# Remote Sensing and Machine Learning for Disaster Response

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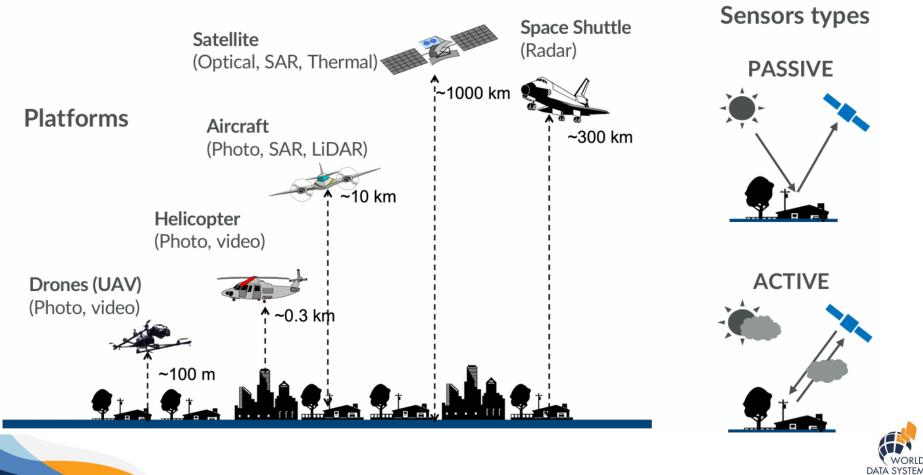
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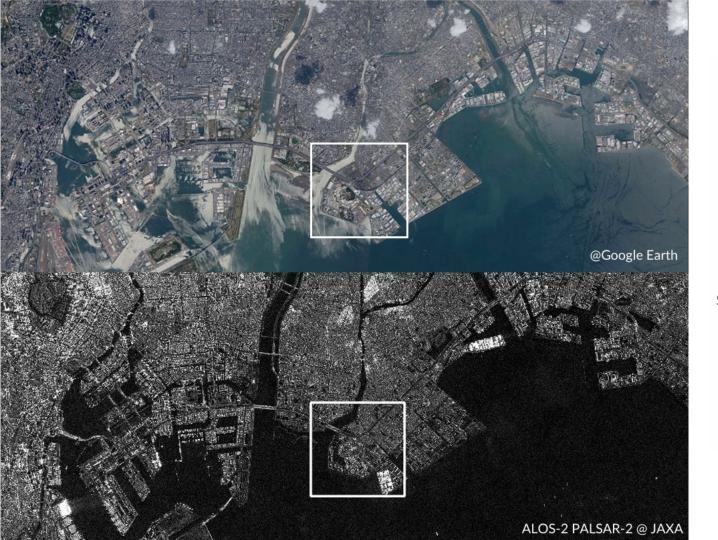
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- 2015.5-2016.4 Post-doctoral, University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France.
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- 2014.11-2015.4 **Visiting scientist**, *Nanjing University*, Nanjing, China. Segmentation and classification of hyperspectral data. Host: Prof. Peijun Du

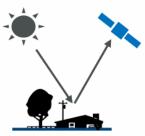
## EARTH OBSERVATION PLATFORMS





### Sensors types

**Optical Imaging** 



Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)



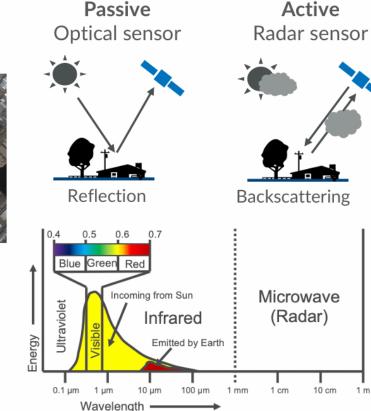


## EARTH OBSERVATION SENSORS

**Optical image** 



- + Easy to interpret+ Useful for classification
- Useless with cloud



Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)



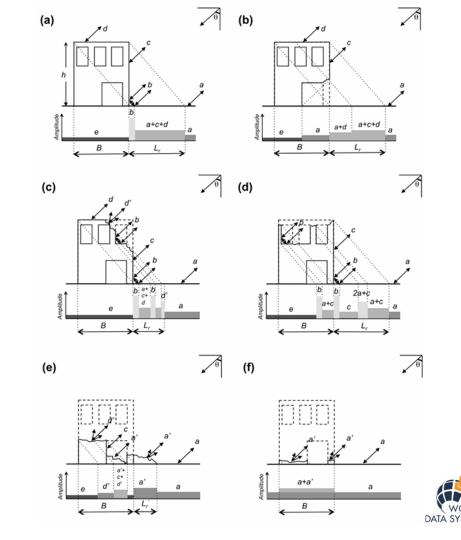
- + Weather and daylight independence
- + Useful for 3D modeling & deformation calculations
- Not easy to interpret
- Long processing chain



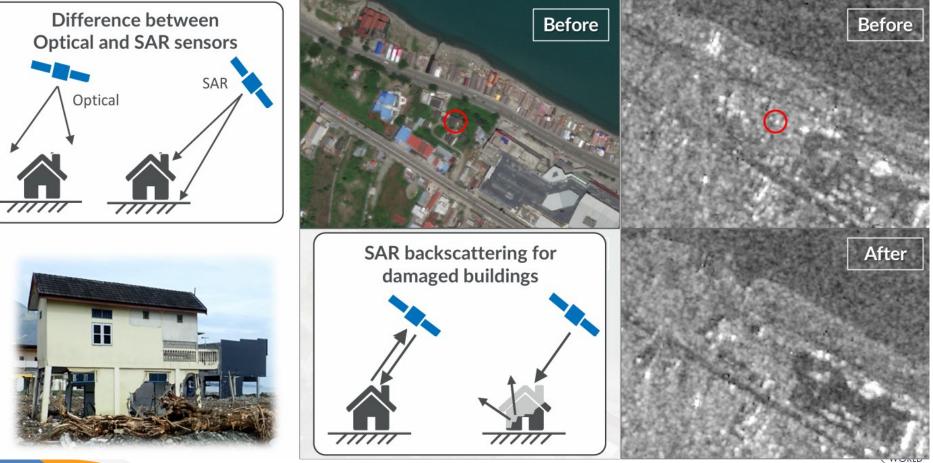
### CHARACTERISTICS OF SAR BACKSCATTERING IN DAMAGED BUILDINGS

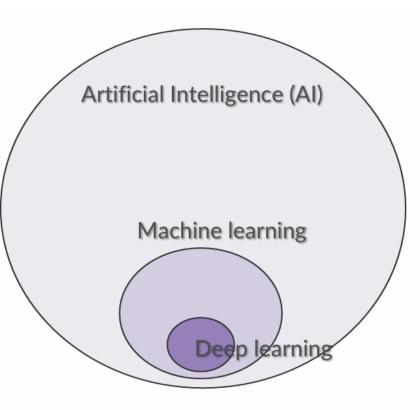
Electromagnetic Waves reflect and are sensed differently based on the conditions of the damaged building.

We use this feature to estimate the damage to buildings in an area after a disaster.



### EO AND BUILDING DAMAGE



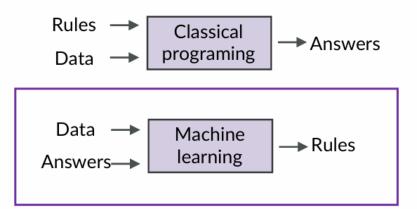


### Machine learning (ML)

• Perform a specified task by learning from data, using statistical algorithms, and generalize to unseen data.

### Deep learning (DL)

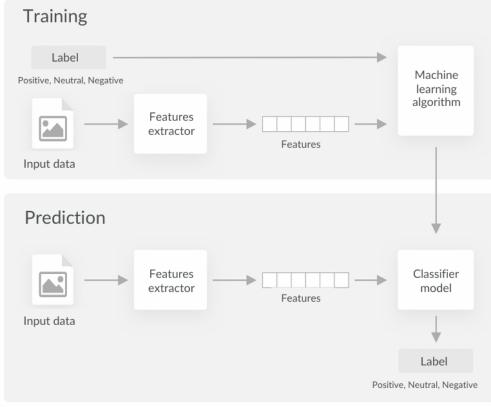
• DL algorithms are inspired by the information processing patterns found in the human brain.





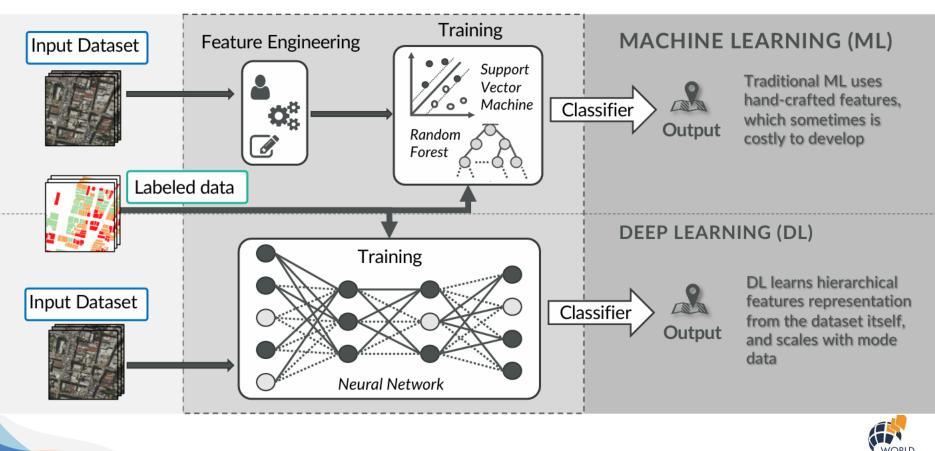
# How does machine learning work?

- Feed a machine learning model training input data.
- Training labeled data with a desired output. The model transforms the training data into text vectors – numbers representing data features.
- Test your model by feeding it testing (or unseen) data.



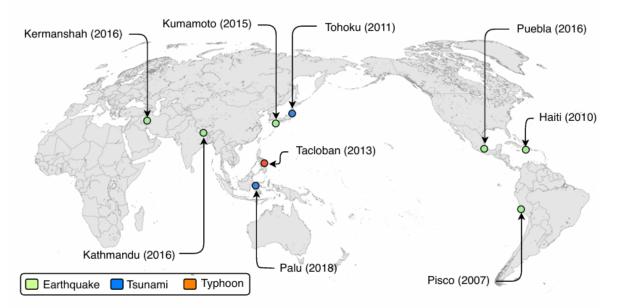


### MACHINE LEARNING & REMOTE SENSING FOR DAMAGE MAPPING

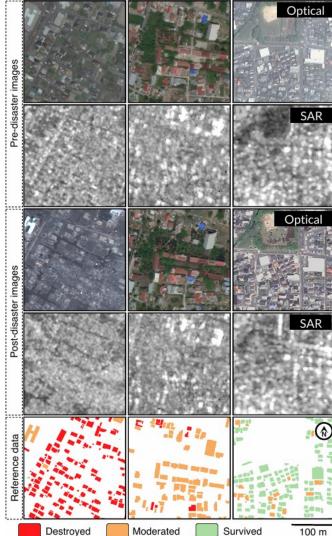


DATA SYSTEM

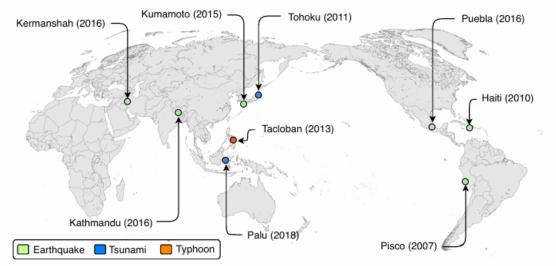
### EARTHQUAKE DATASET TSUNAMI (BDD)



- Multitemporal optical dataset (WorldView-2/3, Pleiades, etc.)
- Multitemporal SAR dataset (X-band and L-band)
- Primary earthquake and tsunami disasters
- Three categories of building damage



### EARTHQUAKE DATASET TSUNAMI (BDD)



Event	Remote sensing data		Building damage dataset	
	Optical	SAR	Source	Polygons
Pisco	QuickBird	ALOS	CISMID	3,164
Haiti	WorldView-2/3	TerraSAR-X	UNOSAT	2,036
Tohoku	WorldView-2/3	TerraSAR-X	MLIT	14,047
Haiyan	WorldView-2	COSMO-SkyMed	ЛСА	21,196
Nepal	SPOT 6/7	ALOS-2	UNOSAT	1,710
Kumamoto	Pleiades	TerraSAR-X	GSI	11,469
Puebla	<b>SPOT 6/7</b>	ALOS-2	UNOSAT	777
Kermanshah	WorldView-2/3	ALOS-2	UNOSAT	1,052
Palu	WorldView-2/3	COSMO-SkyMed	Copernicus EMS	5,745

Damage level	Buildings	Description
Destroyed	16,542	Completely collapsed or washed away
Moderately Damaged	28,112	Visible changes in and around the building
Survived	78,799	The building appears undisturbed



### **Specific objectives**

- Modal fusion of Optical and SAR imagery for damage mapping.
- Cross-modal of optical and SAR imagery for damage mapping.





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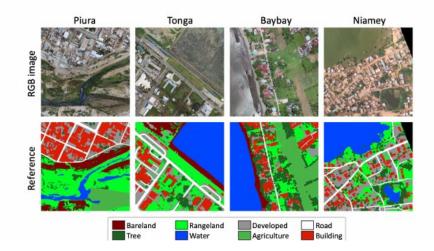
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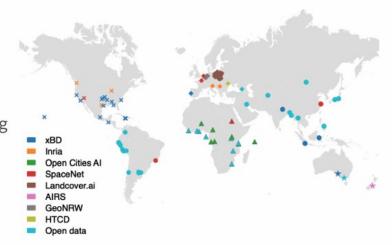


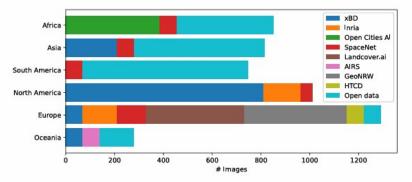
# **OpenEarthMap:**

A Benchmark Dataset for Global High-resolution Land Cover Mapping

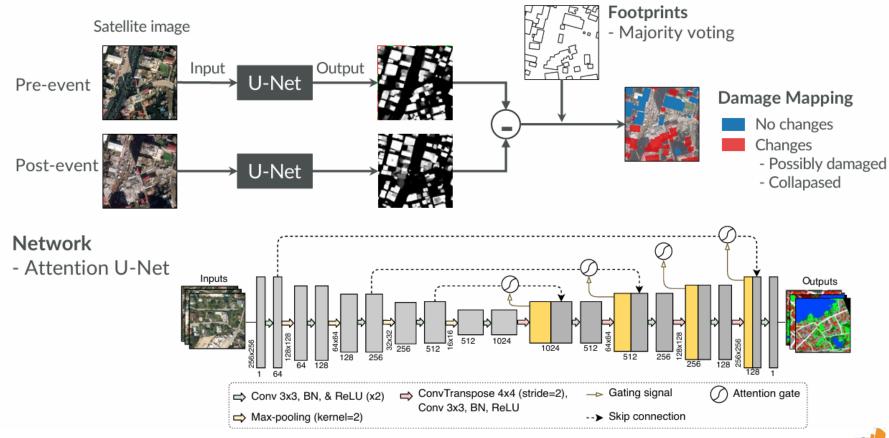
- A benchmark dataset for global sub-meter level land cover mapping
- $\bullet$  Key features: geographic diversity & annotation quality
- OpenEarthMap models generalize across the globe













# ISLAHIYE MAXAR PRE-EVENT IMAGE







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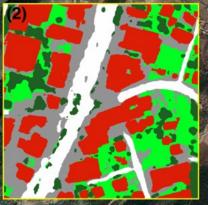
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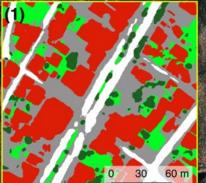


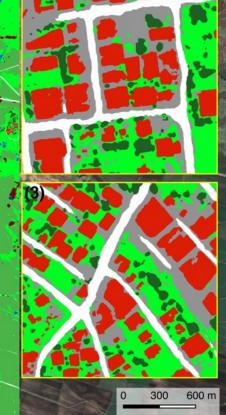


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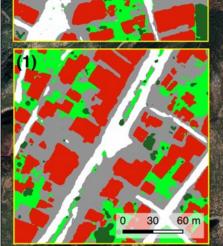
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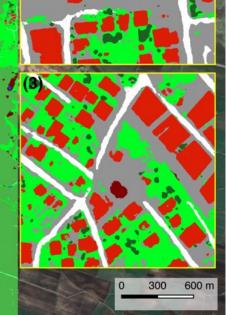


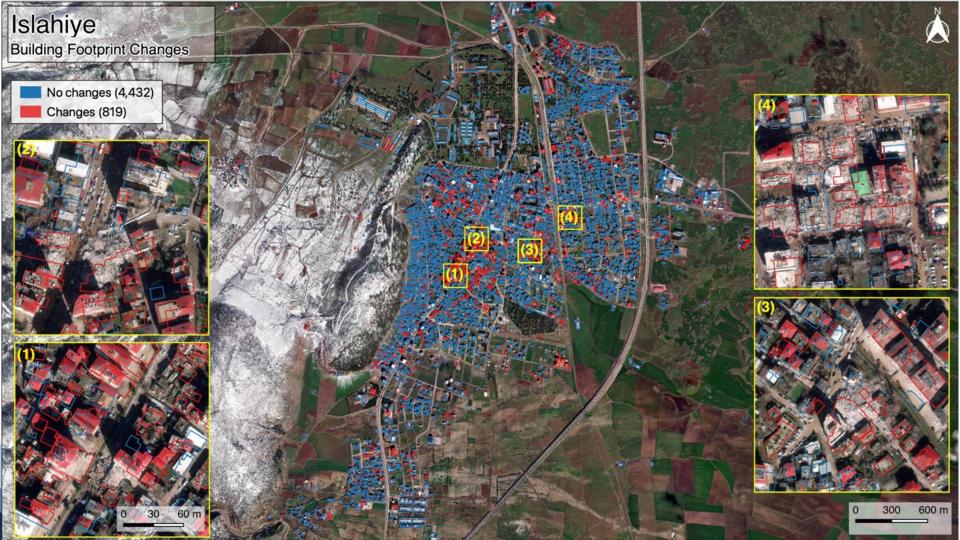




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Thank you!



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# **Fine Disaster Data Acquisition and Application**

# Feng Zhang



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automated, and streamlined service for disaster reduction response.

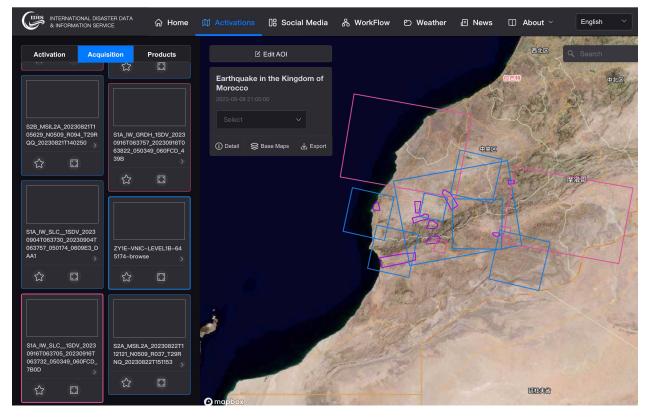
- Why precise AOI is vital for data retrieval
- How to collect remote sensing data and social media data automatically and effectively
- Extend damage dataset for Intelligent
   Disaster Information Extraction
- ✓ Disaster response case studies



International Disaster Data & Information Service platform ID<sup>2</sup>IS https://www.chinageoss.cn/iddis



- AOI, Area of Interest, the affected area of disaster.
- Provide a specific range to filter out which remote sensing images can reflect the situation of the disaster.



#### Earthquake in Afghanistan October 2023

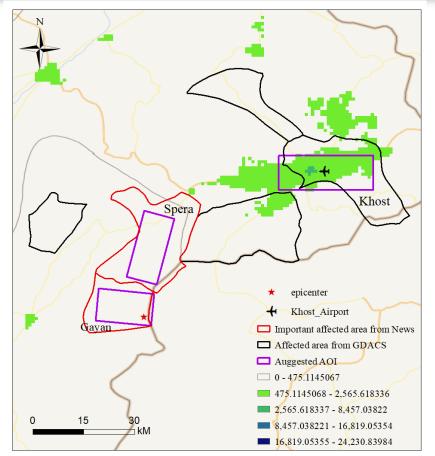
On October 7, 2023, a strong earthquake had shaken parts of western Afghanistan, with up to 2,000 feared dead and many injured. It was followed by three very strong aftershocks, measuring magnitude 6.3, 5.9 and 5.5, as well as lesser shocks<sup>[1]</sup>.

On October 11, 2023, another quake of the same magnitude struck nearby<sup>[2]</sup>.

On October 15, 2023, 6.3 magnitude earthquake occurred in the same region. Four people have died and over 150 have been taken to a local hospital with injuries<sup>[3]</sup>.

[2] "Quake in Afghanistan leaves rubble, funerals and survivors struggling with loss | AP News." Accessed: Oct. 25, 2023.
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[3] "Afghanistan hit by powerful earthquake week after massive quake." Accessed: Oct. 17, 2023. [Online]. Available: https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2023/10/15/afghanistan-hit-by-powerful-earthquake/71195014007/



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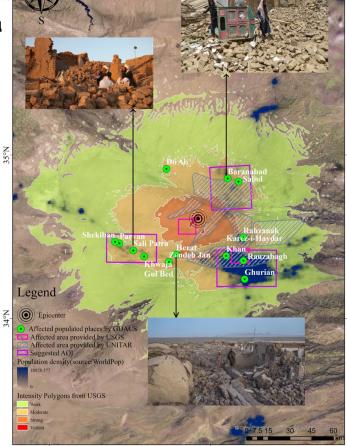


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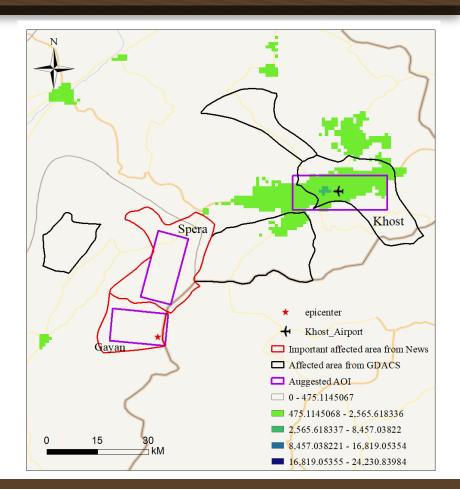
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### **Disaster Data Retrieval**







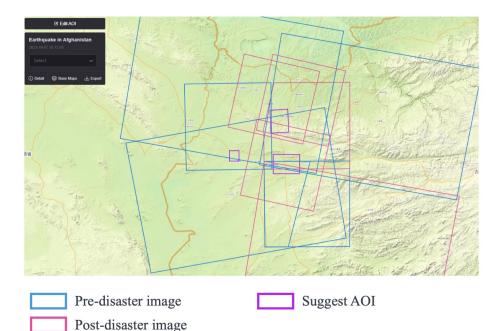


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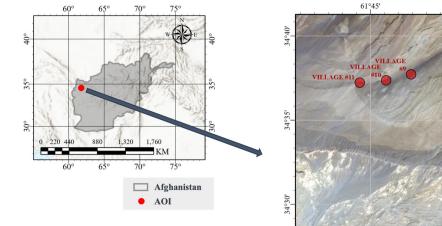


### **Remote Sensing Data**

- As of Oct. 23, 2023, 108 scenes of images including GF1, HJ2, CB04A, Sentinel, Maxer, etc. have been automatically collected.
- Images were filtered according to the quality description of the metadata, which requires the cloud cover to be less than 5%.
- 70 scenes of pre-disaster images and 38 scenes of post-disaster images were collected.



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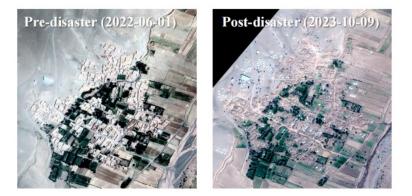


This report focuses on the Afghanistan earthquake on October 7, 2023. The hard-hit areas are mainly in rural areas in the north-west of Herat province. We conducted visual interpretation of building damage in the affected areas of more than 10 villages. The results showed that about 100% of the houses were damaged to varying degrees, and more than 75% were completely ruined.

All post-disaster images were from JiLin-1satellite, and all pre-disaster images were from Google Earth Pro platform.

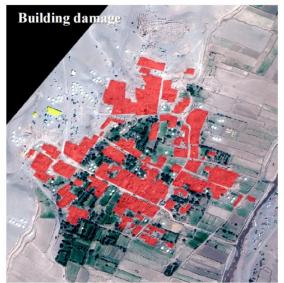


- Earthquake in Afghanistan October 2023 VILLAGE #1
  - **Q** (34.57°N, 61.97°E)



Minor Damage
 Destroyed





 Earthquake in Afghanistan October 2023 VILLAGE #3
 Q (34.56°N, 61.97°E)







Minor Damage

Destroyed



Earthquake in Afghanistan October 2023
 VILLAGE #11
 Q (34.62°N, 61.74°E)



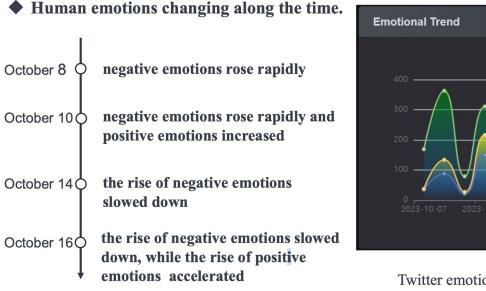


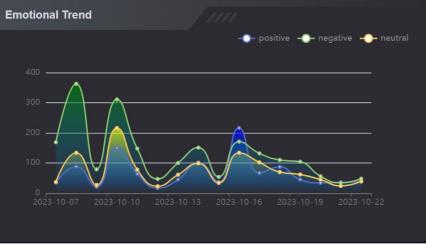


Minor Damage Major Damage Destroyed



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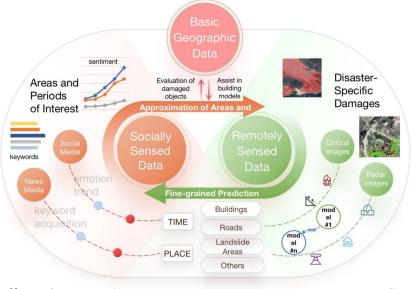




Twitter emotional trend / Oct. 07, 2023 — Oct. 23, 2023

### II. Automated Acquisition & Collaborative Analysis of Disaster Data

 Precise AOI extraction combining remote sensing and social media data



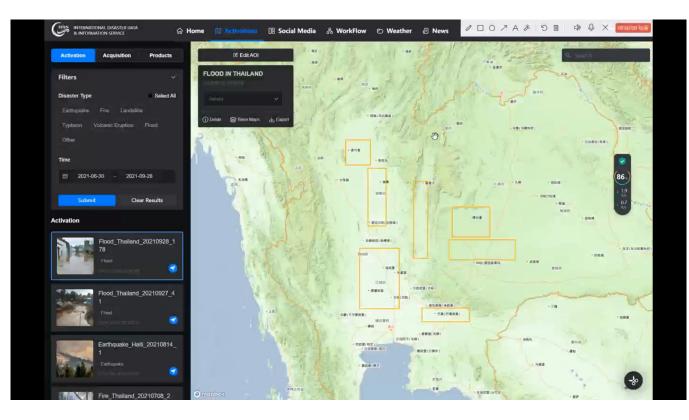
 Collaborative extraction of disaster information from remote sensing and social media data

- From social media data, extract affected areas using geoparsing of places.
- Derive main AOIs by integrating: ① the affected extent from remote sensing data, ② affected areas extracted from social media data, and ③ officially reported disaster zones.

- Extract coarse disaster information from social media using geo-parsing and sentiment analysis
- Use remote sensing data for granular disaster information.
- <u>Collaboratively leverage</u> social media and remote sensing data to extract multi-perspective, multi-scale disaster information.

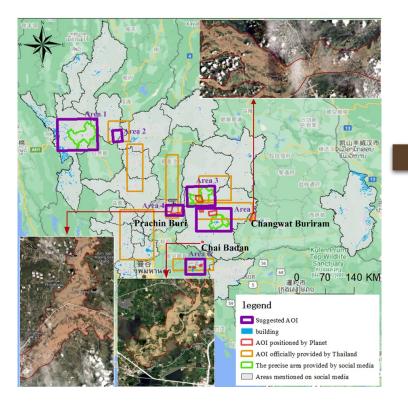
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### Precise AOI extraction from multi-source data (Thailand Flooding, 2021.9)



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#### AOI extraction incorporates following data sources:

- Basic AOI data provided by the Thai government
- Disaster AOI from **Planet satellite** remote sensing data
- AOI from social media images posted on Twitter
- **Building distribution and administrative boundary** data from OpenStreetMap and DIVA-GIS platforms
- A comprehensive analysis identifies recommended AOI areas for focused attention.



★ Extracting precise AOI affected by the disaster provides a crucial spatial window for **coordinating satellite-based disaster data acquisition based on CDDR.** 

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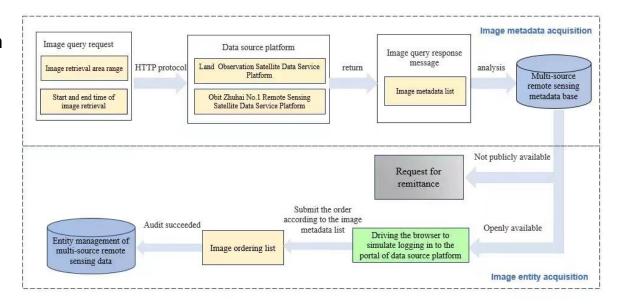
### Multi-source Remote Sensing(RS) data retrieval, aggregation

Public RS data automated aggregation from domestic and international sources

Employ an asynchronous acquisition strategy, utilizing open APIs provided by open data platforms.

 Coordinate commercial RS data collecting from domestic and international sources

Obtain data from the Chang Guang, Gaofen, Zhuhai-1, and etc. satellite constellations via **CDDR** (ChinaGEO Disaster Data Response ) mechanism; access Planet data through the Charter mechanism.

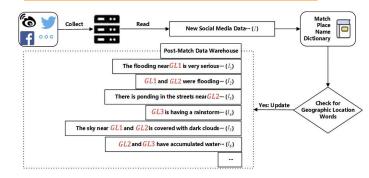


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# Social media disaster data retrieval, aggregation, and processing

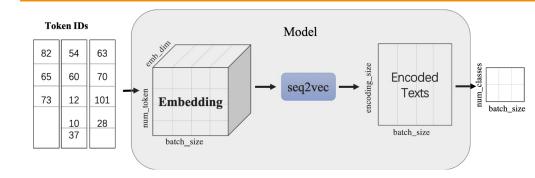
We have an integrated system for collecting multi-platform social media data:

- Real-time social media data acquisition based on the Twitter API
- · Historical Twitter social media data retrieval based on web crawling
- · Chinese news media data retrieval based on web crawling
- English news media data retrieval based on web crawling



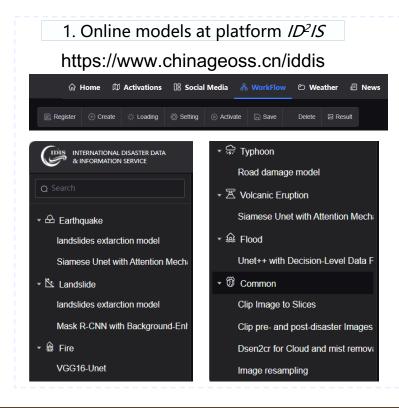
**Extraction of location information** 

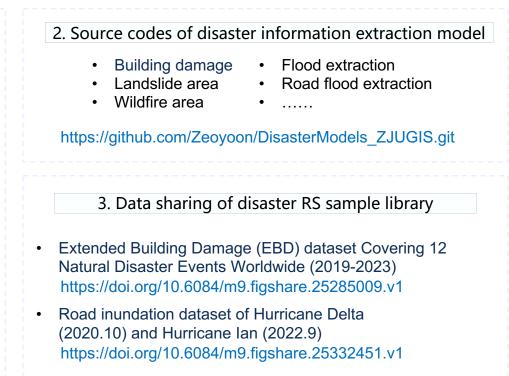
### Training and information extraction by topic-based text models





### Models, codes and datasets availability





# Disaster information extraction at different spatial levels



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focuses on **the overall disaster assessment**, based on the global situation and high-dimensional features of the whole image, and has a medium-high spatial resolution

With the development of very-high-resolution satellite sensors such as **WorldView**, **SuperView**, **Gaofen**, and etc. , the details of ground objects reflected in images are becoming clearer

Objectlevel  Focuses on the localization and identification of damaged object on post-disaster images

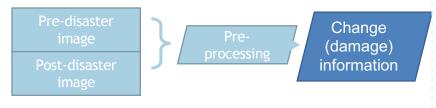
**Pixel-level** 

Focuses on the **fine-grained disaster information**, based on the pixel-level feature classification

# Damage information extraction based on single-temporal (post-disaster) image



### Damage information extraction based on bi-temporal (pre- and post-disaster) images



## **11. Semi-supervised construction of Disaster Sample Library**

### Importance of sample library

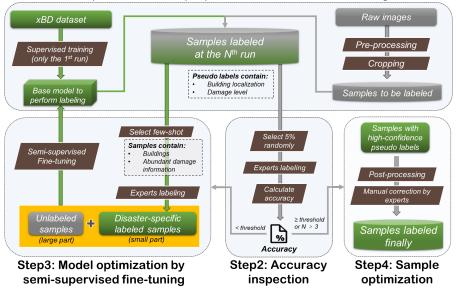
- **1. It establishes benchmarks** for precisely identify disaster-affected areas and systematically evaluating the disaster levels.
- 2. Research site: Sample library's accurately annotated examples across diverse scenarios allow development of robust <u>machine</u> <u>learning models</u> tailored for disaster applications
- **3.** Application site: Sample library can serve as a knowledge base that can be referred to when a new natural disaster occurs, and aid emergency response and quick mapping

# Challenges of sample library construction

- Existing disaster-related RS datasets largely focus on specific disaster types or events, lacking transferability to new disaster scenarios.
- Existing disaster-related RS datasets mostly remain static, lacking scalability and extensibility.
- 3. Manual annotation for constructing the library is **costly and inefficient**.

### Semi-supervised workflow of sample library construction

• mainly driven by **automatic model annotation**, supplemented by manual supervision

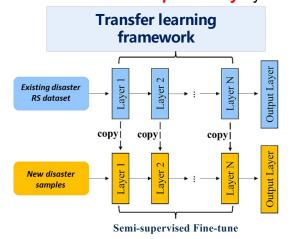


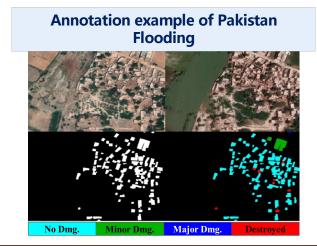
#### Step1: Base model preparation and automatic labeling

- Step 1: Train a base annotation model on the xBD dataset by following the supervised setting. For the 1st run, each sample will get the pseudo labels.
- Step 2: Randomly select a proportion of samples as the inspection set, and calculate the accuracy of pseudo labels. If the accuracy > threshold, proceed to Step 4 for sample postprocessing; otherwise, proceed to Step 3 for model optimization.
- Step 3: Select and label a proportion of samples as the fine-tuning set. With the remaining unlabeled samples, implement the model's semisupervised optimization process.
- Step 4: Implement post-processing work on pseudo labels. Finally, experts perform a quick check for all samples and correct those mislabeled bad cases.

### Transfer learning from existing disaster dataset to new disaster events

- Combining supervised fine-tuning with semi-supervised contrastive learning, *utilizing only a small amount* of manual annotation to achieve transfer optimization of the pre-trained model for the newly occurring disaster.
- The annotation model is able to perform automatic labeling of disaster images approximately consistent with the visual ground truth.
- In this way, the newly-labeled samples of new disaster events have **expand the knowledge capacity of historical disaster sample library** dynamically and effectively.





### **★** Potential usage of models and sample library in real emergency response

- 1. Rapid disaster mapping: After a disaster occurs, the intelligent models can significantly shorten the emergency response time by quickly mapping the damaged areas. Also, the disaster sample library serves as a knowledge base, forming the data foundation for model training and continuous improvement.
- 2. Enhanced Accuracy: By substituting on-the-ground surveys, these models improve the accuracy and granularity of postdisaster damage information. This leads to a more precise identification of affected areas and objects, facilitating betterinformed decision-making in disaster management.



 Extended Building Damage (EBD) dataset Covering 12 Natural Disaster Events Worldwide (2019-2023)

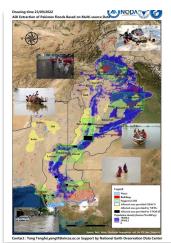
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 Road inundation dataset of Hurricane Delta (2020.10) and Hurricane Ian (2022.9)

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Bouchard, I.; Rancourt, M.-È.; Aloise, D.; Kalaitzis, F. On Transfer Learning for Building Damage Assessment from Satellite Imagery in Emergency Contexts. Remote Sens. 2022, 14, 2532. https://doi.org/10.3390/rs14112532

## 2022.6 Pakistan Flooding



Since mid-June this year, more than 33 million people have been affected by heavy rainfall and floods across Pakistan, and more than one third of the country's land has been flooded<sup>[1]</sup>. Over 1 million houses were damaged or destroyed, while at least 5000 km of roads were damaged<sup>[2]</sup>. At the same time, the floods caused the overflow of Pakistan's largest lake, drowned hundreds of villages, leaving many surrounding residents in distress. The devastating floods in Pakistan are a "wake-up call" to the world on the threats of climate change<sup>[3]</sup>.

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- Disaster Overview
- Comprehensive Mapping of Affected AOI

- Automated aggregation of multi-source remote sensing images
- Automated aggregation of disaster situation data from multi-platform social

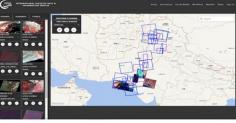
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#### Remote Sensing Data

As of Sep. 22, 2022, 1,162 scenes of images including GF1, GF2, ZY1, Sentinel, Planet, etc. have been automatically collected. Images were filtered according to the quality description of the metadata, which requires the cloud cover to be less than 5%.

At the same time, coordinated by CDDR, 4 scenes of BJ-2 pre-disaster images were collected.

Domestic satellite data collection	Pre-disaster images (293 in total)	Post-disaster images (869 in total)
GF Satellites	129	221
ZY Satellites	89	112
CBERS	30	61

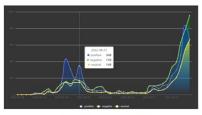


#### ) Social Media Data

Human emotions changing along the time.

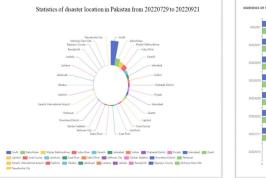
The floods lasted for a long time and had a wide range. Concerns about the flood disaster reached two peaks in late July and late August respectively.

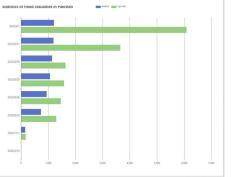
At the end of July, the proportion of people's positive emotions was slightly higher. By the end of August, the negative emotions prevailed.



Twitter / Jul. 27, 2022 - Aug. 26, 2022 / 17451 tweets

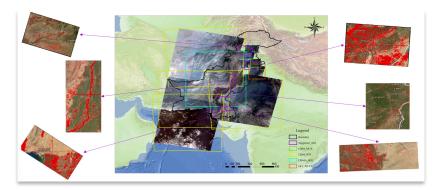
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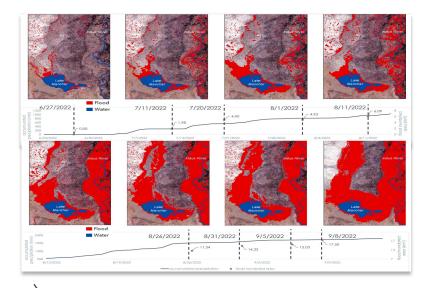


- Identifying disaster information from social media data based on natural language processing
- Analyzing changes in disaster-affected areas, casualties, etc., over time combined with temporal elements

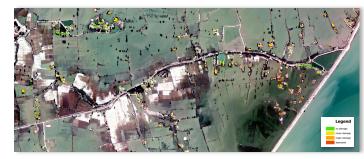
 Based on precise extraction of disasteraffected AOI areas, extract floodsubmerged areas from the selected remote sensing images



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 Extract flood-submerged areas around Manchar Lake using time-series remote sensing images.  Extract fine-grained building damage using WorldView-3 ultra-high-resolution remote sensing images.





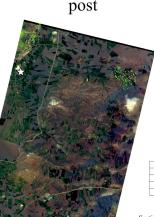
On February 6, 2023, a strong earthquake occurred in southern Türkiye near the Syrian border.
Using the post disaster February 7, 2023 and pre disaster November 6, 2022 images of Jilin No.1 wide 01A satellite for analysis of building damage.
✓ The epicenter of this earthquake is located at the border of Kahramanmash Province and Gaziantep Province

 The proportion of building damage is about 30%, and the types of damage are mostly "severe damage" and "complete damage".



# TURKEY EARTHQUAKE





Legend background no damage minor damage major damage destroyed Epicenter

Destroy Level	Area (m^2)
no damage	1752026.063
minor damage	109.6875
major damage	29693.8125
destroyed	620061.75

Spatial Extent: [36.80E~37.18E, 36.80N~37.38N]

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Thank you!

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