



**sen4cap**  
common agricultural policy

Sentinels for Common  
Agricultural Policy

Information as a Service

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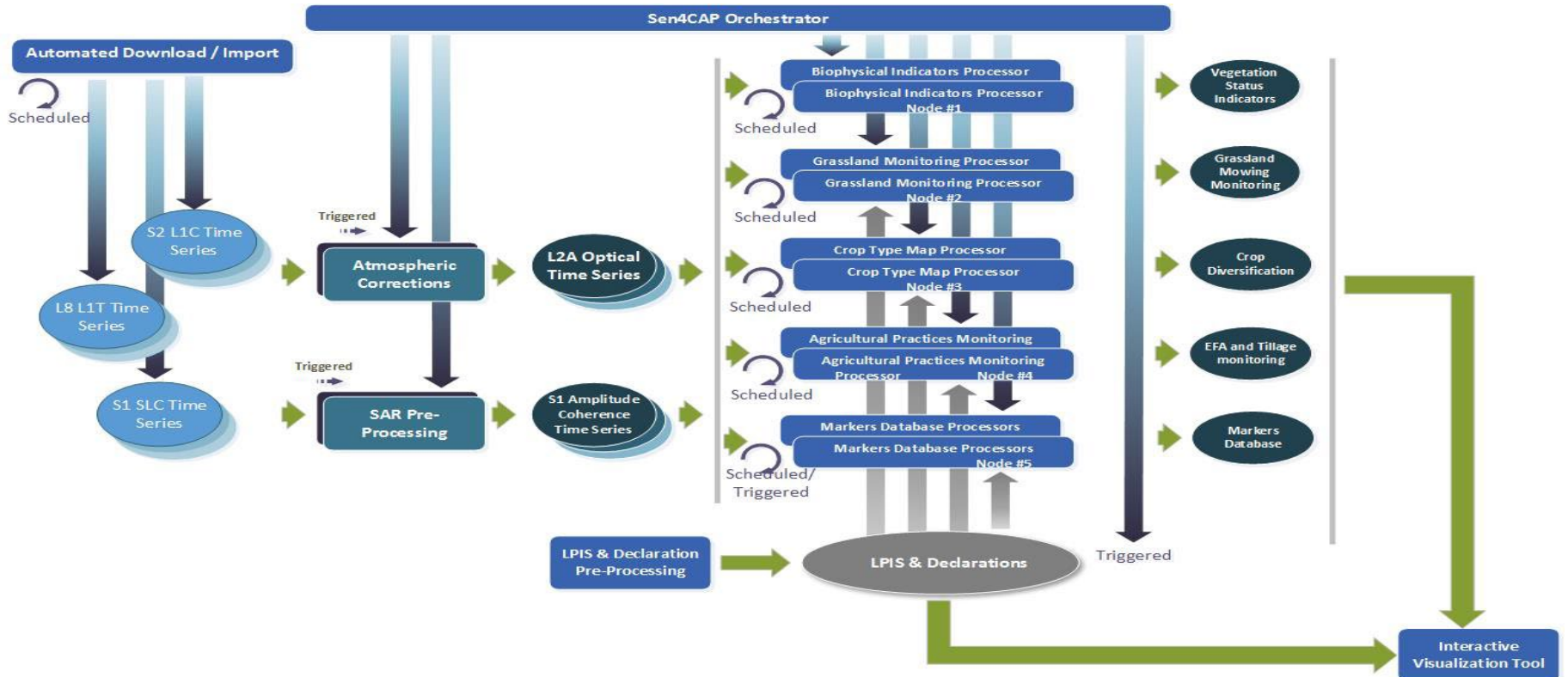
# Project Objectives – Current Status



- **Kick-Off Meeting (KOM) – 13th of March**
- **Preliminary Design Review (PDR) – 5th of September**
- Mid Term Review (MTR) – 12 of December
- Acceptance Review (AR) - KO + 12M
- Service Showcase Demonstration (SSD) - KO + 14M
- Service Readiness Review (SRR) - KO + 16M
- Final Review (FR) - KO + 18M



# Architecture of the Sen4CAP system (reminder)



# Project Objectives

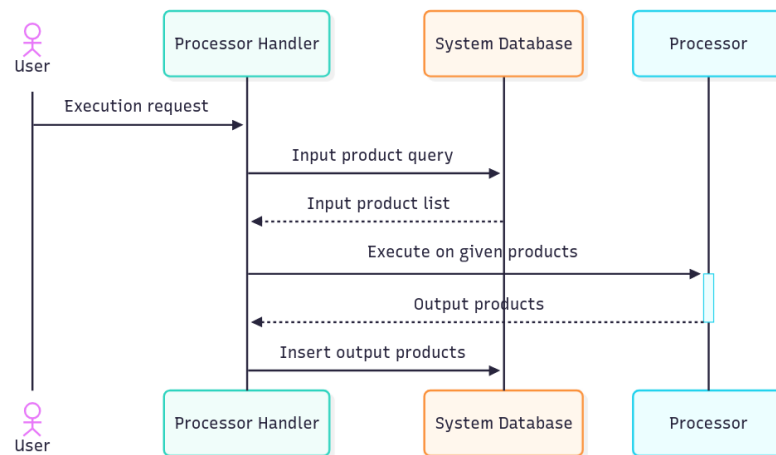


- **Sen4CAP functionality as cloud-based services**
  - Convert the core functionalities of SEN4CAP into cloud-based services
    - refactor into modular cloud-based services exposed via client libraries and API interfaces
  - User access through a Python library and standard RESTData Processing APIs (OGC Processes API standard)
  - Modular design—being able to use individual functionalities independently and decouple them for deployment, scaling and maintenance
  - Containerization and microservices architecture following OGC Application Packaging best practices
- **Public cloud deployment and integration**
  - Deploy the services in a public cloud environment (co-located with Sentinel data archives)
  - Onboard the services into the ESA Network of Resources (NOR) service catalogue
- **Open-Source development**
  - Release the Sen4CAP code as open-source, but well-structured and fully documented
  - Adhere to open-source development best practices
  - Support community contributions and long-term maintenance



# Project Objectives - Support for STAC

- Basically, use STAC: lightweight, extensible, popular, multiple implementations
- Keep PostGIS, ingest L2As, expose a STAC gateway (PgSTAC, stac-fastapi)
- Issues with consistency in products format
  - e.g. granule names in Sentinel-2 products (CREODIAS vs. CDAS)
- Processor handlers can query STAC instead of PostGIS
- Managing S3 access keys for DIAS buckets (L2A) vs. custom products



- **Porting to OGC Application Packages**

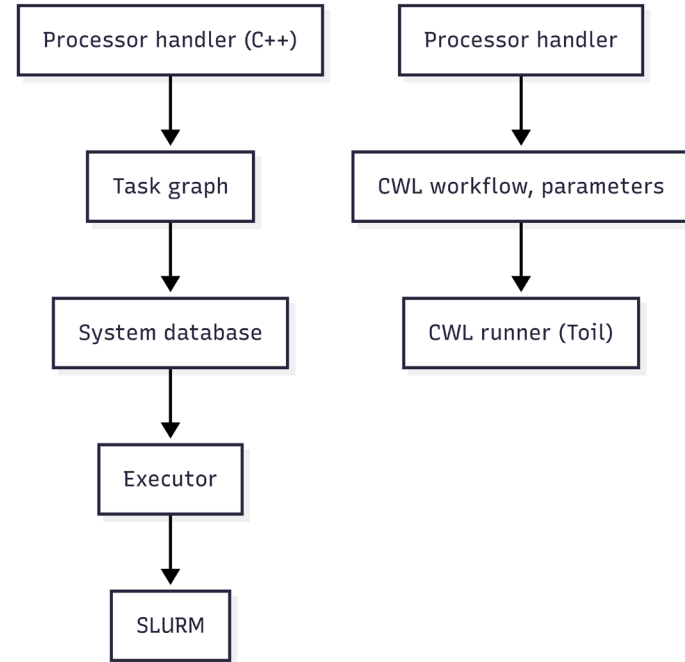
- a way to describe, package and share geospatial applications
- enables workflow and applications portability between systems / platforms
- enables integration into existing platforms and catalogs (NoR, APEX)

- **Application structure**

- packaged as OCI images
- Common Workflow Language / CommandLineTool descriptors
- command-line tools

# Project Objectives – CWL

- We need CWL for OGC Application Packages anyway
  - replace SLURM with CWL runner, even for local deployments
  - gut out executor (cleans up redundancy, simplifies the system database)
  - might lose some job monitoring / management features
- Turn processor handlers into separate scripts (Python or anything, really)
  - support registration of new handlers via the system database



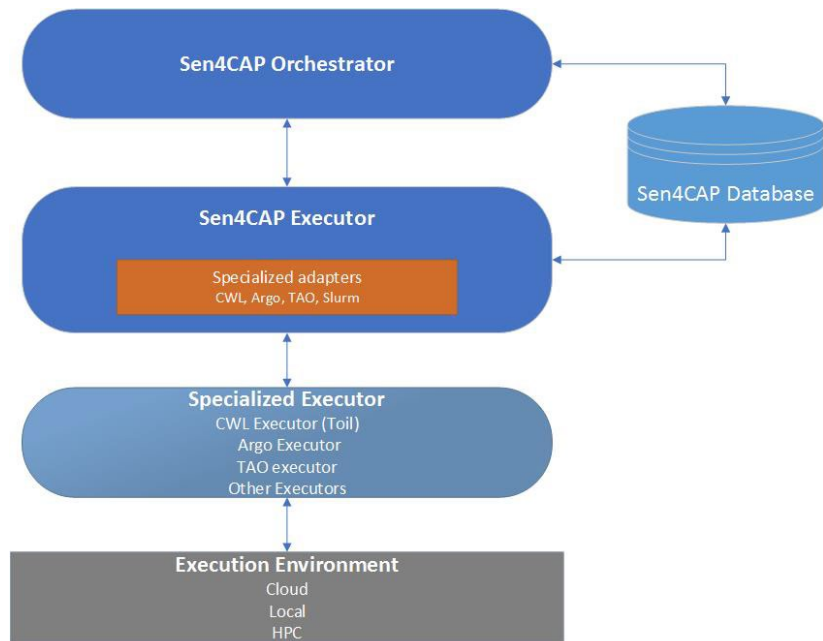
# Project Objectives - Containerisation Strategy



- Upgrade and consolidate container images
  - upgrade postgis/postgis and/or switch to imresamu/postgis
  - port processors to new version of OTB (might require custom image because of OpenJPEG fix)
  - port Python/GDAL scripts to newer GDAL (CentOS 7 Docker sandbox issue)
  - consider using a custom GDAL image (size, OpenJPEG)
  - upgrade t-rex and/or switch to successor (bbox-tile-server)
  - package crop type R classification script into new image
  - where applicable, switch to Alma (Rocky) Linux 10 (EL-compatible)



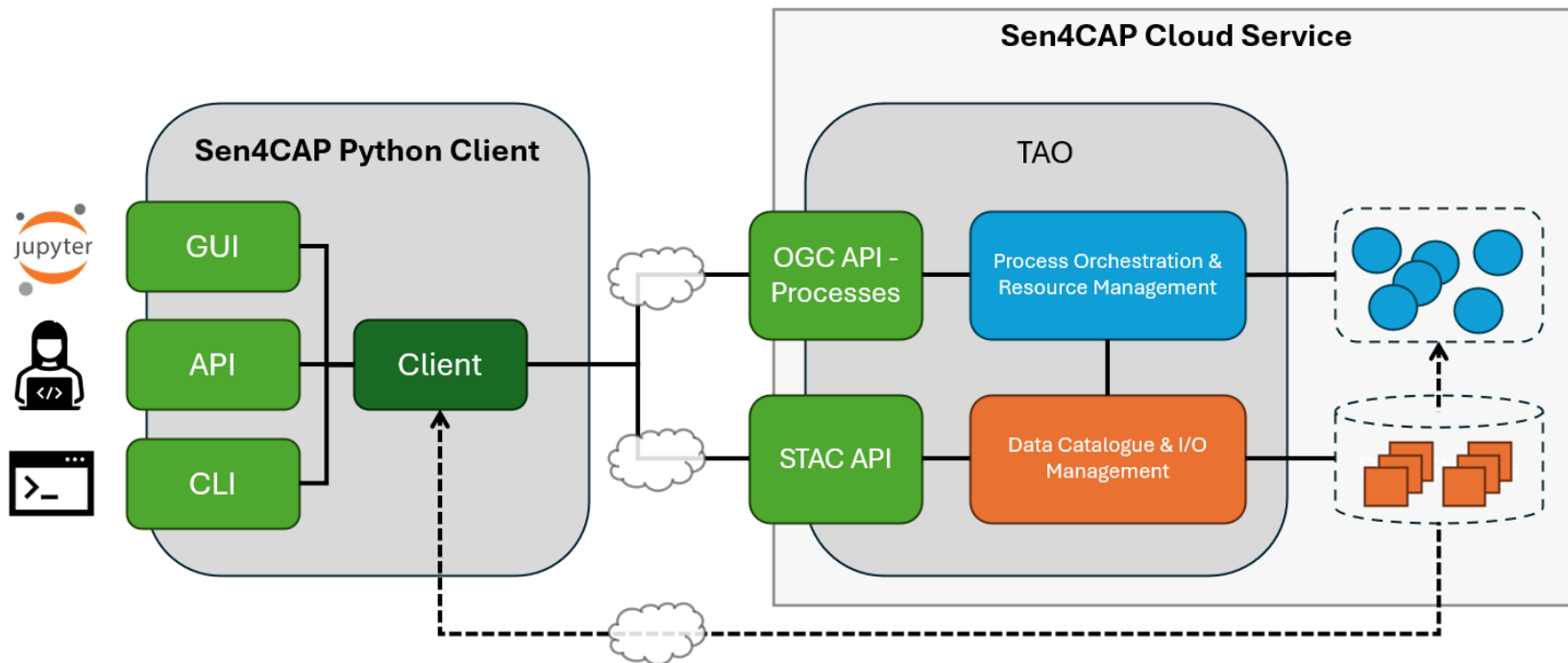
# Project Objectives - Standalone deployments



- Stand-alone installs similar to the current system
- System database, slightly simplified
- Web UI
- API (for UI, REST, OGC API Processes)
- Orchestrator
- Downloaders
- L2A processing
- S1 pre-processing
- Simplified executor (via e.g. Toil)
- MVT, STAC etc.

## Cloudification Strategy

# PYTHON CLIENT DEMO



- Client functionality
  - List processes, get process details
  - Submit processing request
  - List jobs, get job details, cancel job
  - Get job results
- Functionality accessible through 3 user interfaces
  - API: for Python scripts and using in own libraries
  - GUI: for convenient use in Jupyter notebooks
  - CLI: for the terminal and in shell scripts
- Implementation assumes a back-end web service compliant to OGC API - Processes - Part 1: Core

- A web service compliant with OGC API - Processes - Part 1: Core
- Planned extension of the TAO API server
- Take into account EO context and data access via STAC → EOEPCA
  - Introduction - EOEPCA System Architecture
  - Introduction - EOEPCA Processing Building Block
  - Design - EOEPCA Processing Building Block
- Implementation hints:
  - OGC API Processes with ZOO-Project

# Client Implementation



- Interfaces implementations
  - API:
    - pydantic - data validation using Python type hints,
    - httpx: async multi-purpose HTTP toolkit
  - GUI: panel - powerful data exploration & web app framework
  - CLI: typer - build user-friendly CLIs from Python type hints
- Generate code from OpenAPI.yaml that describes the server API
  - datamodel-code-generator
  - openapi-pydantic



# Python API in Jupyter Lab



```
client-api.ipynb
Python 3 (ipykernel)

[5]: client.get_processes()
[5]: ProcessList object:
      links [] 1 item
      processes [] 4 items

[6]: client.get_process(process_id="sleep_a_while")
[6]: ProcessDescription object:
      description "Sleeps for 'duration' seconds. Fails on purpose if 'fail' is 'True'. Returns the effective amount of sleep in seconds."
      id "sleep_a_while"
      inputs
        duration
        fail
      outputs
        title "Sleep Processor"
        version "0.0.0"

[8]: client.execute_process(process_id="sleep_a_while", request=ProcessRequest())
[8]: JobInfo object:

[13]: client.get_jobs()
[13]: JobList object:
      jobs [] 3 items
      0
        created "2025-07-15T14:30:55.953473"
        finished "2025-07-15T14:31:06.177857"
        jobID "job_0"
        processID "sleep_a_while"
        progress 100
        started "2025-07-15T14:30:55.954652"
```



# Processing GUI in Jupyter Lab



version "10.0.0"

Inputs

Outputs

```
[5]: cClient.show()
```

[5]: Process

simulate\_scene

Generate scene for testing

Simulate a set scene images slices for testing. Creates an xarray dataset with `periodicity` time slices and writes it as Zarr into a temporary location. Requires installed `dask`, `xarray`, and `zarr` packages.

Variable names

a, b, c

Selected bbox: [5.160938, 50.884045, 15.092578, 55.710155]

Spatial resolution: 0.5

Start date: 2025-01-01

End date: 2025-02-01

Periodicity: 1

Output path

Execute Open Save Save As... Get Request

[5]: Process

primes\_between

Prime Processor

Returns the list of prime numbers between a `min_val` and `max_val`.

Min Val: 0

Max Val: 100

Execute Open Save Save As... Get Request

Done

Process ID: primes\_between Created: 2025-07-17 16:46:54.087104

Job ID: job\_3 Started: 2025-07-17 16:46:54.087562

Status: JobStatus.successful Updated: 2025-07-17 16:46:54.087633

Progress: - Finished: 2025-07-17 16:46:54.087646

[6]: client.show\_jobs()

Process ID	Job ID	Status	Progress	Message
primes_between	job_0	successful		Done
sleep_a_while	job_1	running		-
sleep_a_while	job_2	running		-
primes_between	job_3	successful		Done

Cancel Delete Restart Get Results

Stored results of job `job_3` in variable `_results`

```
[7]: _results
```

```
[7]: Results: // 25 items
```

```
return_value
```

```
0 2
```

```
1 3
```

```
2 5
```

```
3 7
```

```
4 11
```



# Processing CLI in terminal emulator

**Usage:** `sen4cap-client [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...`

Client tool for the Sen4CAP service.

The tool provides commands for managing processing request templates, processing requests, processing jobs, and gets processing results.

You can use shorter command name aliases, e.g., use command name "vr" for "validate-request", or "lp" for "list-processes".

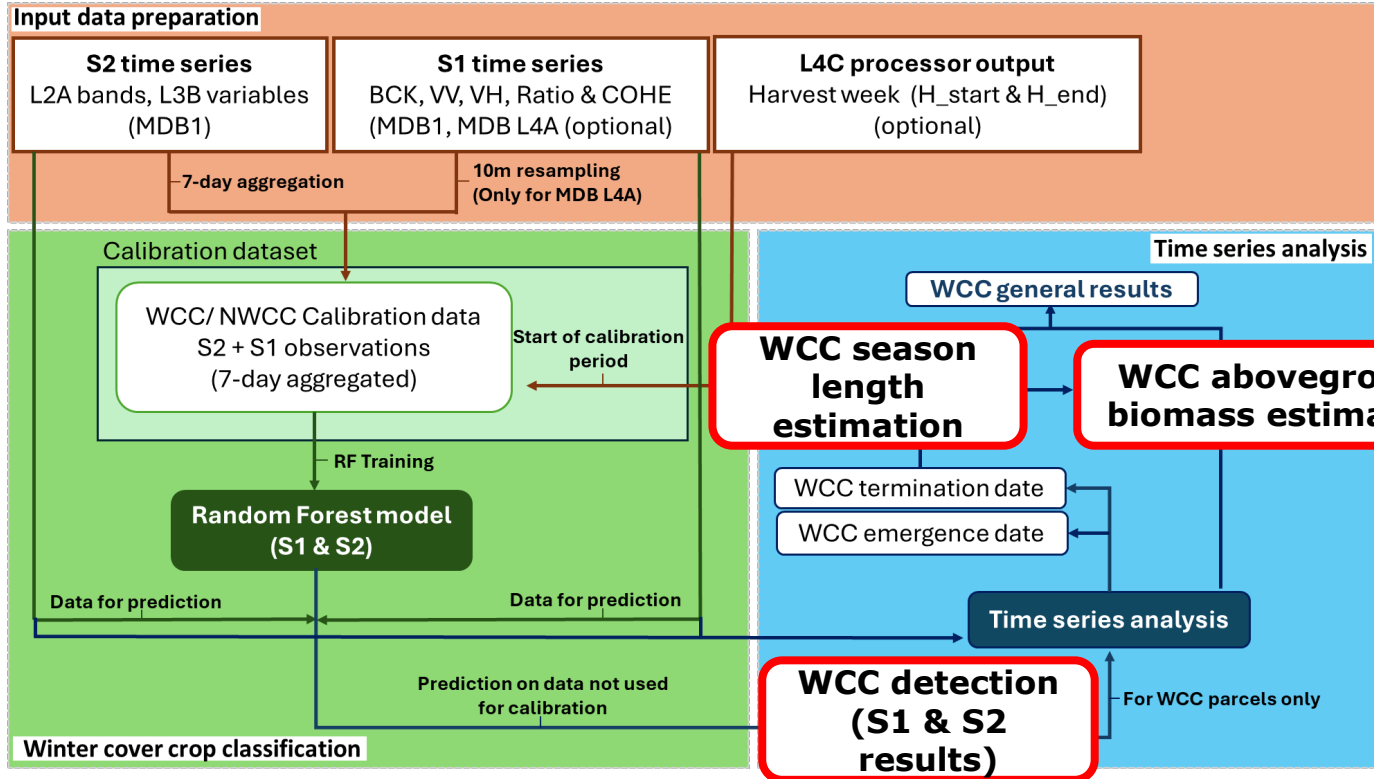
## Options

<code>--verbose</code>	<code>-v</code>	Verbose output
<code>--install-completion</code>		Install completion for the current shell.
<code>--show-completion</code>		Show completion for the current shell, to copy it or customize the installation.
<code>--help</code>		Show this message and exit.

## Commands

<code>version</code>	Show version and exit.
<code>configure</code>	Configure the client.
<code>list-processes</code>	List available processes.
<code>get-process</code>	Get process details.
<code>validate-request</code>	Validate a processing request.
<code>execute-process</code>	Execute a process.
<code>list-jobs</code>	List all jobs.
<code>get-job</code>	Get job details.
<code>dismiss-job</code>	Cancel a running or delete a finished job.
<code>get-job-results</code>	Get job results.

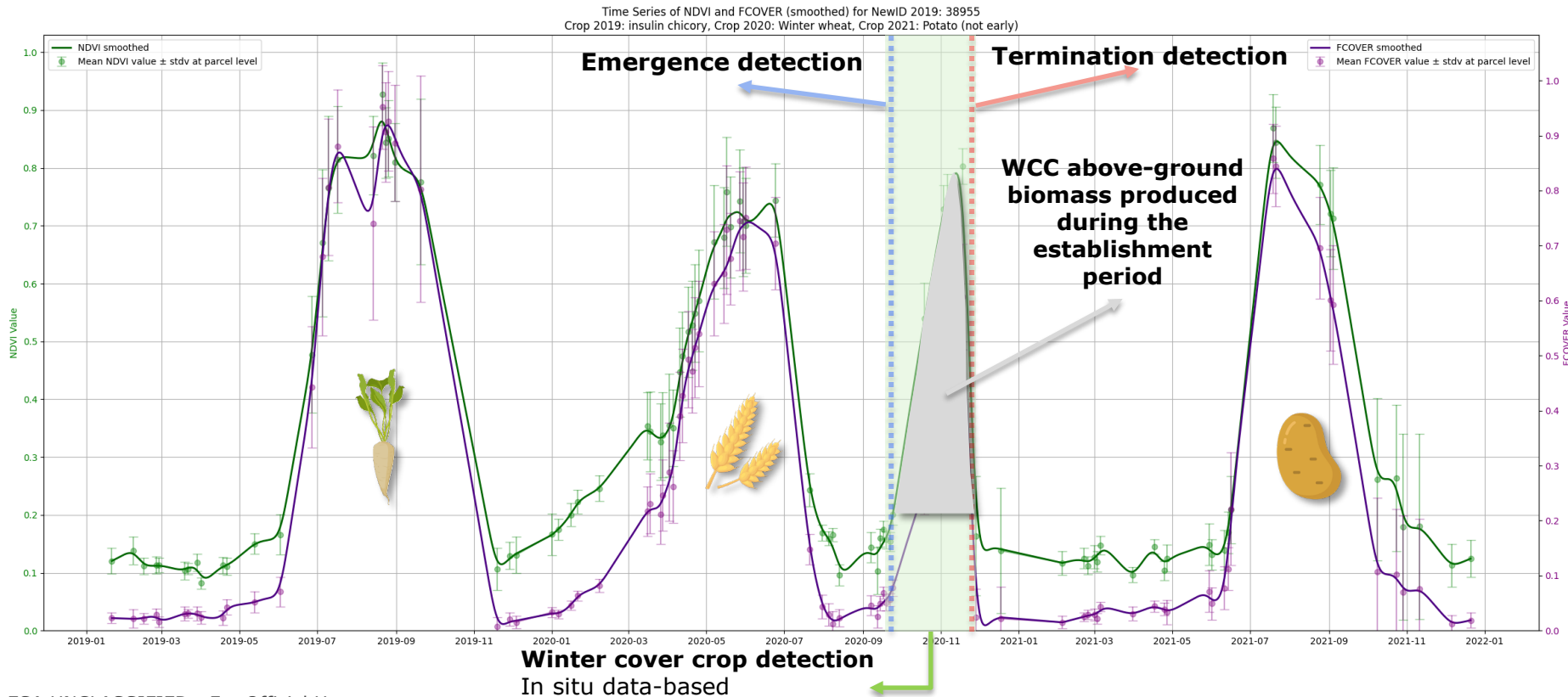
# Winter cover crop (WCC) processor : workflow and expected outputs



Determined based on user survey responses

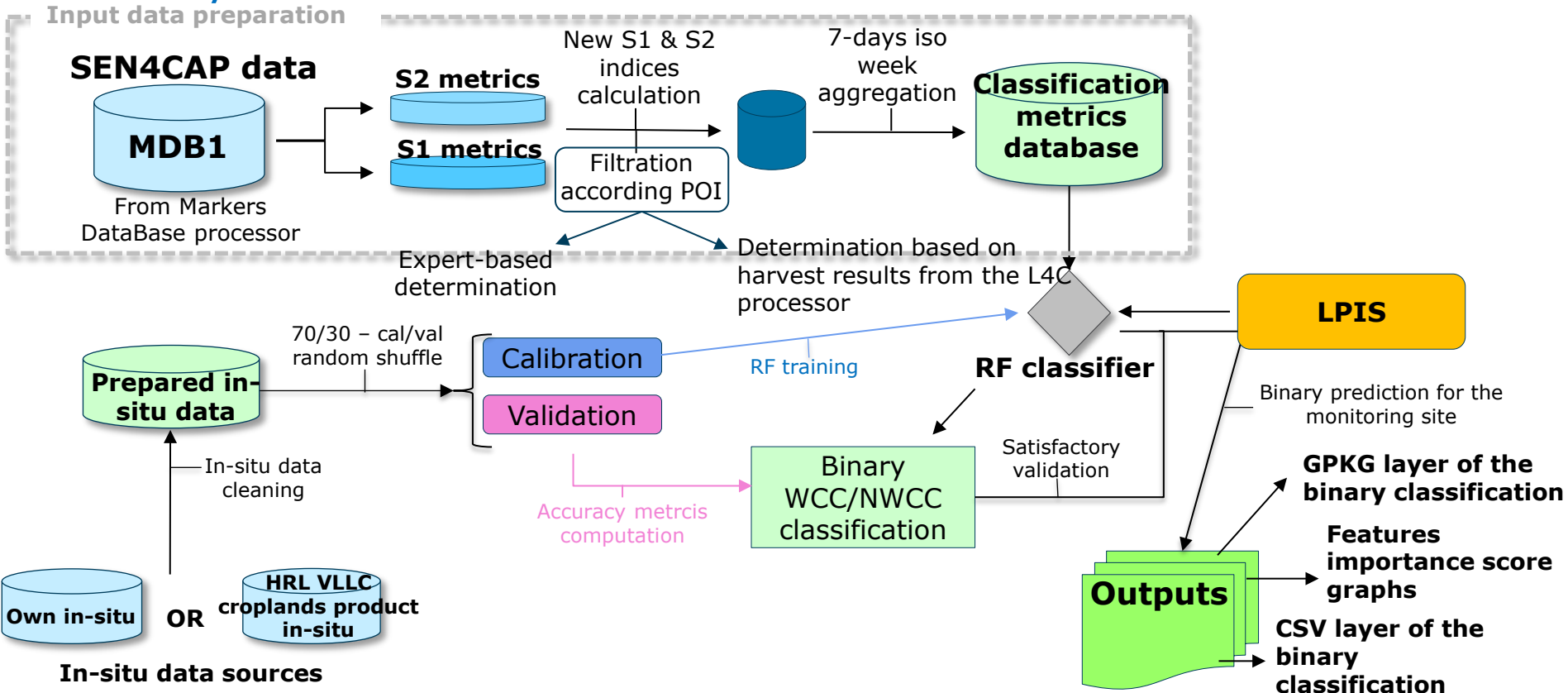


# WCC : in-situ data and threshold-based approaches



# WCC binary detection in-situ data-based algorithm

## Summary workflow



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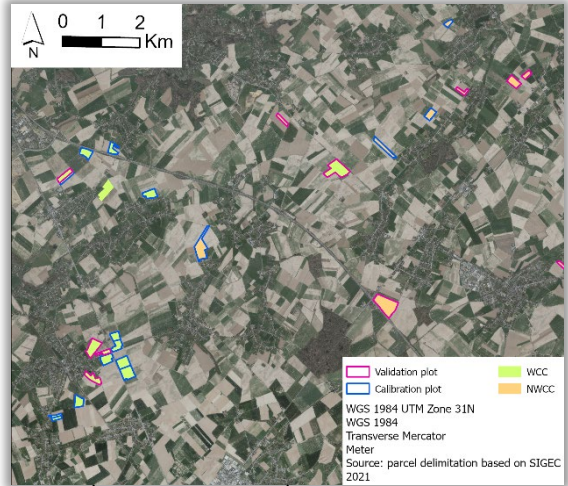
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# WCC processor: two scenarios for in-situ data acquisition

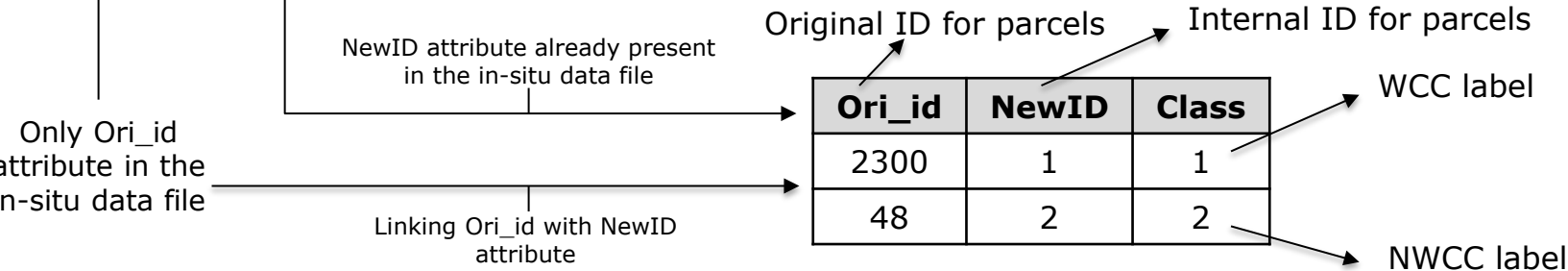


## Own in-situ data

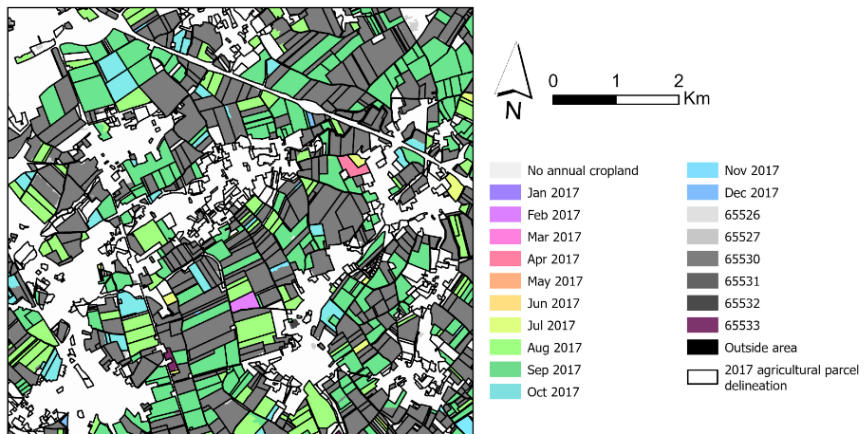


Input format for importing into the system:

- CSV file
  - Min 2 mandatory attributes



In-situ data created from the « Secondary Crops Emergence (SCE) » layer of the HRL VLLC croplands product



## Original properties of SCE data:

- Format : tif file (raster data)
- Extent: Europe
- Available archives: 2017 – 2021 (enough to train the model)

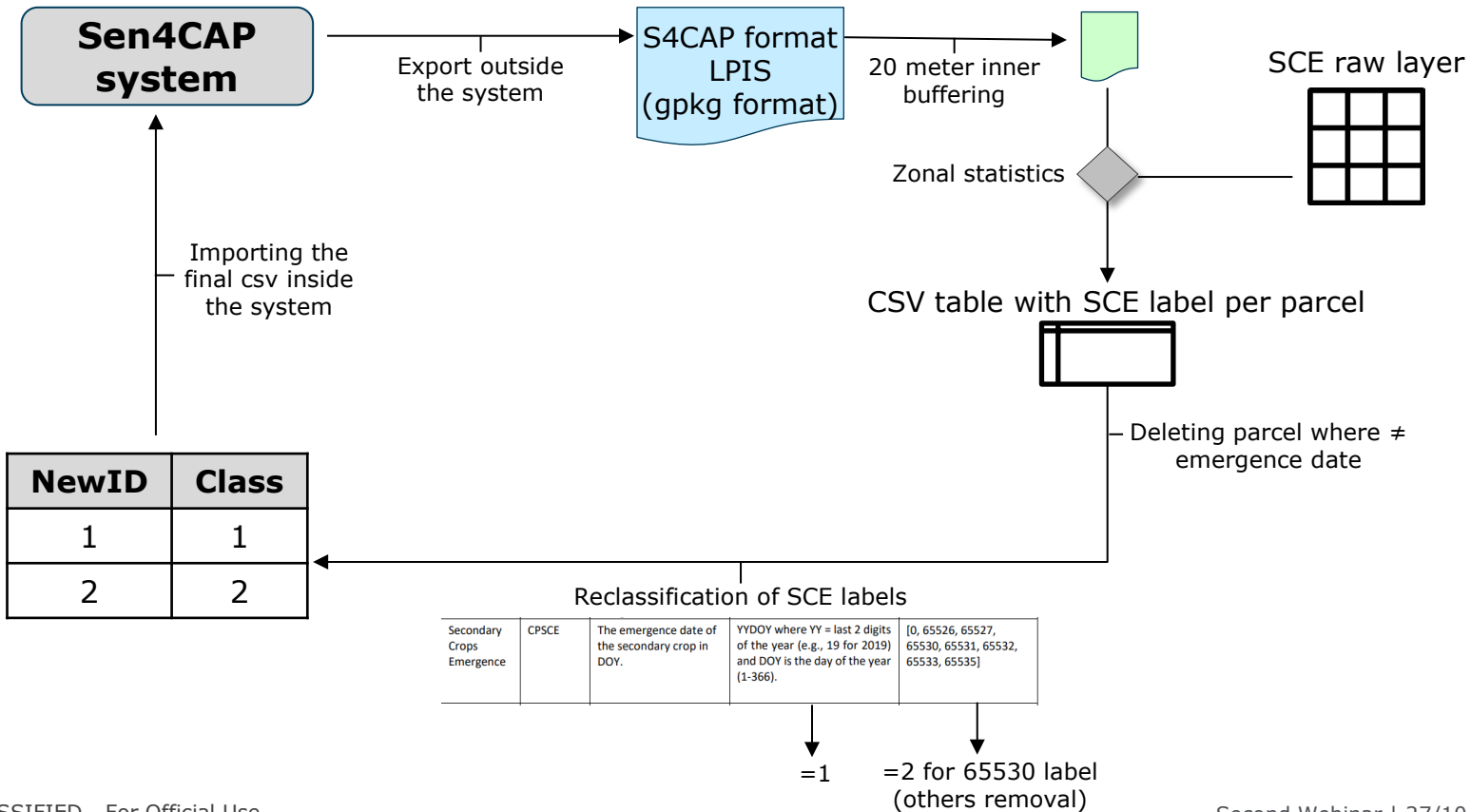
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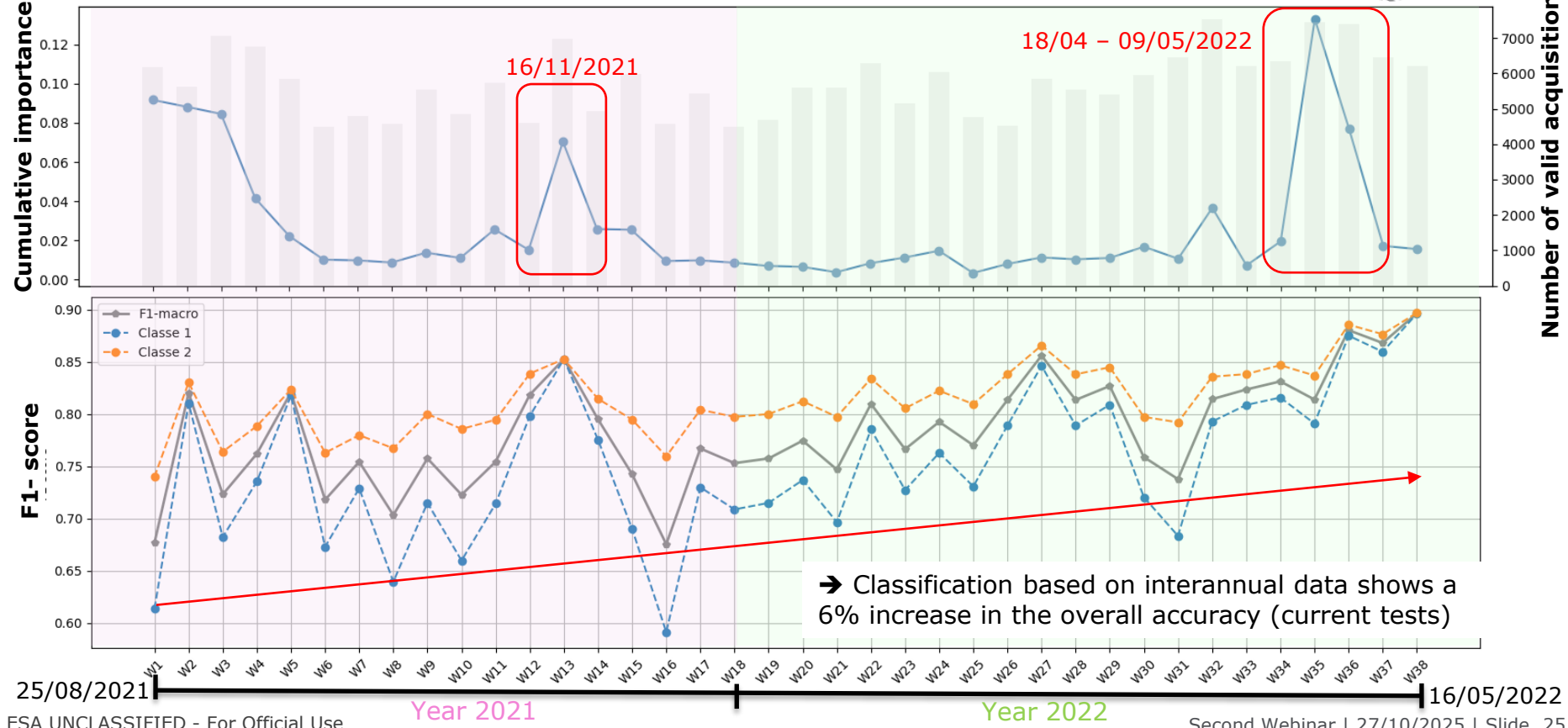
## Producing method of the CSV:

- External code to be run by the user

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# WCC: inter-annual time series importance for classification accuracy

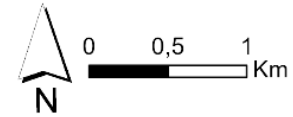
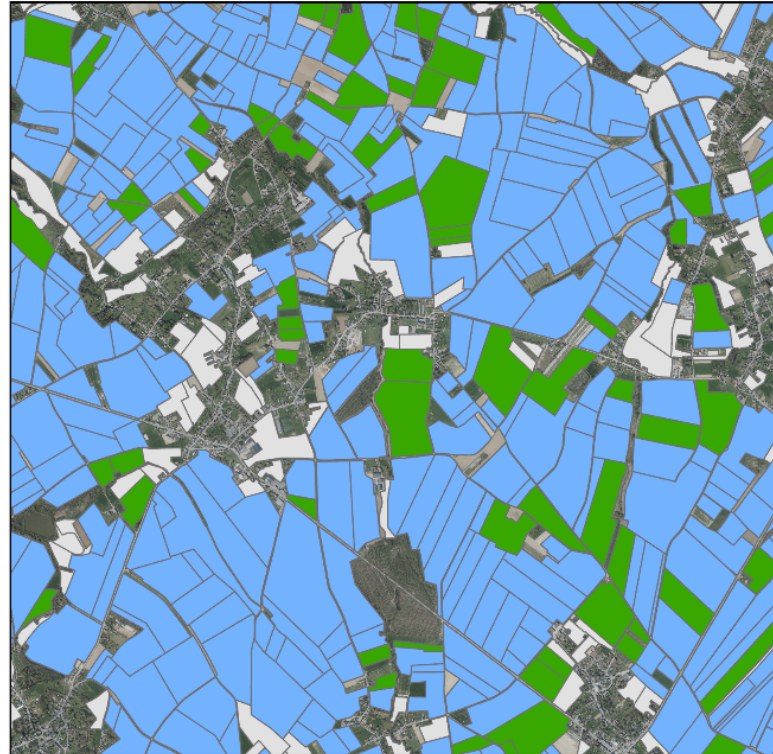


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# WCC processor expected outputs: CSV layer and geopackage

## Binary classification (WCC/NWCC) in gpkg format

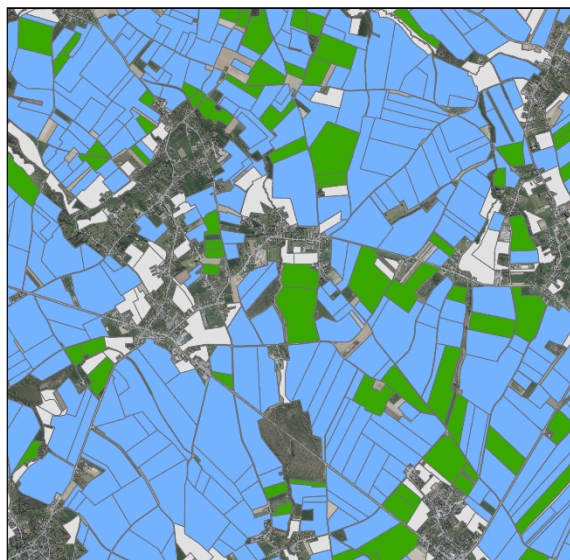


- Winter cover crop during the season (2021)
- No winter cover crop during the season (2021)
- Other agricultural parcels (unclassified)

Belge Lambert 1972  
Belge 1972  
Lambert Conformal Conic  
Meter  
Source: input data (S4Cap -  
MDB1 - 2021)  
Author: L. Descarpentries  
(UCLouvain - Geomatics)

# WCC processor expected outputs: CSV layer and geopackage

## Binary classification (WCC/NWCC) in gpkg format



## Attribute table of the gpkg file also in CSV format

NewID	Pred_class	Conf_pred1	Conf_pred2
	1 or 2	[0;1]	[0;1]

Unique identifier for agricultural parcels

Predicted class:

- 1: WCC during the season
- 2: NWCC during the season

Prediction confidence level for class 1

Prediction confidence level for class 2

# WCC processor: Emergence and termination detection – first step for WCC characteristics assessment



A within-season approach for detecting early growth stages in corn and soybean using high temporal and spatial resolution imagery

Feng Gao<sup>a</sup>, Martha Anderson<sup>a</sup>, Craig Daughtry<sup>a</sup>, Arnon Karnieli<sup>b</sup>, Dean Hively<sup>c</sup>, William Kustas<sup>a</sup>



**Emergence detection  
(WISE)**

Near real-time detection of winter cover crop termination using harmonized Landsat and Sentinel-2 (HLS) to support ecosystem assessment

Feng Gao<sup>a</sup>, Jyoti Jennewein<sup>b</sup>, W. Dean Hively<sup>c</sup>, Alexander Soroka<sup>d</sup>, Alison Thieme<sup>b</sup>, Dawn Bradley<sup>a</sup>, Jason Keppler<sup>a</sup>, Steven Mirsky<sup>b</sup>, Uvirkaa Akumaga<sup>a</sup>



**Termination detection  
(WIST)**

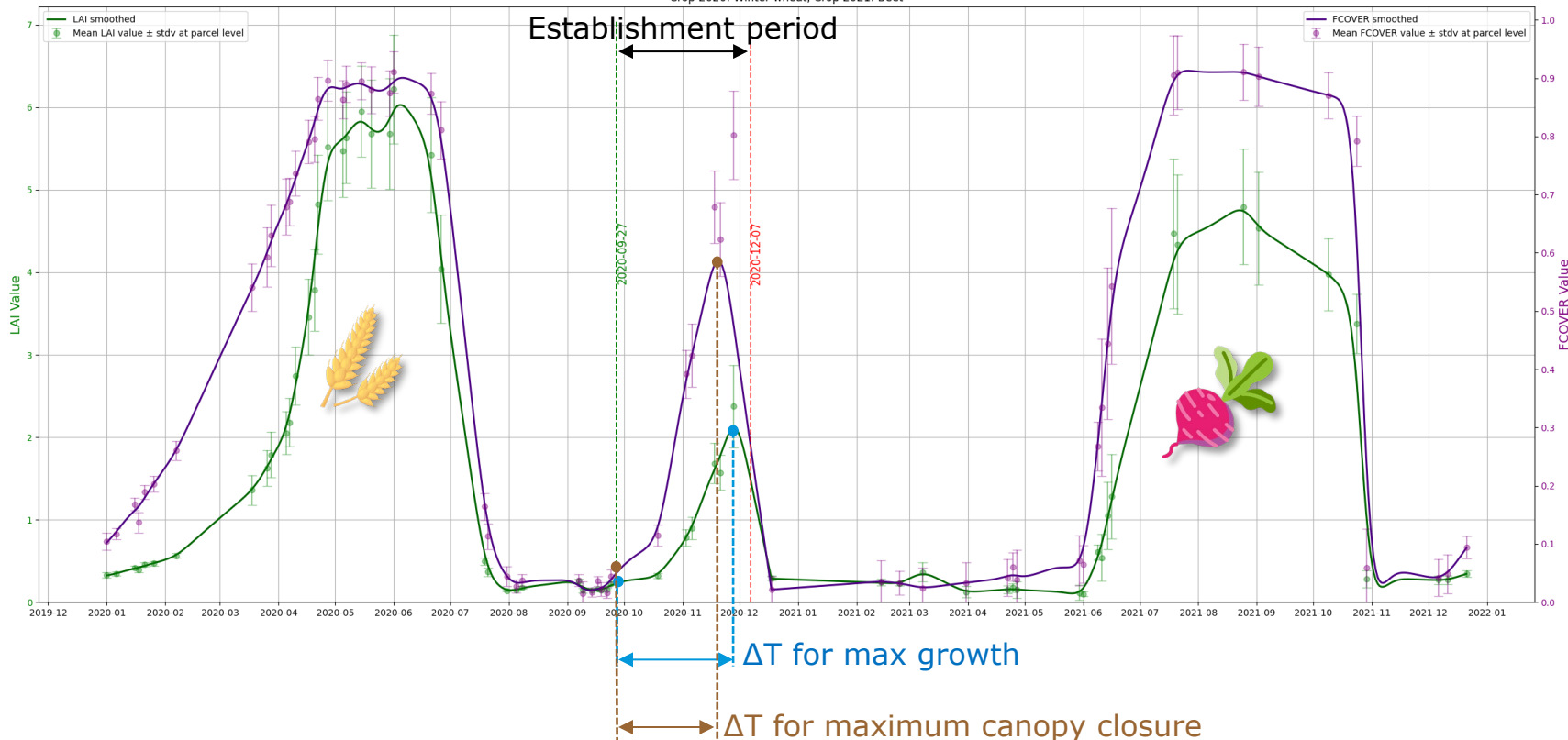
- Modified WISE and WIST algorithms (adjusted thresholds and date filtering method)
- Algorithms currently calibrated and validated on HRL VLLC SCE layer
  - o Need for real in-situ data on emergence and termination to improve robustness



# WCC processor: WCC characteristics extraction



Time Series of LAI and FCOVER (smoothed) for NewID 1919: 640  
Crop 2020: Winter wheat, Crop 2021: Beet

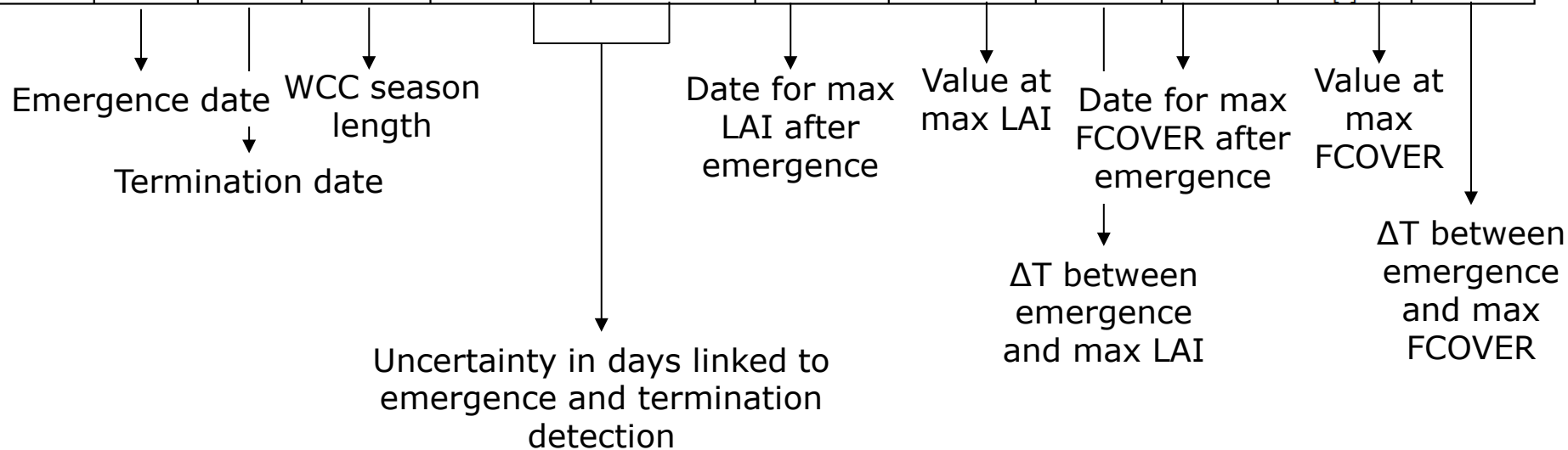


# WCC processor: WCC characteristics output csv



## Output: CSV table

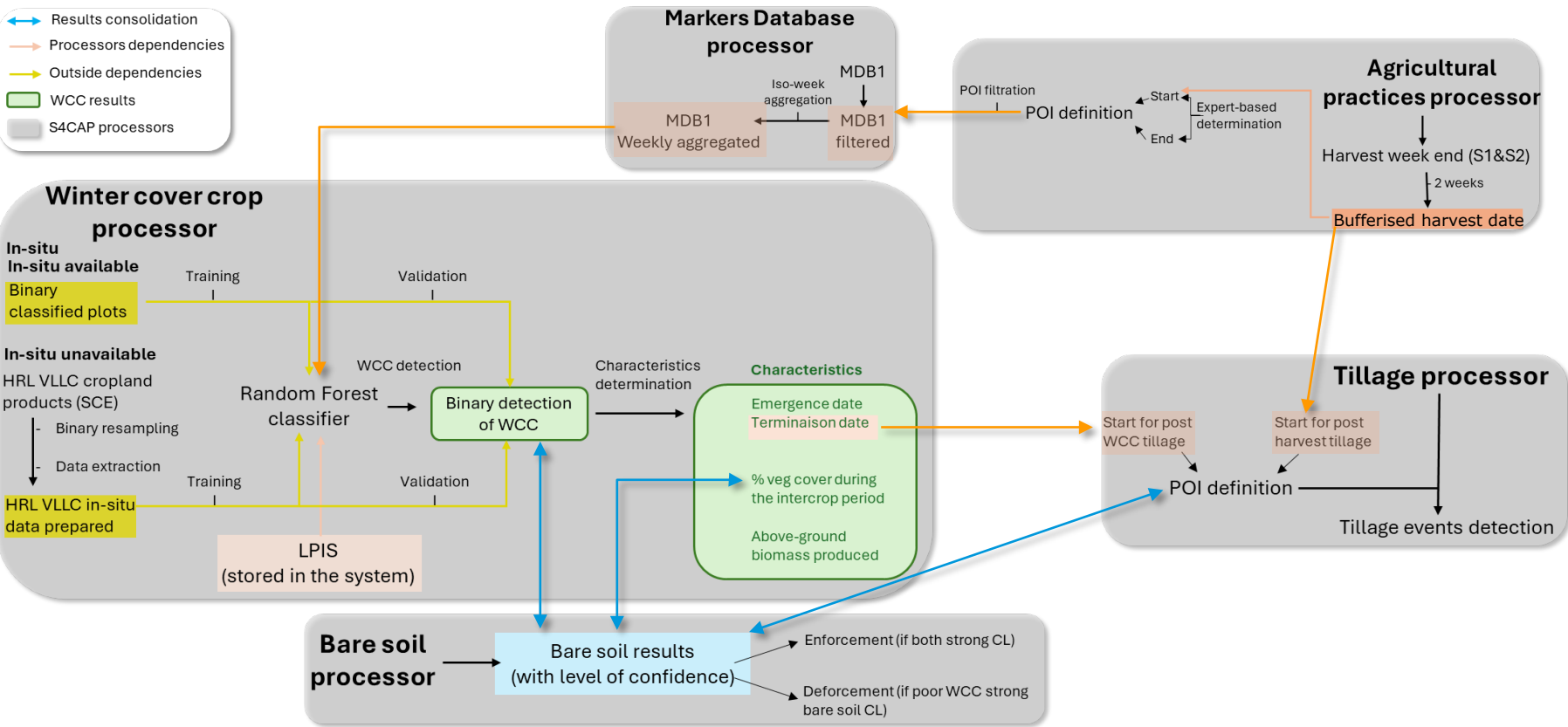
NewID	Em_d	Ter_d	S_length	Uncert_em	Uncert_ter	M_gro_d	M_gro_val	M_gro_t	M_cov_d	M_co_val	M_co_t
int	date	date	days	days	days	date	LAI val [-]	days	date	FCOVER val [-]	days



# WCC processor: overall dependencies within the system for WCC characteristics assessment

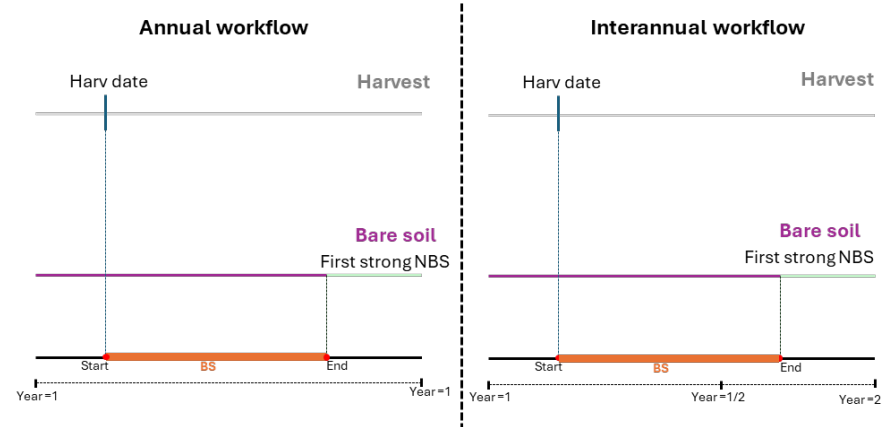
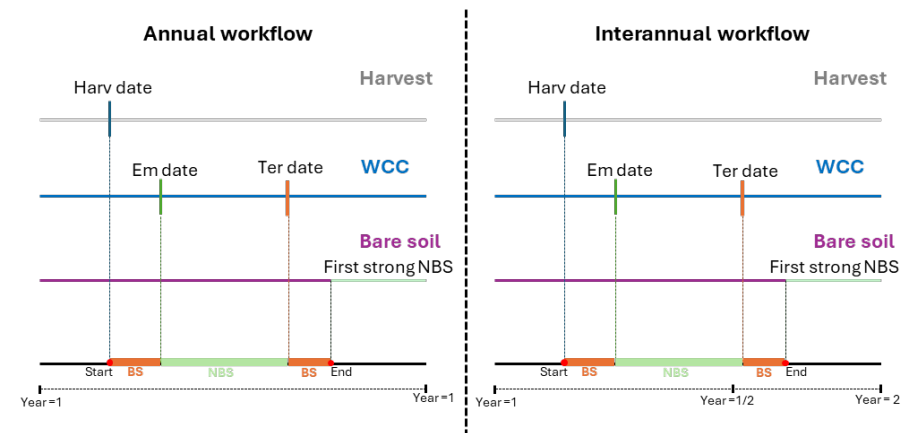


- ↔ Results consolidation
- Processors dependencies
- Outside dependencies
- WCC results
- S4CAP processors



## WCC scenario

## NWCC scenario



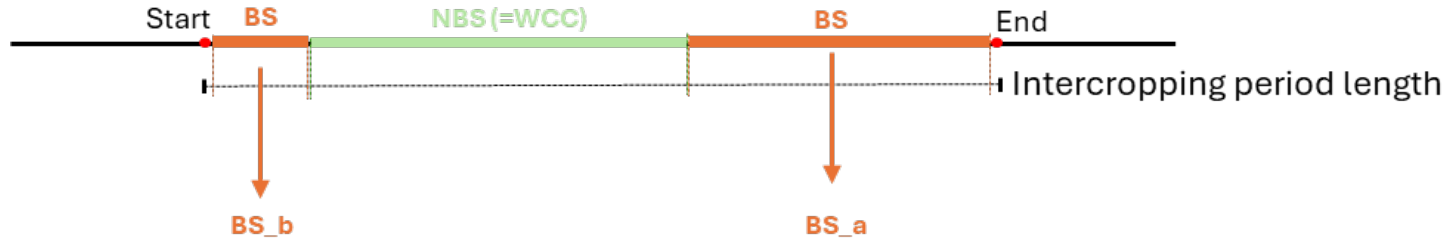
### Inputs:

- Start of harvest week from L4C processor
- Emergence and termination date from WCC processor
- BS/NBS detection from bare soil processor

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- BS/NBS detection from bare soil processor

# WCC processor: intercropping period analysis - expected outputs



Output: CSV table

NewID	Inter_d	BS_d	NBS_d	BS_b	BS_a	BS_per	NBS_per	BS_b_per	BS_a_per
Id of the field	Length of the intercropping period [days]	BS period length within the intercropping [days]	NBS period length within the intercropping [days]	BS period before WCC emergence [days]	BS period after WCC termination [days]	% of BS time over the entire intercrop period	% of NBS time over the entire intercrop period	% of BS before WCC emergence over the entire intercrop period	% of BS after WCC termination over the entire intercrop period

# WCC processor next steps



- Further developments and consolidation
  - Integration of bare soil data for detection consolidation (in progress)
  - Emergence and termination detection consolidation with S1 VH, VV, rVH/VV metrics
  - Development of the workflow for above-ground biomass estimation
  
- In situ data concerns:
  - Need for calibration and validation data for the different analyses
    - Presence/absence of WCC
    - Emergence/termination dates of WCC
    - WCC above-ground biomass measurements
    - WCC species



# TD processor is in development



Which information can be used to reduce false positives?

Proxies of residue cover?

Correct effect of precipitation?

**Objective:** Generalizable threshold-based algorithm

Need for **validation data**, feel free to reach out!



THANK YOU!

