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## Modelling Historical River Landscape Evolution in Virtual Reality (VR)

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### Introduction



# **River landscapes** complex interaction between humans, animals and plant life

**Temporal changes** insights in past, present & future of landform processes







VR platform to journey through time and witnessing evolution of river landscapes

Reproducible and automated workflow from historic maps to 3D visualizations

### Method





## Method – Map to DEM



#### Historic national maps





**Contour Line Extraction** 



**DEM from Grid Interpolation** 

Input Data Intermediate Results of Python Processes

#### **ETH** zürich

## Method – Landscape Creation



#### **Texture samples**



#### Provided annotation vector data



Texture synthesis

Mask clipping



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- Unity Package GIS
  Terrain Loader Pro
- C# Scripts
- HDRP Renderpipeline



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## Method – VR Story Telling





- Unity XR Interaction Toolkits
- Meta Quest 3S & Meta Quest Pro



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[2] https://www.de.inac.cr/meta-Quest-55-126-GB-virtual-Reality-fieauset-wirked-Reality-fiea



Results





### **Discussion & Outlook**



### automated Workflow:

apart from few manual steps, automated workflow for creating 3D landscapes



### Improve automation Reduce manual steps



perceiving **temporal changes**: Bird view & full-scale environment



User study on the effectiveness of this visualisation method





# **Thank You**

You are warmly invited to visit my poster and immerse yourself in the virtual world.



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