

# Big Data und KI-Verfahren in der Erdbeobachtung

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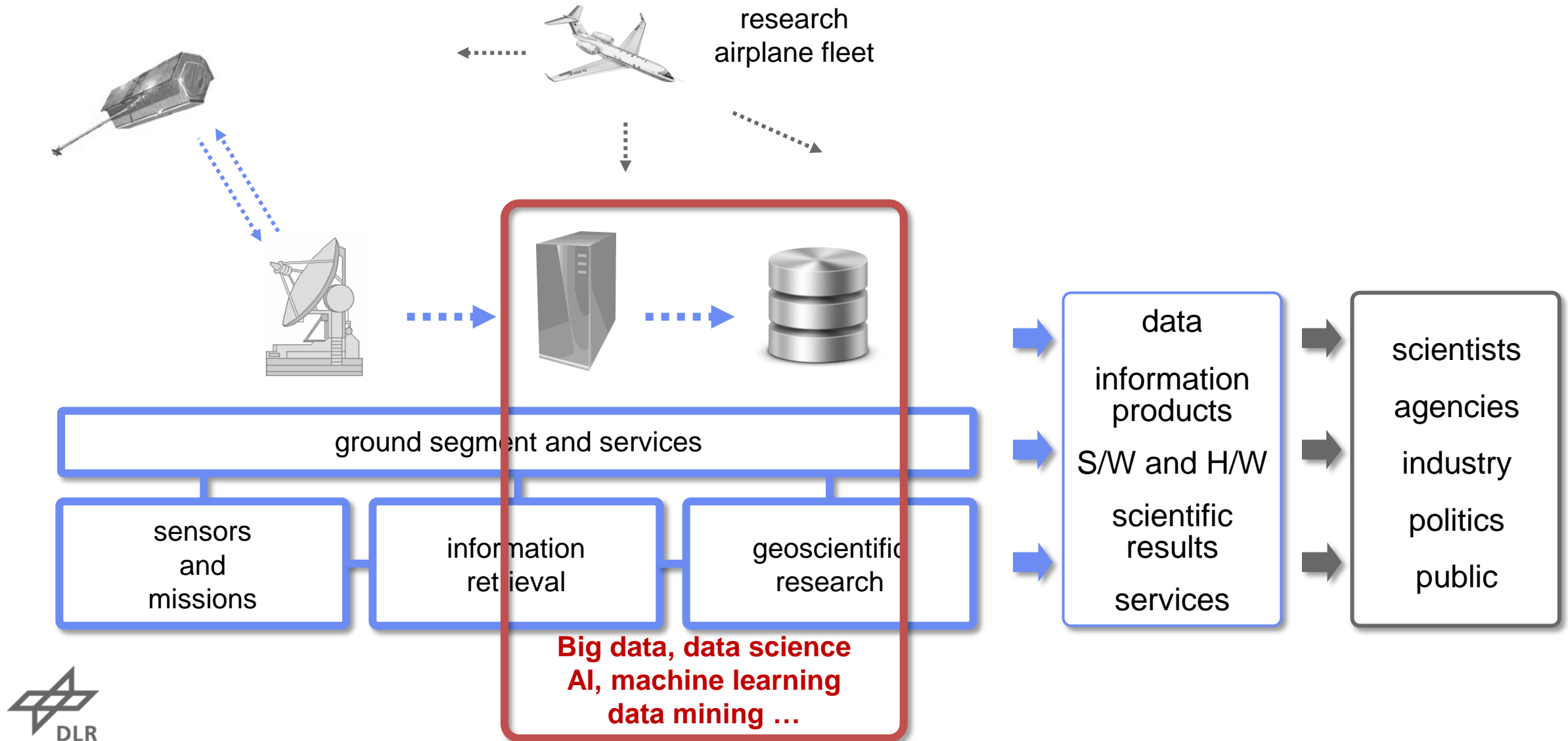
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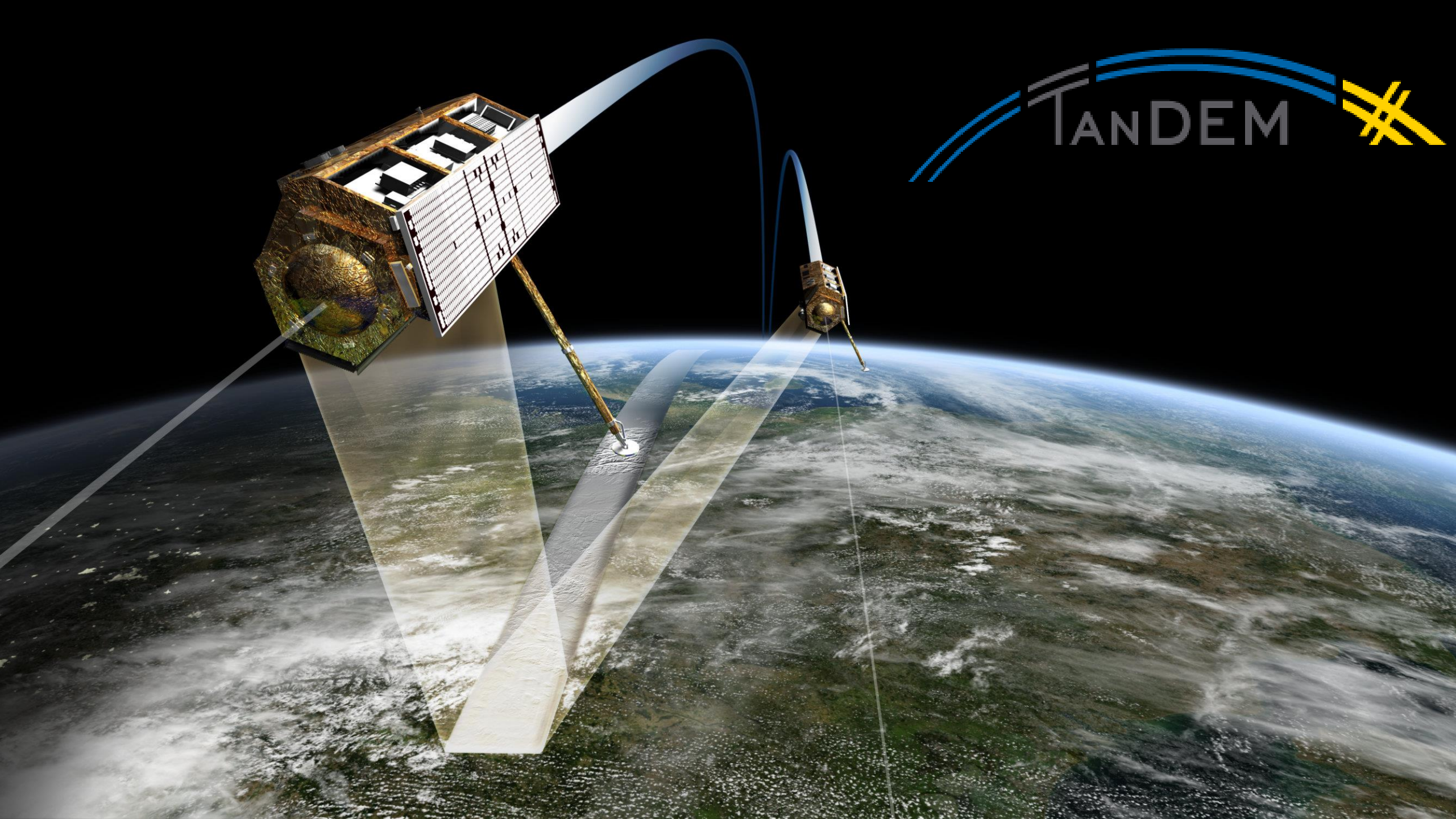




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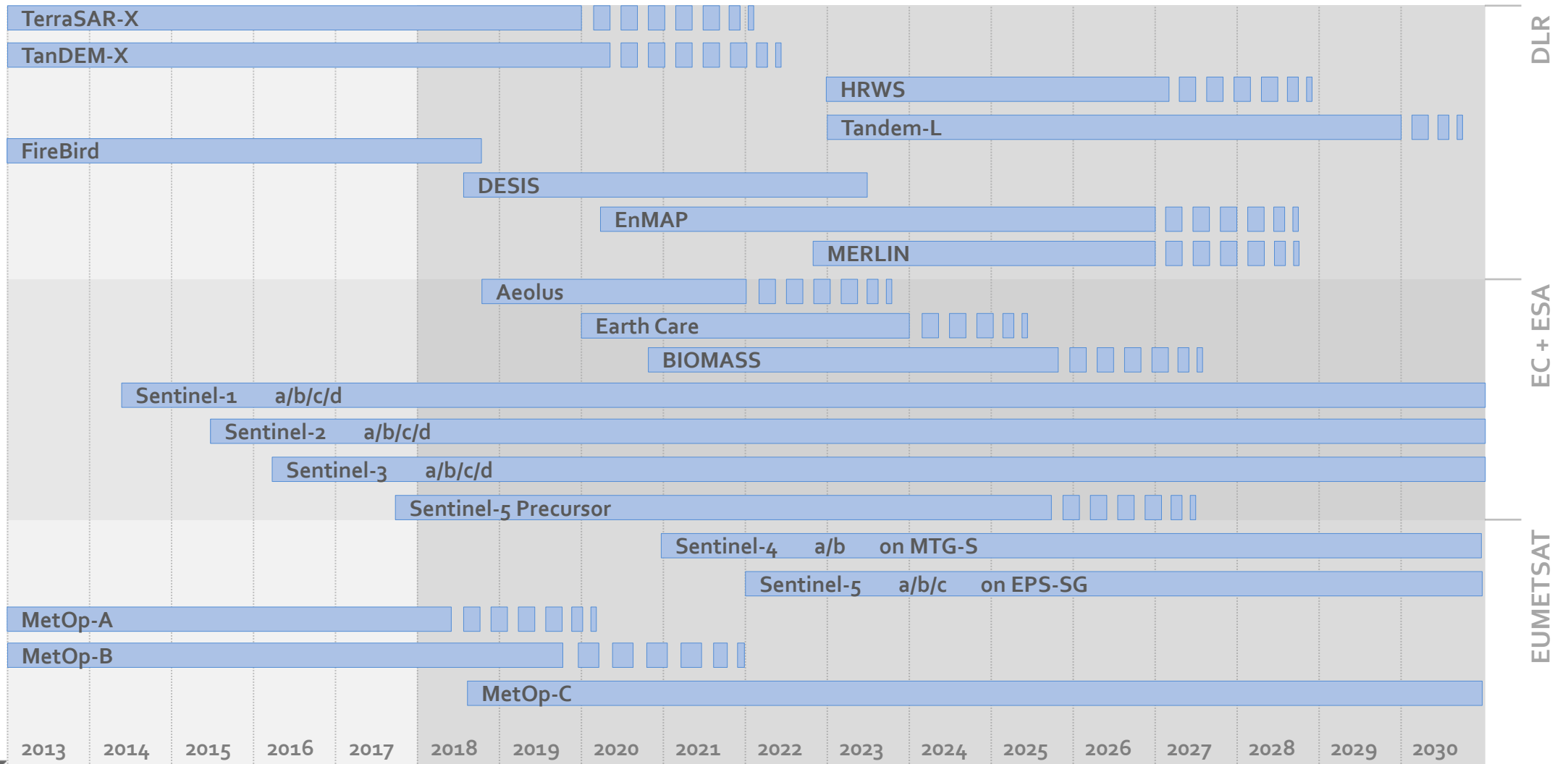
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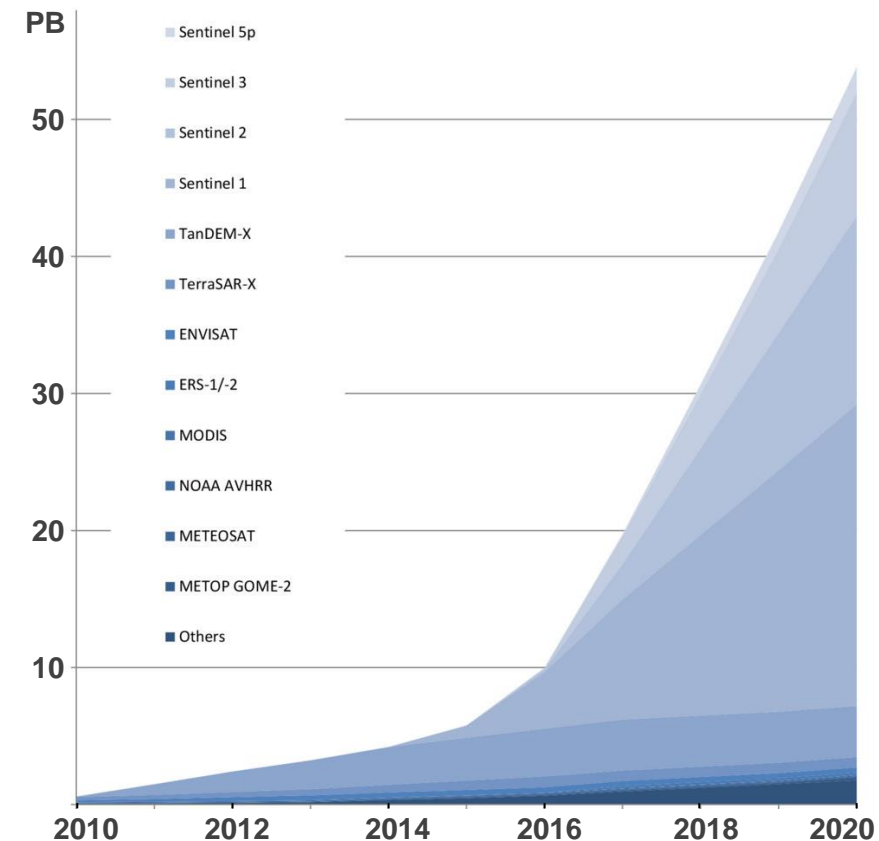


# Relevant EO Missions (DLR and European)



## Game Changer Copernicus-Programm

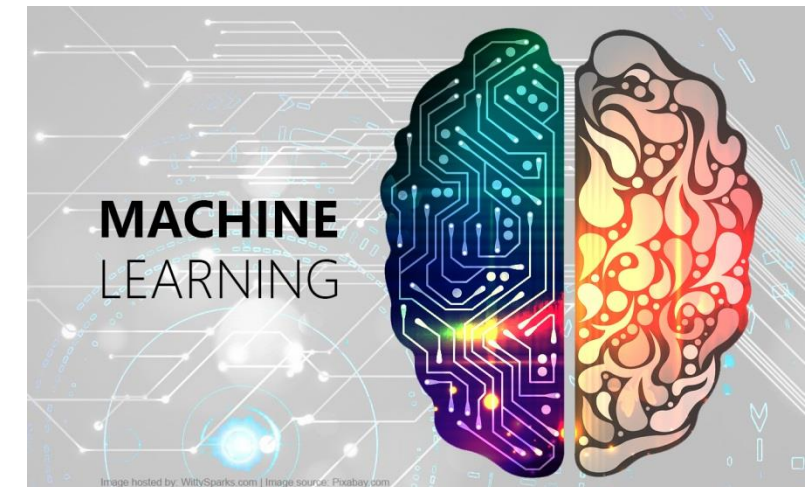
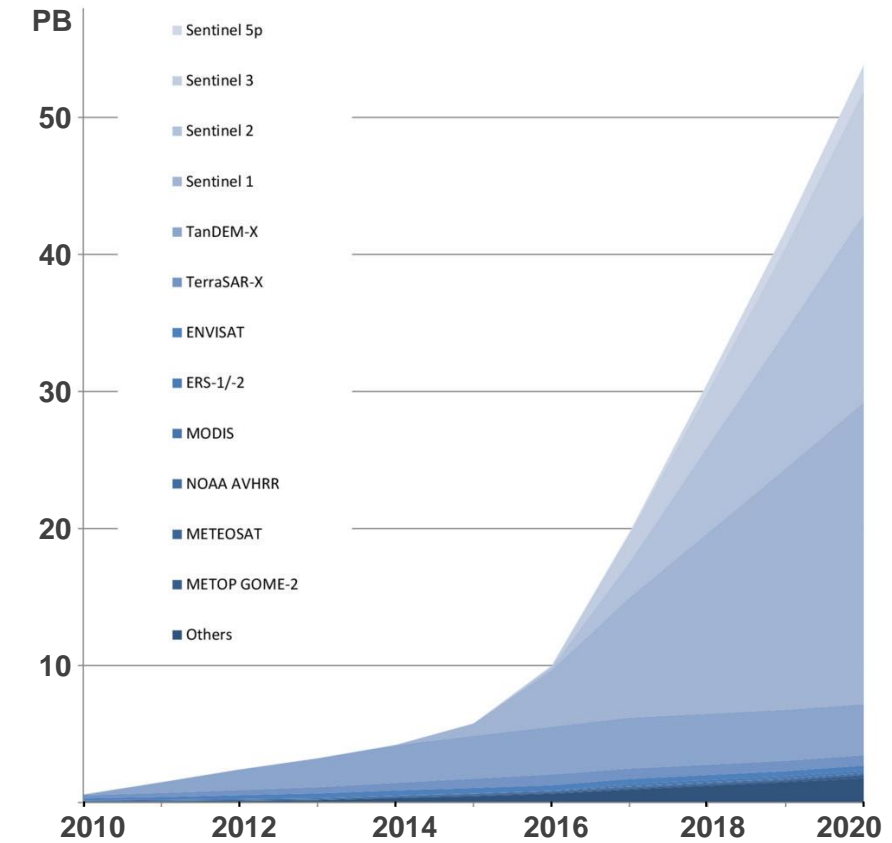
- Information und Wissen aus Erdbeobachtung unverzichtbar für alle geo-relevanten wissenschaftlichen und wirtschaftlichen Fragestellungen
- Hohe Akzeptanz satellitenbasierter Geoinformation
- Sentinel-Satellitenflotte als nachhaltige Hochleistungs-Datenquelle
  - 15 TB/Tag
  - 2020: >50 PB im DLR Datenarchiv
  - Versorgungssicherheit bis weit über 2030
  - Daten „free and open“
- Klassische Auswerteverfahren nicht mehr ausreichend → KI
- Spezifische Qualitätsanforderungen und Anwendungsvielfalt  
→ nicht nur Adaption bekannter KI-Methoden, sondern neue Forschung und innovative Entwicklungen nötig



# AI for Earth Observation

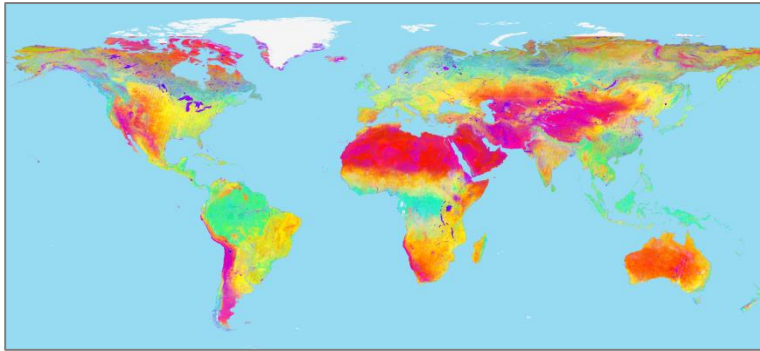
## New Aspects and Challenges

- Massive growth of free and open satellite data
  - Increasing number of satellite missions
  - Increasing spatial and spectral resolution
- Global scale processing at high spatial resolution
- Generation of decadal time series
- Google, Amazon et al. enter EO and provide data access and computing capacity
- Machine learning has become the data analysis concept



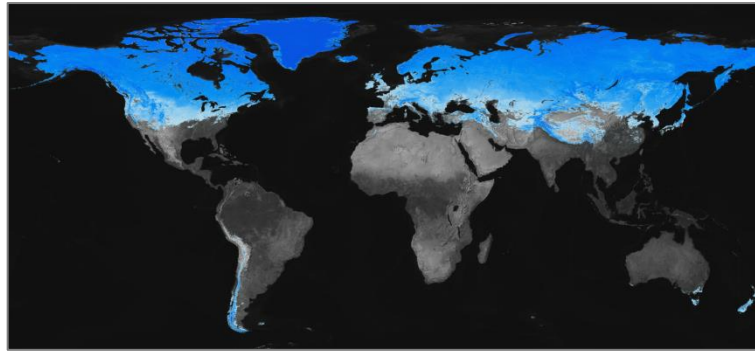
# Decadal Time Series for Global Change Research

DLR-DFD



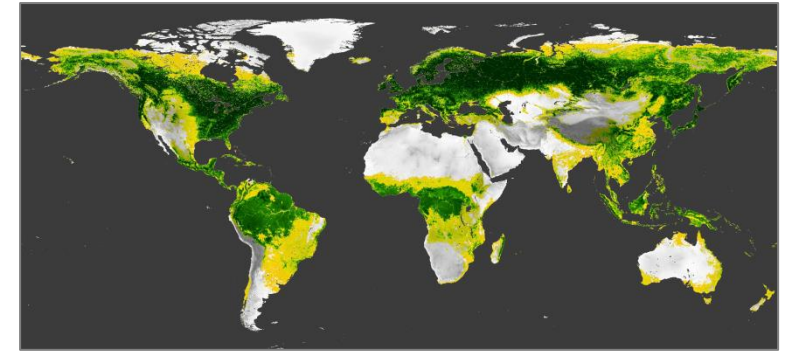
*TimeScan*

25 years of 30 statistics of indices



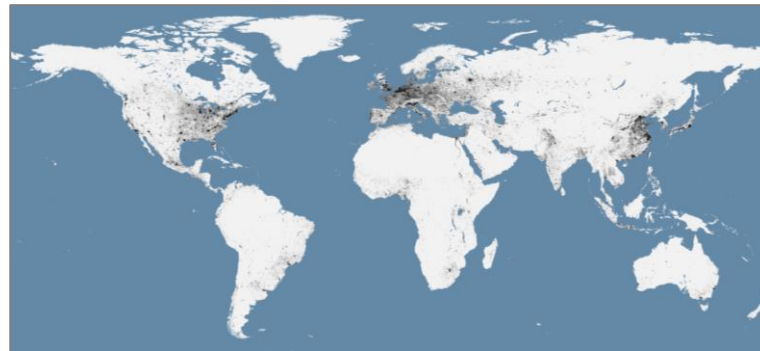
*SnowPack*

18 years of daily snow cover



Net Primary Productivity

14 years



*Global Urban Footprint*

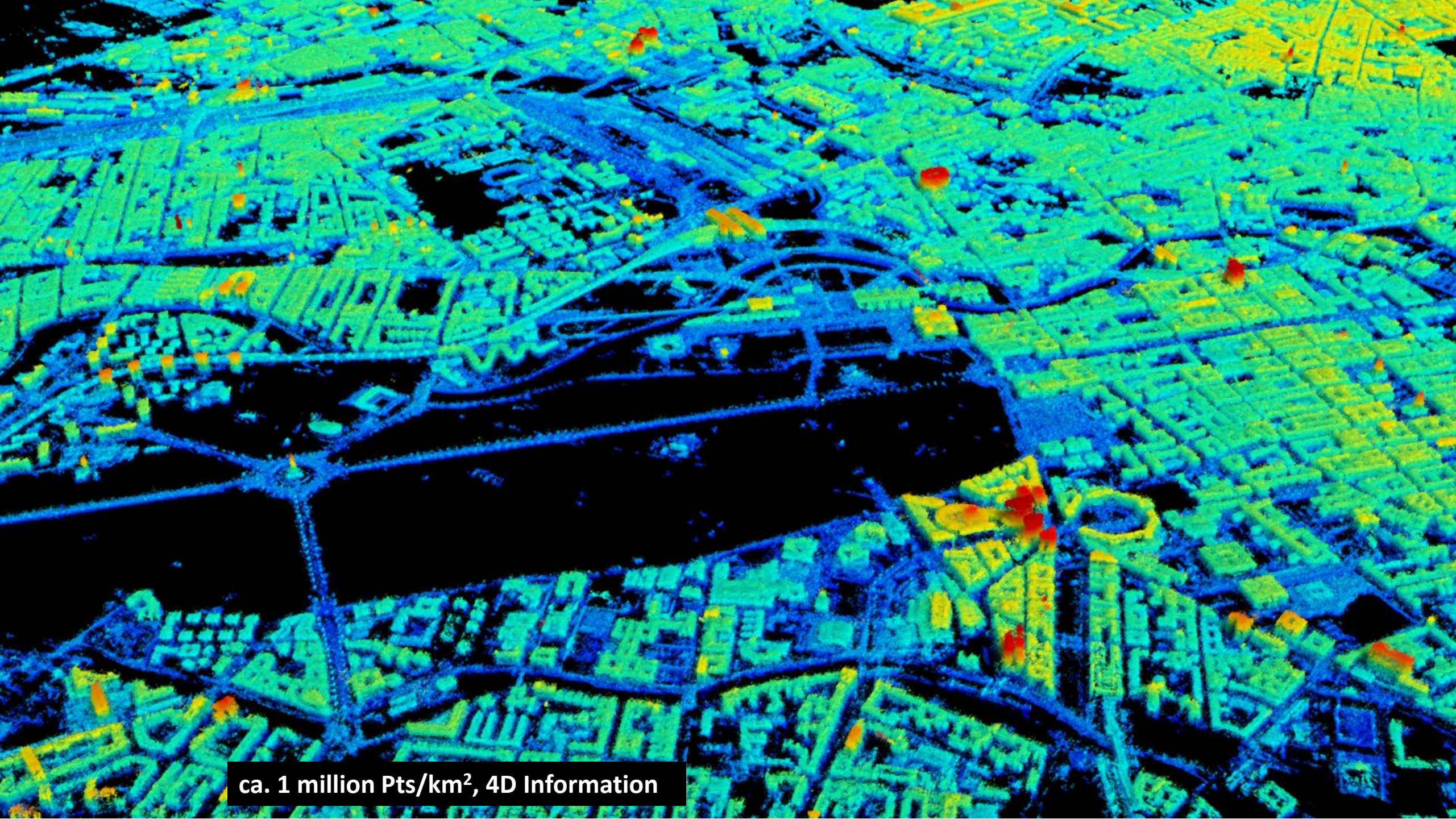
30 years



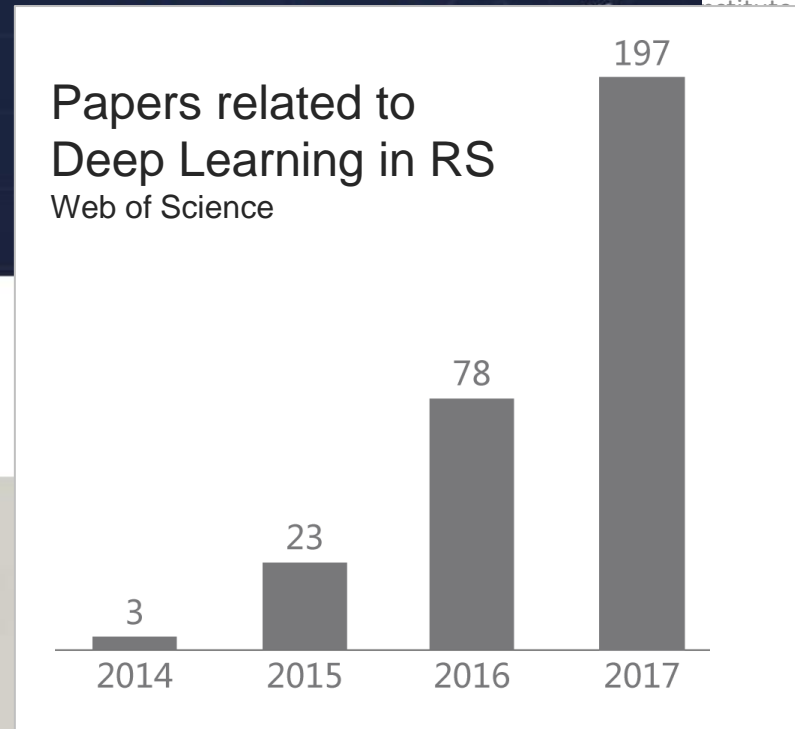
*WaterPack*

16 years of daily inland water cover





ca. 1 million Pts/km<sup>2</sup>, 4D Information



## DeepMind's AlphaGo Zero Becomes Go Champion Without Human Input

October 18, 2017 by Jessica Cussins

# Deep Learning in EO – Hot Topic or Hype?

- **Phase 1:** Quick wins and quick papers
  - Use known architectures and pre-trained networks to solve problems in EO that have been solved before (“we can also do it with DL”)
  - Show that/whether DL gives better results than existing ML methods, e.g. 86.7% → 89.3%
- **Phase 2:** Understand that EO is different from internet image labelling
  - Design new architectures for specific problems
  - Extend DL to non-conventional data and problems, e.g. interferometric SAR, social network data, quantitative estimation of geophysical variables,...
- **Phase 3:** Remember your EO expert knowledge and find how to integrate it into DL
  - Re-implant physics, Bayes and domain expertise into the learning process
  - Understand what DL really does with the data: “opening the black box”, information theory, estimation theory, breaking the end-to-end-learning dogma,...

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# Hype or Frenzy?

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## Deep Learning in Remote Sensing

*A comprehensive  
review and  
list of resources*

Central to the looming paradigm shift toward data-intensive science, machine-learning techniques are becoming increasingly important. In particular, deep learning has proven to be both a major breakthrough and an extremely powerful tool in many fields. Shall we embrace deep learning as the key to everything? Or should we resist a black-box solution? These are controversial issues within the remote-sensing community. In this article, we analyze the challenges of using deep learning for remote-sensing data analysis, review recent advances, and provide resources we hope will make deep learning in remote sensing seem ridiculously simple. More importantly, we encourage remote-sensing scientists to bring their expertise into deep learning and use it as an implicit general model to tackle unprecedented, large-scale, influential challenges, such as climate change and urbanization.

### MOTIVATION

Deep learning is the fastest-growing trend in big data analysis and was deemed one of the ten breakthrough technologies of 2013 [1]. It is characterized by neural networks (NNs) involving usually more than two hidden layers (for this reason, they are called *deep*). Like shallow NNs, deep NNs exploit feature representations learned exclusively from data, instead of handcrafting features that are designed based mainly on domain-specific knowledge. Deep learning research has been extensively pushed by Internet companies, such as Google, Baidu, Microsoft, and Facebook, for several image analysis tasks, including image indexing, segmentation, and object detection.

Based on recent advances, deep learning is proving to be a very successful set of tools, sometimes able to surpass

even humans in solving highly computational tasks (consider, e.g., the widely reported Go match between Google's AlphaGo artificial intelligence program and the world Go champion Lee Sedol). Based on such exciting successes, deep learning is increasingly the model of choice in many application fields.

For instance, convolutional NNs (CNNs) have proven to be good at extracting mid- and high-level abstract features from raw images by interleaving convolutional and pooling layers (i.e., by spatially shrinking the feature maps layer by layer). Recent studies indicate that the feature representations learned by CNNs are highly effective in large-scale

image recognition [2]–[4], object detection [5], [6], and semantic segmentation [7], [8]. Furthermore, recurrent NNs (RNNs), an important branch of the deep learning family, have demonstrated significant achievement on a variety of tasks involved in sequential data analysis, such as action recognition [9], [10] and image captioning [11].

In the wake of this success and thanks to the increased availability of data and computational resources, the use of deep learning is finally taking off in remote sensing as well. Remote-sensing data present some new challenges for deep learning, because satellite image analysis raises unique issues that pose difficult new scientific questions.

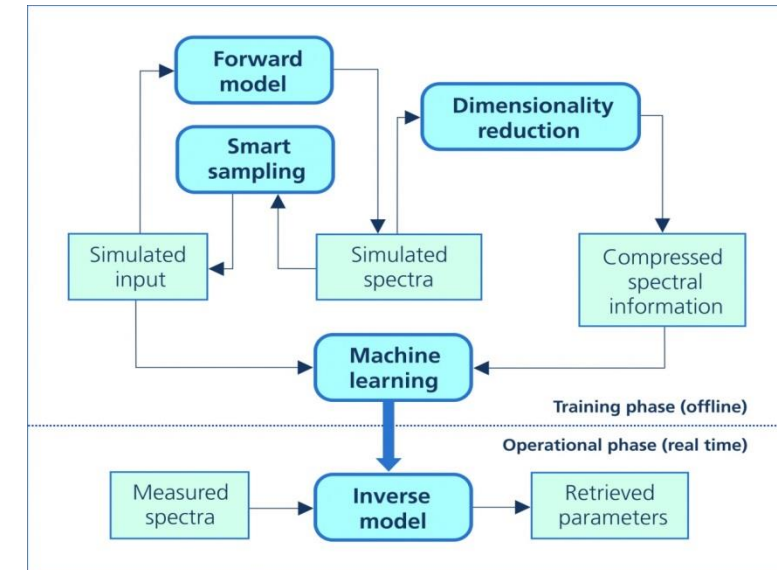
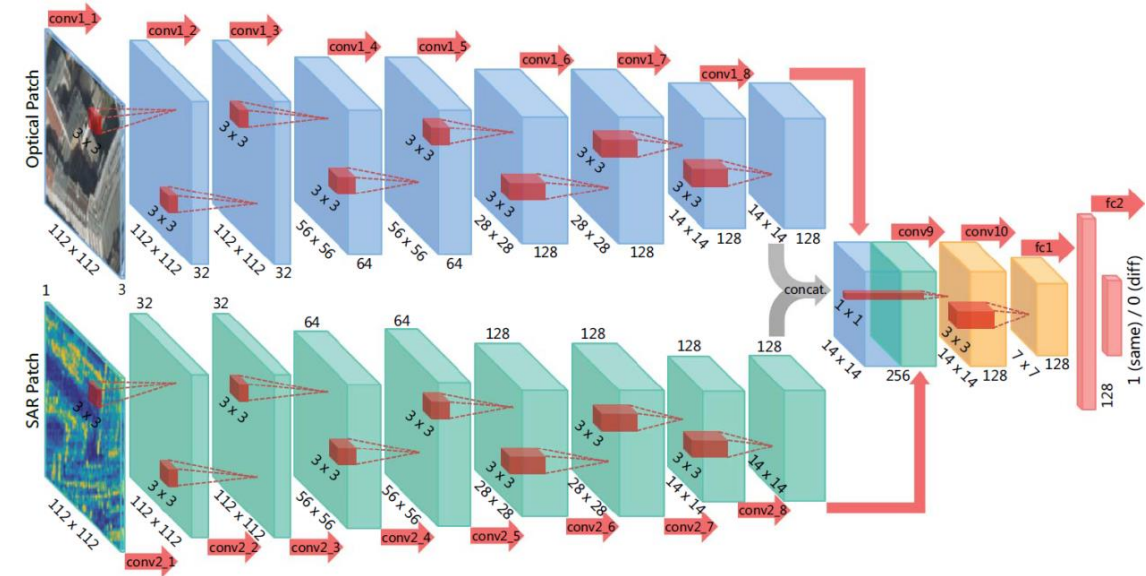


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# AI4EO@IMF – Machine Learning Examples

## Focus on Deep Neural Networks

- Ship/vehicles/pederstrian detection and classification
- Land use/land cover/settlement type classification
- Change detection
- Improved optical/SAR coregistration
- 2D and 3D optical/SAR fusion
- Synthesizing optical from SAR data and vice versa
- DSM-to-DTM conversion
- Image-to-height conversion
- Fusion of EO and social media data (image and text)
- Solving non-linear inverse problems in atmospheric sensing
- Merging multi-decadal satellite data for climate studies



# Deep Learning for Detection of Ships, Vehicles etc.



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MovingShip 1.000

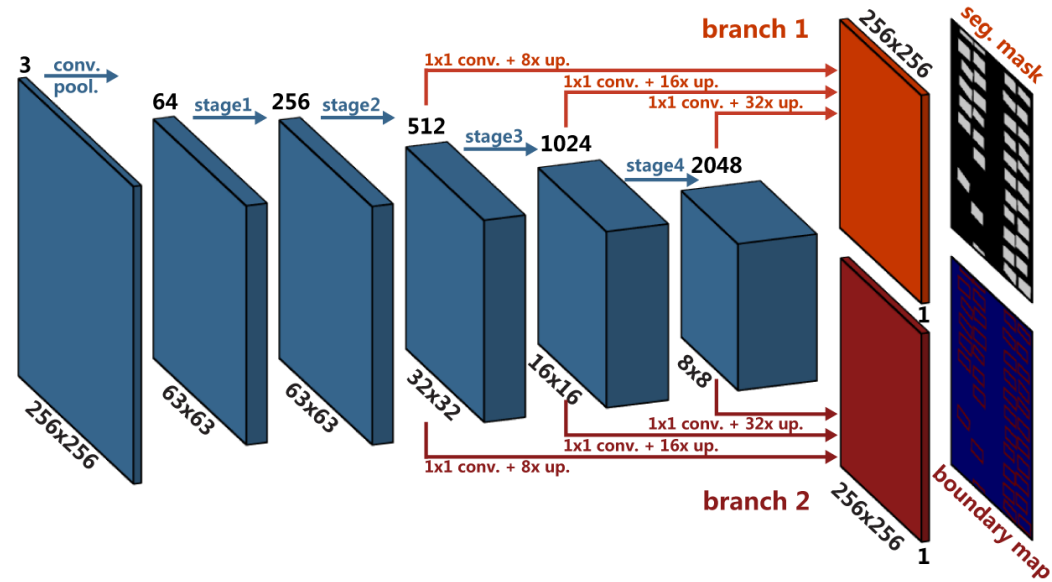
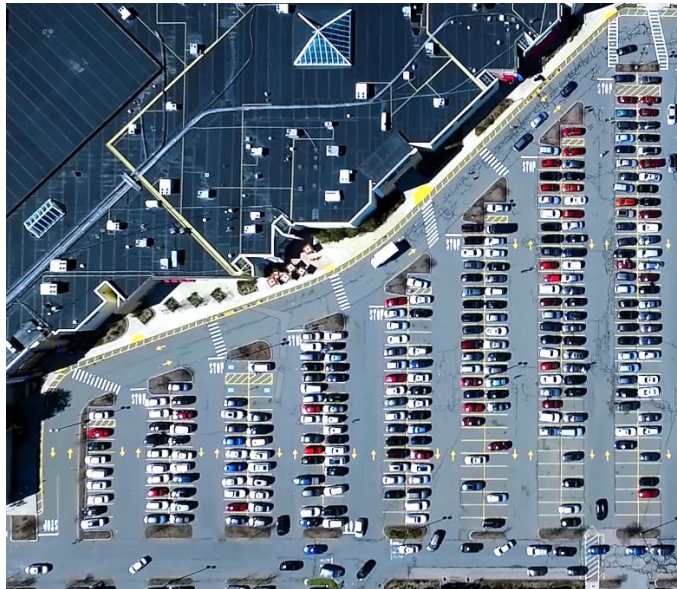
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# Deep Learning zur Fahrzeugdetektion

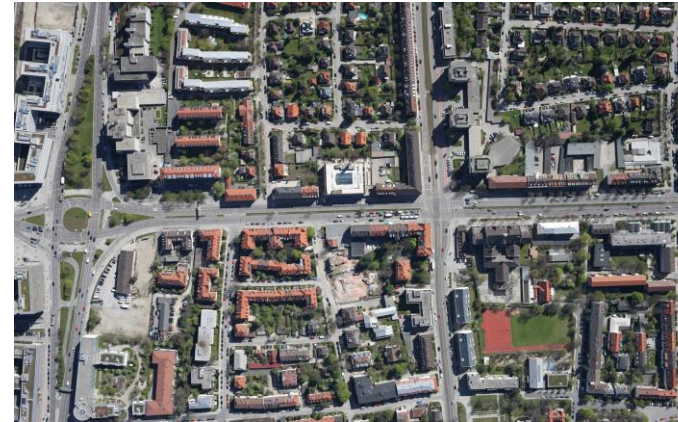
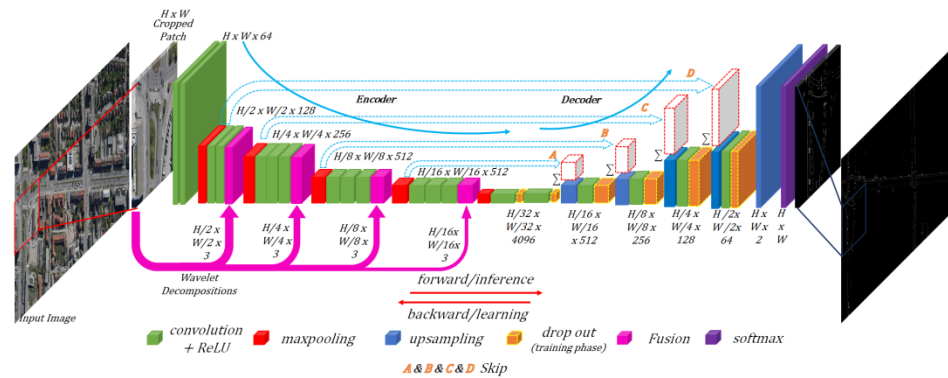


# Deep Learning zur Fahrzeugdetektion und -verfolgung

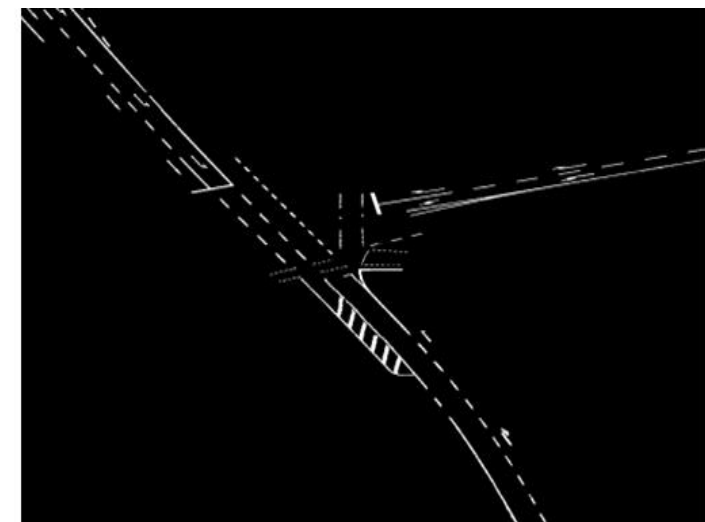
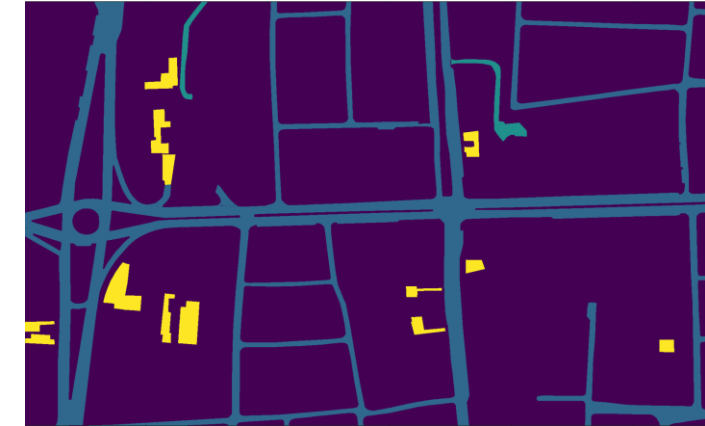


# Mapping to Support Autonomous Driving

## Aerial LaneNet: Wavelet-Enhanced Cost-sensitive Symmetric CNN



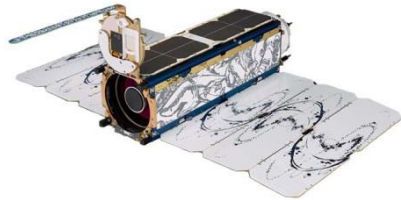
Street and parking place segmentation



Lane marking segmentation

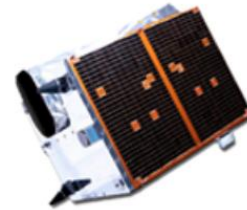
# Global Building Footprint Generation Using Planet Data

multi-scale resolution and update everyday for entire Earth surface



## PlanetScope

- 3 m
- RGB NIR
- 175+



## RapidEye

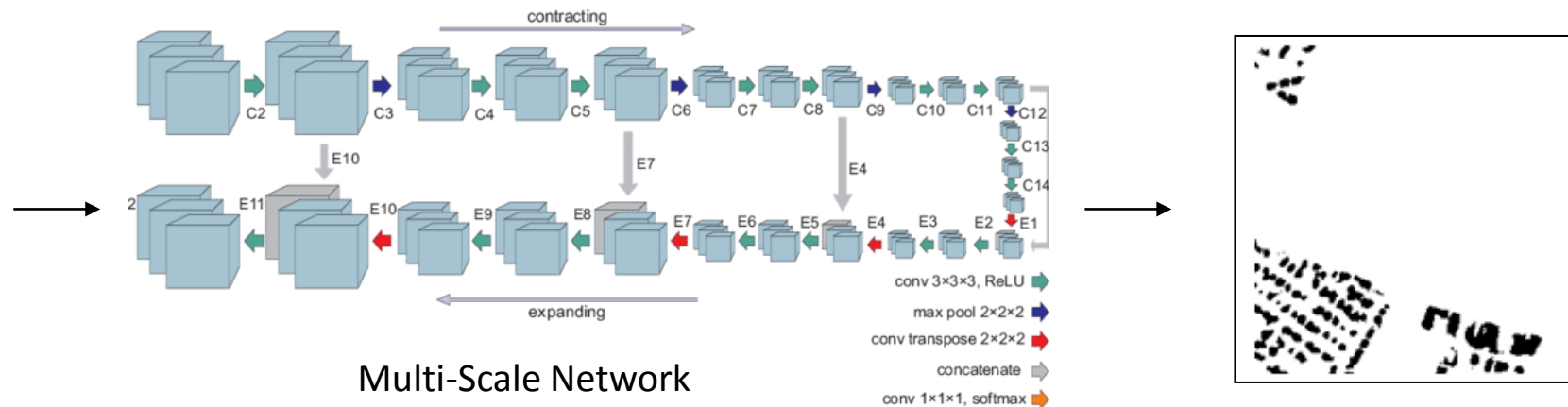
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## SkySat

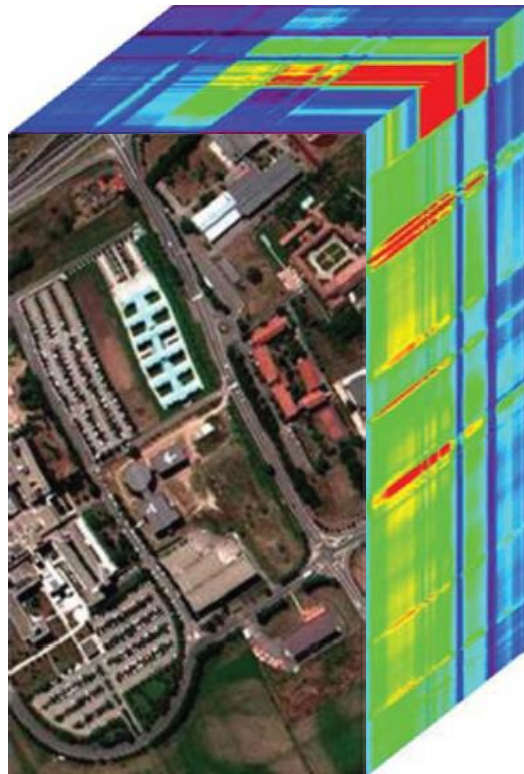
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global high-resolution building footprint using multi-scale neural network



# Deep Learning Hyperspectral Classification

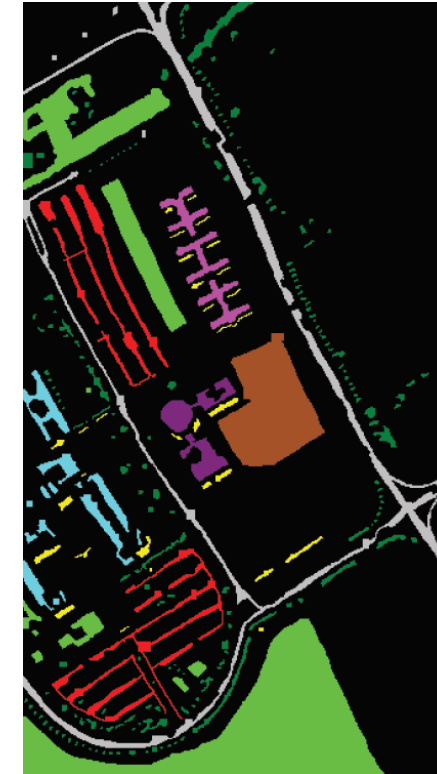
# Recurrent Neural Networks for Hyperspectral Image Classification



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Our Classification Map

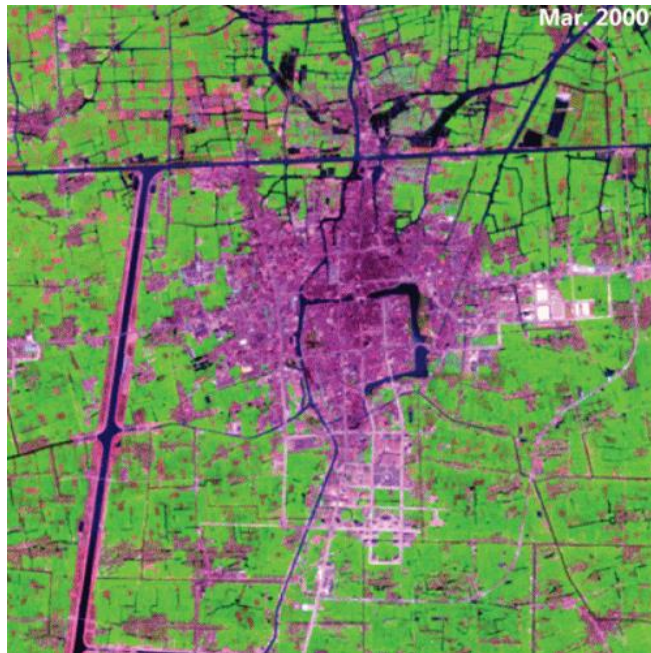


Ground Truth

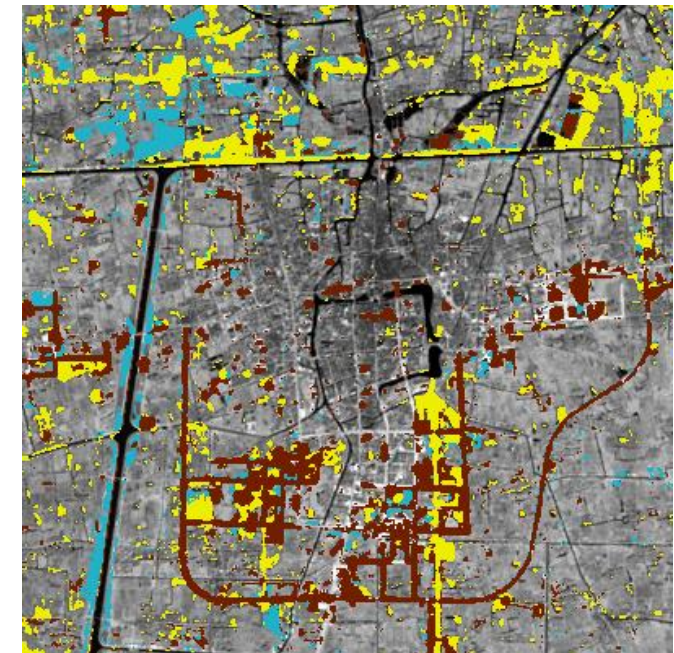
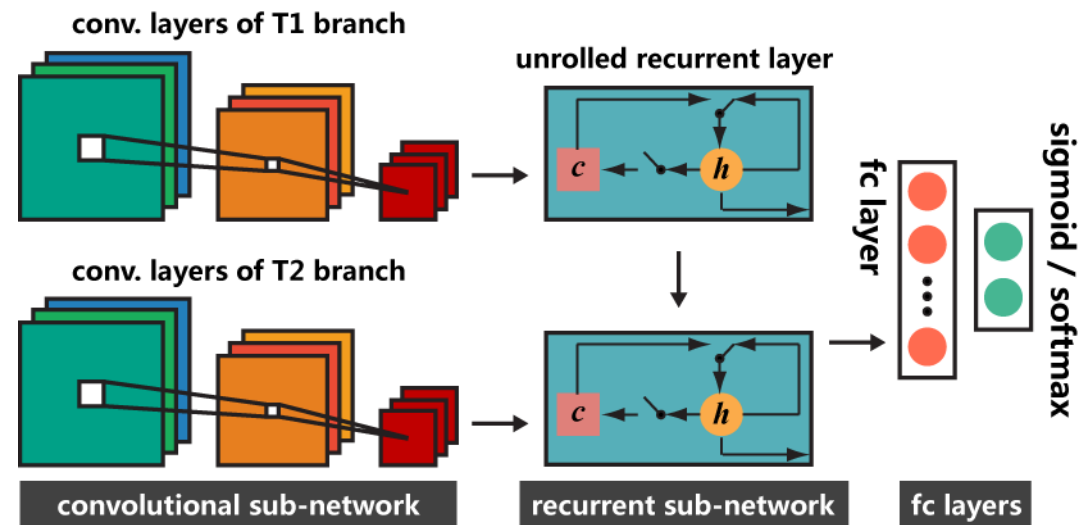
- Asphalt
- Meadows
- Metal Sheets
- Gravel
- Trees
- Shadow
- Bare Soil
- Bitumen
- Bricks

	RF-200	SVM-RBF	CNN	RNN-LSTM	RNN-GRU-tanh	RNN-GRU-PRetanh
OA	71.37	78.82	79.27	75.92	77.70	<b>84.99</b>

# Neuronale Netze zur semantischen Änderungsdetektion in Satellitenbildern



Mar 2000 – Feb 2003



city expansion  
soil change  
water change

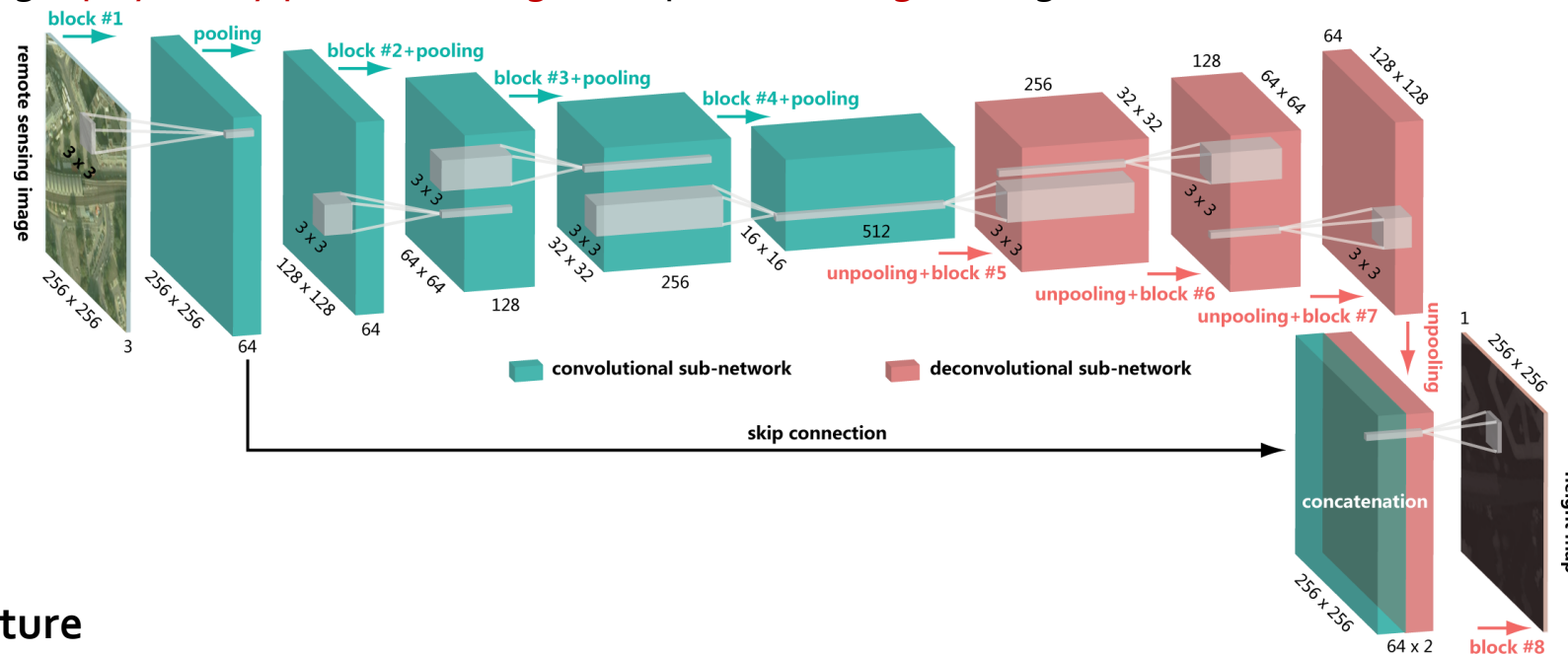
# Non-conventional Applications



# IM<sub>2</sub>HEIGHT

## Motivation

Height (e.g., DSM) is very important for many remote sensing tasks. But, often, such information is available. A system estimating a **physically plausible height** map from a **single** image would be valuable.



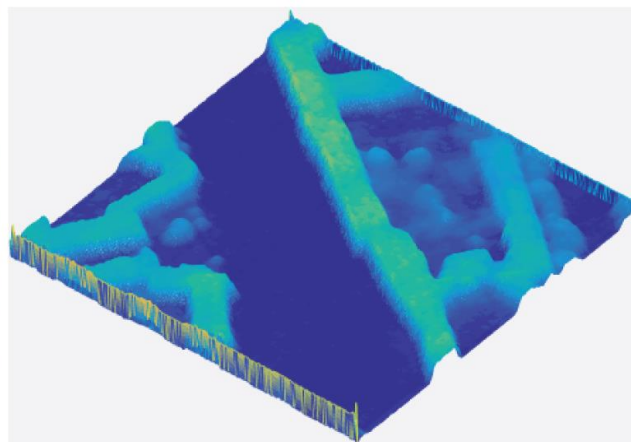
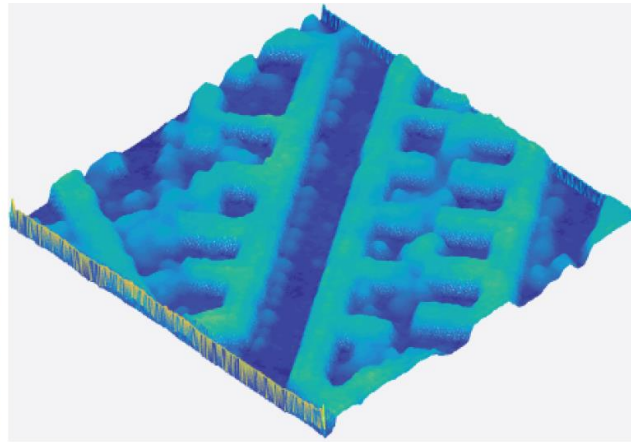
## Network Architecture

We learn an end-to-end trainable fully residual conv-deconv network with a skip connection that allows to shuttle low-level visual information, e.g., object boundaries and edges, directly across the network.

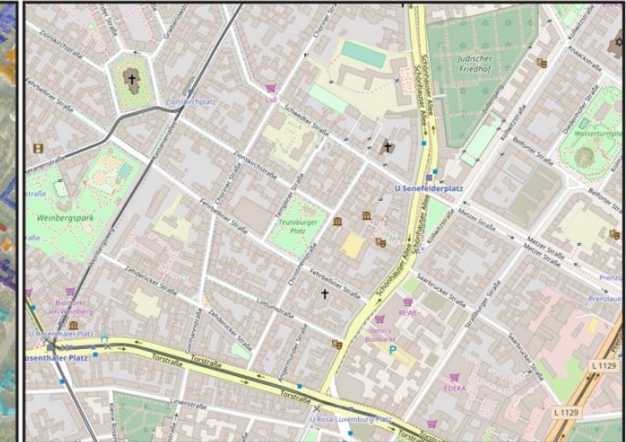
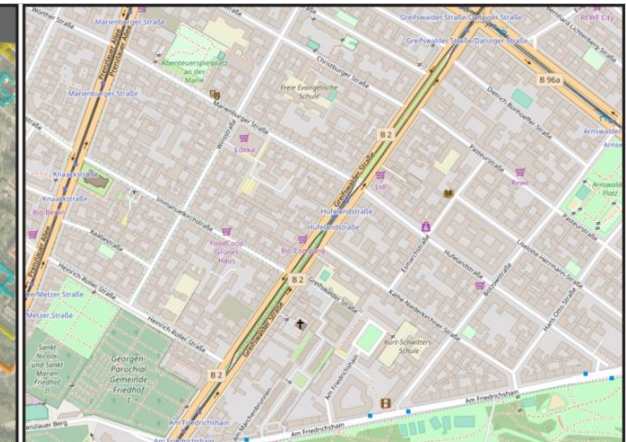
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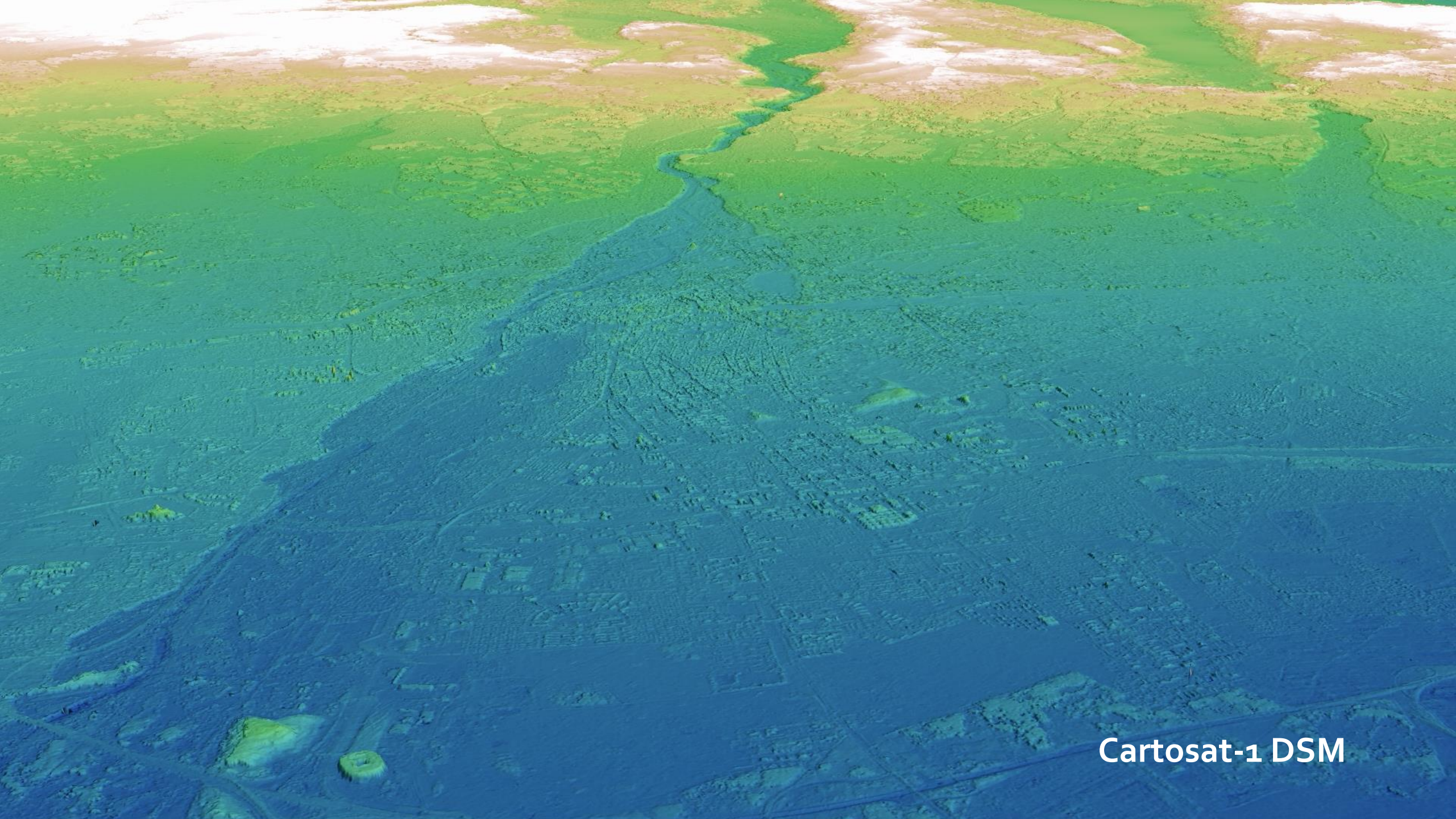
## Applications

Generation of 3D View from A Monocular Image

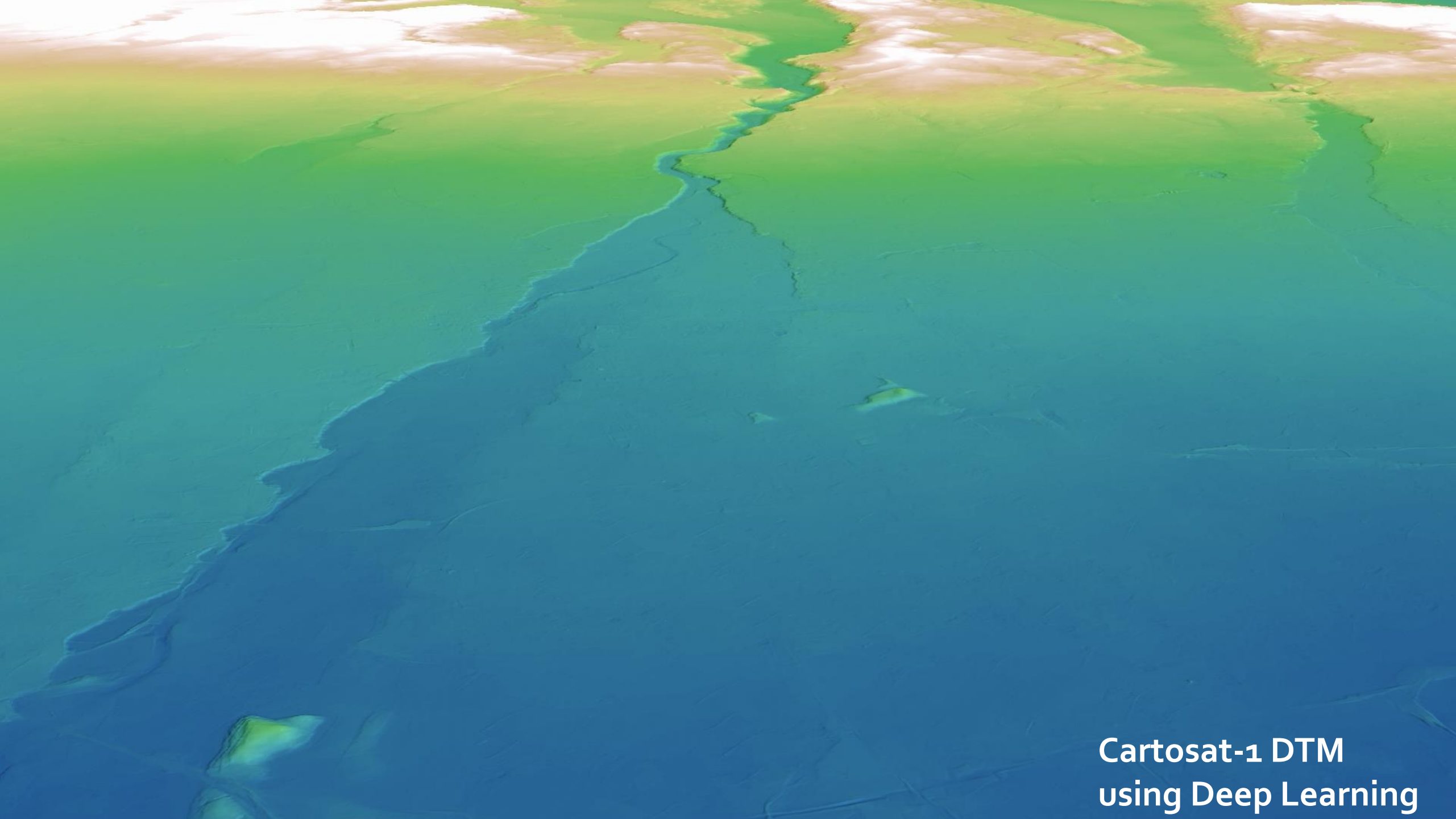


Building Instance Segmentation Using Predicted Height

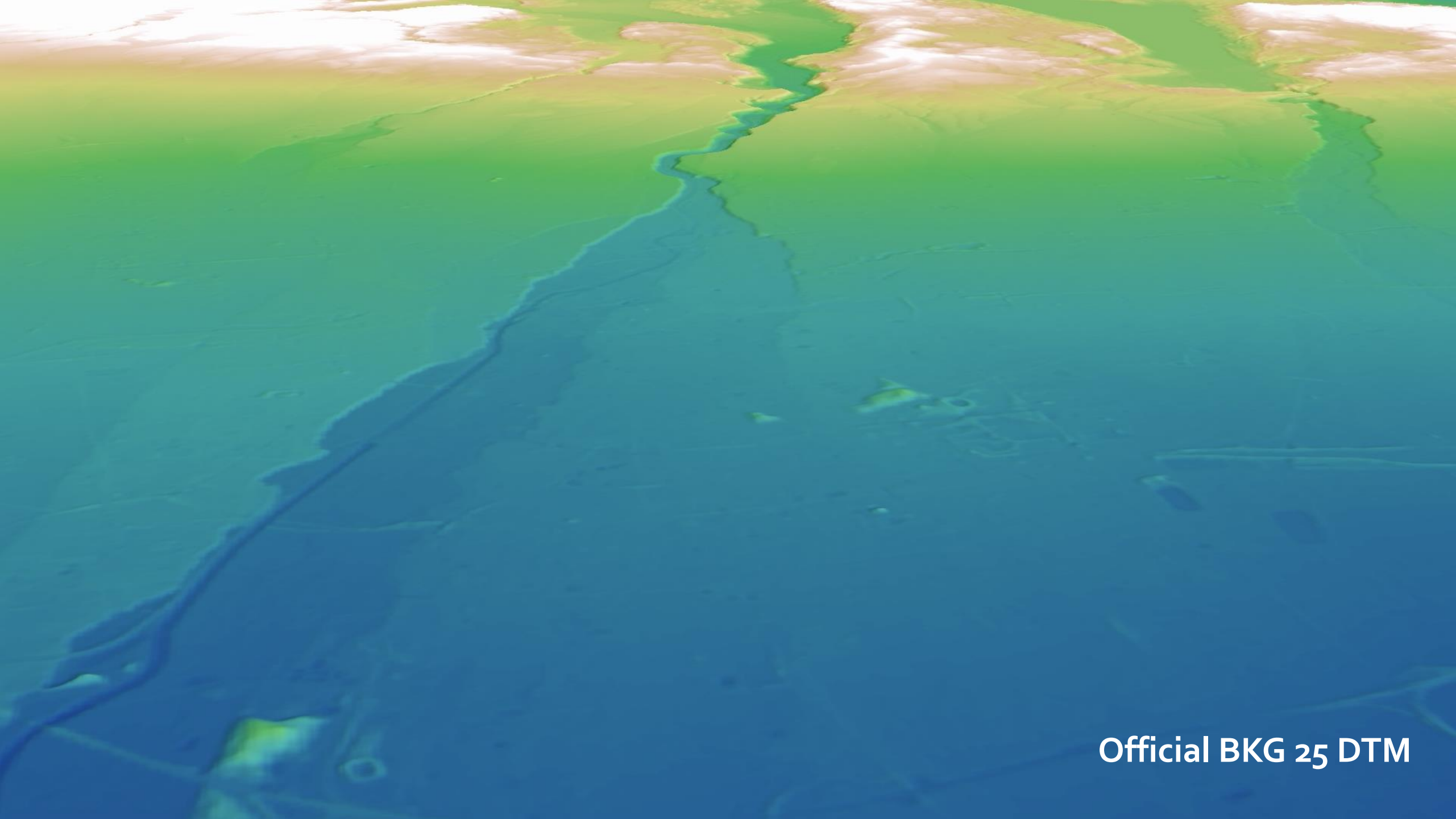




Cartosat-1 DSM



**Cartosat-1 DTM**  
using Deep Learning

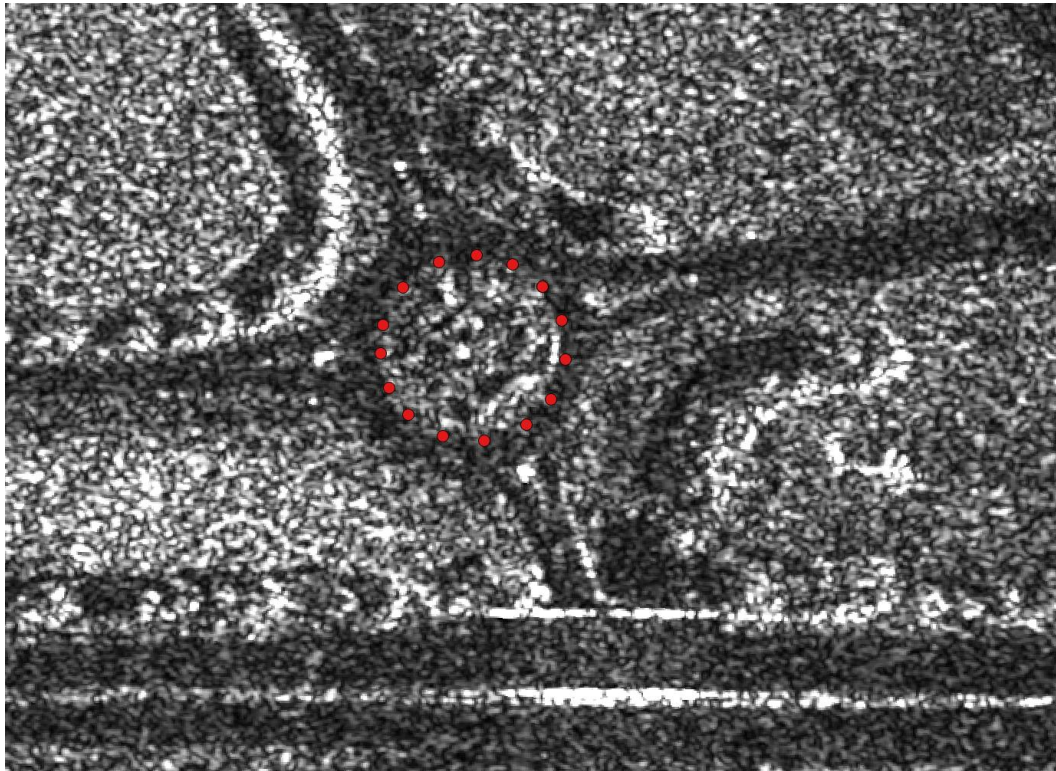


Official BKG 25 DTM

# Deep Learning/Fusion for Multimodal Data Analysis

# Improvement of Absolute Geometric Accuracy of Optical Images by Using High Resolution SAR Images as Reference

SAR: TerraSAR-X (accuracy decimeter)



OPTICAL: PRISM (accuracy several meters)

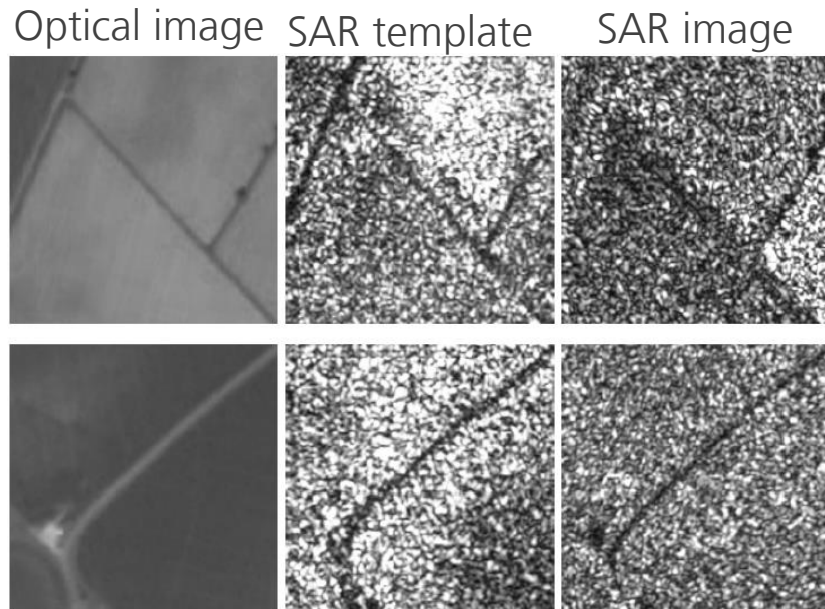


*Task: find some, but good identical points*

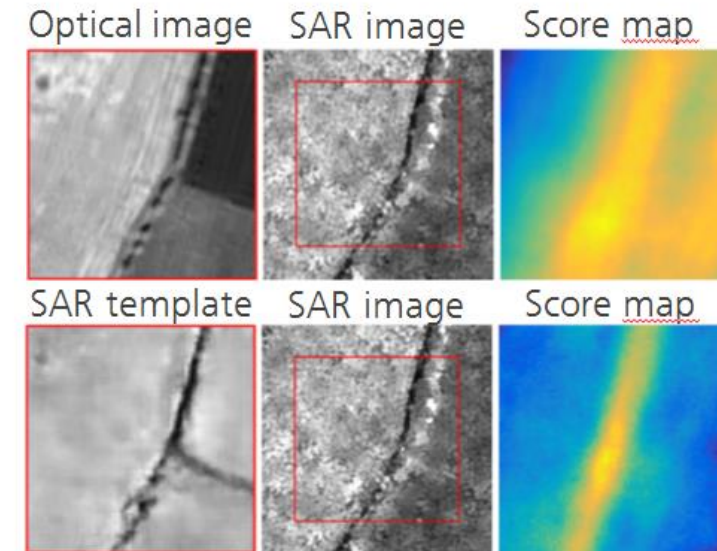
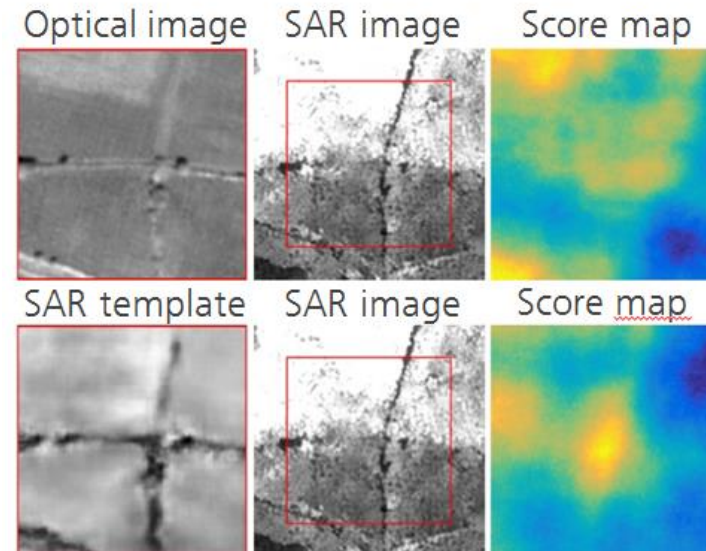
# Artificial Template Generation for Image Matching

## Conditional Adversarial Network

### Artificial Templates



### Mutual Information Based Template Matching:



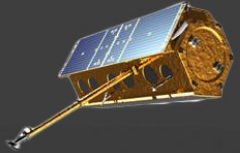
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# Deep Learning for Social Media Data Analysis

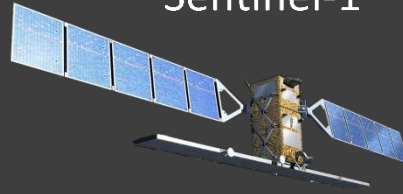
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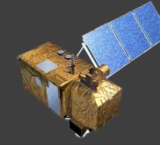
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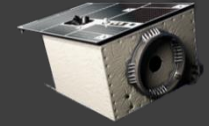
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EnMAP



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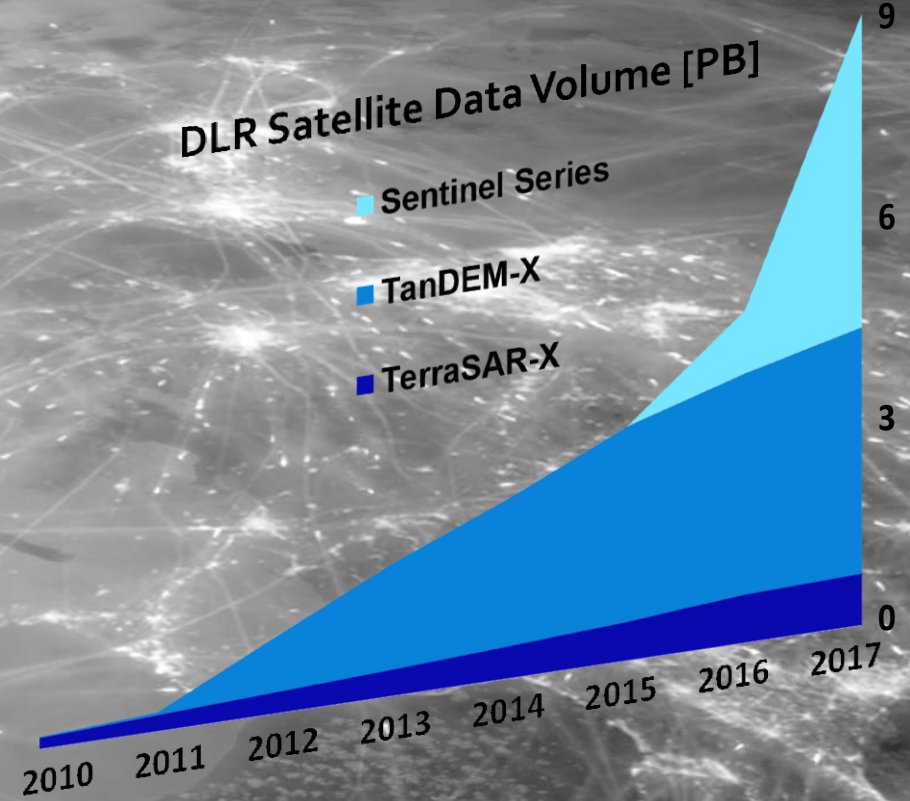
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- Facebook Messenger (2015 only)
- Instagram
- WhatsApp (2013 onward only)
- Facebook

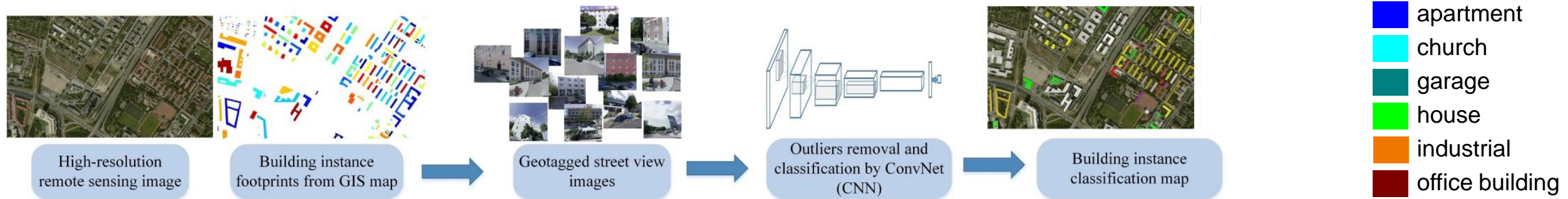


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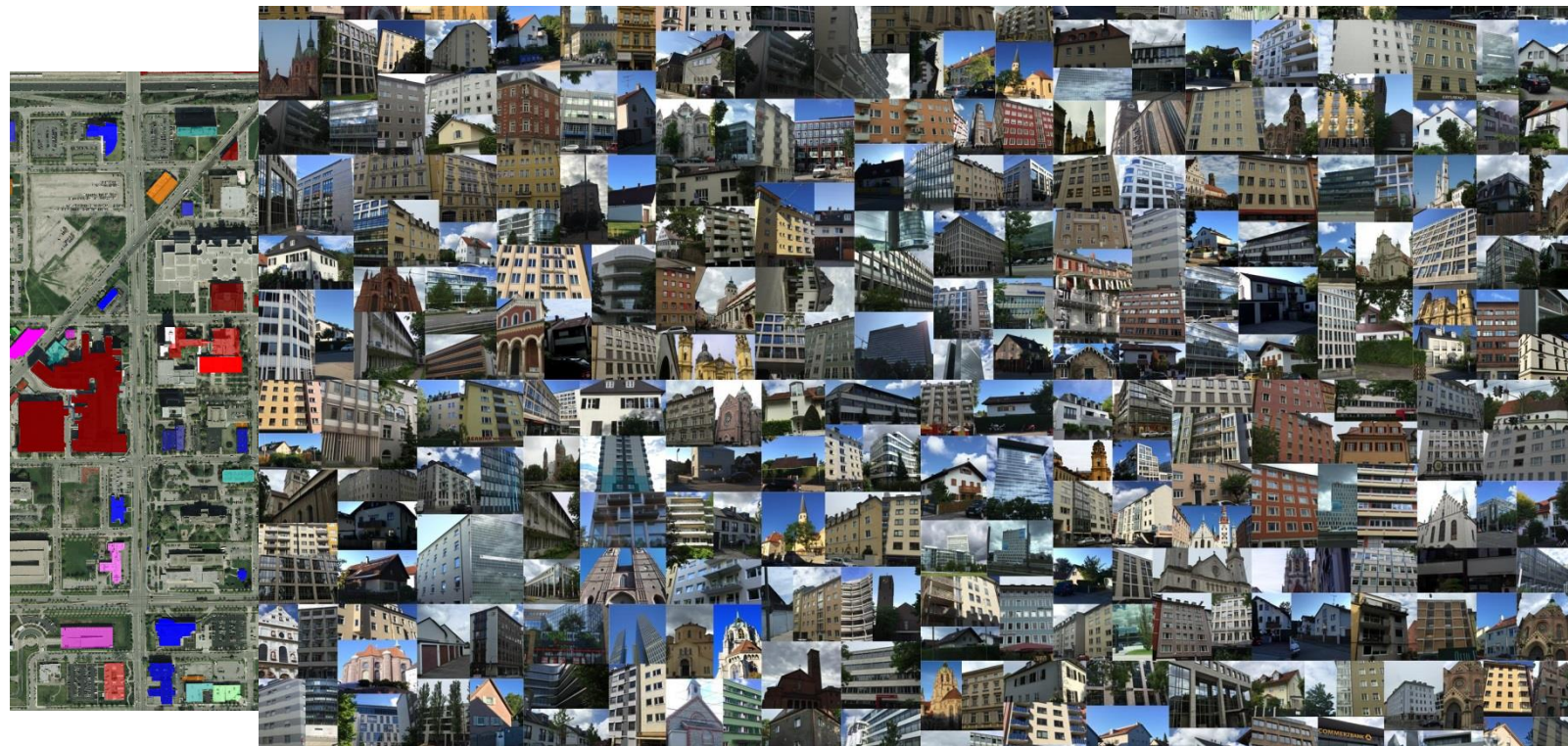
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# Building Instance Classification from Street View Data by CNN



- apartment
- church
- garage
- house
- industrial
- office building
- retail
- roof



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# Tweets for Building Land-use Identification

residential

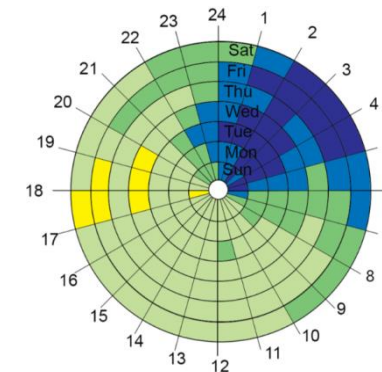


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Only a stay-at-home dad knows the feeling of achievement once he rediscovers the floor in the kids' bedroom. #stay-at-homedad

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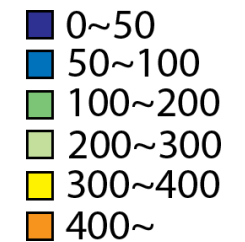
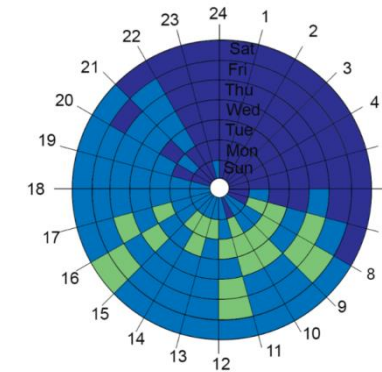


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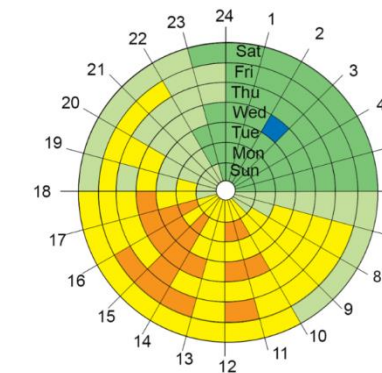


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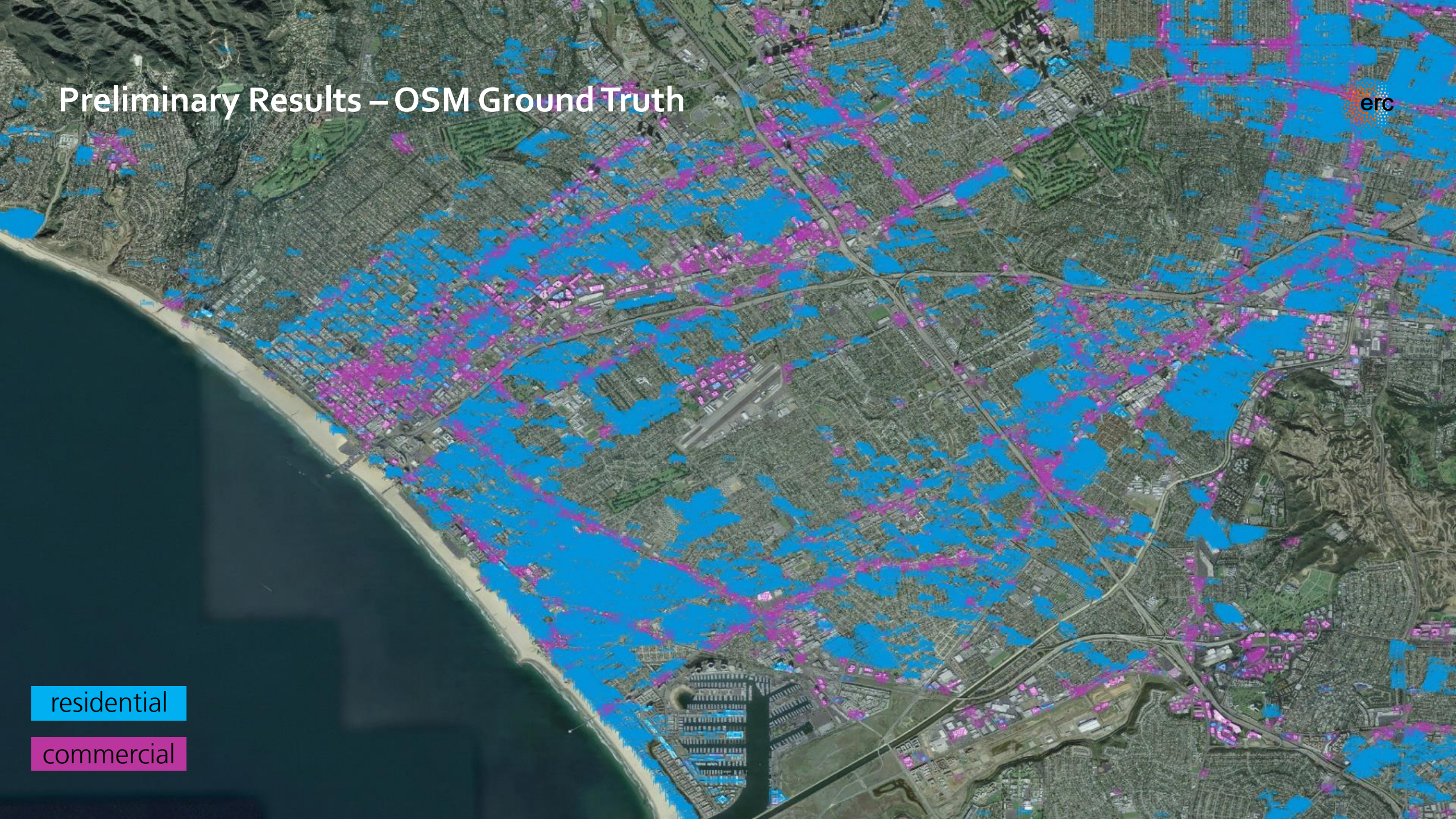
""Restaraunts near me"" @ItsDavidFan

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Ready for a good long sleep at a hostel...charging batteries for tomorrow! #oktoberfest @...



# Preliminary Results – OSM Ground Truth



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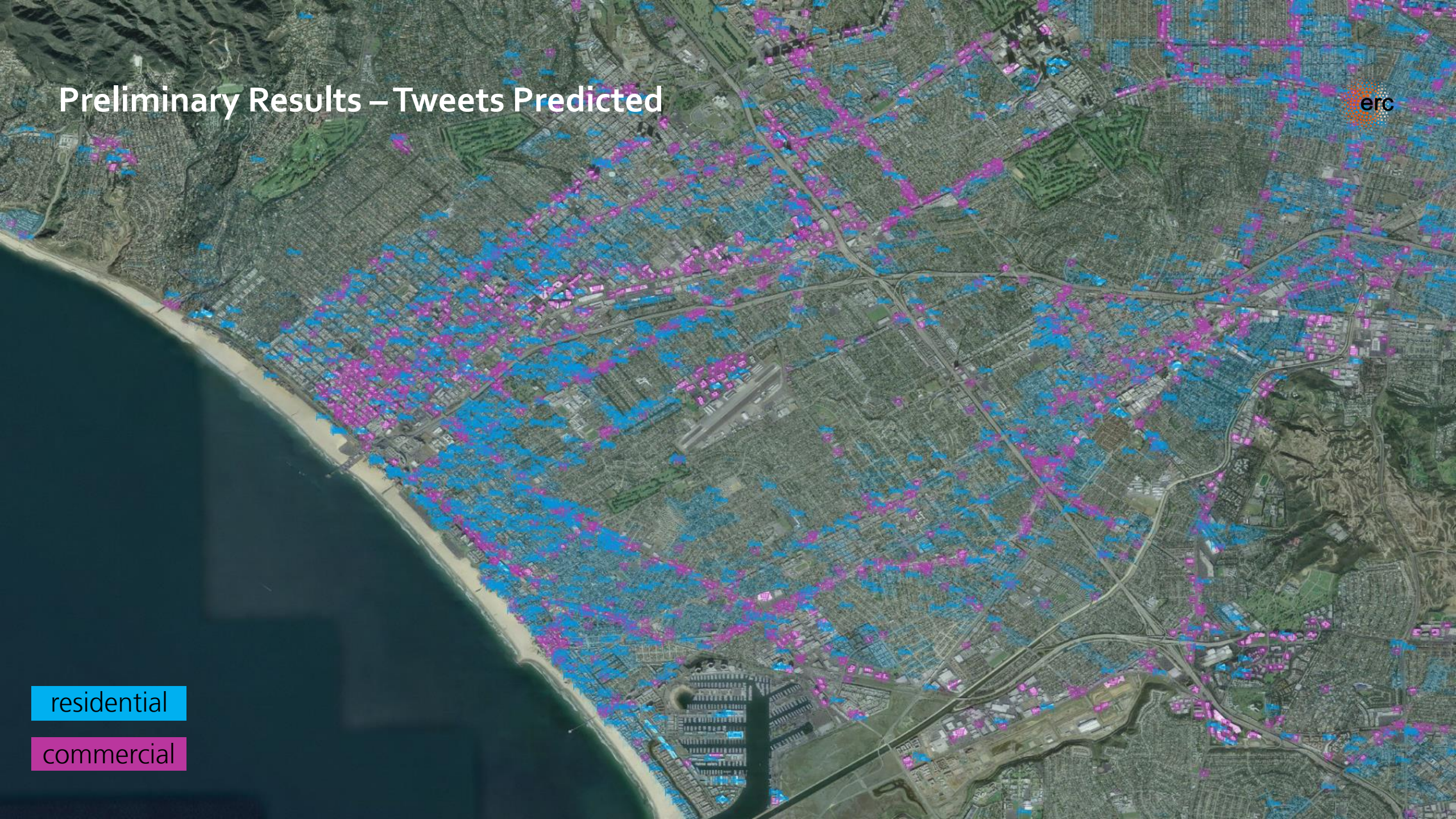
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# Preliminary Results – Tweets Predicted



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# What makes Deep Learning in Earth Observation Special?

## Open Research Questions

- Classification and detection are only small fractions of EO problems
- Focus on retrieval of physical or bio-chemical variables
  - High accuracy requirements (data generation is expensive)
  - Traceability and reproducibility of results
  - Quality measures (error bars, outlier flags,...) indispensable
- Decadal expert domain knowledge available
- Well-controlled data acquisition (radiometric, geometry, spectrometric, statistical, SNR,...)
- Data can be 5-dimensional (x-y-z-t- $\lambda$ ), complex-valued and multi-modal
  - SAR
  - Lidar
  - multi-/super-/hyperspectral
  - GIS, OSM, citizen science, social media,...
- Often: lack of sufficient training data

We Need More AI<sub>4</sub>EO

