

Methodologies to Determine Storm Water Fees Using GIS

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Today's Presentation

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Goal

- Provide an overview on how to use GIS to determine...

"How much impervious area exists in my jurisdiction?"



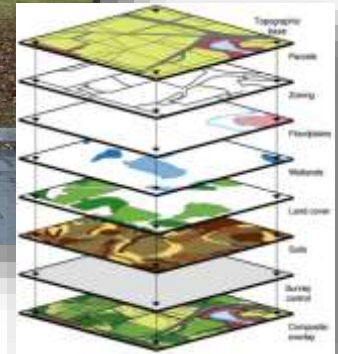
Storm Water Fees

- Becoming popular nationwide
- Used as a strategy to recoup costs of infrastructure instead of...
 - Raising taxes
 - Increasing water/sewer rates
- Many factors are behind the actual fee:
 - Is new equipment necessary?
 - Will new full or part time employees be needed to handle customer service?
 - How much runoff occurs?



Surface Runoff + GIS

- Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are used to evaluate if a surface is:
 - Impervious
 - Pervious



GIS Methodologies to Find Impervious Surfaces

- ✓ Color Infrared Analysis
- ✓ Use Planimetric Layers

GIS Methodologies to Find Impervious Surfaces

Color Infrared Analysis

- Unsupervised
 - “OK Computer, here is the data now do the best you can”
- Supervised
 - “OK Computer, here is how I want you to classify this information”

Planimetric Data

- These are layers for...
 - Buildings
 - Parking Lots
 - Road Edge of Pavement
 - Driveways
 - Sidewalks
 - Decks/Patios
 - Recreation Surfaces

Color Infrared Analysis

- What is Color Infrared Imagery?
 - **Color-infrared** (CIR) imagery uses a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum known as near infrared that ranges from 0.70 μm to 1.0 μm (0.7 to 1.0 micrometers or millionths of a meter), just beyond the wavelengths for the color red.
 - Typical imagery has three bands
 - Band 1: Red
 - Band 2: Green
 - Band 3: Blue
 - With color infrared imagery, a fourth band is captured
 - Band 4: Near Infrared

Color Infrared Analysis

RGB



CIR



Color Infrared Analysis



Color Infrared Analysis

Feasibility Study

- Can Use NAIP Imagery
 - National Agriculture Imagery Program
 - Free Data!
 - Unsupervised Classification

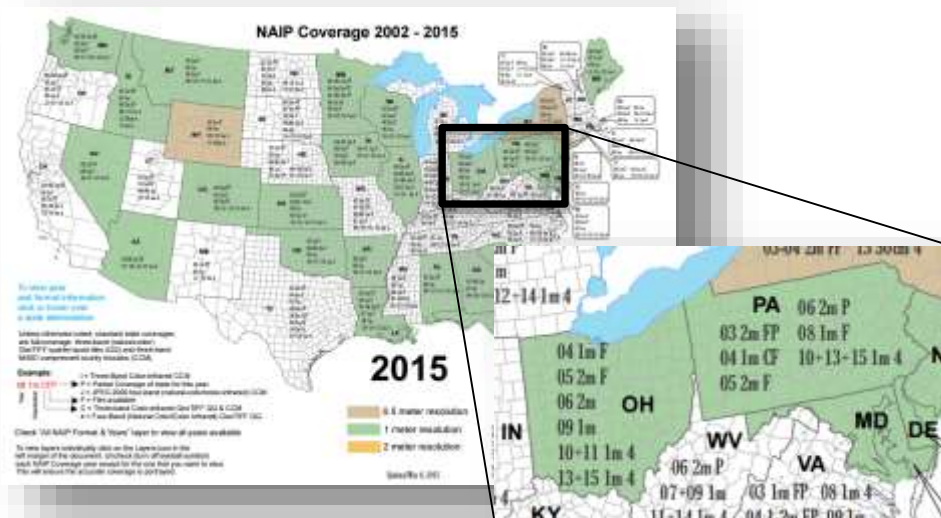
Implementation Phase

- Use Better Imagery
 - Pay to fly or...
 - If lucky, County or State has flown already
 - Supervised Classification

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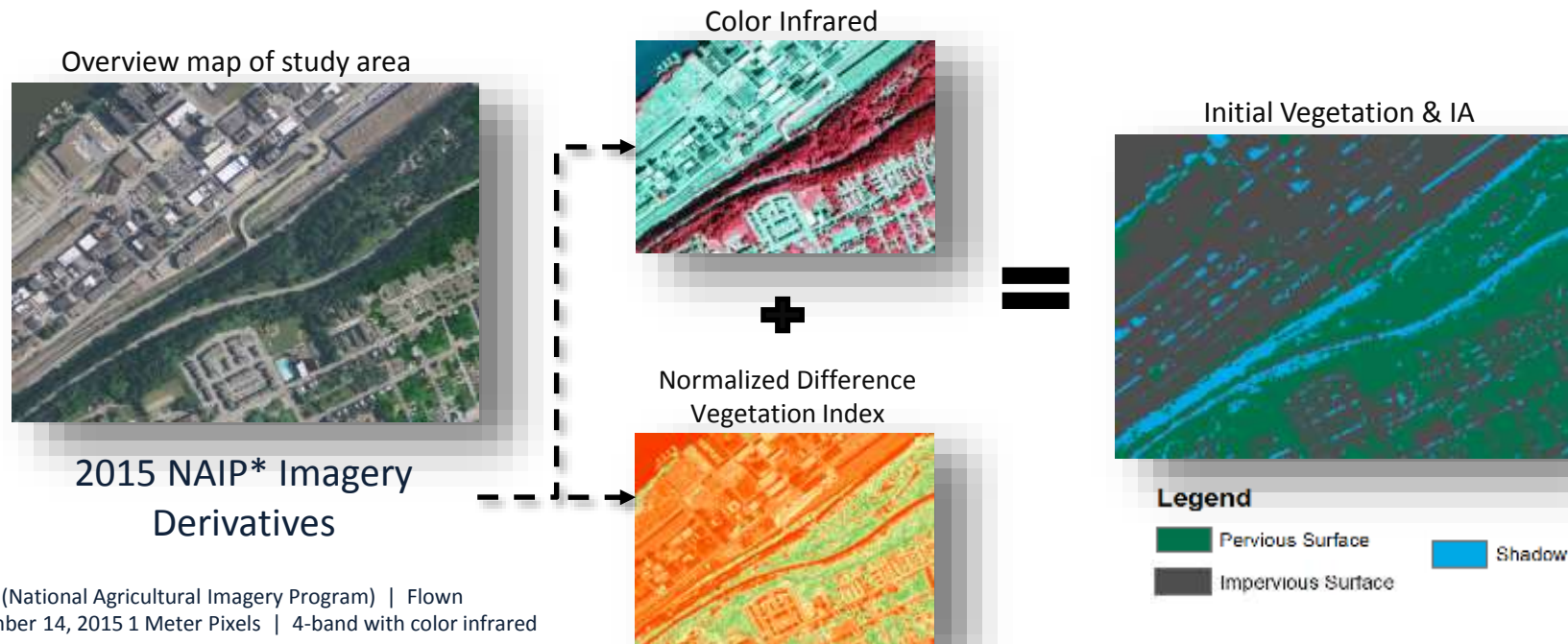
■ Case Study

- ...Large City in Pennsylvania
- Feasibility study
- NAIP Imagery
 - Positives
 - Free!
 - Fast Processing time
 - Downsides
 - Tree cover (flown in Summer to analyze crops)
 - 1 meter pixels (too large -- a lot can be going on in 1 square meter)
 - 10% cloud cover



Color Infrared Analysis for Feasibility Study

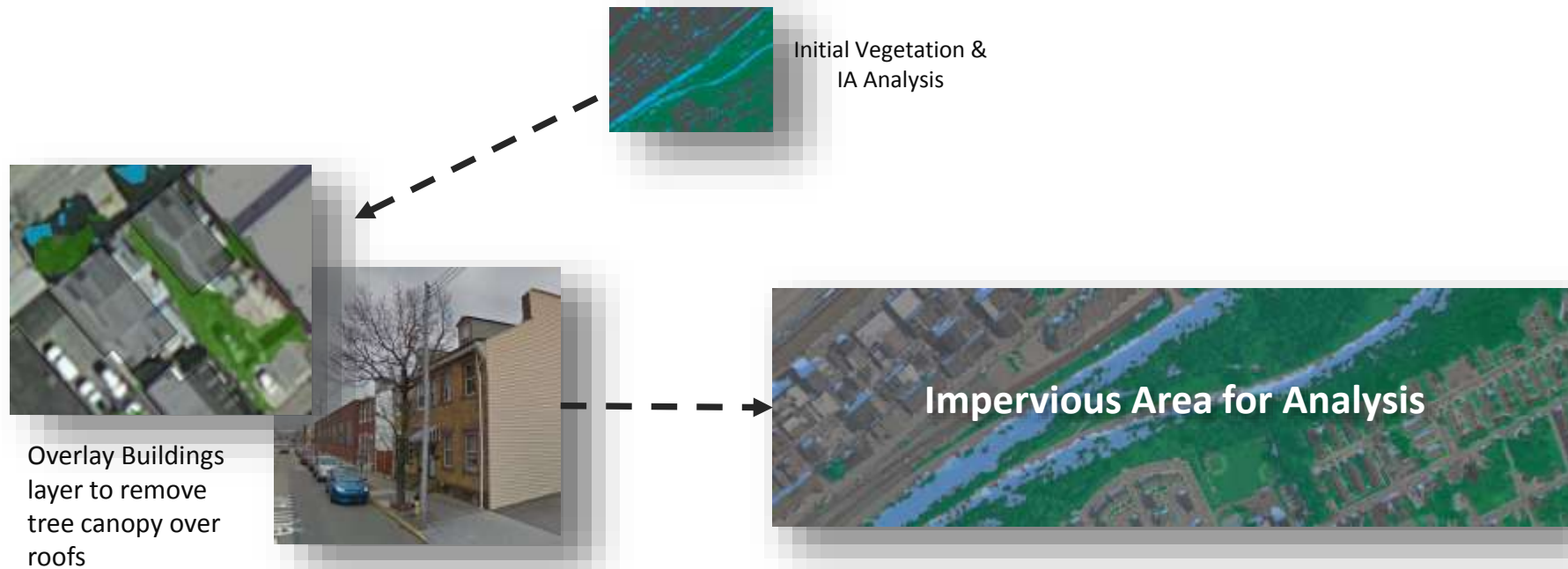
Impervious Surface | Unsupervised | Suggested Mapping Approach for ERU Determination



* NAIP (National Agricultural Imagery Program) | Flown
September 14, 2015 1 Meter Pixels | 4-band with color infrared

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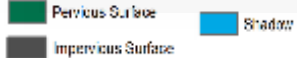


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Legend



Parcel Overlay



$$IA\%^* = \frac{\text{Impervious Sq ft}}{\text{Impervious Sq ft} + \text{Pervious Area Sq ft}}$$

$$= \frac{7,769'}{7,769' + 9,595'}$$

45% *Impervious*

* Impervious Area Percentage calculation removes "shadow" square footage from numerator and denominator

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Parcel % Impervious Area

Same area as Color Infrared



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Result of Analysis

Property Description	Number of Parcels	Impervious SqFt	Pervious SqFt	Percent Impervious
CHURCHES, PUBLIC WORSHIP	18	130,368	56,215	69.87%
COMMERCIAL GARAGE	4	21,609	1,591	93.14%
COMMUNITY SHOPPING CENTER	1	68,099	509	99.26%
OFFICE-ELEVATOR -3 + STORIES	1	13,885	4	99.97%
OFFICE - 1-2 STORIES	6	62,553	8,048	88.60%
OFFICE/APARTMENTS OVER	2	7,568	63	99.17%
OFFICE/WAREHOUSE	22	744,614	97,430	88.43%
OTHER COMMERCIAL	2	5,768	19,921	22.45%
OTHER FOOD SERVICE	2	6,248	0	100.00%

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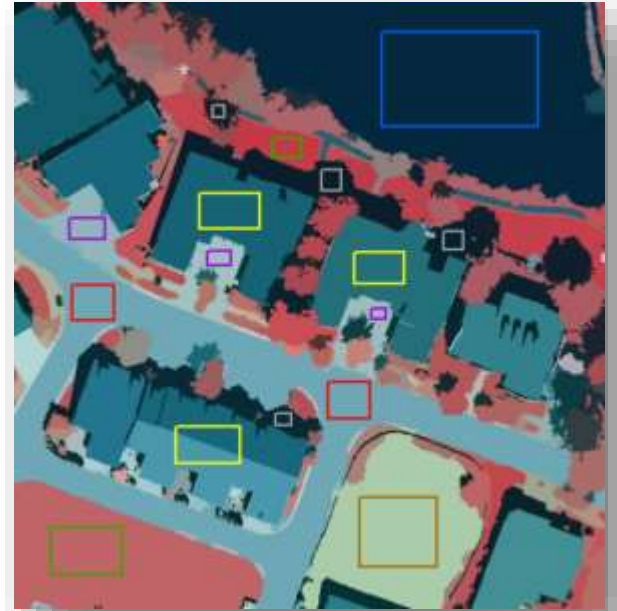
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- Going from feasibility to implementation
- Recommend better IA data for public release

Color Infrared Analysis for Implementation

Impervious Surface | Supervised | Suggested Mapping Approach for ERU Determination

- The difference between supervised and unsupervised is that I tell the computer how to classify the imagery
- No surprises (...kind of)
- Train the classifier
- More time to complete



Color Infrared Analysis for Implementation

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Unsupervised - 1 meter pixels



Supervised - 6 inch pixels



Methodologies

✓ Color Infrared Analysis

- ✓ Supervised
- ✓ Unsupervised

❖ Use Planimetric Layers

Planimetric Data

- GIS layers
 - Buildings
 - Parking Lots
 - Road Edge of Pavement
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Planimetric Data

- To use this methodology, data must be accurate and current
- Typically, some data does exist – yet it will need updated and quality checked
- **Warning!** – Updating existing data is sometimes more difficult than recreating it!



Planimetric Data

- Data is typically collected two ways:
 - Photogrammetric 3D capture
 - Heads up digitization



Planimetric Data

- Case Study
 - City of Lancaster, Pennsylvania



Planimetric Data

- Data collection challenges
 - Buildings
 - Building Lean
 - 90° Angles
 - Size to collect
 - Pavement
 - Is it impervious or not?
 - Size/Length to collect



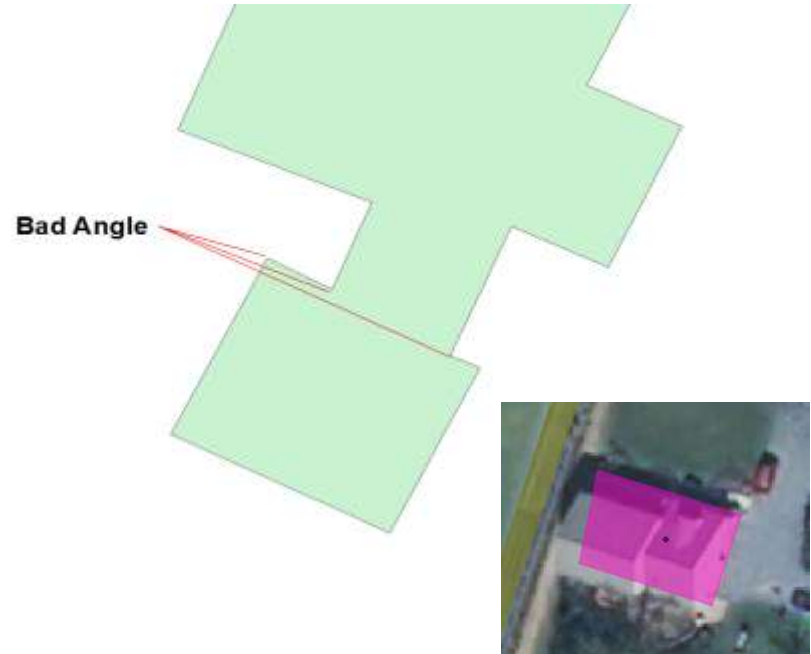
Planimetric Data

- Building lean
 - Can appear incorrect, but truly is accurate



Planimetric Data

- Building angles
 - Unless you hired this carpenter, you're house is likely built with 90° Angles



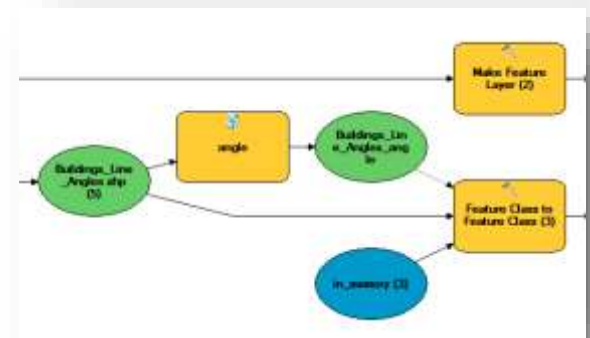
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- Pavement – Is it Impervious?



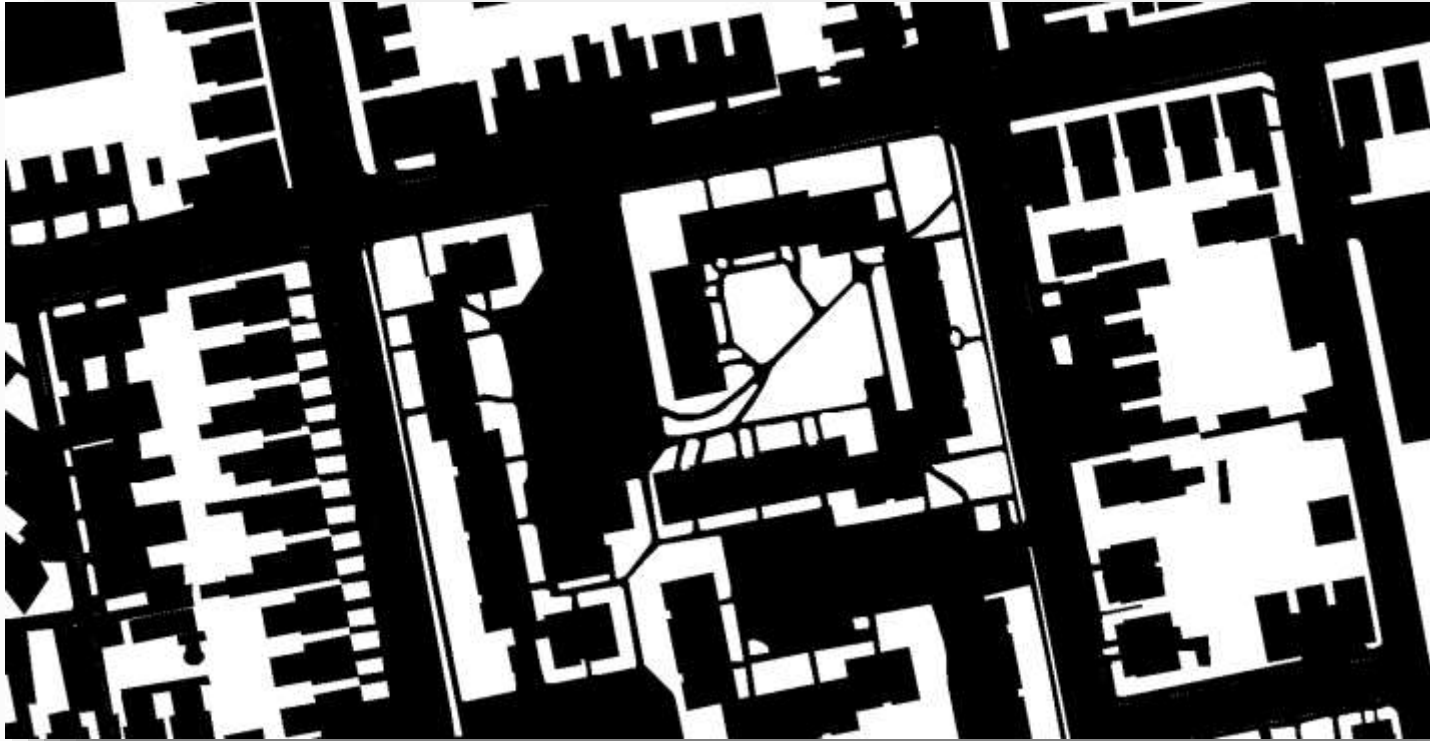
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- Solution to issues - create a custom, automated QC tool in GIS
- Built with Model Builder and Python to catch the following:
 - Buildings Less Than 100 Square Feet
 - Buildings accidentally deleted
 - Building attribute should be 'Modified'
 - Building attribute should be 'Updated'
 - Buildings intersecting
 - Building vertices with no Z value
 - Buildings with non 90° corners



```
import arcpy, math, datetime, numpy
from arcpy import env
print "starting"
start = datetime.datetime.now() # for calculating time of process
lineFC = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(0)
lineFCOutput = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(1)
#lineFC = r"C:\Temp\Buildings_Line_Angles.shp" # input fc - with pre-added fields
"angleChng" and "AvCurv"
desc = arcpy.Describe(lineFC)
shapeFieldName = desc.ShapeFieldName
updateRows = arcpy.UpdateCursor(lineFC)
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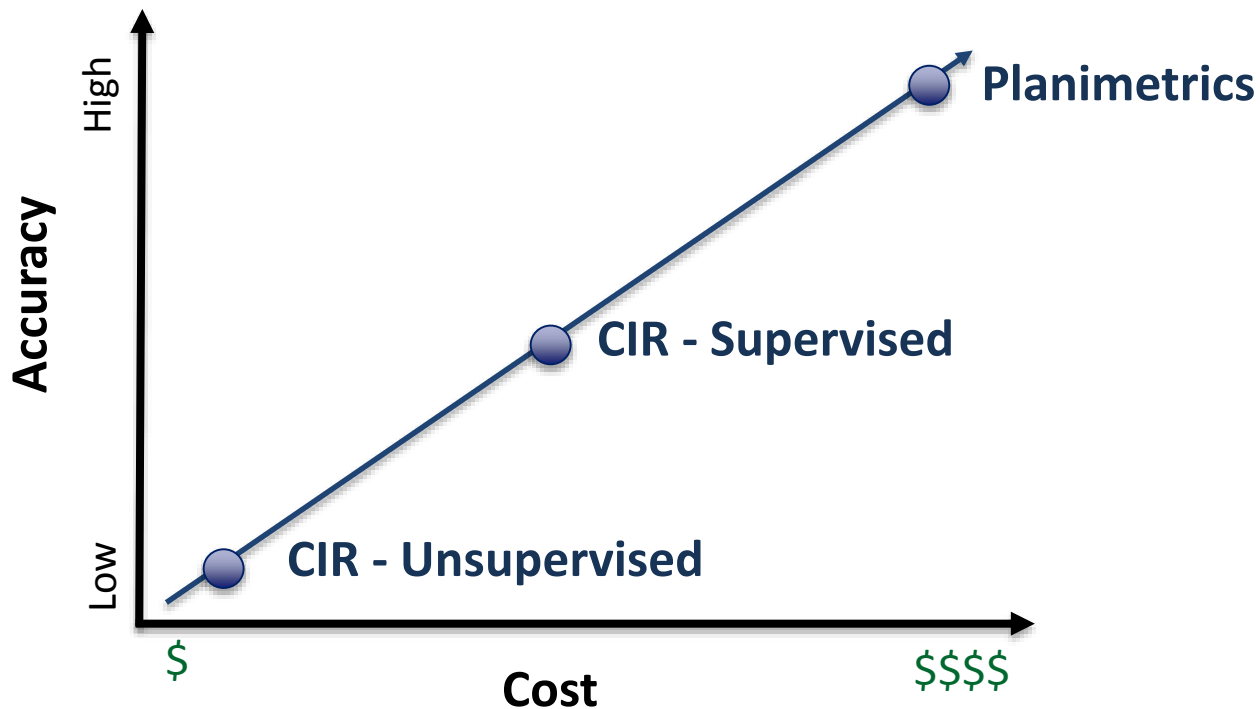
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Planimetric Data



Competing Methodologies



Thank you!

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