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The Lower Manyara Beds were successfully delineated with ASTER multispectral data. Several distinct paleoshorelines were detected with height levels between 10 m and 80 m above todays lake level of Lake Manyara. The results coincide to a high degree with field reference data collected during four field campaigns.

With multispectral band rationing techniques it was possible to extract the maximum visible extent of the Lower Manyara Beds and therewith a preliminary maximum lake level which is located more than 27 km east of today's shoreline. With TerraSAR-X images paleo-shorelines were successfully detected, which could not be delineated in detail by optical remote sensing techniques. The most elevated paleo-shoreline is with an elevation of 80 m above today's lake level on the same elevation as the lowest possible outlet of the endorheic Lake Manyara. Therefore an overflow into the neighboring Lake Engaruka and Natron / Magadi basins seems likely.

POSTER

12. THE POTENTIAL OF MAGNETOMETRY TO SUR-VEY IBERIAN SETTLEMENTS: REVEALING THE HID-DEN URBANISM OF "LOS VILLARES" (CAUDETE DE LAS FUENTES, VALENCIA)

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This poster shows the results of a magnetometer survey carried out at 'Los Villares', an Iberian site located in a hillfort near the municipality of 'Caudete de las Fuentes', in the Utiel-Requena district (Valencia, Spain). The aim of the survey was to map the extent of buried structures in the area using non-invasive methods. The project is a collaboration between GeoSat Research (Greece) and the department of Archaeology of the University of Valencia (Spain).

The site has been identified as the ancient city of Kelin, where its extensive chronology expands from the beginning of the Iron Age (about 680 B.C.) to ibero-roman times (75 B.C.). Kelin became the capital of a large Iberian territory and developed its own coinage (Il century B.C.). Some studies have suggested that the site was destroyed as a result of a corrective measure applied by Rome to those Iberian cities that supported the defeated Sertorian side during the civil war. The twenty three excavation campaigns carried out by the University of Valencia between 1956 and 2002 have focused on two main areas at the site containing a number houses, covering a total of ??1000 m². The excavations retrieved a great deal of findings relating to the economy of the community living at Kelin as well as the recording of several phases of the internal structure and architecture of the excavated houses.

A magnetometer survey was undertaken by a team of three people over two days in December 2013, using a single fluxgate gradiometer Bartington 601. Ten survey grids of 20x20m were recorded covering approximately 4.800 m².

The survey revealed a series of both strong magnetic responses and linear negative magnetic anomalies which seem to indicate the location of square and rectangular houses. These structures cover the whole area surveyed and seem to be distributed along a series of perpendicular and longitudinal negative or weakly positive magnetic responses which may show the distribution of roads or perimetral walls. The intensity of the strong magnetic anomalies may be associated with substantial burnt features such as mud-brick walls or other structural materials of the houses. This interpretation would seem to agree with the possible final destruction of the site. Other linear negative magnetic anomalies may be produced by the mud-brick walls that were not affected by the fire or the contrast produced by stone foundations of the houses.

The approach used in this study has proved the great potential of magnetometer survey to map the urban layout of Iberian sites with a final destruction phase in a non-invasive and cost-effective manner. Two days' survey and a small team were enough to get a complete view of the

buried structures at the site and therefore, an approximation of how Kelin looked like before its destruction. Further work intends to implement other geophysical techniques at the site to complement the magnetic results in the non-excavated area. For example, ground-penetrating radar may provide further details on some of the internal structures or information about the depth of burial of the structures.

POSTER

13. AFFORDABLE, LOW-COST TECHNIQUES FOR THE DOCUMENTATION OF CULTIVATION STRUCTURES IN THE ARID ATACAMA AREA (N. CHILE)

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The poster will summarize the methodological process for the detailed documentation of a vast complex of late Prehispanic agrarian elements (fields, irrigation canals) in the Atacama Desert (northern Chile). As opposed to the usual conditions for prospection in temperate regions, where the visibility of archaeological features is usually poor and confusing, here the extreme dryness of the landscape allowed an extraordinary preservation and visibility of fields, canals and other constructions.

The approach was initially based on a combination of visual interpretation of high resolution satellite images (GeoEye 1) and fieldwork for mapping the layout and shape of most of the elements (canals, groups of fields, settlement areas). For the accurate documentation of

smaller or densely built areas, an SFM-based photogrammetry approach was carried out, based on the use of a low cost UAV (Dji Phantom) and a consumer-grade compact digital camera for the acquisition of low altitude aerial images that allowed the generation of 3D models and orthoimages of some areas. Finally, ground based photogrammetry was also used to capture and represent some elements in greater detail.

The main result has been the construction of a highly detailed and accurate map of a complex group of archaeological structures, which has been used since for the analysis and interpretation of the area, and also for the design of new fieldwork seasons.

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14. USING AIRBORNE LASER SCANNING AND HISTORICAL AERIAL PHOTOS TO IDENTIFY MODERN AGE FORTIFICATIONS IN THE MINHO VALLEY, NORTHWEST IBERIA

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In the Institute of Heritage Sciences (Incipit), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), we have developed a transdisciplinary research project to study the Modern Age (17th century) fortified landscapes in the Galician-Portuguese border. In recent years, different techniques based on geospatial technologies for landscape analysis have allowed us, among other things, to identify and visualize some of these fortifications, to analyse their conservation status and to understand their relationship with other fortified elements. Among these techniques, we include the photogrammetric restitution of historical aerial photos and airborne laser scanning data.

The research of this fortified landscape was based on documentary and bibliographic sources, archaeologi-

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The Lower Manyara Beds were successfully delineated with ASTER multispectral data. Several distinct paleoshorelines were detected with height levels between 10 m and 80 m above todays lake level of Lake Manyara. The results coincide to a high degree with field reference data collected during four field campaigns.

With multispectral band rationing techniques it was possible to extract the maximum visible extent of the Lower Manyara Beds and therewith a preliminary maximum lake level which is located more than 27 km east of today's shoreline. With TerraSAR-X images paleo-shorelines were successfully detected, which could not be delineated in detail by optical remote sensing techniques. The most elevated paleo-shoreline is with an elevation of 80 m above today's lake level on the same elevation as the lowest possible outlet of the endorheic Lake Manyara. Therefore an overflow into the neighboring Lake Engaruka and Natron / Magadi basins seems likely.

POSTER

12. THE POTENTIAL OF MAGNETOMETRY TO SUR-VEY IBERIAN SETTLEMENTS: REVEALING THE HID-DEN URBANISM OF "LOS VILLARES" (CAUDETE DE LAS FUENTES, VALENCIA)

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This poster shows the results of a magnetometer survey carried out at 'Los Villares', an Iberian site located in a hillfort near the municipality of 'Caudete de las Fuentes', in the Utiel-Requena district (Valencia, Spain). The aim of the survey was to map the extent of buried structures in the area using non-invasive methods. The project is a collaboration between GeoSat Research (Greece) and the department of Archaeology of the University of Valencia (Spain).

The site has been identified as the ancient city of Kelin, where its extensive chronology expands from the beginning of the Iron Age (about 680 B.C.) to ibero-roman times (75 B.C.). Kelin became the capital of a large Iberian territory and developed its own coinage (Il century B.C.). Some studies have suggested that the site was destroyed as a result of a corrective measure applied by Rome to those Iberian cities that supported the defeated Sertorian side during the civil war. The twenty three excavation campaigns carried out by the University of Valencia between 1956 and 2002 have focused on two main areas at the site containing a number houses, covering a total of ??1000 m². The excavations retrieved a great deal of findings relating to the economy of the community living at Kelin as well as the recording of several phases of the internal structure and architecture of the excavated houses.

A magnetometer survey was undertaken by a team of three people over two days in December 2013, using a single fluxgate gradiometer Bartington 601. Ten survey grids of 20x20m were recorded covering approximately 4.800 m².

The survey revealed a series of both strong magnetic responses and linear negative magnetic anomalies which seem to indicate the location of square and rectangular houses. These structures cover the whole area surveyed and seem to be distributed along a series of perpendicular and longitudinal negative or weakly positive magnetic responses which may show the distribution of roads or perimetral walls. The intensity of the strong magnetic anomalies may be associated with substantial burnt features such as mud-brick walls or other structural materials of the houses. This interpretation would seem to agree with the possible final destruction of the site. Other linear negative magnetic anomalies may be produced by the mud-brick walls that were not affected by the fire or the contrast produced by stone foundations of the houses.

The approach used in this study has proved the great potential of magnetometer survey to map the urban layout of Iberian sites with a final destruction phase in a non-invasive and cost-effective manner. Two days' survey and a small team were enough to get a complete view of the

buried structures at the site and therefore, an approximation of how Kelin looked like before its destruction. Further work intends to implement other geophysical techniques at the site to complement the magnetic results in the non-excavated area. For example, ground-penetrating radar may provide further details on some of the internal structures or information about the depth of burial of the structures.

POSTER

13. AFFORDABLE, LOW-COST TECHNIQUES FOR THE DOCUMENTATION OF CULTIVATION STRUCTURES IN THE ARID ATACAMA AREA (N. CHILE)

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The poster will summarize the methodological process for the detailed documentation of a vast complex of late Prehispanic agrarian elements (fields, irrigation canals) in the Atacama Desert (northern Chile). As opposed to the usual conditions for prospection in temperate regions, where the visibility of archaeological features is usually poor and confusing, here the extreme dryness of the landscape allowed an extraordinary preservation and visibility of fields, canals and other constructions.

The approach was initially based on a combination of visual interpretation of high resolution satellite images (GeoEye 1) and fieldwork for mapping the layout and shape of most of the elements (canals, groups of fields, settlement areas). For the accurate documentation of

smaller or densely built areas, an SFM-based photogrammetry approach was carried out, based on the use of a low cost UAV (Dji Phantom) and a consumer-grade compact digital camera for the acquisition of low altitude aerial images that allowed the generation of 3D models and orthoimages of some areas. Finally, ground based photogrammetry was also used to capture and represent some elements in greater detail.

The main result has been the construction of a highly detailed and accurate map of a complex group of archaeological structures, which has been used since for the analysis and interpretation of the area, and also for the design of new fieldwork seasons.

POSTER

14. USING AIRBORNE LASER SCANNING AND HISTORICAL AERIAL PHOTOS TO IDENTIFY MODERN AGE FORTIFICATIONS IN THE MINHO VALLEY, NORTHWEST IBERIA

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In the Institute of Heritage Sciences (Incipit), Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), we have developed a transdisciplinary research project to study the Modern Age (17th century) fortified landscapes in the Galician-Portuguese border. In recent years, different techniques based on geospatial technologies for landscape analysis have allowed us, among other things, to identify and visualize some of these fortifications, to analyse their conservation status and to understand their relationship with other fortified elements. Among these techniques, we include the photogrammetric restitution of historical aerial photos and airborne laser scanning data.

The research of this fortified landscape was based on documentary and bibliographic sources, archaeologi-

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