

Remote Sensing for Seismic Vulnerability Assessment of Built Environments

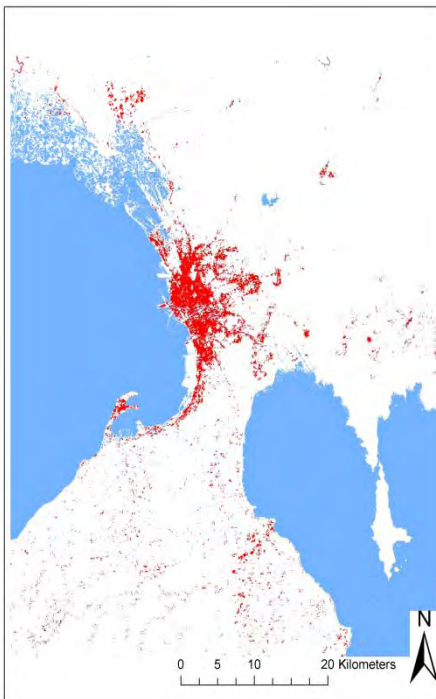
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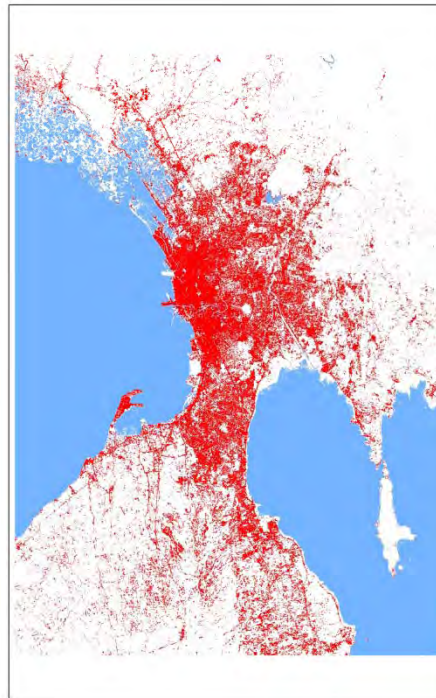
Motivation

- Rapid urbanization

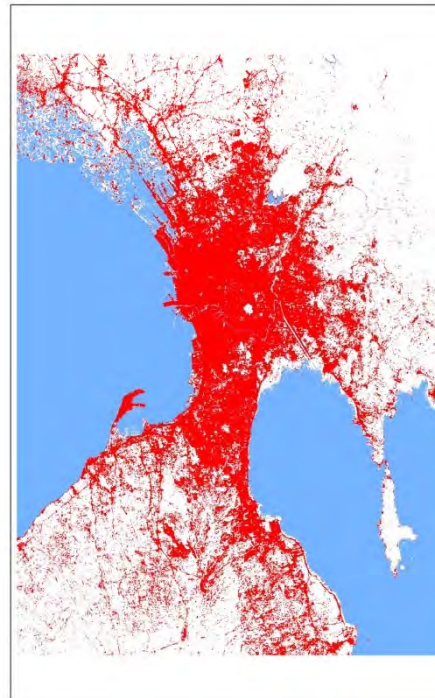
Manila, 1975



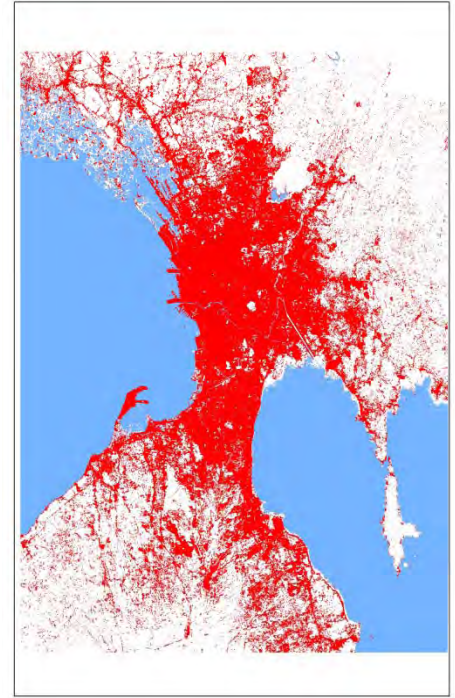
1990



2000



2010



Taubenböck et al. [2012](#)



Motivation

Conventional approaches to assess the seismic vulnerability of buildings face a challenging situation

„First Assessment - Street Surveying“

Istanbul: 75 engineers 1 year



„Smith rebound hammer test“,
Padang 2008

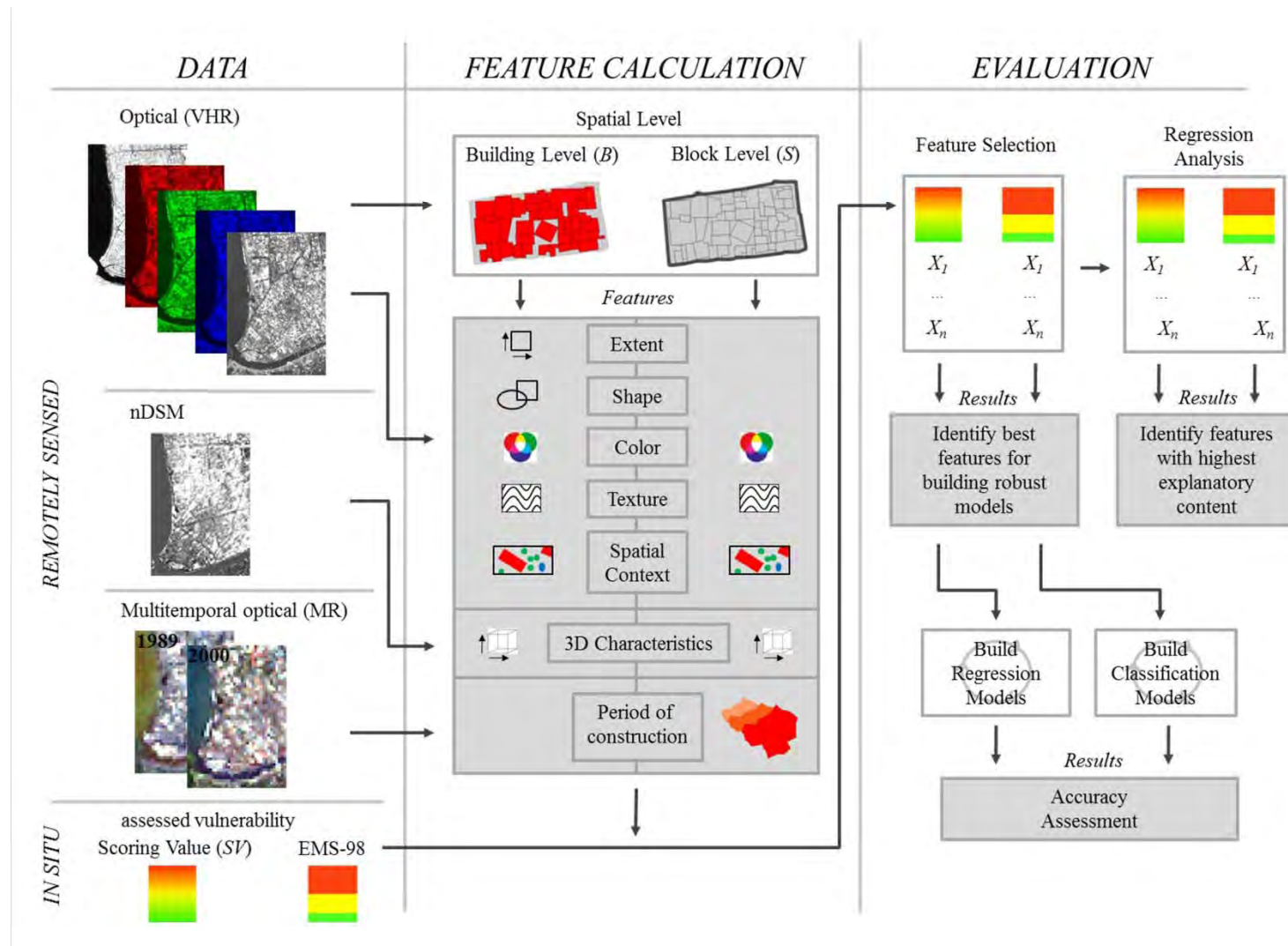


Research Questions

- *Which features* can be derived from satellite remote sensing data that *best explain* seismic building vulnerability?
- *How suitable* are features derived from satellite remote sensing data for *estimating seismic building vulnerability* levels?



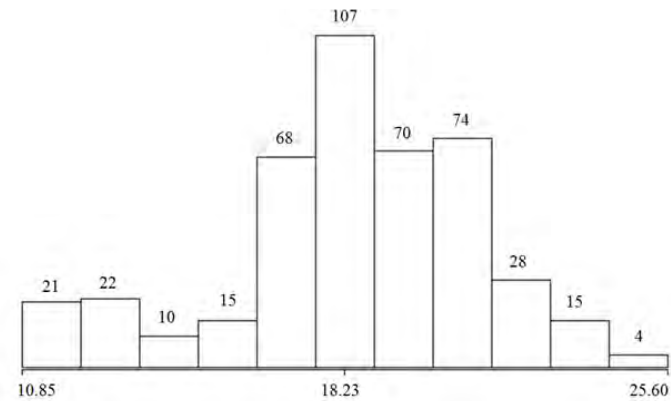
Evaluation Scheme



Experiment Setting and Data

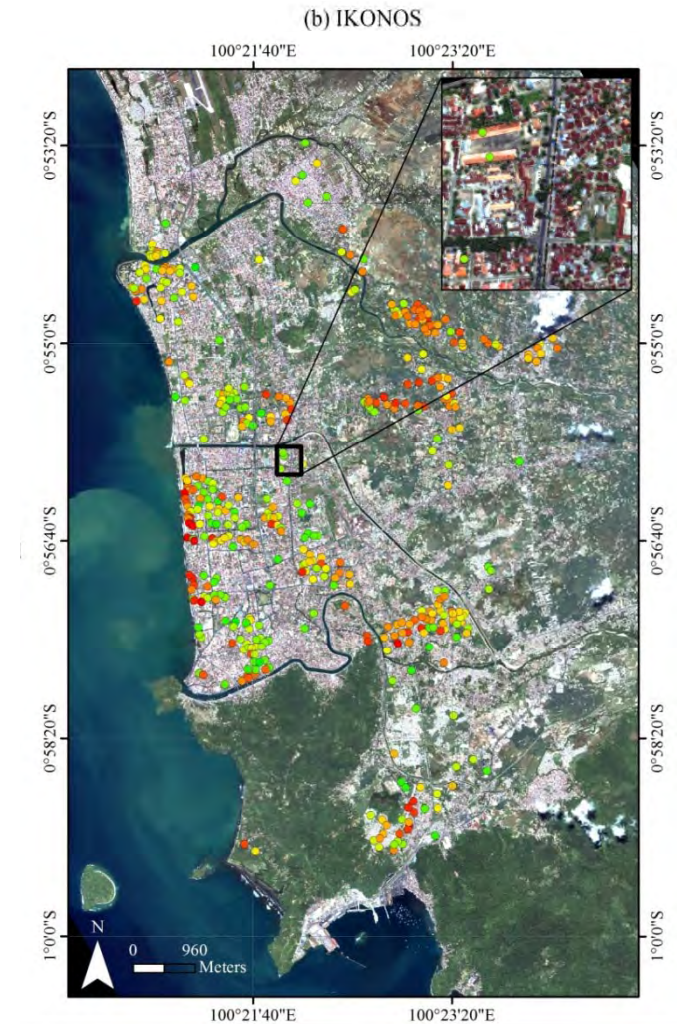
Detailed assessment by civil engineers *in situ*

Scoring Value (SV)

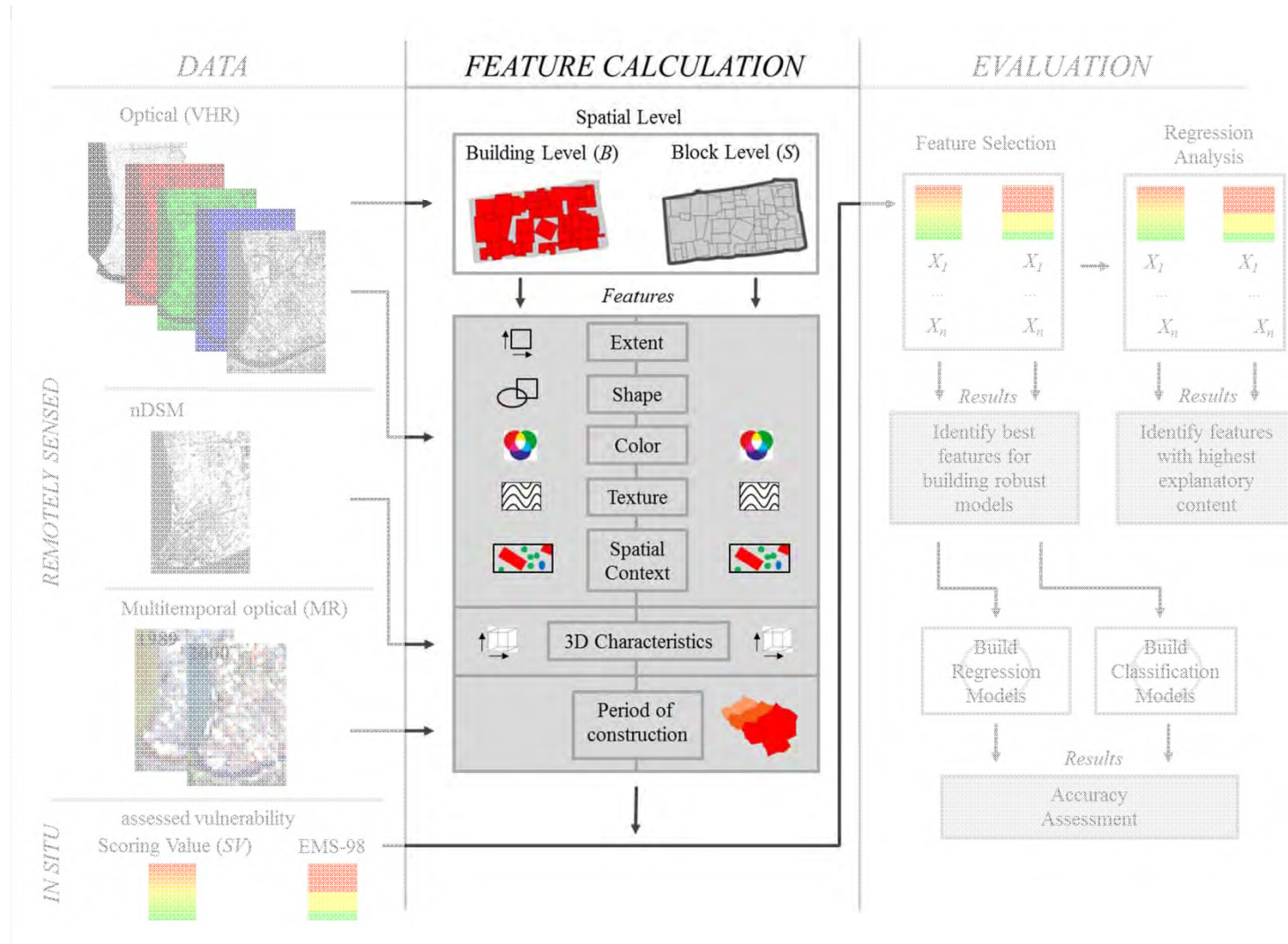


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Initial classification	Number	Aggregated classification	Number
A-B	7	A-B	242
B	235		
B-C	26	B-C	149
C	123		
C-D	32	C-D-E	43
D-E	3		
E	8		



Evaluation Scheme



METHODS

Feature Calculation

Spatial Level

Building Level



Block Level



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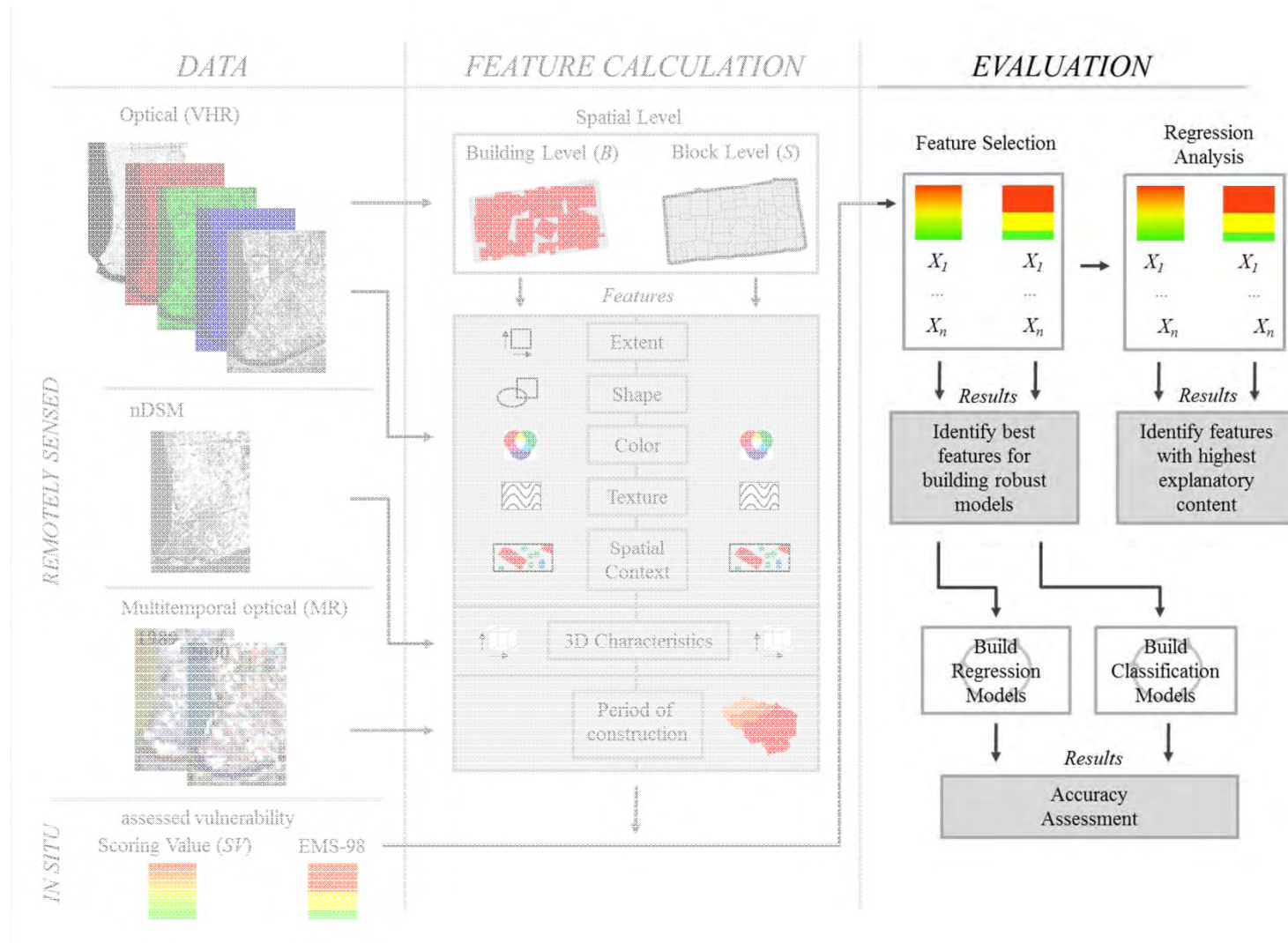
Feature Calculation

132-dimensional feature vector,
whereby 73 features are related to individual buildings,
and 59 provide block level information.

- a) features that went into the calculation of the *in situ* values when they can be quantified by means of remote sensing data
- b) features frequently utilized in previous studies on remote sensing based building vulnerability assessment
- c) features that were used to discriminate urban built-up structures by means of remote sensing previously



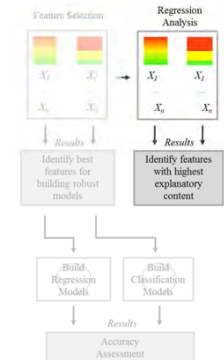
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RESULTS

Regression Analysis

SCORING VALUE (SV)



Height and geometry most important determinants (significant at 99.9% level)

R^2 of 0.262;

Additional features raise the model's R^2 value to 0.32

Spectral features enhance model performance but are rarely significant

Feature	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
HEIGHT_B	3.31487***	.888291	3.354441***	.8640369
Roof Type_B	5.073578***	1.123404	5.063067***	1.081441
GLCM Homogeneity_B_pan	.1545023	.2558068	.1839185	.2544025
GLCM Homogeneity_B_nir			1.07571	1.315121
M(3)/M(4)_B			170.6297	190.7972
M(2)/[M(1)+M(2)+M(3)+M(4)]_B			9.150705	-1.461658
M(2)/M(4)_S				1.167996
Number of observations	434	434	434	434
R^2	0.167	0.262	0.288	0.320

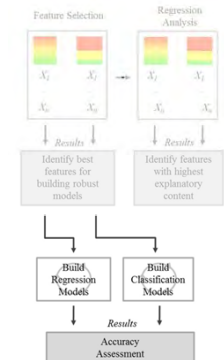
* $P < 5\%$, ** $P < 1\%$, *** $P < 0.1\%$



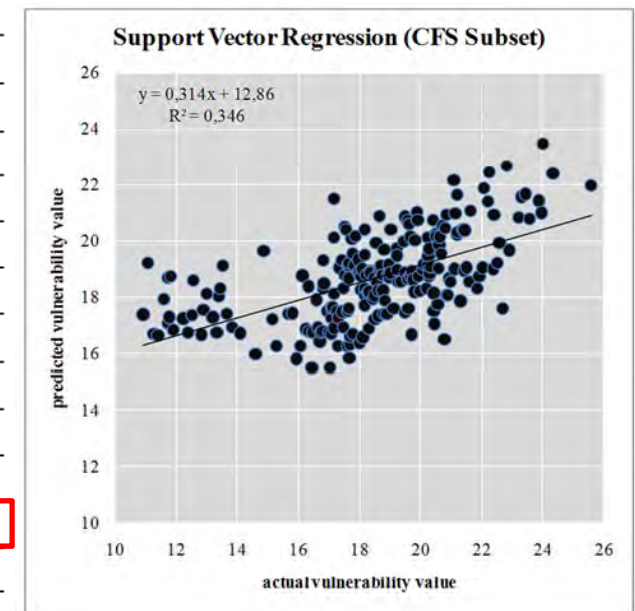
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Supervised Regression

SCORING VALUE (SV)

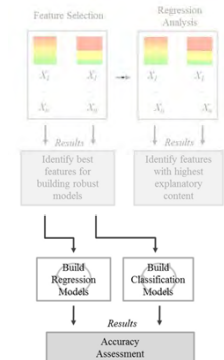
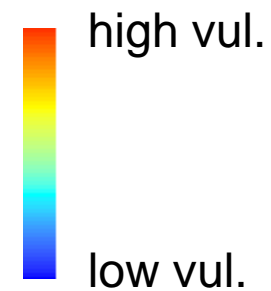
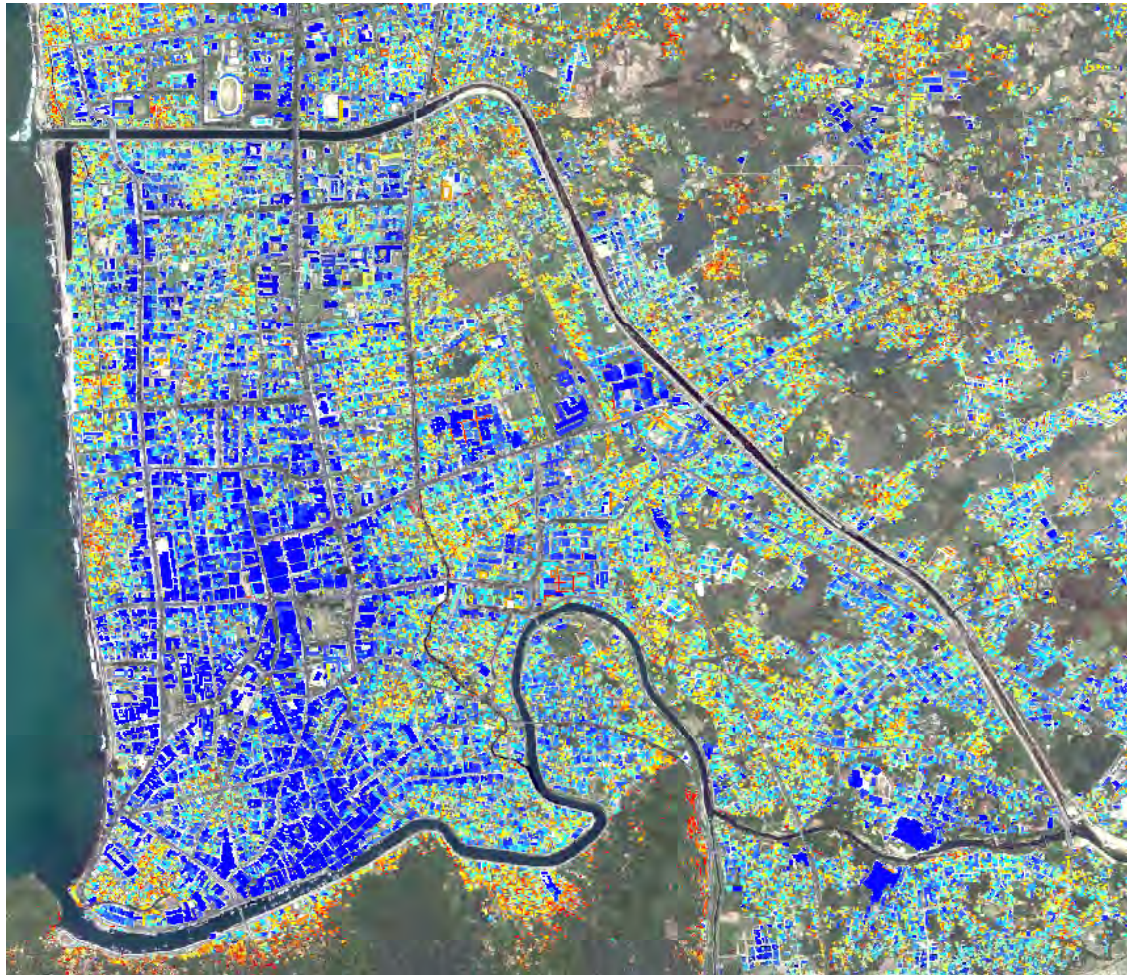


Multi-linear Regression								
Used features	<i>MAE</i>	<i>MAPE</i>	<i>ME</i>	<i>MPE</i>	<i>StDev</i>	<i>RStDev</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>RMSE</i>
All features	2.33	13.32	-0.56	-3.02	2.56	14.32	0.43	2.98
Relief-F $W(A)>0$	2.02	11.84	-0.11	-0.58	2.07	11.29	0.48	2.62
CFS subset	1.84	10.99	-0.17	-0.91	1.52	8.33	0.56	2.41
CFS subset ($R<0.8$)	1.80	10.81	-0.20	-1.10	1.45	7.96	0.58	2.37
Support Vector Regression								
Used features	<i>MAE</i>	<i>MAPE</i>	<i>ME</i>	<i>MPE</i>	<i>StDev</i>	<i>RStDev</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>RMSE</i>
All features	1.88	11.26	0.02	0.13	1.91	10.37	0.53	2.48
Relief-F $W(A)>0$	1.79	11.07	0.43	2.31	1.72	9.13	0.57	2.42
CFS subset	1.72	10.61	0.23	1.25	1.54	8.28	0.59	2.36
CFS subset ($R<0.8$)	1.73	10.67	0.24	1.31	1.63	8.73	0.59	2.36



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Applied Regression Model

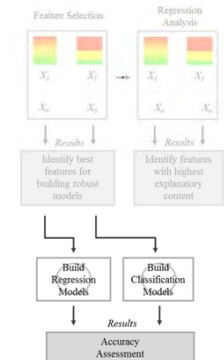


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Supervised Regression and Classification

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Overall Accuracy: 65.4%
Kappa statistic: 0.36



Class	User's Accuracy (Precision)	Producer's Accuracy (Recall)	ROC Area
A-B	0.696	0.793	0.666
B-C	0.661	0.554	0.686
C-D-E	0.294	0.227	0.601
Weighted Average	0.643	0.654	0.645

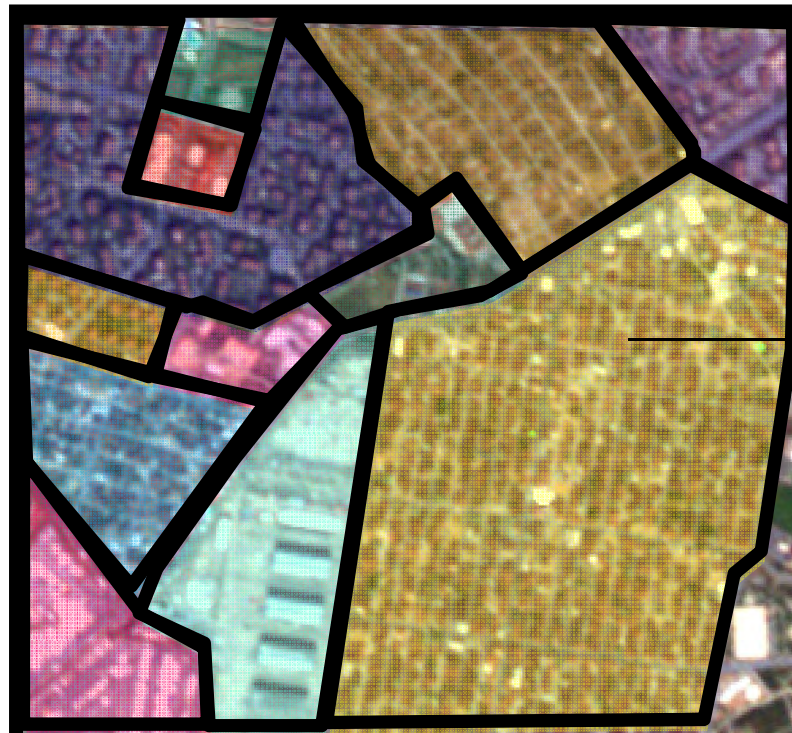


Large-area Assessment

data with coarser spatial resolution but larger spatial coverage (TanDEM-X, RapidEye)

urban structures
determined by
large industrial/
commercial buildings
(highly vulnerable)

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determined by
tall detached
residential buildings
(slightly vulnerable)



Polygon()

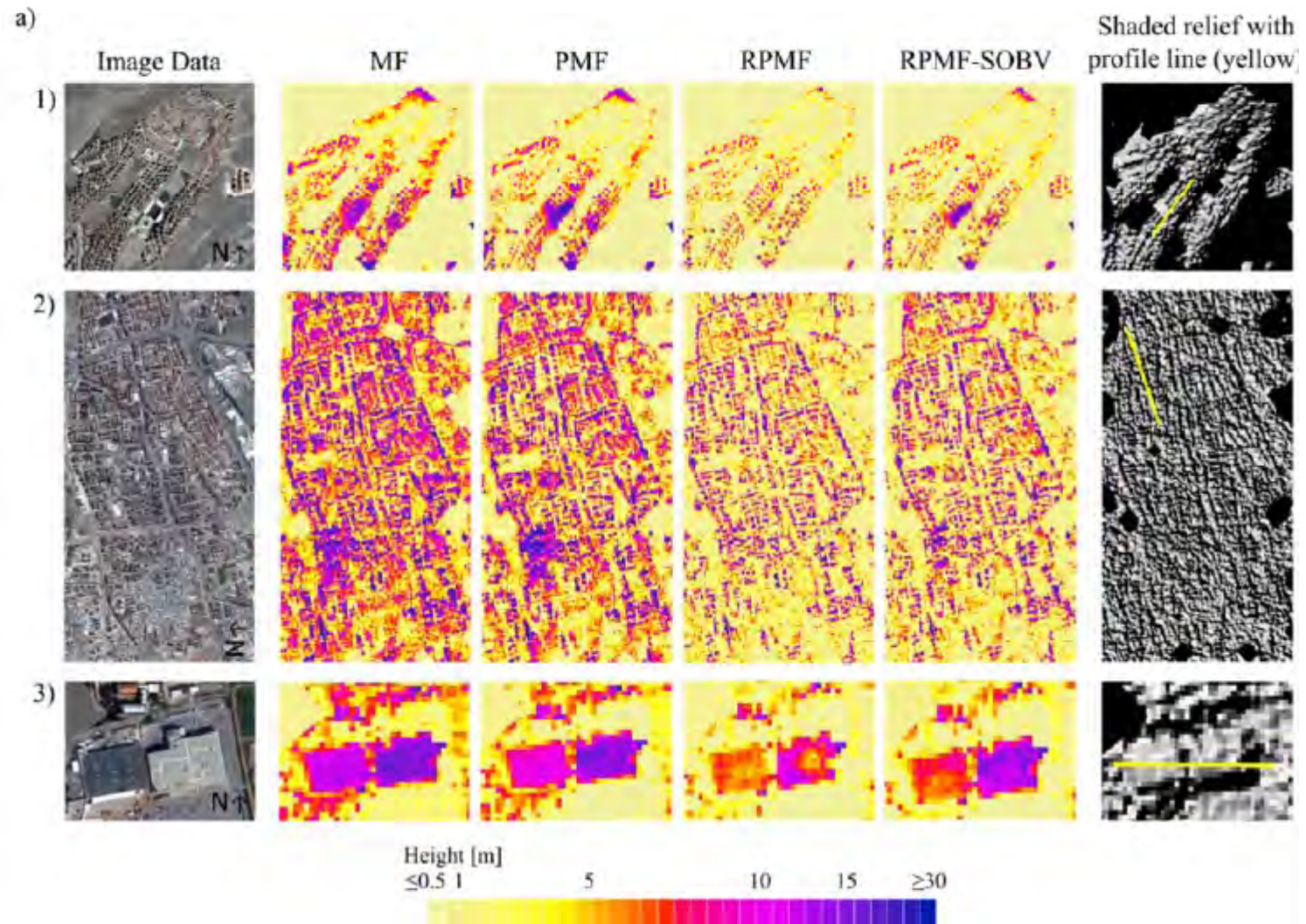
X_1

X_2

X_3

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Large-area Assessment

Overall Accuracy: 85.6%

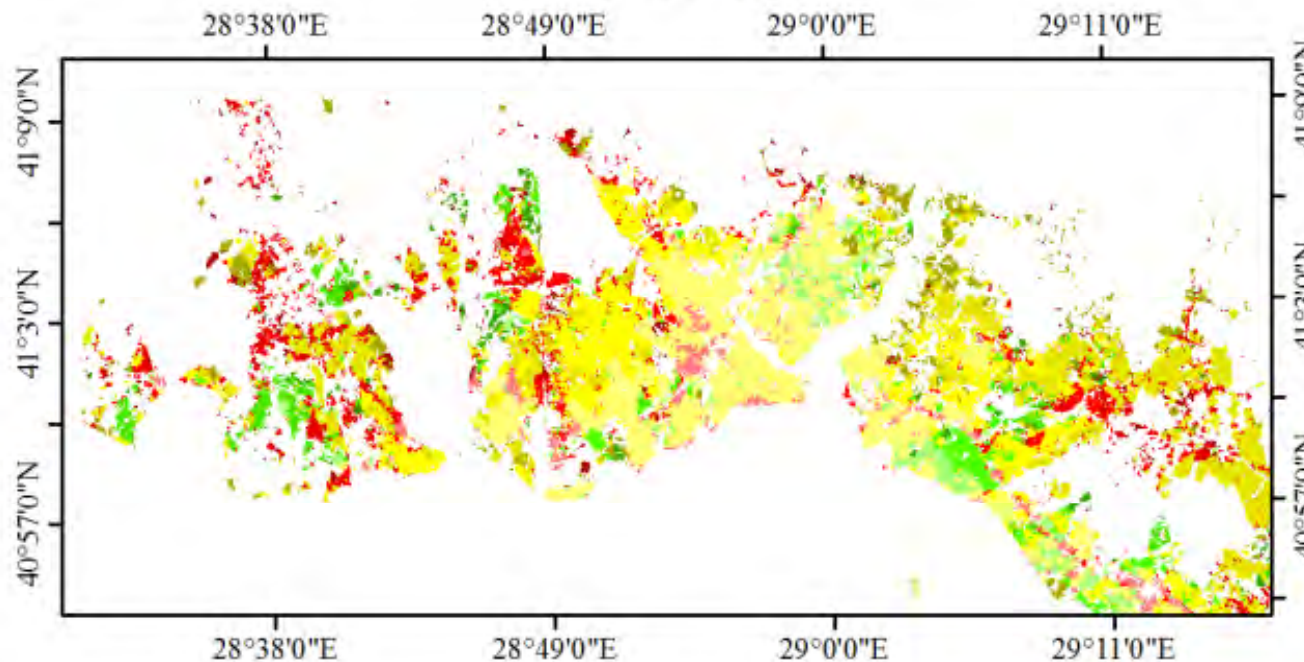
Kappa statistic: 0.77

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residual
urban structures



Conclusions & Outlook

- relation between urban morphology drawn from remote sensing and seismic building vulnerability exists
- estimations feature accuracies that may allow for a valuable support with respect to seismic vulnerability assessment
- define common scales and benchmark accuracies that need to be met

User: Can I make decisions based on the results?

Scientist: What accuracies do you need in order to make decisions?



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