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1 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Report is to describe the webinars that took place during the project, related to TASK 6. Particularly, through the webinars, all the methods and techniques used during the project are described. This deliverable includes the agenda, the participants and the presentations of ATHENA's webinars.

This deliverable is closely related to deliverable 4.8, which is the material of the virtual trainings. Basically, the material of the webinars is mainly from the virtual trainings organized by the ATHENA's team.

1.1 Description

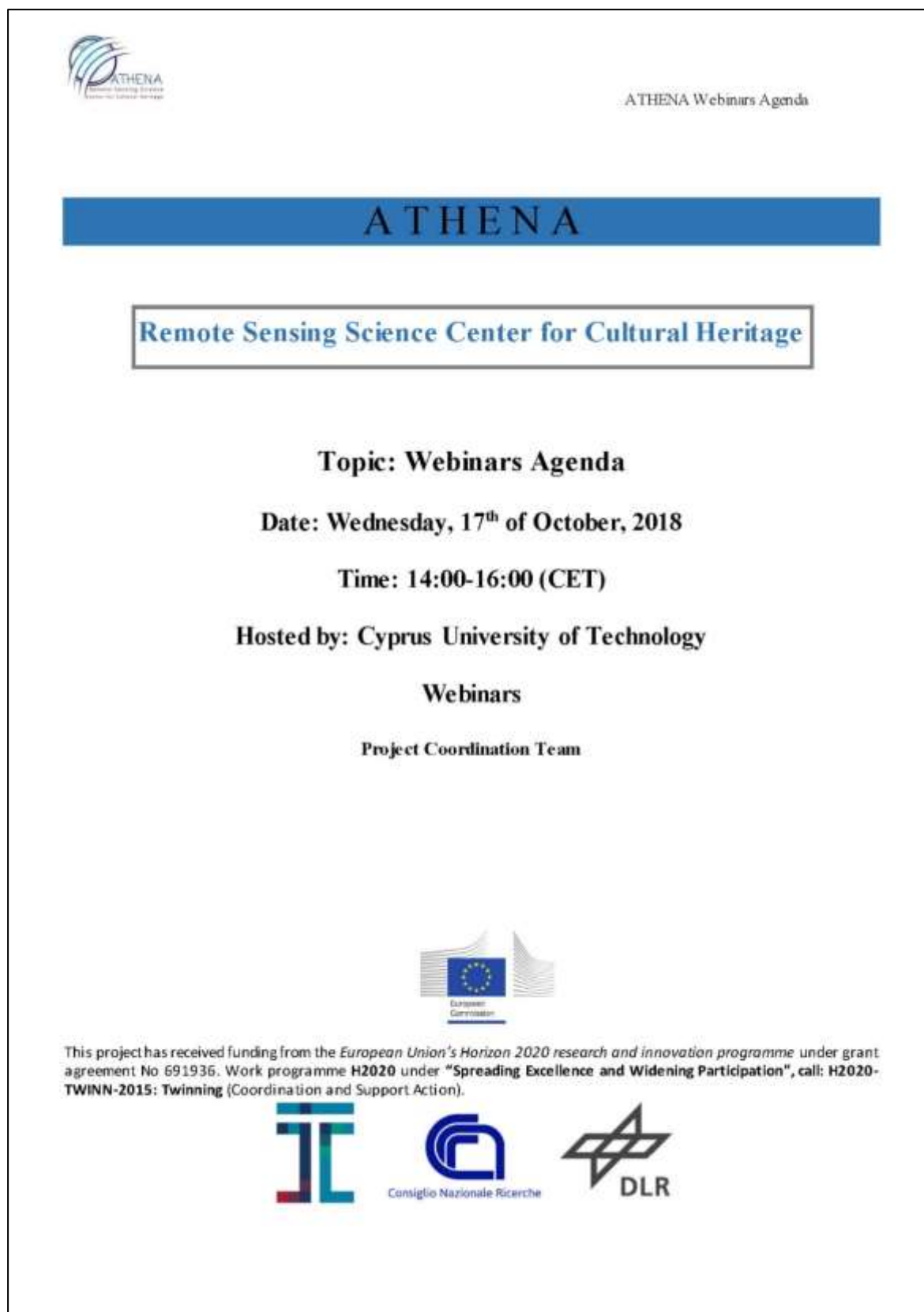
ATHENA Web-based Webinars were held on the 17th of October 2018, between 14:00-16:00 CET (Central European Time) (Fig. 1). During this session, seven presentations were carried out through WebEx with thirty-one participants. The webinars' session was divided into four parts. The first part of the session was opened, through a welcoming speech made by Mr. Andreas Christofe from CUT. Followed, an introduction presentation of the ATHENA project was performed by the project coordinator, Professor Diofantos Hadjimitsis. During the second part, the first webinar took place in which DLR indicated their contribution in ATHENA through three presentations. The third part, was comprised by the second webinar, where CNR had three presentations showing their methods and techniques used in the ATHENA project. Lastly, an open discussion took place during the final part where all questions that have been raised, were answered by members of the consortium team.



Figure 1: Dissemination of the ATHENA Web-based seminar through the ATHENA's webpage

1.2 Agenda

This chapter includes the agenda (Figs 2 and 3) of the webinars that was sent out with the registration.



The image shows the first page of a webinar agenda. At the top left is the ATHENA logo, and at the top right is the text 'ATHENA Webinars Agenda'. A large blue horizontal bar contains the word 'ATHENA' in white capital letters. Below this, a white box with a blue border contains the text 'Remote Sensing Science Center for Cultural Heritage' in blue. The main text is centered and reads: 'Topic: Webinars Agenda', 'Date: Wednesday, 17th of October, 2018', 'Time: 14:00-16:00 (CET)', 'Hosted by: Cyprus University of Technology', 'Webinars', and 'Project Coordination Team'. At the bottom, there is a logo for the European Commission, a paragraph of text stating funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 programme, and logos for the Cyprus University of Technology, Consiglio Nazionale Ricerche, and DLR.

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Topic: Webinars Agenda

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Logo of the Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)

Logo of Consiglio Nazionale Ricerche (CNR)

Logo of DLR (German Aerospace Establishment)

Figure 2: First page of the Webinar's Agenda



ATHENA Webinars Agenda

Webinars
2 hours web-event
(Targeted audience graduate and post graduate students, researchers, private sector)

14:00 -14:15(CET)	Introduction to the ATHENA project (D.Hadjimitsis- CUT)
14:15–15:00(CET)	<p style="text-align: center;">Webinar 1 , DLR contribution to ATHENA</p> Geo Information Systems (GIS) (V.Jaspersen –DLR) Analysis of hyperspectral images (D.Cerra- DLR) Multi-Temporal Remote Sensing Analyses (U.Gessner –DLR)
15:00-15:45(CET)	<p style="text-align: center;">Webinar 2, CNR contribution to ATHENA</p> Archaeological looting (N.Massini & R.Lasaponara -CNR) Integration of RS data for Cultural Heritage management (R.Lasaponara -CNR) Geophysics (F.Soldovieri and I.Catapano)
15:45-16:00(CET)	Discussion -Questions
End of Webinars	

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Figure 3: Second page of the Webinar's Agenda

1.3 Registration

The ATHENA webinars were disseminated through the ATHENA’s website and through the accounts of ATHENA in social media, targeting the attraction of more people to watch this session. In order for someone to be able to attend these webinars, an access request was essential which could take place through the three ATHENA’s social spaces (Webpage, Facebook, Twitter) (Figs 4-7). Invitations through email were sent by the team’s members.

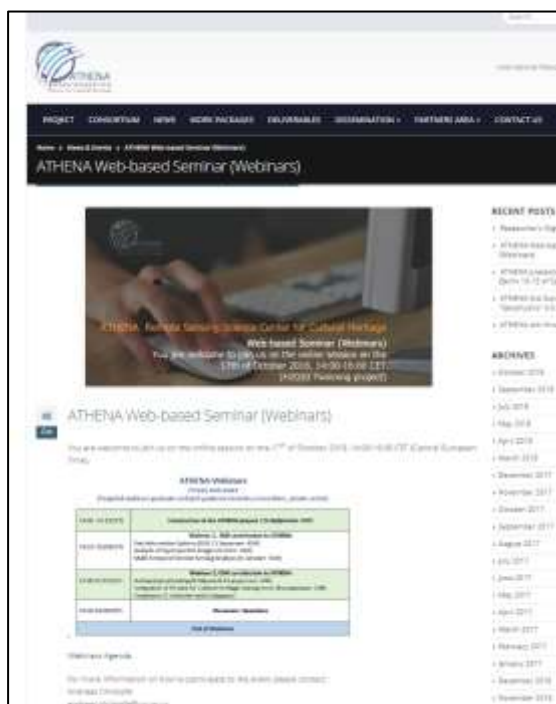


Figure 4: Disseminate the event through website



Figure 5: Disseminate the event through Facebook

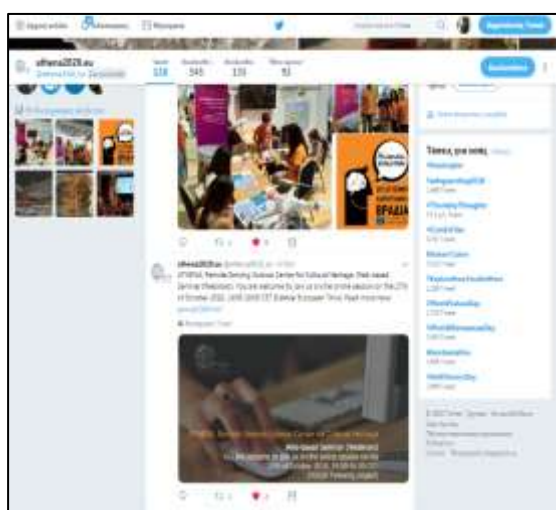


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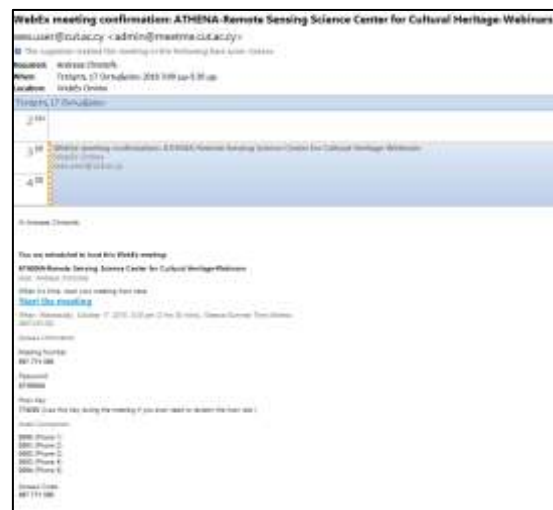


Figure 7: Email confirmation

1.4 Participants – Registrants

ATHENA's webinars were watched by thirty-one people. The list of participants of the ATHENA's webinar can be seen on Table 1.

Table 1: List of participants

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1.5 Introduction to the ATHENA project

The first presentation of the ATHENA's webinars was carried out by Professor Diofantos Hadjimitsis summarizing the project (Fig. 8). The activities and the knowledge transferred during this project were also mentioned. It has been specified that the challenge of the ATHENA project, was to address networking gaps and deficiencies among the research institutions of the low performing Member States. Finally, examples from common research activities and conclusions of the ATHENA project have been referred. In ANNEX 2.1, the presentation of the introduction to the ATHENA project, performed by Prof. D. Hadjimitsis, can be found.



Figure 8: Prof. Diofantos Hadjimitsis presents at the ATHENA's webinar

1.6 Webinar 1 - DLR contribution to ATHENA

The session continued with presentations performed by Dr. Sarah Asam, Dr. Daniele Cerra and Ms. Verena Jaspersen. DLR contribution was presented in this webinar as well as the methods, techniques and knowledge transferred during the project. The second presentation of the webinars which was carried out by Ms. V. Jaspersen was referring to Geo Information Systems (GIS). The presentation can be found in ANNEX 2.2. During this presentation, Ms. V. Jaspersen referred to the meaning of the Geospatial Information Systems and Geospatial Data Models, mentioned GIS applications and GIS softwares and described the definition of the standards for geospatial content and services, GIS data processing and data sharing.

Following, Dr. Danielle Cerra proceeded with the third presentation. The subject of the presentation was the "Analysis of hyperspectral images". The features of a hyperspectral image were described during this presentation as well as the differences between Hyperspectral, Multispectral and Panchromatic imaging of the spectral and spatial resolution and were compared through examples in vegetation analysis. This presentation can be found

on the ANNEX 2.3. The final presentation of the second part was carried out by Dr. Sarah Asam with the name subject of "Multi-temporal Analyses in Earth Observation". For this presentation the usage of Time series in earth observation, the time series processing, background, methods and examples for Earth observation application based on time series were described. Dr. S. Asam's presentation can be found on ANNEX 2.4.

1.7 Webinar 2 - CNR contribution to ATHENA

During the third part of the webinar, two presentations were performed by Dr. Rosa Lasaponara and one presentation by Ms. Ilaria Catabano. The fifth was carried out by Dr. Lasaponara while the subject was based on the "Archaeological looting" (ANNEX 2.5). This presentation started by referring to the extraction of archaeological looting patterns through satellite images using automatic procedures. Methods and techniques were described, and case studies were mentioned. Dr. Lasaponara also carried out the next presentation titled "Integration of RS data for Cultural Heritage management" (ANNEX 2.6). Needs and challenges from the extraction of big data were described related to the monitoring and preservation of Natural and Cultural Heritage. The name of the final presentation of the webinar, which was carried out by Ms. Ilaria Catabano, was "Geophysics". This presentation referred to Ground Penetrated Radar (GPR) surveys performed during the project, onsite. More particularly, the site that the GPR was tested was the columns of Tomb 4 and Tomb 3 at the UNESCO site known as "Tombs of the Kings", an ancient necropolis in Paphos, Cyprus (ANNEX 2.7).

1.8 Discussion, questions

During the final part of the webinars, some questions were raised to specific participants. Prof. Hadjimitsis asked about the difficulties that an archaeologist might experience by using satellite remote sensing techniques.

Dr. Lasaponara informed the attendees that in general, the application of Remote Sensing technics in archaeology is a very easy and quick-learning technology (can only take 10-20 hours until fully understandable). Some difficulties, with the data processing may only be faced, but these can be overcome through trainings and studying.

In addition, Prof. Hadjimitsis questioned Dr. Lasaponara for the level of the progress made related to the use of Copernicus data and services for the studying cultural heritage.

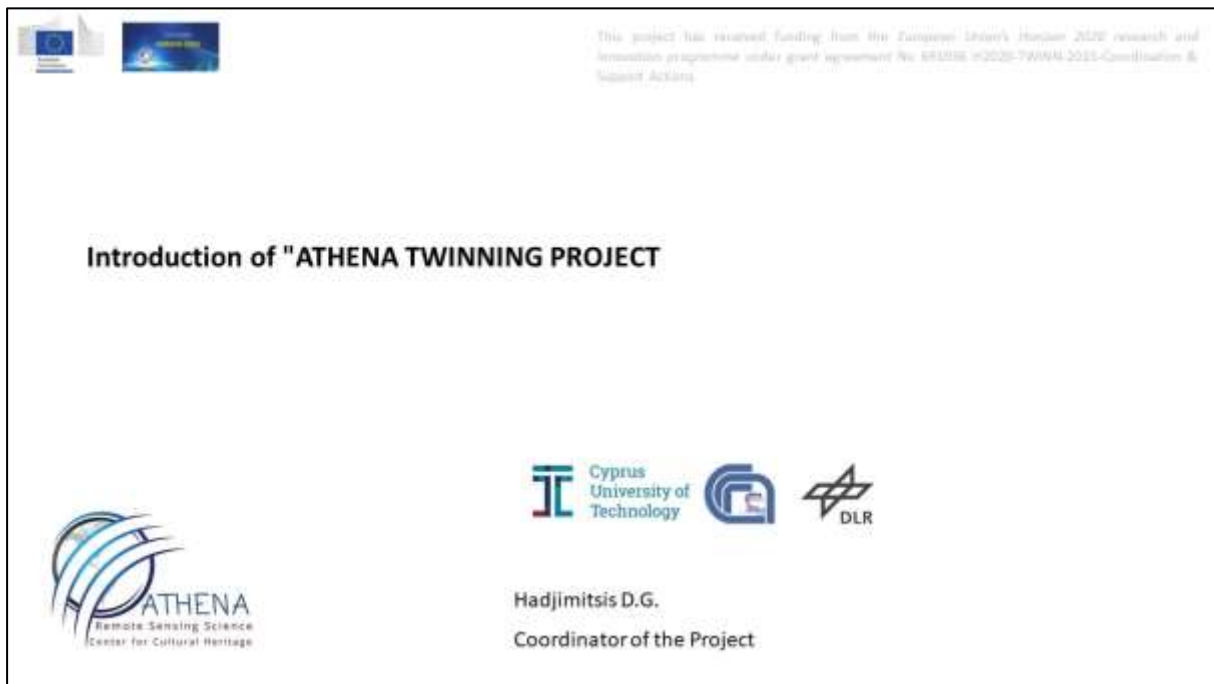
Dr. Lasaponara replied that this is something that still in progress. There is a significant level of progress made but it needs more work to be performed, while several suggestions were received about this matter. A specific call will be scheduled for the definition of particular services for culturalities during next year. Also, the European Community will hold a meeting in December, in New Delhi, India, to discuss about different components of cultural heritage and check the level of interest in other potential services.

Mr. Andreas Christofi referred to Mr. Marios Makrides (Committee of Missing Persons in Cyprus – CMP, <http://www.cmp-cyprus.org/>), who is currently working on a governmental project related to missing people since the war of 1974 in Cyprus and questioned whether the technology with archeological looting can contribute in helping in the search of missing people. Dr. R. Lasaponara replied that this is a big issue and remote sensing technologies may help in finding missing people. This should be discussed with Dr. Nicola Masini, in order to plan some common activities related to the subject, take advantage of some opportunities and check for the best practices.

Dr. Kyriakos Themistocleous ended the webinar with a small video provided by DLR partners about remote sensing for Cultural Heritage, in situ measurements and data processing. Prof. Hadjimitsis thanked all the members of the team, CNR and all the attendees of the two webinars.




2 ANNEX

2.1 First presentation - Introduction to the ATHENA project



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Introduction of "ATHENA TWINNING PROJECT"



Hadjimitsis D.G.
Coordinator of the Project

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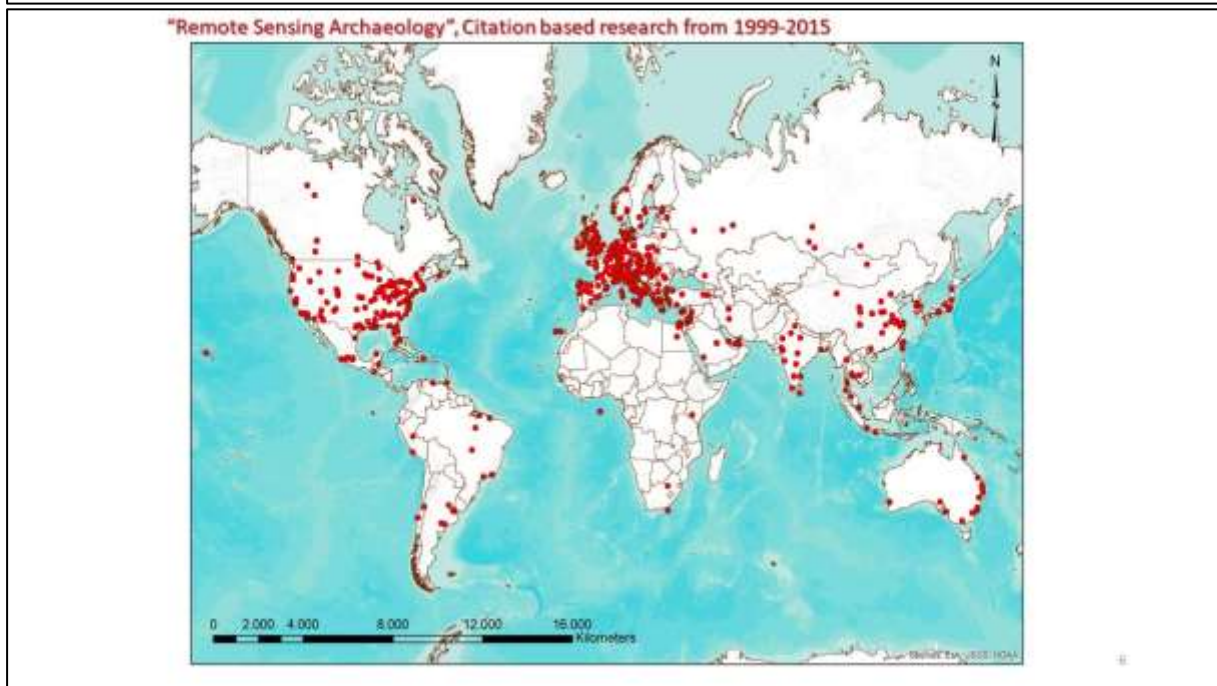
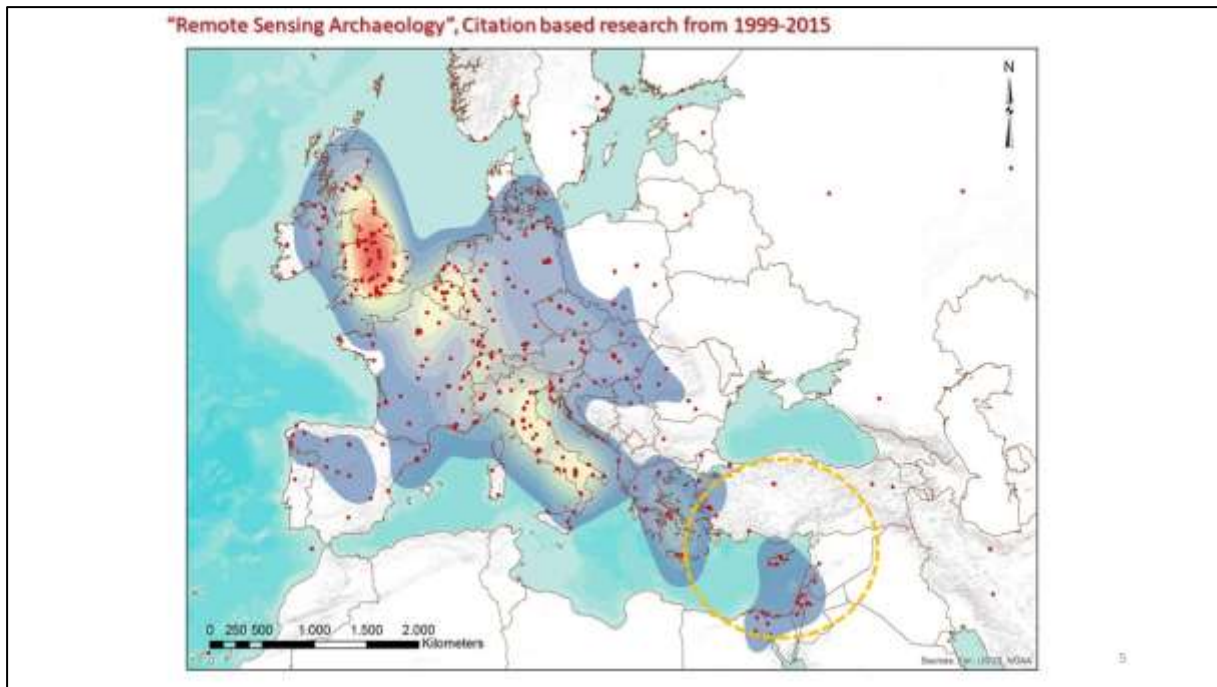
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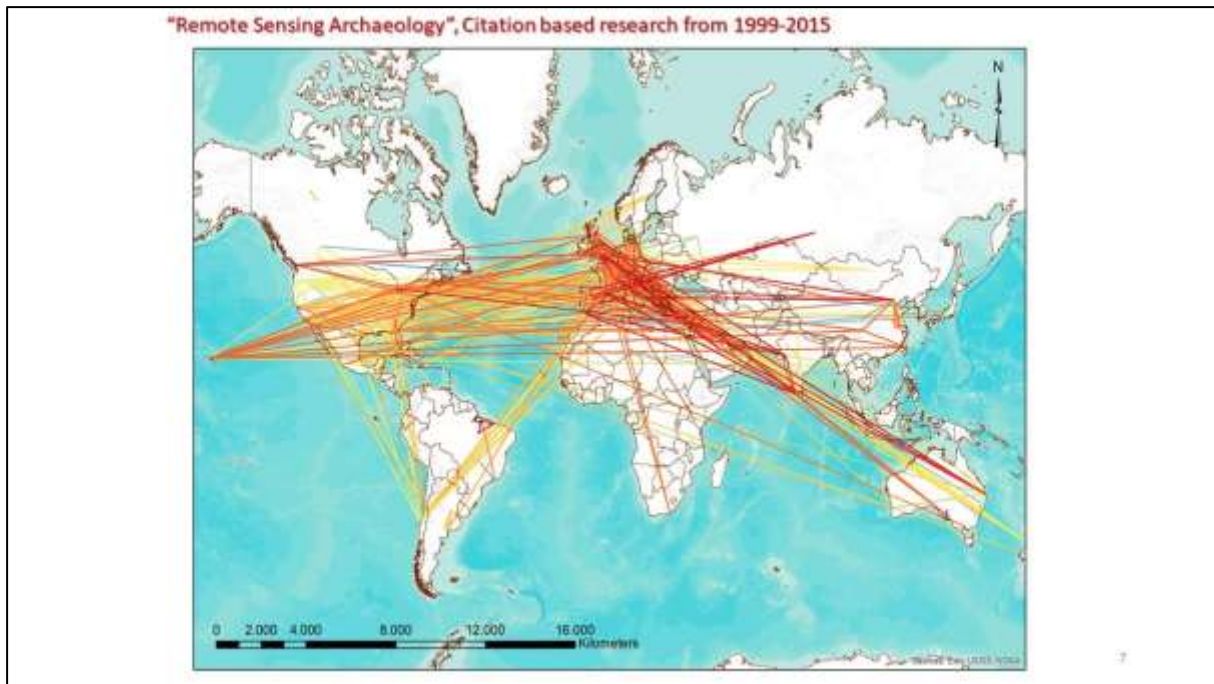
Specific challenge: The specific challenge is to address **networking gaps** and deficiencies between the research institutions of the low performing Member States and regions and **internationally-leading counterparts at EU level**.



Twinning will:

1. Enhance the capacity of the linked institutions;
2. Help raise staff's research profile as well as the one of the institutions involved.





Introduction

Remote Sensing and Geo- Environment Lab

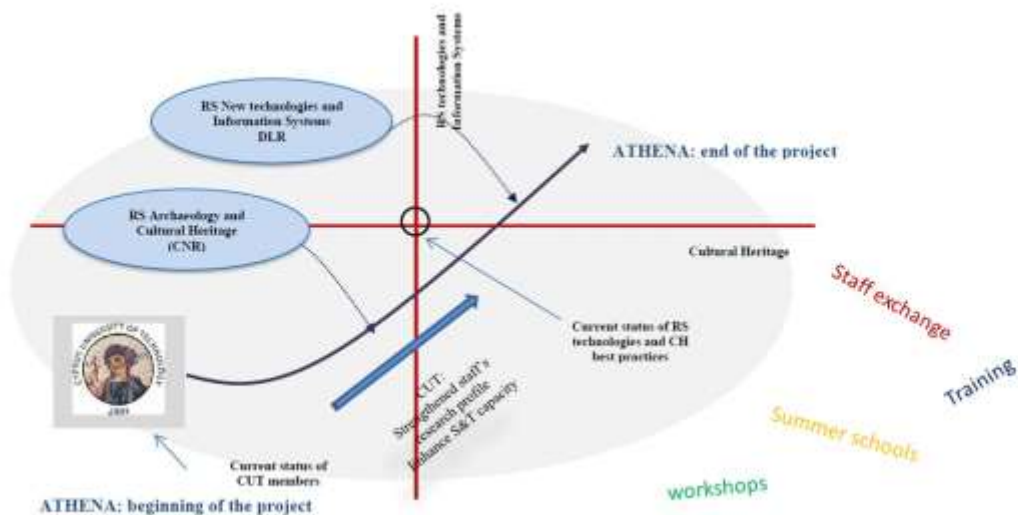
- Significant experience in various topics of Earth Observation
- Some experience in CH projects
- Some experience in optical RS for CH

➤ *Motivation and scientific curiosity:*
Exploit Remote Sensing techniques and technologies in the field of Archaeology and Cultural Heritage



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Consortium		Supporters	
	Cyprus University of Technology		Department of Antiquities
	National Research Council		Association of Cypriot Archaeologists
	German Aerospace Center		Department of Electronic Communications
			Cyprus Remote Sensing Society
			United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization
			HIST
		The International Centre on Space Technologies for Natural and Cultural Heritage (HIST) under the auspices of UNESCO	

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Training activities and knowledge transfer

3rd Virtual Training

Topic: Archaeological looting: Ancient problems and New approaches based on Remote Sensing

Trainer: CNR

1st September 2017

Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol - Cyprus



2nd Workshop

Topic: Remote sensing for Cultural Heritage beyond Europe

Trainer: CNR/DLR

20th April 2017

RSCy2017, Paphos - Cyprus

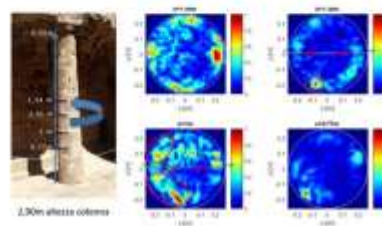
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2nd Short term visit on site (OS2)

The second short term visit on site within the ATHENA project activities for testing, evaluation and discussion in Cultural Heritage sites has been carried out during March 2017.

CNR & CUT staff researchers visited the UNESCO archaeological site "Tombs of the Kings" in Paphos. Portable GPR's have been used to map the preservation status of specific elements of tomb no. 4.



Training activities and knowledge transfer



ATHENA @ the Departments of Civil Engineering and Geomatics summer school June 2017



ATHENA presented at Sheffield University.



Training activities and knowledge transfer

ATHENA supported RSCy 2017



The ATHENA team participated in the Special Issue

"Advances in Remote Sensing for Archaeological Heritage"

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back to school!



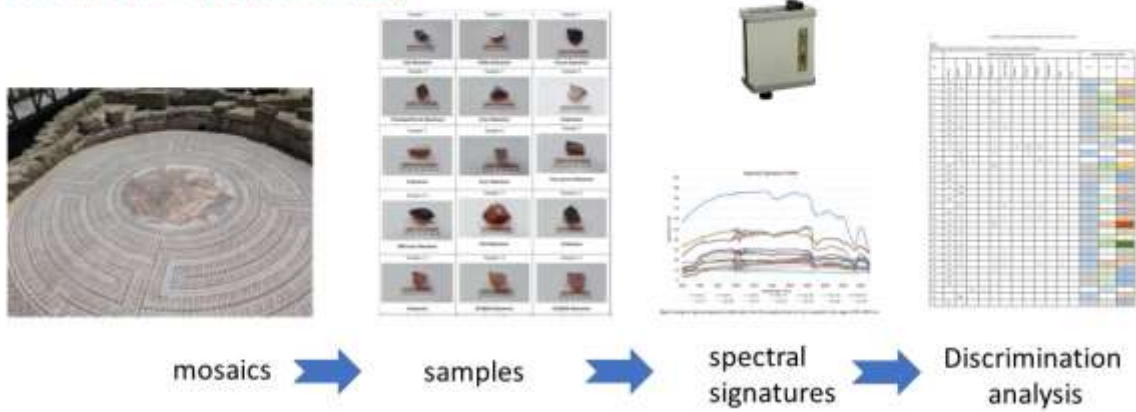
Researcher's Night 2016

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1. Examples of Research activities...

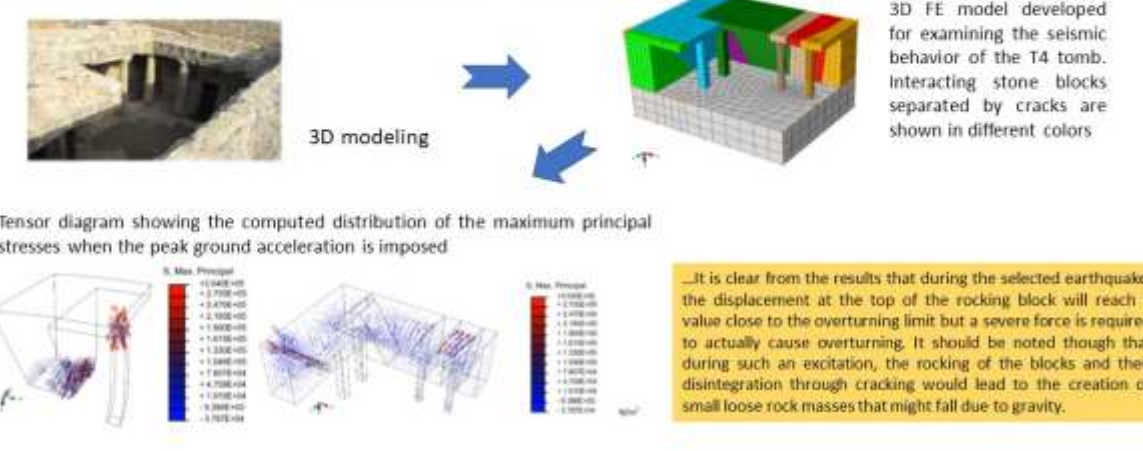
Identification of materials used in mosaics in Cyprus using non-destructive techniques (>90% success)



Lysandrou V., Cerra D., Agapiou A., Charalambous E., Hadjimitsis D. G. (2016), "Towards a spectral library of Roman to Early Christian Cypriot floor mosaics", *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*

2. Examples of Research activities...

Damage condition with historical seismic activity in underground sepulchral monuments of Cyprus (Tomb 4, Tombs of the Kings)



3. Examples of Research activities... Mapping and monitoring looted areas

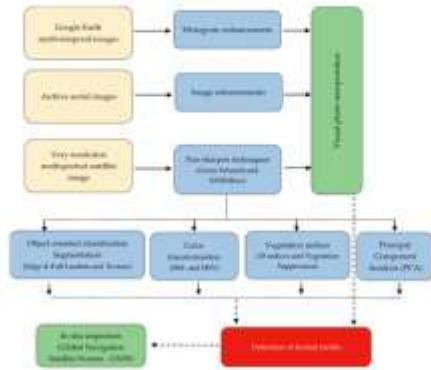


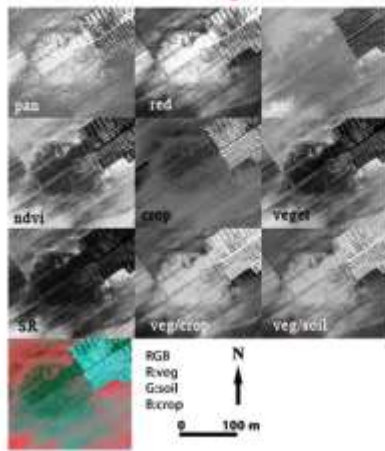
Figure 1. Overall methodology and resources used for the current study.

.....existing literature is mainly focused on the exploitation of remote sensing technologies for extended looted areas, where hundreds of looted signs are visible from space and air. On the contrary, this paper aims to present small-scale looting attempts which seem to have been made in recent years in Cyprus. In addition, no scheduled flight or satellite overpass was performed to monitor the site under investigation. Therefore, the use of existing datasets captured by various sources and sensors was the only means of mapping the looting imprints.

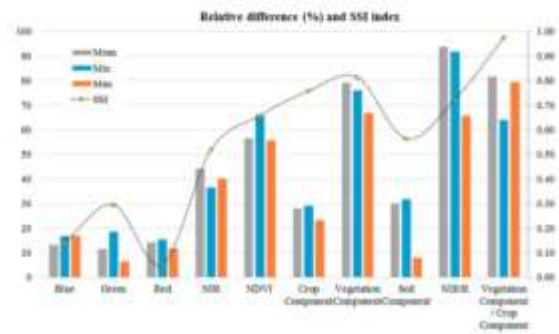


Agapiou, A.; Lysandrou, V.; Hadjimitsis, D.G. Optical Remote Sensing Potentials for Looting Detection. *Geosciences* 2017, 7, 98.

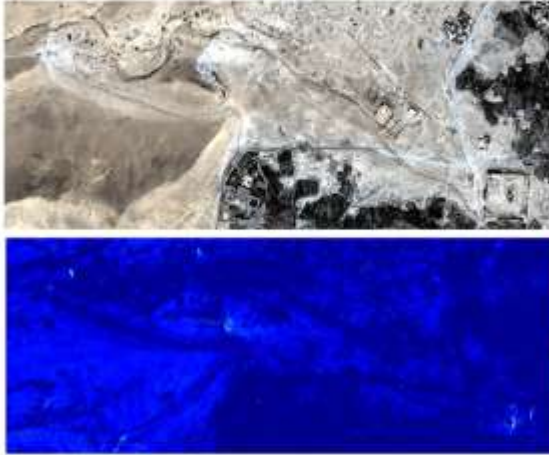
4. Examples of Research activities... Detection of underground buried remains



Agapiou, A., Lysandrou, V., Lasaponara, R., Masini, N., Hadjimitsis, D. G., 2016, Study of the variations of archaeological marks at Neolithic site of Lucera, Italy using multispectral high resolution datasets, *Remote Sensing*, 8(3), 723; doi:10.3390/rs8030723.



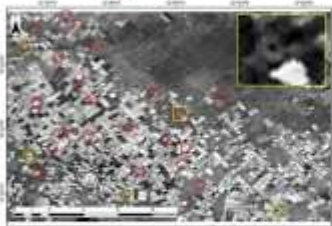
5. Examples of Research activities...
Monitoring CH sites in in-accessible areas



The intentional damage to local Cultural Heritage sites carried out in recent months by the Islamic State have received wide coverage from the media worldwide. Earth Observation data provide important information to assess this damage in such non-accessible areas, and automated image processing techniques will be needed to speed up the analysis if a fast response is desired. This paper shows the first results of applying fast and robust change detection techniques to sensitive areas, based on the extraction of textural information and robust differences of brightness values related to pre- and post-disaster satellite images. A map highlighting potentially damaged buildings is derived, which could help experts at timely assessing the damages to the Cultural Heritage sites of interest. Encouraging results are obtained for two archaeological sites in Syria and Iraq.

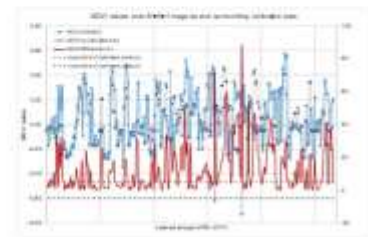
Cerna, D., Plank, S., Lyandrou, V., Tian, J., 2016, Cultural Heritage Sites in Danger—Towards Automatic Damage Detection from Space. Preprints 2016, 2016090655 (doi: 10.20944/preprints201609.0055.v1).

6. Examples of Research activities...
Use of big data..



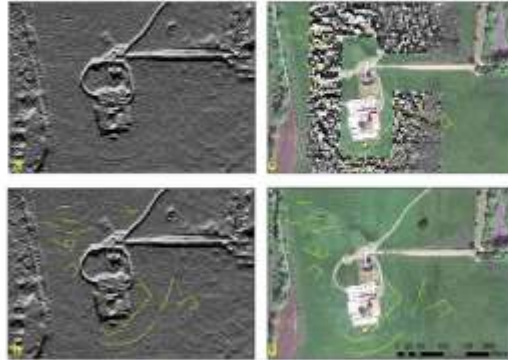
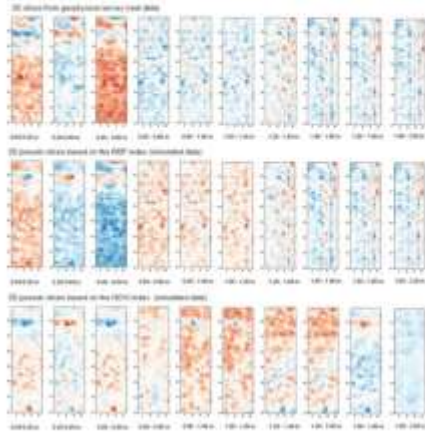
This study aims to demonstrate results and considerations regarding the use of remote sensing big data for archaeological and Cultural Heritage management large scale applications. For this purpose, the Earth Engine® developed by Google® was exploited. Earth Engine® provides a robust and expandable cloud platform where several freely distributed remote sensing big data, such as Landsat, can be accessed, analysed and visualized.

Agapiou A., 2016, Remote Sensing Heritage in a petabyte-scale: Satellite Data and Heritage Earth Engine® applications, International Journal of Digital Earth, 10.1080/17513758.2016.1250829.



7. Examples of Research activities...

Research on fusion of RS data..



Agapiou A., Sarris A., Papadopoulos N., Hadjimitsis D. G., Pseudo penetration of optical remote sensing images: Application for the detection buried archaeological remains in the area of Vésztó-Mágor Tell, Hungary, Remote Sensing, (under review).

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Conclusion




Main outcomes of the on-going Horizon 2020 ATHENA Twinning project:

- i. The project foresees to support the current cultural heritage needs through the systematic exploitation of earth observation technologies.
- ii. Through the networking, the ATHENA twinning project strengthens the remote sensing capacity in cultural heritage at CUT.
- iii. A core element within ATHENA is knowledge transfer, achieved primarily through intense training activities (including virtual training courses, workshops and summer schools) with an ultimate scope to: enhance the scientific profile of the research staff; to accelerate the development of research capabilities of the ERC as well as to promote earth observation knowledge and best practices intended for Cultural Heritage.
- iv. The scientific strengthening and networking achieved in Cyprus through the ATHENA project, could be of great benefit for Cyprus bearing a plethora of archaeological sites and monuments urgently calling for monitoring and safeguarding.

2.2 Second presentation - Geo Information Systems (GIS)




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Geo Information Systems (GIS)

Wrap Up of Fundamentals and Standards

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Agenda

- What is GIS
- Understanding Geospatial Data Models
- GIS Applications and GIS Software
- GIS and the Need for Standards
- Open Geospatial Consortium and OGC Standards
- INSPIRE



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What is GIS

GIS is a computer based system to aid in the

- Collection
- Maintenance
- Storage
- Analysis
- Output
- Distribution

of spatial and non spatial data



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The diagram, titled "GIS as an Umbrella", features a black umbrella silhouette on a dark blue background with a grid pattern. Inside the umbrella, the following terms are listed: "Hardware" at the top, "Methods" and "Software" in the middle, "Data" and "Network" below them, and "People" at the bottom. The umbrella's handle is a thick black line that curves at the bottom.



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Understanding Geospatial Data Models

- spatial data (where):
 - specific location
- attribute data (what):
 - specifies what is at that location
 - stored in a database table



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Types of spatial phenomena

The diagram on the left shows a 3x3 grid of 3D surface plots. The horizontal axis is labeled 'abrupt' on the left and 'smooth' on the right. The vertical axis is labeled 'discrete' at the top and 'continuous' at the bottom. The plots show various combinations of these characteristics, from sharp peaks on a flat base to smooth, rounded hills.

The diagram on the right shows a stack of six layers representing different spatial phenomena: customers (point cloud), streets (network), parcels (polygons), elevation (color-coded surface), land usage (categorical surface), and real world (3D terrain with buildings and vegetation).

https://www.e-education.psu.edu/geog486/sites/www.e-education.psu.edu/geog486/files/image/L05_fig01.jpg

http://www.williamsnd.com/yus/files/dept/136/img/gis_layers.png

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Attributes

Object ID	Earthquake Date	Depth	Earthquake ID	Latitude	Longitude	Magnitude
52263583	12/15/2011	9.4	60291161	19.3043	-155.2217	2.8
52263587	12/15/2011	2.9	60291156	19.3808	-155.282	2.5
52263599	12/15/2011	60.9	e0007727	13.0353	-88.6686	4.9

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OBJECTID	POP_RANK	CITY_NAME	POP
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451	1	Bogota	7102602
1104	1	Cairo	7734614
85	1	Lima	7737002

Options: Zoom to Clear Selection Refresh

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Storing descriptive Information

	POINT	LINE	AREA
NOMINAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Mine Church Bench Mark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Road Graticule Boundary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swamp Desert Forest Census Regions
ORDINAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large Medium Small 	<p>(Roads)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate U.S. numbered State County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major industrial region Minor industrial region
INTERVAL - RATIO	<p>REPETITION</p> <p>Each dot represents 75 persons</p> <p>GRADUATED</p> <p>One-dimensional</p> <p>Two-dimensional</p> <p>Circles, squares, triangles, etc.</p>	<p>REPETITION</p> <p>GRADUATED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isarithms Hachures Flowlines 	<p>Density</p> <p>Elevation</p>

<http://www.geog.ucsb.edu/~kclarke/G176B/robinson.jpg>



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Types of Spatial Data Models

Vector Data

Formats

- Digital Line Graphs (USGS)
- GML
- GeoJSON
- Shapefile (Esri)
- ...



Point features



Line features

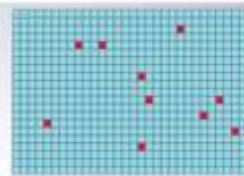


Polygon features

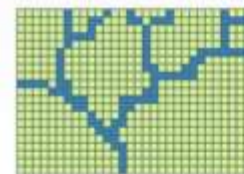
Raster Data

Formats

- Geo TIFF
- IMG (Erdas Imagine)
- JPEG2000
- netCDF-CF
- ...



Raster point features



Raster line features



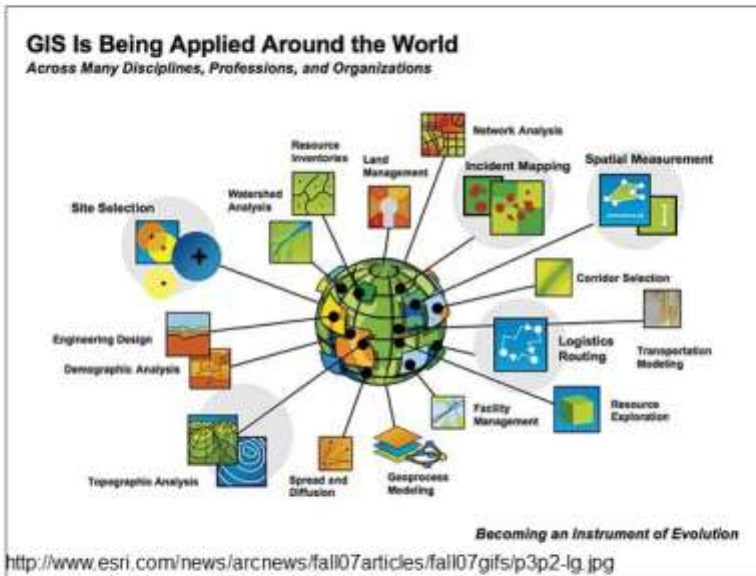
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Application of GIS



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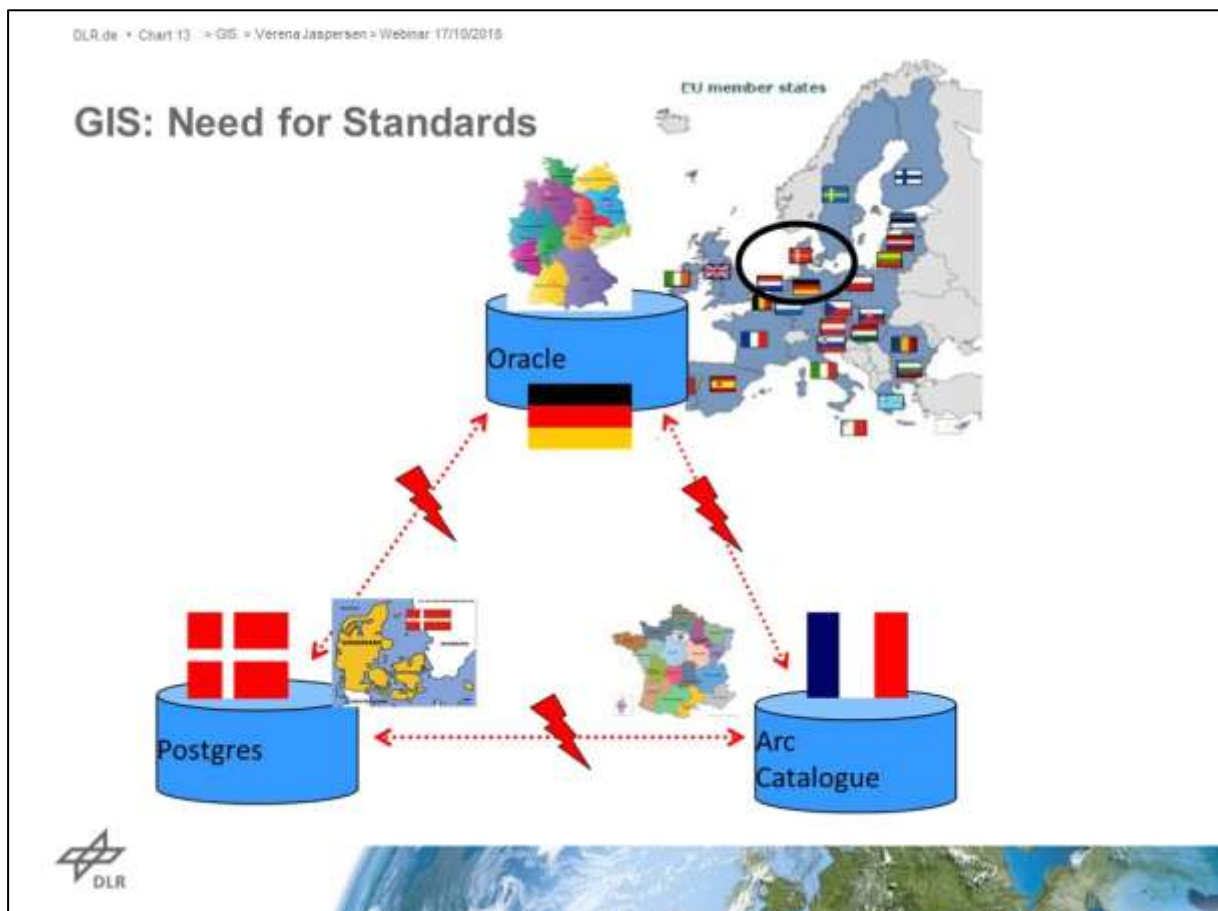
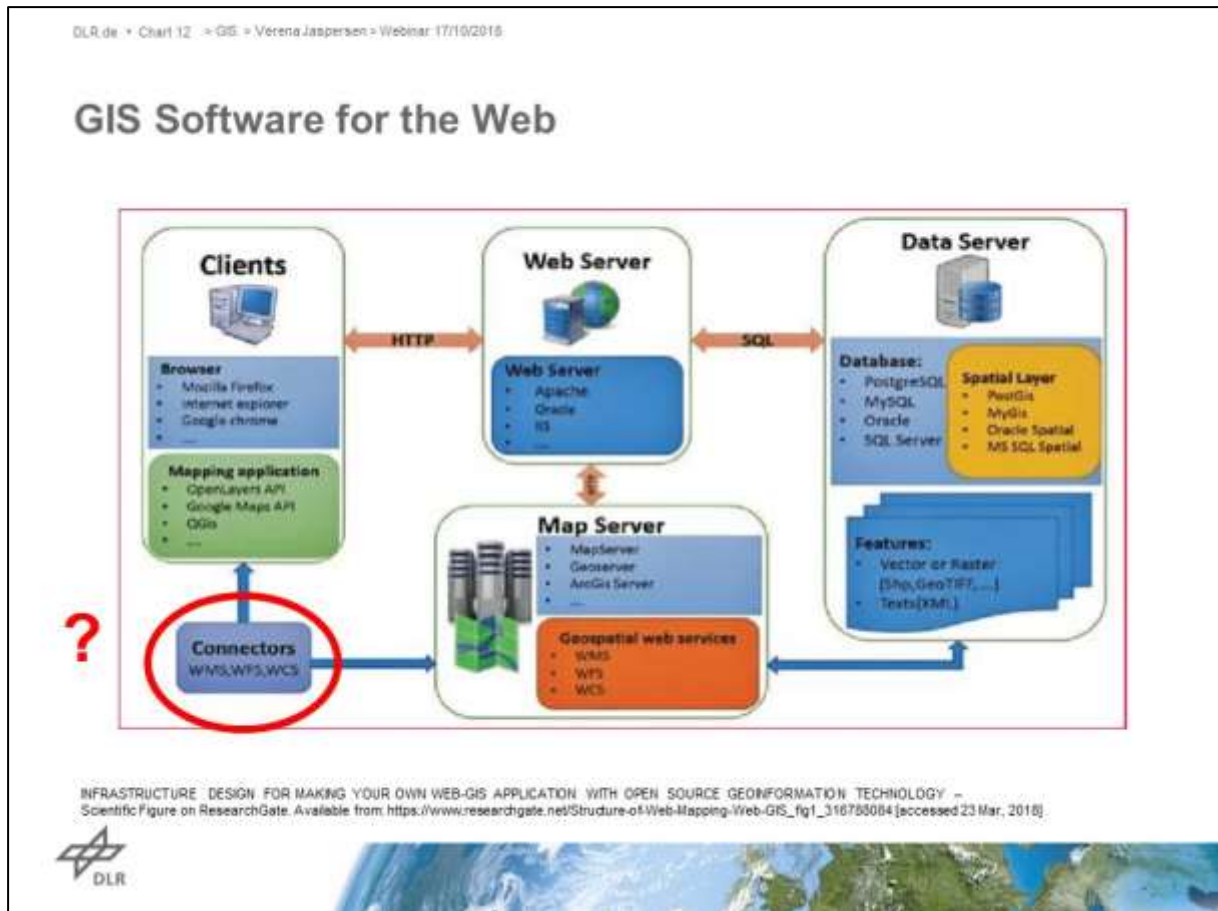
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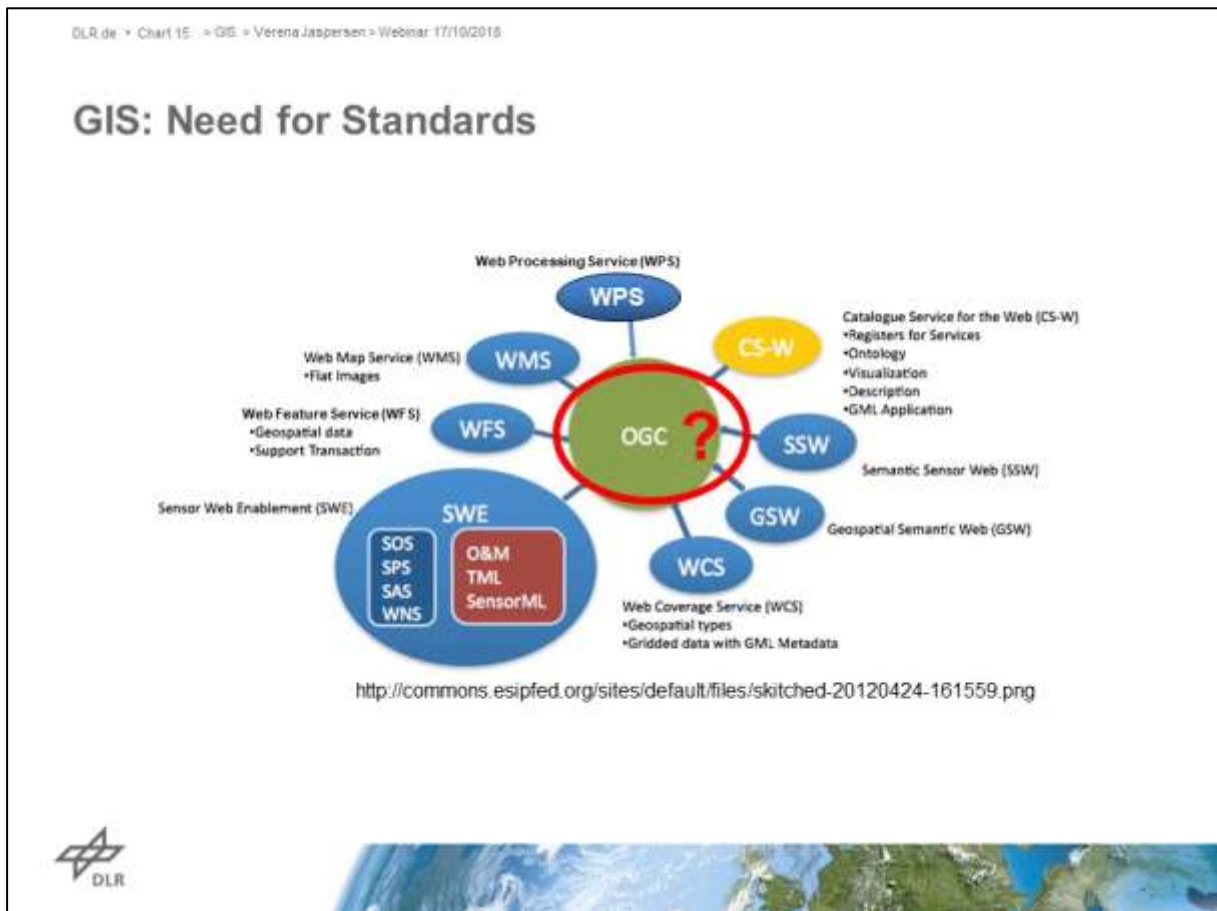
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gvSIG		Geomedia
SAGA GIS		MapInfo Professional
GRASS GIS		
		AutoCAD

<https://gisgeography.com/free-gis-software/>

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Open Geospatial Consortium



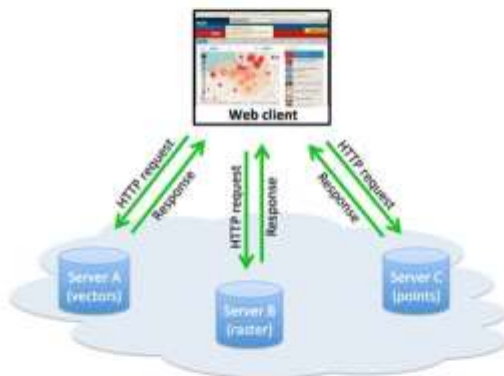
<http://www.opengeospatial.org/>

- OGC is an international standardization organization
 - Definition of standards for geospatial content and services, GIS data processing and data sharing
- ➔ Interoperable Services



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OGC Web Services (OWS)



- | | |
|---|----------|
| CSW – Catalogue Service for the Web
WMS – Web Map Service
WFS – Web Feature Service
WCS – Web Coverage Service
WPS – Web Processing Service | Services |
|---|----------|

- | | |
|---|---------|
| SLD – Styled Layer Descriptor
GML – Geographic Markup Language
Simple Features for SQL
... | Formats |
|---|---------|

http://www.eclipse.org/community/eclipse_newsletter/2014/march/images/article1.1.png



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INSPIRE Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European community



- aims to create a **European Union spatial data infrastructure** for the purposes of EU environmental policies and policies or activities which may have an impact on the environment.
- Focused on sharing of environmental spatial information among public sector organisations → semantic interoperable services
- Based on the infrastructures established and operated by the Member States of the European Union
- The Directive came into force on 15 May 2007 and will be implemented in various stages, with full implementation required by 2021.

<https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/>



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INSPIRE in your Country <https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/INSPIRE-in-your-Country>



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Hyperspectral Images

- Usually up to hundreds of bands in the range 0.4 – 2.5 micrometers
- Reduced spatial resolution
- State-of-the-art sensors are airborne (HySpex)
- Each image element contains a characteristic spectrum
- In this case this is kaolinite (a kind of rock)

The values of a pixel throughout all the spectral bands gives us the spectrum of the pixel

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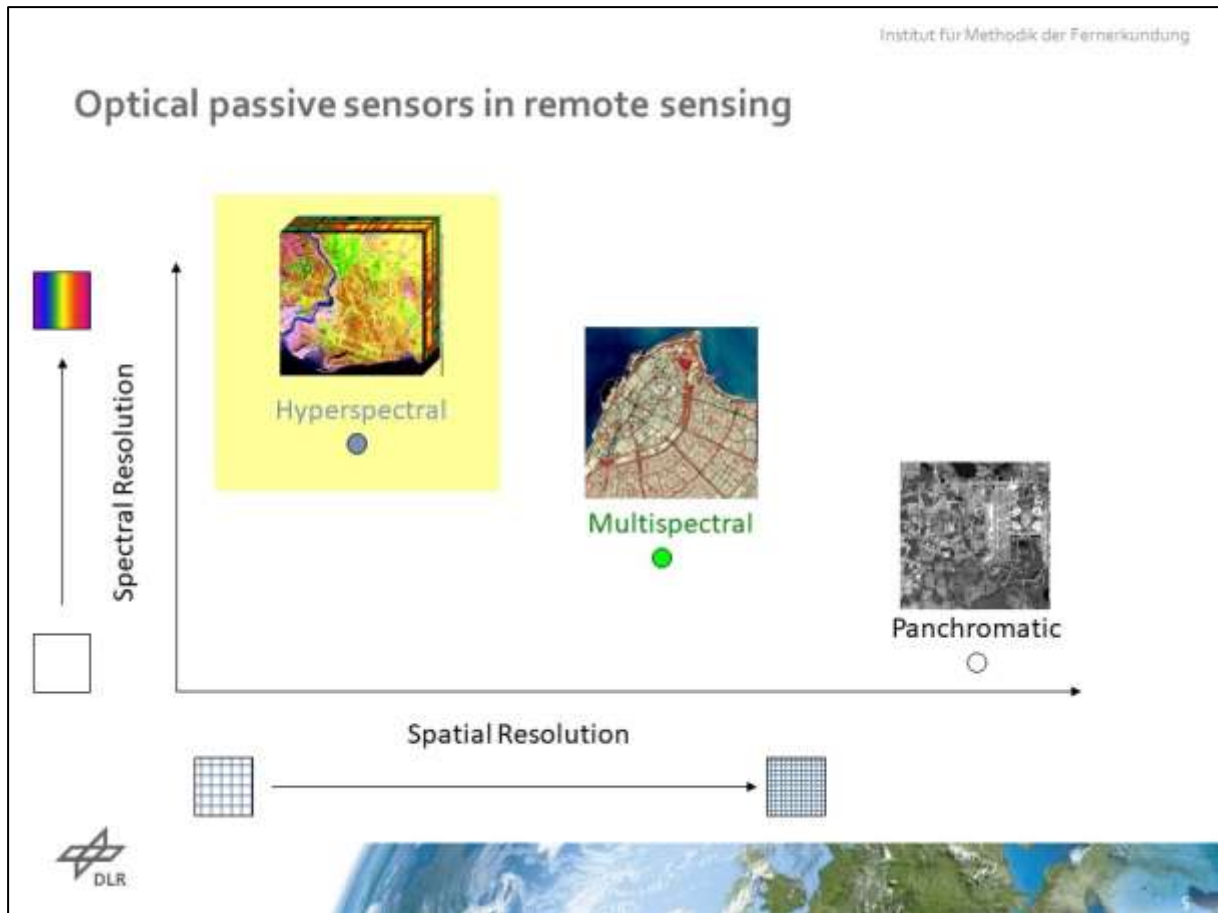
Hyperspectral

Buddingtonite

CHIME!

Alunite

Chalcedony



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NDVI, Landsat 7 Example

$$NDVI = \frac{NIR - R}{NIR + R}$$



True Color
Bands 321

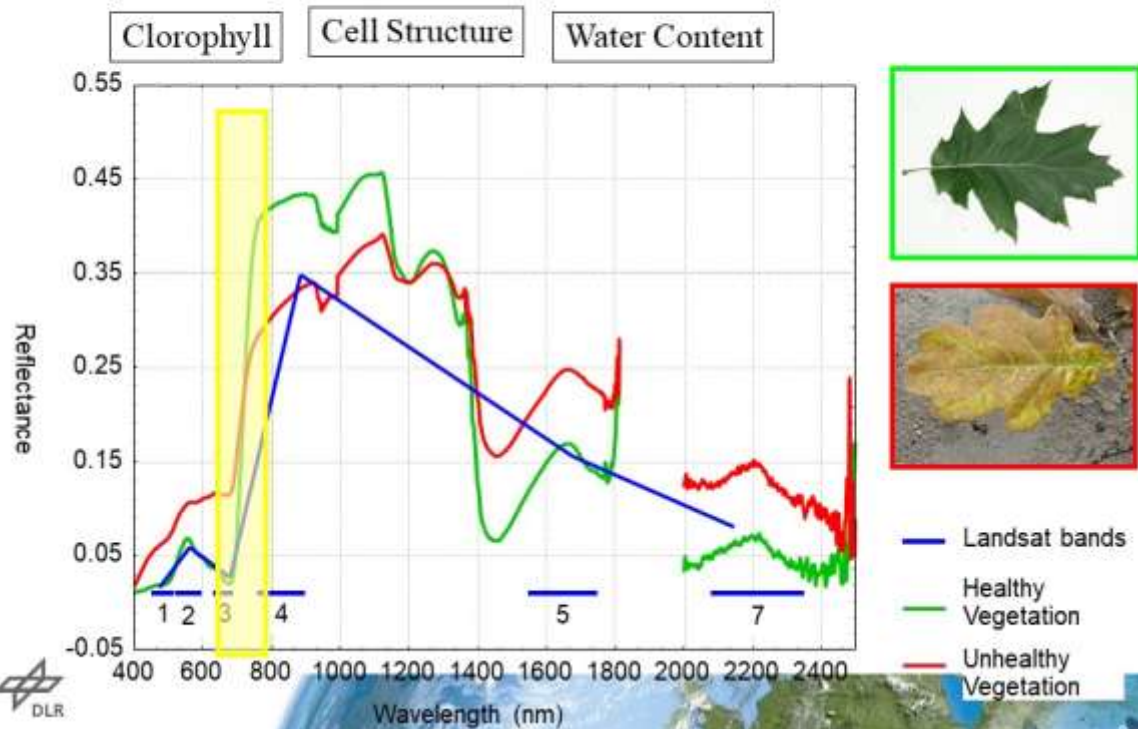
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NDVI
Bands 4-3
Bands 4+3

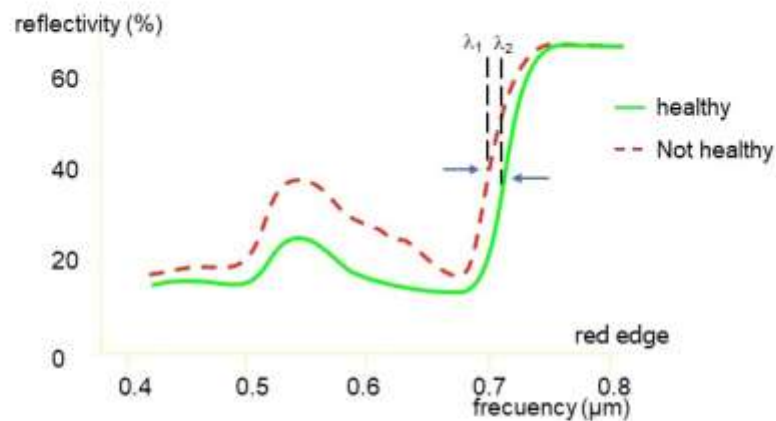


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Vegetation's Spectral Signature: beyond NDVI

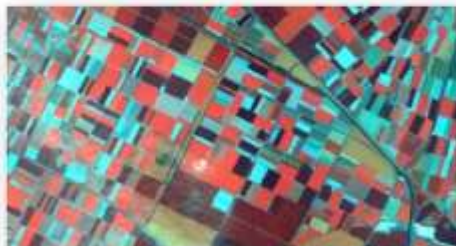


Vegetation Analysis: the Red Edge

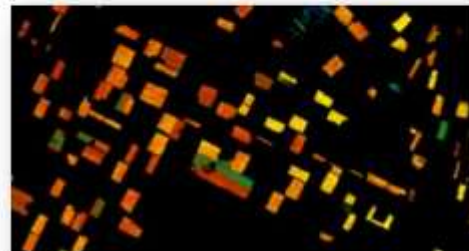


- Transition between absorption into red and high reflectance in the near infrared portions of the spectrum
- It depends on the amount of chlorophyll in the plant and nitrogen in the soil
- A displacement to the left of the red edge characterizes ill vegetation
 - Scarce chlorophyll in leaves
 - "Breathing" problems of the plant

Vegetation Health



Agricultural Fields in the US

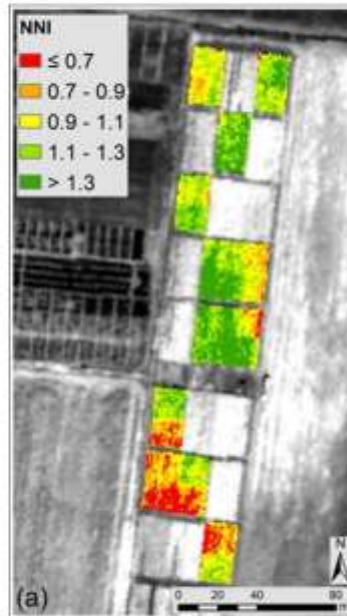


Red edge values in potato fields

- Fields in bluish/green are not healthy
 - Red edge position < 727
- Yellow and orange fields have the highest nitrogen concentration in the soil

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Vegetation health status: Normalized Nitrogen Index (NNI)

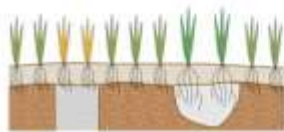


Corn fields in the USA

Chiara Cilli et al.



About Vegetation Health: Crop Marks



Local vegetation health altered by buried objects (negatively) or dug sites (positively)



Evident crop marks in Grezac, France
RGB True Color Composite
(source: wikipedia)



Not always that easy...



The Roman city of Carnuntum (1 century AD) once stood in these agricultural fields (now in Austria)

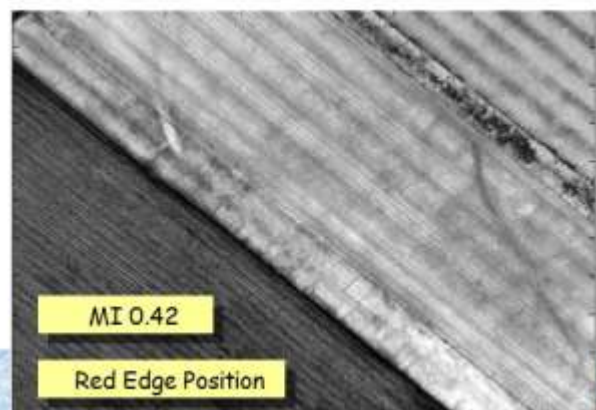
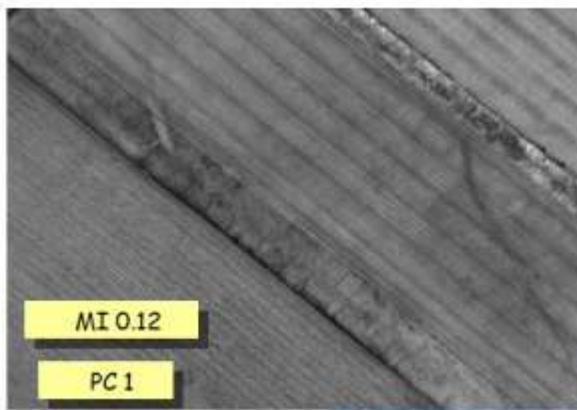
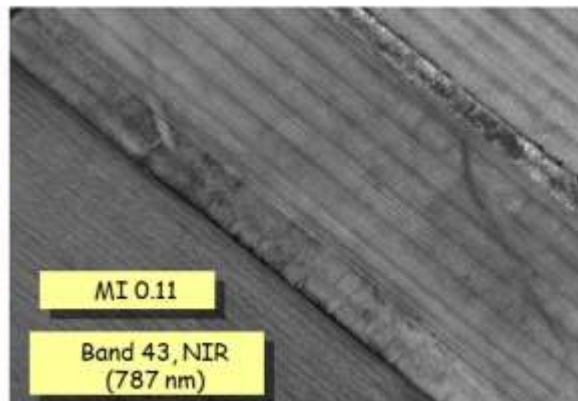
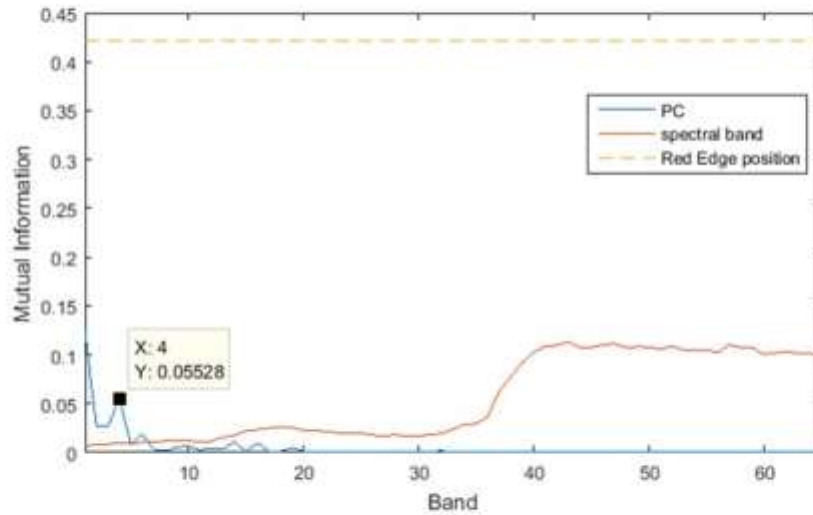
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Hyperspectral image: RGB True Color Composite

Statistical correspondence

Spectral feature → map of buried archaeological structures





Future: Spaceborne Missions

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- **EnMAP (Environmental Mapping and Analysis Program)**
- Future DLR's spaceborne mission
- Spectral range from 420 nm to 1000 nm (VNIR) and from 900 nm to 2450 nm (SWIR) with high radiometric resolution and stability in both spectral ranges
- Swath width 30km at spatial resolution of 30 m x 30 m
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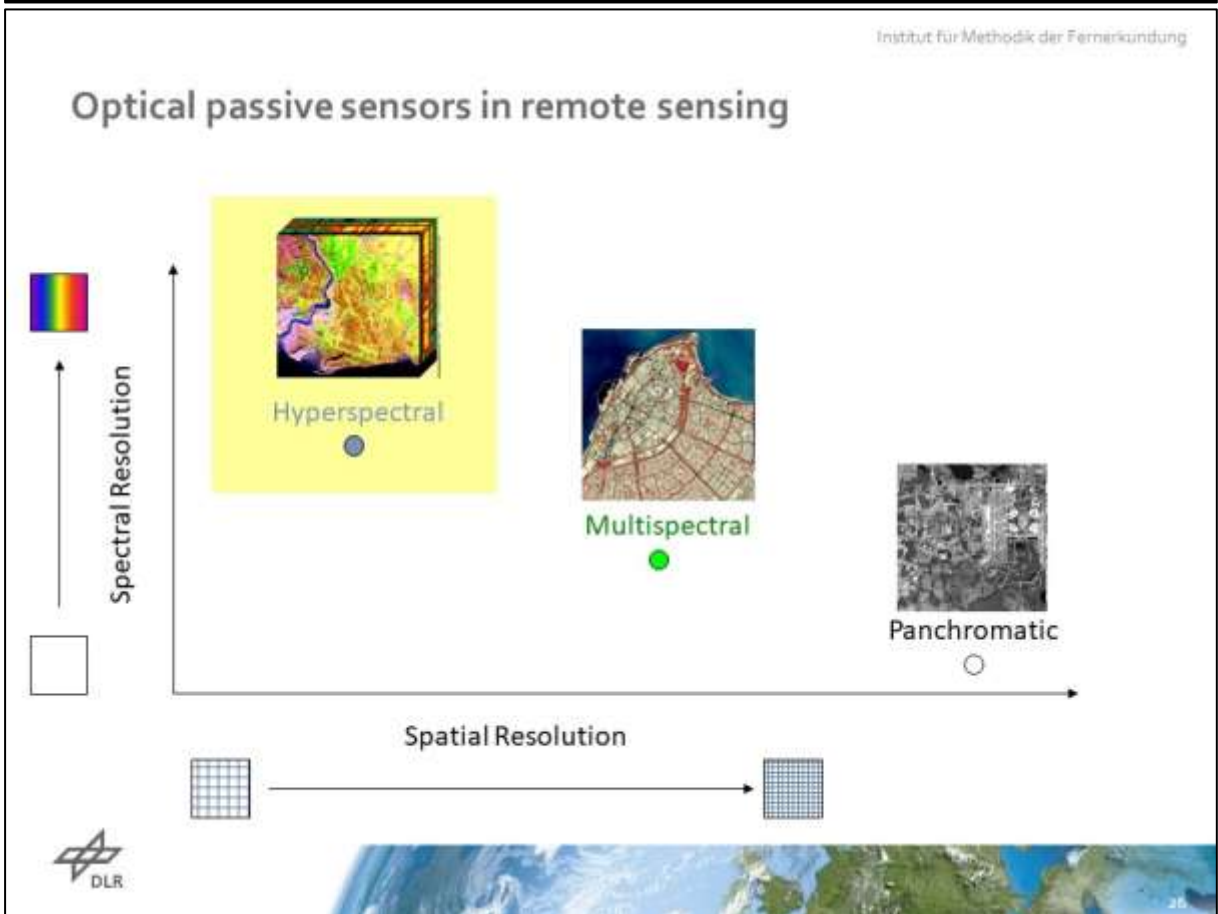


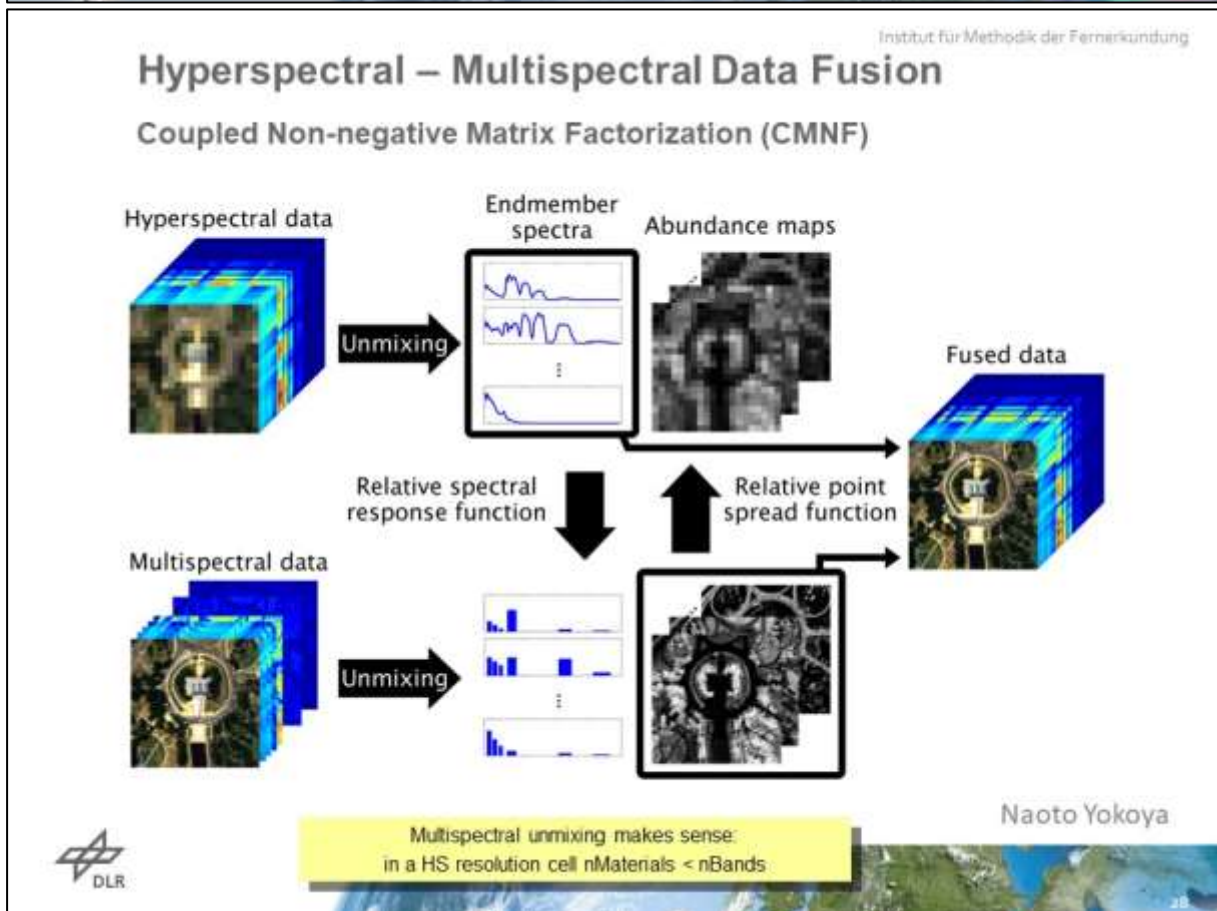
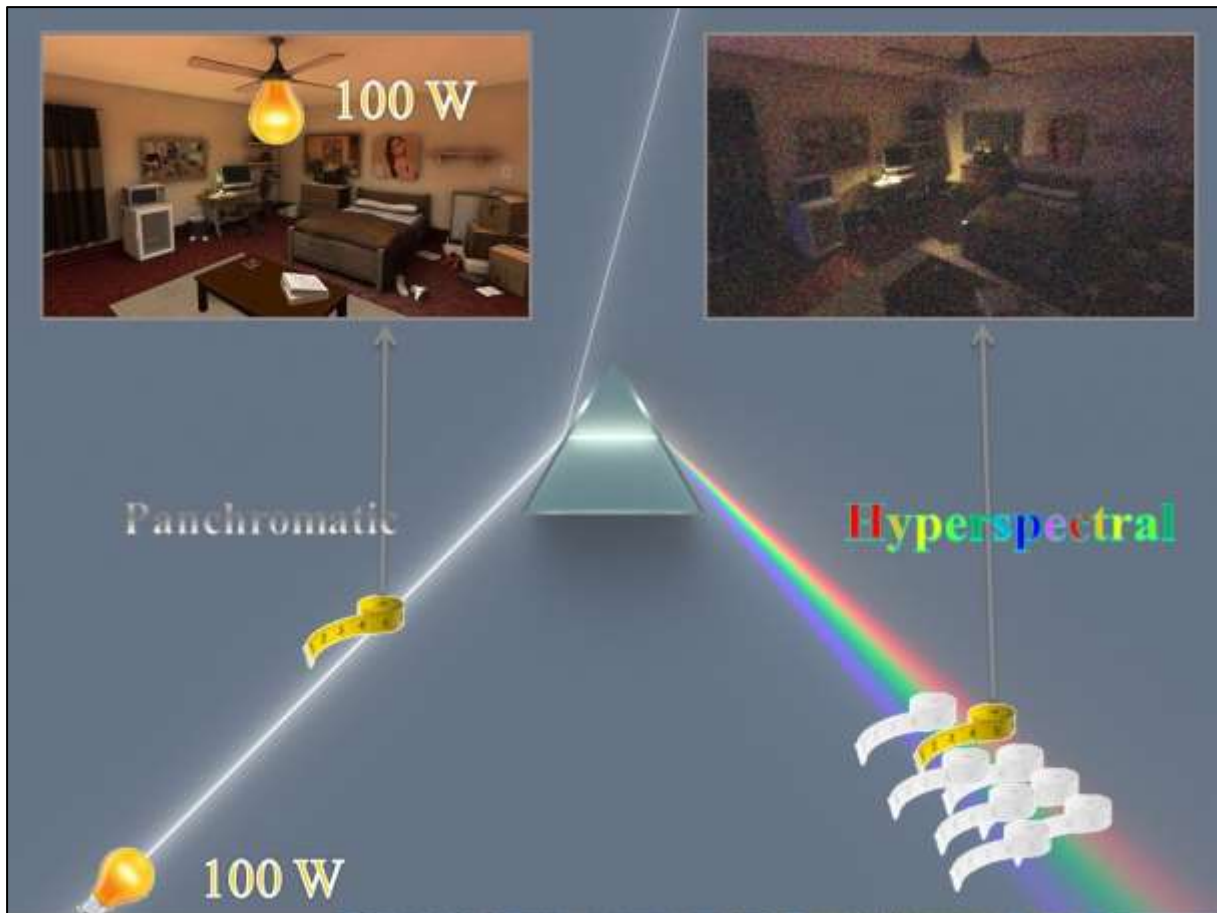

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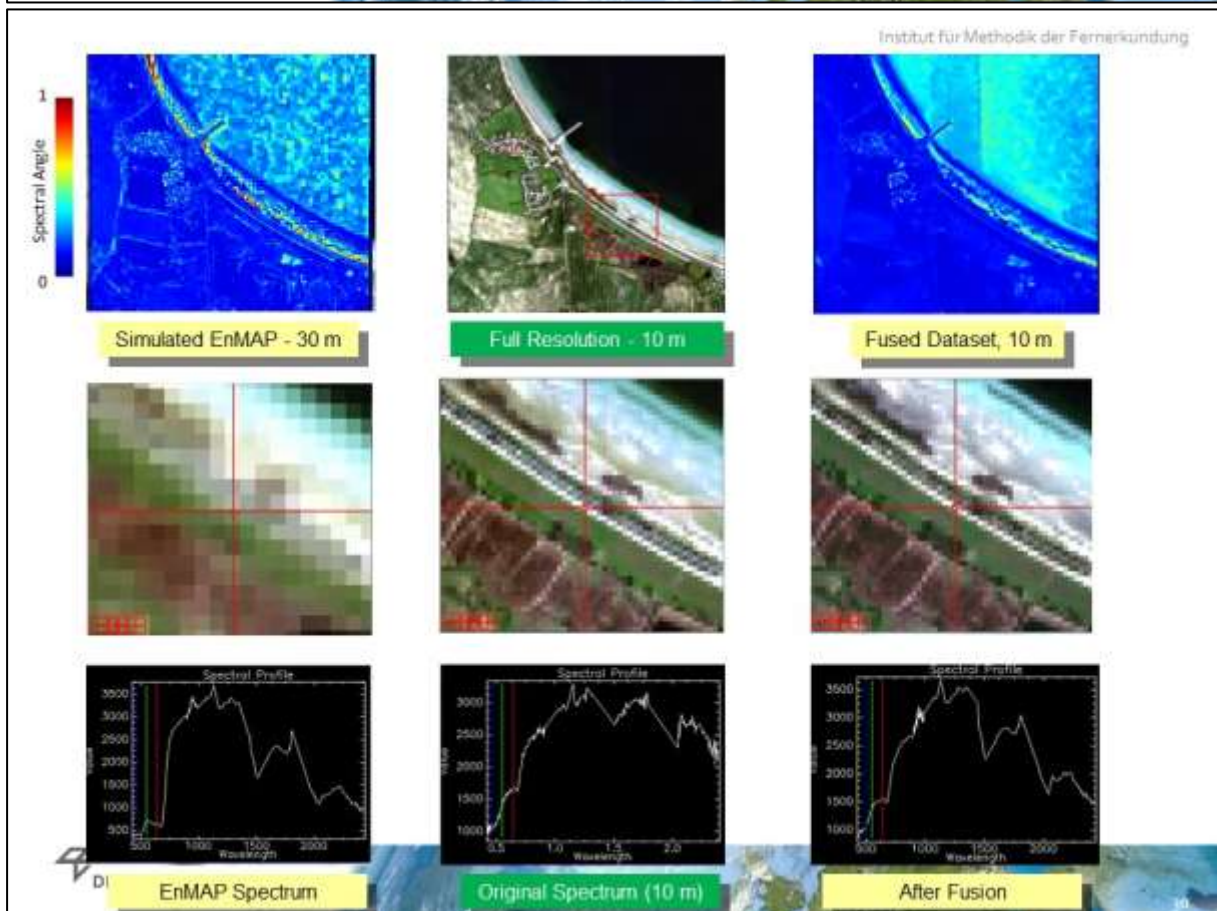



...mounted on the ISS
...months!)
...commissioning phase

- 450 to 915 nanometres
- Spatial resolution around 30m









2.4 Forth Presentation - Multi-Temporal Analyses in Earth Observation



Contents

- **Time series in earth observation**
 - o Suitable sensors and missions
 - o Types of EO time series & variables
- **Time series processing – background and methods**
 - o Time series components and characteristics
 - o Handling of outliers & noise; smoothing & filtering methods
 - o Analysis of multi-year developments
 - o Analysis of seasonality
- **Examples for EO applications based on time series**
 - o Land Use & Agriculture
 - o Droughts
 - o Net Primary Productivity
 - o Surface water resources for agriculture
 - o Snow Cover

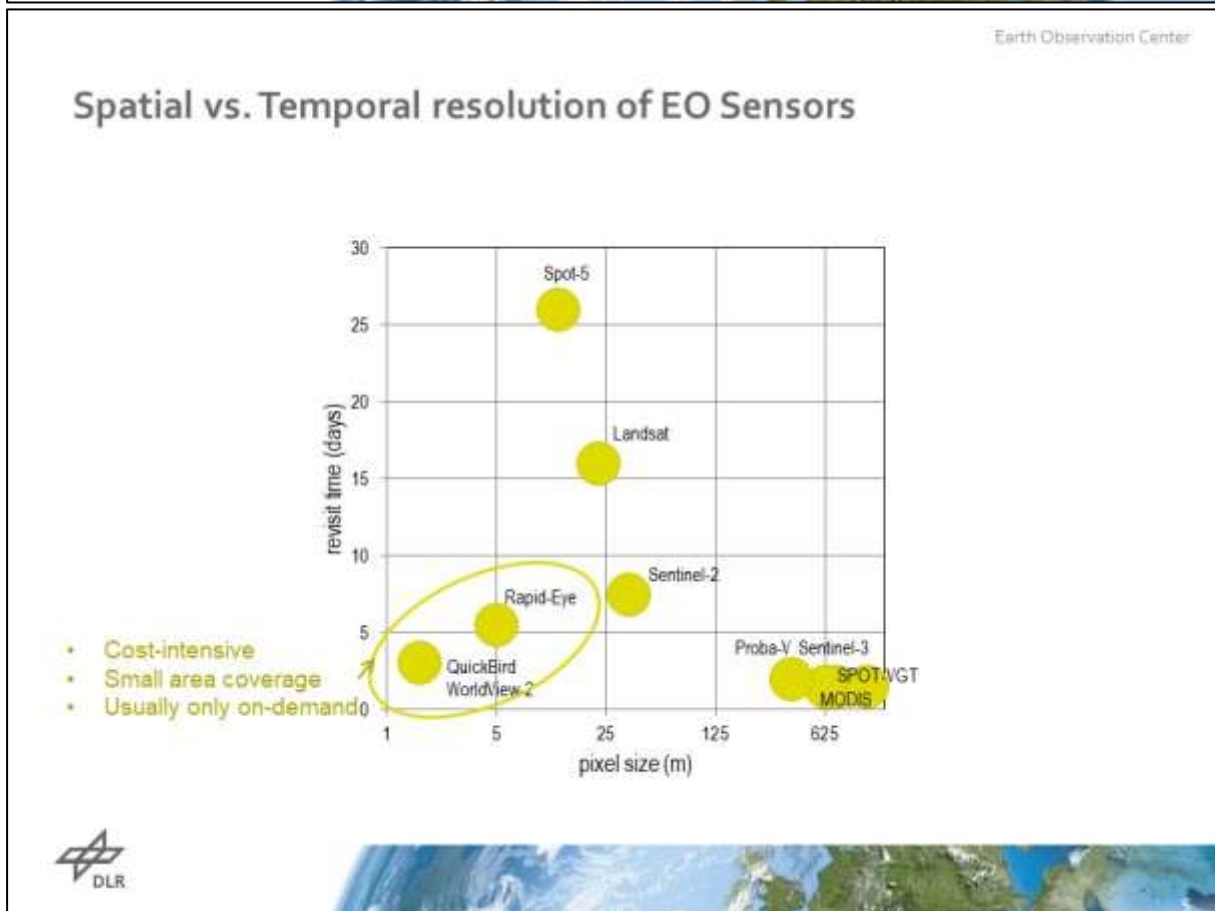
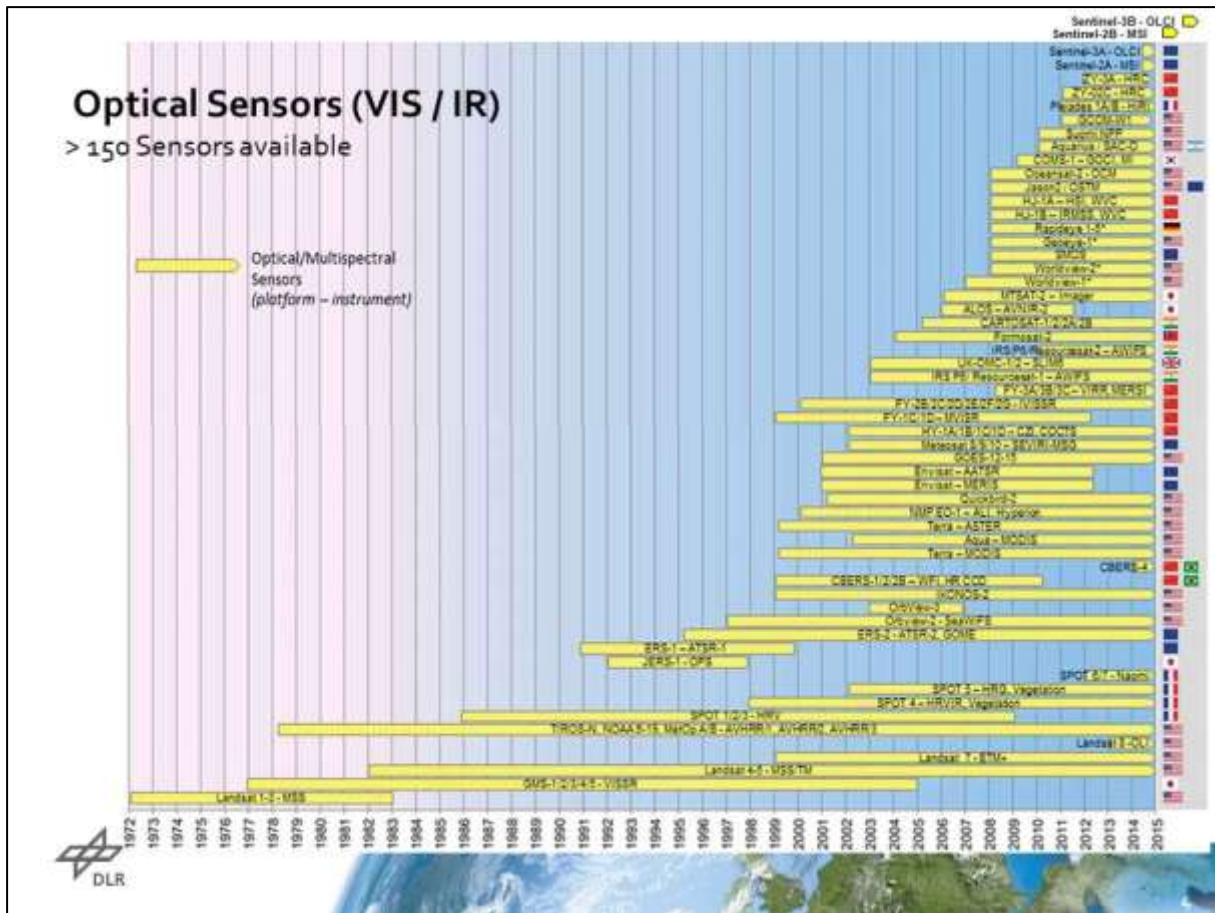


Earth Observation Time Series

A time series...

- ...is "a sequence of values collected over time on a particular variable" (Haan, 1977).
- ...can consist of the values of a variable observed at:
 - **discrete times**
(e.g. spectral information recorded at overpass of EO-sensor)
 - **averaged over a given time interval**
(e.g. vegetation index value averaged over the period of 8-days)
 - recorded **continuously** with time (not common for EO, e.g. hygrographs in museums)



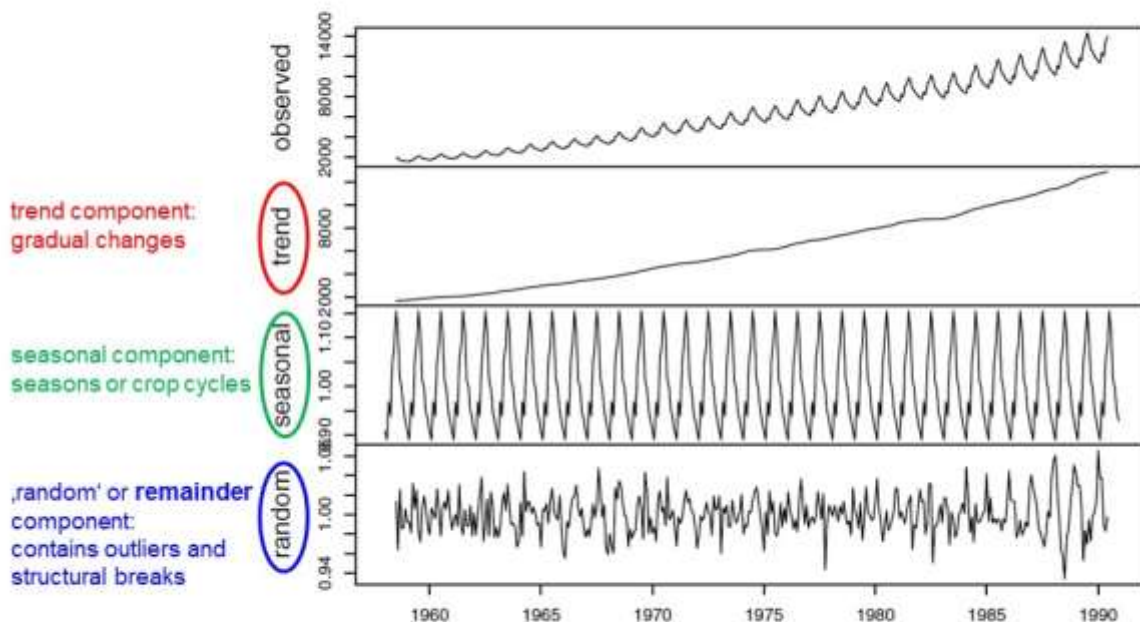


Earth Observation Time Series Variables

EO time series variables	Examples
Spectral variables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top of atmosphere reflectance • Bottom of atmosphere reflectance • Albedo • ...
Indices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetation indices (NDVI, EVI, (M)SAVI, etc.) • Wetness indices (Tasseled Cap Wetness, NDWI, etc.) • Snow indices (NDSI, etc.) • ...
Biogeophysical variables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land/sea surface temperature (LST/SST) • Leaf Area Index (LAI) • Phenological dates • ...
Thematic information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence/absence of land use/cover classes (water, forest, etc.) • Sub-pixel fraction of cover type (e.g. tree cover) • ...
Spatial pattern information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pixel based texture measures (variance, contrast, mean etc.) • Spatial features of objects (size, compactness, contour length etc.) • Relational features (e.g. neighborhood, fragmentation, connectivity) • ...



Time Series Components & Decomposition



adapted after: Cowperthwaite & Metcalfe (2009)



EO time series – handling of outliers & ,noise'

Reasons for outliers / noise in optical EO time series

- Atmospheric effects
- Clouds / haze
- Sun-sensor-geometry
- Sensor failures
- (pre-)processing errors

Not related to land surface characteristics

-> shall be removed by noise removal procedures

- Floods
- Bushfires
- (short) snow cover

Related to actual land surface characteristics. No noise!

-> can nevertheless be removed by noise removal procedures!



EO time series – handling of outliers & ,noise'

Outlier identification

- based on **quality information layers**
- > available for some time series products, e.g. for most MODIS products

Bit No.	Parameter Name	Bit Const.	See: user_guide/0000
31	adjacency correction performed	1	yes
		0	no
30	atmospheric correction performed	1	yes
		0	no
26-29	band 7 data quality four bit range	0000	highest quality
		1000	dead detector; data interpolated in L1B
		1001	solar zenith >= 88 degrees
		1010	solar zenith >= 85 and < 88 degrees
		1011	missing input
		1100	internal constant used in place of climatological data for at least one atmospheric constant
		1101	correction out of bounds (not constrained to extreme allowable value)
		1110	L1B data faulty
1111	not processed due to deep ocean or clouds		
22-25	band 6 data quality four bit range		SAME AS BAND ABOVE
18-21	band 8 data quality four bit range		SAME AS BAND ABOVE



EO time series – handling of outliers & ,noise`

Outlier identification

- based on **quality information layers**
-> available for some time series products, e.g. for most MODIS products
- Based on **statistics / rulesets**, e.g.:
 - a value is classified as an outlier if
 - it deviates more than a deviation threshold from the median in a moving window and/or
 - it is lower (higher) than the mean value of its immediate neighbors minus (plus) a threshold value
 - or similar...

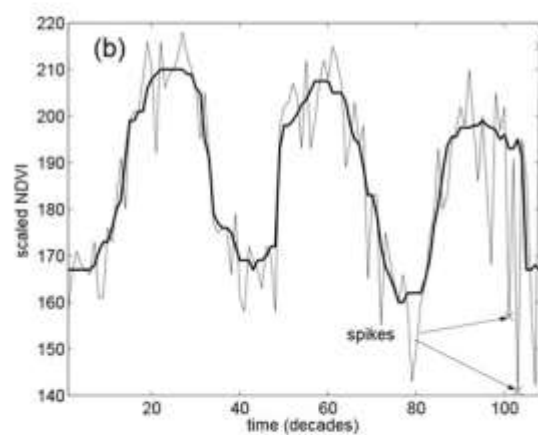
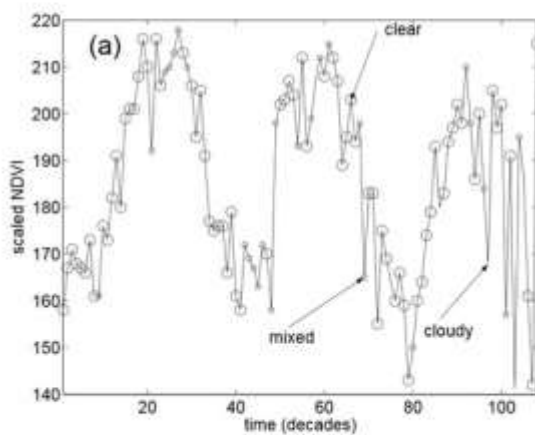


EO time series – handling of outliers & ,noise`

Weighting of time series values

Weights are assigned based on an STL decomposition (Cleveland et al. 1990).

[Seasonal Trend Decomposition based on Loess smoother]



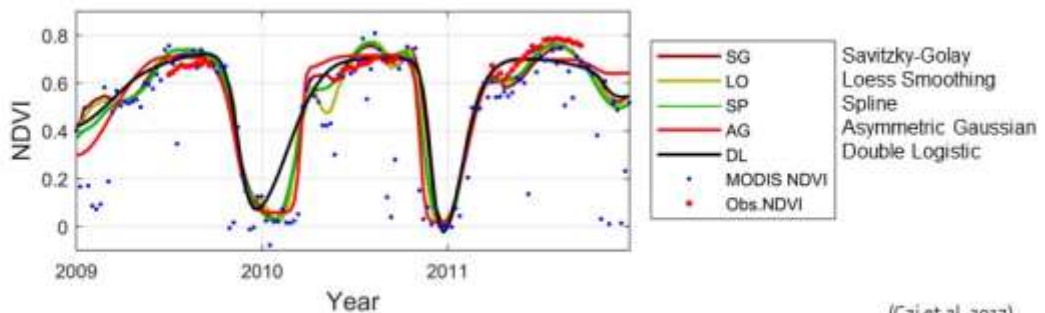
Eklundh & Jönsson (2015)



EO time series – handling of outliers & ,noise`

1. Temporal filtering /smoothing (with outliers removed or weighted)

- **Moving average:**
replace each data value by a linear combination /mean of nearby values in a window
- **Savitzky-Golay filter:**
Least squares fit to a quadratic polynomial of the form: $f(t) = c_1 + c_2t + c_3t^2$
Polynomial is fit to values in moving window and central value is replaced by fitted value
- Fit to **asymmetric Gaussian** and **double logistic** functions

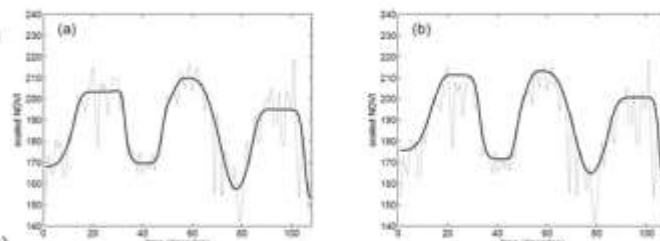


(Cai et al. 2017)



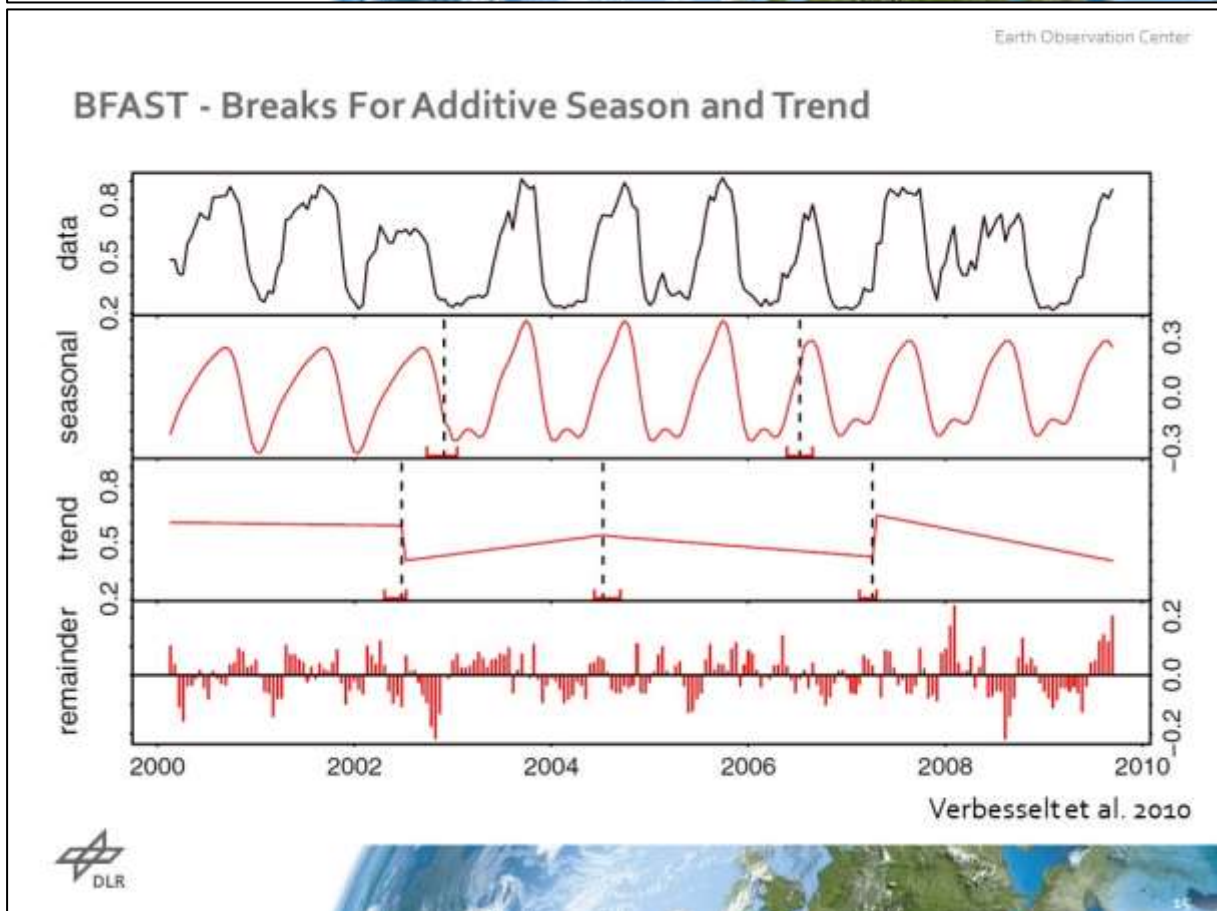
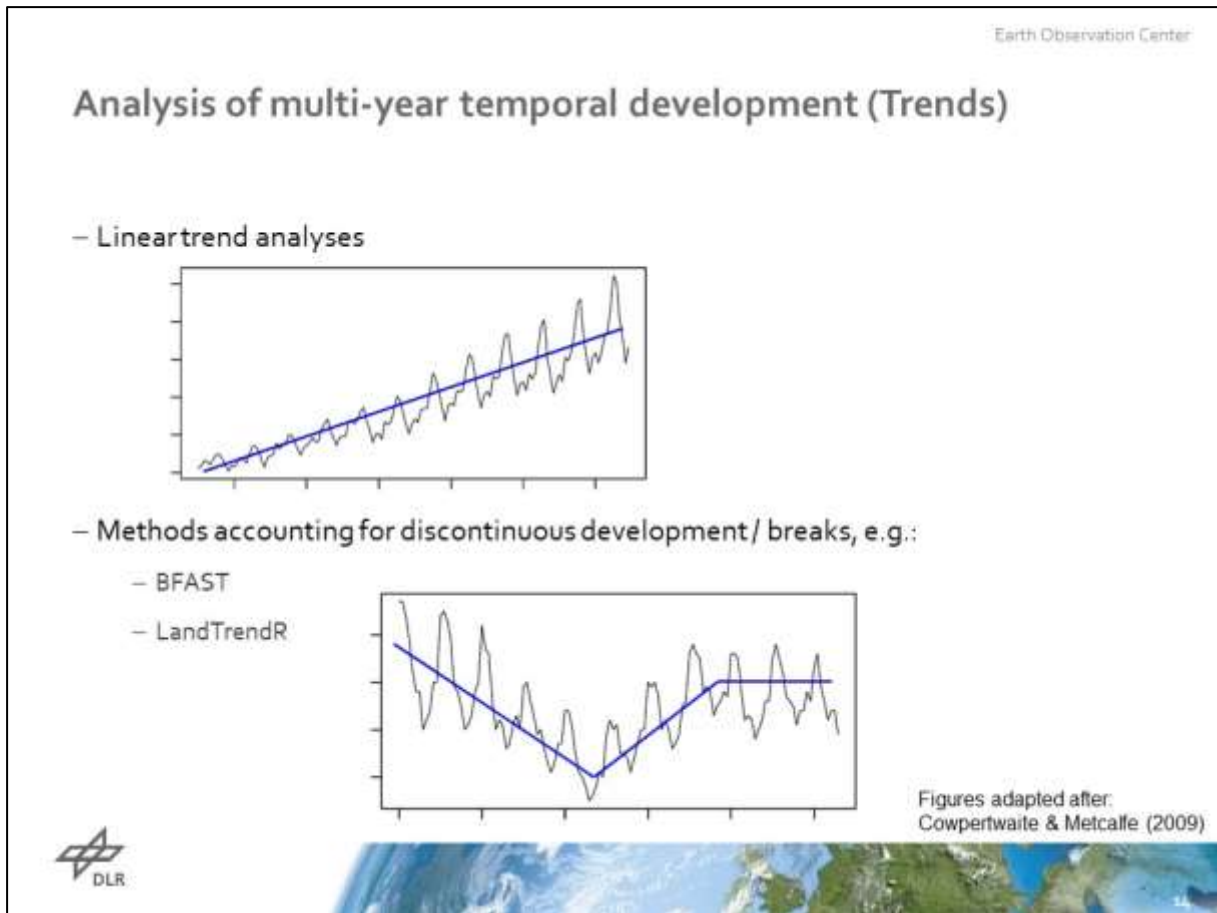
EO time series – handling of outliers & ,noise`

- General option when fitting smoothing functions to EO data:
Fitting to the upper envelope
- Background:
 - Noise in VI time series is usually associated with a decrease (e.g. cloud effects)
 - An adaption of the smoothed / filtered time series to the higher rather than the lower values of a time series is favoured.
- Method:
 - 1) A function (e.g. Gaussian, quadratic polynomial) is fitted to a time series
 - 2) Data values of the original time series below the fitted function are given a lower weight
 - 3) Function is fitted a second time, with values weighted according to step 2)
 - 4) 2-3 can be repeated



Eklundh & Jönsson (2015)





Trend Analysis of EO data

- When analysing EO time series for trends, several particularities of these datasets have to be considered:
 - Usually short time series
 - Sometimes high level of noise
 - Overlay of multiple noise effects and actual land surface dynamics / characteristics
 - Autocorrelation
 - Etc.
- Good overview on statistical particularities for EO time series analyses in:

De Beurs, K. M., & Henebry, G. M. (2005). A statistical framework for the analysis of long image time series. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 26, 1551–1573.



Analyses of Seasonality in EO time series

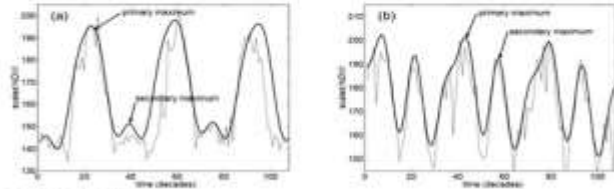
- Calculation of suitable **seasonal/annual statistics** (mean, median, variance, amplitude, integrals etc.) of the values of a variable in a time series
 - basis for trend analyses
 - usage as feature e.g. for land use/cover classification
- Determination of **number of seasons** per year



Analyses of Seasonality in EO time series

Determination of number of seasons

Different approaches possible, e.g.:



– In Timesat Software (Eklundh & Jönsson, 2015):

- de-trended data values $(t_i; y_i)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ for all years in the time-series are fit to a model function
- fitting delivers a primary maximum, and possibly a secondary maximum.
- amplitude ratio between the 2nd maximum and the 1st maximum > user defined threshold:
-> 2 annual seasons, otherwise: 1 annual season

– Harmonic analysis

- predefine one, two harmonics
- Determine best fit



Analyses of Seasonality in EO time series

– Calculation of suitable **seasonal/annual statistics** (mean, median, variance, amplitude, integrals etc.) of the values of a variable in a time series

- basis for trend analyses
- usage as feature e.g. for land use/cover classification

– Determination of **number of seasons** per year

– Analysis of **Land Surface Phenology**



Phenology

Phenology analyzes life cycle events of plants and animals.

examples:

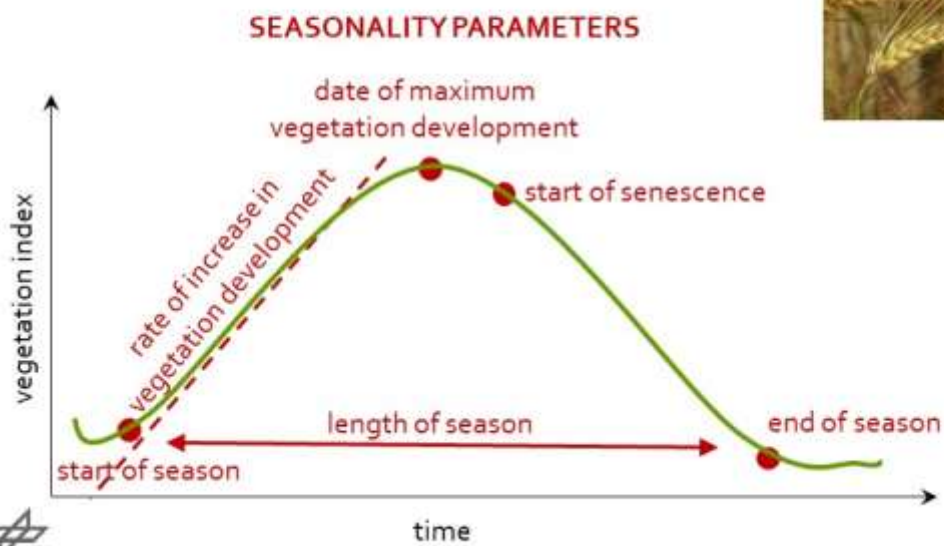
- when do cherry trees blossom?
- when is barley in grainfilling stage?

Phenology is usually studied at plant/ animal level.

Earth Observation Center



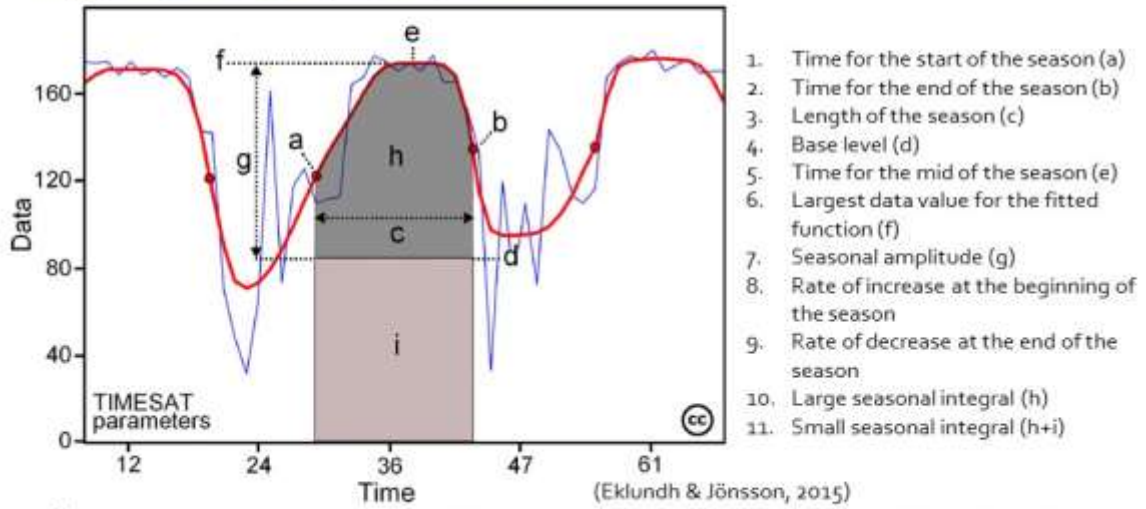
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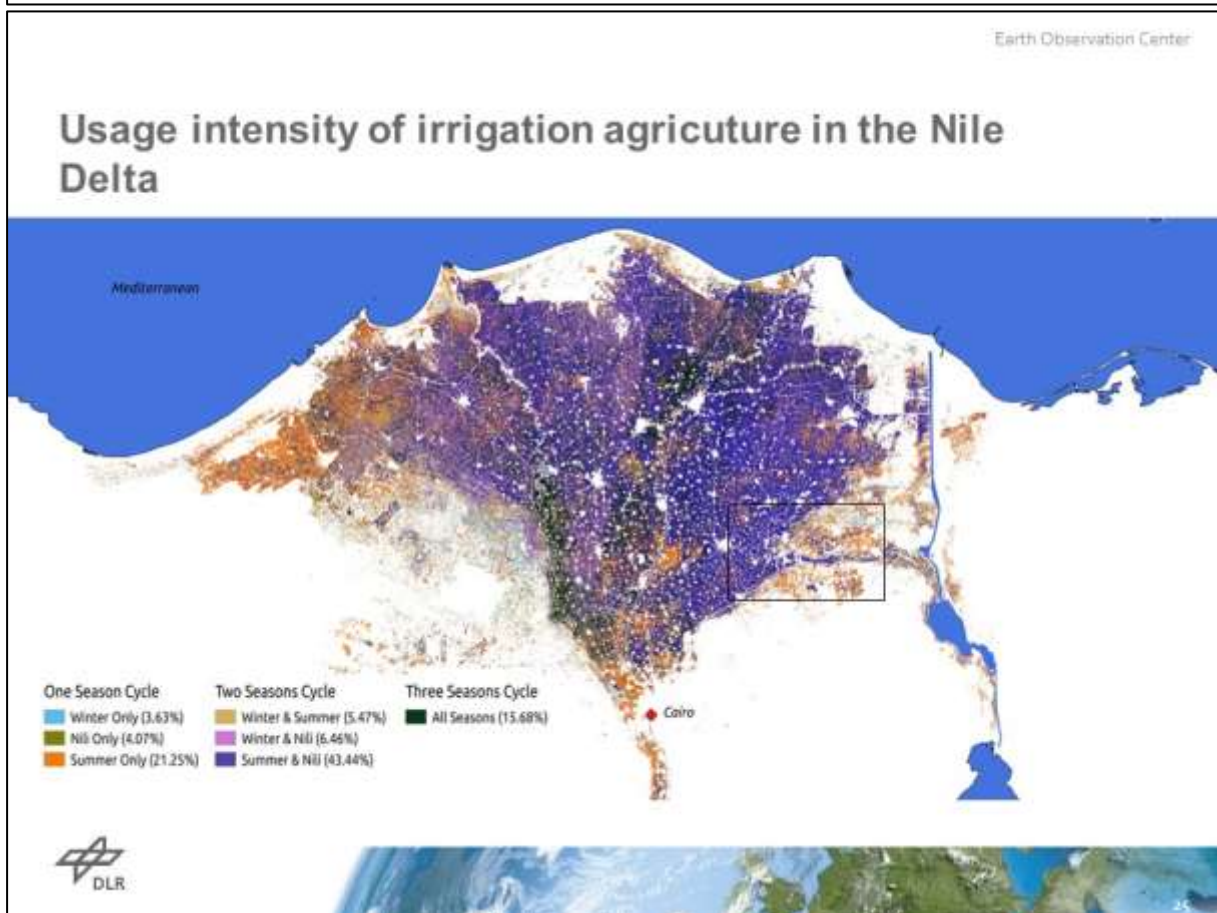
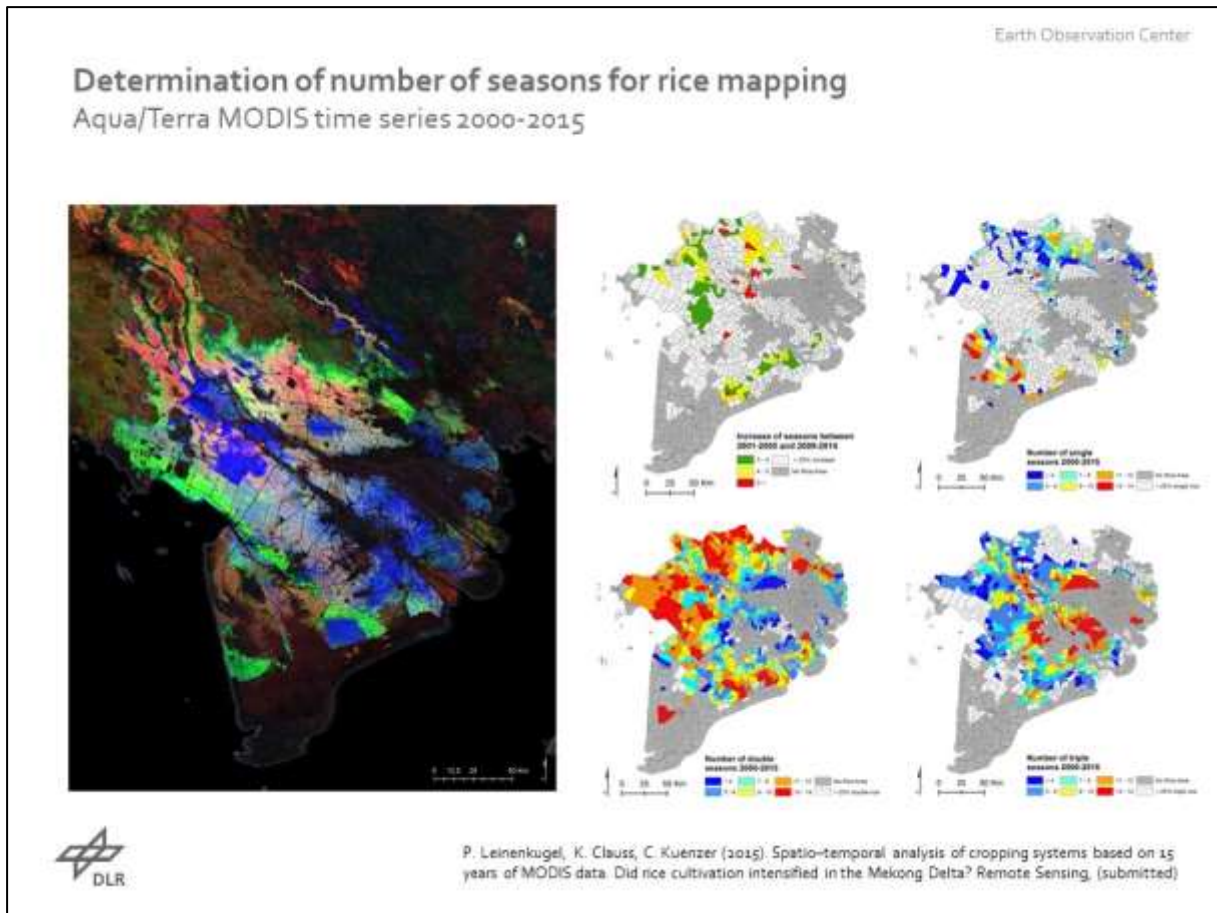


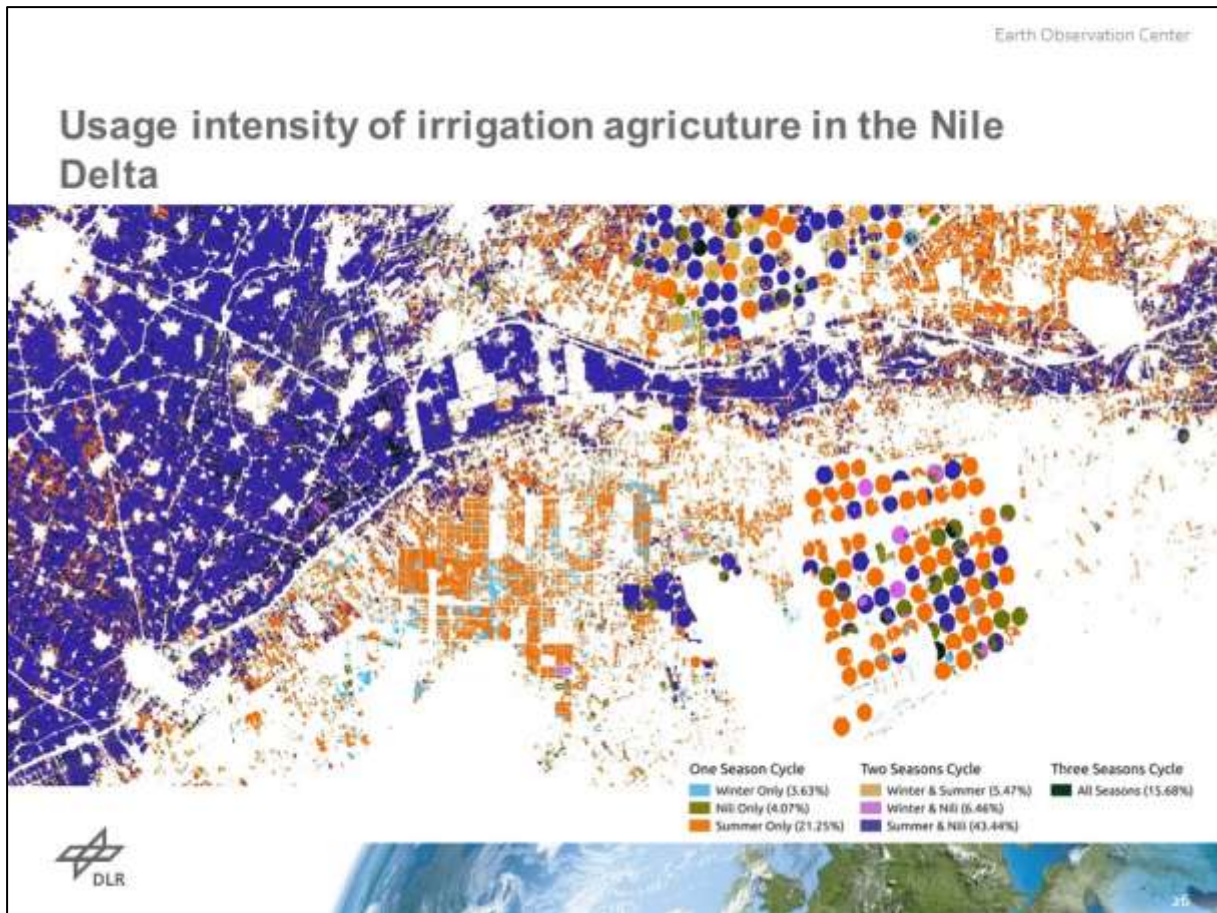
Delineation of seasonality parameters from EO data

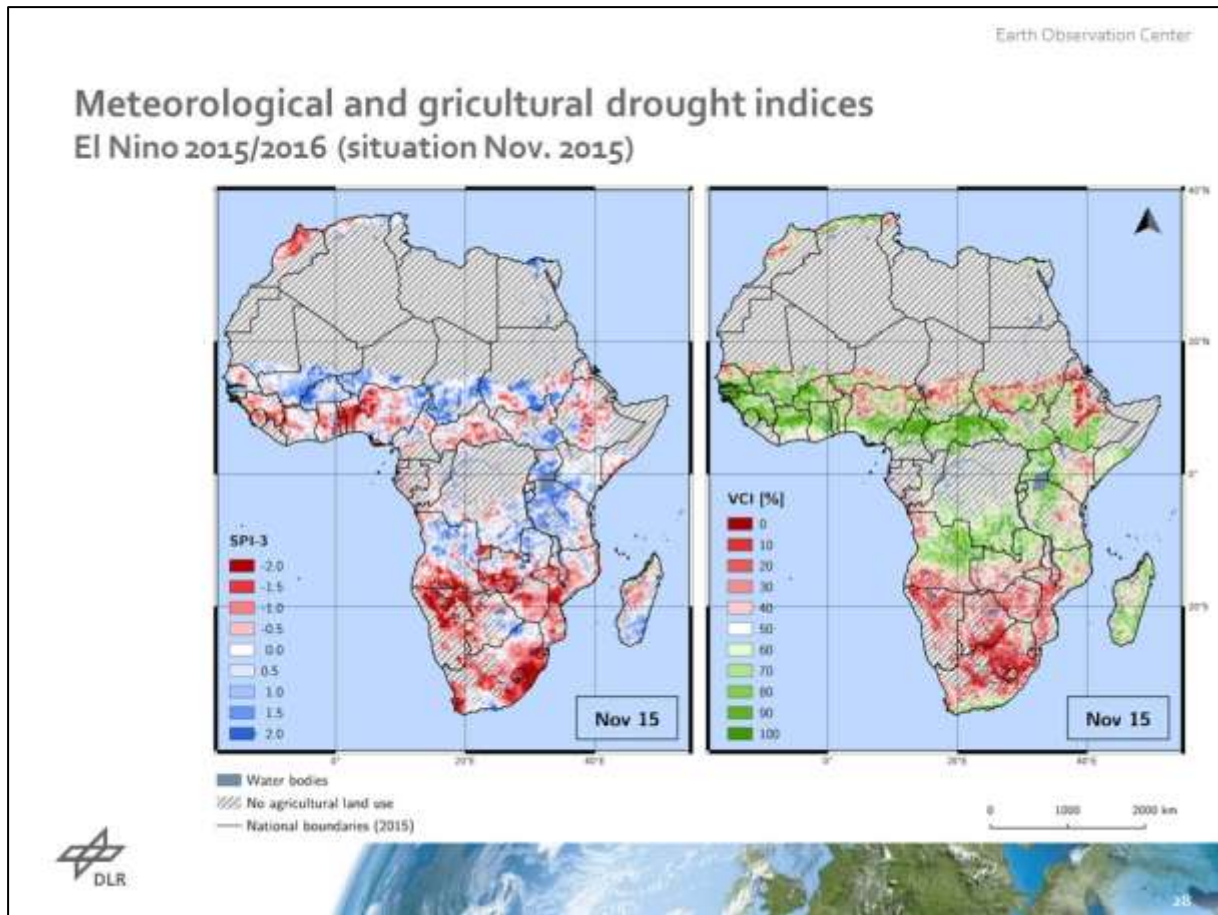
Seasonality parameters can be extracted from EO time series data for example using e.g. the **TIMESAT** software (Eklundh & Jönsson, 2015)

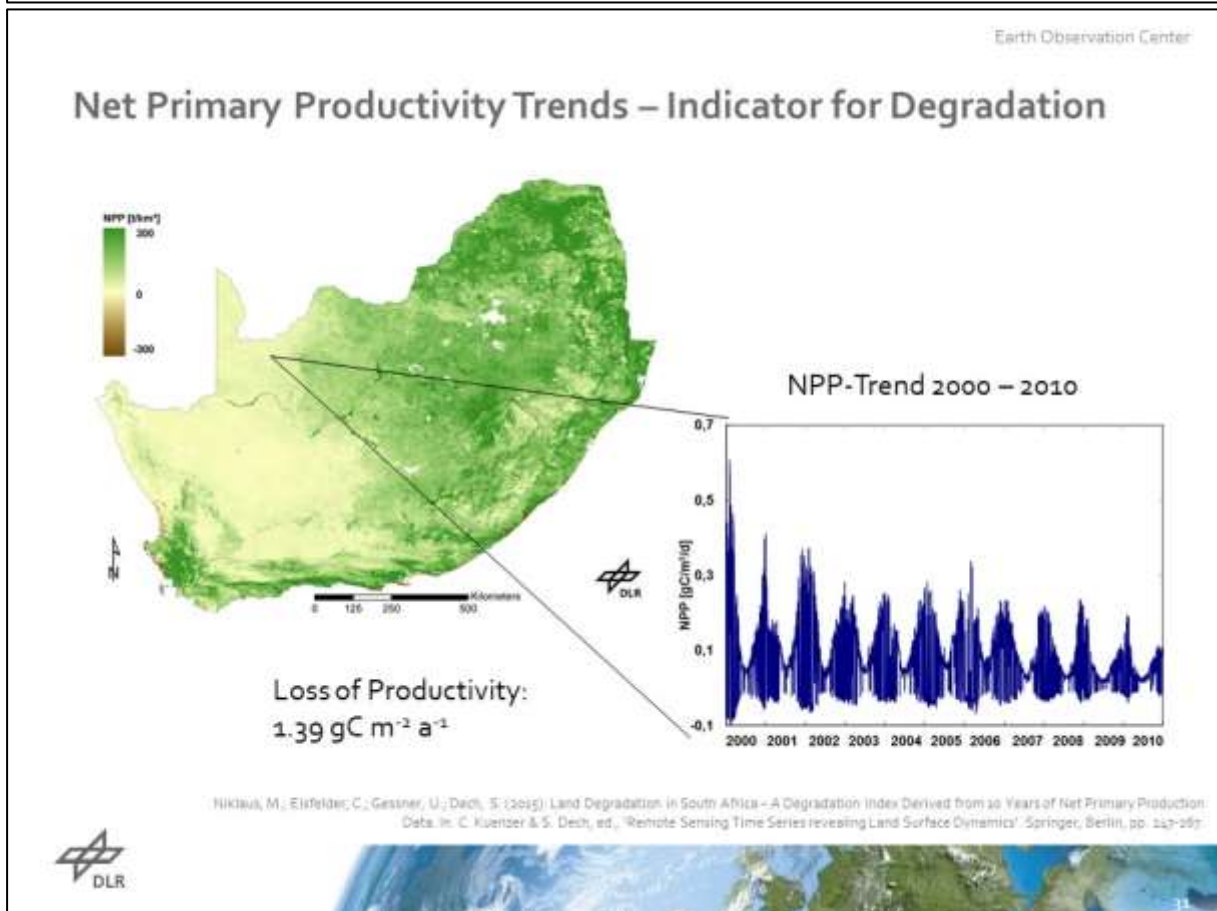
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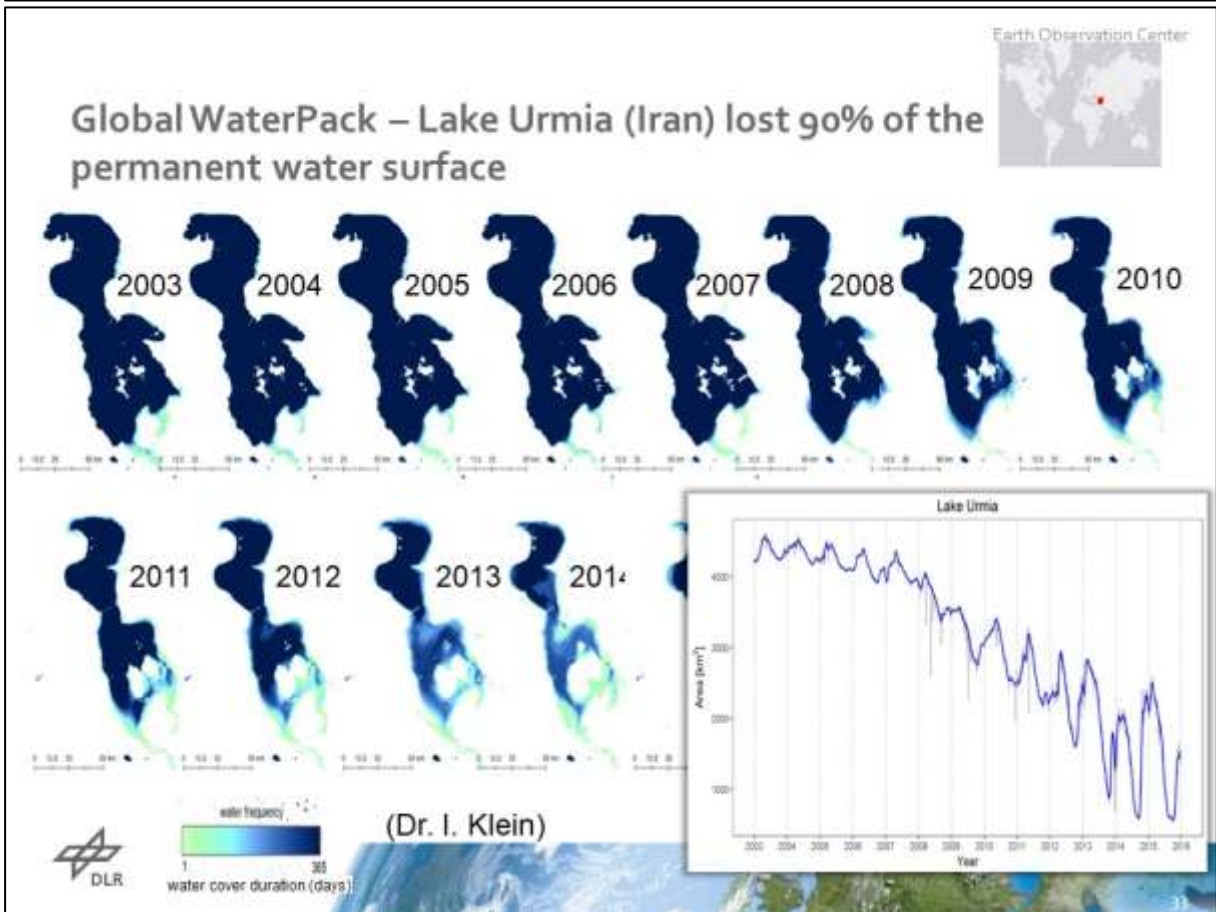


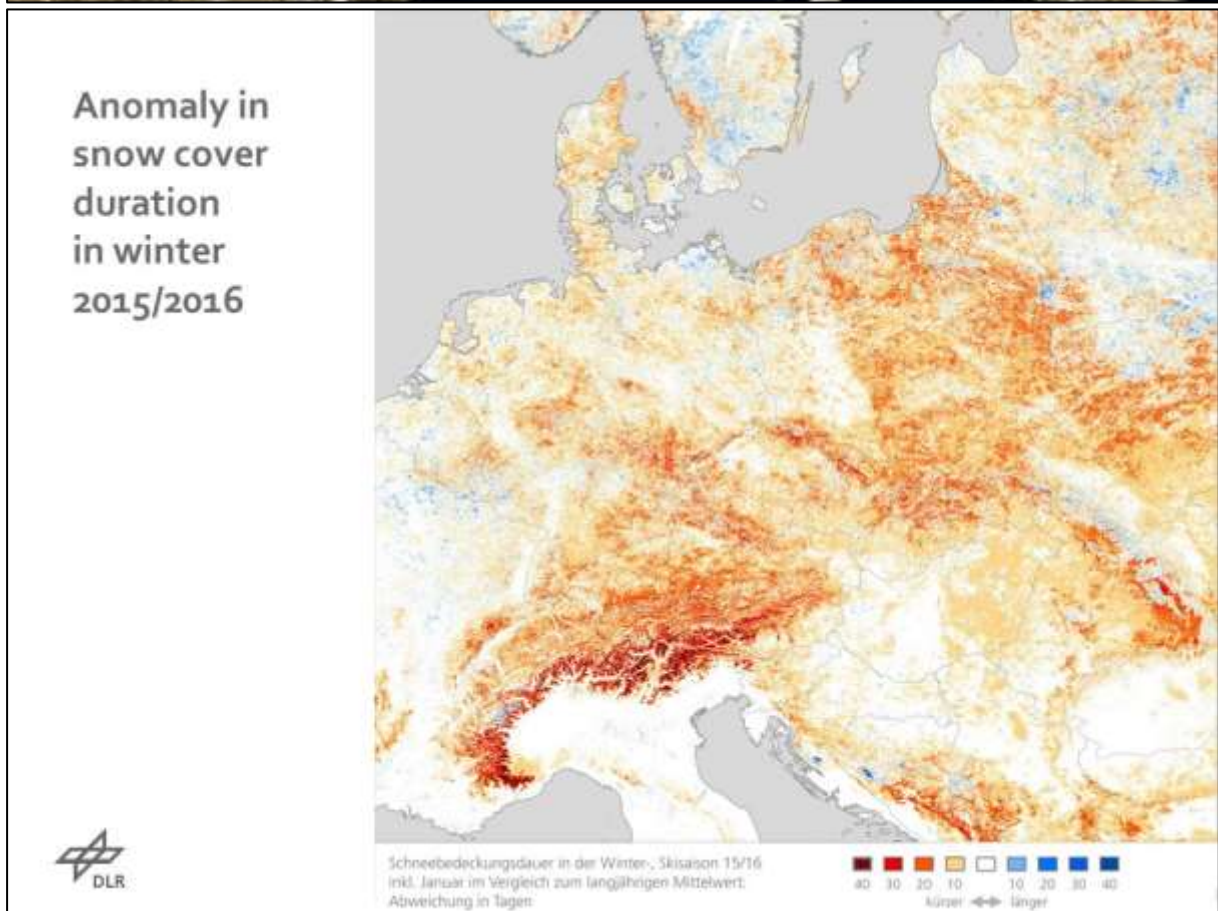










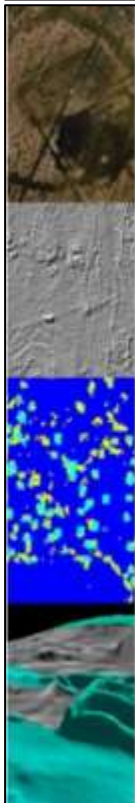


2.5 Fifth presentation - Archaeological looting

AARG 2018 Annual Meeting, Venice, September 12-14, 2018

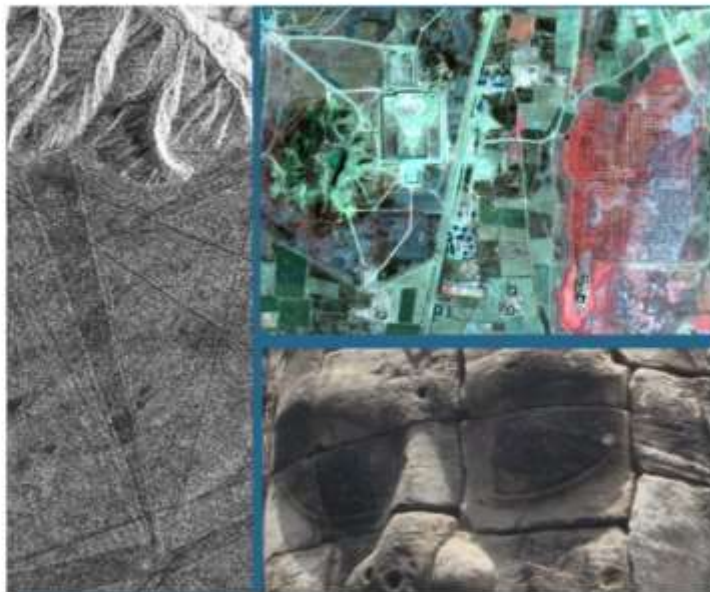
Extracting archaeological looting patterns from satellite images using automatic procedures

Nicola Masini and Rosa Lasaponara




9.30: - 10:30

DATA INTEGRATION AND FUSION: STATE-OF-THE ART AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROSPECTION AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE MONITORING



Chair: Rosa Lasaponara (CNR/IMAA) and Nicola Masini (CNR/IBAM)

Why preserve archaeological records



Archaeology, or archeology, is the **study of human activity** through the recovery and analysis of material culture.

The archaeological **record** consists of **artifacts, architecture, biofacts or ecofacts, and cultural landscapes.**

All the factors that :

- i) cause the **loss of material culture** (artifacts, architecture, etc..) ,
- ii) or **undermine the preservation** of cultural heritage

CAUSE THE LOSS OF KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN PAST



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Archaeological disturbance



Vandalism



Palmira (Syria)

Anthropic pressure



Giza Pyramid (Egypt)


Looting



Ventarron (Peru)



Archaeological looting



Archaeological looting occurs when **undocumented, illicitly obtained artifacts are ripped from the ground and sold**, often on the legal market (Bowman 2008.)


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Looting has both : i) **material** and ii) **intellectual** consequences

i) the loss of a work of art as **resource** (finite!) and ii) **source** of historical and archaeological information


The finding of looted artifacts gives the opportunity to enjoy the aesthetic and artistic value of the object but provides limited contributions to knowledge about the human past and tell us little about the culture that produced them

Reference: Bowman, B. 2008. "Transnational Crimes Against Culture: Looting at Archaeological Sites and the 'Grey' Market in Antiquities." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 24(3):225-42.




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Feinan – South Cemetery (Jordan) – Contreras&Brodie 2009



Archaeological looting: how face



Financing of criminal activities

Collector demand ← **Selling** ← ownership history control


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Looting → **transport** ← Repressive measures and actions

Monitoring/remote sensing
Repressive actions

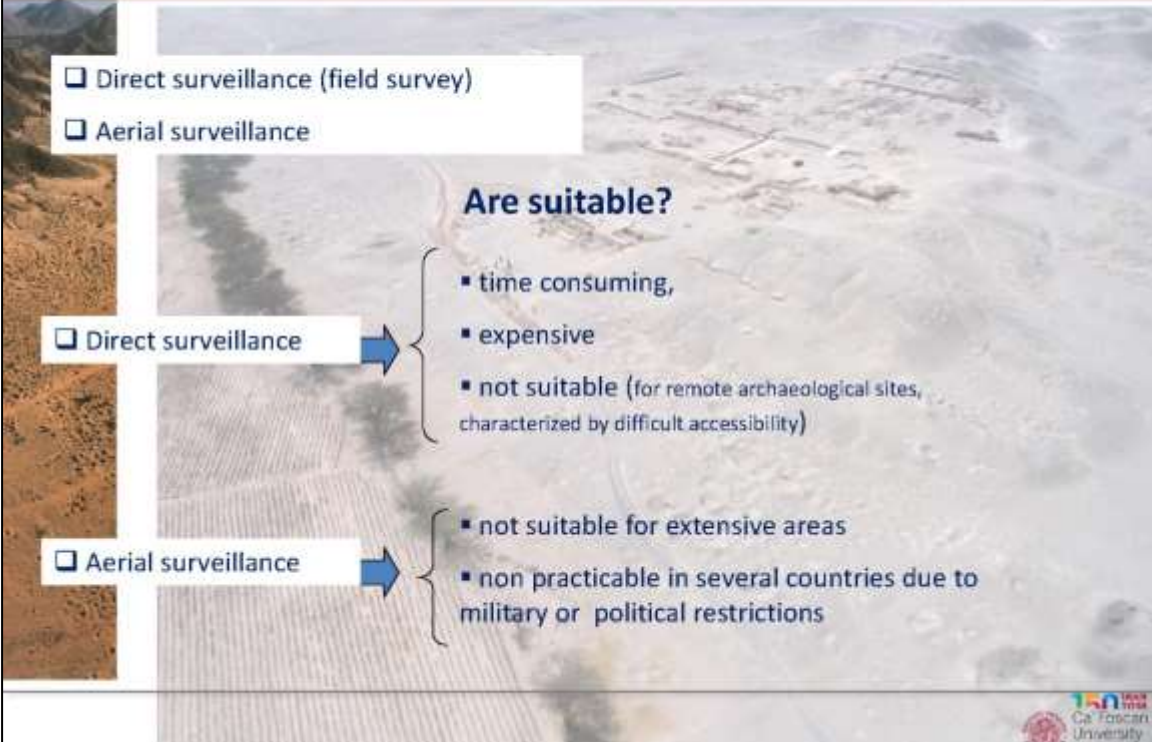
Other activity: study of the phenomenos and anthropological study

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HOW PROTECT THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE FROM CLANDESTINE EXCAVATIONS?

- Direct surveillance (field survey)
- Aerial surveillance




Are suitable?

- Direct surveillance →
 - time consuming,
 - expensive
 - not suitable (for remote archaeological sites, characterized by difficult accessibility)
- Aerial surveillance →
 - not suitable for extensive areas
 - non practicable in several countries due to military or political restrictions




SATELLITE MONITORING OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE

- In such conditions, Very high resolution (VHR) satellite imagery offer a suitable chance to quantify looting and damage affecting the archaeological heritage thanks to their global coverage, frequent revisitation times and high spatial resolution
- Recent applications:
 - Iraq (Parcak 2007; Stone, 2008; Van Ess et al. 2006)
 - Syria (Casana 2015; Casana and Parahipour 2014; Tapete et al. 2016)
 - Jordan (Vella et al. 2015)
 - Peru (Contreras 2010; Lasaponara&Masini 2012;2016)



Sheikh Hamad, Syria. 2011 QuickBird image : note extensive looting pits.



How recognize traces of looting by Remote Sensing?



❖ UNDERSTANDING OF LOOTING TECHNIQUES

❖ RECONNAISSANCE OF INDICATORS (MICRORELIEF/SHADOW MARKS, CROP-MARKS)

❖ CHOICE THE MOST APROPRIATE REMOTE SENSING TECHNOLOGY, DATA (OPTICAL/LIDAR), RESOLUTION AND APPROACH (SINGLE DATA OR MULTITEMPORAL OBSERVATION)

❖ OBJECT/SHAPE RECONNAISSANCE BY VISUAL OR SEMIAUTOMATIC/AUTOMATIC EXTRACTION

❖ DATA INTEGRATION AND VALIDATION BY UAV, GPS AND GPR

STATE-OF-ART OF SATELLITE ARCHAEOLOGICAL LOOTING MONITORING

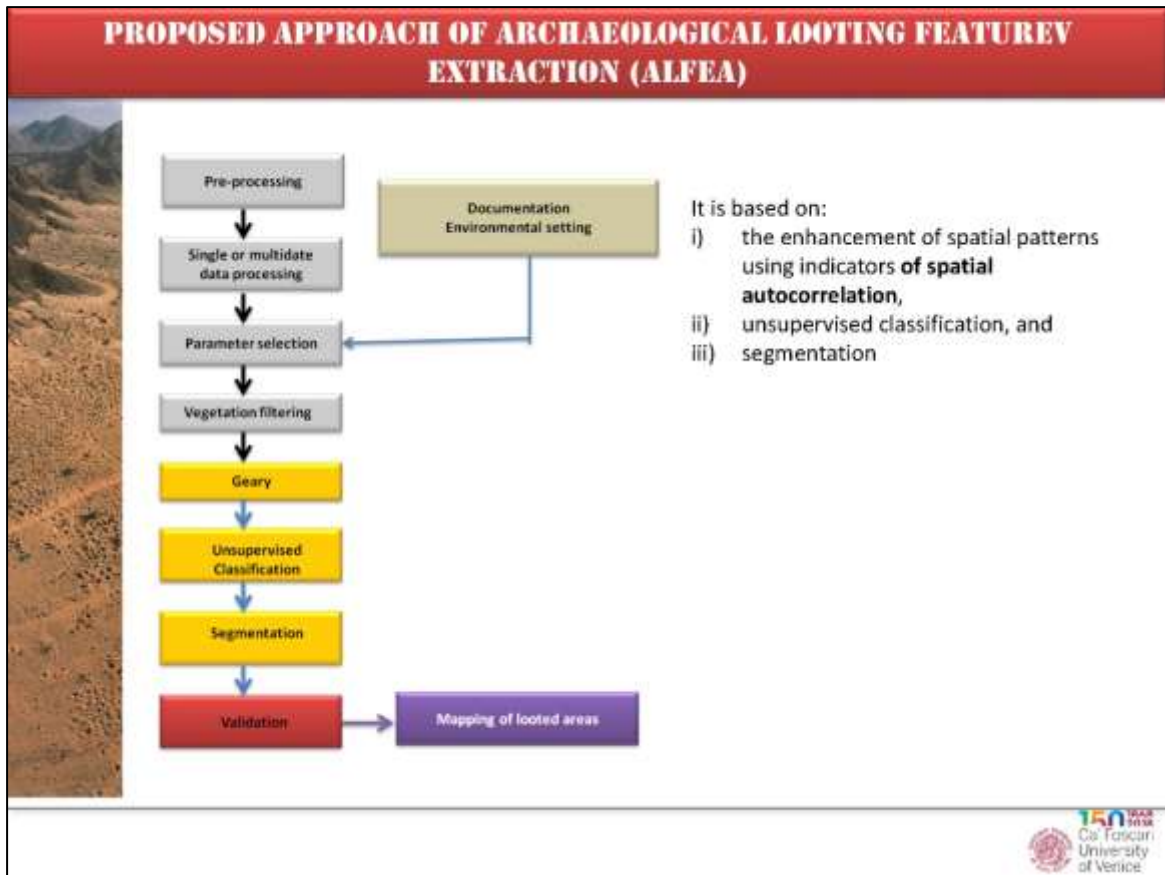


Visual inspection of archaeological looting features (ALF)

Parcak 2007; Stone, 2008; Van Ess et al. 2006; Casana 2015; Casana and Panahipour 2014; Peru (Contreras 2010);

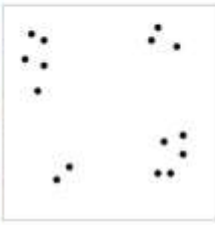
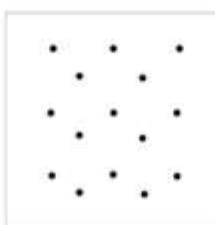
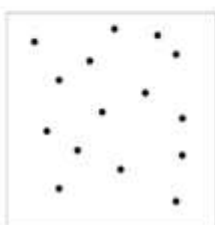
Semiautomatic/automatic extraction of ALF

- ❑ van Hees et al. (2006) used a semiautomatic object oriented approach based on the segmentation and subsequent supervised classification, applied in the archaeological site of Uruk-Warka in Iraq
- ❑ Cerra et al (2016) obtained change maps in two archaeological sites in Syria and in Iraq by using texture features, extracted through Gabor filters, and differences in brightness values.
- ❑ Lasaponara & Masini (2010) used **local indicators of spatial association (LISA)** for the identification of looting patterns, near Nasca in Southern Peru . This approach was later improved by in 2014 coupling LISA with usupervised classifications for the automatic extraction of looting features in Ventarron (Northern Peru) (Lasaponara et al. 2014)



SPATIAL AUTOCORRELATION

Spatial autocorrelation measures the degree of dependency among events (pixel reflectance values), considering at the same time their **similarity** and their **distance relationships**.

 <p>Positive Autocorrelation (or attraction)</p> <p>Events : near and similar (clustered distribution)</p>	 <p>Negative Autocorrelation (or repulsion)</p> <p>between events when, even if they are near, they are not similar (uniform distribution)</p>	 <p>No Autocorrelation (or random)</p> <p>no spatial effects, neither about the position of events, neither their properties</p>
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LOCAL INDICATORS OF SPATIAL AUTOCORRELATION (LISA)

LISA allow us to understand **where clustered pixels are**, by measuring **how much are homogeneous** features inside the fixed neighbourhood

Local Moran's index
(Anselin, 1995),

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

Clustering: Positive values indicate a cluster of similar values, while negative values imply no clustering (that is, high variability between neighboring pixels)

Local Geary's C index
(Cliff & Ord, 1981)

$$C^* = \frac{n-1}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (X_i - X_j)^2}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}}$$

Detection of areas of **dissimilarity** in reflectance value, thus enabling to detect **edge areas** between clusters and other areas with dissimilar neighboring values

Getis and Ord's Gi index
(Getis and Ord, 1992; Illian et al., 2008)

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

Hot spot: determination of concentrations of low values and high values

- N is the events number
- X_i and X_j are the intensity values in the point i and j (with $i \neq j$)
- \bar{x} is the intensity mean
- w_{ij} is an element of the weights matrix

For the purpose of our investigations, it is expected that the use of **Local Geary's C index** should enhance traces and features linked to illegal excavation

CLASSIFICATION AND SEGMENTATION

After the Local Geary's C, unsupervised classification and segmentation were applied.

Unsupervised classification (UC) enables: i) to obtain an automatic clusterization process, ; ii) and to overcome the need of a priori pre-defining known classes. ISODATA method has been used considered more flexible than other **Ucs** (such as K-Means)

Segmentation allows us to refine the outputs from classification, selecting meaningful feature classes thus improving the interpretation

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    graph TD
      A[Original Image] -- Geary --> B[Isodata]
      B -- Segmentation --> C[Segmented Image]
    
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CASE STUDY 1: DURA EUROPOS



- Dura Europos, located at east of Syria close to the border with Iraq
- It was founded by the Seleucids in the 3rd century BC. Over the centuries was a crossroad between different cultures.
- It is characterized by religious temples related to diverse cults such as the Greek Zeus temple, the shrine of Sumerian goddess Nanaia, the shrine of Syrian goddess Atargatis, the temple of the Palmyran god Bel, and the Jewish synagogue
- The citadel is around 60 hectares today completely covered by looters' pits mainly excavated from 2012 to 2015



CASE STUDY 1: DURA EUROPOS

2014



CASE STUDY 1: DURA EUROPOS – LOOTING TECHNIQUES



Rectangular well digging with manual tools to compact soil
The **walls** of the well are **vertical**



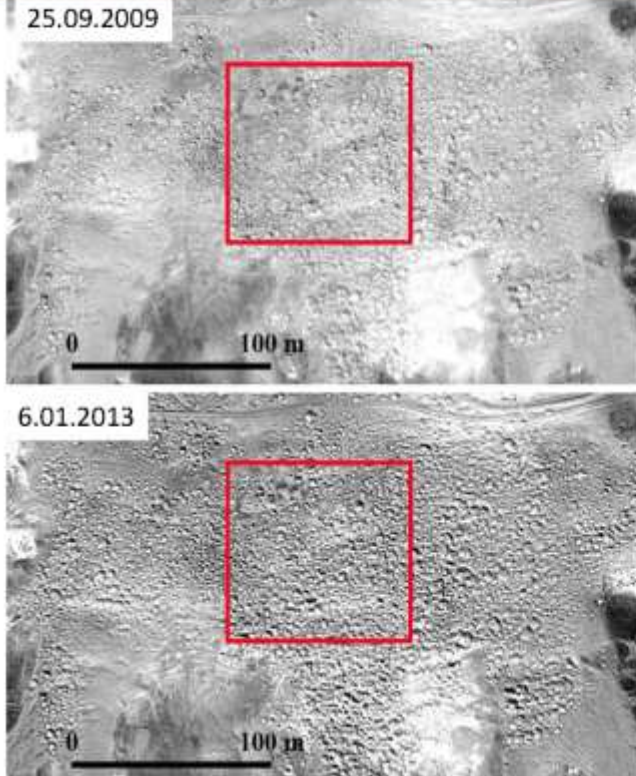
CASE STUDY 2: CAHUACHI



- ❑ Cahuachi is located in the South of Peru and it is the most important Ceremonial Centre of Nasca Culture, dating back from 400 BC to 400 AD. The geomorphology characterized by several mounds has been exploited by the Nasca to create pyramids built in adobe where rituals and ceremonies took place.
- ❑ Cahuachi is an emblematic case of massively looted sites since the Colonial Period
- ❑ The damage caused by grave robbers is easily recognizable by means of circular holes



CASE STUDY 2: CAHUACHI



Between the two images acquired in 2009 and 2014, there is no difference in terms of looting but simply in visibility of the looting holes that are more clear in 2013 than in 2009:

- i) for the better resolution of 2013 image
- ii) the 2009 image has been acquired in a period characterized by the Paracas Winds with associated transport of dust and sand that make the edges of circular holes less visible.

CASE STUDY 2: CAHUACHI- LOOTING TECHNIQUES



Cahuachi (Peru)

(a) Gran Piramide

(b) Piramide Naranjada

(c) (d) (e) (f)

Circular holes in incoherent sand soil using manual tools with diameters range from 5 to 12 m.

The current depth ranging from 1 to 3 m is less than in the past (due to the sand covering the hole)

The **walls of the holes are inclined in order to make stable the embankment**

Reference: Lasaponara&Masini 2012

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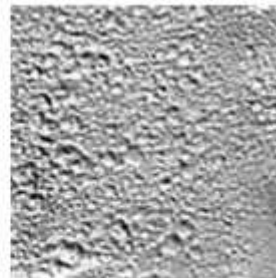
COMPARISON BETWEEN LOOTING HOLES IN TWO CASE STUDIES



Dura Europos: the looting fetures are pits with diameters 2 – 4 m and 1.5 to 3 meters deep



Cahuachi: the looting fetures are circular holes with diameters ranging from 3 to 10 m and depth from 0.5 to 1.5 m



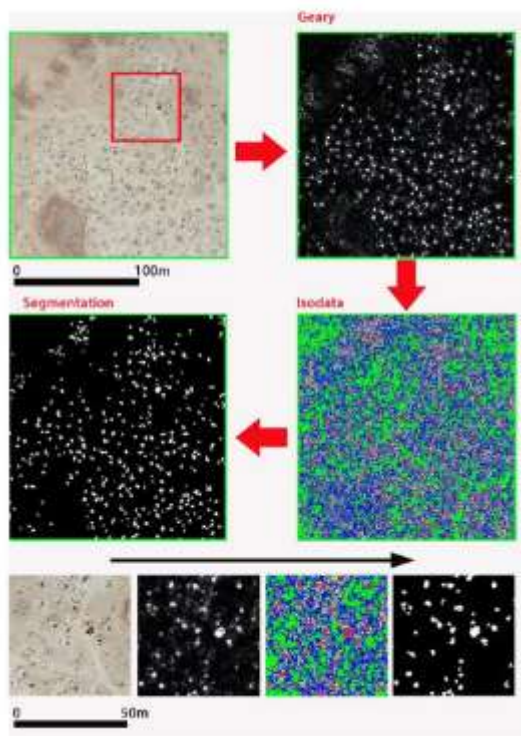
The identification and mapping of pits in Dura Europos is easier respect to the circular holes in Cahuachi: In Dura Europos the looting is much more recent than in Cahuachi where the sand covered partially the holes of grave robbers.

COMPARISON OF THE LOOTING CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE TWO TEST CASES

	Dura Europos			
	Cahuachi: past looting			
	Cahuachi: recent looting			
	photo	profile	plan	From space

In situ analysis of the diverse looting characteristics in the two selected case studies Dura Europos and Cahuachi. These diverse characteristics create diverse looting features and provide an example of the complexity to face in order to set up a change detection approach suitable to automatically recognize the diverse looting patterns (and signatures) from space

PARAMETERS SETTING OF THE ALGORITHM



□ Local Geary's C: as Neighborhood Rule, the Queen's Case which uses all eight neighboring pixels has been assumed

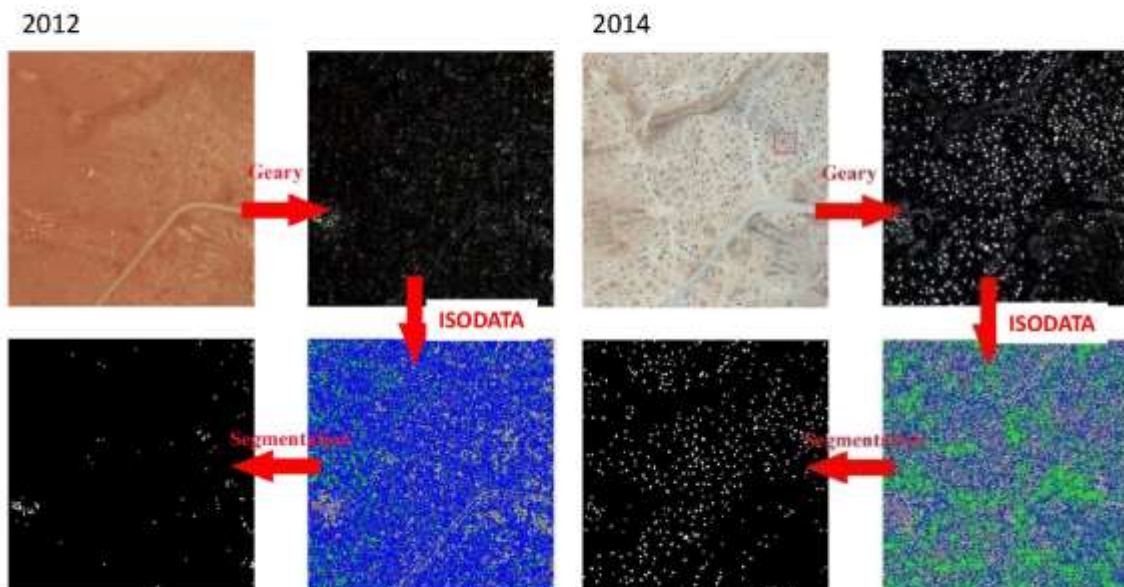
□ The variability map obtained has been classified with ISODATA assuming the following parameters: numbers of classes ranging from 5 to 10, change threshold = 5%, minimum class distance = 5. The result is a map with 7 classes, among which classes 6 and 7 (coloured magenta and purple, respectively) are related to archaeological looting features.

□ The final step has been the segmentation which enable to partition the classified map and improving the discriminations of looting features:

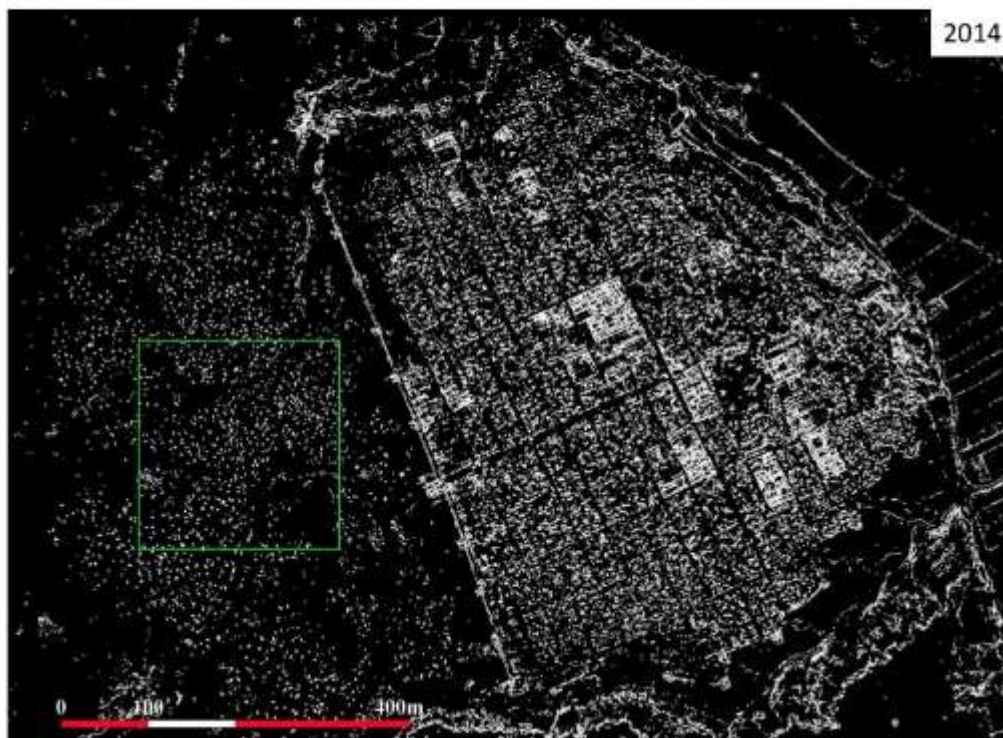
- i) choosing adequately the classes to be segmented,
 - ii) setting some parameters in order to optimize the ratio between target (looting features) and false alarms, in particular, the **minimum population** (i. e. the minimum number of pixels that must be contained in a segment) and the **number of neighbors**.
- The best results have been obtained selecting classes 6 and 7 and imposing values of minimum population and number of neighbors equal to 10 and 4, respectively.

DURA EUROPOS

RESULTS FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURE EXTRACTION



DURA EUROPOS
RESULTS FROM ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEATURE EXTRACTION

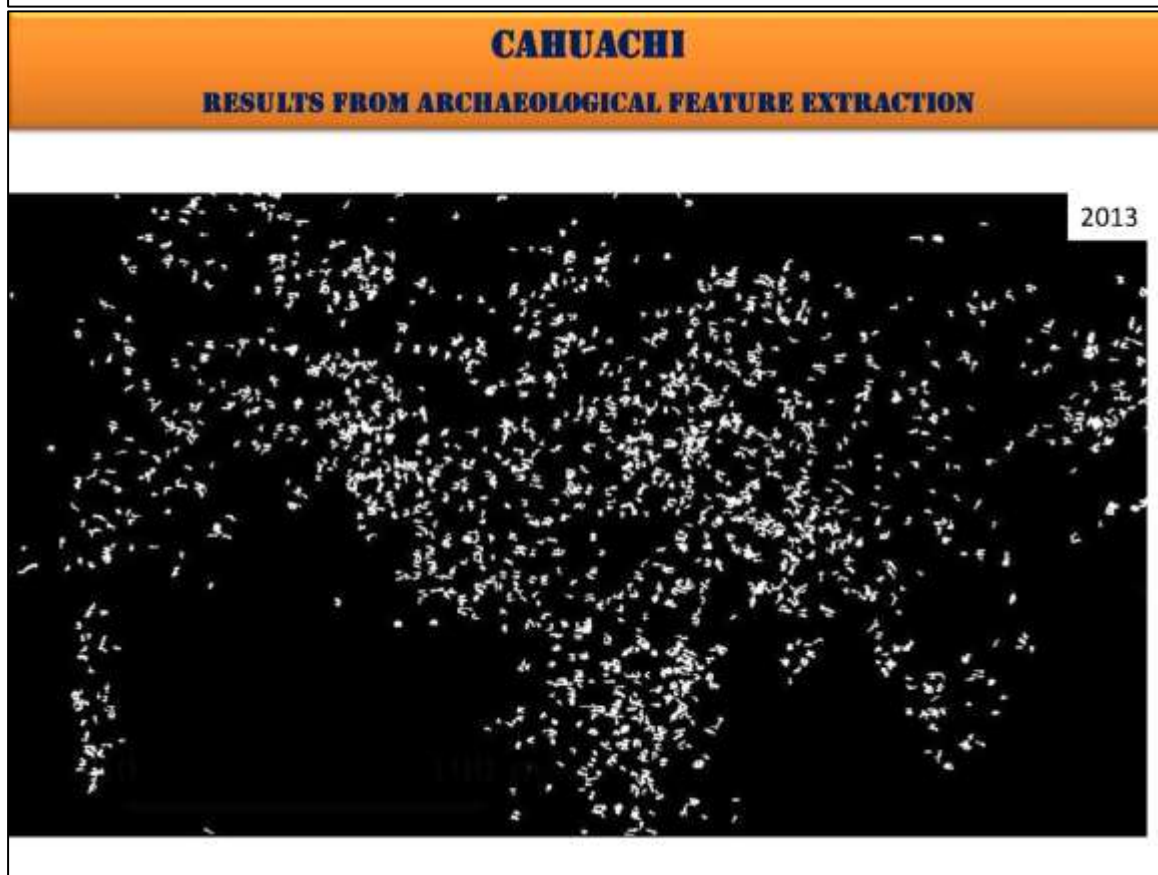
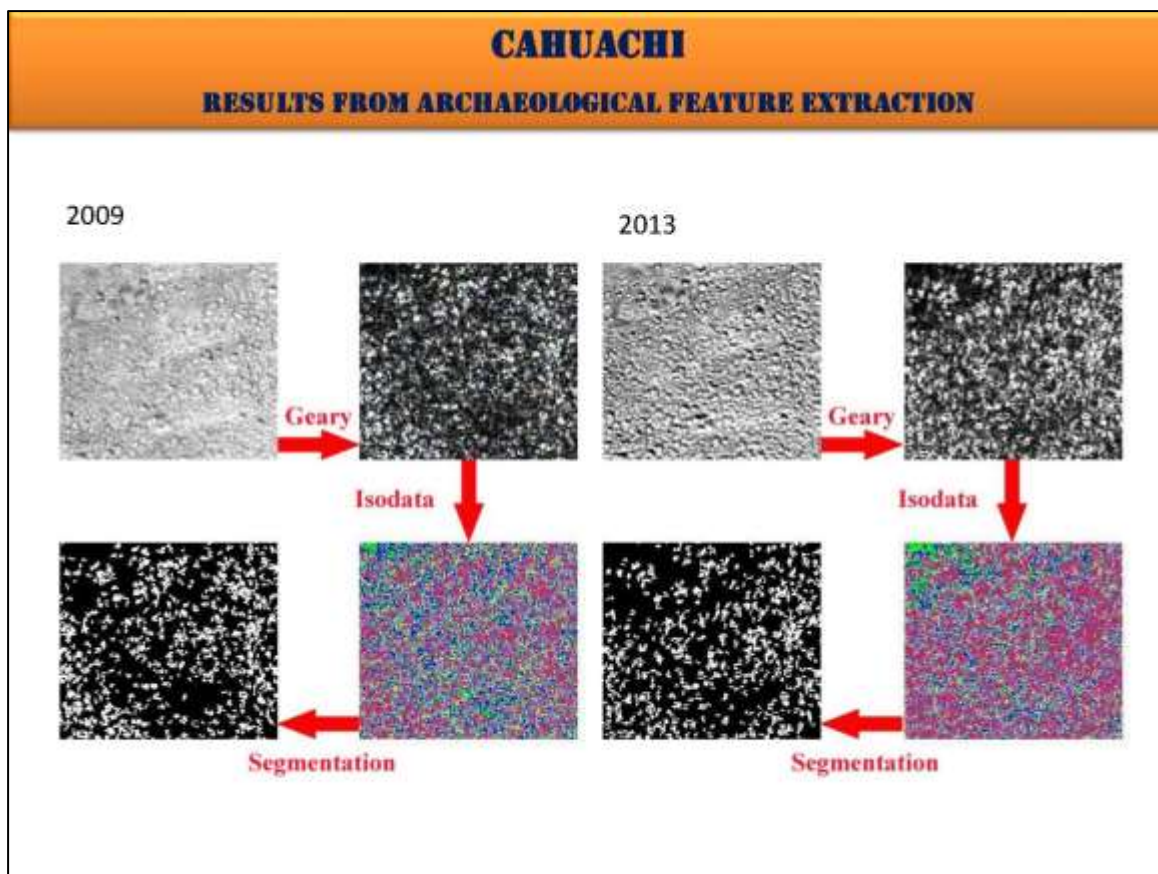


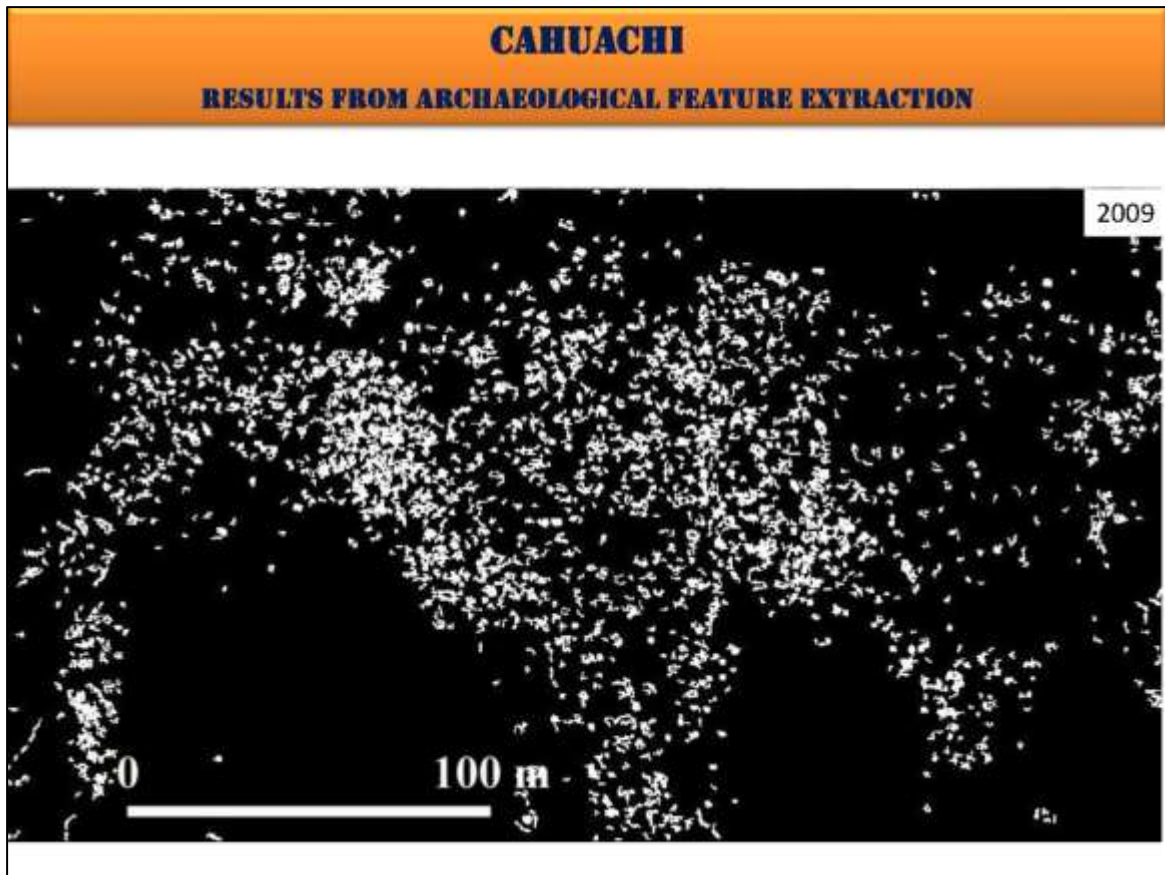
DURA EUROPOS
RATE OF SUCCESS ASSESSMENT

image 2012				
NH	TD	TnD	FA	$N_{FA} = \frac{FA}{(FA+TD)}$
34	30	4	2	
	88%	12%		6,25%
image 2014				
NH	TD	TnD	FA	$N_{FA} = \frac{FA}{(FA+TD)}$
506	469	37	35	
100,00%	92,69%	7,31%		6,94%

NH: number of holes
 TD: targets detected
 FA: false alarms
 NFA: normalized false alarm index (FA/(FA+TD))

Assessment method: visual inspection of satellite imagery and ancillary data from independent analyses (UNITAR 2014)





CAHUACHI

RATE OF SUCCESS ASSESSMENT

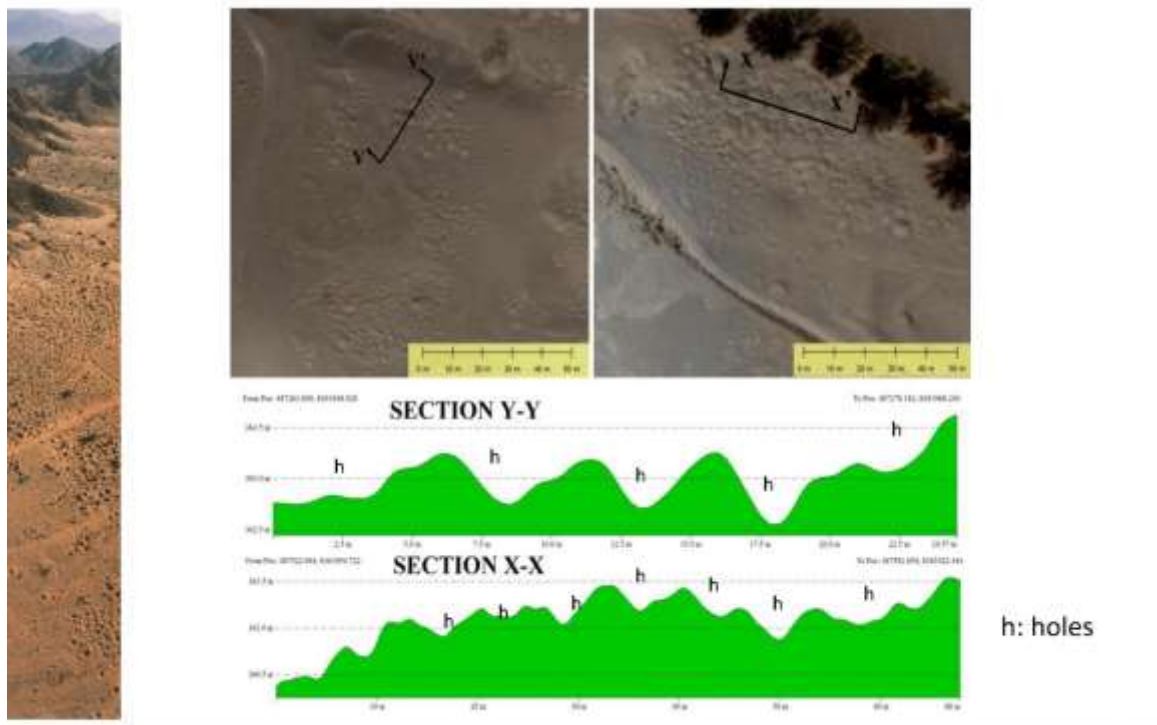
Image 2009					
NH	TD	TnD	FA	N_{FA}	$FA/(FA+TD)$
178	161	17	26		
	90,04%	9,96%			13,90%

Image 2013					
NH	TD	TnD	FA	N_{FA}	$FA/(FA+TD)$
178	173	6	5		
	100,00%	97,19%	3,37%		2,81%

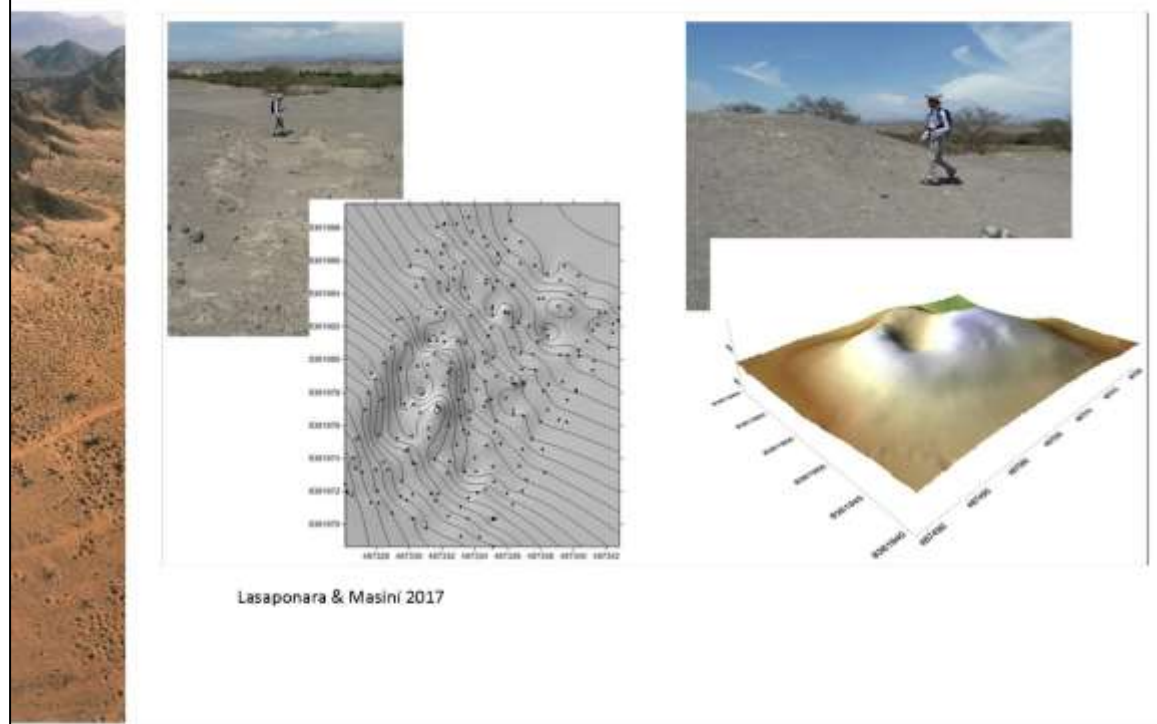
NH: Number of Holes
 TD: targets detected
 FA: False Alarms
 NFA: normalized false alarm index
 ($FA/(FA+TD)$)

Assessment method: visual inspection of satellite imagery, aerial survey by drone and field survey

Assessment of holes detected by aerial photogrammetry



Assessment of holes detected by GPS

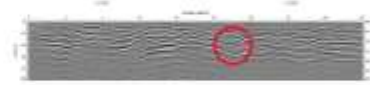


Future perspectives: GPR prospecting of looting areas

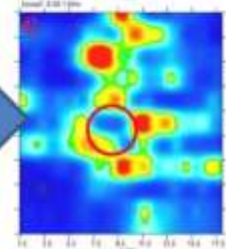


The typical outputs of GPR prospecting are: i) the radargrams, ii) the time slices and iii) 3D visualization of iso-amplitudes.

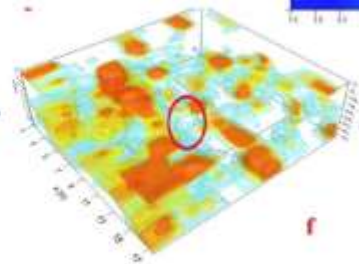
i) The **radargram** is a measure of the reflection amplitudes and the travel time that the reflections take.



ii) Multiple **radargrams** collected over an area may be used to build 3d **tomographic** images, depictable as 3d blocks or as **horizontal slices** (also known also as depth or **time slices**) that are maps obtained for specific depths which enable to spatially visualize reflectors or discontinuities in the subsoil linked to the presence of archaeological remains



iii) The 3D representation of iso amplitudes make the interpretation of GPR results easier



CONCLUSIONS


- ❑ Looting represents one of the main risk factors which affect the archaeological heritage throughout the world.
- ❑ Actions oriented to quantify and monitor looting can be supported by satellite observations systems.
- ❑ In order to extract looting features an object oriented approach based on local indicators of spatial autocorrelation, unsupervised classification and segmentation has been adopted
- ❑ The method provided satisfactory results for two different test sites located in two different geographical areas (Peru and Syria), selected because characterized by different looting morphological characteristics and looting dynamics: frequent in the past for Cahuachi and still ongoing in Dura Europos, where the looting features are deeper and better visible than in Cahuachi
- ❑ The method provided a high rate of success with **low rate of false alarm even in noisy image** and in area where over the years the desert sand tend to cover looting features (radiometrically obscuring the looting features)




2.6 Sixth Presentation - Integration of RS data for Cultural Heritage management

EXTRACT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE FROM BIG DATA FOR DOCUMENTATION, MONITORING AND PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE


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MULTISENSORS MULTISCALE MULTITEMPORAL INVESTIGATIONS

NON INVASIVE Technologies for Knowledge, Documentation, Valorization, Monitoring Preservation of Cultural and Natural Heritage



OUTLINES



- ✓ **GOLDEN AGE OF DIGITAL EARTH**
- ✓ **EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM BIG DATA: : NEEDS AND CHALLENGES**
- ✓ **CASE STUDIES:**
 - ✓ (i) the spatial component (satellites and associated ground infrastructures)
 - ✓ (ii) in-situ measures (aerial and terrestrial measures)
 - ✓ (iii) services for users: the example of ARTEK project (Artes project funded by ESA and ASI)

EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM BIG DATA


Big Data refers to the flood of digital data from many digital earth sources, including:

- ✓ sensors,
- ✓ digitizers,
- ✓ scanners,
- ✓ numerical modeling,
- ✓ mobile phones,
- ✓ Internet,
- ✓ videos
- ✓ e-mails
- ✓ social networks


The data types include texts, geometries, images, videos, sounds and combinations

EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM BIG DATA: CHALLENGES

- ✓ Petabytes of EO and science data **are not exploited** as should be
- ✓ Present and future mission/project **continuously increase the amount of data** and computing power needs
- ✓ A variety of data formats **not always standardised**
- ✓ Fast access to data relies on WAN connectivity (e.g. **still expensive** for high throughput)
- ✓ Increasing need to fast response as for security, risk monitoring and alert, etc



EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM BIG DATA: NEEDS



The capability to extract information from data is linked with the capability to integrate data and info available from diverse sources

Transformation: from data to (useful) knowledge

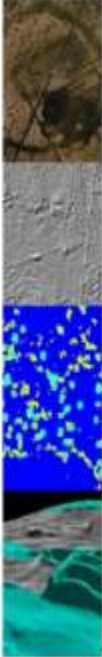
EXTRACT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE FROM BIG DATA FOR DISCOVERY, DOCUMENTATION, MONITORING AND PRESERVATION OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE




BIG DATA INTEGRATION NEEDS AND CHALLENGES



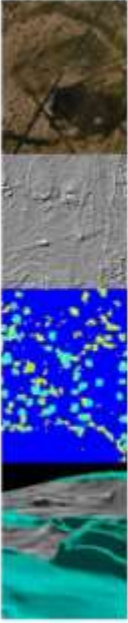
- ✓ No magic: Careful planning and setting goals, vision and narrative important. Once narrative is in place, integration “only” become a technical issue
- ✓ Experimental design, data quality, outlier identification is an important part of the integration –
- ✓ Data integration important, but often challenging - especially for ad-hoc data
- ✓ From single-discipline to multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches



COPERNICUS DATA



- The constellation Copernicus has changed the paradigm with which the citizen is related to the spatial datum, because it is open access, available to all.
- Therefore, space is a huge opportunity for a society, today, that evolves very quickly and offers challenges and opportunities.
- **In the light of recent sensor developments and data availability, innovative models and methodologies are needed for data analysis and the integration of different information, as well as new strategies for the exploitation.**




COPERNICUS DATA

There are four pillars, on which Copernicus is founded:

- (i) the spatial component (satellites and associated ground infrastructures),
- (ii) in-situ measures (aerial and terrestrial Measures),
- (iii) harmonisation/standardization of data and
- (iv) services for users.

The Copernicus services are based on information from a constellation of dedicated satellites, called "Sentinels", and dozens of other satellites, the so-called "participating missions". This information is supplemented with data obtained from in situ (i.e. local) sensors. In particular, the spatial component related to the constellation of dedicated satellites, consists of various Sentinel missions with the following objectives.

EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM BIG DATA




(I) THE SPATIAL COMPONENT (SATELLITES AND ASSOCIATED GROUND INFRASTRUCTURES)

(II) IN-SITU MEASURES (AERIAL AND TERRESTRIAL MEASURES)

DISCOVERY NEW SITES IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF BURIED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

THE CASE STUDY OF NEOLITHIC VILLAGE IN THE APULIA REGION

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CROP-MARK



Crop-marks are the most important proxy indicators of the presence of archaeological buried remains whose physical interaction with its surrounding produces local variations in moisture content, organic soil, vegetation, that can be detected by a variety of optical sensors mounted on aircrafts, satellite platform and, unmanned aerial vehicles

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CROP-MARK

Results from Remote sensing based detection of cropmarks depends on

- 1_ State of conservation of archaeological features
- 2_ Geophysical contrast target (feature)-matrix
- 3_ Boundary conditions : land use, meteorological parameters, soil and vegetation types

Crop Marks

Healthy vegetation Stressed vegetation

Buried wall

Stressed vegetation Healthy vegetation

Permeable soil Clayey soil

buried ditch

MULTITEMPORAL ANALYSIS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL CROP-MARKS

Neolithic settlement in Apulia: seasonal behaviour from multi-dates Google Earth images

The different seasonal behaviour of archaeological proxy indicators can be depicted using multi-dates Google Earth images which, unfortunately, rarely allow a systematic Intra-year analysis, than can only be indirectly deduced by images taken in different years whose results strongly depend on land use and crop rotation with annual shifts

scheme of agricultural cultivations (cereal-legumes-fallow)

2003 Feb 28

2012 April 26

2013 June 28

2014 October 28

INTER YEAR OBSERVATION OF LAND USE AND CROPMARKS FROM GOOGLE EARTH

Schifata: Google Earth images evidence vegetation marks over time.

- 2012 Spring image (a) shows the highest number of archaeological cropmarks.
- 2013 summer picture (c) shows very well visible circular features due to the presence of wild grass.
- In the same area other summer images (b, 21.06.2013; d, 30.08.2015) do not reveal any archaeological marks due to the lack of herbaceous cover.
- Finally, very a few marks are visible in autumn (e and f) in spite of the presence of vegetation cover.

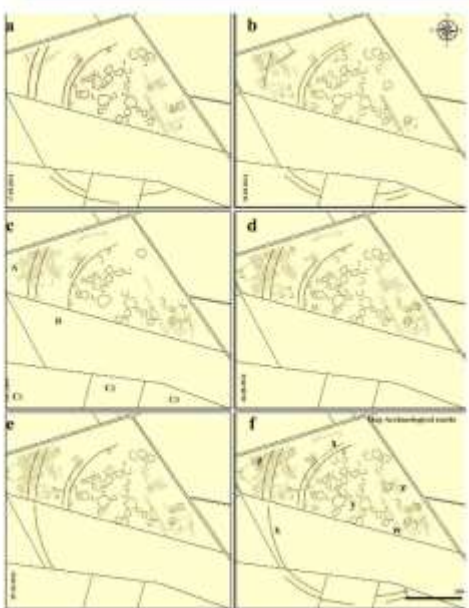
INTRA-YEAR OBSERVATION OF LAND USE AND CROPMARKS FROM GOOGLE EARTH

Remarks

- Most of marks are in A, in spring (a-b, e-f), due to the presence of crop, as well as in summer and in autumn, in presence of wild herbaceous plants.
- In B the marks are only visible in Autumn (d) because of the presence of sparsely wild herbaceous which evidenced a double trench. No marks are evident in spring, when the soil is bare due to plowing, and in summer, when the terrain is cultivated with legumes and tomatoes.
- In plots C1, C2 and C3 two double trenches are evident only in Spring when the area was cultivated with wheat.


Fig. 4. Orthophotos related to: March 17 (a), May 10 (b), August 20 (c), October 29 (d). **Topic:** type of marks and vegetation changes over season (a, f, g, h). The images g and h show a detail of plot A related to a double trench and circular compounds which are visible thanks to wheat-marks with light and dark tones in March (a) and in May (b). In Summer (c), the archaeological features manifested as vegetation marks linked to spontaneous wild grass. The image in October (d) shows both grass and soil moisture marks. **Field survey:** the persons in the photo (26 August 2014) are located following one of the circular crop-marks (i).

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS, MAP AND INTERPRETATION OF CROP-MARKS



- The comparative observation of the six aerial images evidences some differences in the growth of cropmarks
- Map **f** shows all the features recognized from each image.
- There are **two curvilinear double trenches** surrounding the Neolithic settlement. One is evident in sectors A, B and C, especially in Spring and in Autumn (radius of 198 and 218m, respectively; covering an area of 12,3Ha)
- About **fifty** smaller **circular and C-shape** features (diameters ranging from 12 to 42m) referable to ditches surrounding **compounds of huts** (from 3 to 10)
- The **second double trench** has radius from 320 to 347m, respectively, covering approximately an area of 32Ha, exhibits scarce evidences of compounds likely due to the not favorable characteristics of the soil and vegetation cover.
- The maps show also linear features referable to ancient roads and old land use such as potential orchards (see Fig.5f, denoted with 'w' and 'z', respectively), particularly visible in summer and in autumn.

EXTRACT INFORMATION FROM BIG DATA



(I) THE SPATIAL COMPONENT (SATELLITES AND ASSOCIATED GROUND INFRASTRUCTURES)

(II) IN-SITU MEASURES (AERIAL AND TERRESTRIAL MEASURES)

PACHACAMAC MULTIPURPOSE INVESTIGATIONS BASED ON ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SATELLITE DATA INTEGRATED WITH DRONE SURVEY AND GEOPHYSICAL PROSPECTIONS

URBAN SPRAWL BY Google Earth , SAR, UAV and In situ analysis Lima Peru

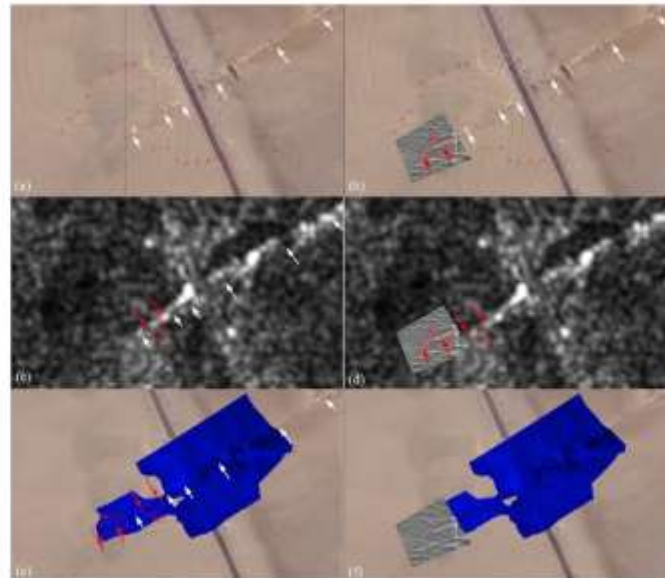
ARCHAEOLOGY UNDER ATTACK

the complementarity of the optical and SAR data as regards the archaeological features. For arid and desert areas, the penetration of radar allows us to detect buried remains, including earthen walls as in the case of Pachacamac.

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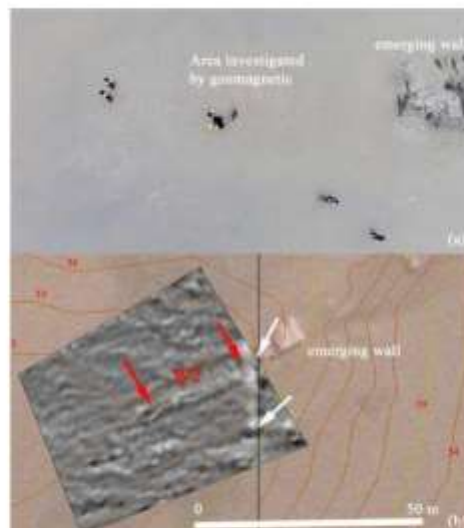
Google Earth image and Cosmo SkyMed strip image image of Pachacamac, pre-Incas ceremonial centre (VI-XIV A.D.) surrounded by the suburbs of Lima

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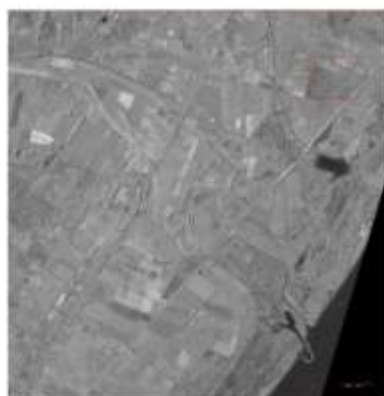


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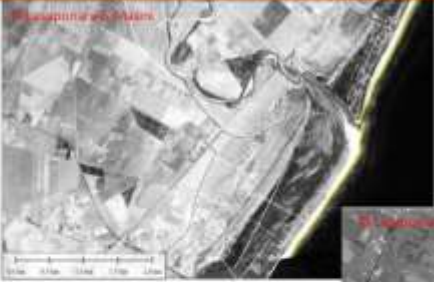
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METAPONTO : MULTIPURPOSE INVESTIGATIONS BASED ON ACTIVE AND PASSIVE SATELLITE DATA INTEGRATED WITH ANCILLARY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTARY SOURCE

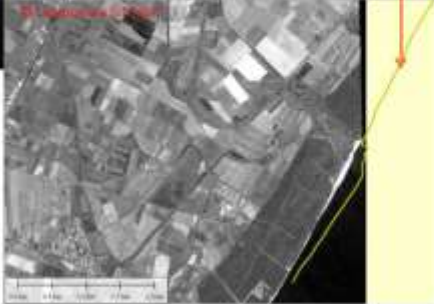


Some historical data on the movements of the coastline come from archeology. In particular, the inner dune belt, near the ancient Metaponto could be dated between the 7th and 3rd centuries BC. Just in this last century the dune was cut artificially, probably to facilitate the drainage of inland wetlands 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.

Case study : Metapontum



1961 Satellite declassified Corona

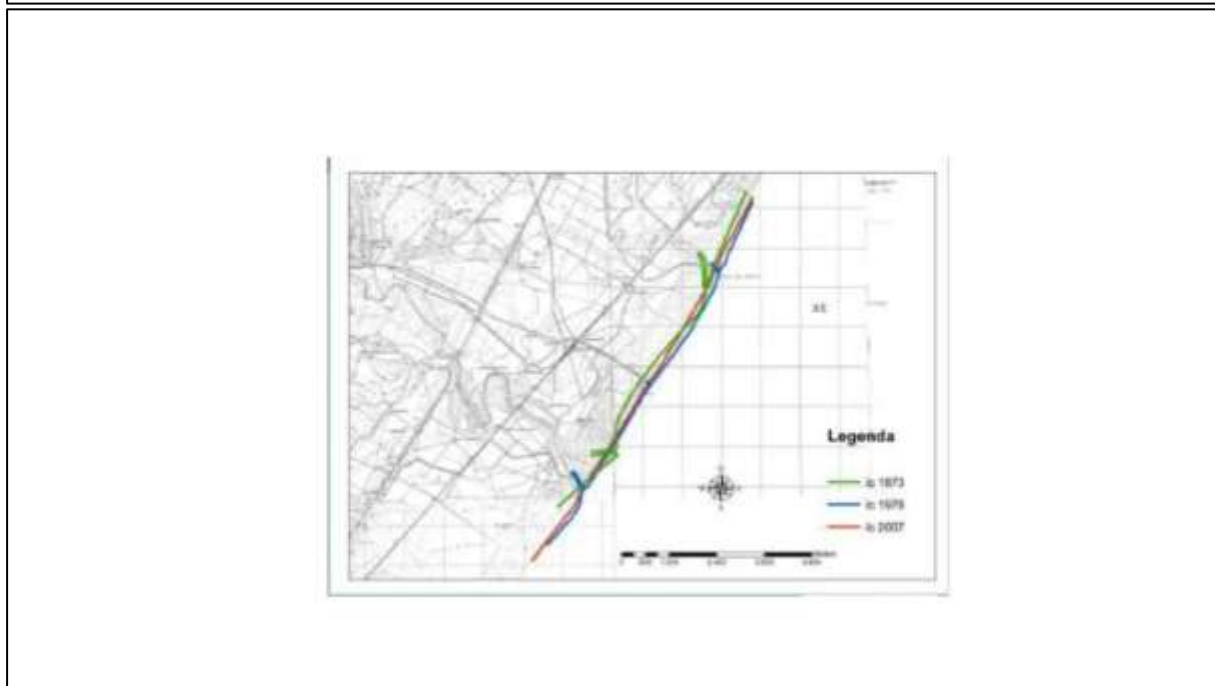


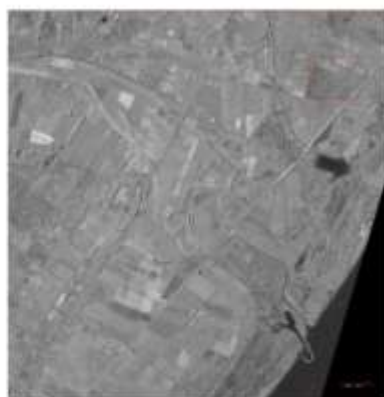
2004 Satellite QuickBird

1961 coastline

(a)

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.



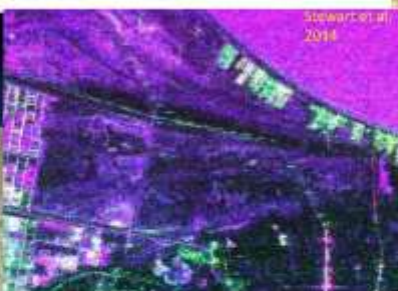


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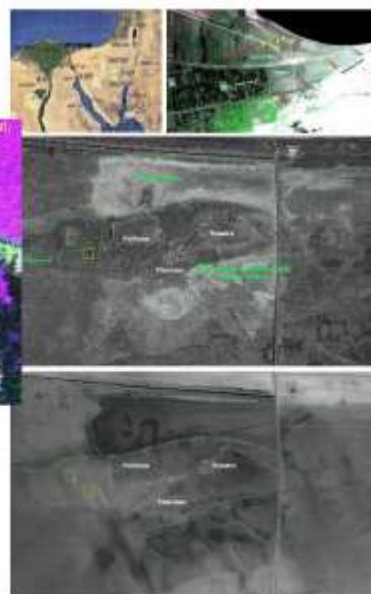
Shoreline variations : the Case study of Pelusium



Optical image acquired on 7 February 2007.
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Colour combination of C3 matrix elements in linear
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Additional details in

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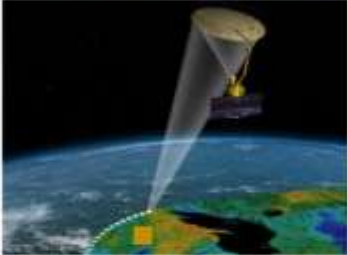
DATA INTEGRATION




✓ (iii) **DATA INTEGRATION SATELLITE AND IN SITU MEASUREMENTS**
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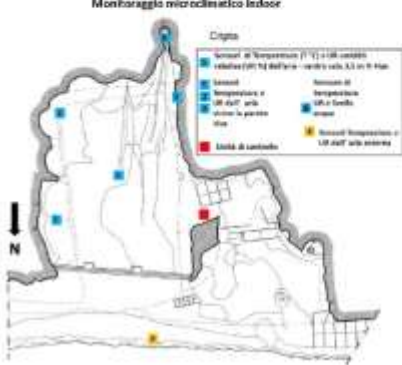
The Crypt of Original Sin – monitoring system indoor – outdoor - satellite



- Satellite surveying - environmental parameters / pollution
- Outdoor weather station (T / UR air, wind rainfall)
- Indoor microclimatic monitoring



Monitoraggio microclimatico indoor



Legenda:

- Sensori di Temperatura (T) e UR (umidità relativa) (RH) nel focolare - sensori sulla scala in 11 piani.
- Sensori di Temperatura e UR all'uscita
- Sensori di Temperatura e UR in giardino
- Sensori di Temperatura e UR all'interno
- Sensori di Temperatura e UR all'esterno
- Stanza di controllo

2.7 Seventh Presentation – Geophysics



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GPR surveys at 'Tombs of the Kings' necropolis in Cyprus

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Topic

The present webinar deals with GPR surveys referred to the columns of Tomb 4 and Tomb 3 at the UNESCO site known as "Tombs of the Kings", an ancient necropolis.



Tomb 3



Tomb 4



Aim of the survey

A correct management of architectural and archaeological monuments requires a detailed analysis of the state of conservation, building techniques and materials for a correct planning of the restoration interventions.

In particular, it is crucial to detect and map decay patterns, cracks and anomalies to assess stability of load bearing structures whose brittleness makes mandatory the use of non invasive investigations, in agreement with the Theories of Restoration [1]. The improvement of geophysical techniques in terms of sensor performance and resolution, the increasing availability of software for data analysis, processing and interpretation have led to an increasing interest in the use of in situ non-invasive technologies such as Ground-penetrating radar (GPR).

GPR exploits microwave ability of penetrating non-metallic objects and registers into radargrams electromagnetic variations occurring in different media, such as subsoil or building materials. These variations are visible as hyperbolas and advanced data processing, among which microwave tomographic approaches [2], are useful to improve imaging capabilities and obtain easily interpretable images.

[1] Brandi (1963)

[2] Soldovieri, F.; Crocco, L (2011) Electromagnetic Tomography; Vertiy Subsurface Sensing; Ahmet, S., Turk Koksai, A., Hocaoglu Alexey, A., Eds.; Wiley: Hoboken, NJ, USA.

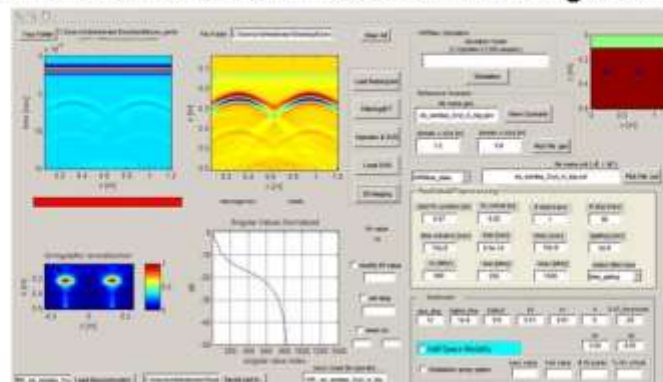
GPR device & data processing



GPR survey was performed with a Ris Hi-Mod GPR system, IDS System, 2 GHz frequency



GPR data processing was performed by using Microwave Tomography and by exploiting a flexible interface able to manage 2D and 3D imaging in several reference scenarios under different measurement configurations



Survey at Tomb 3 - Hellenistic necropolis of the 'Tombs of the Kings'

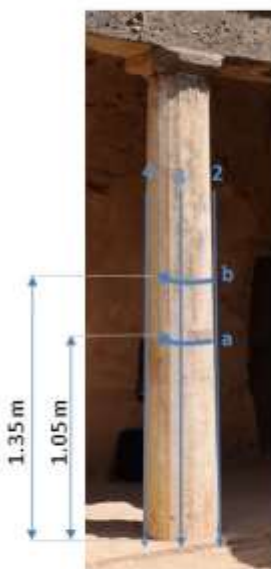


The columns of Tomb 3 were restored and do not show significant crack patterns

GPR survey aimed at retrieving information on the restoration process

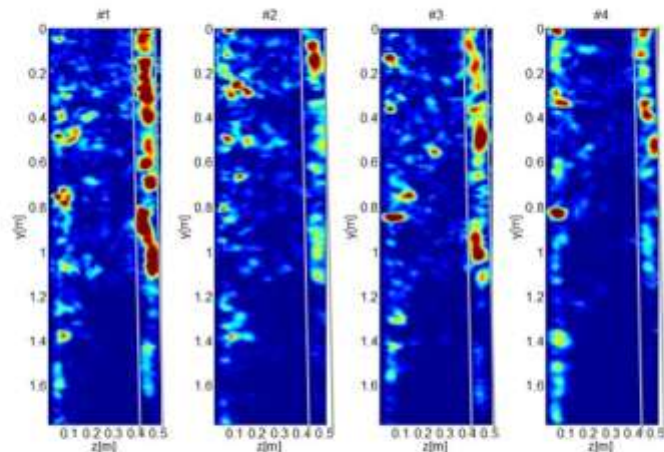
- imaging the column structures
- detecting non visible fractures and fractures filled with mortar
- discovering iron elements

Survey at Tomb 3 - Hellenistic necropolis of the 'Tombs of the Kings'



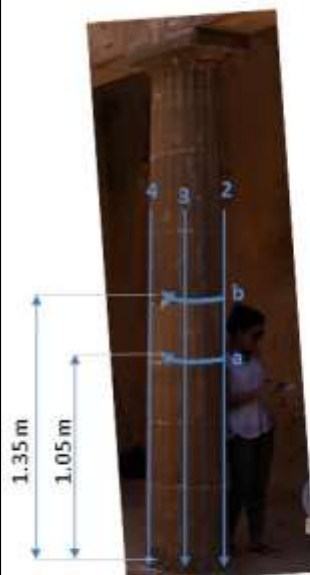
Column #3

4 vertical scans spaced of 90°
2 horizontal scans (along the circumference)



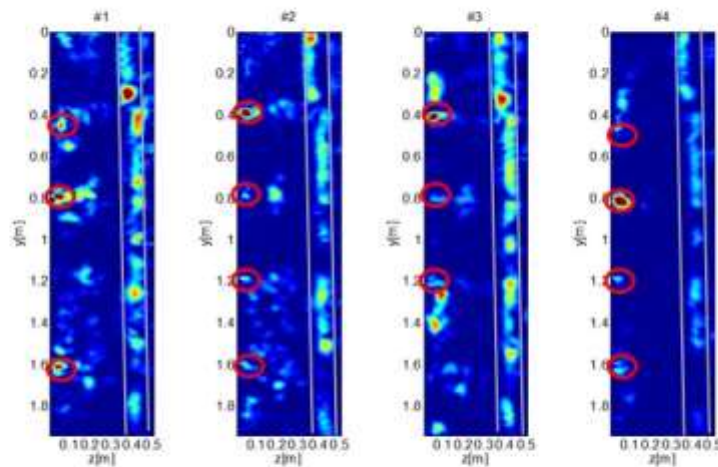
The tomographic images show that, although the column appears homogeneous, its interior is characterized by many anomalies mainly localized into the upper part
Moreover the back side of the column is visible

Survey at Tomb 3 - Hellenistic necropolis of the 'Tombs of the Kings'



Column #5

4 vertical scans spaced of 90°
2 horizontal scans (along the circumference)



The tomographic images show the evenly spaced mortar junctions between the circular stone blocks (red circles) Moreover, the column interior is quite homogeneous even if several localized anomalies appear

Survey at Tomb 3 - Hellenistic necropolis of the 'Tombs of the Kings'



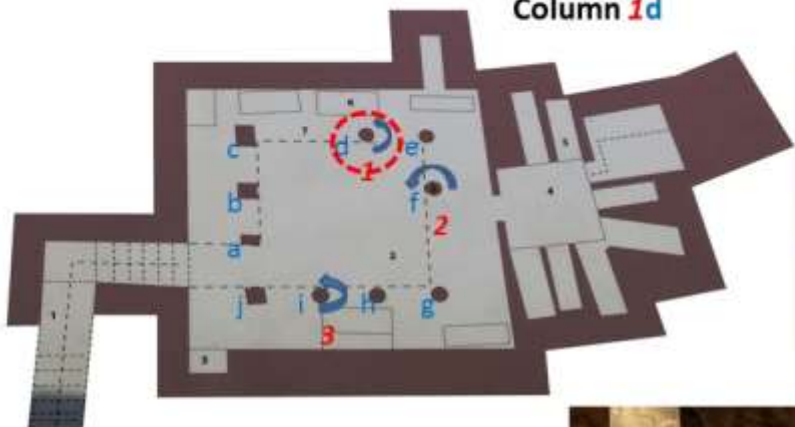


A number of columns at the tomb's atrium exhibit fracturing at their base or incorporate cracks which extend throughout their height.

GPR survey aimed at characterizing the deterioration status of pillars

- instability of the columns due to the presence of fractures
- sedimentation in the direction of loads,
- fractures filled with mortar

GPR Survey

Column 1d



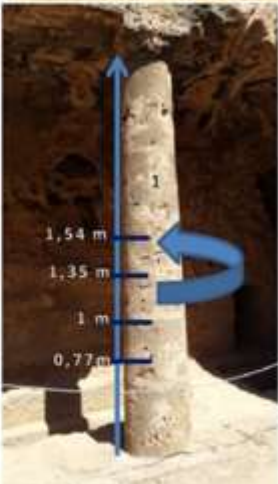
The 1d column is composed of cylindrical calcareous stones and probably a lime mortar. The column is circular and its circumference is 1.62 m and its height is 2.90 m.

Presence of iron inner core ?
Decay of cylindrical stones

GPR Survey - Column 1d

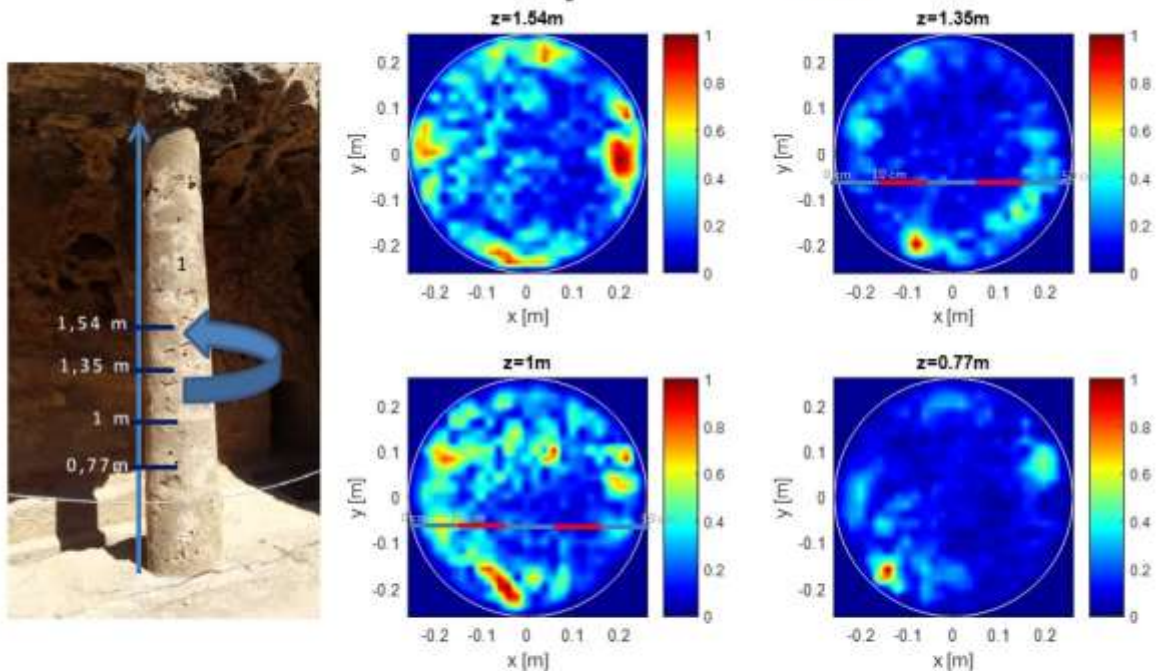
Two longitudinal sections were performed from top to bottom, of which the first section was made on the inner wall of the column, which faces the atrium of the tomb and then the cross-section at 90 degrees, see figures.

Further radargrams have been acquired in circular section with 4 heights from the ground, two circular sections on the stone rocks made in the central part at 1.54m 0.77 m high from the ground, two sections on mortar joints at heights of 1 and 1.35 m from the ground . The circular sections start from the inside as in the picture and extend according to a circular anti-clock motion.

Column d 1 longitudinal section and circular sections

GPR Survey - Column 1d

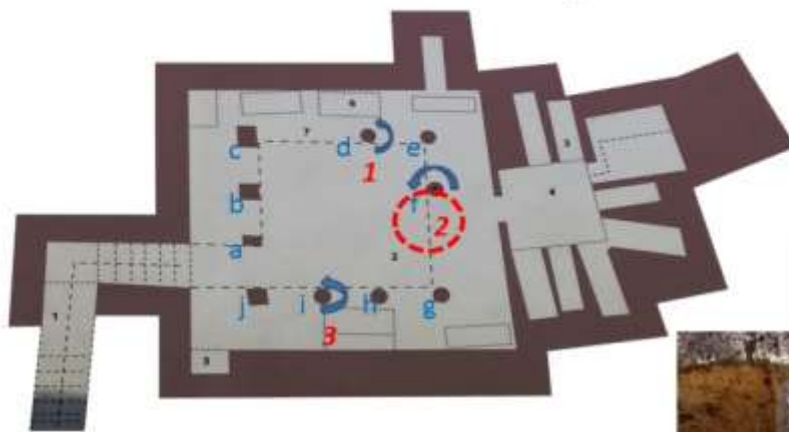


The images at $z = 1.35 \text{ m}$ and $z = 0.77 \text{ m}$ show abnormalities in the first 10 cm, probably due gaps into the porous structure of the rock - the interior is quite homogeneous

The images at $z = 1.54 \text{ m}$ and $z = 1 \text{ m}$ show abnormalities spreading into the all section

There is no structural pivot in the center of the rocks

GPR Survey - Column 2f



The 2f column is a circular section of calcarenic monolith rock with longitudinal fracture closed with concrete and mortar

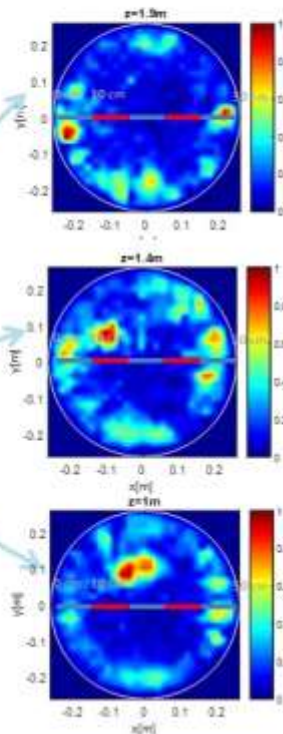
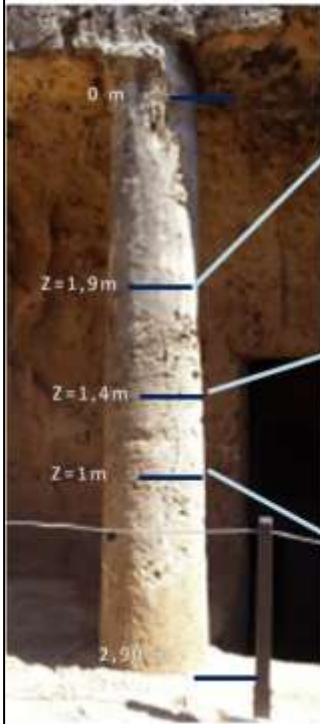
The circumference is 1.77 m and the height is 2.90 m



Frontal view from atrium and from the back of the column

GPR Survey - Column 2f

Radargrams have been acquired in circular section at 3 heights from the ground, at 1.00m, 1.40m and 1.90m
The circular sections start from the inside and extend according to a circular anti-clock motion



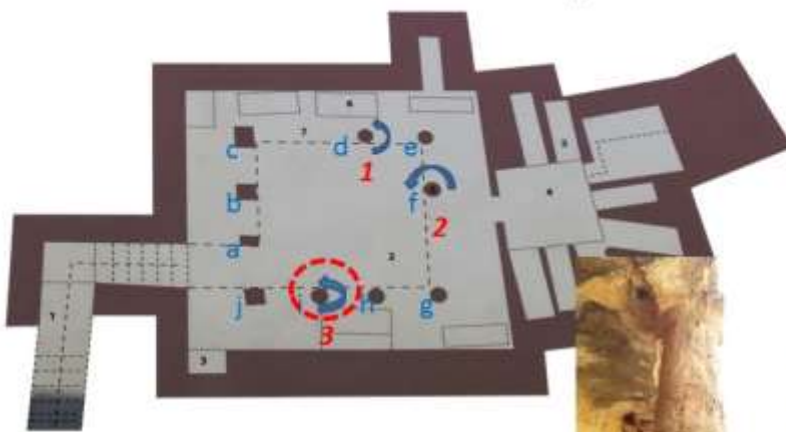
The circular tomographic images show that the fracture surface appears not completely closed but that up to 1.4 meters this discontinuity generates strong anomalies.

GPR Survey - Column 3i

Column 3i is a circular section of calcareous monolith rock with multiple longitudinal fractures and has a diameter of 1.80 m and a height of 2.80 m.

The GPR survey provided the execution of tomographic sections from top to bottom, of which the first section shows the inner wall of the column, which faces the atrium, and the other at 120 degrees from the first.

Further radargrams have been acquired at heights from the ground to 0.45 m, 1.00 m and 1.40 m from the ground. Circular sections start from the picture and extend according to a circular anti-clock motion.



The 3i column is a circular section of calcareous monolith rock with multiple longitudinal fractures

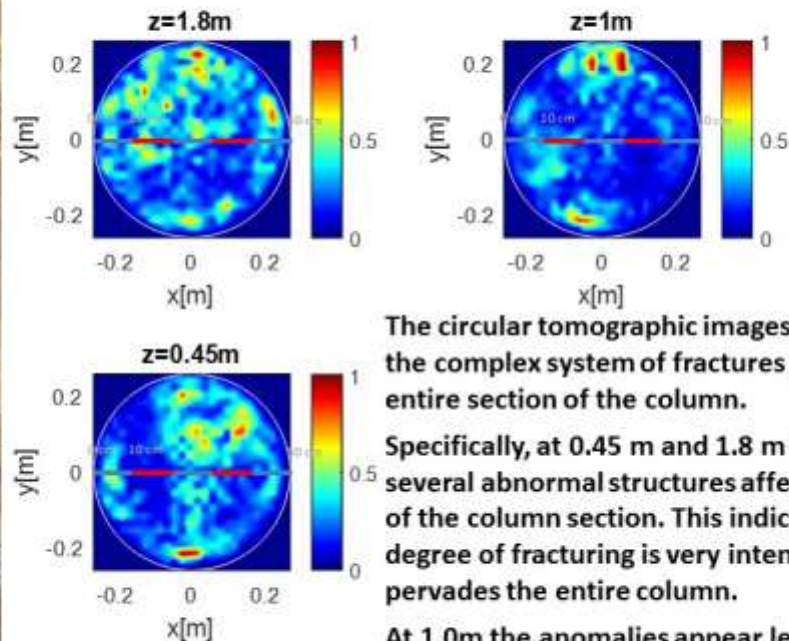
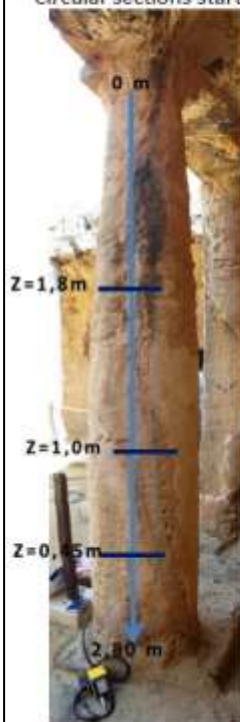
The circumference is 1.80 m and the height is 2.00 m



Frontal view from atrium and from the back of the column

GPR Survey - Column 3i

Radargrams have been acquired in circular section at 3 heights from the ground, i.e. at 0.45 m, 1.00 m and 1.80 m. Circular sections start from the inside as shown in the picture and extend according to a circular anti-clock motion.



The circular tomographic images show that the complex system of fractures pervades the entire section of the column.

Specifically, at 0.45 m and 1.8 m in height, several abnormal structures affect about half of the column section. This indicates that the degree of fracturing is very intense and pervades the entire column.

At 1.0m the anomalies appear less evident probably due to the presence of trapping shallow structures (f.i. surface discontinuities)

Conclusions

- On site GPR surveys were performed to examine the condition and analyze the pathology of the columns of Tomb 3 and Tomb 4 of the ancient necropolis, known as 'Tombs of the Kings', Paphos, Cyprus.
- The raw GPR data were processed by means of a processing chain based on the use of microwave tomography approach, which faces the imaging as a linear inverse scattering problem and provides focused images referred as tomographic images
- The obtained tomographic images provide indications concerning the development/propagation of cracks and the existence of discontinuities within the rock material.
- On going activities regards the processing of the data gathered by means of the GPR MALA system (400 MHz) and referred to the floor of the tombs

