

Towards Improving Agriculture Sustainability through Multifactorial Machine Learning

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Motivation

Wine farms have to adapt their activities to achieve sustainable development goals. Our objective is to contribute to this adaptation by developing machine learning models to predict phenology and pest risk with the aim of reducing the application of phytosanitary treatments.

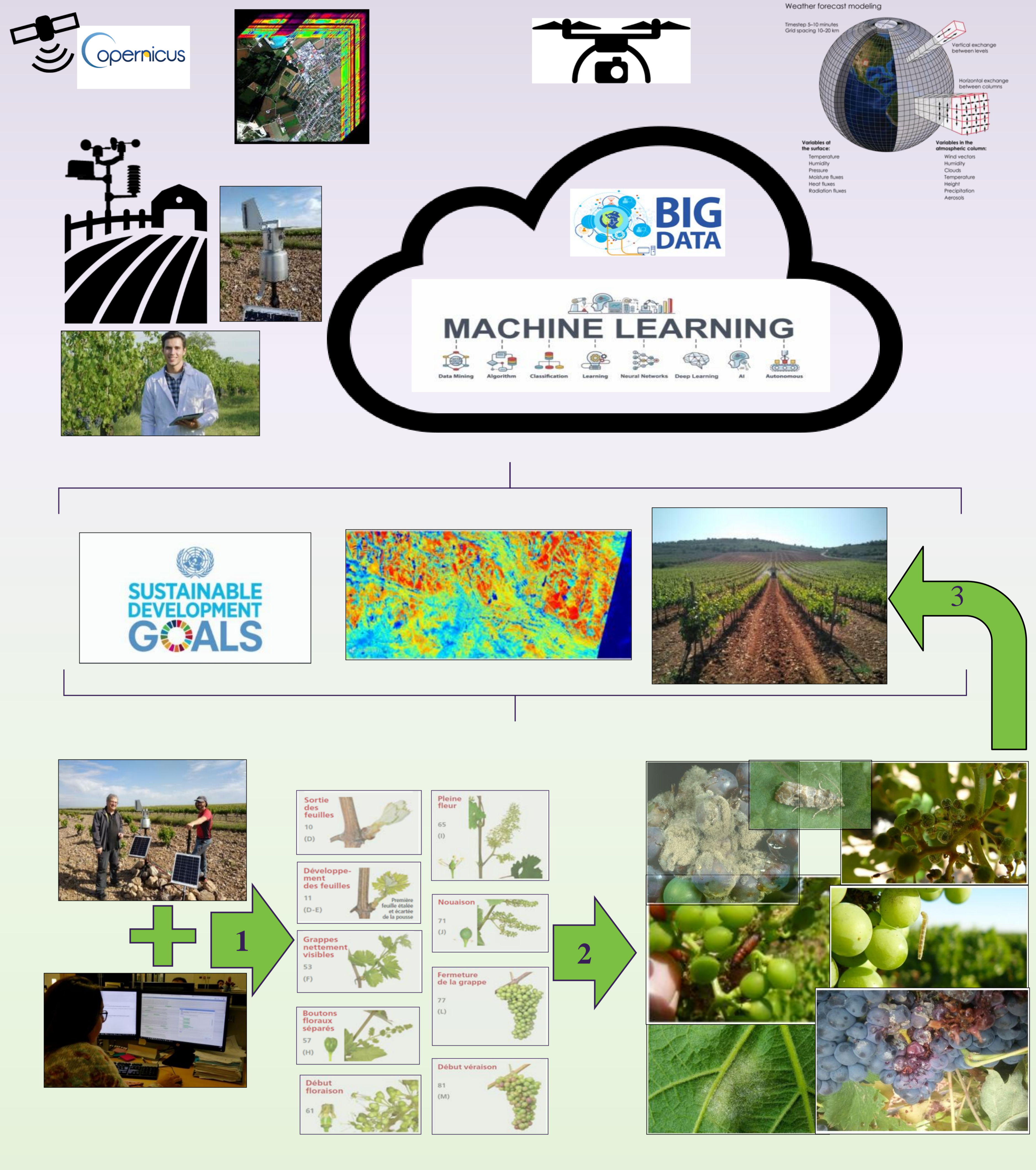
Goals and Approach

- To propose a methodology for the development of intelligent phenology and pest models of woody crops (peach trees —*Prunus persicae*— and grapevines —*Vitis vinifera*—).
- To create ML models to anticipate in a decisive time the phenological evolution of the species under analysis and of a subset of pests that can affect them.
- These models will allow users to determine if a phytosanitary treatment should be applied with the purpose of mitigating the pests: they will contribute to reduce the environmental impact of the farm and to increase its economic efficiency.

Current Status and Next Steps

- We have performed an extensive review of the state of the art covering the agronomist and data science approaches for creating phenology and pest predictions models [3].
- We identified the data sources to be considered, their well-known problems, and the most commonly-used ML algorithms and their purpose.
- We have started to sketch the methodology of our work.
- We are creating phenology models using human and (climatic) sensor observations. We started to train Random Forests (RF) and Artificial Neuronal Networks (ANN) models.
- We will create the pest models and finally we will add satellite images

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