



# UAVs and Sensors

Area 2 – Technologies

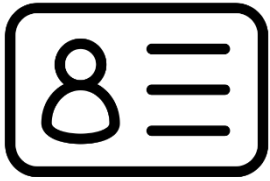
Lesson 5 – Remote Sensing

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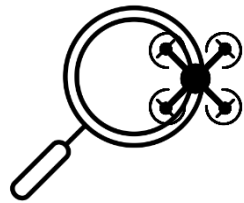


# Who am I?

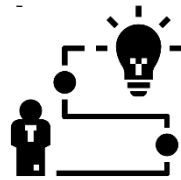


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**1. Typology of UAVs & some limitations**

**2. On-board sensors and utilities**

**3. Other agricultural applications of UAVs**

# 1. Typology of UAV's & some limitations



Fixed wing type



Rotary wing type



# Fixed wing type



Less flight autonomy

Lower speed

Flight control over rotation speed of rotors

Sensors flight in the lower part

Greater manoeuvrability

Static flight





# Rotary wing type



Longer flight range

Higher speed

Flight control over primary surfaces

Cargo bay for in-flight sensors

Less control and manoeuvrability

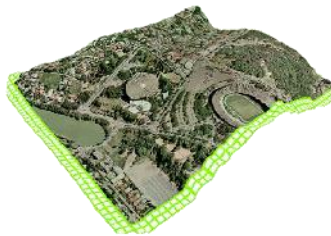
Take-off and landing (more space)



# 2. On-board sensors and applications

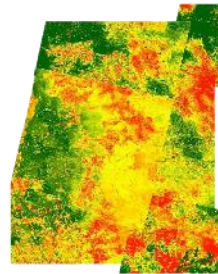


RGB sensor



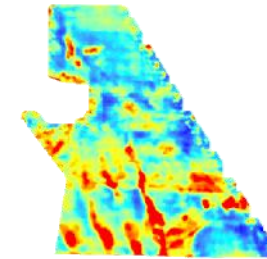
High-resolution orthomosaic  
Digital Surface models

Multispectral /  
Hyperspectral  
sensors

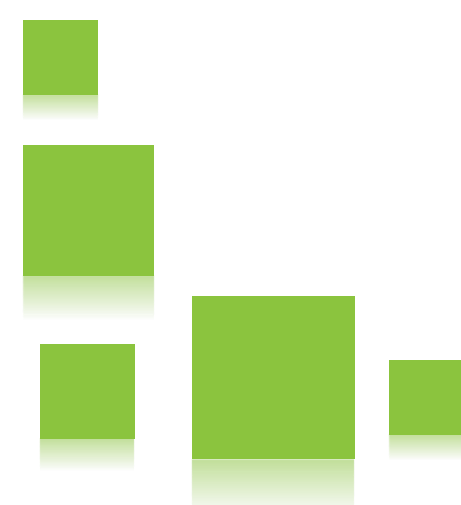


Multispectral high-resolution  
mosaic. Accurate spectral  
information

Thermal sensor



Thermal mosaic







# RGB Sensors



How can RGB Sensors Help?

**Faster Field Scouting**

**RGB Orthomosaics**

**Georeferenced data  
(GPS/Glonass)**

Photogrammetry

3D terrain models

Assessment for Trial Definition

Plot recognition

Plant/tree count

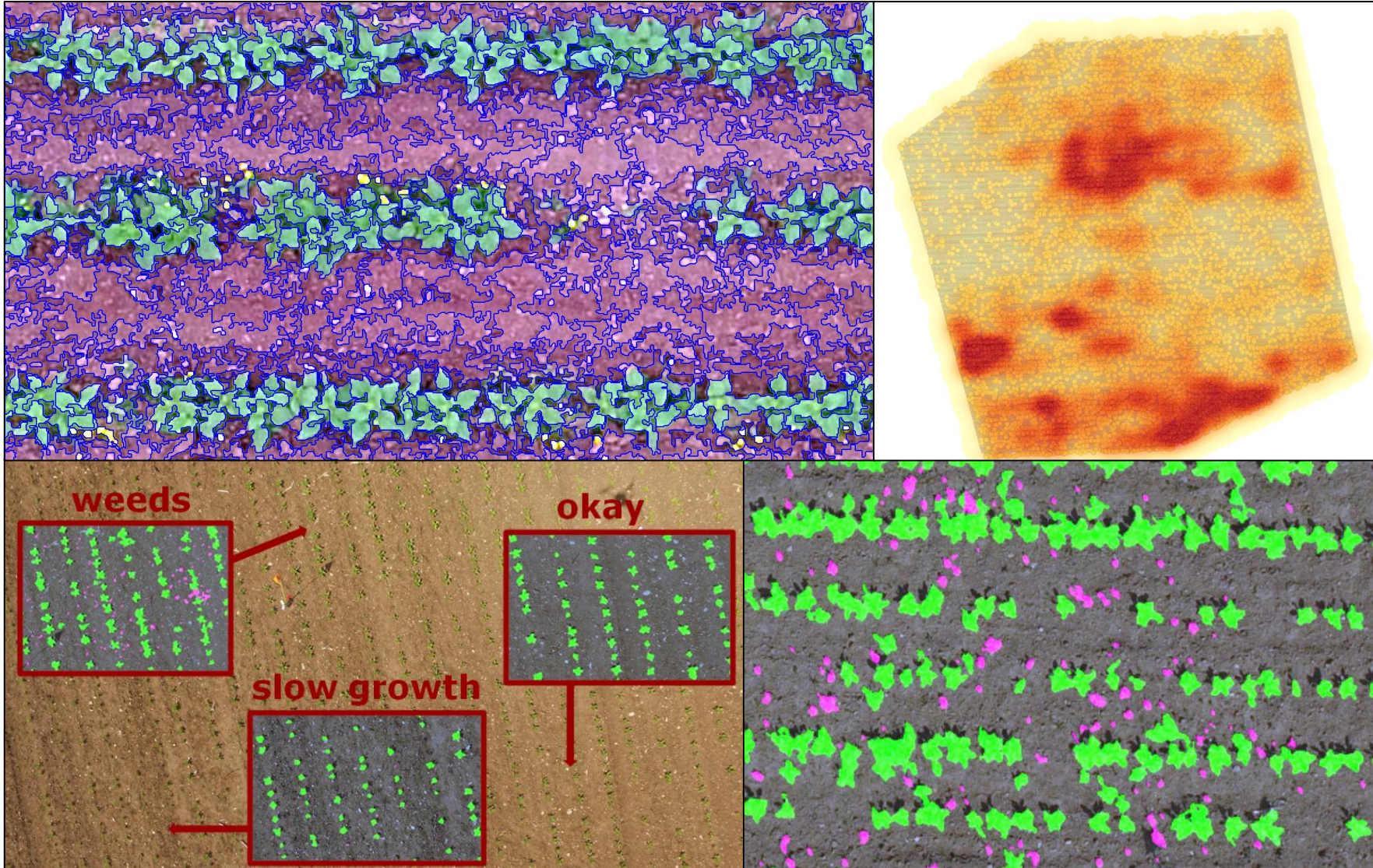
Zones definition

Earlier problem detection



**Basic Remote Sensing**

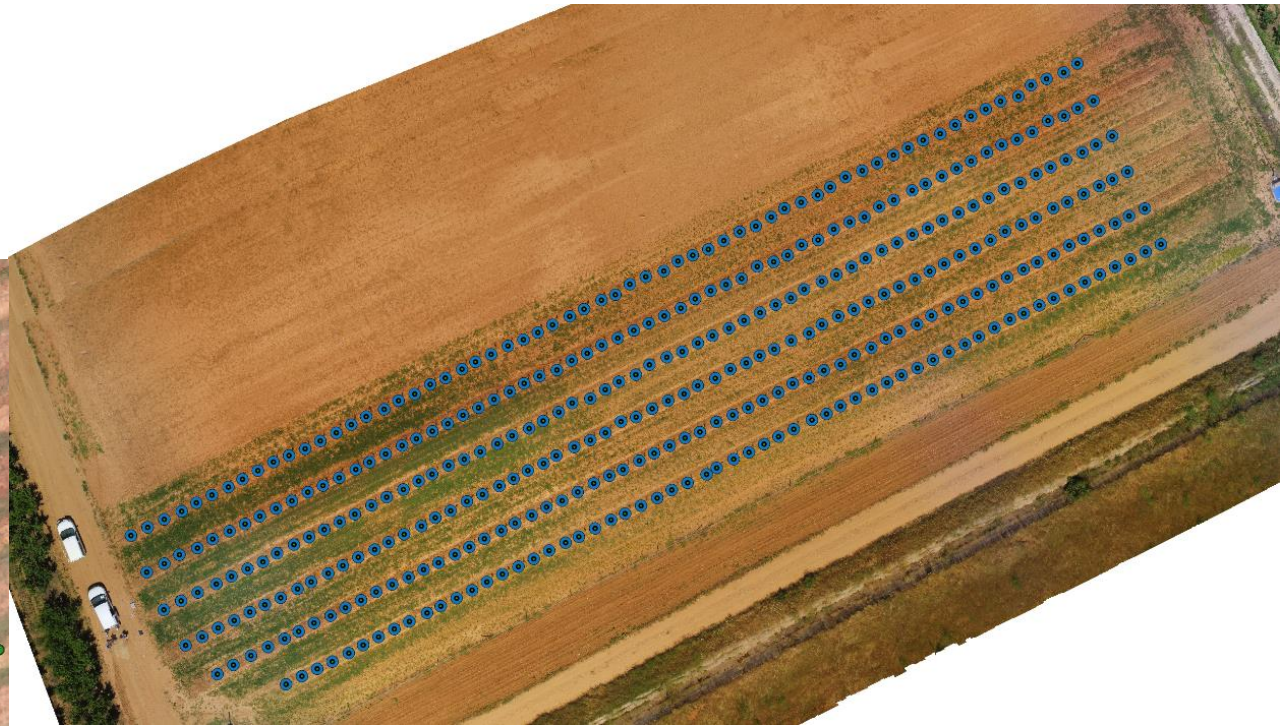
# Crop vs weed automated discrimination



# Automated Tree Counting



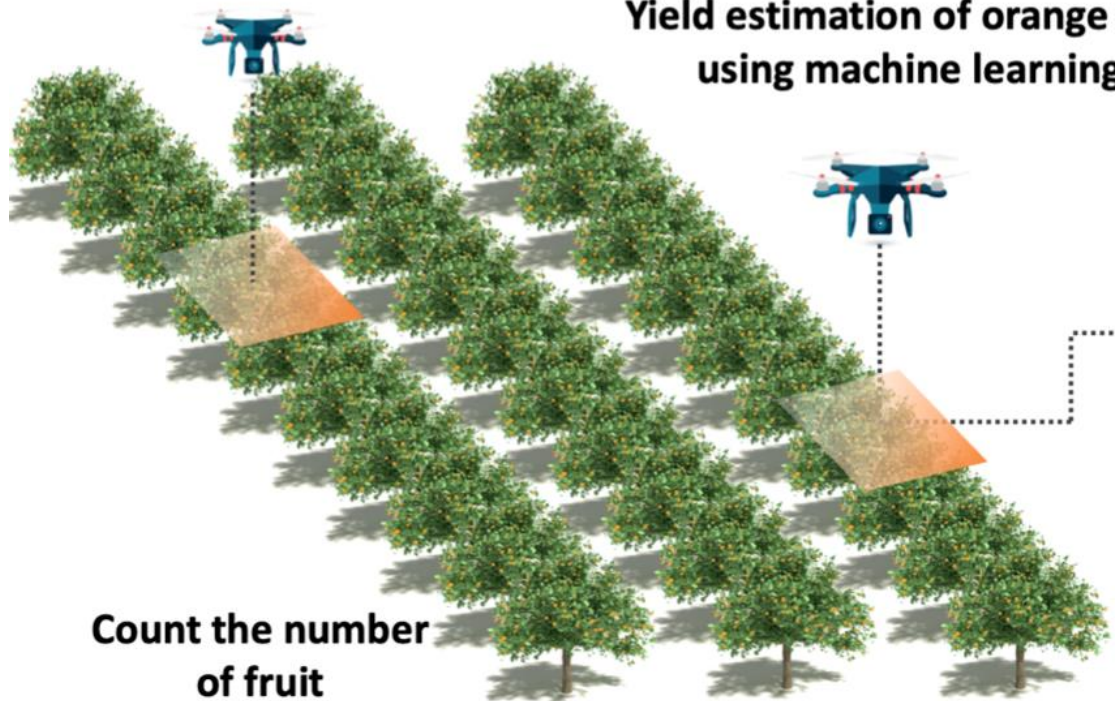
Using RGB images from UAVs,  
and K-nearest algorithms



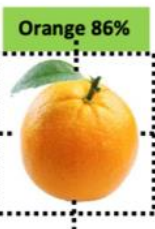
# Yield Estimation



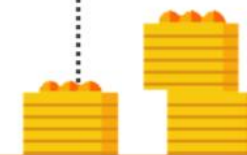
Yield estimation of orange tree using machine learning



Count the number of fruit

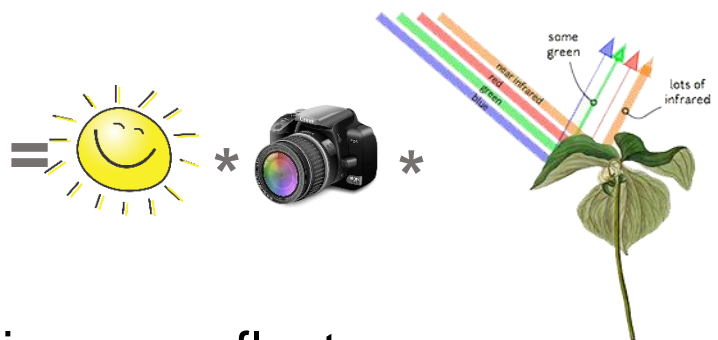


Estimation the size of citrus fruit

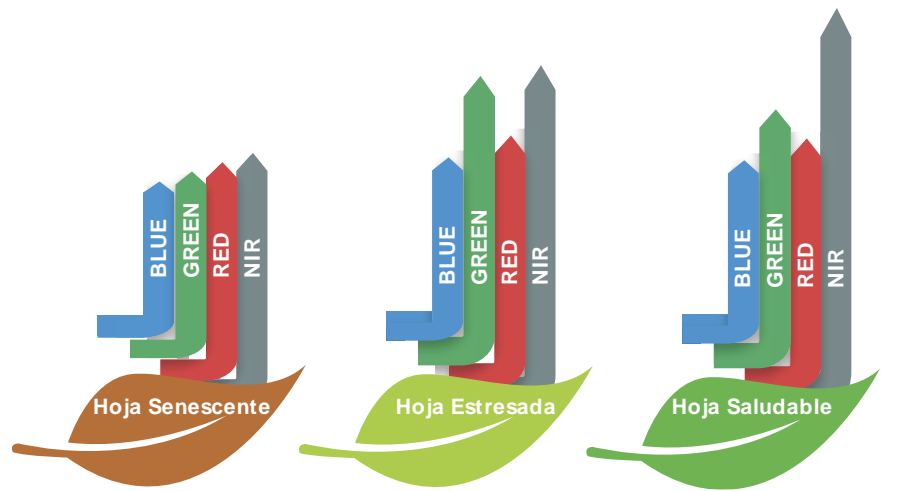




# Multispectral Sensors

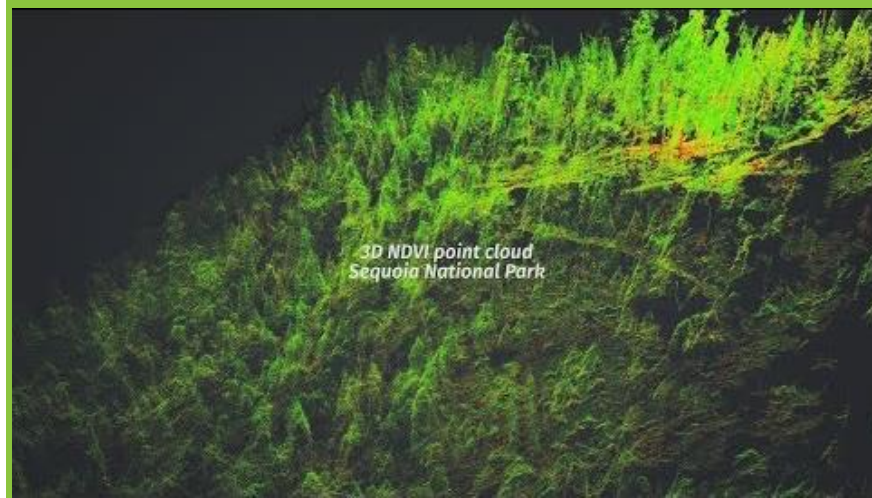


Differences in crop reflectance.  
Information on their **vegetative state**.

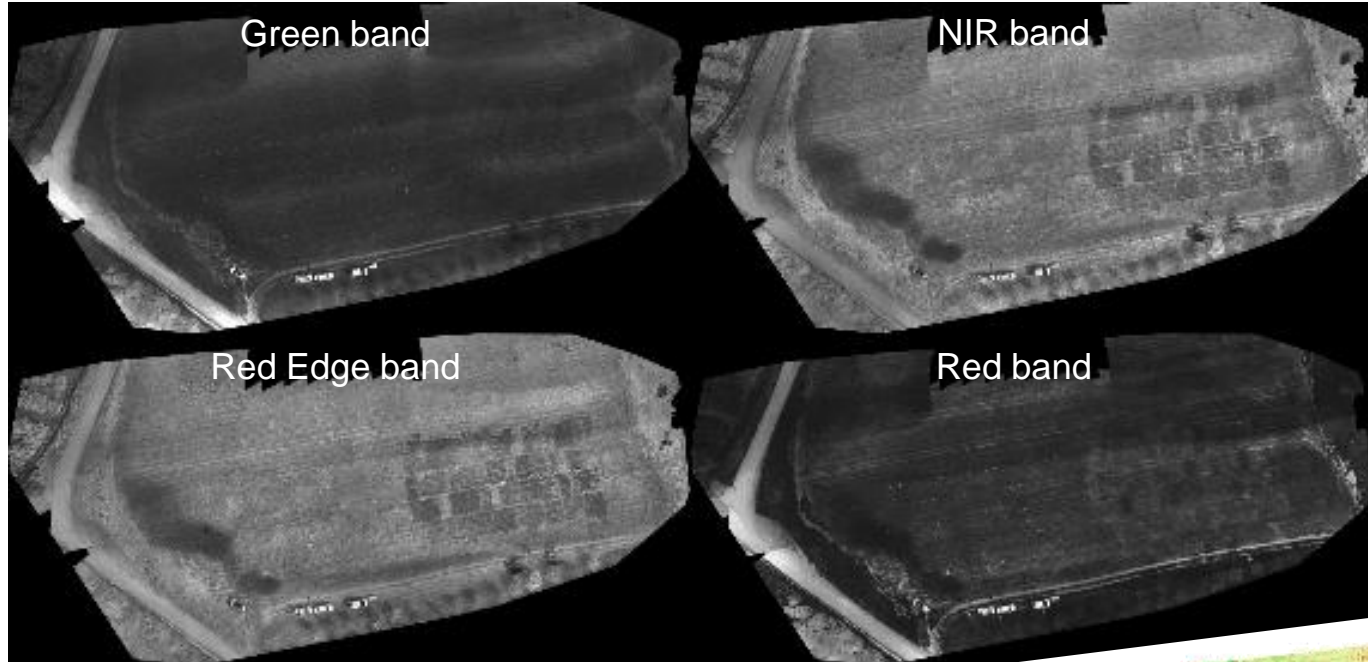


## Multispectral indices

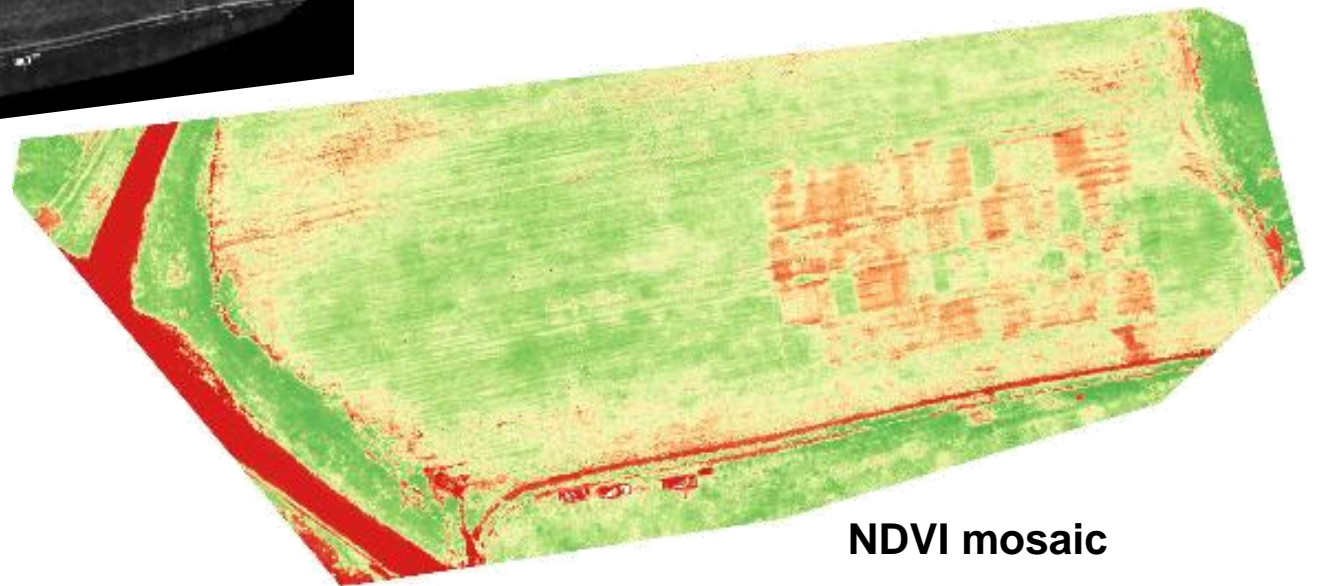
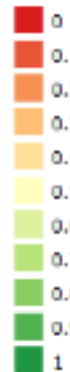
NDVI, GNDVI, NDRE, CI, etc.  
are **spectral indexes** that help to  
explain plant nutritional or water  
stresses.



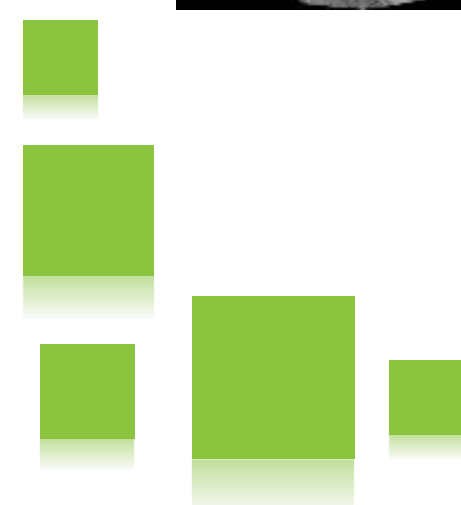
# Agrochemical trial in nettles field



30 m height

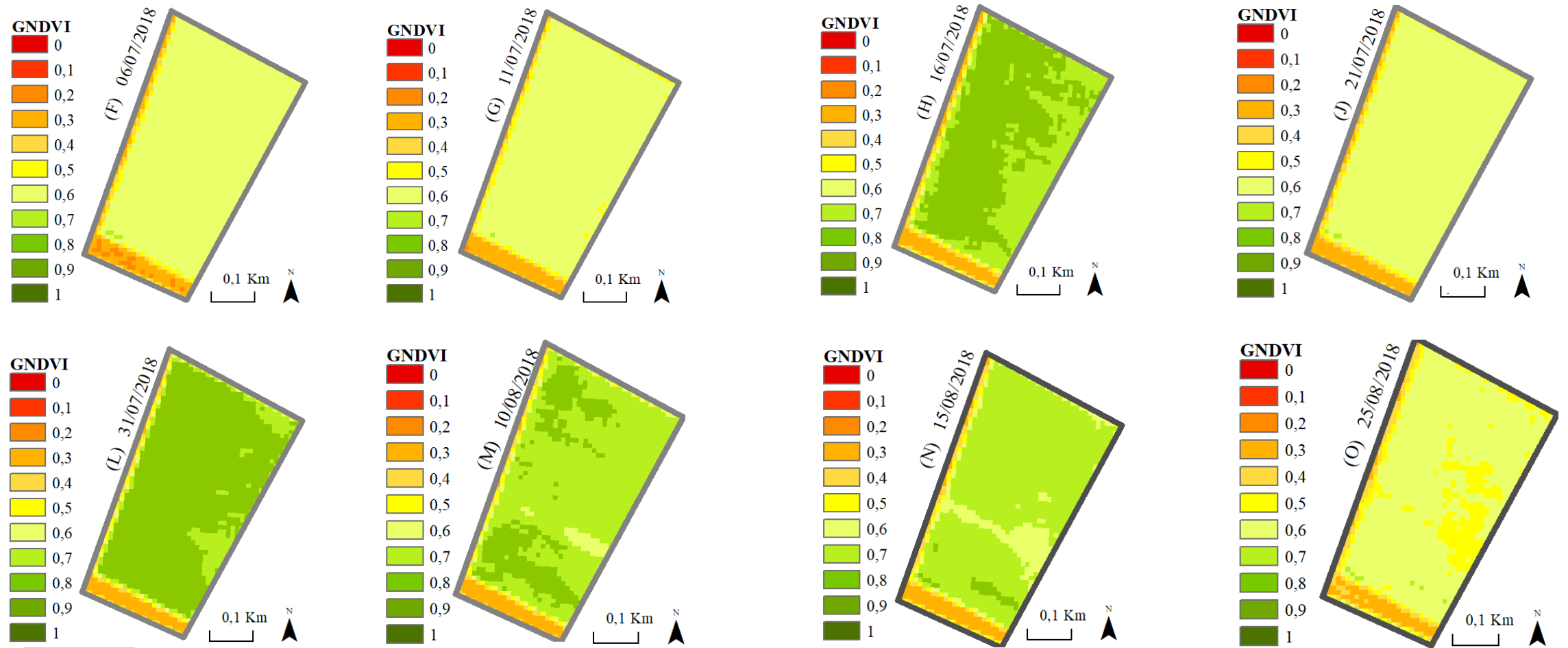
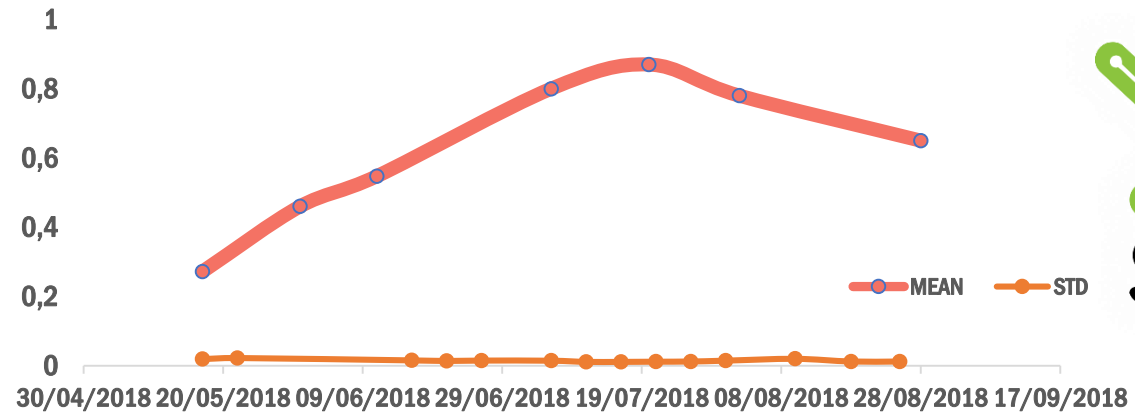


NDVI mosaic



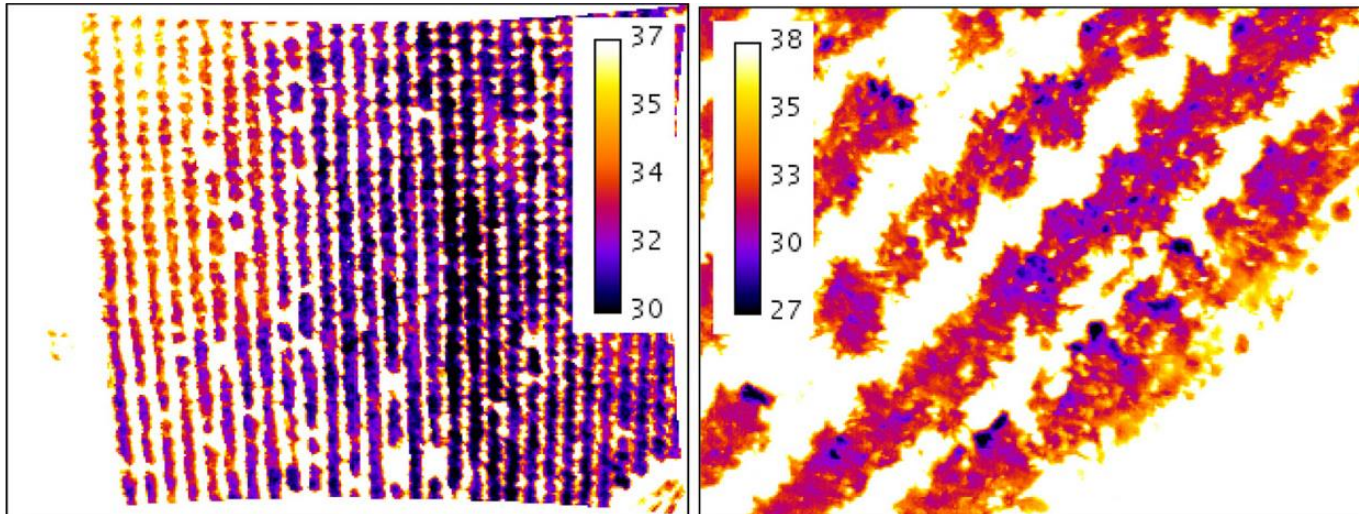
# Maize growth & status monitoring

Evolution of the GNDVI over the time



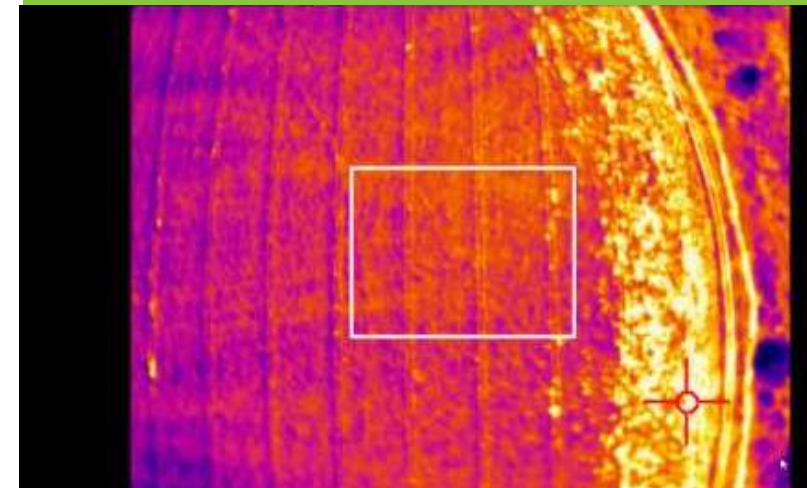


# Thermal Sensors



**Thermal maps**  
Crop Water Stress Index  
measures the stress degree  
due to water status of the  
plants.

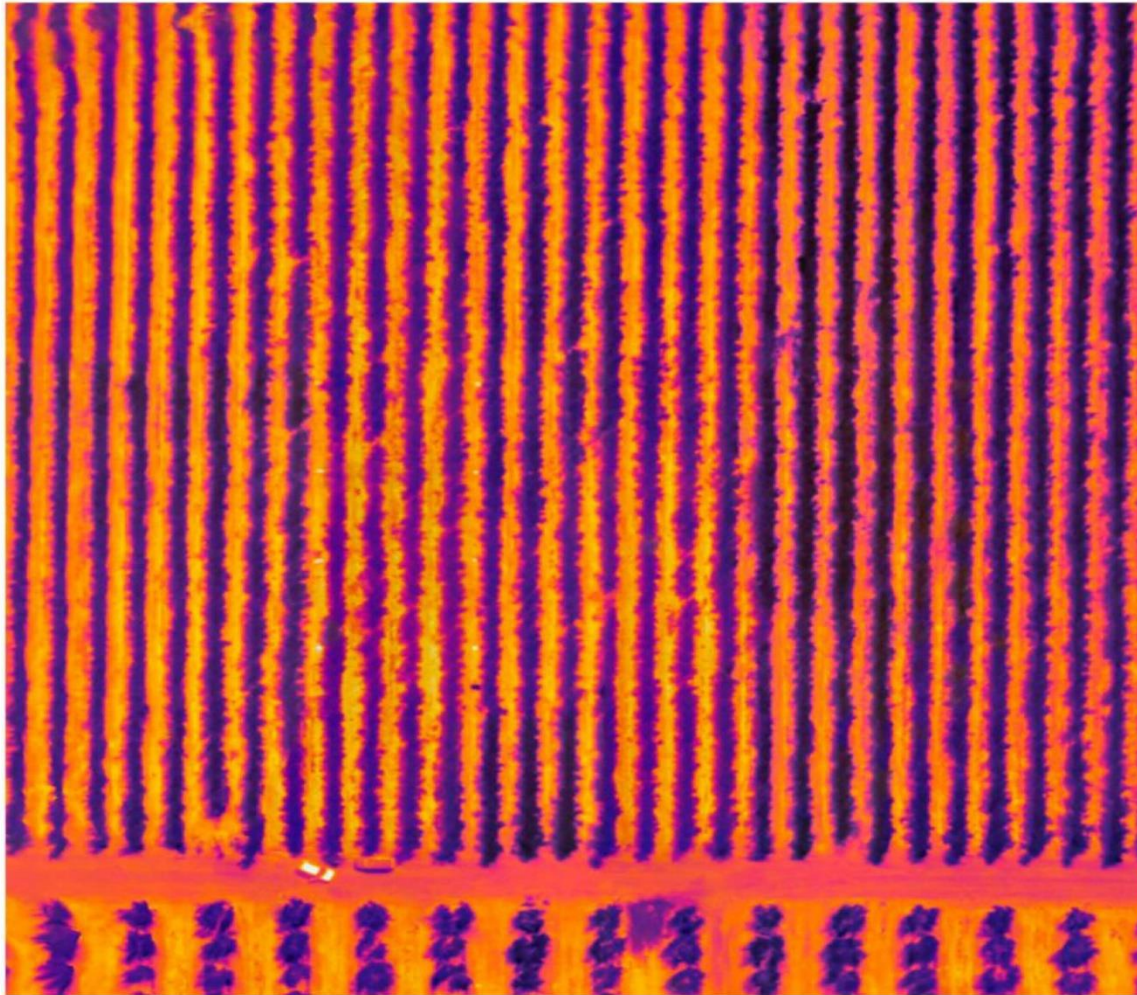
Variable Irrigation is key for  
sustainability & profitability



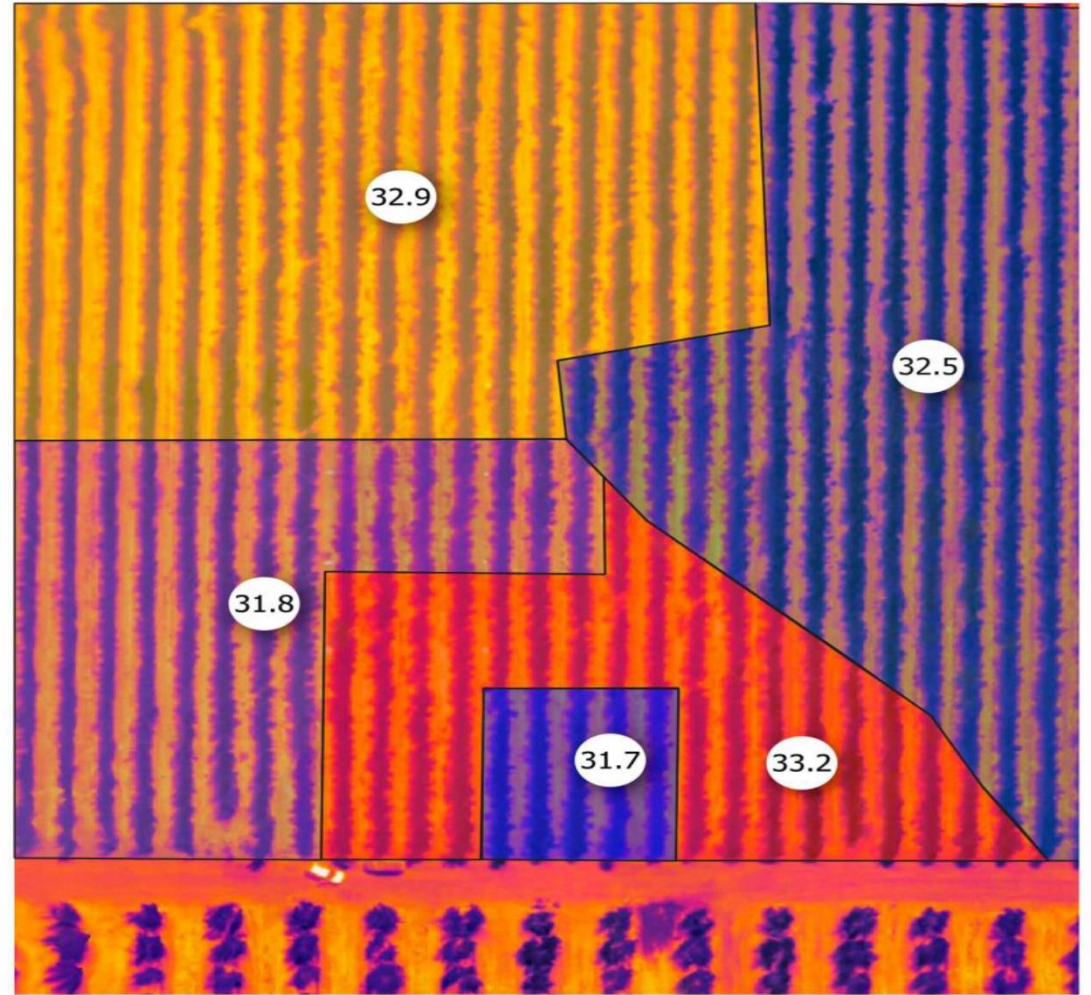
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Thermal orthomosaic (60m)



Temperature management areas



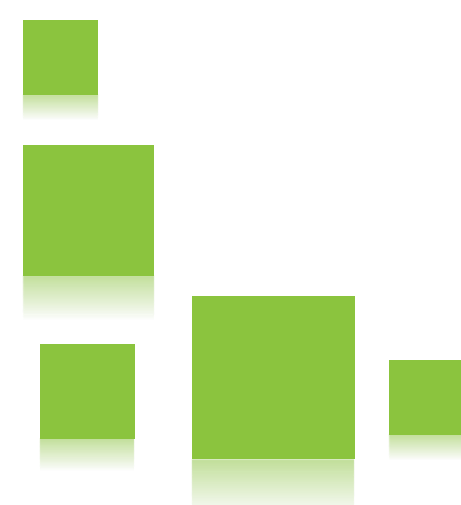
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### 3. Other agricultural applications of UAVs



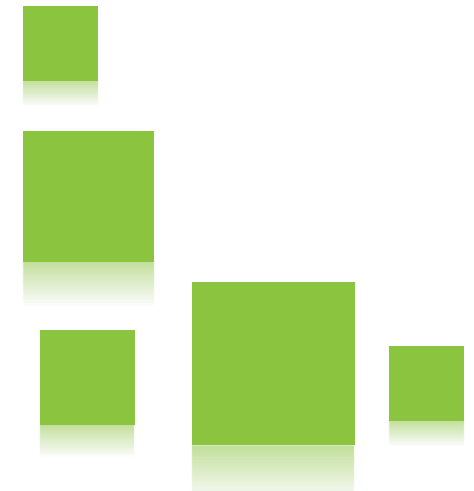
**Field Phenotyping**

**Spray Application**



# Accurate & fast field phenotyping

Canopy size  
Biomass estimation  
Leaf Area Index  
Fraction covered  
Radiation Use Efficiency  
Transpiration efficiency



# Spraying Applications

Ultra-Low Volume

Precise chemical positioning

Low risk for operators



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