

# Environmental sensing with multiple techniques: Satellite, UAV, in-situ



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# Monitoring key environmental parameters



Grassland



Orchards



Forest



Vegetation: Leaf Area Index, NDVI, Phenology, Tree height and structure

Water: Soil moisture, Evapotranspiration, Snow

Soil Properties

# Test sites and ground sensor network



# Common test sites and ground sensor network

## Apple orchards:

12 stations with SWC and Soil  
temp. at 20+40cm



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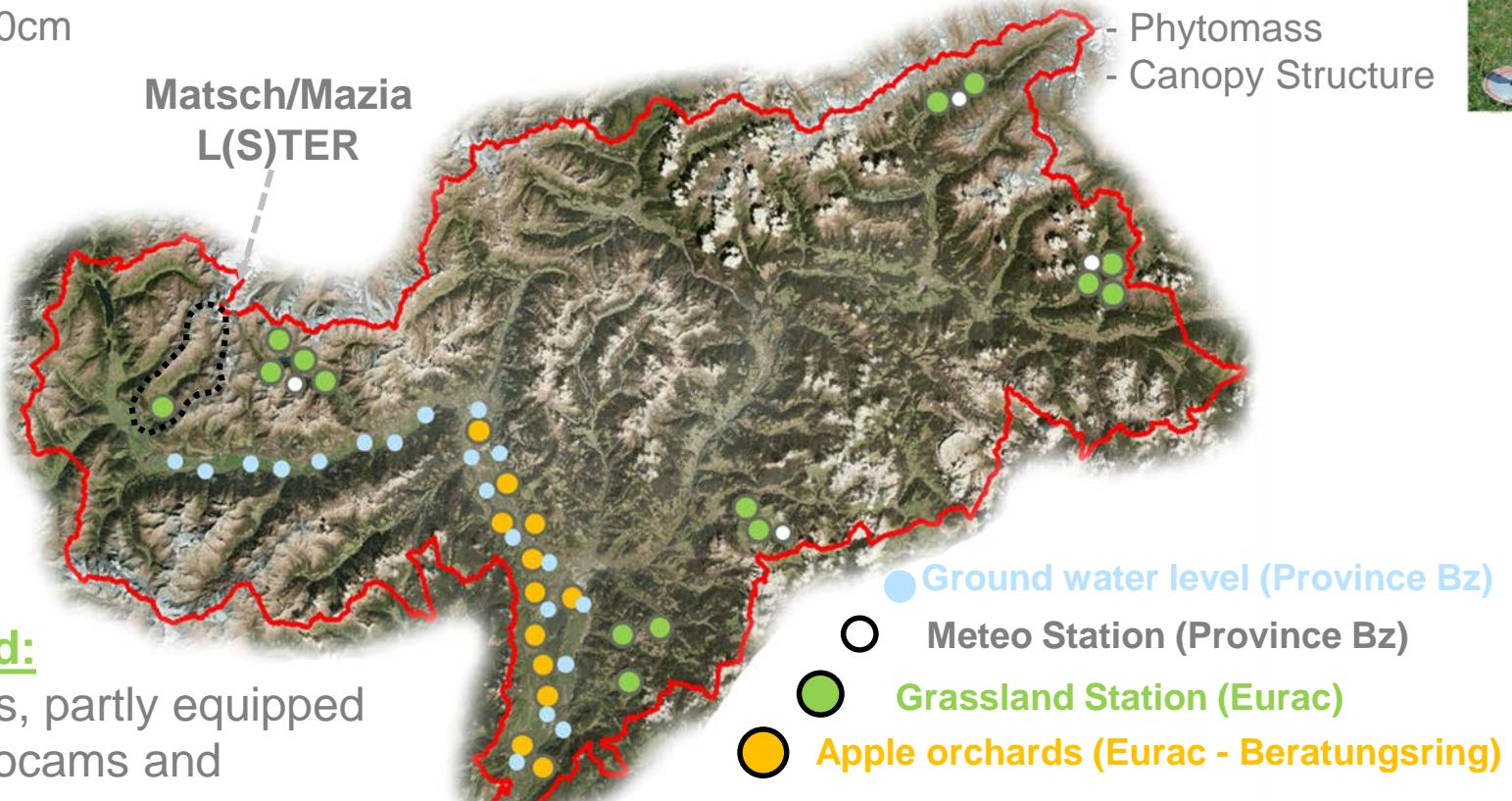
## Grassland:

400 Measurements  
- Phytomass  
- Canopy Structure



## Grassland:

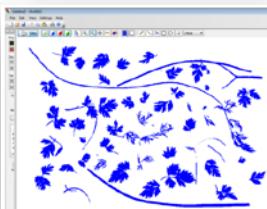
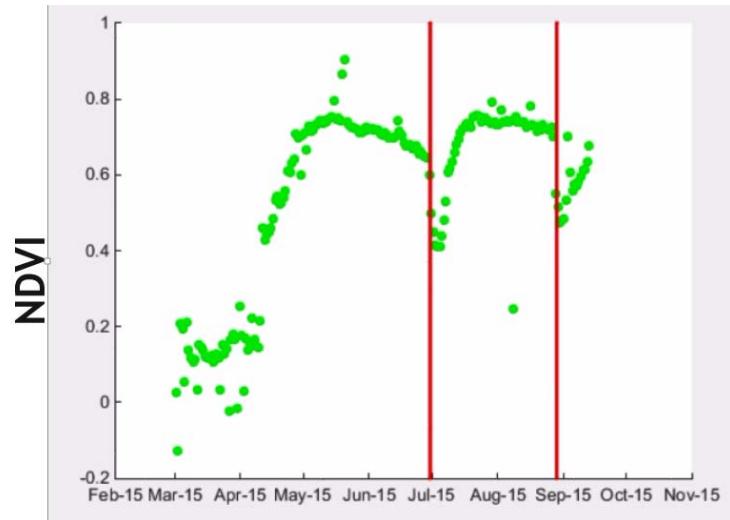
15 stations, partly equipped  
with phenocams and  
NDVI/PRI sensors





## Parameters measured:

- Soil water content at 2,5,20cm
- Soil temperature at 2,5,20cm
- Photosynthetically active radiation (above and within canopy)
- NDVI/PRI
- Phaenocam (RGB, IR)
- Regular soil and vegetation sampling campaigns
  - Soil texture
  - Soil carbon content
  - Leaf area index
  - Leaf dry mass



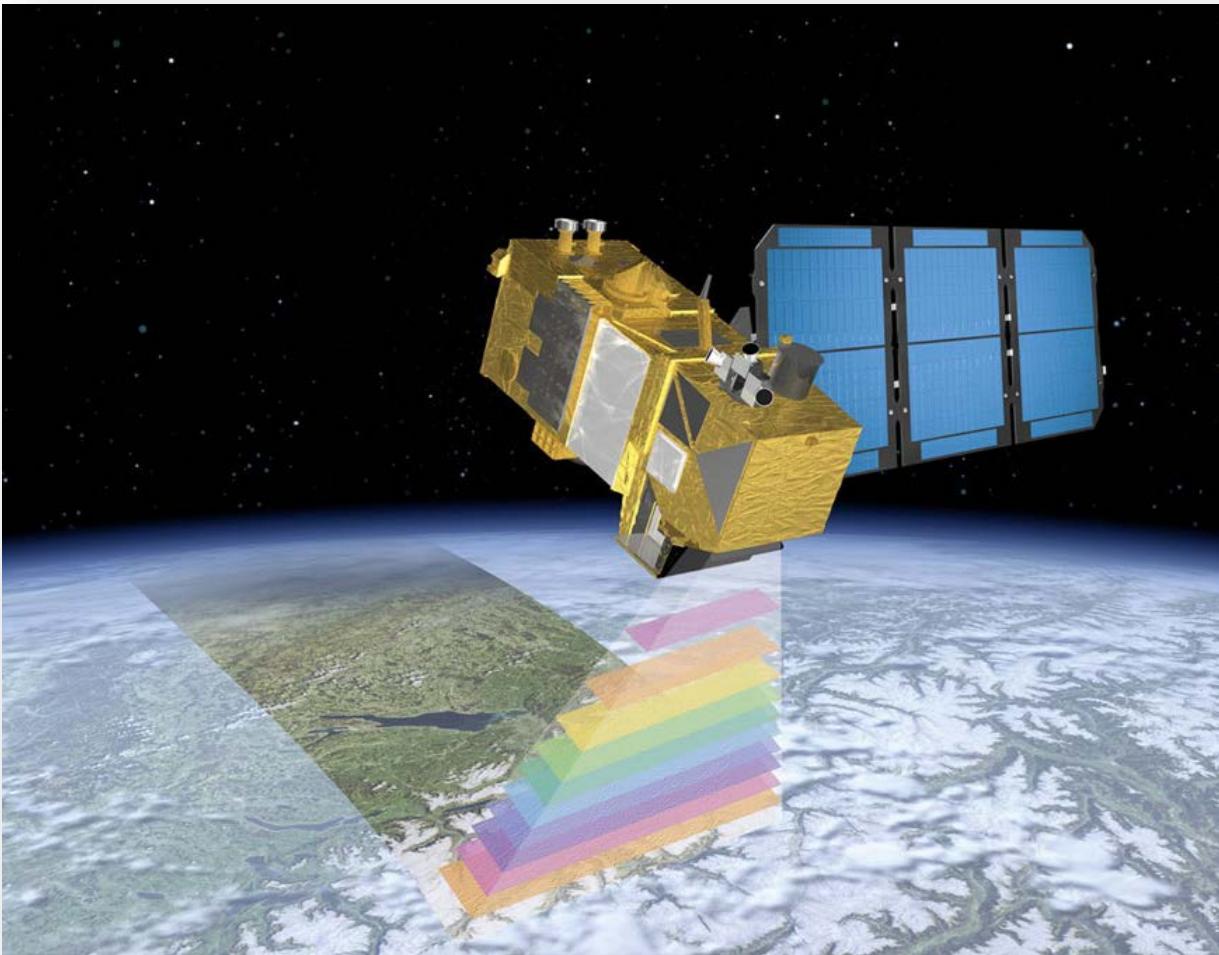
Monalisa\_nemeef2000- NETCAM SC IR - Fri Sep 25 2015 15:31:22 MET-2METDST

Temperature 21.0 °C internal

Exposure: 31

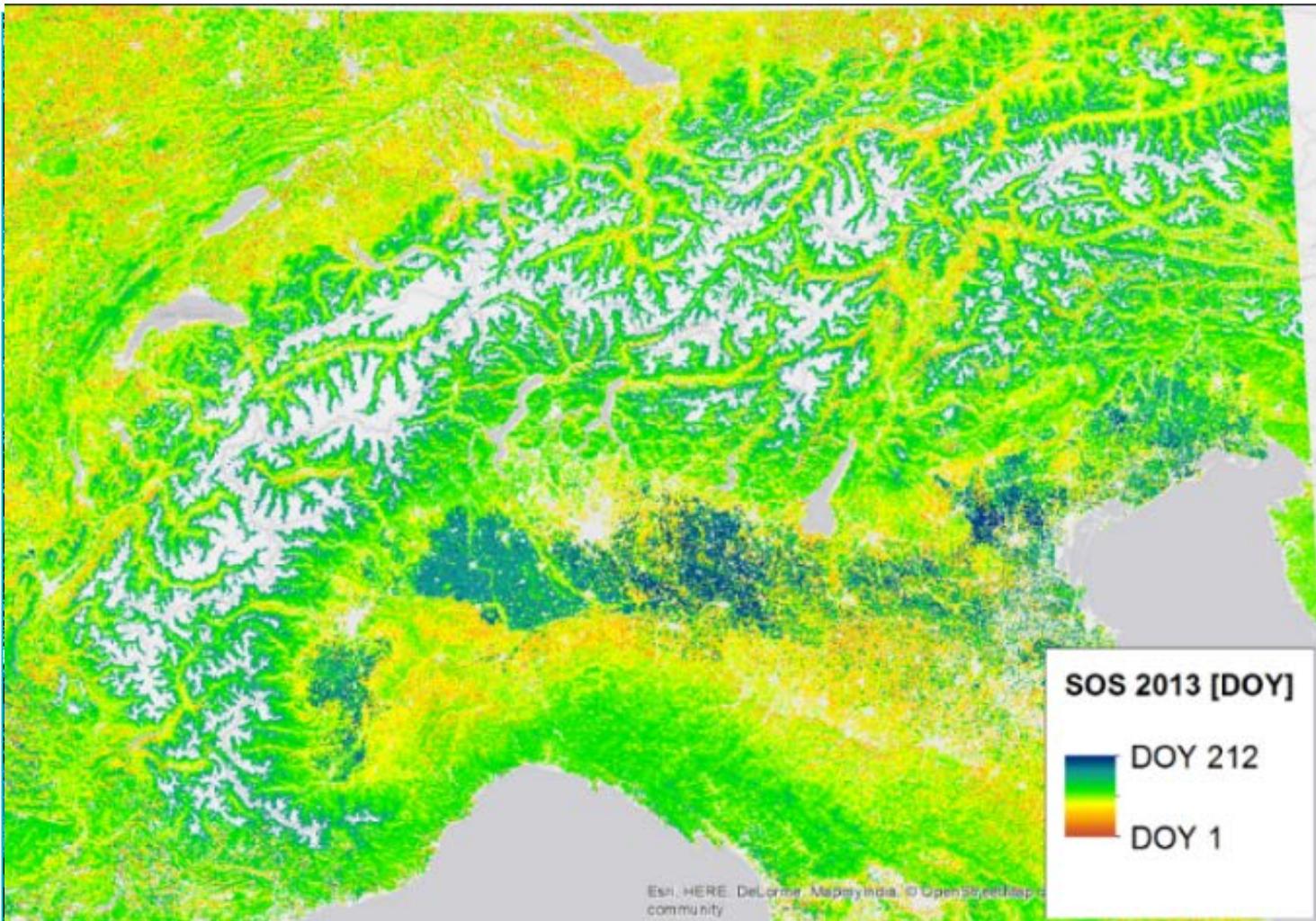


# Satellite Remote Sensing



Snow Cover Days  
Start of Growing  
Season

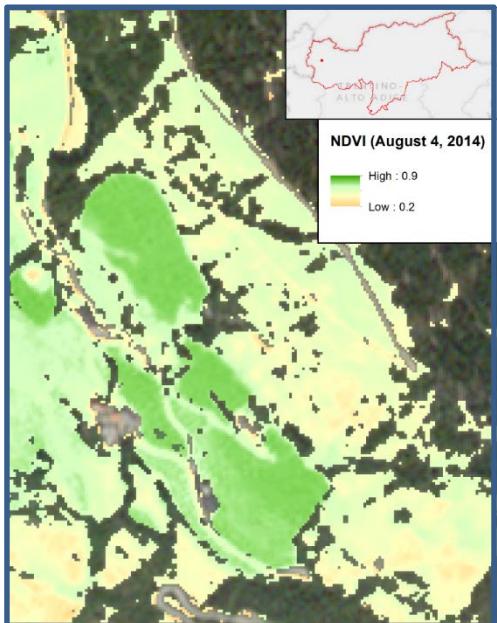
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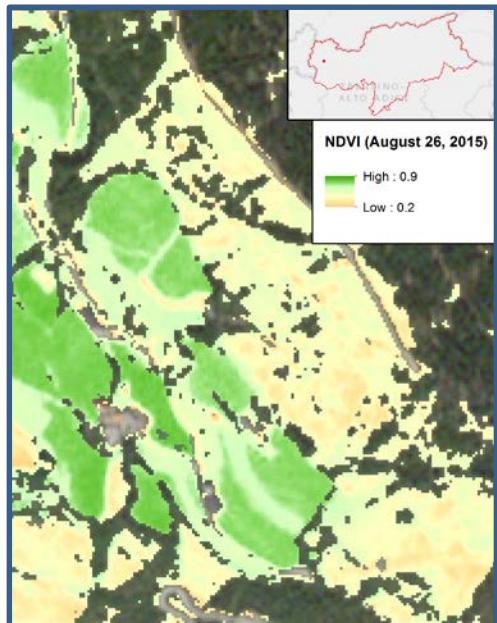
# Satellite Remote Sensing: Vegetation

Impact of hot and dry summer 2015

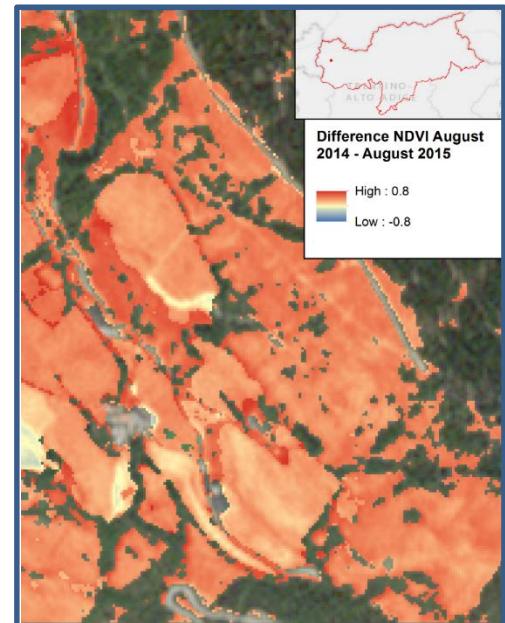
August 2014



August 2015



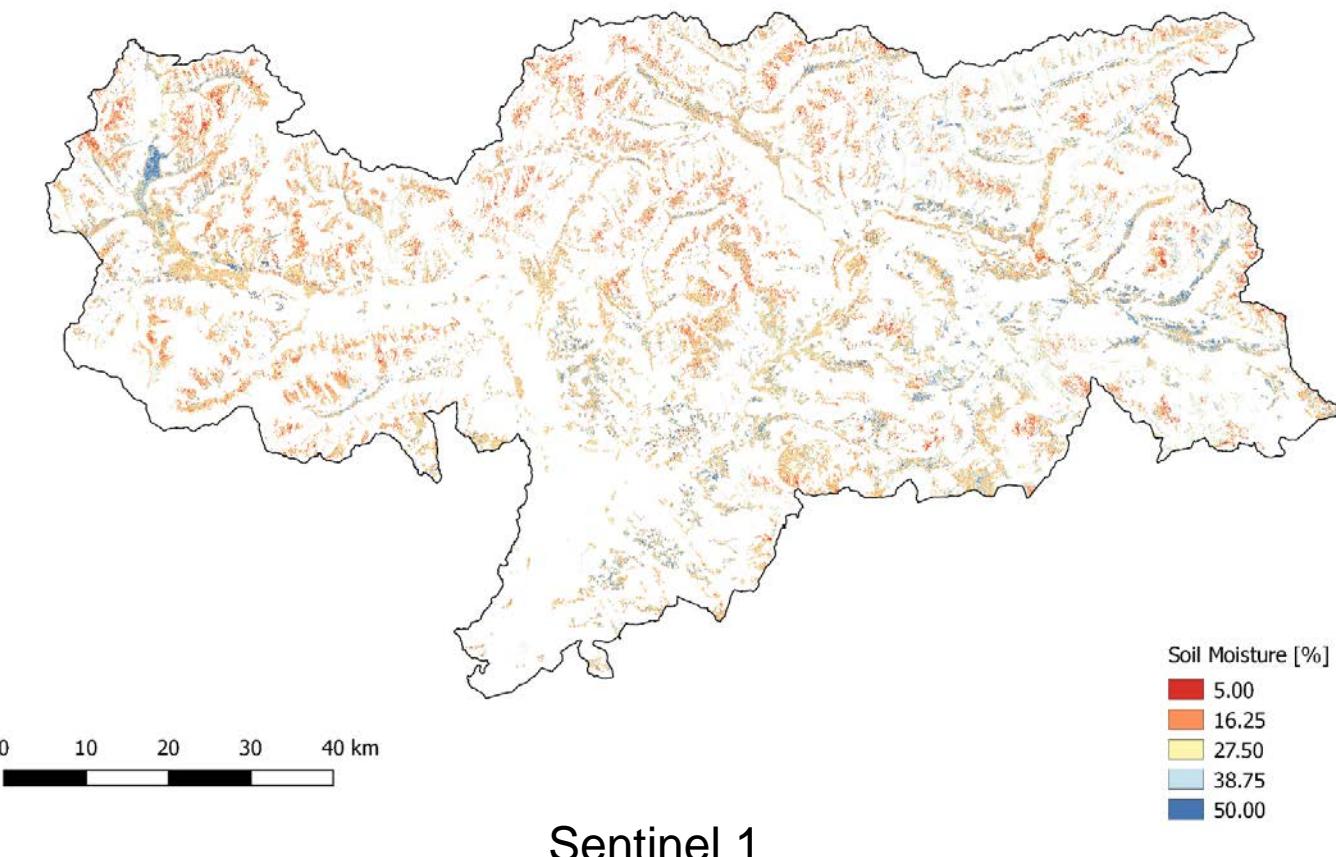
Difference 2014 - 2015



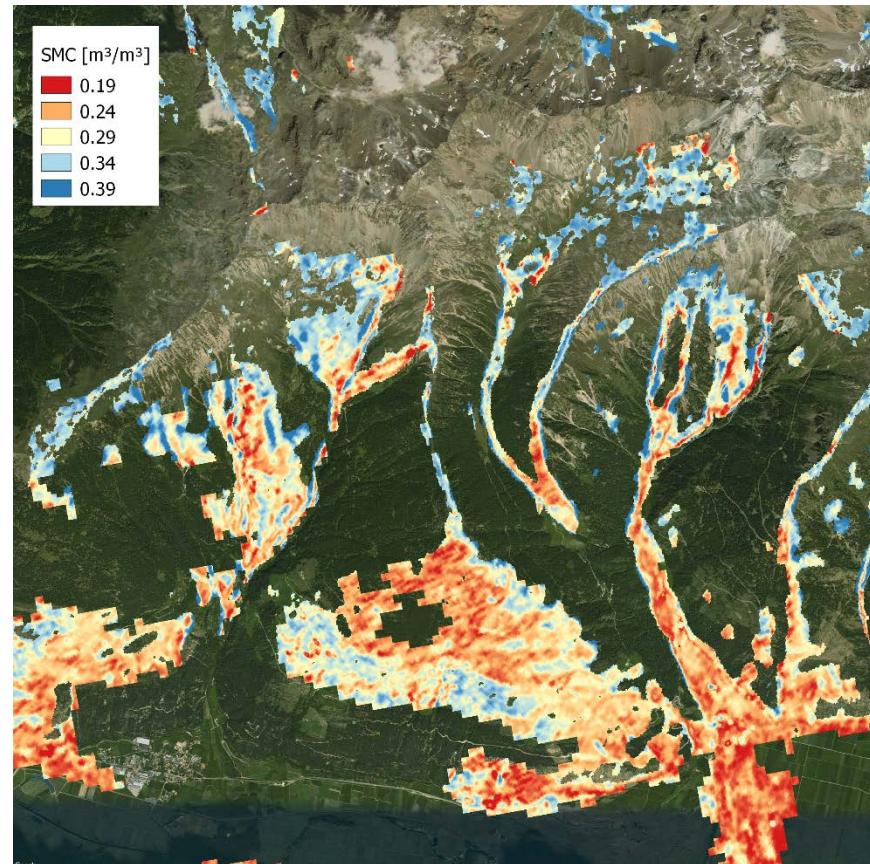
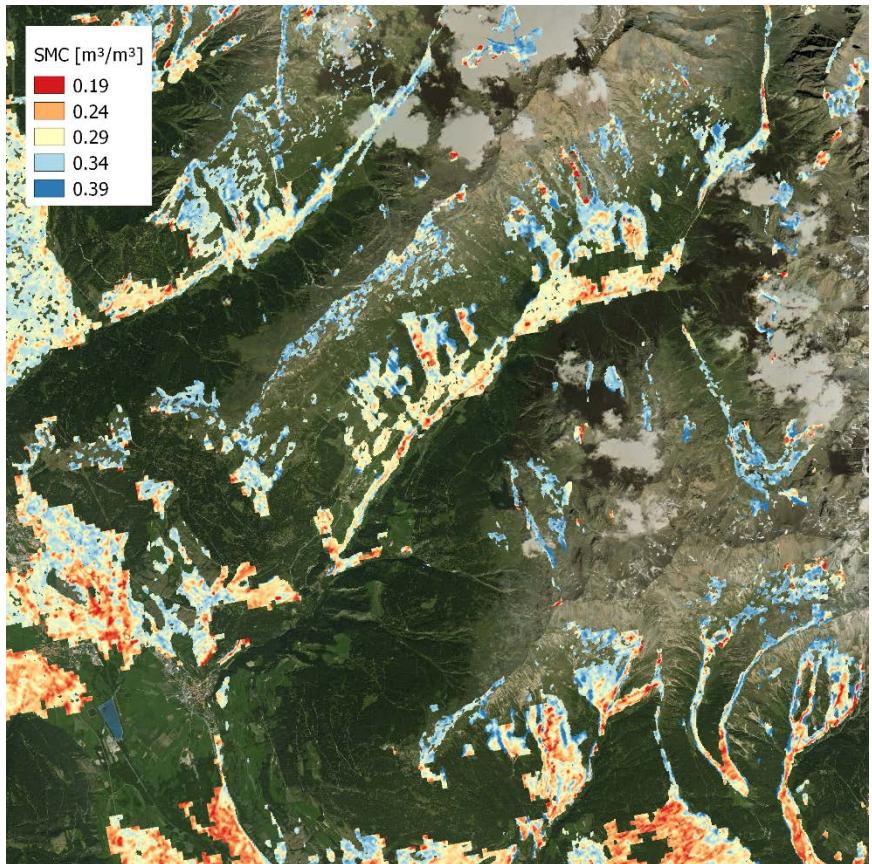
Rapid Eye

# Satellite Remote Sensing: Soil Moisture

Volumetric Soil Moisture Content  
South Tyrol, June 2016



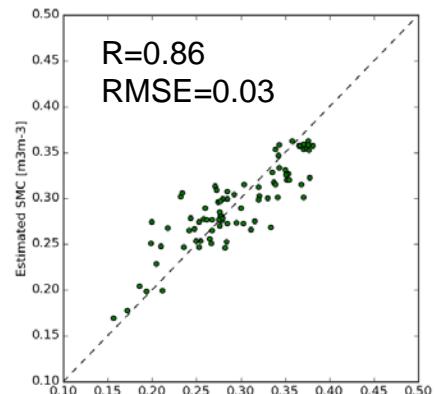
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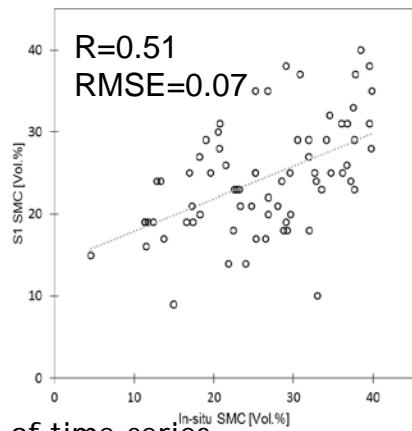
Sentinel 1

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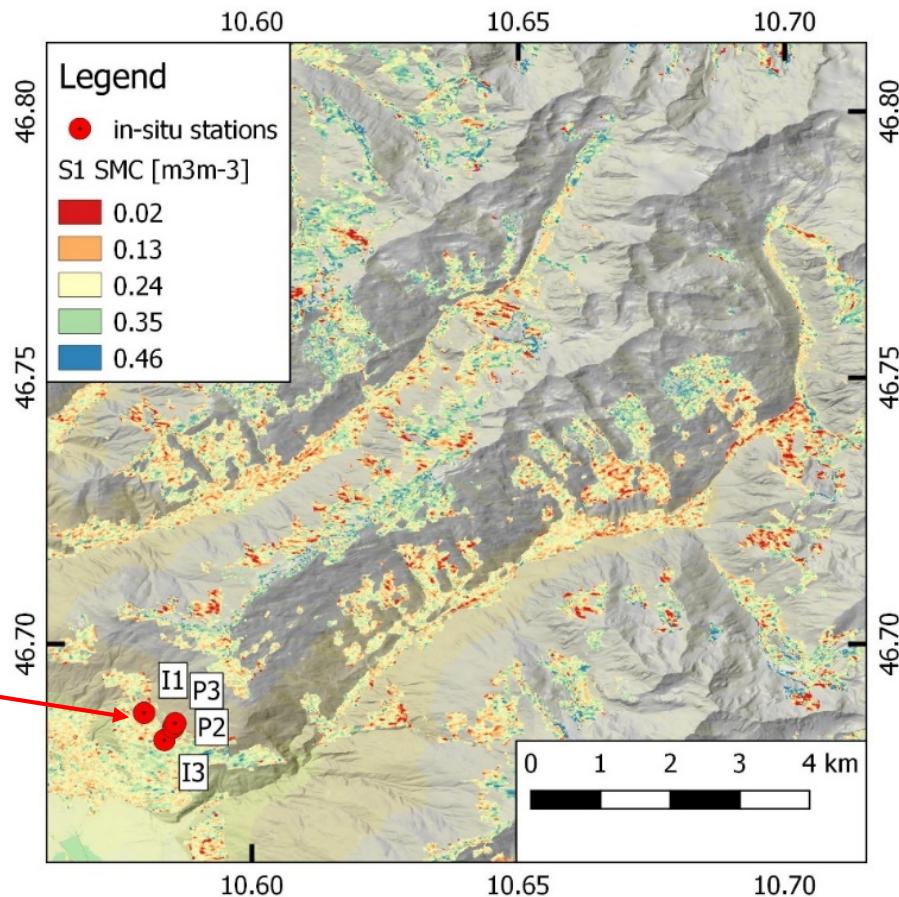
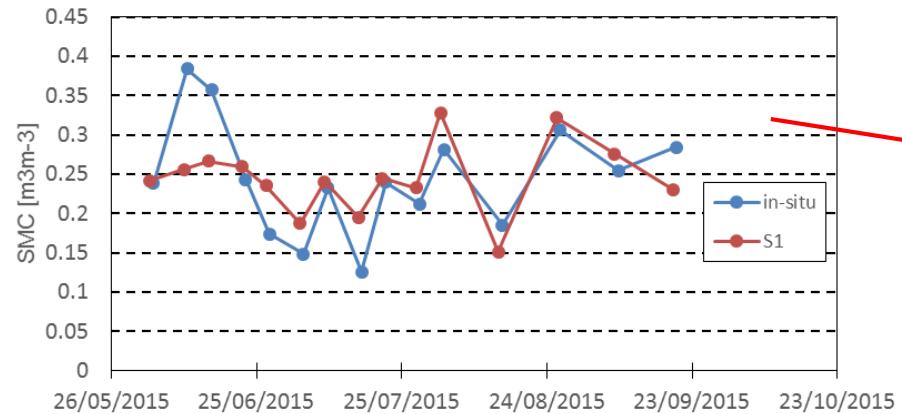
Target based Validation



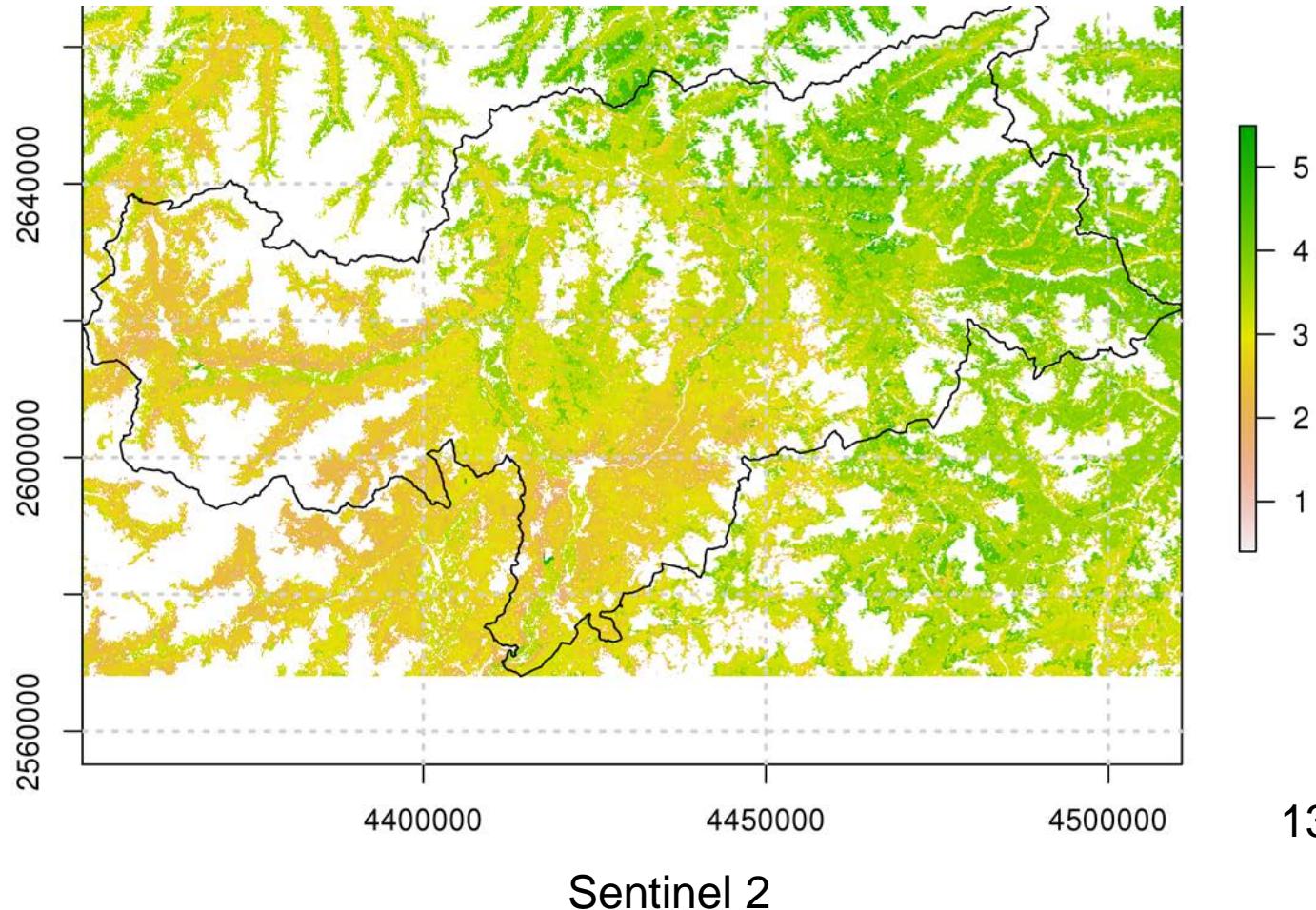
Validation with spatially distributed in-situ measurements



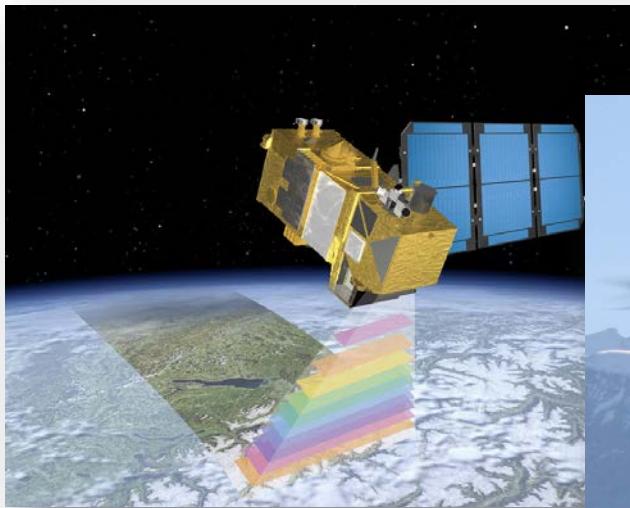
Validation of time-series



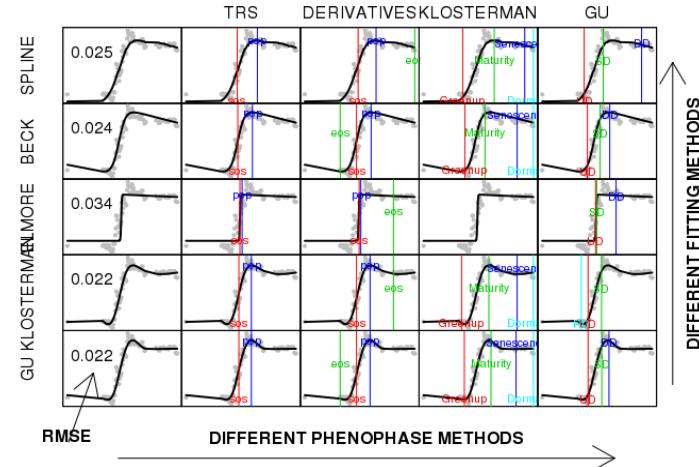
# Satellite Remote Sensing: Evapotranspiration



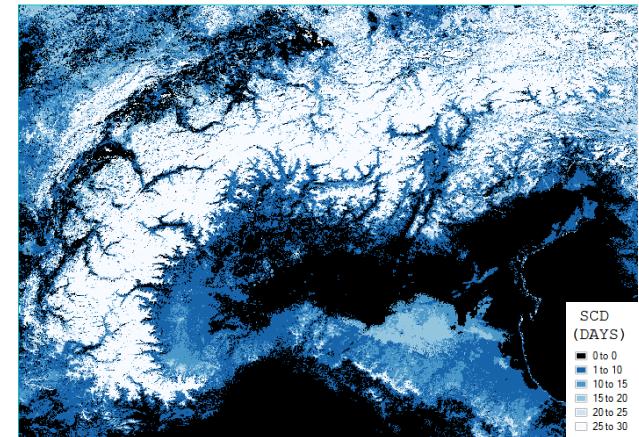
# Integration: Satellite, UAV, in-situ



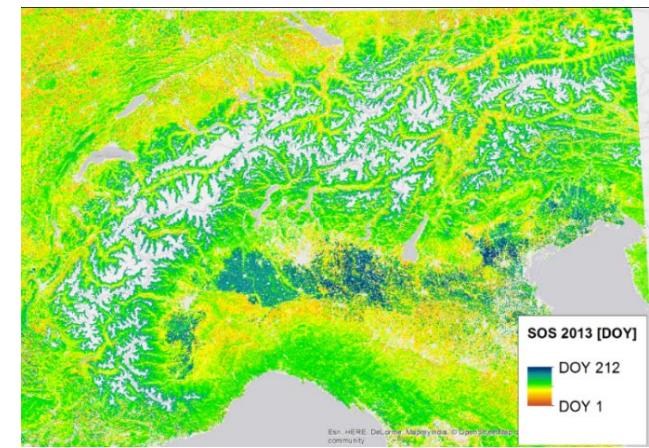
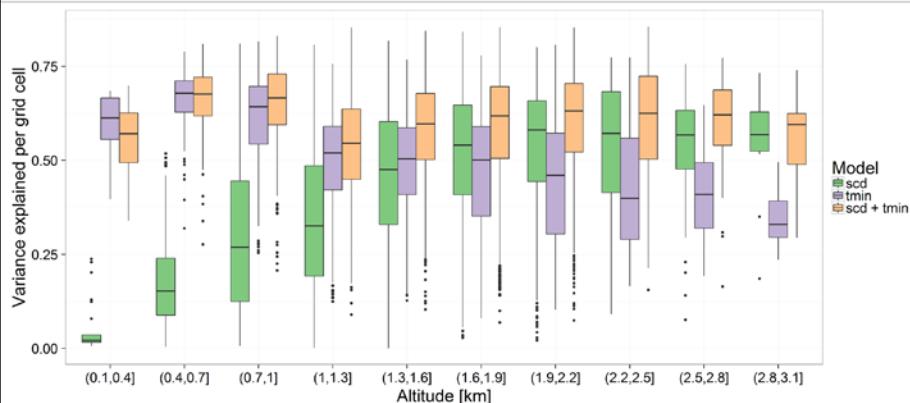
# Alpine-wide analysis of vegetation-climate interactions



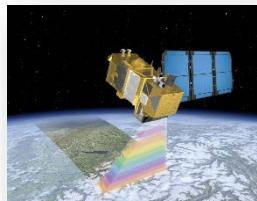
Extraction of phenophases (PhenoCams)



## Results – Multiparameter model

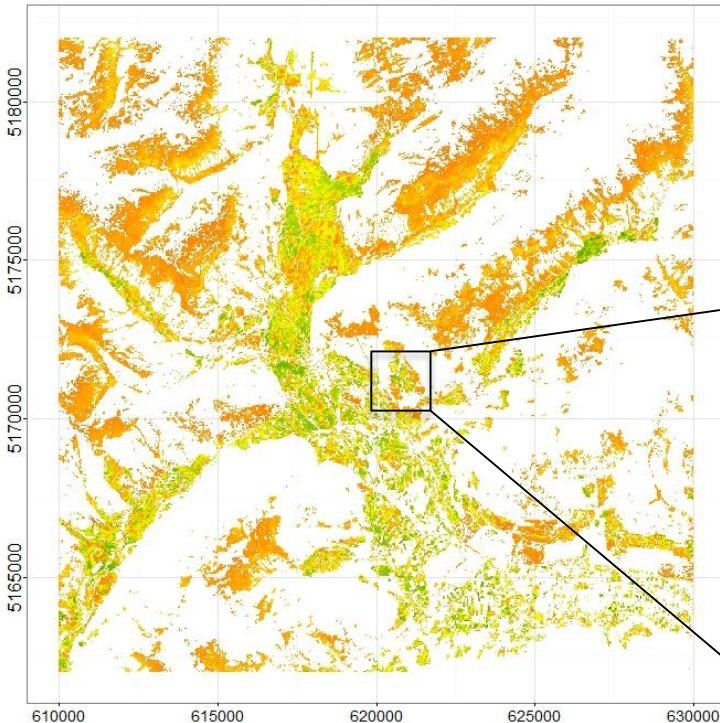


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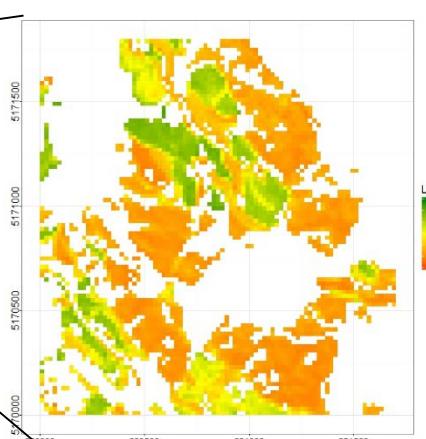
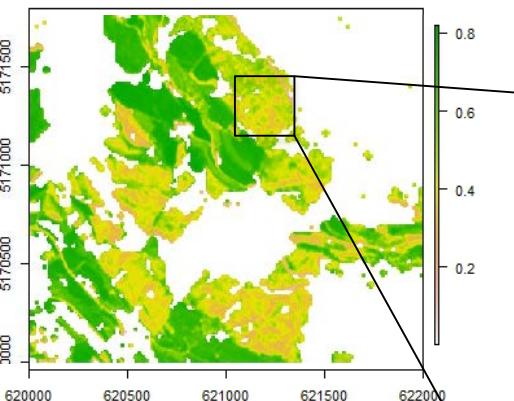


# High resolution grassland properties

Sentinel-2 LAI [20 m],  
August 26, 2015, Val Venosta/SouthTyrol

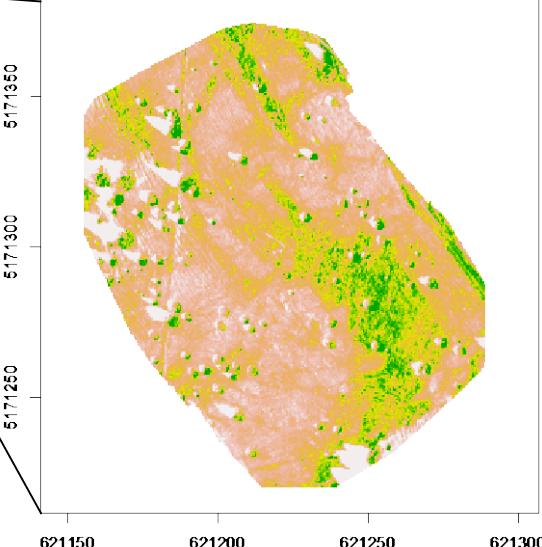


RapidEye NDVI [5m]  
August 26, 2015, Mazia



Sentinel-2 LAI [20 m],  
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Rikola [50 cm]  
August 21, 2015, Mazia



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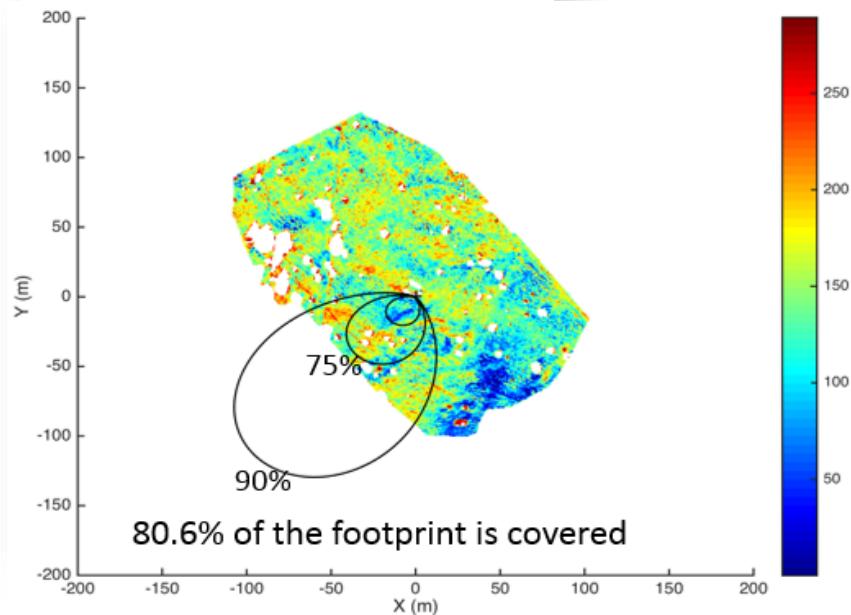
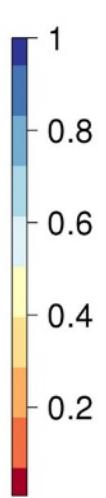
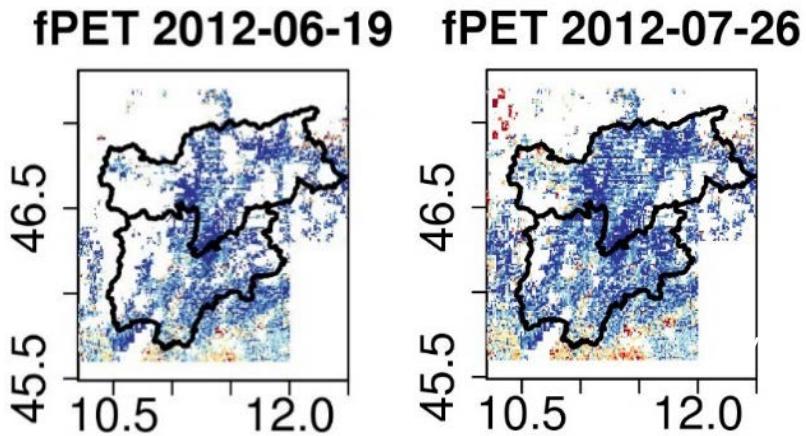


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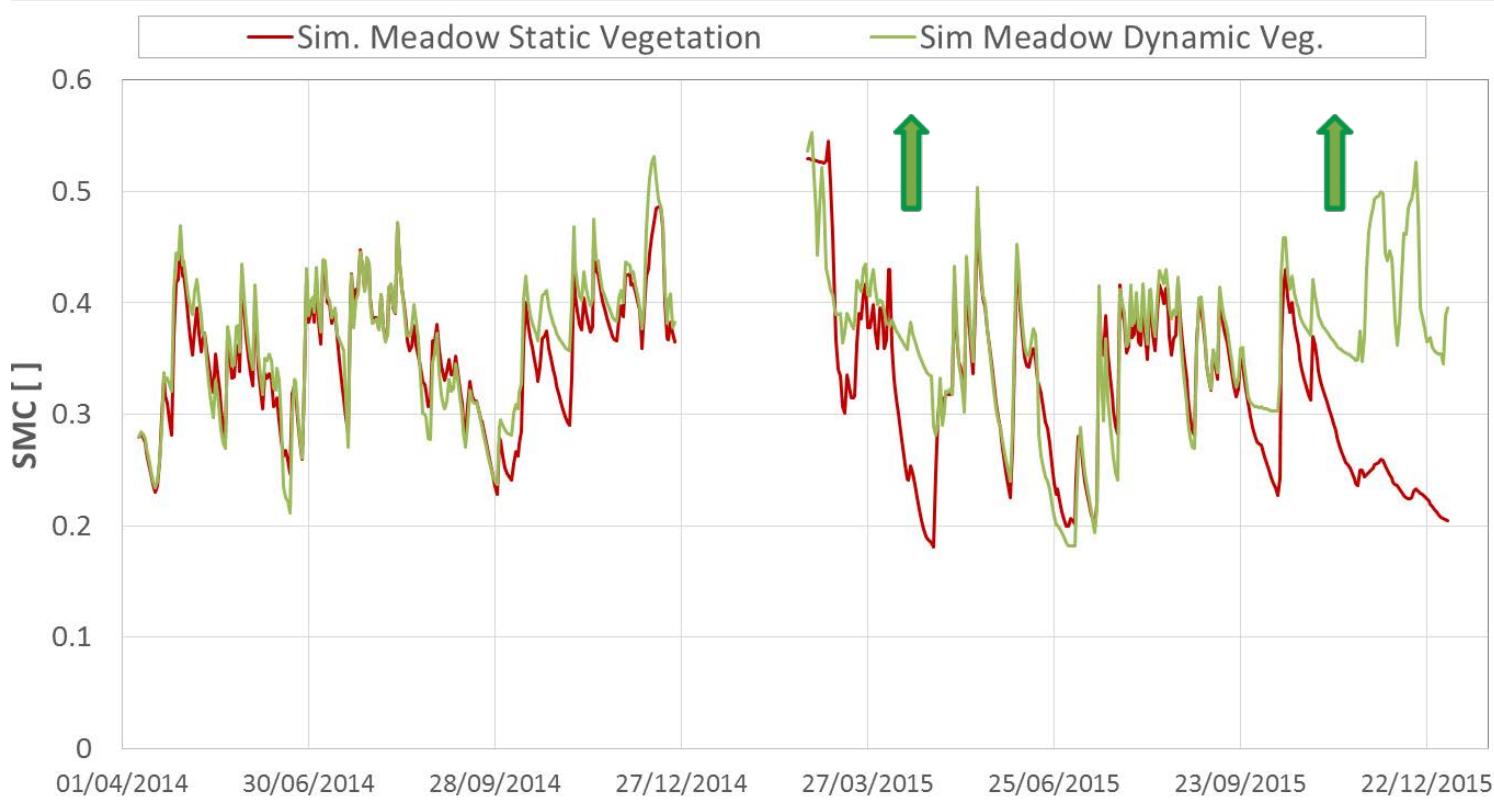


Evaporative stress from MODIS  
LST and climate model data

ET at sub-field scale from  
local meteo data and  
thermal camera  
measurements from UAV



# Modelling Soil Moisture

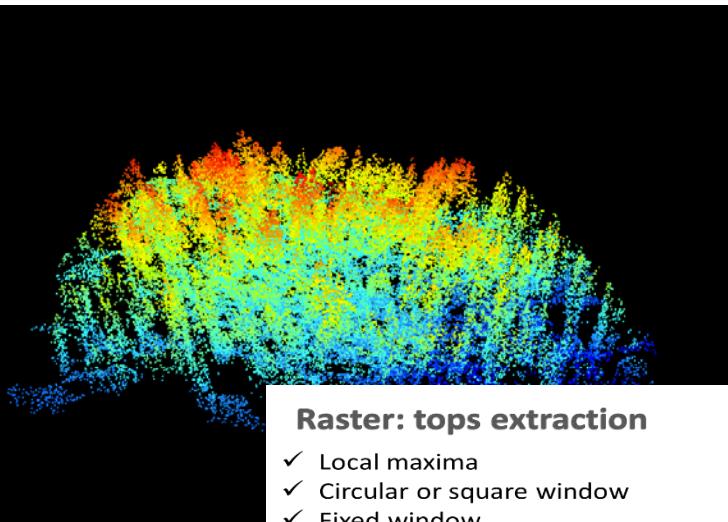
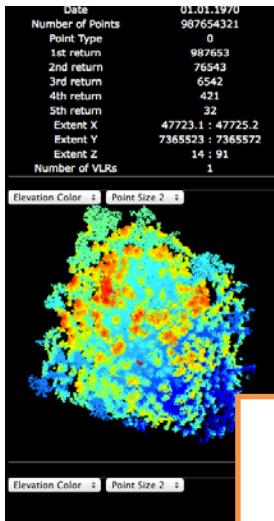


Vegetation dynamic has an impact on SMC, especially in spring and autumn

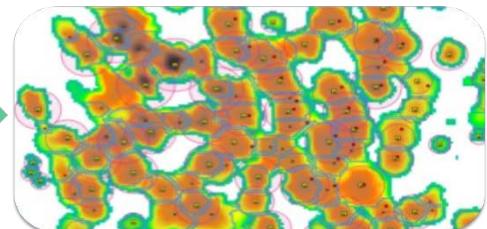
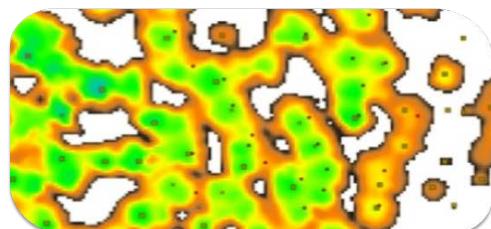


# Tree height and structure

Integration of airborne Lidar and UAV photogrammetry for vegetation structure parameters



- Raster: crown extraction**
- ✓ Popescu variable circles (height-based)
  - ✓ Watershed (Soile)
  - ✓ Region growing



# The MONALISA Database

Monalisa\_domef2000- NETCAM SC IR - Fri Nov 25 2016 12:01:32 MET-2METDST

Temperature 8.5 °C internal

Exposure: 107



## Conclusion: Where we are

- Consolidated scientific approaches for monitoring key environmental parameter across scales
- Well established infrastructure for monitoring
- Database with rich time series of multi-scale, multi-parameter datasets
- Links to users (e.g. Beratungsring)

→ High potential for follow up activities in research and application