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## Temporal modelling consideration for geospatial data to support time-aware operations

### TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN SPATIAL DATA HANDLING

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## Introduction

Background and significance of the selected topic



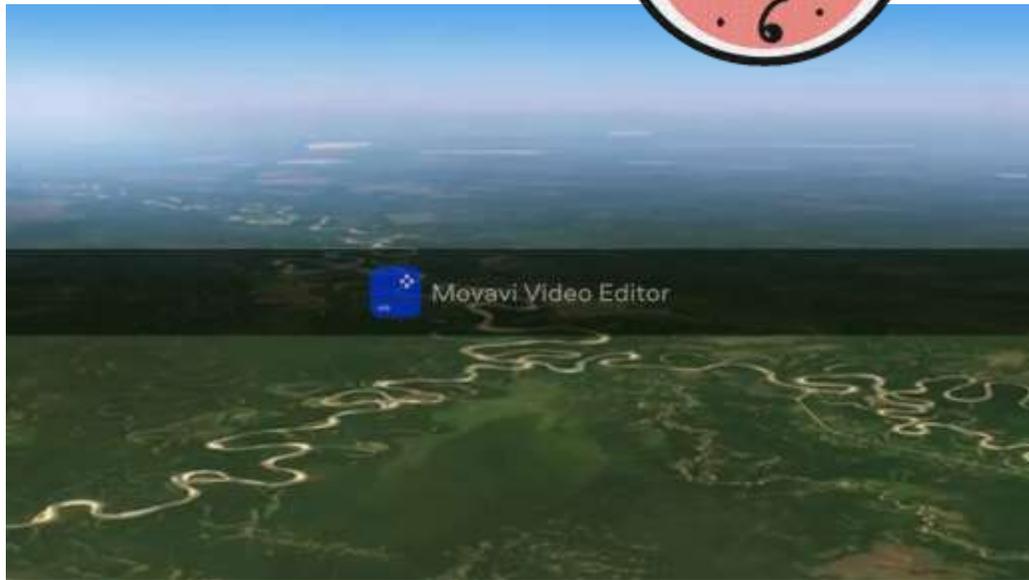
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## Introduction



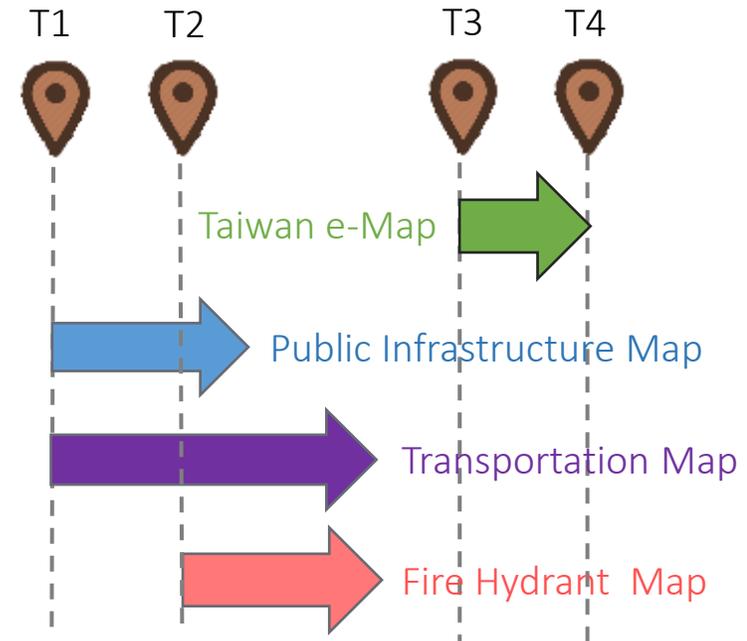
As the content of geographical data can be regarded as records at a *specific time*, an essential requirement for geographic data design is to include a temporal attribute and develop a strategy to *correctly* record its *valid status*. The *integration* of data from different resources must therefore consider the correct modelling and interpretation of time information to ensure the *outcome* is *meaningful* as far as the *valid* time is concerned. This paper argues those GIS operations require *temporal consideration*, defined as *time-aware operations*, must be *redesigned* with *standardized temporal information*, such that users will be aware of the time issues in their operation outcome to avoid wrong decision making.

## Introduction

- Taiwan e-Map
- Public Infrastructure Map
- Transportation Map
- Fire Hydrant Map



### Valid Time



# The Framework of Time-Aware Operations

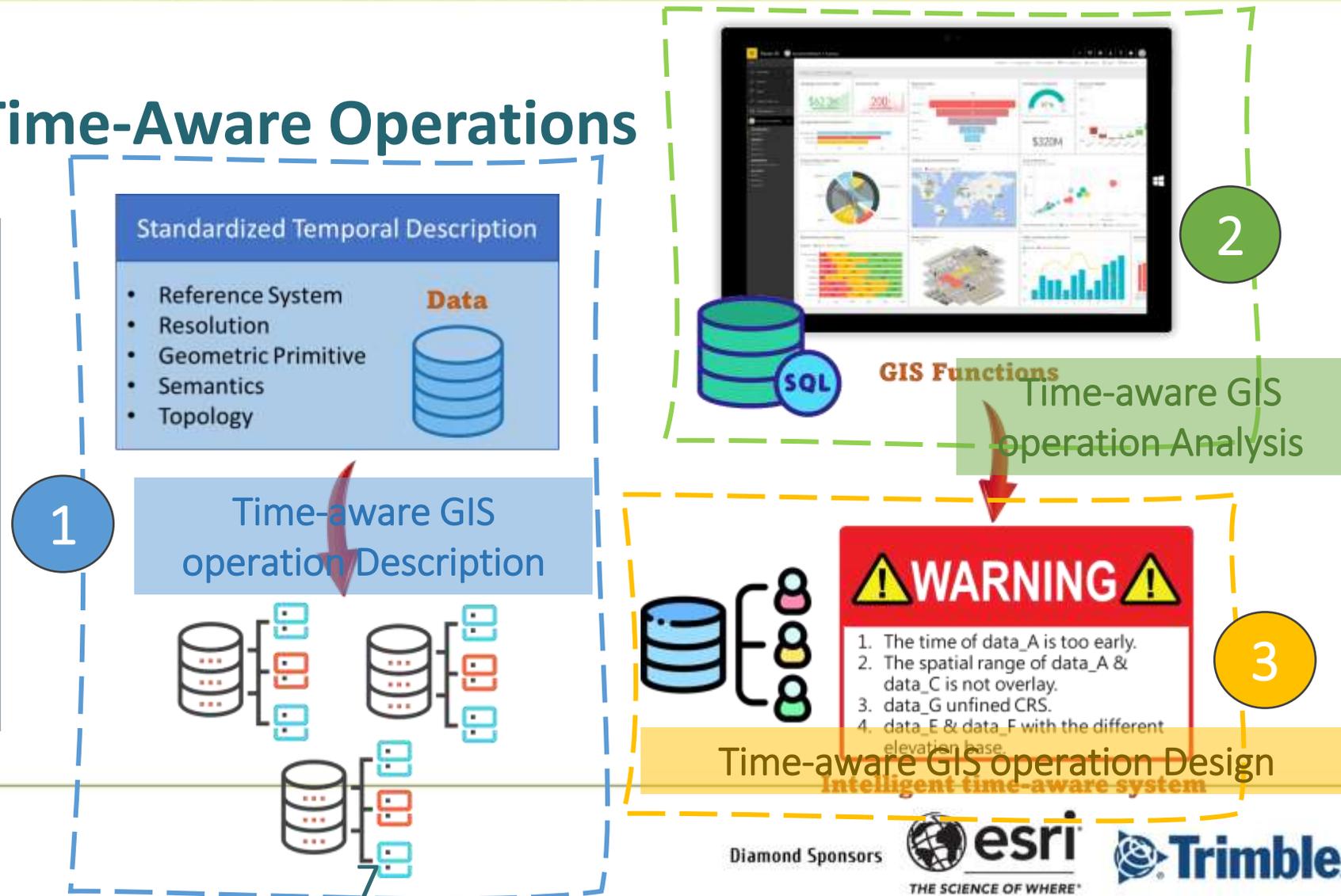
Time-aware GIS operation description, analysis, design



## The Framework of Time-Aware Operations

Two Requirements:

- Standardized Temporal Model Based-on Valid time.
- Redesign the Workflow of Time-Aware Operations.



## Time-aware GIS Operation Description



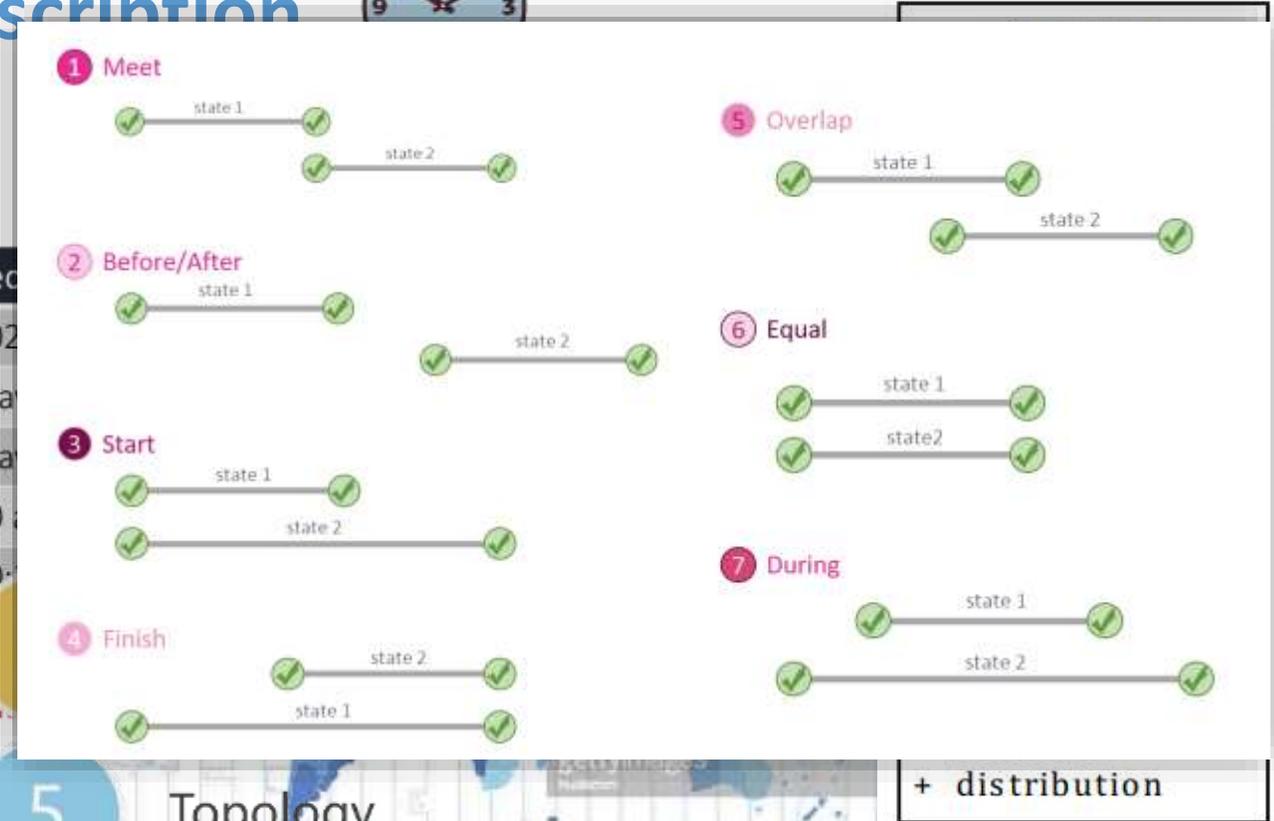
**Standardized Temporal Description**

- Time Reference System
- Resolution
- Geometric Primitive
- Semantics
- Topology

**Data**

Resolution	Record
Year	2023
Month	May
Day	May 28
Hour	10:00
Minute	10:00
Second	

- 1 Time Reference System**  
Reference base for time recording
- 2 Resolution**  
The minimum unit for time recording
- 3 Geometric Primitive**  
Geometric representation for time recording



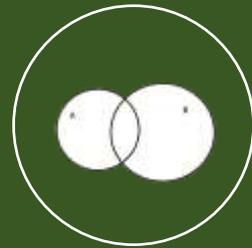
- 5 Topology**  
The relationships between two time recordings

## Time-aware GIS Operation **Analysis**



### Map overlay

Visualization result depends on the intersection of valid time.



### Spatial Operators

Buffer, Intersection, Union, Dissolve...



### Digitization

Newly created data vs. Reference datasets.



### Join

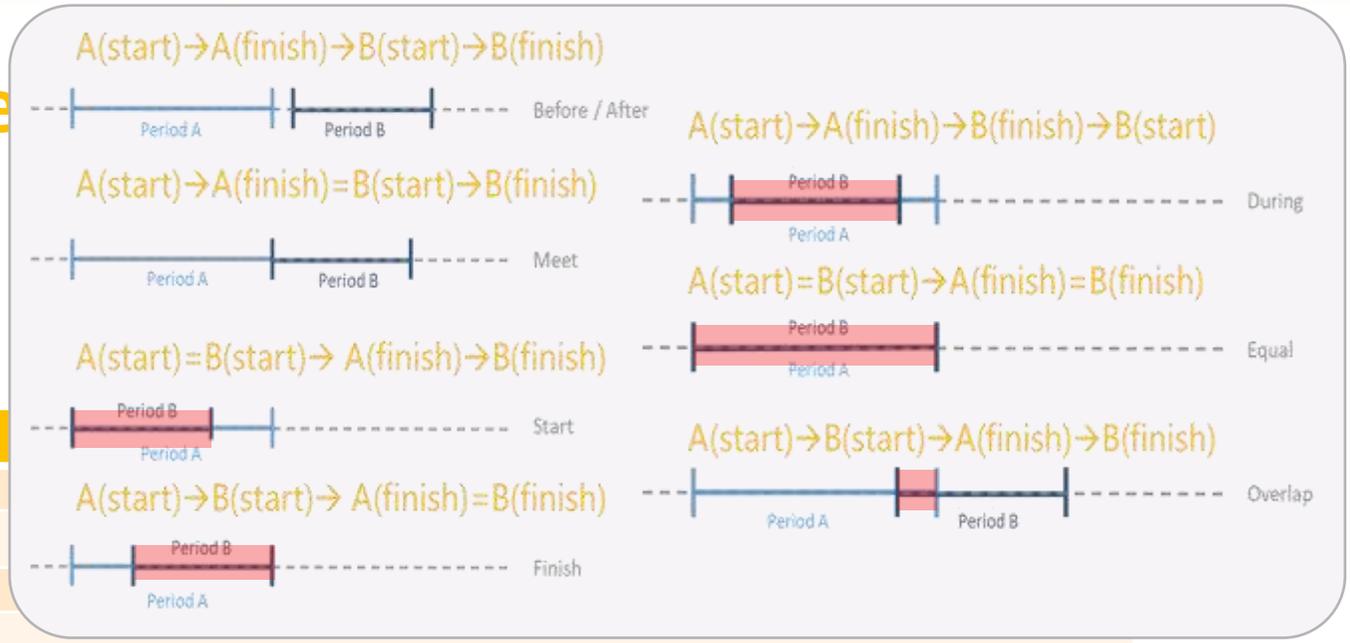
Individual feature change with time, and Identified by the same ID.

## Time-aware GIS Operation De

 Time Instant

 Time Period: Start/End time 

Primitive	Topology	Valid Time
Time instant vs. time instant	Equal	Yes (The time point)
	Before/ After	No
Time instant vs. time period	Before/ After	No
	Start	Yes (The start time)
	Finish	Yes (The end time)
	During	Yes (The time during the period)
Time period vs. time period	Before/ After	No
	Meet	No
	Start	Yes (From the same start time point of the two states to the end of the state with the shorter occurrence time)
	Finish	Yes (From the state that occurs later to the end of the same time point of the two states)
	During	Yes (Simultaneous occurrence of two states)
	Overlap	Yes (Only overlap period)
Equal	Yes (From the start to the end)	

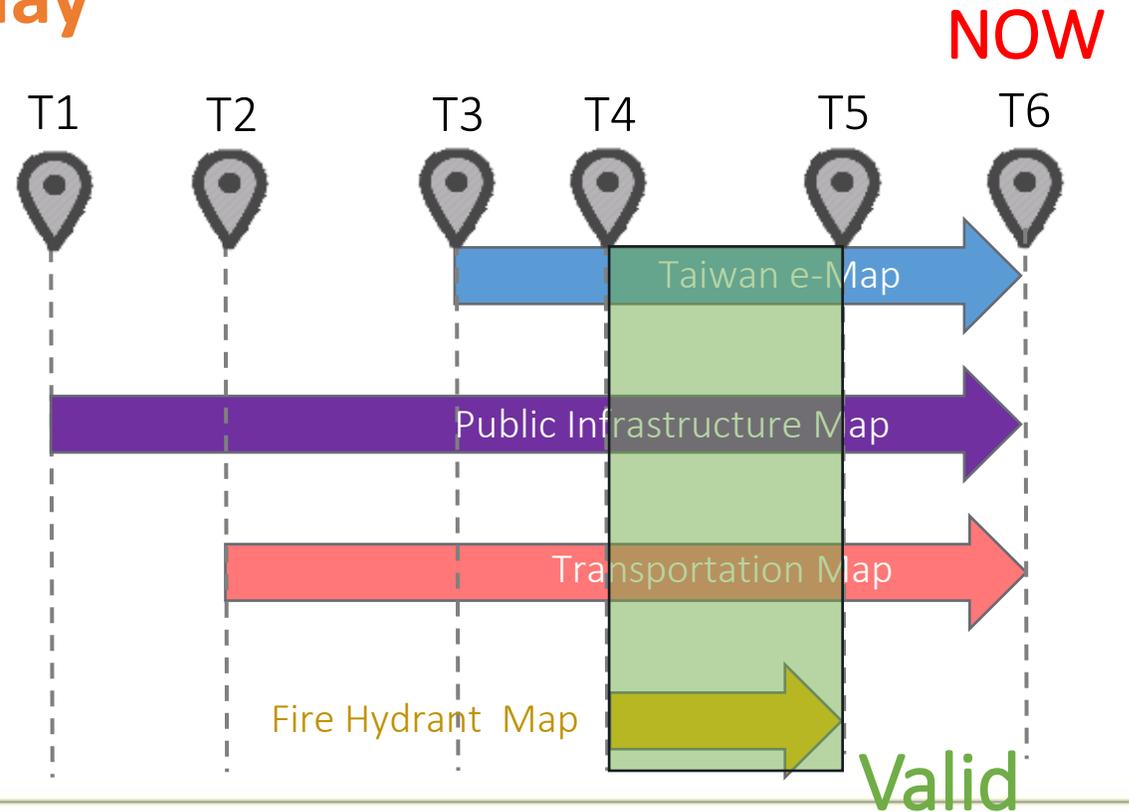
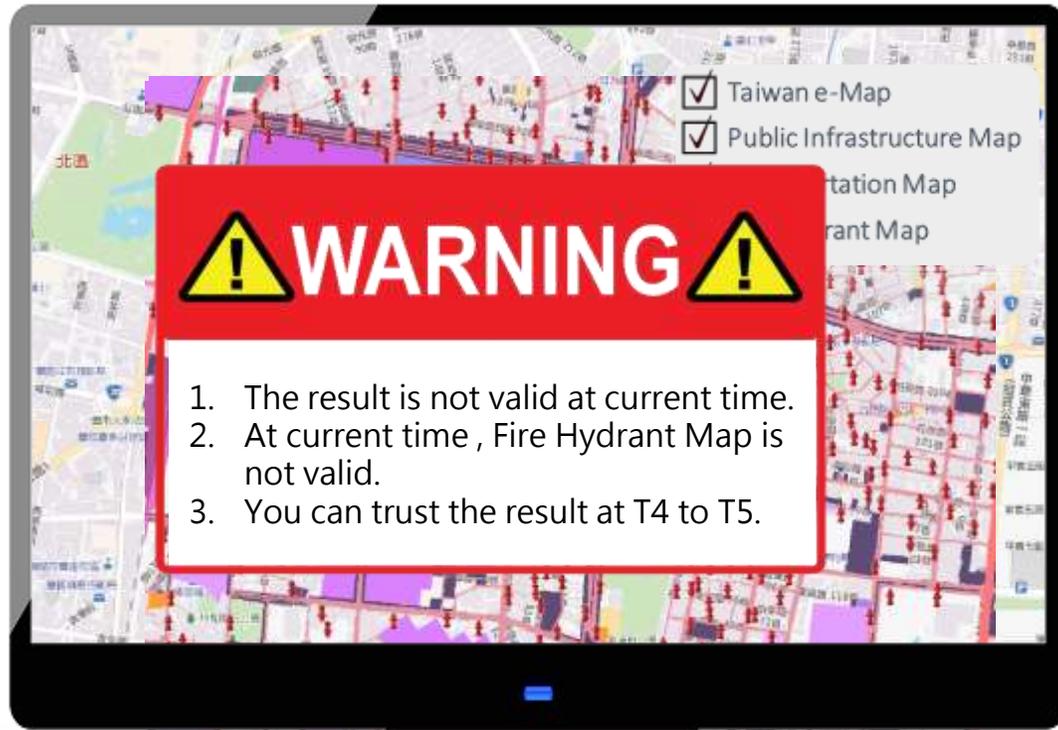


## Scenario analysis

Case : Map Overlay



## Scenario analysis-Case : Map Overlay





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### Temporal modelling consideration for geospatial data to support time-aware operations

1. Provides a vision for a **temporal recording framework**, through the **topology predefined** to enable GIS function operations **time aware**.
2. Avoid wrong judgments and **connect** different time **versions** through **identification** attributes.
3. Successfully applied to **map overlay** and provide the **basis** for the development of **time-aware systems**.
4. Not only improving the **correctness** of the overall operation but also considering the **quality** of the spatial operation and the **fitness of the results**





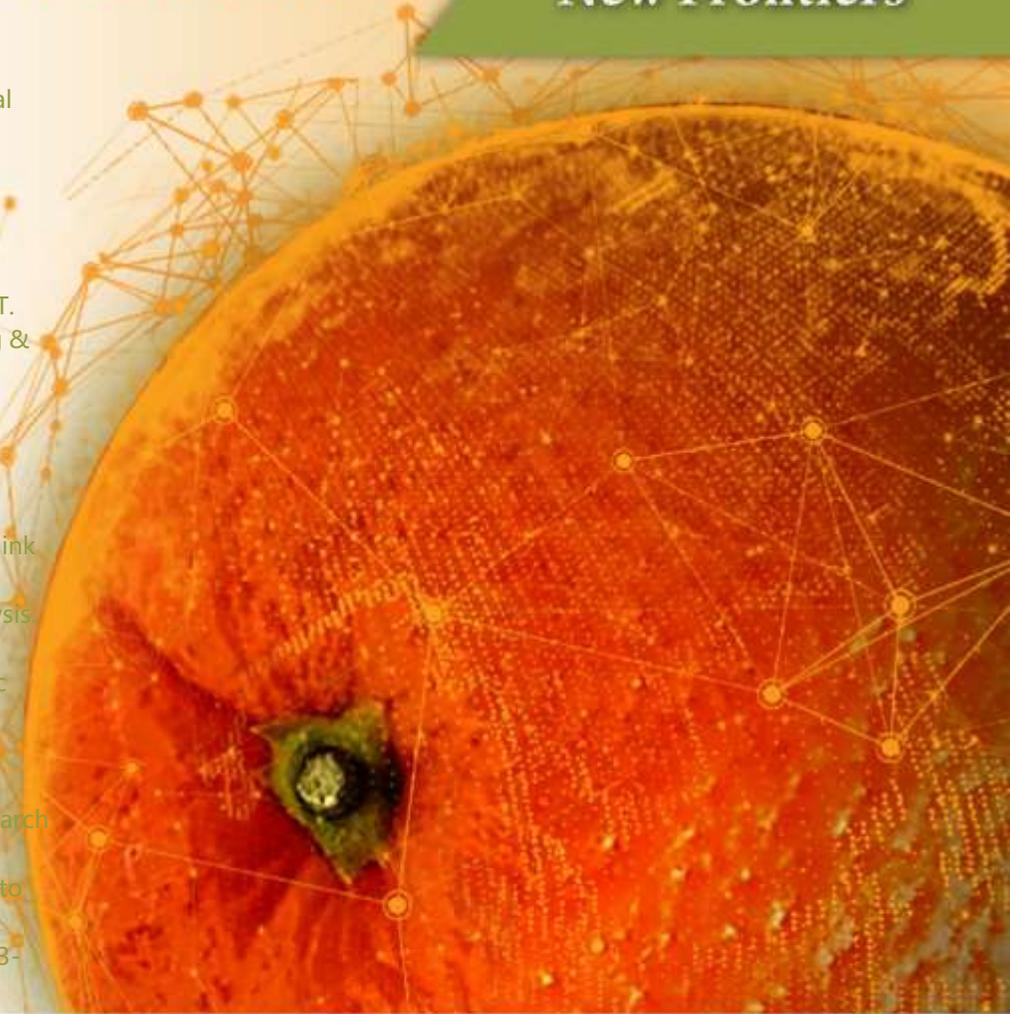
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