

Il sito Apulian Tavoliere per applicazioni in agricoltura e attività cal/val di OT

Puglia



Outline

- Motivations for long-term EO test sites
- Apulian Tavoliere characteristics & Infrastructure
- Hydrology & Agriculture Research activities
- In situ & Observational activities as a possible support to PRISMA

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The context

❑ Guidelines: GEOS/Geo/QA4EO

- “all Earth observing (EO) data and derived products should have associated with them a quality indicator based on a documented **quantitative assessment** of its traceability to internationally-agreed-upon **reference standards** (e.g. SI units)”

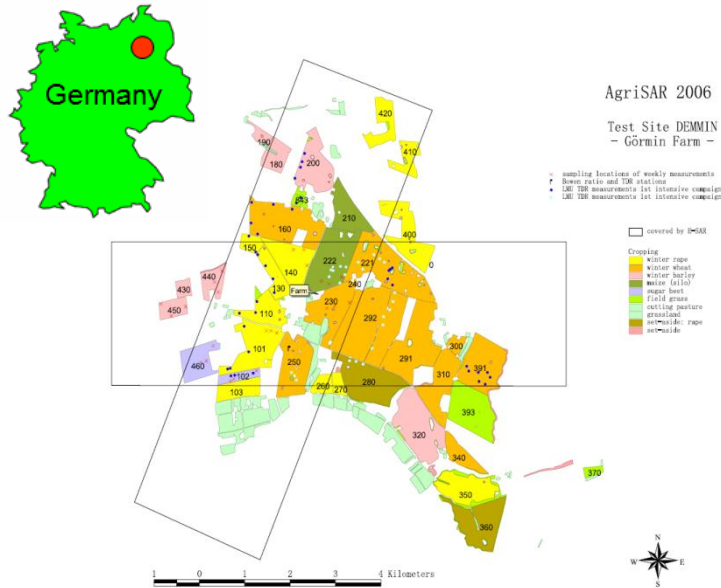
❑ Validation of measurements and products

Two data approaches/sources exist (Bojkov, June 2012):

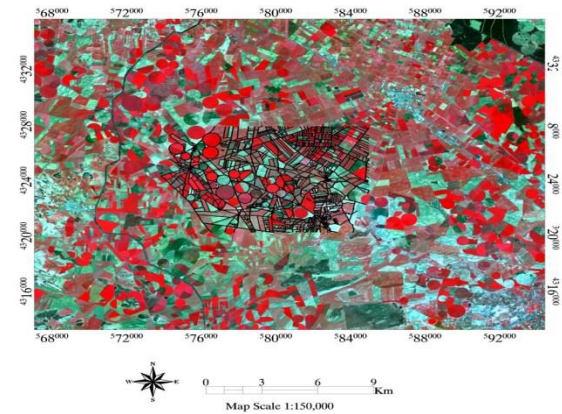
- Use of routine network data (e.g. meteorological measurements) achieving the statistics by numbers;
- Specialized (targeted) activities (e.g. land targets, balloons/aircraft, specialized assets, instrument intercomparisons) – understanding of processes or measurement technique differences

❑ Development (maintenance) of validation infrastructures is crucial to the Cal/Val activities

Int. examples of specialized land targets

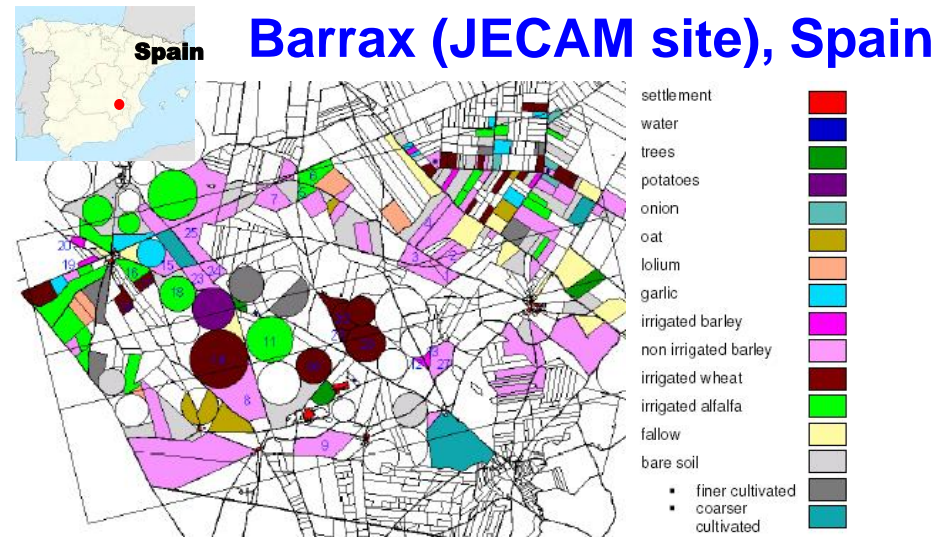


Two multi-
mission cal/val
EO sites:
land-agriculture



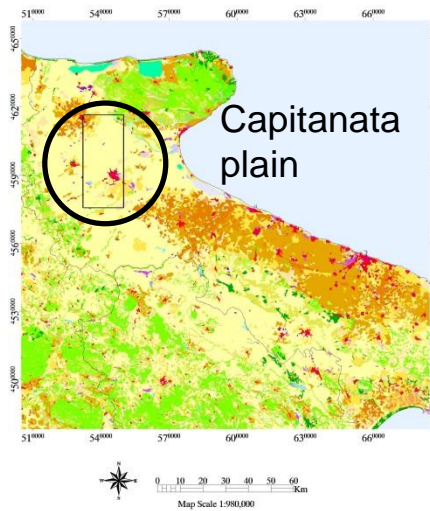
Durable Environmental Multidisciplinary Monitoring Information Network (DEMIN)

Borg, E., Lippert, K., Zabel, E., Löpmeier, F.J., Fichtelmann, B., Jahncke, D., Maass, H. (2009): DEMMIN – Teststandort zur Kalibrierung und Validierung von Fernerkundungsmissionen.- In: 15 Jahre Studiengang Vermessungswesen – Geodätisches Fachforum und Festakt, Neubrandenburg, Eigenverlag (Hrsg.: Rebenstorf, R.W.).- 16.- 17.01.2009.- S. 401-419.



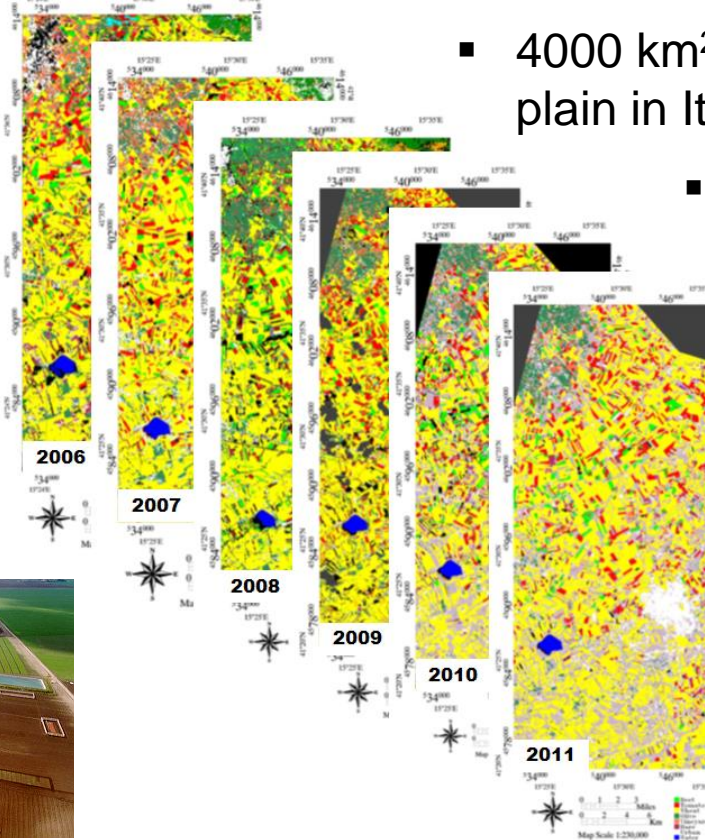
What is the Apulian Tavoliere?

■ Agricultural areas (CORINE)



Presence of CREA experimental farms managing more that
600 ha & CNR institutes & Universities & Research Centers

multi-temporal land use maps (SPOT)

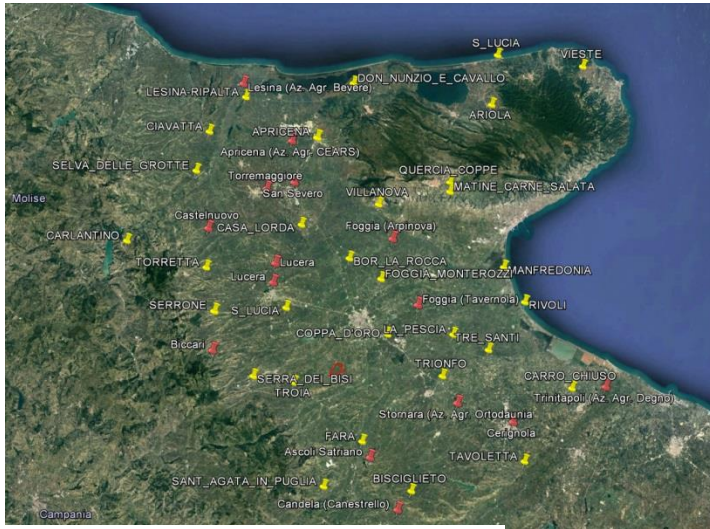


- 4000 km² (i.e. the second largest plain in Italy)
- semi-arid Mediterranean climate (annual rainfall about 550 mm)
- almost flat topography
- crops: durum wheat, barley, oat, tomato, fava bean, checkpea, artichoke...
- JECAM site (<http://www.jecam.org/>)

- highly anthropogenic environment & increasing evaporative demand → significant reduction in water availability & increased water demand (e.g. irrigation, energy, industry, etc.) → risk of future yield loss

Infrastructure

Network of 47 Agrometeorological Stations over the Apulian Tavoliere



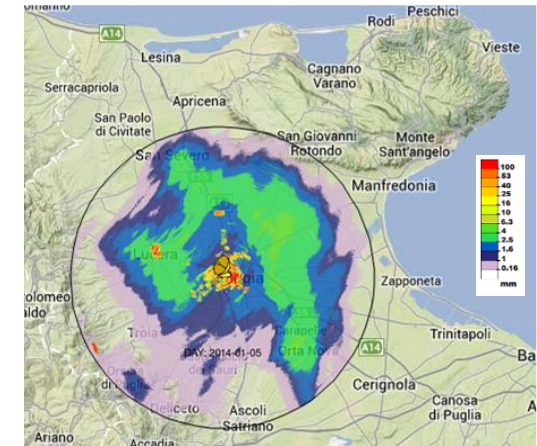
Servizio Agrometeorologico Regionale (31)

Stazioni Consorzio di Bonifica (16)



evaluate basin discharge at the outlet

High resolution X-band meteo radar

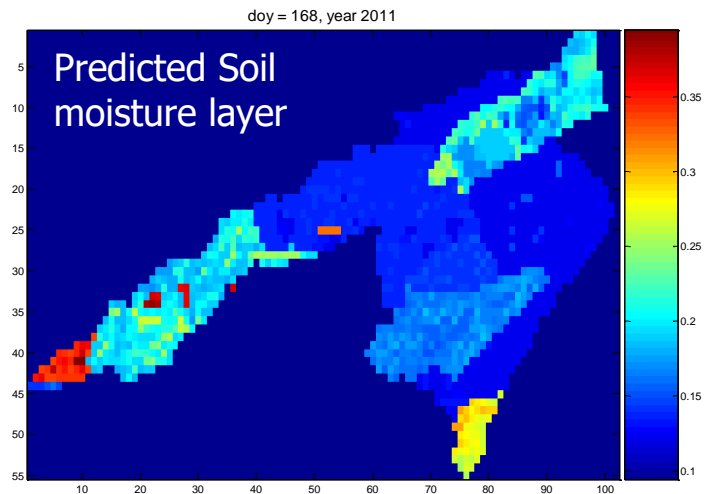
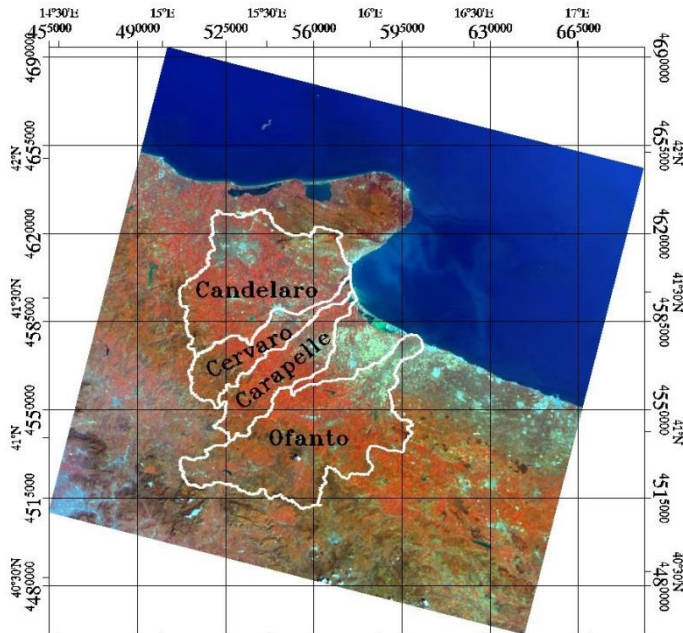


Hydrologic network (12 soil moisture stations)



Hydrology

- ❑ modeling runoff and soil moisture space-time distribution at the catchment scale
- ❑ validation and development of models for the estimation of the soil moisture in the root zone (SMAR, Manfreda et al 2014).



Iacobellis et al., EJRS, 2013

Main topics related to hyperspectral data

- ✓ Land use
- ✓ Vegetation indexes & crop covering e growth development
- ✓ Tilled / no-tilled soil change
- ✓ Plant water status & Transpiration/Evaporation ratio & Crop water stress
- ✓ Plant health status
- ✓ Irrigated and No-Irrigated fields
- ✓ Crop water requirement & irrigation scheduling



Observations:

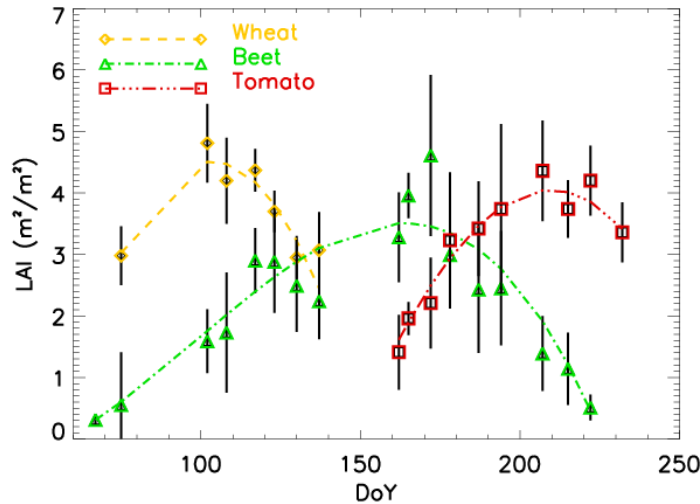
- ✓ in situ measurements
- ✓ laboratory & proximal & aerial & remote sensing

In situ measurements

Leaf Area Index



Soil moisture
sampling



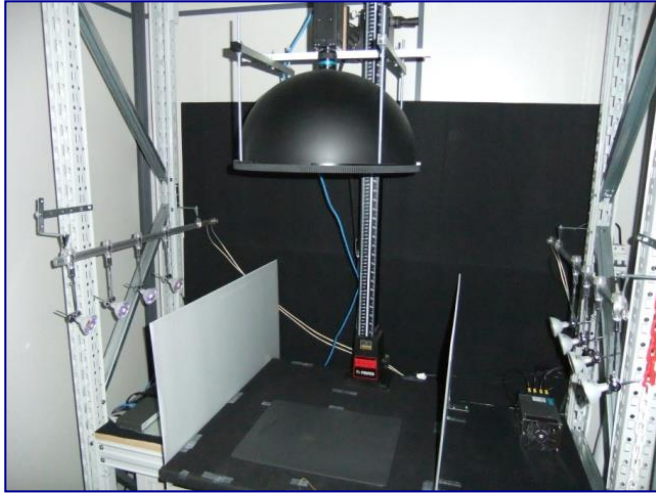
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 FP7 IMAGES global network (<http://fp7-imagines.eu/>)
 MIPAAF AQUATER (<http://www.inea.it/aquater>)
 ESA Exploit-S-1 (www.exploit-s-1.ba.issia.cnr.it)
 ASI COSMOLAND (<http://www.issia.cnr.it/wp/>)

- Crop type & planted area & crop phenology
- Soil Moisture, latent & sensible heat and carbon dioxide fluxes
- LAI, FAPAR, Cover fraction
- Plant Biomass & Plant Water Content

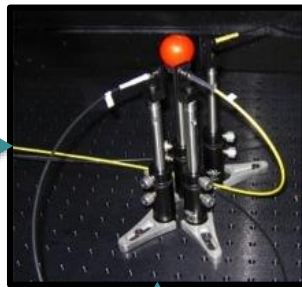
Fluxes



Laboratory for multispectral image analysis

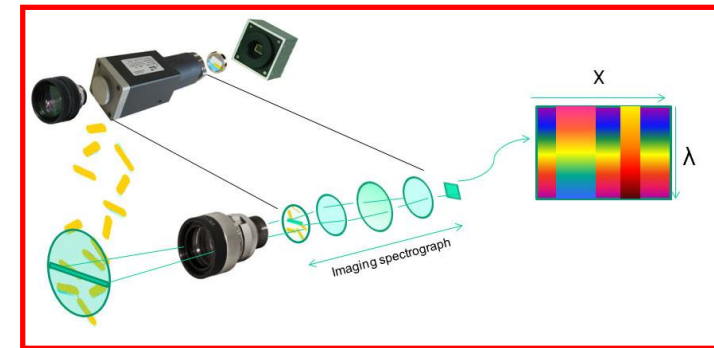


- ❑ **Non destructive evaluation of quality and internal parameters:** antioxidant activity, phenols, ammonium, chlorophyll content, ...)



Mini-spectrometers
(320-1700 nm)

Linescan Spectrograph
(400-1000 nm)



Hyperspectral proximal sensing

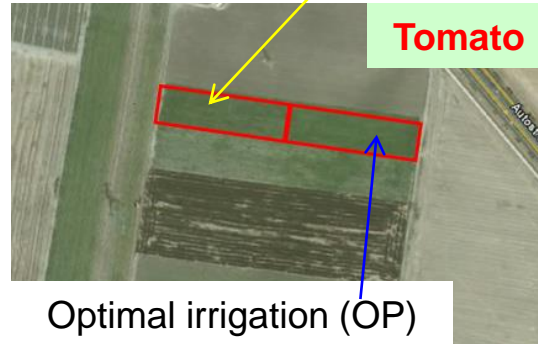
Field Spec: 325-1075 nm



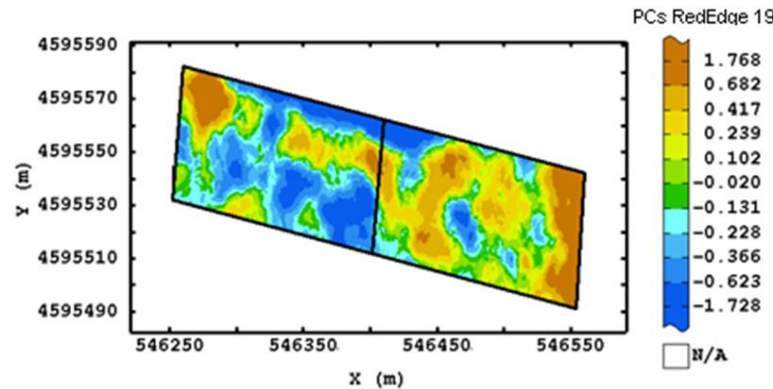
| Recording date | Electromagnetic spectrum band interval |
|----------------|--|
| 9 August | Coastal-blue |
| | Green |
| | Yellow |
| | Red |
| | Red-edge |
| 13 August | Near infrared (NIR) |
| | Coastal-blue |
| | Green |
| | Yellow |
| | Red |
| 19 August | Red-edge |
| | NIR |
| | Coastal-blue |
| | Green |
| | Yellow |
| | Red |
| | Red-edge |
| | NIR |

✓ Plant water & health status

Deficit irrigation (DE)



Optimal irrigation (OP)



❖ “The bands that are more suited to discriminate the plants with different water status are the green (510-580nm) and the red-edge (705-770nm), because of their greater sensitivity to the plant health, and thus the water content”

Rinaldi et al., *Environmetrics* 2015

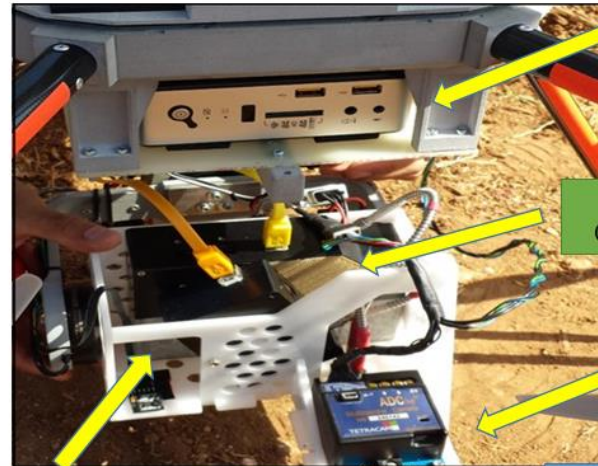
Aerial hyperspectral sensing

- UAV Mikrokopter electronic (12 engines; maximum take off weight: 12 kg; maximum endurance: 17 min; Flight altitude: 0 - 150m; Flight distance: <500 m radius)

Payload:

- multispectral camera (Tetracam Snap)
- thermal camera (FLIR TAU 2)
- two spectroradiometers (USB2000 & HR4000)
- a mini PC

Total weight of = 5 kg



Mini-pc

- Sensors management
- Data storage
- Radio – Link remote PC with OceanView

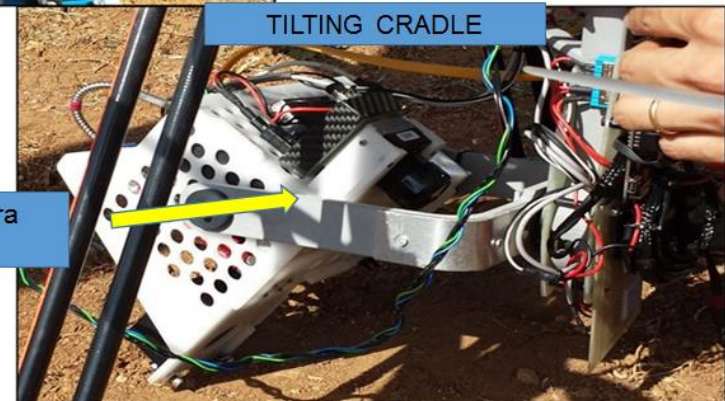
Hyperspectral sensor
Ocean Optics HR4000

Multispectral camera
Tetracam Snap

Hyperspectral sensor
Ocean Optics USB2000

TILTING CRADLE

Thermal camera
FLIR TAU II



Sensor characteristics

- ✓ quantify water stress indices & photosynthetic activity



| | FLIR TAU 2 | TETRAMAC ADC SNAP | OO - HR4000 | OO - USB2000 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Spectral wavebands | 7500-13500 nm | 520 - 600 nm RED 630 - 690 nm GREEN 760 - 900 nm NIR | 650-850 nm | 340 - 1000 nm |
| Dimension | 44.5 x 44.5 x 30 mm | 114 x 77 x 22 mm | 148.6 x 104.8 x 45.1 mm | 89 x 64 x 34 mm |
| Weight | 70 g | 90 g | 570 g | 200 g |
| Resolution | 324 x 256 pixel | 1280 x 1024 pixel | 0.2 nm (FWHM) | 1 nm (FWHM) |
| Ground resolution x Flight altitude | 13 cm -> 100 m AGL | 4 cm -> 100 m AGL | 10 m -> 4.5 m diametro a terra | 10 m -> 4.5 m diametro a terra |
| FOV | 24° x 18° | 42.5° x 32.5° | 25° | 25° |

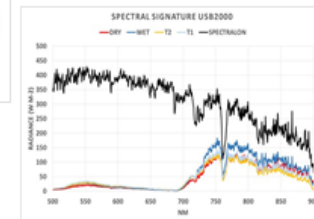
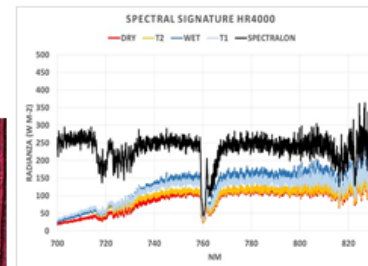
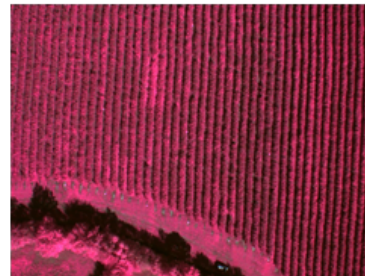
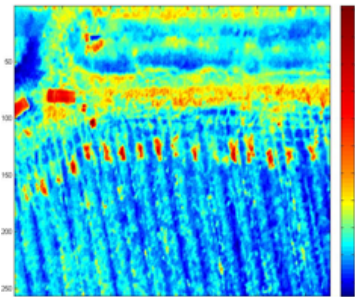
$$CWSI = \frac{T_{dry} - T_{leaf}}{T_{dry} - T_{wet}}$$

$$NDVI = \frac{NIR - RED}{NIR + RED}$$

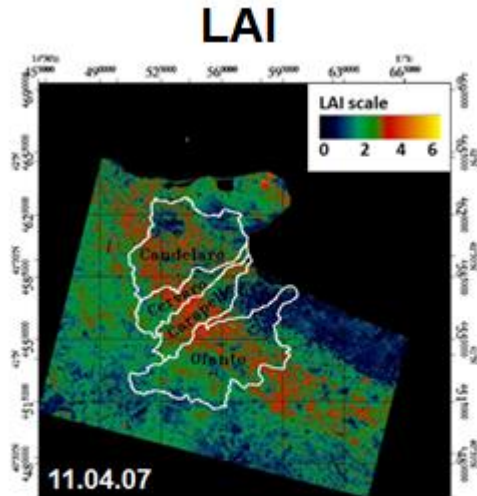
$$SIF O_2 A = 760,2$$

$$SIF O_2 B = 687$$

$$PRI = \frac{570 - 531}{570 + 531}$$

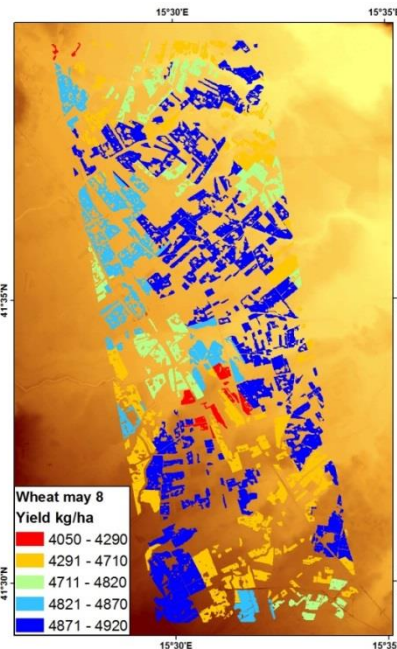


EO multitemporal & muti/hyperspectral data

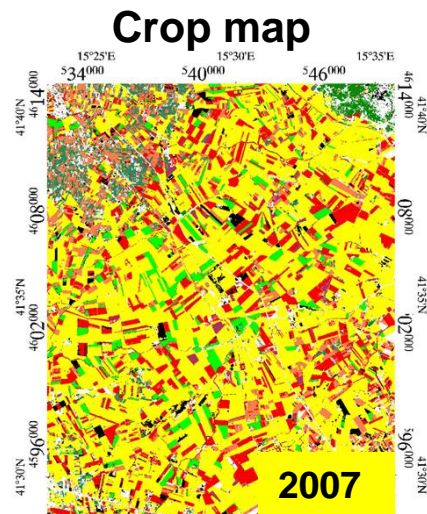
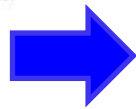


- EO & crop growth models to improve crop management & yield predictions & reduce environmental impact

Wheat yield map



- ❖ today generally empirical (time/site dependent) relations transform EO data into vegetation indexes (e.g. LAI) & crop parameters

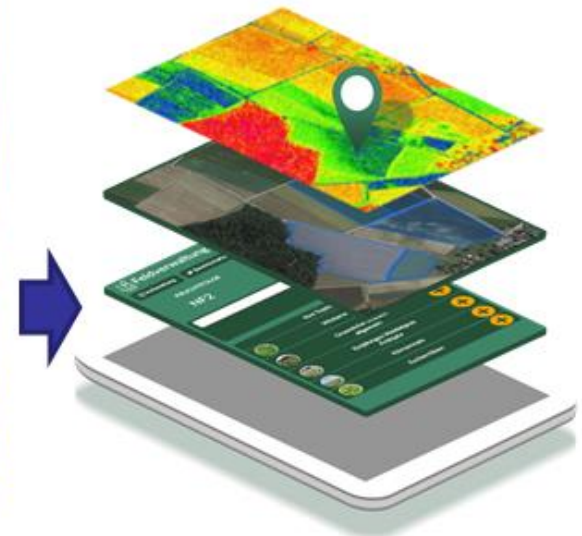


- ❖ multitemporal & hyperspectral EO data to enable physical / physiological based retrieval (more general & robust & accurate)

Crop growth models
assimilating EO data to
improve yield predictions

Collaborative Agricultural Vehicles (S3-CAV)

FP7 ERA-NET ICT-AGRI-2



- *Multi-sensor obstacle detection*
- *Multi-modal 3D maps*
- *Situation awareness*
- *Crop assessment and recognition of condition*
- *Trafficability*
- *Traversability*



<http://s3cav.eu/>

Partners

- Danish Technological Institute (Denmark)
- University of Salento (Italy)
- Fraunhofer Institute for Intelligent Analysis and Information Systems IAIS (Germany)
- CNR - Institute of Intelligent Systems for Automation (Italy)
- AgriCircle AG (Switzerland)

Summary

- ❑ The Apulian Tavoliere is an agricultural site that can largely benefit from the use of PRISMA data for improving crop management & irrigation scheduling & yield prediction
- ❑ Over the site there exist facilities and know how to support calibration & validation of OT products for agricultural applications
- ❖ Requirements in terms of thematic applications, geographic location, readiness level of technological & scientific infrastructure should be elaborated at national level and then **strategic decisions should be taken**

**Thanks for your
attention**