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Data Analysis for Smart Agriculture

- Introduction to the course -

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«Me, Myself, and I»

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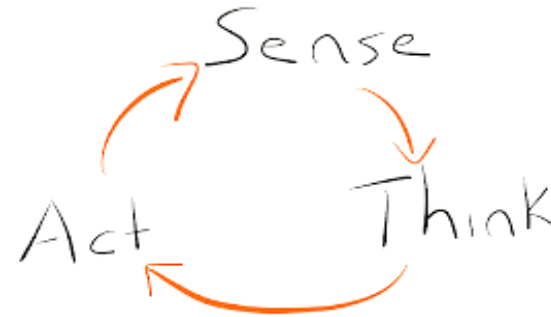
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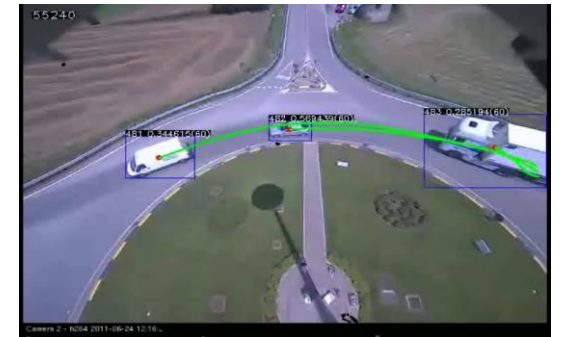


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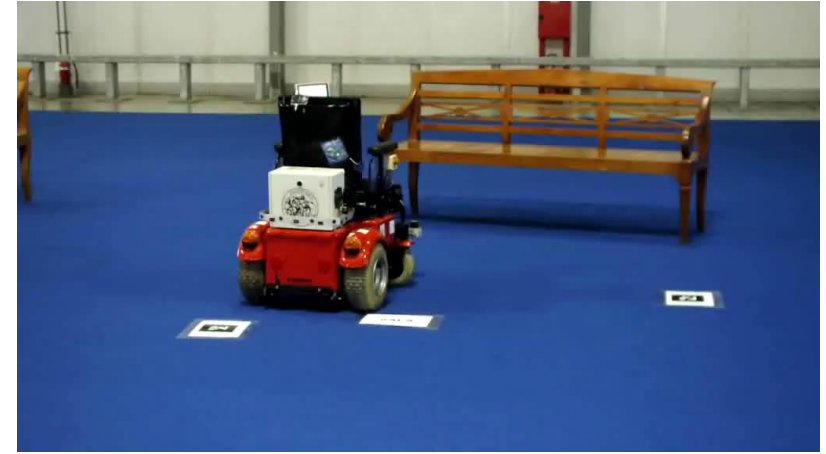
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- Robotics & Autonomous Systems
- Digitalization in Agriculture
- Machine Learning
- Computer Vision & Perception



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«... and we build robots (and their brains)»



«My Business Pal»

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My research interests

- Agriculture 4.0
- Impacts of Blockchain
- Data valorization

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- Business Economics and Organization (BSc)
- Data Valorization (Executive Masters)



Makes data a value



The Smart AgriFood Observatory, born in 2016 and now in its sixth edition, is the reference point in European Union to deeply understand the digital innovations that are transforming the agricultural and agrifood supply chain



AGRICULTURE 4.0



AGRI-FOOD
INDUSTRY 4.0



FOOD
TRACEABILITY



BLOCKCHAIN
IN AGRIFOOD



DATA
VALORIZATION



AGRIFOOD
STARTUPS

What about you?

What is your background?

- ...

Why did you chose this course?

- ...

What do you expect from this course?

- ...

Course Objectives

*"Approach the Agriculture 4.0 **data value chain**, from the means to acquire data to the techniques for data processing, presenting how data can be turned into an actionable source of information which can impact the **agri-food value chain**."*



This is the the 2nd edition of this course, there will be lectures you'll like and lectures you won't, there'll be topics clearly explained other not, there will be teaching styles you'll enjoy while others will just bore you. Keep with us until the end and help us in improving the course so next edition will be marvelous and unforgettable!

Course syllabus

Lecture on data value chain in agriculture (Prof. Renga)

- Agri-food value chain
- Data Strategy
- Impact evaluation

~10h lectures

Data sources and data processing (Prof. Matteucci)

- Data sources and data representation
- Regression and Classification
- Time Series and Spatial Data analysis

~12h lectures

Practicals on agricultural data analytics (Eng. Bertoglio)

- Python and the Pandas library
- Scikit-learn, statsmodels, and ...

~12h practicals

*Add 26+ hours on
Project Work (in groups)*

Course Evaluation (Tentative)

Grading is based on a practical data analysis project in the agrifood domain which covers all aspects of the course (November to January):

- Use cases presentation (November)
- Data Sources (November)
- Processing (November)
- Processing / Impact (December)
- Impact (December)
- Project presentations (January)



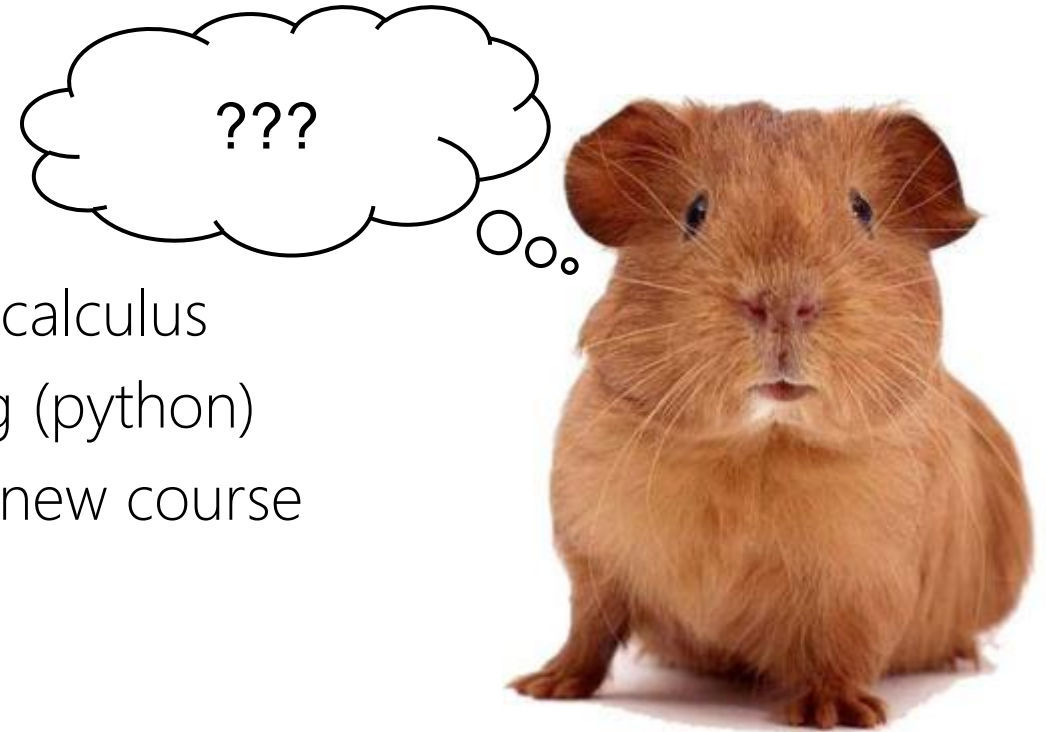
*2h projects revisions with
teachers and teaching assistant*

Bring / search you own data!!!

The Students

Students are expected to:


- Feel comfortable with basic statistics and calculus
- Feel comfortable with basic programming (python)
- Be ready to act as «guinea pigs» for this new course
- Be curious and willing to learn ...



Students are not expected to:

- Know more than what is usually taught in basic engineering courses
- Know already about machine learning
- Be hyper-skilled python hackers
- ...

Lectures Schedule and Timings



*It might overlap
We know!*

Classes (there is no distinction between lecture and exercises):

- Monday, 16:15 – 18:15, in 25.1.4 (starts at 16:30 end by 18:00)
- Friday, 14:15 – 16:15, in 7.1.2 (starts at 14:30 end by 16:00)

A detailed schedule is provided

[https://chrome.deib.polimi.it/index.php?title=Data Analysis for Smart Agriculture](https://chrome.deib.polimi.it/index.php?title=Data%20Analysis%20for%20Smart%20Agriculture)

Check the teacher who will be in class on the detailed schedule

- Classes are in presence, but lectures will be recorded
- Connect to proper teacher webex room in case you need to attend remotely
- Use your POLIMI credentials, we will not admit external students
- Interaction is prioritized for in presence room students

Ironing out the kinks ...

Some details have been sorted out, we are working on the rest ...

- No WeBeep Management
- Detailed schedule of lectures
 - On Monday 18/09 Prof Renga on Value Chain
 - On Friday 24/09 Prof Renga on Value Chains
 - ...
- Projects:
 - How many people per group (?)
 - Canned use cases (?)
 - How to handle remote revisions (?)
- Exam format, same of last year ...





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Food Security & Climate-Smart Agriculture

End hunger, achieve food security & improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

By 2030, ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality

2 ZERO HUNGER



Soil Health & Food

Horizon Europe Missions

DELIVERING SOLUTIONS TO SOME
OF OUR GREATEST GLOBAL CHALLENGES

#EUmissions #HorizonEU

#MissionSoil

EUROPEAN UNION



2030 Targets for sustainable food production

PESTICIDES



Reduce the overall use and risk of chemical and hazardous pesticides

NUTRIENT LOSSES



Reduce nutrient losses by 50% whilst retaining soil fertility, resulting in 20% less fertilisers

ANTIMICROBIALS



Reduce sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and aquaculture

ORGANIC FARMING



Increase the percentage of organically farmed land in the EU

Modern Agricultural Revolutions

**Post-WW1
Mechanization
(1.0 – 1920s)**



**The green revolution
(2.0 – 1960s)**

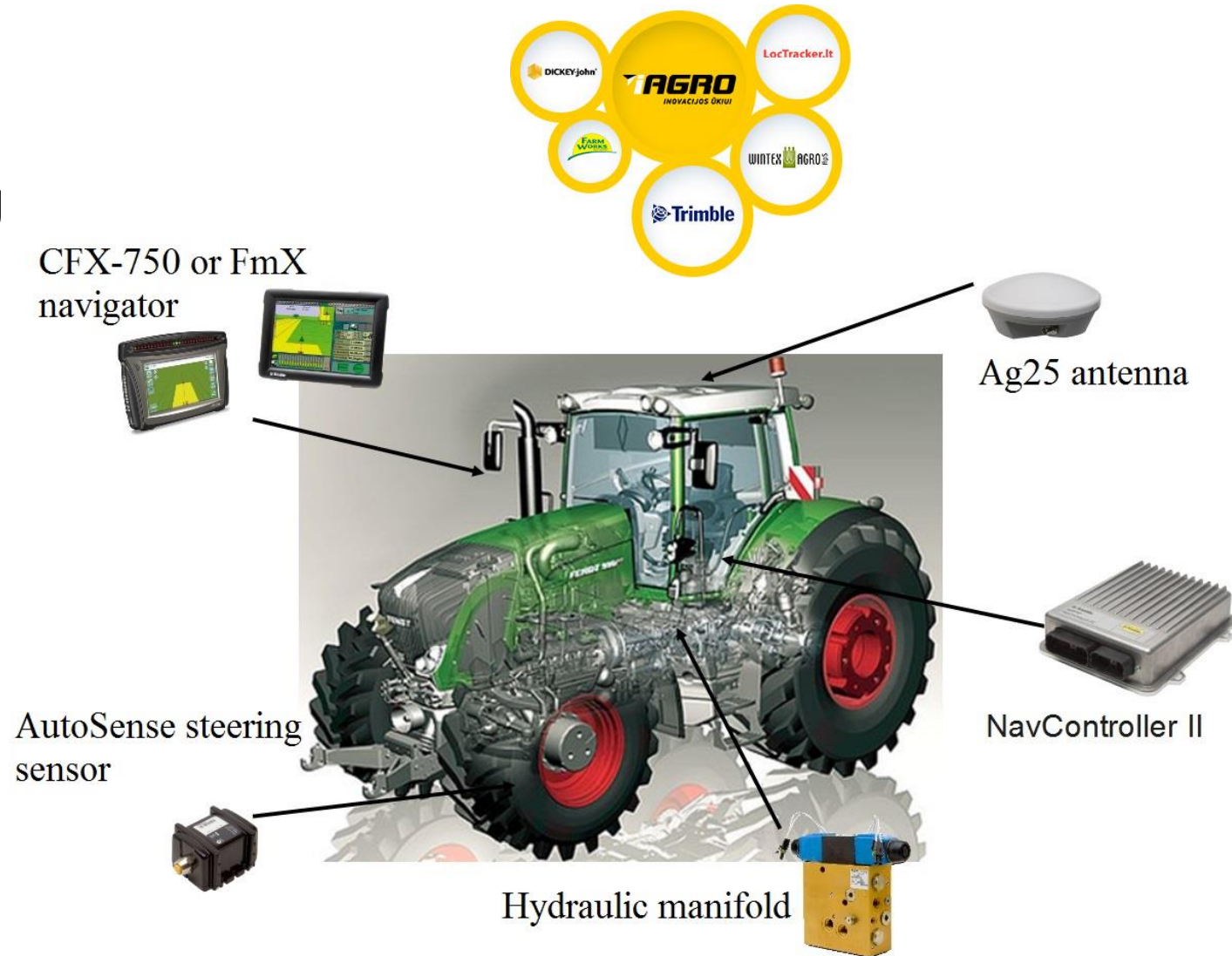


**Precision Agriculture
(3.0 – 1990s)**



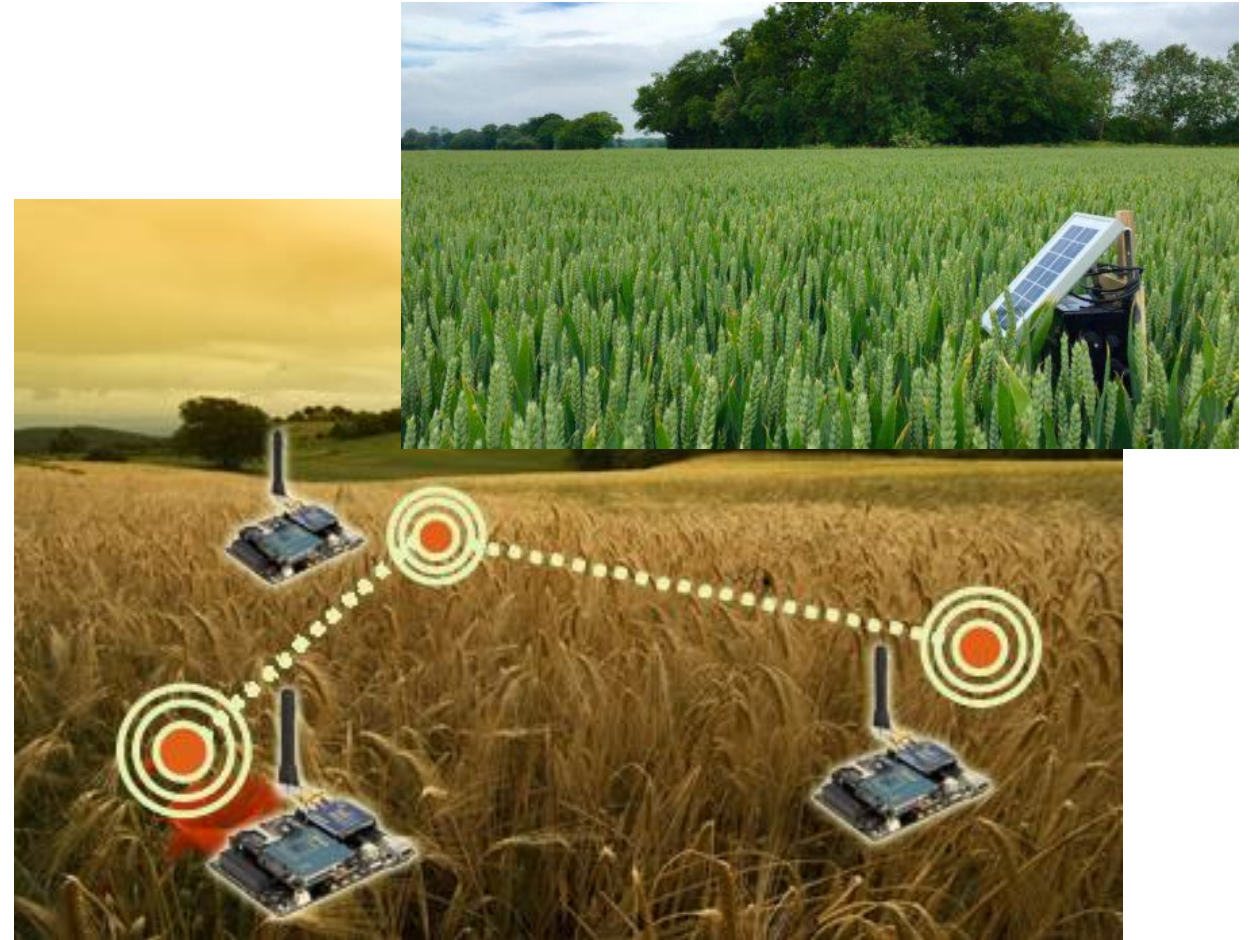
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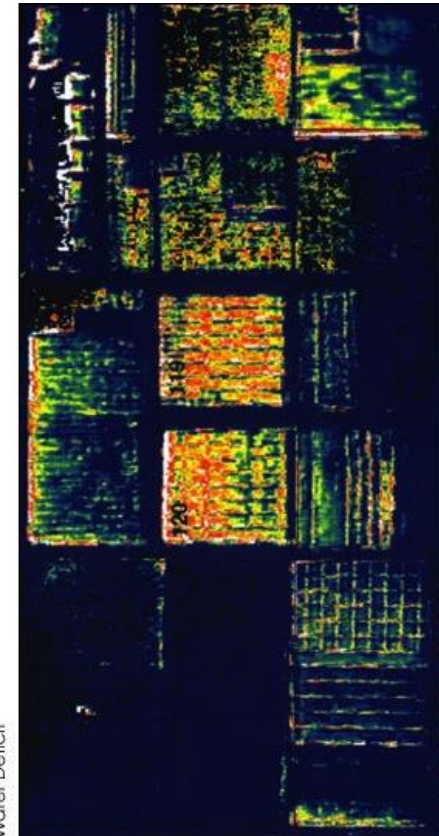
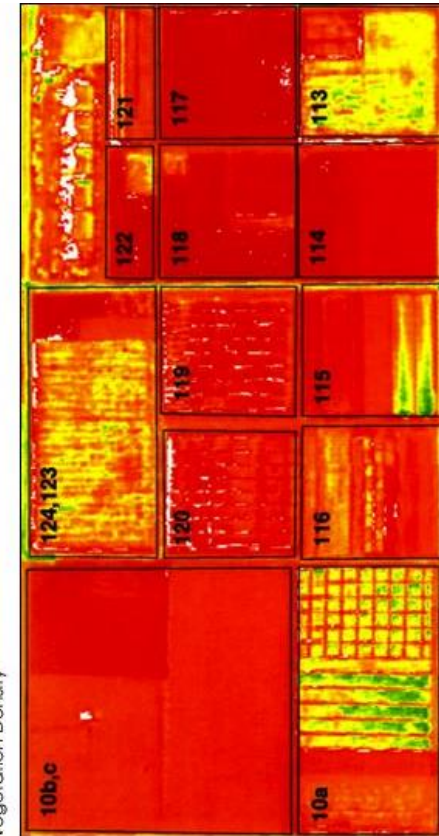
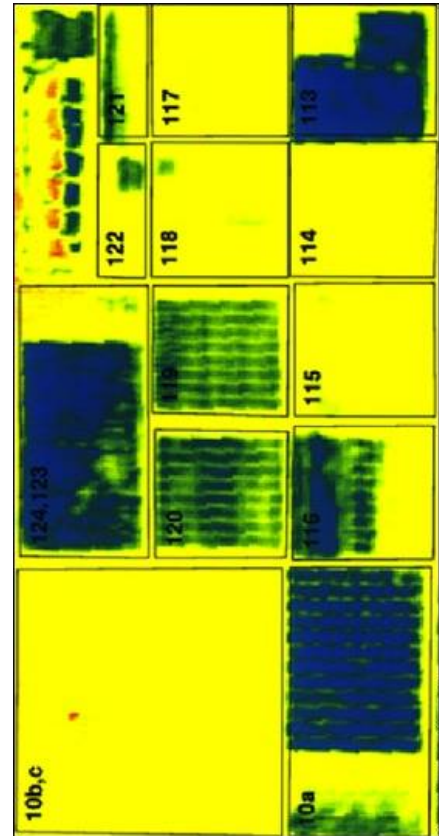
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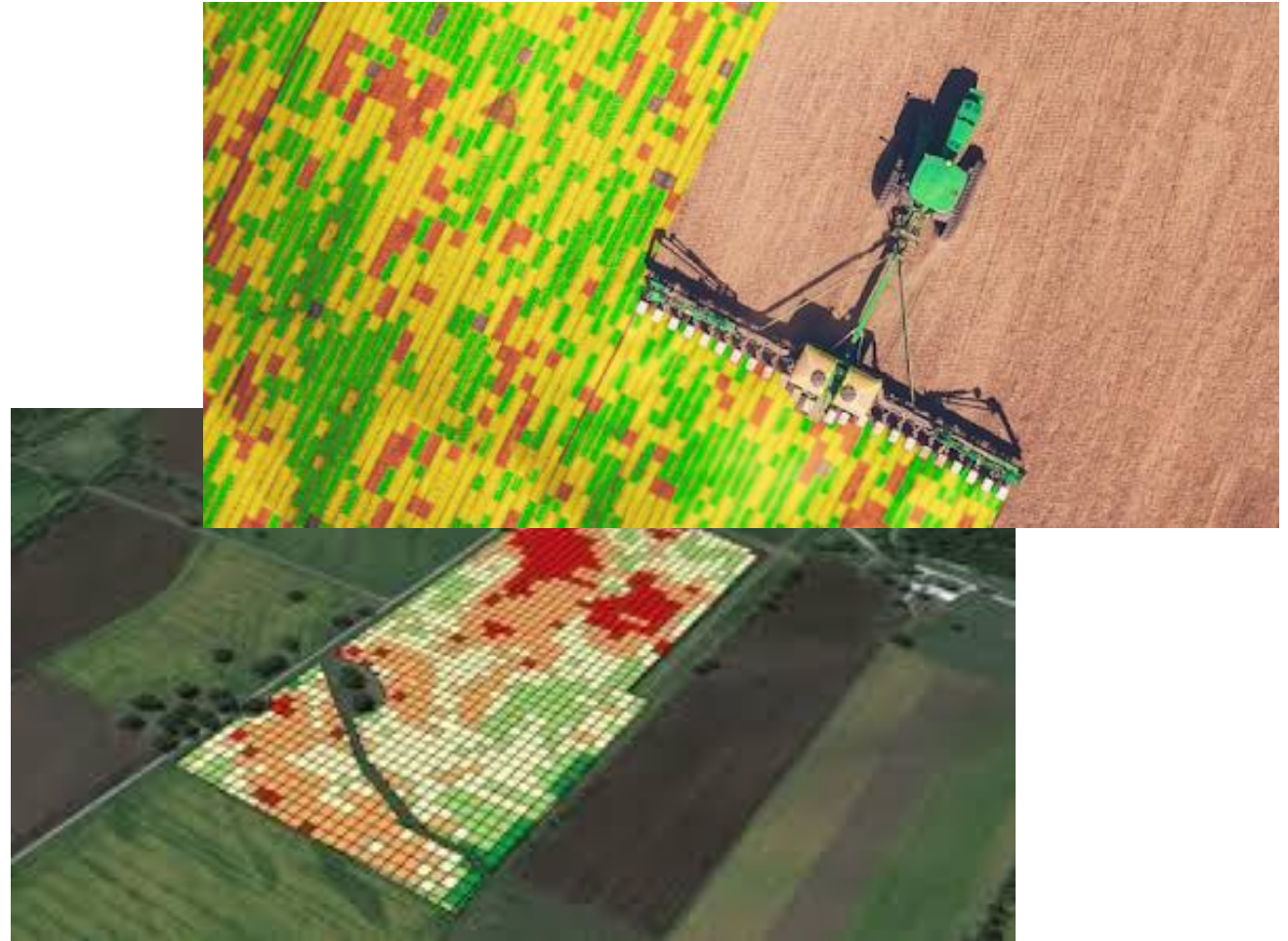
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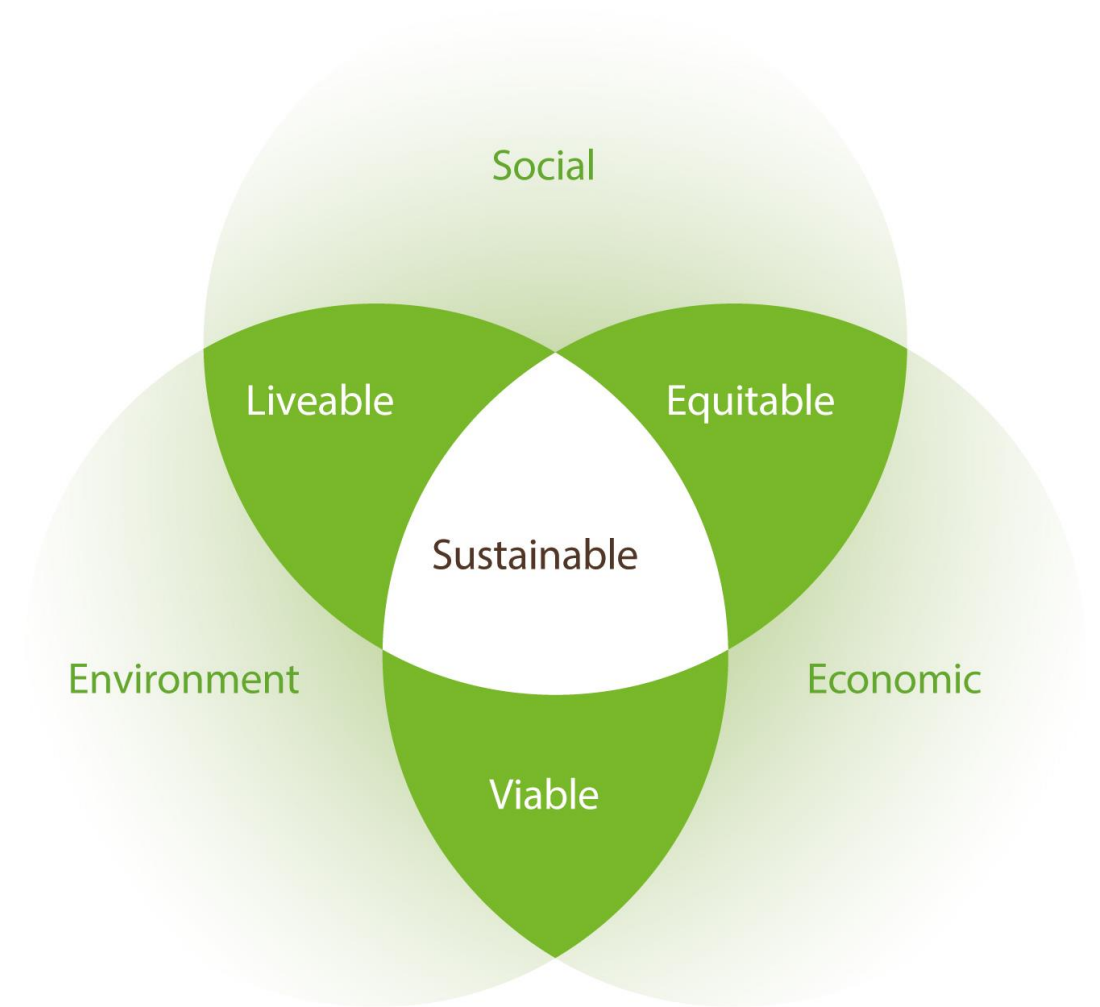
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- ✓ Enhance production and reduces resources usage



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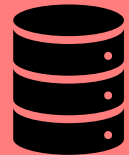
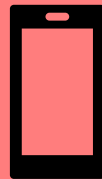
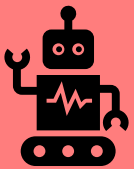
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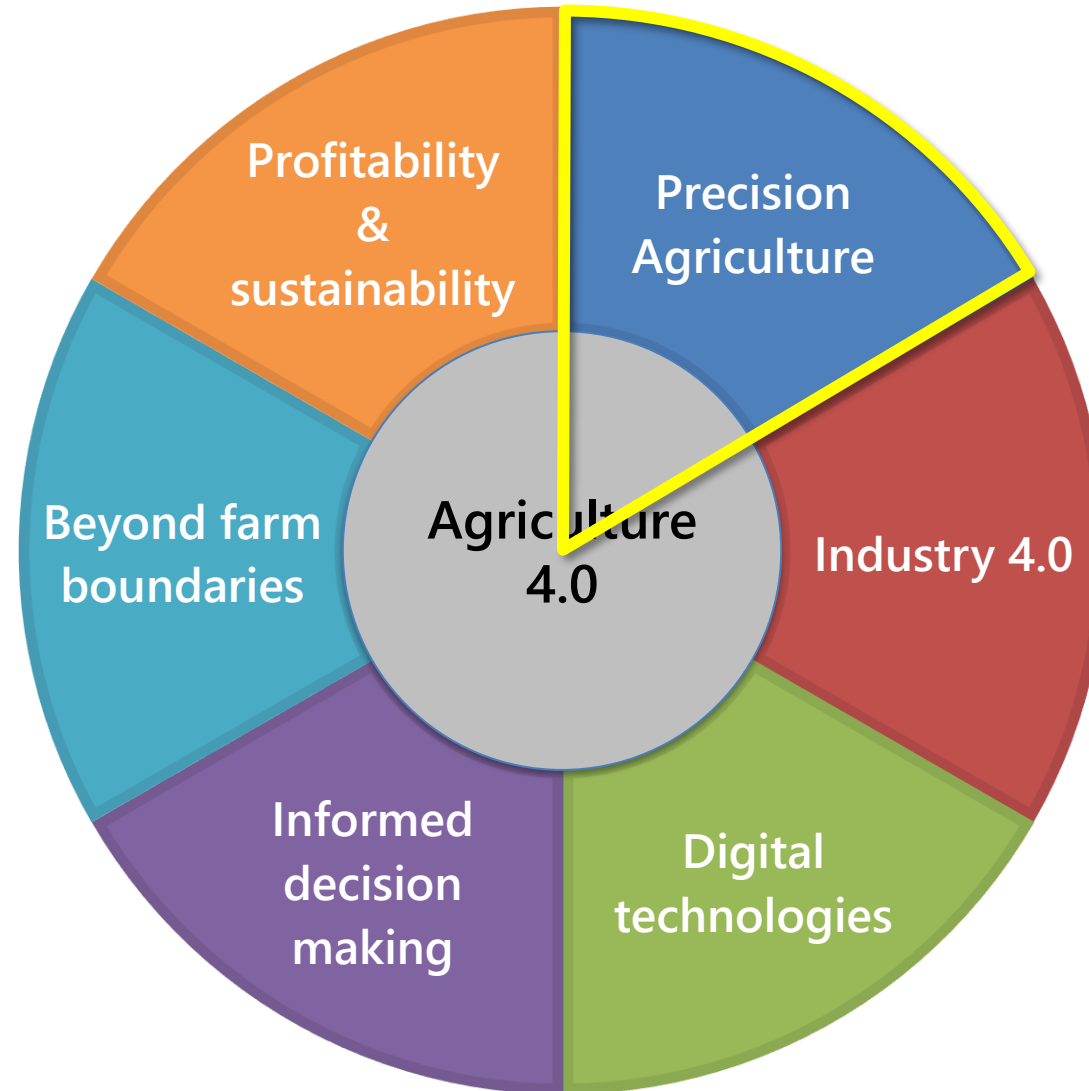
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Agriculture 4.0
(2010s)



Multiple Facets of Agriculture 4.0



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FUTURE FARMS small and smart

SURVEY DRONES

Aerial drones survey the fields, mapping weeds, yield and soil variation. This enables precise application of inputs, mapping spread of pernicious weed blackgrass could increasing Wheat yields by 2-5%.

FLEET OF AGRIBOTS

A herd of specialised agribots tend to crops, weeding, fertilising and harvesting. Robots capable of microdot application of fertiliser reduce fertiliser cost by 99.9%.



FARMING DATA

The farm generates vast quantities of rich and varied data. This is stored in the cloud. Data can be used as digital evidence reducing time spent completing grant applications or carrying out farm inspections saving on average £5,500 per farm per year.

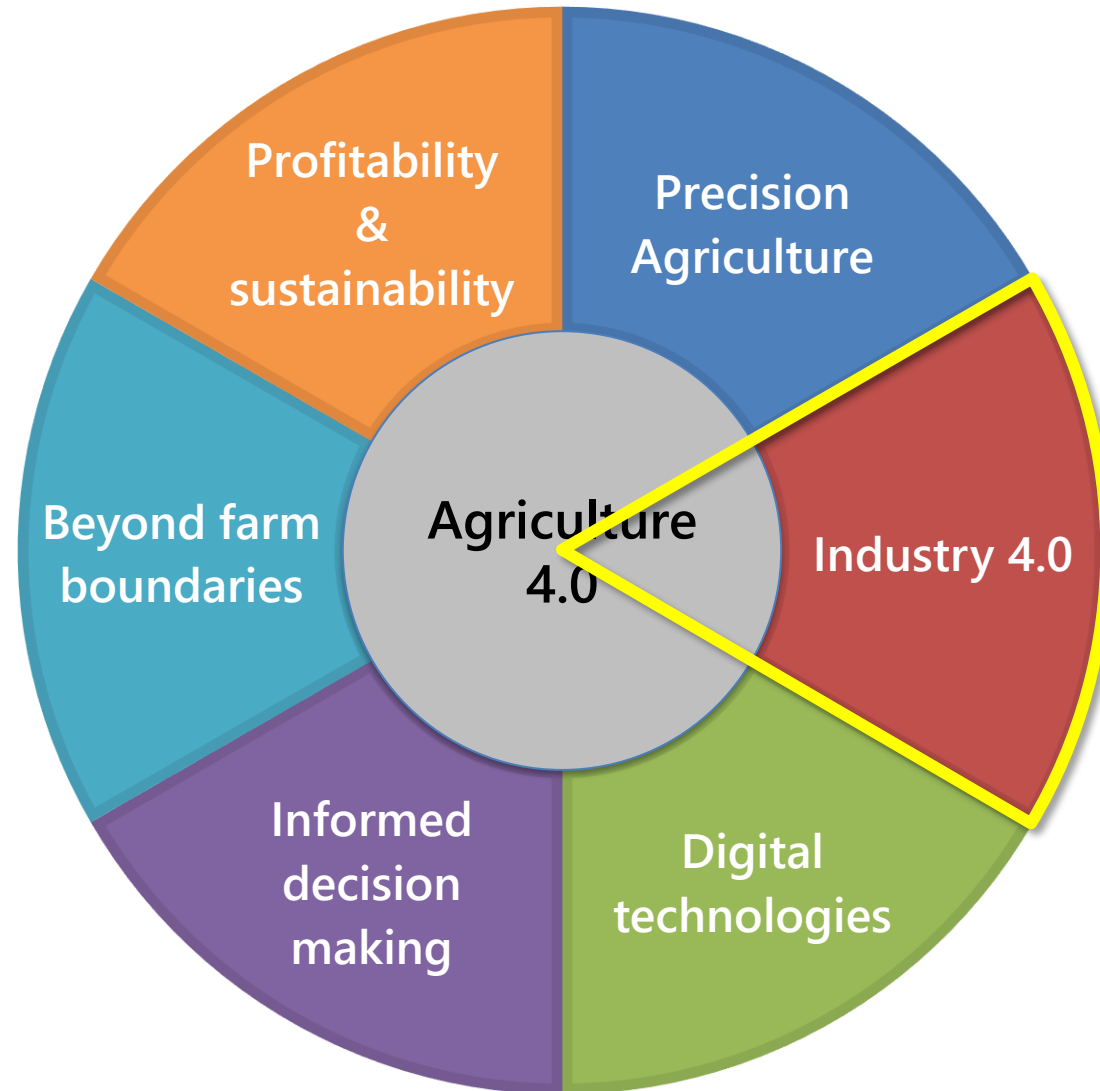
TEXTING COWS

Sensors attached to livestock allowing monitoring of animal health and wellbeing. They can send texts to alert farmers when a cow goes into labour or develops infection increasing herd survival and increasing milk yields by 10%.

SMART TRACTORS

GPS controlled steering and optimised route planning reduces soil erosion, saving fuel costs by 10%.

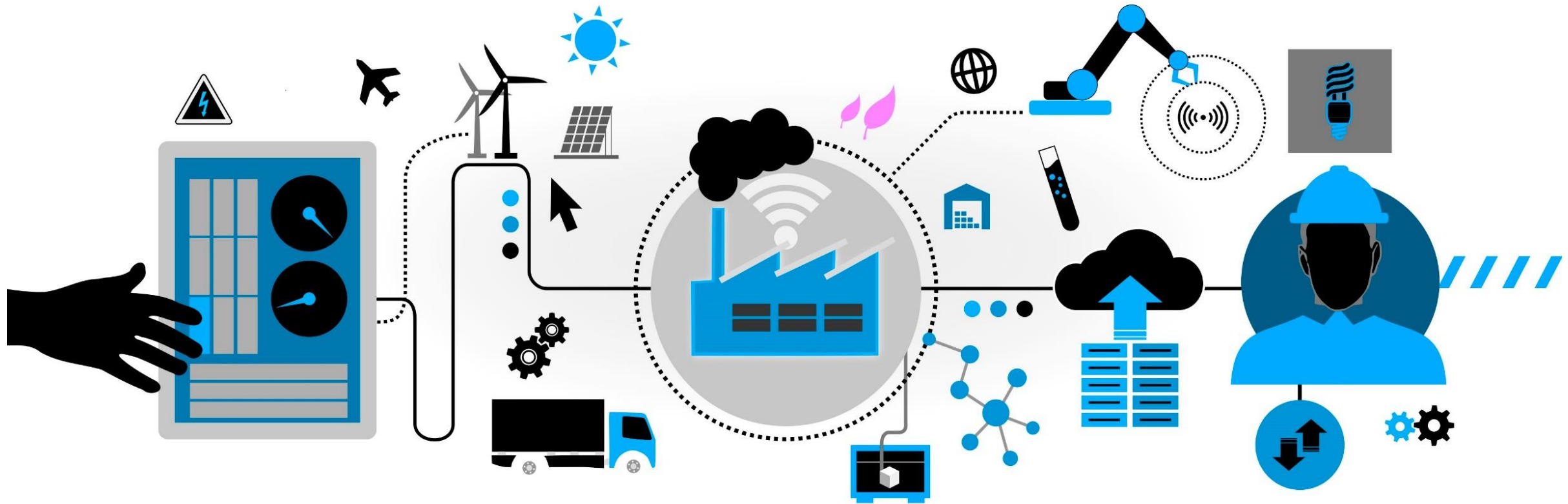
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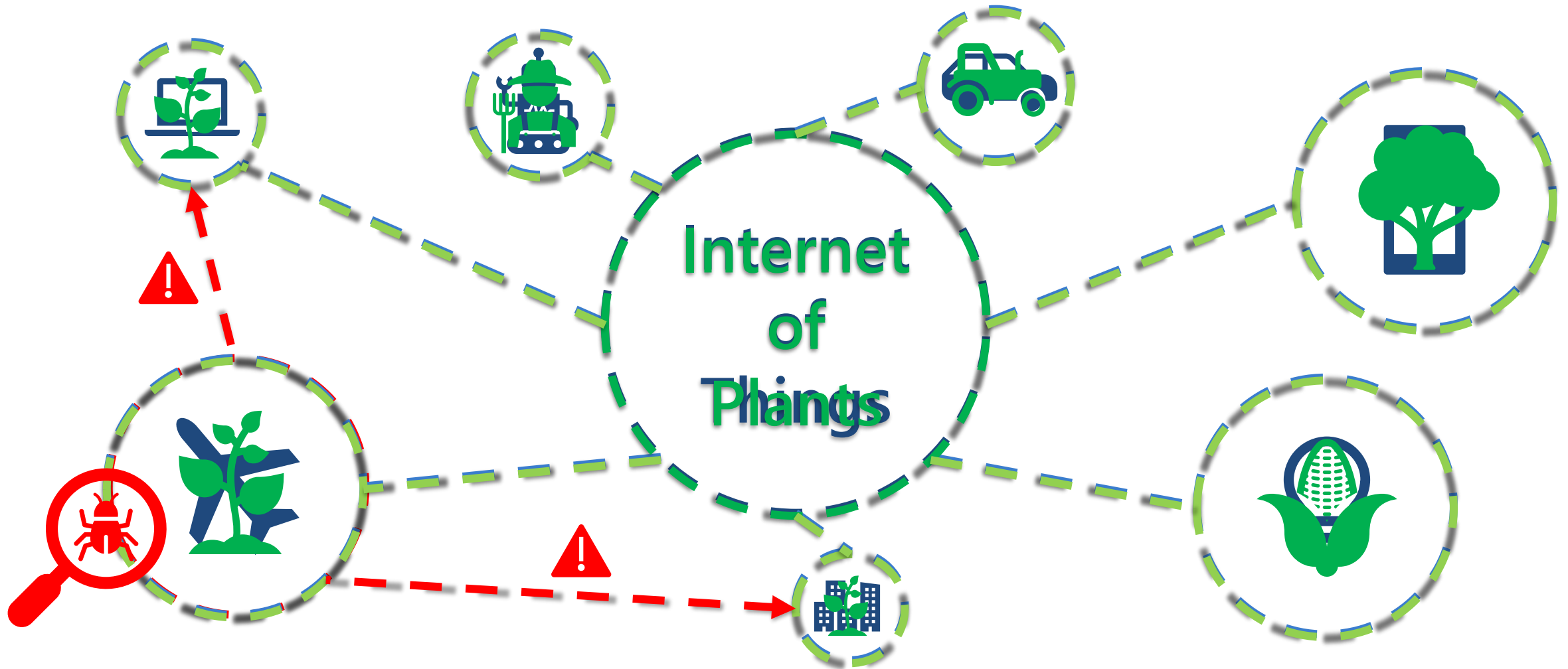
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Industry 4.0 Analogy

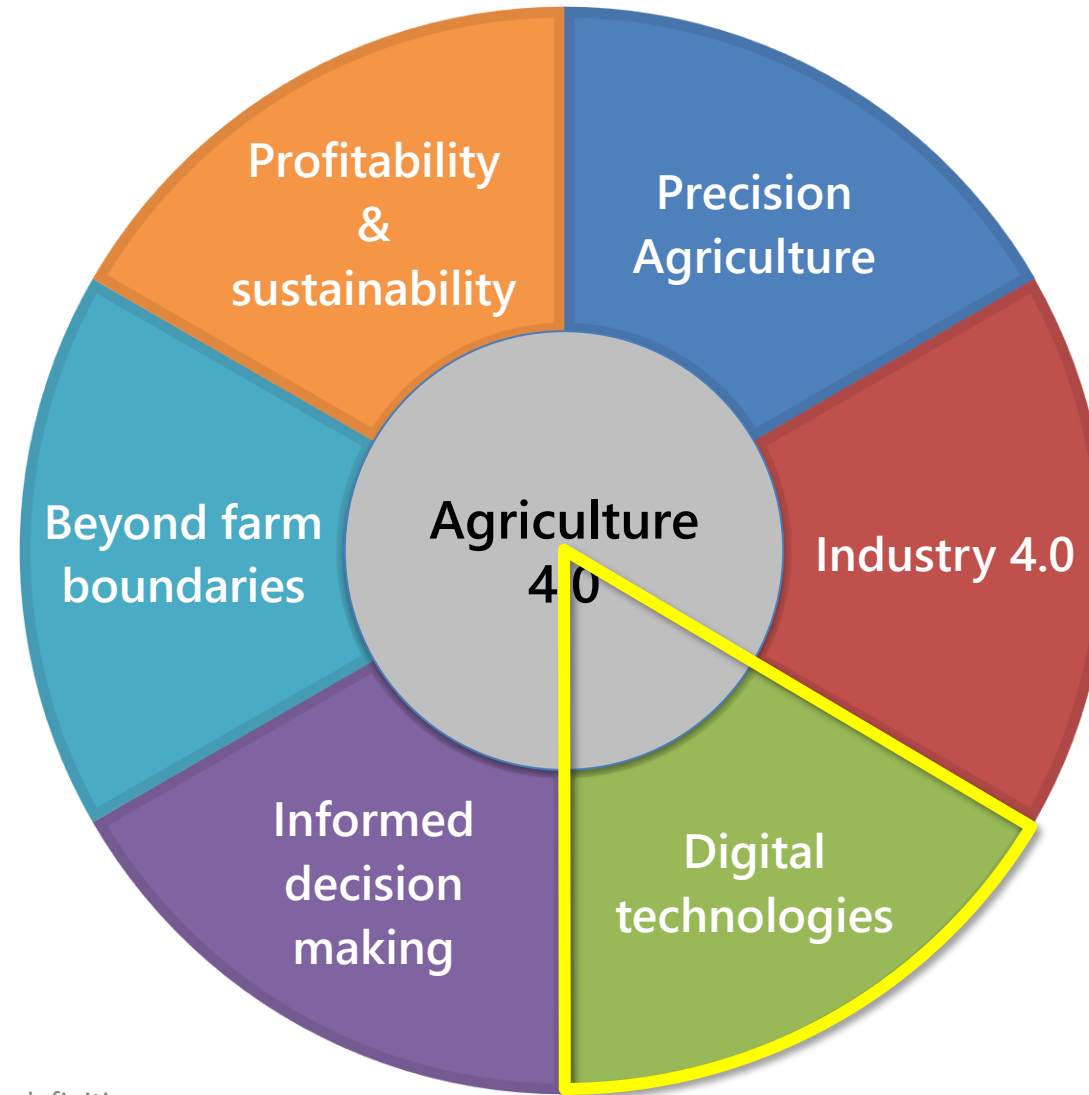
In the Industry 4.0 the entities of the working environment are linked to each other in a continuous and effortless way



Industry 4.0 analogy



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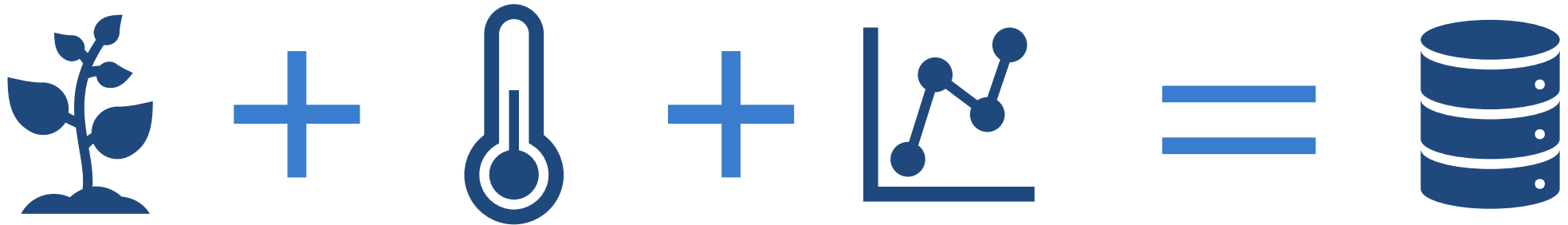


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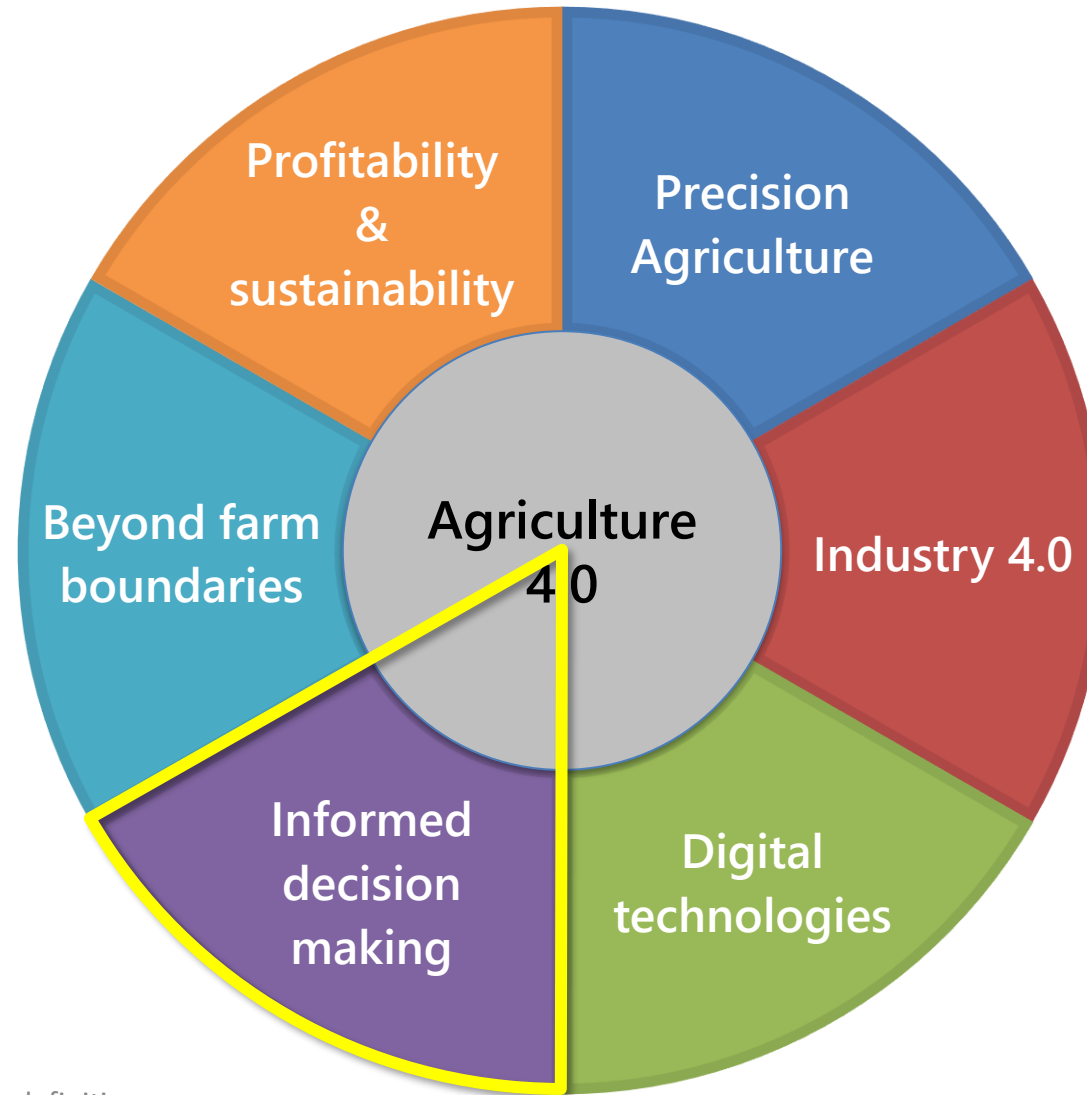
Digital technologies

The digital technologies enable the collection, integration and analysis of data silos unlocking new prospects for the farmer

- IoT allows to collect data from the field, from the surrounding environment and from the market
- UGVs / UAVs increase the amount of data collected from farming operations
- All the data are stored in the cloud



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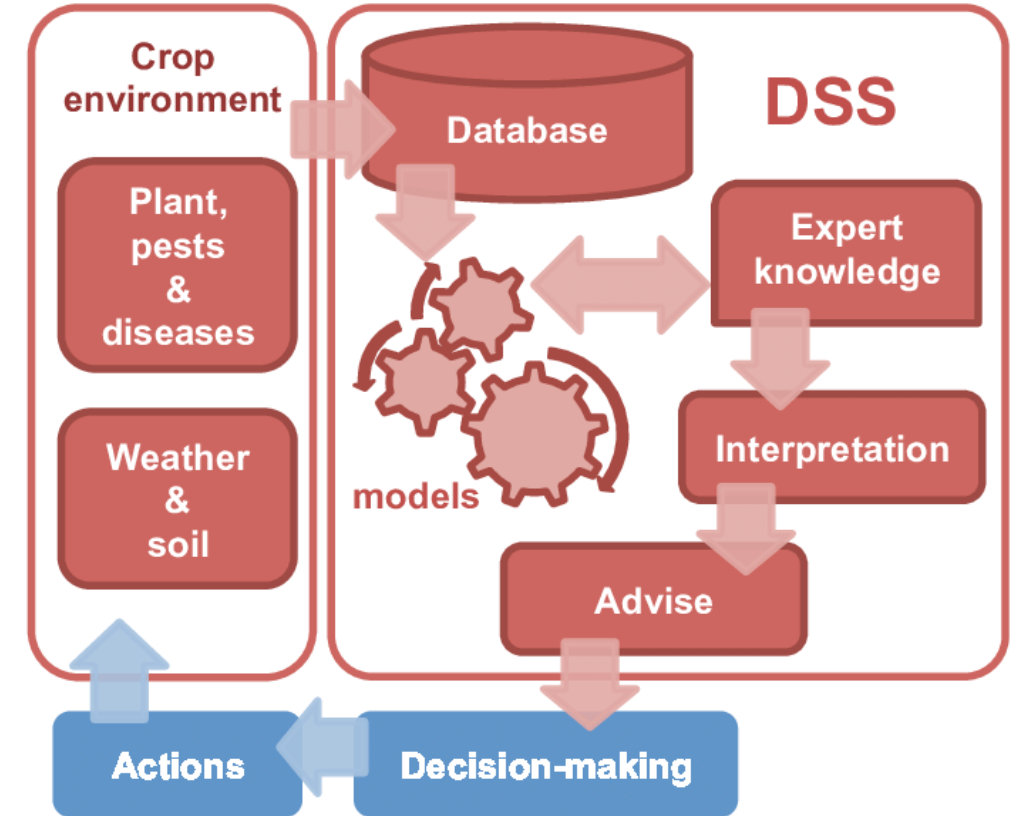


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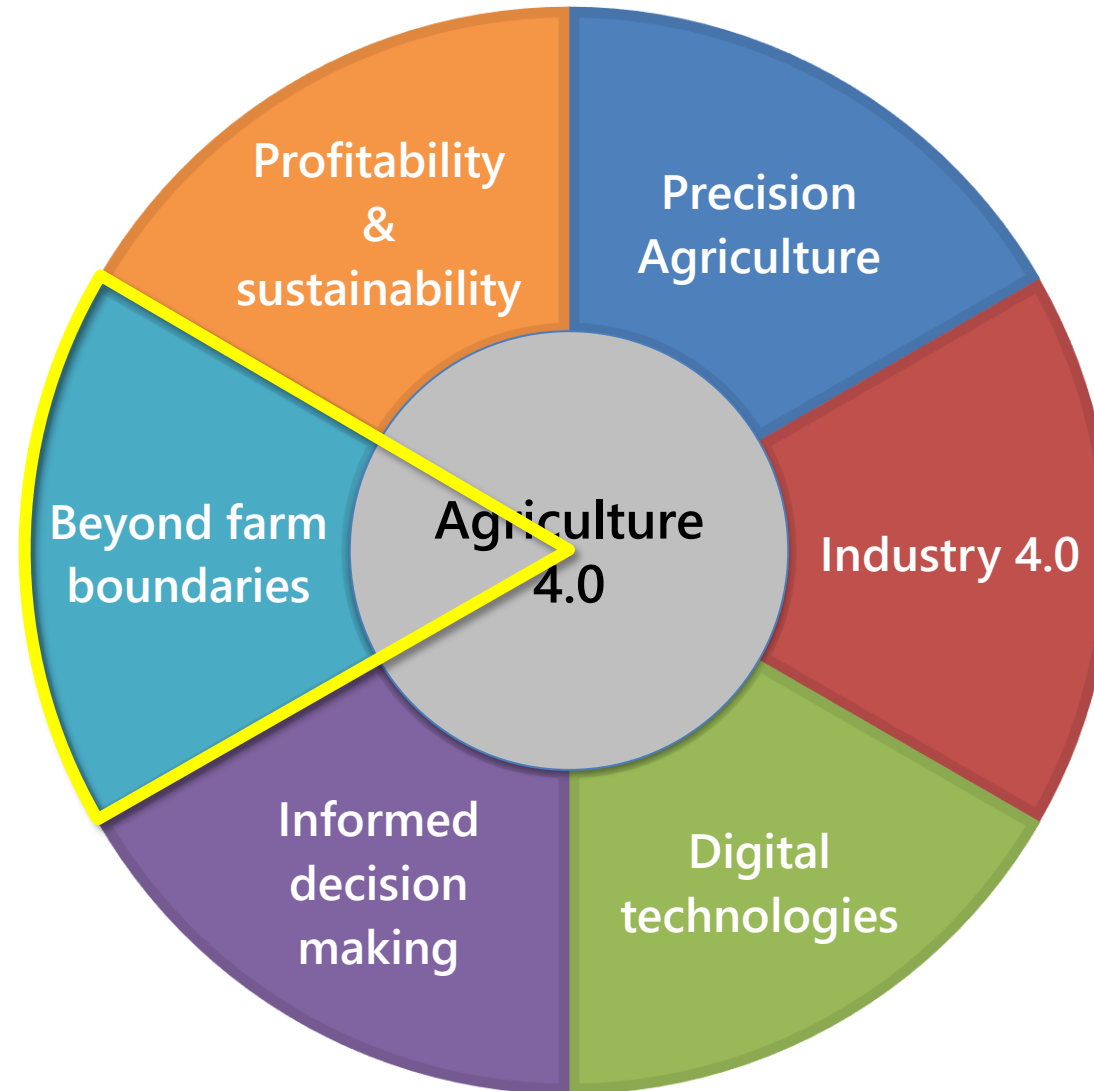
Informed decision-making

Farmers make decisions based on their personal goals, their subjective beliefs

- Collecting, integrating and analyzing vast amount of data gives birth to a Decision Support System
- Agriculture 4.0 makes the farmer's decisions more fact-based and math-based and less intuition-based



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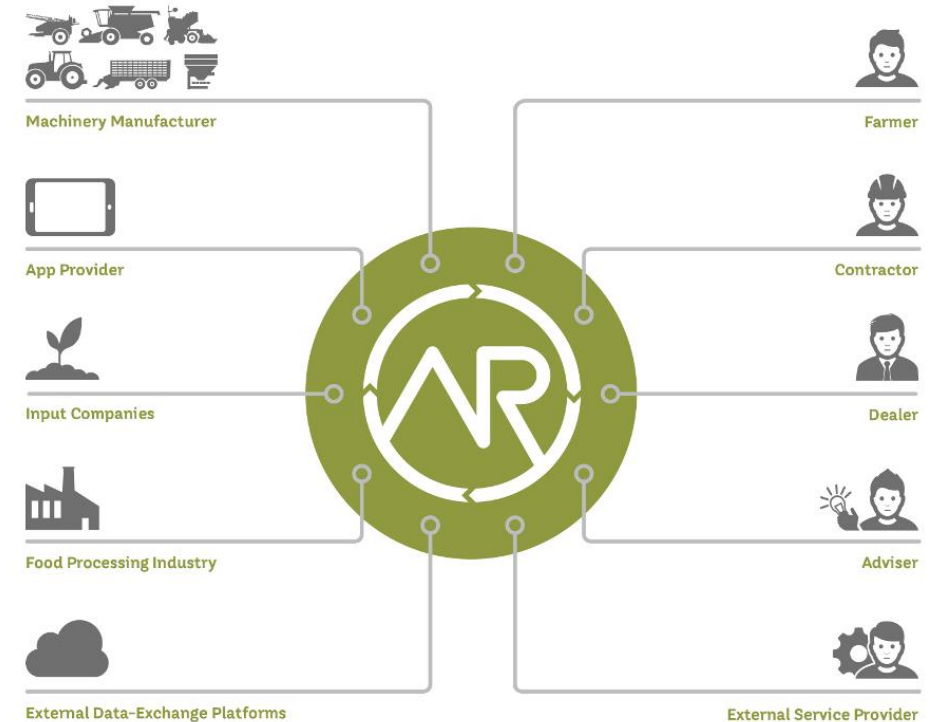


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Beyond Farm Boundaries

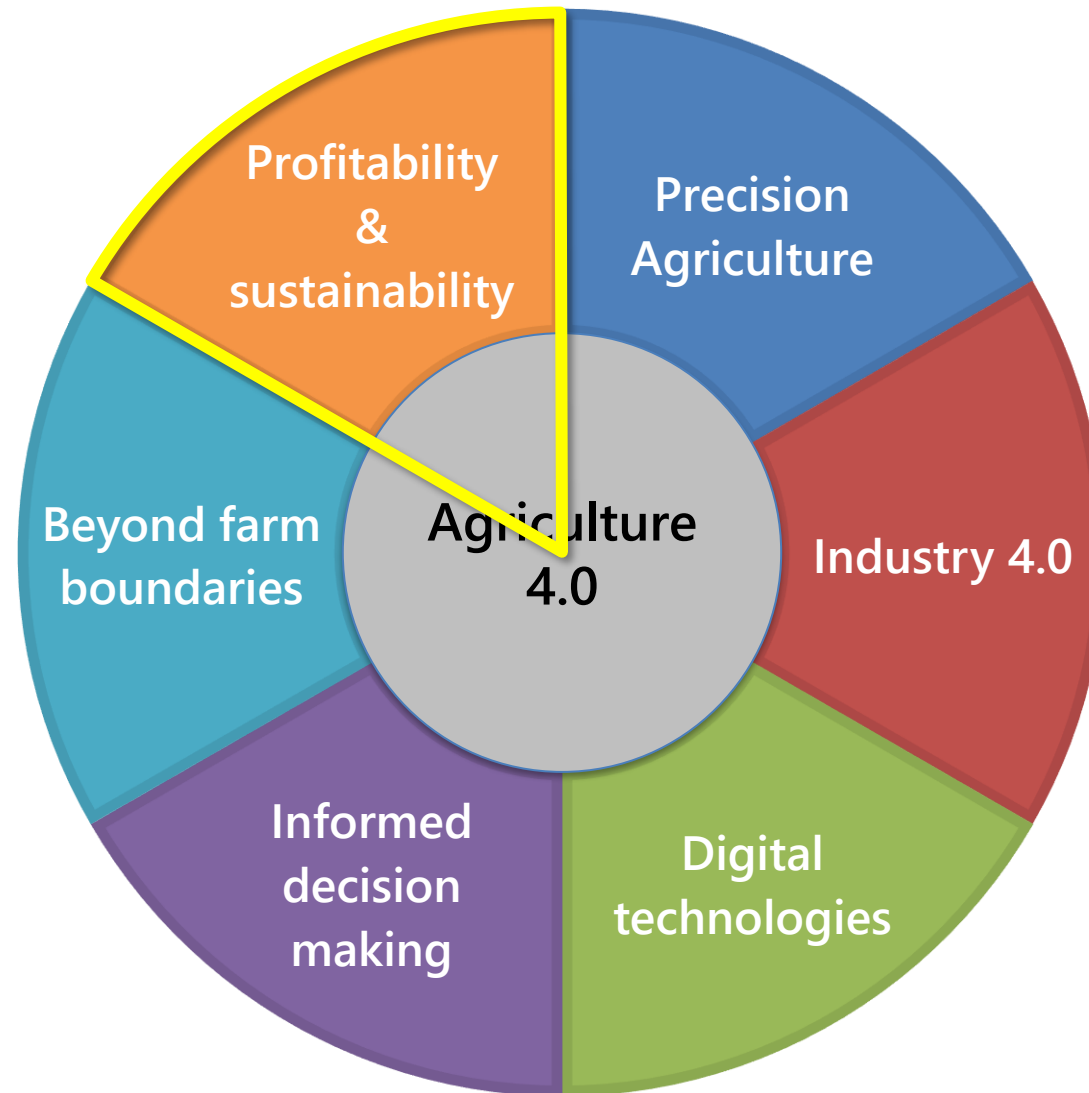
Integration in the farm process of external actors

- Suppliers of seeds, pesticides, nutrients, veterinarians, machine vendors, financial service providers, ...
- Agriculture 4.0 allows the coordination between the different actors involved in the farms process and along the supply chain



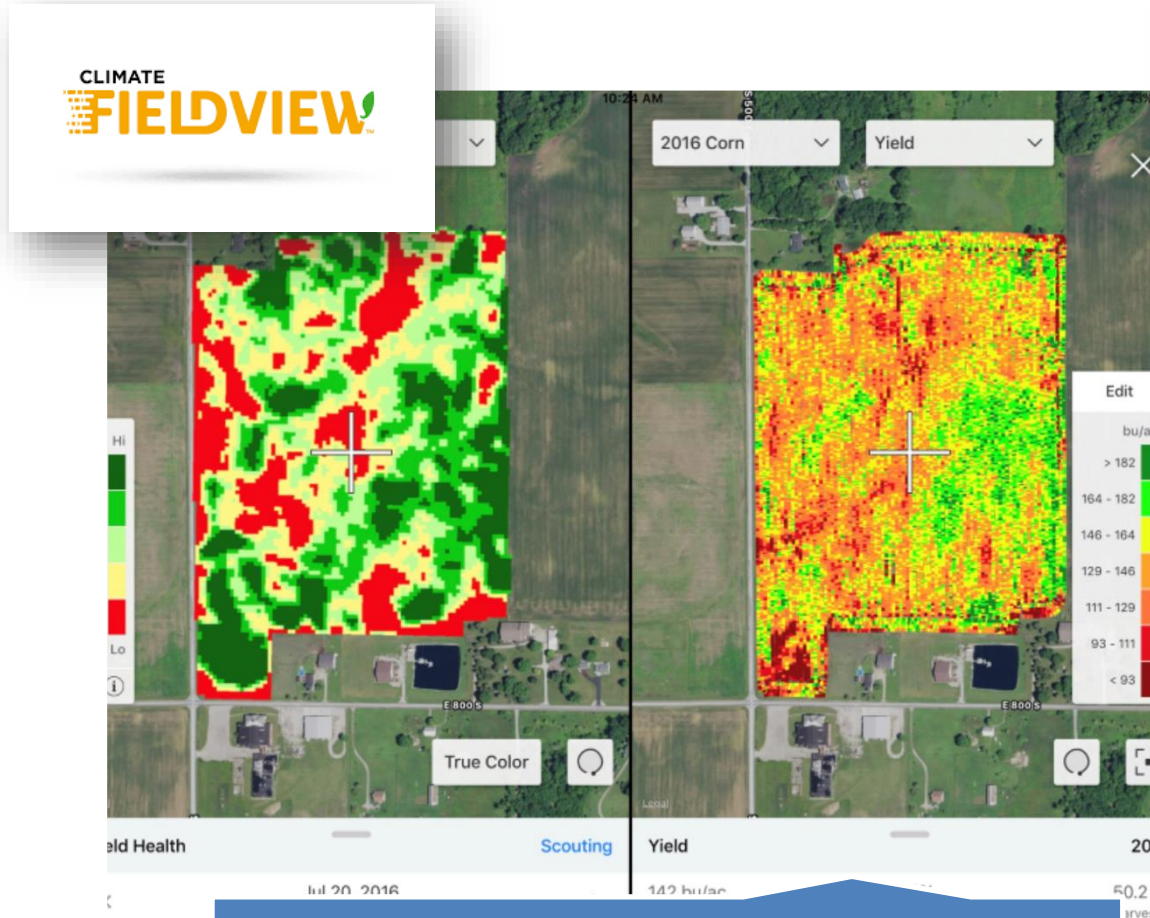


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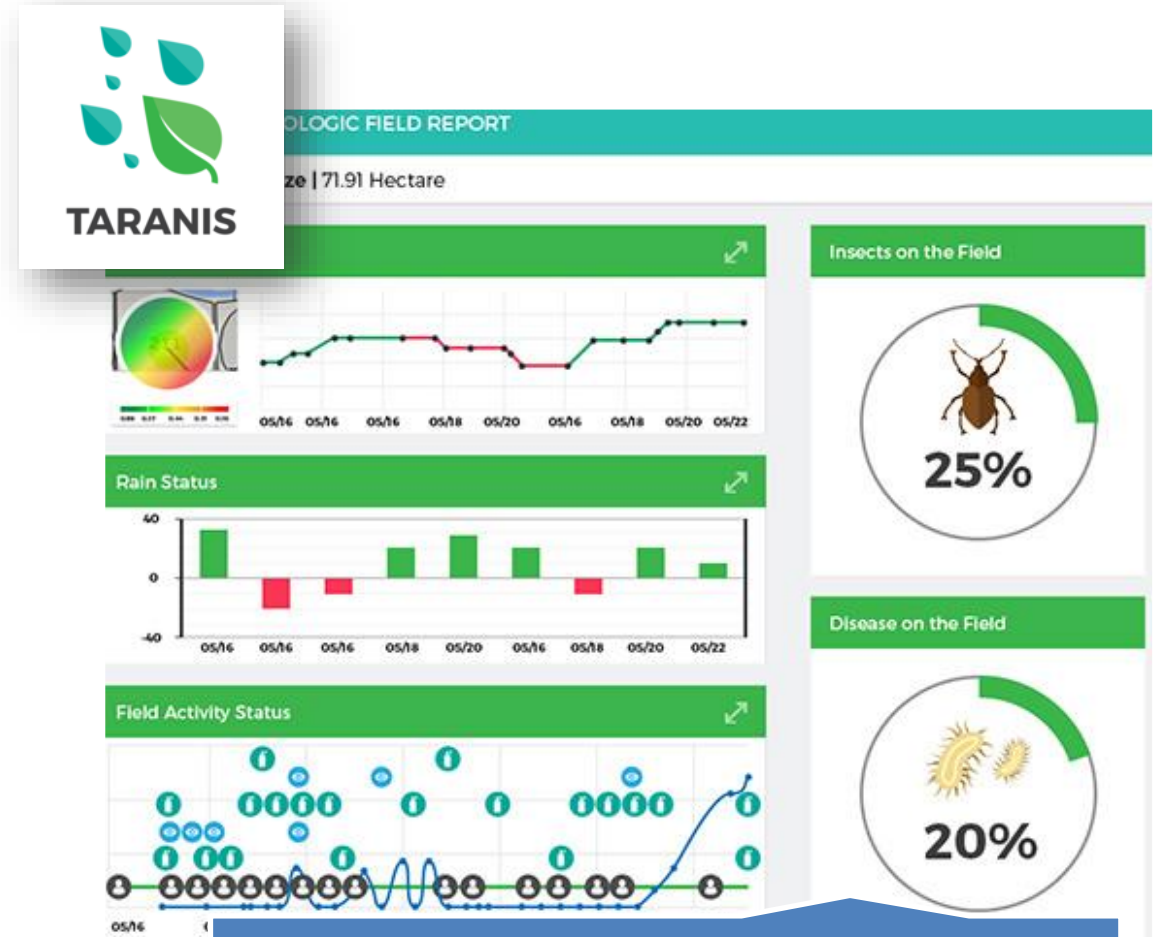


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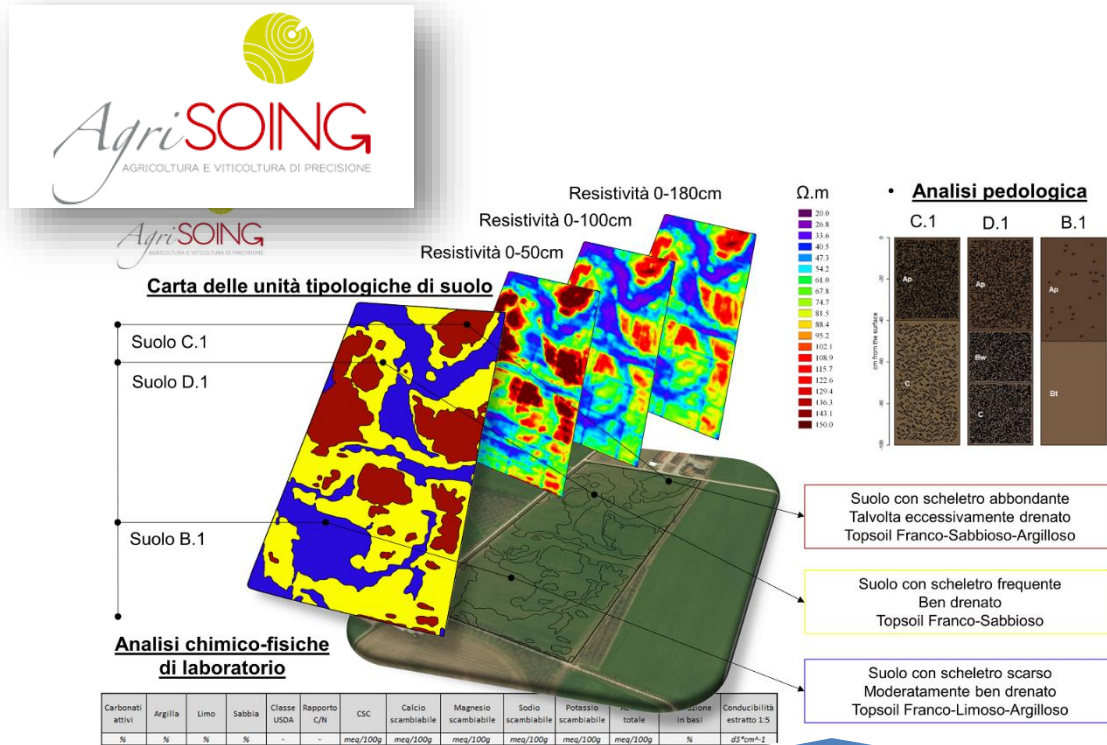


Satellite imaging and machines connectivity



Computer vision and deep learning for disease monitoring

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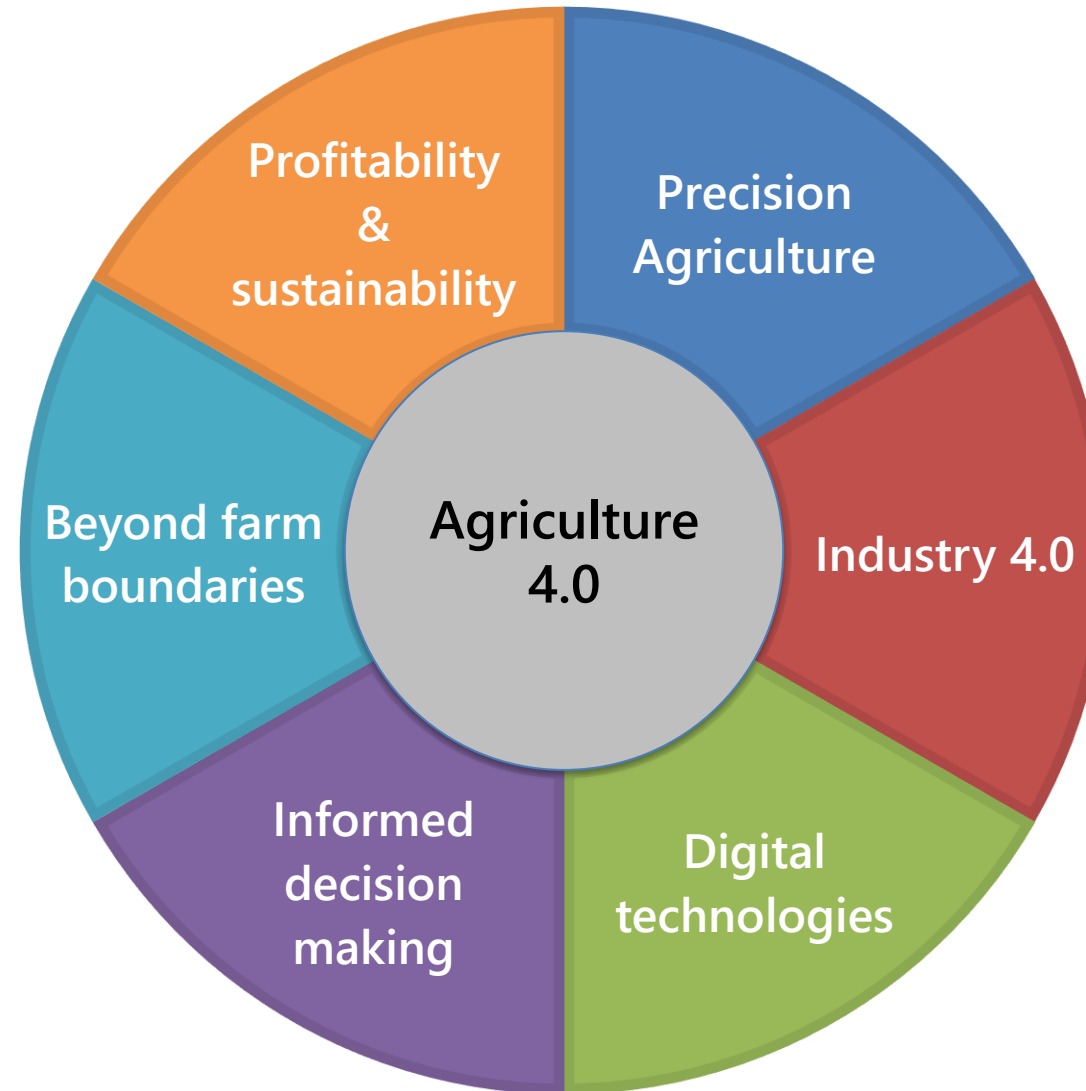


Soil characterization service



Multi-sensor images combined with agronomic models

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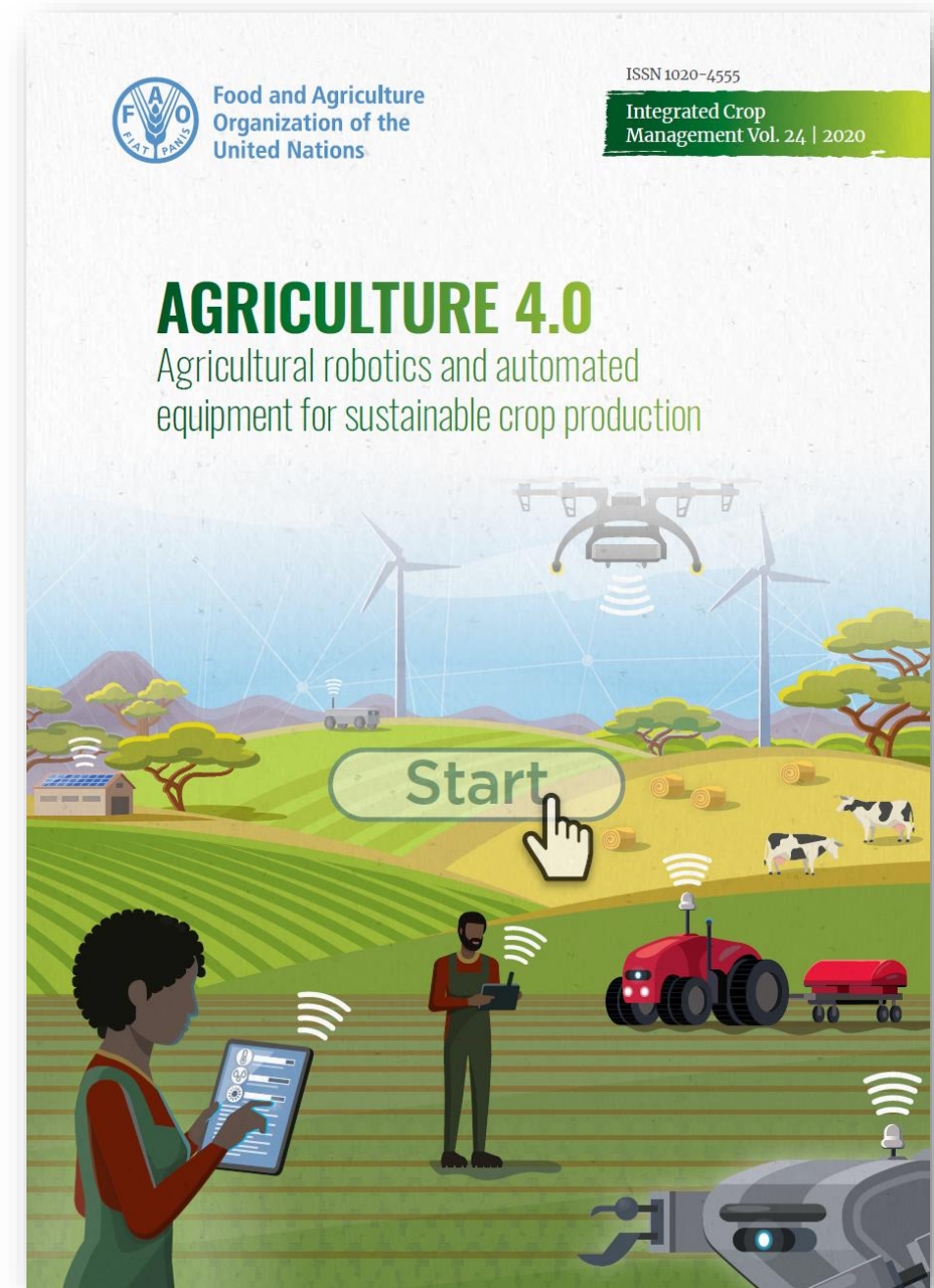
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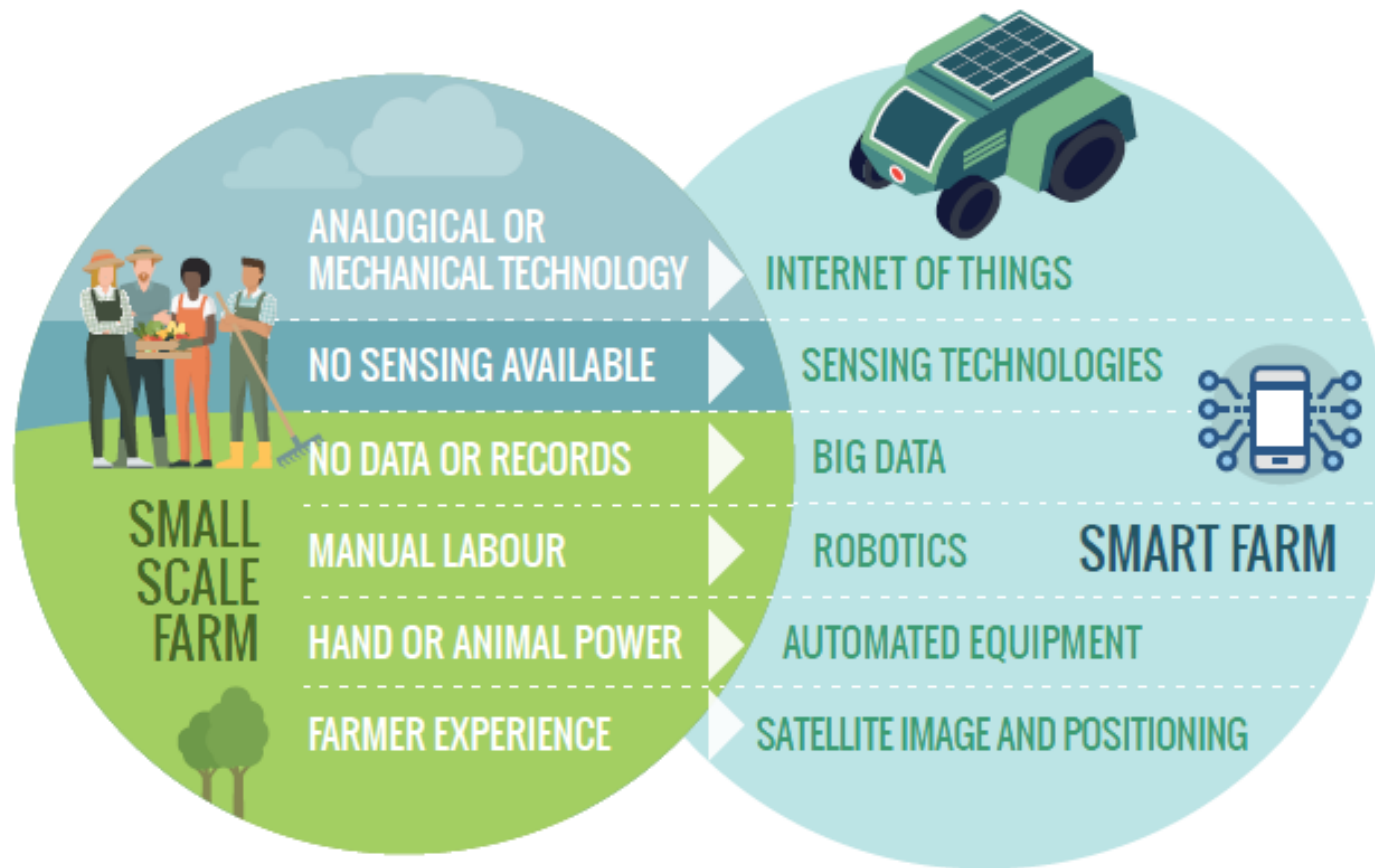


Figure 12. Sustainable Development Goals to which agricultural robotics can contribute

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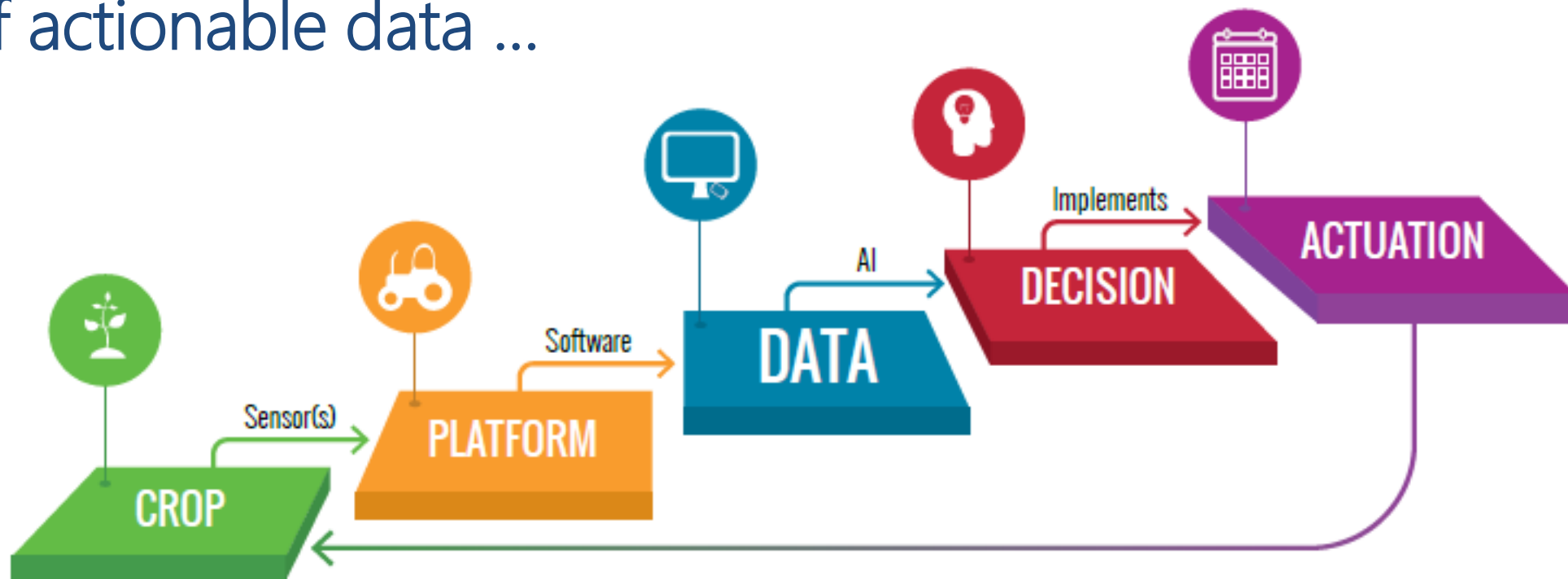
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The value of actionable data ...



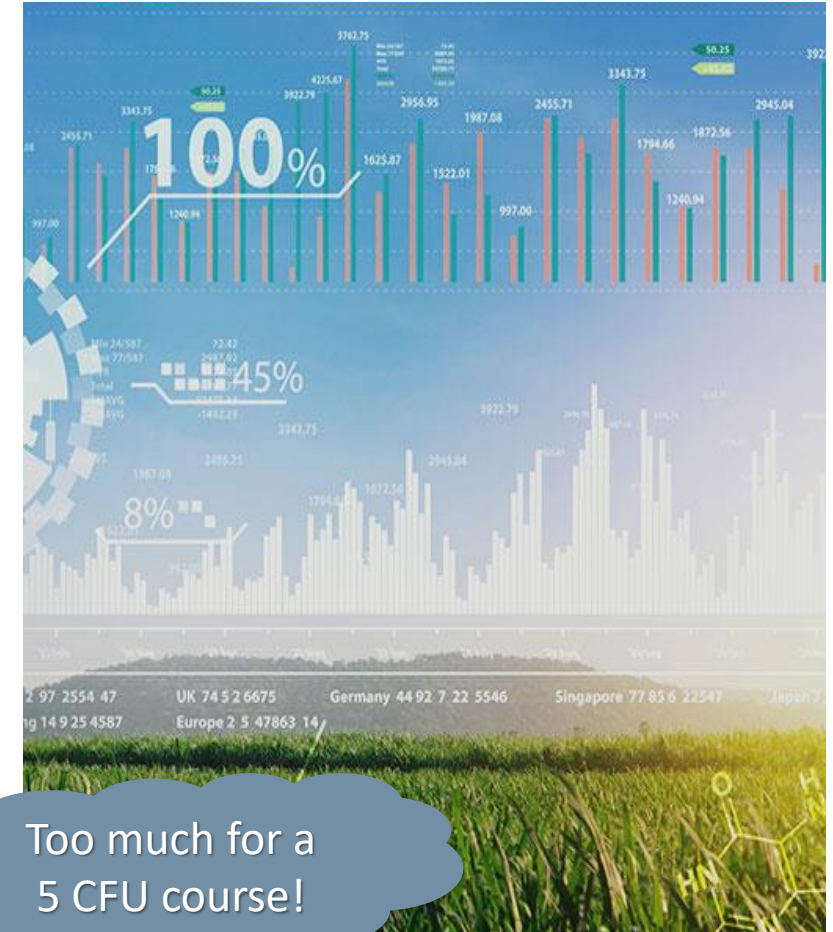
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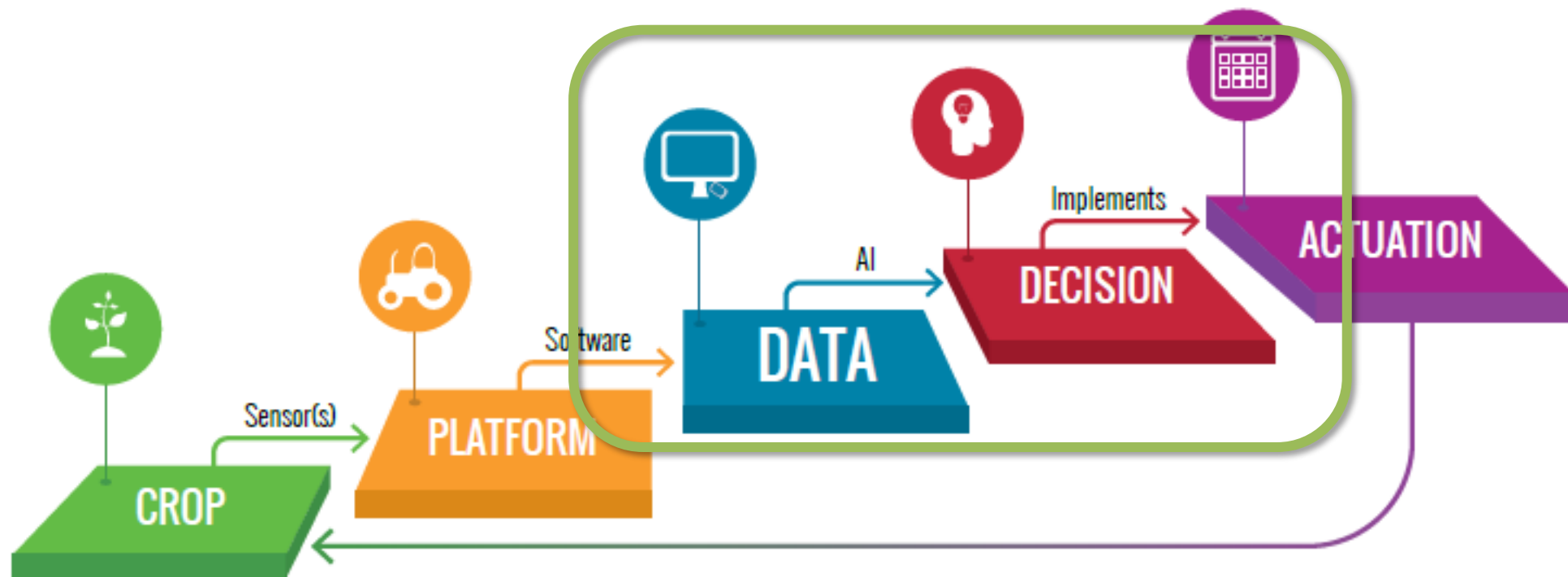
Challenges Ahead: Big Data

How to effectively exploit the huge amount of data collected by such an amount of sensors

- Analysis method should be developed
- Agronomic models should be studied to understand the benefits of their adoption
- Prediction and simulation models (e.g., yield and demand estimation) to be investigated
- Need of high-throughput screening methods that offers precise and accurate data
- Need of studies to evaluate the impact of Big Data and Agriculture 4.0



... let's build this together.



Thanks for your attention!

Q&A