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# Advances in remote sensing of cultivated landscapes at **LISAH**

**Abstract:** In order to propose new and sustainable methods for cultivated areas management, the French INRA-IRD-Supagro laboratory for the study of Soil-Agrosystem-Hydrosystem Interactions (LISAH) develops tools for modelling fluxes (water, soils, solutes) based on a fine characterisation and observation of the landscape mosaics and of its dynamic (field limits, networks, structures, vegetation, agricultural practices, topography, etc.). Such observations require to develop innovative acquisition and processing methods. This poster presents some of these methods concerning different scales and techniques.

## I. Digital Mapping of Soil properties

### Objective:

Mapping of soil properties over the Lebna catchment (250km<sup>2</sup>), from the surface to the sub-surface

### Approach in 3 steps:

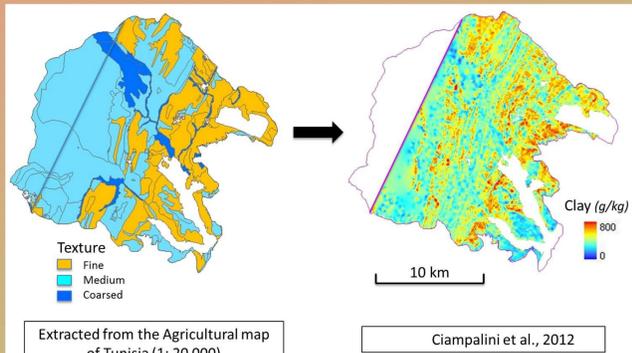
1<sup>st</sup>: Vis-NIR hyperspectral imaging data were used to map key topsoil properties over bare soils of Lebna catchment using multivariate models (Gomez et al., 2012).

2<sup>nd</sup>: These topsoil properties estimations were used as covariates in geostatistic methods to produce entire topsoil properties maps over Lebna catchment (see illustration).

3<sup>th</sup>: Topsoil properties estimations were used in pedotransfert functions to map sub-surface soil properties (Lagacherie et al., 2013).

**Results:** Vis-NIR hyperspectral imaging data and Digital Soil Mapping methods can be used to map key soil properties, used by soil surveyors to describe soil types, related to soil erosion processes...

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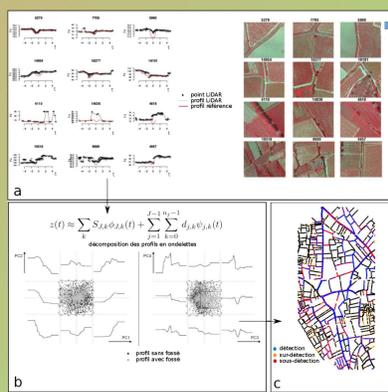
## II. Landscape structures mapping

### Objective:

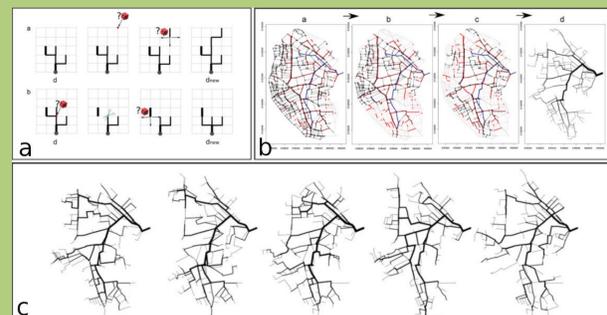
Mapping landscapes structures which have an impact on hydrological fluxes

### Approach :

- LiDAR DEM analysis to detect topographic discontinuities
- DEM-driven stochastic modelling to interpolate the detected lines and remove false detections



- a. 12 LiDAR profiles with ground truth and aerial views
- b. principle of Haar wavelet decomposition and classification
- c. result



- Stochastic modelling of ditches network
- a. network correction approaches : reconstruction and cut
- b. application of the reconstruction
- c. five equiprobable reconstructed networks

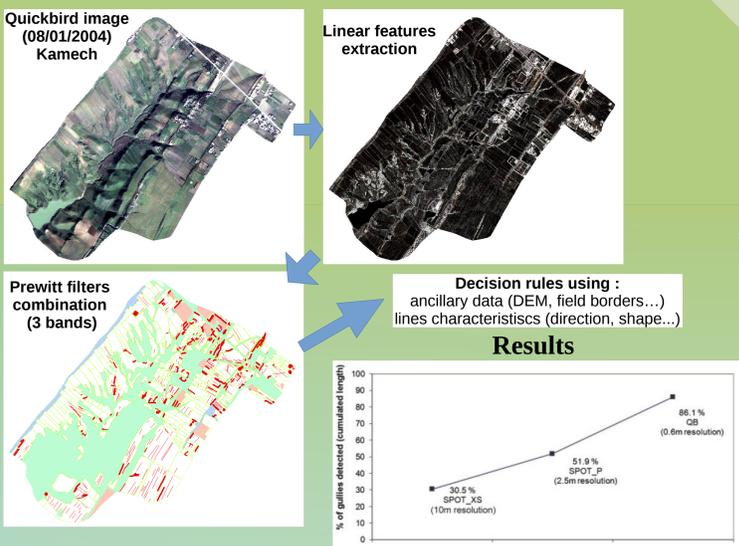
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## III. Gullies detection with THRS imagery

### Objective:

Exhaustive mapping of gullies for hydrological modelling

- Approach :**
- Contour detection from THRS satellite imagery
  - Filter combination and decision rules with ancillary data



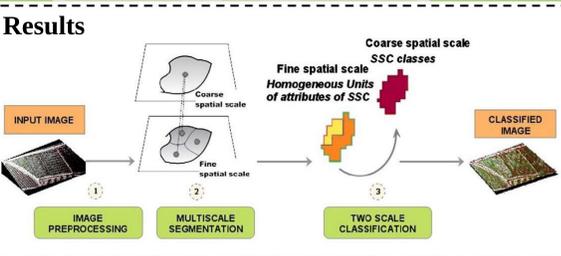
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## IV. Soil Crust Mapping

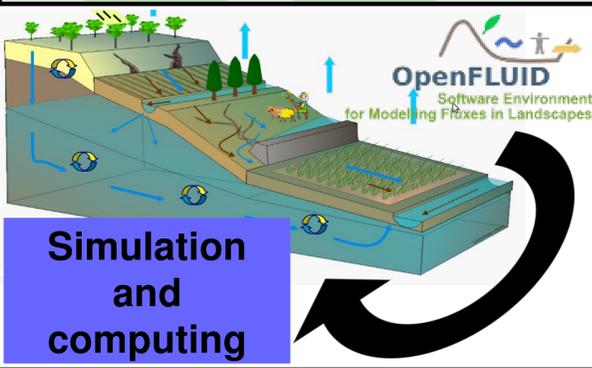
**Objective:** Monitoring of soil crust dynamics at the crop scale

### Approach :

- Lightweight platform (UAV) ; ultra high resolution
- Mapping of soil surface characteristics



**Reference :** C. Corbane, D. Raclot, F. Jacob, J. Albergel, P. Andrieux, Remote sensing of soil surface characteristics from a multiscale classification approach, *CATENA*, Volume 75, Issue 3, 15 November 2008, Pages 308-318, ISSN 0341-8162, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.catena.2008.07.009.



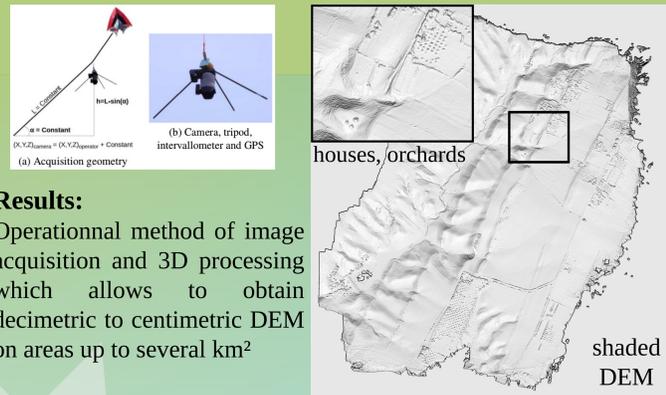
## V. 3D modelling by photogrammetry and Structure-from-Motion (SfM)

### Objectives:

Attaining a decimeter to centimeter scale description of landscape features at the watershed scale

### Approach :

- Lightweight image acquisition : light platforms (kite) and consumer grade cameras
- High image redundancy and SfM approaches for processing



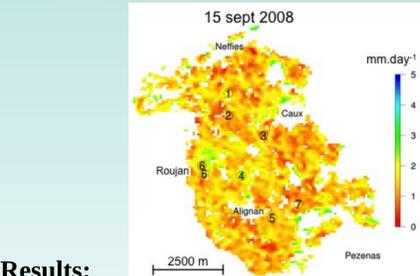
**Results:** Operational method of image acquisition and 3D processing which allows to obtain decimetric to centimetric DEM on areas up to several km<sup>2</sup>

**Reference :** Feurer, D.; El Maoui, M. A.; Planchon, O.; Boussema, M. R. & Pierrrot-Desileigny, M. Kite-Borne photogrammetry for decimetric 3D mapping of several square kilometres areas. *Proceedings of IEEE 2015 International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS'15)*, 2015

## VI. Mapping evapotranspiration of vineyards

**Objective:** Mapping of vineyard daily evapotranspiration (ETR) over the Peyne catchment (65 km<sup>2</sup>)

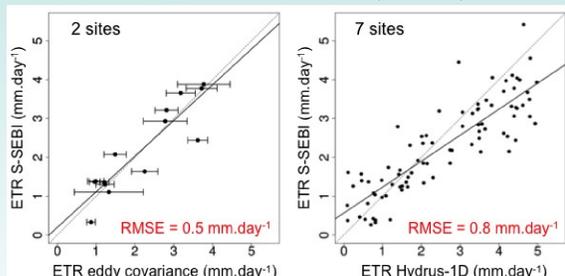
**Approach :** 12 ETR maps produced from visible-NIR and thermal IR images (ASTER instrument, 90 m resolution) using two water stress indices : WDI (Moran et al., 1994) and S-SEBI (Roerink et al., 2000)



**Results:** Visible-NIR and thermal images allow for ETR mapping at the regional scale. ETR maps can be useful for assessing the available water content of soils

**Reference :** Galleguillos, M., Jacob, F., Prévot, L., Lagacherie, P. and French, A., Comparing two simplified models for inferring daily evapotranspiration from ASTER over a Mediterranean vineyard watershed. *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 2015, 6 (115), 1326-1340

Validation at the plot scale against eddy covariance ETR measurements (sites 6 and 7) and against ETR outputs of the HYDRUS-1D water transfer model (sites 1-7)

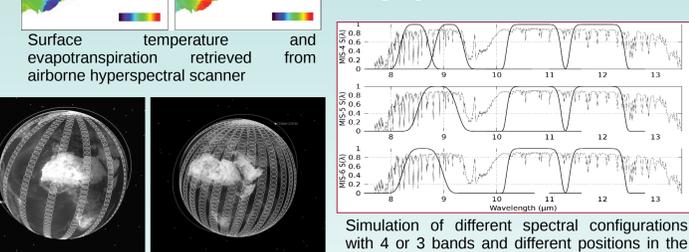


## VII. Mistigri mission design

**Objective:** Design of a high spatial and temporal resolution thermal satellite

### Approach :

Image simulation (radiative transfer modelling, airborne campaigns)



**Results:** Having worked on the spectral sampling (bands, bands resolutions) the LISAH team proposed a spectral configuration allowing for a 1K accuracy in temperature estimation

**Reference :** Lagouarde, J.-P.; Bach, M.; Sobrino, J. A.; Boulet, G.; Briottet, X.; Cherchali, S.; Couderc, B.; Dadou, I.; Dedieu, G.; Gamet, P.; Hagolle, O.; Jacob, F.; Nerry, F.; Oliosio, A.; Otlé, C.; Louis Roujean, J. & Fargant, G. The MISTIGRI thermal infrared project: scientific objectives and mission specifications. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 2013, 34, 3437-3466