Developing remote sensing methods to retrieve the biomethanpotential of agricutural areas with special focus of the upcoming EnMAP mission

Objectives:

- Development of methods for:
 - Estimation of the substrate-specific biomethanpotential (BMP_{FM}) and the regionalized biomethanpotential (BMP_{reg}) by using hyperspectral data
 - Estimation of the biomass by using crop growth models (APSIM) with coupled remote sensing information

Duration:

■ 15. July 2010 – 30. June 2013

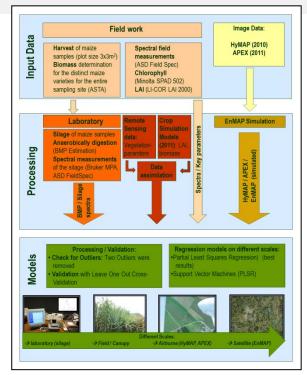


Fig. 1: General plan of the project workflow



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Products / Parameters:

- Substrat specific biomethanpotential BMP_{FM} will be determined: BMP related to the biomass of the substrate [m³ biogas / t fresh matter]
- Regionalized BMP_{reg} will be calculated: biomethanpotential in relation to area [m³ biogas / ha]
- Biomass estimation with crop growth models (APSIM) coupled with remote sensing data

Added Value (quantitative /qualitative):

- The regionalized biomethanpotential BMP_{reg} can be estimated directly by using hyperspectral data
- Cost reduction by a rapid non destructive method to analyze energy crops under in-situ conditions
- Multiple estimation and development of the biomethanpotential during the vegetation period on large areas is possible (e.g. EnMAP)

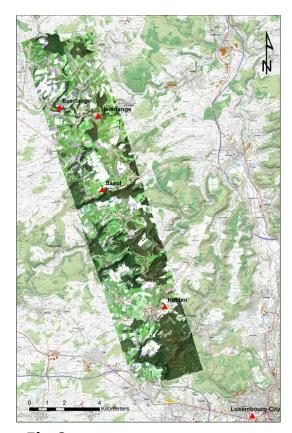


Fig.2: HyMAP stripe 2010 with location of the sampling sites



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- ASTA
- CONVIS

Additional:

- Project Area: North-west of Luxembourg City, between Kehlen and Nagem (2011), respectively Kehlen and Useldange (2010)
- Image data: HyMAP, APEX, if applicable Tetracam miniMCA
- Currently Cross-Validation is applied, if the dataset is enlarged a independent set will be used for validation

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