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PHOTOSIEVING: DRONE IMAGING FOR GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS OF SEDIMENTS

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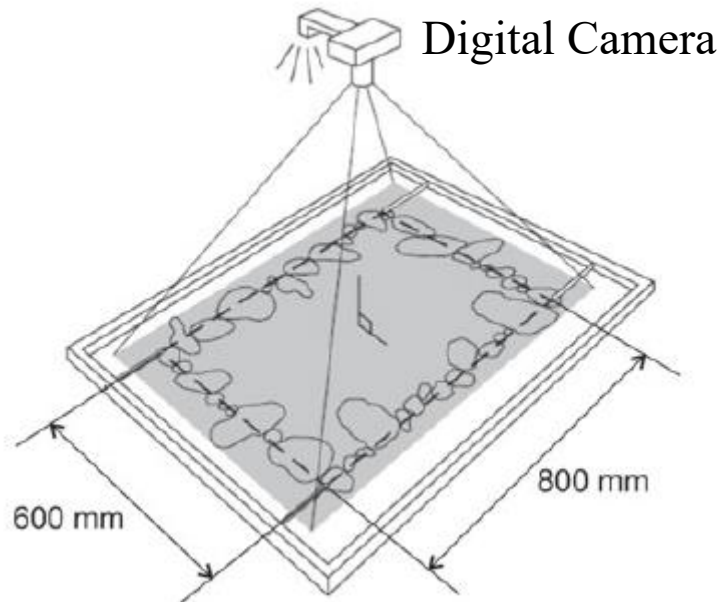


Introduction

- River System
- Sieving → Photo sieving
- Sediment Size Analysis

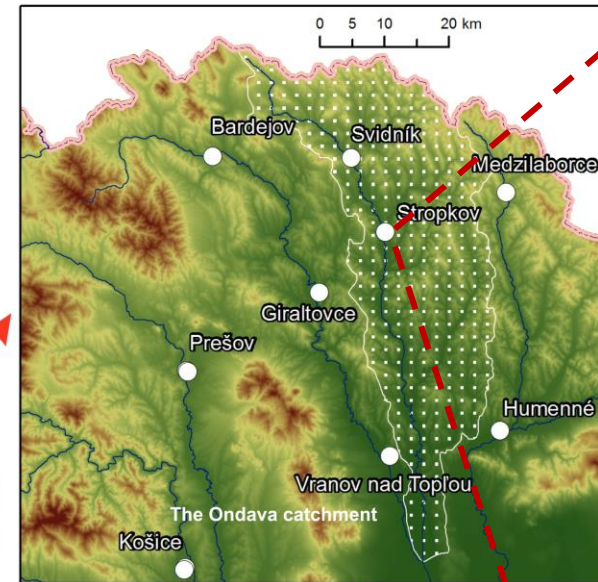
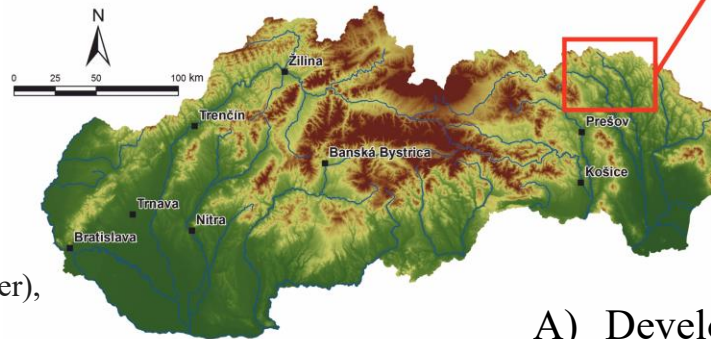
Characteristics of Particle size Distribution

- Mean
- Standard deviation
- Skewness
- kurtosis



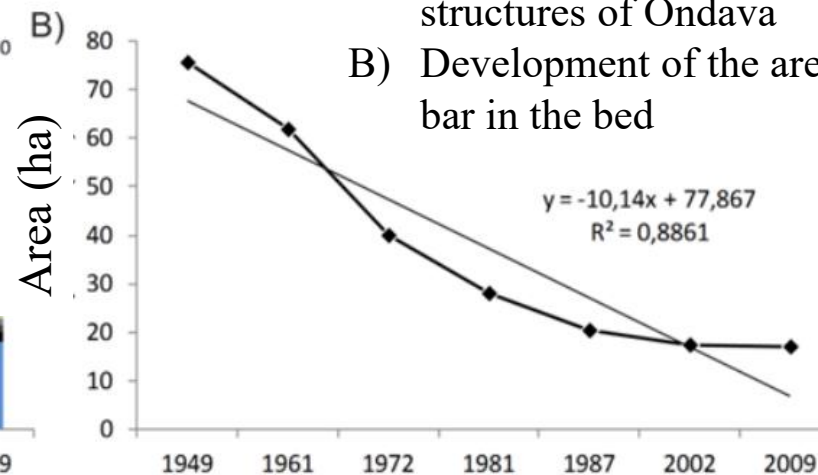
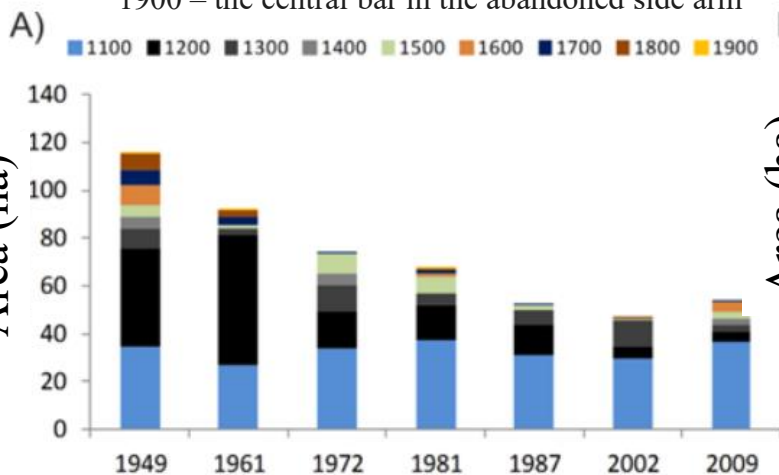
Study Area

- Previous Research
- Data Availability
- Validation
- Locality



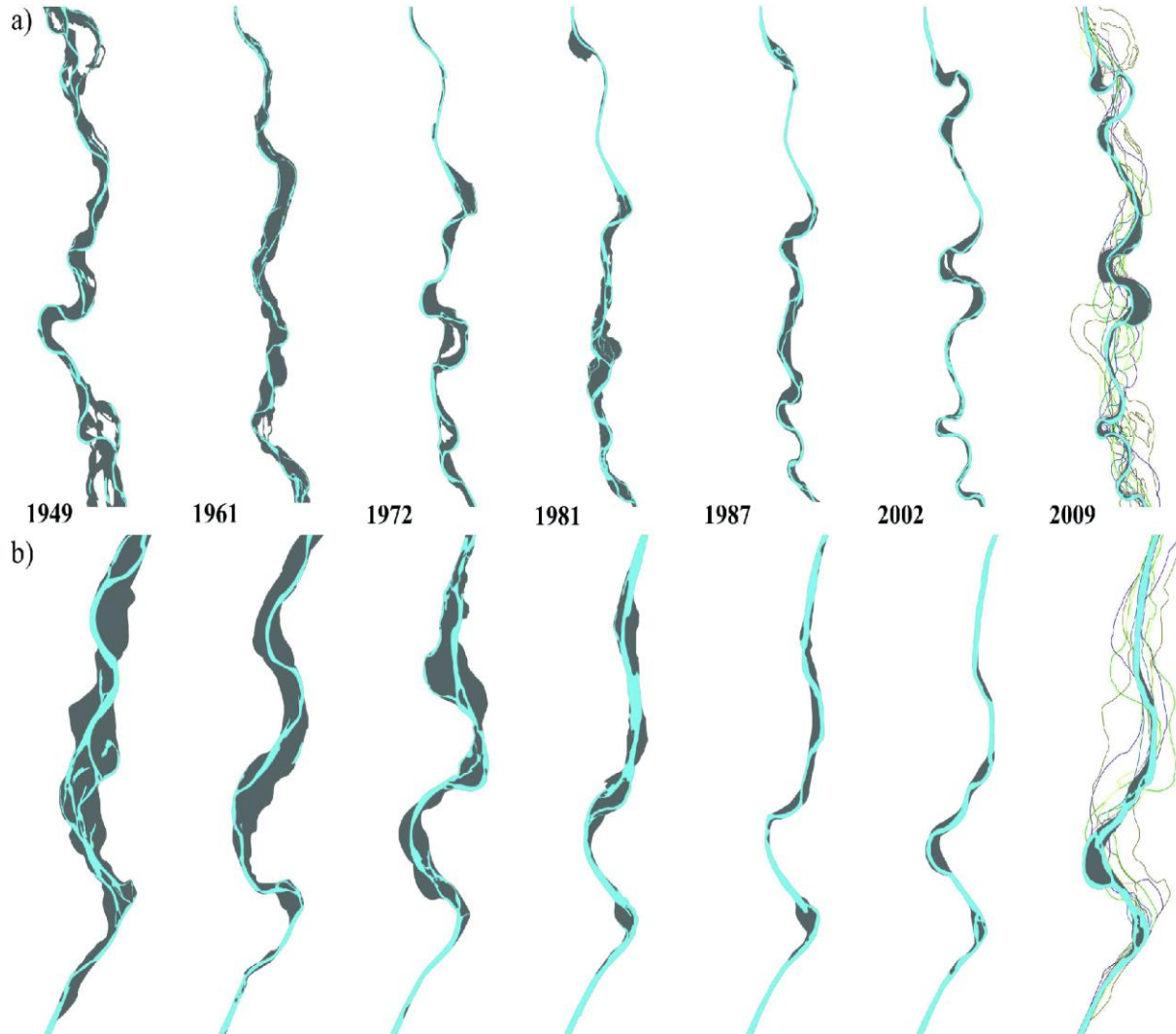
Legend

- 1100 - Water,
- 1200 - gravel bar,
- 1300 - Point bar,
- 1400 - Island attached bar,
- 1500 - Central bar,
- 1600 - Abandoned Side Channel,
- 1700 - Abandoned Side Arm (Water),
- 1800 - Cut-off Channel,
- 1900 - the central bar in the abandoned side arm

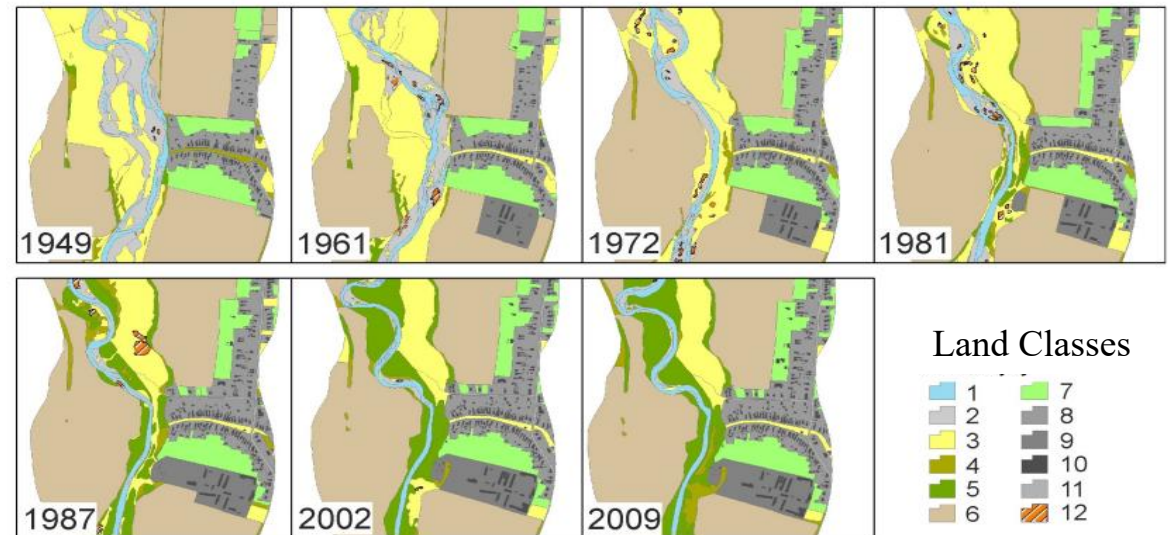
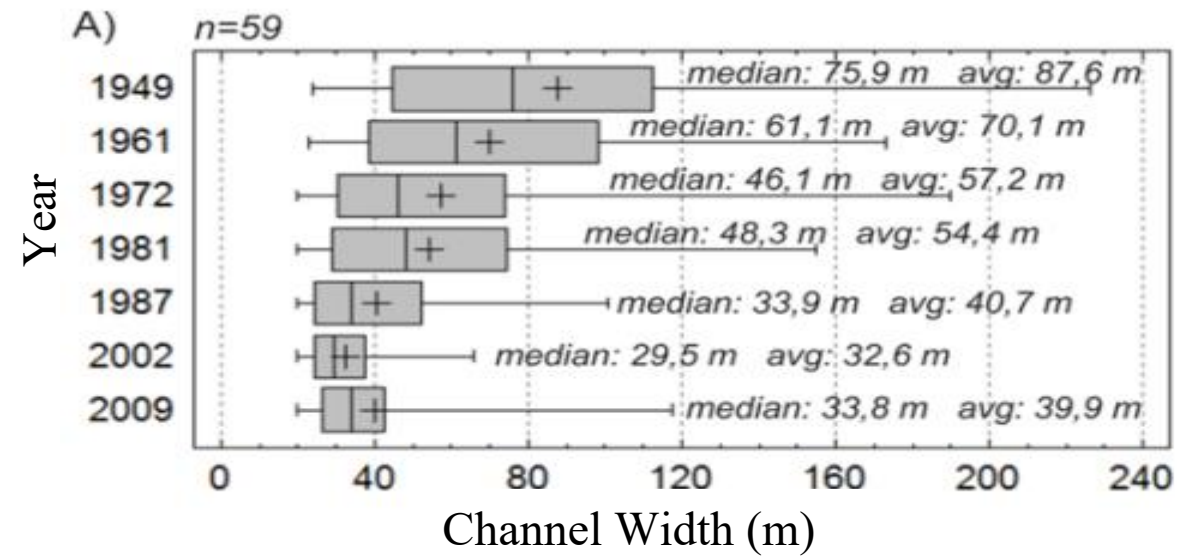


- A) Development of the internal bed structures of Ondava
- B) Development of the area of gravel bar in the bed

Study Area



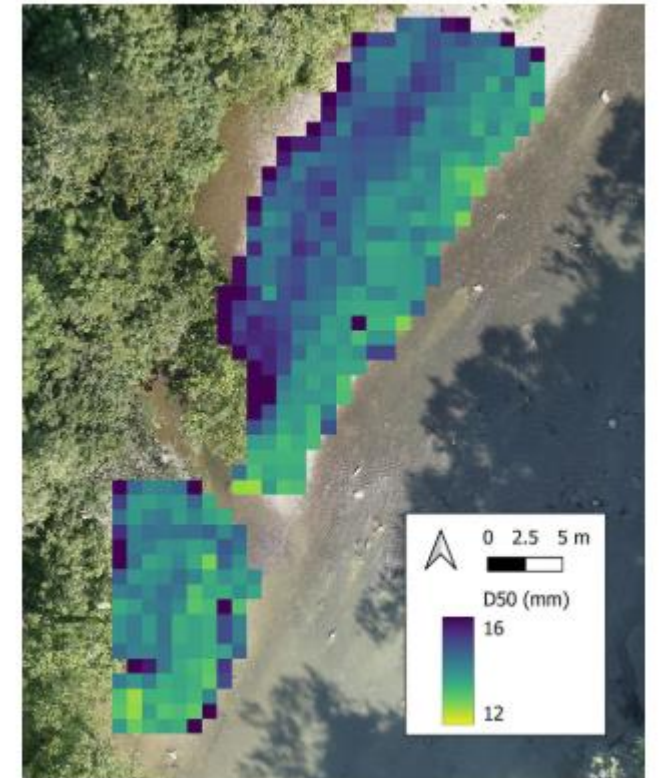
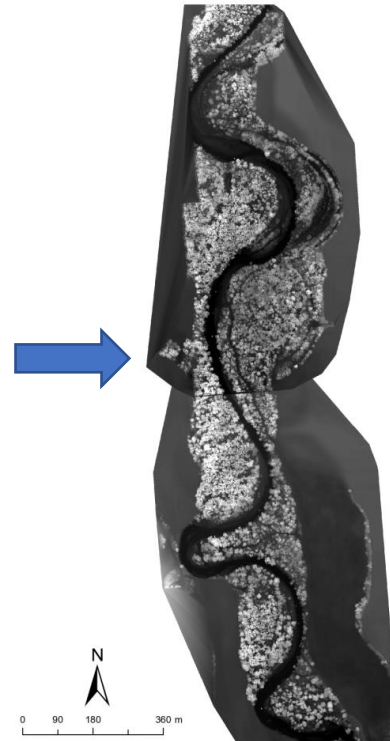
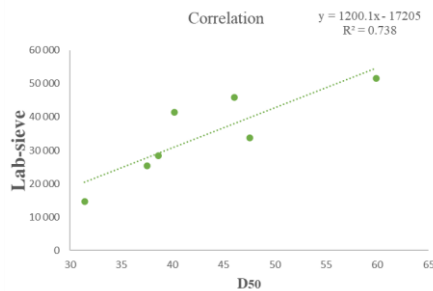
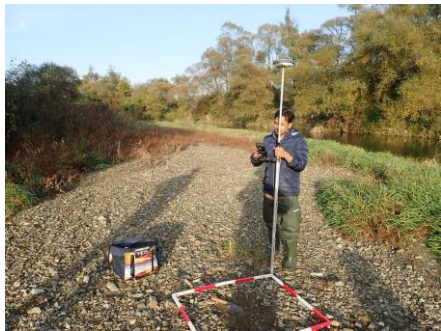
Planform evolution of the Ondava river from 1949 to 2009 in a meandering (a) and sinuous (b) channel section with historical position of channel plotted as for 2009



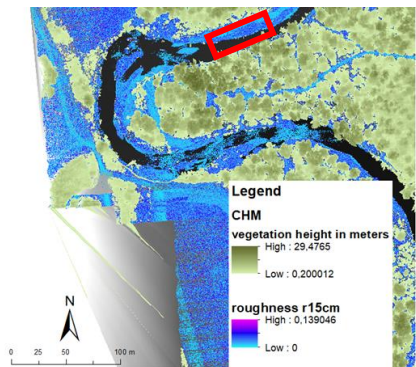
1 – water, 2–gravel bar, 3 – low vegetation, 4 – medium-high Veg, 5 –Forest, 6 – arable land, 7 garden, 8 – buildup area , 9 – industrial area, 10 – buildings, 11 – road, 12 – mining pit

Main Aim

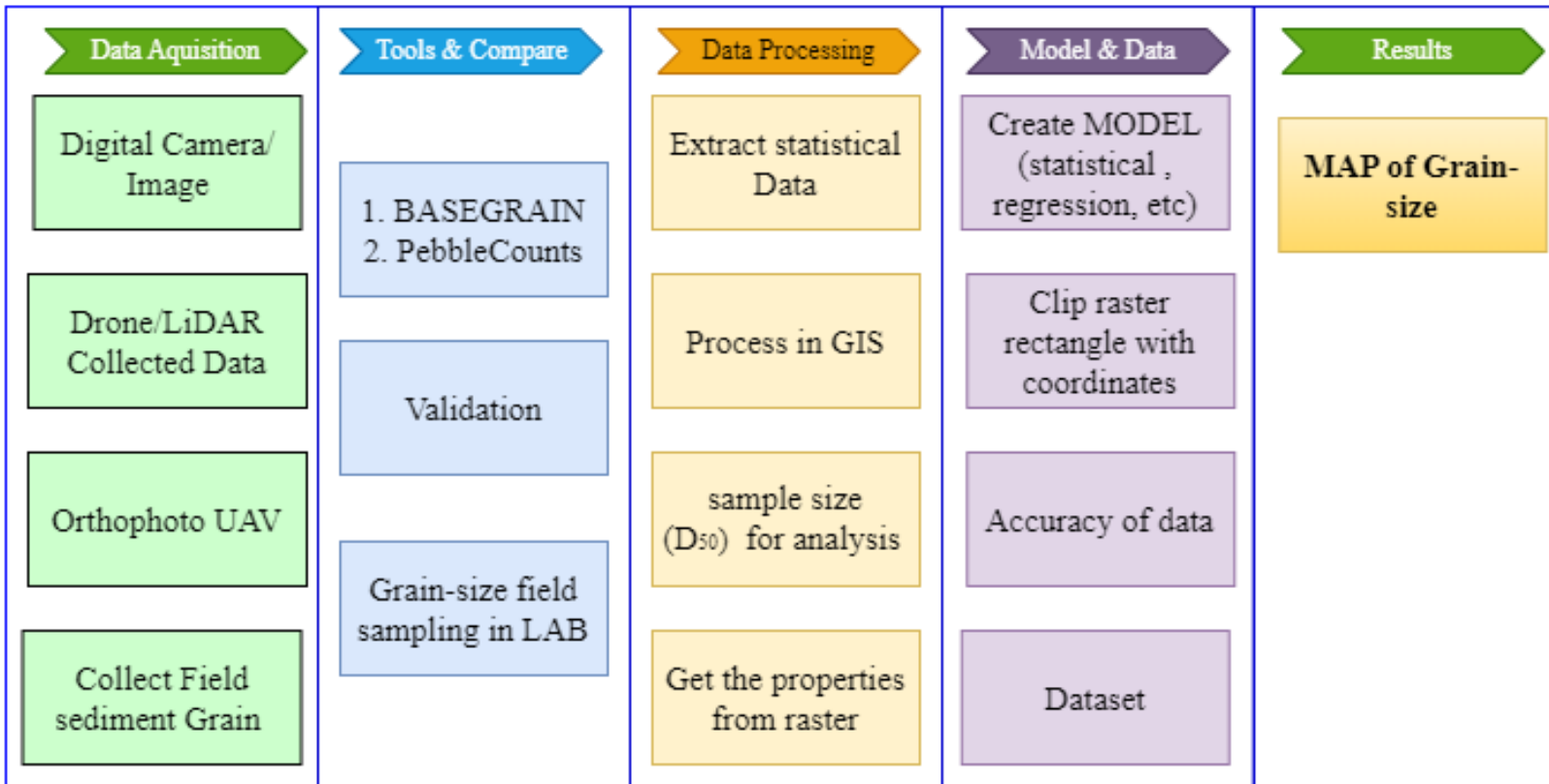
- Using high-resolution UAV orthophotos / LiDAR for estimating grain size distribution in the river channel for long river sections (> 2 km)
- Regression model between field samples and properties of orthophotos and Lidar
- Application of model for whole river segment



Wong, T., Khanal, S., Zhao, K., & Lyon, S. W. (2024). Grain size estimation in fluvial gravel bars using uncrewed aerial vehicles: A comparison between methods based on imagery and topography. *Earth Surface Processes and Landforms*, 49(1), 374–392. <https://doi.org/10.1002/esp.5709>



Methodology



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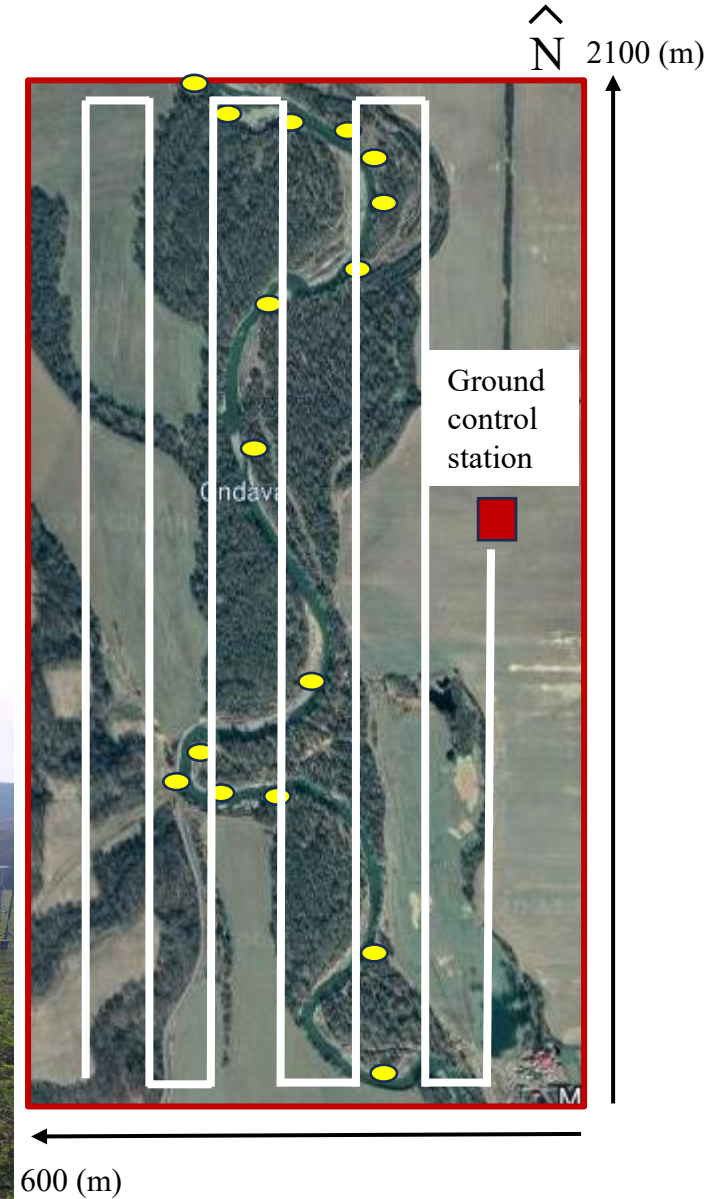
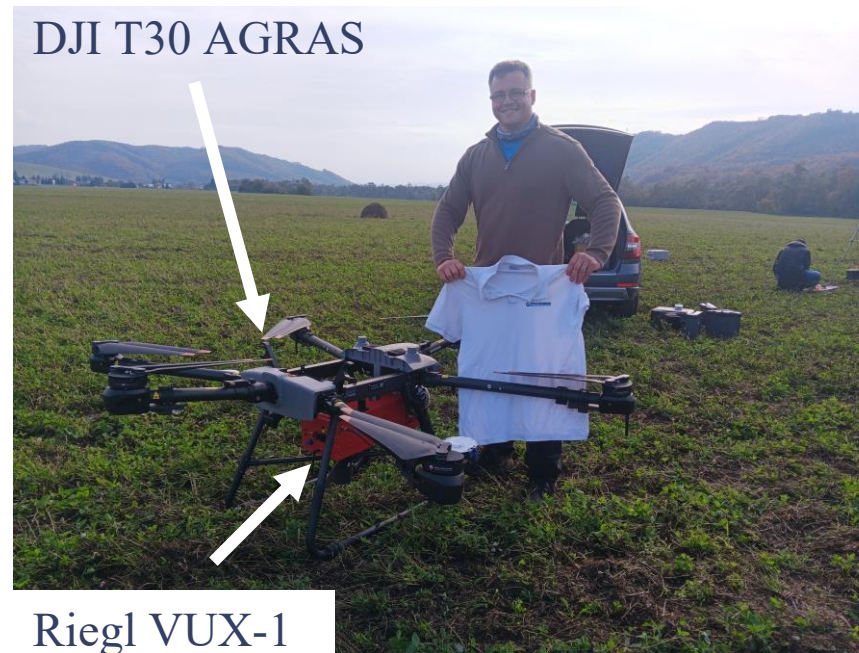
- Lidar Data Acquisition

Date of Acquisition :- 24.10.2023

Type of UAV :- **DJI T30 AGRAS**

Type of Scanner :- **Riegl VUX-1**

Height of Flight :- 100 m



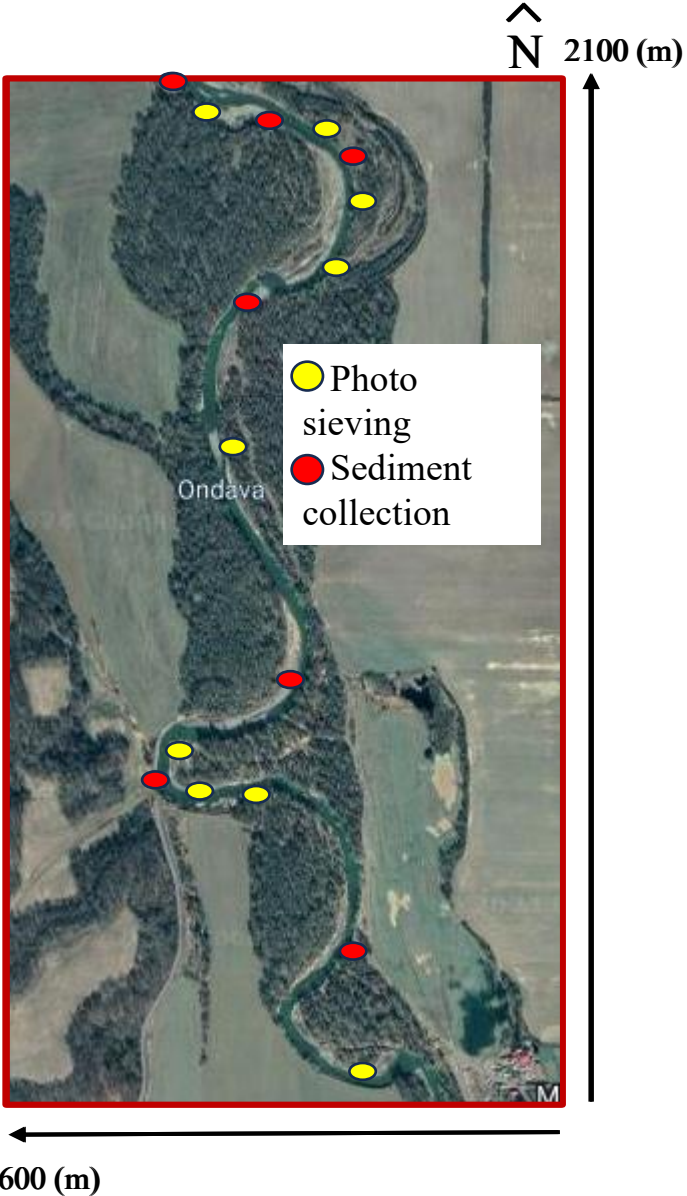
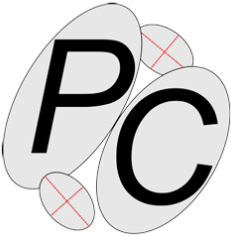
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Sediment collection

- Sediment sample collection
- RTK GPS
- Date 23.10.2023
- Lab-sieving
- photosieving

Sieving shaker



Pebble Count

Based on pixel data and Image properties
Grain sizing algorithm for gravel bed river imagery

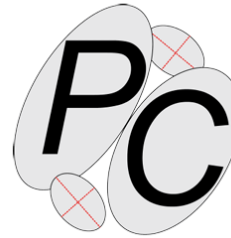
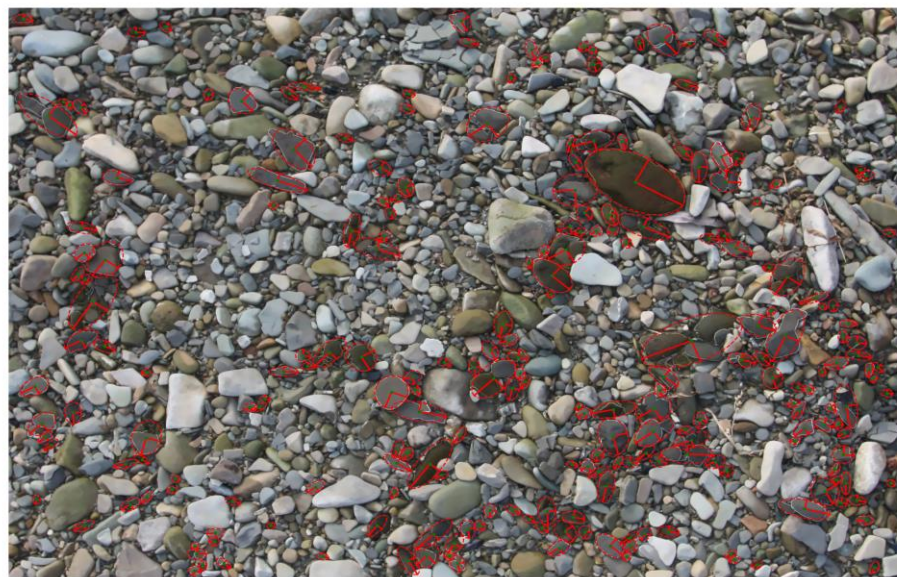
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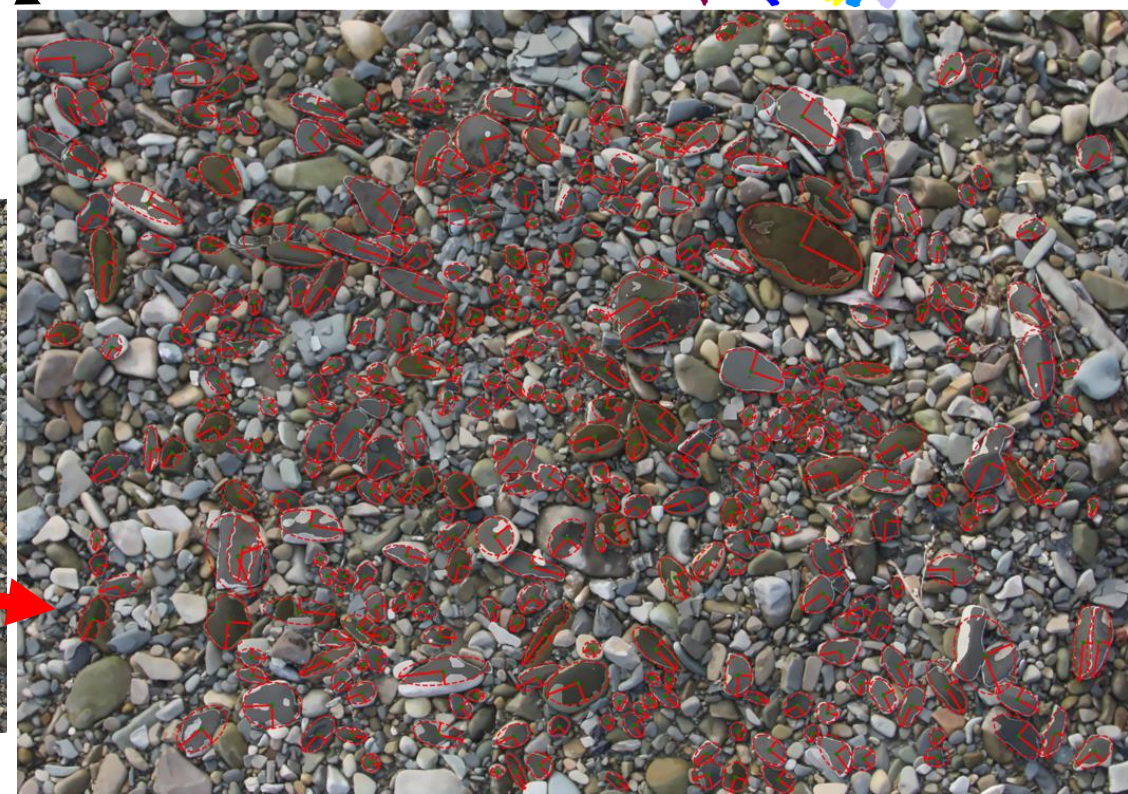
Automatic Image Filtering (AIF)

For I

python
sensor



Colour Detection

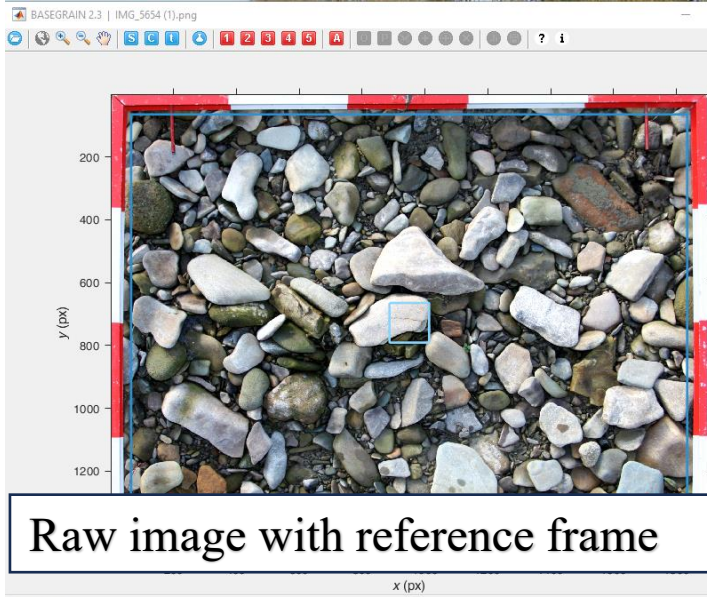


Workflow of optical granulometry image processing

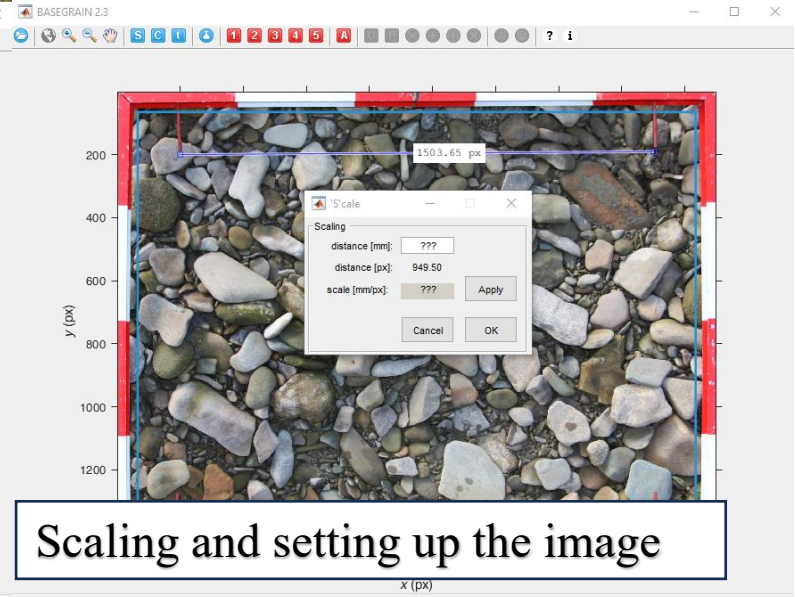
BASEGRAIN



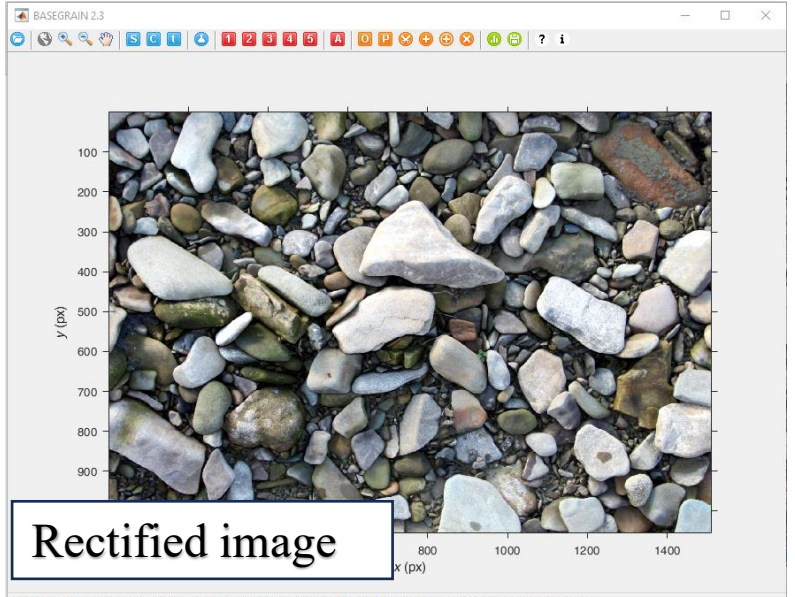
- Based on scaling
- Simple to use just to adjust the parameters
- Advanced Export data



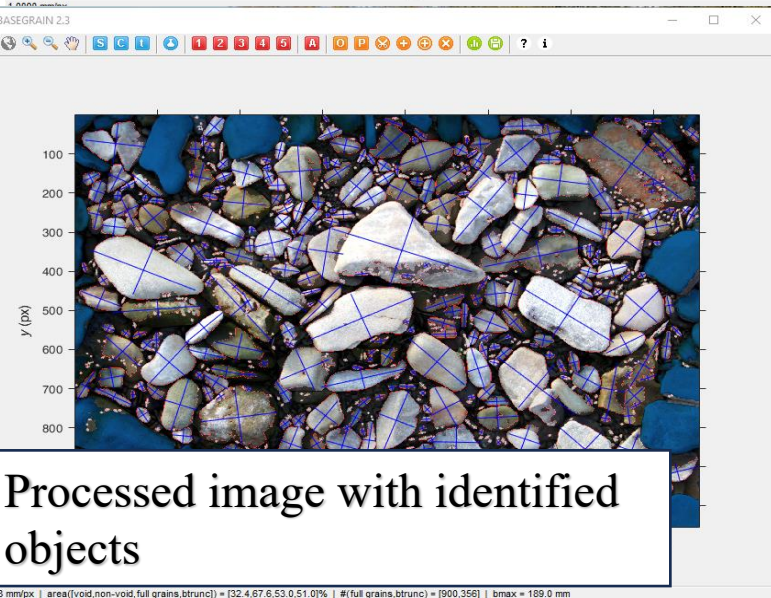
Raw image with reference frame



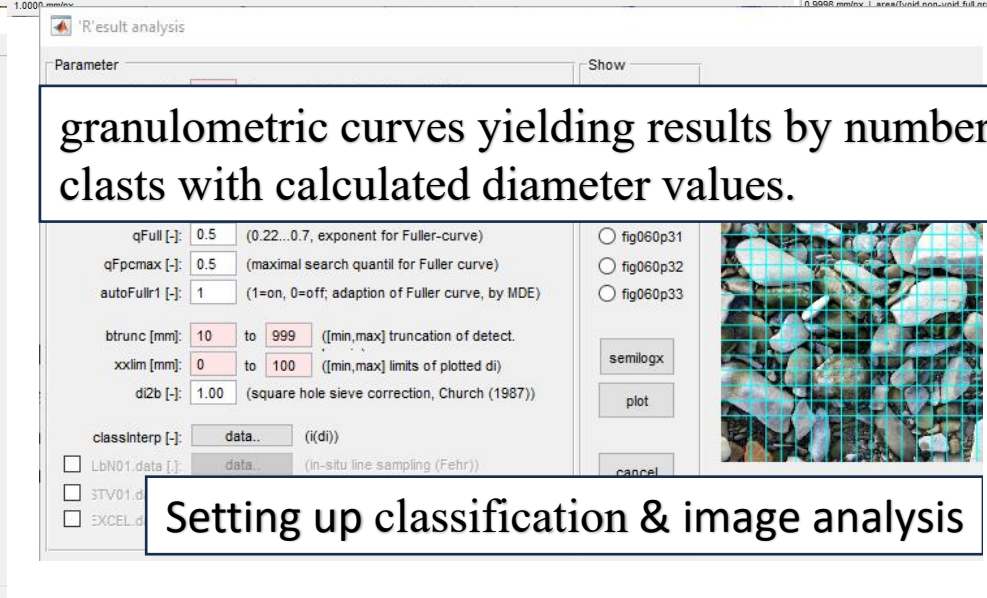
Scaling and setting up the image



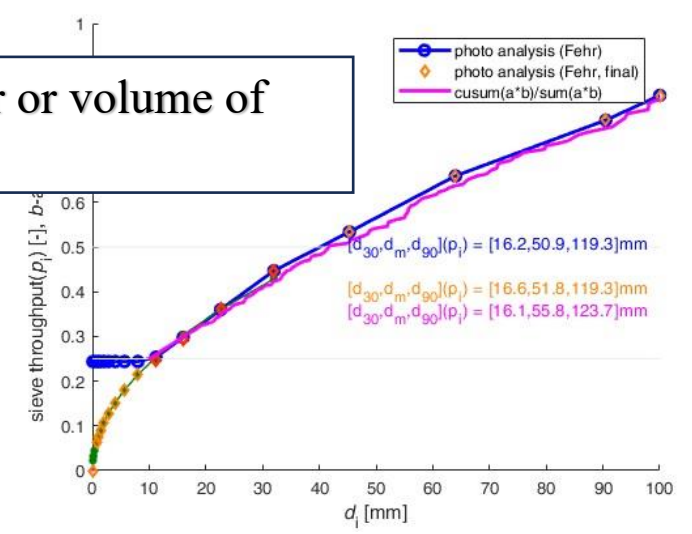
Rectified image



Processed image with identified objects



Setting up classification & image analysis



granulometric curves yielding results by number or volume of clasts with calculated diameter values.

Lab Analysis (Sieving)

Based on Volumetric

Time consuming

Field Based

Validation

Sieving machine



Pan Sieve-size

31.5 mm



16 mm

8 mm



4 mm

2 mm



1 mm

0.5 mm



0.25 mm

0.12 mm



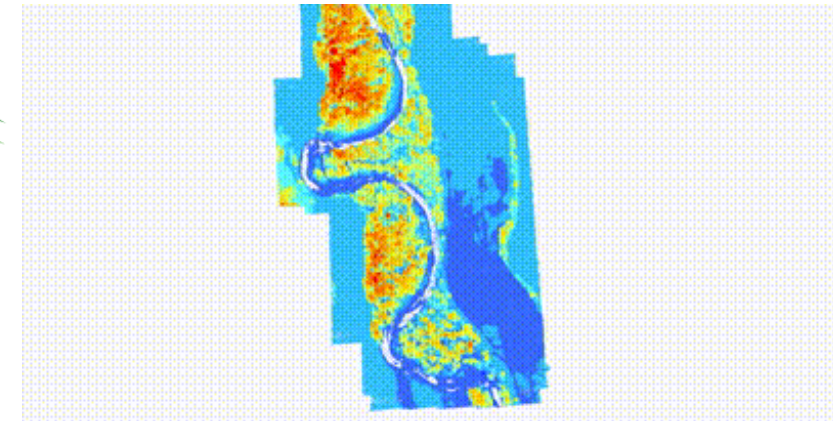
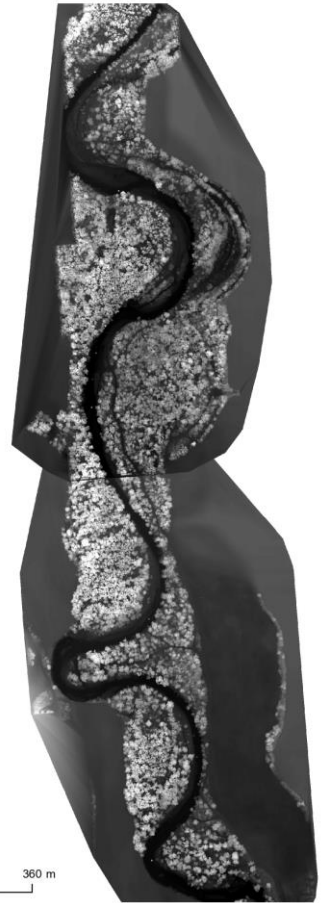
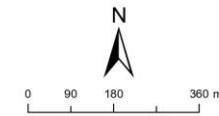
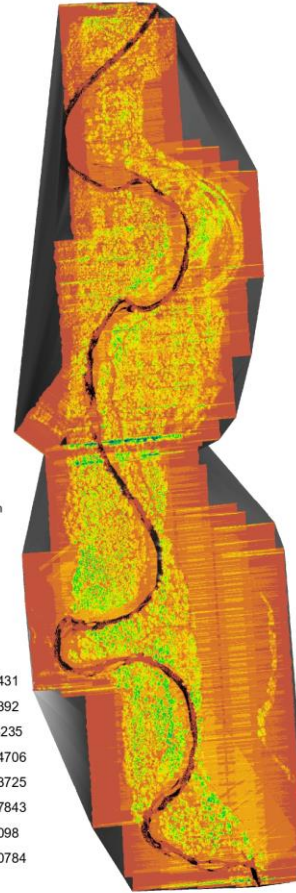
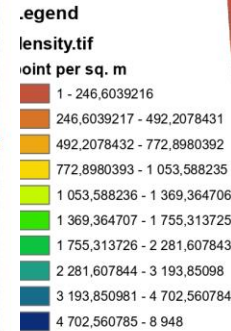
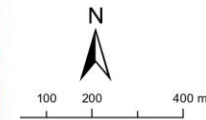
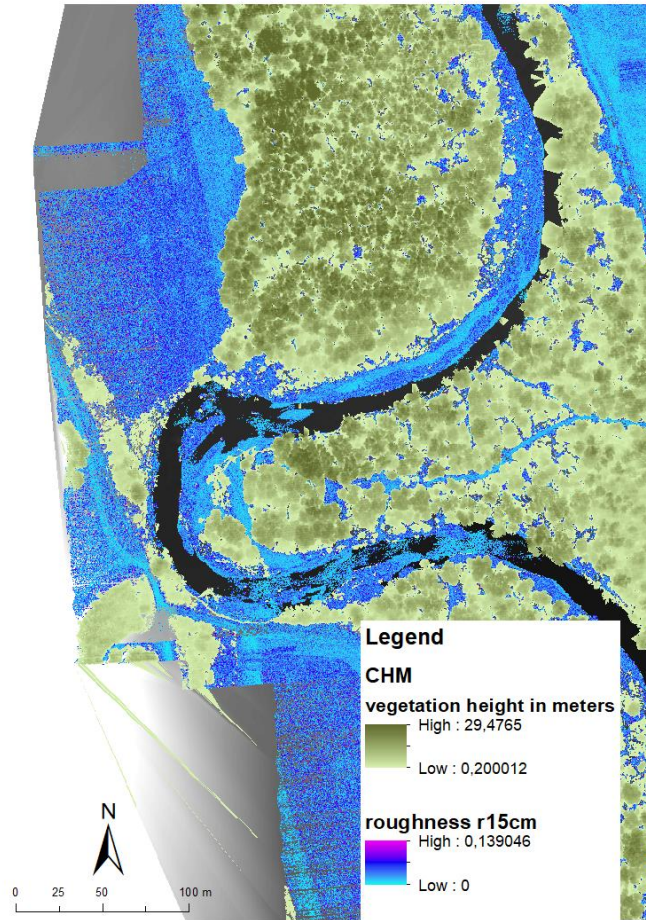
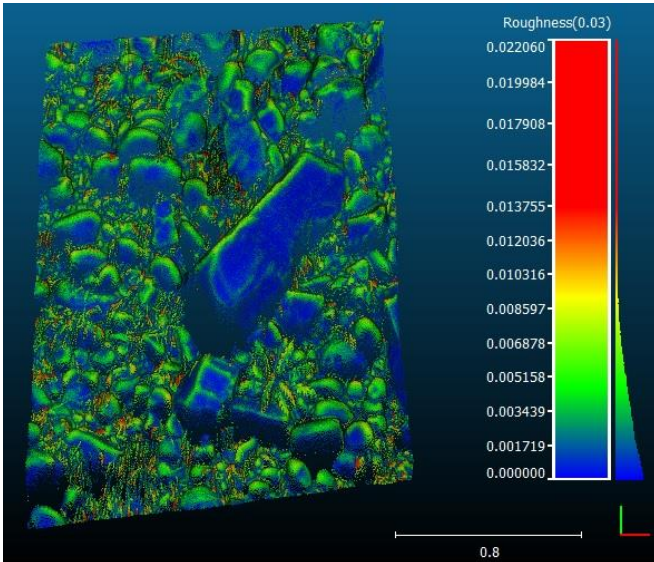
0.10 mm

0.63 mm



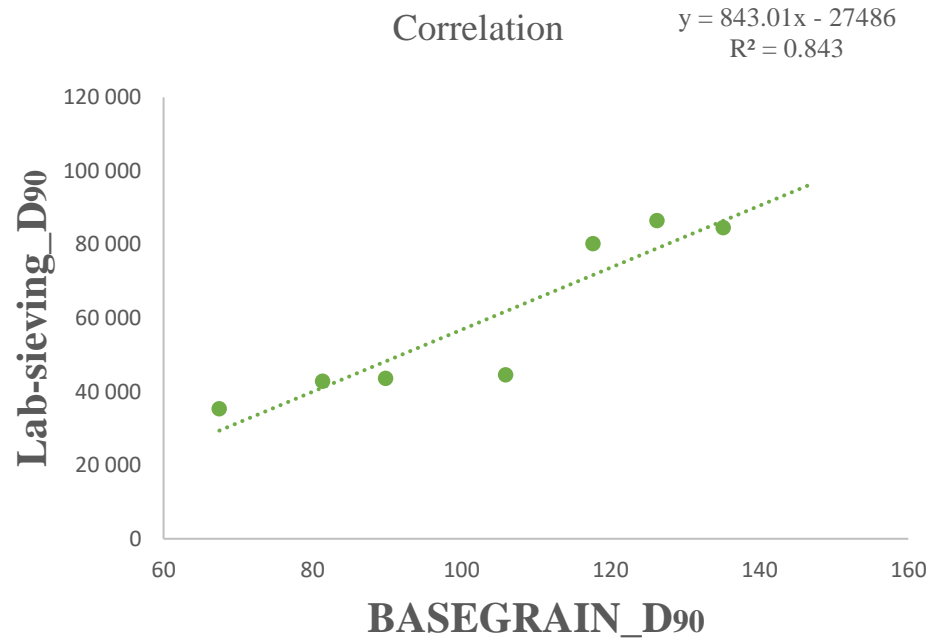
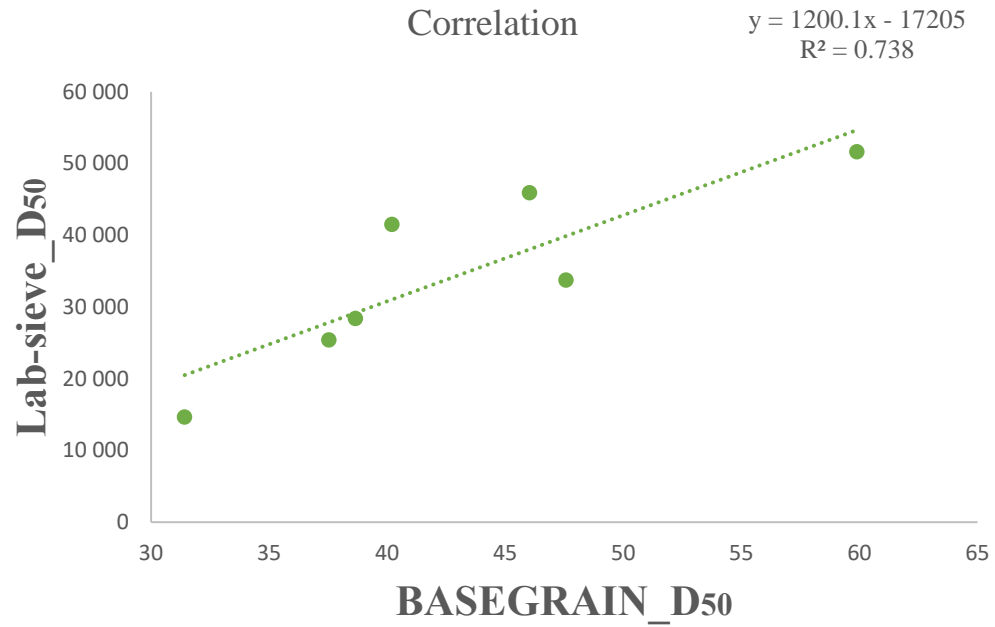
Lidar processing roughness

- 2 LAS datasets
- Number of point records:
395 671 882
- Point density: all returns 493.
last only 355.88 (per square m
spacing: all returns 0.05 last c
0.05 (in meters)
- Lasground
- Cloud compare
- QGIS – To extract properties
- Zonal statistics



Result

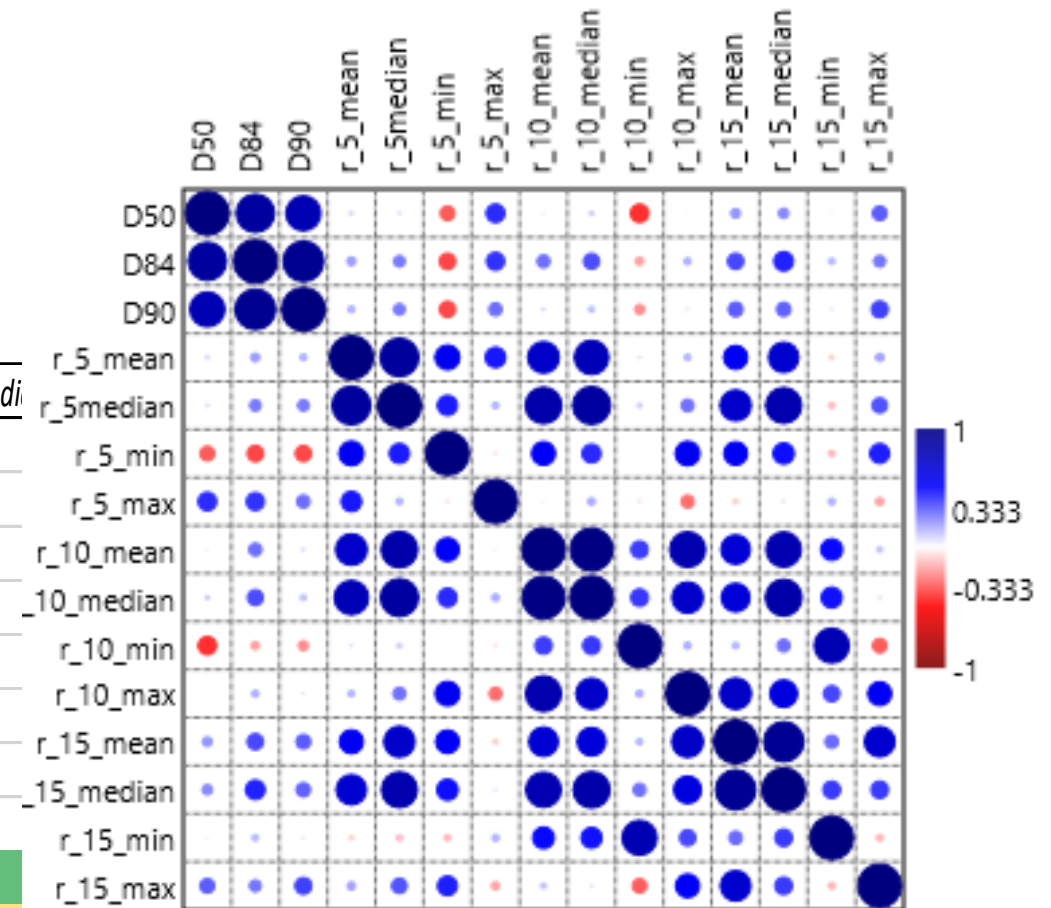
BASEGRAIN and Lab-sieving



Result

Correlation between BASEGRAIN and roughness parameters

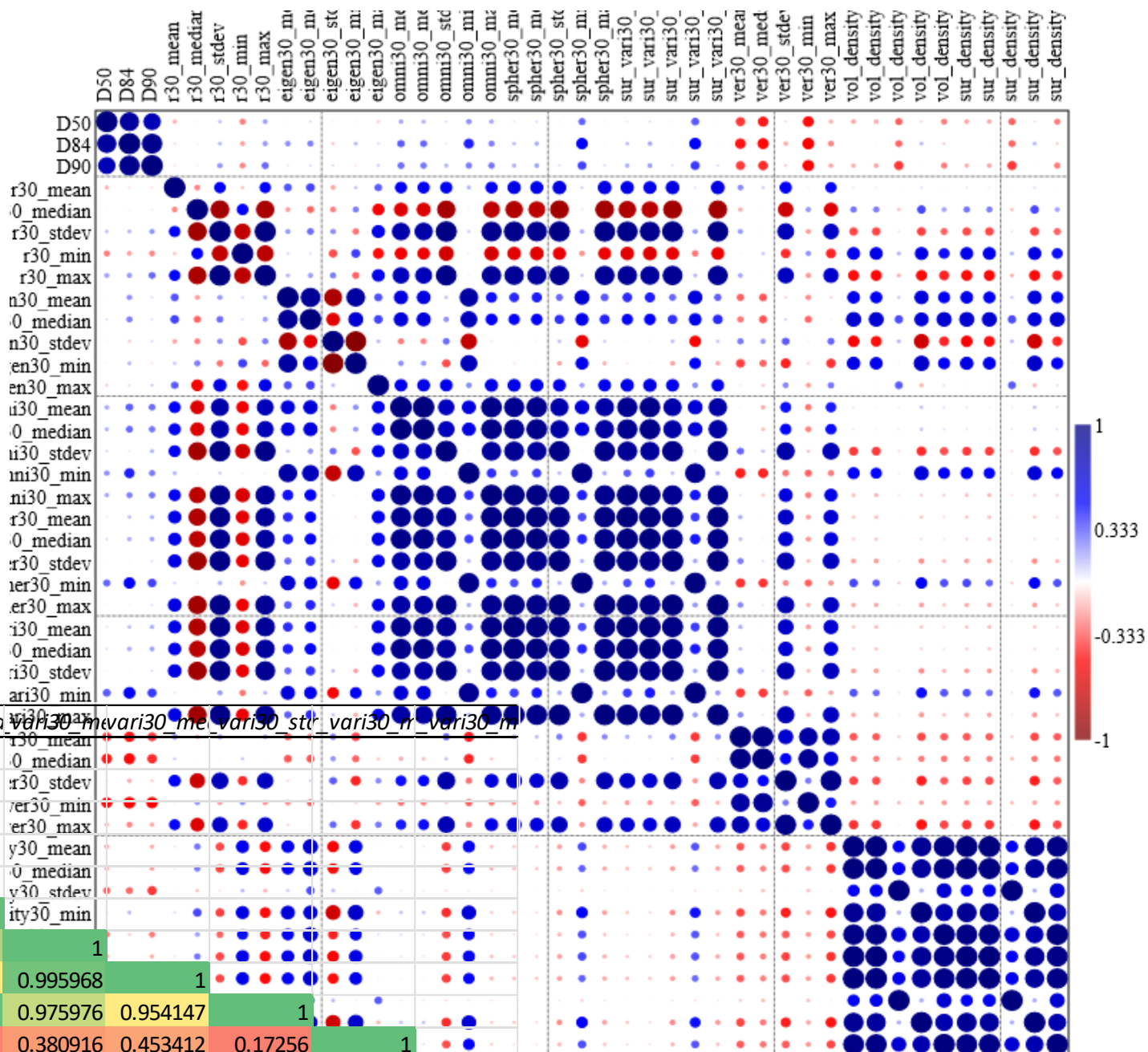
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D50	1														
D84	0.885071	1													
D90	0.792606	0.942428	1												
r_5_mean	0.072505	0.190304	0.145519	1											
r_5_median	0.055928	0.25941	0.259771	0.87960899	1										
r_5_min	-0.32059	-0.36379	-0.35779	0.55643079	0.448250455	1									
r_5_max	0.414326	0.401212	0.286545	0.45636116	0.142323037	-0.05341502	1								
r_10_mean	0.099631	0.298904	0.153336	0.71455807	0.831663446	0.53280508	0.022626058	1							
r_10_median	0.168627	0.376092	0.209792	0.77929822	0.864440106	0.42078076	0.160549459	0.973553746	1						
r_10_min	-0.40076	-0.20946	-0.20231	0.04963008	0.092823779	-0.00545987	-0.05159571	0.269661499	0.285171	1					
r_10_max	0.053192	0.135933	0.094421	0.14015453	0.278125292	0.55188738	-0.28395684	0.754699454	0.61310	0.269661499	1				
r_15_mean	0.224707	0.354282	0.340026	0.53729056	0.703966742	0.52814778	-0.09573644	0.721136958	0.685818	0.352966303	0.32581876	1			
r_15_median	0.265128	0.43195	0.348845	0.68560915	0.814563125	0.47435245	0.043638645	0.824551109	0.854016205	0.210559279	0.384552512	0.92241431	1		
r_15_min	0.005953	0.119175	0.074924	-0.0882367	-0.12691295	-0.13605153	0.14734252	0.373838995	0.352966303	0.772192967	0.240767009	0.25756802	0.32581876	1	
r_15_max	0.310247	0.280804	0.364546	0.17930039	0.338316372	0.44140899	-0.17334861	0.257625798	0.156915779	-0.289145733	0.68996057	0.72873502	0.448961041	-0.098370532	1



Result

Moderate but not strong

	D84	her30_mean	r30_med	her30_std	her30_min	her30_max	vari30_mean	vari30_med	vari30_std	vari30_min	vari30_max
D84	1										
spher30_mean	0.124317	1									
spher30_median	0.162826	0.995758	1								
spher30_stdev	0.00898	0.976606	0.954483	1							
spher30_min	0.511451	0.364237	0.42768	0.147379	1						
spher30_max	0.018745	0.982164	0.961535	0.998893	0.178922	1					
sur_vari30_mean	0.127894	0.999931	0.995962	0.976374	0.354076	0.981747	1				
sur_vari30_median	0.167432	0.995638	0.999887	0.954623	0.425735	0.961414	0.995968	1			
sur_vari30_stdev	0.0086	0.97616	0.953994	0.999974	0.145399	0.998718	0.975976	0.954147	1		
sur_vari30_min	0.526761	0.380131	0.454186	0.174378	0.994402	0.204297	0.380916	0.453412	0.17256	1	
sur_vari30_max	0.021352	0.981705	0.961055	0.99893	0.175754	0.999856	0.98139	0.960961	0.998843	0.201838	1



Result

- We obtained very good results from sieving, both manually and using software, in comparison
- In comparison with the characteristics of the LiDAR properties, with the different parameters we found a very low or moderate relationship.
- The highest observed value is approx. 53.


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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Grain size estimation in fluvial gravel bars using uncrewed aerial vehicles: A comparison between methods based on imagery and topography

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- In this paper we found the roughness correlation up to 0.65.
- Our results show much lower in comparison.
- The point cloud density is very high 2.0×10^7 points/m³
- The paper analyzed only single gravel bar.
- This is our preliminary result, and we are continuing to work on it
- In future, we plan to compare additional parameters

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