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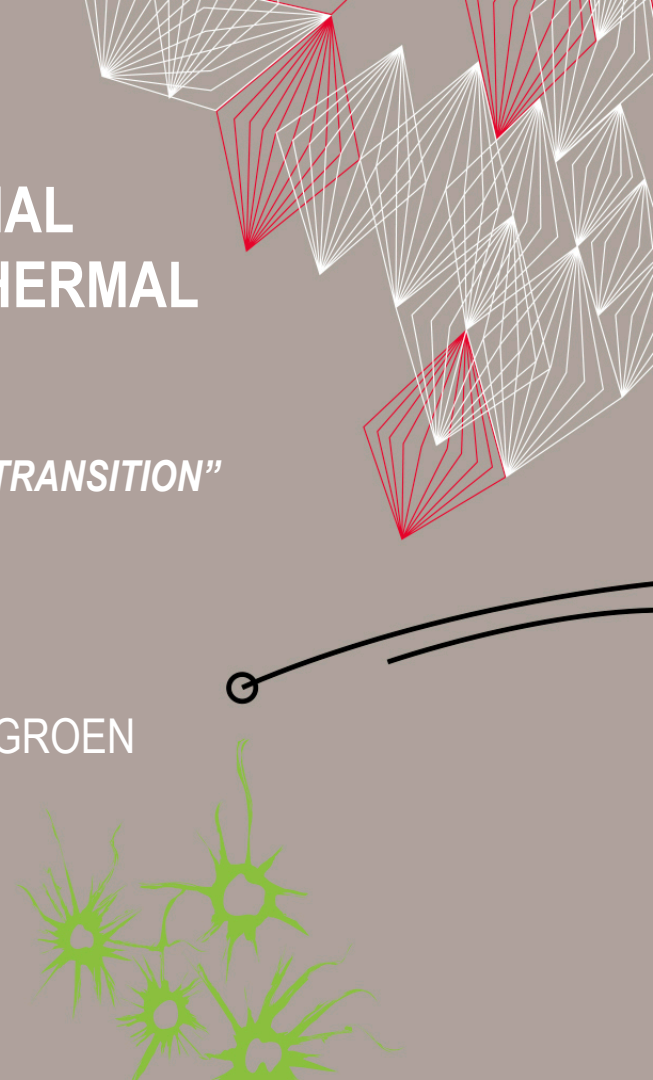
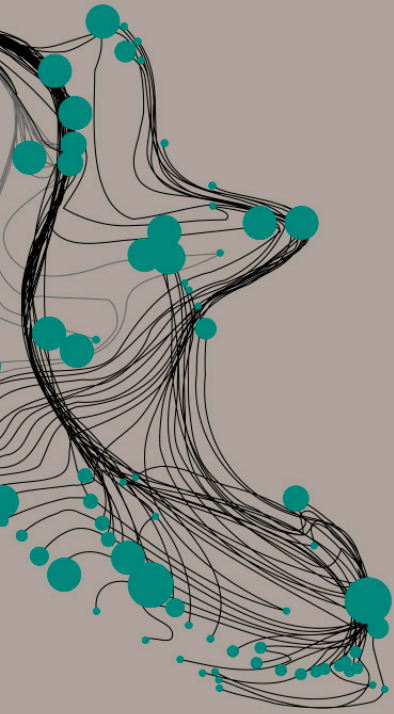
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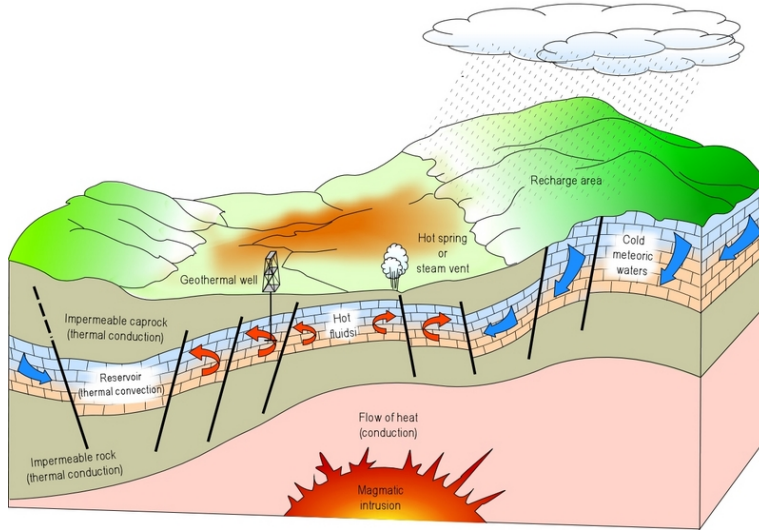


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GEOHERMAL SURFACE MANIFESTATIONS



Conceptual geothermal system with steam extraction for electricity production and surface manifestations
source: Geothermal-energy.org

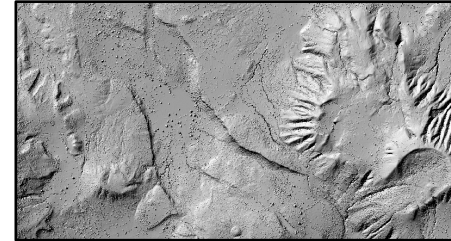
GT surface manifestations:

Clay alteration
(SWIR hyperspectral)

Structures
(LiDAR DEM)

Surface hotspots
(TIR)

=> Starting point for detailed exploration



ISSUES WITH STATE-OF-ART

- Spaceborne:
 - Size of anomalies small compared to pixel
 - Wrong overpass time
 - Effect of thermal inertia not captured

⇒ Anomalies due to insolation
bigger than due to extra heat
flux

⇒ Even at sunrise effect still
measurable
(Coolbaugh et al., 2007)



ECOSTRESS TO THE RESCUE



- Ideal to test new approaches:
 - Precessing orbit (different acquisition times)
 - Diurnal time series
 - Suitable pixel size (<100m)
- O1: Quantify effect overpass time on detections
- O2: Optimize detections through use of time series
- => proposed work: 3 steps with increasing complexity



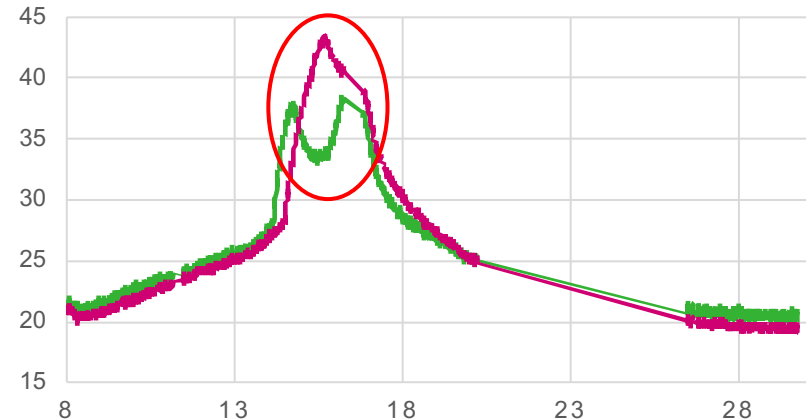
STEP 1: FIND IDEAL TIMING

- Look at individual time slices
- Assess effect of overpass time on anomaly detection
 - Compare to airborne / ground data
 - Find optimal timing
 - Quantify what we miss at other times

STEP 2: SHORT TIME SERIES

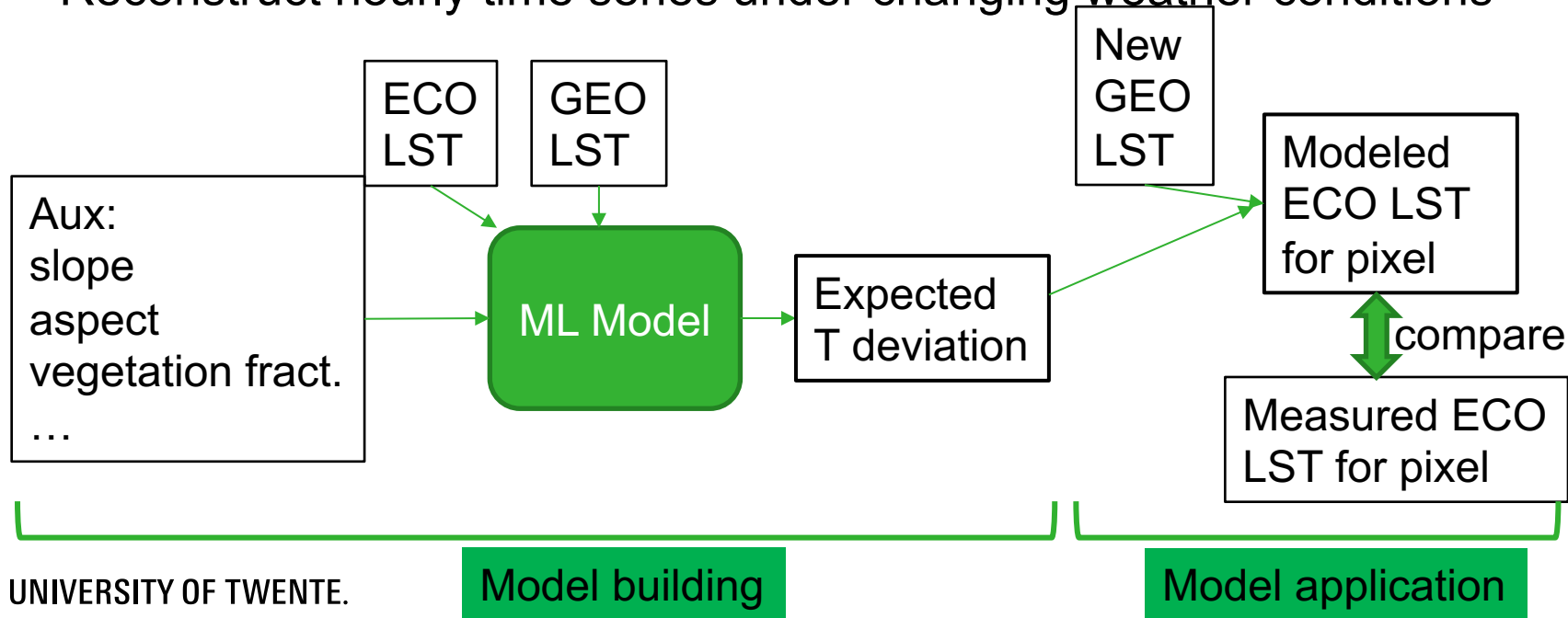
- Look at temperature decay after sun sets
- Short time series with stable conditions (day 1, 5, 9)
- Results independent of starting temperature and thermal inertia

Example from MSc Megerssa (2010) radiant temperatures of two rock faces:
Oval indicates influence of sun and shadow.
After sunset: more predictable behavior
(and some missing data)



STEP 3: FUSION WITH GEOSTATIONARY

- Super-resolution image (high temporal, high spatial)
- Reconstruct hourly time series under changing weather conditions



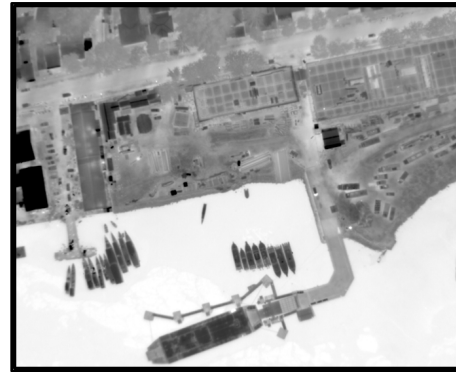
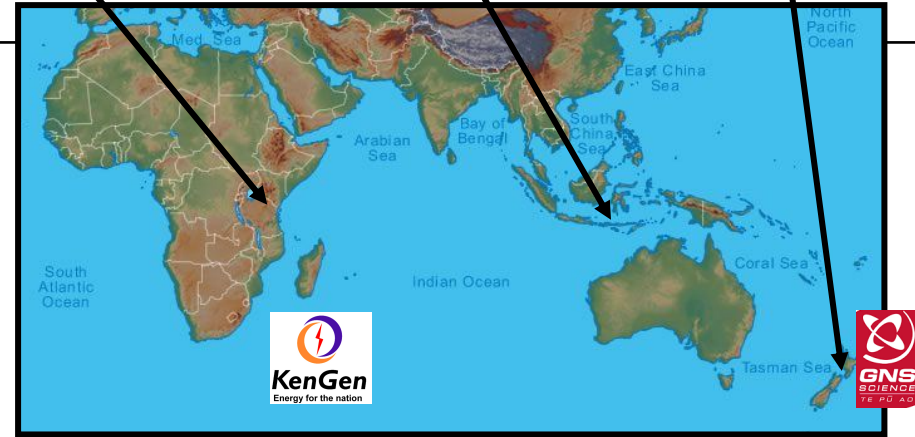
STUDY AREAS

Three areas with ground information, airborne TIR surveys and ground-based fumarole monitoring.

Olkaria, KE

Mataloko, ID

Waiotapu, NZ





COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER TEAMS?

- Possible collaborations with other ECOSTRESS research teams:
 - Best practice: reconstructing diurnal time series
 - Thermal inertia / heat capacity issues
 - Shared interest in particular study area (Kenya, Indonesia, New Zealand)

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