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# 3D Analysis and Case Studies

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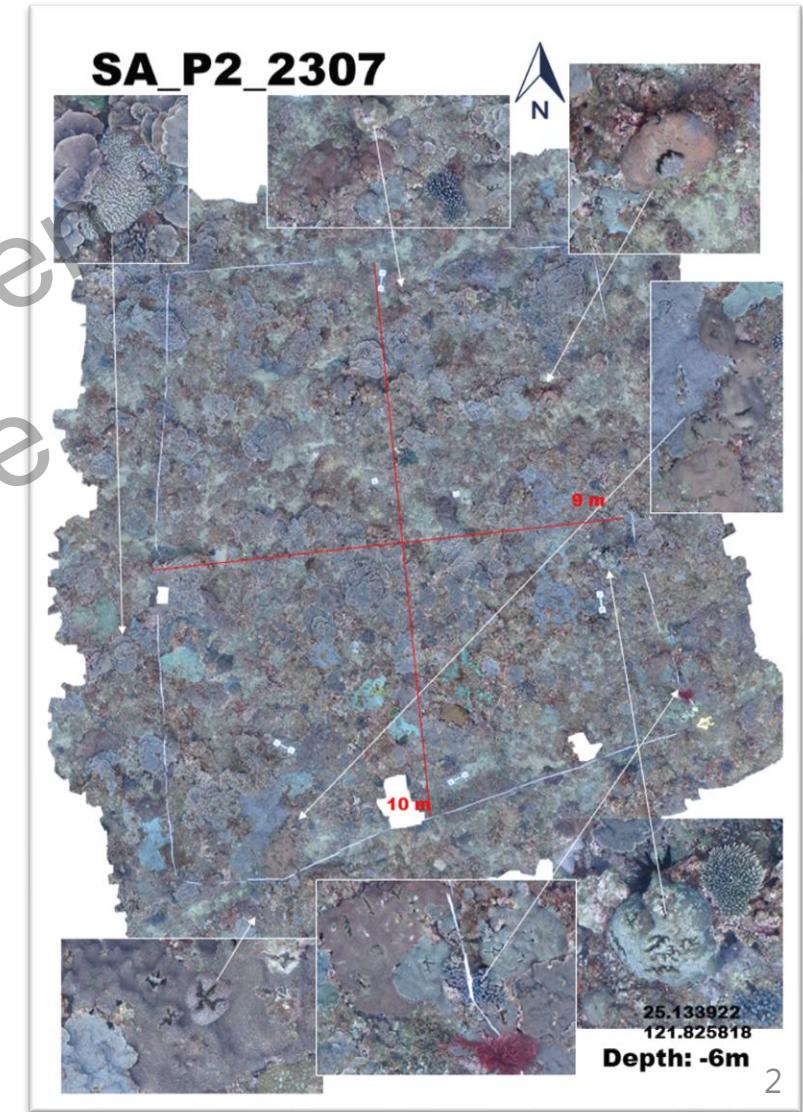
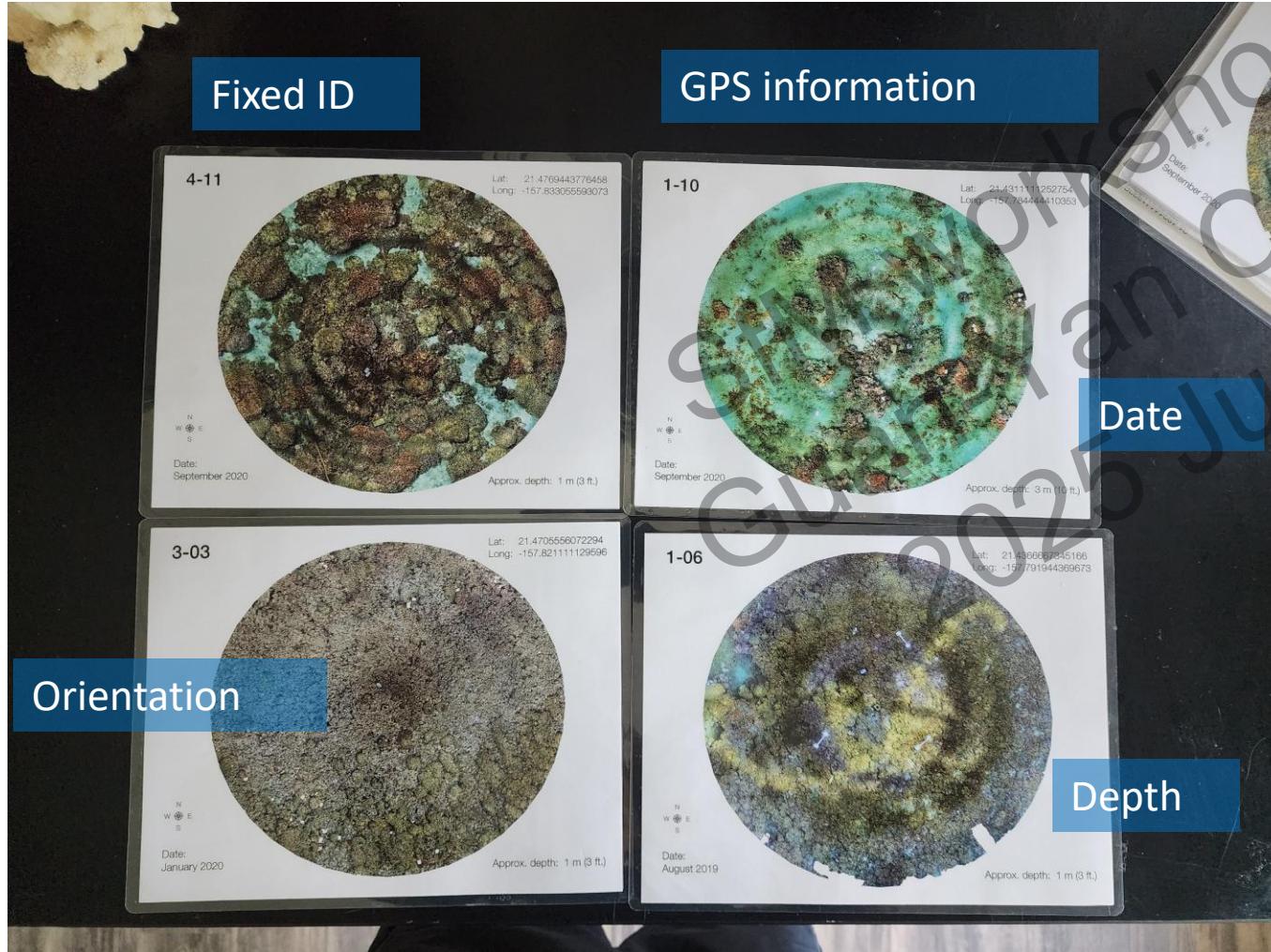
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Establish a standardized reef area ID for future resource sharing

# Data Management and Tracking

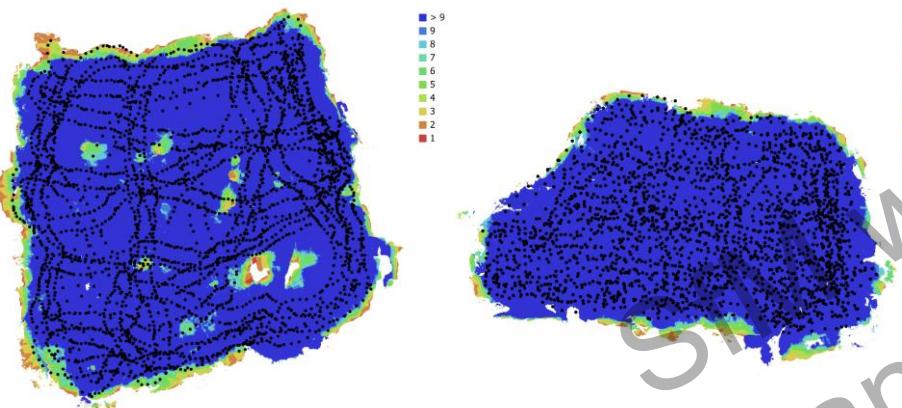
Creating maps supports long-term monitoring



# How to Evaluate SfM Output Quality

(The report can be generated after set the reference in Metashape)

1. Ensure photo overlap >9



2. Total scale bar error < 0.002 m

Scale Bars	Distance (m)	Accuracy (m)	Error (m)
✓ target 32_target 37	0.300000	0.001000	0.000849
✓ target 35_target 36	0.299000	0.001000	0.000581
✓ target 45_target 46	0.303000	0.001000	-0.000311
✓ target 52_target 53	0.297000	0.001000	0.001232
<b>Total Error</b>			0.000817
Control scale bars			
Check scale bars			

(NOAA standard)

3. Distance & resolution (suggested value)

Flying altitude: 1.13 m (0.9~1.4 m)

Ground resolution: 0.342 mm/pix (<0.5 mm/pix)

4. Optimize quality with minimal images (cost-efficiency balance)

Try not to take too many photos

Number of images: 7,203 (~3600)

Coverage area: 106 m<sup>2</sup> (~144 m<sup>2</sup> for 10X10m plot)

Chunk 1 (1855 images, 11 markers)  
Images (1835/1855 aligned)



# A more serious error analysis

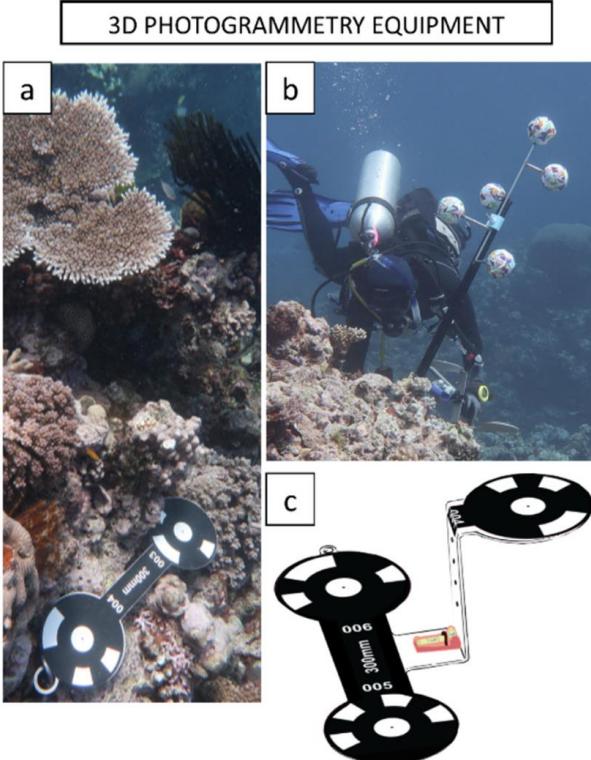
Evaluating error sources to improve precision in the co-registration of underwater 3D models

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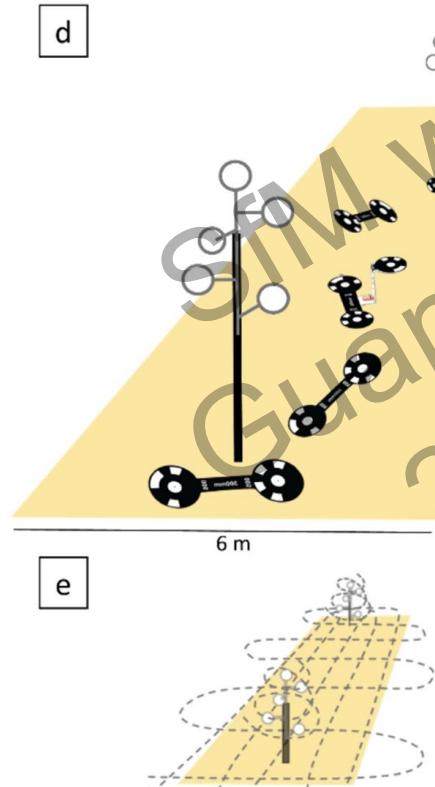
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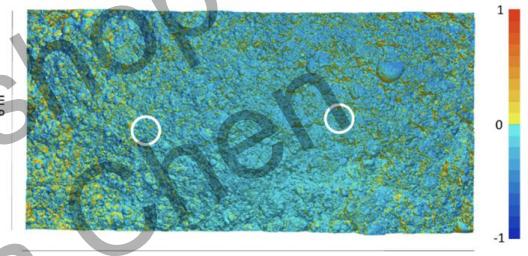


PLOT SETUP & SWIM PATTERNS

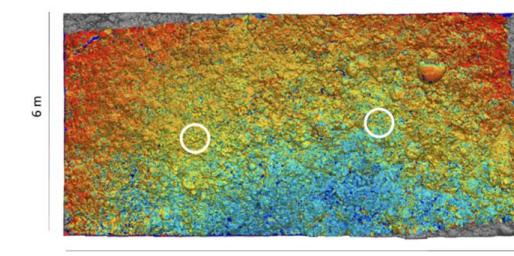


(Lechene et al. 2024)

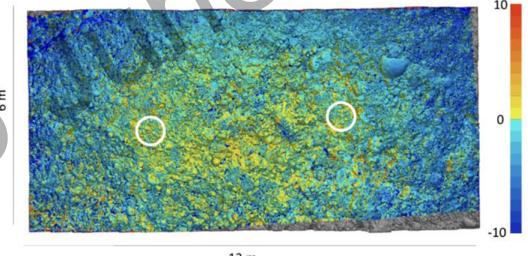
a) Co-registration error



b) 3D processing error



c) Image acquisition error



d) RSF placement error

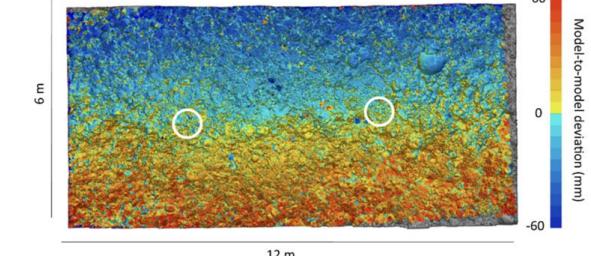
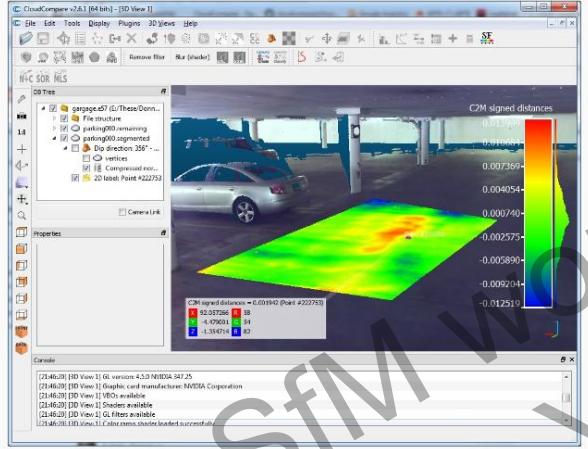
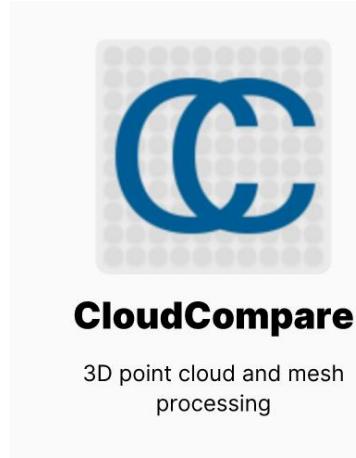


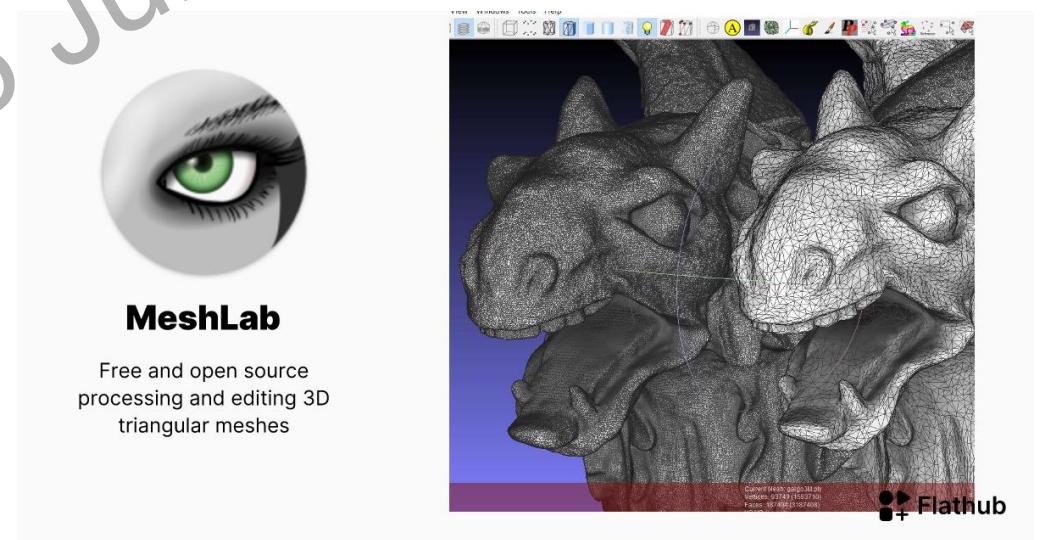
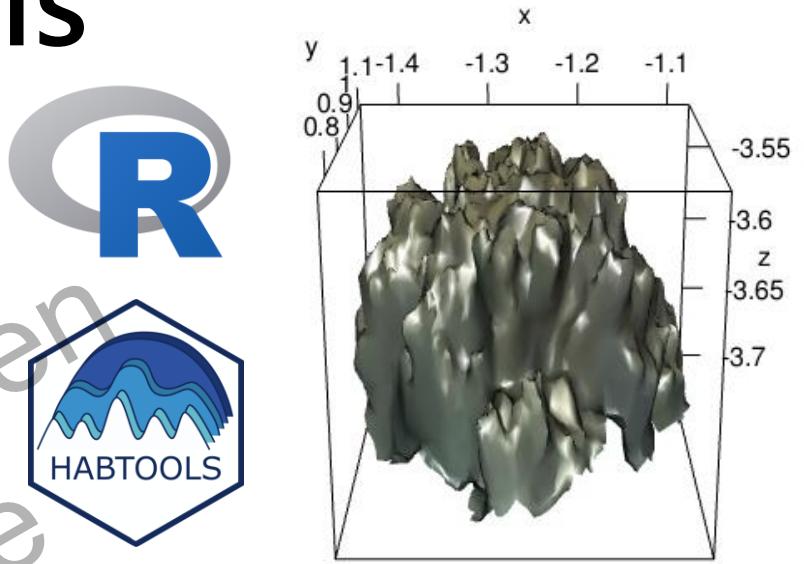
Fig. 6. Example of deviation analysis output using the 3D Compare tool in Geomagic Control X. The heatmaps show the model-to-model deviations (mm) between the reference and test models (note the difference in scale of the heat color ramp). The white circles mark the location of the sphere-trees. Gray areas denote areas of no overlap between models.

to 2 fps) during image acquisition. Based on our results, if 1.4 mm error is an acceptable threshold, we recommend a minimum image density of 90 images per square meter ( $\sim 6000$  images per plot of  $72 \text{ m}^2$ ) which can then be reduced to a third if photo redundancy is high ( $>2000$  images per plot of  $72 \text{ m}^2$ ).

# Colony-scale data analysis

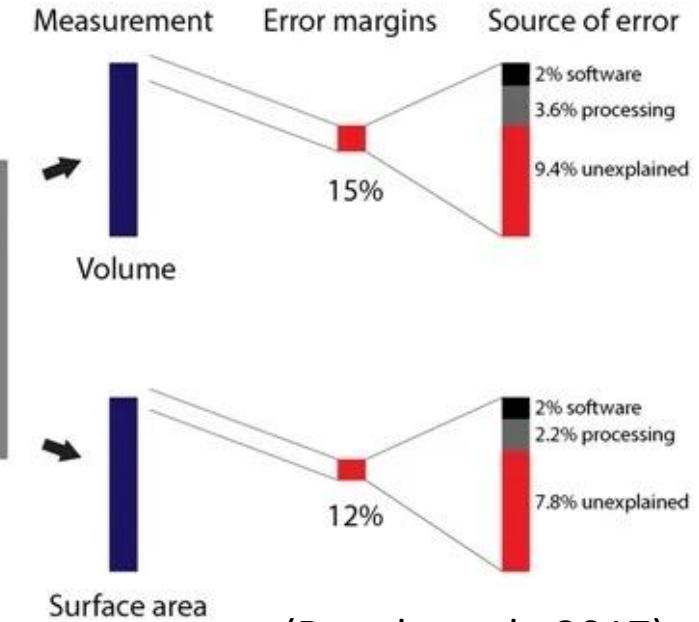


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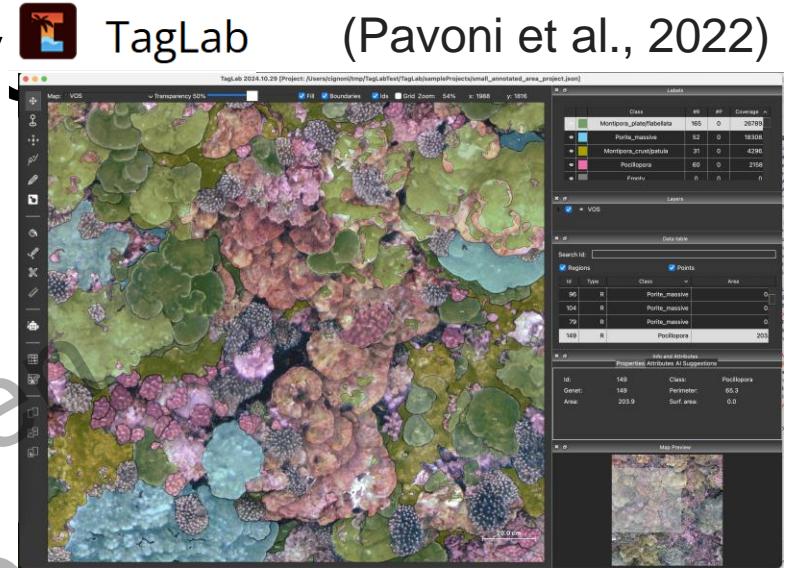
# Field Coral Volume measurement need improvement

- In situ 3D measurement errors remain high; future enhancements are possible
- Laser scanning or CT scanning offers much higher stability; otherwise, improve equipment quality under ideal conditions

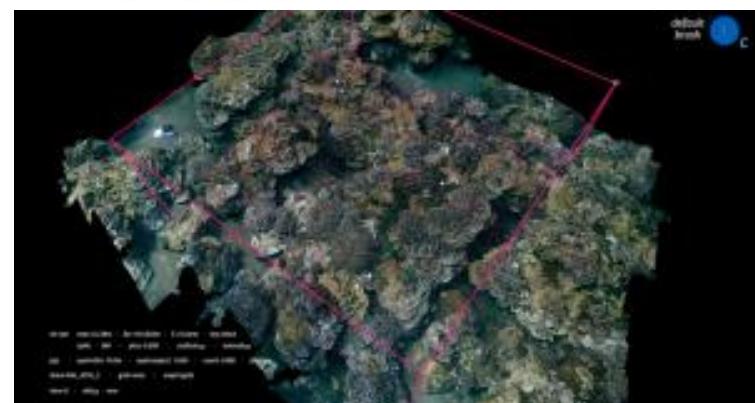


(Raoult et al., 2017)

# Habitat-Scale Data Analysis



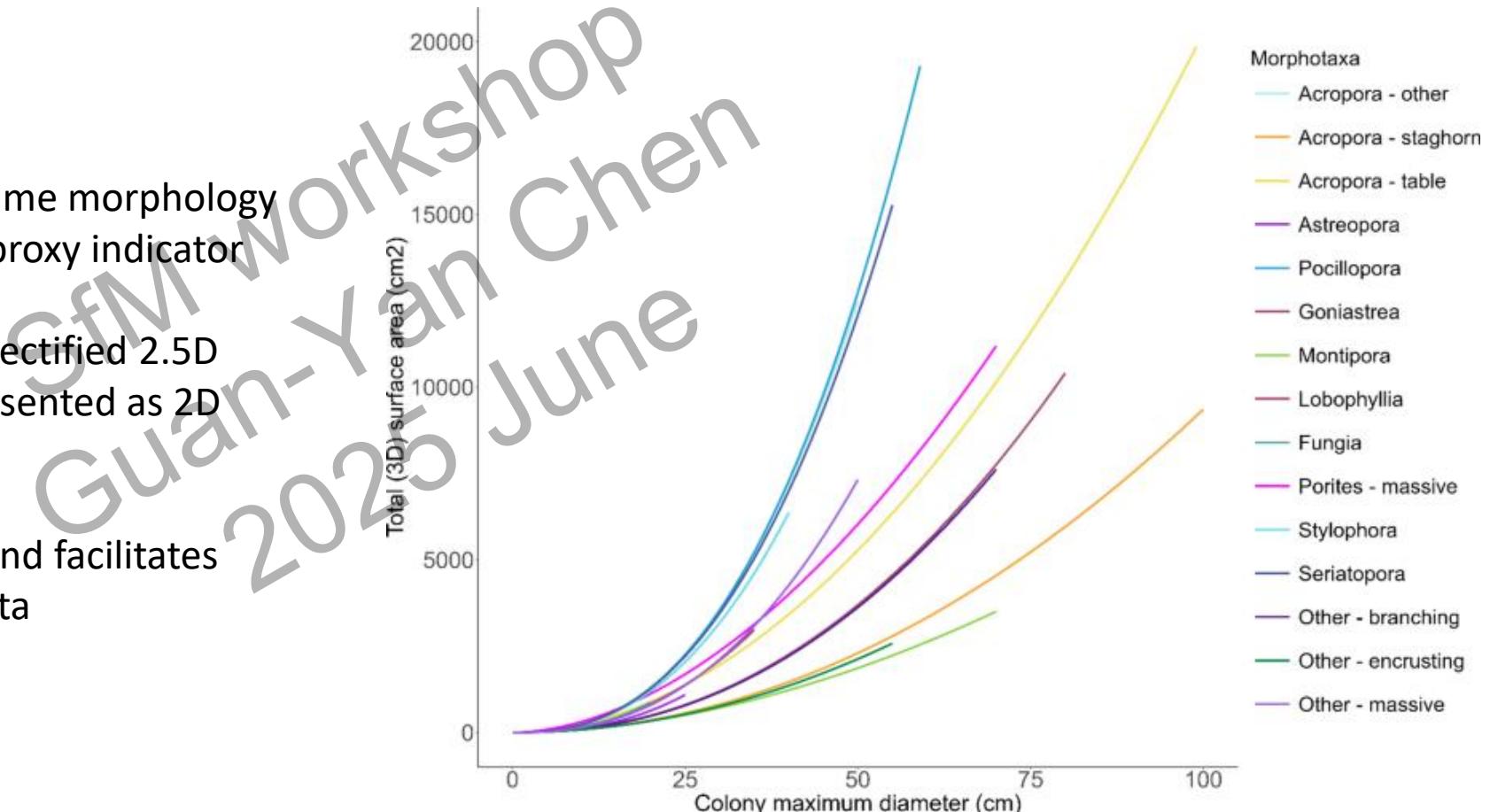
<https://github.com/cnr-isti-vclab/TagLab>



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UC San Diego (Rubyán et al., 2022)

# Why Analyze 2D Even After Capturing 3D

1. The 2D and 3D area for the same morphology correlate highly, serving as a proxy indicator
2. 2D data are essentially orthorectified 2.5D projections of 3D models, presented as 2D images for convenience
3. Increases analysis efficiency and facilitates comparison with historical data



(Chandler et al., 2024)

(House et al., 2018)

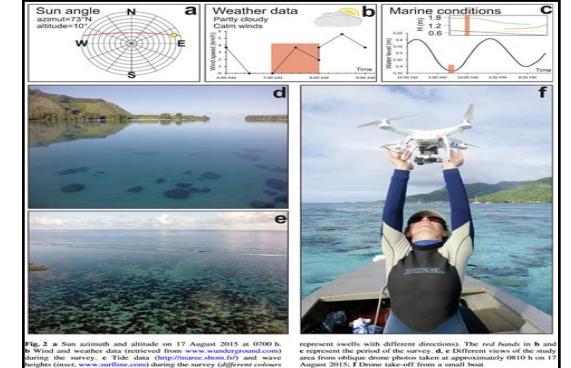
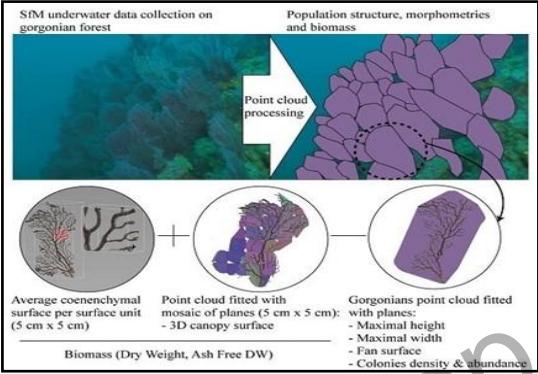
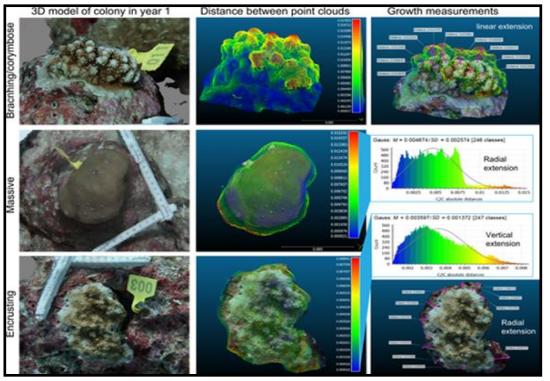
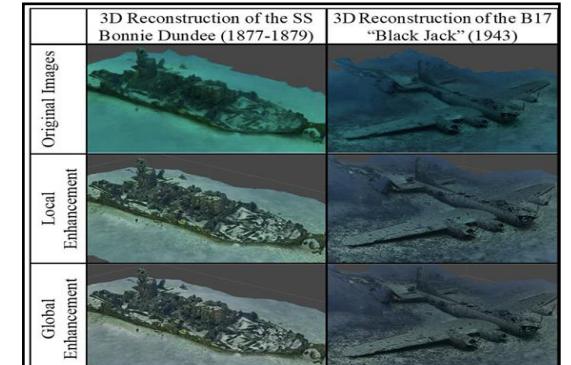
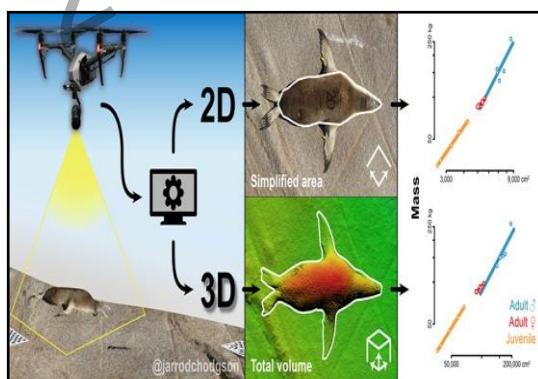
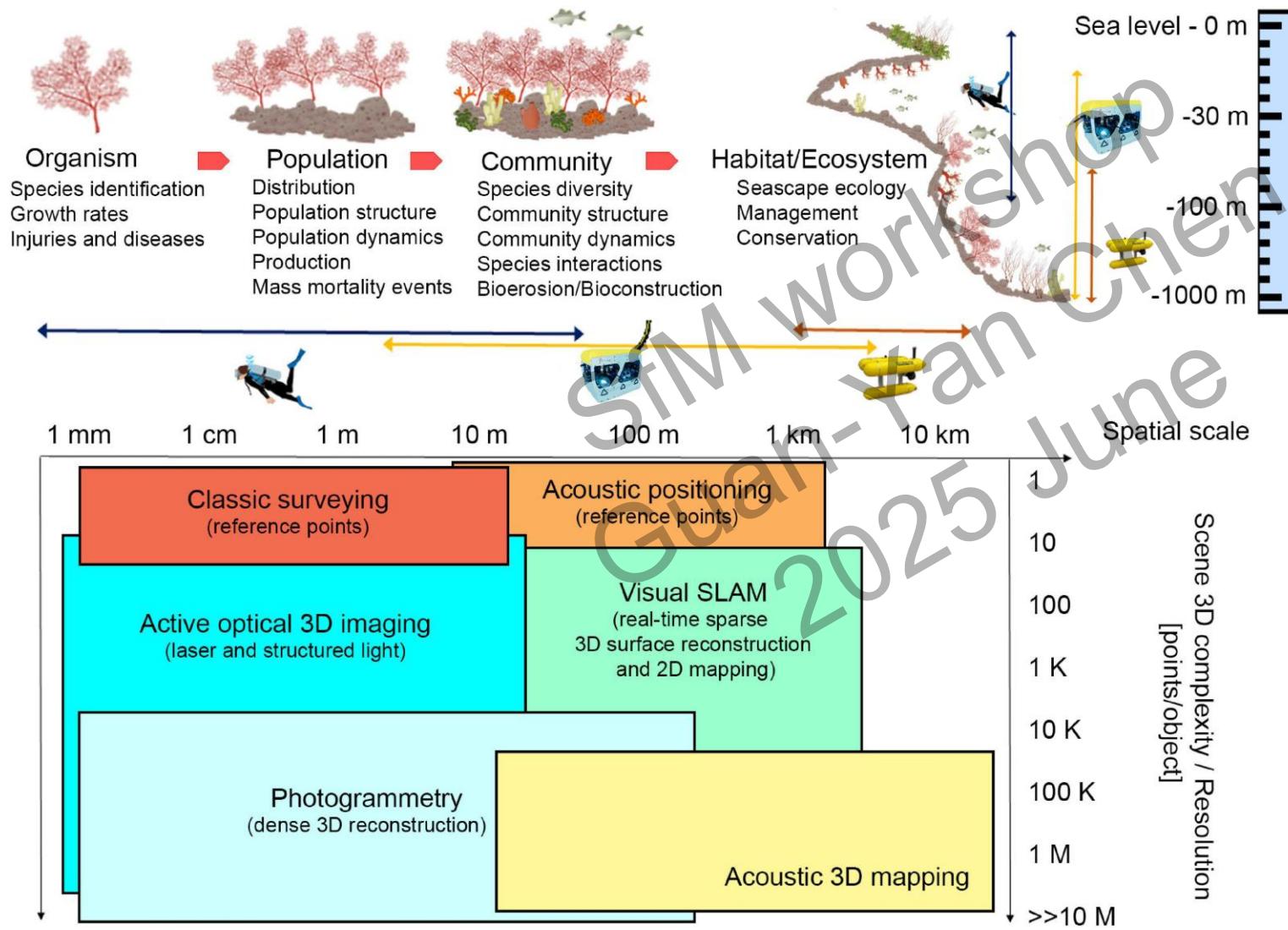


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# Case Studies of 3D Survey in ocean-science

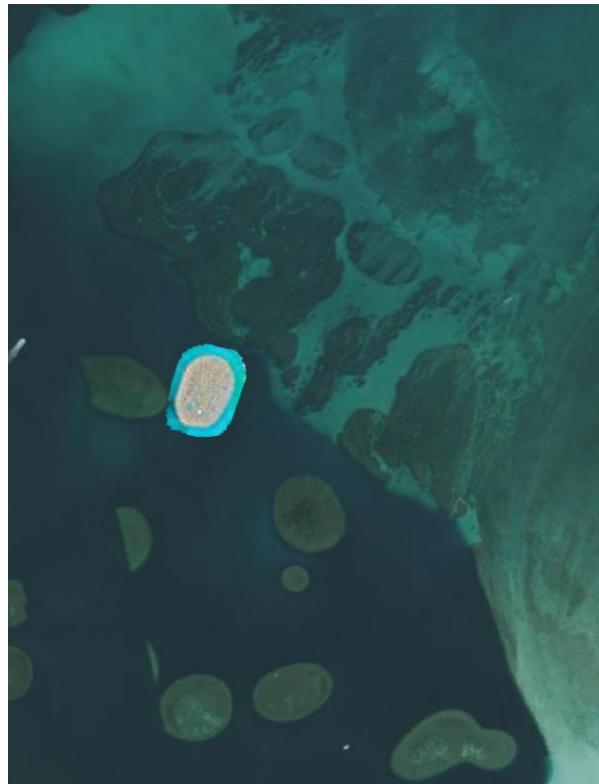


# Using SfM in Marine Research

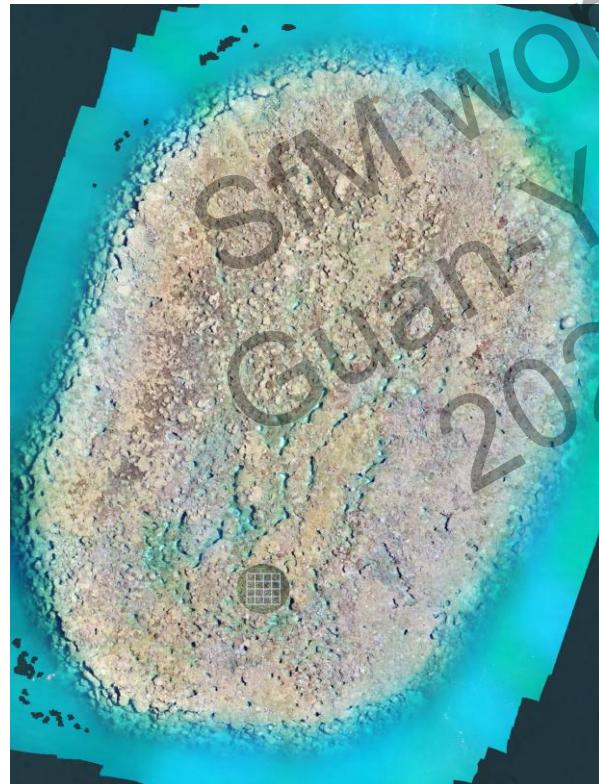


Using appropriate equipment base on spatial scales

# Combine multiple scales SfM data



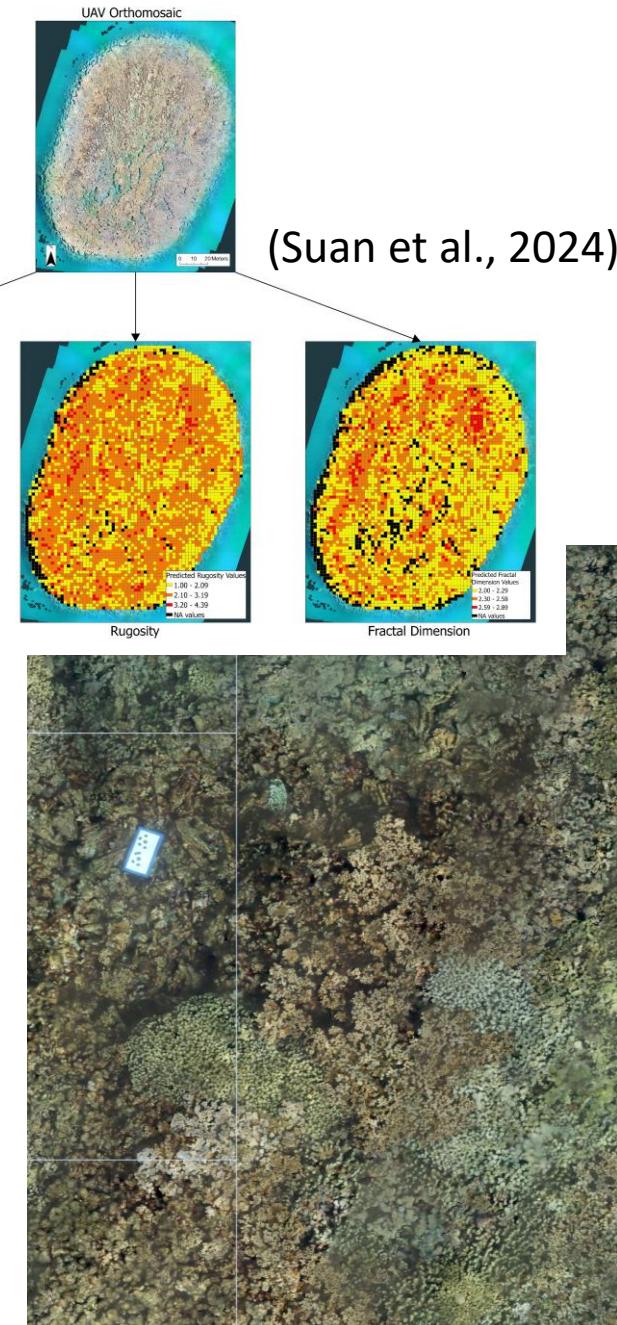
Satellite + drone images



Drone image



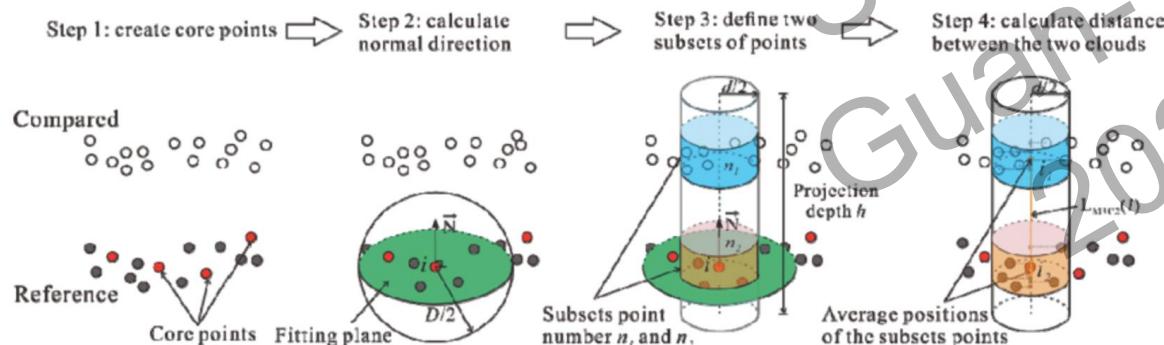
Drone + underwater image



Underwater image <sup>11</sup>

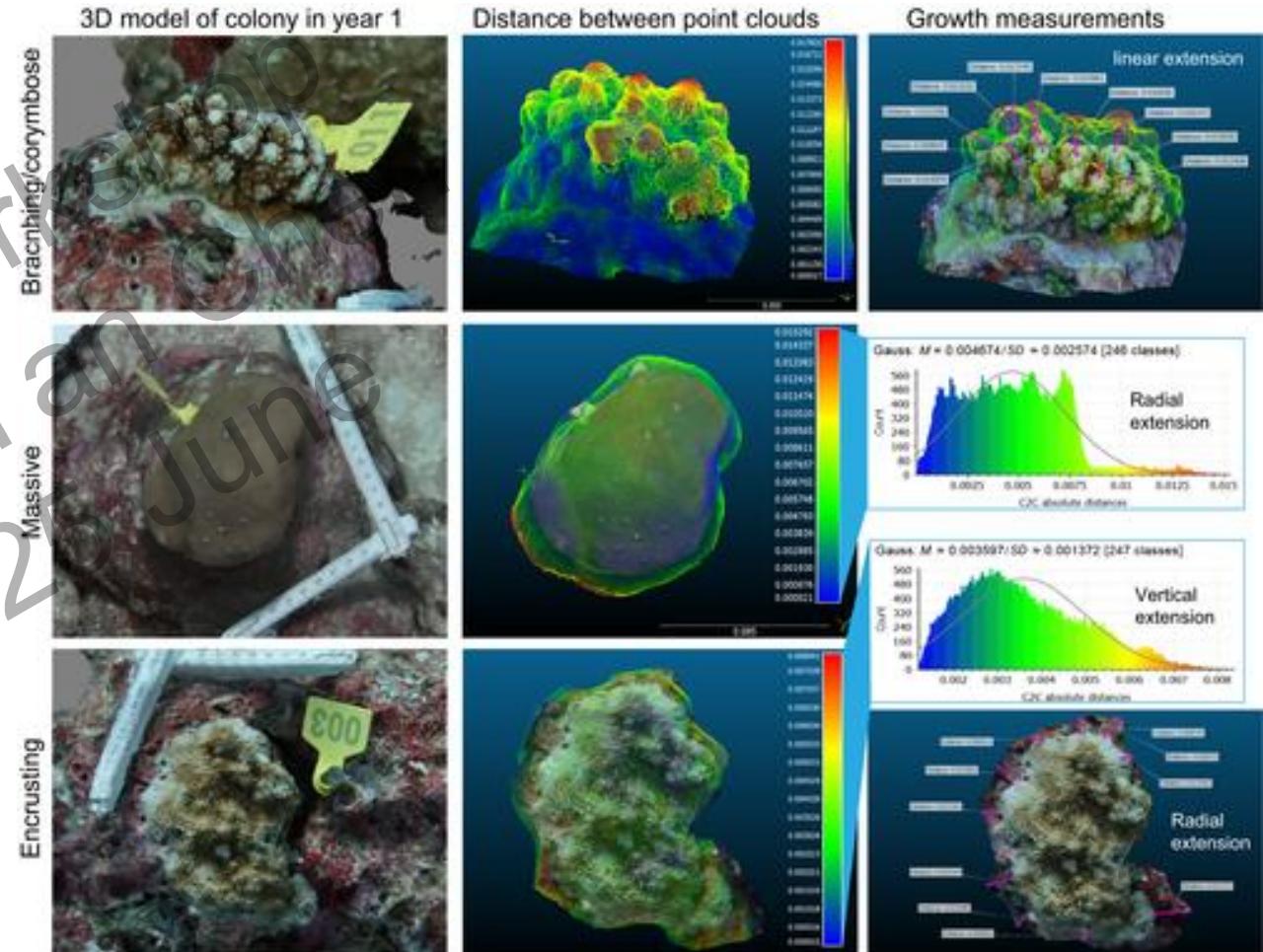
# Measure colony growth rate by comparing point clouds

A multiscale model-to-model cloud comparison  
(M3C2 algorithm)



Cloud-to-cloud distance calculated by the M3C2 algorithm.

Allows quantification of distance changes  
between two similar clouds

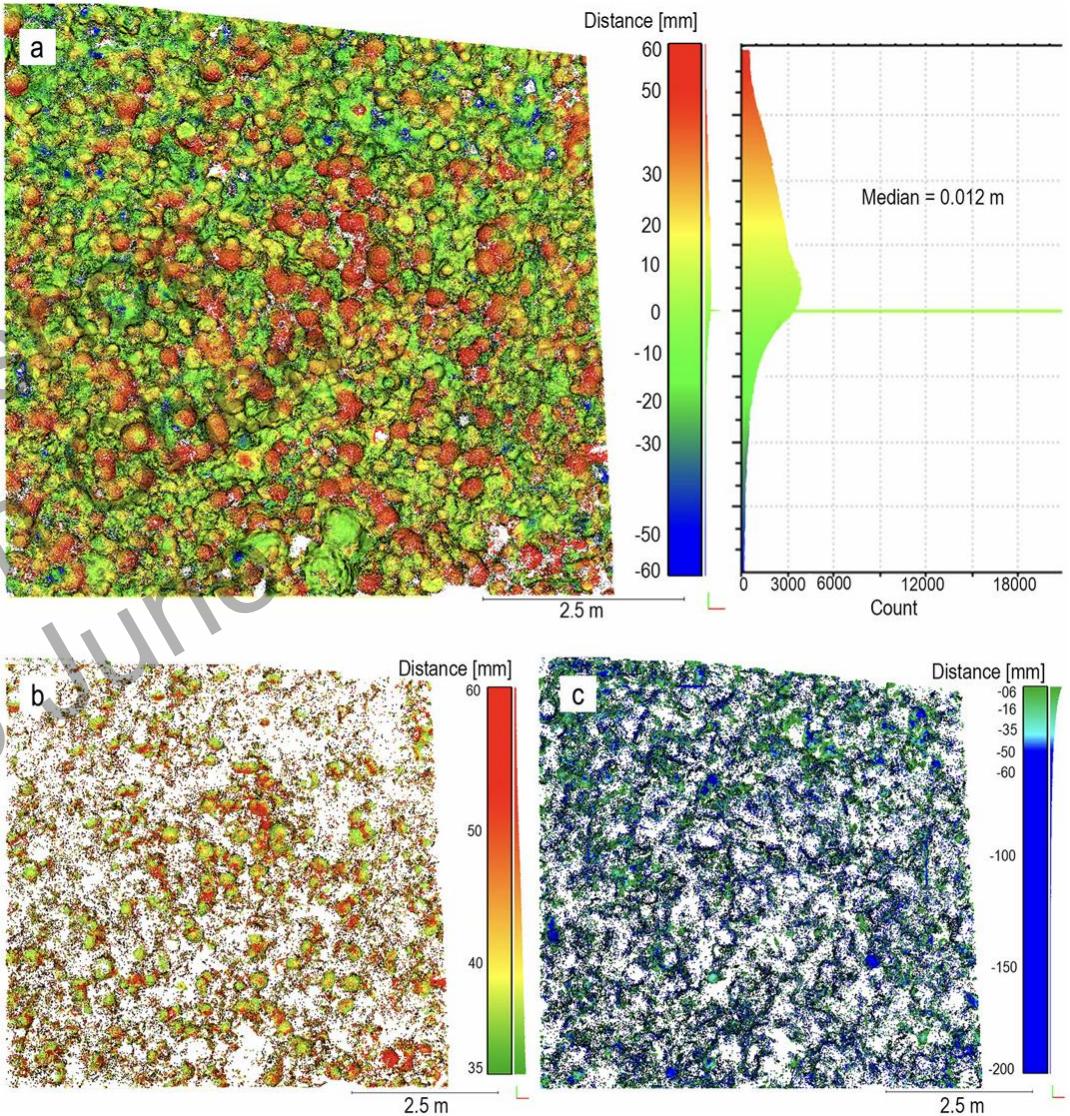


# 3D coral reef growth

Detects annual changes of 10–15 mm with ~1 mm error



(Rossi et al., 2019)



**Fig. 4** Comparison and coordinate variations between the 2017 model (reference) and the 2018 model (compared) as projected on the 2017 model. **a** Map of calculated distances (values between  $\pm 60$  mm), distribution of values and statistical parameters. **b** Extraction of large positive

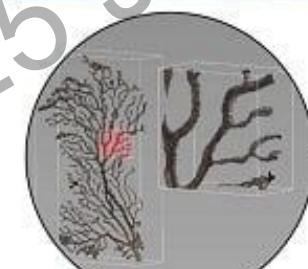
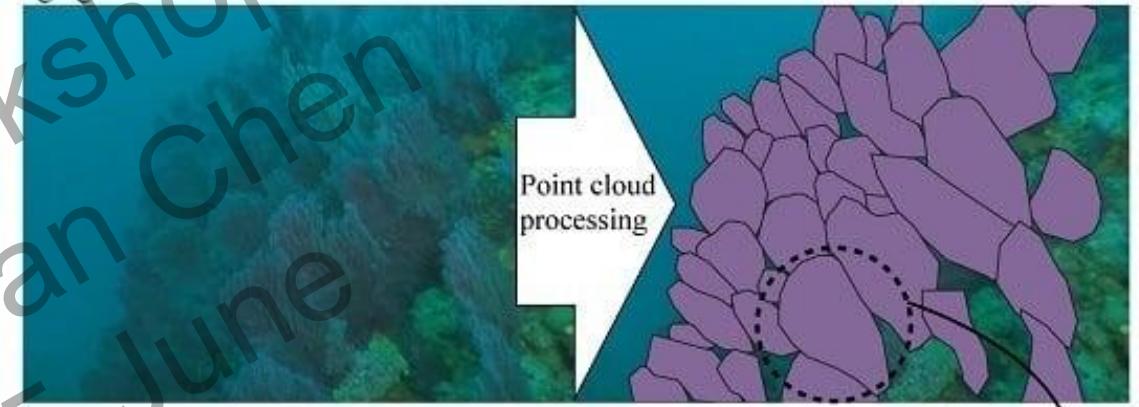
values ( $> 35$  mm, 85th percentile), yellow color states 30 mm values. **c** Extraction of largest negative values (between  $-200$  and  $-6$  mm, the 15th percentile) to better report damaged coral concretions

# Gorgonian measurement & point-cloud classification

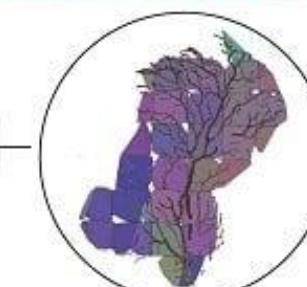


SfM underwater data collection on gorgonian forest

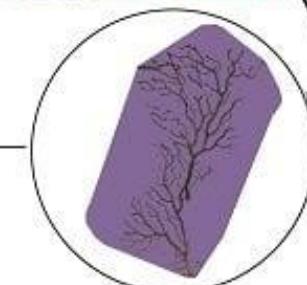
Population structure, morphometries and biomass



Average coenenchymal surface per surface unit (5 cm x 5 cm)



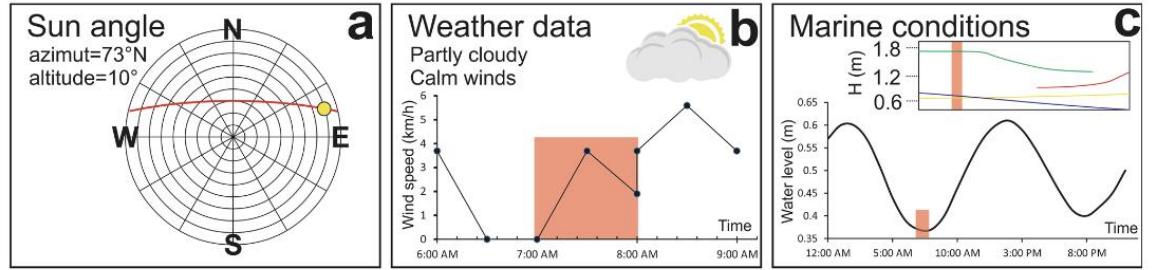
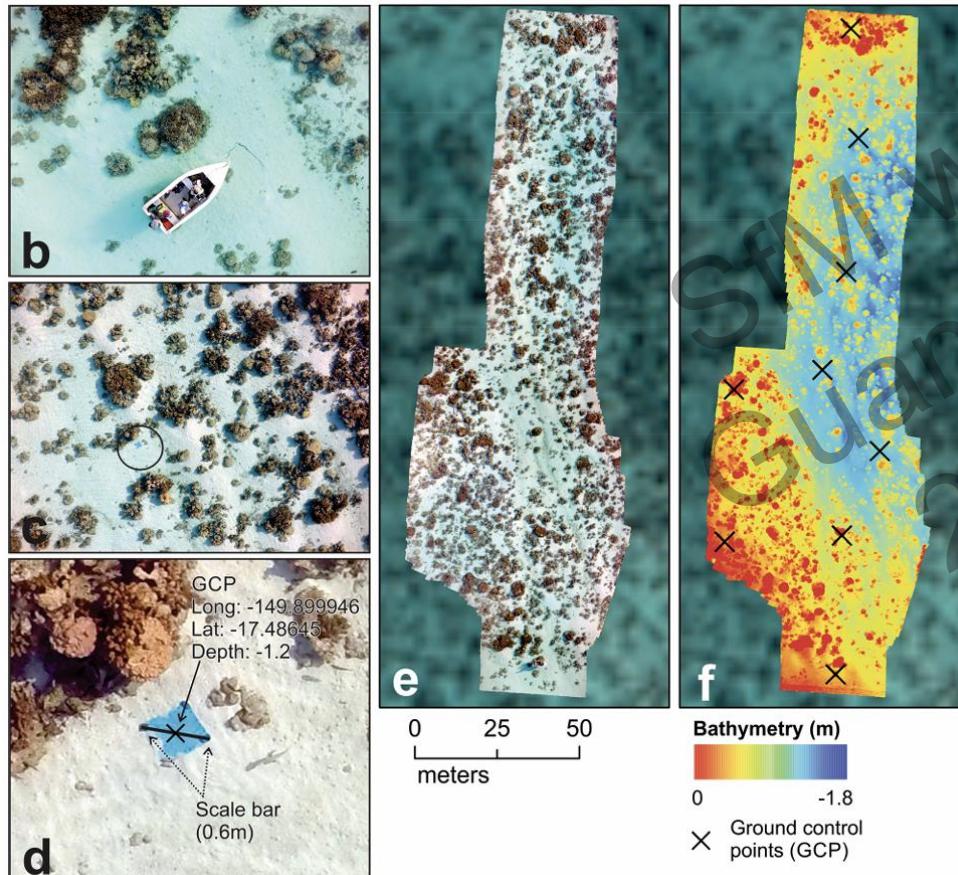
Point cloud fitted with mosaic of planes (5 cm x 5 cm):  
- 3D canopy surface



Gorgonians point cloud fitted with planes:  
- Maximal height  
- Maximal width  
- Fan surface  
- Colonies density & abundance

Biomass (Dry Weight, Ash Free DW)  
(Palma et al., 2018)

# UAV underwater modelling

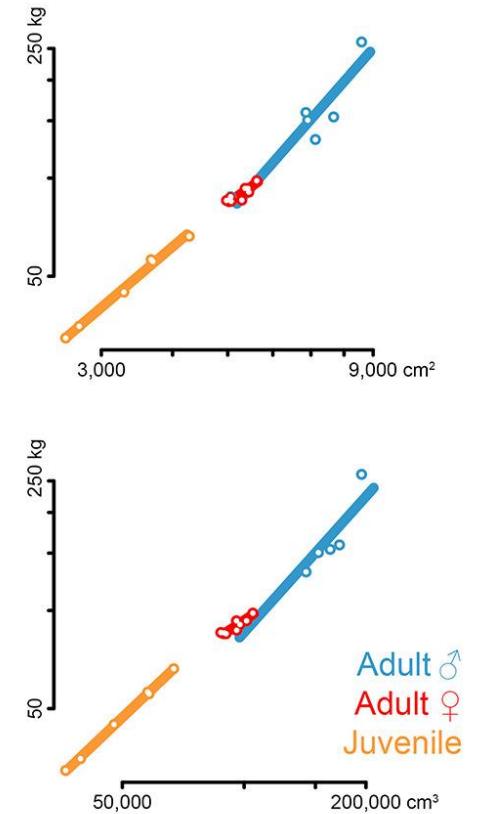
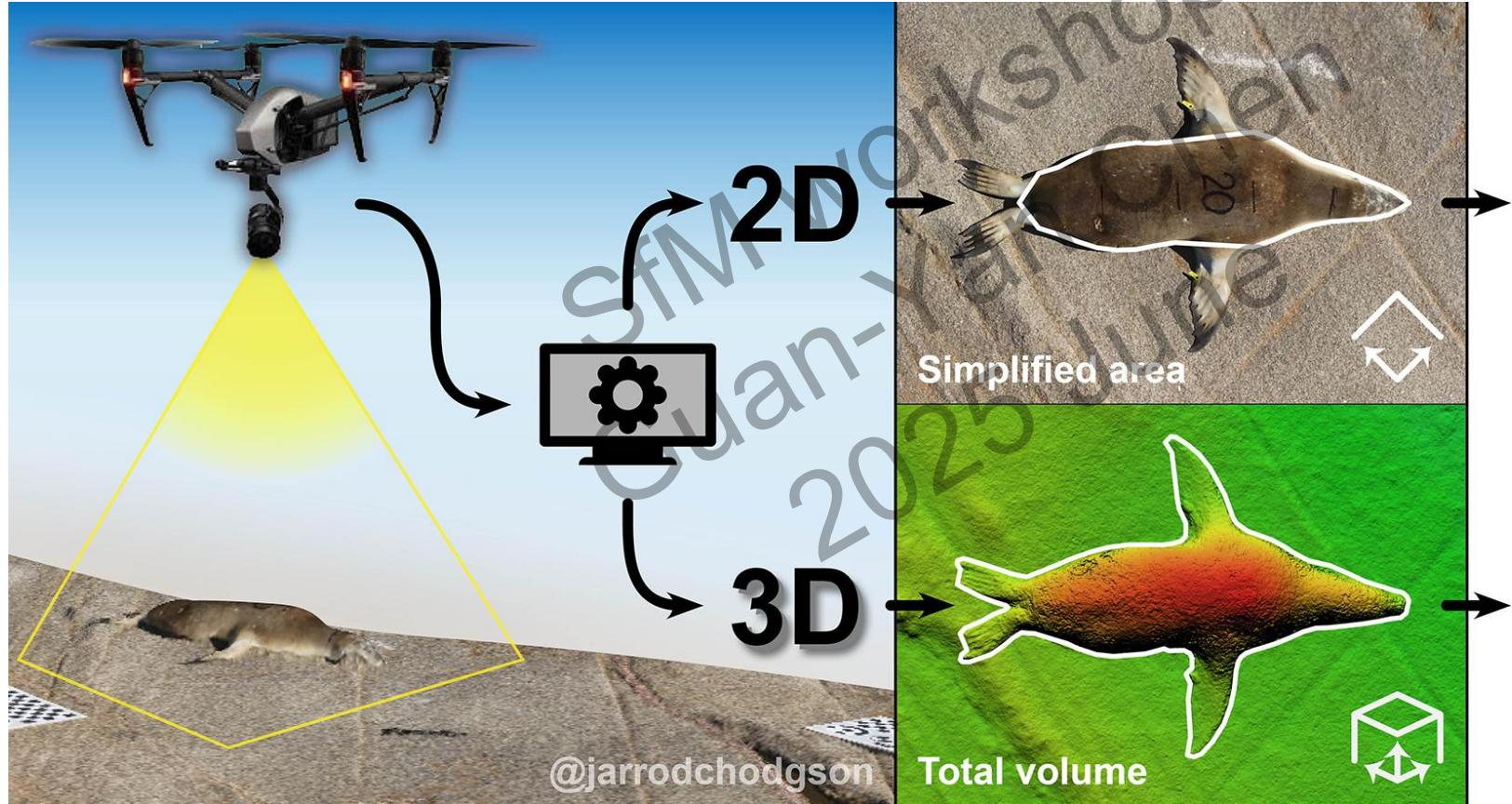


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represent swells with different directions). The *red bands* in **b** and **c** represent the period of the survey. **d, e** Different views of the study area from oblique drone photos taken at approximately 0810 h on 17 August 2015; **f** Drone take-off from a small boat

(Casella et al., 2016)<sup>15</sup>

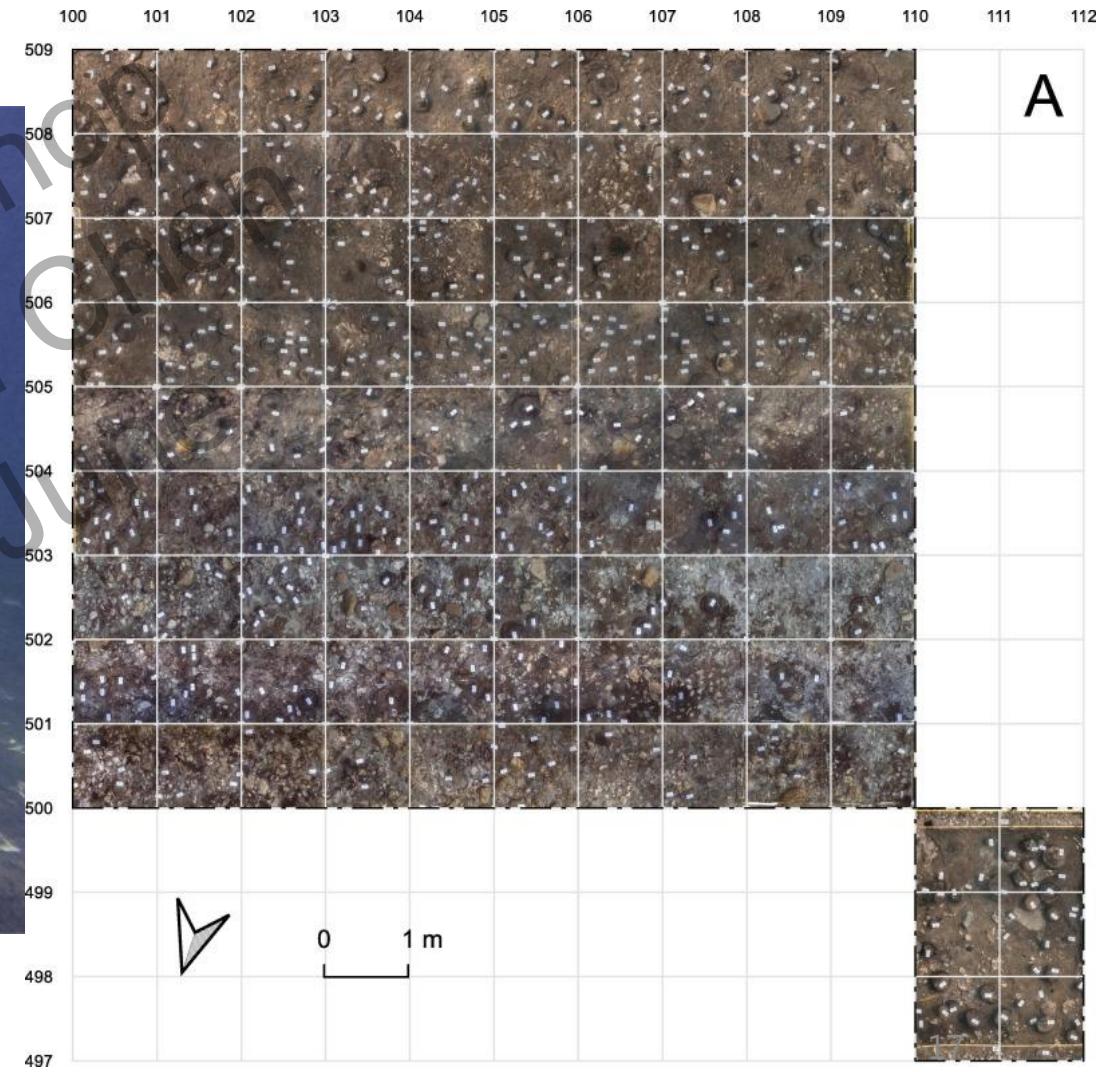
# Health assessment of marine mammals



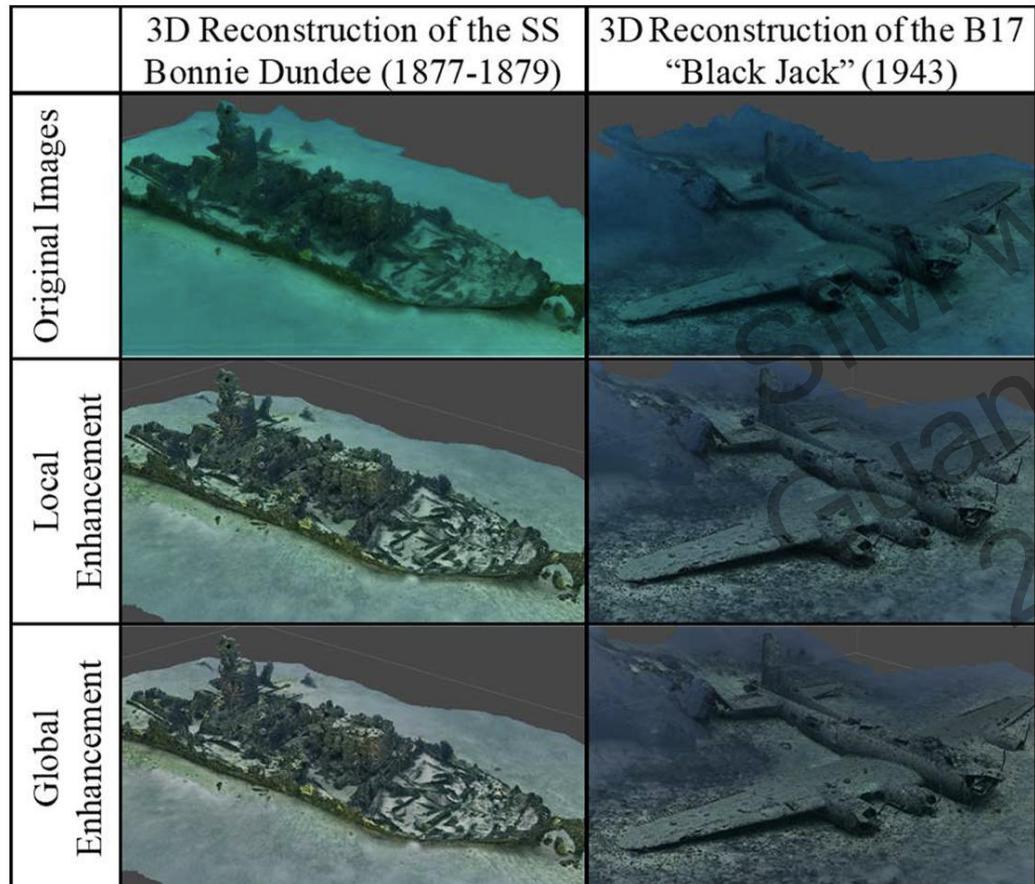
# Archaeological-site preservation & AI noise filtering



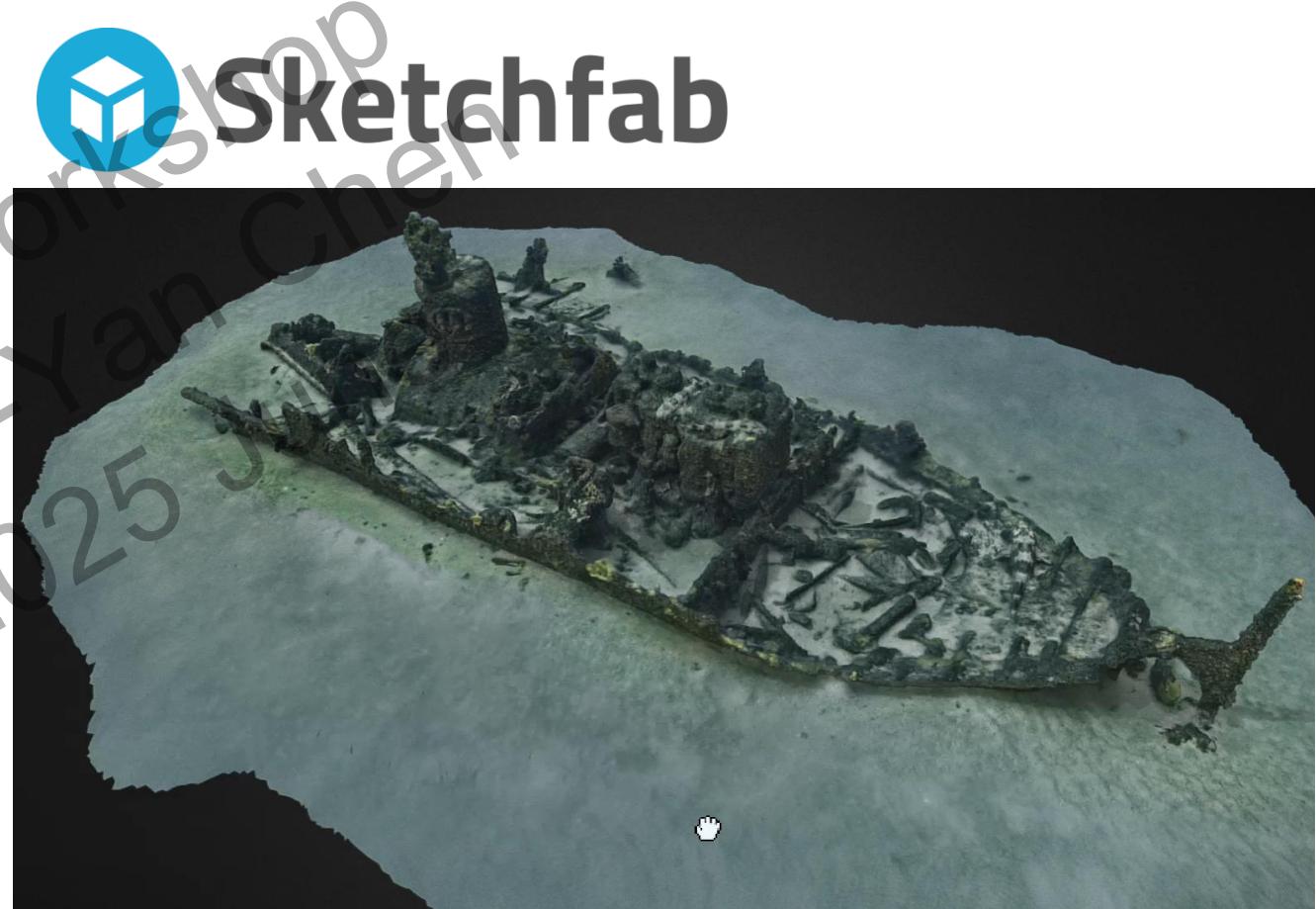
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# Shipwreck documentation & online 3D display

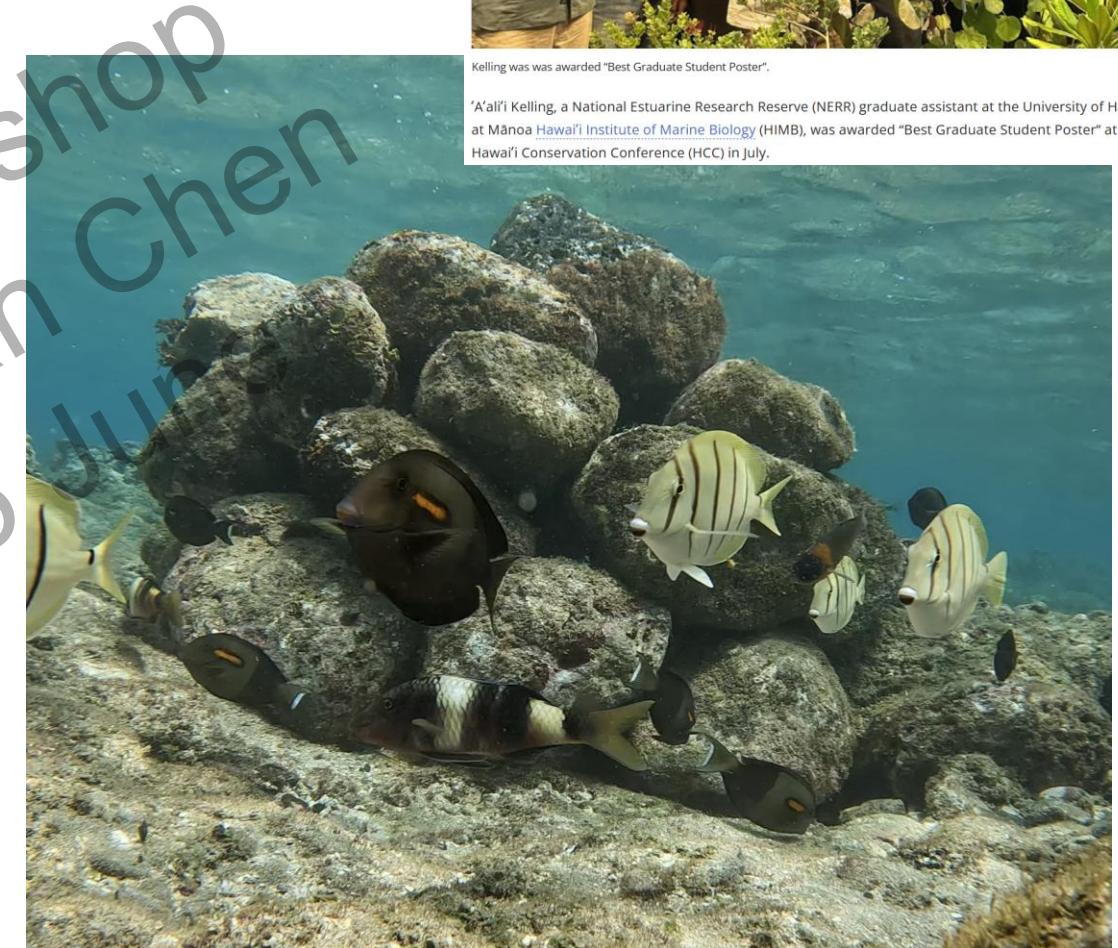
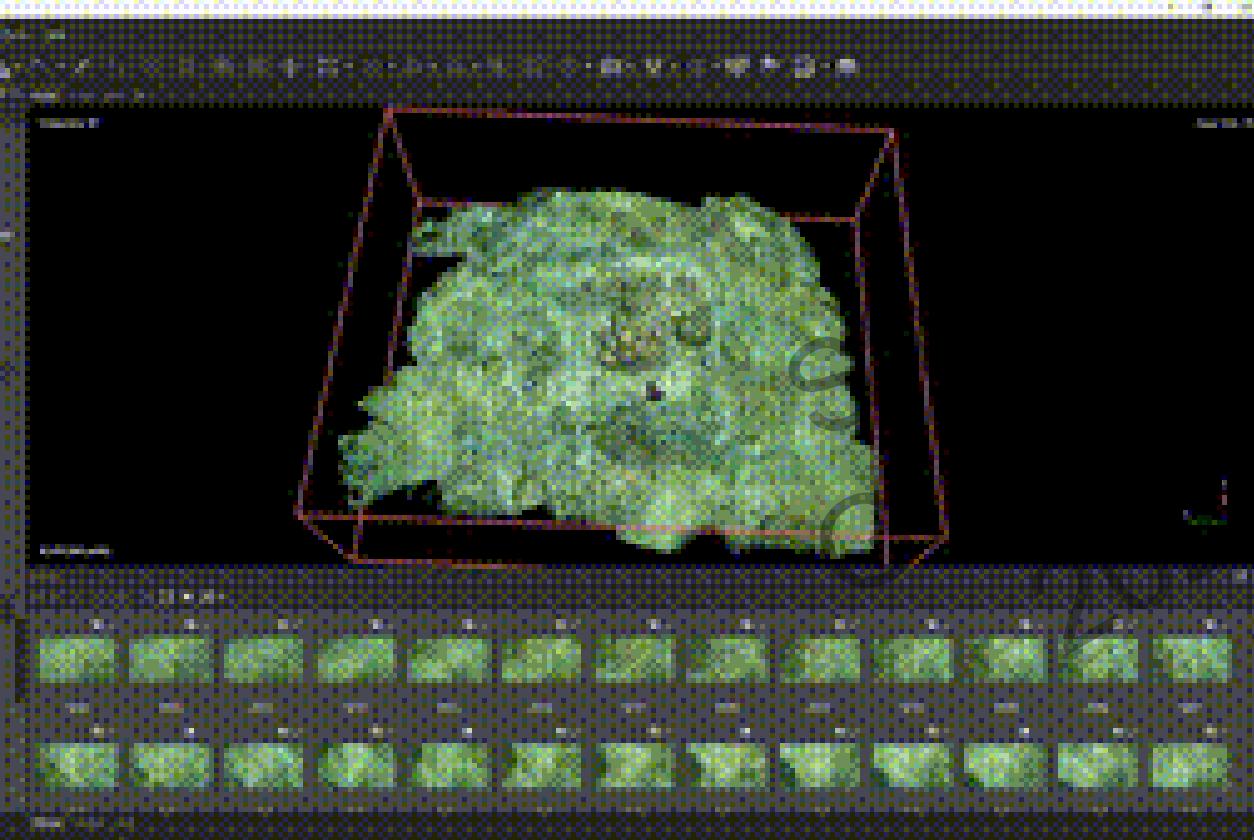


(Adams et al., 2024)



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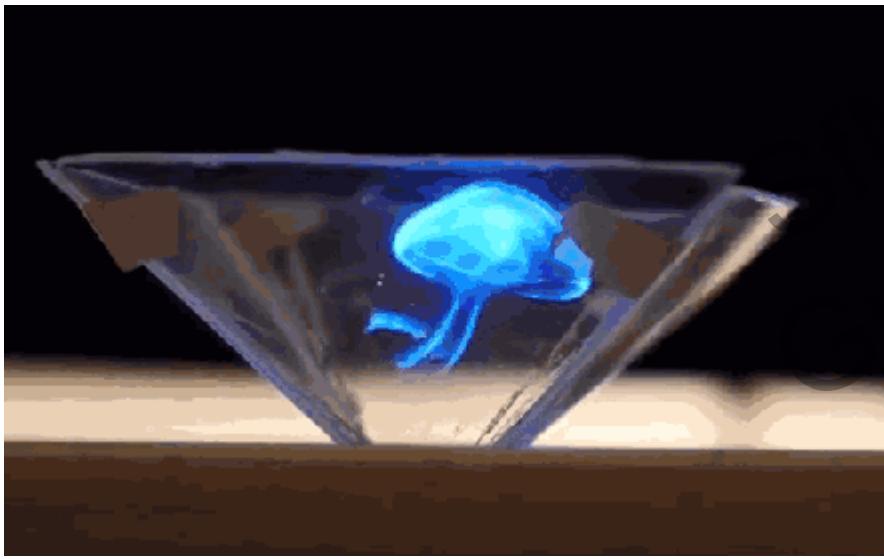
# Innovation by merging traditional techniques



Kelling was awarded "Best Graduate Student Poster".

"A'alii Kelling, a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) graduate assistant at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB), was awarded "Best Graduate Student Poster" at the Hawai'i Conservation Conference (HCC) in July.

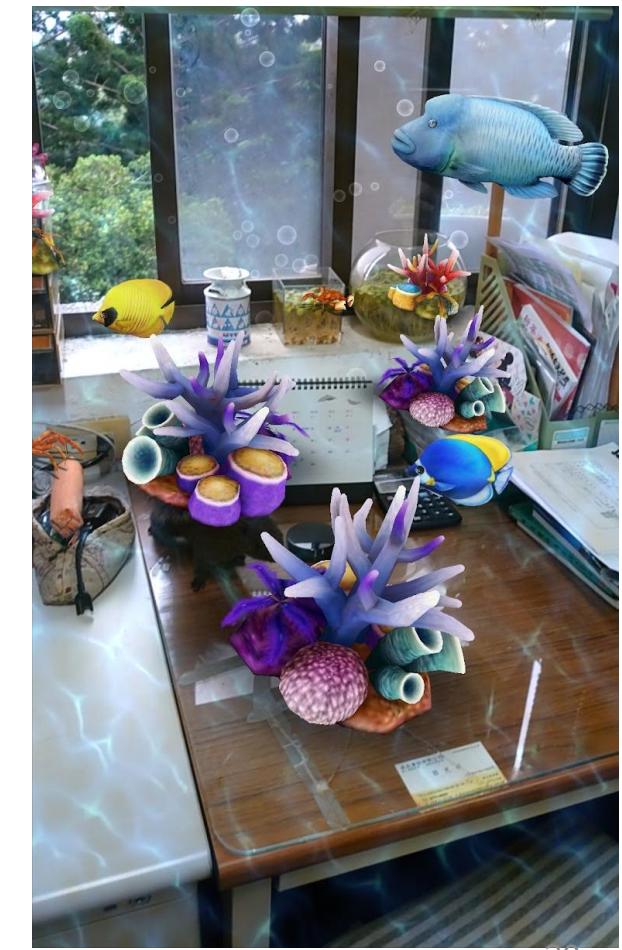
# Diverse ways to show 3D results



3D hologram



VR



AR

## Try this if you are using iPhone

Open the Mac App Store to buy and download apps.

**MEGA Lab AR** 4+

A Coral Reef in Your Pocket

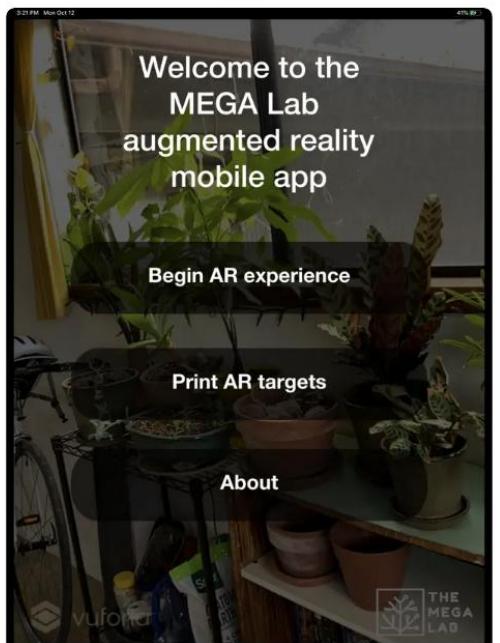
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## MEGA Vision: Integrating Reef Photogrammetry Data into Immersive Mixed Reality Experiences

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**Keywords:** coral reefs, photogrammetry, augmented reality, mixed reality, virtual reefs

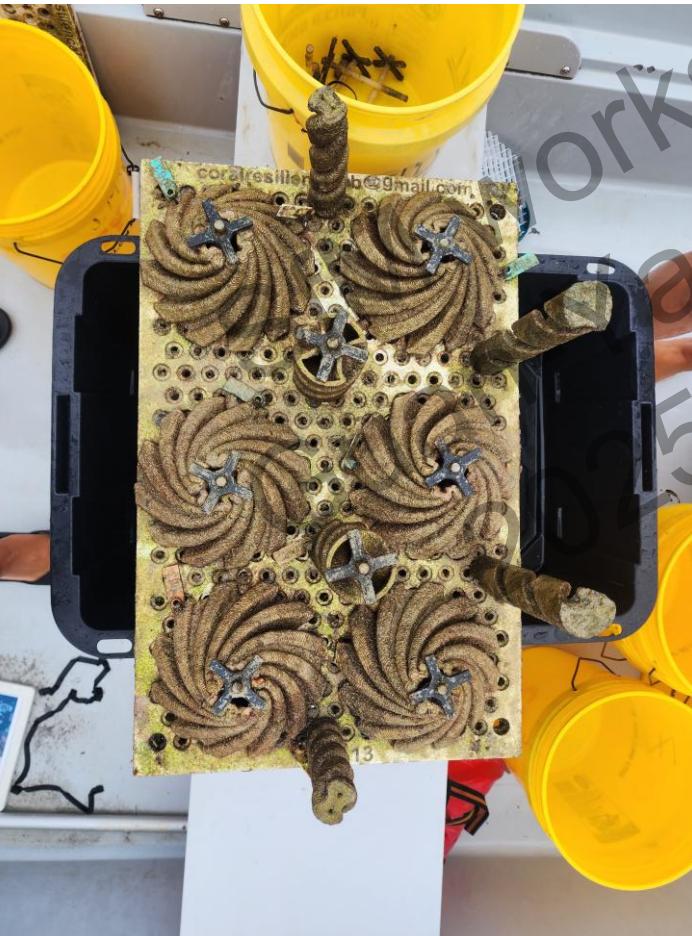
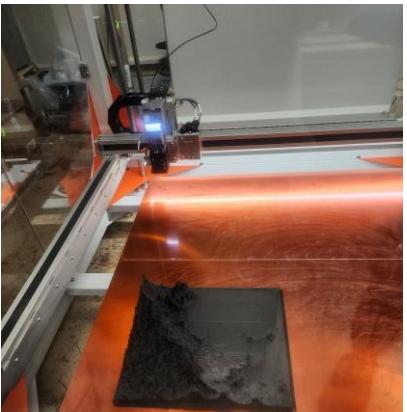
**Abstract.** Coral reefs and submerged cultural heritage sites are integral to supporting marine biodiversity, preserving human history, providing ecosystem services, and understanding drivers of ecosystem health and function. Despite the importance of these submerged underwater habitats, accessibility to these environments remains limited to specialized professionals. The MEGA Vision mixed reality application integrates photogrammetry-derived data products with augmented reality (AR) technologies to transcend this barrier, offering an immersive and educational platform for the broader public. Using high-resolution imagery from SCUBA expeditions, the app presents users with realistic and spatially accurate 3D reconstructions of coral reefs and submerged archaeological artifacts within an interactive interface developed through Unity and Vuforia. The applications instructional design includes multimedia elements for enhancing user comprehension of marine and historical sciences. This mixed reality tool exemplifies the convergence of scientific data visualization and public engagement, offering a unique educational tool that demystifies the complexities of marine ecosystems and maritime history, thereby fostering a deeper appreciation and stewardship of underwater environments. By enabling accessible, interactive, and immersive experiences, the application has the potential to revolutionize the way we interact with and contribute to marine sciences, aligning technology with conservation and research efforts to cultivate a more informed and environmentally conscious public.

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(Spengler et al. 2024)

# 3D works in my lab

Reverse-engineering reef structures + art integration to boost citizen engagement



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# Things old methods couldn't do well

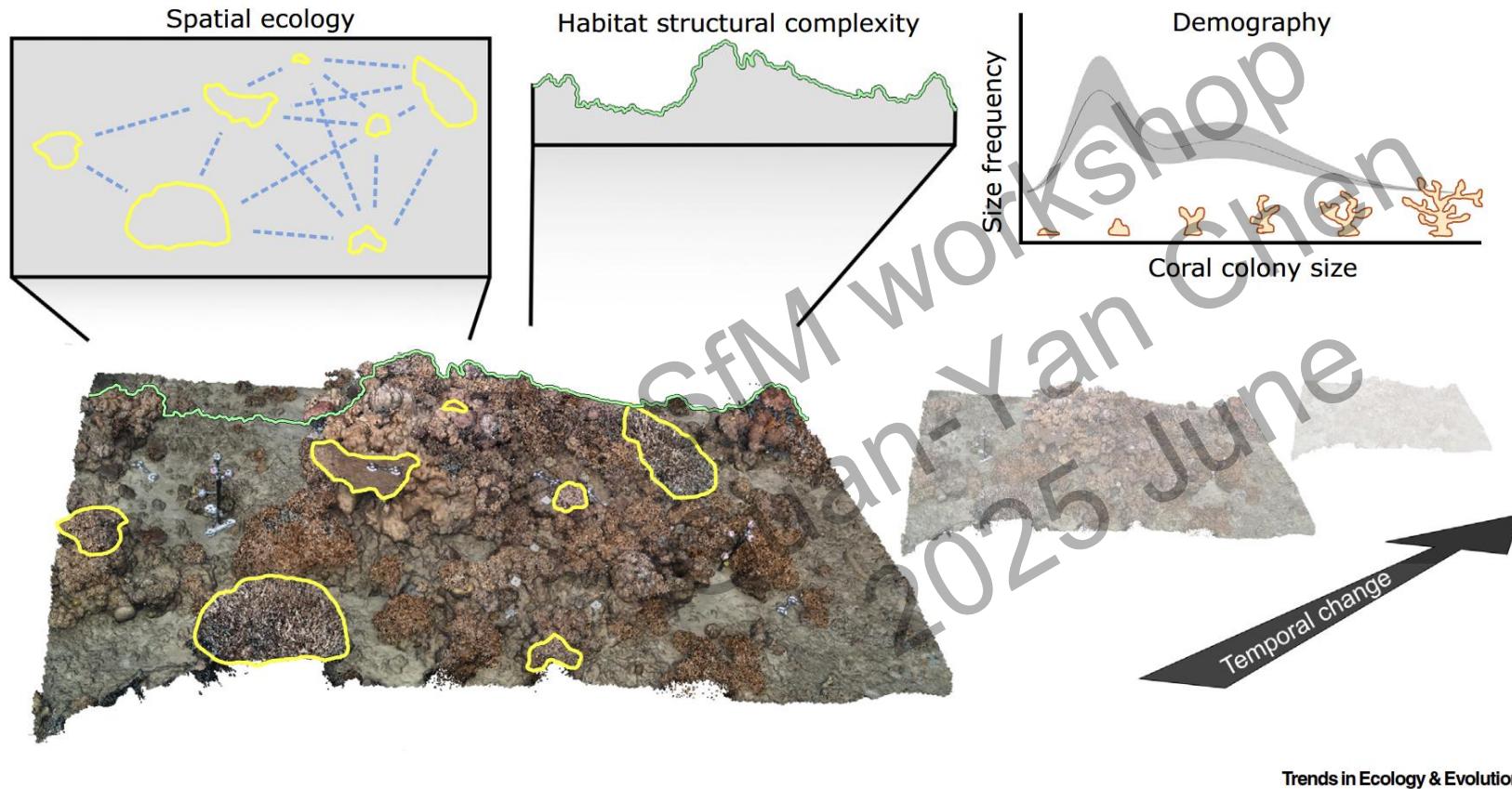


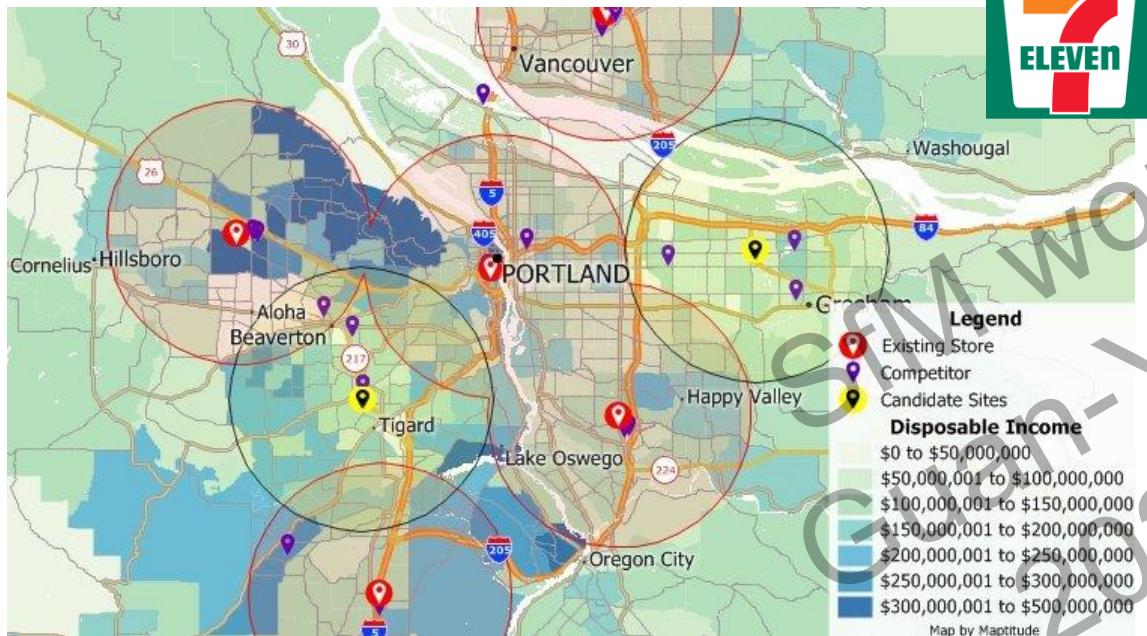
Figure 2. Example 3D model of a reef area through time and some of the key indicators that can be derived to investigate and predict the trajectory of marine ecosystems. 3D models of reef areas facilitate measuring novel metrics that are difficult, expensive, or impossible to quantify otherwise, such as size frequency distribution, demographic rates, spatial context, and 3D structural complexity. 3D models are thus a great tool for innovating metrics and standardizing monitoring in ecosystem restoration.

(Ferrari et al., 2021)

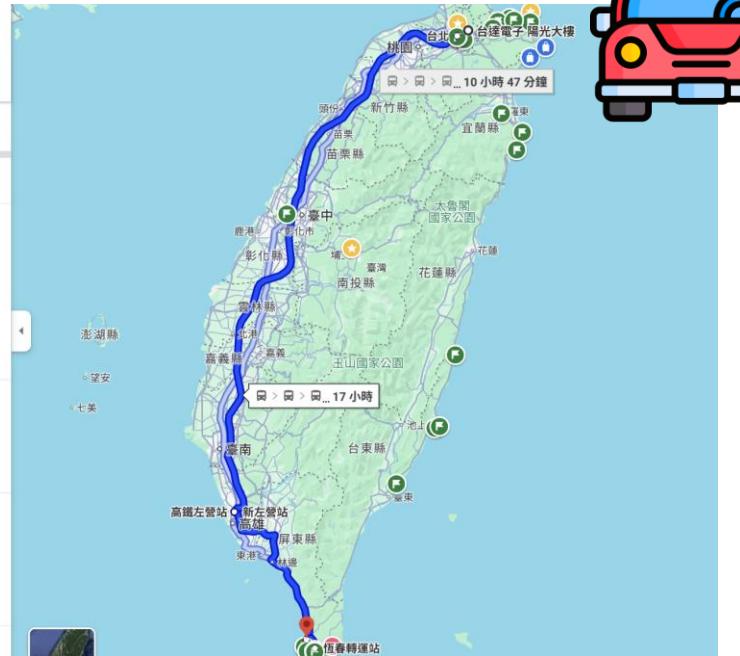
# Potential of spatial ecology

treat marine ecosystems  
with GIS thinking

## Spatial Analysis for Retail Location

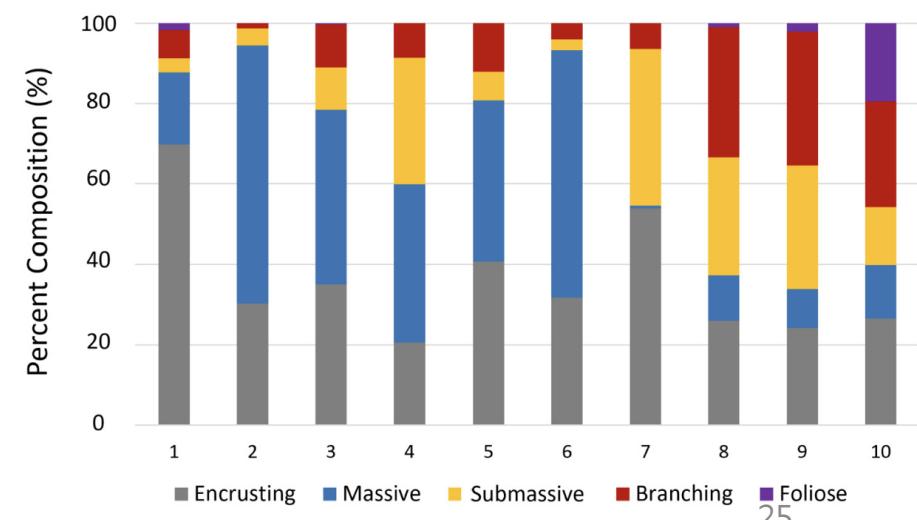
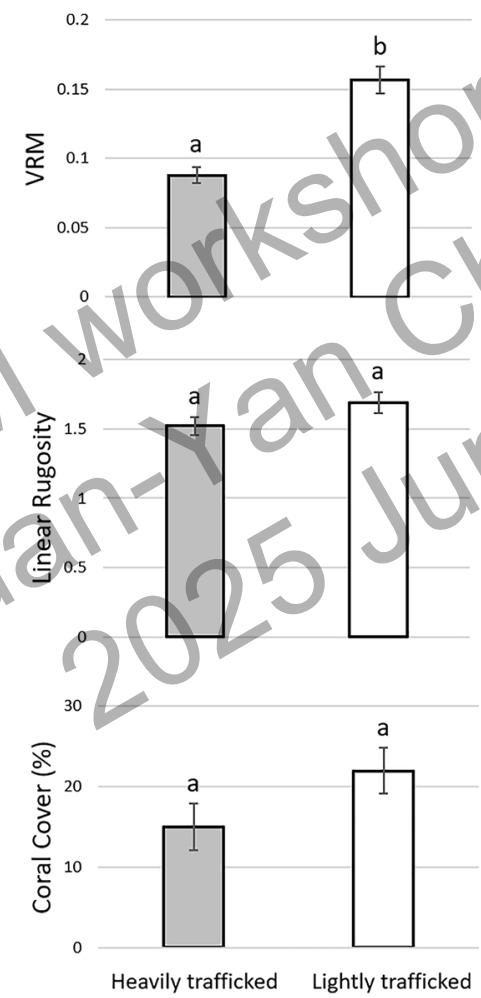
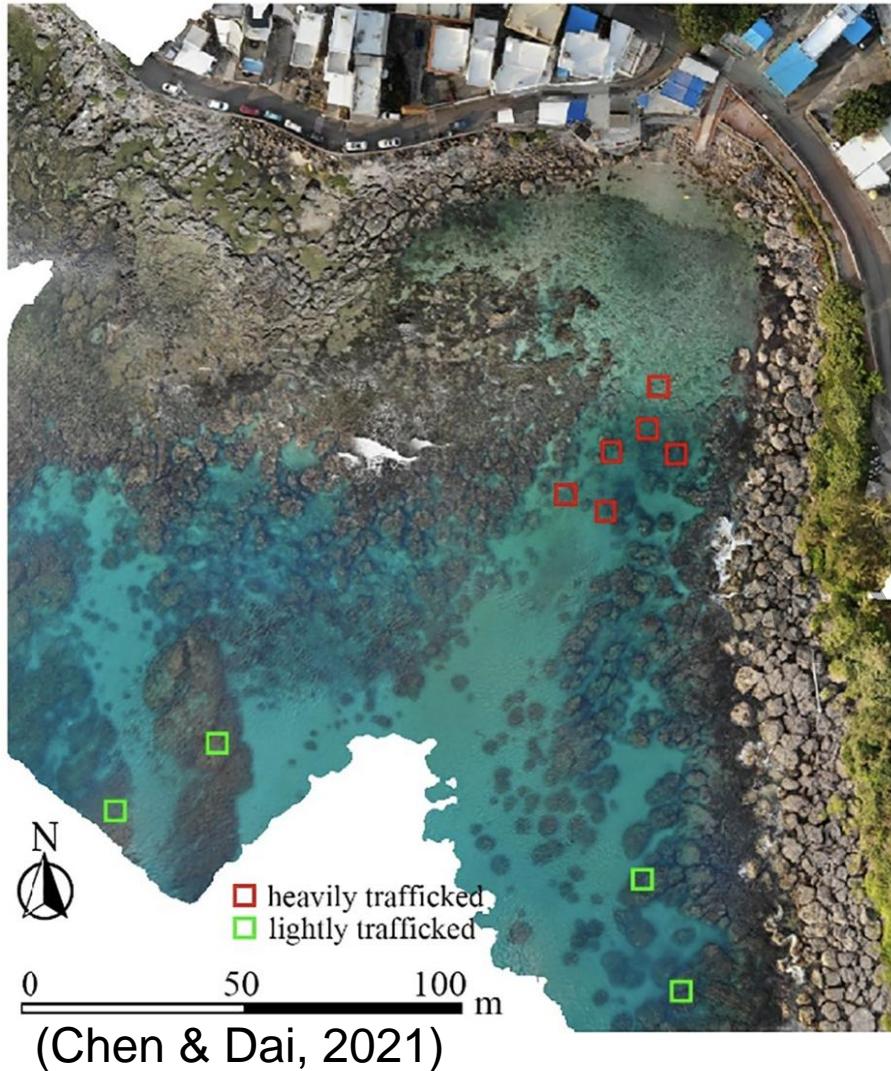


## Cost-Efficient Routing



# Human impacts on reef 3D structure

(application case  
from my MSc thesis)





# Relative Contributions of Size and Shape to Coral Demography

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(application case from my  
PhD dissertation CH.1)

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## Abstract

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It has been 40 years since T. P. Hughes put forward the idea that the size of modular corals is a better predictor of demographic fates than age. However, colonies of similar size may exhibit different shapes, and shape holds great ecological and evolutionary significance. This study used orthomosaics of coral reefs to track changes in 796 *Pocillopora acuta* colonies in Kenting National Park, Taiwan, over 2 years. We quantified relationships between coral demographic fates and three morphological traits: planar area (size), circularity (shape), and perimeter-to-area ratio, which integrates size and shape. Together, area and circularity consistently explained the most variation for all modular processes except shrinkage, which was explained best by area alone. Including circularity with area significantly improved the capacity to predict survival and fission, with large and circular colonies surviving better and with large and irregular colonies more prone to fission. Circularity also improved predictions of proportional area change, with smaller circular colonies experiencing higher rates of change. Fusion was unrelated to any single morphological trait, presumably because it relies on proximity in space. Perimeter-to-area ratio is the best single trait for survival prediction. Our results highlight that size and shape should both be considered for the demographic modeling of modular organisms.

## 尺寸與形狀對珊瑚族群動態的相對貢獻

自 Hughes 提出模組化生物珊瑚，其尺寸比年齡更能預測族群動態已過 40 年。然而，相似尺寸的珊瑚群體可能呈現不同形狀，而形狀在生態與演化上具有重要意義。本研究利用墾丁國家公園的珊瑚礁正射影像，追蹤 796 個 *Pocillopora acuta* 群體兩年間的變化，並量化珊瑚族群動態與三種形態特徵之關係：尺寸、圓度（形狀）以及周長/面積比（整合尺寸與形狀）。同時考慮尺寸與圓度對所有模組化過程都有最高解釋力，除了衰減僅由尺寸為最佳解釋。多考慮圓度，顯著提升對存活與分裂的預測能力，大且圓的群體存活率較高，而大且不規則的群體更易分裂。圓度亦能改善對面積變化的預測，小且圓的群體傾向於較高的變化率。融合與任何單一形態特徵無關，可能因其依賴空間上的鄰近性。周長/面積比是預測存活的最佳單一特徵。本研究結果顯示，預測模組化生物的族群動態，應同時考慮尺寸與形狀。

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# The importance of demography

- The **population status** can be understood via the **age structure**

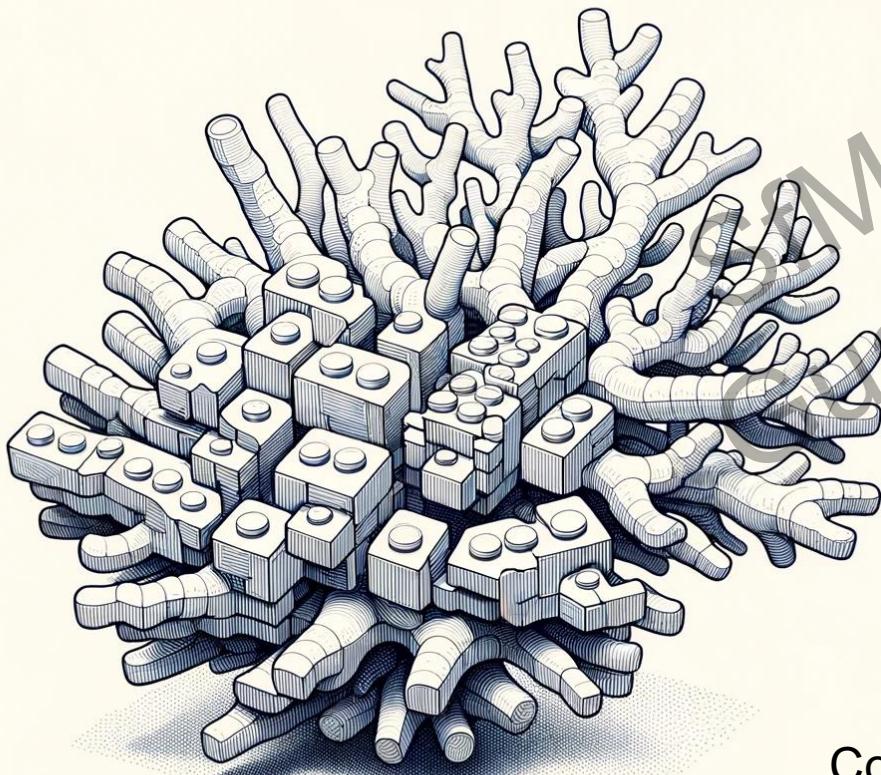
This analytical logic is suitable for most common animals



# The uniqueness of modular organism

- Corals can be freely disassembled or assembled

Unsuitable for age-based model analysis



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Higher survival

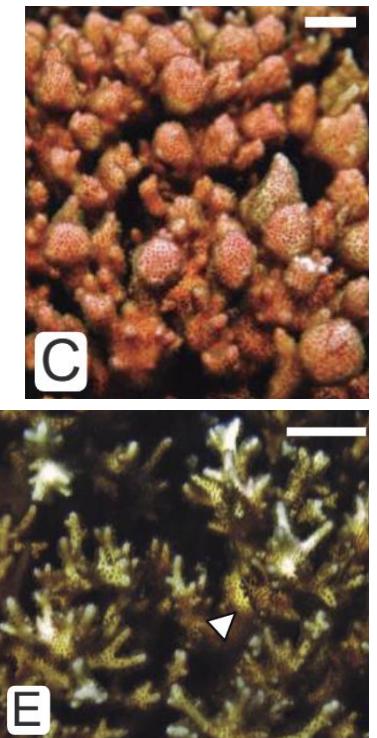
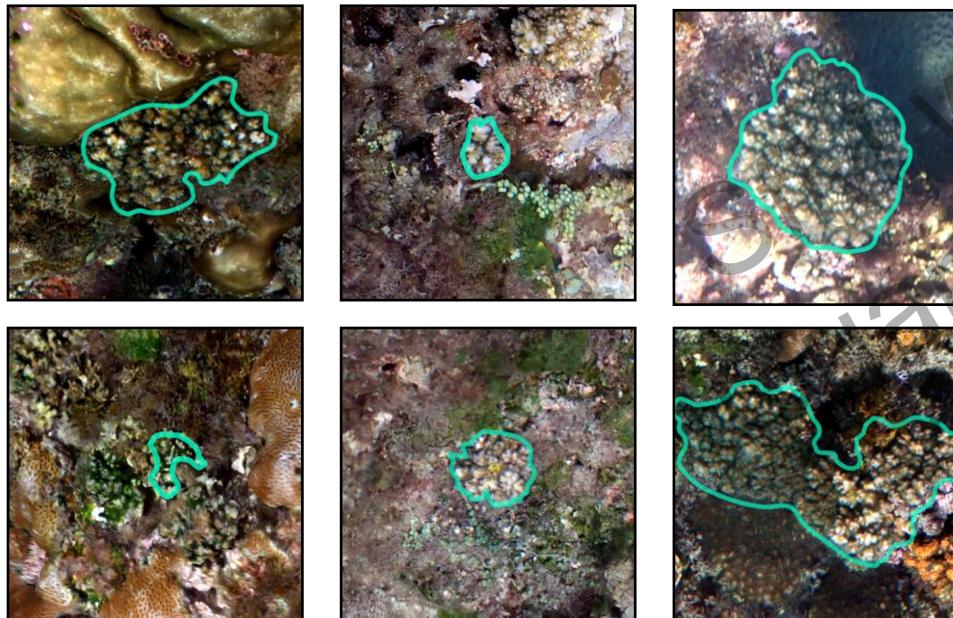


Corals lie about their age, and **size** is a much better predictor !

(Hughes & Jackson, 1980)

# Morphological diversity of a coral

- **The same size can have different shape**, coral shows high morphological **plasticity intraspecies**  
Shape reflect how a colony interact with environment

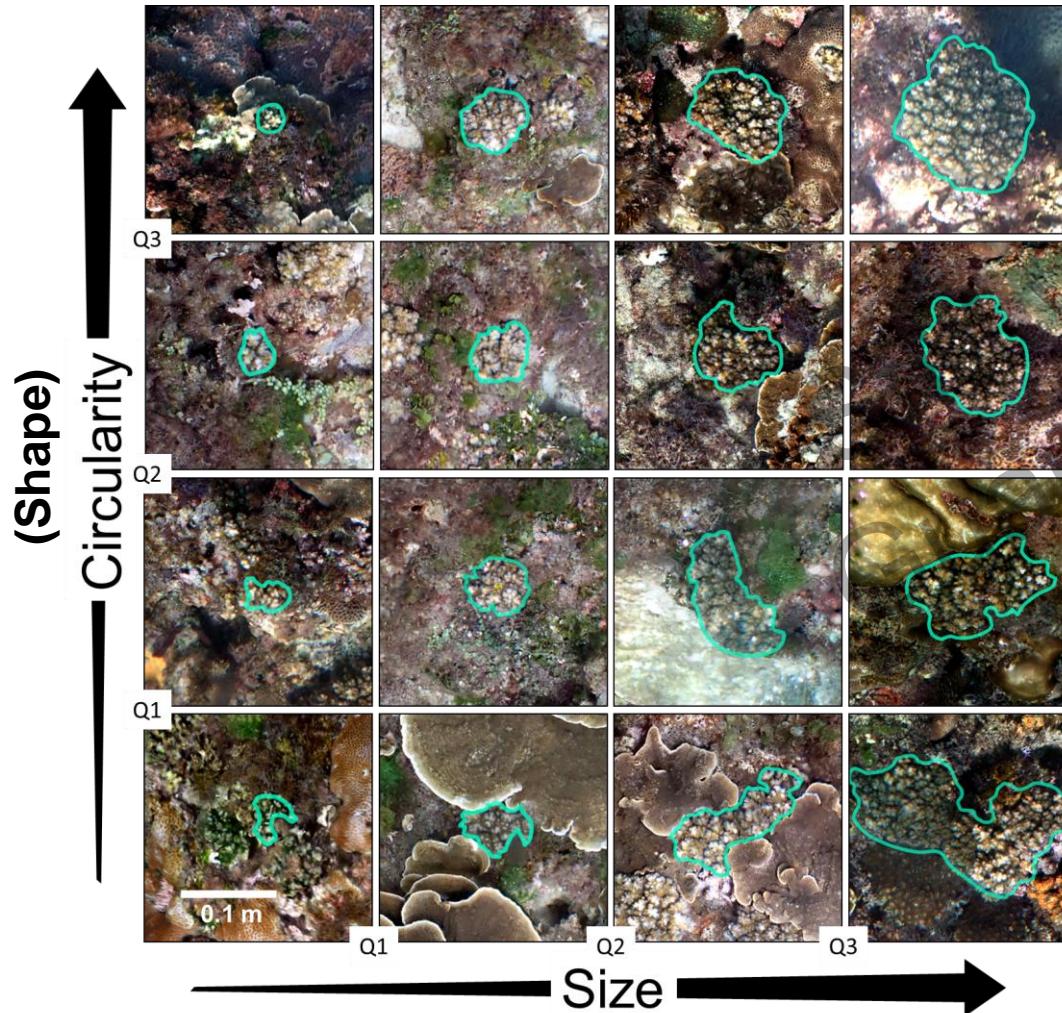


Morphology that adapted to their environment can achieve higher fitness  
(Million et al., 2022; Todd, 2008)

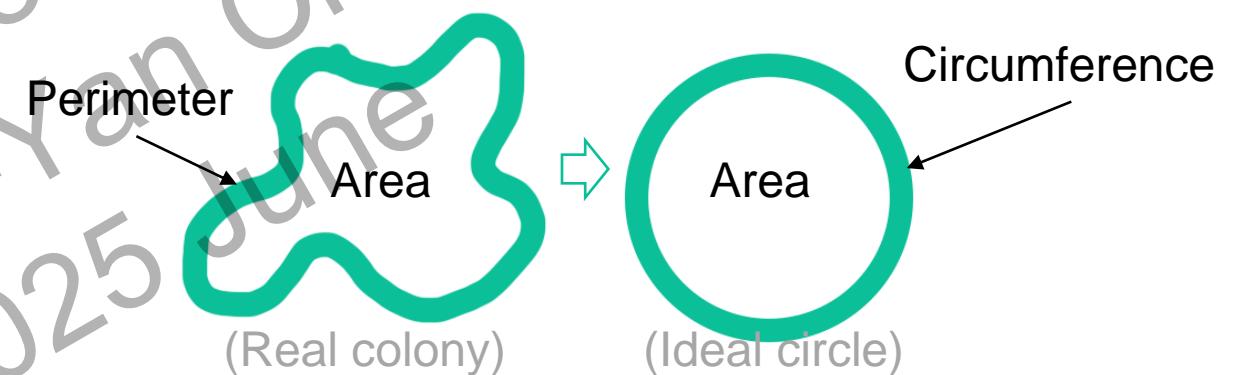
(but this effect has seldom been quantified)

(Paz-García et al., 2015)

# Quantifying 2D morphological traits



- 1. Size = Area
- 2. P/A ratio = Perimeter / Area
- 3. Circularity = Circumference / Perimeter

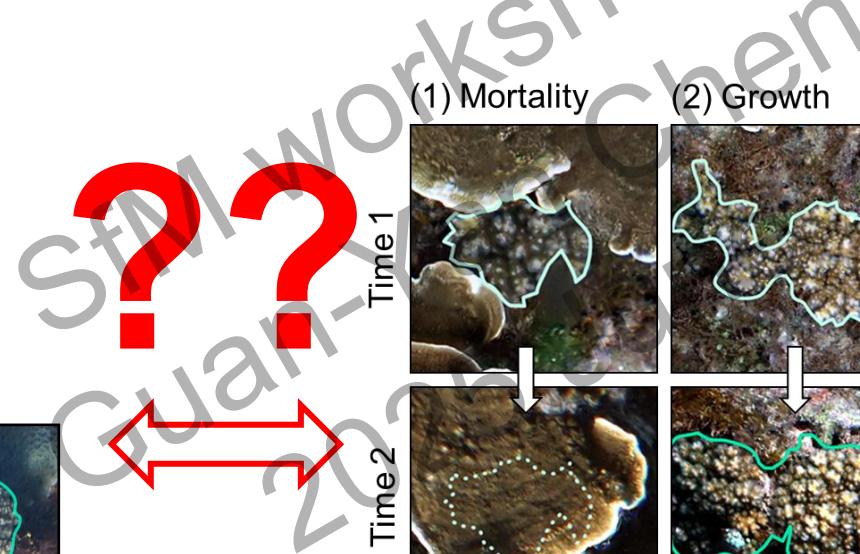
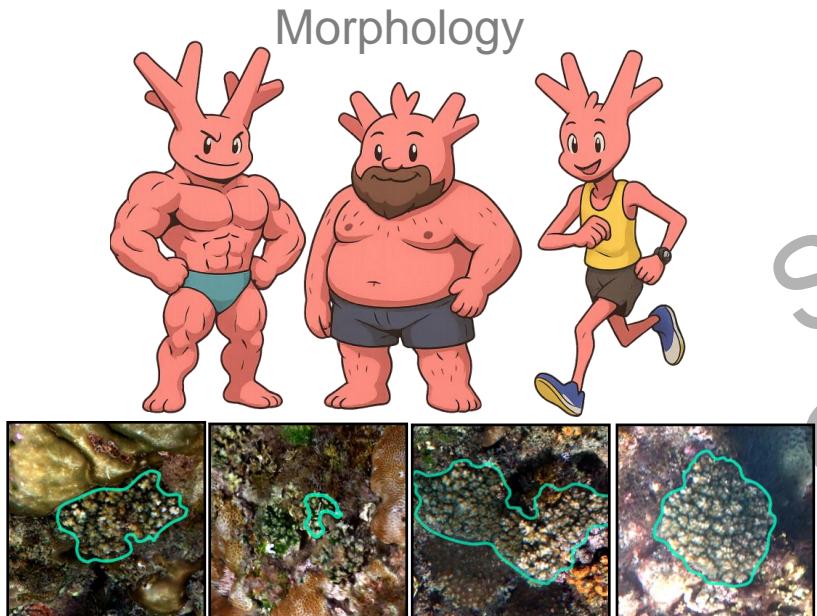


- **Size** and **circularity** are independent ( $R^2 = 0.09$ )
- **P/A ratio** considers both size and shape

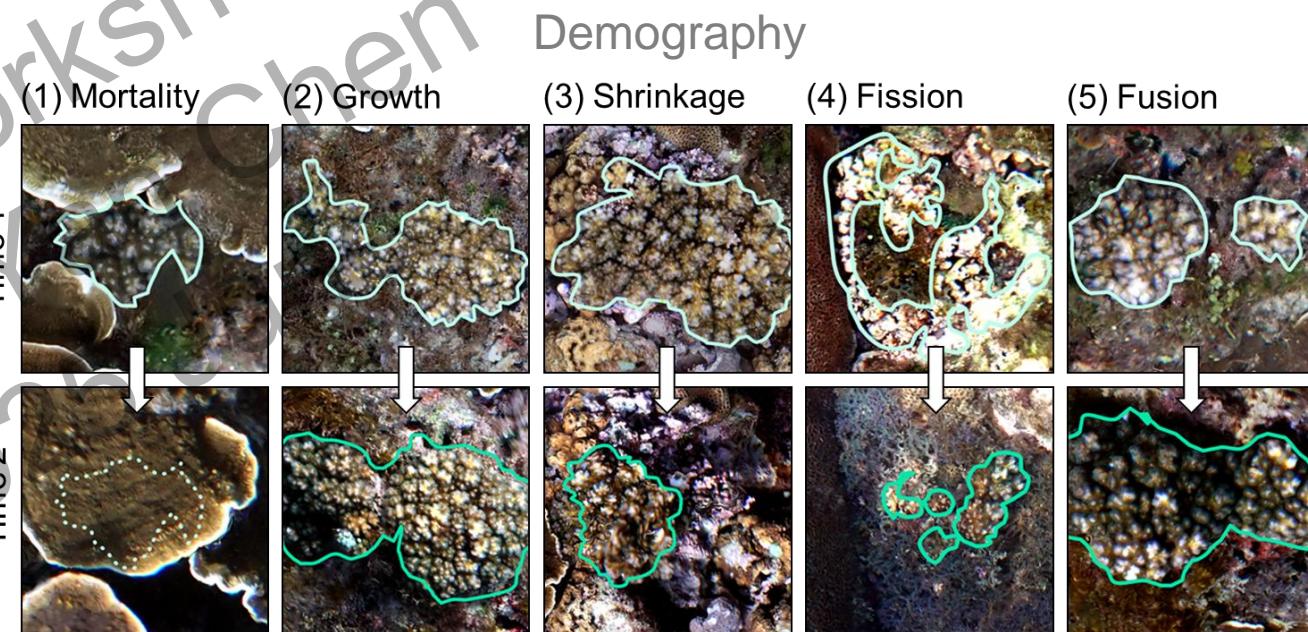
How can we utilize these quantified traits?

# Research question

- What are the contributions of shape and size to demography?



1. Size = Area
2. P/A ratio = Perimeter / Area
3. Circularity = Circumference / Perimeter



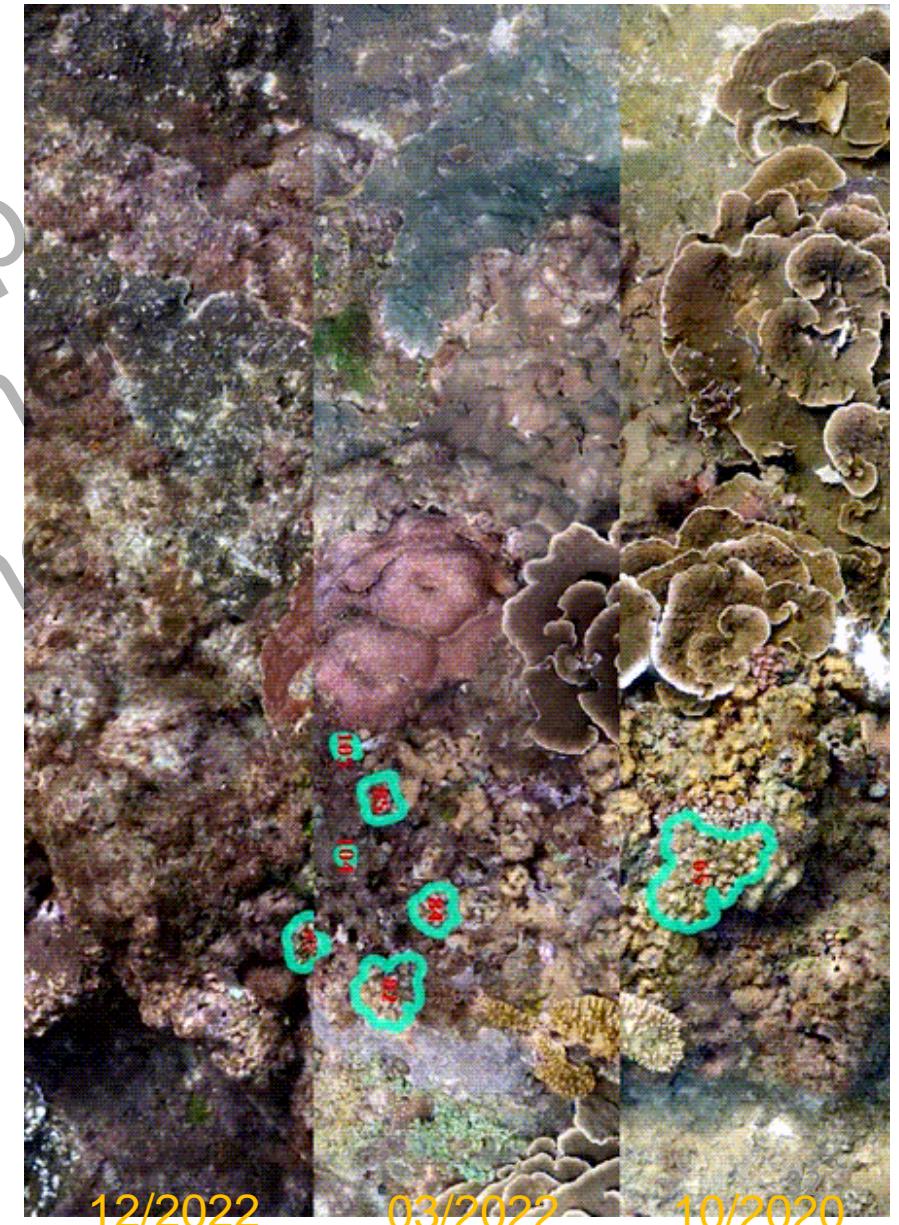
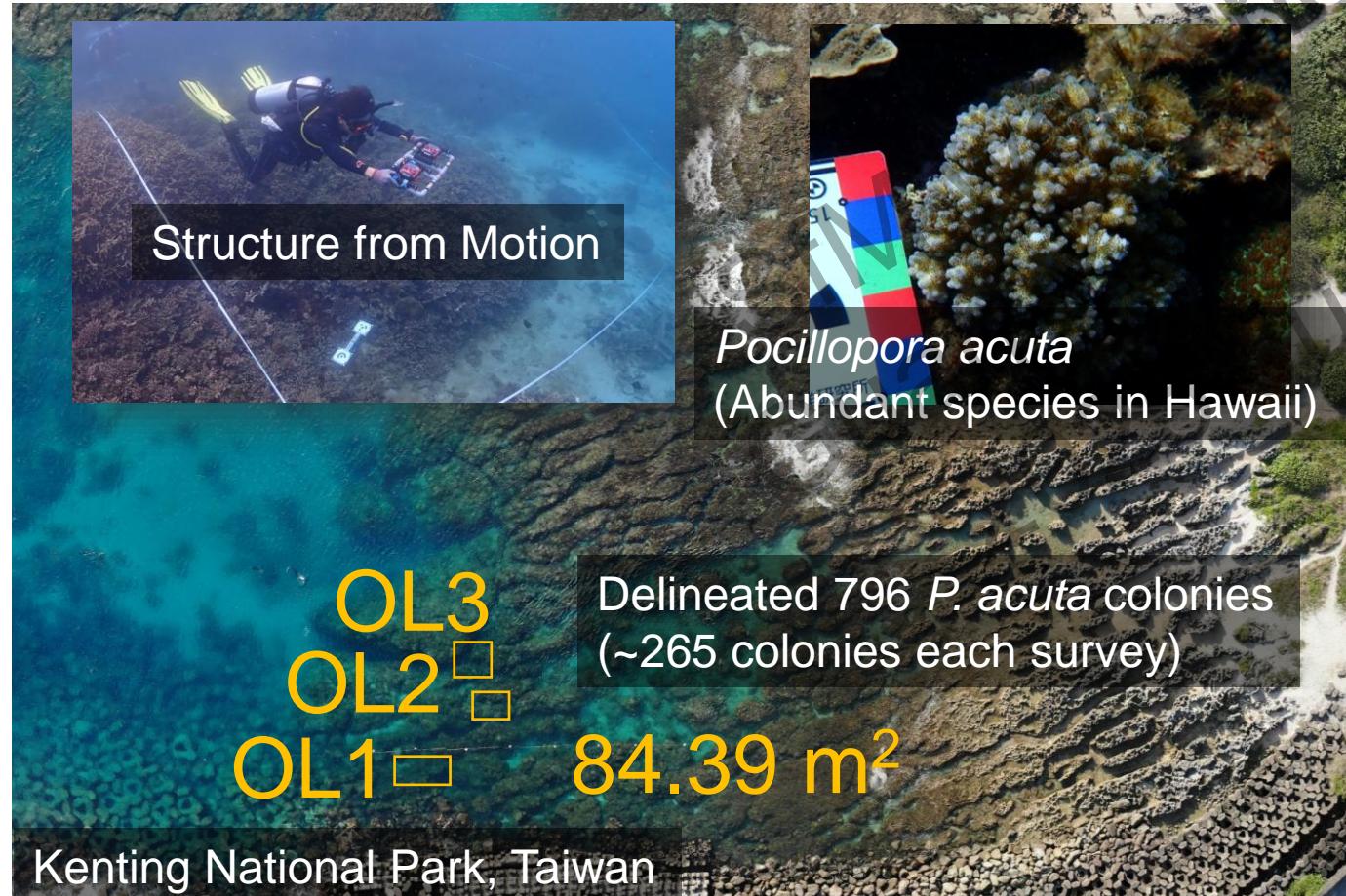
Fi: reducing the risk of genotype extinction... (Highsmith, 1982)

Fu: accelerate colony growth... (Forsman et al., 2015)

$$(6) \text{Growth rate} = \frac{\text{Area}_{t+1}}{\text{Area}_t}$$

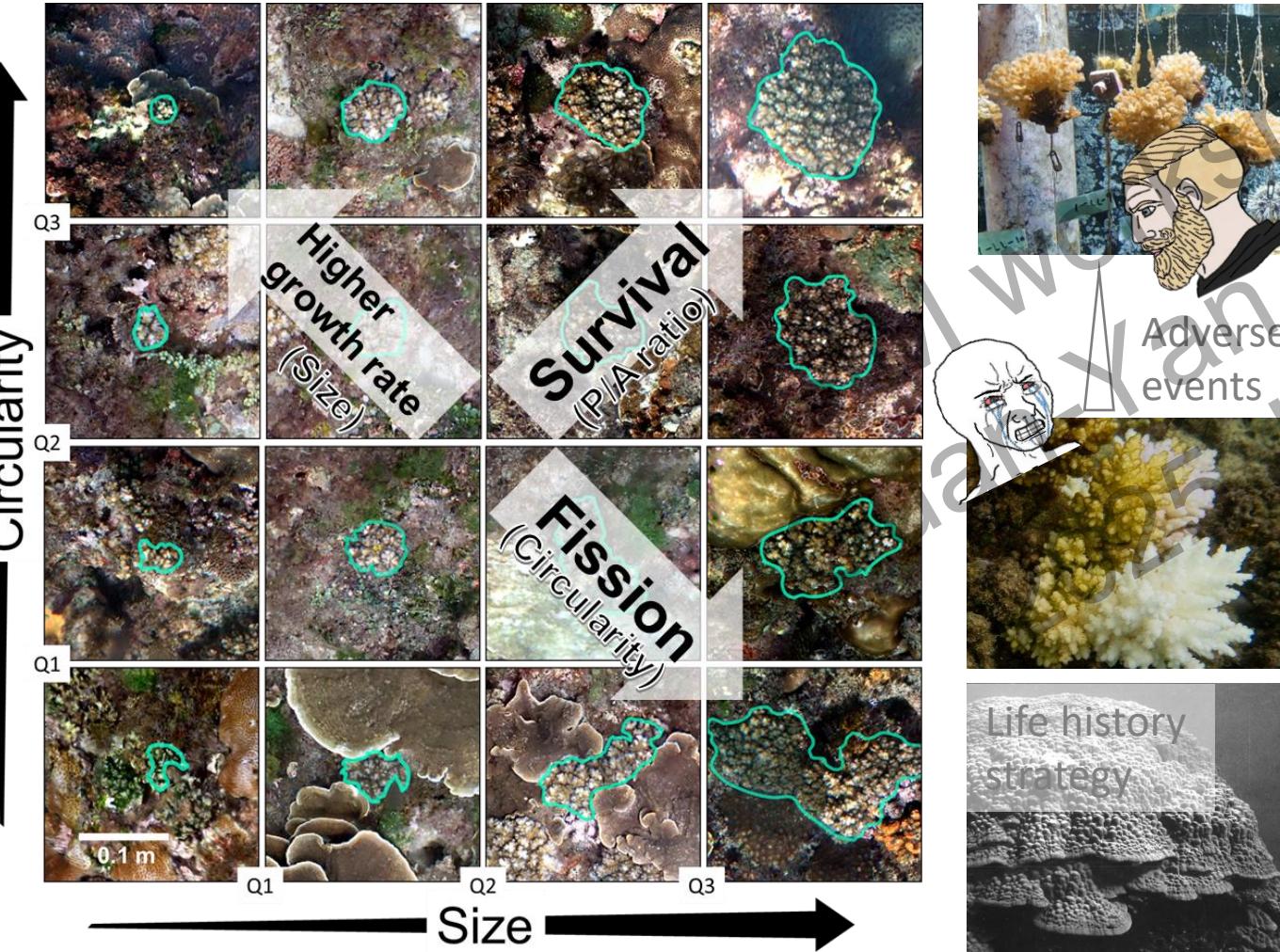
# Data collection

**Three surveys** were conducted yearly over a **2-year period**  
(Oct 2020 to Dec 2022)



# Results

- Both size and shape need to be considered simultaneously.
- Appropriate metrics should be selected based on the interest.



## Relative Contributions of Size and Shape to Coral Demography

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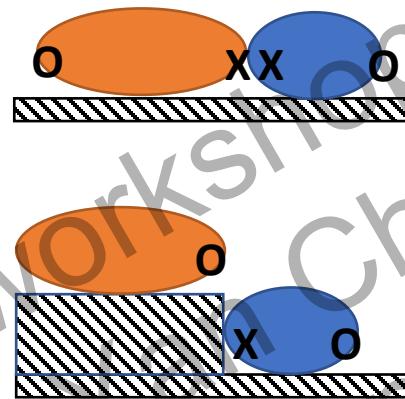
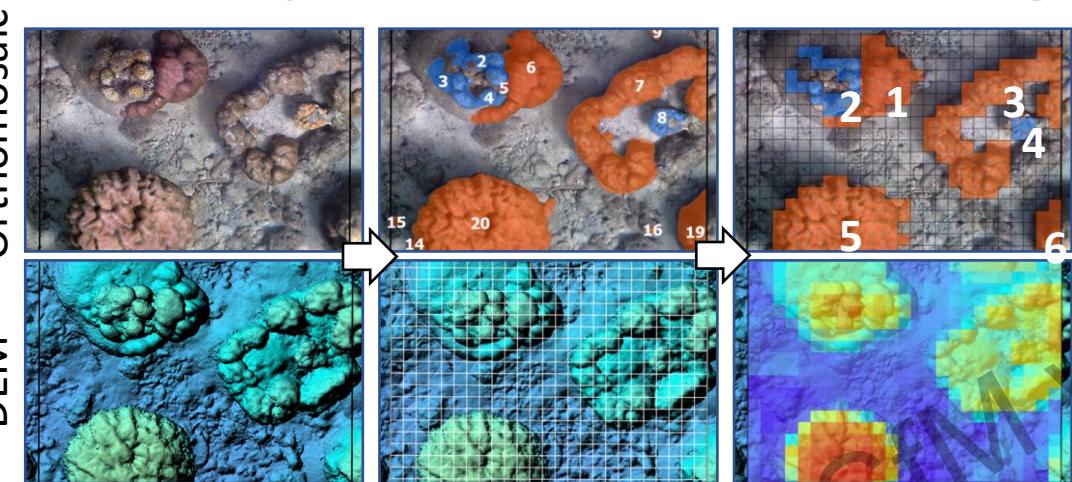
Table 1: Model selection statistics for morphological trait effects on fates

Model	Estimate	df	AIC	R <sup>2</sup>
Survival ~ size	1.004***	524	550.3	.04
Survival ~ P/A ratio	-2.547**	524	539.7	.06
Survival ~ circularity	.303*	524	567.4	.01
Survival ~ size + circularity	<b>1.301***</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>534.6</b>	<b>.07 (+.03)</b>
	<b>.549***</b>			
Survival ~ size + circularity + size × circularity	1.134*	522	536.4	.07
	.838			
	.113			
Growth ~ size	-1.368***	402	512.8	.07
Growth ~ P/A ratio	2.175***	402	526.8	.04
Growth ~ circularity	.554***	402	527.8	.04
Growth ~ size + circularity	<b>-1.164***</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>506.1</b>	<b>.08 (+.01)</b>
	<b>.383**</b>			
Growth ~ size + circularity + size × circularity	-.775	400	507.5	.08
	-.215			
	-.255			
Shrinkage ~ size	<b>2.204***</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>365.0</b>	<b>.12</b>
Shrinkage ~ P/A ratio	-4.266***	402	370.2	.11
Shrinkage ~ circularity	-.350*	402	408.4	.01
Shrinkage ~ size + circularity	2.182***	401	367.0	.12 (+.00)
	-.030			
Shrinkage ~ size + circularity + size × circularity	2.190**	400	369.0	.12
	-.041			
	-.005			
Fission ~ size	2.856***	402	148.3	.13
Fission ~ P/A ratio	-2.459*	402	163.9	.03
Fission ~ circularity	-1.634***	402	141.7	.17
Fission ~ size + circularity	<b>2.125**</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>133.6</b>	<b>.23 (+.10)</b>
	<b>-1.391***</b>			
Fission ~ size + circularity + size × circularity	1.016	400	134.1	.24
	.543			
	1.474			
Fusion ~ size	-.521	402	336.6	.01
Fusion ~ P/A ratio	1.187*	402	336.0	.01
Fusion ~ circularity	-.087	402	339.7	.00
Fusion ~ size + circularity	-.624*	401	337.1	.01 (+.00)
	-.193			
Fusion ~ size + circularity + size × circularity	<b>-2.807***</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>328.0</b>	<b>.05</b>
	<b>3.236**</b>			
	<b>1.392**</b>			



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# My forthcoming research objectives



The effect of height?



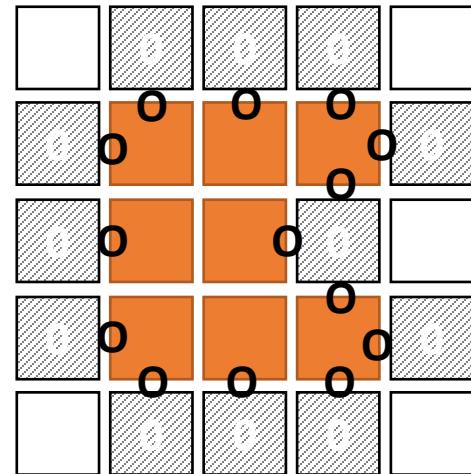
Take Z axis into account

# Analysis in the XY plane (2D)

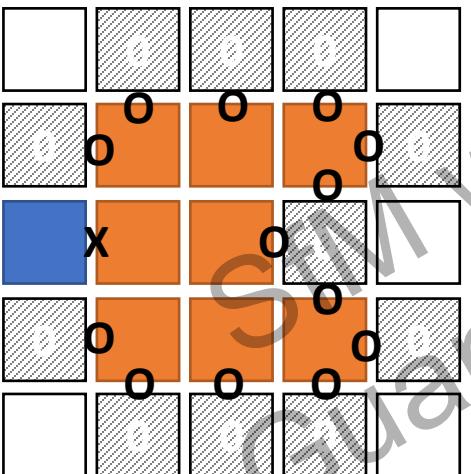
C/P ratio = (Competitor contact length) / (Colony perimeter)

How a colony is constrained by competitors in the horizontal dimension.

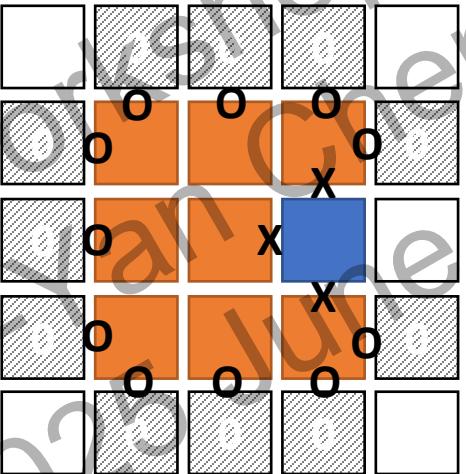
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(2) less contact



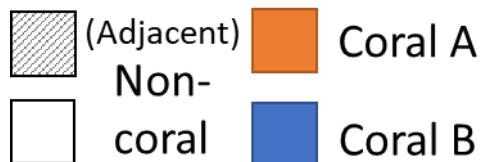
(3) more contact



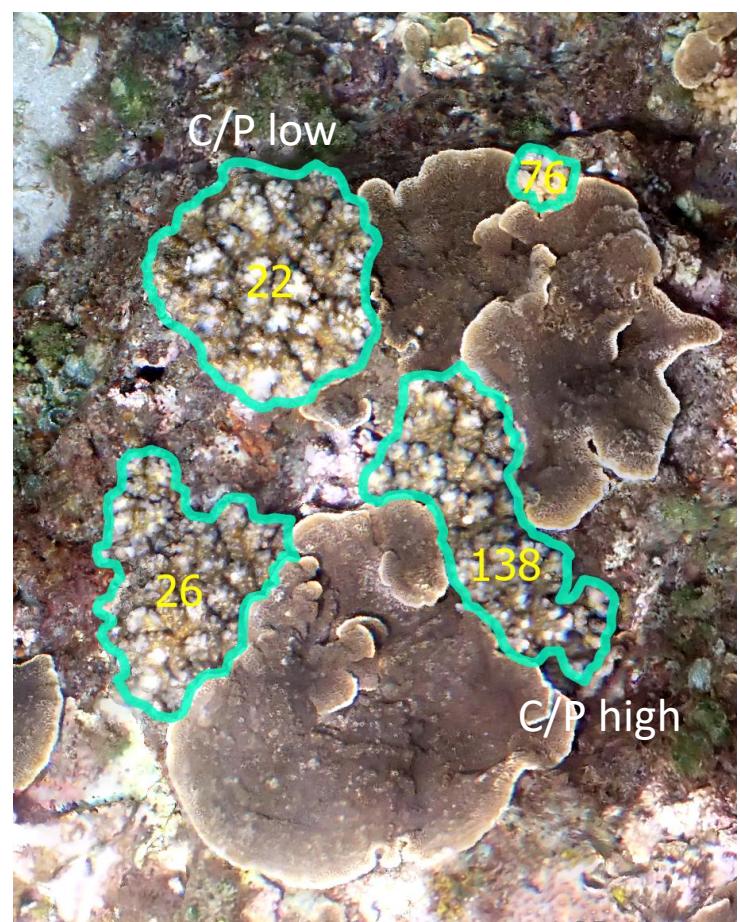
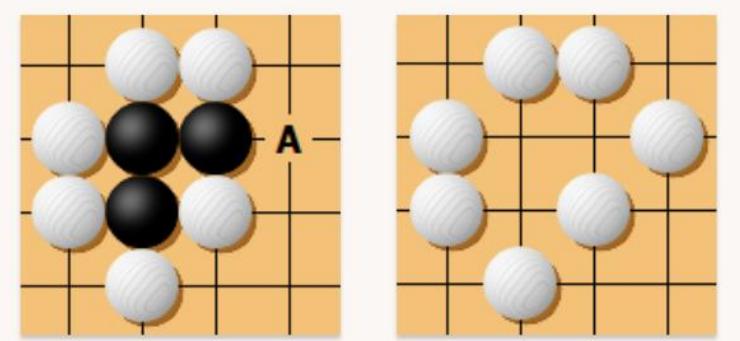
Contact type:

O = no competitor

X = with competitor



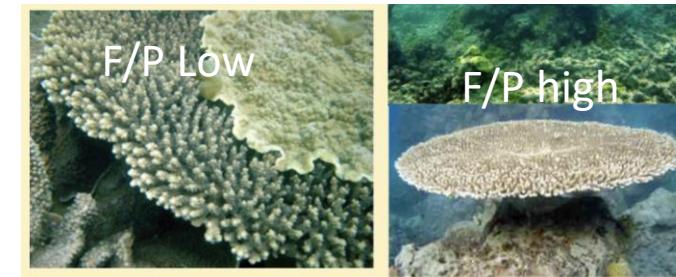
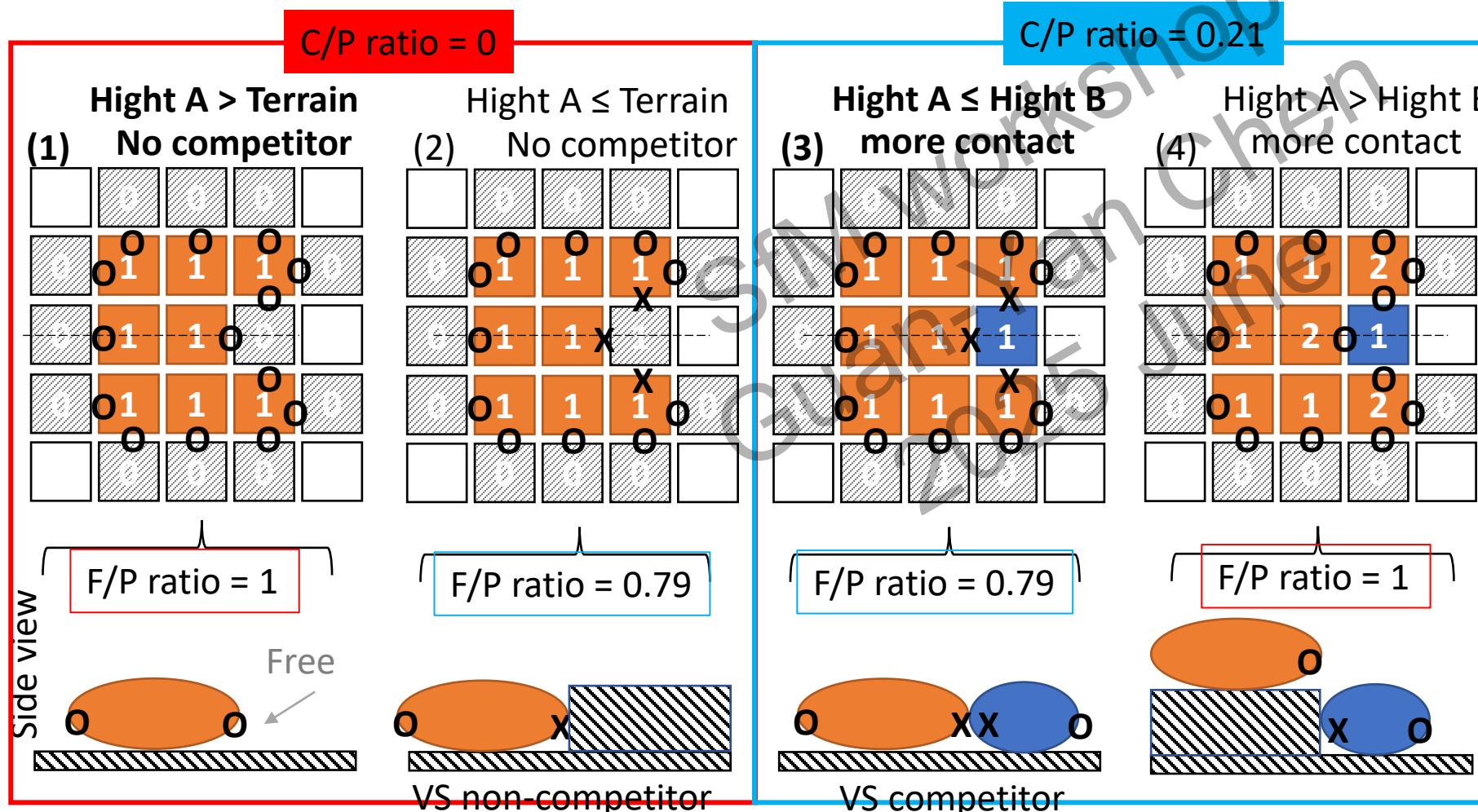
Scenario	Coral ID	Colony perimeter	Competitor contact length	C/P ratio
(1)	A	14	0	0
(2)	A	14	1	0.07
(3)	A	14	3	0.21



# Analysis in the XYZ plane (3D)

F/P ratio = (Free length) / (Colony perimeter)

The percentage of the colony's perimeter that is higher than adjacent cells.



	Mean Height difference	Free length	F/P ratio
(1)	1	14	1
(2)	0.92	11	0.79
(3)	0.92	11	0.79
(4)	1.29	14	1

Contact type:

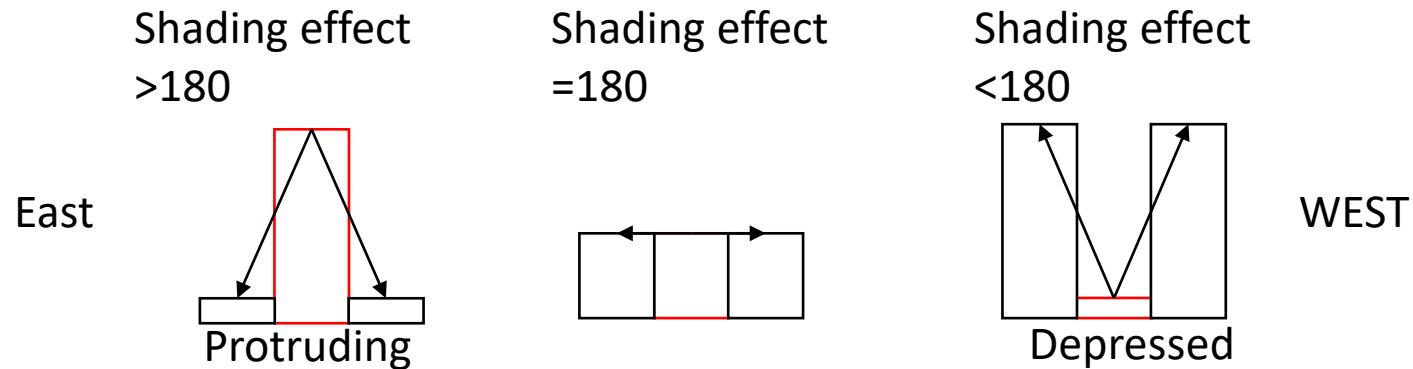
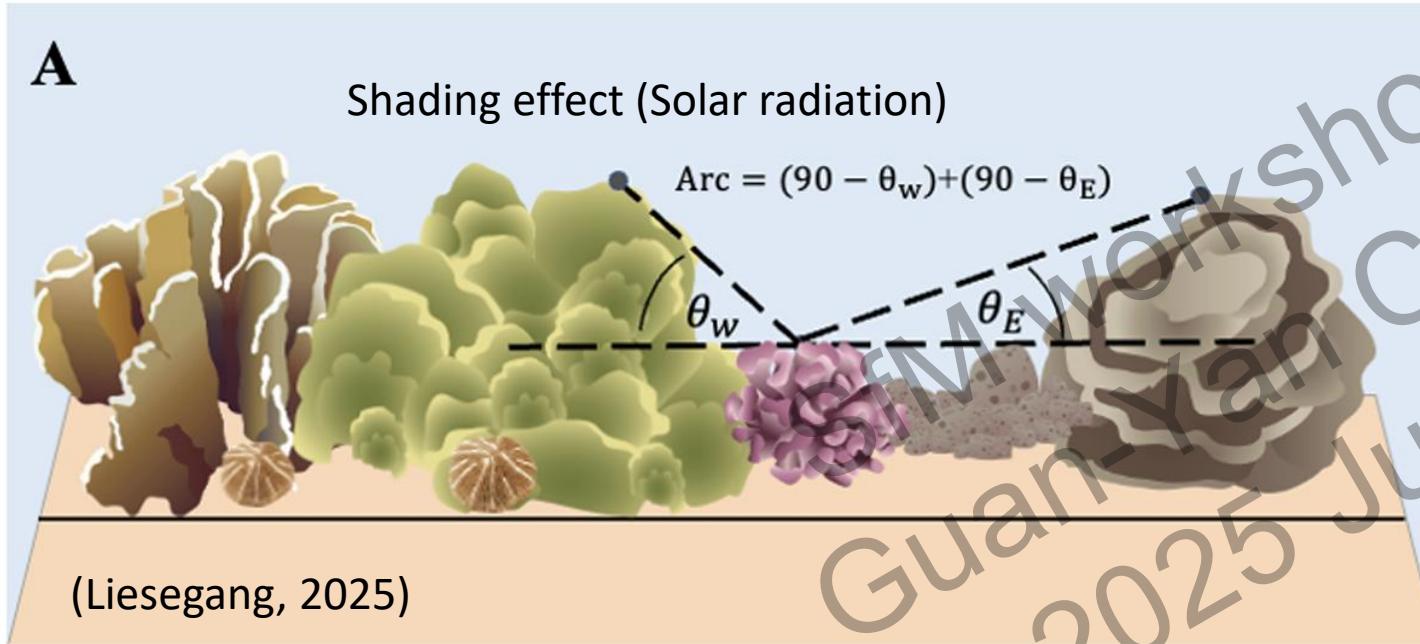
O = Free (higher,  $\geq 5\text{cm}$ )

X = Block (no higher,  $< 5\text{cm}$ )

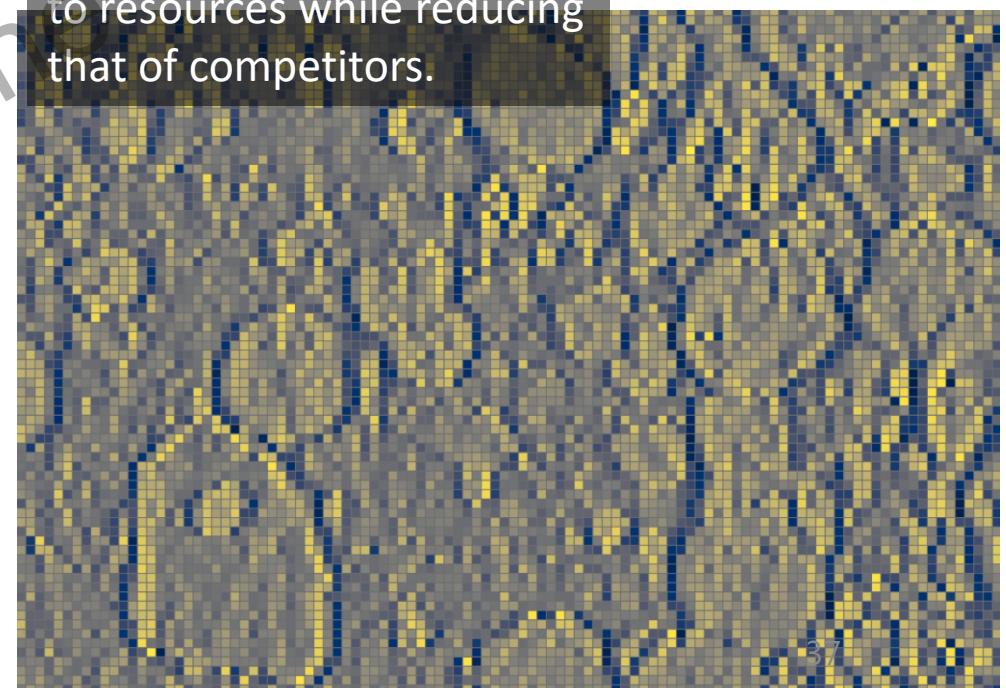
## Ch.2: Effects of spatial determinants on coral demography and morphology

Why greater height may confer an advantage?

- Height alters the mode of competition (López-Victoria et al. 2006)
- Increased access to light



Height differences can enhance one's own access to resources while reducing that of competitors.

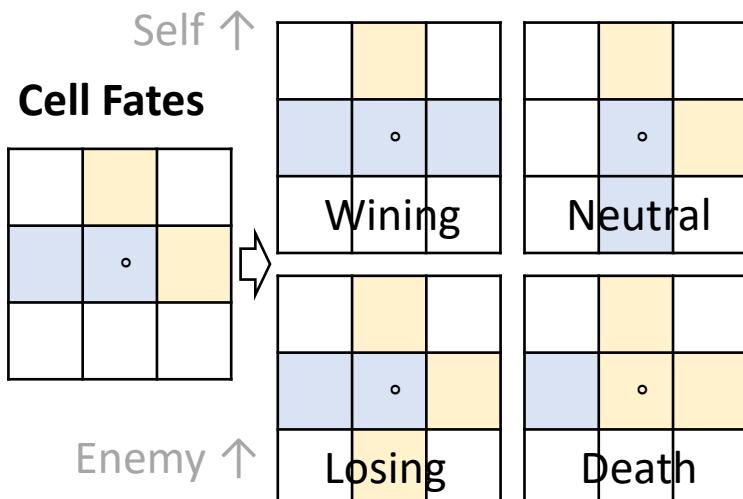




	Colony growth	Colony Shrinkage
Cell win	Real winner	Defender
Cell lose	Expender	Real loser

### Zonal statistic

Cell ID	Colony ID	Length	Area	Z_mean	N_side	S_side	W_side	E_side	Shadeing effect	Form	Cell Fates
A1	1	0.2	0.0025	-1.2582	Coral	Self	Self	Coral	159.2834		Massive
A2	2	0.2	0.0025	-1.4096	Self	Self	Coral	Self	167.7355		Encrust
A3	2	0.2	0.0025	-1.4005							



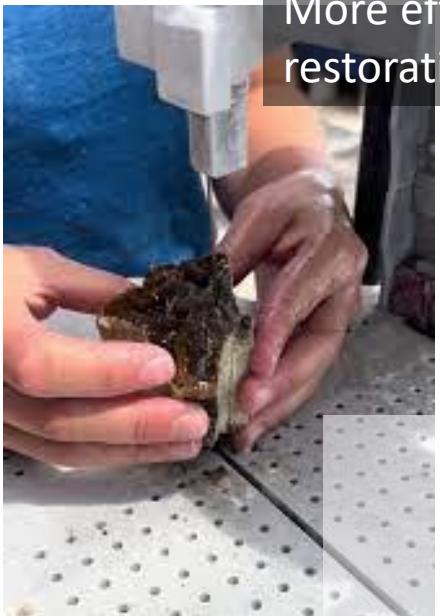
Colony-level statistics (GLM)

Growth rate ~ Size + Circularity+ C/P ratio + F/P ratio + Shading + Forms

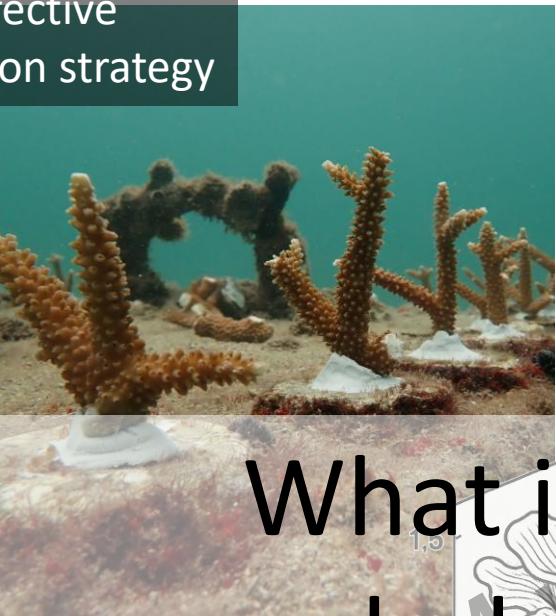
Circ change rate ~ Size + Circularity+ C/P ratio + F/P ratio + Shading + Forms

Cell-level statistics (GLM)

Cell fates ~ Size + Circularity+ C/P ratio + F/P ratio + Shading + Forms



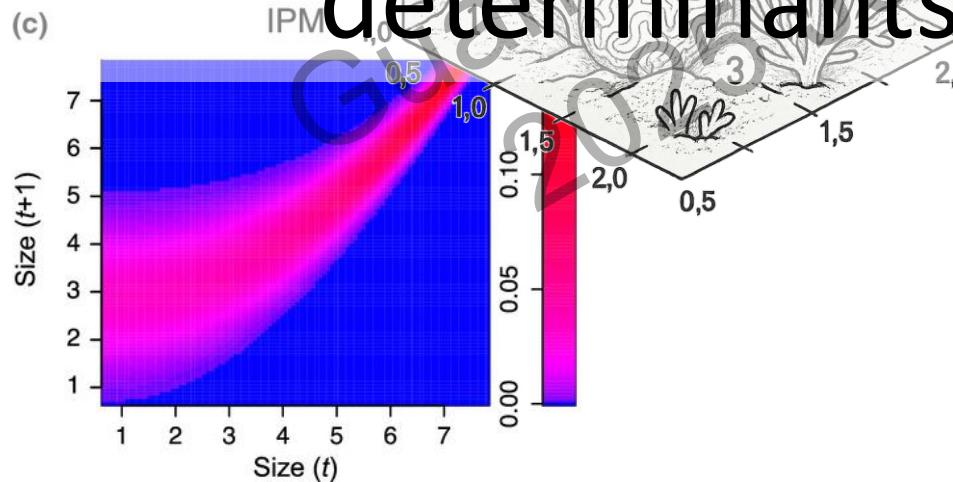
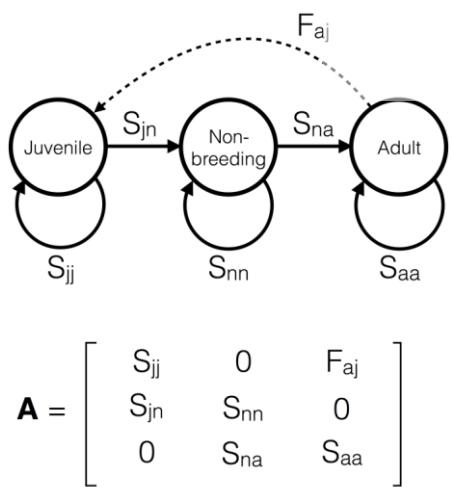
## More effective restoration strategy



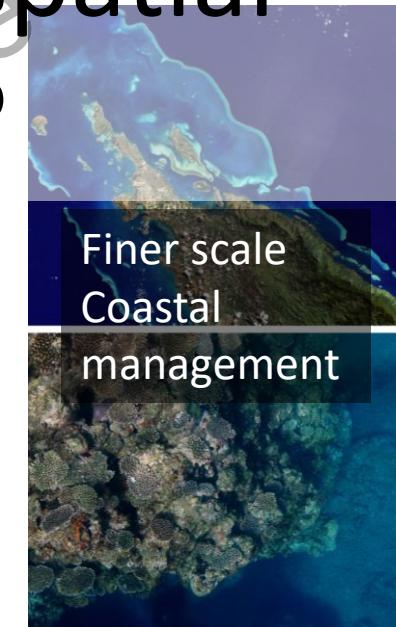
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H: 0.36	H: 0.37	H: 0.36	H: 0.43	H: 0.55	H: 0.5
R: 1.21	R: 1.28	R: 1.25	R: 1.20	R: 1.20	R: 1.3
D: 2.51	D: 2.54	D: 2.44	D: 2.36	D: 2.32	D: 2.4
H: 0.40	H: 0.41	H: 0.51	H: 0.53	H: 0.54	H: 0.5
R: 1.19	R: 1.18	R: 1.26	R: 1.34	R: 1.23	R: 1.3
D: 2.52	D: 2.58	D: 2.44	D: 2.52	D: 2.40	D: 2.4
H: 0.38	H: 0.33	H: 0.52	H: 0.49	H: 0.56	H: 0.6
R: 1.18	R: 1.20	R: 1.25	R: 1.28	R: 1.29	R: 1.1
D: 2.52	D: 2.51	D: 2.53	D: 2.44	D: 2.39	D: 2.2
H: 0.36	H: 0.37	H: 0.40	H: 0.56	H: 0.66	H: 0.7
R: 1.14	R: 1.17	R: 1.29	R: 1.27		
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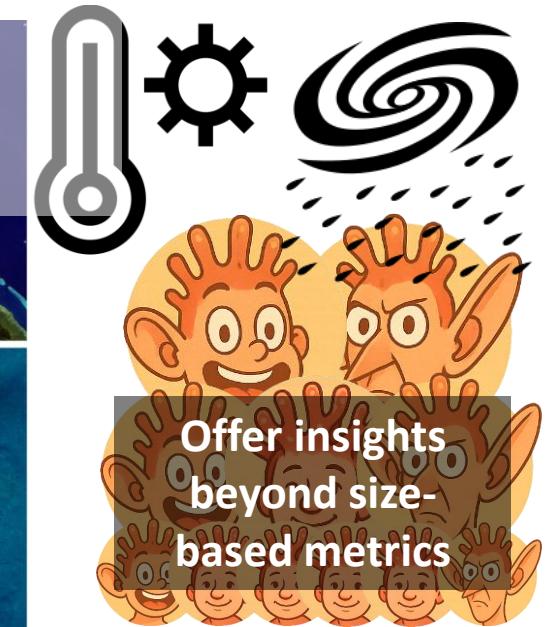
# Potential Shelter?



# What is the value of morphological and spatial determinants?



# Finer scale Coastal management

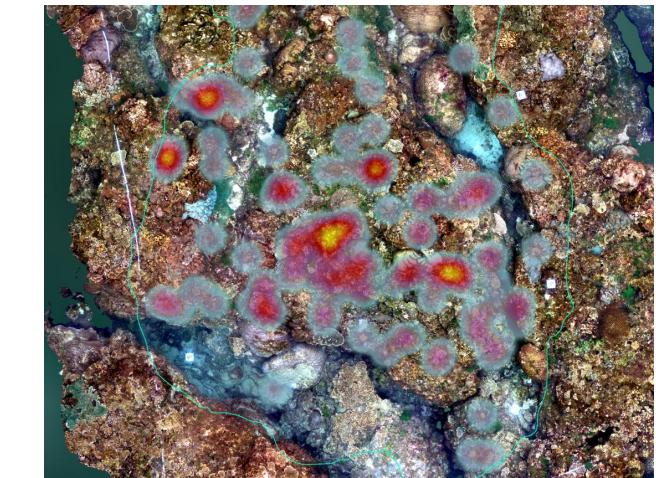
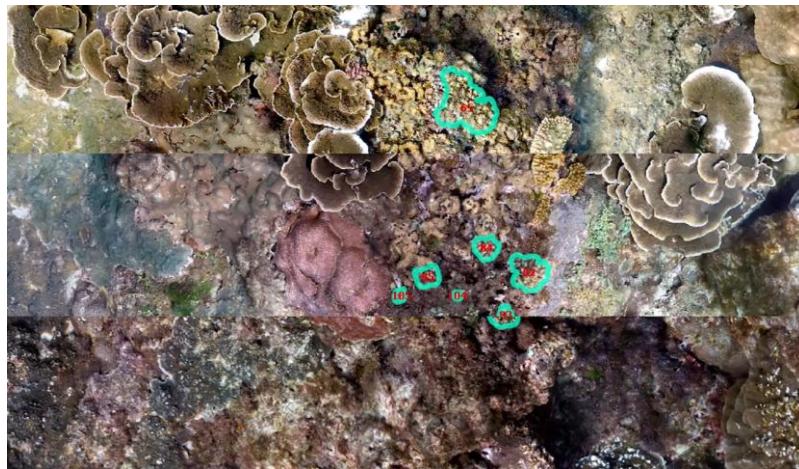
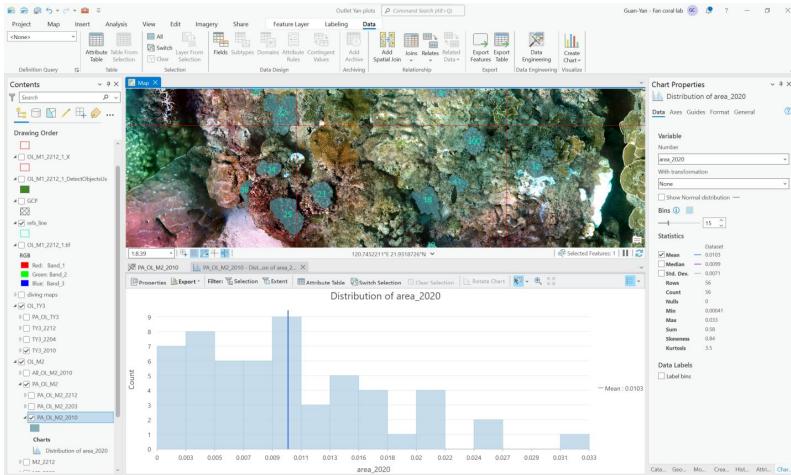


Examine whether these values can be applied globally?

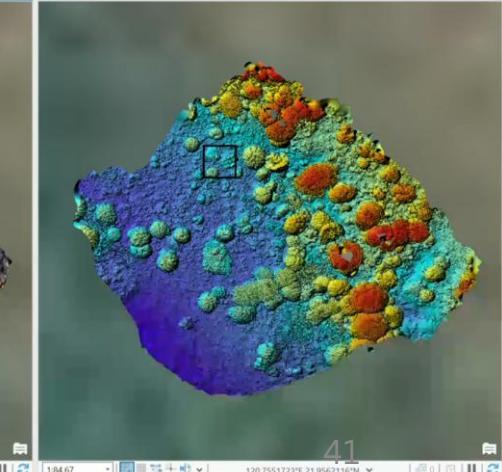
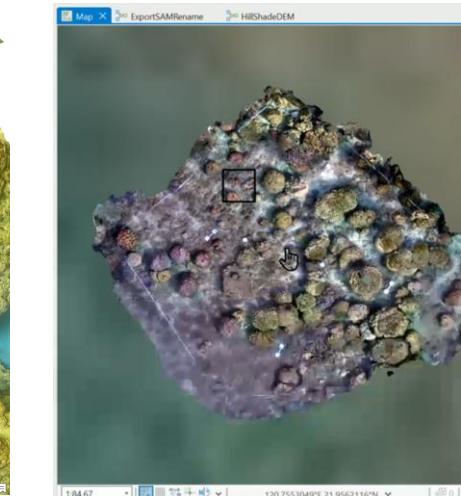
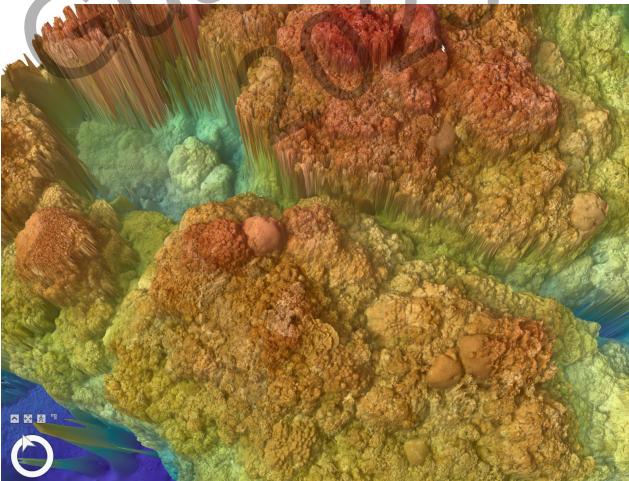
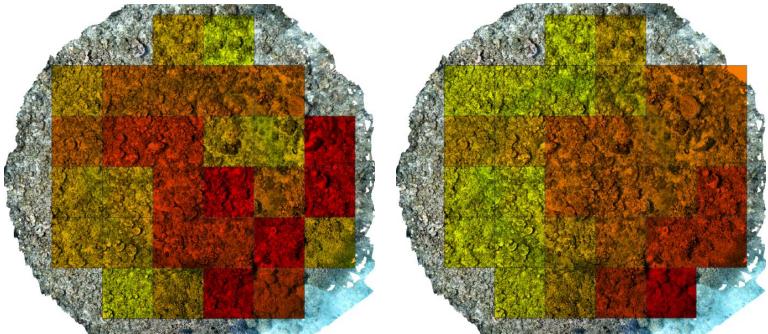
# Begin R analysis

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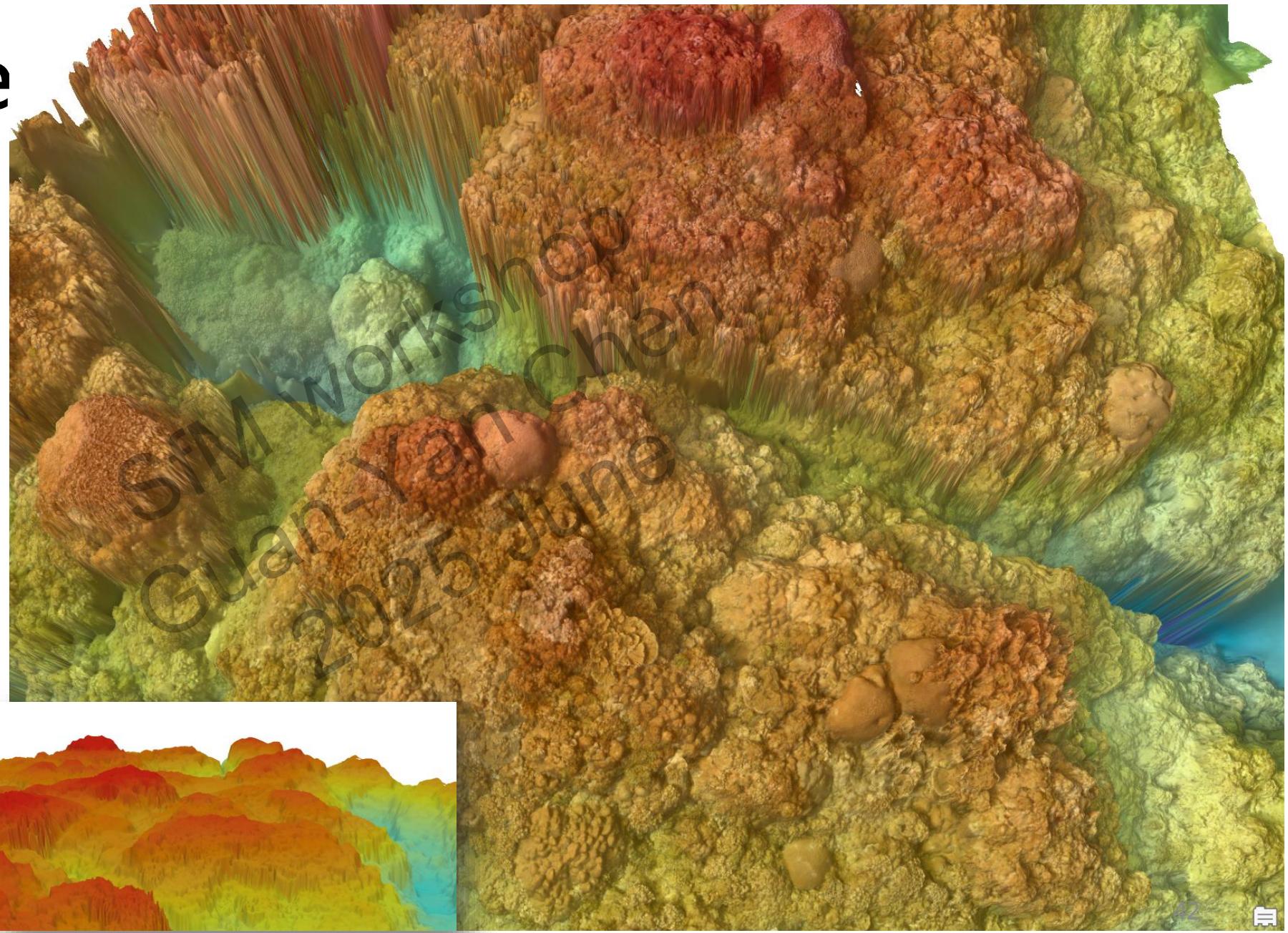
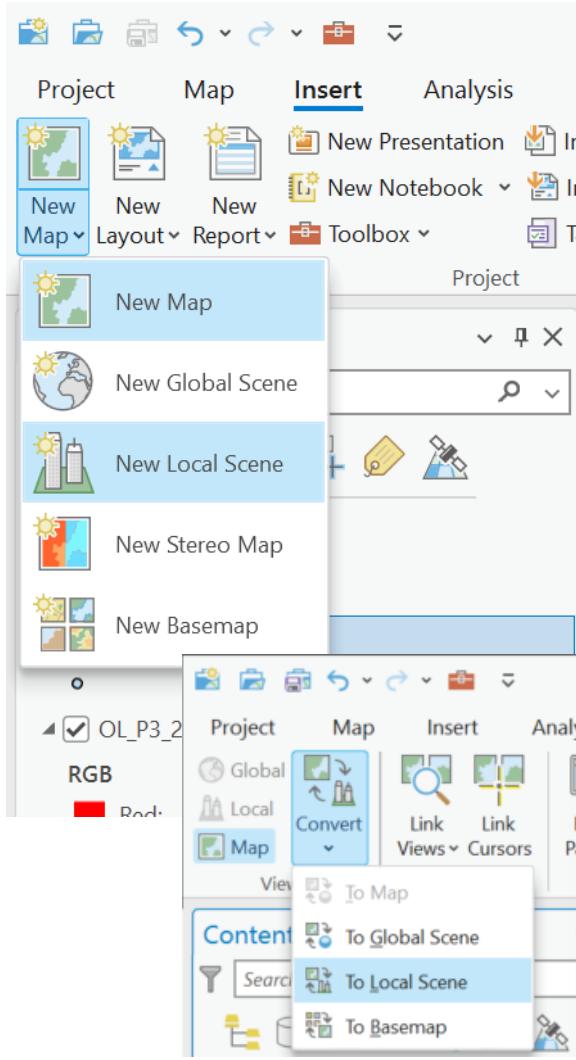
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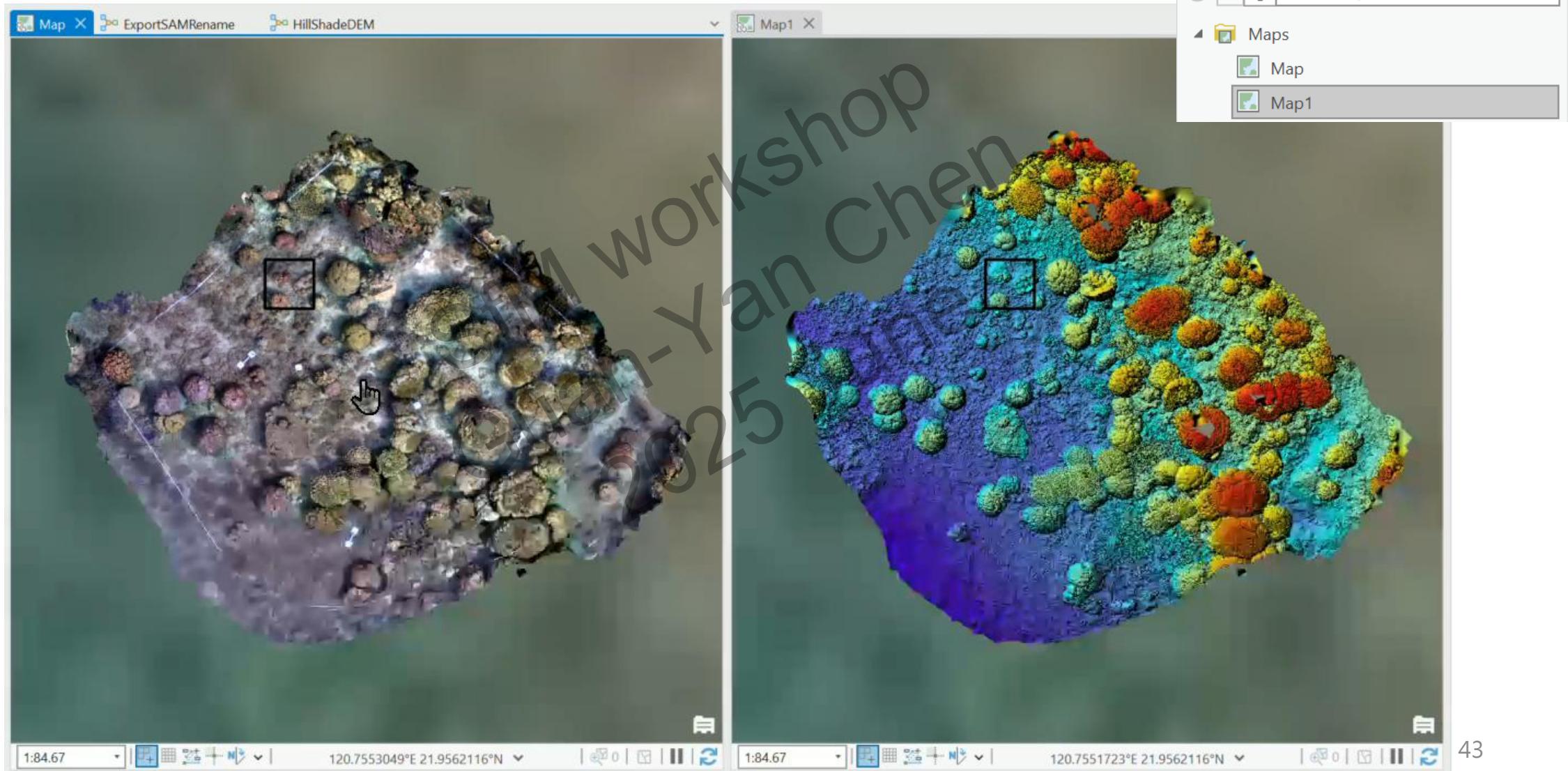
# ArcGIS-based analysis & visualization



# 3D scene



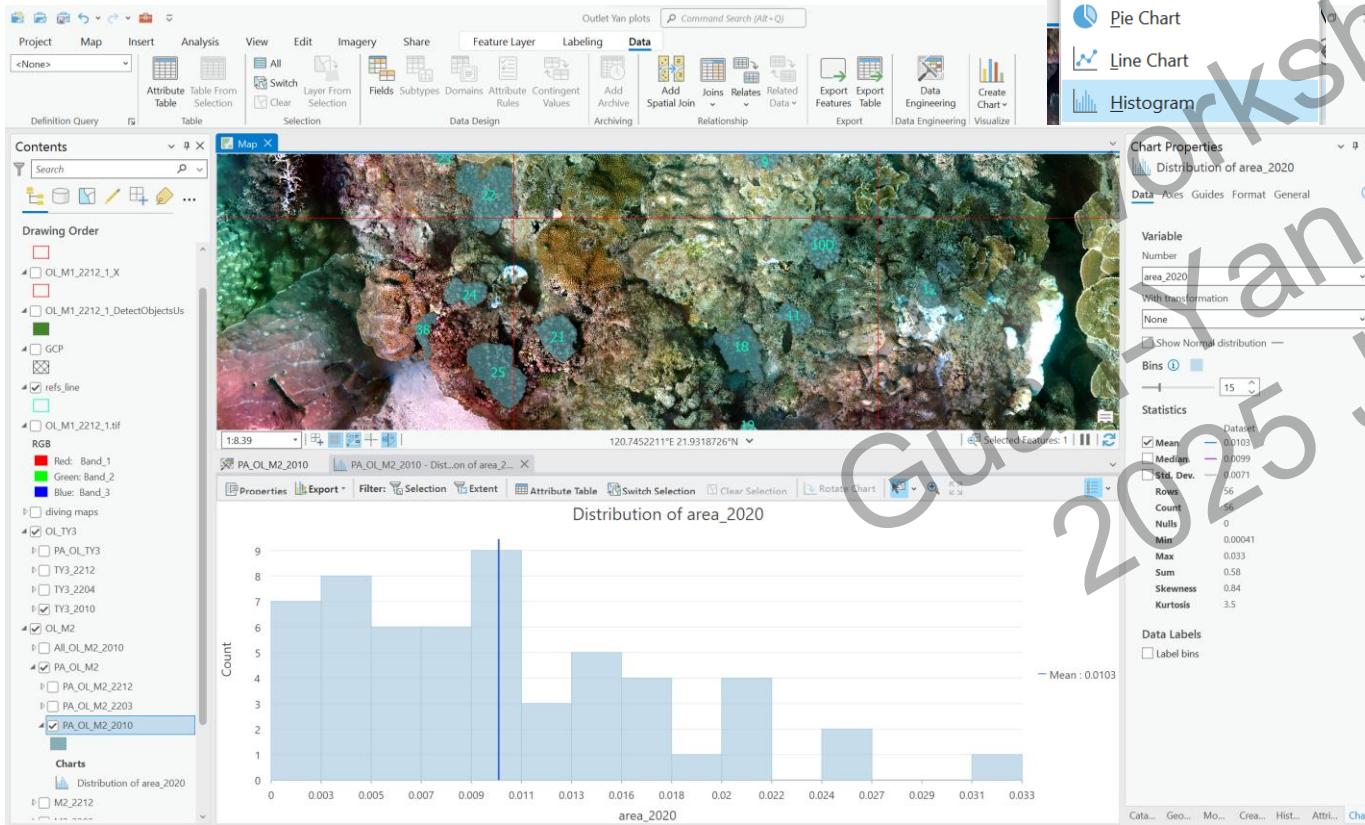
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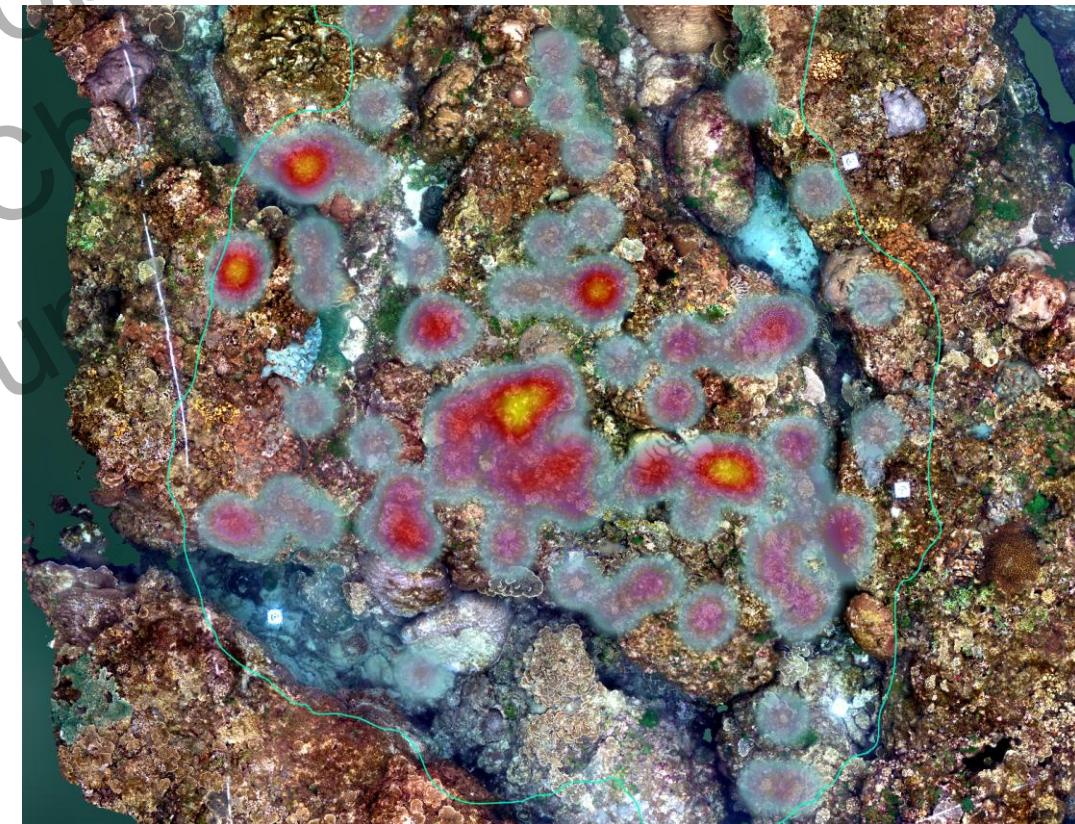
# Examples of analysis

One year data

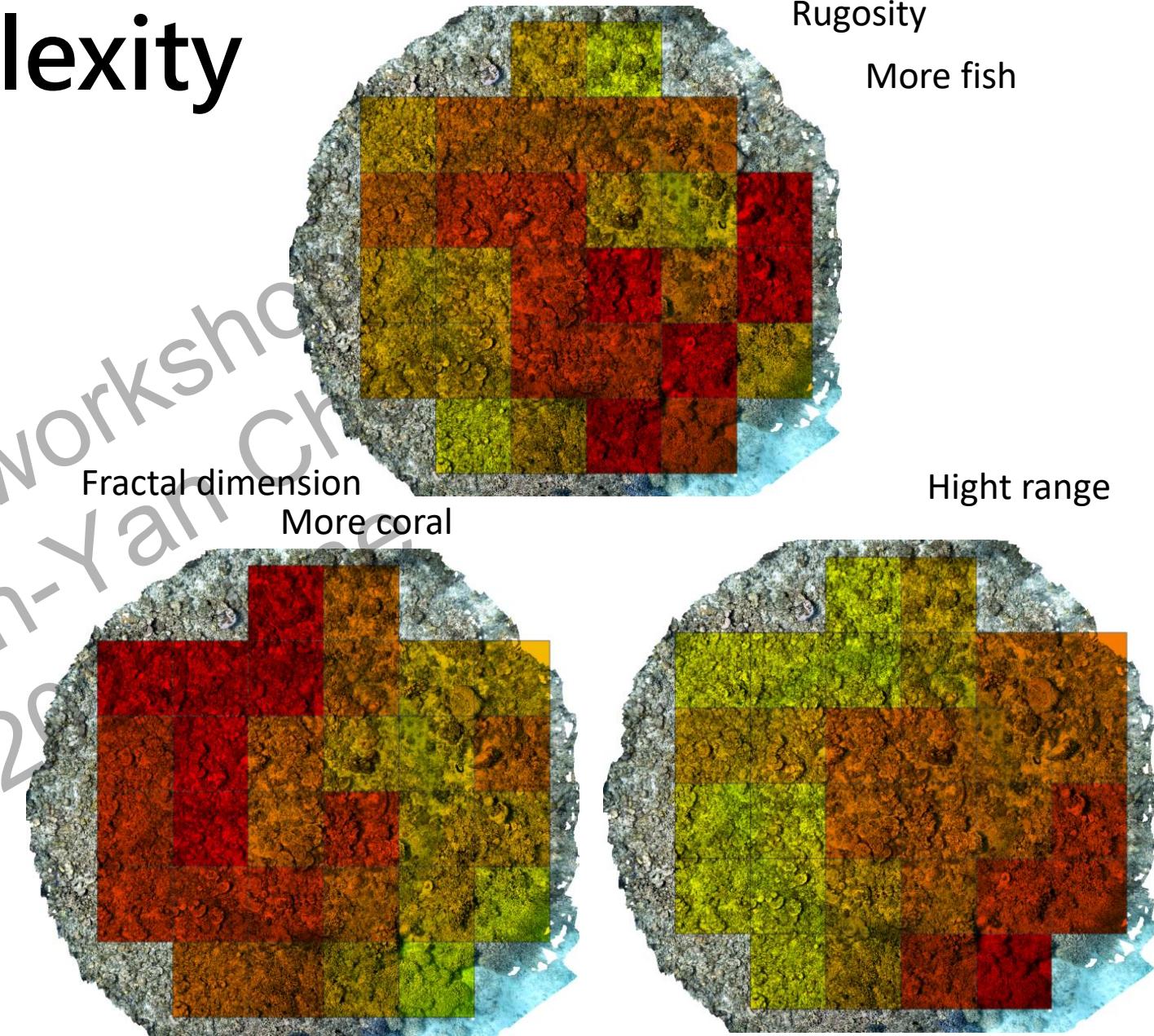
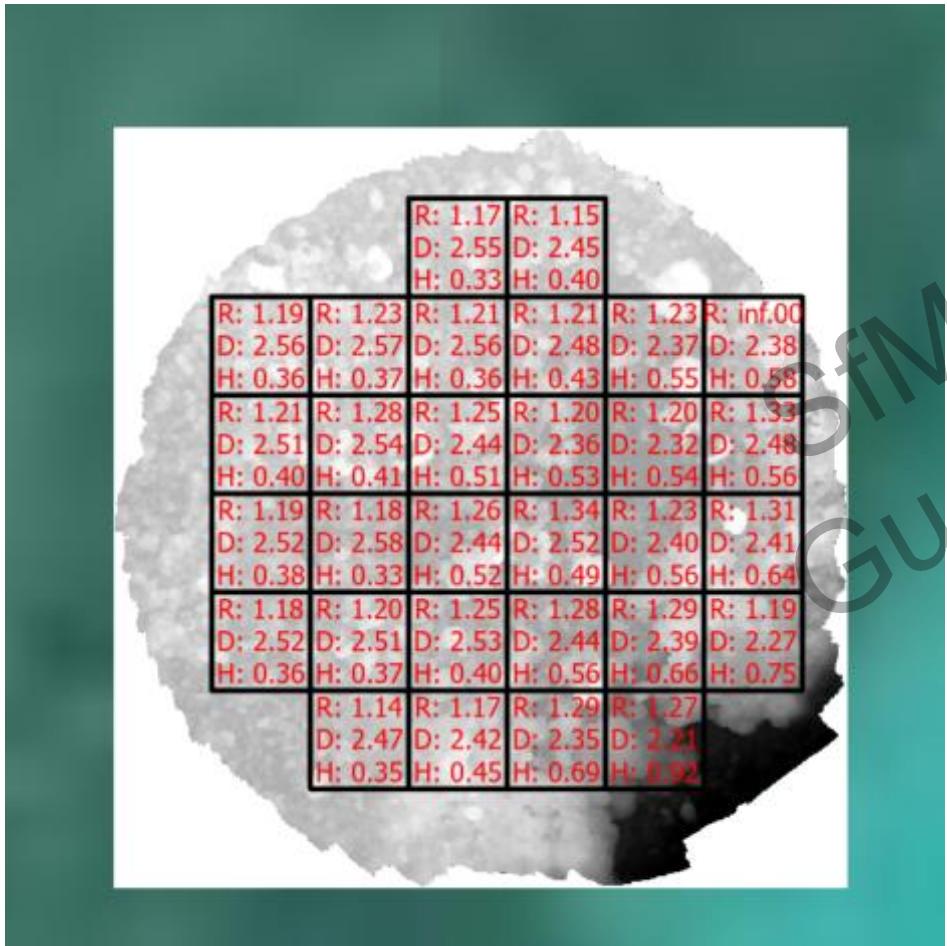
- Calculate population size structure



- Calculate colonies density



# Structural-complexity analysis



# Advanced: quantifying inter-colony competition

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from arcpy import env
from math import sqrt

# 设置工作空间
env.workspace = "C:/Users/keelu/Pictures/GIS data/Outlet Yan plots/Outlet Yan plots/Outlet Yan plots.gdb"

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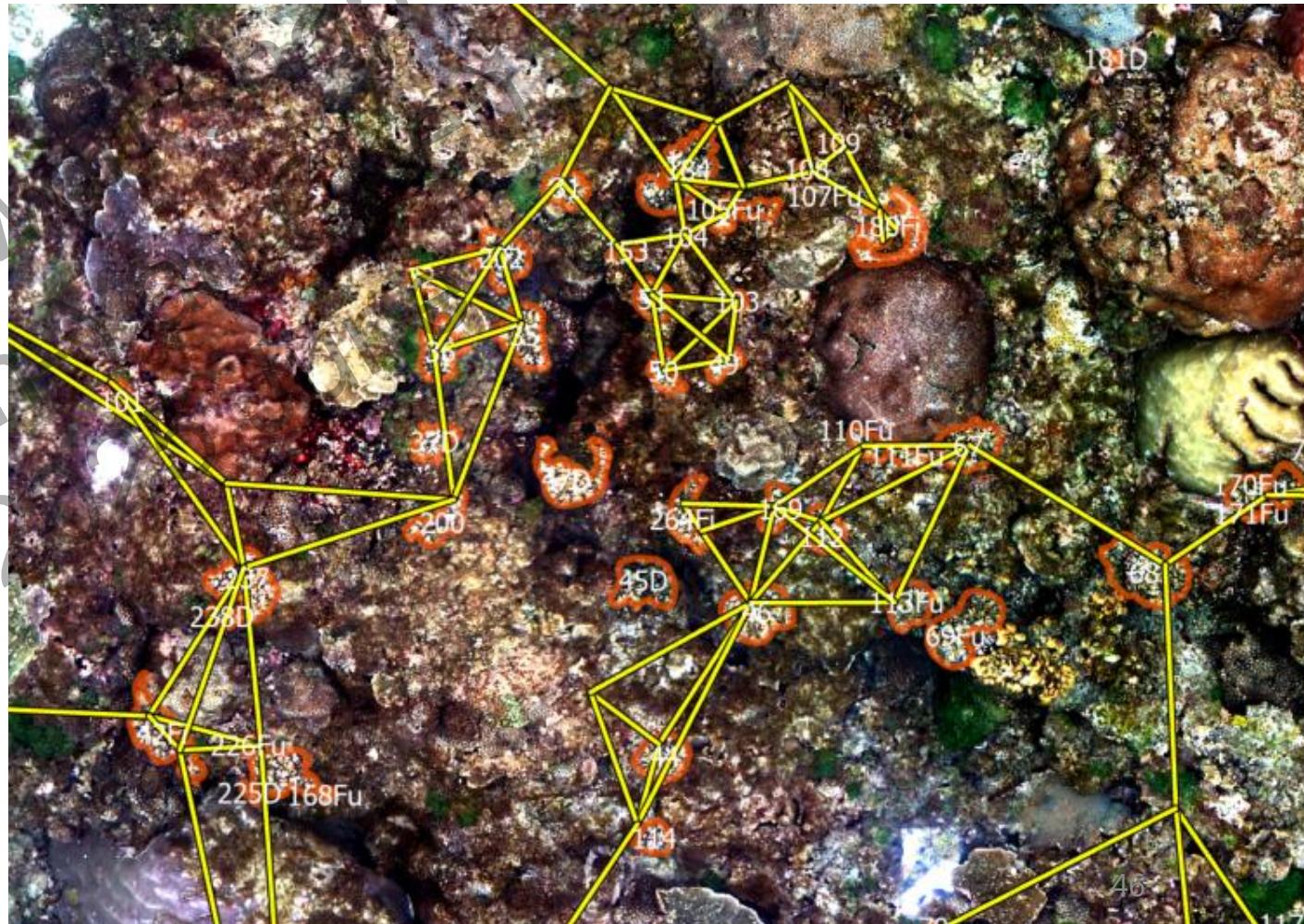
# 创建线要素类
line_fc = "PA_OL_TY3_2212_line"

# 将点要素加载到内存中
points = []
with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(point_fc, ["SHAPE@XY"]) as cursor:
    for row in cursor:
        points.append(row[0])

# 计算每个点的三最近邻点并创建线
with arcpy.da.InsertCursor(line_fc, ["SHAPE@"]) as cursor:
    for i, point in enumerate(points):
        distances = []
        for j, other_point in enumerate(points):
            if i != j:
                distance = sqrt((point[0] - other_point[0])**2 + (point[1] - other_point[1])**2)
                distances.append((distance, other_point))
        # 取三最近邻点
        distances.sort(key=lambda x: x[0])
        nearest_points = distances[:3]

    # 创建线
    for distance, nearest_point in nearest_points:
        array = arcpy.Array([arcpy.Point(*point), arcpy.Point(*nearest_point)])
        polyline = arcpy.Polyline(array)
        cursor.insertRow([polyline])

print("连线创建完成。")
```



# Advanced: estimating the ecological footprint of transplanted corals

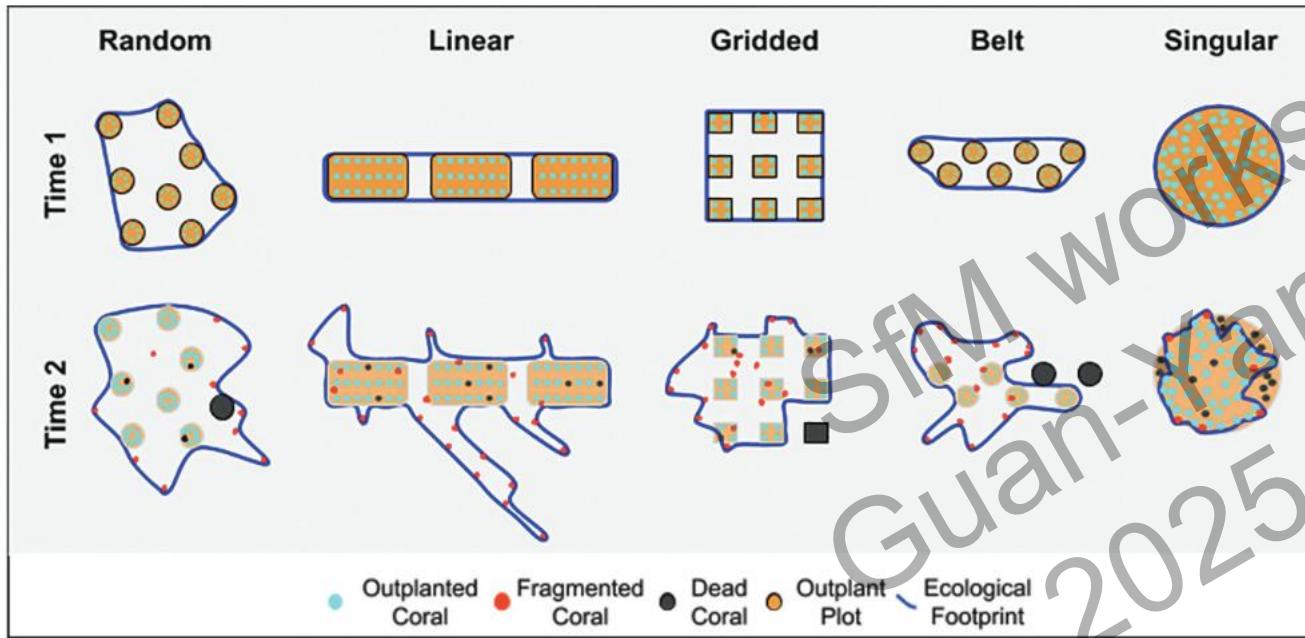


Figure 12. Examples of Outplant Plot (orange area) and Ecological Footprint (blue boundary) on various restoration project designs (random, linear, gridded, belt, and singular). Time 1 is representative of the time of outplanting or shortly thereafter (within a month). Time 2 is representative of a future scenario. Orange Outplant Plots are lightened just for reference to Time 1 diagram.

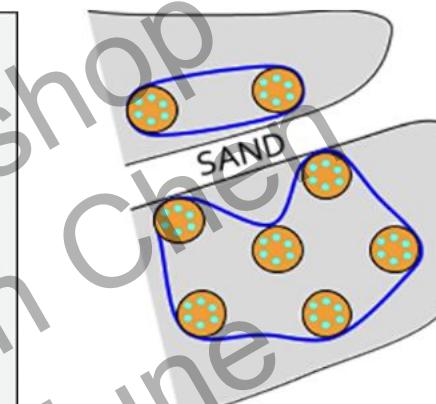
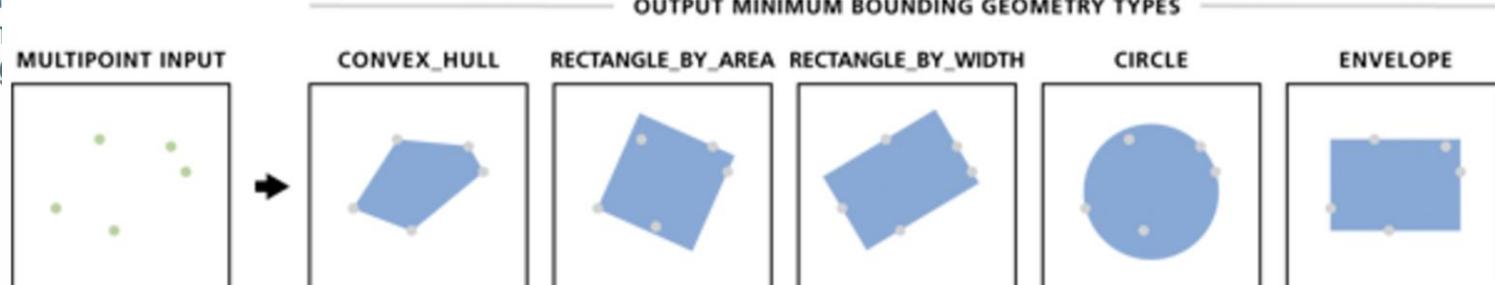
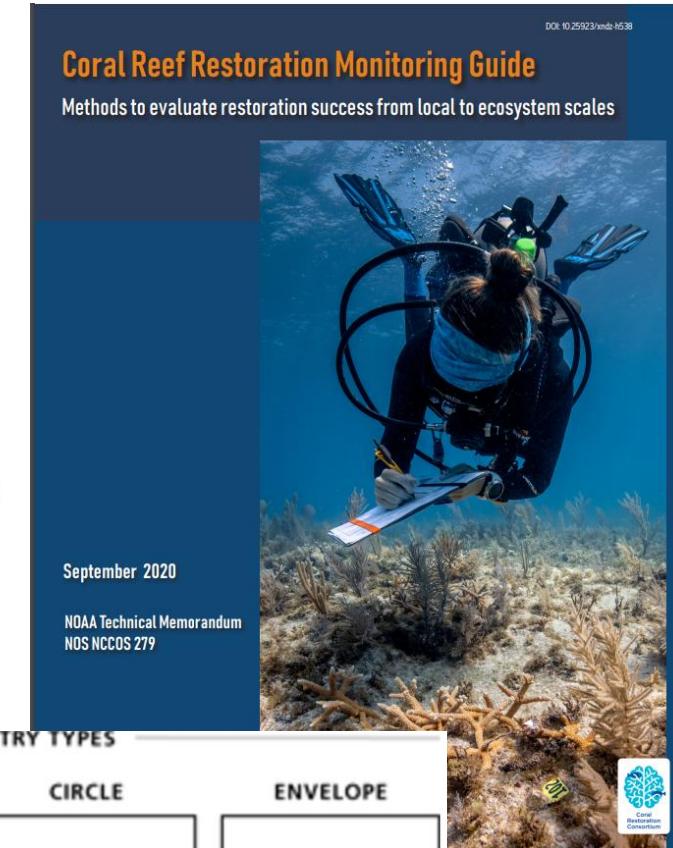


Figure 13. Example of measuring the Ecological Footprint on a spur and groove-like reef



# Advanced: estimating the ecological footprint of transplanted corals

Geoprocessing    Generate Points Along Lines    Pending edits.

Parameters    Environments

Input Features: plot

Output Feature Class: point\_along\_line

Point Placement: By percentage

Percentage: 10

Include end points:

Add accumulated distance and sequence fields:

Geoprocessing    Minimum Bounding Geometry    No pending edits.

Parameters    Environments

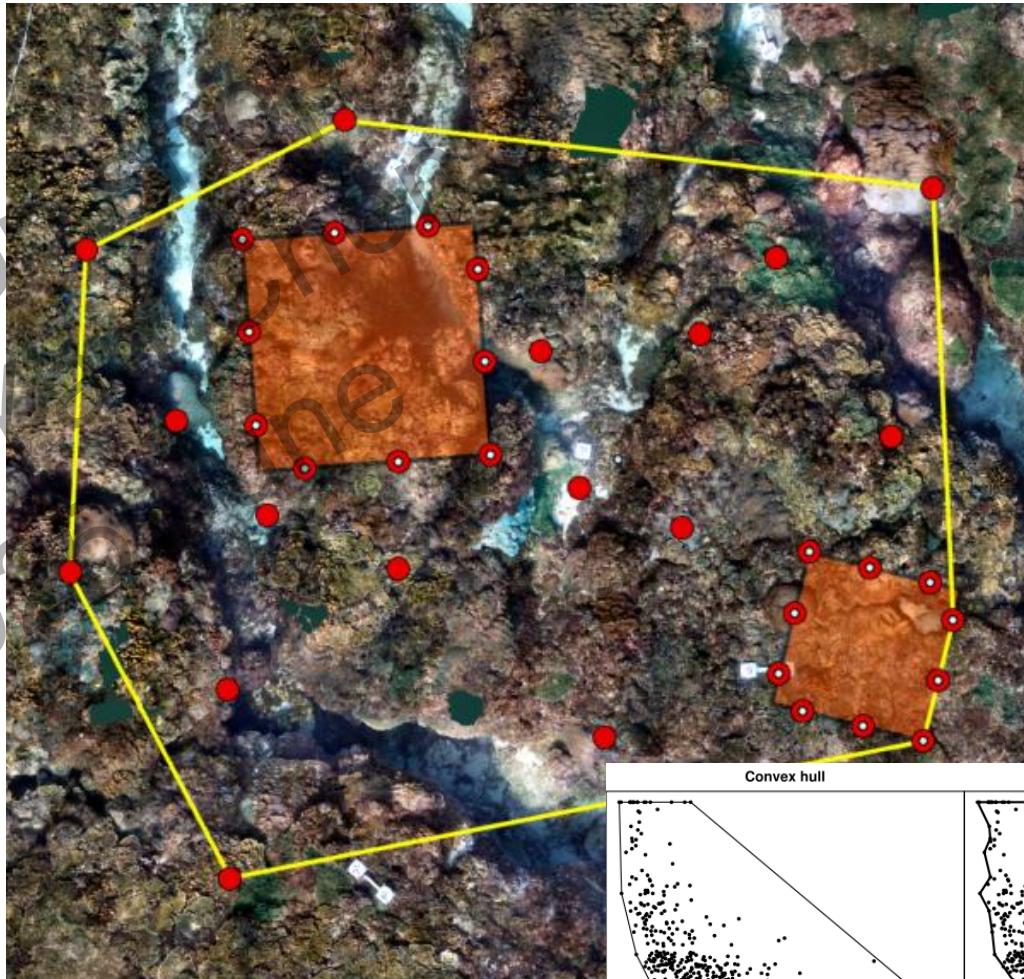
Input Features: fragment

Output Feature Class: fragment\_MinimumBoundingGeom

Geometry Type: Convex hull

Group Option: All

Add geometry characteristics as attributes to output:



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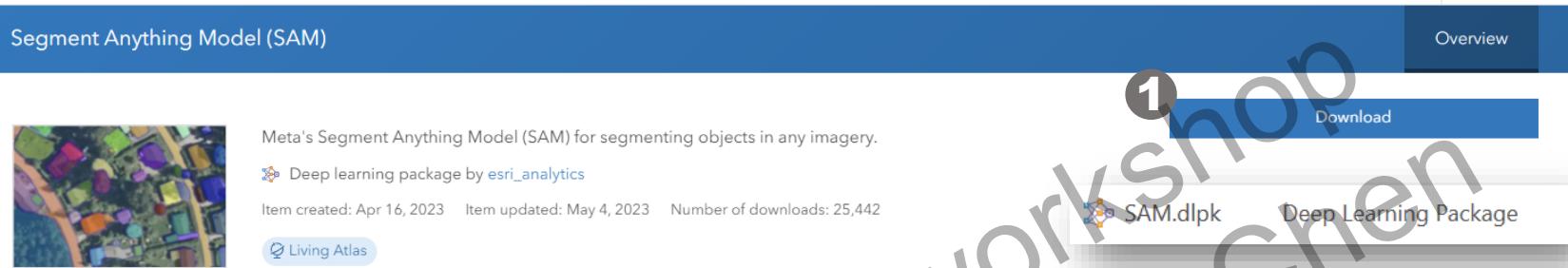
Fragmented coral

Outplant plot

Ecological footprint

# SAM with ArcGIS

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### Description

Segmentation models perform a pixel-wise classification by classifying the pixels into different classes. The classified pixels correspond to different objects or regions in the image. These models have a wide variety of use cases across multiple domains. When used with satellite and aerial imagery, these models can help to identify features such as building footprints, roads, water bodies, crop fields, etc.

Generally, every segmentation model needs to be trained from scratch using a dataset labeled with the objects of interest. This can be an arduous and time-consuming task. Meta's Segment Anything Model (SAM) is aimed at creating a foundational model that can be used to segment (as the name suggests) anything using zero-shot learning and generalize across domains without additional training.

SAM is trained on the Segment Anything 1-Billion mask dataset (SA-1B) which comprises a diverse set of 11 million images and over 1 billion masks. This makes the model highly robust in identifying object boundaries and differentiating between various objects across domains, even though it might have never seen them before. Use this model to extract masks of various objects in any image.

#### Licensing requirements

ArcGIS Desktop - ArcGIS Image Analyst extension for ArcGIS Pro  
ArcGIS Enterprise - ArcGIS Image Server with raster analytics configured  
ArcGIS Online - ArcGIS Image for ArcGIS Online

### Using the model

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=9b67b441f29f4ce6810979f5f0667ebe>



**2** Deep Learning Libraries Installers for ArcGIS



# TextSAM (2024 new released)

Text SAM

Deep learning model to detect objects using text prompts.

Deep learning package 擁有者 esri\_analytics  
建立的項目: 2024年2月2日 更新的項目: 2024年8月1日 下載數量: 81,339  
Living Atlas

描述

Text SAM is an open-source [sample model](#) that can be prompted using free-form text prompts to extract features of various kinds. This is achieved by using [Grounding DINO](#) and [Segment Anything Model \(SAM\)](#). Grounding DINO is an open-set object detector that can find objects given a text prompt. Segment Anything Model can be used to segment any object in a region of interest represented by a bounding box or a point. Both the models are called sequentially within this deep learning package. The bounding boxes representing the detected objects from Grounding DINO are fed into the Segment Anything Model as prompts to generate masks for the objects. Finally, the masks are converted to polygons and returned as GIS features. These features, which are described by the input text prompts, can be any object of interest such as vehicles, swimming pools, ships, airplanes, solar panels, etc.

Licensing requirements

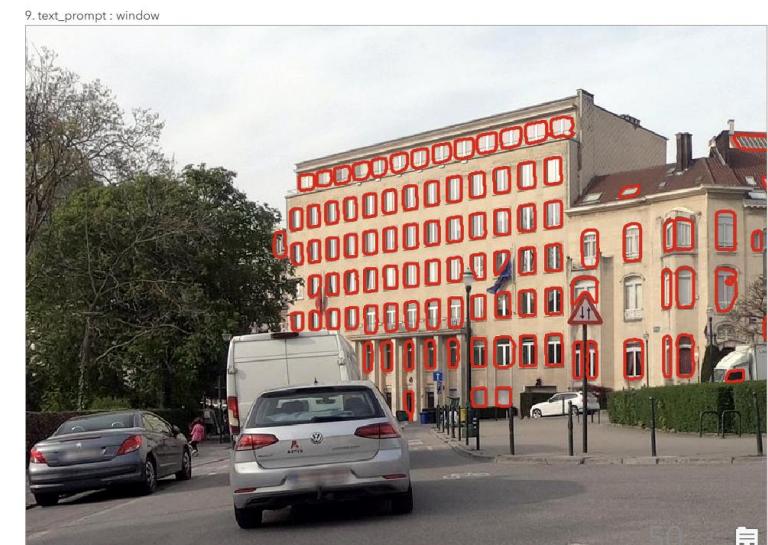
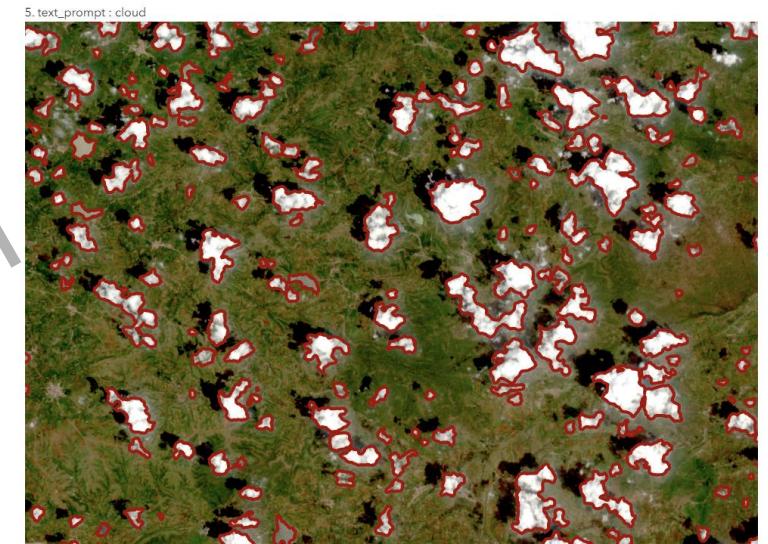
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ArcGIS Enterprise - ArcGIS Image Server with raster analytics configured  
ArcGIS Online - ArcGIS Image for ArcGIS Online

Using the model

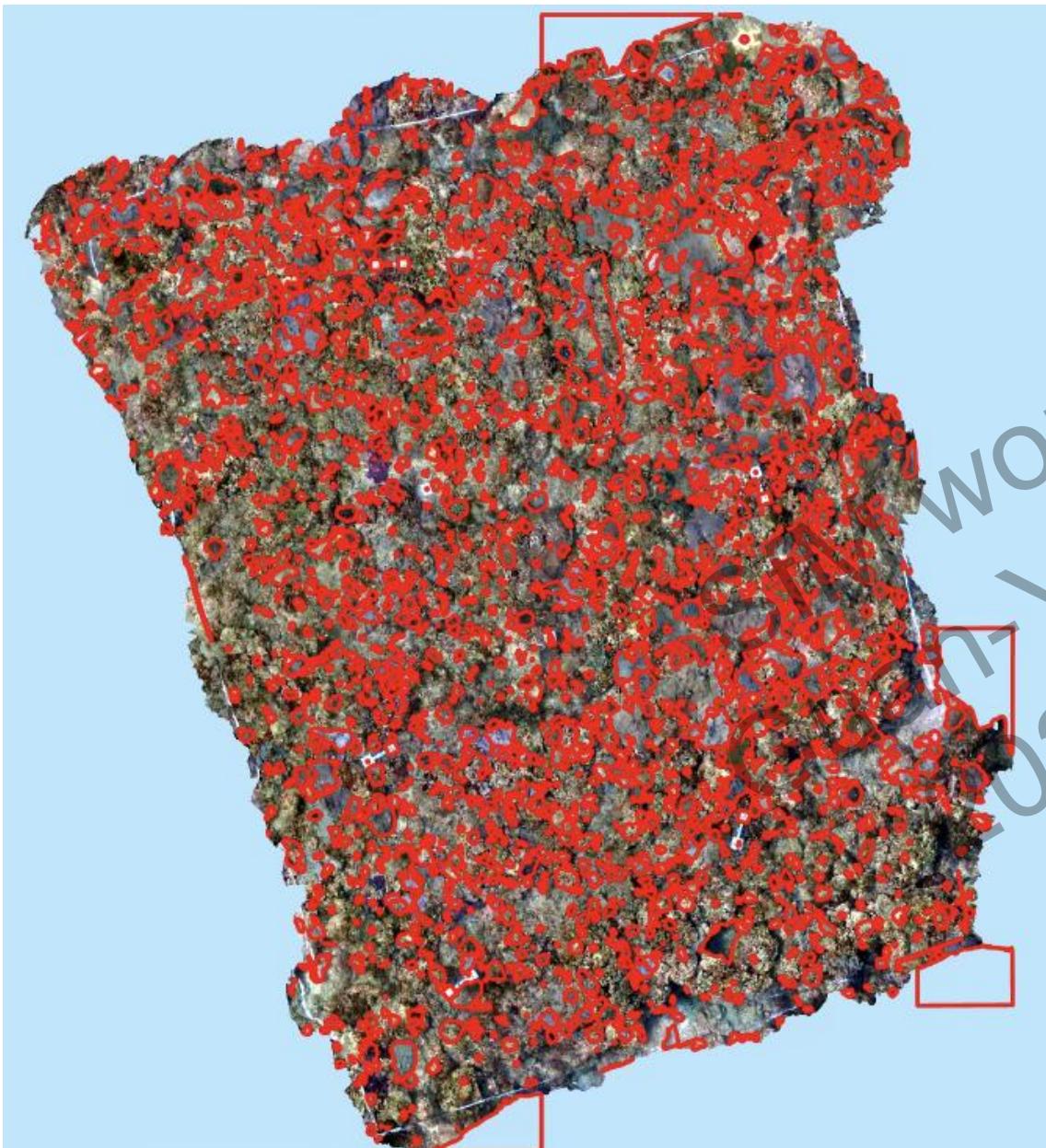
Follow the [guide](#) to use the model. Before using this model, ensure that the supported deep learning libraries are installed. For more details, check [Deep Learning Libraries Installer for ArcGIS](#).

Note: Deep learning is computationally intensive, and a powerful GPU is recommended to process large datasets.

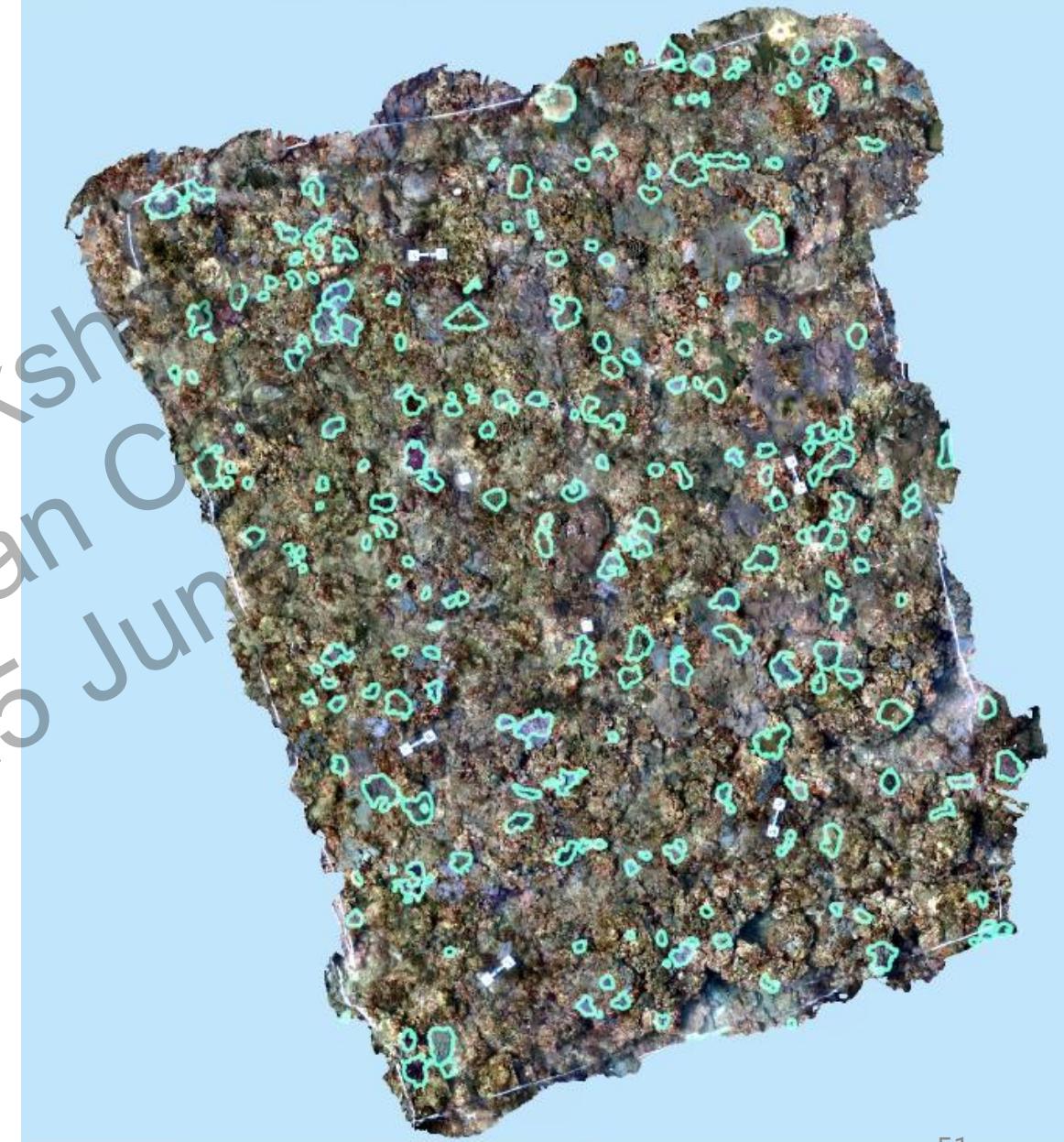
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Segment anything model (SAM)

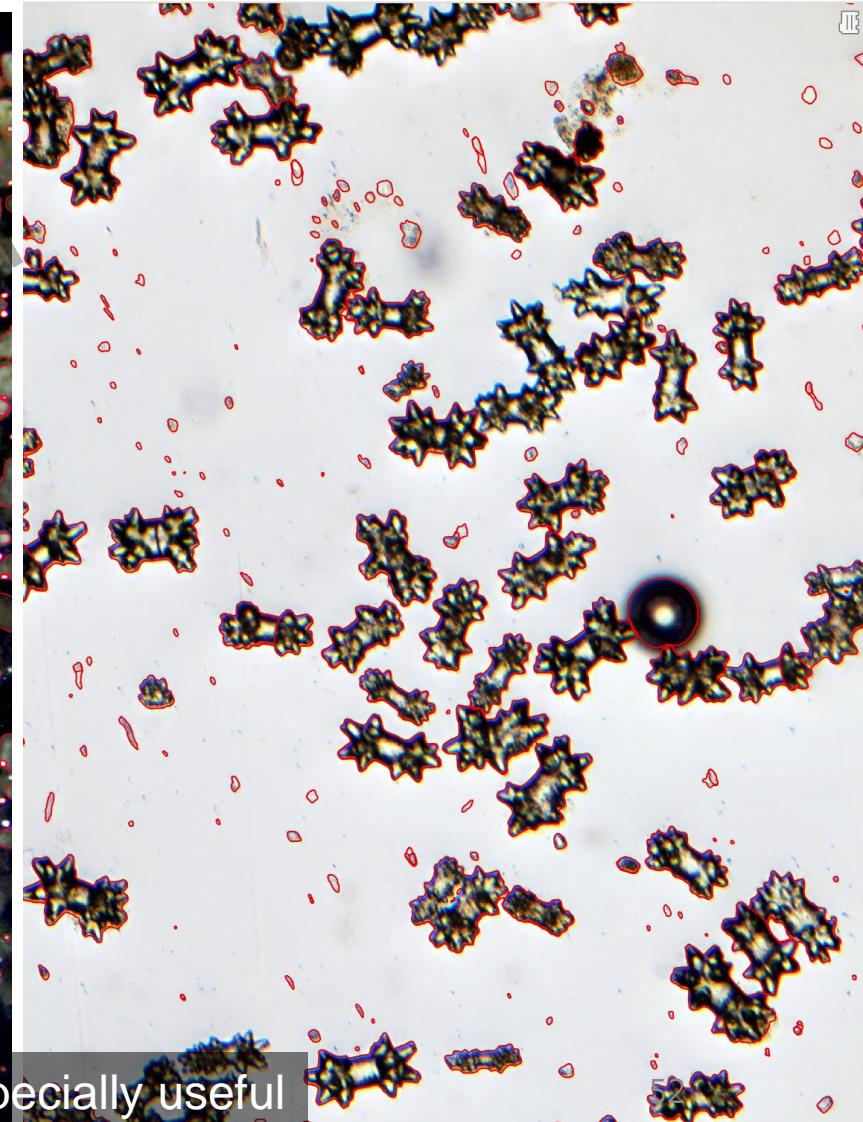
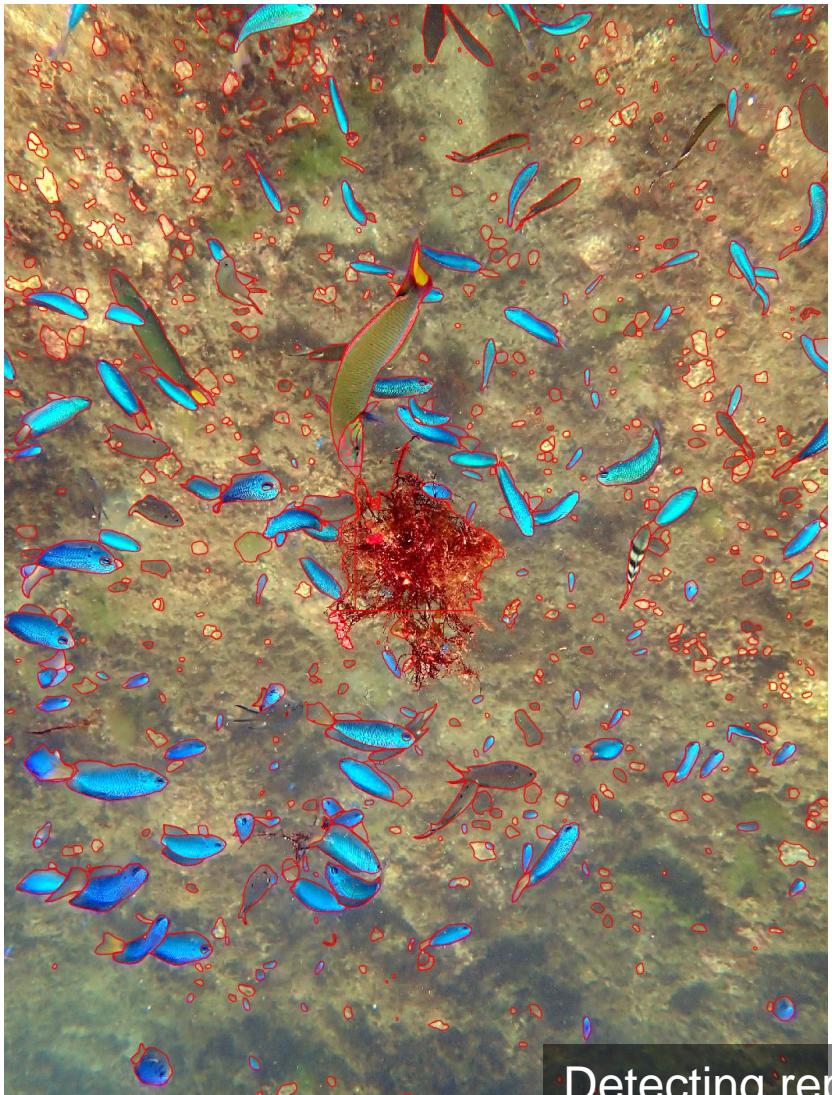


TextSAM, prompt: "coral"



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# Examples of SAM applications



Detecting repeatedly occurring similar objects is especially useful

# ID colonies based on size ran

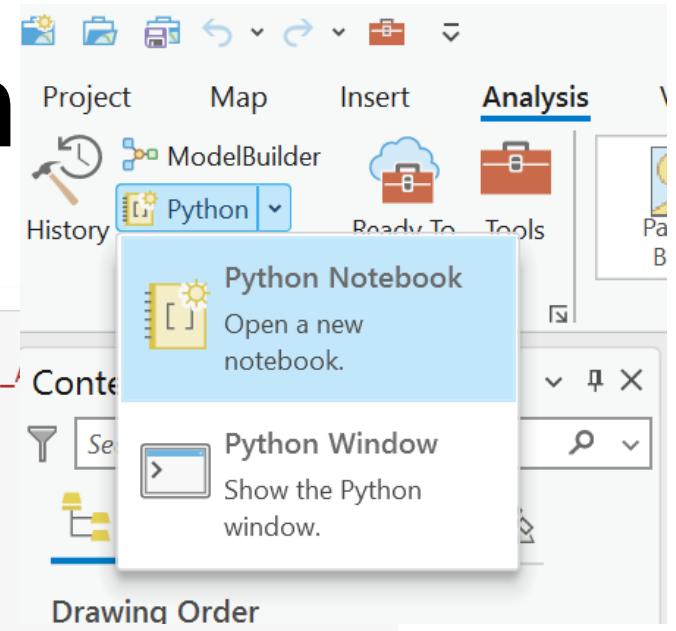
Python can be easily incorporated in ArcGIS

```
In [13]: 1 rank = 1
2 sorted_areas = sorted([row[0] for row in arcpy.da.SearchCursor("IL_P4_2205_corals_p", ["Shape_Area"])]
3
4 def get_rank(area):
5     global rank
6     rank = sorted_areas.index(area) + 1
7     return rank
8
9 get_rank(!Shape_Area!)
```

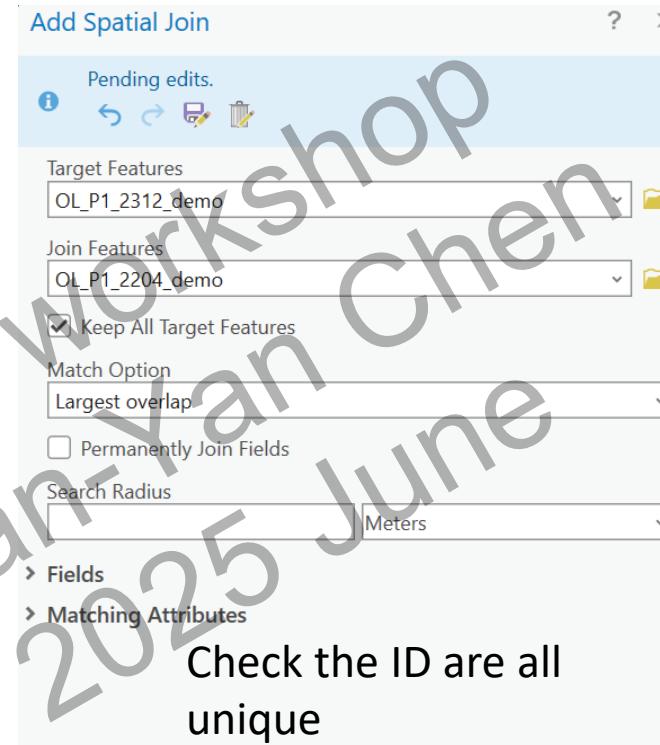
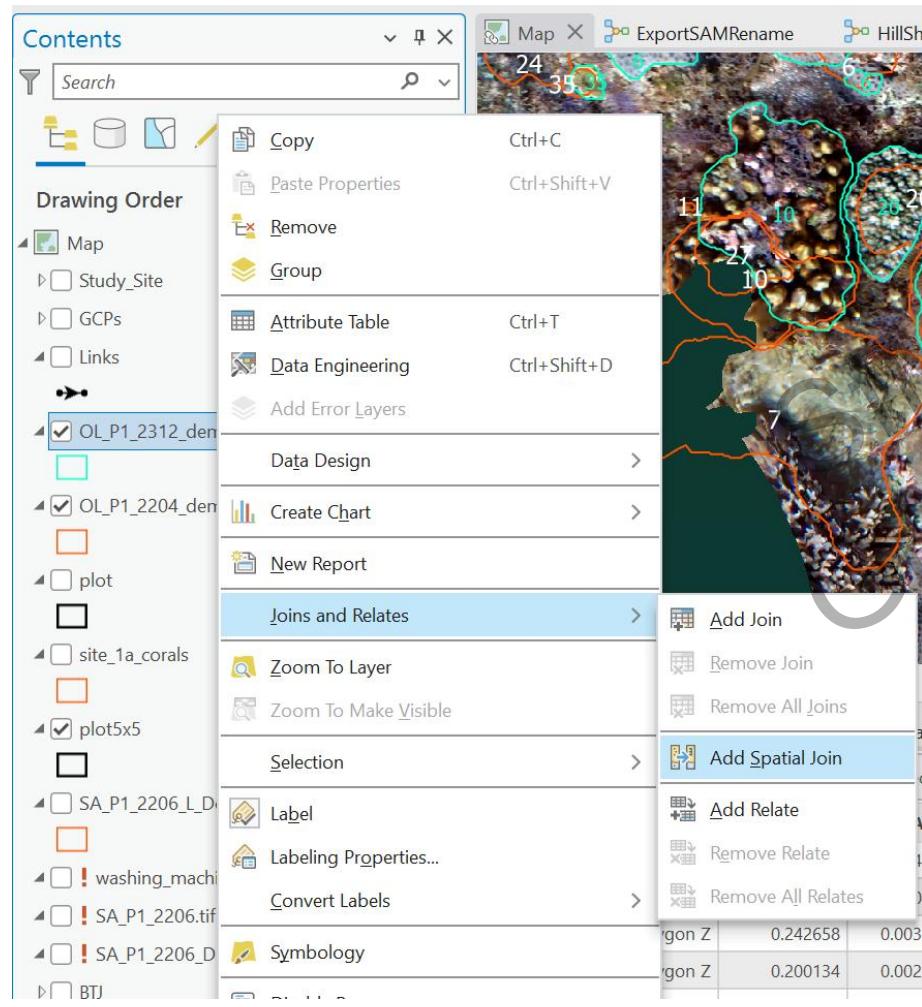
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sorted_areas = sorted([row[0] for row in arcpy.da.SearchCursor("IL_P4_2205_corals_p", ["Shape_Area"])],
reverse=True)
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```
def get_rank(area):
    global rank
    rank = sorted_areas.index(area) + 1
    return rank
```

```
#####
get_rank(!Shape_Area!)
```

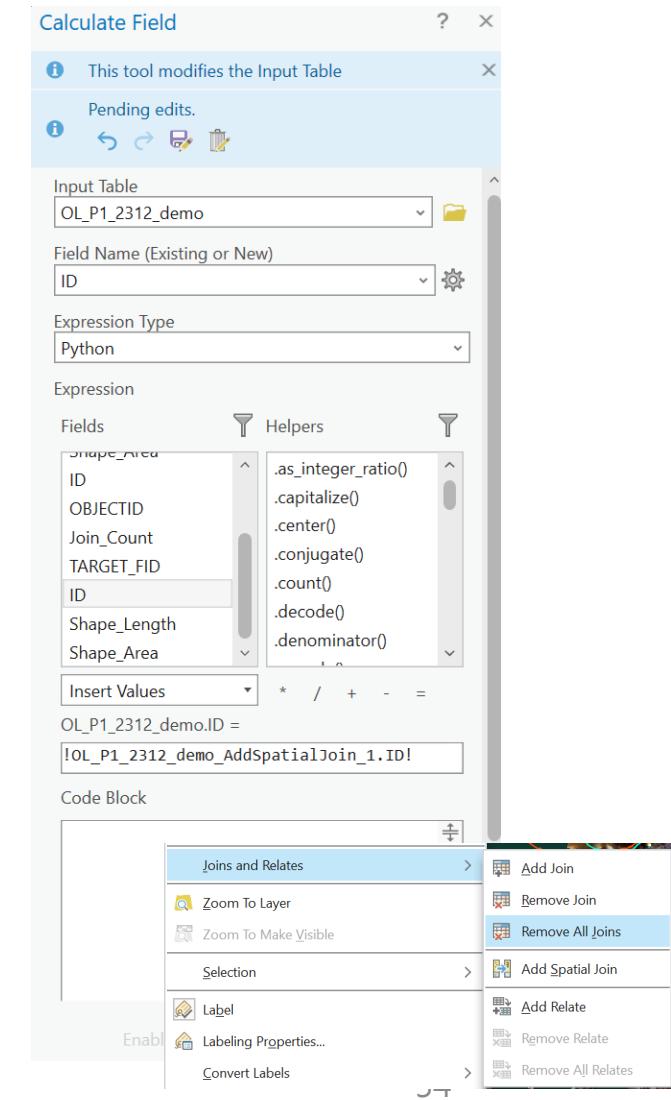


# Give ID based on spatial overlapping



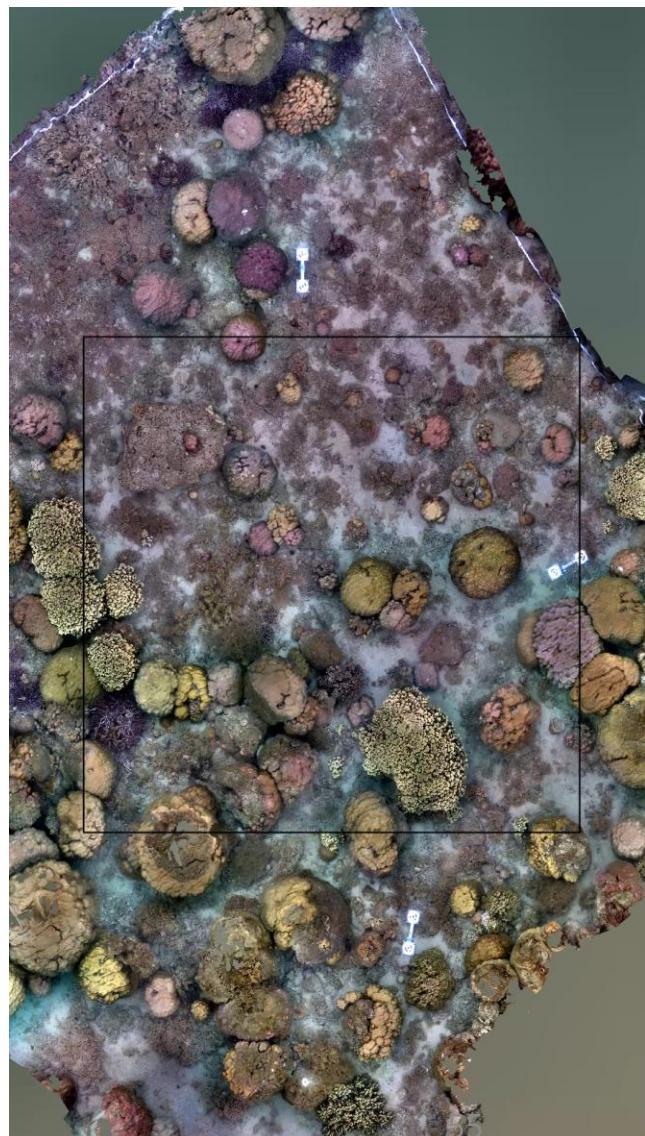
Check the ID are all unique

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5	Polygon Z	0.200134	0.002973	26	4	1	5	26	0.352488	0.006676
8	Polygon Z	0.160293	0.001827	28	5	1	8	28	0.29931	0.005445
9	Polygon Z	0.129626	0.001155	35	6	1	9	35	0.111824	0.000897
12	Polygon Z	1.249577	0.109439	5	7	2	12	5	1.339278	0.10593
13	Polygon Z	1.795719	0.062841	8	8	6	13	8	1.440405	0.052743



# ArcGIS animation

The screenshot shows the ArcGIS Pro application interface. The main window displays a map of a coral reef area with various features highlighted in different colors (purple, green, yellow, red). The left sidebar contains a 'Contents' panel with a 'Drawing Order' section showing layers like 'Map', 'plot5x5', 'IL\_P4\_2205\_corals\_p', and 'IL\_P4\_2312\_corals\_pp'. A 'Fate' section includes categories D, Fu, G, S, and '<all other values>'. The right sidebar shows a 'Catalog' pane with project, portal, computer, and favorites sections. The bottom of the screen features an 'Animation Timeline : Animation' bar with a timeline from 1:25.15 to 1:25.16, playback controls, and a keyframe gallery showing frames 1 through 7.



# We can do much more than just corals

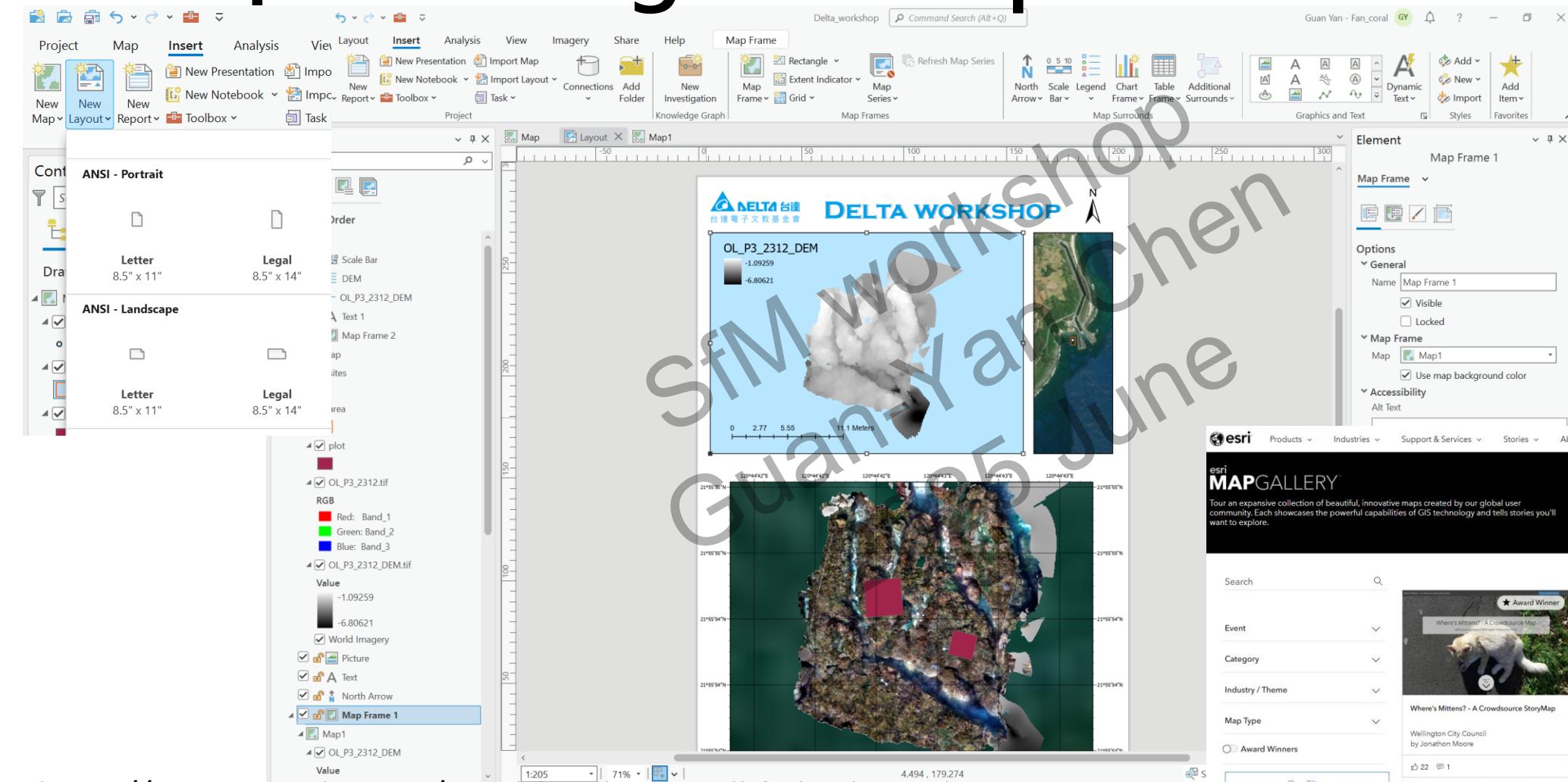


The drone was preprogrammed, and a flight plan was set using DroneDeploy software. Throughout the flight, the drone was set to 70% - 80% image overlap ensuring the alignment accuracy of sites. Due to imposing legal flying restrictions, the drone was flown at an average of 56 m altitude resulting in ground image resolution ranging from 2.0 cm - 2.5 cm. Several flights were conducted to record both the low and high tide in order to find the average depth. This was done multiple times to compare temporal patterns found within clustering.

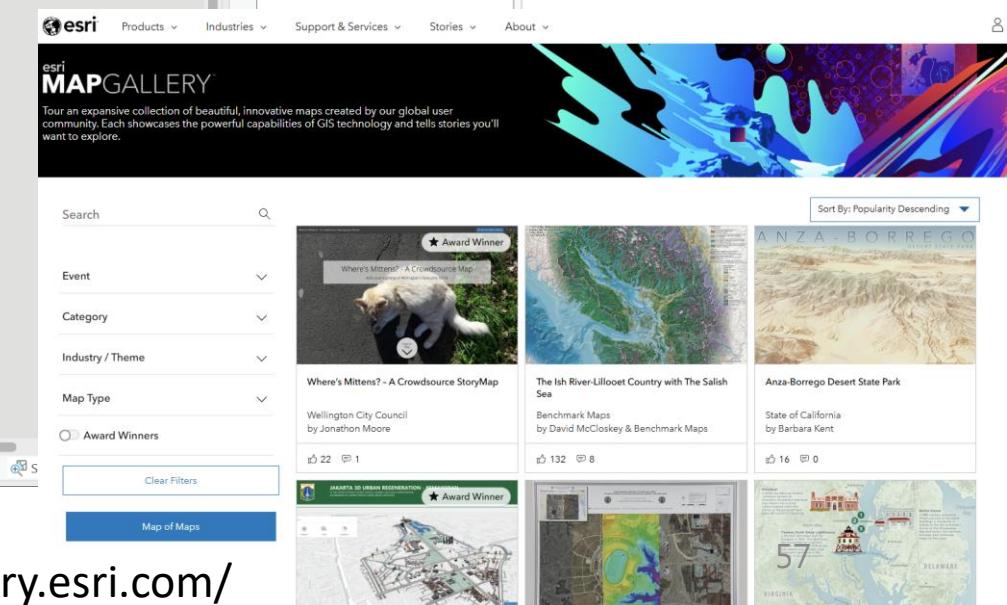
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# Export designed map



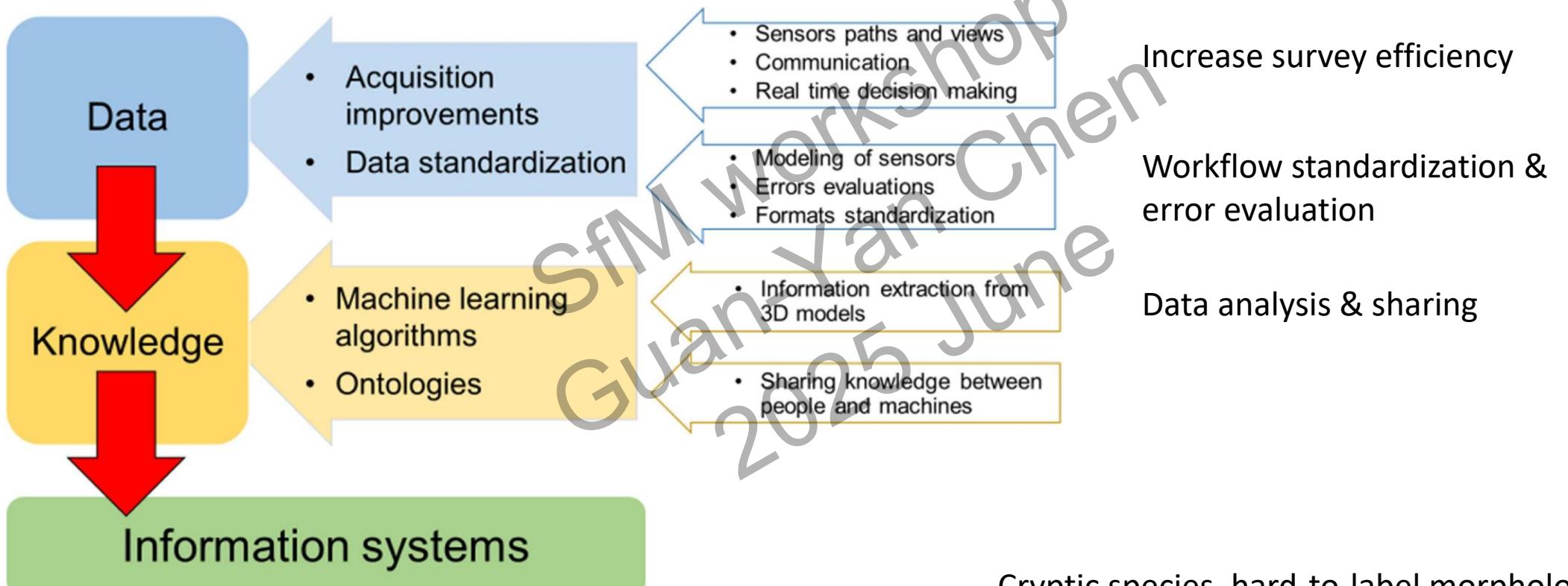
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Geopdf



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhE55ZtrJlk&ab\\_channel=ArcGIS](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EhE55ZtrJlk&ab_channel=ArcGIS)

<https://mapgallery.esri.com/>

# Challenges in 3D survey methodology



(Rossi et al., 2021)

Cryptic species, hard-to-label morphologies,  
precise geolocation & 3D change detection...

# Technological advances confronting the challenges

Gather the power of citizen scientists

**NASA NeMO-Net** (NASA, 2020)



## Description

<http://nemonet.info/>

NeMO-Net is a single player iPad game where players help NASA classify coral reefs by painting 3D and 2D images of coral. Players can rate the classifications of other players and level up in the food chain as they explore and classify coral reefs and other shallow marine environments and creatures from locations all over the world!

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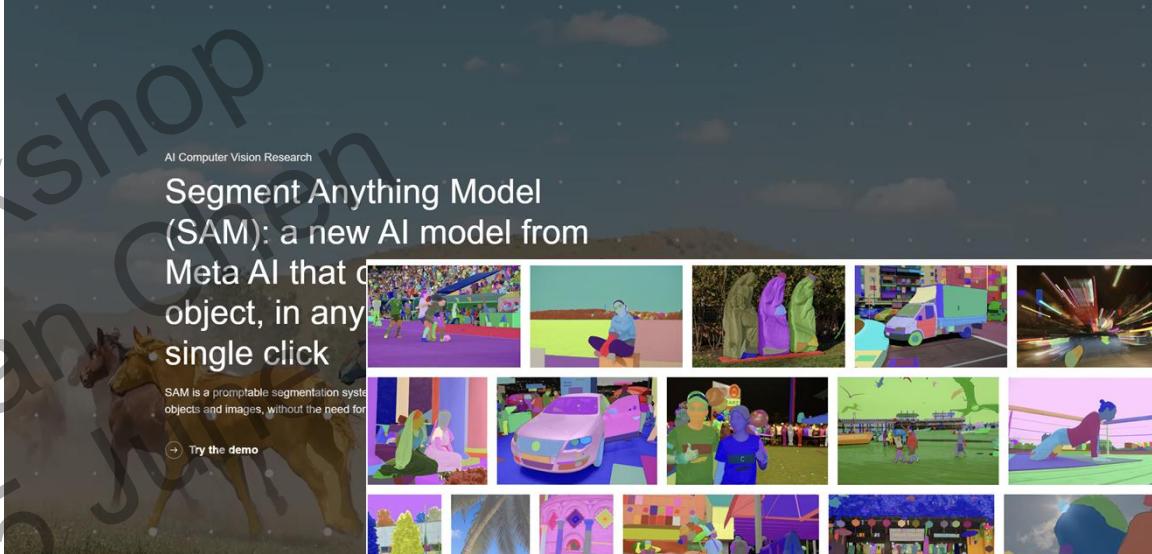
Segment Anything  
Research by Meta AI

AI Computer Vision Research

Segment Anything Model (SAM): a new AI model from Meta AI that can segment any object, in any image, with a single click

SAM is a promptable segmentation system that allows users to segment objects and images, without the need for training or fine-tuning.

Try the demo



Automation of survey equipment





(Vertigo3, 2024) <https://vimeo.com/showcase/10597521>

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# CoralSCOP: Segment any COral Image on this Planet

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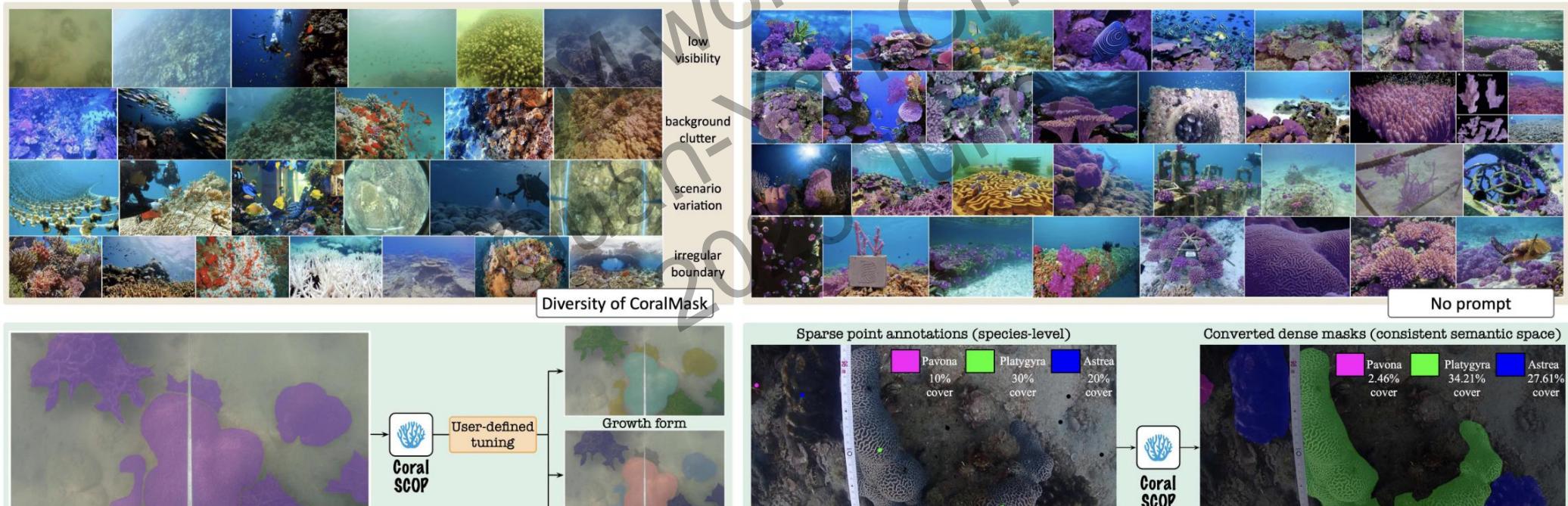
DATASET

TOOL

News: We have developed an offline labeling and analysis tool: CoralSCOP-LAT based on CoralSCOP. More details are available at <https://arxiv.org/html/2410.20436v1>!

News: Our online website is available now at <https://coralscop.ai/>!

Enjoy and have fun !



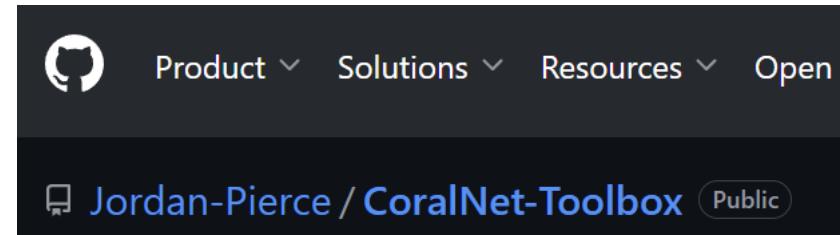
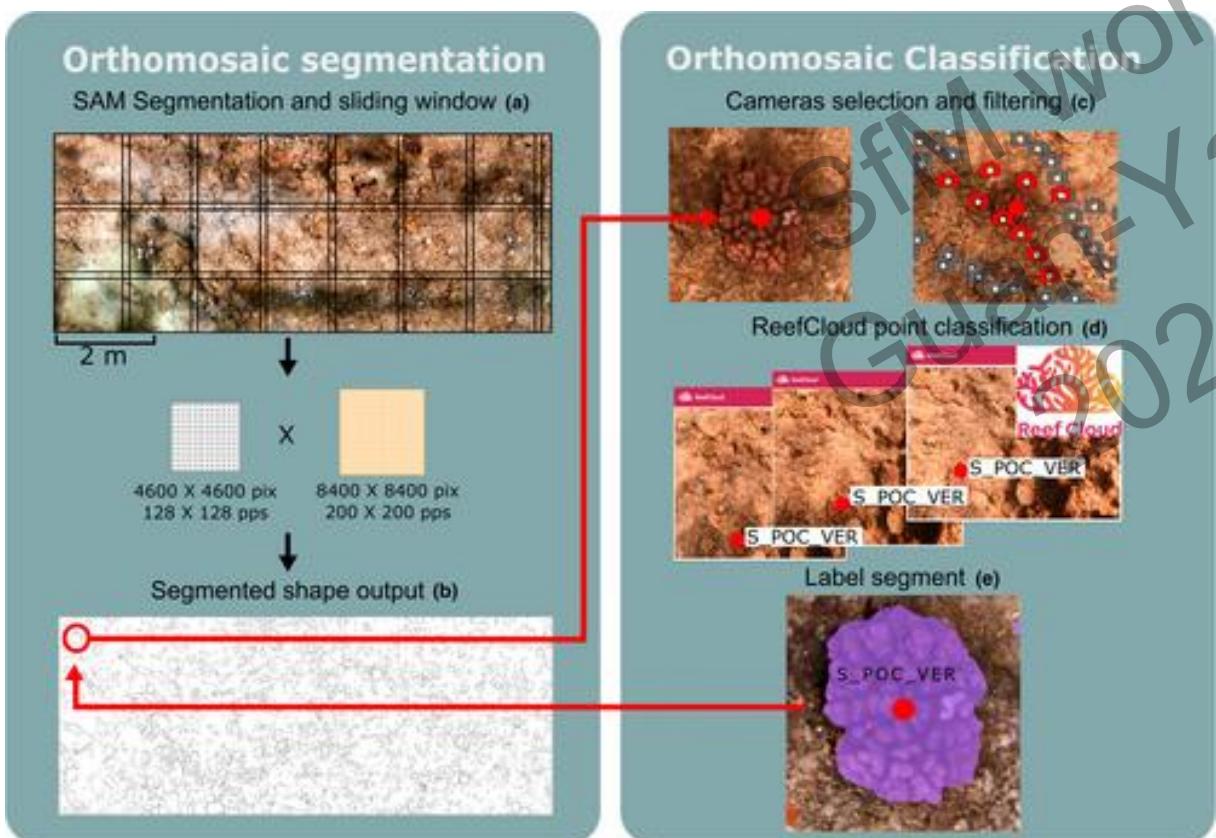
<https://coralscop.hkustvgd.com/>

## RapidBenthos: Automated segmentation and multi-view classification of coral reef communities from photogrammetric reconstruction

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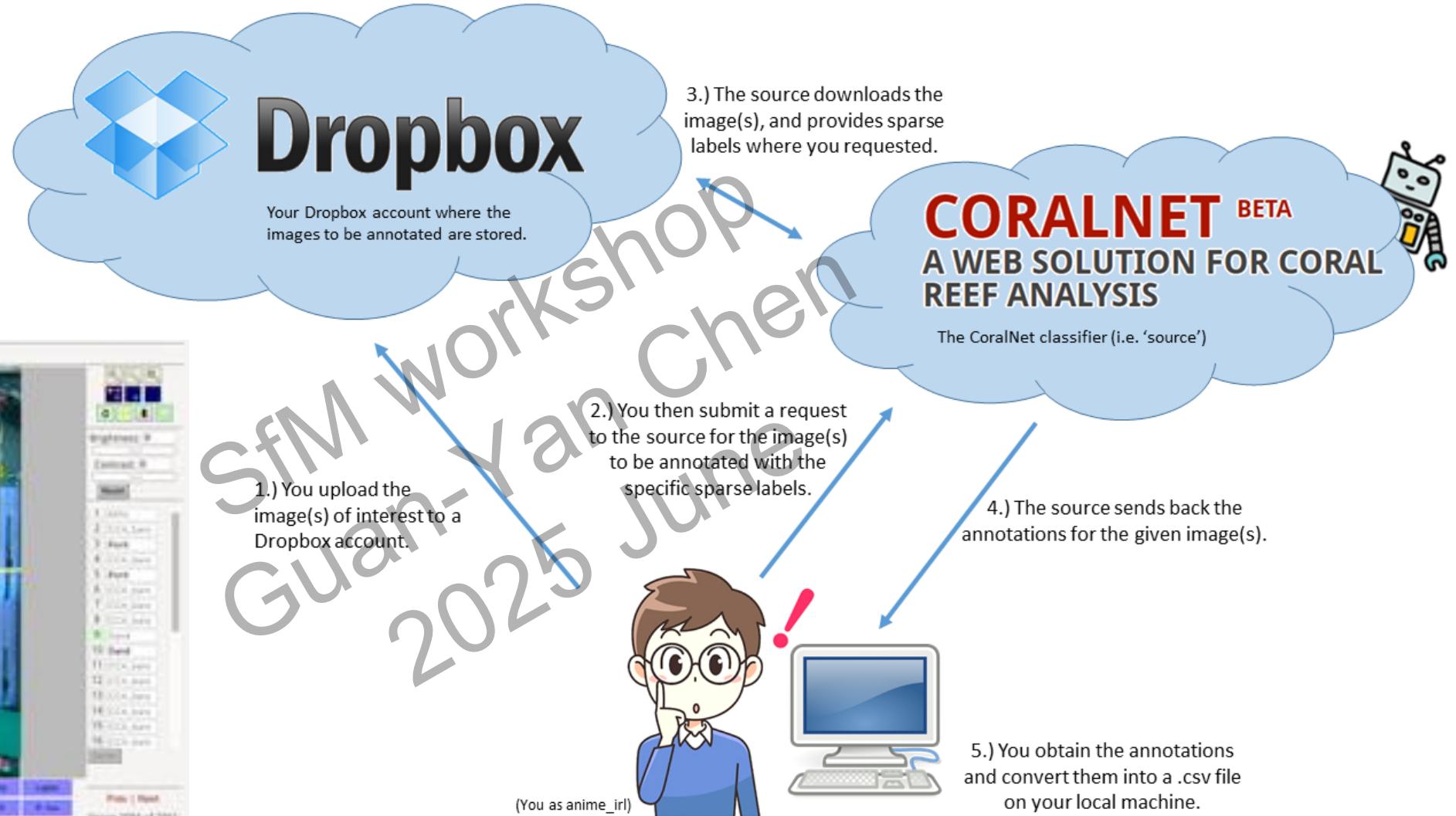
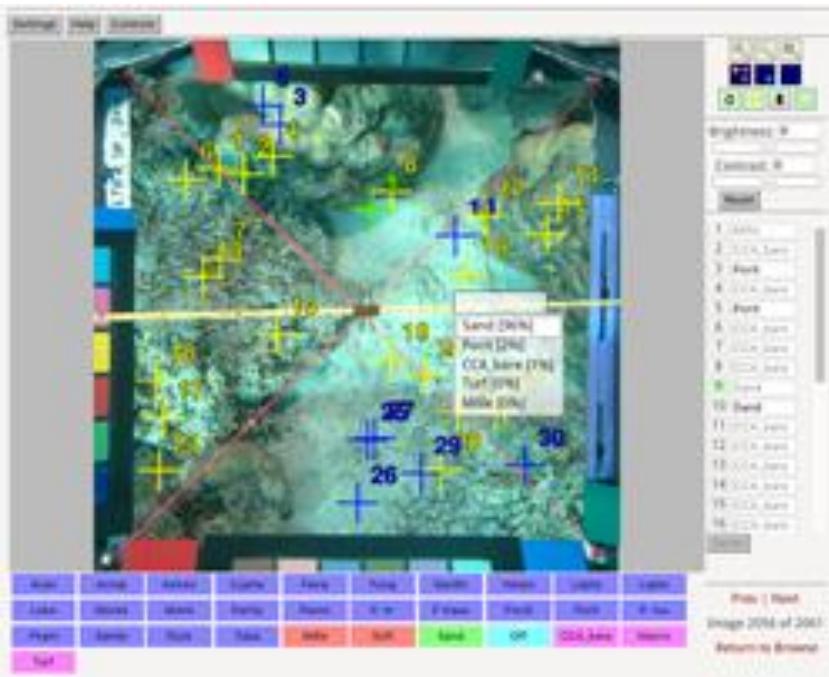


The screenshot shows the CoralNet-Toolbox interface with the following elements:

- Header:** Product, Solutions, Resources, Open S
- User Profile:** Jordan-Pierce / CoralNet-Toolbox (Public)
- Section:** Toolbox Features
- Grid of Annotations:** Six examples of annotations are shown:
  - Patch Annotation: A green coral patch with a purple rectangular overlay.
  - Rectangle Annotation: A green coral patch with a blue rectangular overlay.
  - Polygon Annotation: A green coral patch with a blue polygonal overlay.
  - Image Classification: A coral patch with a classification progress bar at 30%.
  - Object Detection: A coral patch with a bounding box and a classification progress bar at 30%.
  - Instance Segmentation: A coral patch with multiple colored regions (green, yellow, purple) representing different instances.

[GitHub - Jordan-Pierce/CoralNet-Toolbox: Tools for annotating and developing ML models for benthic imagery](#)

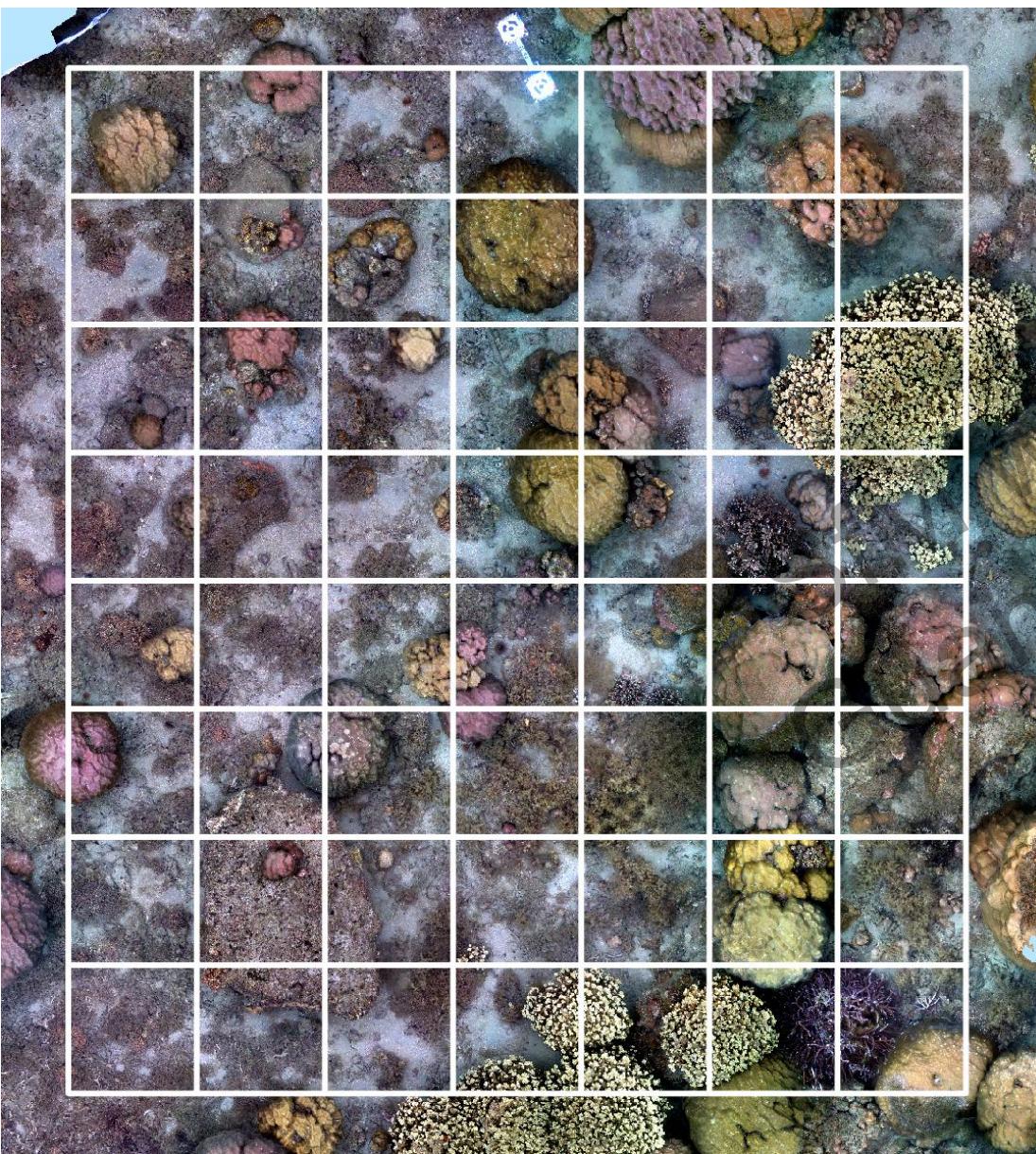
My solution: SAM + CoralNet + GIS



<https://github.com/JordanMakesMaps/CoralNet-API>

6\*6m plot , 60\*60cm grid, 12\*12 points

Points at the center of 5cm grid

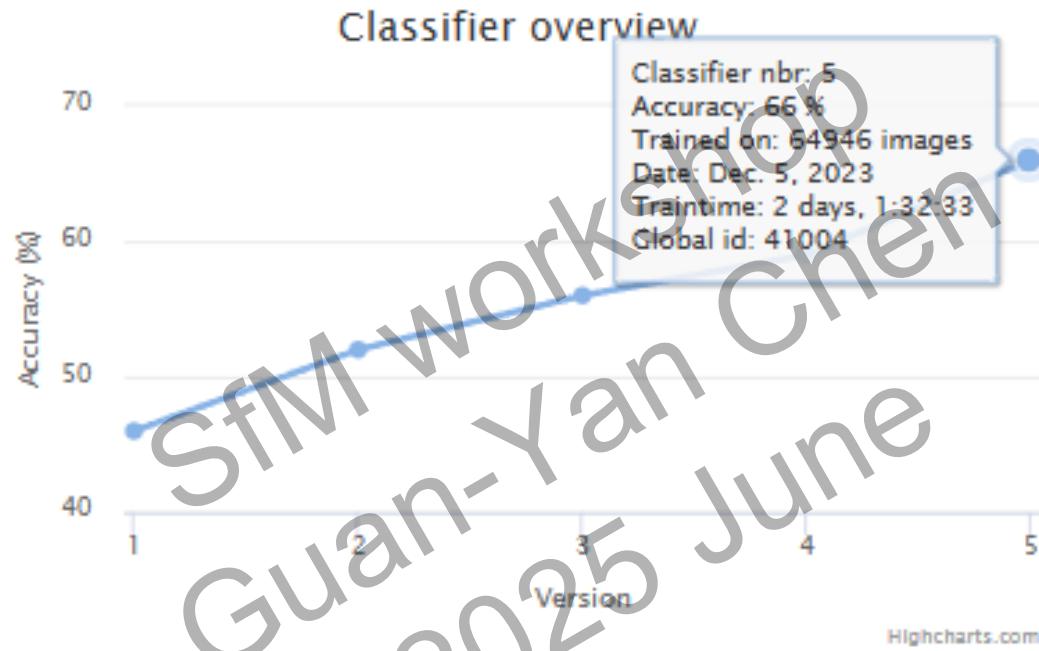


## DESCRIPTION

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Confidence threshold: 100%

To see backend-job status, go [here](#).

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Created: Oct. 7, 2019

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CRED-Acropora spp_tabulate	Acro(t)	Hard coral	CRED-Heliopora spp	Helio	Hard coral	Tubastraea coccinea	Tubas	Hard coral
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Bleached Hard Coral	BHC	Hard coral	CRED-Leptoria spp	Leptoria	Hard coral	Millepora bleached	BMille	Other Invertebrates
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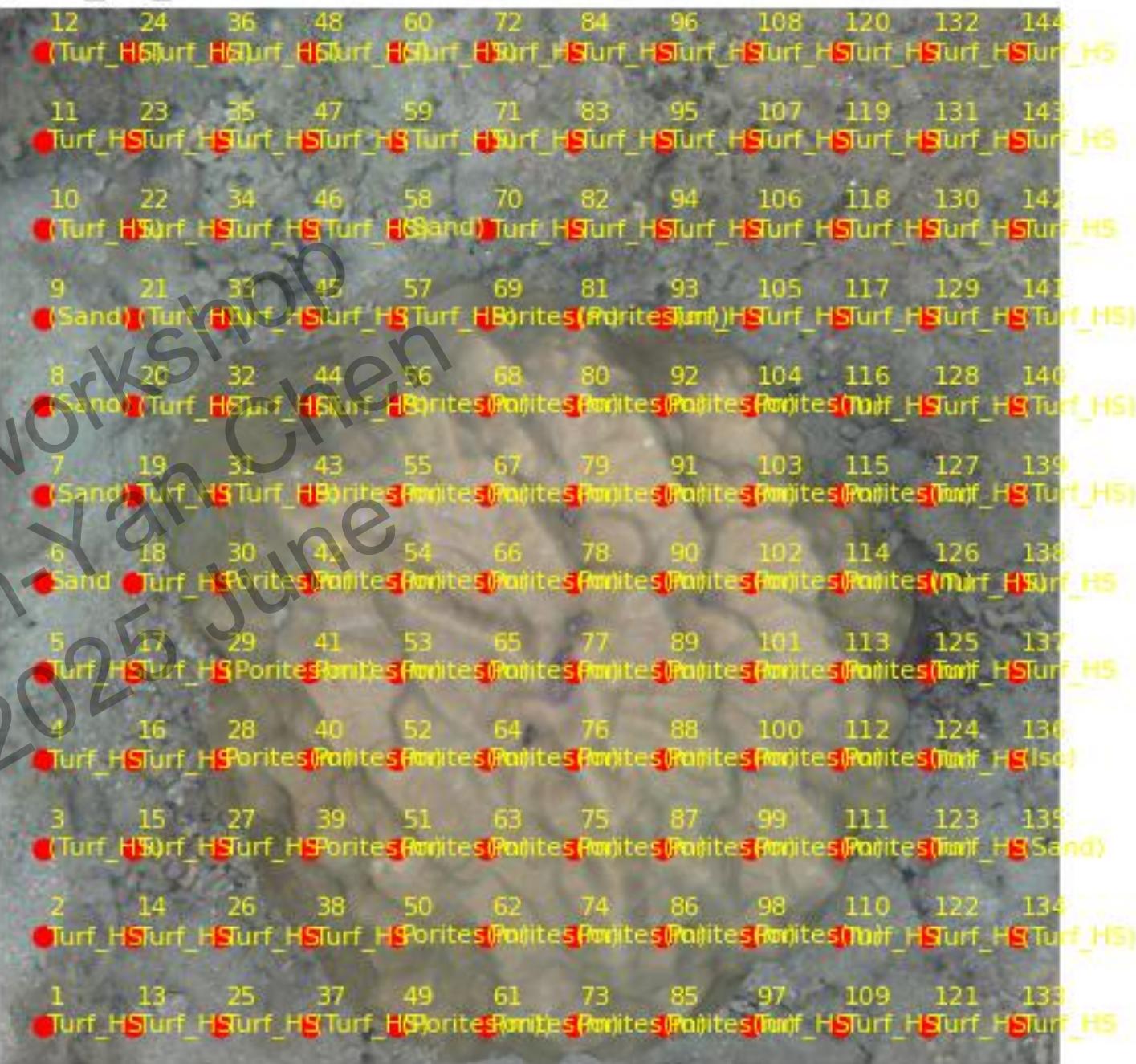
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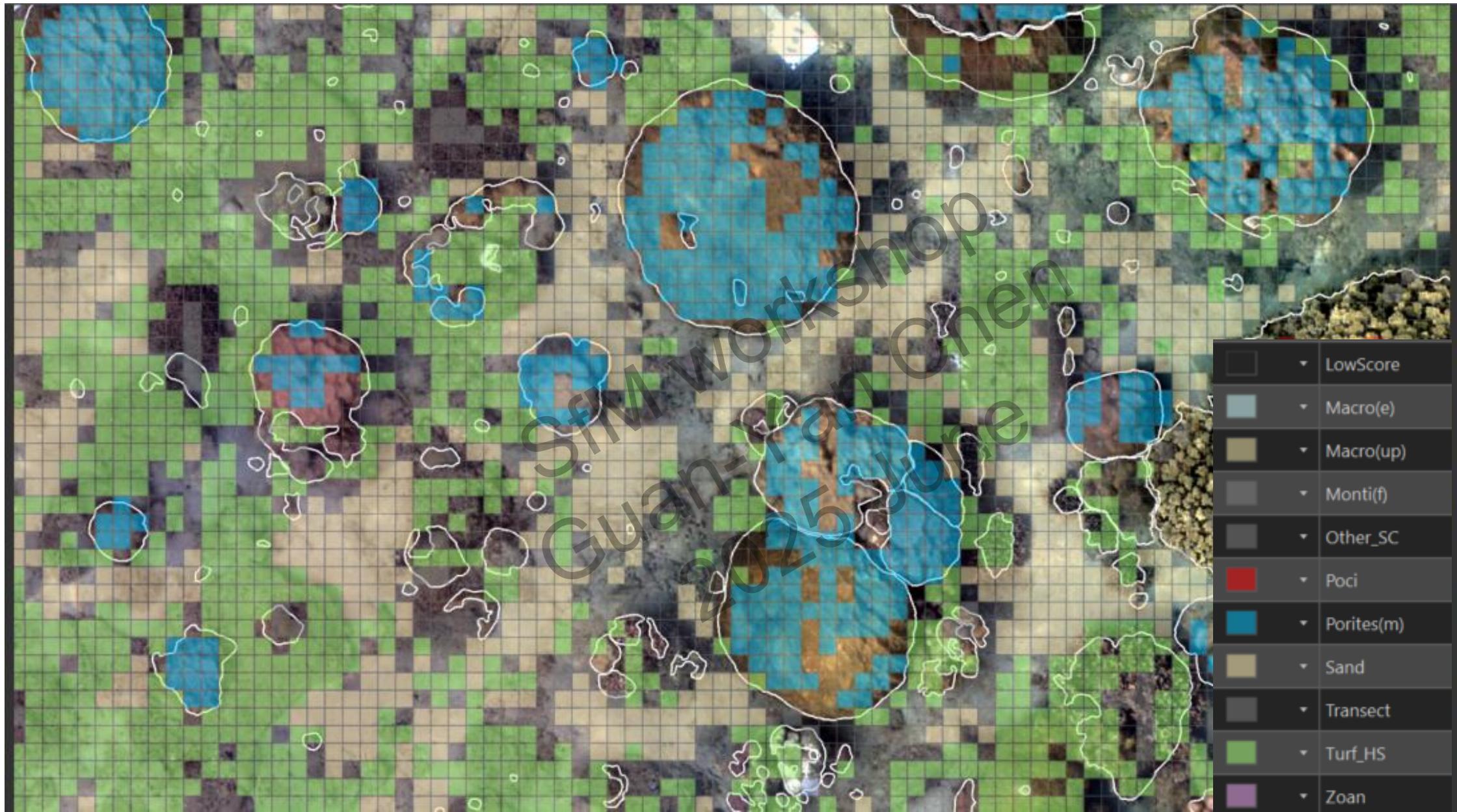
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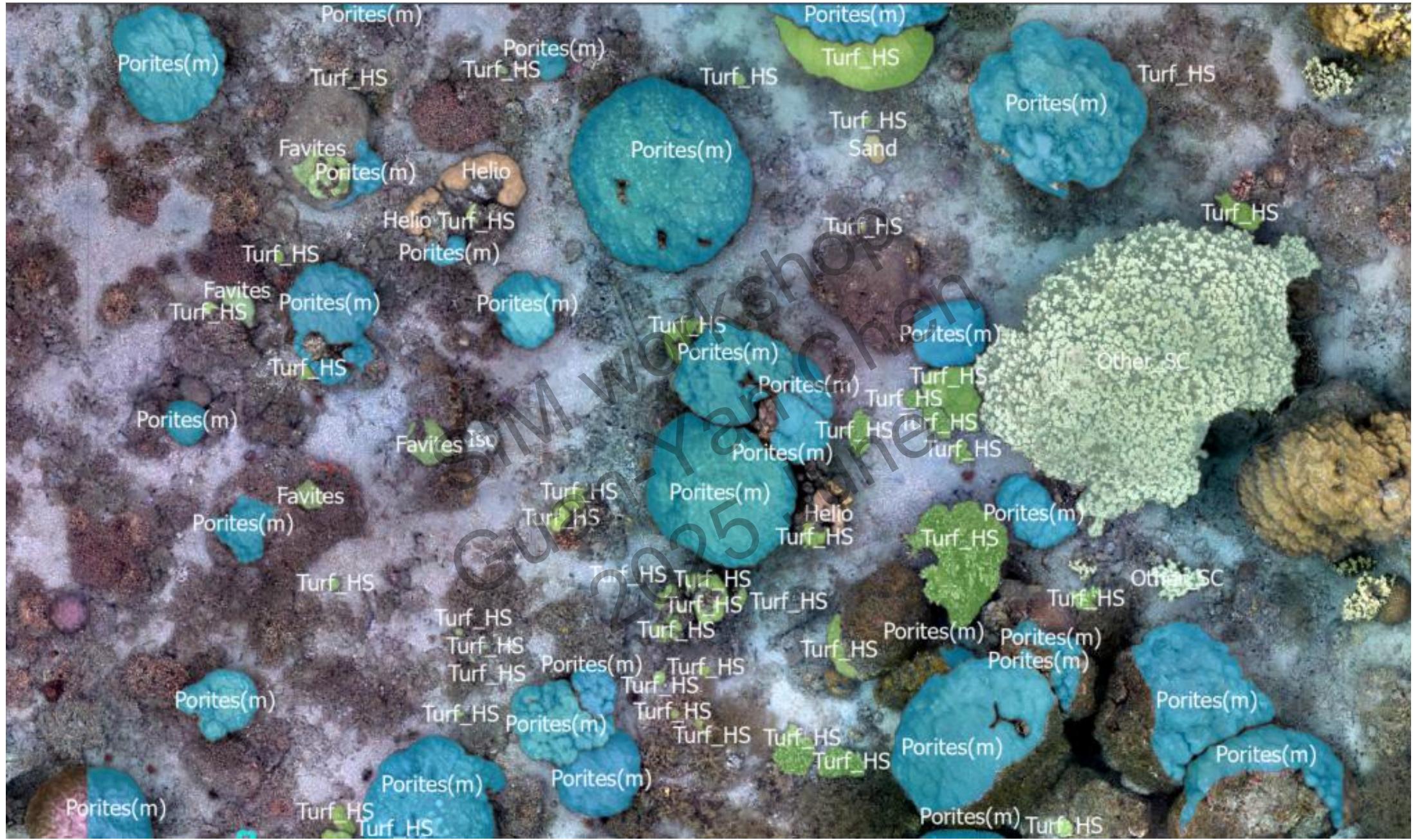
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# 解釋用SAM的圈選結果統計多數的改善預測





# Reflecting on challenges & integrating local communities

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## 宜蘭豆腐岬珊瑚礁「被插6根營釘」潛水客怒緝凶 真相竟是海保署

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日前有潛水客發現宜蘭縣蘇澳鎮豆腐岬的珊瑚礁上插有6根營釘，憤而PO文請大家一起緝凶，網友們怒批真是劣質潛水客；經查海洋保育署是「凶手」，為進行珊瑚監測計畫而釘的。（圖／民眾提供）



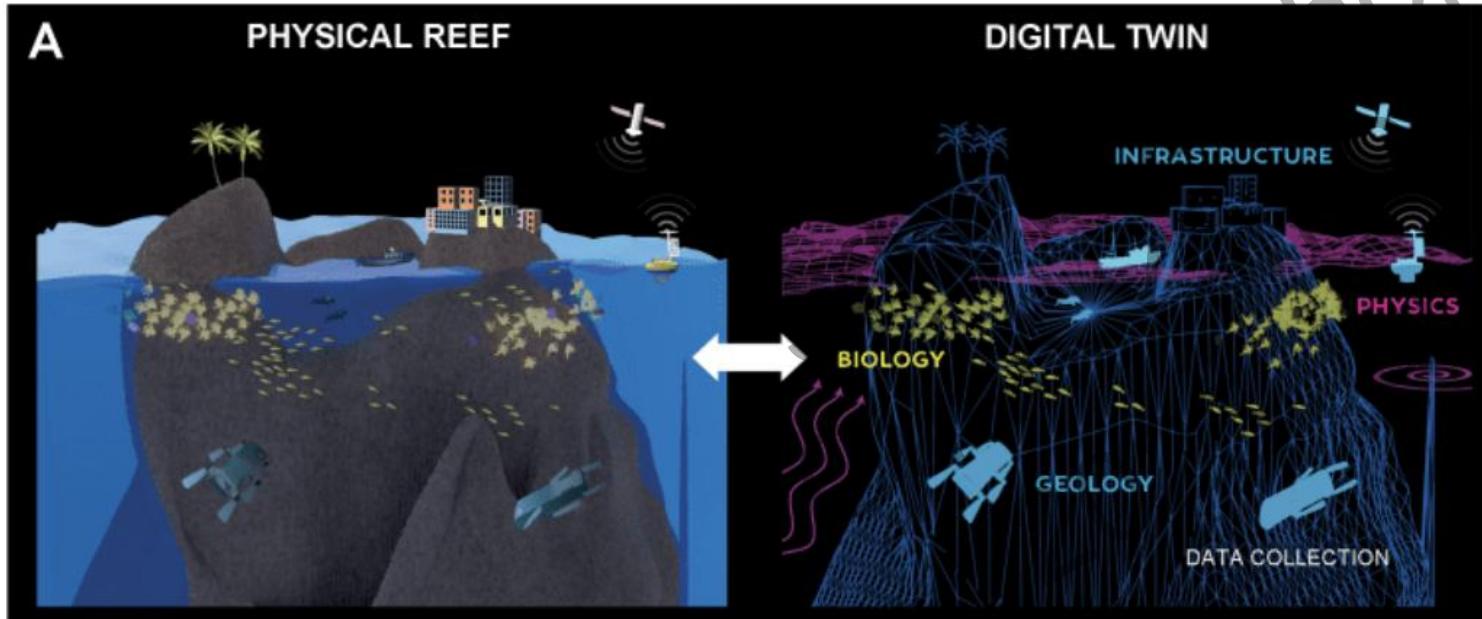
Show locals why surveys are needed and marketing our research better

# Future work

Integrate with soundscapes, fish, environmental variables for understand ecological systems better



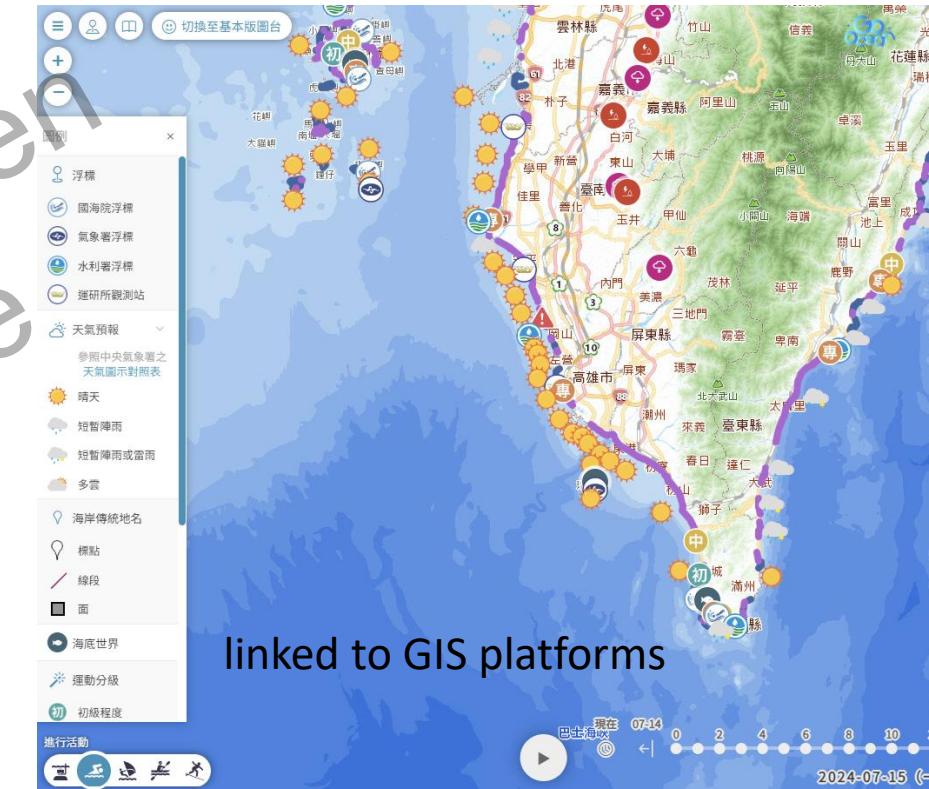
Digital-twin project



The Coral Reef Digital Twin is a virtual representation of a real reef, with all its features, consistently updated with new data from sensors and satellites. The digital twin allows users access to the dynamic, 3-dimensional system from a laptop or cellphone anywhere in the world to get real-time the information needed for sustainable harvesting of reef resources. Image credit: Cohen Lab © Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

<https://www.whoi.edu/press-room/news-release/digital-reefs-awarded-5-million/>

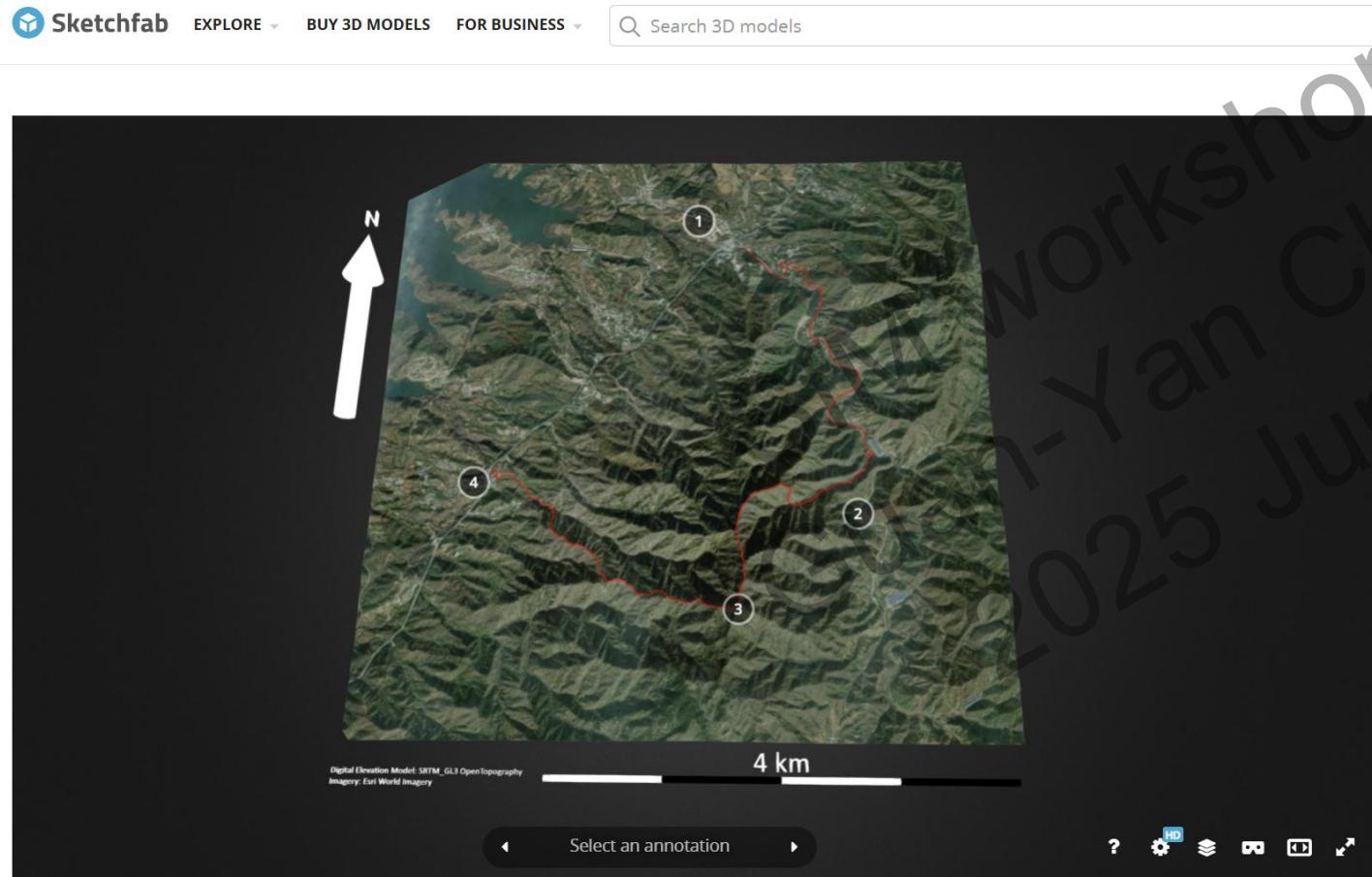
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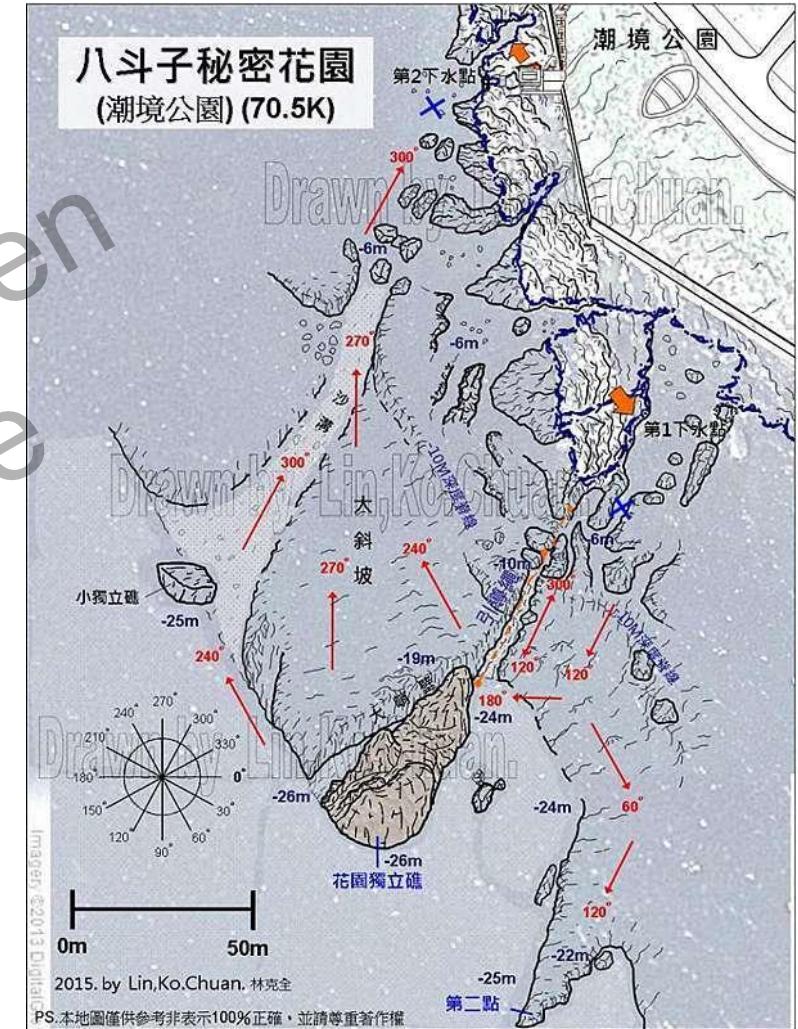
How can we utilize underwater 3D reef data? (Ideas please!)

# More ideas: underwater 3D dive map



白龙秘境  
3D Model

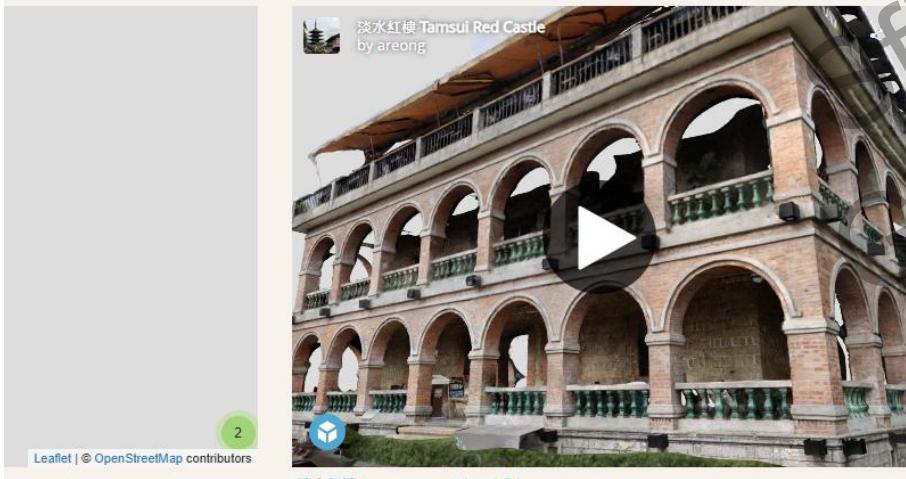
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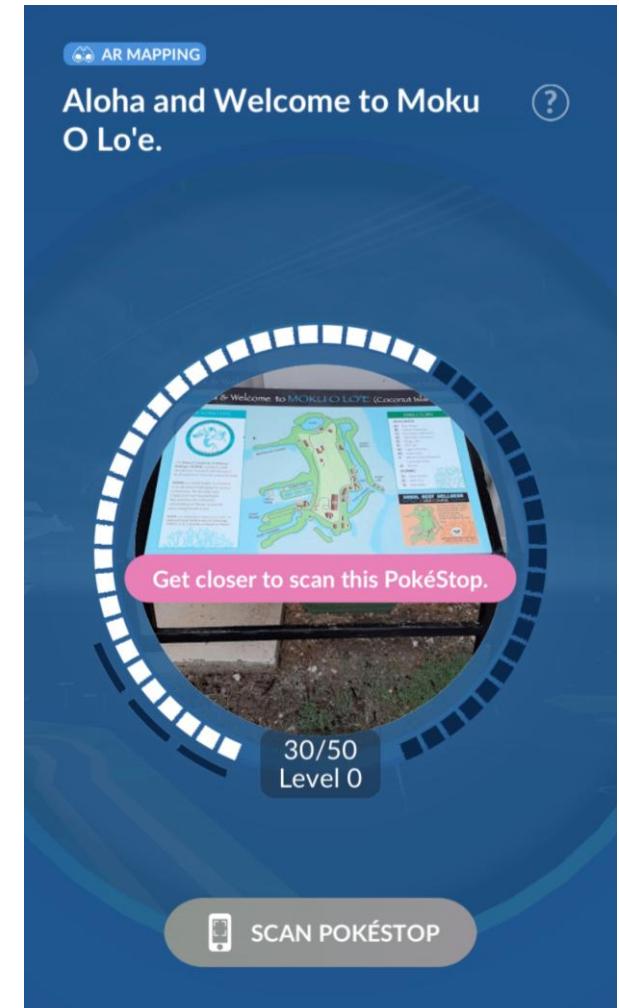
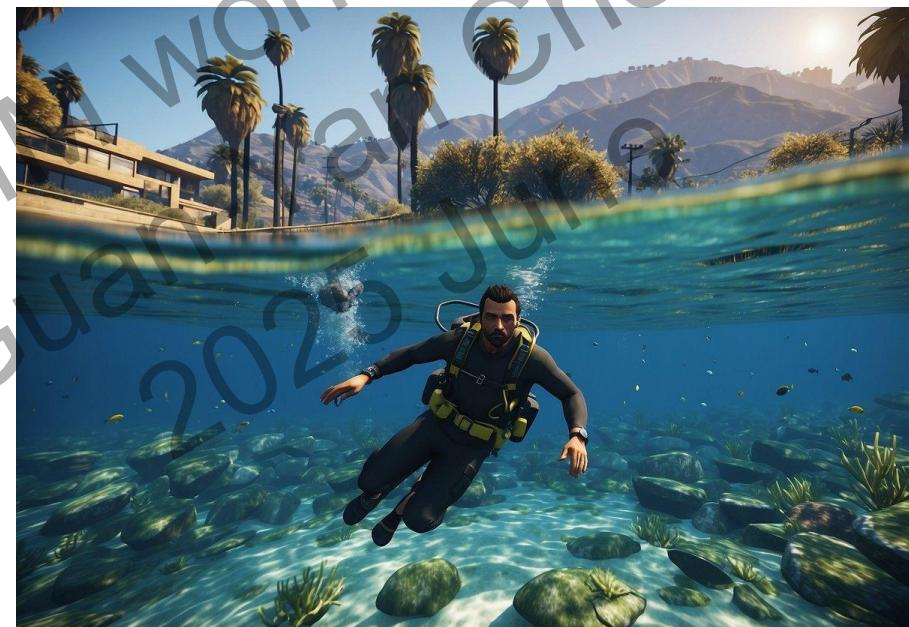
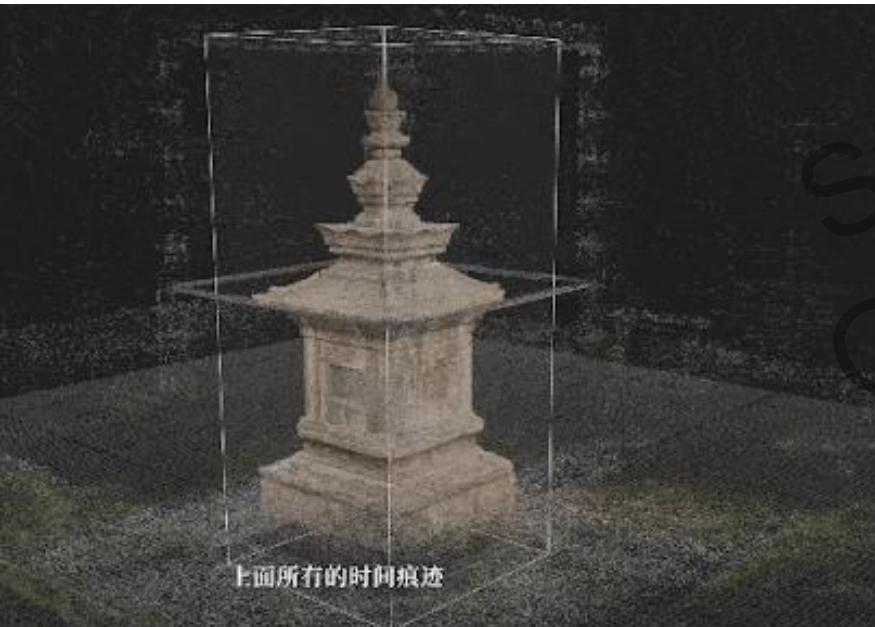
# More ideas: conservation of natural landscapes

## 台灣文化資產3D保存計畫

[https://areong.github.io/taiwan-culture-3dscan/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com](https://areong.github.io/taiwan-culture-3dscan/?utm_source=chatgpt.com)



# More ideas: gaming & film industries



# Q & A

SfM workshop  
Guan-Yan Chen  
2025 June