Disaster Management using Digital Elevation Model & Radar Weather Independent Earth Observation data (SAR)

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EO SAR: Airbus Missions

TerraSAR-X (2007)
TanDEM-X (2010)

PAZ (2018)

Future mission

WorldSAR Constellation Cooperation
with Hisdesat (ES)

Next Generation Service Scenarios

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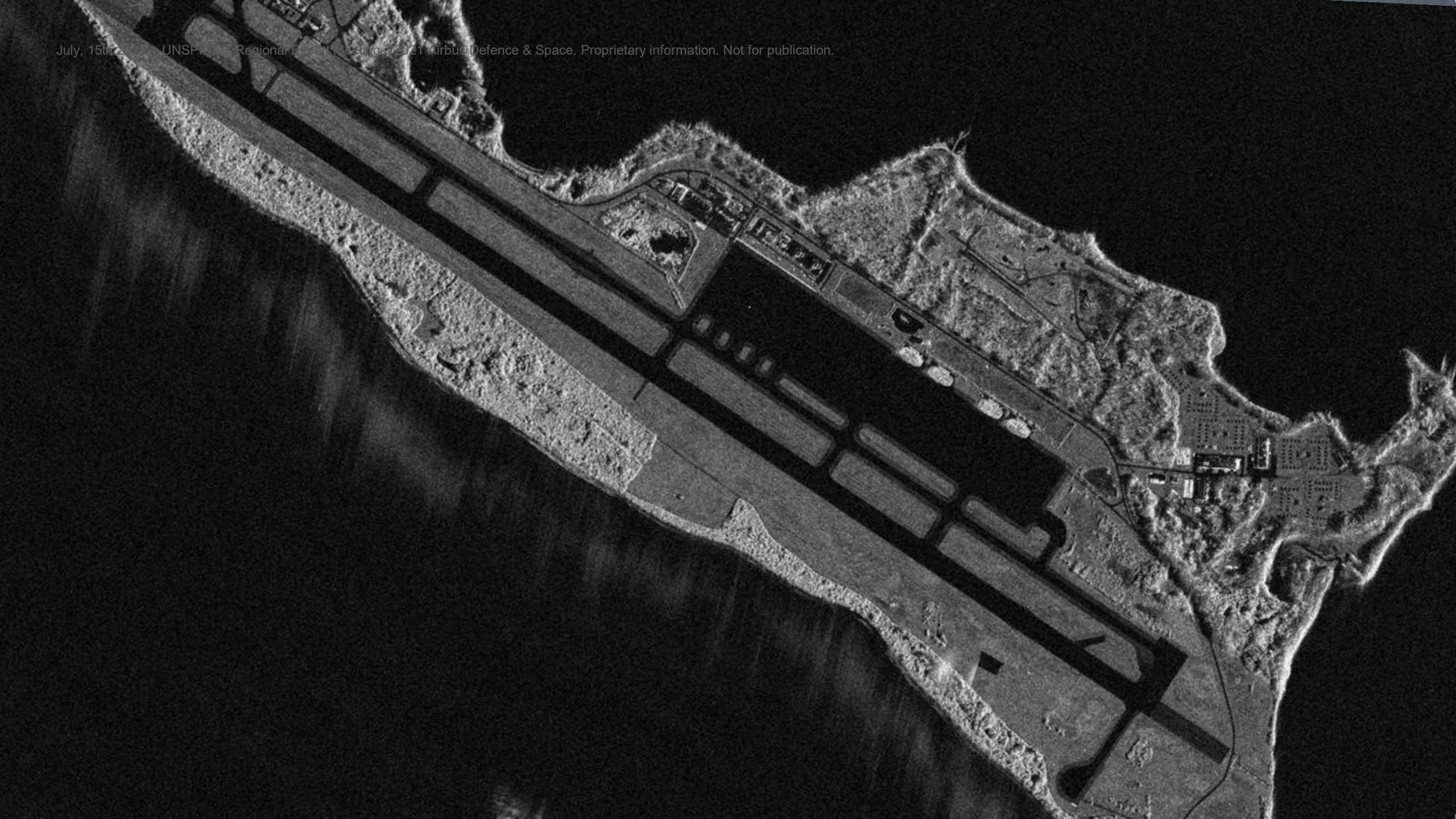
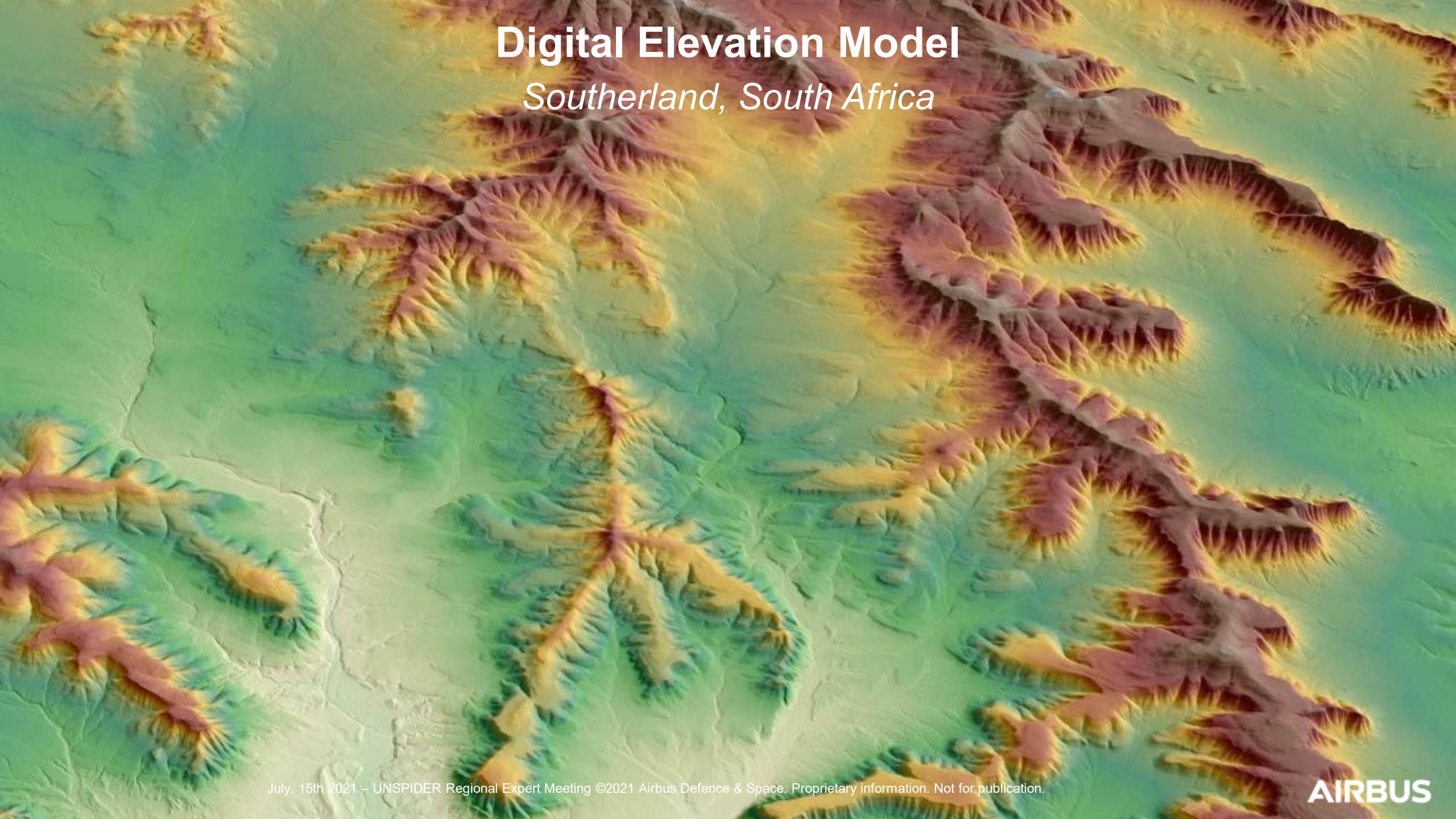


Digital Elevation Model

Southerland, South Africa



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Ghana: Inundation Hazard Modelling

Applications:
- Storm Surges
- Coastal Floods

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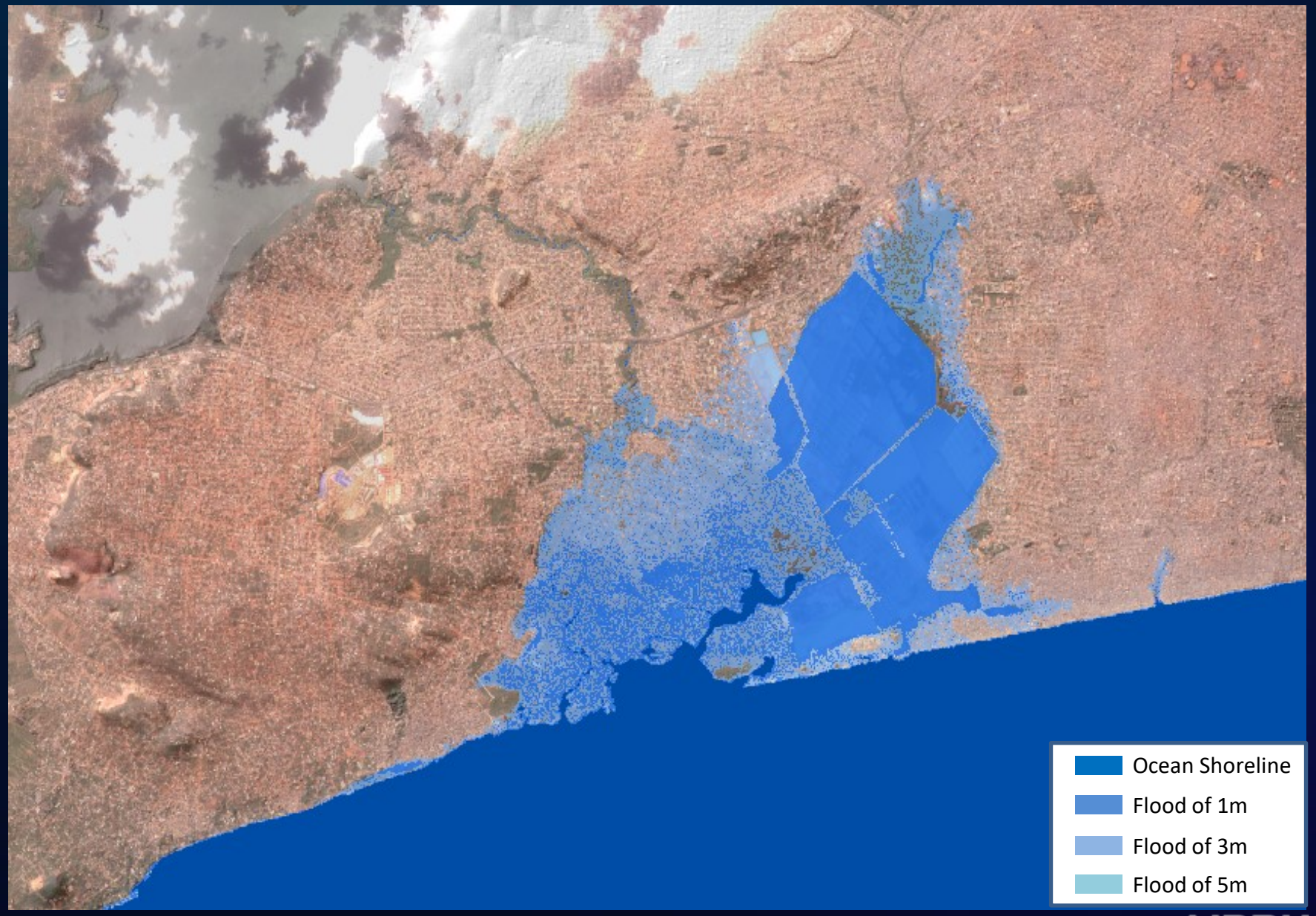

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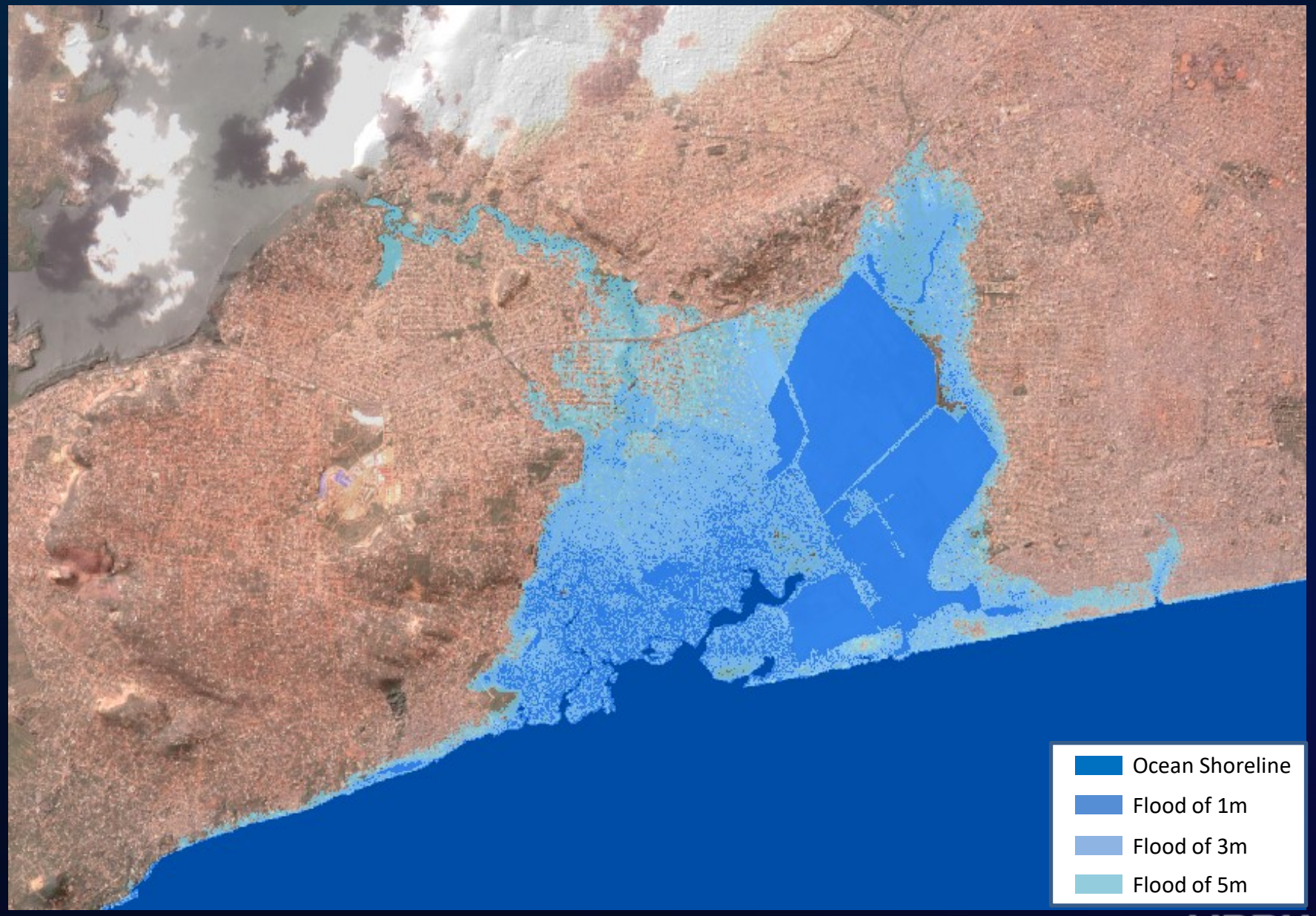

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Recommended Practice for coastal flood modelling

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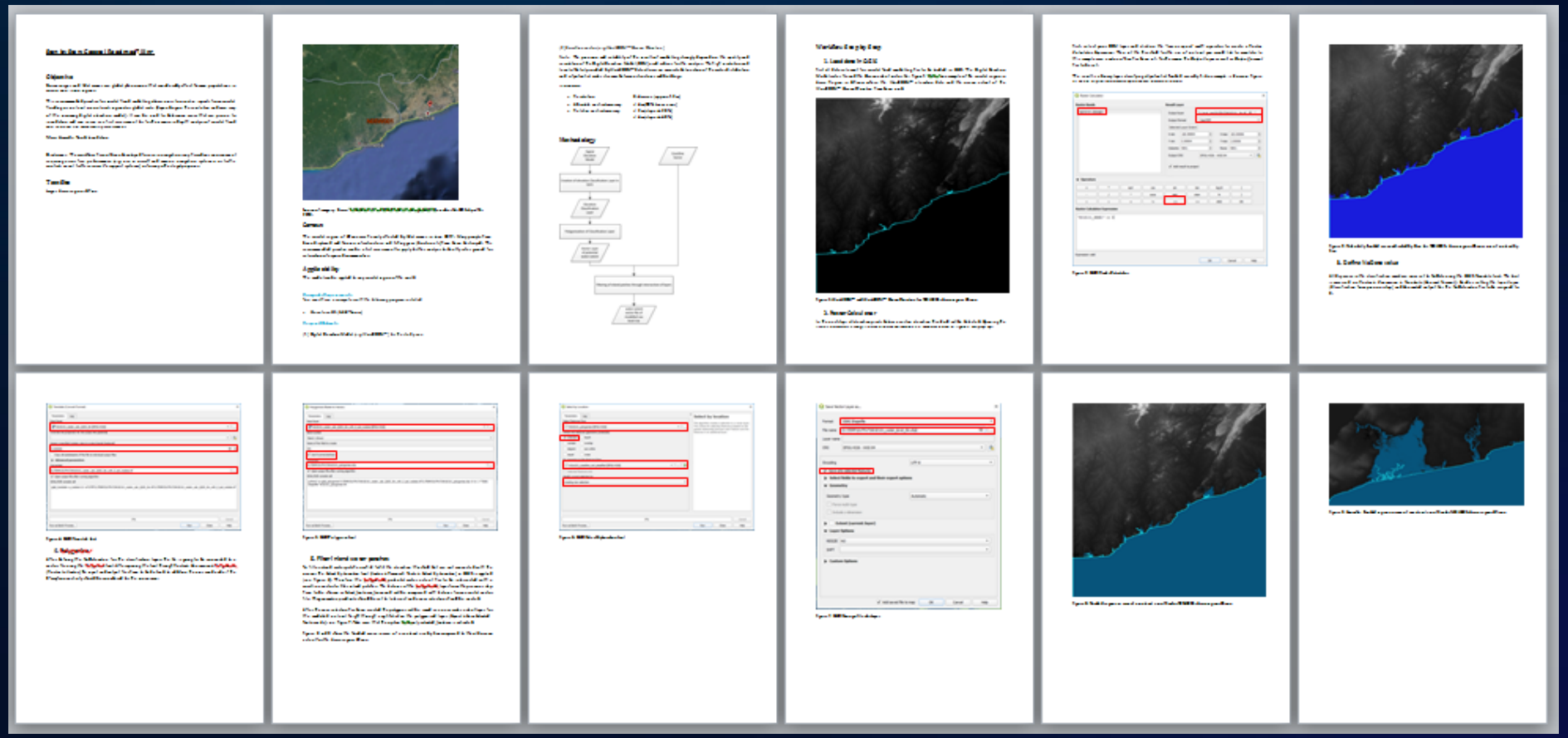

- Open source GIS software
- Easy handling
- Applicable for all DEM data

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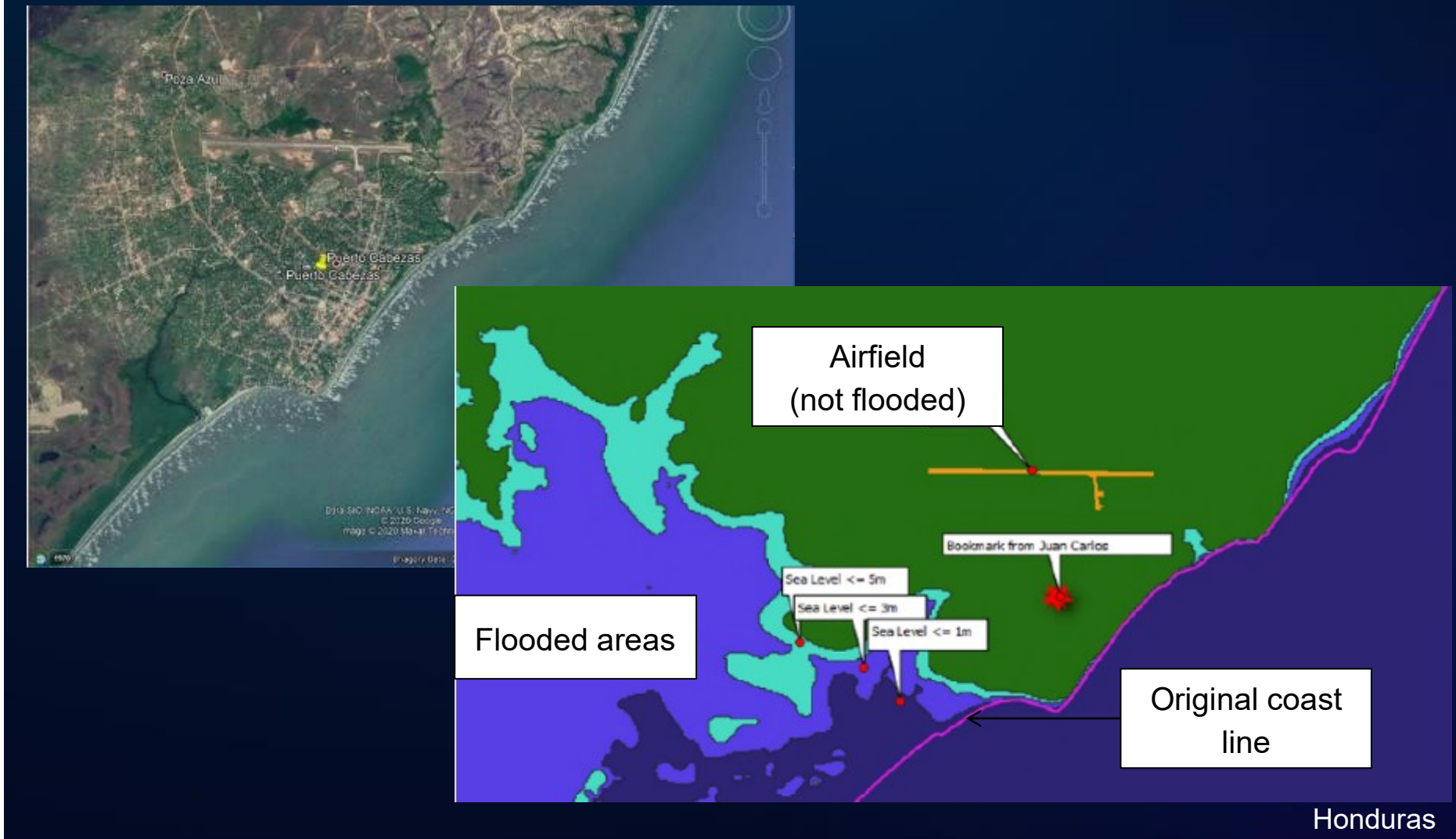
Use Case #2

Nicaragua: Flood maps to enable first aid to land in safe airfield

Applications:

- Emergency response
- Storm surges
- Hurricanes

Nicaragua – Hurricane November 2020



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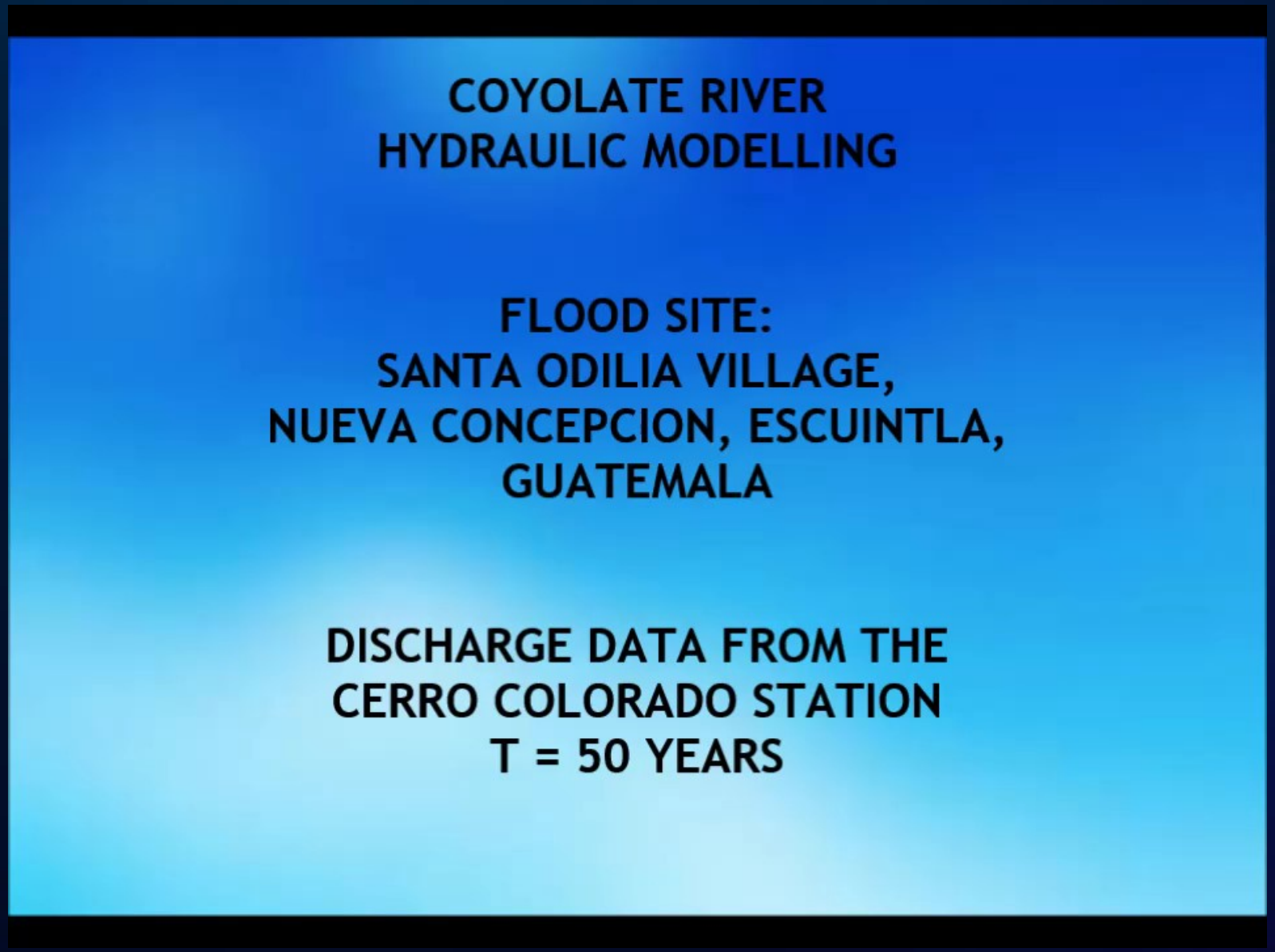
Guatemala: River Inundation Modelling

Comparison between WorldDEM and free and open data

Flood Simulation, Coyolate River, Guatemala



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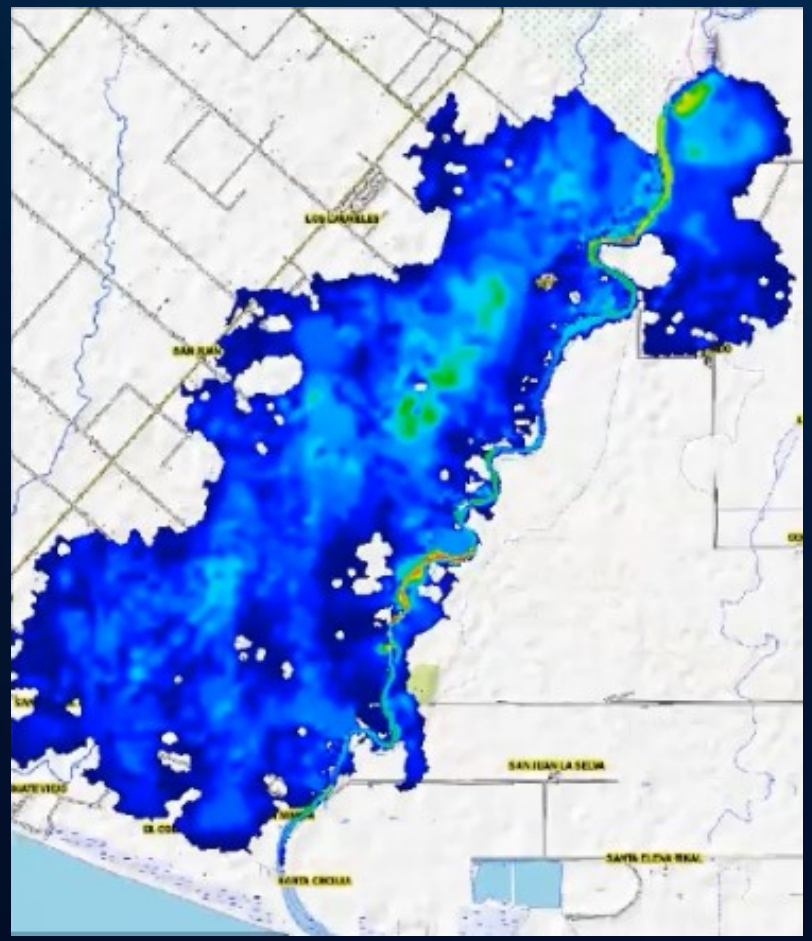

Specific discharge

SRTM, 30M

VS

Specific discharge

WorldDEM, 12M

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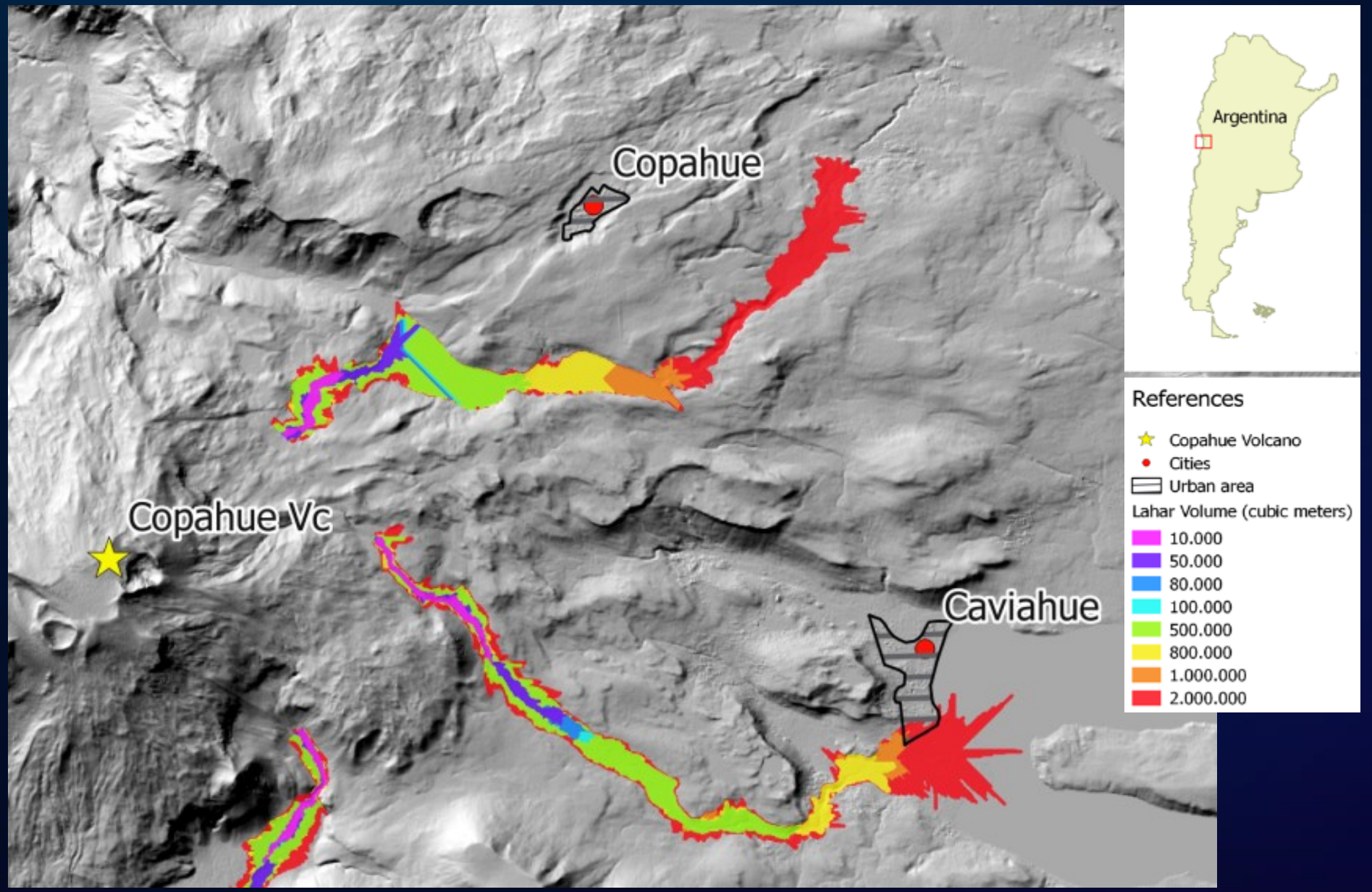
Use Case #4

Argentina: Lahar Modelling
Using WorldDEM™

Applications:
- Lahar modelling
- Settlement areas hazard risk assessment

Lahar Modelling, Copahue Vulcano, Argentina



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Use Case #5

Germany: River Inundation modelling with WorldDEM DTM$_{lite}$

Example of a 100 Year Return Flood modelling. Neckarau (Germany)

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Slide with animation

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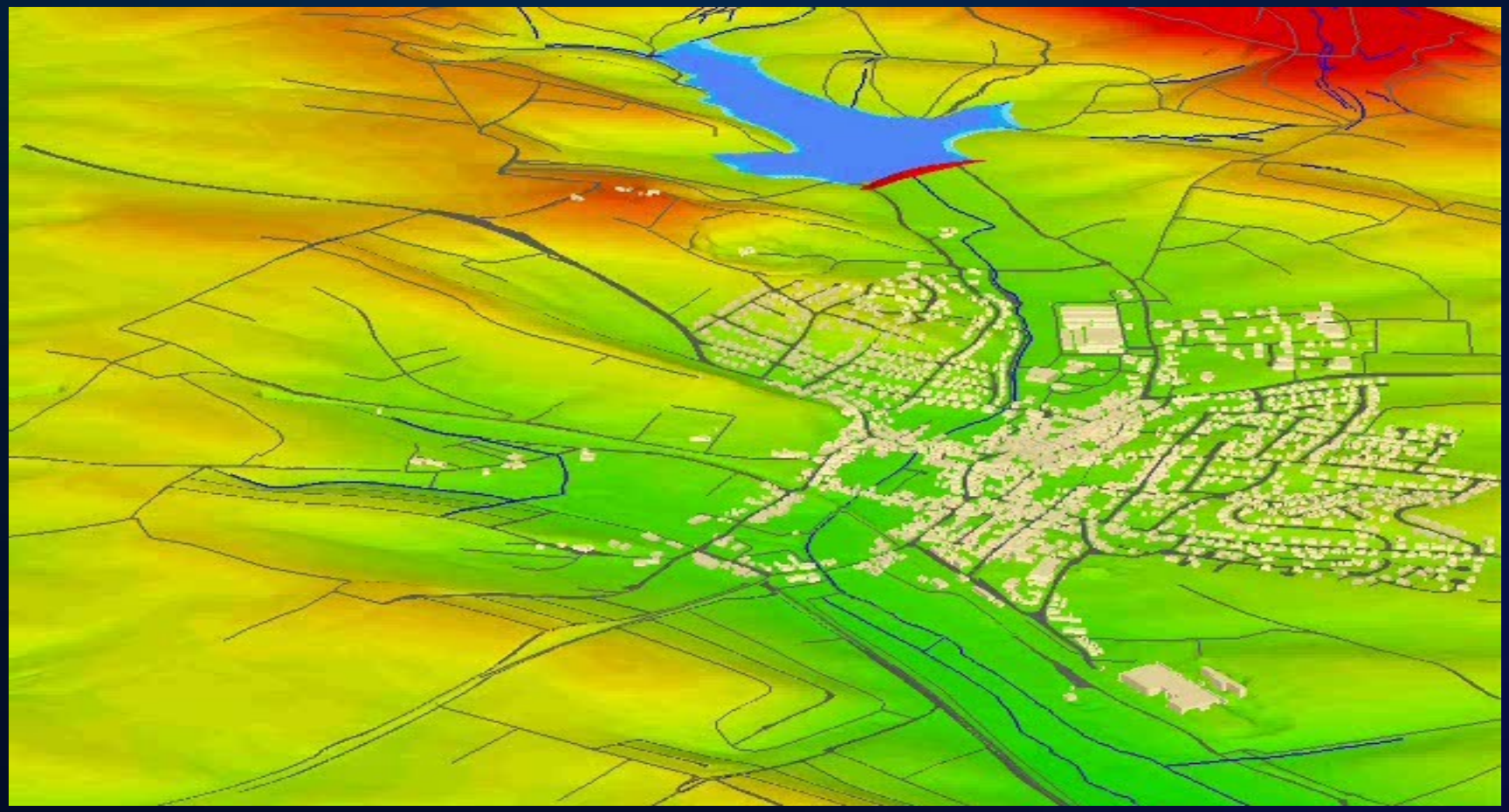
Use Case #6

Dam Failure scenario

With simulation models such as FloodArea and Airbus Digital Elevation models, these processes can be well modeled to fit the customer requirements

Combination of DTM and buildings 3D for flood simulation



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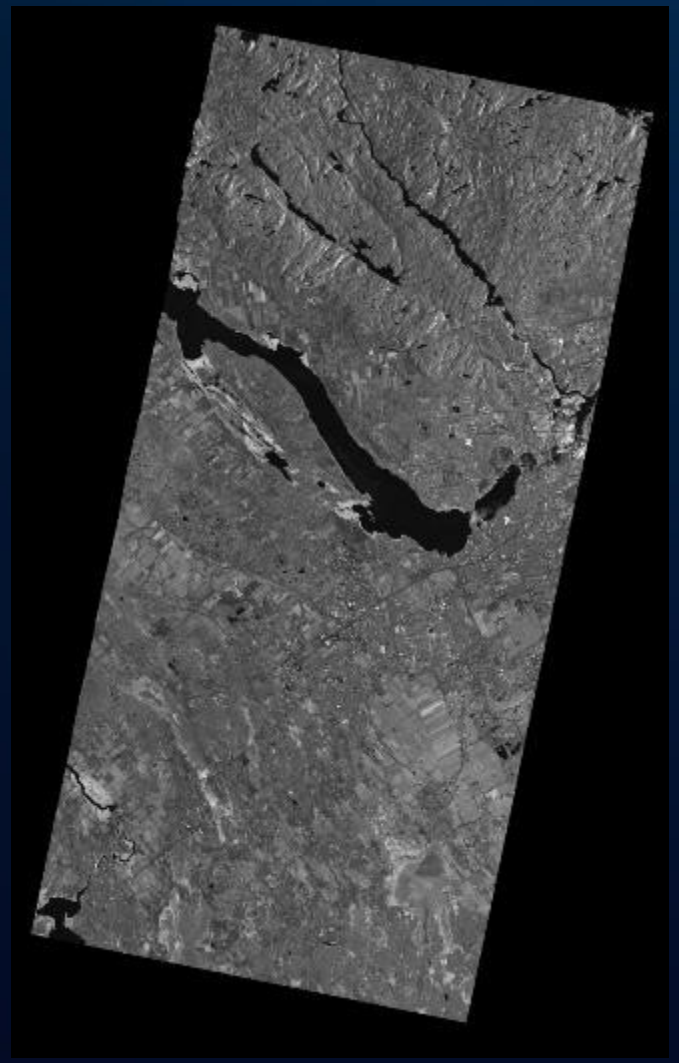
Use Case #7

Flood Rapid Mapping

Global availability of WorldDEM data and derived DTM_{lite} allows for the implementation of globally robust procedures to assist the automated mapping of flood events.

Use of WorldDEM™ data to support rapid mapping of flood events



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- Water in time 2 - Open water
- Water in time 2 - water under vegetation
- Water in time 1 - main permanent water bodies

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