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## **Abstract**

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# Introduction

## Background and Context

The free access to remotely sensed data, such as imagery from satellites (e.g. Sentinel-2, LandSat) has revolutionized the field of crop type classification in developing countries. By leveraging the power of advanced imaging technologies combined with machine learning algorithms, researchers and practitioners can now identify and map different crop types over large geographic areas at low cost. This has the potential to improve food security, land use planning, and agricultural policy in regions where ground-based data collection is limited or non-existent.

The collection of field observations and ground truth data is a critical input to the development of machine learning models for crop type classification. However, obtaining accurate and timely ground truth data can be challenging in developing countries due to limited resources, infrastructure, and capacity. In many cases, researchers rely on crowdsourced data from volunteers or citizen scientists to supplement or validate ground truth data collected through traditional methods. Projects like (Tseng et al. 2021) point to the near complete lack of multi-class crop type datasets globally. This is a significant gap in the field of crop type classification, as the availability of high-quality training data is essential for the development of accurate and reliable machine learning models.

## Citation

See this important work for more information (Smith 2020).

## Mathematics

Here is an example of a mathematical formula in LaTeX:

$$e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$$

## Conclusion

This document is a simple demonstration of MyST Markdown capabilities.

## References

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