

Active Layer Monitoring for Infrastructure Management



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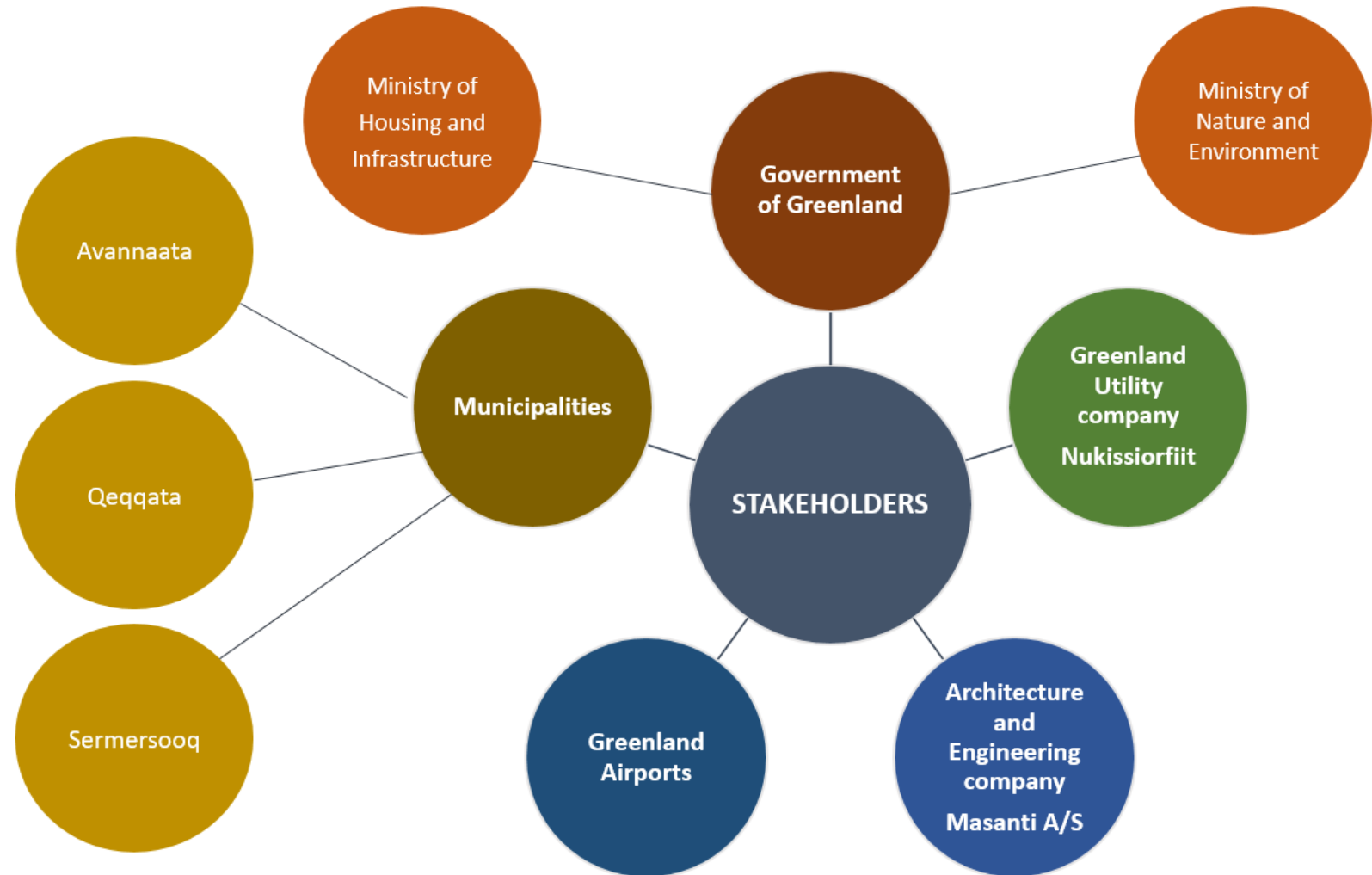


Project partners and stakeholders



Arctic DTU

DTU Civil Engineering
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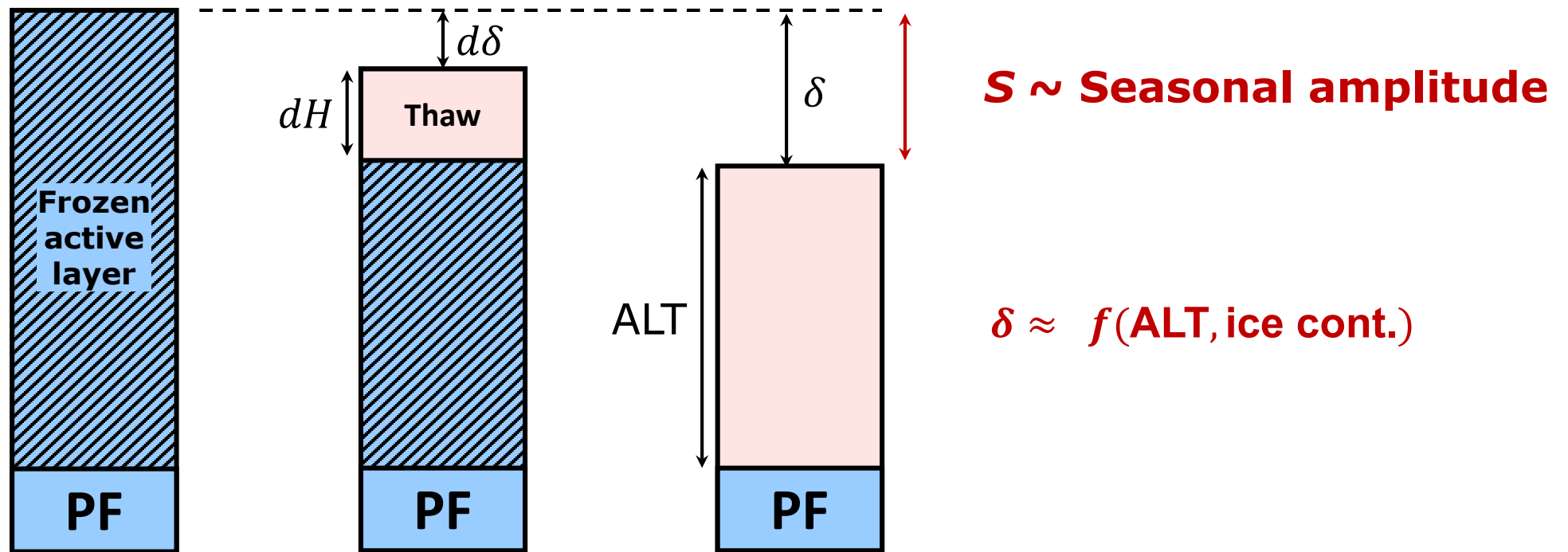


Stakeholder workshop, Nuuk December 3rd, 2019

- Good understanding of challenges related to building on PF
- Yet, geotechnical surveys often not conducted:
 - Lack of equipment and trained personnel, survey costs
 - Lack of legislative requirement, no demand
- difficult access to existing information,
- **lack of information available to understand the risks**
- Developers accept the risks and adjust to situations on-the-go

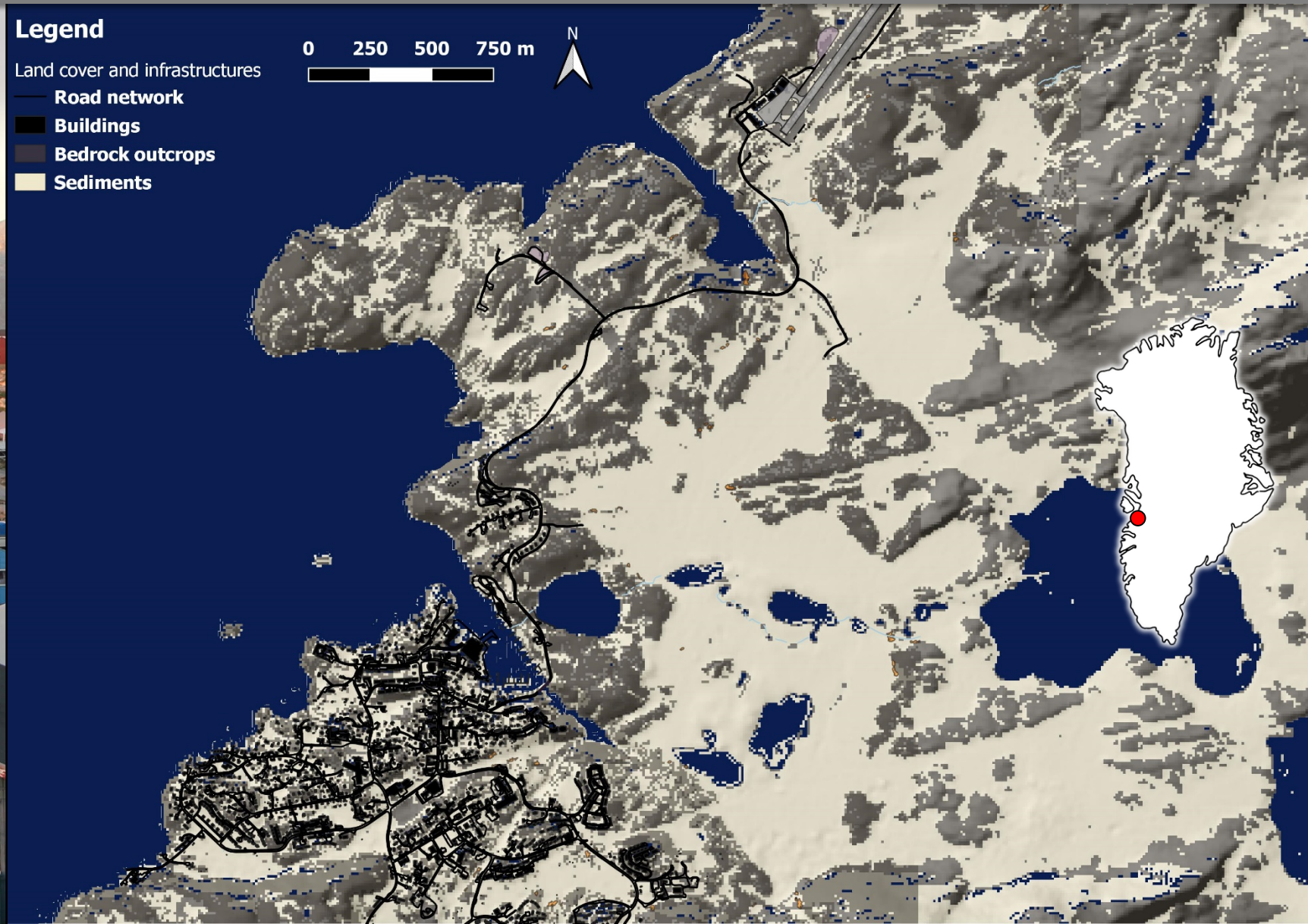


Surface deformation

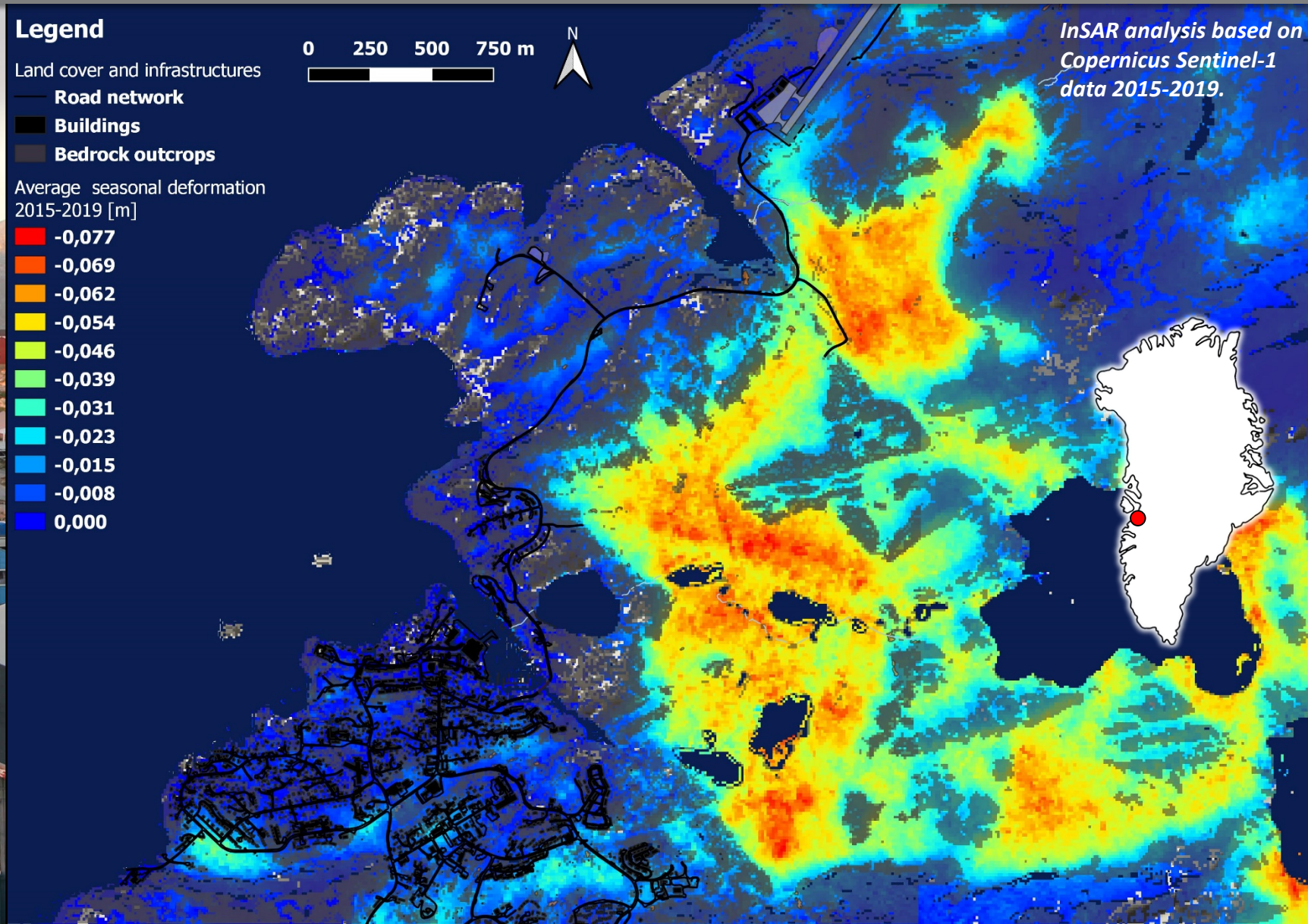


Measurable by InSAR, Sentinel 1 data used

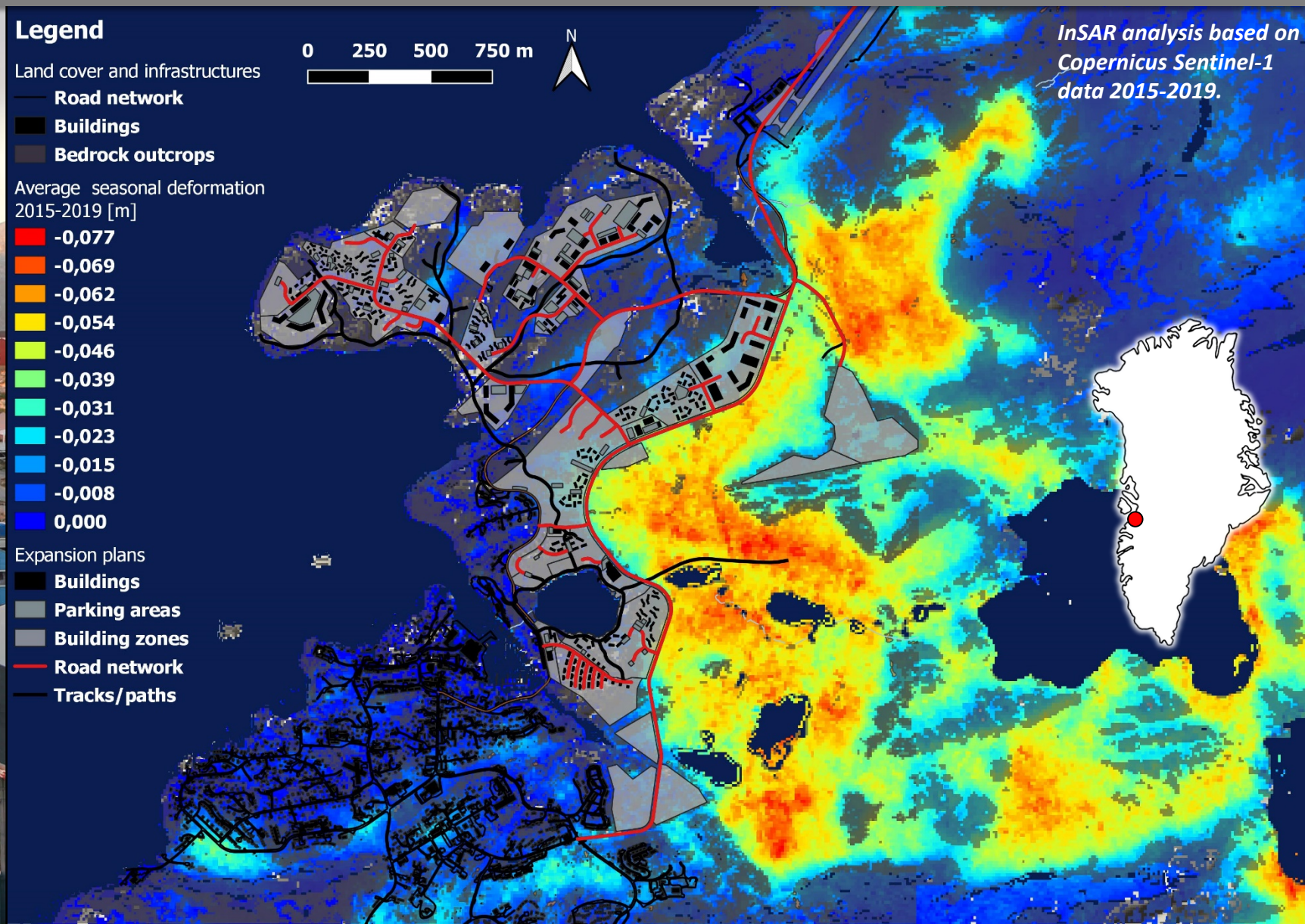
Ilulissat, West Greenland



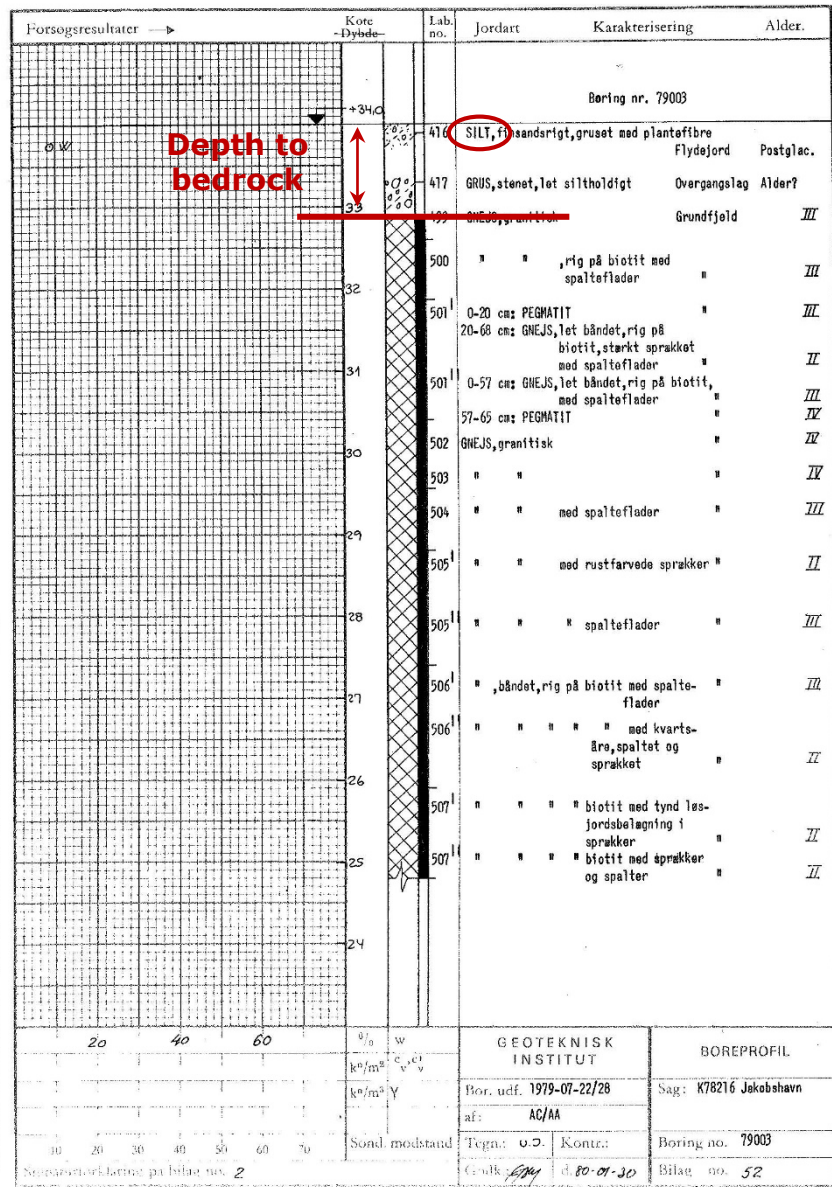
InSAR seasonal deformations (S)



Town expansion plans



Soil type information from archives



Legend

Land cover and infrastructures

— Road network

■ Buildings

■ Bedrock outcrops

Average seasonal deformation 2015-2019 [m]

■ -0,077

■ -0,069

■ -0,062

■ -0,054

■ -0,046

■ -0,039

■ -0,031

■ -0,023

■ -0,015

■ -0,008

■ 0,000

Expansion plans

■ Buildings

■ Parking areas

■ Building zones

— Road network

— Tracks/paths

Clay/Silt observed

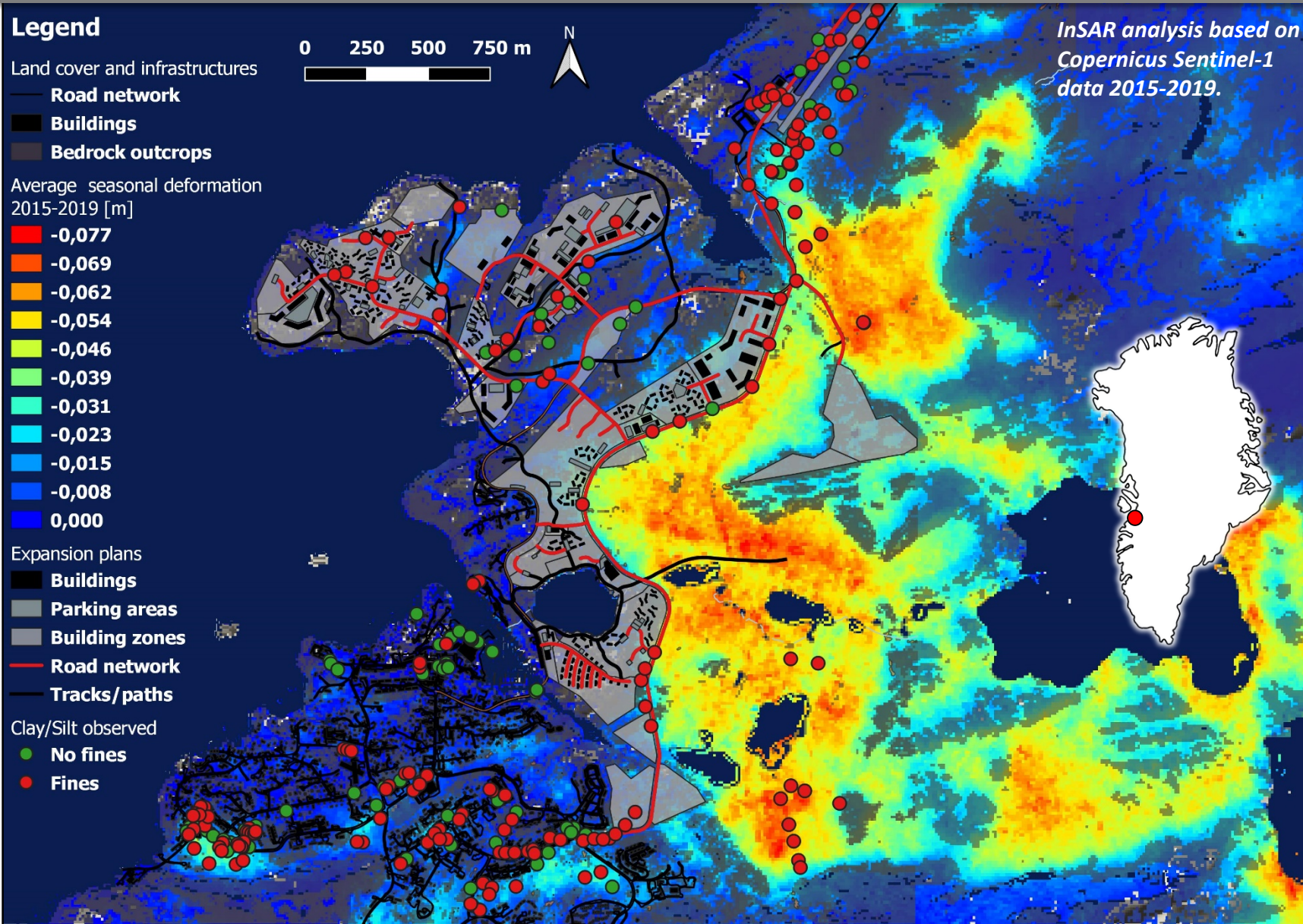
● No fines

● Fines

0 250 500 750 m



InSAR analysis based on Copernicus Sentinel-1 data 2015-2019.



AALM4INFRAM Layers

Lag

- ☐ Ilulissat Permafrost Degradation Rate
- ☒ Ilulissat Average Seasonal Deformation

AALM4INFRAM Legend

Ilulissat Average Seasonal Deformation

InSAR average seasonal deformation

Ilulissat InSAR average seasonal deformation (m)
(2015-2019)

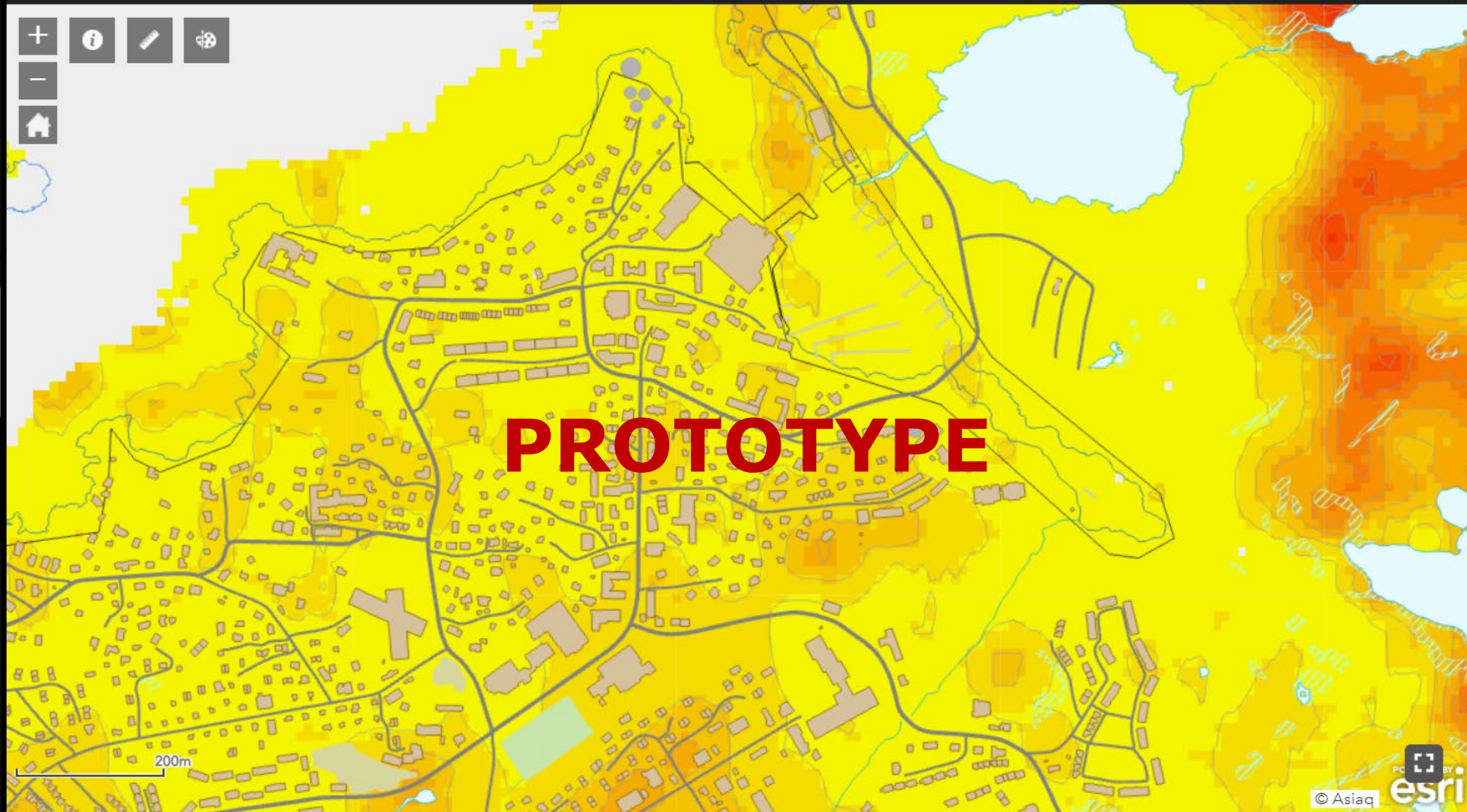
- ☒ ≤ -0.05
- ☒ ≤ -0.045
- ☒ ≤ -0.04
- ☒ ≤ -0.035
- ☒ ≤ -0.03

Grundkort Layers

Grundkort Legend

Lag

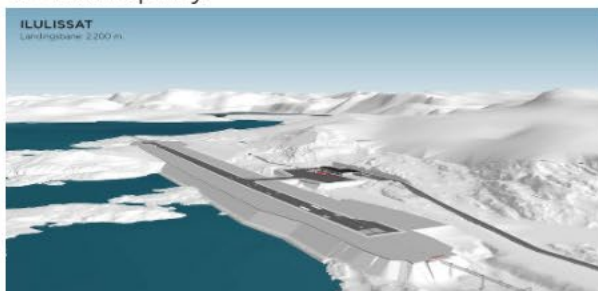
- ☒ Kortportal_TekniskGrundkort
- ☐ Byortofotos



Ilulissat test story map

Ilulissat air expansion #1

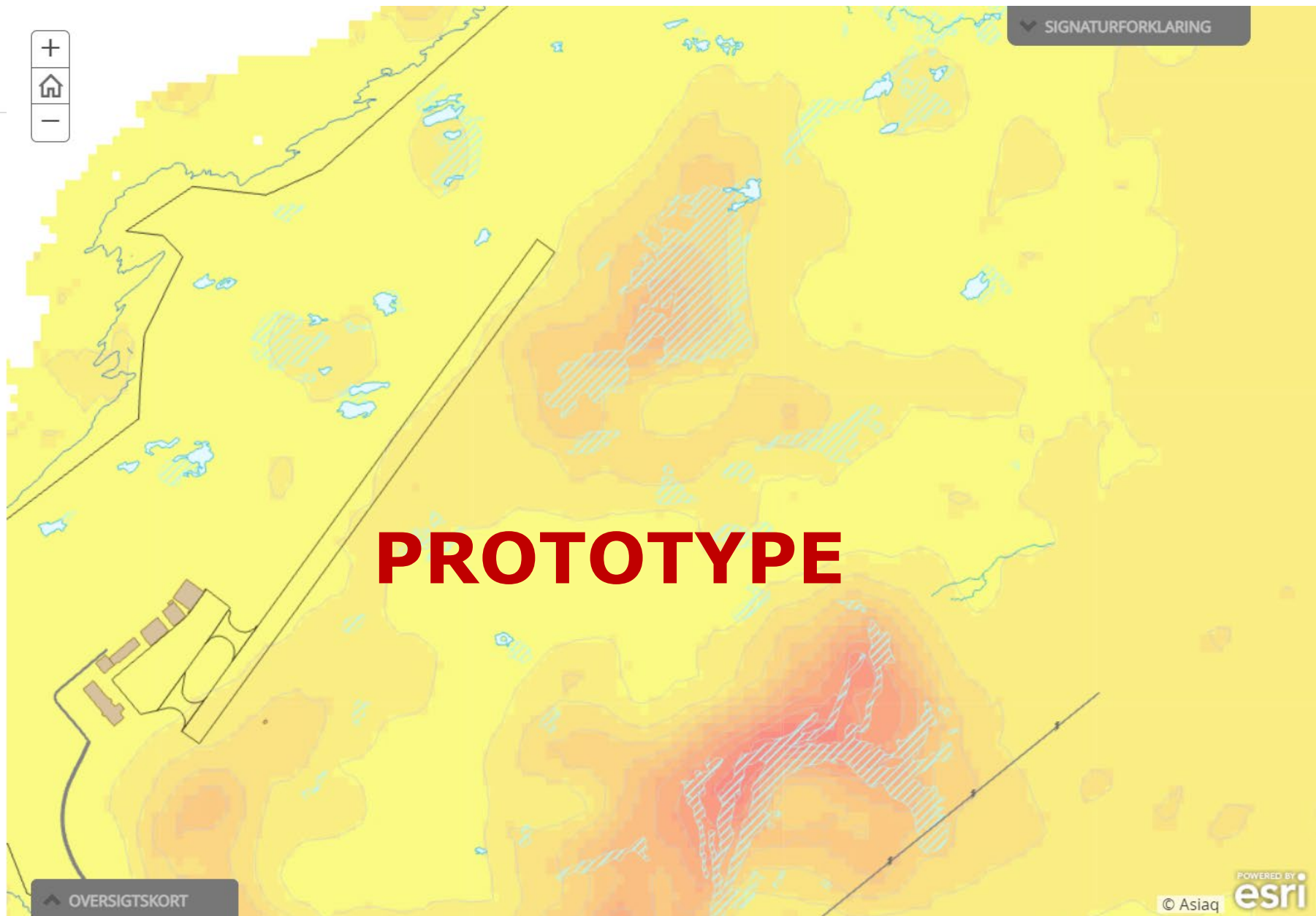
According to the Stakeholder report, information about permafrost around the new airport extension was of particular interest to the municipality.



Ilulissat runway schematic

Compared to average seasonal deformation, the area could have particular points where permafrost heave may be more marked.

Ilulissat airport expansion #2



Take-away lesson

