Data Analytics in Precision Agriculture

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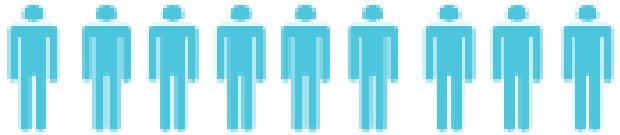
Population growth and Urbanization

POPULATION GROWTH = HIGHER DEMAND FOR FOOD



10 billion

world population in 2050

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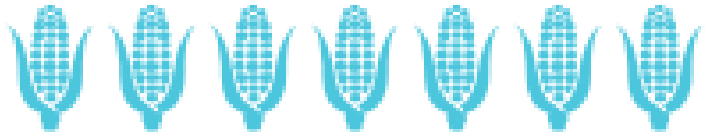

70%

More food to be produced by farmers

URBANIZATION DRIVES CHANGE IN CONSUMPTION PATTERN

36.4 kg

processed food and meat annual per capita meat consumption 1997-1999

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45.3 kg

processed food and meat annual per capita meat consumption 2030

Source: https://www.oliverwyman.com/our-expertise/insights/2018/feb/agriculture-4-0--the-future-of-farming-technology.html

Natural Resources

25% of all farmland is already rated as highly degraded

~80% global deforestation driven by agricultural concerns

$1 trillion investment necessary until 2050 for irrigation water management in developing countries alone

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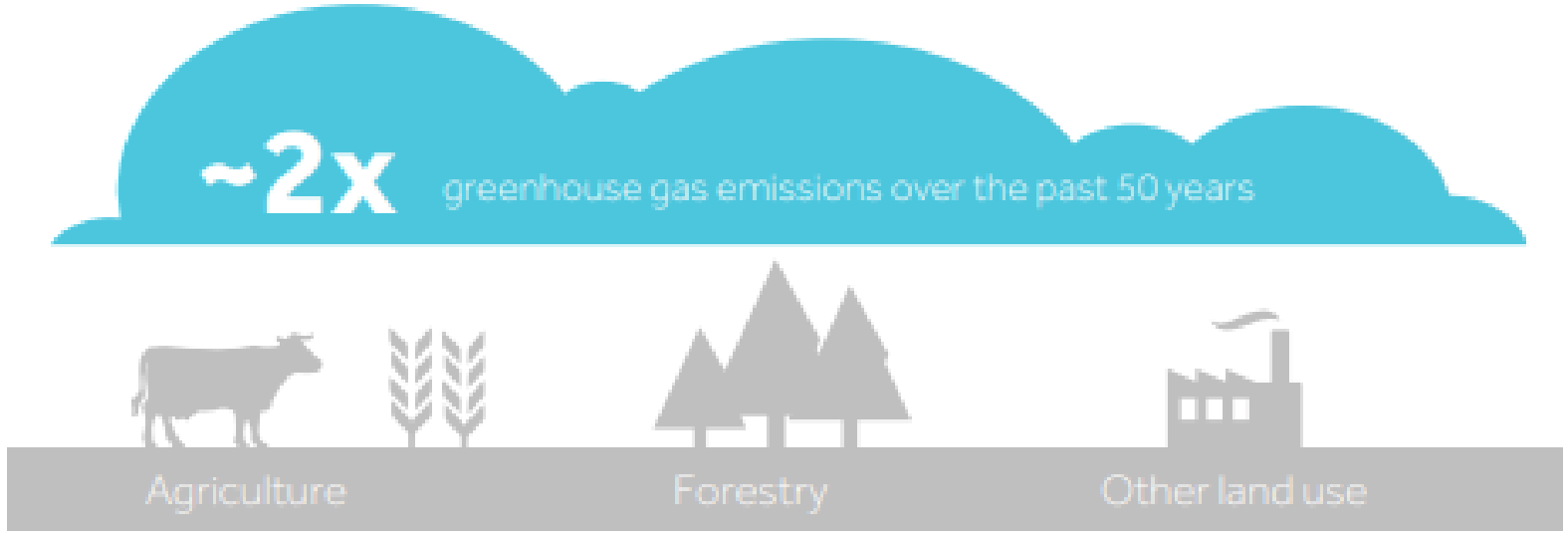
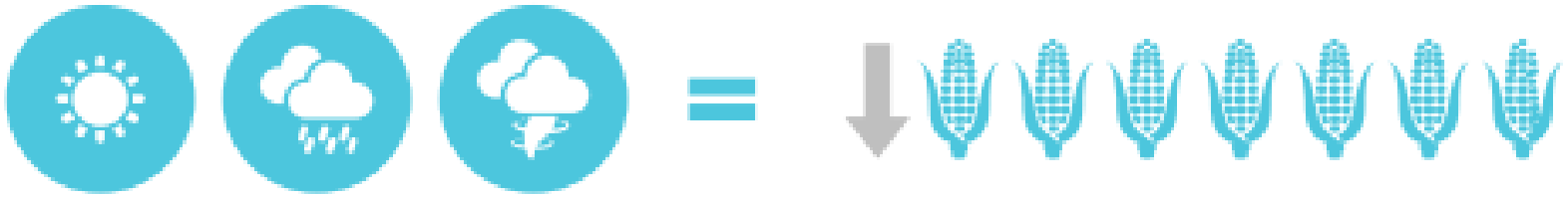
Climate Change

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



VARIABILITY OF PRECIPITATION REDUCE CROP YIELDS



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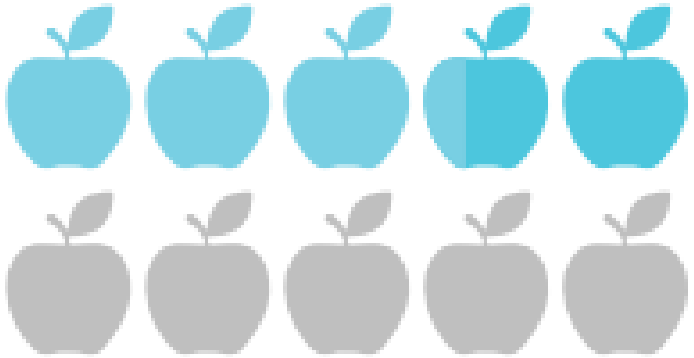
Food Waste



between
33%-50%
of all food produced
globally is never eaten

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25%
of all fresh water
consumption globally

3rd largest emitter of greenhouse gases after **China** and the **US**, if food waste were a country

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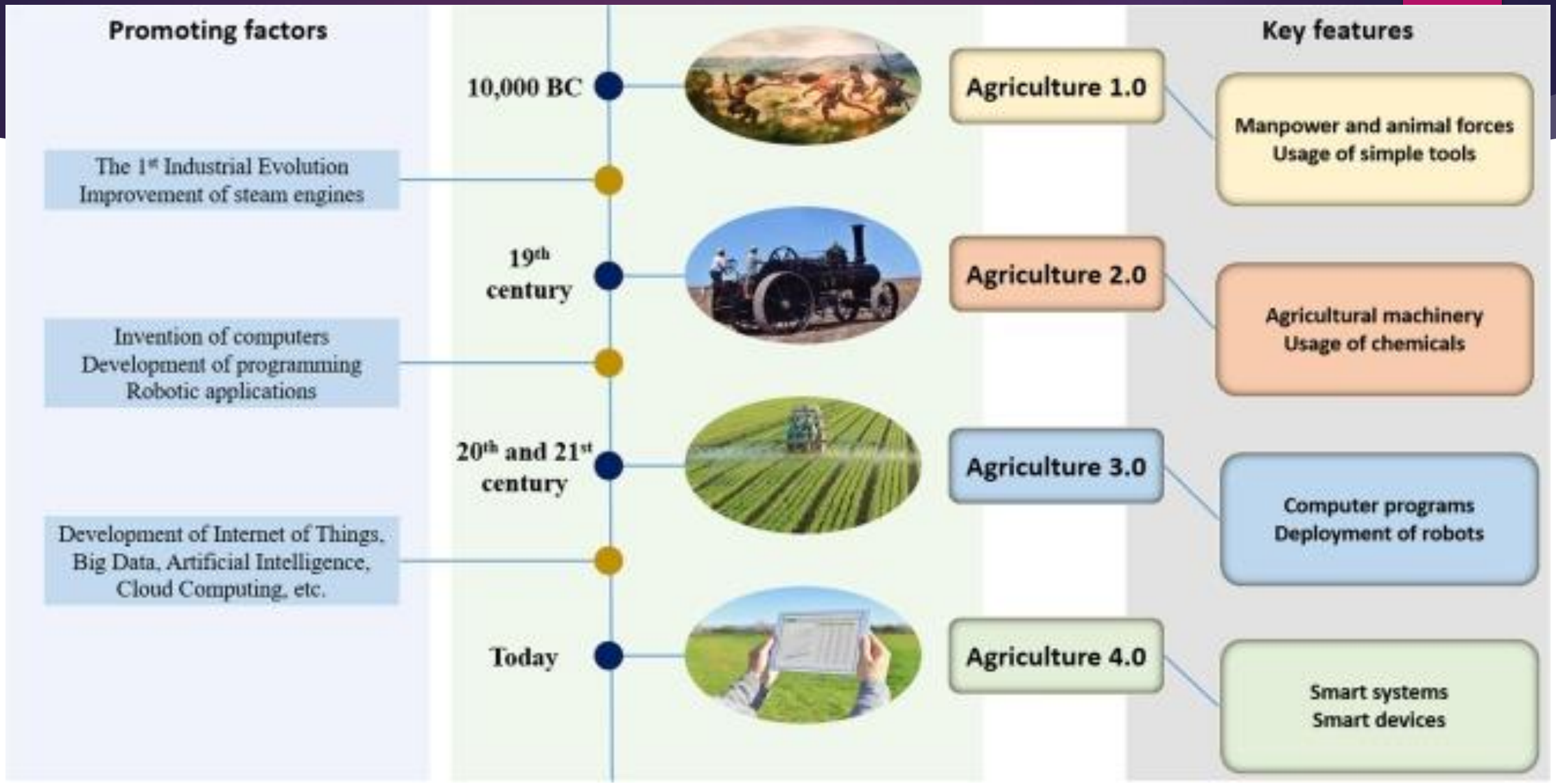
Solution: Agriculture 4.0

Agriculture 4.0



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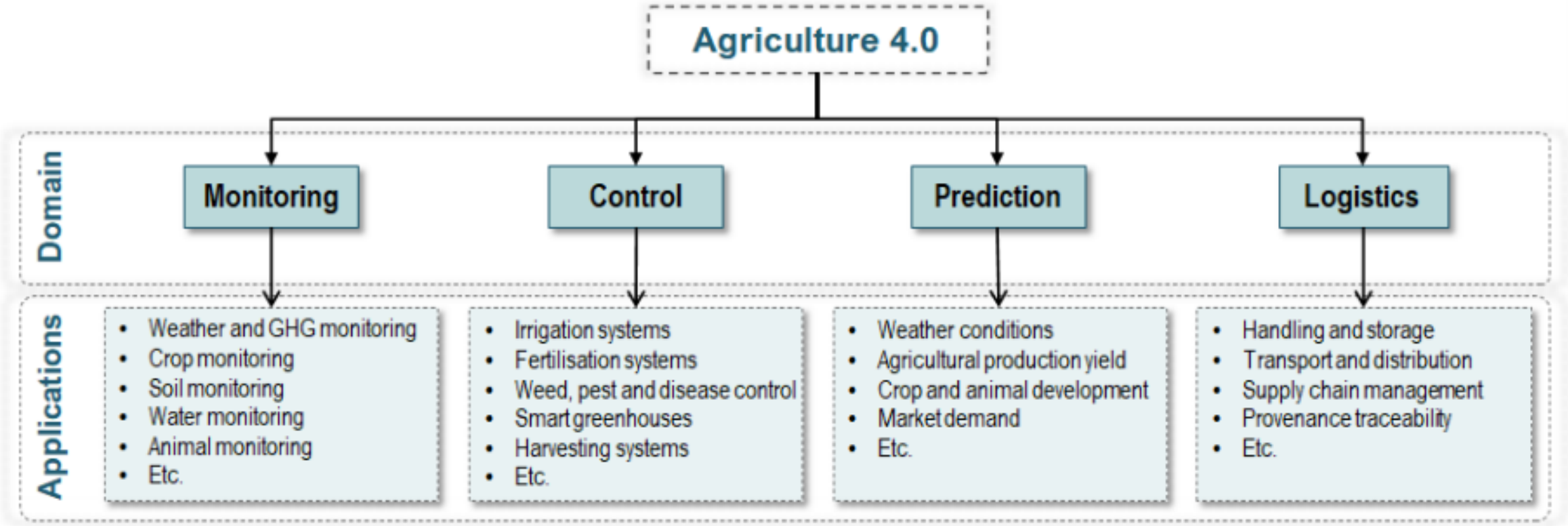

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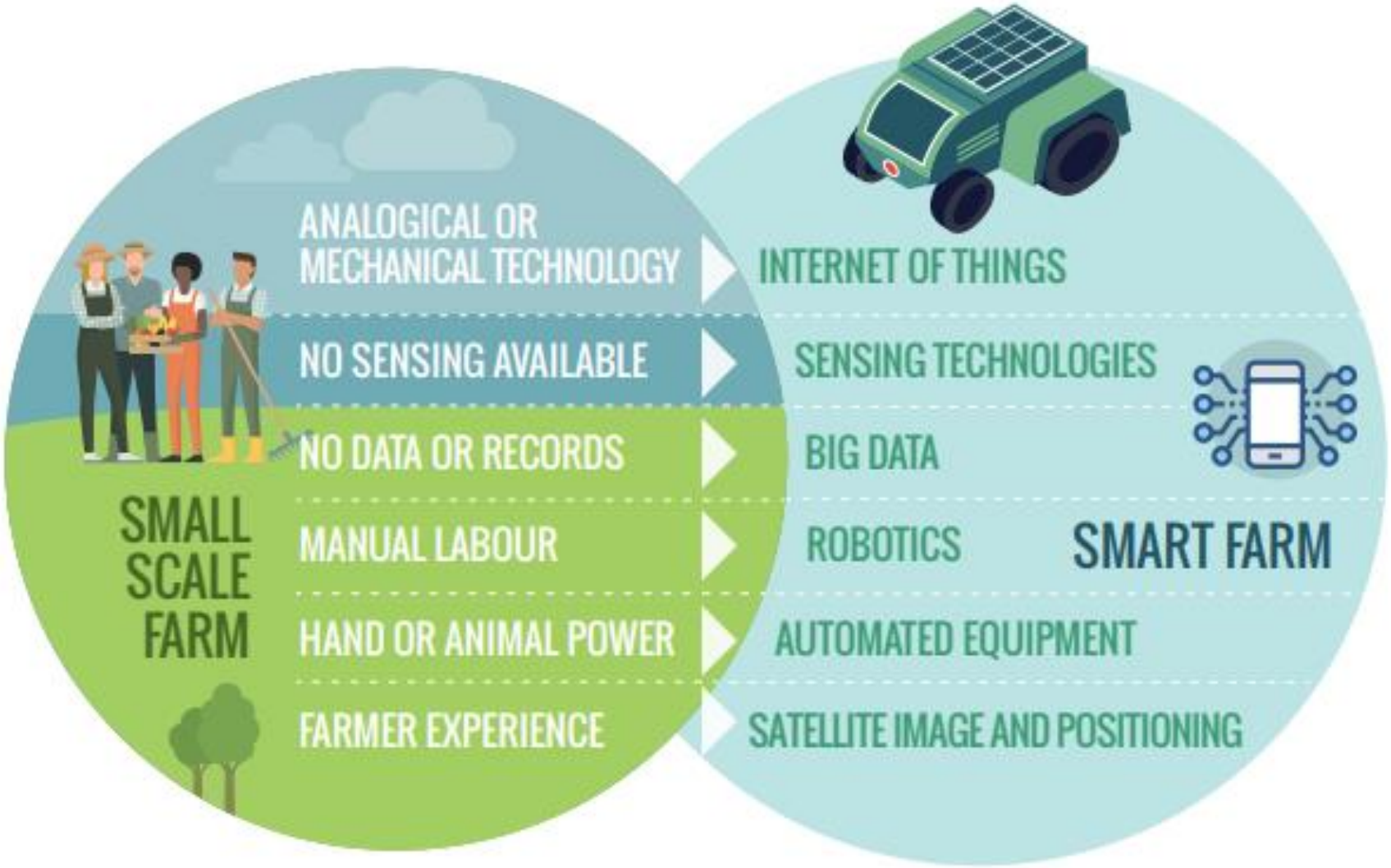
Precision Agriculture/Smart Farming



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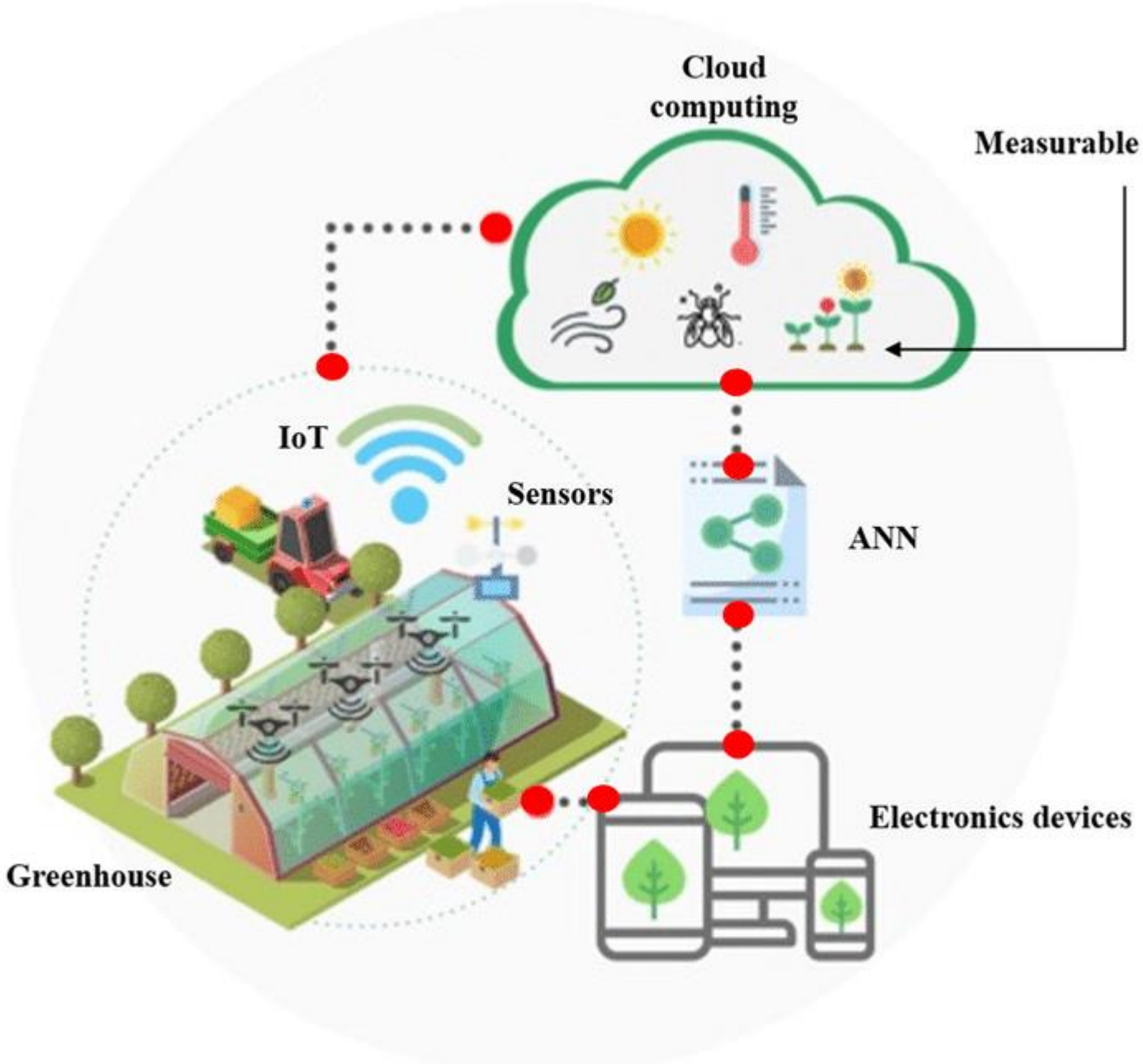

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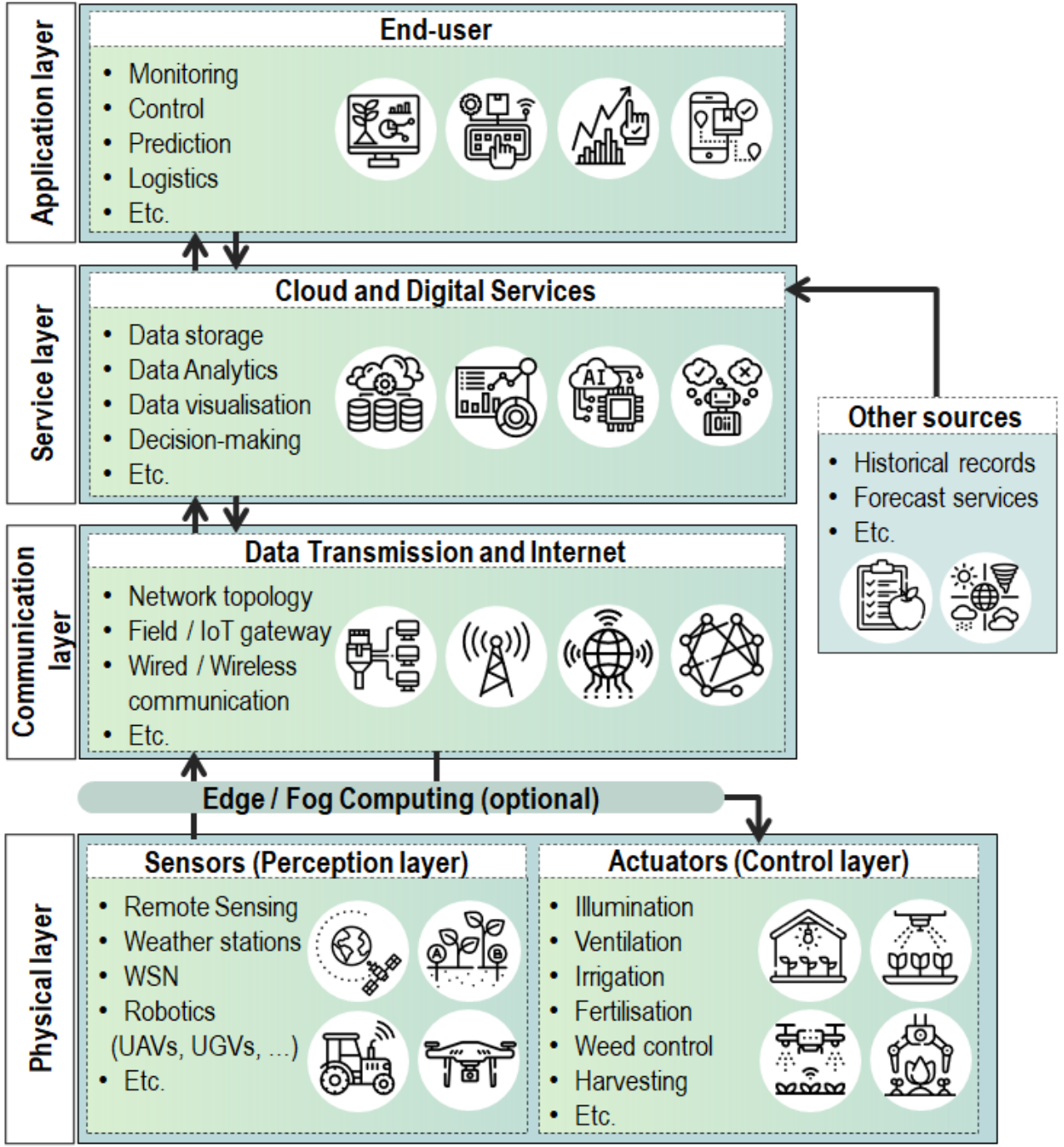

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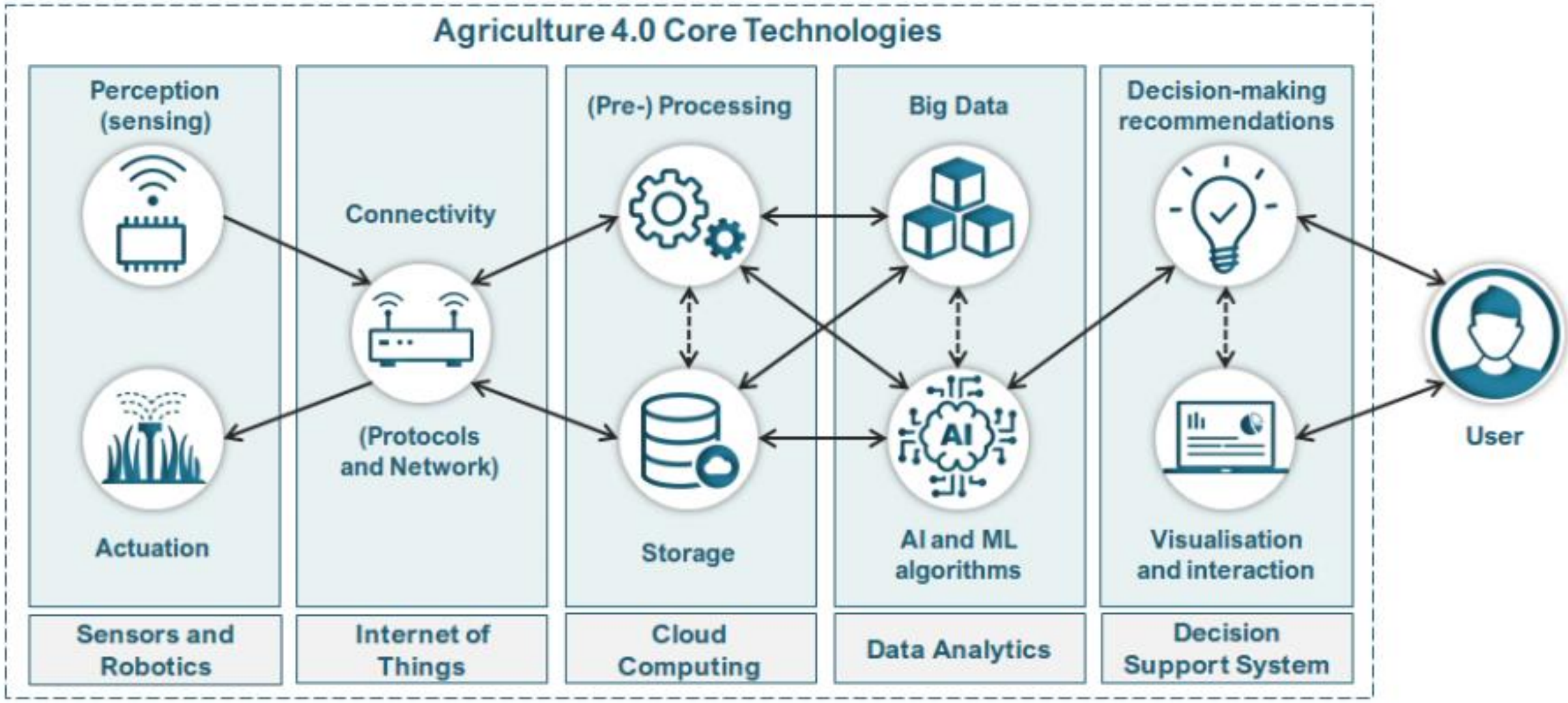

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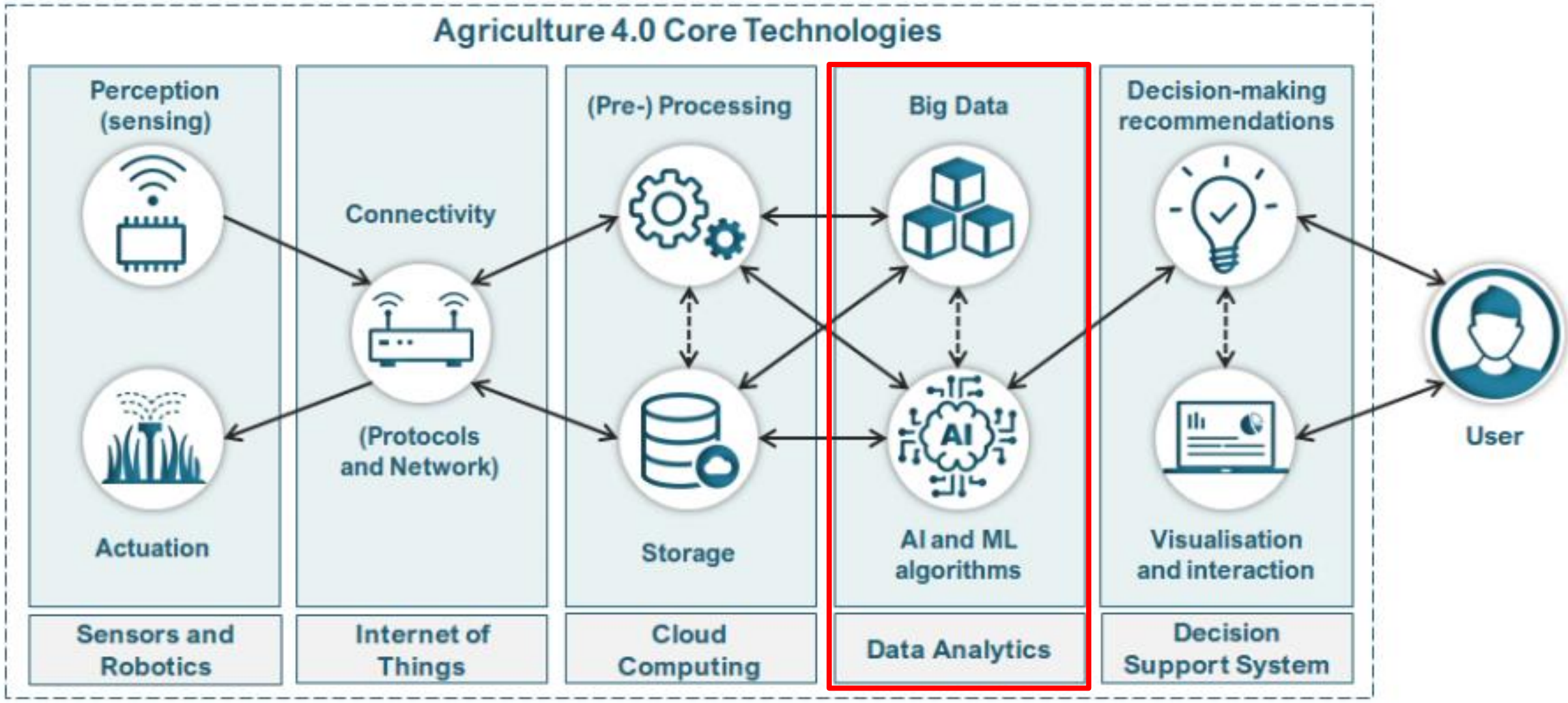

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AI/ML Algorithms

An algorithmic way of **making sense** (learning) from data.

Learning means Improving with Experience at some Task

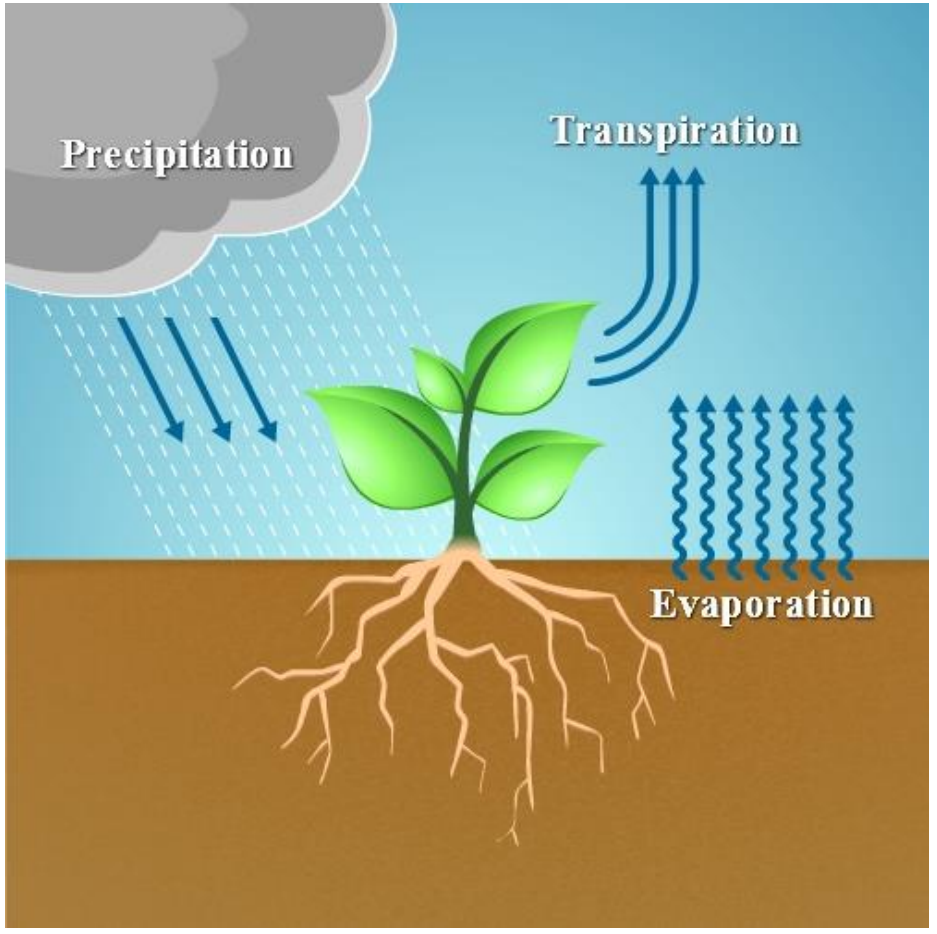
Tom M. Mitchell: A computer program is said to learn from Experience E with respect to some Task T and some Performance measure P, if its performance on T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

T: Estimate Evapotranspiration rate

E: Learning from Evapotranspiration dataset

P: Accuracy of the Evapotranspiration rate

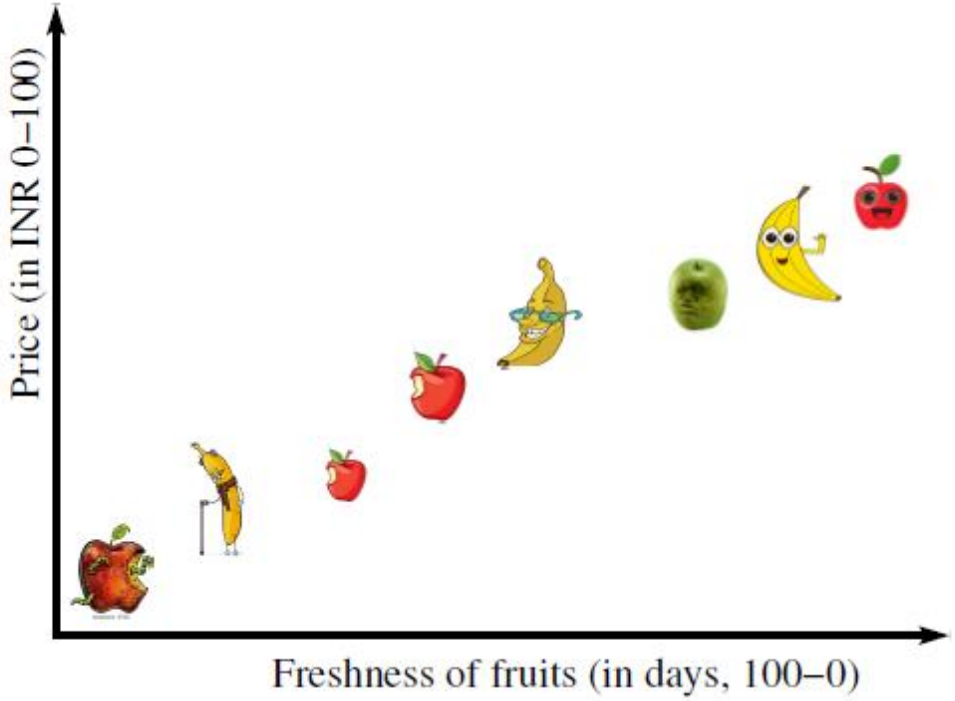
Decision: Irrigation Scheduling

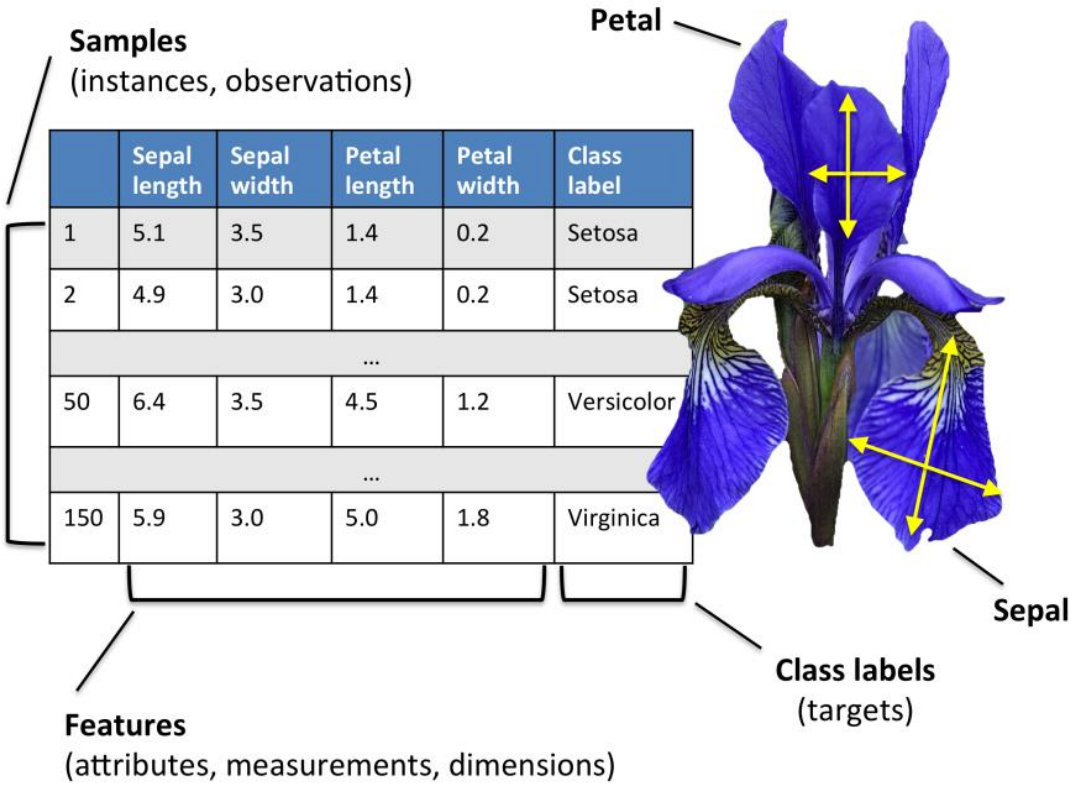


Predictive Analytics/ Supervised learning

Build an analytical model predicting a target measure of interest

Example: Predict Price based on freshness





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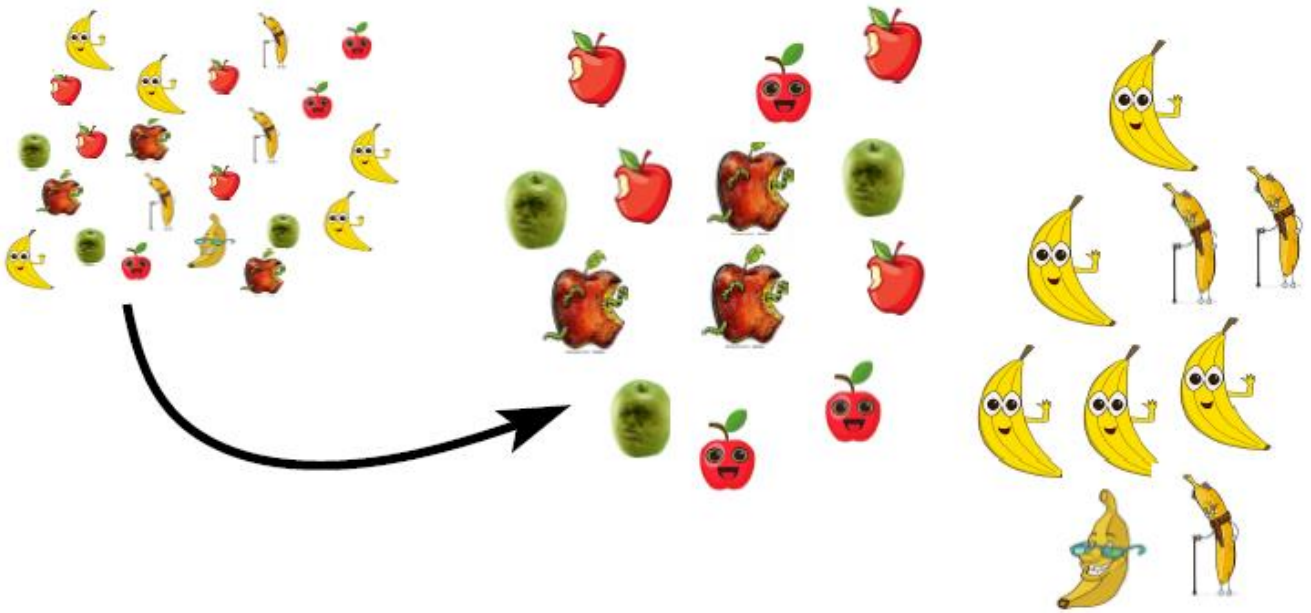
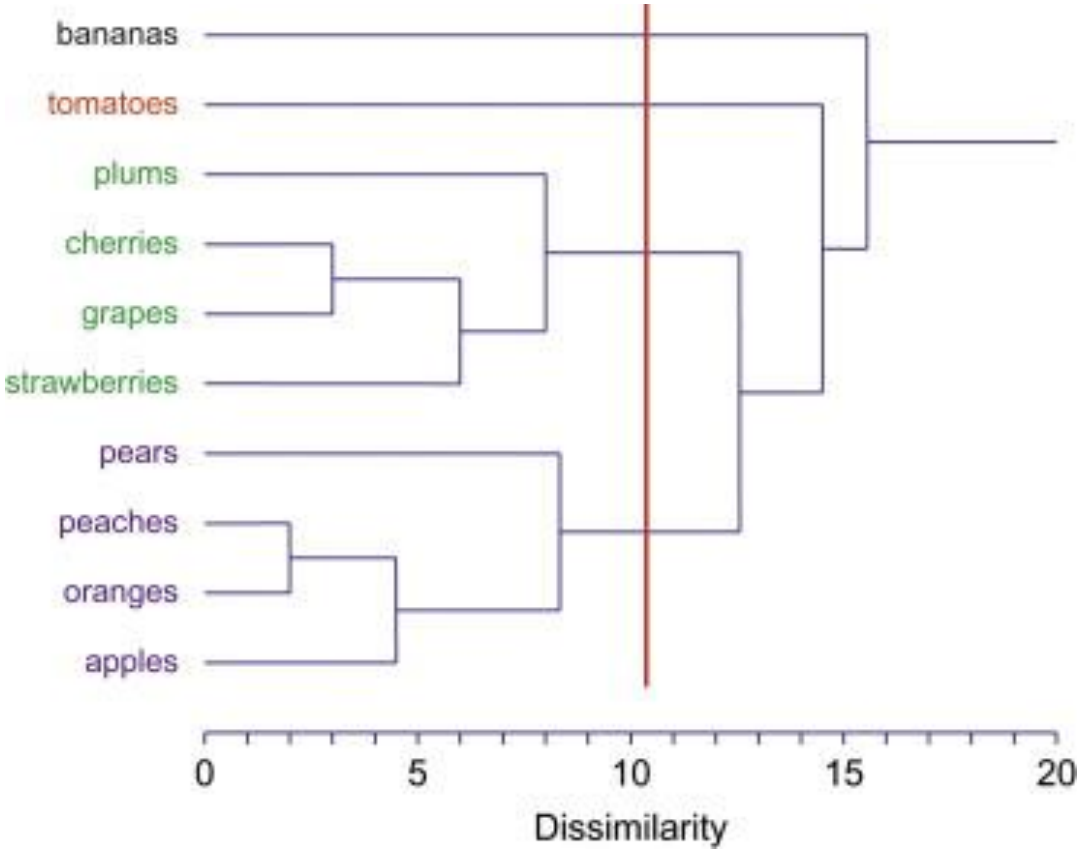
2	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Setosa
...					
50	6.4	3.5	4.5	1.2	Versicolor
...					
150	5.9	3.0	5.0	1.8	Virginica

Descriptive Analytics/Unsupervised learning

Describe patterns from the data

Example: Group fruits into two groups





Deep Learning

Neural Networks are considered universal function approximators

They can compute and learn any function

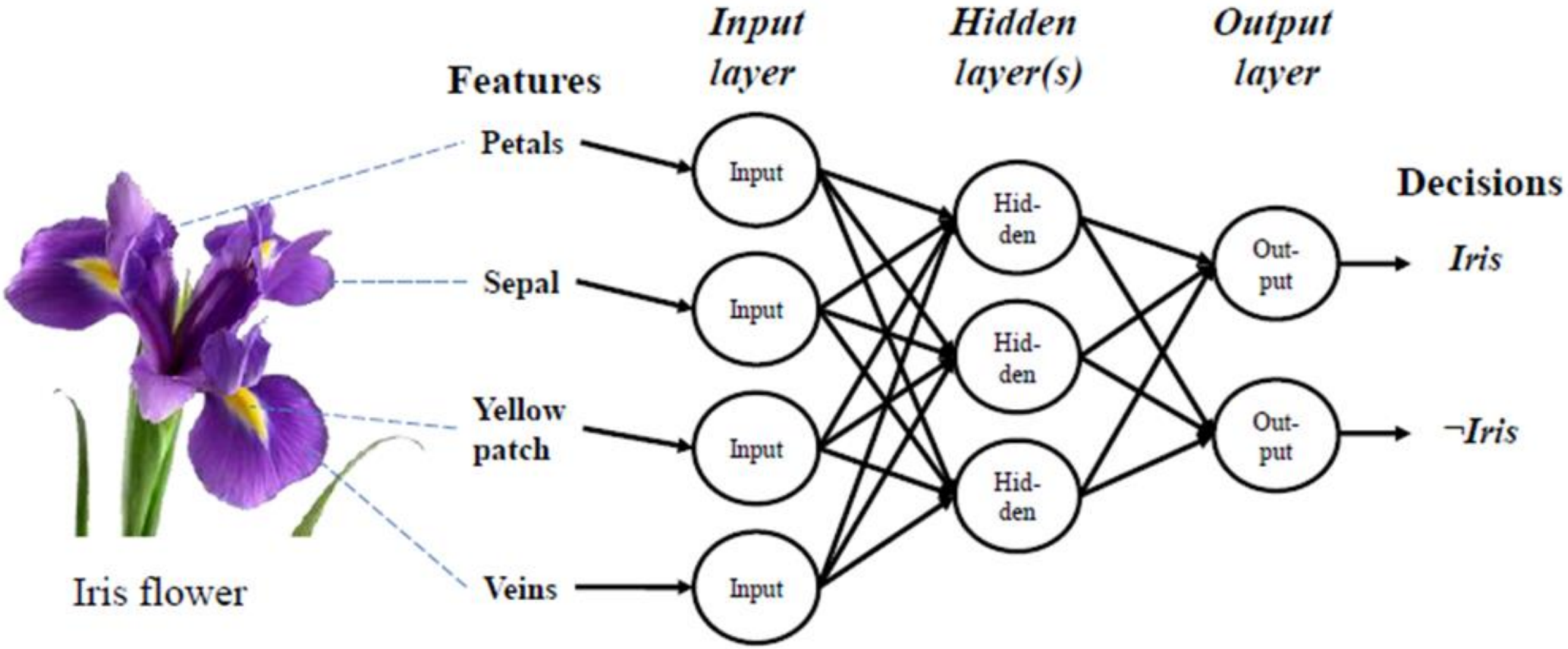
The neuron count has risen over the years to express more complex models.

More parameters efficiently learned using high computing powers.

More connections means that our networks have more parameters to optimize, and this required the explosion in computing power that occurred over the past 20 years.

Core components

- Parameters
- Layers
- Activation functions
- Loss functions
- Optimization methods
- Hyperparameters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Input layer
Hidden layer(s)
Output layer
Petals
Sepal
Yellow patch
Veins
Input
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Input
Input
Hid-den
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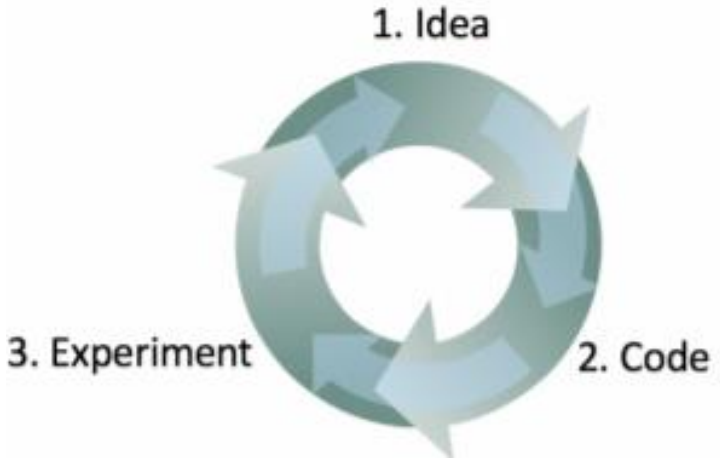
Hid-den
Out-put
Out-put
Decisions
Iris
¬Iris
Iris flower

ML/DL is an iterative process: Don't expect it to work first time

Andrew Ng (Co-Founder of Coursera and a former head of Google Brain) states that his approach to building machine learning/deep learning software is threefold:



1. Start off with an idea
2. Implement the idea in code
3. Carry out an experiment to conclude how well the idea worked

The faster you can go around this loop, the quicker progress will be made!

How to solve an agricultural problem?

Is it a ML task? Are you sure ML is the best solution?

- Hard: X is independent of Y: X , Y=?
- Easy: X is a set with limited variations. Configure Y=F(X)

Appropriate ML scenario?

- Supervised learning
- Unsupervised learning

Appropriate model?

- Data size (small data -> linear model, large data -> consider non-linear)
- Imbalanced data (special treatment of the minority class required)

Enough training data?

- Investigate how precision improves with more data

Model overly complicated?

- Start simple first, increase complexity and evaluate performance
- Avoid overfitting to training set

Feature quality

- Have you identified all useful features?
- Use domain knowledge of an expert to start
- Include any feature that could be found and investigate model performance

Feature engineering

- The best strategy to improve performance and reveal important input
- Encode features, normalize [0:1], combine features

Combine models

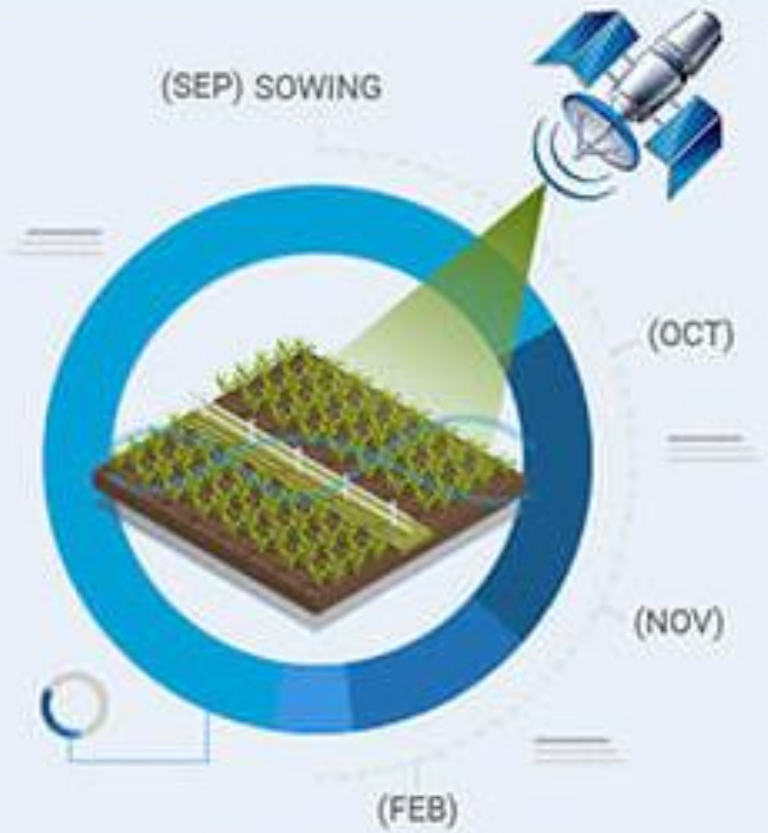
- If multiple models have similar performance there is a chance of improvement
- Use one model for one subset of data and another model for the other

Model Validation

- Use appropriate performance indicator (Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1, RMSE, MSE, etc.)
- How well does the model describe data? (AUC)
- Data typically divided into Training and Validation
- Evaluated accuracy on disjoint dataset (other than training dataset)
- Tune model hyper parameters (i.e. number of iterations)

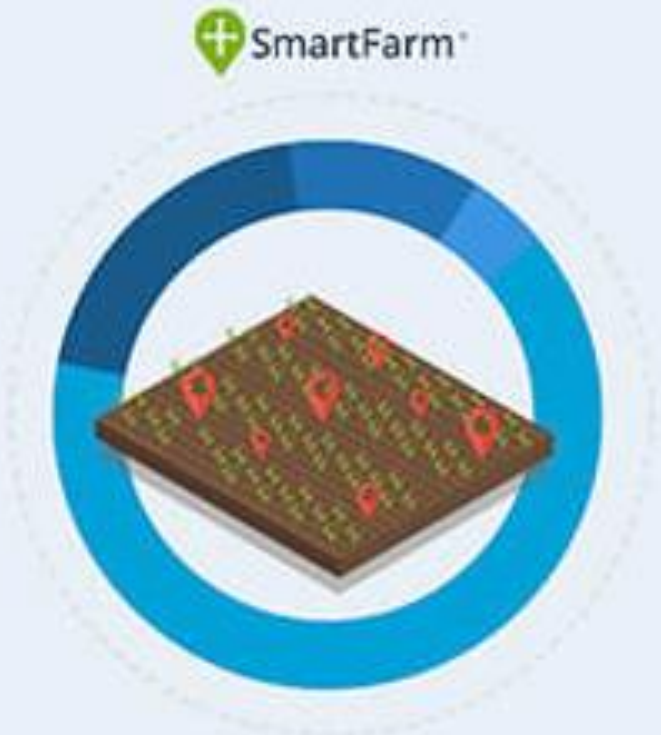
Use Cases

The Smart Agriculture market is expected to reach $18.45 Billion in 2022, at a CAGR of 13.8%
- Business Intelligence
DRONES
Health assessment, irrigation, crop monitoring, crop spraying, planting, and soil and field analysis
Precision Farming
With IoT, all data from different sensors is accessible to the agriculturist on their mobile phones
Soil Management
Analyze soil status, temperature and humidity
Livestock Management
Monitor livestock productivity and health
Water Management with Automated Irrigation



Satellite Imagery

Weather Data



SmartFarm Geo tagging labels

• NDVI
• LAI
• SAVI
• EVI
• NDWI
• Precipitation
• Temperature
• Humidity
• Evaporation
Feature Engineering
CROP 1
CROP 2
CROP 3
Crop Signatures

Cropin
Model Training
AI & ML Prediction
Crop Model 1
Crop Model 2
Yield Model 1
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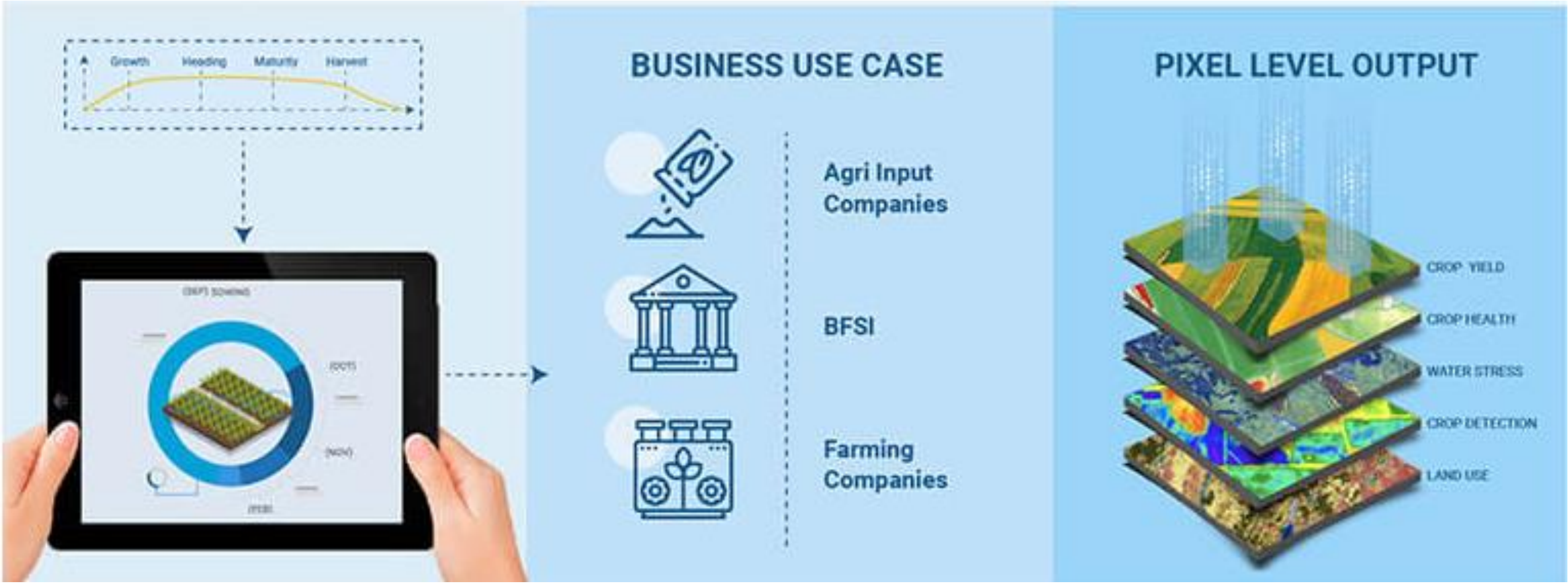
Stress Model 1
Stress Model 2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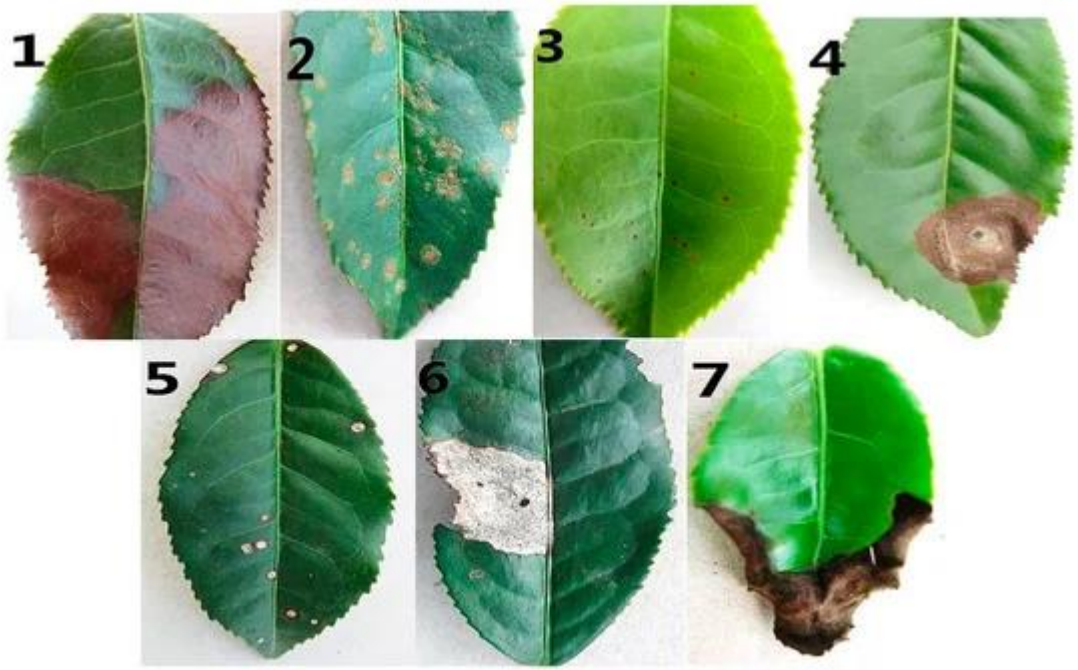
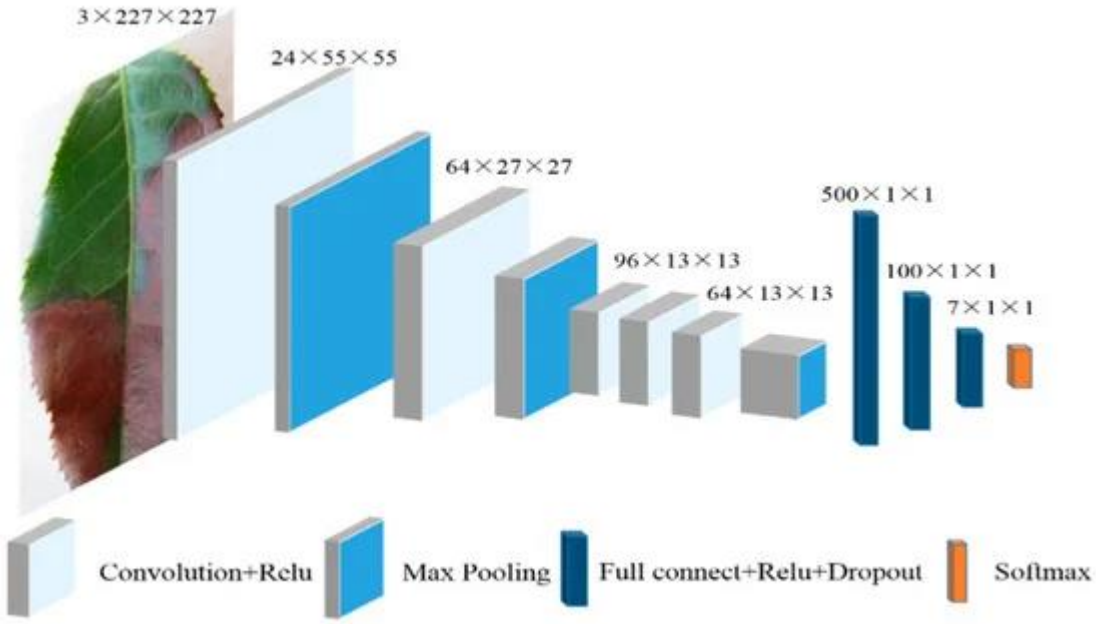
Maturity
Harvest
BUSINESS USE CASE
Agri Input Companies
BFSI
Farming Companies
PIXEL LEVEL OUTPUT
CROP YIELD
CROP HEALTH
WATER STRESS
CROP DETECTION
LAND USE

Case Studies

Leaf disease detection- CNN





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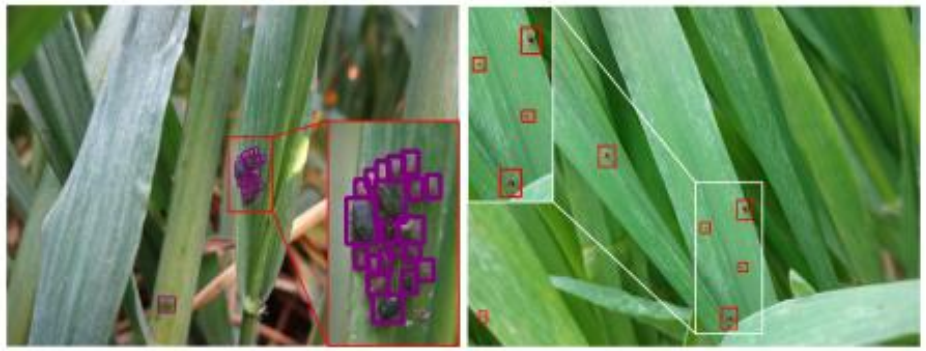
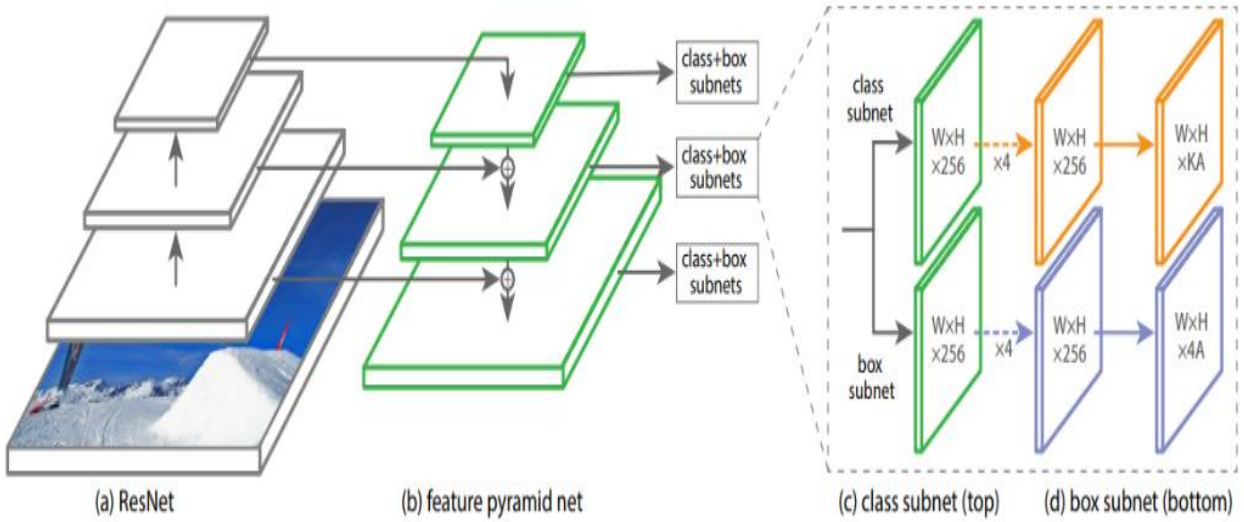
Pest Population Counting- RetinaNet



(a) Dense distribution of pests (b) Sparse distribution of pests

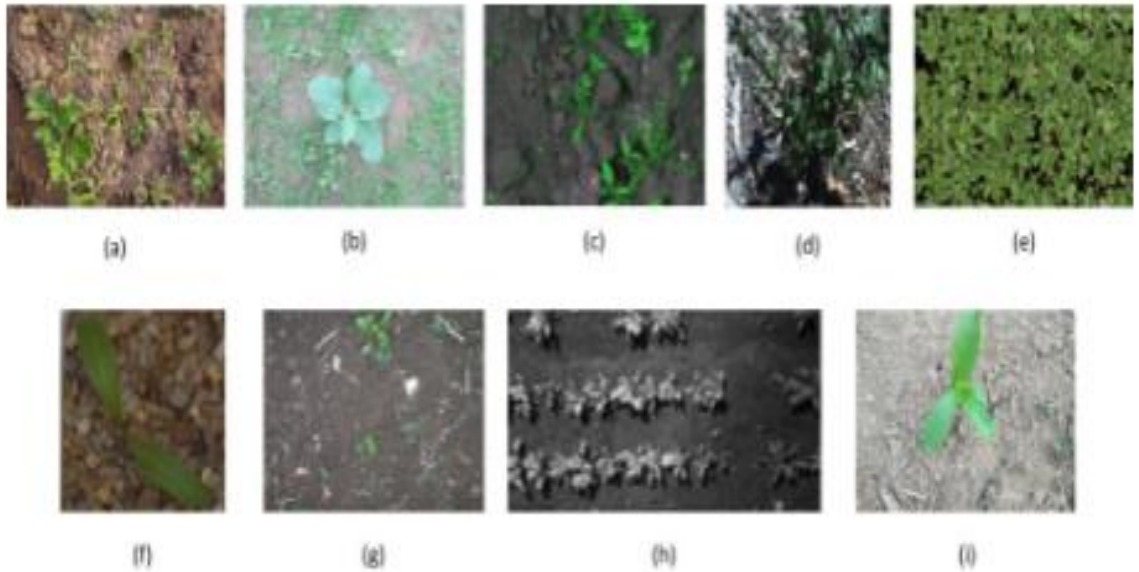
(c) Illumination variations (d) Background clutter

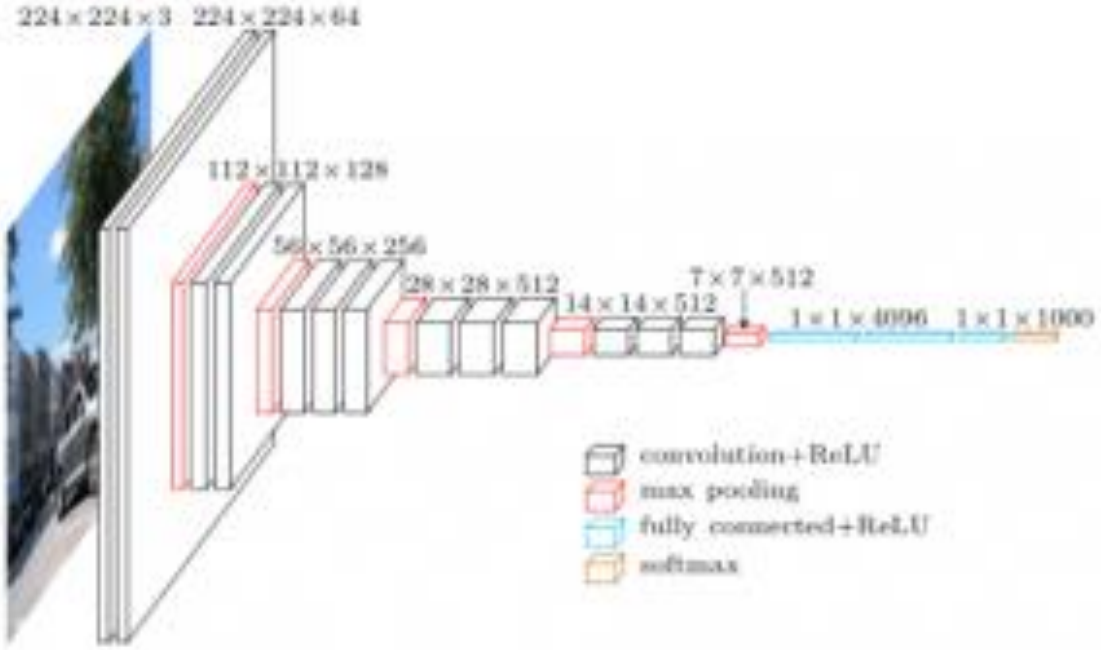


(a) ResNet (b) feature pyramid net (c) class subnet (top) (d) box subnet (bottom)

Wang, R.;. AgriPest: A Large-Scale Domain-Specific Benchmark Dataset for Practical Agricultural Pest Detection in the Wild. *Sensors* **2021**, *21*, 1601. https://doi.org/10.3390/s21051601

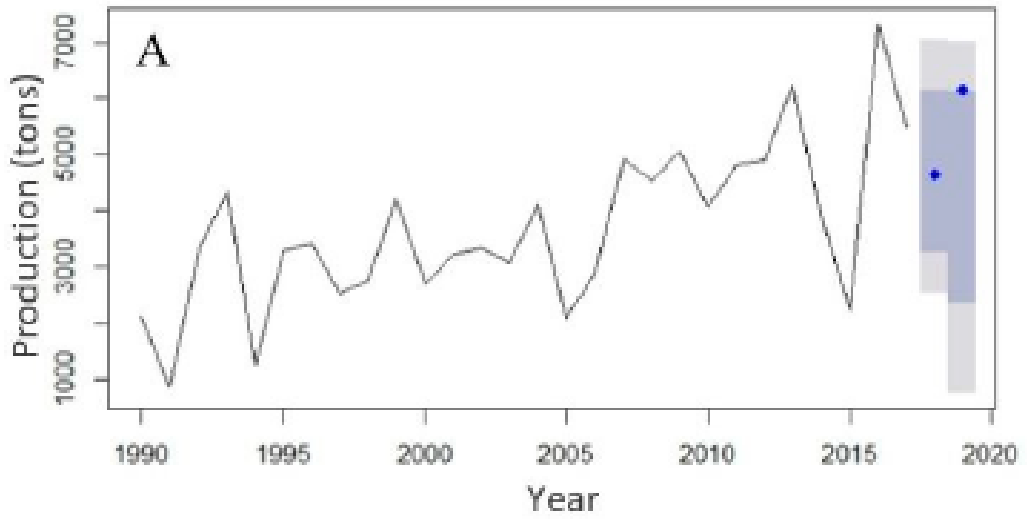
Identification of weeds -VGGNet





Crop Yield Prediction

Data Names	Abbreviation	Sources
Normalized Difference Vegetation Index	NDVI	MODIS (MOD13Q1)
Potential Evapotranspiration	PET	Climate Research Unit
Precipitation	PRE	Climate Research Unit
Minimum Temperature	TMN	Climate Research Unit
Maximum Temperature	TMX	Climate Research Unit
Soil Moisture	SM	European Space Agency
Size of land cultivated for maize production	Land	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries



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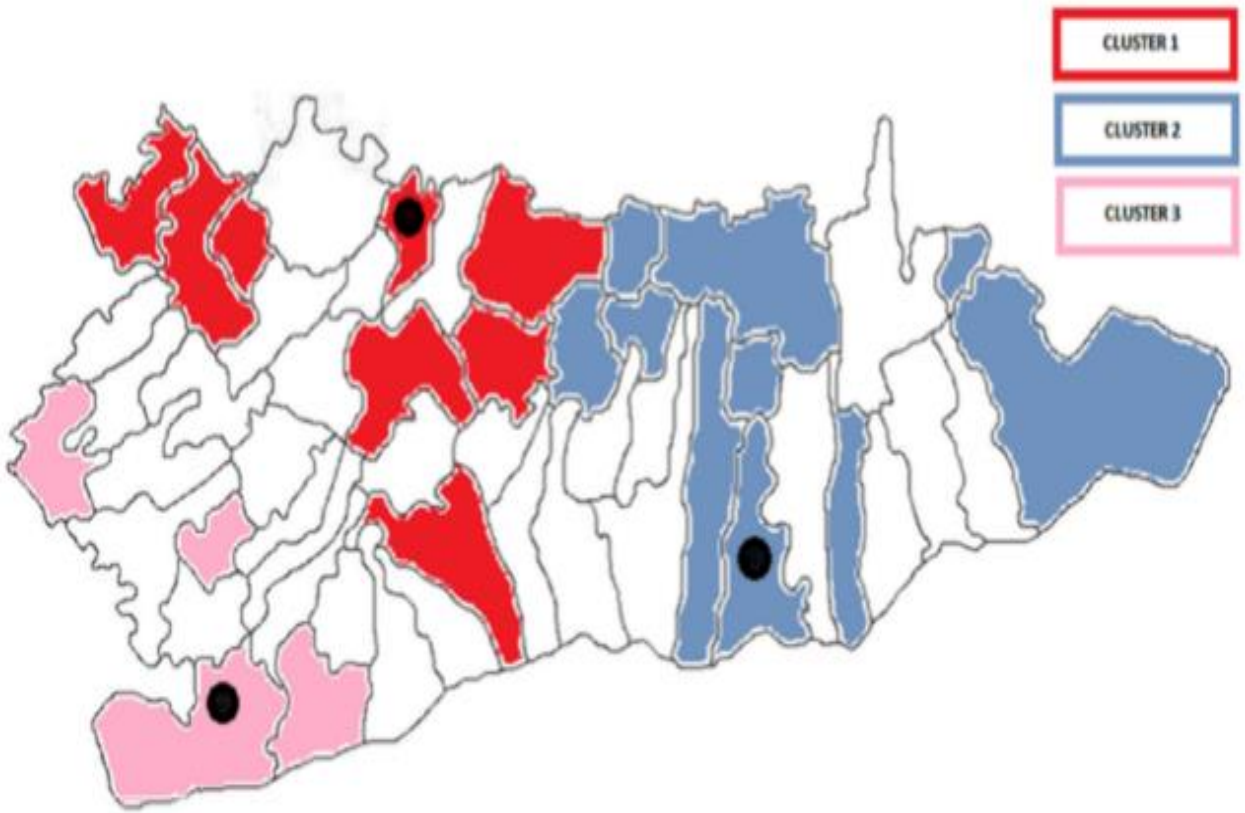
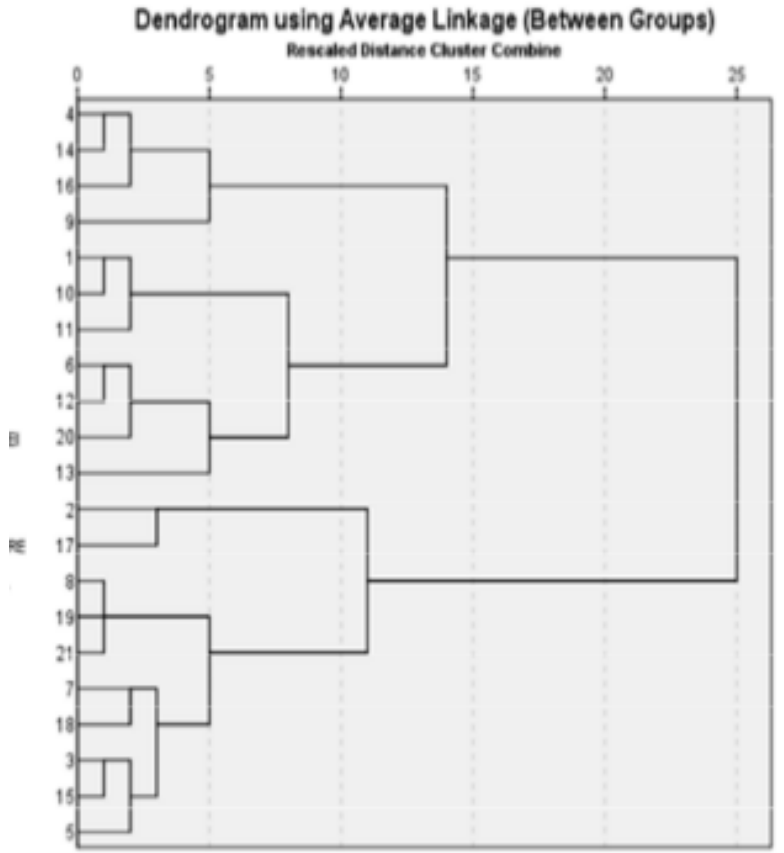
Organic Farming Patterns Analysis Based on Clustering Methods





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Hands-on Session

Plant disease detection

Dataset:

- https://www.kaggle.com/emmarex/plantdisease

Code:

- https://www.kaggle.com/sarithdivakar/plant-disease-detection-using-keras