



NASA Commercial Smallsat Data Acquisition (CSDA) Program

Vendor Focus – Maxar Intelligence

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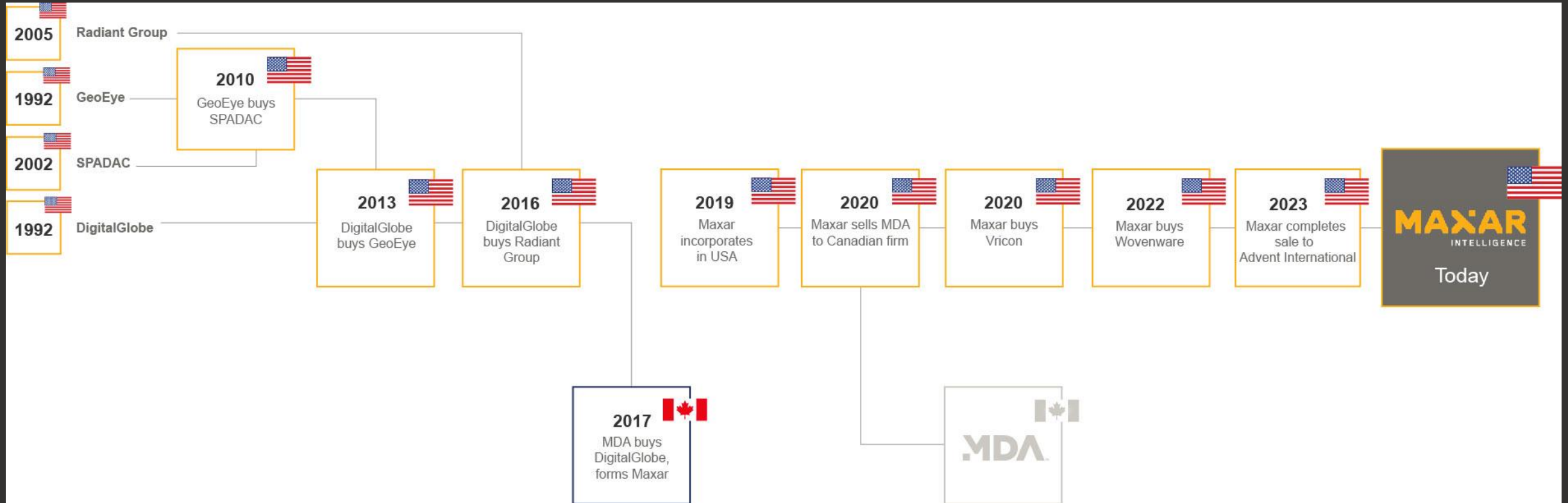
Who we are

Maxar Intelligence is a leading provider of secure, precise geospatial insights.

- We use the power of very high-resolution satellite imagery and software technology to drive mission success on Earth and in space.
- Our secure, increasingly AI-powered products and services deliver ground truth in near real-time to advance earth science research, keep nations safe, improve navigation, speed up disaster response and more.



Maxar history





Maxar is pushing forward the industry we helped create

Decades of deep mission expertise

- World's most capable commercial Earth imaging constellation
- World's most advanced, trusted geospatial foundation built on 125+ PB of data collected over 20 years
- Trusted provider of geospatial insights to the U.S. and allied governments for more than 20 years

Building an intelligent future

- Investing in advanced geospatial computation platform (AI/ML) and next-gen ground systems
- Expanding our constellation to include 3x more 30 cm capacity and synthetic aperture radar
- Competitive advantage in 2D/3D accuracy and quality, georegistration and security
- Best-in-class talent, including leaders with heritage from Palantir, Google, Meta



Our partners

U.S. Government

- Trusted provider of geospatial products and services to the U.S. government for 20+ years
- Provide 90% of the government's foundational intelligence
- 400,000 analysts, warfighters and first responders rely on Maxar data
- Support many of the most innovative geospatial programs, including EOCL, GEGD, OneWorld Terrain and Project Maven



International Government

- Serve dozens of U.S. allies across six continents
- Customers include federal, state and local agencies across the defense and civil sectors
- Provide multi-domain, multi-force operations to support defense and intelligence, maritime security, national mapping, census and environmental monitoring missions



Enterprise

- Leading provider of high-resolution data for the world's most popular navigation and location-based services
- Partner with major telecom companies to support infrastructure planning and 5G rollouts
- Enable infrastructure monitoring and planning to improve operations across the energy/utilities sectors





Maxar history supporting NASA research

Deciphering the Precision of Stereo IKONOS Canopy Height Models for US Forests with G-LiHT Airborne LiDAR

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Remote Sens. 2014, 6(3), 1762-1782; <https://doi.org/10.3390/rs6031762>



Remote Sensing of Environment
Volume 191, 15 March 2017, Pages 95-109



Using high spatial resolution satellite imagery to map forest burn severity across spatial scales in a Pine Barrens ecosystem

Ran Meng ^a, Jin Wu ^a, Kathy L. Schwager ^b, Feng Zhao ^c, Philip E. Dennison ^d, Bruce D. Cook ^e, Kristen Brewster ^{a,f}, Timothy M. Green ^b, Shawn P. Serbin ^a



Remote Sensing of Environment
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Measuring short-term post-fire forest recovery across a burn severity gradient in a mixed pine-oak forest using multi-sensor remote sensing techniques



Remote Sensing of Environment
Volume 284, January 2023, 113332



Optimizing WorldView-2, -3 cloud masking using machine learning approaches

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Science of Remote Sensing
Volume 7, June 2023, 100092



Detection and mapping of artillery craters with very high spatial resolution satellite imagery and deep learning

Erik C. Duncan ^{a,b,1}, Sergii Skakun ^{a,c,1}, Ankit Kariryaa ^{b,d}, Alexander V. Prishchepov ^{b,1}



Remote Sensing of Environment
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Smallholder crop area mapped with wall-to-wall WorldView sub-meter panchromatic image texture: A test case for Tigray, Ethiopia



We operate the world's most advanced Earth imaging constellation

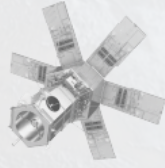
RETIRED / IMAGERY AVAILABLE IN ARCHIVE



IKONOS
80 cm-class resolution



QUICKBIRD
60 cm-class resolution



WorldView-4
30 cm-class resolution

ON-ORBIT / NEW AND ARCHIVE IMAGERY AVAILABLE



WorldView-1
50 cm-class resolution



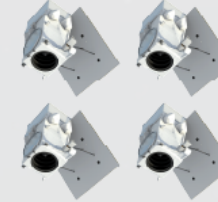
GeoEye-1
40 cm-class resolution



WorldView-2
40 cm-class resolution

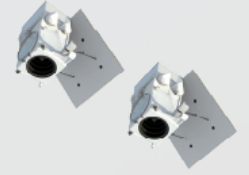


WorldView-3
30 cm-class resolution



WorldView Legion
30 cm-class resolution

IN PRODUCTION



WorldView Legion
30 cm-class resolution

Maxar has more 30 cm-class collection capacity on orbit than any other commercial imagery provider.

3.8M+

Sq km of Earth imagery capacity each day

Today

1.4B

Sq km of Earth imagery capacity each year

6M+

Sq km of Earth imagery capacity each day

Mid-2025

Up to 12x

Revisits per day for some locations

✘ WorldView Legion further expands our industry-leading capabilities

WorldView Legion™ is a fleet of six high-performing satellites that dramatically expands our ability to revisit the most rapidly changing areas on Earth, enabling more near-time insights.

More high-resolution capacity

- Triples our 30 cm-class capacity
- Collecting 6M+ sq km per day by mid-2025
- Increased daily point target collection capacity

“Dawn-to-dusk” collection

- Can collect imagery across more varied times of day

High revisit rates

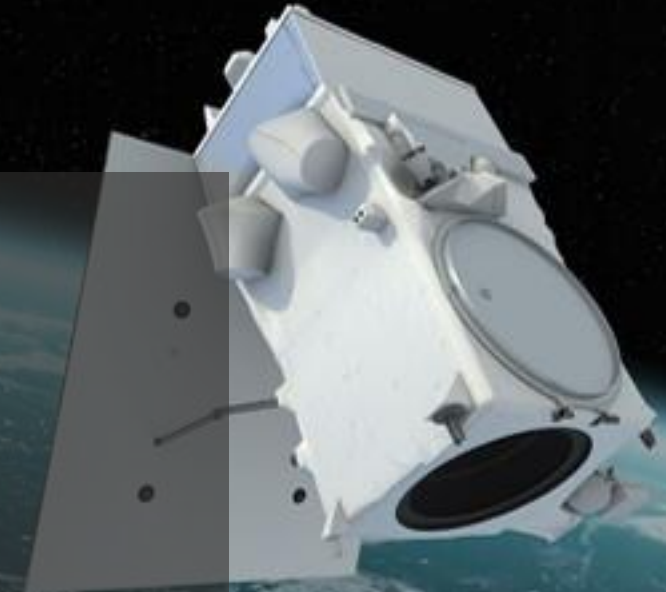
- Will enable our constellation to revisit some areas up to 12x per day
- Mean-Time to Access will improve to less than 4 hours

Highest geometric accuracy

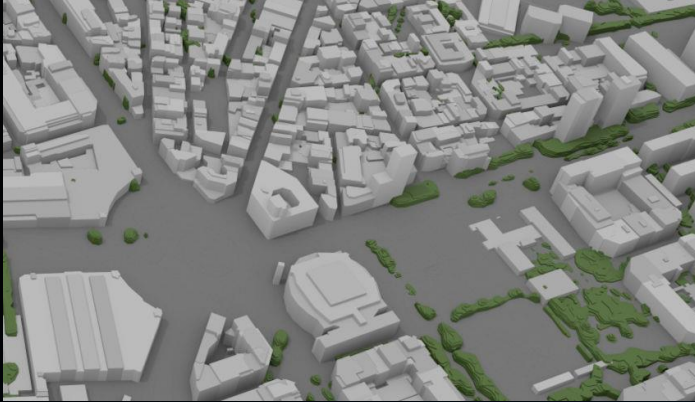
- Maintains our ability to offer the highest accuracy available today

→ Future innovation considerations for WorldView Legions 7 & 8

- **Capacity/capability:** CMGs, sensor line rate, focal plan width, on-board image processing and ATR
- **Comms:** WBTX Vendor Study, real-time TT&C, mesh network laser comms
- **Resilience and performance:** Power margin, optical filtering, GPSR updates, NEI tasking



✕ Our core products and capabilities



Information

- Best-in-class geospatial foundation and first-of-a-kind 2D + 3D products
- Space domain awareness products



Access

- Maxar Geospatial Platform Pro (MGP Pro)
- Tasking (RAP, DAP, SAR)



Analytics

- Change monitoring
- Thematic layers
- Crow's Nest maritime monitoring
- Automated imagery exploitation

Key Capabilities

Virtual constellation | Secure and resilient systems | Geospatial computation platform |
Artificial intelligence & machine learning

✕ Deep dive: Information products



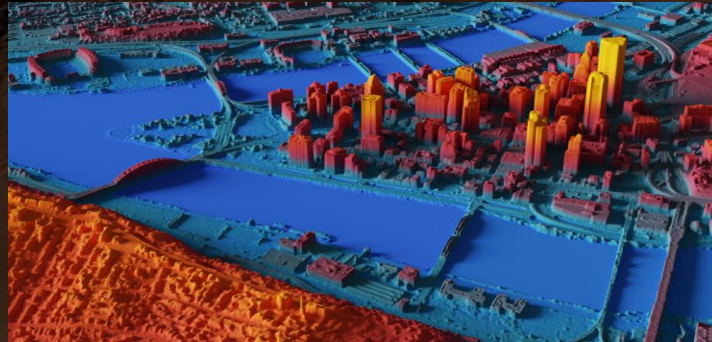
2D: Highest-quality satellite imagery

Optical imagery

- Native 30 cm resolution and derived 15 cm HD imagery
- < 5 m CE90 positional accuracy
- Multispectral diversity
- Analysis-ready data

Imagery basemaps

- Stunning, virtually seamless
- Accurate, consistent and actionable
- Local and global scale



3D: Most accurate representation of Earth

Precision3D™

- 50 cm resolution 3D TIN model with real textures and an absolute accuracy of 3 m in all dimensions
- Data layers include 3D vectors, 3D surface model, digital surface model and digital terrain model

Precision3D Registration (P3DR)

- Precision3D data layer automatically georegisters geospatial data—from drone FMV to satellite imagery



Non-Earth imaging: Enabling space domain awareness

- First company licensed to conduct non-Earth imaging (NEI)
- Can collect and distribute images of space objects across LEO, MEO, GEO
- Capable of imaging LEO objects at less than 6-inch resolution
- Can also support tracking of objects across a much wider volume of space



Maxar CSDA product catalog

Maxar Products

- Level 1B (NASA Level 1A equivalent)
- Level 2A Ortho-rectified w/o DEM (NASA Level 1C)
- Level 3X Ortho-rectified w/ DEM (NASA Level 1C)
- Analysis Ready Data (ARD) w/ Atmospheric and Terrain Corrections (NASA Level 1C)
- Vivid Imagery Basemaps 15cm – 4m GSD (NASA Level 1C)
- CAVIS and SWIR data (designed to image snow, ice, and clouds)
- Precision 3D Data
 - Digital Surface Model (DSM)
 - Digital Terrain Model (DTM)

Maxar Sensor and Date Range

Maxar (formerly DigitalGlobe)	WorldView 1	09/18/2007-Present
	WorldView 2	10/8/2009-Present
	WorldView 3	8/13/2014-Present
	GeoEye-1	9/6/2008-Present
	QuickBird	10/18/2001-1/27/2015
	IKONOS	10/24/1999-3/31/2015
	WorldView 4	12/1/2016-1/7/2019



Maxar Products & Capabilities: CSDA



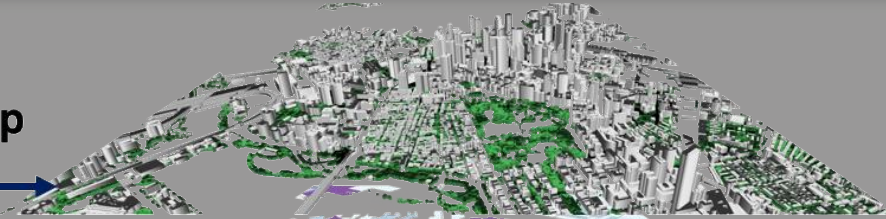
Maxar Products and Capabilities | Core Imagery

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Imagery basemaps are the foundation for understanding our world

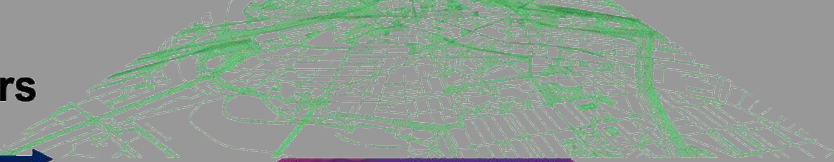
Global 3D map



People and land



Aligned vectors



Terrain

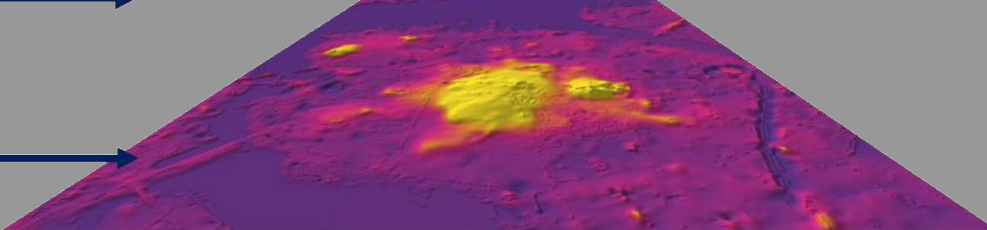


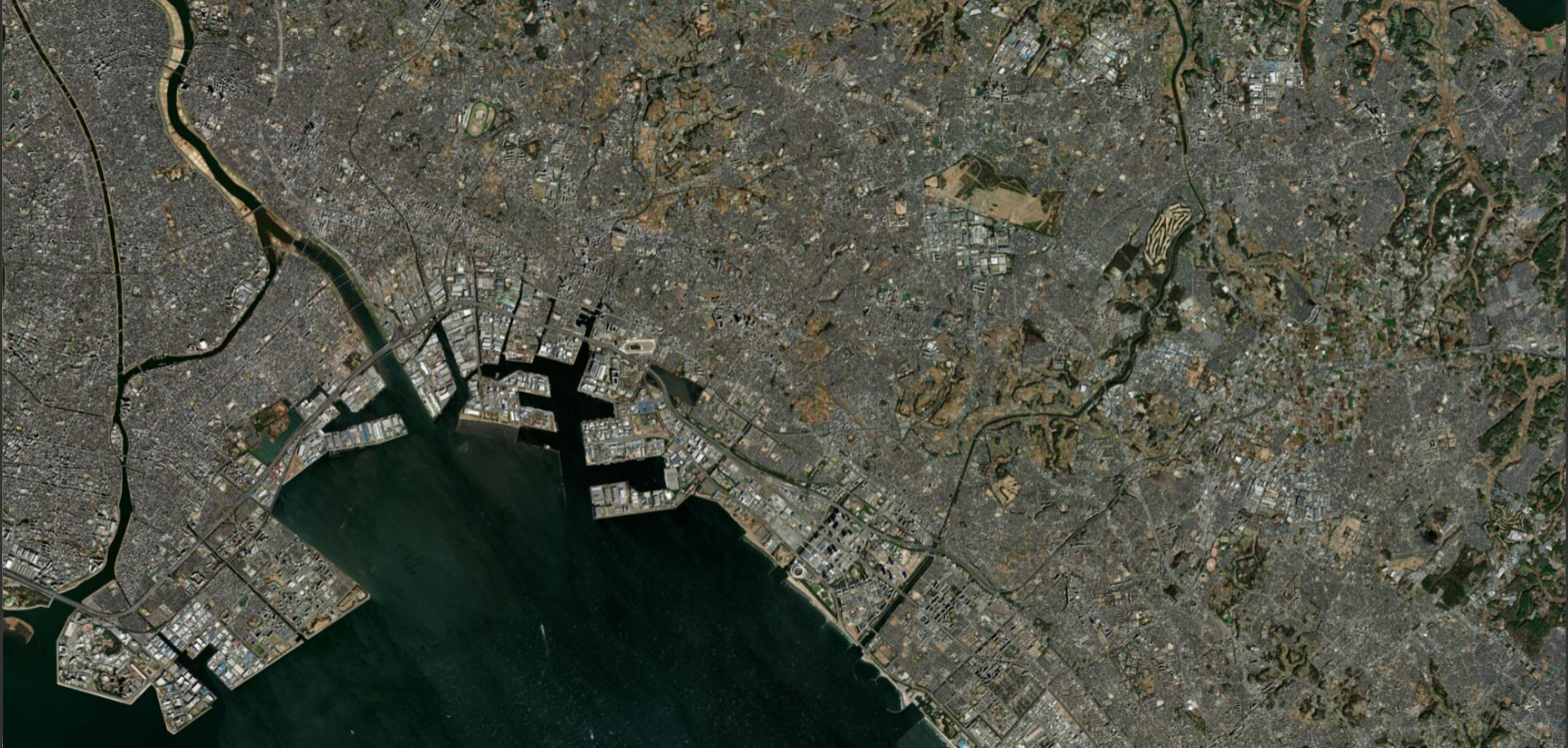
Image accuracy



- ✓ **Global coverage:** work anywhere, at scale
- ✓ **Data consistency:** predictable data
- ✓ **High resolution:** precisely extract features
- ✓ **High accuracy:** accurate data layers plus consistency year to year
- ✓ **Stunning aesthetics:** visual context in maps and reference layers to vector data
- ✓ **Off the shelf:** available immediately to integrate into products and applications
- ✓ **Annual refresh:** monitor change and maintain maps



Vivid™ Standard Basemaps



The first commercially available, online global basemap with consistent 30cm GSD and 5m CE90 accuracy.



Vivid™ Advanced Basemaps



Predictable, high-quality coverage of global population and high interest areas at 15-centimeter resolution.



Dynamic Basemaps

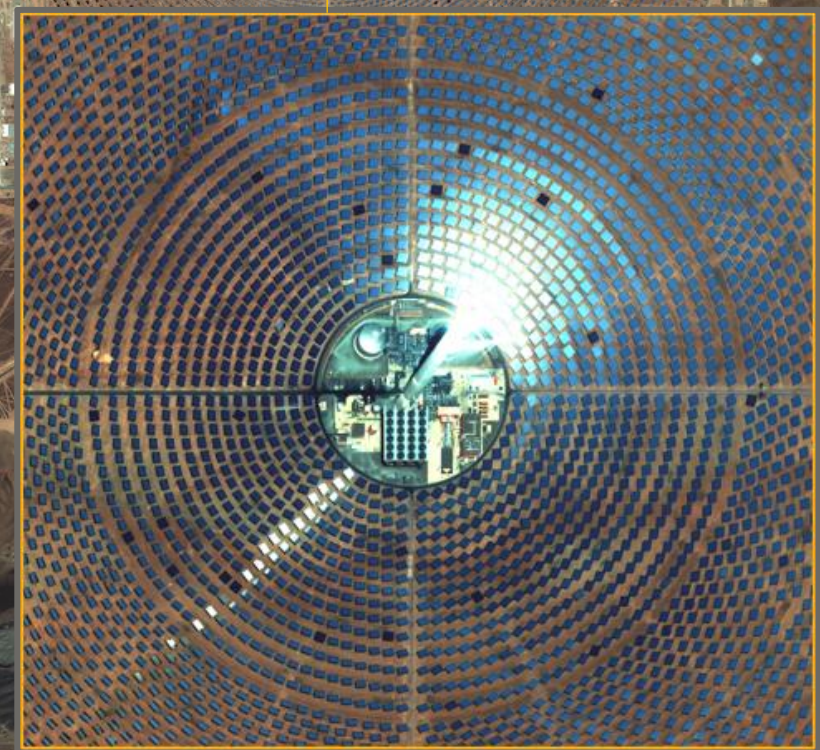
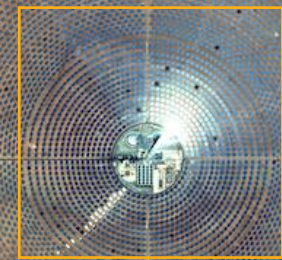
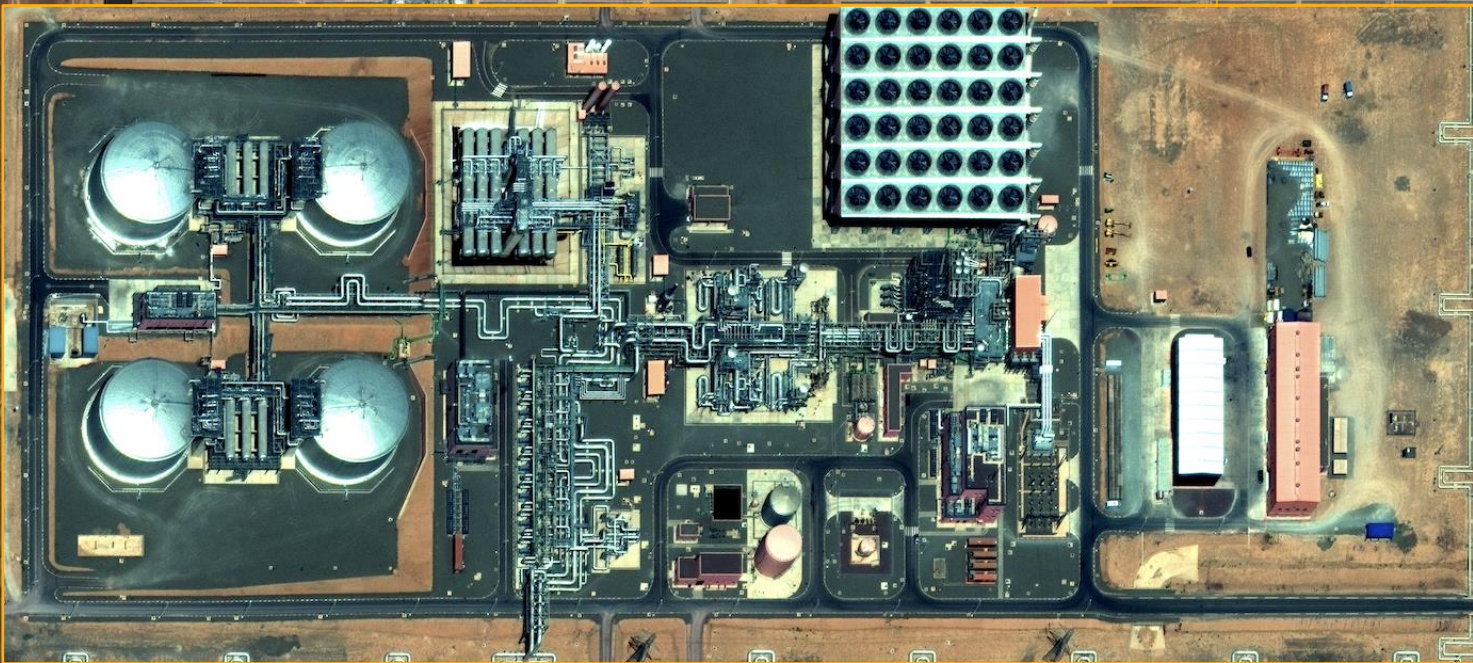
Dynamic Basemaps Offer Flexibility for Unique Customer Needs

- Available in weeks, made to order
- AOI coverage, up to ~1M sq km
- Configurable basemap specs for flexibility in meeting unique project needs
- Ability to define source imagery start/end dates for specific image layer currency





Image Products



Noor Solar Park | Ouarzazate, Morocco | March 30, 2023 | Maxar WorldView-3 Satellite Image



System-Ready (1B)

Sensor corrected,
un-projected (raw)
product

Supports image
manipulation and
photogrammetric
analysis by image
processing systems

View-Ready (2A & OR2A)

Projected and
resampled, projected
to a Digital Elevation
Model (DEM)

Ideal for image
viewing, analysis and
manipulation in
geographic
information systems

Map-Ready (Ortho)

High-quality,
standardized,
orthorectified imagery

Ideal for image
viewing and
locational reference
by users in any
application

System-Ready & View-Ready Stereo Imagery

Create your own
DEMs for 3D feature
extraction

Supports 3D visualization
and advanced analytics



Dynamic Basemaps

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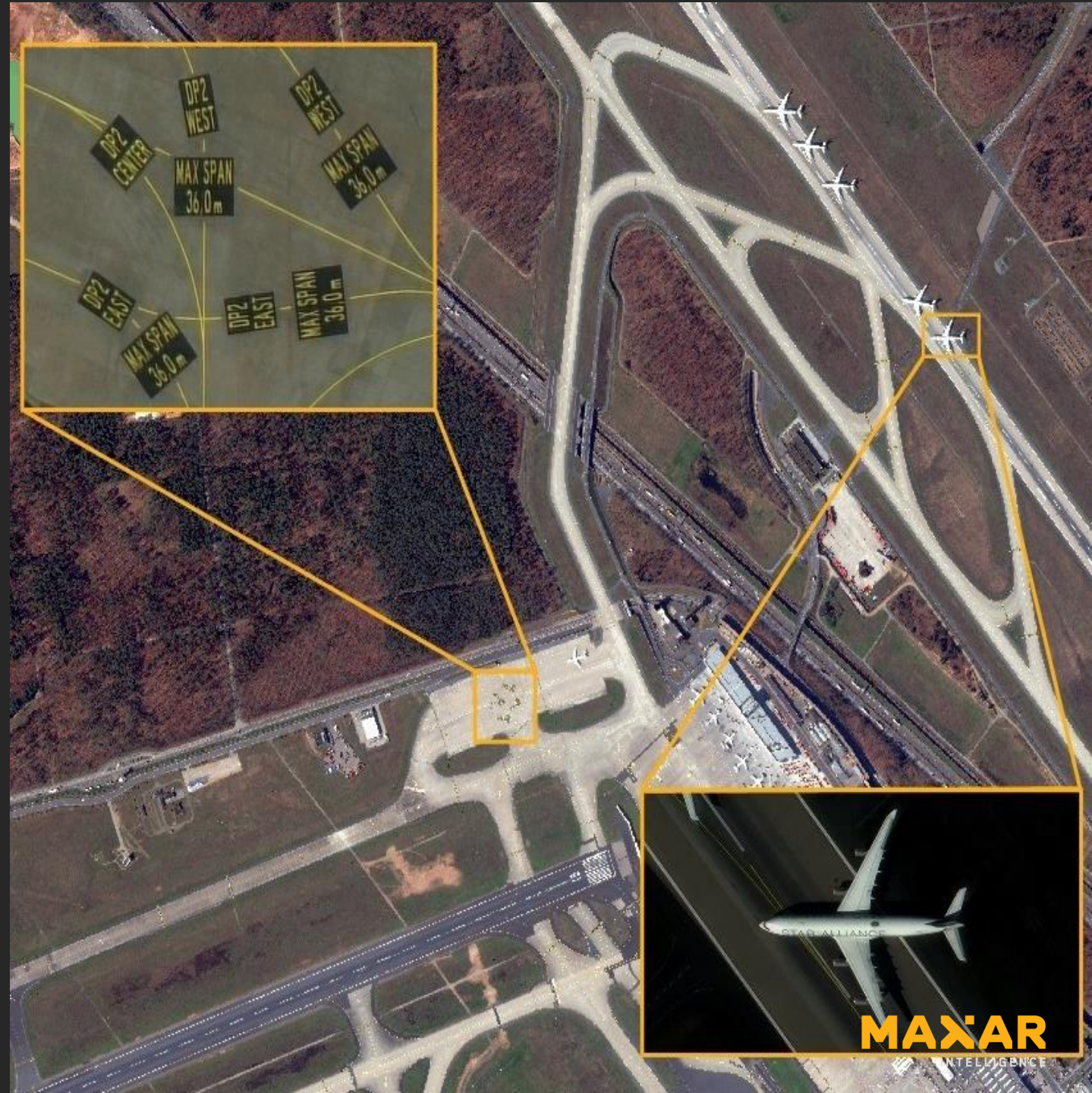
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High-Definition (HD) Imagery

A Maxar proprietary technique that improves the image clarity

- Increases 30 cm inventory by processing a 1.6+ million sq km of 50 cm imagery with HD per day
- Enables up to 15 cm HD for 30 cm-class
- Reveals fine mapping details and features available with aerial imagery
- Improves visual clarity making it easier to detect features using AI/ML
- Available in View-Ready and Map-Ready Imagery





Maxar Geospatial Platform



Downtown Bangkok | Bangkok, Thailand | December 28, 2023 | Maxar WorldView-3 Satellite Image with HD-Processing

On-Demand Access To Earth Intelligence

- With a broad range of imagery and geospatial data products, MGP Pro provides unrivaled coverage, quality and flexibility.
- Stream or download imagery within hours of collection to monitor and communicate relevant activity in any location around the globe.
- Subscriptions include full access to the Maxar image library via web browser and MGP APIs.

The screenshot displays the MGP Pro web interface. The top navigation bar includes the Maxar logo, 'MGP Pro', and a location dropdown set to 'SAN FRANCISCO INTERNAT'. The main interface is divided into a left sidebar with navigation options (IMAGERY, VIVID, BASEMAPS, AREAS, ORDERS, ANALYTICS, USAGE), a central map area showing a satellite view of the airport with a 'ZOOM 16.1' and '200 M' scale, and a right-hand 'API DOCUMENTATION' panel. The API panel lists various endpoints under 'API Reference', including Authentication, Token Service, Admin, Analytics, Basemaps, Discovery, Ordering, Streaming, 3D, and WMTS. Specific endpoints like 'Get Auth Token (POST)', 'Get Capabilities WMTS (GET)', 'Get Title (GET)', and 'Get Feature Info (GET)' are highlighted.

Full access to MGP APIs, also powering MGP Pro UI





MGP Pro

Online Imagery



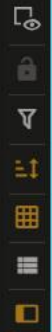
Opacity



Zoom in to view images

Imagery is available at zoom 11 or higher.

Tip: You can see your current zoom level at the bottom of your browser window.



Layers

Imagery

Vivid

Basemaps

3D

Areas

Tasking

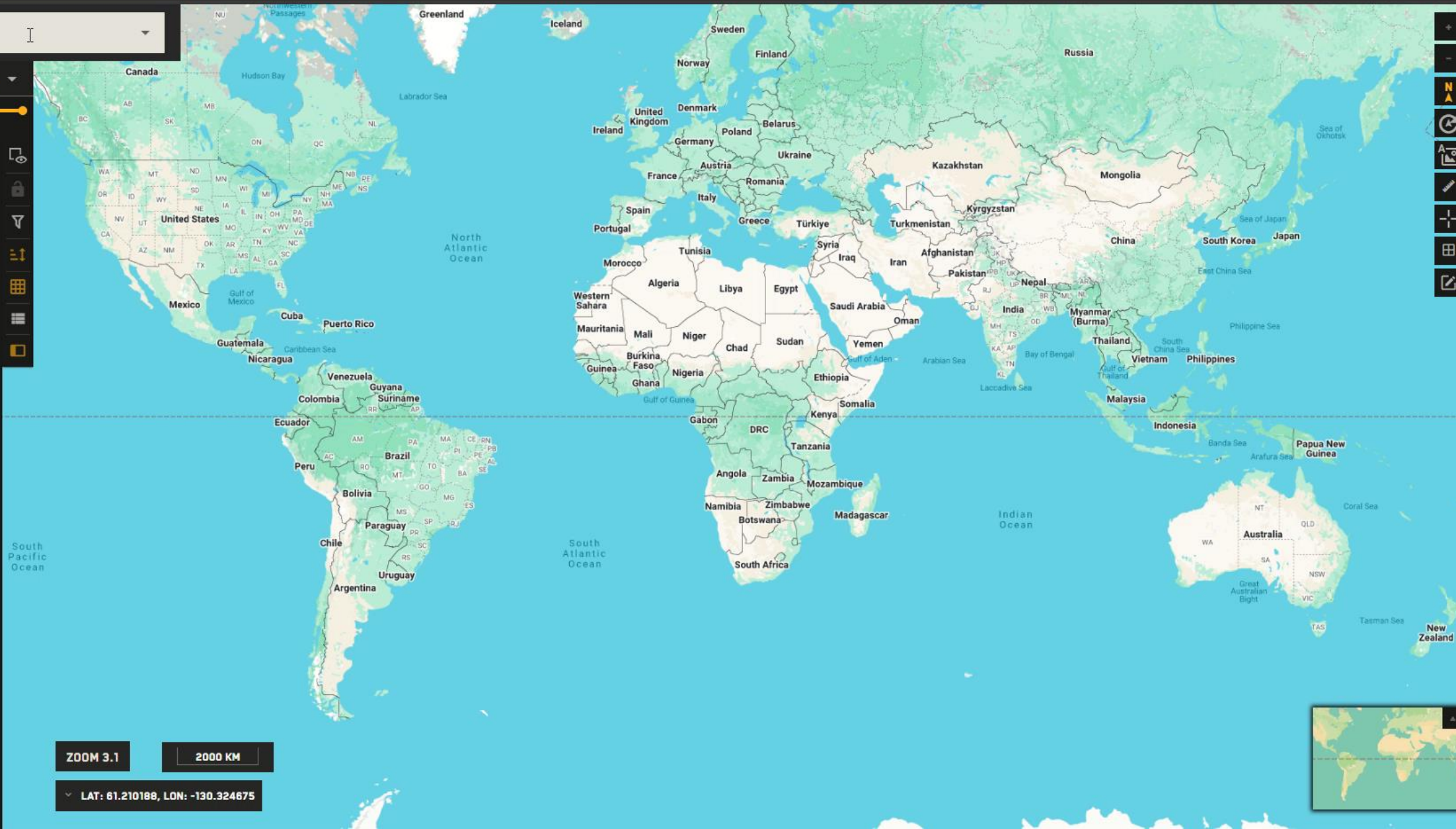
Orders

Analytics

Usage

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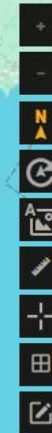
JS



ZOOM 3.1

2000 KM

LAT: 61.210188, LON: -130.324675





Maxar Products and Capabilities | Precision3D

Digital Surface, Terrain, and Elevation Models

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✕ Benefits of Maxar's patented multiview process

Complete surface measurements

- Multiple look angles from high resolution sensors nearly eliminate occlusion

Consistent high accuracy

- Deep stack image alignment on pixel-by-pixel basis averages out the pointing errors of individual images and enable 3m SE90 w/o ground control

High fidelity surface representation

- Hyper semi-global matching that leverages Maxar's unique 'global deep imagery stack' along with advanced AI produces native 50cm resolution 3D, the most detailed resolution ever available globally



The highest resolution, most accurate representation of the entire face of Earth, enabling customers to see the world at global scale in fully immersive 3D

3m Absolute Accuracy, 1m Relative Accuracy
50cm Resolution/Post Spacing



Precision3D core products

3D Products (Mesh)

- 3DSM
- 3DTM
- 3D Textured Objects



3DSM



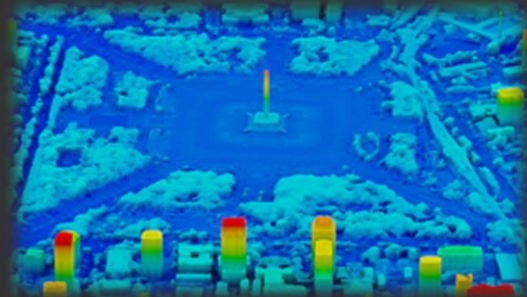
3DTM



3D Textured Objects

Elevation Products (DEMs)

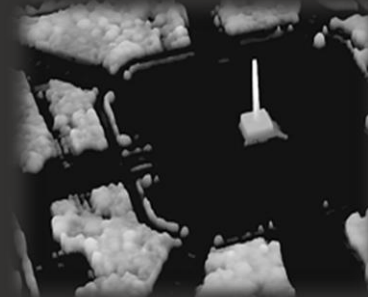
- DSM
- DTM
- DHM
- Point Cloud



DSM



DTM



DHM



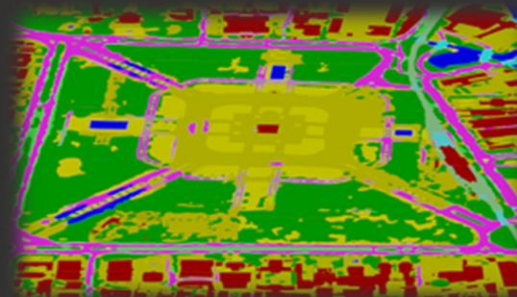
Point Cloud

Extracted Products

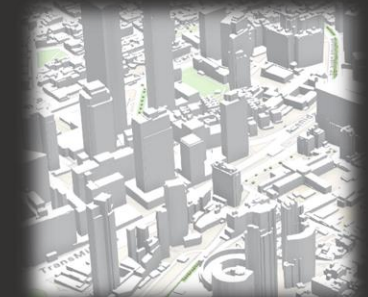
- True Ortho
- Classification
- Building/Veg (vectors)



True Ortho



Classification



Building and/or
Veg Vectors



Digital Surface Model

- Describes the elevation of the earth surface in a raster format. The data represents the average elevation in the post spacing area.
- Type: First surface model
- Format: GeoTIFF, Esri BIL, (others on request)
- Resolution: 50 cm, 1m, 2m, 4m



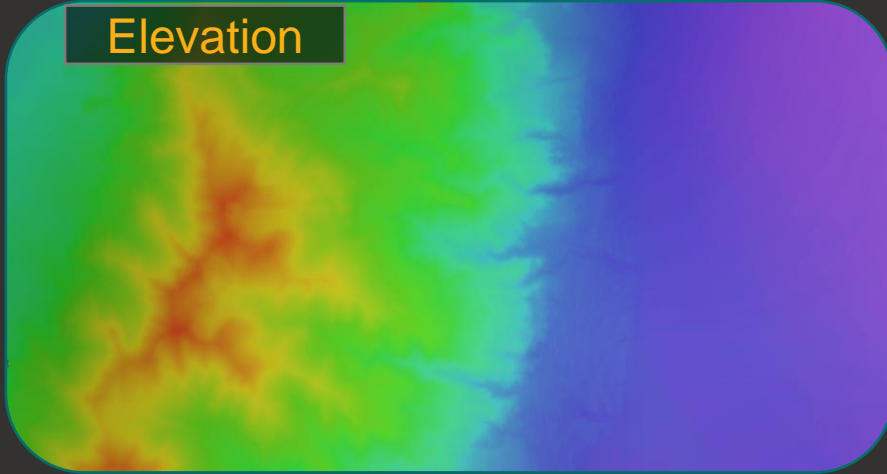
Digital Terrain Model

- The elevation of the bare earth in a raster format, based on the Precision3D DTM with trees and man-made objects removed by automated processing. The data represents the average elevation in the post spacing area.
 - Type: Bare Earth model
 - Format: GeoTIFF, Esri BIL, (others on request)
 - Resolution: 50 cm, 1m, 2m, 4m

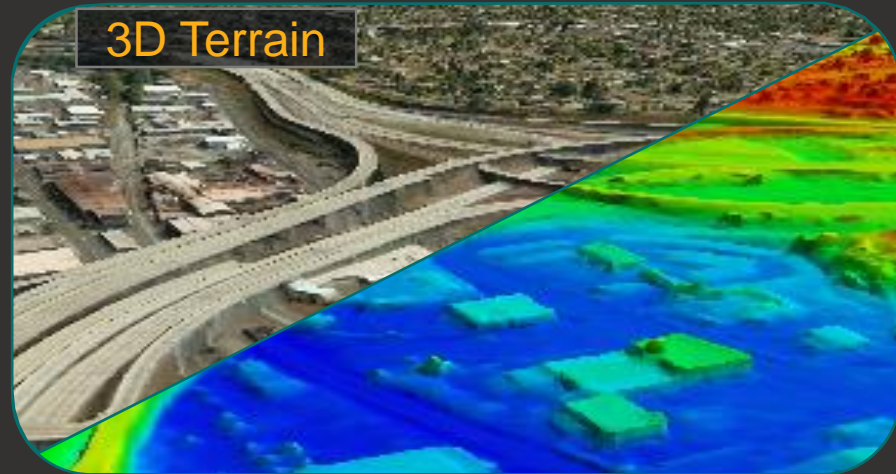


Mapping and terrain evaluation

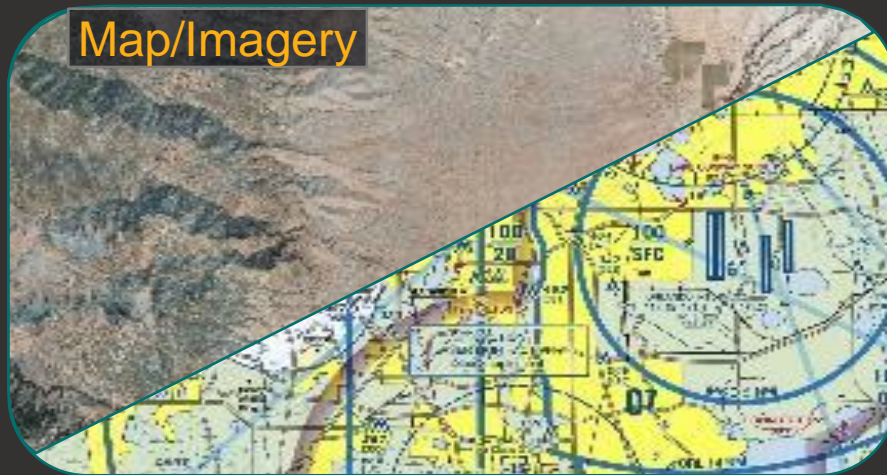
Elevation



3D Terrain



Map/Imagery



Features





Risk Planning and Mitigation





Bigach impact crater, Kazakhstan



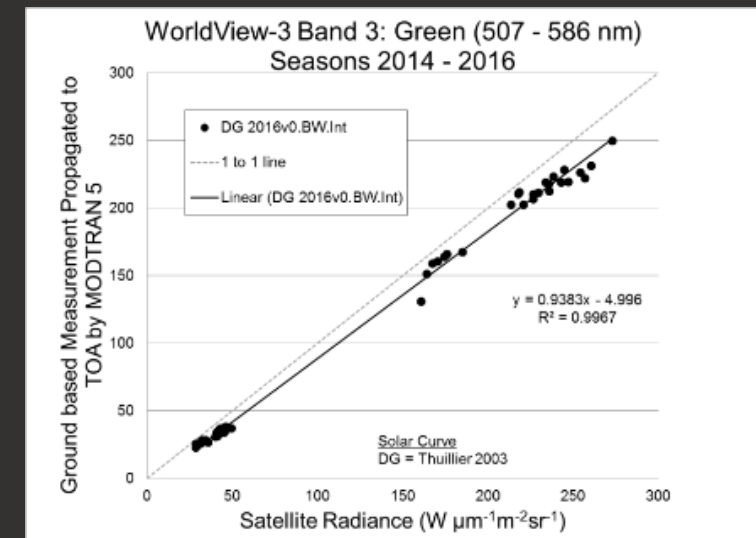
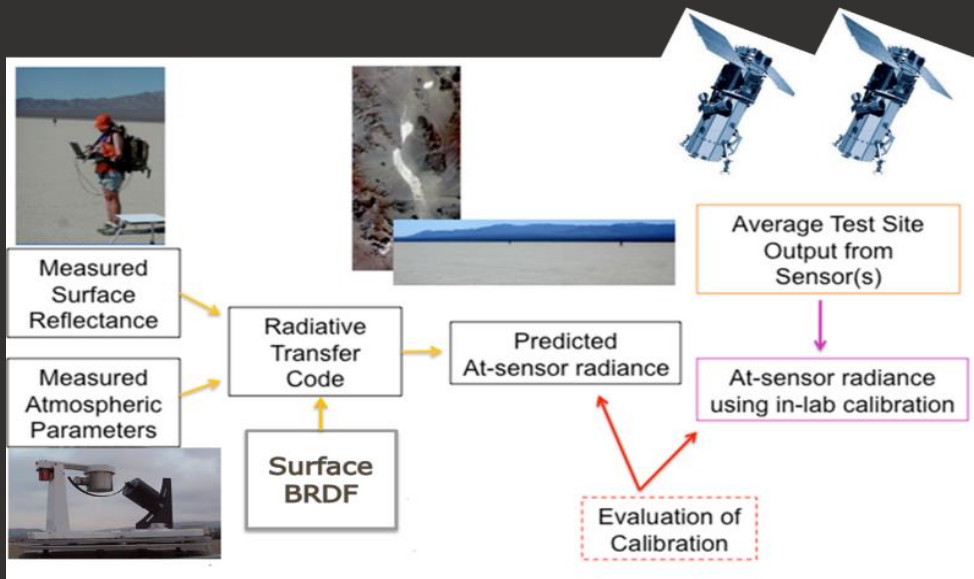


Maxar Products & Capabilities | Processing



✕ Absolute radiometric calibration

- We employ the reflectance-based vicarious calibration approach developed by the University of Arizona in the late 80's and employed by NASA and other international agencies
- This method uses in-situ measurements of surface reflectance (of spectrally and spatially homogenous targets) and atmospheric parameters in a radiative transfer model to predict at-sensor radiance for validation and calibration efforts
- Many measurements/dates are used in a regression to determine required adjustments to the pre-launch calibration





From sensor to surface reflectance

Surface reflectance is the physically-based normalization of the image values regardless of the different atmospheric and viewing conditions, i.e., it corrects the images to be consistent with viewing the area from the ground.

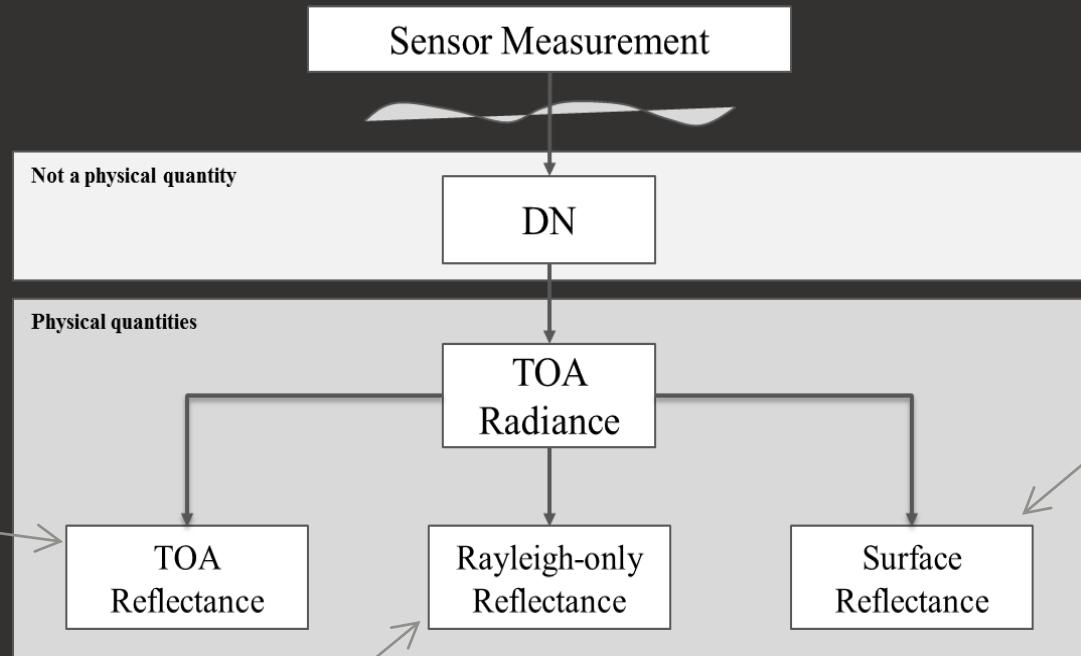
At-sensor radiance L to TOA reflectance ρ^{TOA} [unitless]:

$$\rho^{TOA} = \frac{L \cdot d_{ES}^2 \cdot \pi}{E_{sun} \cdot \cos(\theta_S)}$$

where E_{sun} is the mean exoatmospheric solar irradiance [$Wm^{-2}\mu m^{-1}$], θ_S is the solar zenith angle [degrees], and d_{ES} is the Earth-Sun distance [astronomical units].

Compensates for solar illumination

Compensates for solar illumination and Rayleigh scattering



Compensates for solar illumination, Rayleigh scattering, and atmosphere

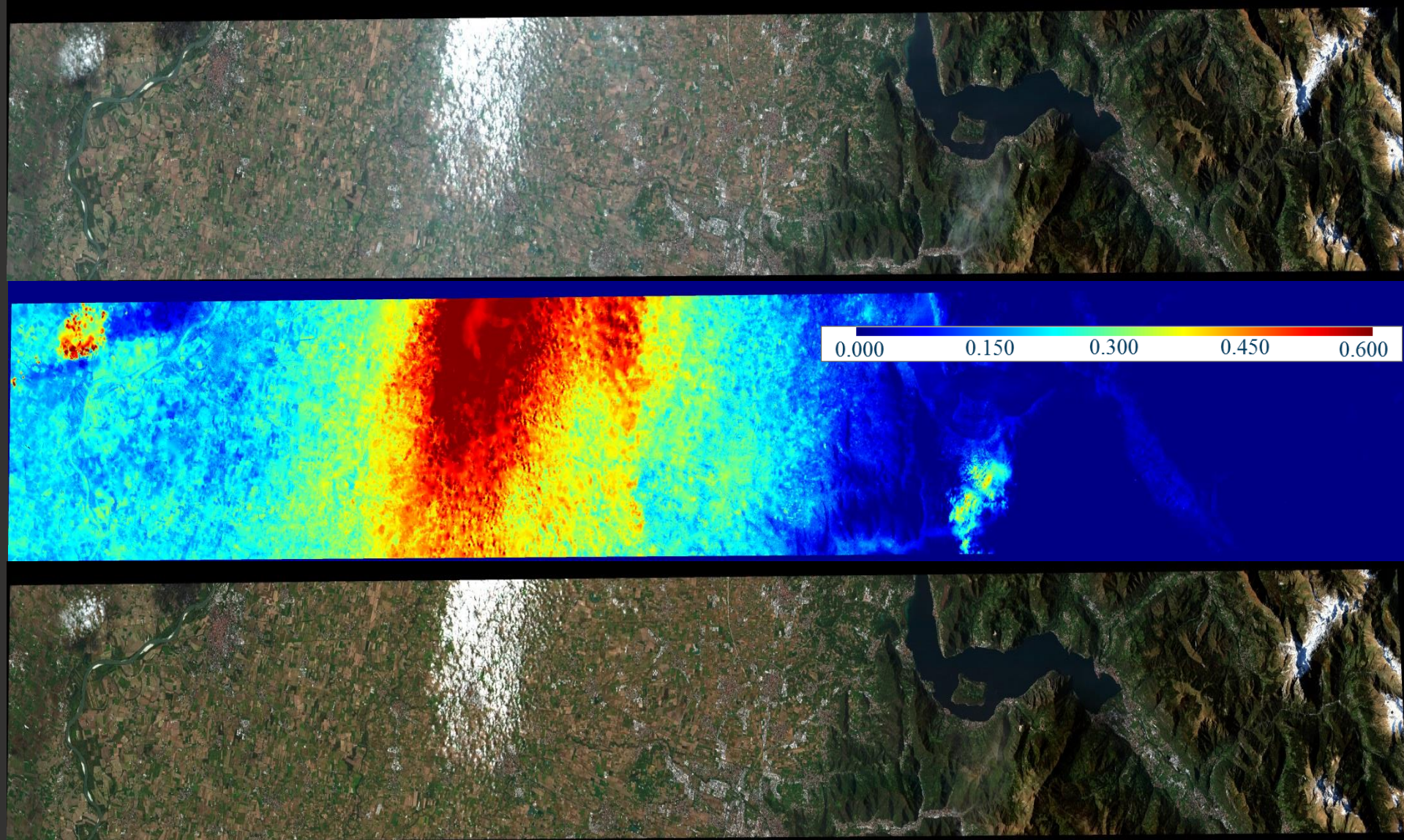
Surface reflectance can be derived as:

$$\rho = \frac{(L - L_{up}) \cdot d_{ES}^2 \cdot \pi}{\tau_{up} \cdot (E_{sun} \cdot \cos(\theta_S) \cdot \tau_{down} + E_{down})}$$

where L_{up} [$Wm^{-2}sr^{-1}\mu m^{-1}$] is the upward radiance scattered by the atmosphere, τ_{up} [unitless] is the atmospheric transmittance from the ground to the top of the atmosphere, τ_{down} [unitless] is the atmospheric transmittance from the top of the atmosphere to the ground, and E_{down} [$Wm^{-2}\mu m^{-1}$] is the diffuse irradiance at the surface.

✕ AComp: Maxar's Atmospheric Compensation

- Derives aerosol optical depth (AOD) and water vapor from image
- Works on PAN, VNIR, and SWIR imagery
- Fully automated (no human in the loop)
- Suitable for large-scale production





TOA versus Surface Reflectance



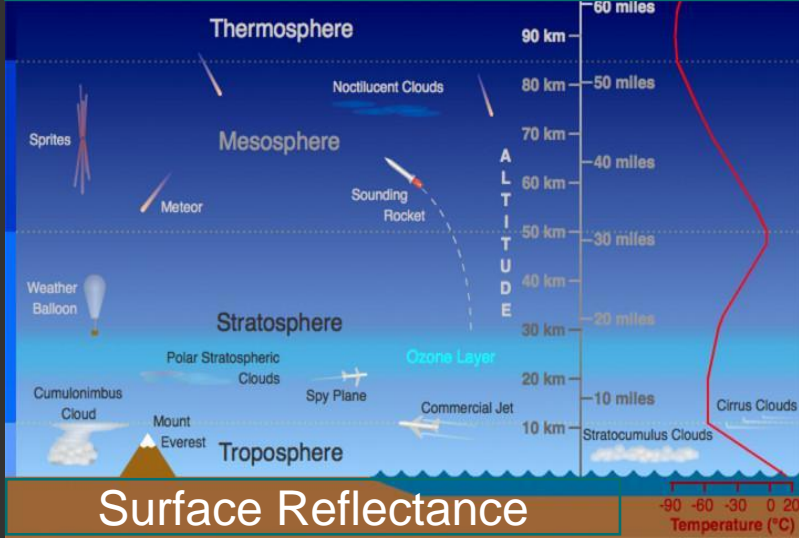
Istanbul – WV02: Feb. 19, 2010 Top of Atmosphere (TOA) Reflectance



Istanbul – WV02: Feb. 19, 2010 (Surface Reflectance)



Top Of Atmosphere (TOA)



Surface Reflectance

<https://scied.ucar.edu/learning-zone/atmosphere/layers-earths-atmosphere>

Credit: Fabio Pacifici



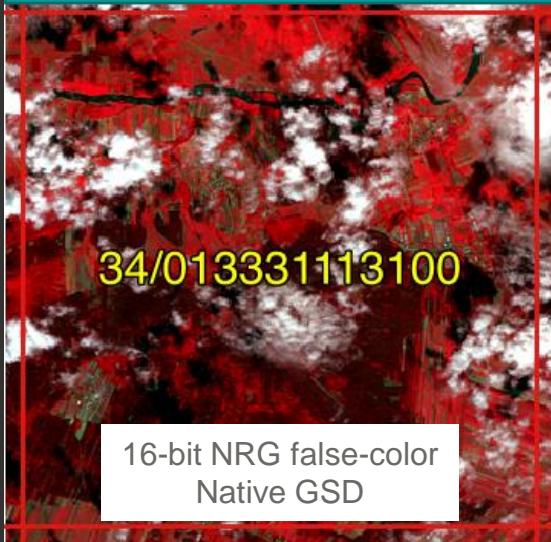


Analysis Ready Data (ARD)

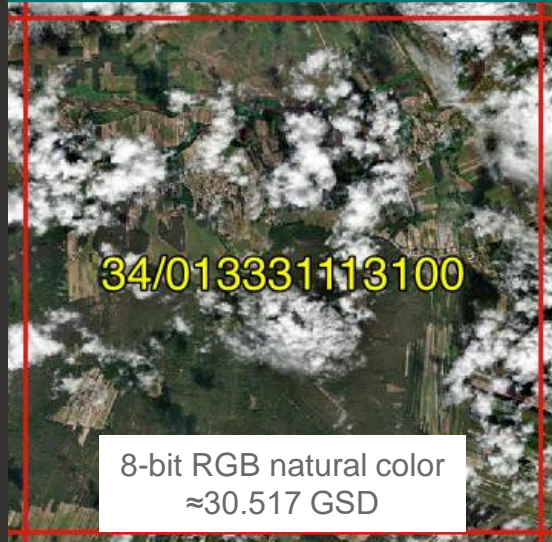
Goal: Minimize the burden of repetitive and boilerplate tasks on the users of the data

Method: Generate a set of standard image products on a fixed global grid

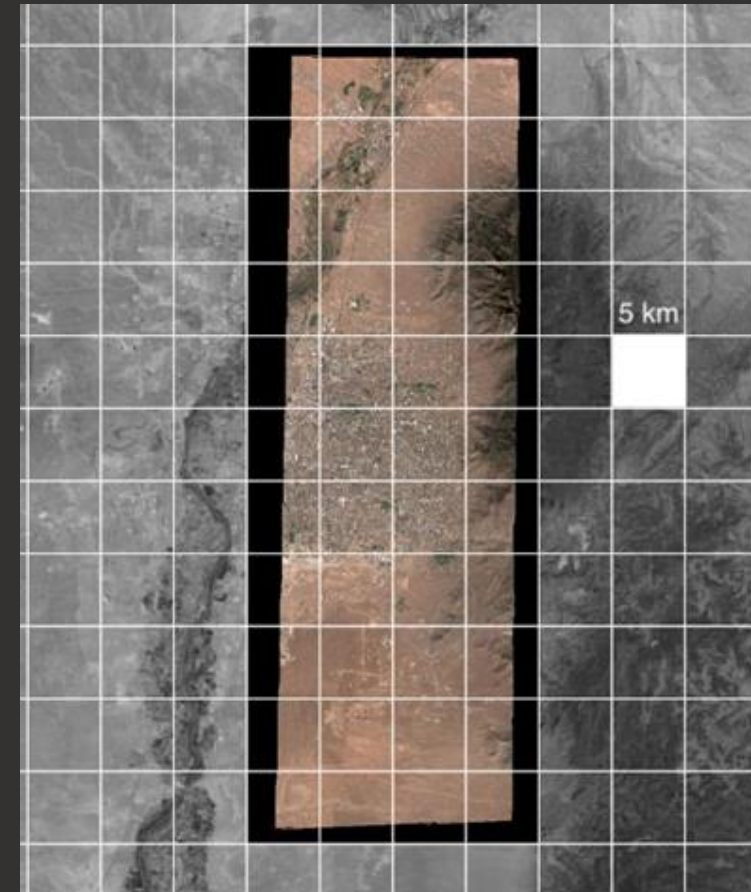
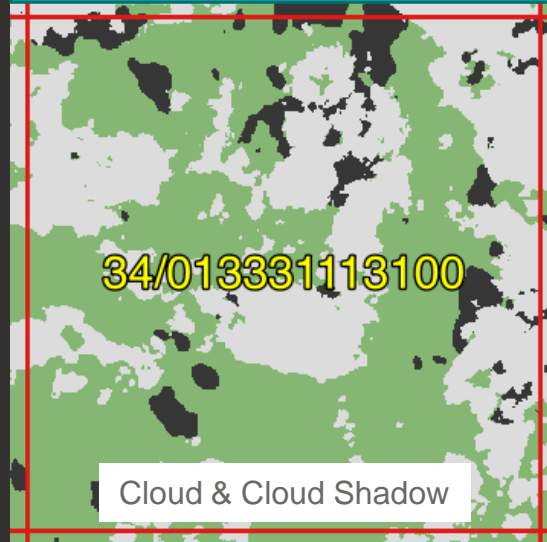
Surface Reflectance



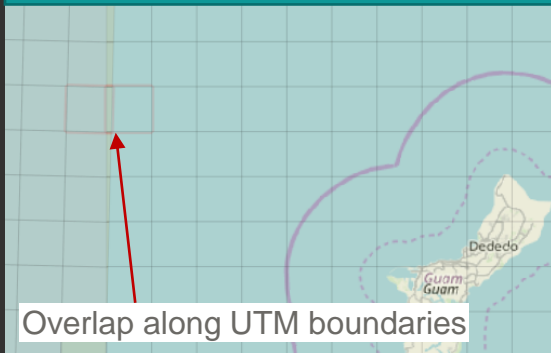
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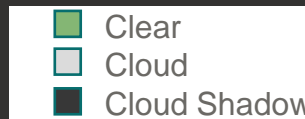
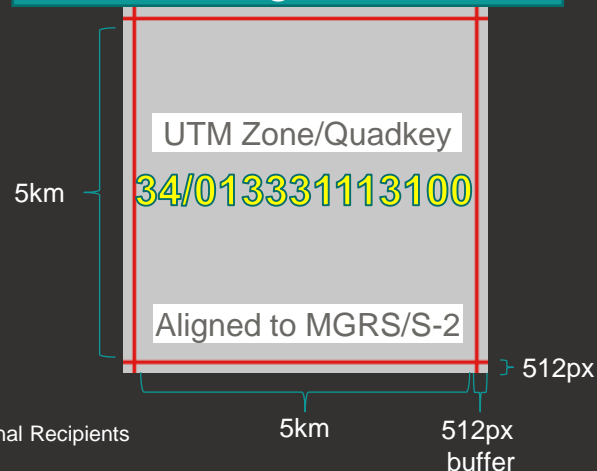
Data Masks



60 UTM Grids



Pixel-aligned Grid



Additional Masks:

- Clouds
- Healthy Vegetation
- PAN & MS Saturation
- Terrain Shadows
- Water

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