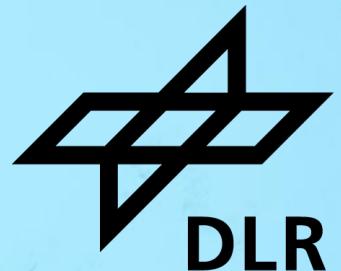


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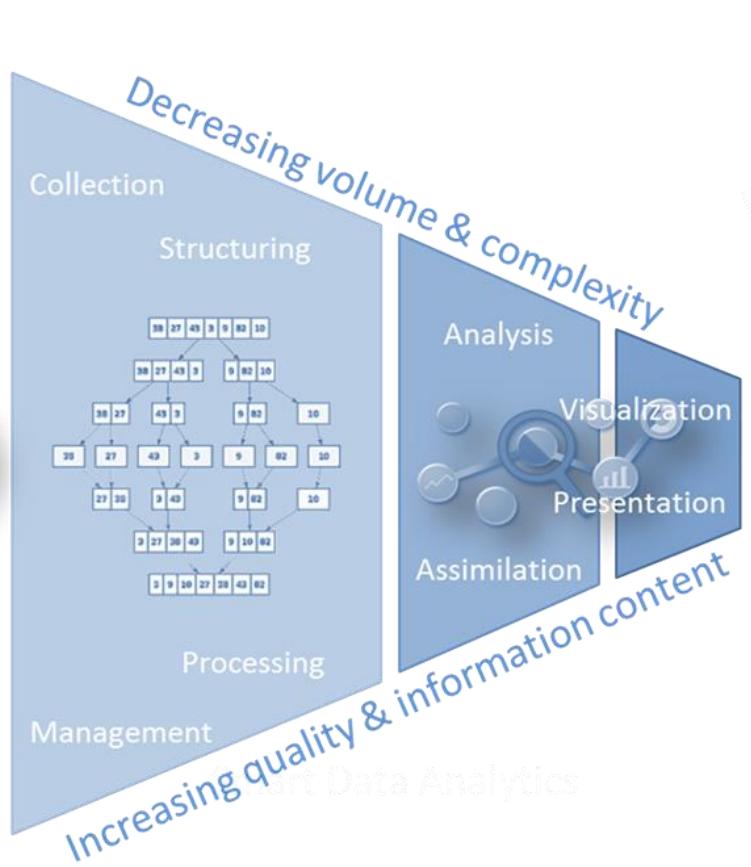
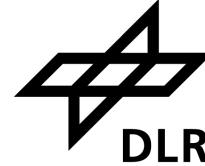




Global Urbanization meets Climate Crisis: Increased Risks



With Big Data from Space to Risk Informed Urban Planning



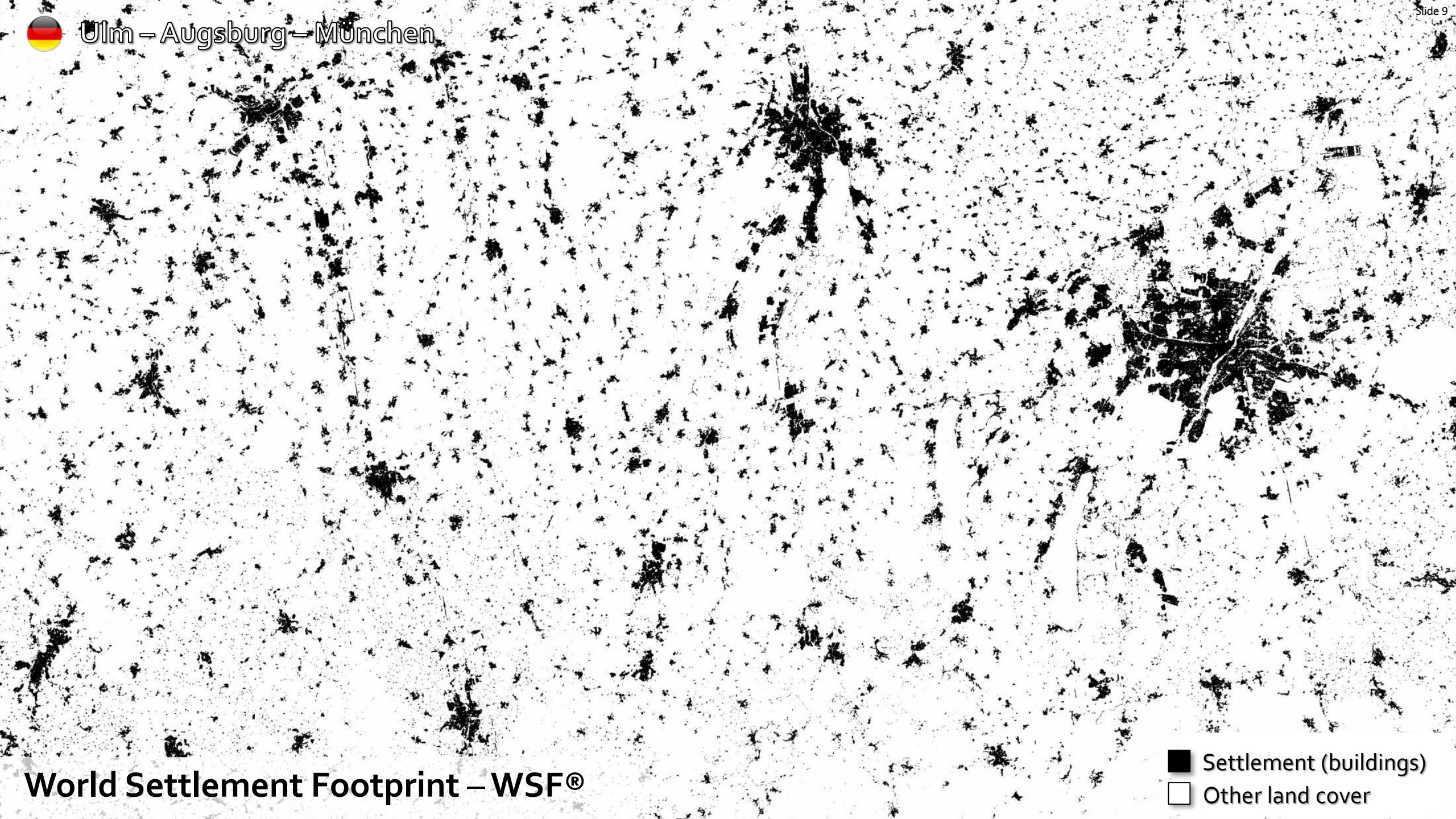
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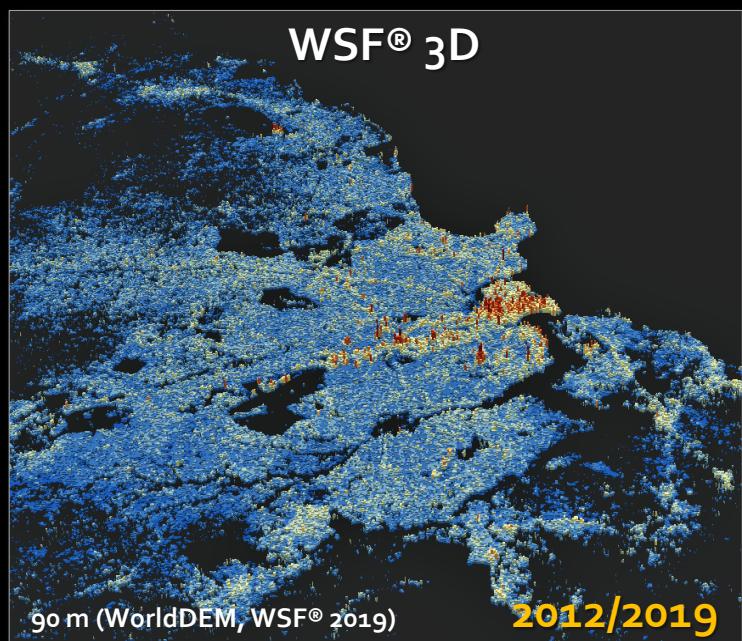
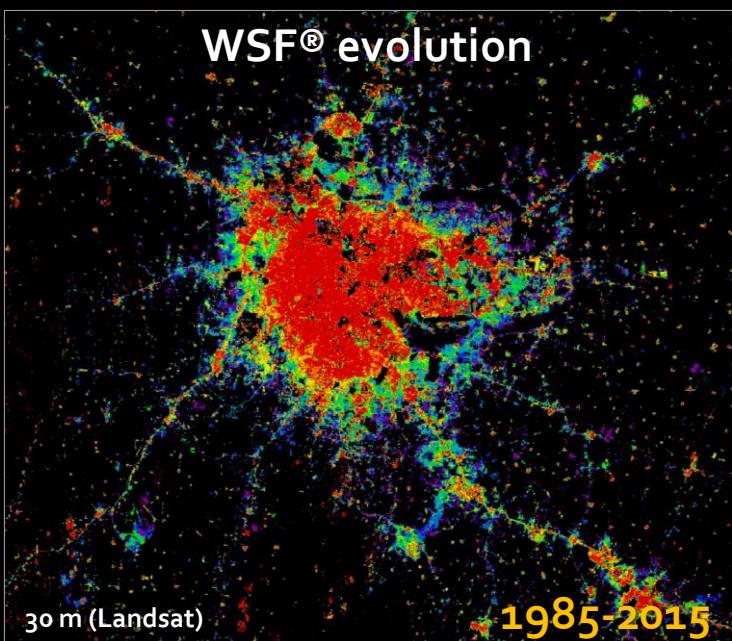


World Settlement Footprint – WSF®

- Settlement (buildings)
- Other land cover

World Settlement Footprint

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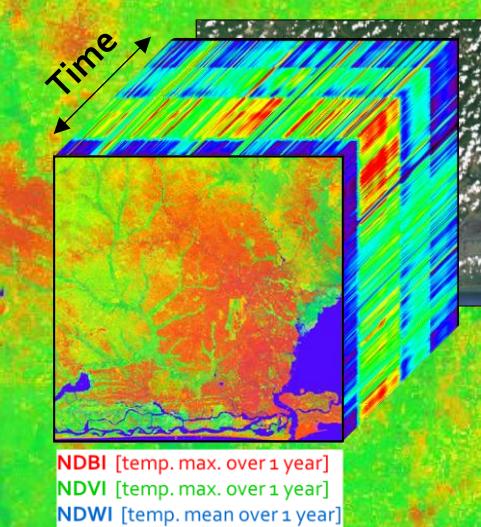
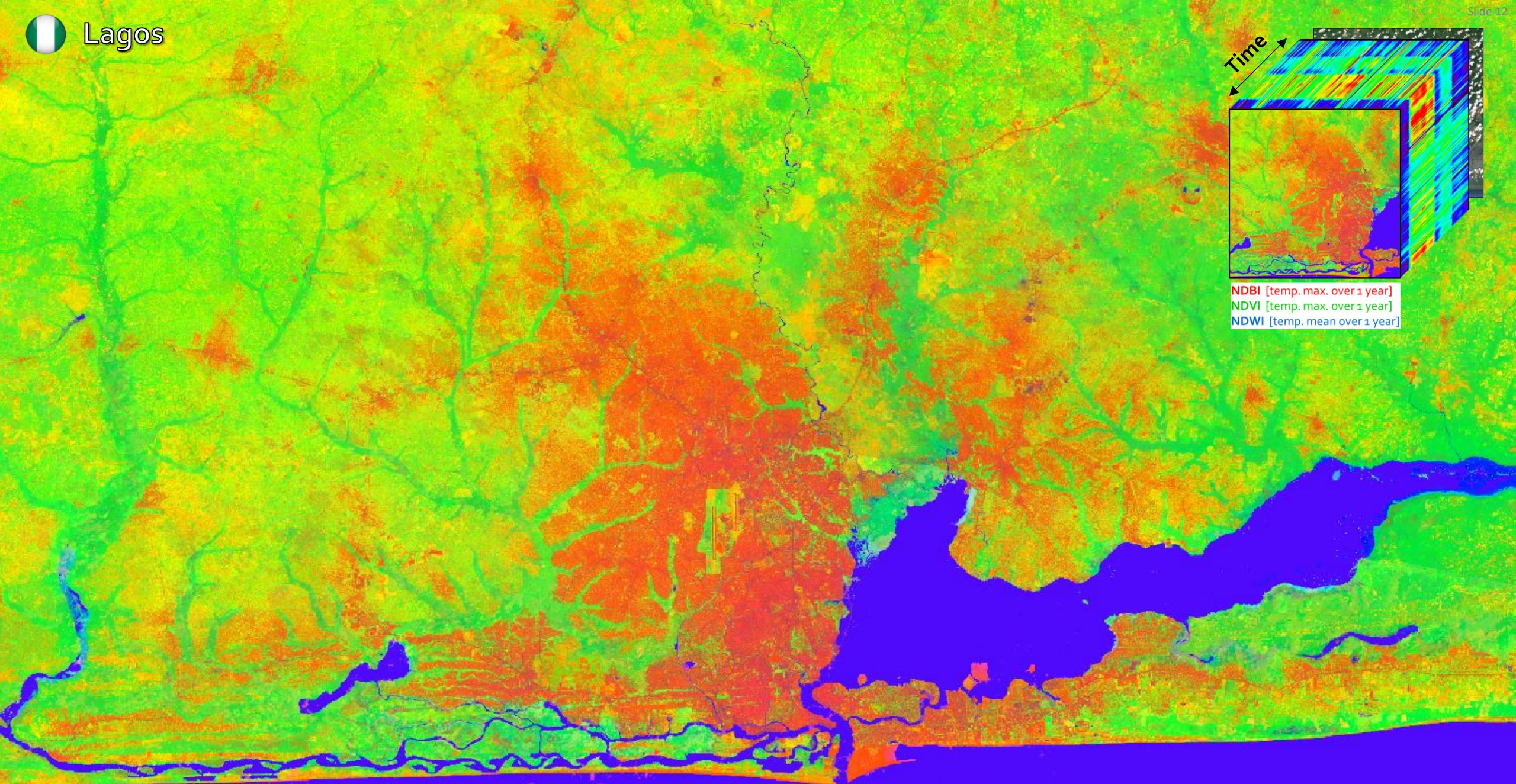
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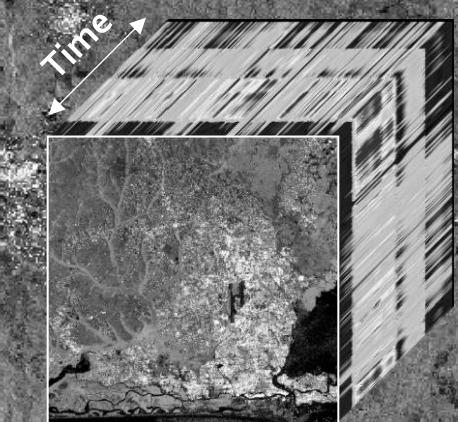
Sentinel 2 (multispectral) – single scene

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Sentinel 2 (multispectral) – multitemporal composite



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Sentinel 1 (Radar) – multitemporal composite



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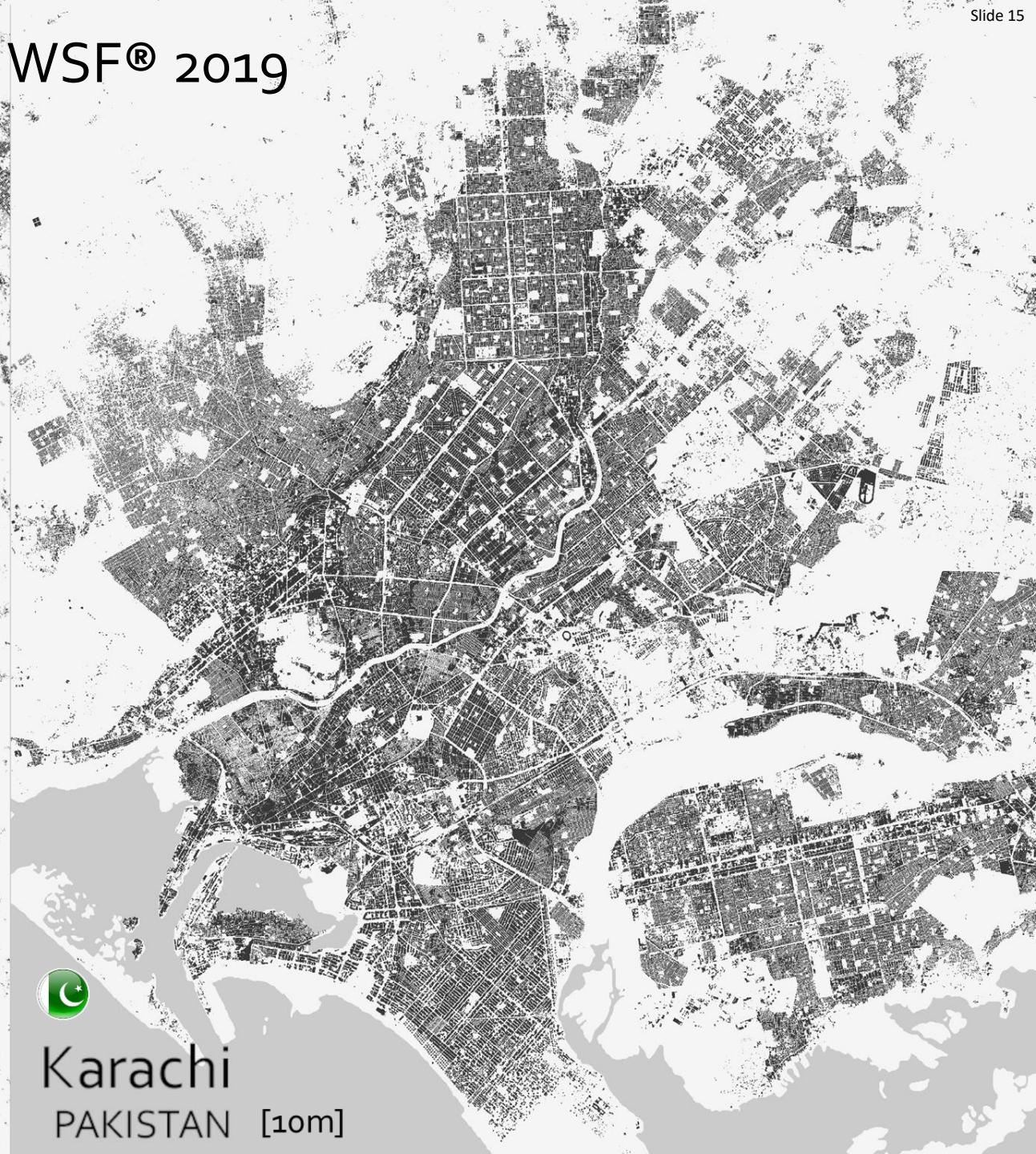
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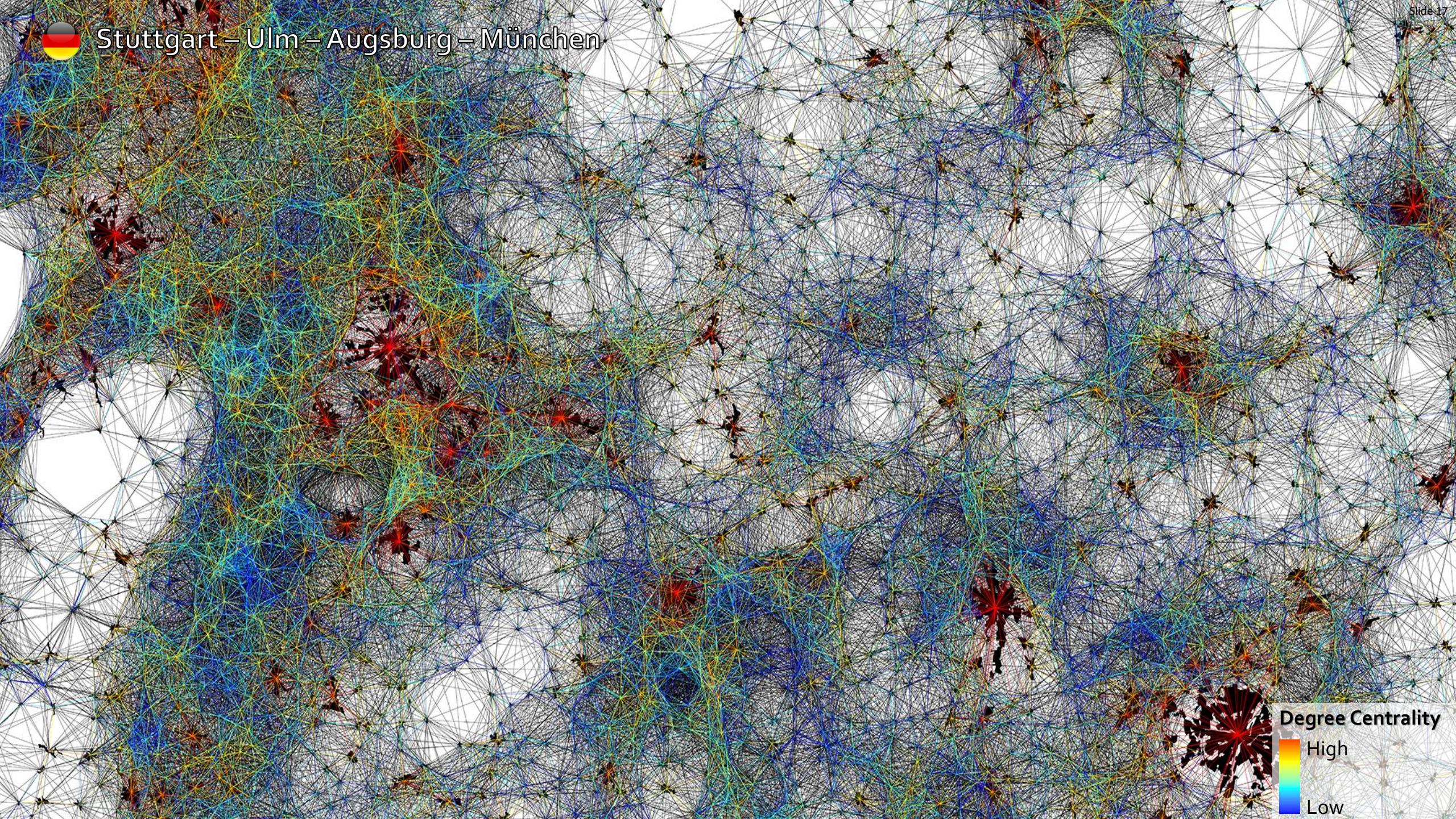
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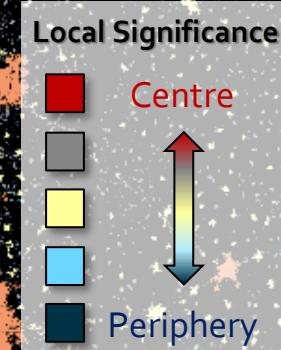
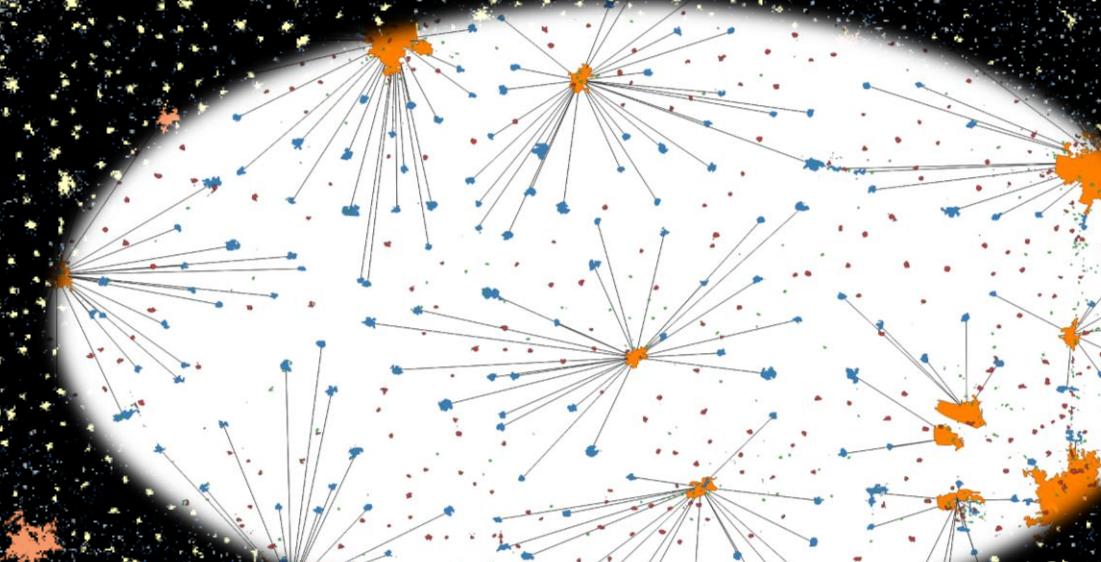




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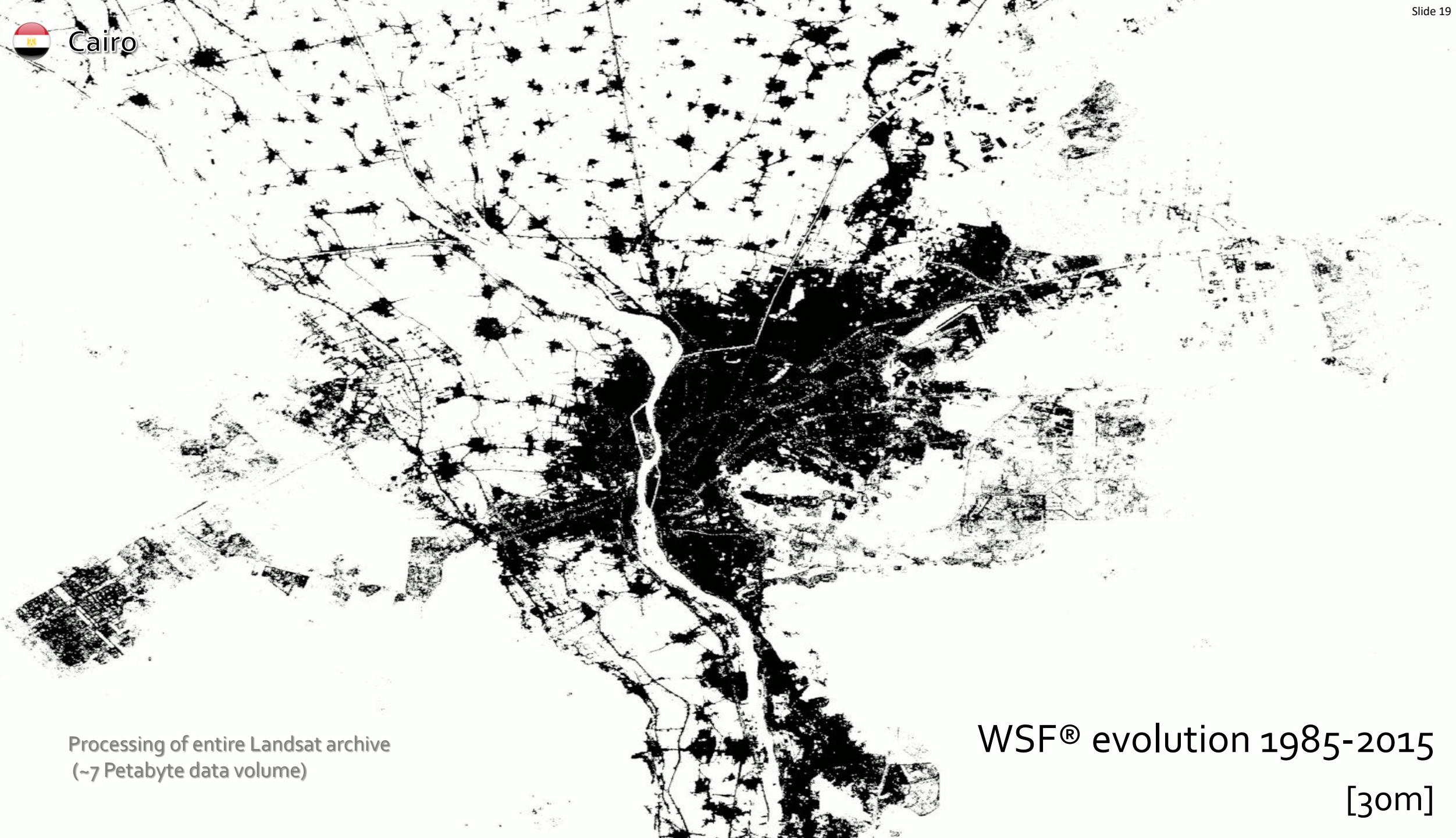


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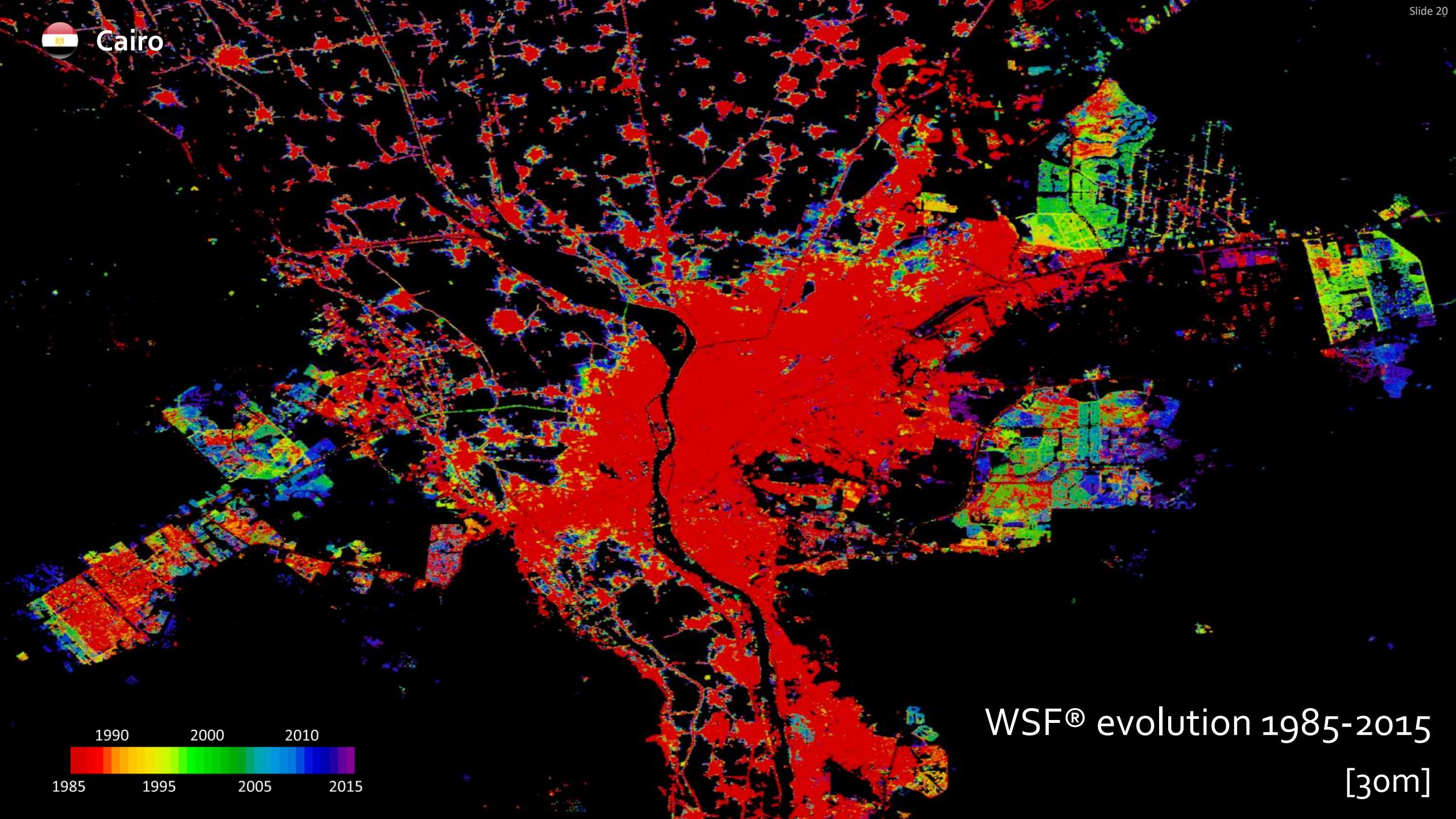


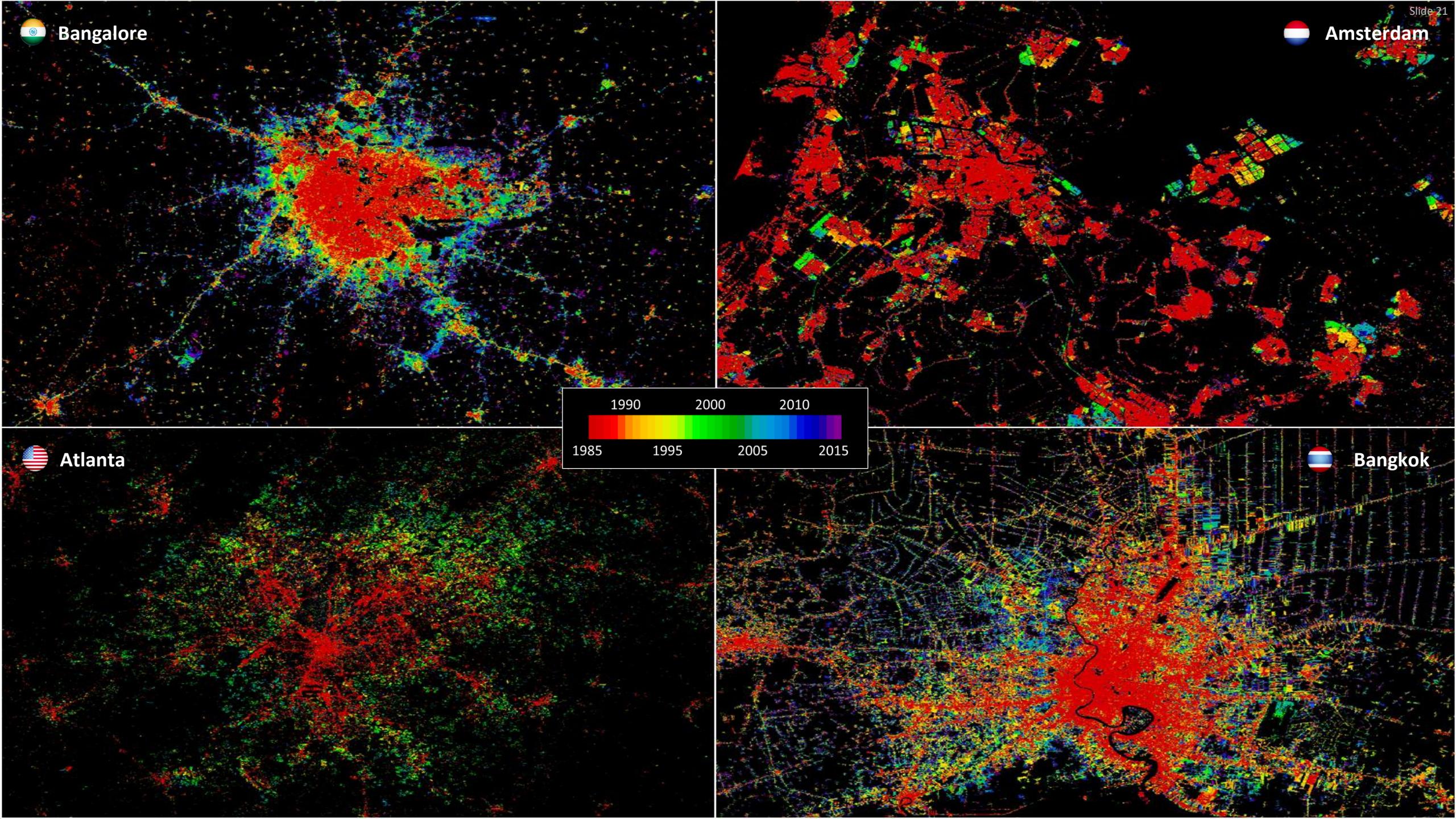
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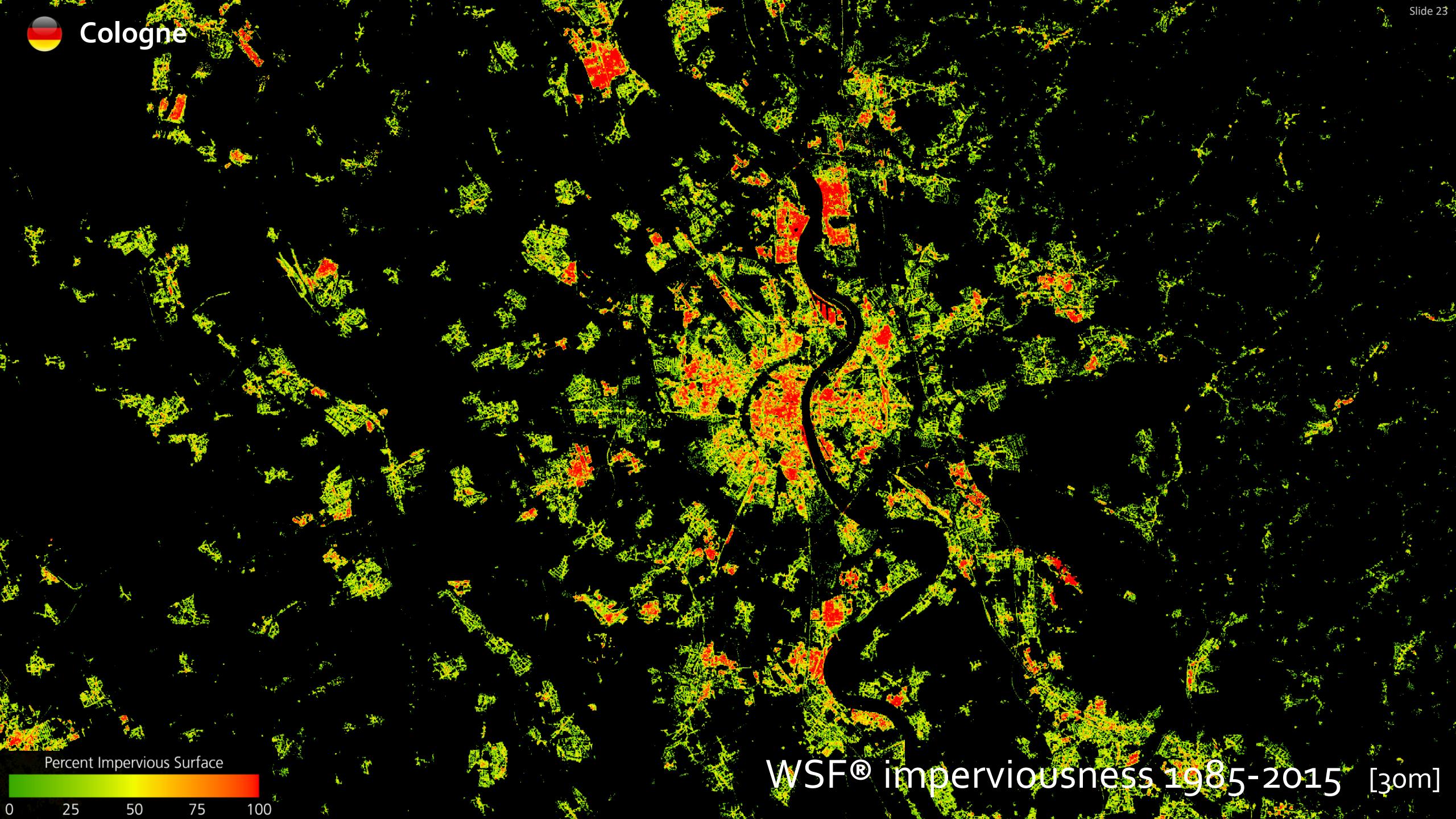
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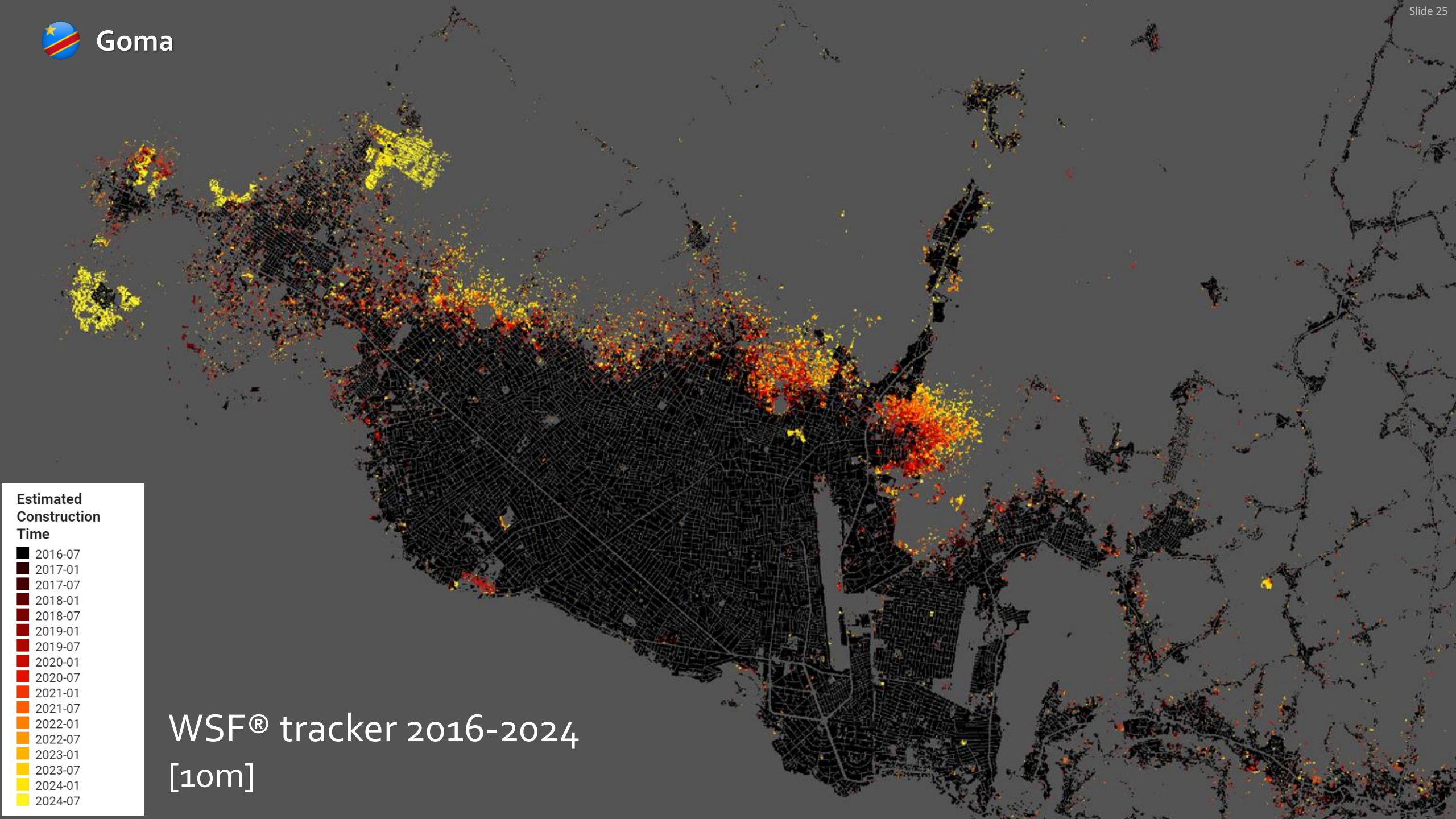


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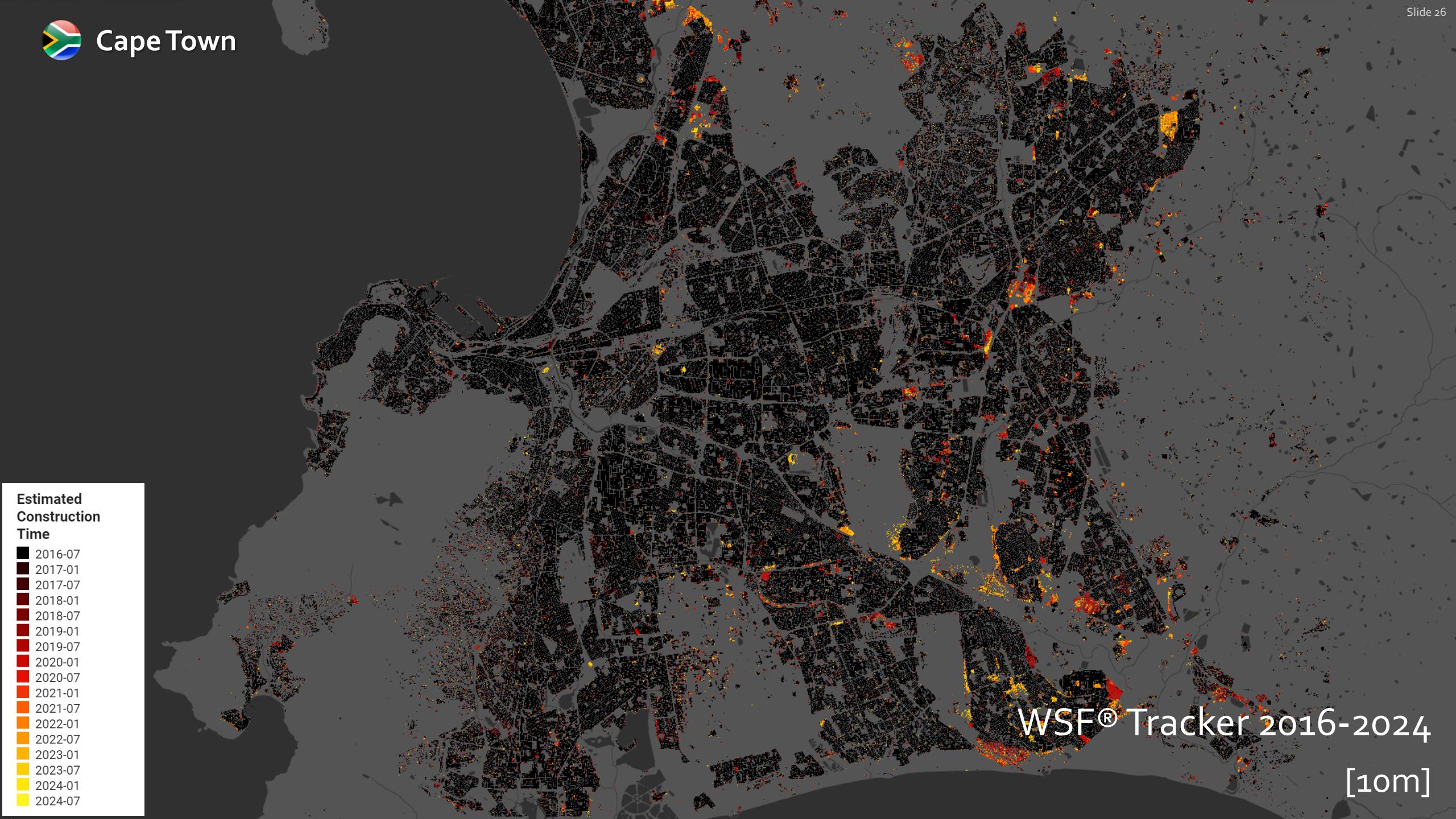


Goma





Cape Town





Cape Town

Pluvial, fluvial undefended
and coastal hazard maps

Max Flood Risk Level

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- None

Data source:
Fathom



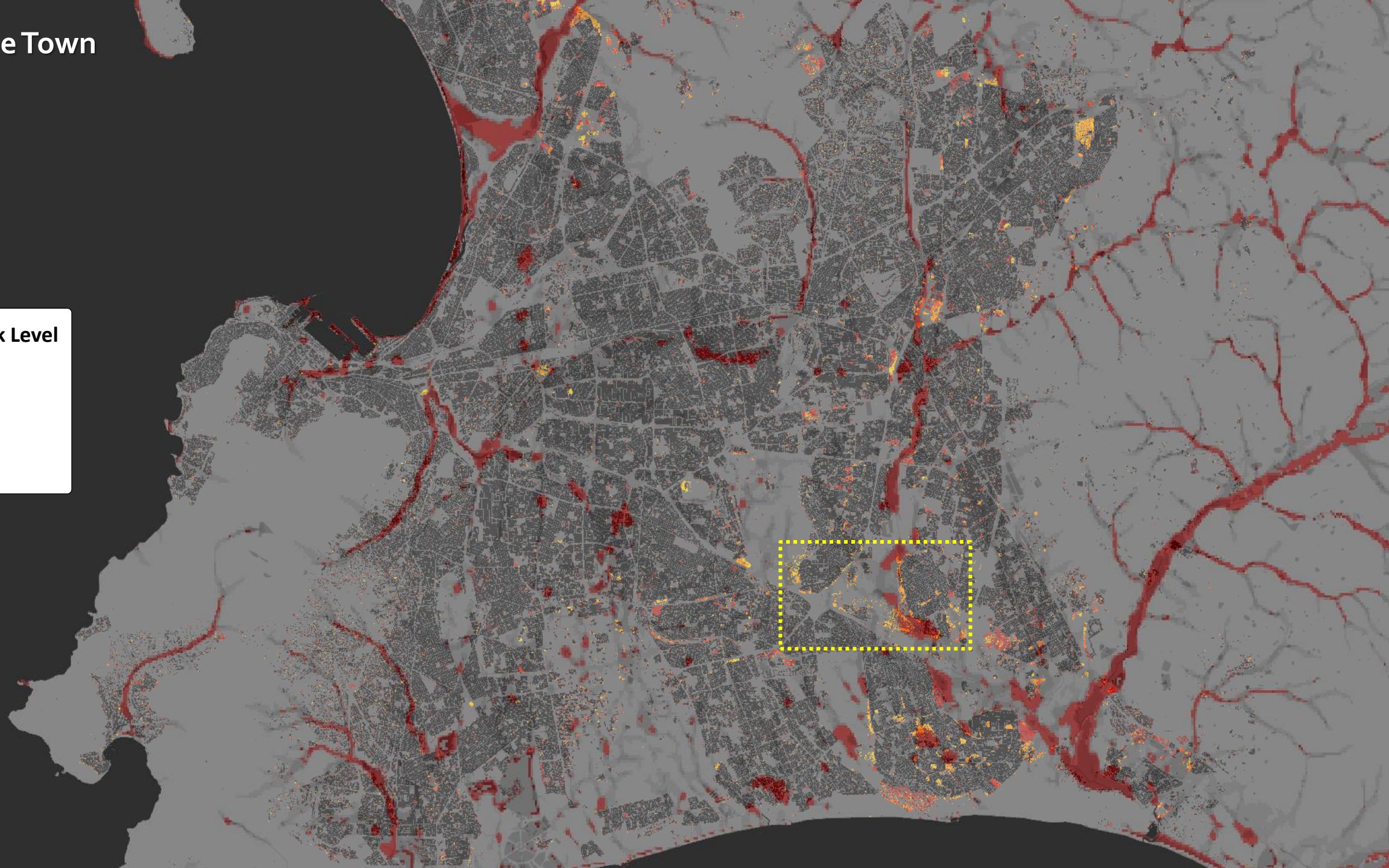
Cape Town

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Estimated Construction Time

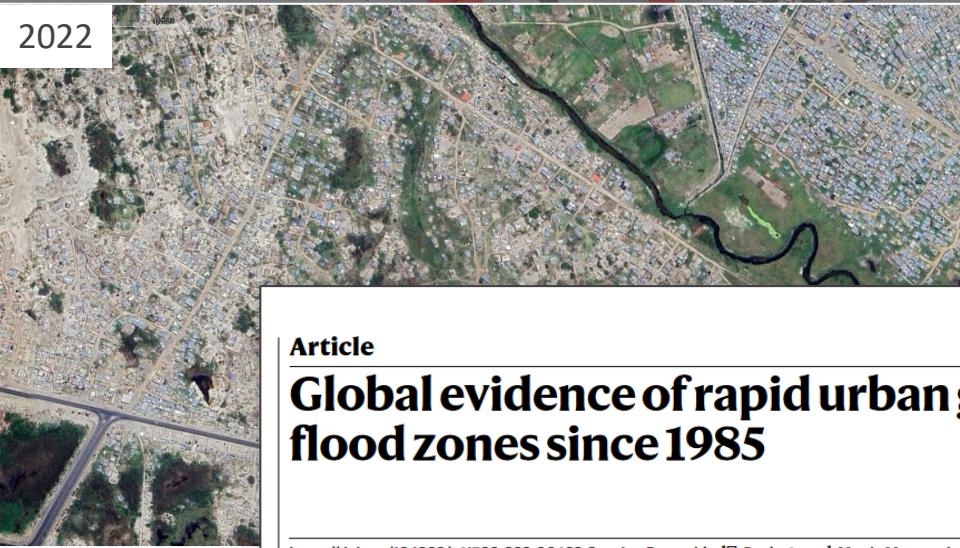
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Global evidence of rapid urban growth in flood zones since 1985

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Disaster losses are increasing and evidence is mounting that climate change is driving up the probability of extreme natural shocks^{1–3}. Yet it has also proved politically expedient to invoke climate change as an exogenous force that supposedly places disasters beyond the influence of local and national authorities^{4–5}. However, locally determined patterns of urbanization and spatial development are key factors to the exposure and vulnerability of people to climatic shocks⁶. Using high-resolution annual data, this study shows that, since 1985, human settlements around the world—from villages to megacities—have expanded continuously and rapidly into present-day flood zones. In many regions, growth in the most hazardous flood zones is outpacing growth in non-exposed zones by a large margin, particularly in East Asia, where high-hazard settlements have expanded 60% faster than flood-safe settlements. These results provide systematic evidence of a divergence in the exposure of countries to flood hazards. Instead of adapting their exposure, many countries continue to actively amplify their exposure to increasingly frequent climatic shocks.

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Estimated Year of Construction

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022

122 %

increase in settlement extent exposed to the highest flood hazard from 1985 to 2015

The world's cities are growing rapidly as people from peripheral regions move in search of economic opportunities⁷. Urbanization and economic development have traditionally gone hand in hand as cities enable agglomeration economies⁸, for instance, by matching employers and job seekers, sellers and buyers, and capital and projects, and supporting productive infrastructure such as public transport systems^{9,10}.

However, rapid urban growth can also cause congestion effects; for instance, by increasing exposure to natural hazards and pressure on public services and infrastructure. This is particularly relevant in low-income and middle-income countries that lack the capacity for risk-informed urban and infrastructure planning and the resources to invest in transport and protection infrastructure. Moreover, spaces that are safe from floods are increasingly occupied and the resulting land scarcity can drive new developments disproportionately into previously avoided areas, including riverbeds and floodplains (Fig. 1).

Despite the increasing interplay between rapid urbanization trends and flood disasters, the lack of high-resolution flood-hazard maps and annual settlement footprint data has been a key factor limiting systematic analysis of global flood-exposure trends¹¹. By using historical records of flood events, such as EM-DAT, studies have estimated expo-

Owing to data limitations, past studies also focus on certain types of flood, rather than assessing the combined hazards from all flood types (that is, fluvial, pluvial and coastal flooding)^{11,14,16–18}. Others assess hazards for a subset of countries, falling short of full global coverage^{19,20}. Similarly, studies using relatively coarse spatial resolution flood-hazard data tend to inaccurately represent principal floodplains, thus underestimating exposure^{19,21–25}.

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Damage mapping in the event of natural disasters or conflicts

Ukraine conflict (status 06/2022)



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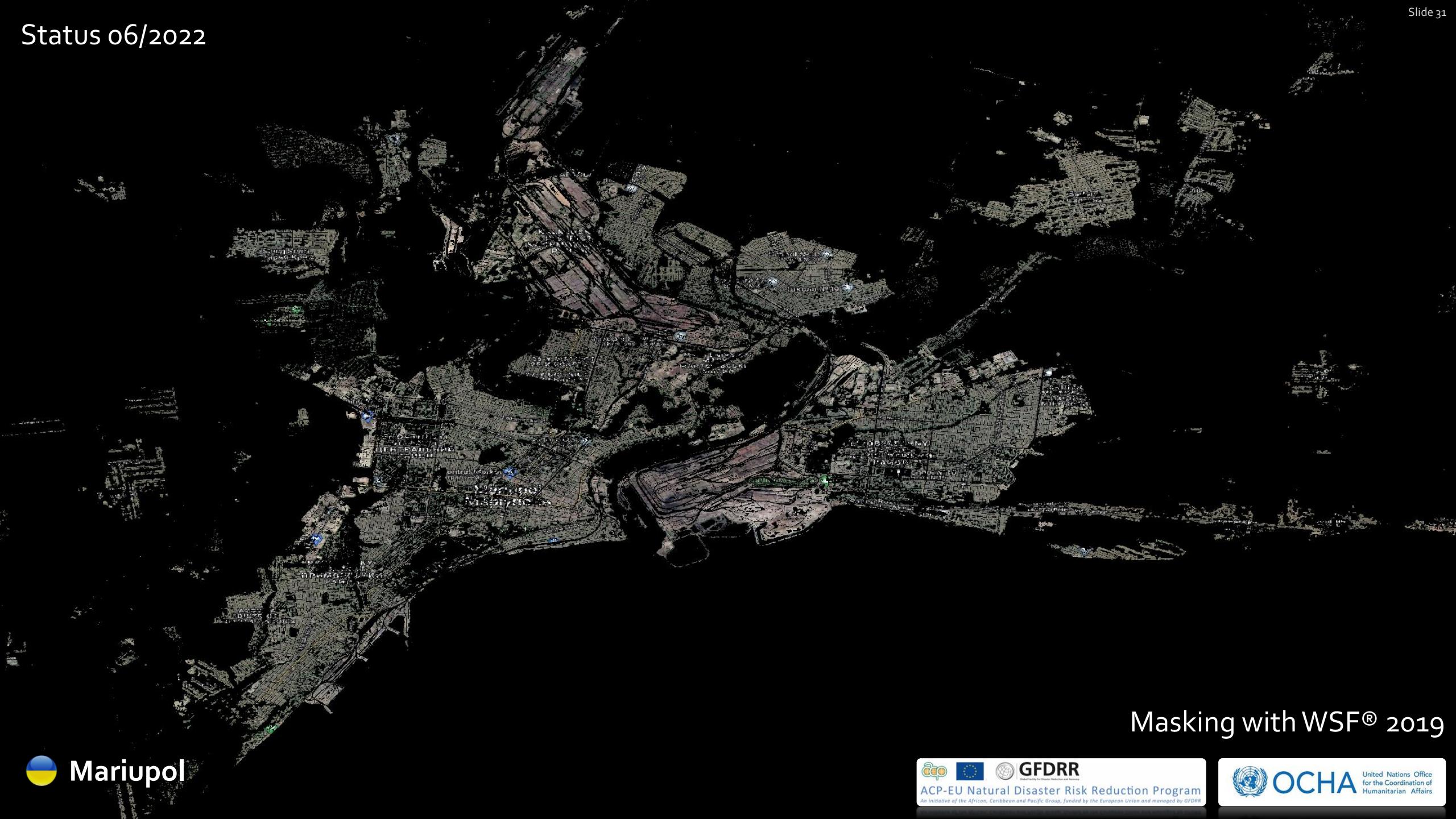
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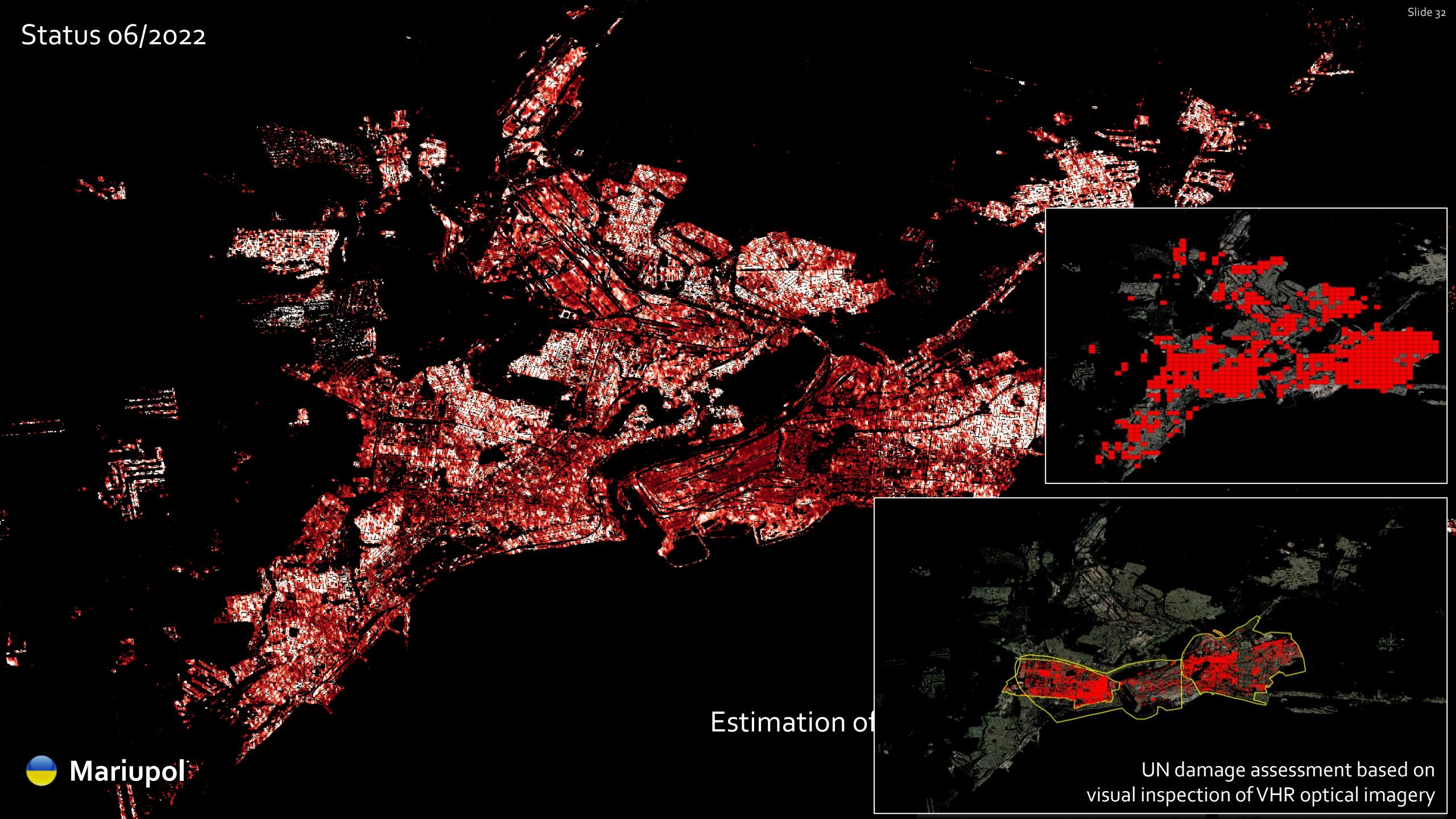


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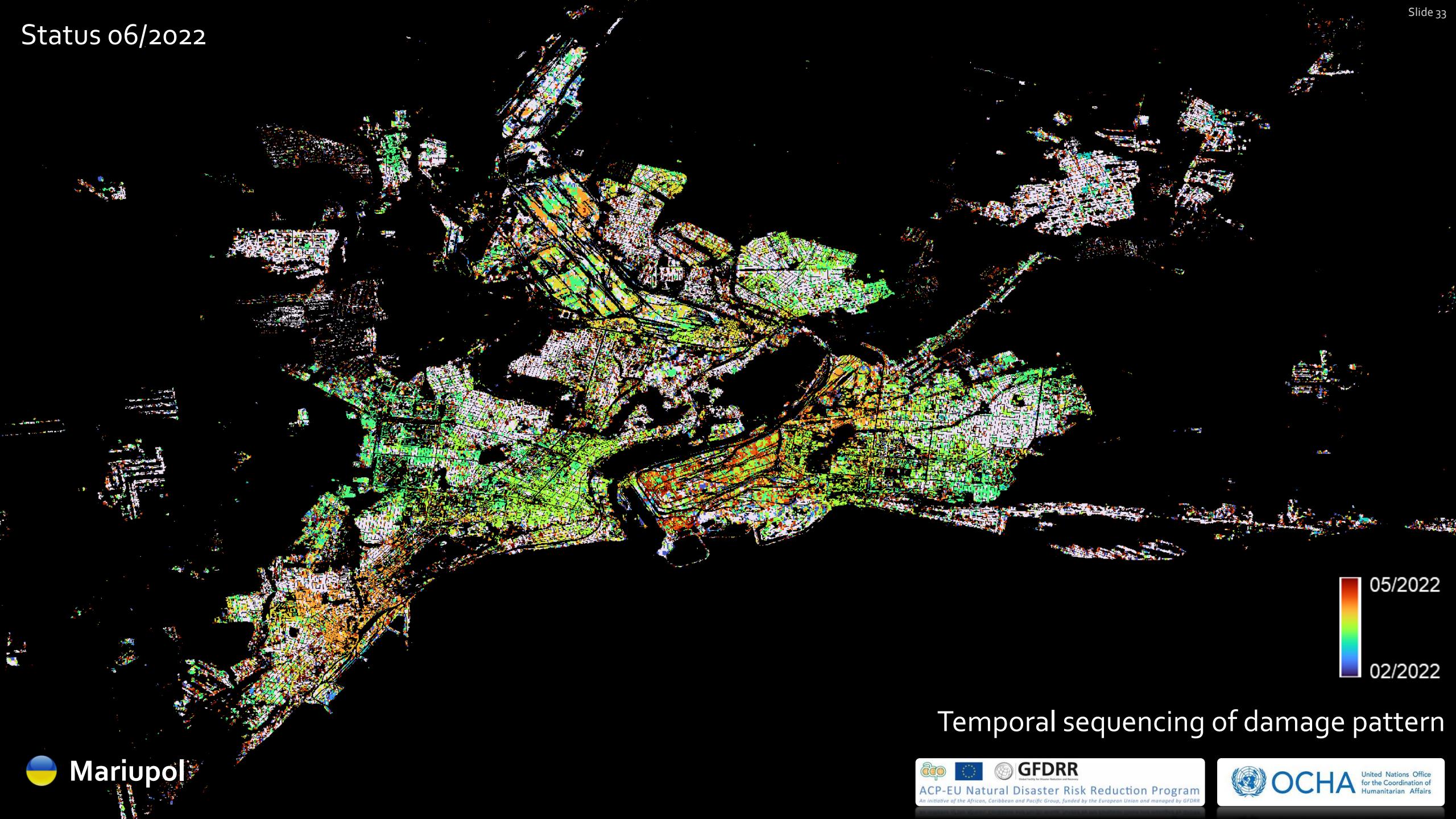


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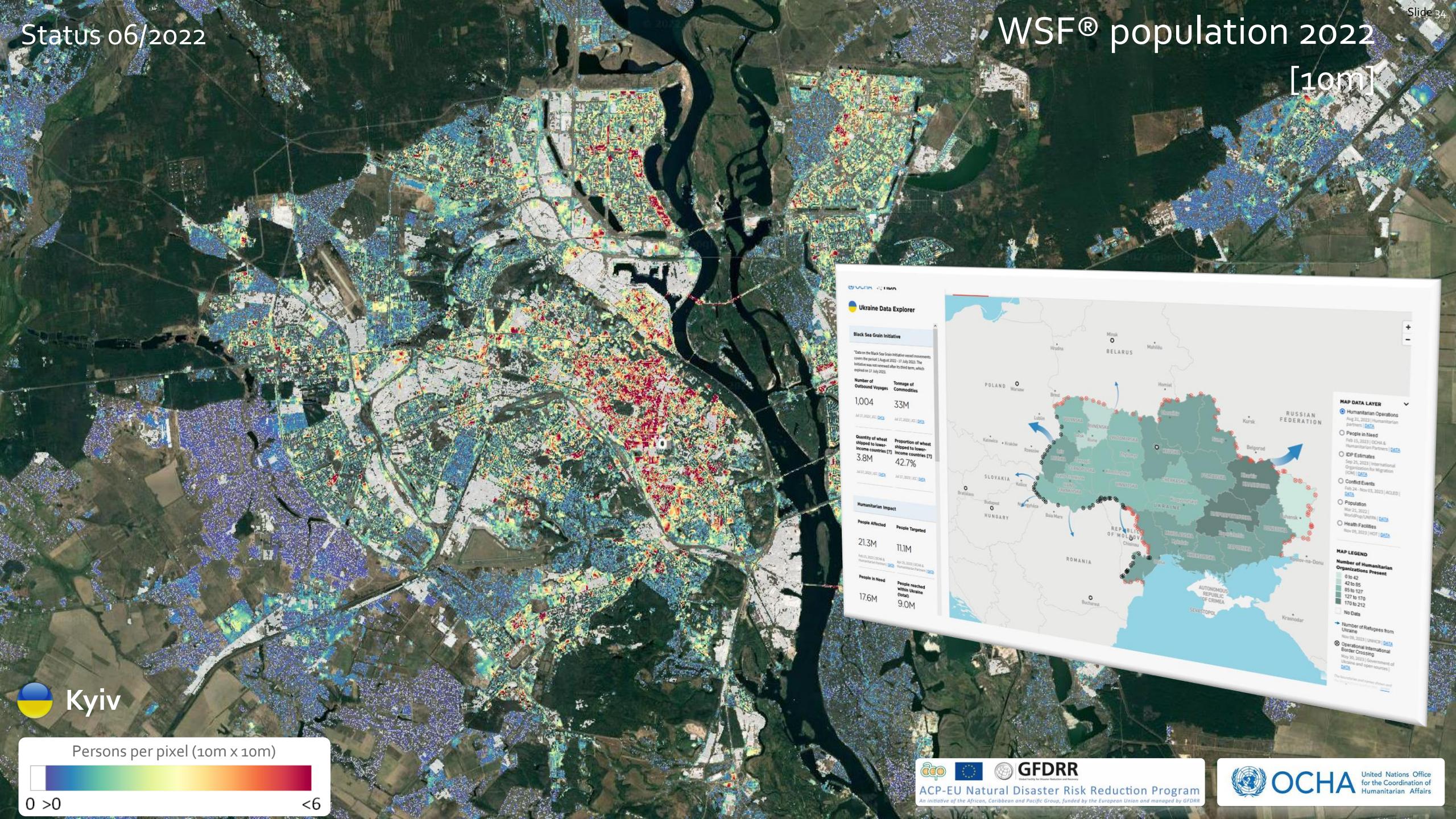
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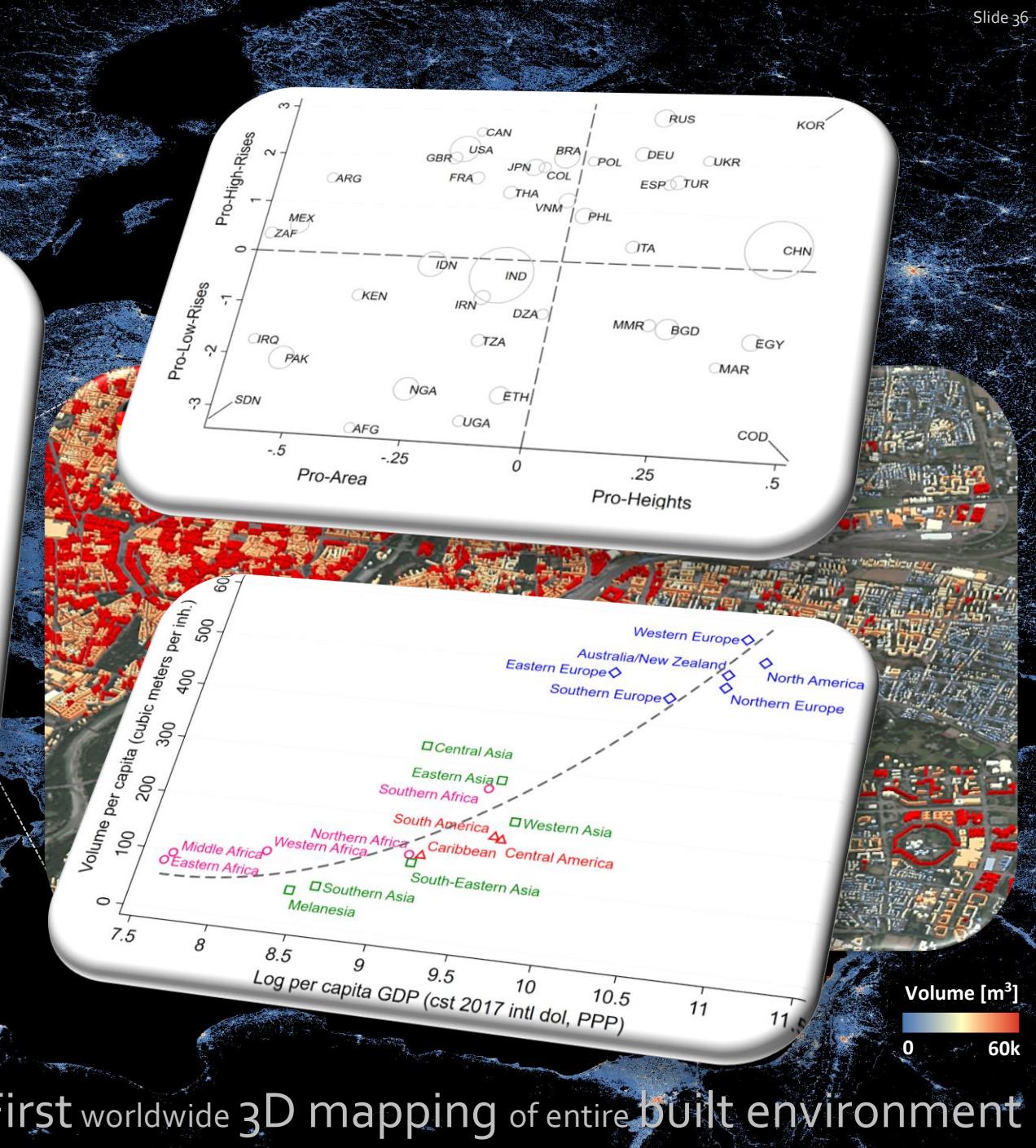
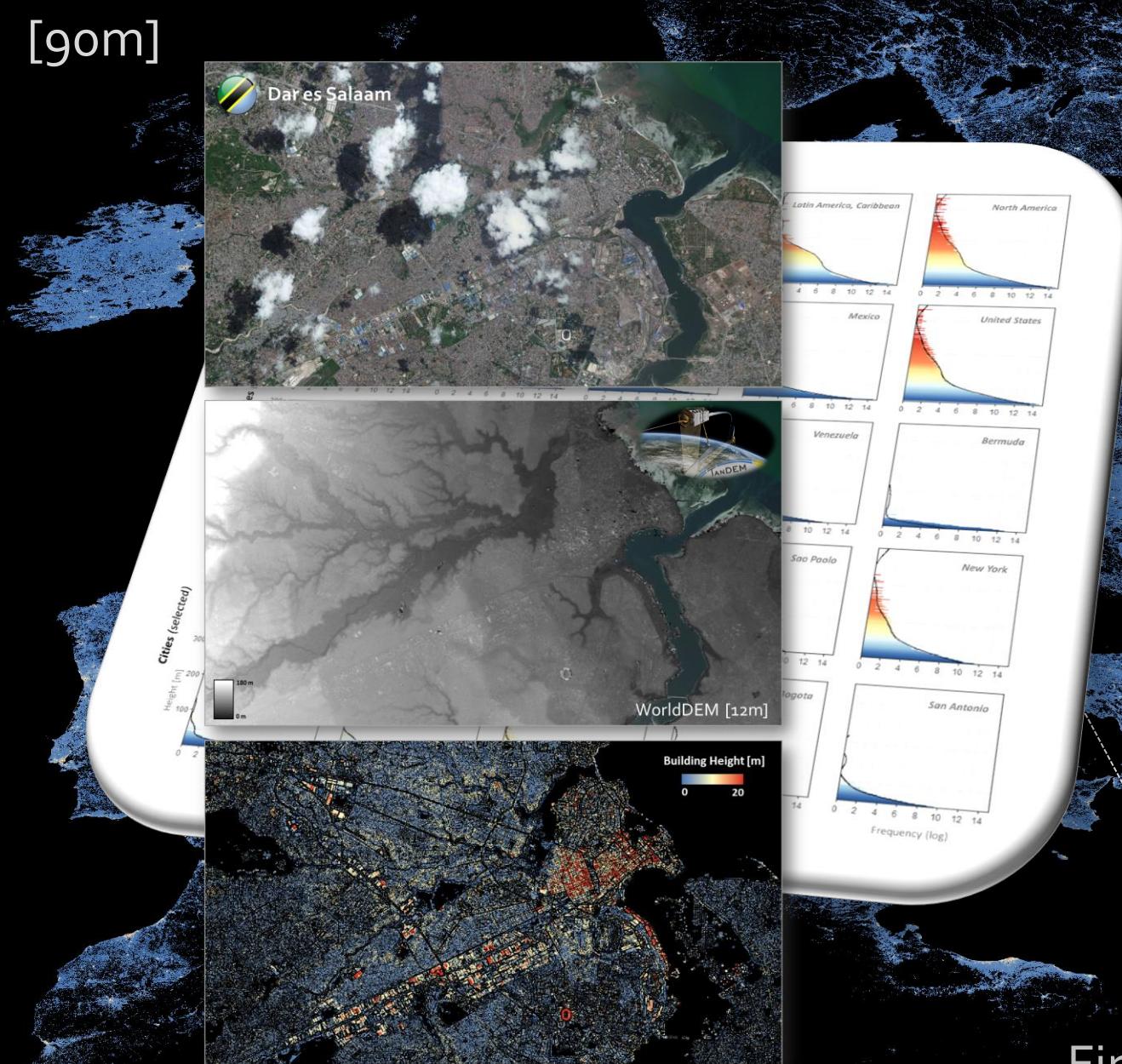
World Settlement Footprint 3D – WSF® 3D [90m]



First worldwide 3D mapping of entire built environment

World Settlement Footprint 3D

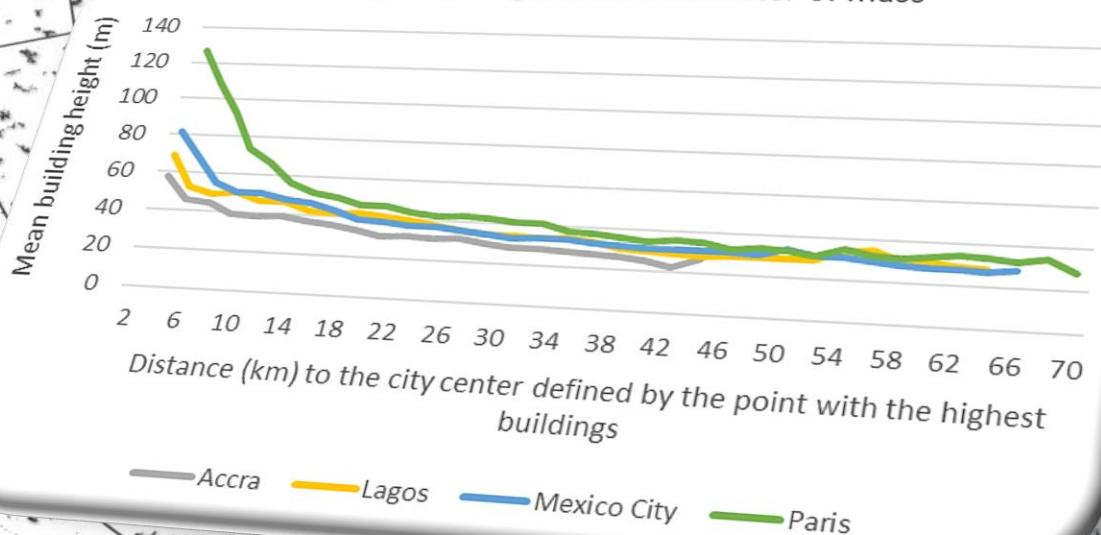
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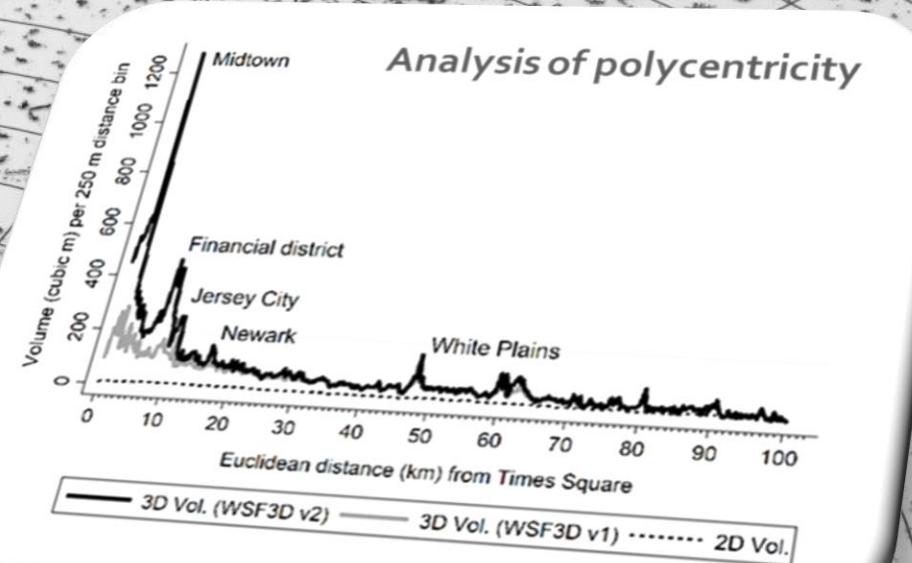
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Paris



Building height - gravitational center of mass



WSF® 3D Building Height

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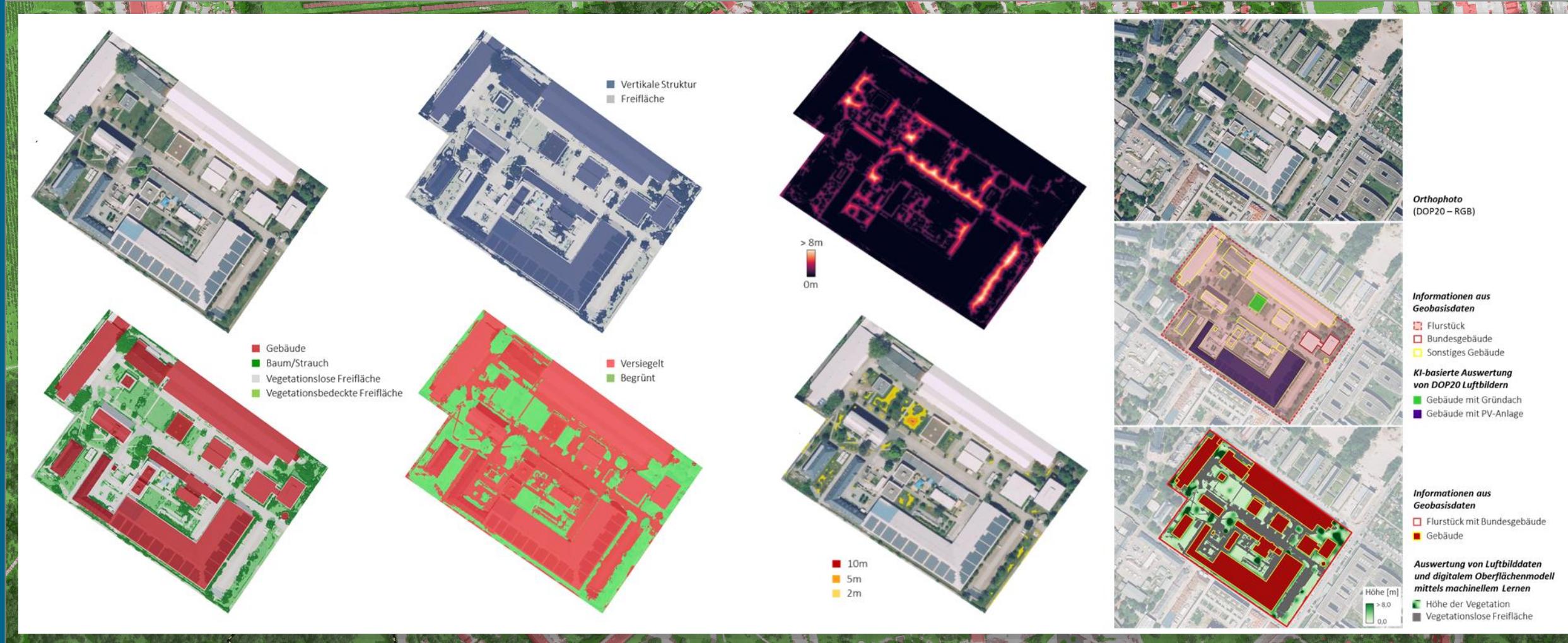


Digital aerial photography

Vertical structure

Open space

Climate change mitigation and adaptation



■ Green open space

□ Impervious surface

■ Trees, hedges

■ Building

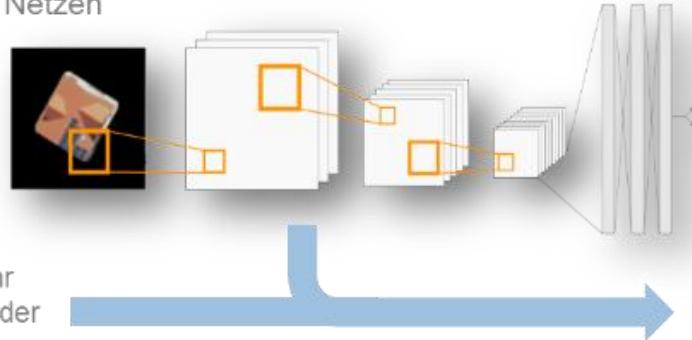
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Erstellung von Trainingsdaten

- Manuelle Erhebung auf Basis von Luftbildern
- Automatisierte Stichprobennahme über Adressen aus öffentlichen Registern (Bundesnetzagentur)



Künstliche Intelligenz - Modelltraining und Qualitätsbewertung mit Faltungsneuronalen Netzen



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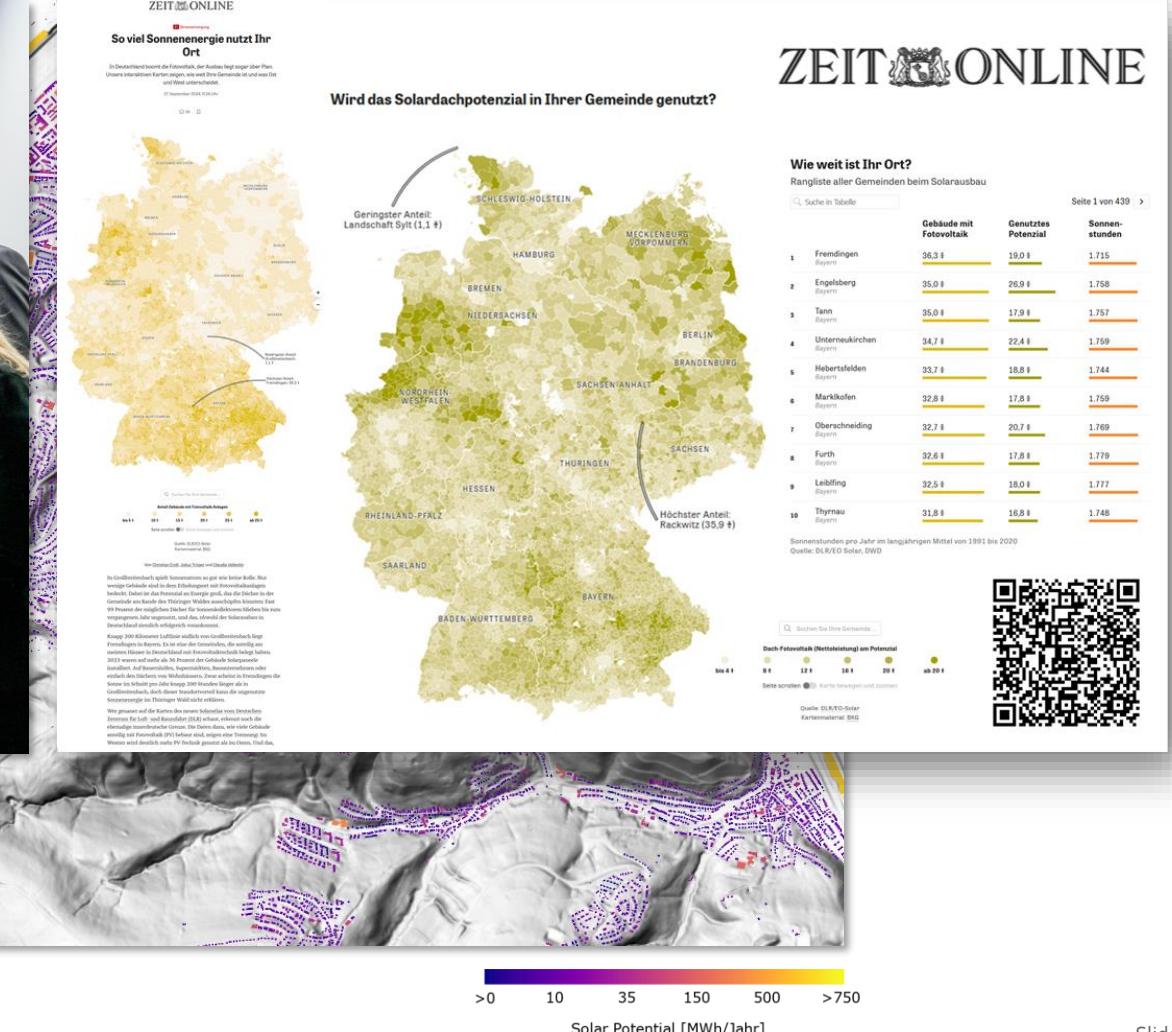
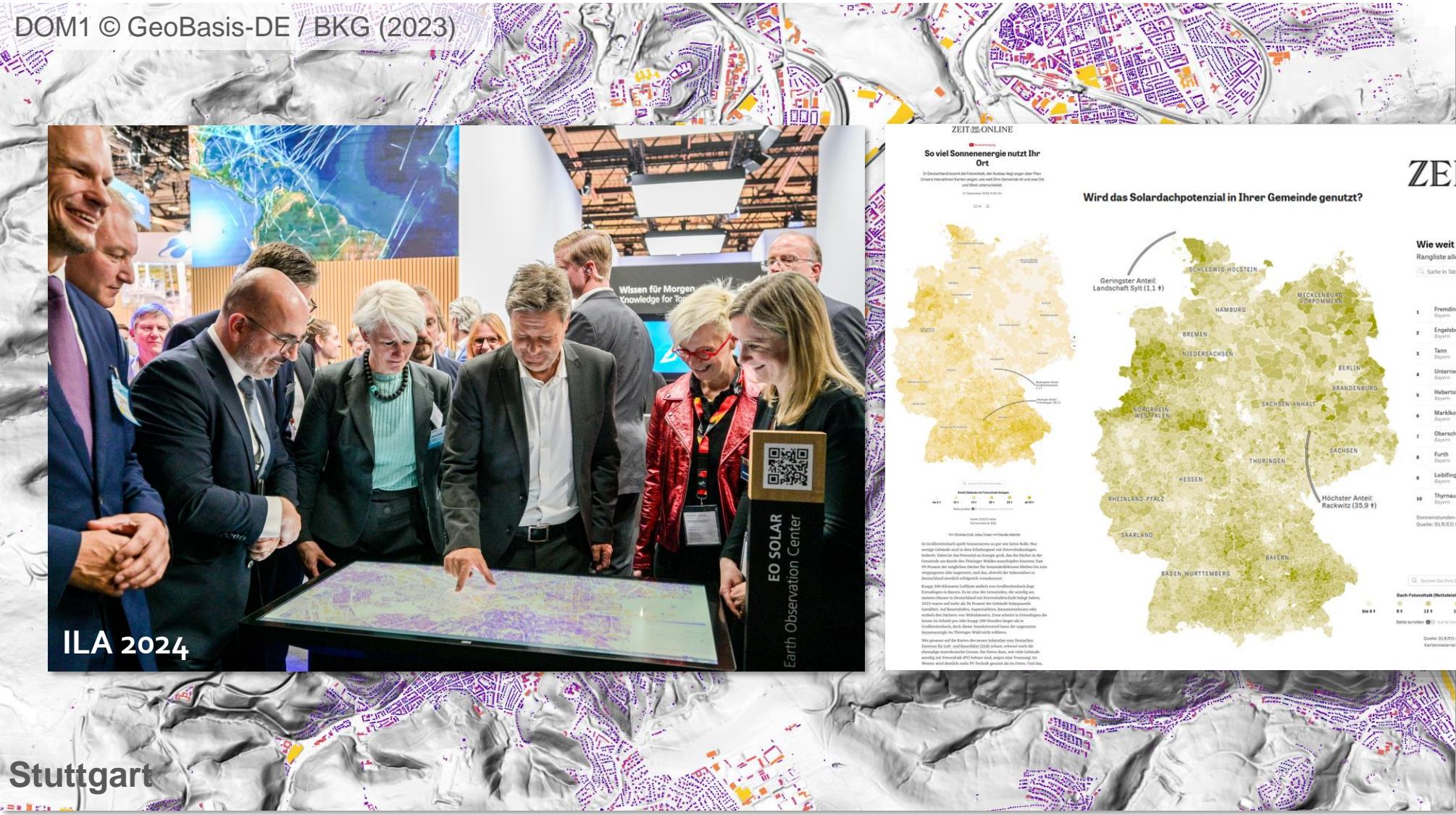
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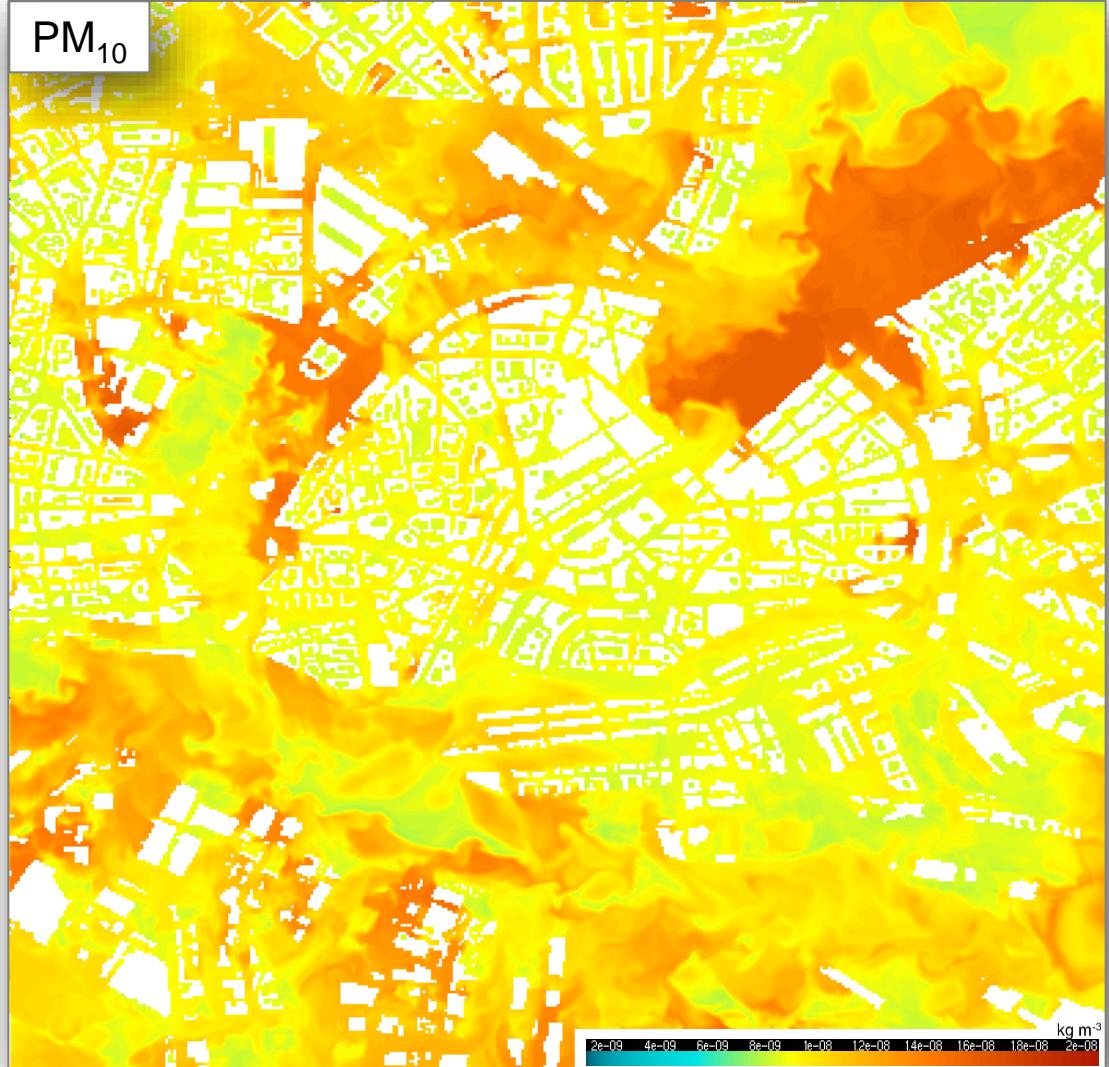
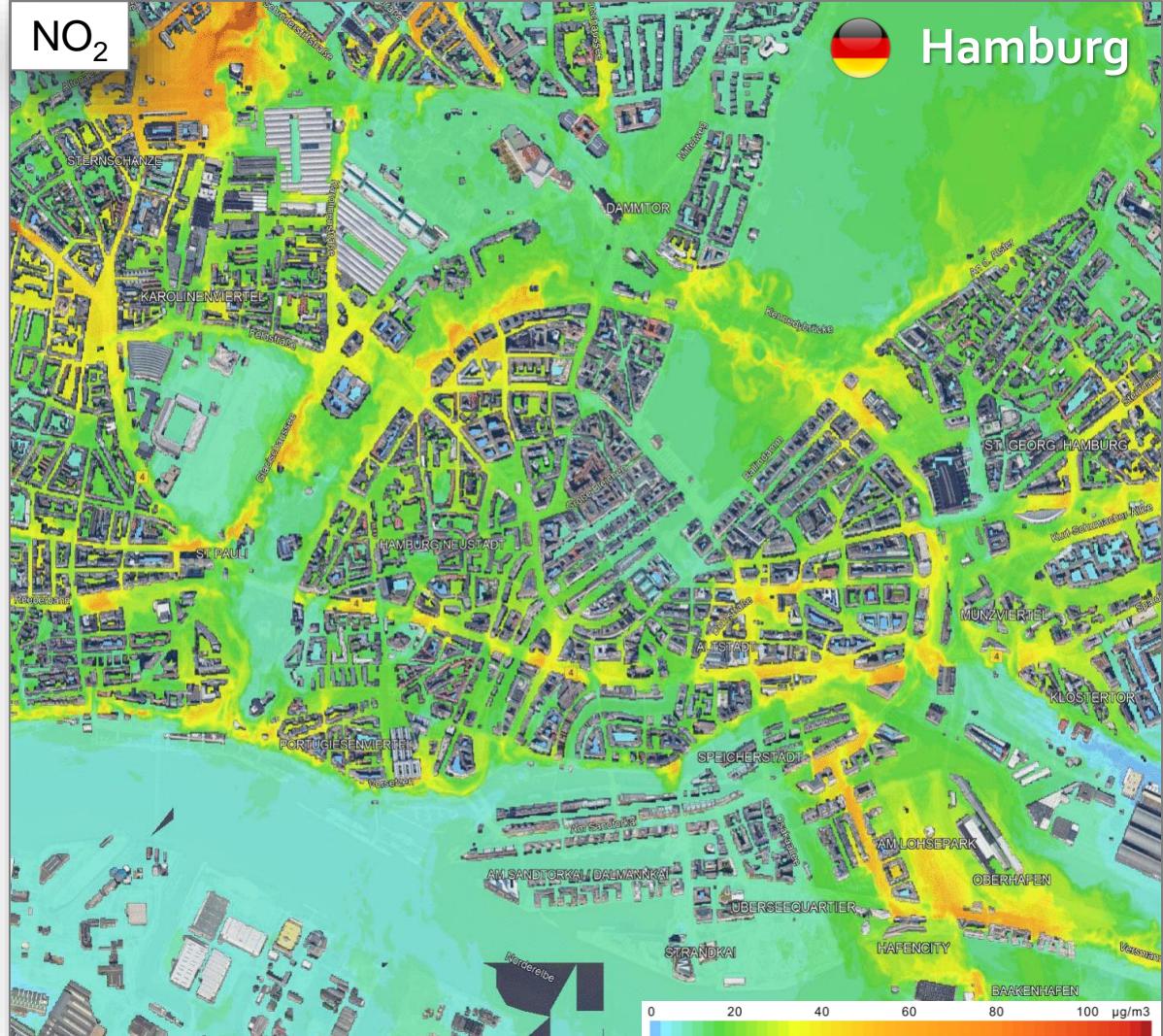
Modell-Erstellung
Erfassung von Solaranlagen für jedes Gebäude in Deutschland



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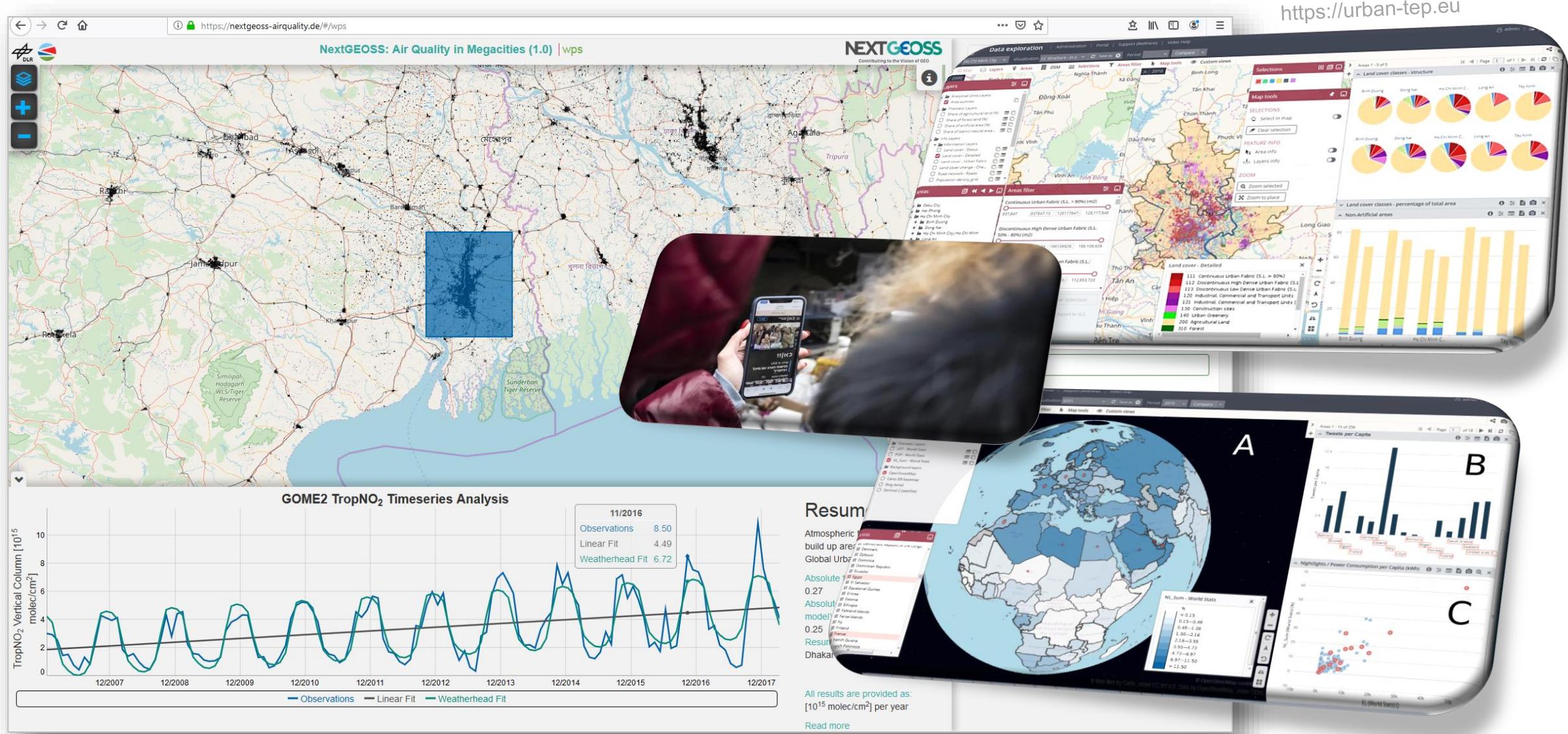


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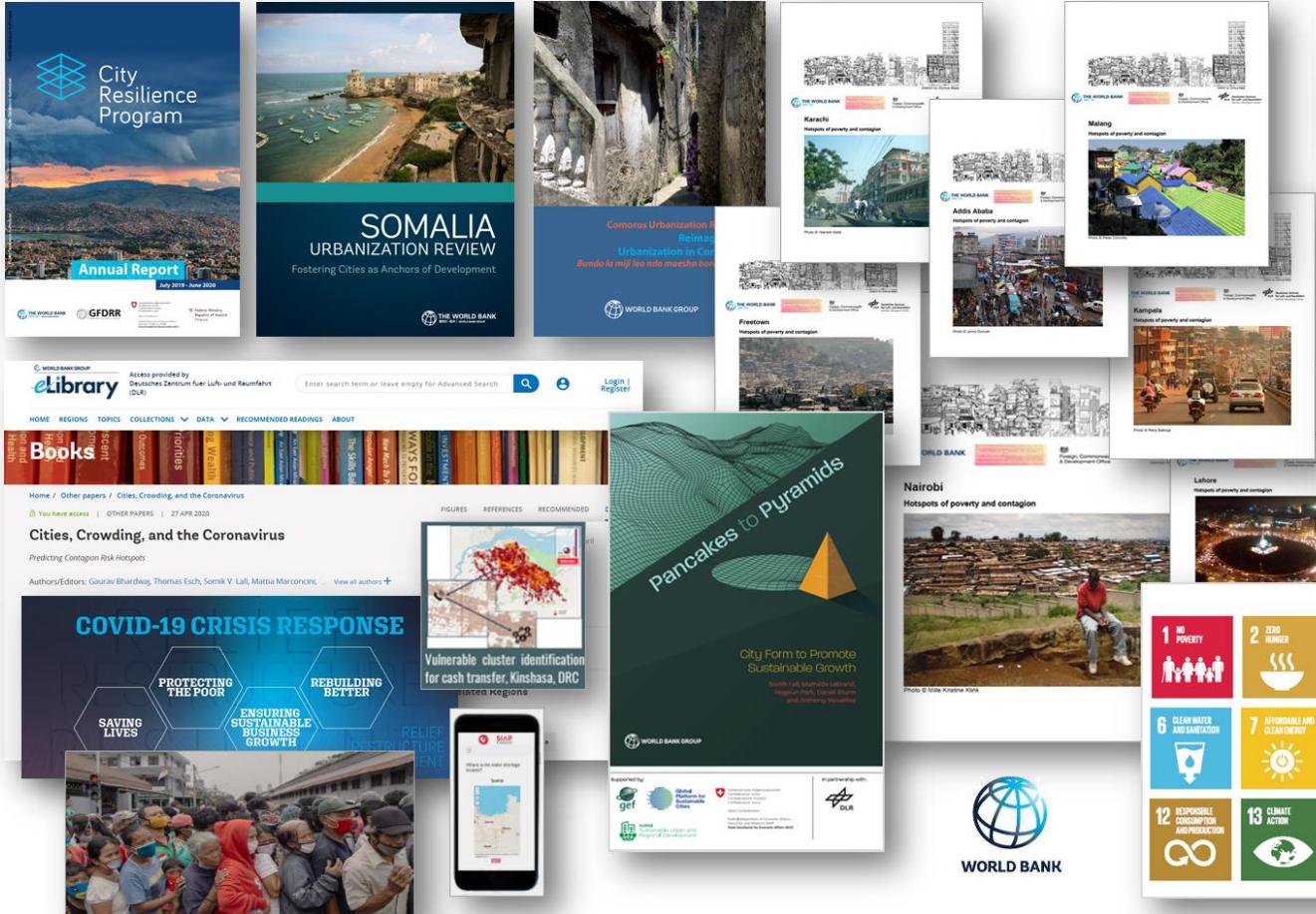
PALM-4U urban climate model (Hamburg city centre, 15 March 2022, 7:00 to 9:00 am, 5 m x 5 m spatial resolution)

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