

# Cartographie de l'hétérogénéité du paysage

## *Mapping of landscape heterogeneity*

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## CES " Biodiversité "

Includes engineers, researchers, remote sensors, ecologists, botanists

UMR TETIS (Montpellier)

LETG (Rennes)

CESBIO (Toulouse)

Laboratoire Charles Coulomb

Conservatoires Botaniques (CBN Alpin, Méditerranéens)

Develop remote sensing **methods** and **tools** for biodiversity **mapping**, **monitoring** and **management**.

## OBJECTIVES of the CES « Biodiversité »

- 1- **Develop methods and tools** to characterize vegetation biodiversity at various spatial and temporal scales.
- 2- **Respond to the needs** expressed by ecologists, natural space managers or in the context of public environmental policies.
- 3- **Strengthen interdisciplinary collaborations** between remote sensing experts and biodiversity stakeholders (botanists, managers, ecologists, etc.) in order to promote the exchange of expertise and data necessary for the calibration of prediction models.

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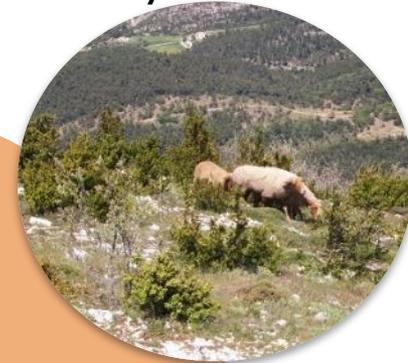


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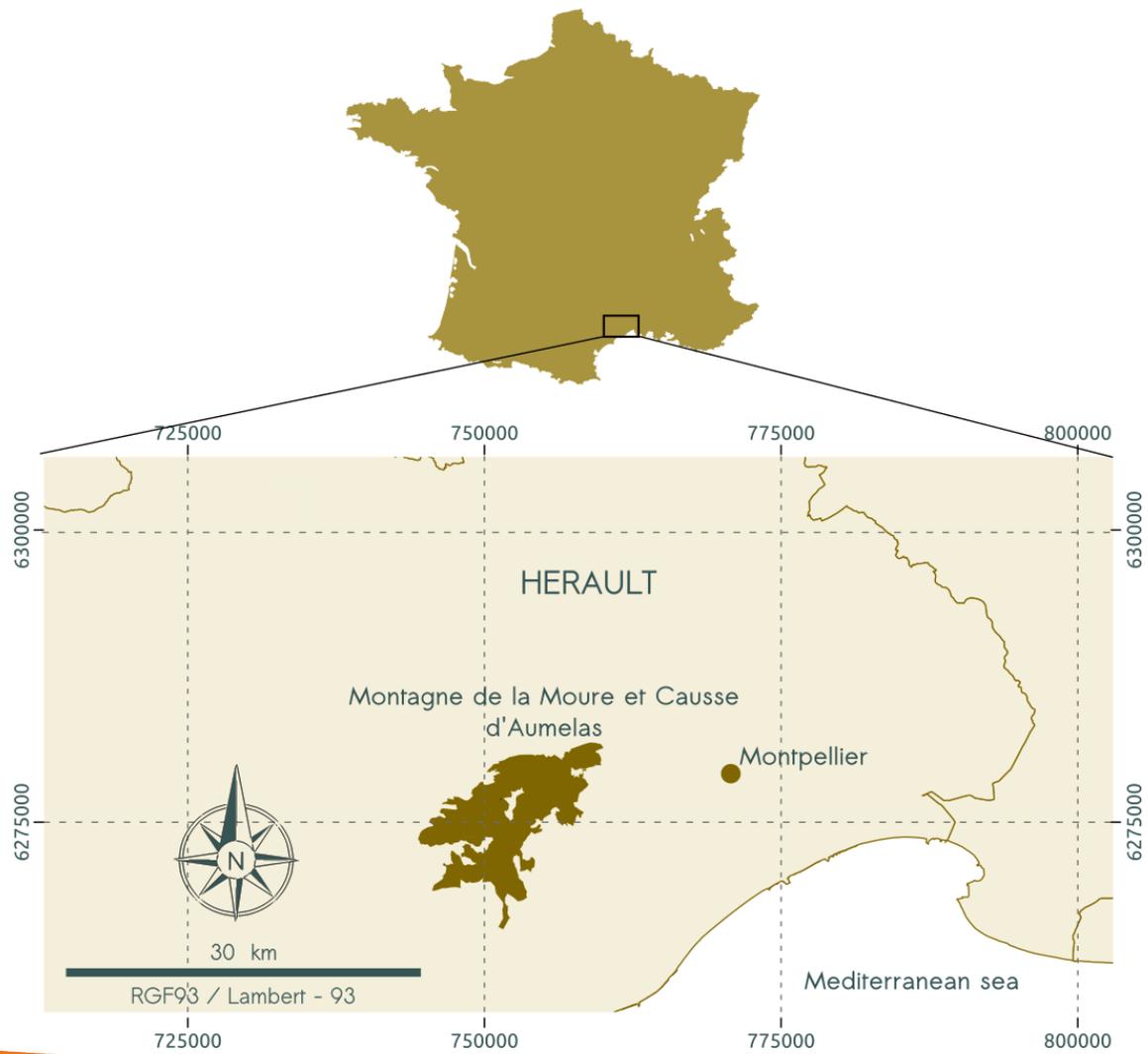
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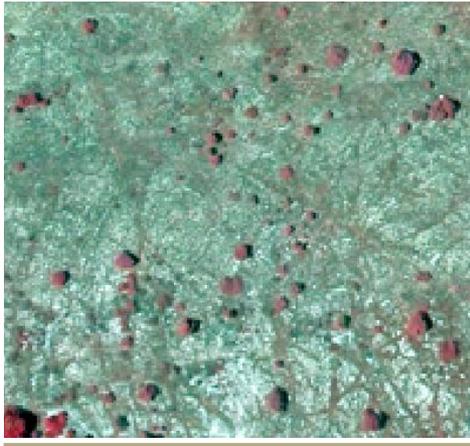


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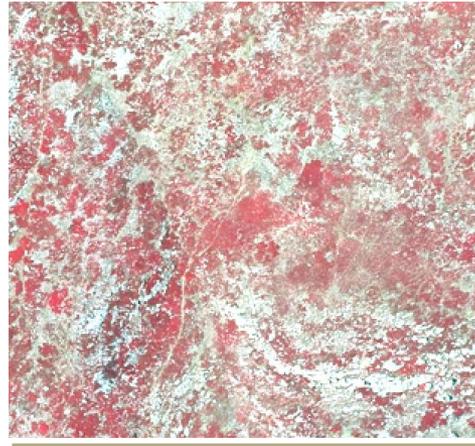


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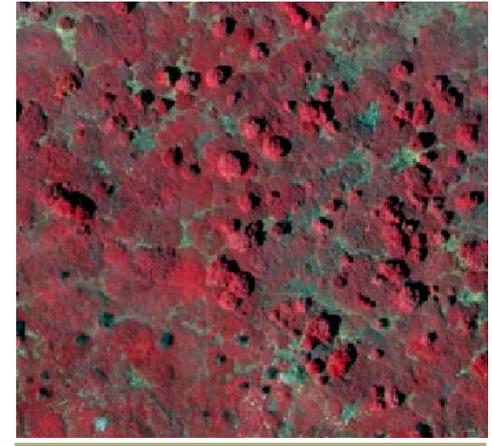
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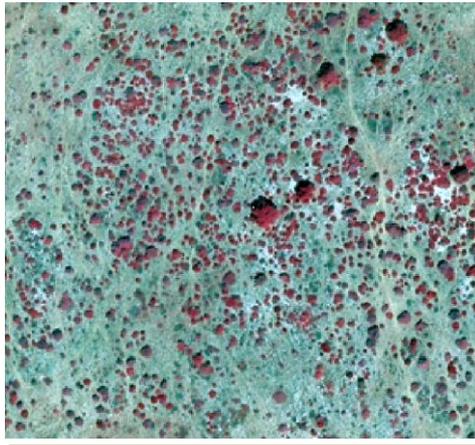
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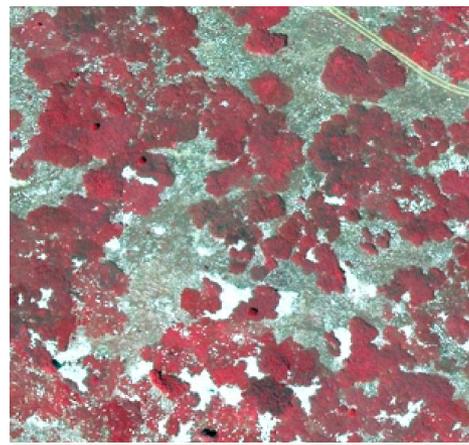
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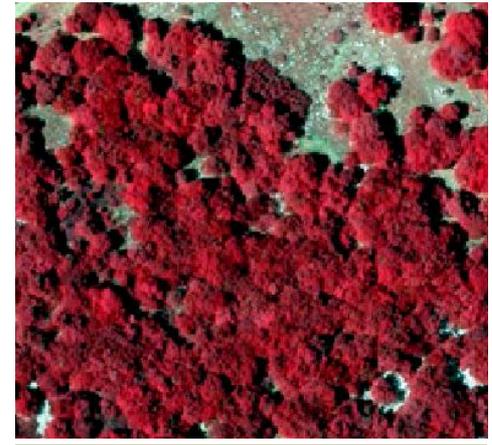
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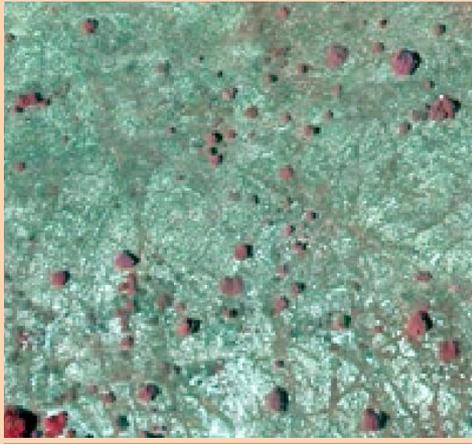


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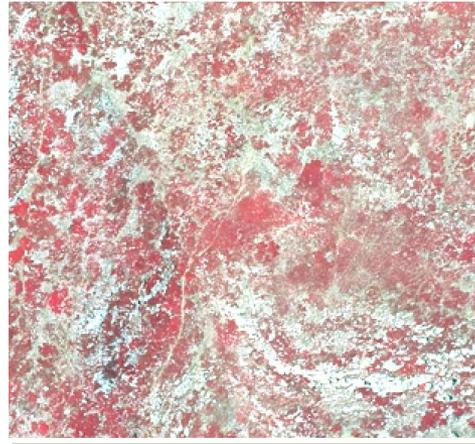


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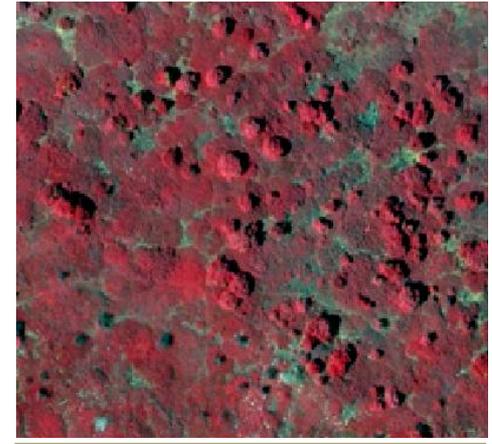
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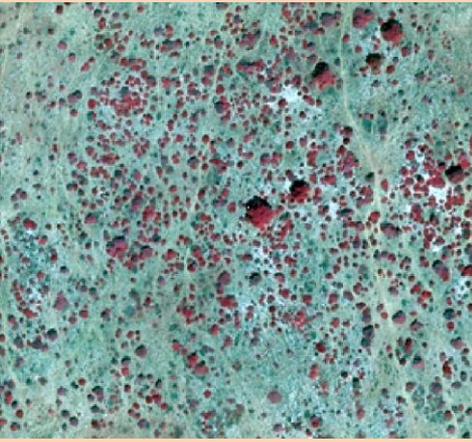
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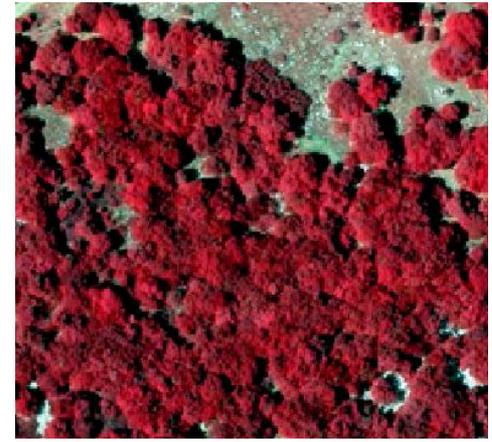
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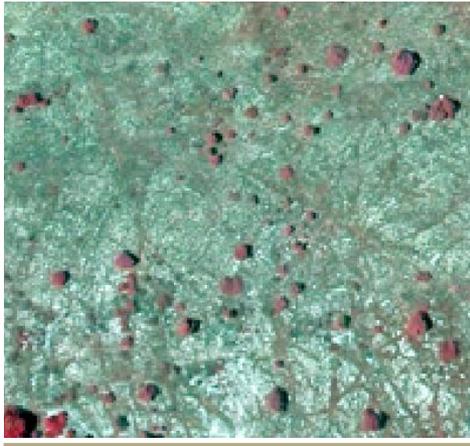


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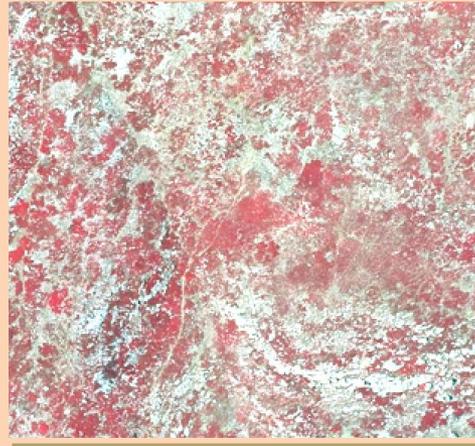


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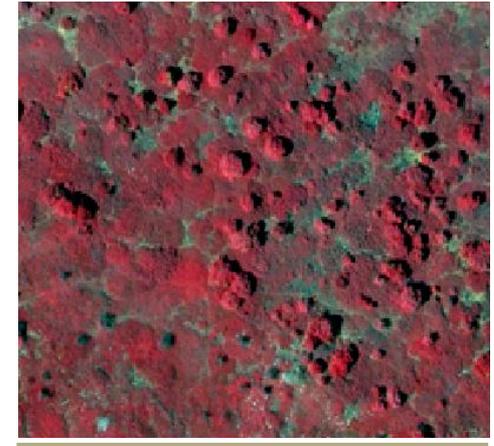
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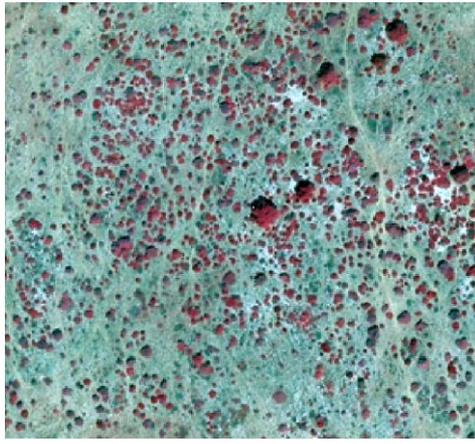
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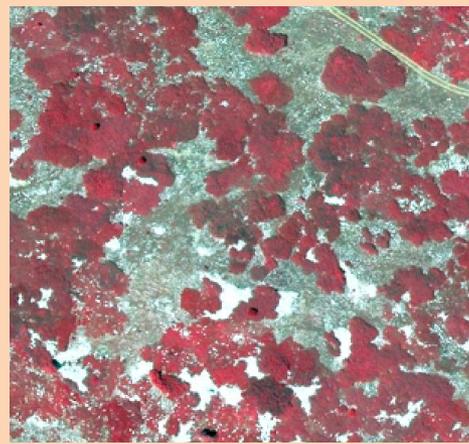
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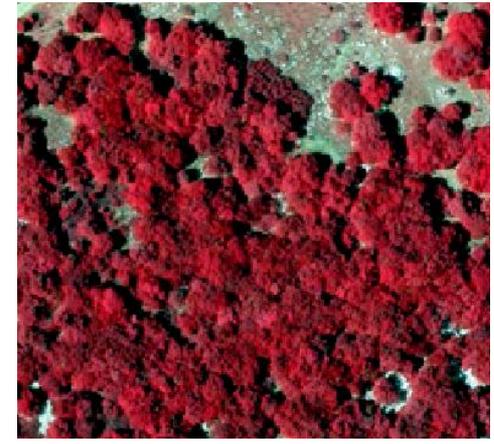
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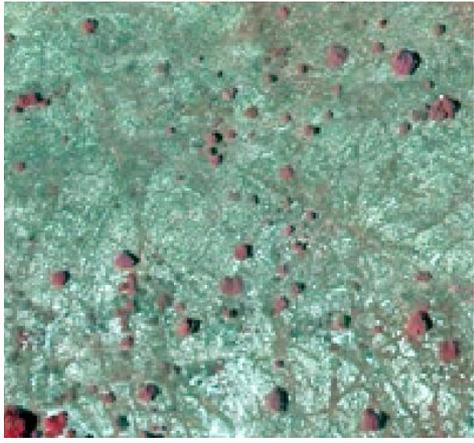


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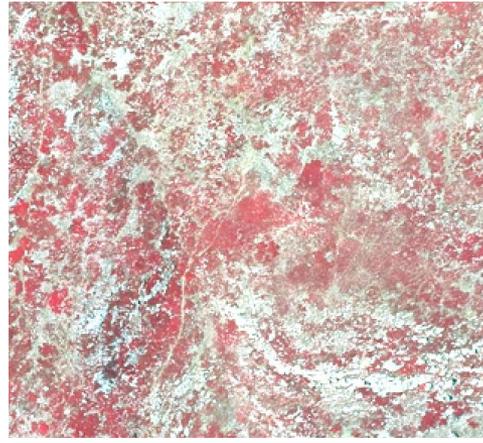


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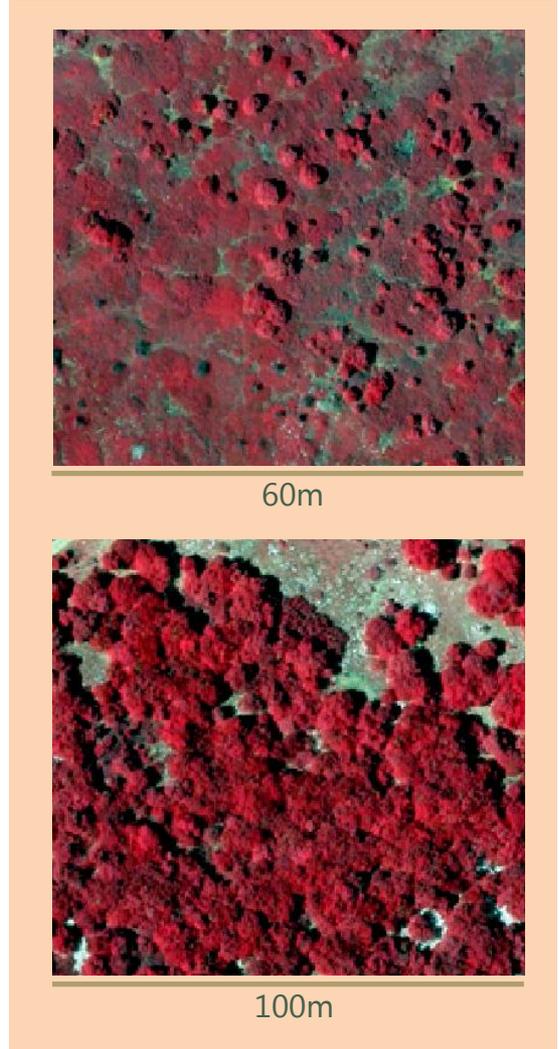
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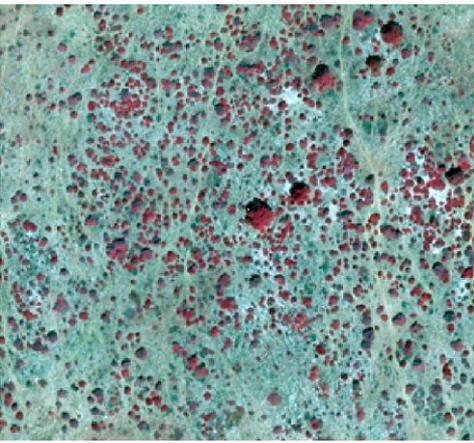


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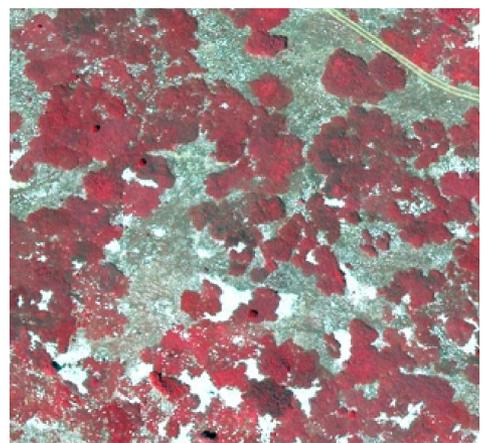


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## Four strata of interest :

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Low ligneous (LL)

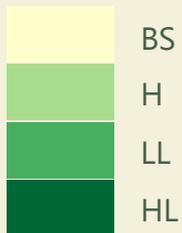
Herbs (H)

Bare soil (BS)

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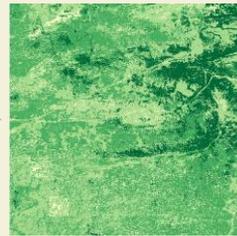


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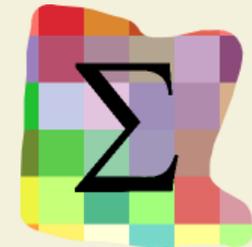
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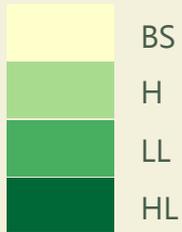
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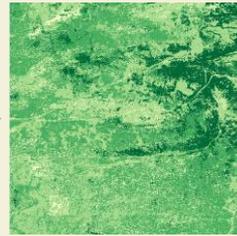


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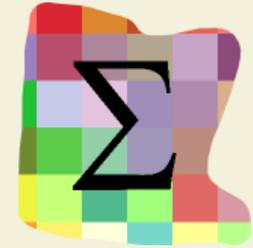
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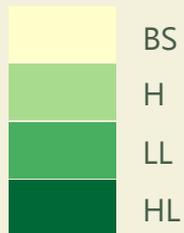
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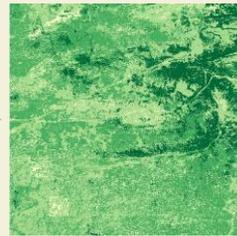


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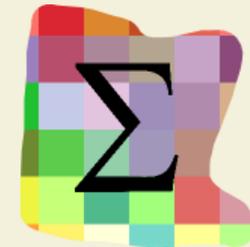
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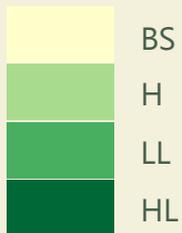
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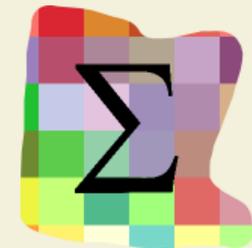
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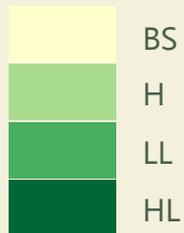


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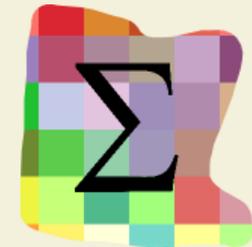
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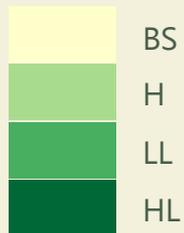
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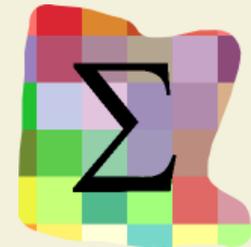
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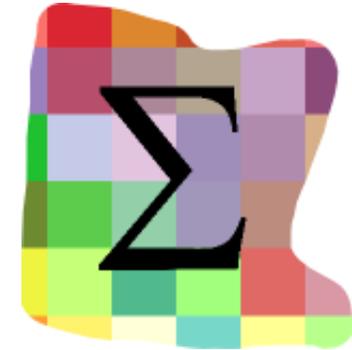
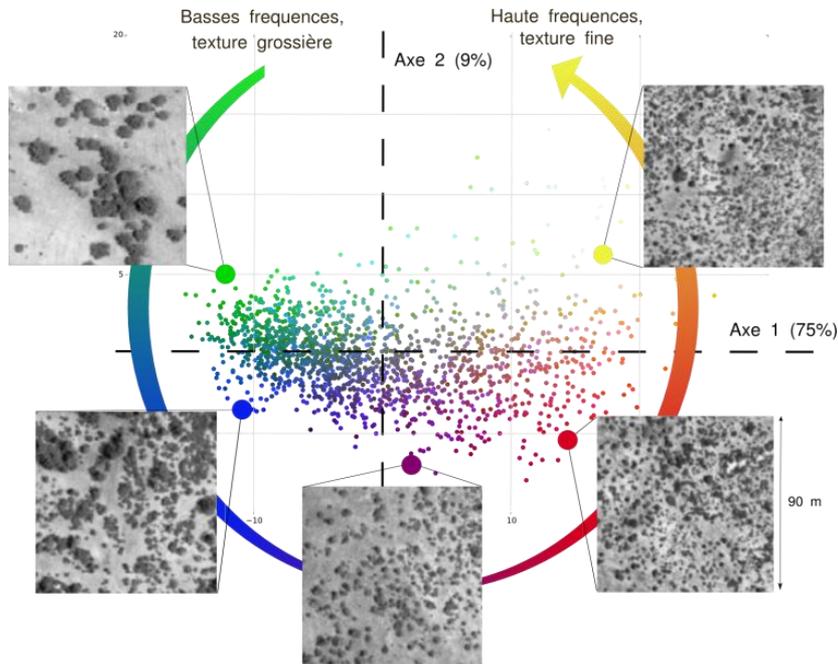
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# Continuous textural indices to characterize vegetation heterogeneity



- Land cover proportion
- Patch density
- Fragmentation

Analysing vegetation structure using Fourier-based textural ordination (FOTO, Coutron 2006)

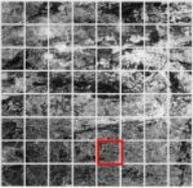
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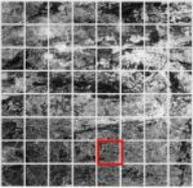
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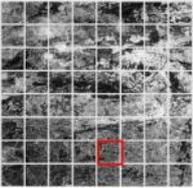


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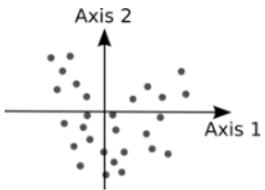
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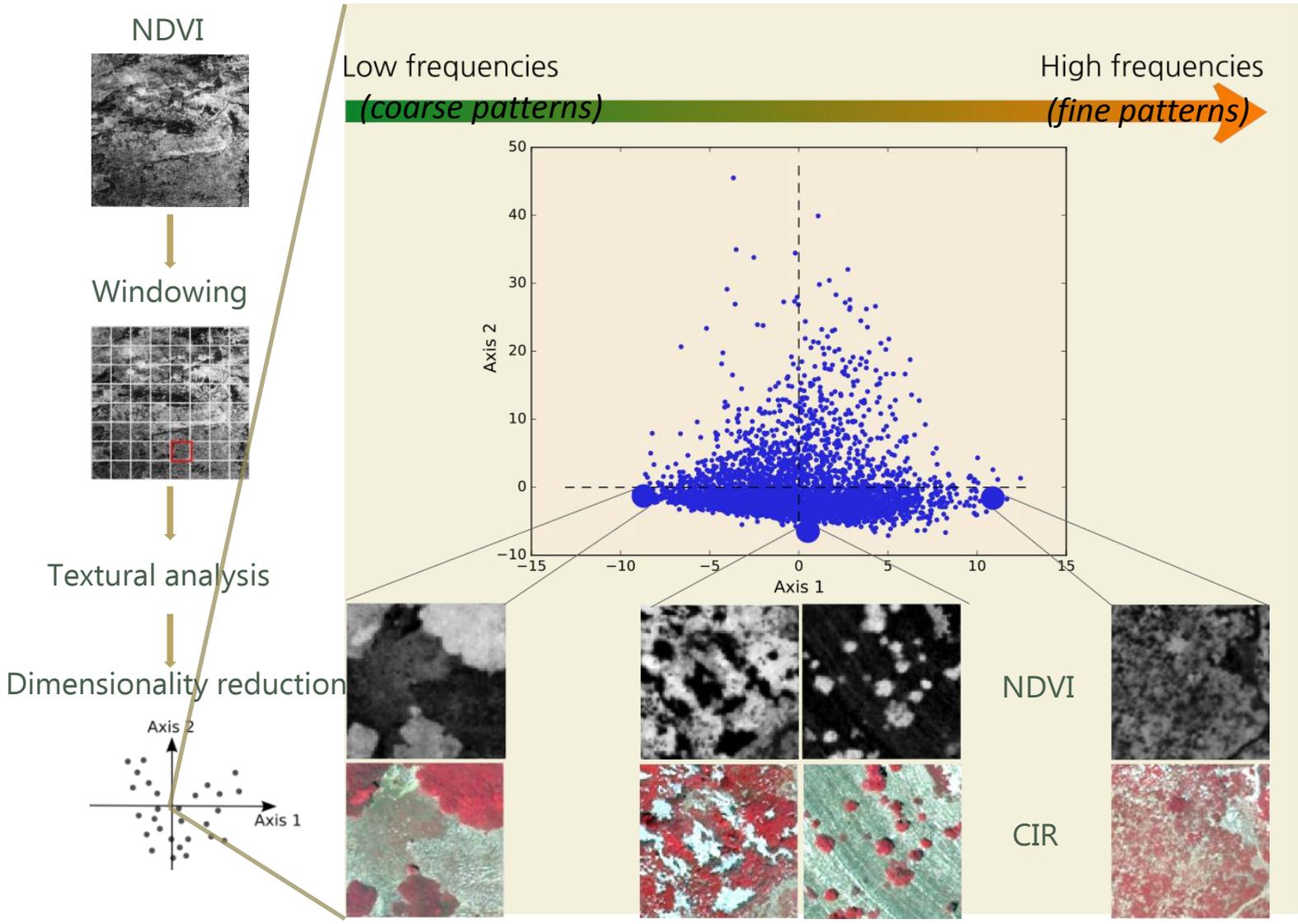
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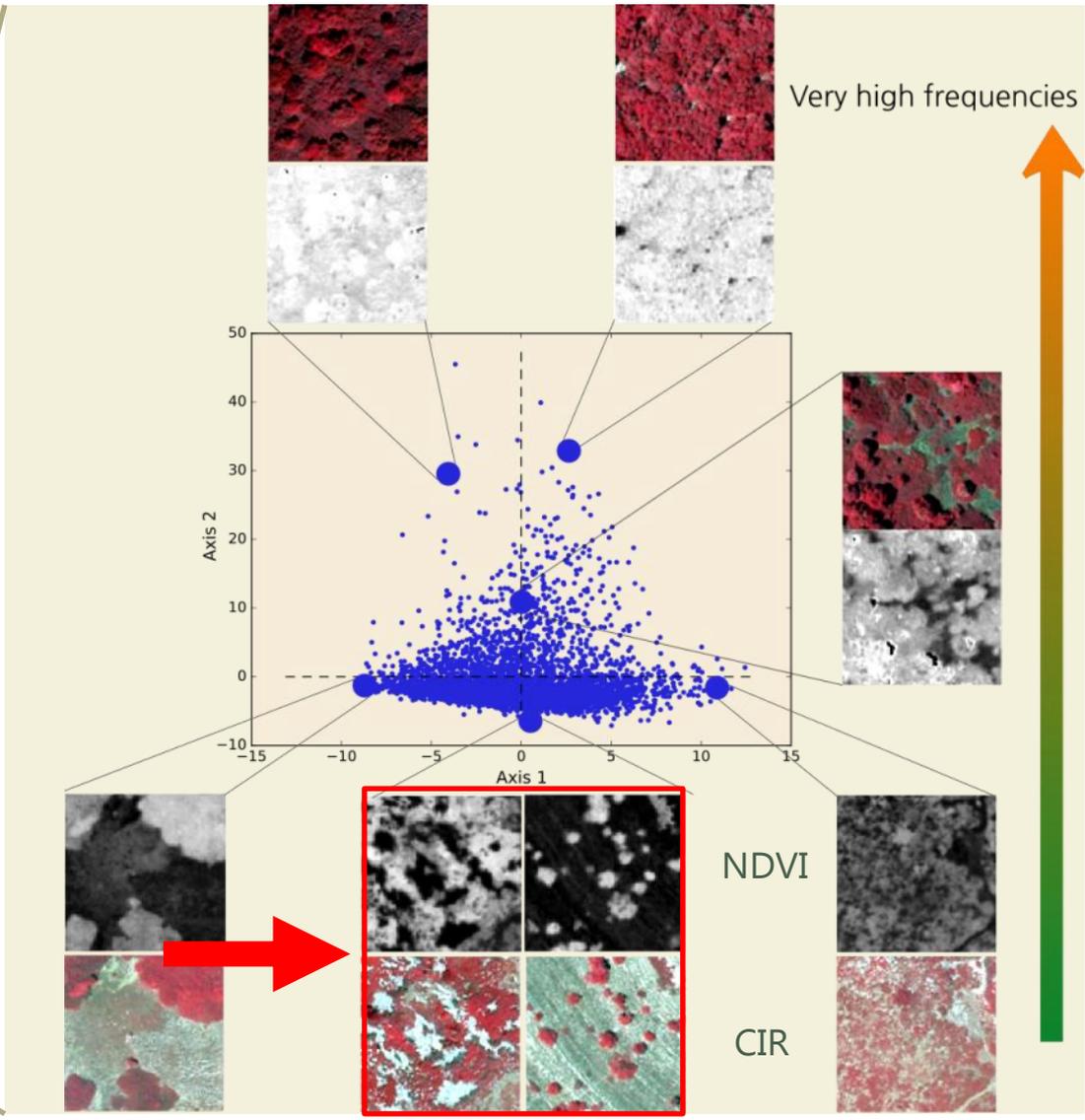
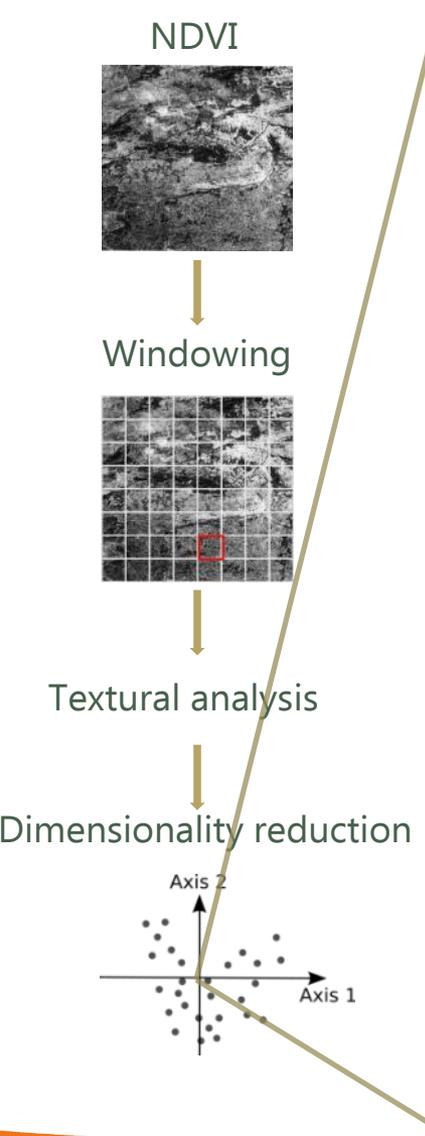
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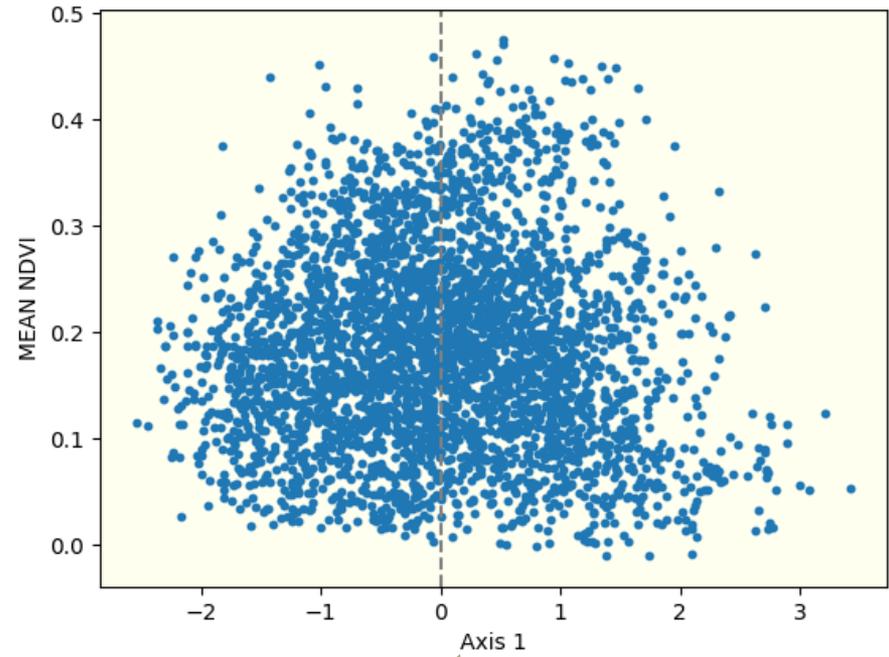
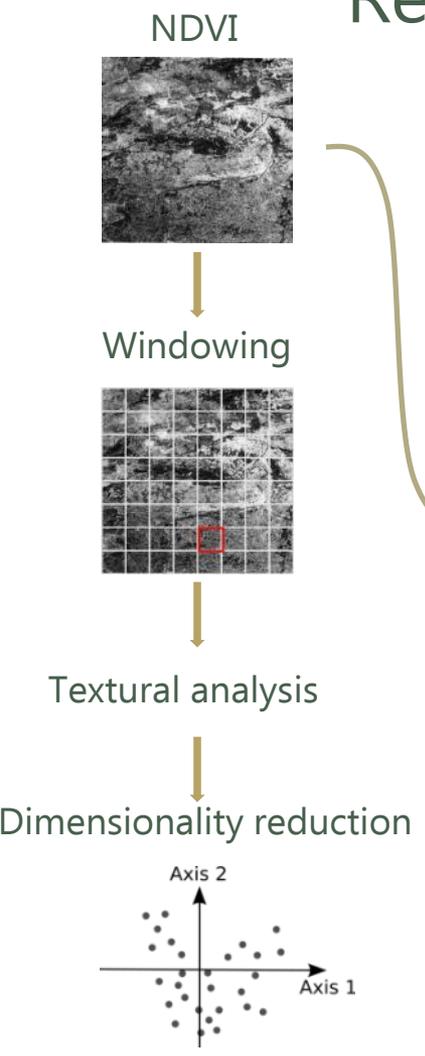
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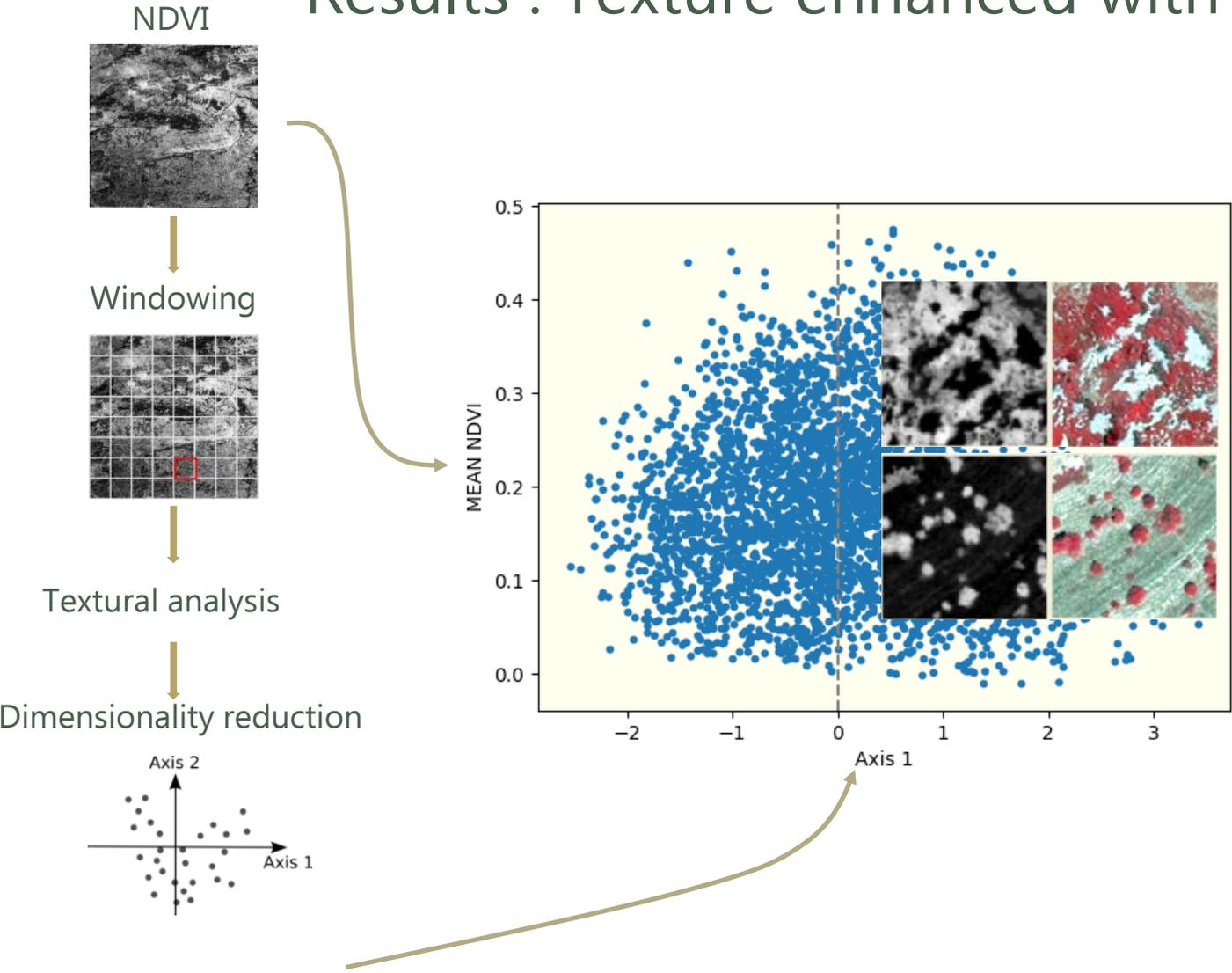
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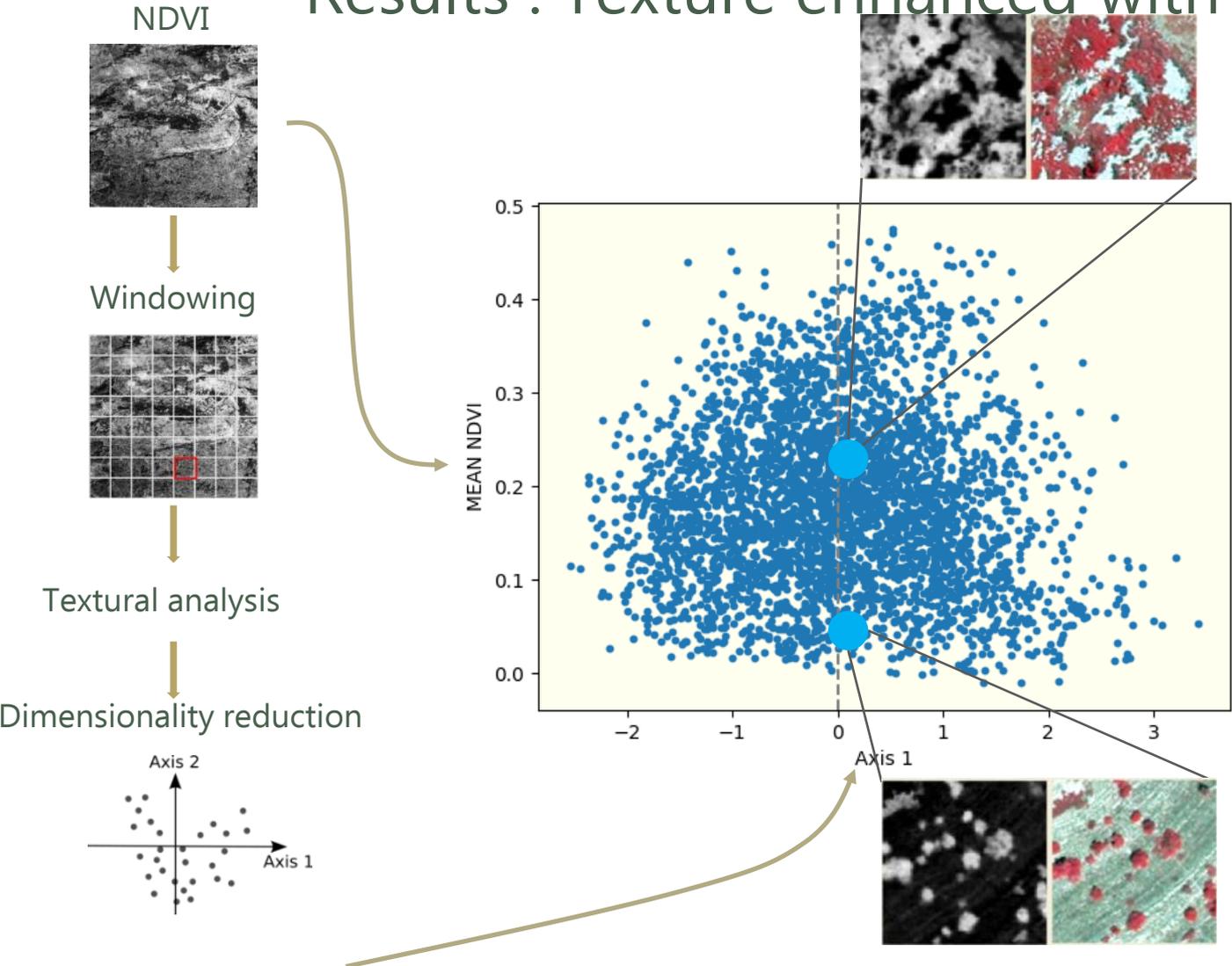
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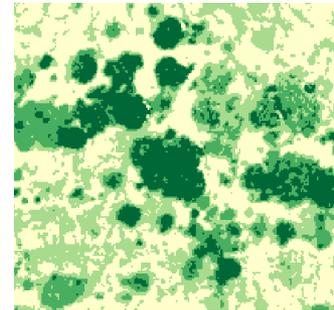
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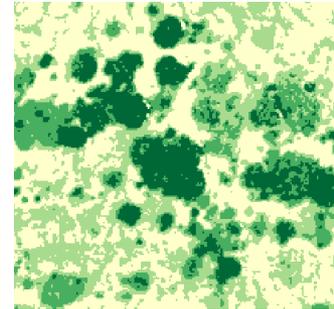
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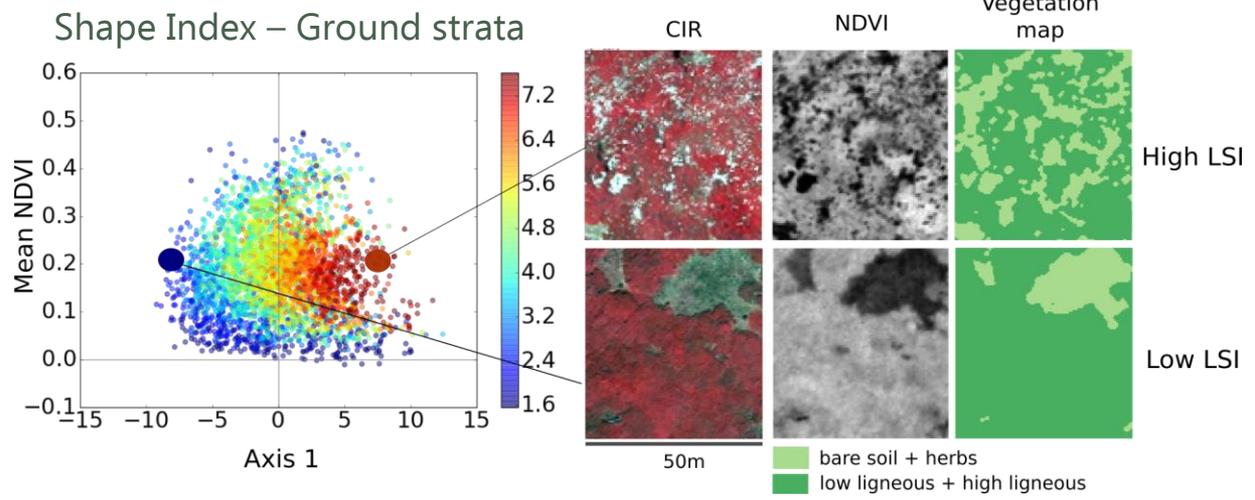
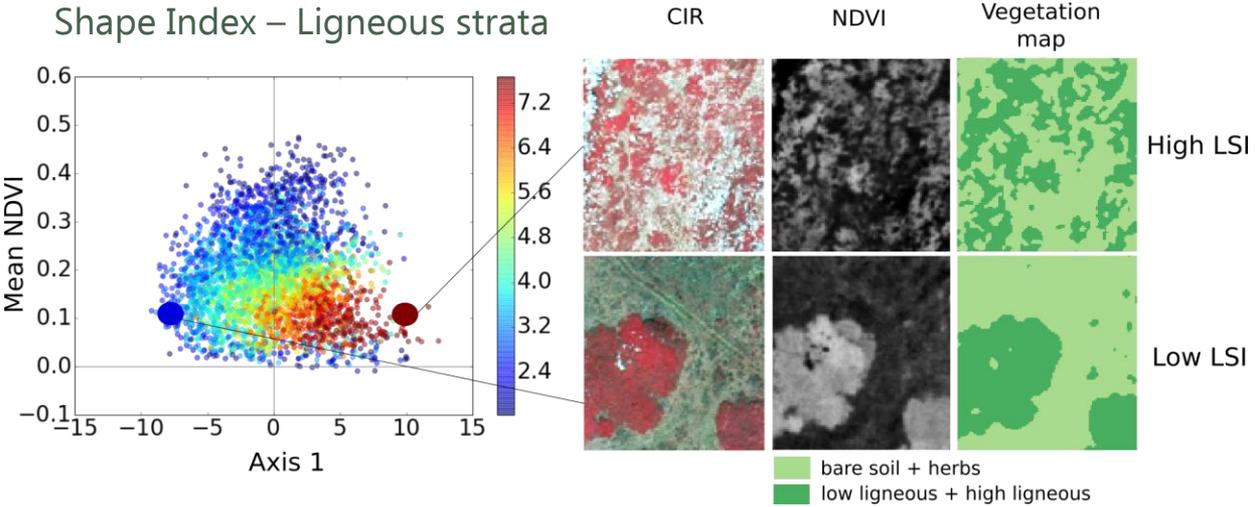
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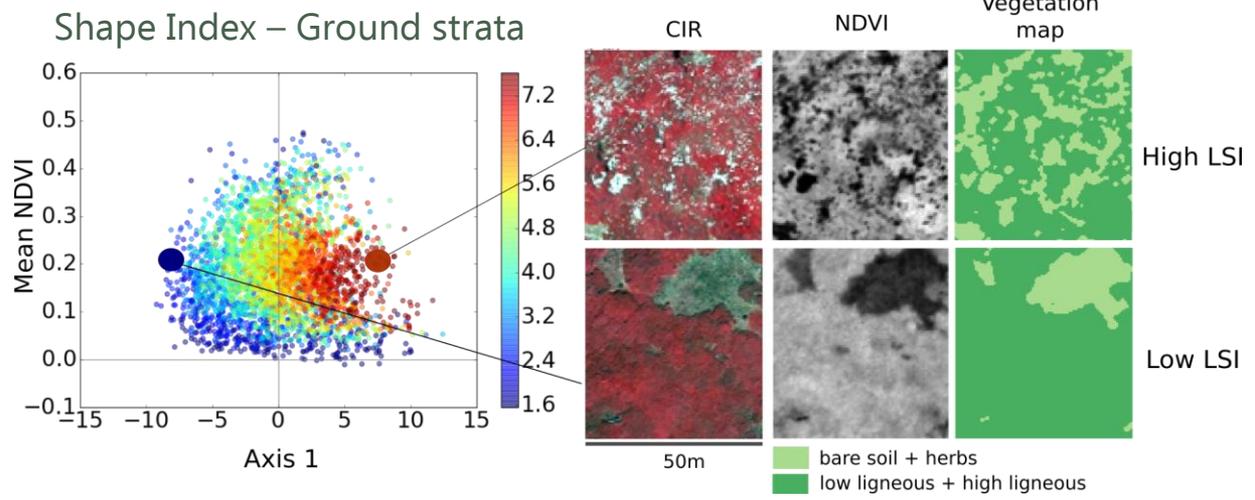
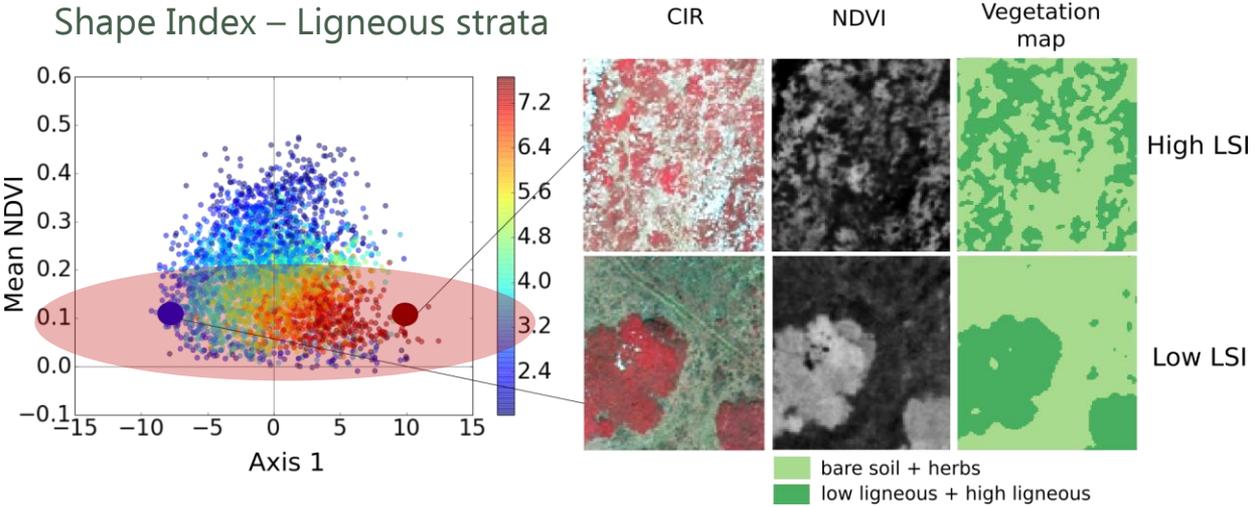
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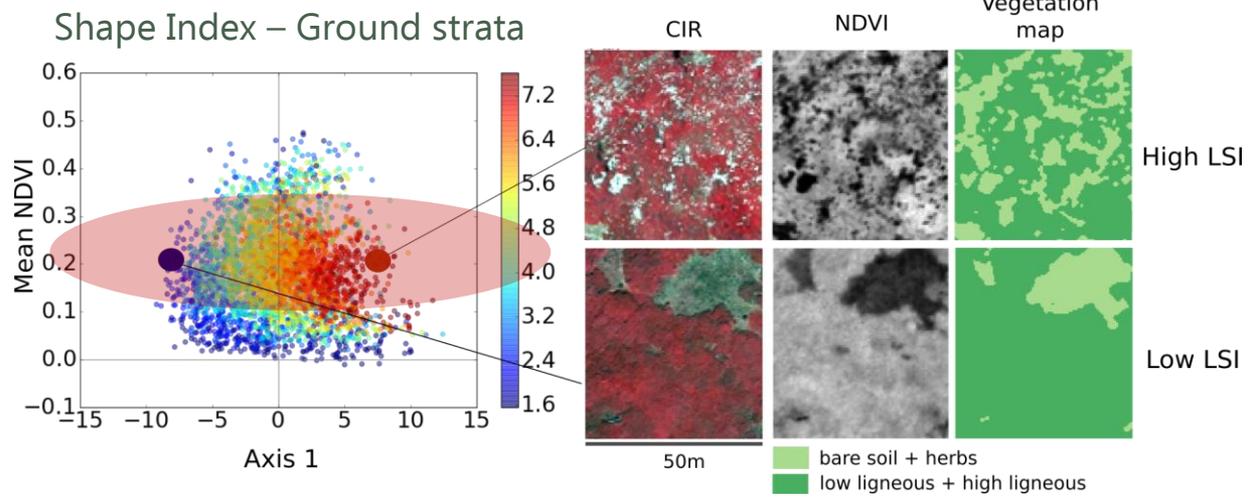
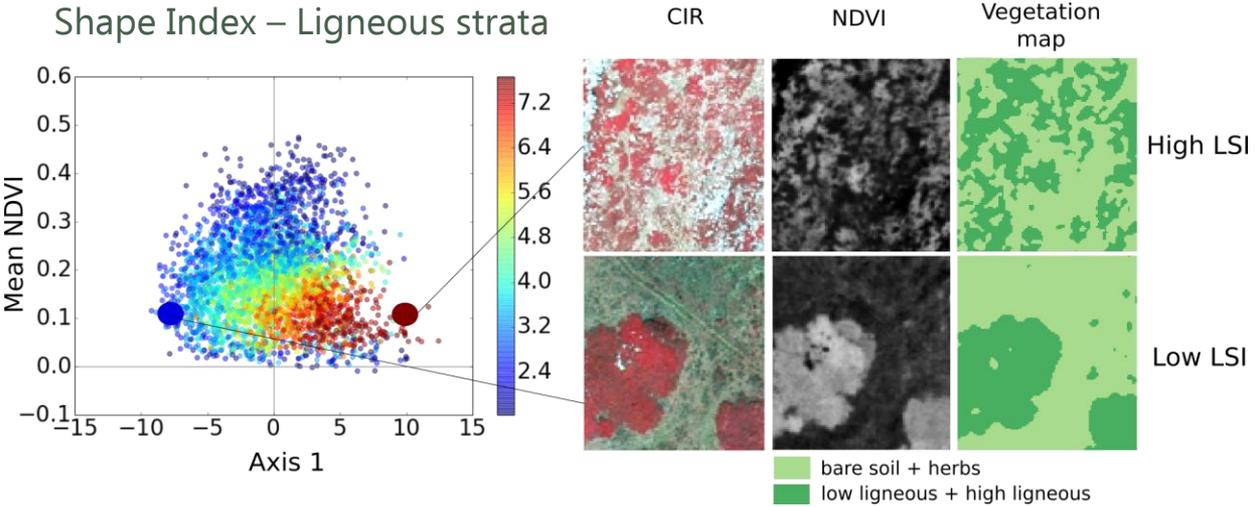
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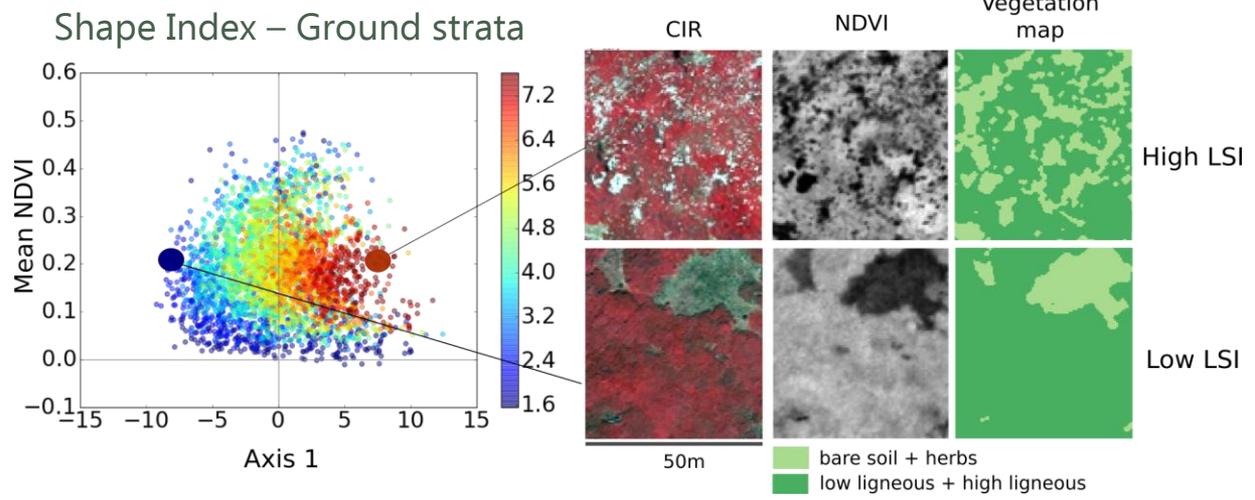
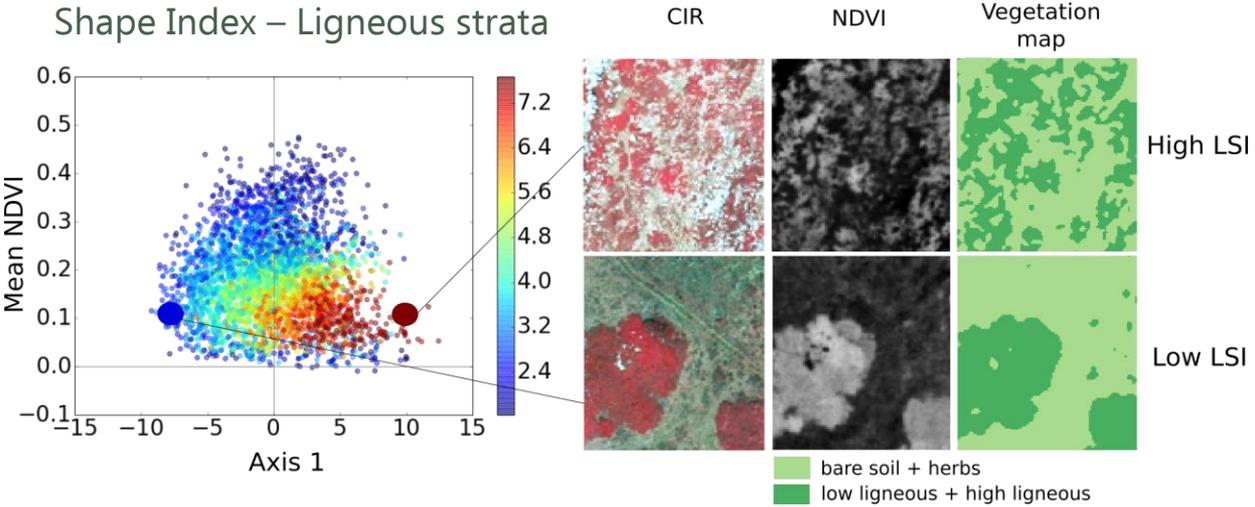
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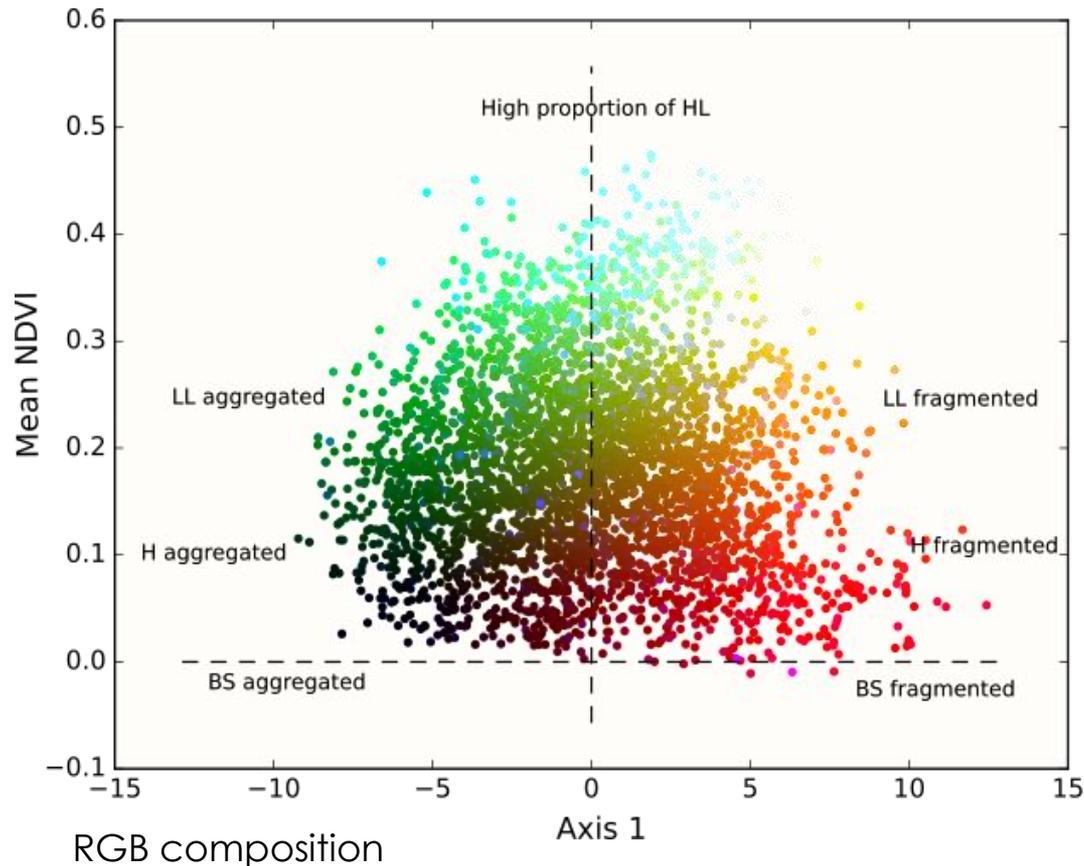
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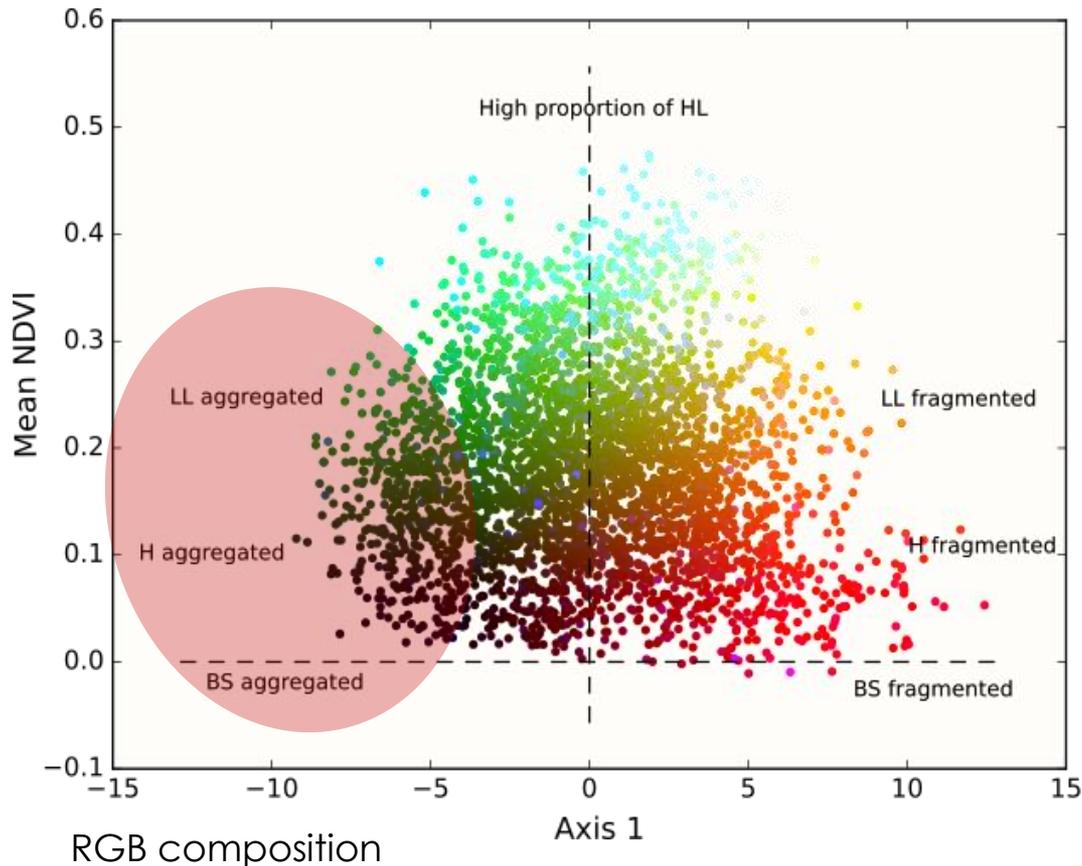


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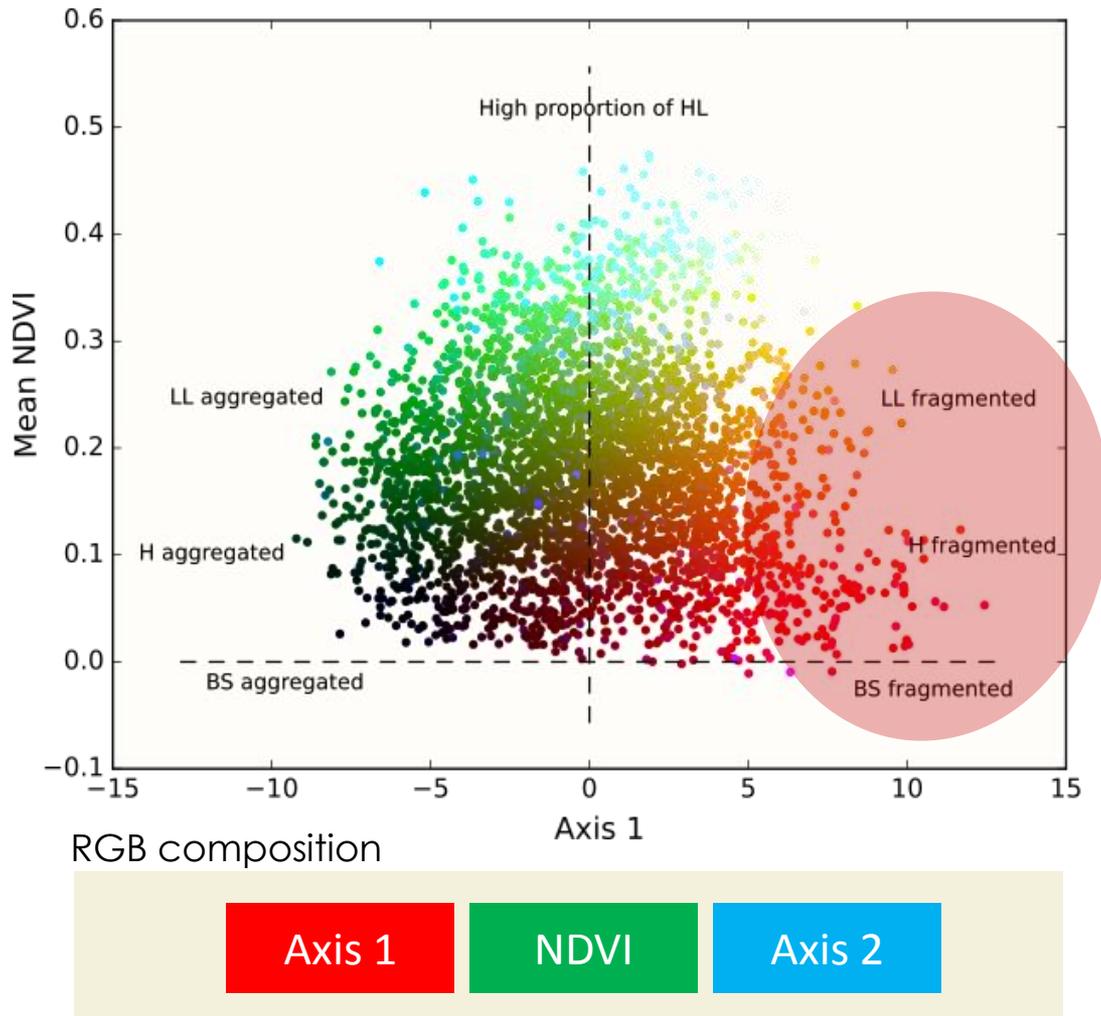
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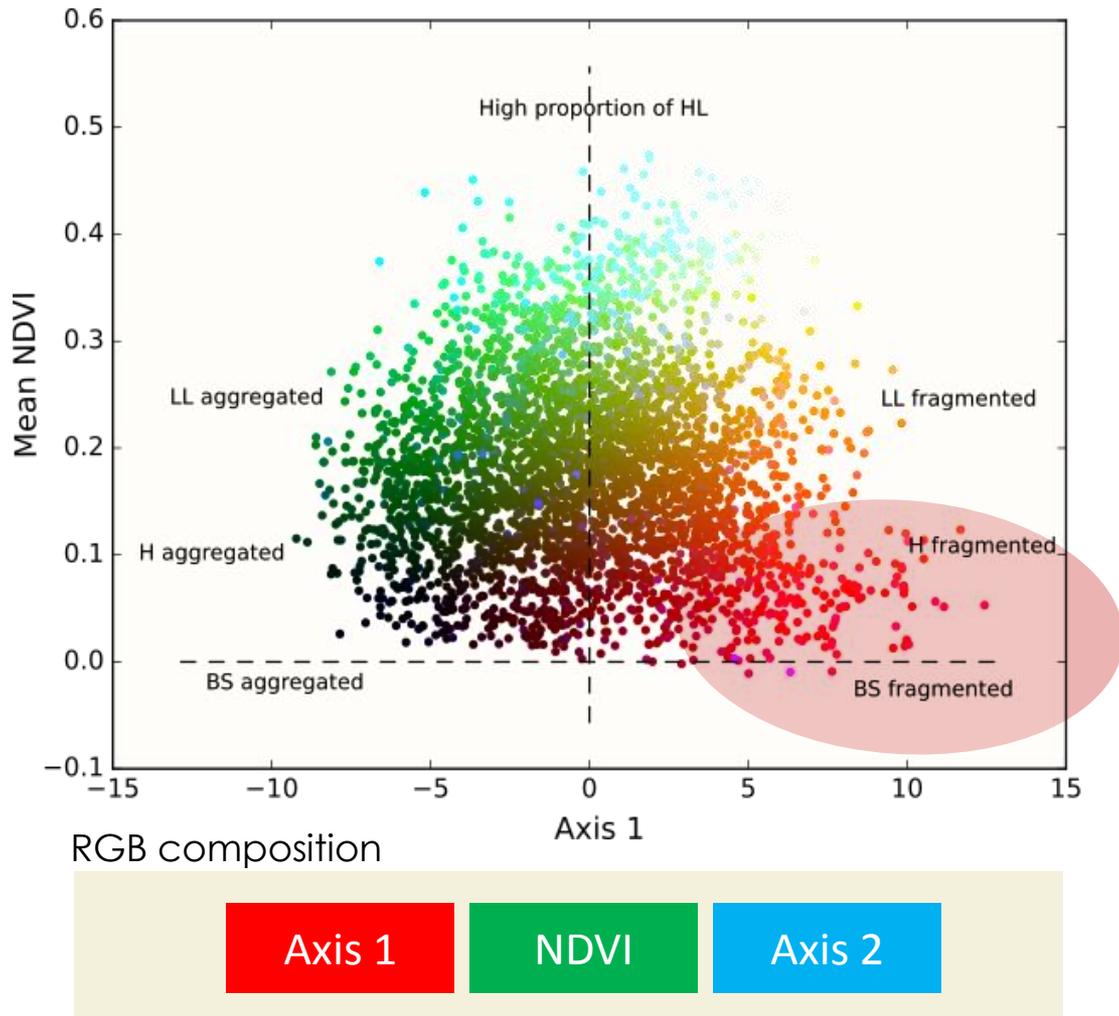
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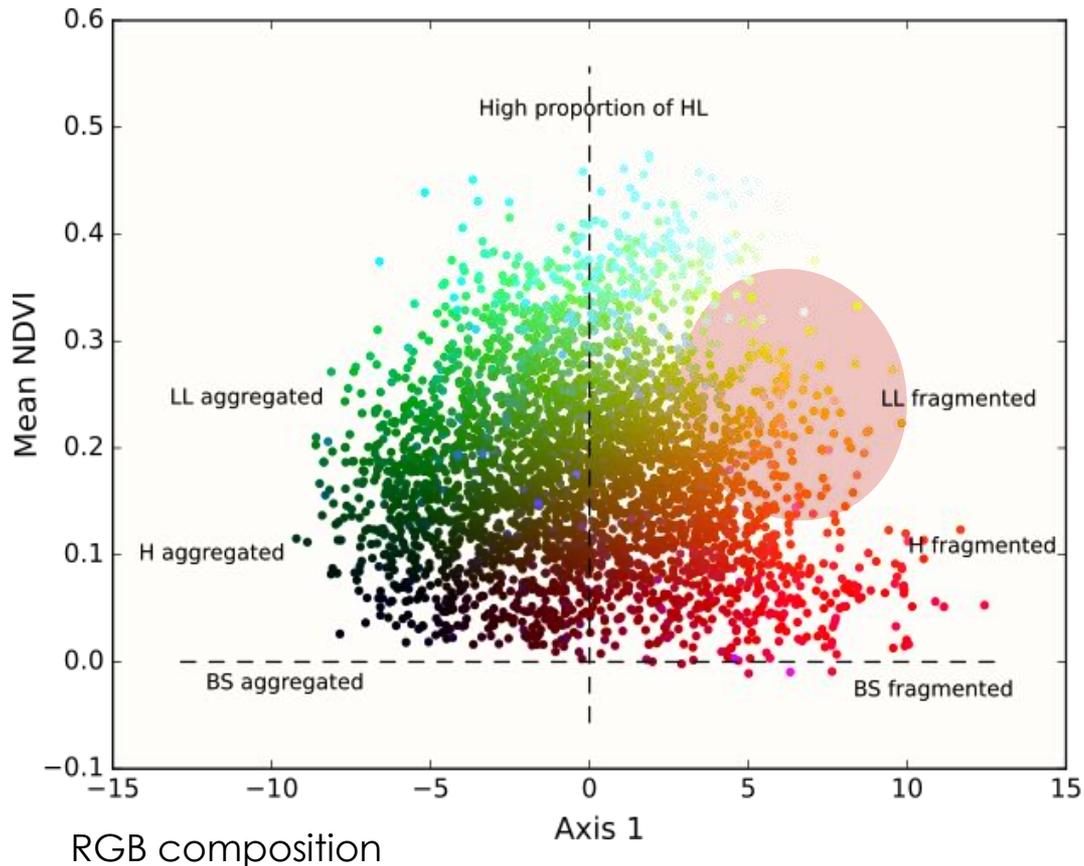
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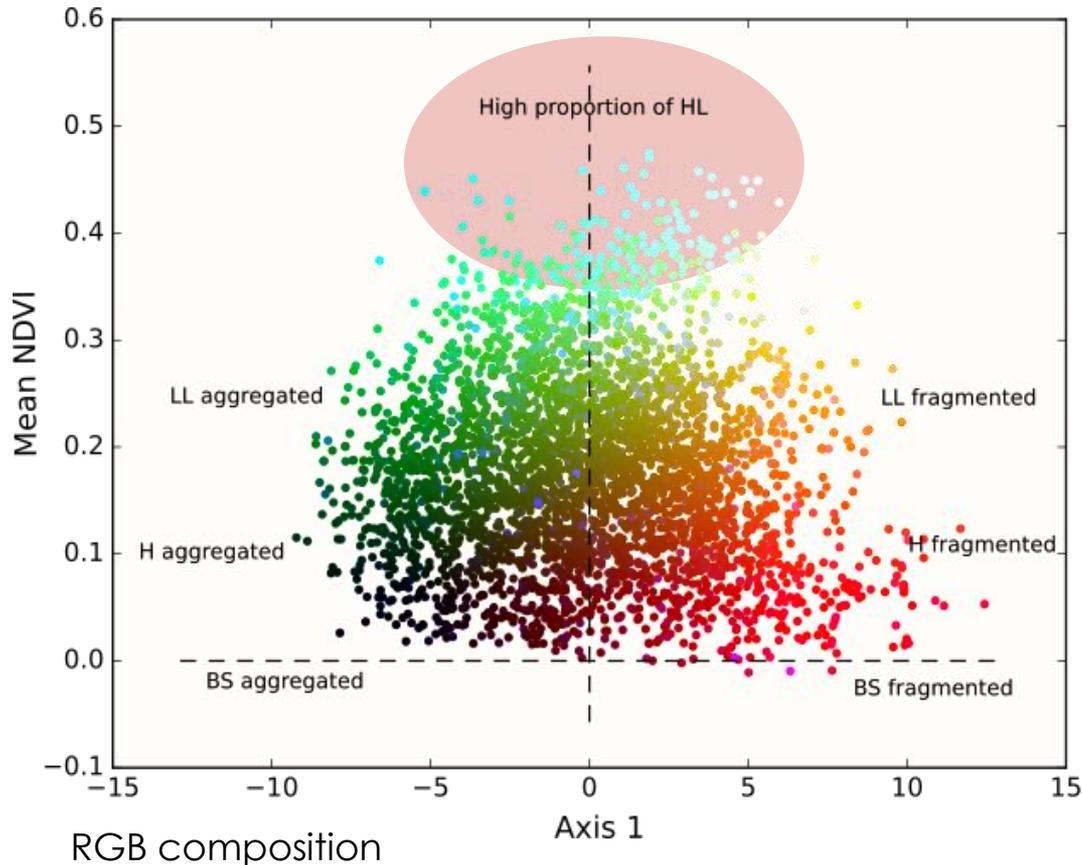
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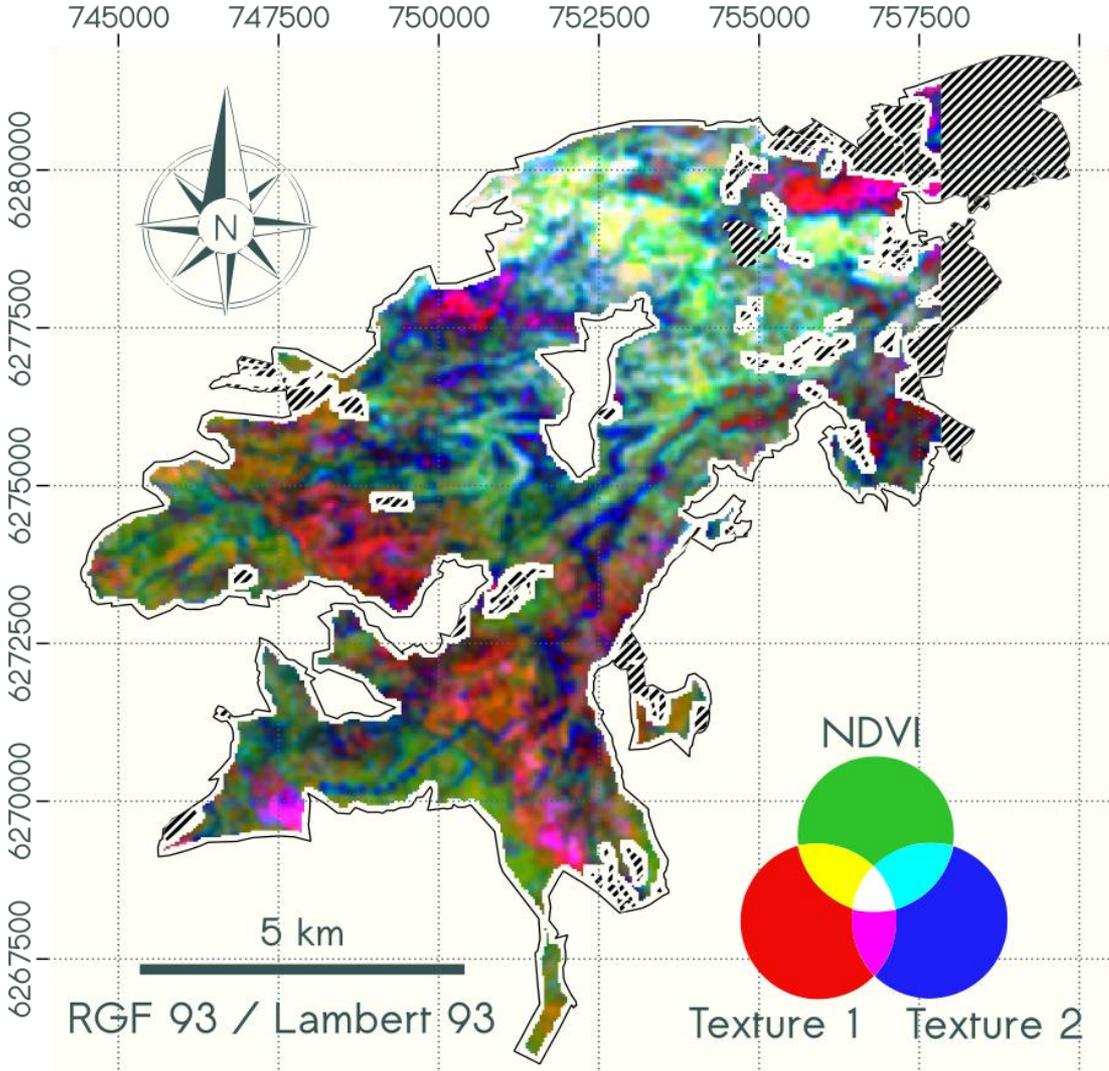
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# Structure from the three continuous indices



# Map of heterogeneity

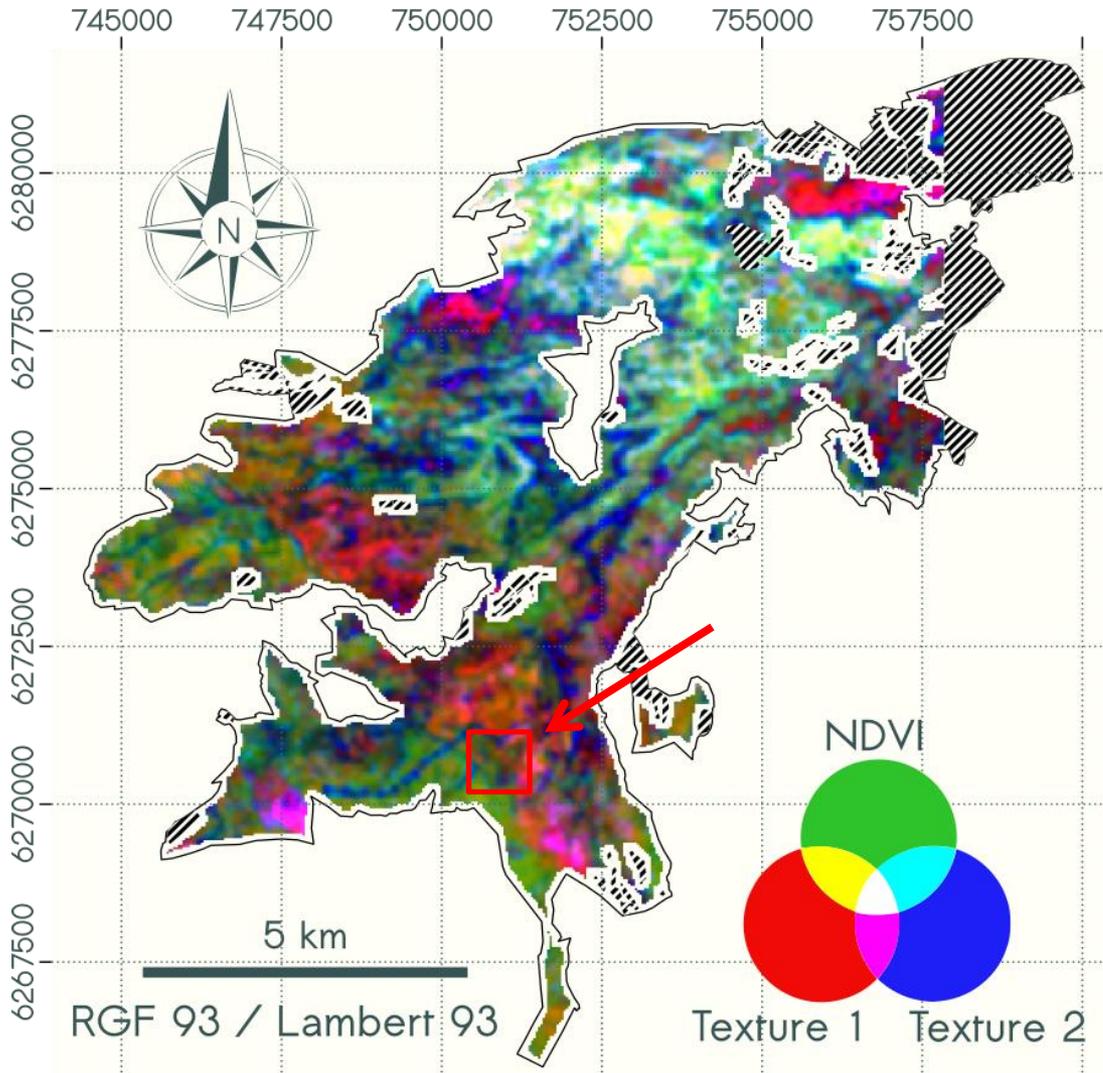


Texture 1  
Vegetation fragmentation

Texture 2  
High ligneous dominance

NDVI  
Proxy of strata composition

# Map of heterogeneity



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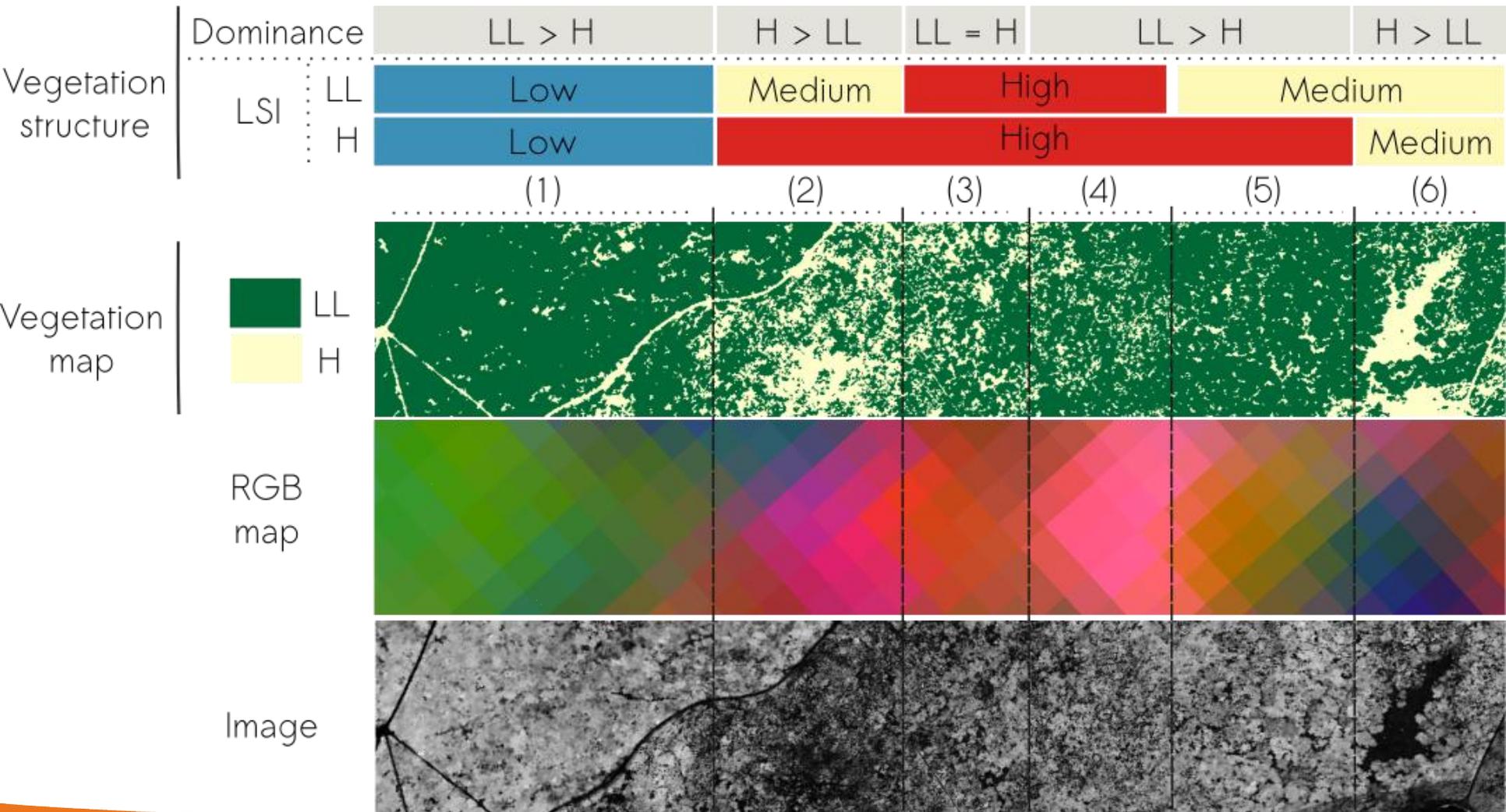
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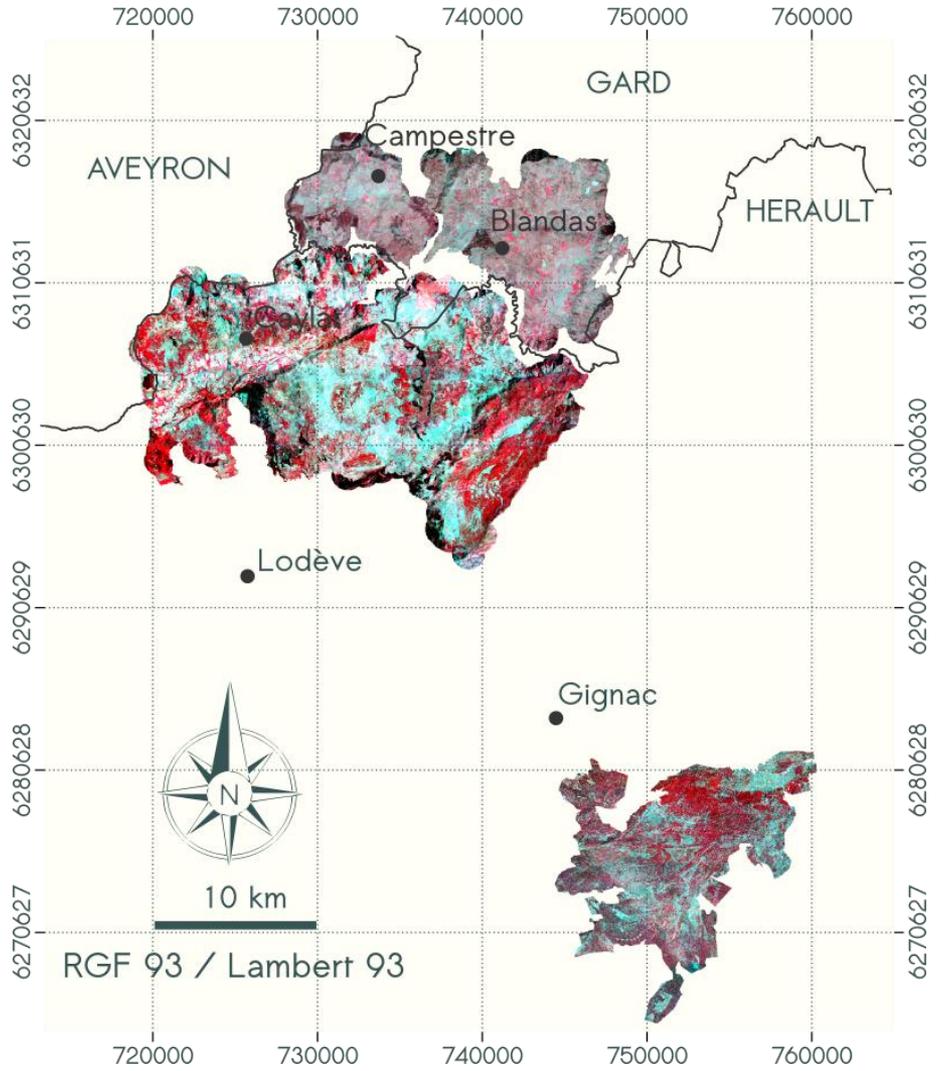
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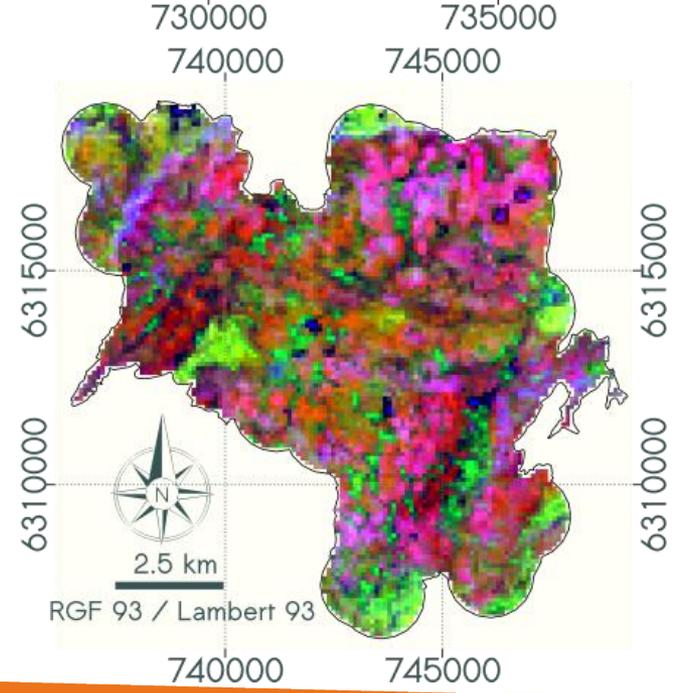
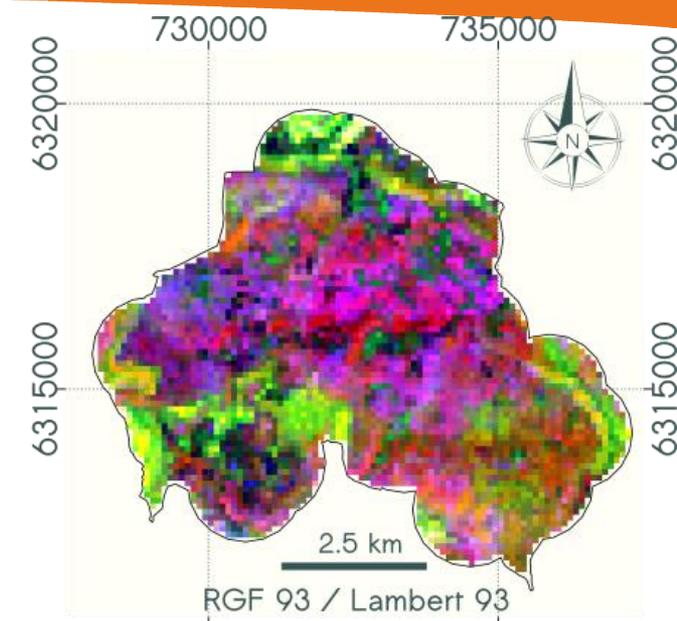
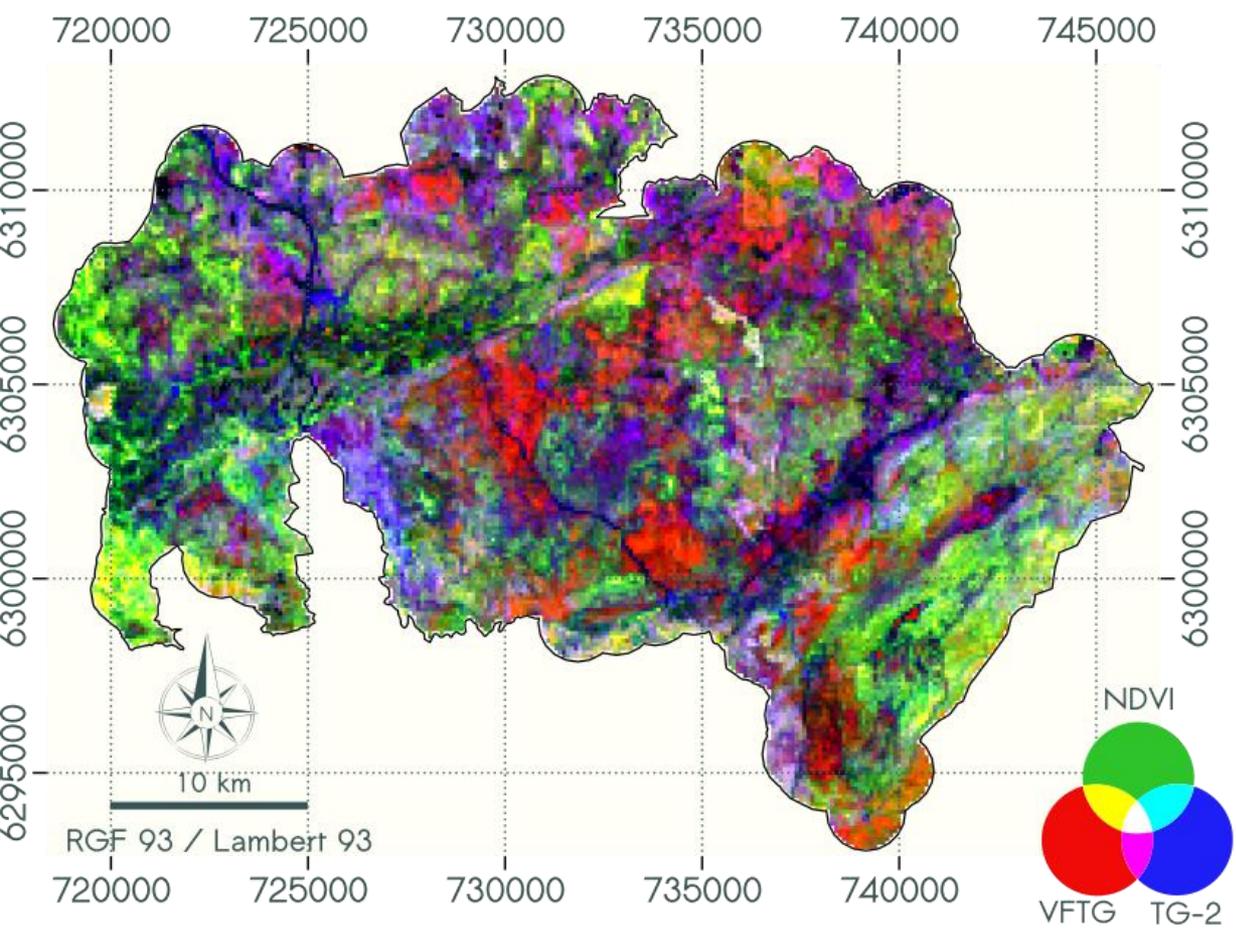
Proxy of strata composition

# Depicting gradient of heterogeneity





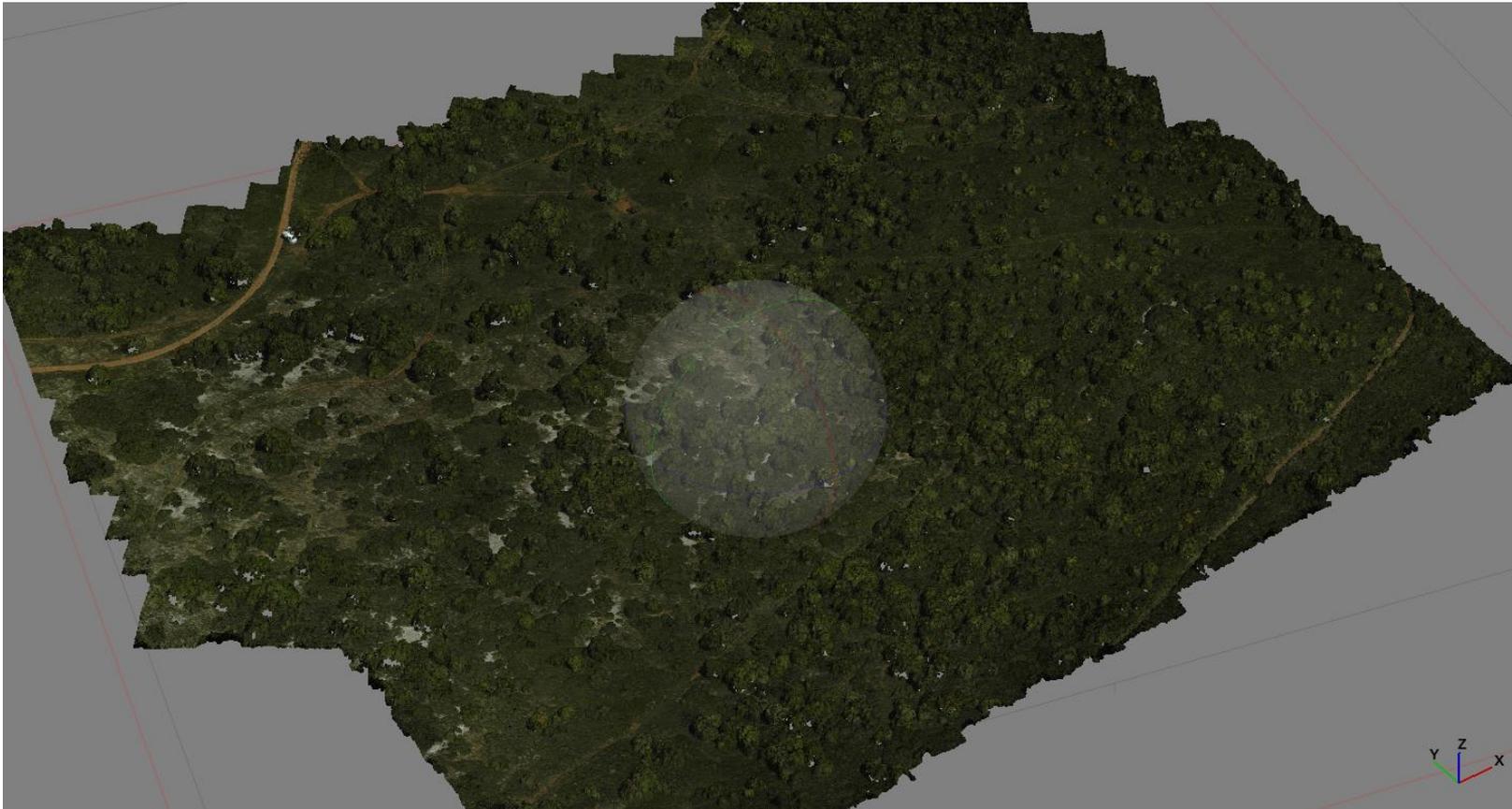
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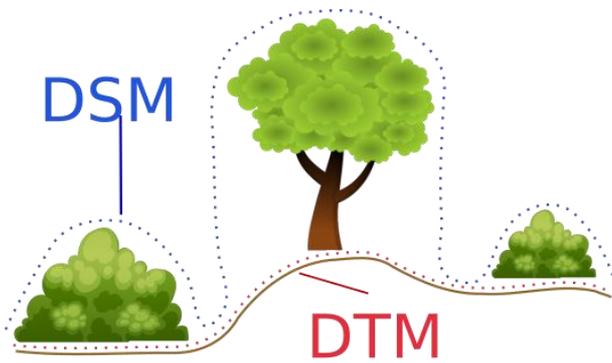


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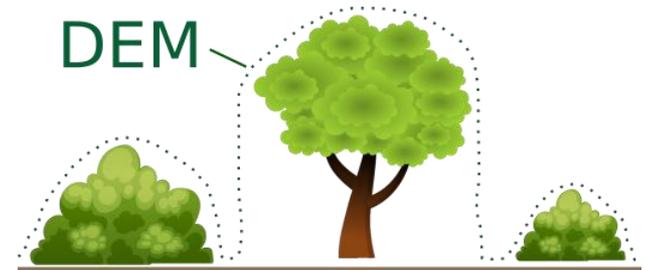


- UAV acquisition on the Causse d'Aumelas



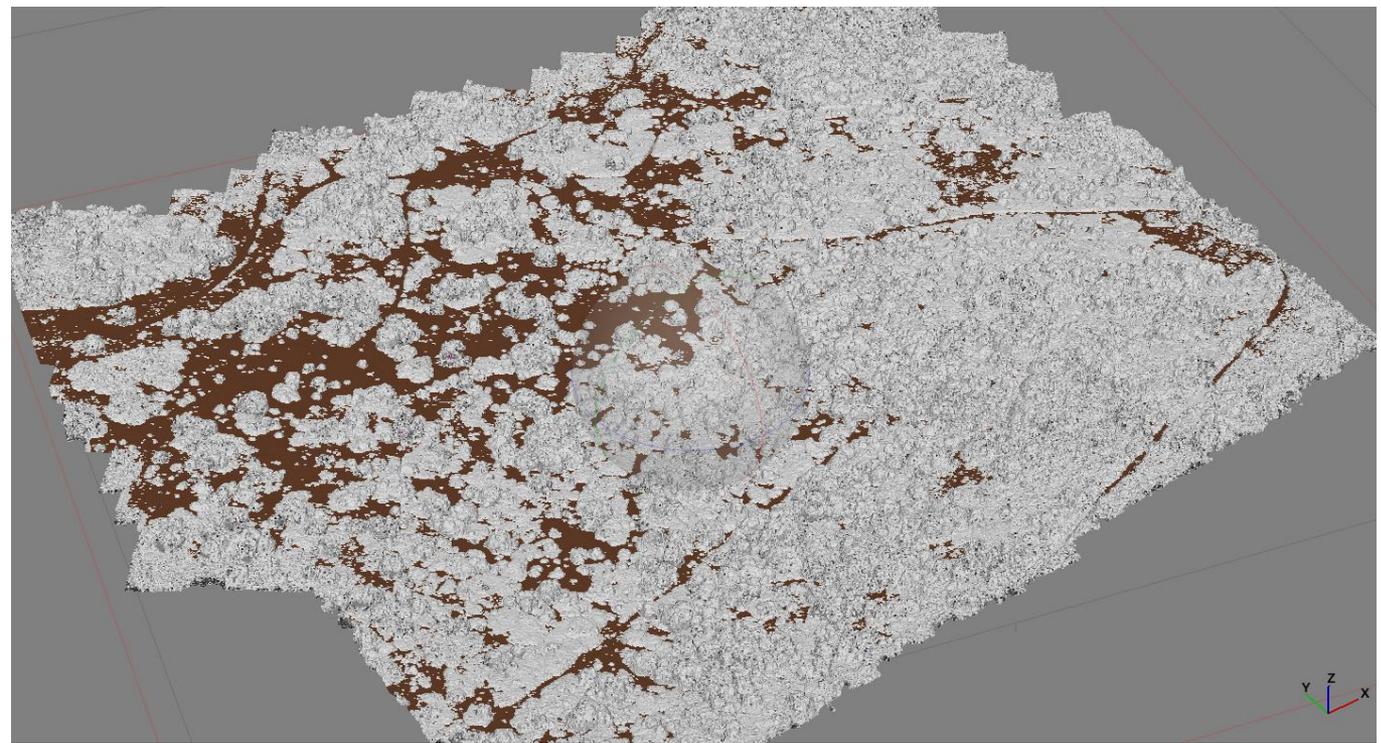
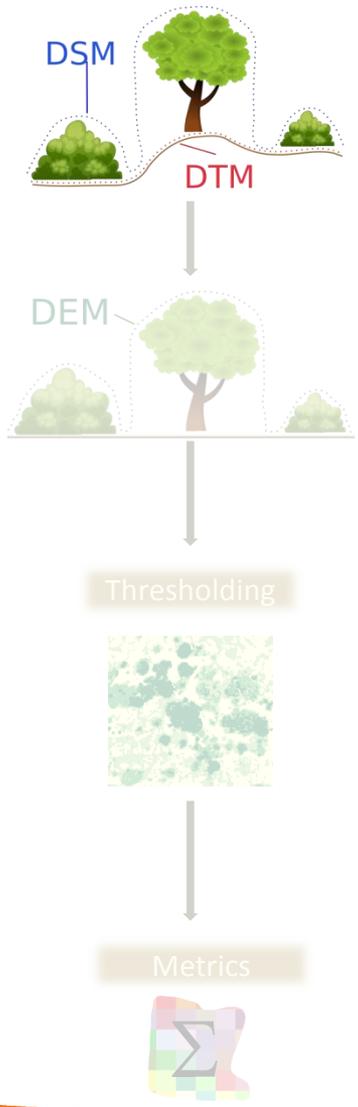


DSM- DTM



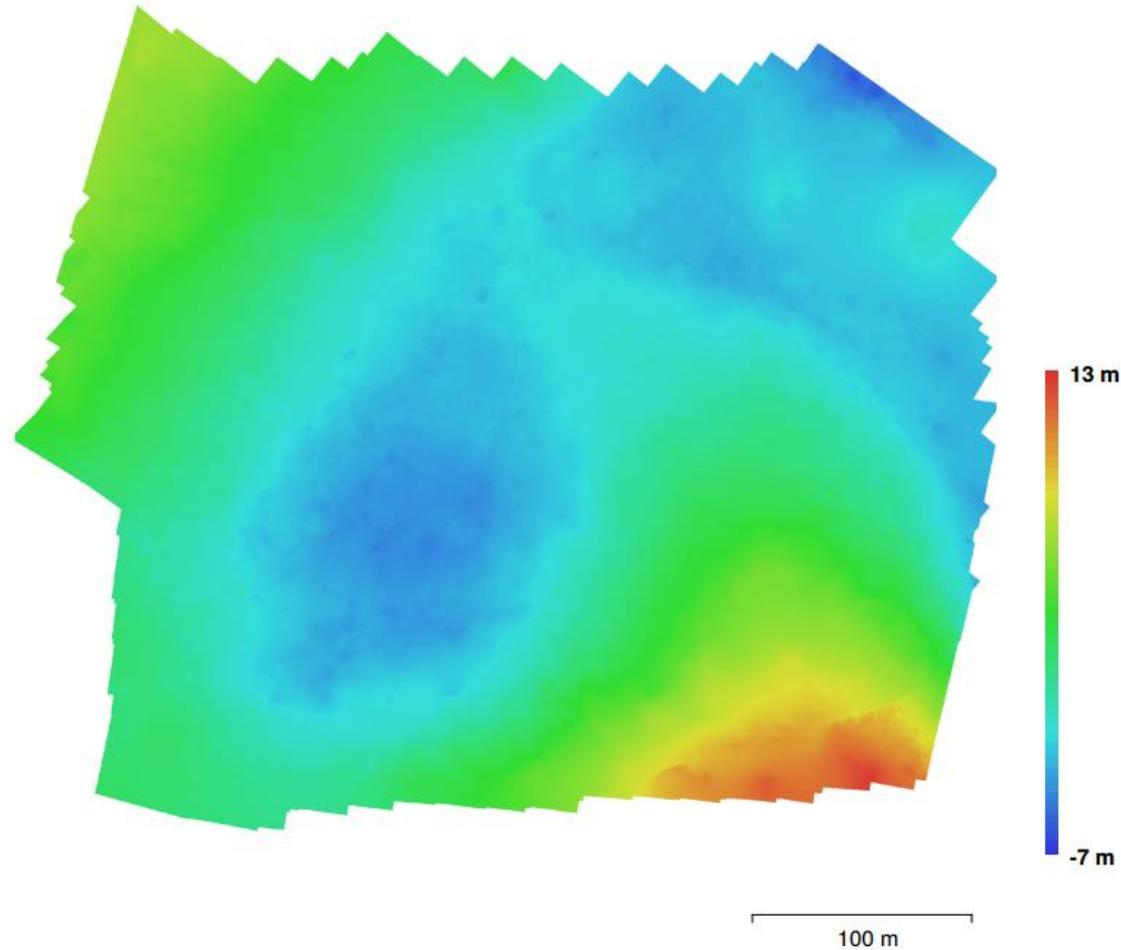
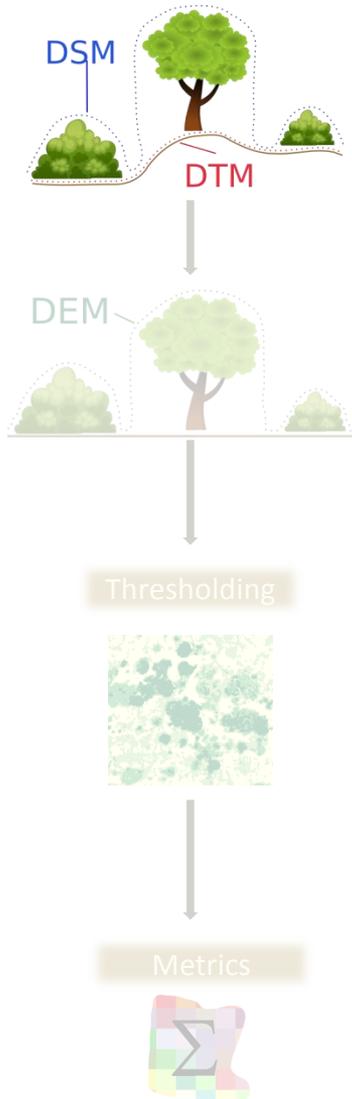
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➤ Ground points classification



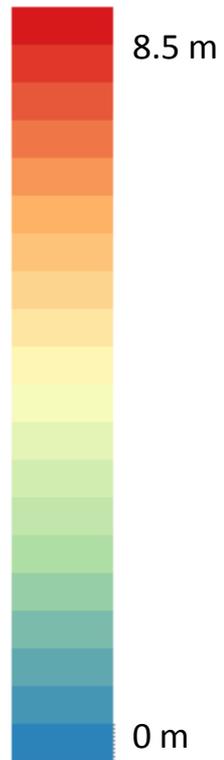
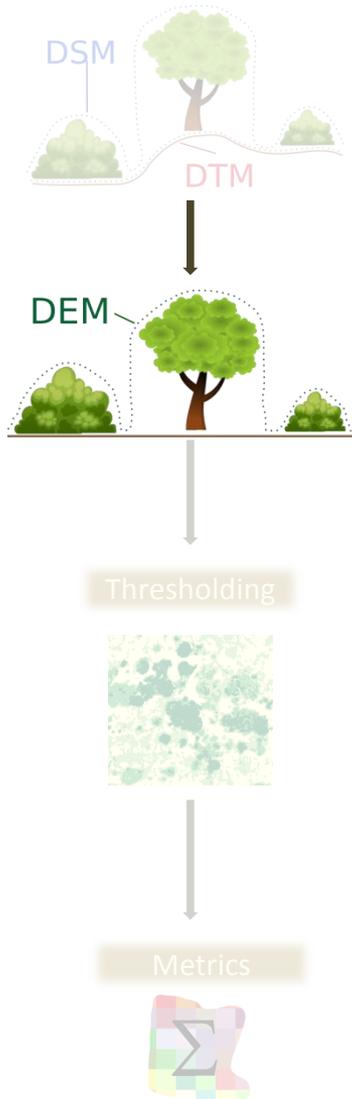
# DTM computation

➤ Interpolation from ground points



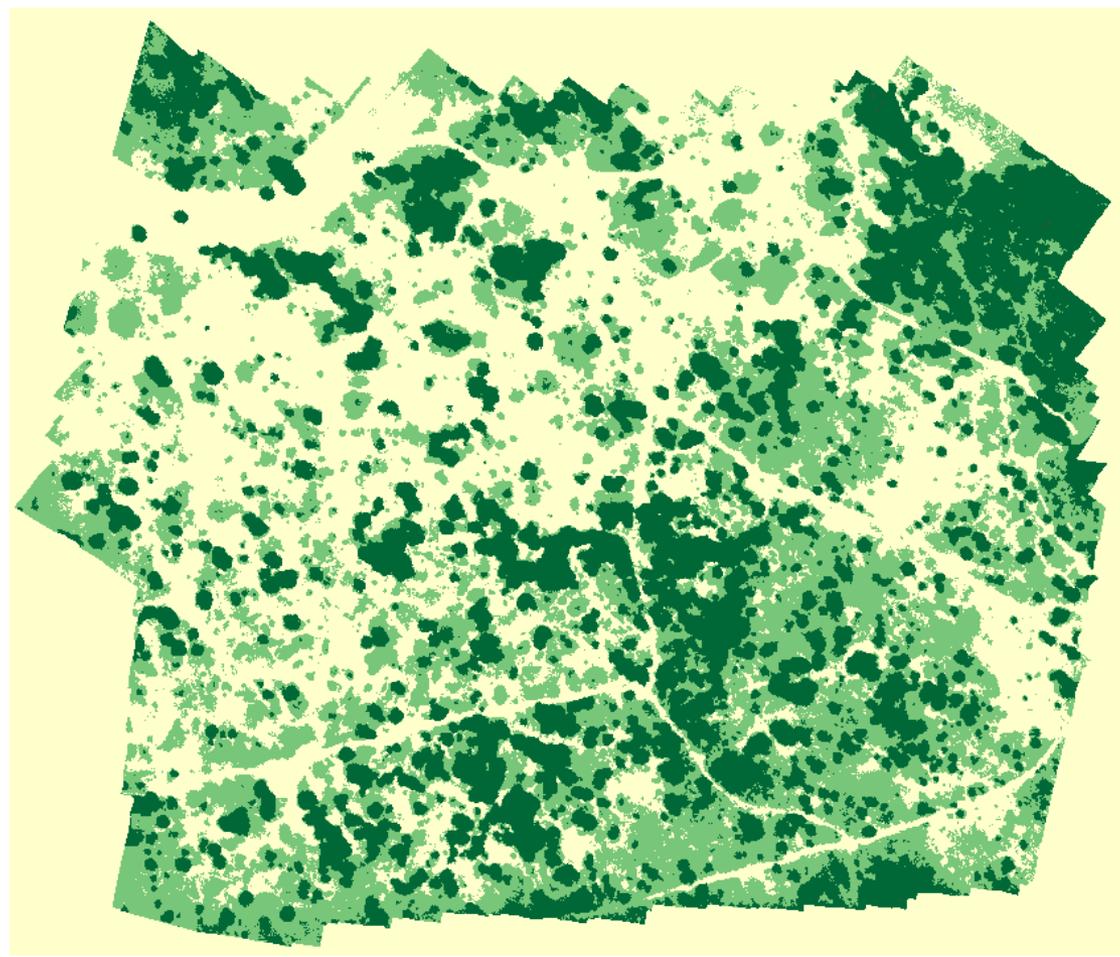
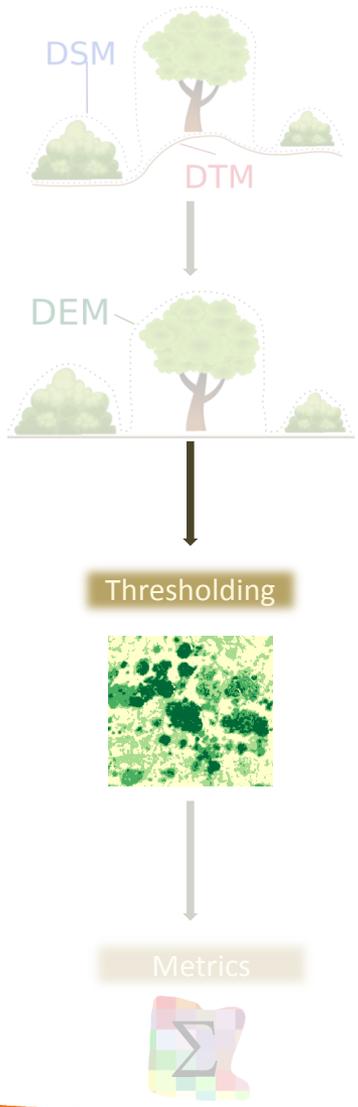
# DEM computation

➤ DSM – DTM :



# Classification

➤ Thresholding



- Ground
- Low ligneous
- High ligneous

## Take home message

- Textural indices from FOTO combined with NDVI can efficiently characterize vegetation structure of complex landscape
- The method is unsupervised
  - is unsupervised
  - With no parametrization
- Only three indices summarize information about :
  - composition and organisation
  - on four vertical strata
- Maps of heterogeneity can be used for monitoring biodiversity, natural hazards, crop practices ...