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Cross-probabilistic weak-supervision learning for high-resolution land cover enhancement

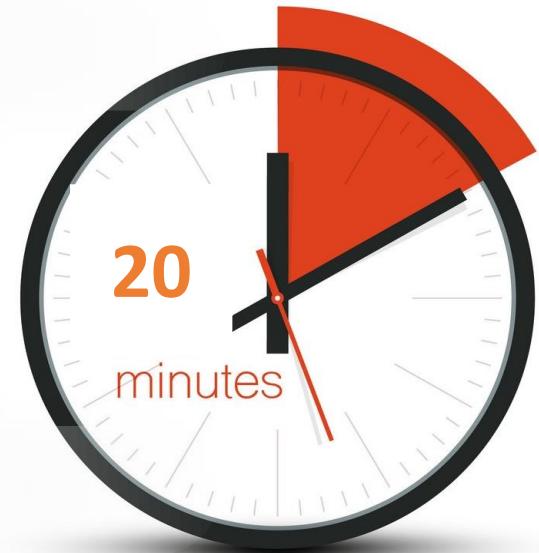
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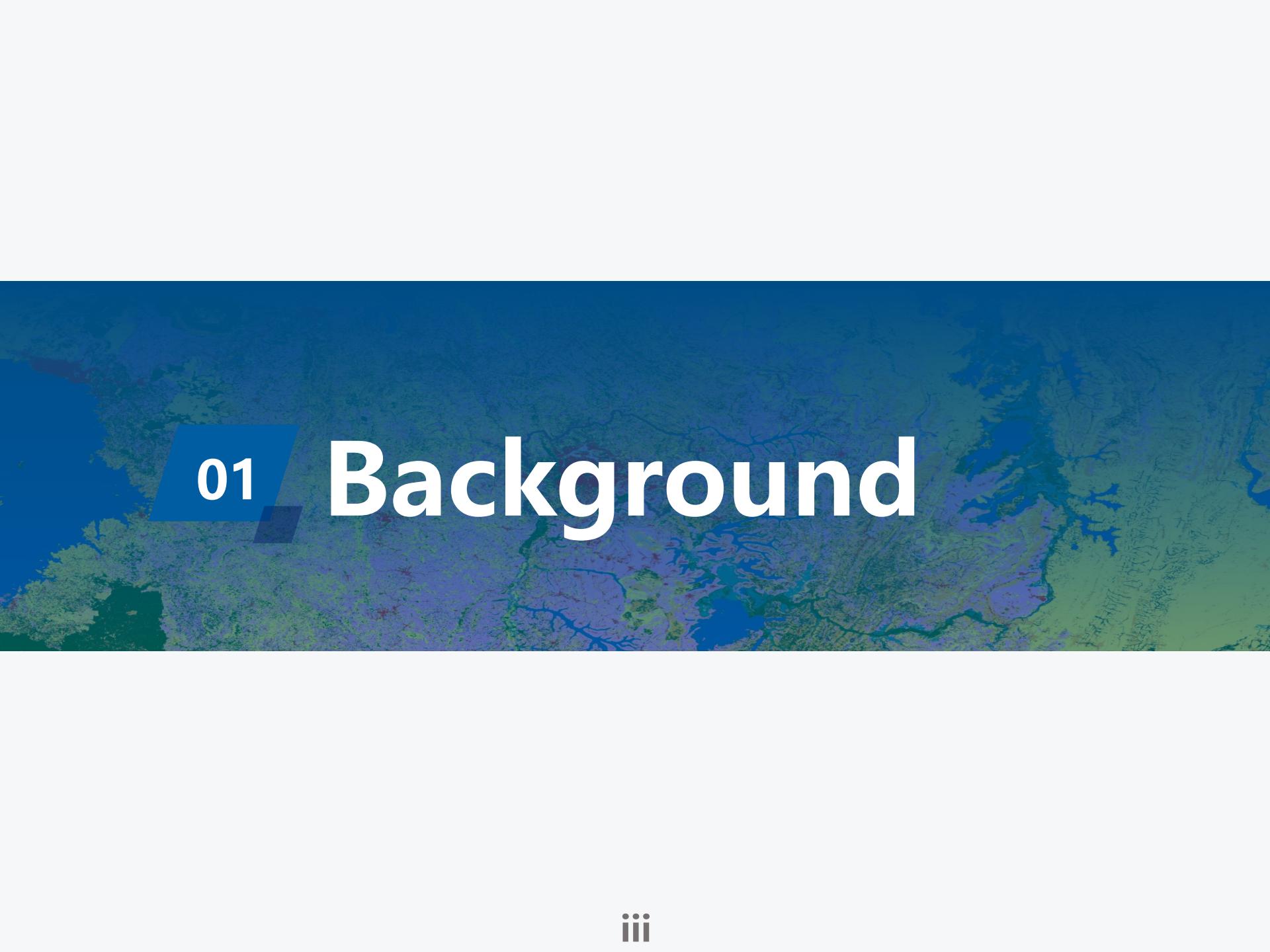
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Background

What is land-cover mapping?

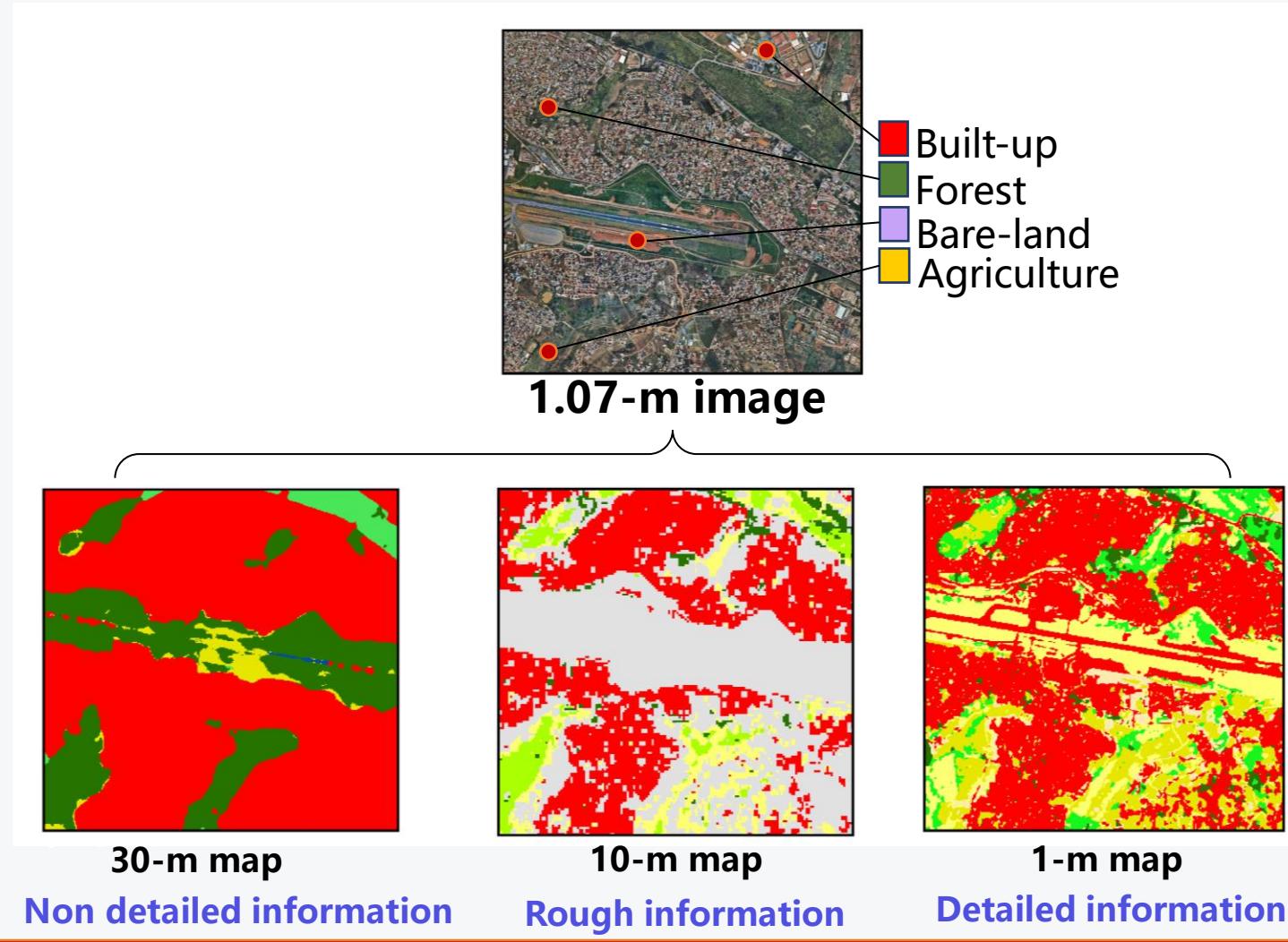
Land cover (maps) represent spatial information on different types (classes) of physical coverage of the Earth's surface,



e.g it may include transitions of land cover classes over time and hence captures land cover changes.

Why VHR LCM is needed?

■ HR resolution map is a precondition for fine-scale analysis

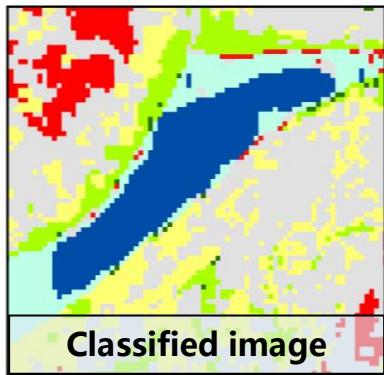


Problem to address

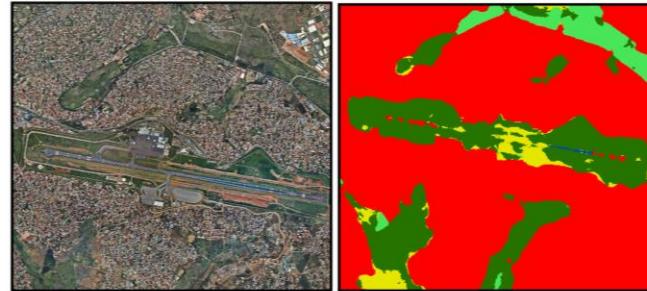
To conduct High resolution land cover map for fine-scale analysis



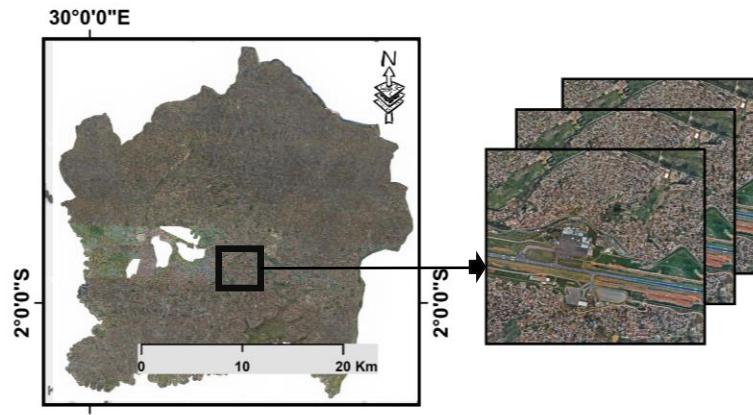
$$X = \{ X_{ijc} \} \in R^{HxWxC}$$



$$Y = \{ Y_{ijc} \} \in \{1, \dots, L\} R^{HxWxC}$$



Multi-scale mismatch
trainings



① Lack of precise labels
Label demand

② Cross algorithms
Algorithm demand

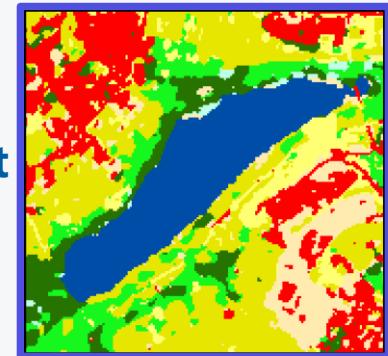
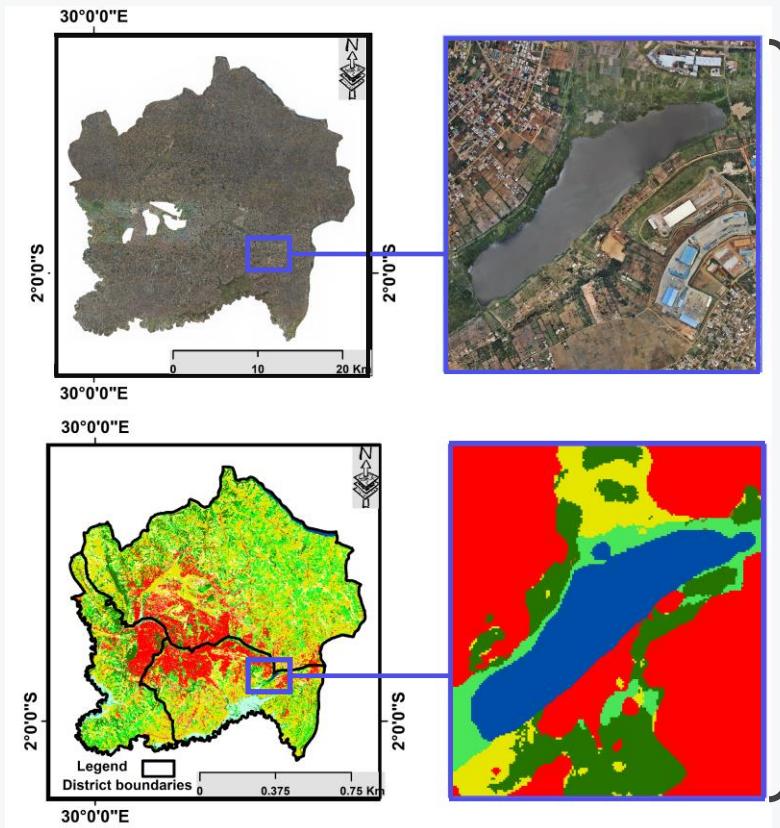
③ High-cost Clusters computation
computational demand

Difficult to break barriers of spatial/spectral coarse resolution

Novel model to address the issue

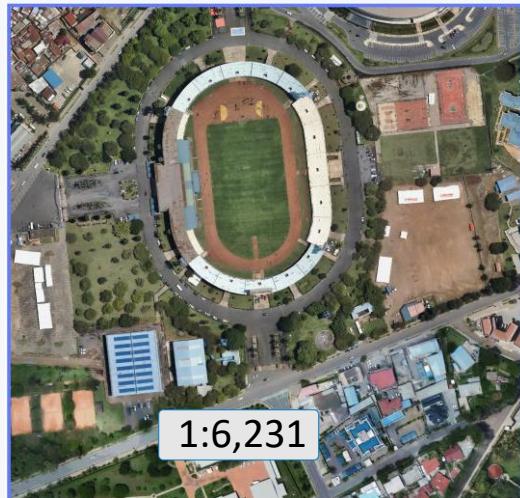


VHRI + Pseudo-labels = HR LCP

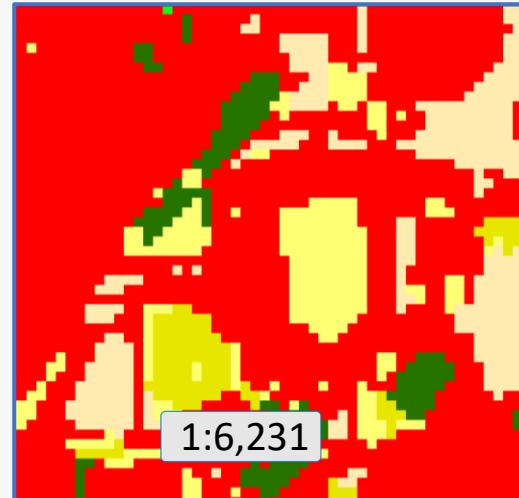


**Weak-supervision, is all we needed! However,
More challenges still hampering the race**

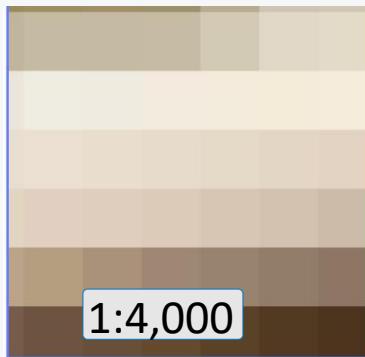
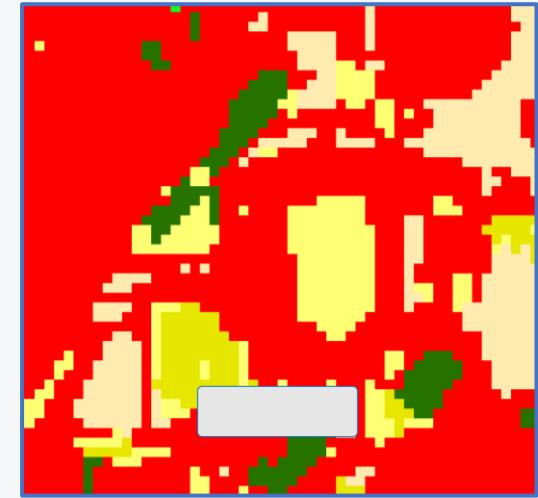
Challenge: Spatial resolution mismatch



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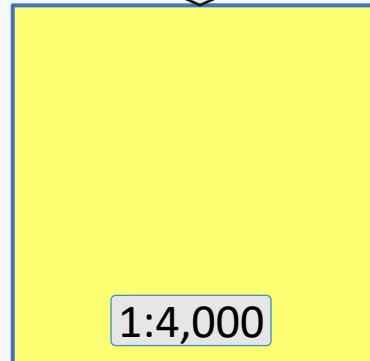


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1:4,000

36m X 36m pixels



1pixels



1:4,000

36m X 36m pixels

Almost 36 pixels represents one



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Previous studies

Previous work



| Author*s | Problem | Dataset | Spectral | Spatial resolution | Methods | OA% |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------|---------|------|
| 1 USGS-1990 | GLC_P | MODIS | 8 | 1km | CML | 79 |
| 2 USGS-2000 | GLC_P | MODIS- | 8 | 500km | CML | |
| Stanford university | GLC_P | Landsat | | 300 | CML | 67 |
| 3 Chen et., all 2015 | GLC_P | GlobaLand30- Landsat | 8 | 30m | CML | 86 |
| 4 Zhang et all 2021 | GLC_P | FCS30- Landsat | 8 | 30m | CML | 83 |
| 5 Van De Kerchove et., all 2021 | GLC_P | ESA- Sentinel | 11 | 10m | CML_R | 73 |
| 6 Kaarra et., all 2021 | GLC_P | ESRI-Sentinel | 11 | 10m | CML_R | 85 |
| 8 Gong et., all 2019 | GLC-FC | Tsinghua university- Sentinel | 11 | 10m | CML_R | 83 |
| 9 Nduwayezu et.al2019 | Ecology CD | Kigali- Worldview, Sentinel | 4-11 | 10 | CML | 72 |
| 10 Li et., all 2023 | NSLC_P, SinLoc1 | GEI | 3 | 1m | DL | 73.6 |
| 11 - Ours - | CSLC_P | C2F (Ours), Drone image | 4 | Sub-meter | DL | - |

GLC_P: Global land cover products

LC_P: land cover products

CD: Change detection

Very Low resolution
Low resolution
Low resolution
Low resolution

GE: Google Earth Image

CML_R: Classical machine learning,
Random forest

NSLC_P: National-Scale land cover products

DL: Deep learning

C2F: Frome-Coarse-to- fine

Km, m: kilometer, meter

Fine and detailed resolution

Research questions and Objectives



Question:

1. Can end-to-end deep learning model be supporting ongoing effort for spaceborne and satellite mission in development of high-resolution land cover products to local-scale?
2. Can end-to-end deep networks learning model be used to develop very high-resolution land cover products in complex urban feature patterns from mismatch of very high-resolution features and pseudo-labels?

Objectives

The primary objectives of this research:

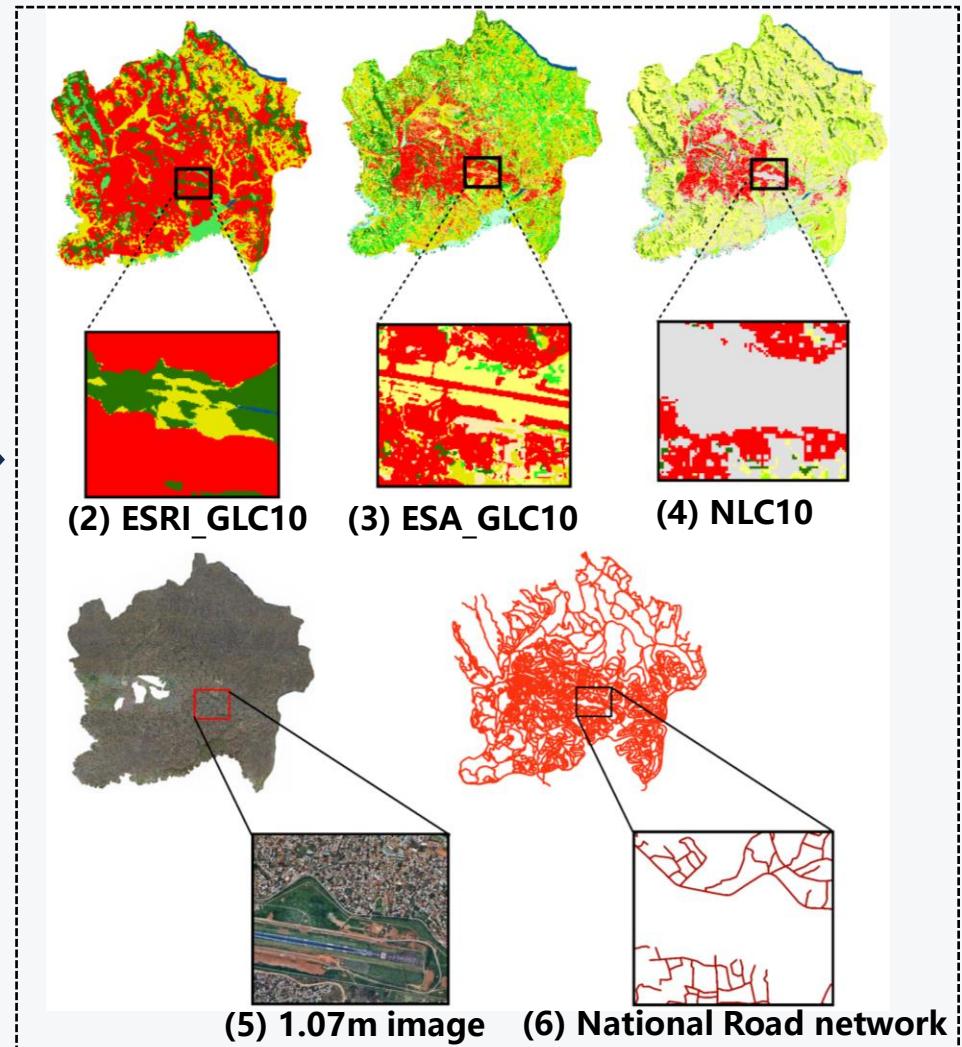
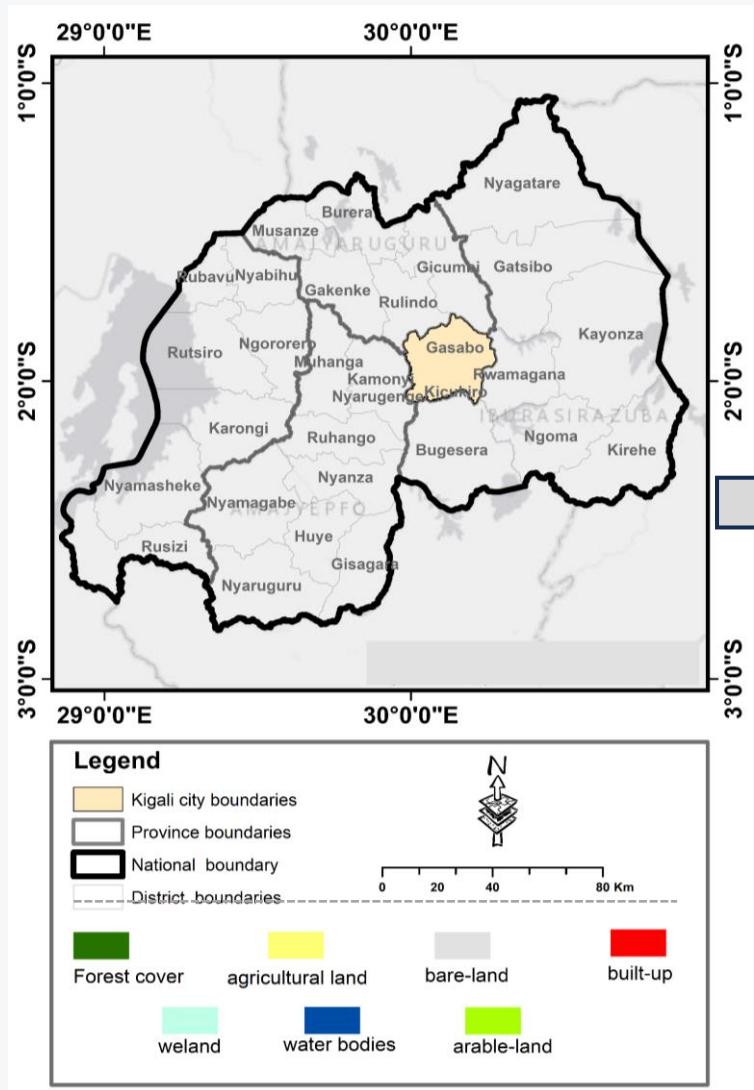
1. To break barriers of spatial coarse resolution in development of high spatial-resolution benchmark dataset and high-resolution land cover map for deep learning model training.
2. To develop comprehensive cross modalities to generate very high-resolution land cover map from mismatch between high resolution images features and pseudo labels. to provide detailed land cover that captures fine-grained features from complex urban features.



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Datasets & Framework

Training Data acquisition



Training Data acquisition



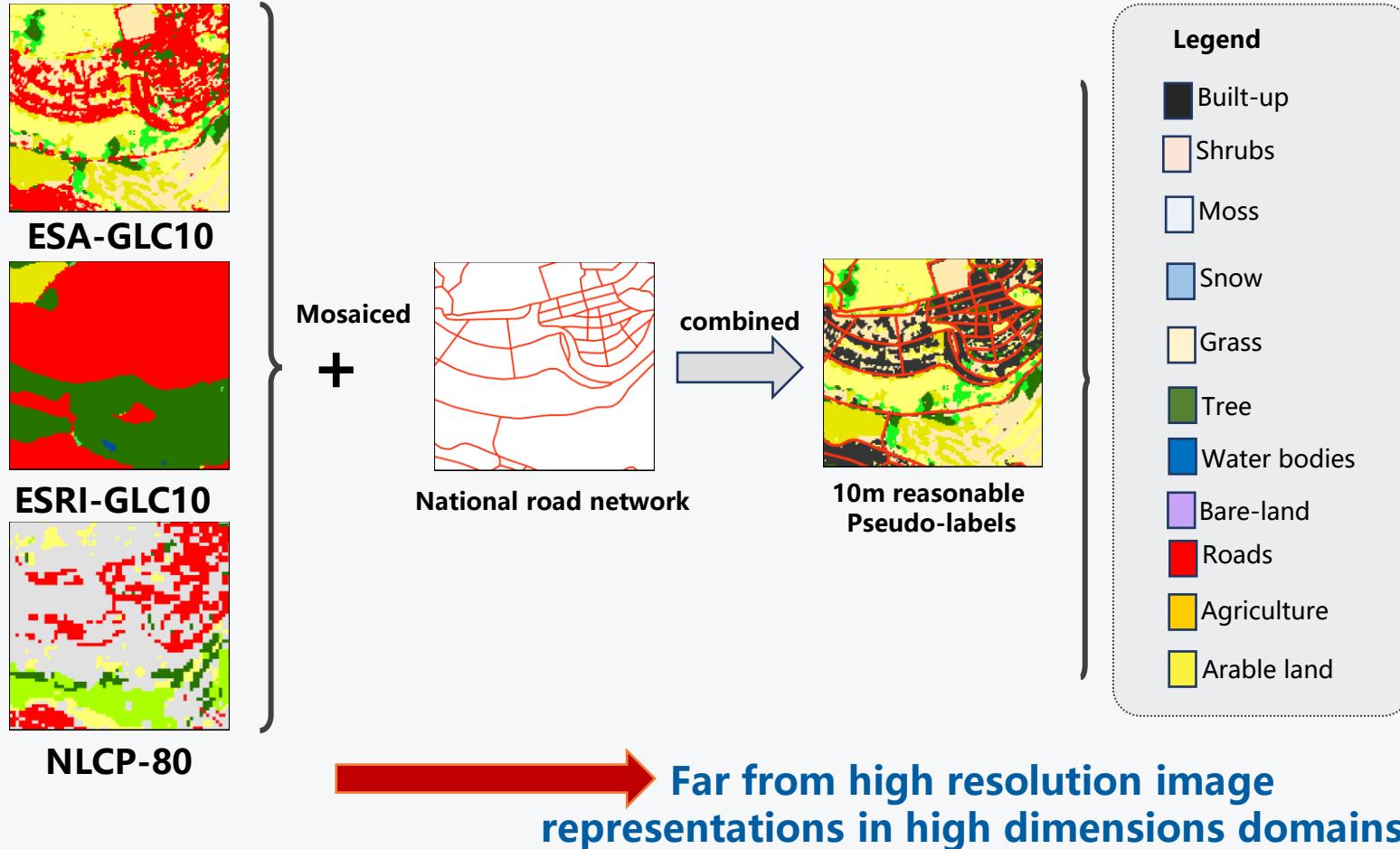
Global and National land cover products classification scheme

| | ESA GLC_P | ESRI GLC_P | NLC_P |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Spatial coverage | Global | Global | National |
| Spatial resolution | 10 m | 10 m | 8 m |
| Affiliation | European Space Agency | ESRI | National Land Agency |
| Land cover type | Trees | Trees | Trees |
| | Scrub | Shrub | - |
| | Grass | Grass | Grass |
| | Crops | Crops | - |
| | Built area | Built-up | Built area |
| | Bare | Barren | Bare |
| | Snow and nice | Snow and nice | - |
| | Water | Water | Water |
| | Flooded vegetation | Flooded vegetation | - |
| | Herbaceous Wetland | | Wetland |
| Color lamp | Mangrove | | - |
| | Moss and lichen | | - |

ESA: Environment Science Institute, GLC_P: Global Land Cover Products, NLC_P: National Land Cover Product, Rwanda

Training Data acquisition

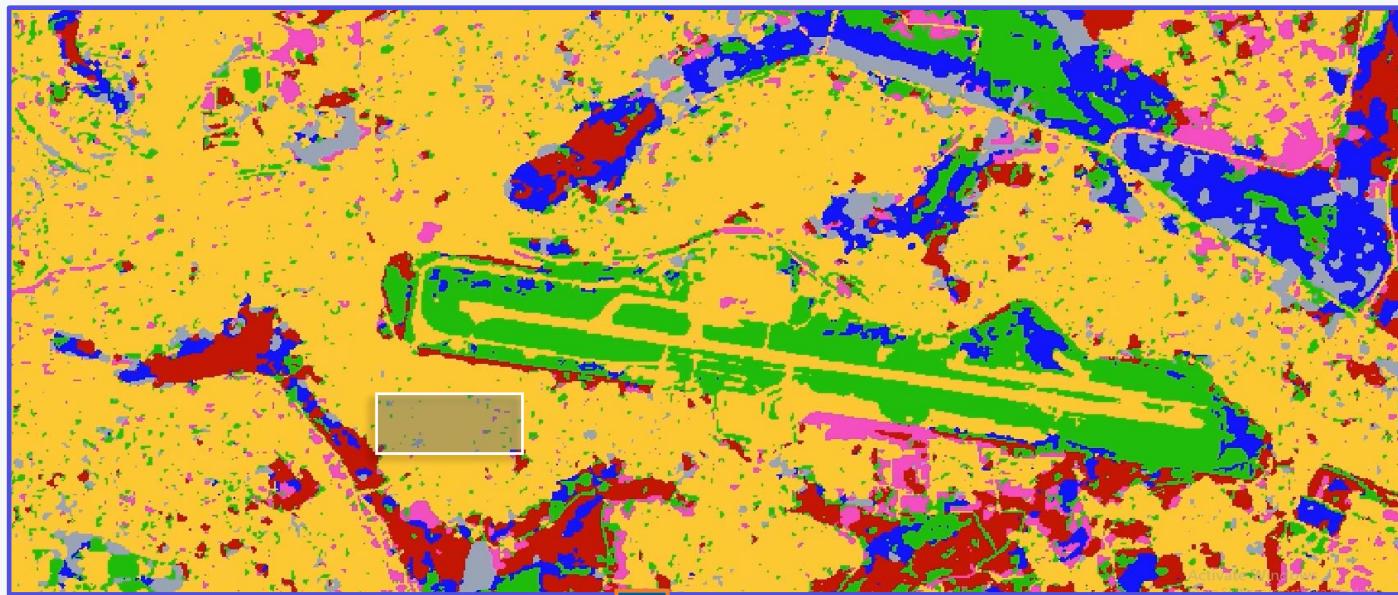
■ Overlays of National Roads network with GLCP



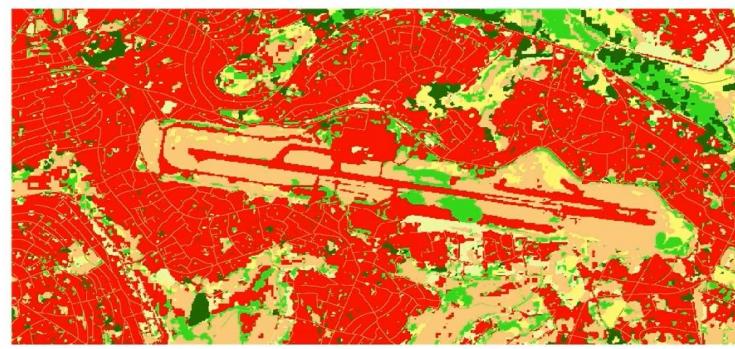
Challenge: Spatial resolution mismatch



Before Superpixel



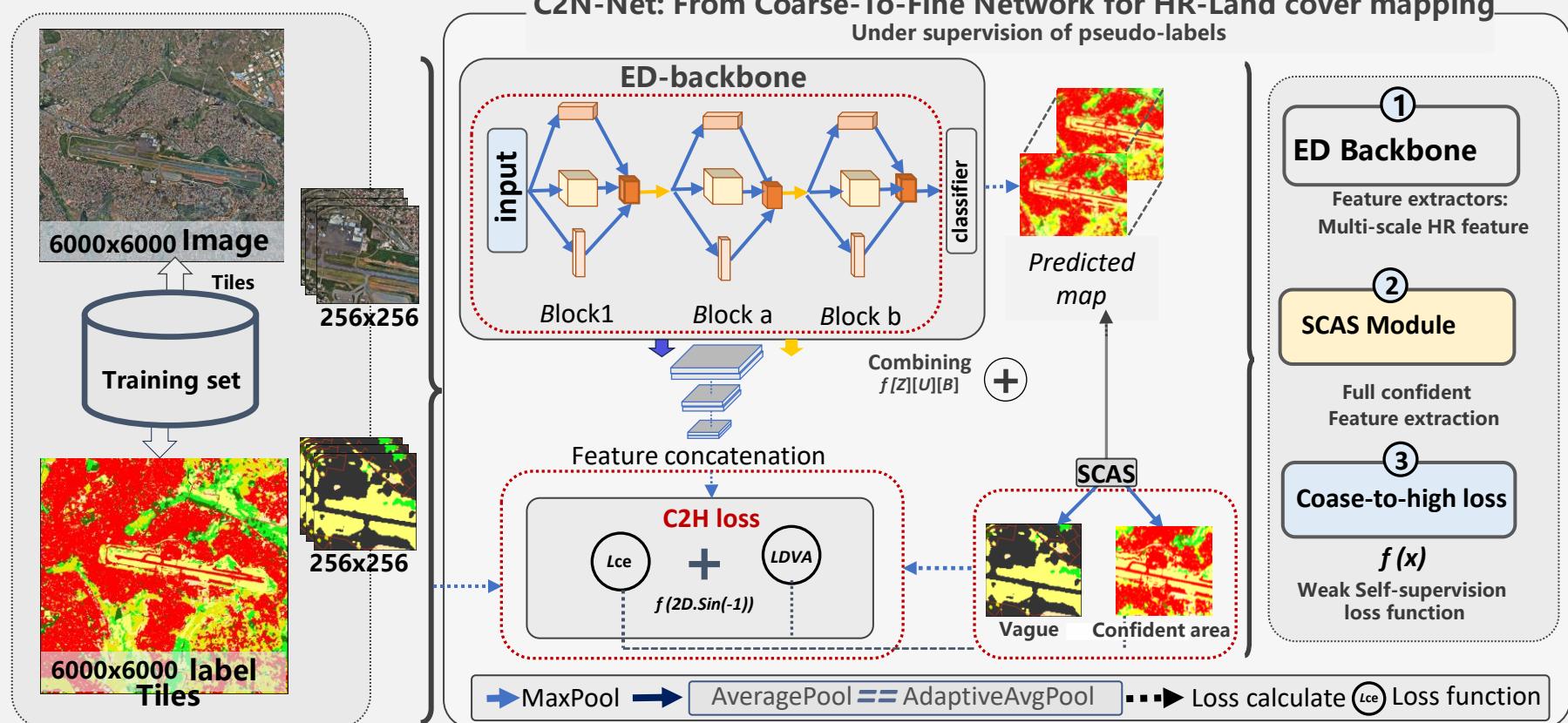
After Superpixel



From Coarse to Fine Network: C2Net



C2F-Net: composed of 3 major components:



Confident High Resolution features extracted from pseudo(noise)-labels under weak supervision



Experiment set up



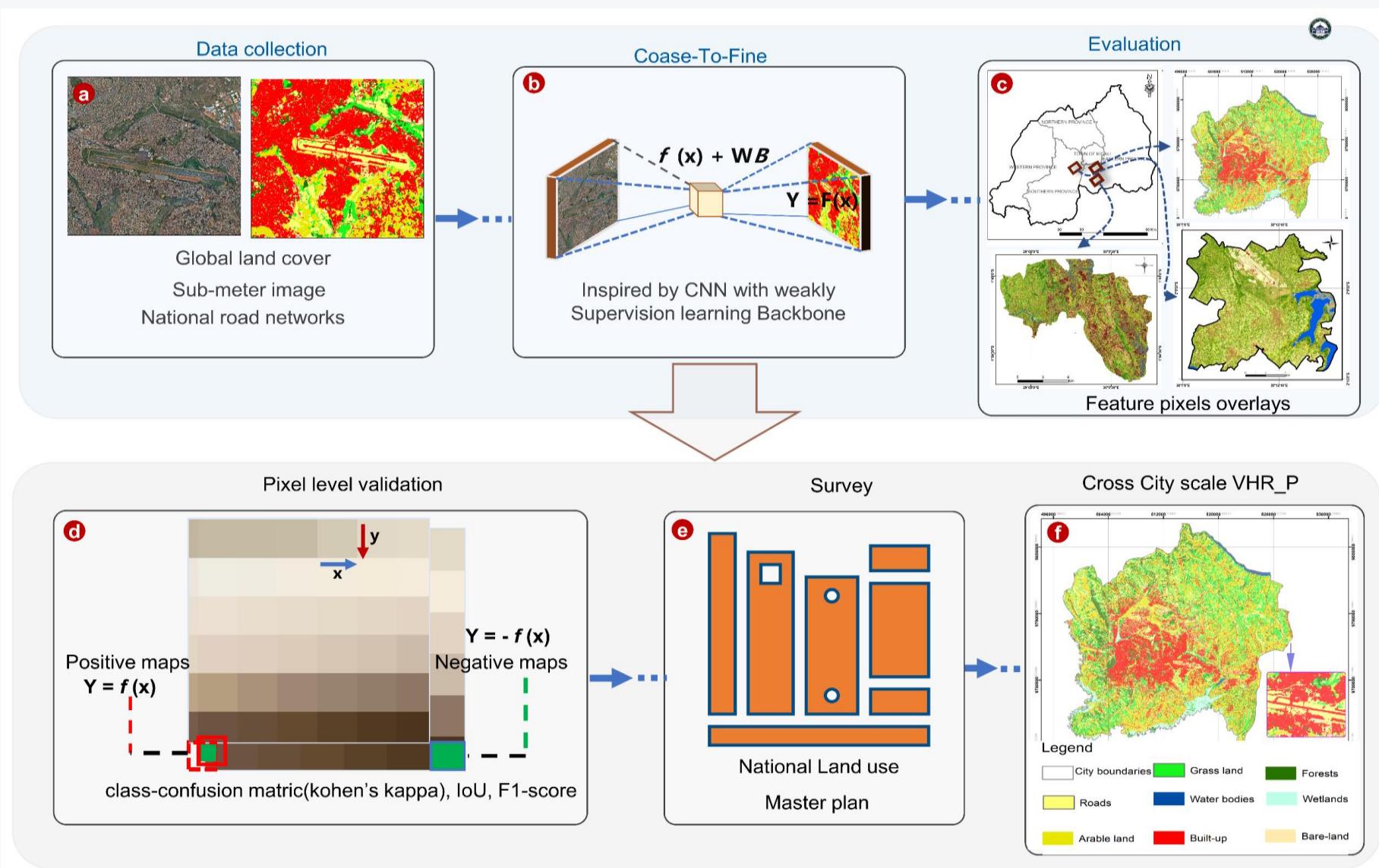
NVIDIA GeoForce RTX 3070 TI 16GB



Deep Learning with PyTorch

- **Tile : 6000**
- **chips : 256x256**
- **Total training set : 36,300**
- **Batch size: 64**
- **Iterations : 567.1875**
- **Epochs : 50**
- **Optimizer: Adam**
- **Learning rate: 0.001**
- **Drop-out: drop-out**
- **Verbose: 1**
- **Activation f : SoftMax**

C2F training evaluation and validation





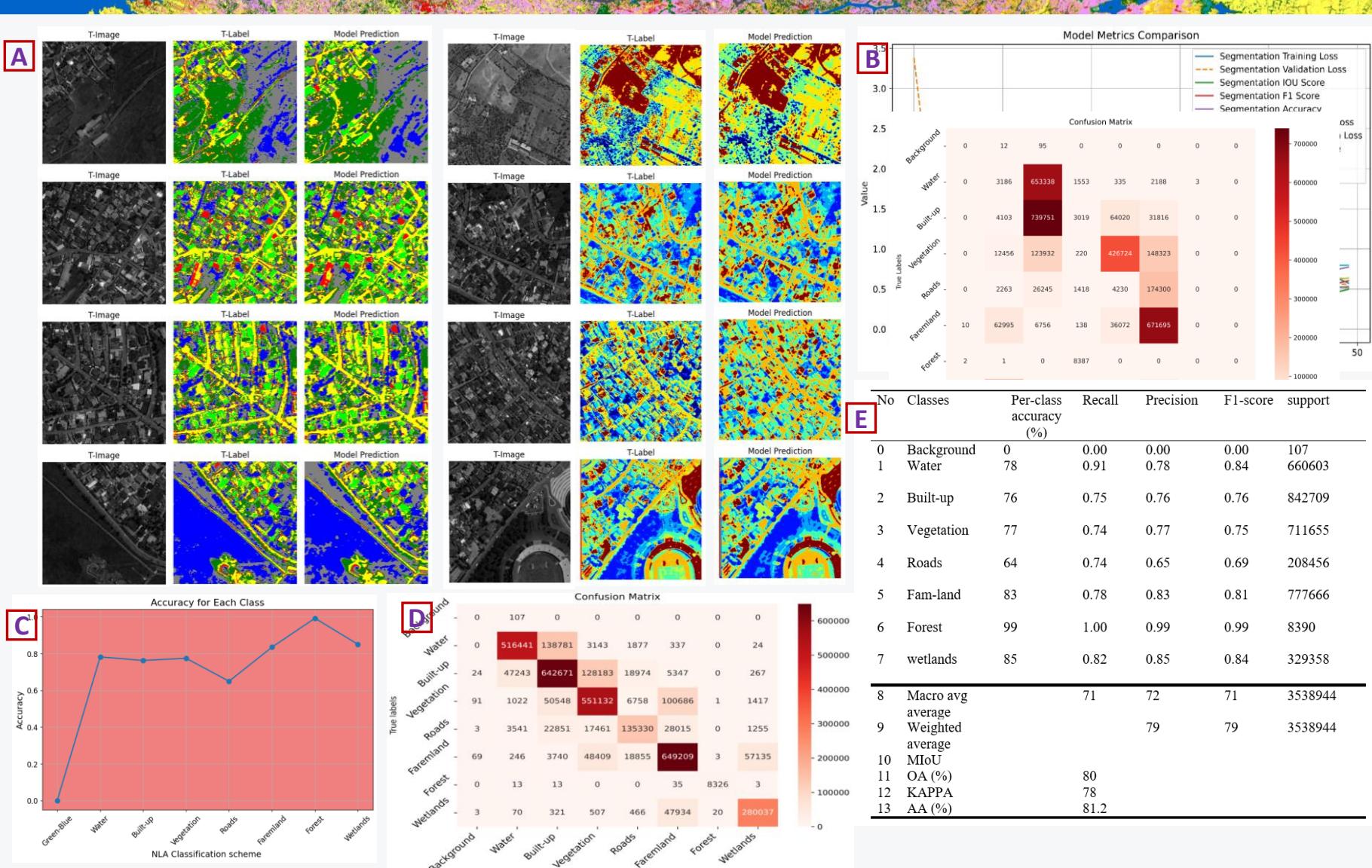
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Results

Proposed architecture behavior

RESULTS- C2FNet behavior-Kigali



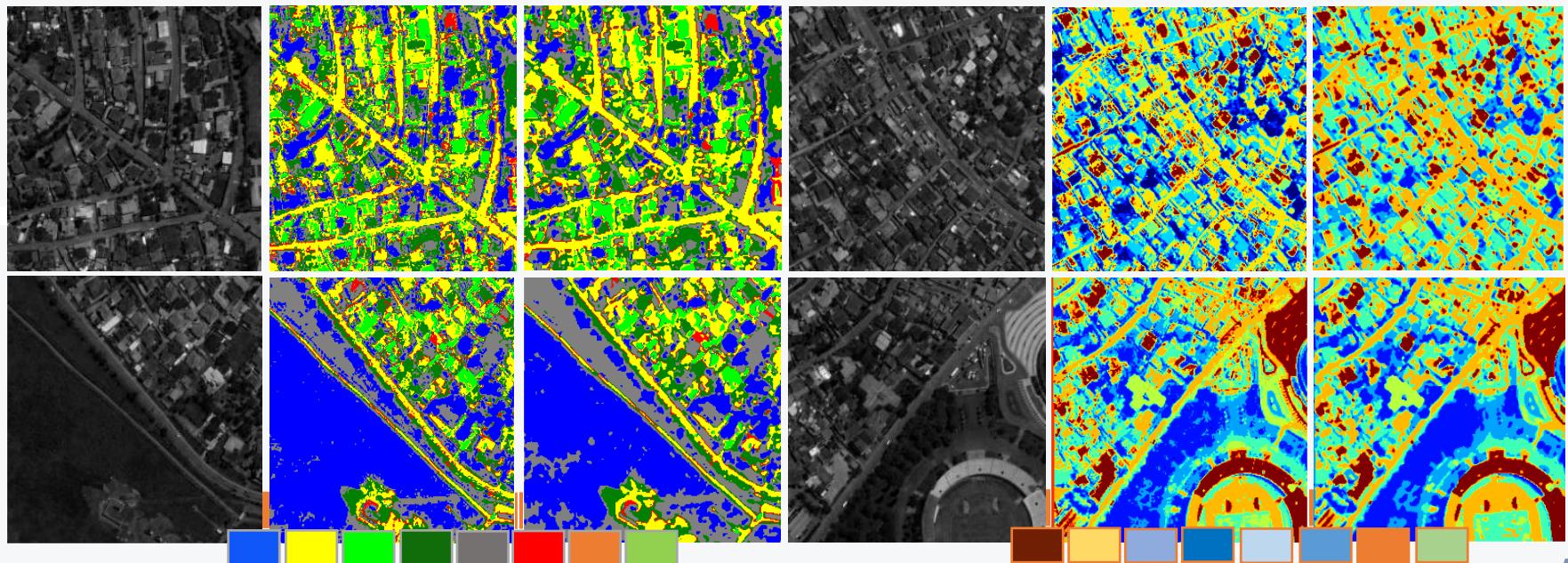
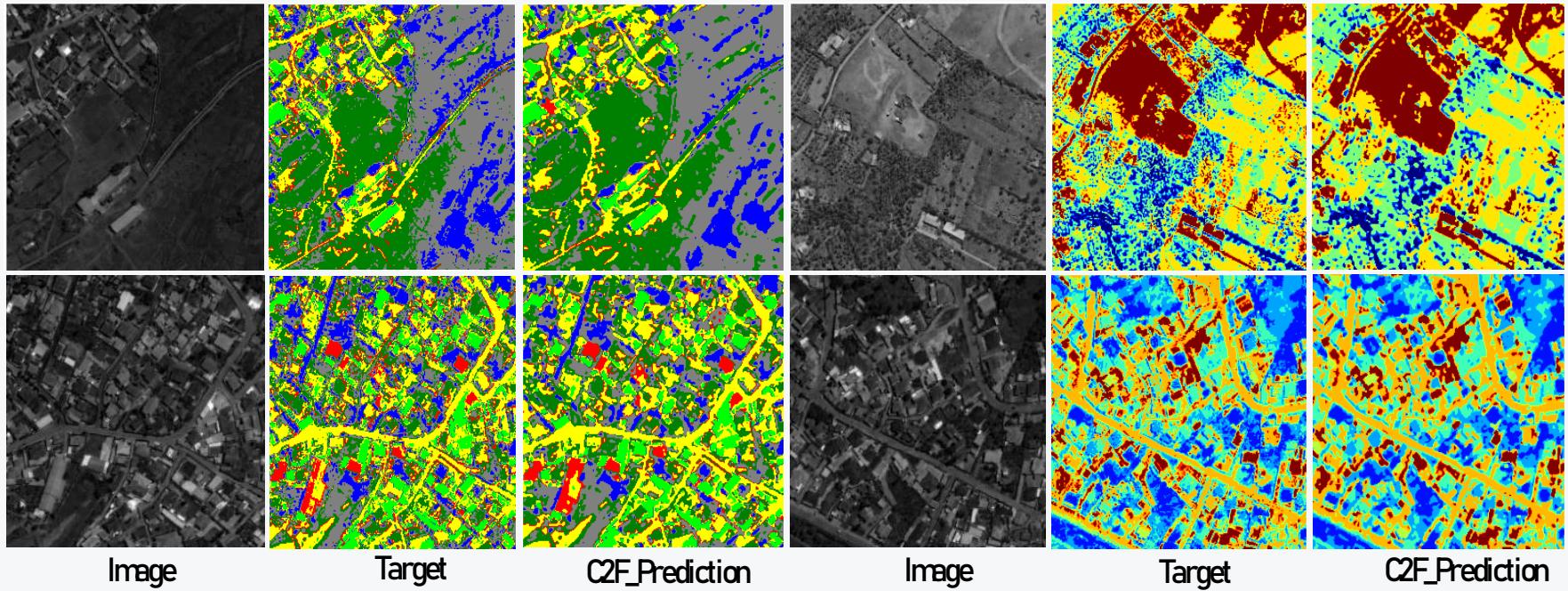
A Ablation results

B Training metrics

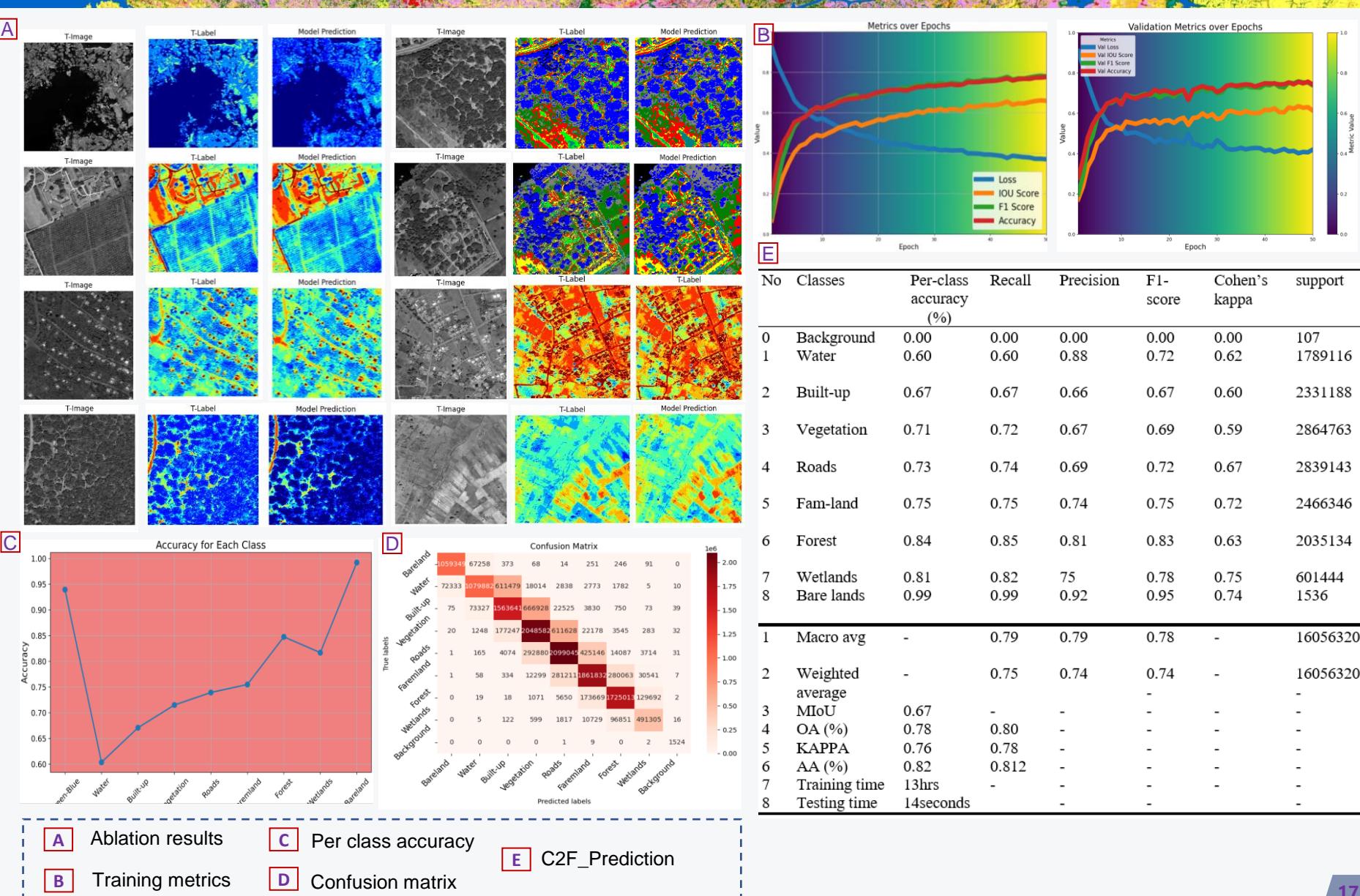
C Per class accuracy

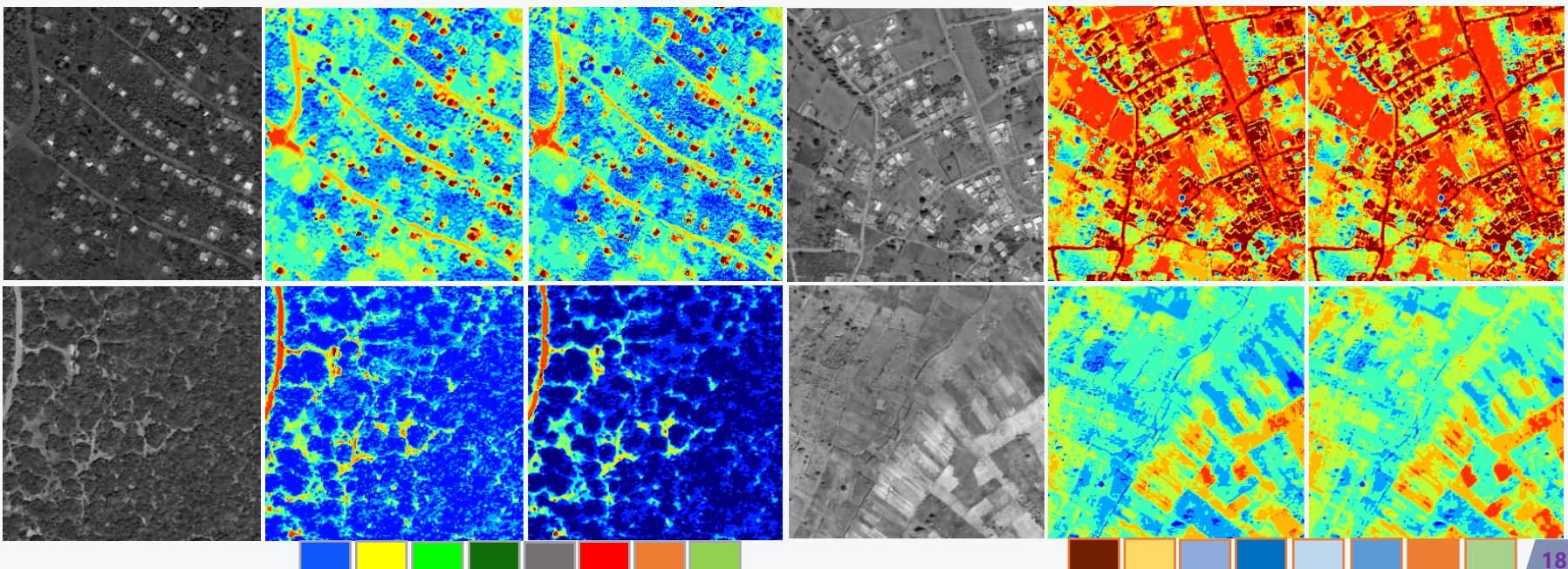
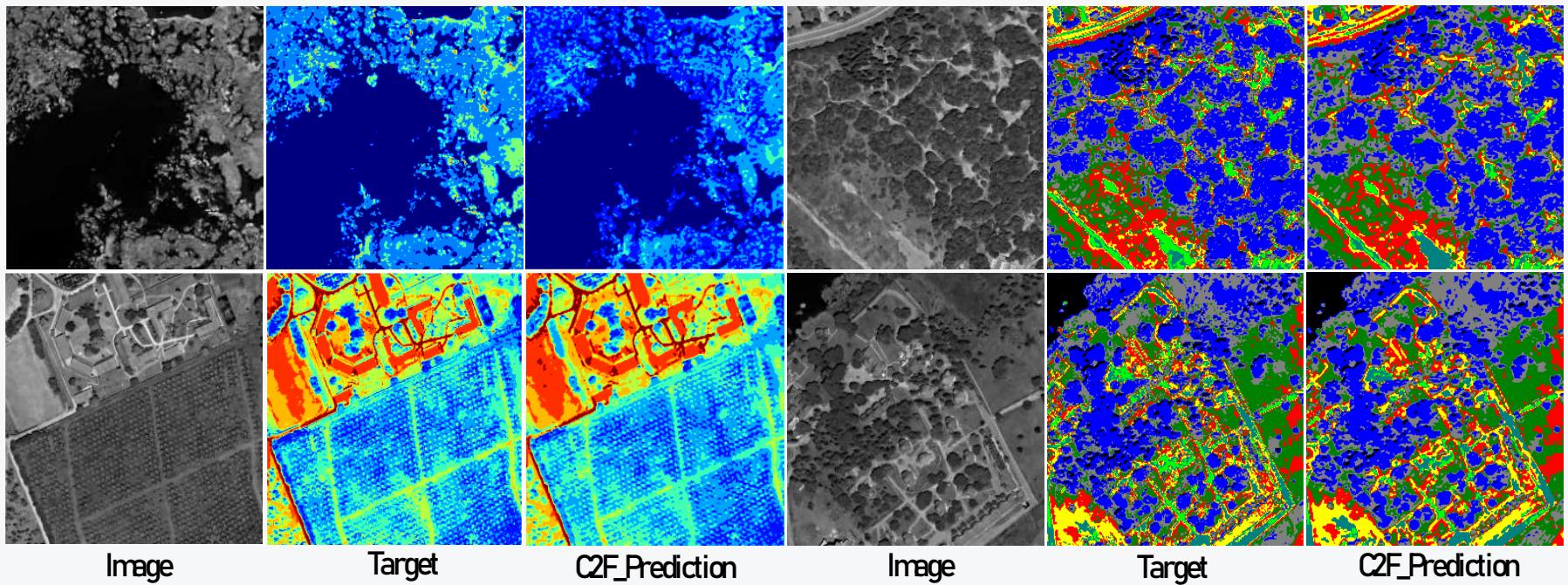
D Confusion matrix

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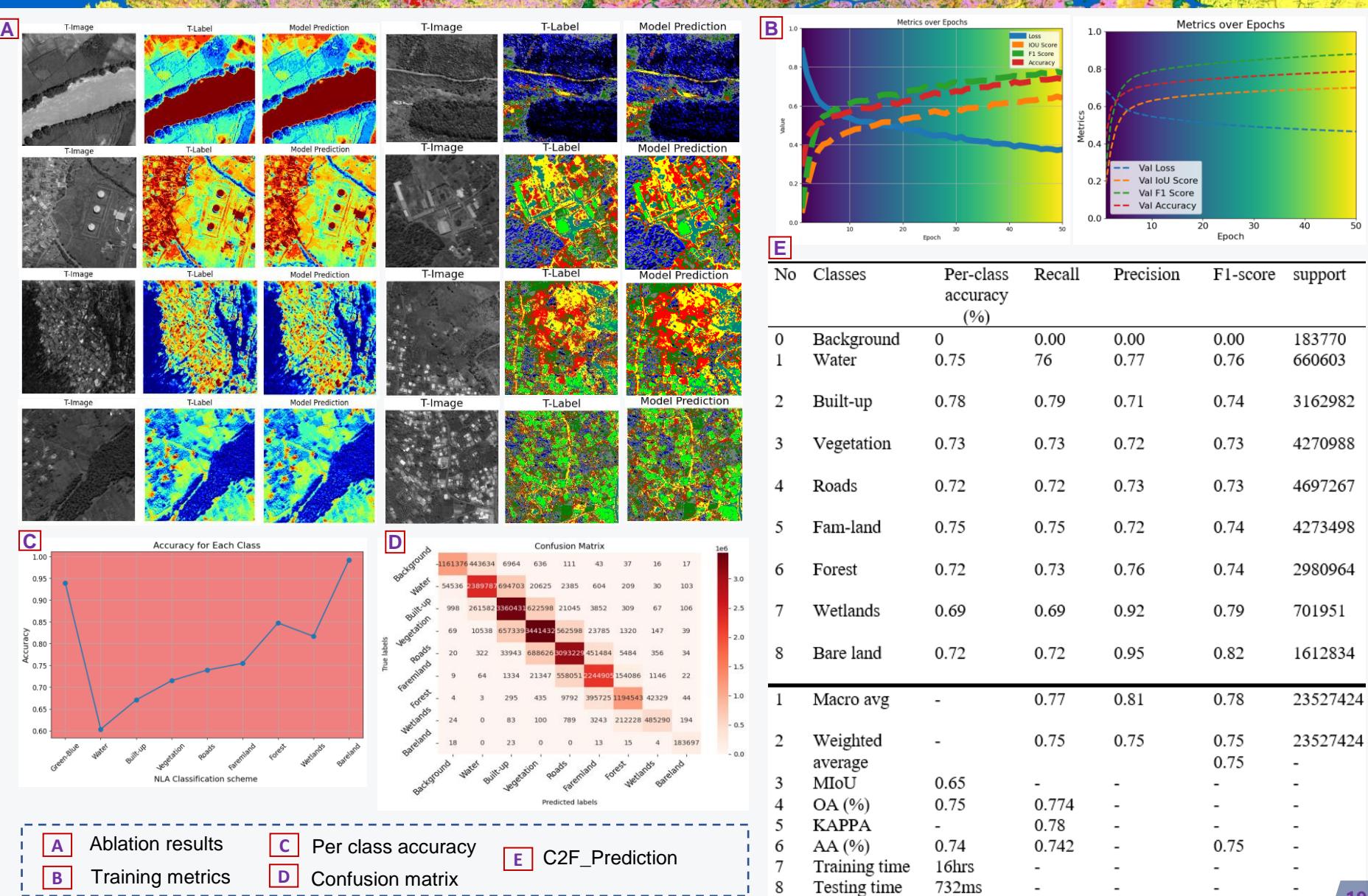


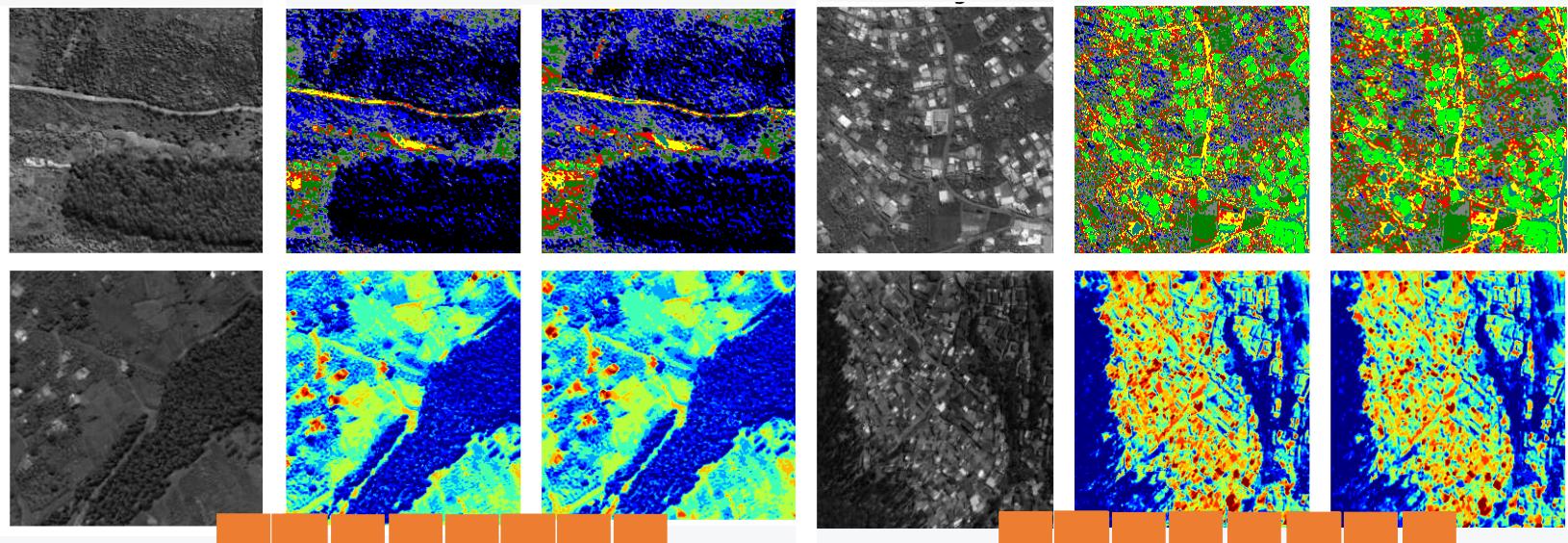
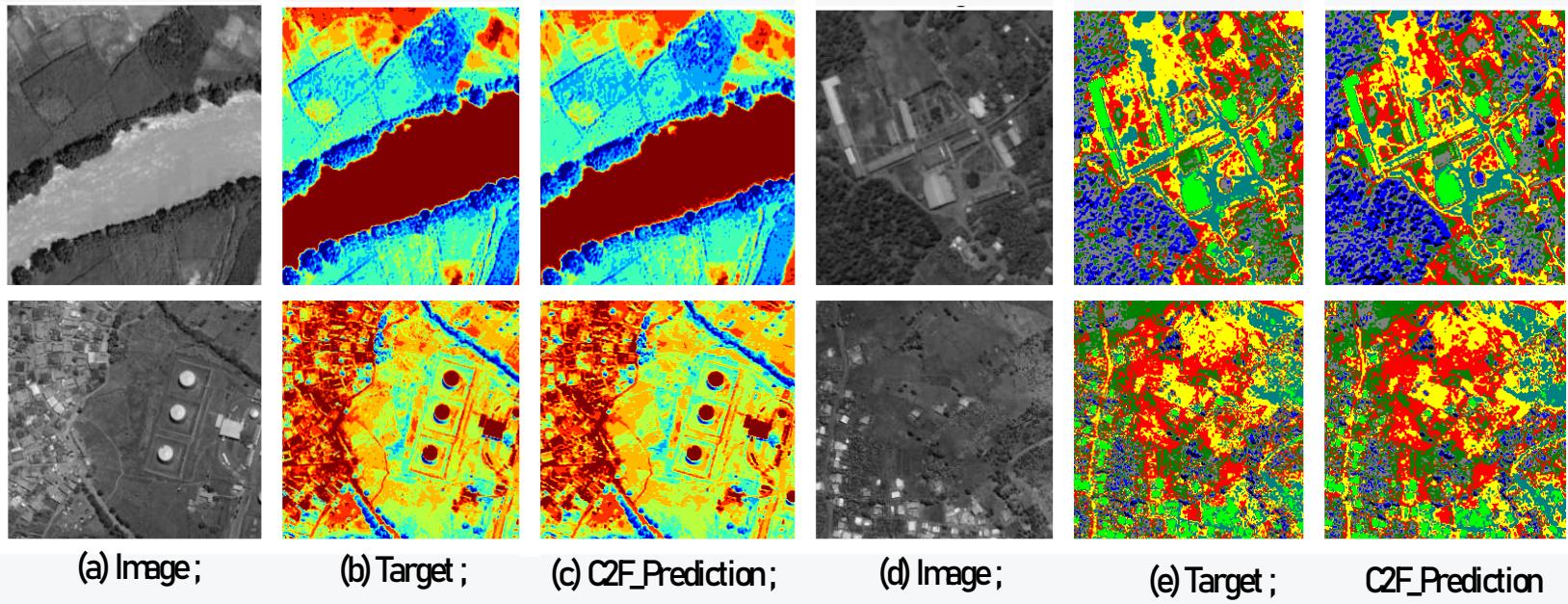
RESULTS-C2FNet behavior-Bugesera





RESULTS-C2FNet behavior-Kamonyi







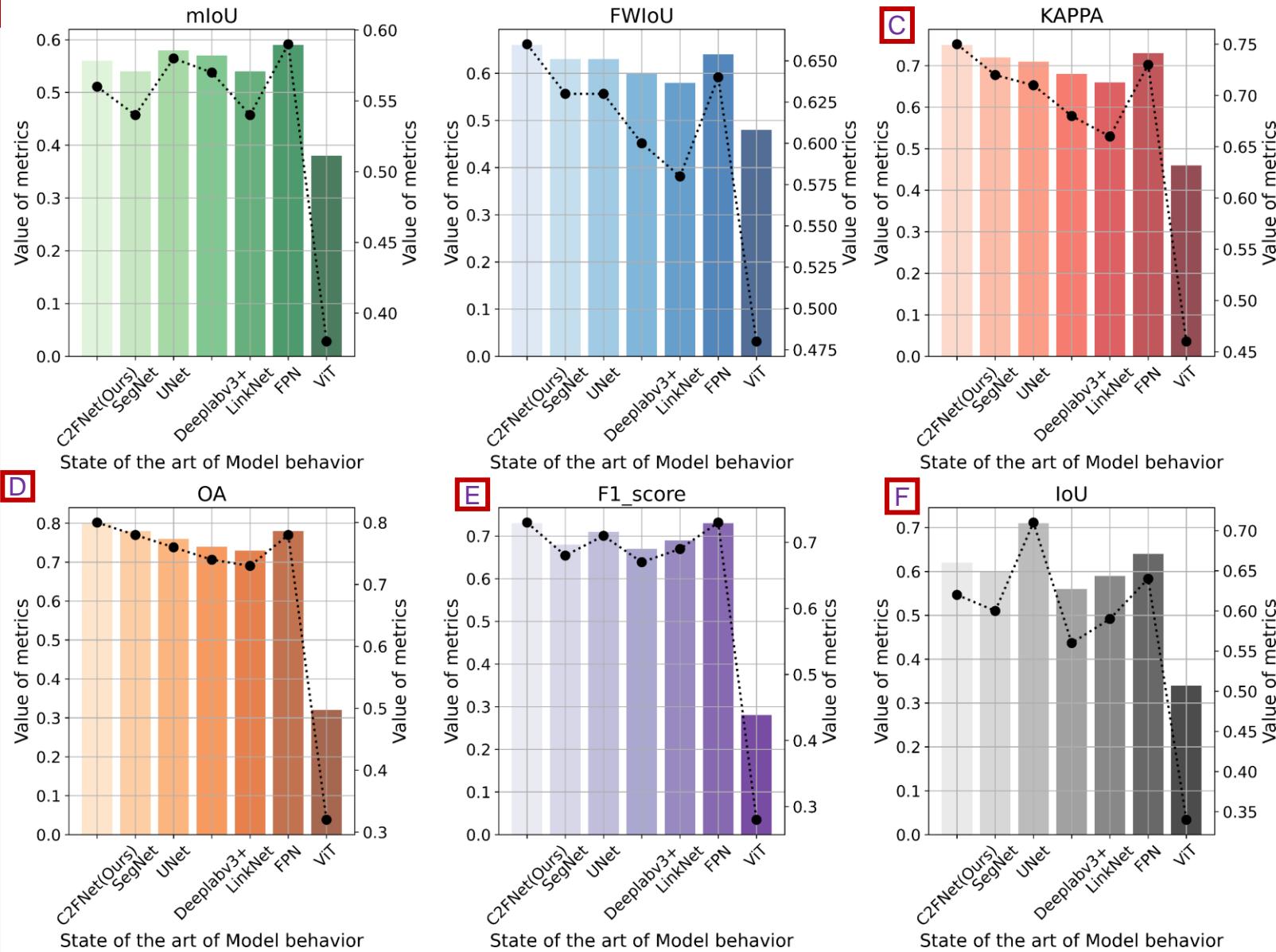
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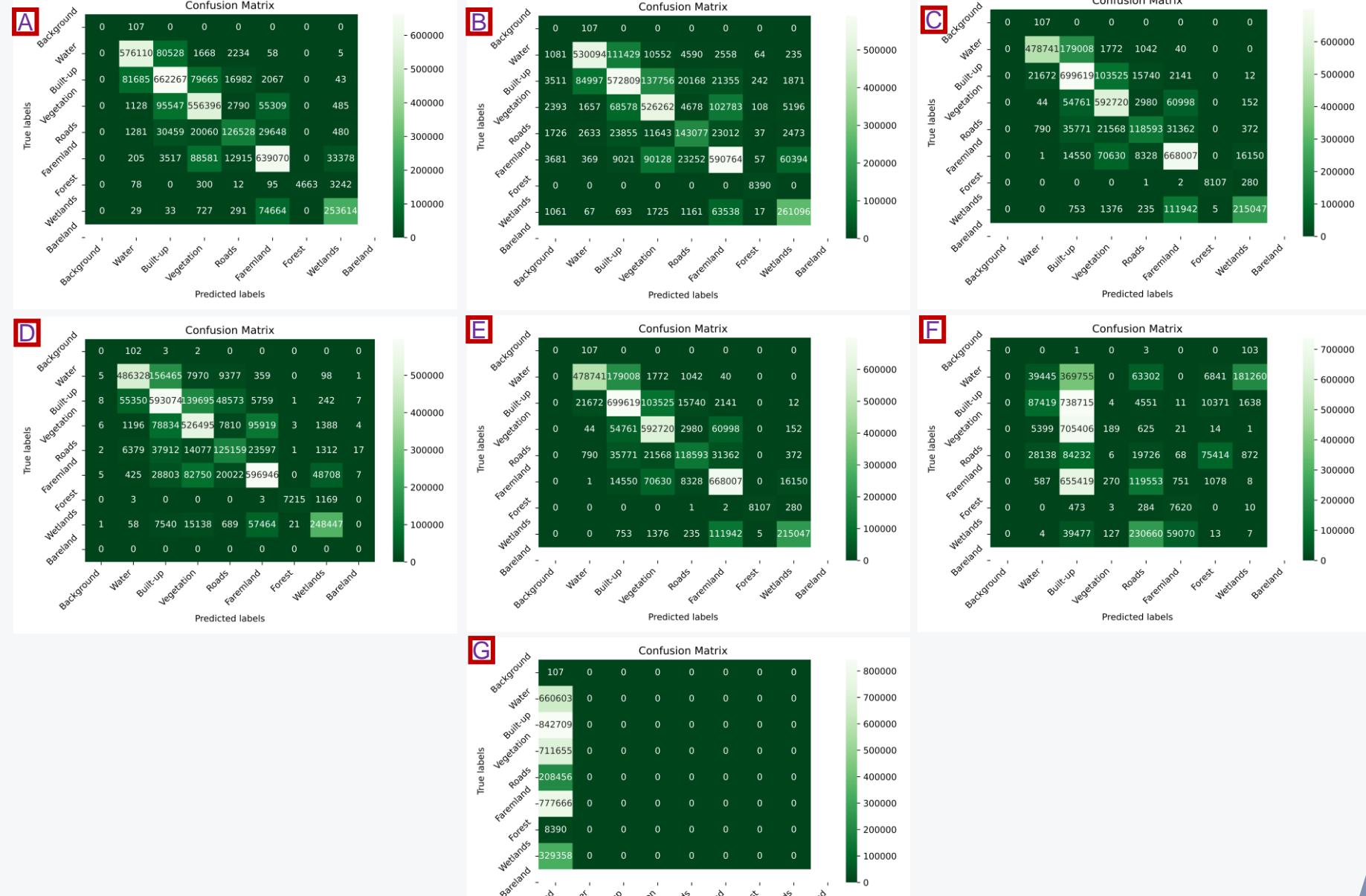
Results

State of the Art-architecture comparison

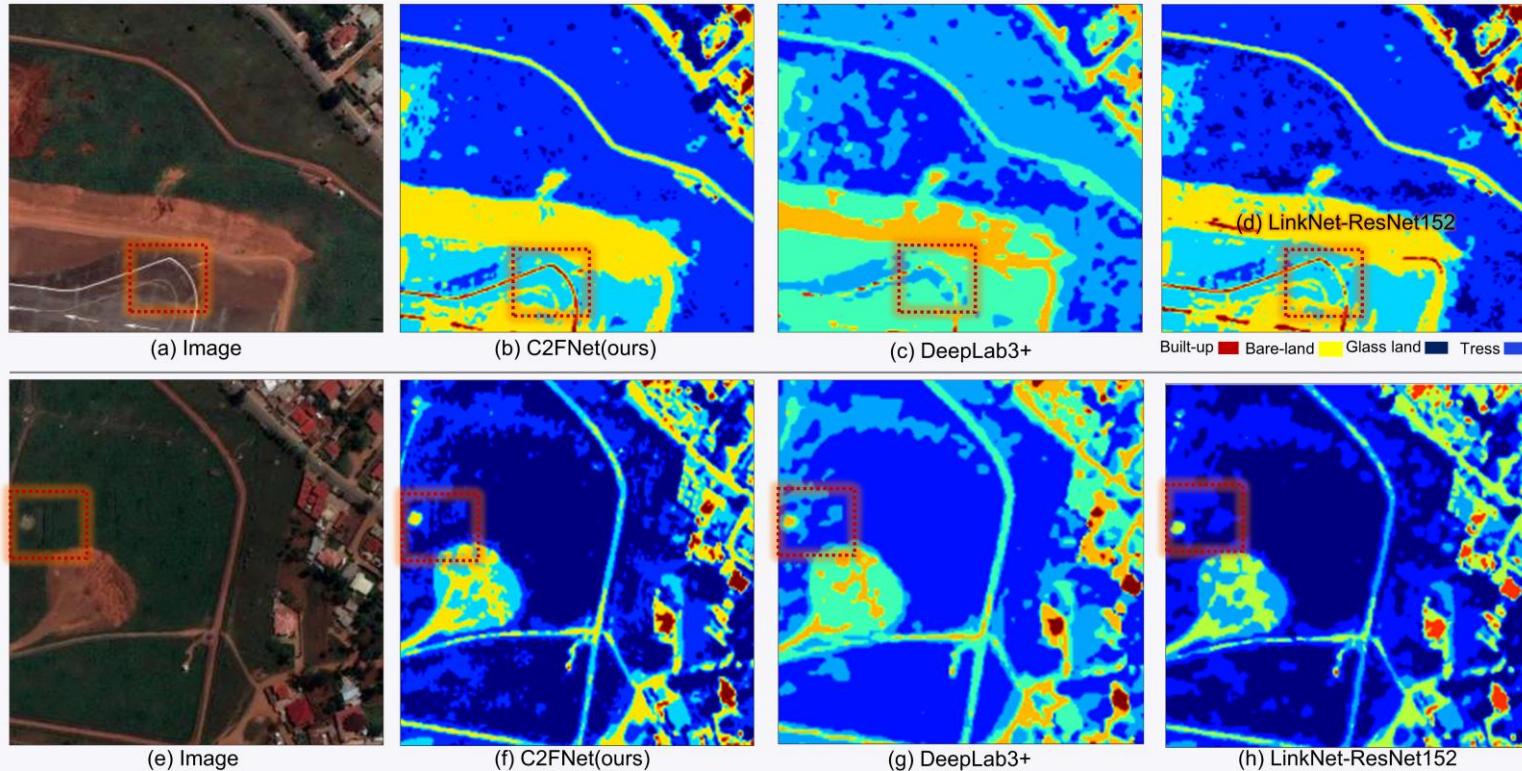
RESULTS-C2FNet behavior over metrics



RESULTS-C2FNet behavior



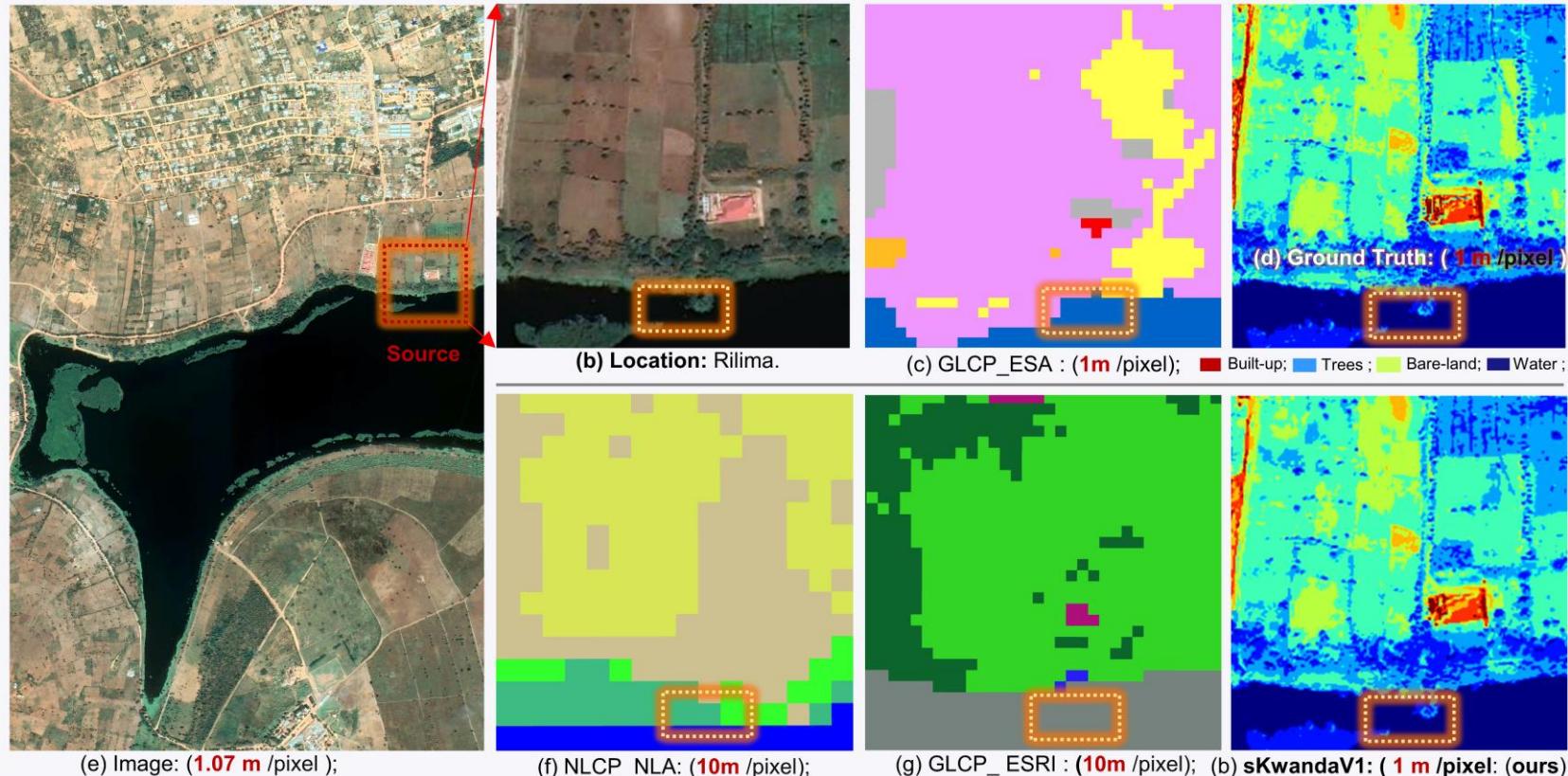
RESULTS- Visual comparative-1



| No | Models | Backbones | Ep | TP(M) | TM | AA | L | IoU | F1-s | OA |
|----|----------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | C2FNet (Ours) | Vanilla | 50 | 24.45 | 7 | 0.821 | 0.36 | 0.62 | 0.72 | 0.79 |
| 2 | SegNet | ResNet50 | - | 28.64 | 18'56'' | 0.78 | 0.41 | 0.60 | 0.69 | 0.76 |
| 3 | ViT | PE, PE, TE | - | 24.45-3 | 2'17'' | 0.87 | 0.88 | 0.03 | 0.033 | 0.87 |
| 4 | DeepLabV3+ | ResNet50 | - | <u>42.004</u> | 17'58'' | 0.75 | 0.42 | 0.56 | 0.67 | 0.72 |

Ep= Epochs, TM= model's "Training time", AA=User's accuracy, L=Model training "loss", PAE= Transformer's "Patch embedding", POE= Transformer's "Positioning encodings", TE= Transformer's encoders and (-) the same as above.

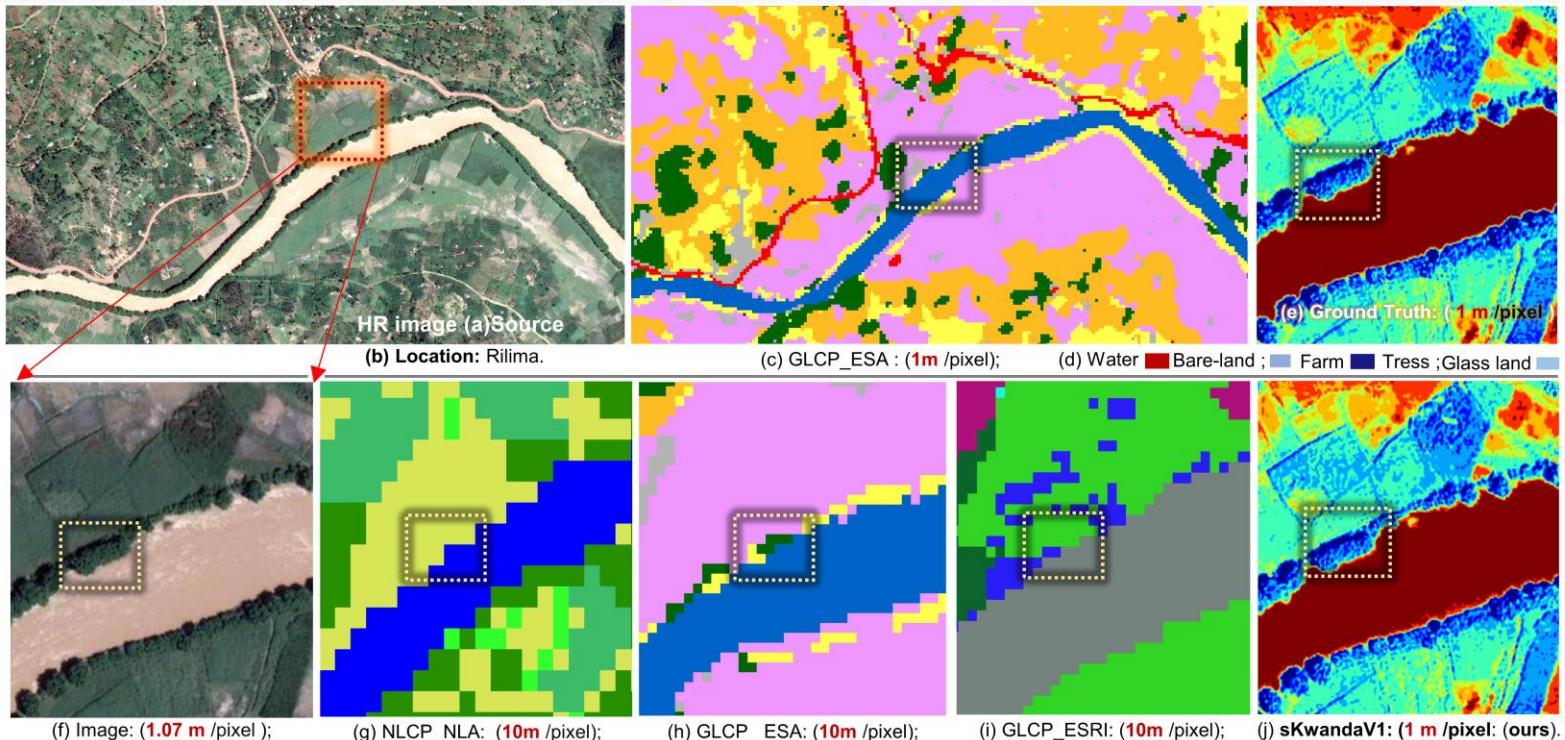
RESULTS- Visual comparative- 2



| No | Models | Region | TP(M) | TM | L | VL | VIoU | VLA-F1-s | VA |
|----|--------|----------|-------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | C2FNet | Kigali | 9.15 | 7'2'' | 0.387 | 0.453 | 0.582 | <u>0.707</u> | <u>0.78</u> |
| | | Bugesera | 24.45 | <u>8'34''</u> | 0.369 | 0.420 | <u>0.614</u> | 0.739 | 0.743 |
| | | Kamonyi | 29.05 | 4'14'' | <u>0.500</u> | <u>0.370</u> | 0.287 | 0.404 | 0.646 |

RESULTS- Visual comparative-3

| Nº | Model | C2FNet | SegNet | UNet | Deeplabv3+ | LinkNet | FPN | ViT |
|----|----------|-------------|--------|-------------|------------|---------|-------------|------|
| 1 | mIoU | 0.56 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.57 | 0.54 | <u>0.59</u> | 0.38 |
| 2 | FWIoU | <u>0.66</u> | 0.63 | 0.63 | 0.6 | 0.58 | 0.64 | 0.48 |
| 3 | KAPPA | <u>0.75</u> | 0.72 | 0.71 | 0.68 | 0.66 | 0.73 | 0.46 |
| 4 | OA | <u>0.8</u> | 0.78 | 0.76 | 0.74 | 0.73 | 0.78 | 0.32 |
| 5 | F1_score | <u>0.73</u> | 0.68 | 0.71 | 0.67 | 0.69 | <u>0.73</u> | 0.28 |
| 6 | IoU | 0.62 | 0.6 | <u>0.71</u> | 0.56 | 0.59 | 0.64 | 0.34 |



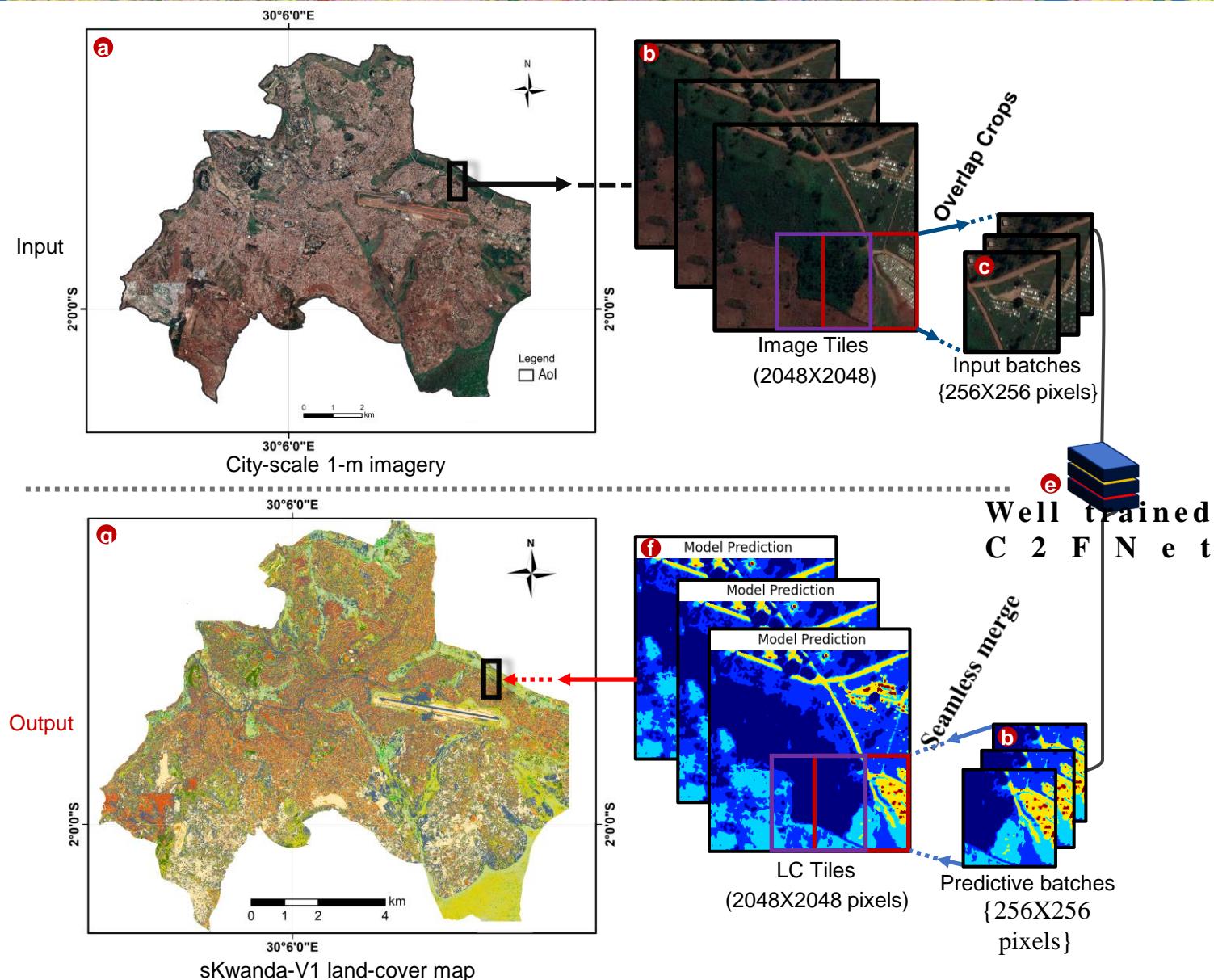


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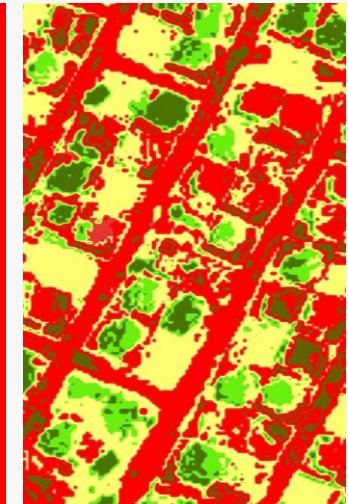
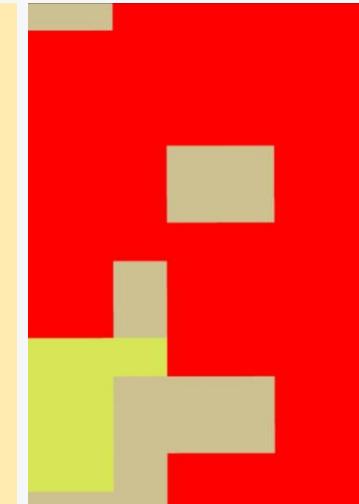
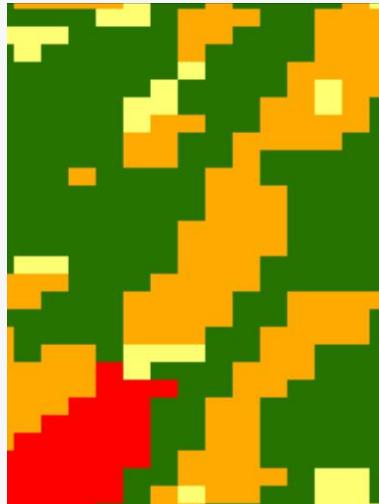
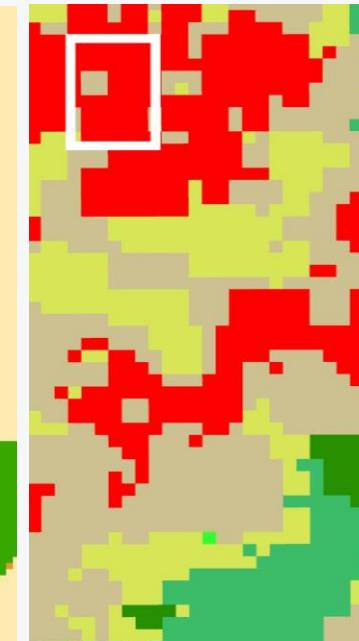
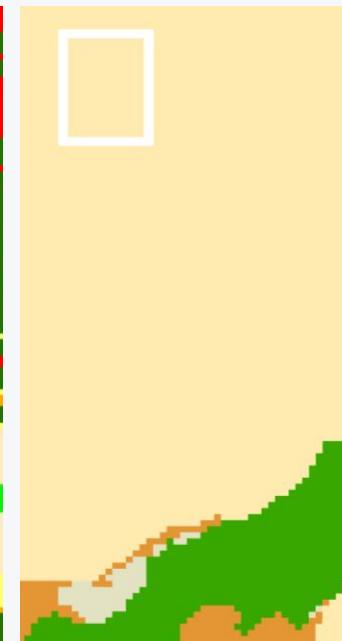
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Practical mapping

sKwanda-V1 Product (by C2F)



sKwanda-V1 Product Kamonyi dataset



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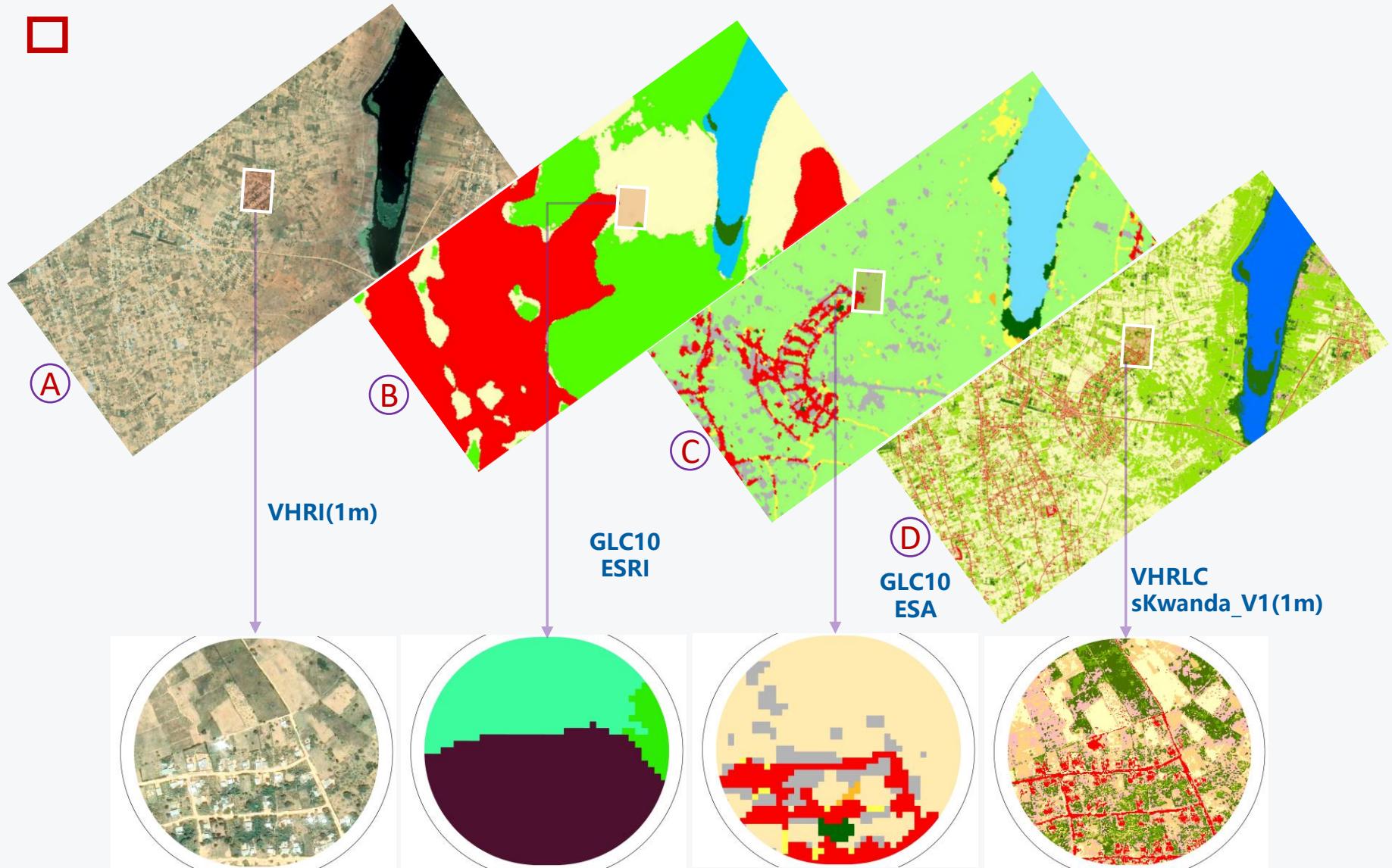
GLC10 ESRI

GLC10 ESA

NLC8

sKwanda_V1(1m)

RESULTS-C2FNet behavior-Bugesera



Conclusion



- Leveraging a combination of freely accessible data, including 2 GLC10 products, National Land Authority records, Rwanda Transport Agency data, and Google Earth imagery, sKwanda_v1 stands out as a high-resolution dataset, covering both urban and rural areas.
- sKwanda_v1 sets a new standard in land-cover datasets, offering superior accuracy in delineating land-cover edges and depicting dense urban patterns compared to existing products. Quantitative assessments reveal an impressive overall accuracy of 80.01% with a kappa coefficient of 0.75, consistently demonstrated across diverse geographical regions and aligning well with official government survey data. It serves as a valuable resource for a multitude of applications requiring precise land-cover information.



- Therefore, the contribution of this study can be summarized as: a) To improve the accuracy and robustness of land cover mapping, especially in areas with complex features.; b) To maximize the utilization of available data sources for advanced high-resolution land cover mapping. The results also contribute to predictions accurately reflect adding new classes such as low vegetation, trees and traffic patterns and cityscape layouts.



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