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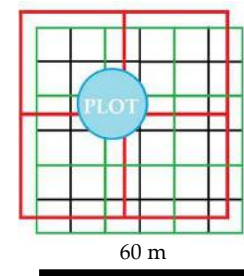
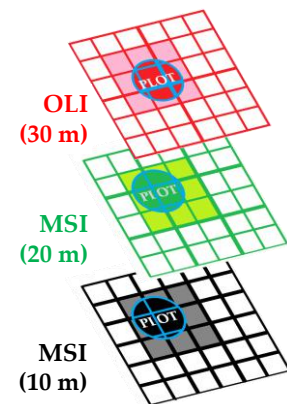
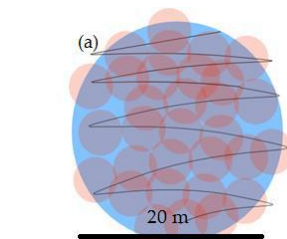
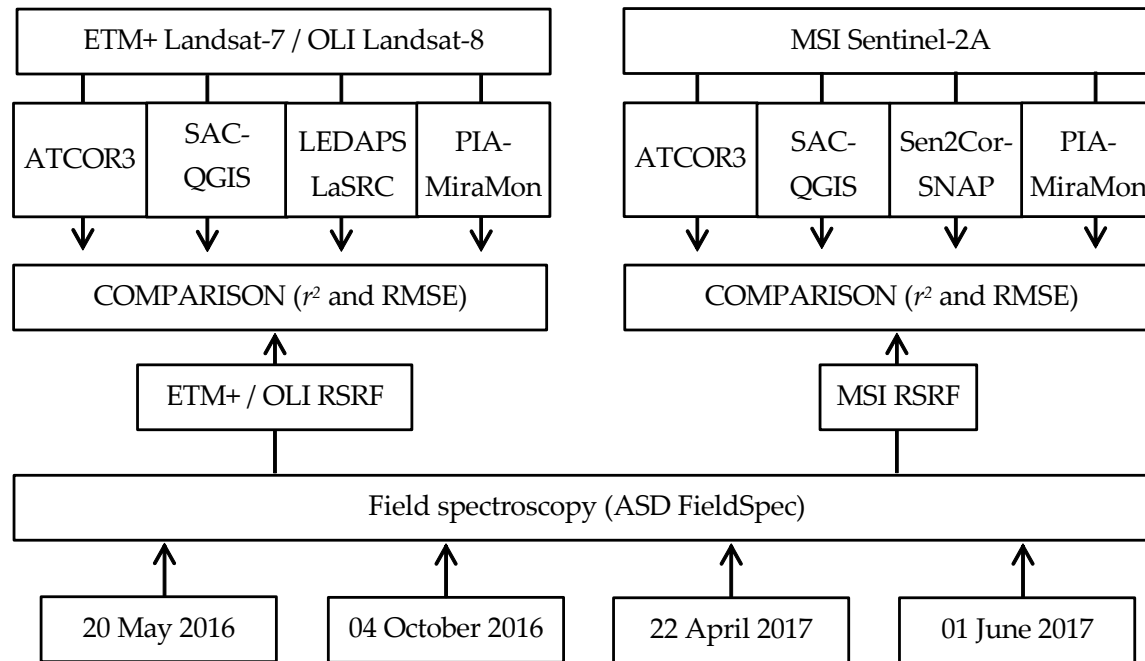
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## 1: Introduction and objectives | Hypothesis & objectives

### HYPOTHESIS

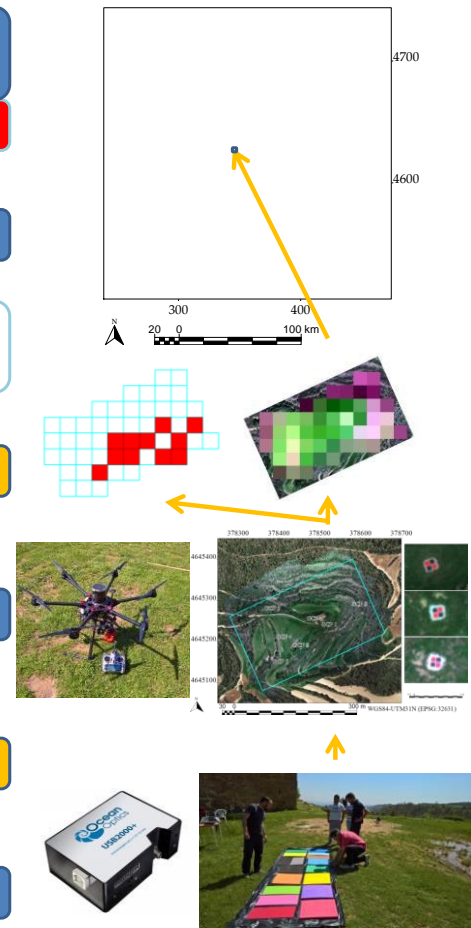
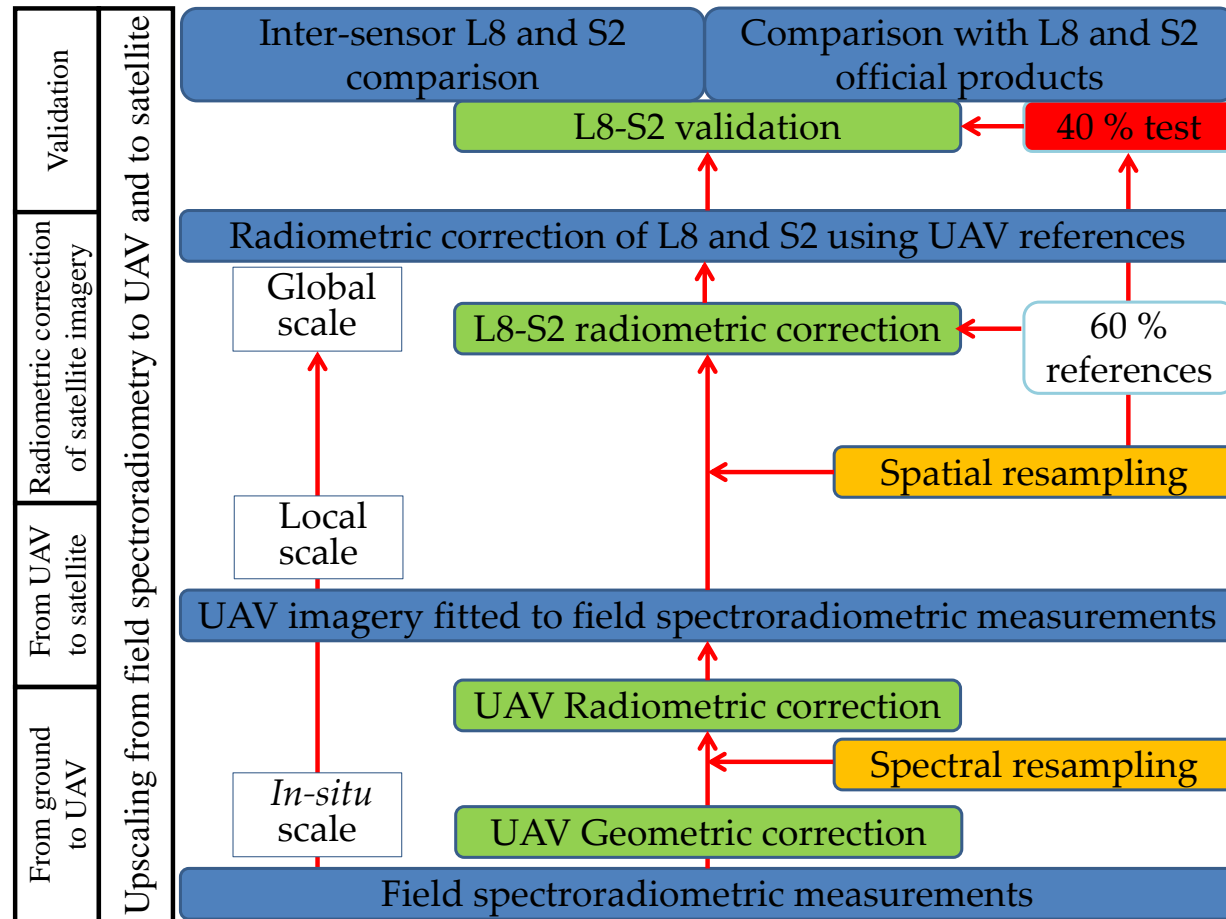
Radiometric correction of satellite imagery can be improved introducing ground-truth measurements obtained from the synergy between conventional field spectroradiometry and sensors embedded in Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)

→ **General Objective 1:** Improvement of the radiometric treatment of imagery from OLI sensor onboard the L8 satellite and MSI sensor onboard the S2 satellites

→ **General Objective 2:** Improvement of the treatment of UAS imagery, linking it with L8 and S2 imagery, and improvement of land cover mapping using UAS data

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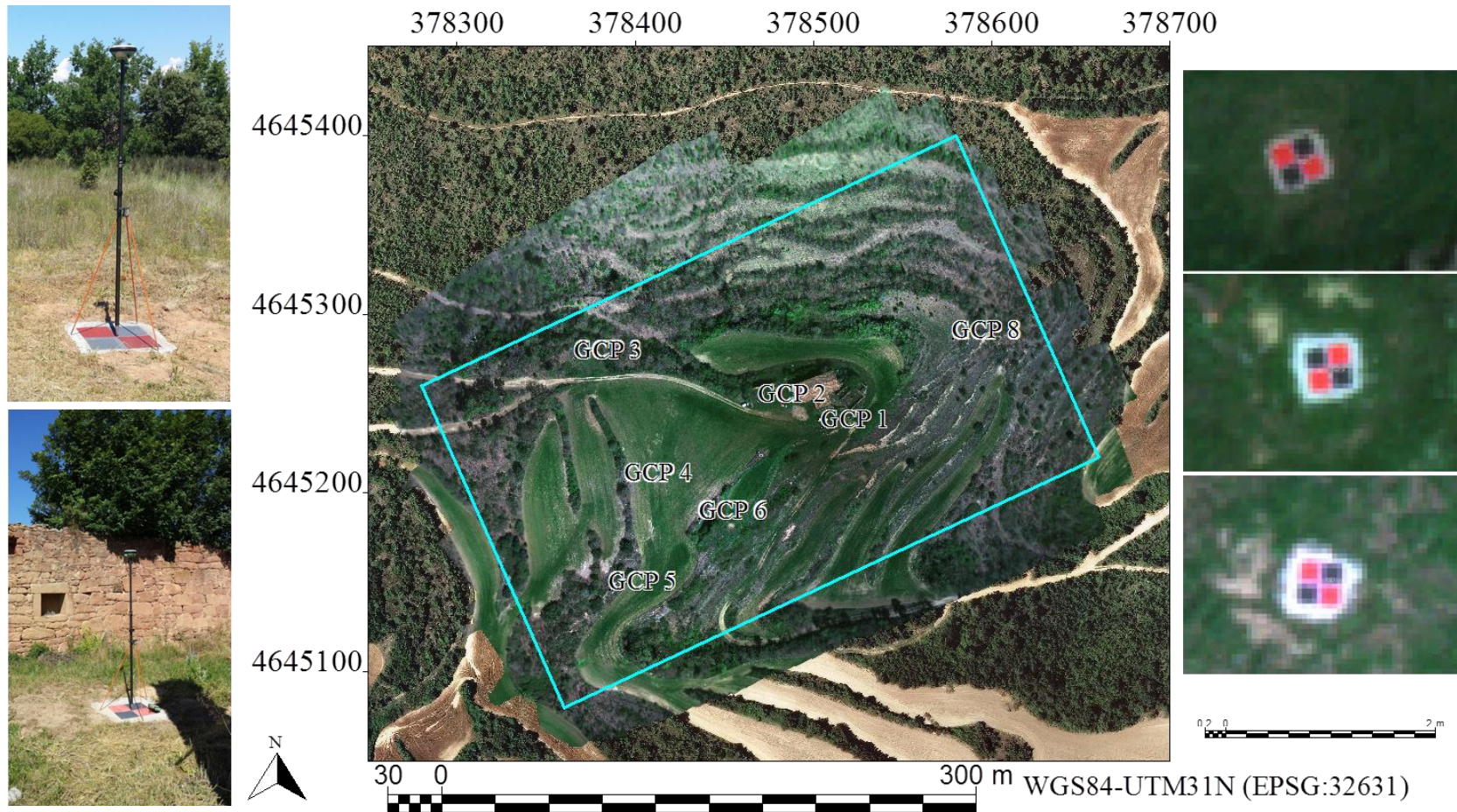
## 2: Upscaling | Workflow





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## 2: Upscaling | Linking field data, UAS and satellite imagery



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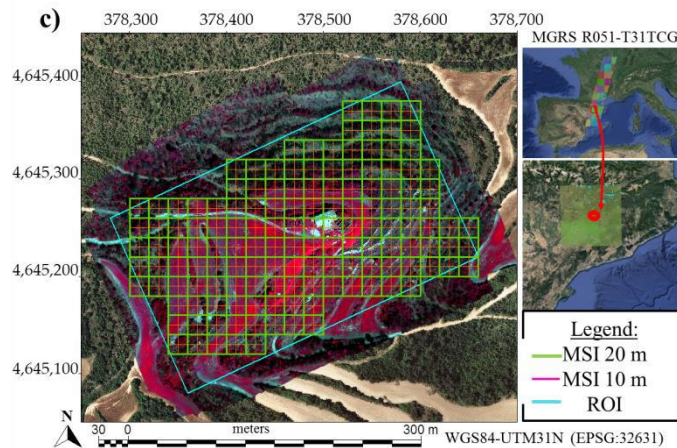
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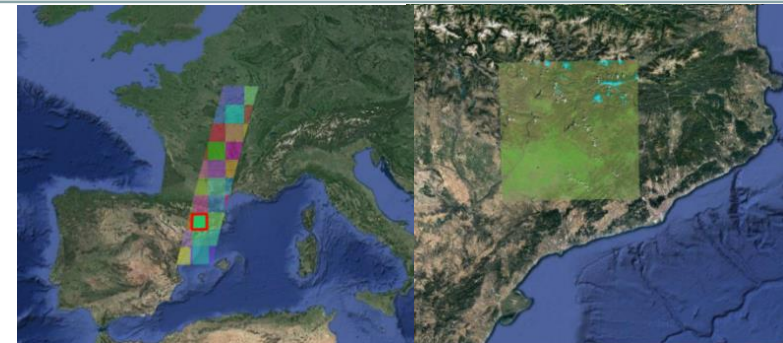
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## 2: Upscaling | Linking field data, UAS and satellite imagery

5.24 ha  
51 pixels  
(30 m)  
143 pixels  
(20 m)  
517 pixels  
(10 m)



L8 (OLI): WRS-2 Scene 198-031  
S2 (MSI): MGRS Scene R051-T31TCG



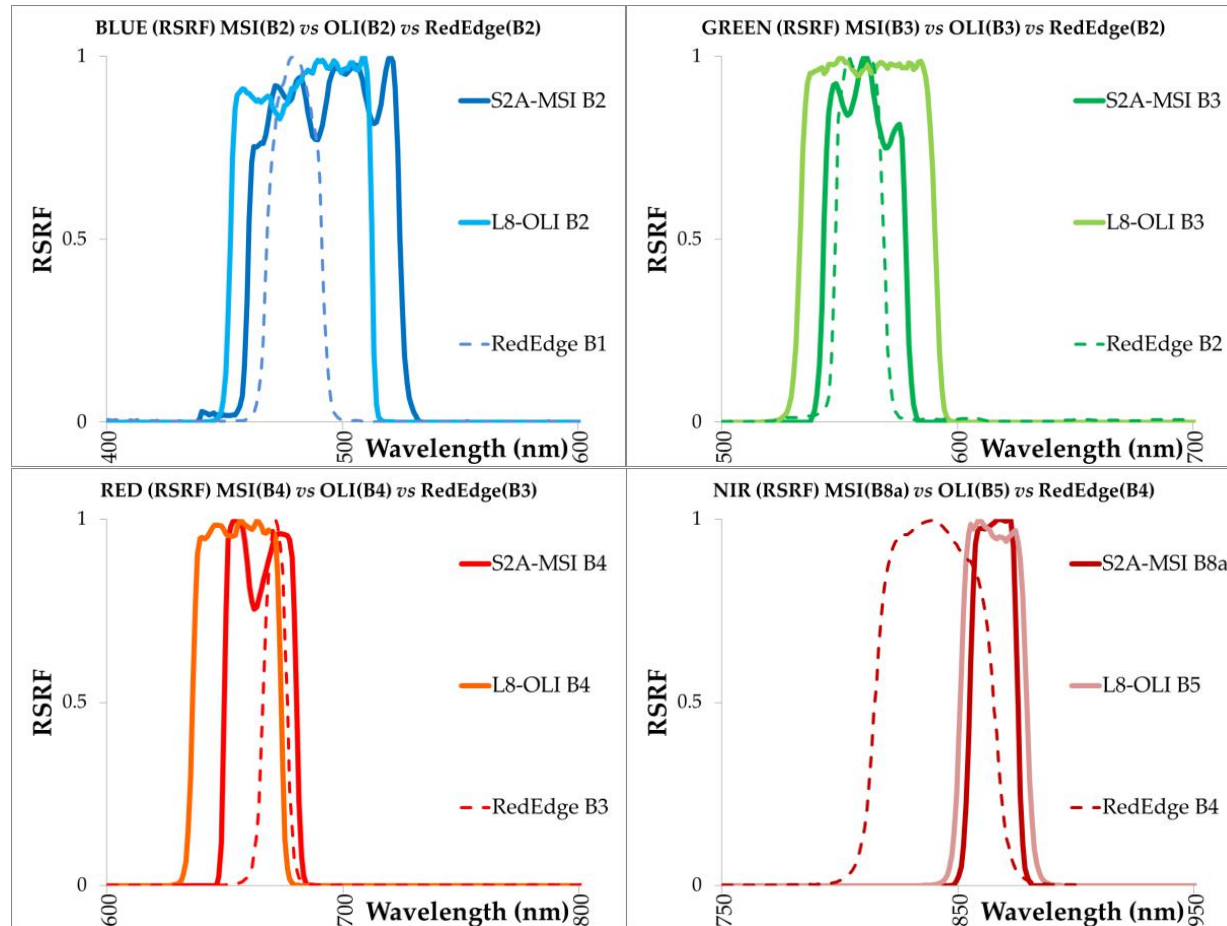
FS: Radiometer: Ocean Optics USB2000+  
Range (nm): 400-1000. Targets: 17 EVA



UAS Platform DJI S1000. Sensor MicaSense RedEdge  
Spatial resolution 6 cm @ 80 m.  $\rho_\lambda$  calibration panel

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## 2: Upscaling | UAS sensor (MicaSense RedEdge) and satellite sensors (OLI and MSI) matching bands

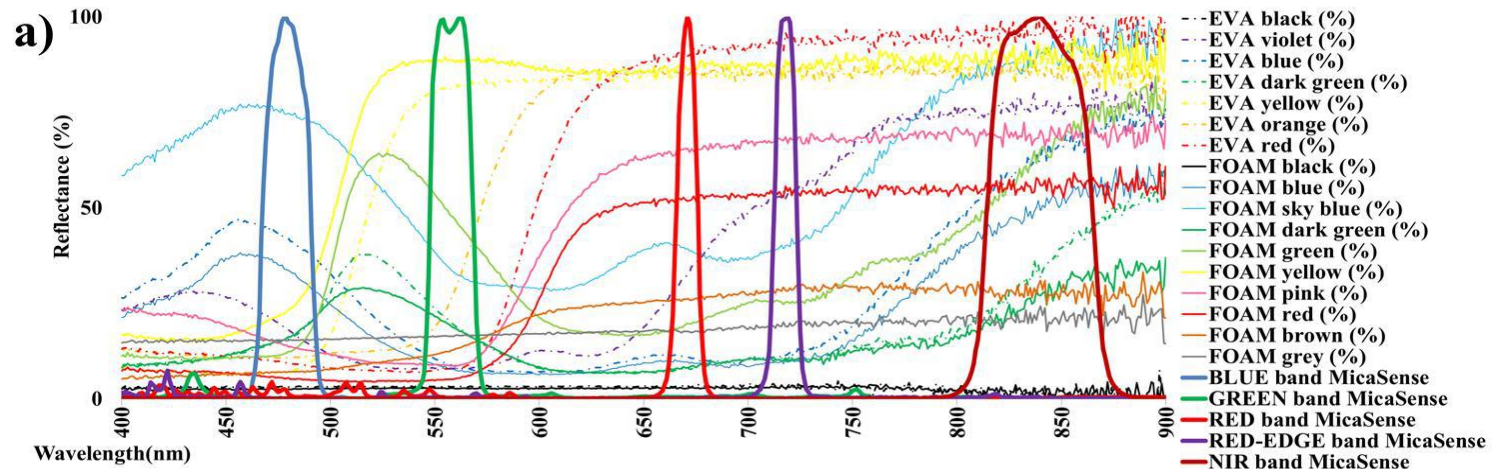




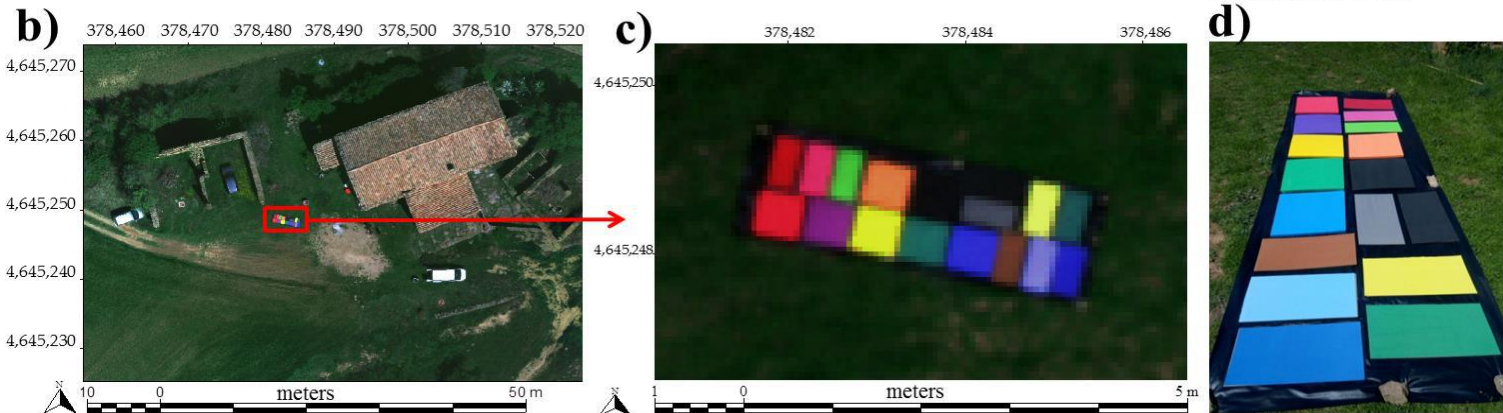
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Radiometer  
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surface  
reflectance



UAS  
multispectral  
surface  
reflectance



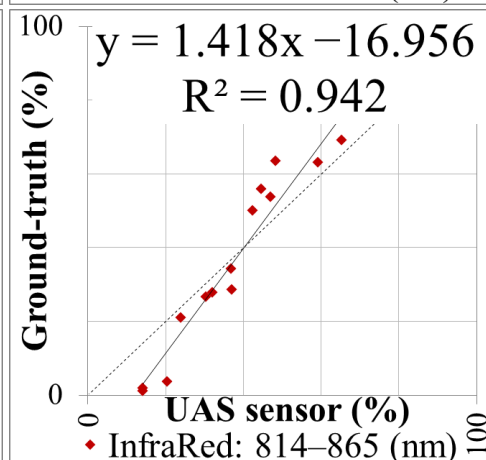
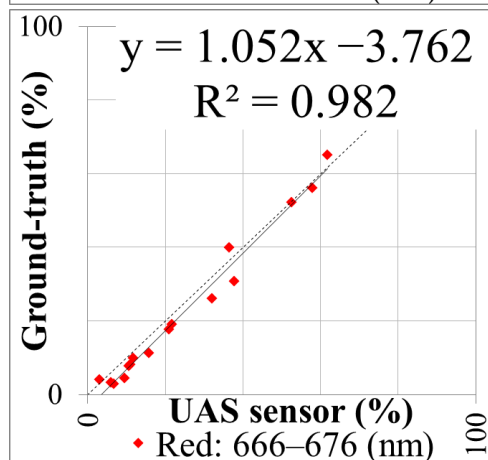
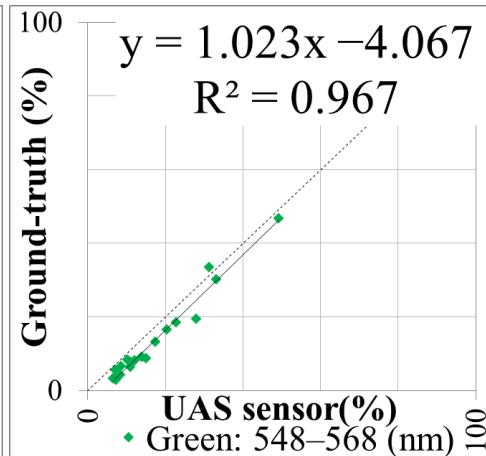
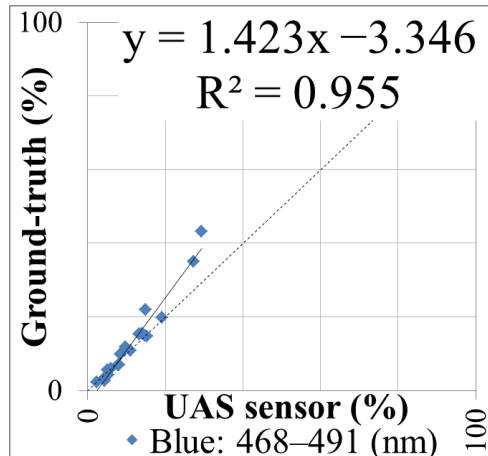


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## 2: Upscaling | Linking field data and UAS imagery

### FITTING BETWEEN FIELD SPECTROSCOPY AND DRONE DATA

Main results



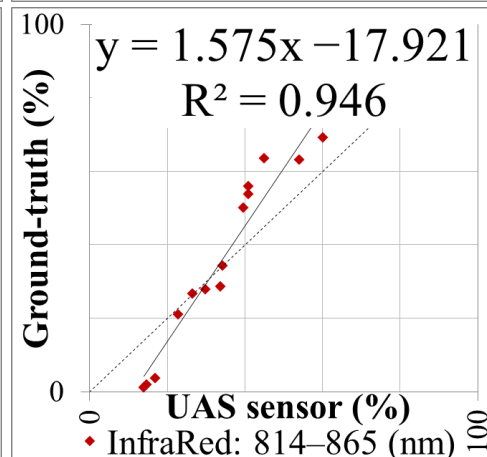
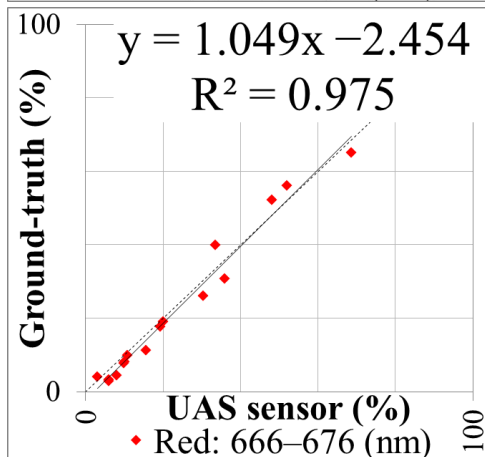
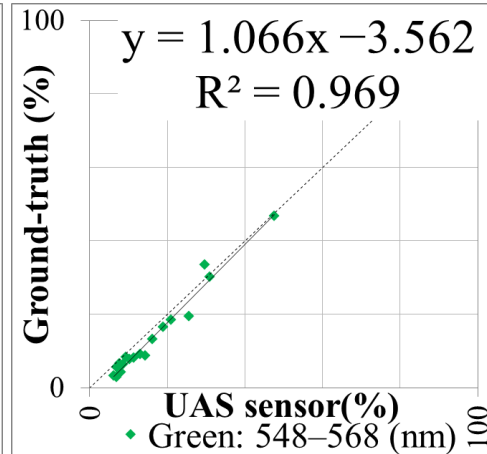
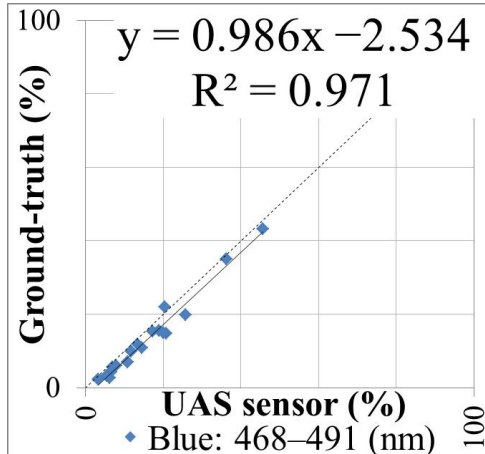
UAS imagery corresponding to OLI sensor bands, sensed by L8 overpass correlated with field spectroscopy measurements over EVA panels

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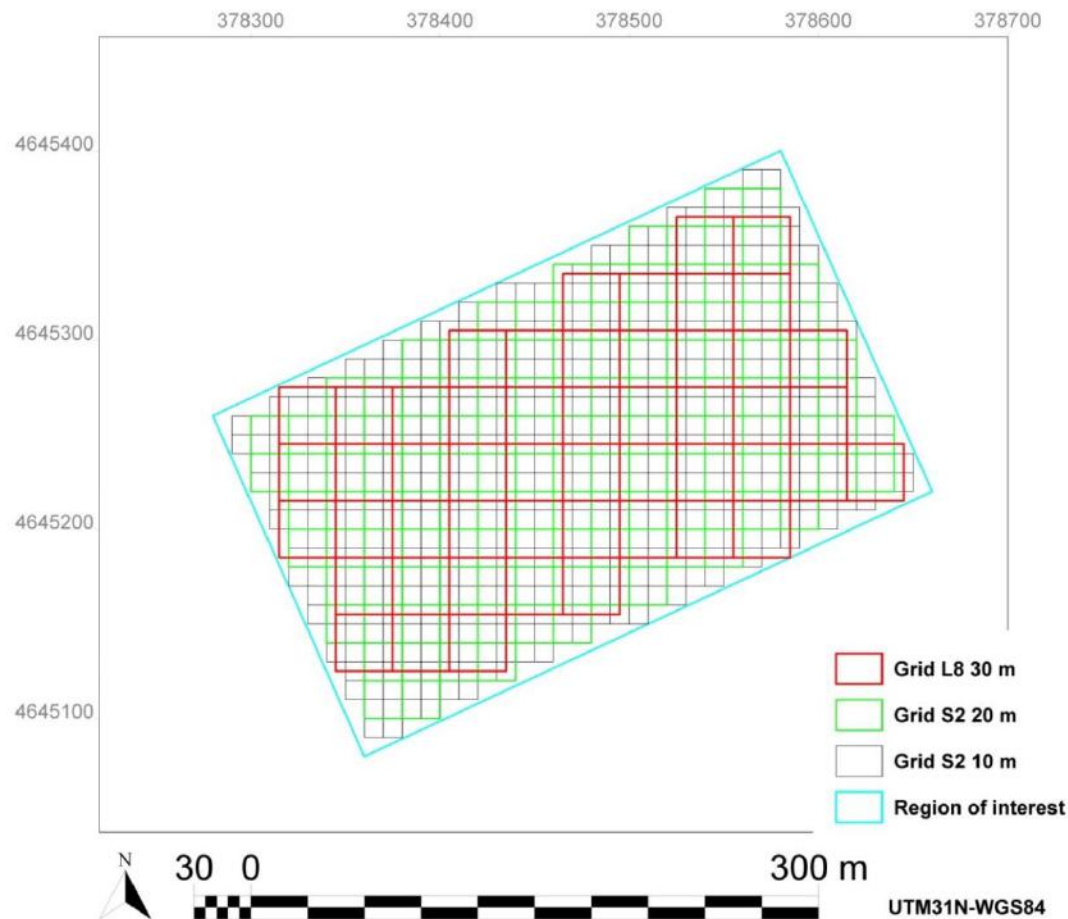
Main results



UAS imagery corresponding to MSI sensor bands, sensed **by S2 overpass** correlated with field spectroscopy measurements over EVA panels

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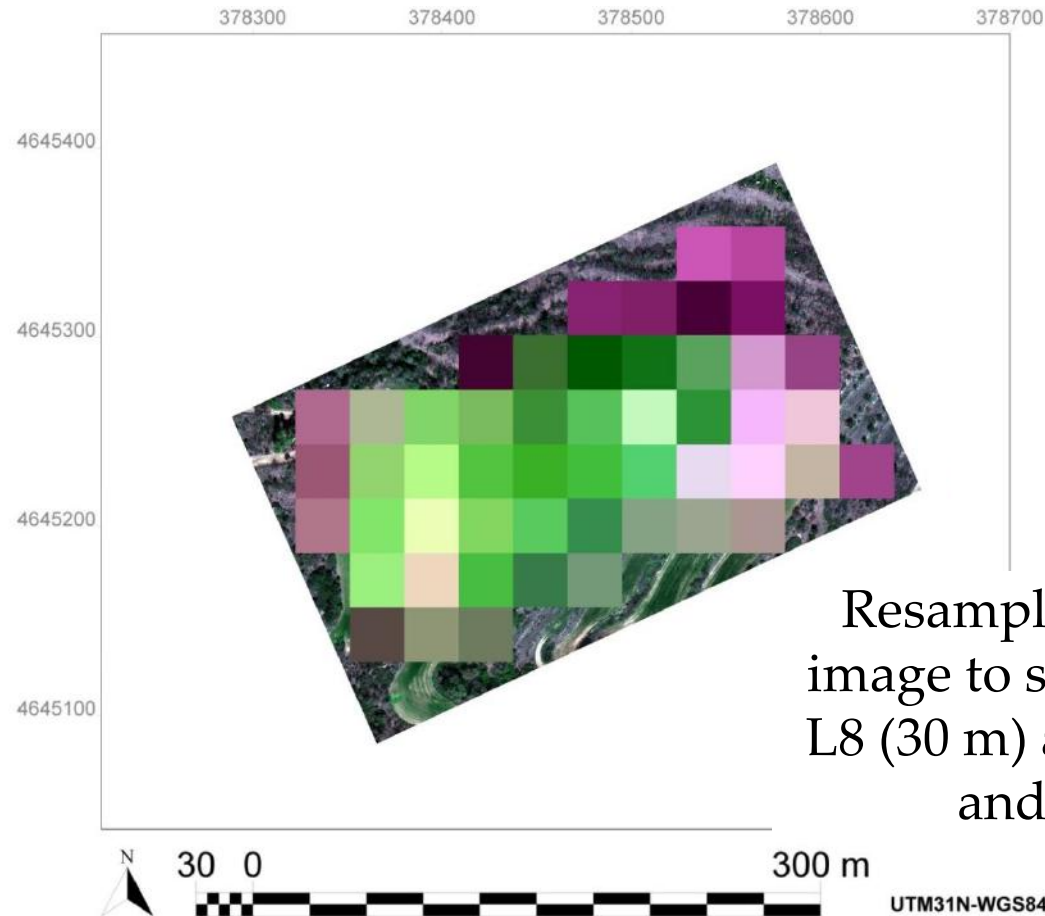
## 2: Upscaling| Linking UAS and satellite imagery





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## 2: Upscaling| Linking UAS and satellite imagery



Resampling of UAS image to satellite grids  
L8 (30 m) and S2 (20 m and 10 m)

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### FITTING BETWEEN DRONE DATA AND SATELLITE DATA

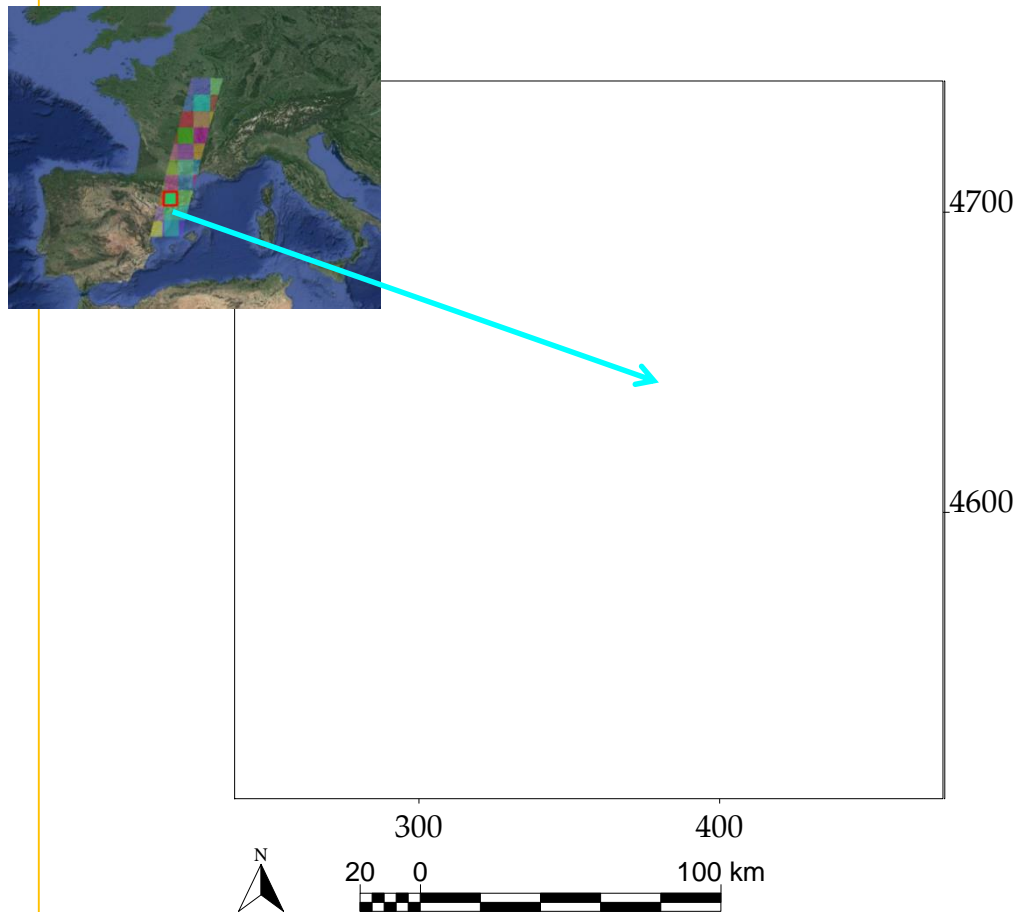
**RMSE (%) between all the UAS surface reflectance resampled pixels and:**

- a) L8 and S2 imagery without radiometric correction (TOA reflectance)
- b) Official products (LaSRC (L8) y Sen2Cor (S2)) surface reflectance

Band	BLUE		GREEN		RED		NIR	
RMSE UAS <i>vs.</i> Satellite	OLI #2 (n=51)	MSI #2 (n=517)	OLI #3 (n=51)	MSI #3 (n=517)	OLI #4 (n=51)	MSI #4 (n=517)	OLI #5 (n=51)	MSI #8a (n=143)
TOA	7.743	6.981	3.684	3.674	3.533	3.101	6.847	8.050
LaSRC or Sen2Cor	2.054	2.192	1.623	2.058	2.484	2.361	6.688	8.783

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## 2: Upscaling | Radiometric correction of satellite imagery using drone data in synergy with field spectroscopy



Radiometric correction of 198031 (L8) and T31TCG (S2A) imagery fitting the CorRad-MiraMon algorithm model unknowns to the UAV references (60 %) (UAS-MiraMon):

$$\rho_{\lambda} = \frac{\pi \cdot [L_{\lambda} - La_{\lambda}]}{\cos(\theta) \cdot E_{0\lambda} \cdot \tau_{\lambda}^{\downarrow} \cdot \tau_{\lambda}^{\uparrow}} \cdot d^2$$

Validation of the radiometric UAS-MiraMon correction and the official products (LaSRC y Sen2Cor) by means of the band-by-band RMSE in the test pixels (40 %)



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### FITTING BETWEEN UAS-MIRAMON AND TEST AREAS

**RMSE (%) between test areas and:**

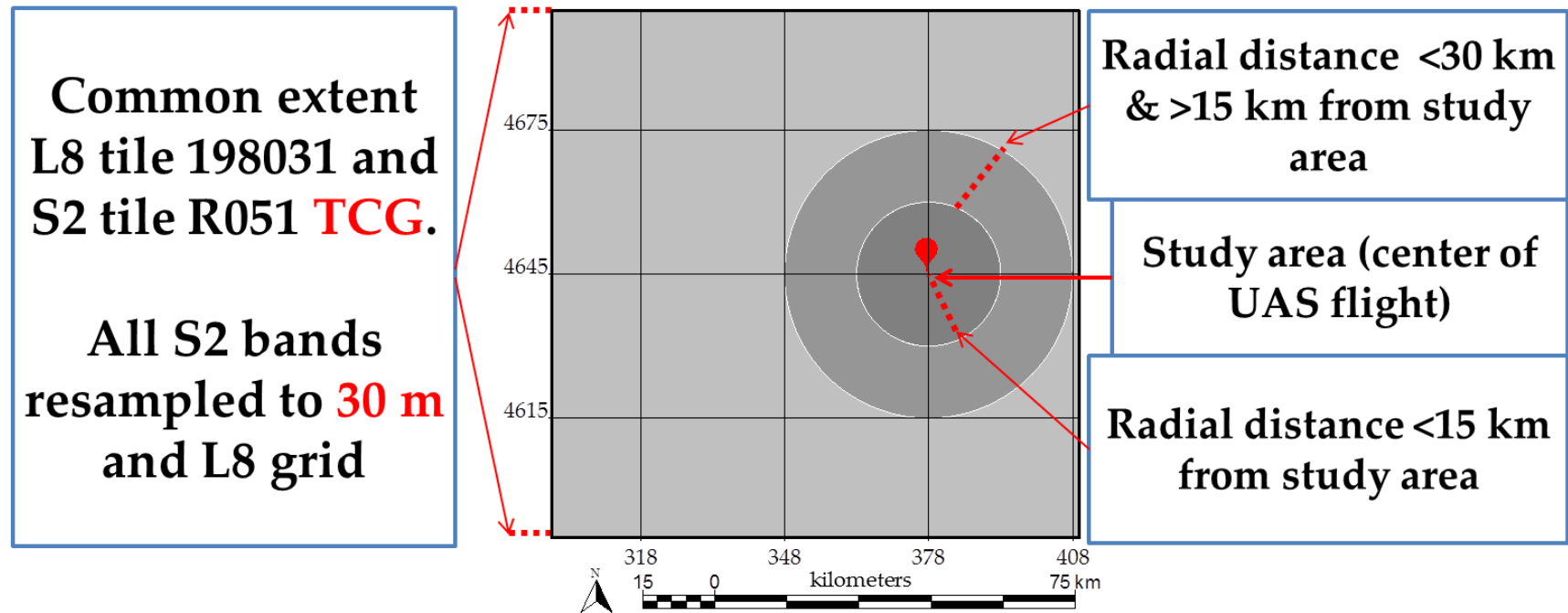
- a) CorRad-MiraMon with UAS references (UAS-MiraMon) surface reflectance
- b) Official products (LaSRC (L8) y Sen2Cor (S2)) surface reflectance

	BLUE		GREEN		RED		NIR	
RMSE Test areas vs. Satellite	OLI #2 (n=20)	MSI #2 (n=207)	OLI #3 (n=20)	MSI #3 (n=207)	OLI #4 (n=20)	MSI #4 (n=207)	OLI #5 (n=20)	MSI #8a (n=57)
UAS-MiraMon	0.712	0.745	1.000	1.230	1.871	2.018	7.530	6.760
LaSRC or Sen2Cor	2.197	2.149	1.653	1.806	2.680	2.192	5.841	7.690

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**Main  
results**

RMSE (%) between L8 and S2 imagery sensed within few minutes and radiometrically corrected with the UAS-MiraMon method

Radial distance from UAV flight area (Number of 30 m L8 and S2 compared pixels)	BLUE	GREEN	RED	NIR
0-15 km (n=681 950)	0.621	0.741	0.919	1.664
15-30 km (n=2 203 730)	0.739	0.815	0.984	1.666
TCG scene (n=12 148 700)	0.852	0.940	1.147	1.707



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### 3: Discussion

#### Conventional field spectroscopy sampling

- A) UAS imagery has greatly **improved** the **number and speed** of ground **references sampling** (51 OLI plots in  $\pm 5$  minutes, repeating the flight 20 minutes later for MSI), and **including inaccessible land covers**.

#### UAS fitting to field spectroscopy data

- B) UAS reflectance calibration using sensor manufacturer reference panel obtained high  $R^2$  ( $>0.942$ ) with field measurements, but bias and gain remained (in-situ reflectance values were systematically lower than UAS sensor reflectance values).

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#### From UAV to satellite

- C) UAV MicaSense RedEdge calibrated data is, in general terms, **coherent with L8 and S2** satellite imagery radiometrically corrected (up to 3% in reflectance in visible bands), in consonance with previous studies.
- D) However, **NIR band mismatching** between MicaSense RedEdge and satellite sensors configuration **is too significant to be ignored and reflectance differences are not acceptable in this band**, which was not properly advised in previous studies.

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## 3: Discussion

### Radiometric correction of L8-S2 using UAV data

E) CorRad-MiraMon radiometric correction algorithm using UAS references improves the local accuracy over official products, with accuracies up to 2% in reflectance in visible bands.

F) UAS-MiraMon got a  $RMSE_{vis} < 1\%$  inter-sensor coherence not only in the study area but in all the common L8 and S2 scene.

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### 3: Discussion

Radiometric correction of L8-S2 using UAV data  
**WEAK POINTS**

- 1) This method should be only used by the simultaneous drone flight and satellite overpass.
- 2) Currently not all satellite bands are available in low-weight UAV sensors, specially SWIR bands.
- 3) It is needed ground support to accurately radiometrically correct UAV imagery.



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## 4. Conclusions

This communication shows the increasing possibilities offered by Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) or drones, to collect *in-situ* data in order to improve calibration, validation, processing and/or interpretation of satellite data.

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## 4. Conclusions

This drone data, fitted to *in-situ* measurements of multiple reflectance references distributed in the spectral domain and covering a wide range of intensities, is reliable for its use as *in-situ* radiometric reference (or at least to complement conventional measurements).

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## 4. Conclusions

The sampling method using a drone is more systematic, fast, repeatable and extensive than that obtained with conventional field spectroscopy measurements. The data acquired with drone is carefully georeferenced and, given their raster nature ( $<10$  cm), easily adapted to different satellite sensors grids such as Landsat-8 OLI (30 m) or Sentinel-2 MSI (20 m or 10 m).



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## 4. Conclusions

The result of the radiometric correction of satellite imagery is improved locally. The proposed method provides a good fit for *in-situ* and intersensor data.

**It is worth noting that field spectroscopy data is the backbone that supports the full upscaling workflow, and the radiometric feasibility of drone data.**

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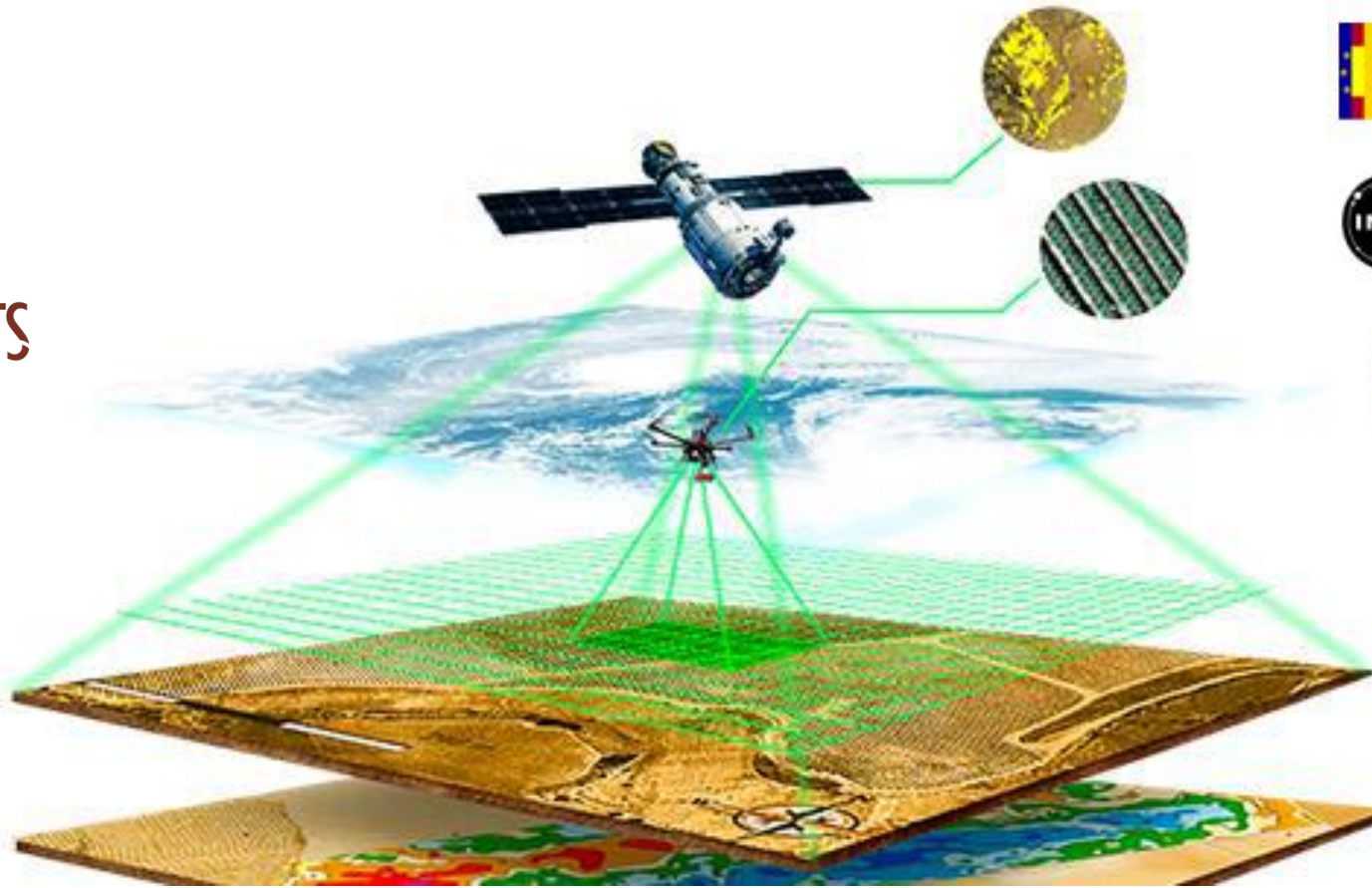
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