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# Transfer Learning: From Landslide Identifications and Predictions to Weather Observations and Forecasting using Big Data and Artificial Intelligence

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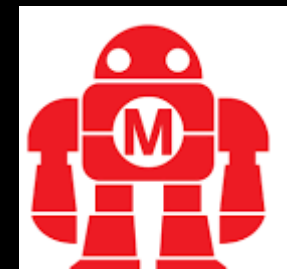
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MakerSpace

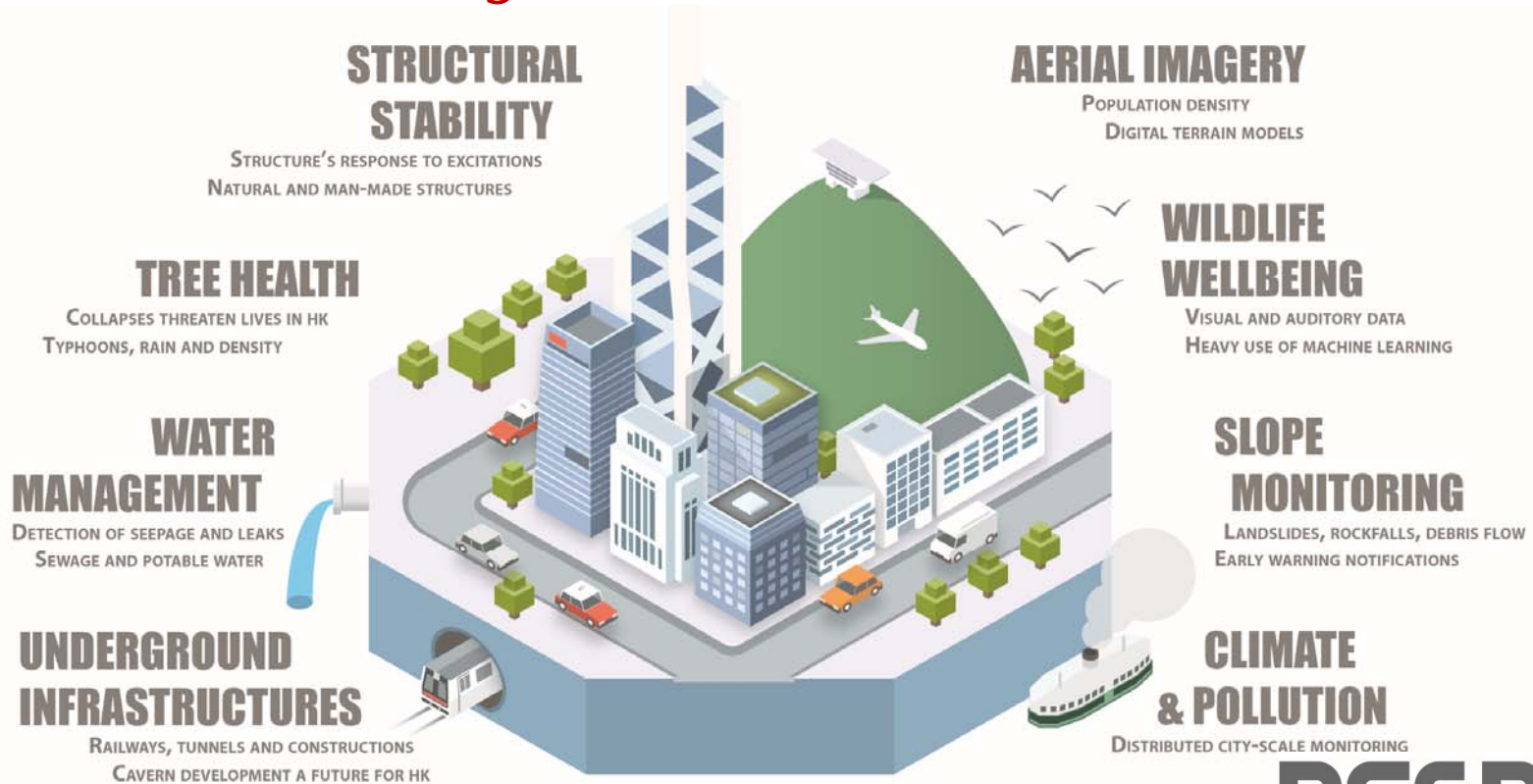


"In God we trust;  
all others bring data."

— W. Edwards Deming

# Our mission:

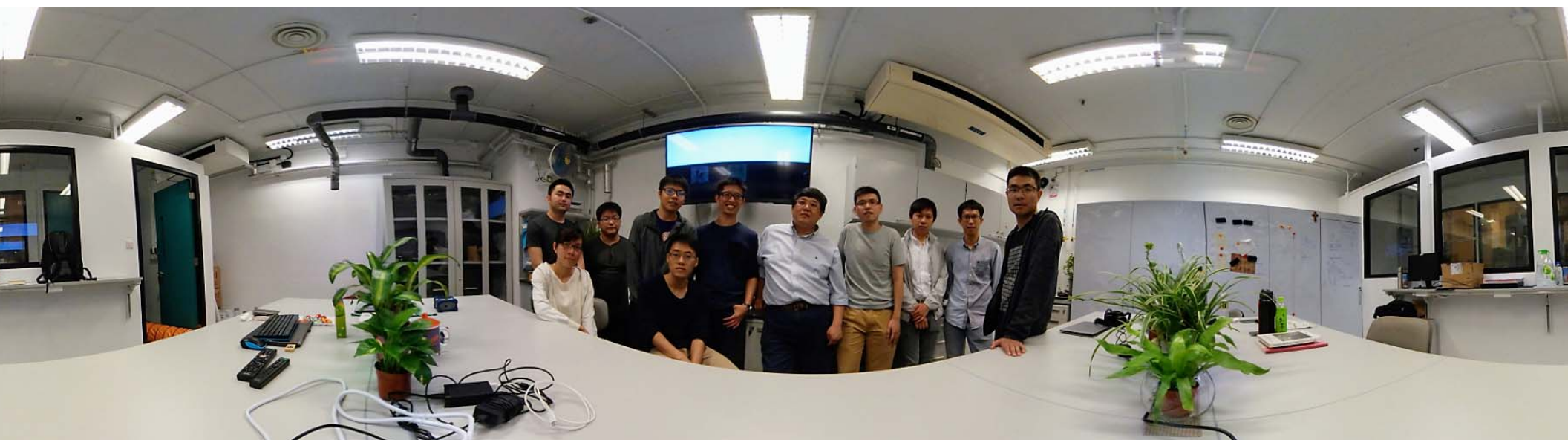
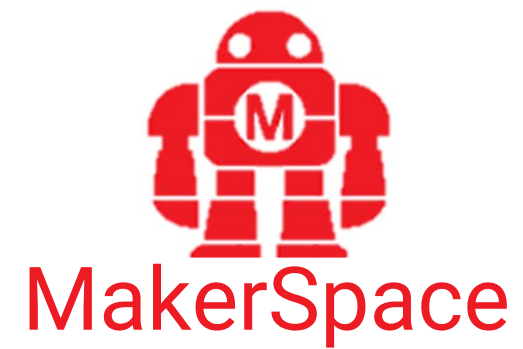
innovating fundamental Smart City infrastructural technologies to connect citizens and decision-making.

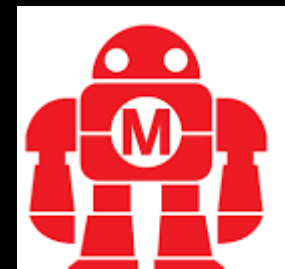


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MakerSpace

**Blue:**

Represents the colour of the sky

**White:**

Represents the spiral  
rain bands of typhoons

**Embrace technology in the digital age**

**SmallGrids:**

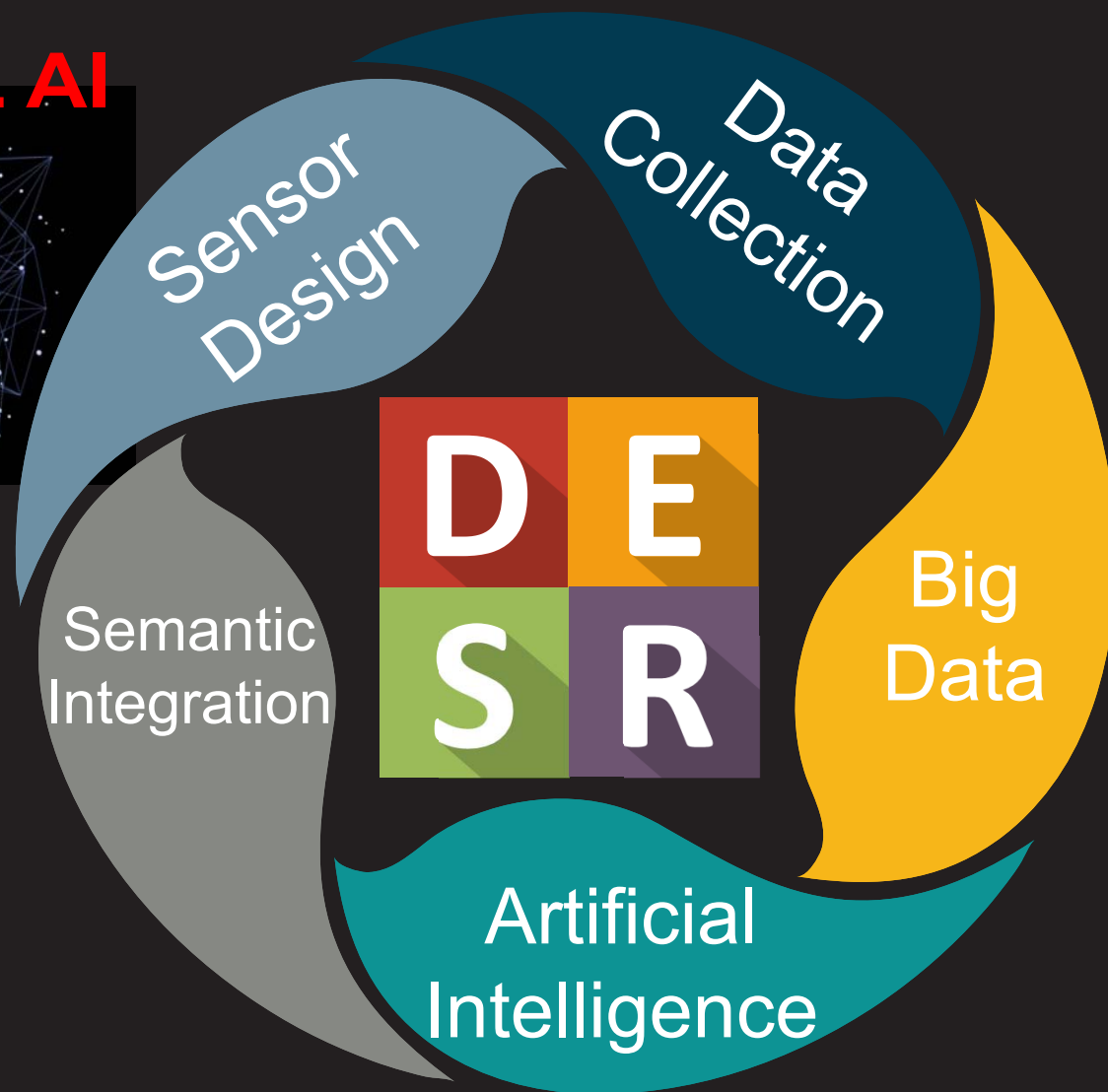
Represents the pixels on radar  
images, it also implies the  
Observatory embraces technology  
in the digital age.

**Cross:**

Represents the Observatory's  
target to make accurate forecasts

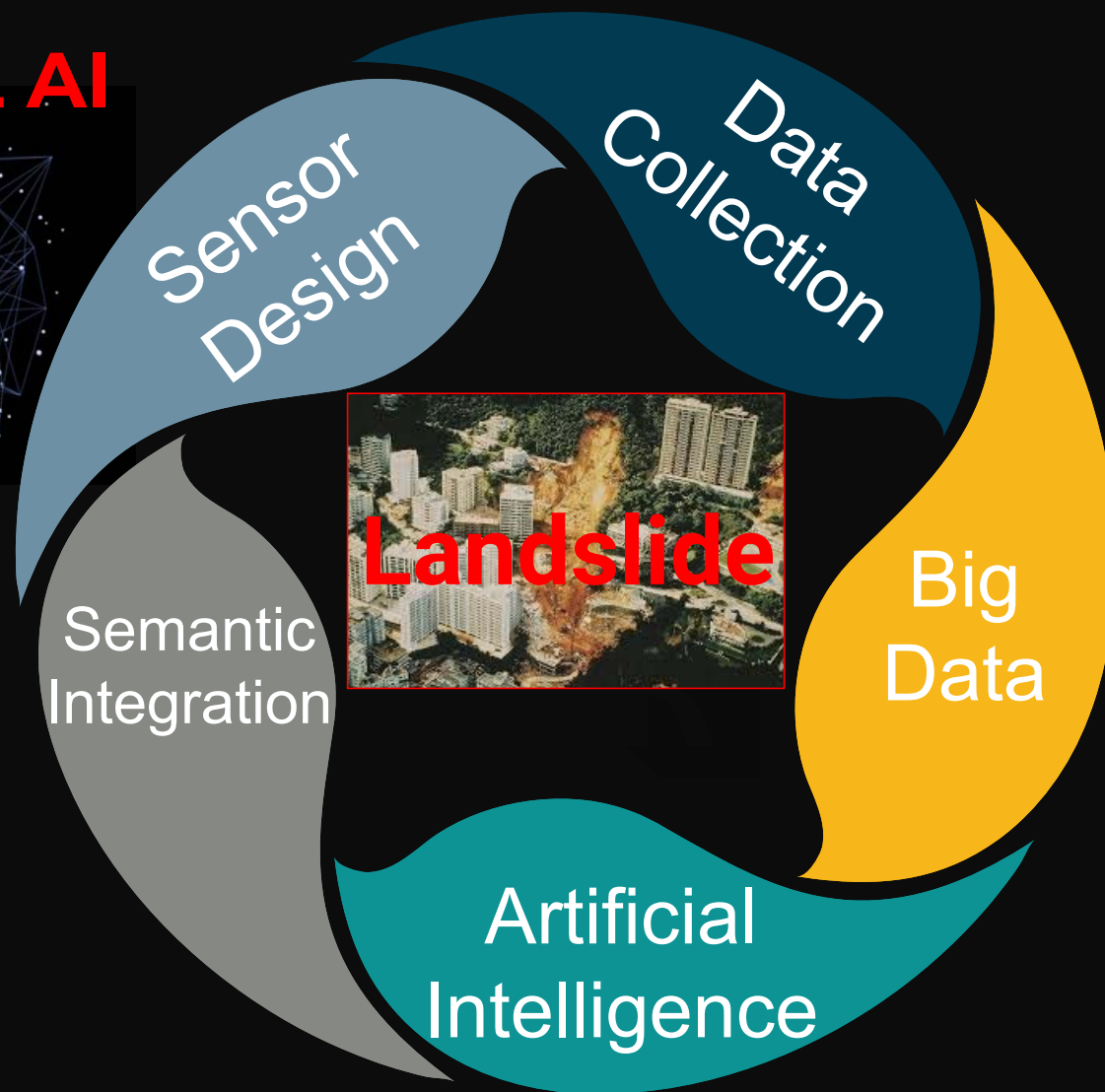


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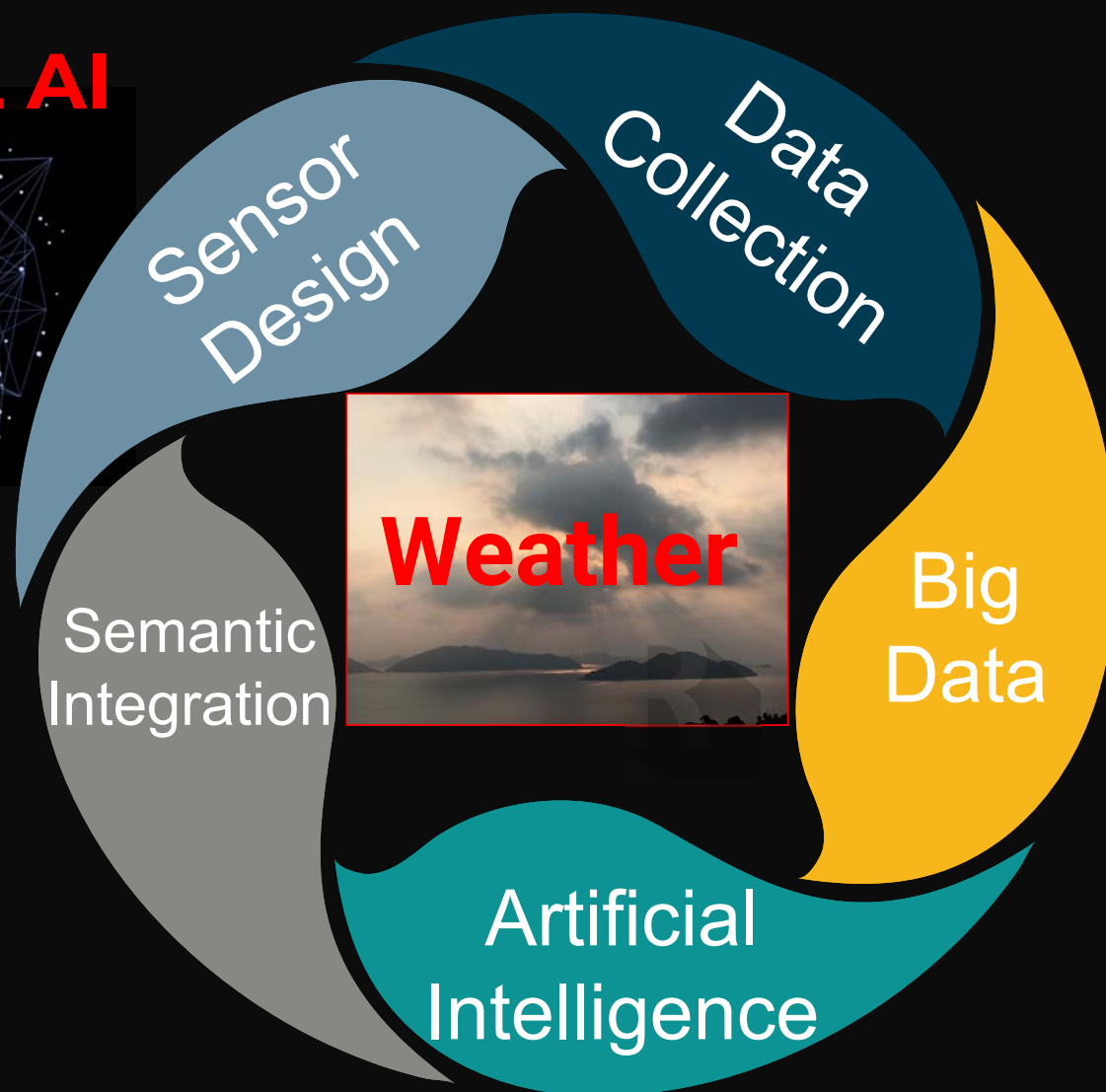




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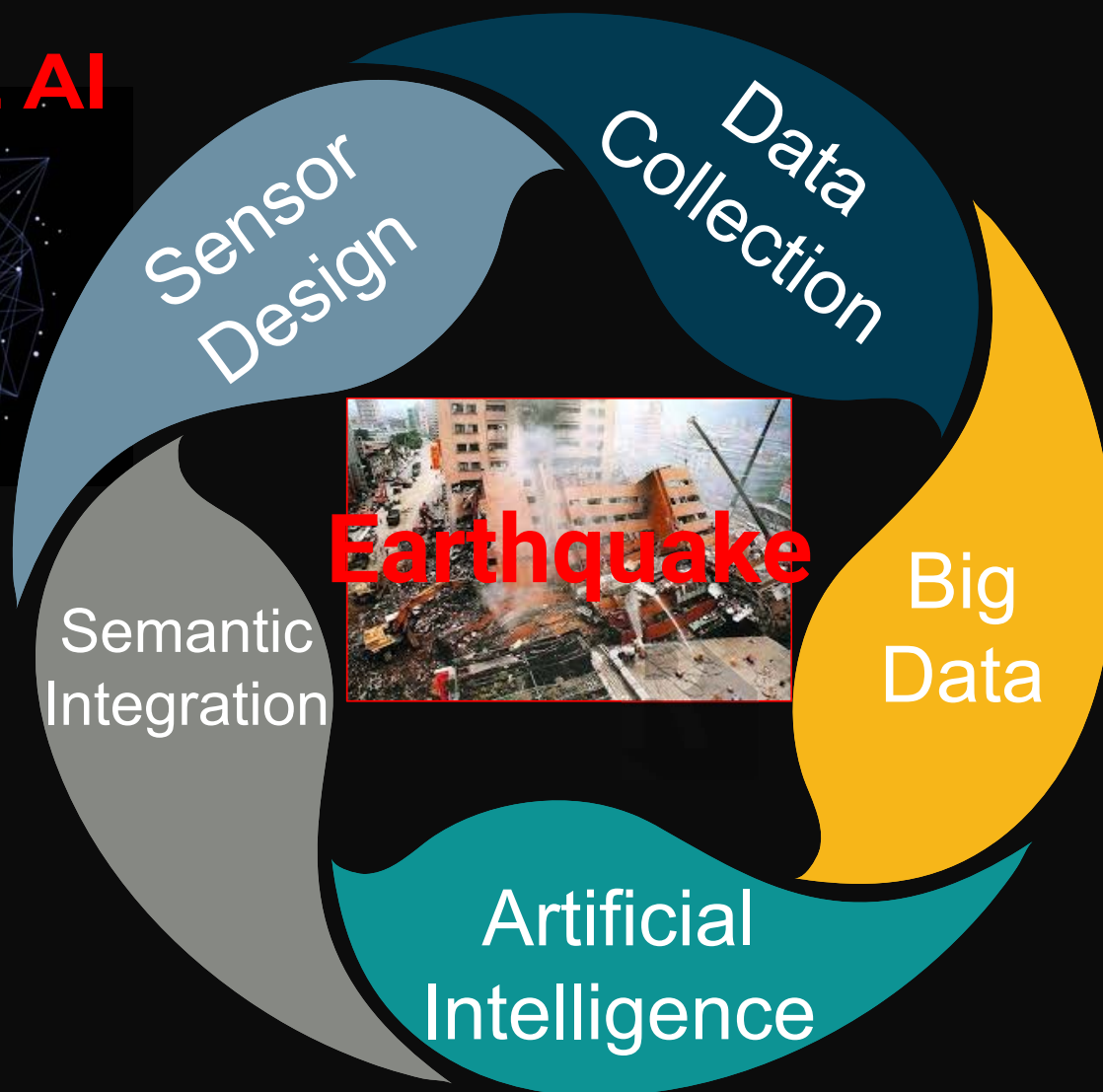


**VERTICAL AI**

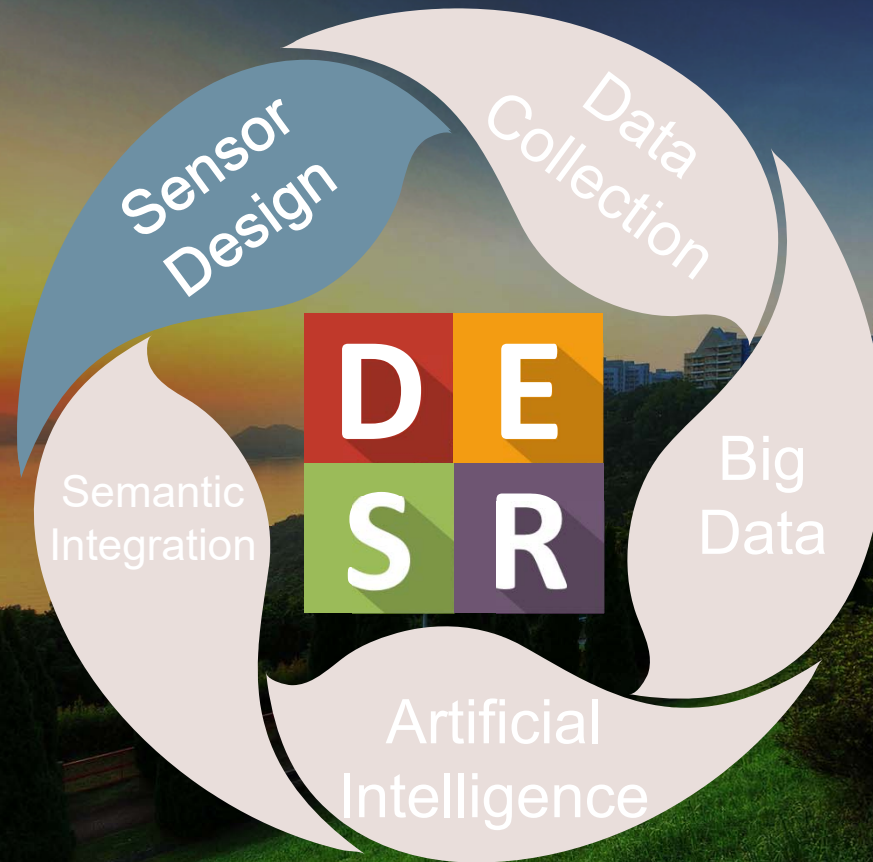


**Transfer Learning**

# VERTICAL AI



**Transfer Learning**



# Sensor Design



# THE DATA SCIENCE HIERARCHY OF NEEDS

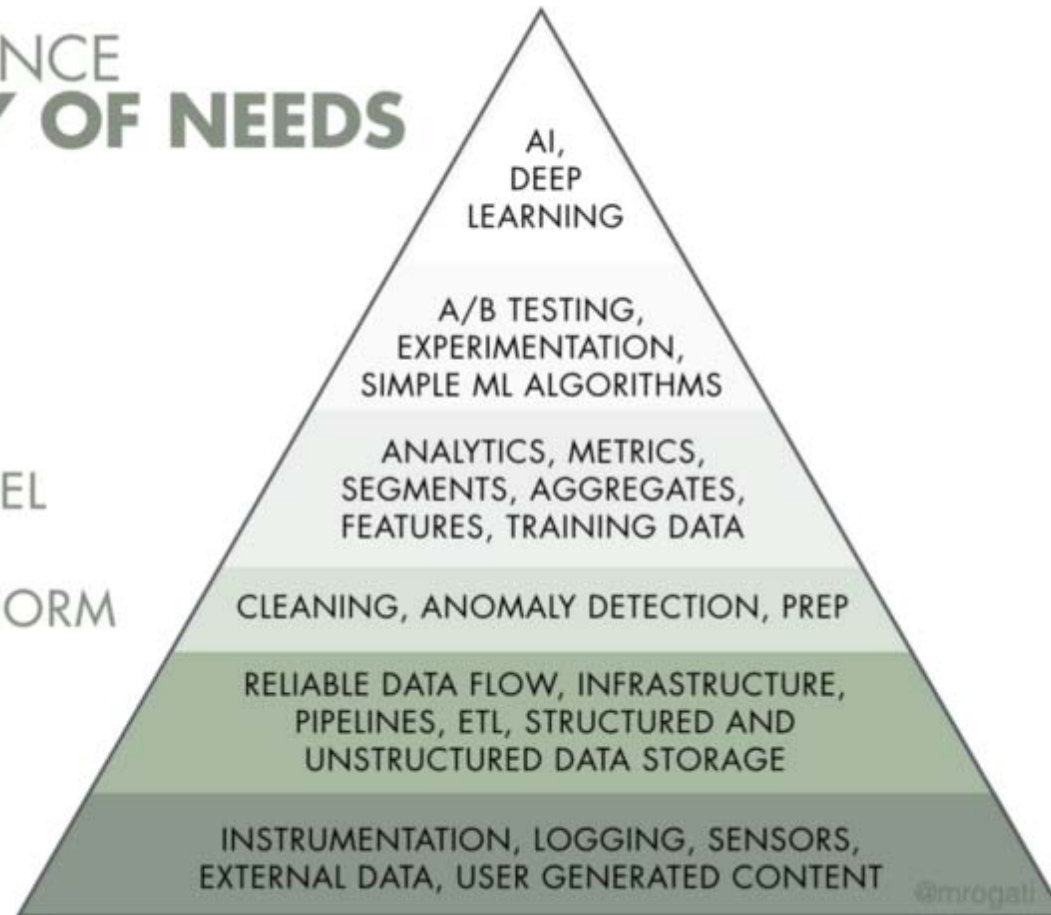
LEARN/OPTIMIZE

AGGREGATE/LABEL

EXPLORE/TRANSFORM

MOVE/STORE

COLLECT



More Time!  
More Work!

Data needs as illustrated by Monica Rogati

# Monitoring Matrix

Dynamic

Static

Permanent

Seismograph



Data logger

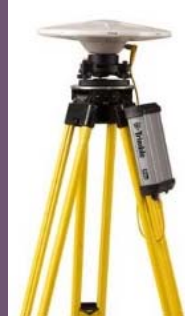


Portable

Geophone



D-GPS





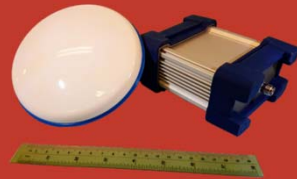
# Sensor Technology Matrix

Dynamic

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Geo-IoT



DESR-node



Portable

Marble



RTK-GNSS





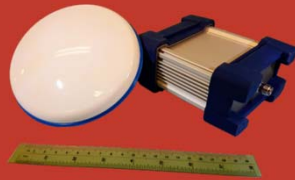
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# Geo-IoT: Internet of Things in Geotechnical Engineering





GPS Antenna

Solar Panel  
with Battery

Control Module

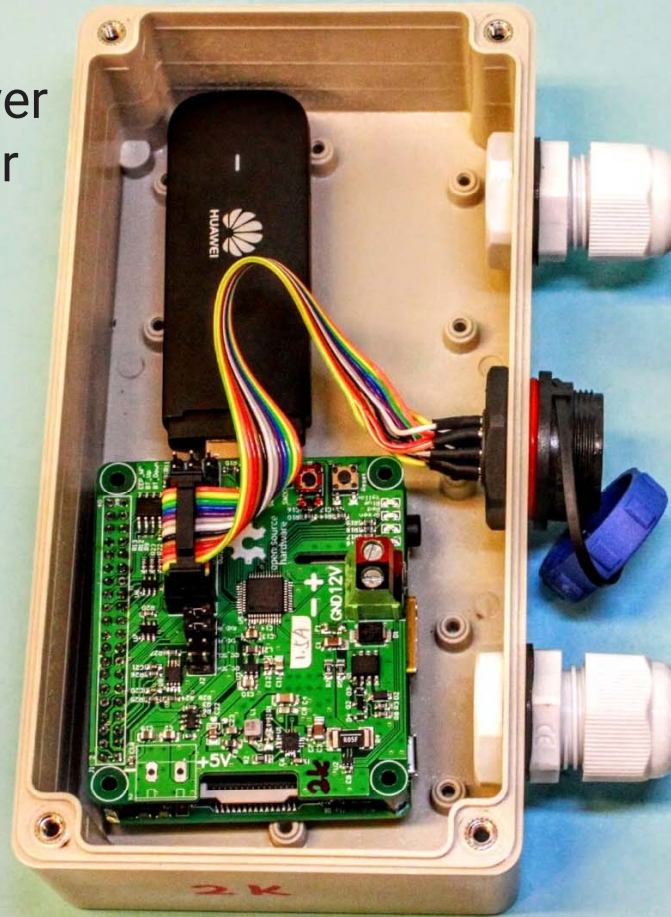
Sensor Module

Lu Shan, Taiwan

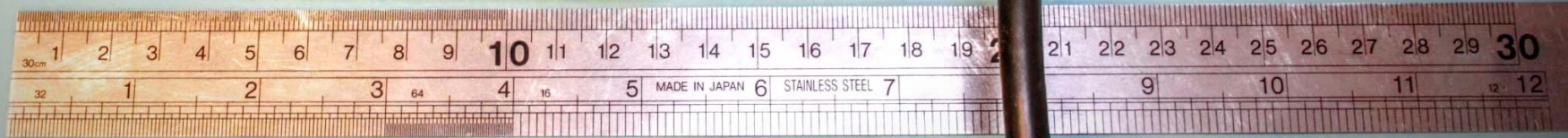


# Control module

- Raspberry Pi
- System monitoring layer
- Power supply regulator
- GPS receiver
- Telemetry options
- Data logger
- etc.



Sensor module  
MEMS sensors





GPS

GeoloT  
Generation 8  
**DeepVibes**



Vibration  
& DGPS





# Fault-tolerance

Inaccessible mountains

Sichuan, China

Real poor  
student

Real snow



# How to achieve Fault-tolerance?

## Resiliency is by Design

### Full Protection Power Supply

- Redundant Power Supply
- Constant Self Monitoring and Recovery
- Reverse Current Blocking
- Surge Protection
- Over Current Protection
- Over/Under Voltage Protection
- Reverse Polarity Protection
- Thermal Shutdown
- Constant Voltage Ramp Rate

### Redundant Sensors (COTS sensors)

### Redundant Storage

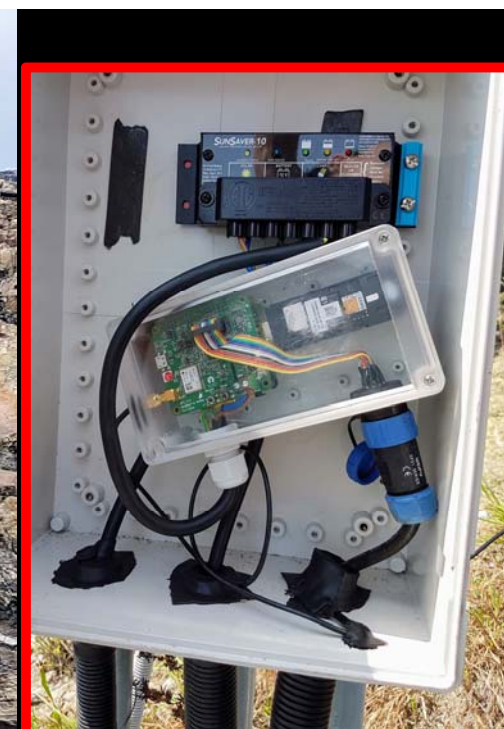
### Self-healing Software

- Supervision Tree
- Bulkhead Pattern
- Widely use in Ericsson (nine "9"s)





**CEDD Contract No. GE/2013/16  
Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme, 2008,  
Package N, Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Works in  
Sham Wat, Tai O East, Upper Keung Shan and Keung Shan  
Road East in West Lantau**





Fault-tolerance

Over the air

Flexible

Sichuan, China



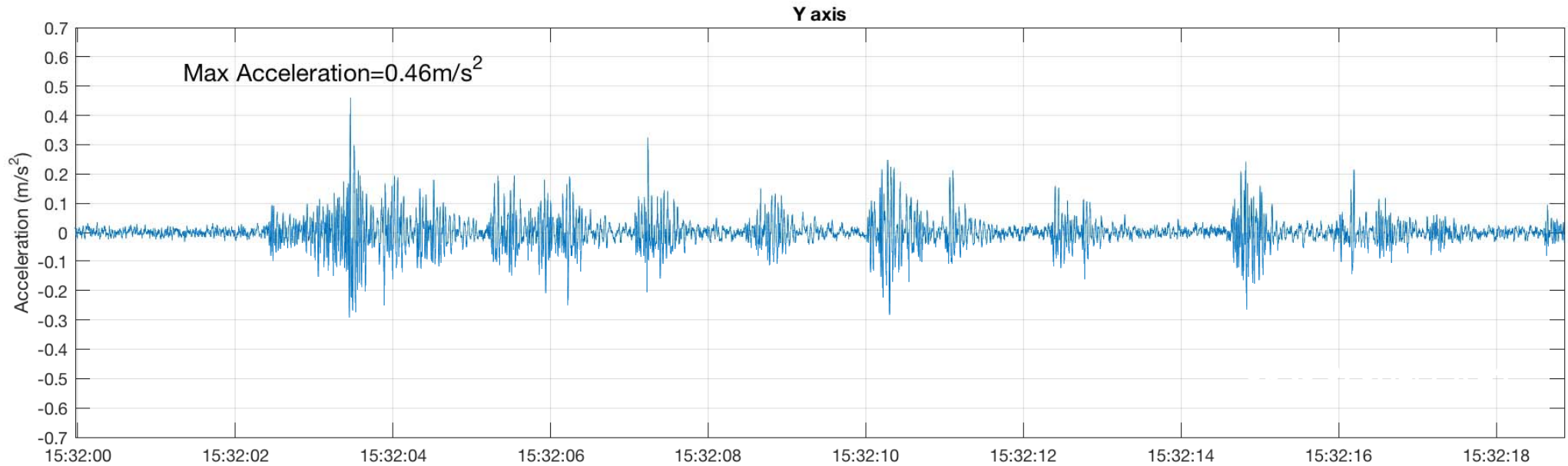


# Flexible Installation



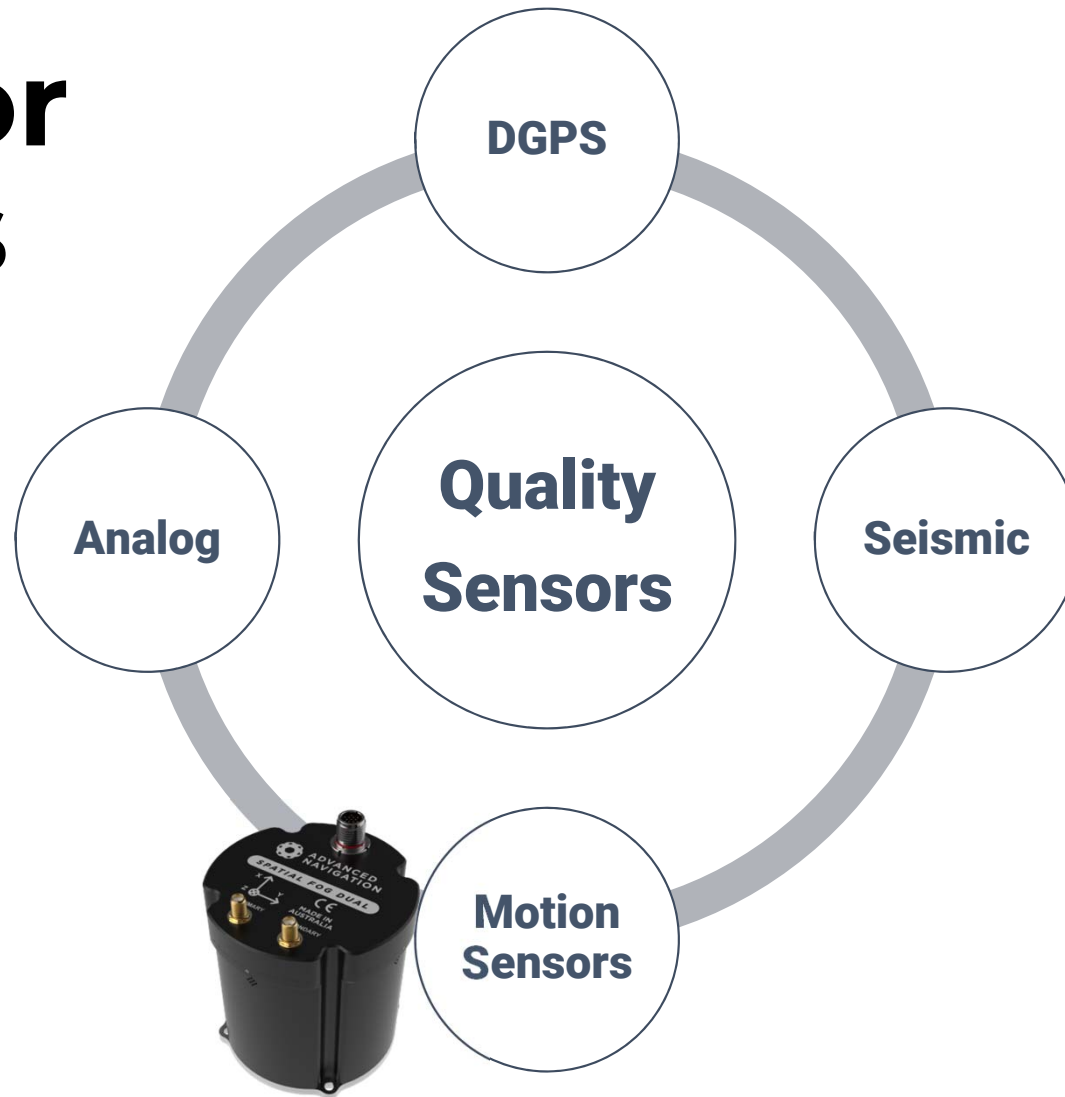
Site-specific Alteration

# Always On High Frequency & Continuous

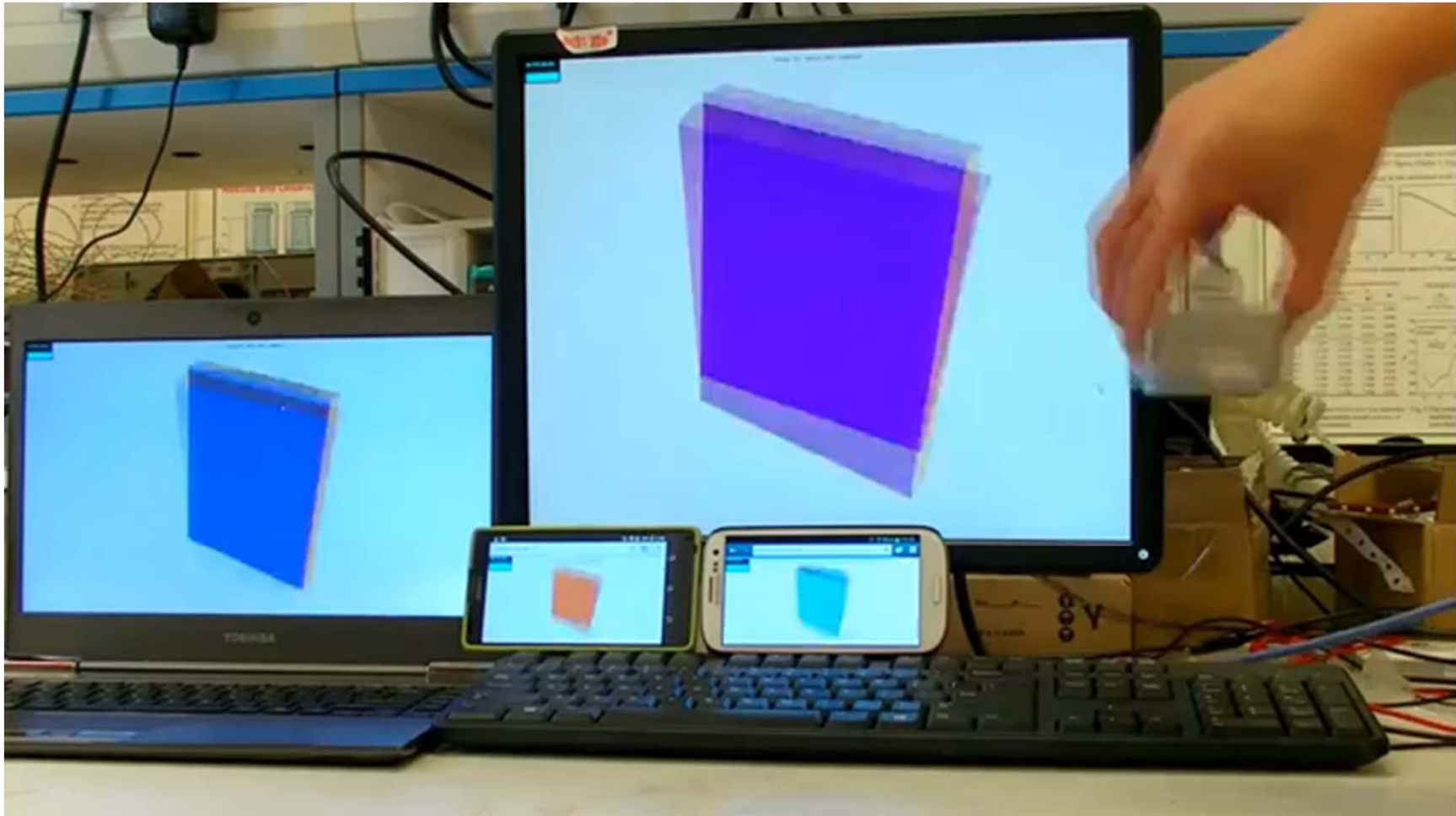




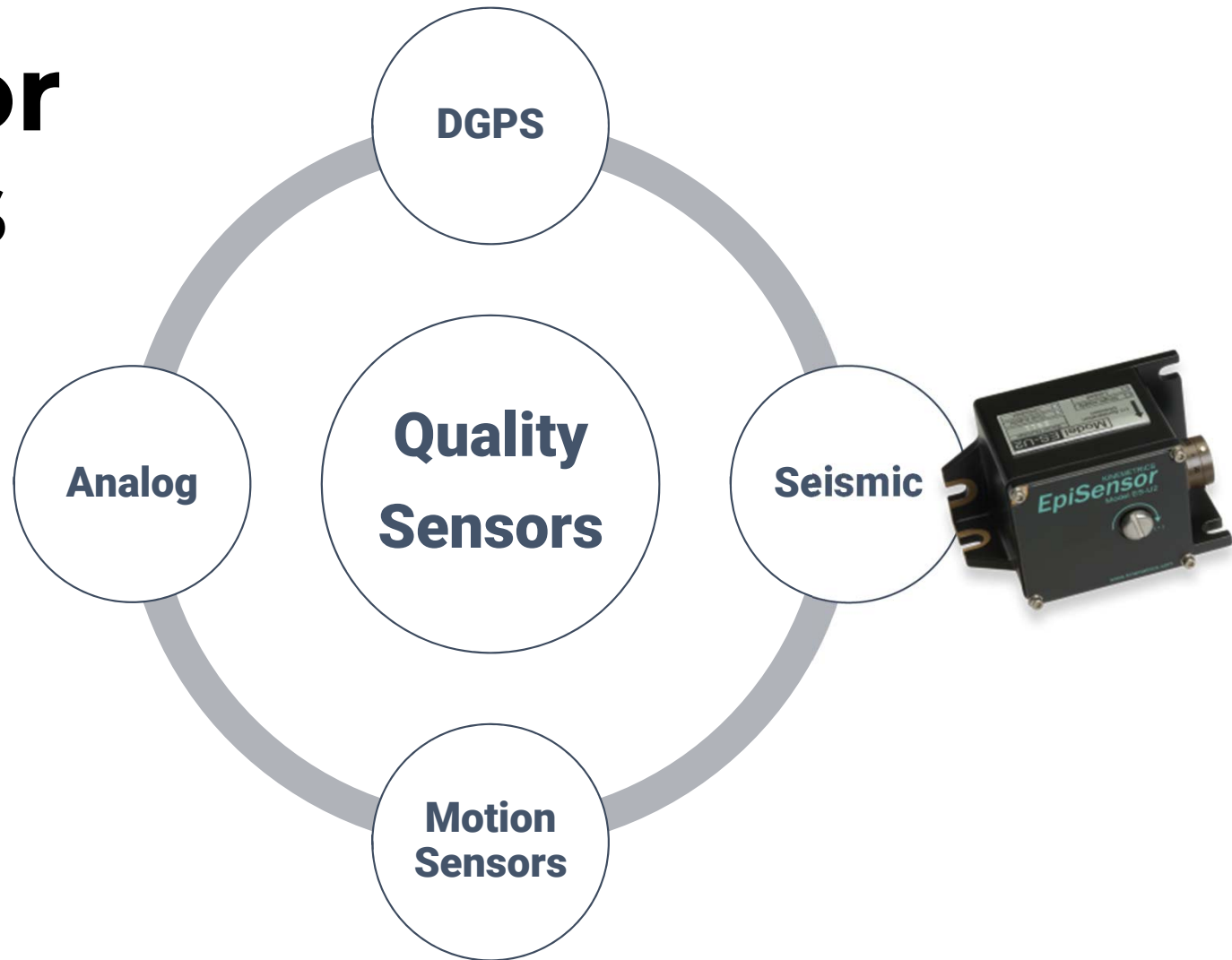
# Sensor Types



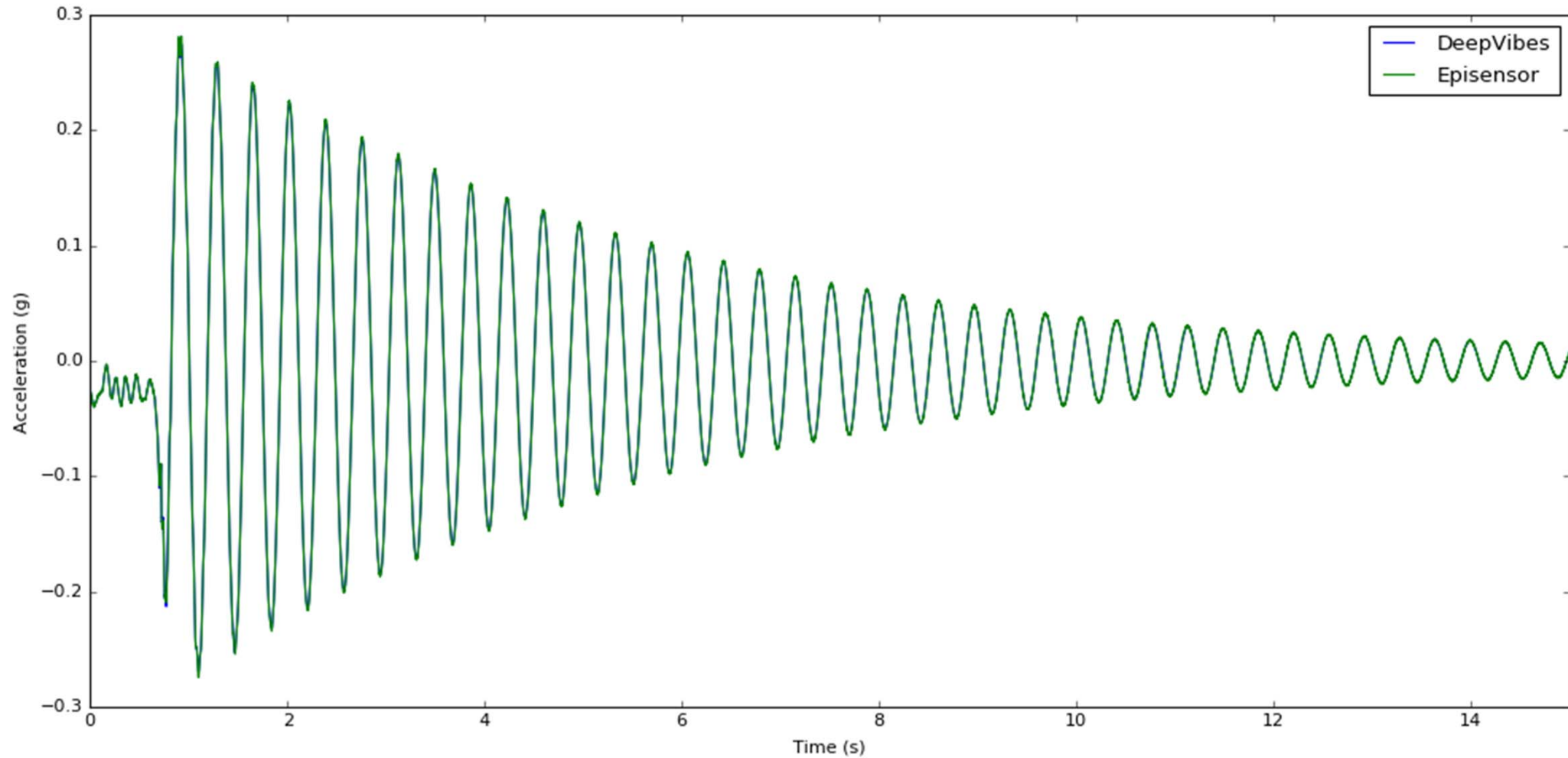
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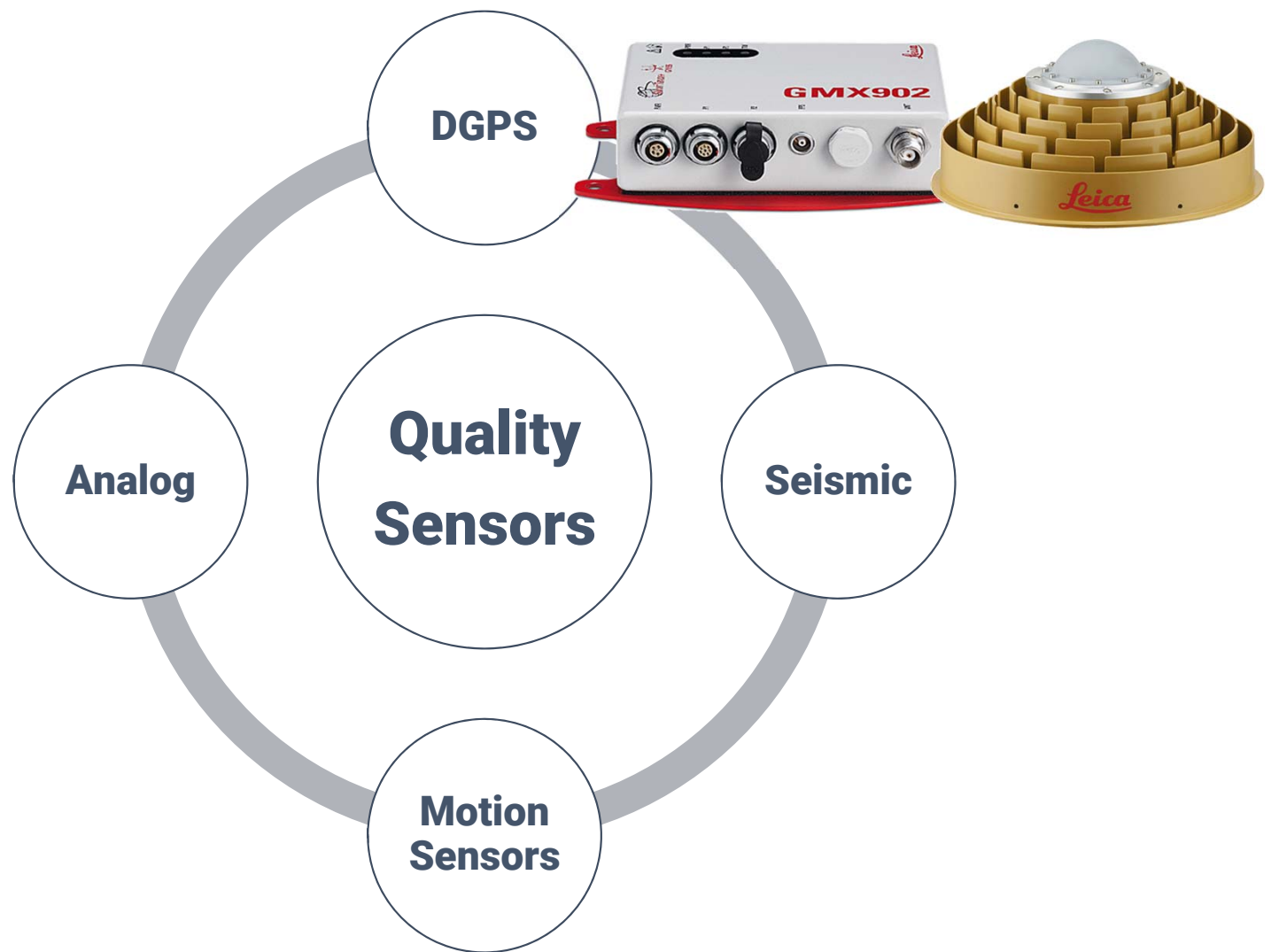


# Sensor Types



# Event-1: GhhsY1ehv vs EpiSensor







# **DGPS (compatible with different satellite systems)**

**GPS L1 C/A, (USA)**

**GLONASS L10F (Russia)**

**BeiDou B1, (China)**

**Galileo E1B/C, (EU)**

**QZSS L1, (Japan)**

**SBAS L1 C/A: WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS, GAGAN**

**(Multiple frequencies)**



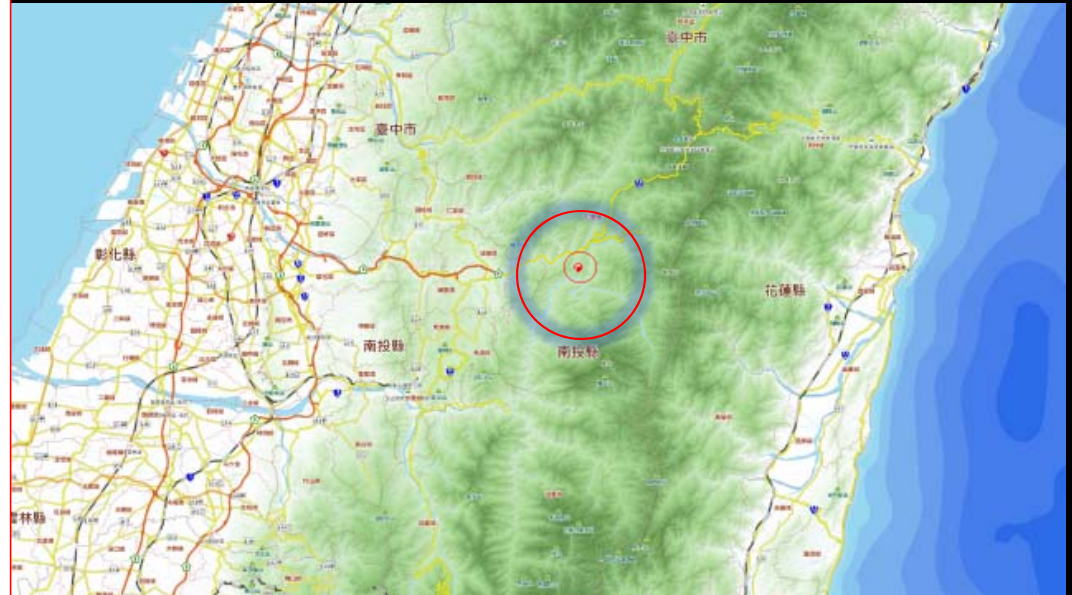
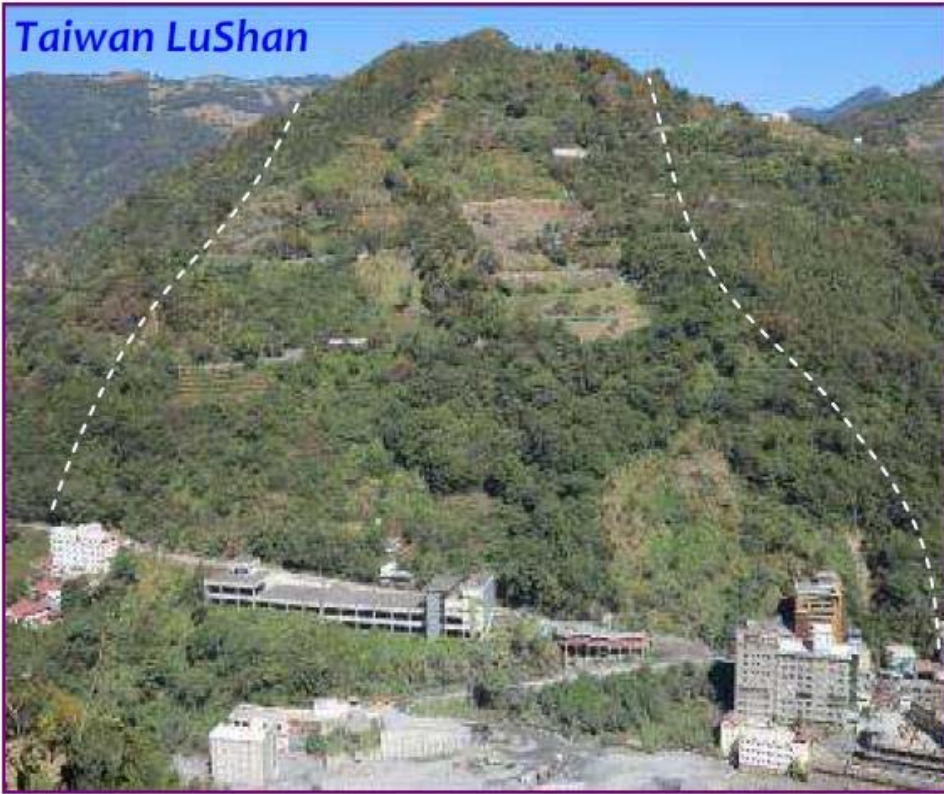


# Real time monitoring on a landslide-prone area



# Monitoring site

Taiwan LuShan



Lushan,  
Central Part of Taiwan

# M 6.4 earthquakes, Feb. 6 2018

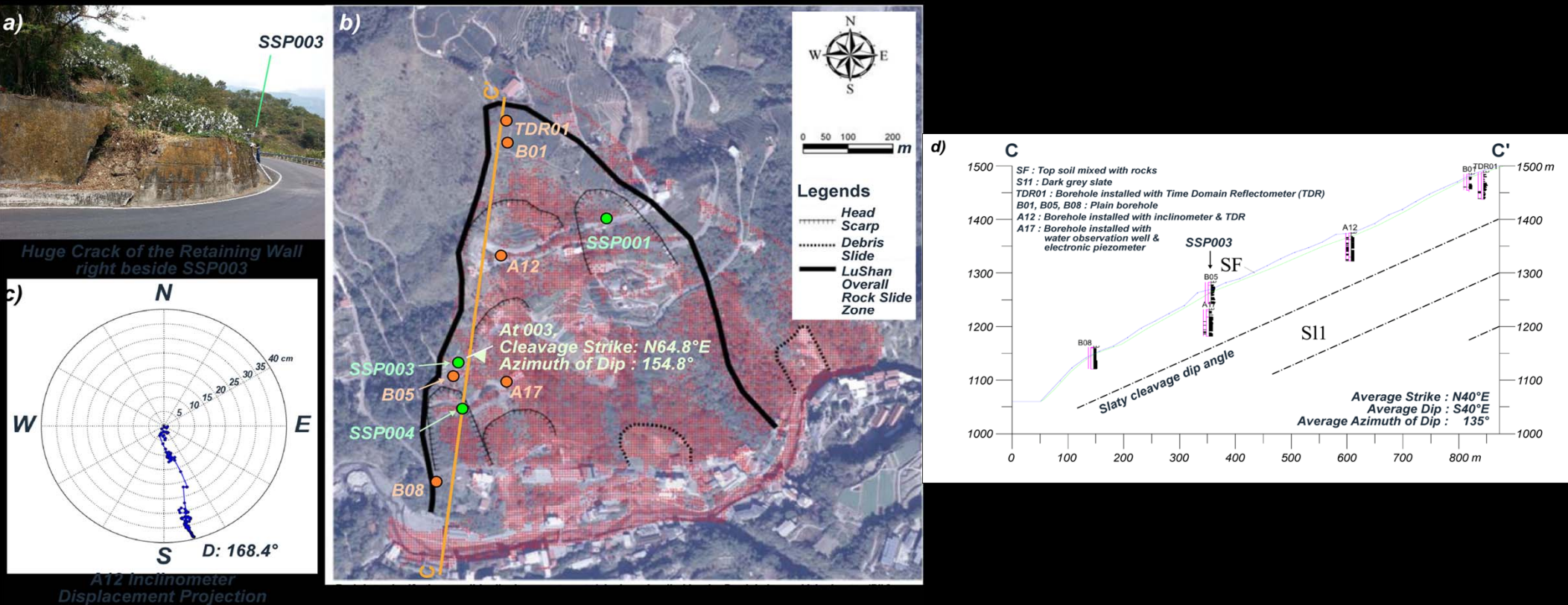


98 times of  
aftershocks

More than one  
thousand  
earthquakes per  
year



# Point 003 at Lushan, Taiwan





## 埔里 (WPL) 震度：3 級

地震資訊

發震時間：2015/03/23 18:13:51

震央位置：東經121.67度，北緯23.73度

深度：38.4公里，芮氏規模：6.2

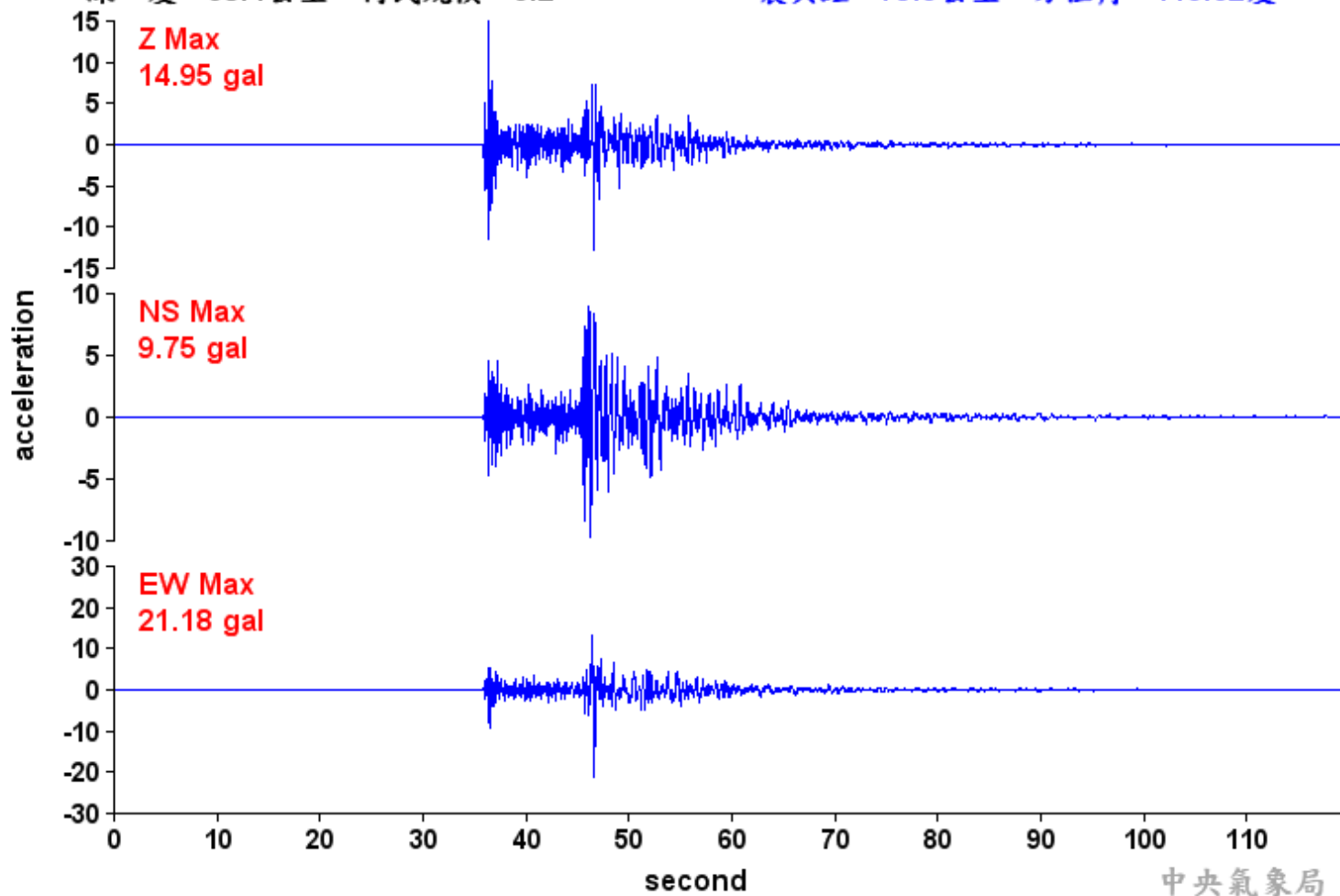
測站資訊

波線起始時間：2015/03/23 18:13:30

測站位置：東經120.96度，北緯24.01度

震央距：79.3公里，方位角：113.62度

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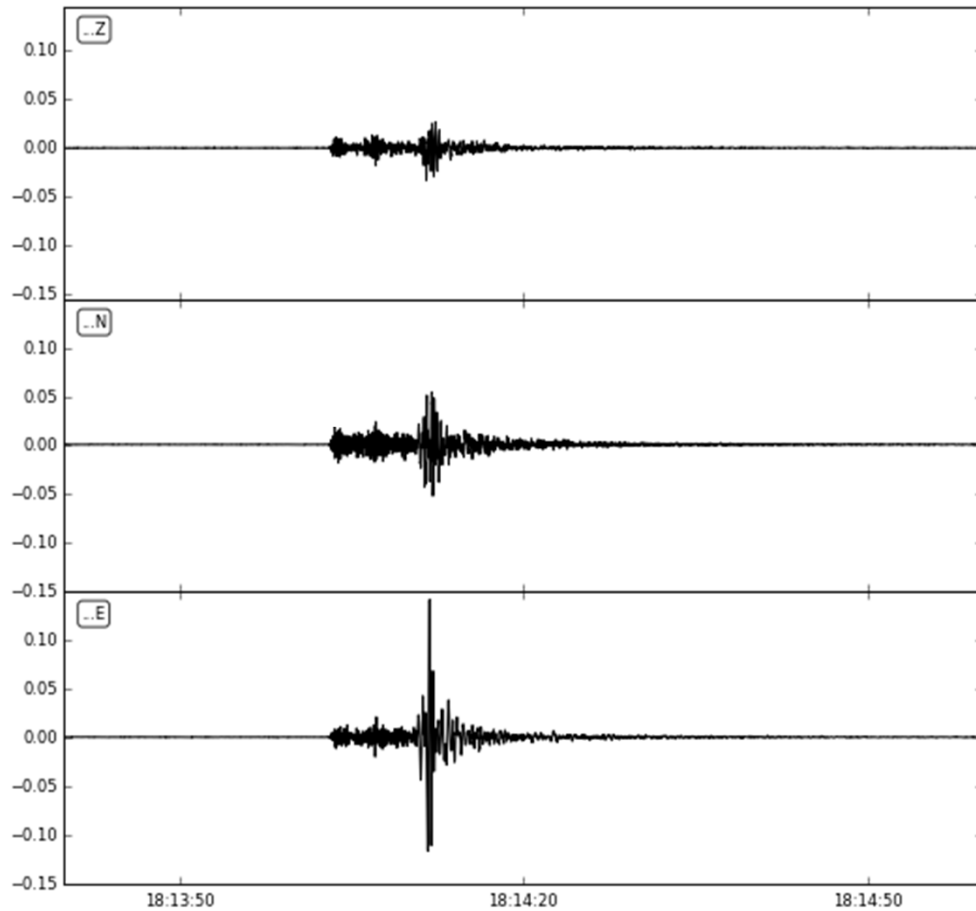
Earthquake  
signals

Silicon Designs (SDI003)

HK\$ 15281



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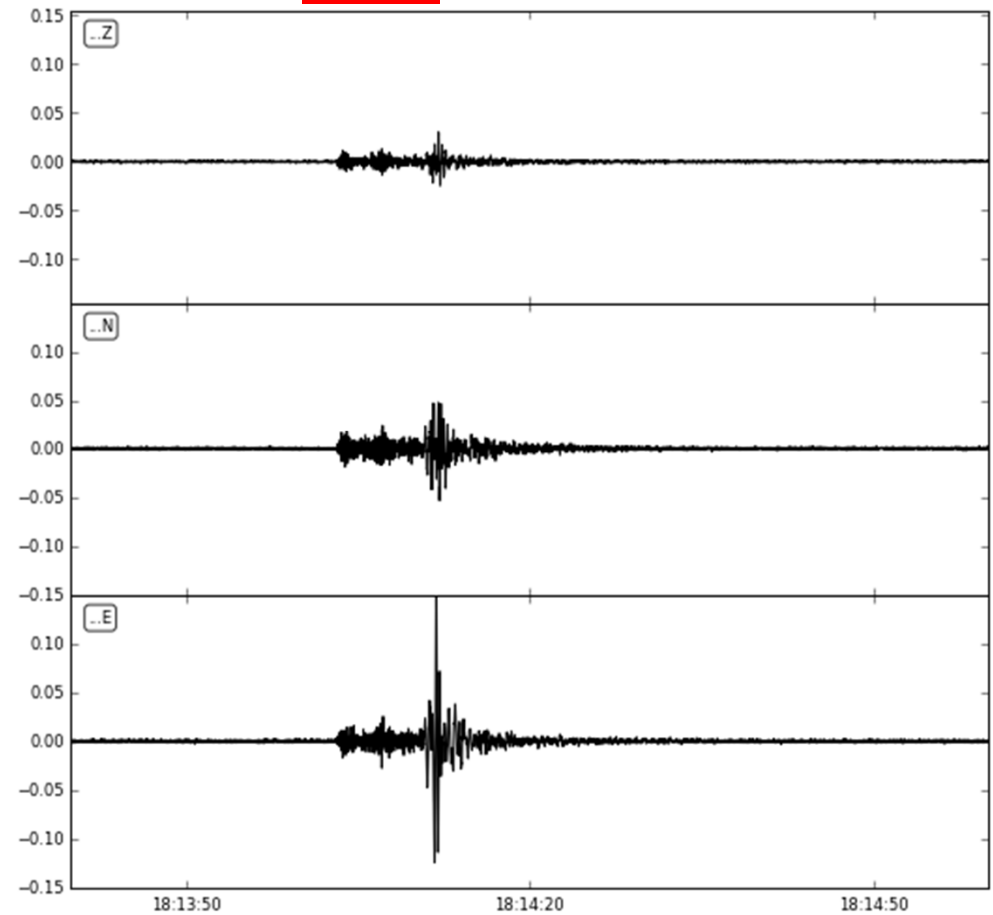


Bosch (BMA003)

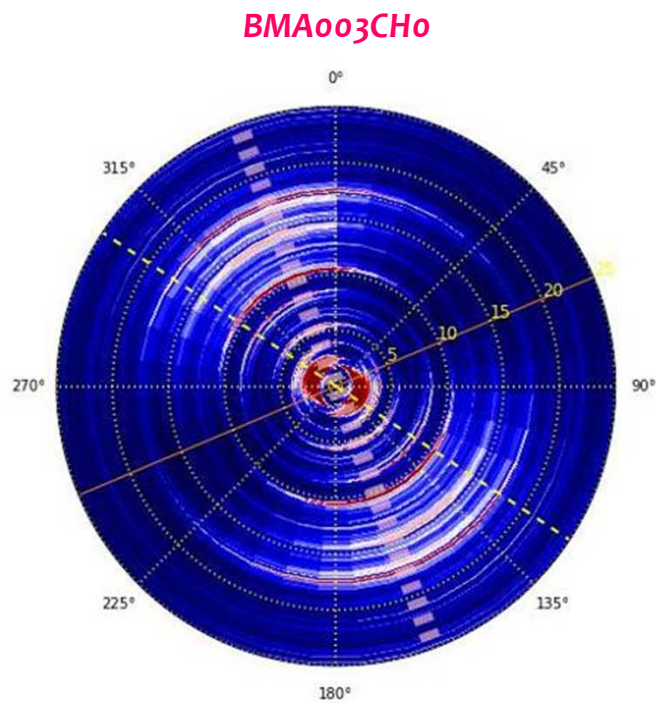
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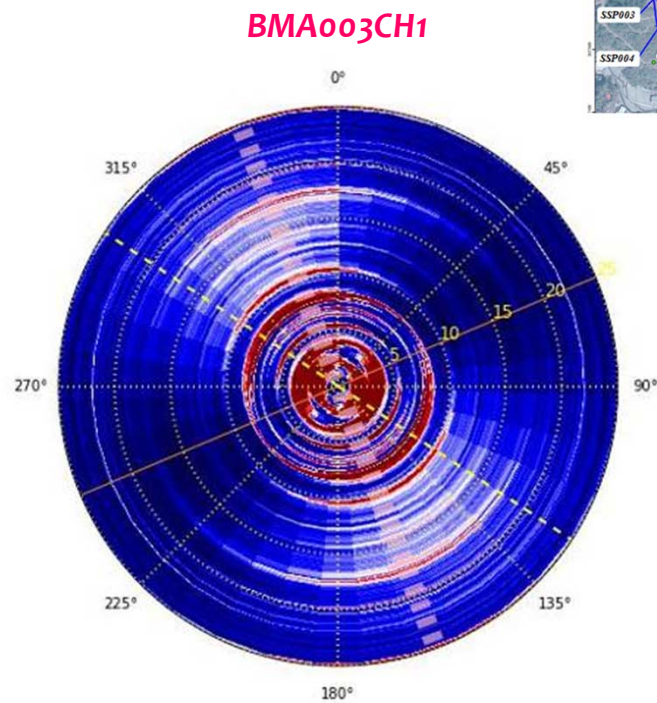
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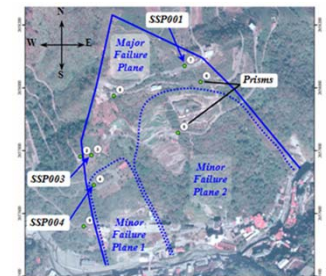
# HVSR during the 2015 March 23 Earthquake



**Directivity: 159.43**

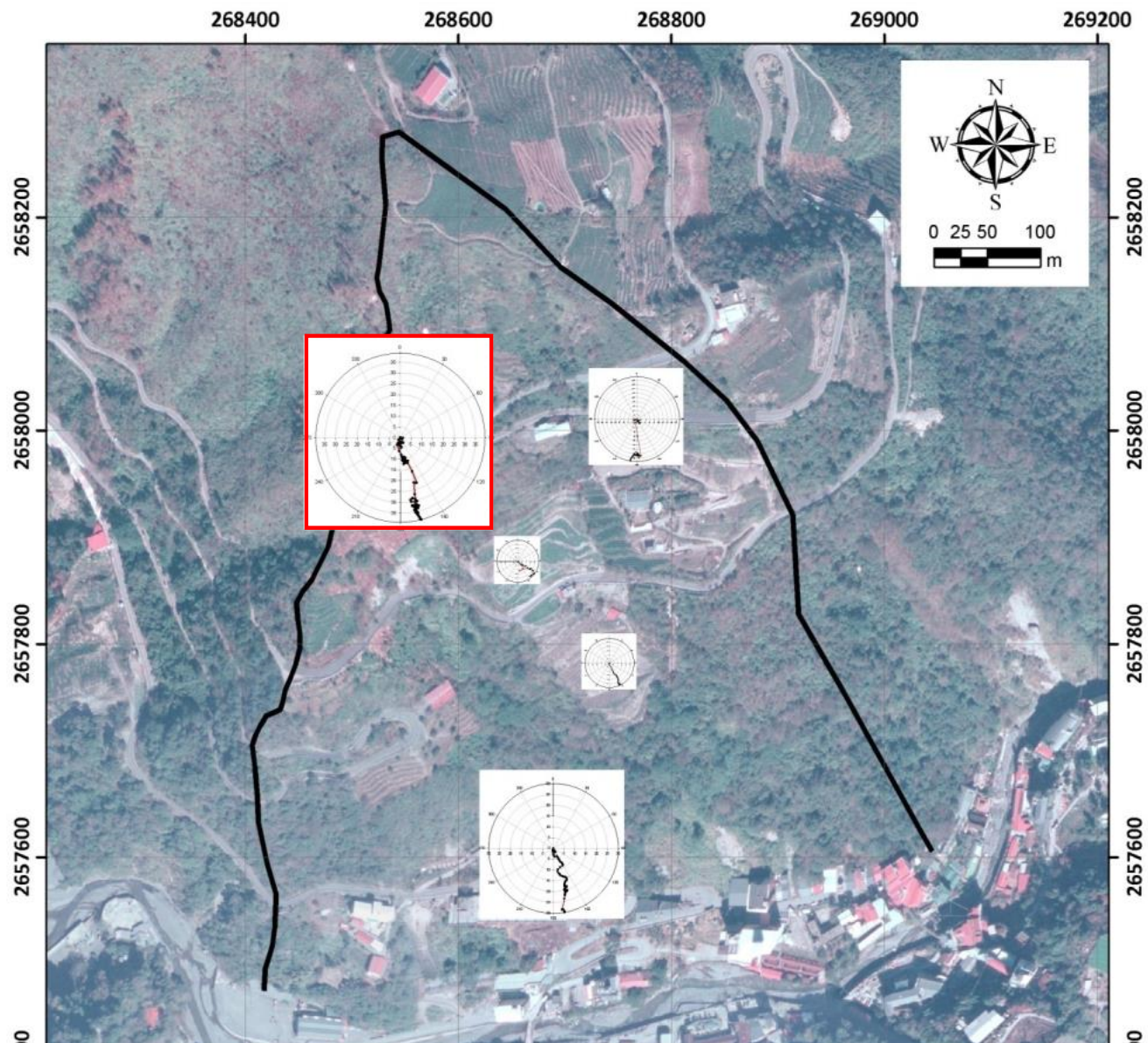


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Del Gaudio and  
Wasoski (2007, 2011)



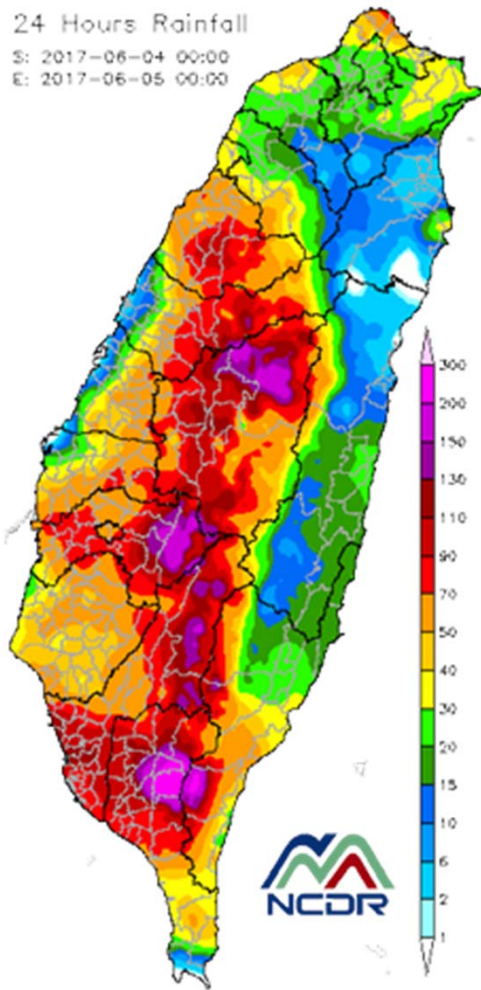




# Landslide event, June, 2017

24 Hours Rainfall

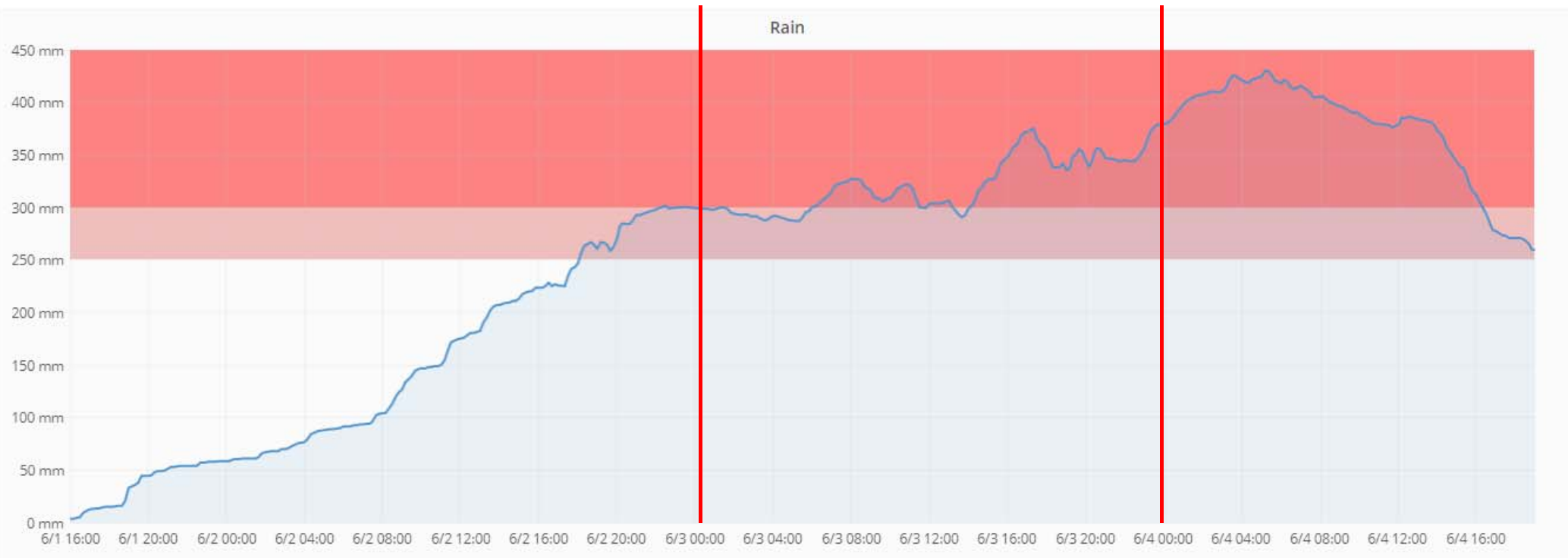
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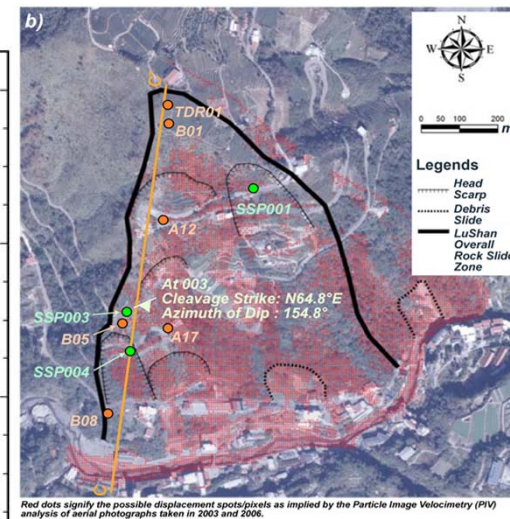
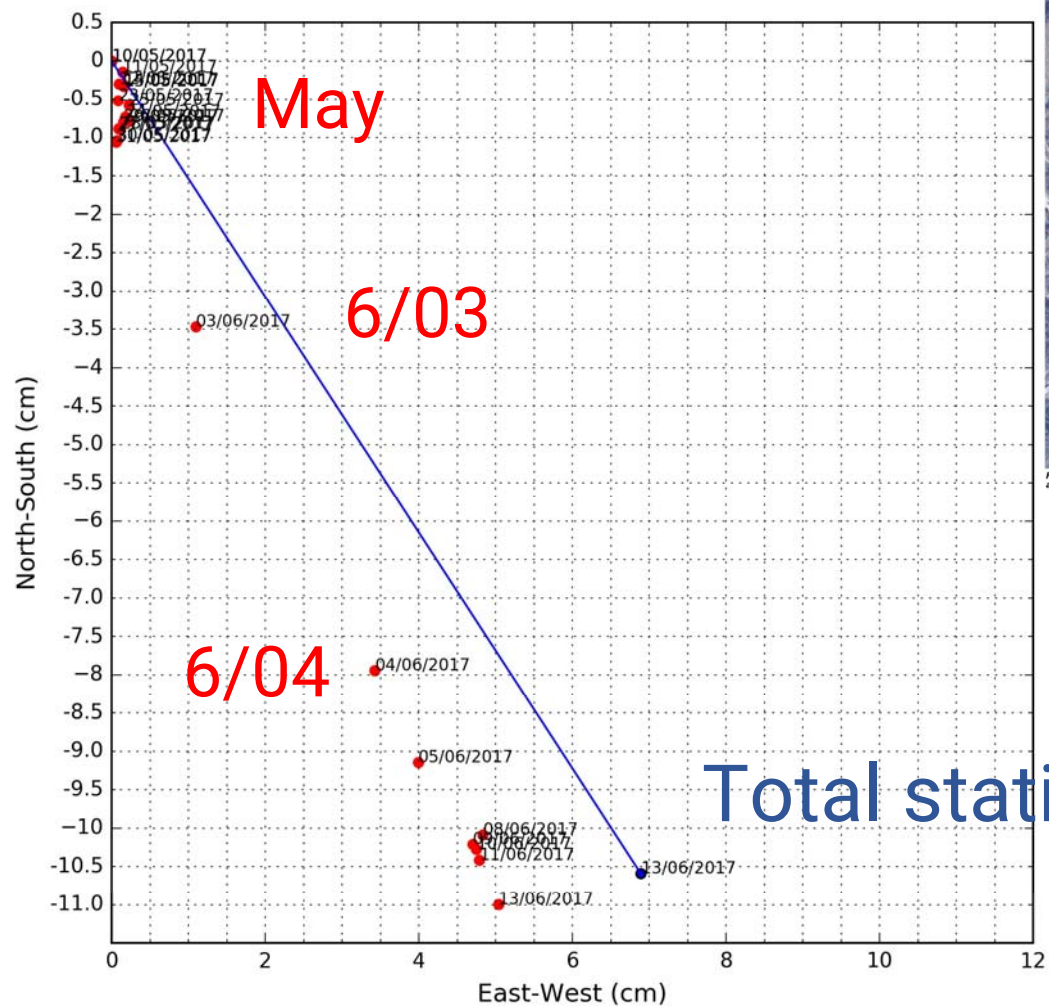
# Rainfall Data

6 (June)/03

6/04



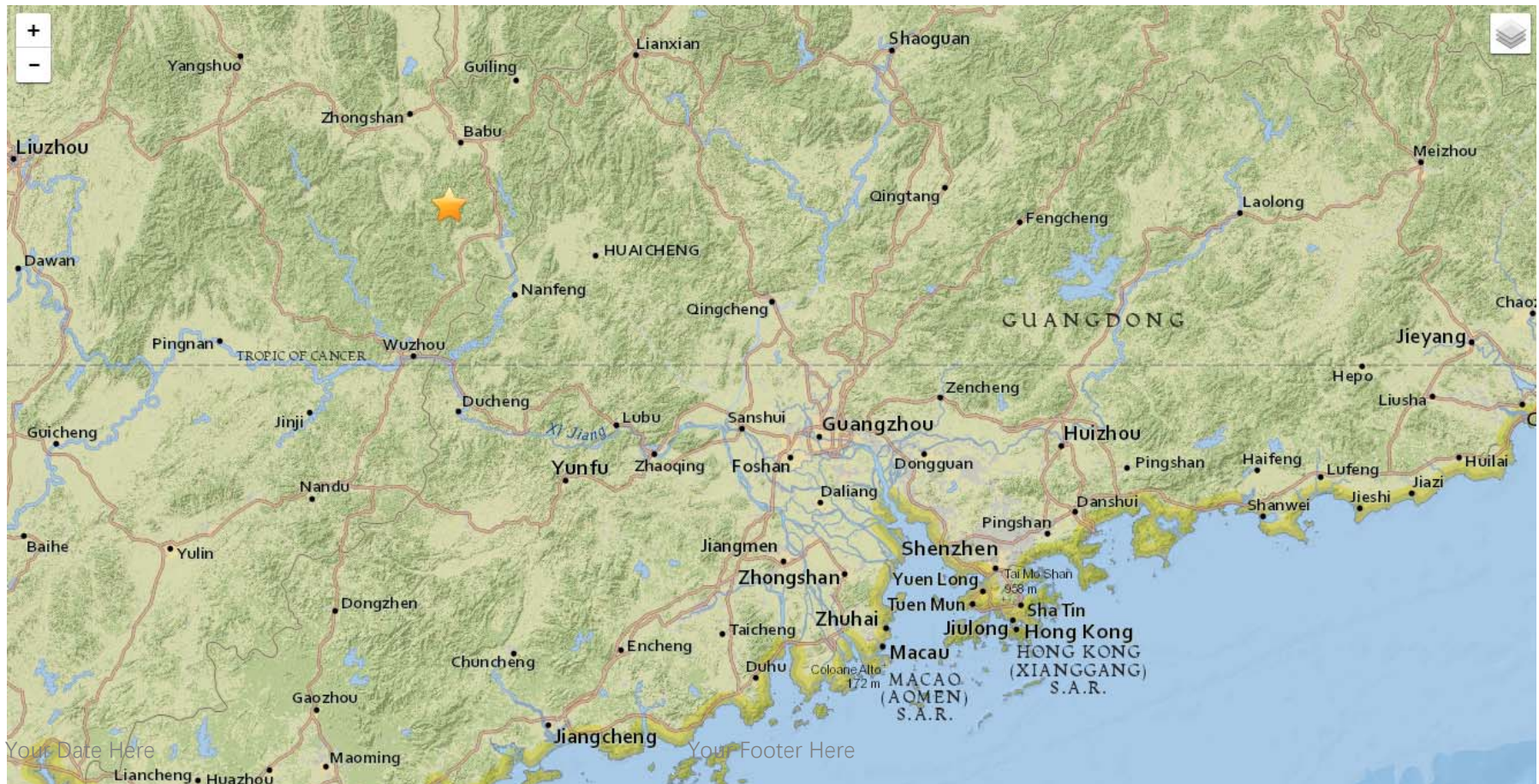
DGPS



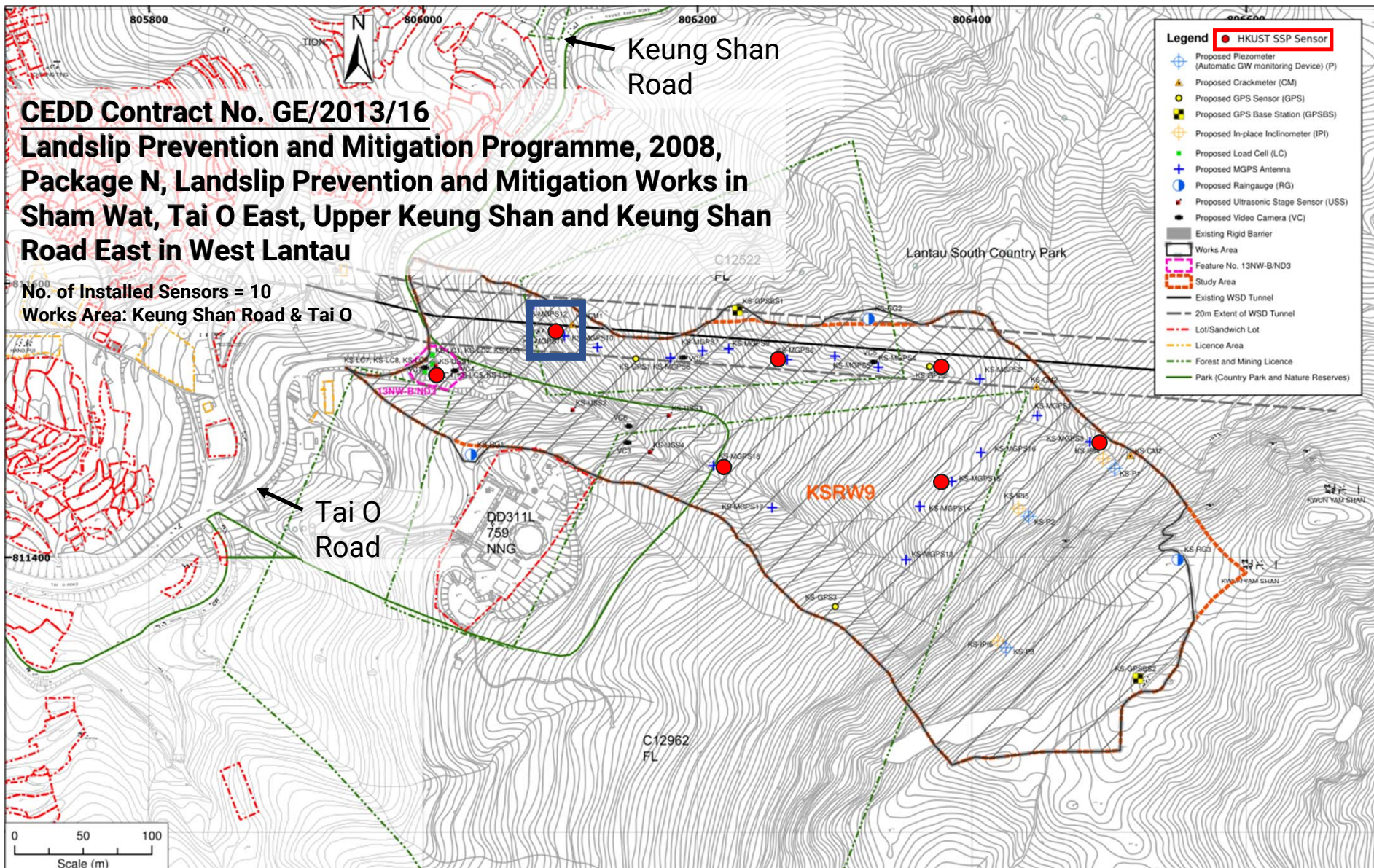


# Earthquake event in Hong Kong

## 31st July, 2016 (Magnitude 4.9)









# Earthquake event in Hong Kong 31st July, 2016

**CEDD Contract No. GE/2013/16**

**Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Programme, 2008, Package N,  
Landslip Prevention and Mitigation Works in Sham Wat, Tai O East,  
Upper Keung Shan and Keung Shan Road East in West Lantau**

No. of Installed Sensors = 7  
Works Area: Keung Shan Road

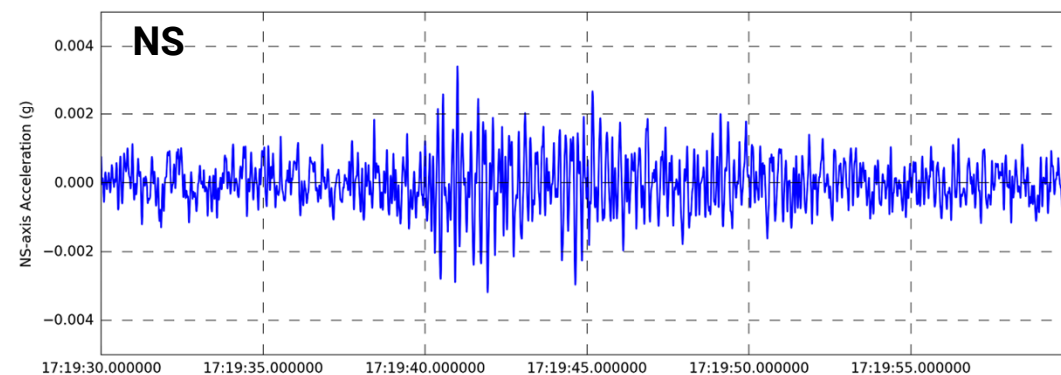
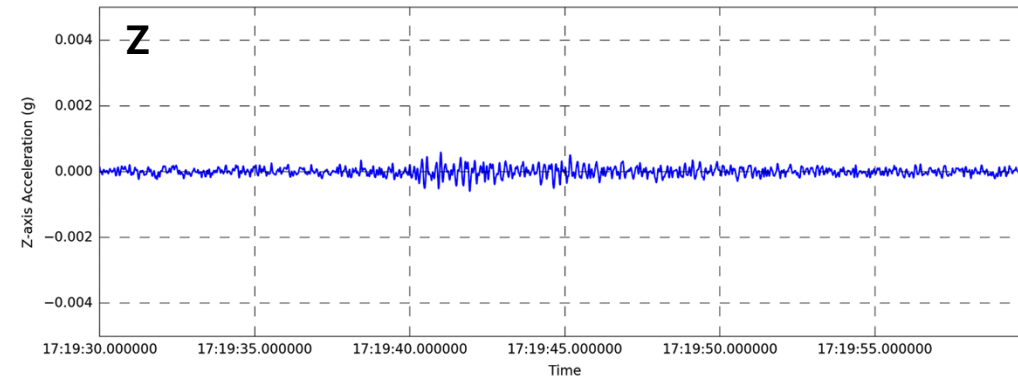
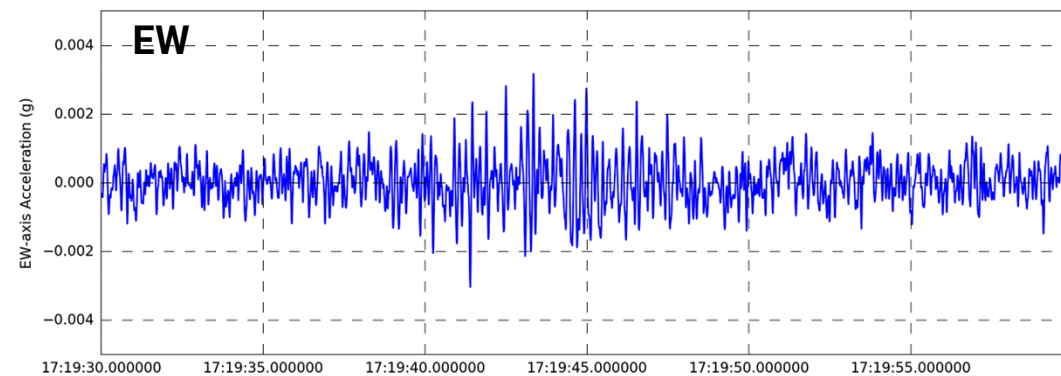
Sensor module is enclosed inside a waterproof aluminium box, which is mounted on a L-hinge steel then affixed on the concrete footing beneath.





# Earthquake event in Hong Kong 31st July, 2016

- Acceleration recorded was about 17:19:39. The earthquake originated 26km south of Babu China, at 17:18:13.



In vertical Z-axis, a peak acceleration of only 0.0006g was recorded



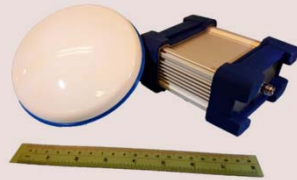
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Existing devices  
Crowdsensing

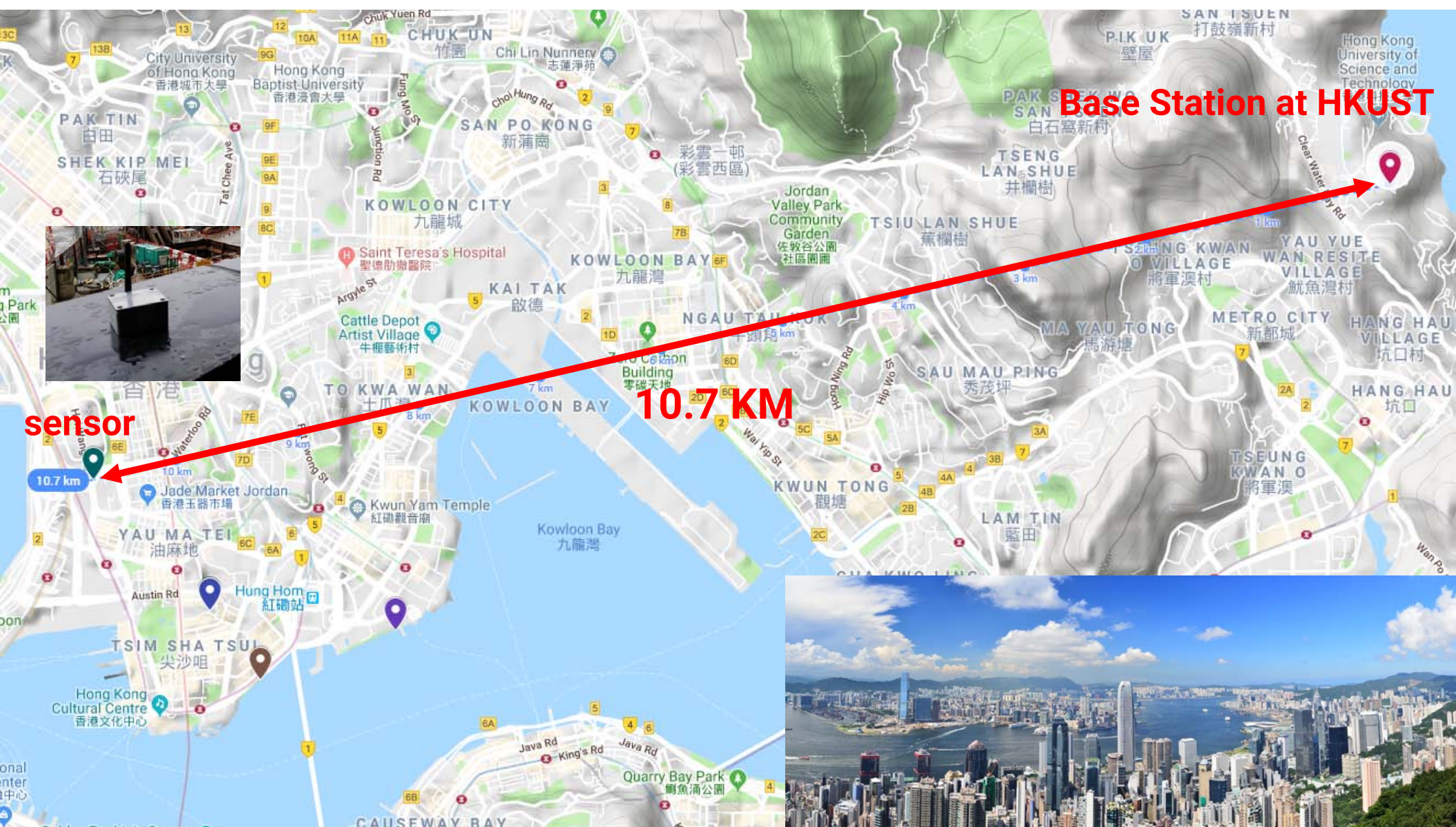
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# Typhoon Mangkhut



Sea front of the HKSUT

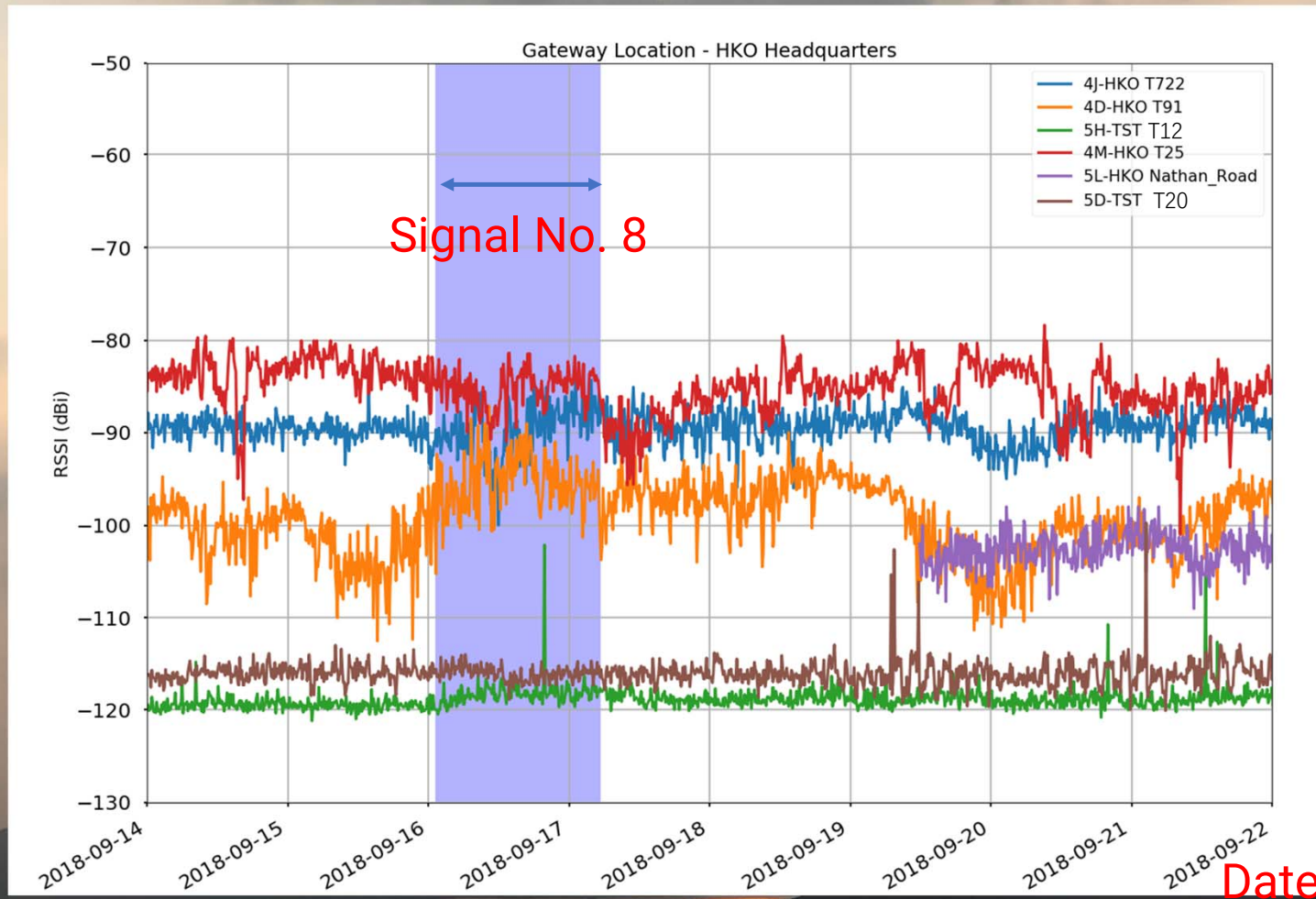
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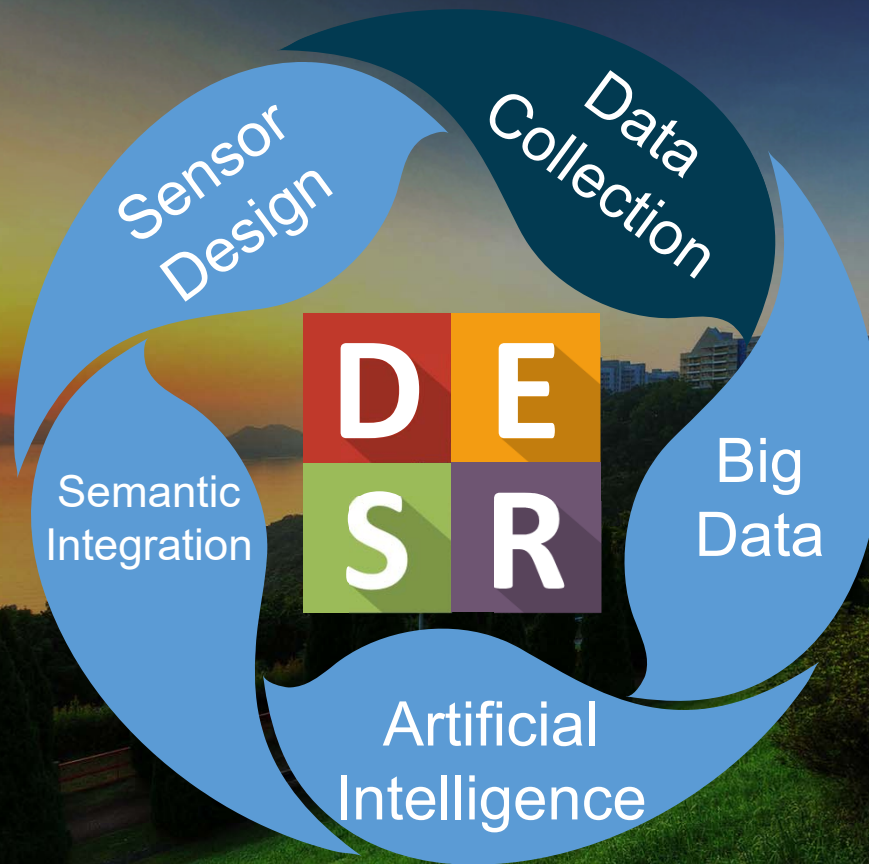


# Performance during typhoon Mangkhut

Signal strength







# Data Collection

# Agnostic integrator



RS232



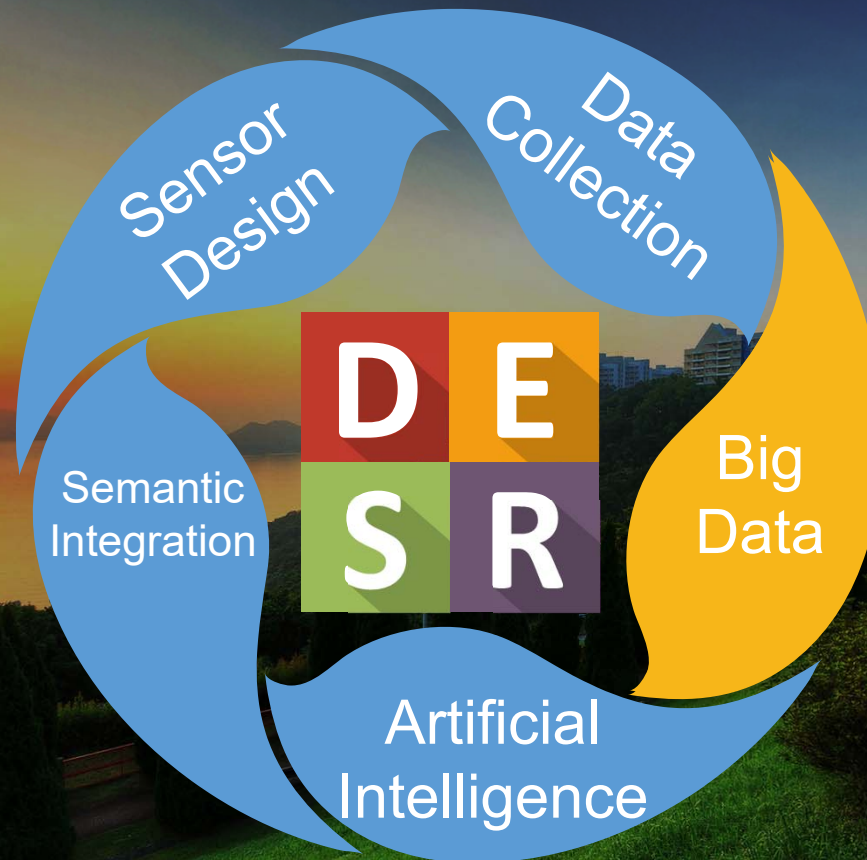
Other Sensors

# Patent-pending Military Grade Trusted Data Loggers



- On-device battery, DGPS location
- Guaranteed Delivery to Server
- GPS Time Sync
- Data Compression
- Redundant CPU, Storage, Power, Sensor, Networking
- Self-monitoring and recovery
- Trusted Platform Modules-based security architecture
- Secure Boot
- Trusted Computing Group (TCG) standards
- Common Criteria (EAL4+) and FIPS security certification
- Transport Layer Security (TLS) for all data transfer





# Big Data

2018-01-05

17:32:18

**8 Bil /Day**

**5.82 Mil /Second**

**5.8 Million points/Second**

Equivalent to **17** times the number of tweets on Twitter

**EVERY DAY**

We Collect **8** Billion Data Points,

Equivalent to **5** Days of IBM Weather Data

That Sums Up to **46** GB of Data,

Equivalent to **0.9** Copies of Wikipedia





32341 DVDs

152TB





Wan Chai

32341 DVDs  
3.9 KM

Hung Hom Bay

Tsim Sha Tsui East

Tsim Sha Tsui

Jordan

Yau Ma Tei

King's Park

Mong Kok

West Kowloon

Ferry Point

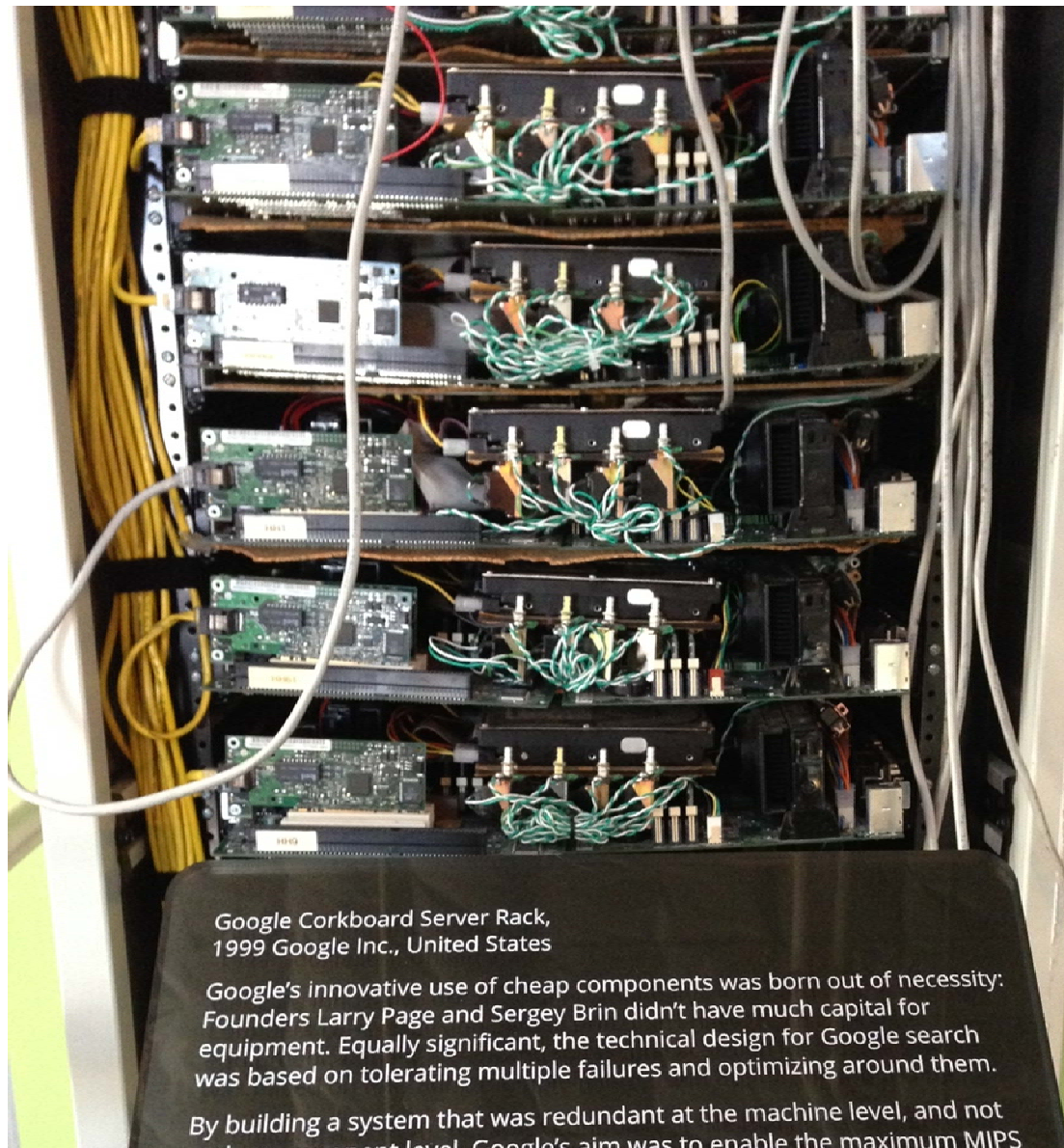
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Victoria Harbour

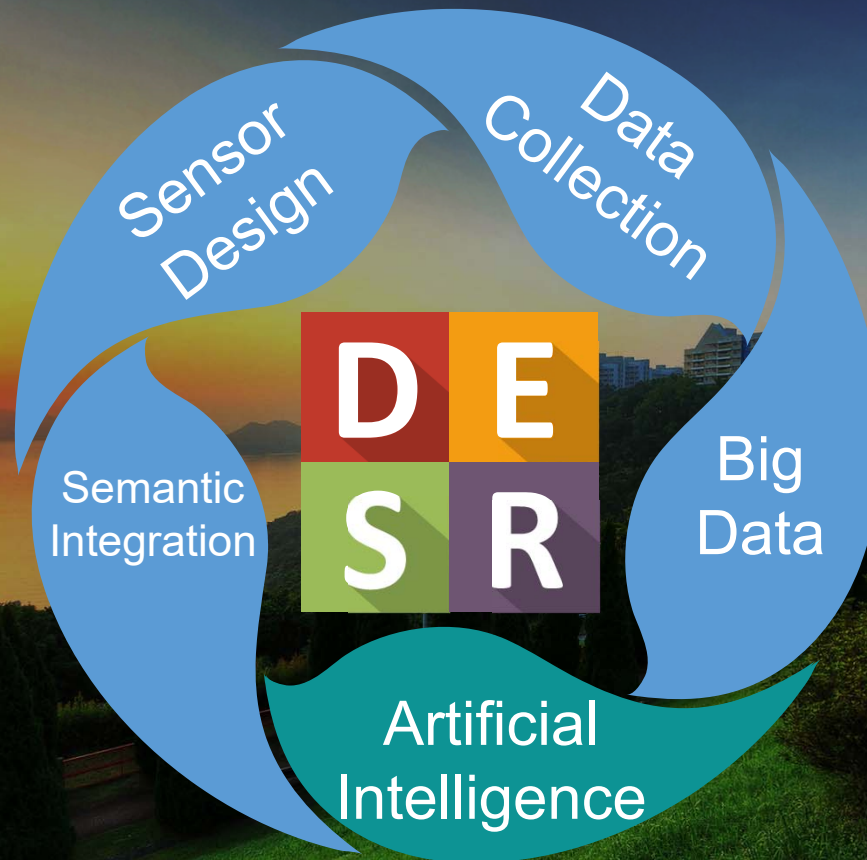
Wan Chai  
Hong Kong

Hong Kong Island









# Artificial Intelligence





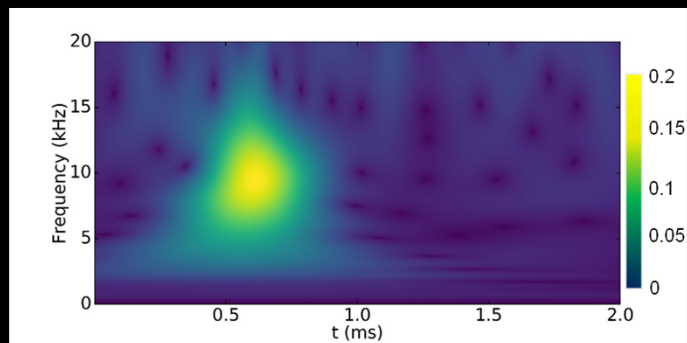
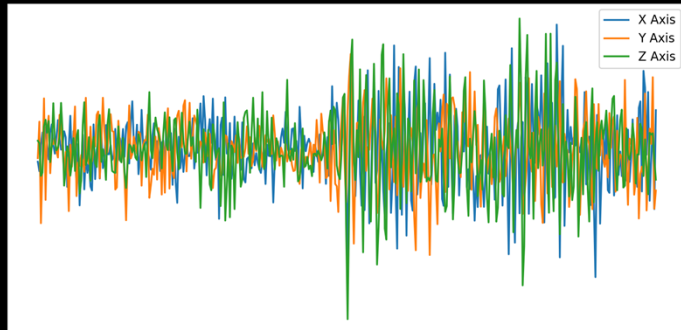
AlphaGo



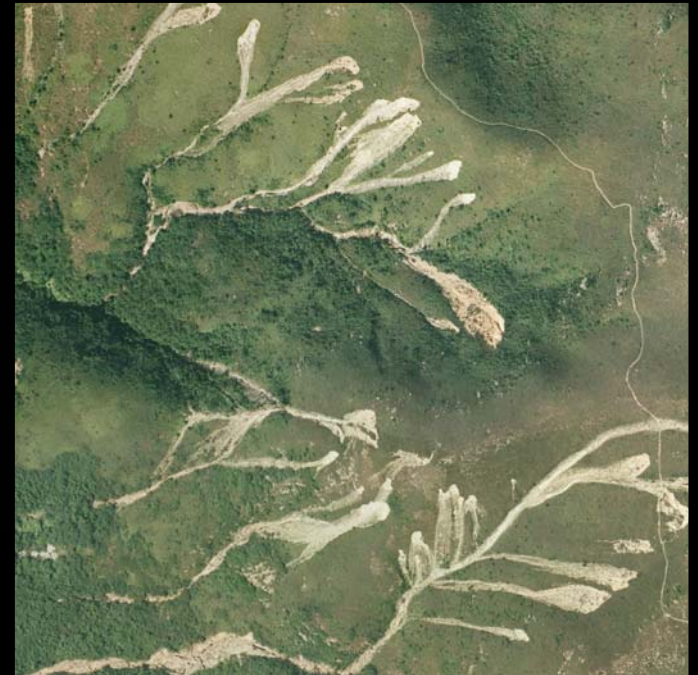
Deep Learning

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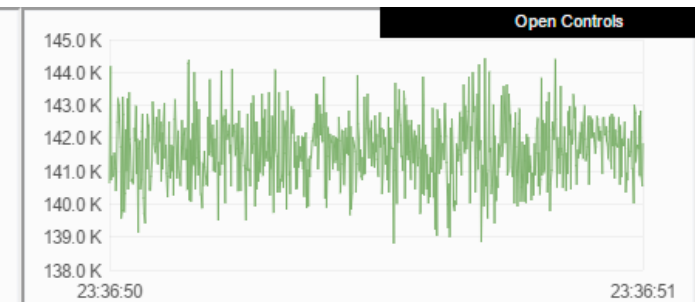
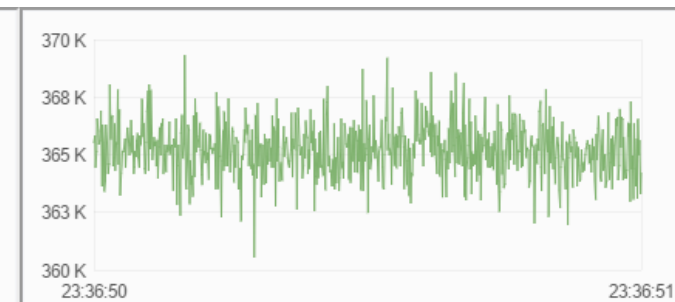
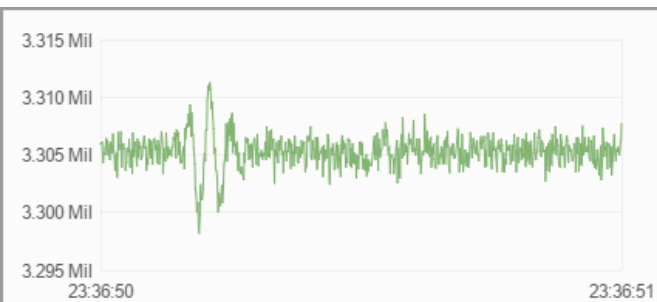
**Time series data  
(frequency domain)**



**Image data**



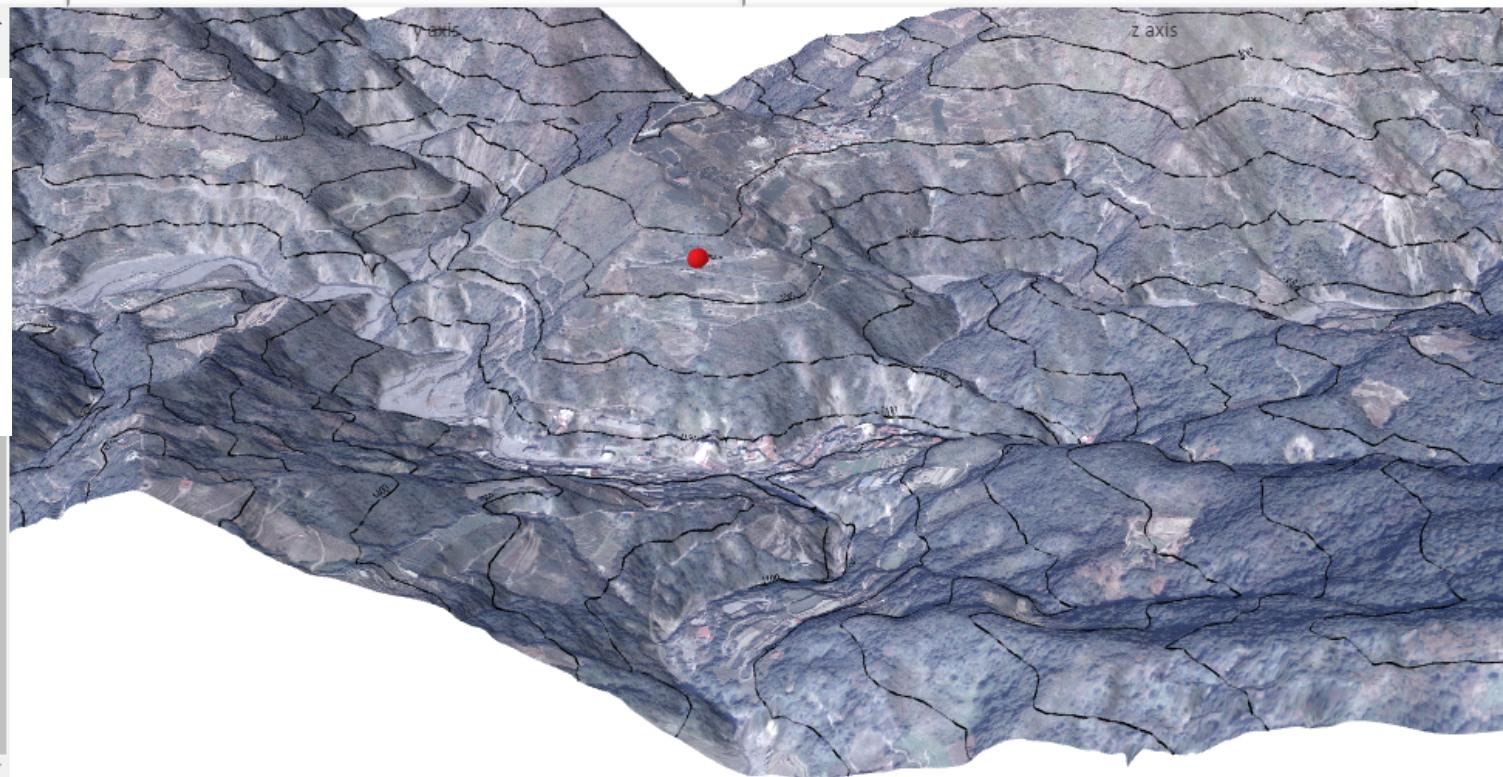


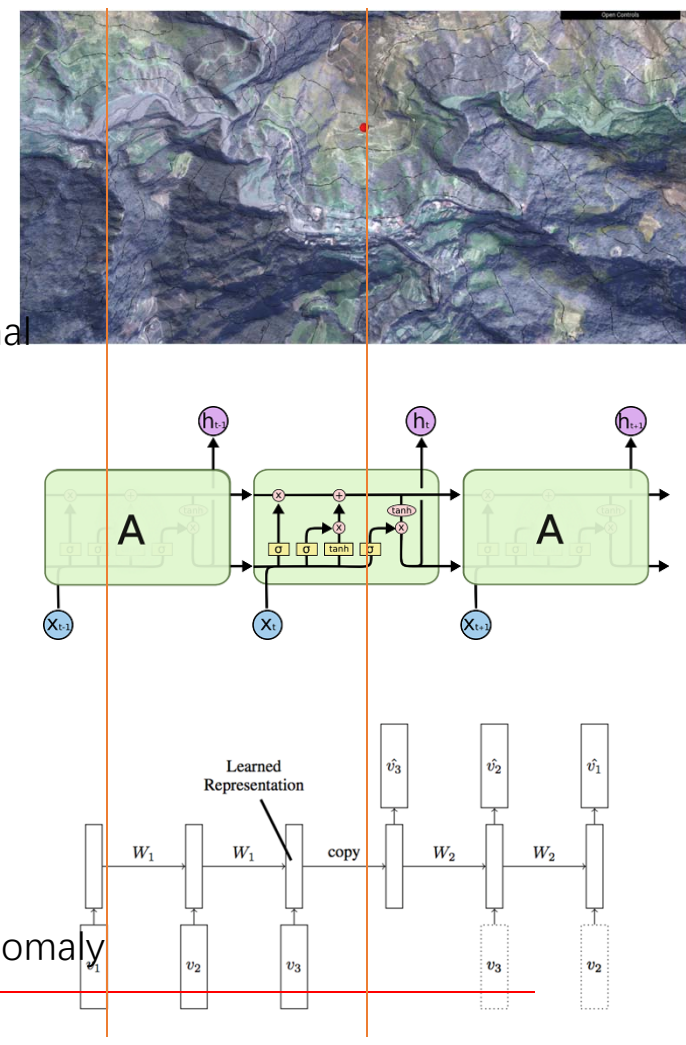
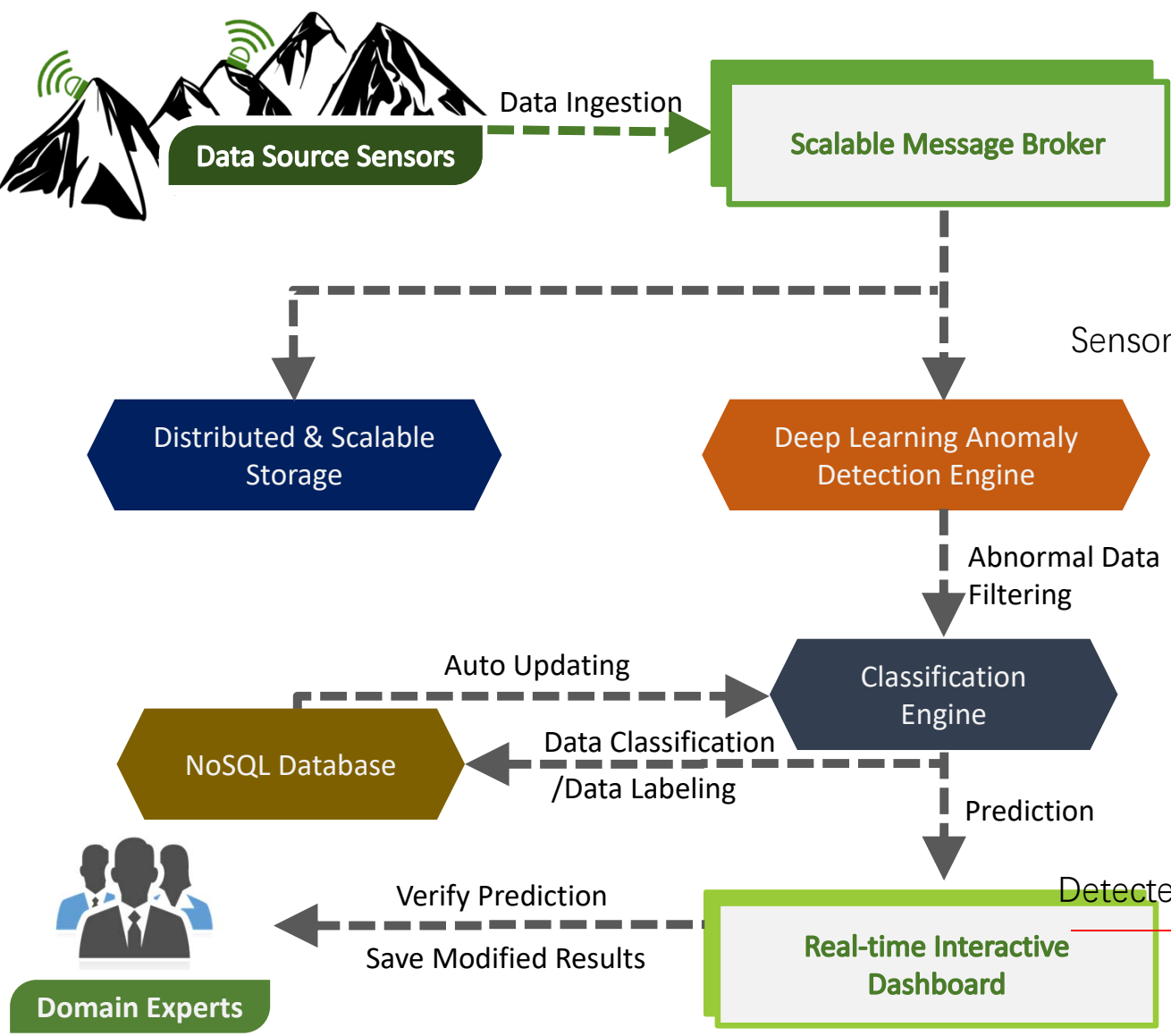


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- Received: {"result": "abnormal wave", "time": "2017-05-15 23:35:22"}

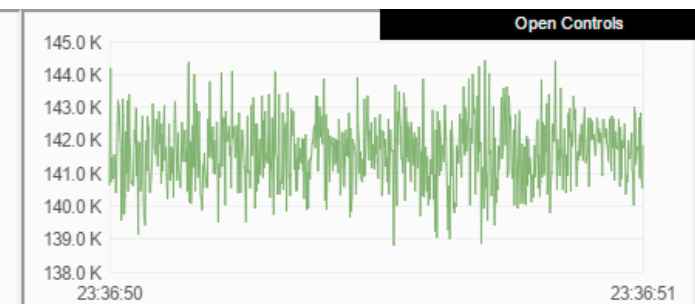
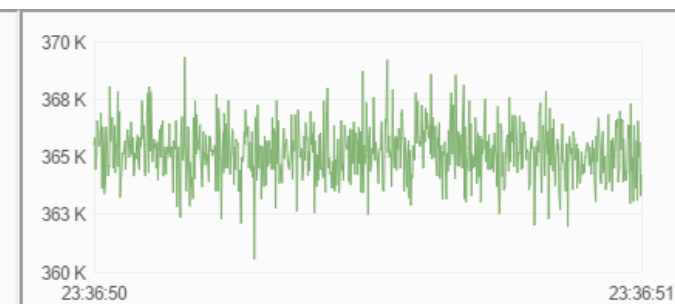
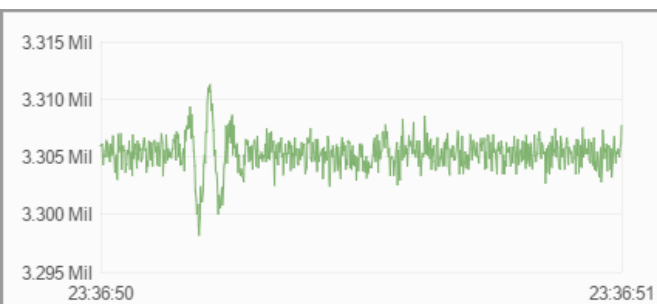
## Vibration data measured at the slopes (Lushan, Taiwan)

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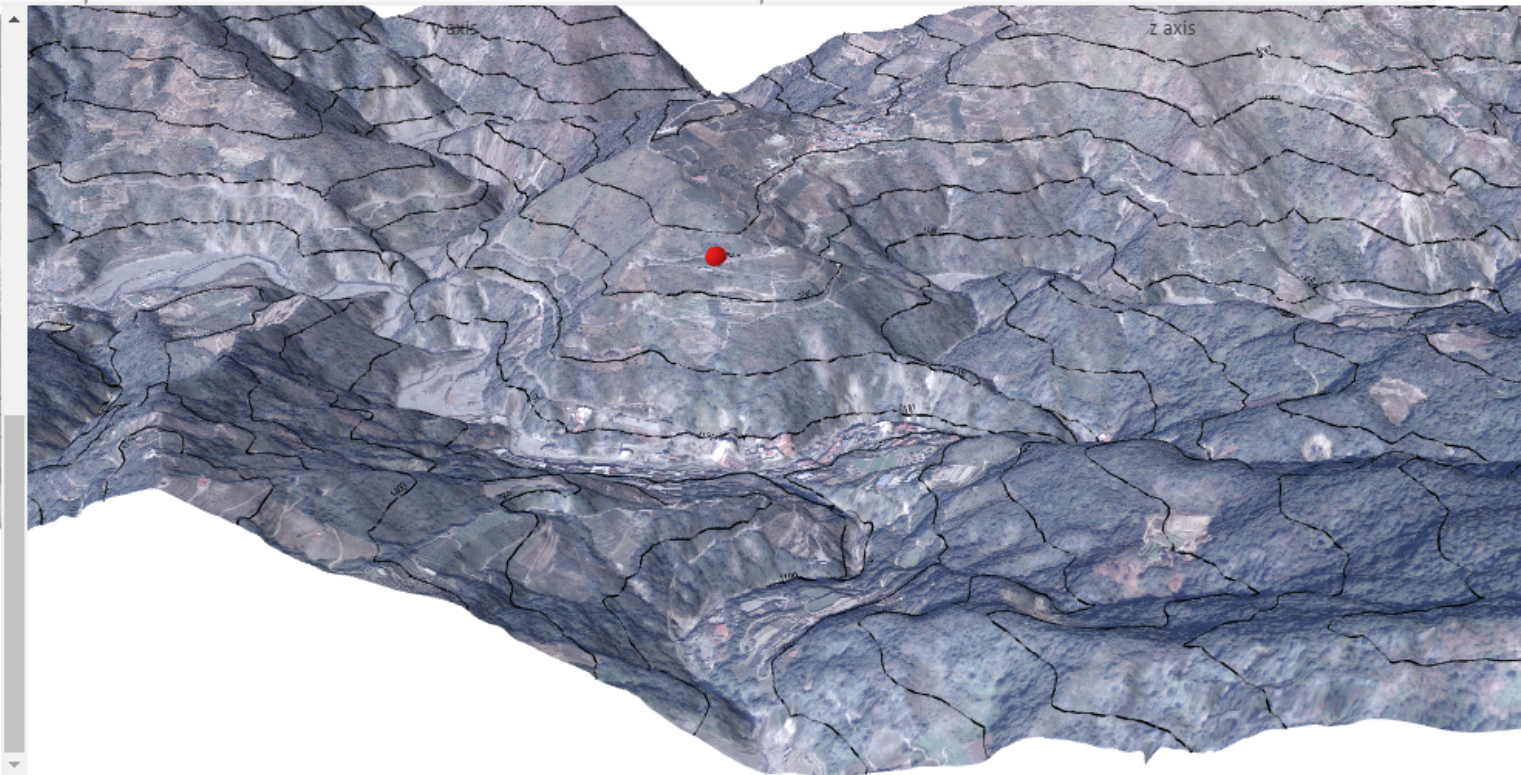




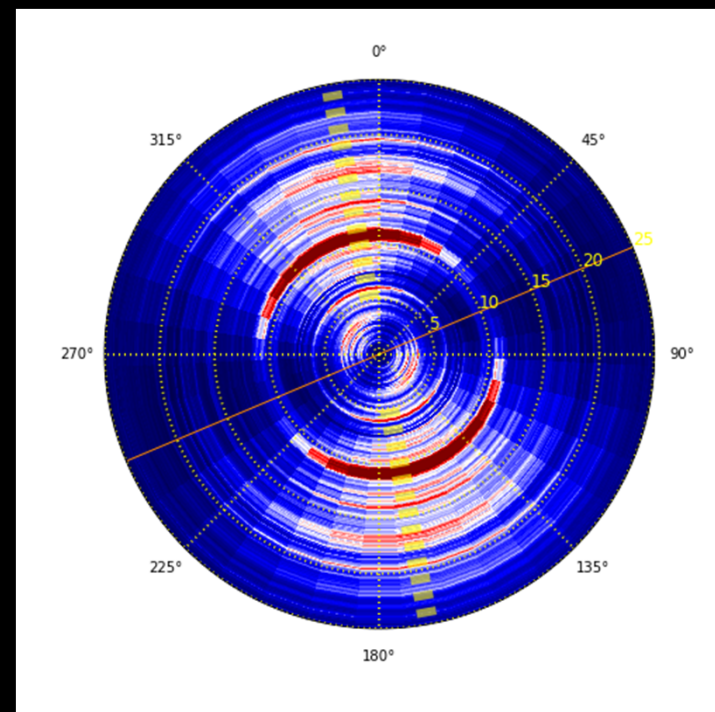
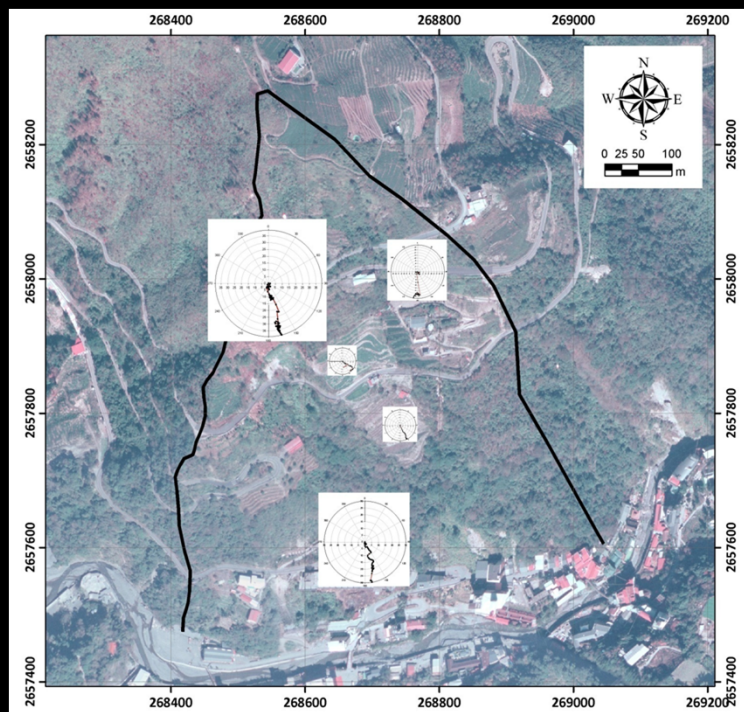


Open Controls

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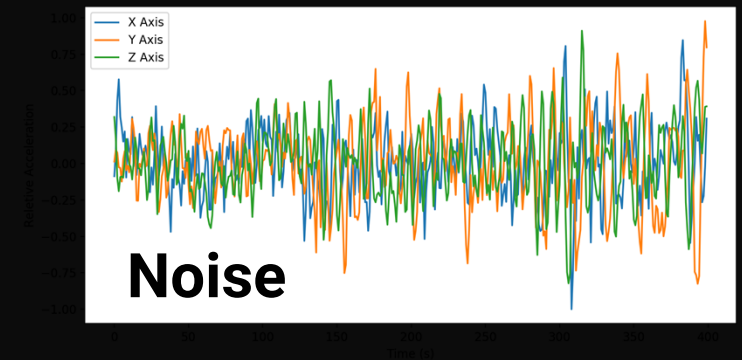
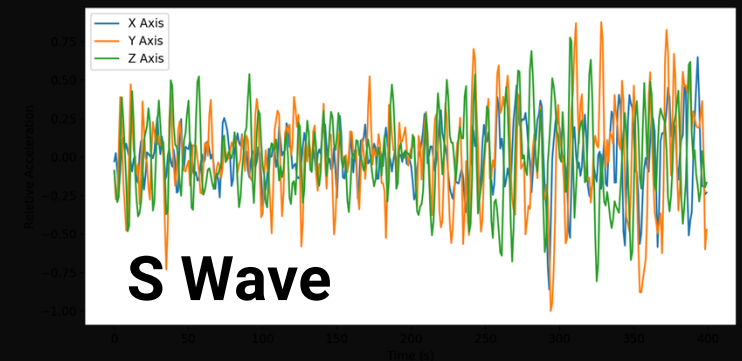
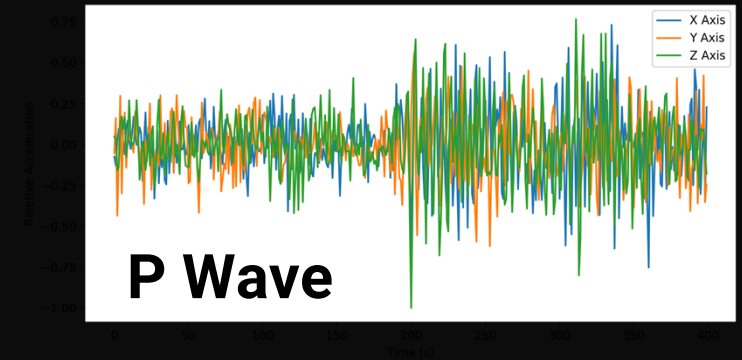
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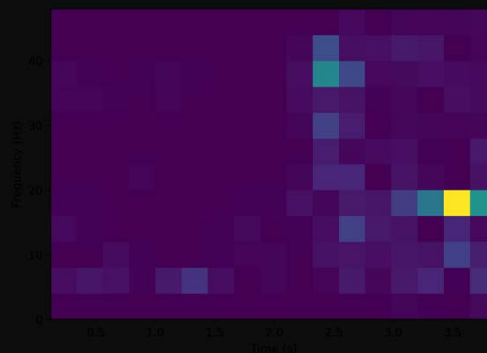
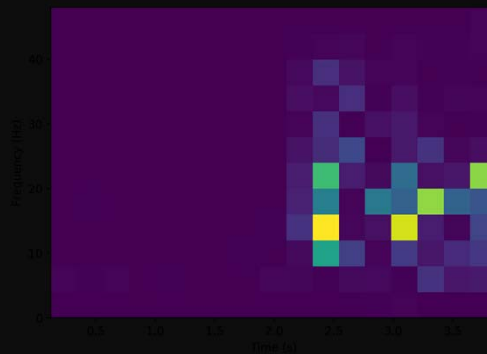
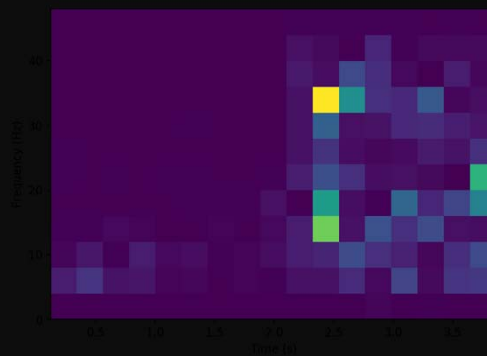
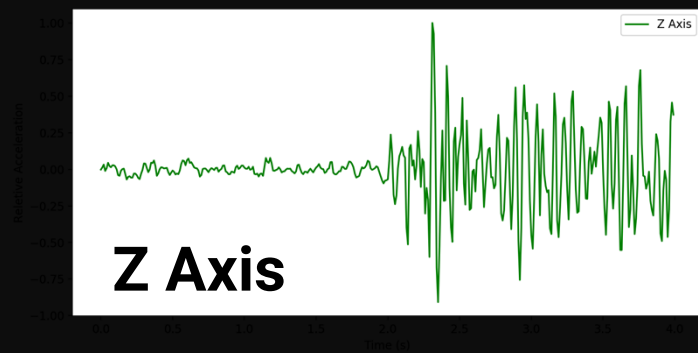
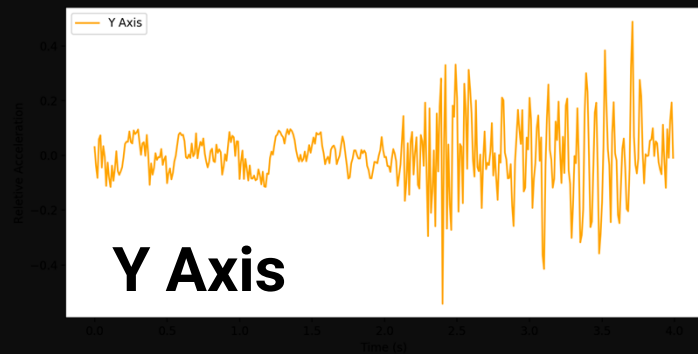
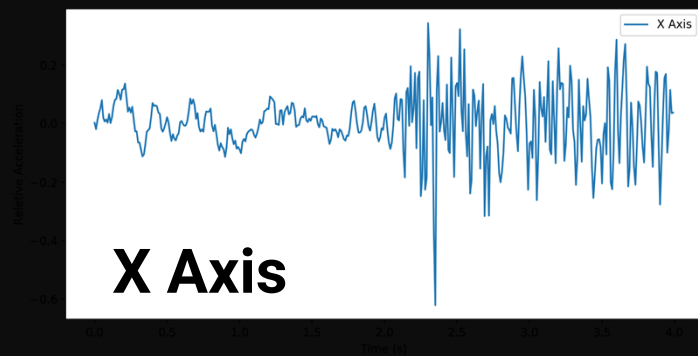


# CNN for time-series data classifications

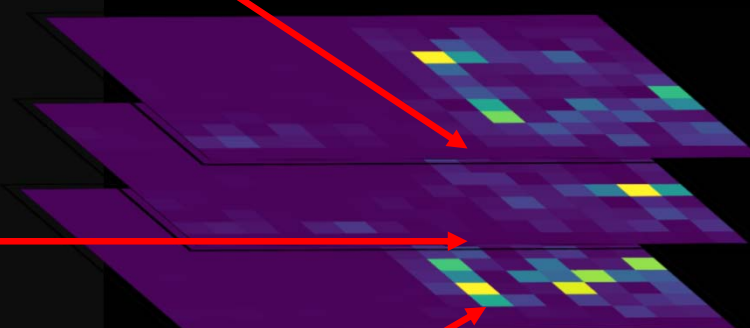
- **Data Source\*:**  
Southern California Earthquake Data Center
- **Classes:** P wave, S wave, noise
- **Amount:** 4,773,750 records



\* Southern California Earthquake Data Center. Scsn. California Institute of Technology, Dataset, 2013.

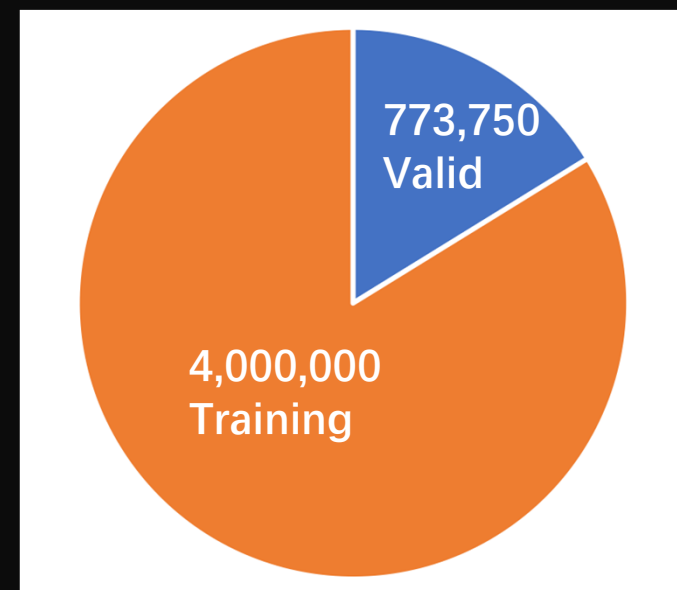
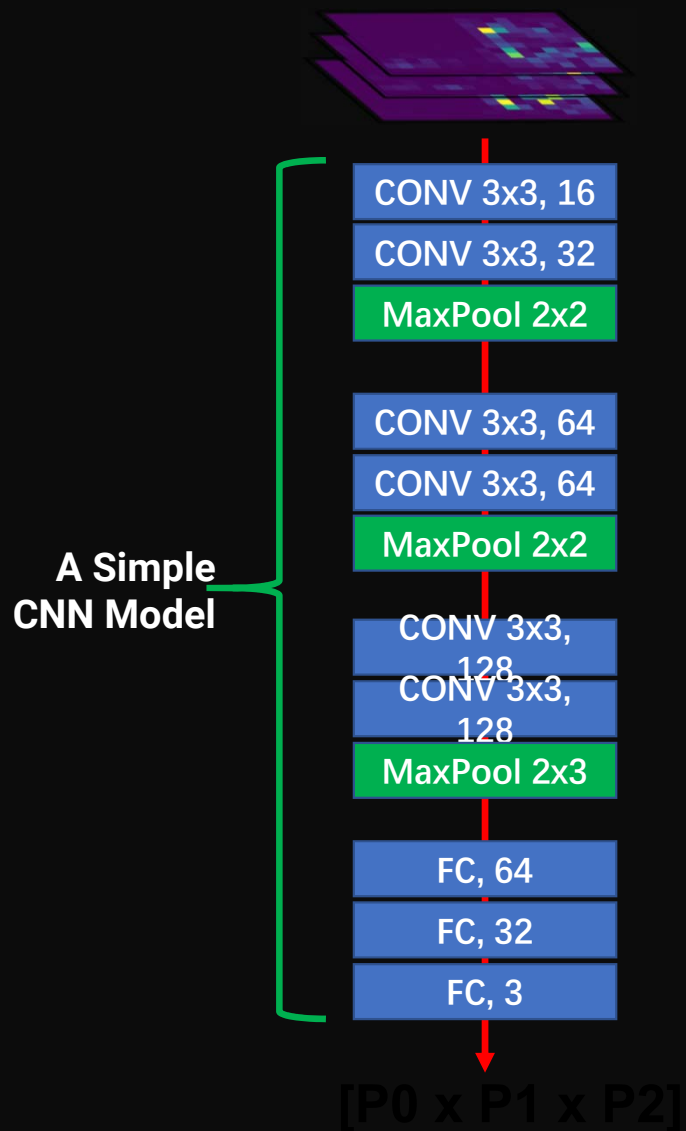


**Time frequency  
representation  
(STFT)**



**[13 x 18 x 3]**





**Validation Accuracy: 98.6%**

# Deep Learning for Landslide inventory mapping





# Landslide Inventory Map (the database)



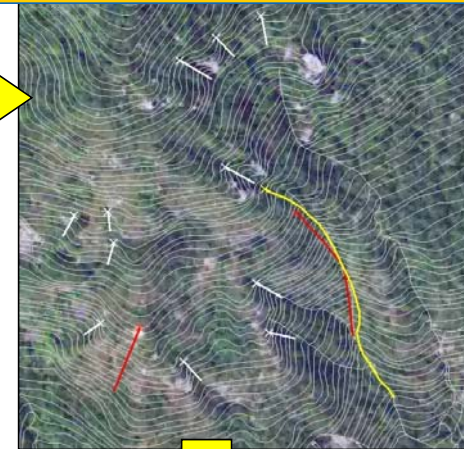
**(1) Collection of available photos**



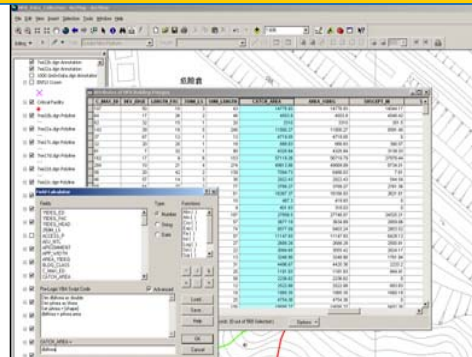
**(2) 30 interpreters review >105,000 photos**



**(3) ENTLI data were recorded using GIS-workstations, with ortho-photos and topo maps for placement of location**



**(4) Preparation of attribute tables and map sheet reports**

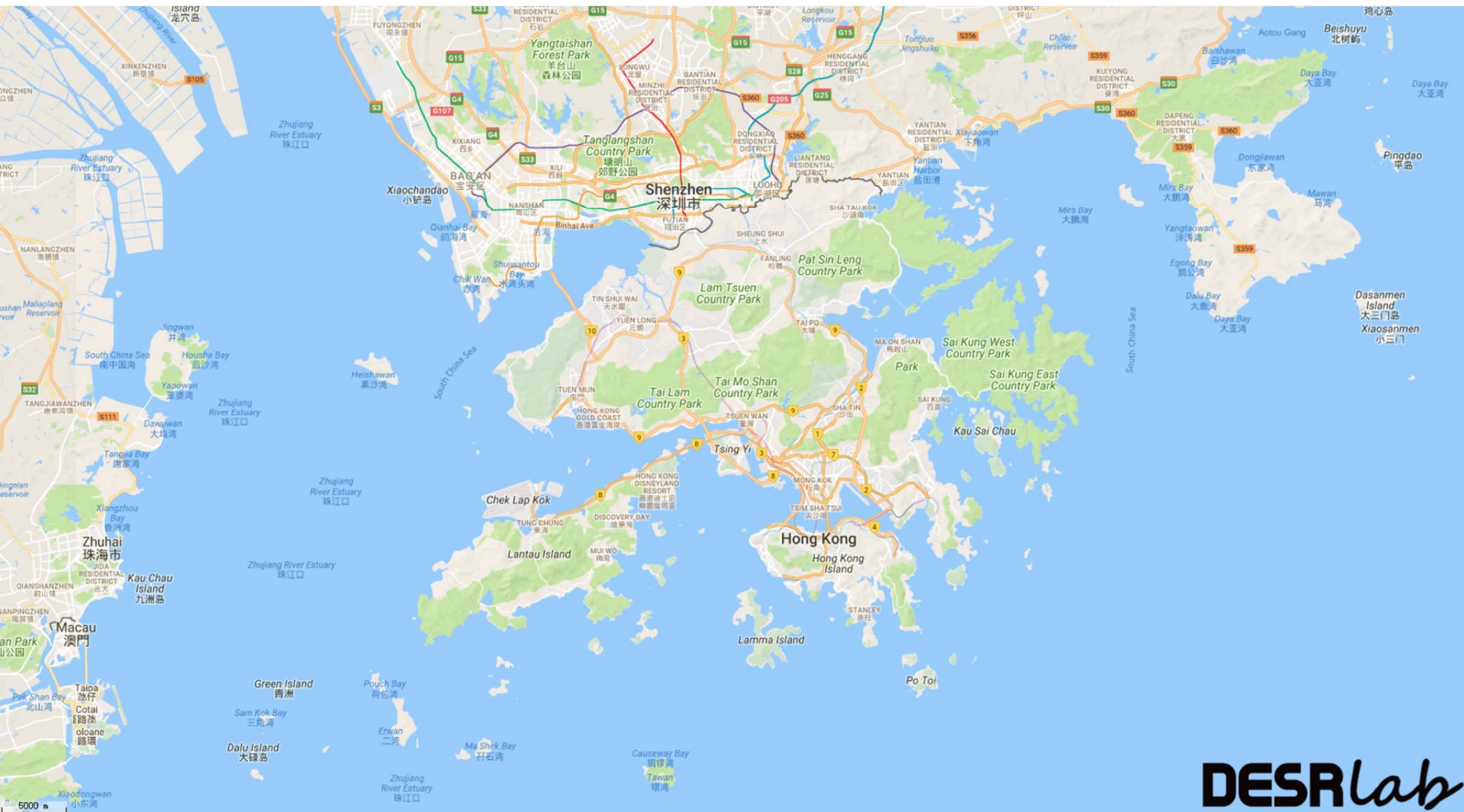


Ir Prof Ken Ho, Deputy Head of GEO, CEDD



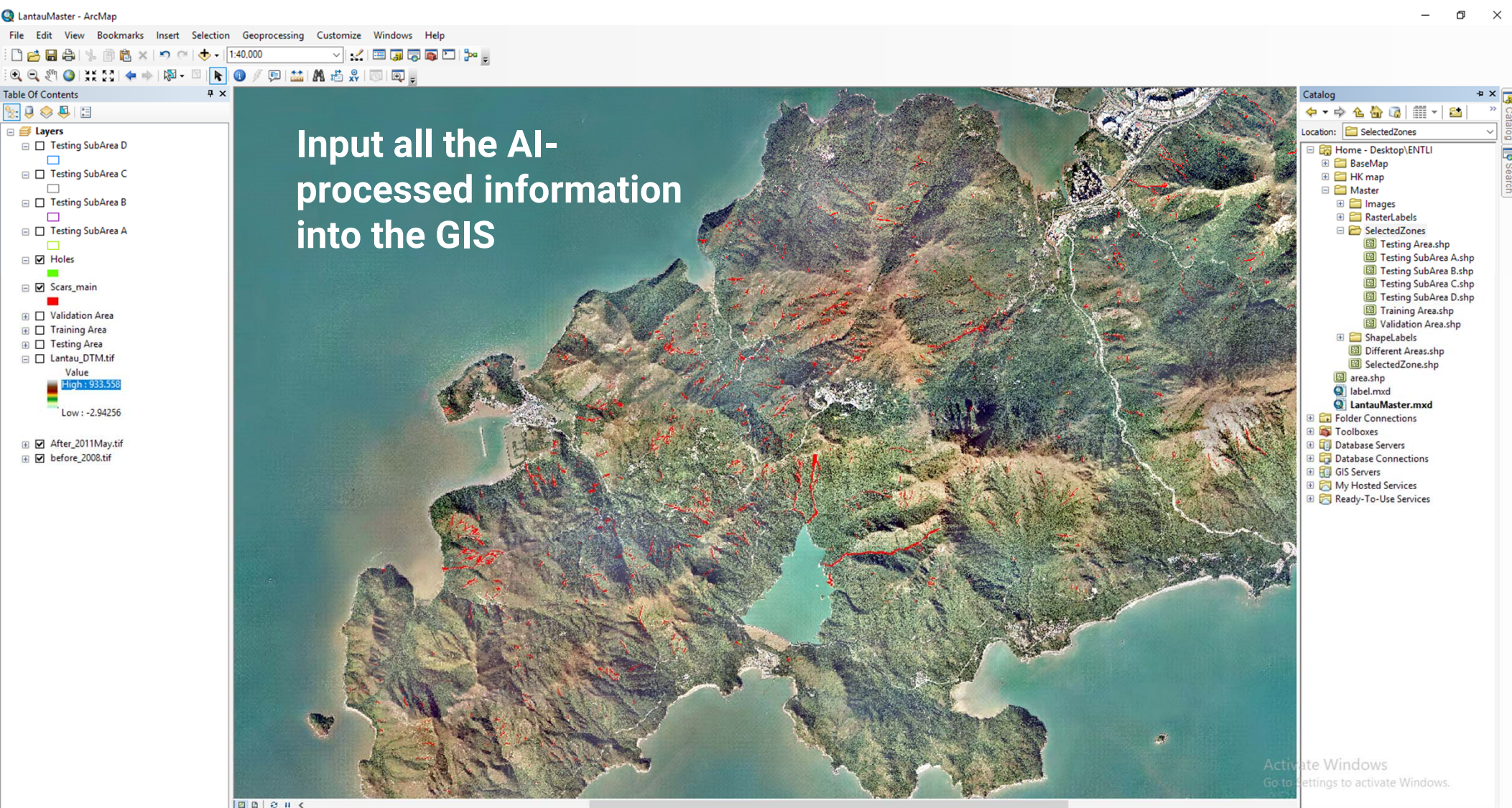
AI  
(deep learning)





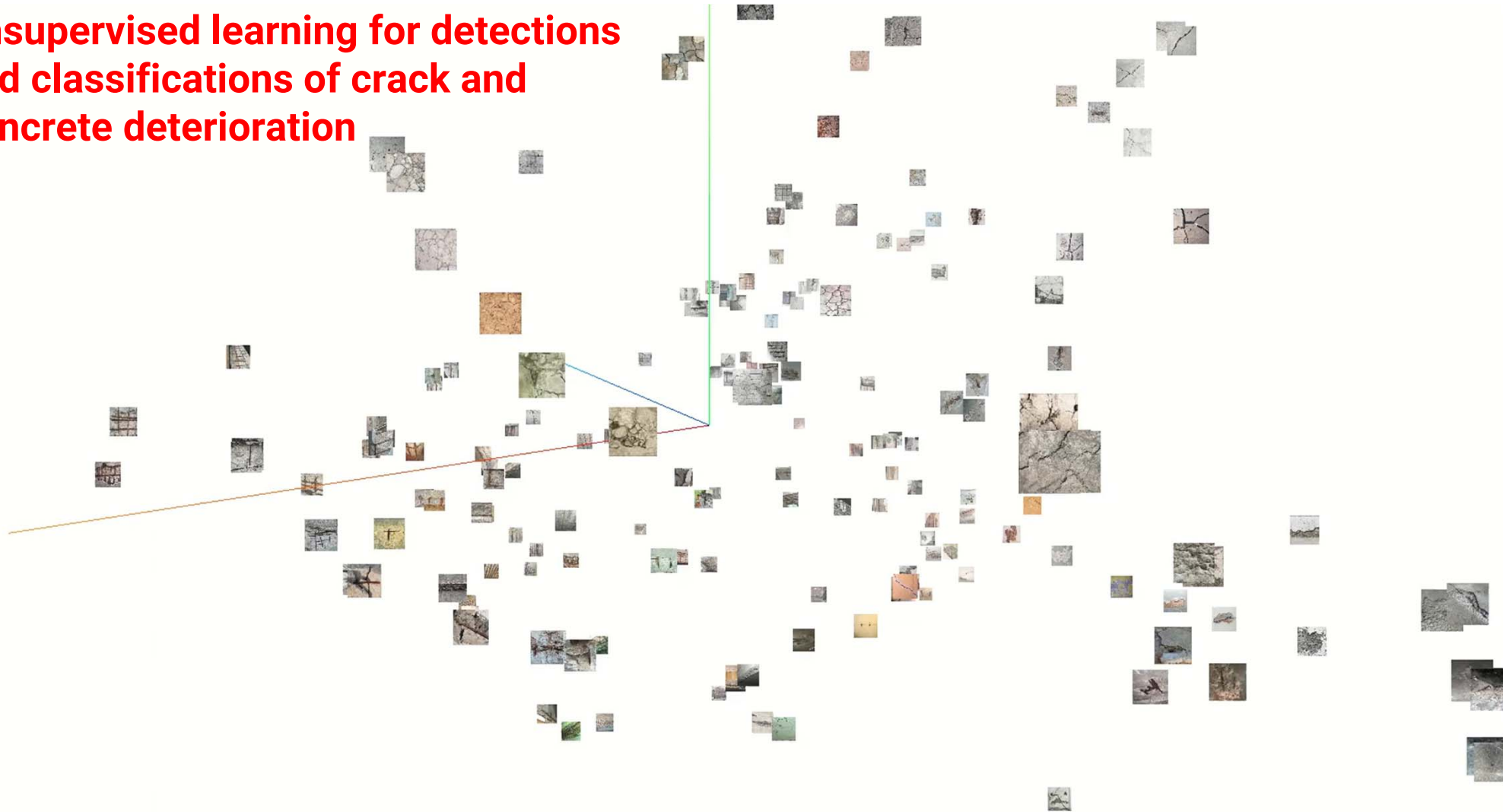
DESRLab







# Unsupervised learning for detections and classifications of crack and concrete deterioration

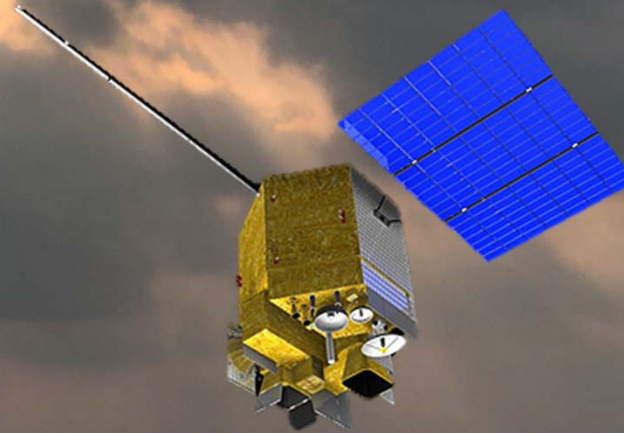


# Applications to Weather Monitoring

- Image semantic segmentation
- Monitoring of cloud tops from geostationary satellite data (Detect severe weather conditions)

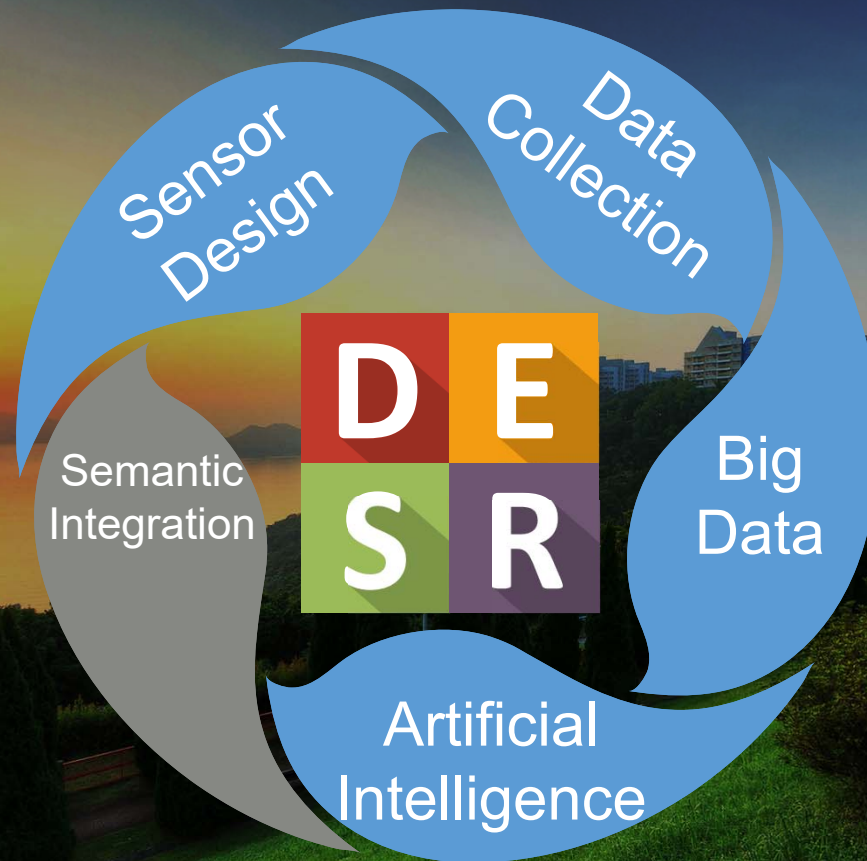


Himawari 8  
Every 10 Minutes



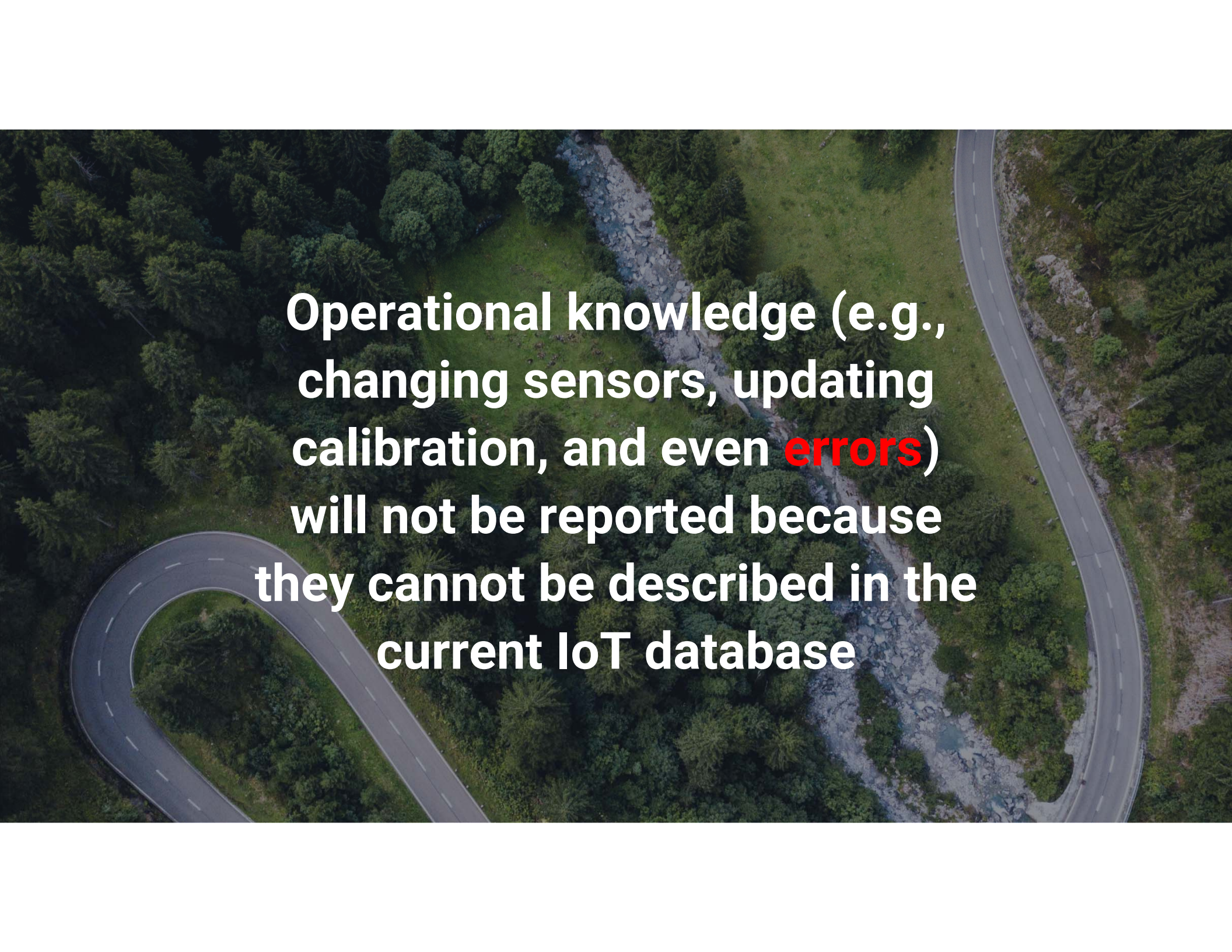
FY-4A Satellite  
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# Semantic Integration



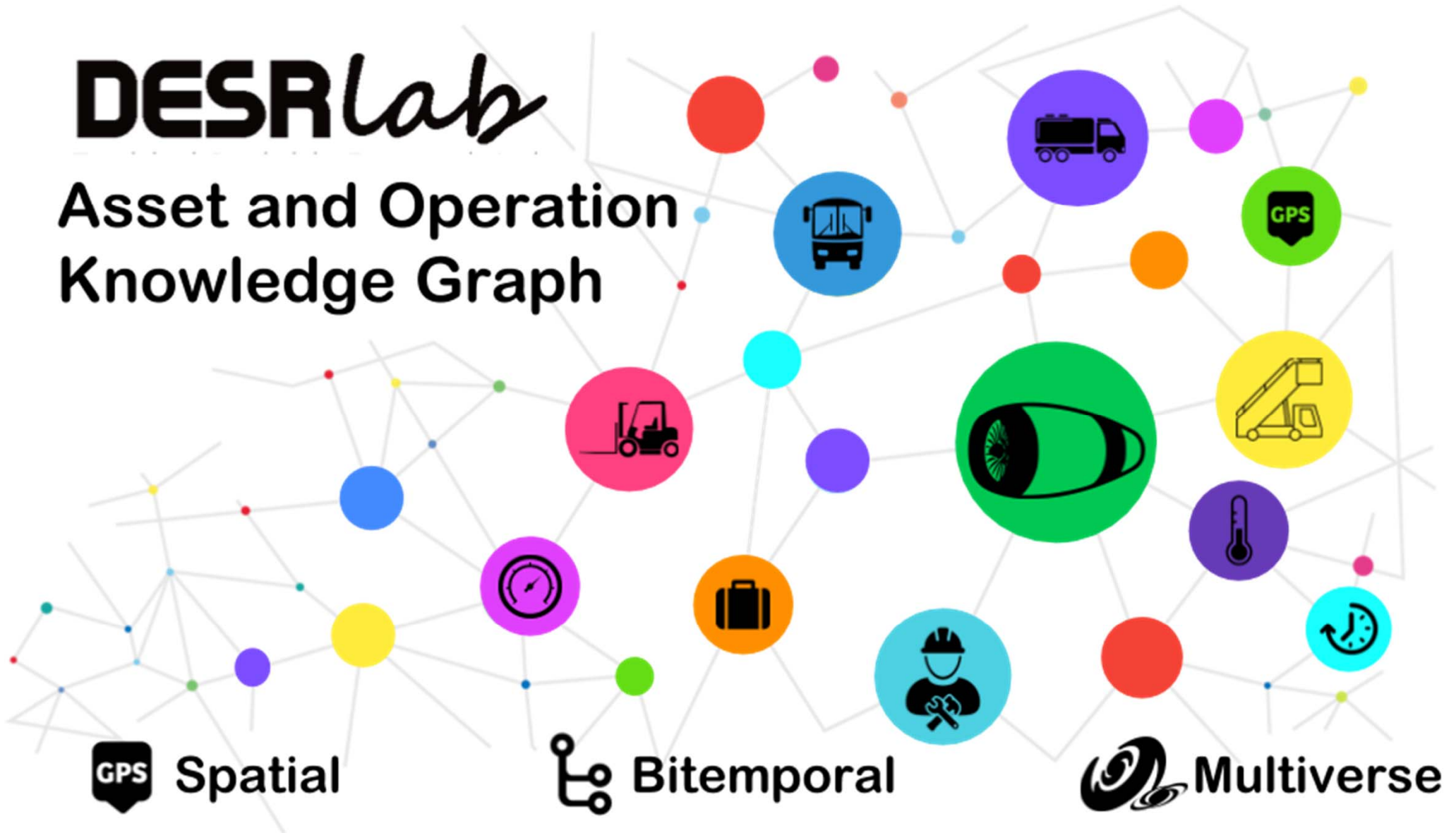
An aerial photograph showing a winding asphalt road that curves through a dense green forest. A small stream flows through the center of the image, surrounded by trees and grass. The road has white dashed lines marking the edges. The text is overlaid on the central part of the image.

**Operational knowledge (e.g.,  
changing sensors, updating  
calibration, and even **errors**)  
will not be reported because  
they cannot be described in the  
current IoT database**



# DESRLab

## Asset and Operation Knowledge Graph



# Accurate and Effective Decision Making

A full-page background image showing a vibrant sunrise over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky is a deep blue with scattered white and orange-tinted clouds. In the foreground, dark, silhouetted rocks are visible in the water. The overall scene is peaceful and inspiring.

Sunrise at the HKUST



# Human AI Partnership



Real-time Data Discovery  
+  
Predictive Modelling by AI

Human Guts for Decision-making



# DESRlab

Data-Enabled Scalable Research Laboratory

# Thank You

