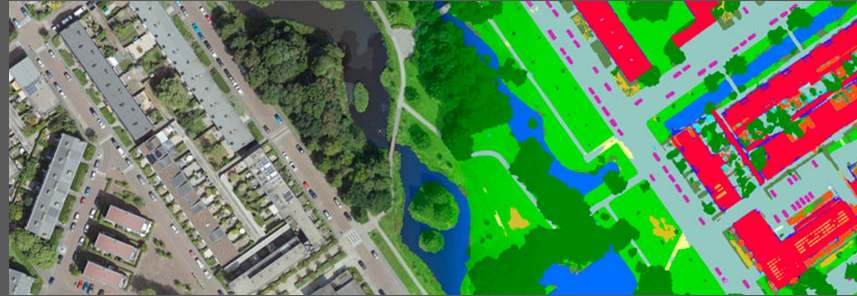


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## Remote Sensing reading group

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Motivation for this reading group
- *Putting the A & I in Aerial Imagery*
- Planning future sessions

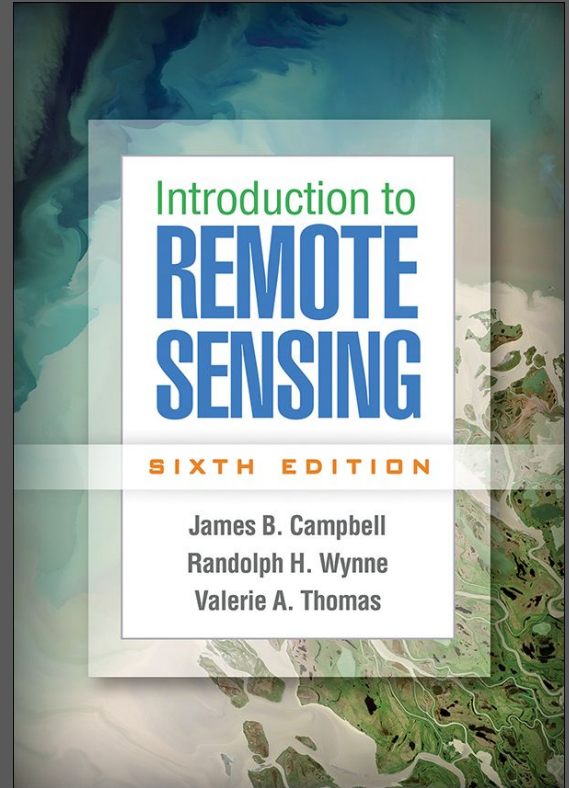
# What is remote sensing?

Data (analysis) of earth surface obtained by remote sensors (satellite, aeroplane, drone, ..).

Geo-referenced images, videos, point clouds, points, time series, ..

Often includes other geospatial data.

Increasingly analysed with AI/ML.



# Why we should meet

Mission critical! ML is about more than cats and dogs!

arXiv:2402.01444 (cs)

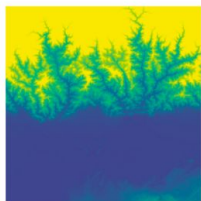
[Submitted on 2 Feb 2024]

## Mission Critical -- Satellite Data is a Distinct Modality in Machine Learning

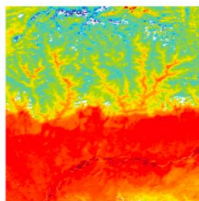
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### Products

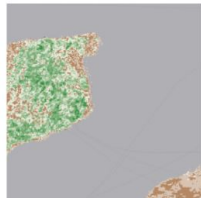
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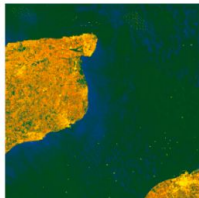
ALOS DEM



MODIS day temp.



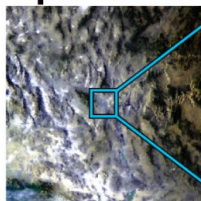
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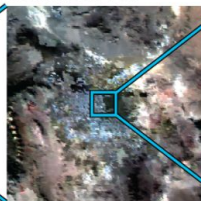
SAR (Sentinel 1)

### Spatial resolutions

Las Vegas, Nevada, USA



GOES-18 at 2000m/px



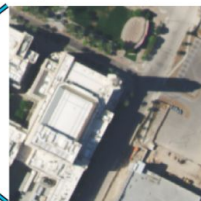
MODIS at 250m/px



Landsat 9 at 30m/px



Sentinel 2 at 10m/px



NAIP at 0.6m/px

### Time steps

Las Vegas, Nevada, USA



Dec. 25, 1973



Dec. 3, 1982



Dec. 9, 1993



Dec. 24, 2001



Dec. 23, 2013



Dec. 28, 2023

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Increasing attention for AI in remote sensing community (and vice versa?)

arXiv:2305.08413 (cs)

[Submitted on 15 May 2023]

## Artificial intelligence to advance Earth observation: a perspective

Devis Tuia, Konrad Schindler, Begüm Demir, Gustau Camps-Valls, Xiao Xiang Zhu, Mrinalini Kochupillai, Sašo Džeroski, Jan N. van Rijn, Holger H. Hoos, Fabio Del Frate, Mihai Datcu, Jorge-Arnulfo Quiané-Ruiz, Volker Markl, Bertrand Le Saux, Rochelle Schneider



satellite-image-deep-learning

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## Goals of this reading group

Connect RS Turing researchers across domains/programmes.

Platform to present work and get feedback/suggestions from outside your direct team.

Stay up-to-date with latest literature and methods.

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# Putting the A & I in Aerial Imagery

SAR  
pre-processing/image  
reconstruction (many  
different techniques)

Background on RS  
data/photogram.

Image/data fusion

Best practices/tools when  
using RS data

Different resolutions  
data/scale-invariant  
processing

Domain  
adaptation/transfer  
learning [locations /  
modalities / providers]

Efficient use of time  
series + gappy data  
handling

Foundation models  
(self-supervised)



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## Suggested format

- Bi-weekly meetings
- One presentation on paper or topic (30 mins) + round-table (30 mins)
- Start with foundational papers, before moving on to latest techniques?
- Volunteers? :)
- Github with shared materials (slides/papers/..)