	4	5	6	7
(102,153)	54	80	83	35
(103,153)	47	73	79	32
(104,153)	45	70	75	31
(102,154)	54	80	79	33
(103,154)	47	69	77	31
(104,154)	50	76	82	33
(102,155)	54	76	77	31
(103,155)	50	76	83	32
(104,155)	50	76	85	35
MEAN	50.1	75.1	80.0	32.3

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Actual values in each of the four bands for nine pixels on the ground. These values are for an area immediately adjacent to the village of Baghestan in the Tauran Plain.

time over which such changes are taking place, and there is a body of mathematical techniques for doing precisely that.

In some ways this is paradoxical. One tends to think first of the satellite data in spatial terms: their similarity to maps or aerial photographs. Yet their greatest importance will probably prove to be in the time dimension. In fact the satellite data provide previously unattainable control over spatial and temporal variation simultaneously. Whether the sort of analysis of long-term processes based on short-term samples of change is feasible with existing technology or not, it is a new way of thinking about change which will eventually be greatly stimulated by the 'new way of seeing' which satellite data represent.

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