Keeping Paper or Going Digital?
Decision making during archaeological field survey
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**Systematic full coverage survey**  
Evolution of settlement patterns in Inner Thrace, and archaeological cultures in their environmental context

**Special purpose survey**  
- RS ground Truthing  
- Assessing the success and efficiency of Satellite Remote Sensing Methodology
Special Purpose Survey
Ground Control DB:

- Feature/Area description
- Actual Cause of RS pattern
- Classification (True Positives, False Positives, False Negatives… etc.)
- Impact (an estimate of site damage degree, extent, duration)
- Effect (an assessment of archaeological value and scientific significance)
Data Download & Done
Systematic Field Survey
PAPER RECORDS

(1) 1 paper record keeper per team
(2) Complements and completes the digital record
(3) Faster
(4) More flexible
Paper & Digital Recording
Post–Processing: Completing Digital Data
Digital vs. Paper

Field Progress Efficiency vs. Quantity of post-processing
Thank you!