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Potential and Accuracy of Digital Landscape Analysis based on high resolution remote sensing data

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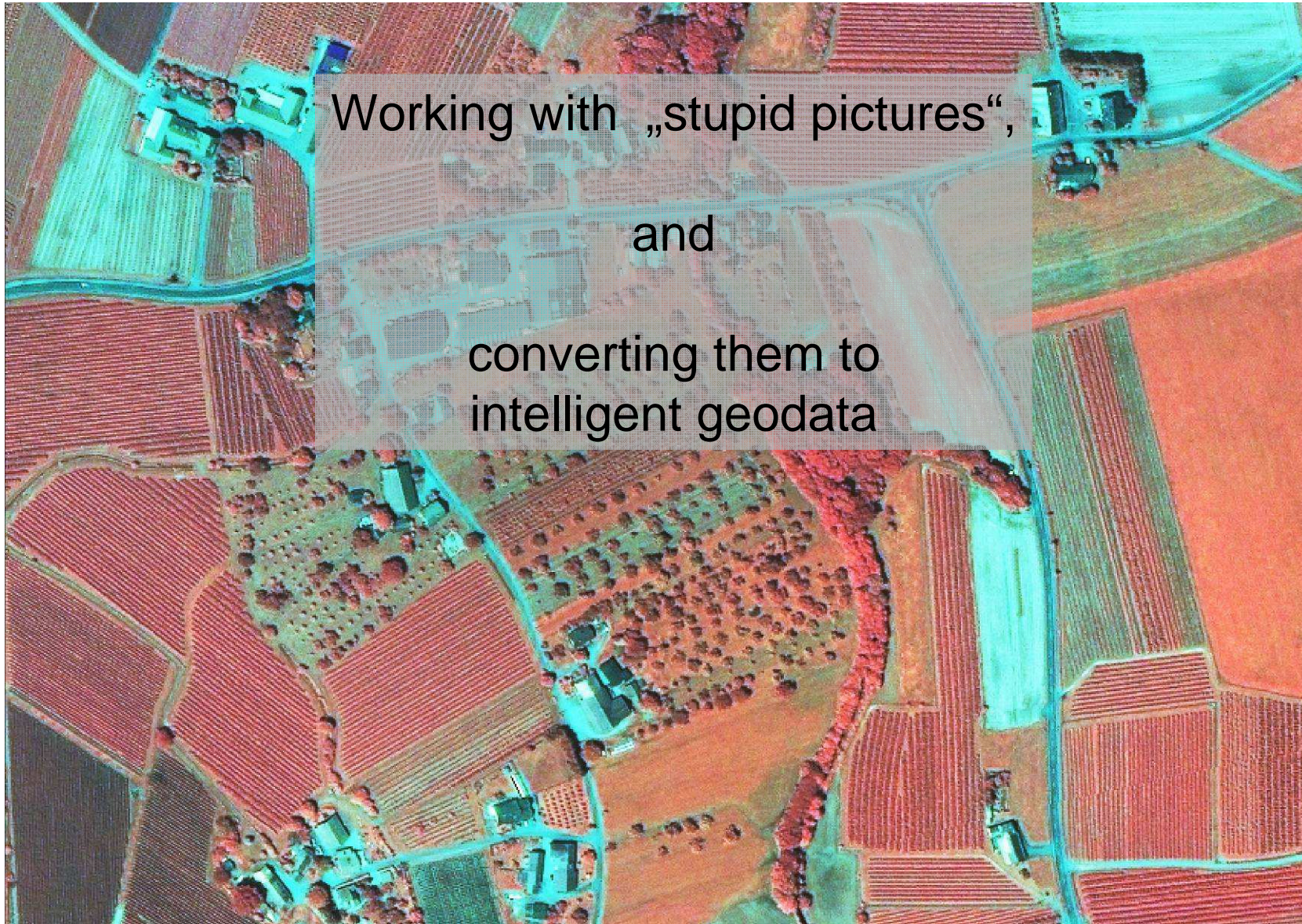
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Our main objectives



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Contents

Remote sensing data with different spatial and temporal resolution are today available (nearly) for the whole world.

In Past: Coarse resolution (Land-SAT...)

**Today: new generation of high resolution remote sensing data
useful for realistic landscape classification
(arable land or vegetation, structures and forests)**

Presented today:

- **Optical and multispectral sensors (orthoimages, (IKONOS-2) and Quickbird):
land cover classification**
- **High resolution radar satellite TerraSAR-X (Infoterra GmbH, Germany):
topographical mapping roads, railways, settlements, industrial buildings, etc...**

First analysis of the TerraSAR-X will be shown as Case studys (Germany and Tunesia)

Case Study (Germany): hr multispectral images and geodata

**Classification and mapping of arable land and vegetation as basis
for the calculation of biogas and biomass potential
for an up-to-date biotope cadastre**

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Source: raw data

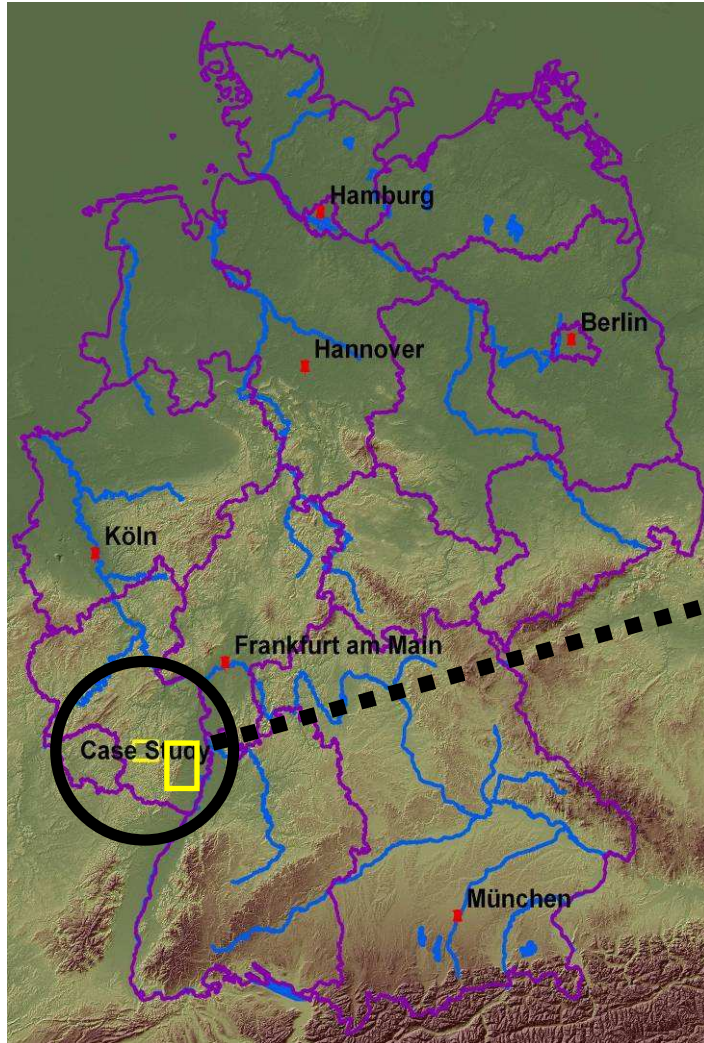
high resolution aerial photos



high resolution satellite images

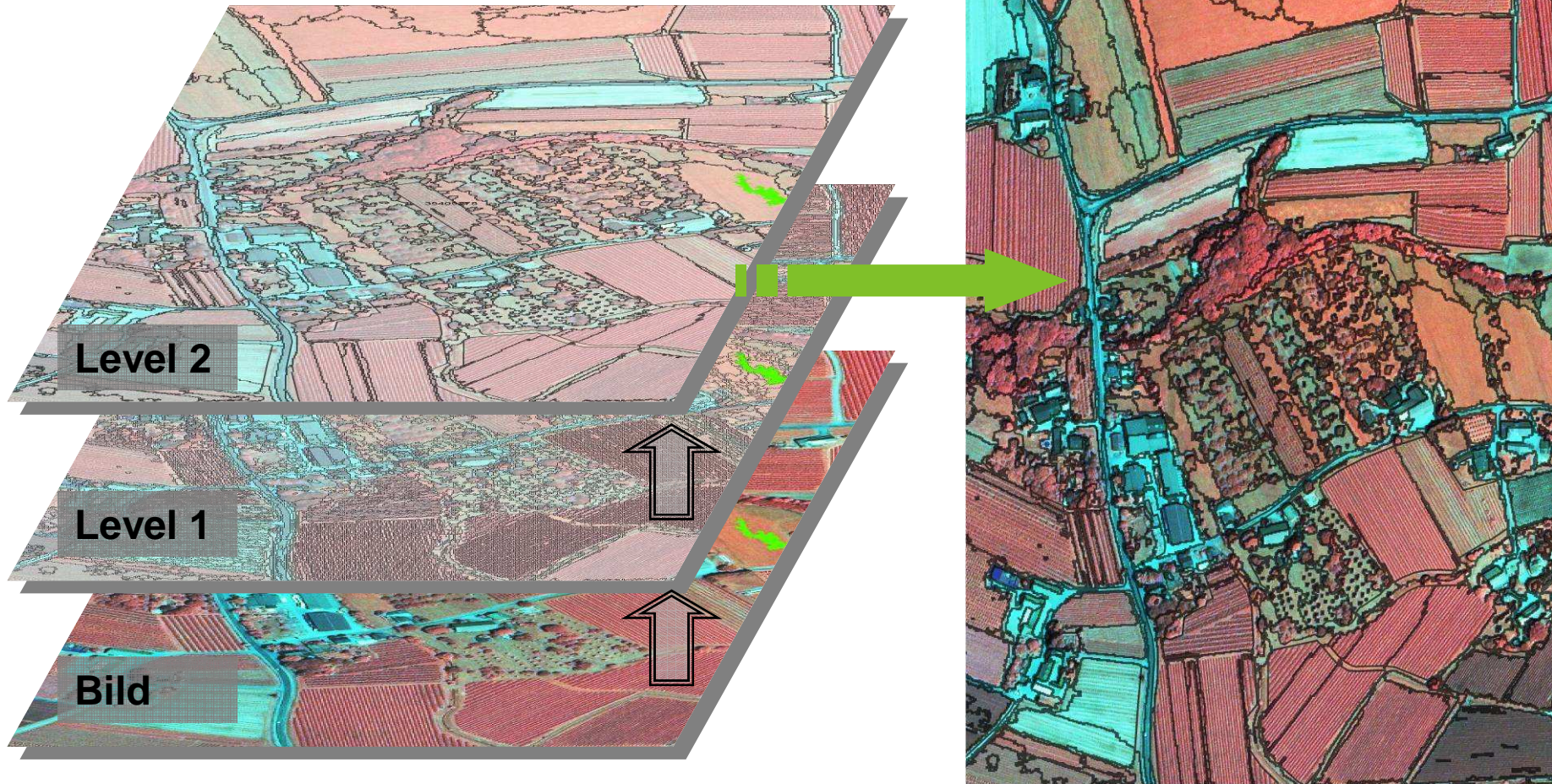


false color presentation:
near infrared, blue, green



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knowledge-based
semi-automated classification process
(with Definiens)



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photo documentation

aerial image

classification

orchard
single tree

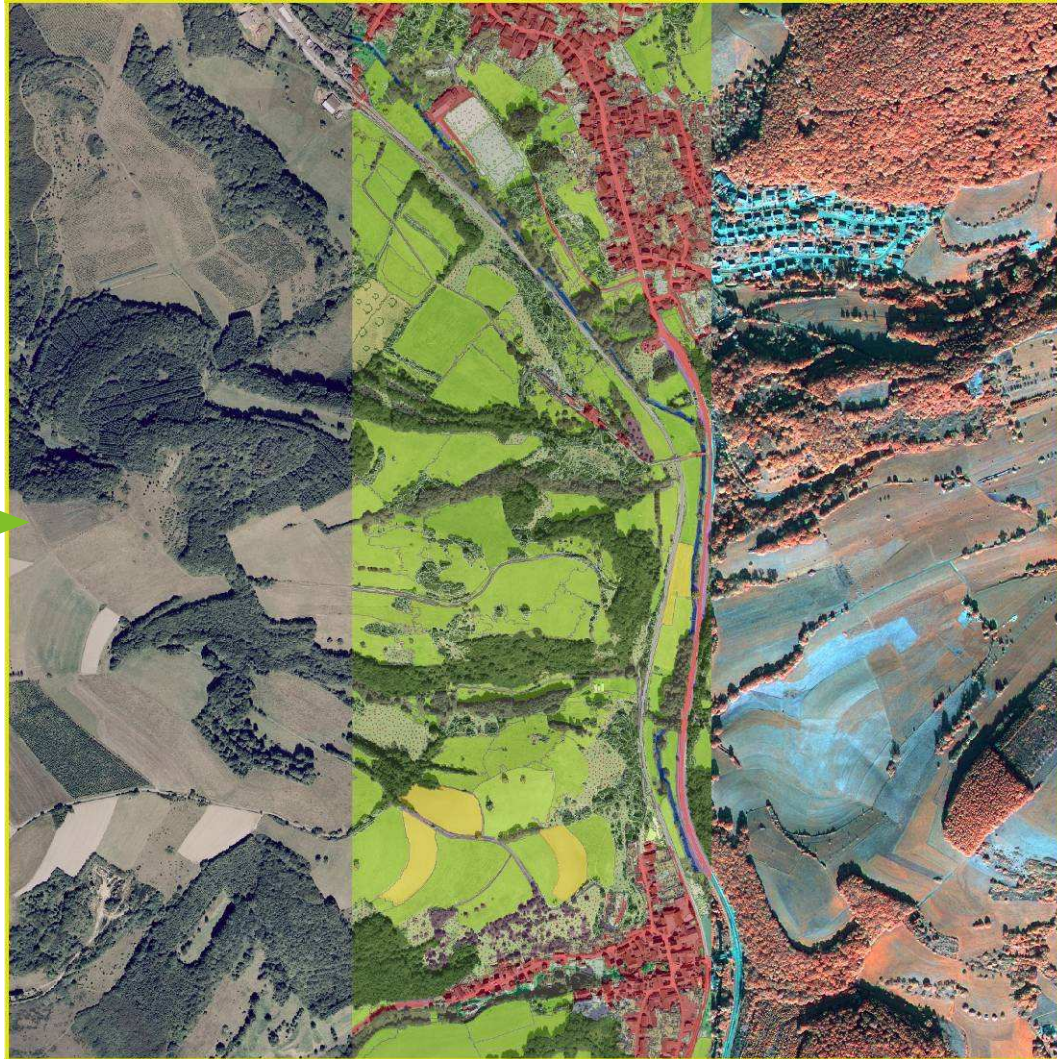


orchard
espalier



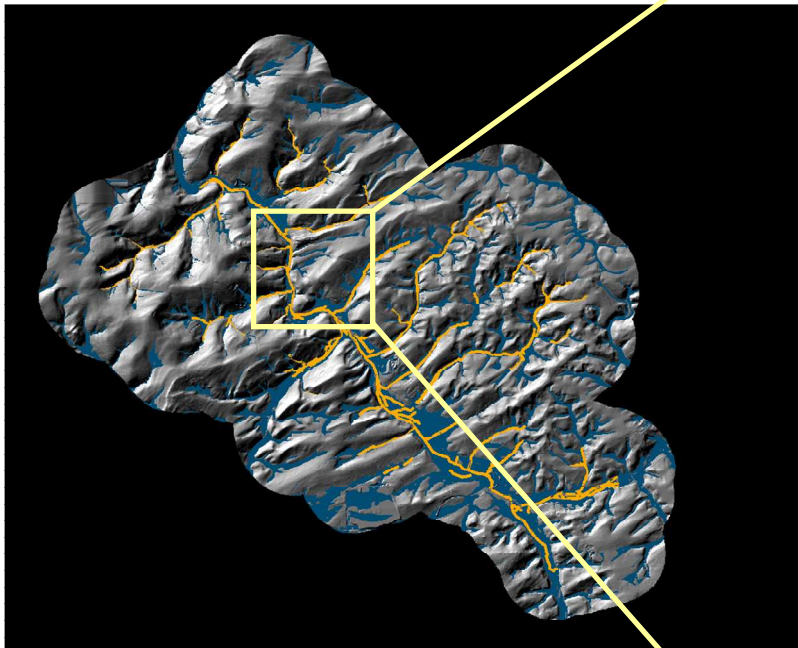
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**Result:
landscape classification**

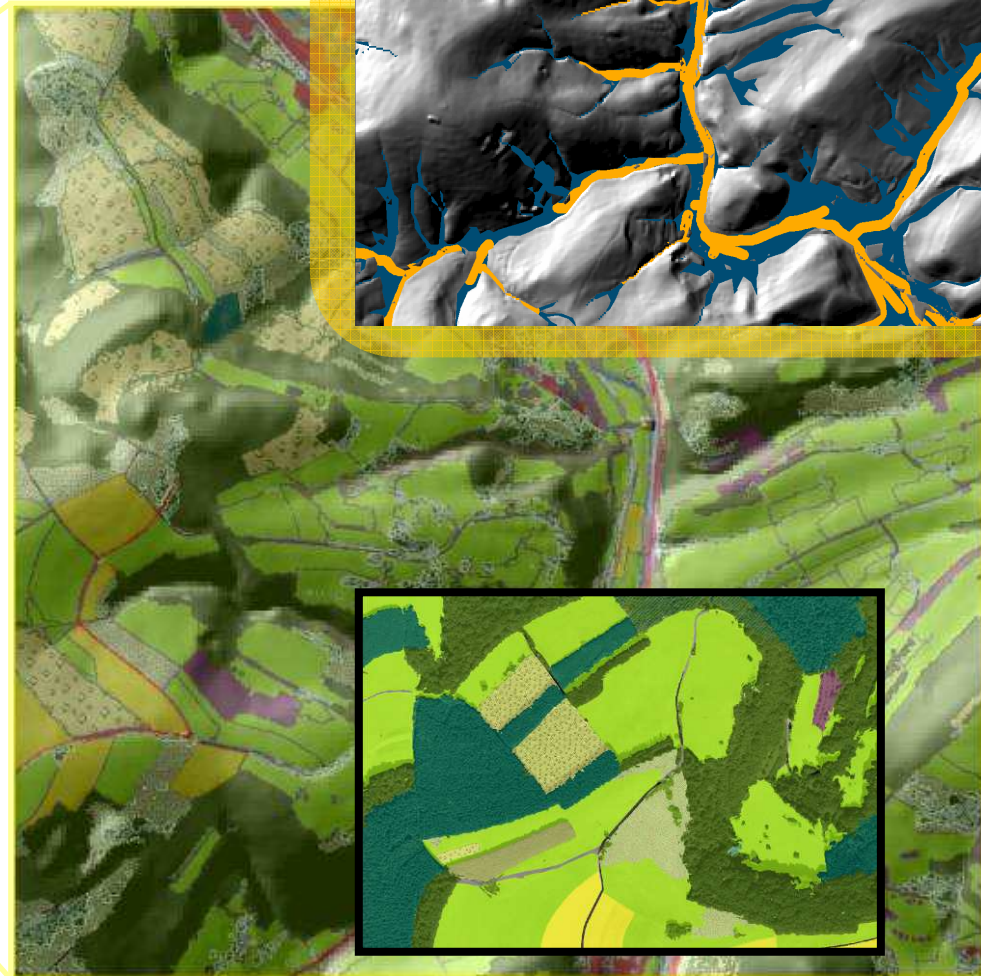


Digital Terrain Model overlapped with classification results

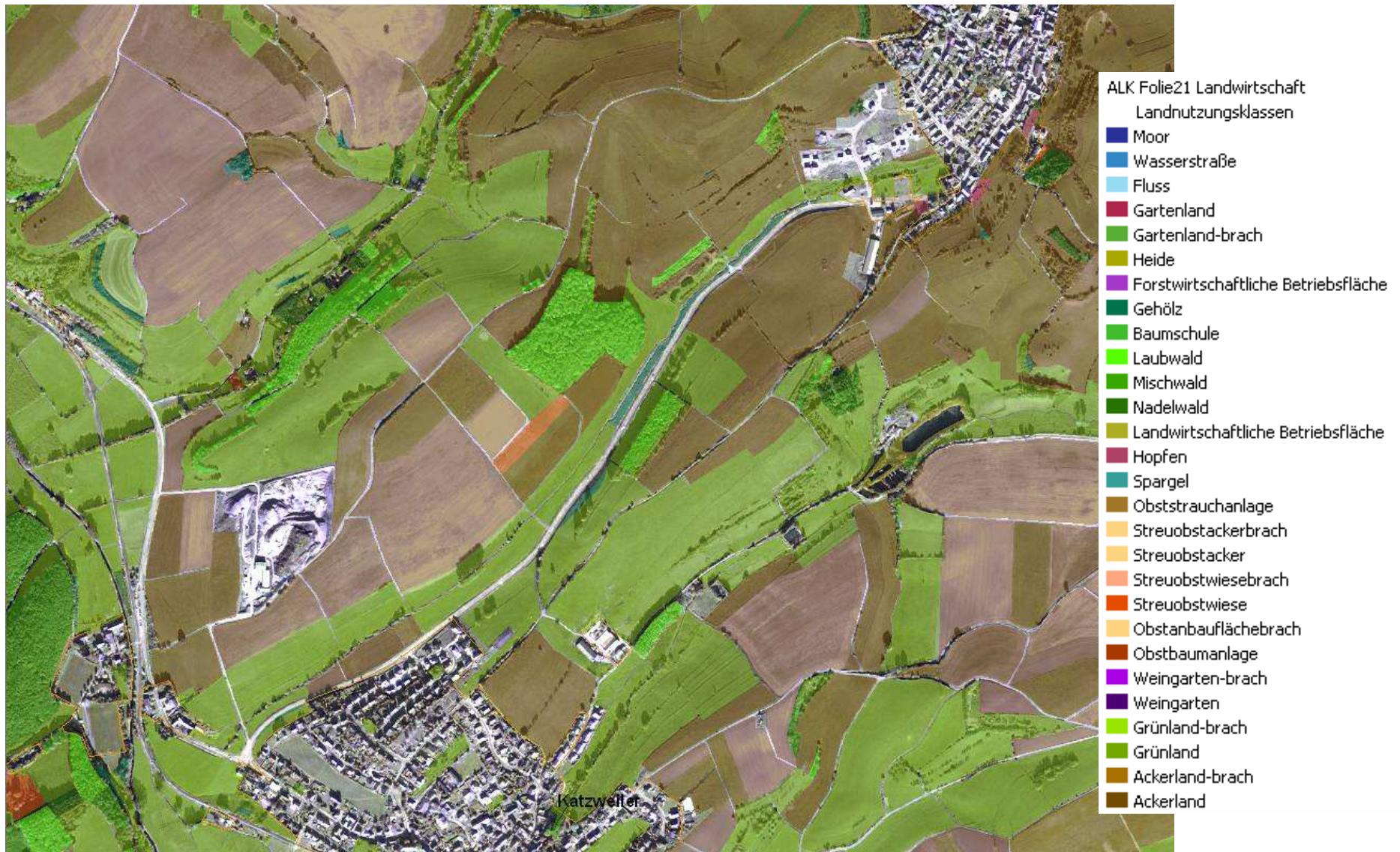
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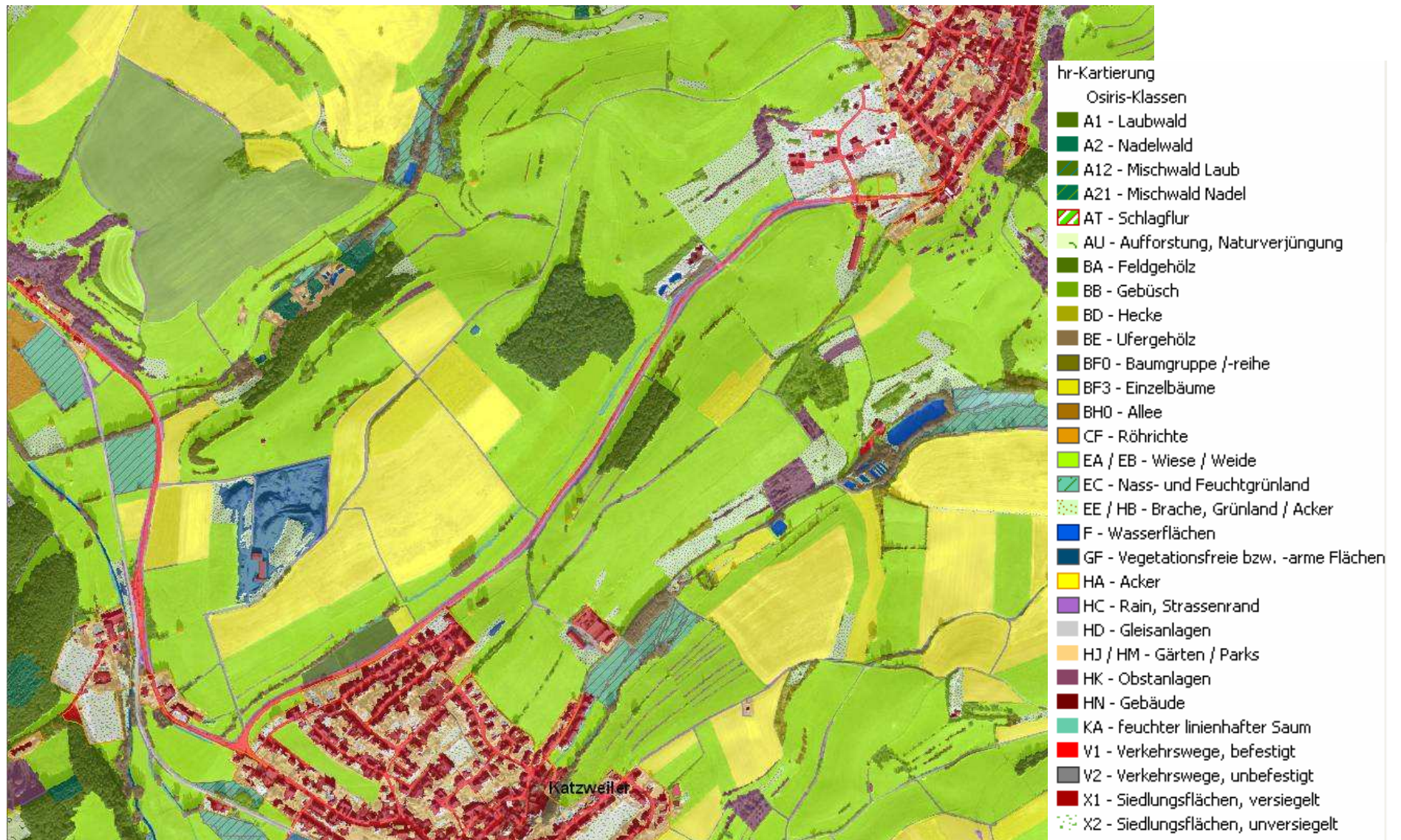
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flood areas from DTM



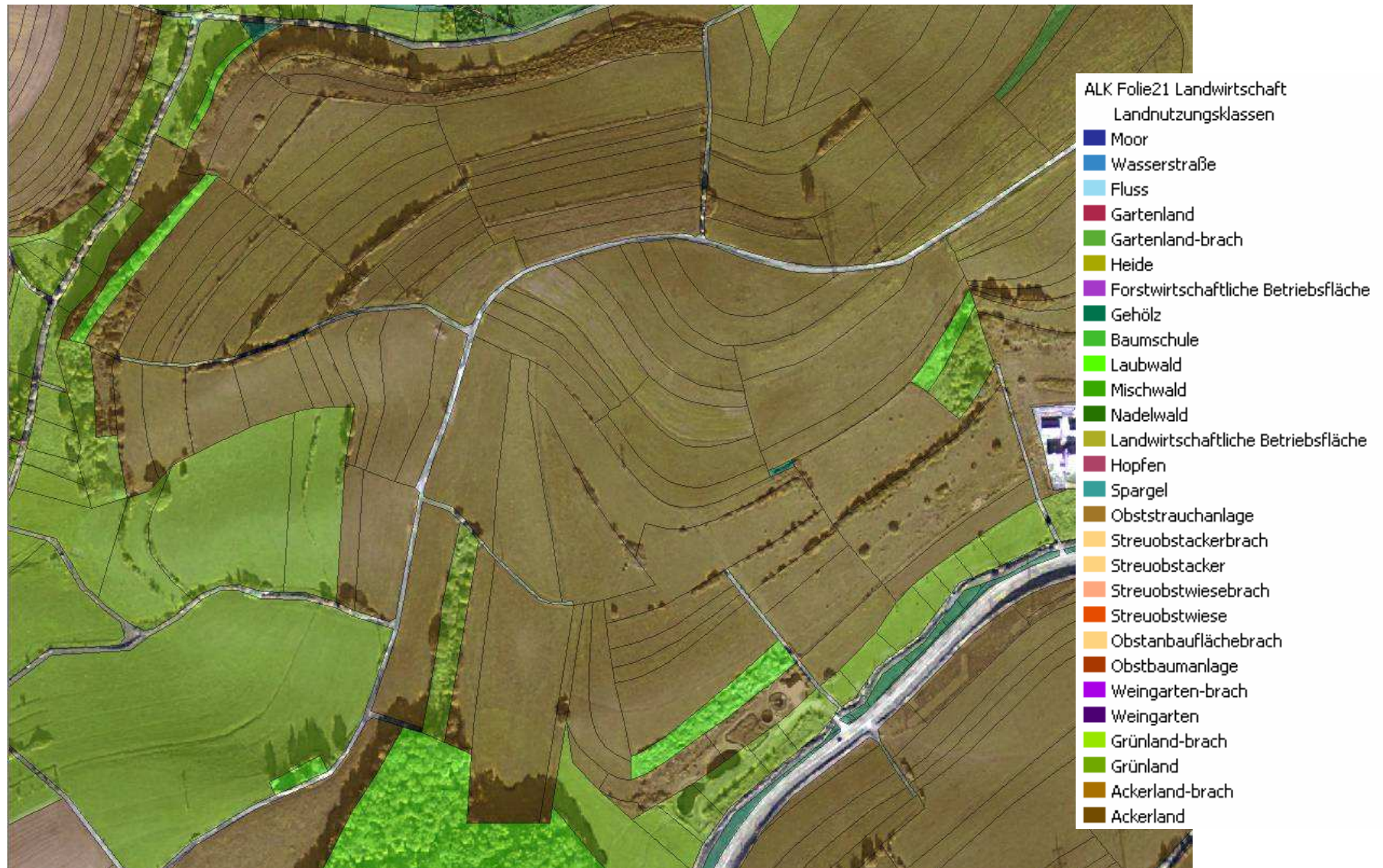
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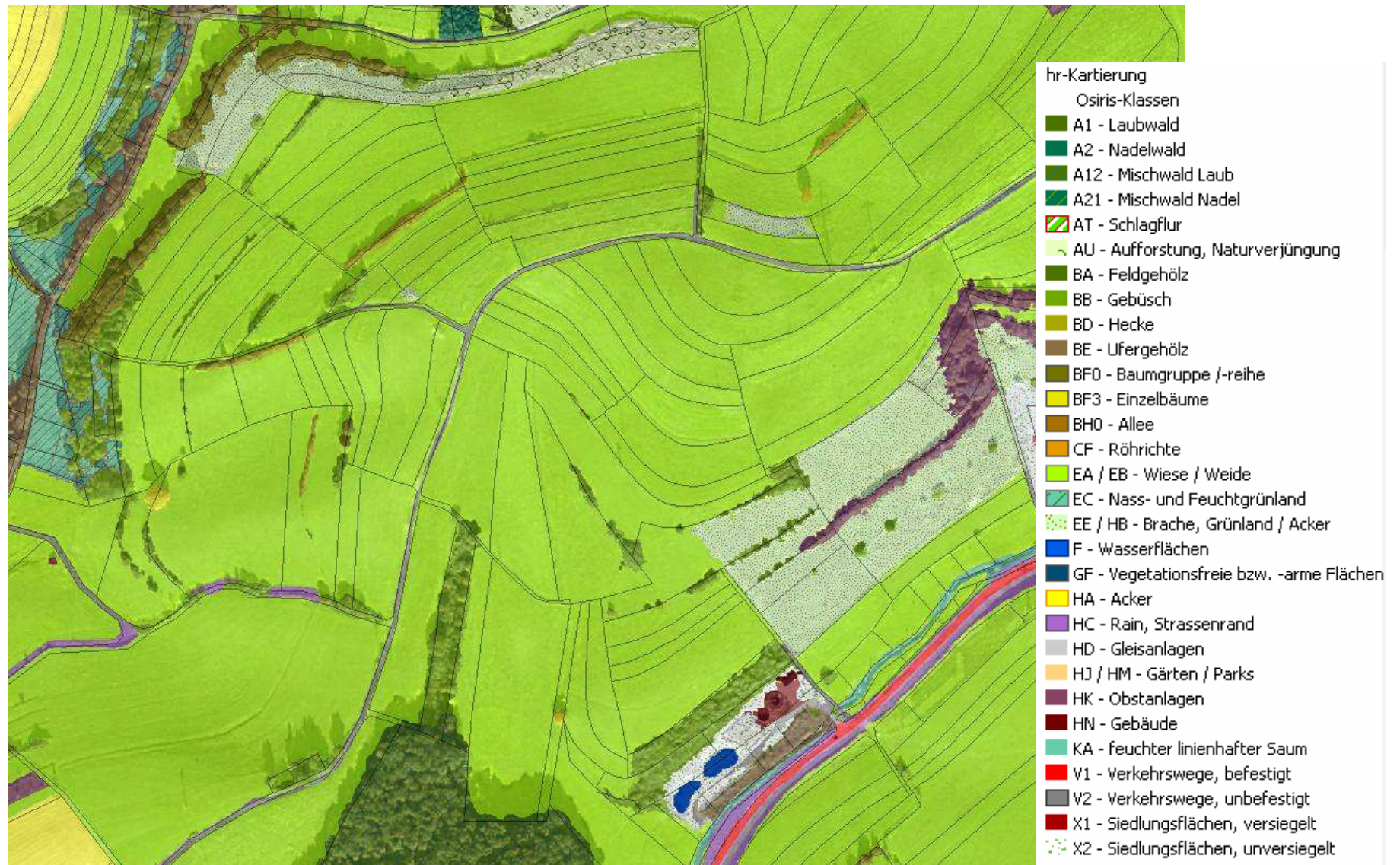
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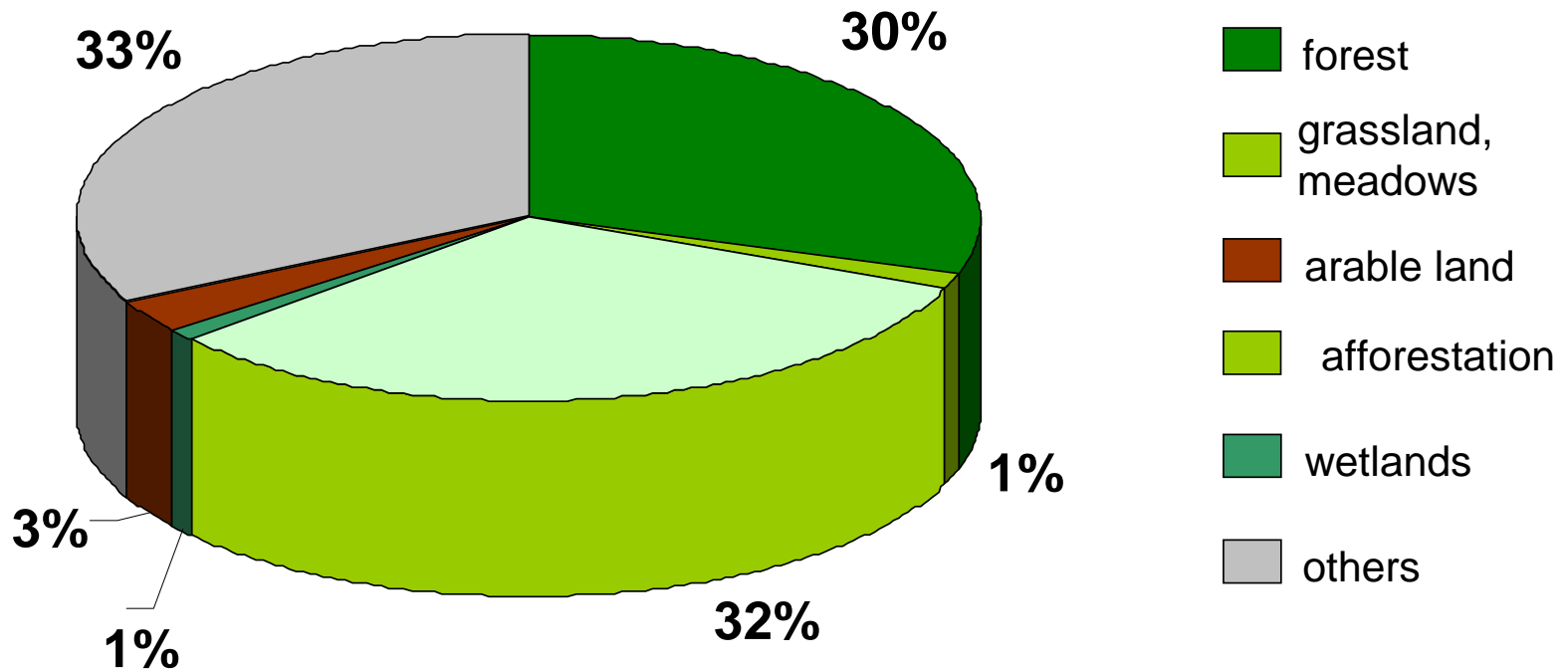
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Result:
landscape classification and analysis:

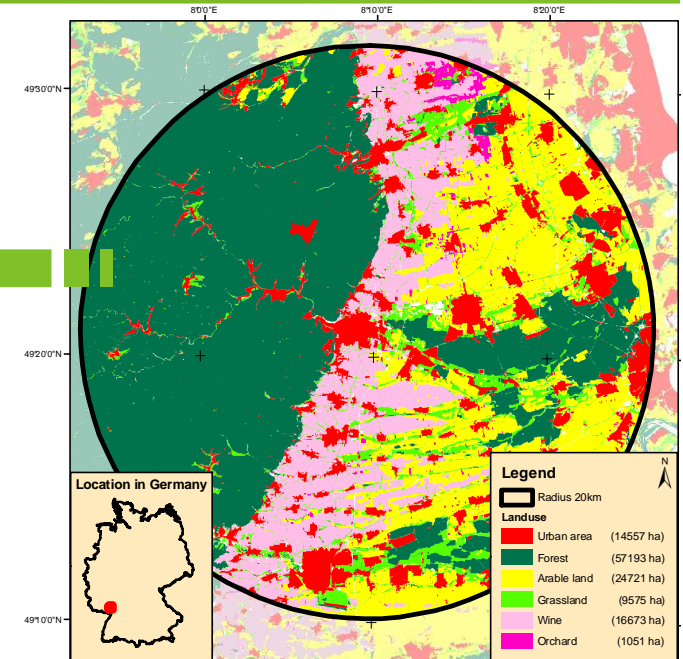
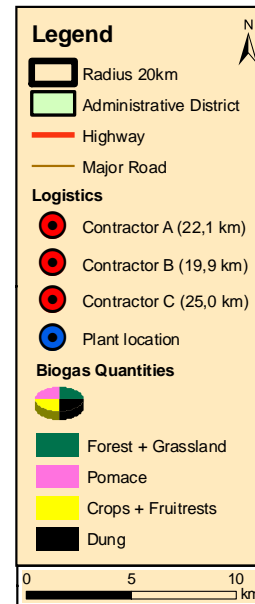
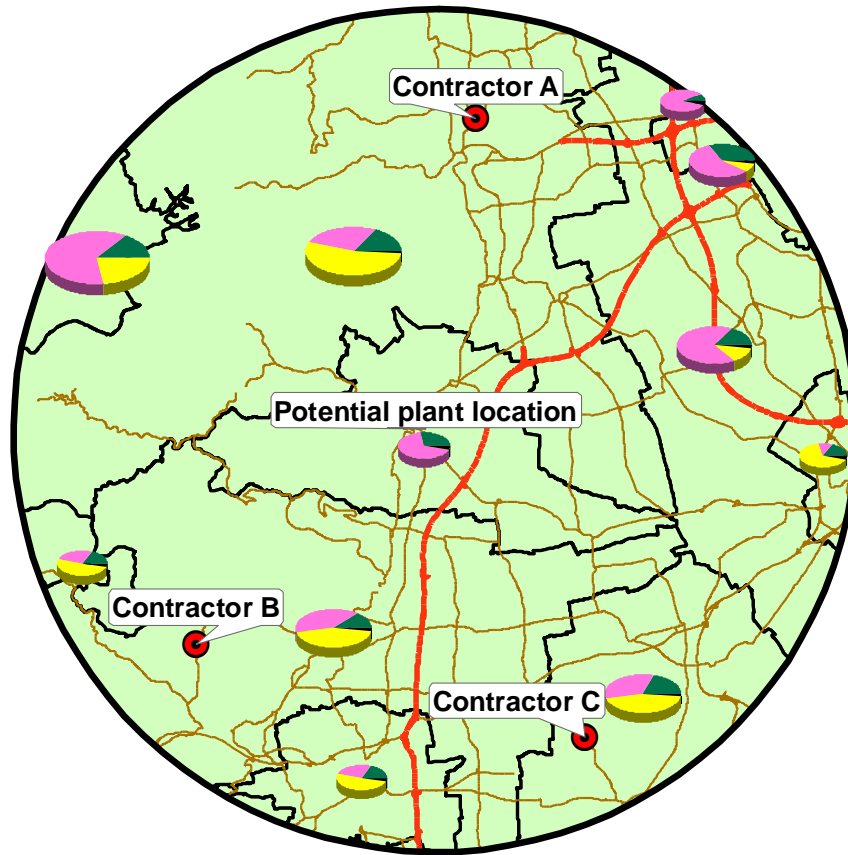
mapping, statistics, analysis



Ground truthing showed an accuracy of 95 % - 98 %

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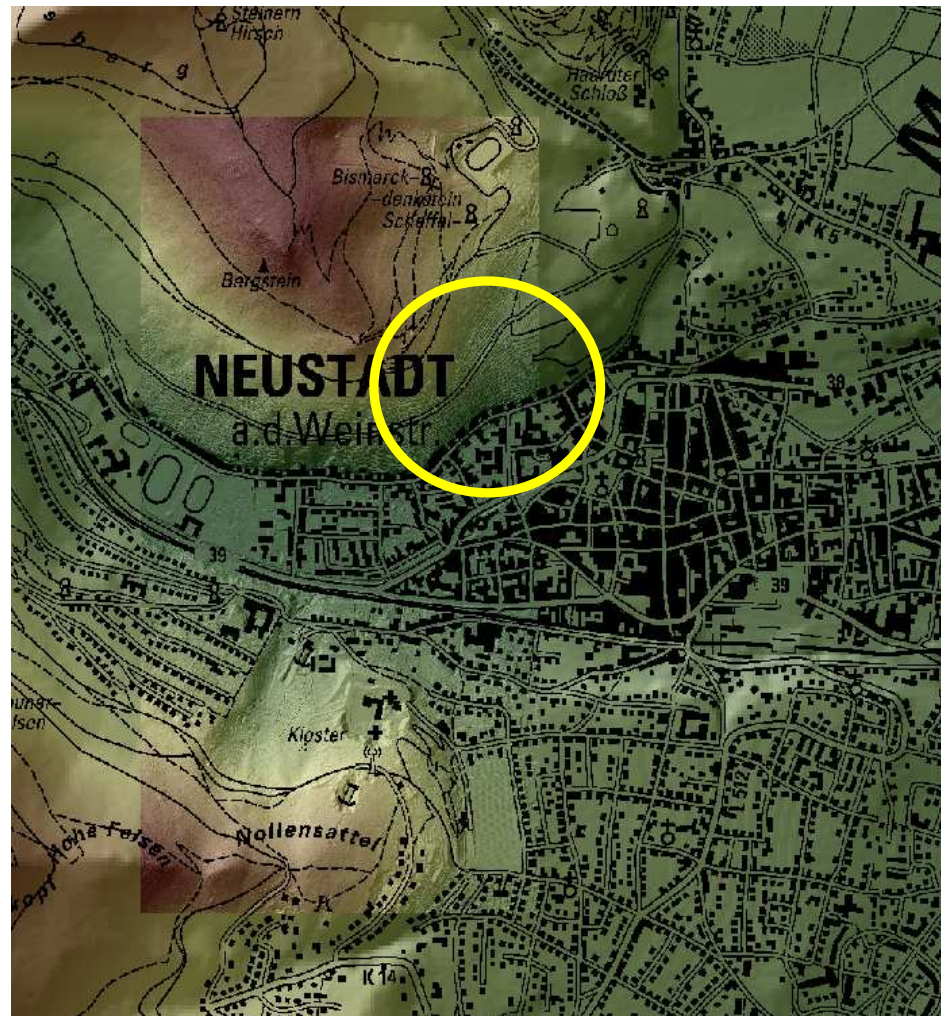
Applications: GIS-based Feasibility Study for Biogas Plants



Summary

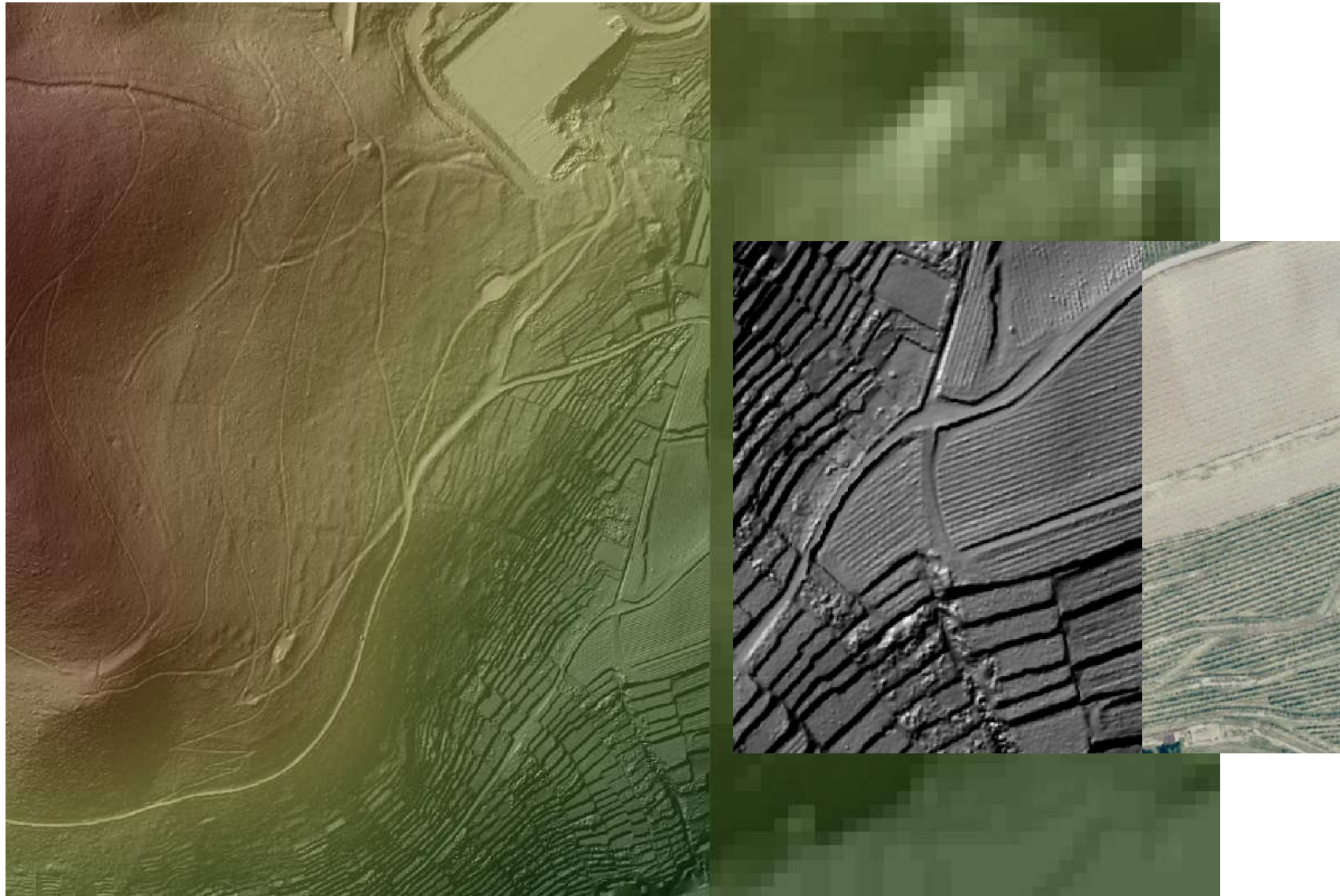
- Visualisation and identification of substrate- and biogaspotentials
- Location Evaluations to maintain Cost-Effectiveness (e.g. shortest paths)

Perspectives: Applications based on LIDAR DTM and DSM

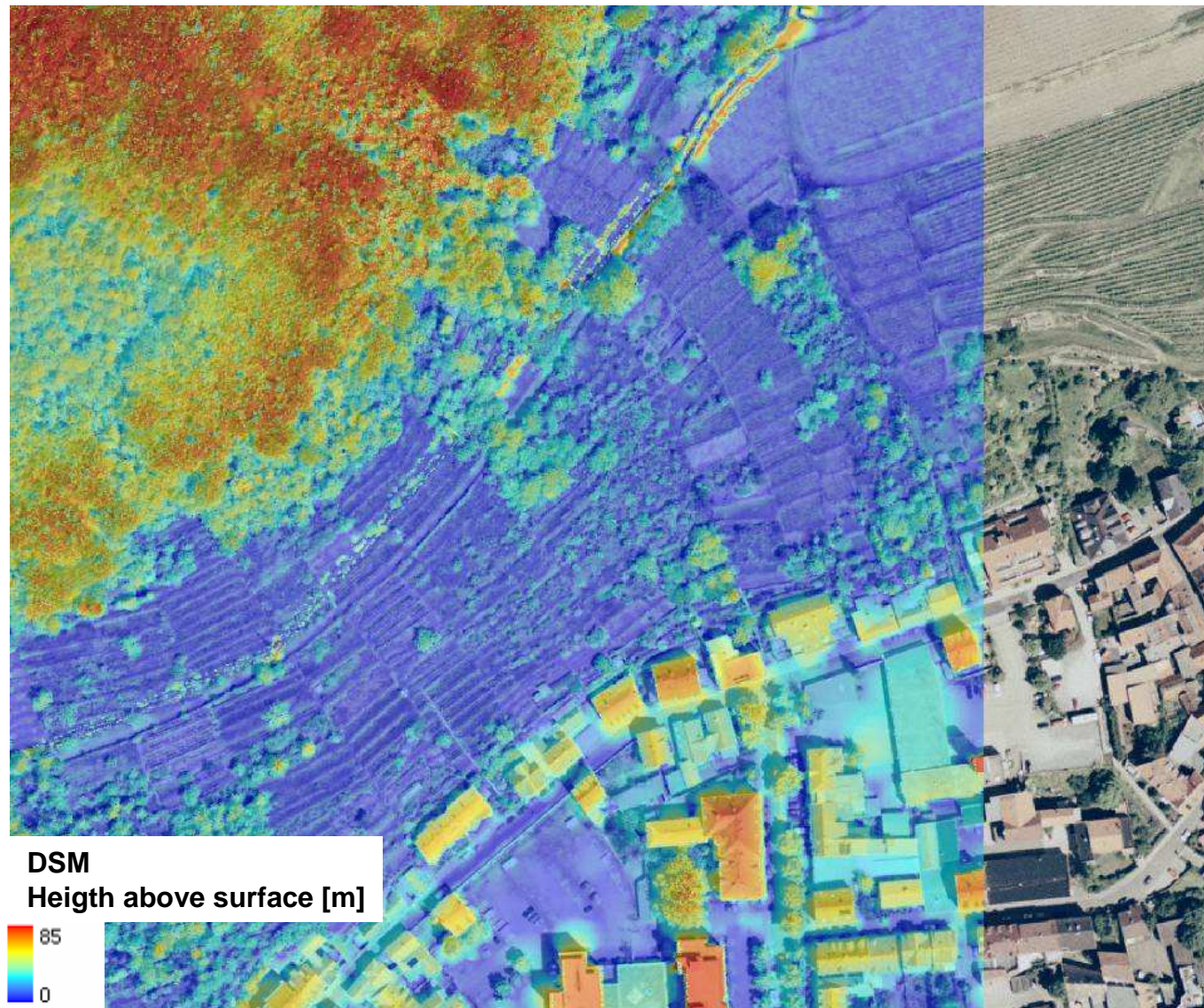


LIDAR: Light Detection And Ranging“
DTM: Digital Terrain Model
DSM: Digital Surface Model

Perspectives: Applications based on LIDAR DTM (3 Points per sqm)



Perspectives: Applications based on LIDAR DSM



Meaningful applications:

Mapping of buildings, roads...

Calculation of terrain models:

- slope
- aspect
- potential solar radiation
- ...

but,

available only for small areas

expensive...

Especially for countries with a lack of small scaled geodata
(this means high resolution)

**the generating of basic geodata like
topographical maps combined with the classification of land cover**

delivers important georeferenced information for

**organising, planning and managing
ecological and even economical issues**

Case Study: TerraSAR-X¹

Combination of multispectral sensor data and Terra-SAR-X data

Terra-SAR-X: Advantages

- weather (clouds...) and daylight independent
- reflexion of sealing areas like streets, building, surface waters
- semi-automated mapping and analysing of anthropogenic land cover
 - topographical information
 - settlements, buildings
 - streets...

SpotLight: up to 1 m resolution, scene size 10 km (width) x 5 km (length)

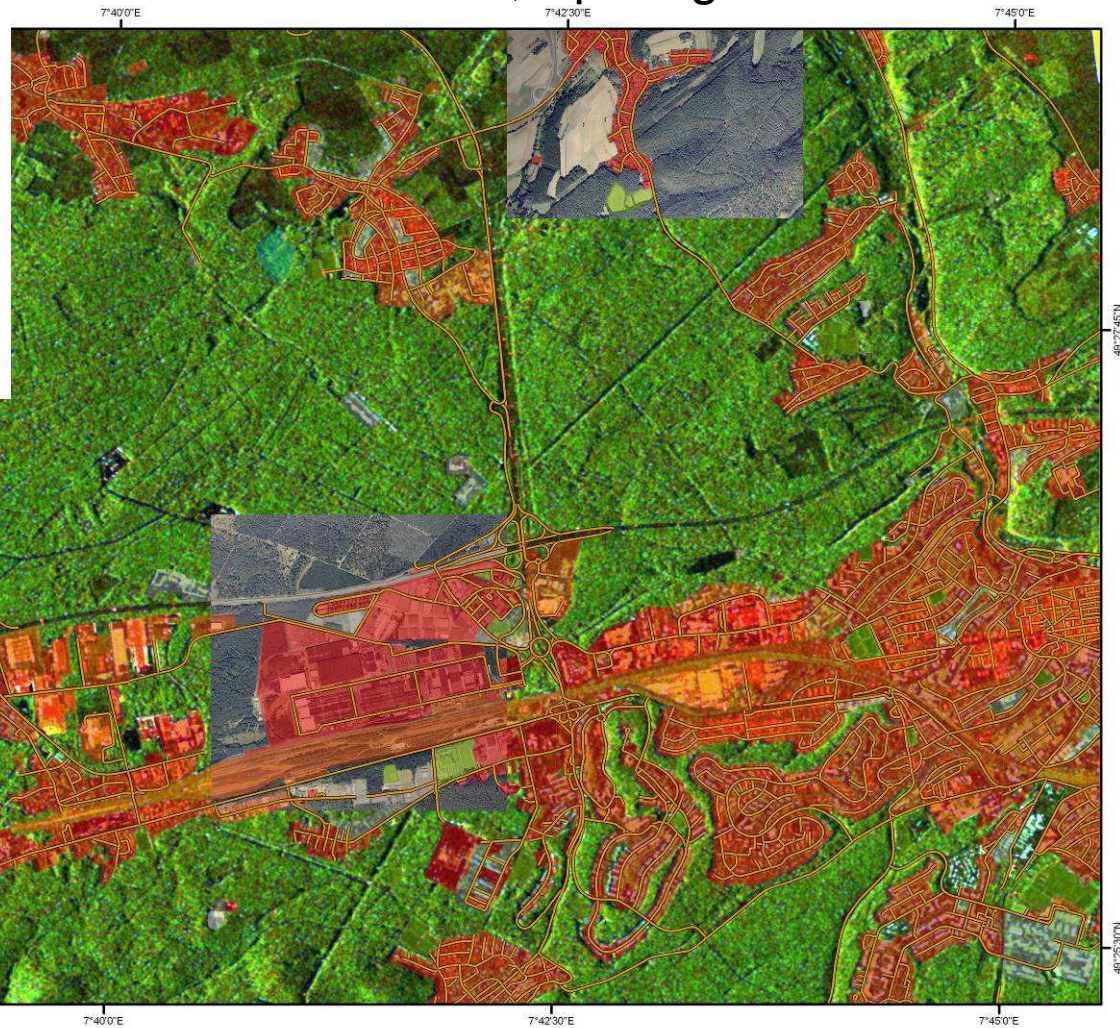
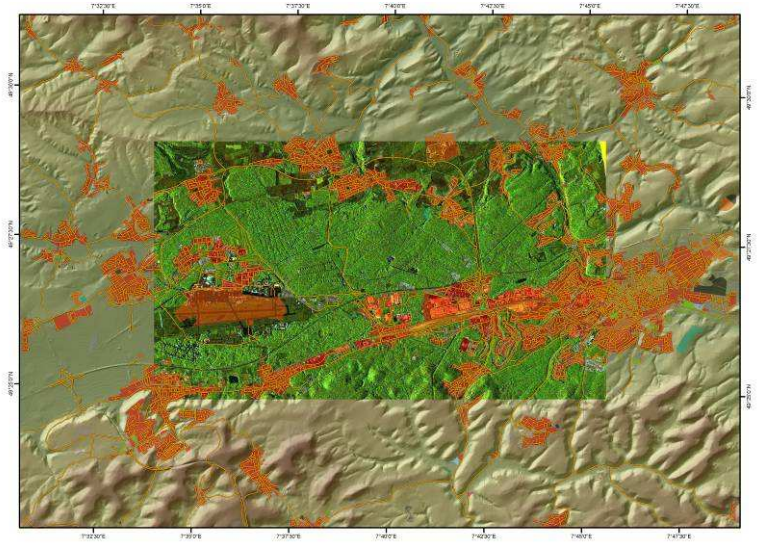
StripMap: up to 3 m resolution, scene size 30 km (width) x 50 km (length)

ScanSAR: up to 18 m resolution, scene size 100 km (width) x 150 km (length)

¹: TerraSAR-X: Infoterra GmbH, Germany

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Germany, region Kaiserslautern
TerraSAR-X, SpotLight Data



Anthropogenic
features
derived from
German ATKIS
(vector-based,
medium scaled)

First evaluations of this new sensor showed a high potential especially in combination with multispectral images for a semi-automated classification of land cover and anthropogenic land use.

The extraction of sealed objects from Terra-SAR-X was compared with anthropogenic features from the German ATKIS data and we found in a first study a high accuracy in a medium scaled resolution (1:10.000 – 1:25.000)

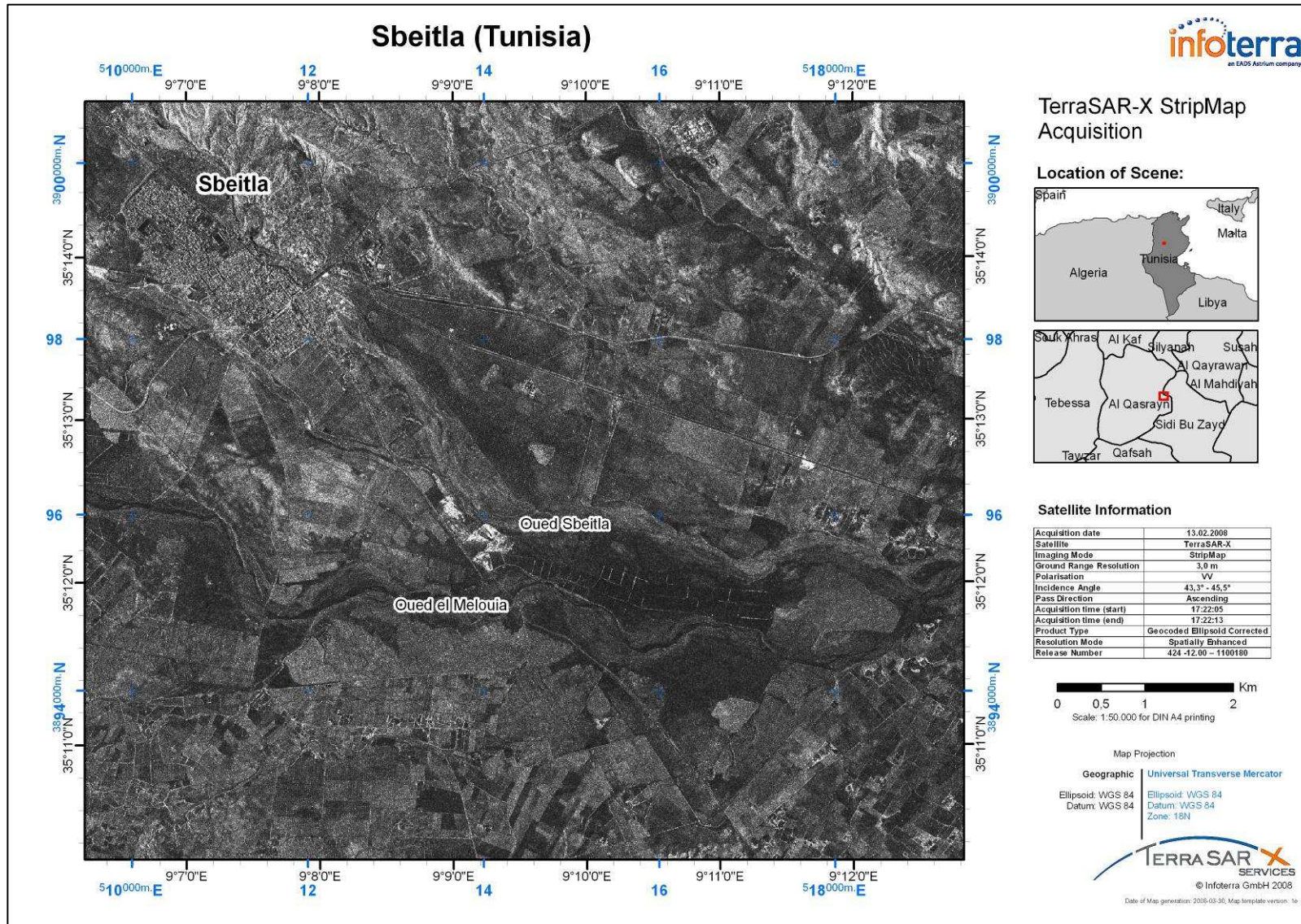
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**Now first results from InfoTerra GmbH, Germany ,
Case Study Tunisia: Topographical Mapping**

Topomap based on StripMap data



Conclusions and “Take Home Messages”

- ✓ **Optical and multispectral images in high resolution are available world-wide and can be classified by using object oriented image classification software semi-automated**

Applications:

land cover, topographical mapping, assessment of biomass/biogas potential

- ✓ **New radar images like TerraSAR-X (and Terra-SAR-X Tandem) are available world-wide in different scale levels:
from high to medium resolution: overview mapping to detailed infrastructure analysis**

Applications:

topographical mapping, infrastructure and anthropogenic features (sealed surfaces!)
generating DTM (10m resolution)

- ✓ **Very high resolution DTM and DSM data can be used for better planning and visualising in small scaled regions**

Thank you for your kind attention!

