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Introduction



This study aims to present the temporal land use changes in the mega city of Istanbul, Turkey between 1903 and 2010.

Urbanization has been rapidly increased due to industrialization and immigration from the other regions of Turkey especially after the year of 1960s.

In this study, spatial distribution of urban sprawls and their temporal changes were analyzed and presented using different types of spatial data such as hard copy map produced in the year of 1903 and remotely sensed data obtained in 1987 and 2010. The conducted methodology to process these spatial data is presented in the study.



Introduction



In the study the temporal impact of rapid urban growth on forest cover in the mega city of Istanbul between the years of 1987-2007 were also examined.

Spatial distribution of forests and their temporal changes were analyzed and presented by utilizing the modern technologies of Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

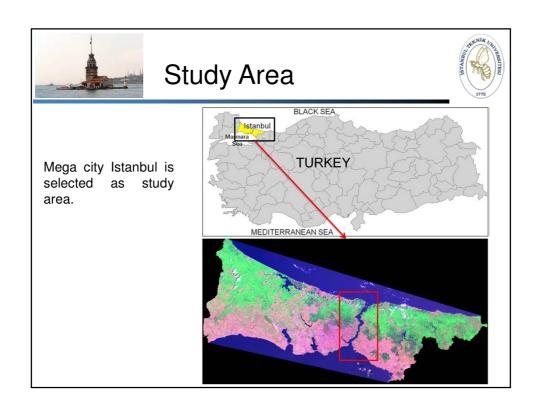
The VIS model is applied to differentiate urban land from rural land and to conduct urban morphology of the developed areas under three basic components of vegetation-impervious land and soil. Such practices enable to qualitatively and quantitatively calculate the spatial changes in selected areas.



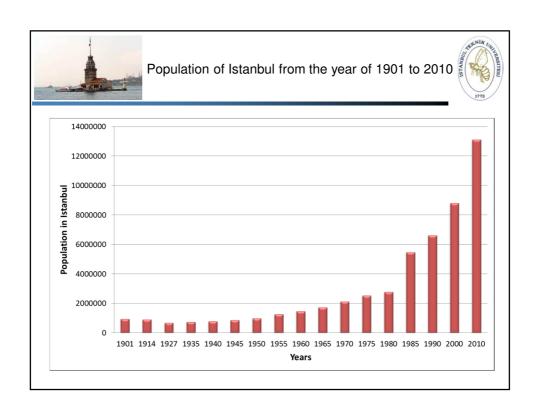
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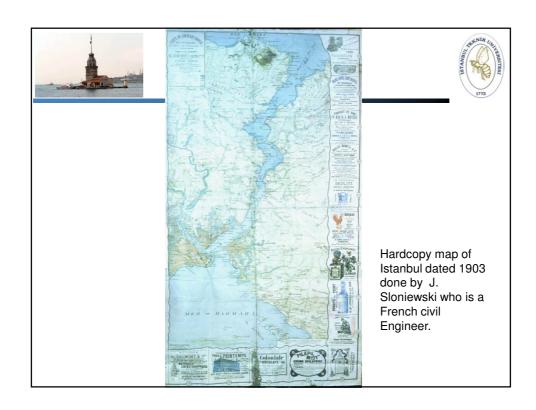


Istanbul is ranked among the first 20 crowded cities of the world. Beyond its current population around 13 million (12 915 158 in the year of 2009 according to the official figures), during the history of this old and ancient city that has hosted many different civilizations, it has always gained an attraction for human settlement due to its geographical location. The population of the city has been rapidly increased from the year of 1985 (5842985 capita) to present.







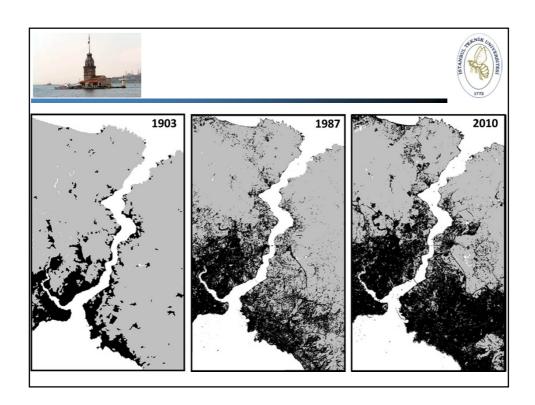






	1987 (ha)	2010 (ha)
Urban	19258.92	27719.46
Agriculture	8427.78	3150.98
Water	17732.60	17789.90
Forest	34771.41	31530.37
Total	80190.71	80190.71

Land use changes between 1987 and 2010

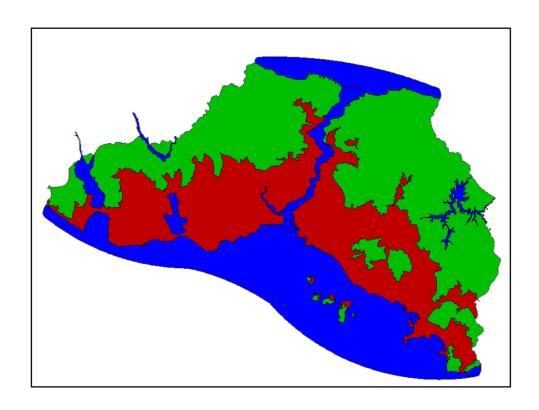




Why Land use/cover Detection?

- **4** Urban Planning,
- $\ \ \, \rule{0mm}{4}$ Environmental research and protection,
- Transportation planning and management,
- ♣ Facility planning and management.

Land use classes are; Artificial Surfaces (Residential, commercial, industrial areas...), Agricultural Areas (Greenhouses, irrigated areas...), Forests and Semi-Natural Areas (forests, forests planted by human...), Wetlands, Water Bodies (Sea, ocean, lake...)

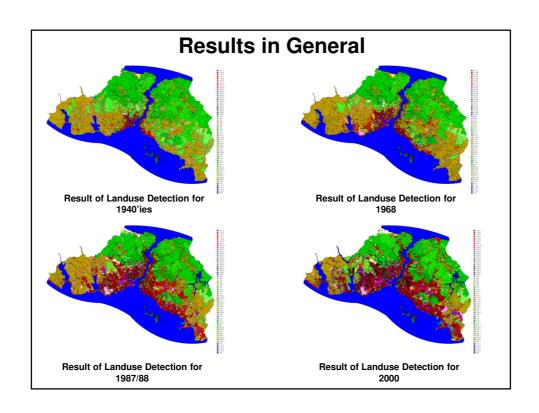


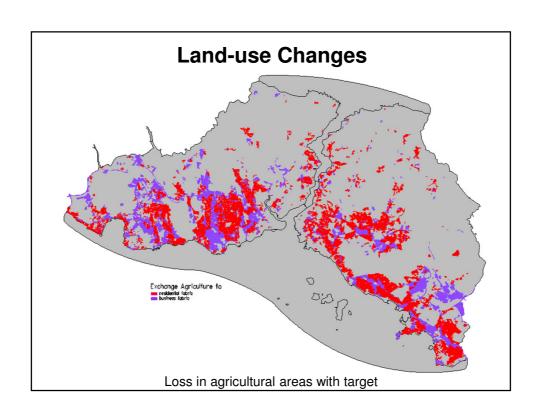


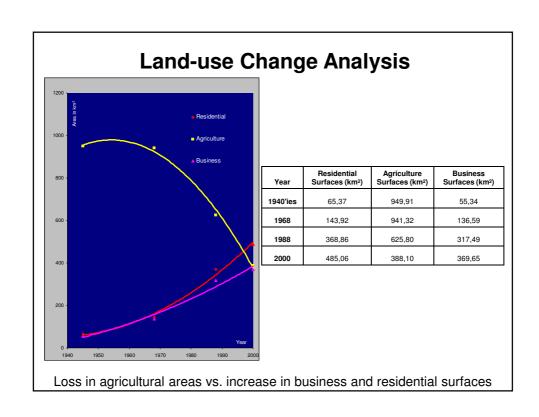
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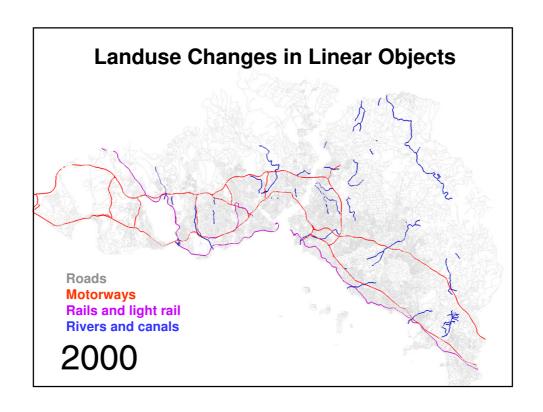


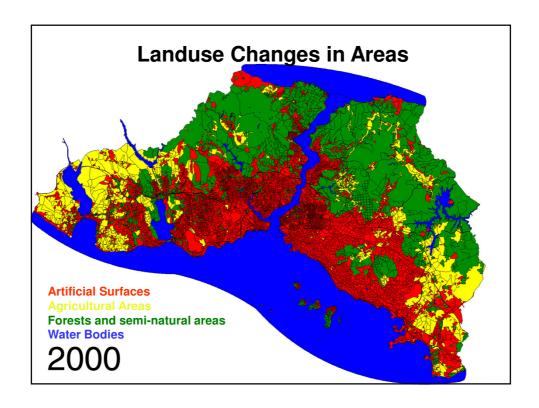
- ✓ IKONOS and IRS 1C/D satellite images for 2000
- \checkmark Topographical maps (Scales 1:25 000, 1:5 000 and 1:1 000)
- ✓ KFA and KVR images for 1987/88
- \checkmark Aerial photographs for 1968 and 1940'ies (~1:35 000 and ~1:42 000)
- **✓**DEM











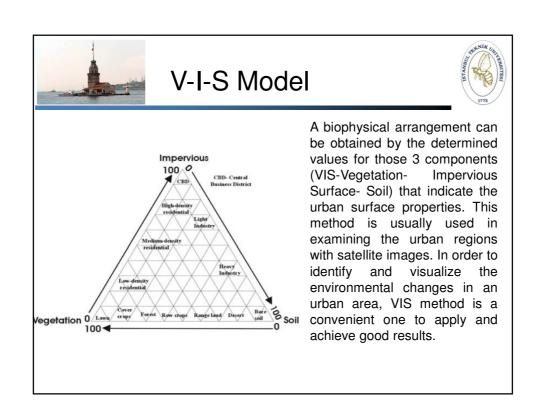


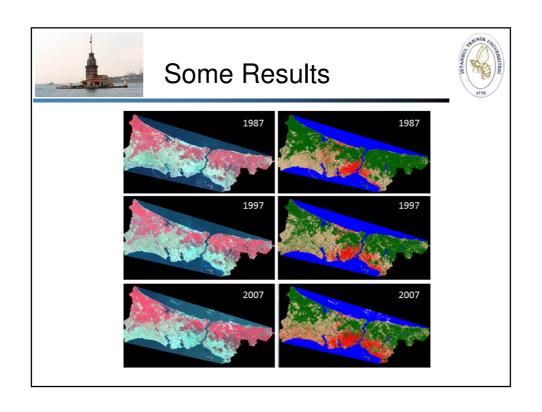


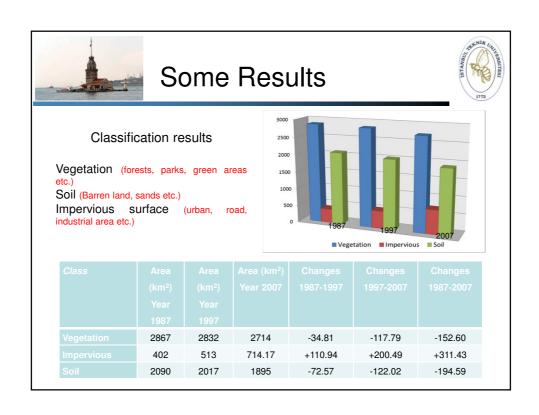
In the second part of the study, to identify the diminishing of forest areas within years due to rapid urbanization by using Landsat images and to alert the decision makers and those interested parties on the severe loss of forest areas.

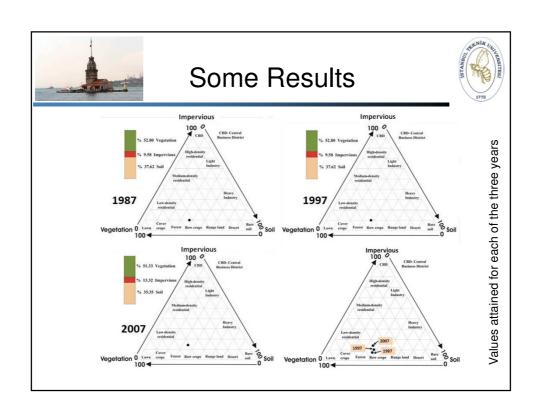
For this purpose, the geometric and atmospheric corrections of the satellite images are done followed by classification of all the images by using the ISODATA uncontrolled classification algorithm. As the main target of the study is to indicate the impact of urbanization on the forests. Only 3 land use classes are selected which are; Vegetation, Impervious surface and Soil.

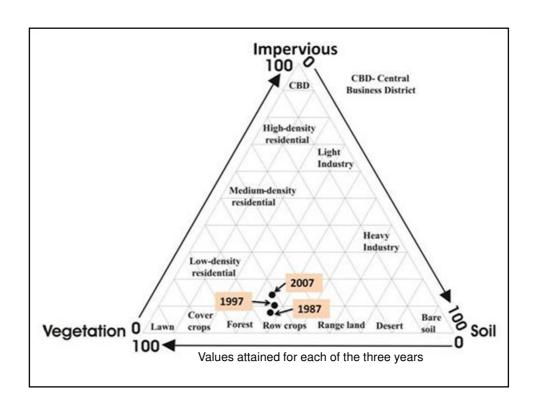
These components are then further utilized in the V-I-S model in classifying land- use in the context of densely populated city of Istanbul.

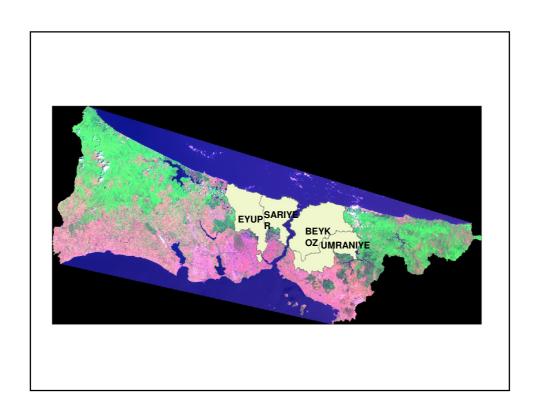


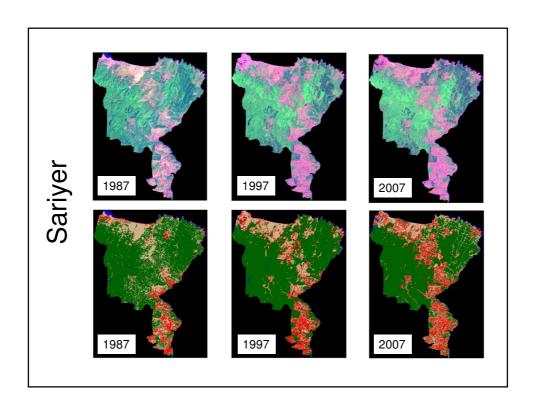


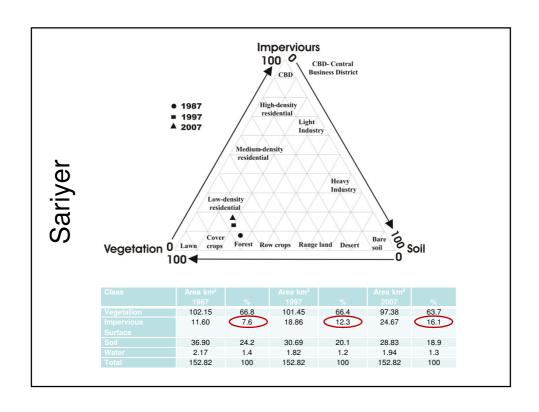


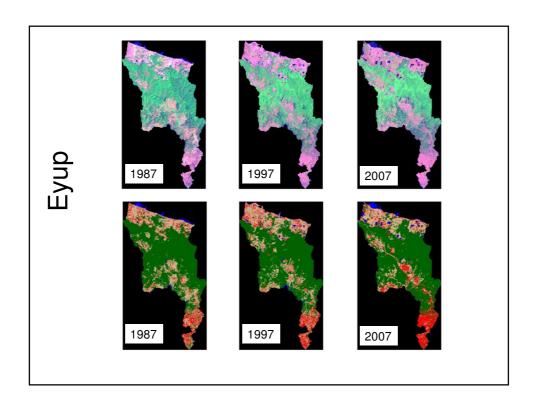


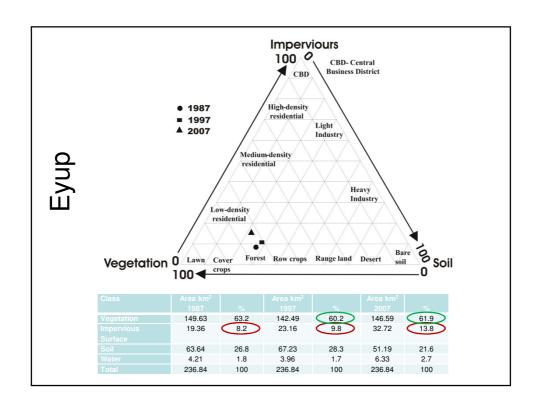


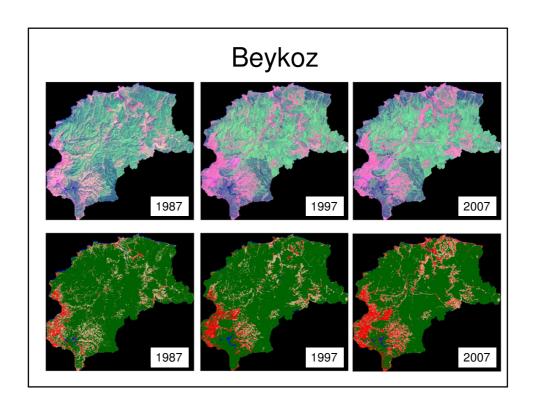


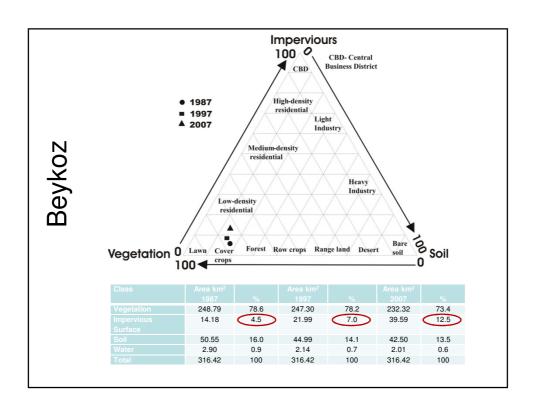


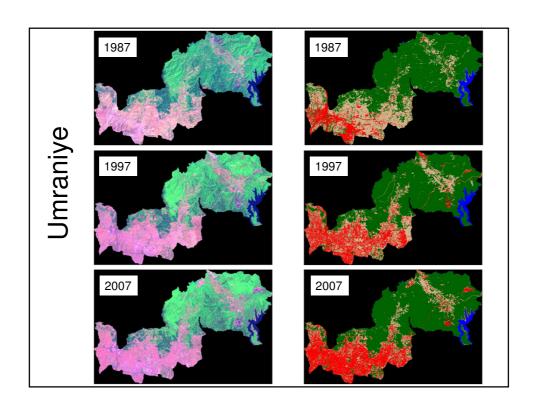


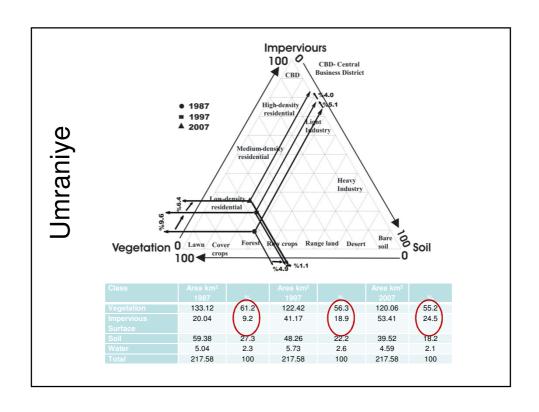














Conclusions



- Digital multi-spectral satellite technology nowadays provides valuable opportunities for qualifying and comparing urbanized areas in the world.
- Vegetation-Impervious land-Soil (VIS) model proposes the fundamentals of standardization, comparison and variation in urbanized ecosystems. The model presents the purpose of science, environmental management and urban planning. This model can be used to obtain information on the magnitude and direction of urbanization.
- More evaluation possibility arises on the urban land by the development vector. The direction of the vector enables to have an idea on the future possible urbanization trend.





- When the findings of the study are analyzed, it is observed that rapid urbanization within a period of 20 years on forests has a negative impact on forests and within this period loss of forests have become significant on the contrary to urbanization. If this trend continues in future and if no precautions are to be taken, severe threat will be expected to occur on the forests of Istanbul.
- However, the world became industrialized after 1950s and this resulted in immigration from suburban to urban areas. Especially big cities of developing countries such as Istanbul have faced with many problems because of this situation. This study examined the spatial distribution of urban areas in 1903, 1987 and 2010. This study proved that integration of old hard copy maps with new spatial data such as remotely sensed data could provide valuable information to monitor urbanization in different cities temporaly.





Thank you very much for your attention...

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