The background image is a high-resolution satellite or aerial photograph of agricultural land at night. The fields are organized into a grid pattern, with different colors representing various crops or soil types. Some fields appear to have irrigation systems active, creating bright, glowing lines and patches. The overall scene is dark, with the illuminated fields providing the primary light source.

# **Exploring Geospatial Raster Images**

RCC Workshop Series 2019

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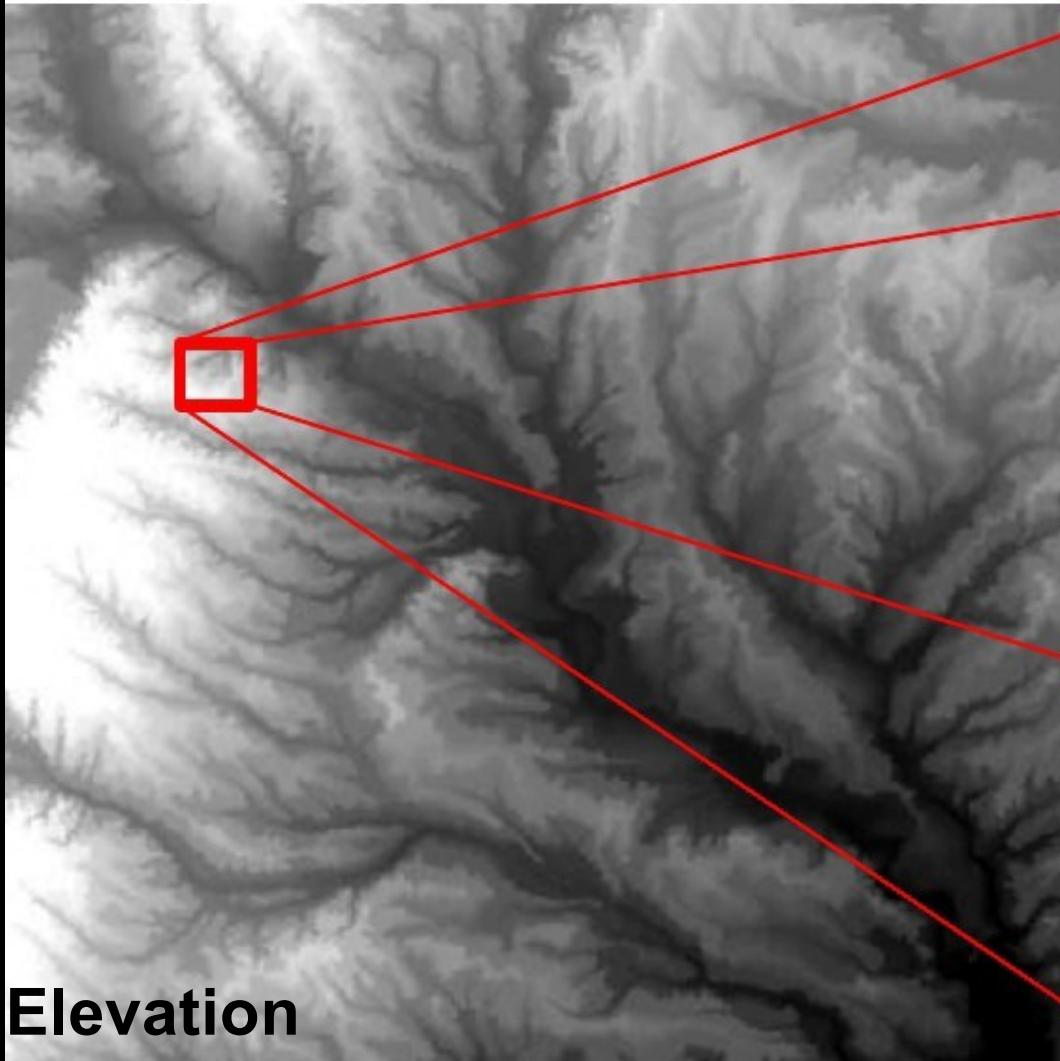
GHSL, GUF

Building Footprint

Gridded population

# Raster Data Model

- Study area is covered by grid
- Conventionally, stored row by row from the top left corner
- Equal sized cells
- Cells are often called pixels
- Attributes are recorded by assigning each cell a single value
  - E.g., landuse type
- Simple data structure
  - Directly store each layer as a single table
    - □ basically, each is analogous to a "spreadsheet" or "matrix"

## Elevation



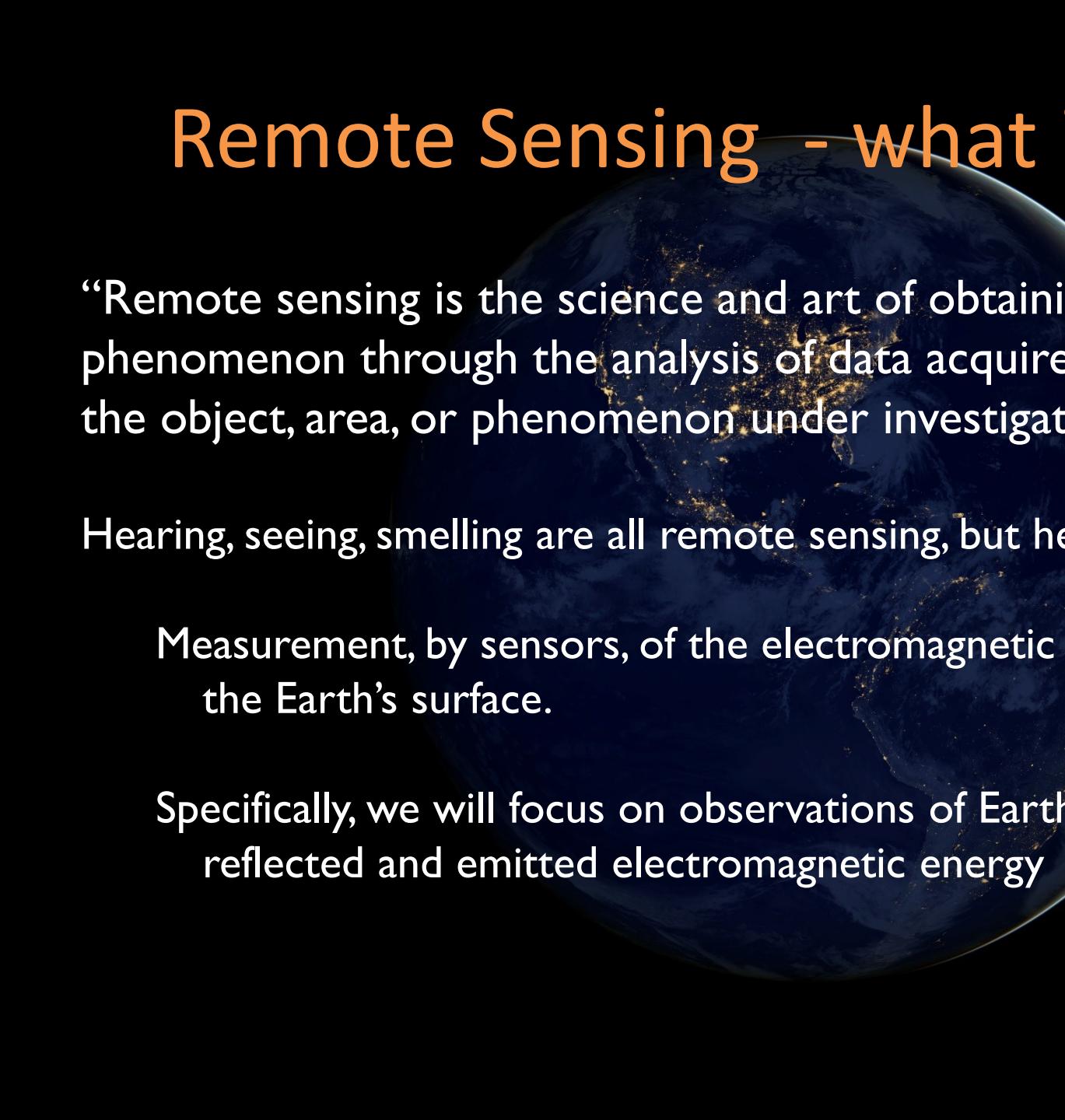
- High : 262

- Low: 73

## Elevation in Dallas county

The whole county and a small area in the county  
(Data Source: USGS)

# Remote Sensing - what is it?



“Remote sensing is the science and art of obtaining information about an object, area, or phenomenon through the analysis of data acquired by a device that is not in contact with the object, area, or phenomenon under investigation.”

- Lillesand et al., 2008

Hearing, seeing, smelling are all remote sensing, but here we focus on one kind:

Measurement, by sensors, of the electromagnetic energy reflected or emitted from objects on the Earth’s surface.

Specifically, we will focus on observations of Earth’s land and water surfaces by means of reflected and emitted electromagnetic energy

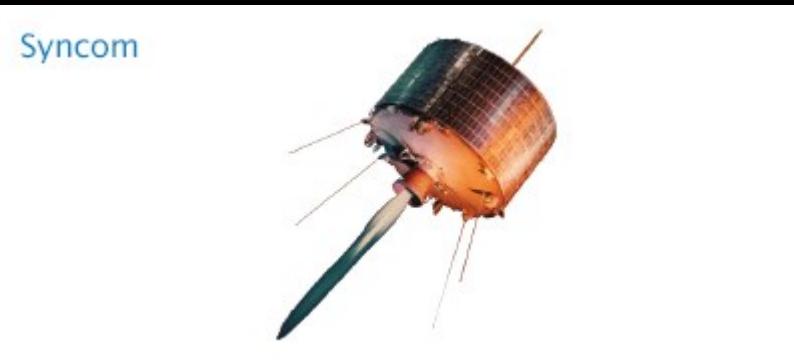
# Remote Sensing

Many platforms, many applications

Sensor altitude plays a role in  
determining purpose



# Remote Sensing – Quick Overview



Geosynchronous—22,236 miles



Low Earth orbit—375–500 miles



Atmospheric satellite—100,000 feet

# Remote Sensing – Quick Overview

SR71 Blackbird



Jet aircraft—90,000-30,000 feet

Military UAV

3DR Solo private drone



Drones—100-500 feet

Cessna  
Helicopter  
Ultralight



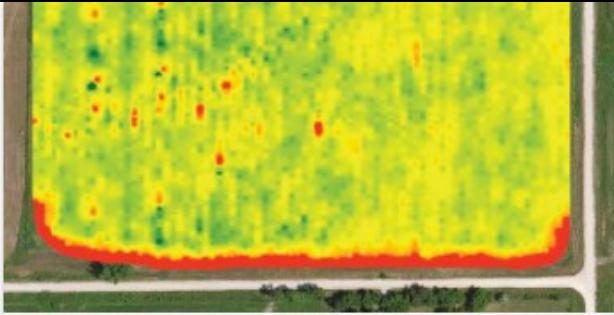
Small aviation aircraft—  
10,000 feet

Smartphone  
Street-level mapping car  
Handheld spectrometer



Ground based/handheld—Ground

# Imagery Applications



Precision Agriculture



Humanitarian Aid



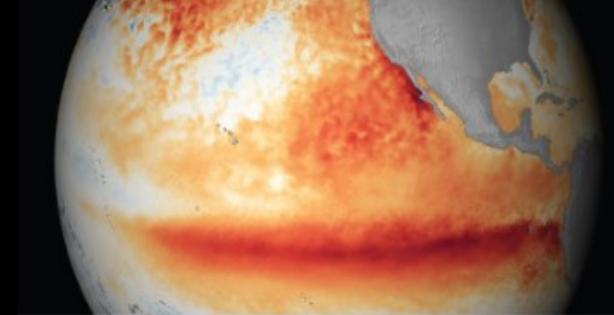
Forestry



Mining



Natural Disasters



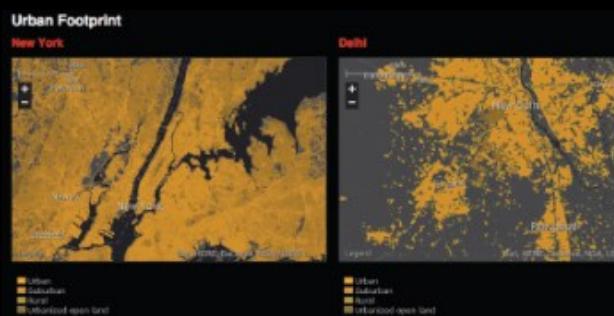
Climate/Weather



Engineering

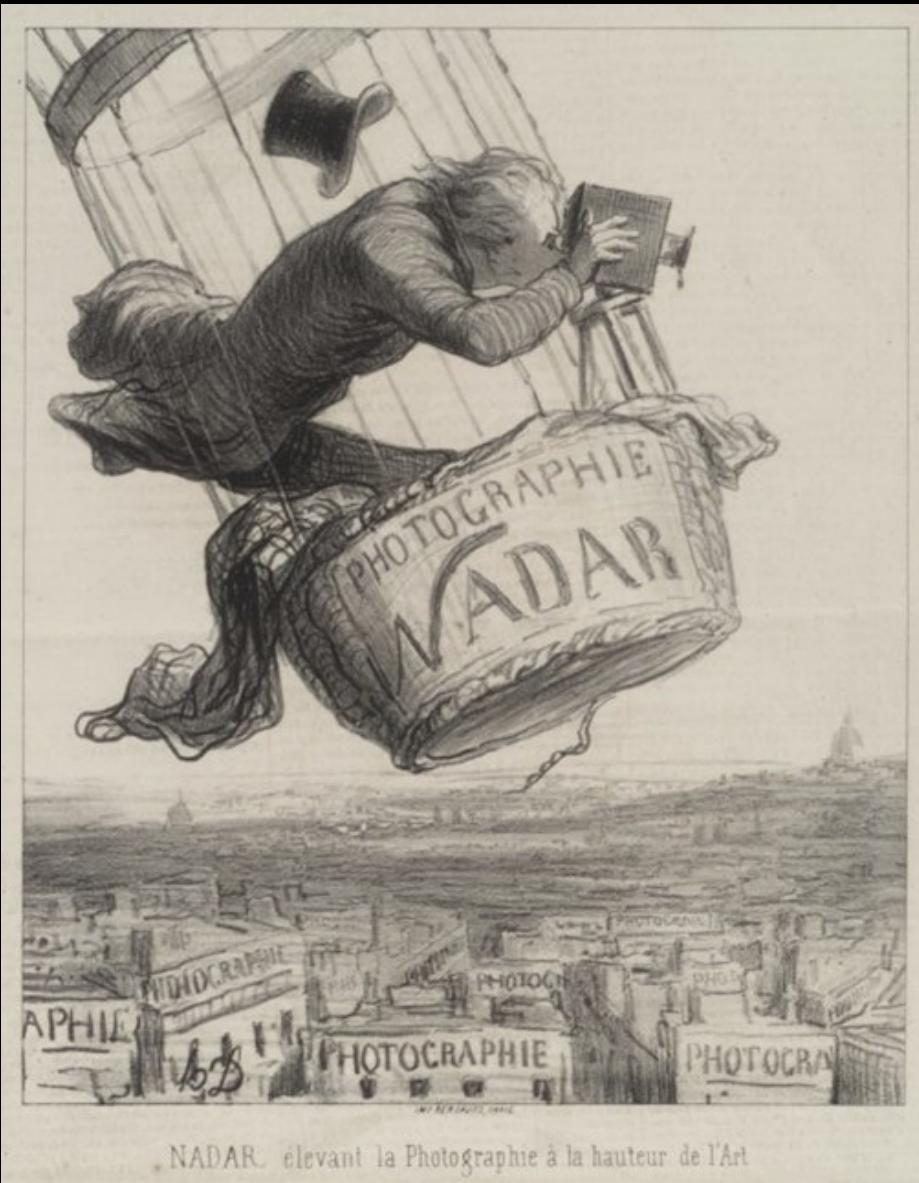


Natural Resources



Urban Planning

# Remote Sensing – Quick Overview



NADAR elevant la Photographie à la hauteur de l'Art



s in Germany

1860 Nadar taking photograph using a hot air balloon  
Image Credit: Online Collection of the Brooklyn Museum

# A Nation of Drones – Story Map

## A Nation of Drones



1 No Drones: National Parks and Military Bases

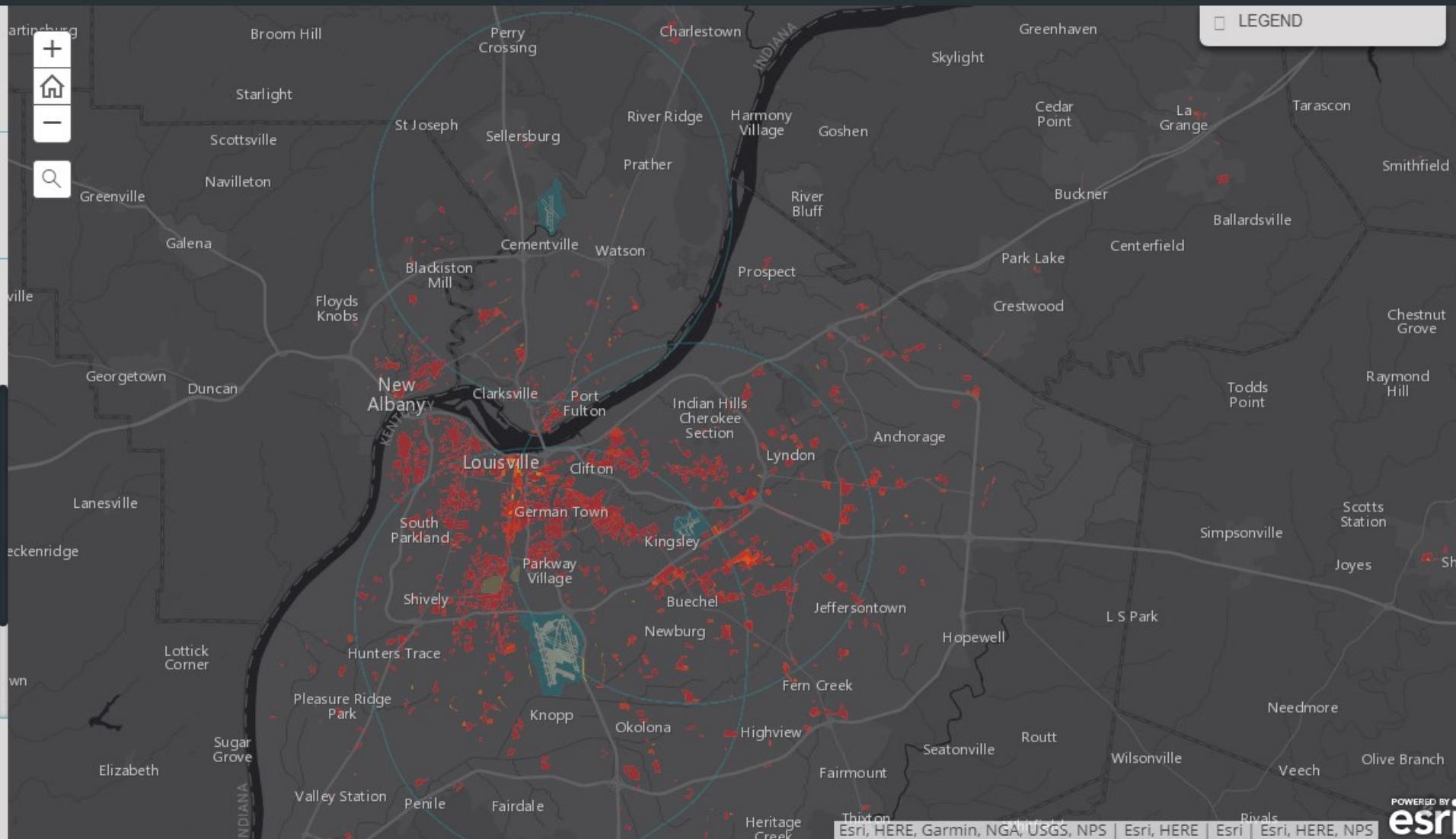
2 No Drones Near Airports

3 Legal, Perhaps, but Risky

This map shows areas where homes and businesses are densely aggregated. **Use the search tool** (under map controls) to explore your city.

Although flying drones is not illegal in most of these areas, doing so raises the risk of injury, invasion of privacy, or property damage. In January 2015, a civilian accidentally crashed a personal drone onto the [lawn of the White House](#), prompting a lockdown of the premises. In a case slightly less related to the country's national security, restaurant chain TGI Fridays found themselves in drone-related trouble when an unmanned aircraft

4 A Selection of Drone Videos



# Fundamental Principle of Studies Using Remote Sensing

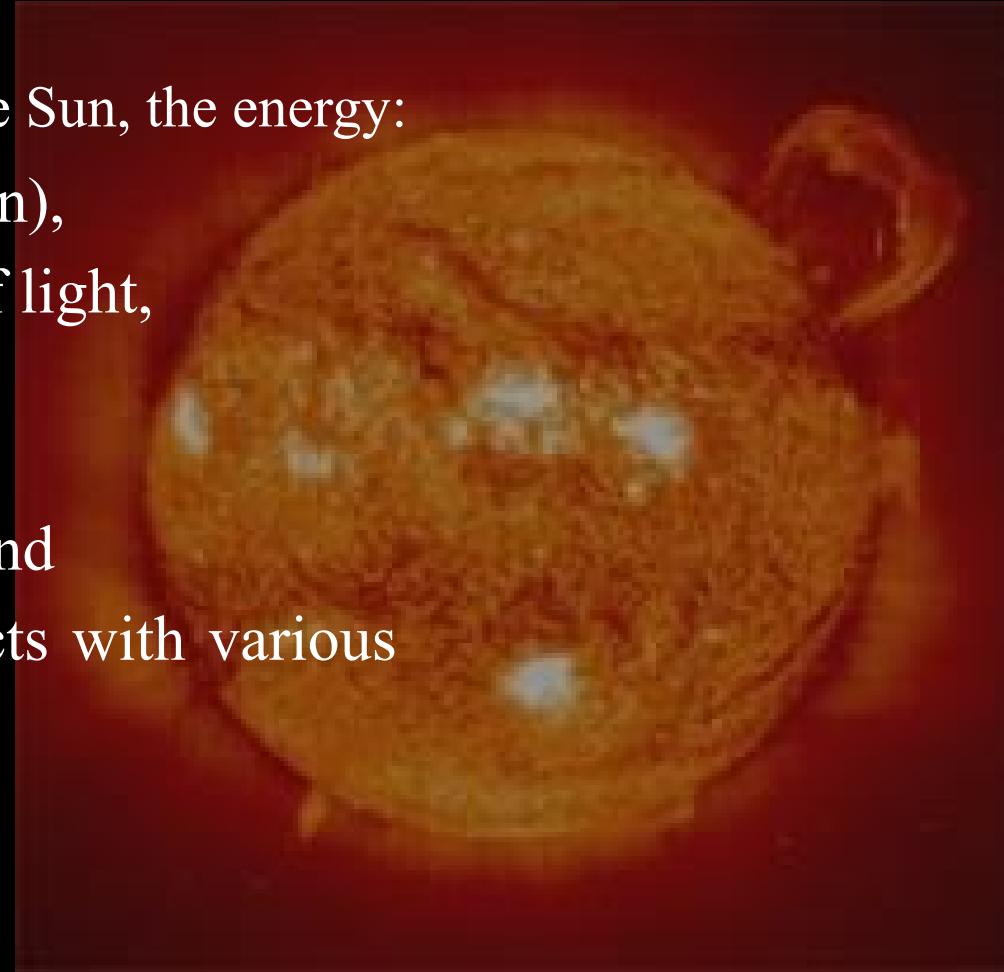
For any given material, the amount of radiation that is reflected (absorbed, transmitted) varies with wavelength. Different materials have different reflectance characteristics.

# Electromagnetic Energy

*Energy* recorded by remote sensing systems undergoes fundamental *interactions* that should be understood to properly preprocess and interpret remotely sensed data.

For ex. if the energy being remotely sensed comes from the Sun, the energy:

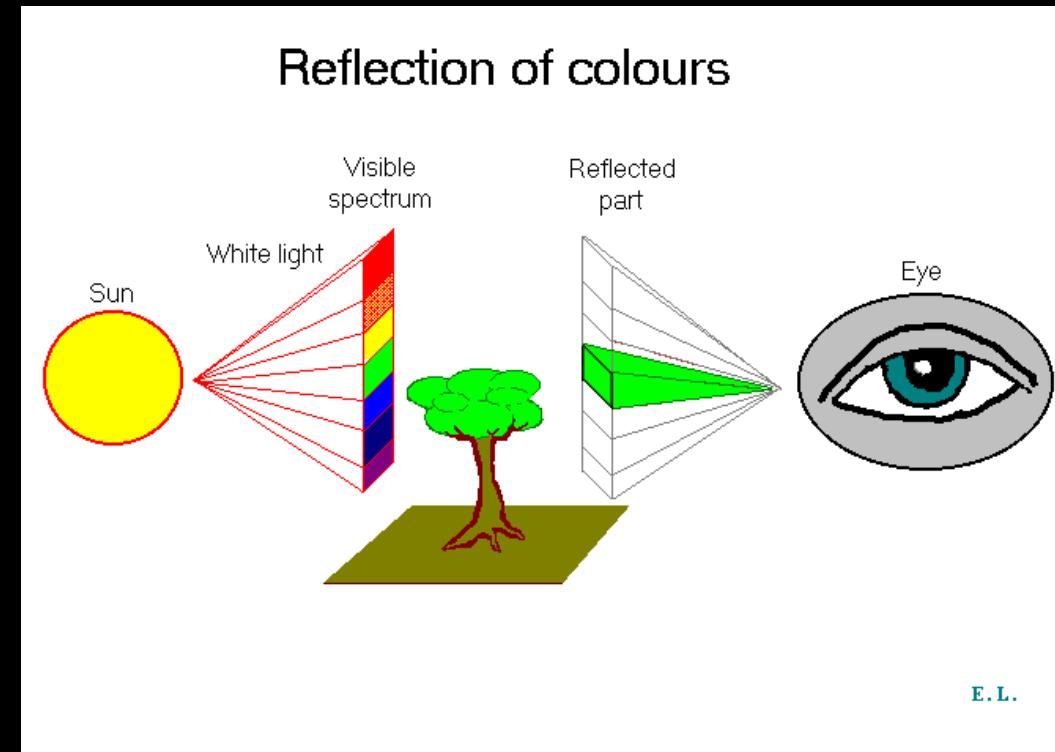
- is radiated by atomic particles at the source (the Sun),
- travels through the vacuum of space at the speed of light,
- interacts with the Earth's atmosphere,
- interacts with the Earth's surface,
- interacts with the Earth's atmosphere once again, and
- finally reaches the remote sensor, where it interacts with various optics, filters, film emulsions, or detectors.



In remote sensing, we are largely concerned with REFLECTED RADIATION.

This is the radiation that causes our eyes to see colors, causes infrared film to record vegetation, and allows radar images of the earth to be created.

The source of a vast majority of this reflected radiation is the sun.

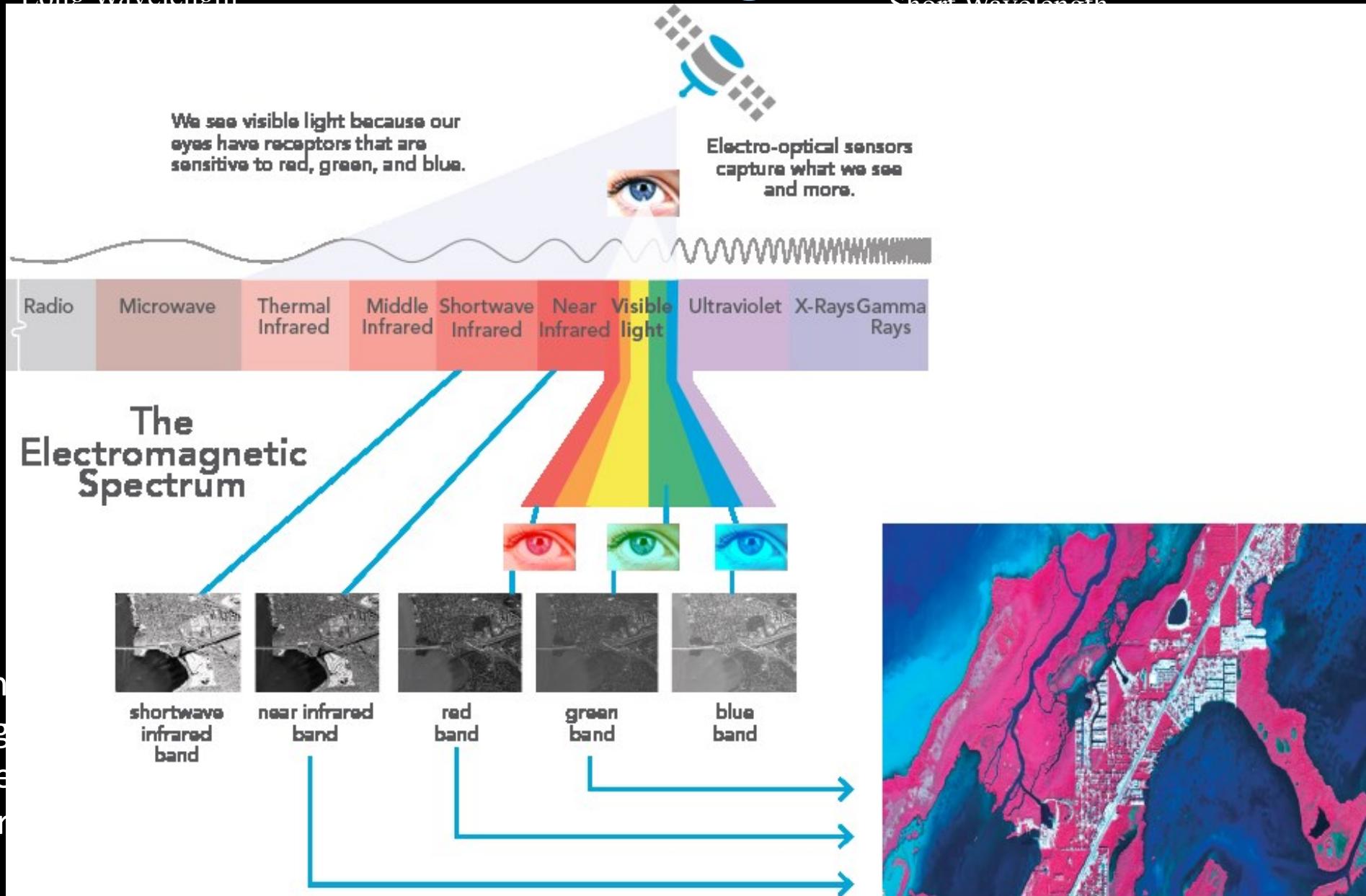


# Remote Sensing

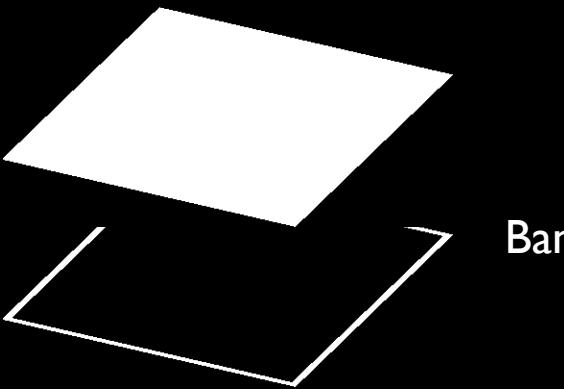
Remote sensing is the science of collecting and interpreting electromagnetic information about the environment using sensors on platforms in our atmosphere

Long Wavelength

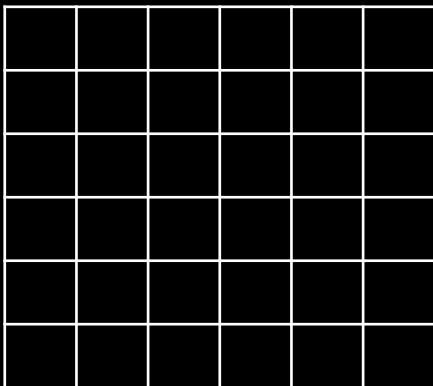
Short Wavelength



# Multiscale Remote Sensing



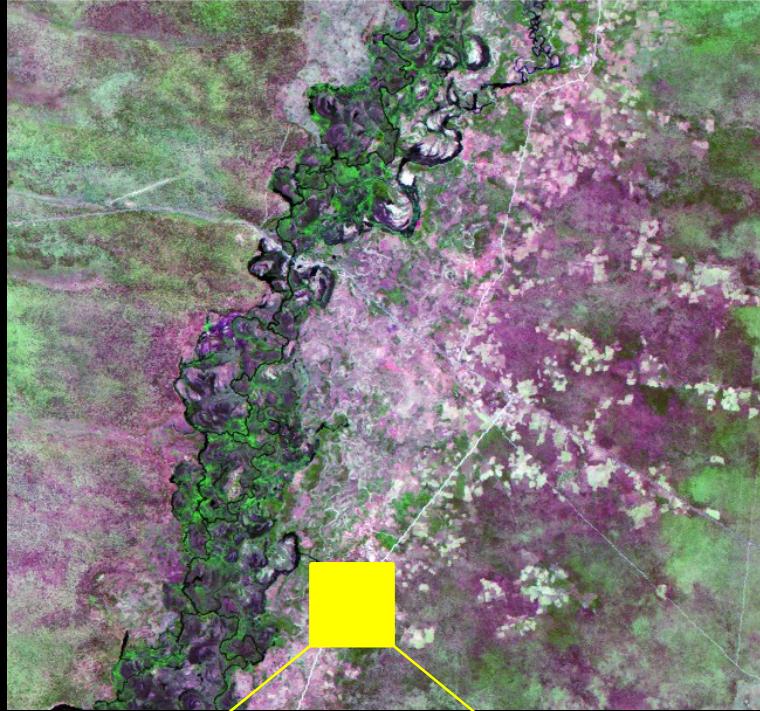
Bands



Columns  
and Rows

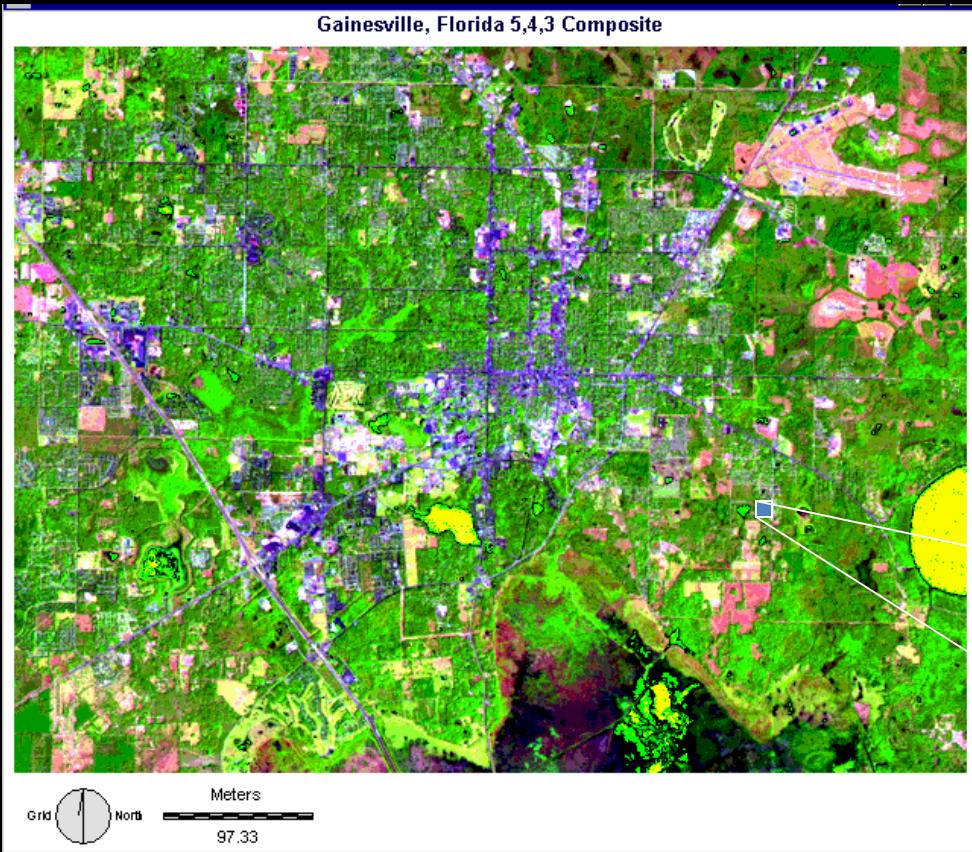


Pixel



Landsat TM  
April 22, 2007  
Caprivi, Namibia

# Nature of Remote Sensing Data



**AN IMAGE,  
NOT A  
PHOTOGRAPH!**

Digital Numbers (DN), that are proportional to the reflectance, or Brightness Value (BV) in some subset (band) of the EM spectrum.

Quantized grid of small areas on the Earth's surface. The energy of reflected electromagnetic radiation in each grid cell is a function of the characteristics of the objects in that cell.

127	156	144	5
127	156	144	5
12	127	156	144
12	12	127	156
5	12	12	127
11	11	11	127
11	5	11	156
11	5	11	144
11	5	127	5
11	5	127	127
11	5	127	127
115	134	117	115

7 Landsat Bands – Individual Data Files

## Quick Links

Presets ▾



## Country

All	AU	CA	CN	FR
JP	KZ	MY	RU	US

## Type

All	Junk	Not Junk
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## Size

All	Sm	Med	Lg
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## Launch Date



## Orbit Period



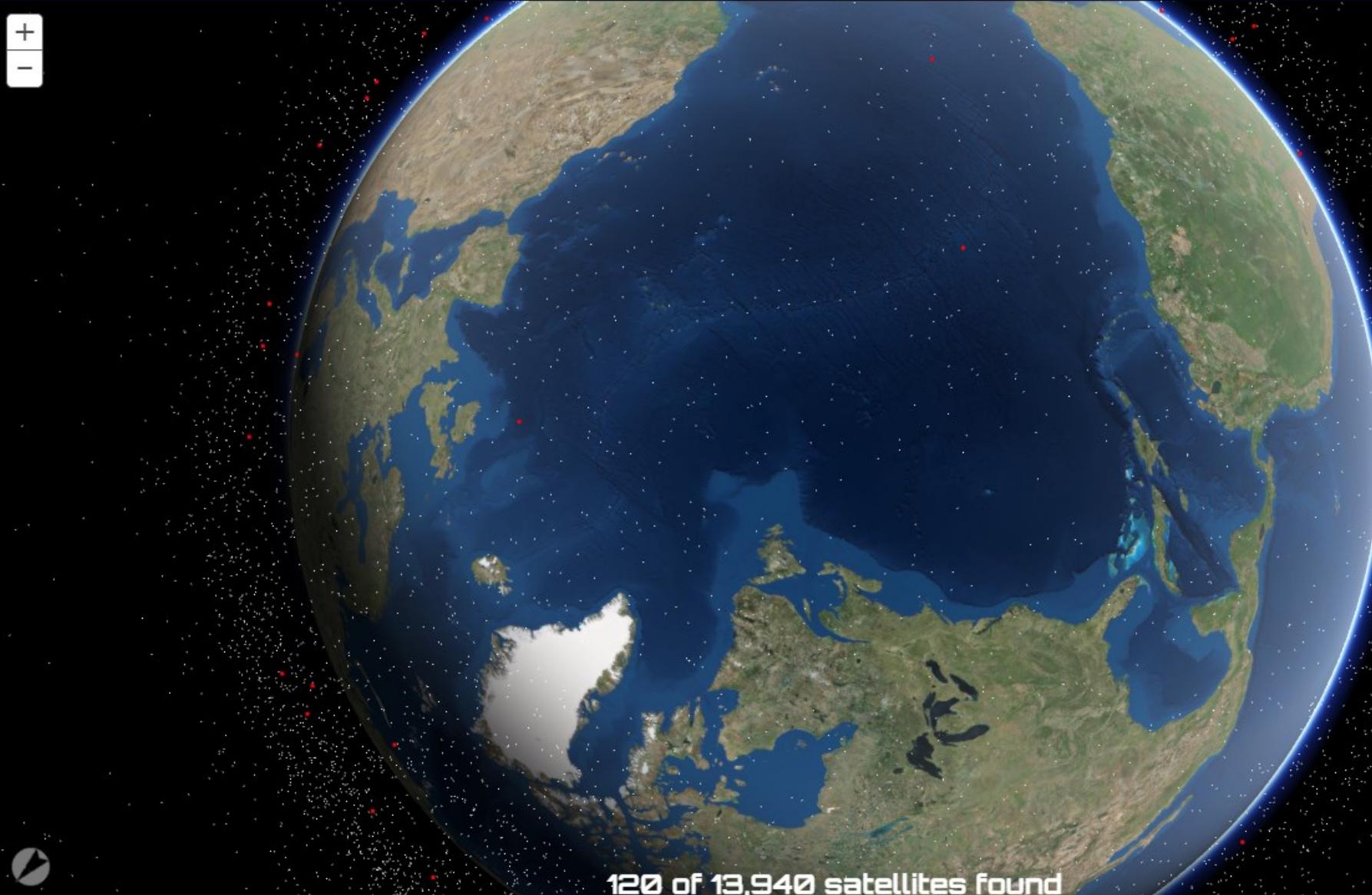
## Inclination



## Apogee

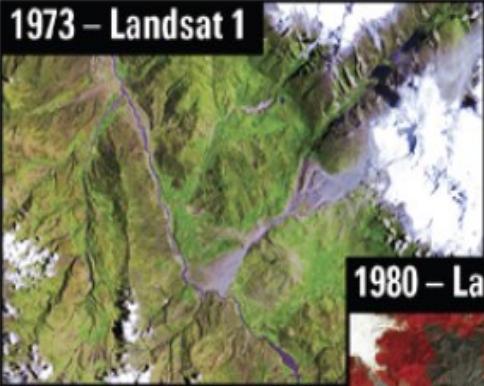


## Perigee



# Four Decades of Earth Imaging

Avalanche (Peru)



1980 – Landsat 2



Mount St. Helens (Washington)

St. Louis Flood (Missouri)



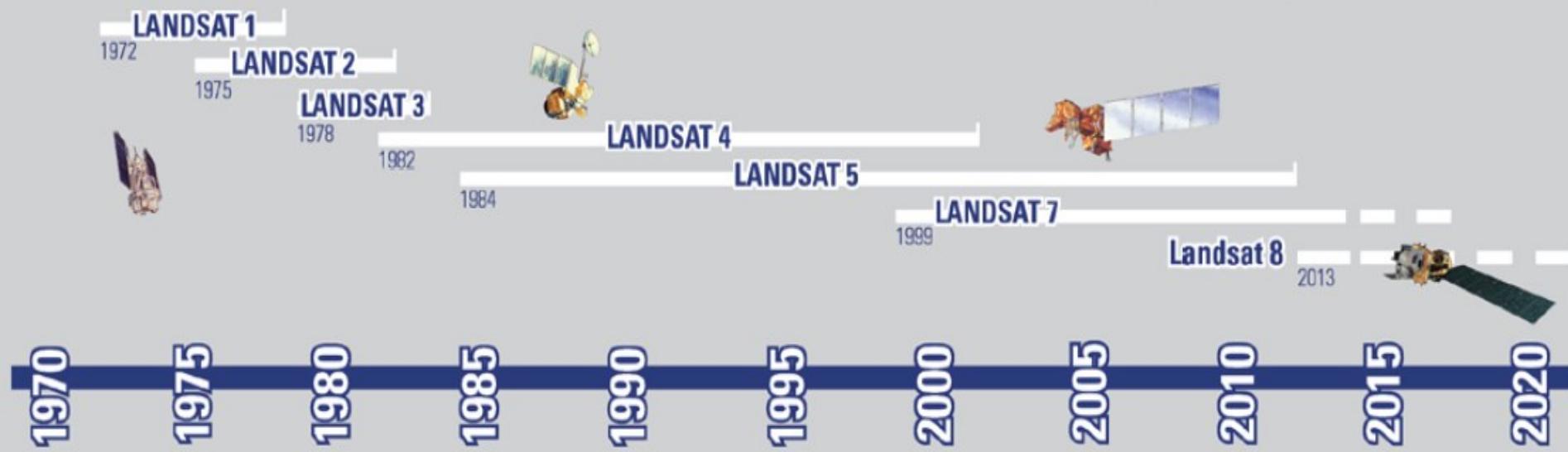
2005 – Landsat 7



Camarillo Fire (California)



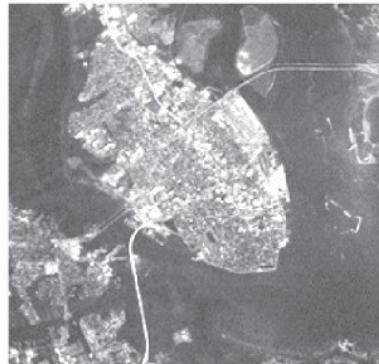
Hurricane Katrina aftermath (New Orleans)



# Landsat TM 5 – Charleston, SC

- Seven spectral bands, including a thermal band:
- Band 1 Visible (0.45 - 0.52  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 30 m
- Band 2 Visible (0.52 - 0.60  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 30 m
- Band 3 Visible (0.63 - 0.69  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 30 m
- Band 4 Near-Infrared (0.76 - 0.90  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 30 m
- Band 5 Near-Infrared (1.55 - 1.75  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 30 m
- Band 6 Thermal (10.40 - 12.50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 120 m
- Band 7 Mid-Infrared (2.08 - 2.35  $\mu\text{m}$ ) 30 m

Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper Data of Charleston, SC



a. Band 1.



b. Band 2.



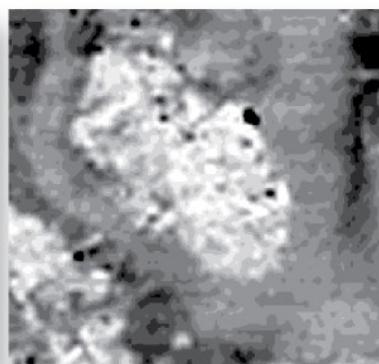
c. Band 3.



d. Band 4.



e. Band 5.



f. Band 6 (thermal infrared).



g. Band 7.



h. Color composite bands 4,3,2 (RGB).



i. Color composite bands 7,4,2 (RGB).

# Multiscale Remote Sensing

What does this look like in practice?

10 cm



5 m



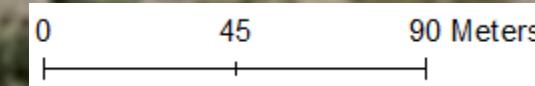
30 m



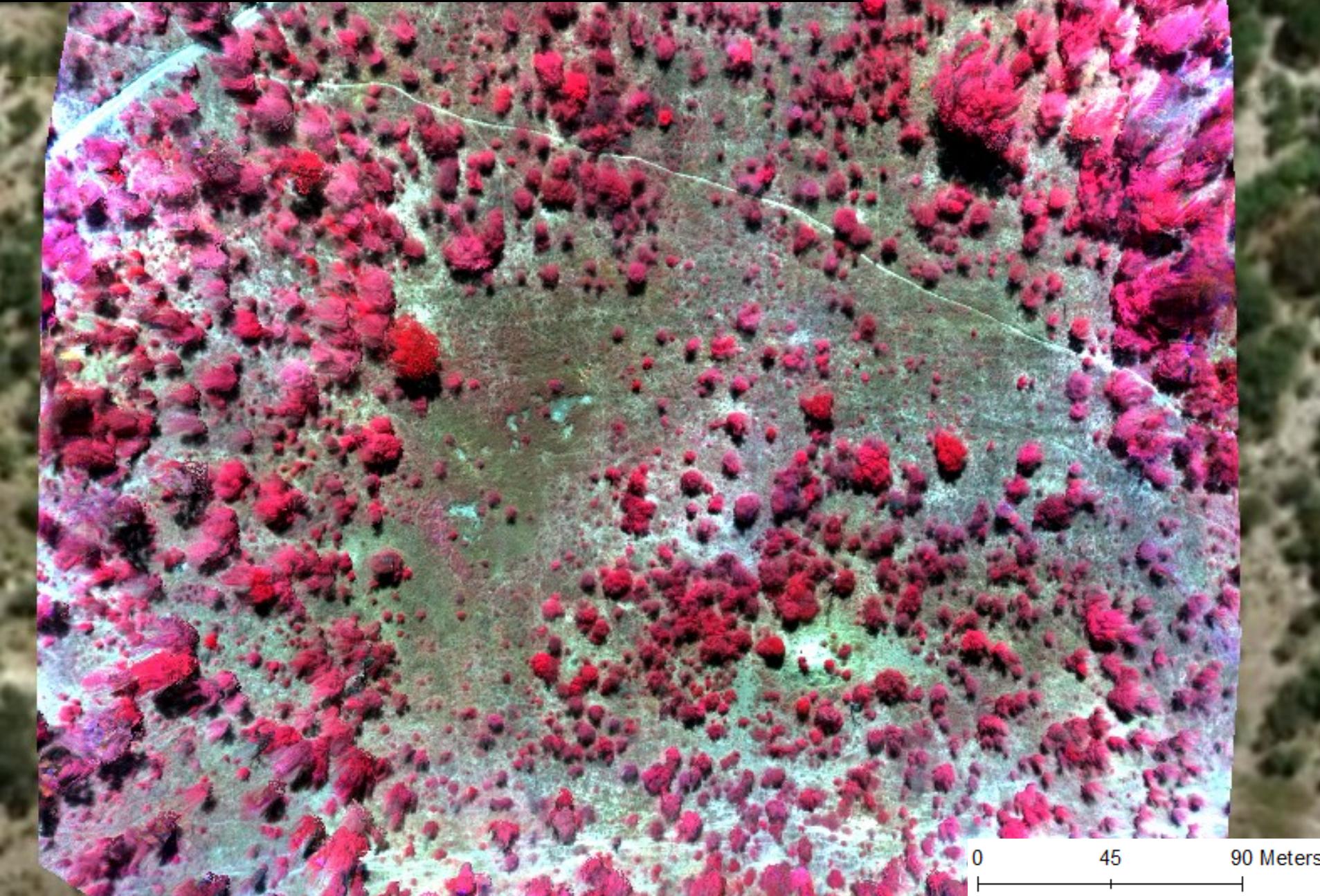
Meters

50

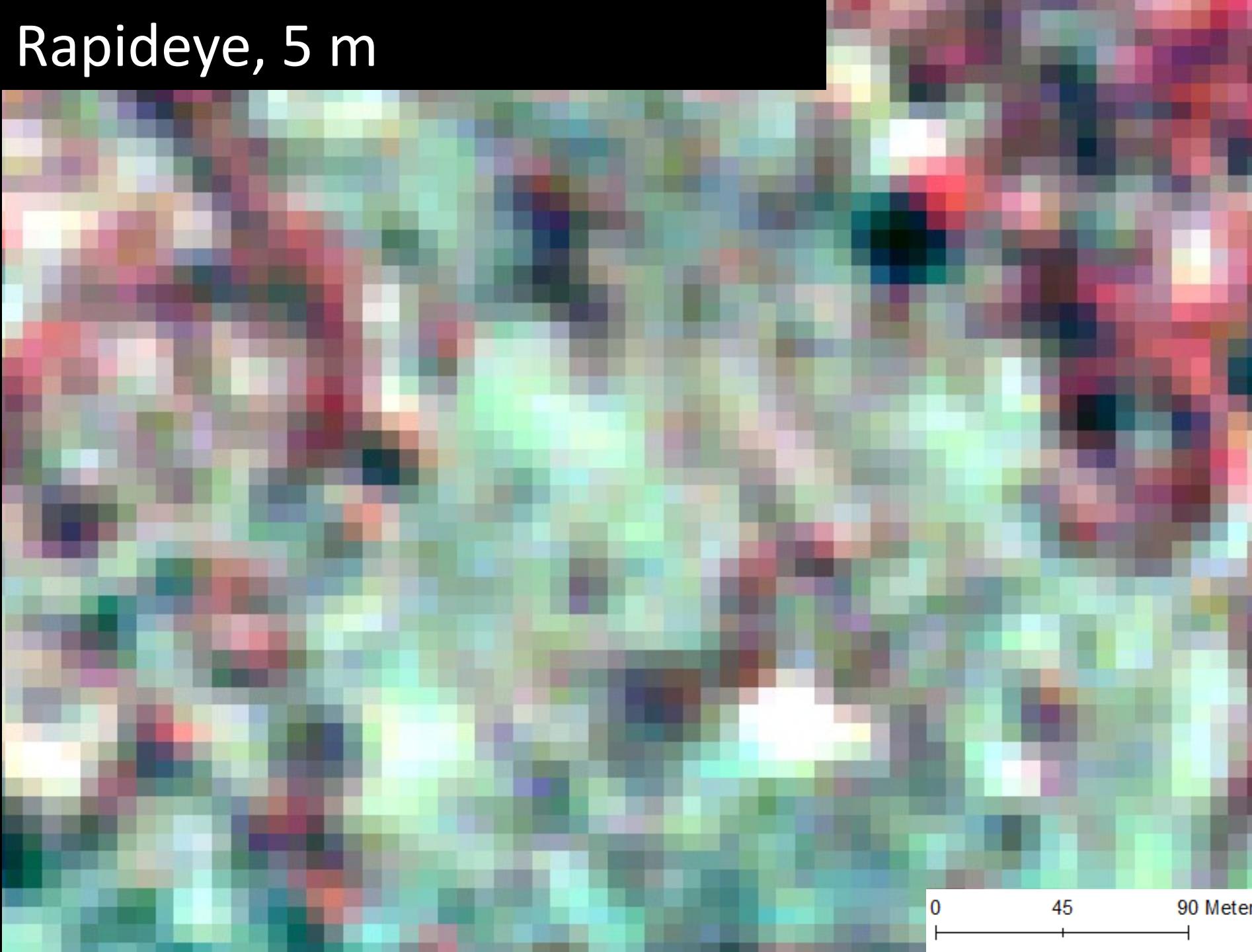
# Digital Globe, ESRI Basemap



Drone: Parrot Sequoia, 10 cm



Rapideye, 5 m



0 45 90 Meters

# Landsat 8 Operational Land Imager (OLI), 30 m





# Using ArcGIS Online

- Navigate to <https://livingatlas.arcgis.com>
- Sign in using CNETid
- Search “Global Imagery Browse Services”

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21 Results

### MODIS True Color - Terra Surface Reflectance

Imagery Layer By: esri

This layer provides access to NASA Global Imagery Browse Services, which delivers global, full-resolution satellite imagery. This band composition (Bands 1 4 3) most accurately represents how we see the earth's surface with our own eyes.

Authoritative

### MODIS True Color - Aqua Corrected Reflectance

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Authoritative

### MODIS True Color - Terra Corrected Reflectance

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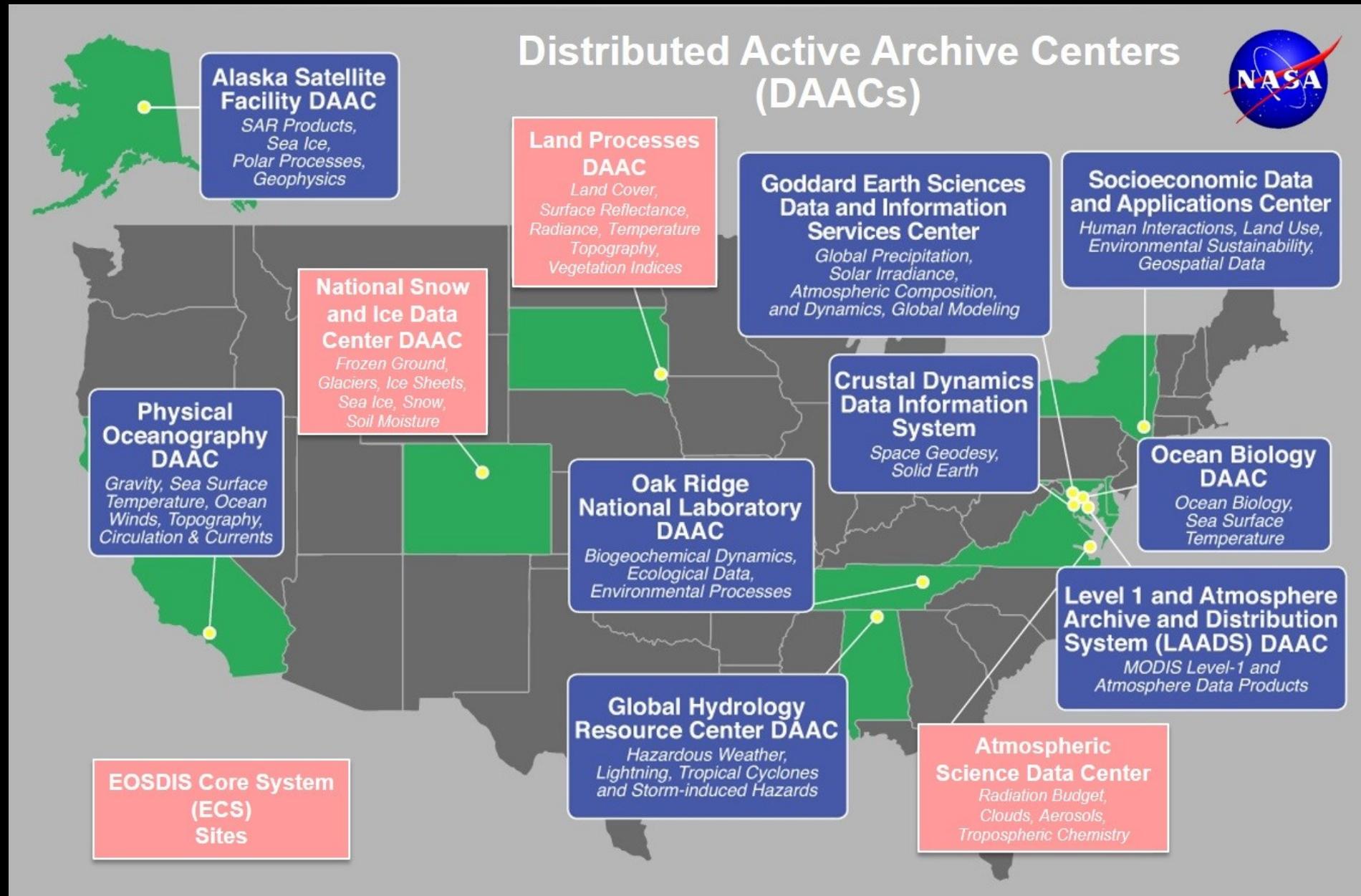
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### Daily Planet Imagery

Web Map By: esri

This map shows imagery for the planet that is updated on a daily basis. It features the NASA MODIS imagery True Color band composition (Bands 1 4 3 | Red, Green, Blue) which most accurately shows how we see the earth's surface with our own eyes.

# EOSDIS Distributed Active Archive Centers (DAACs)





Cities

# Lights At Night!



Boats



Industrial Sites



Gas Flares



Fires

**Artificial lighting is a excellent remote sensing observable!**

# Two Satellite Systems Collect Global Low Light Imaging Data at Nights

- The fundamental purpose of both DMSP and VIIRS low-light imaging is to enable the detection of clouds using moonlight instead of sunlight as the illumination source.
- <https://ngdc.noaa.gov/eog/dmsp/downloadV4composites.html>
- U.S. Air Force Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) Operational Linescan System (OLS). 1972 to present.
- NASA-NOAA Suomi NPP Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS). Launched October 28, 2011.
- <https://ncc.nesdis.noaa.gov/VIIRS/>

# Secondary Products

- GHSL: Global human Settlement layer 1973, 2000, 2012
- <https://ghsl.jrc.ec.europa.eu/datasets.php>
- GUF: Global Urban Footprint 2015
- <https://www.dlr.de/eoc/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabcid-9630/#gallery/24114>

# Sample Building Footprints from Maxar (DG)

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- <https://www.digitalglobe.com/products/building-footprints>
- Facebook
- Microsoft

# Popgrid

- <https://sedac.ciesin.columbia.edu/mapping/popgrid/>

Thank You