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# **Applied Remote Sensing**

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- Education in Geography and Geosciences
- PhD and Habilitation in multi and hyperspectral remote sensing

#### **Research interests:**

- hyperspectral remote sensing for geo-, hydro- and biochemical parameter in different landscape types and climatic regions
- Environmental Remote sensing of mining areas and whole mine cycle
- Multitemporal approaches, phenology of crops and natural phenology
- Long term experiences in Elearning and eAssessment
- Active in leading of national and international scientific organization







# Objectives

- Introduction
- Short history
- Asssessment and selection of remote sensing data for thematic topics
- Application in global, regional and local scale
- Copernicus programme
- Market today and in the future
- Cooperation with Armenia







Source: ESA

# Introduction

"Man must rise above the Earth, to the top of the atmosphere and beyond, for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives."

Socrates, classical Greek philosopher, circa 470-399 BC

- Remote Sensing data with a long history
- RS data in your daily life
- Why remote sensing data in environmental sciences ?
- Changing data policy
- RS in the daily life









# Short history

#### **Requirements for remote sensing**

Development of:

- Plattforms
- Photography
- Photogrammetry







Daguerrotypy, Museum Vevey

#### Zeppelin and first aerial photgraphy



#### "Drones" - past and future











Animatronics ZDF/BBC





#### Platforms

#### Fixed wing



#### Starrflüg

#### ler

http://media.defenceindustrydaily.com/images/AIR\_UAV\_RQ-11 Raven lg.jpg

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#### Oktokopter

http://www.utas.edu.au/\_\_data/assets/image/000 3/276618/IMG\_7323.jpg

#### Ballon

http://kansan.com/media/2013/04/geology\_jjak owatz21.jpg

#### Platforms

- Helicopter and aircrafts
- Satelliten





http://blog.lidarnews.com/nasa-tests-lidar-2, http://radio.aalto.fi/en/research/space\_technolo gy/hutscat-mounted.jpg



#### Satellites

- First: Explorer 5, August 1959
- Today:more than 400



#### ESA: Sentinel-Family

#### Sentinel-2: scanning every part of the planet every 5 days

Sentinel-2A and 2B fly in tandem on a polar orbit. One orbit takes 90-100 minutes, with 50 minutes between the satellites. As the Earth rotates below, the two satellites see different things to form a detailed, composite image.



© DW

Source: ESA



Landsat 8, 2013 https://directory.eoportal.org/image/image\_galler

e/explorer\_6.jpgSenti

## Field work and spectral methods





Providing information on platforms and the manifold measurement set-ups



### Spectral exploration methods





ASD FieldSPec Pro FR and operator notebook<sup>1)</sup>



Spectroscopic field measurements and field sampling during summer 2010. The ASD FieldSpec is placed in a backpack.



Set up for spectroscopic lab measurements using an artificial light source.

Providing training in operating the department's instruments and accessories Providing good-practice in how to conduct spectral measurements properly



ASD FieldSpec\* Dual RS<sup>3</sup> Operation Manual 2010.; http://www.spectralevolution.com/sitebuilder/images/Trigger\_leaf\_dip4-178x204.png.http://www.spectralevolution.com/sitebuilder/images/Getac2-107x210.png, http://www.spectralevolution.com/sitebuilder/images/Desktop\_contact\_probe-201x162.jpg

## Mapping in the past and present



Chimborazo, Ecuador Alexander von Humboldt, 1839



# **Global Monitoring**

- Satellite data the only one existing data base for global monitoring, like:
  - Vegetation
  - Meteorological and hydrological parameters
  - Ocean
  - Atmosphere



ESA's Climate Change Initiative (CCI) SMOS, Aquarius, and Soil Moisture Active Passive satellite missions

#### Land Surface Anomaly, Temperature, NASA



#### Earth observation in a global scale

- NASA Earth Observatory
- Time Series of MODIS data



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Ozon hole over Antarctica Mission: Global Ozon Monitoring Experiment GOME Time series 1995 - 2019



#### See: 25 years ozon monitoring as video

https://www.dlr.de/eoc/de/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-14195/24618\_read-65956/



#### ESA's SMOS Mission

#### Soil Moisture Index Map





Corona data 1964

#### Greenland Ice Sheet Changes 1992-2018



Rate of elevation change of the Greenland Ice Sheet determined from ERS, ENVISAT and CryoSat-2 satellite radar altimetry (top row) and from the HIRHAM5 SMB model (ice equivalent; bottom row) over successive 5-yr epochs. Source: IMDIE Team, 202

# Copernicus program of ESA





- Data
- Services
- Products

https://www.copernicus.eu/en

# Deforesting



- General land use changes
- Humand related changes
- Natural related changes
- Hazards
- Different time scales



North Corea, Jim et al. 2016

# **Forest in Armenia**

Greynon forestGreenstable forestReddeforesting 2005-2010Yellowforest degradation

Dilijan National Park is renowned in particular for its dense forest, rich biodiversity, medicinal springs, natural and cultural monuments and extensive network of hiking trails. Despite this, the park is under threat from a dense human population living there, developing infrastructure, uncontrolled tourism, illegal logging, poaching and the unsustainable use of natural resources.

#### ESA's EO Clinic, Company GeoVille and SIRS

1991–2019 Forest density and class, which could be used to assess and locate deforestation or forest degradation.

## **Plastic Litter Patches in marine environment**

Class

Seawater

Seaweed Timber

Plastic

Pumice

0.8

1.0

Sea Foam



(C)

-0.2

0.0

0.2

0.4

NDVI

0.6

-0.4





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Mediterranean Sea Sentinel 2 data ESA 2020

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Open Space Innovation Platform – OSIP

Logos of the of the OSIP Campaign on Reselected proposals mote Sensing of Plastic Marine Litter

## Urban remote sensing

- settlement development
- Green areas versus sealing
- Material types
- Tempreture, heat islands
- Health risk
- Alternative energy ...
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Yerevan, 3D model Flipped Normals



Multi-buffer ring zones around city center of Kuala Lumpur, Manila and Singapore for 1989, 2001 and 2014 map



Health risk Philipinescities , Estoke et al. 2020

Boori et al 2014

## **Urban system**





Tereno 2019

# **Disasters and Natural Hazards**

- Earth quake
- Volcanic eruption
- Floods
- Fires
- Droughts
- Erosion
- Landslides
- ...



#### International Charter Space and Major Disasters





Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information (ZKI)





## **Natural Hazards and Disaster**

- World wide existing events and processes
- Needs just in time data, very actual, short term repetition
- Sensor related to the topic, like thermal data for fires, radar data for floods..
- Maps for emergency planning and aid
- Assessment under ecological aspects





Map Version 1 Processed Mon Aug 25, 2008 05:38:46 PM MD1

1988-12- 7 Gyumri



#### Center for Satellite Based Crisis Information (ZKI).DLR





RND Network









#### T NEWS · 2021-08-30 | [EMSN106] Wildfire in Ezcaray, Spain

#### MAPPING

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#### MAPPING

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#### ND RECOVERY

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#### EMSR517: Flood in Western Germany

Event Time (UTC): 2021-07-13 16:00 Event Time (LOC): 2021-07-13 18:00 Event Type: Flood (Riverine flood) Activation Time (UTC): 2021-07-13 17:11 Activation Status: Closed Affected Countries/Territories: Federal Republic of Germany Service Output: 27 products (80 maps) Delineation: 11 products (43 maps) Grading: 16 products (37 maps)

#### Authorised User:

Germany|Gemeinsames Melde- und Lagezentrum von Bund und Landern (GMLZ)

#### Activation Reason:

Heavy rains affected Rhineland-Palatinate area where a severe flood event is expected over the next few days along the river Moselle. The German Joint Information and Situation Centre (GMLZ) triggered the Copernicus EMS Rapid Mapping Service to monitor the flood evolution.





## **Forest Fires**

- Increasing worldwide
- Natural and man made
- Heavy influence to human
- Heavy influence to ecosystem
- Actual monitoring
- Monitoring after the event
- Asseesment of process



## Floods and long term impact to the environment





**Examples from Germany** 

River Elbe, Mulde Saale

Extrem flood events 2002, 2006, 2010, 2013



High water level



Landsat5-TM (27.08.2002)

s km

Birger (2004)

- Upper section of rivers in old industrial and abandoned mine sites
- High concentration of contaminants in river sediments
- Activating of these sediments during extreme flood events
- River water flow through brown sites and mine dumps
- Transportation, sedimentation and

accumulation in the lower parts of the river









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#### **Endmember detection: classification of erosion**



(A) Erosion holocene sediments



(B) Bare soils with accumulation



(C) Bare soils with crop residues



(D) vital vegetation

Low Endmember Black 100%)



High

Endmembers

White 100%)

(E) Water bodies



Composite Image from abundances A (Red)

- B (Green)
- C) (Blue)



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#### Klassifikation von Hochflutsedimenten – airbone Daedalus data





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#### Flood event in Germany, June 2013









#### SPOT-6, 06.08.2018



## Iso Cluster Unsupervised Classification



#### SPOT-6



**Segment Mean Shift** 



#### RE, 05.06.2013



Flood detection and flood mapping -- > NDVI vs. WalMa





WaLMa (Water Land Mask) (Zober 2002, Groth 2016) (NIR-(0.321\*RED))\*10

#### Impact of floodplain morphology on flood extend







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DEM 1: © LVermGeo Sachsen-Anhalt/GeoBasis-DE/BKG





#### Impact of flood events on plant height







#### Impact of flood sediments on vegetation spectra







Pot experiment (3 years)



• 4 soils with different levels of heavy metal contamination



- 5 different dominant floodplain plants
  - Artemisia vulgaris, Urtica dioica, Phalaris arundinacea, Alopecurus pratensis, Alopecurus geniculatus



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#### Absorption feature of heavy metal content in plants

**CR1725** 0,38 0,7 0,36 Low heavy metal contamination 0,34 High heavy metal contamination 0,6 0,32 **Beflectance** 0,28 0,26 0,5 Reflectance 0,4 0,3 0,24 0,22 0,2 0,2 1.660 1.690 1.720 1.750 1.780 1.600 1.630 0,1 Wavelength [nm] 0 350 550 750 950 1.150 1.350 1.550 1.750 1.950 2.150 2.350 Wavelength [nm]

Spectral measurements of the pot experiment, wetland vegetation with various heavy metal pollution

Götze et al. 2010





#### **Results airbone Hymap data**

Transfer to remote sensing data

Legend Heavy metal contamination level

> 1 low 2 moderate 3 middle-moderate 4 middle Limit for grasslands 5 high

6 critical

**EnMAP** HyMap from HyEurope campaigne











Related to the project EnviMetal







Quelle: http://dradiowissen.de/beitrag/phytomining-mit-pflanzen-schwermetalle-gewinnen

#### Background:

- Increase in frequency and intensity of flood events
- Enrichment of heavy metals (HM) in flood areas

#### Aim:

Spatial monitoring of floodplain ecosystems
Spatial assessing vegetation stress and potential ecotoxicological effects using FE methods

#### **Challenges:**

- Various influencing factors (vegetation, soil, terrain...)
- HM accumulation is element & plant-specific
- seasonal effects, spatial & temporal dynamics
- Natural vs HM-induced vevegtation stress









#### Aims in the course:

- Analysis of the relationship between vegetation spectral properties and plant parameters (growth heights, SPAD values, chemical soil and vegetation values)
- Analysis of the relationship between vegetation indices and fine relief









## Measurement points

- Trimble AgGPS<sup>®</sup> RTK Base 450
- X, Y, Z coordinates
- Data format: shape file

### **Field spectra**

- Measured along cross sections in representative morphological units
- ASD FieldSpec Pro FR (350-2500 nm)



**SPAD-values** 

#### **Vegetation heights**

#### **Chemical properties**

	Concentration (mg kg <sup>-1</sup> )				
	Cu	Pb	Zn	Cd	Ni
Ø Sinks	68.19	110.64	253.00	1.54	37.24
Ø Terraces	53.33	77.40	211.77	1.16	36.71
Ø Plateaus	52.81	80.35	227.43	1.40	35.90
Ø Total	58.11	89.46	230.73	1.37	36.62
Min	40.66	60.83	165.43	0.79	31.00
Max	109.00	138.83	432.77	3.29	45.33













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**Results: Correlations between** vegetation spectral data, SPAD and HM values.





Darstellung der Feinmorphologie in Abhängigkeit von der räumlichen Auflösung





#### Riedel, 2018

## Example: Assessing changes in post-mining landscapes

#### Remote Sensing in the mine life cycle



• Quali- and quantitative assessment of the raw material inventory



#### Active mining

- Monitoring of ongoing mining activities
- Mapping the spatial extend of mining areas, assessing potentiality



#### Reclamation

- Monitoring of bio- and geochemical processes
- Observation of mining lakes and hydrochemical parameters





#### Introduction anthopogenic landscapes

- Mining activties worldwide existing
- Devastation of the whole landscape
- After the period of active mining development of complete new landscape types with very special condition
- Parts of these new landscape are *new nature reserve areas, like drylands, oligotrophic areas, openland areas*







## **Post mining landscapes**



- Complete new ecosystem, highly dynamic area
  - Anthropogenic processes (geotechnical works, reforesting, flooding of mines with surface water)
  - Natural processes ( erosion, succession of vegetation, ascending ground water









#### Time series of Landsat TM data





## Iron concentration [mg I<sup>-1</sup>]



## pH value





## Chla-concentration [µg l<sup>-1</sup>]



## Vegetation is coming back!







# Vegetation structures in the post mining landscape

 Areas of spontaneous succession in the open mines



 Longtime areas of succession









#### Classification of CASI data Sand dry lown areas, Combined Parallelepiped - Maximum-Likelihood-Algorithm

Gray hairgrass swards



Lichen and moss rich grey hairgrass swards





#### One plant type- *calamgrostis epigejos* as indicator for ph-values – test site Bohemia





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## Unmixing results



Beyer et al. 2012



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## Example: Advanced geological RS for laterite mapping







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#### Measuring rock samples in the lab for assessing their spectral properties



Lateritic duricrust

Target Class	Mineral Composition
Lateritic duricrust	Hematite, Quartz, Kaolinite, Boehmite, Gibbsite
Lateritic gravel	Hematite, Quartz, Kaolinite, Maghemite, Lepidocrocite
Clay zone	Quartz, Nontronite, Antigorite, Epidote, Muscovite, Diopside, Albite



Lateritic gravel



Clay zone sample













## Land Use in Arid Environment

Exampe: Negev Desert in Israel

Phenology


März 20 Tel Aviv Jerusalem Negev (RapidEye image, Resa project no. 597) Heterogenous landscape Long Term Ecological Research Site

- ExpEER Ecosystem Research
- Different vegetation types with differing phenology





ENVPRO

- Annual & perennial vegetation, biolog. crusts
- Large variety and heterogenity in spatial distribution and cover density
- Sensitive response to precipitation

#### Aim:

Remote assessment of the phenology of the different vegetation units within the LTER site



ENVPRO







ENV PRO







### Used remote sensing data

#### Rapid Eye data (spectral bands):

Blue	440-510 nm
Green	520-590 nm
Red	630-685 nm
Red Edge	690-730 nm
NIR	760-850 nm



http://www.dlr.de/rd/desktopdefault. aspx/tabid-2440/3586\_read-5336/

#### RapidEye time-series in CIR (5/3/2), spatial resolution: 5 m



(01-Dec-2012)



(17-Jan-2013)



(26-Feb-2013)





ENV PRO











## Results – Spatial distribution of natural vegetation







ENV









#### Heracleum mantegazzianum (giant hogweed):

- Short-lived shrub, height of growth: 2 5 m
- Photodermatitis on contact and sunlight
- Displacement of other species
- Increased risk of erosion at water margins
- Treatment is time-consuming and costly and requires detailed knowledge of occurrences



Photos: Meißner 2014/2015, Götze 2014

#### RS methods offer great potential for detecting giant hogweed!

- Only few studies available
- Basic knowledge about spectral properties is required
- Knowledge of mixed spectral signatures is crucial



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#### Utilised data:

- Field spectra
- Field photos
- Field mapping data
- GPS coordinates

 Several RapidEye images, March – September 2014

> http://www.dlr.de/rd/desktopdefault. aspx/tabid-2440/3586\_read-5336/





ENV PRO





1 GHW leaf I (Sweet Lake) 0,9 •• GHW leaf II (Sweet Lake) 0,8 GHW leaves (Wimm.) 0,7 0,6 0,5 0,4 •• GHW dirty leaf (Wimm.) - GHW dark green leaves (Wimm.) 0,3 0,2 0,1 750 850 950 1050 1150 1250 1350 1450 1550 1650 1750 1850 1950 2050 2150 2250 2350 350 450 550 650 Wavelength (nm)



Visual inspection and assessment of the spectra

Integration of phenpological changes!



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Advanced data analysis: Quantification and parameterisation of spectral features (e.g.

positions and depths of absorptions) followed by statistical analyses



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Mischspektren (weiße Blüte - grünes Blatt) 1 Generation of synthetic spectral mixtures RBK\_Blatt\_dunkel\_2014-07-18\_Wi -RBK\_Bluete\_weissl\_2014-07-18\_Wi 0,9 Mischspektrum 90:10 Mischspektrum 80:20 Mischspektrum 70:30 0,8 Mischspektrum 60:40 0,7 — Mischspektrum 20:80 — Mischspektrum 10:90 0,6 Reflexionsgrad 0,3 0,2 0,1 1350 Wellenlänge (nm)



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#### Analysis of RapidEye data for <u>spatio-temporal</u> mapping GH occurences

	10.03.	27.03.	16.04.	04.06.	04.07.	17.07.	06.09.
Multiband Thresholding	-	-	x	x	x	(x)	-
VIO (Permutation)	-	-	-	x	-	-	-
Matched Filtering	-	-	-	x	-	-	-

Dates of RapidEye imagery and applicability of different detection methods





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# How to select remote sensing data für a special topics and objectives?

- Is the topic relevant to information in remote sensing data?
- Which scale is relevant?
- Which spectral infromation I need?
- Which spatial infromation I need?
- Which actuality is necessary?
- Which temporal resulution ) need?
- Budget!!!
- Huge data sets of free available remote sensing data and software
- Goodle Earth Engine, European Open Science Cloud, Zoom Ertrh and others.





## Conclusion

- Short overview about applied remote sensing
- Selected exampes related to scales, topics and remote sensing data
- Remote Sensing data today basic geodata
- Geodata as " Ressources of the 21 century"
- Free data and software available
- Extremly crowing market





Next lectures on Saturday GIS and Geodata Management Practical Remote Sensing and GIS

## YOU ARE WELCOME!

