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common agricultural policy

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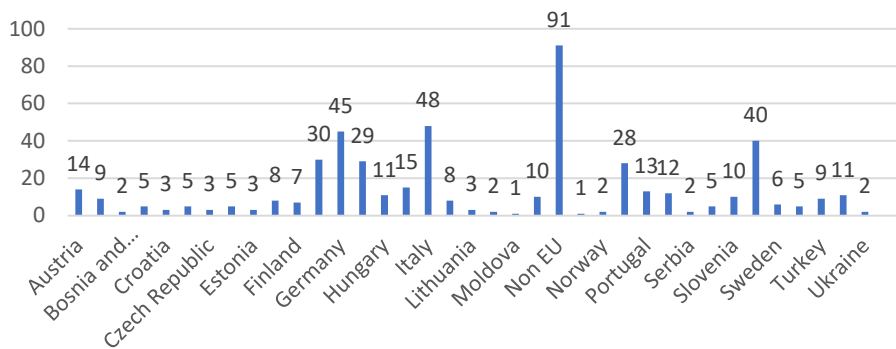
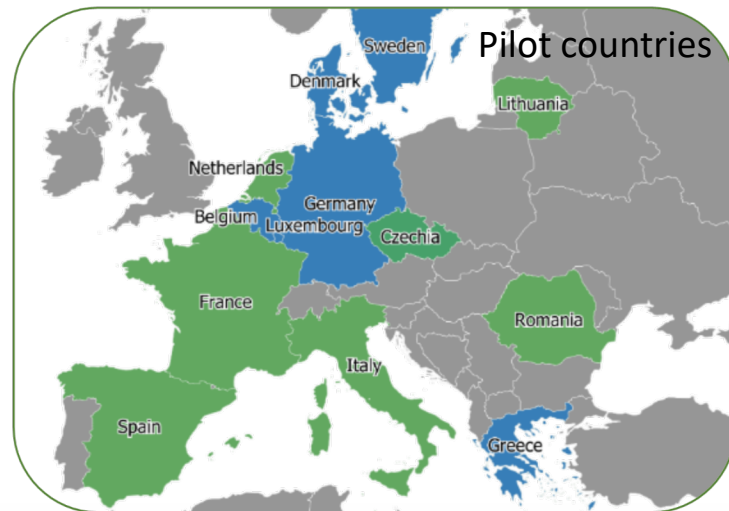
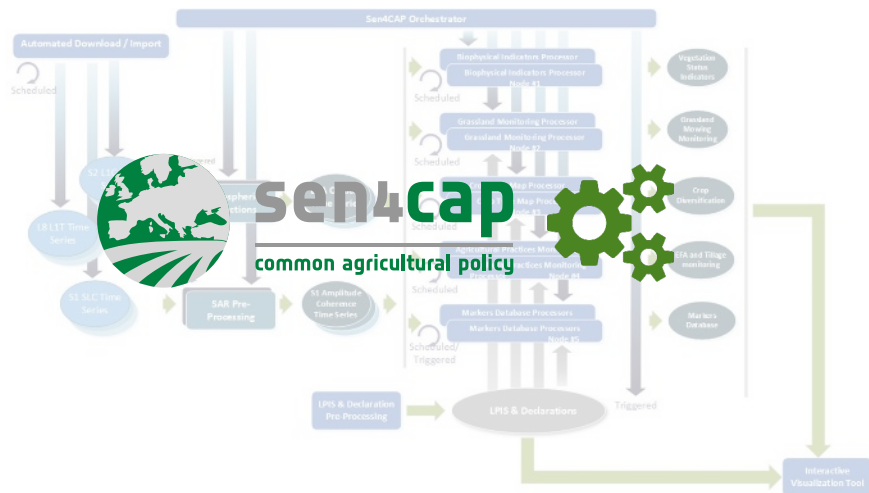
Guidance by  
DG-Agri, JRC,  
DG-Grow.



Commissioner P. Hojan: "...ESA has launched a tender for Sen4CAP which will provide us useful knowledge and further possibilities on how we use Sentinel data in the context of the CAP ..."

From an ESA project ...

# ...to an open source system uptaken by the CAP community



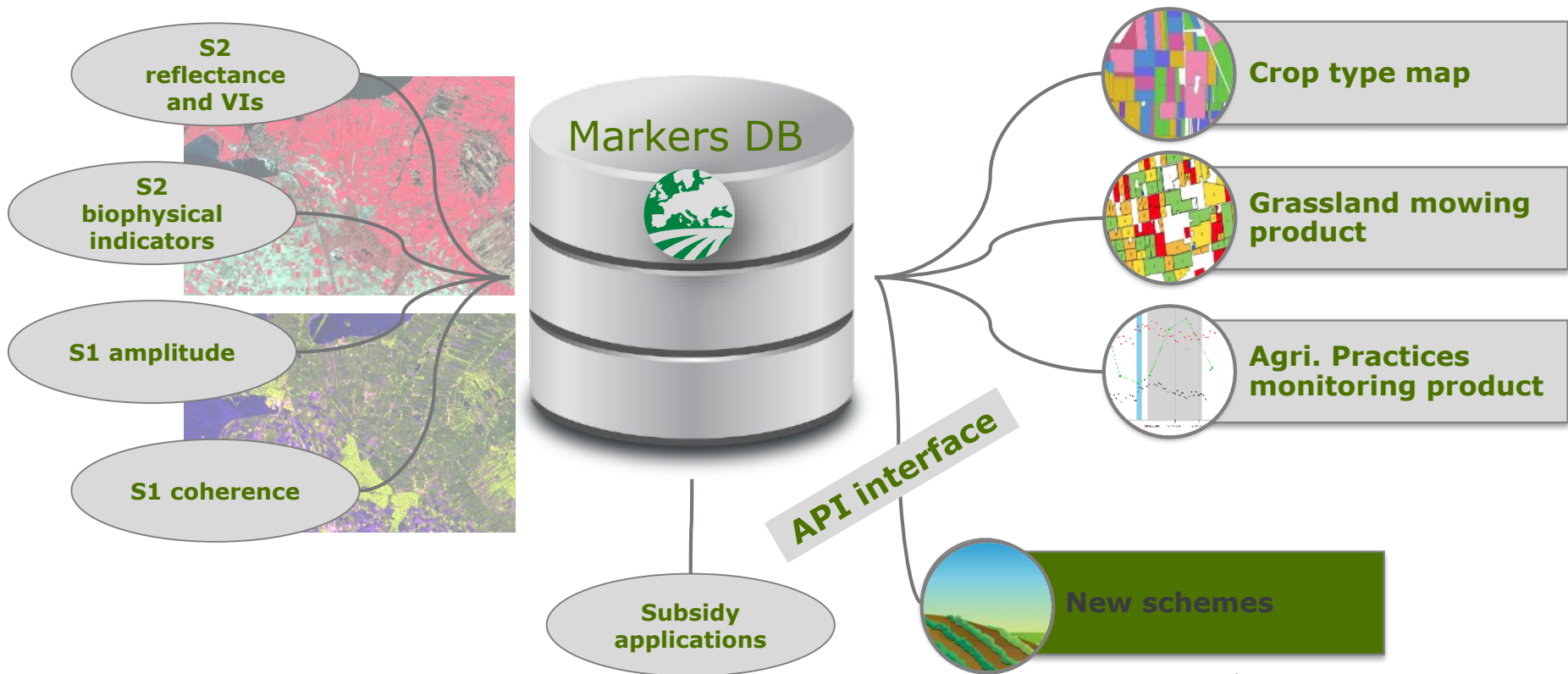
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## Sen4CAP - The Sentinels for Common Agricultural Policy

Solution for modern agriculture

Ready-to-use monitoring solution for modern agriculture. Biophysical indicators, crop type map, grassland mowing, and agricultural practices monitoring in one place.

# Markers and products assessed through selected use cases but available for many other applications



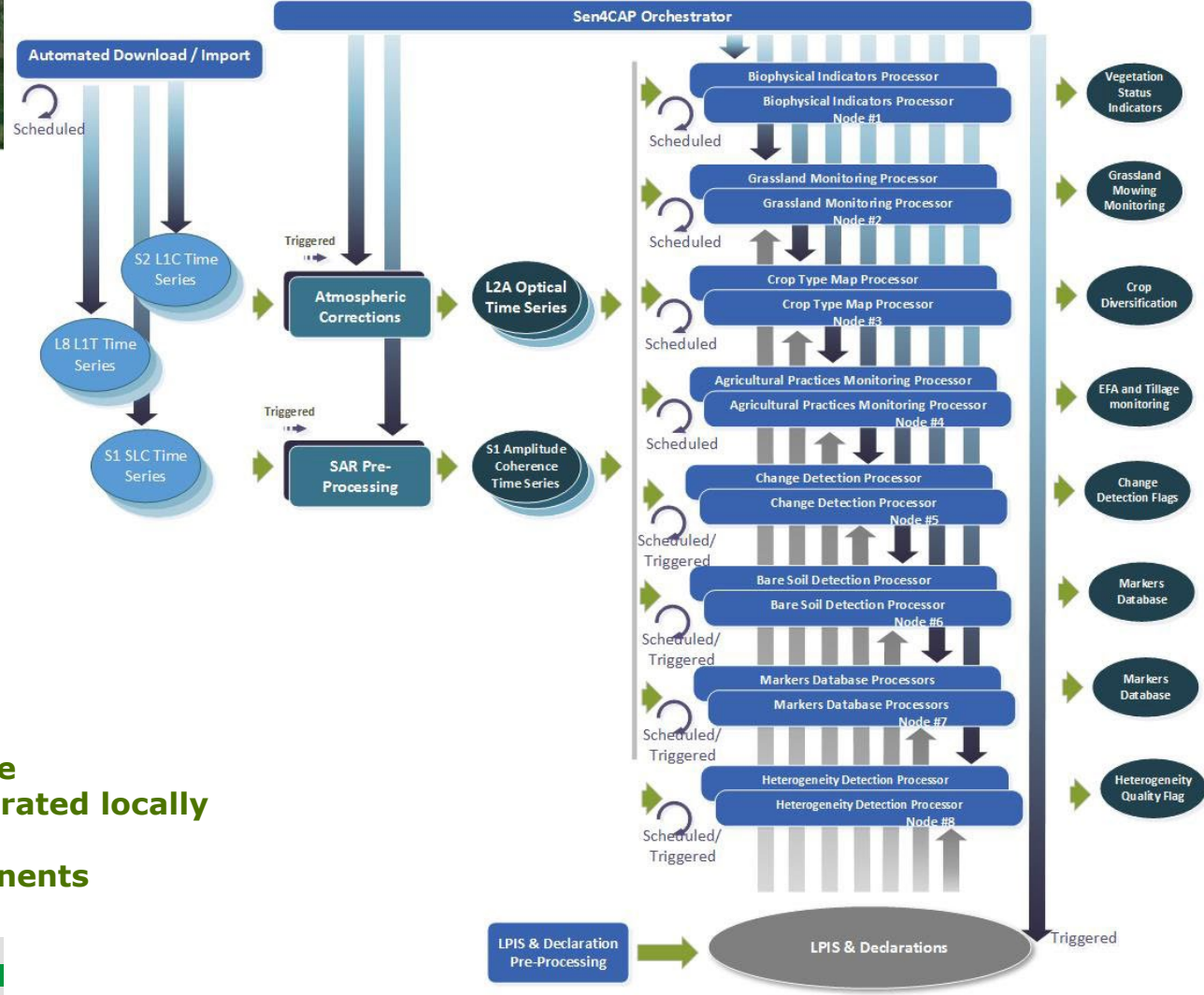
# Sen4CAP

## Open-source system

**Version 4.0 delivered today**

- ❖ Sentinel-1 & -2
- ❖ Automated and modular
- ❖ For NRT or off-line production
- ❖ Demonstrated at national scale
- ❖ Portable on all DIAS-es or operated locally
- ❖ User-friendly & API interfaces
- ❖ Dockerization for main components

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**Resources**

The following Sen4CAP project related documents can be downloaded from this site:

- **Presentations** given at conferences or Sen4CAP trainings
- **Technical documents** to support the use of the Sen4CAP system and products
- **Data** - sample data for an easier start of using Sen4CAP system

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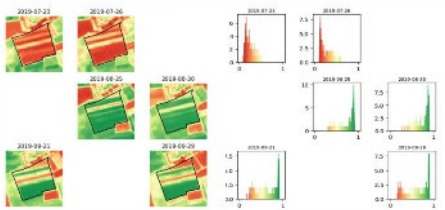
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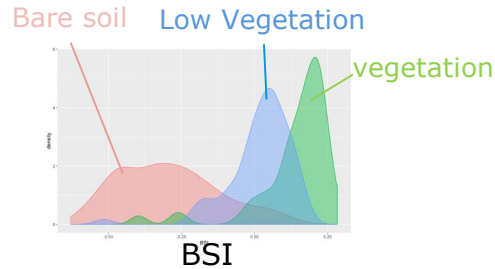
## Sub-parcel **heterogeneity** marker(s)



MILENOV Pavel *et al.*, 2021, JRC

Per pixel analysis

## **Bare soil** markers



New Optical &  
SAR variables  
– all year round

## **Change** of cover from year to year



Permanent Grassland    Arable Land    Permanent Crop

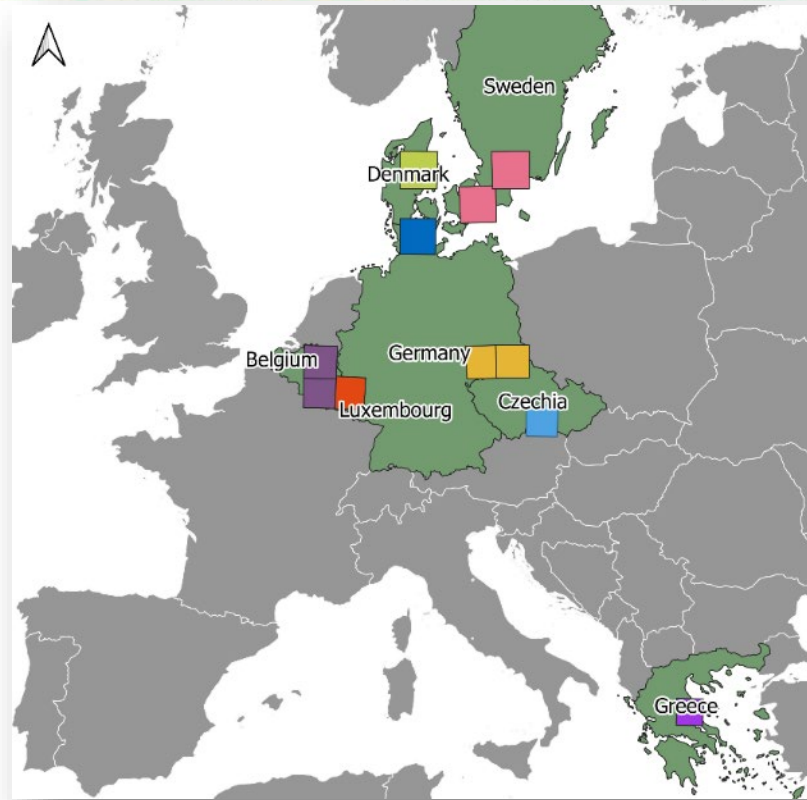
Multi-annual analysis



# R&D with 7 pilot countries (8 Paying Agencies), sharing calibration and validation data



- 1 or 2 S2 tiles
- 1 or 2 years (2020-**2021**)
- All Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 preprocessed



## Sites list

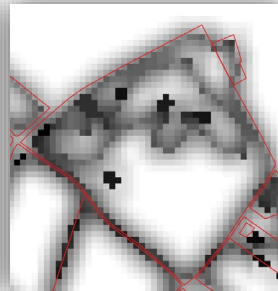
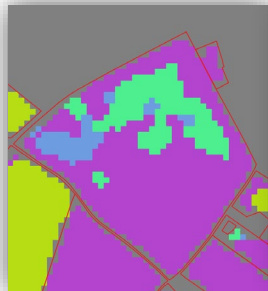
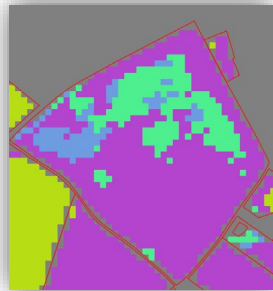
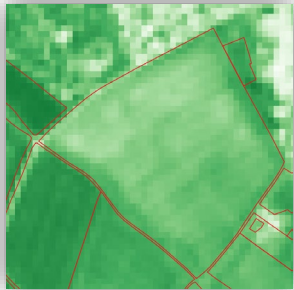
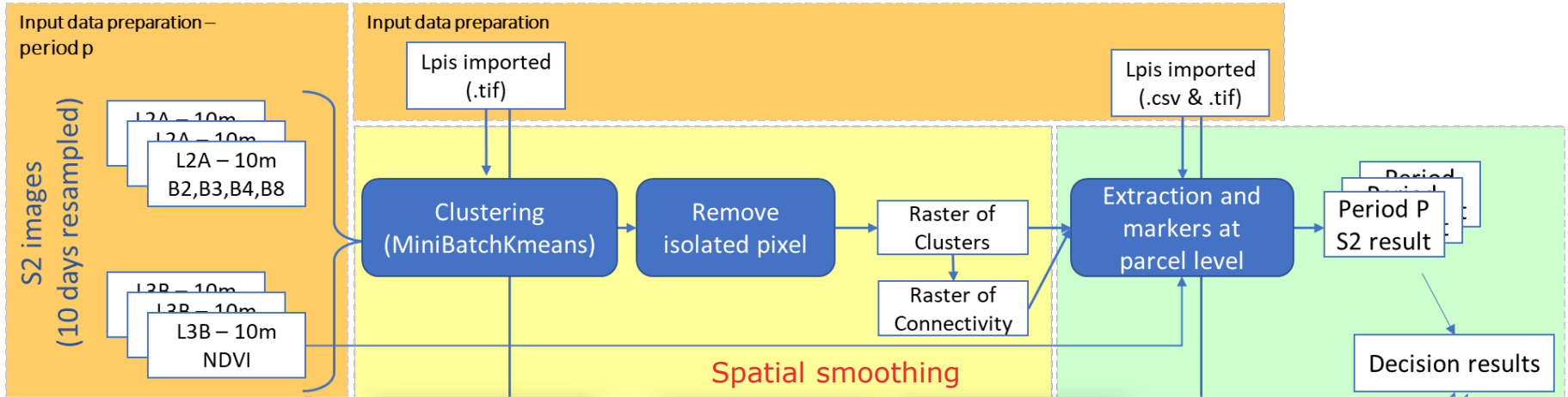
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Danish	danish	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Greece	greece	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Luxembourg	luxembourg	2020	2020-01-01	2020-07-03	2020-12-31
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Sweden	sweden	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
SwedenV2	swedenv2	2021	2021-01-01	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
Wallonie	wallonie	2020	2020-01-01	2020-07-03	2020-12-31
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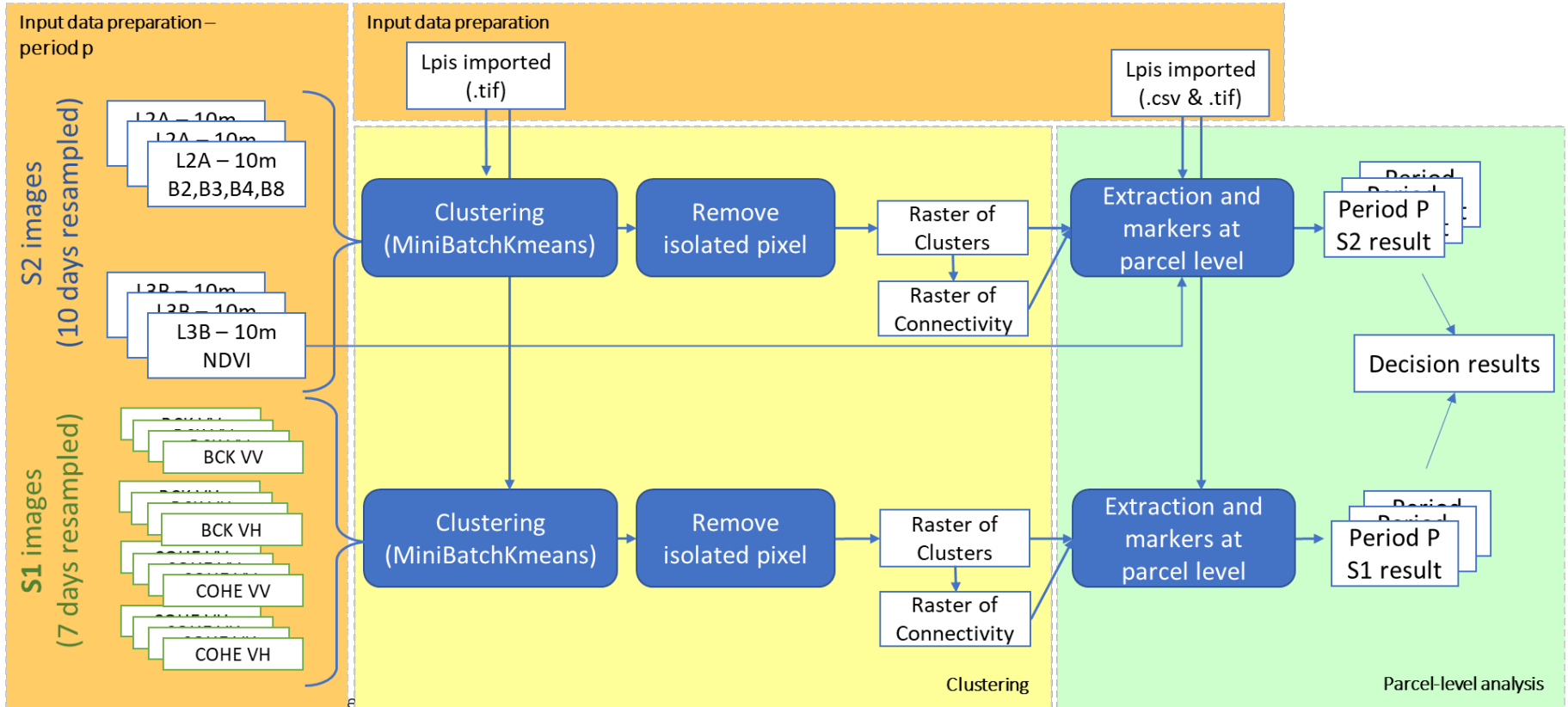


# Heterogeneity Workflow



- Number & size of clusters ?
- Difference of NDVI between clusters ?
- Are the clusters compact ?

# Heterogeneity Workflow



# Heterogeneity – Markers S2 & S1



Marker	Description	Possible Value at each period P
M1	More than one big cluster ( $>PerHetero$ % of the parcel) with S2	1 / 0 / NA
M2	At least 2 clusters with more than $NPixCIS2$ & $M1 = 1$	1 / 0 / NA
M3	$DistNDVI > ThrdNDVIdist$	1 / 0 / NA
M4	Compact S2 $> ThrdCompactS2$	1 / 0 / NA

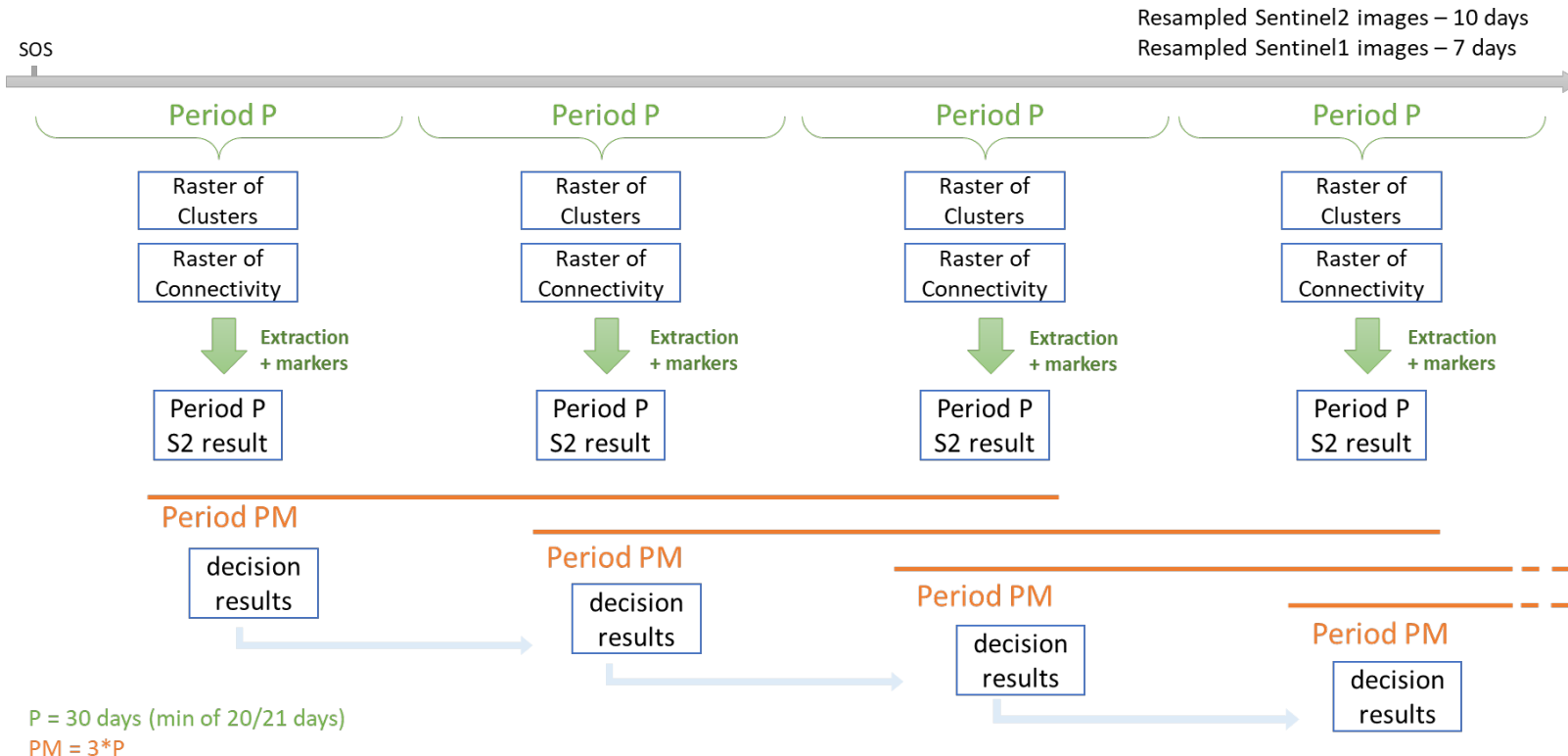
S2 Markers

## Parameters :

- $PerHetero$  = Percentage of the biggest cluster in the parcel (default = 90%)
- $NPixCIS2$  = Number of S2 pixel needed to determine if a cluster can be big enough (default = 20)
- $NPixCIS1$  = Number of S1 pixel needed to determine if a cluster can be big enough
- $ThrdNDVIdist$  = difference of NDVI needed for heterogeneity
- $ThrdCompactS2$  = Threshold of compactness (varies according to the radiusC - see connectivity raster)  
(Saxony – radius = 3,  $thrdcompactS2 = 3$  VS Greece – radius = 2,  $thrdcompactS2 = 1.7$ )



# Heterogeneity – decision period



# Heterogeneity – C\_INDEX decision



**STRONG:** All (3) periods with all markers = 1

**MODERATE:** At least 1 period with all markers = 1

**WEAK:** One marker missing each period

**POOR:** Half of the markers = 1



		M1	M2	M3	M4	
P1						→ P_Hete_L = 1 & C_INDEX = MODERATE
P2	P2					→ P_Hete_L = 2 & C_INDEX = STRONG
P3	P3	1	1	1	1	→ <b>P_Hete_L = 2</b> & C_INDEX = STRONG
P4	P4	1	1	1	1	
P5	P5	1	0	0	0	

P\_Hete\_L = Last confirmed period with best detection

S1 as support for S2 detection  
& when not available





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Saxony Results: **27,5%** with a detection

- POOR: 71%
- WEAK: 27%
- MODERATE: 1%
- STRONG: 1%

Greece Results: **8,5%** with a detection

- POOR: 68,5%
- WEAK: 29,5%
- MODERATE: 1%
- STRONG: 1%



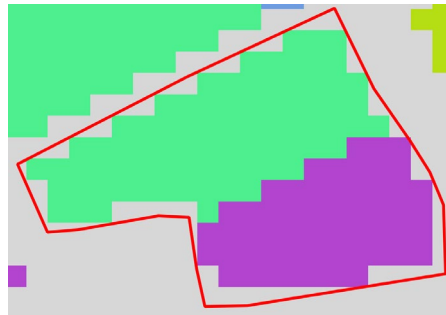
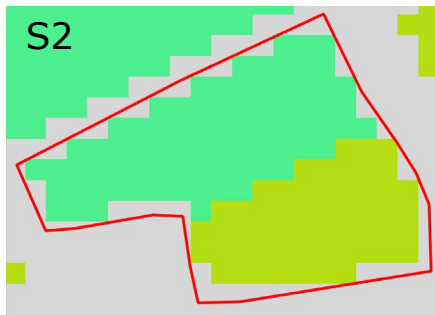
# Heterogeneity – Example in Greece

Last confirmed detection – p6

Detection – p7

Detection – p8

No Compacity – p9



Id = 626

**STRONG** detection with S2

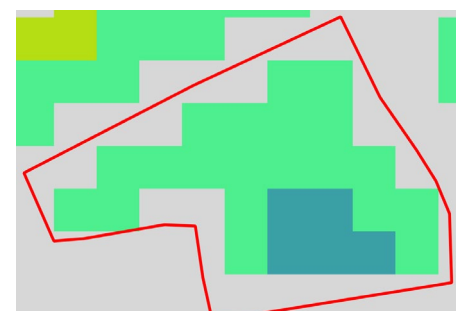
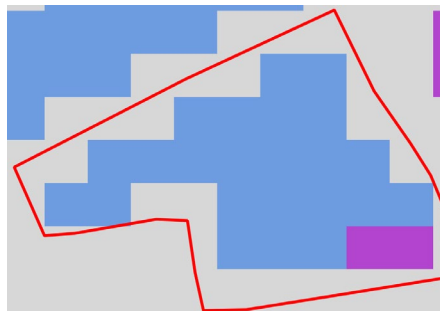
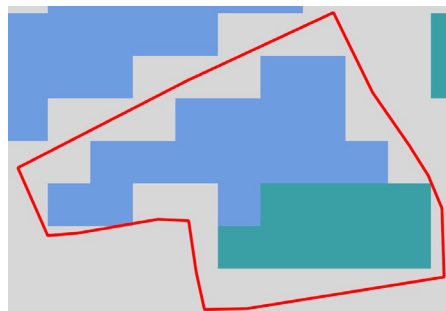
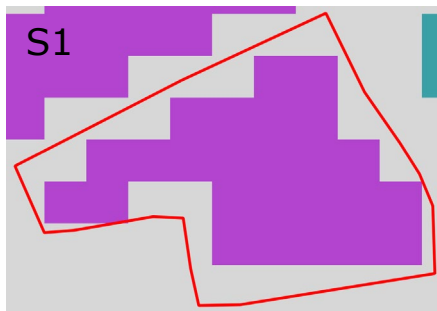
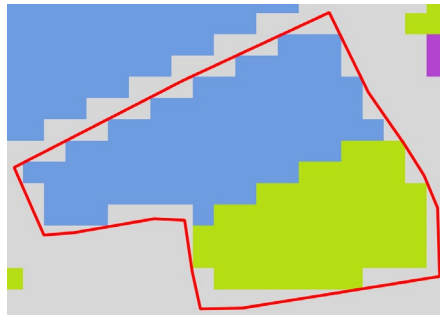
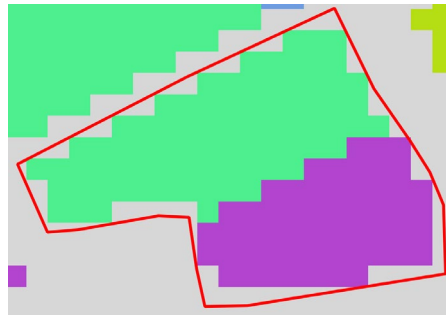
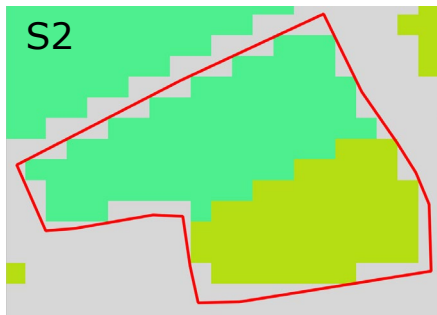
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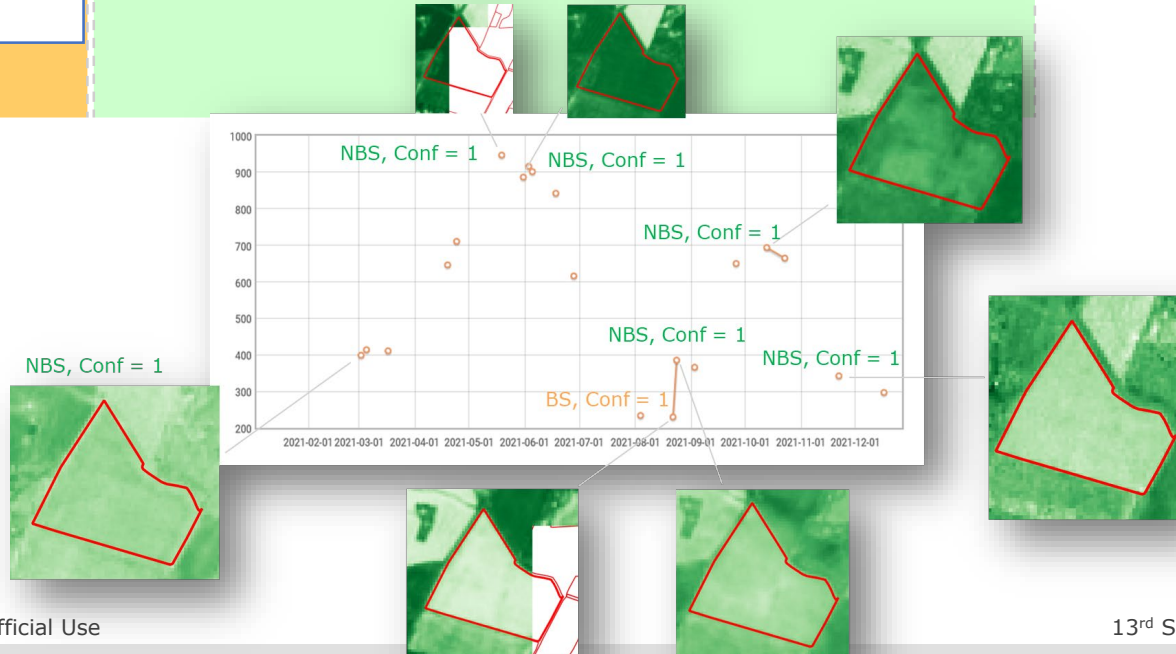
## Input data preparation

S2 time series  
L2A bands, L3B and variables  
(MBD1)

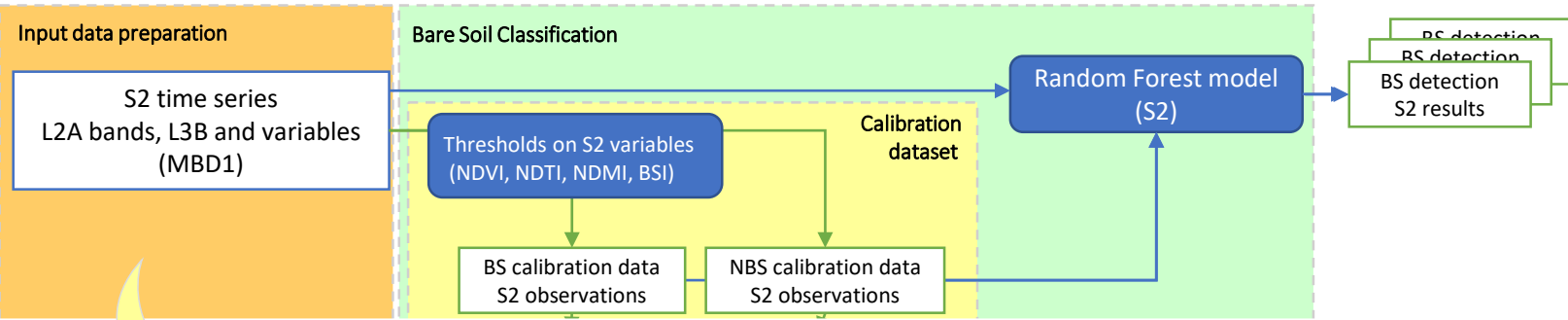
## Bare Soil Classification

Random Forest model  
(S2)

BS detection  
BS detection  
BS detection  
S2 results



# Bare Soil : Calibration dataset with S2



For each parcels and at each date during **the period of training**

→ Looks if  $NDVI, NDTI, BSI, NDMI < BS\_threshold$

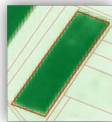
BS



✓ The date and parcel goes to the calibration dataset as bare soil

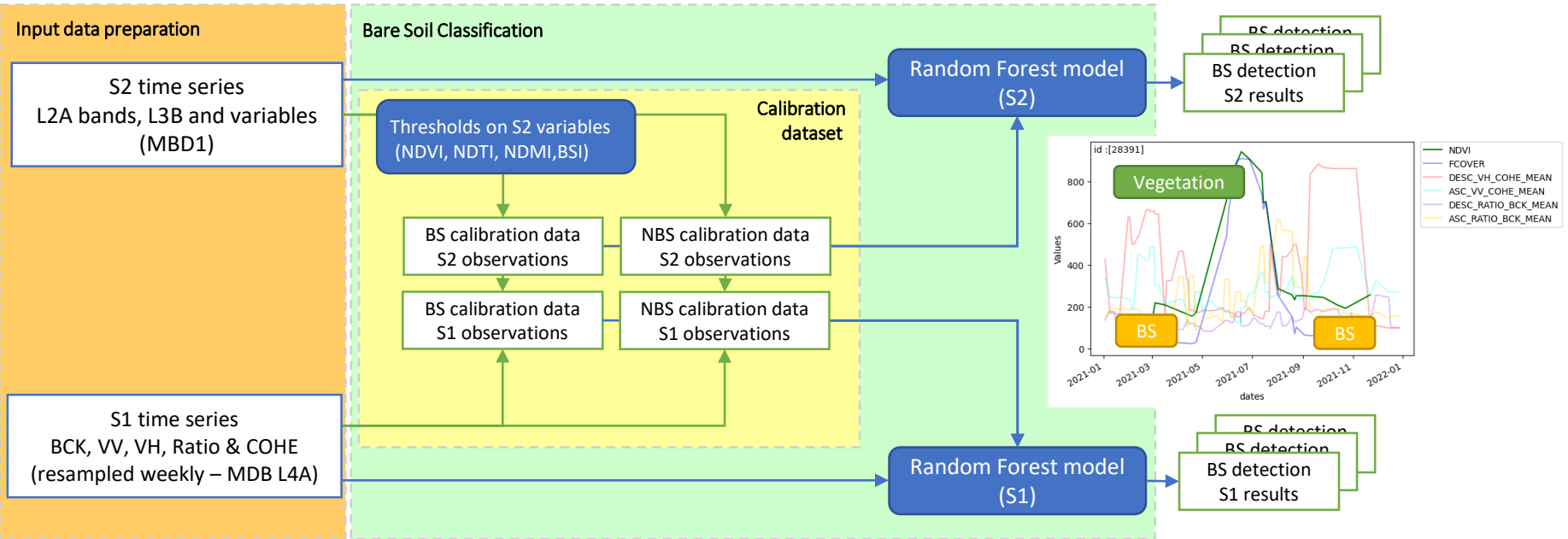
→ Looks if  $NDVI, NDTI, BSI, NDMI > NBS\_threshold$

Vegetation

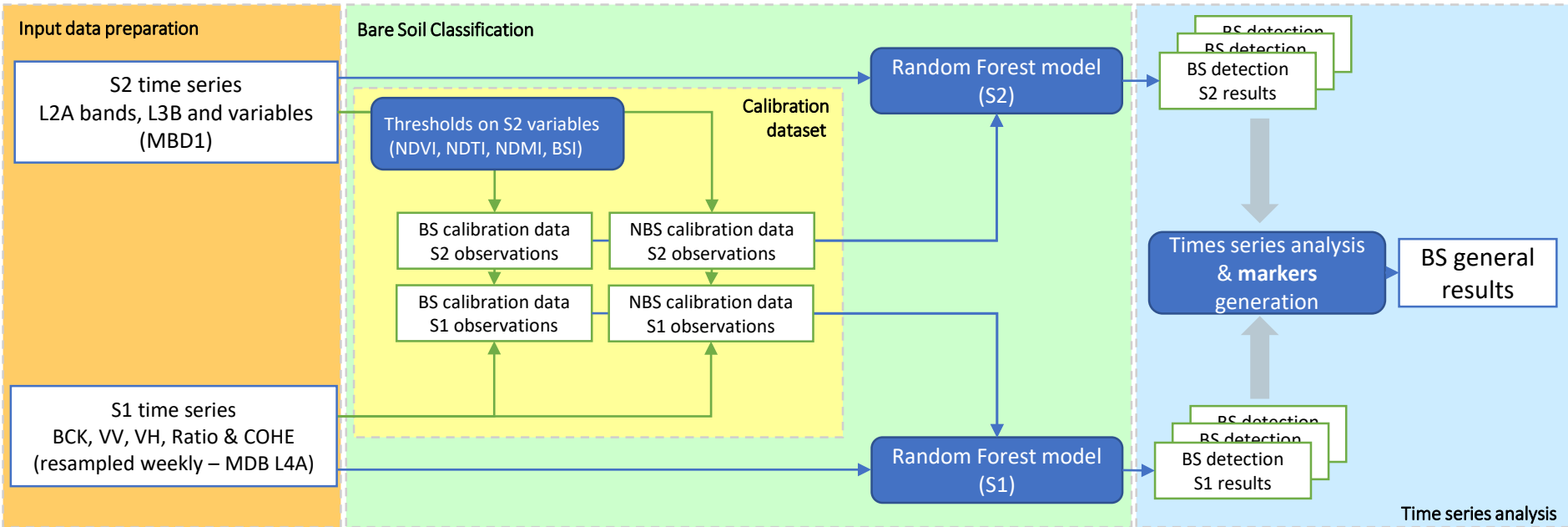


✓ The date and parcel goes to the calibration dataset as vegetation

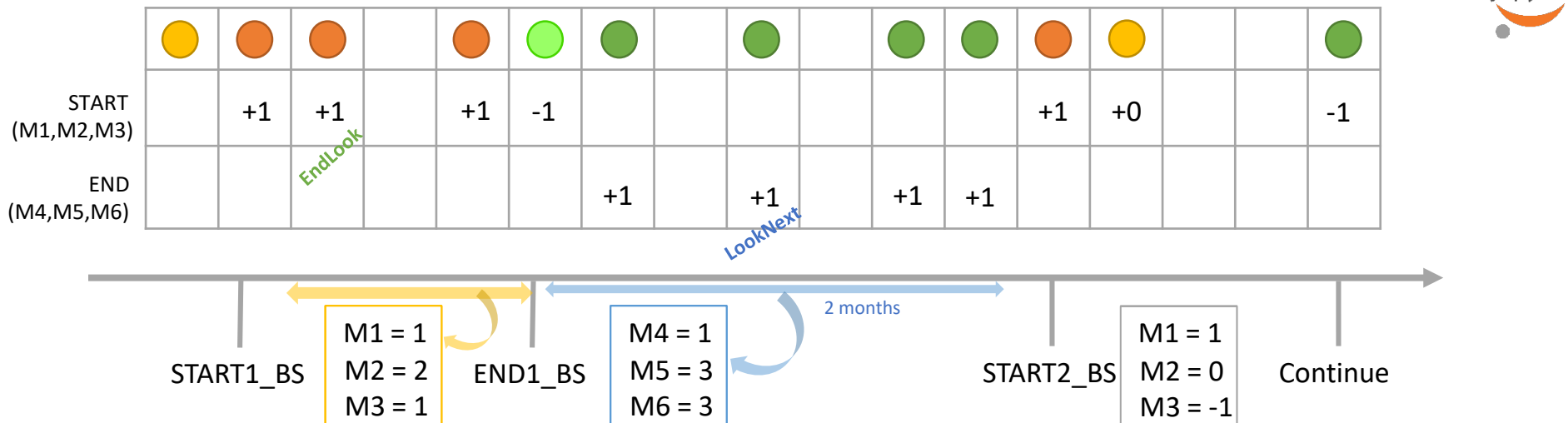
# Bare Soil Classification S1 & S2



# Bare Soil : Complete workflow



# Time Series Analysis & Markers



Conf : **Strong**

Conf : **Doubtful**

- Pred BS > thr BS
- Pred BS < thr BS
- Pred NBS < thr NBS
- Pred NBS > thr NBS

## Example

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# Time Series Analysis & Markers



	Description	Values possible
M1	First observation of BS with $\text{conf} > \text{thr\_bs}$ → <b>Allow to set the START_BS_S2</b>	0 / 1
M2	Observation of BS in $\text{conf} > \text{thr\_bs} \rightarrow +1$ → 1 <sup>st</sup> confirmation → <b>LookEnd</b> = True (look for the end of the BS period) → Allow to see <b>number of strong BS in the BS period</b>	0 / 1+ / NA
M3	Observation of BS in $\text{conf} > \text{thr\_bs} \rightarrow +2$ , BS in $\text{conf} < \text{thr\_bs} \rightarrow +1$ & NBS in any $\text{conf} \rightarrow -1$ → Number of strong observation – number of noise in the BS period	-1 / 0 / 1+ / NA
M4	Observation of NBS with $\text{conf} > \text{thr\_nbs}$ → <b>Allow to set the END_BS_S2</b>	0 / 1
M5	Observation of NBS in $\text{conf} > \text{thr\_nbs} \rightarrow +1$ → Allow to see <b>number of strong NBS in the Plong period (2 months) after the BS period</b>	0 / 1+ / NA
M6	Observation of NBS in $\text{conf} > \text{thr\_nbs} \rightarrow +2$ , NBS in $\text{conf} < \text{thr\_nbs} \rightarrow +1$ & BS in any $\text{conf} \rightarrow -1$ → Number of strong observation – number of noise	-1 / 0 / 1+ / NA

## Parameters:

- *Thr\_bs* : Threshold of BS that indicate the minimum confidence level in the **BS prediction** to be consider as a **strong detection**.
- *Thr\_nbs* : Threshold of NBS that indicate the minimum confidence level in the **NBS prediction** to be consider as a **strong detection**.
- *Pshort* : 1. As the maximum number of days after after the START\_BS where if the END\_BS is not found, the ENDS\_BS is equal to the START\_BS.  
2. to see if there a strong detection of BS after the set of the ENDS\_BS. When it happens two times, the END\_BS is restarted.
- *Plong* : Long period that is used as the duration to look for vegetation (NBS) after the END\_BS. It has an impact on the M5 and M6.

# Confidence level in the detection



**Strong** :  $M2 \geq 3$ ,  $M3 \geq 2$  and  $M6 \geq 0$

**Good** :  $M2 > 0$ ,  $M3 \geq 0$  and  $M5 > 0$

**Medium** :  $M2 > 0$  and  $M3 \geq 0$

**Poor** :  $M2 \geq 0$  and  $M3 < 0$

**Doubtful** : only  $M1 = 1$  (only one strong BS)



# Results & use of S1 as confirmation of S2



## Czechia :

**52,5%** of the parcels with a detected bare soil (M1\_S2)

Confidence	S2	
Doubtful	19.07%	17.30%
With S1 conf		<b>1.78%</b>
Poor	6.34%	4.75%
With S1 conf		<b>1.59%</b>
Medium	18.49%	13.91%
With S1 conf		<b>4.58%</b>
Good	25.92%	16.64%
With S1 conf		<b>9.28%</b>
Strong	30.17%	11.51%
With S1 conf		<b>18.66%</b>

## Sweden :

**32,7%** of the parcels with a detected bare soil (M1\_S2)

Confidence	S2	
Doubtful	32.66%	29.41%
With S1 conf		<b>3.25%</b>
Poor	6.52%	5.77%
With S1 conf		<b>0.75%</b>
Medium	13.07%	11.76%
With S1 conf		<b>1.32%</b>
Good	12.50%	10.63%
With S1 conf		<b>1.88%</b>
Strong	35.24%	17.62%
With S1 conf		17.62%

→ **36%** of the parcels with a detection with a S1 confirmation

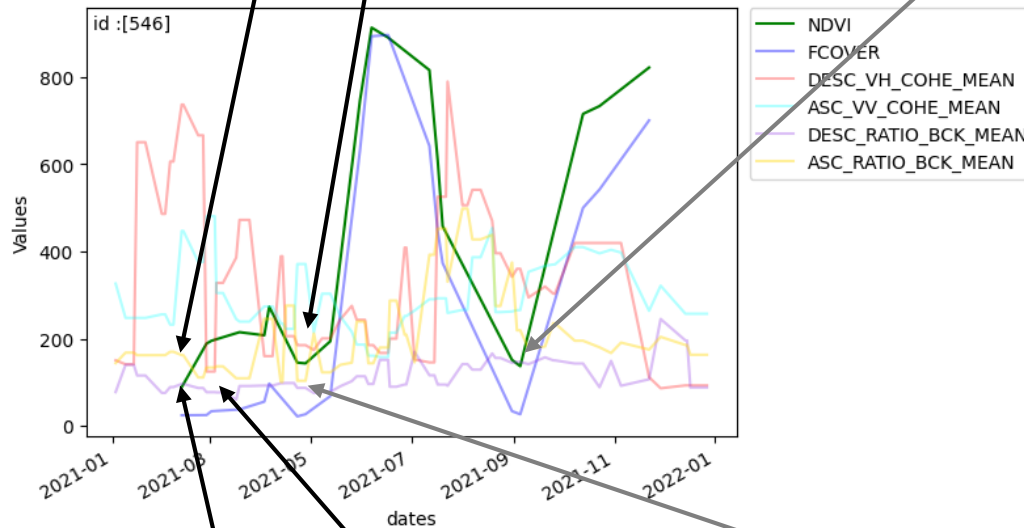
→ **25%** of the parcels with a detection with a S1 confirmation



# Bare Soil – Example in Sweden



NewID	M1_S2	M2_S2	M3_S2	M4_S2	M5_S2	M6_S2	START1_BS_S2	END1_BS_S2	Conf1_S2	Nbr1S2	Look_nextS2	START2_BS_S2	END2_BS_S2	Conf2_S2	Nbr2S2
546	1	1	0	1	2	2	12-02-21	13-05-21	Strong+_S1	9	VRAI	31-08-21	05-09-21	Good	2



M1_S1	M2_S1	M3_S1	M4_S1	M5_S1	M6_S1	START1_BS_S1	Conf1_STARTS1	END1_BS_S1	Nbr_S1	Look_ne	START2_BS_S1	Conf2_STARTS1	END2_BS_S1	Nbr_S1
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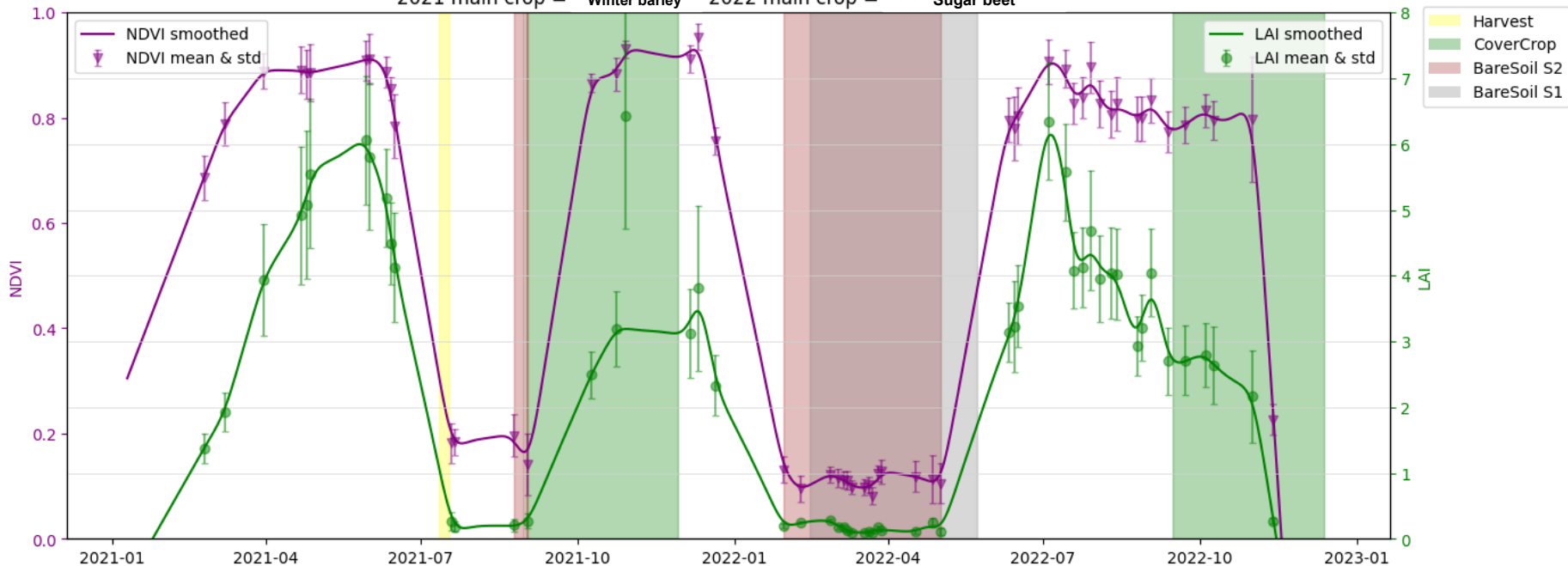


# Bare Soil – Example in Belgium



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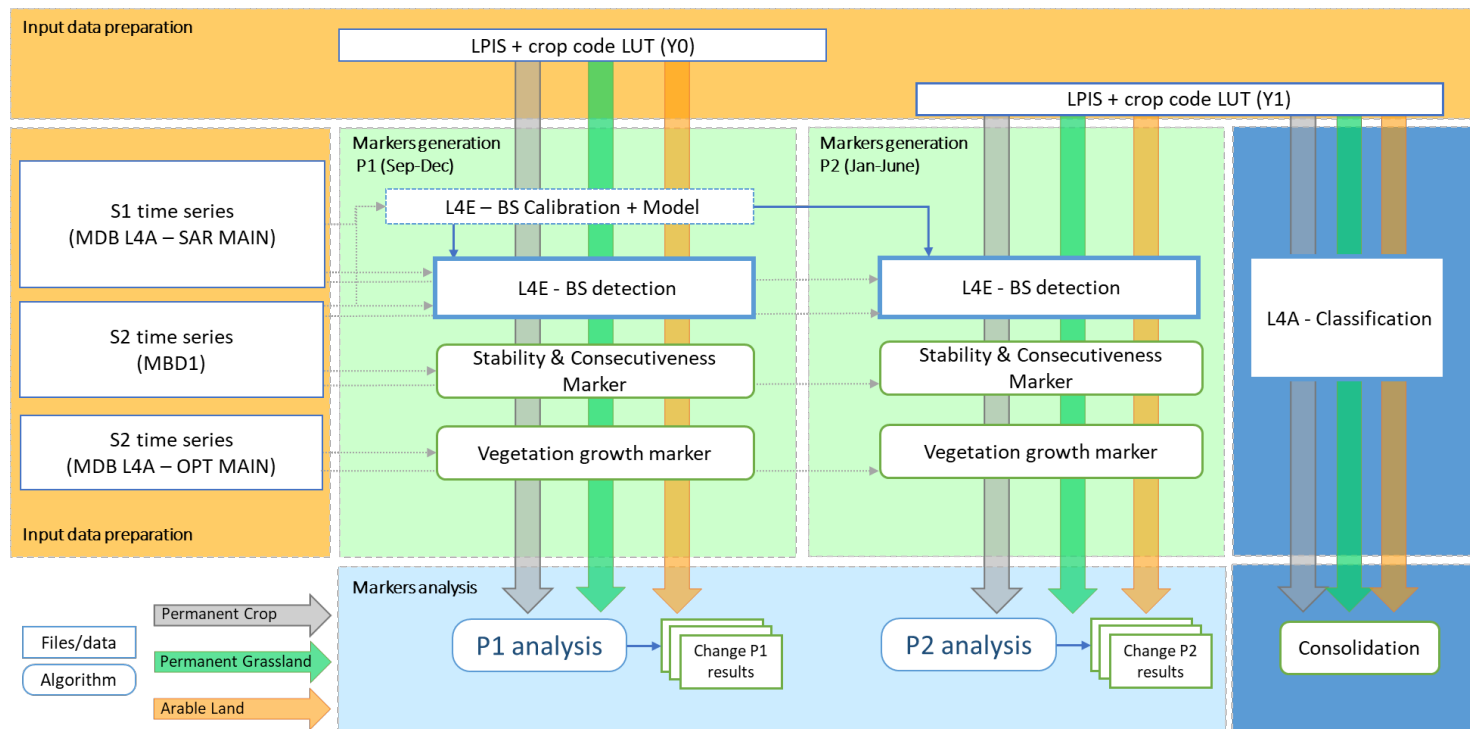
2021-2022 Smoothed Time Series  
2021 main crop = Winter barley 2022 main crop = Sugar beet



# Change of Agricultural Category

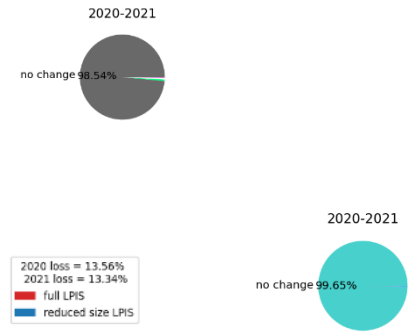
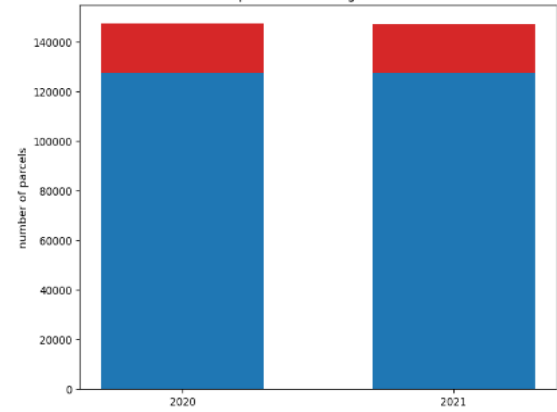
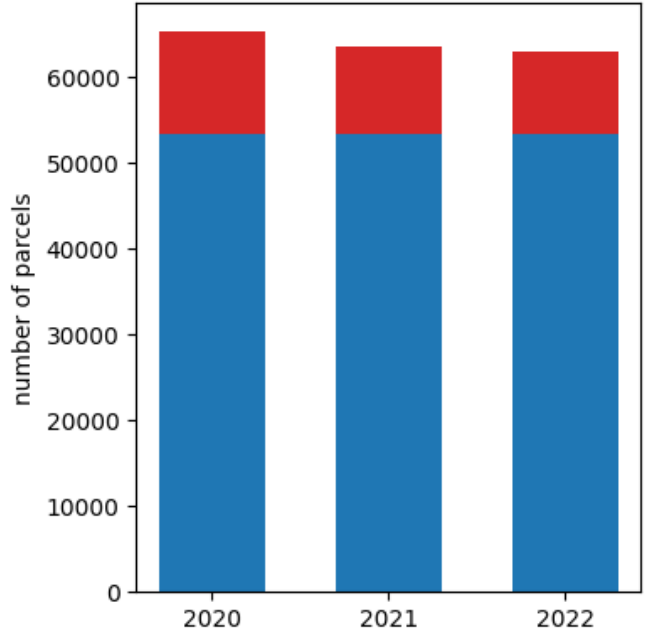


# Change of Agricultural Category - Workflow

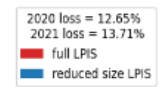
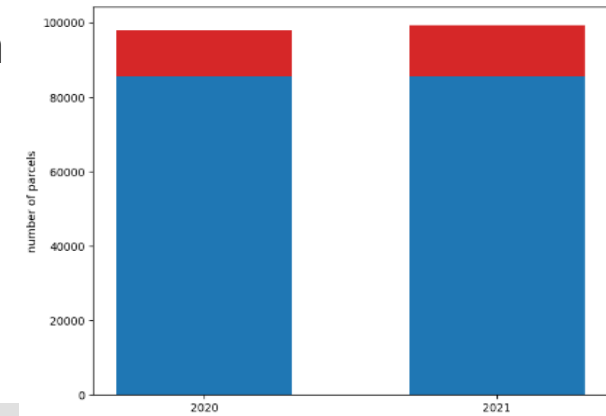


# Change of Agricultural Category – LPIS/GSAA standardization

## Luxembourg

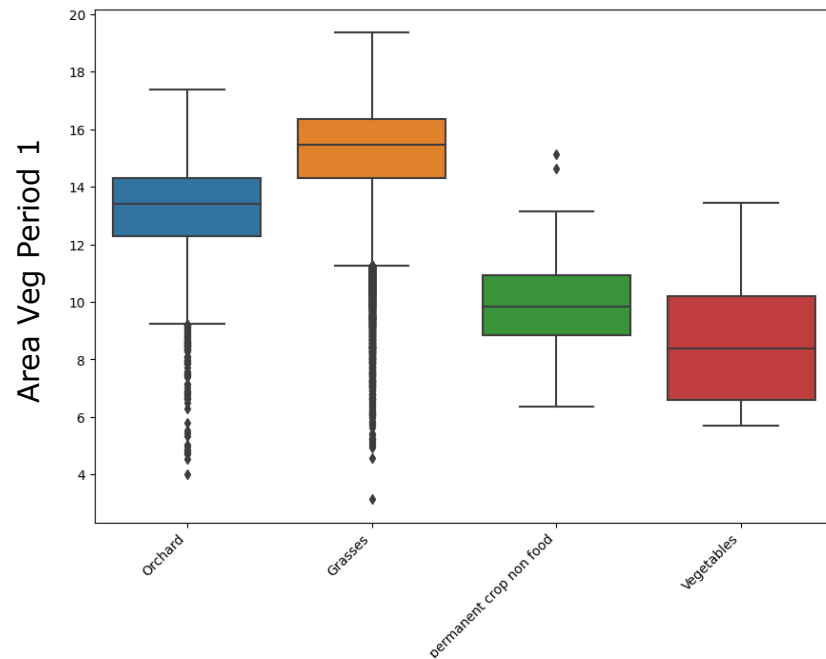
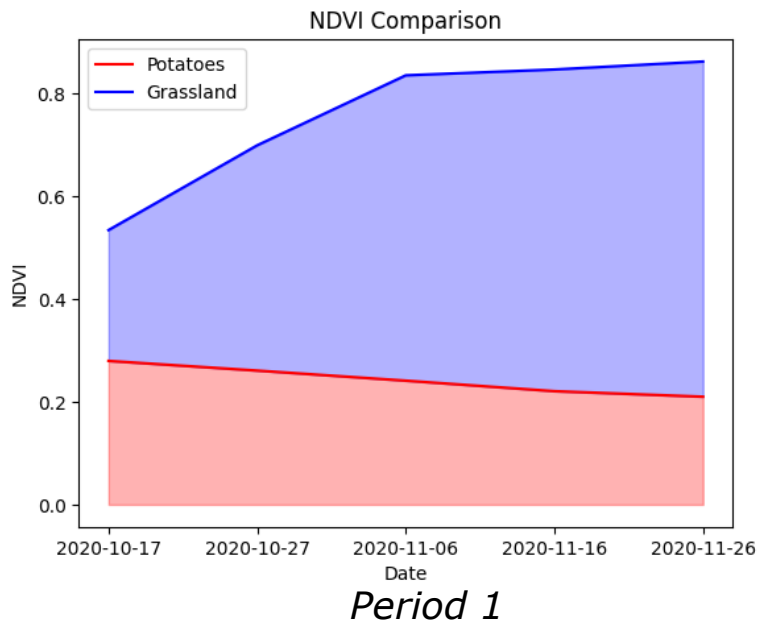


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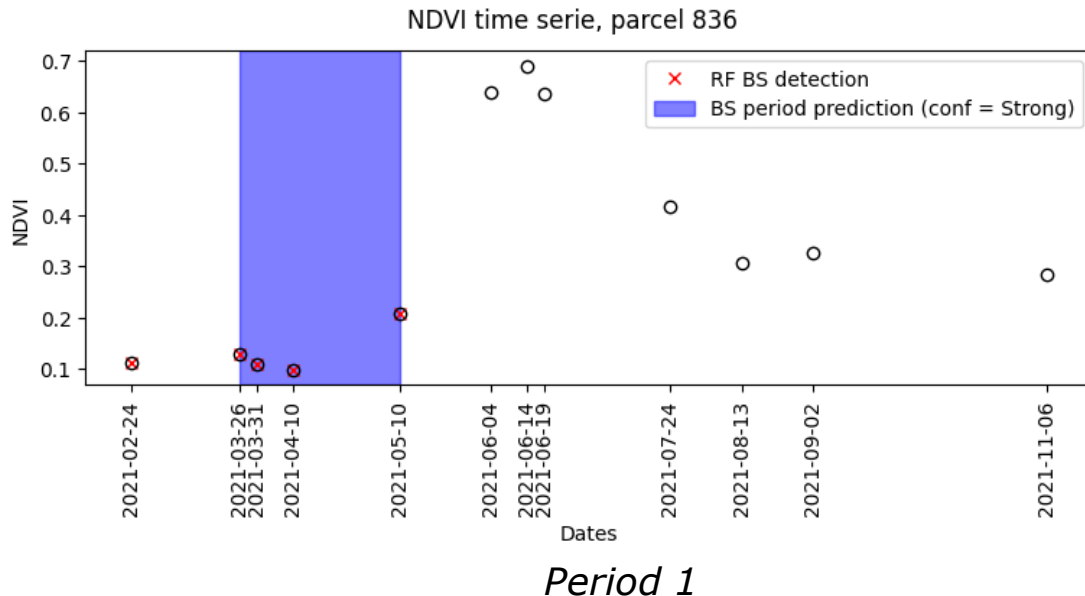
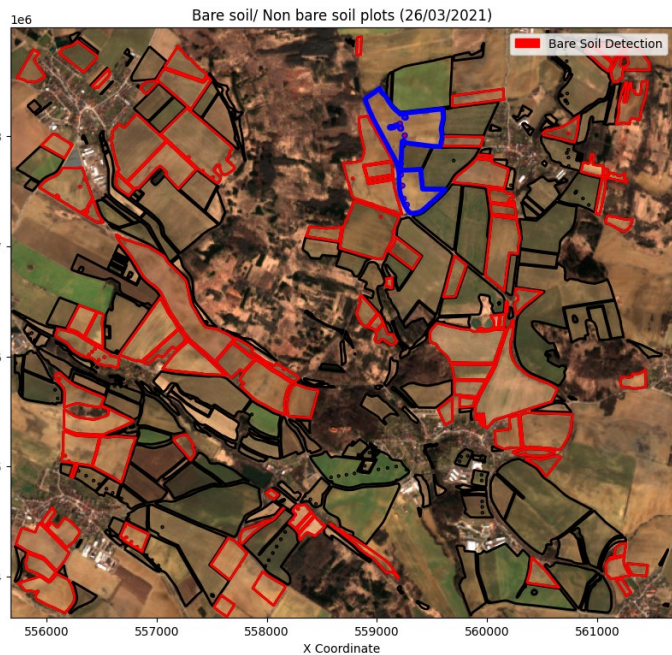


# Change of Agricultural Category – Vegetation Growth



Wallonia (Belgium)

# Change of Agricultural Category – Bare soil



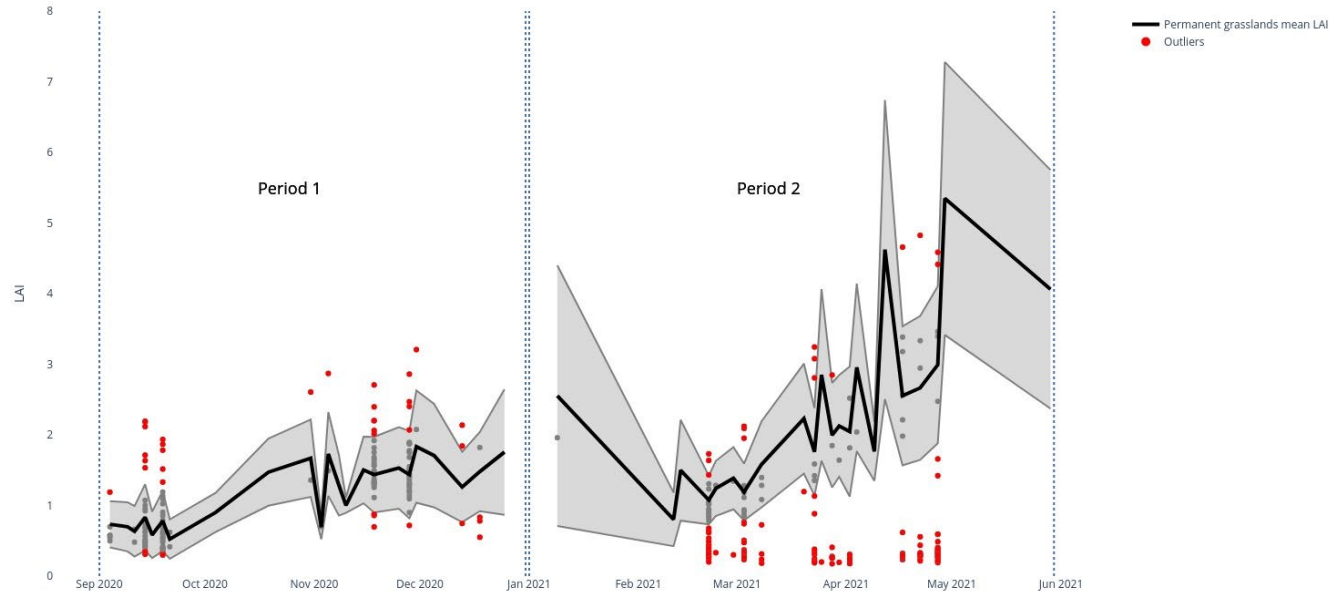
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# Change of Agricultural Category – Vegetation stability & outlier consecutiveness



From grasslands to maize



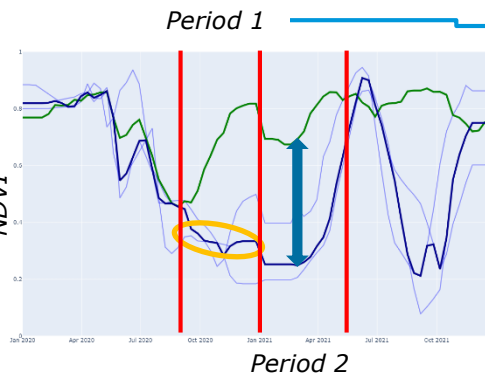
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# Change of Agricultural Category – Markers analysis



## Change score computation : Thresholds values Period 1



	Marker	Thresholds	Change score value
Grassland	TTdaysS2	TTdaysS2 > 0	+2
	Ratio_stability	0 < Ratio_stability < 50 Ratio_stability > 50	+1 +1,5
	Consec_stability	Consec_stability > 0	+1
Permanent crop	TTdaysS2	TTdaysS2 > 0	+3
	AreaVeg	AreaVeg > 50	+1
Annual crop	Ratio_stability	Ratio_stability > 20	+1
	TTdaysS2	TTdaysS2 > 0	+1
	AreaVeg	AreaVeg > 50	+1,5

X > Change score threshold P1

## Change score computation : Thresholds values Period 2

	Marker	Thresholds	Change score value
Grassland	TTdaysS2	TTdaysS2 > 0	+2
	Ratio_stability	0 < Ratio_stability < 25 Ratio_stability > 25	+1 +1,5
	Consec_stability	Consec_stability > 1	+1
Permanent crop	TTdaysS2	TTdaysS2 > 0	+3
	AreaVeg	AreaVeg > 25	+1
Annual crop	Ratio_stability	Ratio_stability > 20	+1
	TTdaysS2	TTdaysS2 > 0	+1
	AreaVeg	0 < AreaVeg < 50 AreaVeg > 50	+0,5 +1,5

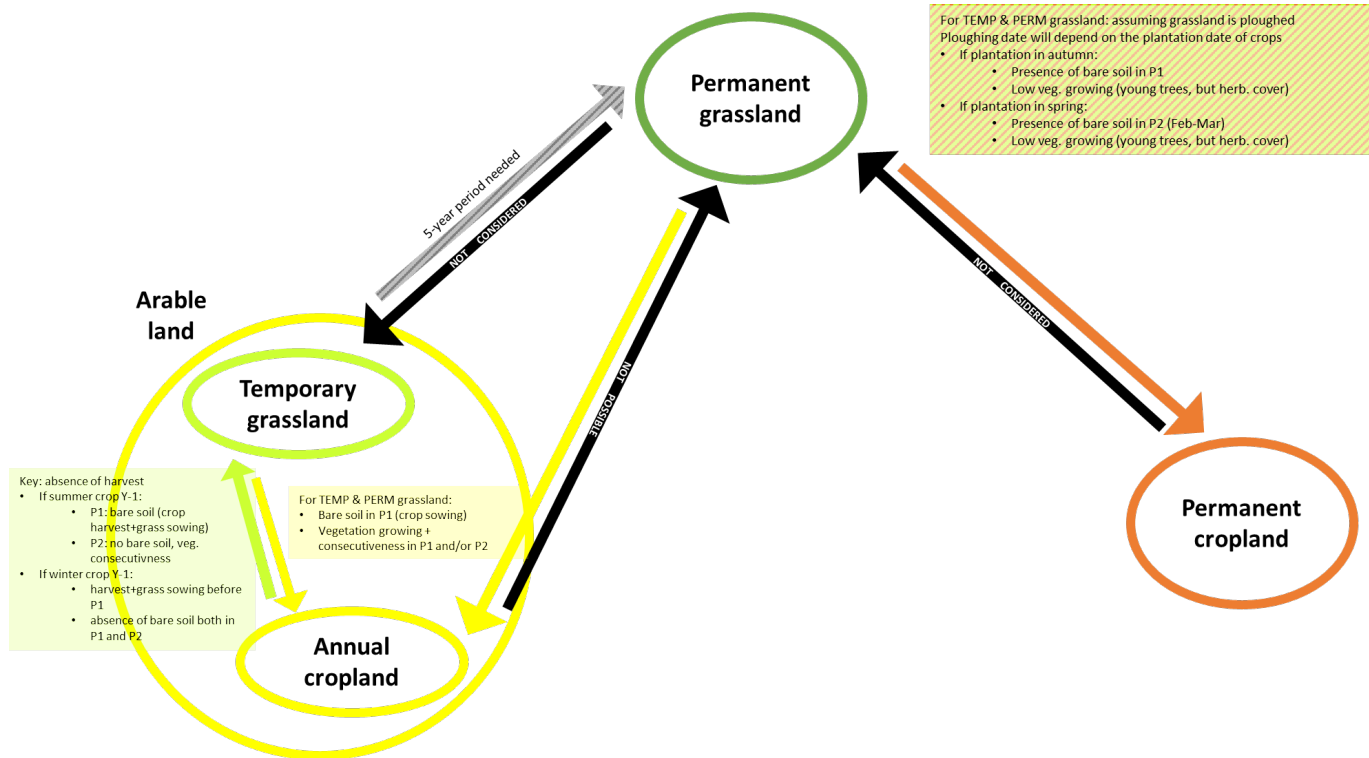
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Agricultural category change prediction

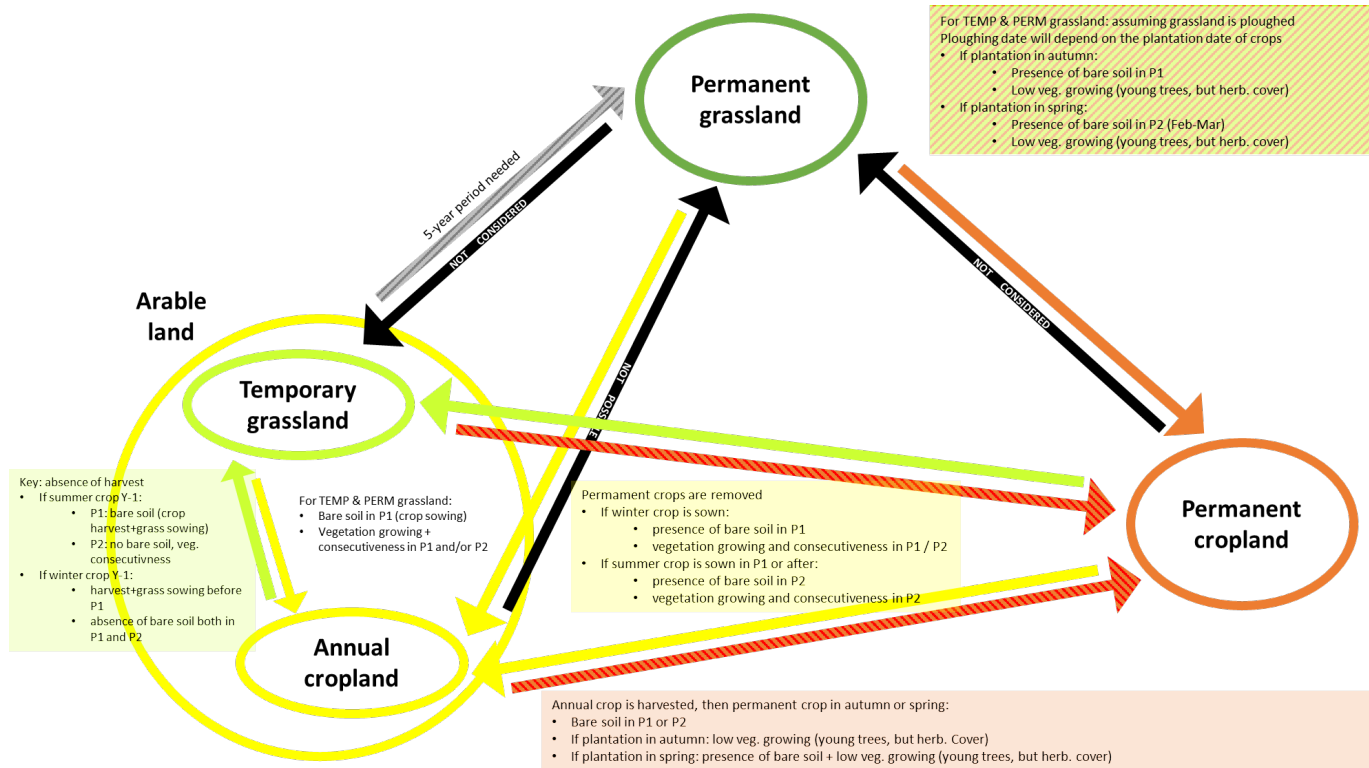




# Change of Agricultural Category – interpretation grid



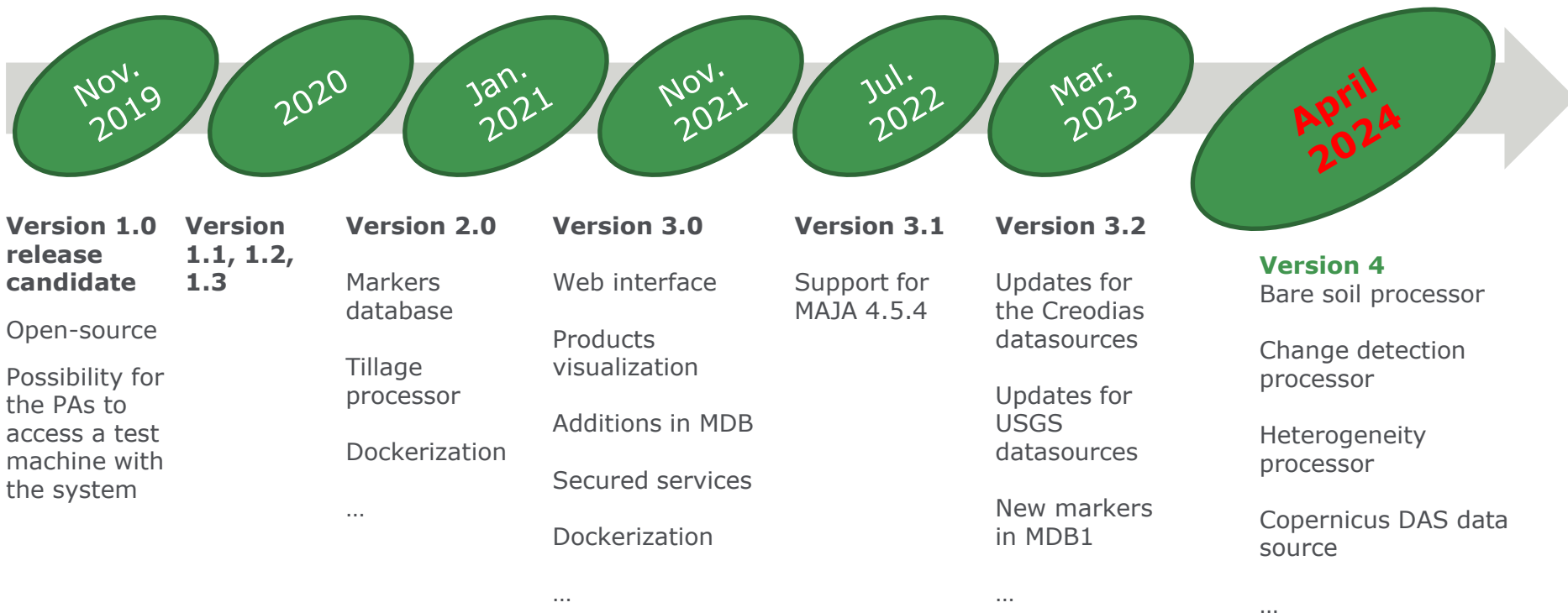
# Change of Agricultural Category – interpretation grid



- Sen4CAP overview
- New use cases and processors
  - Parcels heterogeneity
  - Bare soil detection
  - Change of land category
- **System evolution**
  - **New version 4.0**
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# Sen4CAP versions



- **System evolution – New version 4.0**

- New Postgis 16-3.4 version for new installations
- New Copernicus Data Space Ecosystem (DAS), LSA and ASF data source
- Removed the SciHub data source
- Added Bare soil processor
- Added Change detection processor
- Added Heterogeneity processor

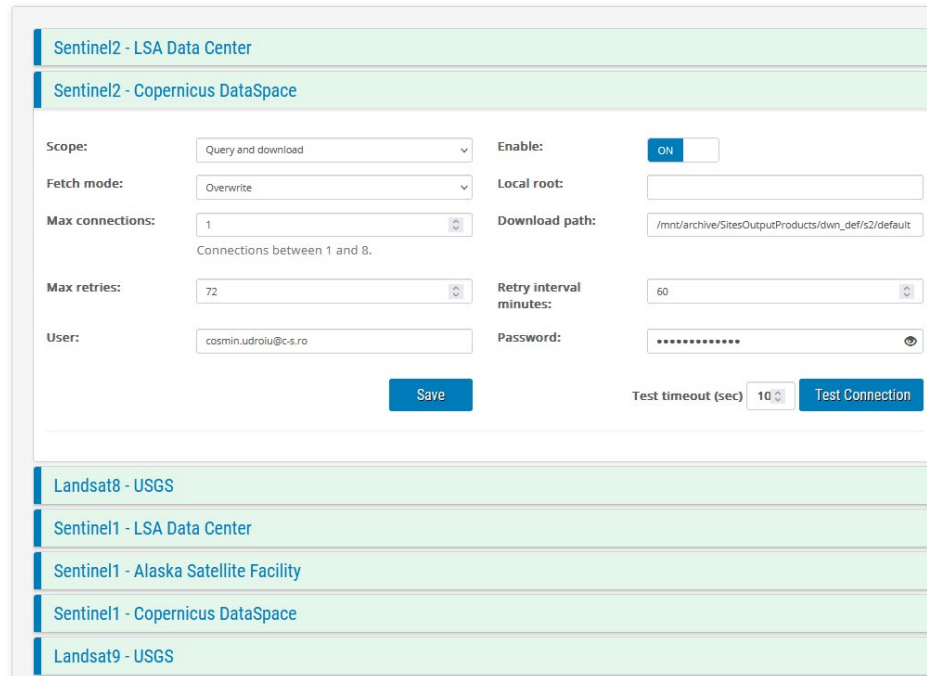
- **New Copernicus DAS data source**

- New account needs to be created
- Local root not supported yet
  - In the next future to support the access to EO data via S3 API

- **New LSA data source**

- **New ASF data source**

Data-source manager



The screenshot shows the 'Data-source manager' interface. The main configuration area is for 'Sentinel2 - Copernicus DataSpace'. It includes the following fields and controls:

- Scope:** Query and download (dropdown)
- Fetch mode:** Overwrite (dropdown)
- Max connections:** 1 (dropdown), with a note 'Connections between 1 and 8.'
- Max retries:** 72 (dropdown)
- User:** cosmin.udroiu@c-s.ro (text input)
- Enable:** ON (checkbox)
- Local root:** (empty text input)
- Download path:** /mnt/archive/SitesOutputProducts/dwn\_def/s2/default (text input)
- Retry interval minutes:** 60 (dropdown)
- Password:** (masked text input)
- Test timeout (sec):** 10 (dropdown)
- Buttons:** Save, Test Connection

Below the main configuration, there is a list of other data sources:

- Sentinel2 - LSA Data Center
- Sentinel2 - Copernicus DataSpace (selected)
- Landsat8 - USGS
- Sentinel1 - LSA Data Center
- Sentinel1 - Alaska Satellite Facility
- Sentinel1 - Copernicus DataSpace
- Landsat9 - USGS

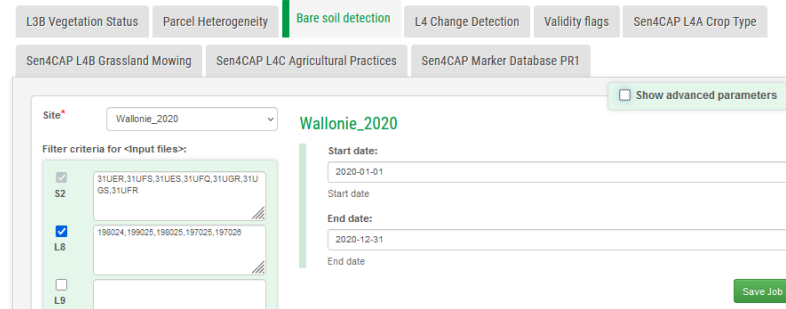
- **Bare soil processor**

- **Inputs :**

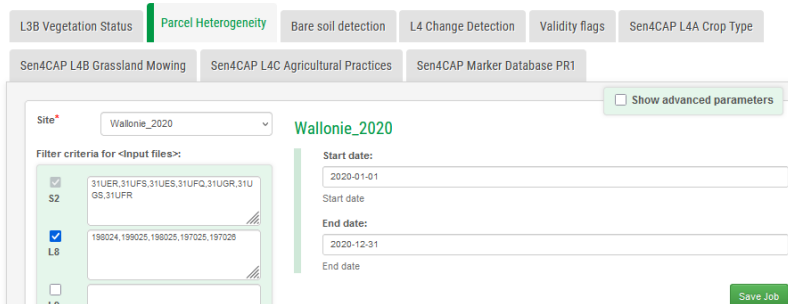
- ✓ MDB 1
- ✓ MDBL4A\_SAR\_Main

- Simple start/end dates selection

## Custom jobs



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- **Heterogeneity processor**

- **Inputs**

- ✓ L3B (NDVI only)
- ✓ S1 weekly temporal resampled rasters
  - ❖ CropType processor is launched automatically inside
- ✓ L2A with validity masks

- **Change detection processor**

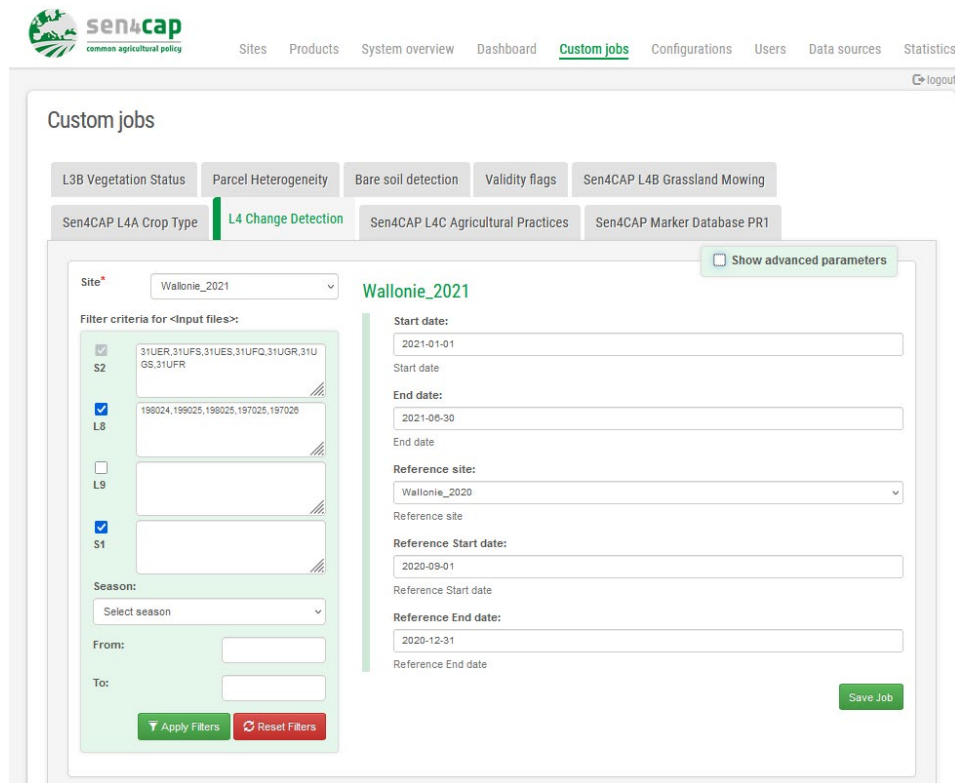
- **Inputs :**

- ✓ MDB1
- ✓ MDB L4A Optical Main
- ✓ Bare soil products

- **Two sites are involved**

- ✓ Main site
- ✓ Reference site

- **Start and end dates to be provided for both reference and main site**



The screenshot shows the 'Custom jobs' configuration page in the Sen4CAP web application. The page title is 'Custom jobs' and it includes a navigation menu with 'Sites', 'Products', 'System overview', 'Dashboard', 'Custom jobs', 'Configurations', 'Users', 'Data sources', and 'Statistics'. Below the navigation, there are several tabs for different processing tasks: 'L3B Vegetation Status', 'Parcel Heterogeneity', 'Bare soil detection', 'Validity flags', 'Sen4CAP L4B Grassland Mowing', 'Sen4CAP L4A Crop Type', 'L4 Change Detection' (which is selected), 'Sen4CAP L4C Agricultural Practices', and 'Sen4CAP Marker Database PR1'. A 'Show advanced parameters' checkbox is visible. The main configuration area is for 'Wallonie\_2021'. It includes a 'Site\*' dropdown menu set to 'Wallonie\_2021'. Under 'Filter criteria for <Input files>', there are three sections: 'S2' with a checked checkbox and a list of file IDs, 'L8' with a checked checkbox and a list of file IDs, and 'L9' with an unchecked checkbox. Below this is a 'Season:' dropdown menu set to 'Select season'. There are 'From:' and 'To:' input fields. At the bottom of the filter section are 'Apply Filters' and 'Reset Filters' buttons. On the right side, there are fields for 'Start date:' (2021-01-01), 'End date:' (2021-06-30), 'Reference site:' (Wallonie\_2020), 'Reference Start date:' (2020-09-01), and 'Reference End date:' (2020-12-31). A 'Save Job' button is located at the bottom right of the configuration area.

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- While after several years of funding and contract changes, the SEN4CAP project comes to an end, ESA intends to initiate a long-term perspective with a dedicated Invitation to Tender
- Cloud readiness:
  - Transform SEN4CAP key functionality into modular cloud-based services and deploy e.g. in CDSE
  - Implementation to follow a cloud native approach and expose functionality via API and python libraries
- Open-Source readiness:
  - Ensure and prepare resulting source code for community contributions and engage with relevant initiatives
- Basic scientific enhancements:
  - Not the focus of this ITT, but selected critical CAP related enhancements to be implemented as well

## INFORMATION-AS-A-SERVICE PATHFINDER: SEN4CAP

Evolve existing SEN4CAP algorithms to cloud-based on-demand services

- open-source consolidation
- ready for community maintenance & evolution
- modular functionality via client libraries and APIs
- datacube-centric refactoring



Call for Proposals, Q2

~ 400-600K, one pathfinder

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**Thank you for your attention  
and your contribution**



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