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## Summary

The present deliverable summarizes the outcomes of the second ATHENA workshop and provides all related material, both prior its accomplishment (e.g. agenda) and material such as presentations and list of participants.

The second workshop was entitled: “Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage beyond Europe” and was organised by Prof. R. Lasaponara and Prof. N. Masini from the CNR in Cyprus.

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## 1. Introduction

The 2nd Workshop of ATHENA has been successfully accomplished in line to the timeline of the project. The Workshop was led by CNR consortium member and hosted by CUT (Project coordinator) during the 'Fifth International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geoinformation of Environment' - RSCy2017 held on the 20 March 2017 in Paphos (Cyprus). The topics of the conference and workshop are correlated, thus the partners of ATHENA project decided to combine the two events, in order to attract more scientists interested in the subject. This was an added value for the workshop, as well as for dissemination of the ATHENA project to the international scientific community and to local stakeholders. This was agreed by all ATHENA consortium members, after the last year's successful first workshop again combined with the RSCy2016 conference.

The workshop entitled "Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage beyond Europe", was a half day (refer to the agenda below - section 2 of the present document) that concluded with interesting discussions and future expectations (refer to minutes of the workshop below - section 5 of the present document).

## 2. Agenda of the workshop

CHAIR: ROSA LASAPONARA & NICOLA MASINI

# WORKSHOP

PAPHOS (CYPRUS), 20 MARCH 2017

**EUROPE BEYOND**

Remote Sensing Science  
Center for Cultural Heritage

## REMOTE SENSING FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

**BEYOND**

**RSCY2017**  
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## Workshop

### Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage Beyond Europe

In the last decades, the use of Earth Observation (EO) technologies for Cultural heritage has been strongly increased. This is due to the improvement of the performance of sensors that are capable to reveal ever more geometrically and thematically detailed information for the study of the human past and ancient landscapes, the identification of unknown sites and the detection of buried remains. The increased interest of archaeological community to exploit EO technologies has been raised due to the current availability of user-friendly and open source software tools for data processing and the increased interest for the study of the dynamics of ancient civilizations in relation to environmental changes, the latter traditionally being investigated by remote sensing techniques.

The ATHENA PROJECT ([www.athena2020.eu](http://www.athena2020.eu)) calls for a look outside of Europe to discuss the use, potential and specificities of remote sensing techniques for the study of human past and management of cultural heritage in the various regions of the world.

Remote sensing is currently positioned in a turning point for both the increased availability of spatial data and the increased awareness of the importance to study and protect cultural heritage increasingly threatened by natural and anthropogenic hazards and damaged by negligence and armed conflicts.

The Workshop is co-organized by IBAM and IMAA of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR), the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) in the framework of the ATHENA Project, which aims at establishing a Center of Excellence in the field of Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage, as accompanying event of the 5th International Conference on Remote Sensing and Geo-information of Environment - RSCy2017: <http://www.cyprusremotesensing.com/rscv2017/>

The following topics are encouraged:

- ✓ Space-based applications: from site discovery to Cultural heritage management
- ✓ Satellite for risk monitoring and damage mapping
- ✓ LiDAR for the site detection and archaeological landscape
- ✓ Ancient landscapes from historical archive including aerial photos and declassified satellite images
- ✓ Vandalism and deliberate devastations: the contribution of RS for documentation
- ✓ Interferometric techniques for monitoring cultural heritage
- ✓ Data integration and interpretation for an operational use of Earth Observation and Geophysics in Archaeology
- ✓ International archaeological missions and projects
- ✓ International programmes and organisations supporting EO use for monitoring and protection of cultural heritage
- ✓ Big data mining for remote sensing cultural heritage applications

*Date:* 20 March 2017

*Venue:* Annabelle Hotel in Paphos, Cyprus

**Workshops:**  
**Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage Beyond Europe**  
**Enjoyment of Cultural Heritage By Means of New and Old Media**

**Chair: Rosa Lasaponara (CNR-IMAA), Nicola Masini (CNR-IBAM / CAS-RADI)**

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|-------------|---|--|
| 14:20-4:30  | Introduction To The Workshops   |  |
| 14:30-14:45 | Remote sensing for a smart management of cultural heritage from site detection to monitoring and documentation: the case studies of Silk Road Project                                     | R. Lasaponara  |
| 14:45-15:00 | Sensing beyond frontiers: remote sensing applications for archaeological heritage detection and management  | A. Traviglia   |
| 15:00-15:15 | On the use of remote sensing in areas selected in Georgia , Pakistan and Jordan (Petra)   | D. Spizzichino                                       |
| 15:15-15:30 | GIS and satellite data for urban sprawl close to archaeological areas in Iran   | B. Murgante  |
| 15:30-15:45 | An Overview of remote sensing in Altai archaeological area  | J. Bourgeois   |
| 15:45-16:00 | SAR applications in Egypt   | C. Stewart   |
| 16:00-16:30 | Coffee break  |  |
| 16:30-16:45 | The Christian reuse of the Egyptian temples and keeping methods using remote sensing and GIS techniques in Luxor city, Egypt  | O. Wafa Abdel  |
| 16:45-17:00 | Remote Sensing for Indian archaeological areas  | Modella et al.                                       |
| 17:00-17:15 | Remote sensing based archaeological research in Nasca and in Pachacamac (Peru)  | N. Masini  |
| 17:15-17:30 | Exploitation of big data cloud infrastructures for earth observation cultural heritage applications: mapping the land use changes patterns in the vicinity of “the great pyramid at Giza” | A. Agapiou   |
| 17:30-17:45 | Automatic damage detection for sensitive Cultural Heritage Sites in Syria and Iraq  | D. Cerra, J. Tian, V. Lysandrou, S. Plank & T. Krauß |
| 17:45-18:00 | Qualitative assessment of the medieval fortification conditions with the use of Remote Sensing data (Republic of Tatarstan )  | I. Gainullin, B. Usmanov & A. Sitdikov               |
| 18:00-18:15 | The Copernicus Programme and World Cultural Heritage preservation   | G. Schreier  |
| 18:15-19:00 | Round Table Discussion  |  |

The workshop is open to all conference participants, stakeholders, interested parties and the public. There will be no fees for attending the workshop. Please reserve your participation by sending an email using the RSCy 2017 contact form.

### 3. List of Participants

Forty participants attended the Workshop coming from various European and international institutions, representing both the academia, industry and research centers. The percentage of the participants from each institutions presented during the workshop is indicatively shown below.








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**2nd Workshop**  
**Topic: Remote Sensing archaeology applications beyond Europe -**  
**Trainers: Rosa Lasaponara & Nicola Masini (CNR)**  
**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**  
**Paphos - Cyprus**




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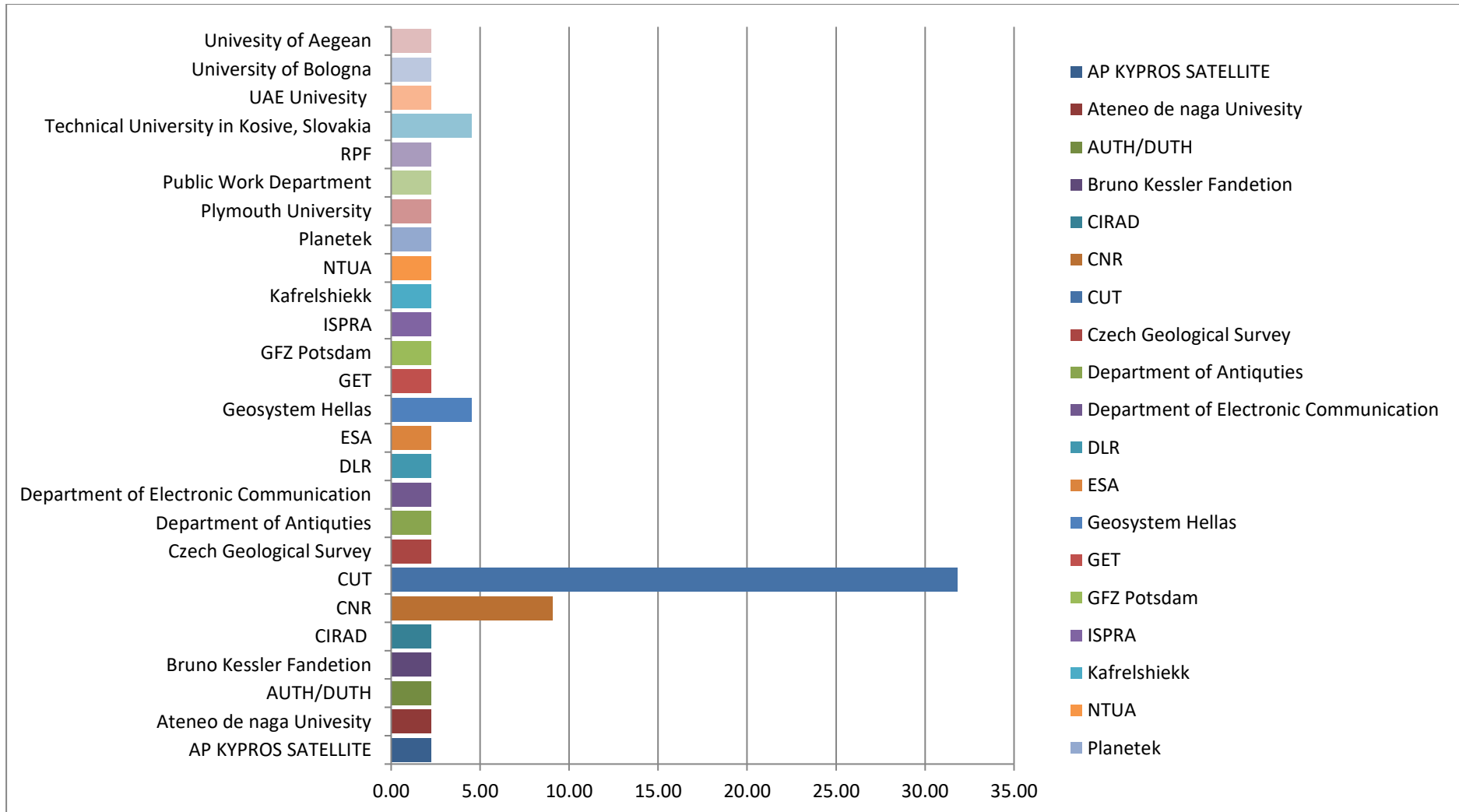




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## **4. Minutes of the workshop: "Remote Sensing for Cultural heritage. Beyond Europe", Paphos, Cyprus, March 20th 2017**

### **Main Issues and results from the discussion with the Participants**

Minutes: Compiled by Rosa Lasaponara and Nicola Masini CNR as part of the ATHENA project

#### **Background**

We are at a turning point in remote sensing for both the increased availability and resolution of spatial data and the awareness of the importance to study and protect cultural heritage threatened by natural hazards and damaged by war conflicts.

ATHENA PROJECT calls for a look outside of Europe to discuss the use, potential and specificities of remote sensing techniques for the study of human past and management of cultural heritage in the various regions of the world.

#### **Major Points of Discussion and Results**

The presentations provided the state-of-Art of Remote Sensing in the area of Cultural heritage: from the preventive archaeology to site risk monitoring and monument conservation beyond Europe. They have been focused on remote sensing based applications in remarkable archaeological sites and monuments including Angkor, Petra, Nasca, Luxor, Macchu Picchu, Silk Road.

In particular, Lasaponara discussed about the use of optical and radar satellite data for the site detection along the Silk Road with particular reference to oasis states in Xinjiang and Yumen Pass Frontier. The presentation also focused on the capability of diverse SAR bands for different tasks including the discovery, documentation and monitoring of Cultural Heritage. Traviglia presented and discussed the state-of-art of Satellite and LiDAR Remote sensing for the study of Cambodian ancient landscapes with particular reference to Angkor, the capital city of the Khmer Empire, which flourished from approximately the 9th to 15th centuries. The research focus was the identification of palaeo-channels and palaeoriverbeds and the detection of features connected to the water flow system in the forested areas, by the integration of multispectral satellite images and airborne LiDAR.

Spizzichino on the basis of several investigations conducted in Jordan and Bolivia, discussed the integrated use of satellite DinSAR and ground-based geodetic techniques for landslide monitoring to contribute to diagnosis and conservation policies

Murgante focused on GIS and satellite data for the analysis of urban sprawl impact to archaeological areas in Iran. Some methodological approaches based on Remote Sensing and Geostatistics have discussed for the evaluation of the effects of Urban Policies in presence of cultural heritage.

Bourgeois presented the results of long research activity conducted by Ghent University in the Altai Mountains that posed some challenges considered the difficult accessibility of the investigate areas and the lack of maps. In particular, for management purposes as well as for landscape analysis, a combination of GPS, aerial imagery acquired by UAV and balloon, and satellite data, including Corona, proved to be a time-efficient and precise way to map the archaeological sites.

Wafa and Elfadaly talked about the Christian re-use of holy Egyptian temples. They mainly focus on Luxor city and decay and weathering phenomena accelerated by the land use change including urban sprawl and agricultural activity. A risk mitigation strategy based on the use of Satellite data has been proposed, to define recommendations and actions to be implemented for the safeguard of the temples.

Masini presented ten years of investigations of CNR conducted in Peru and Bolivia, including Nasca, Pachacamac and Tiwanaku archaeological sites, by using in operational way different remote sensing approaches including satellite data and geophysics for site detection and archaeological heritage monitoring.

Agapiou discussed about the exploitation of big data cloud infrastructures for earth observation cultural heritage applications, including the mapping of land use changes patterns around Giza pyramids.

Automatic damage detection for sensitive cultural heritage sites such as Palmira has been the focus of Thomas Krauß. Damage evaluations is usually carried out through visual analysis. The presentations focused on the possibility to automatically map and monitor changes and damages by using very high resolution satellite imagery.



Finally, Copernicus initiative has been discussed as a mean to provide inputs for further research and operational applications in support of Cultural Heritage preservation and management. The following discussion highlighted some issues to address in the perspective of the workshop organized by EC in Bruxelles on the 24 April 2017 (<http://workshop.copernicus.eu/cultural-heritage>)

The presentations aroused the interest of the participants who posed several questions and comments.

After the presentations, a lively debate concluded the workshop involving all the participants. The main issue posed has been the operational state of earth observation for the protection of cultural heritage in danger and for supporting the sustainable exploitation of cultural property as economic asset.

Furthermore highlighted the following needs to further contribute to RS development for CH:

- 1) application of RS for the coastal and underwater property still today less investigated compare to land archaeological heritage;
- 2) major efforts to involve end users and stake holders and, consequently, to use RS as a tool for supporting decision maker
- 3) to set up specific data processing including automatic procedures for site discovery, documentation and monitoring
- 4) to facilitate the exploitation of Big data for applications addressed to cultural property
- 5) to improve the integration data coming from diverse sources including archaeological record, geoscience and RS.
- 6) to make more effort for improving RS data interpretation by means of a strategy oriented to create a multidisciplinary network of experts including archaeologists, conservators and managers.

## 5. Photos from the Workshop









**ANNEX**  
PRESENTATIONS OF THE WORKSHOP

Workshop. “ Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage Beyond Europe”  
Paphos, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Remote sensing for a smart management of cultural heritage from site detection to monitoring and documentation: the case studies of Silk Road Project

Rosa Lasaponara [CNR-IMAA](#), Italy



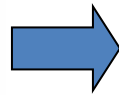
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- ❑ **Research and geographical context**
- ❑ **Space Archaeology based on satellite : crop, soil marks etc**
- ❑ **Satellite SAR in Archaeology : Data processing issues**
- ❑ **Satellite in Archaeology: case studies along the Silk Road**



The use of **Earth Observation (EO)** technologies and ICT in **Archaeology** has been strongly **increasing** during the last twenty years.



## **Technological reasons**

- improvement of spectral and spatial resolution of (airborne/satellite) sensors;
- availability of user-friendly and low cost softwares/tools for data acquisition, analysis and processing

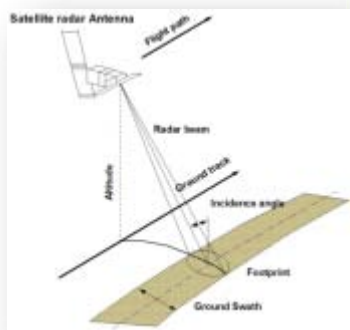
## **Cultural reasons**

- awareness of archaeologists of the benefits of EO
  - reduction of costs, time and risk associated with archeological excavations;
  - creation of site strategies addressed to conservation and preservation)
- the interests of archaeologists to study the dynamics of human frequentation in relation to environmental changes;
- Multipurpose needs (including monitoring)



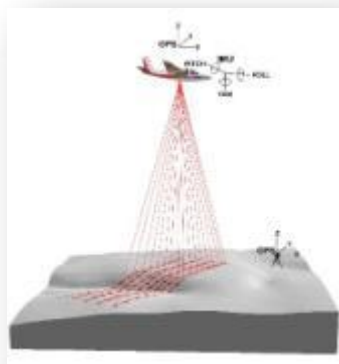
## Scientific interest of Satellite RS in Archaeology

- ❑ Non invasive technologies instead of destructive excavations
  
- ❑ World coverage and Data availability
  - ❑ free of charge and low cost of medium and HR satellite data
  - ❑ historical archives
  - ❑ Satellite imagery could be the unique data source in remote areas or under military control
  
- ❑ Reduction of costs, time and risk associated with archeological excavations; availability of open free of Charge data (Sentinel missions) and software
  
- ❑ Useful data to study the dynamics of human frequentation in relation to environmental changes: intra-site and inter-site analyses
  
- ❑ creation of site strategies addressed to conservation and preservation
  
- ❑ Multiscale data and synoptic view for large areas



## Satellite remote Sensing

SAR/Multispectral/hyperspectral

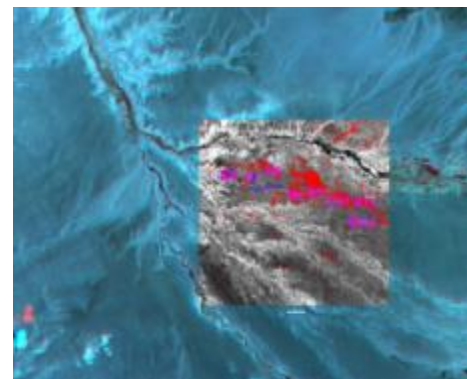
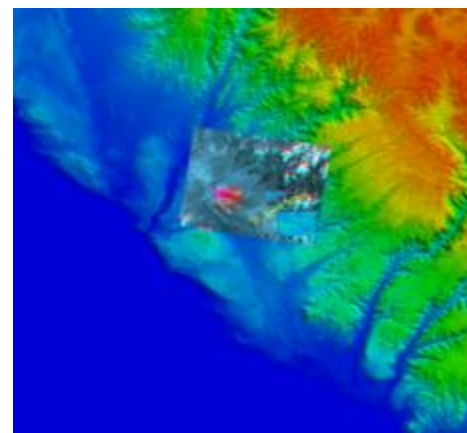


## Airborne Remote sensing

LiDAR/traditional/multi/hyper/SAR



## UAV



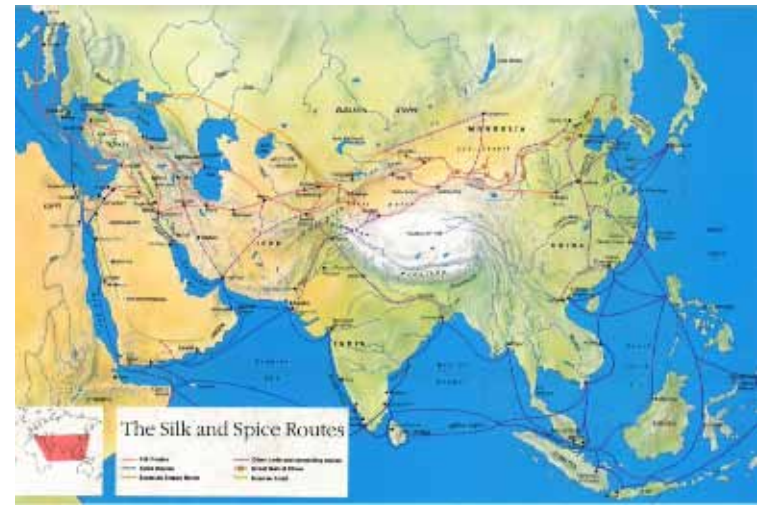
From regional perspective to site /monumental view

On 22 June 2014, the World Heritage Committee inscribed a section of the Silk Roads network submitted by Kyrgyzstan, China and Kazakhstan on the World Heritage List.

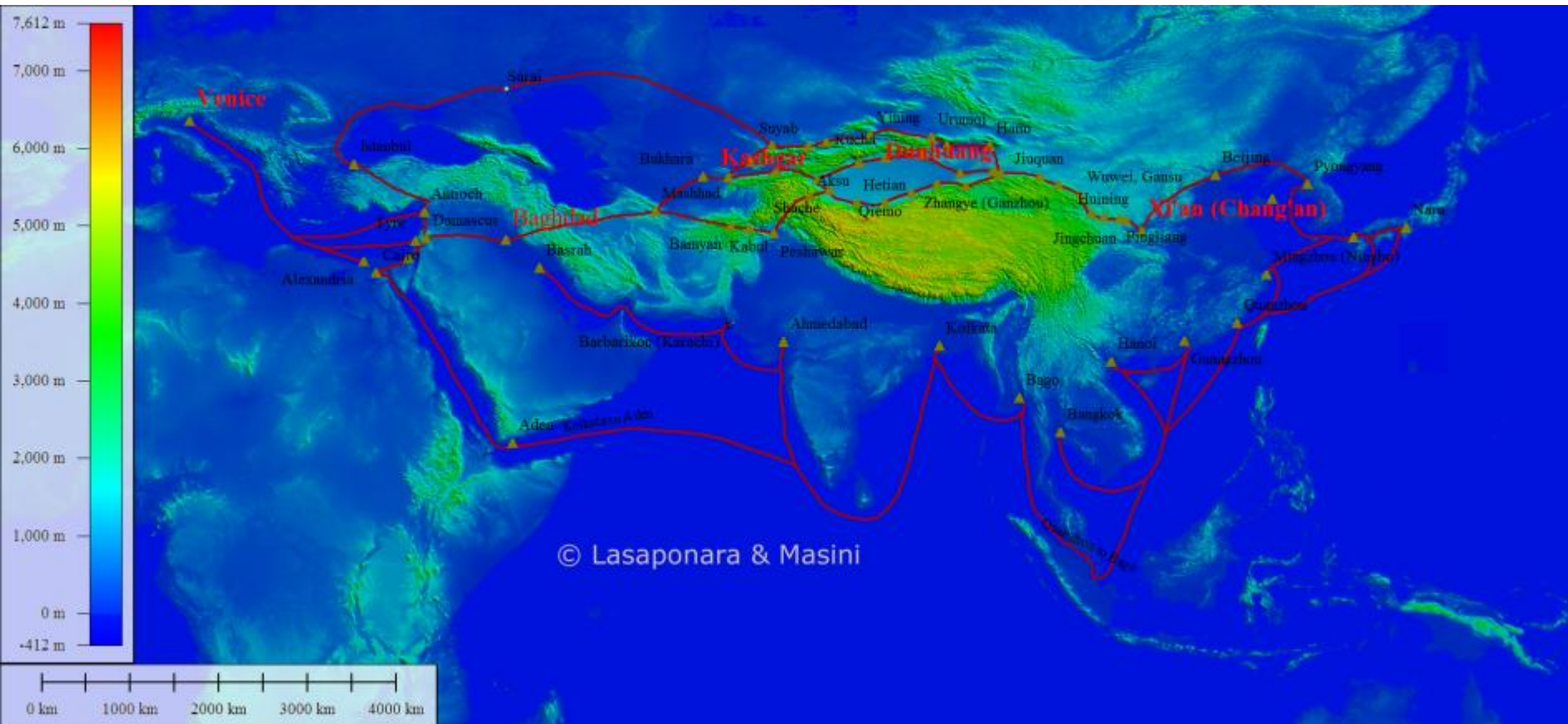
The Chang'an-Tianshan Corridor stretches 5,000 kilometres from Chang'an/Luoyang, the central capital of China in the Han and Tang Dynasties, to the Zhetysu Region of Central Asia.

It took shape between the 2nd century BC and 1st century AD and remained in use until the 16th century, linking multiple civilizations, and facilitating far-reaching exchanges of activities in trade, religious beliefs, scientific knowledge, technological innovation, cultural practices and the arts.

To support this, the 'Roadmap for Development' was developed to achieve mutual goals for sustainable growth, community development, heritage management and conservation on the Silk Road Heritage Corridors.



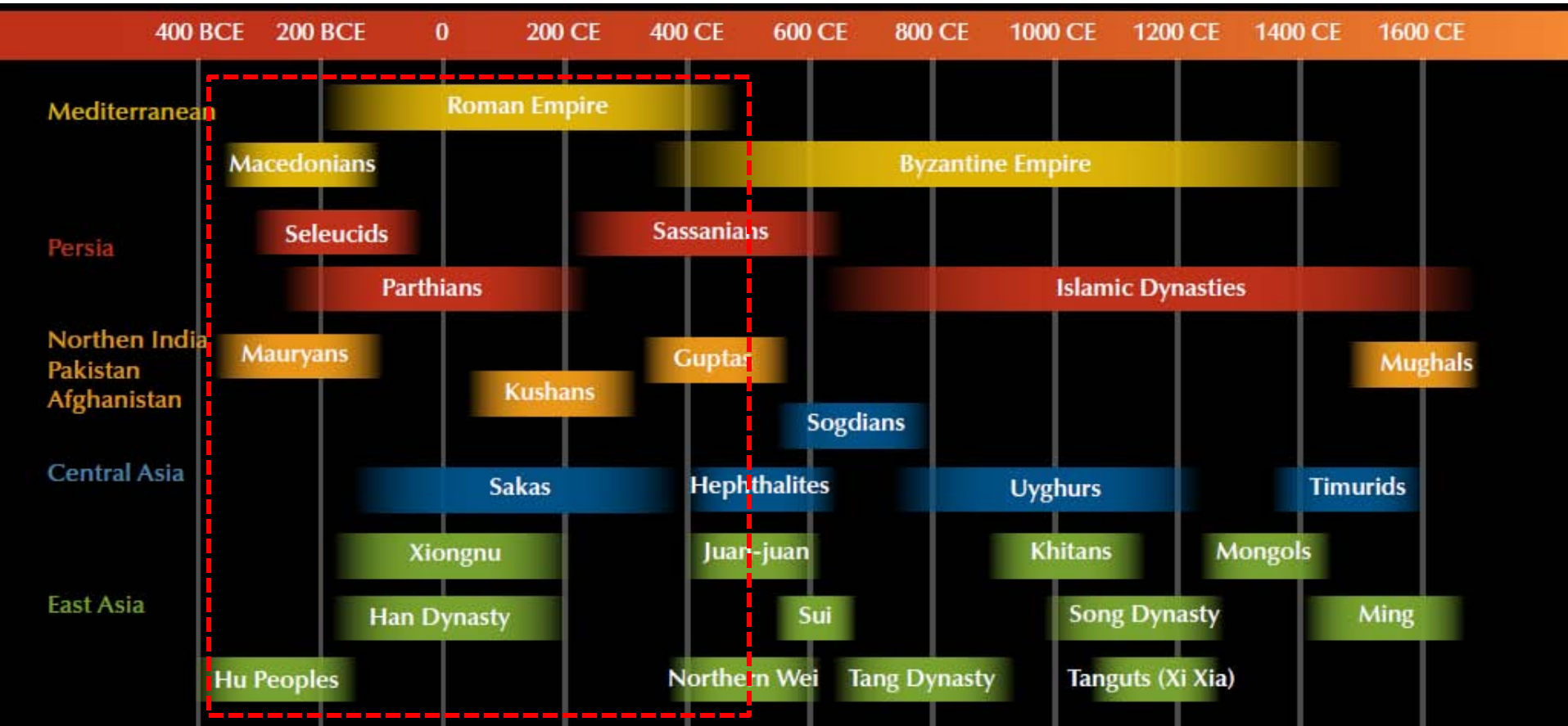
# Introduction



Terrestrial and maritime Silk Road system from SRTM

Trade and cultural exchanges over time between civilizations and countries of Central Asia, Middle East, Europe and Northern Africa made also use of a system of **land and maritime routes**, based on a dense network of harbours, docks and anchorages, that formed the extreme western part of the 'Global' Silk Road.

# SILK ROAD TIME LINE

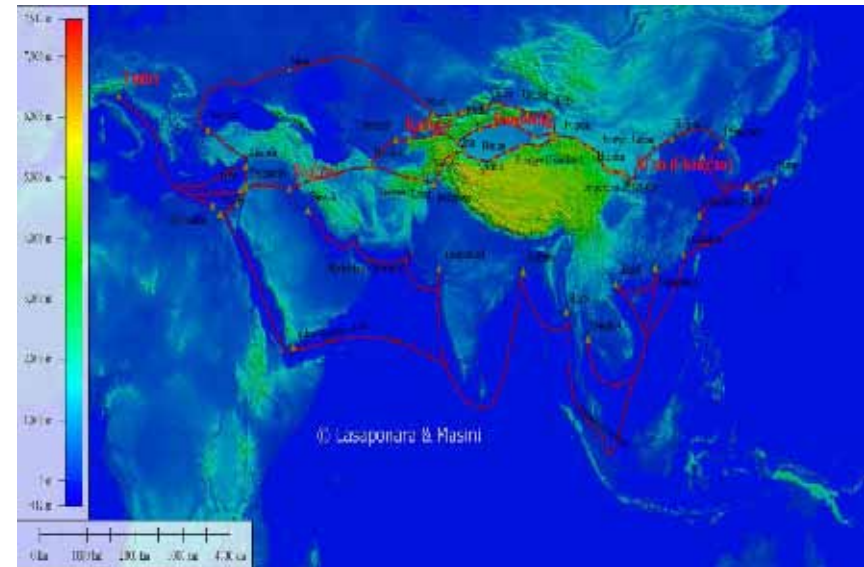


Anne Marie Kane, after Daniel C. Waugh

Conventional histories of the Silk Roads stop with the European Age of Discovery and the opening of maritime routes to the East in the late 15th century. Of course, there had already long been extensive maritime trade [**since ancient times**] between the Middle East, South Asia, Southwest Asia, and East Asia. (Waugh 2007)

# One Belt, One Road” new “Silk Road”

- The Silk Road indicates a series of trade and cultural transmission routes connecting China to Europe, (UNESCO in 2014). The Chinese government launched the “One Belt, One Road” as new “Silk Road” aimed at accelerate the Asian financial integration, trade liberalization, and people-to-people connectivity.
- “Belt” indicates a planned network of road and rail routes, oil and natural gas pipelines, and other infrastructures from Xi’an in central China, through Central Asia, to Moscow, Rotterdam and Venice.
- As the artery for the implementation of the Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB) initiative in China, archaeological heritages on the Silk Road have become a public concern and its conservation was achieved significantly through multi-disciplinary investigation.



# List of World Heritage in Danger



<http://whc.unesco.org/en/danger/>



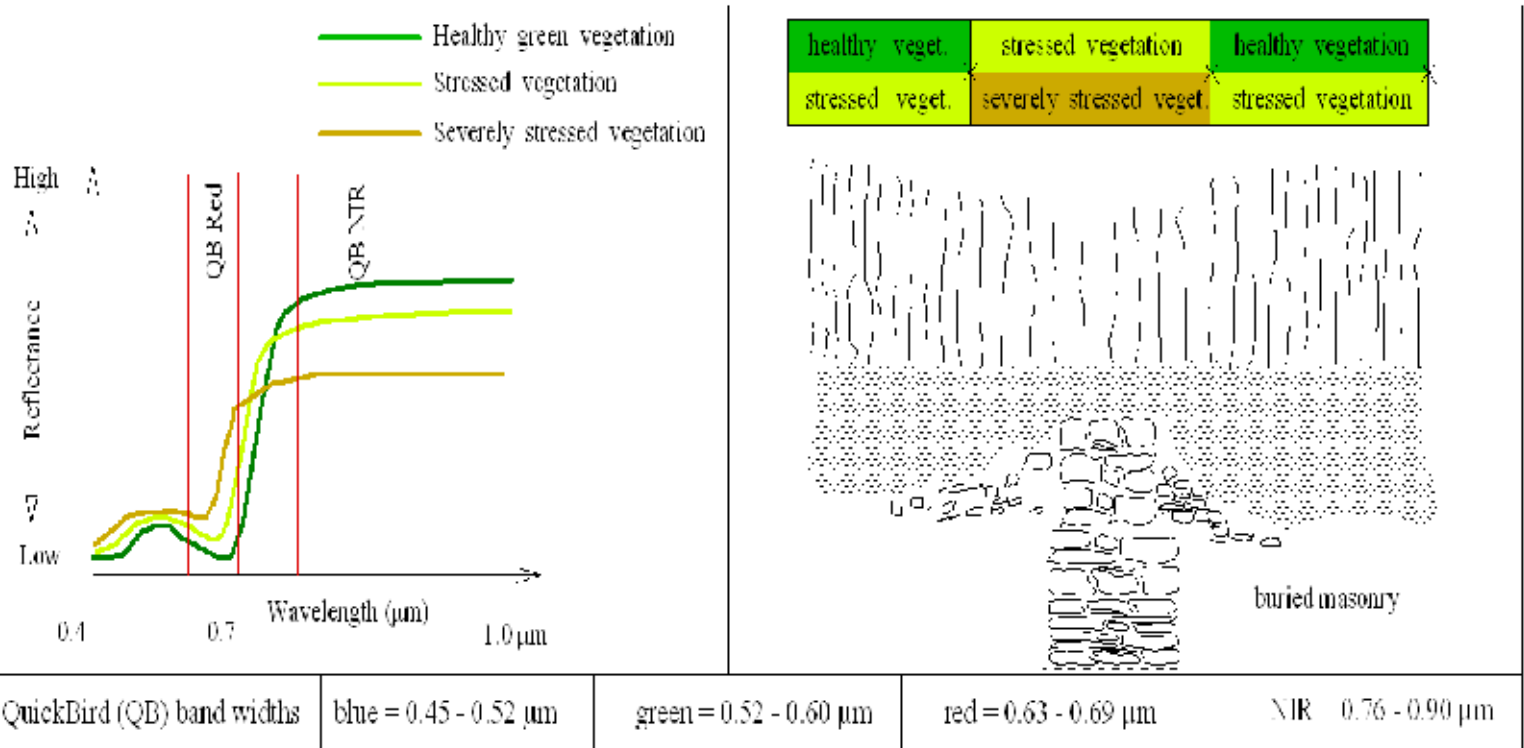
- **How select the most appropriate technology and methodology?**
- **Is the technological potential of EO exploited for CH and Archaeology?**
- **Which are the physical parameters more significant for the identification of archaeological buried remains**
- **Are there models set to identify and analyze archaeological buried remains?**
- **How manage costs, time, information content?**
- **What is the added value of active data (LiDAR and SAR)**
- **Do user friendly and/or low cost affect the quality of information content for Cultural Heritage application ?**



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# Information Extraction: physical basis for the detection of buried remains using optical data

Archaeological marks detection based on optical multispectral data



Lasaponara and Masini, 2007,

[Detection of archaeological crop marks by using satellite QuickBird multispectral imagery](#)

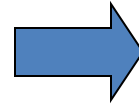
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Features related to buried structures of archaeological interest

Crop-marks

Soil-marks

Shadow-marks

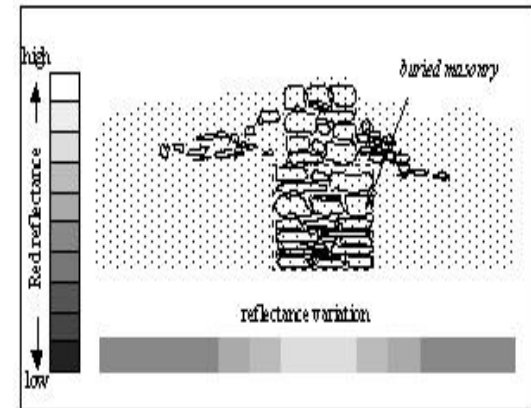
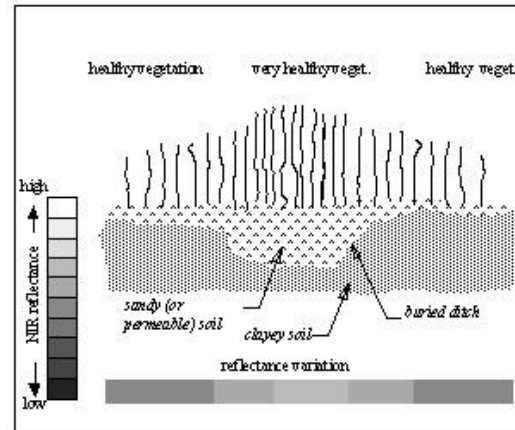
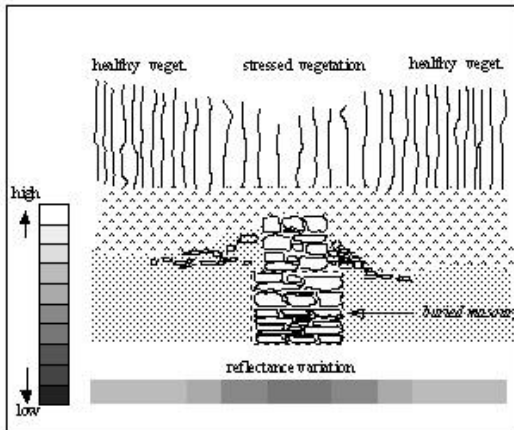
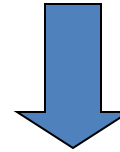


- Changes of soil constituents
- Variations of moisture content
- Nutrient deficiencies
- Differences in the plant growth

Archaeological deposit  
(negative/positive) cause



These variations induce  
changes in spectral response of  
surfaces



Lasaponara and Masini, 2005,

[QuickBird-based analysis for the spatial characterization of archaeological sites: Case study of the Monte Serico medieval village](#) Geophysical research letters 32 (12)

# SAR technology

## an underexploited source of information for Archaeology

❑ Even if today a huge amount of SAR data are available, they are still underexploited in the archaeological operative practice.

❑ WHY?



❑ the difficulty in interpreting the data, even though they are finely processed, and thus generating skepticism among archaeologists  
❑ and the belief that the complexity of this technology is not proportional to its real usefulness in archaeology.

Efforts are needed for improving the ability to interpret the radar data, with the support of archaeological data source and additional information obtainable by other remote sensing methods (optical/geophysical)

Integrated approach along selected silk road sites

Hierapolis case study herein presented

- **What is the added value of active data as SAR?**



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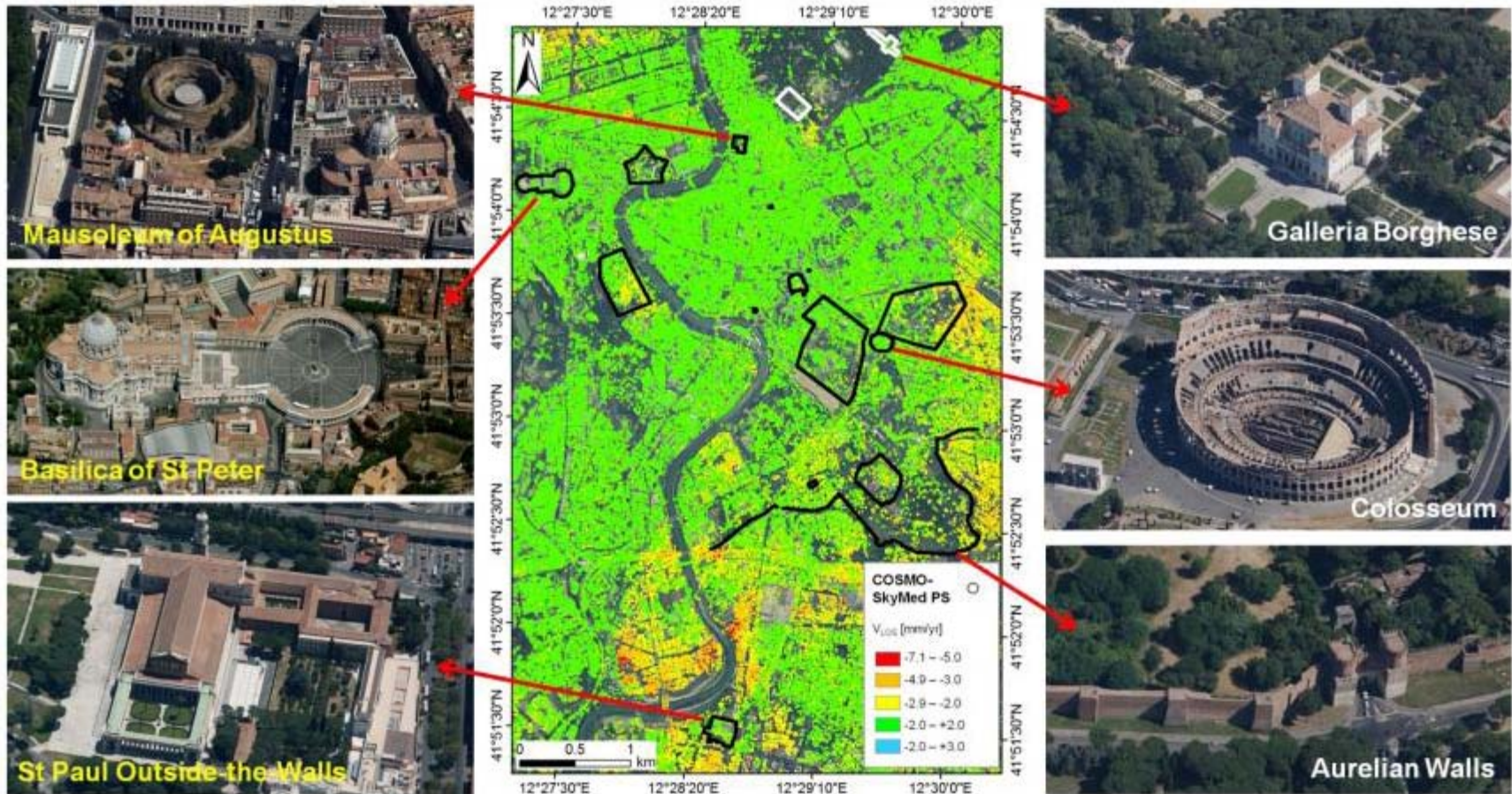
Investigated areas: Xinjiang and Gansu section in China

- **What is the added value of active data as SAR?**



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# SUBSIDENCE MONITORING BY SAR INTERFEROMETRY





# Rome Site

- EO data

Image acquisition  
dates (yyyy/mm/dd)

2008/05/07  
2008/05/31  
2008/06/24  
2008/07/18  
2008/08/11  
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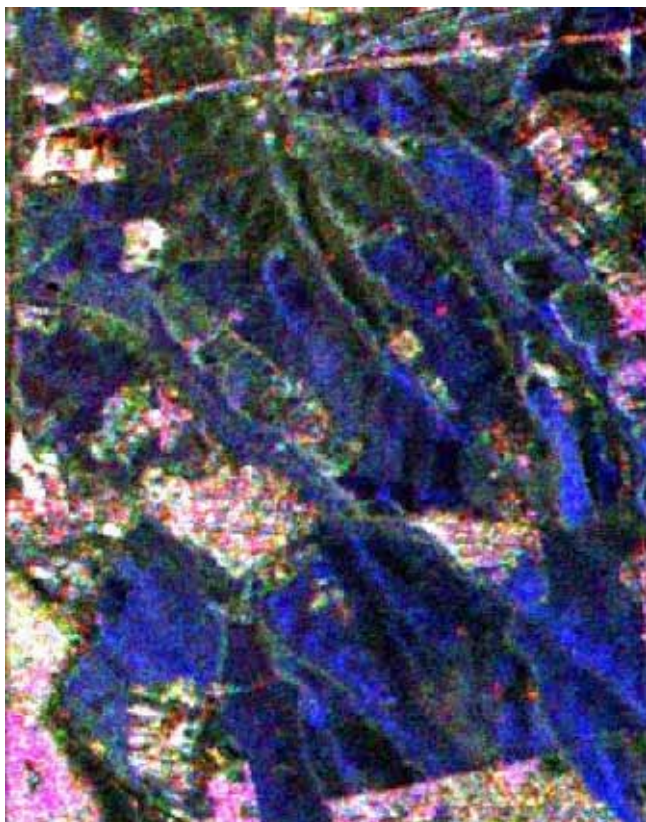
The dataset for the Rome site consists of 10 Radarsat-2 Fine Quad images.

Obtained through the University of Tor Vergata via the Science and Operational Application Research (SOAR) project 1488 and SOAR-EU Project 6795 of the RADARSAT-2 program.

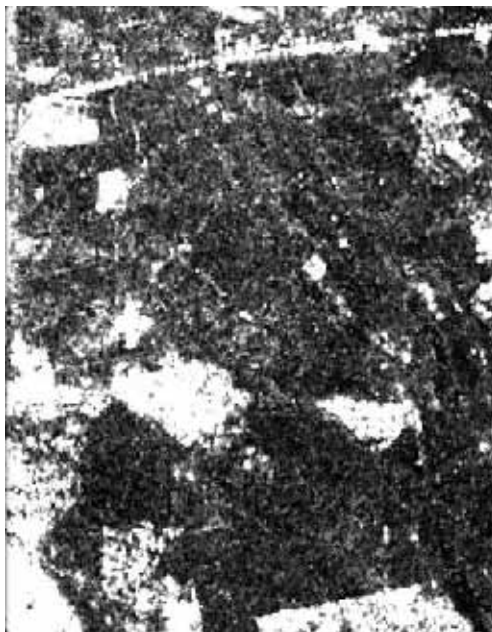
The data is in Single Look Complex (SLC) format.

Google Earth acquisitions of **2007/07/29** and **2009/03/10** used for comparison.

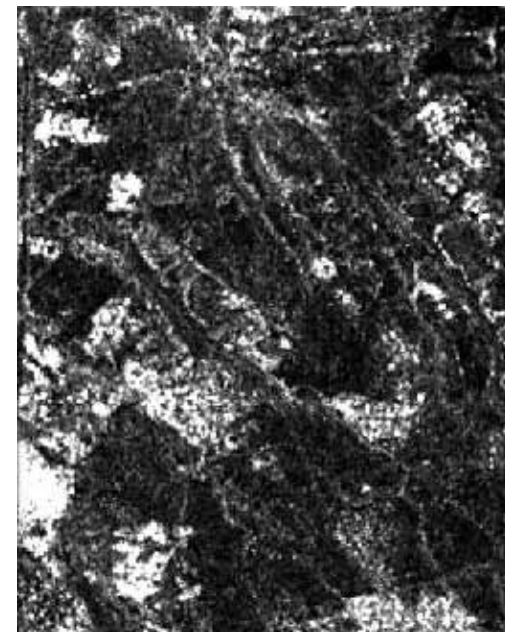
| Beam | Near Incidence Angle | Far Incidence Angle | Nominal Near Resolution | Nominal Far Resolution |
|------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
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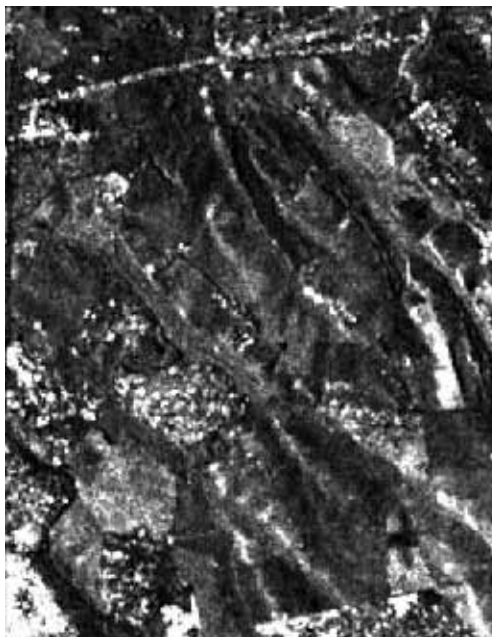
Krogager decomposition elements:  
Red=Diplane, Green=Helix, Blue=Sphere.



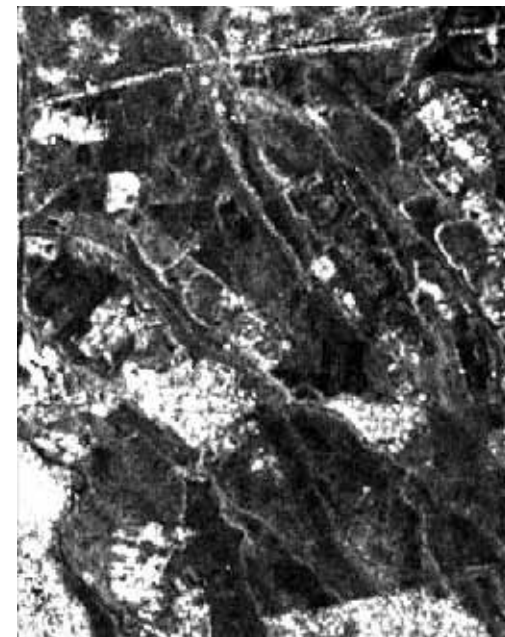
Yamaguchi 4: Double bounce



Yamaguchi 4: Helix scattering

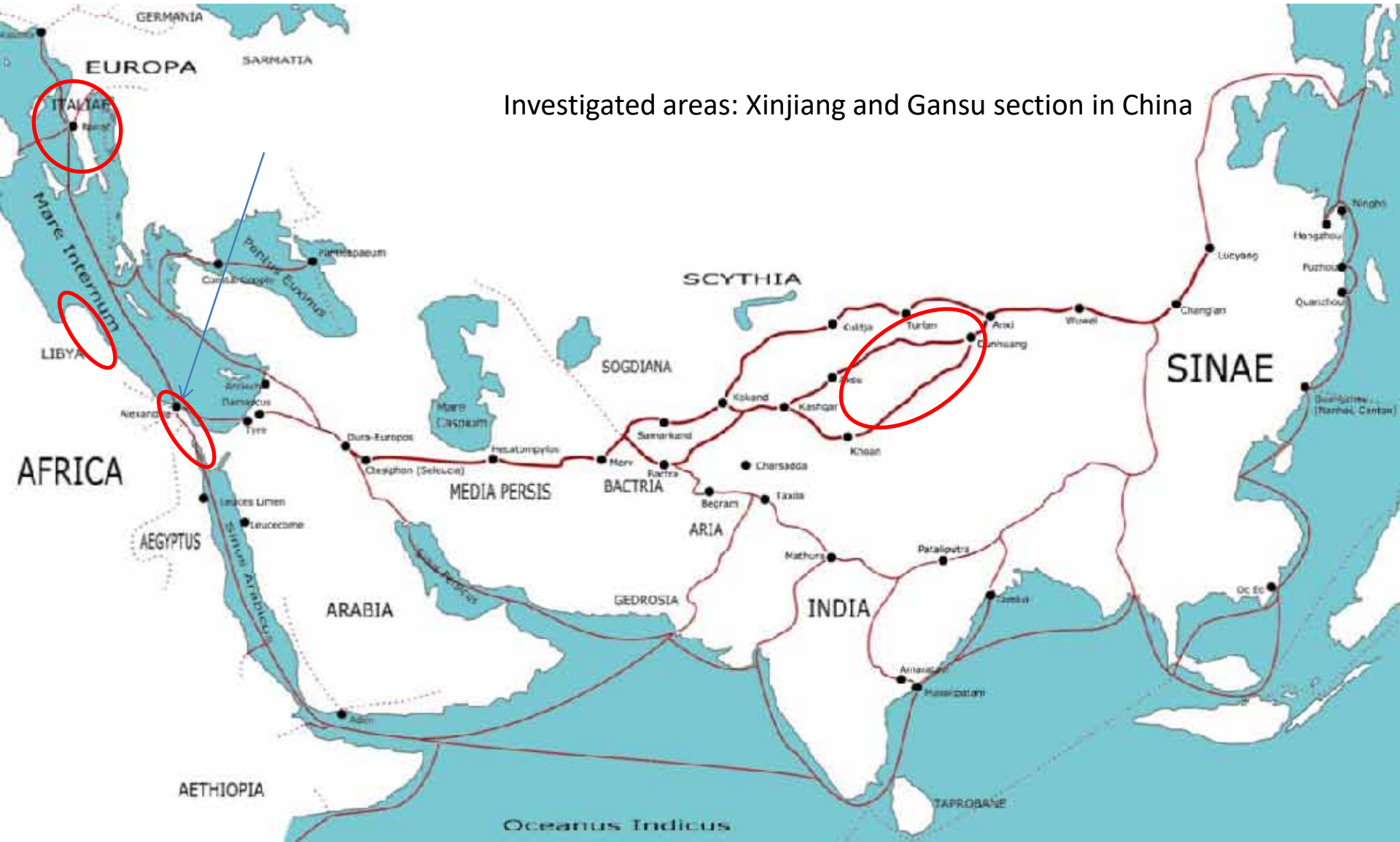


Yamaguchi 4: Odd bounce



Yamaguchi 4: Volume scattering

Investigated areas: Xinjiang and Gansu section in China



# Archaeological Site of Pelusium

Sum of 2 PALSAR dual  
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Images acquired on  
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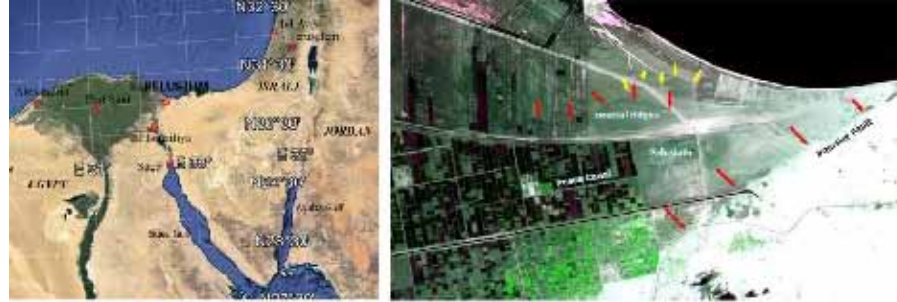
Optical image acquired on 1  
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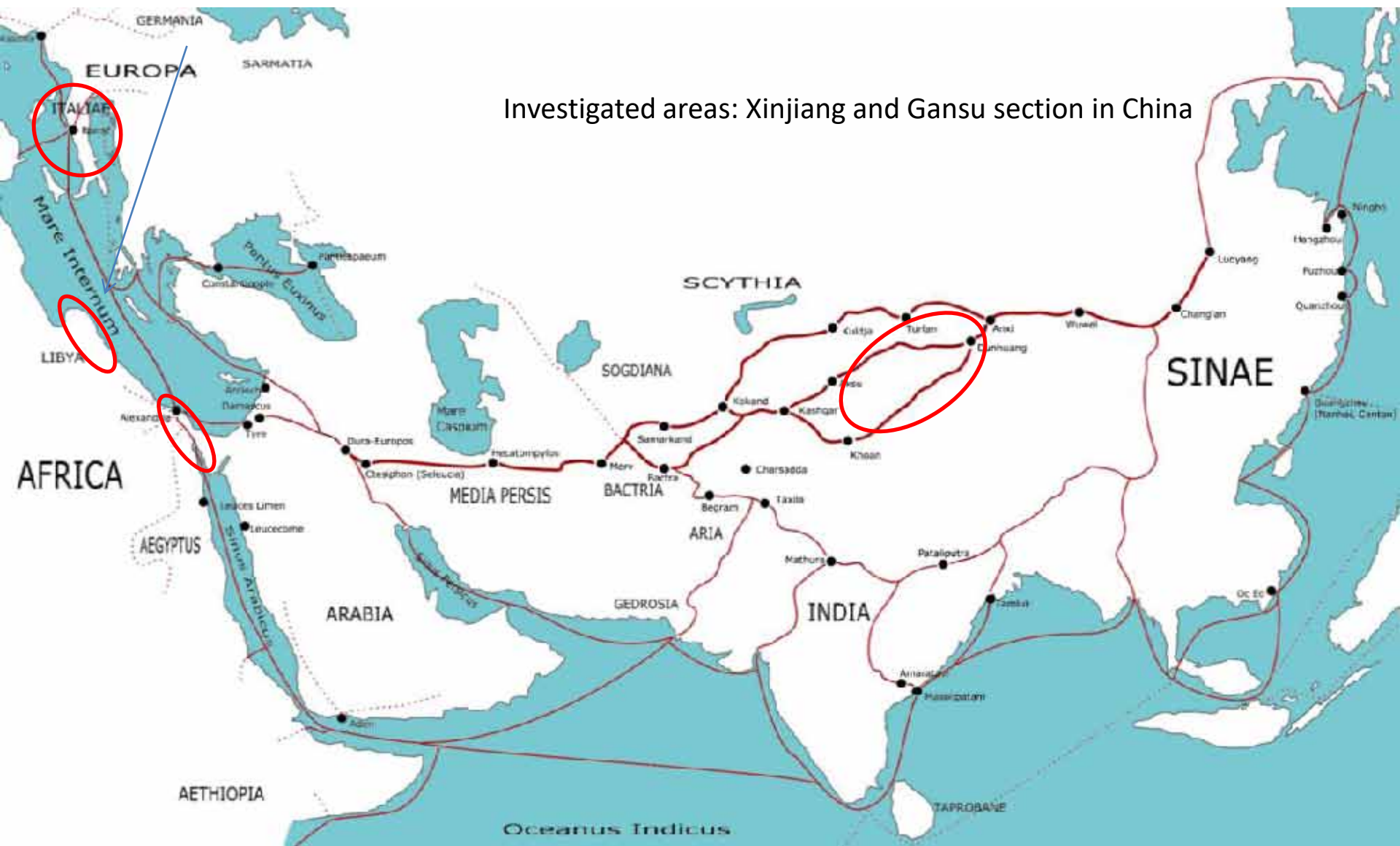
# Visual comparison of Very high resolution optical and SAR data. The case of Pelusium (Egypt)



Additional details in

C Stewart, R Lasaponara, G Schiavon 2013  
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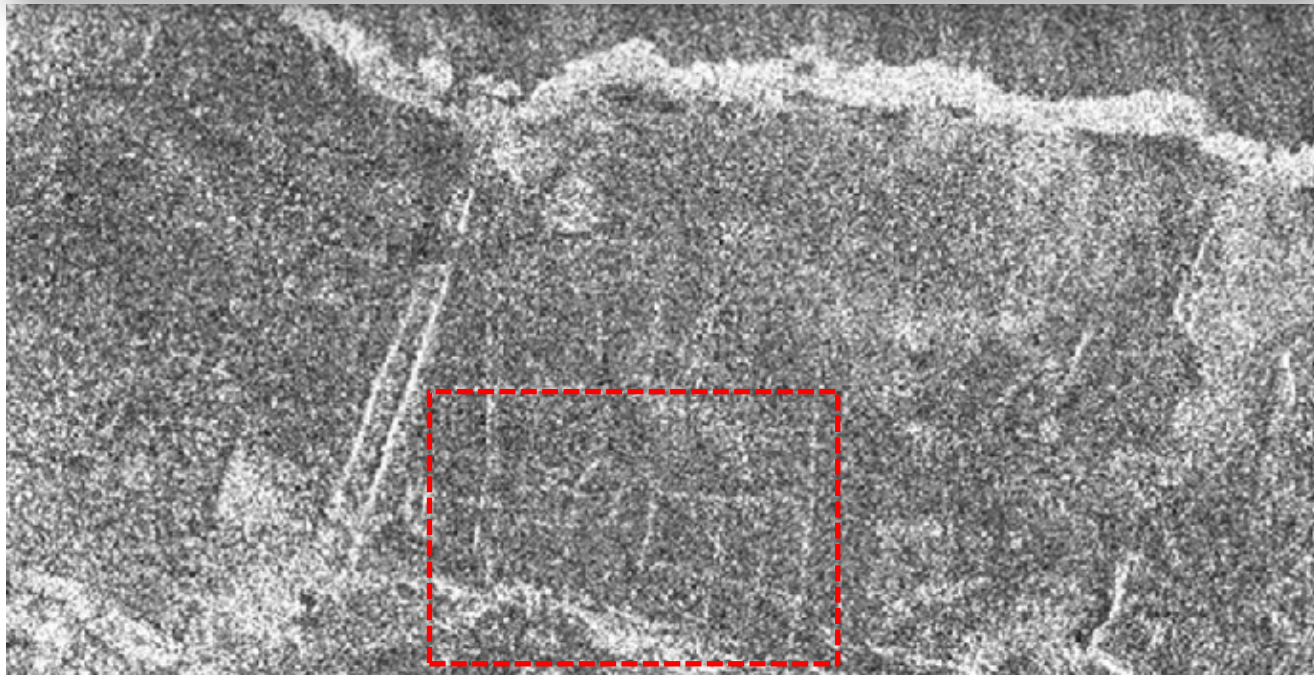


Investigated areas: Xinjiang and Gansu section in China

Pleiades 1A  
(2013-03-02)



Cosmo SkyMed  
Spotlight



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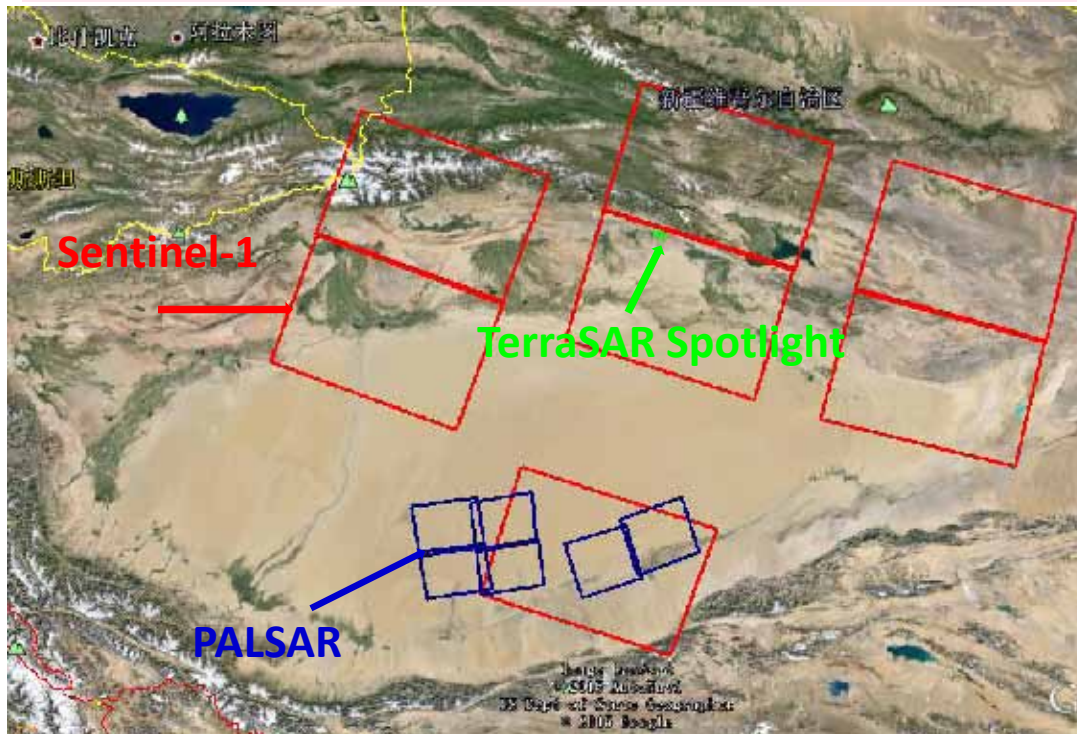


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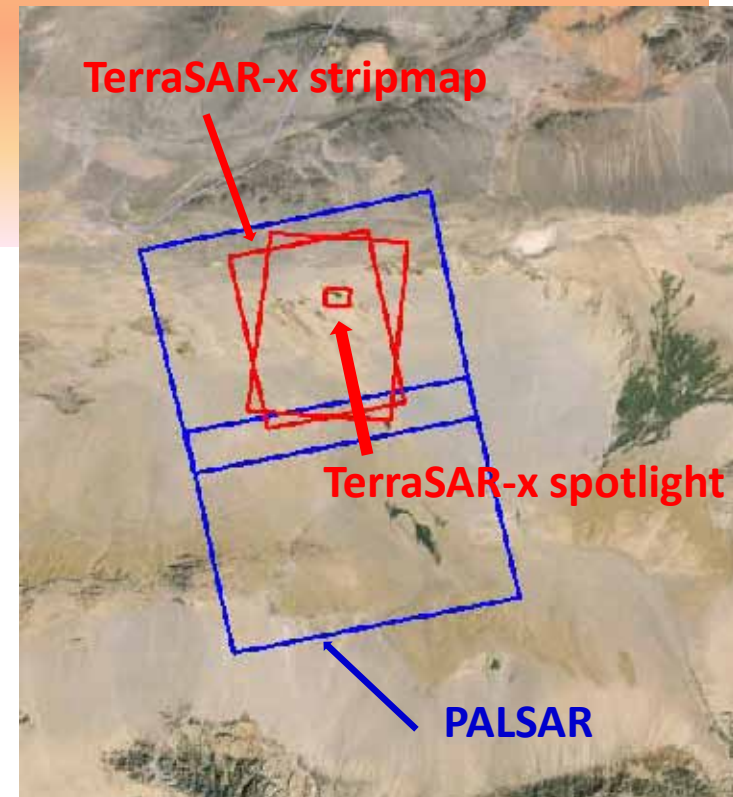
## Gansu section

- 12 scenes of L-band PALSAR data in Yumen Frontier Pass and Yang Frontier Pass
- 3 scenes of X-band TerraSAR data (2 stripmap and 1 spotlight) in Yumen Frontier Pass
- 8 scenes of Sentinel-1 IW (7 dual polar and 1 single polar)
- 45 scenes of Chinese Gaofen-1 Optical remote sensing images (2 m Pan with 8 m multi-spectral)

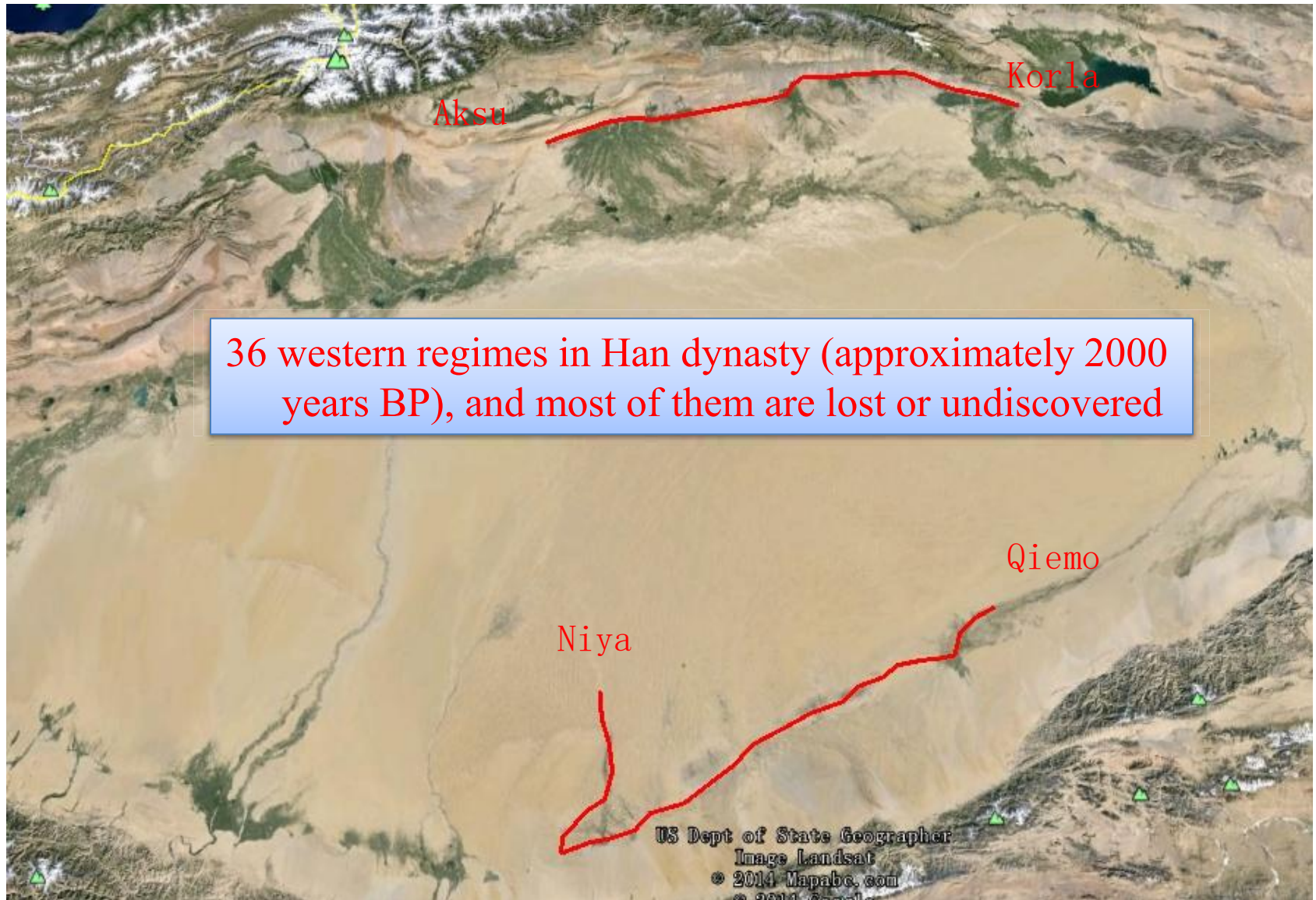


## Xinjiang section

- 12 scenes of L-band PALSAR data
- 1 scene of X-band spotlight TerraSAR data



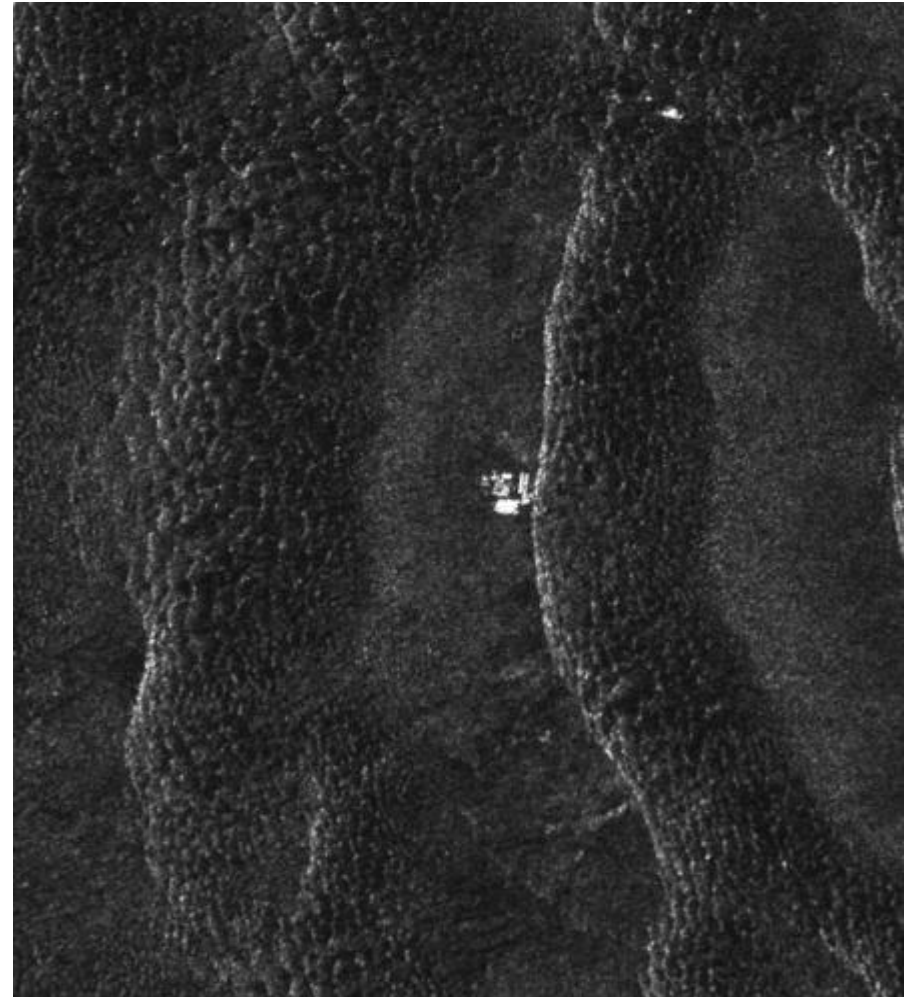
# Xinjiang (Uygur Autonomous Region) Section of Silk Road



**Suspected features were detected by SAR backscattering for searching the lost city of Qiyemo country (one of 36 regimes)**

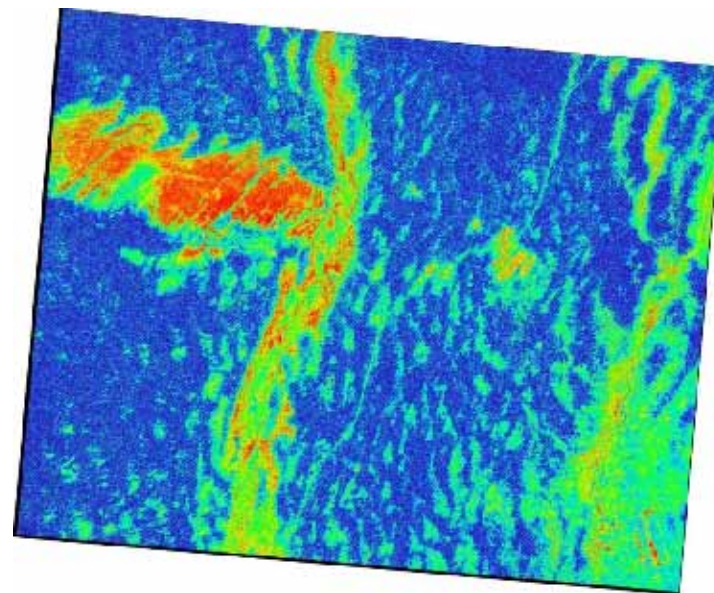
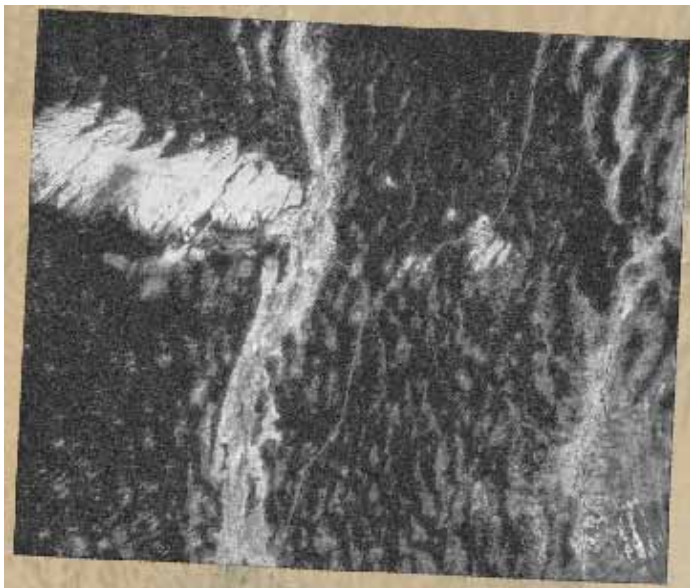


L-band PALSAR (acquired in 2009)



C-band Sentinel-1 (acquired in 2015)

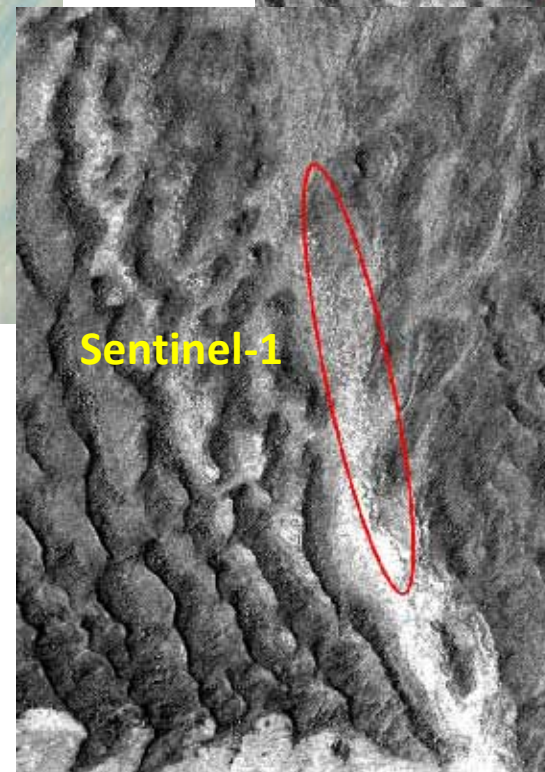
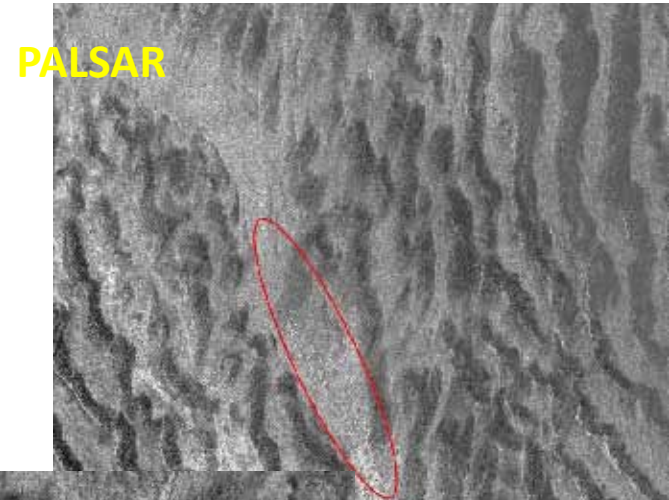
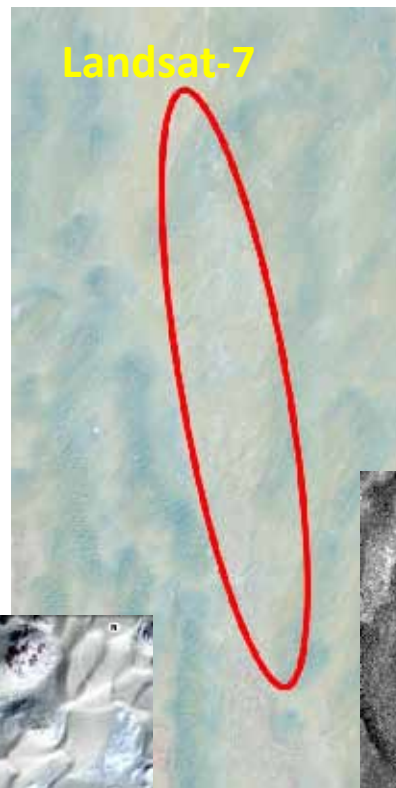
## The comparison of Amplitude and coherence image of PALSAR data in Niya ruin



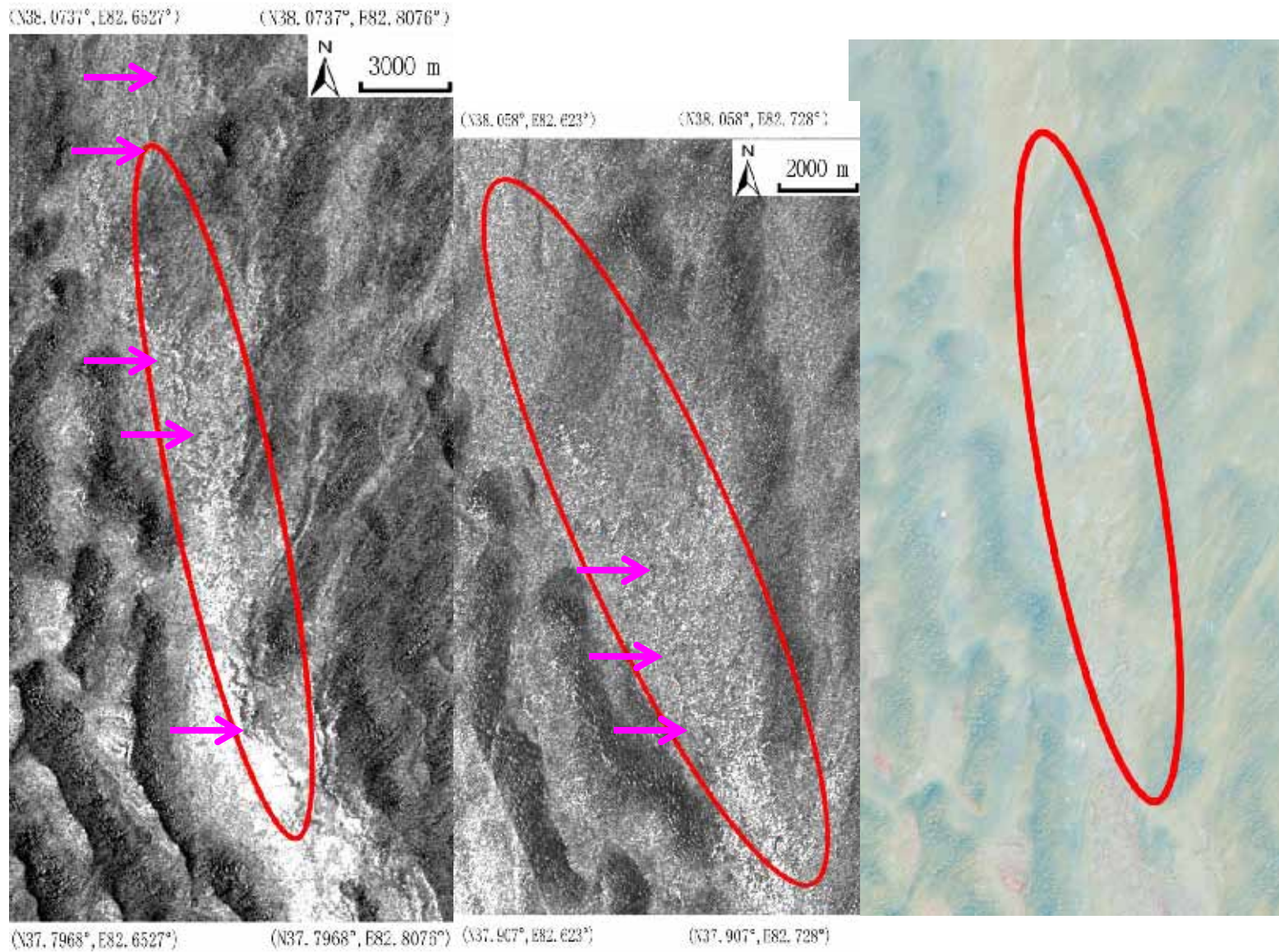
The variation of coherence is closely related to the physical parameters of observed surface, e.g. soil moisture, mild-relief as well as materials; and consequently it is useful for the relic feature enhancement and identification



# Archaeology investigation in Niya ruin using multi-source remote sensing data



# Ancient Riverbank detection using SAR and optical remote sensing data



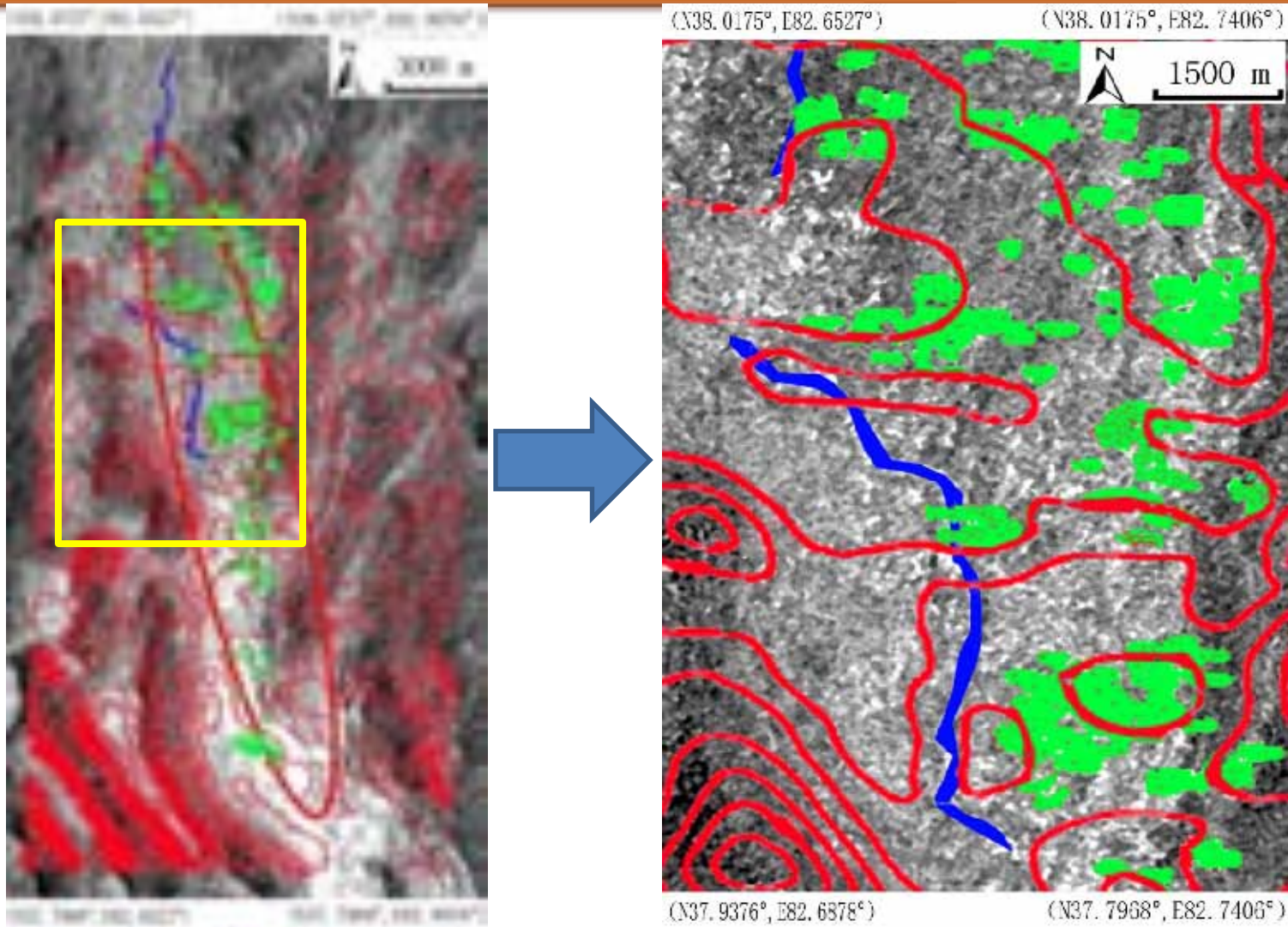
Compared with optical TM data, ancient bank of Niya river was detected by SAR images marked by the pink arrows. (higher performance of Sentinel vs. PALSAR)

Sentinel-1 VV

PALSAR HH

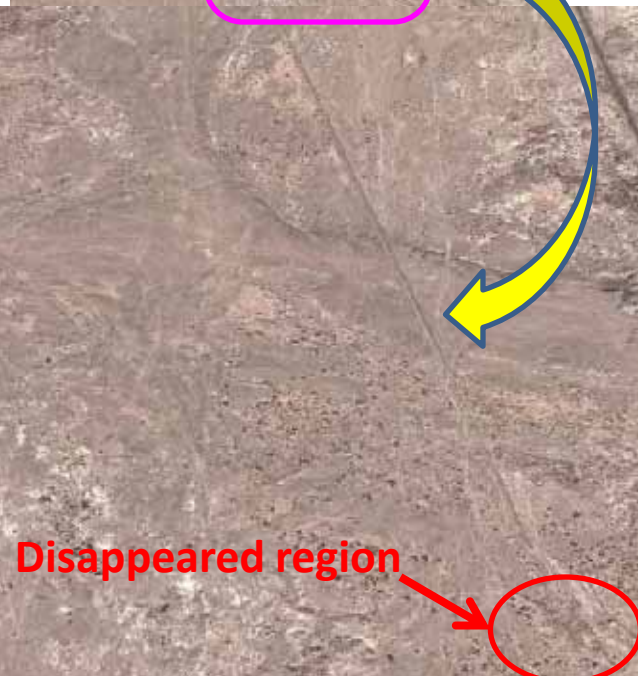
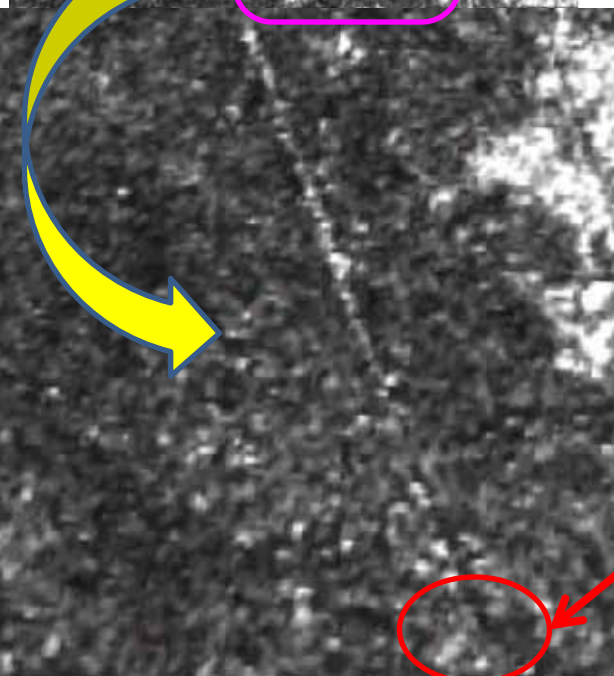
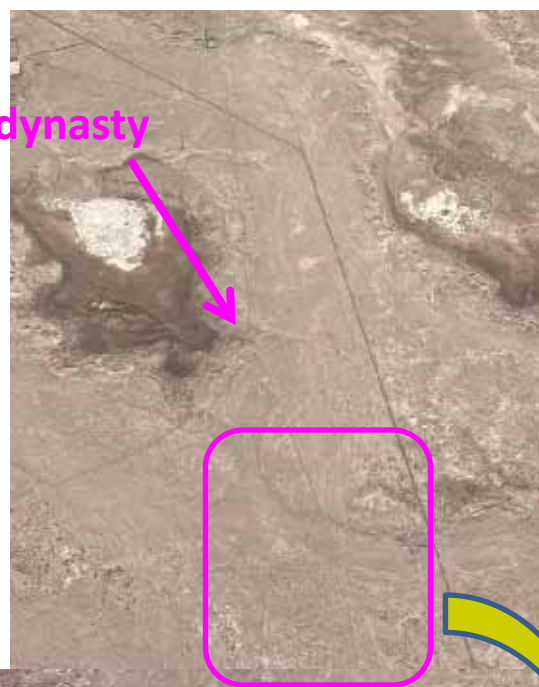
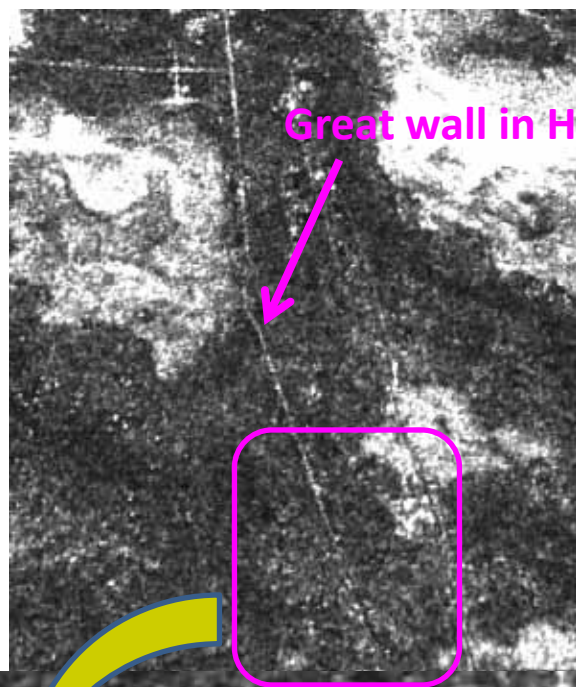
Landsat-7

## Spatial distribution relationship between archaeological features and suspected bank



Archaeological features locate on the right side of the suspected bank, highly probably corresponding to the river terrace. Suspected Riverbank marked by blue lines. Terrain and archaeological features are marked by red contour lines and green patches.

# Penetration performance of PALSAR data in Yumen Frontier Pass



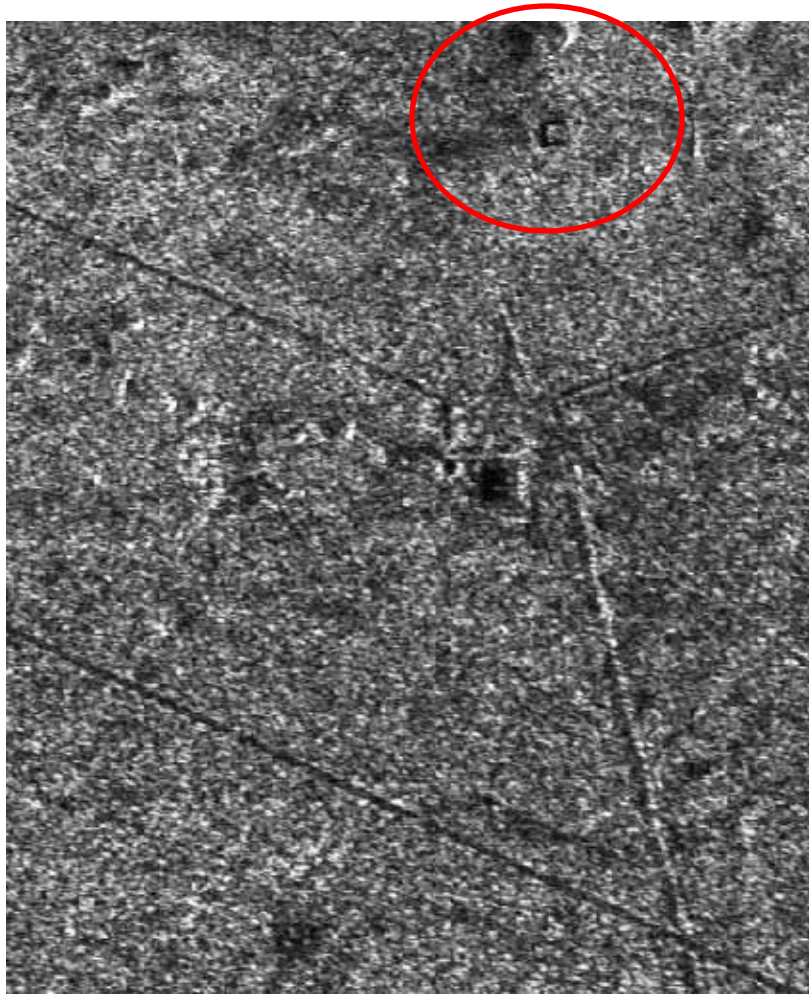
**Disappeared region**

Great Wall in Han dynasty disappear in both images, demonstrating the penetration capability of PALSAR is limited in this arid region with Yardang geological condition (compacted deposit surface layer with low porosity). However, more experiments are required for a comprehensive quantitative evaluation

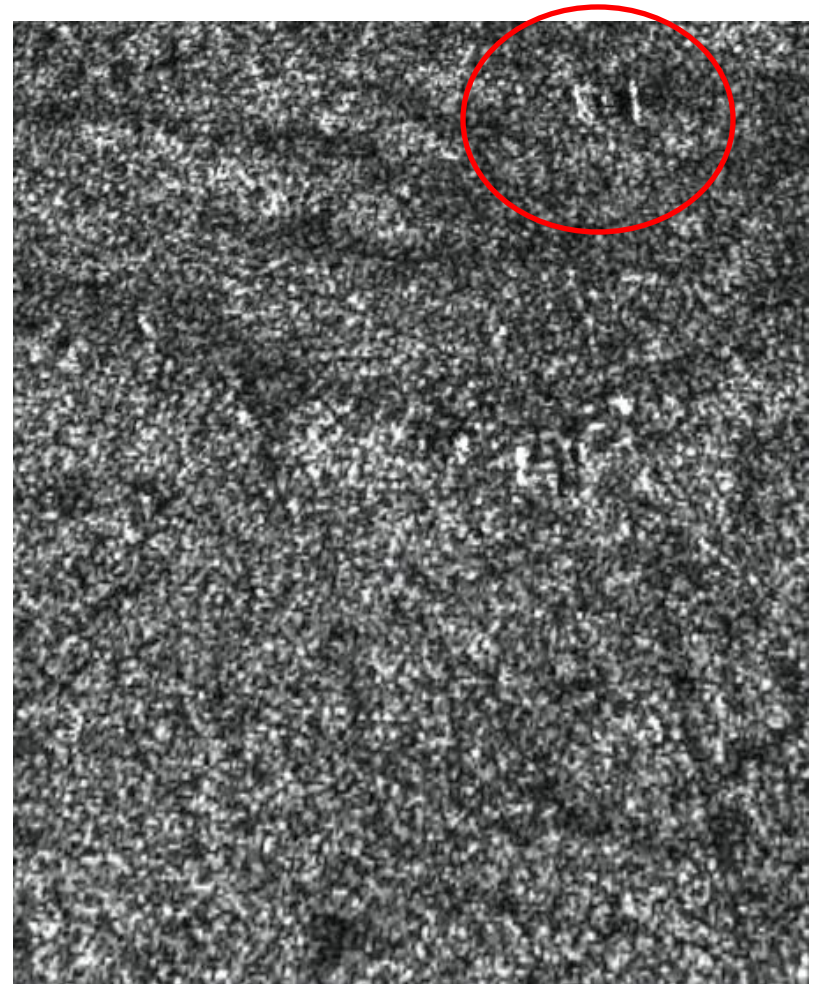
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## TerraSAR Spotlight (1m) VS. Stripmap (3m)



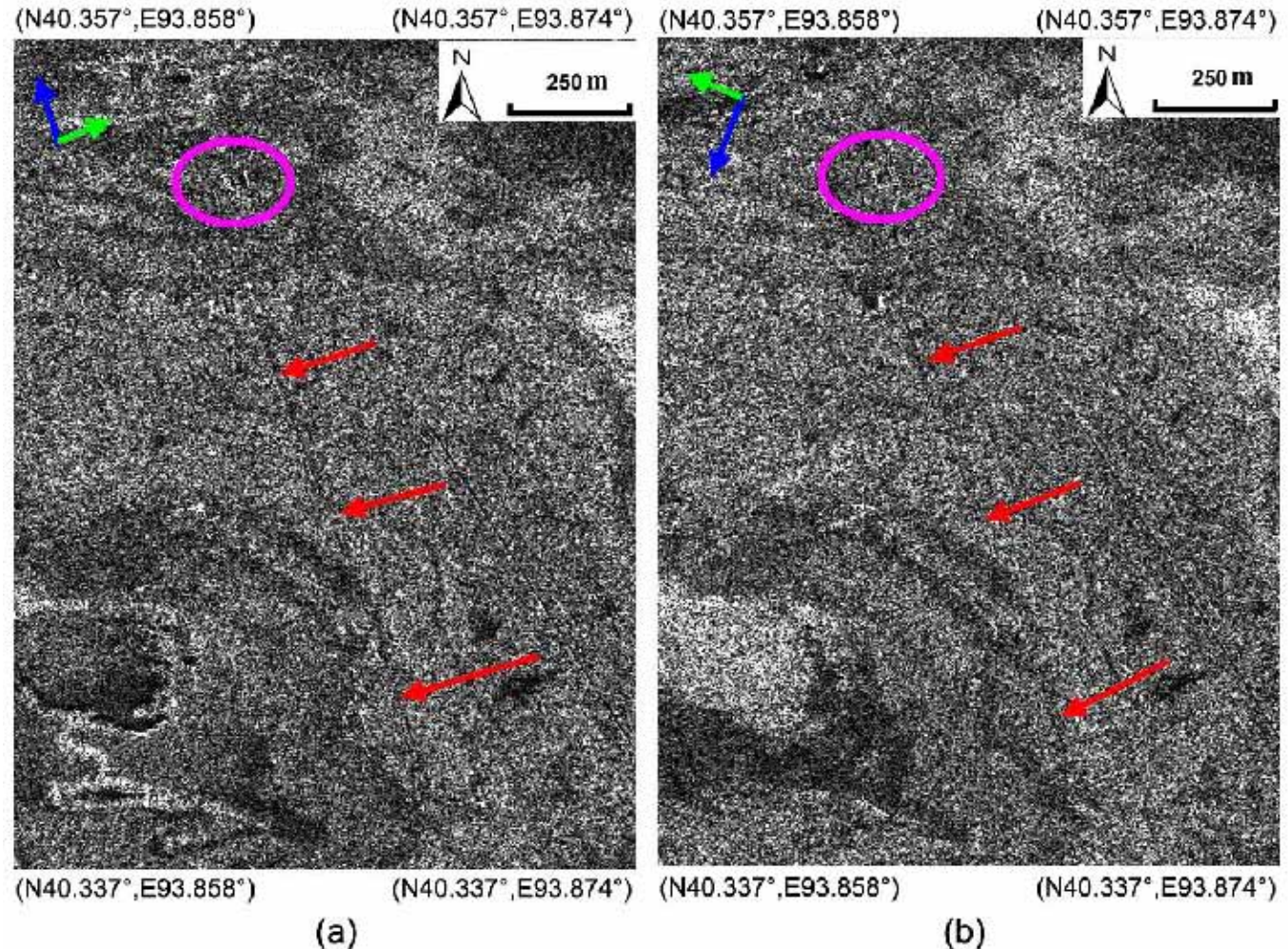
(a)



(b)

(a) Spotlight; (b) Stripmap. Archaeological features of Yumen Frontier Pass was highlighted by the red ellipse.

## TerraSAR Ascending VS. Descending path

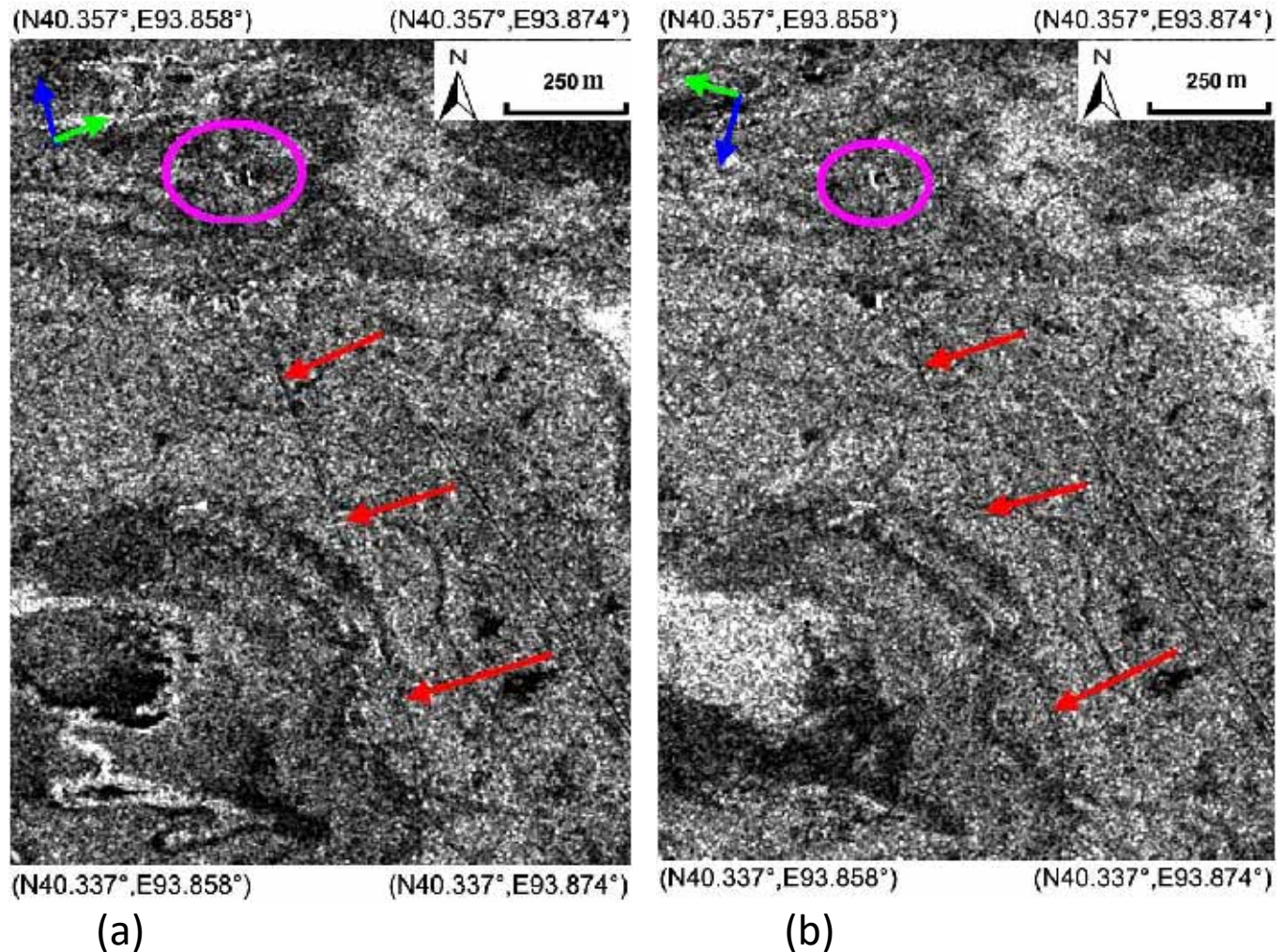


Two TerraSAR-X Stripmaps images (a) and (b) related to the same scene including the Great Wall in Han dynasty (marked by red arrows) and Yumen Frontier Pass (marked by the purple ellipse), and acquired in ascending and descending mode, respectively. The two data have been acquired on 28.04.2013 with 41° incidence angle and 23.09.2012 with 39° incidence angle, respectively.

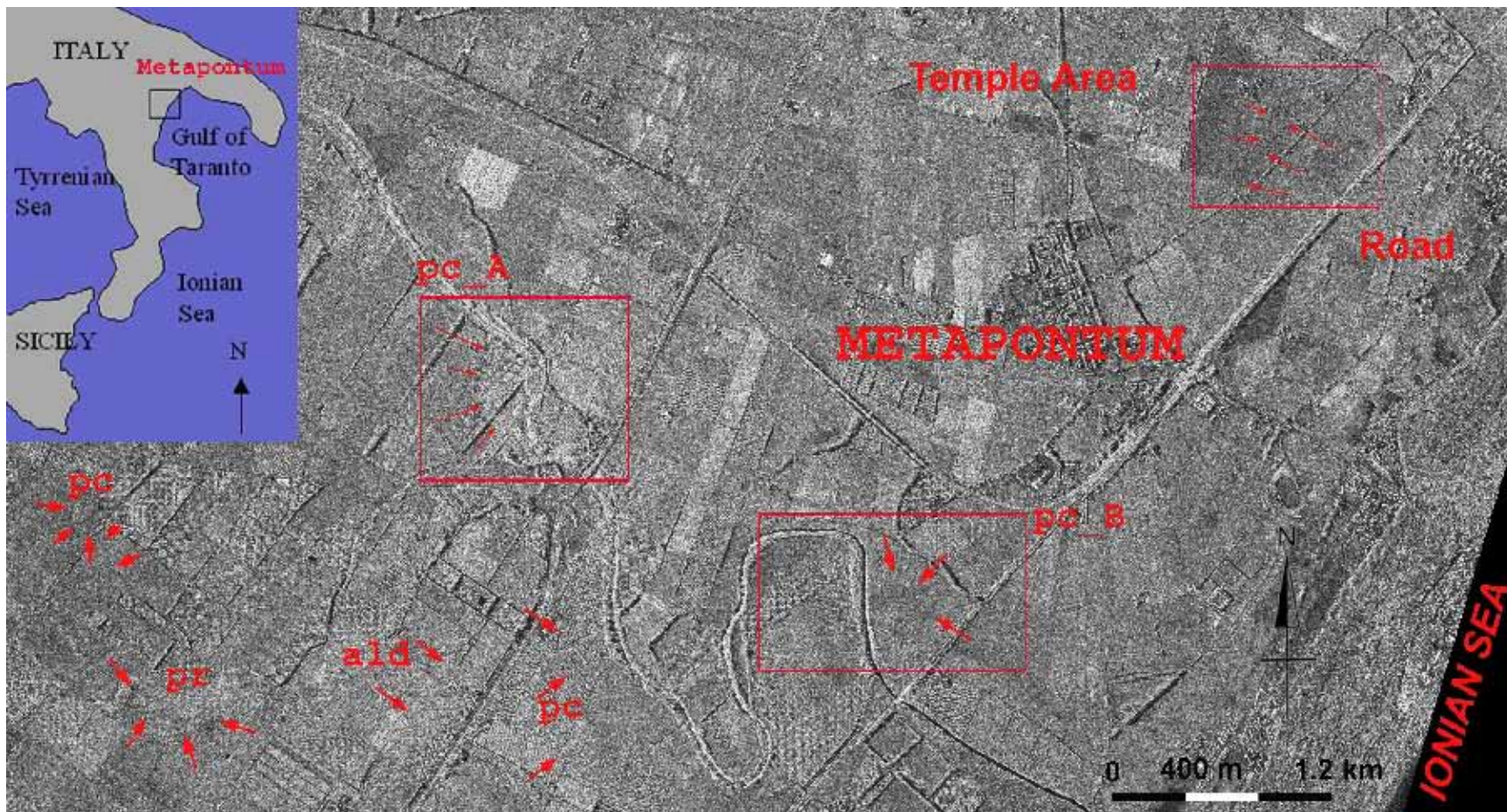
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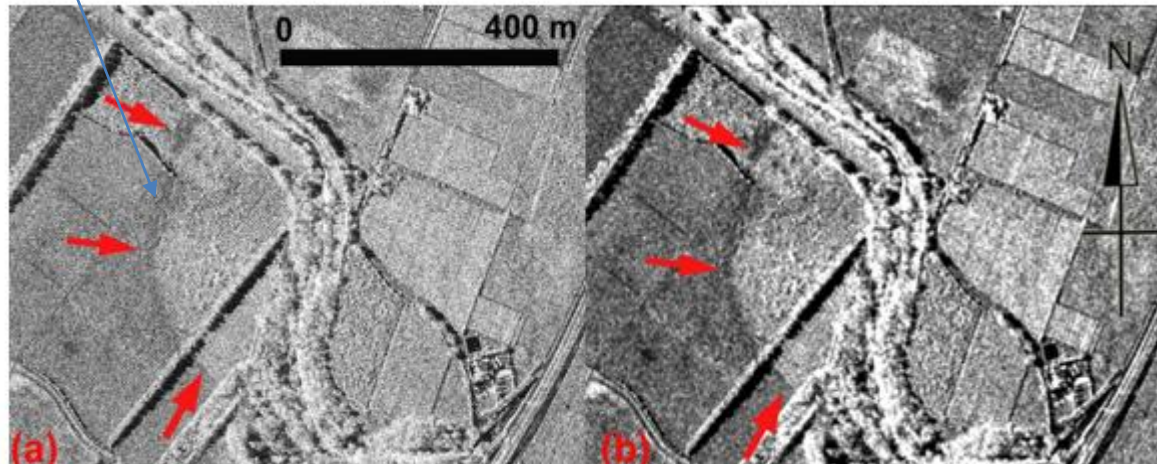
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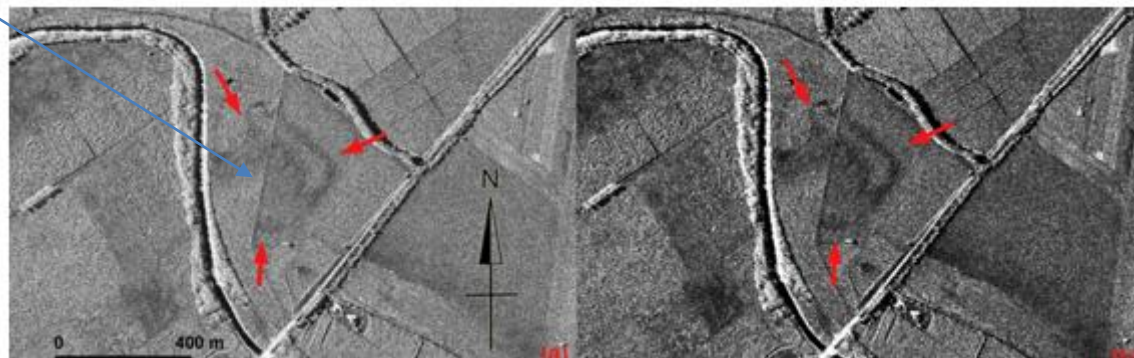


(a) Ascending of 20130428 with enhanced Lee filter; (b) Descending of 20120923 with enhanced Lee filter. The linear as well as rectangle archaeological features were more remarkable after speckle suppression using the 3\*3 enhance Lee filter.

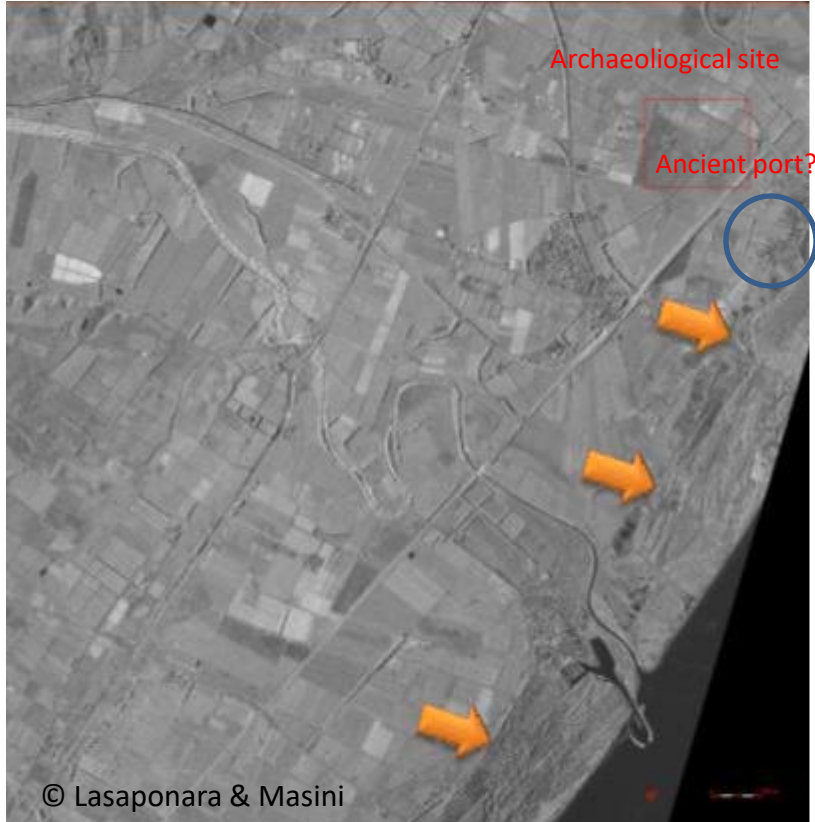




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# Metapontum Case Study



Cosmo SkyMed Spotlight : orange arrows denote the coastline in Metaponto was a greek and then roman site. At the age there was a port which si dated up to Middle Ages

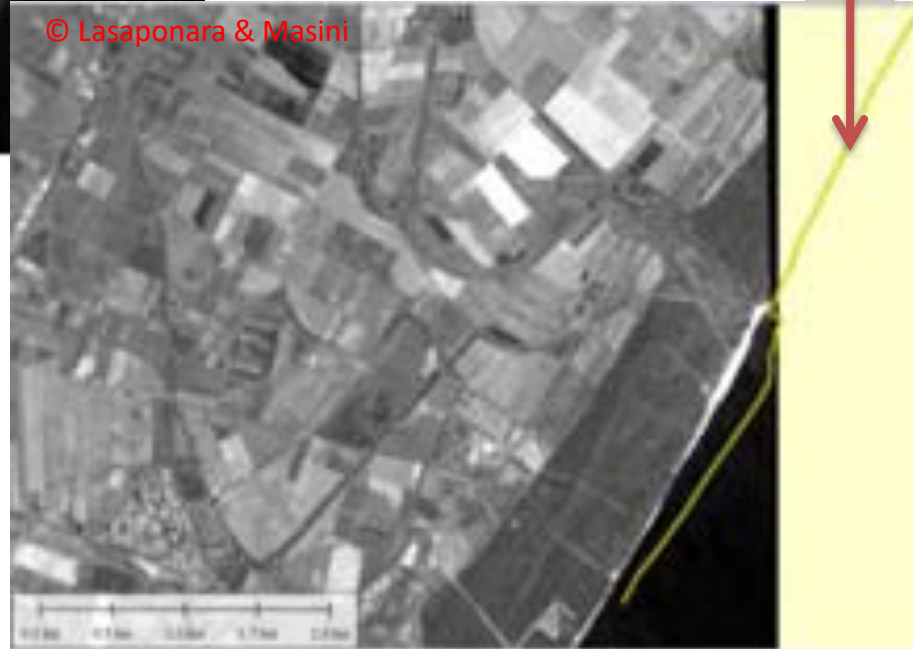
Some historical data on the movements of the coastline come from archeology. In particular, the inner dune belt, near the ancient Metaponto could be dated between the 7th and 3rd centuries BC. Just in this last century the dune was cut artificially, probably to facilitate the drainage of inland wetlands to the sea. This hypothesis supported by the presence of archaeological remains, possibly belonging to the old port, would lead us to suggest the presence of a nearby coast. Two other bands of dune ridges, which are located further inland, would be formed between the Roman period and the Middle Ages. As for the medieval coastline, some indications of its position may be derived from the remains in the mouth of Basento rivers, near a medieval village, named Torre Mare, that, around the twelfth or thirteenth century, had served as a port.

# Metapontum Case Study



1961 Satellite declassified Corona

1961 coastline



2004 Satellite QuickBird

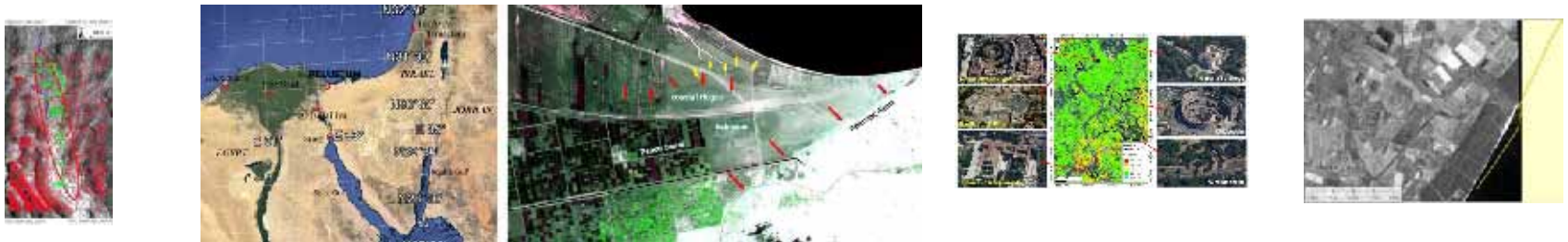
The multi-temporal analysis (1950, 1961, 2004, 2013) enabled to follow the changes of the Ionian coast that from the middle of the twentieth century was characterized by alternating phases of growth and regression. The latter prevails since the early 60s and continues today with varying rates of erosion

(a)



# Conclusion

- **Satellite SAR enabled us to identify new sites along the Silk Road**
- **Multitask use of satellite data from the identification of buried structures, to palaeoenvironmental reconstruction, (past , present shorelines for example) risk estimation**



- **Satellite SAR in Archaeology : Data processing issues**
  - Different approaches based on Multidate and single date analysis
  - Early Characterization of the impact of different parameters (penetration, resolution, geometric conditions-ascending versus descending) on the buried structured “visibility”



*Thank you*



# The Copernicus Programme and World Cultural Heritage preservation

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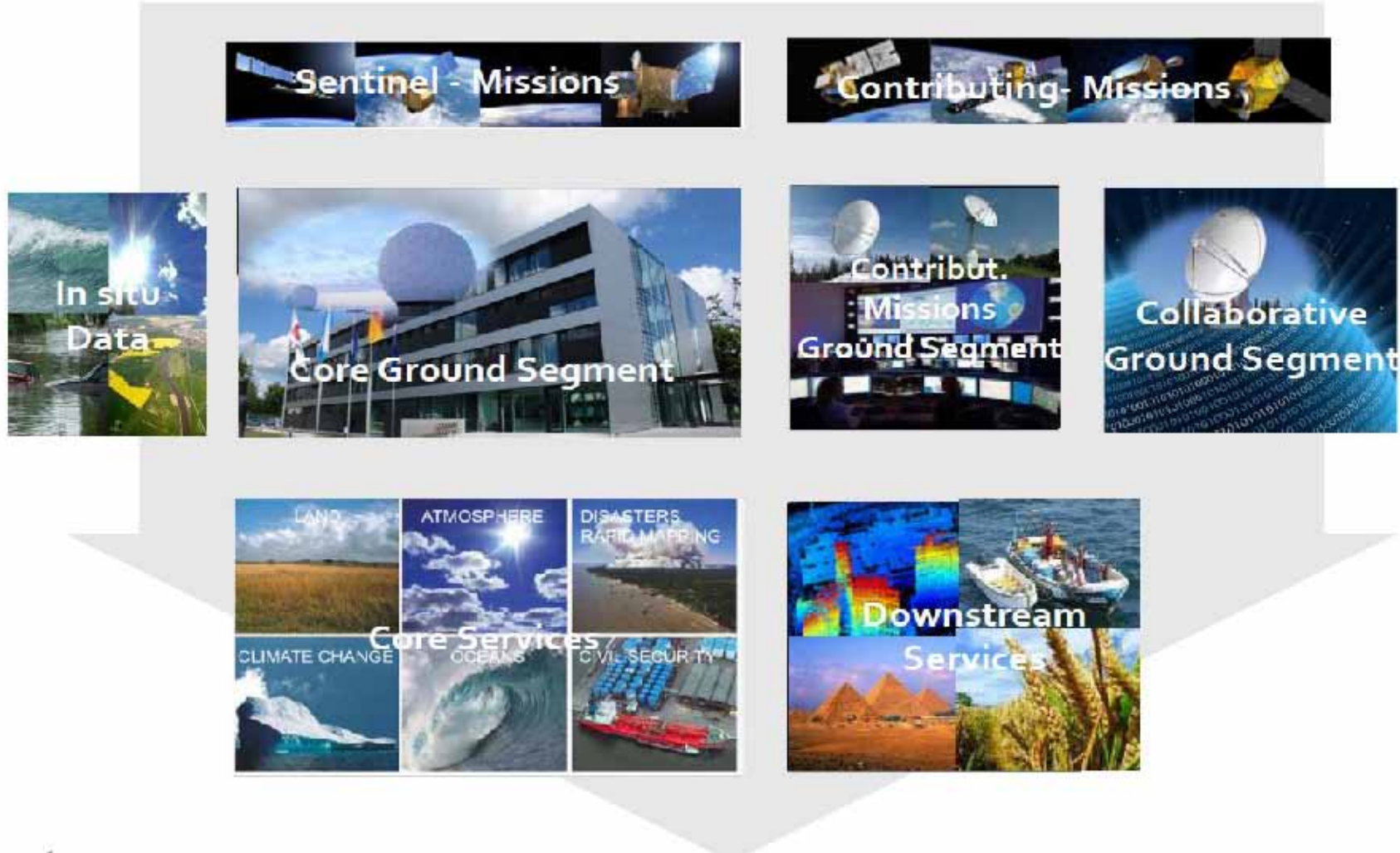


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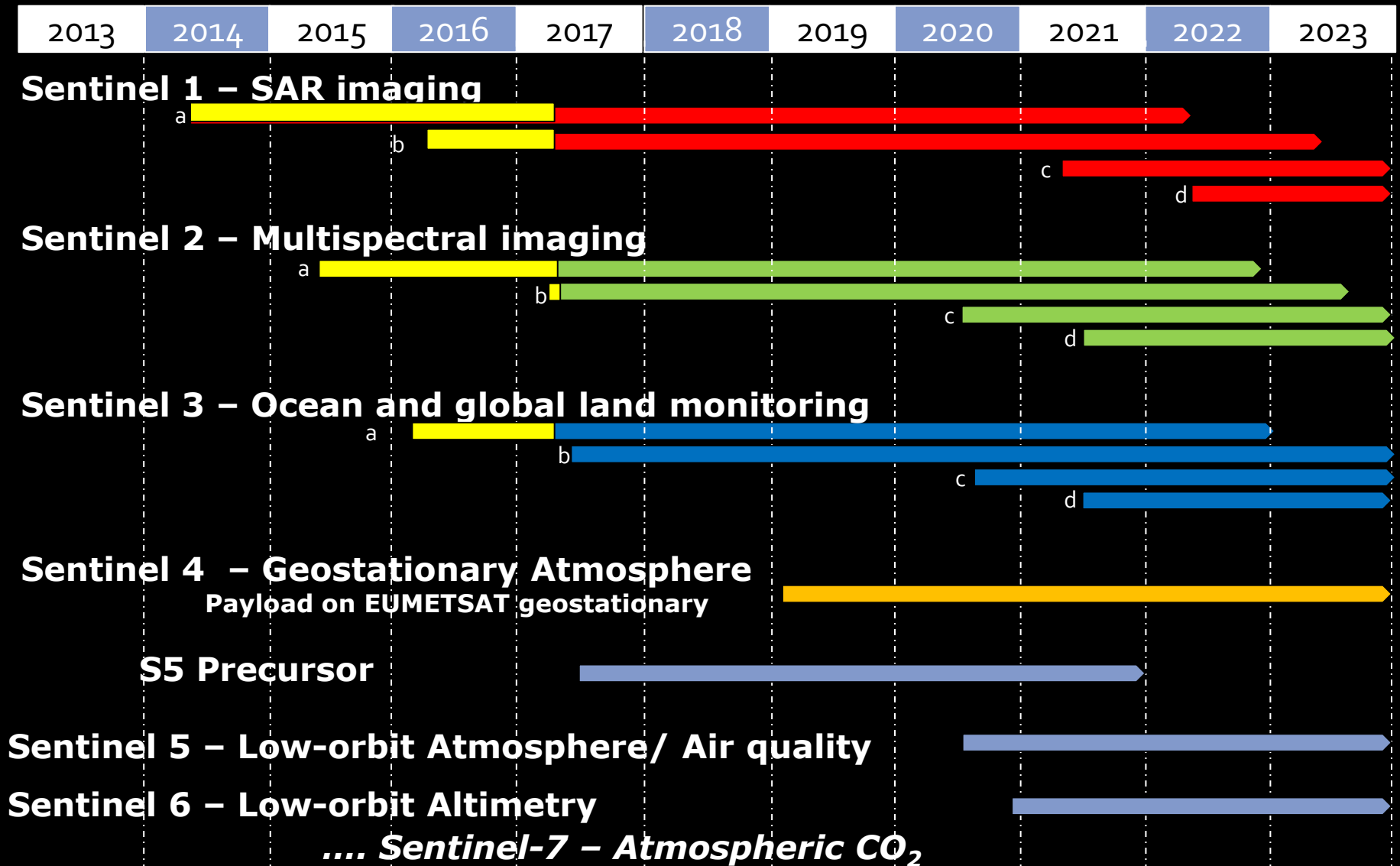
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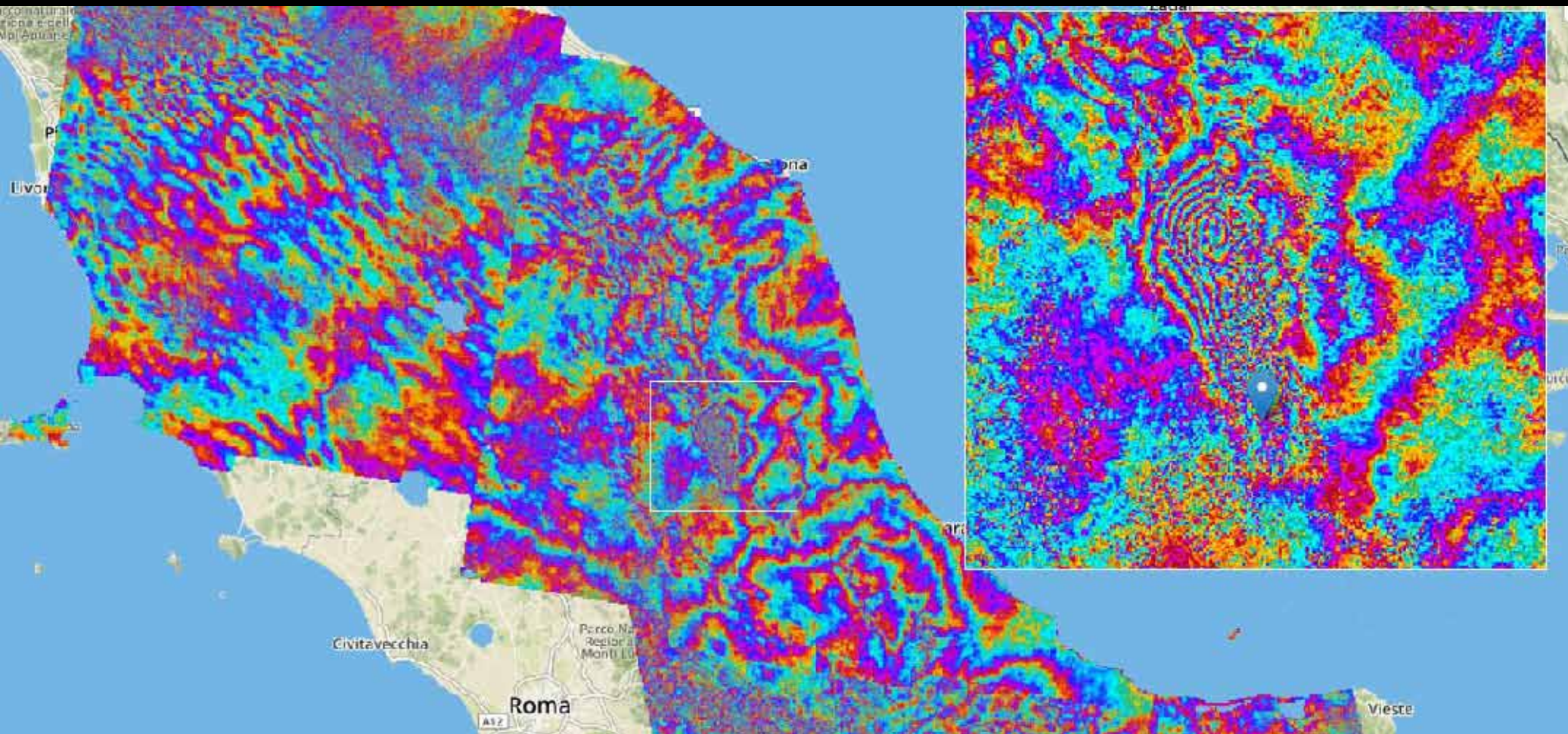
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Earthquake area in Italy

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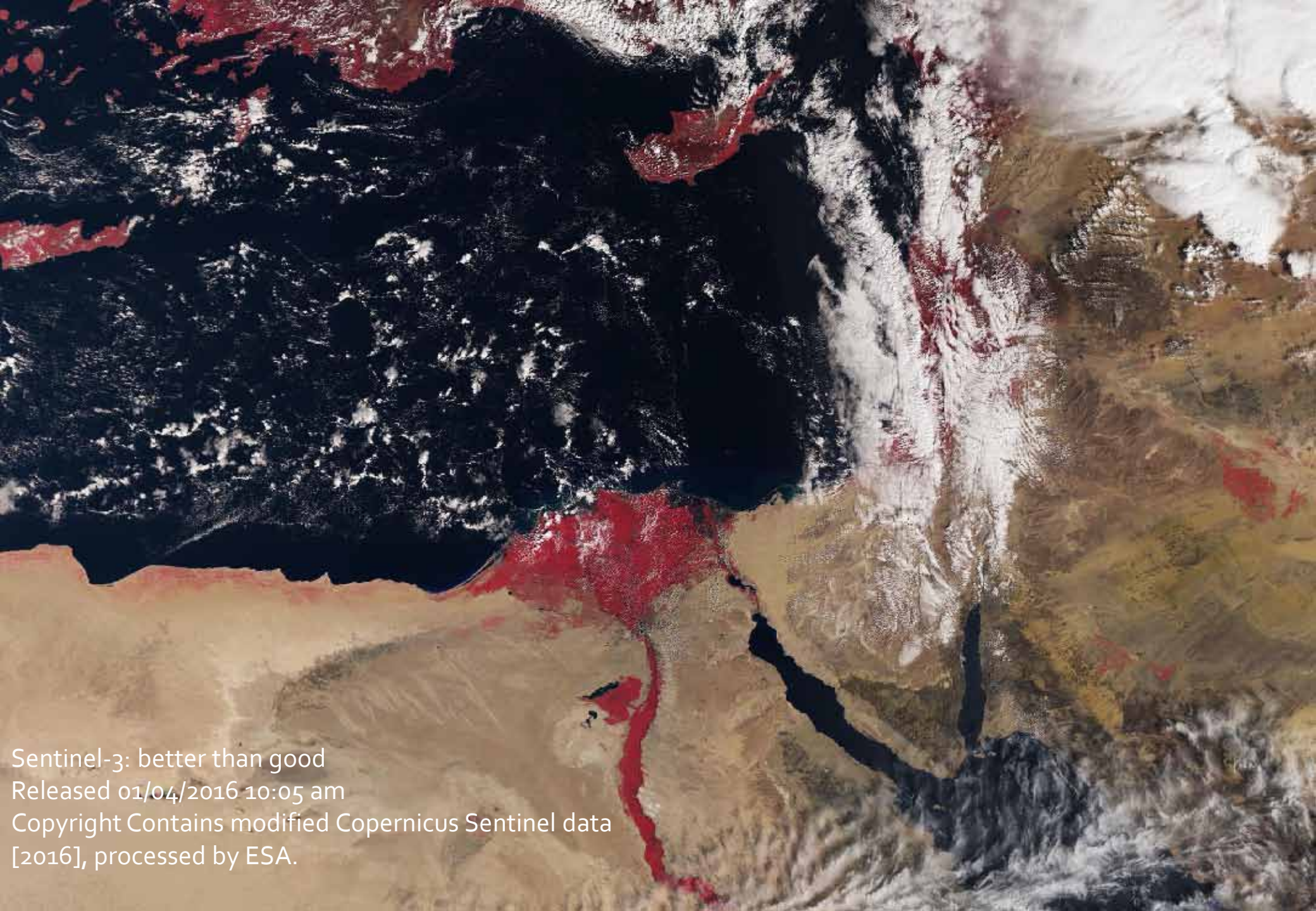
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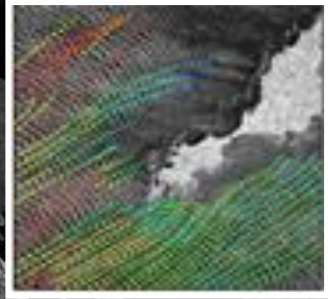
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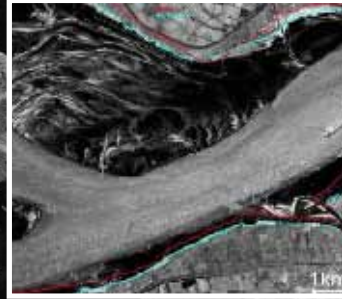
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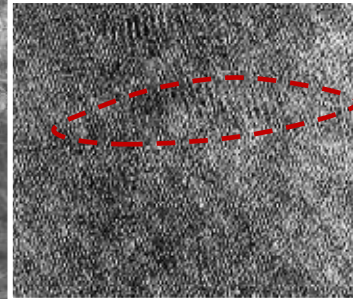
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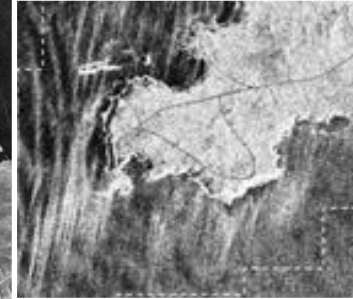
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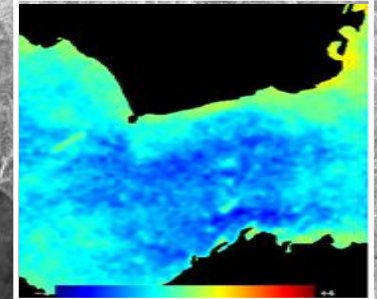
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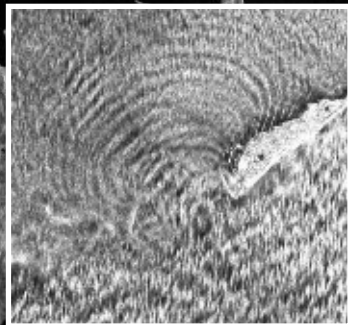
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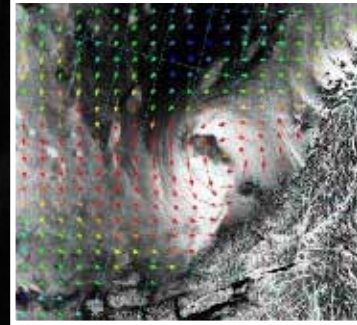
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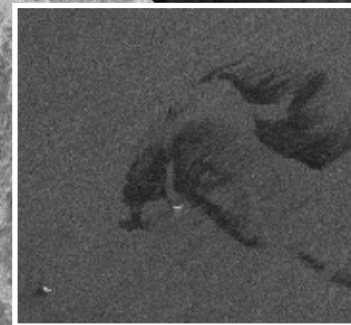
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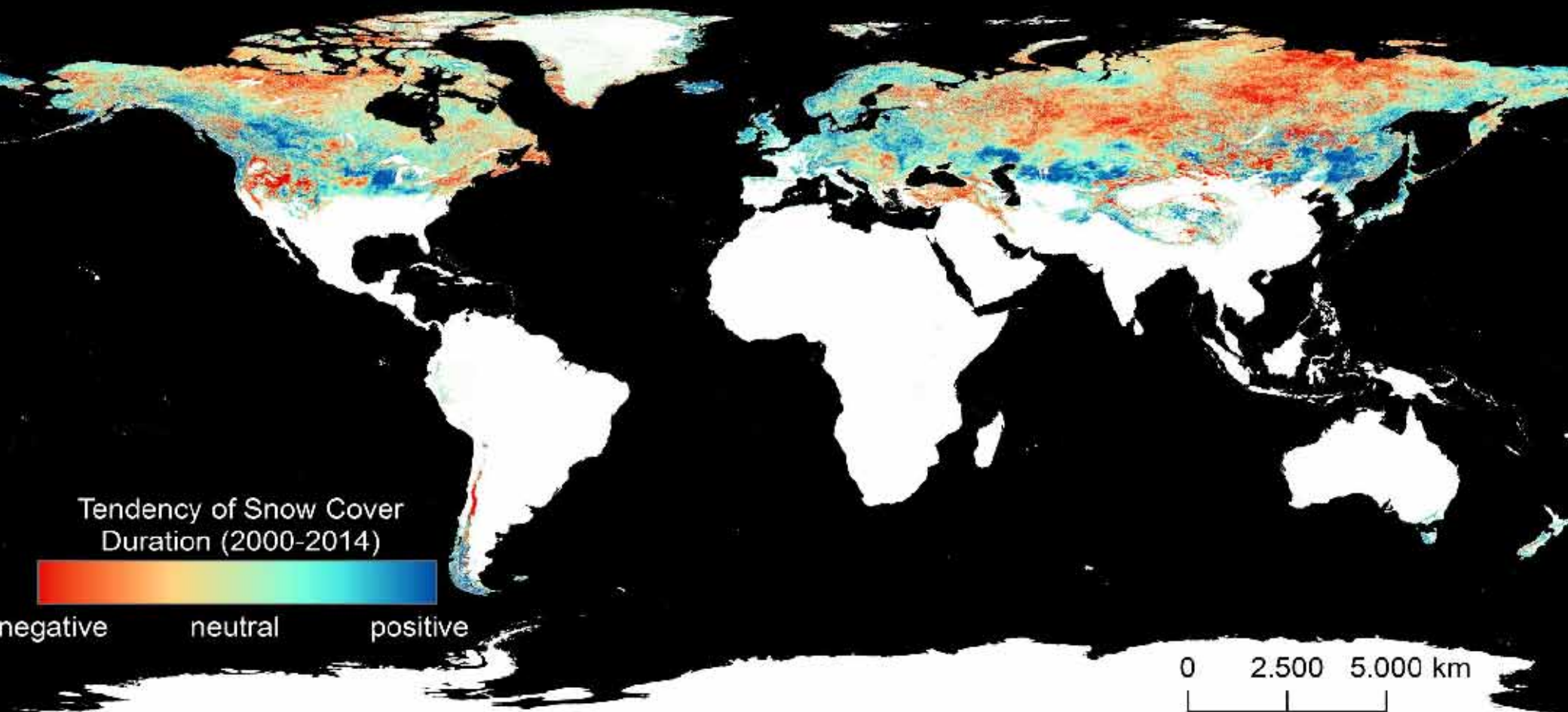


Iceberg-detection,  
Ice classification

Maritime Security



# Trends in Global Snow Cover (Goal: 30 Years)



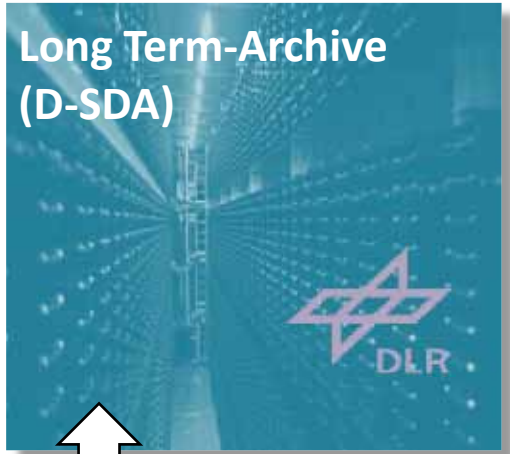
Global Change

# Big Data Sentinels



8 Terabytes/day  
>> 20 Petabytes by 2020

# CODE-DE: Copernicus Data and Exploitation Infrastructure



**Funding:**  
 Bundesministerium für Verkehr und digitale Infrastruktur

**Short term-archive (National mirror)**

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**Processing (Orchestration, Prozessing, Services)**

**Access (Search, Visualisation, Load)**

**Portal**

- CSW
- Open Search
- W\*S
- http(s)
- email



# CODE-DE – The German Copernicus Portal (www.code-de.org)

The screenshot displays the CODE-DE Copernicus Portal interface. At the top, the CODE-DE logo is visible. The main area features a satellite map of Cyprus with labels for 'KUZUY KIBRIS', 'GORK GUMHURİYETI', and 'KIPROS'. A semi-transparent map overlay is present. On the left, a 'Filter' sidebar includes a 'ZEITLICHER FILTER' (temporal filter) with start and end date pickers, a 'RÄUMLICHER FILTER' (spatial filter) with coordinate inputs, and 'ZUSÄTZLICHE FILTER' (additional filters) for various satellite parameters. On the right, a 'Suchergebnisse' (search results) panel shows a grid of 18 satellite image thumbnails with their respective timestamps, such as '2017-02-27 11:00:11'. A timeline at the bottom allows for navigating through the data from February to March 2017.



Palmyra, Syria  
TerraSAR-X data with superimposed archaeological linements  
Andreas Schmidt-Colinet, Roland Link et al.





Between 10 October 2009 (top) and 8 March 2014 (bottom), Palmyra's North Roman Necropolis has been disrupted by road construction and numerous earthen berms (pink arrows) to provide cover for military vehicles (yellow arrows).

Credit: Images ©2014, DigitalGlobe, NextView License | Analysis AAAS.  
Coordinates 34.55N, 38.26E

# DLR-ZKI: Palmyra – Temple of Bel: destroyed by IS (30.08.2015)

Pre-Event (Image: WorldView 2, Date: 27. August 2015)



Post-Event (Image: WorldView 2, Date: 02. September 2015)



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- **Protect heritage:** The Commission will contribute to international efforts, led by UNESCO, to set up a rapid reaction mechanism for the protection of cultural heritage sites. The Commission will also share with UNESCO, *inter alia* through the Copernicus Emergency Management Service, satellite imagery of cultural heritage sites at risk in order to evaluate damage and plan possible reconstruction. The EU will include expertise to assess damages to cultural heritage as part of post-disaster and post-conflict recovery measures. The EU Regional Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis will also contribute to protecting cultural heritage and promoting cultural diversity.





- identify intermediate and end-users' needs in the Cultural Heritage domain, and assess and characterise space-based applications in support of Cultural Heritage at EU and global level
- assess capabilities and outline requirements for Copernicus-based products/services in support of Cultural Heritage
- propose and assess implementation scenarios for a structured Copernicus-based approach for Cultural Heritage support
- identifying the main user requirements for space-based applications associated to the preservation and management of cultural heritage assets in Europe and Worldwide
- Analysing opportunities for standardisation taking into account what is already done in some European Countries, with risk assessments associated to each Cultural asset subject to environmental risks.





Different scenarios for Implementation in Copernicus:

- 1) A new Cultural Heritage Copernicus Service
- 2) Cultural heritage as part of an existing Copernicus Service
- 3) The structured use of a Combination of Copernicus Services for cultural heritage
- 4) A follow-up of Copernicus Products tailored for cultural heritage. Out of those, a preferred option will later be identified.



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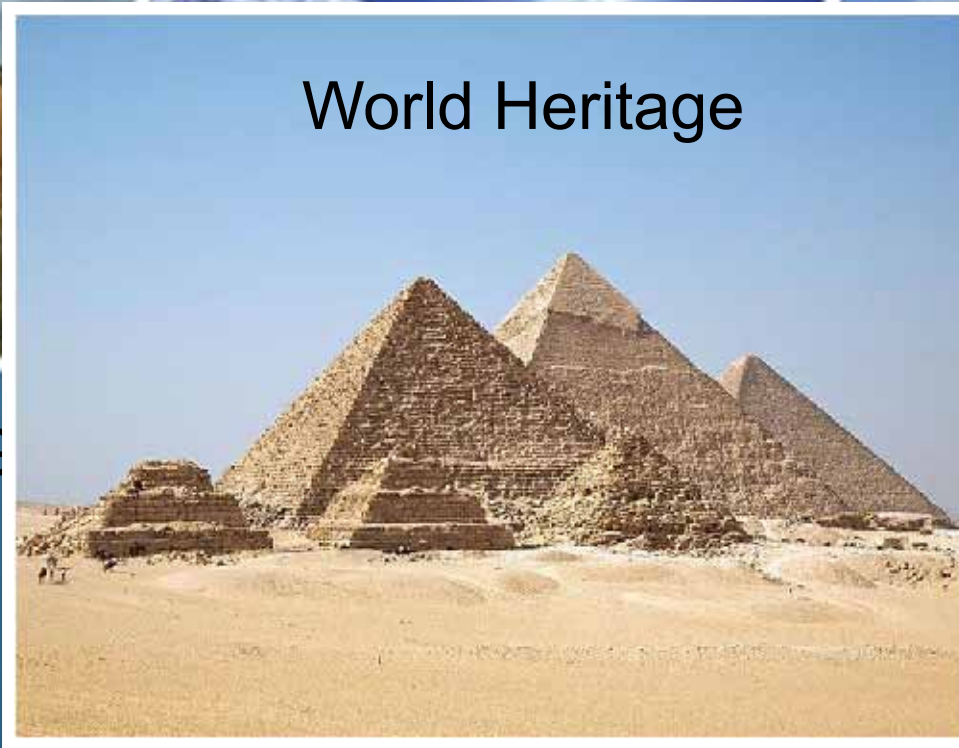
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SENSING BEYOND FRONTIERS:  
REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
HERITAGE DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT.



# Remote Sensing in SE Asia

- Limited use of RS due to:
  - ▣ Vegetation coverage
  - ▣ Seasonal and environmental factors (floods, monsoons)
    - Detection of features in wet or flooded soil
    - High water content in wet season effects vegetation marks
  - ▣ Logistic problems for airborne survey (e.g. hyperspectral or Lidar )
- Study of Cambodian landscapes need major support by RS

# Archaeological landscape of Angkor

## Pattern of topographic variations designed:

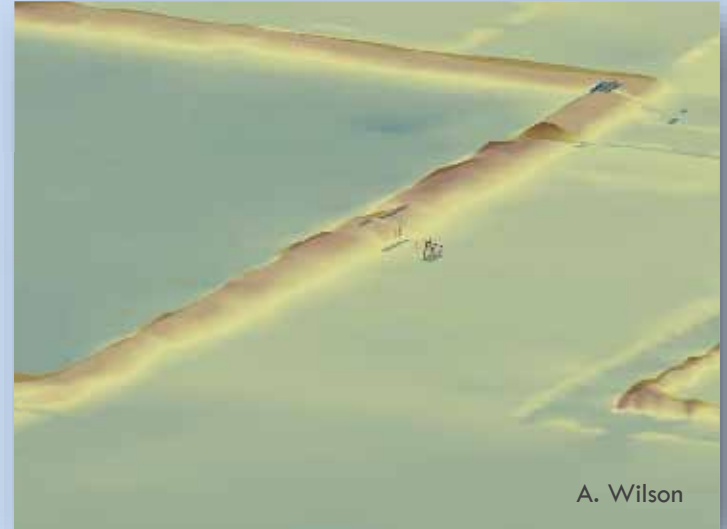
- ❑ to control the flow of water
- ❑ to mediate between wetter and dryer spaces of the landscape



- ❑ Massive topographic variation (baray)
- ❑ Subtle topographic variations

# Archaeological landscape of Angkor

## Topographic variations



- ❑ **Extremely subtle**

Shallow linear excavations designed to channel water across the landscape

- ❑ **Covered by vegetation**

Slightly elevated areas used for occupation

# Research challenges

## Research goal

To define the original hydrological system before the transformation created by the ancient Khmer civilization.



Crucial to understand the development of the pre-industrial water management system.

## Research strategy

Detection and mapping:  
environmental and man-made features related to the hydrological and hydraulic system

## Research state

Exploitation of spectral content of satellite images at disposal  
Evaluation of outcomes of applied processes  
New processing in progress

## Focus

Identification of palaeo-channels and palaeo-riverbeds  
Detection of features connected to the water flow system in the forested areas.

# Goals

## Crucial aspect to be addressed

- ❑ to augment the chronological resolution of the current map of Angkor
- ❑ to disentangle the layers of the palimpsest of features within

Reach an understanding of the original hydrological layout of the Angkor basin



- Palaeo-hydrological arrangement
- Archaeological evidence for occupation



- Insight into human modifications to natural hydrology and topography
- Understanding of choices at the base and the logic behind the palimpsest



Understand at a deeper level the Khmer water management system

# RS and palaeorivers detection

## Methodology: **remote sensing data**

- ▣ multispectral satellite images (Quickbird, Ikonos, Aster)
- ▣ DEM generated by radar data and stereoscopic pairs (SRTM and ASTER)
- ▣ Radar data (SIR-C image)

## Data used

- ▣ to locate drainage networks
- ▣ to identify anthropogenic features connected to original fluvial system (relationship disposition of reservoirs/rivers).

# Challenges

- Detection by RS of the traces of the primal fluvial arrangement in this complex environment: predictable difficulties.
- Features indicating ancient rivers are often difficult to discern.
- Challenges occur in different types of environment encountered in this area:
  - vegetated areas: forest forms a camouflage that inhibits the identification of features
  - open floodplain: difficulties
    - topographic variations that define dried riverbeds absent or too subtle
    - topographic variations washed out by floods and precipitation
    - contemporary water flow obscured surface wetness related to ancient water flow.



# Traces identification factors

Range of factors allowing identification of the relevant traces :

- ▣ shadows projected by subtle topographic variations;
- ▣ variation in the growth or type of vegetation;
- ▣ broad damp marks on bare soils
- ▣ the disposition of topographic elements or spatial logic of archaeological features.



- Requires large dataset and processing:
  - MULTISPECTRAL IMAGES
  - DEM
  - Radar data

✦ MULTISPECTRAL IMAGES: Quickbird, Ikonos, Aster

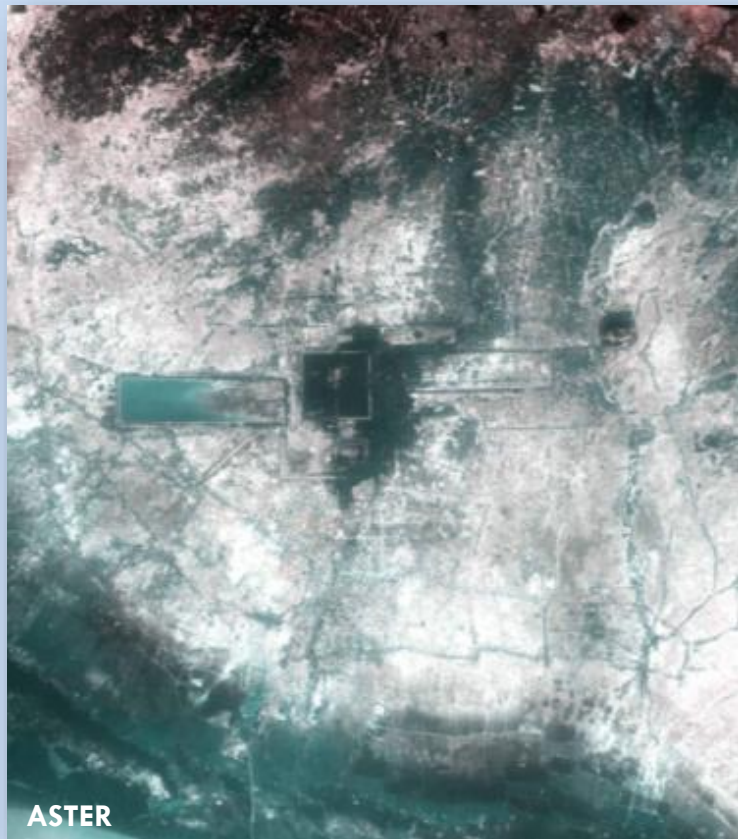
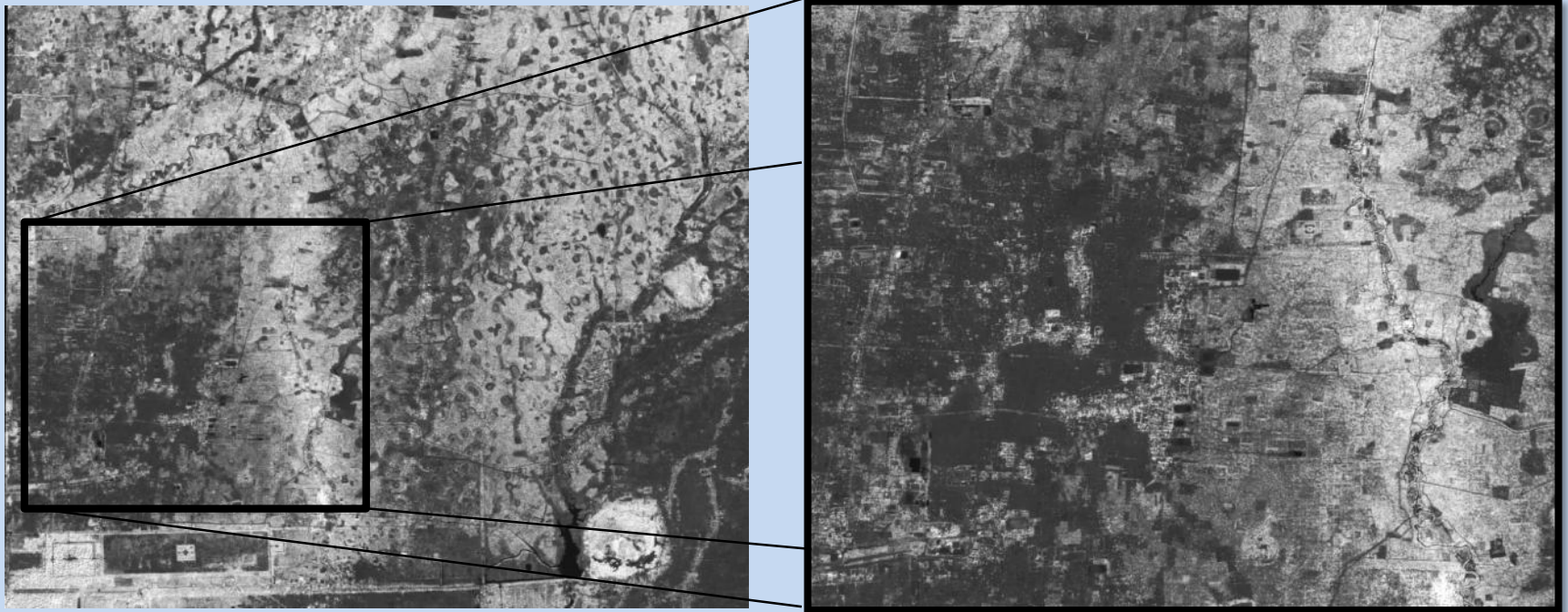


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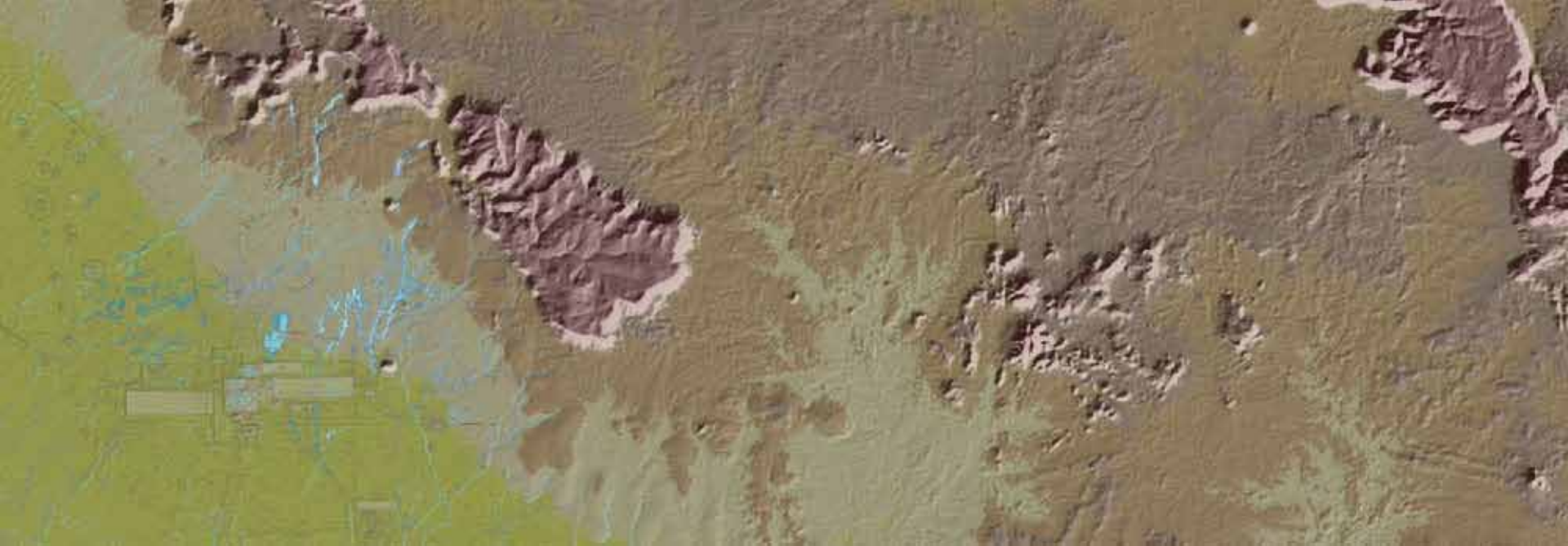
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Vegetation Indices

Vegetation Suppression



Quickbird. Ratio NIR/R



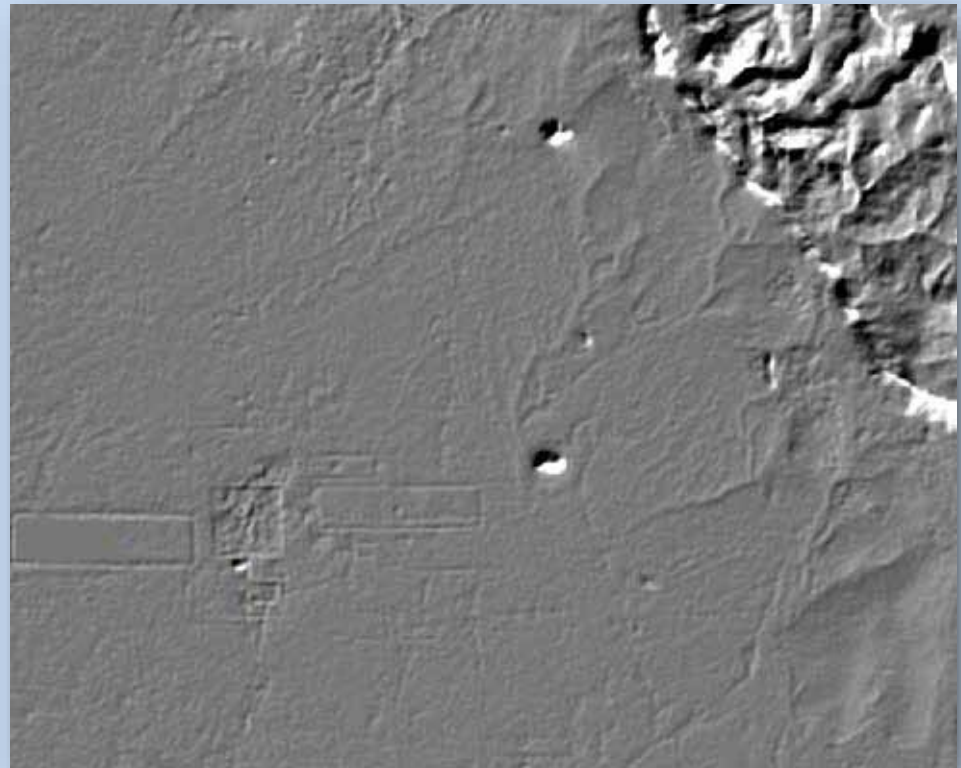
## ✦ DEM: generated by radar data and stereoscopic pairs (SRTM/ASTER)

- SRTM DEM: digital elevation model based on the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (Feb.2000); important source of elevation data (ground resolution 90 m )  
Reference dataset: systematically compared to the remotely sensed data
- ASTER DEM: better resolution but still quite a number of problems

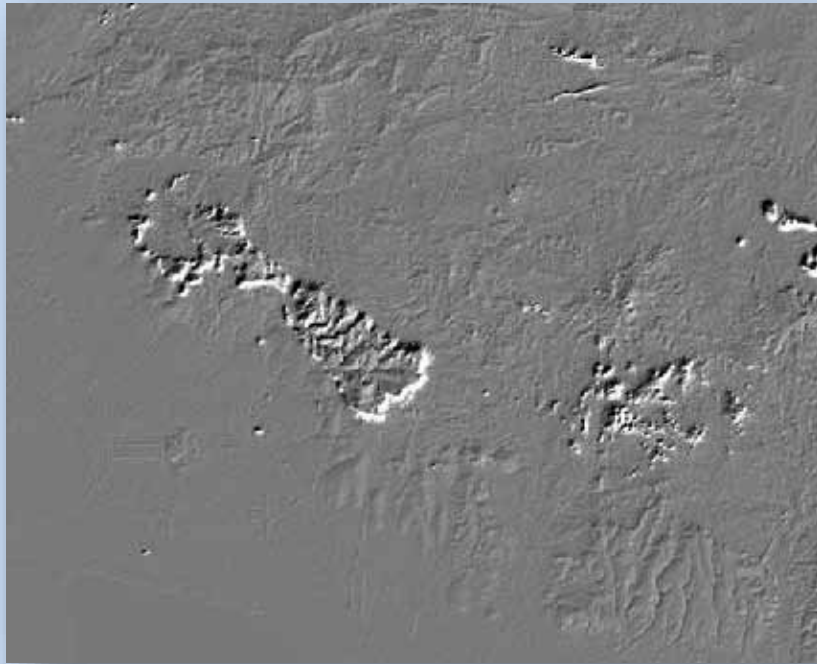
# Hillshade

## *Hillshade:*

- ▣ shows the hypothetical illumination of a surface on the landscape by setting a position for a hypothetical light source and calculating the illumination values
- ▣ enhances the visualization of a surface for analysis



## SRTM Hillshade

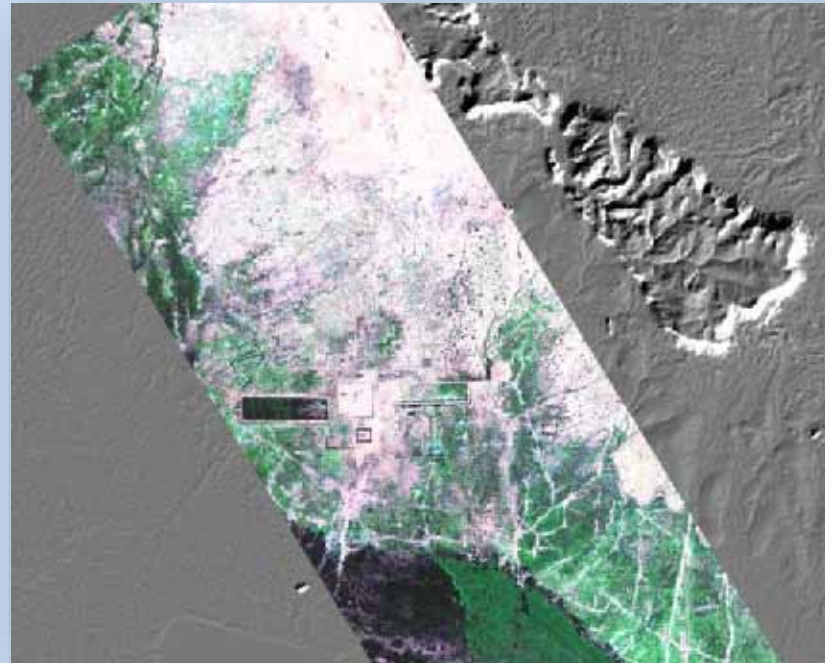


## ASTER Hillshade



✧ RADAR DATA:

SIR-C image 1994



# Data evaluation

- Evaluation of RS/DEM/Radar data performed in a GIS environment

- Mapping

Anthropogenic features and topographical anomalies mapped (scale 1:2000) and given a series of attributes to encapsulate relevant information.

Metadata retained in this process included:

- the image process(es) that facilitated identification
- possible interpretation of the feature
- degree of visibility
- factors in the recognition of the trace
- archaeological reliability, i.e. an evaluation of the quality of the observed features.



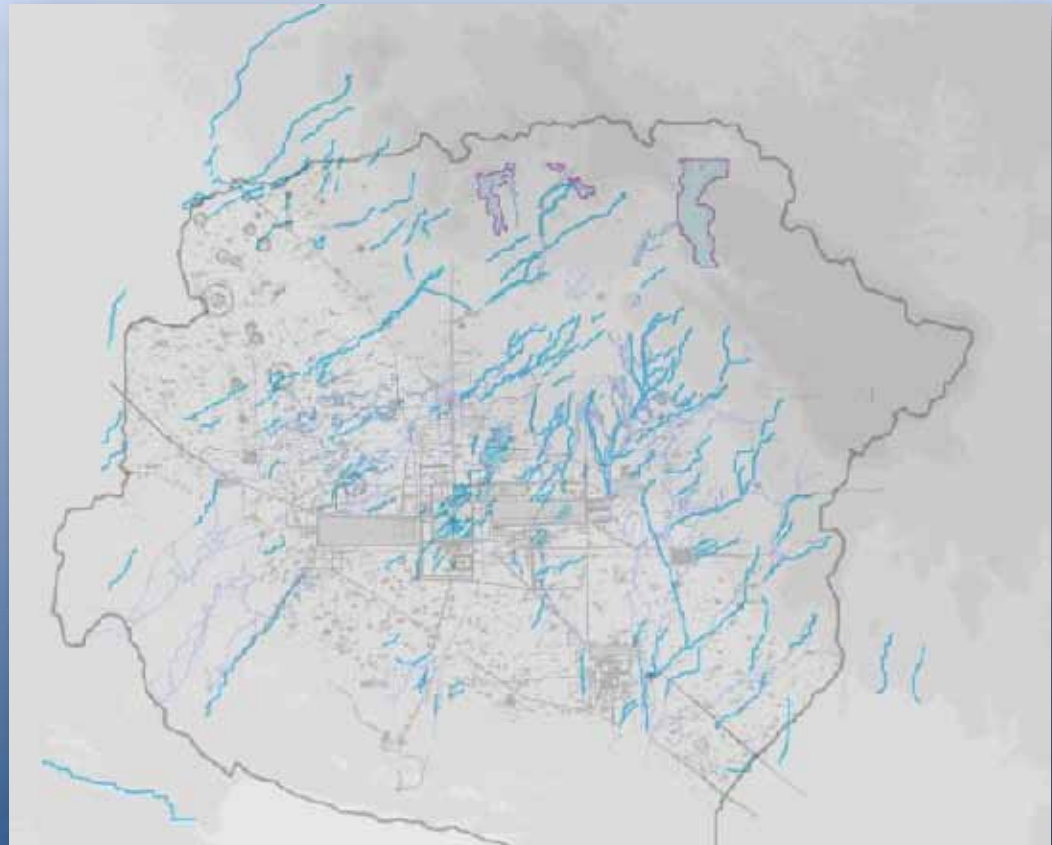
## The new features and their metadata

- ▣ allow further analysis and interpretation by way of comparison with pre-existing topographical and cultural datasets and
- ▣ provide the basis for a prioritised strategy of ground verification.

# Case study areas

Greater Angkor basin MAP  
including existing and newly  
detected rivers:

2 noticeable trends





- General trend of rivers orientation with a direction NE-SW
- Run parallel [NE area of the basin starting from the Puok]



Fan disposition: NE of the temples area (just North of the East Baray), probably in connection with the presence of the Kulen hills.

Background map courtesy of Pottier and Evans



Further on, toward SE the usual inclination reappears.

Background map courtesy of Pottier and Evans

Case study areas: hold a very important meaning for the comprehension of the development of the hydraulic system.



Background map courtesy of Pottier and Evans

- ▣ Puok river flowing areas (N and S the river)
- ▣ diversions from Puok, (Great north canal /diversion of the Siem Reap)
- ▣ Area between the NE corner of the East Baray and the Phnom Bok
- ▣ sparse areas

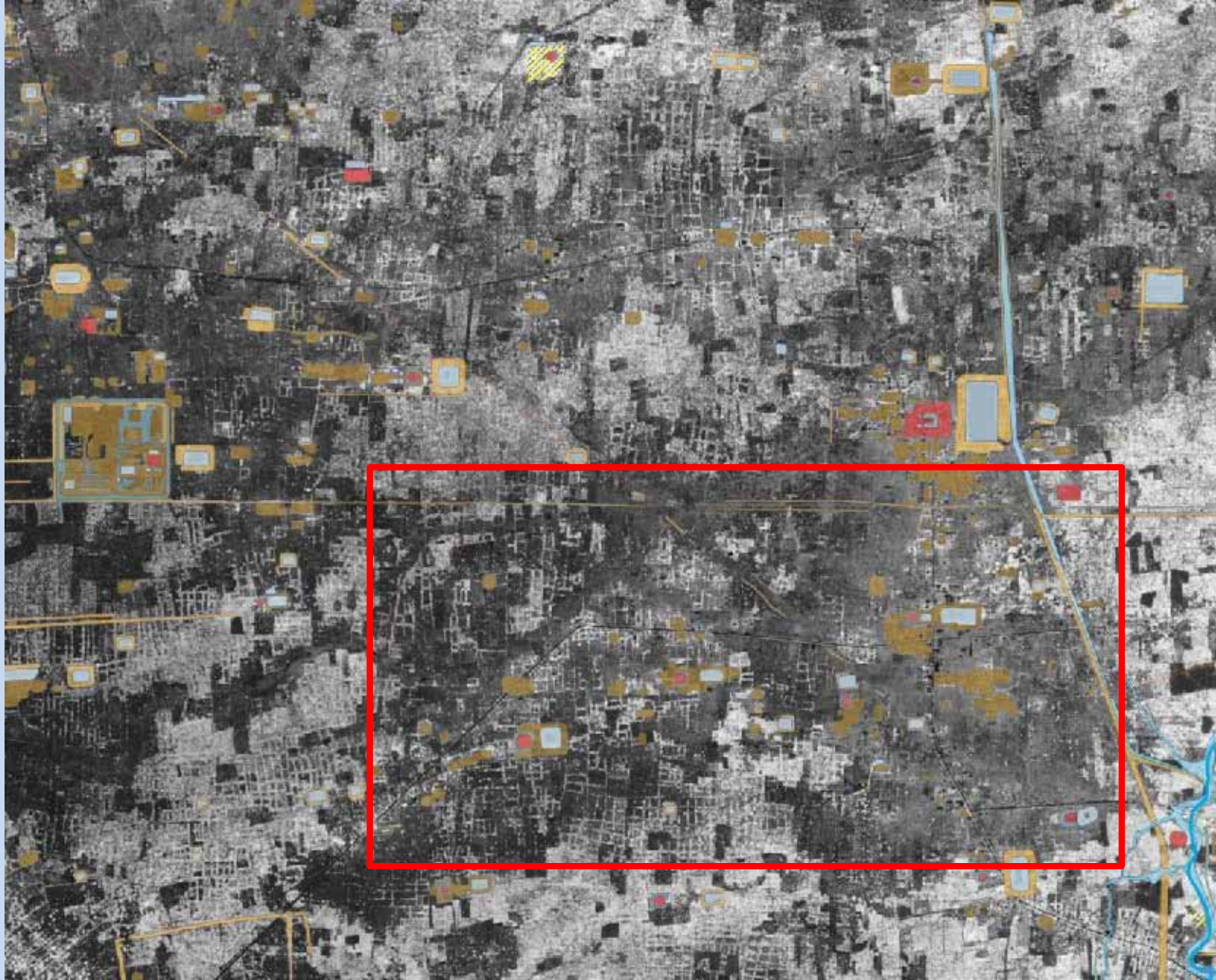
- ✦ Trace of a palaeo-watercourse flowing with an orientation of E-NE/W-SW about 3km N of an intermittent side-stream of the present Puok River, oriented in similar way and almost parallel to the detected palaeo-feature.

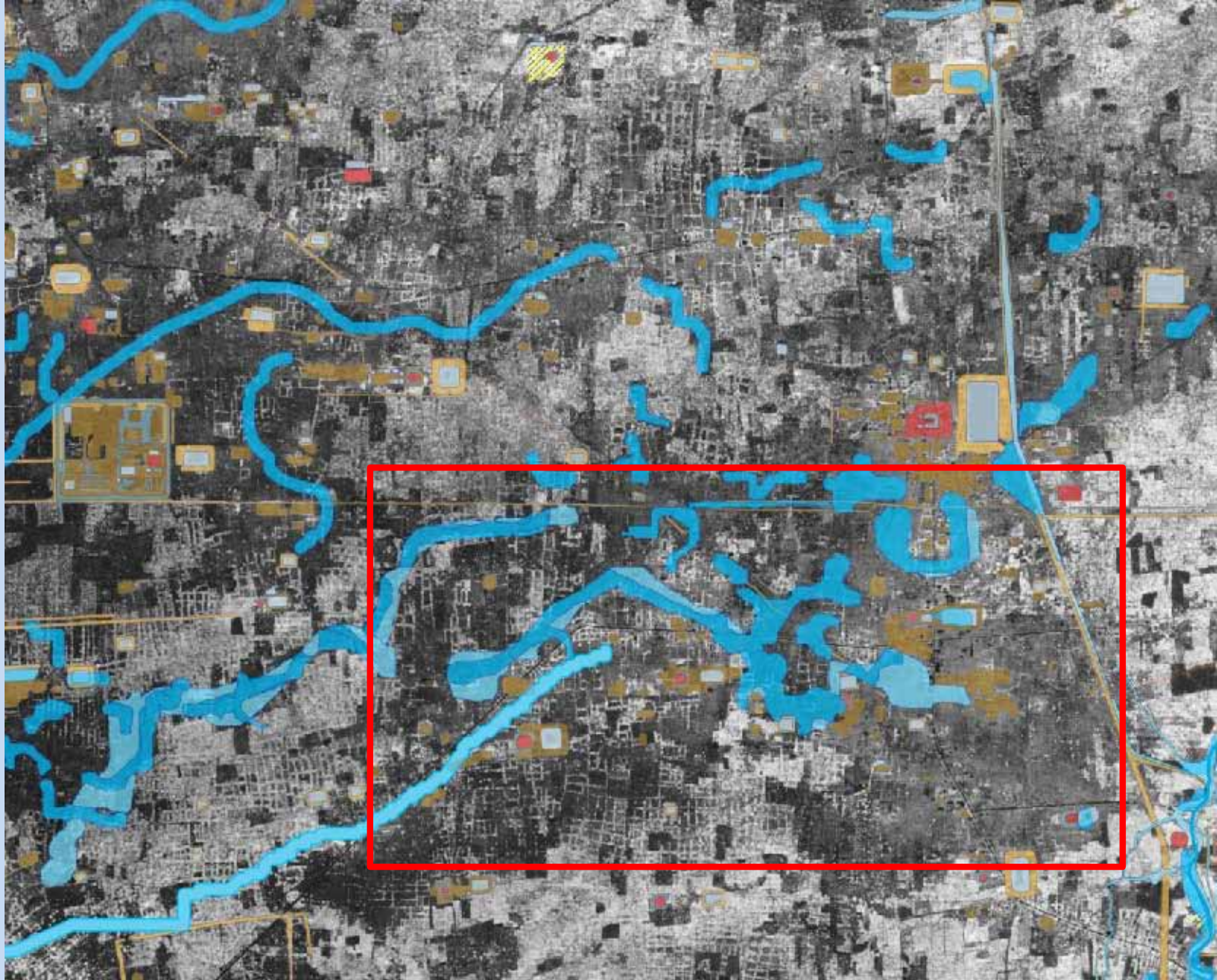


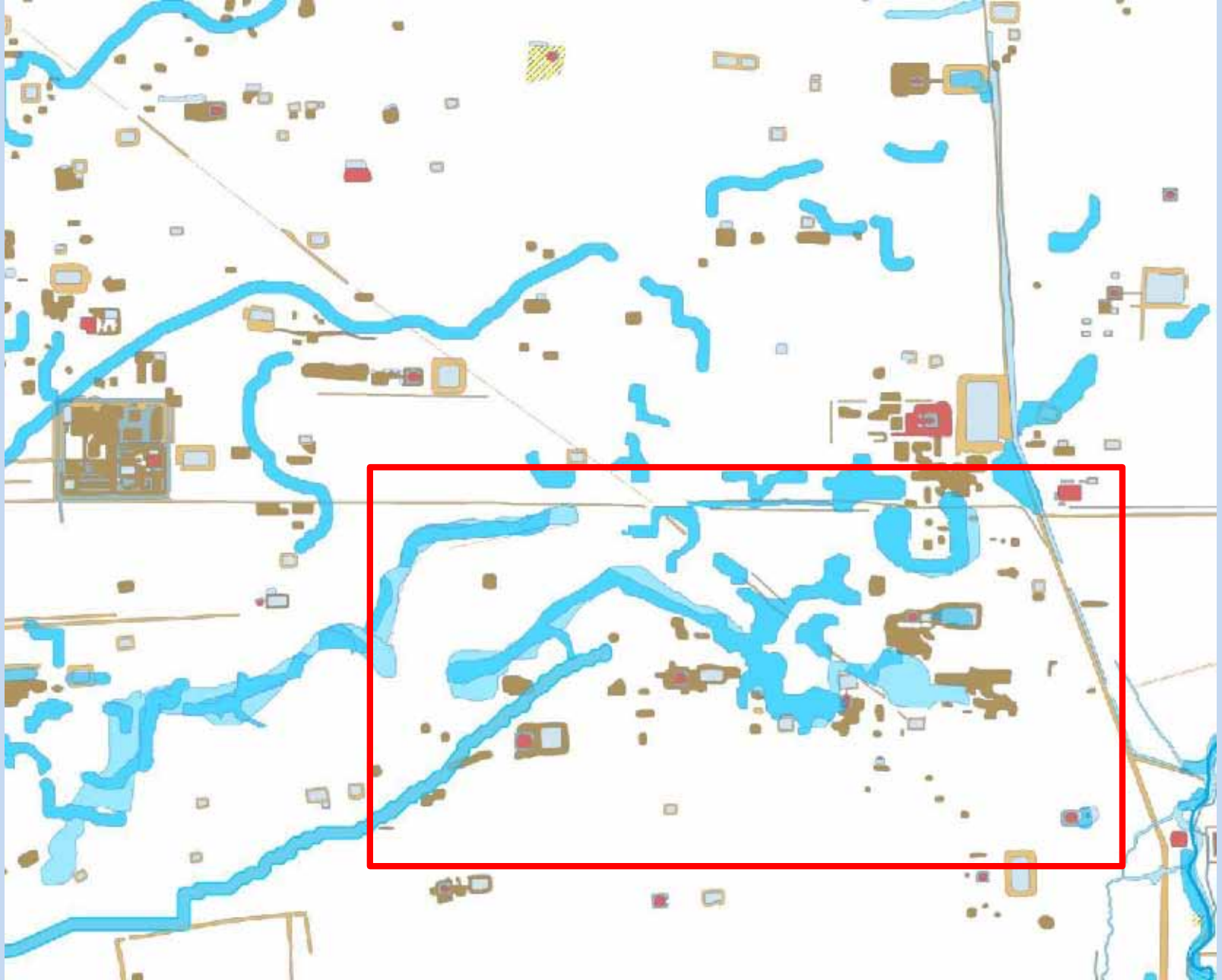
- Flow seems to start diverting from Puok (gap) and follows a direction that goes more north
- High level of certainty:
  - ▣ clearly visible on QB data, SRTM data and SIRC
  - ▣ supported by an analysis of the distribution of reservoirs and other human occupation features .Their positioning implies the presence of a curved entity, like the flow of a river, which they border precisely.





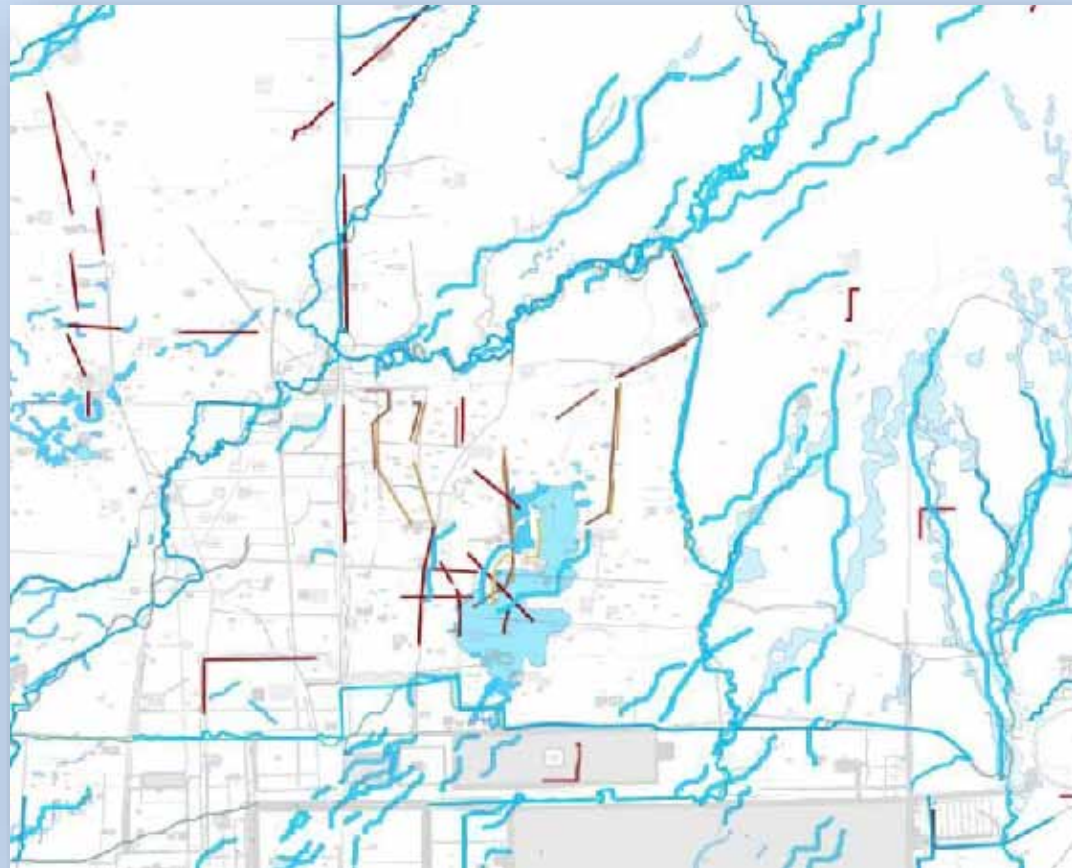




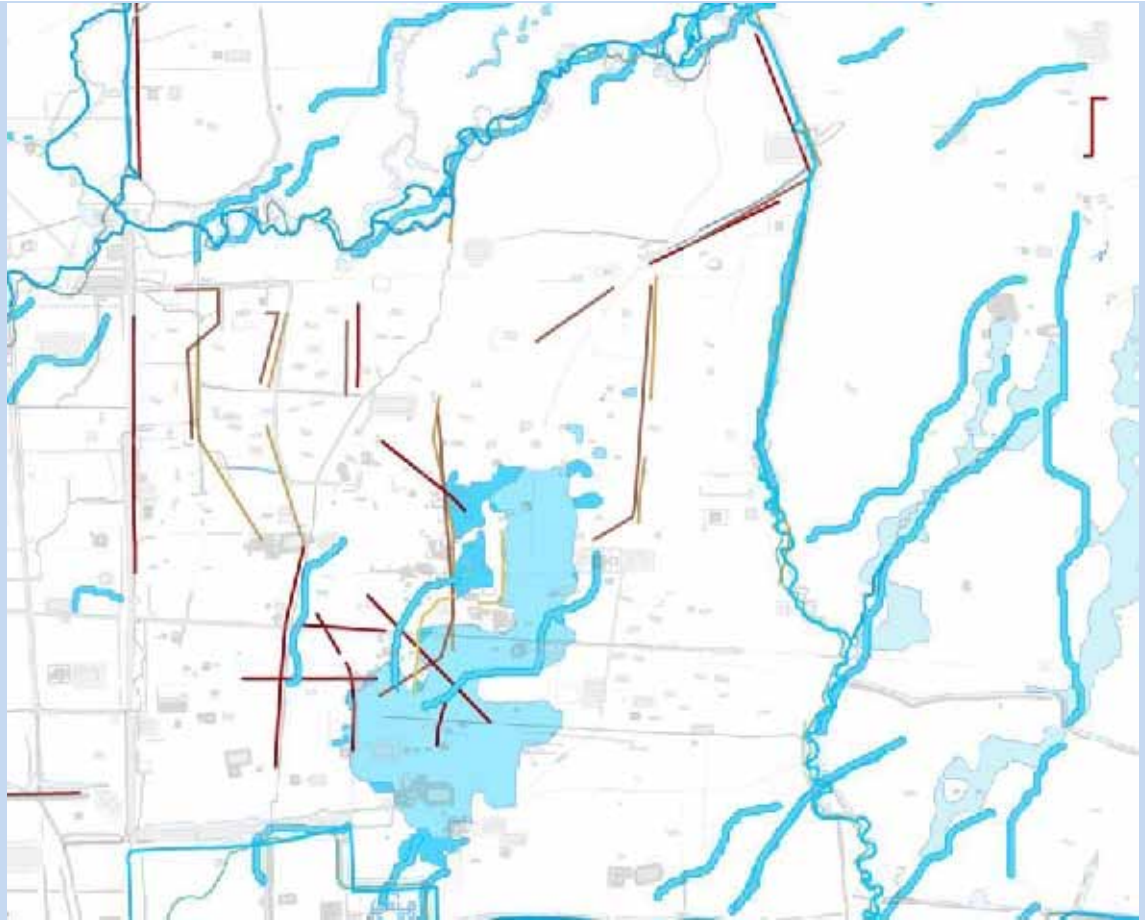


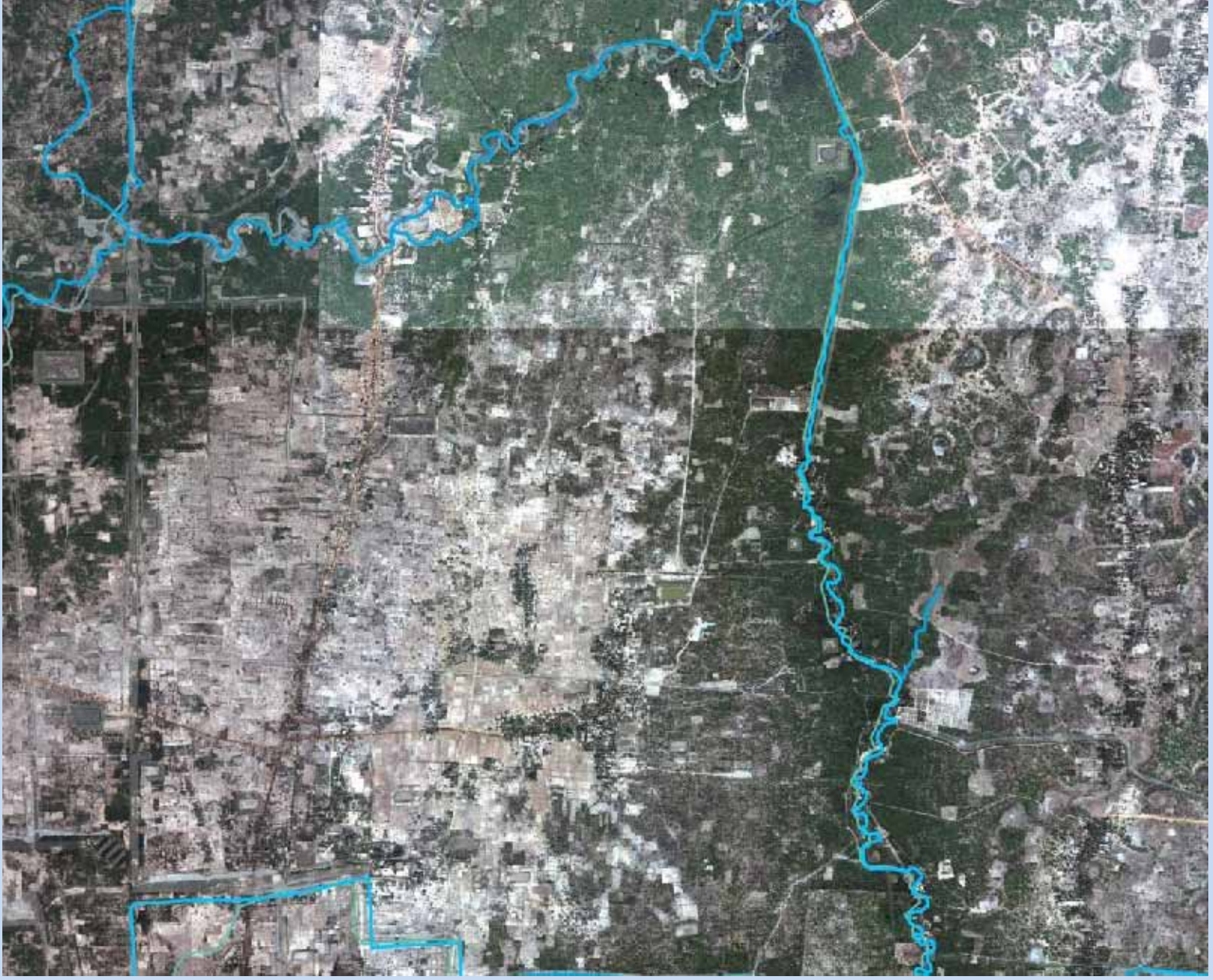
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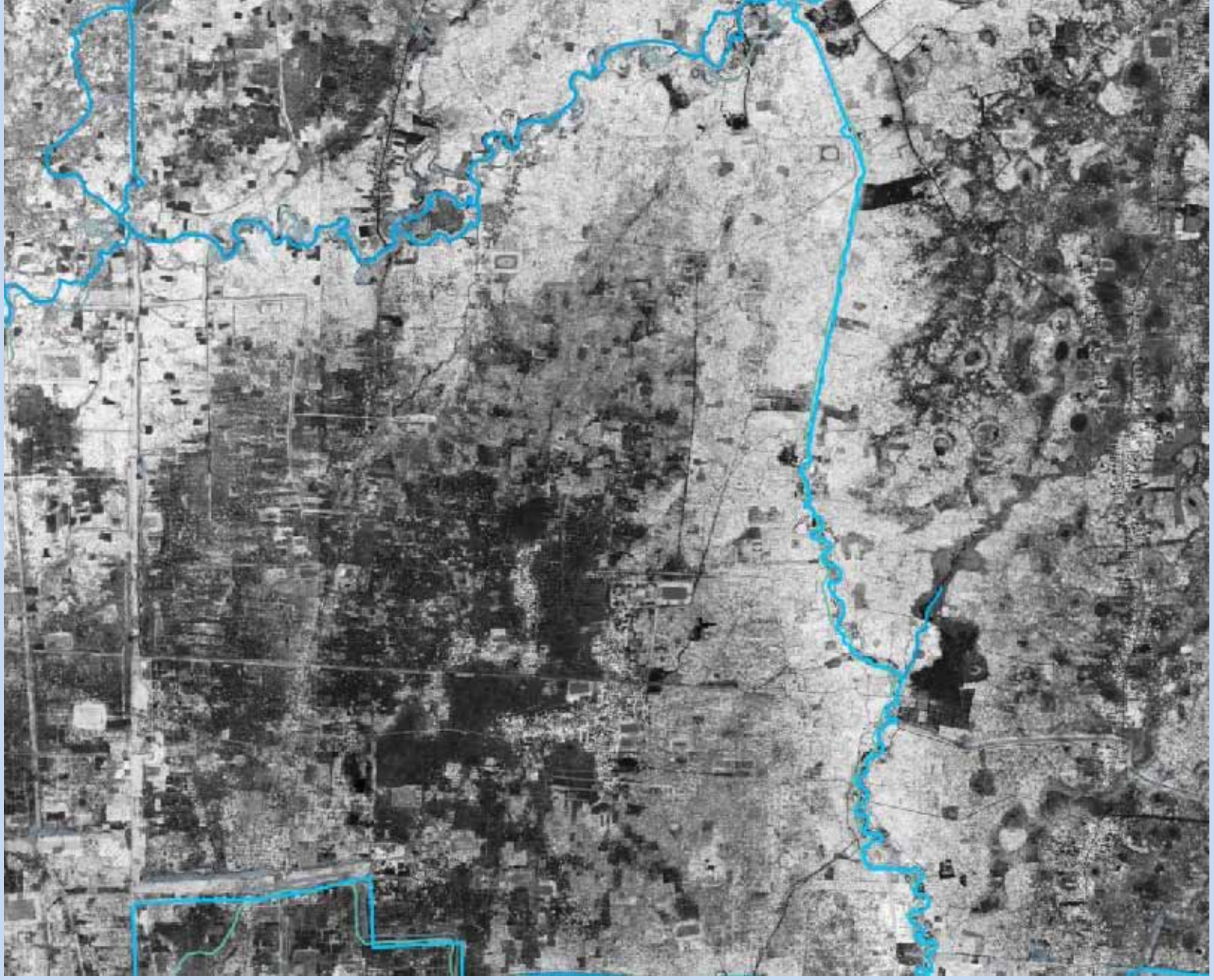
- ✦ Puok watershed: area west of the diversion that originated the Siem Reap: Number of traces (possible embankments)

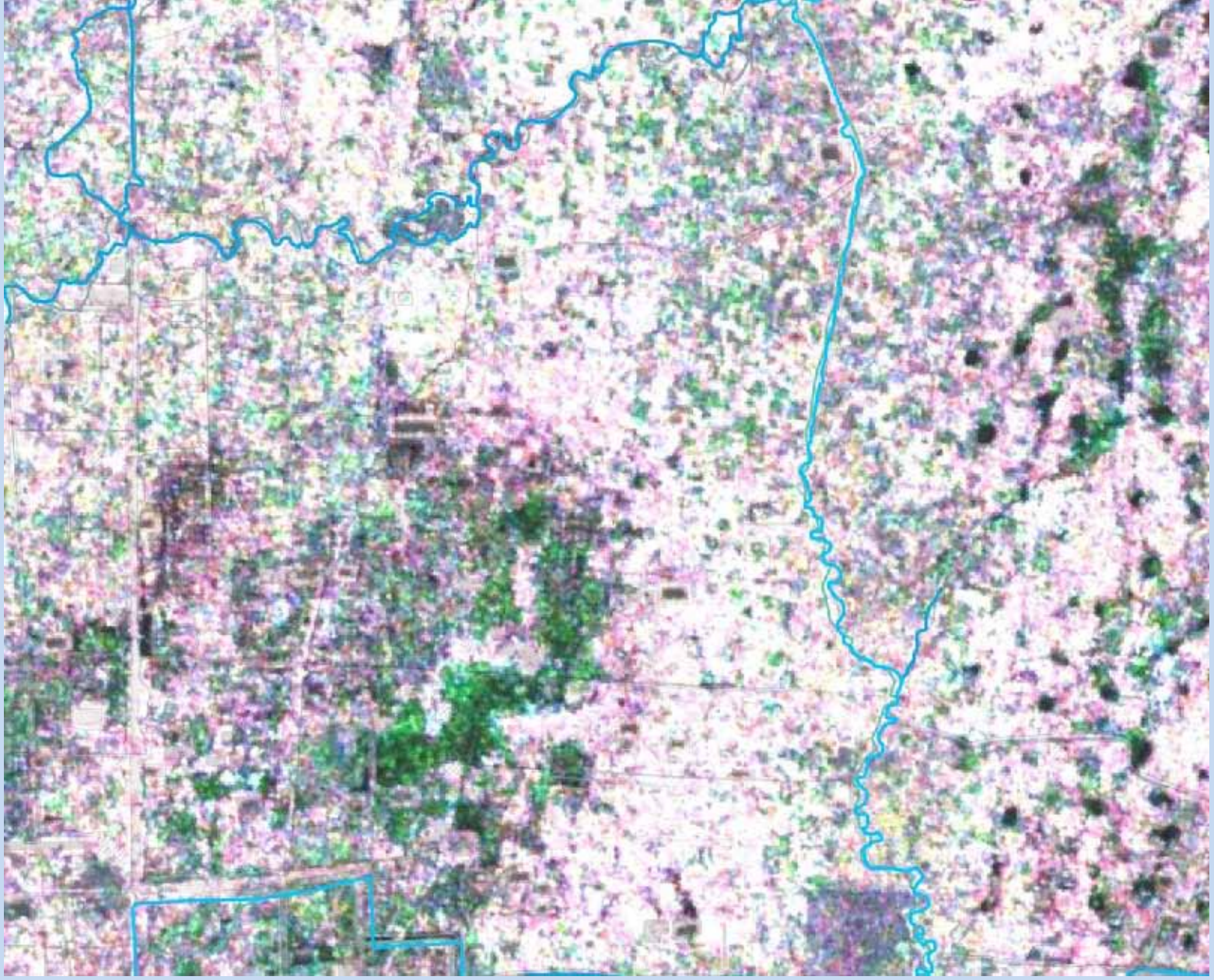


- ✦ Large trace of dampness  
[NW of Jayatataka]:
- suggests a river flow
  - appears quite clearly in QB and SIR-C, almost with same shape and overlapping quite perfectly

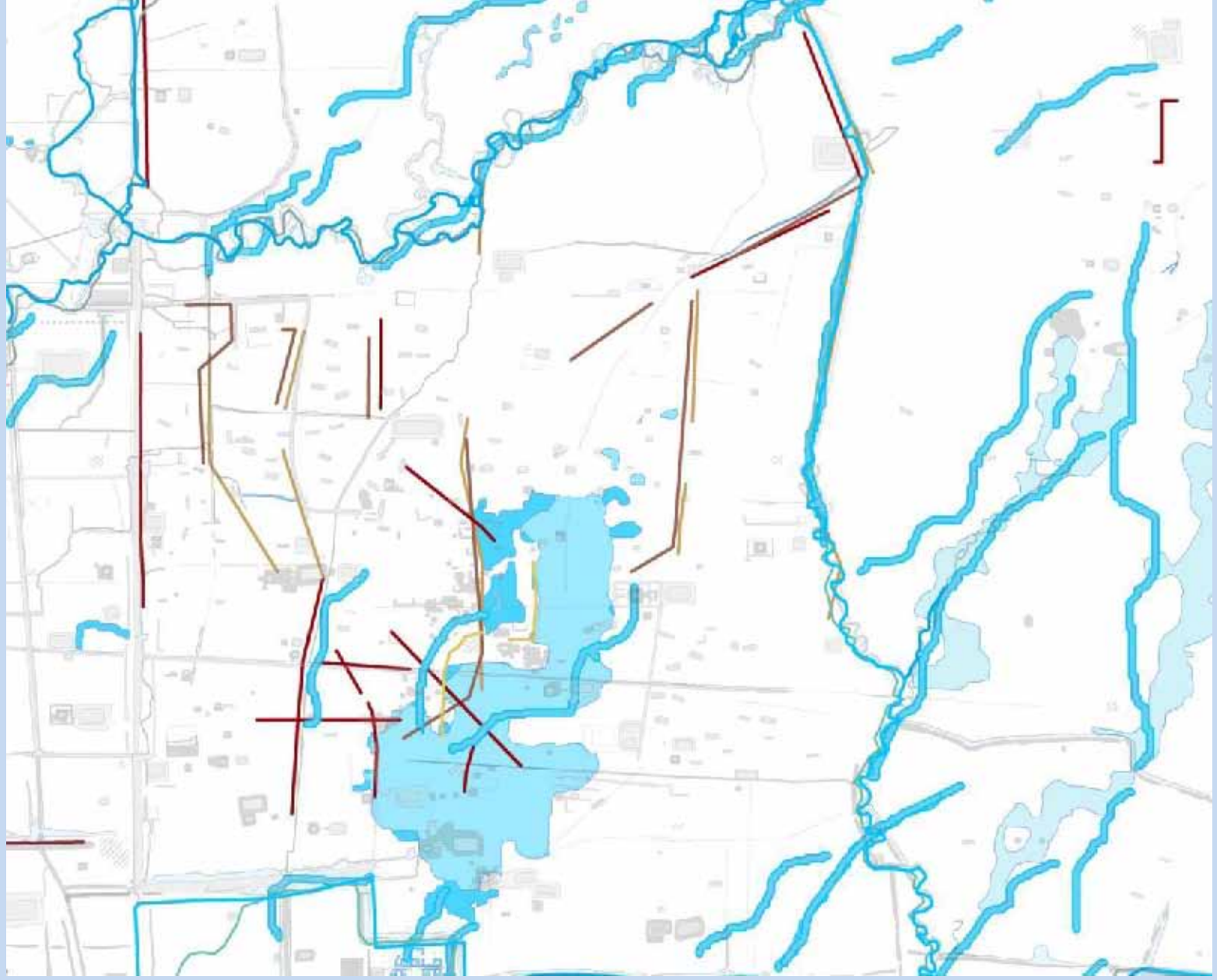










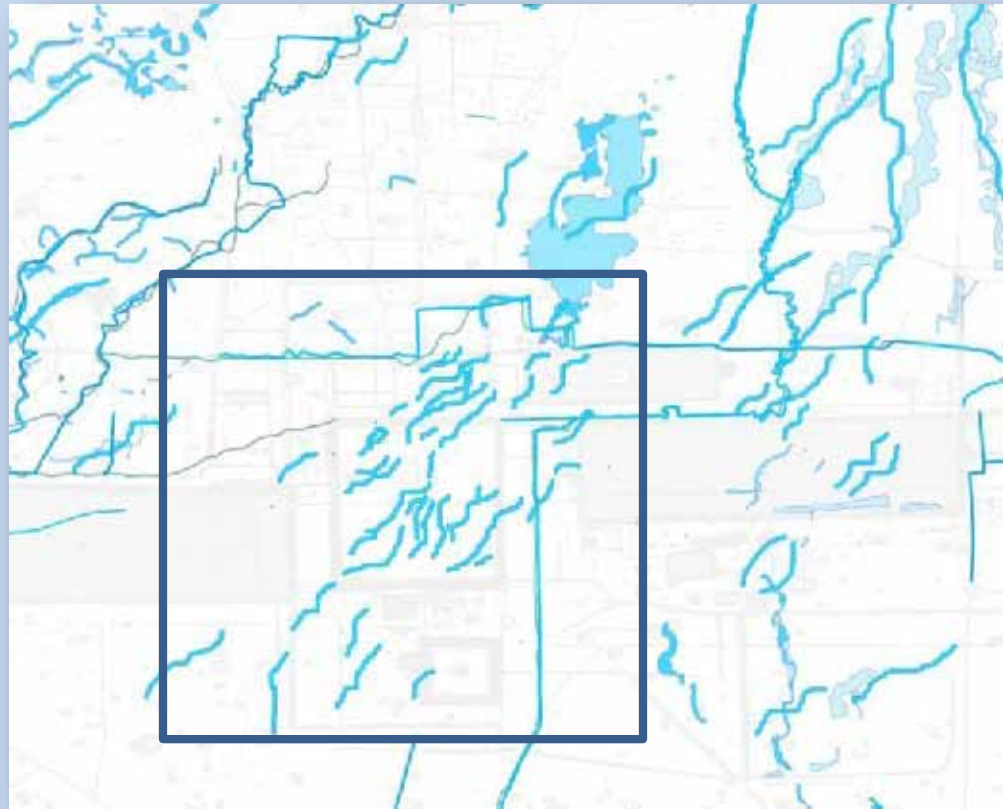


SIR-C: small precise tracts



✦ Group of traces spread all over the inside of the Angkor Thom precinct

- ▣ orientation varying from 35 to 45 degrees
- ▣ appear spread in a fan fashion.

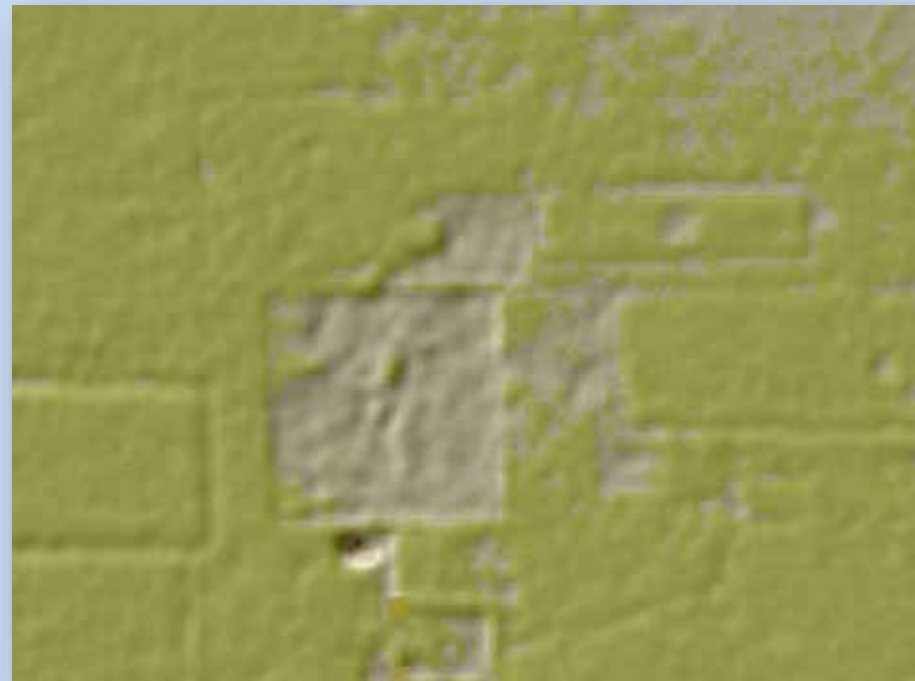


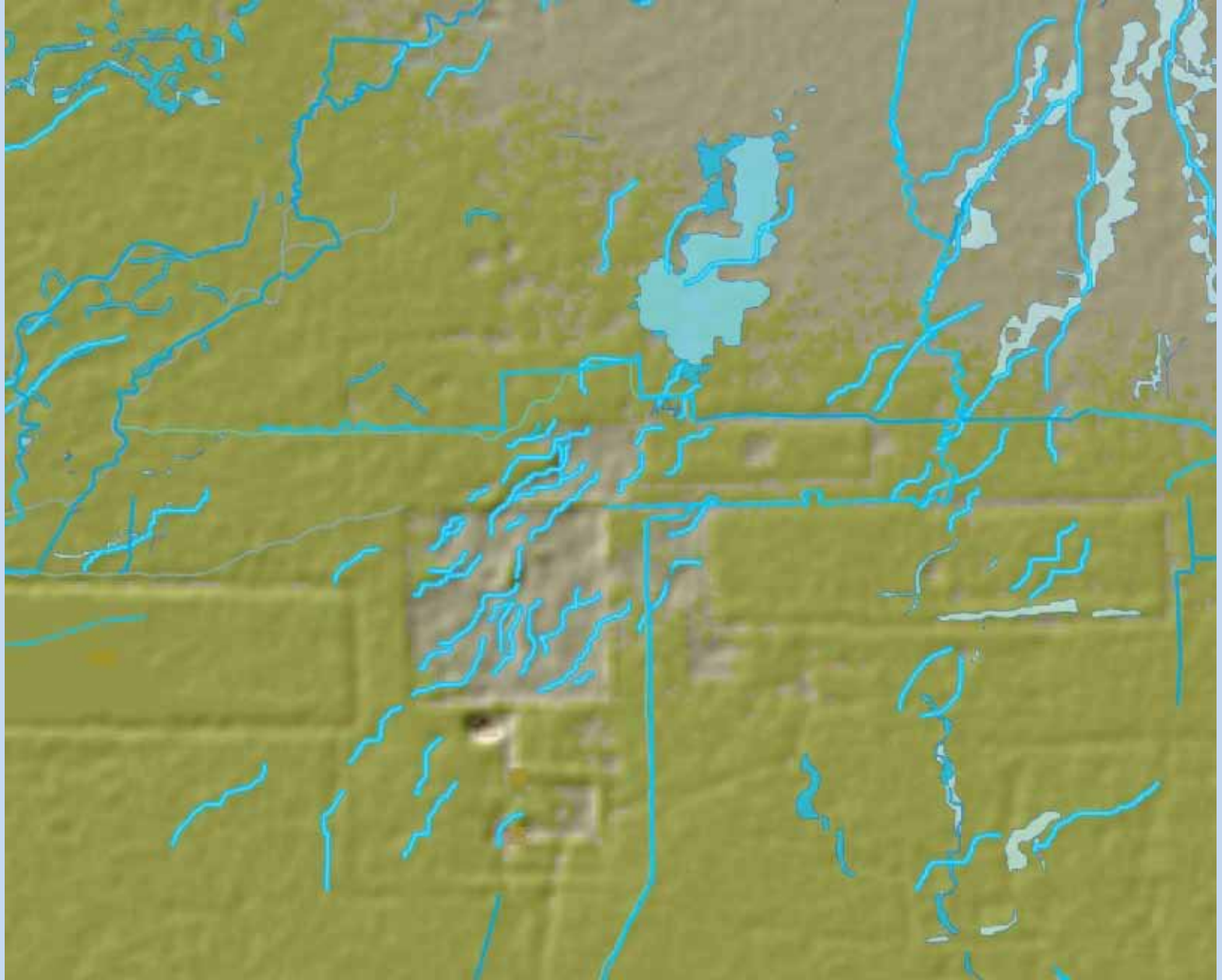
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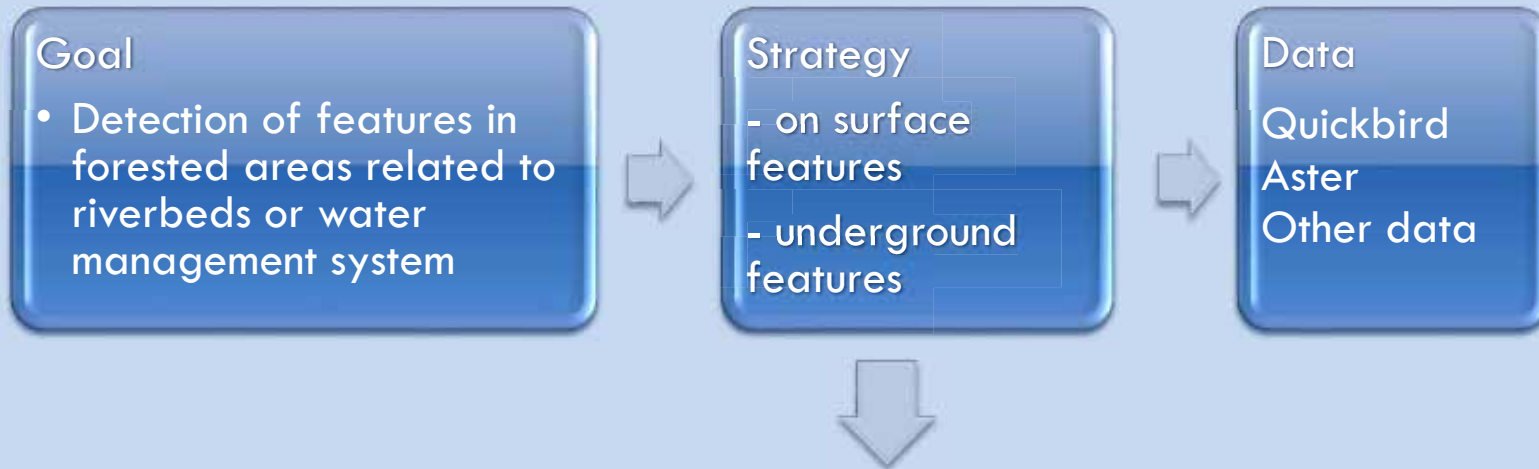
Features mainly detected through topographical variation (DEM derived by ASTER and SRTM)

2 datasets provided slightly different results; both show linear topographic variations in the area (beds of past rivers?).





# Detection of features in forested areas



## - VEGETATION SUPPRESSION

- Vegetation suppression to better detect features in the forest

## - VEGETATION INDICES (VI)

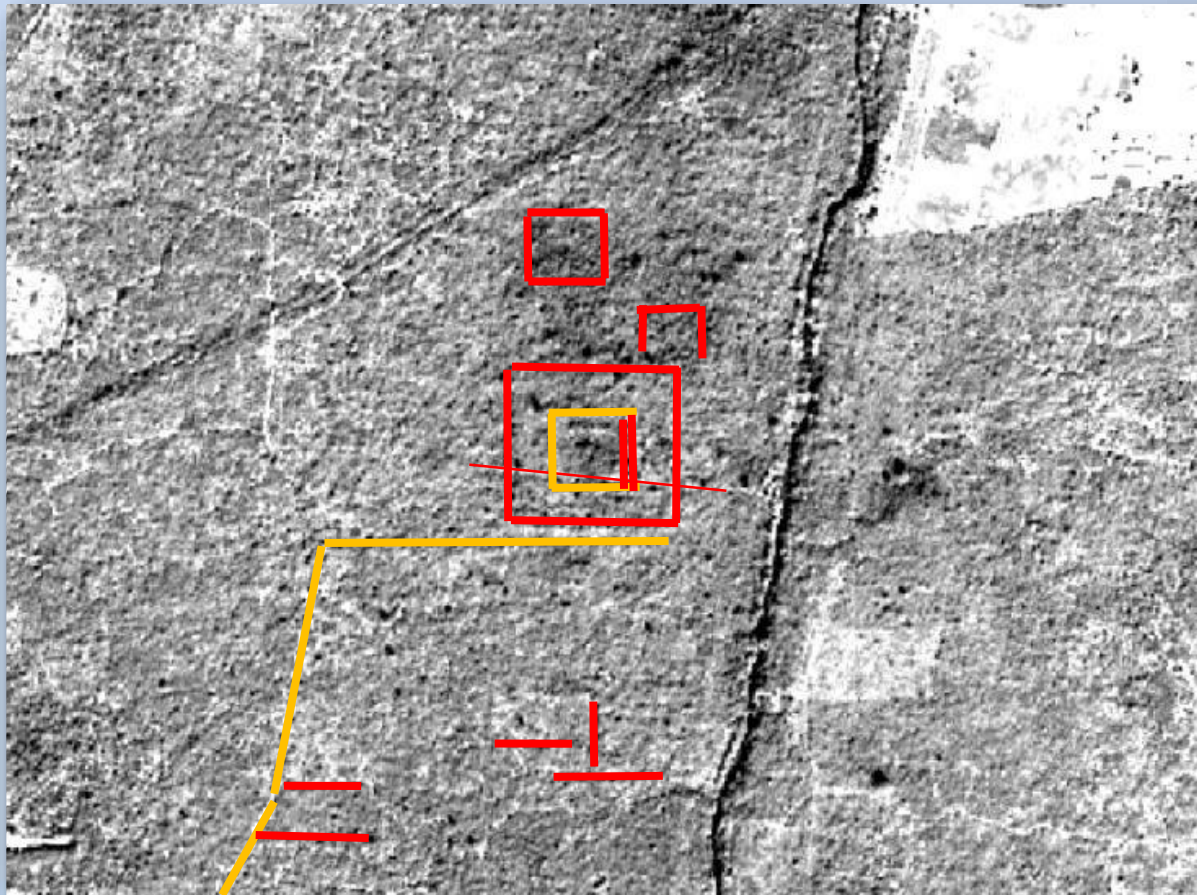
- Vegetation indices to create a map showing the overall health and vigour of a forested region

# Vegetation suppression

## **Vegetation suppression:**

- ❑ Removes the vegetation spectral signature from imagery in order to better interpret features
- ❑ Allows to perform linear feature enhancement underneath vegetation
- ❑ Can identify items hidden under open and closed vegetation canopies, like embankments and ditches.

Central temple has already been detected previously but not the features hidden by vegetation around it.

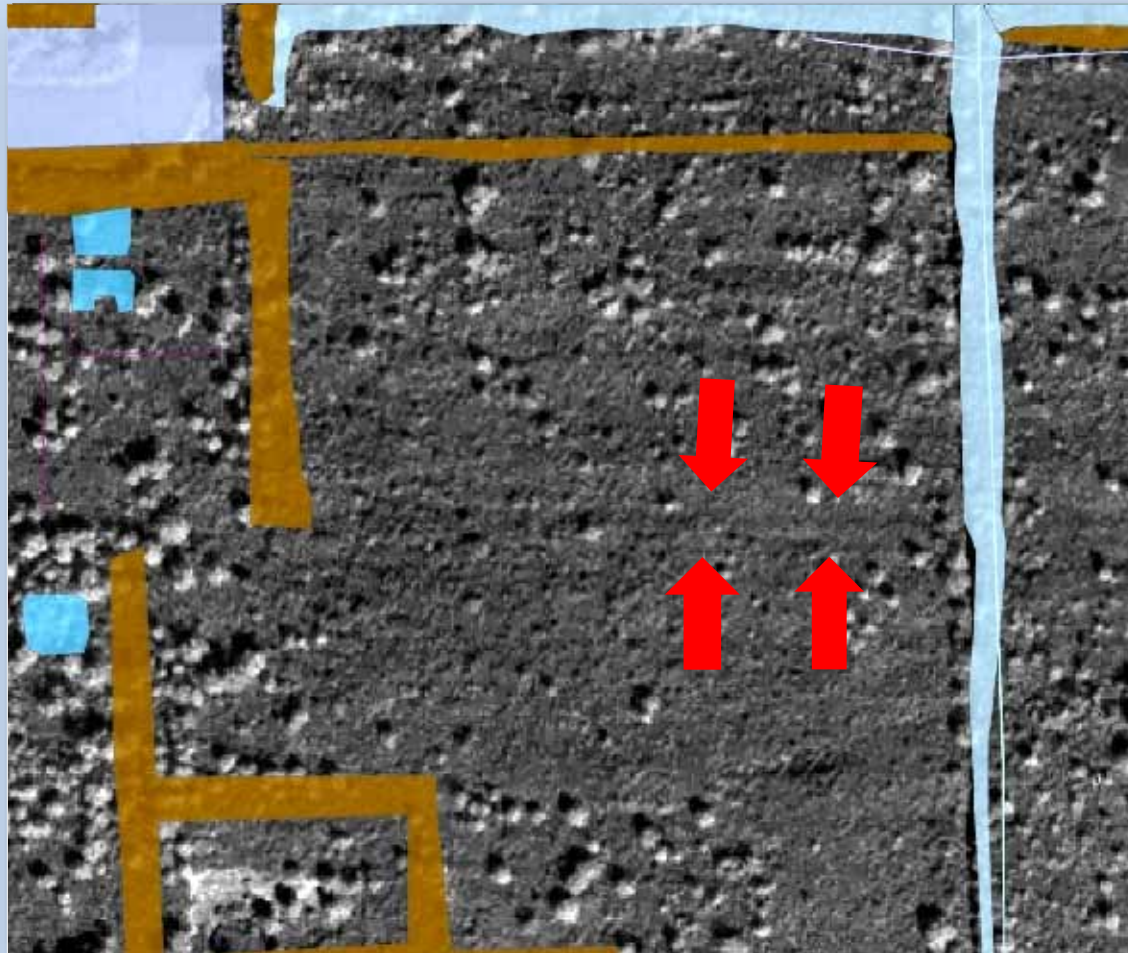




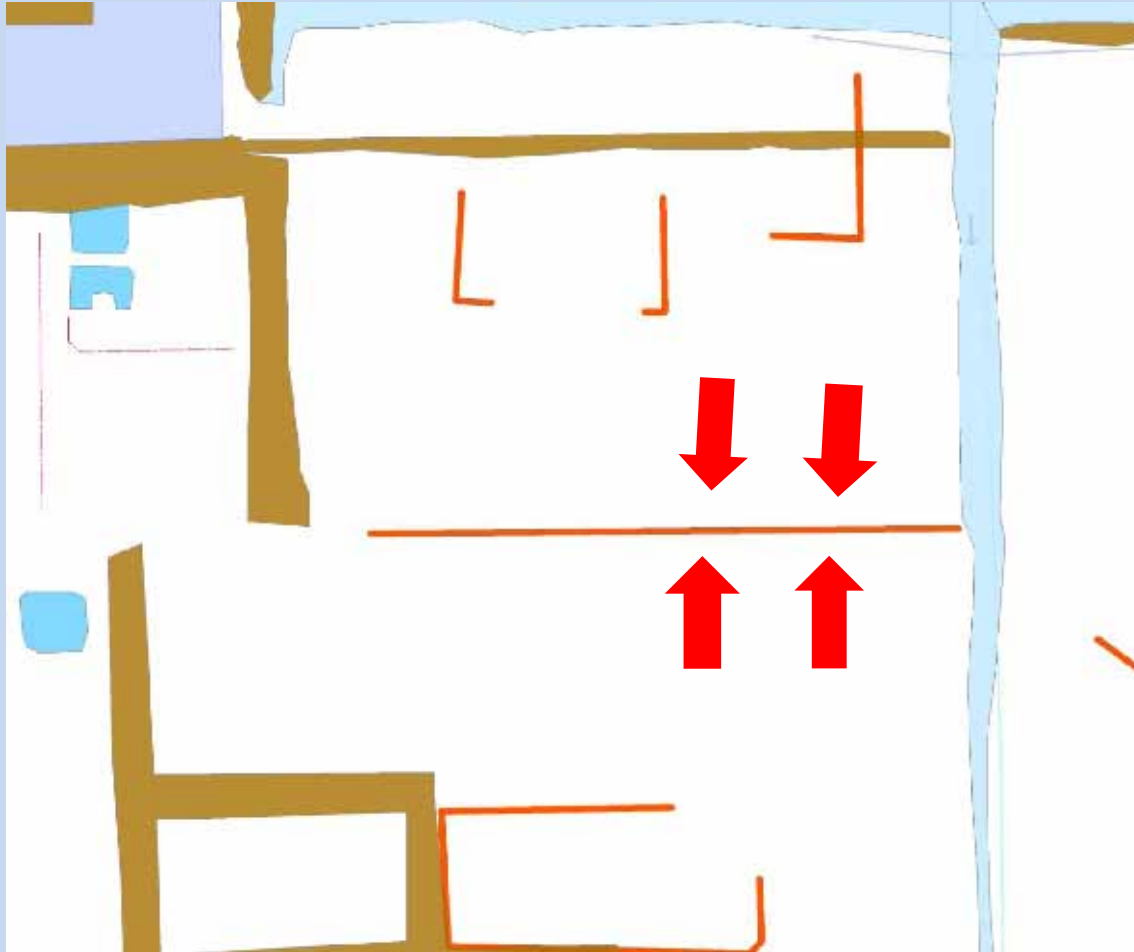
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## Workshops: Remote Sensing for Cultural Heritage Beyond Europe Enjoyment of Cultural Heritage By Means of New and Old Media



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The monitoring systems for World Cultural Heritage, from satellite techniques to  
in situ approach: The PROTHEGO methodology and some case study

Daniele Spizzichino e Claudio Margottini  
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# JOINT PROGRAMMING INITIATIVE ON CULTURAL HERITAGE WORKSHOP: FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS PARADE

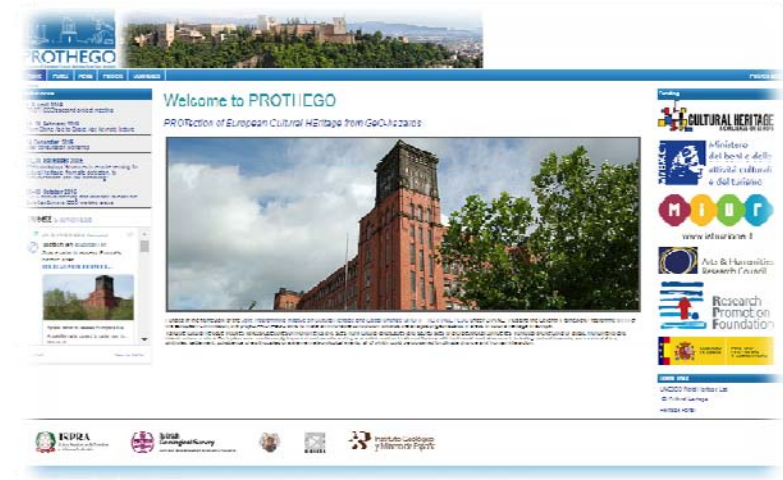


# PROTHEGO

Protection of European Cultural Heritage from Geo - Hazards



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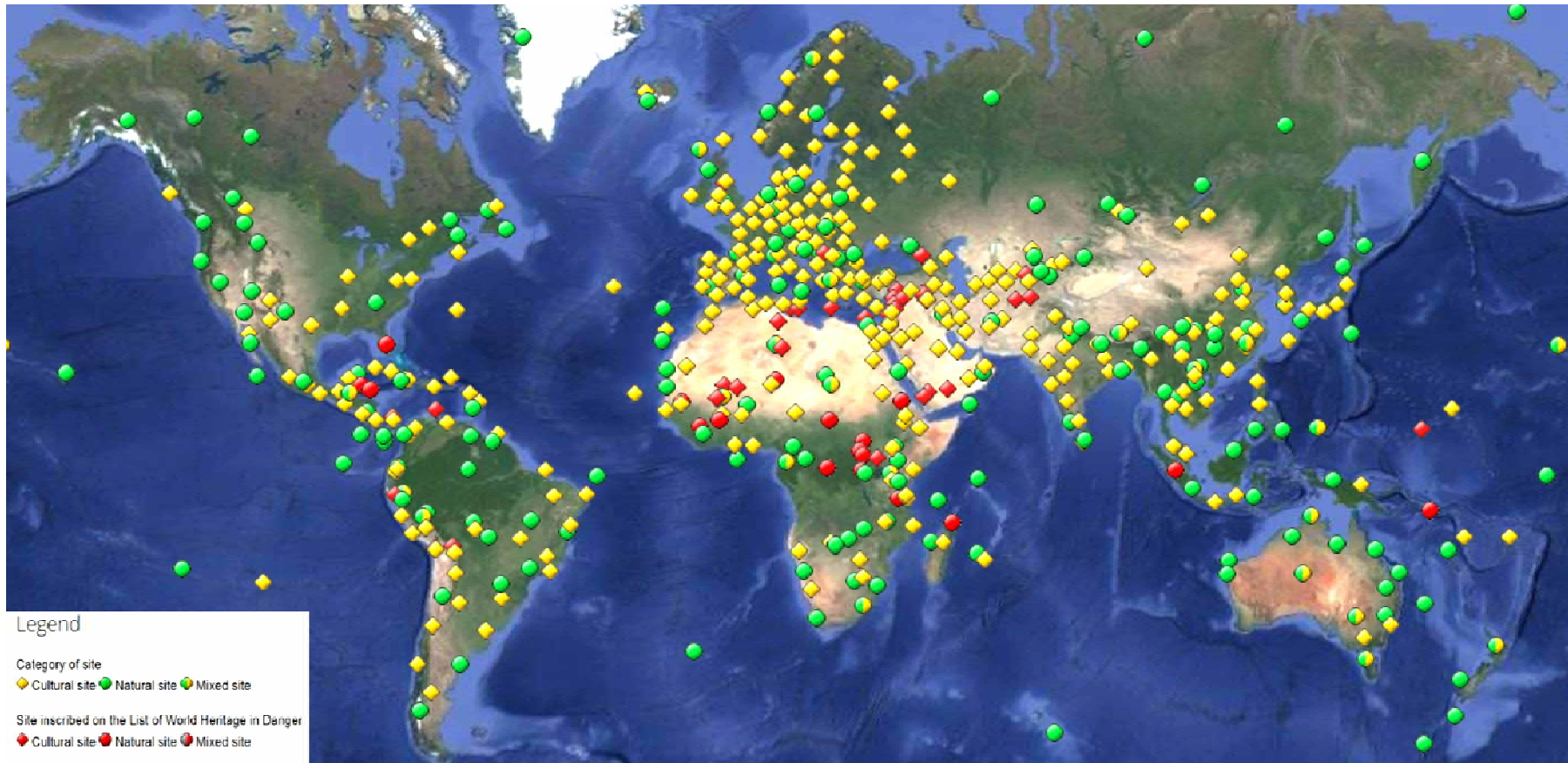


# other organization involved



| No | Support letter  | AP- typology                                   | Role in the project   |
|----|---|--|---|
| 1  | ESA – European Space Agency<br>[Pier Giorgio Marchetti]                                       | European Agency                                | Steering Committee  |
| 2  | EGS – Eurogeosurveys<br>[Luca Demicheli]  | Association of the European Geological Surveys | Steering Committee  |
| 3  | Petra Archaeological Park - Jordan<br>[Emad Hjazeen]  | World Heritage Site                            | Steering Committee  |
| 4  | ICL International Consortium on Landslides<br>[Kyoji Sassa]                                   | International Research consortium              | Stakeholders  |
| 5  | ISCR Istituto Superiore per la Conservazione ed il Restauro<br>[DG Arch. Gisella Capponi]     | Public Agency                                  | Stakeholders  |
| 6  | CRSS Cyprus Remote Sensing Society<br>[Dr. Giorgos Papadavid]                                 | SVE  | Stakeholders  |
| 7  | Politecnica Madrid - Alert geo-materials Royal Academy of Sciences Seville<br>[Manuel Pastor] | Public University                              | Stakeholders  |
| 8  | CSPfea<br>[CEO Eng. Paolo Segala]   | SVE  | Stakeholders  |
| 9  | Association of Cypriot Archaeologists<br>[D. Filides & V. Lysandrou]                          | Non-profit Scientific Association              | Stakeholders  |
| 10 | Patronato de la Alhambra y generalife   | Public Authority                               | Demonstration Site Stakeholders: Alhambra, Spain  |
| 11 | Sovrintendenza Capitolina – Roma Capitale<br>[Claudio Parisi Presicce]                        | Technical body of the municipality of Rome     | Demonstration Site Stakeholders: Historic Centre of Rome, Italy                                     |
| 12 | Landscape Research & Management<br>[Dr. Andy Howard]  | Geo-archaeological landscape consultancy       | Demonstration Site Stakeholders: Derwent Valley Mills, UK   |
| 13 | Derwent Valley Mills - World Heritage Site<br>[Mark Suggitt]                                  | World Heritage Site Board                      | [via the project "Managing Climate Change in the Derwent Valley", commissioned by English Heritage] |
| 14 | Trent & Peak Archaeology and the York Archaeological Trust<br>[Dr. David Knight]              | Archaeological heritage Services provider      |   |

# RATIONALE: WH Sites “in danger”



1052

Properties

34

Transboundary

2

Delisted

55

In Danger

814

Cultural

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Mixed

165

States Parties

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# PROTECTION FROM WHAT?

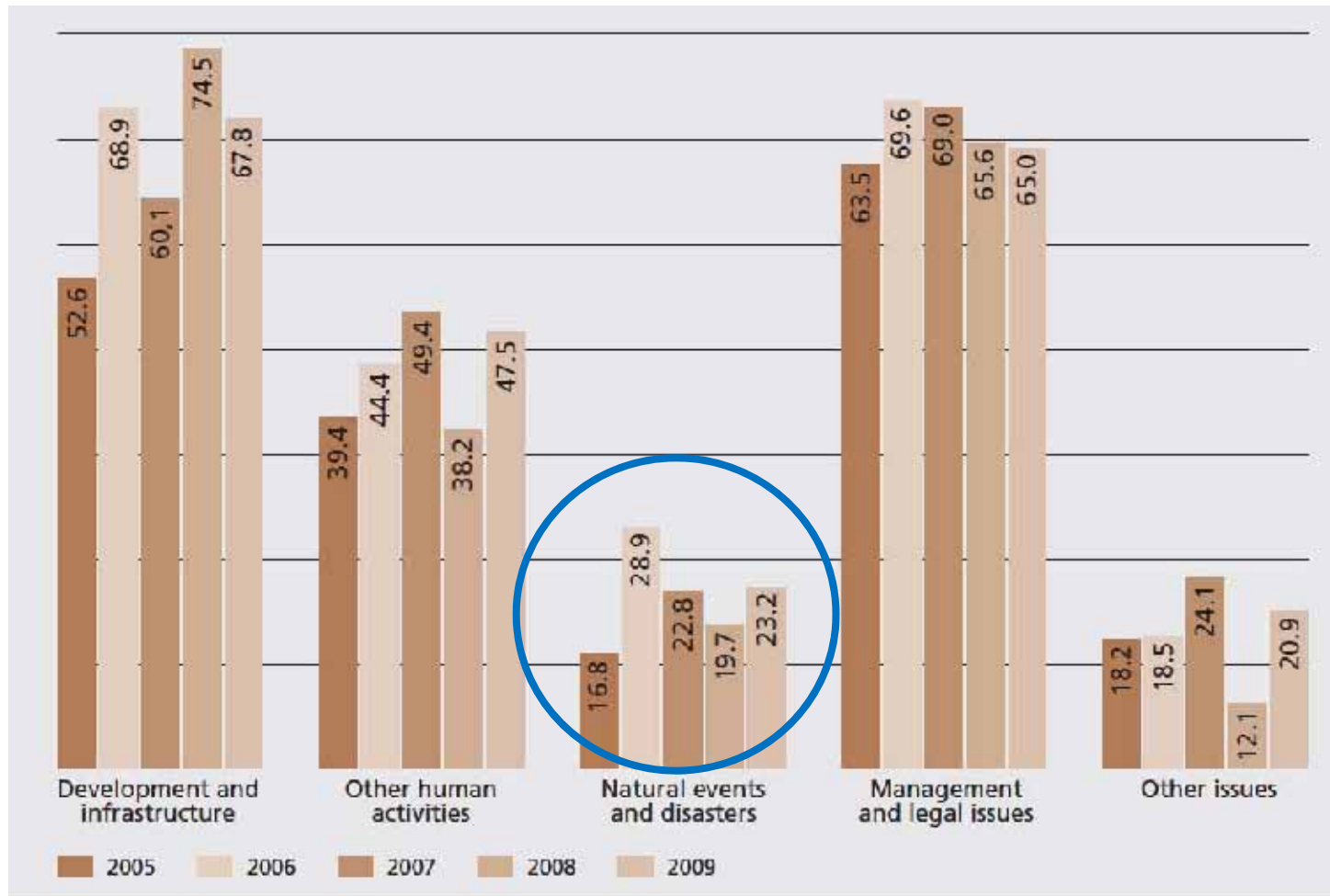


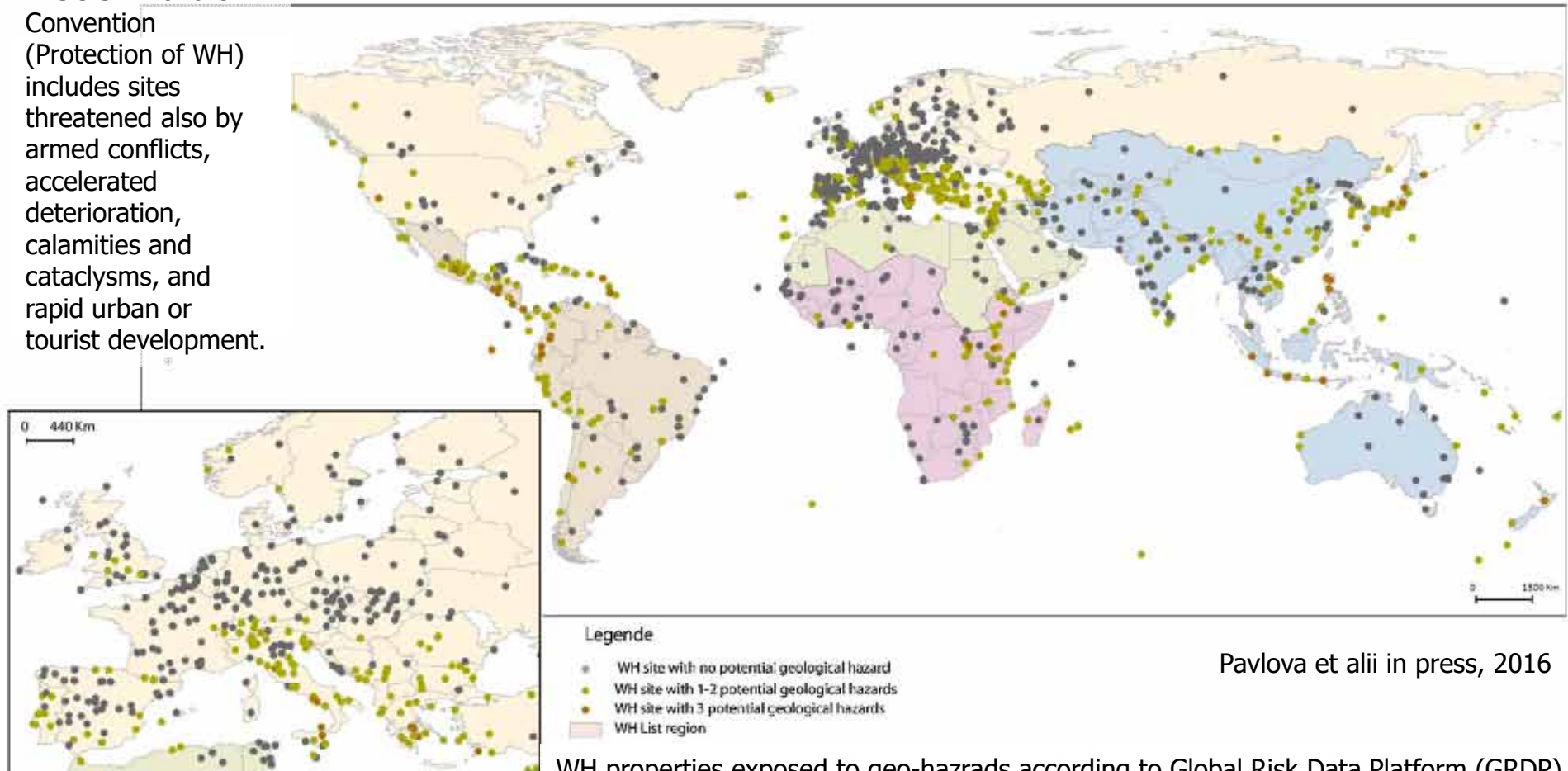
Diagram 4: Percentage of World Heritage properties affected by each primary group of threats (years progressing from 2005 to 2009, from left to right)<sup>30</sup>



Source: UNESCO (2013)

# Known Exposure of WH to Geo-Hazards

**Article 11** of the Convention (Protection of WH) includes sites threatened also by armed conflicts, accelerated deterioration, calamities and cataclysms, and rapid urban or tourist development.



Pavlova et alii in press, 2016

WH properties exposed to geo-hazards according to Global Risk Data Platform (GRDP) and Global Volcanism Programme (GVP) datasets.

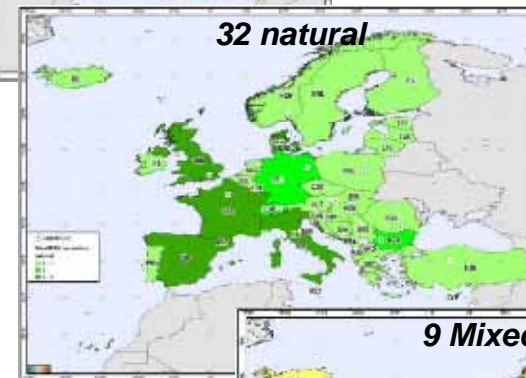
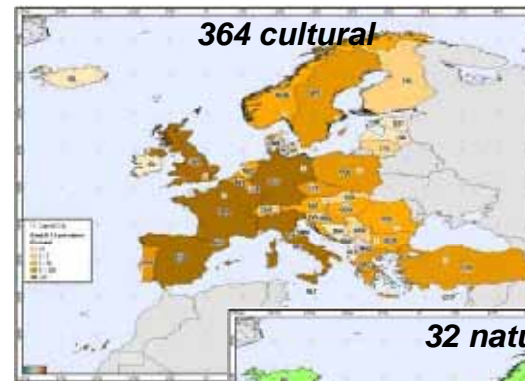
# Main goals of the project

## Methodology

SAR (PS) techniques applied to UNESCO World Heritage Sites potentially affected by Geo-Hazards (e.g. landslide, seismic, subsidence).

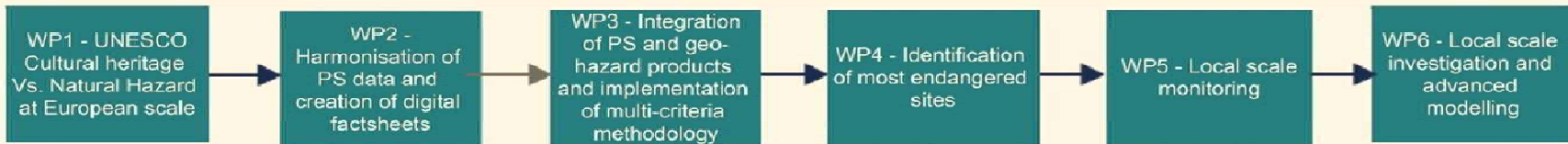
## Target and main Goals

Calibrate and verifying limits and constrains of SAR techniques applied to WH through downscaling the analysis in specific test sites: Mura Aureliane (IT), Pompei (IT), Alhambra (ES), Derwent valley Mills (UK), Choirokoitia (CY). The methodology will be calibrated also through monitoring and advanced geotechnical modelling.

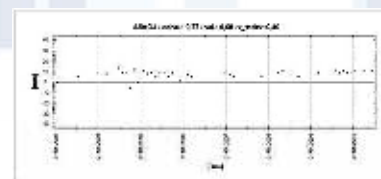
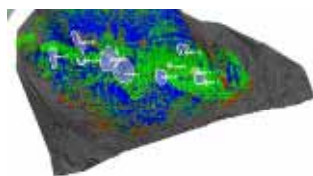
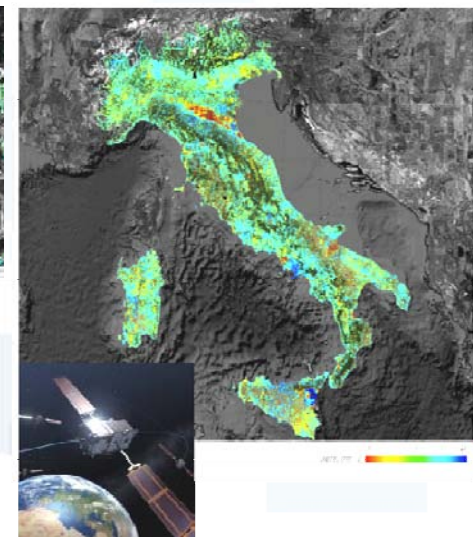
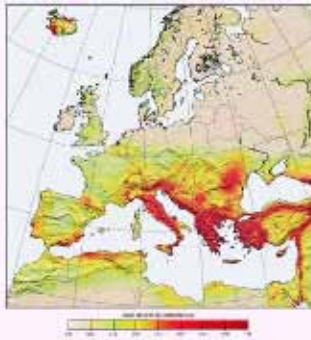
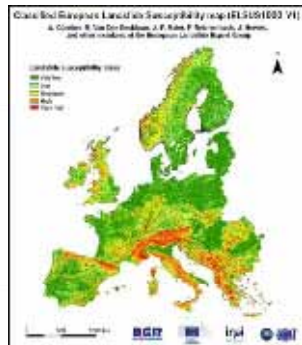


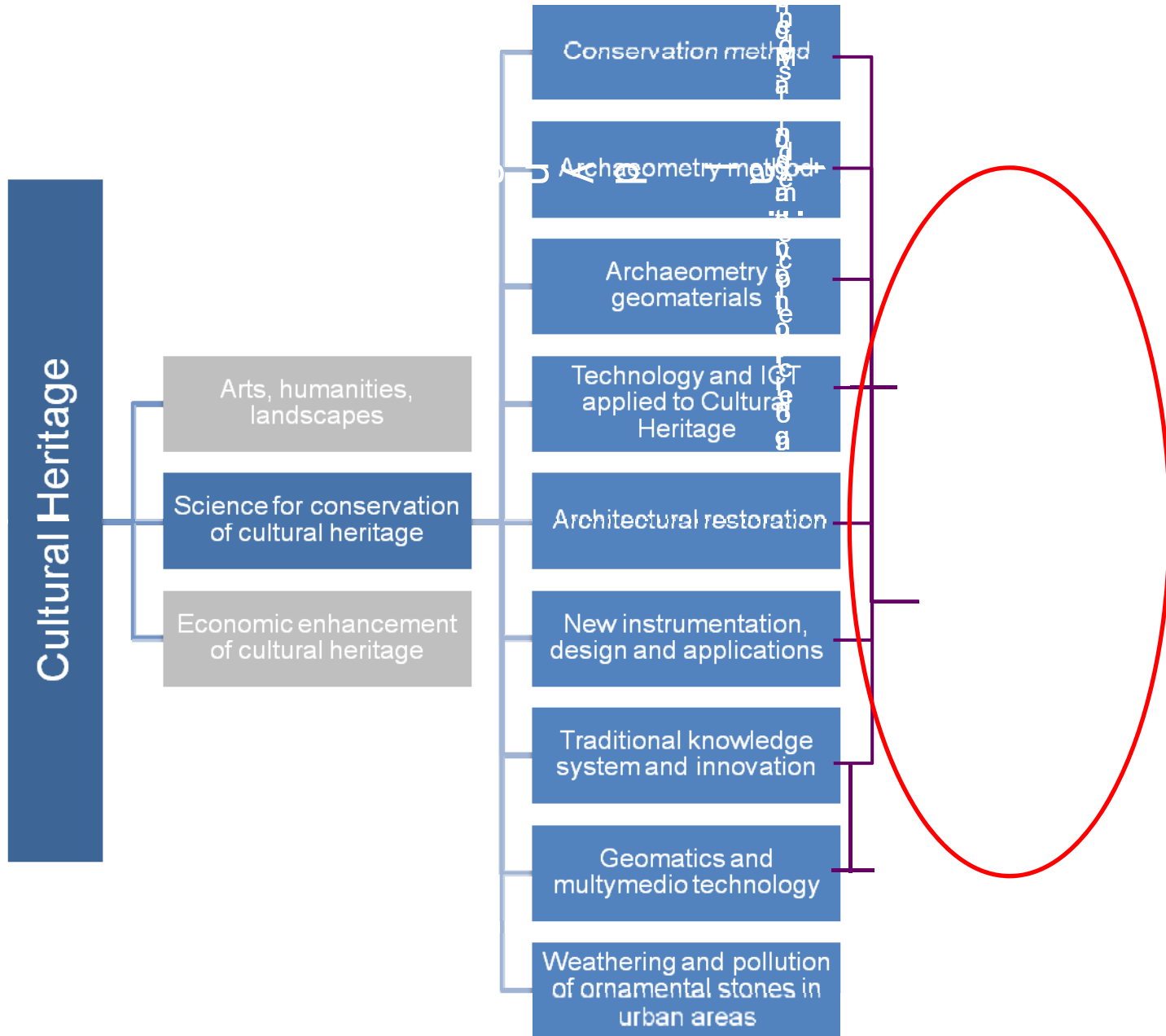
# PROTHEGO Workplan

## WP7 - Dissemination and communication

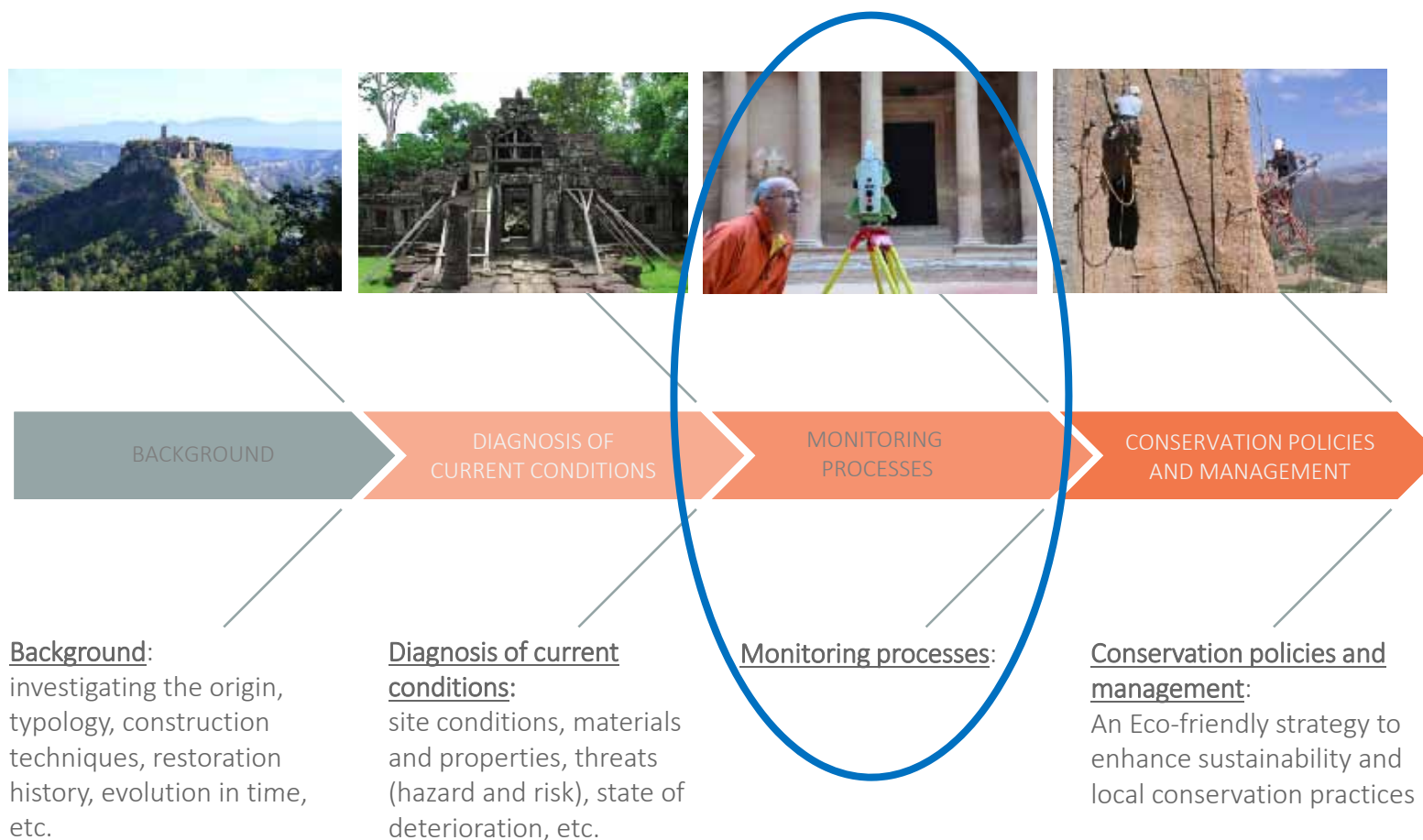


## WP8 - Project Management



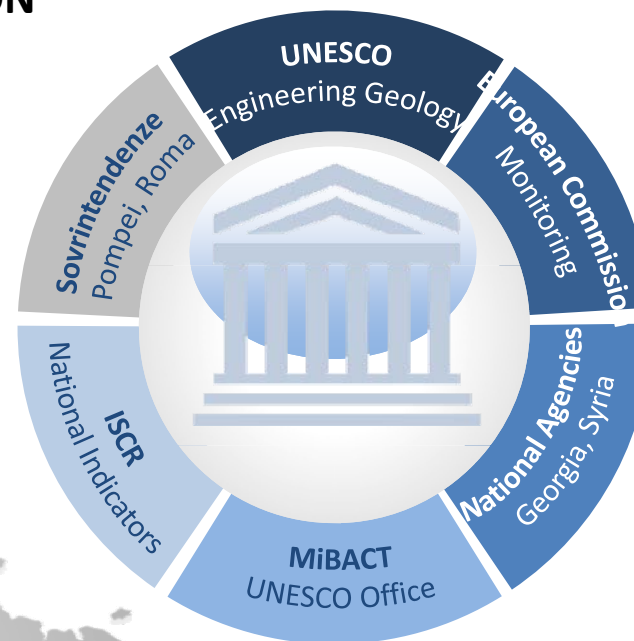


# METHODOLOGY SIMILARITY AND DIFFERENCES IN THE VARIOUS MONUMENTS AND SITES



# ISPRA ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT WORLD WIDE CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION

## LAST 15 YEARS CASE STUDY DISTRIBUTION



### Legenda

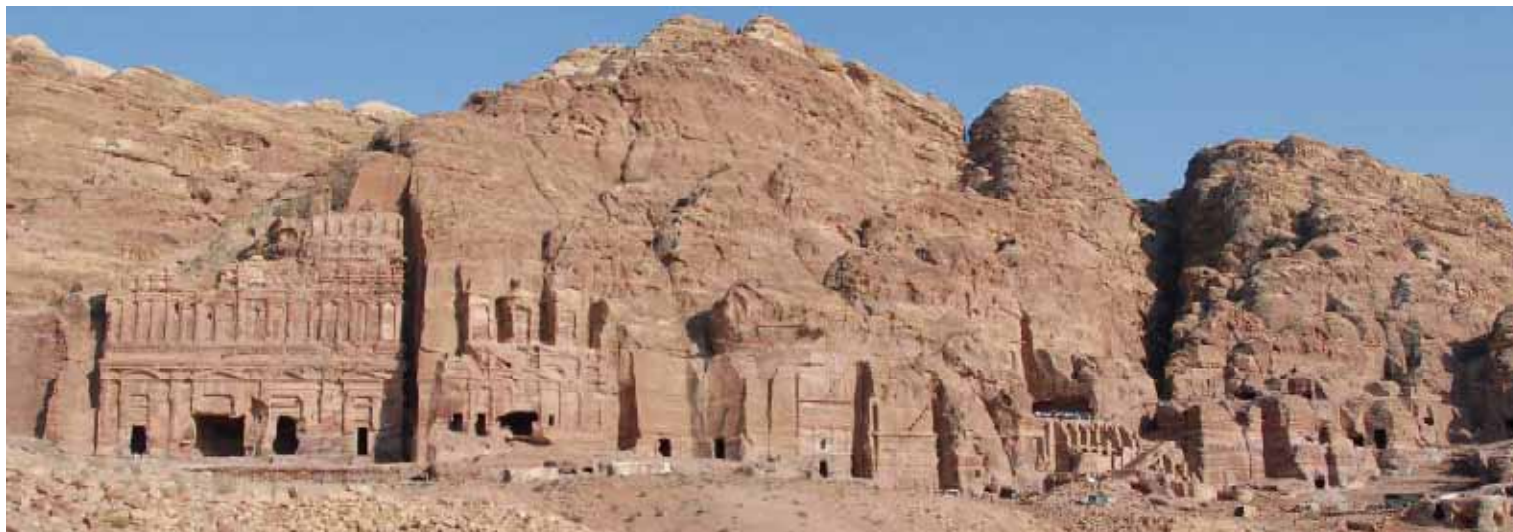
- Bearing capacity
- Enviromental issues (EIA, etc.)
- Landslides
- Hydrogeology
- Underground stability
- Geo-structural
- Archaeoseismicity



## NABATEAN CITY OF PETRA (JORDAN)

Monument – rock cut site

Treats – rockfall

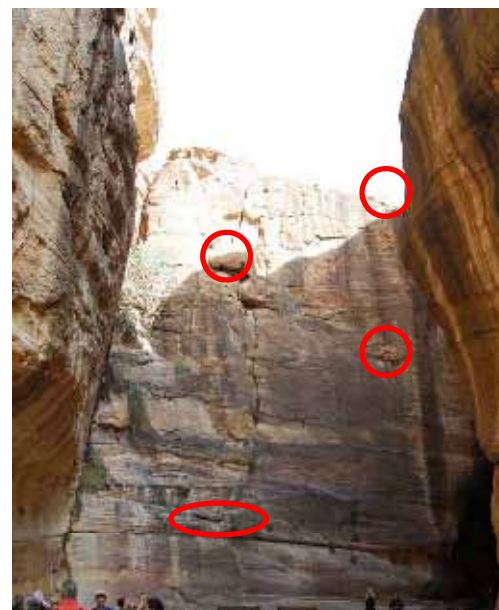
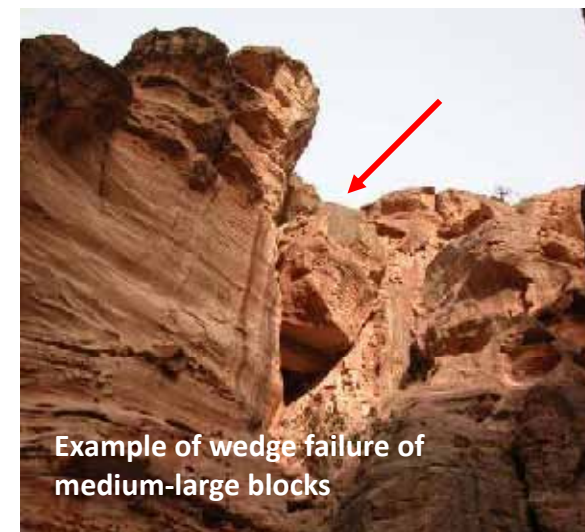




## *General description of the area and research background*



## LANSLIDE TYPES AND SLOPE EVOLUTION



Small blocks volumes (volumes  $< 5m^3$ )

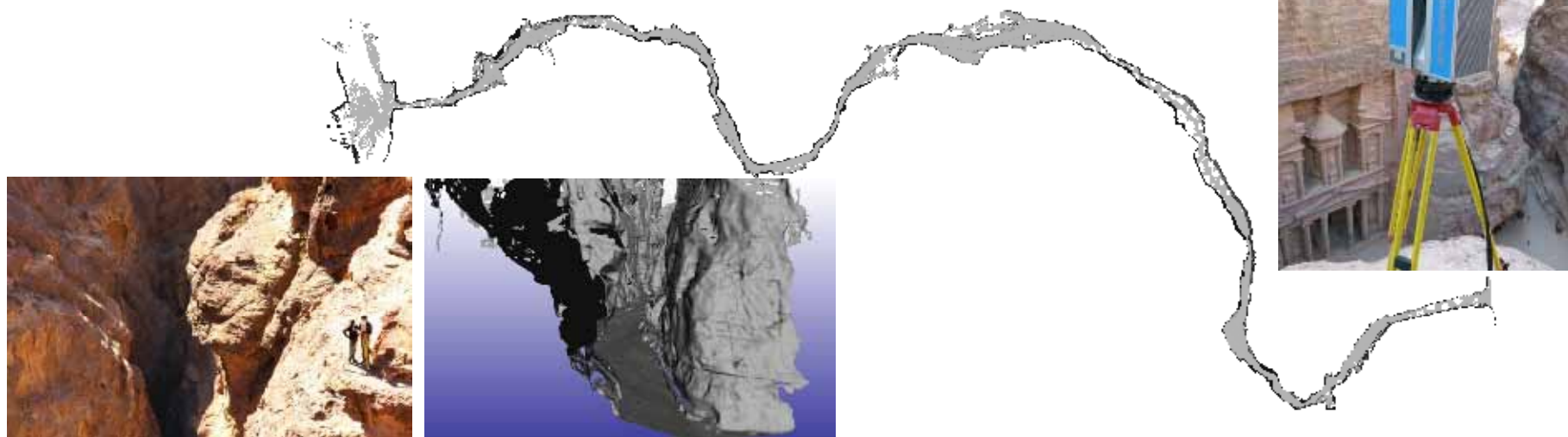
## LOOSE BLOCKS IN THE UPPER SIQ OF PETRA



### *RECENT AND HISTORICAL EVENTS*



## TOPOGRAPHY LASER SCANNING THE SIQ

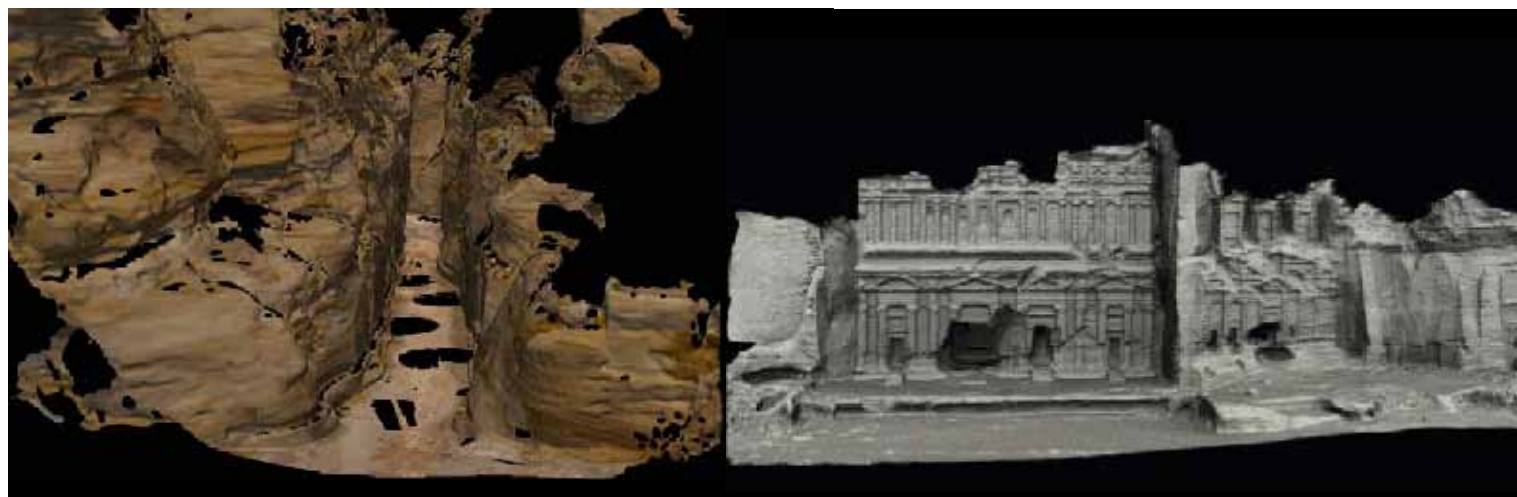


220 total scans;

average point  
interval of  
approximately 3  
cm.

Given this a point  
cloud of **five billion**  
points was  
generated.

the Siq was divided  
in 15 sectors (left  
and right)



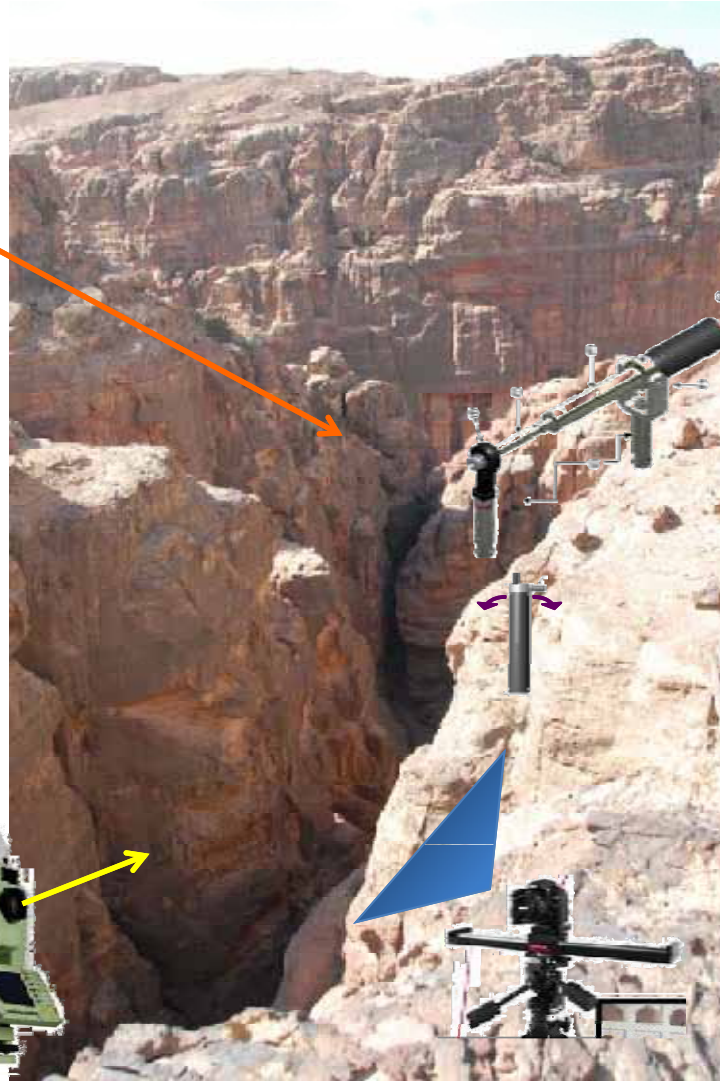
## INTEGRATED **MONITORING** SYSTEM WITH LOW ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (MULTITECHNOLOGY)



1. Satellite DinSAR analysis with the technique of permanent scatter. Such technique will allow the understanding of last decade evolution of cliff and surface ; (resolution: mm)



2. Ground-based geodetic techniques for landslide monitoring  
• reflector-less total station, to be placed periodically in the same place;  
(resolution: mm to ½ cm)



3. Geotechnical techniques for landslide monitoring  
• Automatic and wire extensometers, tilt meter and meteo data in a wi-fi environment;  
• manual crack meter .



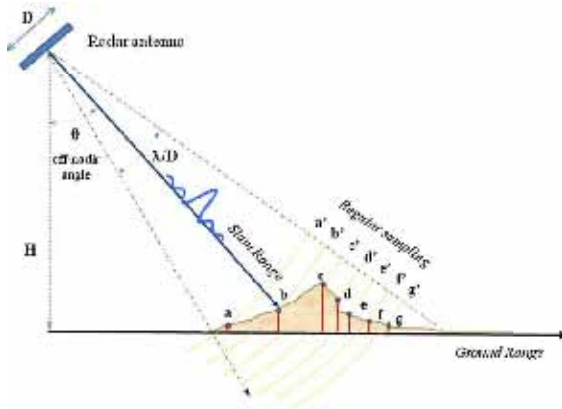
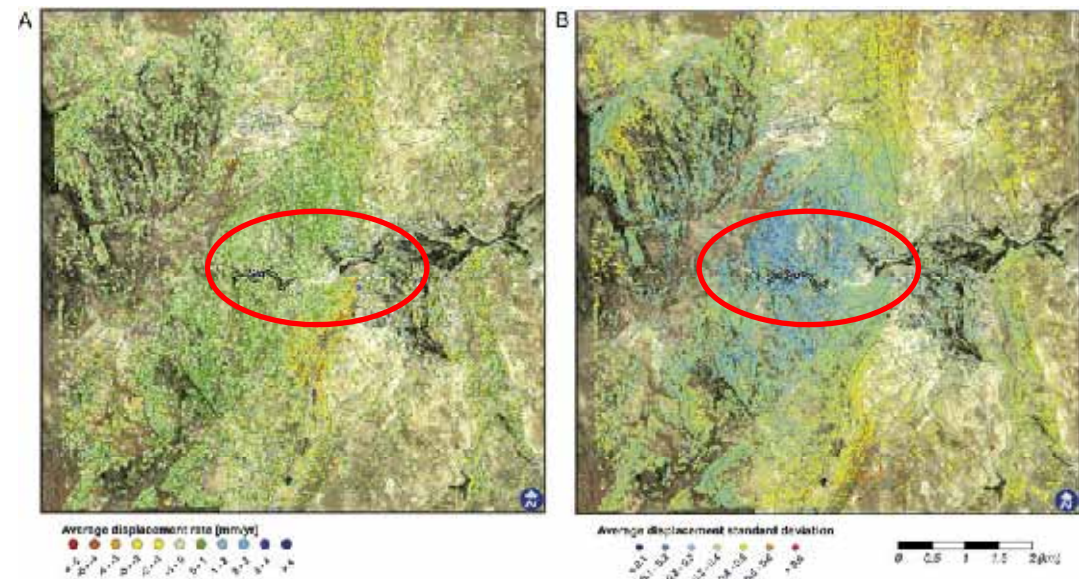
4. Digital Photogrammetric techniques for landslide monitoring  
• terrestrial digital photogrammetry. (expected resolution: mm to cm)



# MONITORING SATELLITE DINSAR ANALYSIS WITH THE TECHNIQUE OF PERMANENT SCATTERERS (PS)

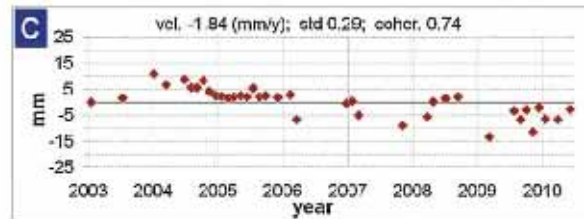
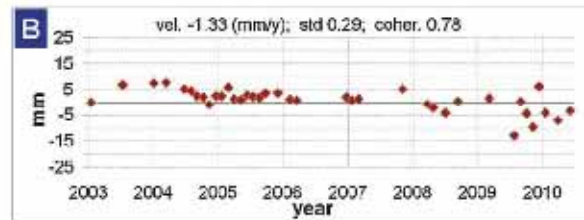
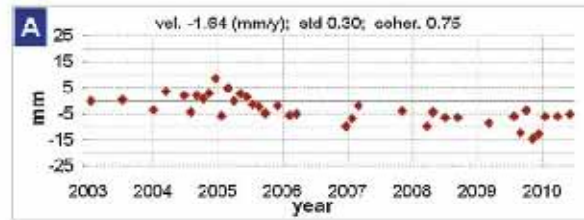
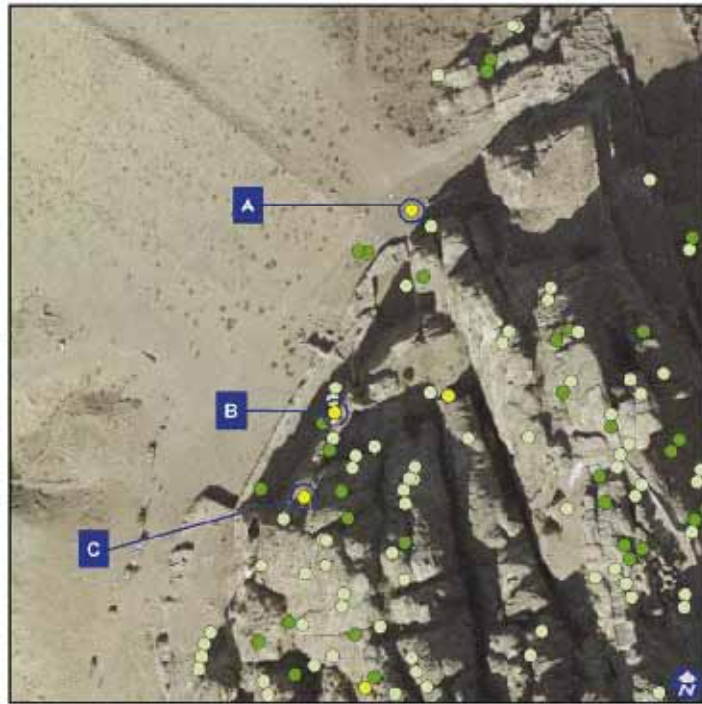


- 51 sq.km,
- 38 images ENVISAT2-V
- from January 2003 to June 2010,
- 61,983 measure points (ca. 1,215 points/sq.km)



The dataset used in this study is composed of 38 radar images acquired by the ASAR C-Band radar sensor mounted on board the ENVISAT satellite operated by the European Space Agency from 2002 to 2012. Thirty-eight radar images over Petra were acquired along a descending orbit (Track 78-Frame 2997), from January 19th, 2003 to June 6th, 2010, with satellite swath S2 and polarization VV. The incidence angle was approximately 23

The analysis highlighted that no major surface deformation phenomena were affecting Petra valley neither on the monuments nor on the cliffs during the monitored period (2003–2010), for the adopted methodology.

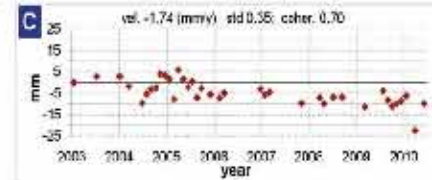
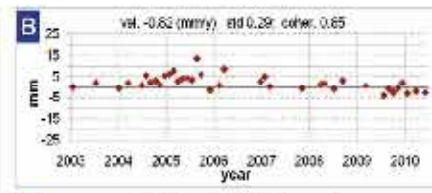
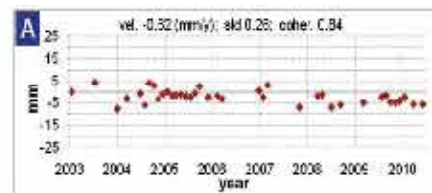
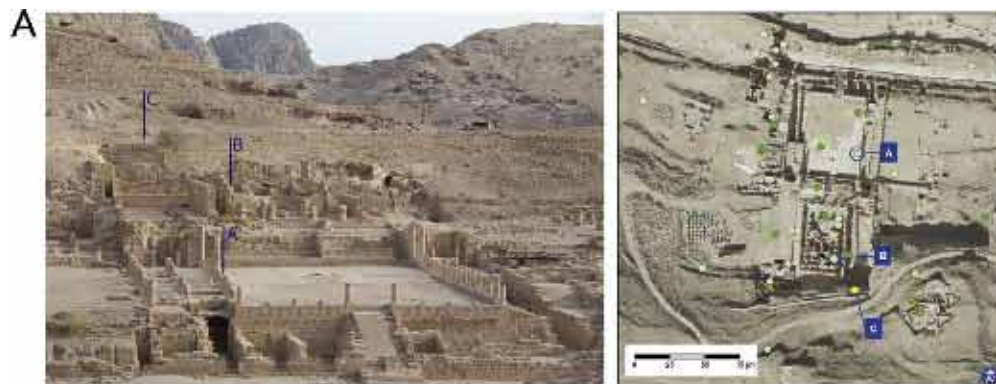


The performed investigation revealed a large number of MPs almost stable but also seven PSs showing a lowering trend, with a velocity of about 1,5 mm/y (Fig. 5). Considering that some of these MPs are positioned on top of the facades, close to the vertical cliff, a periodical verification is required and, may be, the installation of a proper ground-based geotechnical monitoring system would be necessary.

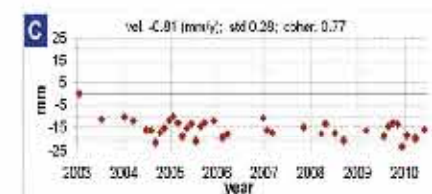
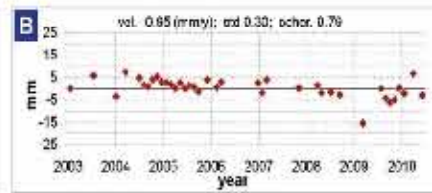
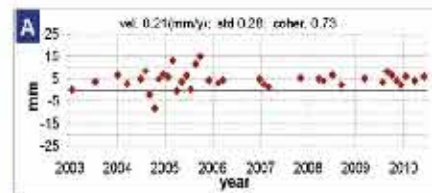
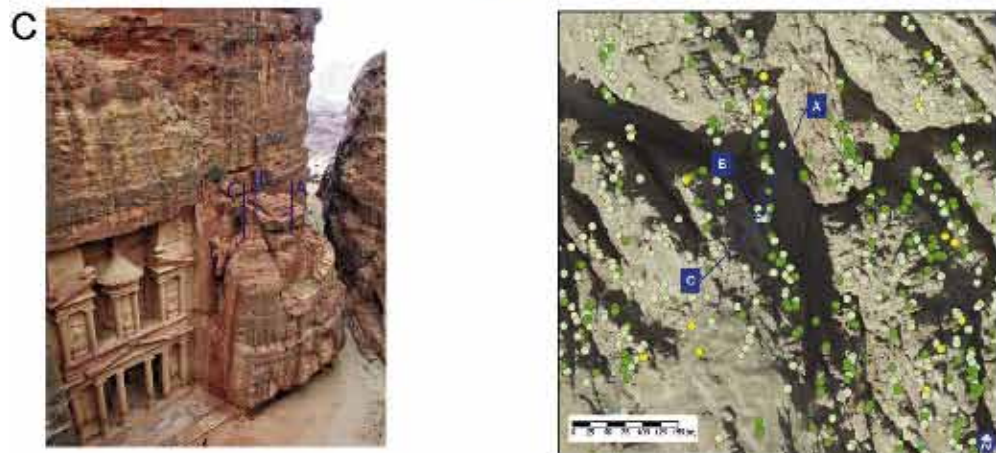
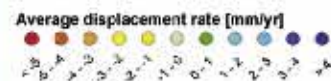
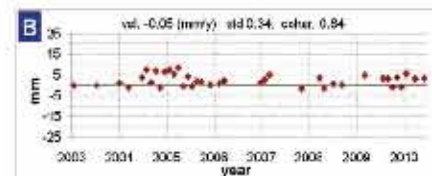
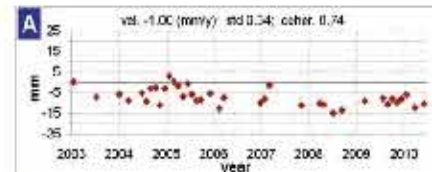


*The ROYAL TOMBS FACADE*

*The Great Temple*



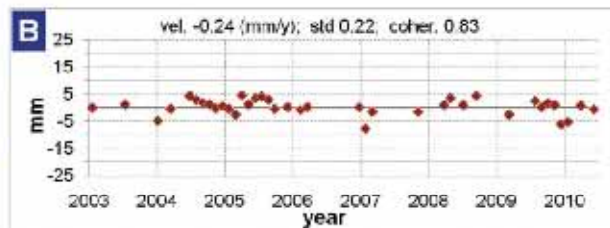
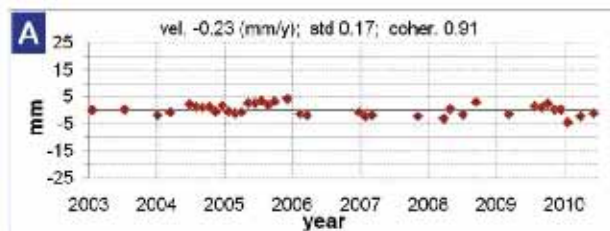
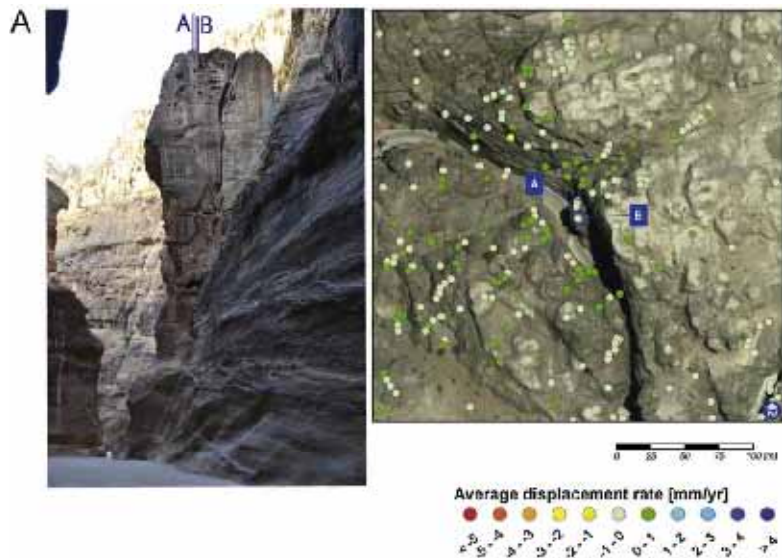
*Monastery (ad-Deir)*



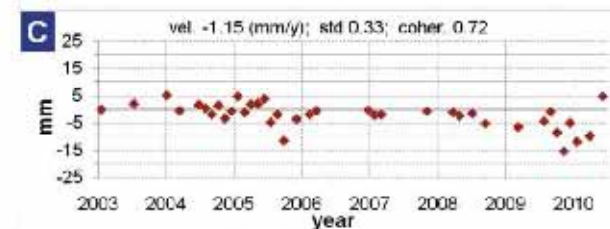
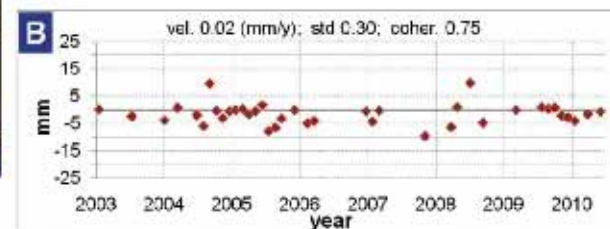
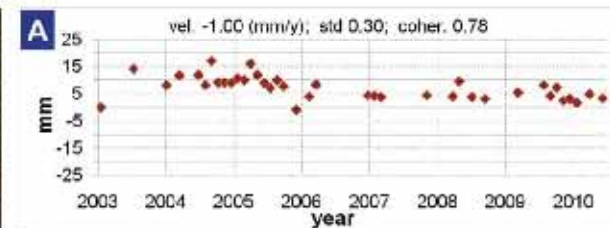
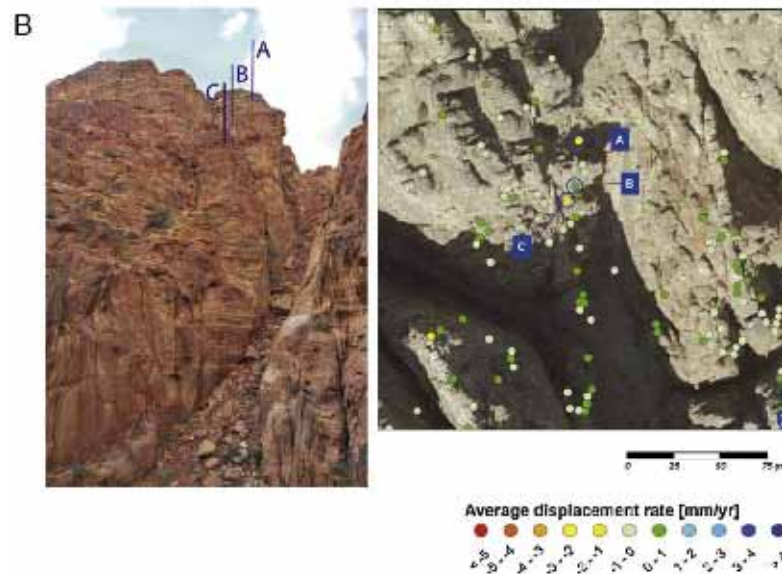
*Treasury (al-Khazneh)*

*Coerence with the two different monitoring techniques*





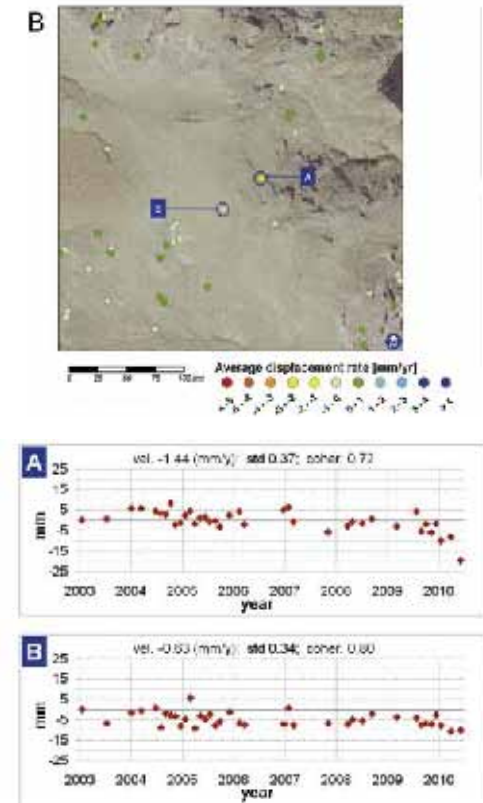
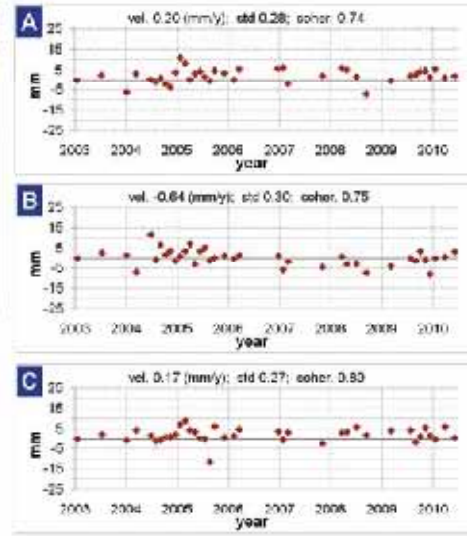
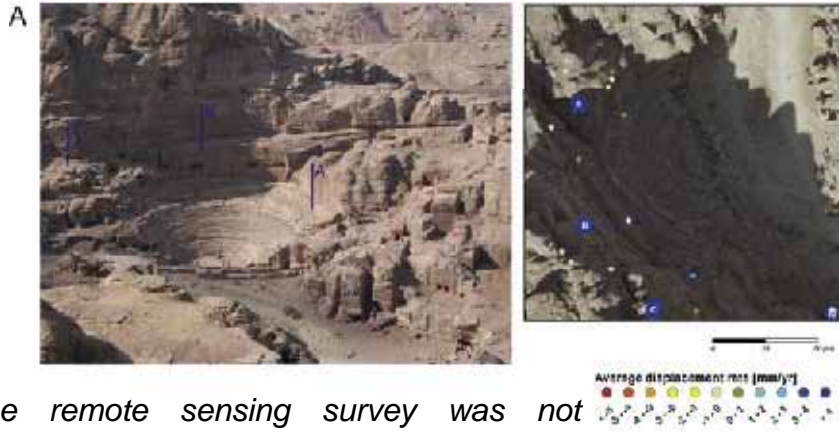
PSs data with ground-based ones, is in agreement with a model of a stable block, with a limited horizontal deformation



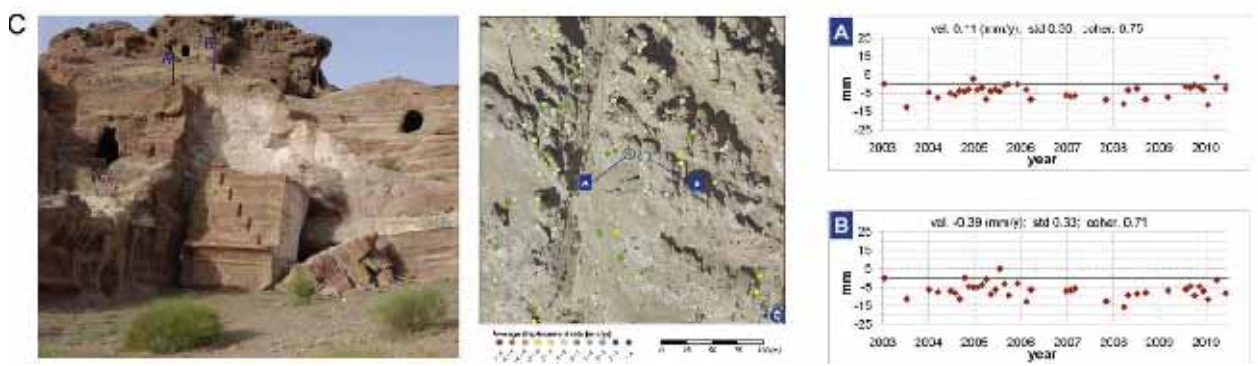
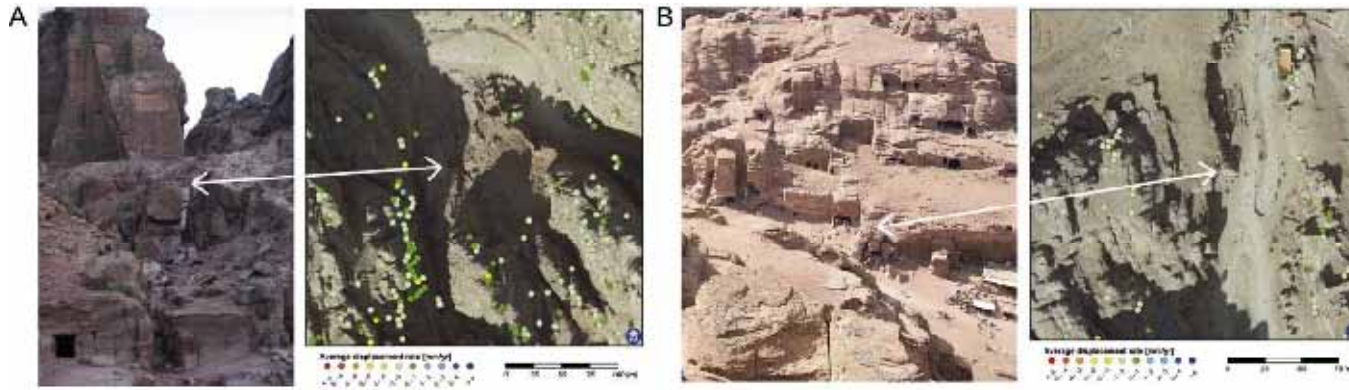
The MPs surveyed on the site are showing either stable surface displacement and lowering of about 1–1,2 mm/y, with a constant trend for the whole period. Considering the geomorphological conditions of the block a continuous ground-based monitoring is required, even if it is not affecting historical monuments but potential run out of displaced boulders may impact on visitors

*The "Theatre"*

*Newly discovered archaeological site in 2016*



*The remote sensing survey was not capable to detect MPs directly in theatre, likely because of the geometry of acquisition.*

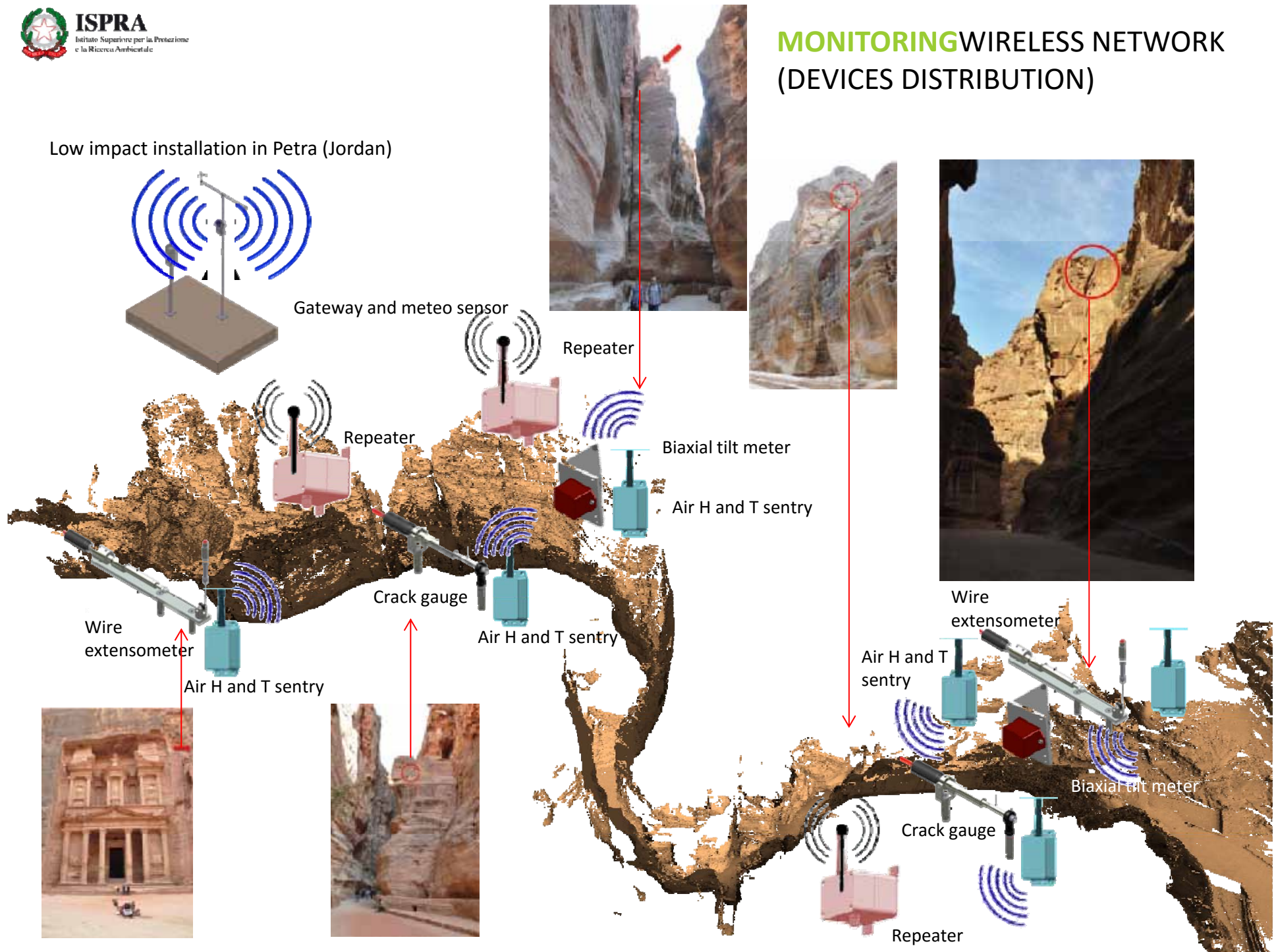


*Cross check with dated collapse*

*remote sensing investigation was not revealing any deformation in the available time-window suggesting that the collapse was not exhibiting remarkable precursory phenomena with a brittle rupture and sudden fall*

# MONITORING WIRELESS NETWORK (DEVICES DISTRIBUTION)

Low impact installation in Petra (Jordan)



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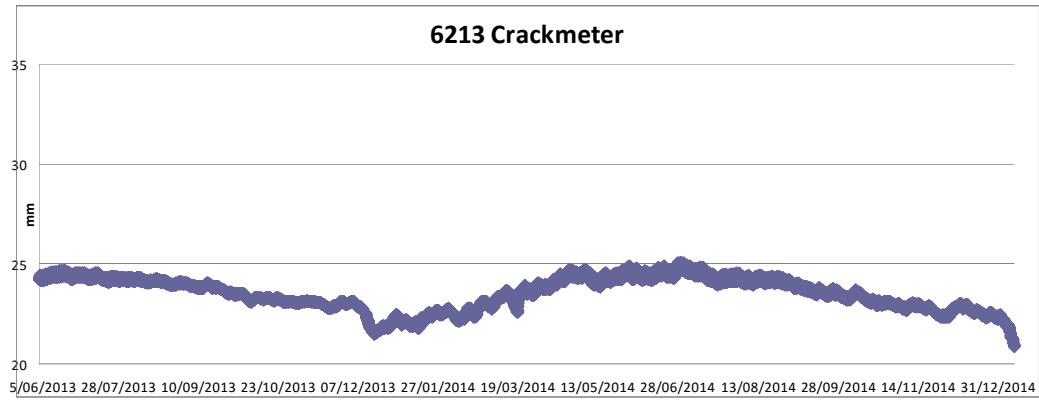
## Gateway and meteo station

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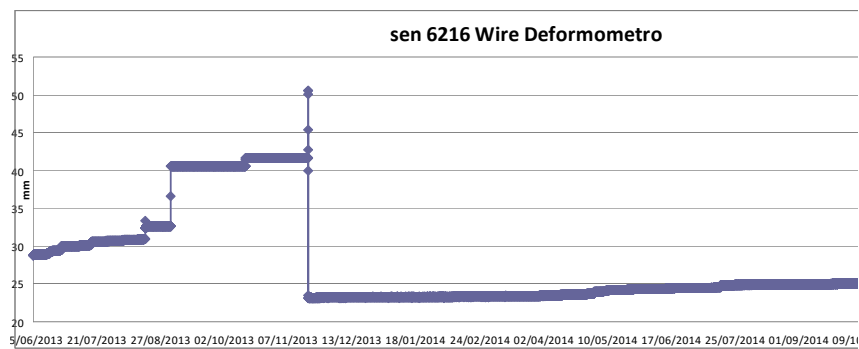


## REPEATER 3

# Crack meter



## Wire deformometer



Map

Graph

Gateway

Sentry

Sentries

- Inactive
- Maintenance
- ✕ Missing

- Air (transmission)
- Humidity
- Meteo Station
- Crack Meter
- Tilt Meter
- Deformometer

- Gateways:
- missing GPRS
  - missing RADIO
  - offline
  - online
  - maintenance

Meteo  
Show  
Control Panel  
Logs

Petra



Coordinate

Lon / Lat  
35.10143  
30.32150

Device

ENVEVE

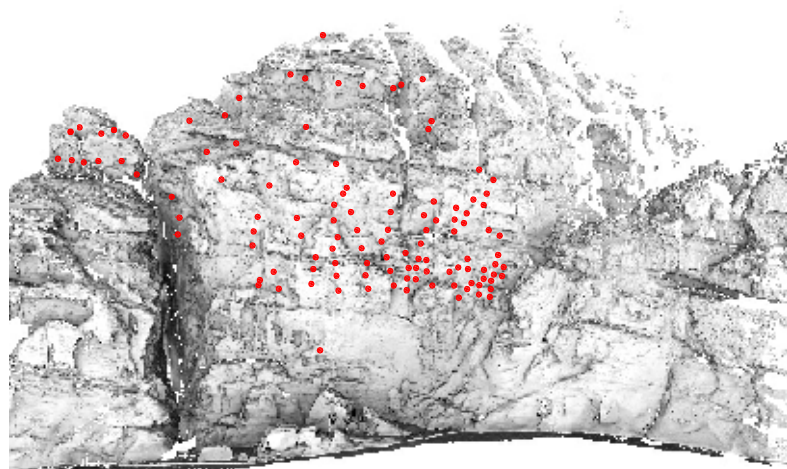
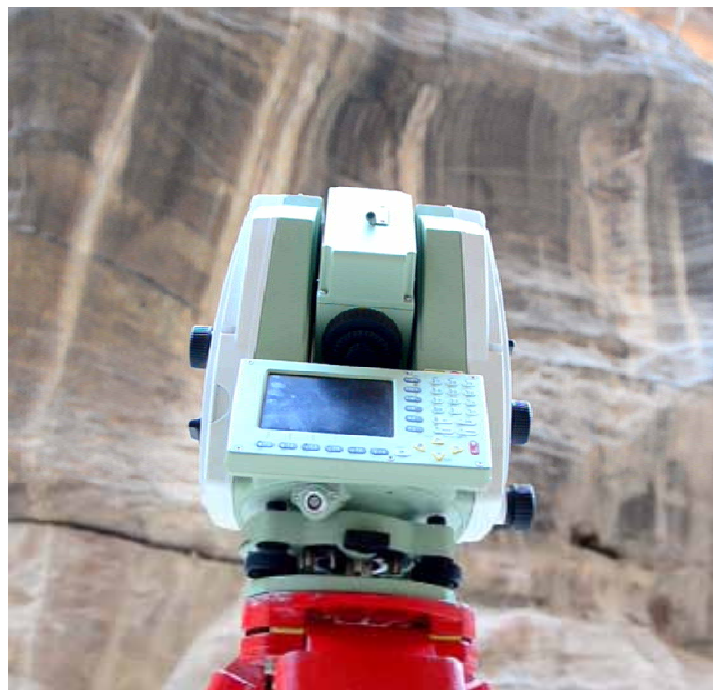
Version 9.

Map Gateway Sentry

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# MONITORING INNOVATIVE GEODETIC MONITORING WITH REFLECTORLESS ROBOTIC TOTAL STATION (PETRA, JORDAN)





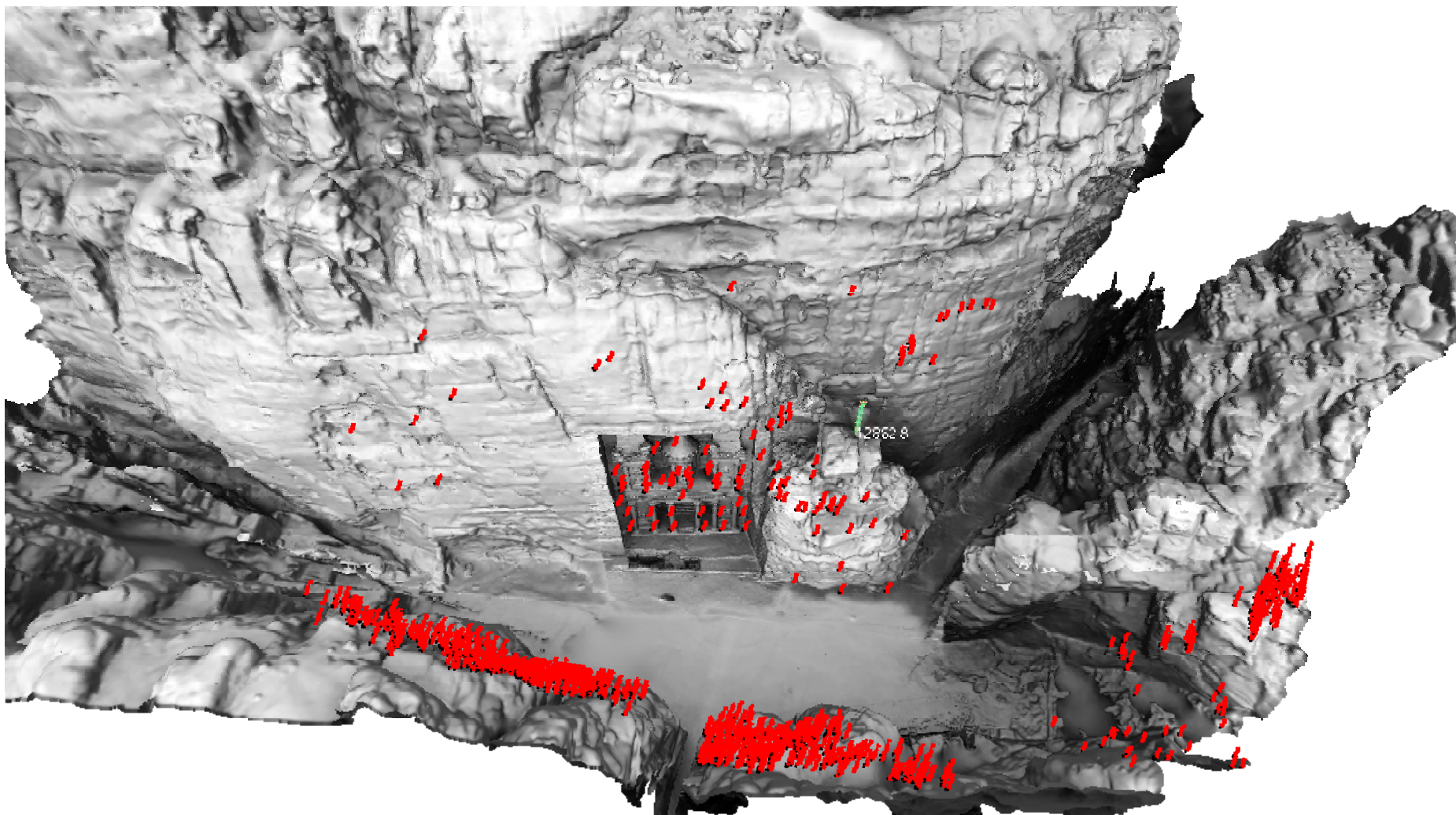
# Reflector-less TS monitoring



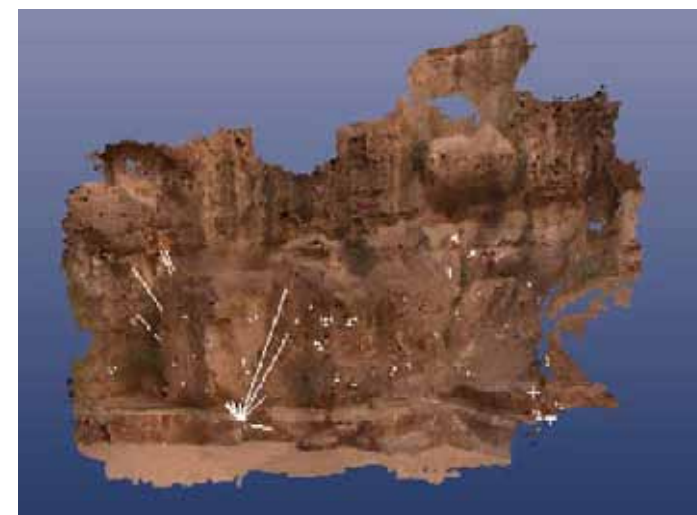
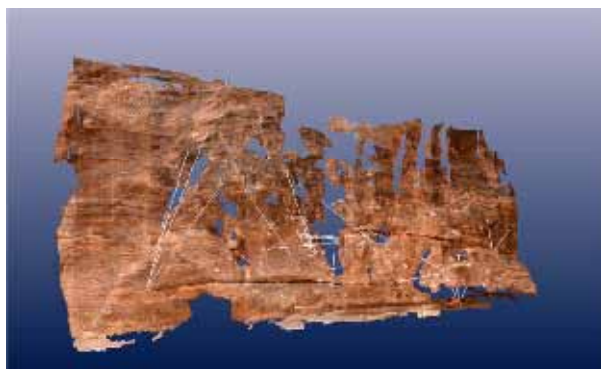
Their presence is useful to materialize the network and improve the reflector-less monitoring accuracy and precision. This system can be used both in continuous and discontinuous monitoring applications. The last generation total station can generate a 3D point cloud model (through laser scanner acquisition) in which it is possible to visualize directly the monitored points.

# MONITORING INNOVATIVE GEODETIC MONITORING WITH REFLECTORLESS ROBOTIC TOTAL STATION (PETRA, JORDAN)

ACCURACY 2 MM  
IN REFLECTORELESS MODALITY

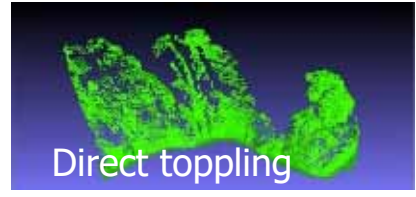
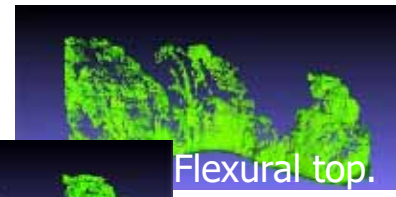
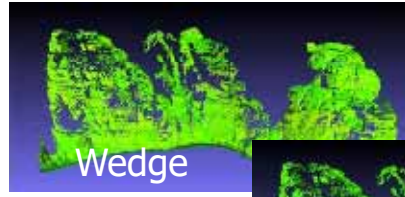
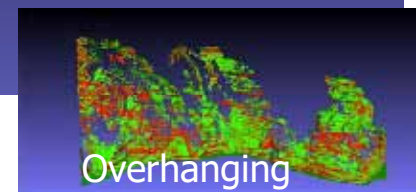
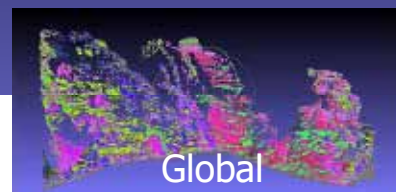
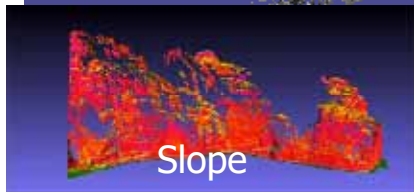


## Digital photogrammetry : survey tools or monitoring systems?



**KINEMATIC ANALYSIS**  
(ALL SECTORS)

Laser scanner



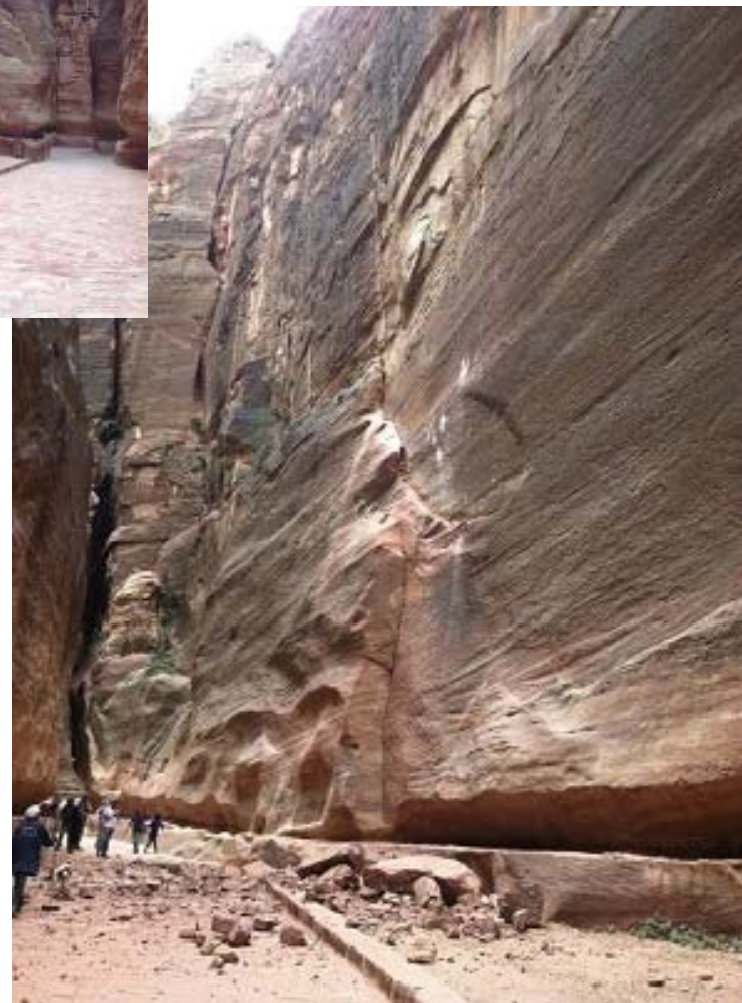
Global kinematic index (vs. 2.0)



## The rockfall of 28th May 2015, in the morning (11,30)

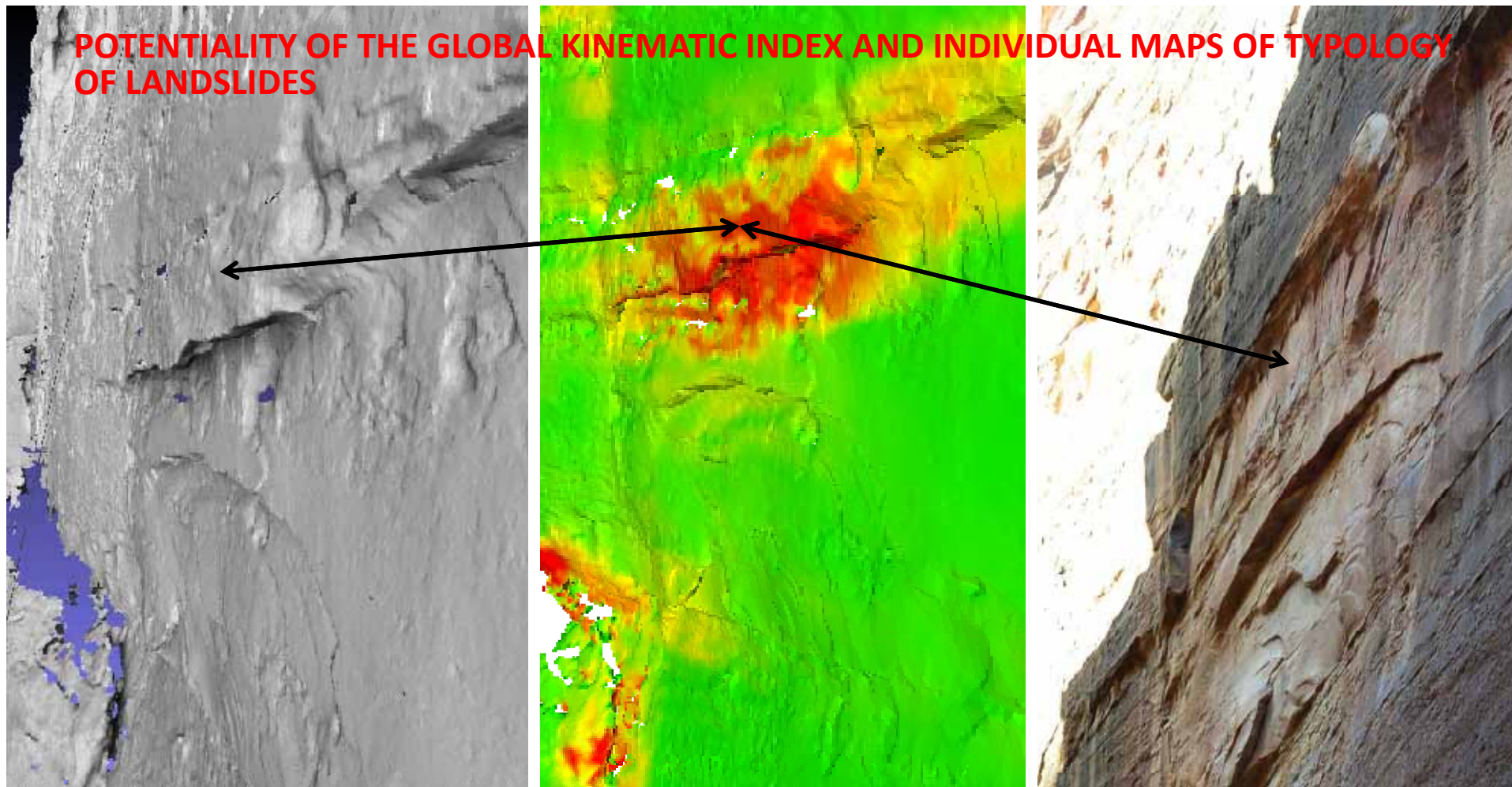


Durante il crollo



Pochi attimi dopo il collasso

**POTENTIALITY OF THE GLOBAL KINEMATIC INDEX AND INDIVIDUAL MAPS OF TYPOLOGY OF LANDSLIDES**



# CONSERVATION SCALING UNSTABLE BLOCKS IN THE SIQ



# THE VARDZIA MONASTRY (GEORGIA)



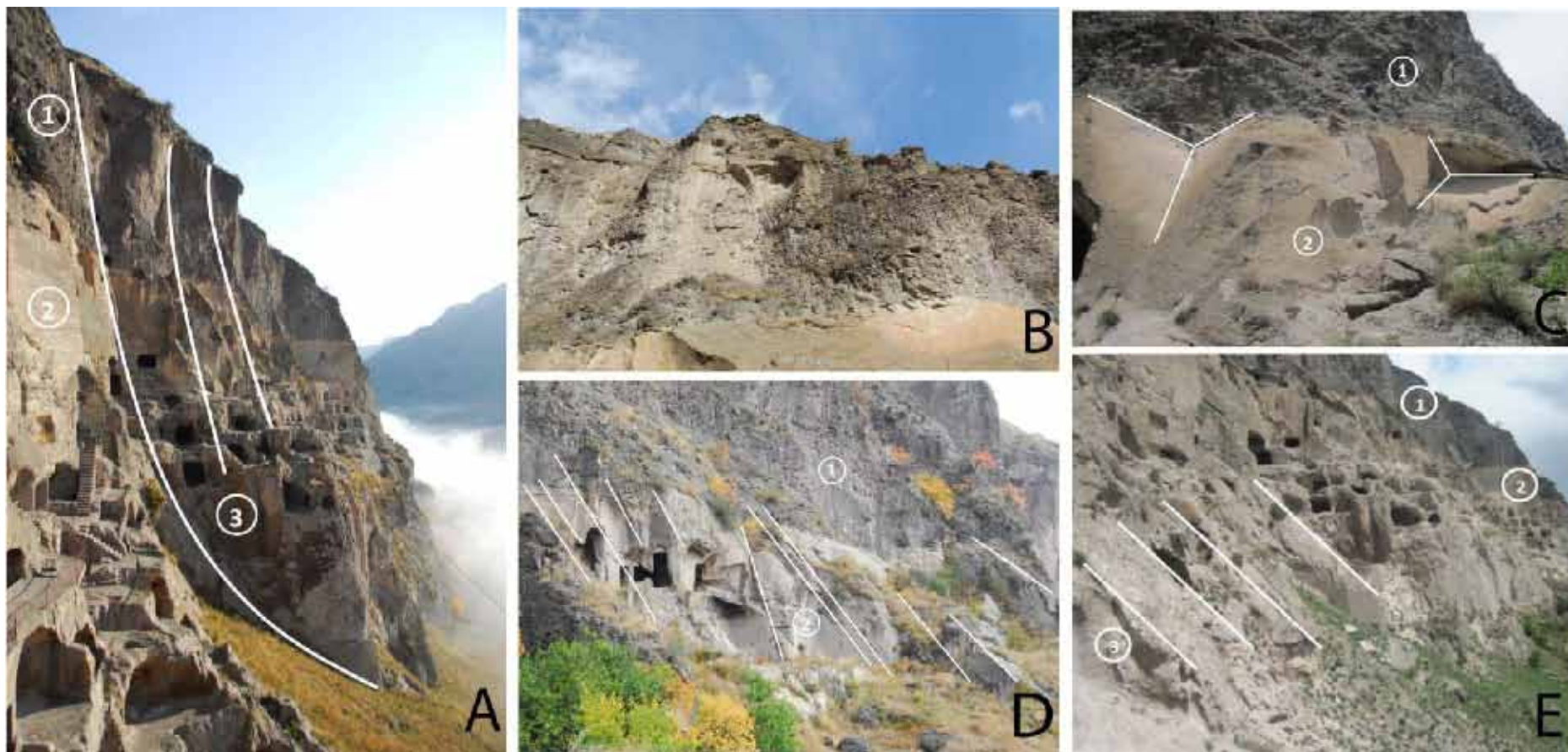


## A BRIEF HISTORY

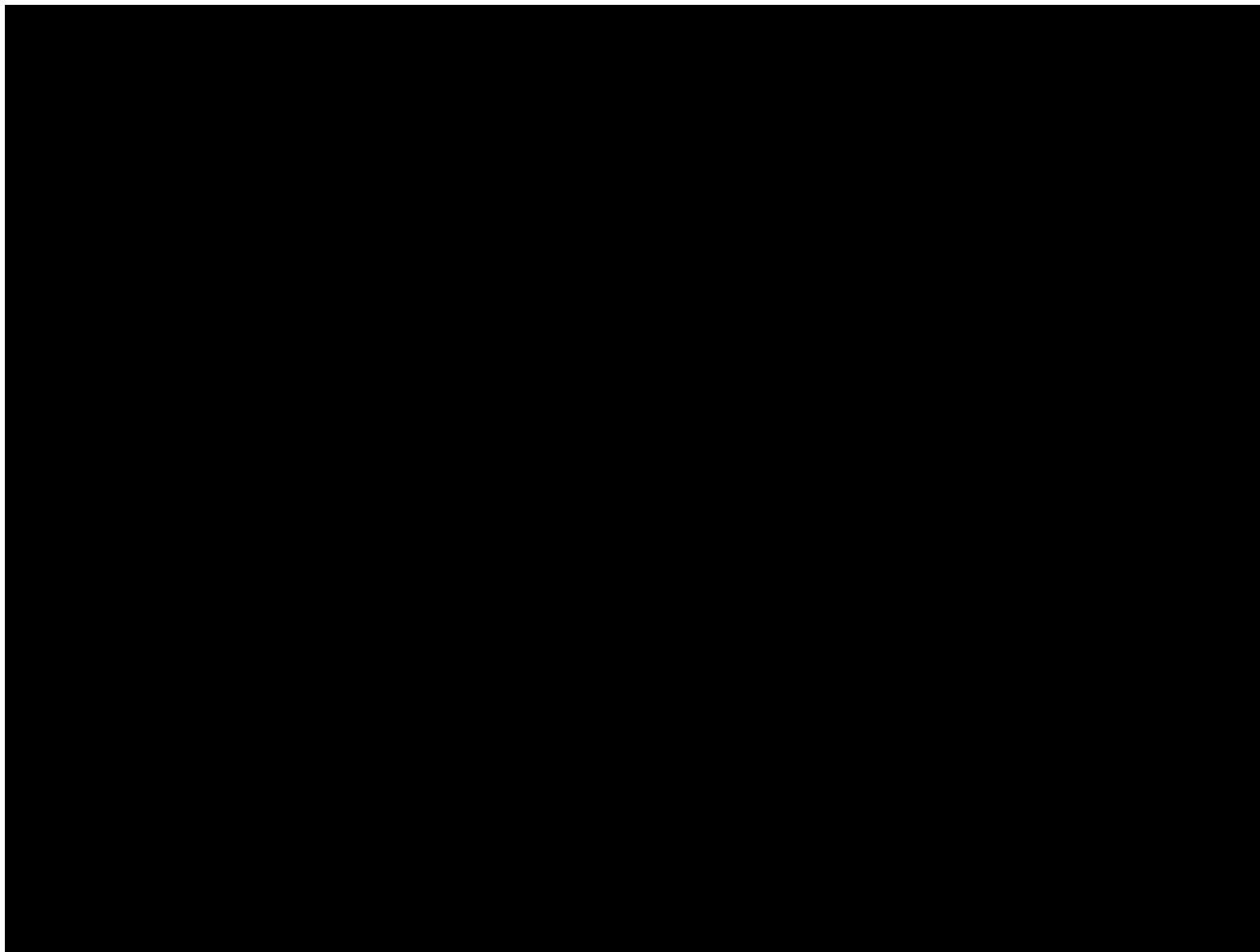
- THE ROCK-CUT CITY OF VARDZIA IS A CAVE MONASTERY SITE IN SOUTH WESTERN GEORGIA, EXCAVATED FROM THE SLOPES OF THE ERUSHETI MOUNTAIN ON THE LEFT BANK OF THE MTKHVARI RIVER. THE MAIN PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION WAS THE SECOND HALF OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY.
- THE CAVES STRETCH ALONG THE CLIFF FOR SOME 800 M AND UP TO 50 M WITHIN THE ROCKY WALL . THE MONASTERY CONSISTS OF MORE THAN 600 HIDDEN ROOMS SPREAD OVER 13 FLOORS.



## VARDZIA MAJOR PROBLEMS



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## Sistemi di monitoraggio GBR (Ground Base Radar):

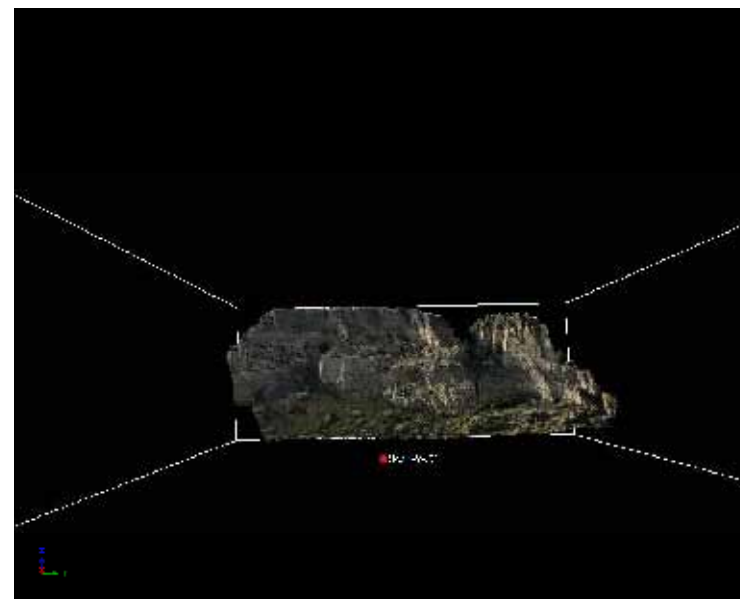
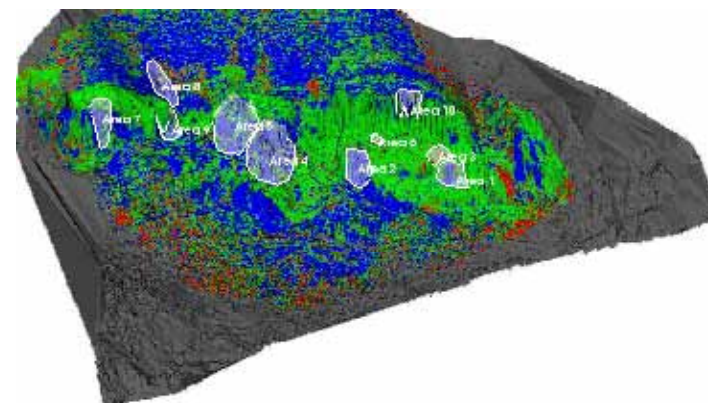
### GBR (Ground Base Radar) monitoring system :

SAR interferometry techniques in real time Displacements control along structures and slope.

#### Fields of application:

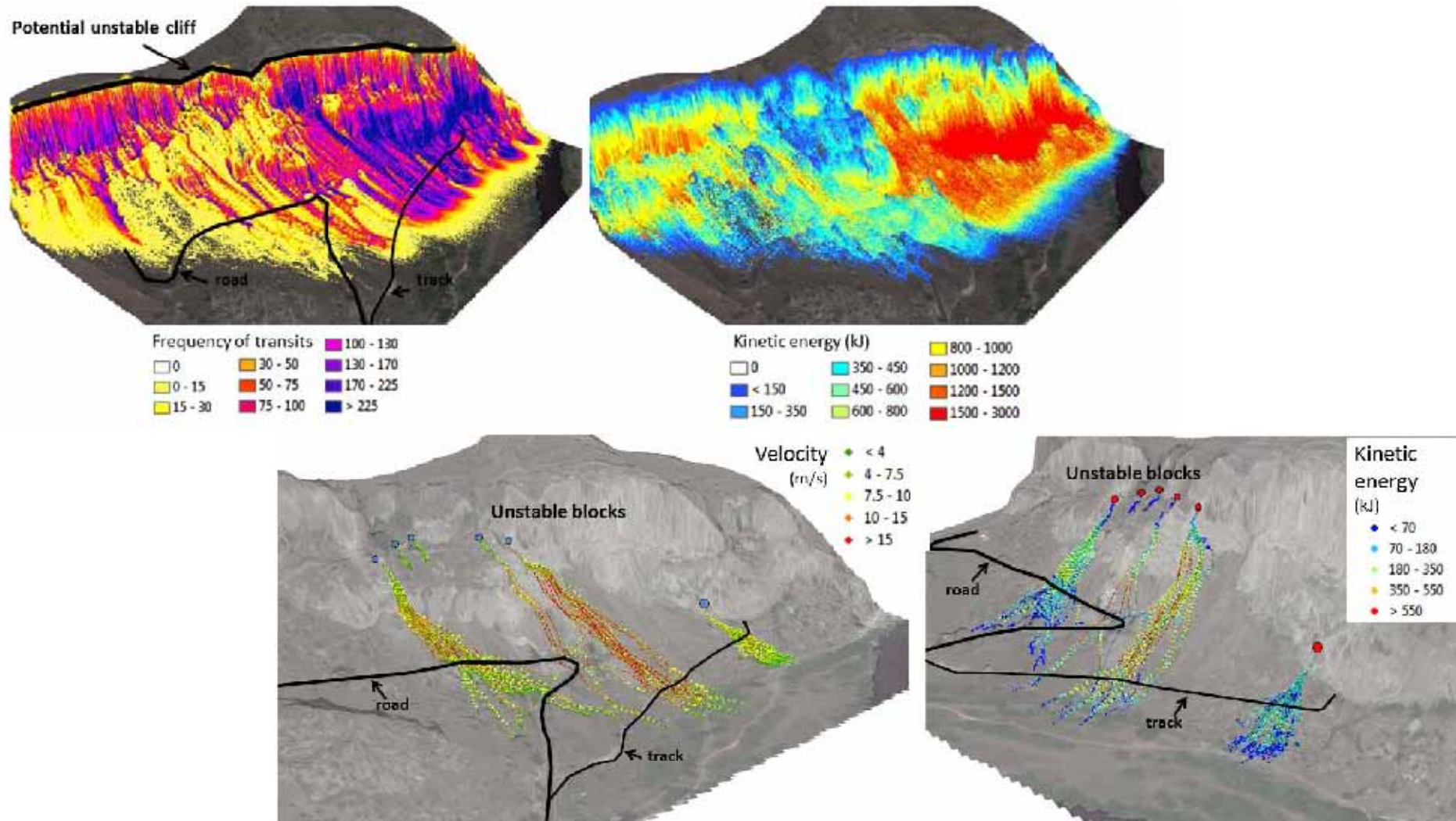
Long distance measurements ( $\approx 1000$  m) safety condition, several thousands of points every five minute. Map of velocity and displacements.

The initial costs are high but is perfect for big area and different types of phenomena (intensity, velocity, magnitude, severity). The equipments could be transported and reused in different sites.



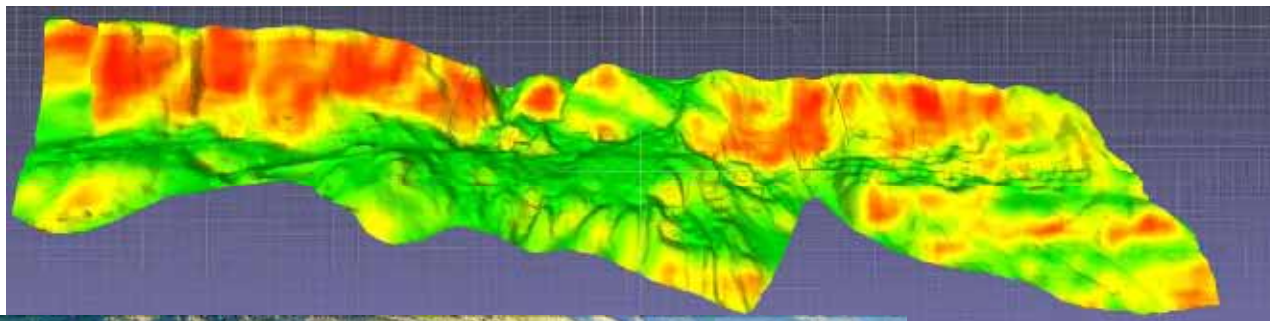
# SAFETY OF TOURISTS

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Results of potential future scenarios showing a) the number of blocks passing through each grid cell and b) the maximum kinetic energy of blocks passing for each cell: (s1) - rockfalls from rocky cliffs with slope gradient steeper than 50°.

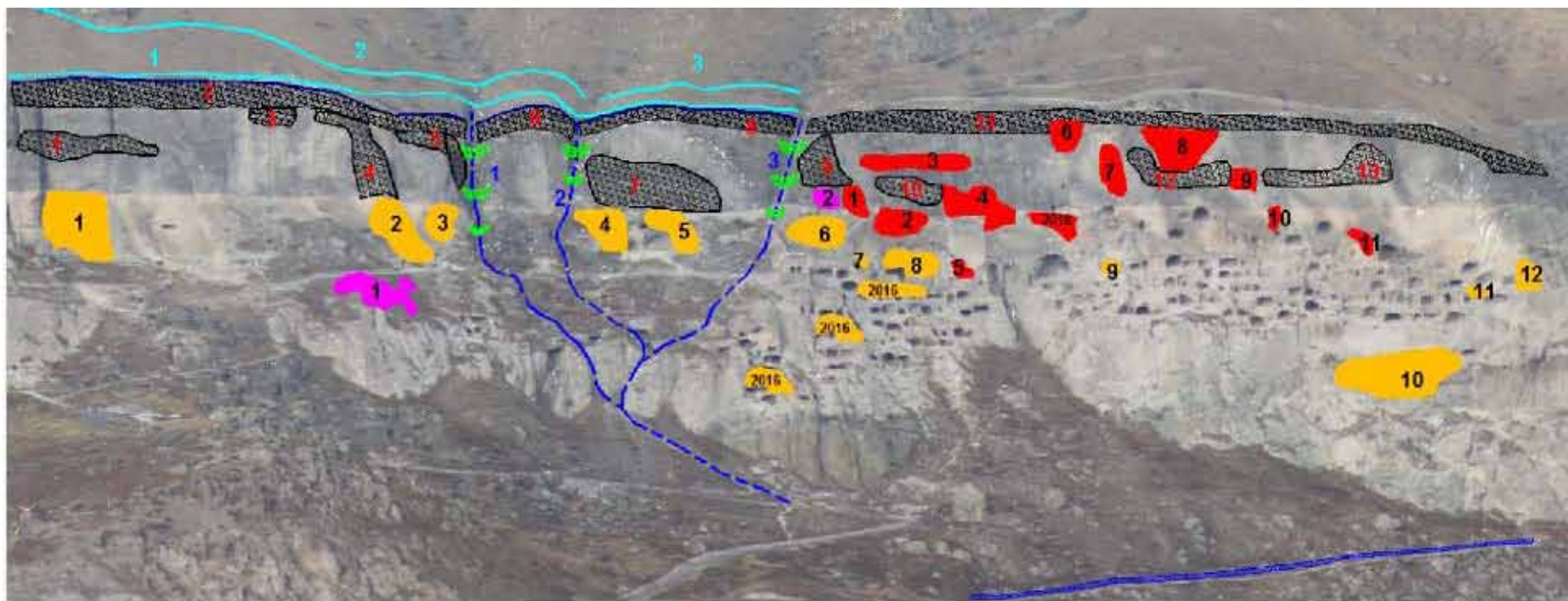
## *Global Kinematic Index*



*Unstable areas  
and fractures  
condition  
detailed maps*

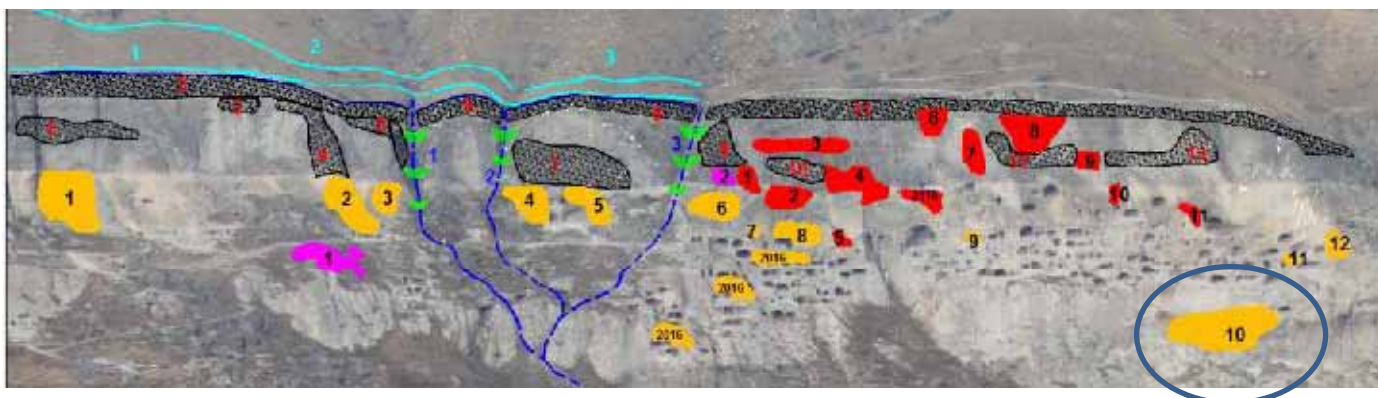


*Unstable maps  
from the  
displacements  
maps obtained  
after two years  
of GBR  
monitoring*



- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
|  Mitigation works through wire net, mesh and shallow bolts                        |  Mitigation works through wire net, shallow bolts and cracks sealing (to be verified directly on site)  |  Check dams construction using local stone (gabion walls) (erosional action)             |  Surface water collection and drainage system (erosion control)                            |
|  Rock Anchors in walls by fishers through bolts, passive bars and cracks sealing |  Fixing of unstable blocks of medium / large size (bolts, mesh, epoxy resin, bolts and cracks sealing) |  Shallow or deep rock anchors with scaffolding (holes, passive bars and cracks sealing) |  Realization of rockfall barriers in local stone (section type = height 1.0m, width 0.5m) |





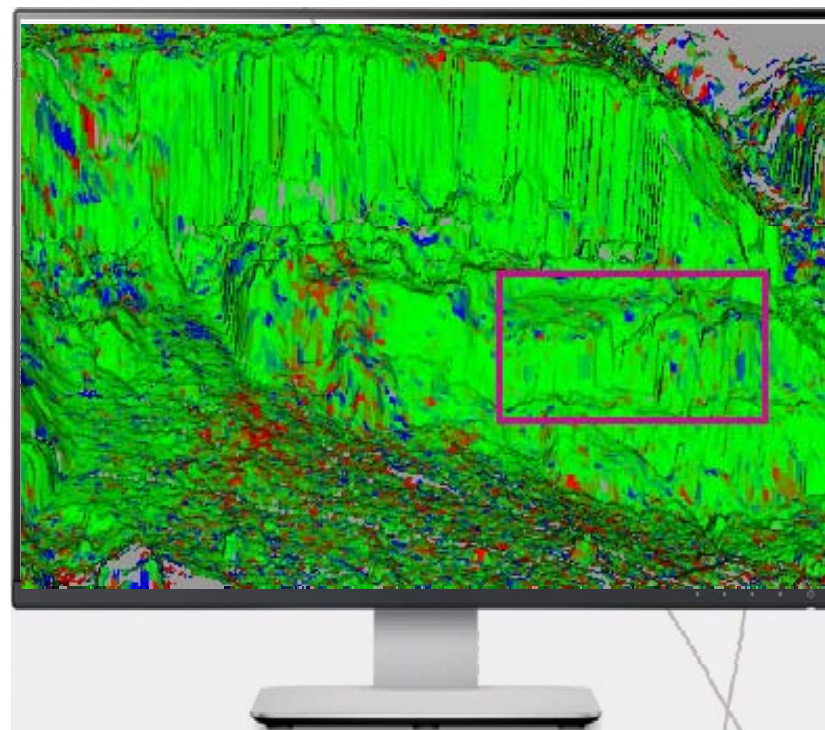
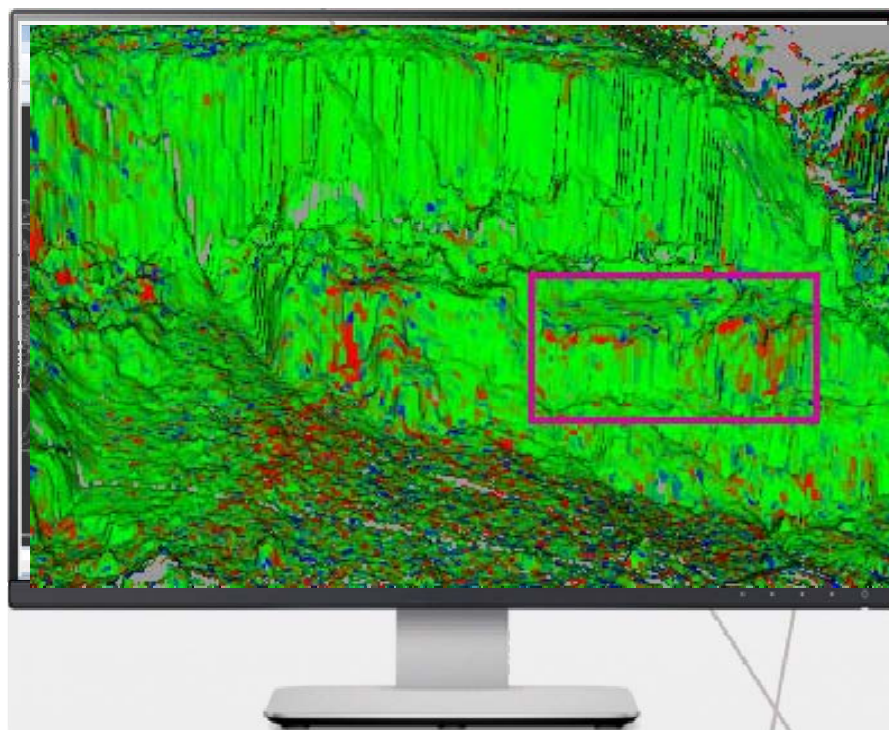


## MONITORING OF ONGOING ACTIVITIES



BEFORE CONSOLIDATION

AFTER CONSOLIDATION



LOCALITY:

AKAPANA (BOLIVIA)

MONUMENT:

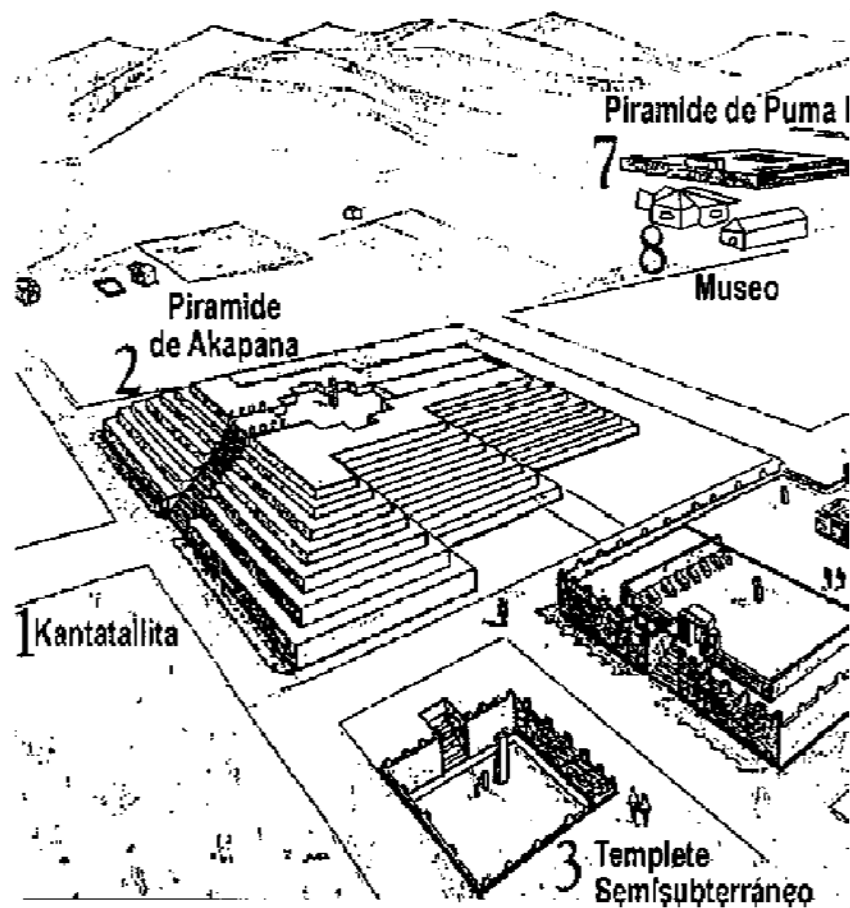
EARTH PYRAMID

THREATS:

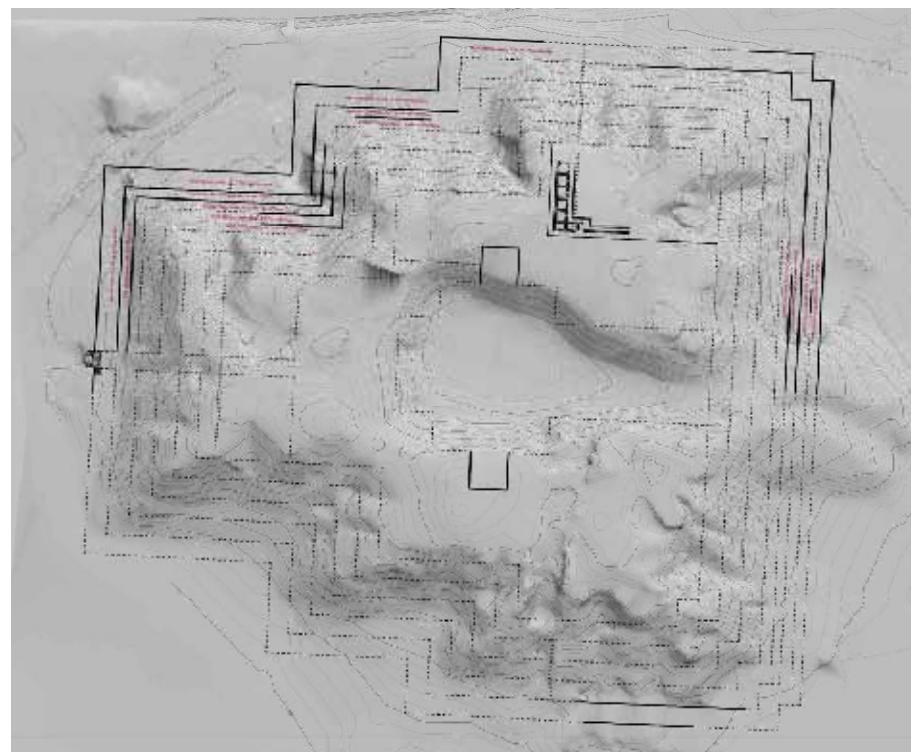
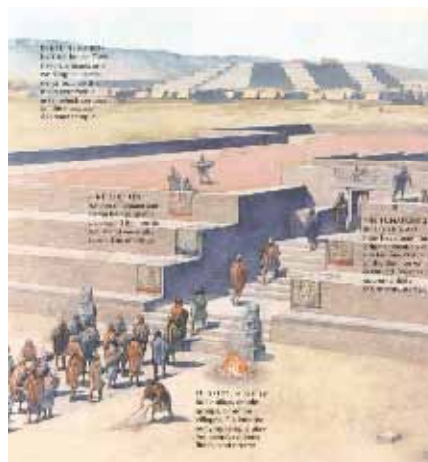
SOIL EROSION



## THE **AKAPANA** PYRAMID IN TIWANAKU. THE LARGEST PRE - INCA CEREMONIAL AREA



IV sec - XI sec. A.D.



## BACKGROUND AKAPANA PYRAMID, THE THREATS



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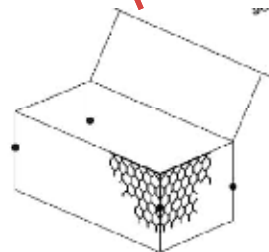
## PRELIMINARY CONSERVATION THREE ACTIONS

GULLY and RILL EROSION IN AKAPANA  
PIRAMID (TIWANAKU, BOLIVIA)

①



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POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE USE OF GABIONS WITH THE SAME  
STATIC/CONSOLIDATION FUNCTION

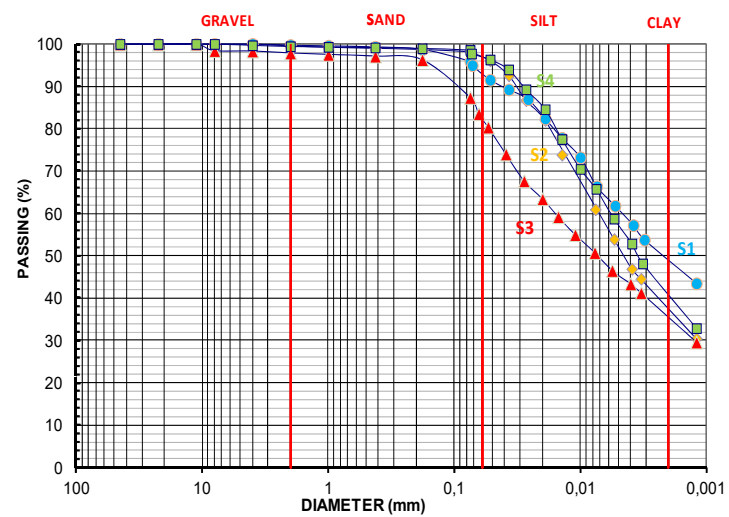


### SURFACE EROSION (PUMA PUNKO IN 2010 AND 2016)

③ .



# PENKA





## CONCLUSION FROM KNOWLEDGE TO SITE IMPLEMENTATION

*(enhance traditional knowledge and sustainable practices)*

- ✘ Space segment (satellite and remote sensing techniques) as well as on site monitoring applied to CH conservation and mitigation policies are the most advanced, sustainable, low impact techniques for the environmental risk reduction affecting WH properties;
- ✘ Calibrate and verifying limits and constrains of SAR techniques through downscaling approach for single WH properties, from static to dynamic assessment will promote the correct use of this advanced techniques;
- ✘ The final Target is to support CH site manager to integrate satellite techniques into the management plan and long terms conservation policy in the fields of geo hazards;
- ✘ Monitoring system implementation is always a multi disciplinary task and different skills must be involved in order to understand complex dynamics in complex cultural and environmental settlements;



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# GIS and satellite data for urban sprawl close to archaeological areas in Iran

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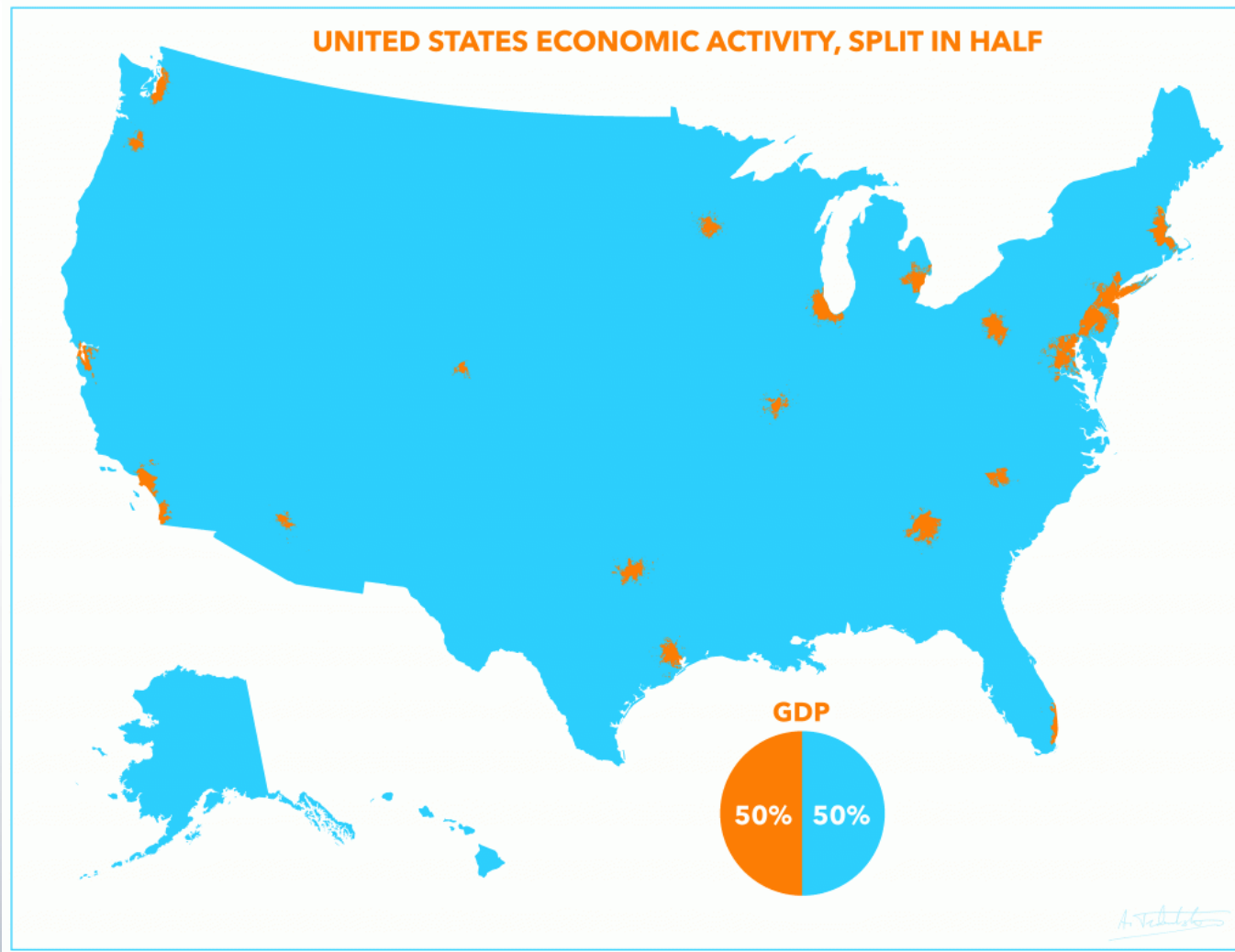
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Cities are the economic heart of America

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/02/19/you-might-not-like-big-cities-but-you-need-them/?tid=sm\\_fb](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-fix/wp/2014/02/19/you-might-not-like-big-cities-but-you-need-them/?tid=sm_fb)

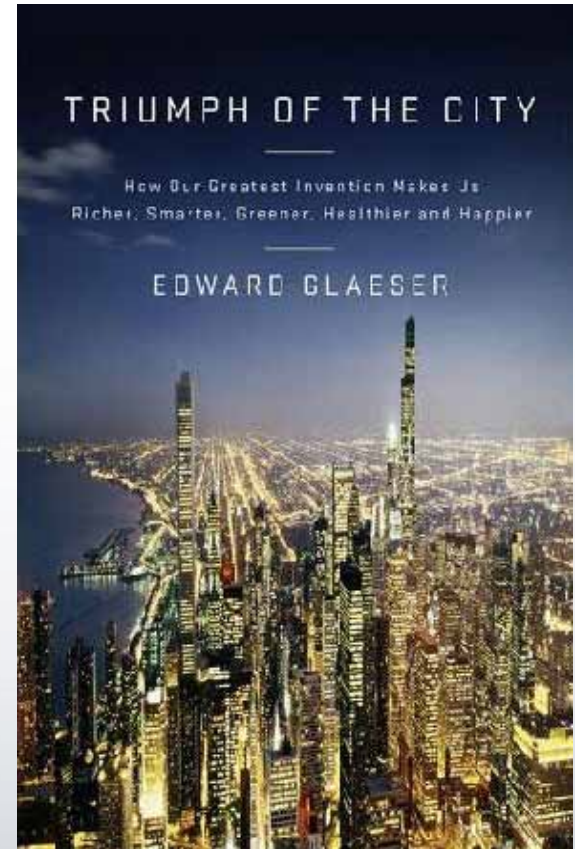
The following table ranks the gross domestic products of nations across the world alongside the gross metro product of the 50 biggest U.S. cities.

| Rank | Country or Metro Area                                     | 2011 GDP or GMP (in billions) |
|------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1    | United States   | \$15,094.0                    |
| 2    | China   | \$7,288.9                     |
| 3    | Japan   | \$5,869.1                     |
| 4    | Germany   | \$3,569.5                     |
| 5    | France  | \$2,774.4                     |
| 6    | Brazil  | \$2,478.7                     |
| 7    | United Kingdom  | \$2,416.4                     |
| 8    | Italy   | \$2,190.0                     |
| 9    | India   | \$1,887.9                     |
| 10   | Russia  | \$1,857.9                     |
| 11   | Canada  | \$1,739.4                     |
| 12   | Spain   | \$1,482.5                     |
| 13   | Australia   | \$1,483.8                     |
| 14   | <b>New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-PA</b> | \$1,287.7                     |
| 15   | Mexico  | \$1,154.1                     |
| 16   | South Korea   | \$1,116.4                     |
| 17   | Indonesia   | \$846.8                       |
| 18   | Netherlands   | \$837.9                       |
| 19   | Turkey  | \$773.1                       |
| 20   | <b>Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA</b>               | \$758.0                       |
| 21   | Switzerland   | \$637.7                       |
| 22   | Saudi Arabia  | \$576.8                       |
| 23   | <b>Chicago-Joliet-Naperville, IL-IN-WI</b>                | \$546.8                       |
| 24   | Sweden  | \$537.7                       |
| 25   | Poland  | \$514.3                       |
| 26   | Belgium   | \$512.6                       |
| 27   | Iran  | \$499.7                       |
| 28   | Norway  | \$485.2                       |

<http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2012/07/20/u-s-cities-with-bigger-economies-than-entire-countries/tab/interactive/>



Cities play a central role for humanity, offering the opportunity to learn from each other face to face.





Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody.  
(Jane Jacobs)

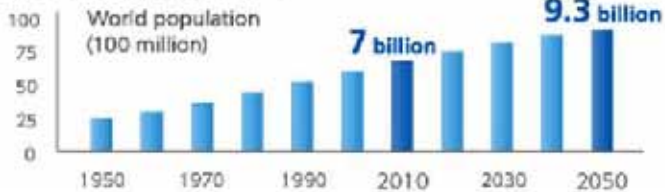


All of us articulate our understanding of the city in different ways, thus implying that cities are kaleidoscopes of plurality, a multiplicity of ideas, perceptions, theories, models.  
(Batty, 2013)



**Increase in population**

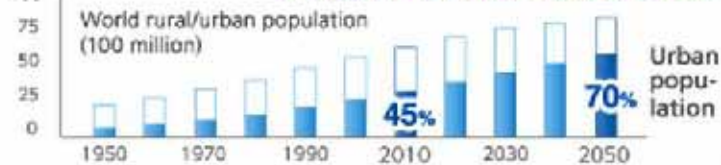
**Will exceed 9 billion in 2050**



Source: State of World Population, United Nations

**Urbanization**

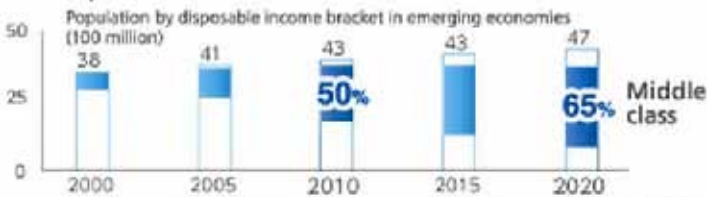
**The percentage of population residing in urban areas will reach 70% in 2050.**



Source: World Urbanization Prospects, United Nations (2010)

**Increase in energy consumption due to the expansion of the middle class**

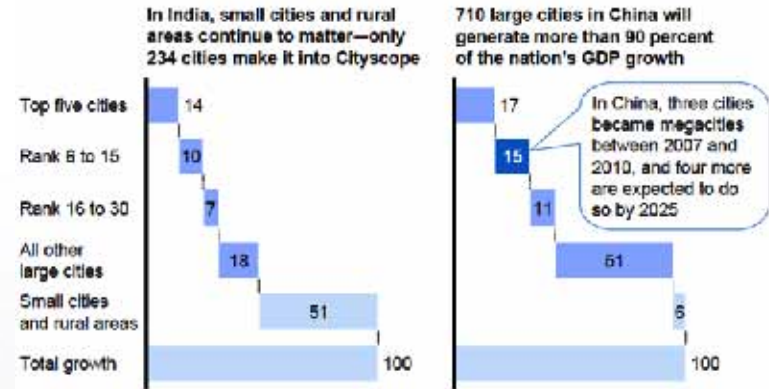
**The middle class will account for 65% of the total in 2020.**



Source: White Paper on International Economy and Trade 2011, the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

**While India is still at an early stage of urbanization, China will continue to see rapid growth across cities of all sizes including rising megacities**

Contribution to country GDP growth, 2010-25 %



SOURCE: McKinsey Global Institute Cityscope 1.5

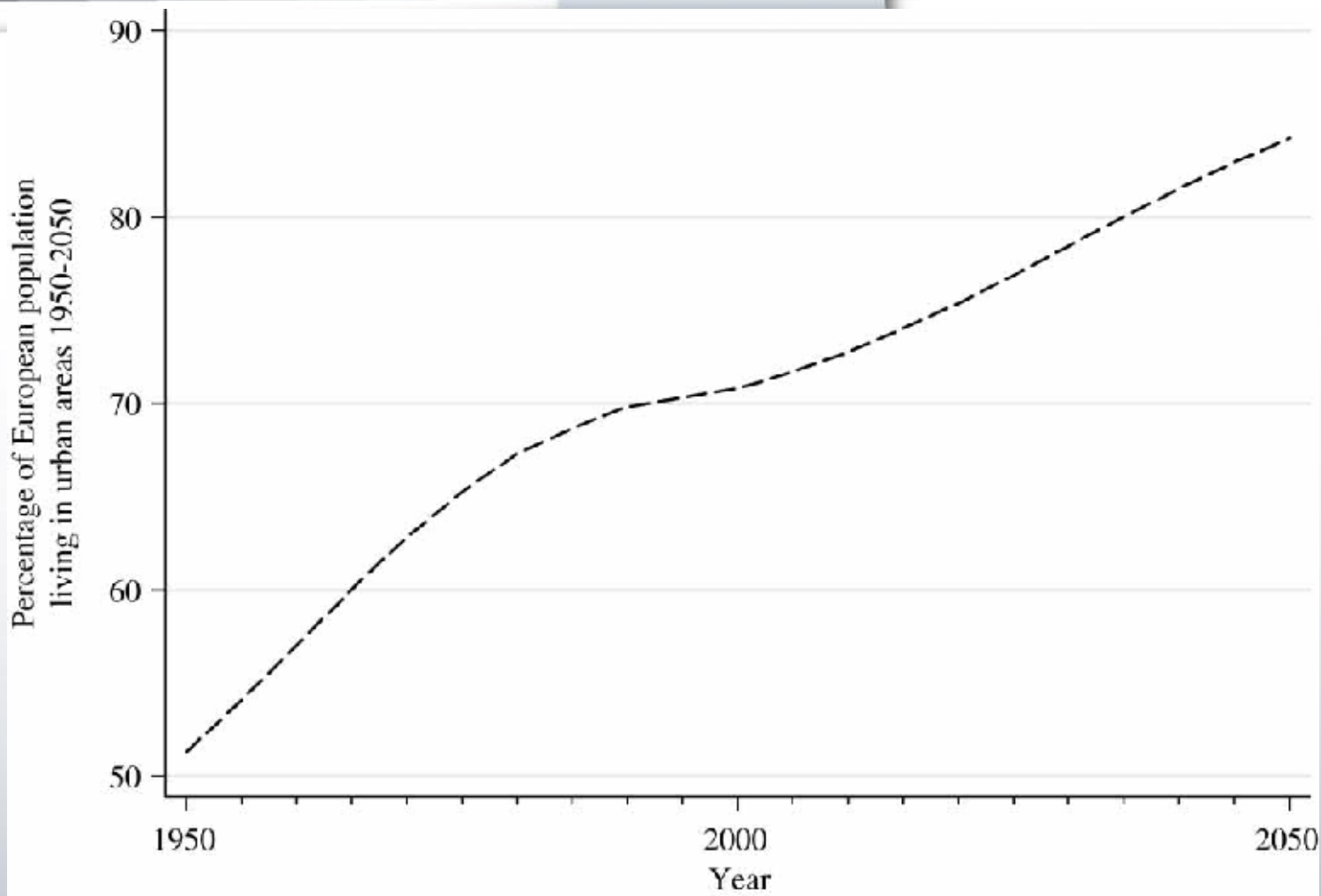
Cities segmented by contribution to total GDP, 2010: cumulative % of total

| Country        | Large cities, ranked by GDP |         |            | Small cities, rural | 100% (rounded figures) |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|                | Top 2                       | Next 23 | All others |                     |                        |
| United States  | 10                          | 34      | 35         | 21                  | 0.3 billion            |
| GDP            | 13                          | 37      | 30         | 17                  | \$15 trillion          |
| Western Europe | 6                           | 27      | 24         | 43                  | 0.4 billion            |
| GDP            | 9                           | 31      | 23         | 37                  | 5.6 trillion           |
| China          | 3                           | 13      | 33         | 52                  | 1.3 billion            |
| GDP            | 8                           | 29      | 43         | 22                  | \$8 trillion           |
| India          | 2                           | 3       | 3          | 31                  | 1.2 billion            |
| GDP            | 7                           | 17      | 13         | 31                  | \$1 trillion           |

GDP measured at real exchange rates; some figures may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Source: McKinsey Global Institute analysis

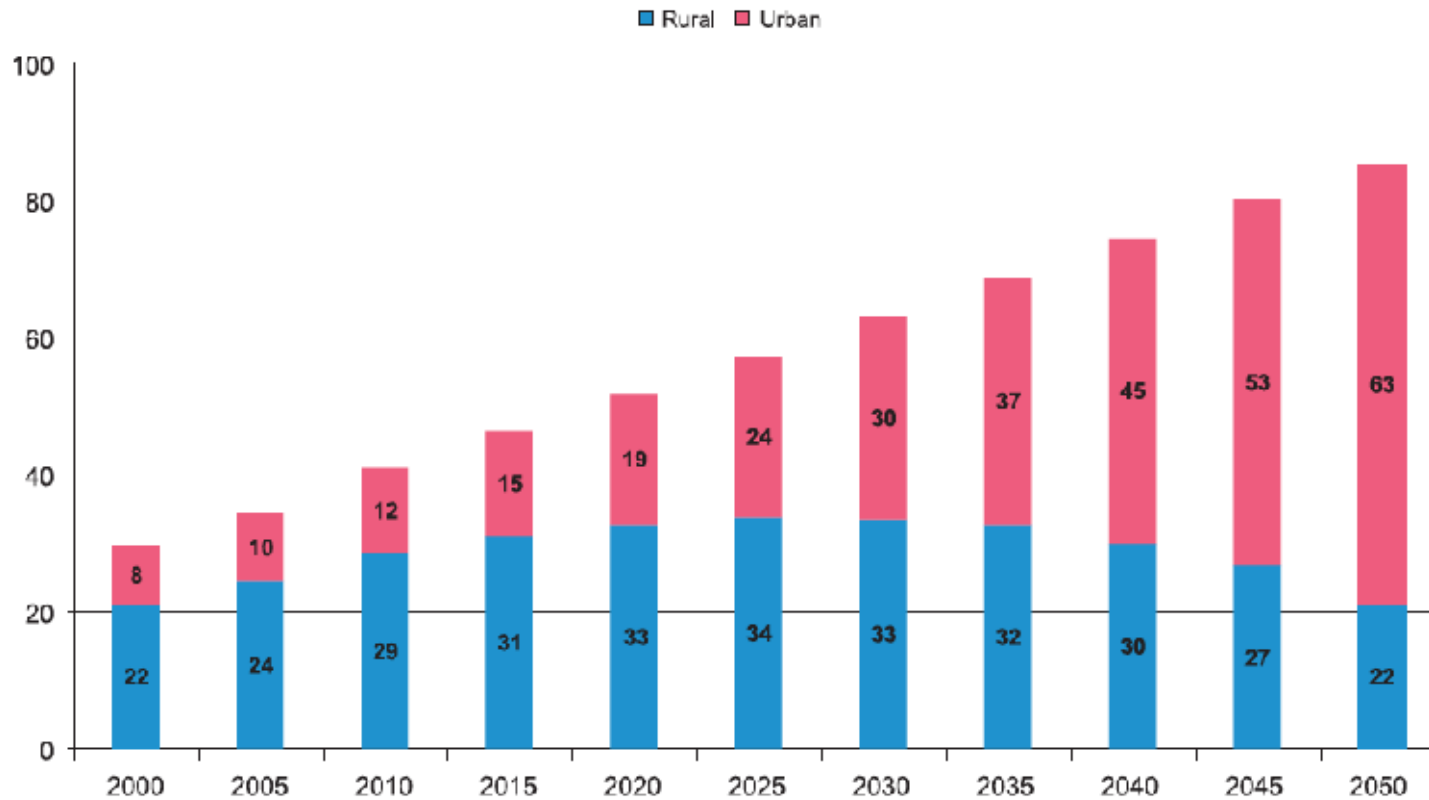
<http://www.smartcity-planning.co.jp/en/outline/index.html>



Percentage of EU population living in urban areas, 1950-2050 (forecast)

Source: UN (2009)

## An urban future: Kenya's population growth



\*Includes core- and peri-urban residents.

Note: Population growth projections are World Bank computations based on data from KNBS and UN, DESA (Source: World Bank)

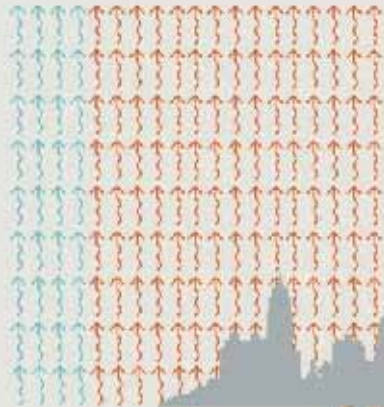
# The Urban Effect

## Examining the Impact of the Growth of Cities

In 1950, New York City was the only megacity with a population of more than 10 million people. By 2015, the United Nations estimates there will be 22 megacities.

**80%**

Cities produce nearly 80 percent of the world's carbon emissions.



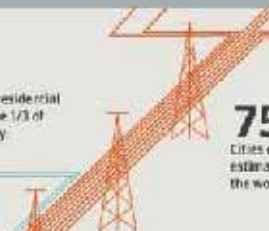
**1 billion**

Today there are more than 1 billion cars on the road. That number will double by 2020.



**1/3**

Commercial and residential buildings consume 1/3 of the world's energy.



**75%**

Cities consume an estimated 75 percent of the world's energy.



**50%**

Cities lose as much as 50 percent of their water supply to leaky infrastructure.

**1 second**



Every second, the urban population grows by 2 people. Almost 120,000 people move into cities each day.

## Dharavi: 240-hectare slum in central Mumbai



<http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/dharavi-development-project-inches-ahead/1153592/>



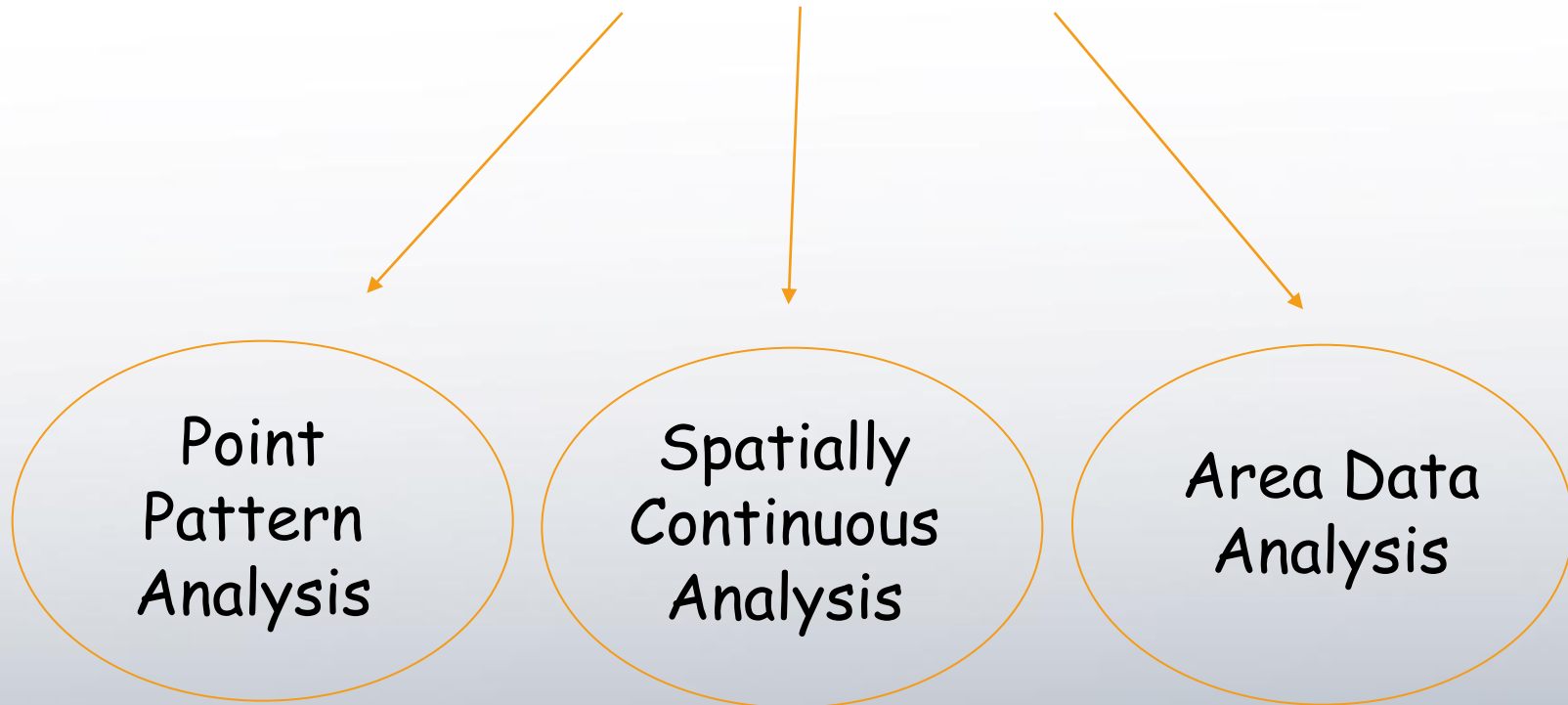
## Informal settlements (South East Asia)

## Informal settlements: Nairobi



## Techniques of spatial statistic

Bailey and Gatrell classification (1995)





## Point Pattern Analysis

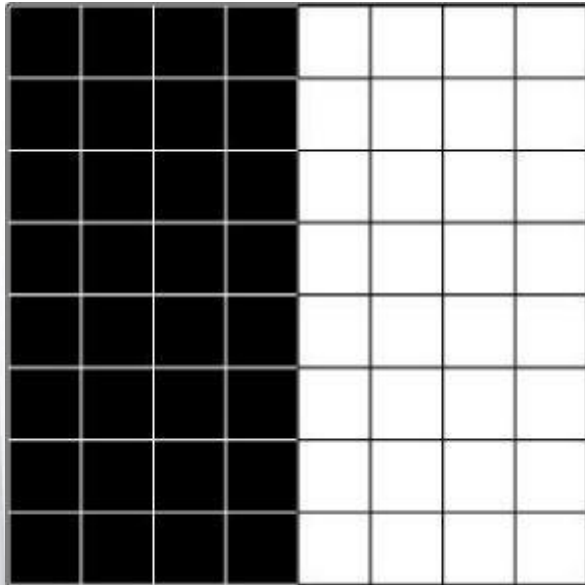


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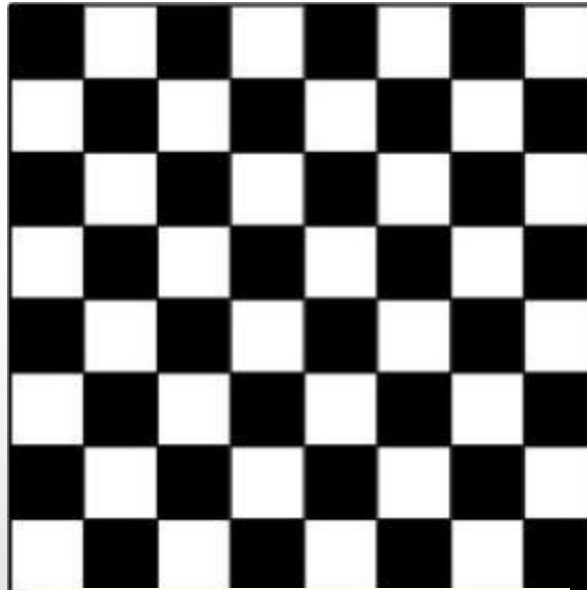
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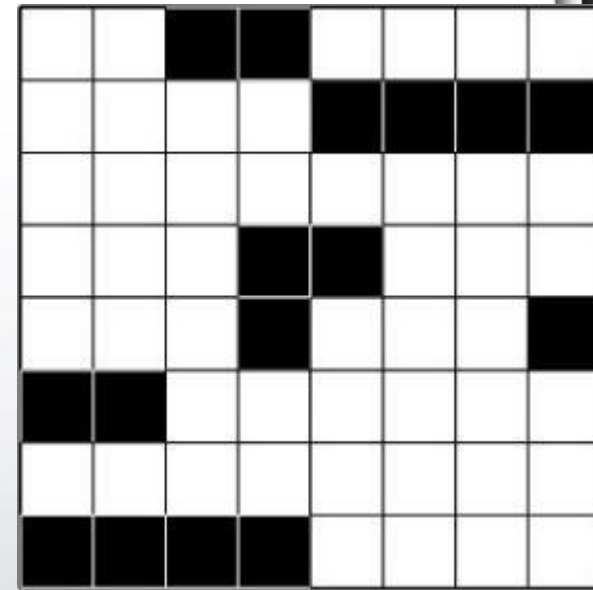
Tobler's First Law of Geography "All things are related, but nearby things are more related than distant things" (1970)



Positive  
Autocorrelation



Negative  
Autocorrelation



No Autocorrelation

(O'Sullivan and Unwin, 2002)

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$$SAC = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n c_{ij} w_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}}$$

(Goodchild, 1986; Lee and Wong, 2001)

Where:

- n is the number of objects;
- i and j are two objects;
- $x_i$  is the value of object i attribute;
- $c_{ij}$  is a degree of similarity of attributes i and j;
- $w_{ij}$  is a degree of similarity of location i and j;

## Geary C Ratio (1954)

if  $c_{ij} = (x_i - x_j)^2$

$$C = \frac{(N-1)(\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} (x_i - x_j)^2)}{2(\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij}) \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

## Moran index (1948)

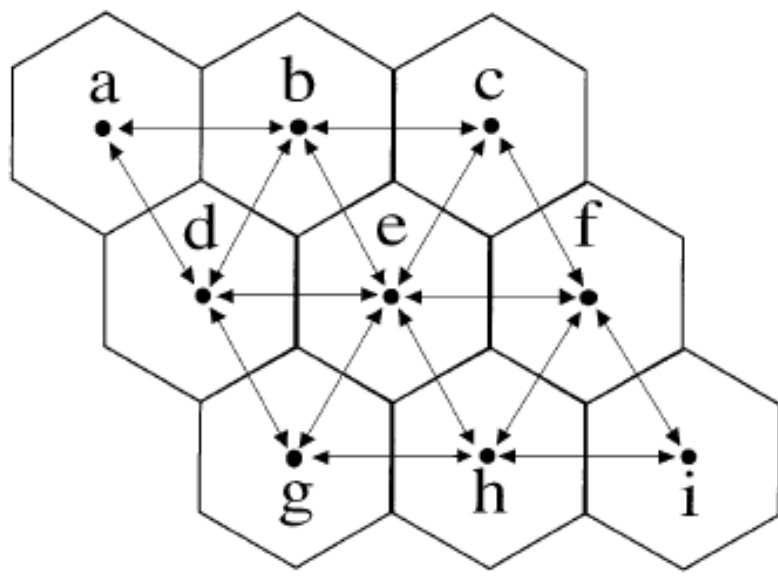
if  $c_{ij} = (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})$

$$I = \frac{N \sum_i \sum_j w_{ij} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})}{(\sum_i \sum_j w_{ij}) \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$$

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & i, j \text{ adjacent} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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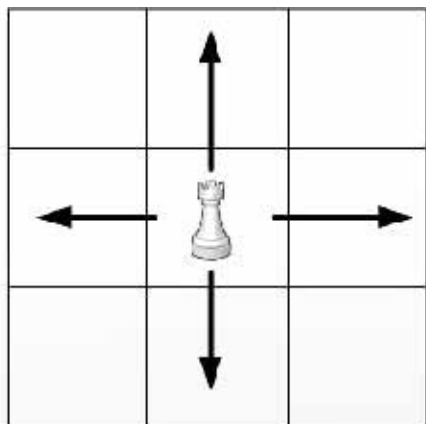


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Fixed Distance Band

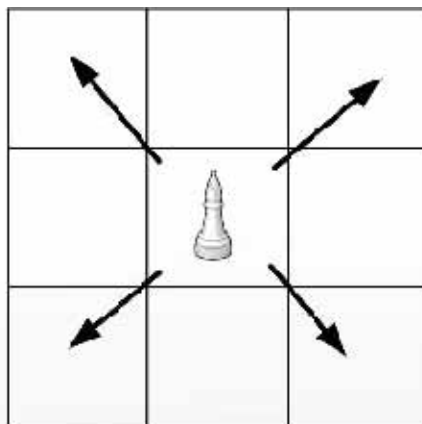
$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} d_{ij} & d_{ij} < d \\ 0 & d_{ij} > d \end{cases}$$

# Spatial weights matrix and the metaphor chess game



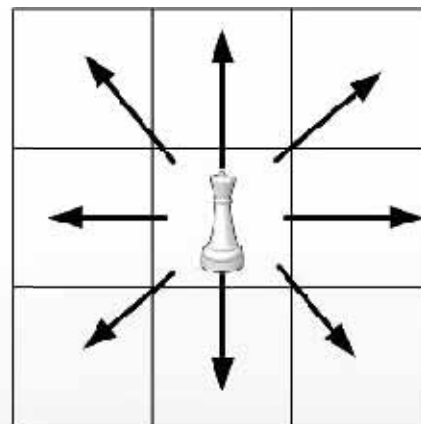
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**Rook**



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Bishop**



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Queen**

Local version of  
Geary Ratio  $C$

$$C_i = \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} (z_i - z_j)^2$$

$G$  function by  
Getis and Ord  
(1992)

$$G_i(d) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i(d) x_i - x_i \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(d)}{S(i) \sqrt{\left[ (N-1) \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(d) - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(d) \right)^2 \right] / N - 2}}$$

## Local Indicator of Spatial Association (Anselin, 1995)

$$I_i = \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})}{S_x^2} \sum_{j=1}^N (w_{ij} (X_j - \bar{X}))$$

$$I_i = z_i \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} \cdot z_j$$

$$z_i = \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})}{S_x}$$

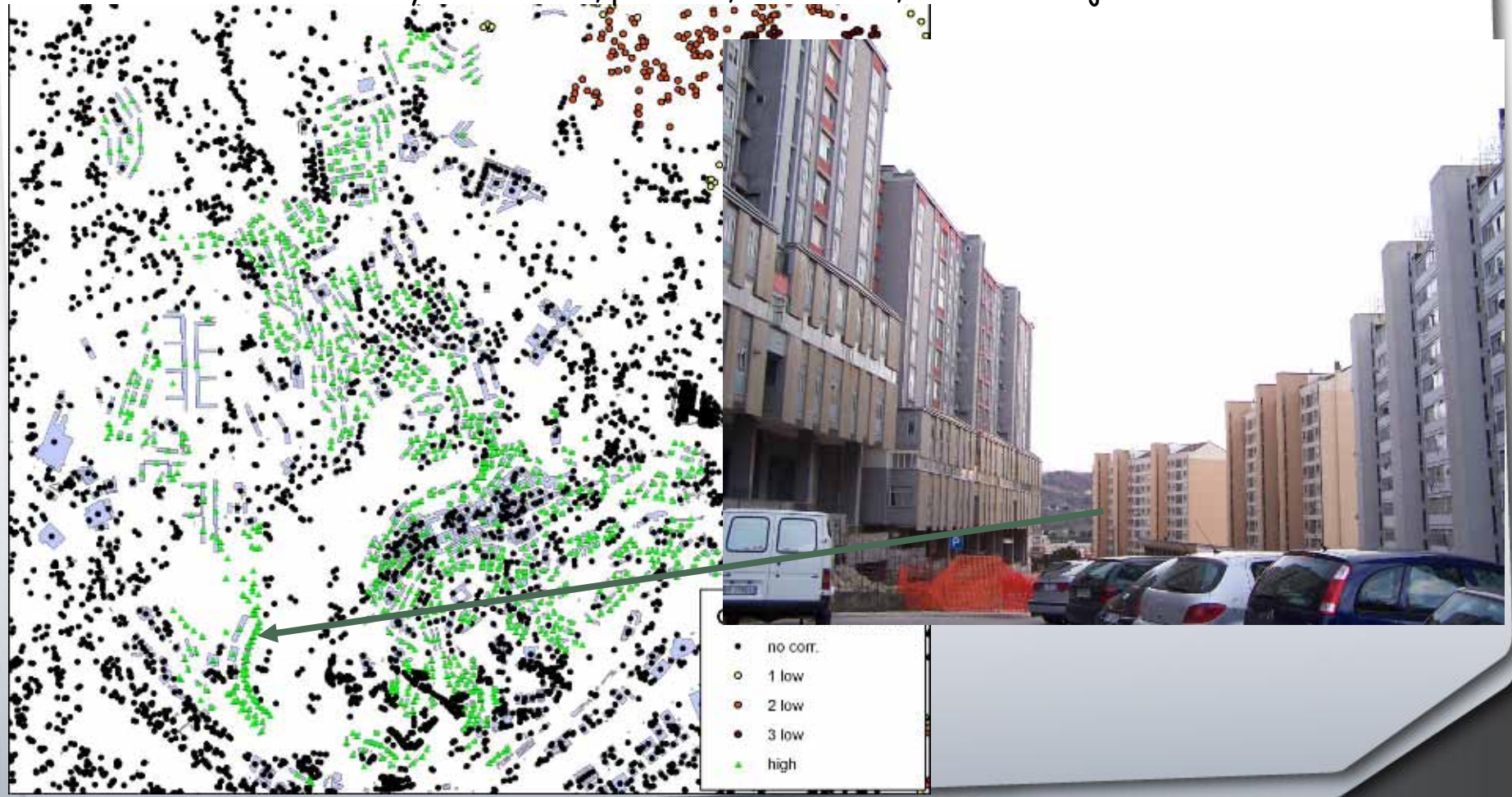
LISA allows for each statistical unit to assess the similarity of each observation with that of its surroundings.

Five scenarios emerge:

- Locations with high values of the phenomenon and high level of similarity with its surroundings (**high - high**), defined as **HOT SPOTS**;
- Locations with low values of the phenomenon and high level of similarity with its surroundings (low - low), defined as **COLD SPOTS**;
- Locations with high values of the phenomenon and low level of similarity with its surroundings (high - low), defined as Potential "Spatial outliers";
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- Location devoid of significant autocorrelations.

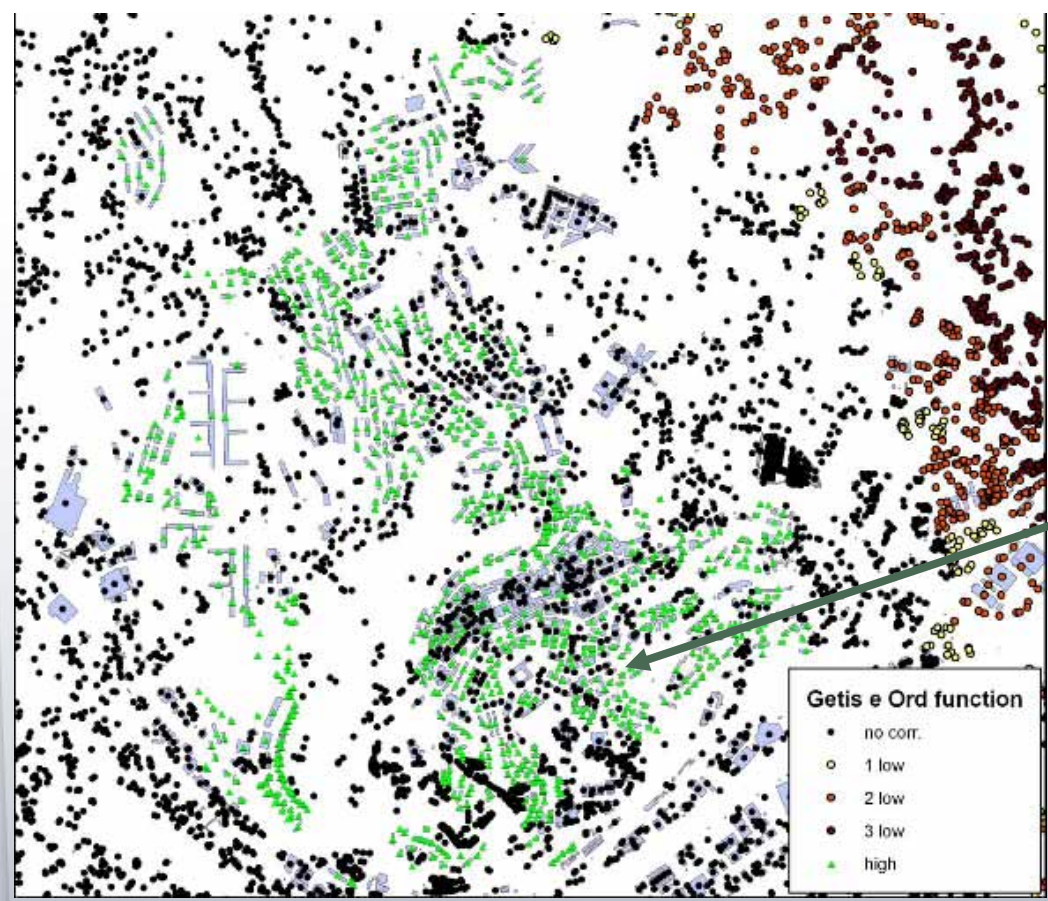


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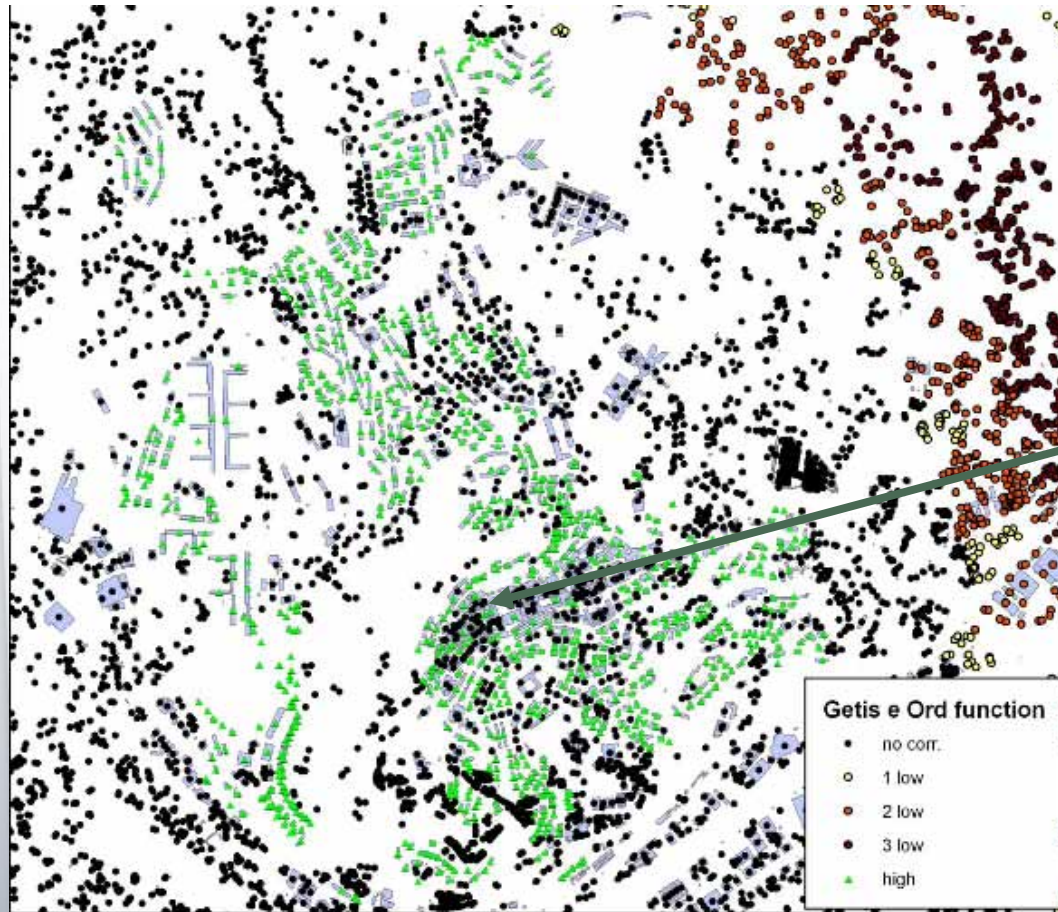


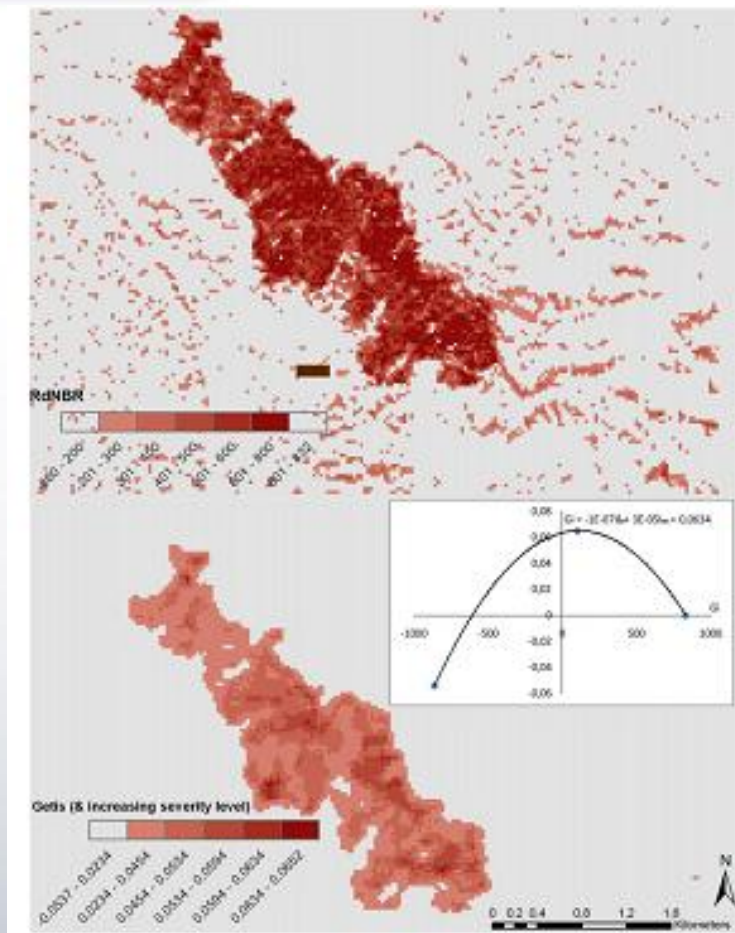
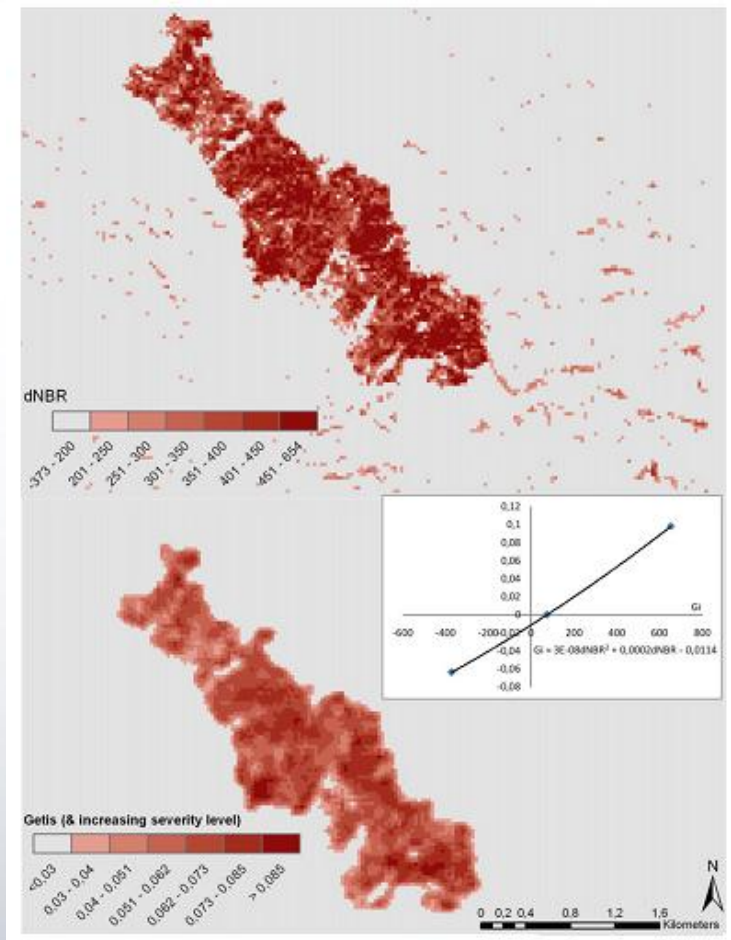


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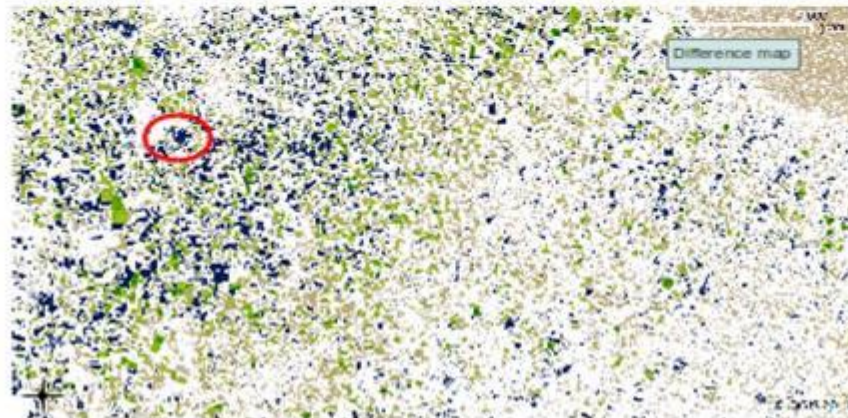
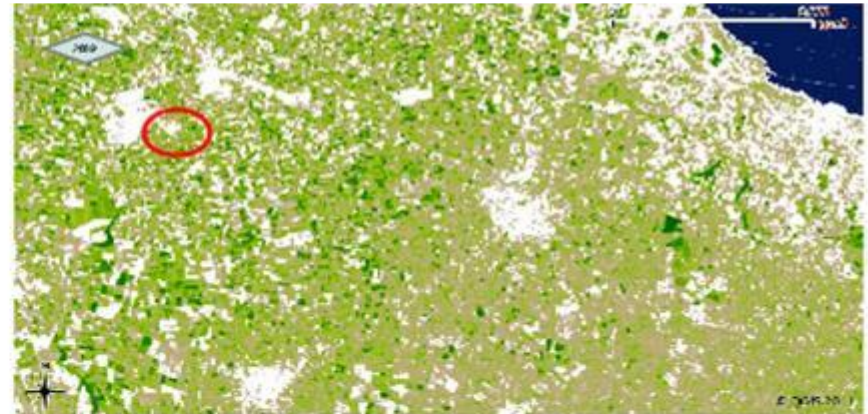
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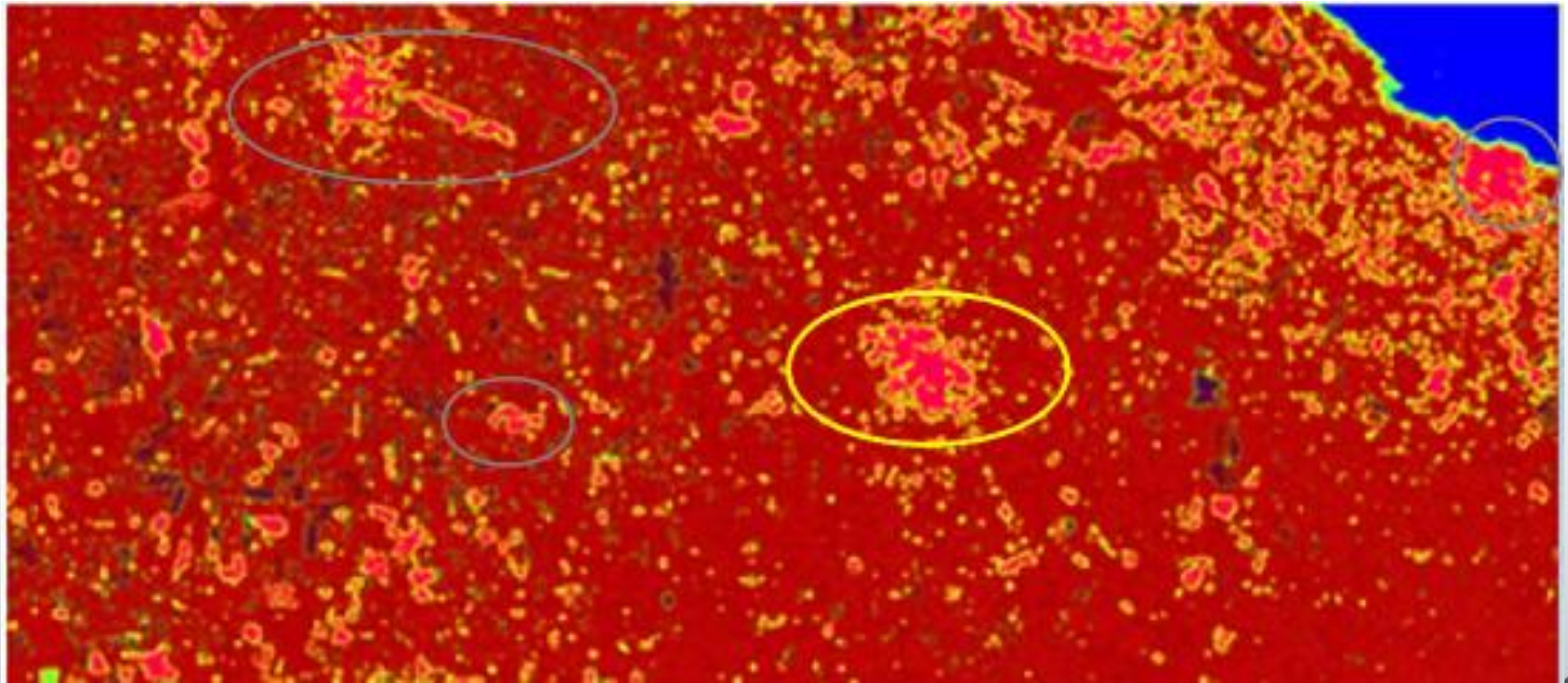
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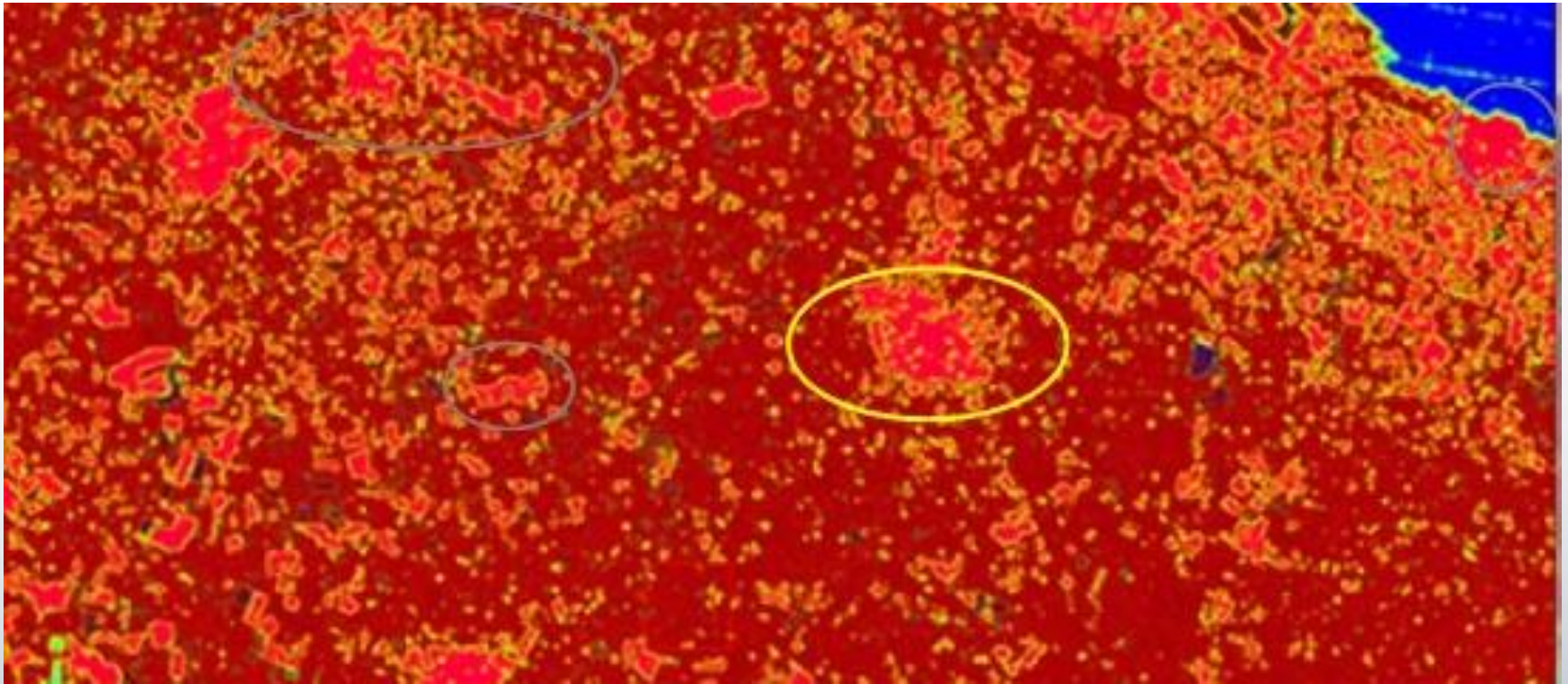
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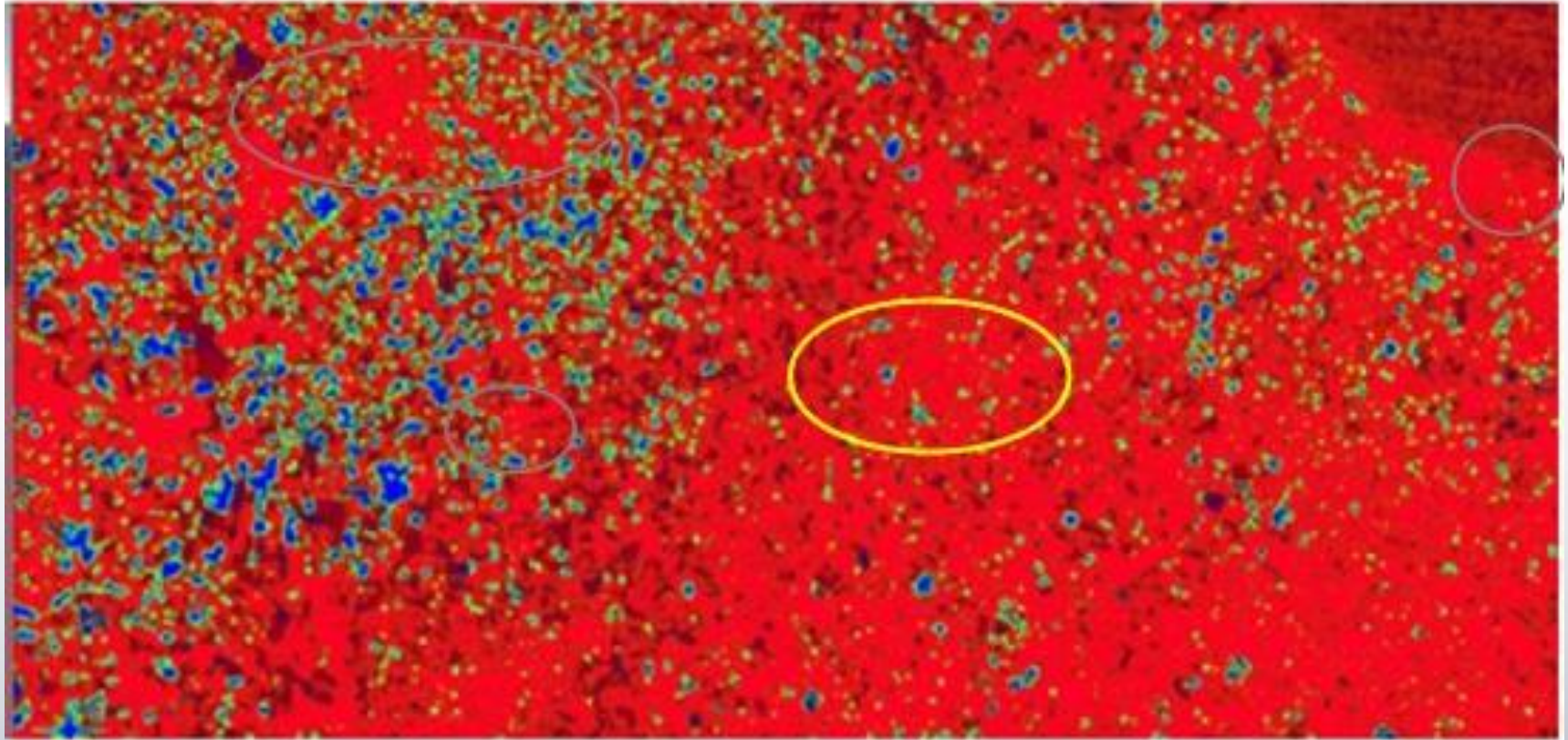
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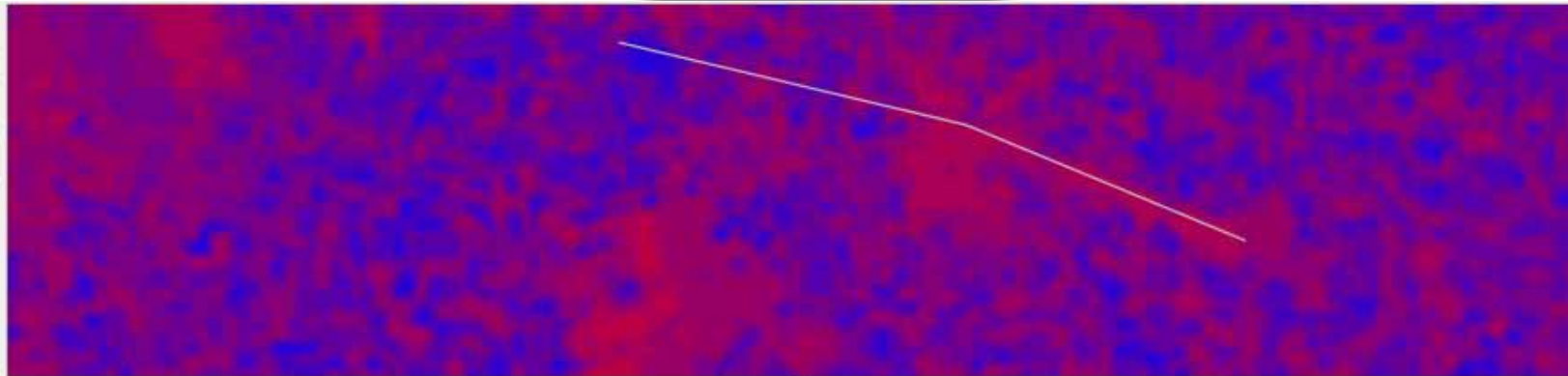
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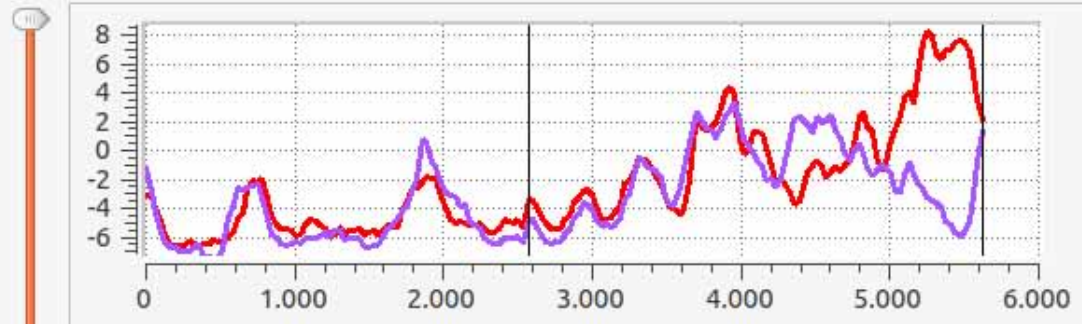
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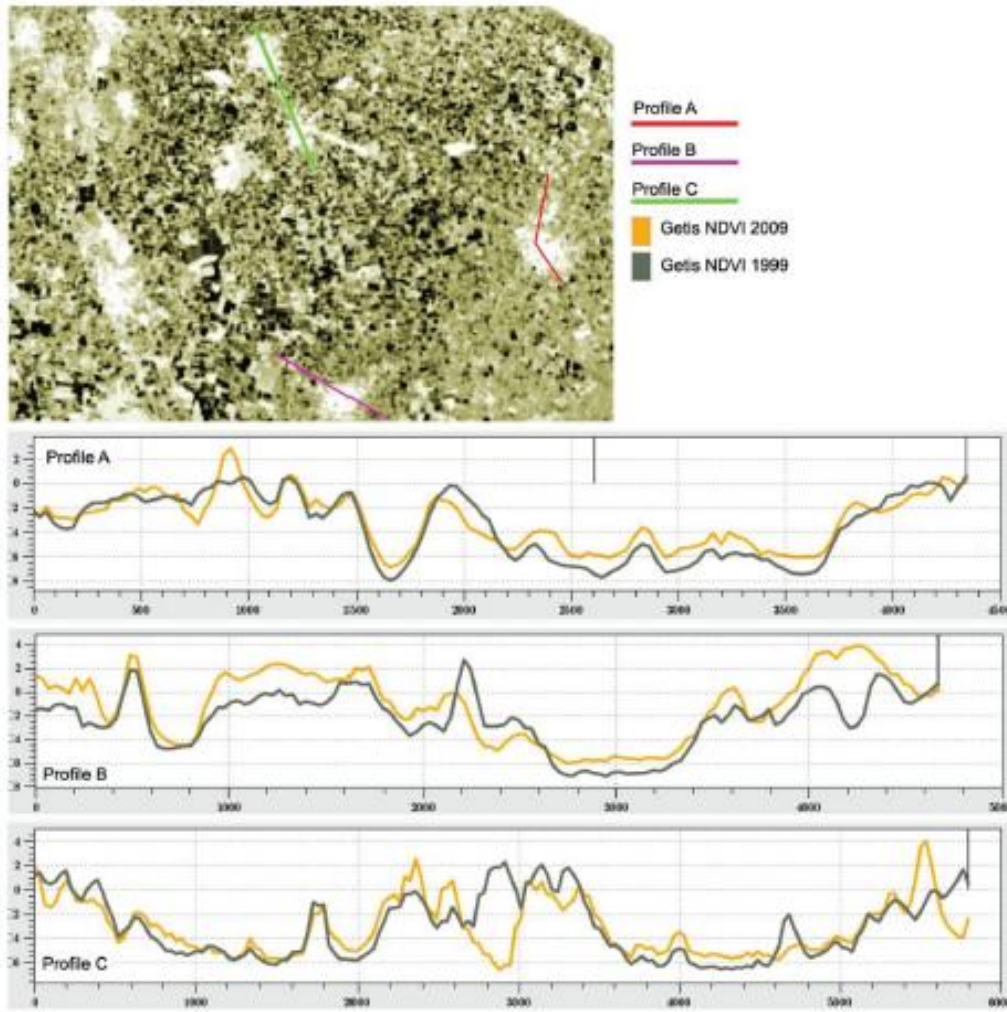
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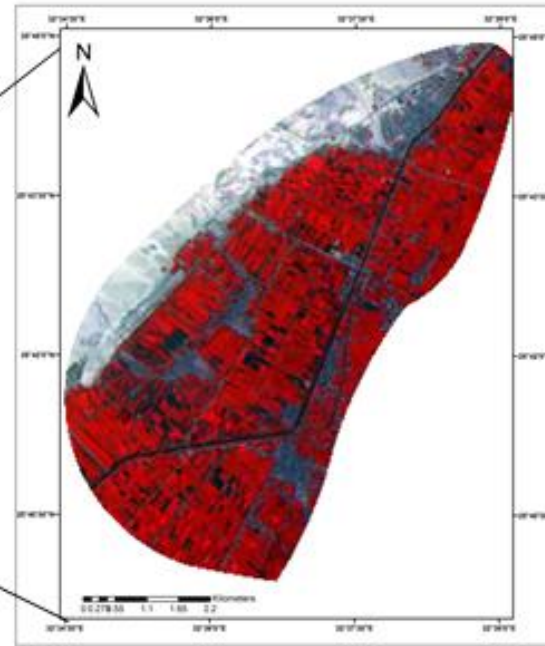
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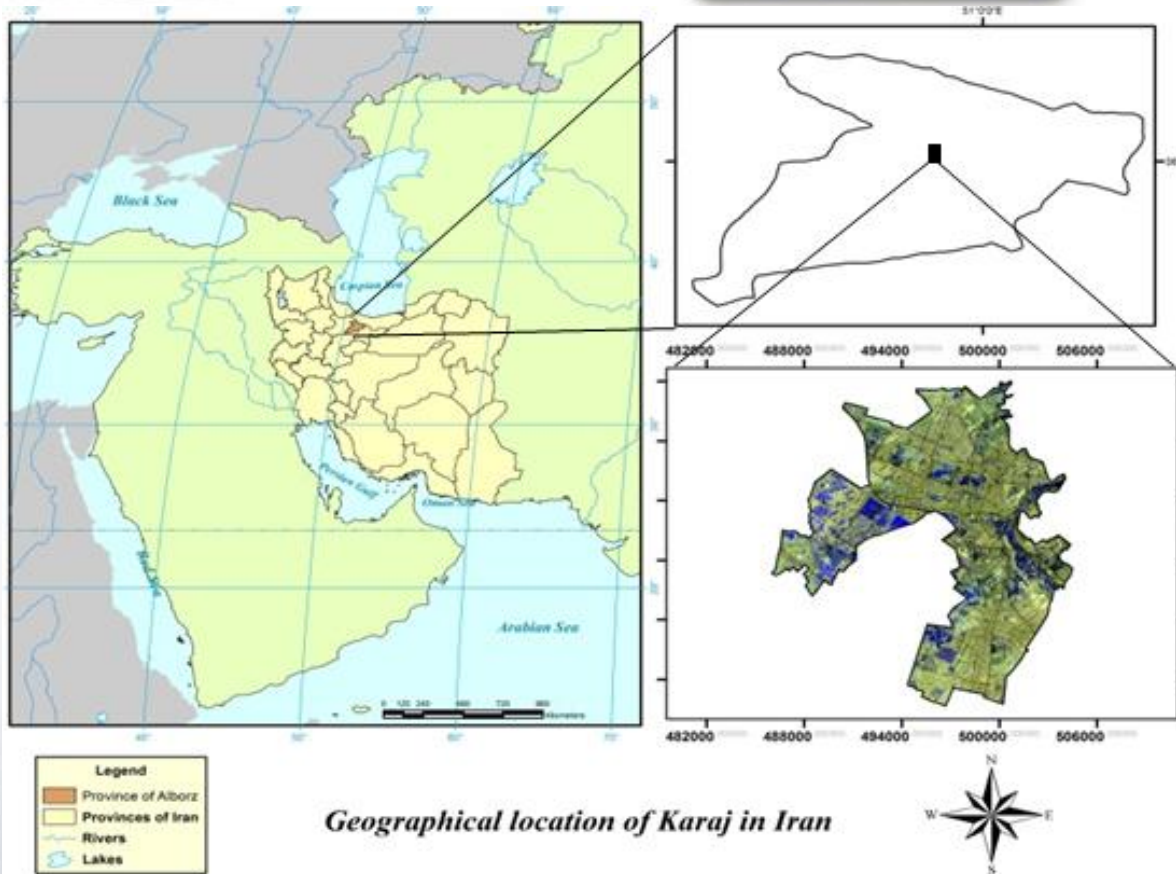


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Luxor city 416 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population 506,588



Karaj 858 km<sup>2</sup>  
Population 1,967



| <b>satellite</b> | <b>Sensor</b> | <b>Resolution (M)</b> | <b>Acquisition date</b> |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Landsat          | TM            | 30 m                  | Sep 1984                |
| Landsat          | TM            | 30 m                  | Oct 1998                |
| Landsat          | L8            | 30 m                  | Sep 2016                |

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- **Getis-Ord and Hot Spot for Analysing spatial distribution**
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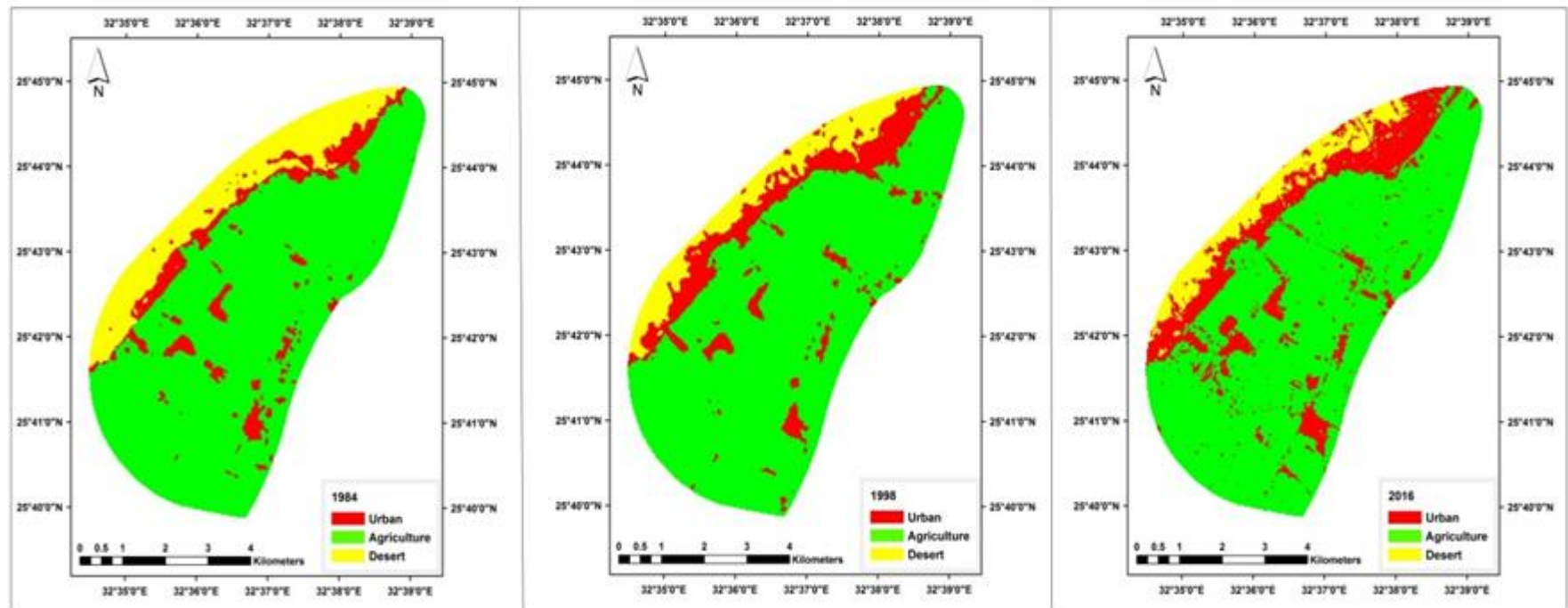
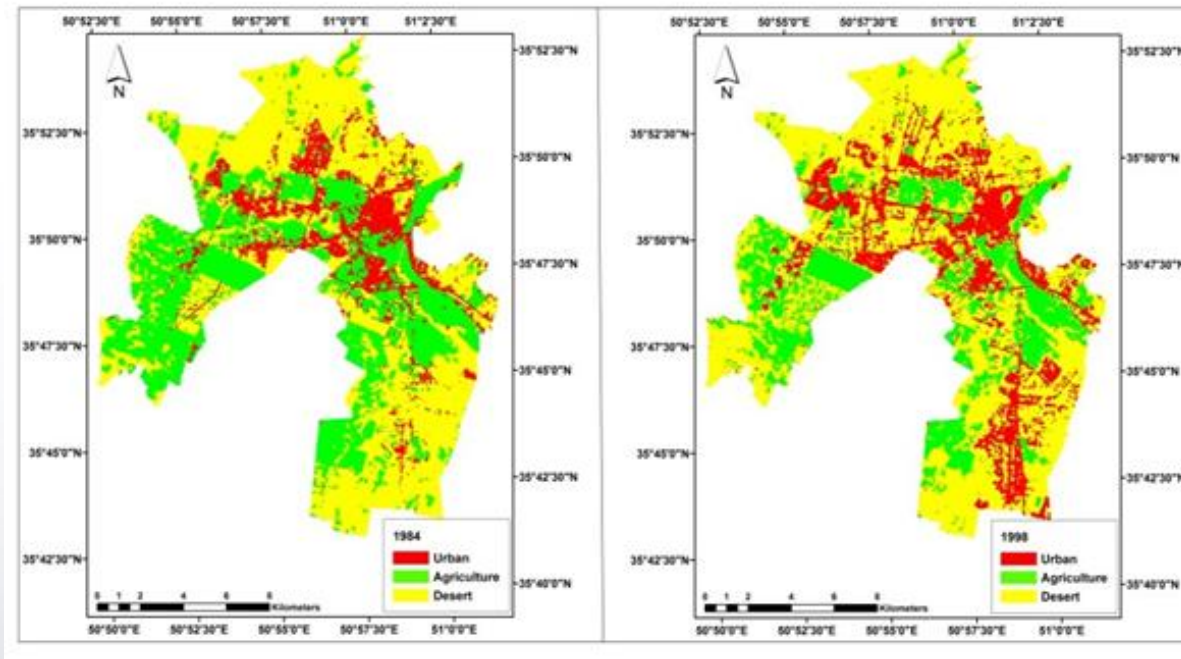


Fig. 3. Supervised classification in study area of Luxor between (1984 to 2016)



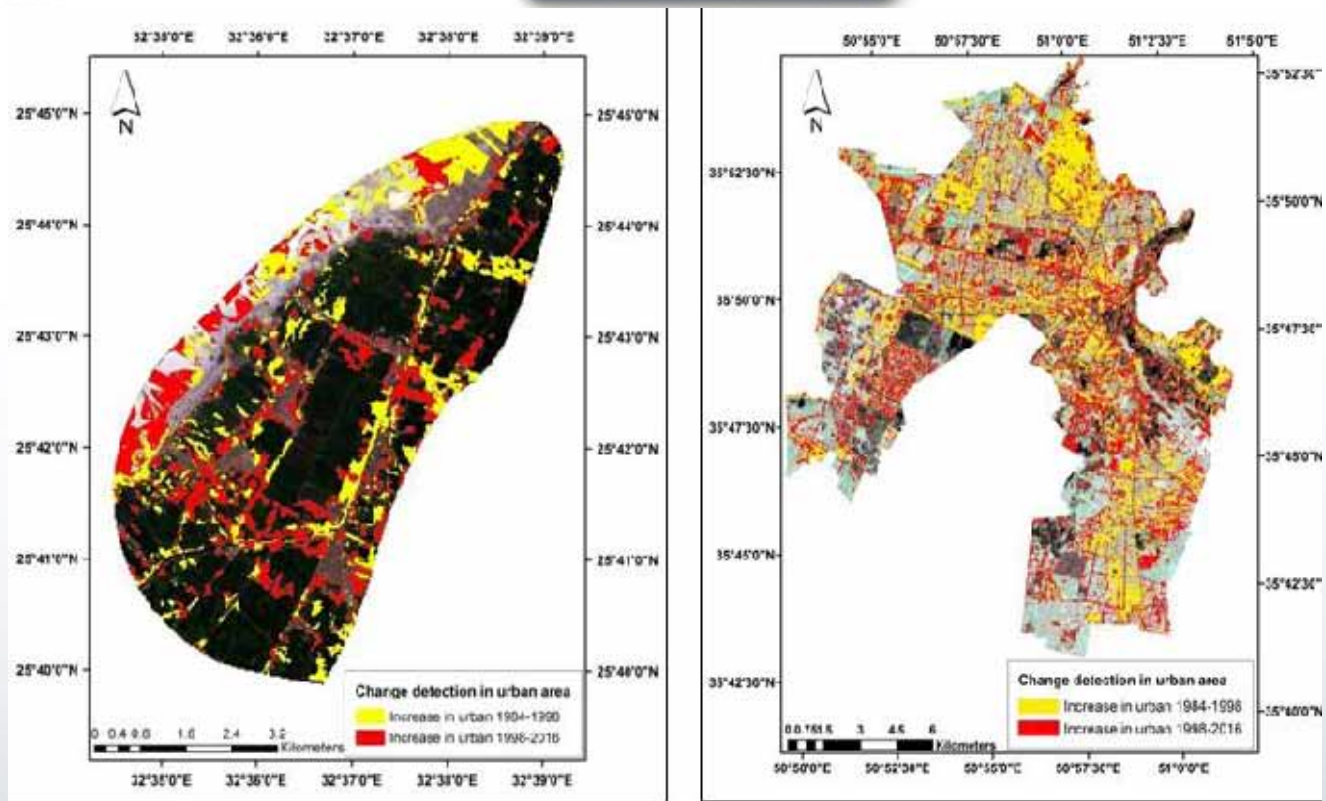
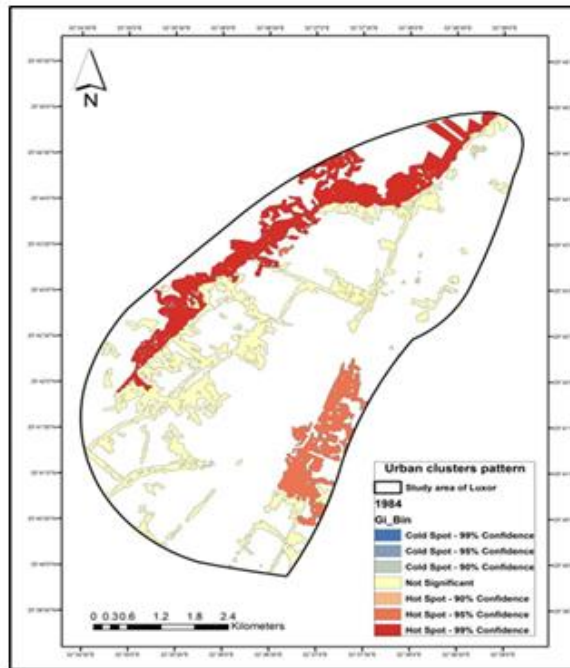


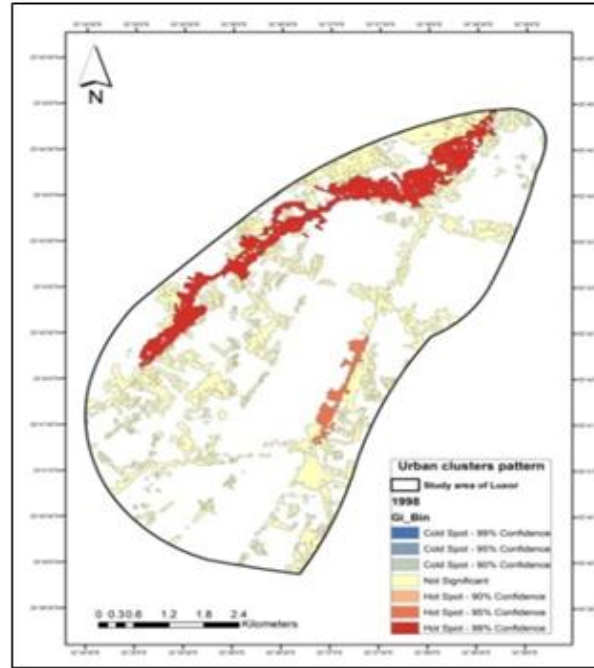
Fig. 6. Total changes in the urban Layers in study area of Luxor and Karaj between (1984 to 2016)

| Study area | 1984-9                 | change detection<br>± Km <sup>2</sup> | 1998-10                | change detection<br>± Km <sup>2</sup> | 2016-9                 |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Luxor      | 10.873 km <sup>2</sup> | .955 km <sup>2</sup>                  | 11.828 km <sup>2</sup> | 2.739 km <sup>2</sup>                 | 14.567 km <sup>2</sup> |
| Karaj      | 43.420 km <sup>2</sup> | 13.695 km <sup>2</sup>                | 57.115 km <sup>2</sup> | 5.56 km <sup>2</sup>                  | 62.675 km <sup>2</sup> |

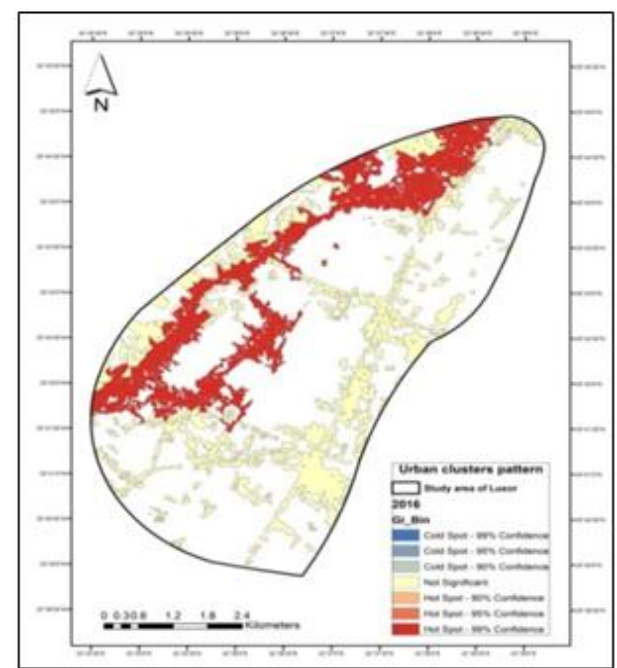




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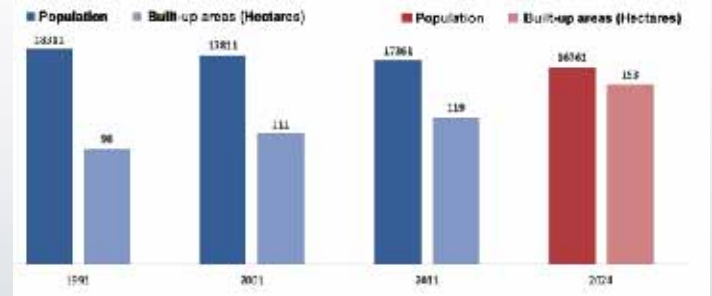
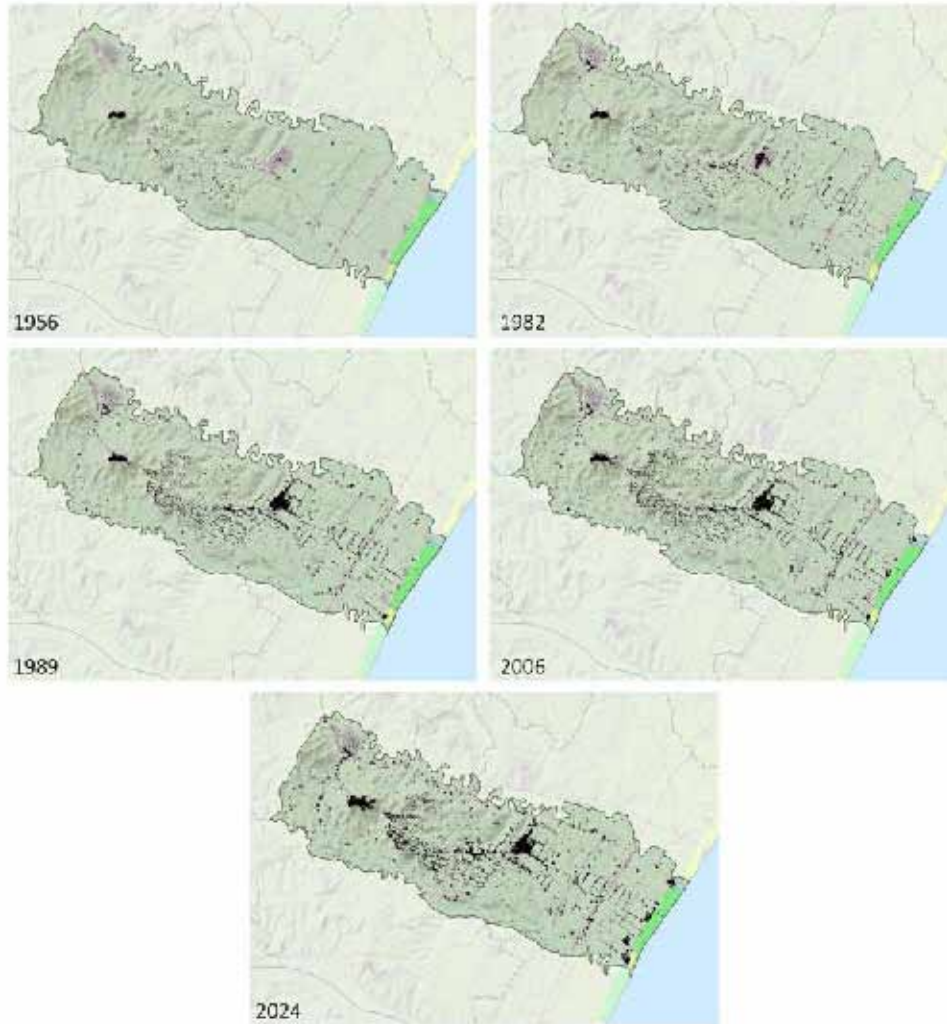
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2016

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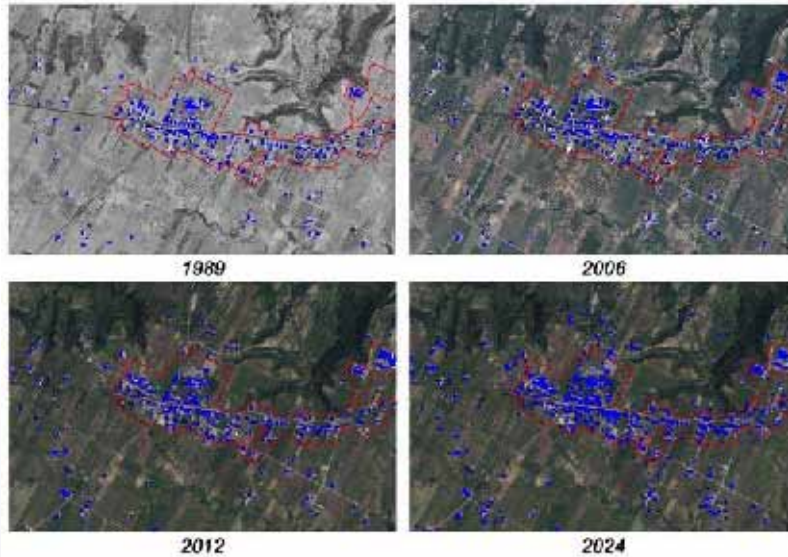


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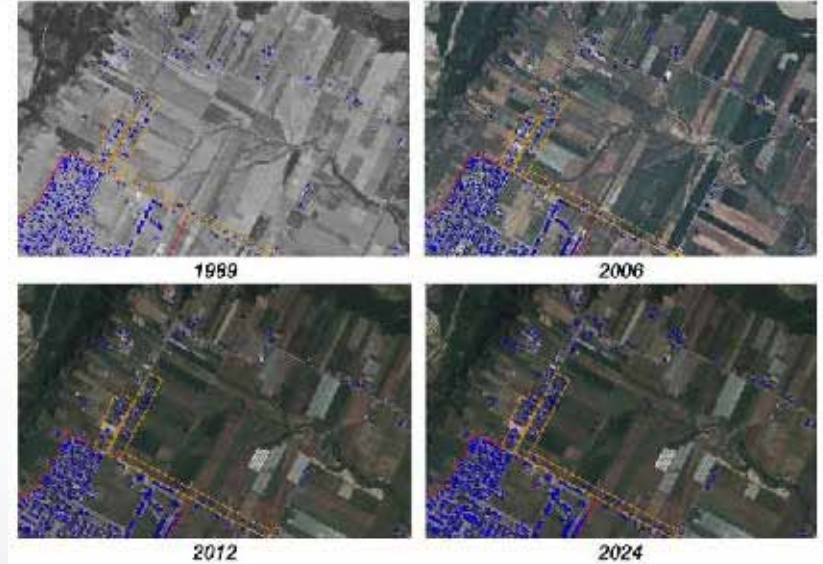


Fig. 9. The hamlet of Marconia, highlighted by the red dashed line; blue points identify buildings at different dates.

|                              | 1956 | 1982 | 1989  | 2006  | 2012  | $\Delta$ 56-12 | $\Delta$ 12-24 | 2024  |
|------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| <i>Pisticci Municipality</i> | 28   | 58   | 98    | 111   | 125   | 97             | 28             | 153   |
| <i>Tinchi</i>                | 1.62 | 6.05 | 9.06  | 9.73  | 10.43 | 8.81           | 5.72           | 16.15 |
| <i>Marconia</i>              | 1.19 | 8.91 | 26.39 | 28.10 | 30.59 | 29.4           | 7.10           | 37.69 |
| <i>F. Ferrupo</i>            | 0.95 | 1.03 | 2.04  | 3.06  | 3.27  | 2.32           | 0.40           | 3.67  |
| <i>S. Leonardo</i>           | 1.32 | 1.39 | 3.48  | 4.38  | 4.82  | 3.50           | 1.24           | 6.06  |
| <i>Coastal area</i>          | 0.14 | 0.85 | 3.95  | 7.94  | 15.68 | 15.54          | 7.01           | 22.69 |

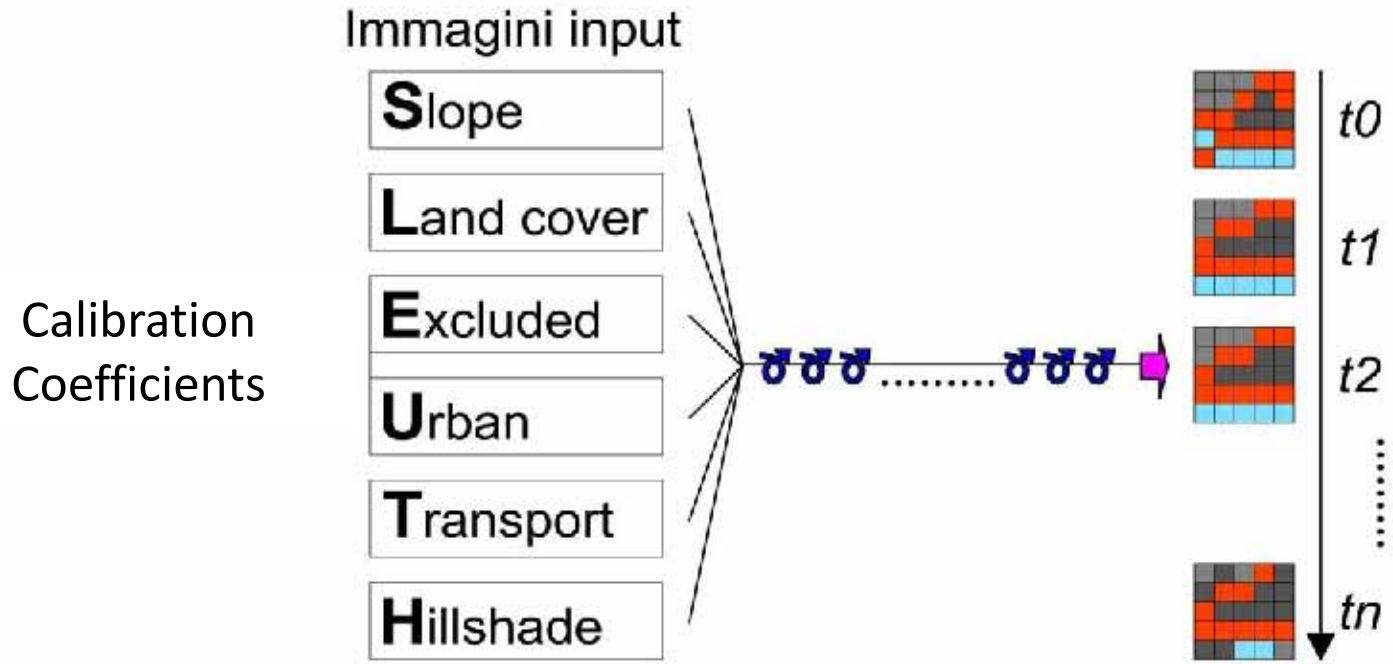
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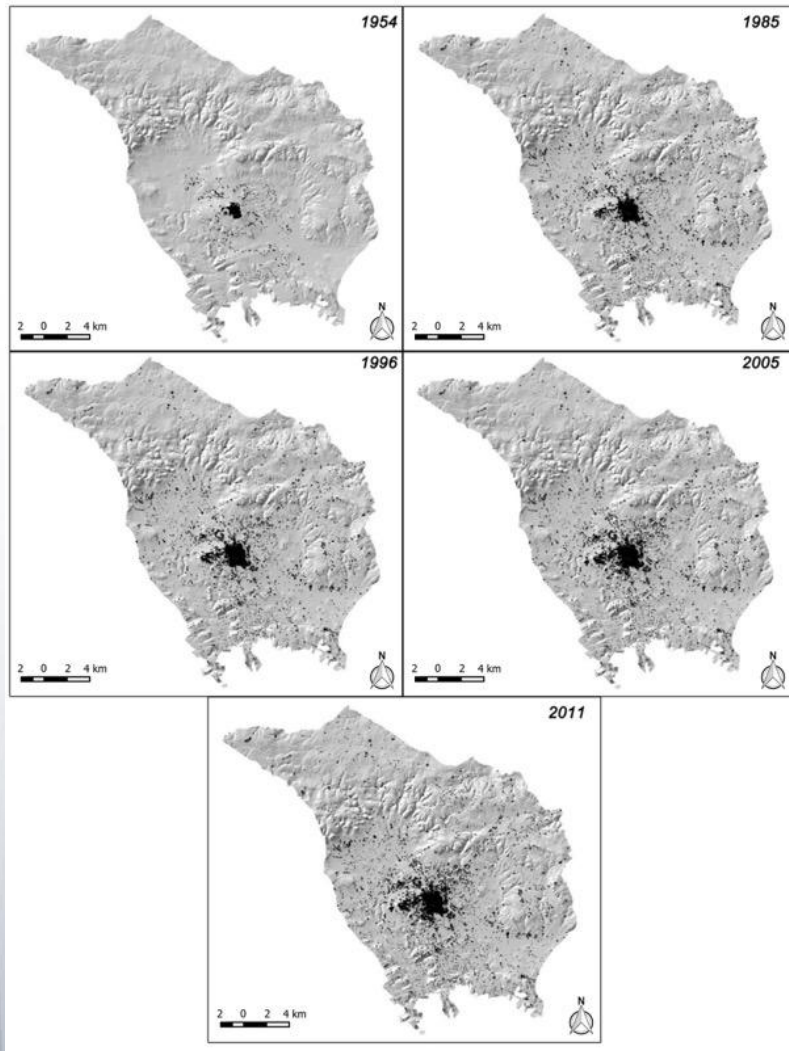


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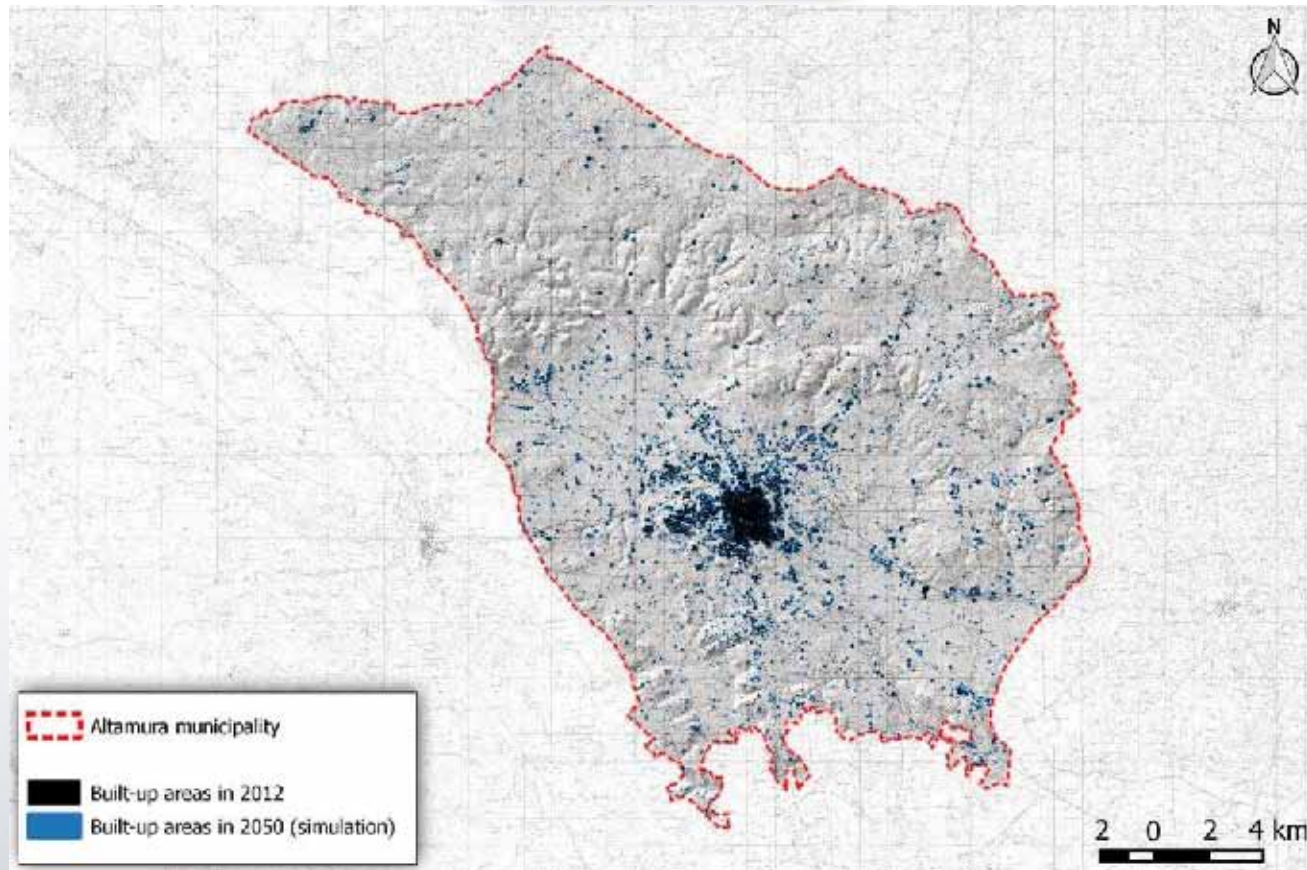
Growth simulation cycles

Results

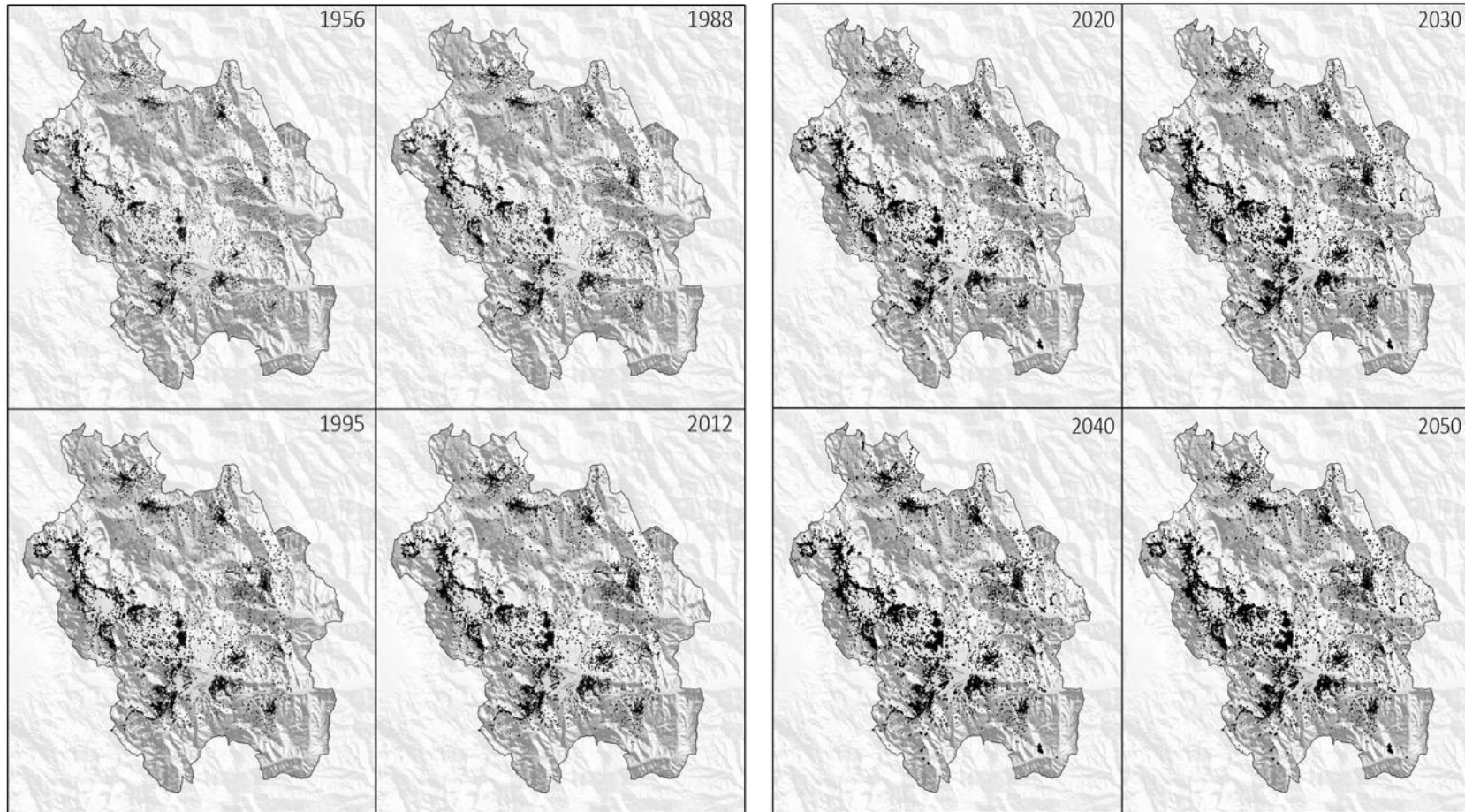




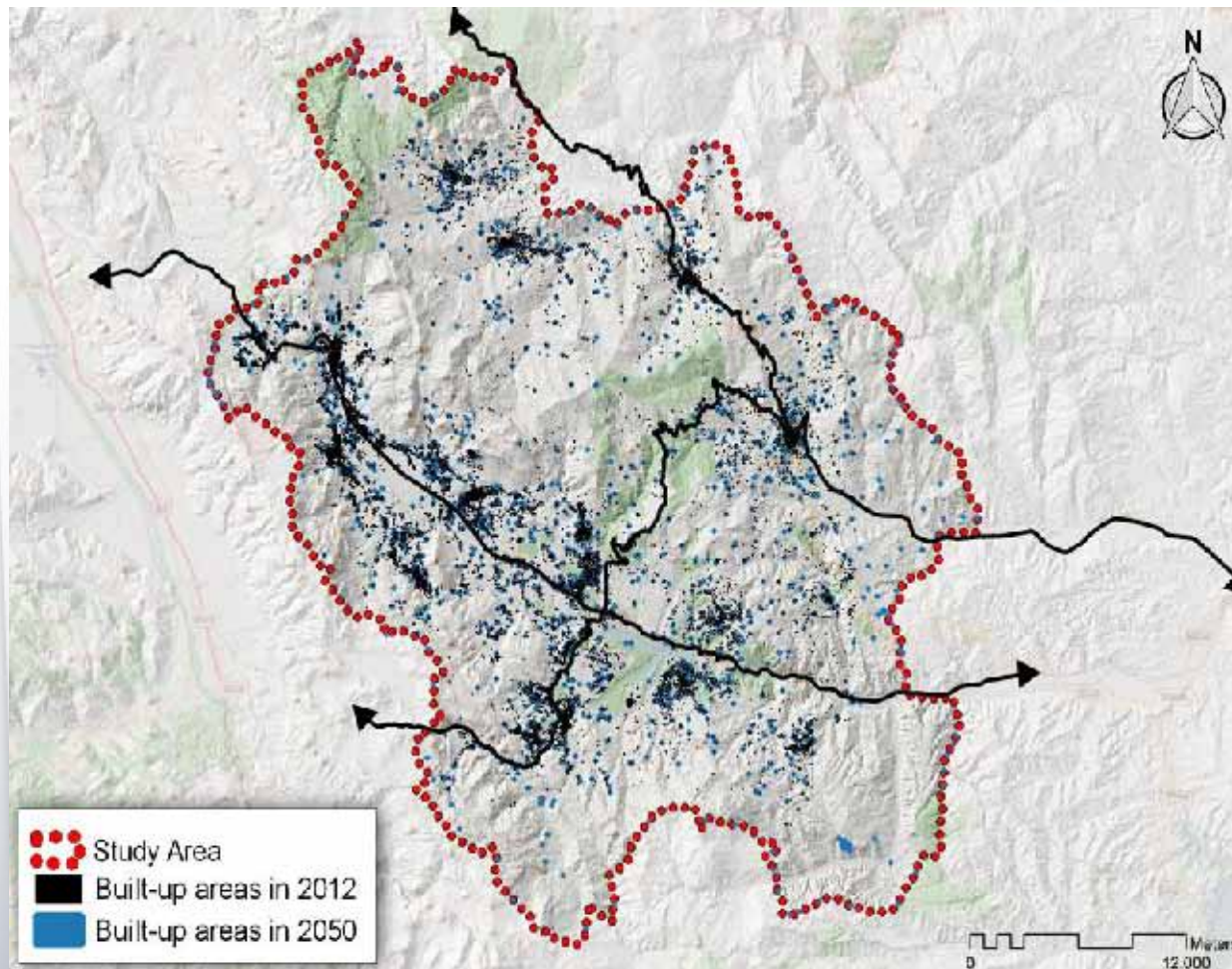
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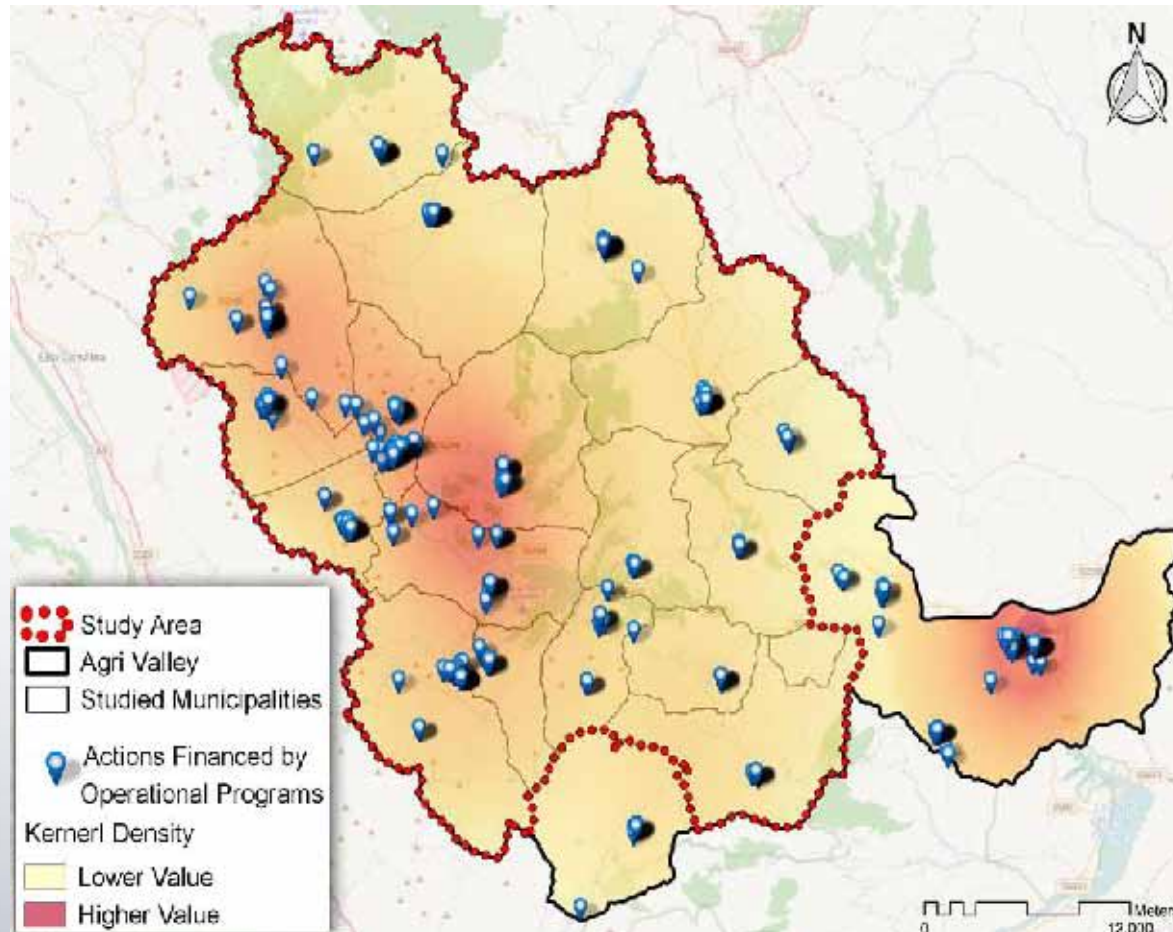


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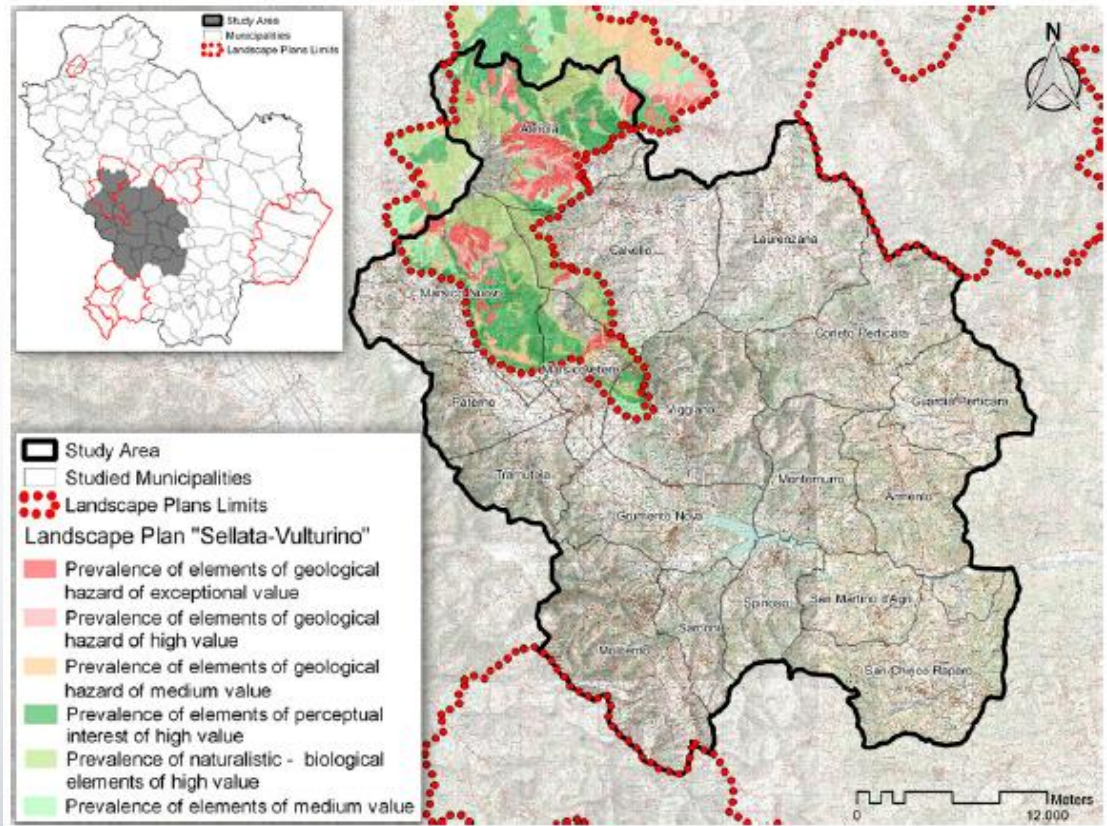


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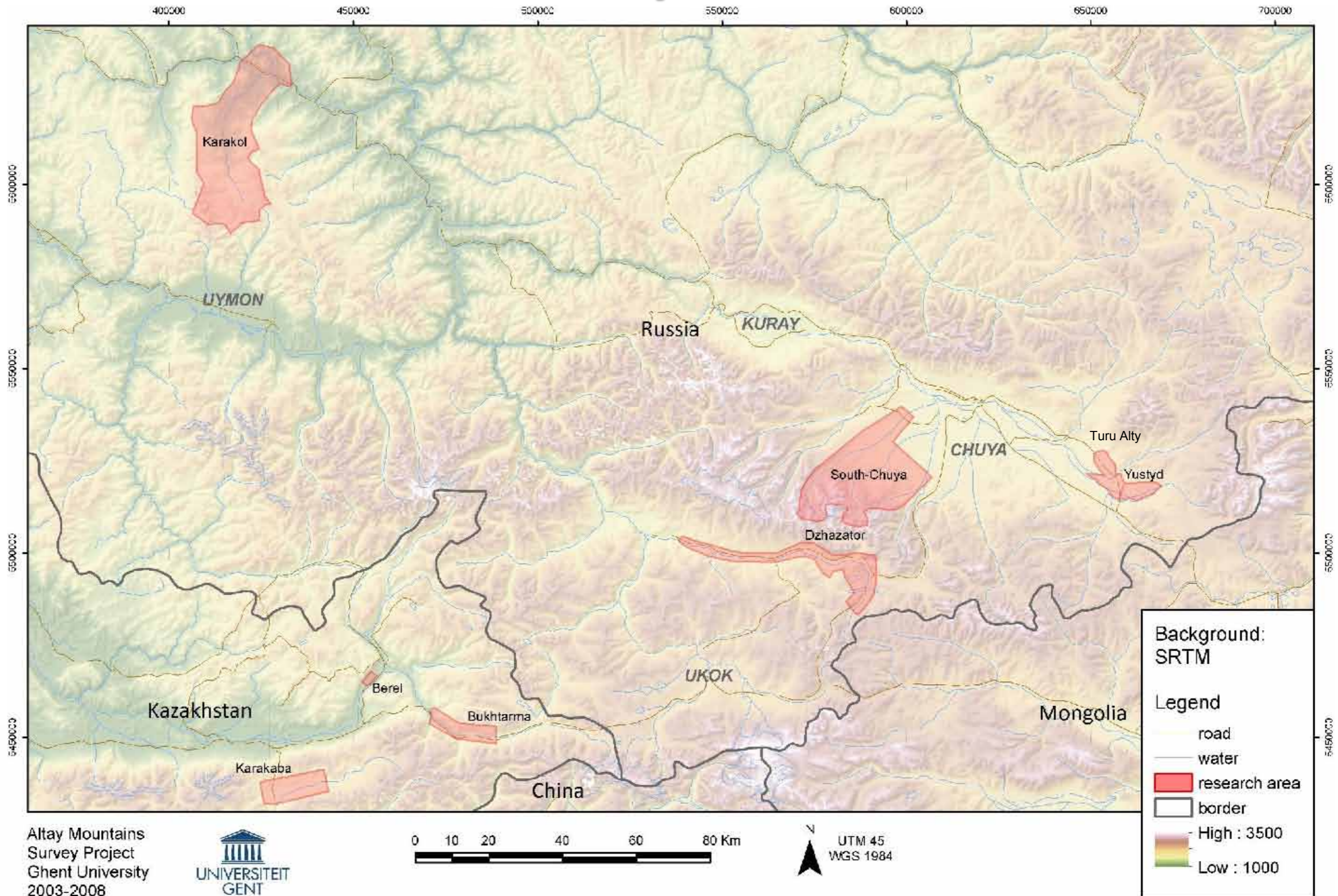
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# Outline

- History of the research and short presentation of the research area
- Methodology : Mapping archaeological sites in remote areas
- Results: Yustid and Turu Alty

# Research history – Research area



Karakol (1100 m)



## Dzahazator (1300-2000 m)





# Yustyd (1800-2200 m)



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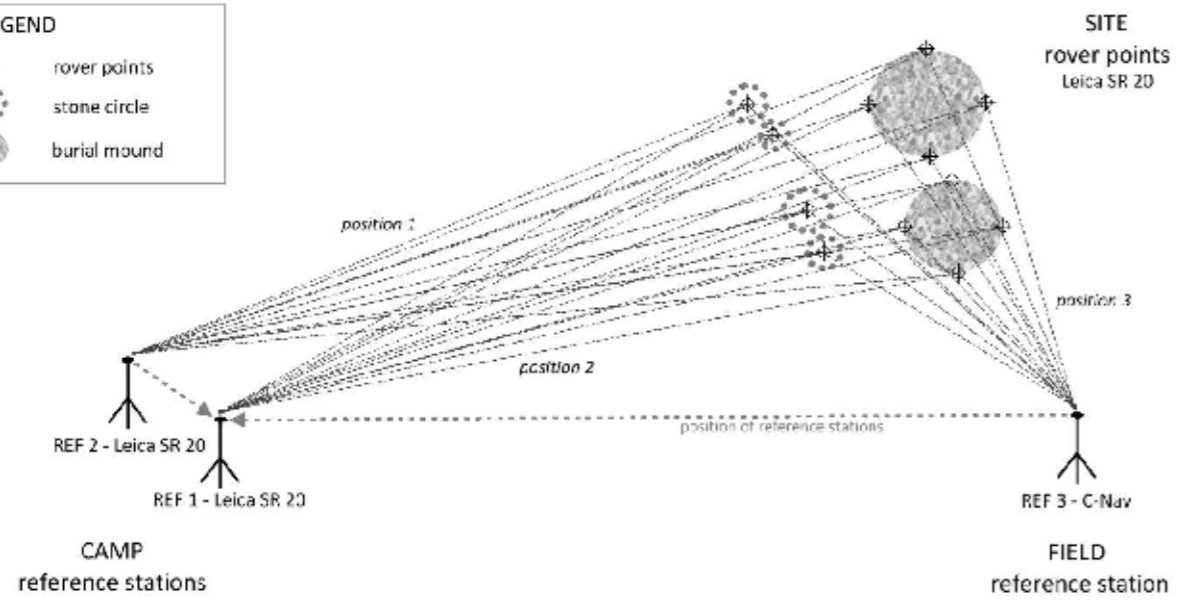
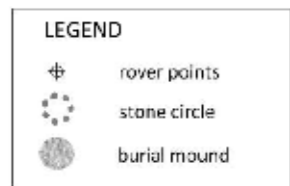
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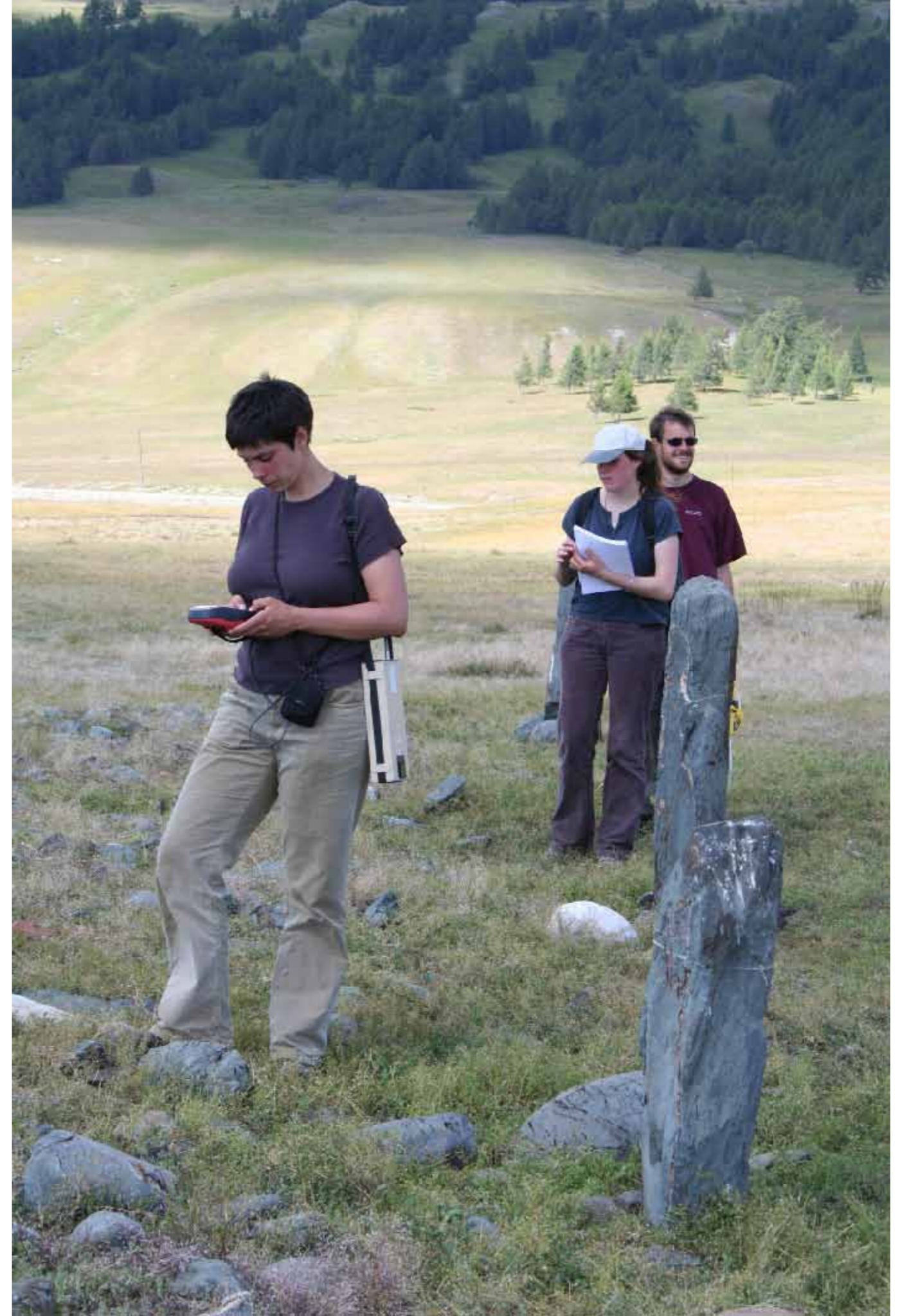


# Methodology: Mapping archaeological sites in remote areas

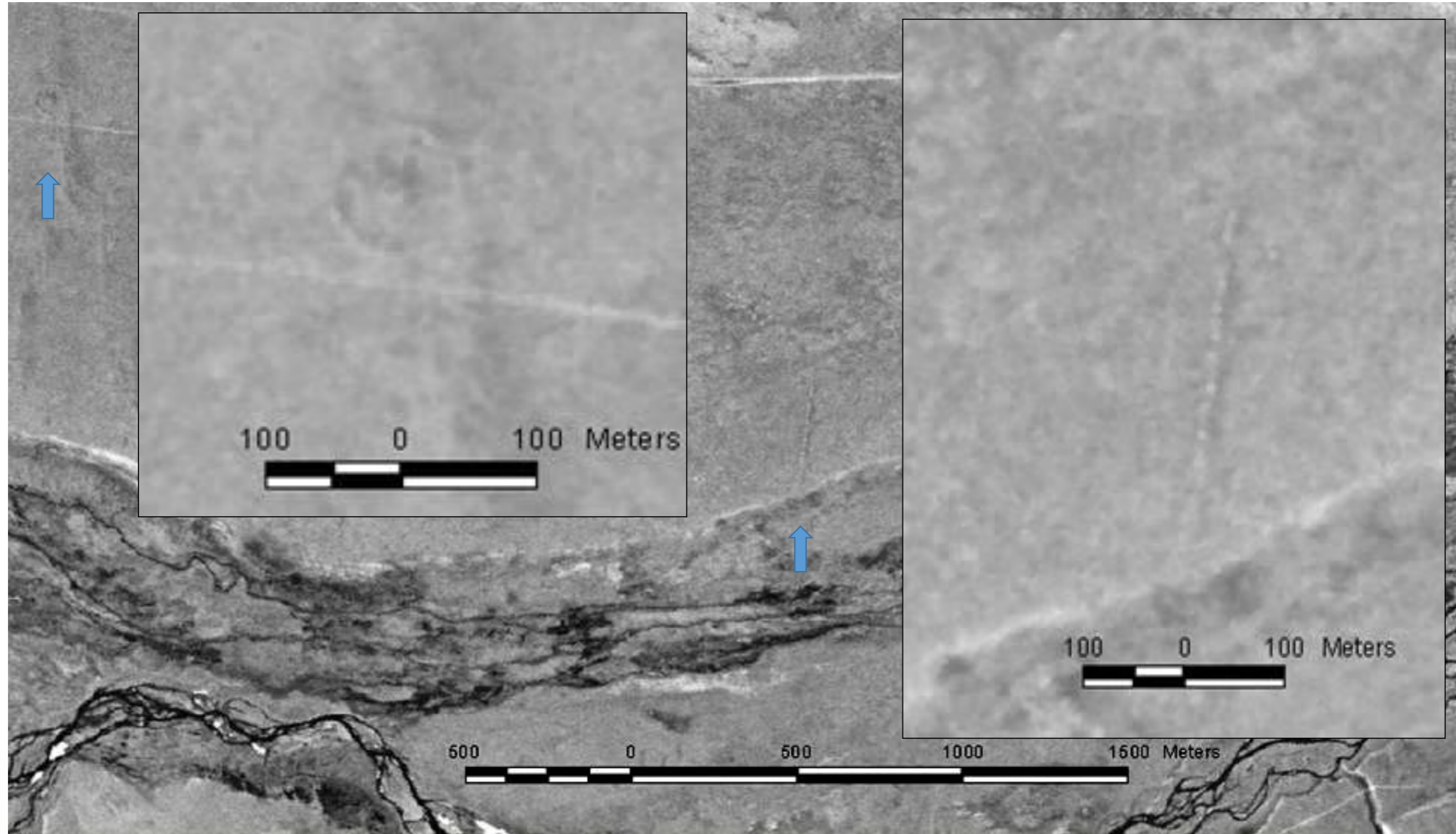
- How to produce reliable topographical maps, in far remote areas, without reference points
  - Use of space technology (Corona, cheap, 0.9m resolution max; modern satellite images, 0.5m, expensive)
- How to produce reliable site plans
  - Use of GPS C-Nav
  - And differential GPS Leica SR20



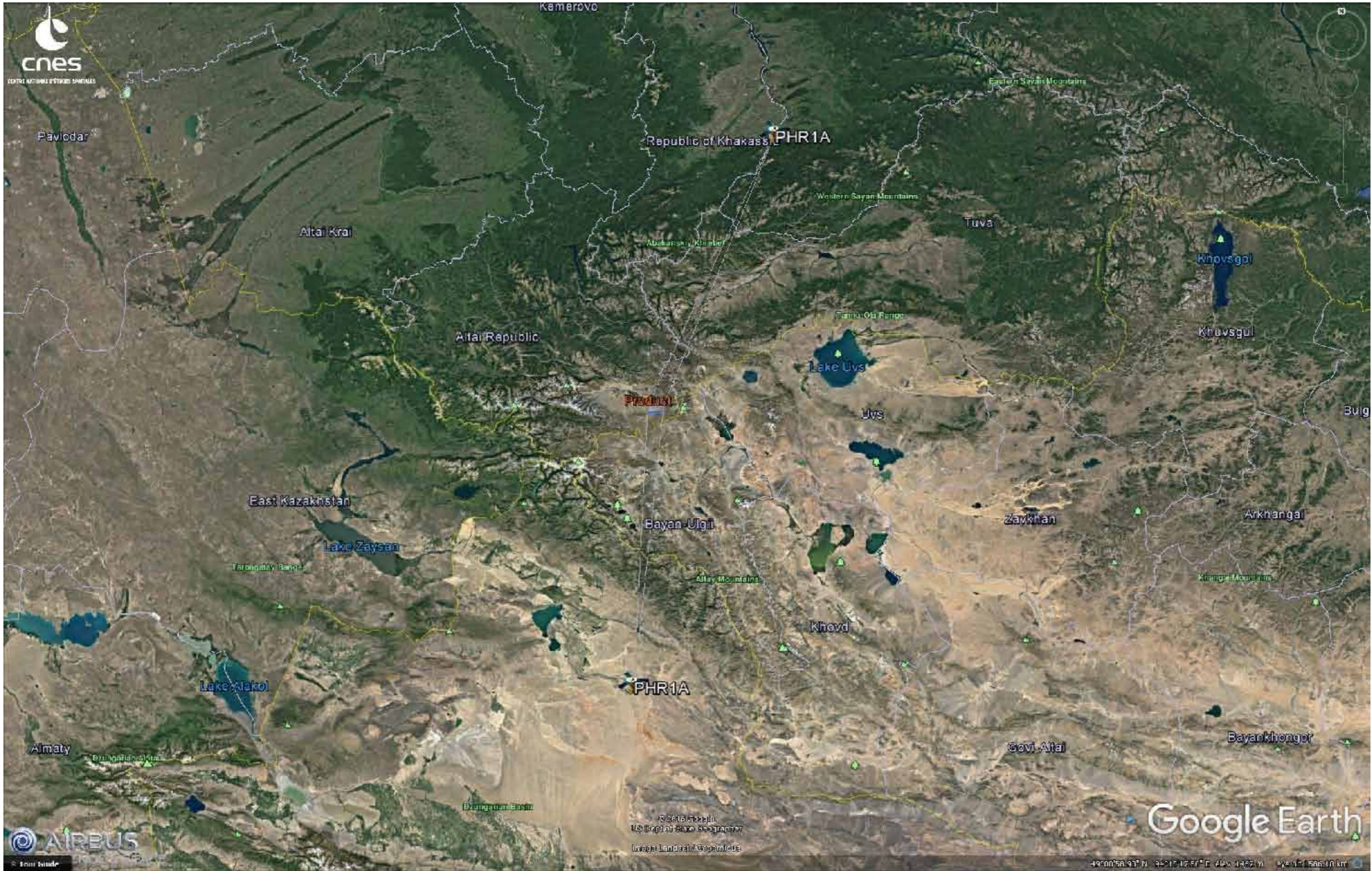


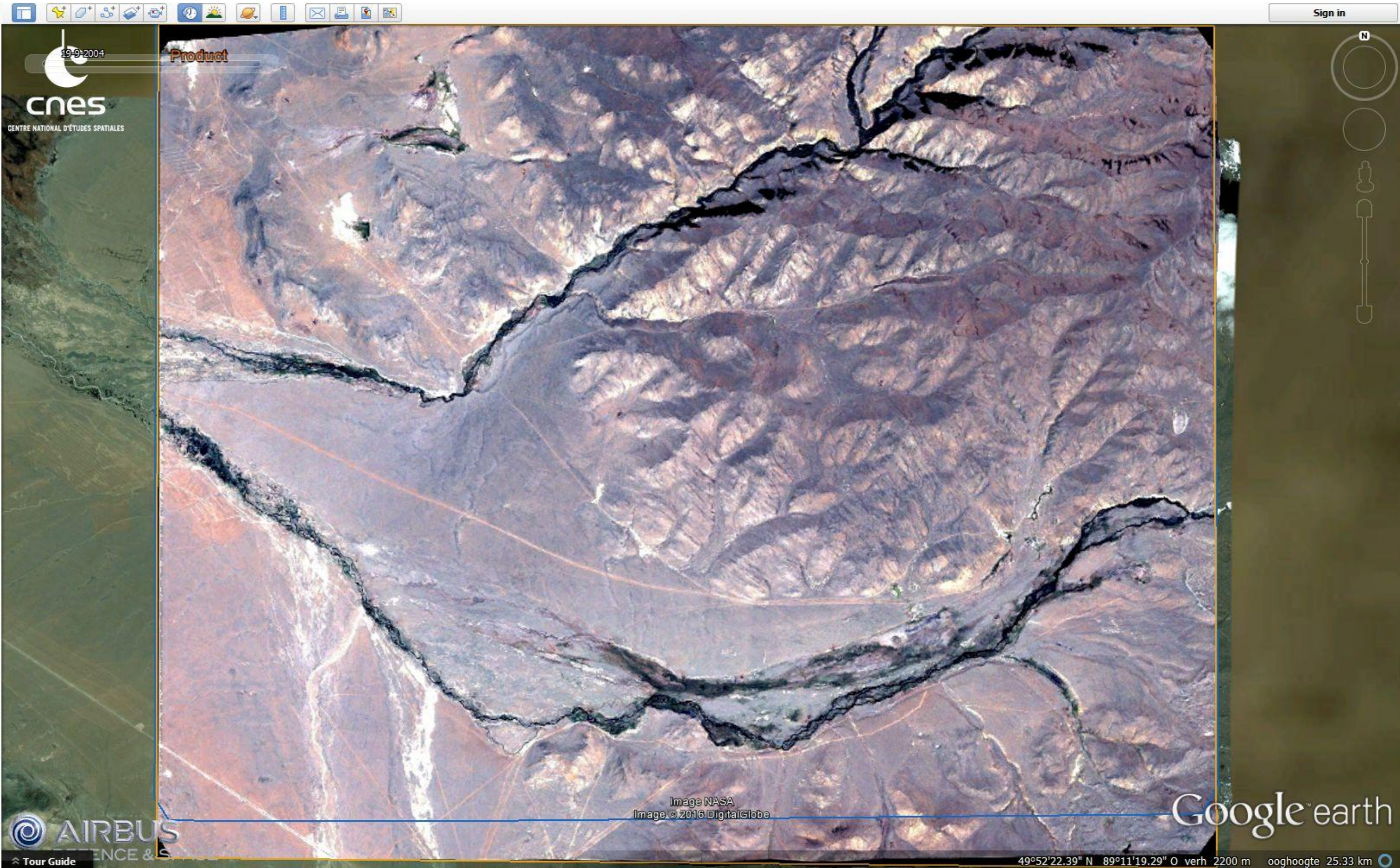


# KH-4B









SITE NR: KA-777 001-002 Name (Init.): WLG  
 Definitive site name: Date: 13/07/2006

District: KA

Land use: steppe

Valley / toponym: YUSTYB

Topography: 1e terrace, close to hills

|           |                     |        |  |  |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|--|--|
| Structure | 001                 | garmin |  |  |
| North     | 43° 47' 25.4"       |        |  |  |
| East      | 89° 15' 16.3"       |        |  |  |
| Height    | 114 m + elev 2155 m |        |  |  |
| RMS       | 5 m                 |        |  |  |

GPS

Type of site: RIGUAL General description: Big kerens with high round and quadrangular, double stone setting. No rock structures.

Kerens: very high, on a platform: mixture of small stones (both broken stones and river stones). Rays on 3 sides, starting from the centre of the circle: N, E, S

General date: Late Bronze Age

Amount of structures (approx.): 1

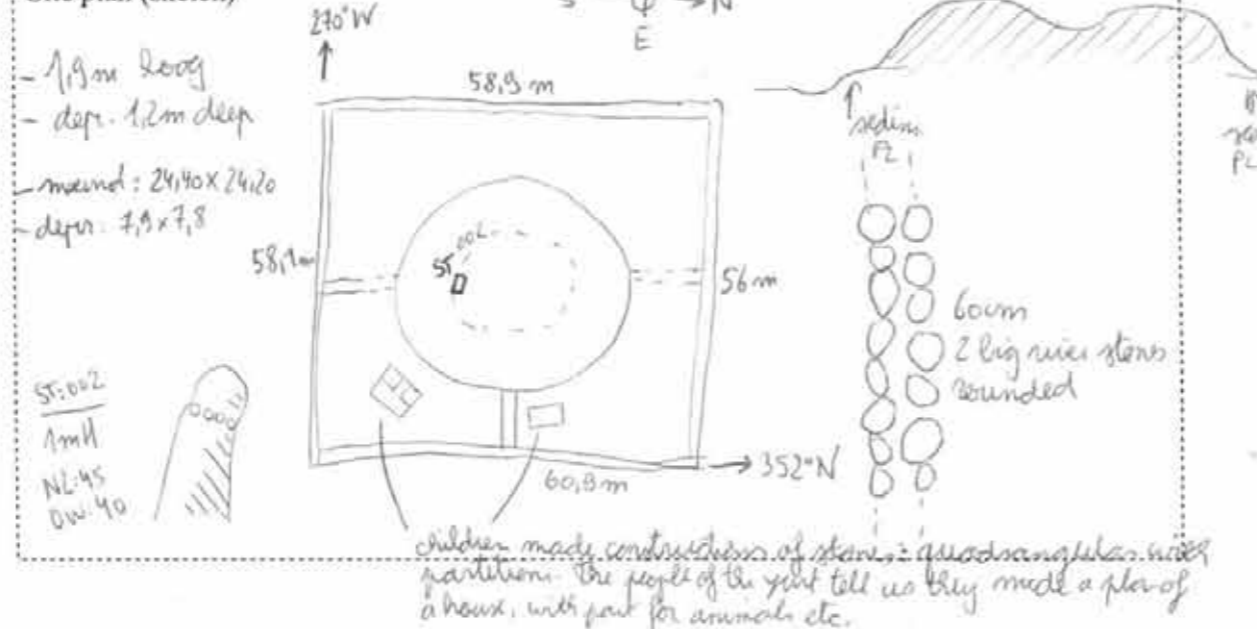
Organisation: /

REMARKS: stiles in the depression, to the E: carvings around the top (ring of round "pits")  
 NO STRUCTURE FICHE

Permafrost occurrence:

no information

Site plan (sketch)



site and localisation

site id - номер группы

rayon - район

toponym - топоним

town/village - город/деревня

inputdate - дата

input - автор

changes - корректировка

by - корректировщик

type site - тип группы

land use - тип землепользования

topographical setting - размещение

details - особенности размещения

remarks - замечания

image - изображение

image изображение

period - период

culture - культура

subperiod - подпериод

device:

structure nr 1

N1-coordinate

E1-coordinate

Height 1

structure nr 2


N2-coordinate

E2-coordinate

Height 2

site organization

petroglyph



Record: 1 van 1 Gefilterd Zoeken

site organization

site id - номер группы

discovery - обследование

date discovery - дата обсл

discovered by - группа иссл

n kurgans - курганы

n balbals - балбалы

n steles - стелы

n flat graves - грунтовые могилы

n stone circles - кольцевые выкладки

n stone platforms - сплошные выкладки

n kerek-sur - керексуры

n ogradka - оградки

n other structures - прочие объекты

**total structures - всего объектов**


remarks on nr.   
замечания по кол-ву

orientation - ориентировка

organisation - организация группы


dimensions - общие замечания

general comment - замечания

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Siteplan preview - for full plan, see DVD number in file path above

individual structures - описание объектов



Previews are extracts of full siteplans. Variable scale. North above. Legend: Bronze Age (brown), Scythian (green), Turkic (red), Hunno-Sarmatian (orange), Ethnographical (purple), unknown date (grey).

Record: 499 van 1048 Niet gefilterd Zoeken

individual structures

site id - номер группы   depression - западина  remarks - замечания

structure - номер объекта  old name

type - тип

NS - СЮ размер  cm  cm

EW - ВЗ размер  cm  cm

height - высота  cm  cm

material - материал  nr stones

hierarchy - иерархия  big broken stones

link main - связан с

bioturbation - разрушение  remarks - замечания

robbery - ограблен  remarks - замечания

excavated - раскопан  by - кем

orientation-mag  ° form of fence

orientation-geo  ° nr of rays

General remarks - общие замечания

Very large stone mound. Edges are completely sedimented. The center consists of of big brown stones; to the east, there is possibly an annex. Shallow central depression. Most southern monument of the line

date structure - датировка объекта

look up STRUCTURE images

look up SITE images

go to SITE

site id - номер группы

structure id - объект


period - период

culture - культура

subperiod - подпериод

Record: 1 van 1 Geen filter Z

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# Bashadar (Onguday Region, Karakol River)



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CORONA KH-4B

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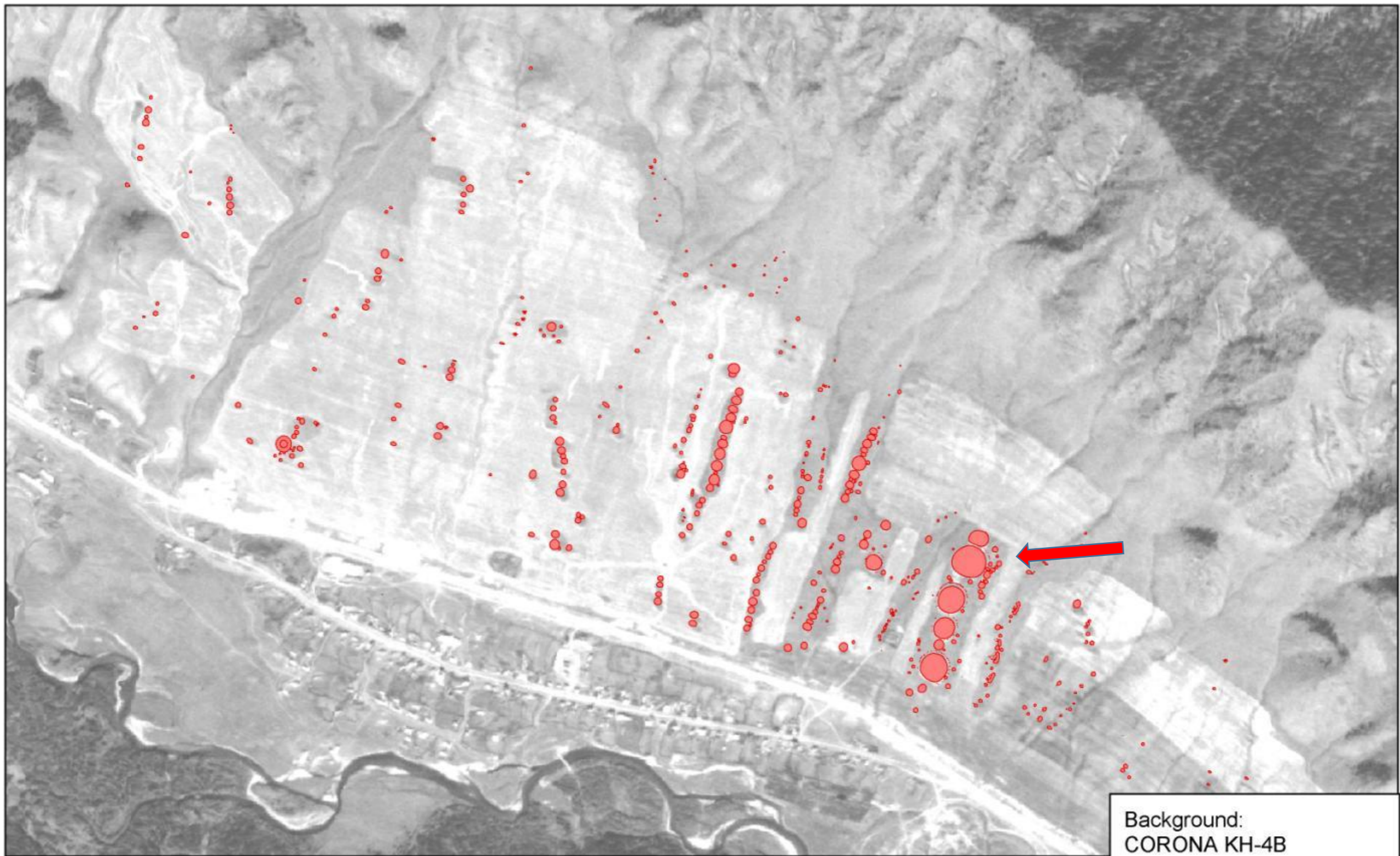
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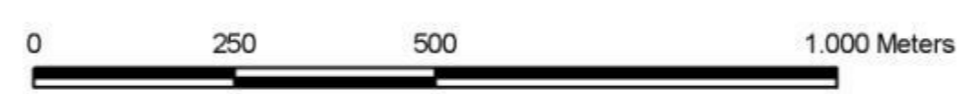
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# Tuekta (Onguday Region, Ursul River)



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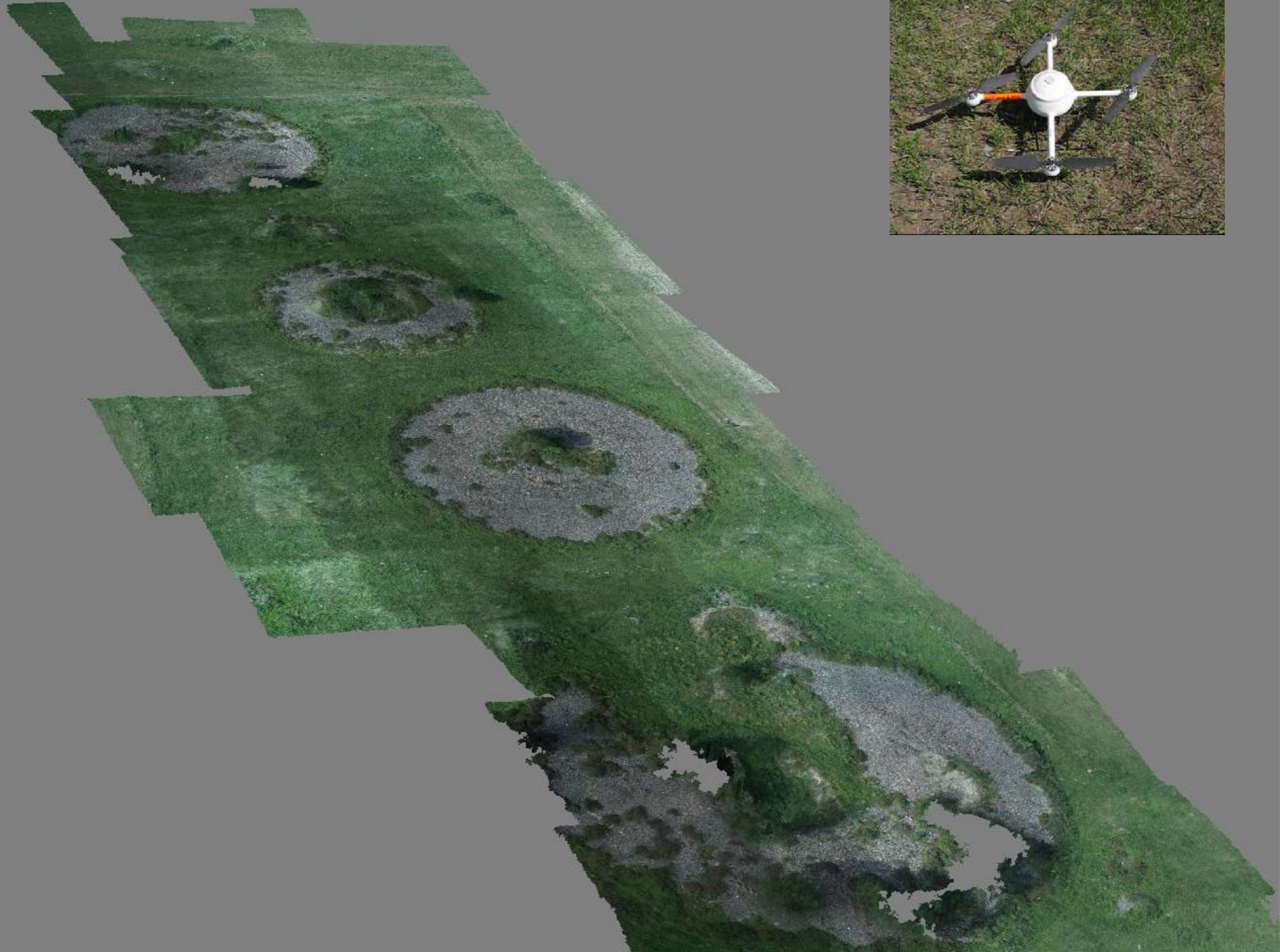
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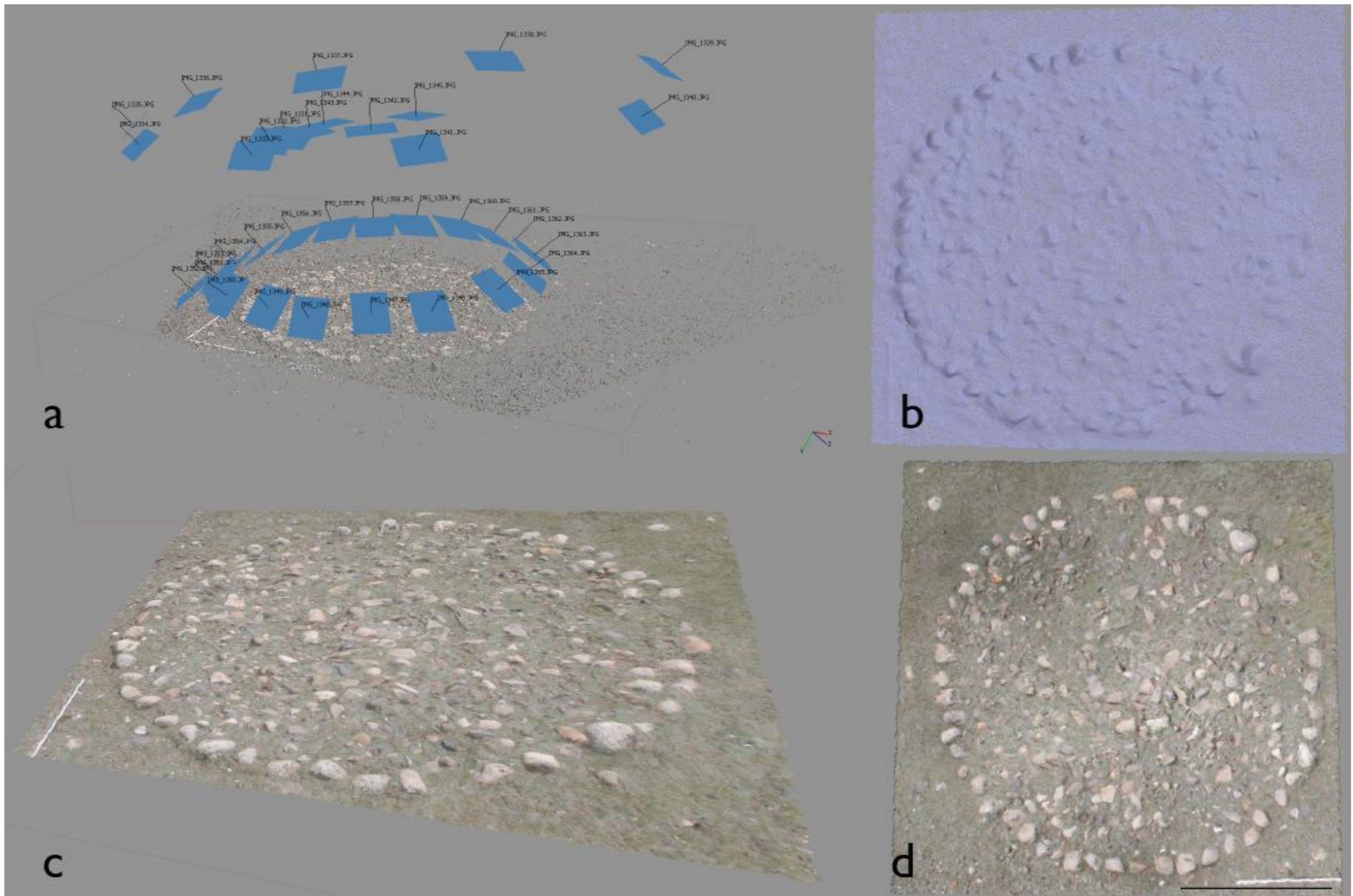
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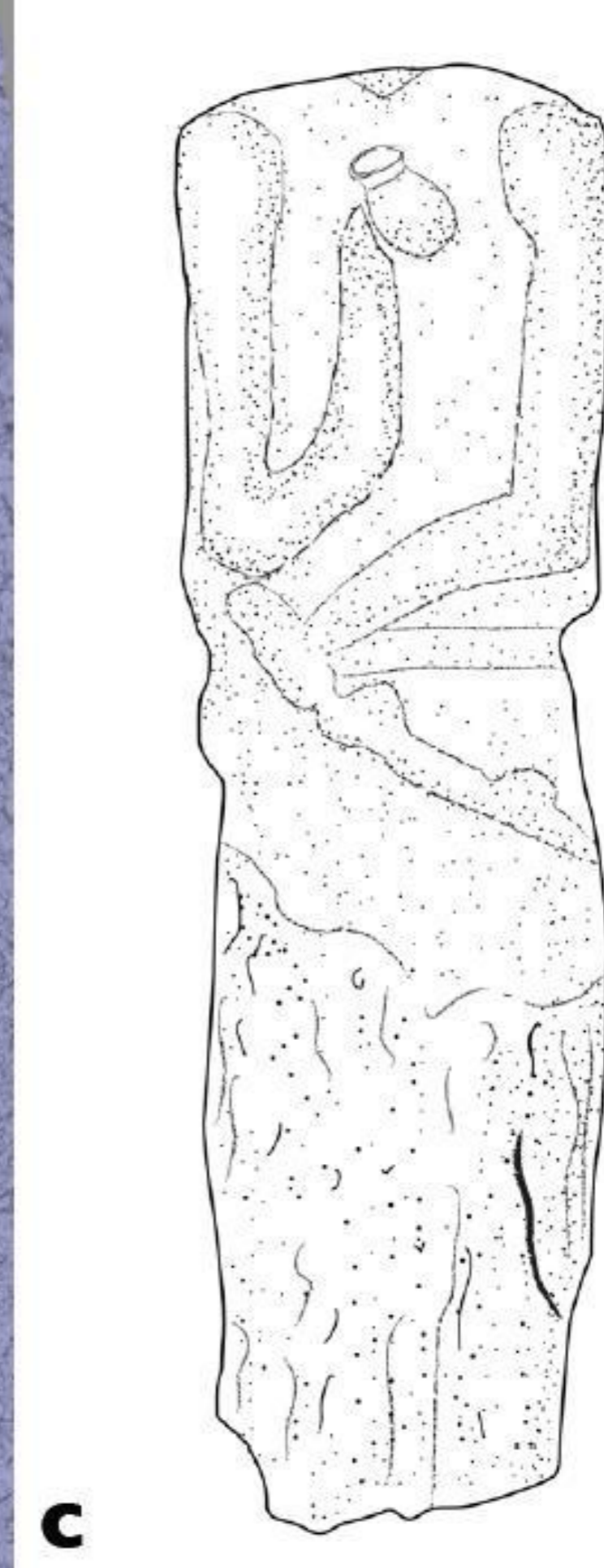
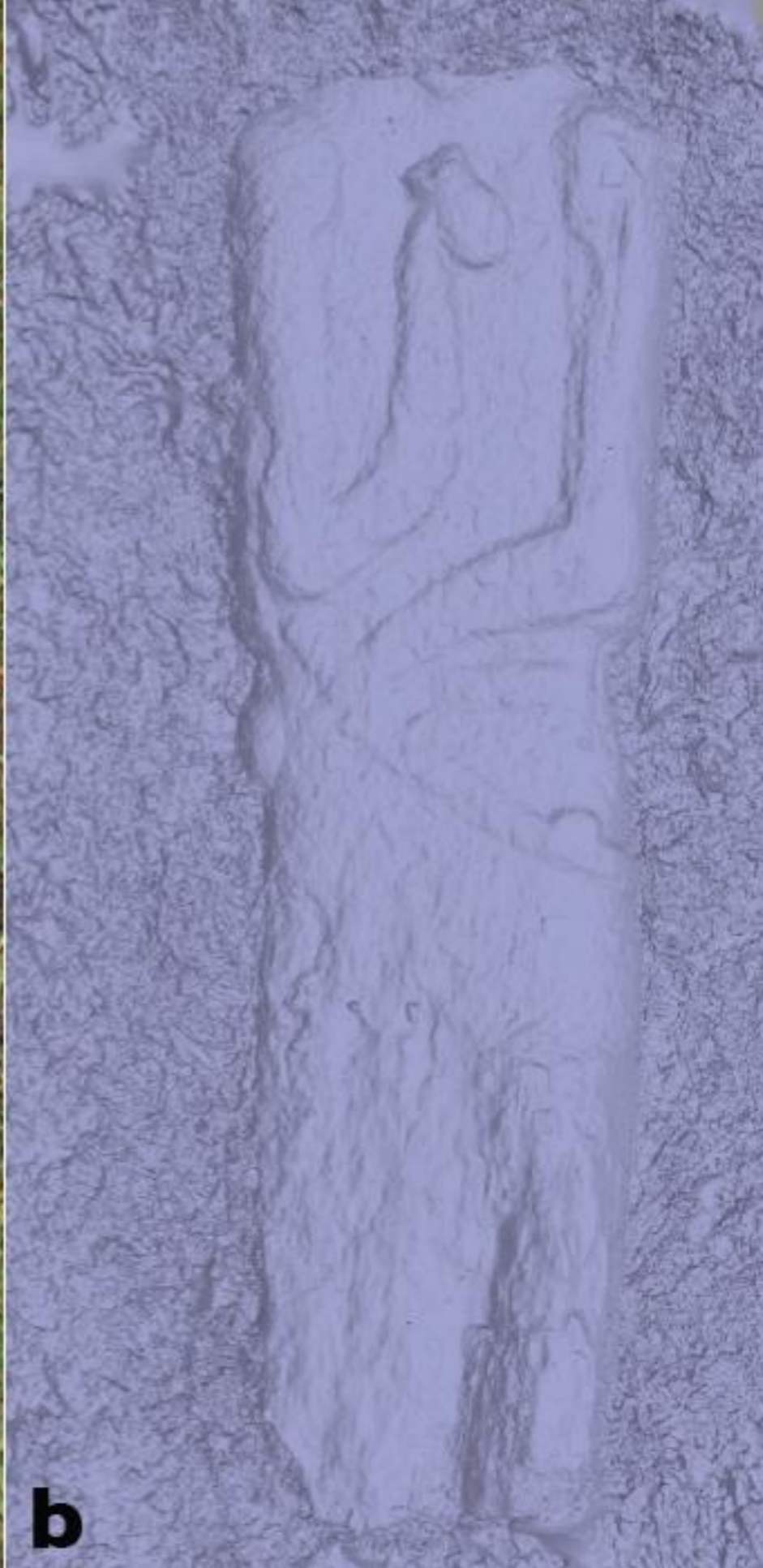












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859.6k faces

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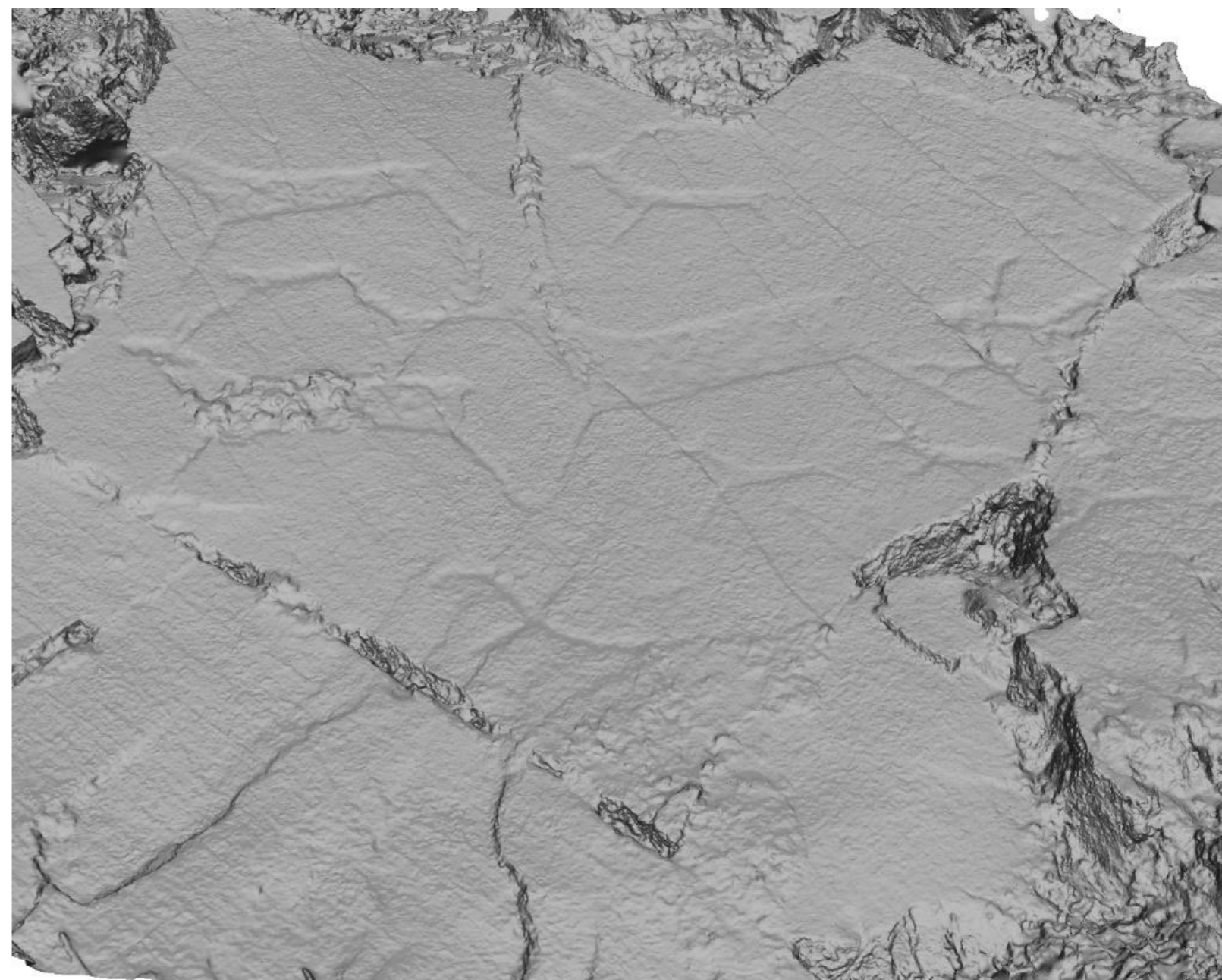
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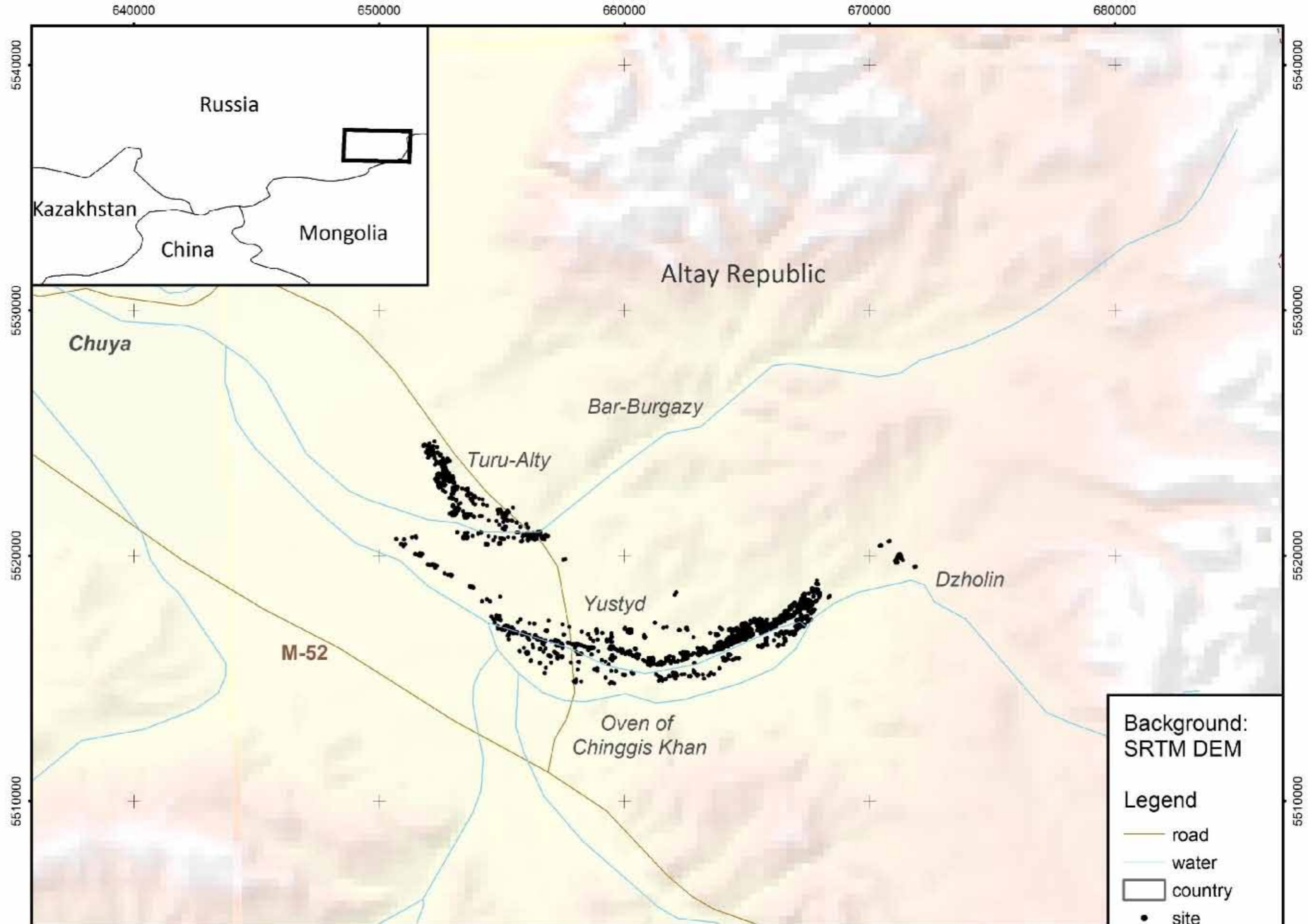






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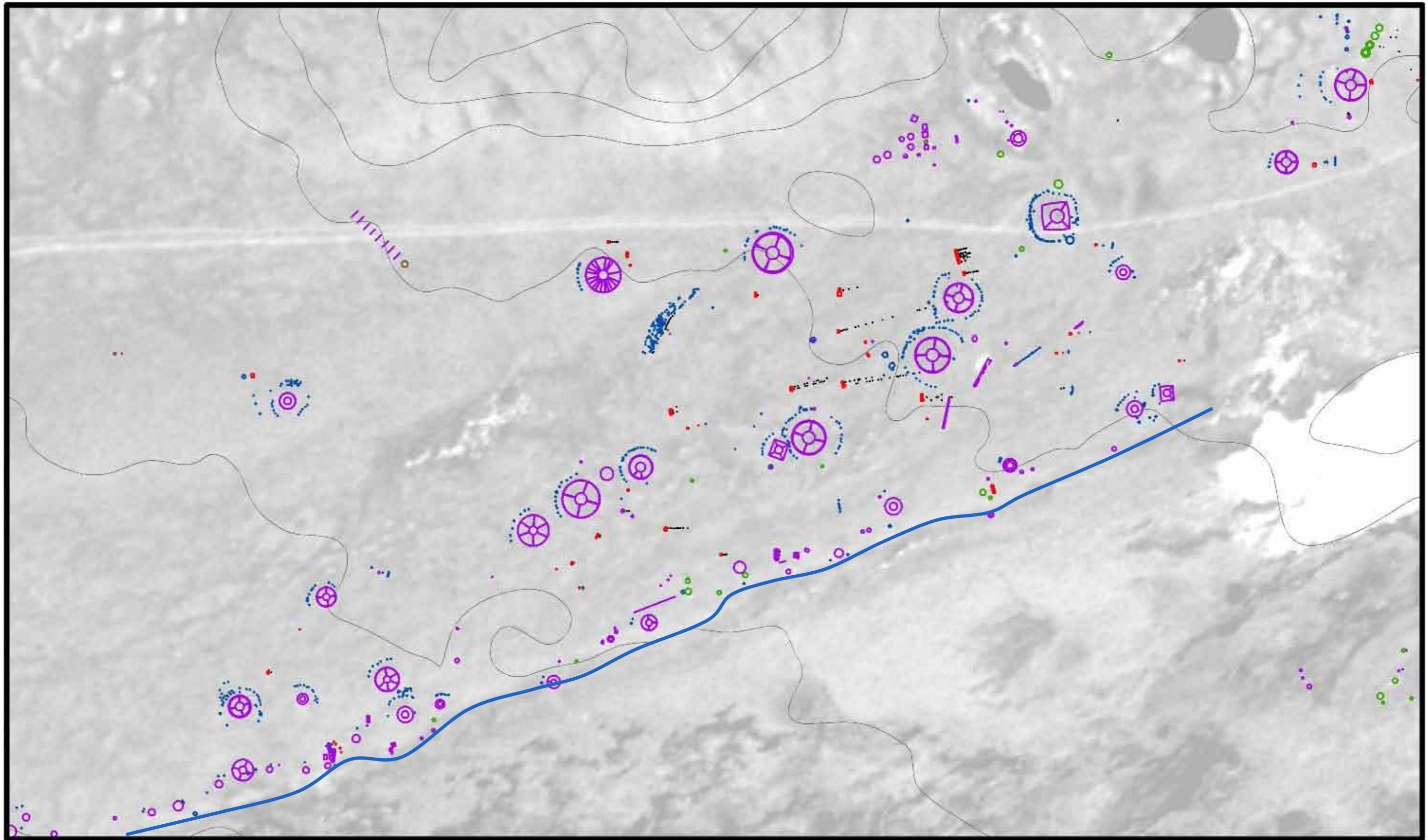
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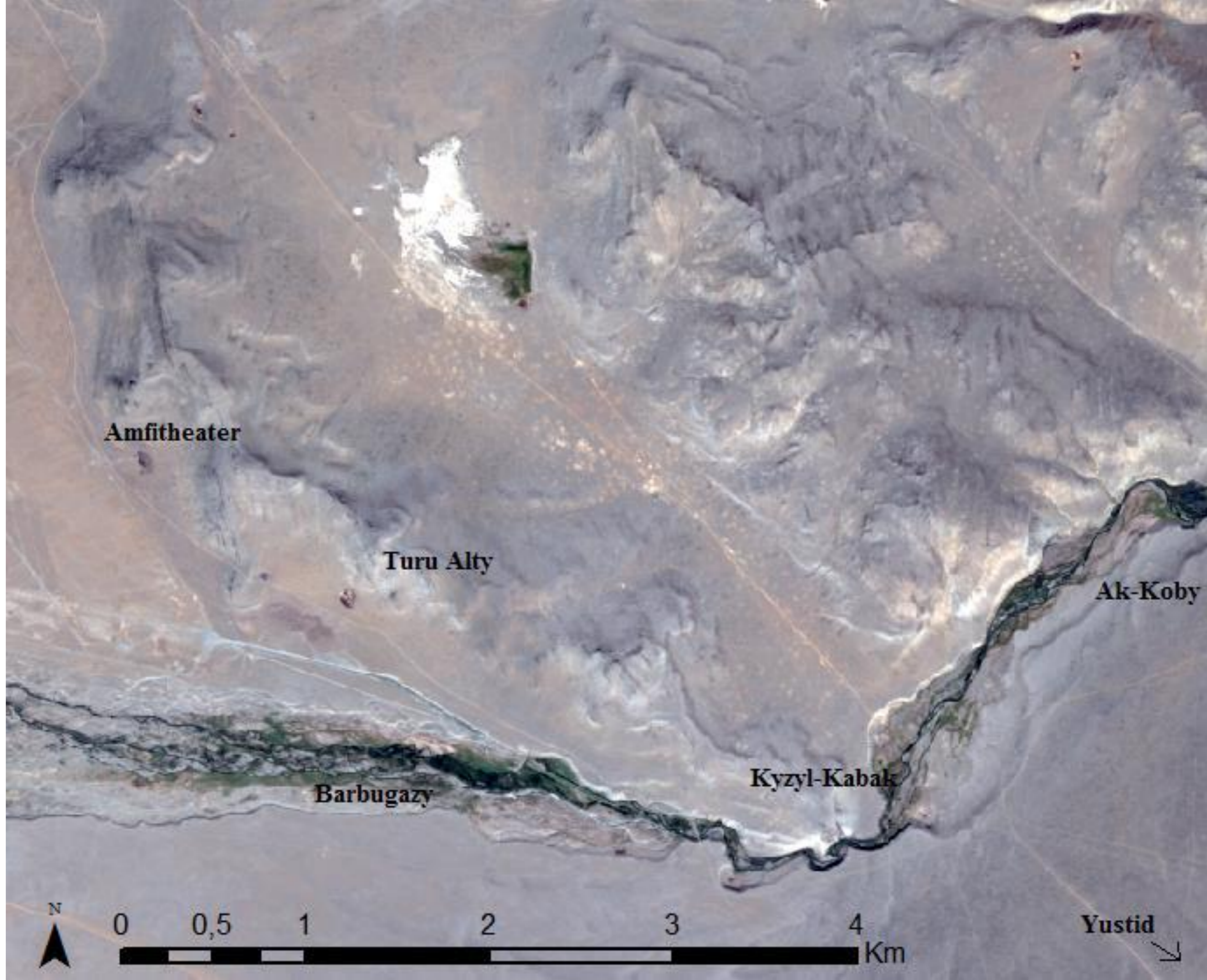


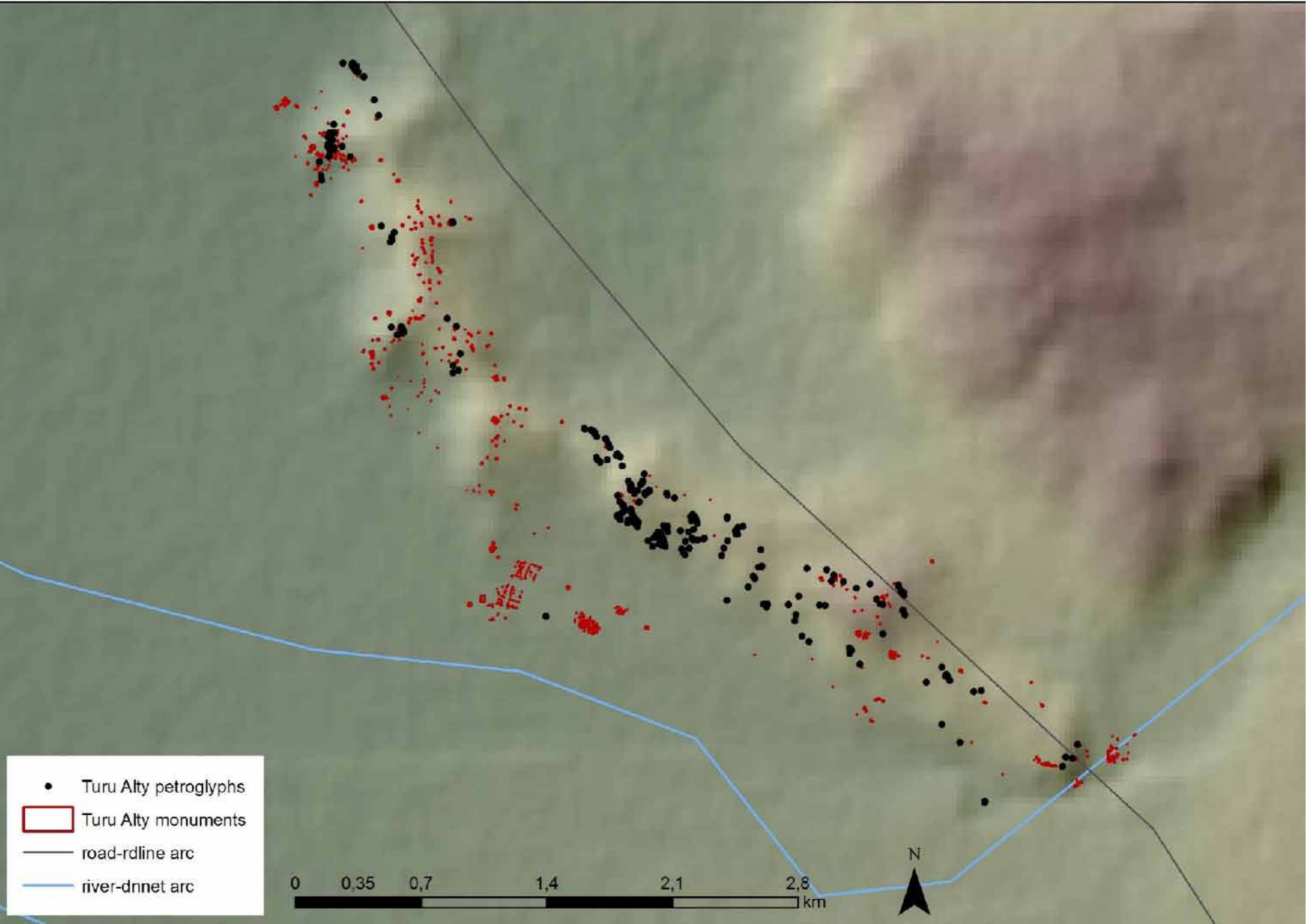




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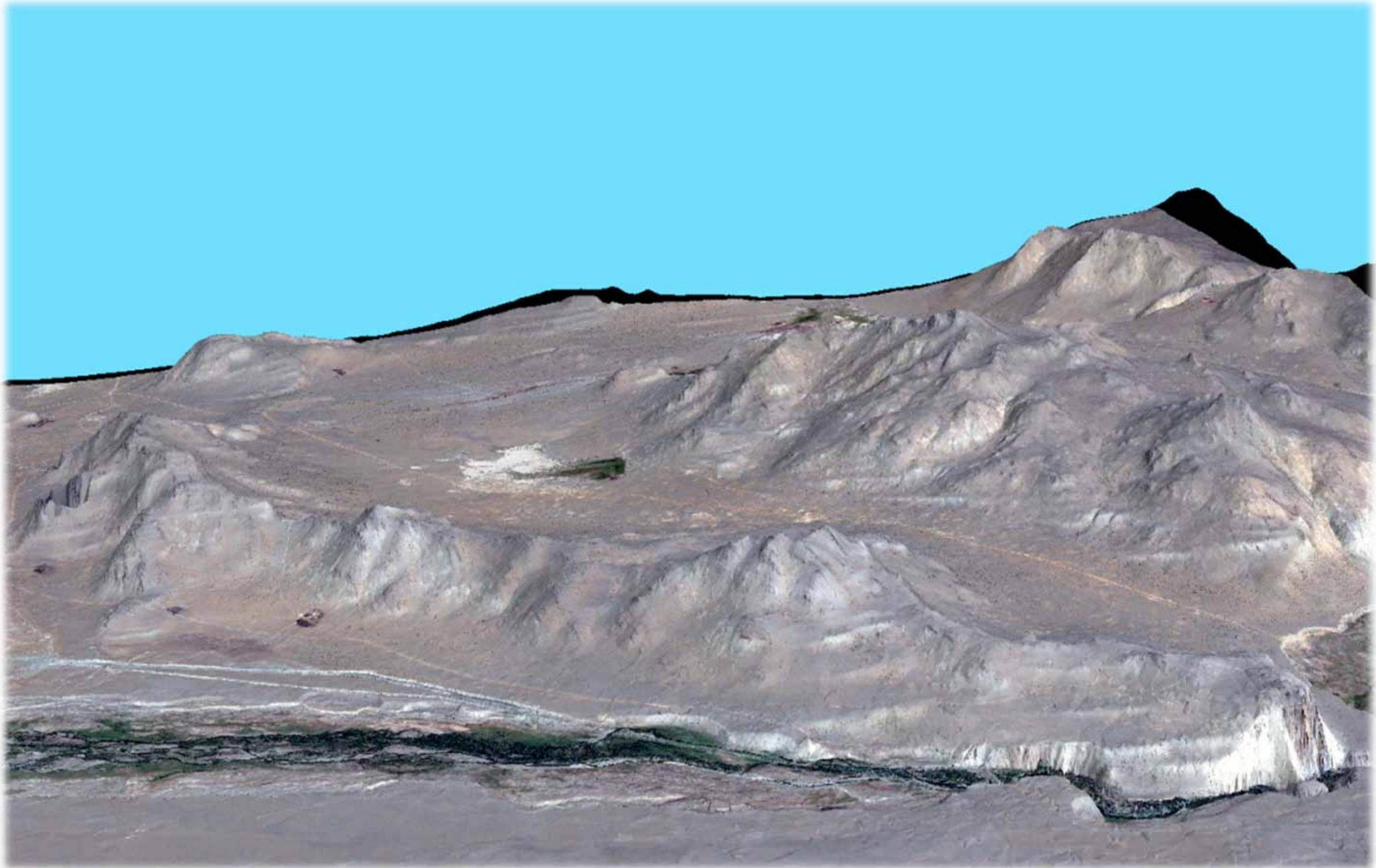


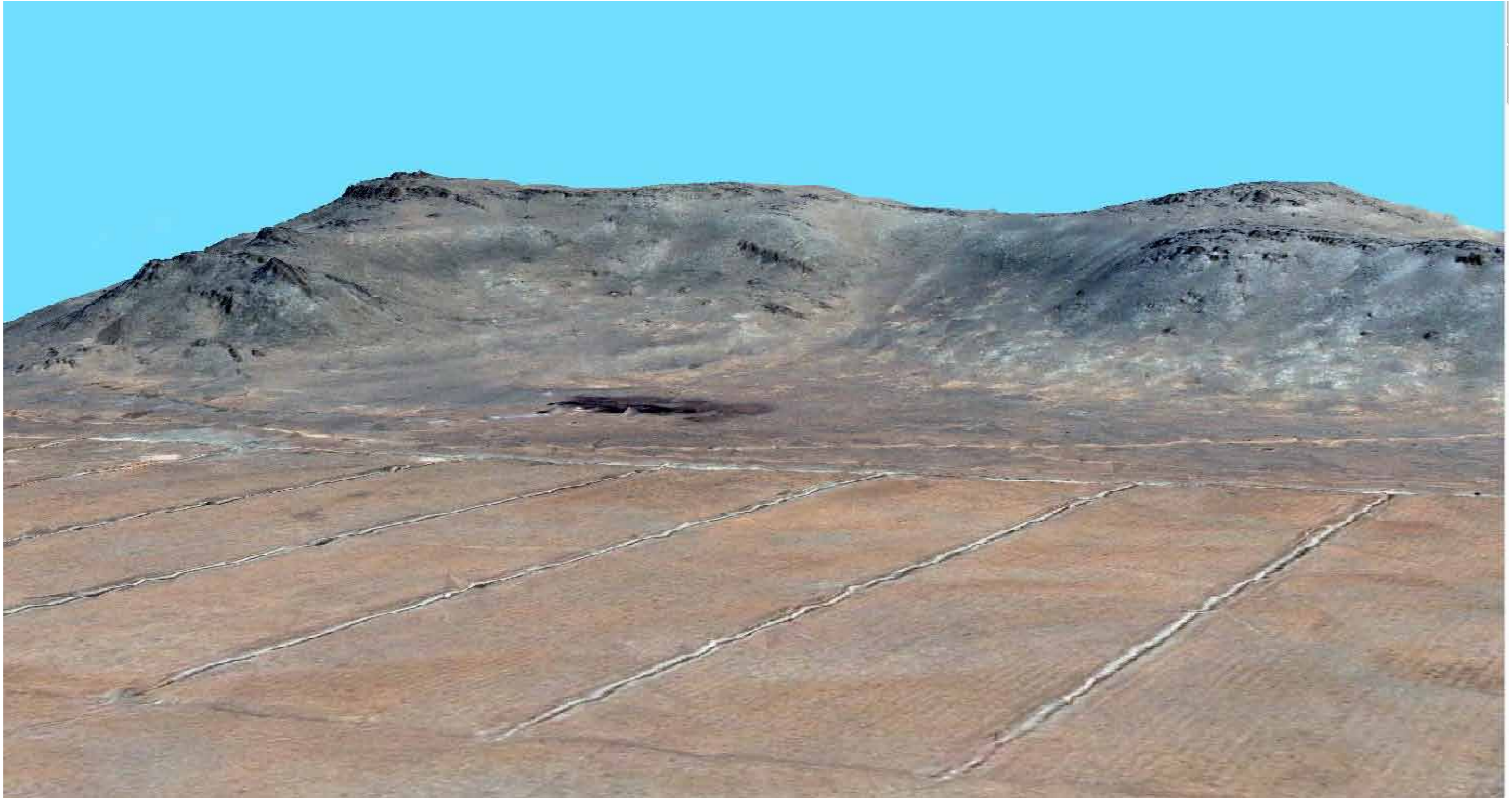




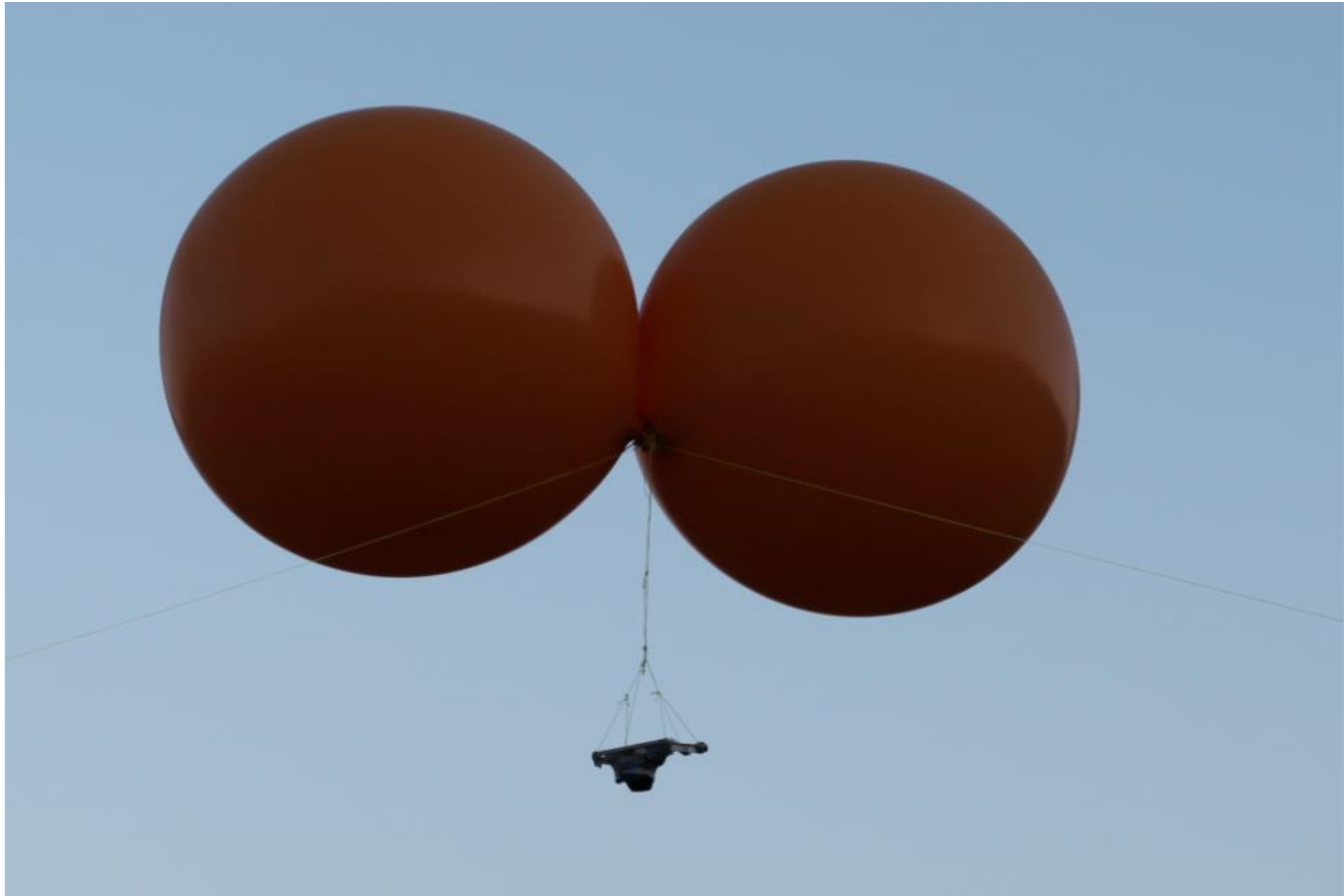
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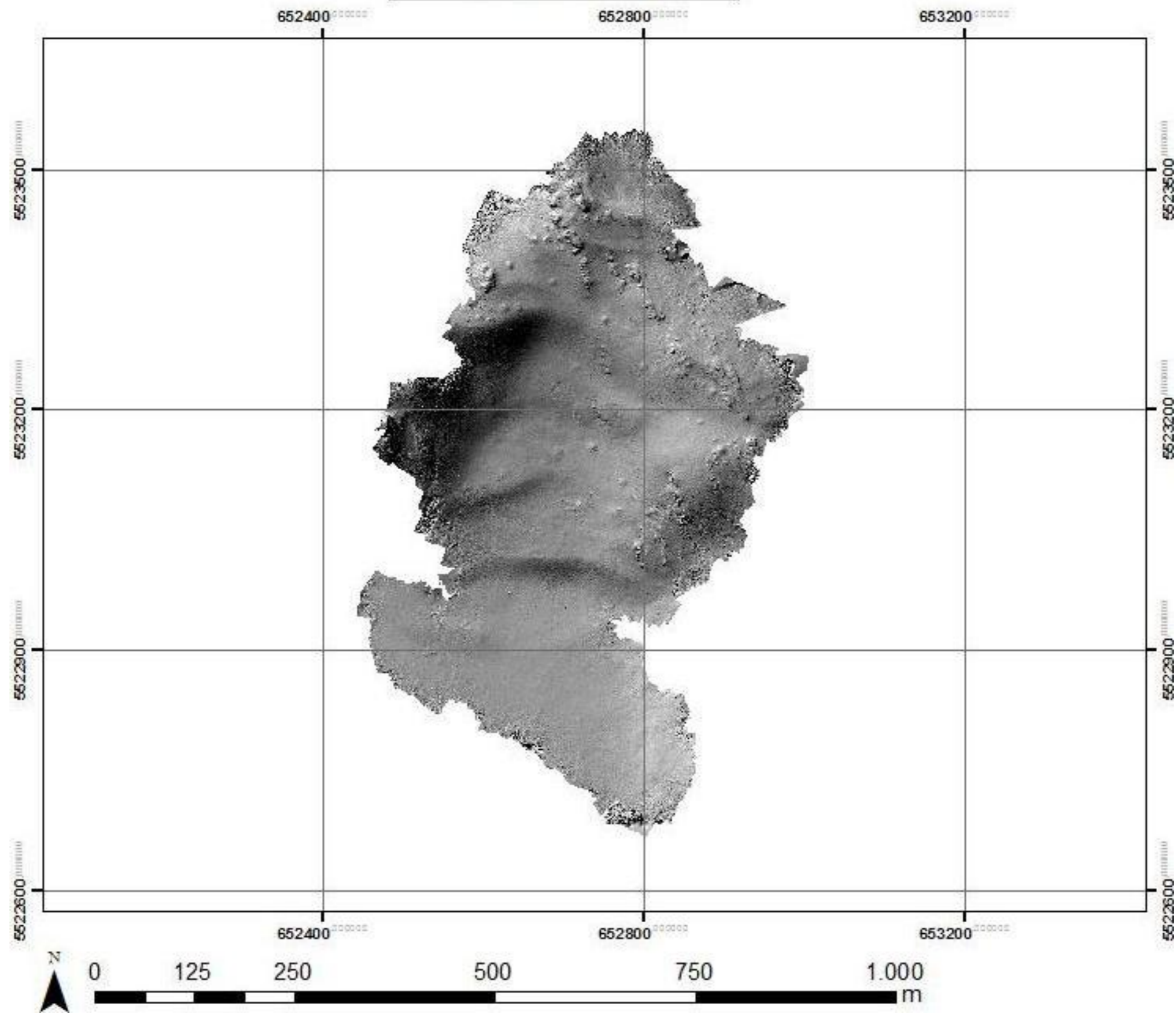




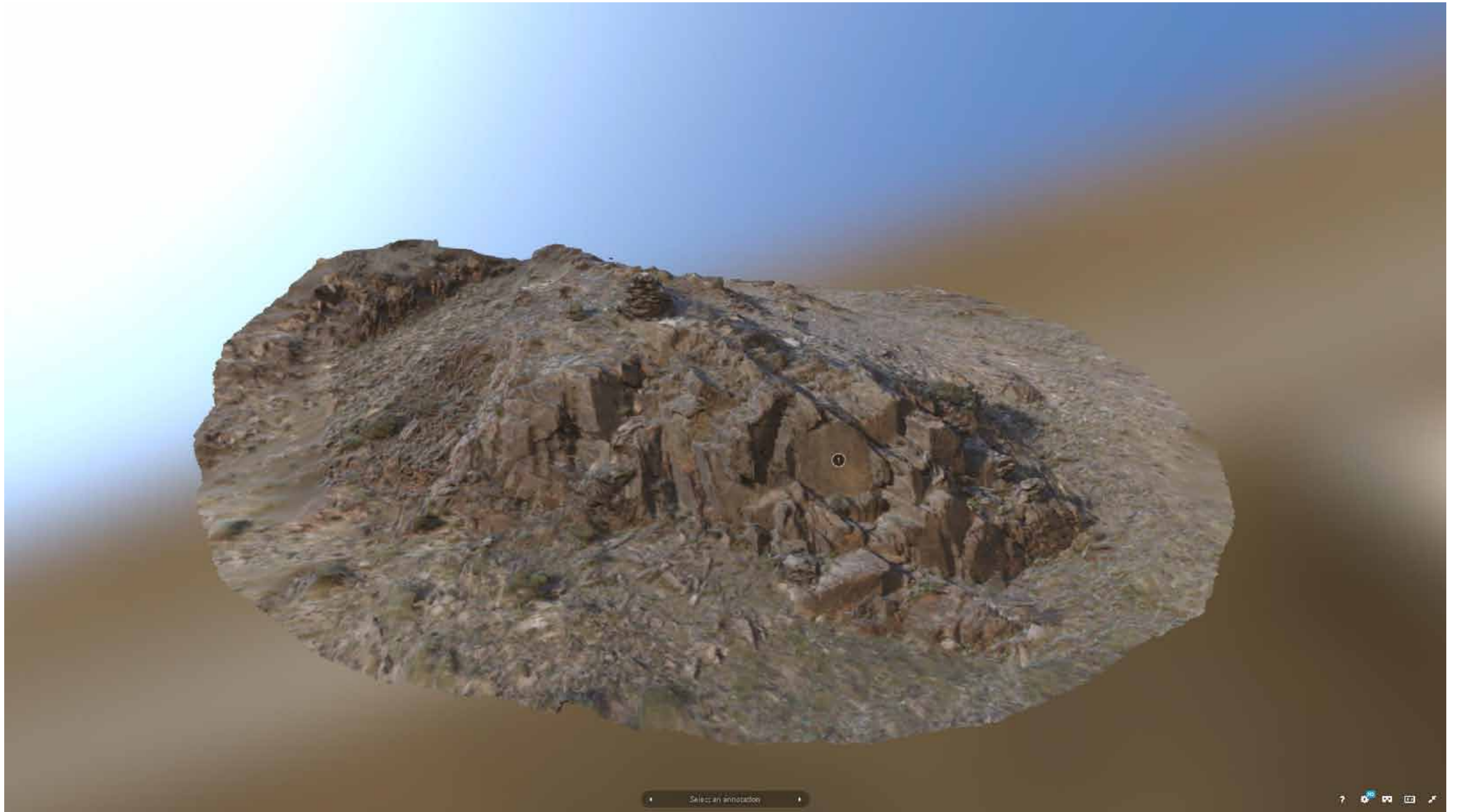


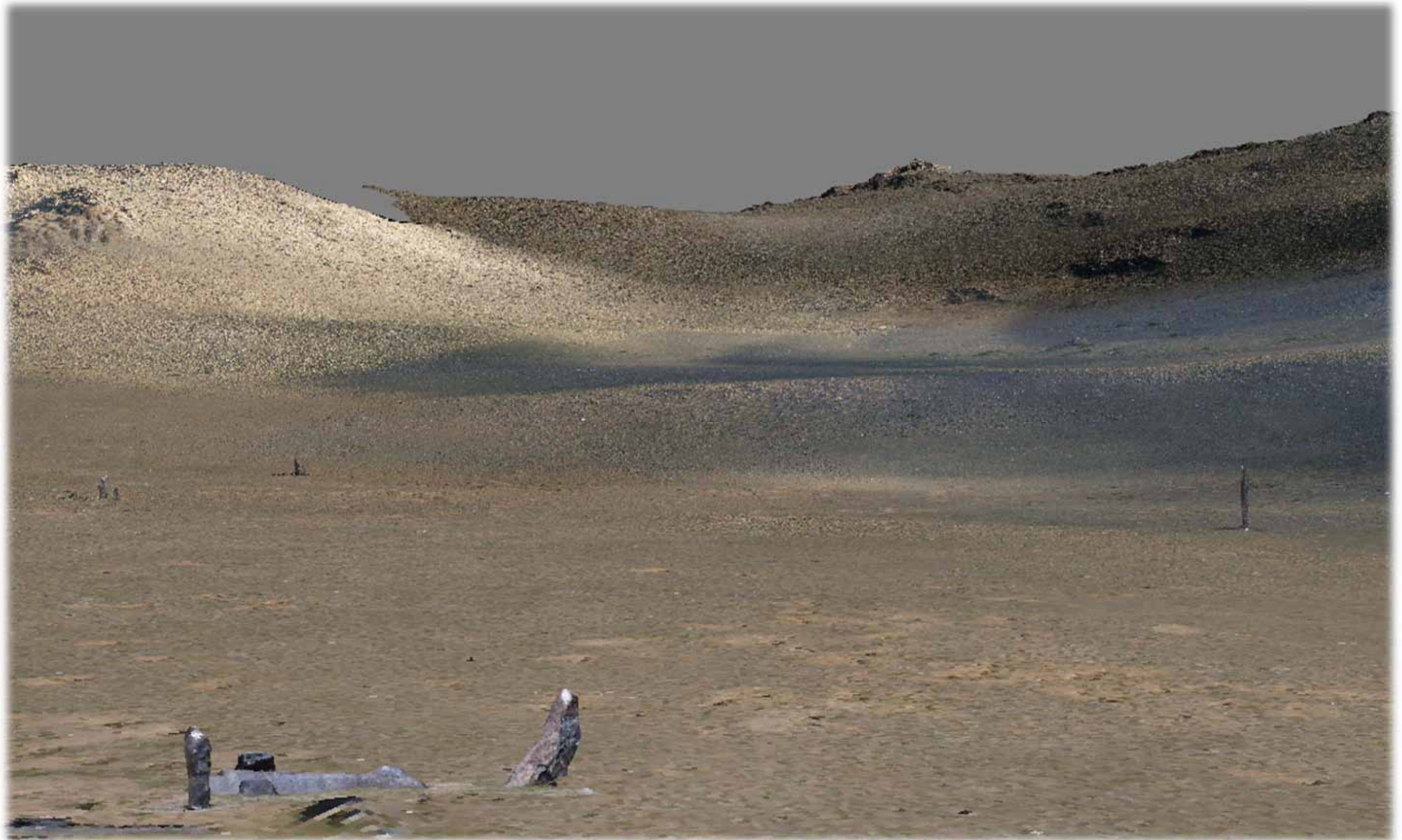


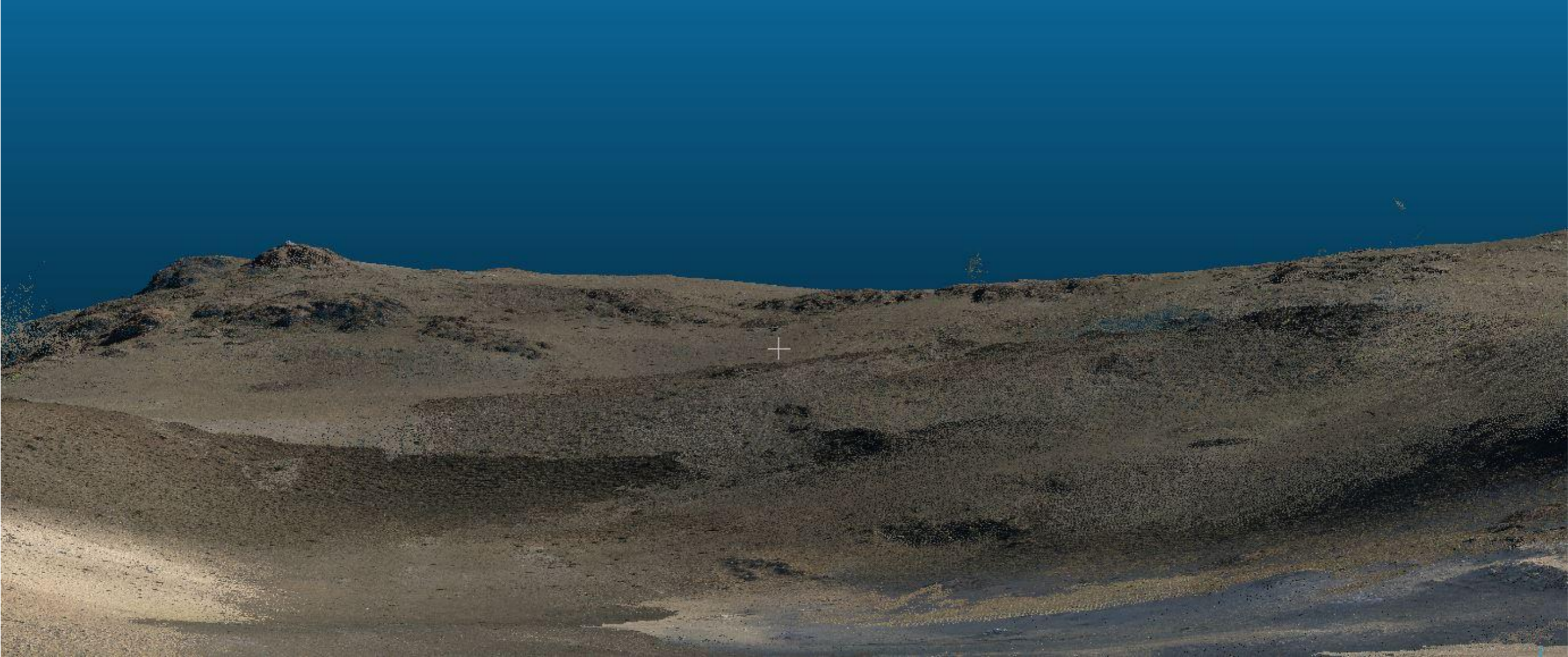
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# "The Christian Reuse of the Egyptian Temples and keeping Methods Using Remote Sensing and GIS Techniques In Luxor City, Egypt"



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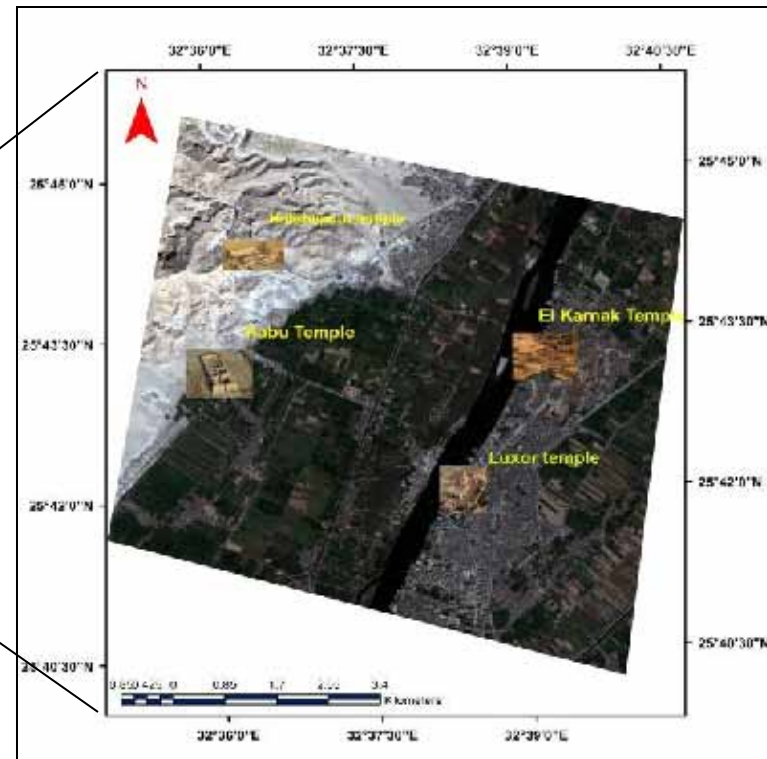
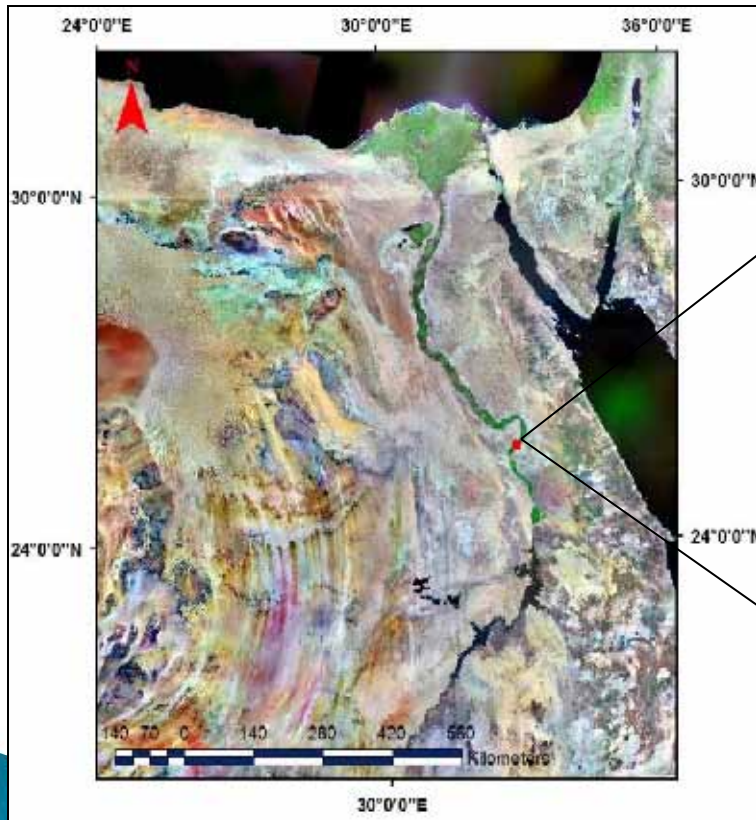
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# Introduction

## Study Area

Luxor city is located 600 kilometres (DMS Long  $32^{\circ} 38' 22.6932''$  E, DMS Lat  $25^{\circ} 41' 14.0748''$  N) south of Cairo on the west and east banks of the River Nile







# Introduction

There aren't previous studies talked about "The Christian re-use of holy Egyptian temples", in detail Luxor city, which give this study an important role.

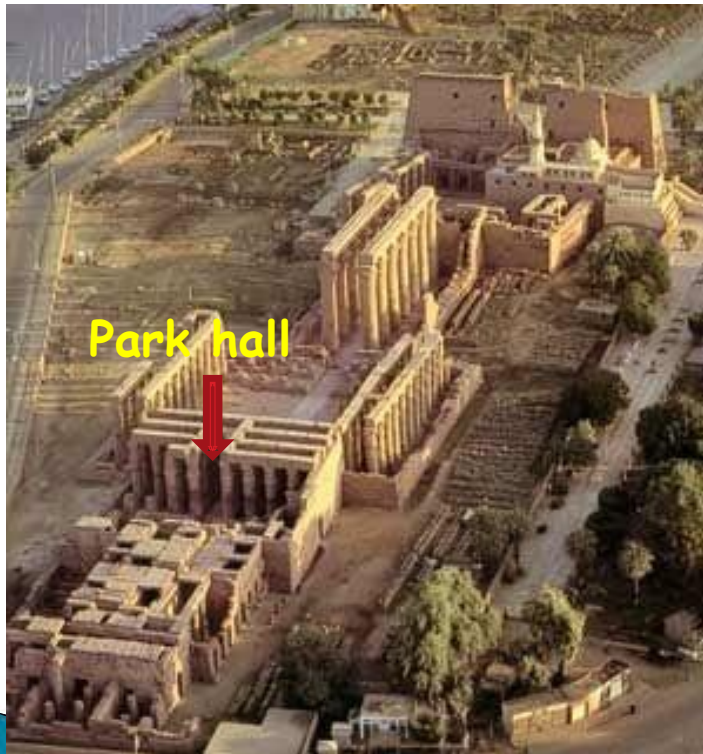
- Reusing temples as churches were such a phenomenon which started to appear strongly from the fourth century.
- In Egypt, The era of the Emperor Diocletian had witnessed the roughest persecution of Christianity and Christians.
- In AD 303 Diocletian tried to clear the whole empire from Christians, so he ordered to collect all the copies of the Bible in order to burn them all, he destroyed churches and prevented Christians from meeting or practicing their worship.

# Introduction

- After that under the Emperor Constantius, it was a golden era to the Christians, as in AD 312 the new emperor issued a new decree (Milan's famous decree).
- One of the most famous examples of the reusing of the temple as a church was that decision of Emperor Constantius II to rebuild the temple of Caesareum in Alexandria AD 346-AD 356 and turn it into church to use as the Cathedral, because the other churches were too small to hold the large number of Christians in that time.
- About Upper Egypt, temples destructions were still in full swing in the fifth century, at Luxor remains of churches have been found, whereas at Karnak temple

## The Christian Reuse of LUXOR temple

Egyptian temples were considered to be a house for the god. Many types of evidence can tell us more about what the situation inside temples was at this time, they usually suggest that the choice to reuse temples was pragmatic rather than ideological, and show that many temples have turned either abandoned or were reused for purposes other than churches.



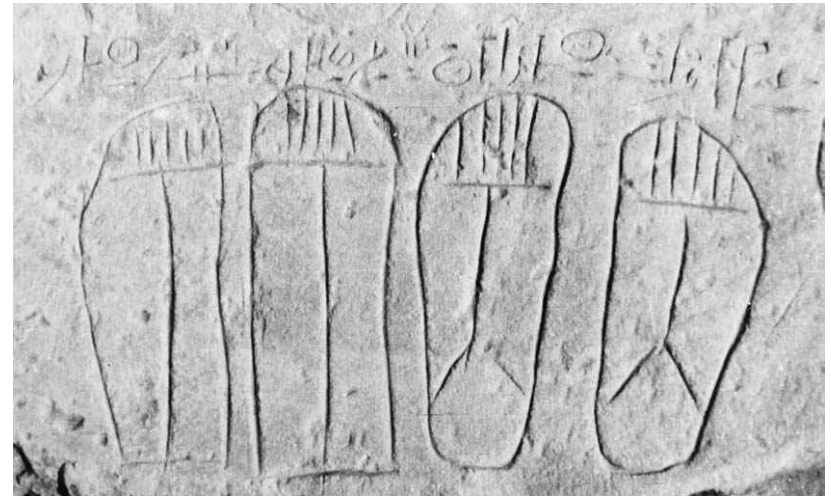
The using part in  
the temple



The Christian's  
symbols and  
paintings in  
Luxor temple

## The Christian Reuse of KARNAK temple

Like many Egyptian temples, there aren't only official inscriptions, but also unofficial graffiti leaved by ancient priests. The majority of the 334 graffiti are founded on the surface blocks that cover the colonnade surrounding the court of Khonsu's temple at Karnak.



**Christian cross and graffiti drawing over the East Colonnade of the Court, Rows A and B. Looking North, El Karnak temple**

## The Christian Reuse of MEDINET HABU temple

The graffiti within Medinet Habu temple, appear especially in the Treasury and the slaughter house. The dated texts range from 2 of Nektanebo II (359 B.C.). There are also numerous Coptic period texts and designs.



**The Christian's symbols and paintings at the north part of Luxor temple**

## The Christian Reuse of the HATSHEPSUT temple

Papyri provided different methods of the reusing temples, including some rare cases of secular reuse. Hatshepsut temple one of the examples which show also the reuse of temples as churches or Christian shrines.



Depicts Coptic symbols, including early Coptic crosses with olive branches (Temple of Hatshepsut at El Deir elBahri).

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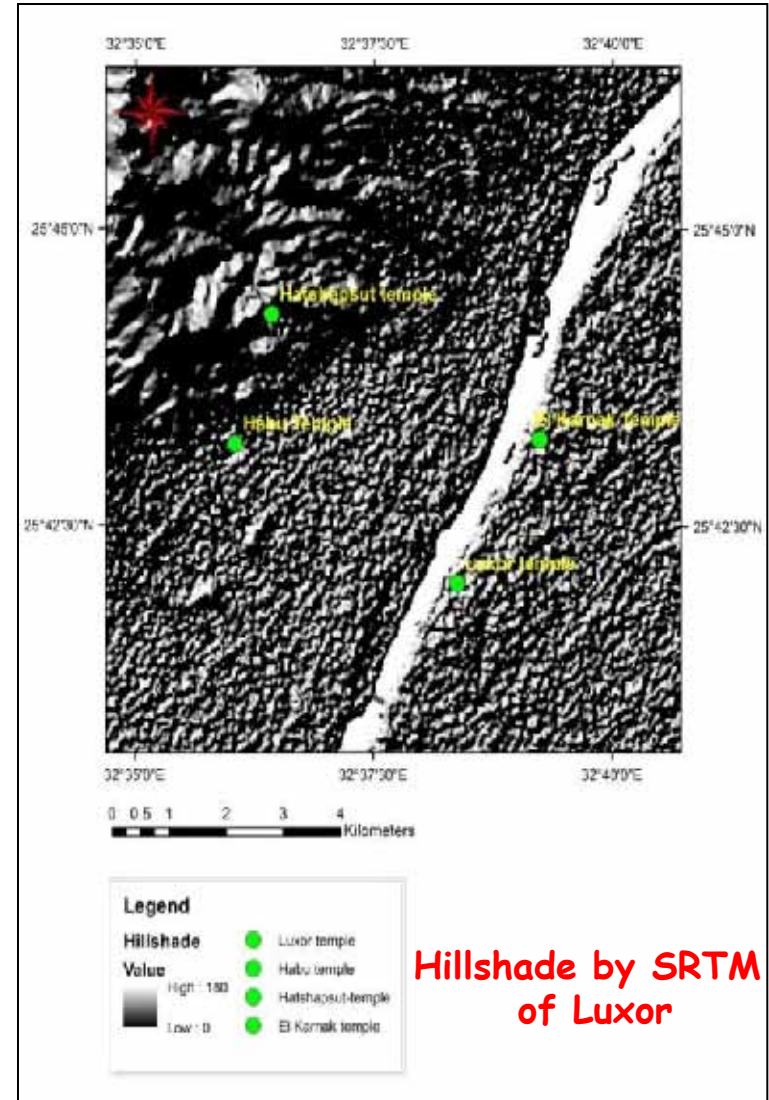
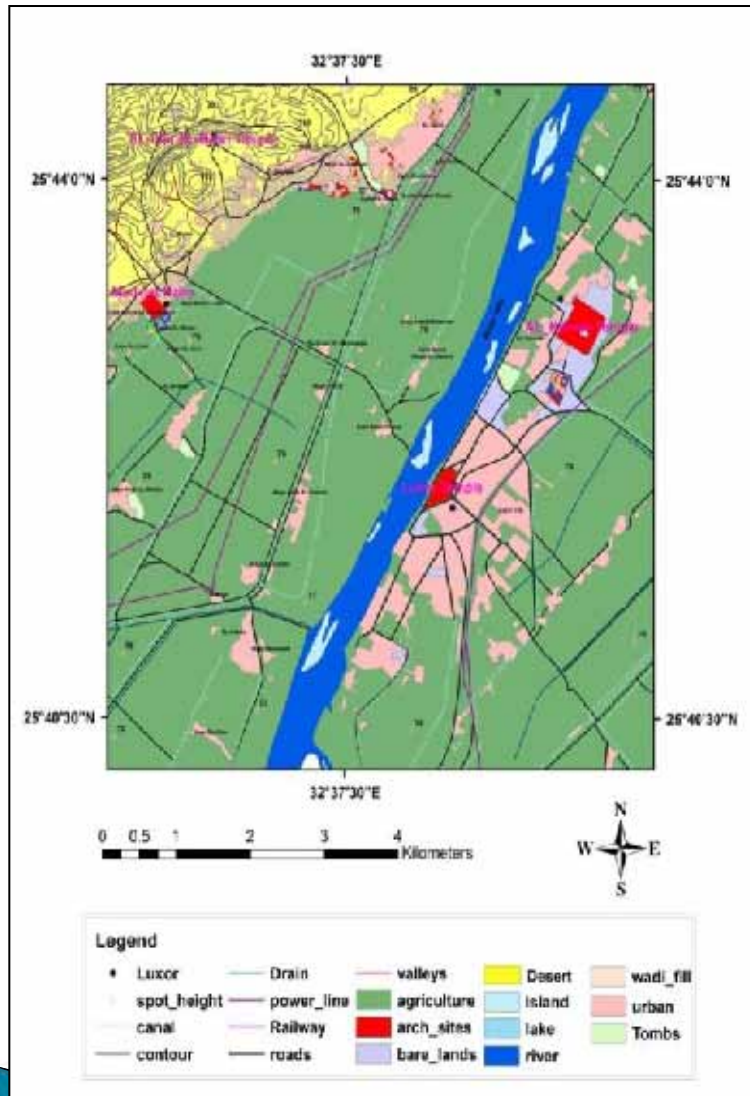
- Reusing temples in the fourth century were such as a Christian triumph over paganism.
- The reusing temple as a church were almost a formal decision which taken always from the emperor himself, because such as these temples are considered secured places.

- These individual acts from those people who were thinking that they are protecting their religion by destroying and damaging the pagan temples, they were indeed far away from Christianity and its manors.
- Old buildings like temples had been reused for other purpose; not only reused as churches, For example a series of churches were built in the pharaohs of Egyptian temples so that their columns could be used to divide the church into three or more aisles, as happened with the Khonsu temple at Karnak (north of Thebes or Luxor).



- Concerning the topic of the reusing temples as churches in Egypt, in my opinion three reasons must added;
  - I. Temples were too much bigger than any place in the city and once the new religion needed a bigger place
  - II. A lot of towns in the city in that period could not find the place to expand and built more religious building so they tried to build small chapels or reuse the space of the temple to reconstruct another religious building on its closure.
  - III. Bad economic situation of the Christians in this period.

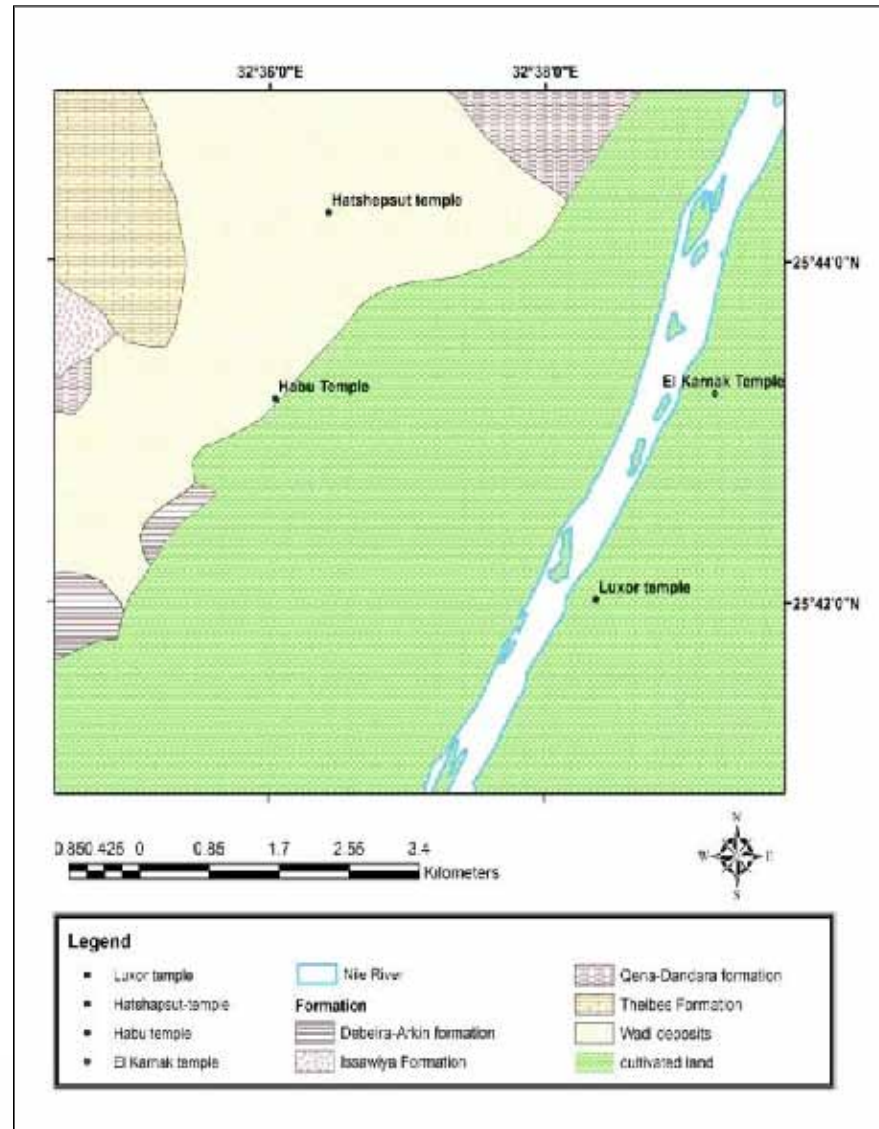
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Hillshade by SRTM of Luxor

Topographic map of Luxor

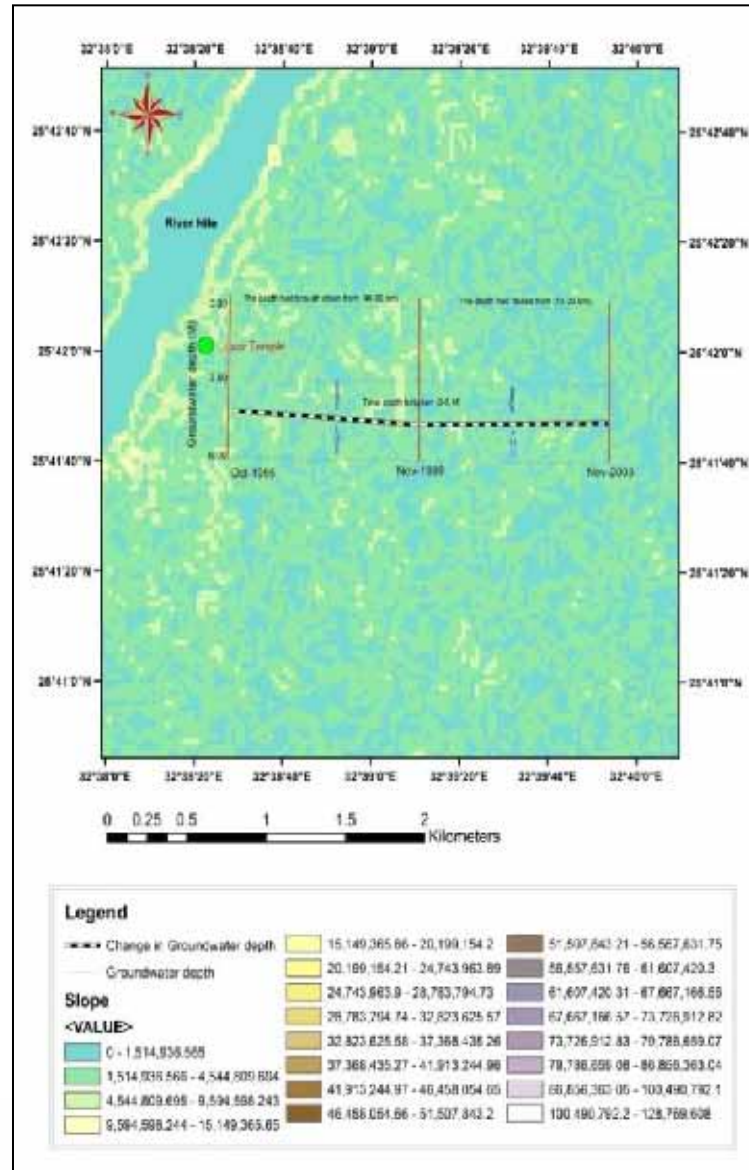
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Geological map  
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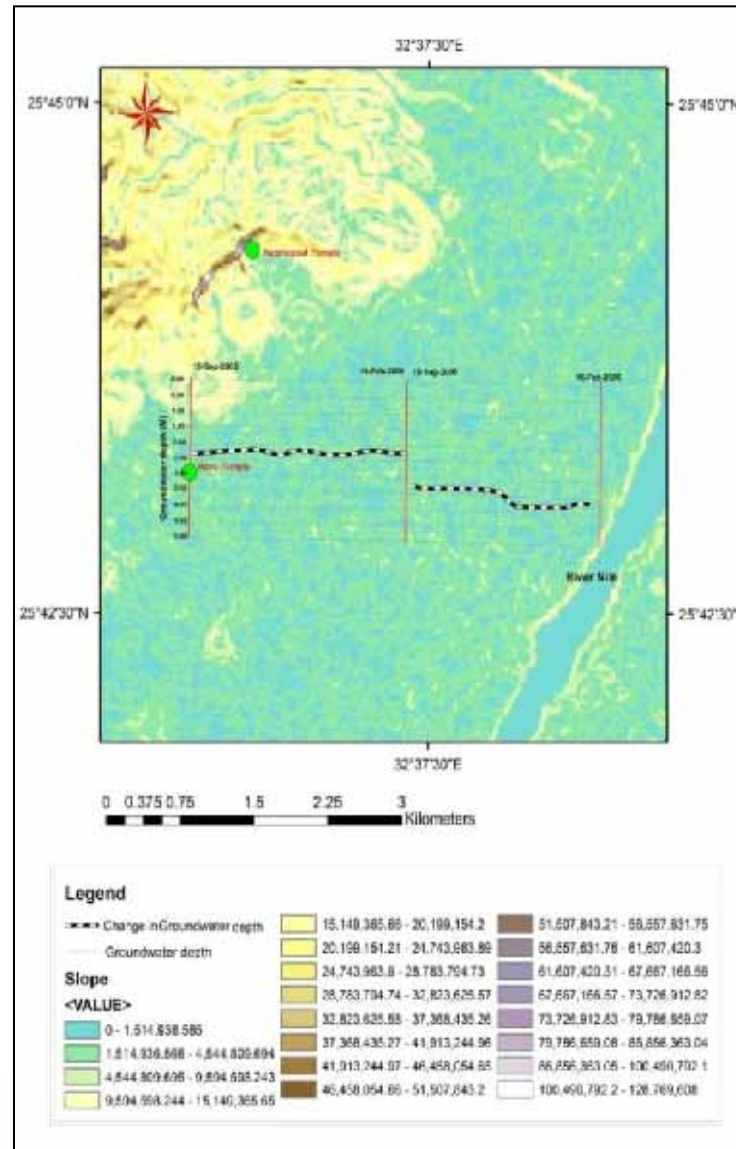
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## Groundwater depth around Luxor temple



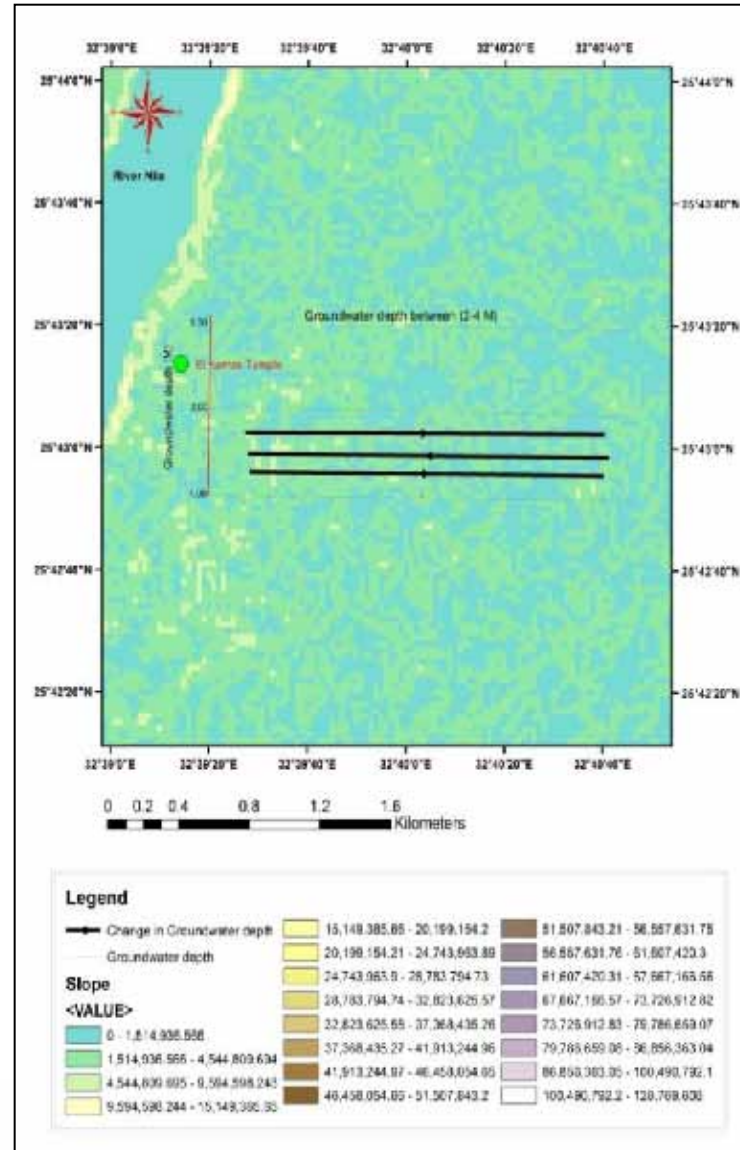
# Problem definition

Groundwater depth around Habu temple



# Problem definition

Groundwater depth around Karnak temple



## Problem definition



El Karnak temple



Medinet Habu temple



Hatshepsut temple (El Deir el-Bahari)



Luxor temple

Urban sprawling  
around Luxor  
city temples

## Problem definition



Deterioration in the walls of El Karnak temple  
(<http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/waterdamage.htm>)



Deterioration in the walls of Medinet Habu temple  
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## Problem definition



Deterioration in the walls of Luxor temple

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Deterioration in the walls of Hatshepsut temple

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## Data collection

The current study included

1- Collection of \*topographic sheets 1:50,000 from Survey of Egypt. National authority for Remote sensing and space science is the source of \*geological and \*hydrogeological sheets.

2- The required satellite imagery for the study area (\*SRTM, \* Landsat TM 1984) is to be downloaded from the USGS Earth Explorer

3- High resolution data (\*Coronaj-3 1964 and \*Sentinel2 2016)

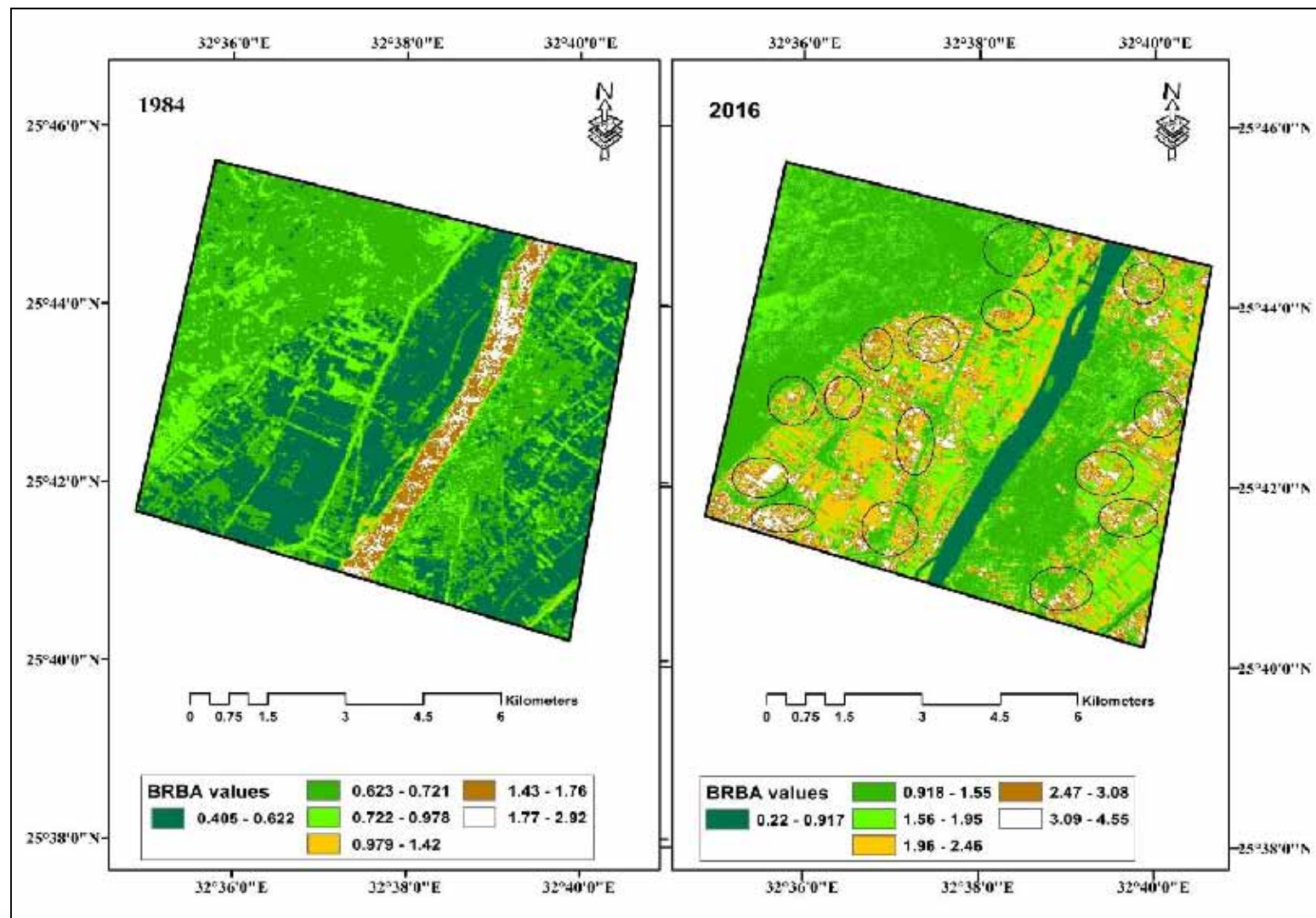
4- High resolution data by National authority for remote sensing and space science (\*Quickbird 2005). The ground truth data were in the form of reference data points collected using randomly points by Quickbird image. Processing the maps and images interpretation is done in Arc GIS 10,4,1 , Snap (Sentinel application), and Envi 5,1 \*software. The obtained Images are studied and analysed to detect the changes in the urban layers based on past and present data. Environmental modelling is based on Topographic map layers by Arc GIS software .

## Methodology

(I) geometric correction, to co-register all the images investigated. (II) unsupervised classification for the identification of the prevailing classes and their statistical distribution. (III) supervised classification to improve the categorization of the images which will be further analyzed to identify changes. Supervised change detection methods are based on supervised classification methods applied to multi temporal data, and, therefore, require the suitable training availability set for the learning process of the classifiers. (IV) Post classification; The accuracy of the classification process has been out using the most popular metric based on the Kappa statistic (generally denoted as K) and overall accuracy. (V) comparing the classification results with the ROIs (TM, Quickbird, and OLI) with Randomly ROIs points in Sentinel 2 image using confusion matrix (post classification) in the software of Envi 5.1. (VI) BSI and BRBA are calculated using the data of TM and Sentinel 2 and the efficacy were confirmed. These indices include one for built-up area and other index for bare soil extraction from satellite image. To develop Band Ratio for Built-up Area (BRBA). TM band 3 and 5 and Sentinel2 band 4 and 12 were used respectively.

# RESULTS

## (BRBA) Band Ratio for Built-up Area.

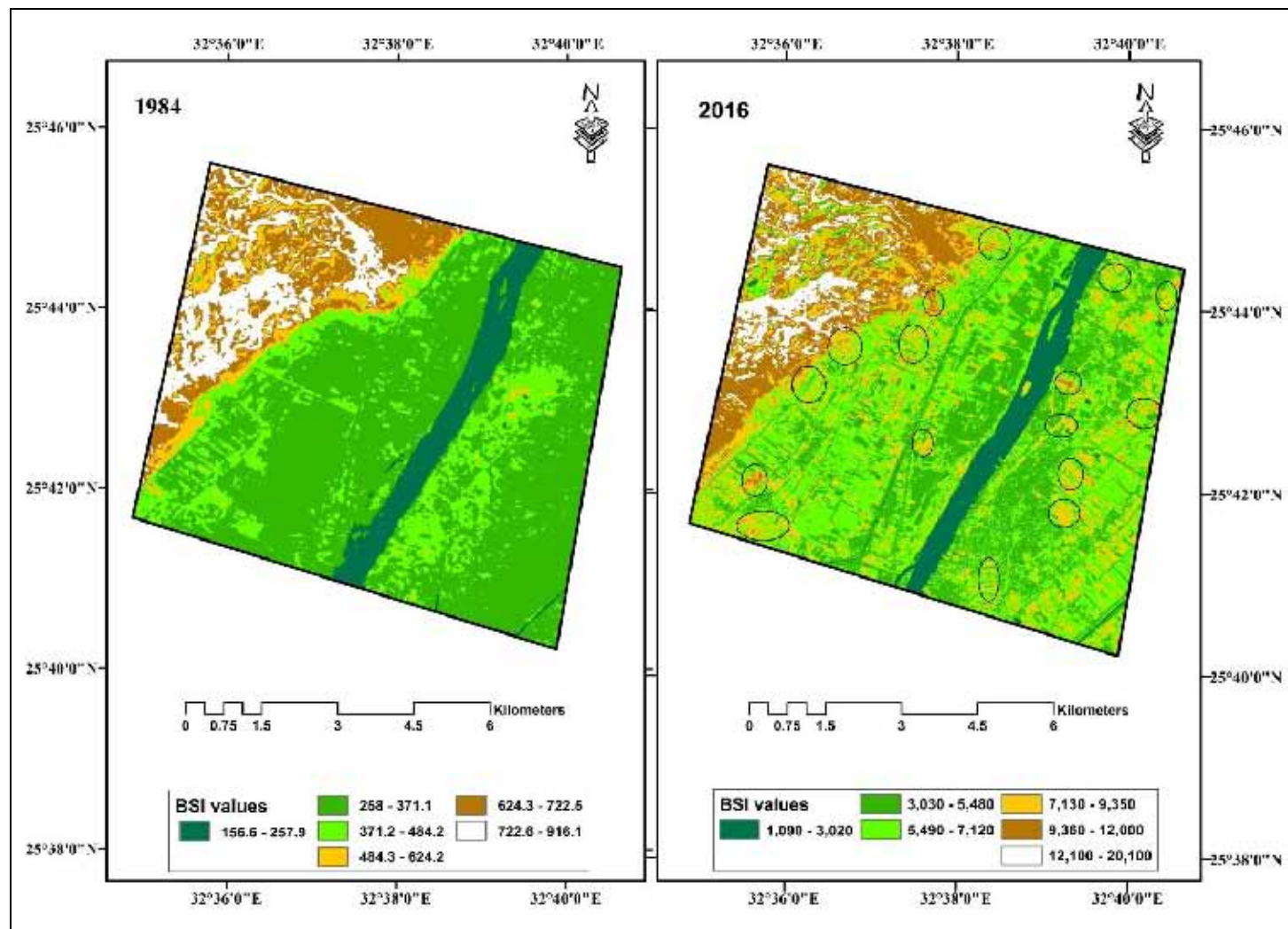


$BRBA_{TM} = ((B3 / B5))$  in Landsat 4,5 TM = ((Red/SWIR))

$BRBA_{Sent2} = ((B4 / B12))$  in Sentinel 2 = ((Red/SWIR))

# RESULTS

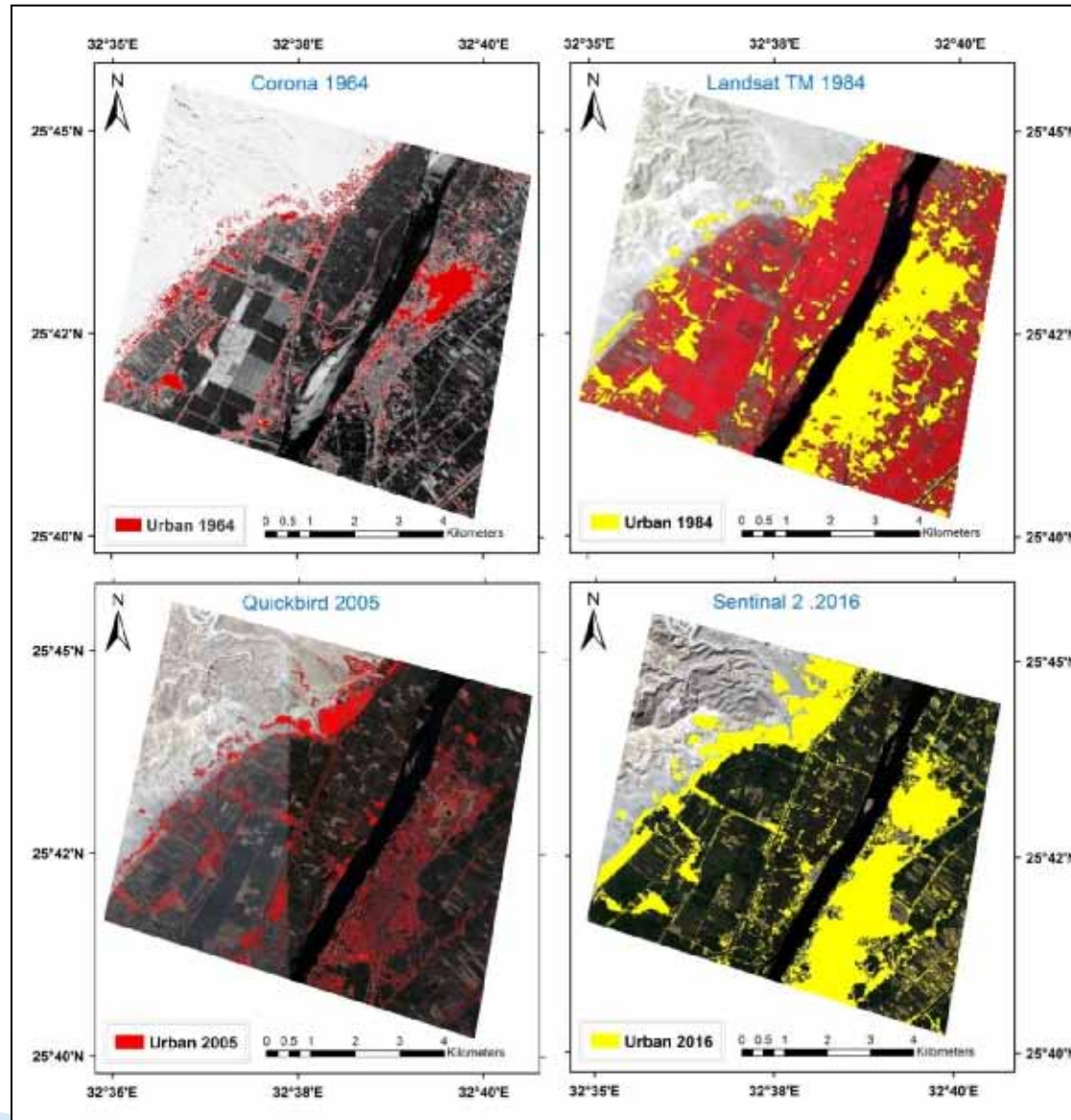
## (BSI) Bare Soil Index



$$BSI_{TM} = ((B5 + B3) - (B4+B1)) / ((B5 + B3) + (B4+B1)) \text{ in Landsat 4,5 TM} = ((SWIR+Red)-(NIR+Blue))/((SWIR+Red)+(NIR+Blue)).$$

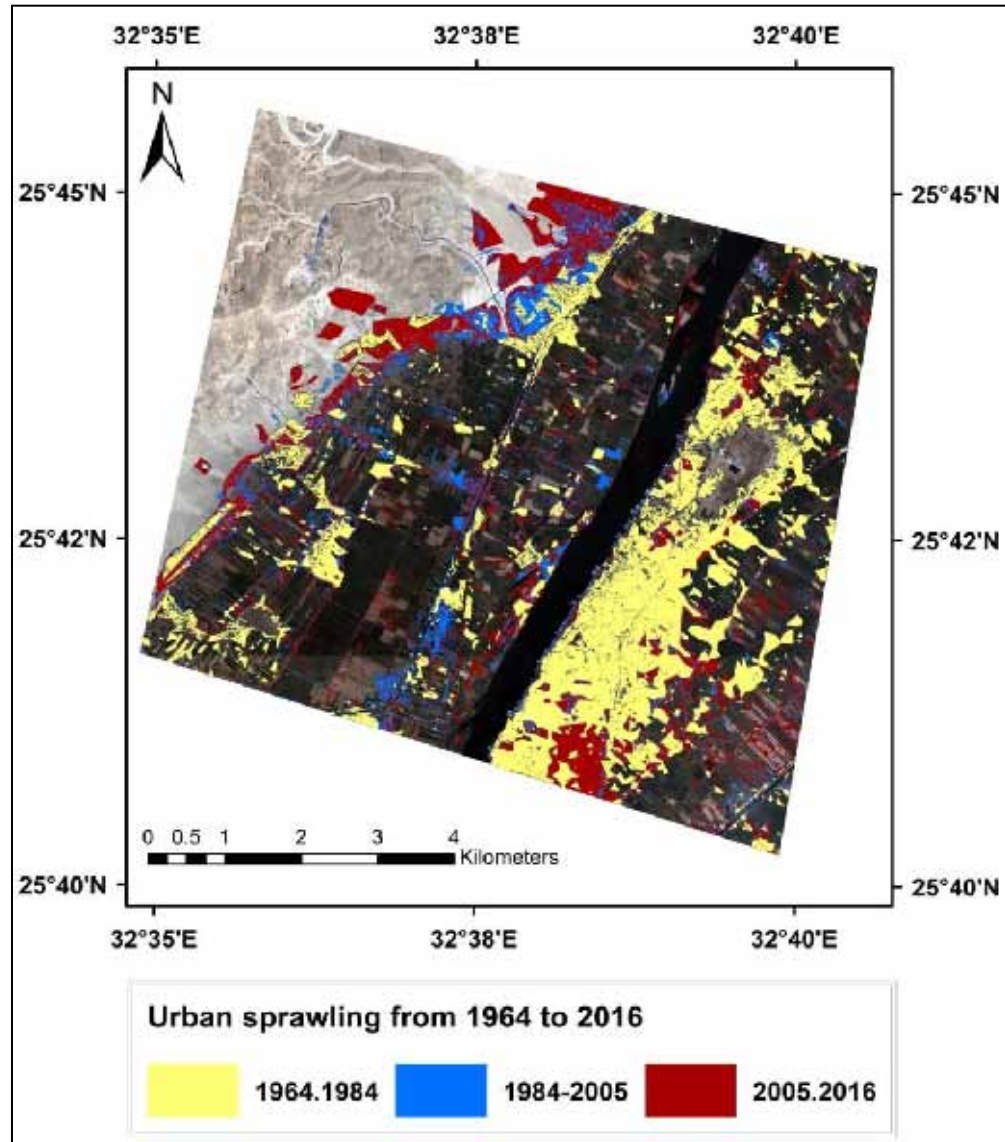
$$BSI_{Sent2} = ((B11 + B4) - (B8+B2)) / ((B11+ B4) + (B8+B2)) \text{ in Sentinel 2} = ((SWIR+Red)-(NIR+Blue))/((SWIR+Red)+(NIR+Blue))$$

# RESULTS



The increasing  
in urban class  
between 1964  
to 2016

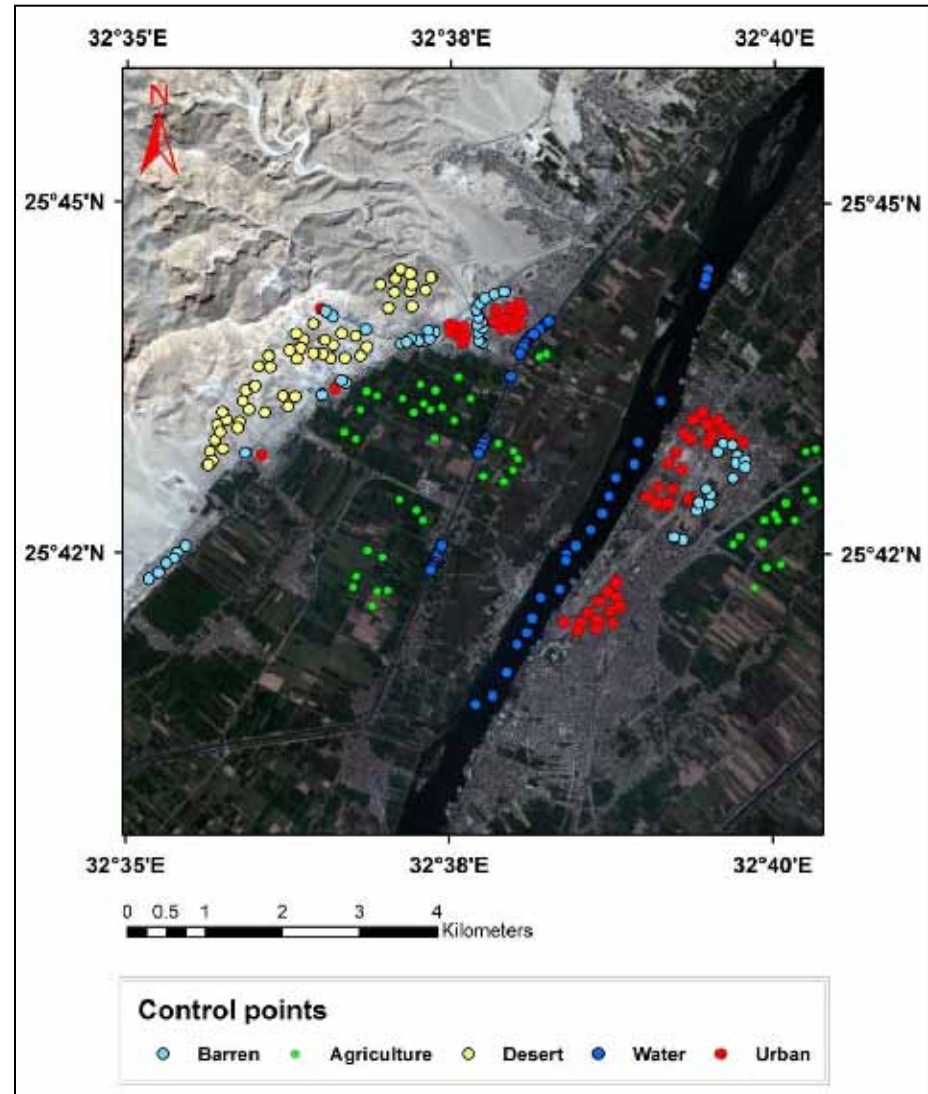
# RESULTS



Total changes  
in urban class  
between 1964  
to 2016

# RESULTS

| Year | Luxor area        |                  |
|------|-------------------|------------------|
|      | Kappa Coefficient | Overall Accuracy |
| 1984 | 78.5714%          | 0.7306           |
| 2005 | 72.7135%          | 0.6501           |
| 2016 | 97.9401%          | 0.9450           |

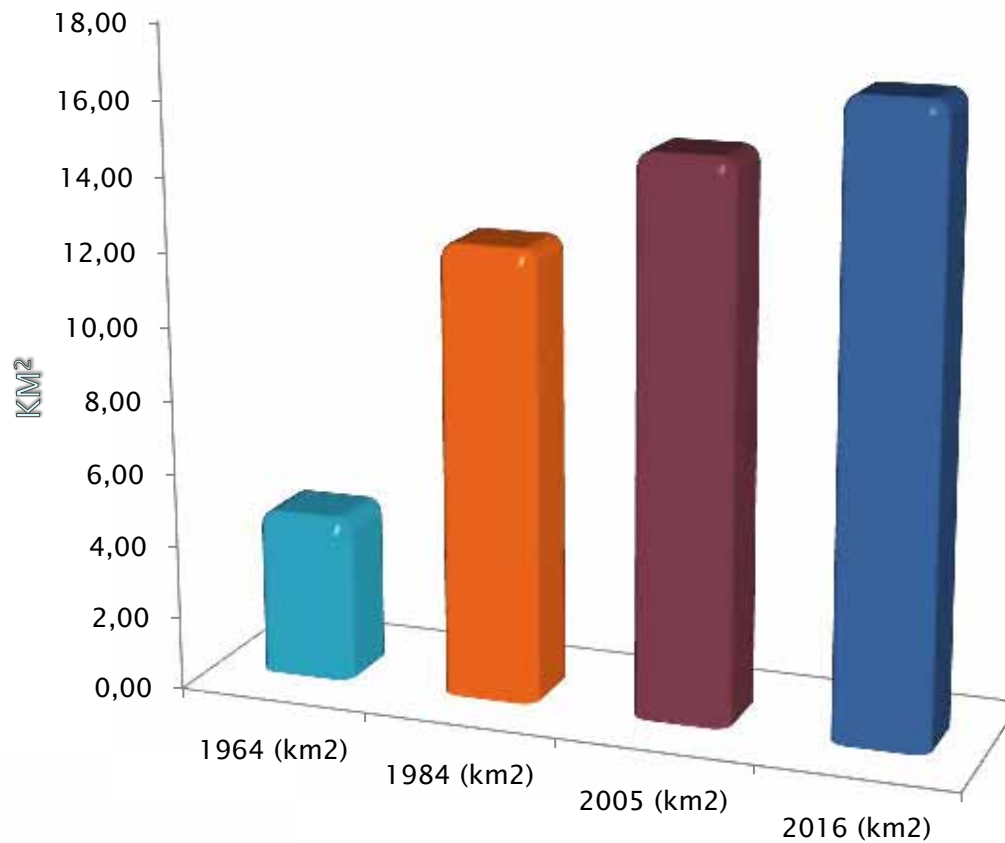




# RESULTS

| Class | Study area | 1964 (KM <sup>2</sup> ) | Change detection ± KM <sup>2</sup> | 1984 (KM <sup>2</sup> ) | Change detection ± KM <sup>2</sup> | 2005 (KM <sup>2</sup> ) | Change detection ± KM <sup>2</sup> | 2016 (KM <sup>2</sup> ) |
|-------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Urban | Luxor      | 4.539                   | 7.792                              | 12.331                  | 2.734                              | 15.065                  | 1.763                              | 16.828                  |

Total changes in the Urban area

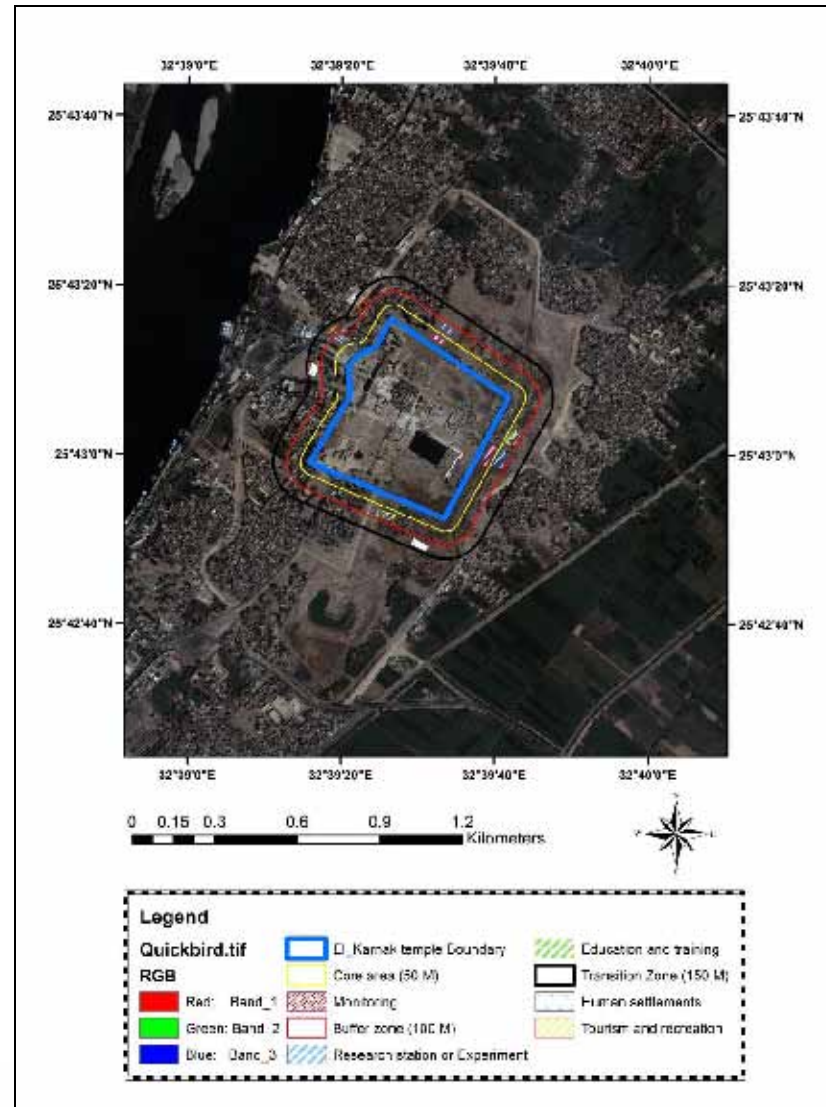


## Recommendation

1- Current technologies of space data should be incorporated to optimize the use of traditional technologies adding comfort and environmental quality. New trends in the culture heritage management can be identified on the basis of the concept of sustainable tourism. Due to the environmental problems around the both of the study areas, some of the recommendations can be carried out:

According to Lasaponara et. al (2016), it is believed that the right approach to handle the situation is the application of the concept of "biosphere reserves" as proposed and adopted by the UNESCO Man and Biosphere Program (MAB). This objective can be met by a "\*Zonation System" in Luxor and Shush that applies different management policies to different zones {50 meter}. The archaeological area is to be surrounded by three areas, the first area between the archaeological site and core area (monitoring). On the other hand the second are between the core area and buffer zone (research station or experiment, and education and training - human settlements). But the third area between the buffer zone and transition zone (tourism and recreation)

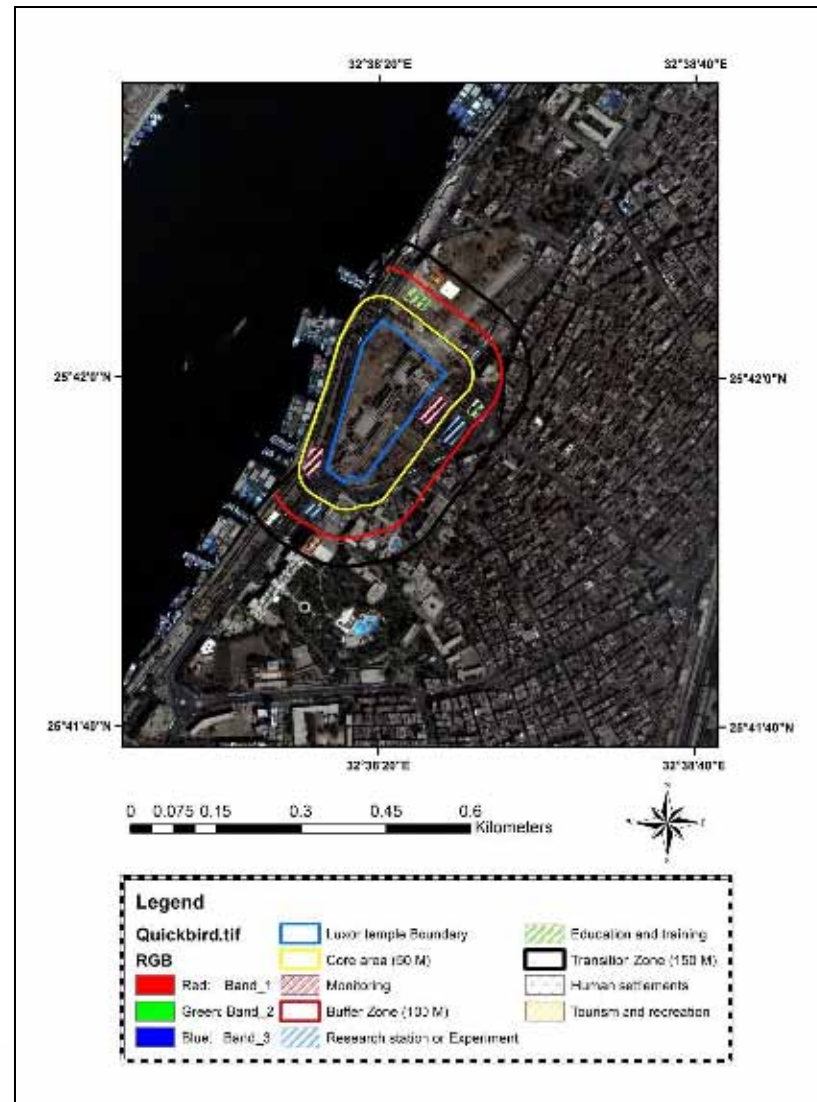
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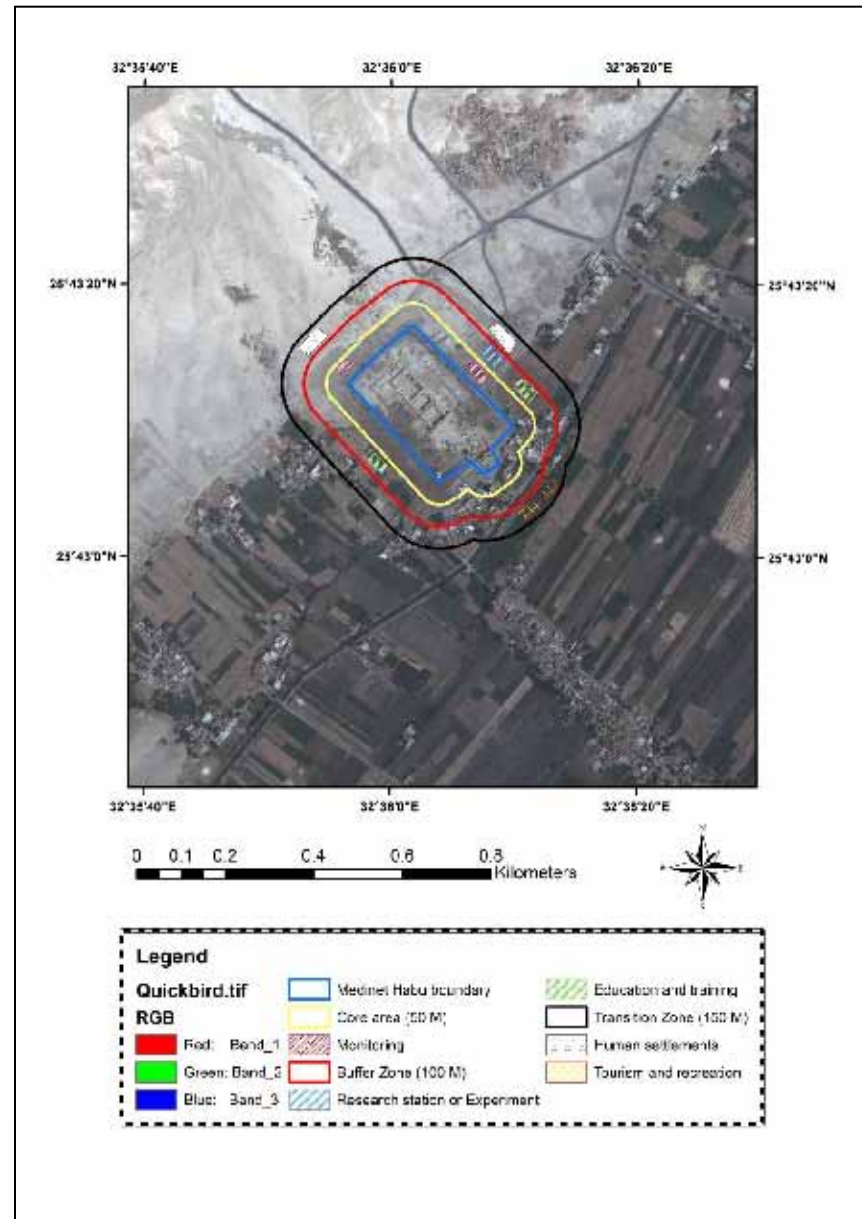
**Zonation System around Karnak temple**

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## Zonation System around Luxor temple



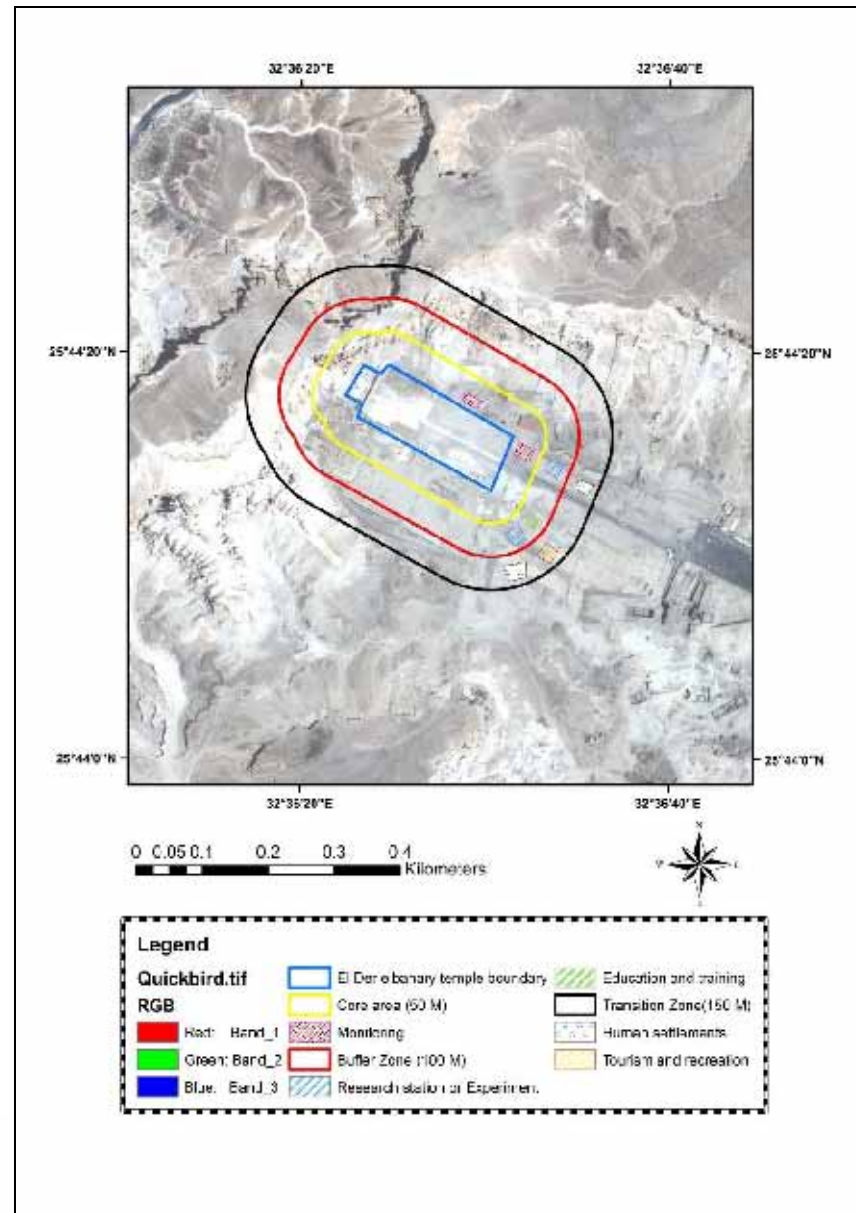
# Recommendation



Zonation System around  
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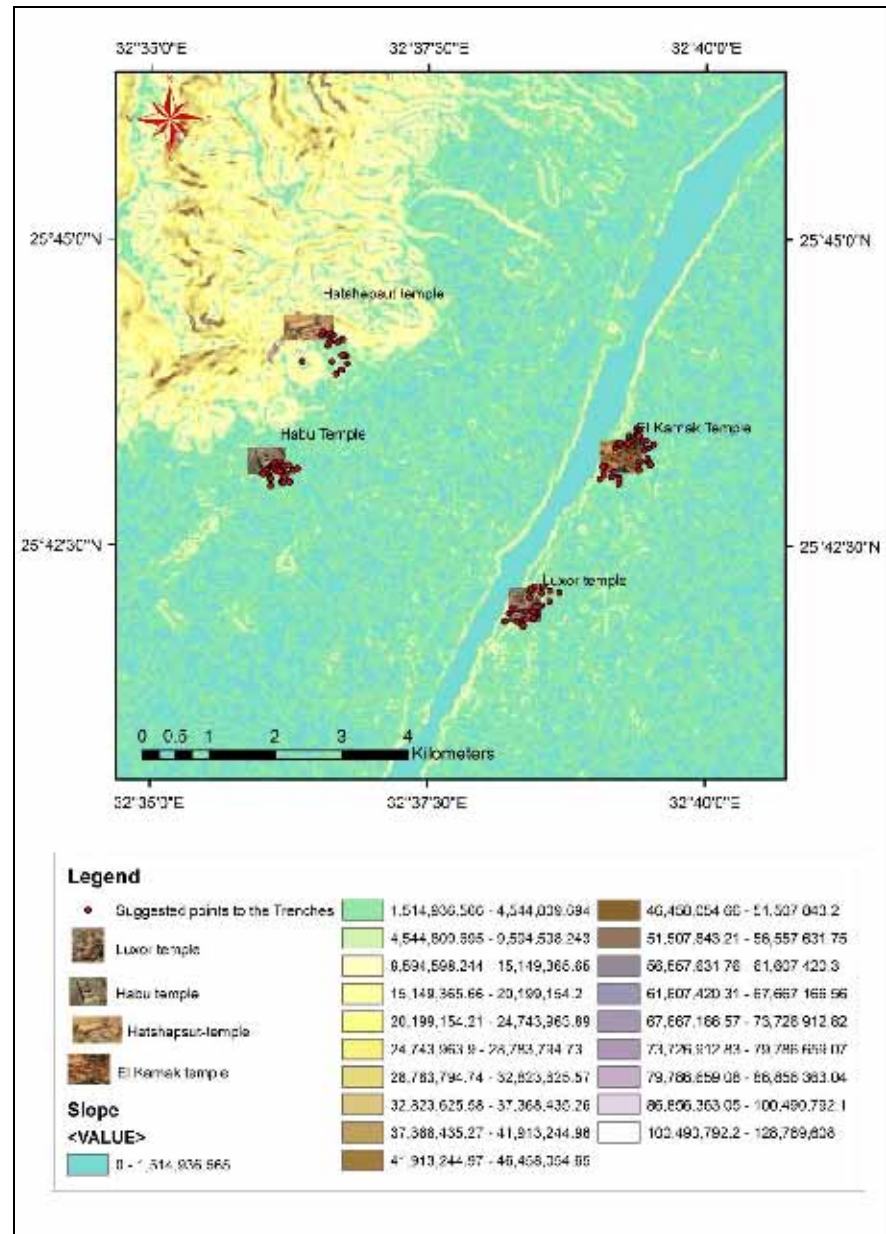
## Zonation System around Hatshepsut temple



## Recommendation

2- As a result of the bad environmental status around the archaeological area of Luxor area, it becomes very necessary to choose some \*suitable places to dig some trenches to collect the ground water from the study area of Luxor. With depth more than archaeological high, GIS-modelling methodology is proposed to identify the alternative sites. The methodology involve the phase of GIS technique to identify the potential feasible sites based on external impact factors such as (Roads, DEM, archaeological area, Agricultures)

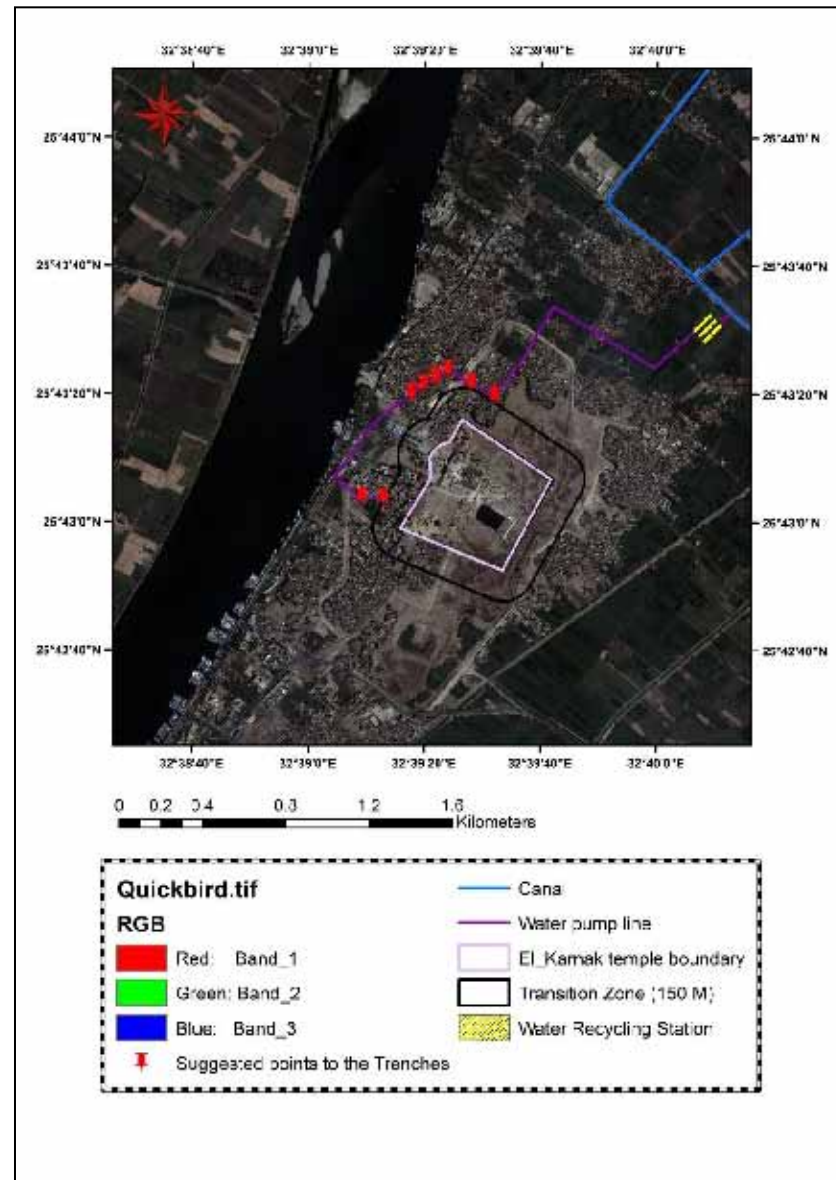
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**Proposed Points for the trenches  
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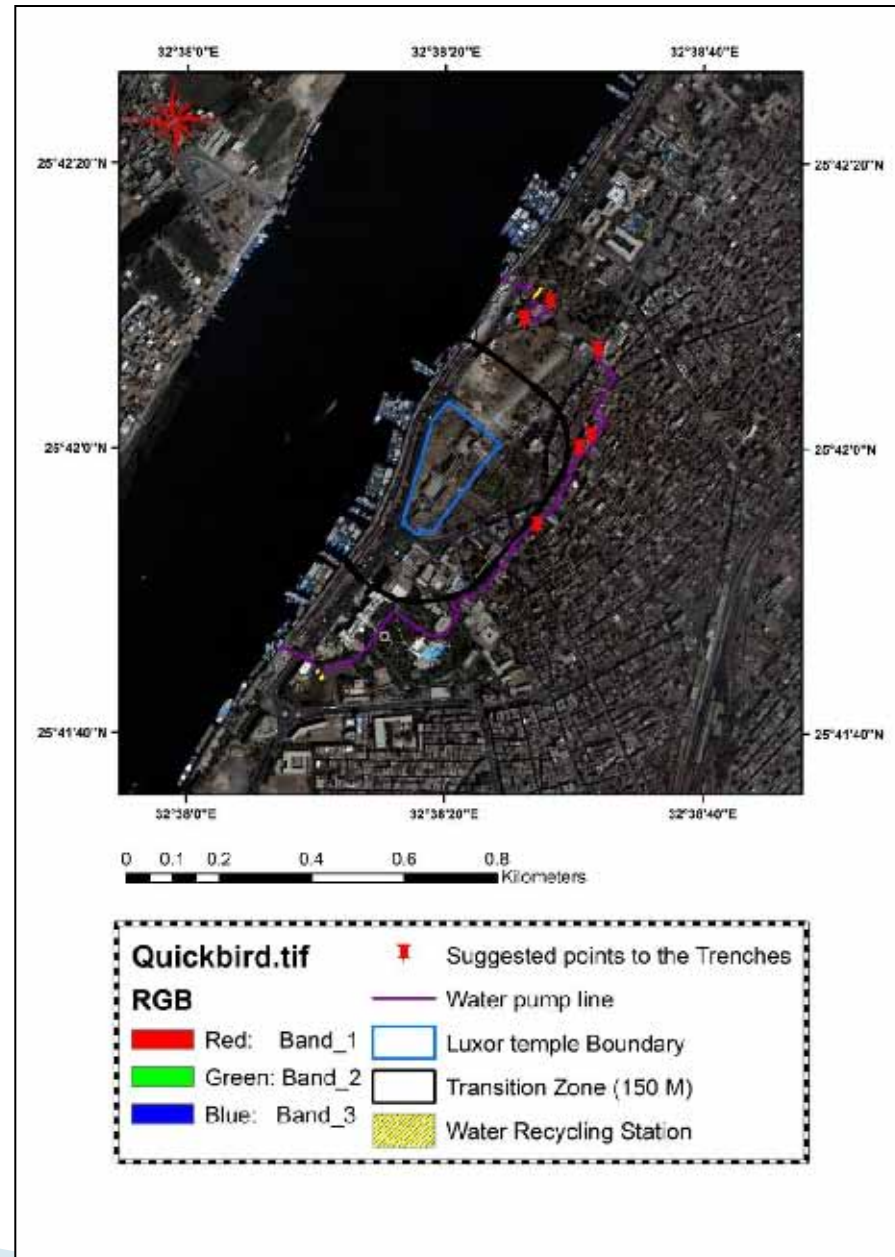
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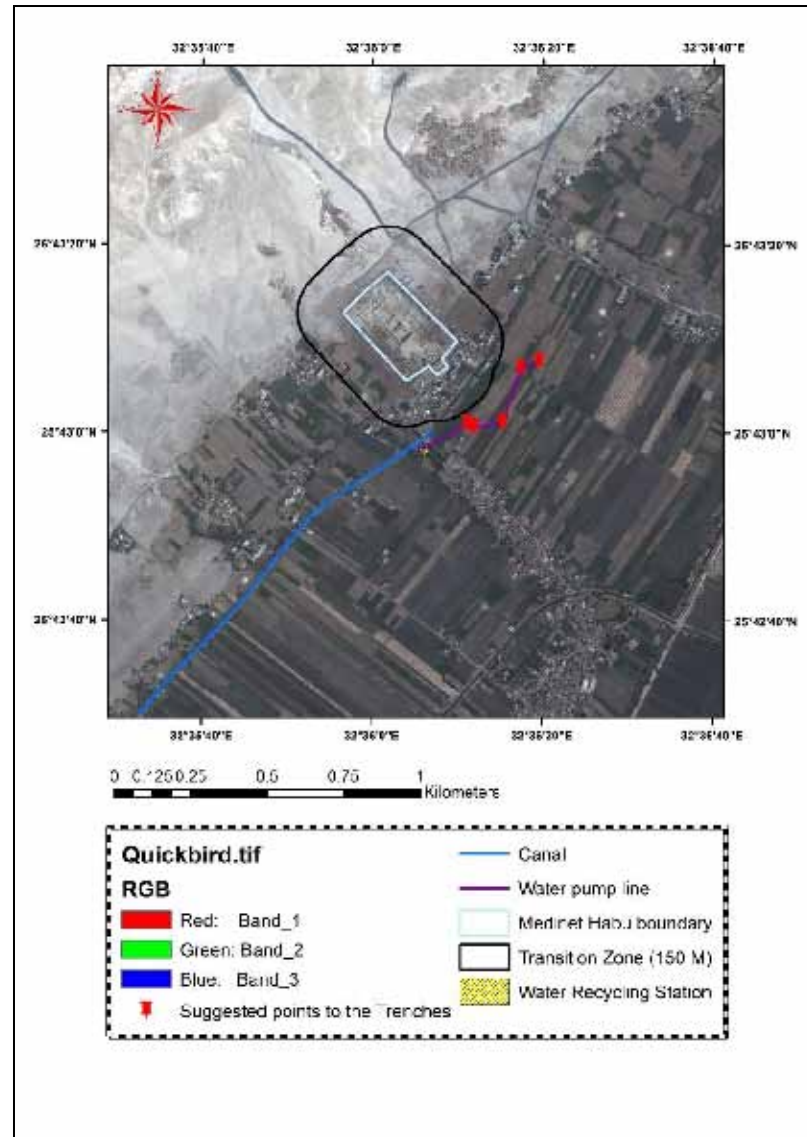
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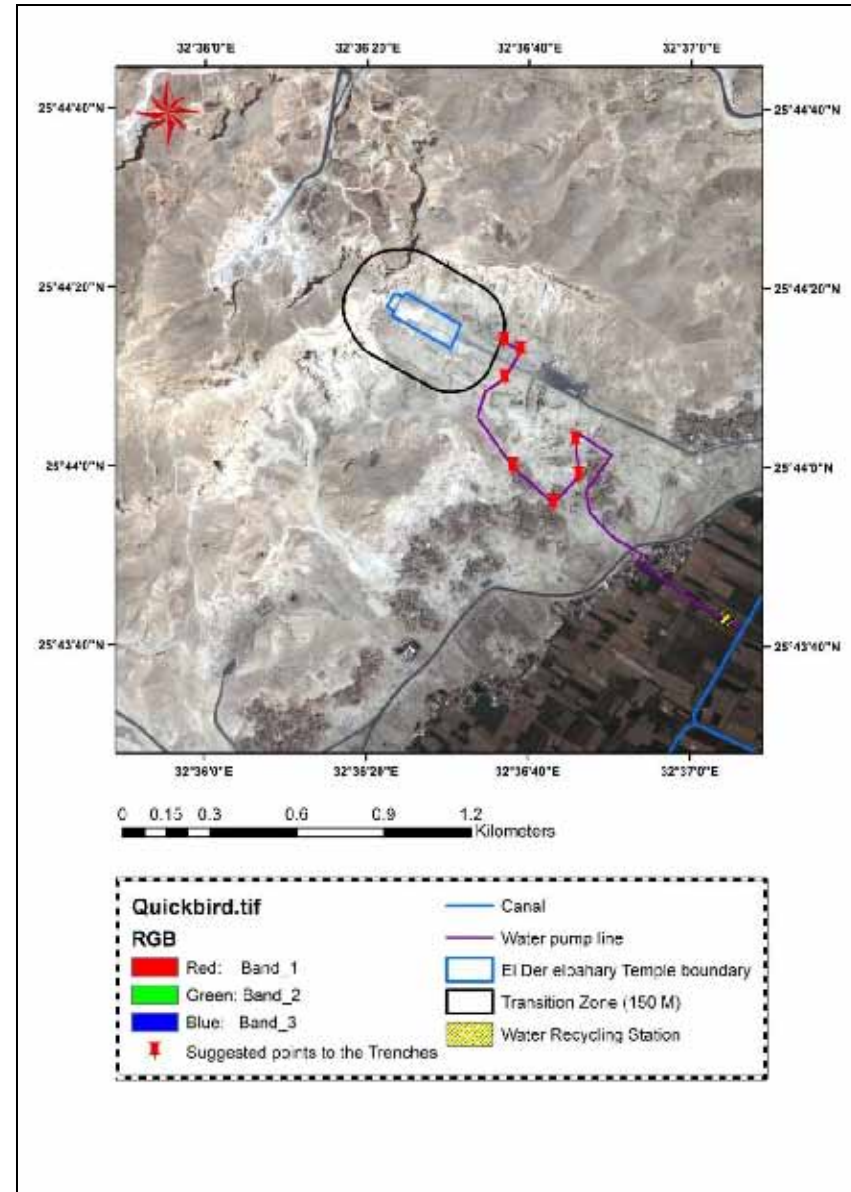
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***Proposed Points for the trenches  
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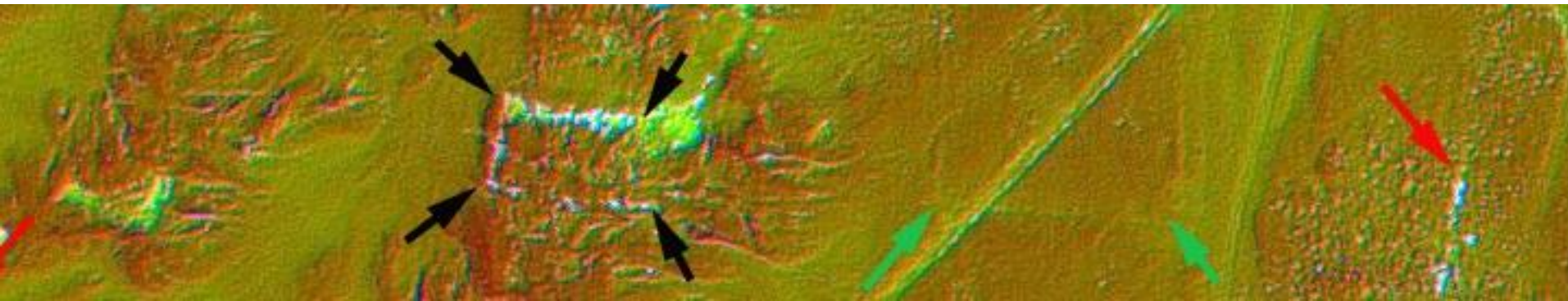
# REMOTE SENSING BASED ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN PERU AND BOLIVIA



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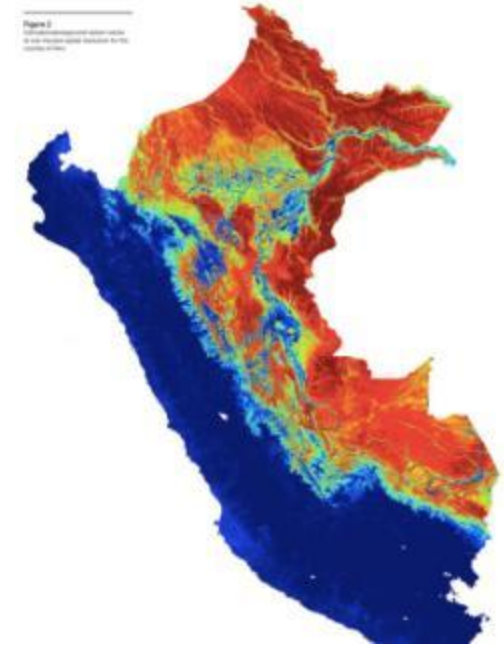
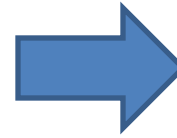


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# SPACE EARTH OBSERVATION: WHEN IT IS ESSENTIAL /USEFUL

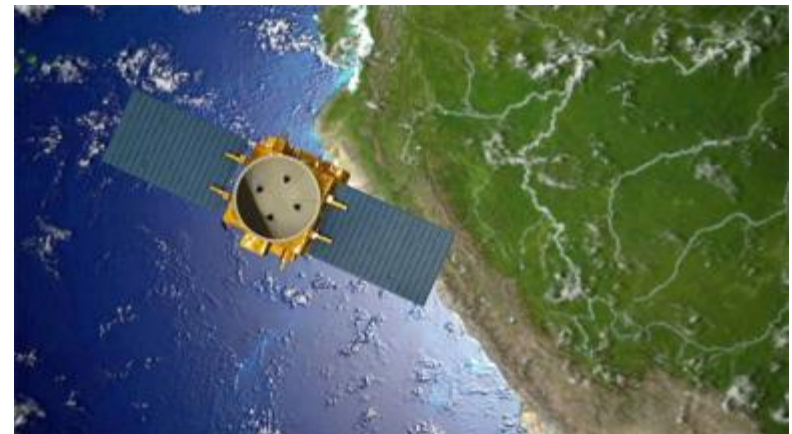
## Essential

- Weather
- Climate
- Environmental phenomena at global scale
- Risk monitoring and mitigation at regional scale
- Regional cartography
- Cultural Heritage management in regions with limited and difficult aerial surveillance



## Very useful

- Landscape
- Cultural heritage management and archaeology
- Urban cartography
- Risk monitoring and mitigation at local scale



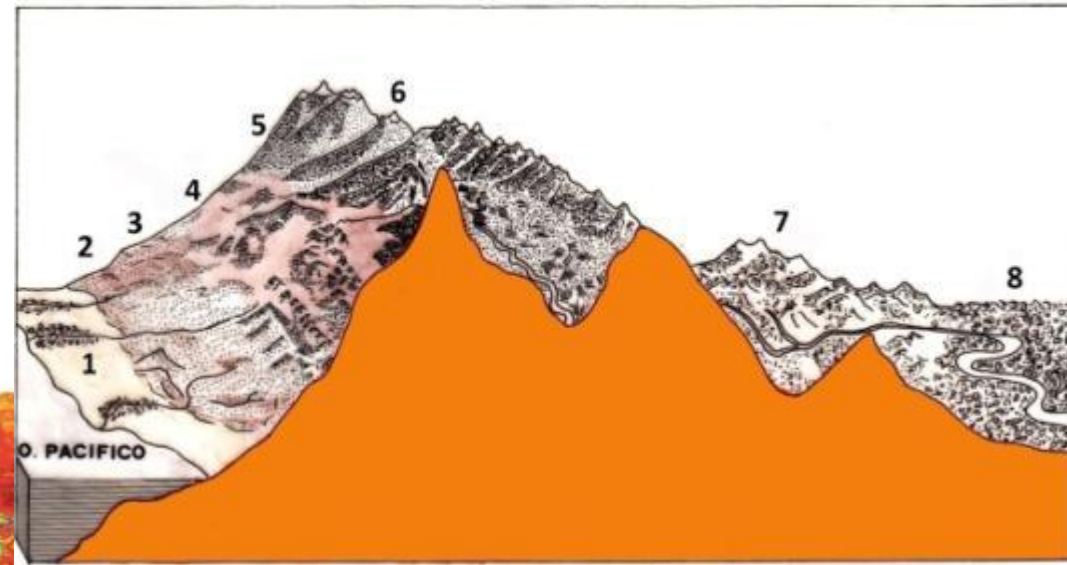
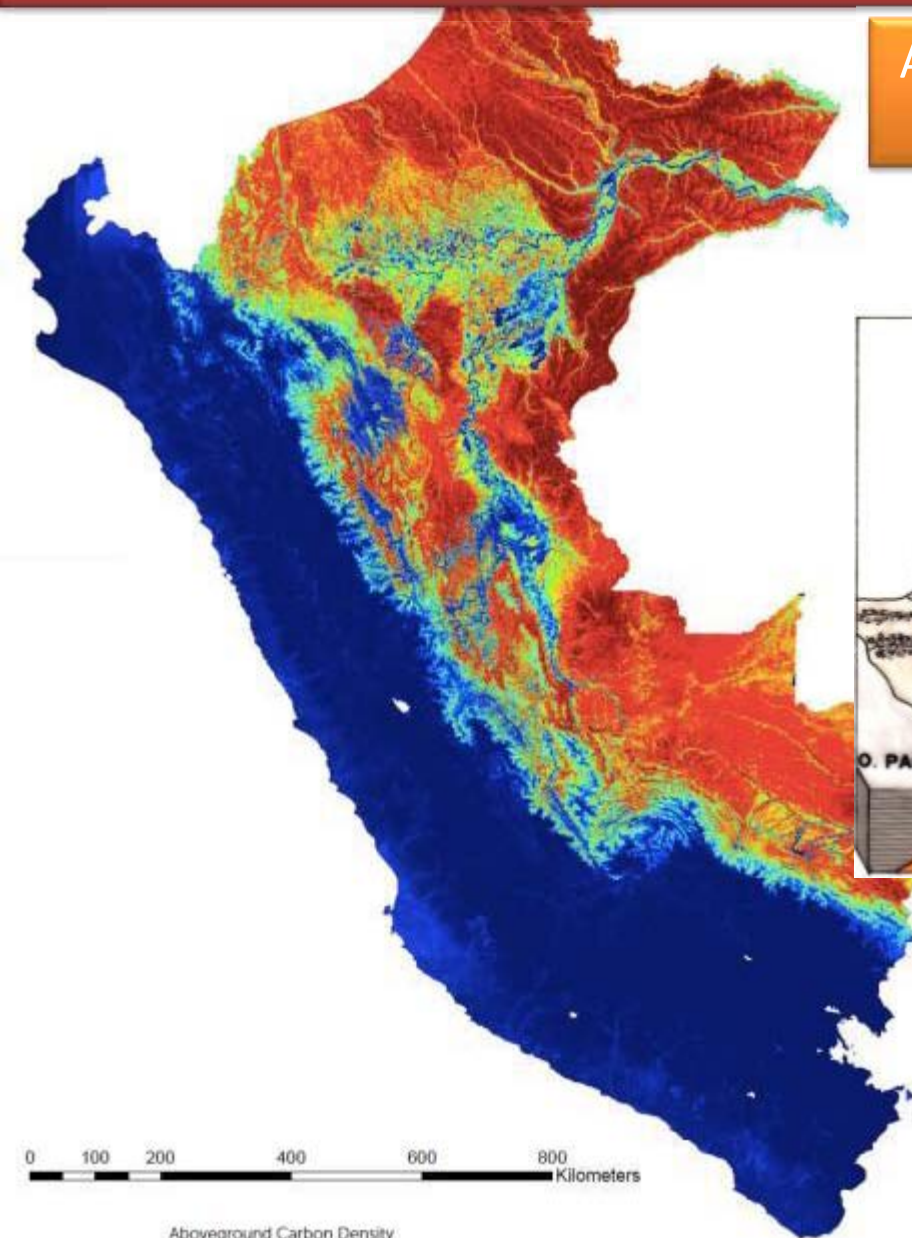
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# Peru as Earth Observation Laboratory

Agriculture and natural resource management  
in several ecosystems



1 Costa; 2 Yunga maritima; 3 Quechua; 4 Suni or Jalca; 5 Puna; 6 Cordillera or Janca; 7 Selva Alta or Ruparupa; 8 Selva Baja

Aboveground Carbon Density  
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# Peru as Earth Observation Laboratory for the study of Human Past



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The Andean civilizations, more than other, have established a relationship with the environment not only functional for their survival, but also intimate and mystical. The landscape and the environment are part of the cultural DNA. No action, activities, decision has been taken that does not involve a relationship with the environment, both in the ecological sense, as well as visual perception

# The 'Sacre' Landscape and Andean Cosmivision



The ceremonial architecture is the result of a successful combination of knowledge and interpretation of the landscape/ environment: mountains are considered sacre and the model in the construction of the pyramids, which in their turn are built exploiting natural mounds and hills



# Remote sensing CNR research activity on Unesco sites

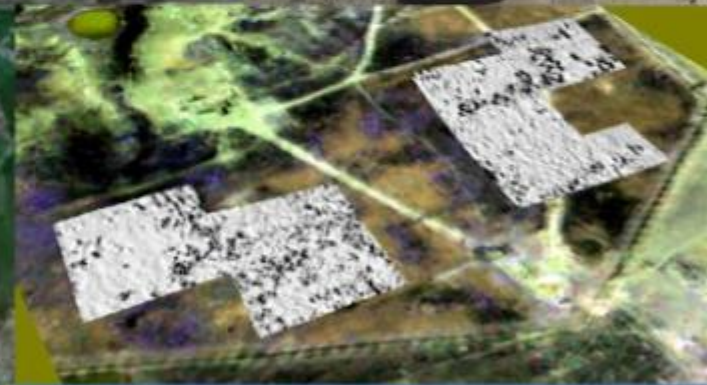
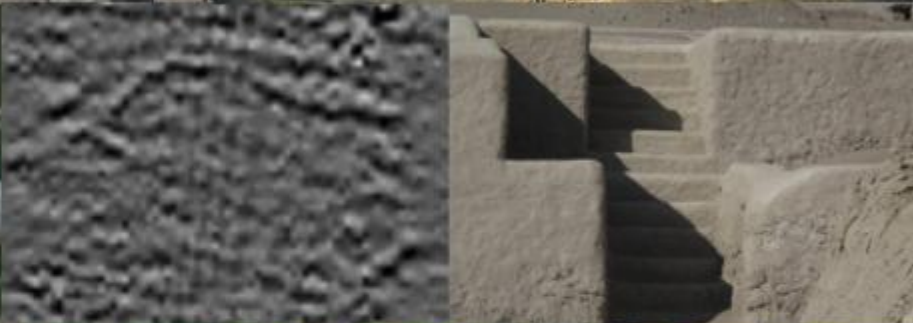


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# Who were the Nasca

Cahuachi pyramids



Textiles



Polichrome pottery



Geoglyphs



Aqueducts



Music

**Chronology :** 200BC-600 AD

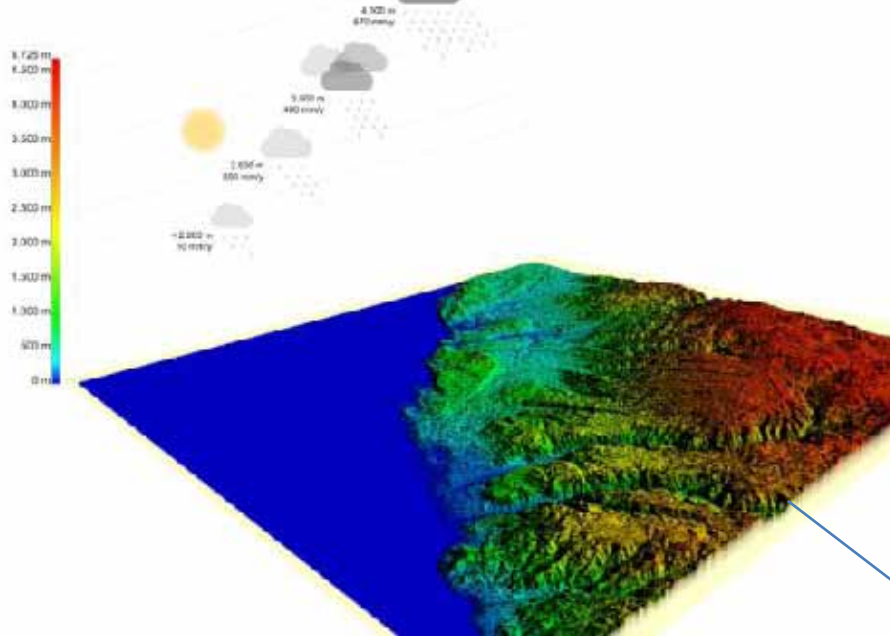
**Area of cultural influence :** desert southern coast of Peru

**Cultural patterns/features :** Geoglyphs, aqueduct, ceremonial architecture, polychrome pottery, textiles, musical instruments

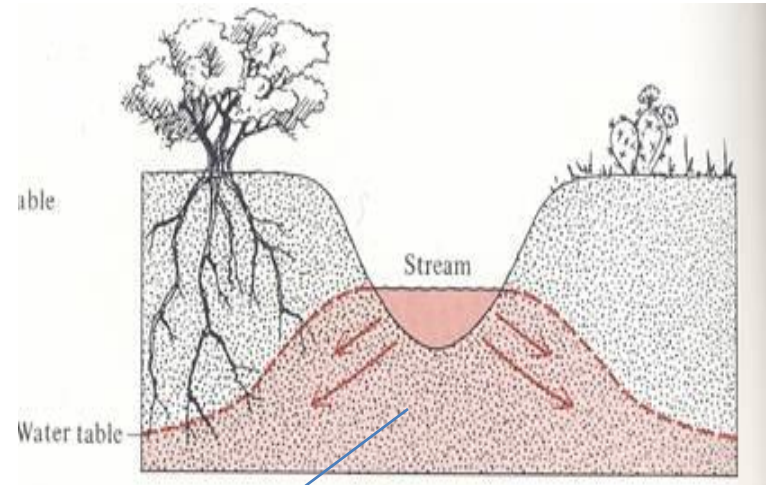
**Historical phases:** 8 (Nasca1,2,3..8) – pottery seriation

# Nasca Environment and climate

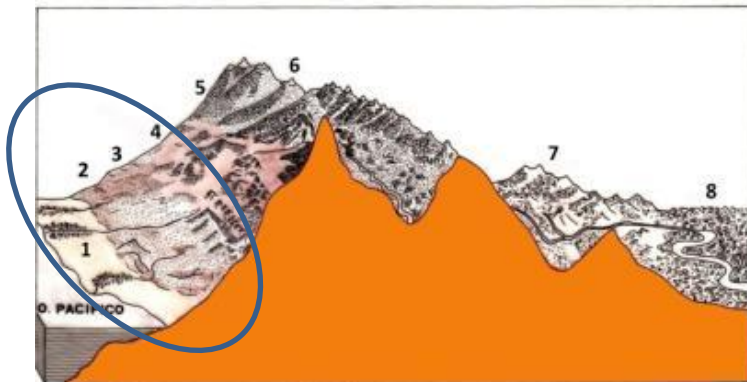
the scarce pluvial precipitations



high infiltration capacity



lack of water



## Hidraulic regime

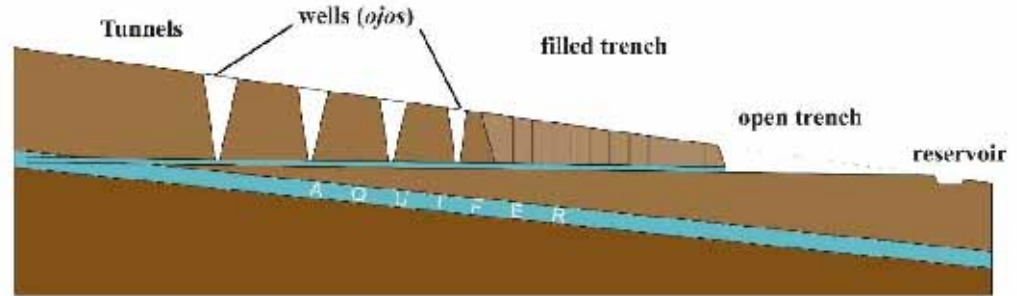
- Perennial
- Influent
- Dry

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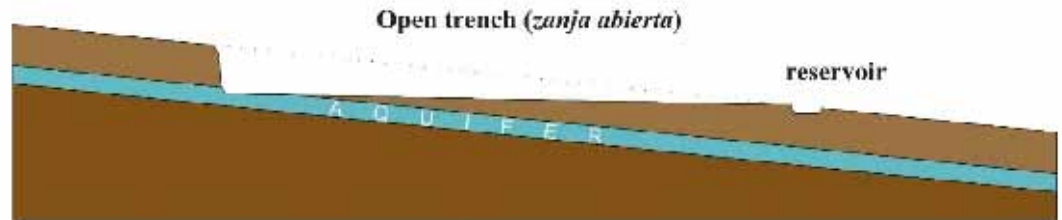
# The 'puquios' as response of Nasca to water problem



The *puquios* : water system composed of horizontal wells or open trenches connecting groundwater to surface , thus making possible to have water available for the whole year not only for irrigation but also for domestic needs.

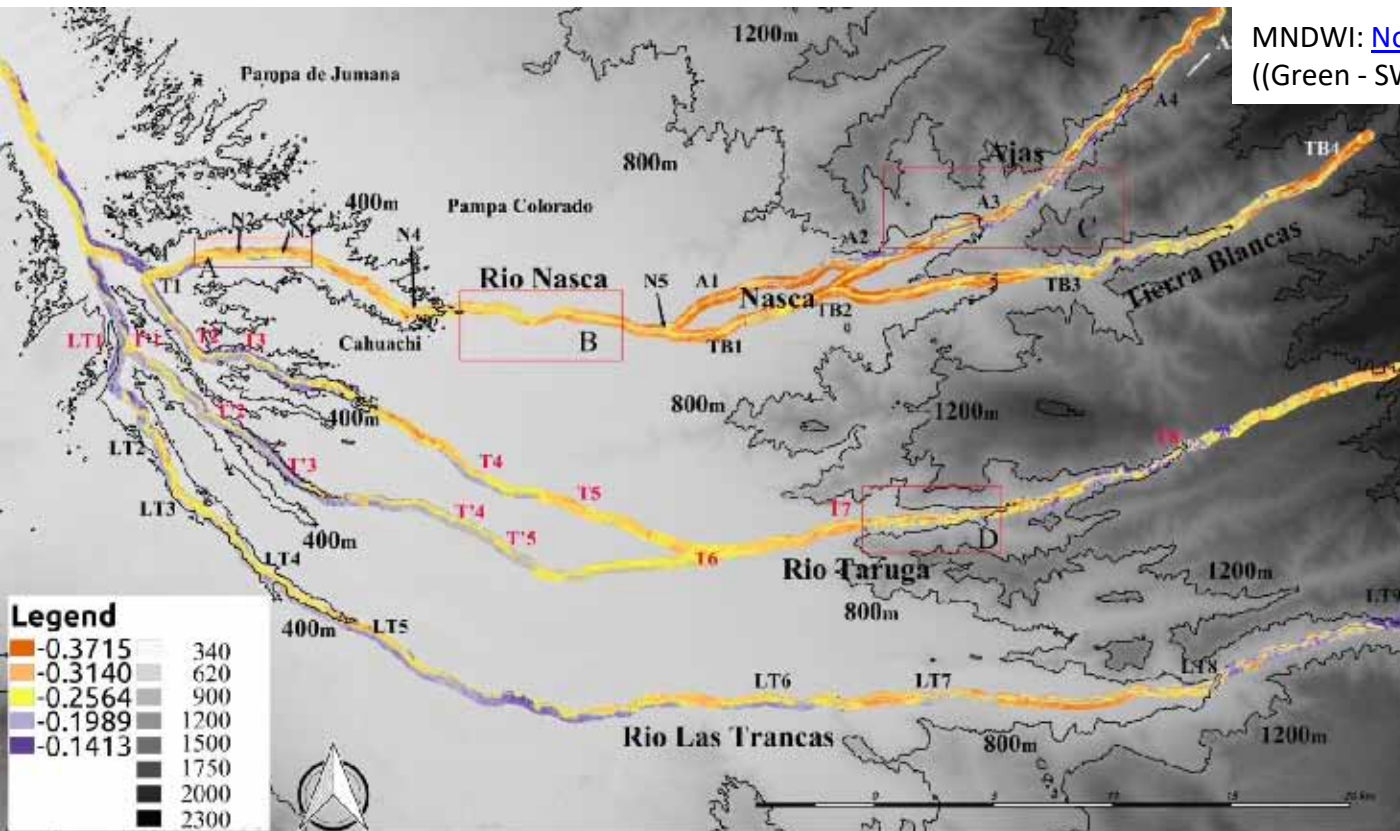


puquios trench galleries with extension of tunnels



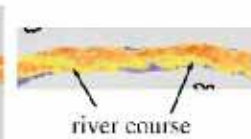
puquios with the shape of open trenches

# Satellite based characterization of the rivers for predicting unknown ancient aqueducts



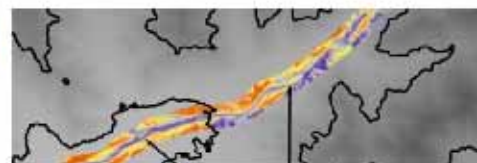
MNDWI:  $\text{Normalized Difference Water Index} = \frac{(\text{Green} - \text{SWIR})}{(\text{Green} + \text{SWIR})}$

MNDWI average of Landsat data acquired from 1985 to 2010 indicator of moisture content enabled us to assess the intra and inter-year water availability as well as to estimate with high spatial and temporal detail the hydraulic regime (perennial, ephemeral, dry) of the rivers and tributaries of Nasca drainage.

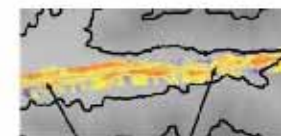


A: Nasca lower valley

B: Nasca middle valley



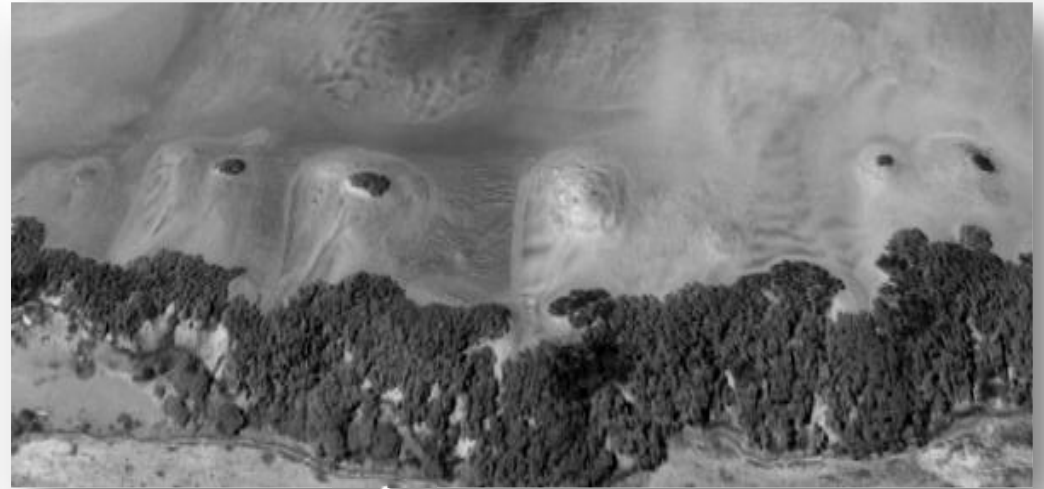
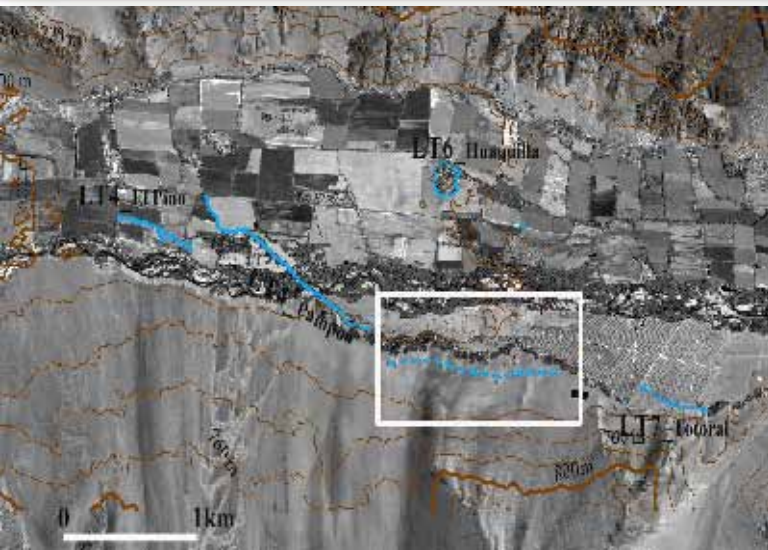
C: Aja Middle up valley (infiltration zone)



D: Rio Taruga middle valley



# Discovery of aqueducts



**Rio Las Trancas : discovery of an abandoned aqueduct**



# Zoomorphic figures in the Nasca Pampa



Photo by Nicola Masini

# Geoglyph execution techniques

## Geoglyphs of Pampa de Atarco, Nasca (Peru)

(a) the removal and addition of stone material, (b-c) placing dark color gravels along the lines, (d) creating microrelief by scraping and placing fine-grained material.

trapezoid : result of subtractive and additive techniques



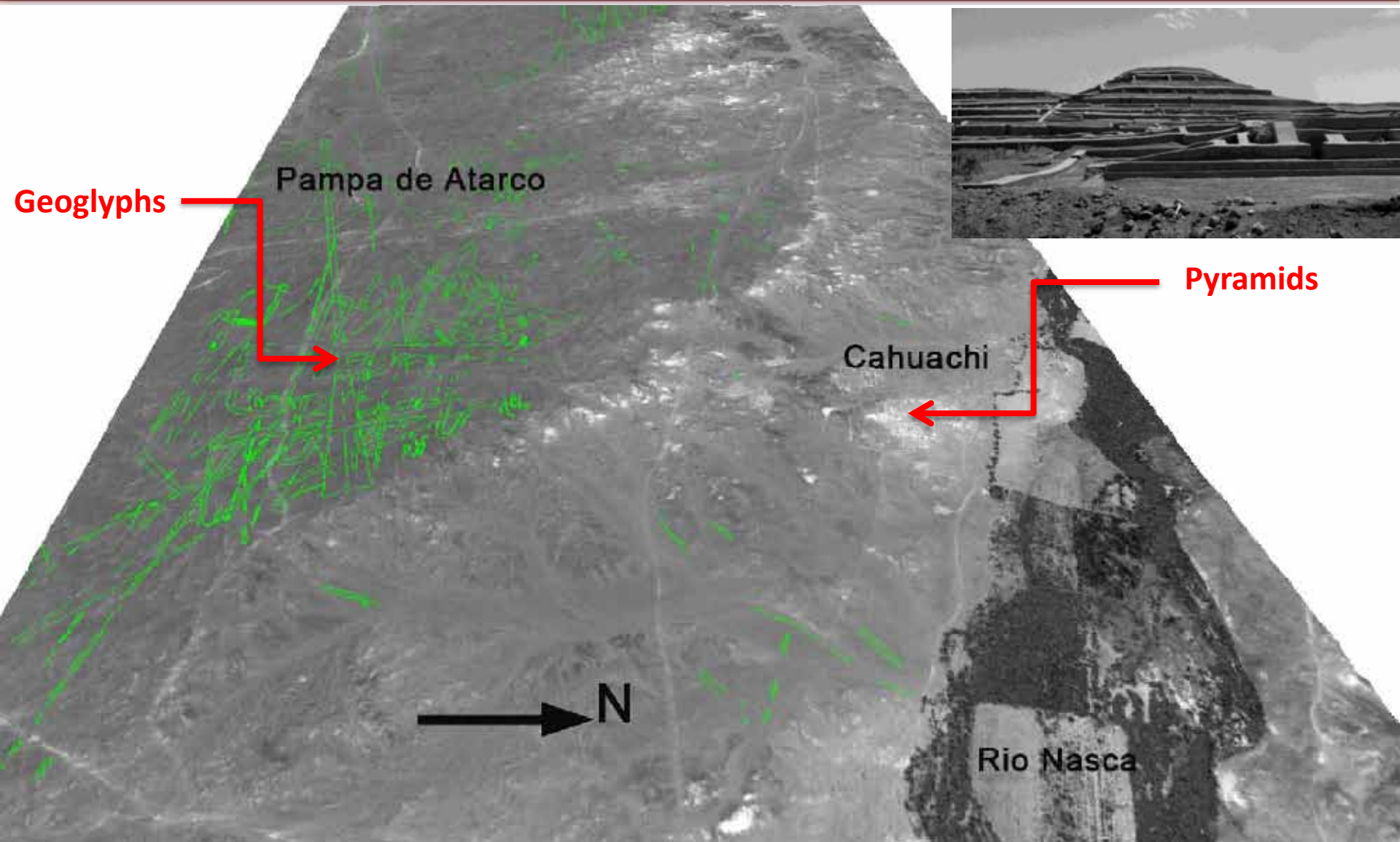
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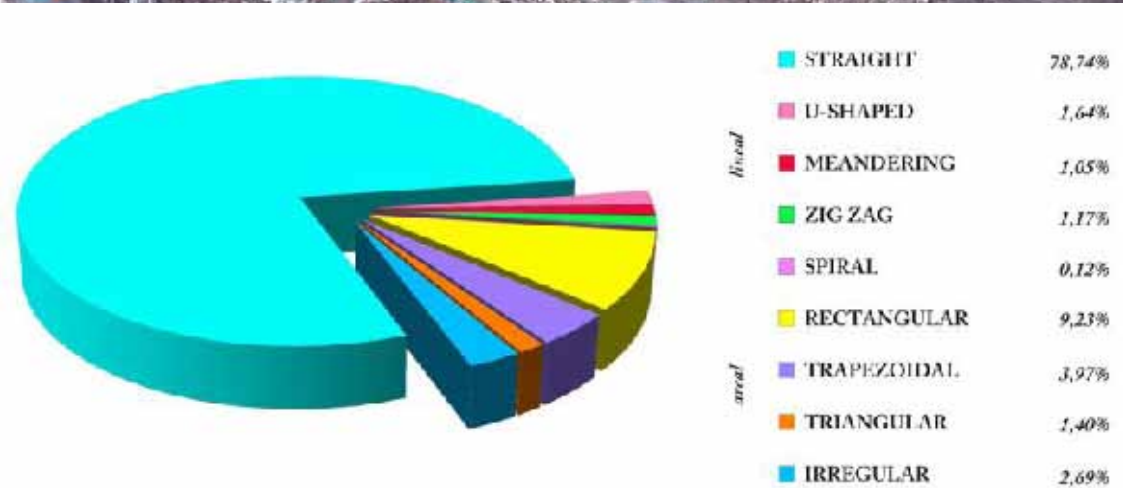
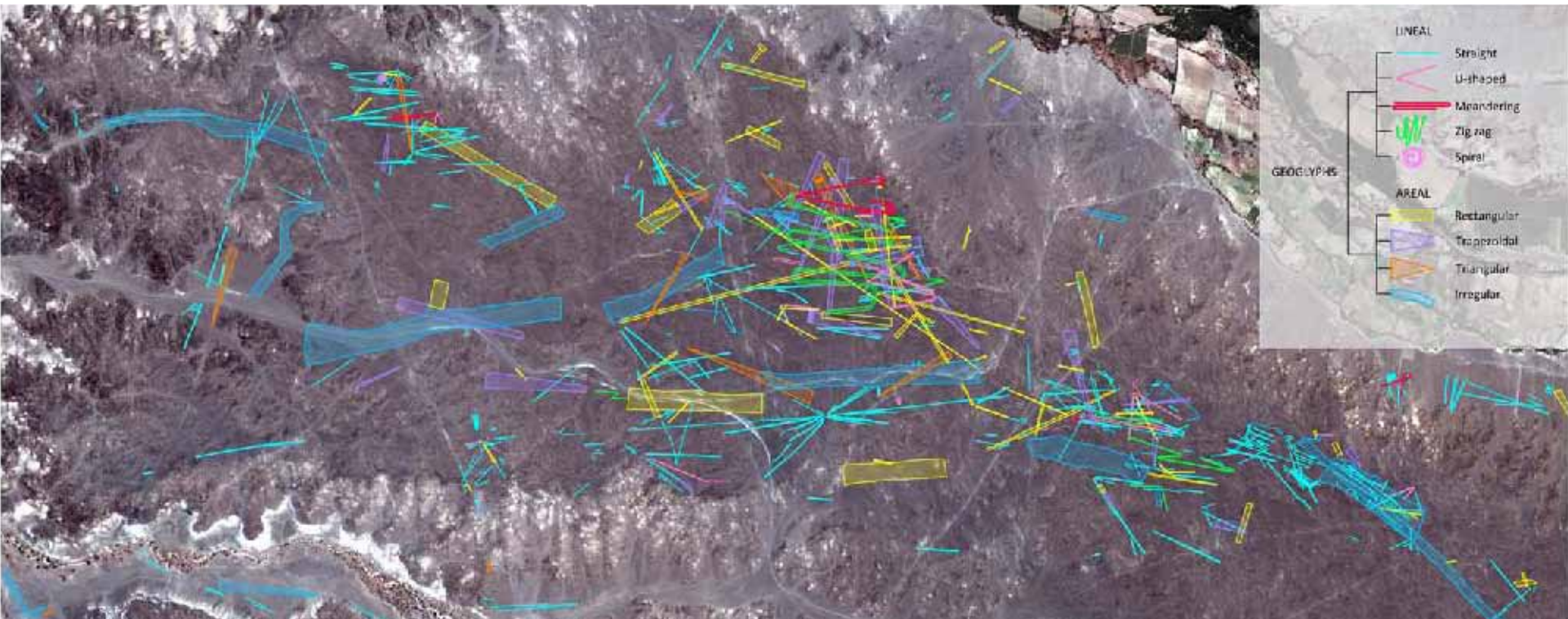


spiral is drawn alternating the removal of fine-medium grained stone material and their placing on the curves adjacent to the grooves.

# Geoglyphs and pyramids the tribute to Good



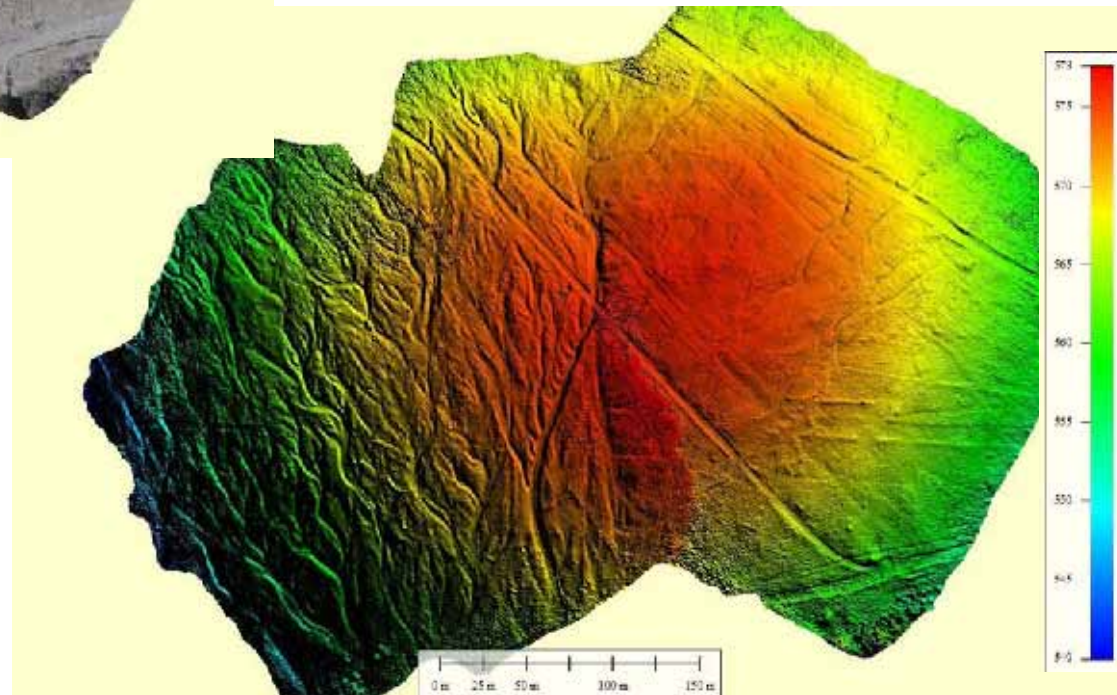
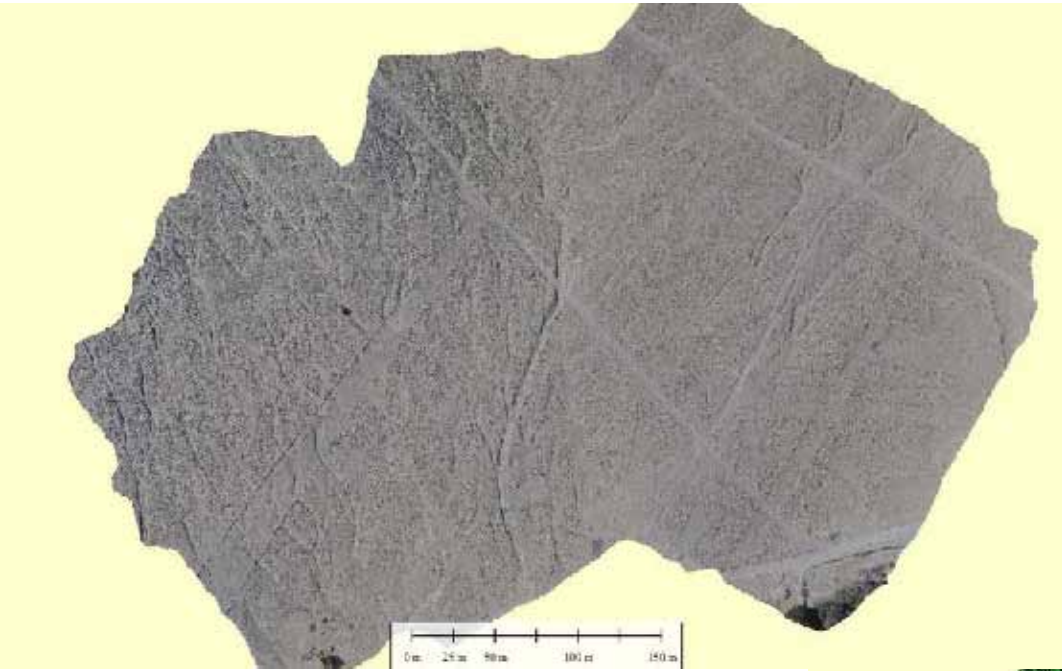
# Geoglyphs in Pampa de Atarco : morphological characteristics



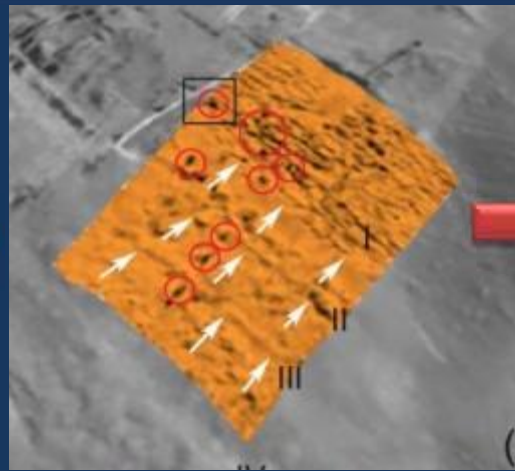
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# PIRAMIDE Naranja de CAHUACHI (2008-09): from satellite image analysis to archaeological finding



Satellite remote sensing

geomagnetometry

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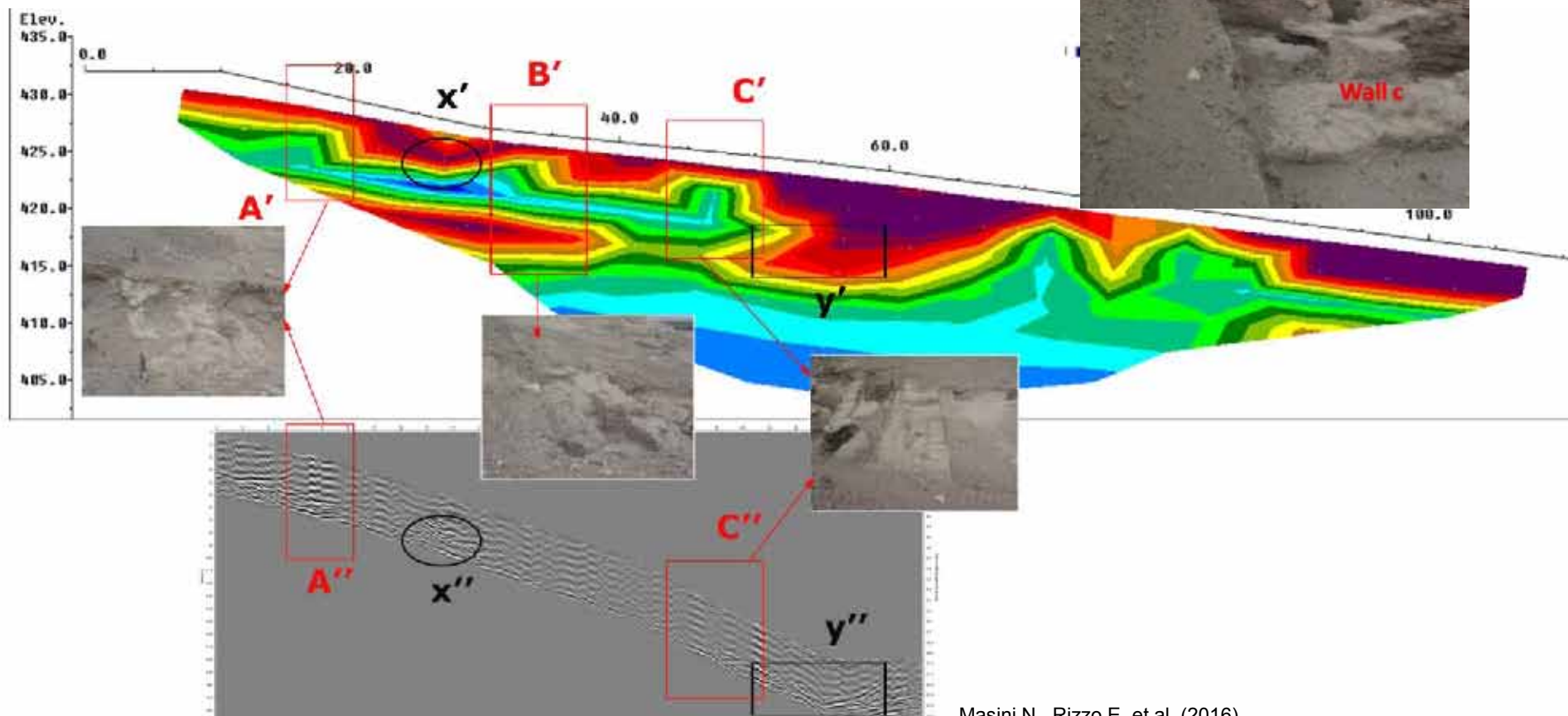


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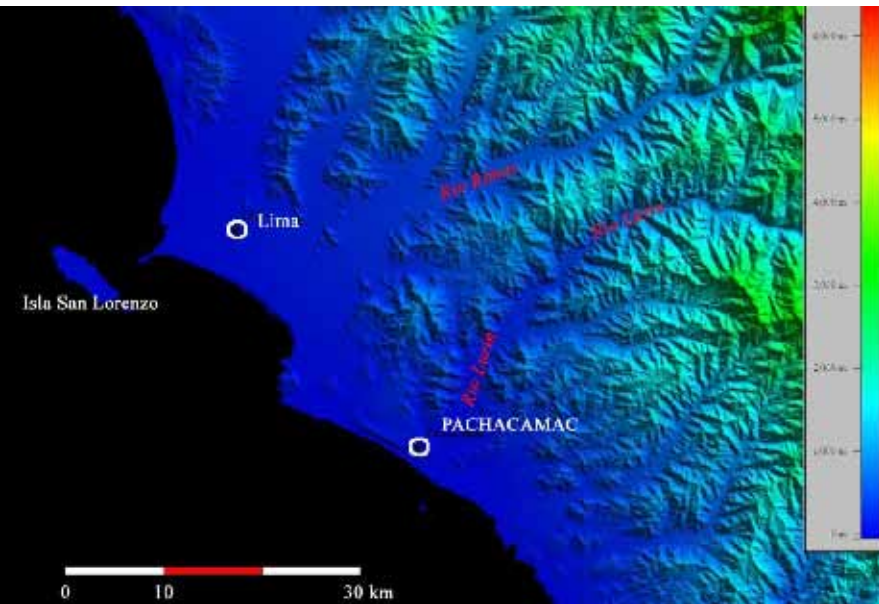
(c)

# South Mound in Cahuachi: discovery of a pyramid by geophysics.

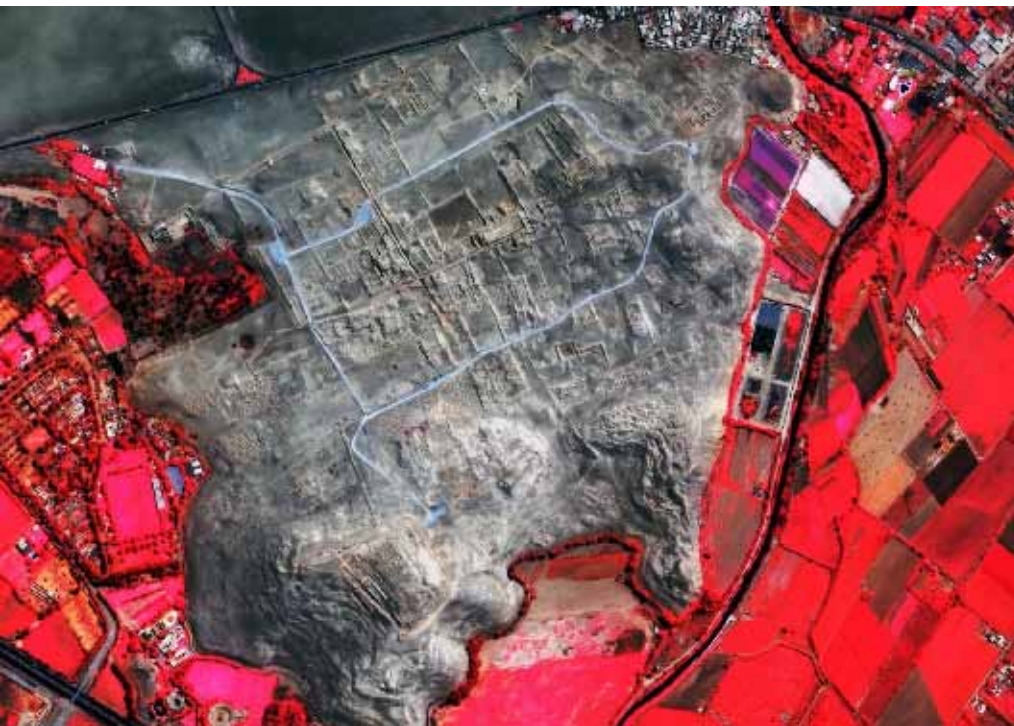




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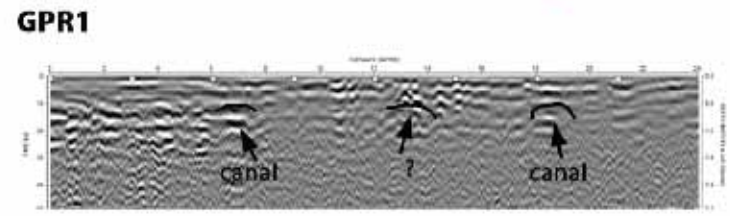
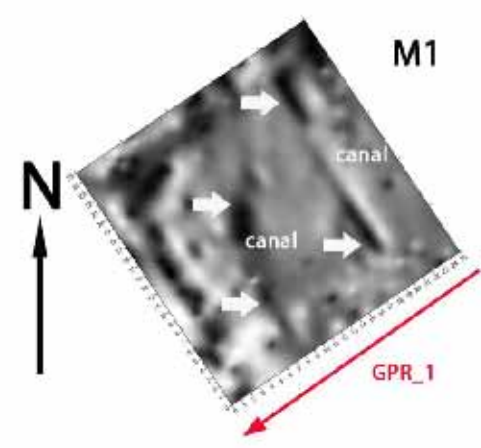
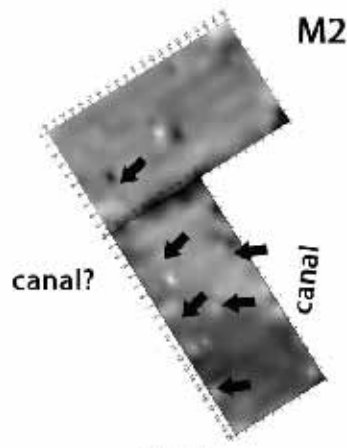
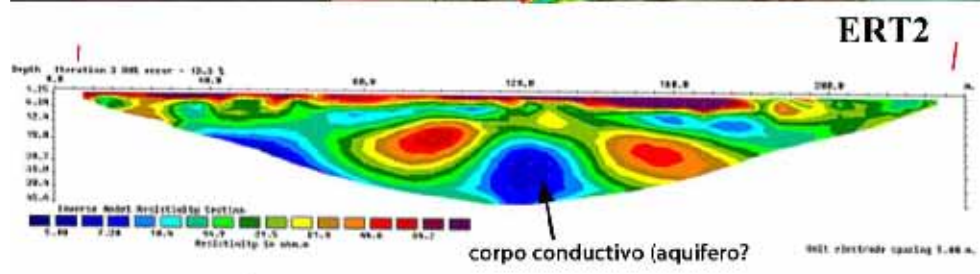
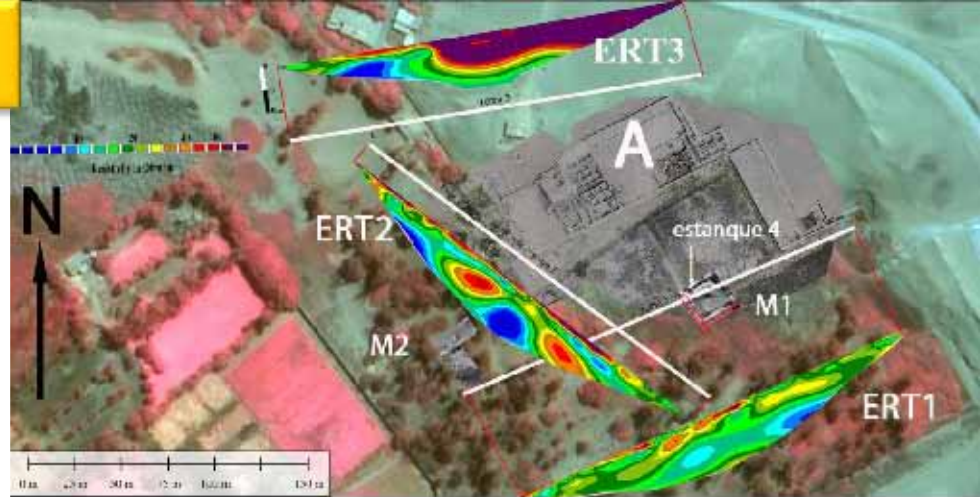
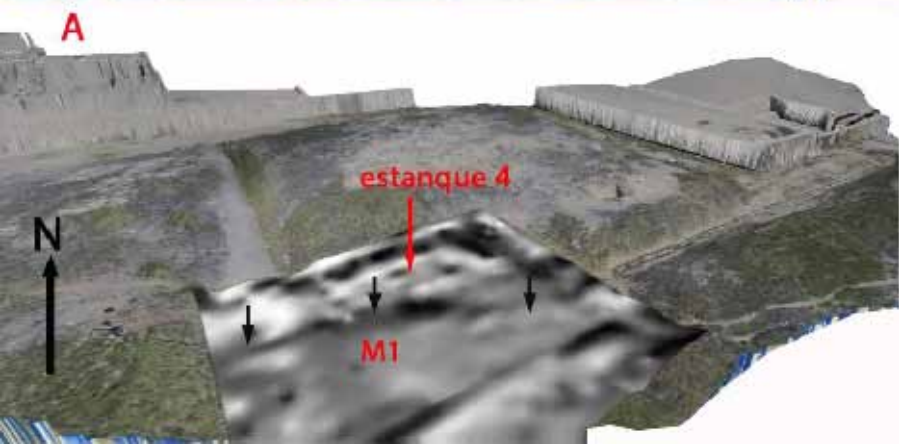
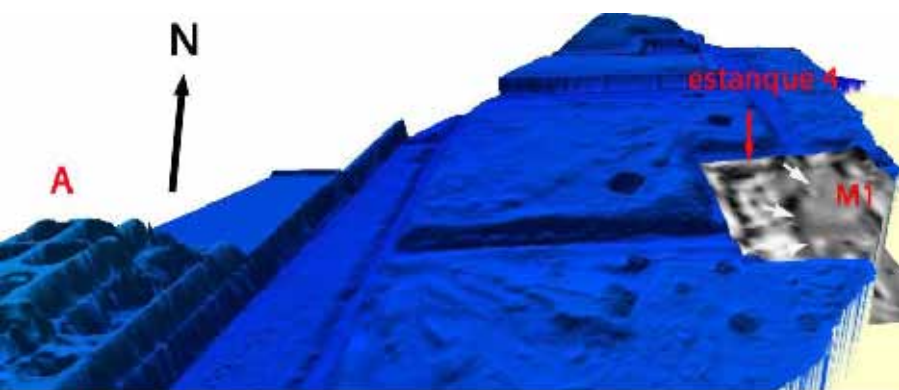


Pachacamac is located on a desert hill about 31 km South East of Lima, on the right bank of Lurin river near its mouth, 800 meters from the Pacific Ocean

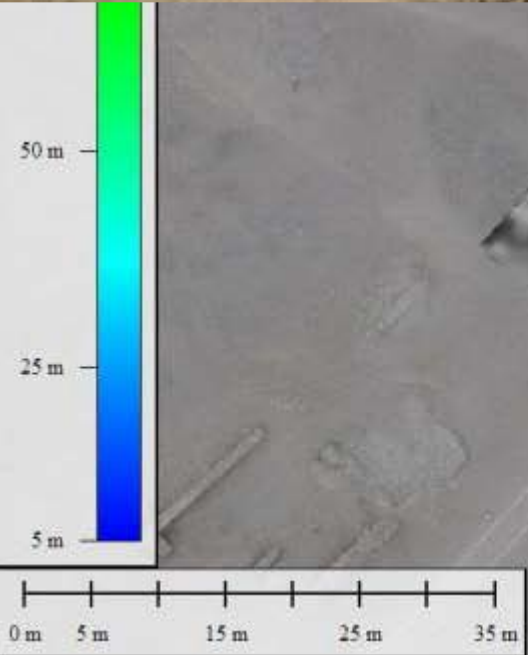


Pachacamac, is one of the largest archaeological sites of Peru. It was one of the main centers of religious cult in different historical periods and for different cultures such as Chavin, Lima Culture (200 BC-600 AD), Huari (550-1100 AD), Ychma (1100-1470) and Inca culture (1470-1530)

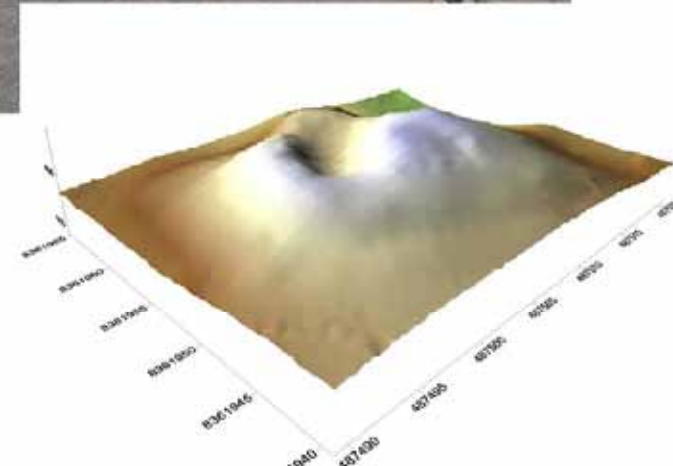
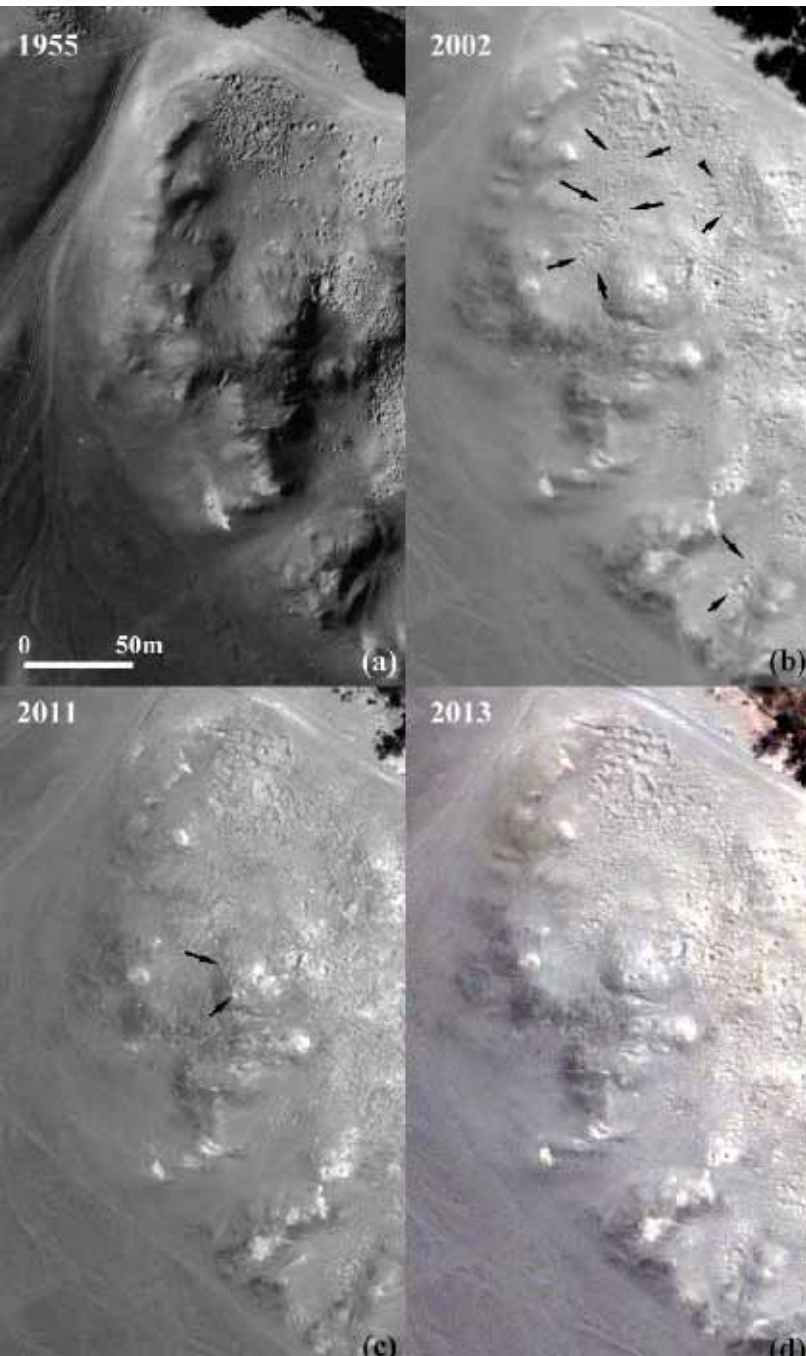
# Pachacamac: detection water channeling system in the ceremonial Palace of Acclahuasi



# Ceremonial Center of Pachacamac (500-1500 AD): remote sensing data integration

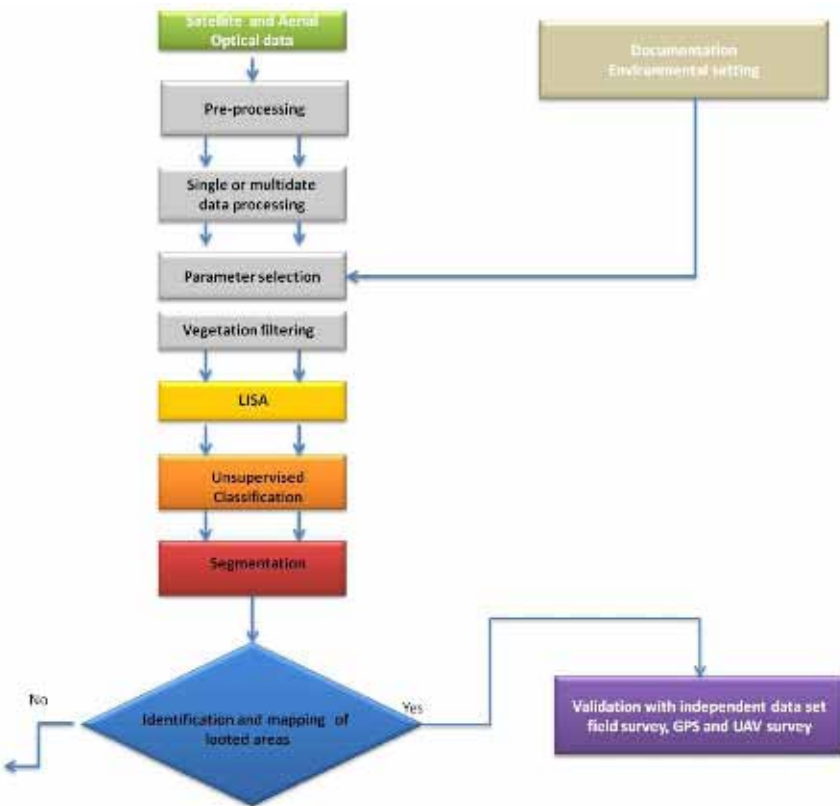


Pachacamac (Peru)

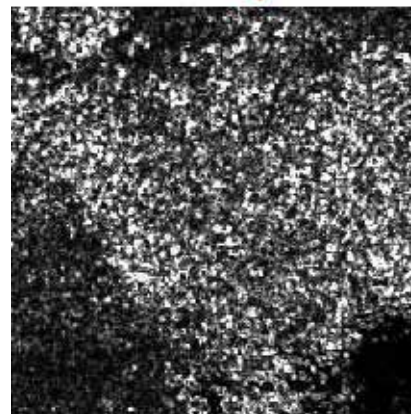


Investigated sites: Cahuachi and Ventarron

# Automatic extraction of archaeological looting features



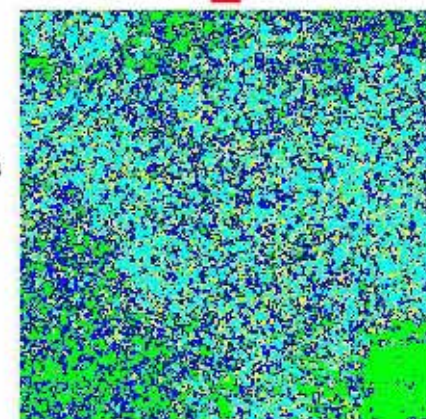
Geary's C index



K-means



Segmentation



# Nasca Lines: space tracking of vandalism

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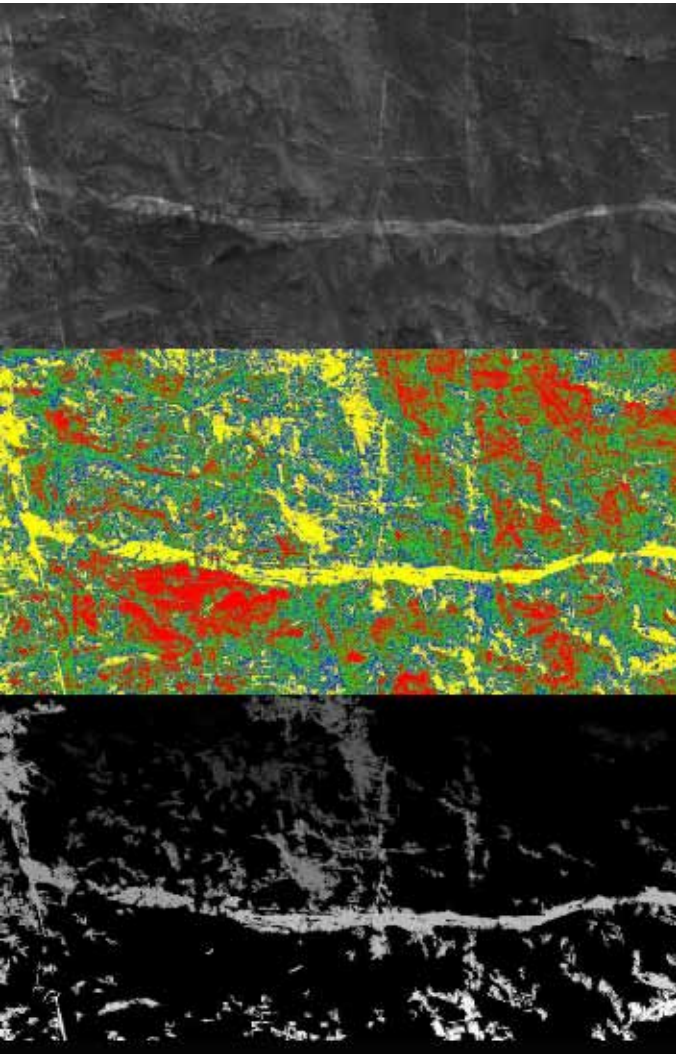


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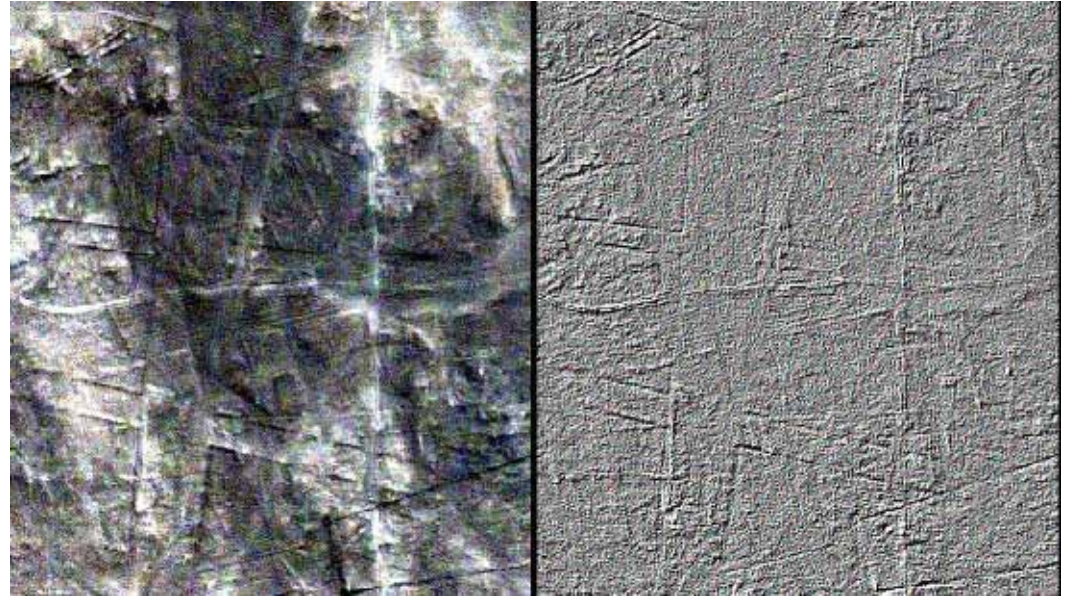


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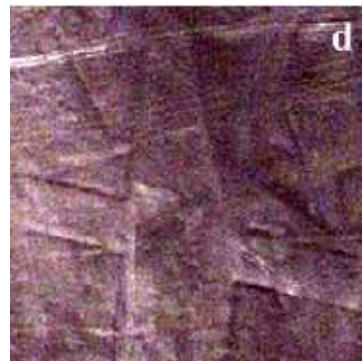
# Nasca Lines: space tracking of vandalism. Approaches based on RS



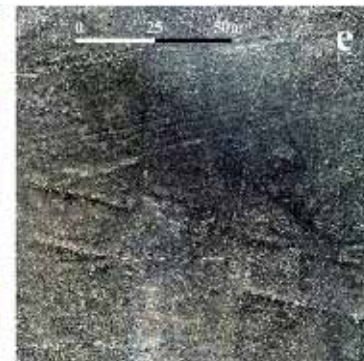
Supervised and unsupervised Classification



Convolution filtering



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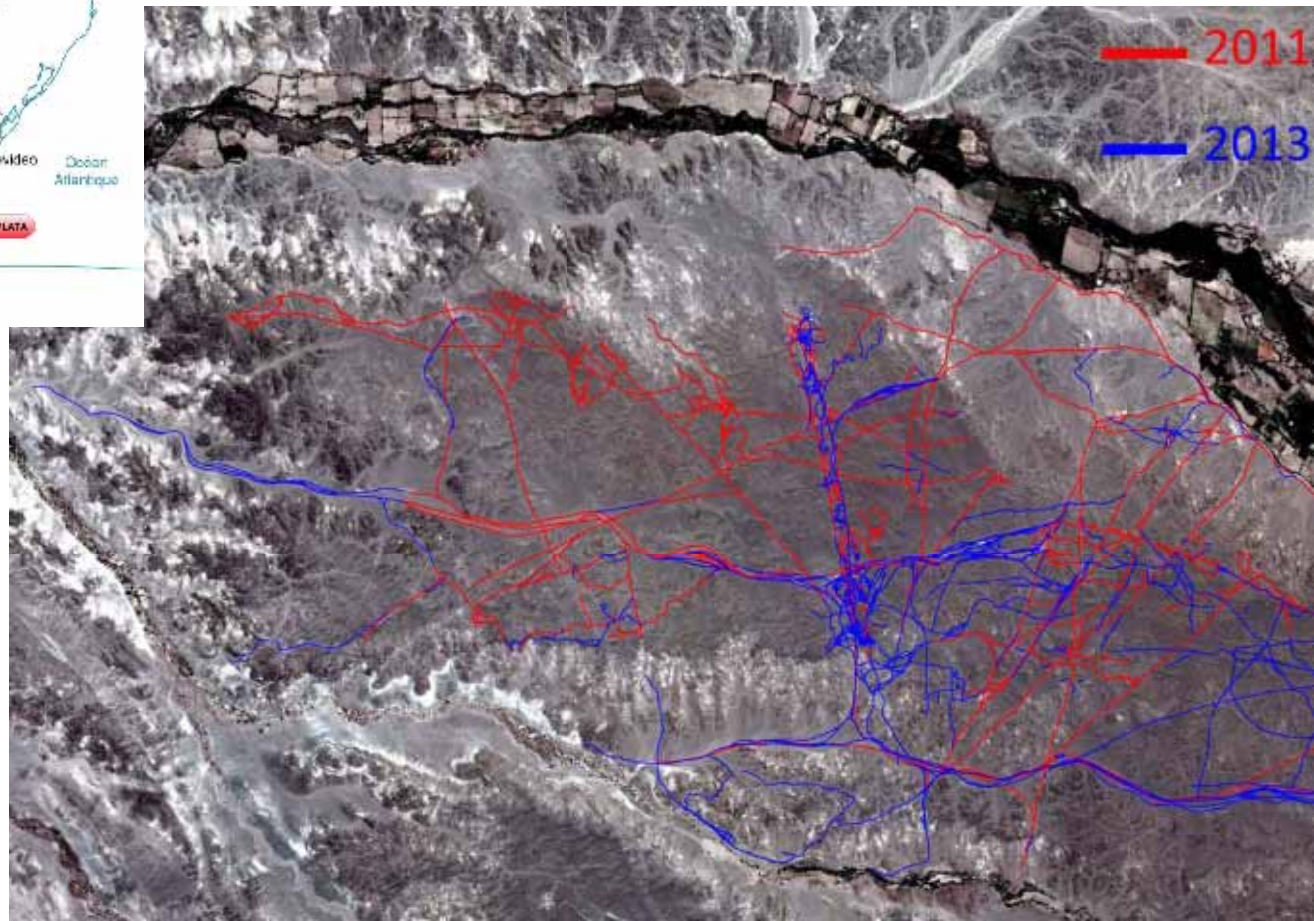
Orthophoto by UAV survey



DEM by UAV

# Damage caused by Dakar Rally

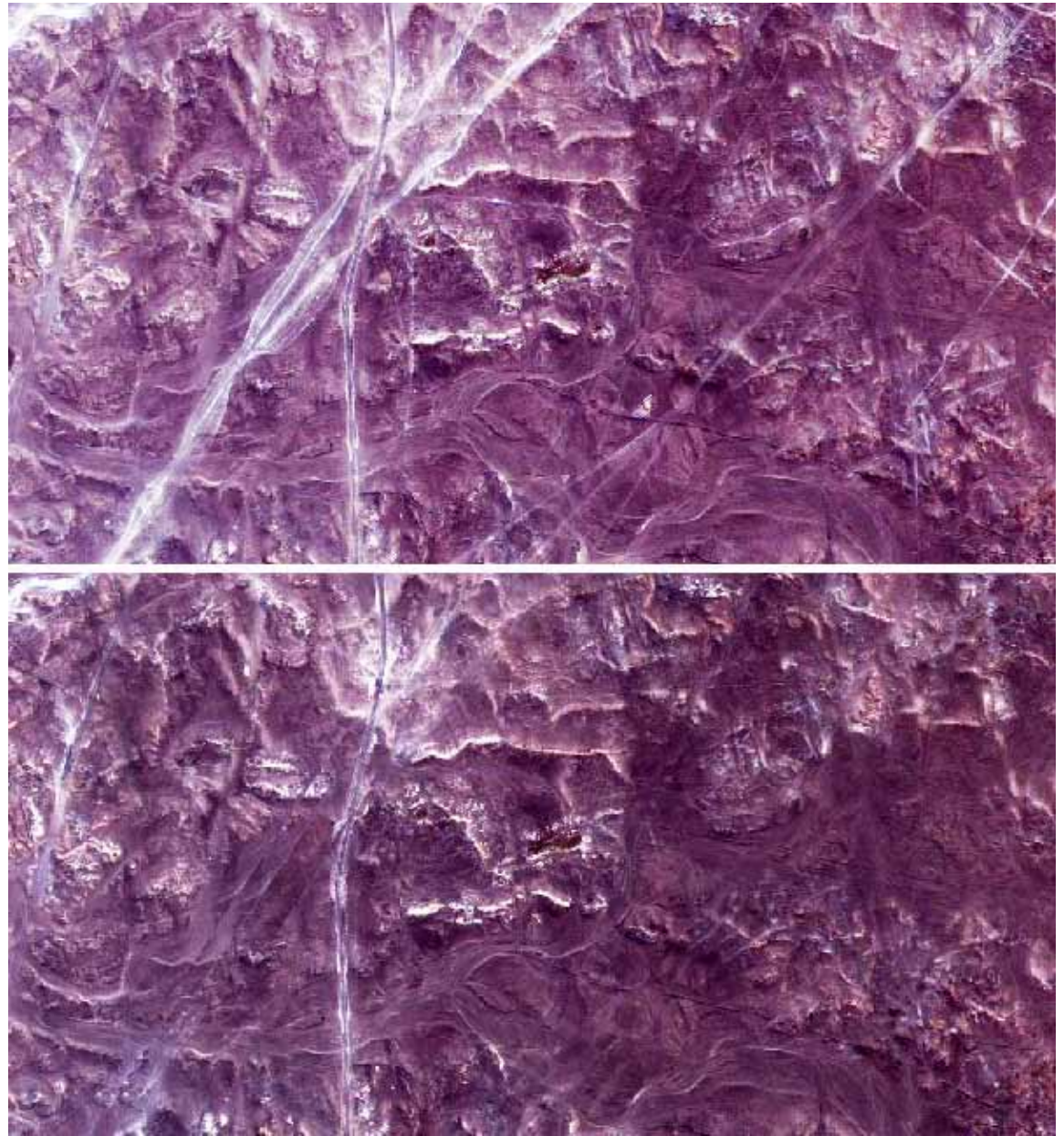
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# Digital restoration of Nasca geoglyphs

Digital restoration of desert ground drawing by removing vandalism traces and off-road vehicles tracks



**Space Earth Observation** technologies in **Archaeology** has been strongly **increasing** during the last twenty years not only for research purposes but also for an operative use

These technologies are also mature for risk monitoring and landscape analyses thanks to the advancement of sensor performance and data processing methods

Some effort need to be made for **improving** the **interpretation** of remote sensing data/results by means the integratation of RS with in situ analyses and interdisciplinary approaches

# Exploitation of big data cloud infrastructures for earth observation cultural heritage applications: mapping the land use changes patterns in the vicinity of “The Great Pyramid at Giza”

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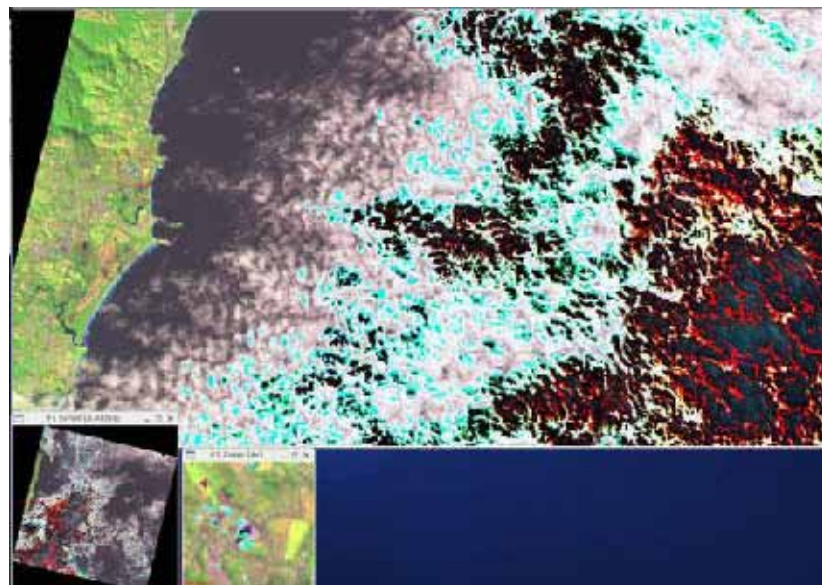


# Big Data needs for the future

«.... In the near future, some new requirements together with problems will emerge with the further increasing amount and widespread application of RS data. Obviously, the increasing demand for **real-time or near real-time processing capability by many time-critical RS applications** have definitely made the data-intensive issue even worse. ..»

# Big Data...Landsat

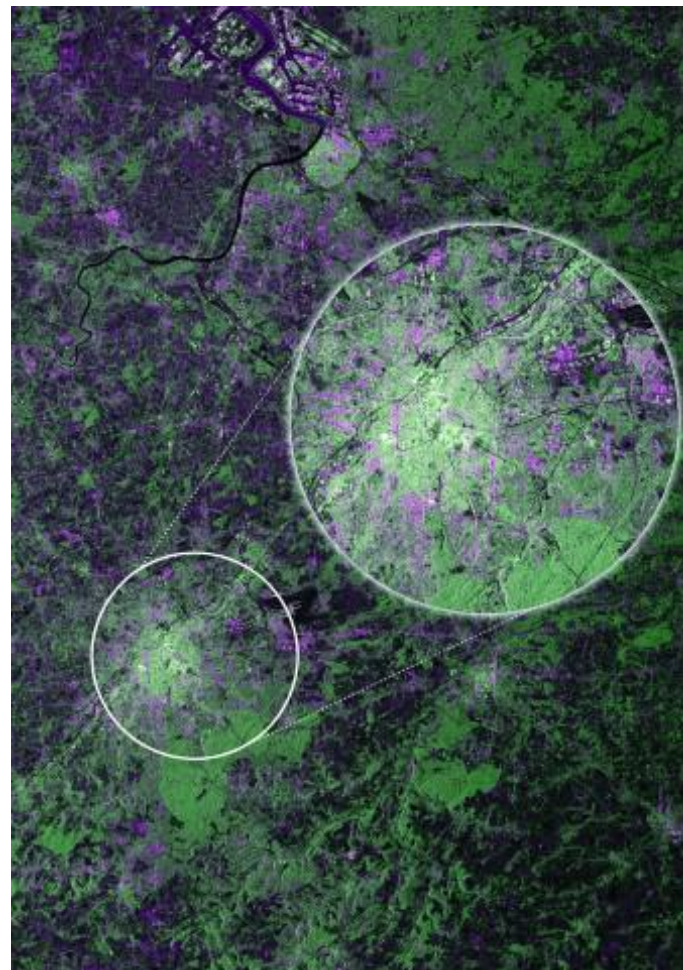
Since 1972, Landsat satellites have continuously acquired space-based images of the Earth's land surface, providing data that serve as valuable resources for land use/land change research and a number of applications in forestry, agriculture, geology, land cover mapping, and water and coastal studies. Currently, Landsat 8 and Landsat 7 together acquire over 1,200 new images per day



# Big Data...Sentinel

These satellites will be providing an enormous amount of data: Whereas Envisat provided 0.3 terabyte (TB) per day, each Sentinel-1 will provide 1.8 TB/day, with Sentinel-2s providing 1.6 TB and Sentinel-3s providing 0.6 TB.

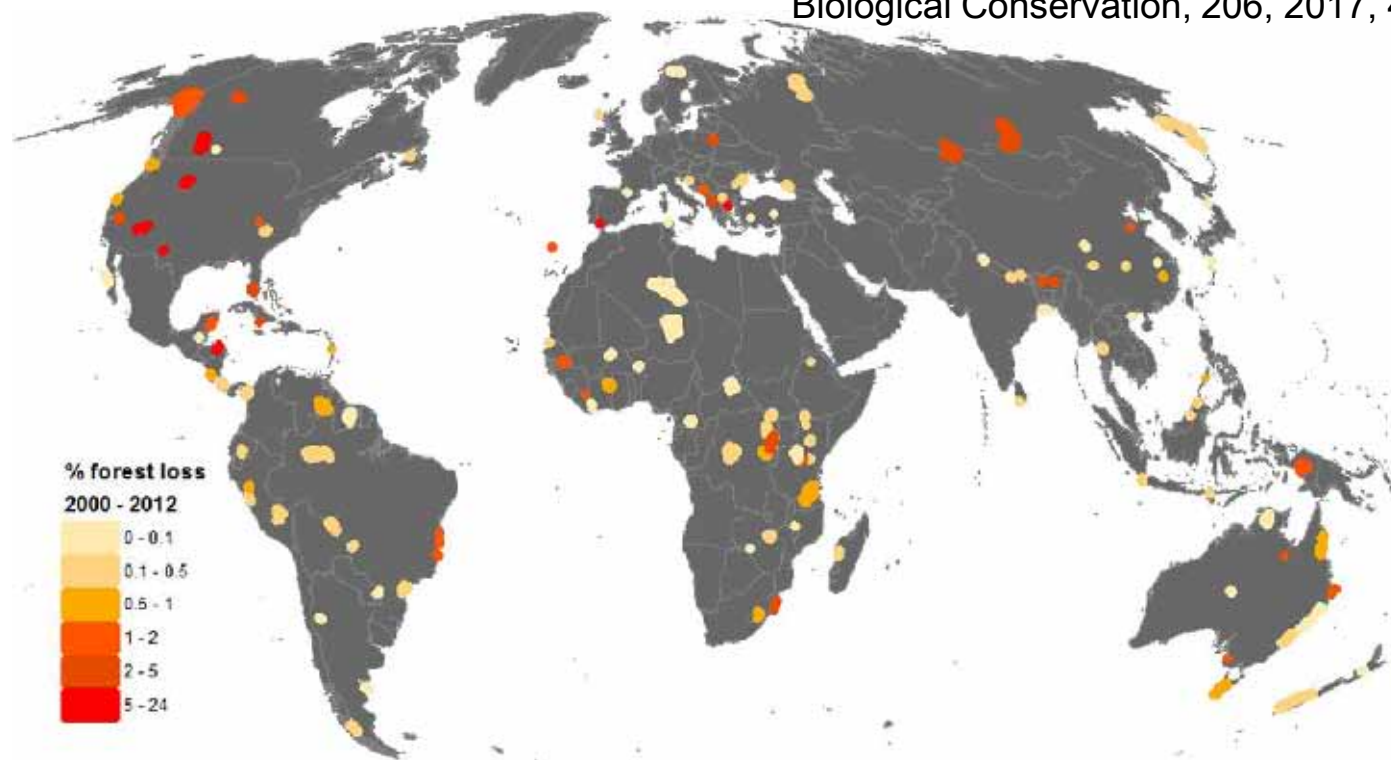
Access to the large volume of Sentinel data "will be a bit of a hurdle at this point in time, but with the advancement of technology, **this will be figured out,"**





# Recent applications for Cultural Heritage for... **World-wide scale**

James R. et al., Recent increases in human pressure and forest loss threaten many Natural World Heritage Sites, *Biological Conservation*, 206, 2017, 47-55,



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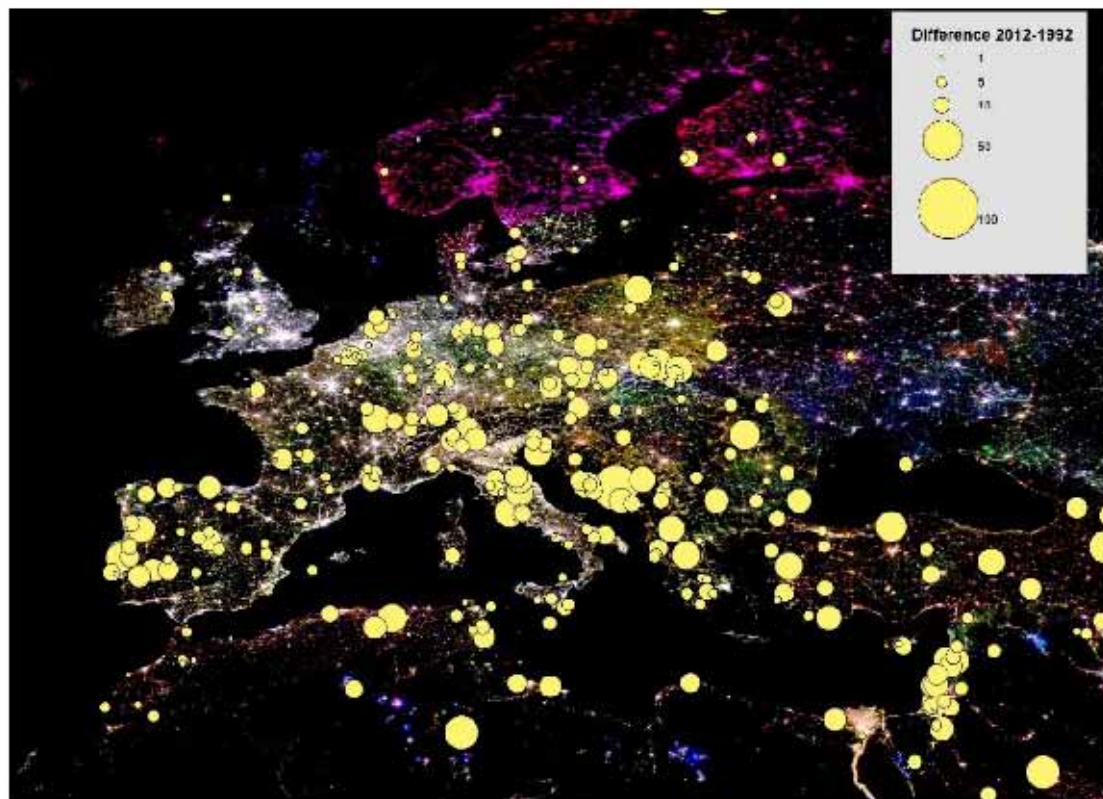
Percent forest loss between 2000 and 2012 in [Natural World Heritage Sites](#) inscribed prior to 2000. Sites experiencing substantial forest loss (N5%) are shown in red. Site boundaries are not to scale, and have been enlarged for clarity.

# Recent applications for Cultural Heritage for....continent scale

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## DMSP-OLS

## Night-time Lights

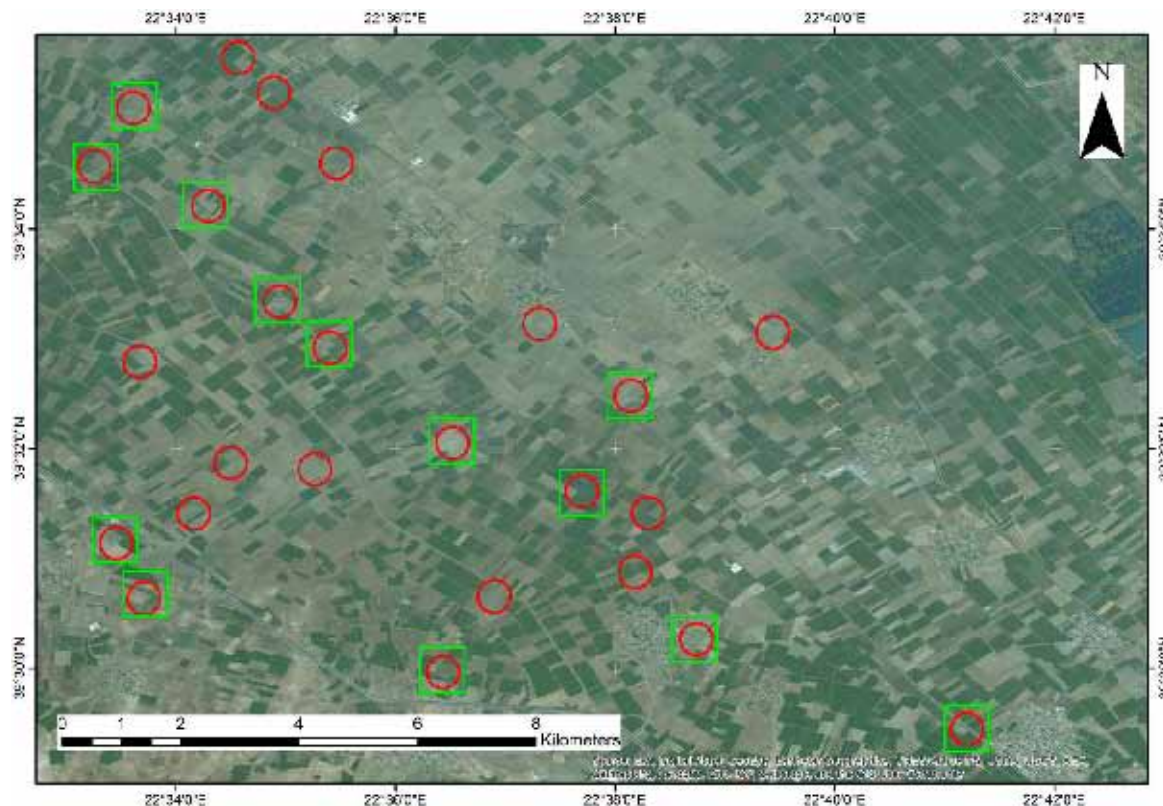


Difference between DMSP-OLS Night-time Lights Time Series Version 4 data over Europe, Middle East and North Africa regions for the period 1992–2012. The background image is a pseudo colour composite of the DMSP-OLS data for the years 2012–2002–1992. (Data generated from Google Earth Engine(c). Background Source Maps: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics

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## Landsat series



Overall success results after the application of the orthogonal equations for Landsat 7 ETM+ series for the period 1999–2003. Red squares indicate all the known Neolithic tells of the area (approximately 180 km<sup>2</sup>). Green squares are the Neolithic tells identified from visual inspection and interpretation.

# Big Data Infrastructures for RS applications

- Public Sector Initiatives
- Private Sector Offers
- Public-Private Partnerships

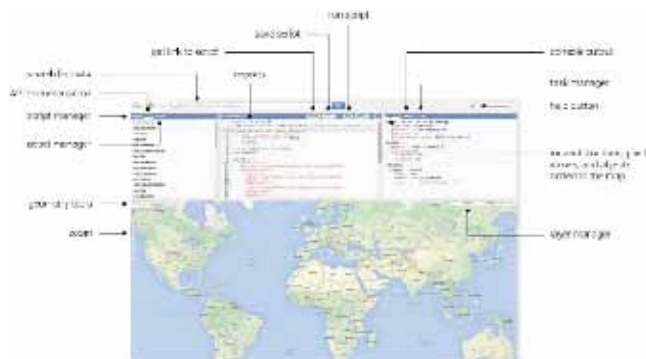


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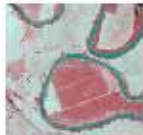
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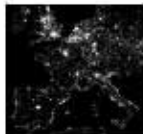
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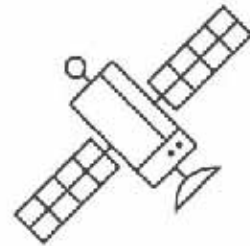
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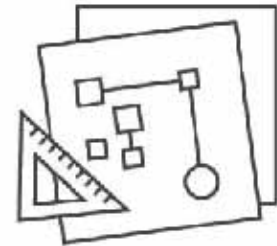


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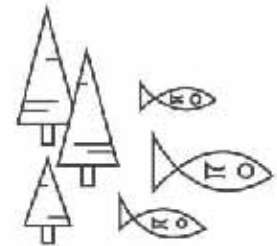
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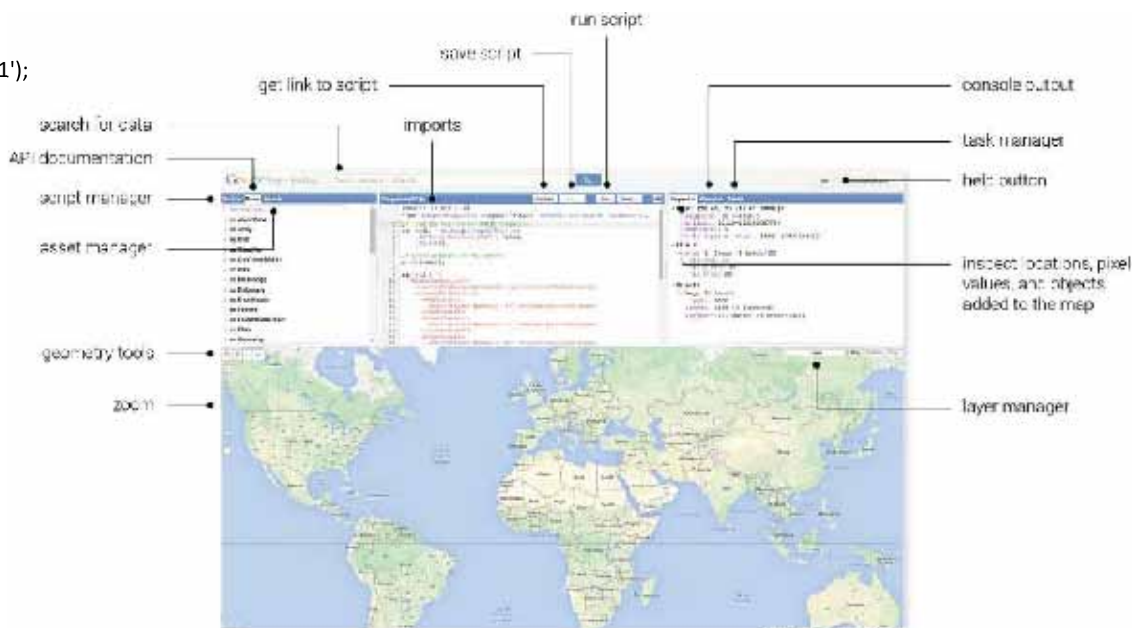
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var secondHalf2013 = landsat7.filterDate('2000-03-01', '2002-05-31');
var median = secondHalf2013.median();
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var crop_component = median.expression(
  '-0.42 * BLUE - 0.69 * GREEN + 0.21 * RED - 0.55 * NIR', {
    'BLUE': median.select('B1'),
    'GREEN': median.select('B2'),
    'RED': median.select('B3'),
    'NIR': median.select('B4')
  });
```

```
Map.setCenter(22.68, 39.50, 12);
var vegetation_component = median.expression(
  '-0.34 * BLUE - 0.41 * GREEN - 0.65 * RED + 0.53 * NIR', {
    'BLUE': median.select('B1'), // 450-520nm, BLUE
    'GREEN': median.select('B2'), // 520-600nm, GREEN
    'RED': median.select('B3'), // 630-690nm, RED
    'NIR': median.select('B4') // 760-900nm, NIR
  });
```

```
var soil_component = median.expression(
  '0.12 * BLUE + 0.22 * GREEN - 0.73 * RED - 0.64 * NIR', {
    'BLUE': median.select('B1'), // 450-520nm, BLUE
    'GREEN': median.select('B2'), // 520-600nm, GREEN
    'RED': median.select('B3'), // 630-690nm, RED
    'NIR': median.select('B4') // 760-900nm, NIR
  });
```


```
// Create a multi-band image from a list of constants.
var multiband = ee.Image([crop_component, vegetation_component, soil_component]);
Map.setCenter(22.68, 39.50, 12);
Map.addLayer(multiband);
```




# Google Earth Engine Data and Ready Products

Google Earth Engine


**Explorer**


 **NASA LP DAAC at the JSCS EROS Center - Every 8 days from 2002 to 2016**  
The MODIS Surface Reflectance products provide an estimate of the surface spectral reflectance as it would be measured at ground level in the absence of atmosphere...


 **MOD09G02 Surface Reflectance Daily L2G Global ... open in workspace**  
NASA LP DAAC at the JSCS EROS Center - Every day from 2002 to 2016  
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[View surface reflectance data >](#)

**8 day mosaics**


 **MYD021018 Surface Reflectance 8 Day L3 Global 250m ... open in workspace**  
NASA LP DAAC at the JSCS EROS Center - Every 8 days from 2002 to 2016  
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 **Landat 0.5 Day Raw Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 5 days from 2002 to 2016  
These Landsat 0.5 composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the DN values reprojected scaled, calibrated at sensor radiance. These data...


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The MODIS Surface Reflectance products provide an estimate of the surface spectral reflectance as it would be measured at ground level in the absence of atmosphere...

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**32 day mosaics**

 **Landat 7.32 Day L1R Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2016  
These Landsat 7 composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 7.32 Day NDVI Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2016  
These Landsat 7 composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 5 TM 32 Day EVI Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2012

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**Explorer**

 **Google - Every 32 days from 1986 to 2016**  
These Landsat 7 composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 7.32 Day L1R Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1986 to 2016  
These Landsat 7 composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 5 TM 32 Day EVI Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2012  
These Landsat 5 TM composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 4 TM 32 Day NDVI Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1982 to 1993  
These Landsat 4 TM composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 7.32 Day Raw Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2016  
These Landsat 7 composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the DN values reprojected scaled, calibrated at sensor radiance. These data...

 **Landat 5 TM 32 Day NDVI Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2012  
These Landsat 5 TM composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 5 TM 32 Day B4I Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 1984 to 2012  
These Landsat 5 TM composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 0.32 Day NDRT Composite ... open in workspace**  
USGS - Every 32 days from 2012 to 2016  
These Landsat 0.32 Day NDRT composites are made from Level 1 L1 atmospheric corrected scenes, using the computed top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance. See Chandler et al. (2011)

 **Landat 7.32 Day TOA Reflectance Composite ... open in workspace**  
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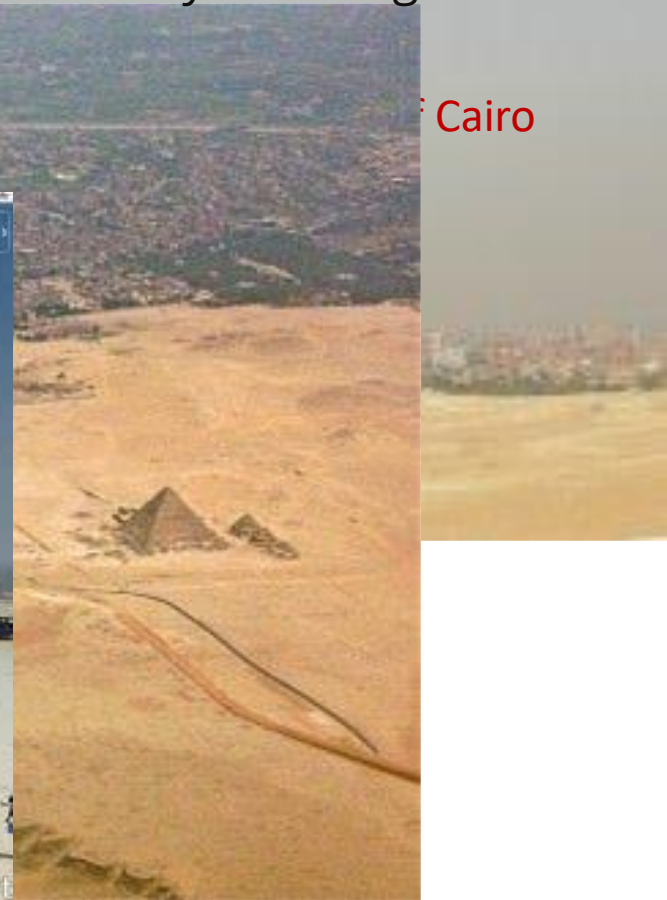
# Case Study area

the last of the ancient **Seven Wonders** of the World

and....the only surviving structure

The Great Pyramid at Giza

Cairo



Giza pyramid complex



# Case Study area...from space



1972

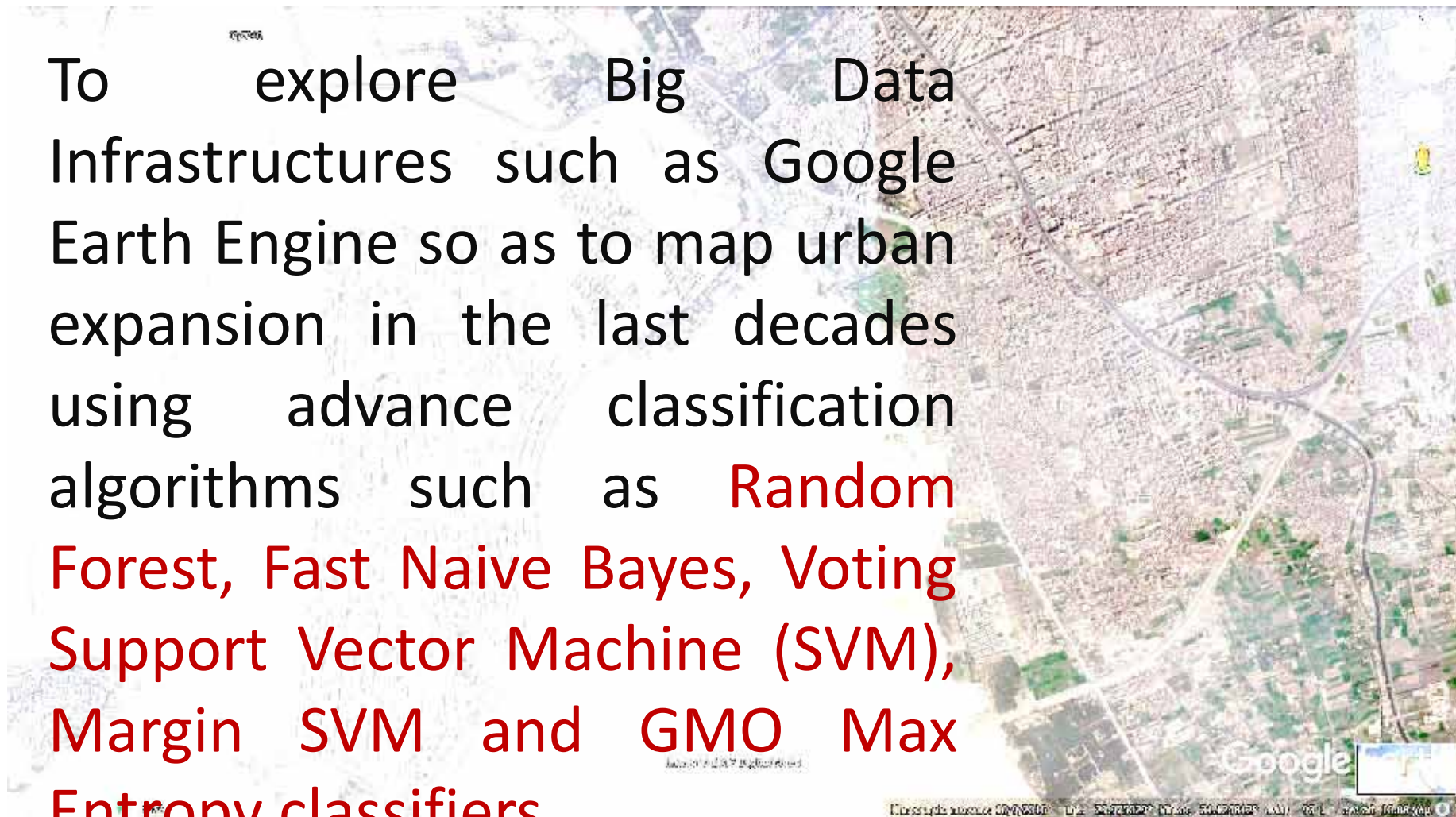
2008

2017

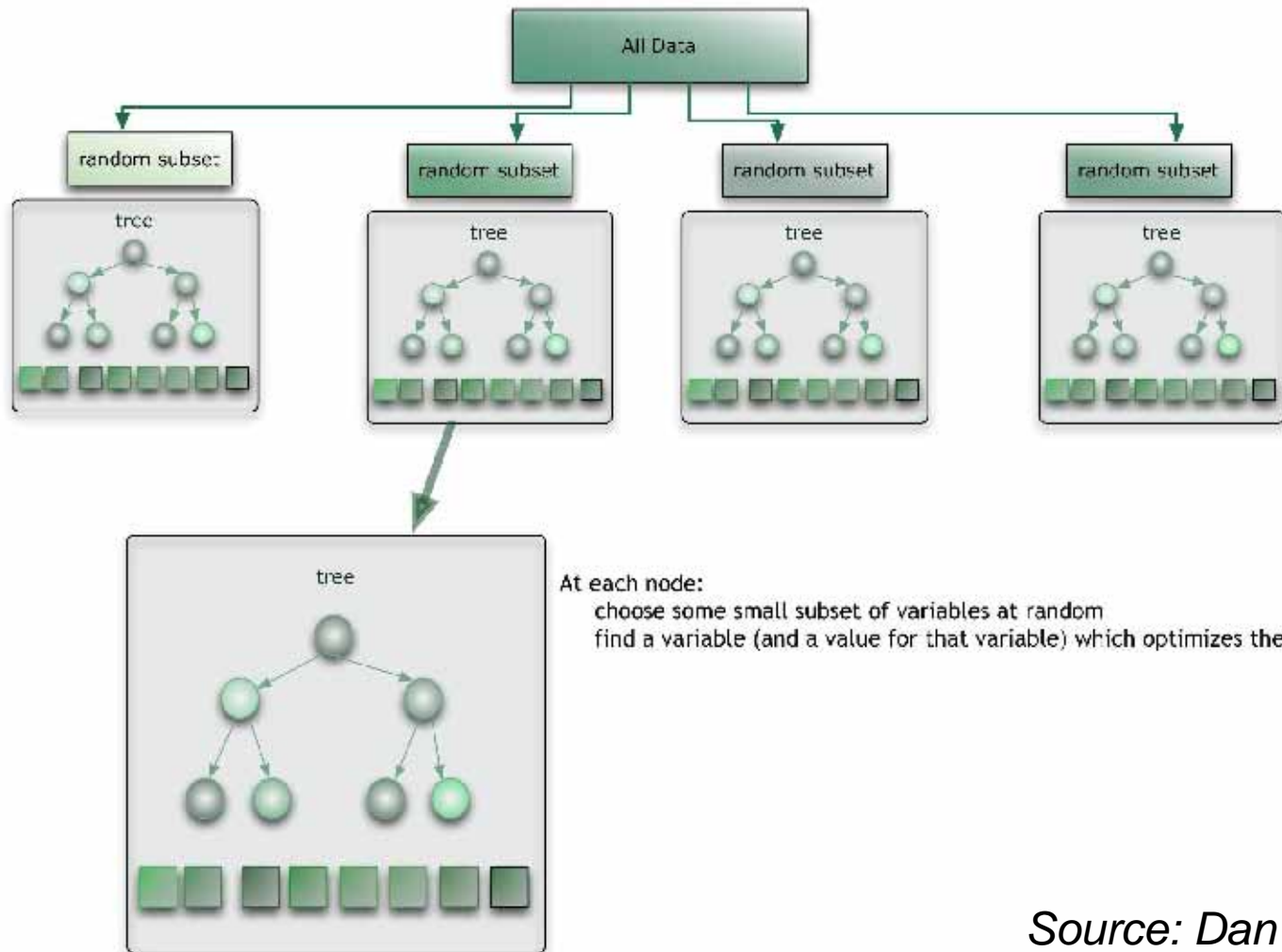


# Aims...

To explore Big Data Infrastructures such as Google Earth Engine so as to map urban expansion in the last decades using advance classification algorithms such as **Random Forest, Fast Naive Bayes, Voting Support Vector Machine (SVM), Margin SVM and GMO Max Entropy classifiers**



# Random Forest



Source: Dan Benyamin

# Collecting areas of interest

*Images (several!)*

*Classes*

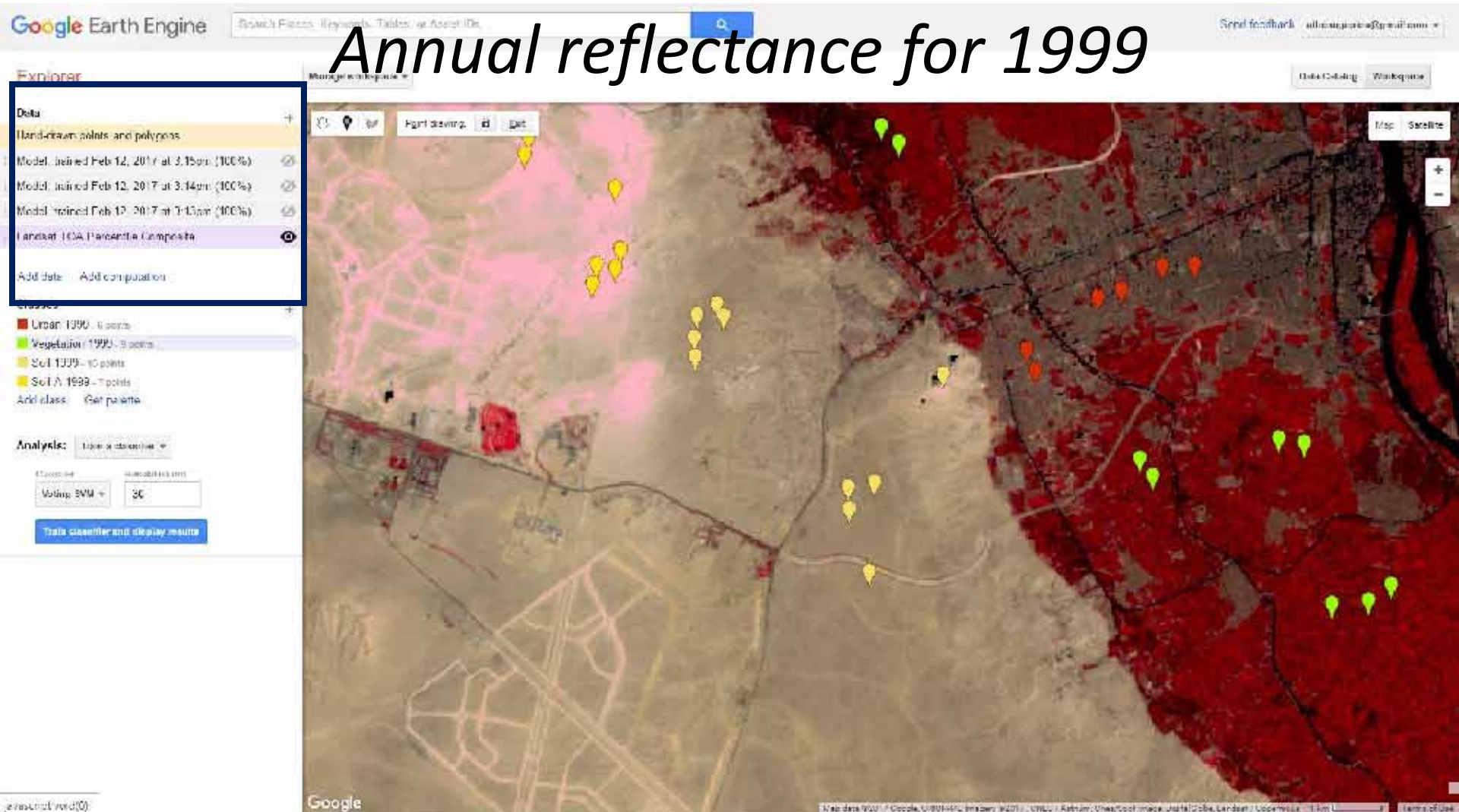
*Classifier*

The image shows a screenshot of the Google Earth Engine web interface. The main view is a satellite map of a city area, likely Nicosia, Cyprus, with several colored markers (yellow, red, green) placed on the map. The interface includes a search bar at the top, a 'Data Catalog' and 'Workflows' button, and a 'Send feedback' link. On the left side, there are three main panels:

- Data Panel (blue border):** Lists several 'Model trained' entries for February 10, 2017, at various times, along with a 'Landsat 8 L4A 1-Percentile Composite'.
- Classes Panel (red border):** Shows a list of classes with color-coded squares: 'Urban 1999' (red), 'Vegetation 1999' (green), 'Soil 1999' (yellow), and 'Soil 1999' (orange).
- Analysis Panel (red border):** Contains a 'Train a classifier' button, a 'Pixels' input field set to '33', and a 'Train classifier and display results' button.

# Collecting areas of interest

*Annual reflectance for 1999*



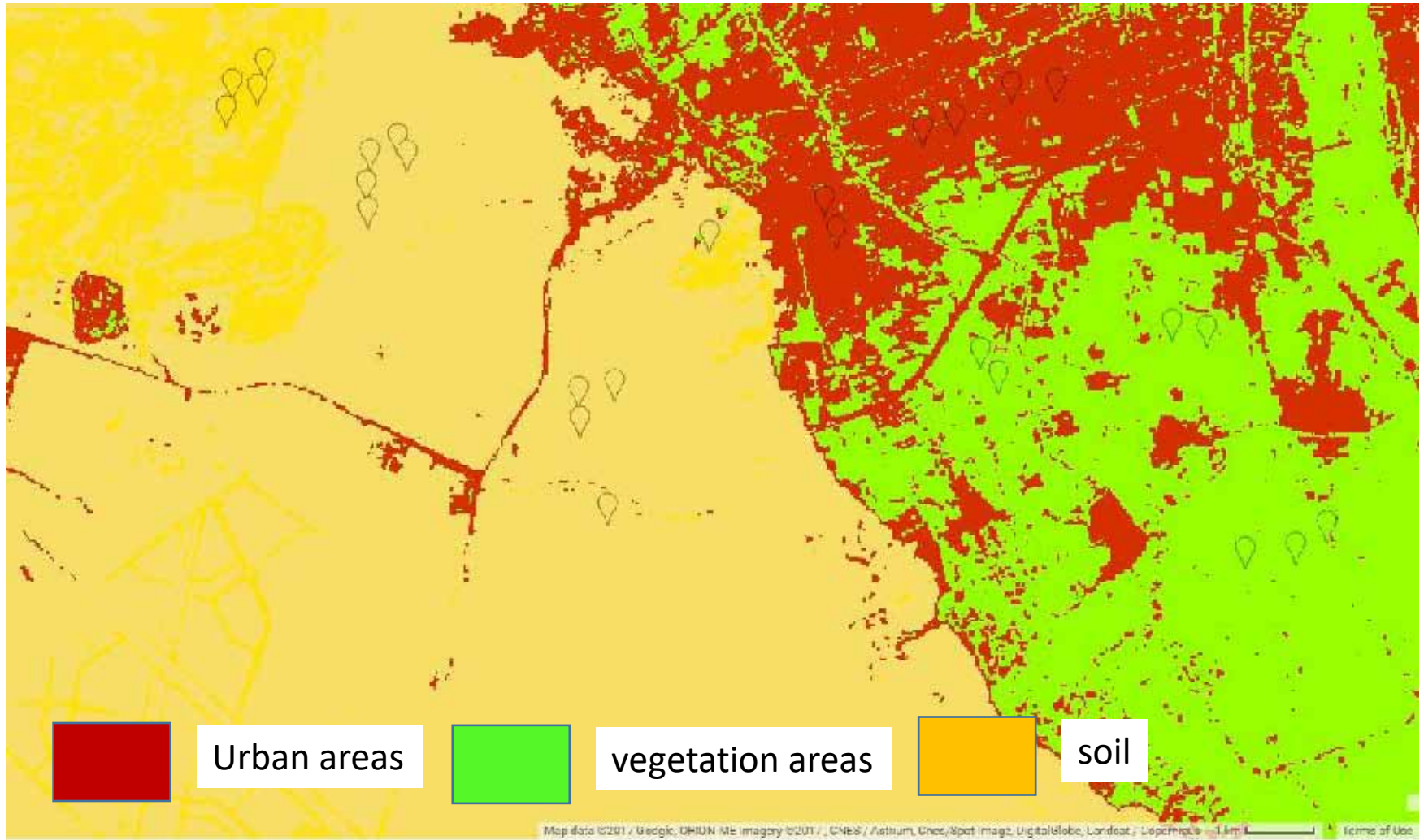
# Collecting areas of interest

*Annual reflectance for 2014*

The image shows a screenshot of the Google Earth Engine web interface. The main map displays a satellite-style view of a landscape with a red overlay representing annual reflectance for 2014. Several yellow and green pins are placed on the map, likely indicating areas of interest. The left sidebar contains a 'Data' panel with a list of layers: 'Hand-drawn points and polygons', 'Model, trained Feb 12, 2017 at 3:15pm (100%)', 'Model, trained Feb 12, 2017 at 3:14pm (100%)', 'Model, trained Feb 12, 2017 at 3:13pm (100%)', and 'Landsat 1 QA Percentile Composite'. Below this is a 'Classes' panel with a legend for 'U-Net 1999 - 0 points', 'Vegetation 1999 - 0 points', 'Soil 1999 - 0 points', and 'Soil A 1999 - 0 points'. The 'Analyst' panel shows 'Train a classifier' with 'Resolution (m): 30' and a 'Train classifier and display results' button. The top of the interface includes the 'Google Earth Engine' logo, a search bar, and navigation controls. The bottom of the interface shows the Google logo and a status bar with coordinates and map controls.

# Classification results for 1999

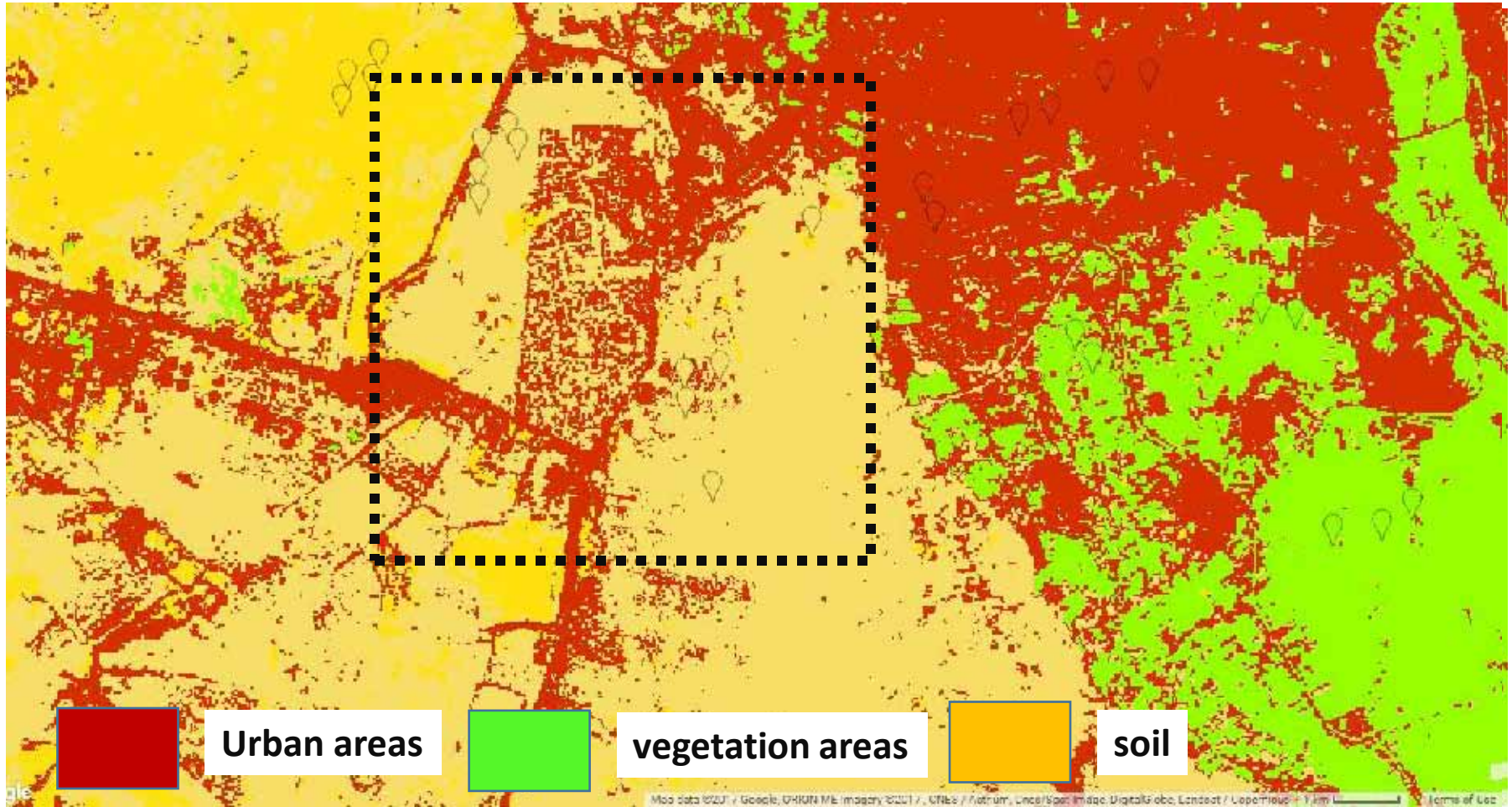
*Voting SVM*  
*GMO Max Entropy*  
*Random Forest*







# Classification results for 1999-2014



# Discussion

## *Classification accuracy?*

The screenshot displays the Google Earth Engine web interface. The top navigation bar includes the Google Earth Engine logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, there are three main panels: Scripts, Code Editor, and Inspector/Console.

**Scripts Panel:** Shows a script titled "Normalized Difference". The script code is as follows:

```
1 // URL to sun_refl_001, 004-078.tif
2 // URL to sun_refl_003, 041-076.tif
3
4 var img = ee.ImageCollection('LANDSAT/LC08/C01/T01').
5   filterDate('2013-01-01', '2013-01-01').
6   filterBounds(ee.Geometry.Rectangle([sun_refl_001, sun_refl_001]));
7
8 var img1 = ee.ImageCollection('LANDSAT/LC08/C01/T01').
9   filterDate('2013-01-01', '2013-01-01').
10  filterBounds(ee.Geometry.Rectangle([sun_refl_003, sun_refl_003]));
11
12 var palette = {
13   '111111': 'C0FE40', '0F8230': 'F08000', 'F0D180': '800710',
14   '808080': '404040', '404040': '404040', '404040': '404040',
15   '404040': '404040', '404040': '404040', '404040': '404040'
16 };
17
18 var addOverlay(img, img1, sun_refl_001, sun_refl_004, sun_refl_003);
19
20 {x: 0, y: 0, z: 0}, height: 1000);
```

**Code Editor Panel:** Shows the same script code as above.

**Inspector/Console Panel:** Shows the message: "Use print(...) to write to this console."

**Map Panel:** Shows a satellite image of a coastal area with a grid overlay. The grid cells are labeled with coordinates and values, such as "001-001", "001-002", "001-003", "001-004", "001-005", "001-006", "001-007", "001-008", "001-009", "001-010", "001-011", "001-012", "001-013", "001-014", "001-015", "001-016", "001-017", "001-018", "001-019", "001-020", "001-021", "001-022", "001-023", "001-024", "001-025", "001-026", "001-027", "001-028", "001-029", "001-030", "001-031", "001-032", "001-033", "001-034", "001-035", "001-036", "001-037", "001-038", "001-039", "001-040", "001-041", "001-042", "001-043", "001-044", "001-045", "001-046", "001-047", "001-048", "001-049", "001-050", "001-051", "001-052", "001-053", "001-054", "001-055", "001-056", "001-057", "001-058", "001-059", "001-060", "001-061", "001-062", "001-063", "001-064", "001-065", "001-066", "001-067", "001-068", "001-069", "001-070", "001-071", "001-072", "001-073", "001-074", "001-075", "001-076", "001-077", "001-078", "001-079", "001-080", "001-081", "001-082", "001-083", "001-084", "001-085", "001-086", "001-087", "001-088", "001-089", "001-090", "001-091", "001-092", "001-093", "001-094", "001-095", "001-096", "001-097", "001-098", "001-099", "001-100".

# Big Data ....Big Opportunities



# Exploitation of big data cloud infrastructures for earth observation cultural heritage applications: mapping the land use changes patterns in the vicinity of “The Great Pyramid at Giza”

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# AUTOMATIC DAMAGE DETECTION FOR SENSITIVE CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES

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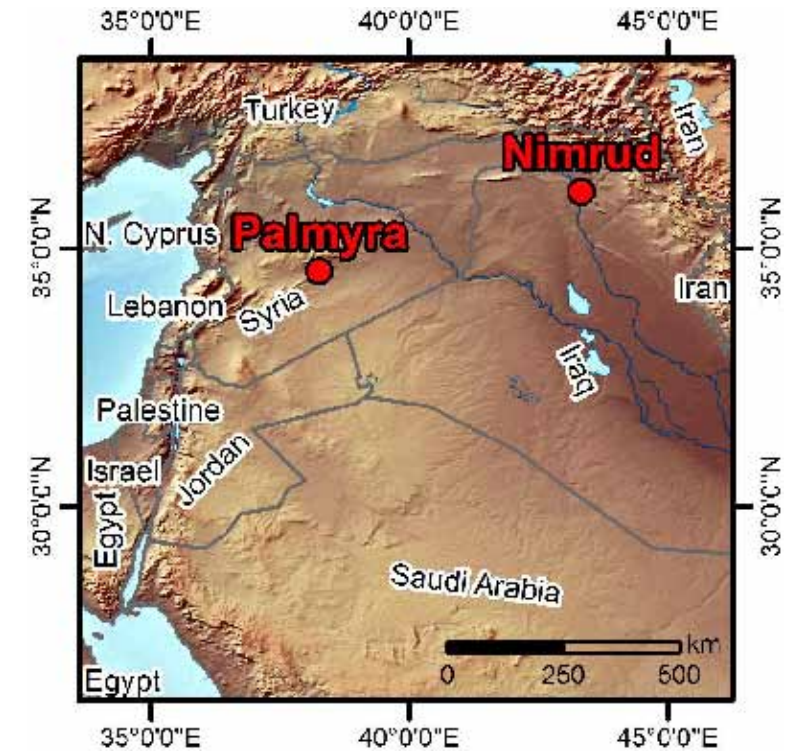


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Knowledge for Tomorrow

# Scope

- Since spring 2015: Islamic State (IS) proclaims the destruction of cultural heritage sites, including Palmyra (Syria) and Nimrud (Iraq)
- Difficulties in confirming these damages at first
  - Non-accessible areas
  - Sources: Reports in social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter): unreliable or sometimes contradictory
- German Archaeological Institute (DAI) tasked DLR in 2015
  - Remote Sensing as independent & objective information source
  - Visual analysis of changes based on VHR optical satellite data
- This presentation shows only damages in Palmyra



## Available Satellite imagery



**Sentinel 2, 10 m,  
free**



**WorldView 2, 0.5 m,  
100 €/km<sup>2</sup>, min 100 km<sup>2</sup>**



# Example: Palmyra – Temple of Bel: destroyed by IS (30.08.2015)



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# Palmyra – Tower Tombs of Elahbel

Image: WorldView-2

Date: 27 August 2015



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# Palmyra – Tower Tombs of Elahbel: destroyed by IS

Image: WorldView-2

Date: 02 September 2015

 Destroyed Tower Tombs



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# Motivation



Similar tasks are usually carried out through **visual analysis**



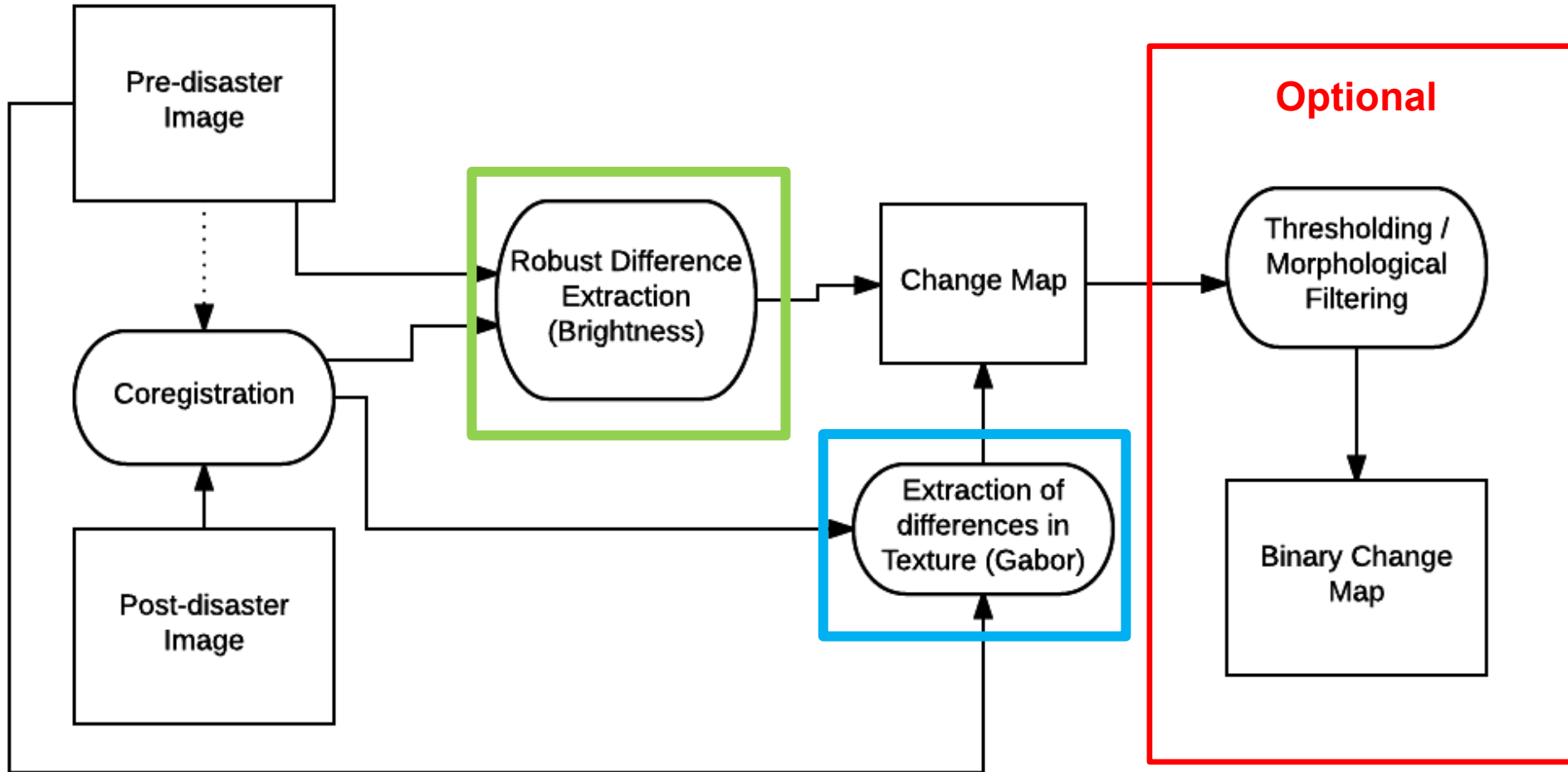
Would it be possible to help experts by providing automatic maps in which damages are likely to have occurred?



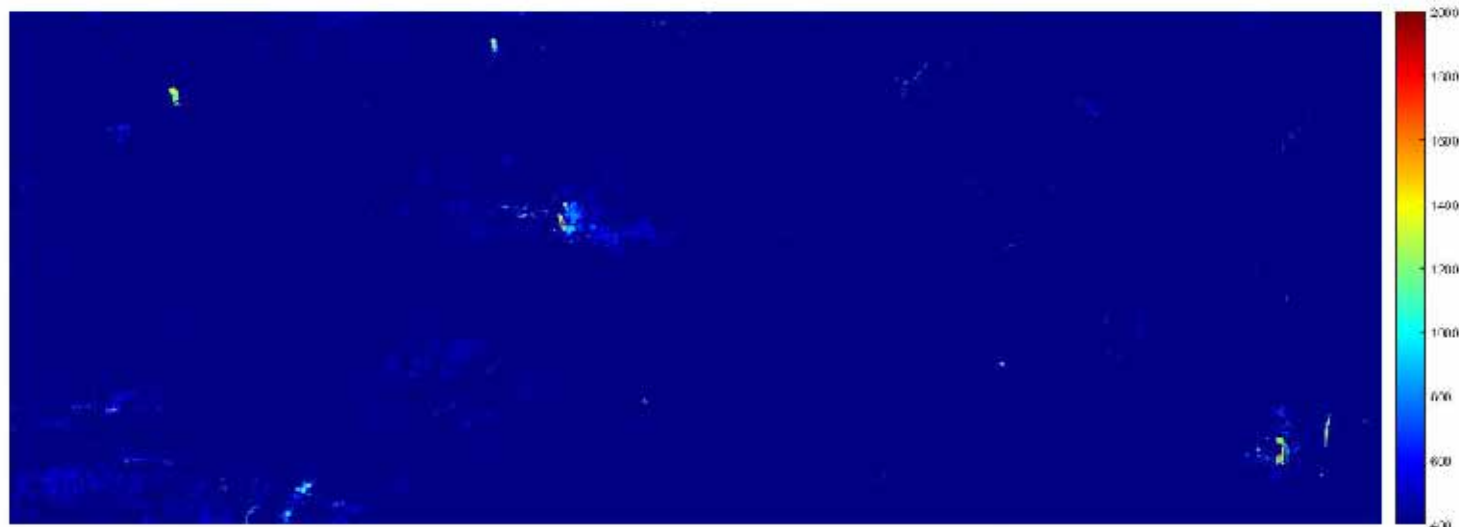
Could several images be automatically combined to estimate the evolution in time of damages?



# Workflow



## Robust Differences (RD) in brightness



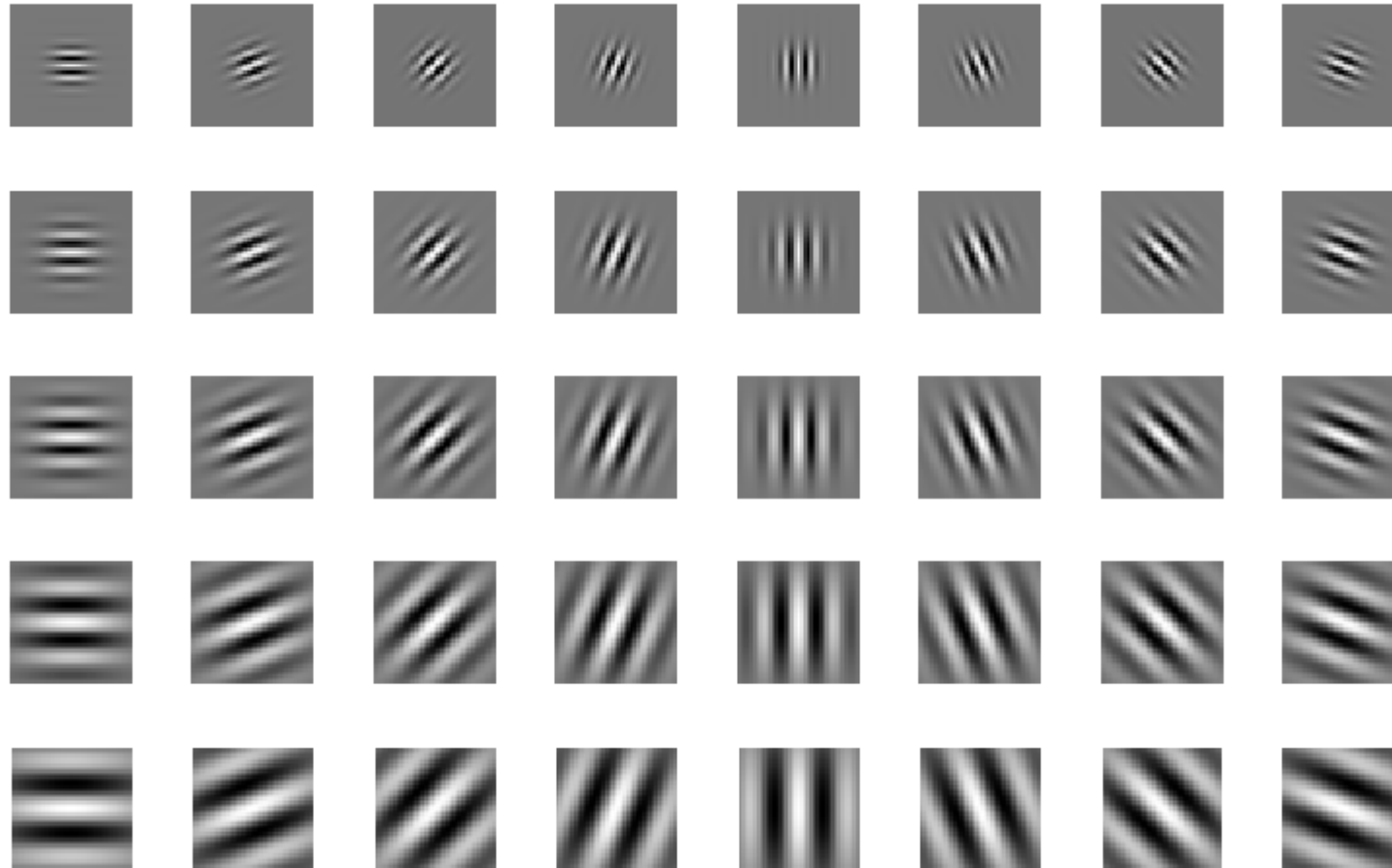
$$RD(i, j) = \min_{k,l} \text{abs}(Y(i, j) - X(p_k, q_l)) \quad (5)$$

where:

- $(i, j)$  = image coordinates,
- $w$  = maximum distance in pixels from  $(i, j)$ ,
- $(p_{1...2w+1}, q_{1...2w+1})$  = coordinates of set of pixels in the neighbourhood  $\in [i - w, j + w]$  centered around  $(i, j)$ .



# Gabor Texture Features



Selected filter bank



# Palmyra, Syria



Temple of Bel



Tower Tombs



# WorldView-2 Pre-Desaster Image





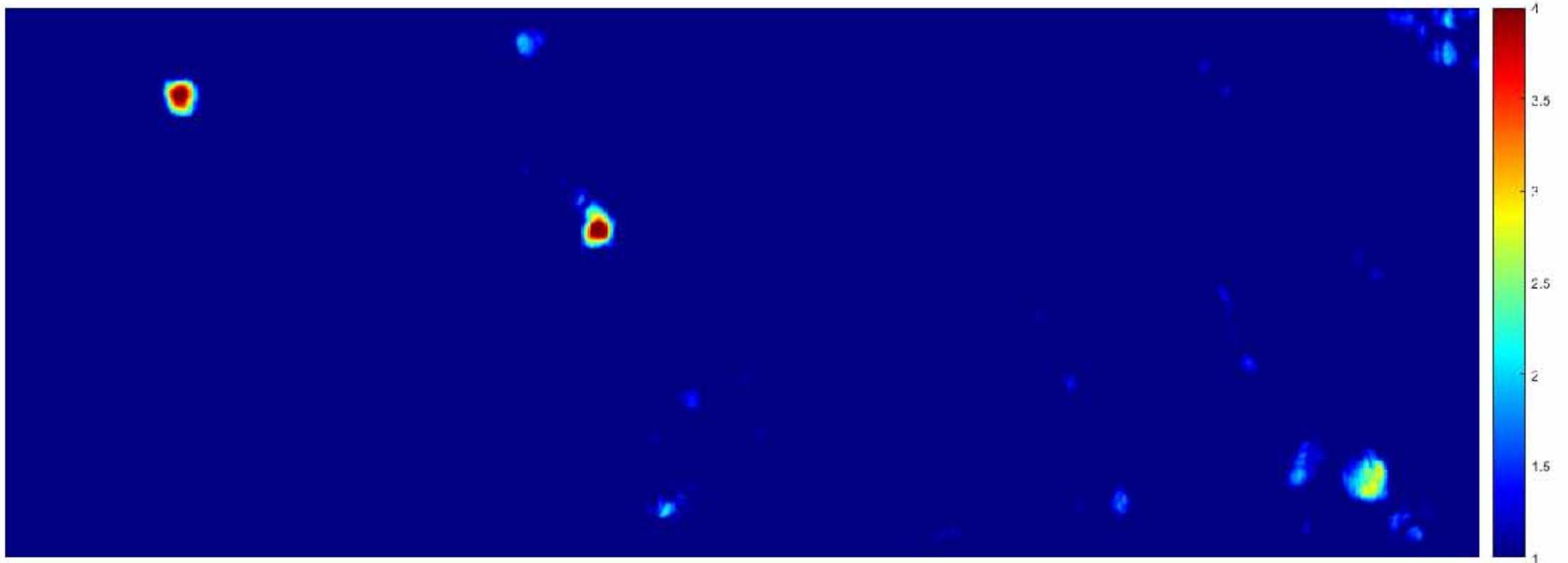
# WorldView-2 Post-Desaster Image



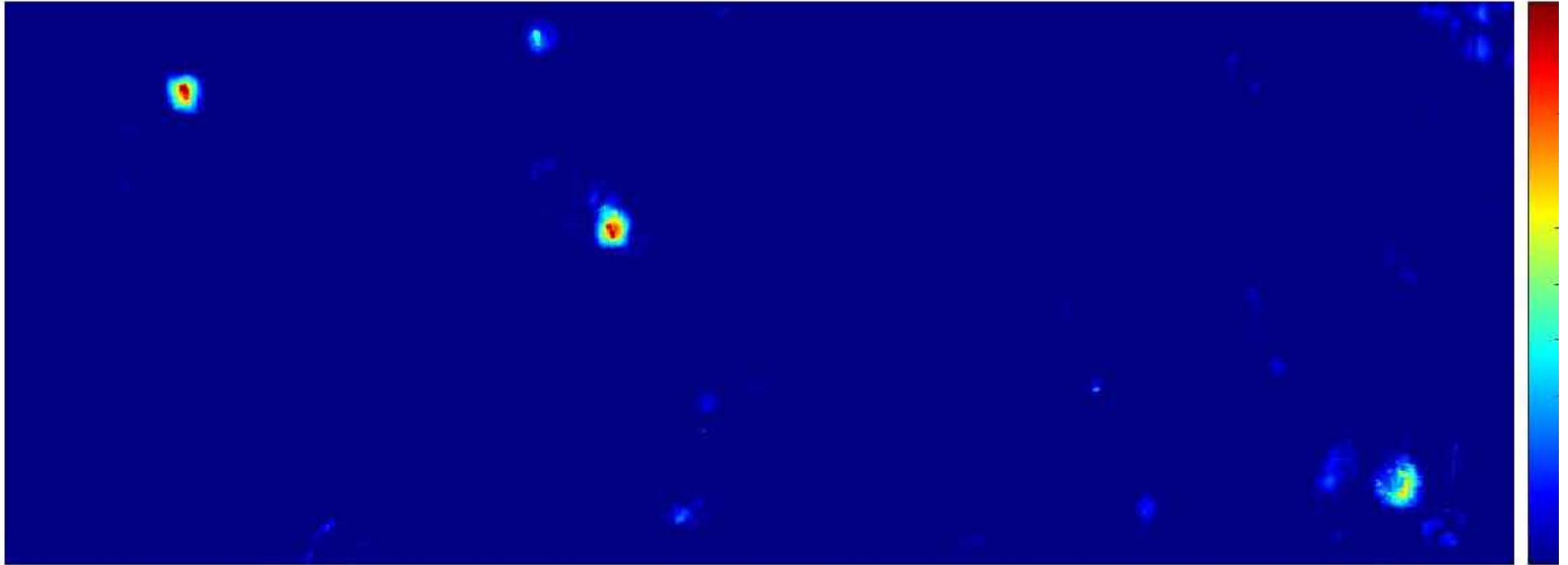
# Palmyra: Robust Differences



# Palmyra: Difference of Gabor Features



# Palmyra: RD + Gabor Features



# Detected Damages 27.08.2015–02.09.2015



# What about previous damages?

→ Google Earth image 20.02.2014



# Palmyra – Baalshamin Temple: destroyed by IS (24.08.2015)



Source: Michael Danti 2010: <http://www.asor-syrianheritage.org/special-report-update-on-the-situation-in-palmyra/>



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# Palmyra – Baalshamin Temple: destroyed by IS (24.08.2015)



Image: Google Earth  
Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014



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Image: WorldView-2  
Date: 2nd September 2015





# Palmyra – Tetrapylon and Theater: destroyed by IS



Sentinel-2, 09.12.2016



# Palmyra – Tetrapylon and Theater: destroyed by IS



Sentinel-2, 08.01.2017



# Palmyra – Tetrapylon and Theater: destroyed by IS



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WorldView-3, 26.12.2016



# Palmyra – Tetrapylon and Theater: destroyed by IS



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WorldView-2, 10.01.2017



# Palmyra – Tetrapylon: Height assessment



WorldView-3, 26.12.2016  
Height of pylon: 7.2 m



WorldView-2, 10.01.2017  
Height of pylon: 6.0 m

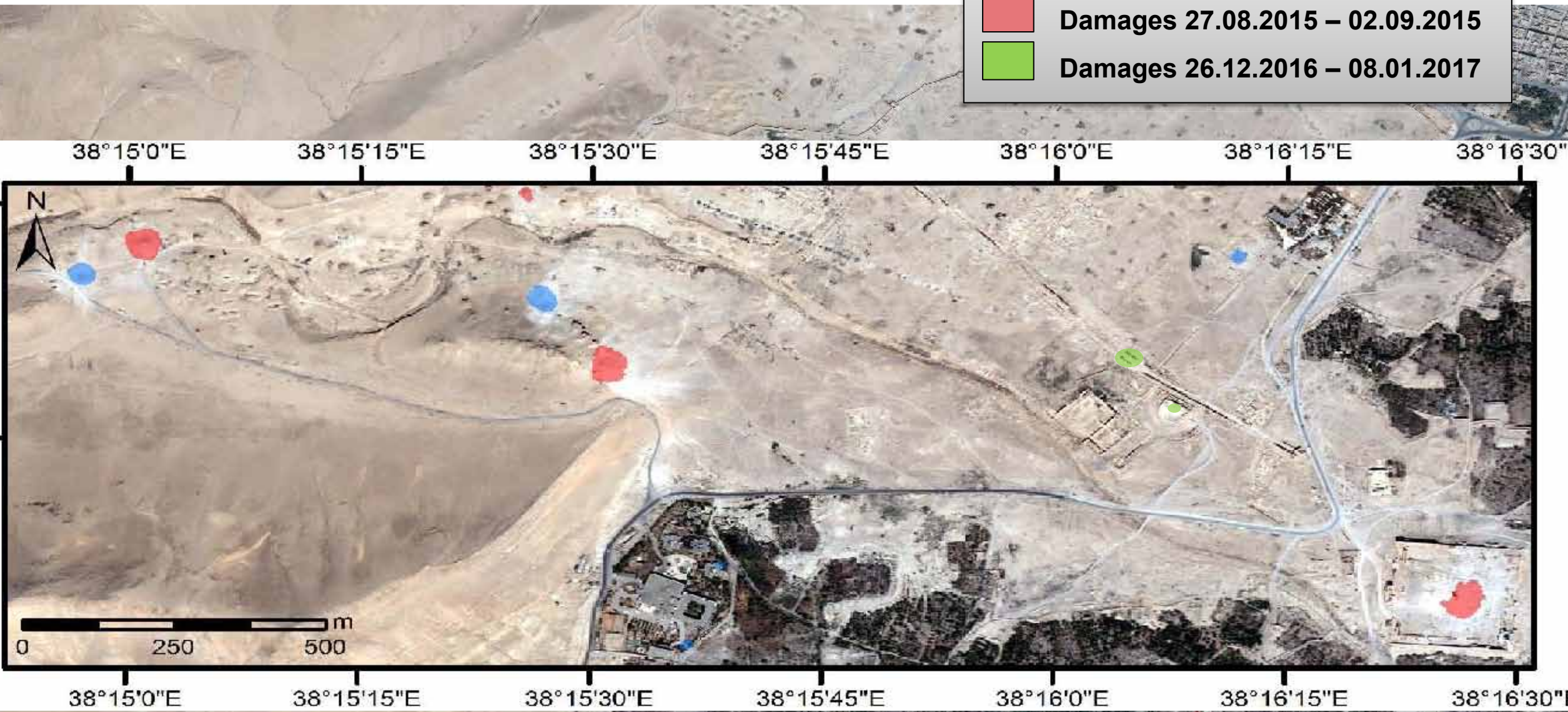
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Calculating heights and foot-points from same points of object and shadow using sensor-model of satellite-image (sun-azimuth/elevation, view-azimuth/elevation)



# Multitemporal Damages

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
|  | Damages 20.02.2014 - 27.08.2015 |
|  | Damages 27.08.2015 - 02.09.2015 |
|  | Damages 26.12.2016 - 08.01.2017 |



# Validation (ASOR, 3.09.2015, <http://www.asor-syrianheritage.org/special-report-update-on-the-situation-in-palmyra>)



# Conclusions

- Satellite images allow observation of **sensitive CH sites in non-accessible areas**
  - **Free images** all 11 days from Sentinel-2 mission – but with a resolution of 10 m **too coarse**
  - For damage detection at least 0.5 m resolution needed  
→ **commercial satellite imagery** like WorldView or Pléiades **needed**
- Automatic change detection developed
  - Successfully performed for different case studies in Syria and Iraq
  - Experiments show **robustness** of found changes
  - Validation on site shows **reliability** of detected changes
- Using satellite data allows
  - **Frequent** updates
  - **Chronology** of changes / features
- **Outlook**
  - **Automation** degree has **to be increased** in future
  - Sun-synchronous satellites allow automatic **pre-selection of Gabor features** according to the sun's elevation angle
  - Determination of **heights of the objects** possible from shadows

