

A satellite image showing a river delta where a river branches out into multiple smaller channels before emptying into a larger body of water. The land is green and textured, while the water is a deep blue. The river channels are light blue, indicating a different water composition or depth.

Earth Engine 101

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Overview

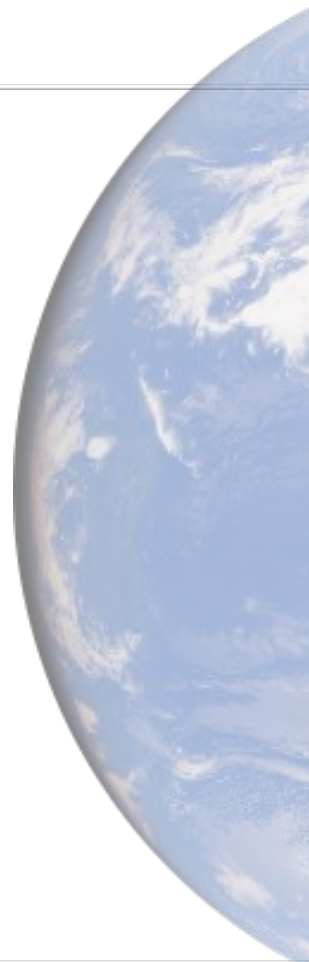
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Focused on society's biggest challenges

Deforestation

Climate Change

Drought

Conflict

Disaster

Global Food Security

Disease

Sustainability



9PB Public Data Catalog

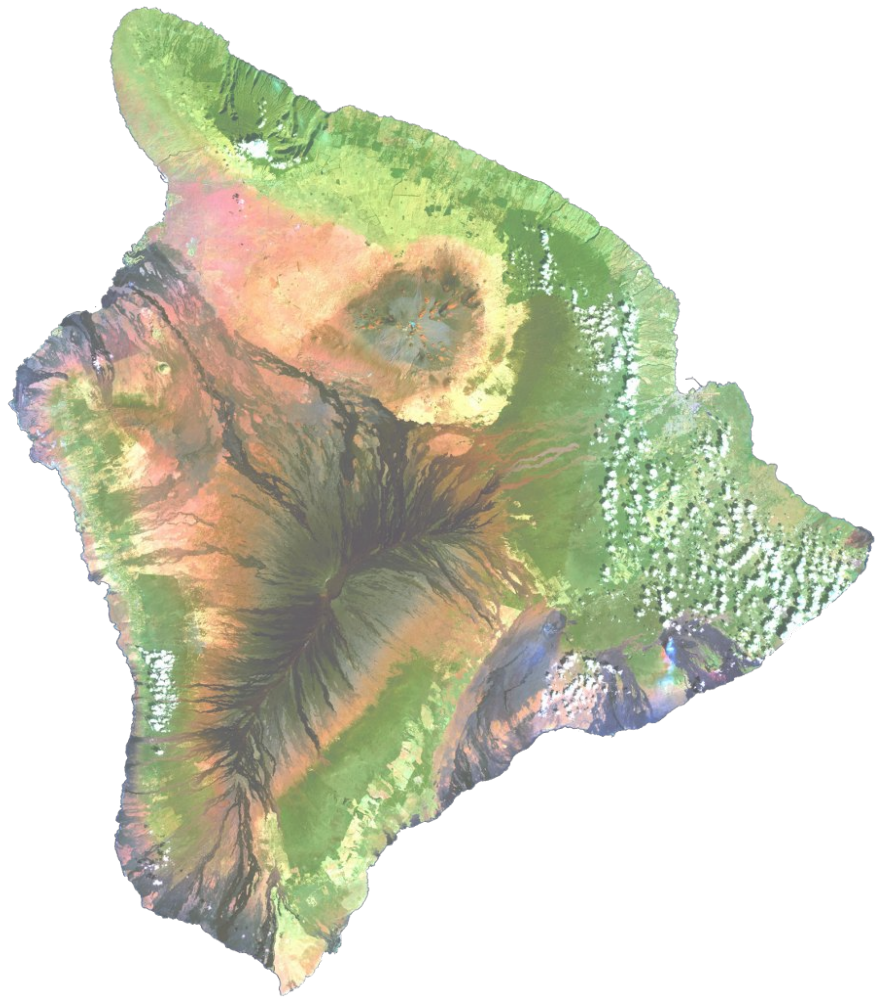
Imagery

| | |
|-------------|---------------------|
| Landsat 4-8 | 7 bands, 30m |
| MODIS | 250m Daily Global |
| Sentinel-1 | 10m SAR |
| Sentinel-2 | 12 bands, 10/20/60m |

Geophysical

Digital Elevation
Land Cover
Surface Temperature, etc.

Weather Forecasts, Climate Models
+300 more analysis ready datasets



How Do I Use It?

Javascript API

Interactive Code Editor

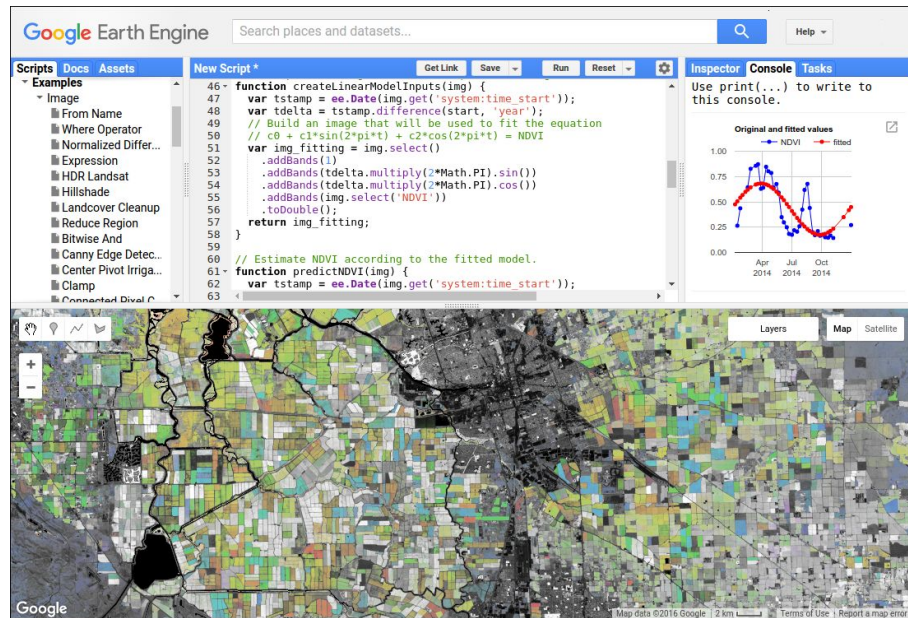
Node.js*

Python API

Python module

Web Apps with Appengine

Jupyter Notebooks*



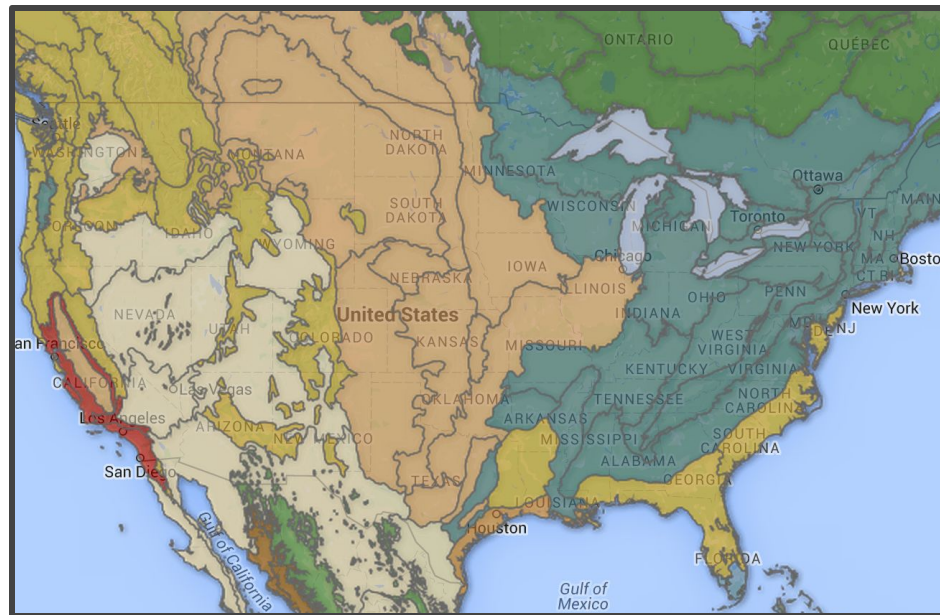
Concepts

Data Models

Feature

Line / Point / Polygon

List of Properties



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Data Models

Feature

Image

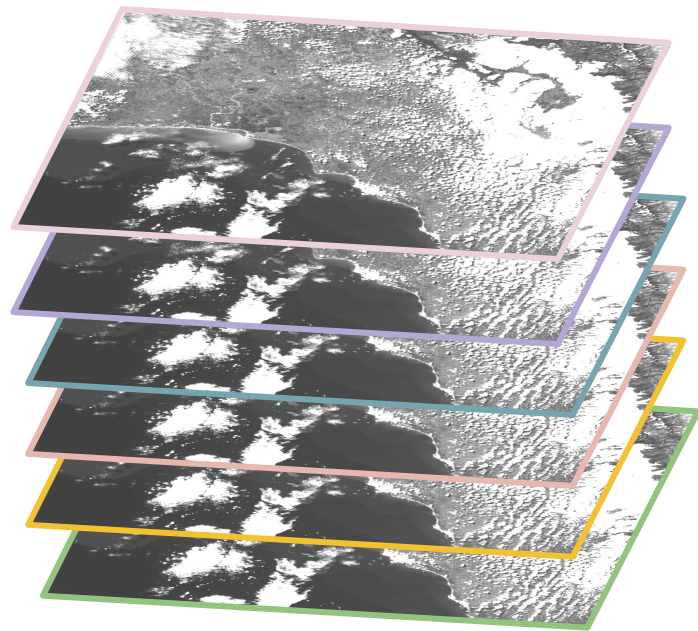
Stack of Georeferenced bands

Each band has its own:

Mask, Projection, Resolution

A list of properties, including:

Date, Bounding-box



Data Models

Feature

Image

Collection

- Bag of Elements

 - Table of Features

 - Directory of Images

- Filter, Sort, Join, Map, Reduce



Map

Apply a function to each element of a collection

A "For Each" operation

Examples

Compute area of each feature

Cloud cover of each image

Mosaic for each month



Reduce

Apply a function to everything in a collection

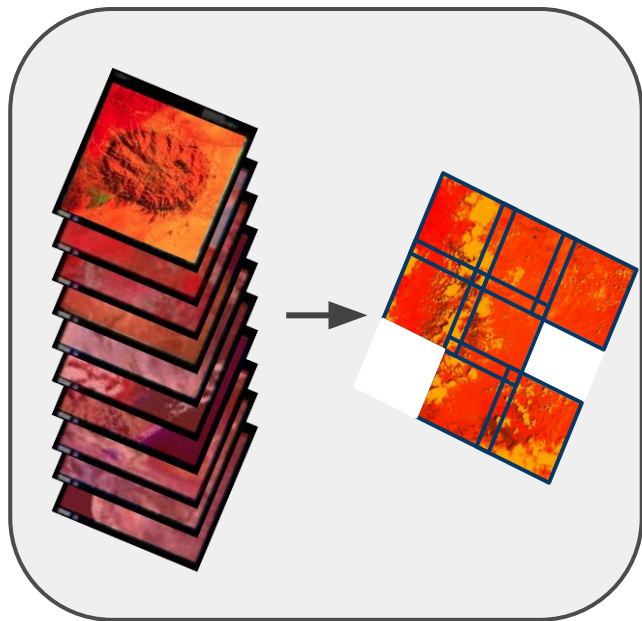
"Aggregation"

Examples

- Summed area over all features

- Median-pixel composite

- Train a classifier



Reducers in Earth Engine

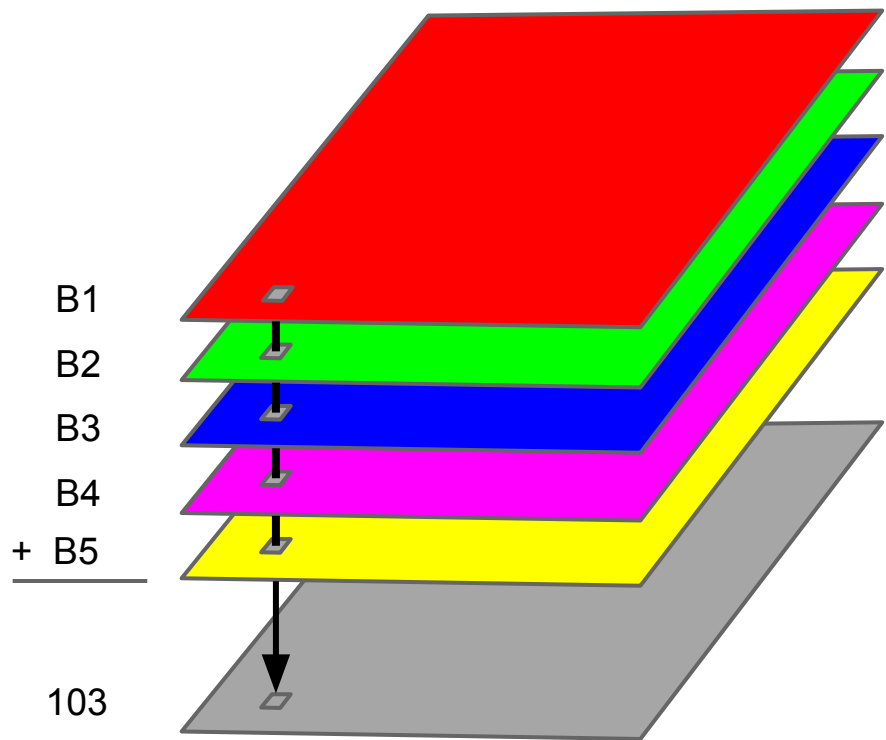
8 ways to reduce

Image.reduce
Image.reduceNeighborhood
Image.reduceRegion
Image.reduceRegions
Image.reduceToVectors
ImageCollection.reduce
FeatureCollection.reduceColumns
FeatureCollection.ReduceToImage

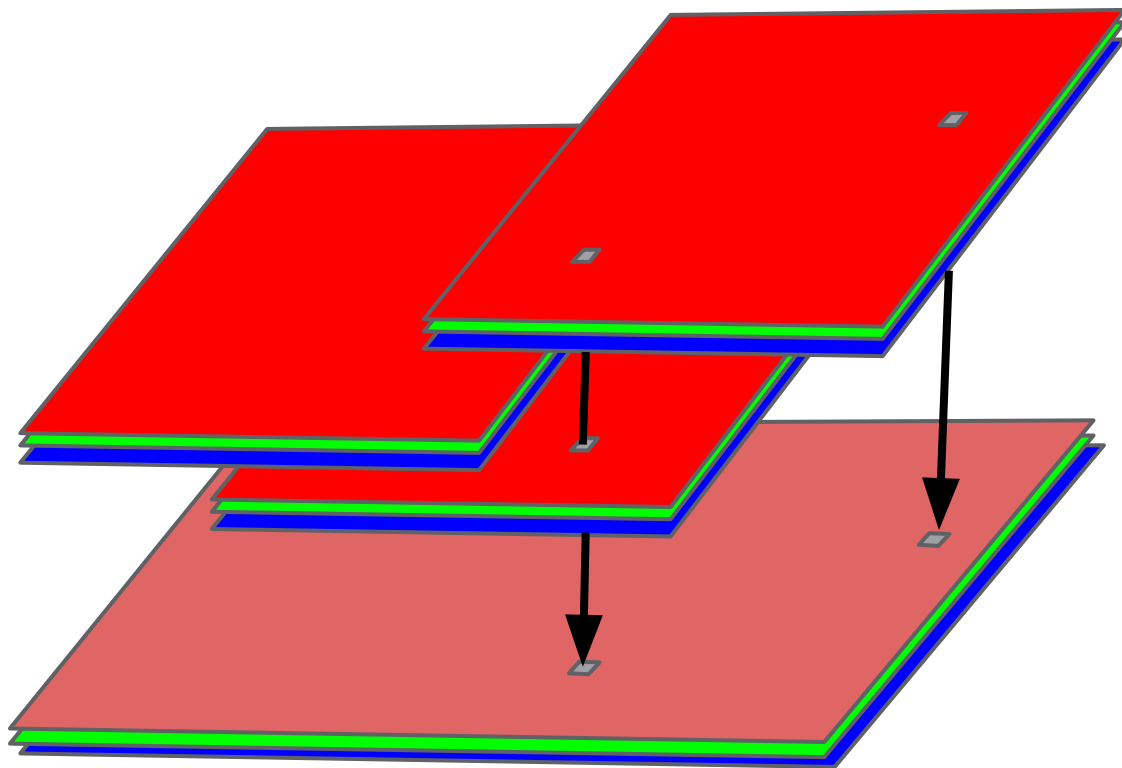
40+ reducers

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Reducer.allNonZero | Reducer.min |
| Reducer.and | Reducer.minMax |
| Reducer.anyNonZero | Reducer.mode |
| Reducer.count | Reducer.or |
| Reducer.countEvery | Reducer.percentile |
| Reducer.histogram | Reducer.product |
| Reducer.intervalMean | Reducer.sampleStdDev |
| Reducer.linearFit | Reducer.sampleVariance |
| Reducer.linearRegression | Reducer.stdDev |
| Reducer.max | Reducer.sum |
| Reducer.mean | Reducer.toCollection |
| Reducer.median | Reducer.toList |
| | Reducer.variance |

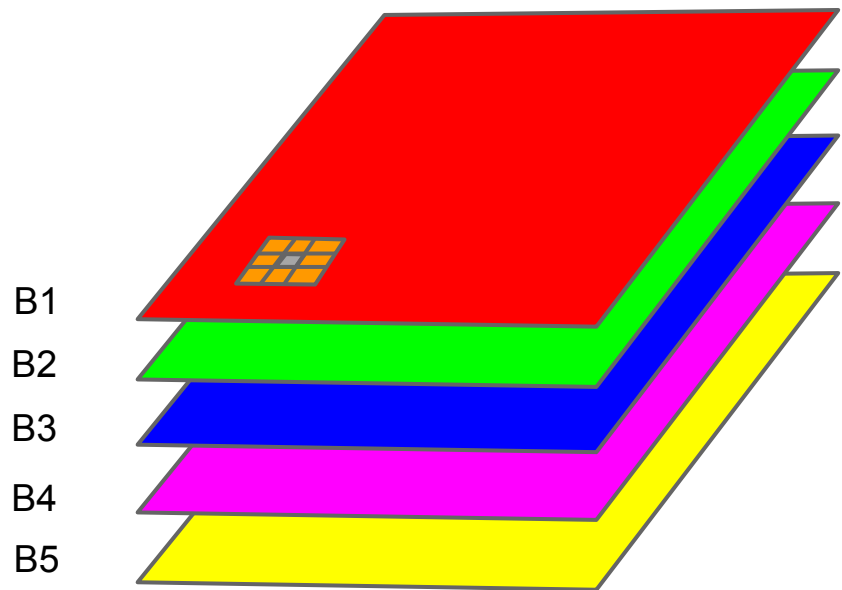
Reduce Bands



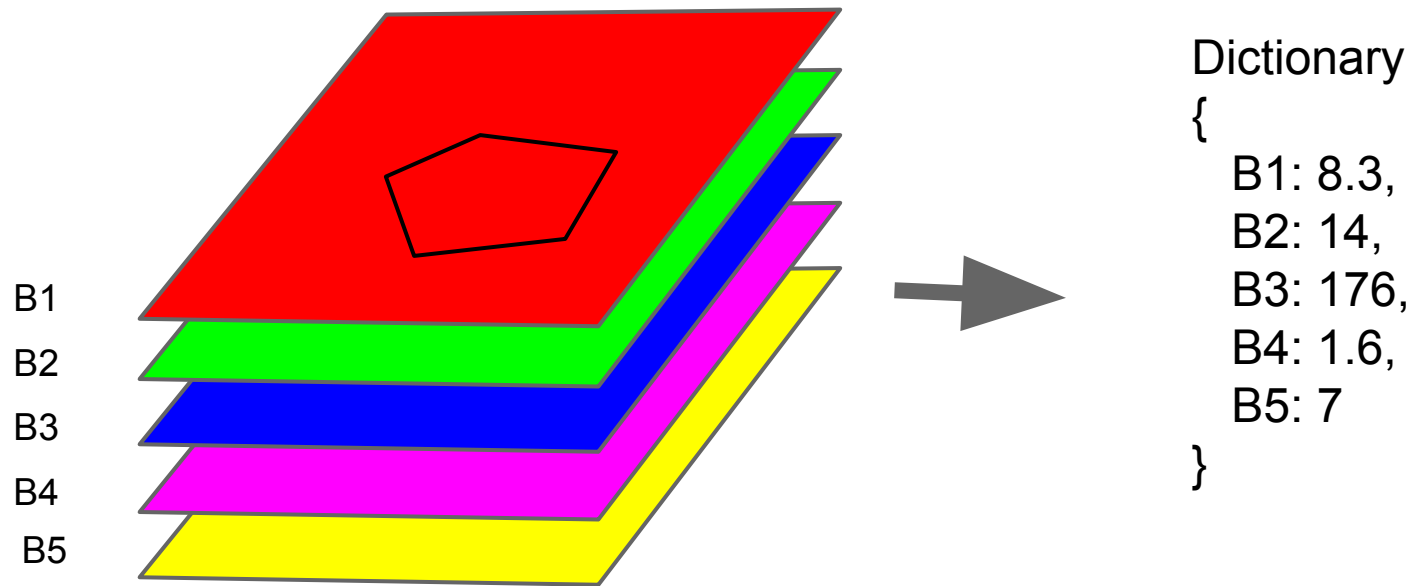
Reduce Image Collection



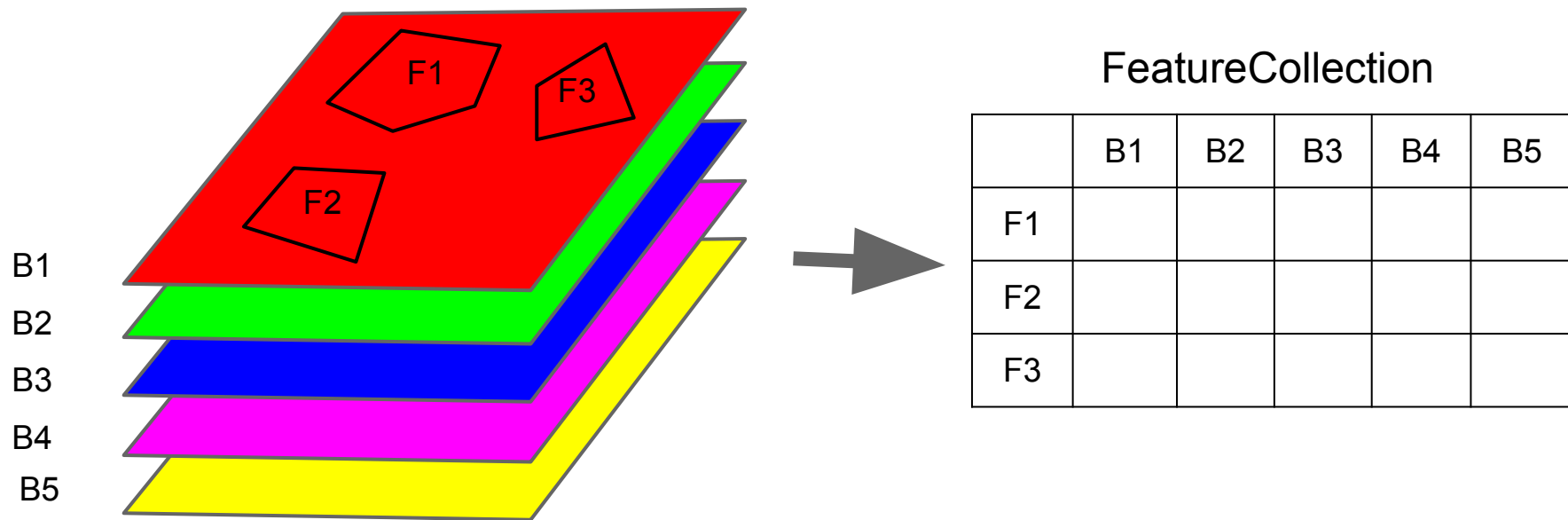
Reduce Neighborhood



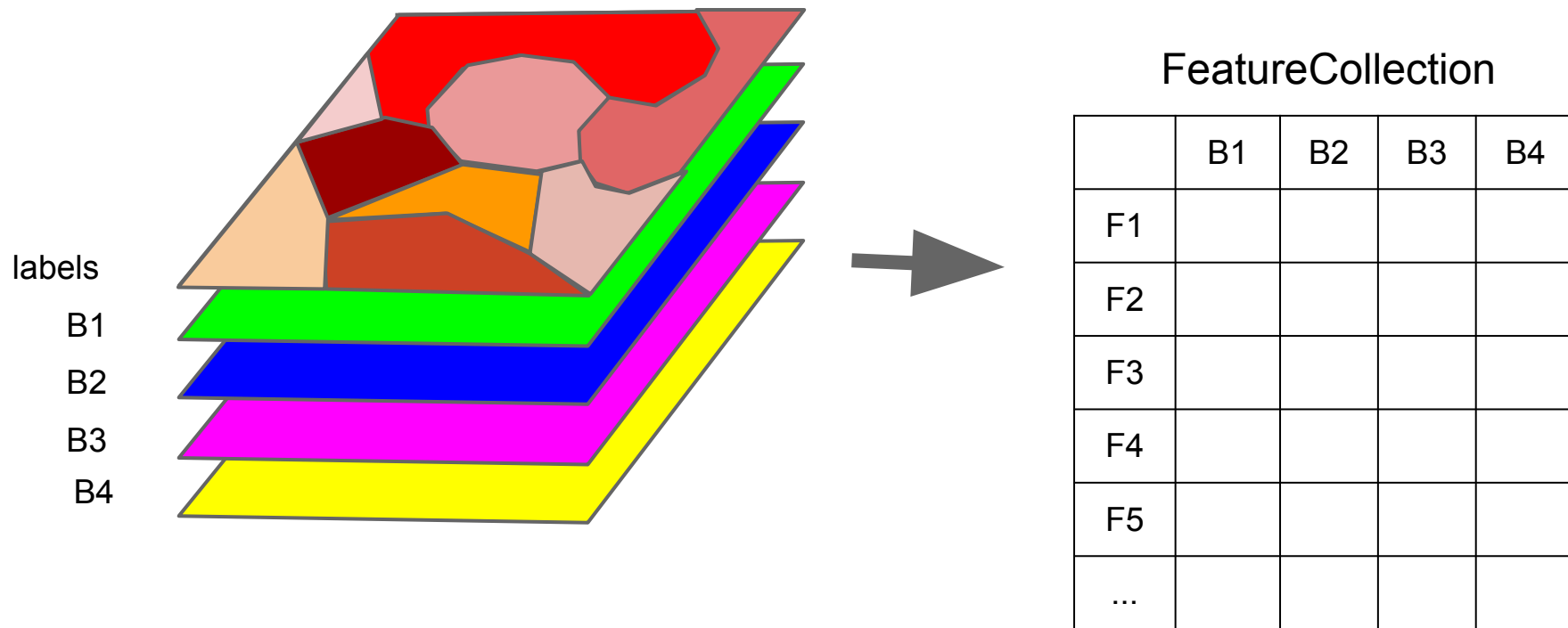
Reduce Region



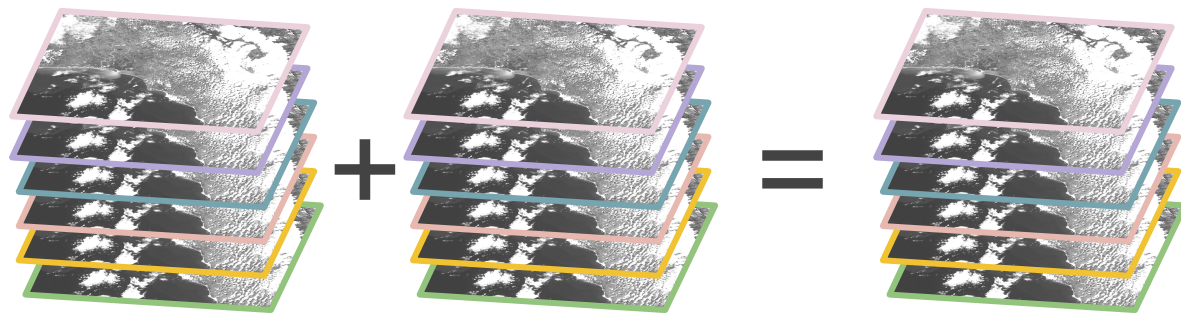
Reduce Regions



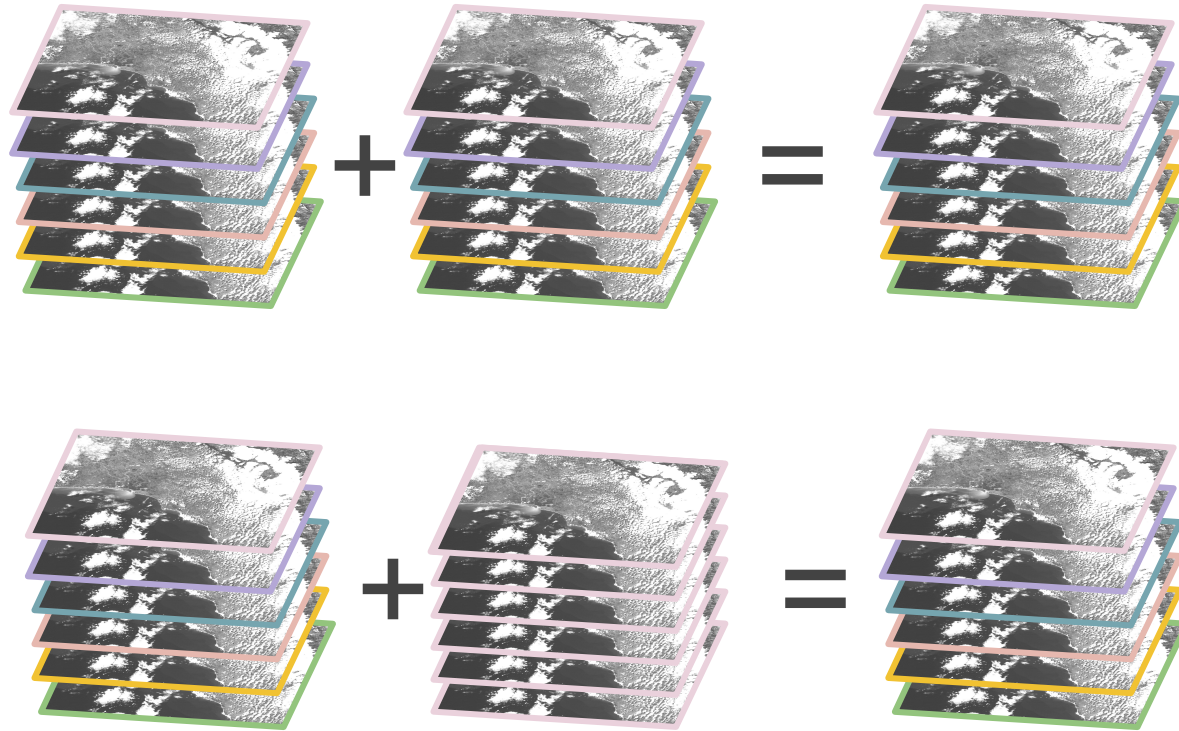
Reduce To Vectors



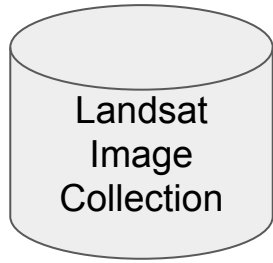
Band Math



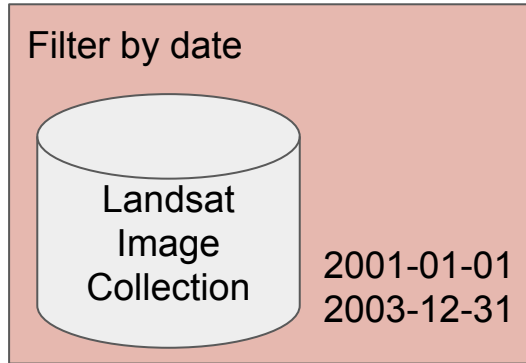
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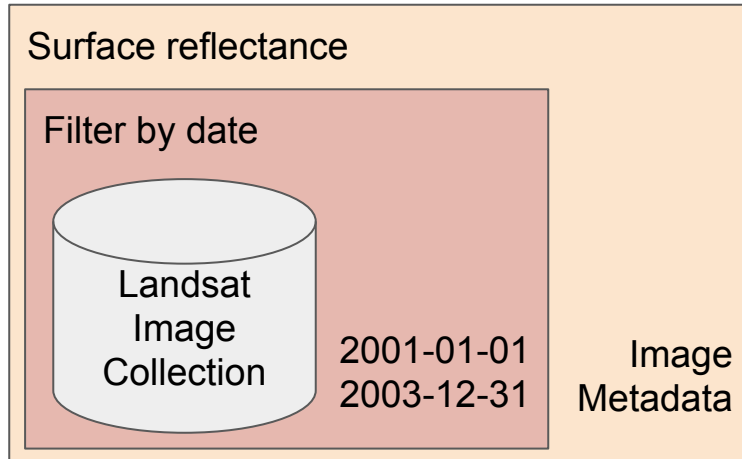
A Computation Example



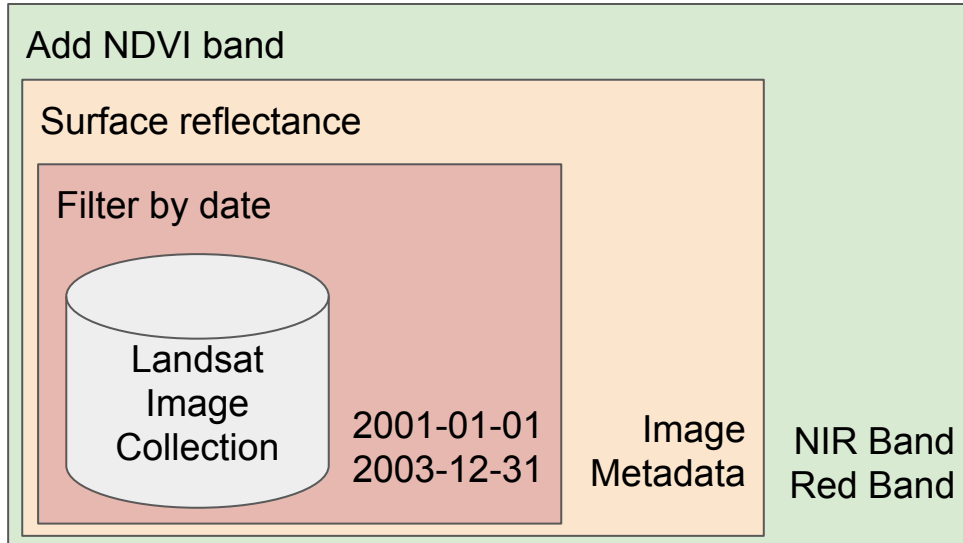
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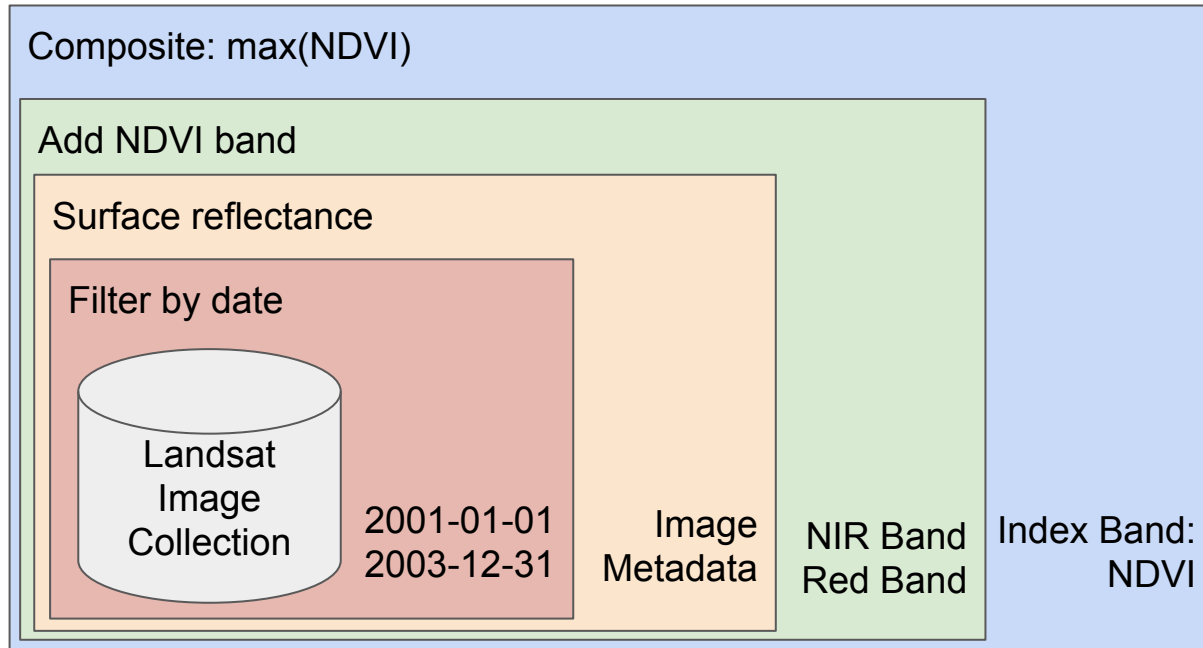
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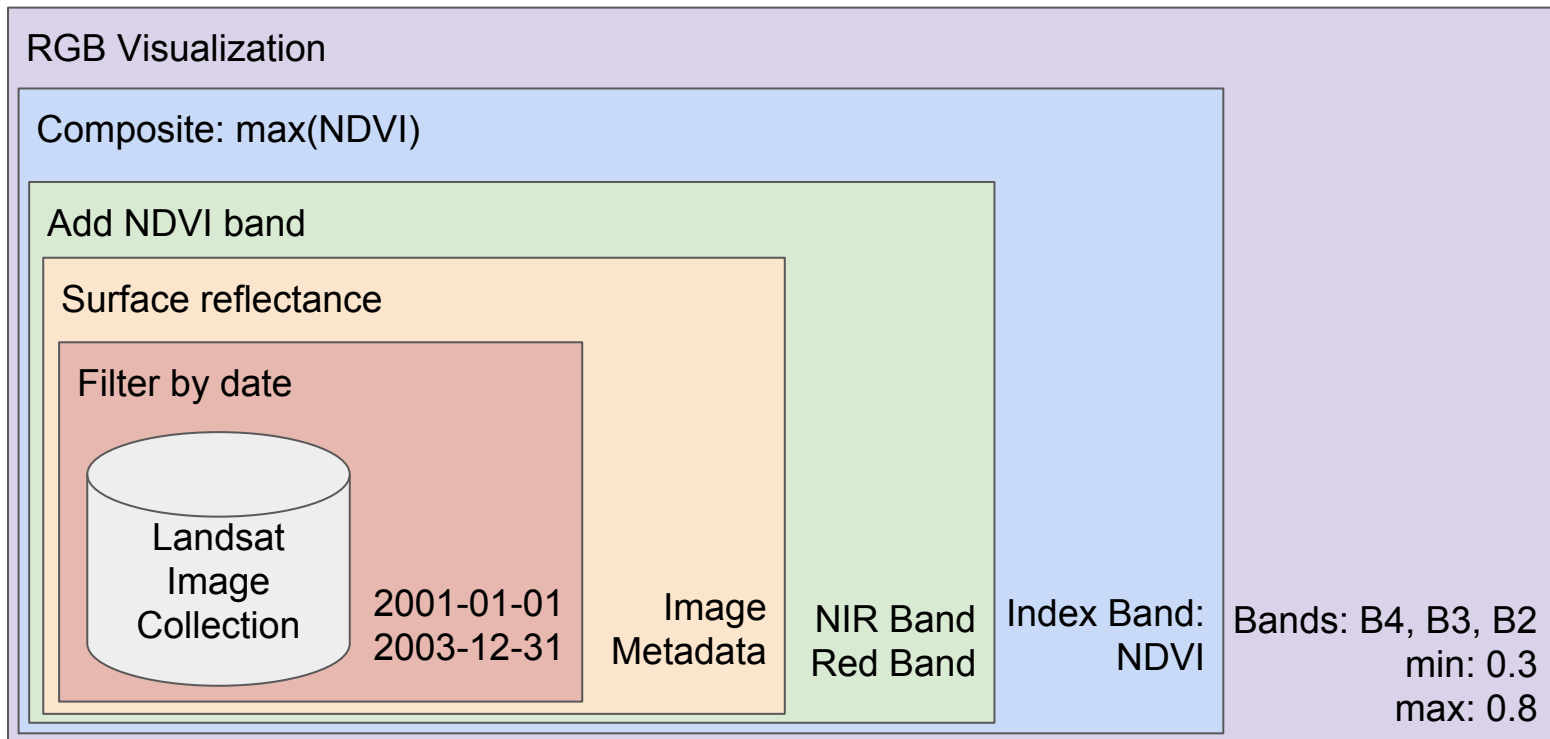
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Map: Reproject to Mercator

RGB Visualization

Composite: max(NDVI)

Add NDVI band

Surface reflectance

Filter by date

Landsat
Image
Collection

2001-01-01
2003-12-31

Image
Metadata

NIR Band
Red Band

Index Band:
NDVI

Bands: B4, B3, B2
min: 0.3
max: 0.8

EPSG:3785
Scale: 30m

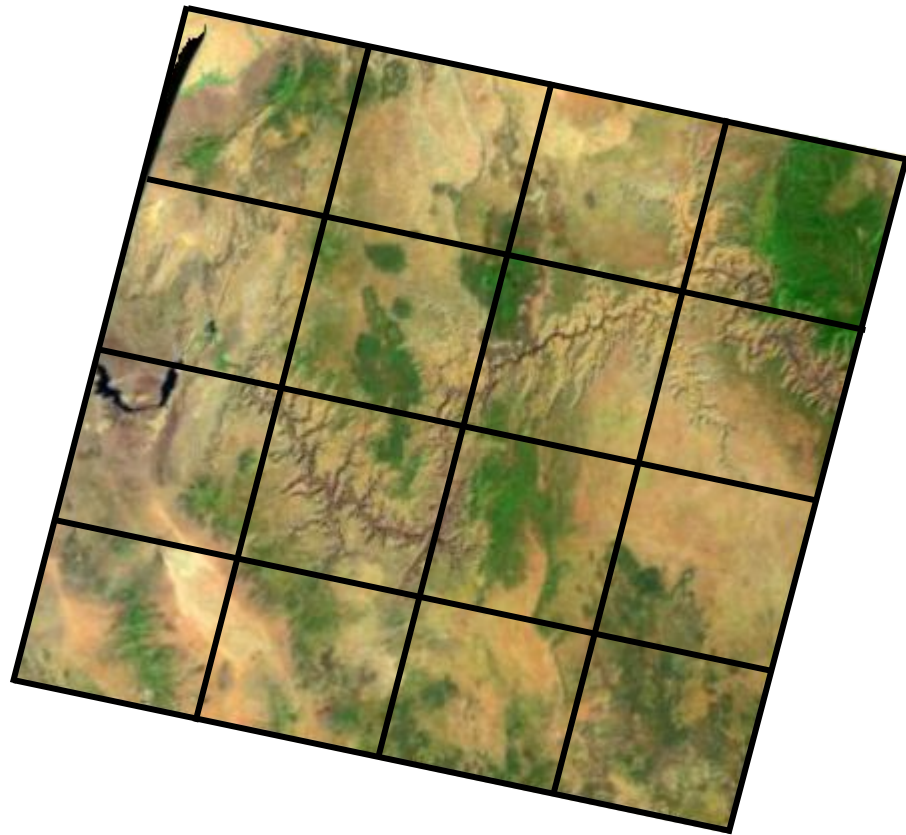
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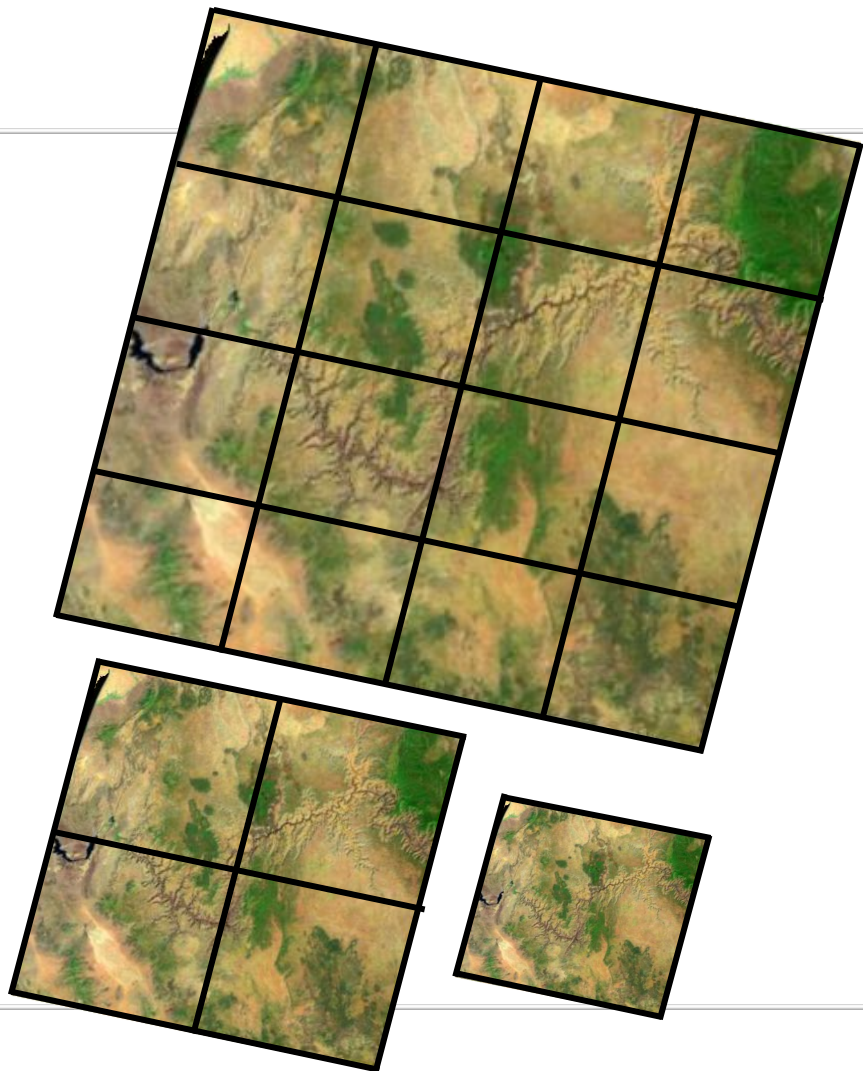
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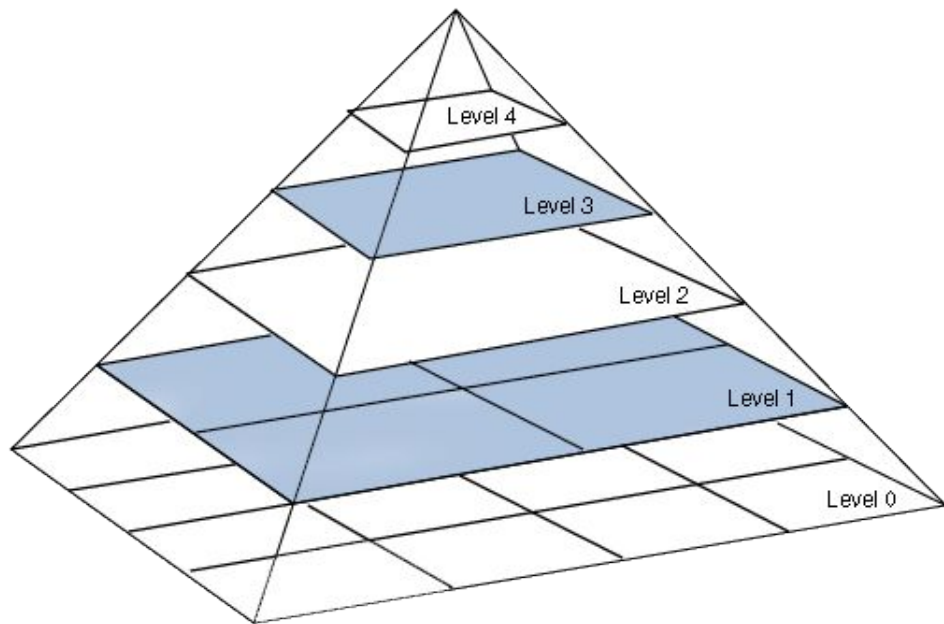
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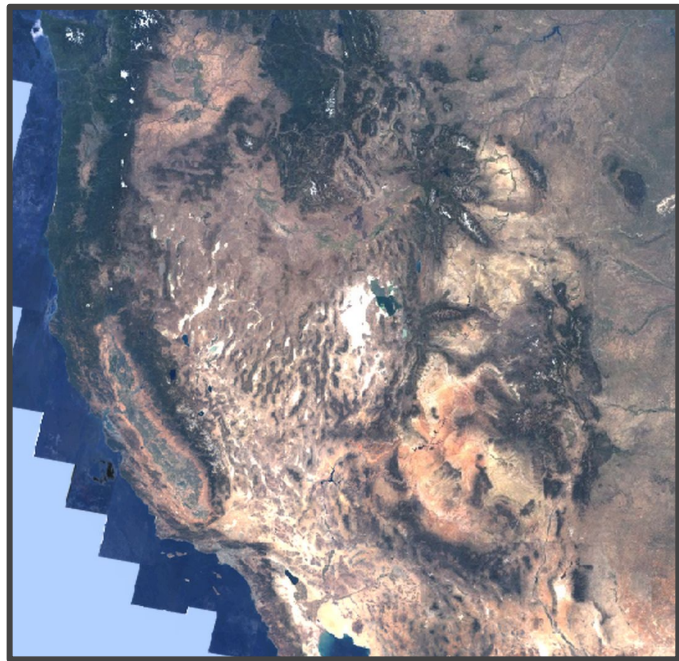


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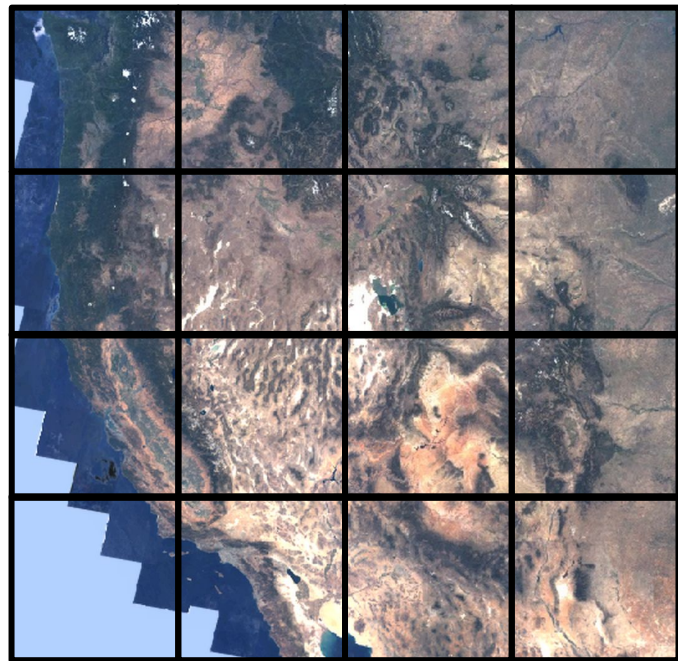
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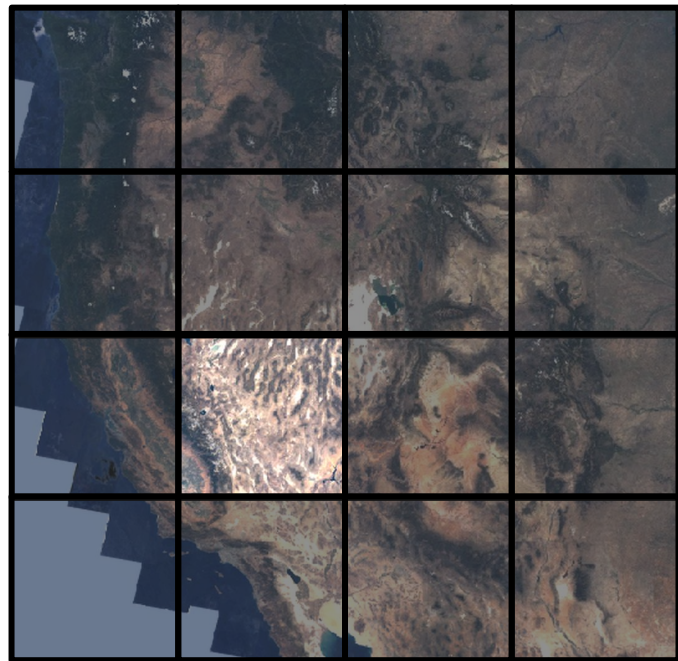
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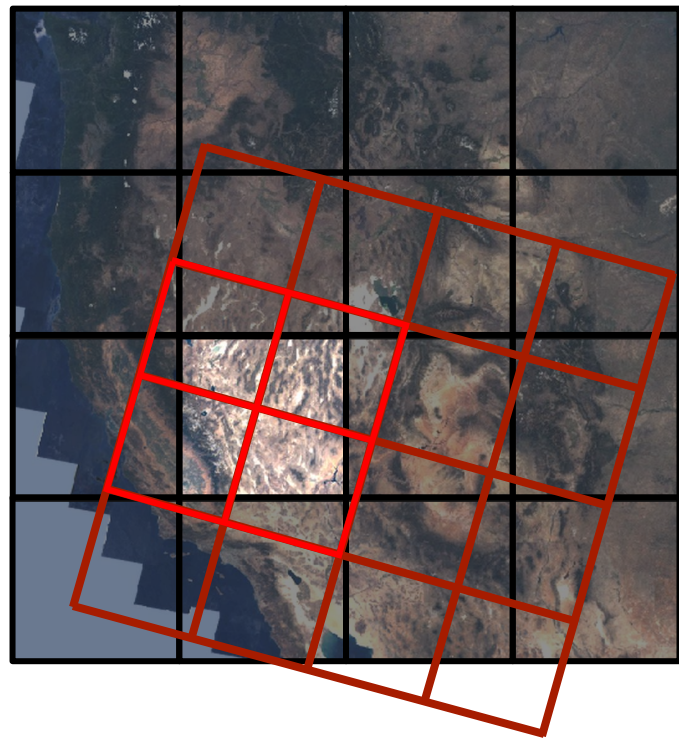
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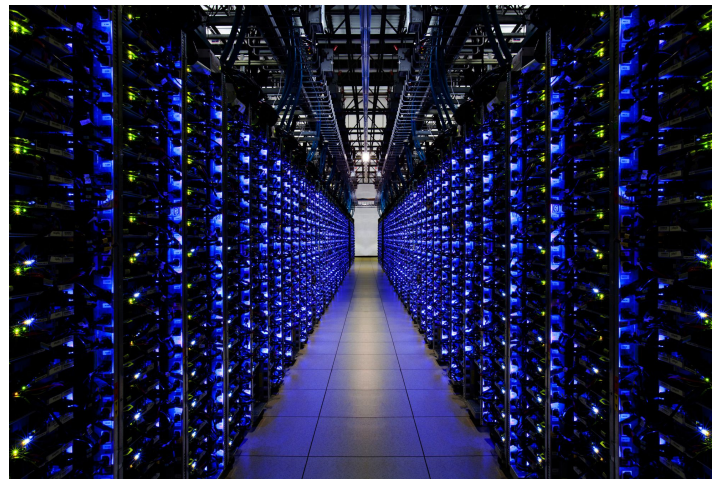
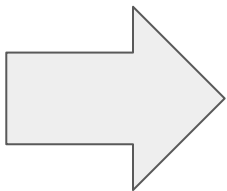
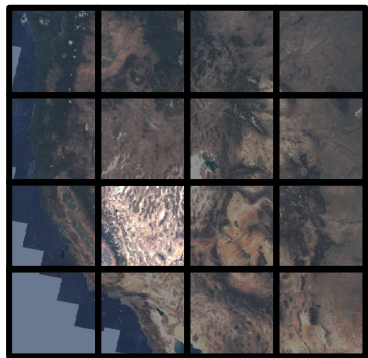
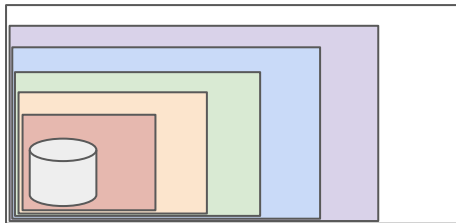
Compute output tiles

Find intersecting source tiles

Reproject into the output projection



Running a Computation



Scripts: goo.gl/bno3Qo