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Experiments on Machine Learning Techniques for Soil Classification Using Sentinel-2 Products

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HORUS Project

- Software Toolbox for Pedological Monitoring of Transylvanian Area based on Sentinel-2 Data
- Funded by the Romanian Space Agency (ROSA), member of ESA
- Contract 184/2017, 2017-2019
- Partners:
 - Technical University of Cluj-Napoca (UTCN)
 - University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj-Napoca (USAMV)

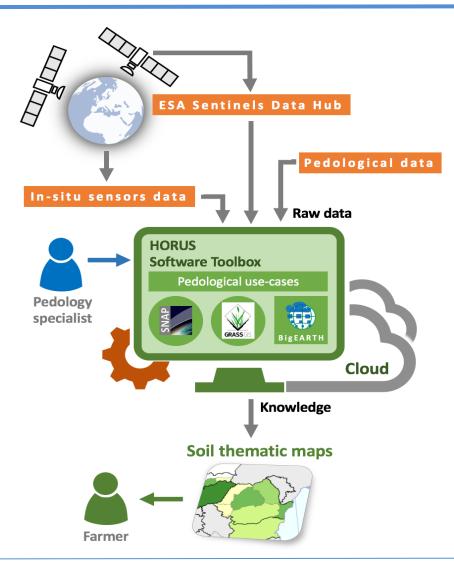




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Satellite data to pedology





Sentinel-2 data

- Provided by Sentinel-2 satellites as part of the Copernicus Programme
- Characteristics:
 - Revisiting every 5 days under the same viewing angles
 - Spatial resolution of 10 m, 20 m and 60 m
 - Multi-spectral data (13 bands)
 - · Free and open data policy
- Examples of applications:
 - Monitoring land cover changes
 - Agricultural crop monitoring
 - Observation of coastal zones
 - · Glacier monitoring, ice extent mapping, snow cover monitoring
 - Flood mapping & management



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Sentinel-2 data processing

- Issues:
 - High volume of data
 - High computational resources
- Proposed solution:
 - Flexible description of processing
 - Parallel and distributed execution over the cloud
 - Interactive application

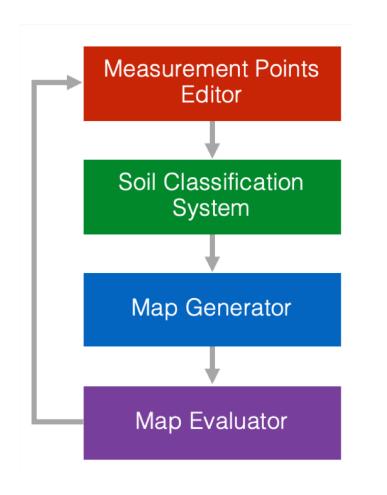


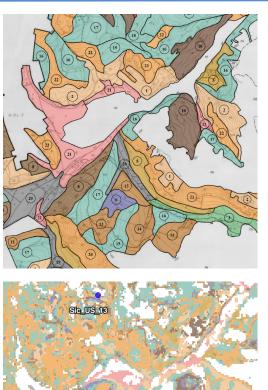
Soil classification

- Complex process based on the field observation and analysis
- Soil classification process is different for various countries and regions
- Not all soil parameters can be mapped onto the satellite data
- Satellite data computation needs local calibration based on particular context
- Classification criteria are indirectly inferred from the computed parameters
- Real time computation require high performance computation resource



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(a) Reference pedological map





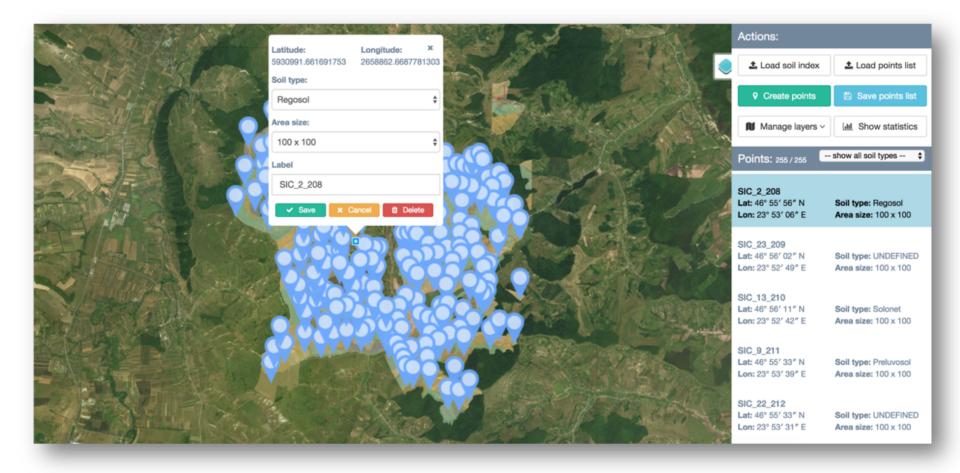
Measurement Points Editor

• Allows the editing of the set of measurement points used for training the Soil Classification System

		Actions:	
	Latitude: Longitude: X	1 Load soil index	Load points list
No.	5931174.6341018975 2663438.4821671443	 • Create points	Save points list
	Soil type: REGOSOL	Manage layers ~	LIII Show statistics
	Area size:	Points: 1/1	show all soil types 💲
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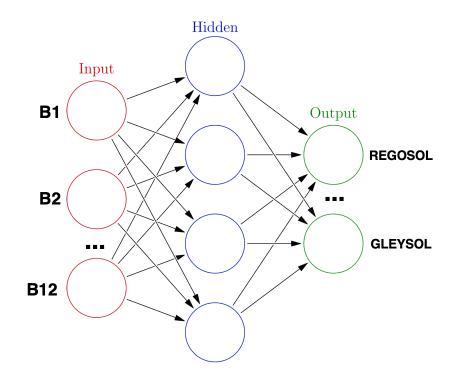
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Soil Classification System

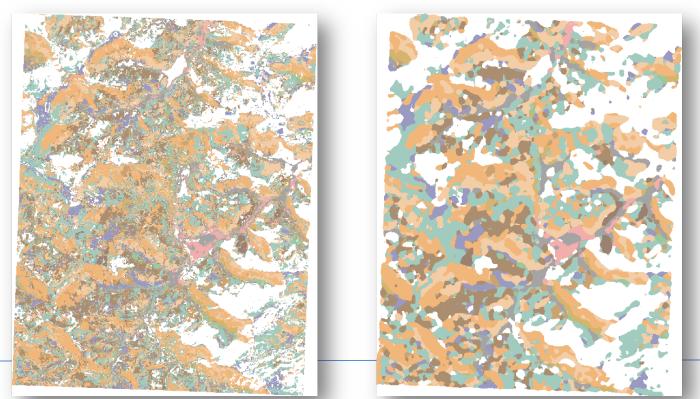
 Performs soil classification using satellite data extracted from the measurement points based on a neural network





Map Generator

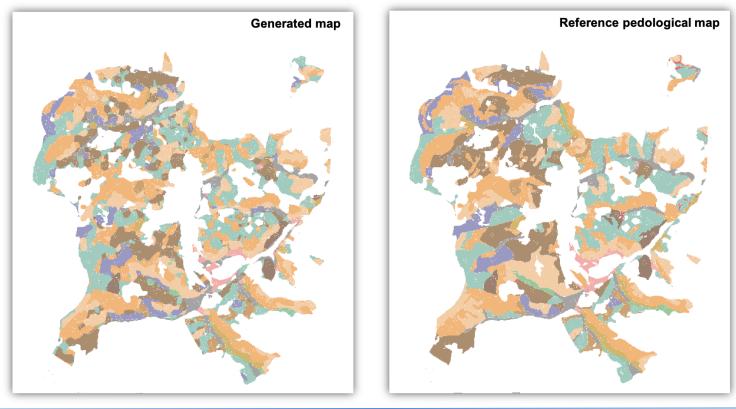
- Interrogates the Soil Classification System for each location in the map and obtains the soil type
- The generated map is labeled with the determined soil type





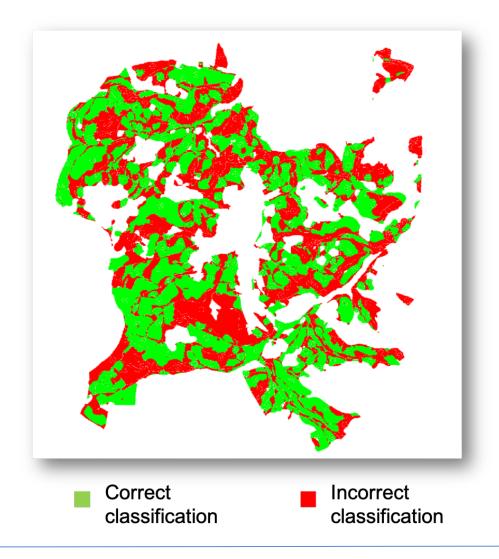
Map Evaluator

• Evaluates the quality of the generated pedological map. The evaluation is done according to a metric that compares two pedological maps





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Many thanks for your attention!

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