

TOWARDS UAV-BASED LAND TENURE DATA ACQUISITION

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MOTIVATION

“75% of the world’s population do not have access to formal systems to register and safeguard their land rights.”

(Enemark et al. 2014)

“At current rates it would take decades, or even centuries, to deliver more complete levels of registration in many countries”

(Zevenbergen et al. 2013)

ITS4LAND



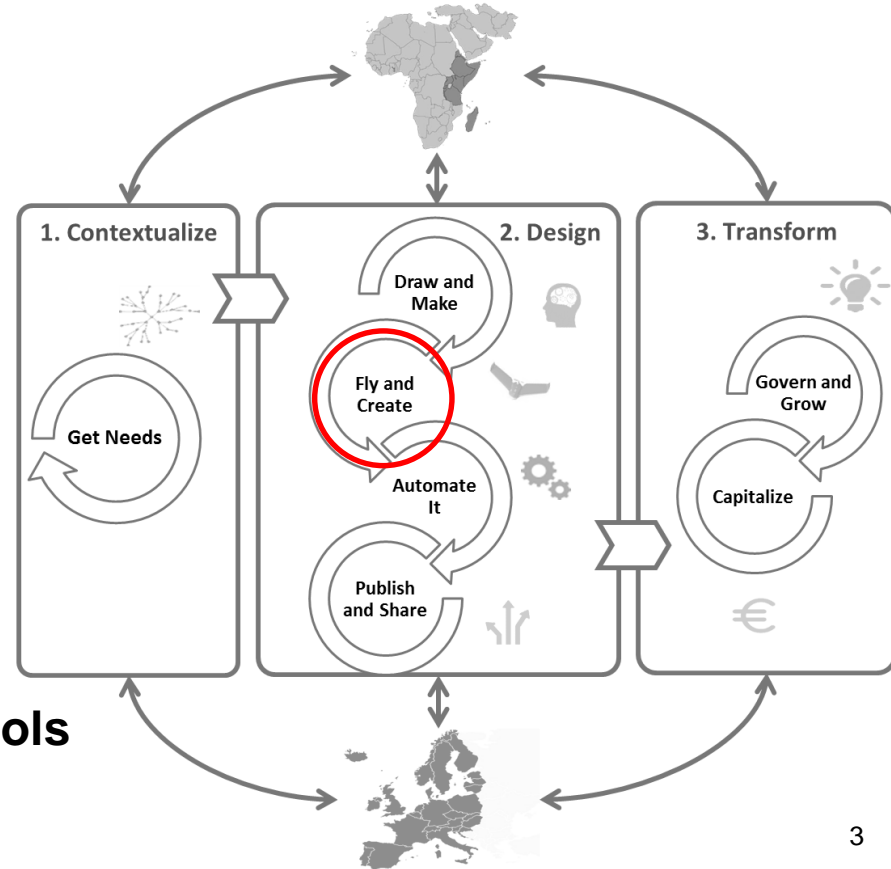
Program: EU granted
H2020-ICT-2015

Start date: 2016-02-01

Duration: 48 months

Consortium: 8 partners

Objective: **Development of
an innovative
suite of land
tenure recording tools**



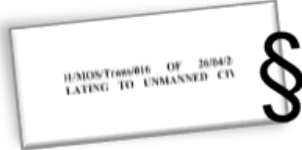
FLY AND CREATE



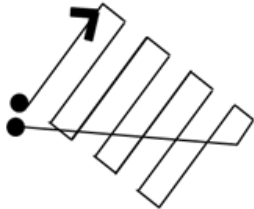
UAV



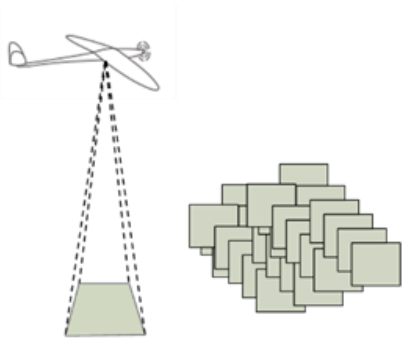
UAV pilots



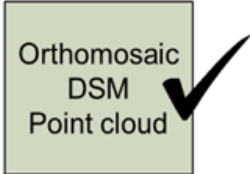
Flight permission



Flight planning



Data acquisition



Data processing

PLATFORM DT18 PPK



Payload:

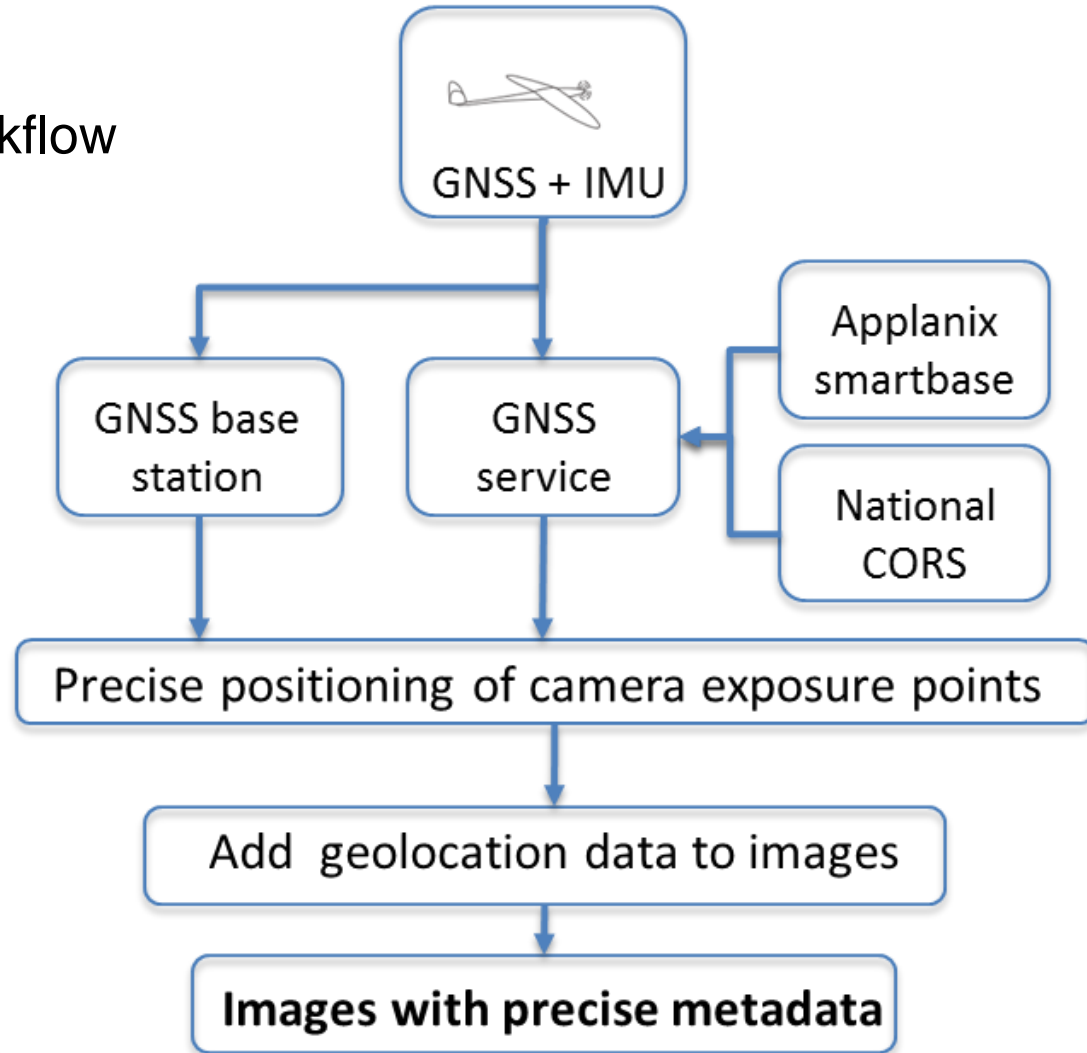
- RGB sensor
- IMU/GNSS: Applanix APX-15

- 2 kg
- 1.20m long, 1.80 wingspan
- 1h of flight autonomy



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Post-processing workflow

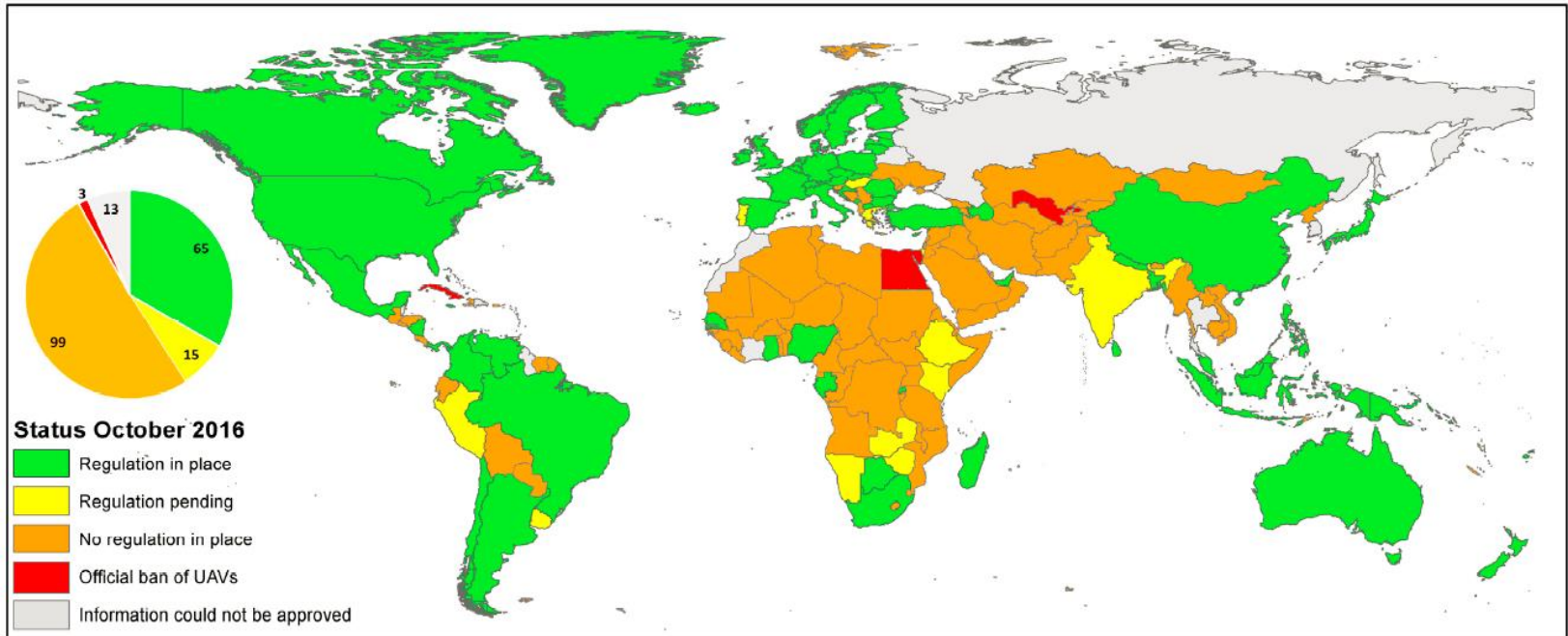


PILOTS

Two pilots for each UAV in all East African partners (5 day training)



LEGISLATION



- 1/3 of all countries have UAV regulations in place
- Distinct heterogeneity of national rules and different level of implementation



LEGISLATION

Key aspects they address in common are:

- Use of airspace by UAVs
- Operational limitations
- Administrative procedures of flight permissions, pilot licenses and data collection authorization



Significant impact on **how**, **where**, and **when** data can be captured



UAV MAPPING

What is important?

- Reliable and geometrically correct representation of the surface (true orthophoto)

Challenge:

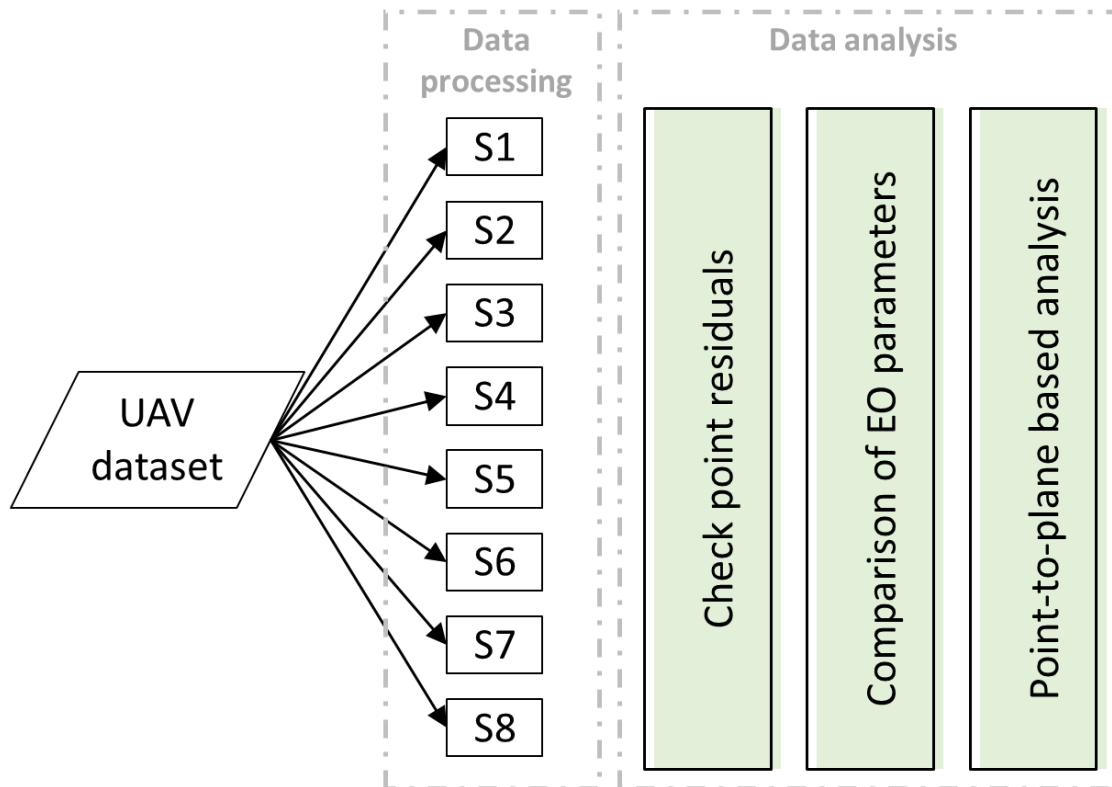
- How to minimize time consuming deployment and measurements of ground control points (GCPs)?



EXPERIMENTAL DATA PROCESSING

Evaluation of geometric accuracies to derive the potentials of direct georeferencing with post-processed IMU-GNSS data

One dataset processed with 8 different settings (GCPs, num. on/off PPK)

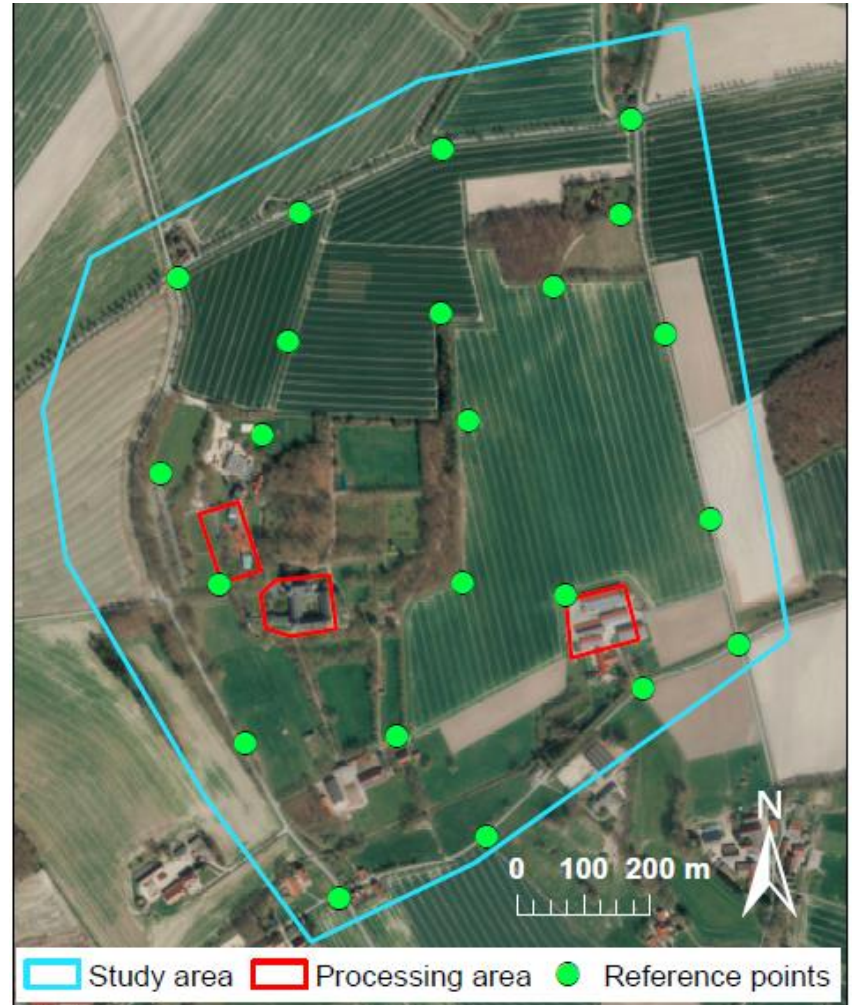


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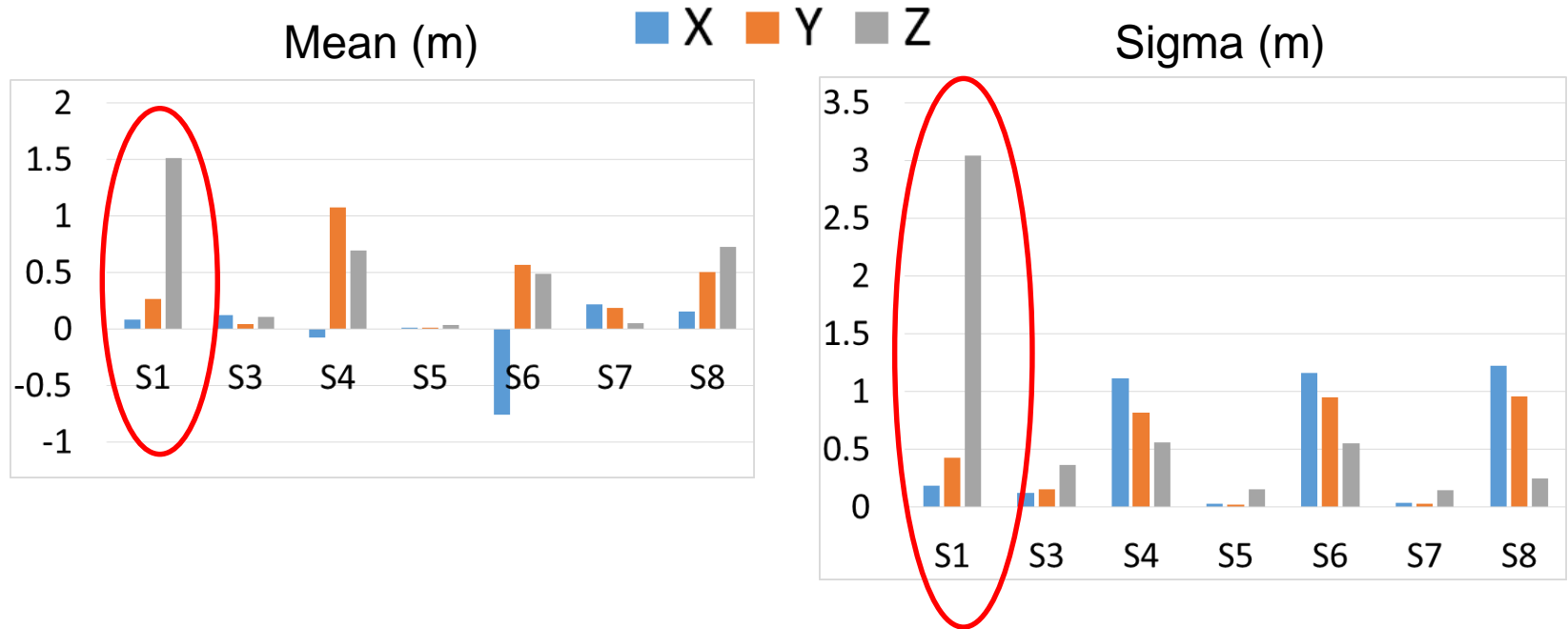
Scenario	EO data	EO parameters: assigned weight for image orientation		GCPs	CPs
		X,Y,Z	Ω, Φ, K		
S 1	none	-	-	18	4
S 2	none	-	-	4	18
S 3	raw	high	low	4	18
S 4	raw	high	high	4	18
S 5	PPK	high	low	4	18
S 6	PPK	high	high	4	18
S 7	PPK	high	low	0	22
S 8	PPK	high	high	0	22

EXPERIMENTAL DATA PROCESSING

Test area in Germany



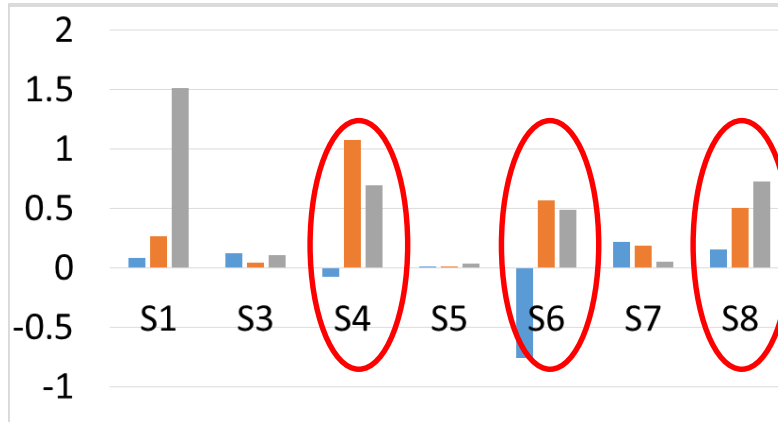
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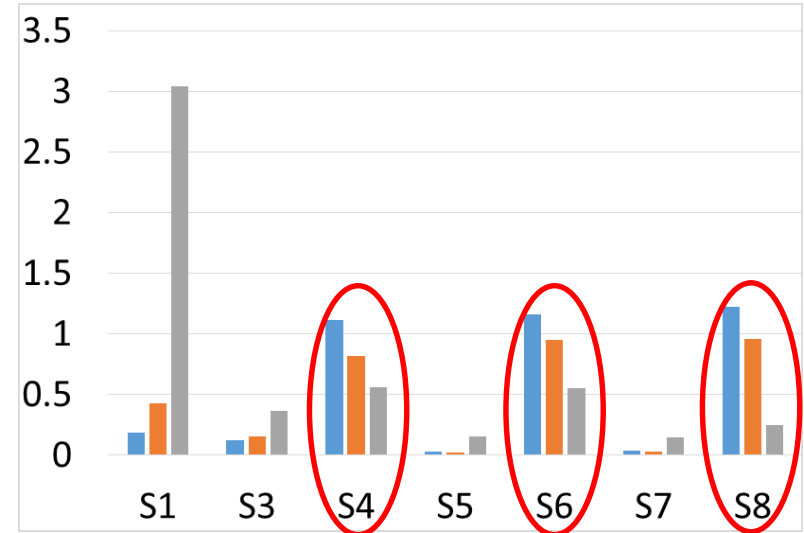
- S2 showed a height offset of more than 9 m and is not considered for graphical representation
- S1 and S2 → significant difference of z-values

EXPERIMENTAL DATA PROCESSING

Mean (m)



Sigma (m)

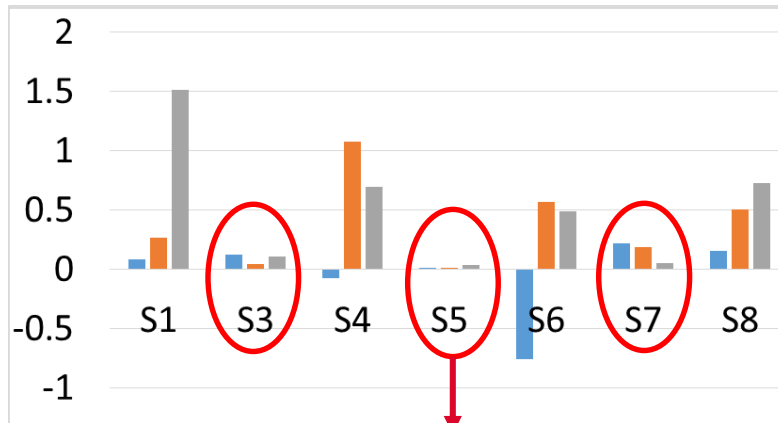


The effect of the assigned weight of the angular observations:

- High weight \rightarrow similar pattern in sigma results

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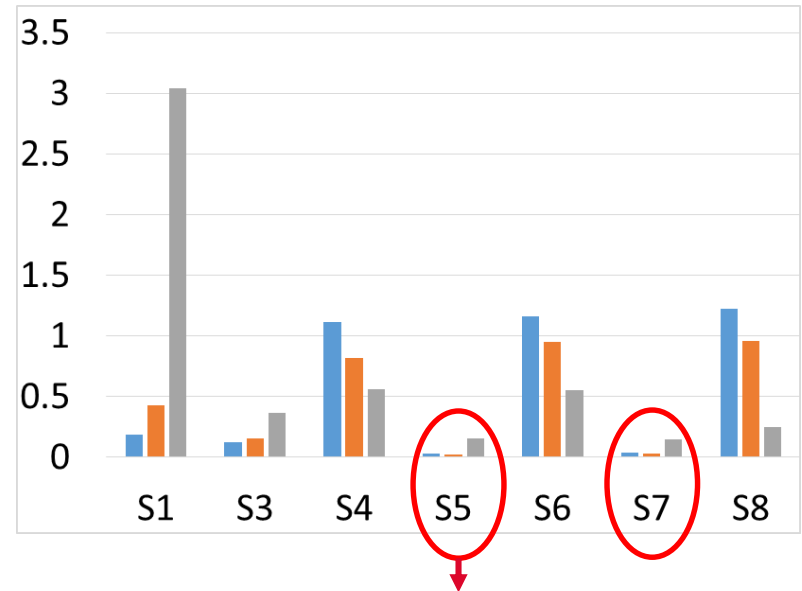


X: 0.003 cm
Y: 0.081 cm
Z: 3.266 cm

- PPK option (S5 and S7) shows large improvements of the block stability
- S5-best performance – lowest sigma value

We proved that with PPK we can minimize the number of measured GCP – to 4 in the corners

Sigma (m)



X: 3.187 cm
Y: 2.431 cm
Z: 1.525 cm

TEST FLIGHT IN RWANDA

High
(GSD)



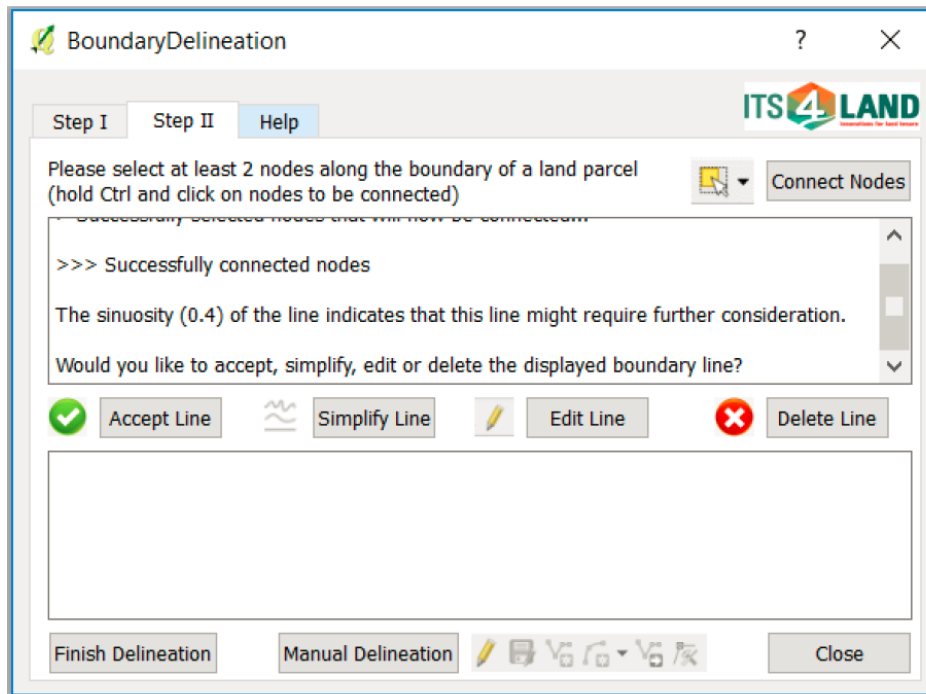
BOUNDARY DELINEATION

- Community mapping



BOUNDARY DELINEATION

➤ Semi-Automatic Feature Extraction

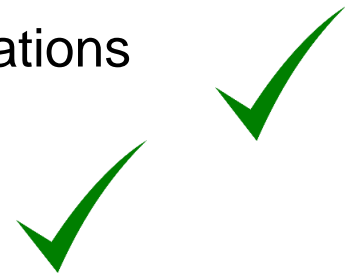


Crommelinck, 2017



CONCLUSION

- Collection of reliable data for cadastral applications
- Minimized need for ground measurements
- Pending flight permissions



Looking ahead: Proof-of-concept in Rwanda,
Kenya and Ethiopia



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