



# What is Google Earth Engine?

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<http://bit.ly/2CbjA6n>

# 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.**”



OSTM/Jason 2  
(NOAA)

Aquarius

QuikSCAT

TRMM

Terra

ISS-RapidScat,  
CATS

EO-1

Landsat 7  
(USGS)

Aqua

SMAP

Suomi NPP  
(NOAA)

Landsat 8  
(USGS)

GPM

SORCE,  
TCTE (NOAA)

Aura

GRACE (2)

CALIPSO

CloudSat

OCO-2

Source: NASA



# Google Mission Statement

**"To organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."**

<https://www.google.com/about/company/>

*“Often it turns out to be more efficient to move the questions than to move the data.”*

-Jim Gray (1944-2007)



The  
**F O U R T H**  
**P A R A D I G M**

DATA-INTENSIVE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

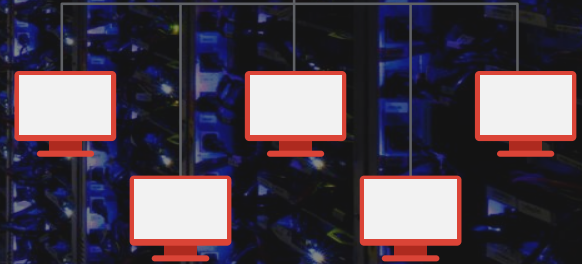
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> 20 Petabytes of Earth observation data  
(imagery, weather, etc.)





# Google computational infrastructure





1984



<https://earthengine.google.com/timelapse/>



# Data Catalog

# The Earth Engine Data Catalog



**Landsat & Sentinel 1, 2**  
10-30m, weekly



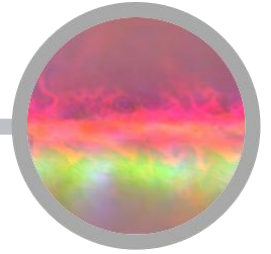
**MODIS**  
250m daily



**Vector Data**  
WDPA, Tiger



**Terrain &  
Land Cover**



**Weather & Climate**  
NOAA NCEP, OMI, ...

... and upload your own vectors and  
rasters

> 200 public datasets

> 5 million images

> 4000 new images every day

> 7 petabytes of data



Geometry Imports



**Hot**  
**Vegetated**  
**Rough**



Google

<https://code.earthengine.google.com/8cb12d8ee3f756ff553639a5a6fd250a>

Map data ©2018 Google 10 km

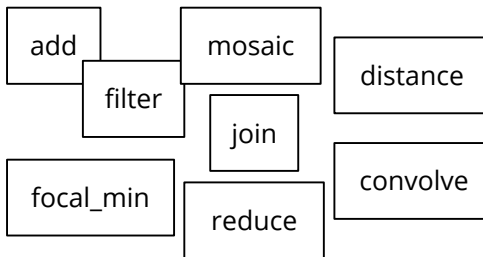
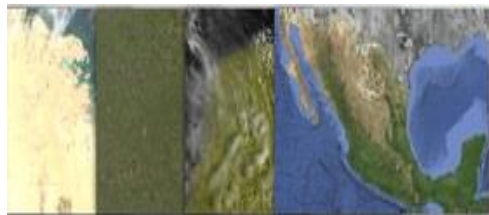


# Compute

Requests

Results

Geospatial  
Datasets



Algorithmic  
Primitives



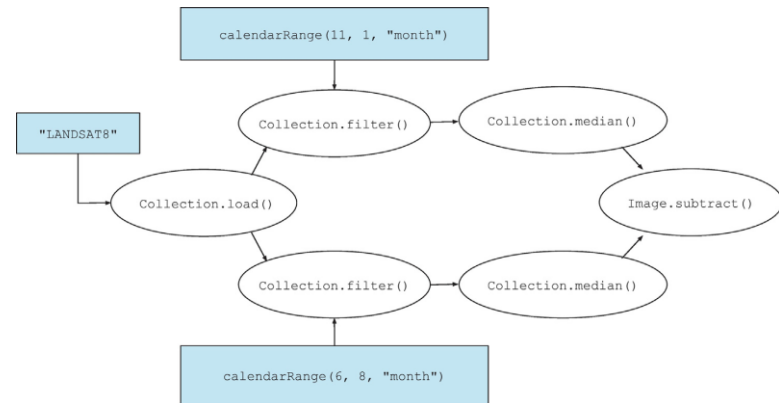
Storage and Compute

## Google Earth Engine: Planetary-scale geospatial analysis for everyone

Noel Gorelick <sup>a,\*</sup>, Matt Hancher <sup>b</sup>, Mike Dixon <sup>b</sup>, Simon Ilyushchenko <sup>b</sup>, David Thau <sup>b</sup>, Rebecca Moore <sup>b</sup>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0034425717302900>

```
collection = ee.ImageCollection("LANDSAT8")
winter = collection.filter(ee.Filter.calendarRange(11, 1, "month"))
summer = collection.filter(ee.Filter.calendarRange(6, 8, "month"))
diff = summer.median().subtract(winter.median())
```





# API

# Machine learning

```
var classifier = ee.Classifier.cart().train({  
  features: training,  
  classProperty: 'landcover',  
  inputProperties: bands  
});  
  
var classified = image.select(bands).classify(classifier);  
  
Map.addLayer(classified, ...);
```



TFRecord

**Train/Test data  
(Export.table)**

TFRecord

**Image data  
(Export.Image)**

TFRecord

**Predictions**



Cloud Storage

**.train()**



**.predict()**

**upload**

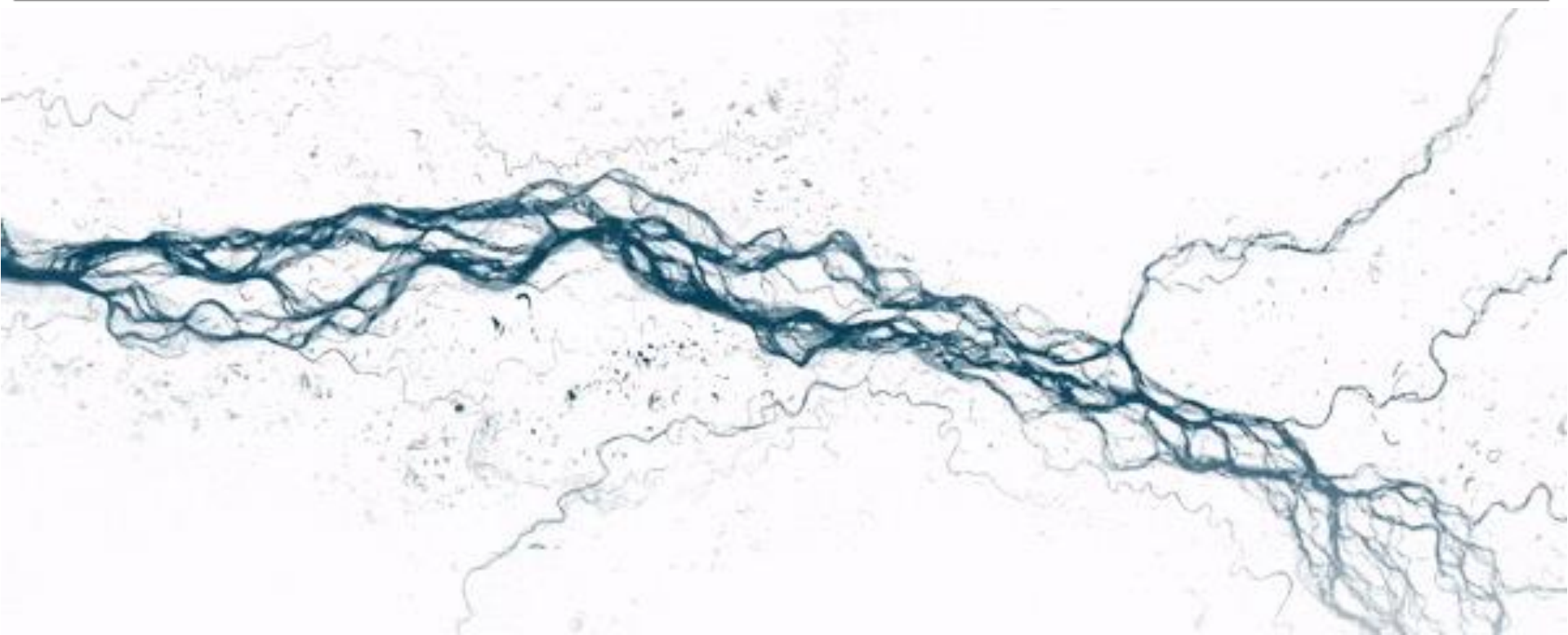


# Applications

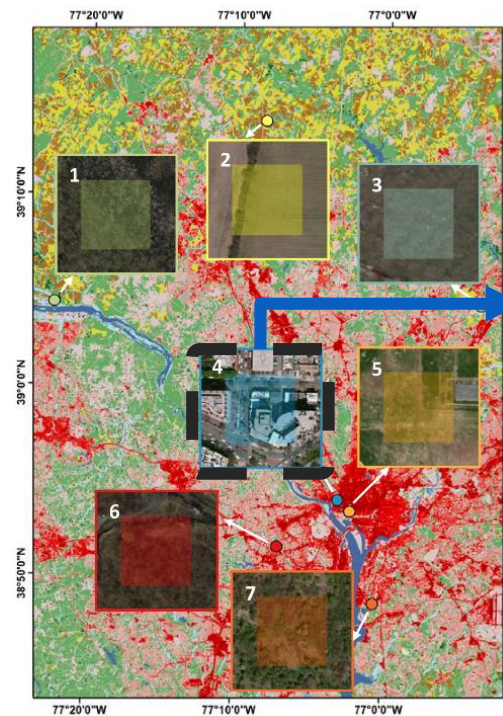
# High-resolution mapping of global surface water and its long-term changes

Jean-Francois Pekel<sup>1</sup>, Andrew Cottam<sup>1</sup>, Noel Gorelick<sup>2</sup> & Alan S. Belward<sup>1</sup>

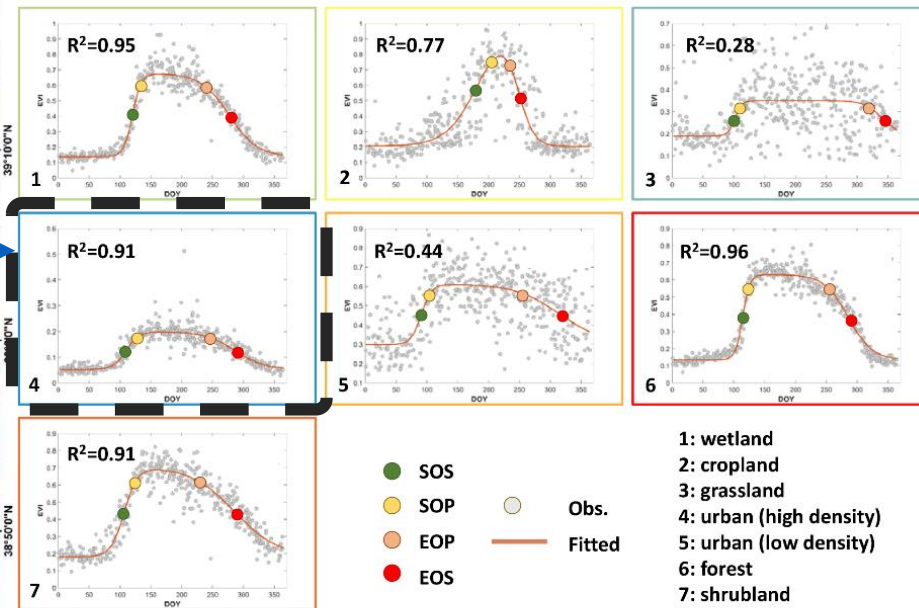
doi:10.1038/nature20584



# Phenology patterns in urban areas



## Notable Phenology Pattern in Urban Center



Li, X., Y. Zhou\*, G. R. Asrar and L. Meng (2017). Characterizing spatiotemporal dynamics in phenology of urban ecosystems based on Landsat data. Science of the Total Environment 605-606: 721-734.

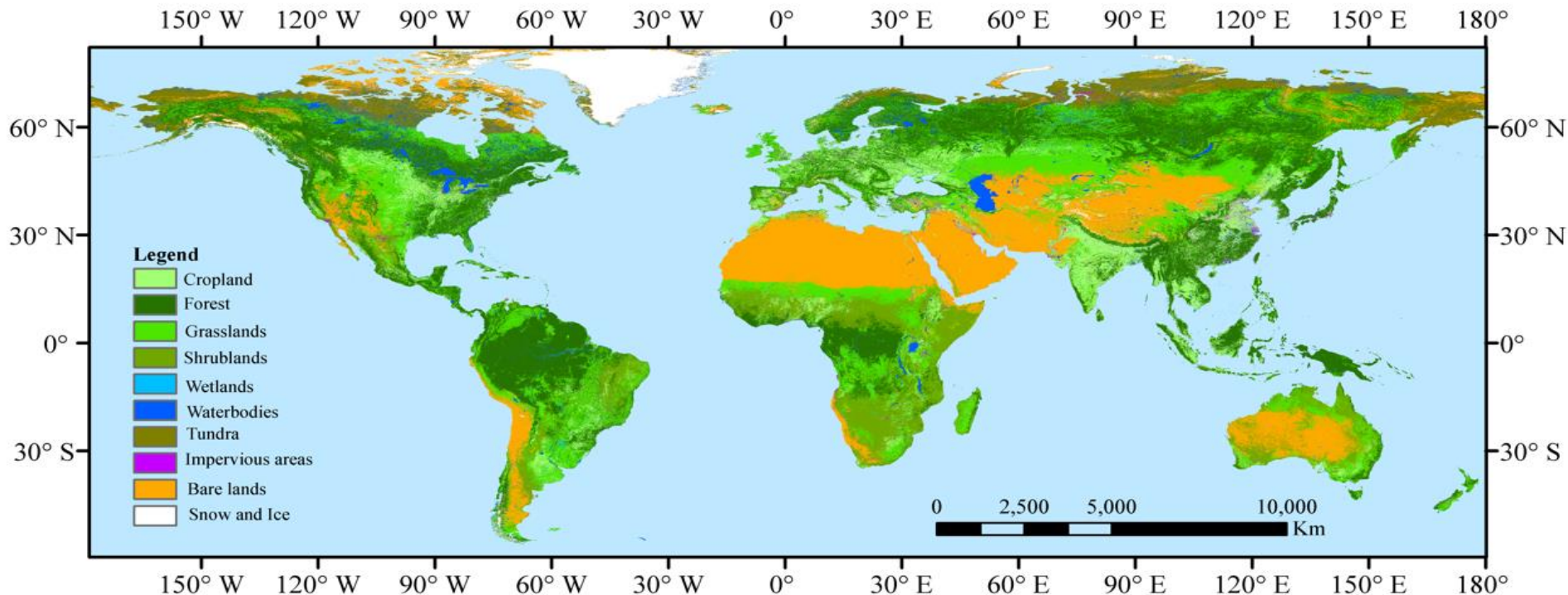
# 2018 The first 10 m resolution global land cover map - FROM-GLC10-2016, 2017, 2018



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Gong, P., et al., *Stable classification with limited sample: transferring a 30-m resolution sample set collected in 2015 to mapping 10-m resolution global land cover in 2017*. Submitted, 2019

<https://signup.earthengine.google.com>

