



Metrics to Rank Illegal Buildings



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Current research interests:

- ❖ *Ranking Strategies;*
- ❖ *Informative Marketing;*
- ❖ *Model-driven Engineering;*
- ❖ *Automatic Code Generation of MVC Web applications;*
- ❖ *Quality Metrics;*
- ❖ *Metadata Repository;*
- ❖ *Reuse of UML Artifacts;*

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS



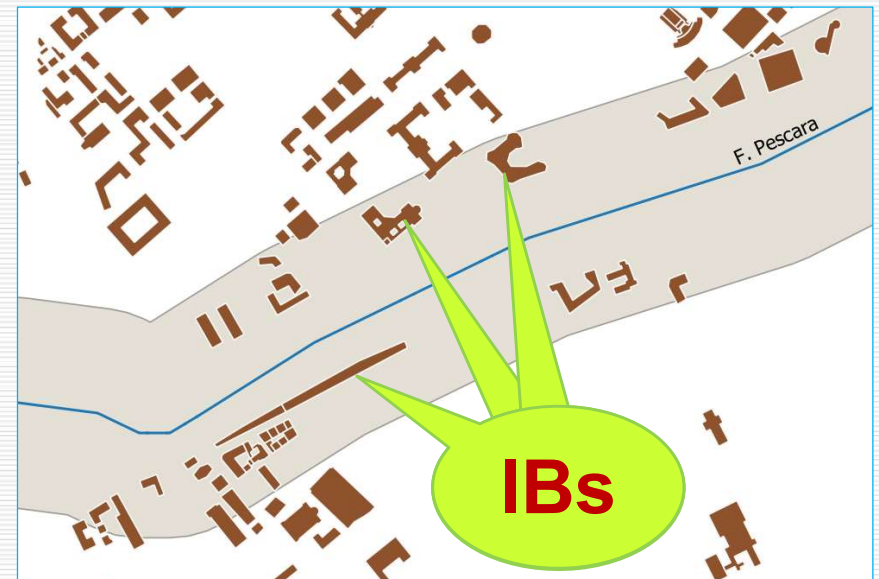
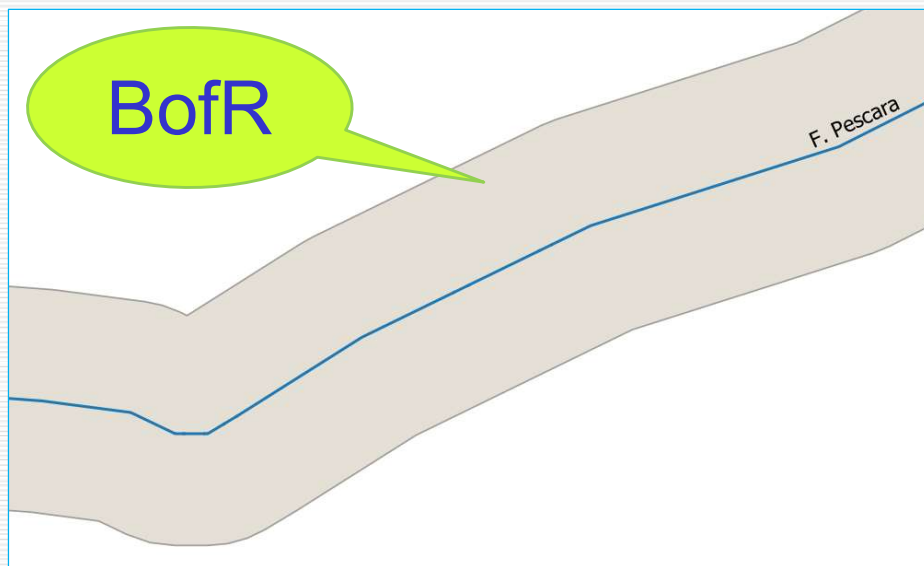
An image of the flood of Florence (1966)

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS (1)

The Italian **Law n.42** (Jan., 2004).

Art.142:

fixes in 150m (both sides) the width of the **Band of Respect** around rivers.



SPEECH'S OUTLINE

- ✓ **Problem relevance**
- ✓ **Definitions/notations**
- ✓ **Metrics to rank IBs**
- ✓ **Implementation of the theory**
 - **The software architecture**
 - **The underlying SDB**
- ✓ **Law S-580 B**

Lugeri et al. (2010):

“in the near future in Europe the risk of flooding will increase.”

To limit tragic events:

- A. urban planning has to take into account this increasing danger;
- B. **increase** the severity of actions against IBs (discourage building in rivers' basin).

The phenomenon of IBs

... dramatic in developing countries,
... an unsolved issue in advanced States.

Fight the IBs phenomenon:

- ✓ **punish** law's violations;
- ✓ **protect** people's lives;
- ✓ **stop** landscape's destruction.

RELATED WORK (4)

DATA ABOUT ITALY

LegAmbiente's nation-wide studies

2007:

Period covered: 1994 - 2003

Total # of IBs: **400K**

2018:

Period covered: 2005 - 2018

2004: the last building amnesty

Total # of registered infringements: **57K**

RELATED WORK (5)

Protection of environment/people

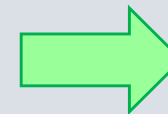
demolition

the challenge of IBs

Remote sensing methods



IBs DataBase



R
A
N
K
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DEFINITIONS & NOTATIONS

$\text{GeoArea}; \quad \langle \text{description, geometry} \rangle$

$\mathcal{C} = \{c_q \ (q=1, 2, \text{Card}(\mathcal{C}))\}$
 $\langle \text{ID, elevation, geometry} \rangle$

$\mathcal{R} = \{r_k \ (k=1, 2, \text{Card}(\mathcal{R}))\}$
 $\langle \text{ID, name, geometry} \rangle$
 $\text{RiverBuffer}(r_k) \Leftrightarrow \text{BofR}$

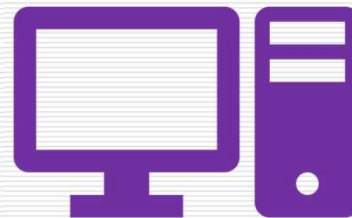
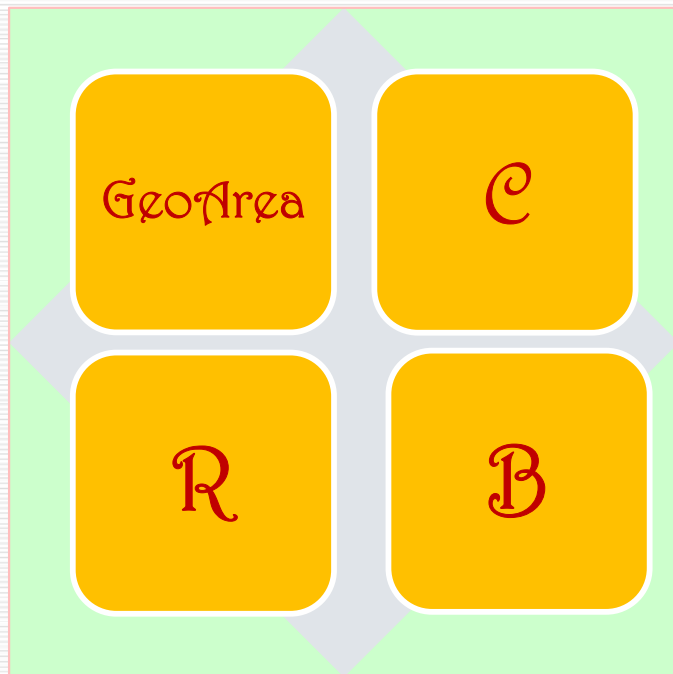
$\mathcal{B} = \{b_i \ (i=1, 2, \text{Card}(\mathcal{B}))\}$
 $\langle \text{ID, geom, elevation, exp}_i \rangle$

A scene depicting previous definitions



PROBLEM FORMULATION

INPUT



OUTPUT

b_i	exp_i

The Ranking

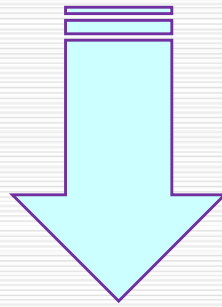
NEXT:

➤ **how** to detect IBs inside the GeoArea

➤ **3** metrics

Census of IBs

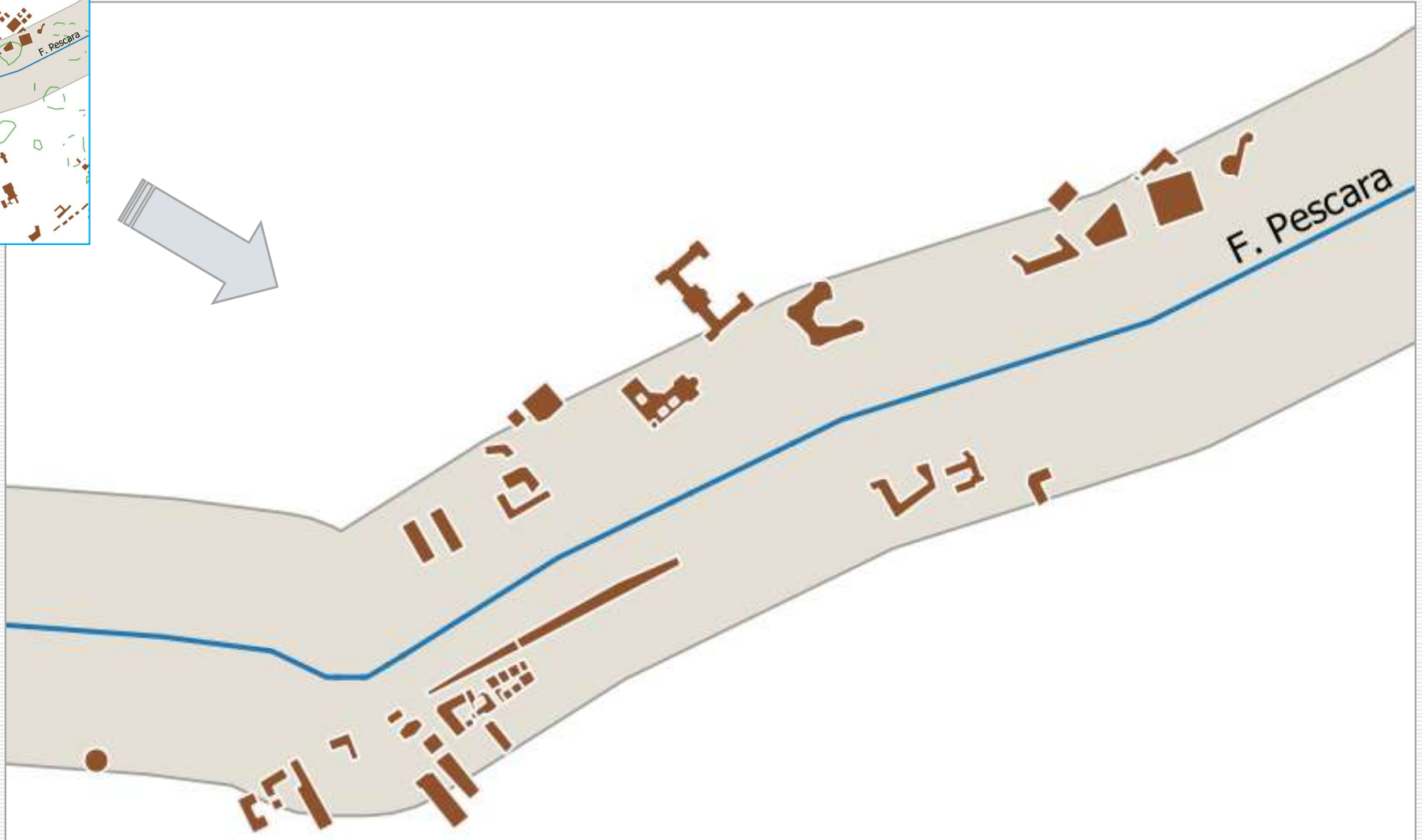
$\text{INTERSECTION}(\text{geom}(b_i), \text{RiverBuffer}(r_k)) = \text{true}$



b_i : an IB

Census of IBs (1)

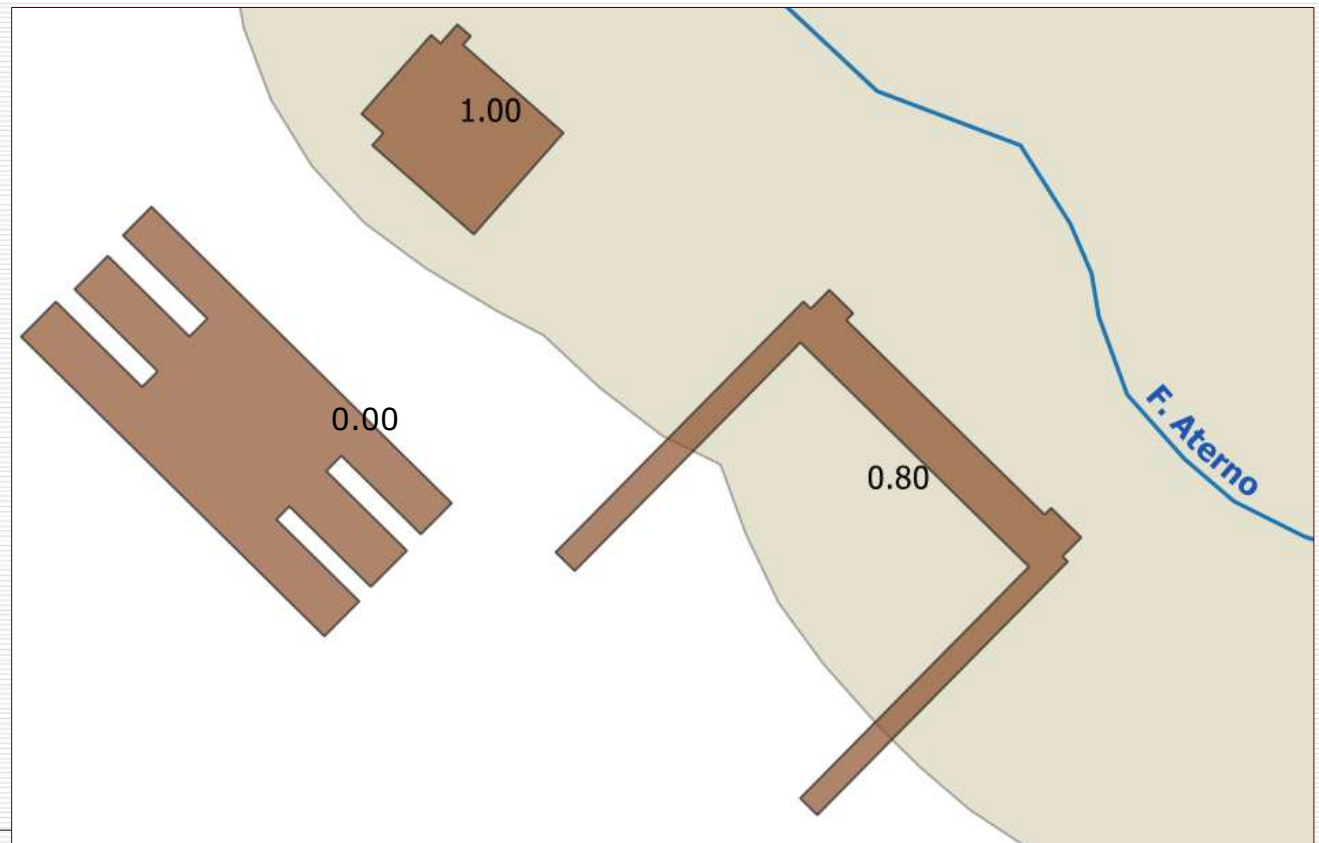
A scene showing few IBs



Parameter P

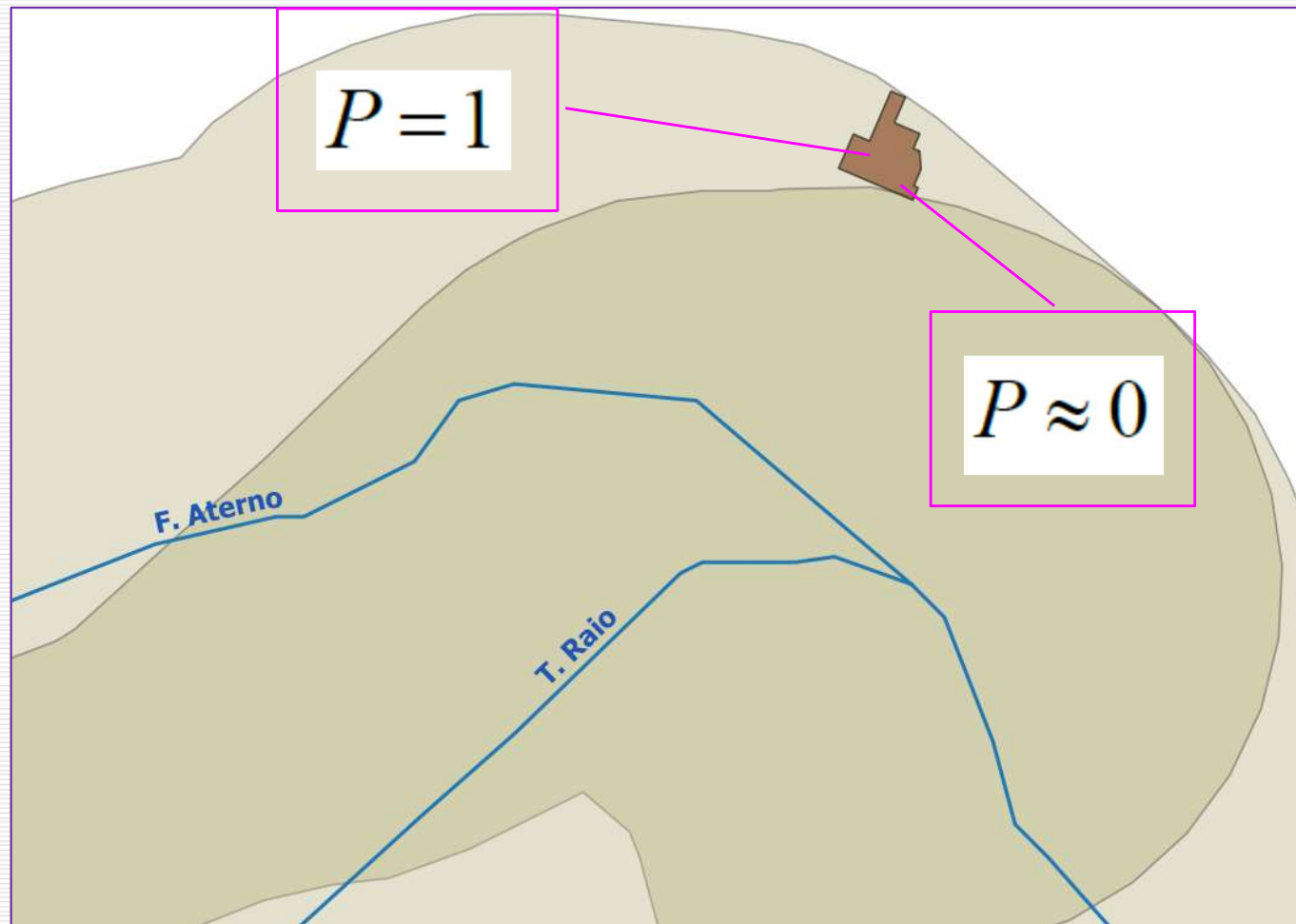
$$P = \frac{\text{Area}(\text{geom}(b_i) \cap \text{RiverBuffer}(r_k))}{\text{Area}(\text{geom}(b_i))}$$

P in (0,1]

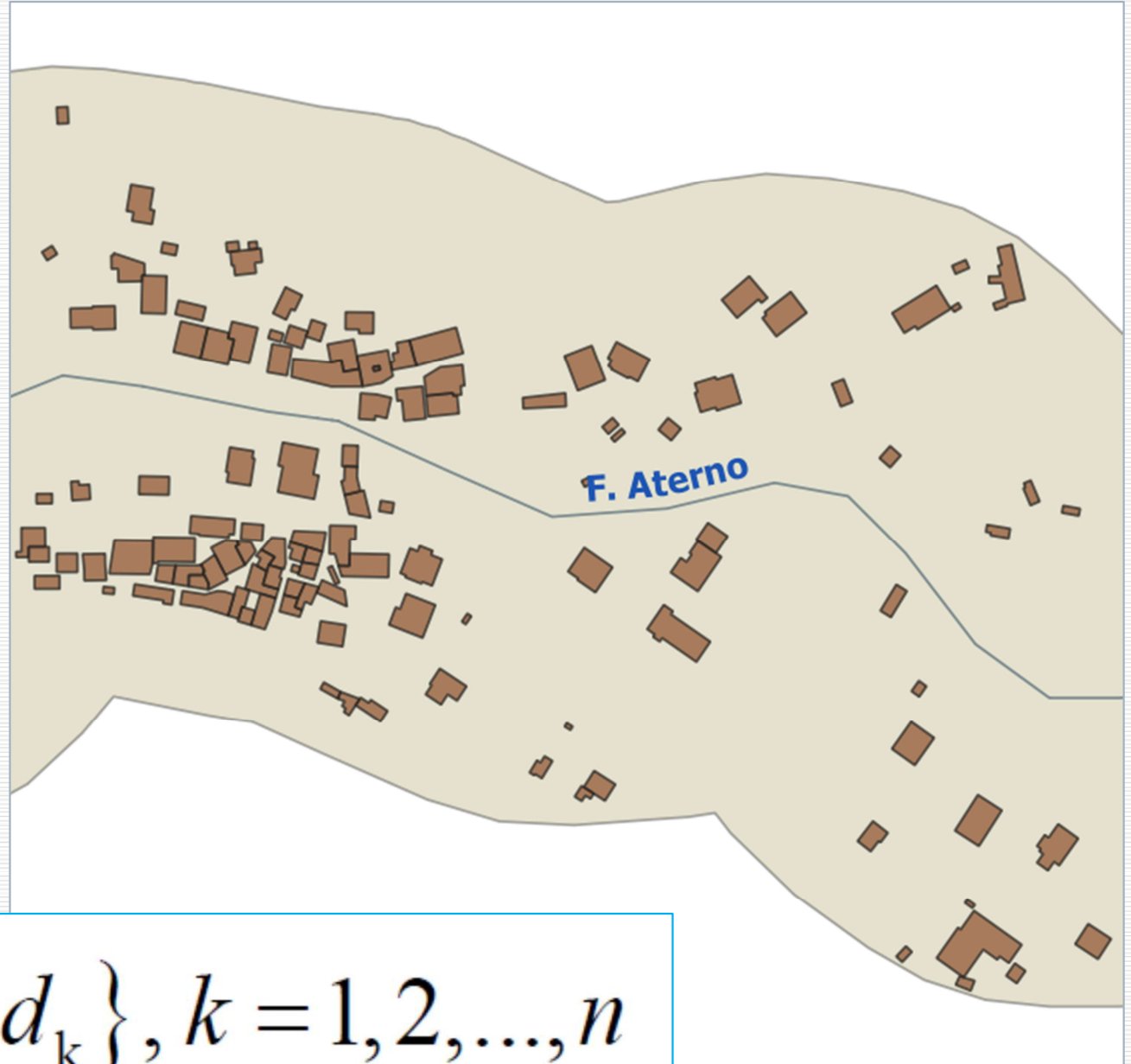


Metric S1

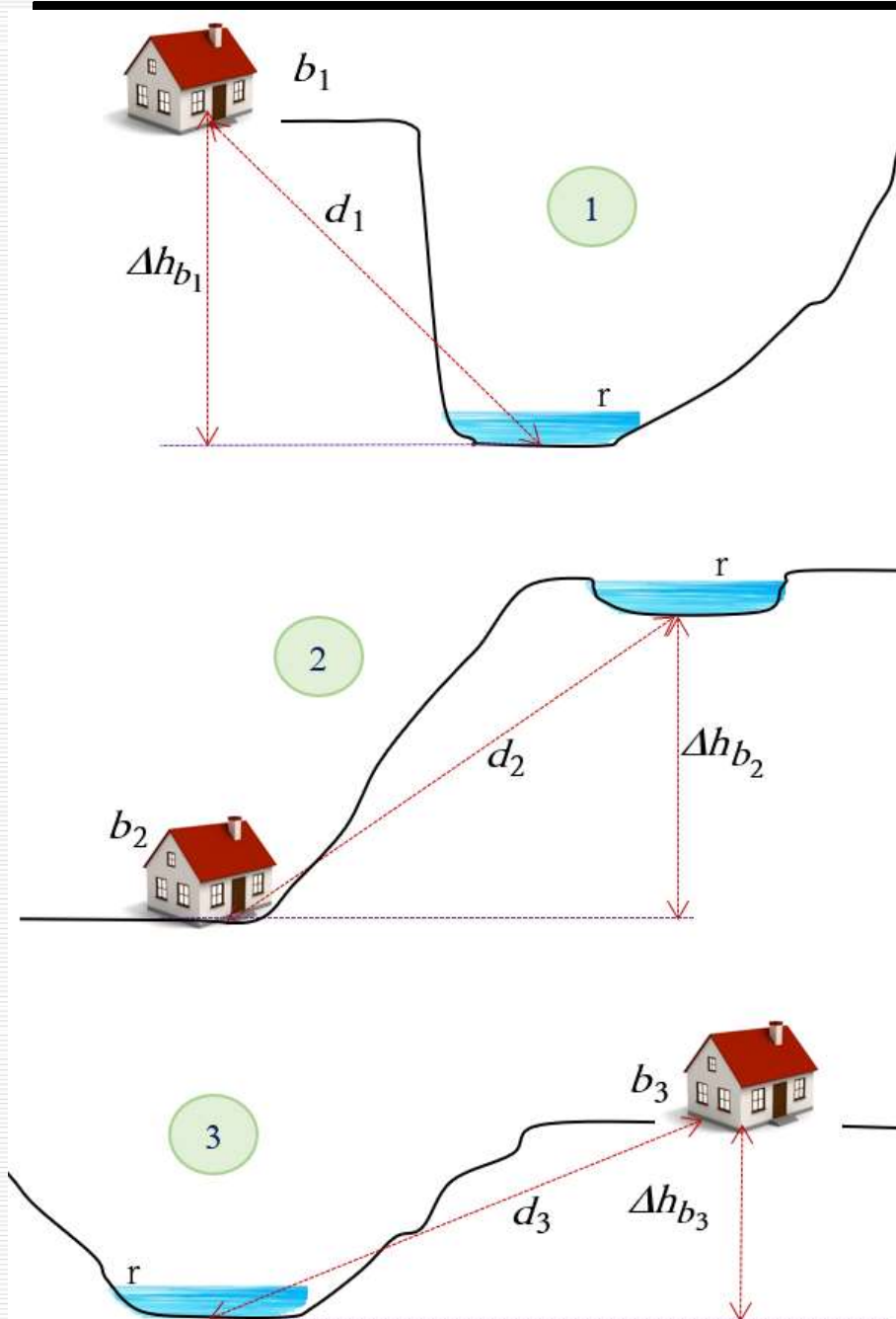
$$S_1 = \max \{ P_k \}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



Metric S2



$$S_2 = \max \{ P_k / d_k \}, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



THE RANKING:

$$d_1 \approx d_2 \approx d_3$$

$$b_2: \Delta h_{b_2} < 0; \Delta h_{b_1} > 0; \Delta h_{b_3} > 0$$

$$b_3: \Delta h_{b_1} \ll \Delta h_{b_3}$$

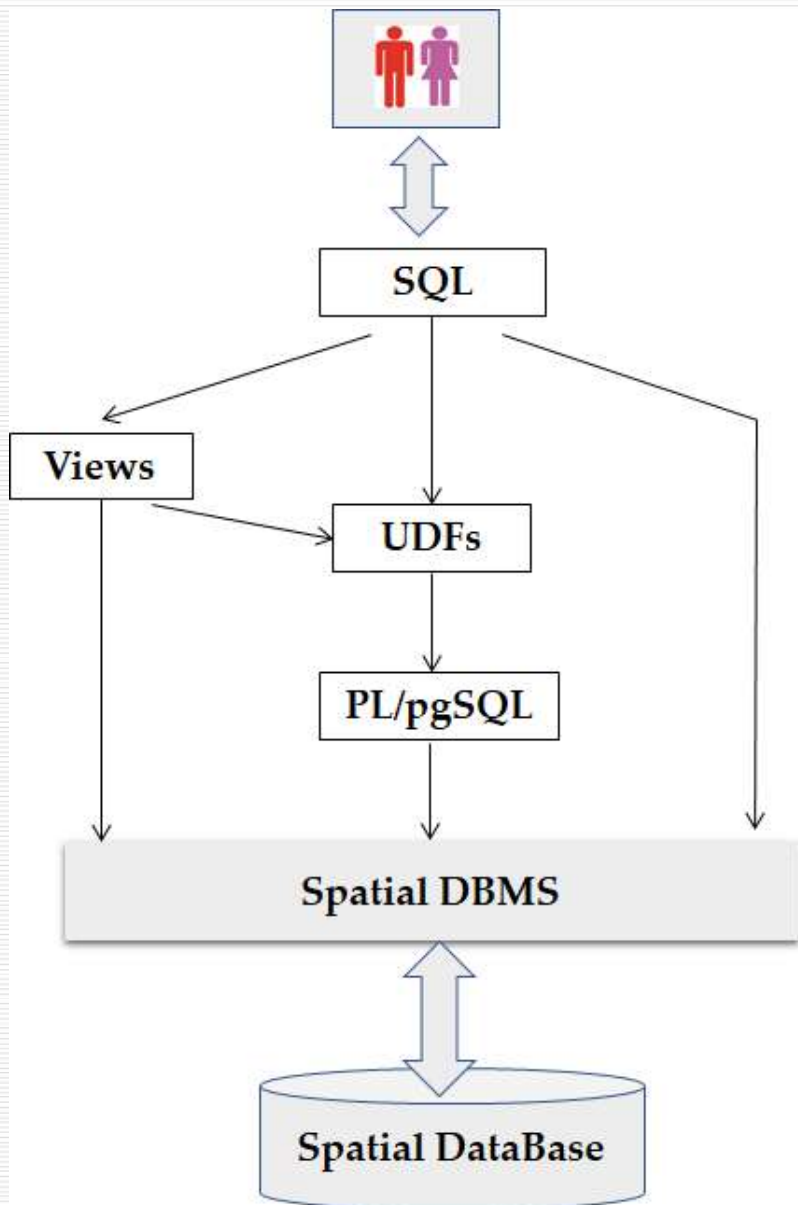
$$b_1$$

Metric S3

$$S_3 = \max \left\{ \frac{P_k \times H_k}{d_k} \right\}, \quad k \in [1, 2, \dots, n]$$

$$H_k = \begin{cases} |\Delta h_{b_i}|, & \text{if } \Delta h_{b_i} < 0 \\ 1/\Delta h_{b_i}, & \text{if } \Delta h_{b_i} > 0. \end{cases}$$

IMPLEMENTATION



Input Data Sets	Tables
GeoArea	GeoArea
C	ContourLines
R	Rivers
B	Buildings

GeoArea(id, geom);
ContourLines(id, elevation, geom);
Rivers(id, name, geom);
Buildings(id, name, geom, S3);

***Criteria for the execution of procedures
for the **demolition** of IBs***

Criteria

Date Crime

Realization Phase

Dangerousness for public/private Safety

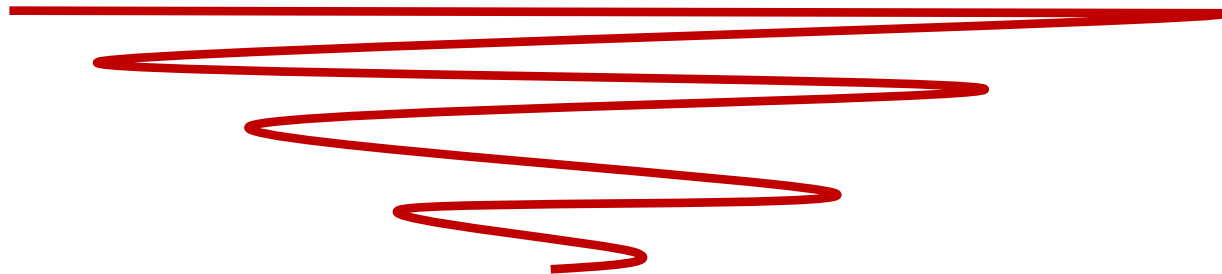
Destination Usage

Environmental issues:

- **Environmental Impact**
- **Environmental Constraints**

S3

THANK YOU



ADDENDUM

The speech is based on a paper you may find here:
ISPRS Int. J. Geo-Information 2019, 8, 510; doi:10.3390/ijgi8110510

Forte, Granata & Nesticò have already studied the problem of setting an order of demolition of IBs.

A Prioritisation Model Aiding
for the Solution of Illegal Buildings Problem,
ICCSA 2016

They were inspired by a preliminary version of Law S 580-B (March, 2018)

They proposed the application of the TOPSIS method.

TOPSIS

Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution

Hwang, C.L. and Yoon, K. (1981):
Multiple Attribute Decision Making, Methods &
Applications. A State-of-the-Art Survey.
New York: Springer-Verlag.

PyTOPS implements TOPSIS

Yadav et al. (2019):
PyTOPS: A Python based tool for TOPSIS.
SoftwareX, 9, 217--222 (2019)

PyTOPS's interface

PyTOPS

PyTOPS
(A Python based tool for TOPSIS)

Inputs

1. Input attribute type in list form
(e.g. 0,1,0; 1 is for cost type and 0 for benefit type)

2. Upload decision matrix
(Upload decision matrix in .xlsx format as prescribed in the manual)

Decision Matrix

3. Upload weights
(Upload weights given by user to each and every attribute in .xlsx format as prescribed in the manual)

Weights

4. Degree of variation in weights
(0.25 means you want 25% of variation in given weights)

0.000

5. Number of simulations
(Simulation within the given variation in weights)

0

Outputs

RUN

1. Rank with varying weights

Save

2. Probability of rank reversal

Save

3. Mean of relative closeness to ideal solution

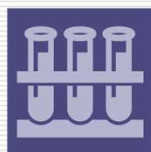
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4. Standard deviation of relative closeness to ideal solution

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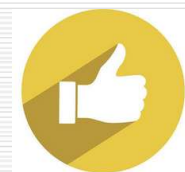
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