

Using space technology for lithium exploration

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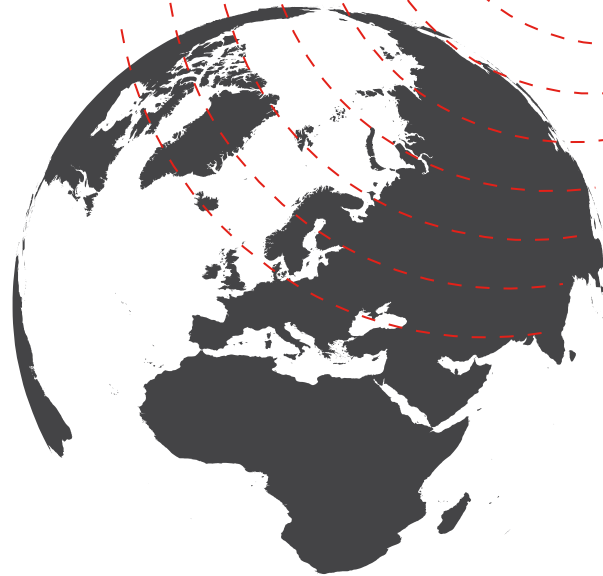
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Satellite Applications

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The Catapult



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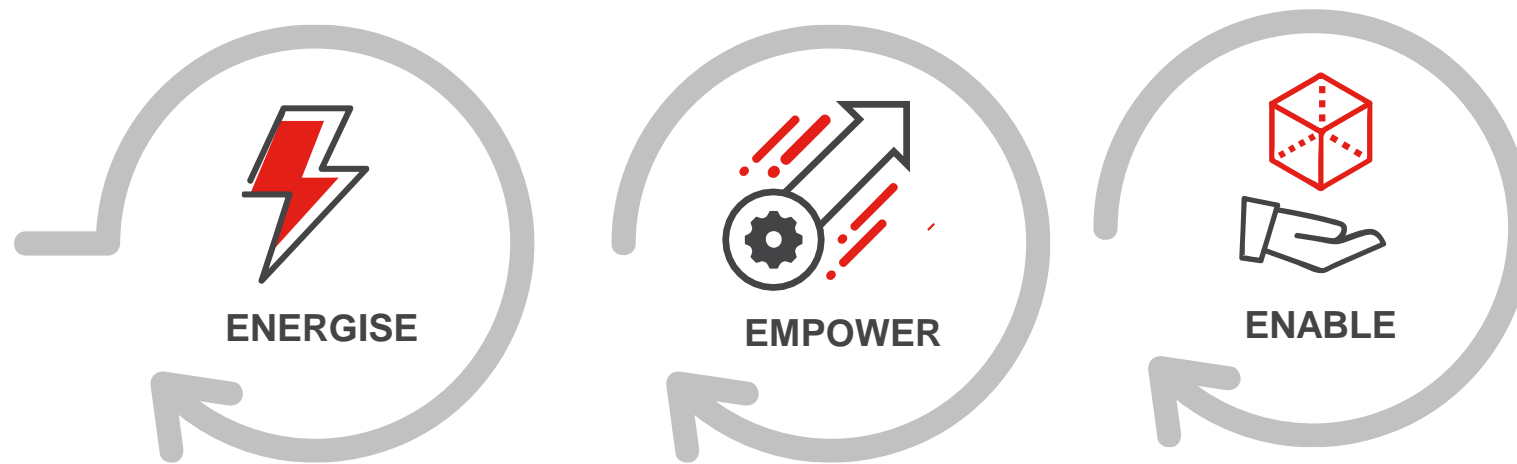


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3 things



Across Global
Markets



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TRANSPORT



Extractive
Industries



Agriculture



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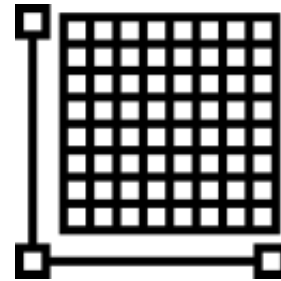
Satellite's in the 21st Century



Costs



Relevance

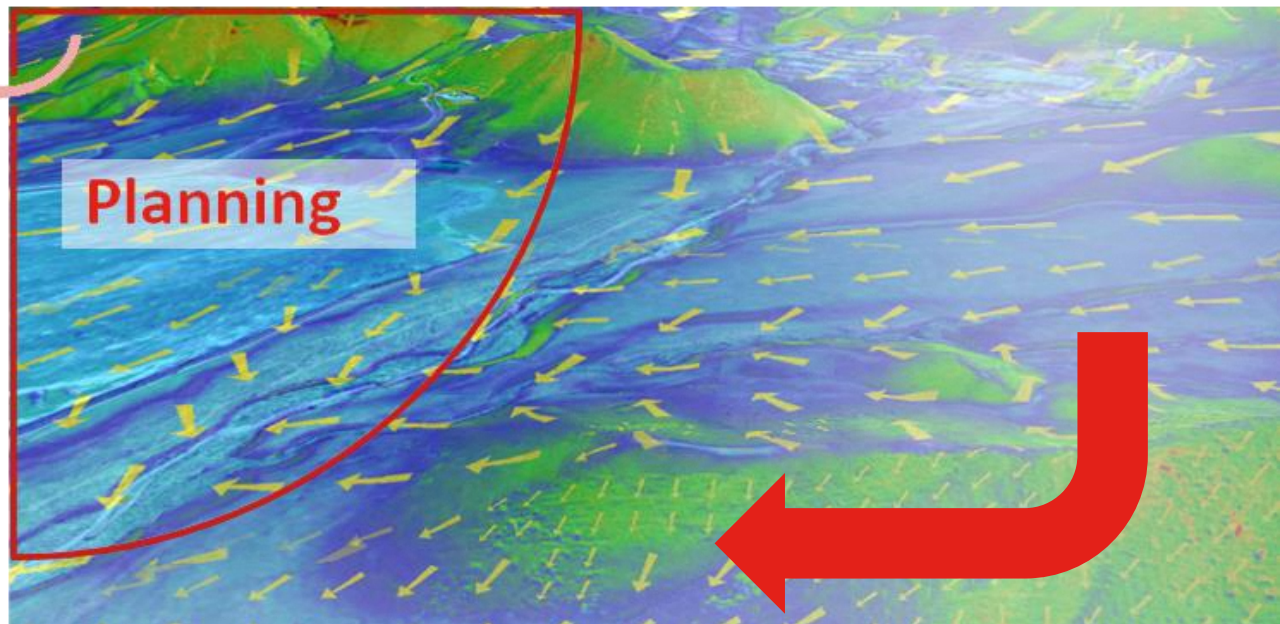


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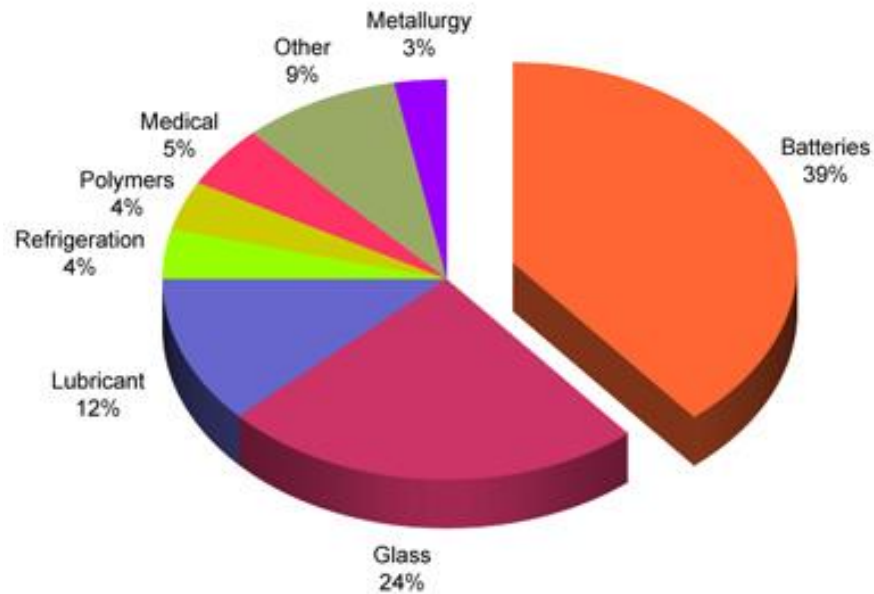


Access





Why Lithium?



Estimated
3.9 Million
metric Tons of
recoverable Lithium*

2018 **5.1m** Electric
Vehicles
2030 130m
Electric Vehicles**

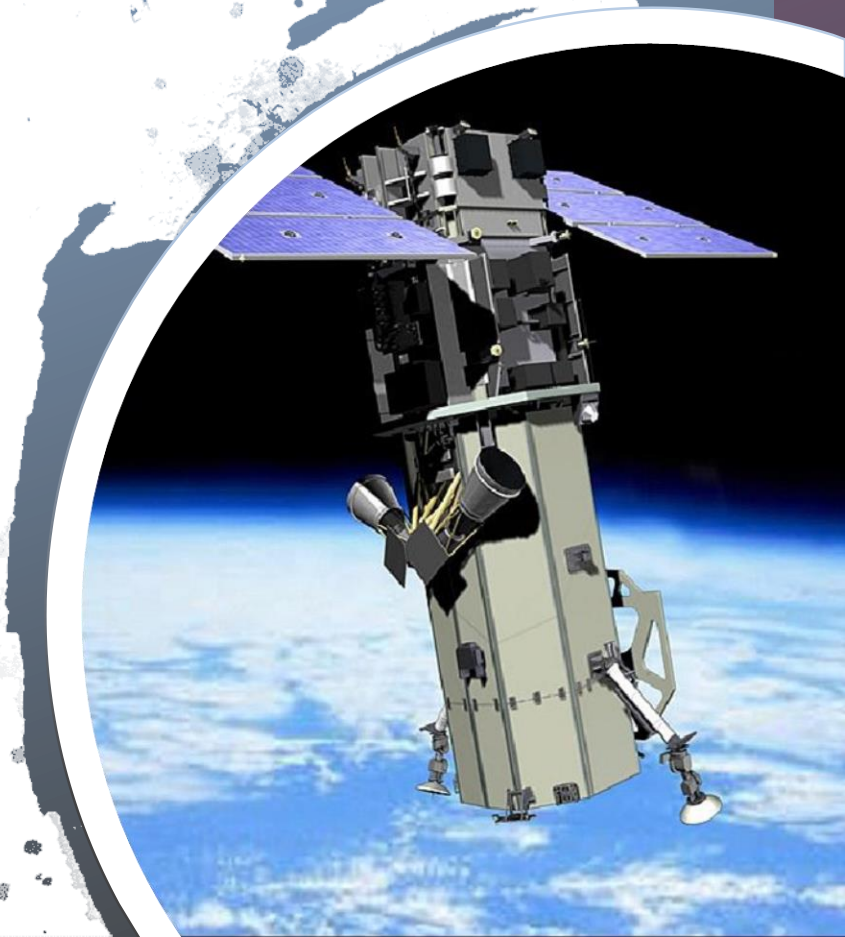
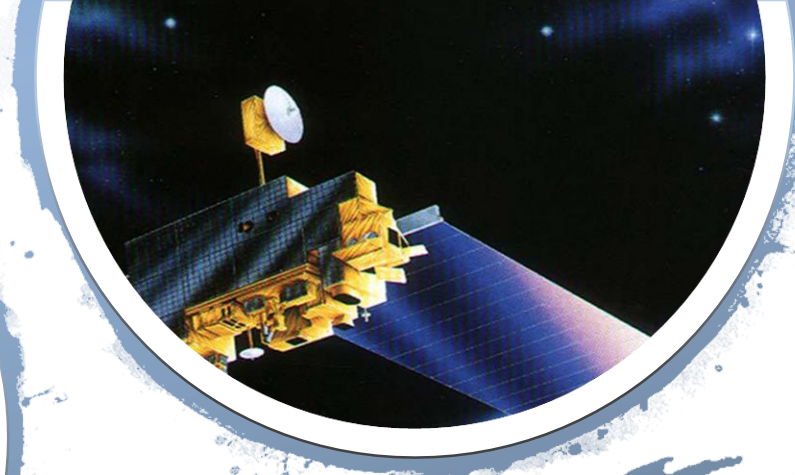
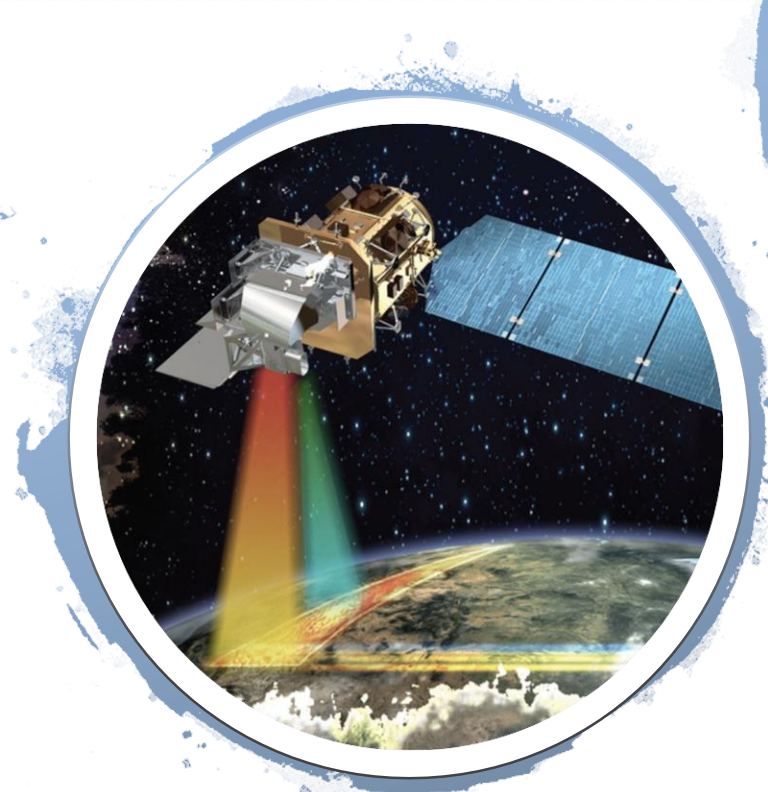
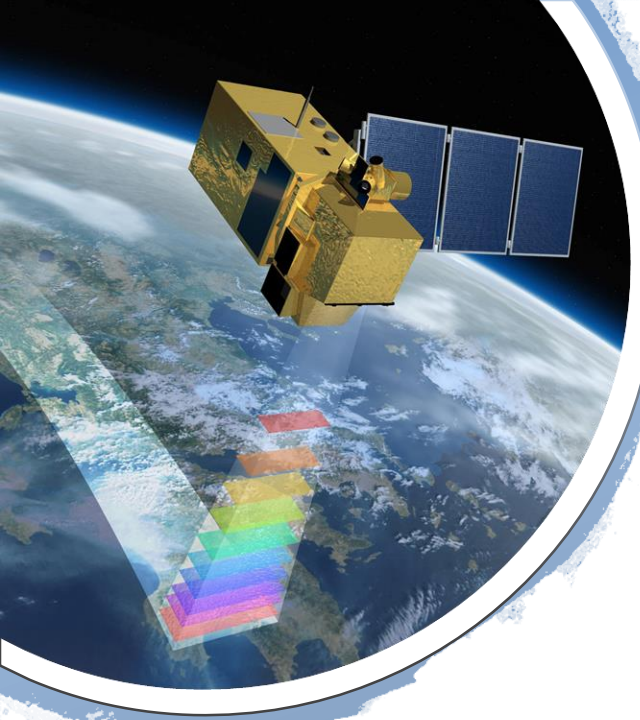
Sources: *<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2017-09-27/take-peak-lithium-forecasts-with-a-pinch-of-andean-salt>

** Global EV Outlook Publication IEA.





Lithium In Cornwall



Using Satellite Technology to
derive lithium perspective maps

Lithium Exploration in the UK

Geology



Vegetation



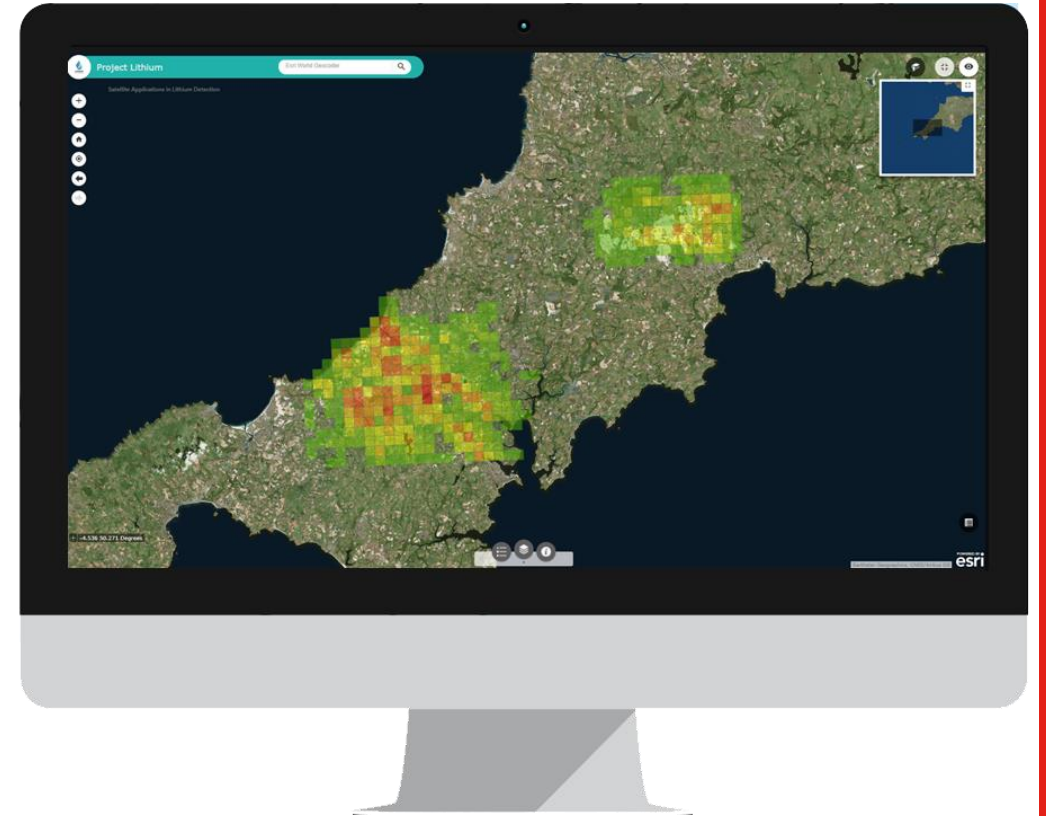
Faults



Environment



Data Integration and Analysis



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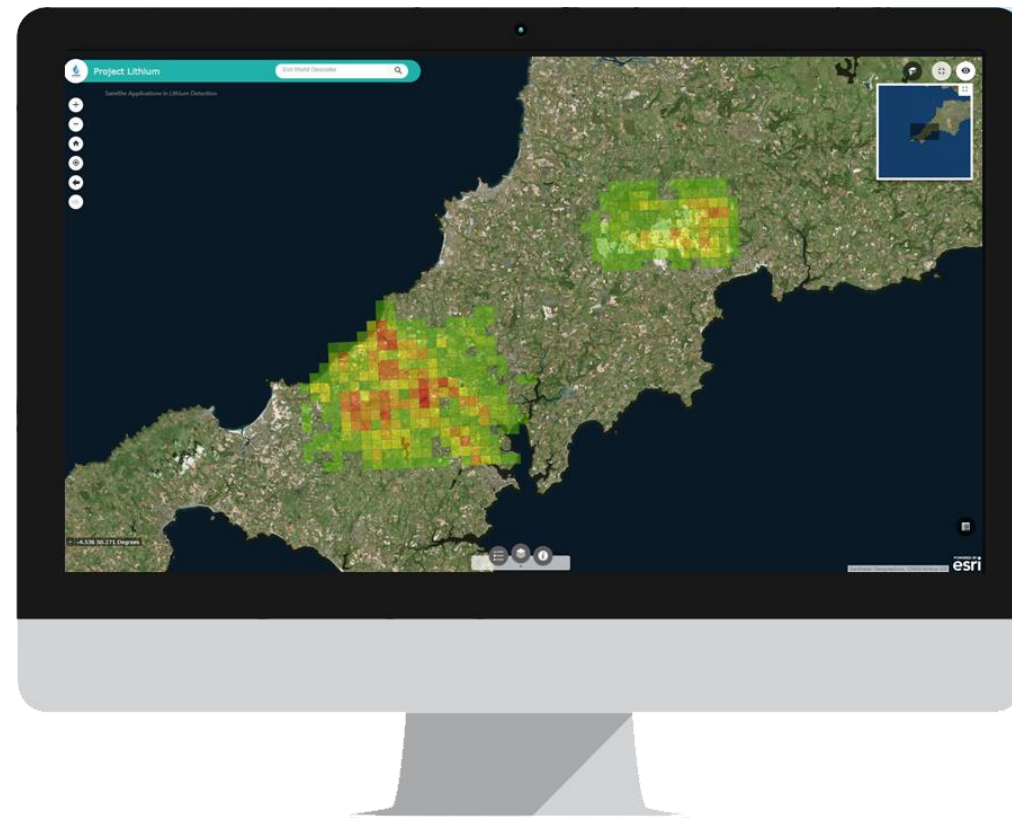
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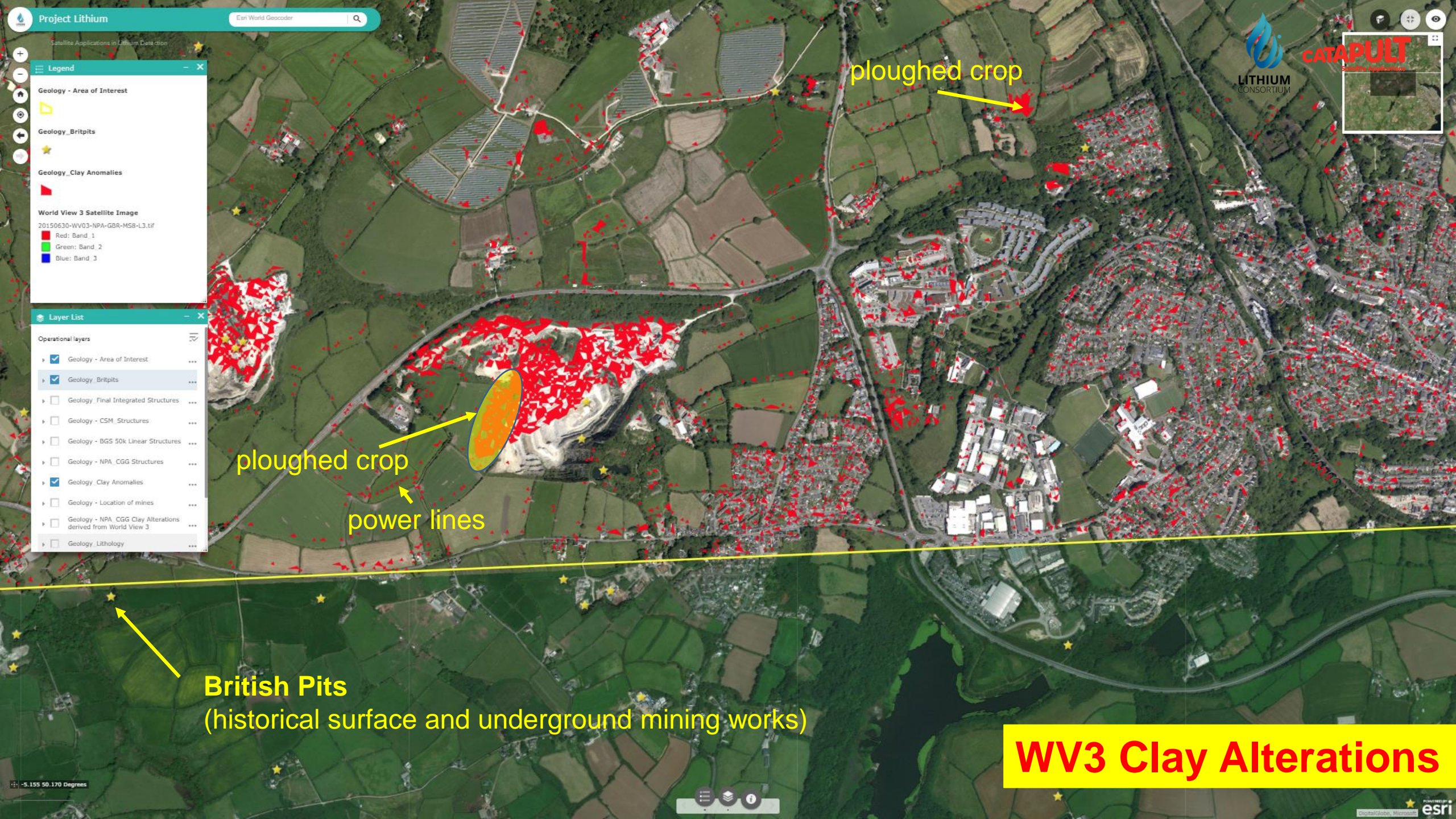


Environment



Data Integration and Analysis





Legend

Geology - Area of Interest

Geology_Britpits

Geology_Clay Anomalies

World View 3 Satellite Image
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- Red: Band 1
- Green: Band 2
- Blue: Band 3

Layer List

Operational layers

- Geology - Area of Interest
- Geology_Britpits
- Geology_Final Integrated Structures
- Geology_CSM Structures
- Geology_BGS 50k Linear Structures
- Geology_NPA_CGG Structures
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- Geology_Lithology

ploughed crop



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power lines

British Pits
(historical surface and underground mining works)

WV3 Clay Alterations

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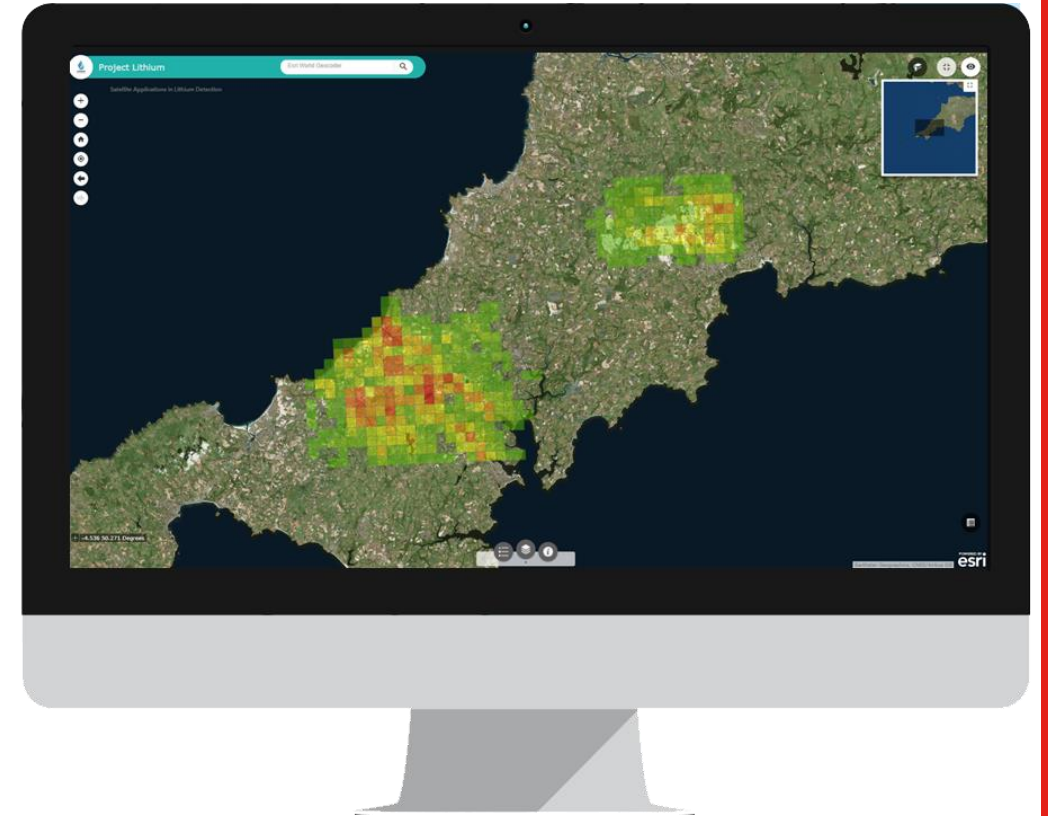
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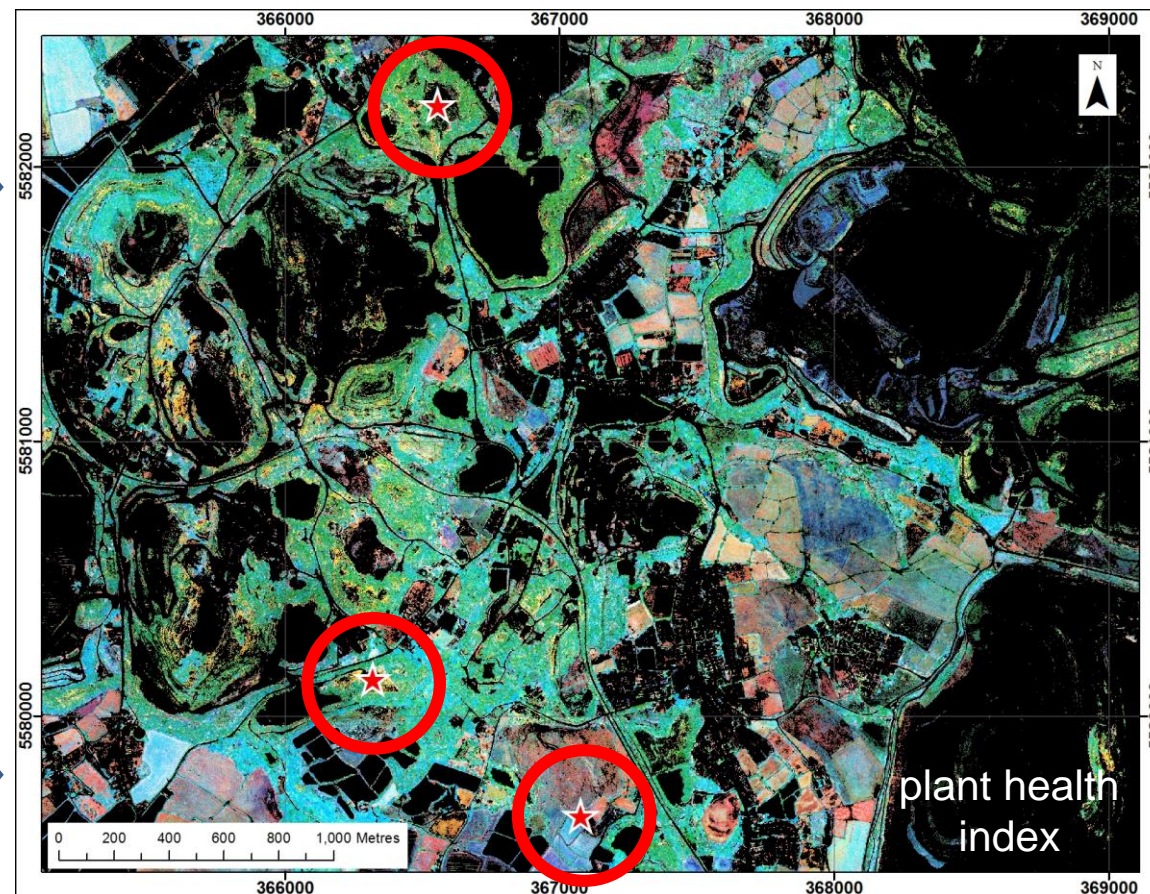
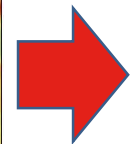
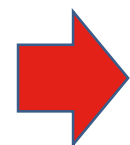
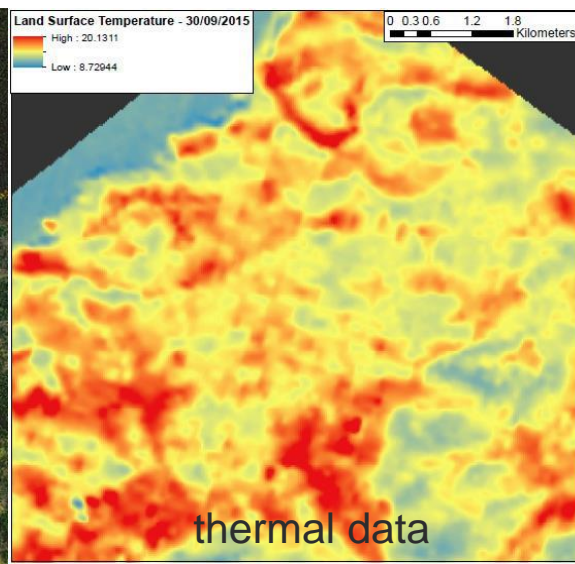
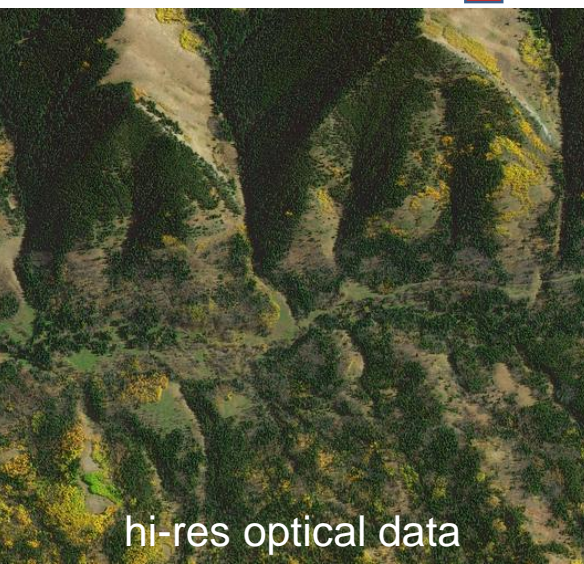
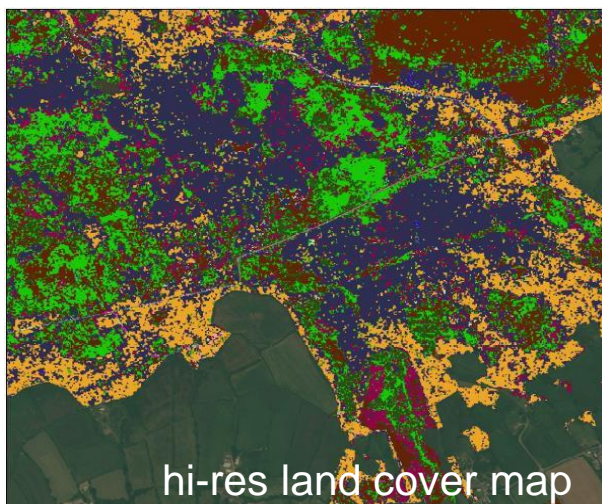
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Vegetation anomalies extraction

Natural Vegetation Classes

- Bare Soil
- Bracken
- Coniferous Woodland
- Established Broadleaved Woodland
- Heathland
- Japanese Knottweed
- Mature Broadleaved Woodland
- Moorland Rushes/ Sedges
- Natural Grassland
- Pine Trees
- Reclaimed Grassland
- Rhododendrum
- Scrubland & Saplings



Satellite Applications in Lithium Detection

Legend

Vegetation

Final_sco

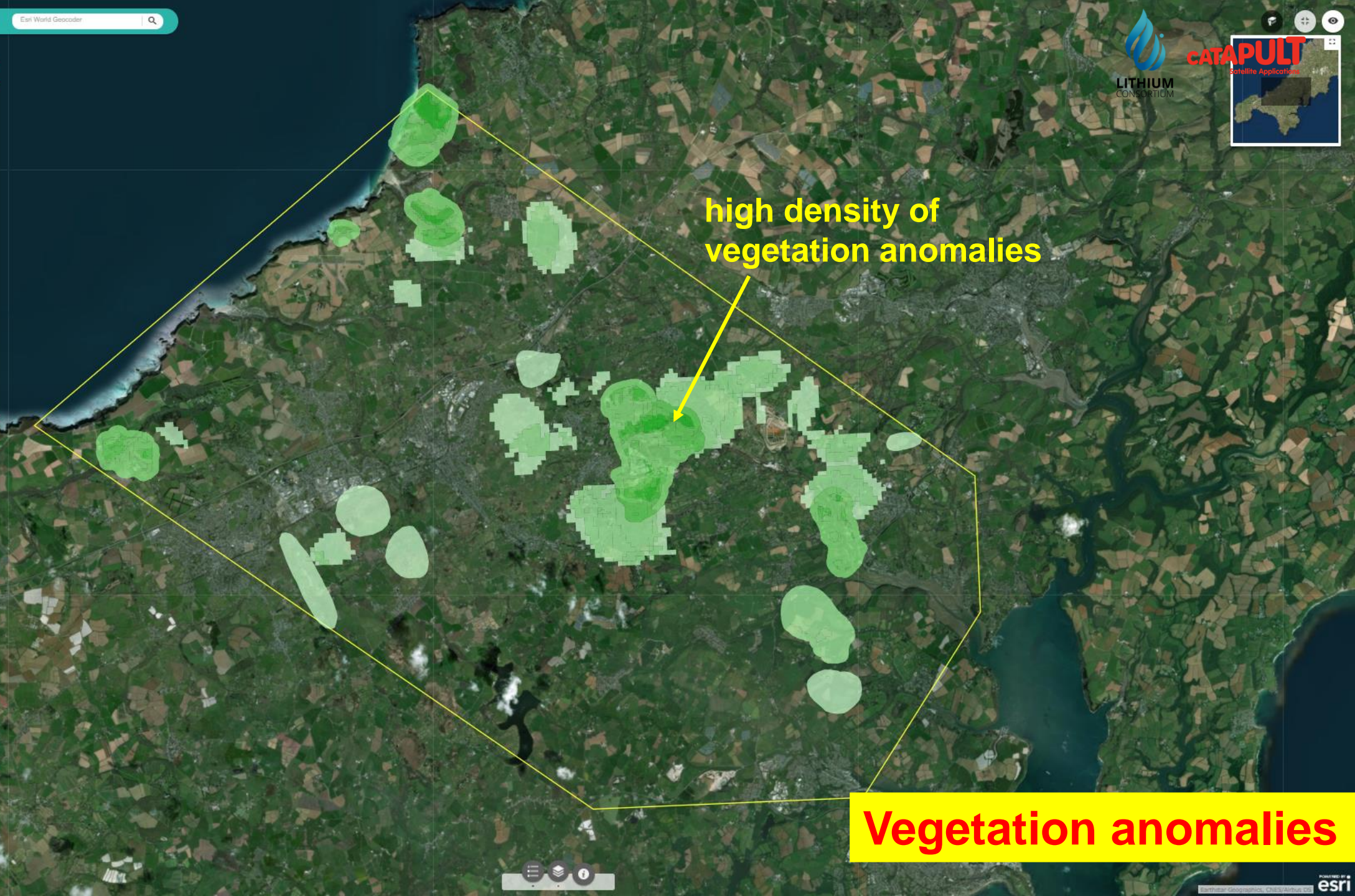
- 18 - 22
- 15 - 17
- 12 - 14
- 7 - 11
- 3 - 6
- 0 - 2

Lithium - AOI

Layer List

Operational layers

- Vegetation
- Lithium - AOI
- Land Use Map
- Landsat Thermal Bands
- Satellite Derived Vegetation Indices



high density of vegetation anomalies

Vegetation anomalies

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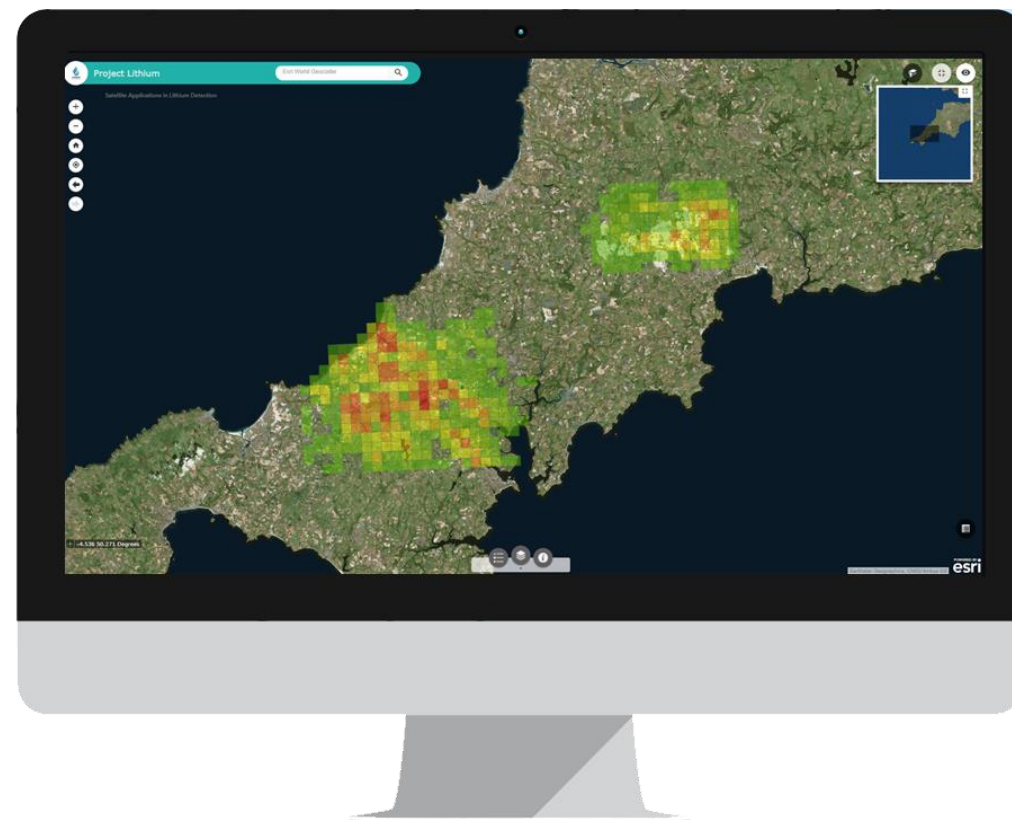
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
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Geology - Area of Interest



Lidar derived DSM
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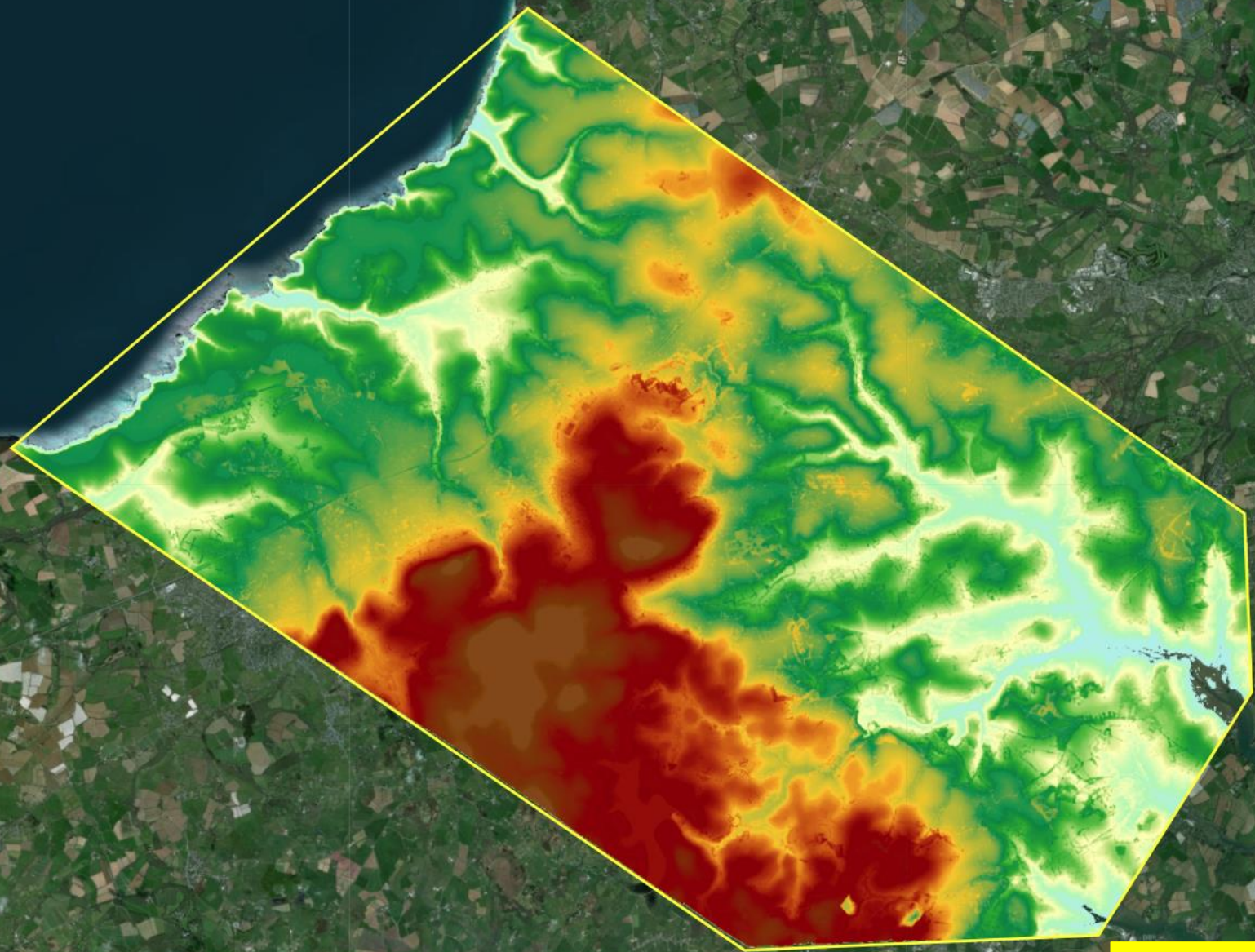
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Low : 0.000644684

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Digital Surface Model



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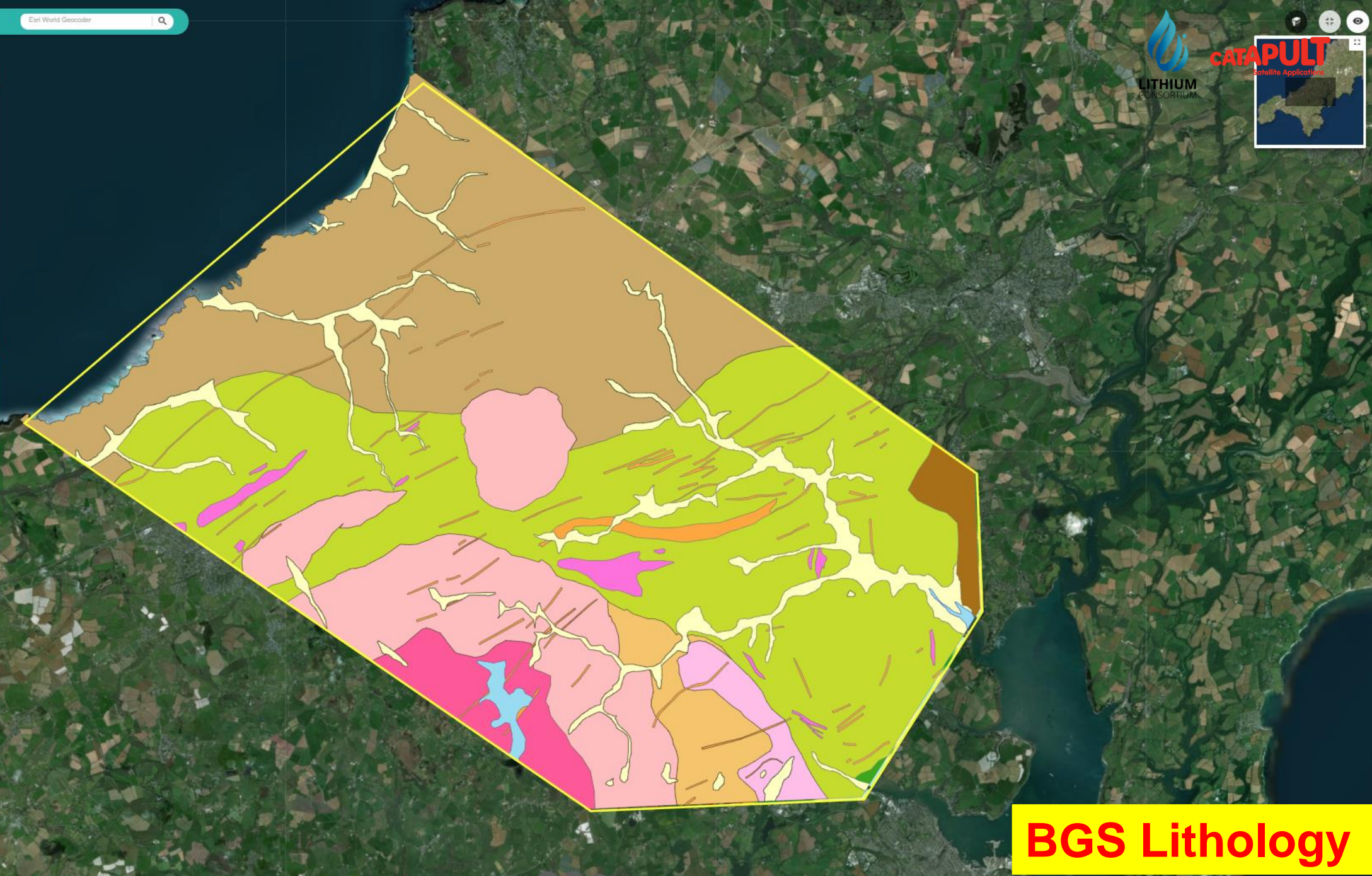
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Geology_Lithology

- D'
- F
- G
- G'
- Ga
- Gb
- Gc
- Gd
- Gl
- MB
- MvST

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BGS Lithology

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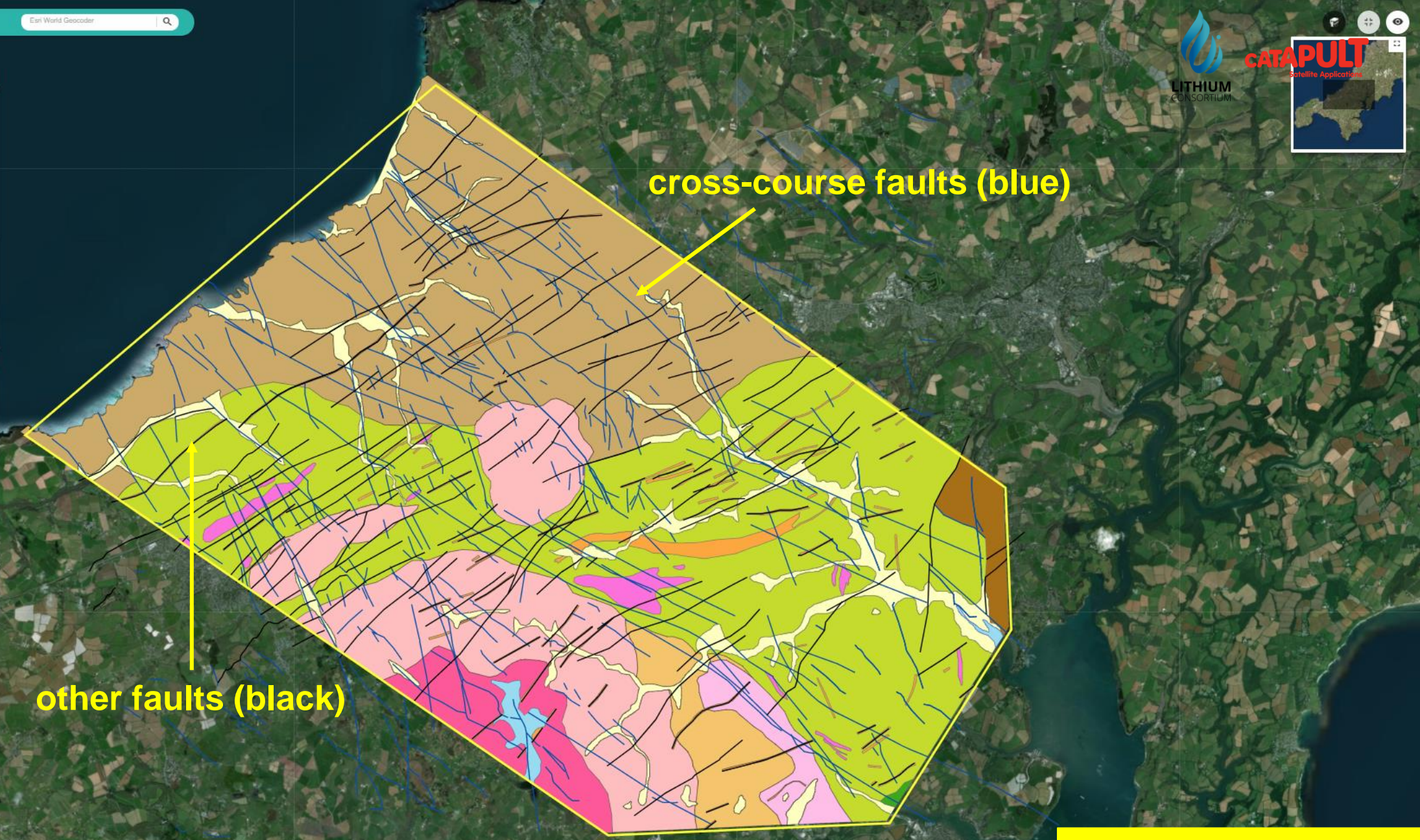
- Crosscourse
- Other-NESW

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Derived Faults

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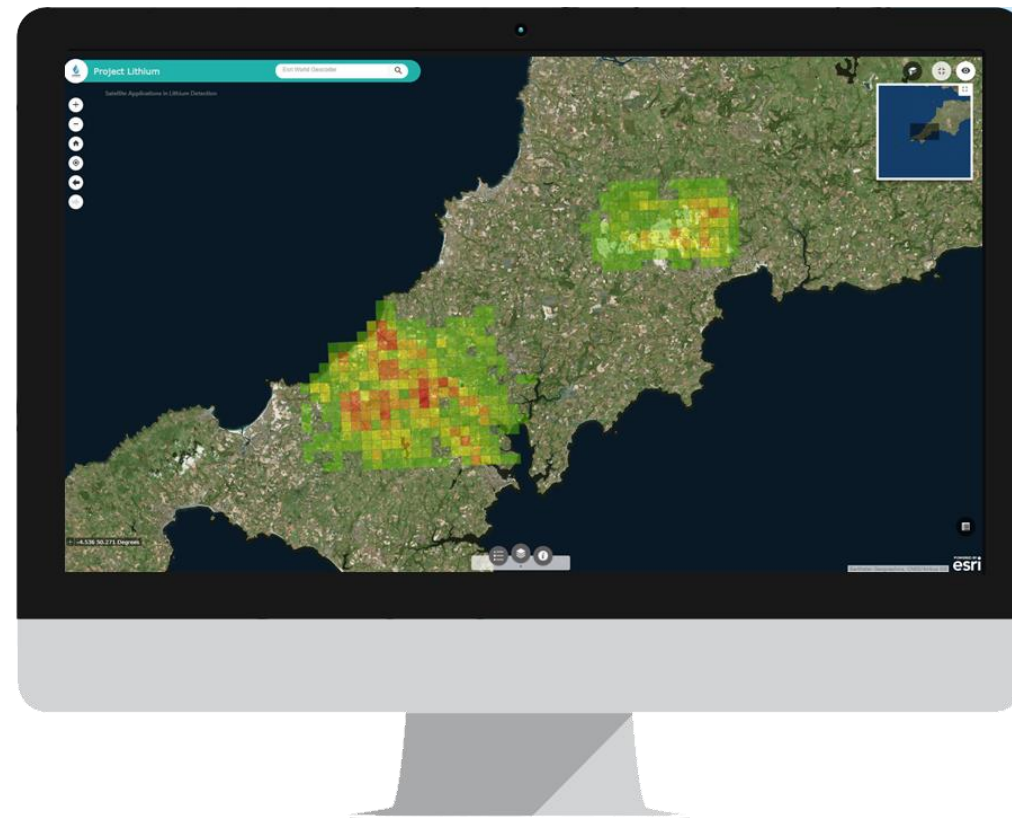
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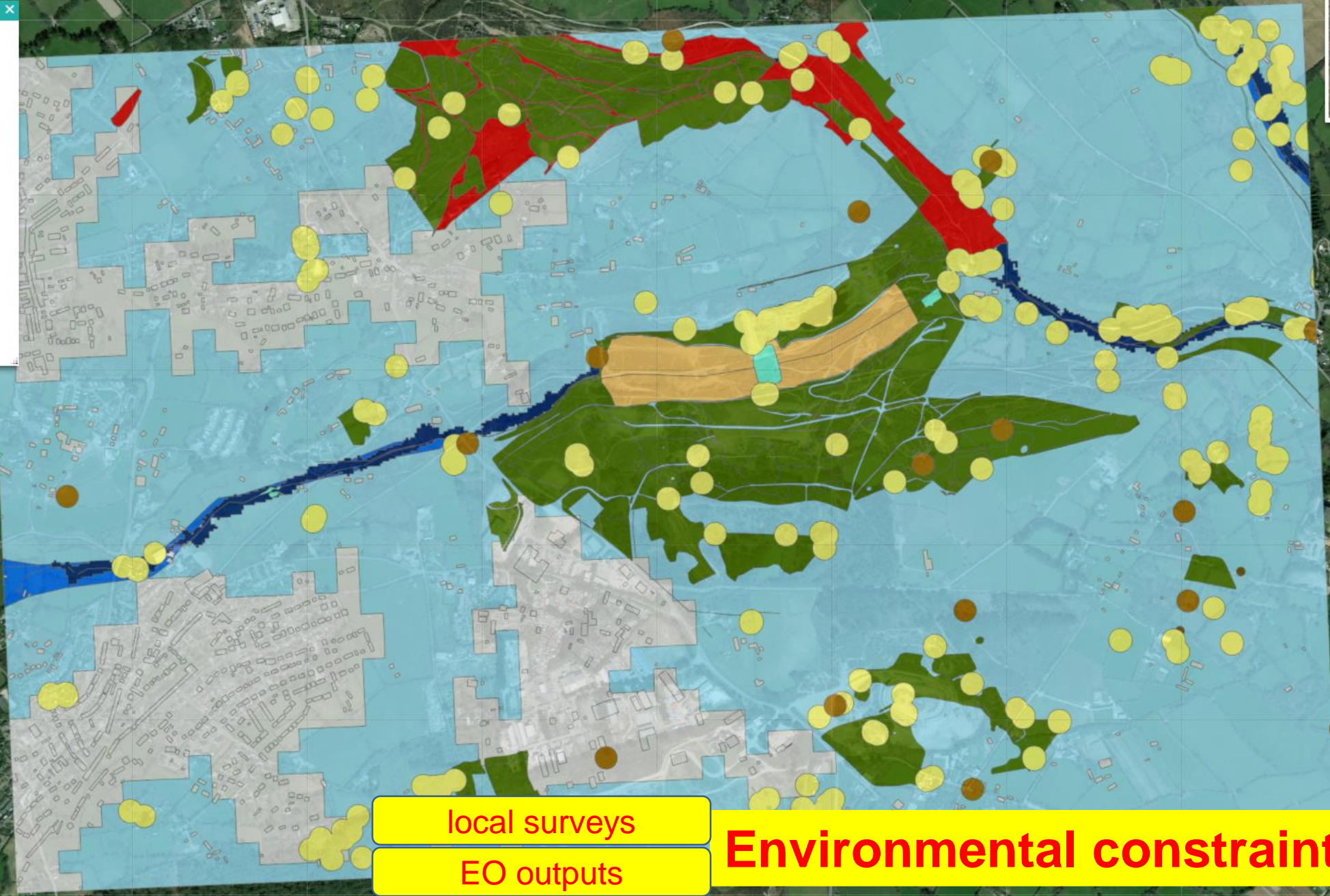
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Legend

EIA

- Constraints
- Aquifer, Superficial
- Priority Habitats
- Buildings
- Surface Water
- Japanese Knotweed
- SSSI
- Flood Risk Zone 3
- Contaminated Land
- Engine House
- Mine Site
- Aquifer, Bedrock



local surveys
EO outputs

Environmental constraint map

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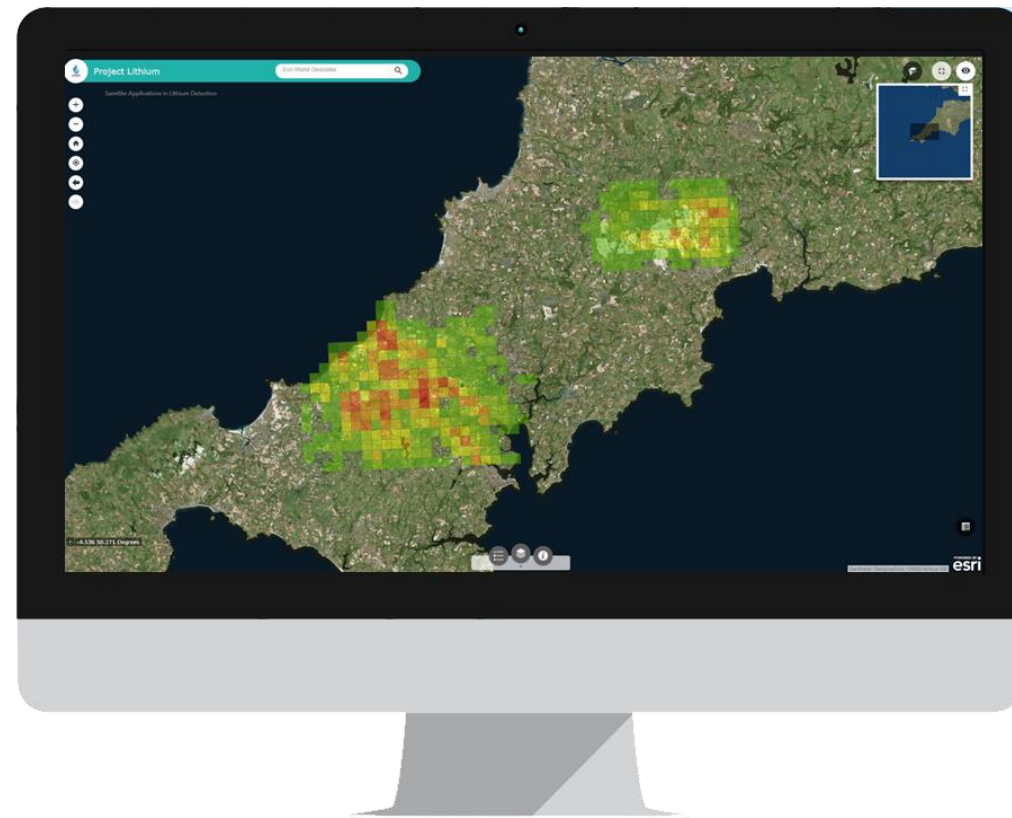
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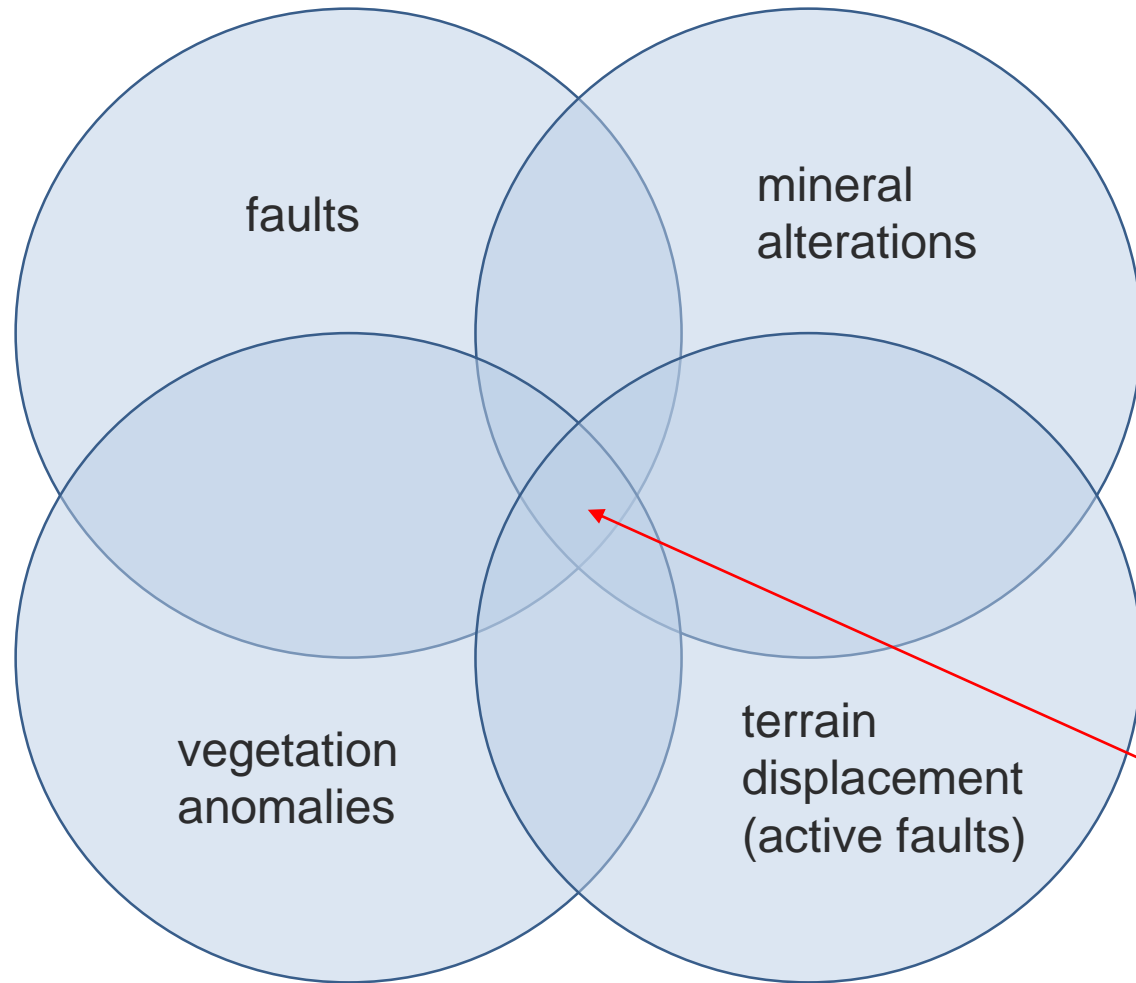
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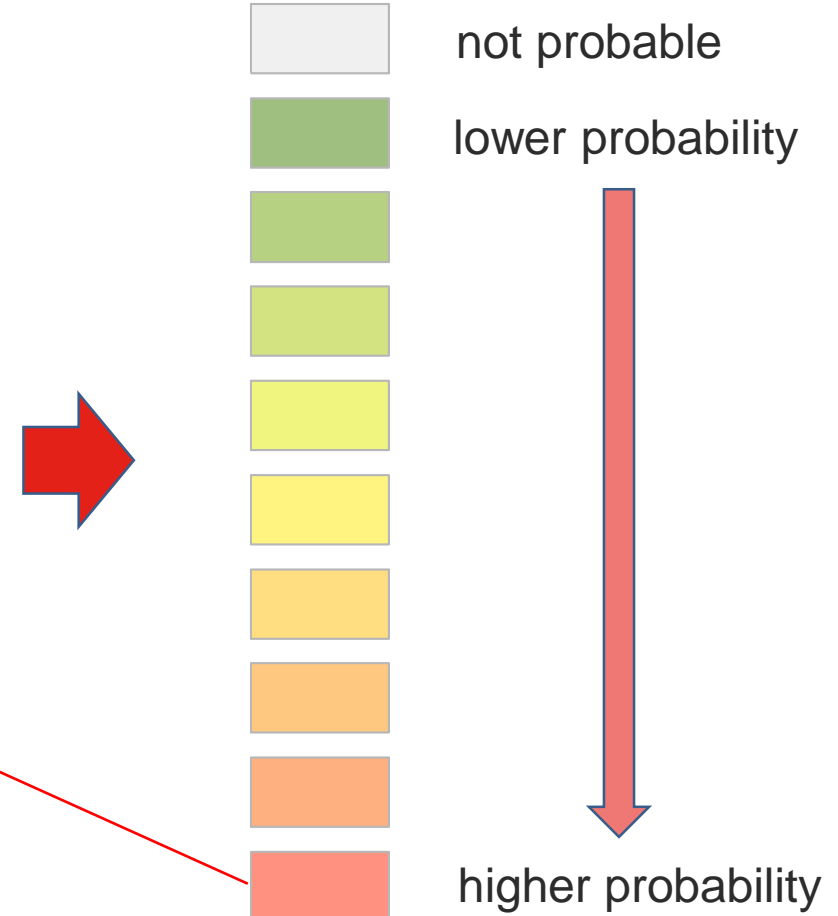
**Data Integration
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Prospectivity map

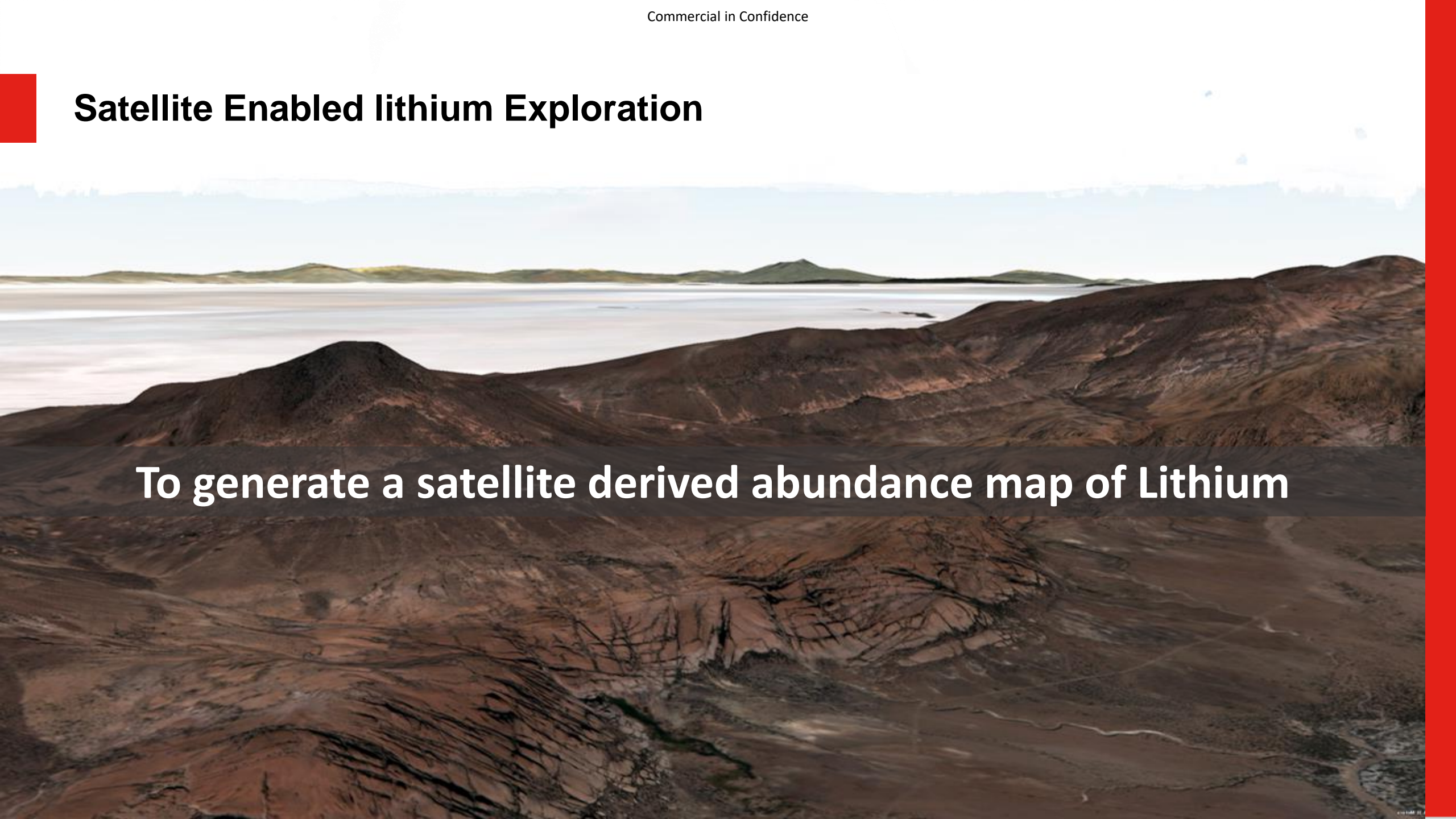


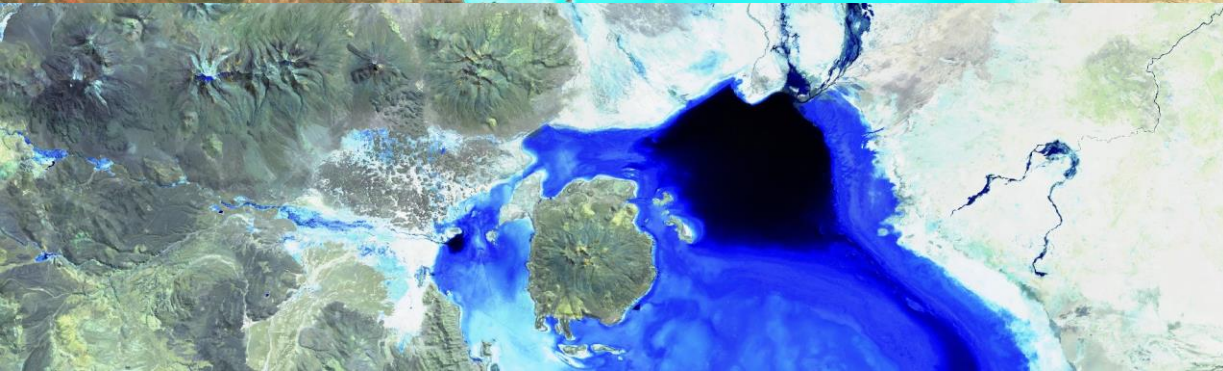
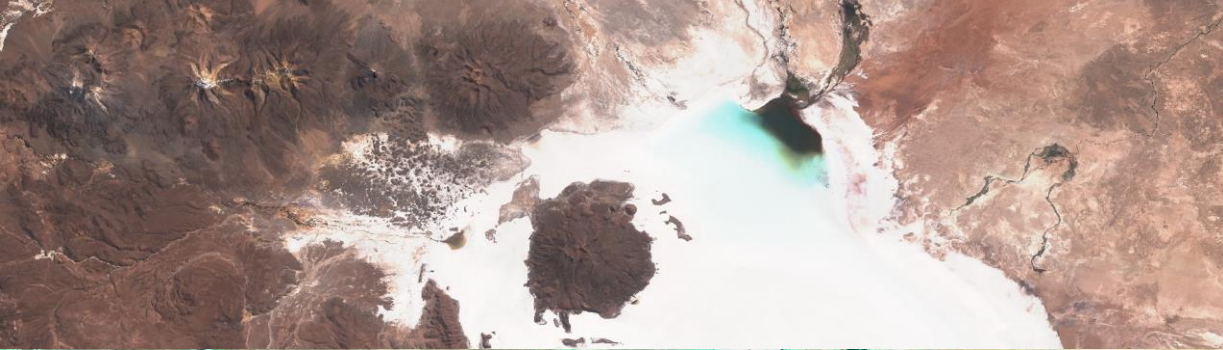
1 sqkm probability of Li occurrence



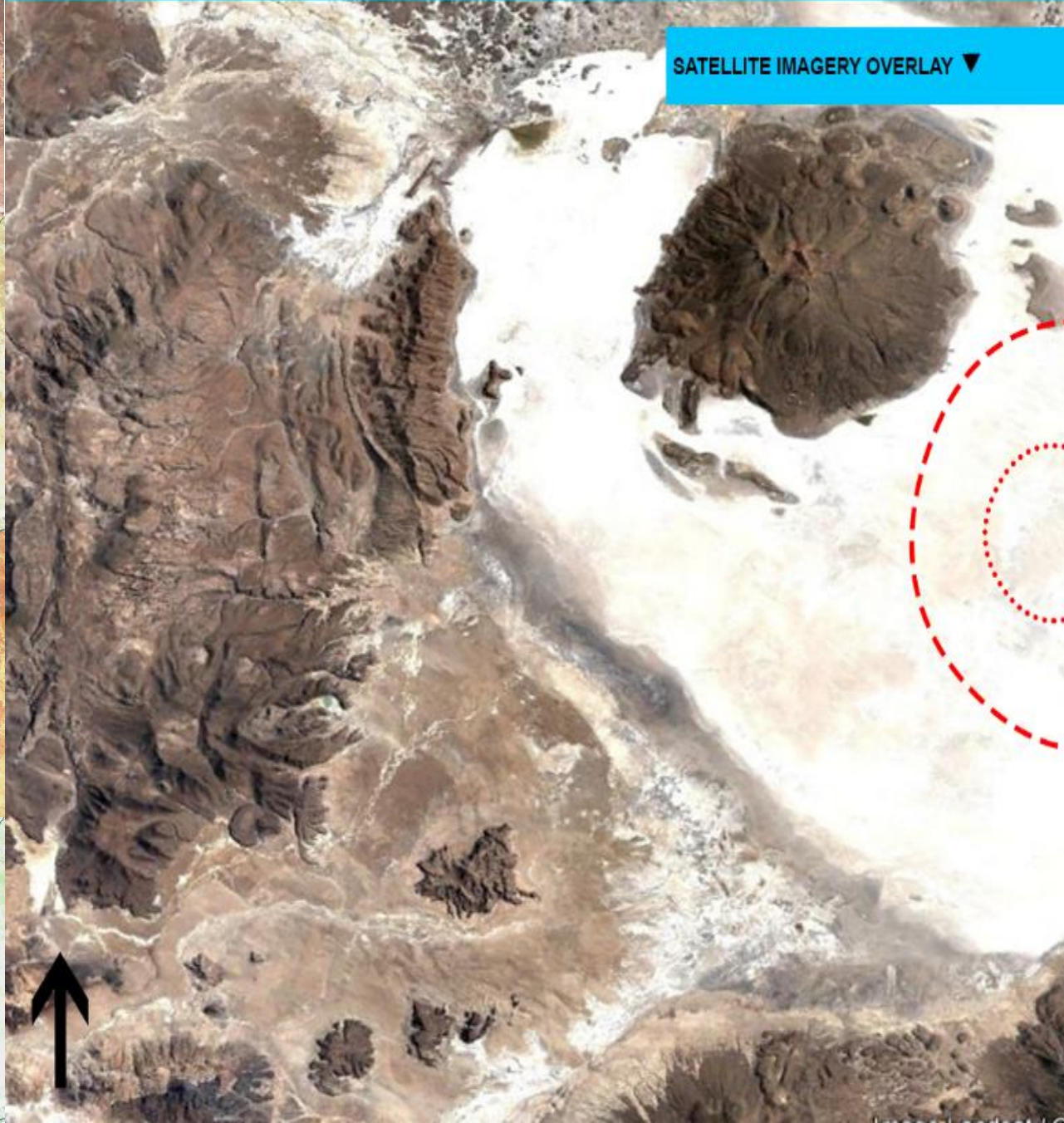
Satellite Enabled lithium Exploration

To generate a satellite derived abundance map of Lithium





SATELLITE IMAGERY OVERLAY ▼



Socio-environmental Considerations

Sustainable extraction of lithium is key



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