

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

WE4.O2: Classification and Clustering I

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OUTLINE

- Introduction and motivation
- Framework for generation of multi-year training set
- A case study
- Scaling on modular supercomputing architectures
- Conclusions

INTRODUCTION

- Problem:
 - Need for frequent update of land cover maps
 - Changes on the ground (i.e., due to new buildings or infrastructures, extreme meteorological events, deforestation, ...)
 - Consistency of the output products
 - Large scale (national or even continental level)
- t large scale

MOTIVATION

- Aim: Update Land Cover maps more frequently
- How?
 - Using time series of S2 data
 - Extract reliable multi-year dataset for training
 - Use LSTM to exploit temporal information

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

MULTIYEAR TRAINING SET

Step 1: Data retrieval

- Input Sentinel-2 data downloaded with Sentinelsat API
 - L2A (atmospherically corrected)
 - Excluding clouds and partial orbits
 - Scaling data
- Extraction of corresponding Corine LC (CLC) of 2018



Map M^{Y_1}



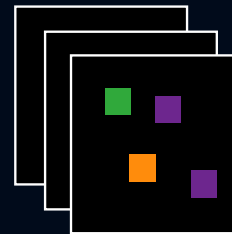
TS^{Y_1}

<https://sentinelsat.readthedocs.io/en/stable/>

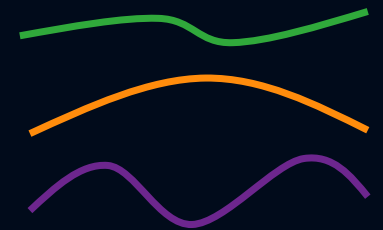
MULTIYEAR TRAINING SET

Step 2: Clustering

- K-means clustering to retrieve most reliable samples
- Associate with labels from CLC
- Feature space made up of a set of spectral indices (i.e., vegetation, water snow and soil indices)



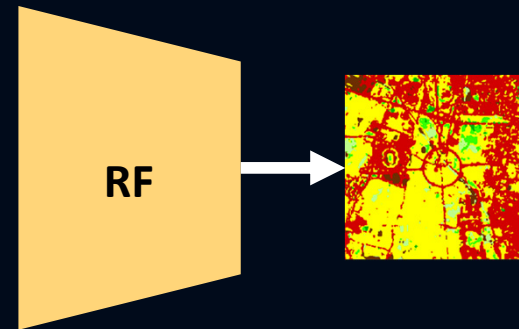
Crop
Forest
Soil



MULTIYEAR TRAINING SET

Step 3: RF

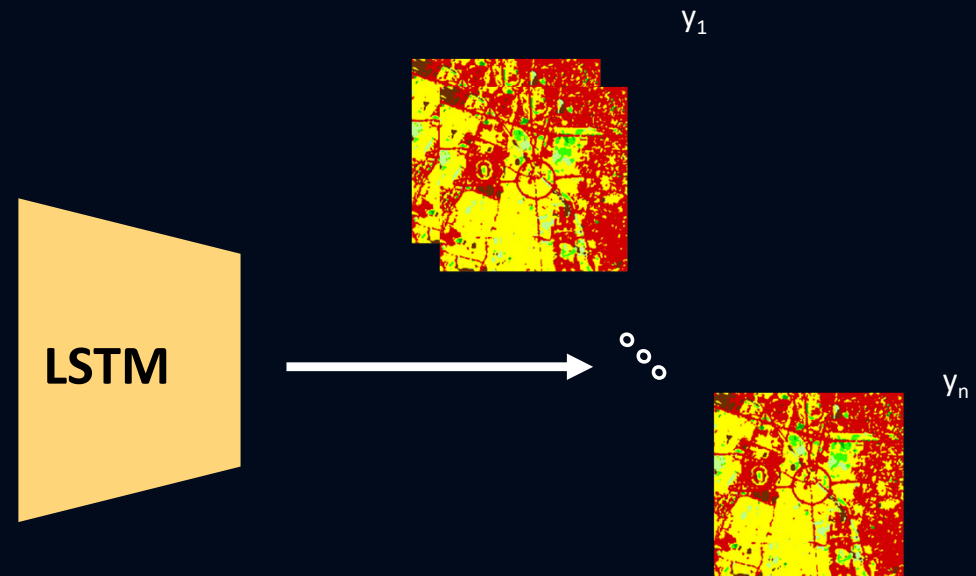
- RF trained on acquisitions of one year
- Produce maps with pseudo-labels for three years
- Extract a multi-year set of samples only where the labels agree
- Stratified random sampling



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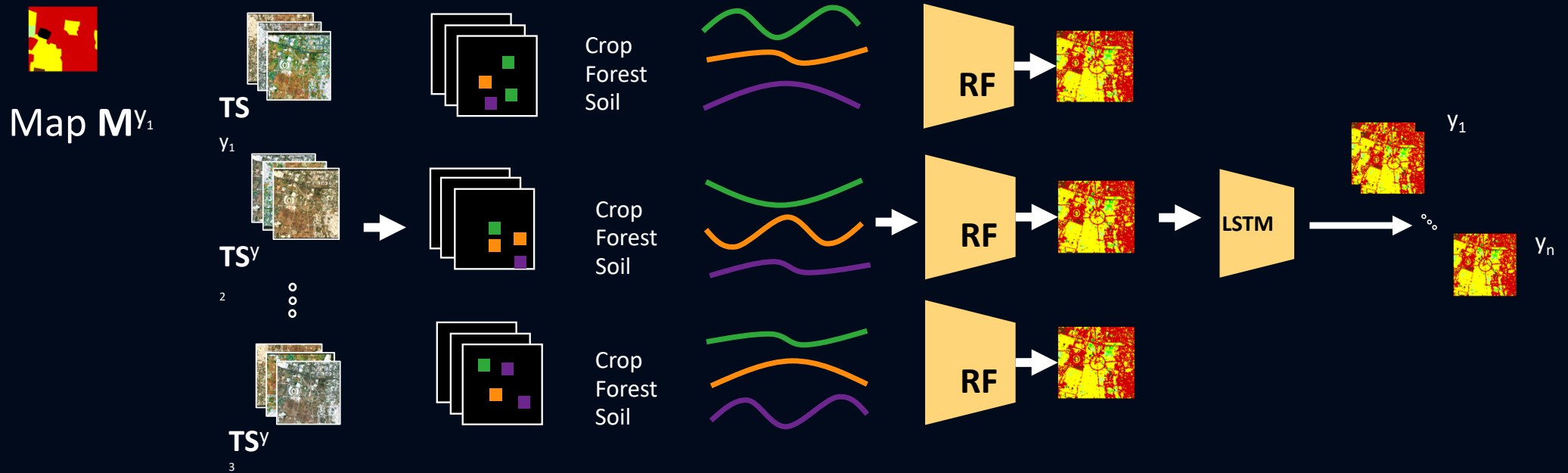
Step 4: LSTM

- LSTM trained on multi-year TS



MULTIYEAR TRAINING SET

Creation of dataset encompassing multiple years



Step 1:
Data retrieval
and preprocessing

Step 2: Clustering

Step 3: RF for pseudo-labels

Step 4: Production of
multi-year LC map

A CASE STUDY

Area

- Sentinel-2 data of Trentino, Italy



September 2018

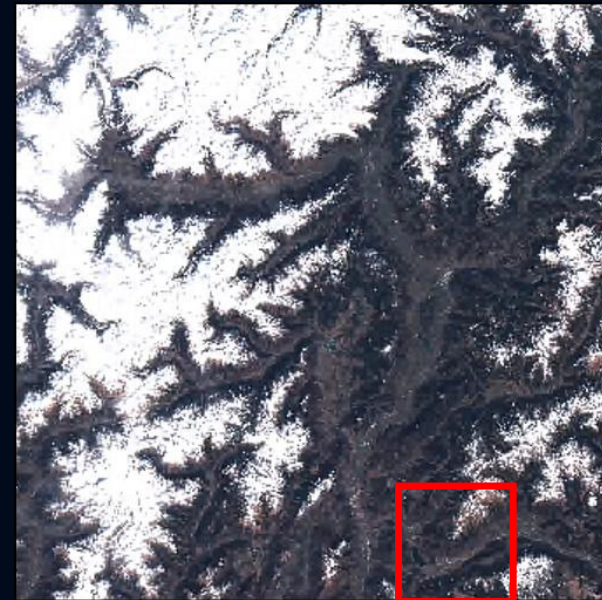
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Why

- Area where manual assessment can be performed
- Vaja Storm in late October 2018



<https://efi.int/news/aftermath-vaia-storm-italy-2018-12-17>



March 2019

A CASE STUDY

Setup

- From 2018 to 2020
 - 20 acquisitions per year
 - 24.000 samples for training, 12.000 for validation
 - Prediction on disjoint set from training
 - 10 classes from CLC i.e., "Artificial", "Grass", "Crops", "Mineral", "Rocks", "Sand", "Broadleaves", "Conifers", "Water", "Snow"

<https://land.copernicus.eu/pan-european/corine-land-cover>

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Preliminary results

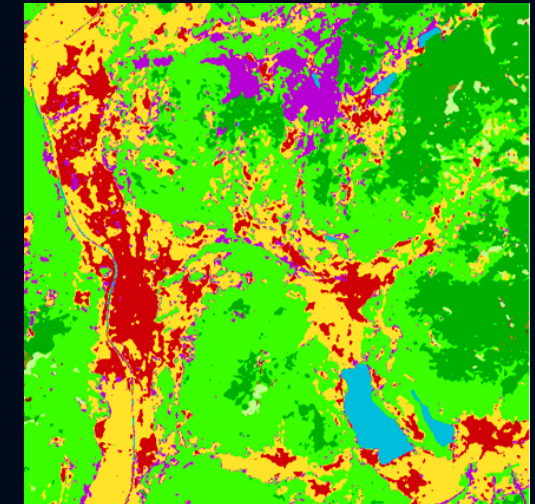
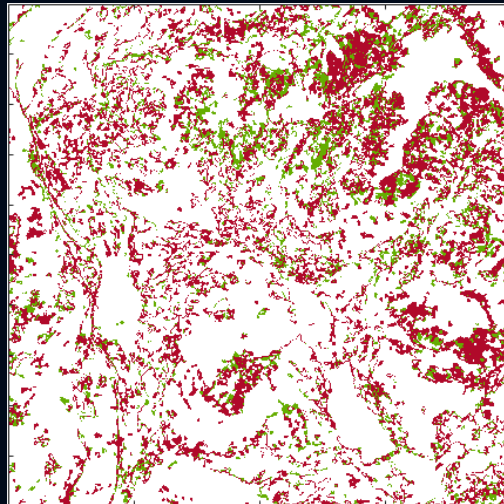
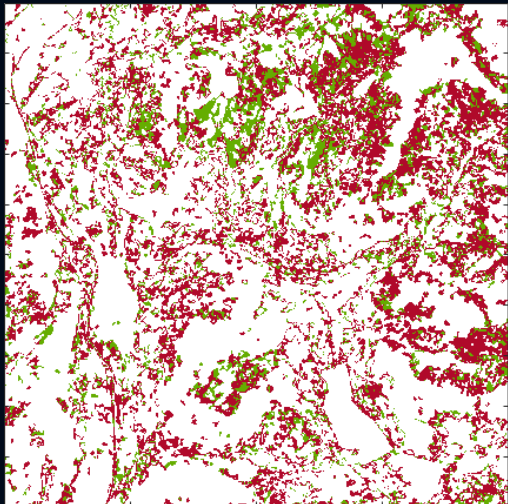
LC output map difference

2018-2020 single-year

2018-2020 multi-year

True color S2 – 2019

Output LC map 2019



■ 1 change ■ 2 changes

■ Artificial
■ Sand
■ Grass

■ Broadleaves
■ Conifers
■ Crops

■ Mineral ■ Snow
■ Water
■ Rocks

A CASE STUDY

Preliminary results

- Analysis of agreement of output LC maps produced by LSTM
- Increased consistency of the multi-year model compared to single-year model

Class	Multi-Year LSTM		Single-Year LSTM	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Artificial	0.89	0.68	0.93	0.62
Grass	0.69	0.60	0.61	0.42
Crops	0.76	0.81	0.65	0.85
Mineral	0.33	0.51	0.34	0.43
Rocks	0.43	0.46	0.45	0.43
Sand	0.14	0.31	0.05	0.16
Broadleaves	0.85	0.87	0.79	0.84
Conifers	0.81	0.78	0.79	0.77
Shrubland	0.64	0.66	0.63	0.62
Water	0.97	0.98	0.98	0.95
Overall	0.78	0.78	0.74	0.74

SCALING ON HPC

- The framework can scale on modular supercomputing architectures
- Enhanced processing steps:
 - Pre-processing (i.e., data retrieval and training set extraction)
 - Distributed deep learning with multiple GPUs (i.e., training, inference)
- Enable to work at larger scale



<https://www.fz-juelich.de/en/ias/jsc/systems/supercomputers/juwels>

CONCLUSIONS

- Scalable framework to generate multi-year training set
- Preliminary results with longer TS
- Open questions:
 - How to include samples with changing pseudo-labels into the training set?
 - Increase consistency of the model while preserving ability to detect change
 - Validation (LUCAS, street level information?)
- Modular framework -> add new functionalities

Thank you for your attention

Terima kasih atas perhatian anda

