

SARSAR – SR/00/372



Automatic redevelopment sites monitoring using SAR and OPTICAL images



Introduction



Steering Committee Meeting - 19th March 2021



Introduction

2,200+RDSs over
3800ha in Wallonia



- Project goals
 - Contribute to the RDSs inventory update
 - Reduce and optimize the time spent on the inventory update
 - Provide up-to-date and accurate information to the actors involved, especially for those who access the online version

→ Need for an automatic tool

WP1 – Users' Needs: summary

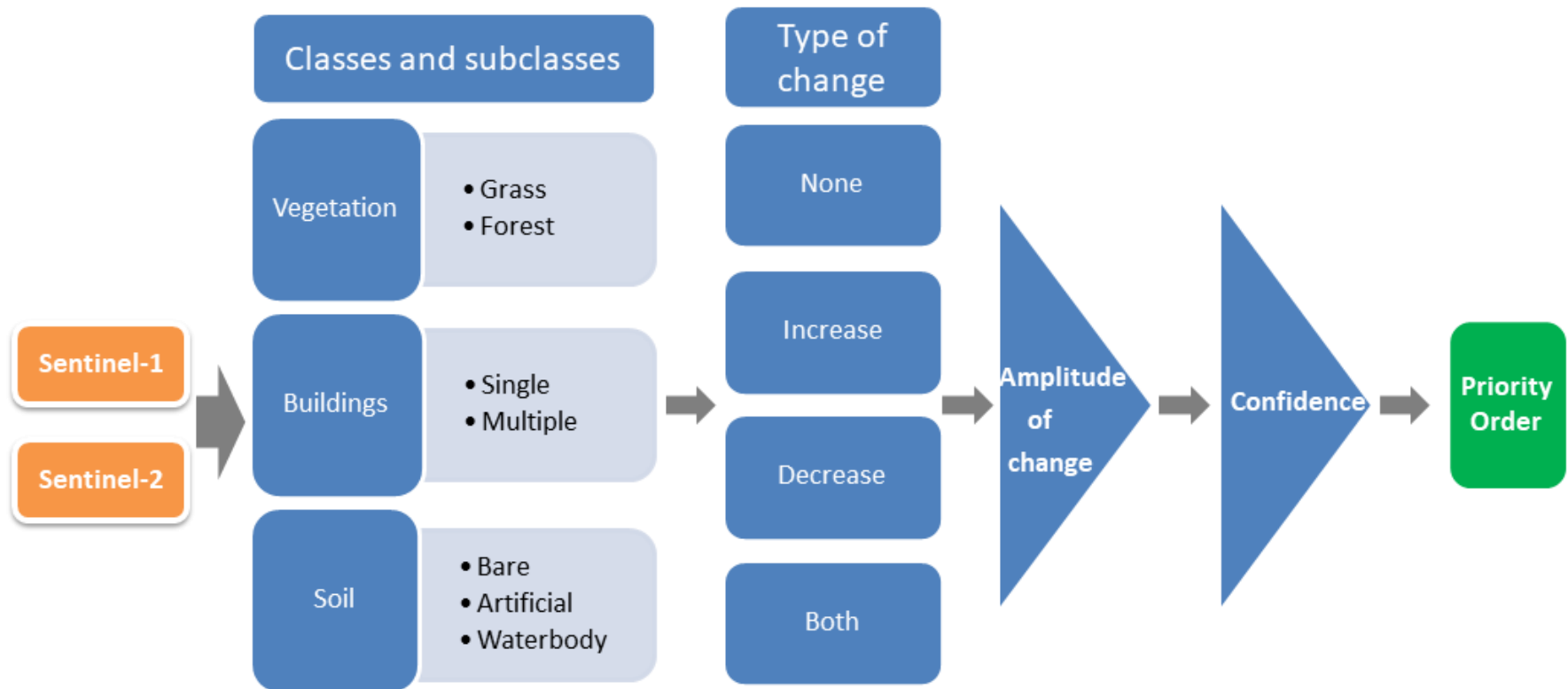
- Users' needs
 - Lower costs by limiting the number of sites to be verified in person
 - Automate, as much as possible, change detection
 - Facilitate the work of the operators by pre-identifying the elements to check
 - Decrease the subjectivity of the operator

WP1 – Users' Needs: summary

- Answers to the needs
 - Must have:
List of the sites with their probability of change
 - Nice to have:
Change confidence score for each site based on a selection of pre-established scenarios (categories and types of changes). Importance of taking into account specific situations where no long-term change may mean that the site is maintained (e.g. pasture/meadow)

WP1 – Users' Needs: summary

- Categories and types of change



WP1 – Users' needs and requirements

- Summary of the proposed solutions

Requirements		Proposed solutions
Deadlines		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1X/year • On demand • Nice to have: 1X/2months
Tool	Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Python Scripts • Terrascope Interface • Results sent via email
	Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSV or TXT files with ID & Priority order • More details on demand • Nice to have: WFS • Nice to have: alert system on the RDSs website

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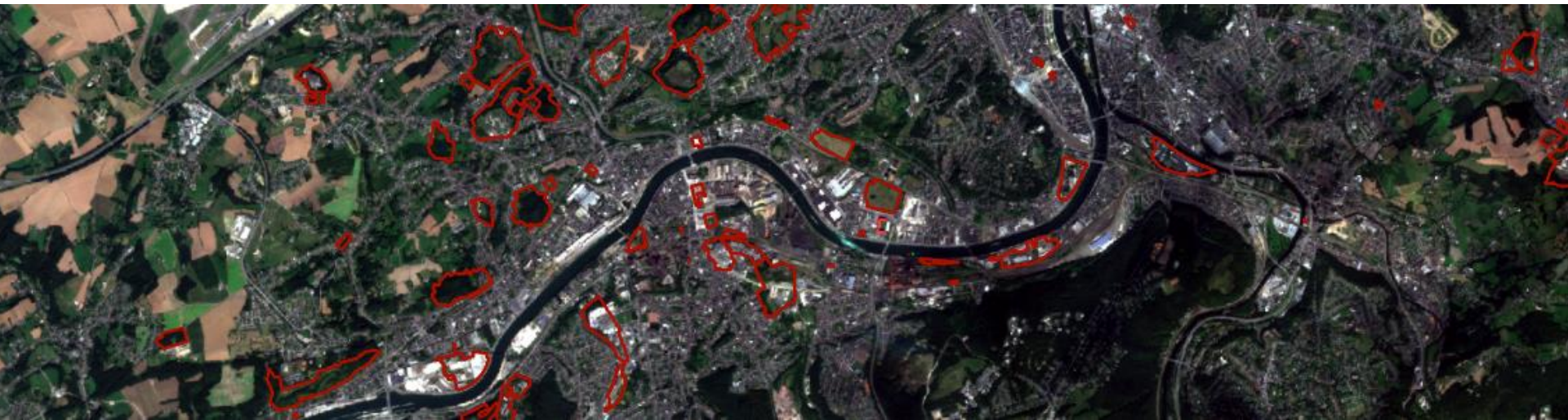
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WP2 – Dynamic Monitoring of Redevelopment Sites
WP3 – Validation and Platform Integration



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Overview

1. Methodology
2. Feature extraction
3. Changepoint detection
4. Change Classification
5. Platform integration

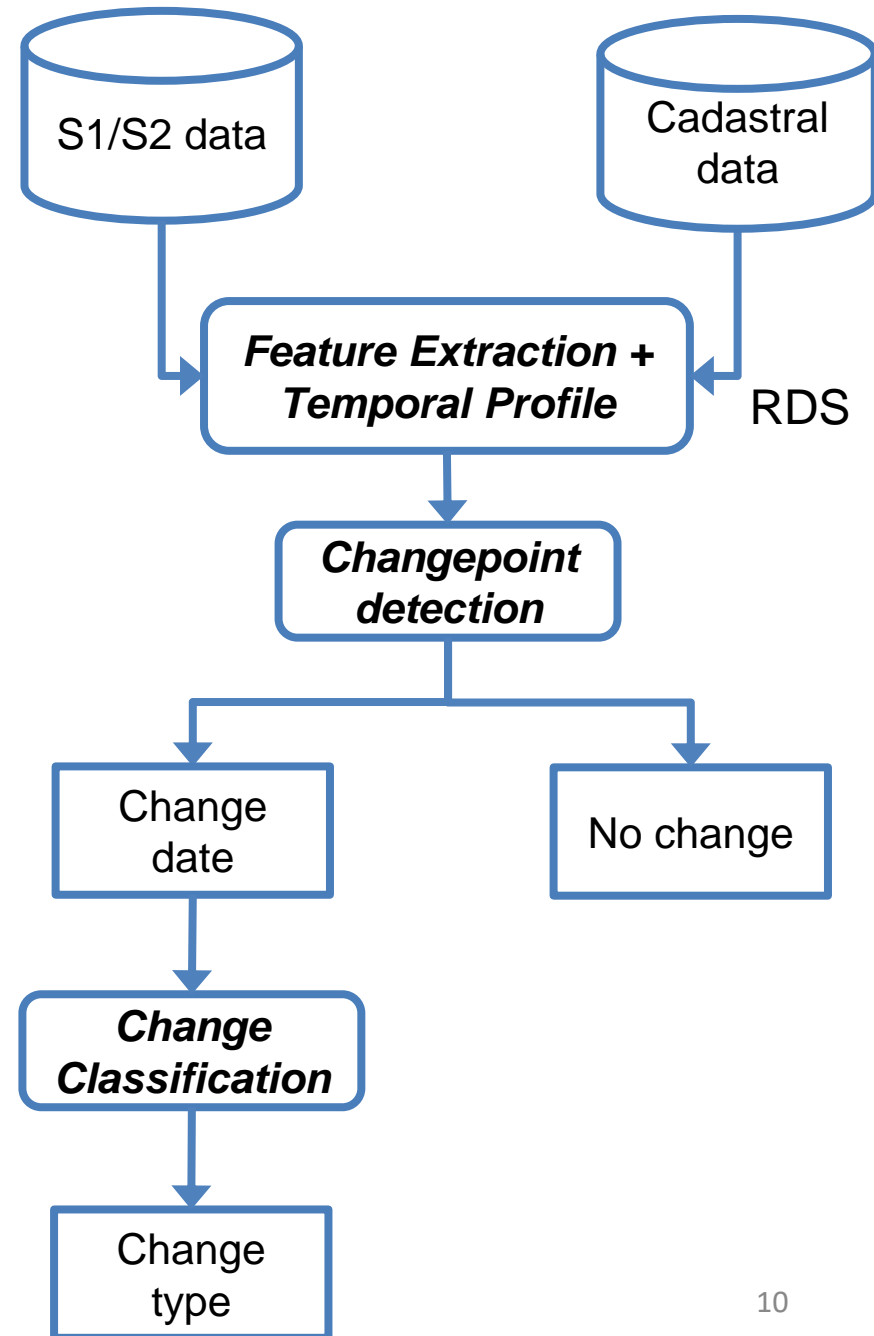
1. Methodology

- Input:
 - S1 (Sigma0)/S2 (ToC) from Terrascope Catalogue
 - Shapefile of the RDS

a) Feature extraction +
Generation of temporal
profiles

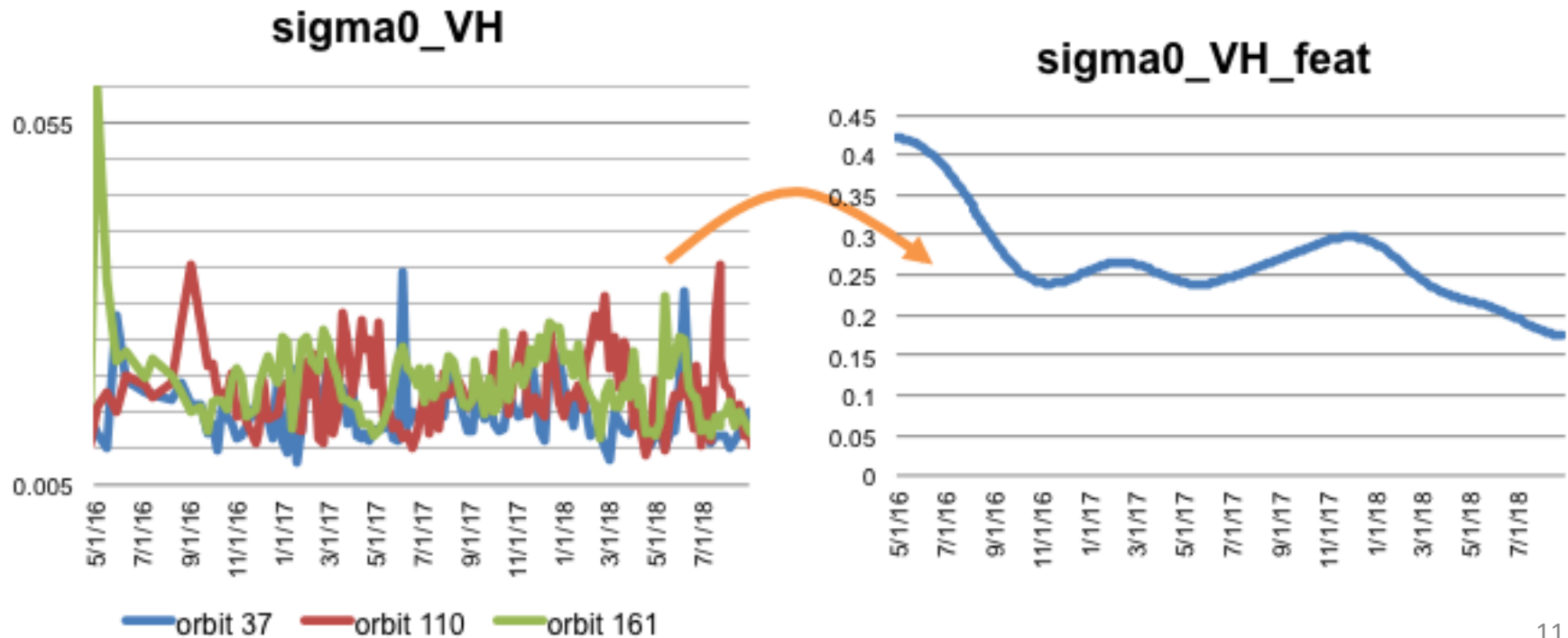
b) Changepoint detection

c) Change classification



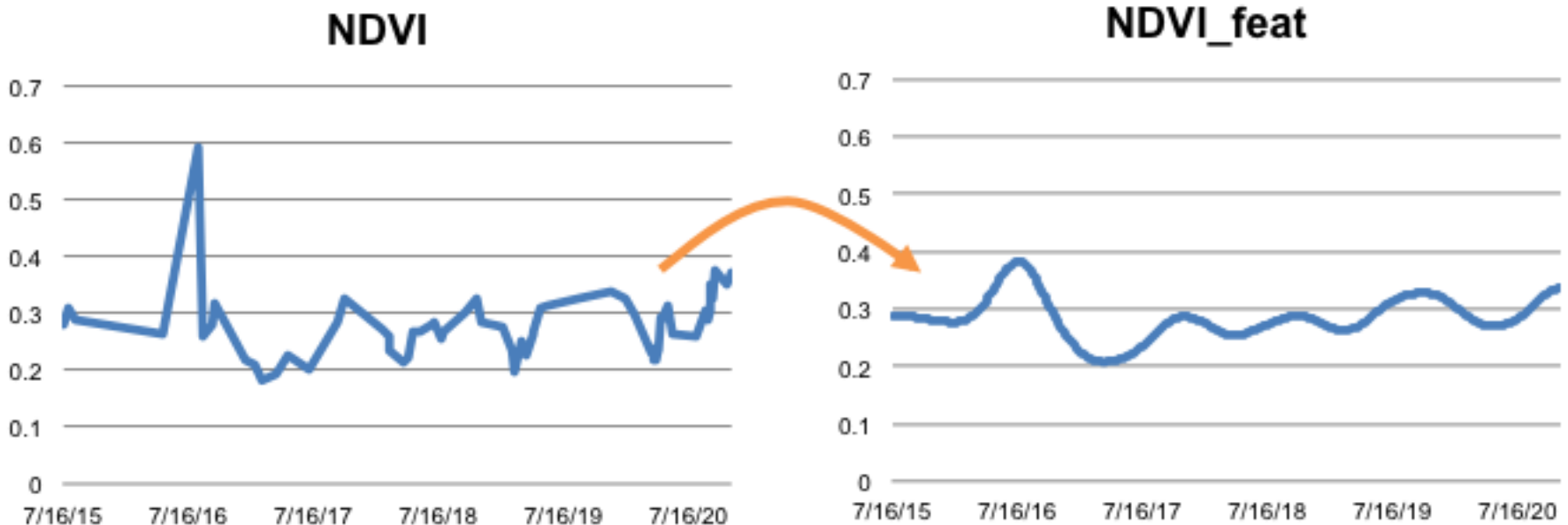
2. Feature extraction – Sentinel-1

- Sentinel-1 time series
 - IW GRD \rightarrow sigma0
 - Interpolation
 - Gaussian smoothing
 - All available orbits \rightarrow average



2. Feature extraction – Sentinel-2

- Sentinel-2 time series
 - L1C → iCor/Sen2Cor → L2A
 - Tile Cloud cover < 25%
 - RDS Cloud/shadow/snow = 0% (scene classification)
 - Interpolation
 - Gaussian smoothing
 - 13 Multi-spectral indexes (NDVI, SAVI, NDWI, NDWI2, NDBI, NBAI, NBI, BAI, BI, BI2, CI, BSI & SBI)



3. Changepoint detection

- Pruned Exact Linear Time (PELT) method ^[1]
 - It provides an exact segmentation of the time series with a linear time complexity.

Given a time series $s = (s_1, \dots, s_k)$, the number n and time position $t_{1:n} = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$ of the changepoints is obtained by solving the penalized minimization problem

$$Q_n(s_{1:k}, p) = \min_{n, t_{1:n}} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} [C(s_{(t_{i-1}+1):t_i})] + p \right\}$$

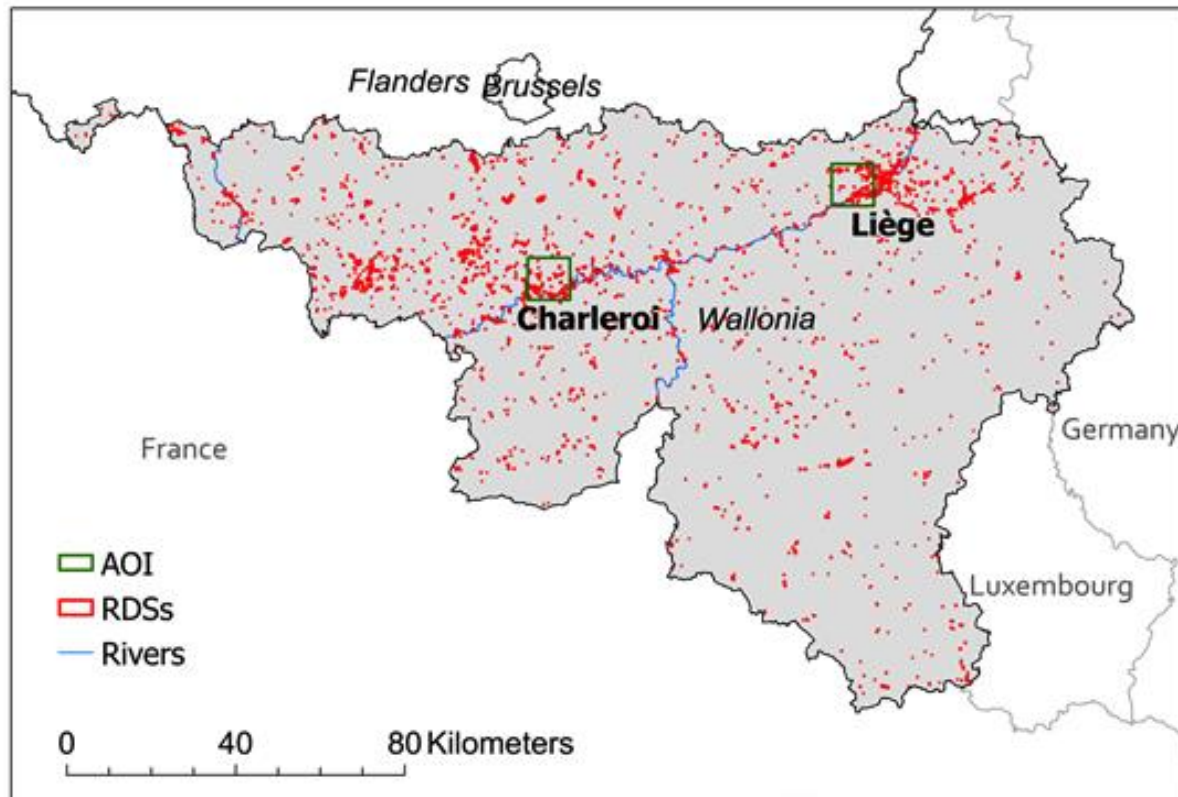
where C is a segment-specific cost function, and p a penalty term to control overfitting. For our analysis we have used

$$C(s_{a:b}) = \sum_{i=a+1}^b \|s_i - \bar{s}_{a:b}\|_2^2 \quad \text{suitable for mean-shifts and } p = \log(k)$$

[1] R. Killick, P. Fearnhead, and I. Eckley, "Optimal detection of changepoints with a linear computational cost", *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 107(500):1590–1598, 2012

3. Validation strategy

- Two phases:
 - Development based on 22 sites within the urban areas of Charleroi and Liège (green squares)
 - Feature selection
 - Change detection
 - Types of change
 - Extensive tests on the full dataset (2291 RDS, red marks)



3. Change detection – Phase 1 (22 sites)

- Ground truth

- year-on-year changes in vegetation, buildings and soil

- 0 = no change
 - 1 = change (same surface)
 - 2 = increase
 - 3 = decrease

→ 31 changes, 57 no changes

ID_Segment	NAME	Orthophotos			Pleiades	Change		
		2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020			
52011-ISA-0015-01	Administration Cockerill	000	000	000	000	0 0 0 0		
52011-ISA-0032-01	Cinema-Theatre Varia	000	000	000	000	0 0 0 0		
52011-ISA-0040-01	Cordial Bowling	000	203	000	302	0 1 0 1		
52012-ISA-0011-01	Hangars Vanbelle	332	001	023	000	1 1 1 0		
52012-ISA-0017-01	Charbonnage n10 du Gouffre	000	000	000	000	0 0 0 0		
52021-ISA-0007-01	Cha				000	0 0 0 0		
52021-ISA-0008-01	Cha				000	0 0 0 0		
62003-ISA-0004-01	Ets				001	0 0 0 1		
62063-ISA-0034-01	Rer	2016/2017	5	6	7	7	000	0 1 0 0
62063-ISA-0037-01	Par	2017/2018	3	8	11	11	000	0 1 1 0
62063-ISA-0098-01	Bol	2018/2019	2	4	5	6	000	1 0 0 0
62063-ISA-0181-01	Cer	2019/2020	2	5	6	7	000	0 0 0 0
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62063-ISA-0201-01	Bat						000	0 0 0 0
62063-ISA-0230-01	Ma				320		000	0 1 1 1
62063-ISA-0247-01	Ser				000		000	0 1 1 0
62093-ISA-0026-01	Puits de mine - rue Renson	000	000	000	000		000	0 0 0 0
62096-ISA-0038-01	Verreries Liegeoises	000	203	000	302		000	0 1 0 1
62096-ISA-0039-01	Ets Linotte	332	203	203	203		000	1 1 1 1
62096-ISA-0052-01	Haut Fourneau 6	302	203	000	332		000	1 1 0 1
62096-ISA-0056-01	Maison des Espagnols	332	203	000	332		000	1 1 0 1
62118-ISA-0002-01	Ets Frankignoul	323	203	101	001		000	1 1 1 1

3. Change detection – Phase 1 (22 sites)

- Performance assessment:
 - tried around 200 combinations (different features, smoothing, segmentation)
- Findings:
 - smoothing is necessary to avoid overfitting
 - at least one Sentinel-1 feature (buildings) and one Sentinel-2 feature (vegetation/soil)
 - more than 4 features → overfitting
 - segmentation does not bring significant improvement (further tests on the full dataset needed)

3. Change detection – Phase 1 (22 sites)

- Results (features: sigma0, NDVI)

Sigma0_VH_feat

Year	TP	FP	FN	TN	TPR	FPR	F ₁ -score
2016/2017	3	1	4	14	43%	7%	0.55
2017/2018	1	1	10	10	9%	9%	0.15
2018/2019	0	0	6	16	0%	0%	0
2019/2020	1	1	6	14	14%	7%	0.22
2016-2020	5	3	26	54	16%	5%	0.26

NDVI_feat

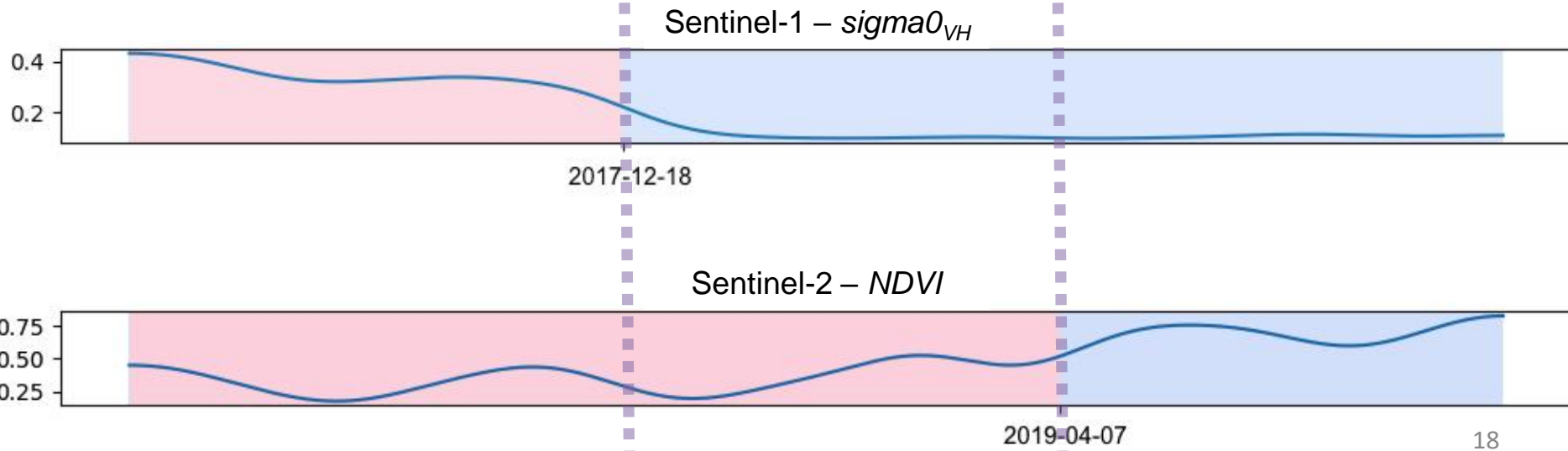
Year	TP	FP	FN	TN	TPR	FPR	F ₁ -score
2016/2017	3	0	4	15	43%	0%	0.55
2017/2018	8	2	3	9	73%	18%	0.76
2018/2019	2	2	4	14	33%	13%	0.40
2019/2020	3	0	4	15	43%	0%	0.60
2016-2020	16	4	15	53	52%	7%	0.63

Sigma0_VH_feat
+ NDVI_feat

Year	TP	FP	FN	TN	TPR	FPR	F ₁ -score
2016/2017	6	1	1	14	86%	7%	0.86
2017/2018	8	3	3	8	73%	27%	0.73
2018/2019	3	1	3	15	50%	6%	0.60
2019/2020	3	0	4	15	43%	0%	0.60
2016-2020	20	5	11	52	65%	9%	0.71

3. Changepoint detection – Example

“Service voirie d'Angleur”, Liège



3. Change detection – Phase 2 (All sites)

- Ground truth (orthophotos 2016-2018)

ID_Segment	Site Name	SAR_Ortho_GroundTruth CODE	SAR_Ortho 2016 vs 2018 (% for each class)			Change
			Vegetation	Building	Soil	
52011-ISA-0015-01	Administration Cockerill	000	0	0	0	0
52011-ISA-0032-01	Cinéma-Théâtre Varia	000	0	0	0	0
52011-ISA-0040-01	Cordial Bowling	203	100	0	-100	1
52012-ISA-0011-01	Hangars Vanbelle	332	-5	-35	40	1
52021-ISA-0007-01	Charbonnage de Soleilmont	000	0	0	0	0
52021-ISA-0008-01	Charbonnage du Petit-Try	000	0	0	0	0
62003-ISA-0004-01	Ets Fraikin	000	0	0	0	0
62063-ISA-0034-01	Renory Zone A	232	5	-30	25	1
62063-ISA-0037-01	Parking Jonfosse	323	-10	100	-90	1
62063-ISA-0098-01	Boliden - Cuivre et Zinc	000	0	0	0	0
62063-ISA-0181-01	Centre sportif du Grand Séminaire	000	0	0	0	0
62063-ISA-0189-01	Cigares Grétry Taf	000	0	0	0	0
62063-ISA-0201-01	Bâtiment de la rue Pré Binet	000	0	0	0	0
62063-ISA-0230-01	Marché couvert d'Amercoeur	203	15	0	-15	1
62063-ISA-0247-01	Service voirie d'Angleur	032	0	-35	35	1
62093-ISA-0026-01	Puits de mine - rue Renson	000	0	0	0	0
62096-ISA-0038-01	Verreries Liégeoises	203	70	0	-70	1
62096-ISA-0039-01	Ets Linotte	332	-5	-50	55	1
62096-ISA-0056-01	Maison des Espagnols	232	5	-10	5	1
62118-ISA-0002-01	Ets Frankignoul	223	25	15	-40	1
52012-ISA-0017-02	Charbonnage n°10 du Gouffre	000	0	0	0	0
62096-ISA-0052-02	Haut Fourneau 6	032	0	-20	20	1
25005-ISA-0001-02	Hangar La Comete	000	0	0	0	0
25005-ISA-0003-01	Entreprise de voirie Van Brabant	011	0	0	0	1
25014-ISA-0001-01	Entrepôts militaires à Lillois	302	-5	0	5	1
25014-ISA-0002-01	Établissement Stiens Roger	203	35	0	-35	1
25014-ISA-0003-01	Établissement Defalque et fils	000	0	0	0	0
25014-ISA-0005-01	Filature de coton Allard	001	0	0	0	1
25014-ISA-0007-01	Établissements Denolin n°1	000	0	0	0	0
25014-ISA-0009-01	Tannerie Disbeck	032	0	-100	100	1

3. Change detection – Phase 2 (All sites)

- Results (2291 sites)

Features	TP	FP	FN	TN	TPR	FPR	F ₁ -score
NDVI-NDWI2-VH-VV	973	672	240	406	80%	62%	0.68
NDVI-NDWI2-VH	943	626	270	452	78%	58%	0.68
NDVI-NDWI2-VV	932	629	281	449	77%	58%	0.67
NDVI-VH-VV	751	414	462	664	62%	38%	0.63
NDWI2-VH-VV	619	308	594	770	51%	29%	0.58
NDVI-VH	677	349	536	729	56%	32%	0.60

- Results (1922 sites > 500m²)

Features	TP	FP	FN	TN	TPR	FPR	F ₁ -score
NDVI-NDWI2-VH-VV	908	541	195	278	82%	66%	0.71
NDVI-NDWI2-VH	880	509	223	310	80%	62%	0.71
NDVI-NDWI2-VV	869	510	234	309	79%	62%	0.70
NDVI-VH-VV	698	343	405	476	63%	42%	0.65
NDWI2-VH-VV	574	244	529	575	52%	30%	0.60
NDVI-VH	631	290	472	529	57%	35%	0.62

3. Change Detection – What's next

- Analysis and removal of FPs/FNs
 - Correlation between errors and
 - vegetation seasonality
 - type of change
 - size of the RDS
- Segmentation
 - New tests for the entire dataset
 - due to the heavy workload, a hybrid approach where only big sites are segmented will be considered

4. Change Classification

Investigations

- General:
 - Sentinel-2 data
 - Terrascope capabilities
 - What:
 - 22 test sites
 - 13 indexes:
(NDVI, SAVI, NDWI, NDWI2, NDBI, NBAI, NBI, BAI, BI, BI2, CI, BSI & SBI)
 - Tests on full sites as well as on IBA, PICC, PICC&Grid, Grid_Only & WALOUS segmentations
 - Mean, Median and Standard-deviation calculation
- profile analysis to determine the best way to qualify the changes

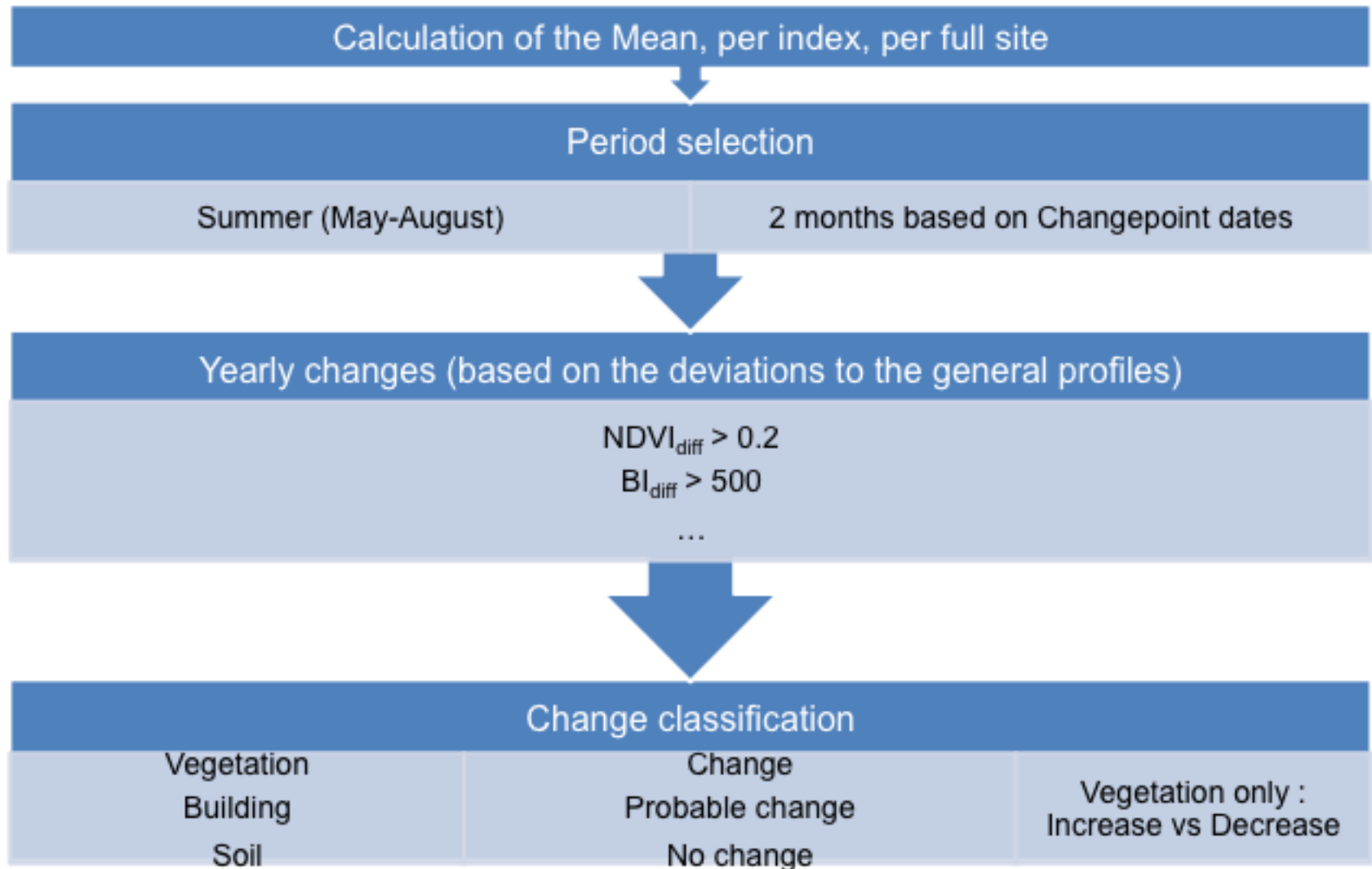
4. Change Classification

Methodology

- Focus on the **Vegetation, Building & Soil** classes
 - 5 indexes selected :
 - Normalized Vegetation Index (NDVI)
 - Built-up areas index (BAI)
 - Brightness Index (BI)
 - Second Brightness Index (BI2)
 - Soil brightness index (SBI)
- Mean per index per full site
- Determination of the general profile per index and deviations indicating changes
- Yearly comparison

4. Change Classification

Methodology



4. Change Classification

Ground Truth: 214 sites

- Ortho-photos
 - Selection of sites (from the SAR project) with the most important changes (> 500m²)
 - Summer 2016 to summer 2018 changes
 - Spread all over Wallonia
- Pleiades images
 - Sites with changes and with no changes
 - Summer 2019 to summer 2020 changes
 - All the site in Liège area for which we have images
- Type of Changes:
 - Increase & decrease for vegetation
 - Change for building and soil

Source	Vegetation	Building	Soil
Ortho-photos	72	70	82
Pleiades	6	6	5
TOTAL	78	76	87

4. Change Classification

Results

Type of change	Ground truth	Change properly classified	True Positive Rate
Vegetation change	78	74	95%
Vegetation Increase	13	11	85%
Vegetation Decrease	63	65	97%
Building	76	30	39%
Soil	87	62	71%

→ confusion between building & soil

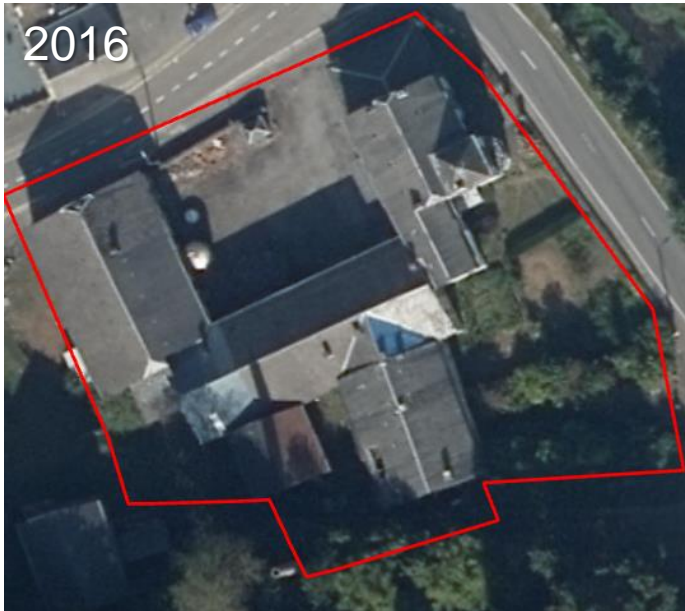
Type of change	Ground truth	Change properly classified	True Positive Rate
Building & Soil	102	80	78%

Class	Vegetation	Building	Soil	No Change	Total	Commission Errors
Vegetation	74	0	0	0	74	0%
Building	0	30	13	1	44	32%
Soil	0	27	62	2	91	32%
No Change	4	19	12	398	433	8%
Total	78	76	87	401	642	
Omission Errors	5%	61%	29%	1%		OA = 87.9%

4. Change Classification

Example of results

- Site with vegetation & building & soil changes (ortho 2016-18)
 - Vegetation: “decrease”
 - Building: “change”
 - Soil: “probable change”

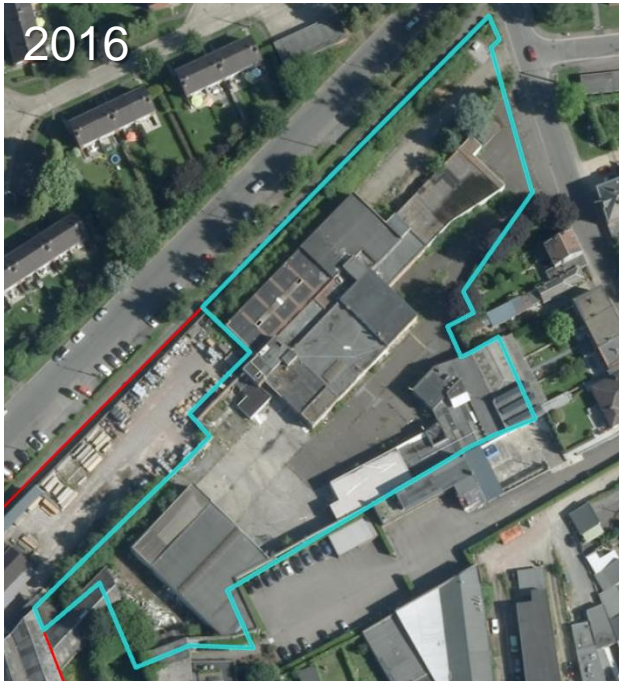


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4. Change Classification

What's next

- Investigation for the building type of change
 - Modifications in the calculation of standard profile deviation
 - Combination of features to create one indicator for building & soil
- Results for the entire dataset
- Type of change determination outside summer
 - Analysis of all the RDS for which we have a change date (obtained in the change detection phase) and Pleiade images as ground truth

4. Change Classification

Additional information

- Amplitude of the change
 - Use of the change/Probable change indicator
 - Use of the value of the standard profile deviation
- Confidence in the change
 - Higher confidence when a type of change is detected
 - Higher confidence to the type of change detection when summer information
 - Confidence depending on the amplitude of the change

5. Platform integration

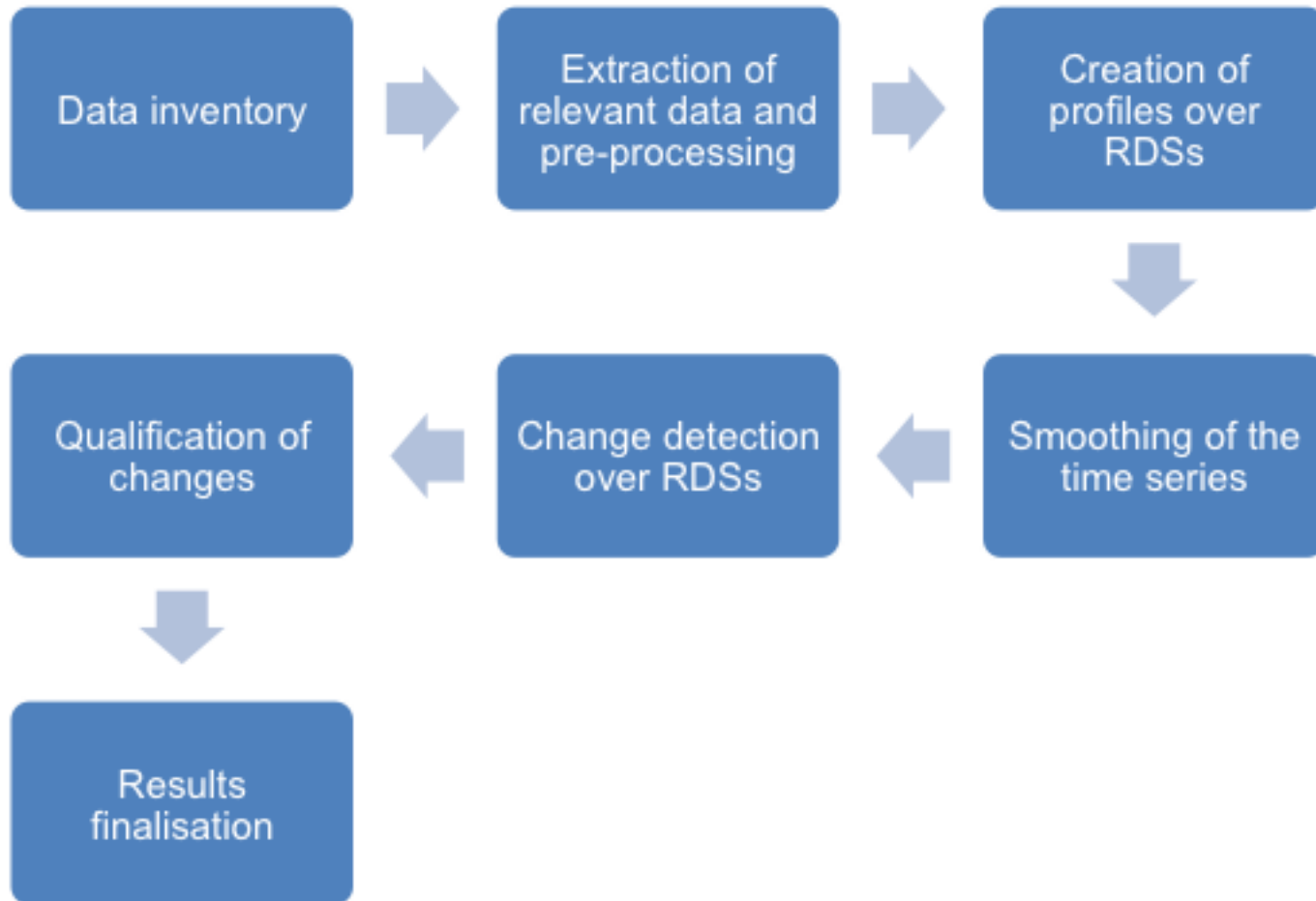
What platform do we use to develop the tool?



- Belgian contribution to the Sentinel Collaborative Ground Segment
- Virtual Research Environment (python)
- Availability of preprocessed S1 & S2 images
- Likely « modest » processing requirements
- Long-term maintenance

5. Platform integration

What will the final tool do ?



5. Platform integration

1. 'SQLite' method

Terrascope standard package

- + Compatible with the standard Terrascope package
- Less stable
- Less efficient (long computation time because it requires a lot of disk accesses)
- SQLite is only accessible to one person (or software) at a time

→ Research and development phase

2. 'PostGIS' method

Terrascope + PostGIS/PostgreSQL

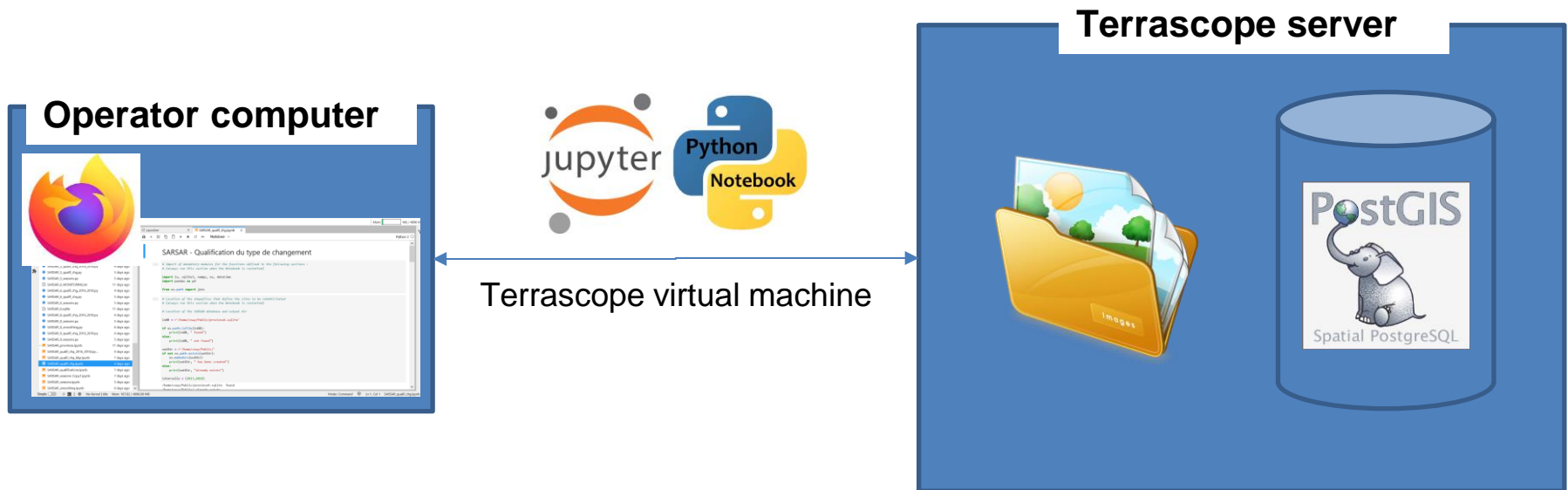
- + More stable
- + More efficient
- + PostgreSQL is accessible to several people (or software) at the same time
- + More development perspectives (ex. Webservice)
- Requires resources that are not part of the standard package for Terrascope users
- Use of more qualified personnel for implementation and maintenance

→ Production phase

5. Platform integration

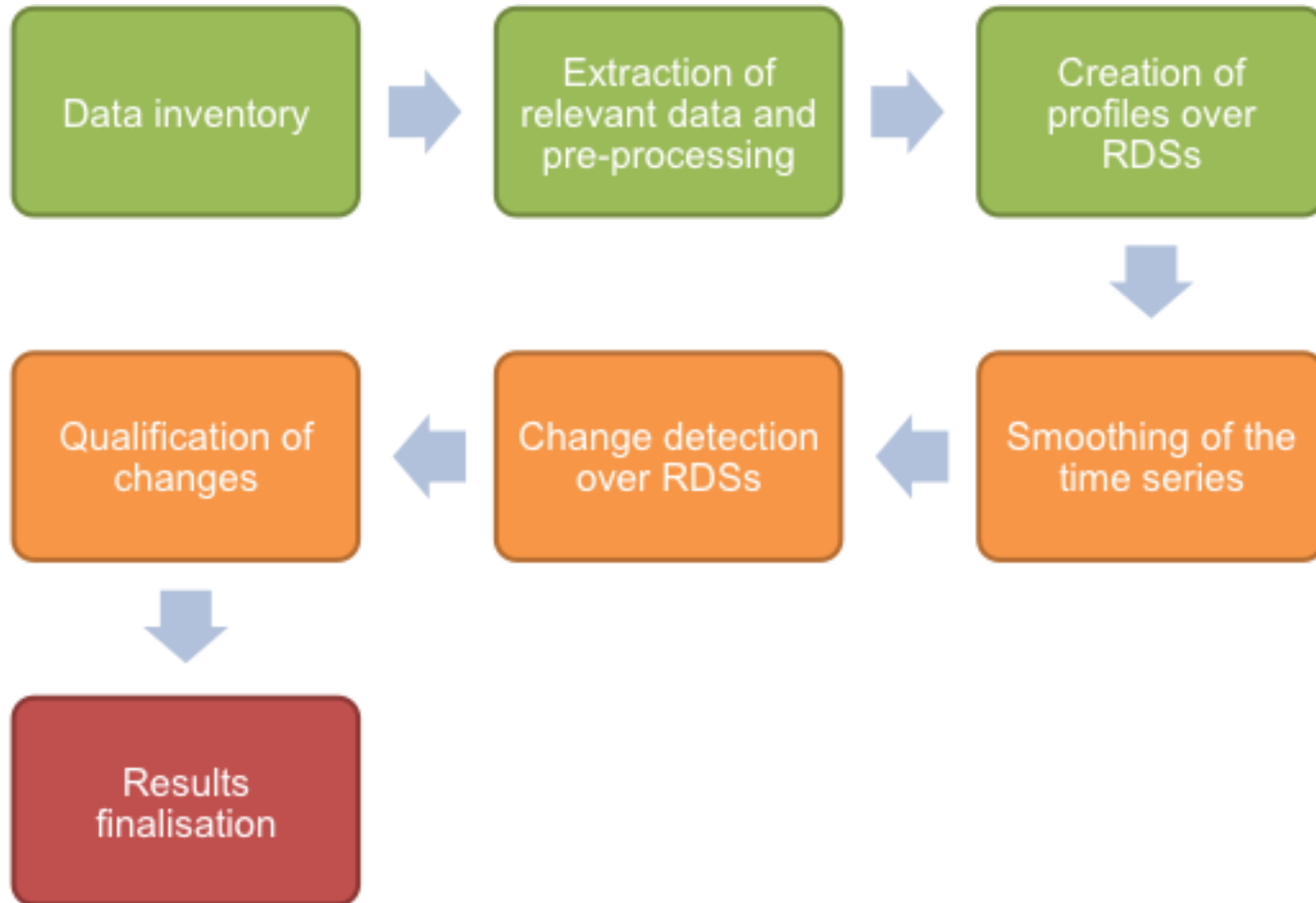
Final choice : 'PostGIS' Method

- Semi-automatic
- Controlled by the operator



5. Platform integration

Where are we now with the 'PostGIS method'?



5. Platform integration

Valorisation/knowledge sharing ?

- Publication of software and VM configuration:
to provide the opportunity for the community to access the developments made in the framework of our project
- Terrascope Jupyter notebook:
Production of an operational example of Jupyter Notebook meant to be reused in other projects



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WP4 – Technology transfer

WP5 – Dissemination



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WP4 – Technology transfer

User Manual & Training Session

— Description:

- “Transfer the developed tool to the end-user. This imply regular meeting with the end-user to fine-tune the tool to his need. It also consists in ensuring the end-user is actually able to use the tool, that the end-user is able to understand the results provided by the tool and understand the limitations.”

— Objectives:

- “Guarantee the tool fits the need of the end user”
- “Guarantee the end-user can use the tool, understands its results and its limitations”

— Methodology:

- “user manual will be written describing how to use the tool, the environmental requirements (IT infrastructure), how to interpret the results and the limitation of the tool;
- In addition, training sessions on how to use the tool will be organised.”

WP4 – Technology transfer

- Documentation on the methodology:
 - Information on Terrascope Interface
 - Jupyter Notebooks for Python scripts
 - Information on the ‘PostGIS’ method
- Documentation on the results:
 - User manual in pdf

WP4 – Technology transfer

- Meetings with the users to fine-tune the technology transfer
 - Nice to have:
 - WFS
 - Alert system on the RDS website
 - Trainings (Face-to-face):
 - ½ to 1 day
 - Theoretical and practical parts
 - Working Groups
- Depending on the Covid-19 situation
- Project prolongation?

WP5 – Dissemination

Publication & User workshop

— Description:

- “Redaction of scientific papers and contribution to conferences and workshops, organization of a seminar for the Walloon Region / DGO4.”

— Objectives:

- “To disseminate the results”
- “To show the capabilities of the service to the users.”

— Methodology:

- “Redaction of scientific papers and contribution to conferences and/or workshops”
- “Organisation of a seminar to show the service to other potential users.”

WP5 – Dissemination

- Past conferences and workshops
 - GT-COWal, November 2019: first introduction to the Walloon region actors
 - Belgian Earth Observation Day 2019
 - URSI Benelux Forum 2019
 - CISS Lecture Series 2020
- Future conferences and workshops
 - EARSeL Liège 2021, March 2021: EO for sustainable cities and communities
 - IGARSS 2021
 - Organized special session “Sentinel-1/2 Multi-Temporal Analysis and Change Detection” → accepted and included in the program
 - Submitted a paper on SARSAR → accepted as oral presentation

WP5 – Dissemination

- Planned conferences and workshops (depending on the Covid-19 situation)
 - GT-COWal
 - GTEO
 - User workshops for the Walloon Region
 - Valorization of the developments conducted in the Terrascope environment

WP5 – Dissemination

Collaboration with other projects

- SARSAR is deeply linked to the SAR project
 - CHANGE DETECTION ANALYSIS ON WALLOON BROWNFIELD SITES presented in “THE EVER GROWING USE OF COPERNICUS ACROSS EUROPE’S REGIONS, A selection of 99 user stories by local and regional authorities”, 2018
 - Video presented by Mr. Christophe Rasumny and Dr. Eric Hallot about how Sentinel-2 data are being used to support inventory and monitor the evolution of brownfield sites in Wallonia, 2019 (<https://www.nereus-regions.eu/copernicus4regions/videos-2/wallonia/>)
 - LE VIF, numéro 07, 18.02.2021. Mention of the SAR and SARSAR projects



Thank You