BREAKING

Ground truth: Field inspection

Source domain: 2017 - 2020

I - Data

Satellite: Sentinel-1

Target domain: 2021

Method: CNN-1D

III - Results

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Cracking Ground Truth Barriers:

Harnessing the Power of Transfer Learning

for Crop Mapping

Source domain

Target domain

Voivodina region

50 km

20 km

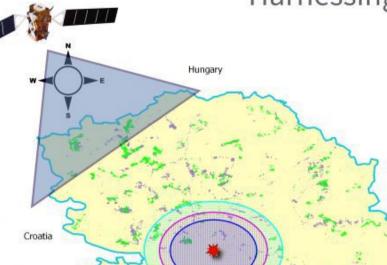
25 km

30 km

Serbia

Romania

Departure point - Novi Sad



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II - Methodology

Initial model: Built using leave-oneyear-out approach on the source domain. Best performing model selected.

Transfer learning: Retraining using limited target domain data around the

departure point.

F1 score Buffer radius	Transfer learning (area restricted)	Training model from scratch	Pretrained model applied	Transfer learning (distributed)	
20 km (~ 100 parcels)	0.74	0.69	0.78	0.83	
25 km (~ 170 parcels)	0.79	0.73		0.84	
30 km (~ 450 parcels)	0.83	0.78		0.86	



Find out more:

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