

CS 205 Project - M3

Parallelizing Crop Phenology
reports via NDVI datasets



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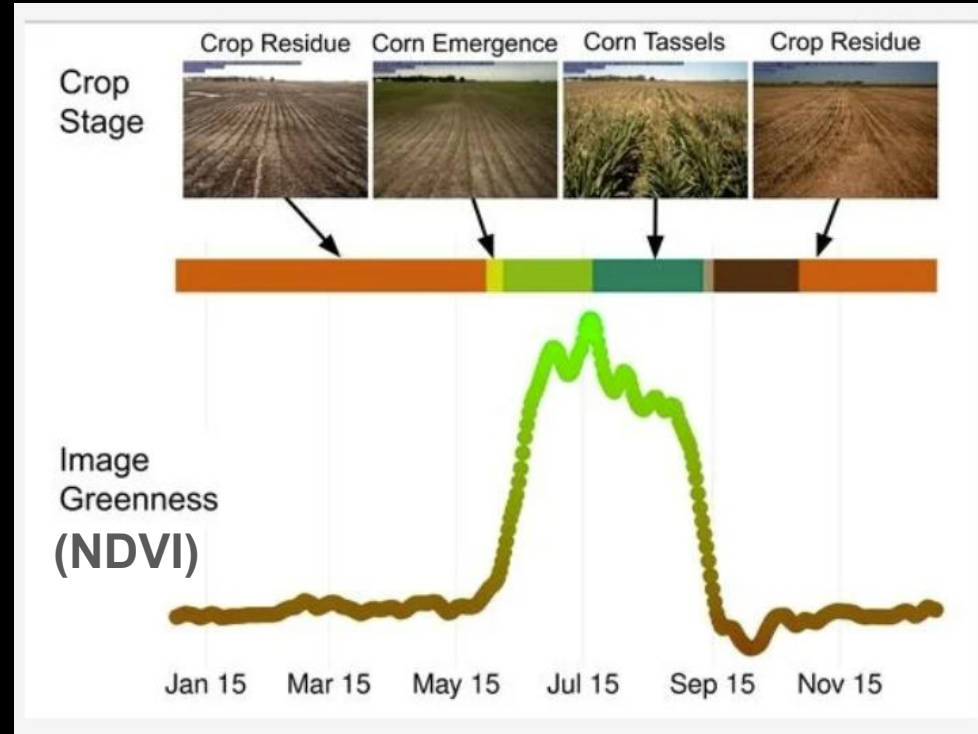
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Problem: Crop phenology using NDVI data

- What is crop phenology (crop stages)?
- How do we get crop phenology using the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI = greenness)?

$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{\text{NIR} - \text{RED}}{\text{NIR} + \text{RED}}$$

- How do we do this efficiently over ~380,000 km² of land and over two decades? So far that is ~ 4.2 billion potential reports

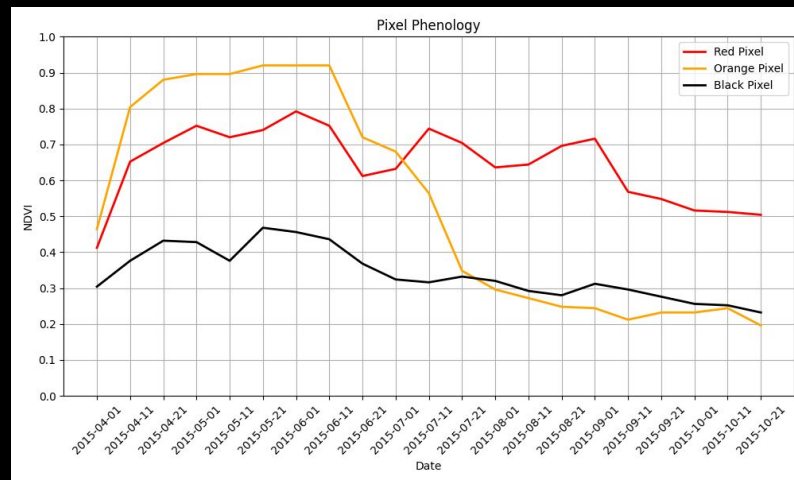
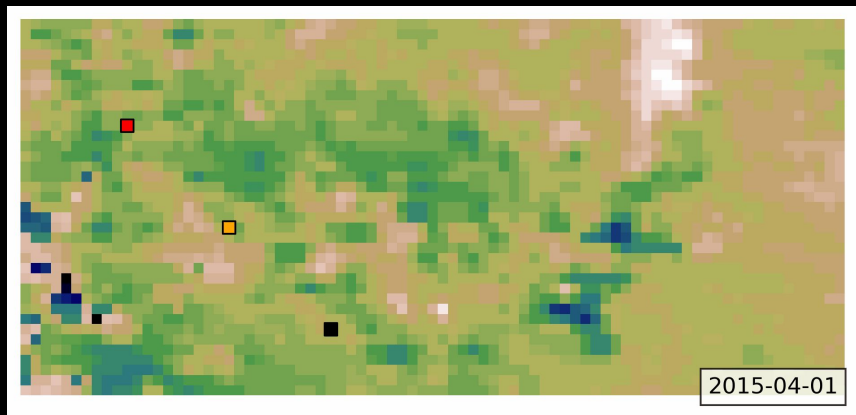


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Data and Model:

- **Dataset name:**
CGLS Collection NDVI Version 2
- Obtained by the Sentinel-3 Satellite (European Space Agency) data products via the **openEO** API and **VITO** Backend
- **Temporal information:**
Three products per month
dated day 1, day 11 and day 21 of each month
- **Spatial Information:**
Global coverage, but just pulling and focusing on the North West USA, 300 meter resolution
- Forms hypercube $I(x,y,t,\omega)$
- **Limitations:**
Can't differentiate between intended agricultural crops and natural vegetation (ex. forests, marshlands)
 - Need to overlap with actual crop parcel data.
Crop delineation dataset obtained via U-Net

NDVI of Baker Valley, OR in 2015



Need for Shared Parallelization:

- Create NDVI dataset, create parcel dataset, create crop phenology reports
 - **Crop Parcels** → **Pixels** → **Tiles**
- A tiling scheme with many small tiles increases overhead and can introduce extra latency.
-  multi-threading and tiling must be combined
- **Goal:** maximize a version of **Amdahl's Speedup Law**:
 - For **P** = parallelization, **N** = number of tiles, **n** = subset of tiles due to lack of cores/memory, **T** = number of threads, **C** = number of cores
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$$S = S_{tiling}(N) \cdot S_{threading} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{C}{n} \right\rfloor \right) \cdot \frac{n}{N}$$

Where $\left\lfloor \frac{C}{n} \right\rfloor = T$ and $\frac{n}{N}$ corrects for latency

Draft Plan:

- Formulate our spatial aggregation workflow using the openEO VITO backend
- Using main package:



- largely depends of the **JIPlib** library, which is implemented in **C++** and contains three main classes: Jim, JimList and VectorOgr. Other dependency in **C++** is **miallib**.
 - **Jim** is the main class to represent raster data objects
 - **Have to almost rebuild this open source package due to backend restrictions by Italian government** 🦂
 - Then use Python interface via **Simplified Wrapper and Interface Generator (SWIG)**
- **pyjeo** supports multi-threading using OpenMP API and setting CPU affinity