

# A CASE STUDY ON HIGH RESOLUTION IMAGES TIME SERIES FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND COVER MAPPING AND EVAPOTRANSPIRATION

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OBJECTIVE : PREPARATION OF SENTINEL-2 OPERATIONAL EXPLOITATION.



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## Sirhyus Project :

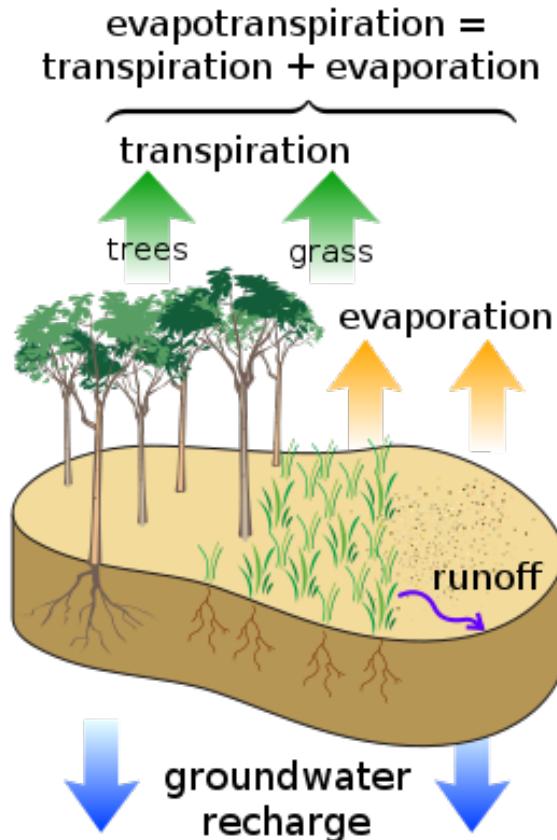
SIRHYUS The project aims to design, develop and implement **operational services** dedicated to the **management of inland freshwater** ressources through integration, assimilation and exploitation of earth observation satellite data.

The purpose of this project is to offer new services, relying on scientific expertise and recognized manufacturers. In this context, **CESBIO is committed to developing a processing chain for reporting hydrological dynamics at global scale of a watershed.**



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## Which indicator to monitor for reporting hydrological dynamics ?



-Units : mm/day

-Factors of influences :

- plant type
- stage of growth of the plant
- plant height/root depth
- air humidity and temperature
- ....

-Order of magnitude of evapotranspiration :

- most important part of the water balance
- ~ 60% of the rainfall in continental areas

- ➔ Information about soil water quantity (drought)
- ➔ Very Useful water management agency

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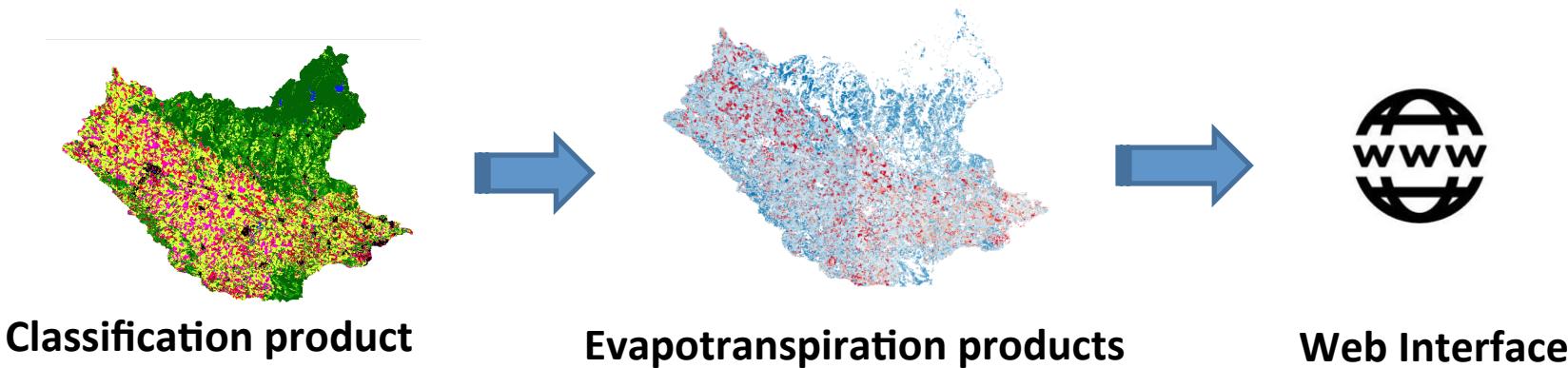


## Constraints

- Automatic processing
- Low cost data
- Operational information (available for all users)
- Near real time



## Outcome of the Sirhyus project



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## Studied Area : The Fresquel watershed

**Area :** 931 km<sup>2</sup>

**Location :** South-West of France

**Water environment :** fresh surface water

**Agriculture Field:** mainly cereals, meadow, vineyard, sunflower



Between Carcassone & Castelnaudary

A co-working project with



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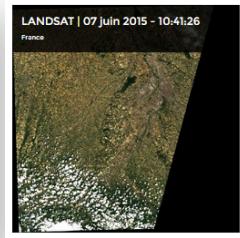
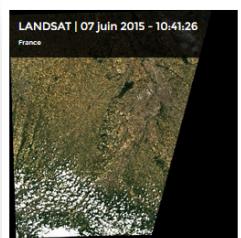
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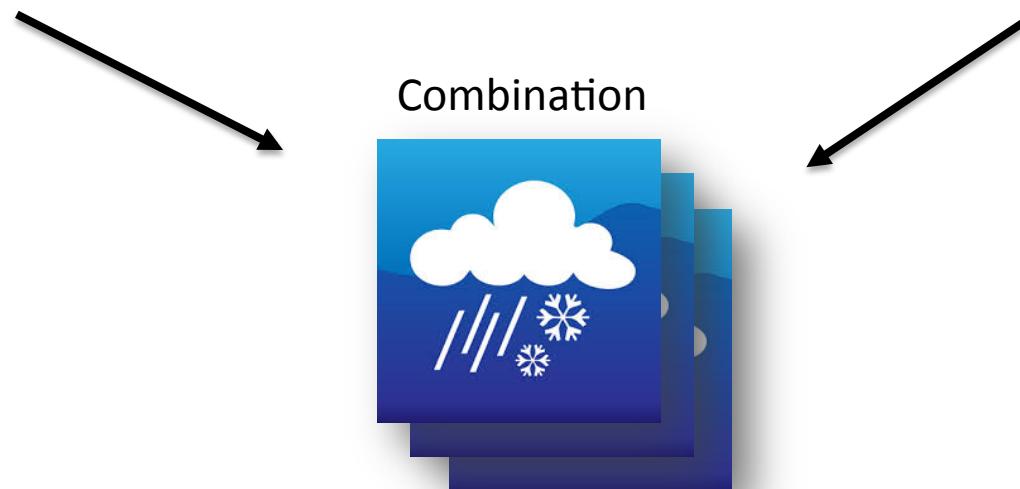
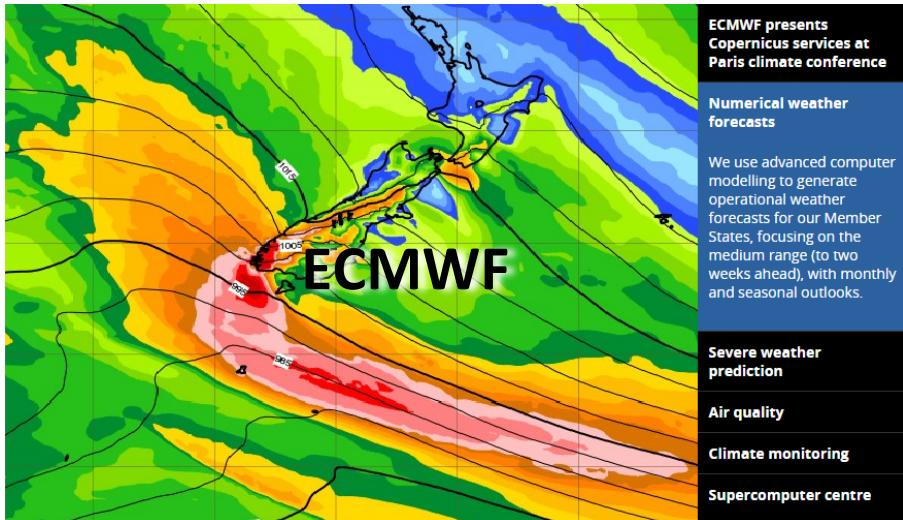
Theia

Le Pôle Thématique Surfaces Continentales Theia a pour vocation de faciliter l'usage des images issues de l'observation des surfaces continentales depuis l'espace. Theia met à disposition de la communauté scientifique et des politiques publiques une vaste panoplie d'images à différentes échelles, des méthodes et des services.



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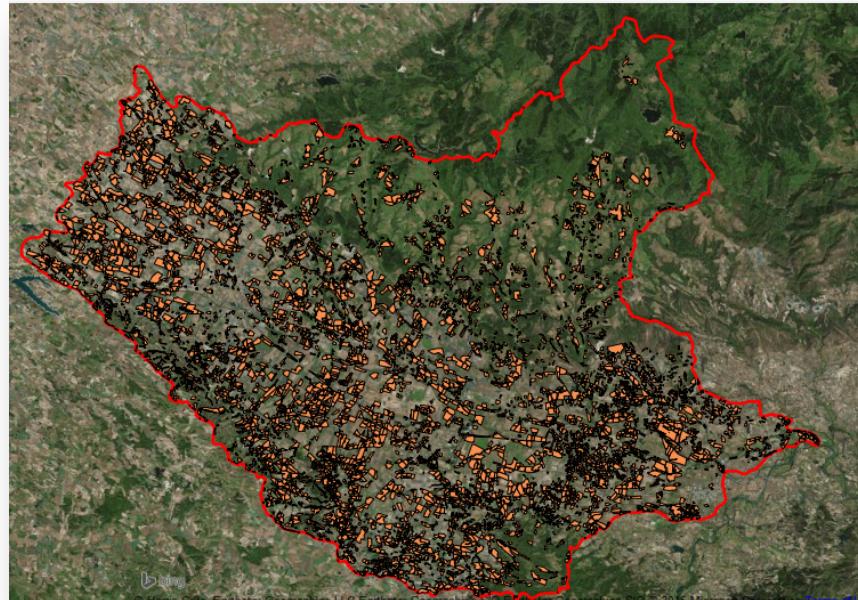


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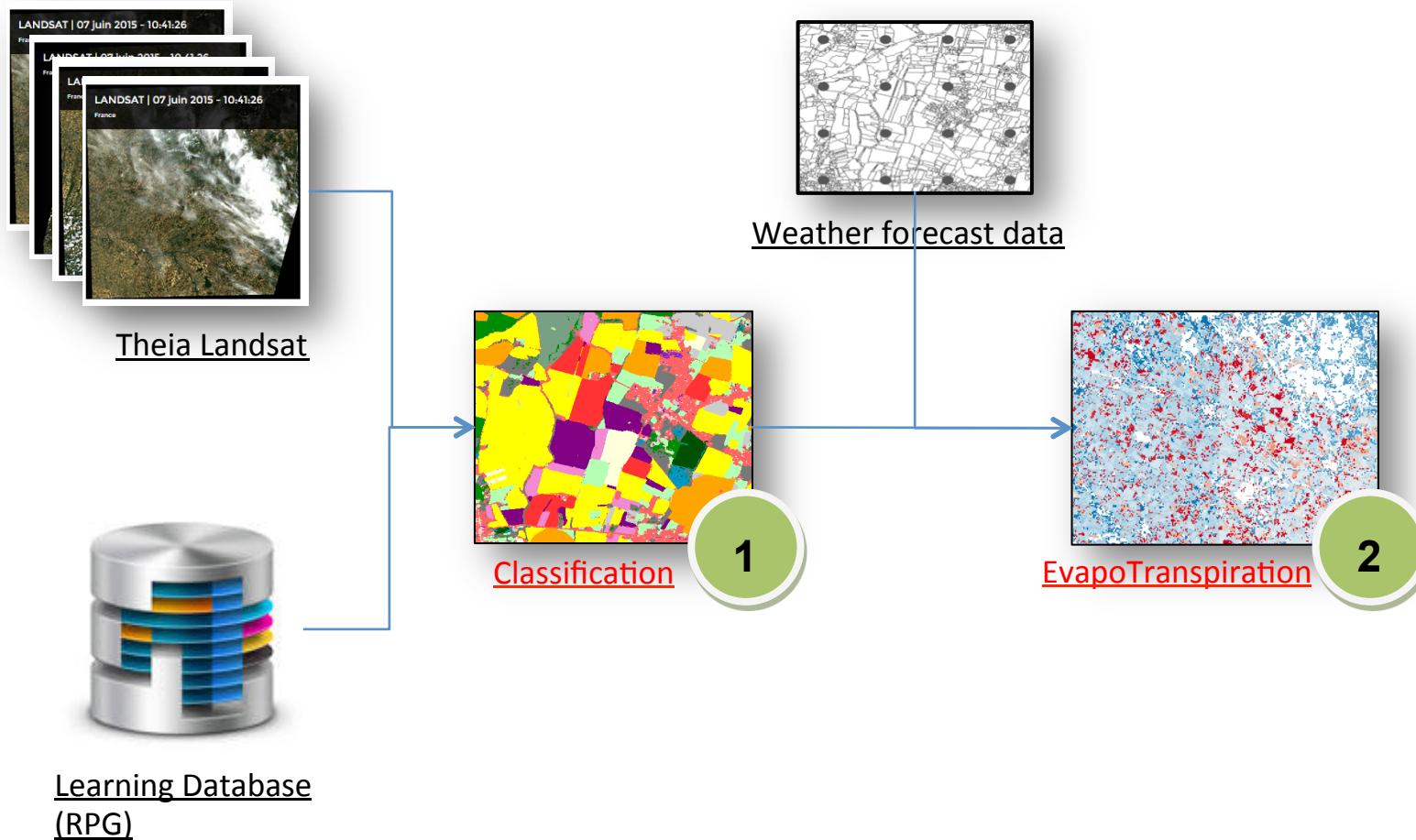
**RPG**

**Information on crops  
provided by farmers in the  
frame of the CAP (Common  
Agricultural Policy)**

**~8200 fields information  
From 2011 to 2012**

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## An overview of the data flow



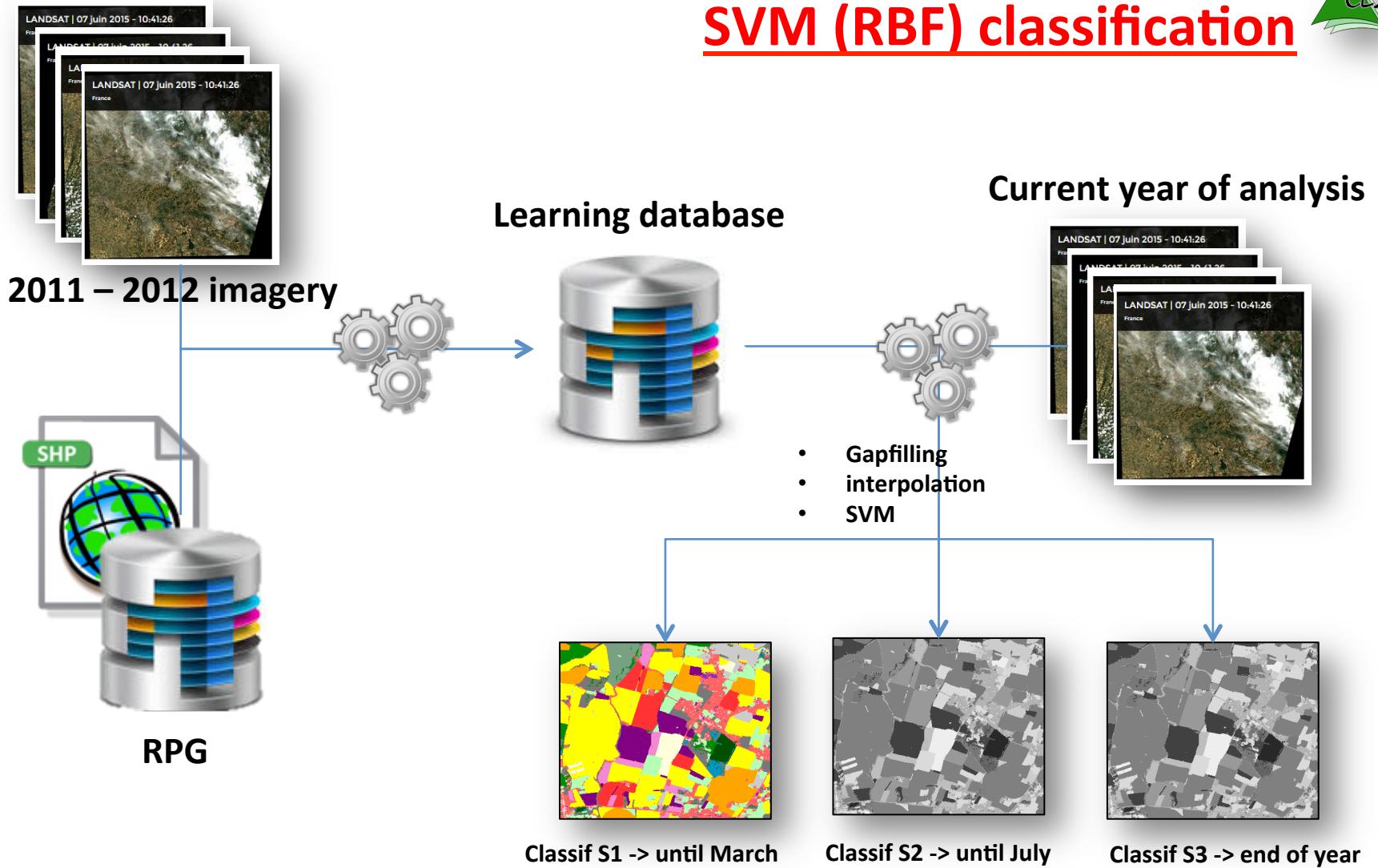


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## Automatic Classification

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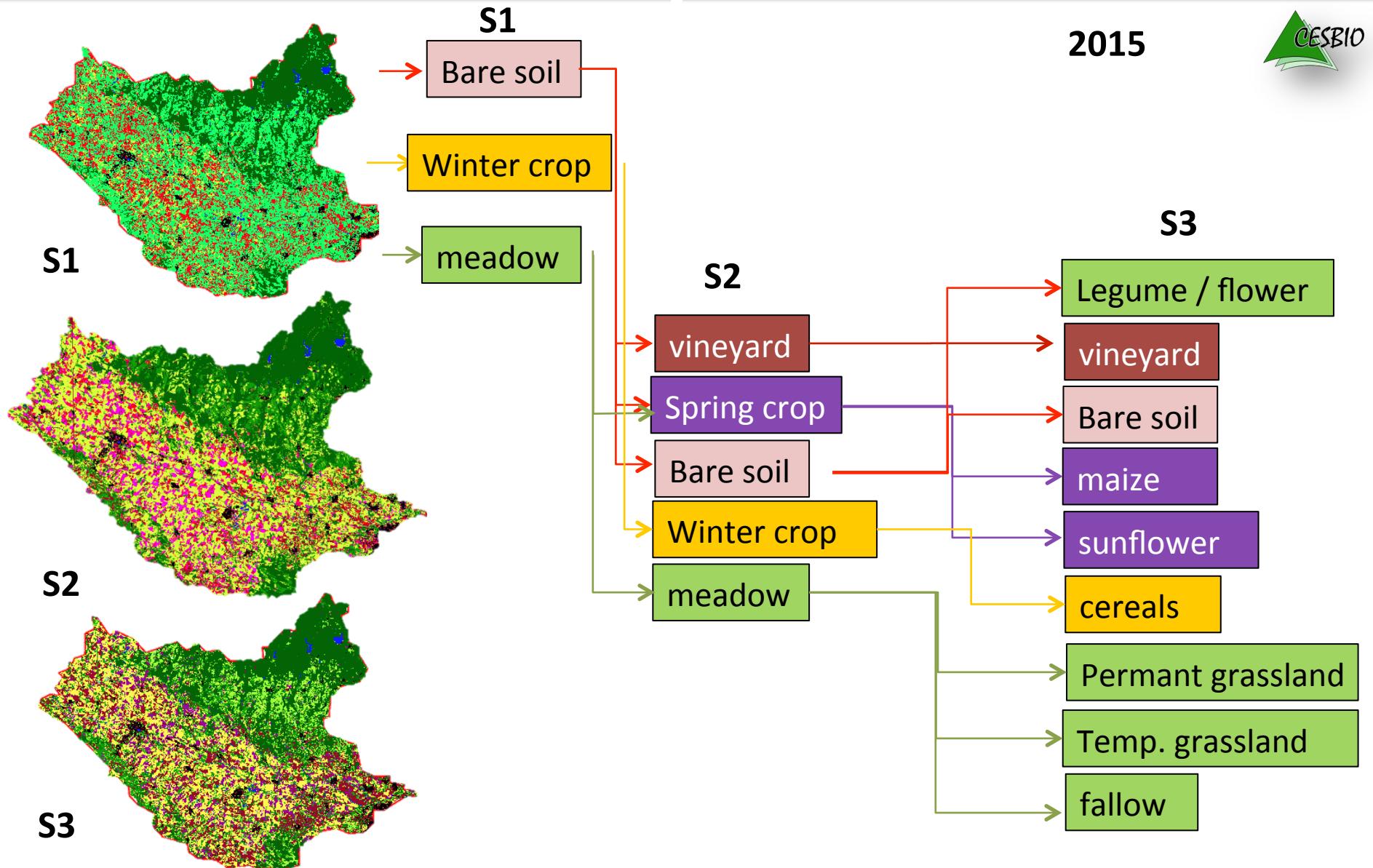


Based on preconisation on S2-agri (J.Inglada)



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## Validation of classification over Midi-pyrénées Area in 2010 & 2013 [Kalideos]

	KAPPA	% wheat	%maize	%barley	%rape	%sunflowers	%meadow
2010-2011 *	<b>0.65</b>	0.793846 0.77085	0.913849 0.426427	0.111979 0.258982	0.14837 0.251099	0.83856 0.940899	0.919917 0.718067
2012-2013 **	<b>0.69</b>	0.705746 0.867507	0.915674 0.773704	0.0972041 0.0131516	0.951213 0.0142756	0.856868 0.826949	0.78074 0.891494

\* Use Kalideos SPOT4-SPOT5 imagery

\*\* Use of spot4-take5 timeseries for 2012-2013 completed with Kalideos imagery

## Field campaign in progress from 2015

~ 250 fields analysed

Still not representative of the agronomic pattern of Fresquel watershed

*... In progress ...*

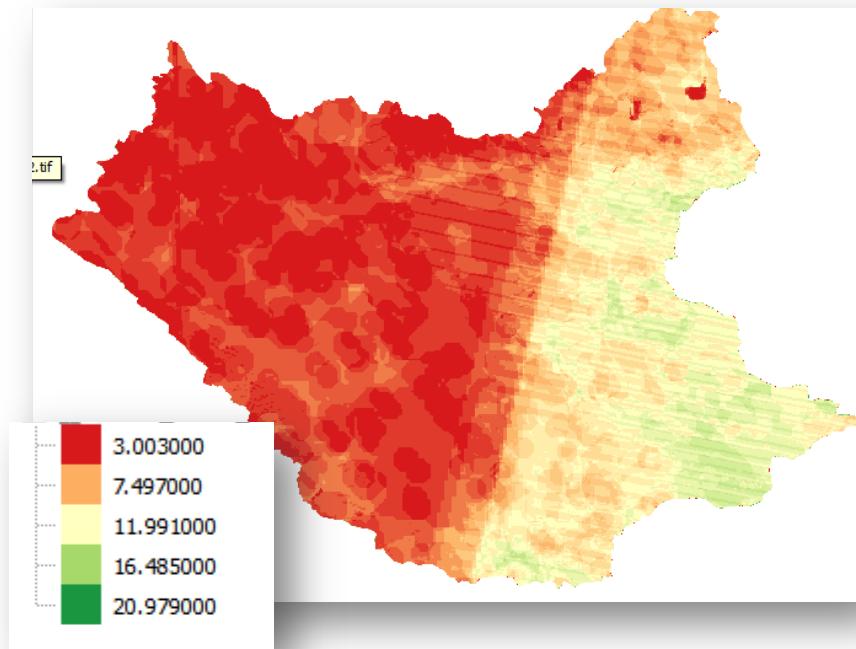
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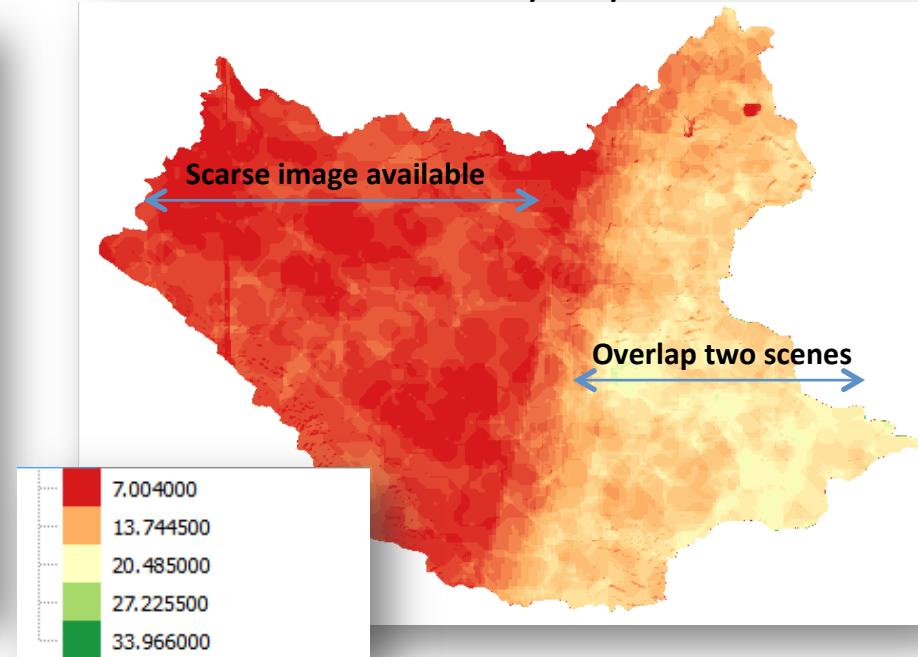


## Limits

2013 : number of sunny day on the area



2014 : number of sunny day on the area



Very cloudy year are a real problem to deal with :

- only one observation until March for 2013 year
- very bad repartition of sunny day over the year

➔ An important limit for the use of Landsat Imagery



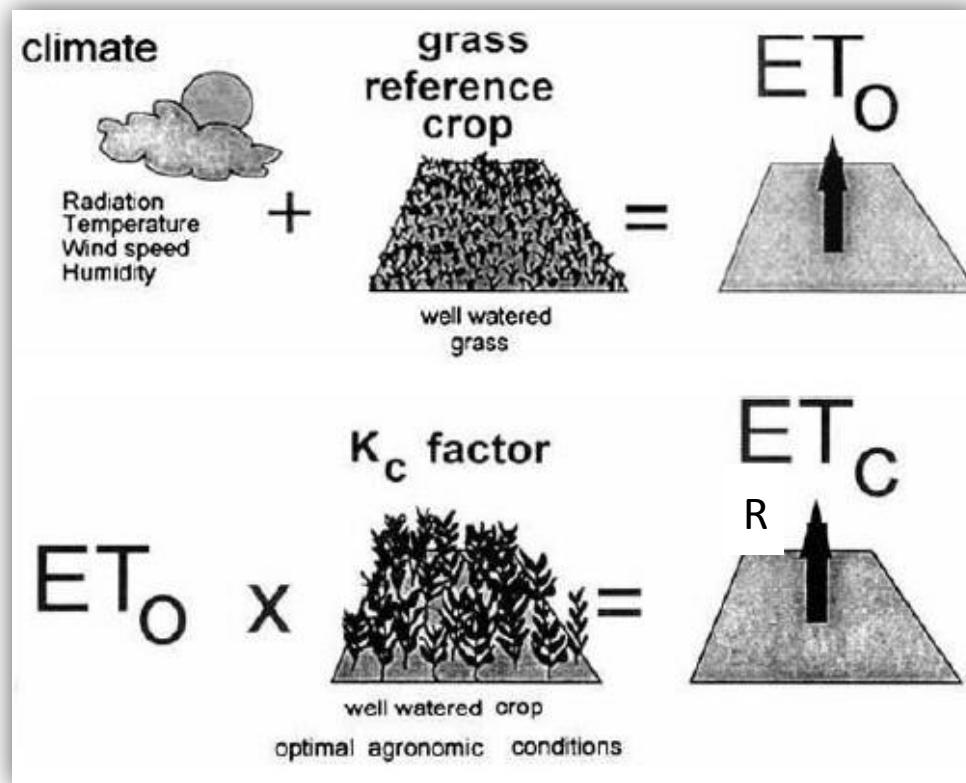
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## Computation of evapotranspirationn : Method FAO-56



$$ETR = K_c * ET_O = (K_{cb} \times K_s + K_e) \times ET_O$$

$$ETR = (K_{cb} \times K_s) \times ET_O + K_e \times ET_O$$

Transpiration

Evaporation

↓

Plants

Soil

Method « Dual Crop Coefficient »

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## Computation of ET<sub>0</sub> : Penman Monteith equation

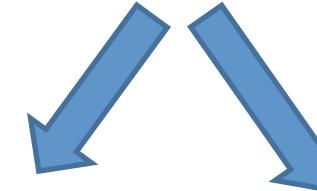
$$ET_0 = \frac{0.408\Delta(R_n - G) + \gamma \frac{900}{T+273} u_2(e_s - e_a)}{\Delta + \gamma(1 + 0.34u_2)}$$

where :

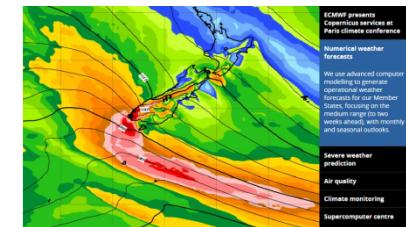
- ET<sub>0</sub> reference evapotranspiration [mm day<sup>-1</sup>],
- R<sub>n</sub> net radiation at the crop surface [MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>],
- G soil heat flux density [MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>],
- T mean daily air temperature at 2 m height [°C],
- u<sub>2</sub> wind speed at 2 m height [m s<sup>-1</sup>],
- e<sub>s</sub> saturation vapour pressure [kPa],
- e<sub>a</sub> actual vapour pressure [kPa],
- e<sub>s</sub> - e<sub>a</sub> saturation vapour pressure deficit [kPa],
- D slope vapour pressure curve [kPa °C<sup>-1</sup>],
- g psychrometric constant [kPa °C<sup>-1</sup>].



### Meteorological data : several sources



GFS (NASA)



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## Computation of KC



Several experimental campaign in France have been conducted  
By CESBIO to calibrate empirical relation FOR EACH CROP :

$$KC = a * NDVI + b$$

$$ET = ET_0 * (Kc + Ke)$$

$$FC = A * NDVI + B$$

[...]



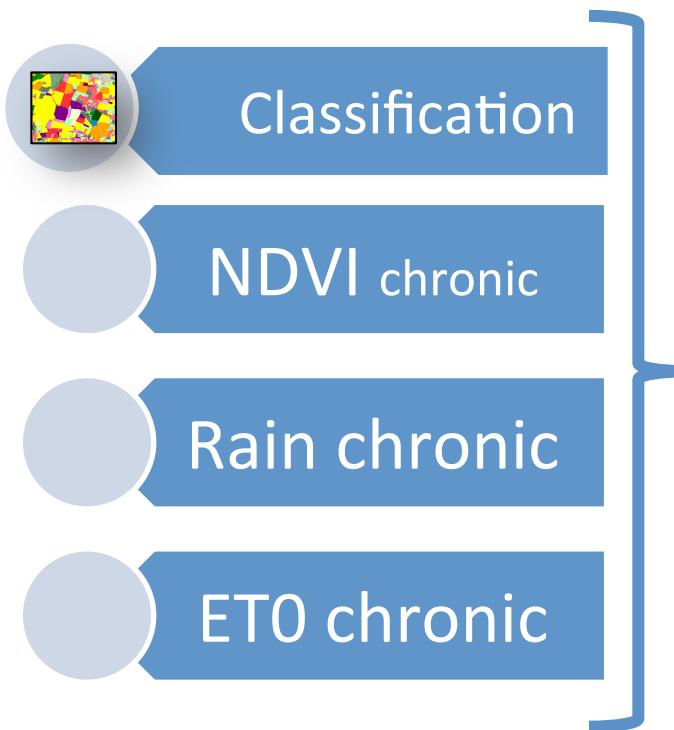
Field Experimentation, wheat, Lamasquère in 2010

## Model SAMIR : Satellite Monitoring Of Irrigation : FAO method + multi temporal time series images

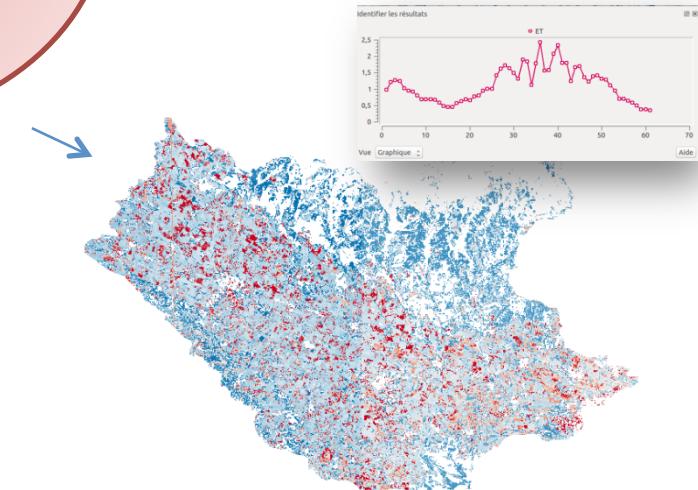
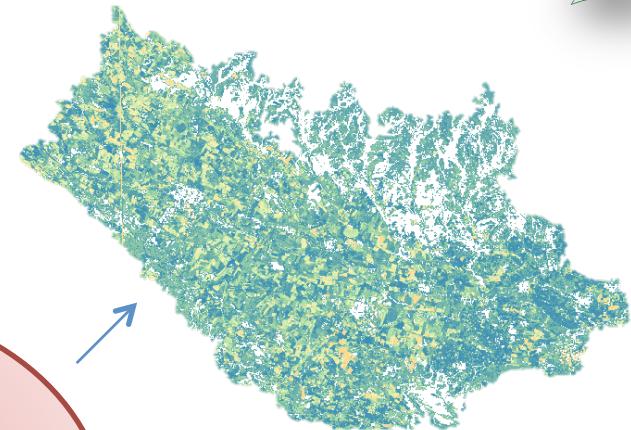
Simonneaux et al. Estimation spatialisée de l'évapotranspiration des cultures irriguées par télédétection : application à la gestion de l'irrigation dans la plaine du Haouz, Sécheresse 2009 ; 20(1)

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**Evapotranspiration  
+  
Water Budget chronic**

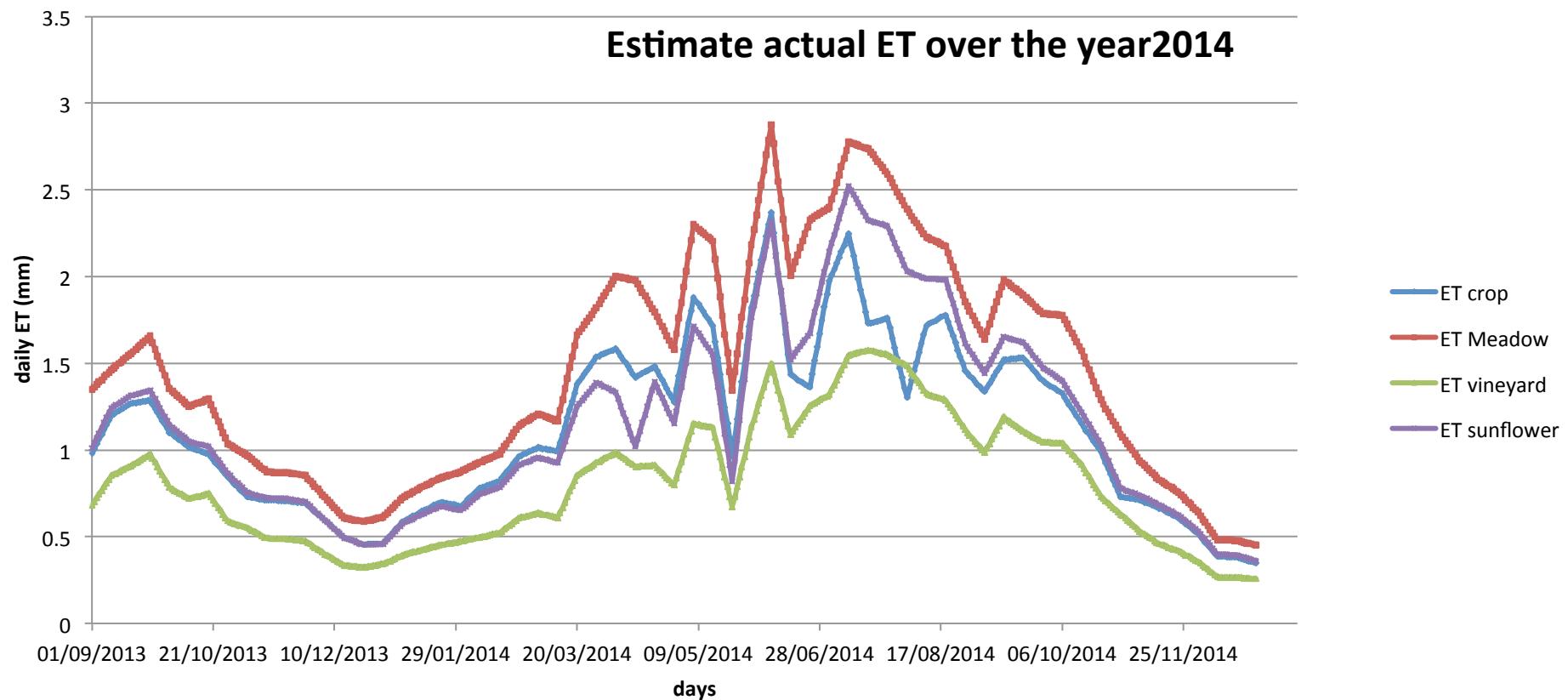


*NB : No irrigation → Theoretical ET only due to rainfall*

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**evapotranspiration of crop, meadow, vineyard and sunflower.**



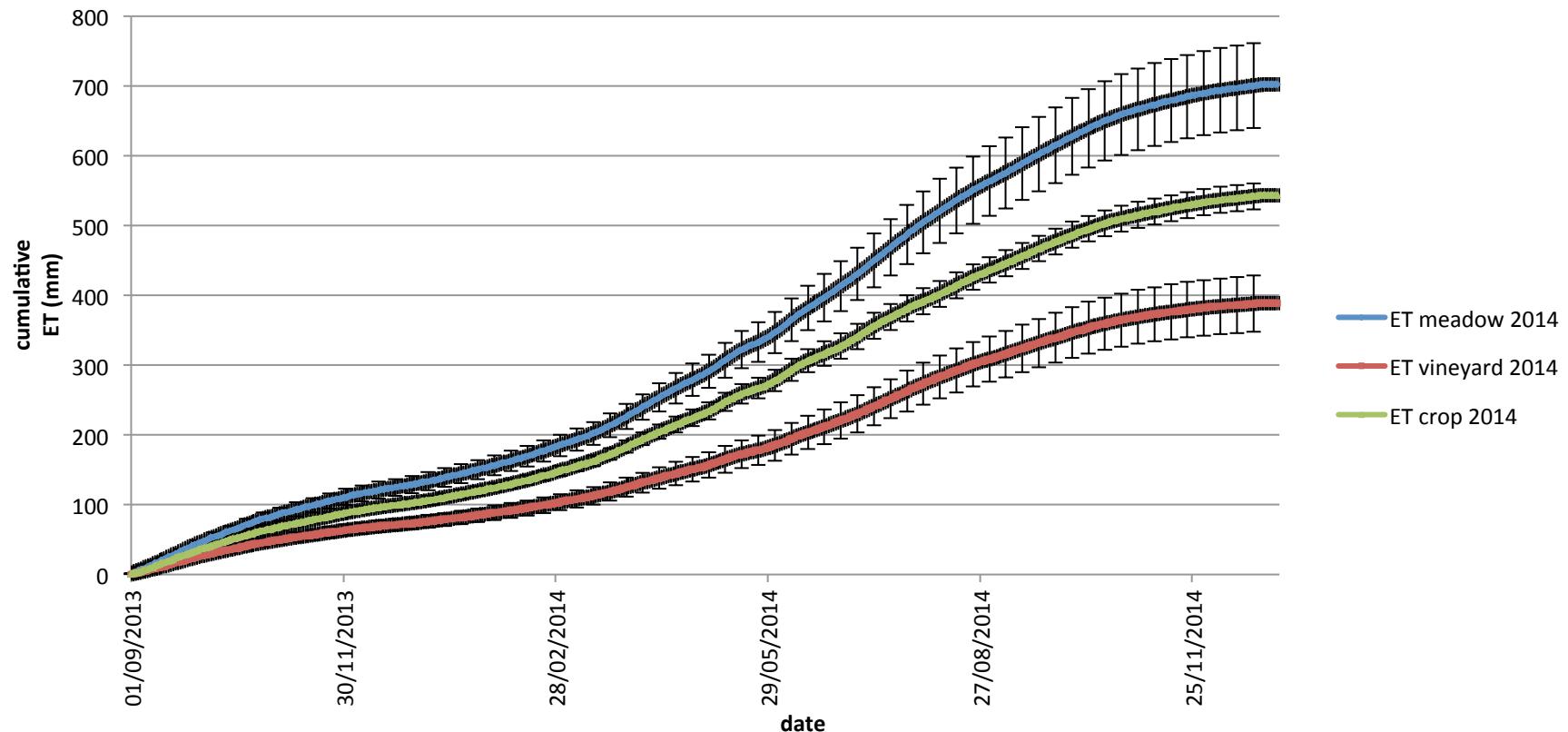
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## Cumulated evapotranspiration of crop, meadow and vineyard and STD over the year 2014



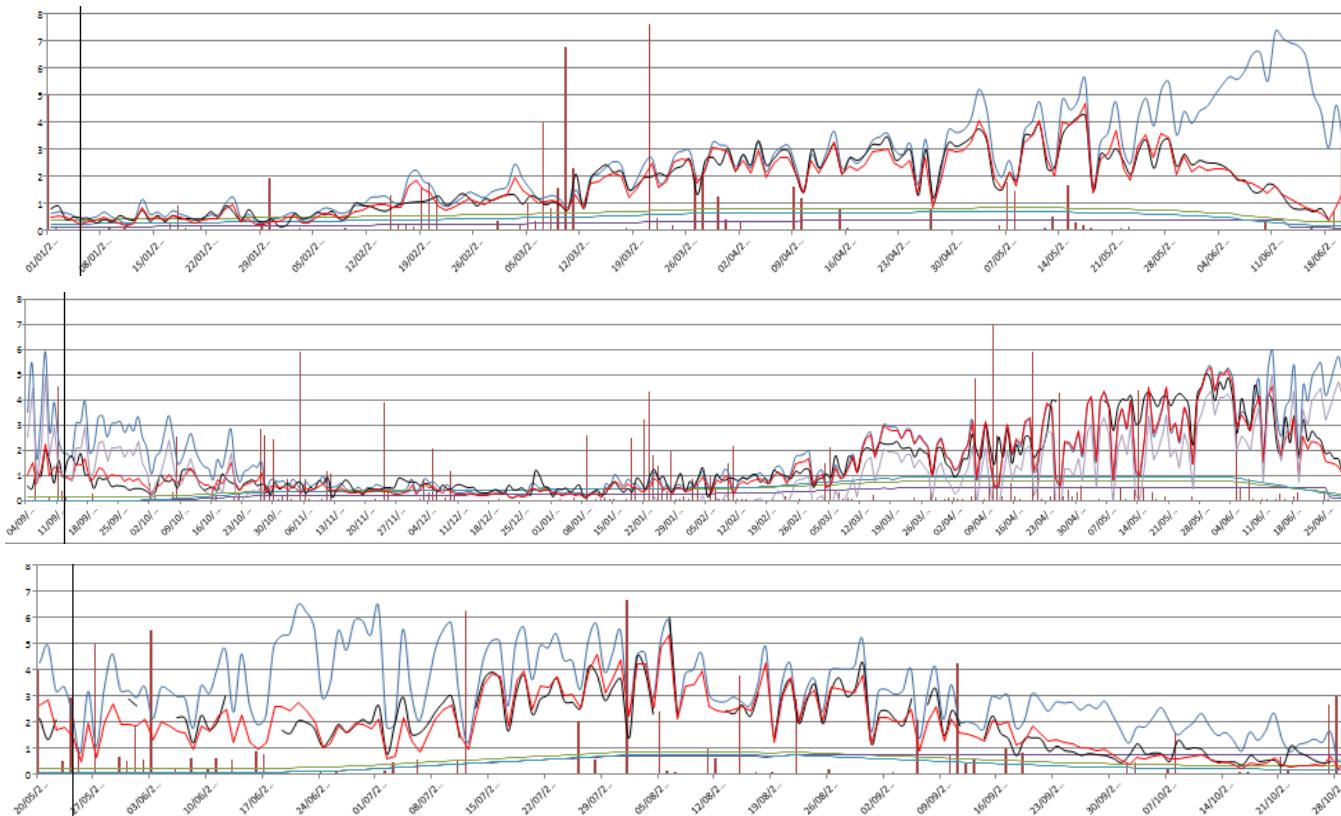
**Cumulative ET and STD for each species**



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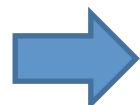
## Validation with in-situ data (edy Covariance) set



**AURADE 2006**  
*Wheat*  
**Nash = 93.7**

**AURADE 2009**  
*Rape*  
**Nash = 82.3**

**LAMASQUERE 2008**  
*Maize*  
**Nash = 87.3**



Over the 12 french test periods we studied with in situ validation  
the mean Nash criteria is 82.8

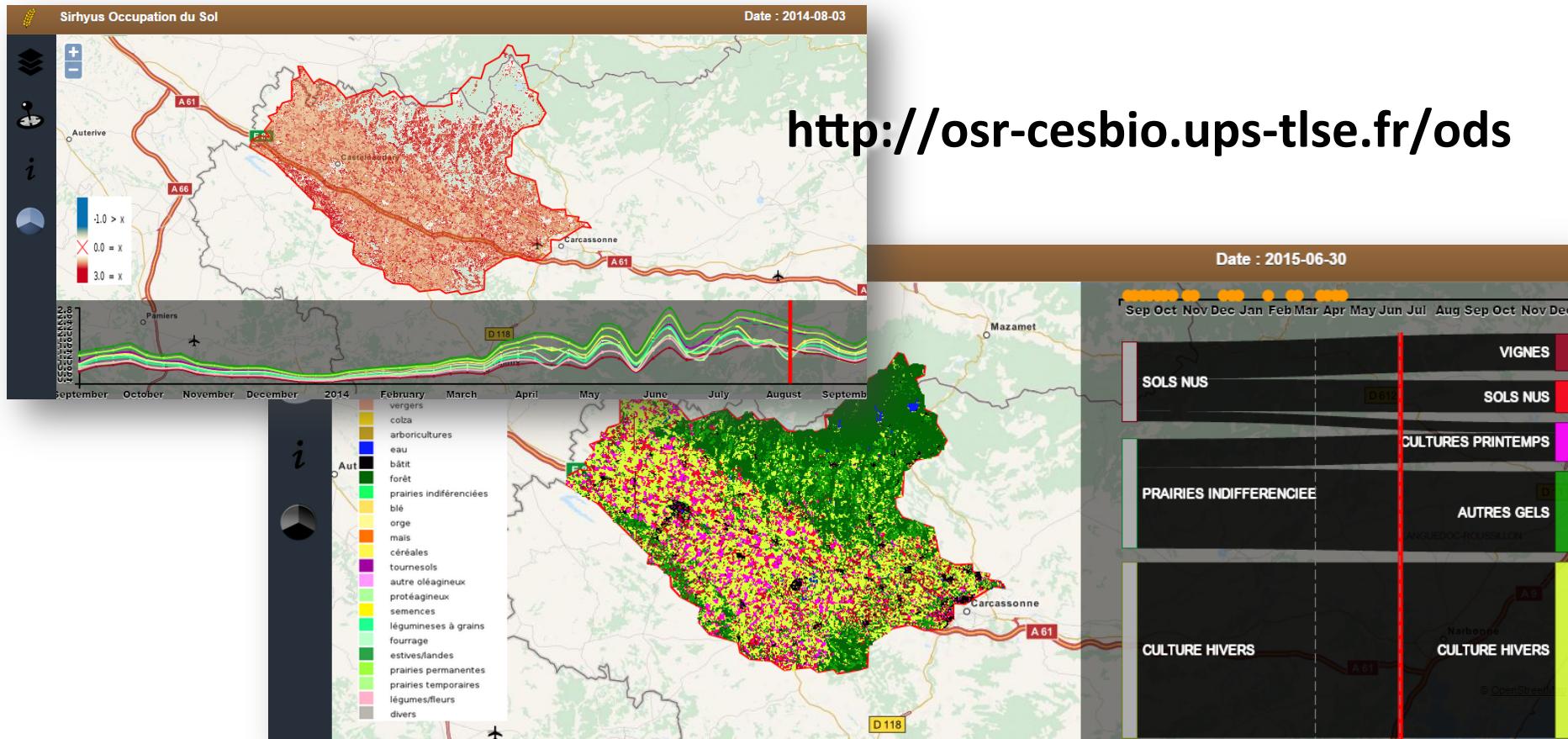
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We developed a web interface to demonstrate the operationnality of such approach :



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## Conclusion

- **The first web application using Landsat Theia in an operational process**
  - Near real time (1 month delay)
  - Automatic process
- **Large possibility of improvement of the processing chain**
  - Random forest classification algorithm
  - S2 images (multispectral, revisit, constant angle)
  - Quicker delivery of S-2 product (hopefully)
- **Analysis of result still in progress**
  - Results to evaluate in the current campaign
  - Continuous analysis of user needs

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## Lessons learned

- **Automatisation is a real challenge**
  - Hard to have same quality over years
  - Automatic Classification results less accurate than custom-made
- **Real time is sometime difficult to realize**
  - API modification (theia)
- **Validation hard to realized**
  - Classification (costly campaign )
  - Evapotranspiration (expensive mesure equipment)

Thank you for  
your attention

Questions?