Visoar Ag Explorer

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ViSOAR Ag Explorer provides an end-to-end solution for converting raw UAS imagery to actionable information. Farmers and farm consultants will be able to optimize the use of fertilizers and more finely control reseeding as well as the amount of pesticides and herbicides necessary to increase crop yield. Furthermore, farmers mitigate costs and losses by being able to spot problem areas, minimize the spread of plant diseases, and identify issues such as standing water, irrigation malfunctions, and persistent automated machinery errors in planting or cultivation. The technology proposed by ViSUS is part of a broad initiative in agriculture addressing the need for a 70% increase food production by 2050 in response to the projected growth of the world's population.

Farmers need to decrease input and increase yield

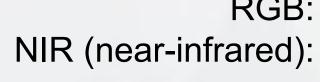
Currently 90% of fields are inspected by feet on the ground and eyes at 5' or 6' off the ground

UAVs collecting aerial imagery are an attractive option for crop management

- Low cost per acre
- Frequent high-resolution imagery

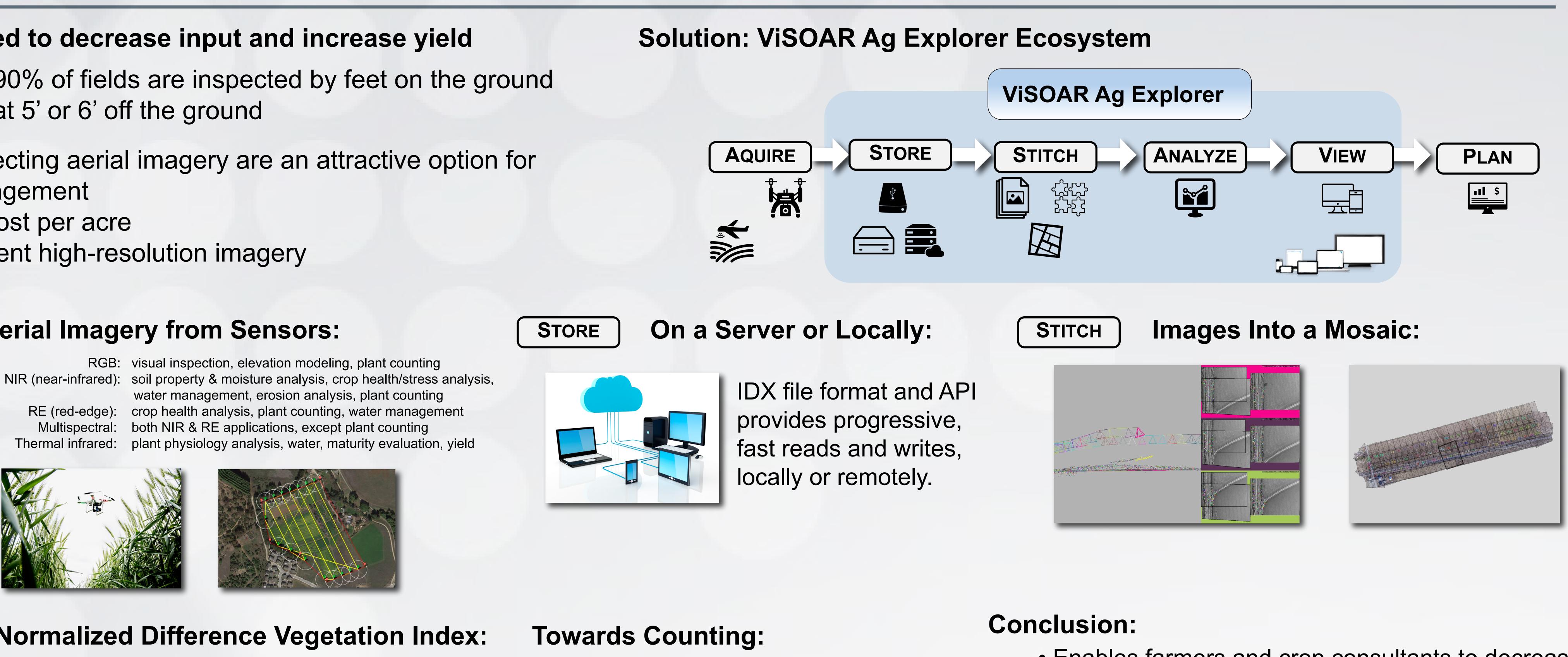


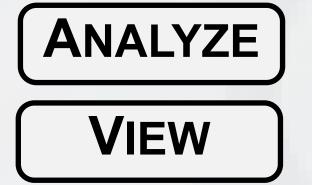
Aerial Imagery from Sensors:



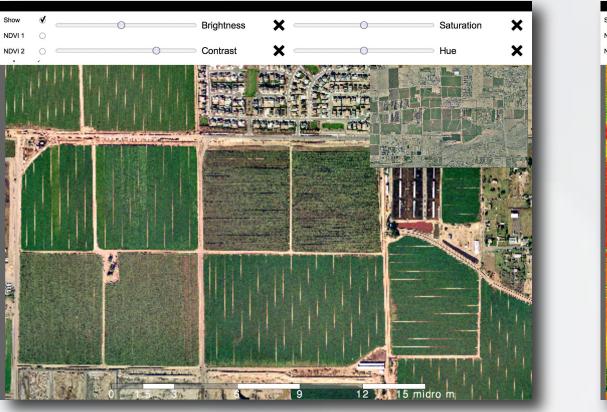
RE (red-edge): Multispectral: Thermal infrared:







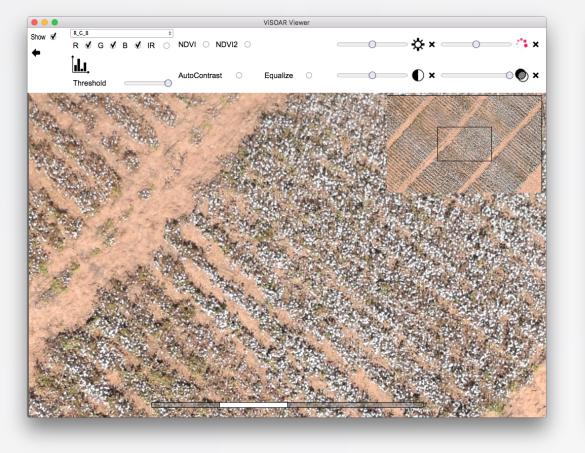
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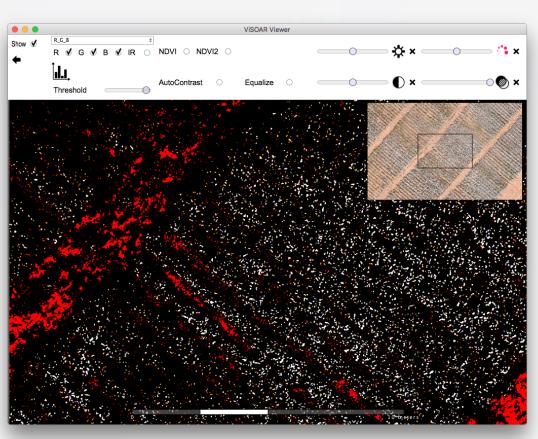




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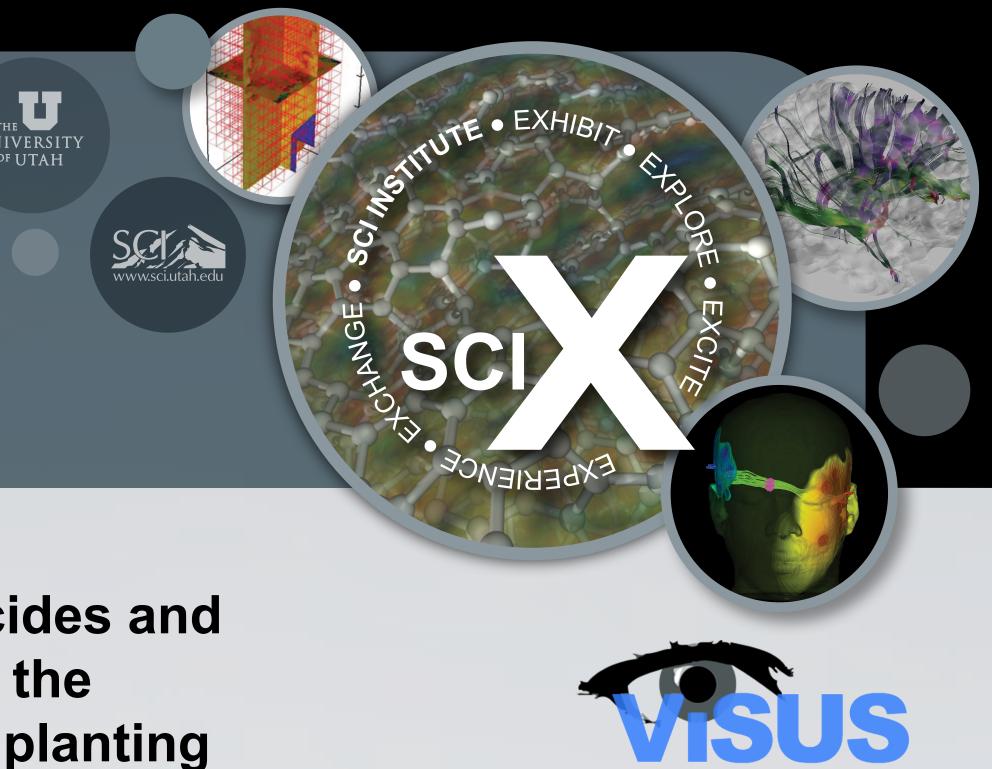


Raw UAS Imagery Actionable Information



- in using massive image mosaics.
- Works with commodity hardware.

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 Enables farmers and crop consultants to decrease inputs and increase yields using aerial imagery. • Eliminates the complexity, time, and labor involved

 Works with high-latency low-bandwidth networks in rural areas to lower the bar to entry.

