

# AI for sustainable and resilient agriculture

**Dr. Vasileios Sitokonstantinou**

BEYOND Centre for EO Research & Satellite Remote Sensing

National Observatory of Athens

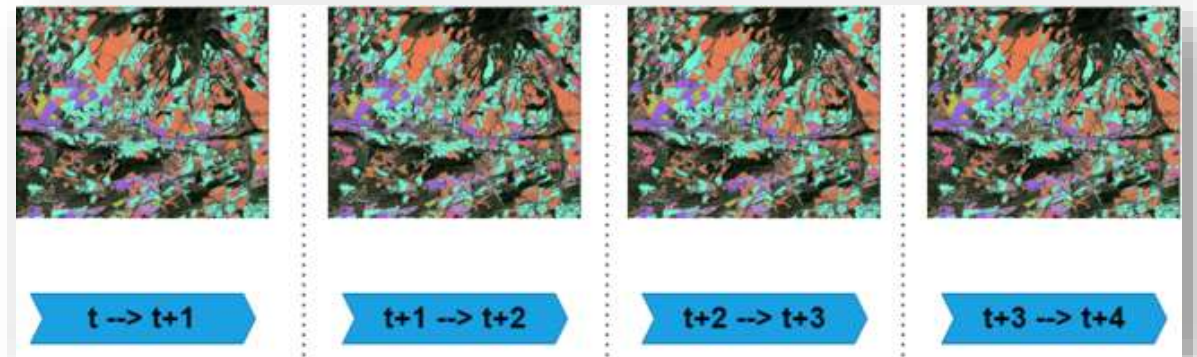


# Cultivated crop type maps

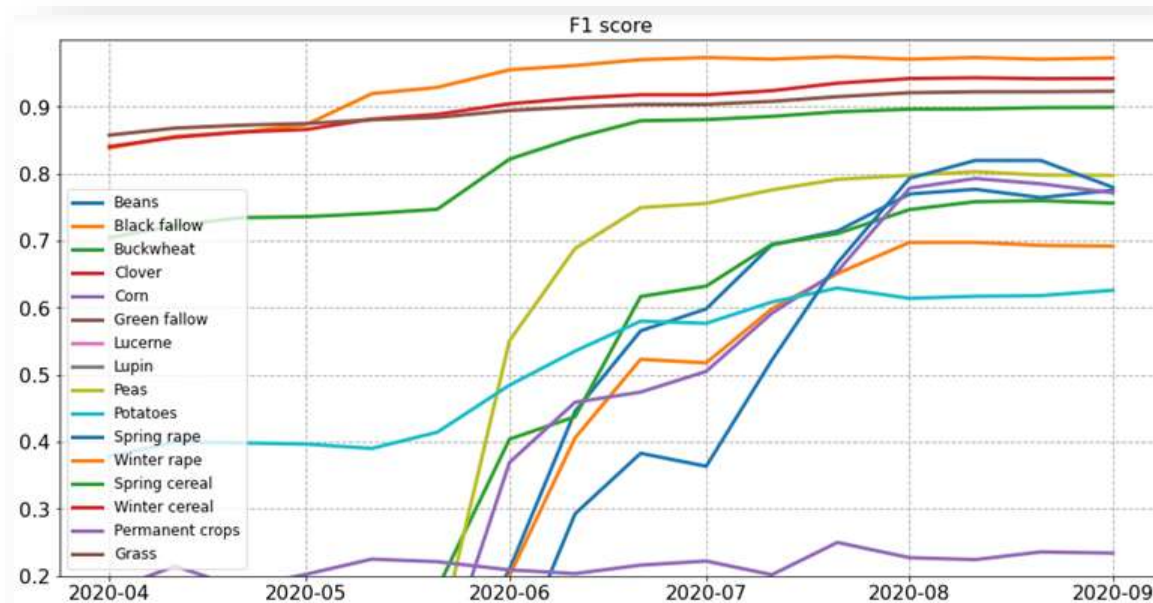
## Crop Type Maps

- Train ML models using the farmers declarations
- Dynamic mapping within the year
- National scale application

Multi temporal Crop type mapping



Lithuania classifier performance (F1 score) progress over cultivation period

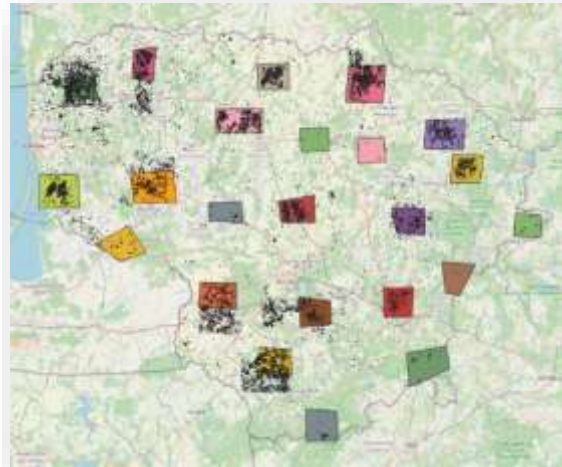


# Cultivated crop type maps

## Challenges:

1. Early in the year
2. Crop ambiguity
3. Cloud coverage
4. Small parcels

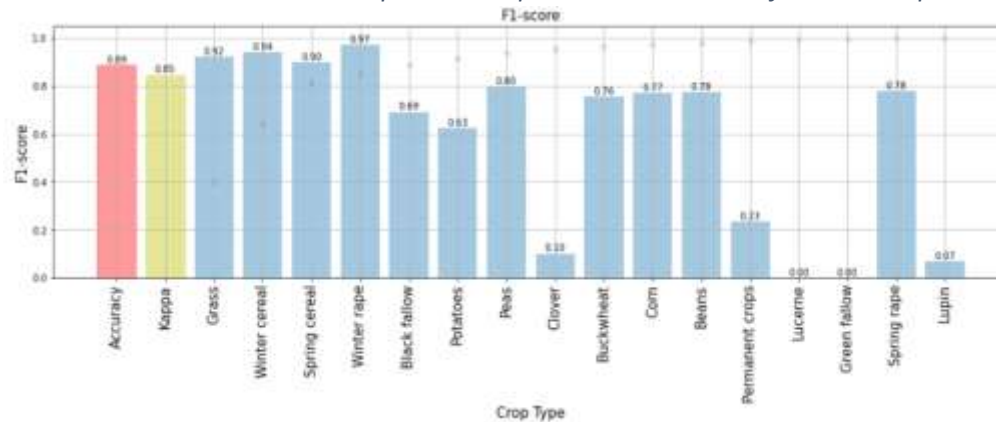
*Lithuania Validated areas*



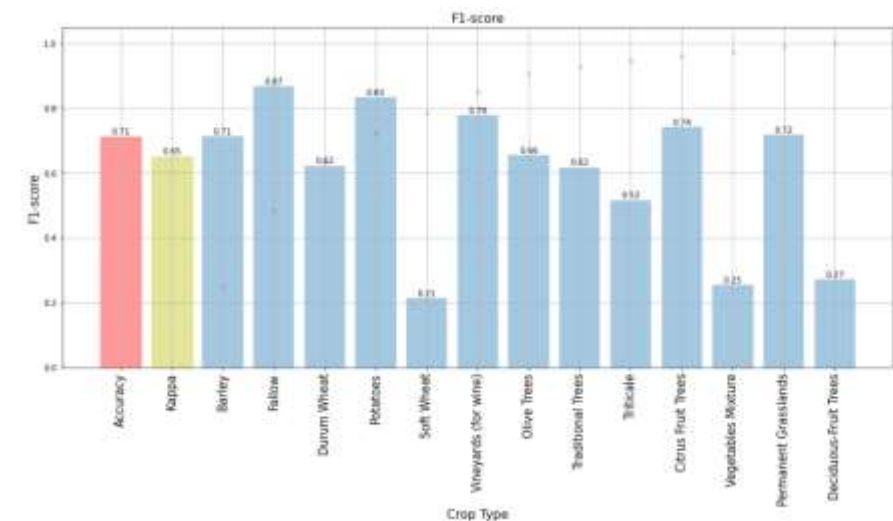
*Cyprus Validated areas*



*F1 score based on the predictions provided at the end of cultivation period*



*F1 score based on the predictions provided at the end of cultivated period*



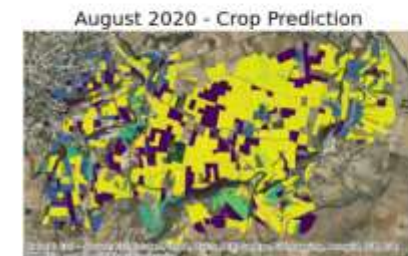
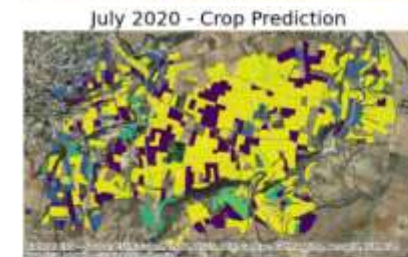
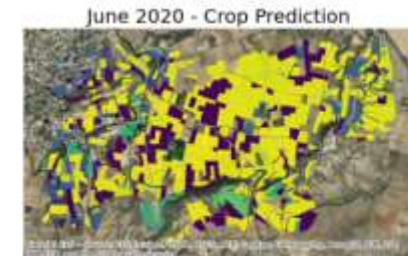
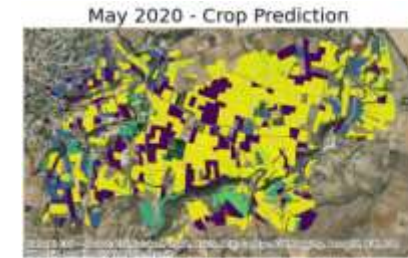


# Crop type maps

- **Assess declarations:** Smart Sampling for OTSC (*Traffic Light System*)
- **Crop diversification assessment**



*Declarations Alert Map*



# Grassland monitoring for the CAP



- Grasslands provide a wide range of ecosystem services and need to be maintained and used appropriately.
- Most countries define periods for grassland mowing activity – CAP checks
- Quantify grassland use intensity: design targeted agro-ecological and climate-focused measures (CAP post-2020)
- **Systematic and timely remote monitoring of grasslands is required**
- **Clouds are a problem – we miss events**





# Cloud masks are not perfect

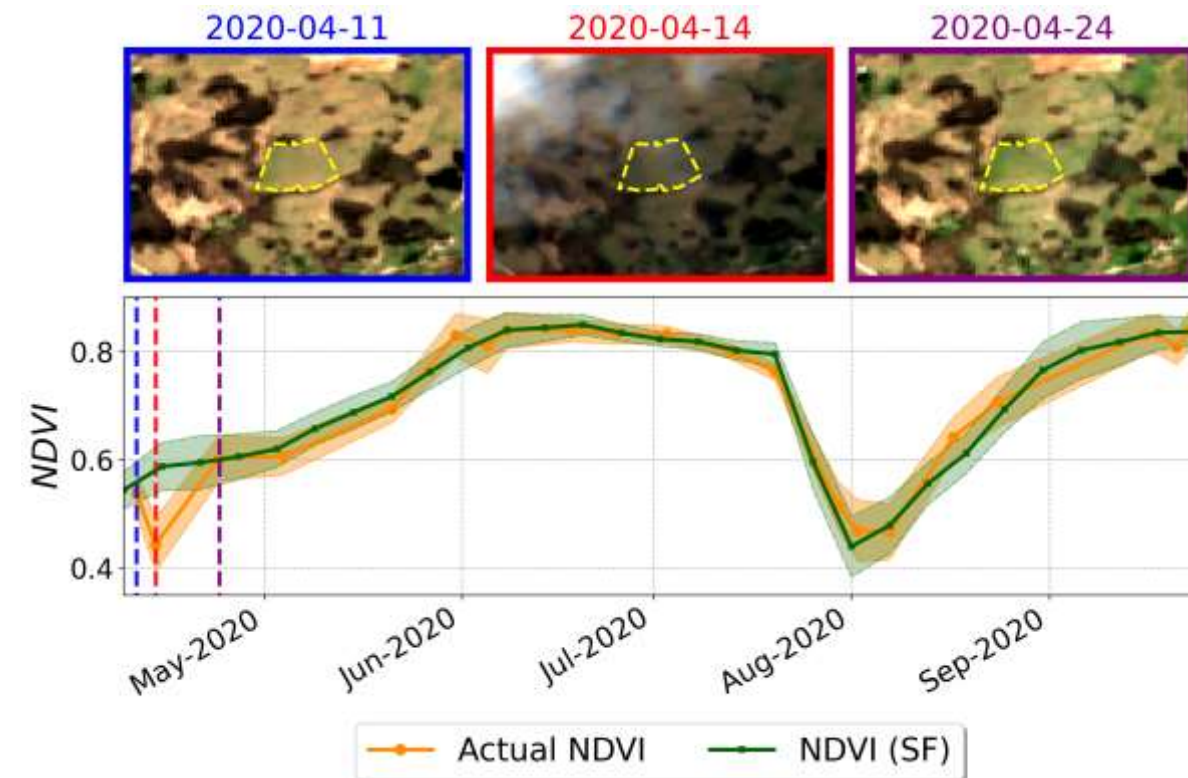
## Data

Sentinel-2 L2A time-series

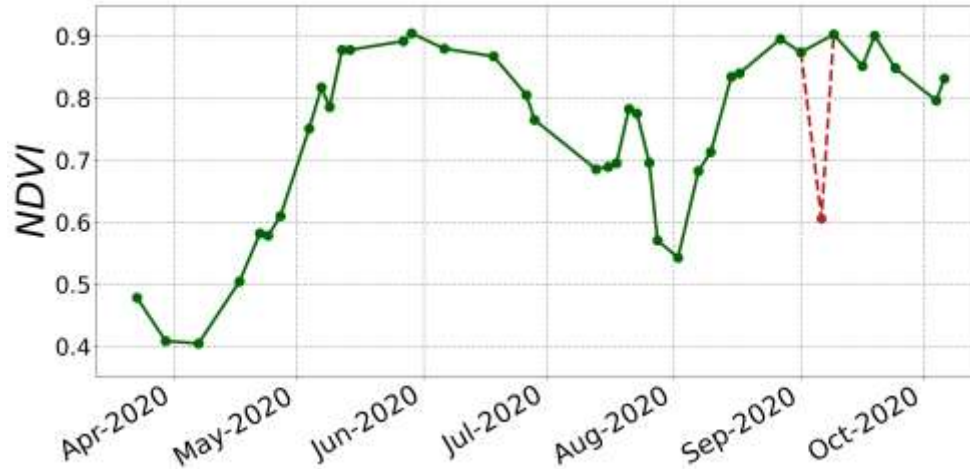
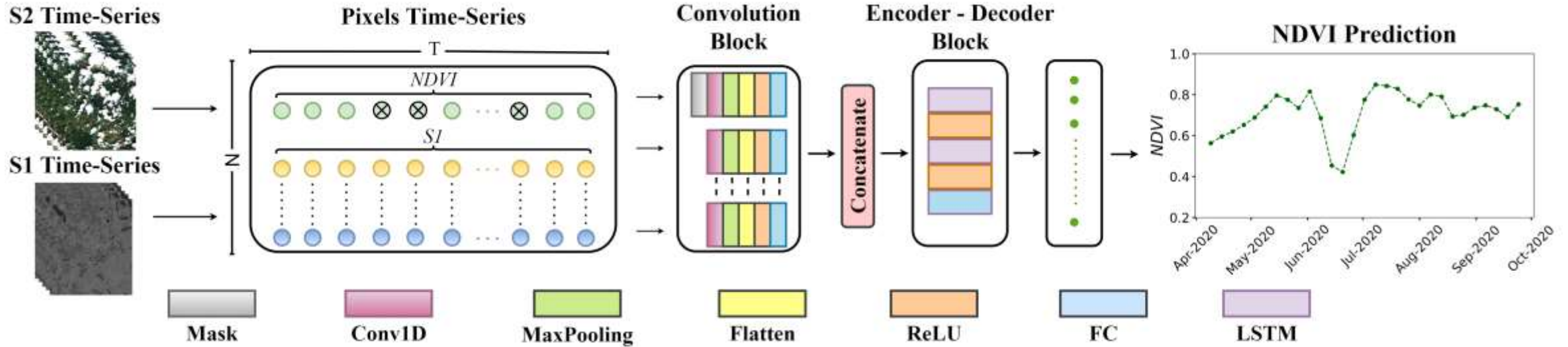
- Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)
- Scene Classification (SCL) based on sen2cor L2A processor

Sentinel-1 GRD (rel. orbits: 58, 131) → Backscattering coefficients (VV-VH)

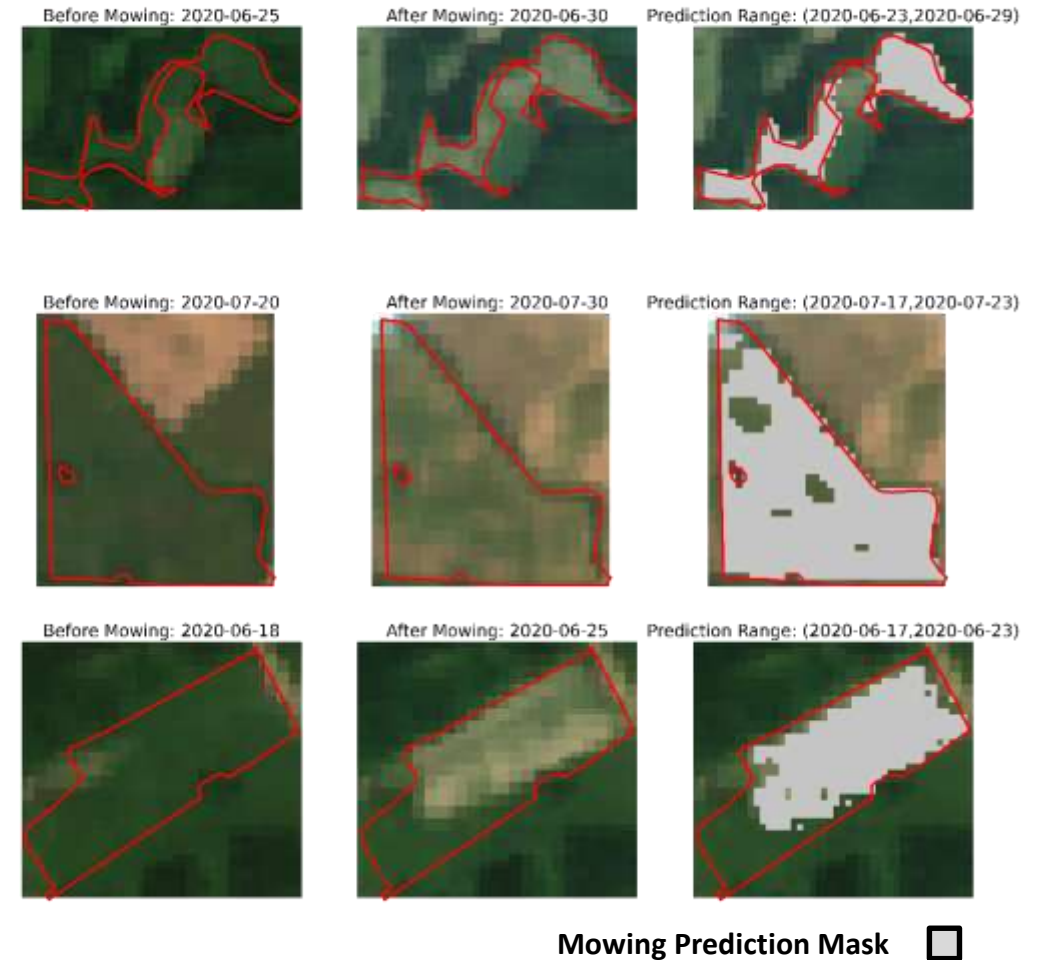
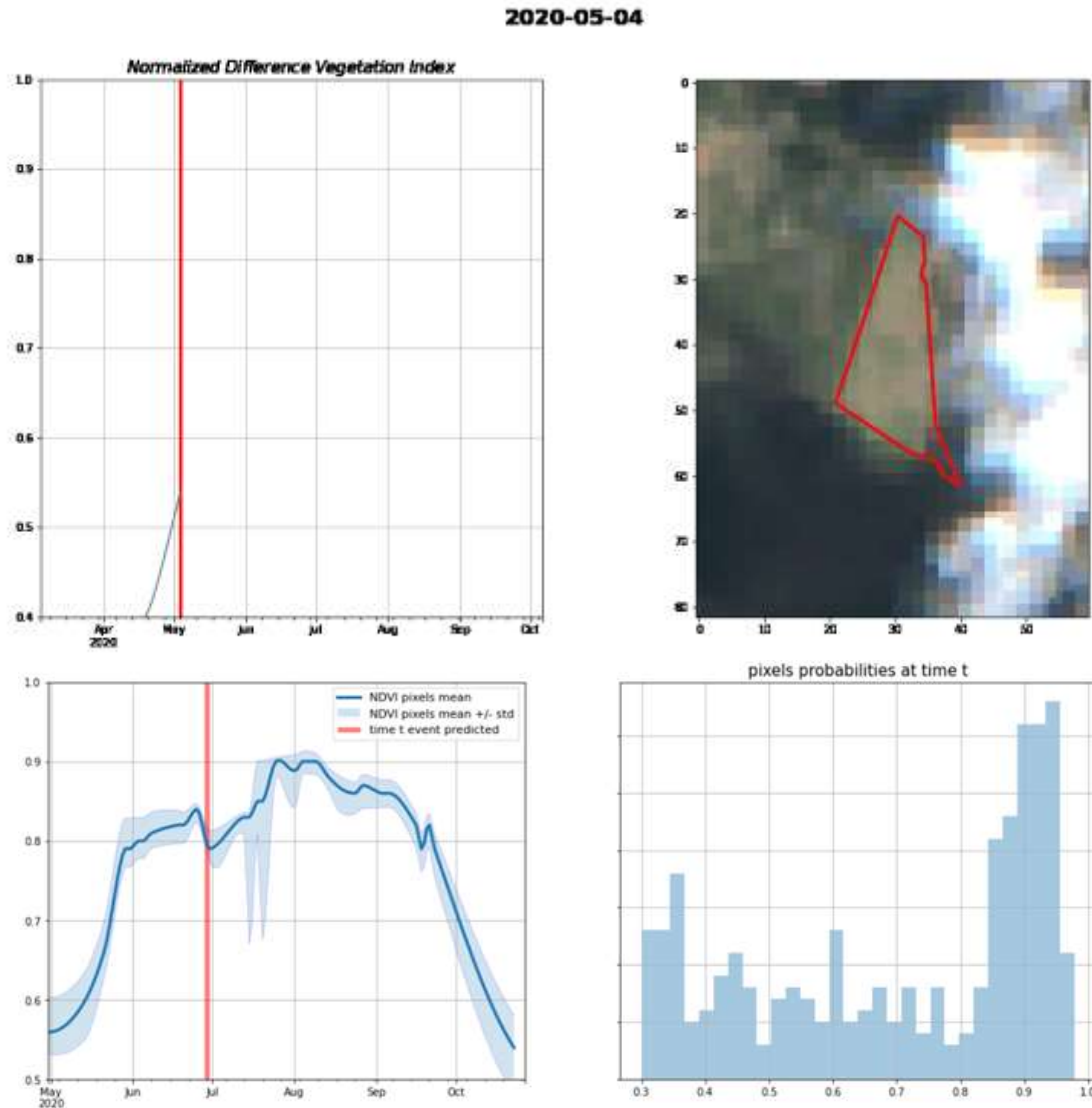
Sentinel-1 Coherence (rel. orbits: 58, 131) → Coherence coefficients (VV-VH)



# Fusion of optical and radar data



# Pixel-based mowing detection on synthetic NDVI





# Thank you!

[vsitokonstantinou@gmail.com](mailto:vsitokonstantinou@gmail.com)