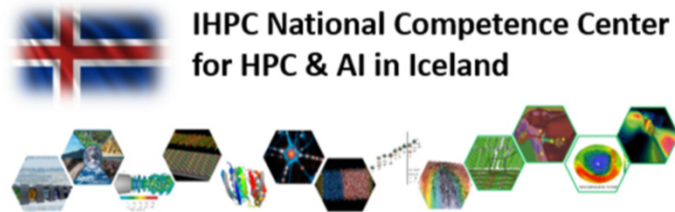


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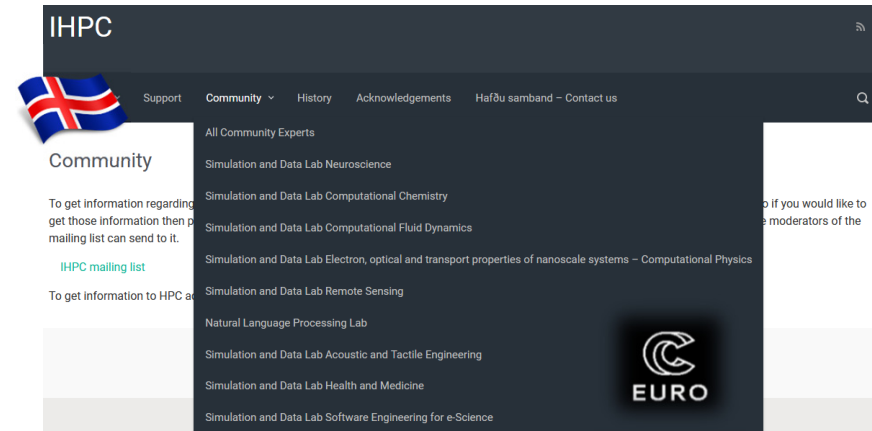
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Simulation and Data Lab Remote Sensing



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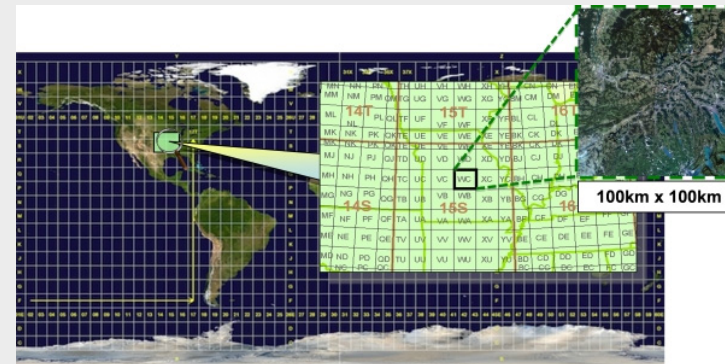
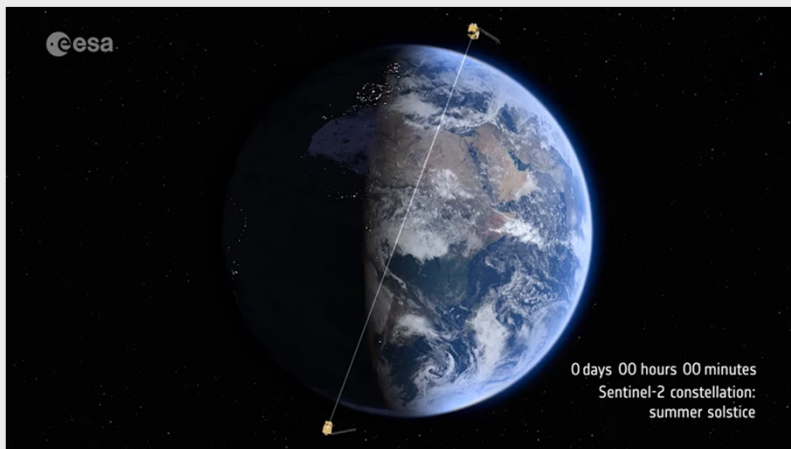


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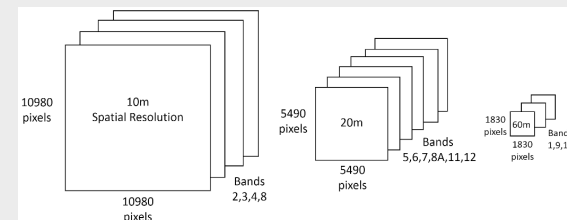
- Twin polar-orbiting satellites with temporal resolution of 5 days



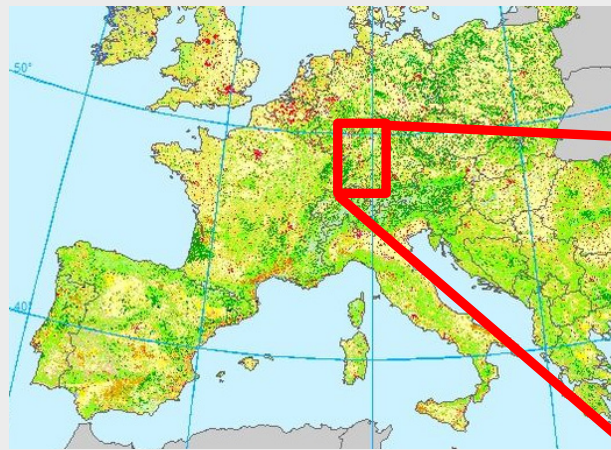
Data are free



<https://sentinels.copernicus.eu/>



# Processing Workflow for Updating Land Cover Maps



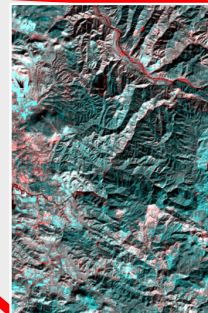
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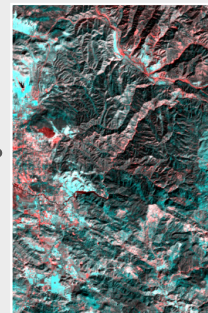
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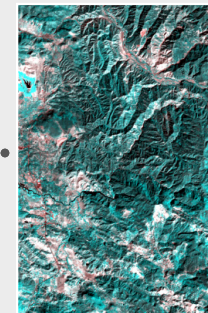
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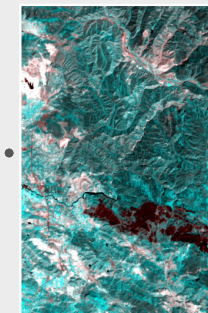
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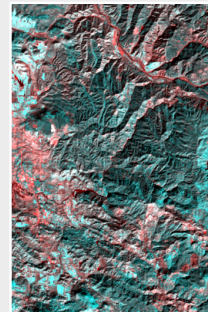
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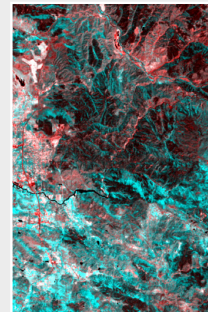
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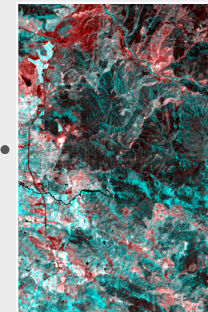
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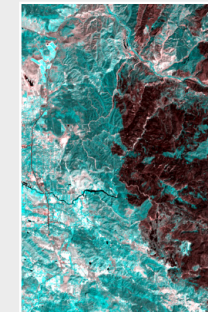
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Problem: long time to create new thematic maps

Goal: more frequent update of maps

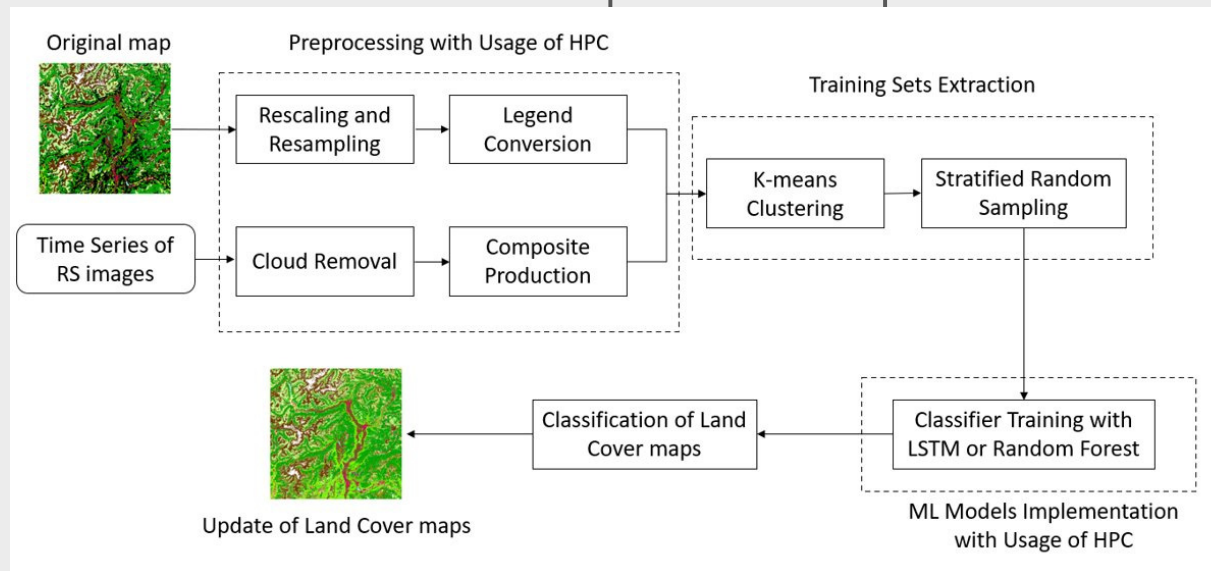
How: using satellite imagery



# Processing Workflow for Updating Land Cover Maps

Fully automated framework

Can extract large number of labelled samples from open thematic products



C. Paris, L. Bruzzone, D. Fernández-Prieto, "A Novel Approach to the Unsupervised Update of Land-Cover Maps by Classification of Time Series of Multispectral Images," IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing, Vol. 57, No. 7, pp. 4259-4277, 2019,

Rocco Sedona, Claudia Paris, Liang Tian, Morris Riedel, Gabriele Cavallaro, "An automatic approach for the production of a time series of consistent land-cover maps based on long-short term memory", IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) 2022 (accepted)

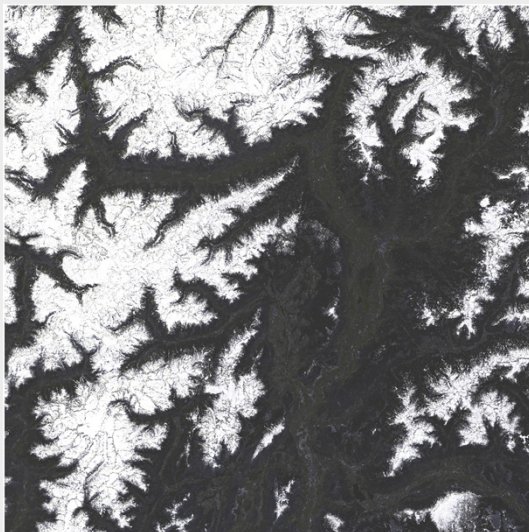


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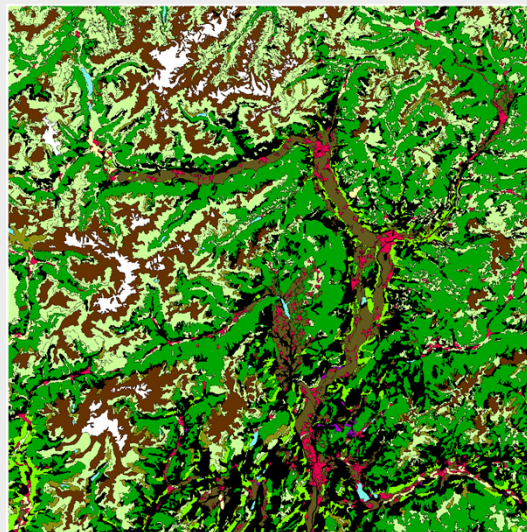
Processing workflow ported to the DEEP-EST prototype system  
Classification map produced over a single Sentinel-2 tile



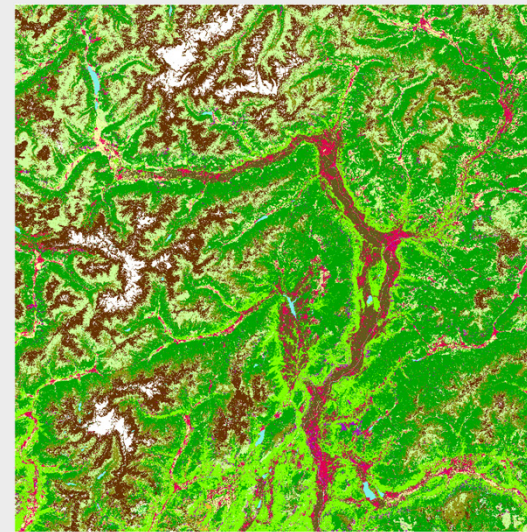
DEEP-EST  
prototype system  
<https://www.deep-projects.eu/>



Sentinel-2 image



Old classification map  
(CORINE 2018)



New Classification map  
(SVM)

-  Urban
-  Grass
-  Not irrigated crops
-  Annual crops
-  Mineral
-  Rocks
-  Sand
-  Broadleaves
-  Conifers
-  Shrub
-  Lake
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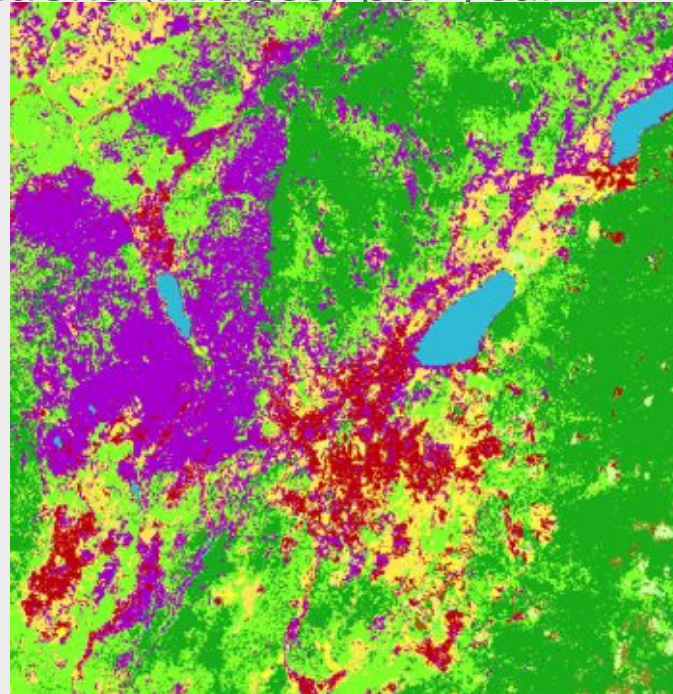
LSTM using the 12 bands of pixels extracted from Sentinel-2 as features, sequences of 10/20 acquisitions (images) per year



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Sentinel-2 image (2018)



LSTM Classification map (2018)

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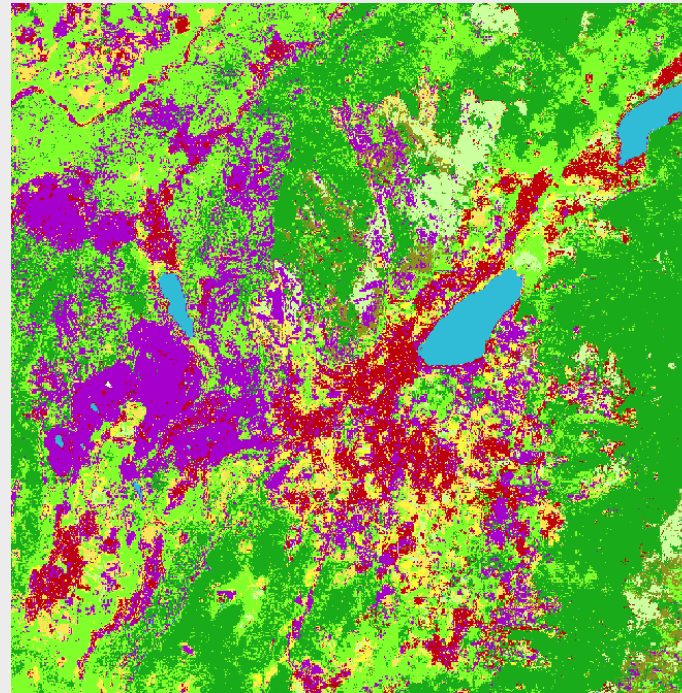
Problem: real change or noise?



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Sentinel-2 image (2019)



LSTM Classification map (2019)



'AN AUTOMATIC APPROACH FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A TIME SERIES OF CONSISTENT LAND-COVER MAPS BASED ON LONG-SHORT TERM MEMORY',

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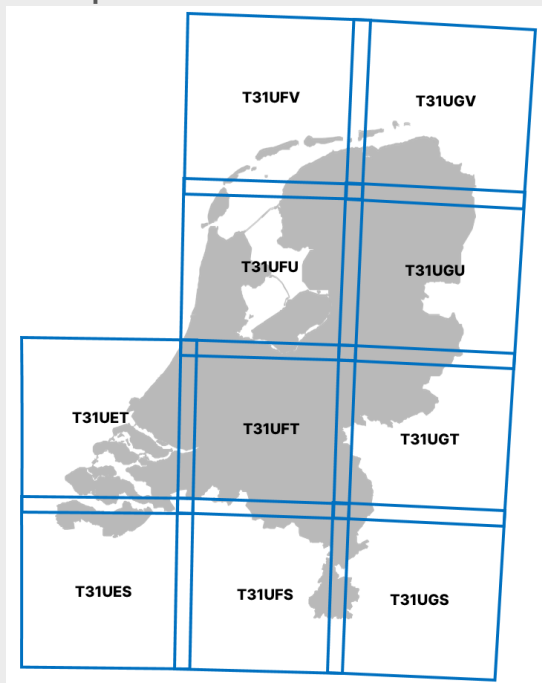
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# Current Work: Data Retrieval

Retrieval of Sentinel-2 time series for the Netherlands and related CORINE thematic maps



tile	num 2018	size 2018 [GB]	num 2019	size 2019 [GB]	num 2020	size 2020 [GB]
31UFT	17	16.16	14	15.33	19	20.91
31UGS	19	21.17	15	16.56	21	23.4
32ULC	20	22.08	18	19.55	20	21.16
31UGU	19	19.97	20	20.38	20	20.92
31UGV	20	18.68	17	15.5	27	21.7
31UFV	19	16.59	17	14.83	22	18.8
31UFU	18	16.65	15	15.24	21	21.31
31UFS	21	23.66	15	16.63	23	25.5
31UES	12	13.56	16	16.82	19	21.11
31UET	16	13.42	14	13.17	20	18.43
total	181	181.94	161	164.01	212	213.24

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**add total years**

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# Current Work: Data Pre-processing

Aim: speed-up pre-processing and training set extraction (clustering)

Ideas:

- Download acquisitions and corresponding land cover maps
- Create composites and harmonize data
- Process multiple tiles in parallel



# Next Steps: DL Model

Aim: Exploit time series with long sequences of data acquired over multiple years

Models: Recurrent models or transformers

Ideas:

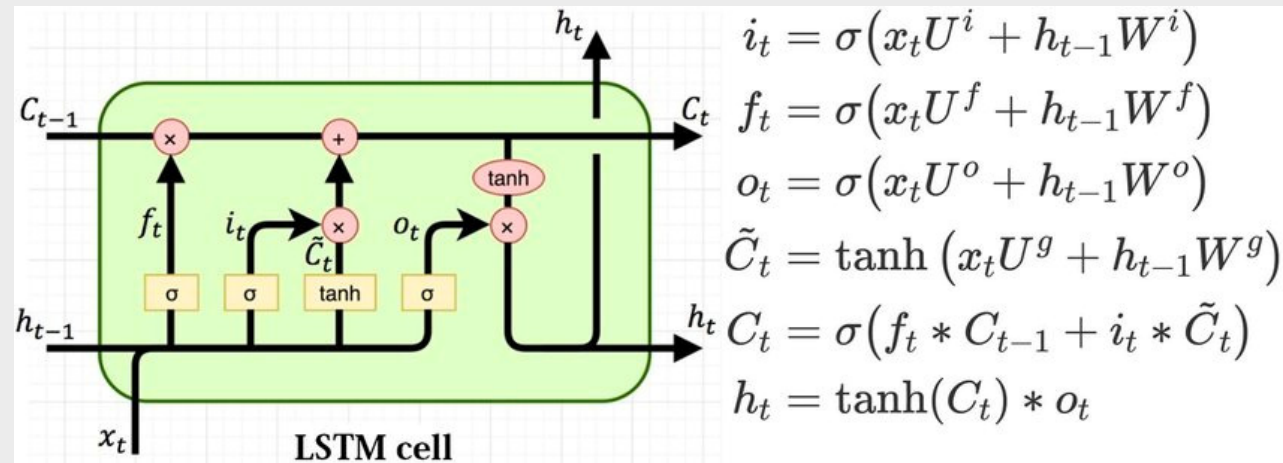
- Keep into consideration the dynamics of the outputs, as we want to get an output year by year
- Make prediction more robust and less noisy (retain cell state at prediction?)
- Use convolution to exploit spatial correlation? Ex. ConvLSTM
- Add regularization term to penalize change of label?
- Continual learning? Avoid catastrophic forgetting



# LSTM

Exploit temporal dynamics of the signal

- Recurrency
- ability to remove or add information to the cell state
- Gates are a way to optionally let information through

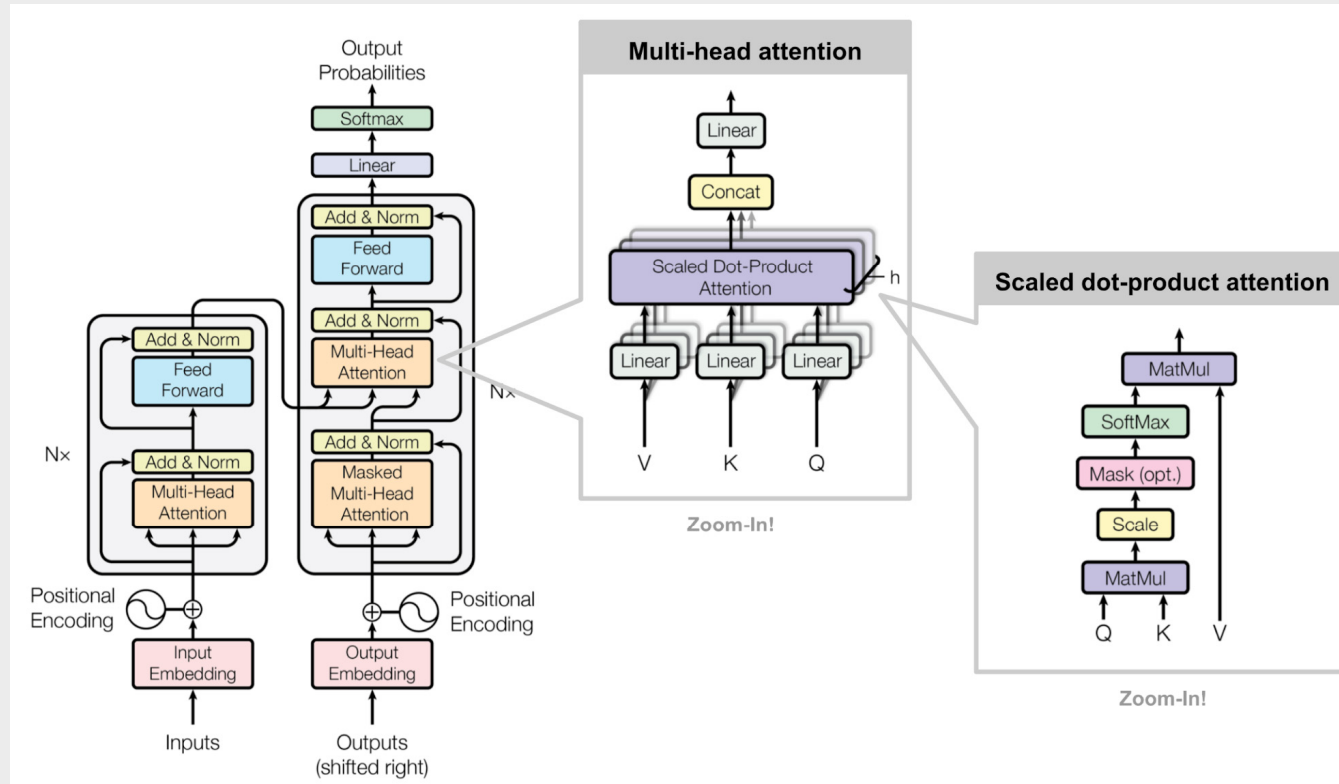
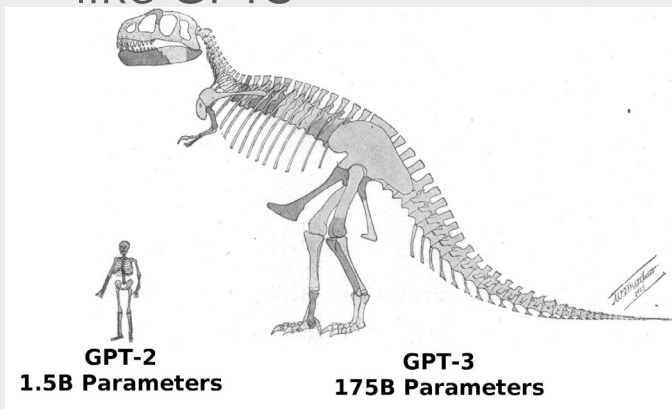


[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/329362532\\_Designing\\_neural\\_network\\_based\\_decoders\\_for\\_surface\\_codes](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/329362532_Designing_neural_network_based_decoders_for_surface_codes)

# Transformer

## Get rid of recurrency

- Highly scalable
- Basic block for new models with billions of parameters like GPT3



<https://www.exxactcorp.com/blog/Deep-Learning/what-can-you-do-with-the-openai-gpt-3-language-model>

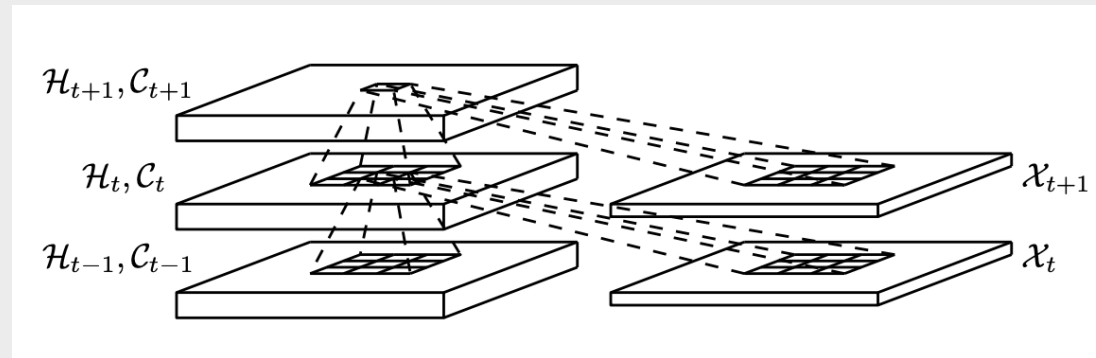
[Vaswani, et al., 2017](#)



# ConvLSTM

## Temporal and spatial correlation

- The ConvLSTM determines the future state of a certain cell in the grid by the inputs and past states of its local neighbors



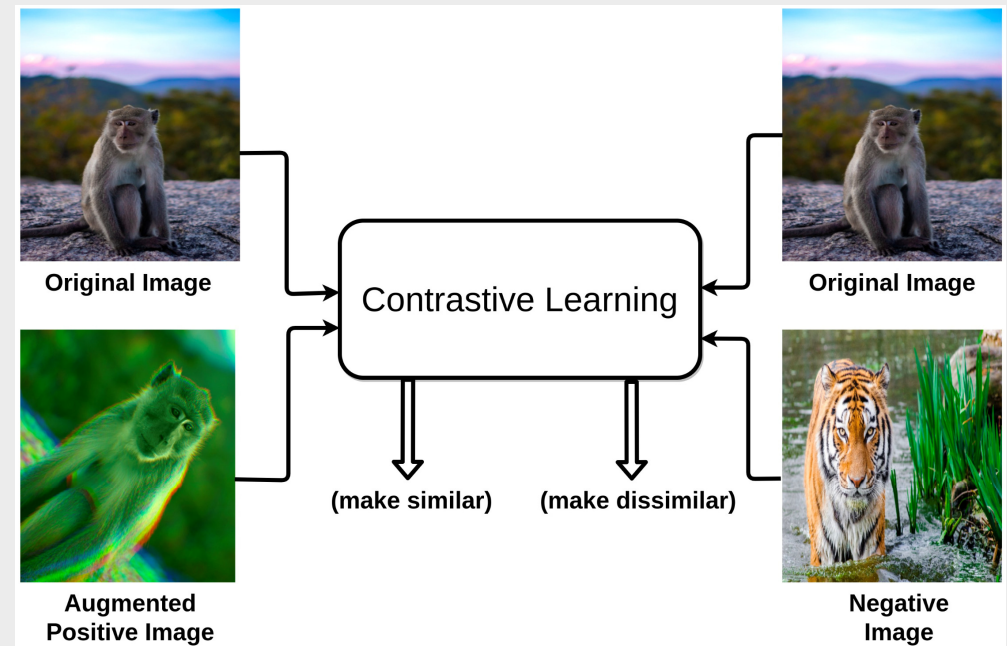
Shi et al. in [Convolutional LSTM Network: A Machine Learning Approach for Precipitation Nowcasting](#)



# Contrastive Learning

## Exploit unlabeled data

- Train model to maximize agreement between different views of the same image
- What about RS data?

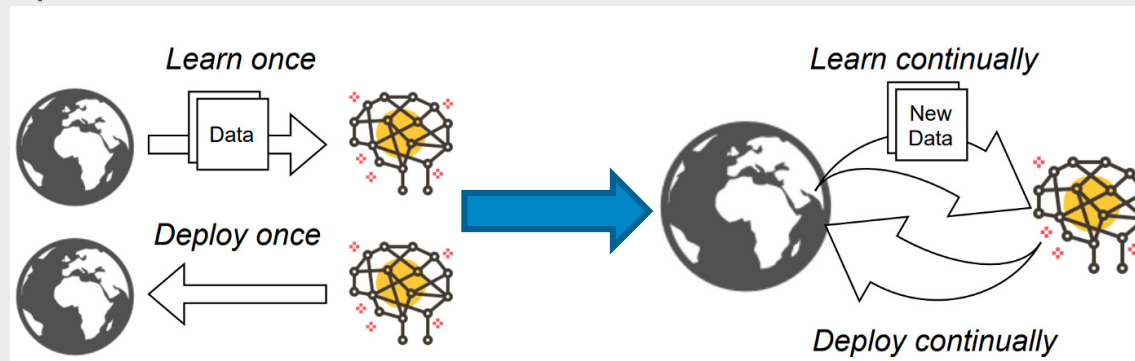


<https://www.mdpi.com/2227-7080/9/1/2/htm>

# Continual Learning

## New data is continuously acquired by Sentinel-2

- How to incorporate information while avoiding catastrophic forgetting?
- Loss with decreasing weight for older samples?
- Fine tuning of the previous model?



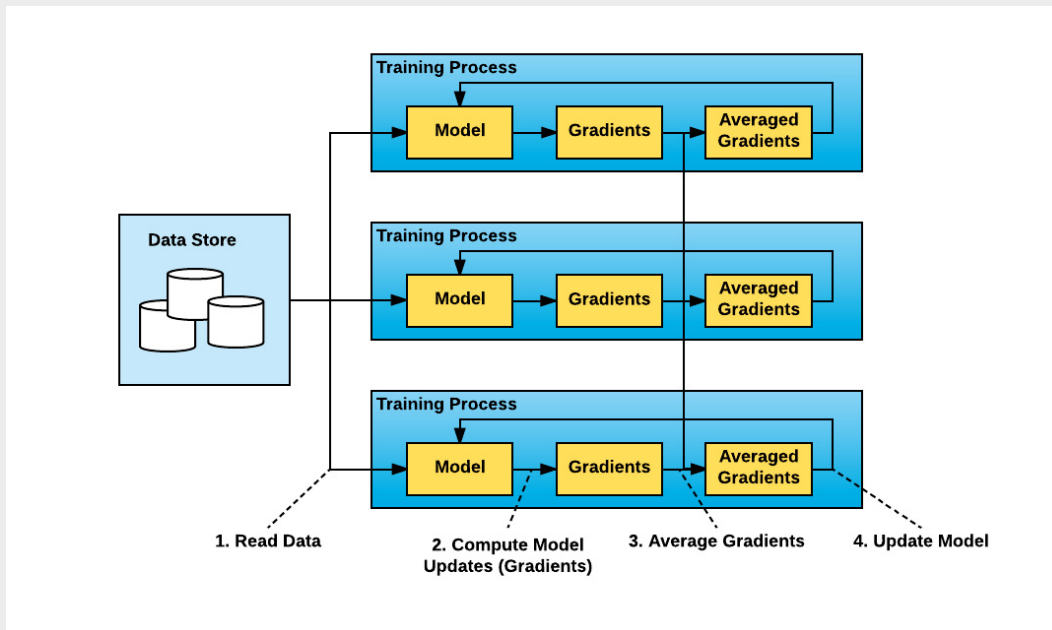
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# Distributed Deep Learning: What is it?

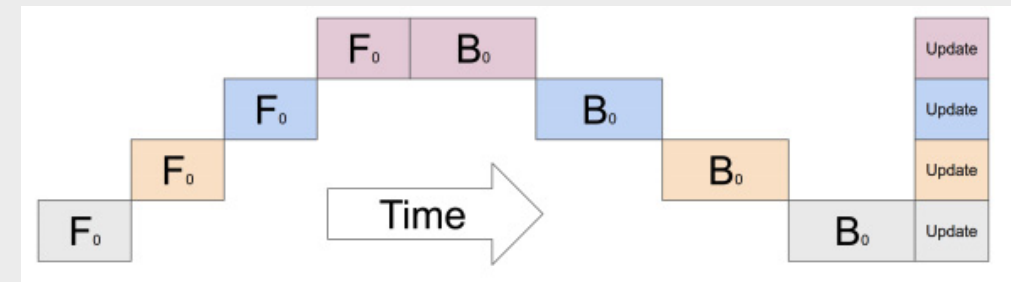
Problem: large models and dataset -> Solution: scale-up!

## Data Parallelism



<http://www.idris.fr/eng/ia/apprentissage-distribue-eng.html>

## Model Parallelism



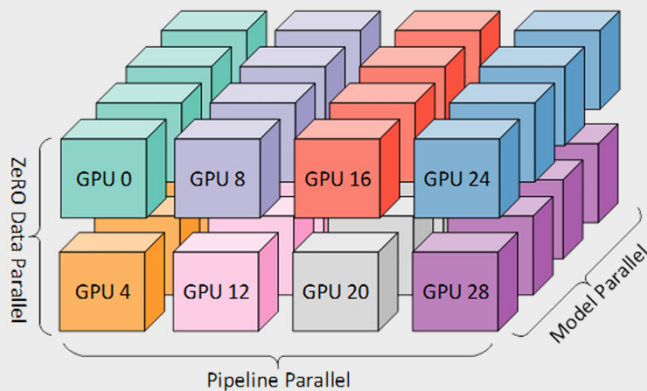
<https://pytorch.org/docs/stable/pipeline.html>



# Distributed Deep Learning: Frameworks

## Many frameworks exists

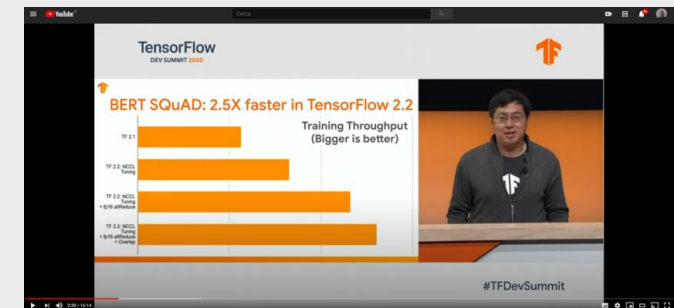
- Horovod offers a very stable solution for Data Parallelism



<https://github.com/microsoft/DeepSpeed>



<https://github.com/horovod/horovod>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKV53r9-H14&ab\\_channel=TensorFlow](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKV53r9-H14&ab_channel=TensorFlow)



# Hyperparameter Tuning

- Many hyperparameters, such as learning rate, scheduler optimizer, etc.
- Large global batch size require extensive tuning
- Automatic Hyperparameter Tuning
- 'ACCELERATING HYPERPARAMETER TUNING OF A DEEP LEARNING MODEL FOR REMOTE SENSING IMAGE CLASSIFICATION', M. Aach, R. Sedona, A. Lintermann, G. Cavallaro, H. Neukirchen, M. Riedel, IGARSS2022 (accepted)



<https://docs.ray.io/en/latest/tune/index.html>



# Recap & Conclusion

Still setting up the framework:

- Use composites?

Once data pre-processing is stable:

- Experiment with more DL models (exploit also spatial dimension)
- Transition towards a feeding of the data as it becomes available
- Virtual constellations? NASA Harmonized Landsat Sentinel

Big questions:

- How to validate at large scale?



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