

Advances in Remote Sensing



FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative



Collaborative Research on
Sustainable Intensification

Remote Sensing Instrument/platform



Data Processing



4 Million Landsat images (1972-2016)
More than a petabyte stored on tapes at USGS and growing daily

Cost of Remote sensing instruments



No matter how much you screw up, you will never have to tell your boss: “mmm... I think I may have toppled that 290 million dollar NOAA-N prime satellite right onto the lab floor



**NASA launches \$855 million
Landsat mission**

And the data is free!!!

Cost of Purchasing data

Mono High & Medium-Resolution Satellite Imagery Price List

| Satellite(s) | Product + Resolution | Archive - > 90 days | Archive - ≤ 90 days | Standard Tasking* | Priority Tasking* | Rush Tasking |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|---|
| <i>WorldView-3</i> | 30-cm Natural Color 30-cm 4-band PS 30-cm Pan + 1.2-m MS | \$22.50/km ² 25 km ² Pan = \$19 | \$32.50/km ² 25 km ² Pan = \$29 | \$32.50/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$29 | \$54.50/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$51 | N/A |
| <i>WorldView-3</i> | 30-cm Pan + 1.2-m 8-band MS | \$24/km ² 25 km ² | \$34/km ² 25 km ² | \$34/km ² 100 km ² | \$56/km ² 100 km ² | N/A |
| <i>WorldView-3</i> | 7.5-m 8-band SWIR only | \$24/km ² 25 km ² | \$34/km ² 25 km ² | \$34/km ² 100 km ² | \$56/km ² 100 km ² | N/A |
| <i>GeoEye-1</i> <i>WorldView-2</i> <i>WorldView-3</i> | 40-cm Natural Color 40-cm 4-band PS 40-cm Pan + 1.6-m MS | \$19.50/km ² 25 km ² Pan = \$16 | \$29.50/km ² 25 km ² Pan = \$26 | \$29.50/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$26 | \$51.50/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$48 | \$93.50/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$90 GeoEye-1 only |
| <i>WorldView-2</i> <i>WorldView-3</i> | 40-cm Pan + 1.6-m 8-band MS | \$21/km ² 25 km ² | \$31/km ² 25 km ² | \$31/km ² 100 km ² | \$53/km ² 100 km ² | N/A |

Stereo High & Medium-Resolution Satellite Imagery Price List

| Satellite(s) | Product + Resolution | Archive - > 90 days | Archive - ≤ 90 days | Standard Tasking* | Priority Tasking* | Rush Tasking |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------|
| <i>WorldView-3</i> | 30-cm Natural Color 30-cm 4-band PS 30-cm Pan + 1.2-m MS | \$45/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$38 | \$65/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$58 | \$65/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$58 | \$109/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$102 | N/A |
| <i>WorldView-3</i> | 30-cm Pan + 1.2-m 8-band MS | \$48/km ² 100 km ² | \$68/km ² 100 km ² | \$68/km ² 100 km ² | \$112/km ² 100 km ² | N/A |
| <i>GeoEye-1</i> <i>WorldView-2</i> <i>WorldView-3</i> | 40-cm Natural Color 40-cm 4-band PS 40-cm Pan + 1.6-m MS | \$39/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$32 | \$59/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$52 | \$59/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$52 | \$103/km ² 100 km ² Pan = \$96 | N/A |
| <i>WorldView-2</i> <i>WorldView-3</i> | 40-cm Pan + 1.6-m 8-band MS | \$42/km ² 100 km ² | \$62/km ² 100 km ² | \$62/km ² 100 km ² | \$106/km ² 100 km ² | N/A |

If the data is not free!!!

Cost effective alternatives: UAV



Rotary wing



[*]

**Easier to pilot, agile maneuvering
Vertical take-off and landing**

Fixed wing



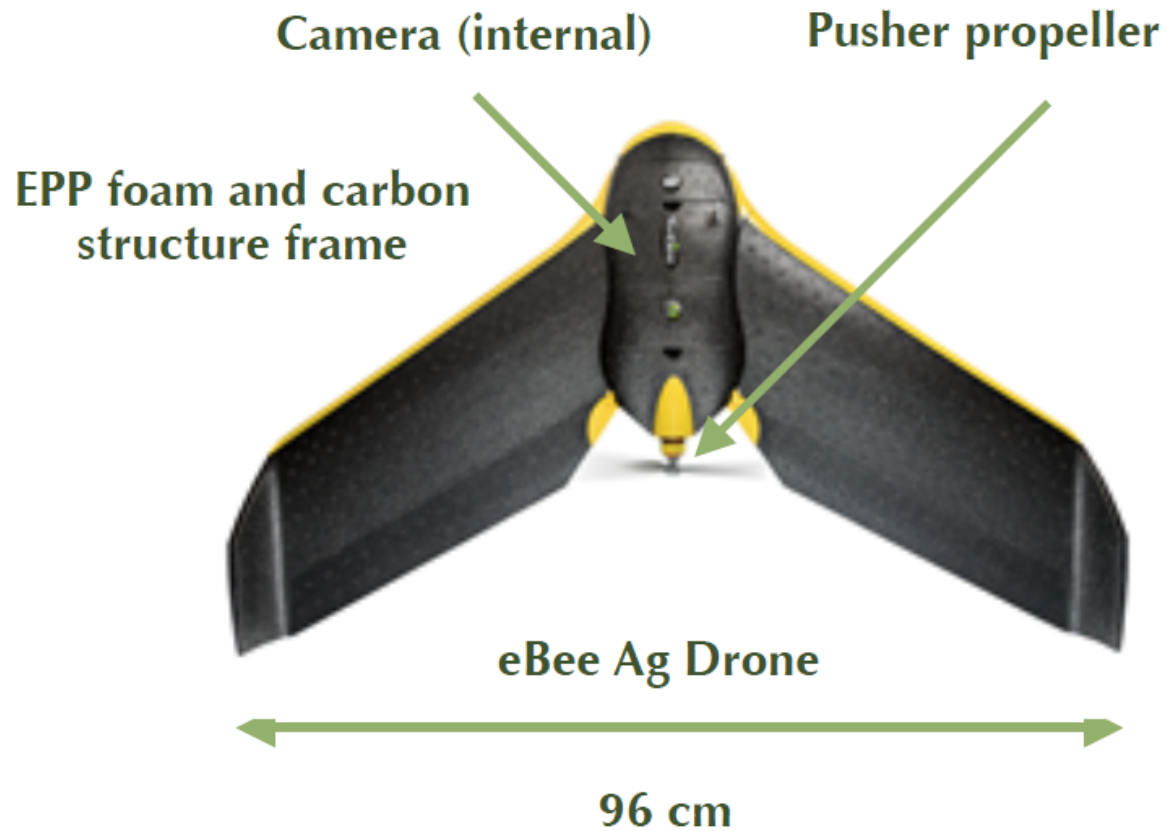
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**More efficient aerodynamics
longer flights, higher speed
Large space for take-off and landing**

[*] "Parrot AR.Drone 2.0", N. Halftermeyer – Wikimedia Commons

[o] "InView Unmanned Aircraft" by Fasicle, <http://www.barnardmicrosystems.com/> - Wikimedia Commons

\$12500 + \$4000 for camera



| eBee Ag Hardware | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Weight (including supplied camera) | Approximately 1.56 lbs |
| Wingspan | 96 cm |
| Material | EPP foam, carbon structure and composite parts |
| Propulsion | Electric pusher propeller, 160 W brushless DC motor |
| Battery | 11.1 V, 2150 mAh |
| Camera (supplied) | 12 Mp (megapixel) S110 NIR (near-infrared) |
| Carry case dimensions | 55 x 45 x 25 cm |

What can you get from UAV data?

plants

Vegetation indices
Plant growth, counting, diseases identification
Impact of chemical or biological treatments

soil

Temperature and moisture
Water issues and irrigation systems
Ground erosion and modifications, topography

- Plant stress assessment.
- Yield monitoring.
- Chlorophyll indication.
- Senescence analysis.
- Drought assessment.
- Biomass indication.
- Leaf area indexing.
- Nitrogen recommendation.
- Phenology.
- Growth monitoring.
- Crop discrimination.
- Leaf area indexing.
- Tree classification.
- Plant counting.

Optimization of the treatments

only where and when necessary ... fertilizers cut down till to 20 – 40 %

Reduction and prevention of waste

water consumption ... in some cases till to almost 90 %

Reduction of labor and material costs

Reduction of pollution

Small UAVs are electrical machines.

Reduction of the risks

Automatic and continuous analysis of the processes and field status.
Prevention.

Can this be replacement for satellite remote sensing data?

High resolution commercial data for local applications: YES!!!

Large area monitoring: NO; but those data are free!

Challenges???

Big Data

in Remote Sensing



Storage estimates:

Typical laptop data storage: 500 GB and memory 4 GB

Landsat data for Tanzania at 30 m with 8 bands around 20 GB;
Sentinel data at 10 m >> 100 GB (with compression)

Alternatives:

Workstation: cost of running; data archive;

Goodchild et al. (2012):

Next-generation Digital Earth

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“The supply of geographic information from satellite-based and ground-based sensors has expanded rapidly, encouraging belief in a new, fourth, or “big data,” paradigm of science that emphasizes **international collaboration, data-intensive analysis, huge computing resources, and high-end visualization.**”

Google Earth Engine



Global Landsat Timelapse Animations

earthengine.google.com



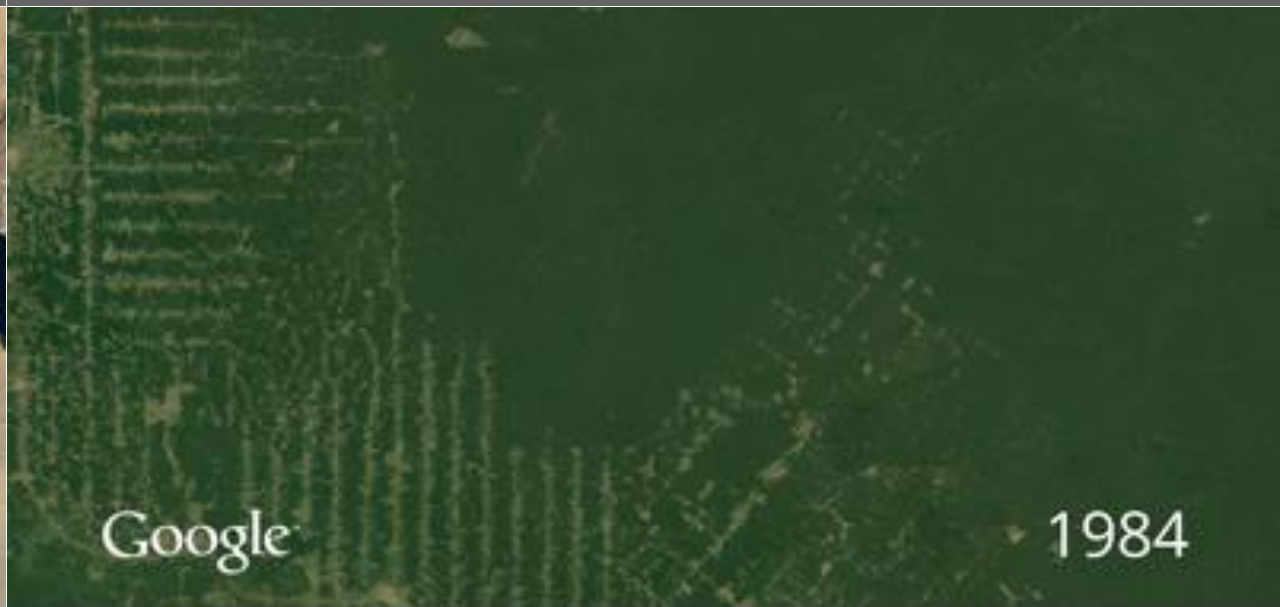
Columbia Glacier Retreat, 1984-2011



Saudi Arabia Irrigation, 1984-2012



Las Vegas Urban Growth, 1986-2012



Brazilian Amazon Deforestation, 1984-2012

29 years
of satellite data

2,068,467
landsat
scenes analyzed

909
terabytes
of data

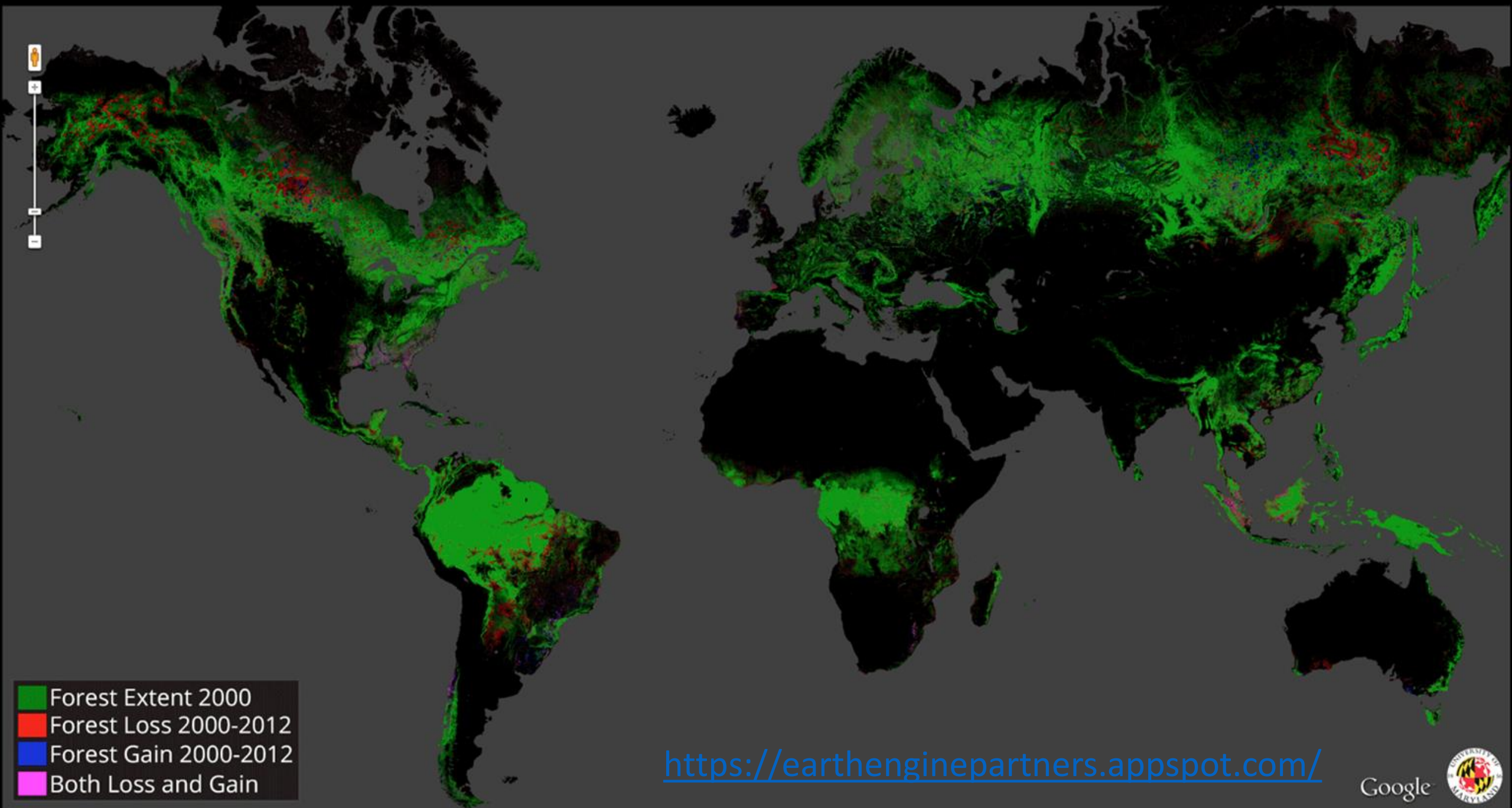
More
than **2M** hours of computation over **66,000** computers

Elapsed Time: ~**1.5** days to build Timelapse

TIMELAPSE

Watch the world change over the course of nearly three decades in a single photograph

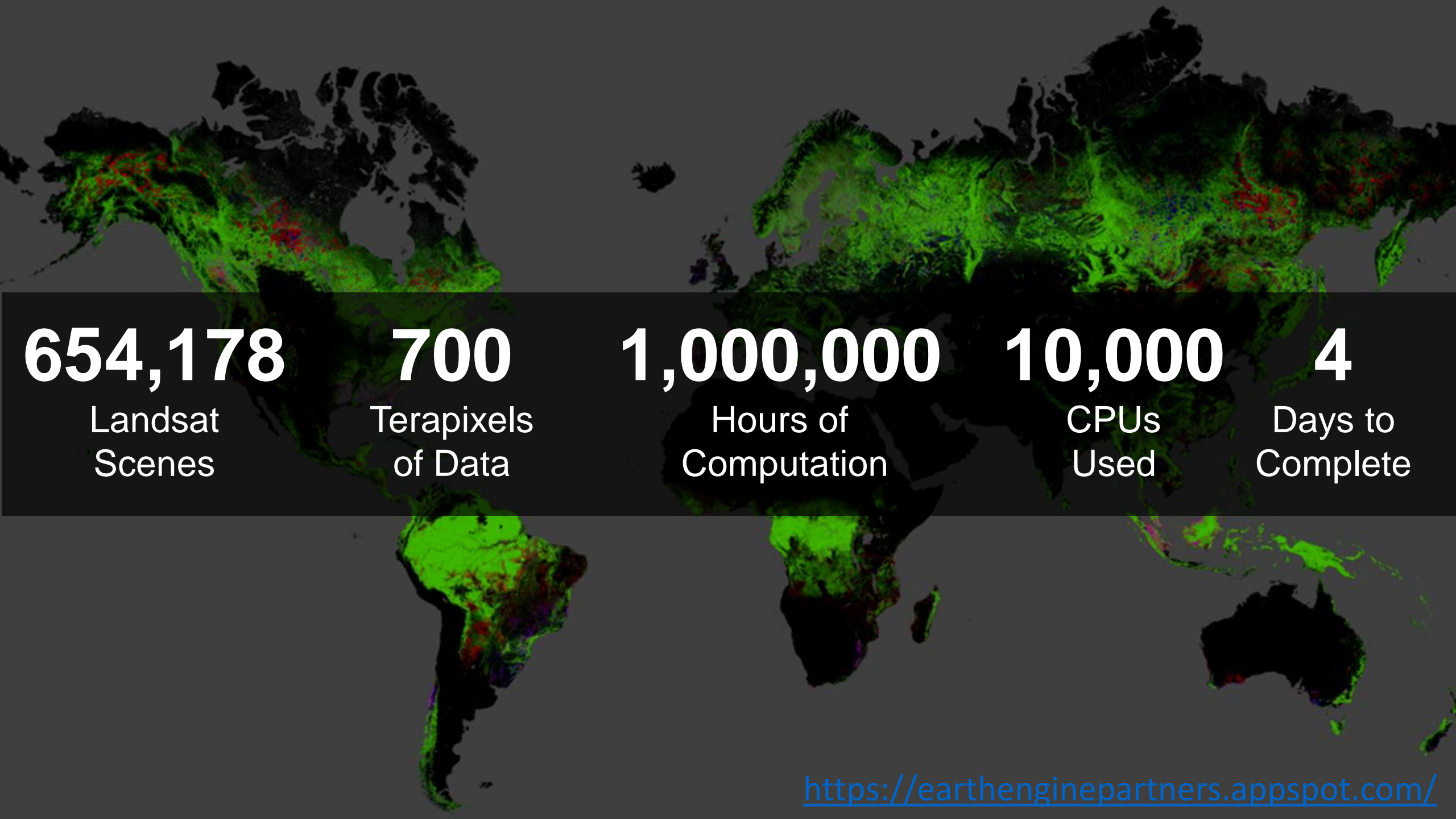
Pictured: The megacity of Dubai grows in the desert, from 1984 to today



- Forest Extent 2000
- Forest Loss 2000-2012
- Forest Gain 2000-2012
- Both Loss and Gain

<https://earthenginepartners.appspot.com/>





654,178

Landsat
Scenes

700

Terapixels
of Data

1,000,000

Hours of
Computation

10,000

CPUs
Used

4

Days to
Complete

<https://earthenginepartners.appspot.com/>

The Earth Engine Data Catalog



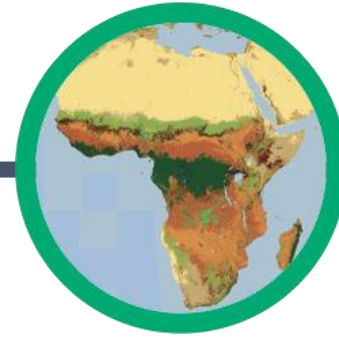
Landsat & Sentinel
10-30m, 14-day



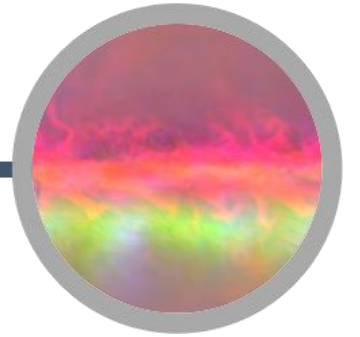
MODIS
250m daily



Terra Bella
<1m daily-weekly



**Terrain &
Land Cover**



Weather & Climate
NOAA NCEP, OMI, ...

... and many more, updating daily!

> 200 public datasets

> 5 million images

> 4000 new images every day

> 5 petabytes of data

Script manager

API documentation

Search for data

Get a link (URL) to the script

Save the script

Run the script



Code Editor

Long-running task controls

Console output

Inspect locations, pixel values, objects added to the map

Zoom →

