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Estimating forest cover changes in Bulgaria using ALOS-PALSAR data

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Materials and Methods #1

- Two ALOS-PALSAR dual-pol (HH-HV) mosaic (2007, 2010, JAXA/METI) with 18,9 * 24,67 m (slant-range) spatial resolution (terrain, orthorectified, atmospherically corrected).
- Vector files the boundary of Bulgaria - polyline, EVA and LUCAS databases - points.
- ENVI 4.x (academic license) software.



ALOS-PALSAR image mosaic (2010) RGB - Red: HH Green: HV Blue: HH/HV

Results and Discussions #1



a) b) ALOS-PALSAR HV γ° (dB) from a) (2007) and b) (2010)

Results and Discussions #2



Massive forest harvests following World War II revealed by historical Corona spy imagery

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Corona coverage

(a) Forward KH-4A in 1962-1965

(b) Forward KH-4A in 1966-1969



(c) Forward KH-4B in 1967-1969

(d) Forward KH-4B in 1970-1972



DS1006-1025DA077 Corona Image (2-m pixel resolution) recorded on June 4th 1964



Methodology



530,000 ha of forest cutting in Romania from 1955-1965, which highlights the magnitude of the long-term land use effects of WWII on Romania's forests







Conclusions

- Our research provides quantitative evidence for the environmental impacts of major political shocks and the highlights long-term effects of environmental shocks.
- Methodologically, we advance remote sensing science by pioneering a new approach to orthorectify Corona imagery for large areas effectively.
- This extends the data-record of space borne observation of the earth by one to two decades earlier than what is possible with other satellite datasets, and Corona data is available globally.

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Land cover changes in Bansko ski resort, Bulgaria in the period 2000 - 2016 based on remote sensing data

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Bansko region is characterized by:

• the high dynamics of *tourism development* in last 15 years

• the protection of natural landscape in the *Pirin National Park*

Remote sensing data: 1) Landsat ETM+ (2000) 2) IRS-P6 (2006) 3) orthophotos (2011-2016)

GIS technology:

- 1) Urban sprawl
- 2) Housing density increasing
- 3) Enlargement of sport and leisure areas



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An intensive landscape change was observed south of Bansko in the Pirin Mountain between 1000 m & 2560 m.

Ski area was extended there, including75 km ski runs, 7 km ski roads and27 km ski lifts.

These changes affect mainly *coniferous forest, Pinus mugo and natural grassland*.





