

Applying Geospatial Solutions to Tackle Climate Challenges



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Climate Change Impact in Singapore

Extreme weather



Source: Reddit



Source: TODAY file photo

Increased Temperature

Increased Rainfall



Source: Road SG/facebook



Source: Reuters

Change of transmission dynamics

Sea Level Rise and Coastal Inundation



















High tide at East Coast Park Area B on 4 Feb,2016 (Source: Straits Times)

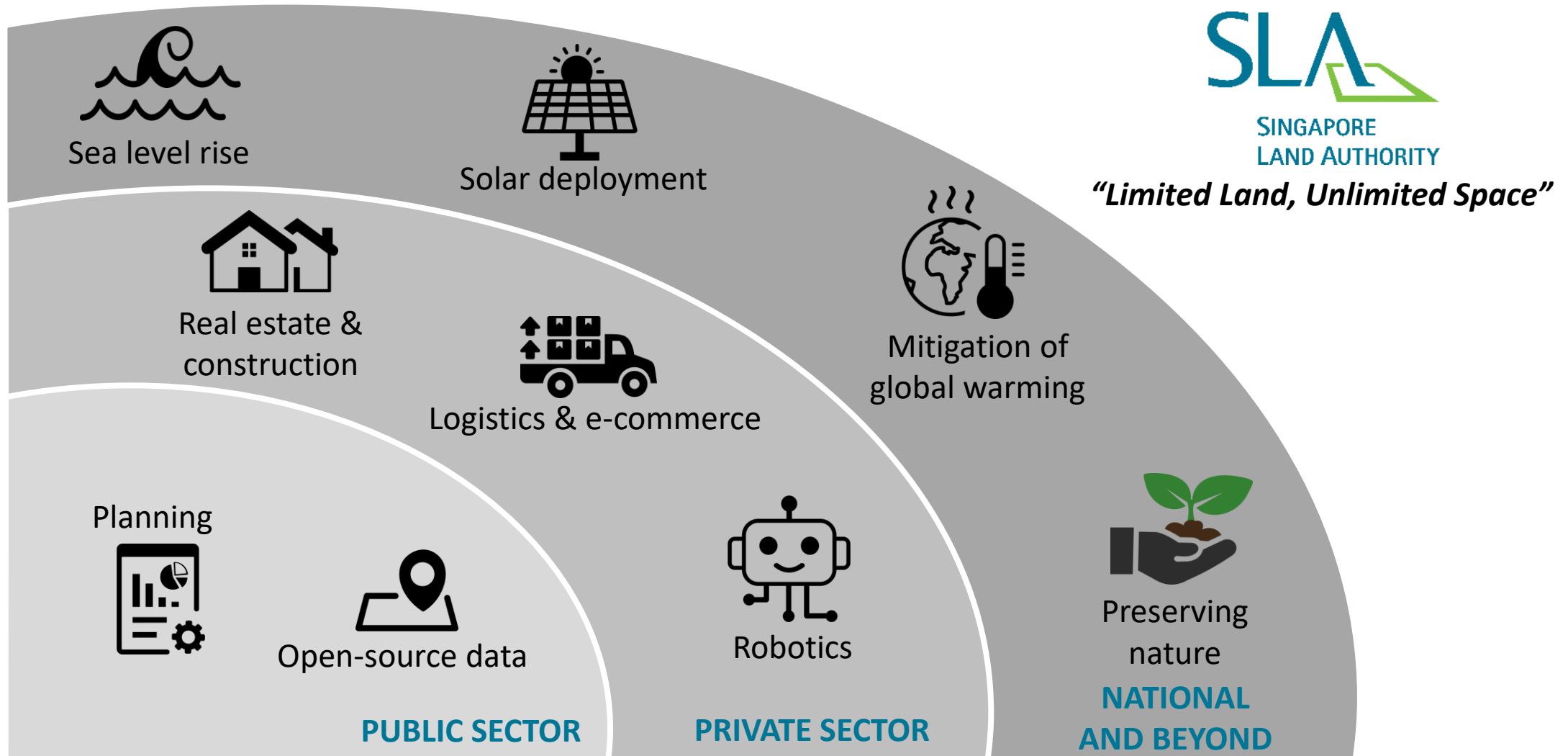


Submerged boardwalk at Sungei Buloh Nature Reserve during a spring tide in January 2015 (Source: Straits Times)

CLIMATE CHANGE IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE'S CLIMATE	DAILY TEMPERATURE 	FREQUENCY OF WARM DAYS & NIGHTS 	RAINFALL 	WIND 	SEA LEVEL RISE 
OBSERVED CHANGES	<p>From 1948 to 2016, annual mean temperatures rose at an average rate of 0.25°C per decade</p> 	<p>Since 1972, the number of warm days and nights has increased, and the number of cool nights has decreased</p> 	<p>From 1980 to 2016, annual total rainfall rose at an average rate of 101mm per decade</p> 	<p>General wind patterns influenced by northeast and southwest monsoons. There are no clear trends for wind speed as it is dependent on the environment</p> 	<p>Between 1975 to 2009, the sea level in the Straits of Singapore rose at the rate of 1.2mm to 1.7mm per year</p> 
FUTURE CLIMATE PROJECTIONS	<p>Daily mean temperatures are projected to increase by 1.4°C to 4.6°C</p> 	<p>More warm days and warm nights for February to September throughout the 21st century</p> 	<p>The contrast between the wet months (November to January) and dry months (February and June to September) is likely to be more pronounced. Intensity and frequency of heavy rainfall events is expected to increase as the world gets warmer</p> <p>Feb & Jun-Sep  Nov-Jan </p>	<p>Singapore will continue to be influenced by the northeast and southwest monsoons with potential increase in wind speeds during northeast monsoon season</p> 	<p>Sea levels are projected to rise by up to about 1 metre</p> 

Maximising Land Through Better Spatial Knowledge



Adoption of Sensors Technologies

Space-based



Aerial systems



Unmanned
Aerial Vehicle

Mobile Mapping Systems



Ground based Systems



Subsurface



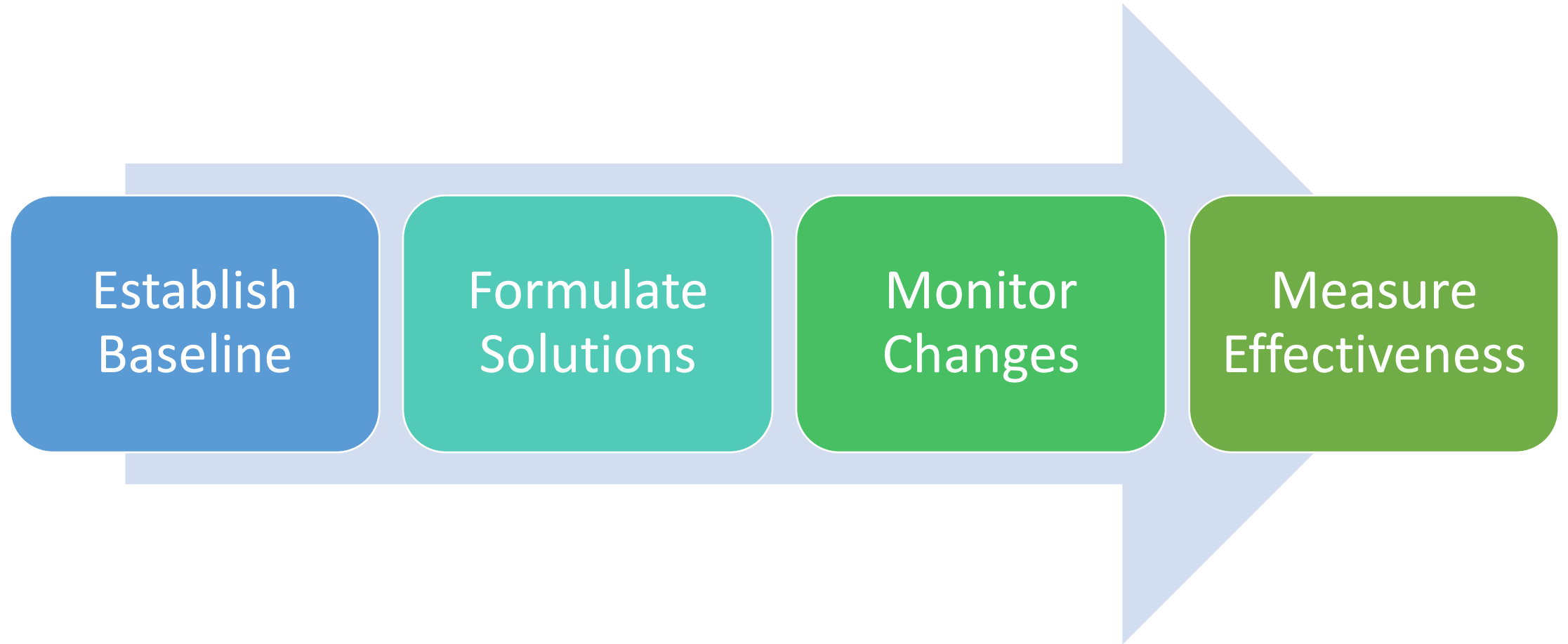
Hydrography



Examples:

- Remote Sensing
- Photogrammetry
- Laser Scanning
- GPS/GNSS
- Total Station
- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Multibeam Echosounder
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Geospatial Solutions as Enablers in Climate Action





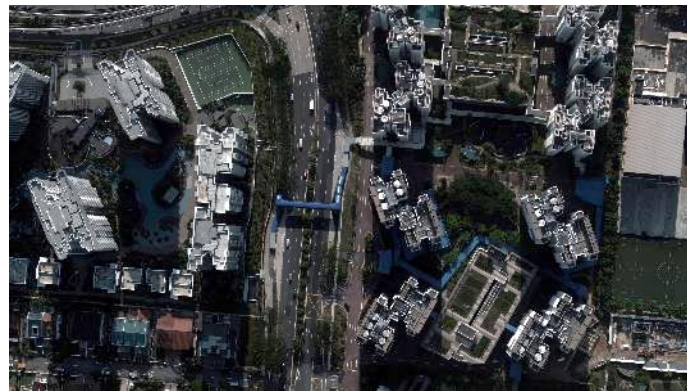
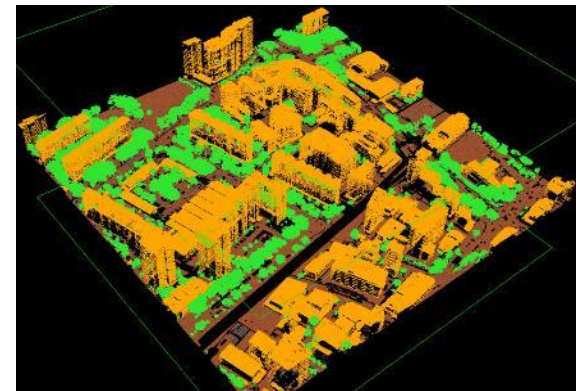
1. Establish baseline to take stock
2. of what is at risk and what to protect

Rapid Mapping Techniques

Aerial Mapping

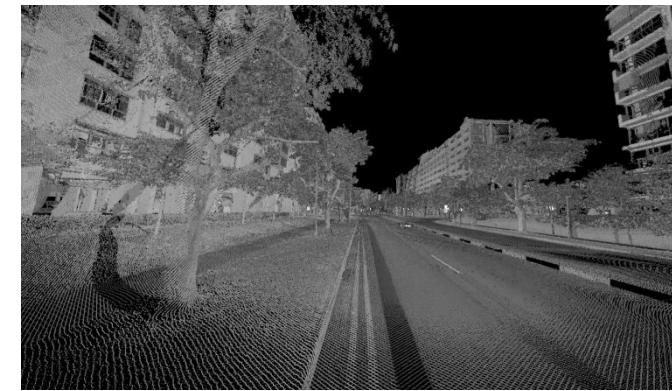


Mobile Mapping



Aerial Point Cloud Data

Aerial Imagery (nadir & oblique)

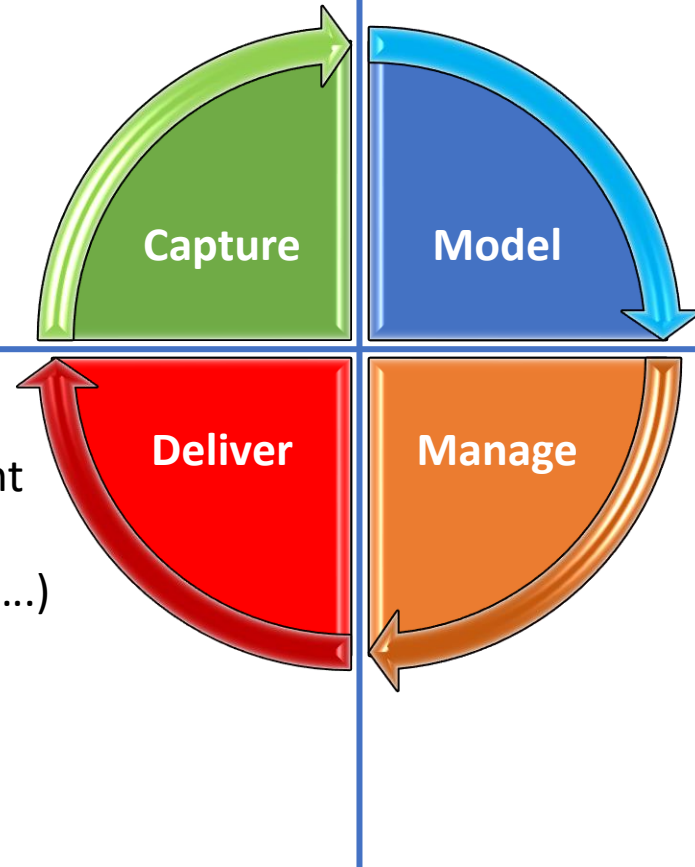


360 Panoramic Images

Mobile Point Cloud Data

Geospatial Development Framework

- Coordinate System
- Positioning Infrastructure
- Mapping Standard
- Platforms
- Sensors & Technologies

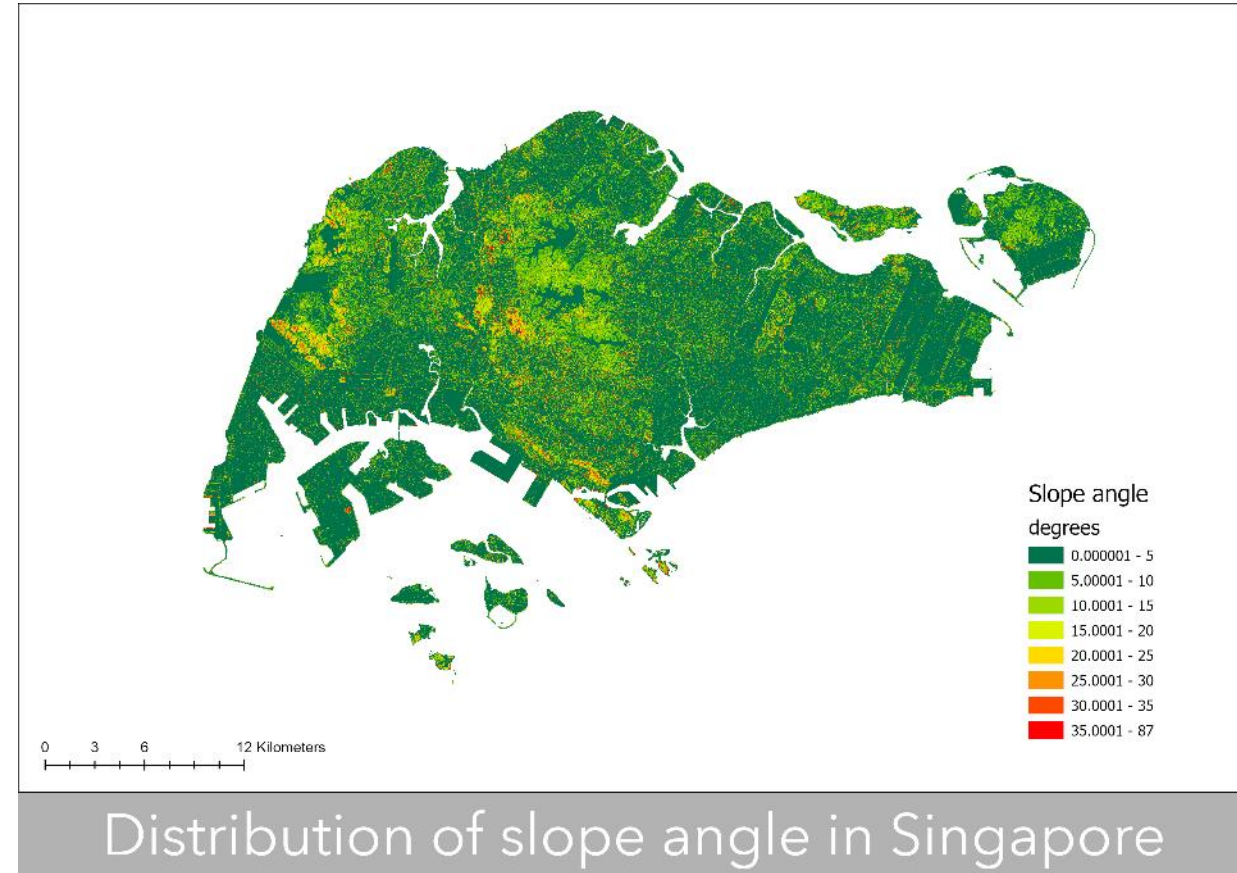
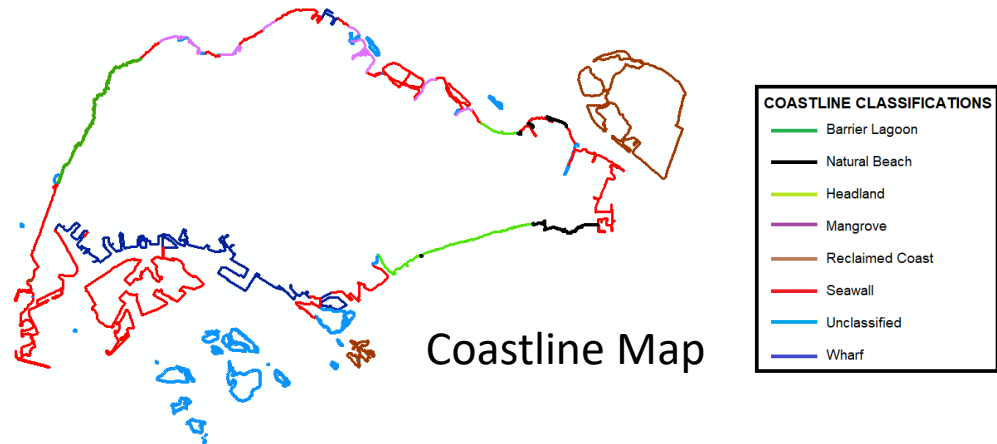
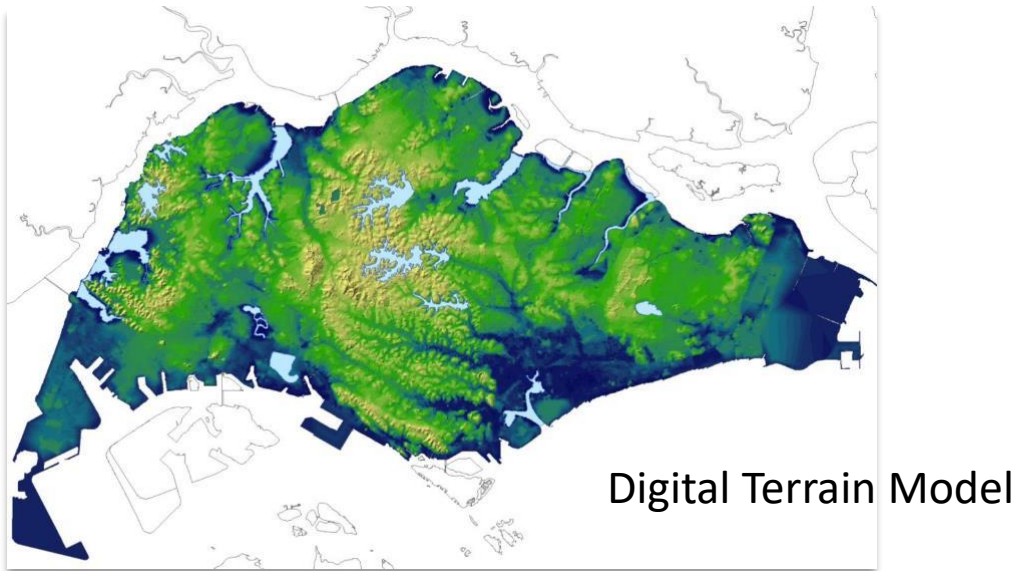


- Processing Techniques
- Modelling Techniques
- Data Standards
- Data Formats
- Resolution & Level of Detail (LoD)

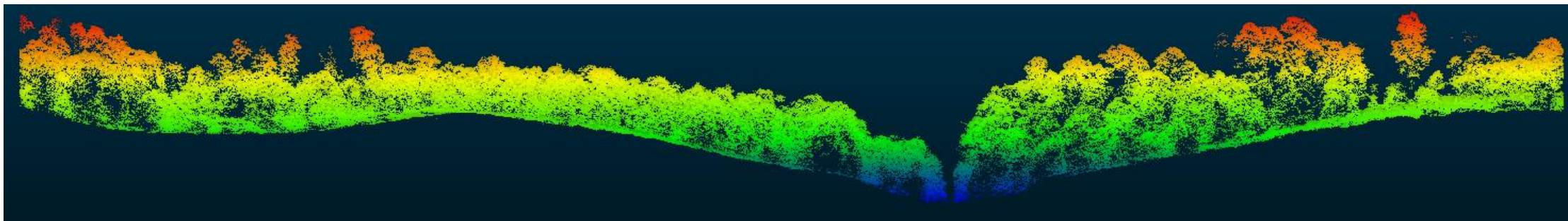
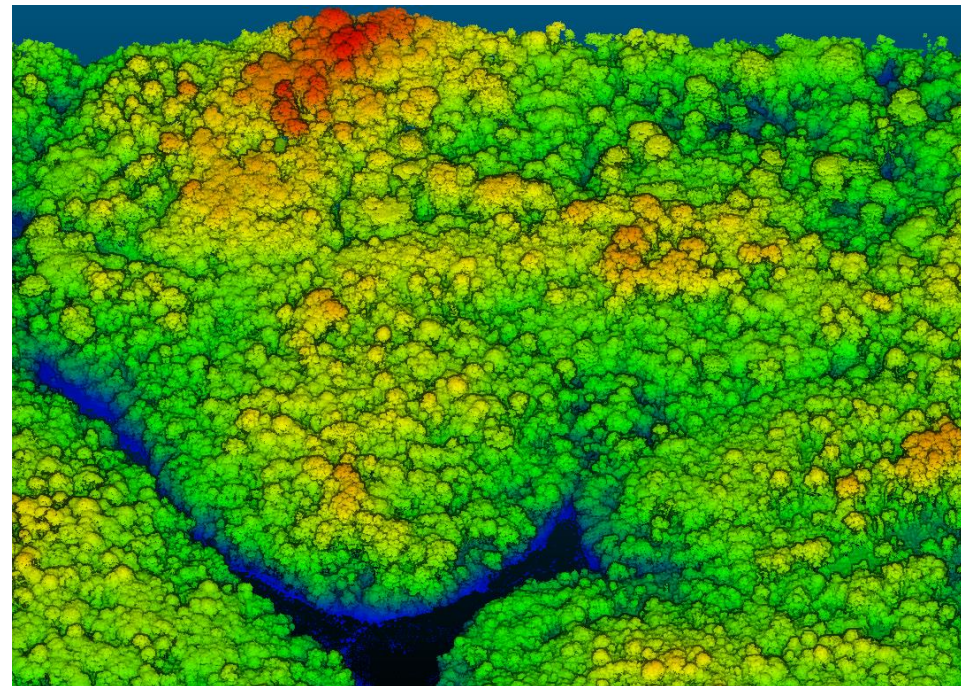
- Products and Maps Development
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- Advanced Visualisation (VR, AR)
- Map or Geo Data Services
- Solutioning

- Data Governance
- Database Management
- Change Detection and Updating Techniques and Workflow
- Data Exchange Standards

Authoritative Baseline Maps



Near Infrared Imagery and 3D Point Cloud



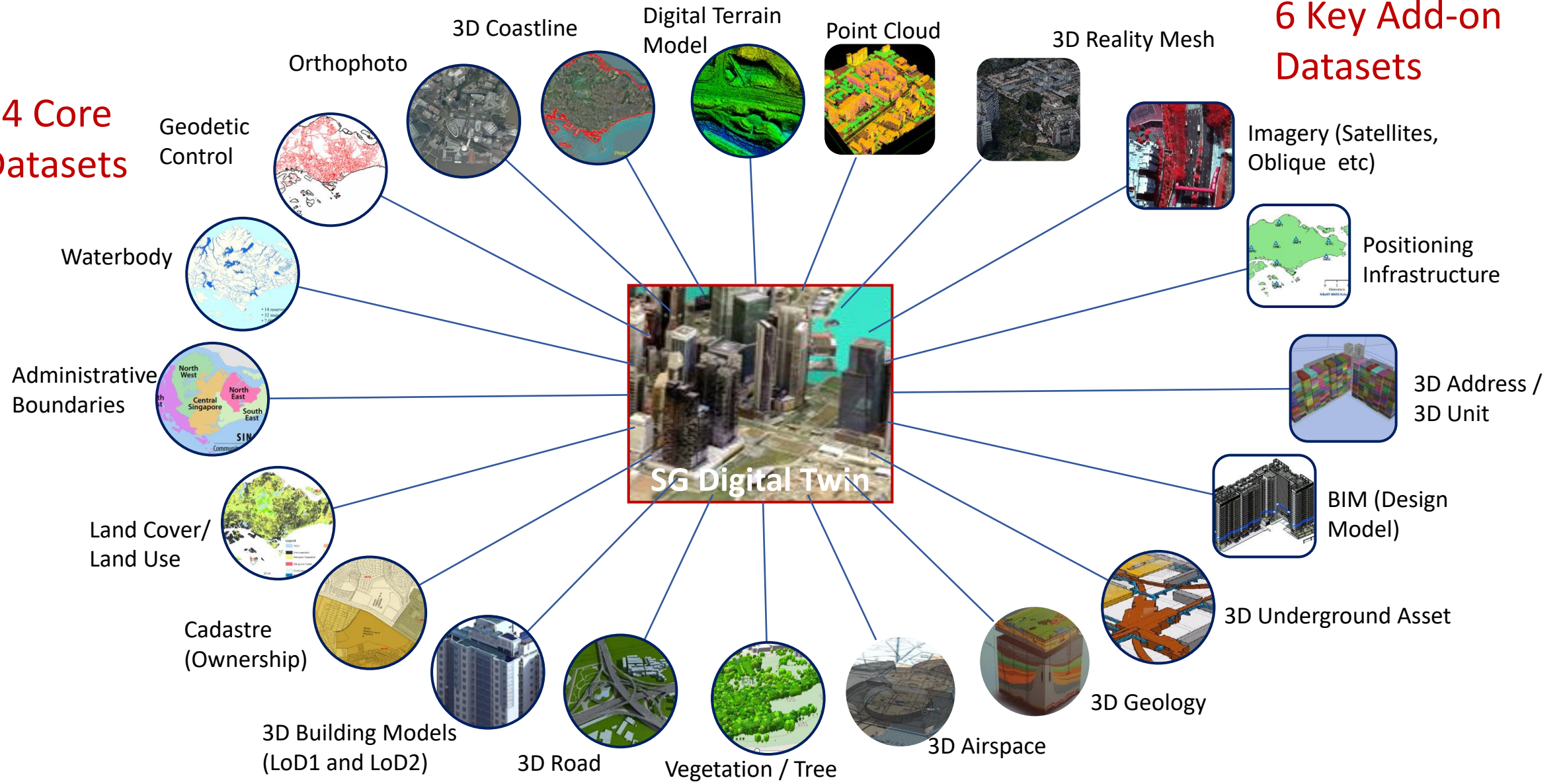


2. Formulate mitigation & adaptation policies and solutions

Digital Twin for Cities

14 Core Datasets

6 Key Add-on Datasets



3D City Models



3D Vector Model

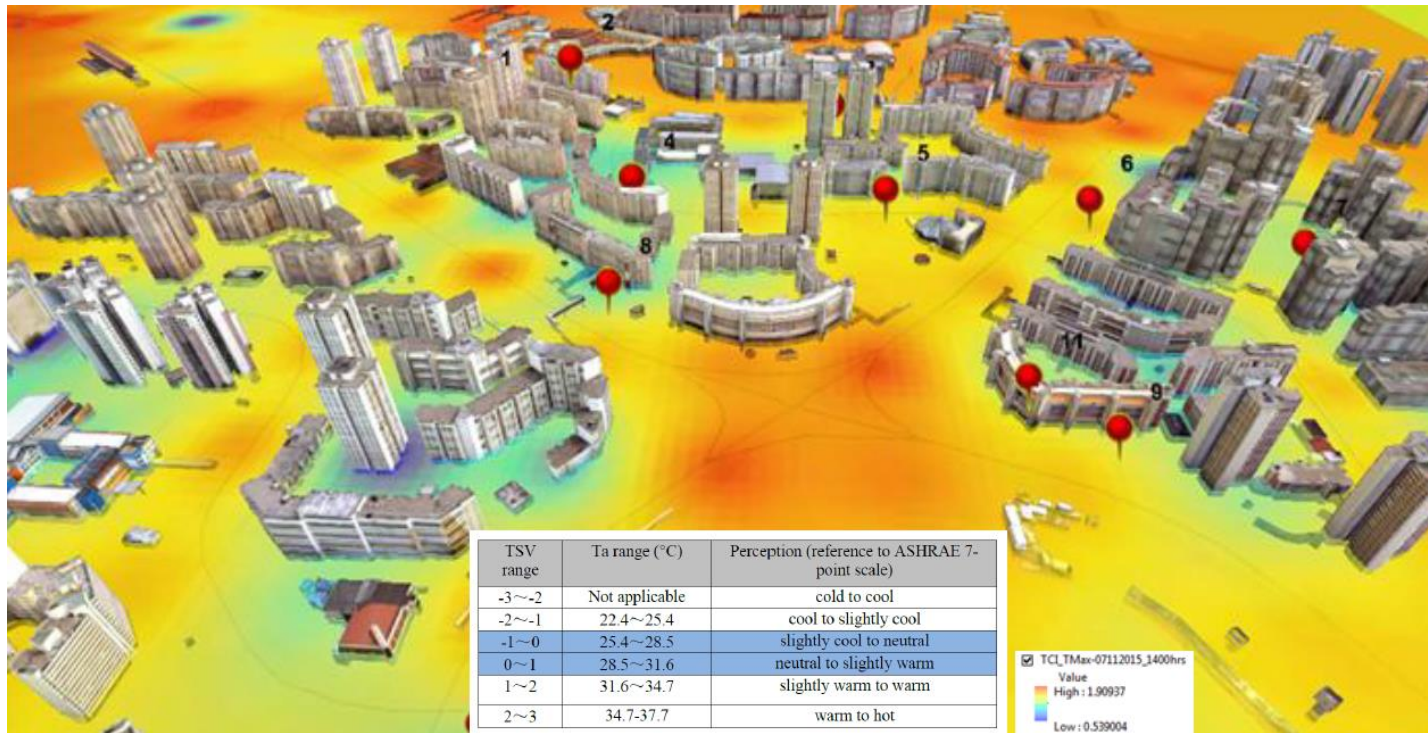


3D Mesh Model

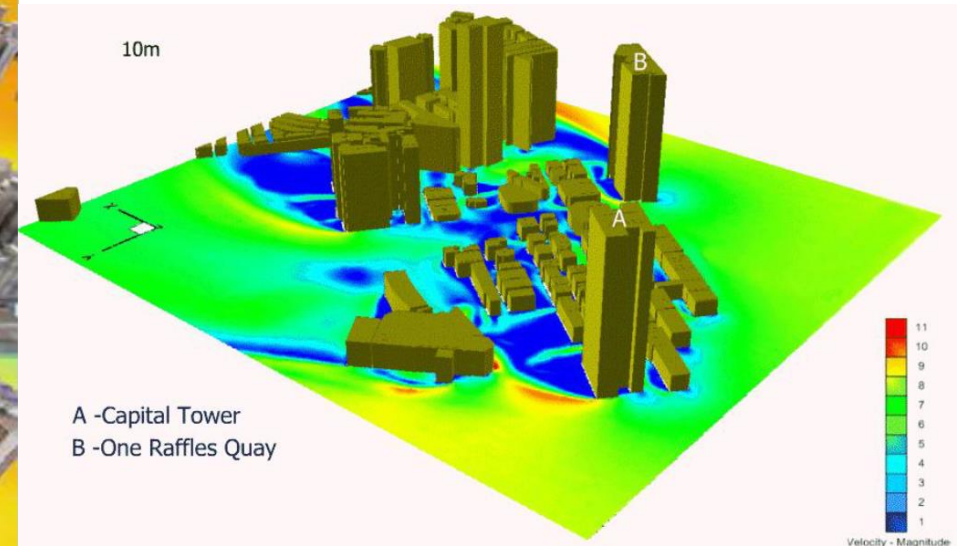
3D Visualisation



Multi-scale Urban System Modelling for Thermal Comfort



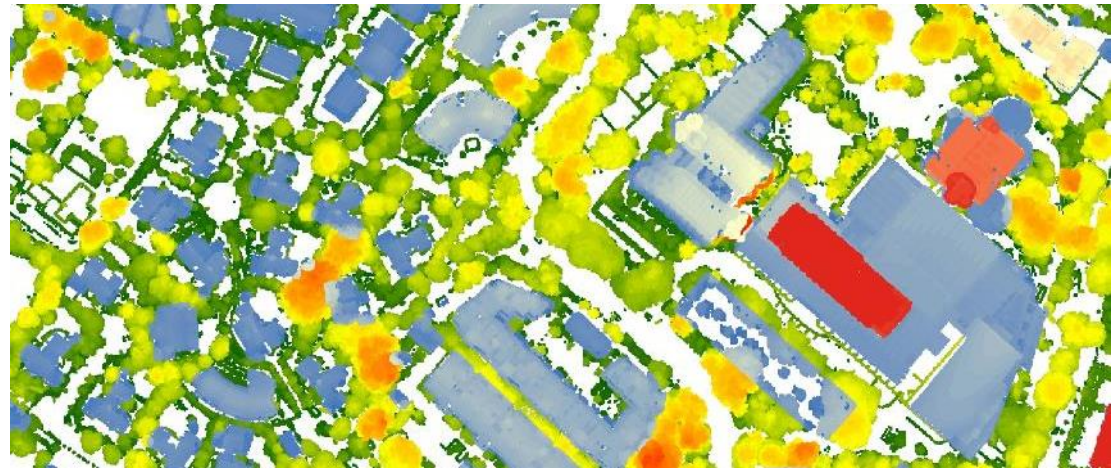
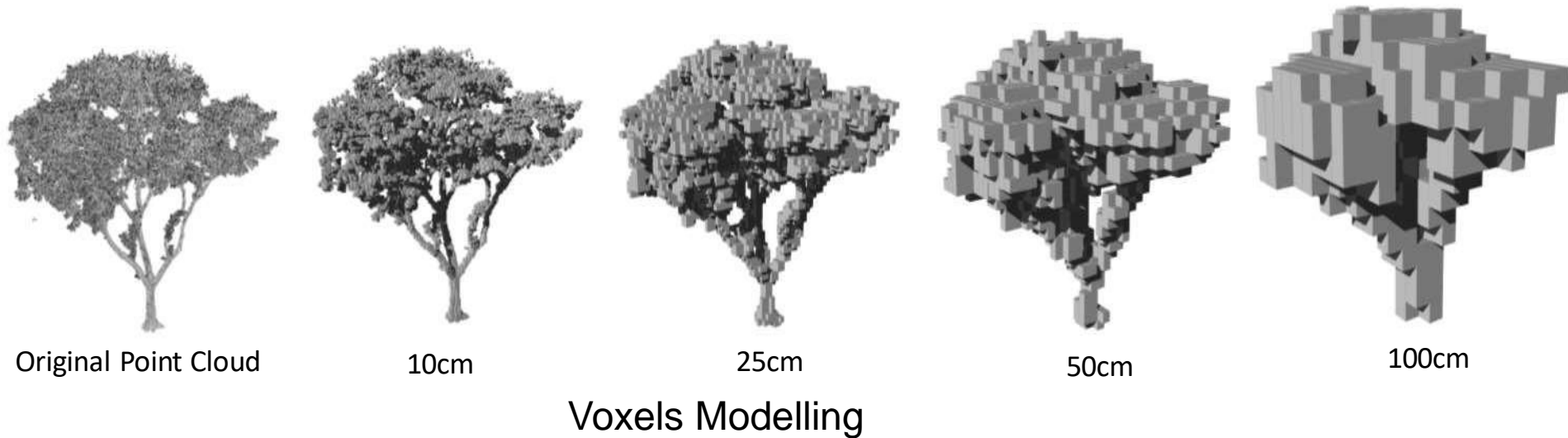
UHI-Thermal Comfort Map (100m resolution on 7 Nov 2015 1400hr)



Wind Flow and Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)

Accurate Mapping of Trees and Vegetation

- Automated extraction of tree attribute
- Detail 3D modelling of road side trees

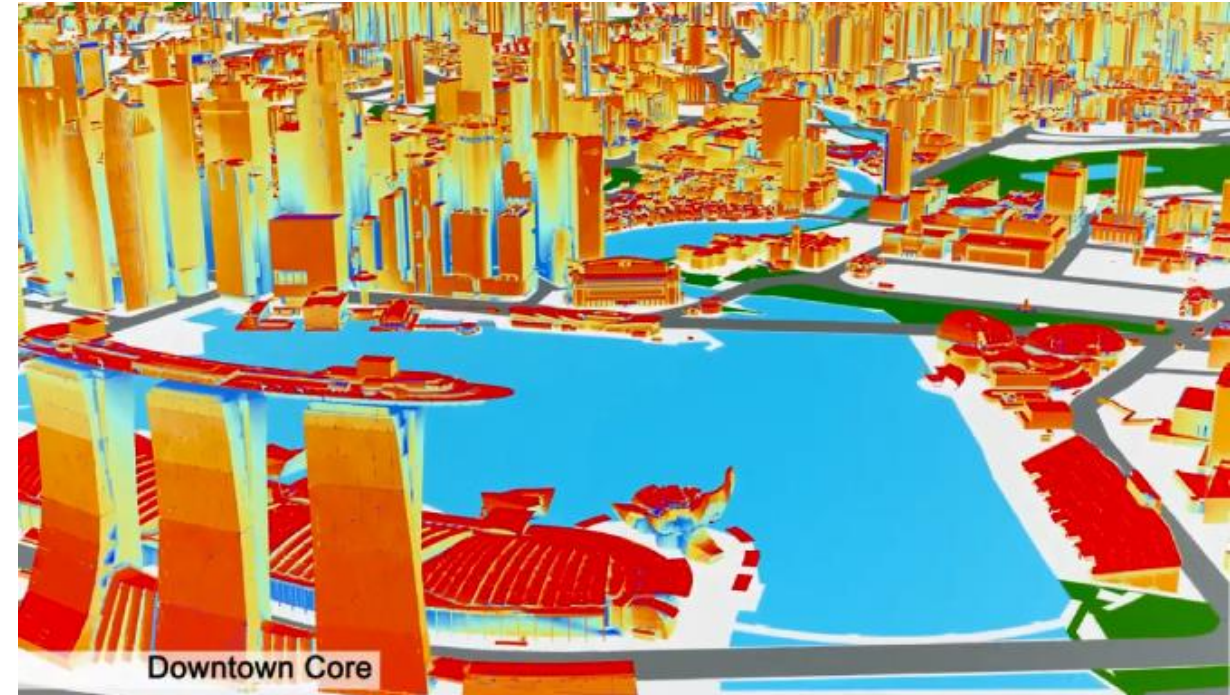
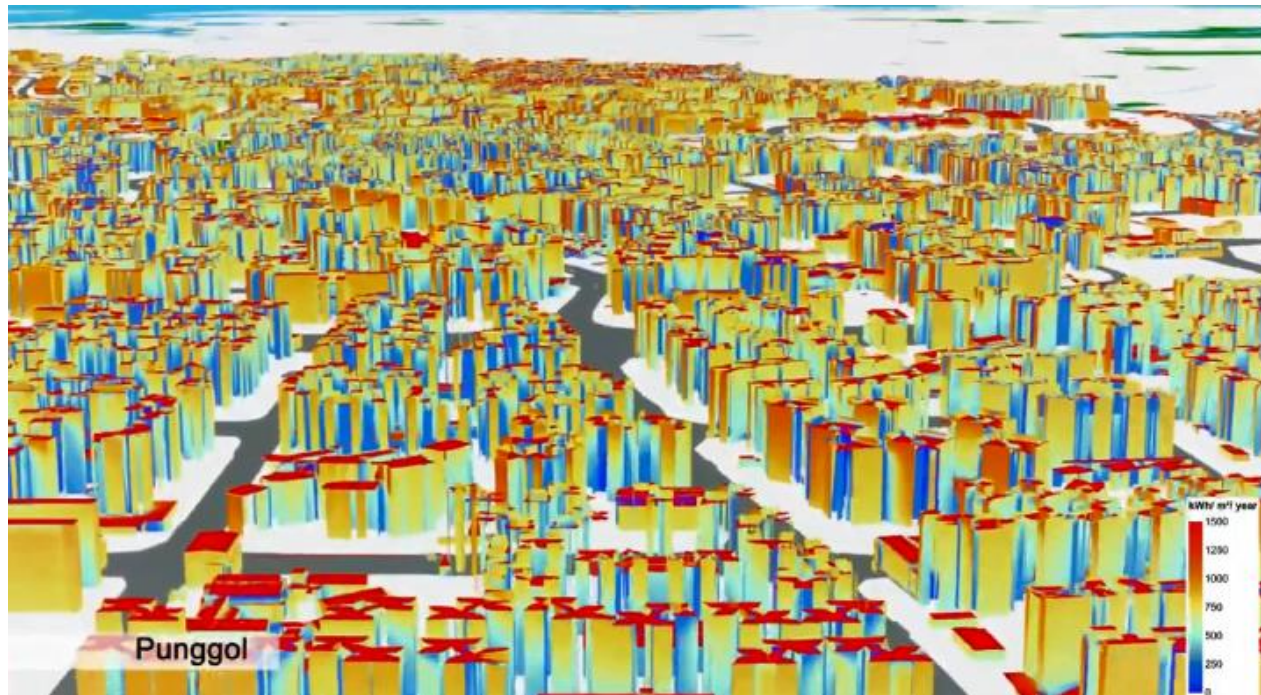


Images Courtesy of National Parks Board (NParks)



3D Solar Potential Map

Collaboration between SERIS, NUS and SLA




Images Courtesy of Solar Energy Research Institute of Singapore (SERIS) and School of Design & Environment (SDE), National University of Singapore (NUS)

Carbon Estimation in Singapore


Collaboration between SLA and NUS Centre for Nature-based Climate Solution

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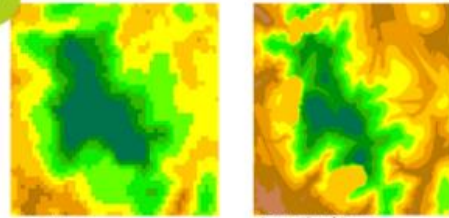
LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging)
This laser scanning technology emits hundreds of thousands of laser pulses per second to capture the physical world.

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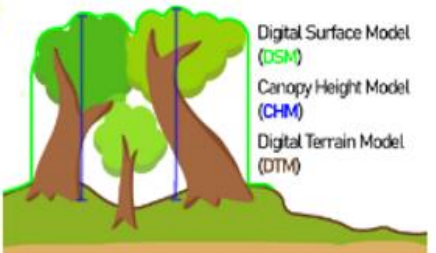
Point Cloud
Laser pulses could penetrate the canopy. The reflected signals are termed "point cloud".

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Reliable, High-Resolution 3D Geoinformation
Ground profile derived from the point cloud is 20 times more reliable than that from satellite imagery.

4




Geoinformation from 3D Mapping
Such information offers insights into the canopy height and other terrain-related data.

5



LiDAR-Carbon Model for Singapore
The collaboration between SLA and NUS enables efficient carbon estimation and derivation of carbon density across different ecosystems.

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More Accurate Carbon Estimation
Accurate representation of carbon stock in forests will facilitate the planning of measures to address climate change challenges.

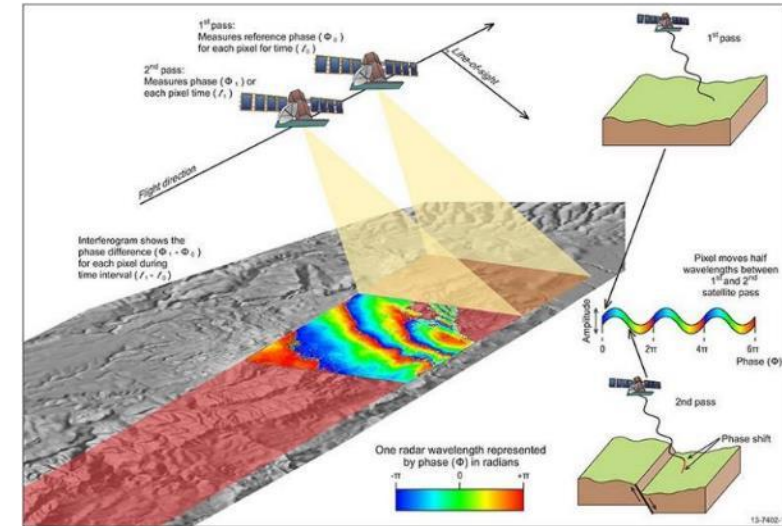


3. Monitor the rate at which the risks are unfolding

Monitoring of Vertical Land Motion



GNSS Reference Station Network (CORS)



Interferometry SAR



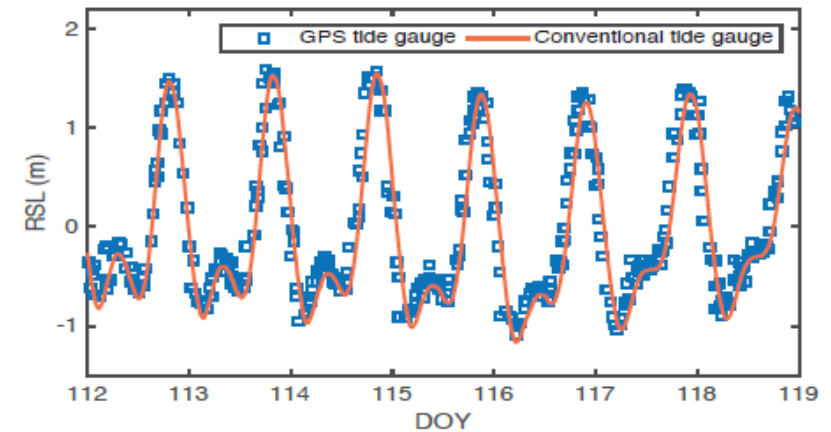
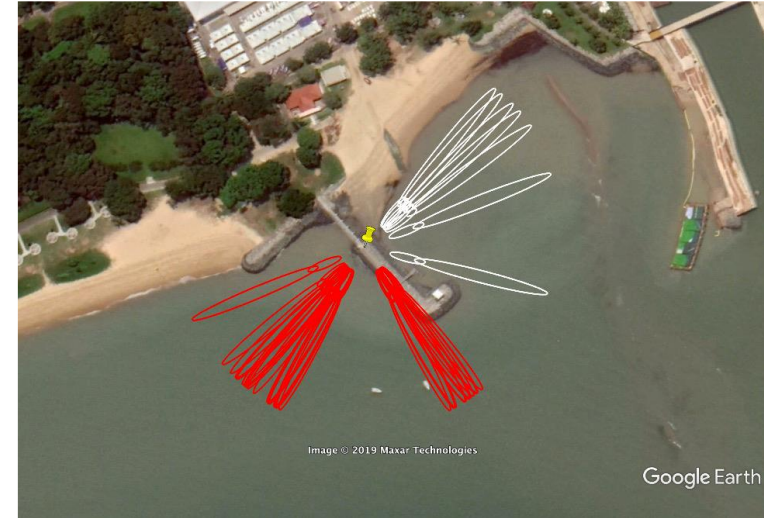
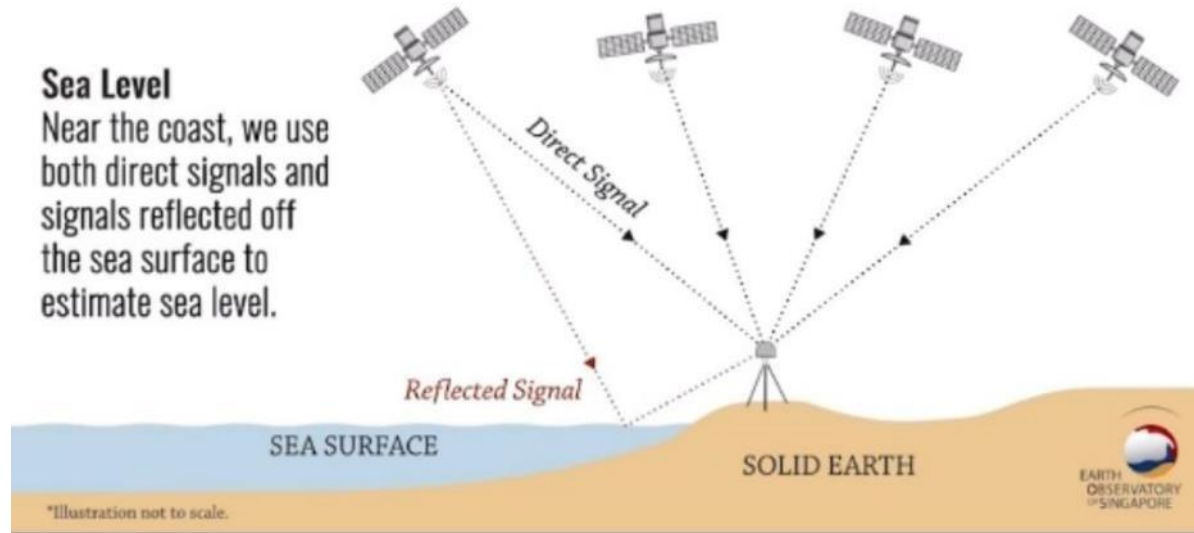
Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Reference Infrastructure

GNSS Reflectometry for Sea Level Monitoring

Collaboration between SLA and NTU Earth Observatory Singapore

DID YOU KNOW? The Global Positioning System (GPS) can measure land height, sea level & water vapour.

Sea Level
Near the coast, we use both direct signals and signals reflected off the sea surface to estimate sea level.



Establish
Baseline

Formulate
Solutions

Monitor
Changes

Measure
Effectiveness

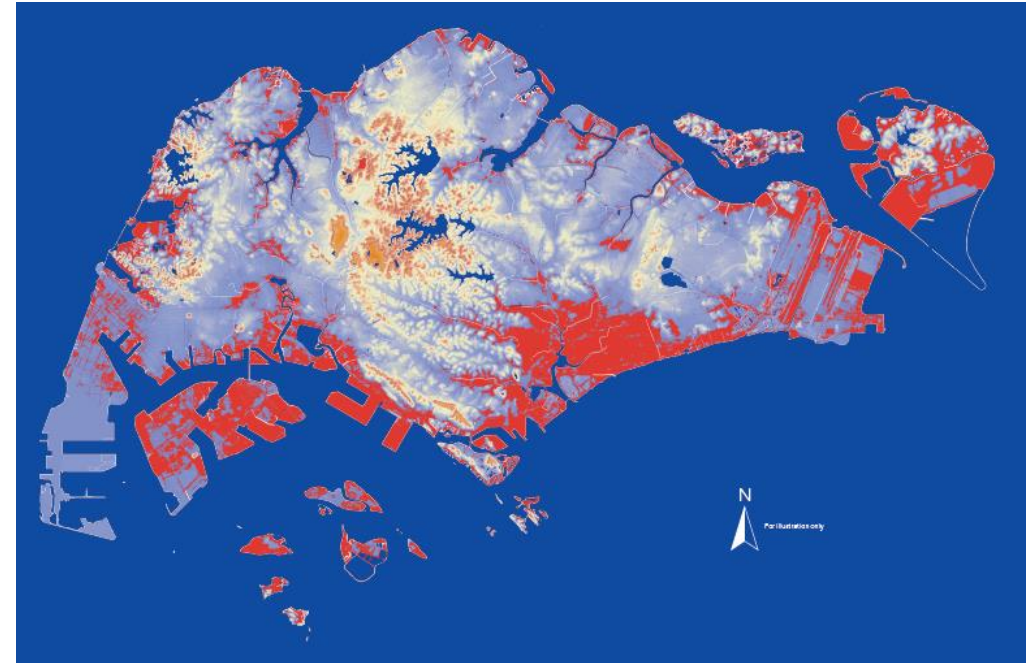
4. Measure effectiveness of the mitigation and adaptation solutions



Thank You

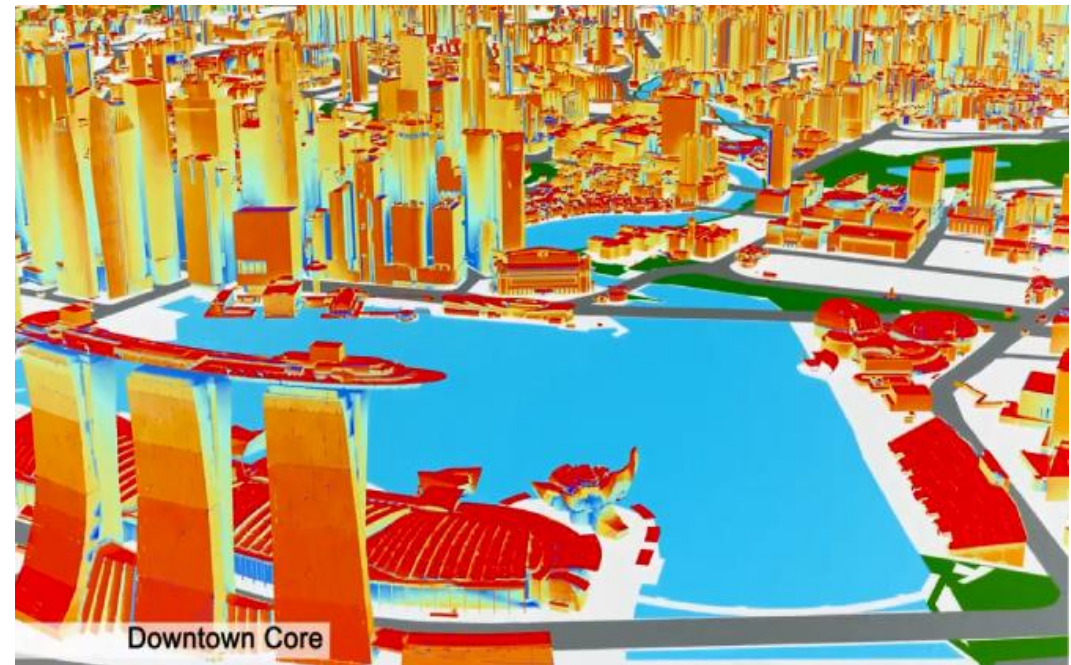
Protecting Life & Infrastructure

Identify low-lying areas and monitor environmental changes (e.g. surface motion, sea-level rise)



Deploying Solar Panels Efficiently

Generation of an island-wide solar potential map to ensure the best placement



Tackling Urban Heat

3D models facilitate study of the effects of Urban Heat Island effect, and simulation of urban climate

