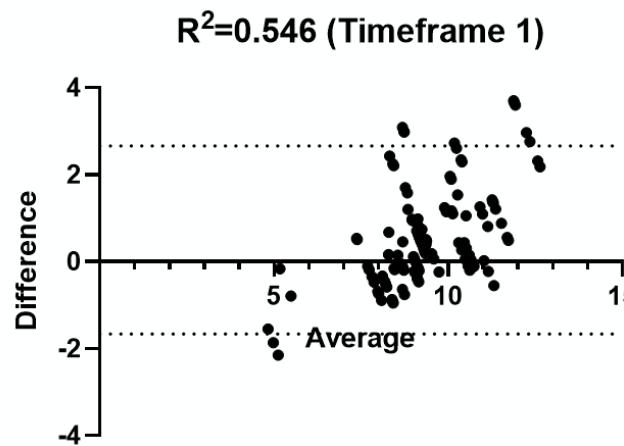
# Estimating soil moisture: the results (regression: TOP 5)



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<b>Random forest</b> (S-MSI), statistical (mean, std, median), histogram features	2.078	7.524	0.476	<b>2.072</b>	9.230	0.365	1.828	9.574	0.490	2.329	10.940	0.482	1.680	<b>5.127</b>	<b>0.673</b>	<b>2.411</b>	<b>10.270</b>	<b>0.428</b>
<b>Random forest</b> (S-MSI), statistical (mean), histogram features	2.062	8.154	0.433	2.127	<b>8.839</b>	<b>0.392</b>	1.830	9.357	0.501	2.390	11.800	0.441	<b>1.669</b>	5.239	0.665	2.599	11.350	0.368
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<b>Random forest</b> statistical (mean, std, median), histogram features	<b>1.833</b>	<b>6.666</b>	<b>0.536</b>	2.198	10.000	0.312	<b>1.726</b>	<b>9.116</b>	<b>0.514</b>	2.367	10.920	0.482	1.799	5.941	0.621	2.614	11.560	0.356
<b>Random forest</b> (S-MSI), statistical (mean), histogram features	2.158	9.146	0.364	2.22	9.505	0.347	1.904	10.410	0.446	2.487	12.890	0.389	1.762	5.696	0.636	2.692	12.020	0.330

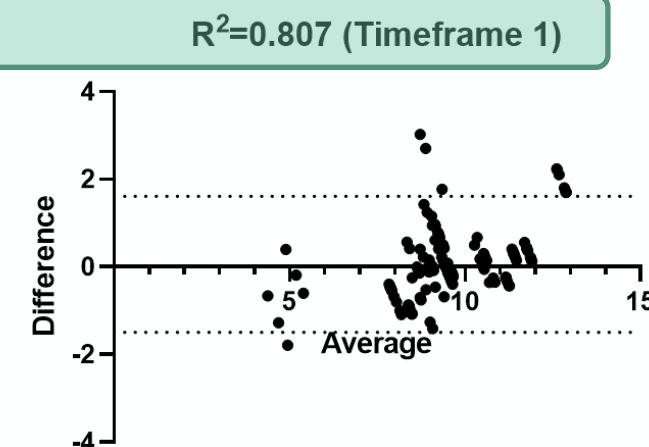
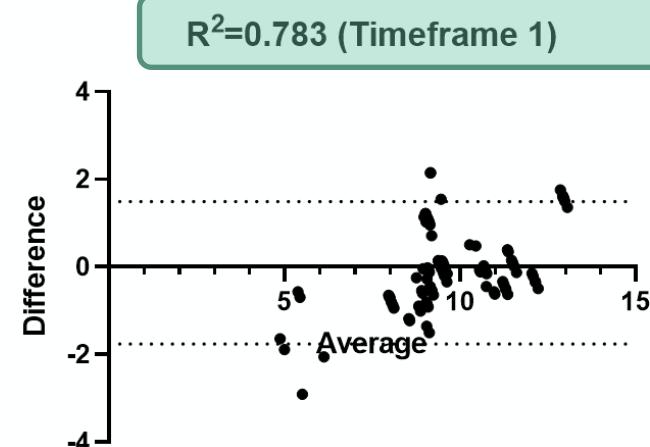
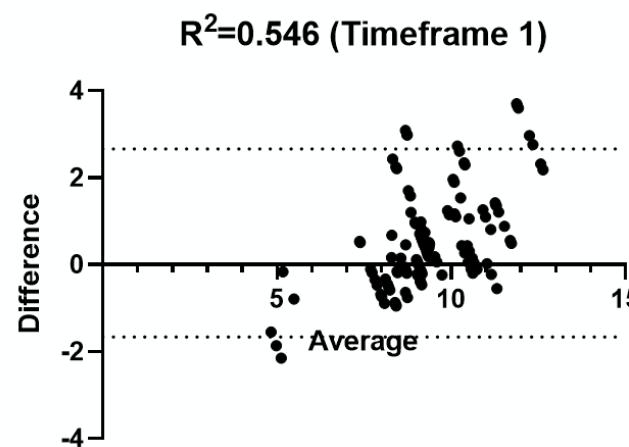
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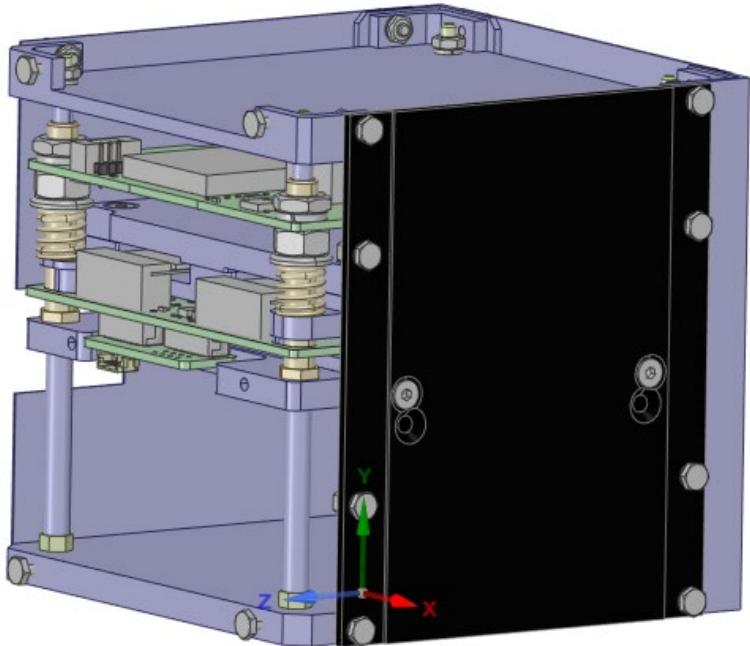
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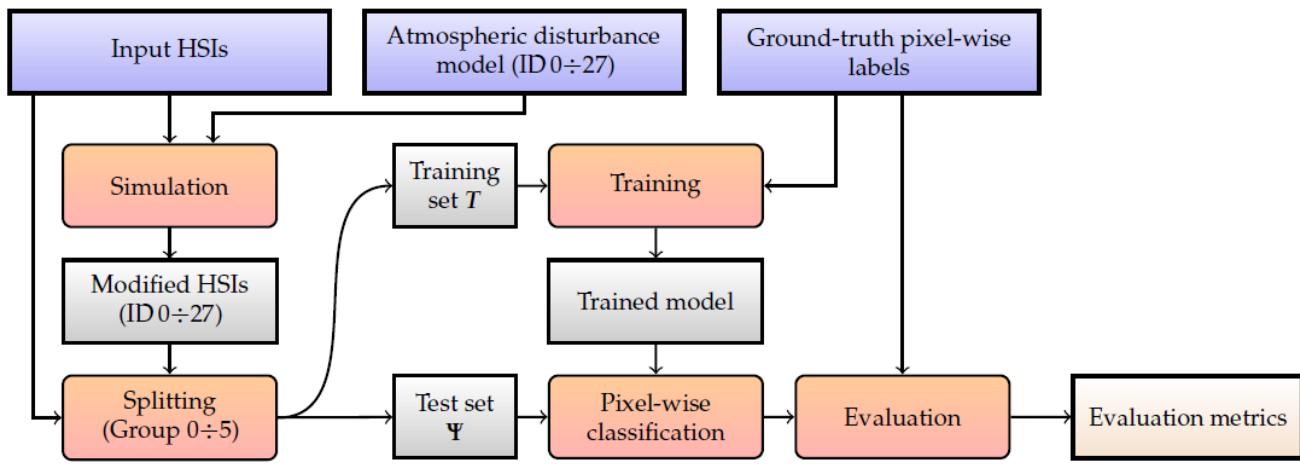
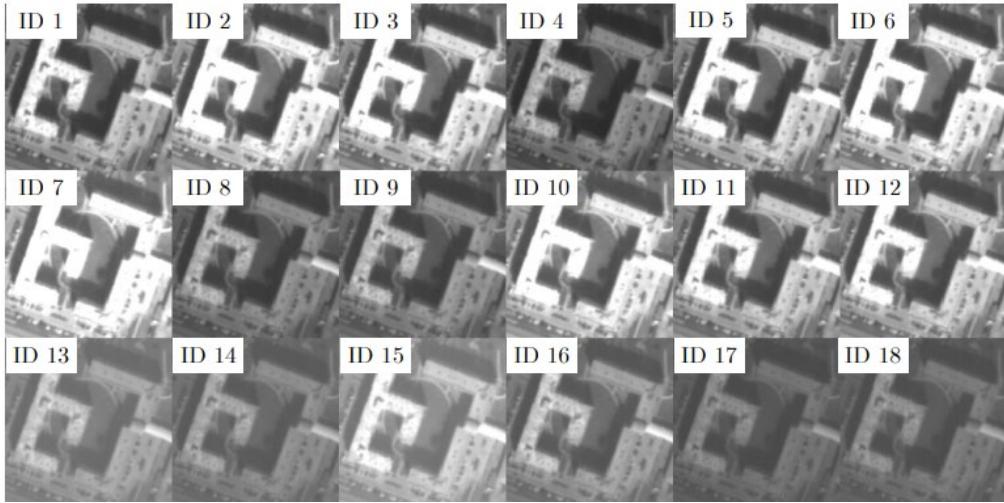


**Specializing classifiers** (left: single CNN operating on 4x4 patches for a field, and averaging the predictions, right: ensemble of heterogeneous models)

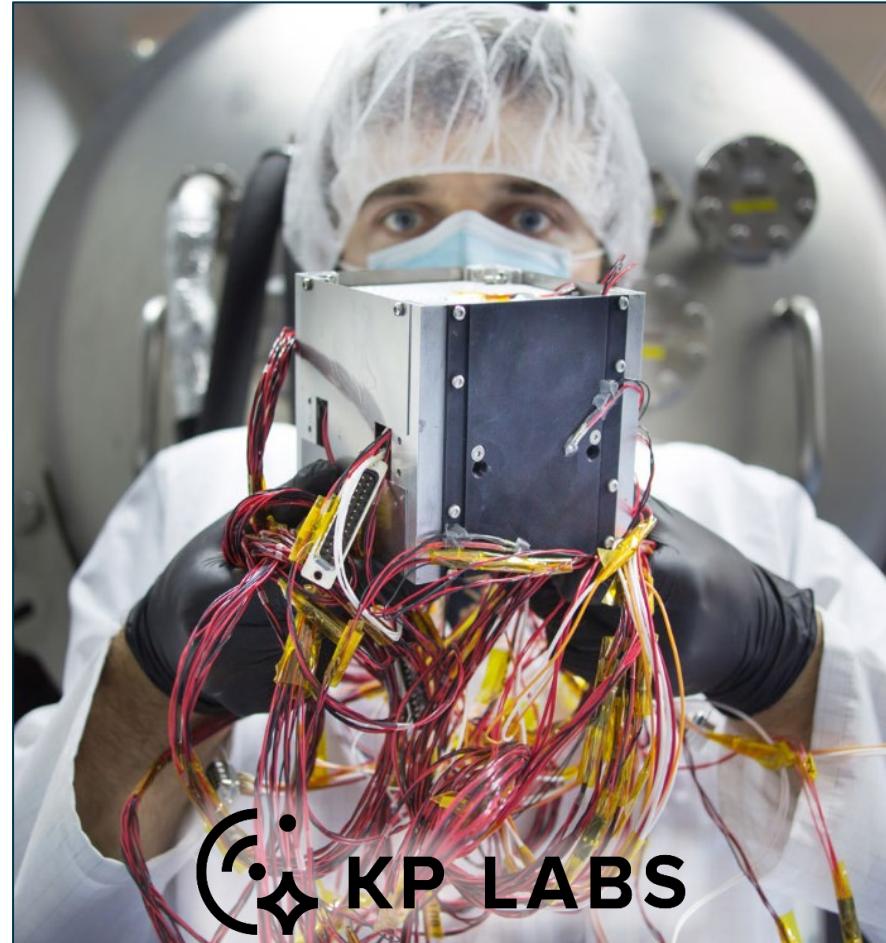
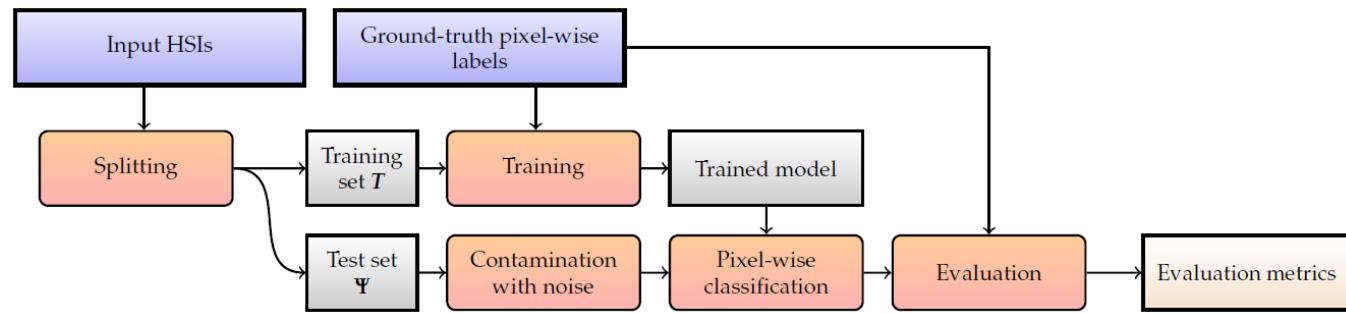
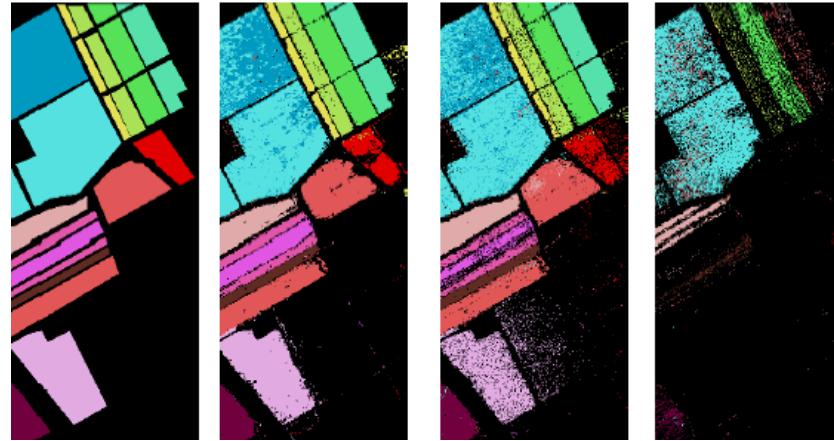
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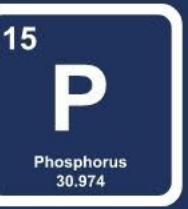
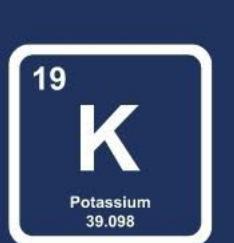


**Example:** Differences between metrics for uncontaminated and noisy HSI in hyperspectral classification  
(average over four benchmarks, Indian Pines, Salinas Valley, Pavia University and Houston)

1D CNN															
$\eta_P \rightarrow$	Gaussian					Impulsive					Poisson				
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
OA	0.87	1.74	2.61	3.50	4.35	5.15	10.28	15.41	20.62	25.76	4.16	8.33	12.51	16.61	20.83
BA	0.98	1.92	2.77	3.76	4.67	4.91	9.72	14.68	19.47	24.36	3.99	8.04	12.13	16.07	20.12
$\kappa$	1.12	2.23	3.34	4.48	5.58	6.03	11.95	17.87	23.66	29.46	4.97	9.94	14.91	19.76	24.74
OA'	-0.35	0.54	1.43	2.34	3.22	4.16	9.56	15.00	20.43	25.83	3.14	7.54	11.96	16.28	20.74
BA'	-0.60	0.53	1.54	2.73	3.81	4.15	9.97	15.91	21.71	27.63	2.96	7.76	12.62	17.29	22.10
$\kappa'$	-0.71	0.44	1.59	2.77	3.92	4.92	11.51	18.03	24.52	30.88	3.51	8.87	14.22	19.44	24.79
2.5D CNN															
$\eta_P \rightarrow$	Gaussian					Impulsive					Poisson				
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Input HSIs	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.12	4.53	8.97	13.43	17.90	22.32	1.58	3.09	4.57	6.09	7.59
Splitting	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.20	4.05	7.98	11.87	15.78	19.68	1.61	3.08	4.54	6.01	7.50
$\kappa$	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.17	5.03	9.88	14.69	19.43	24.15	2.04	4.01	5.98	7.99	10.00
OA'	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.12	4.83	9.55	14.32	19.07	23.84	1.62	3.17	4.70	6.26	7.80
BA'	0.16	0.18	0.18	0.20	0.23	4.88	9.61	14.25	18.94	23.69	1.93	3.70	5.46	7.23	9.02
$\kappa'$	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.17	5.87	11.57	17.17	22.68	28.13	2.11	4.15	6.18	8.26	10.35
3D CNN															
$\eta_P \rightarrow$	Gaussian					Impulsive					Poisson				
	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
OA	0.07	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.30	3.90	7.74	11.61	15.46	19.33	3.07	6.11	9.17	12.22	15.22
BA	-0.04	0.02	0.09	0.15	0.21	4.16	8.43	12.65	16.92	21.19	3.21	6.54	9.85	13.17	16.45
$\kappa$	0.03	0.10	0.17	0.25	0.32	5.00	10.01	15.04	20.07	25.22	3.82	7.66	11.55	15.43	19.29
OA'	0.07	0.13	0.19	0.25	0.74	4.06	8.09	12.12	16.14	20.18	3.25	6.47	9.71	12.94	16.12
BA'	-0.05	0.03	0.10	0.16	-0.19	4.96	10.06	15.06	20.16	25.26	3.78	7.70	11.60	15.50	19.37
$\kappa'$	0.04	0.11	0.19	0.27	0.34	5.51	11.06	16.61	22.06	27.67	4.14	8.28	12.46	16.62	20.76



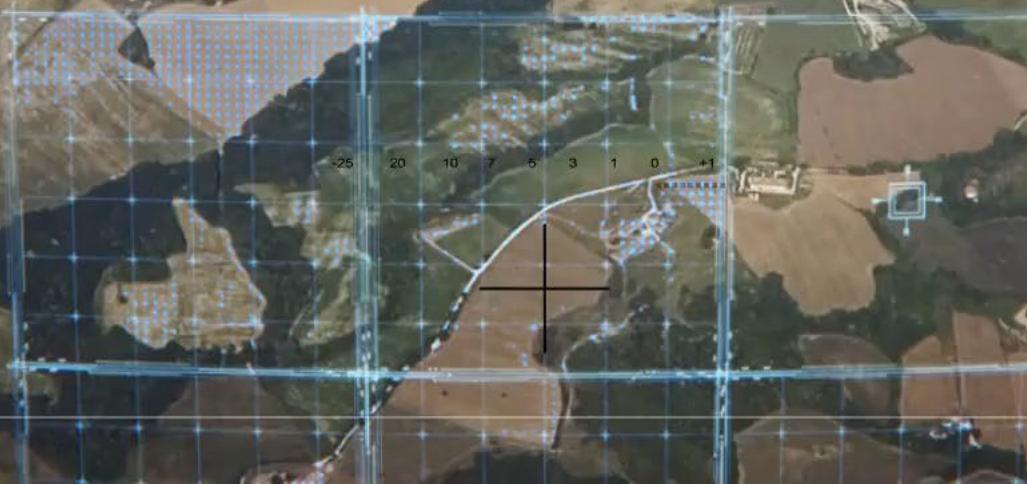
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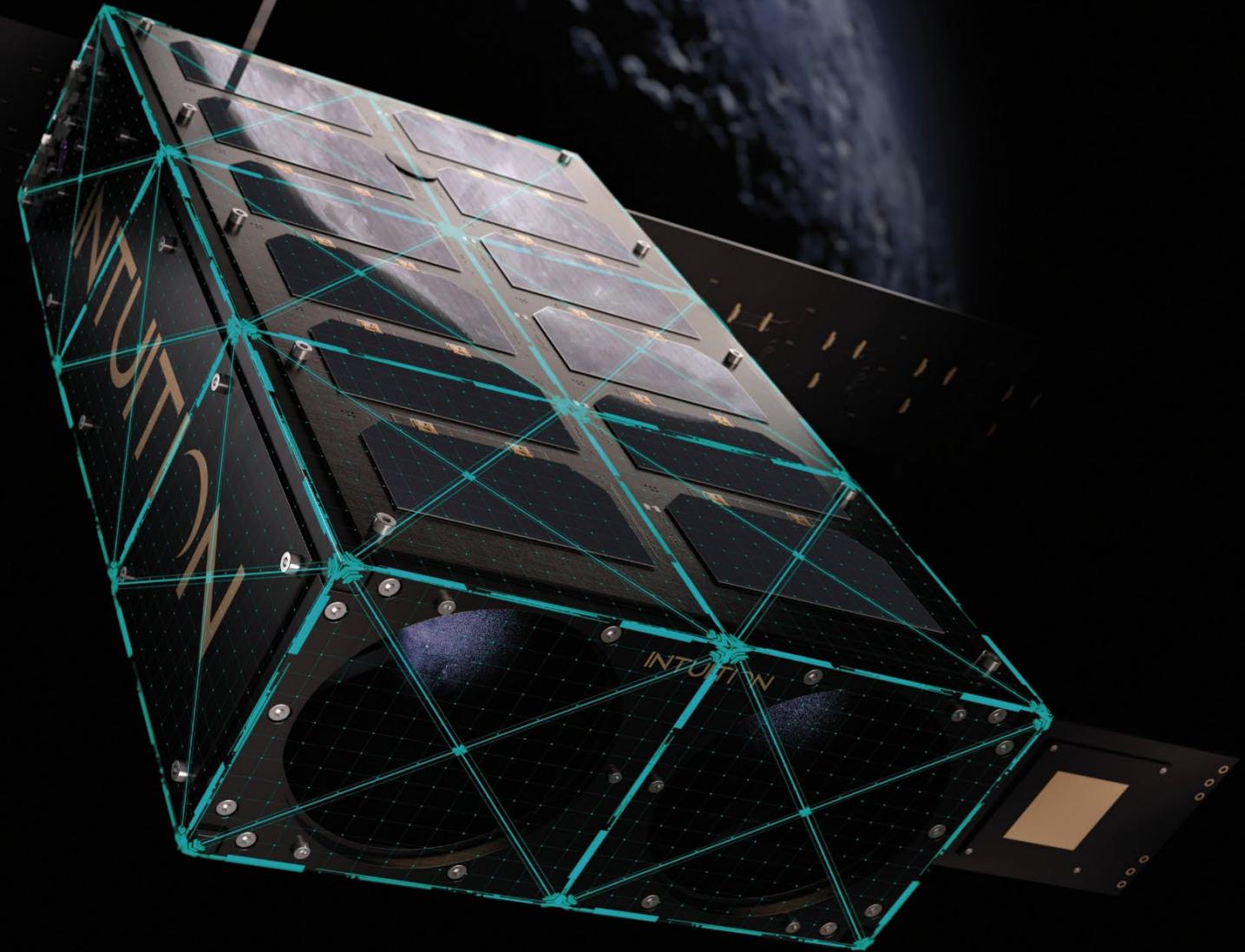


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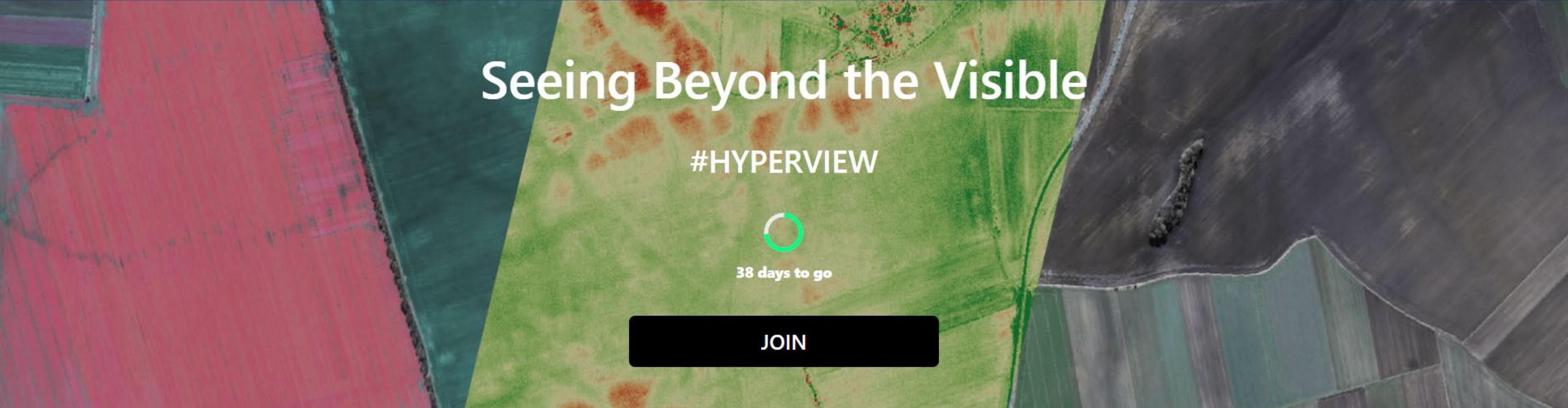
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