NASA CSDA Program Vendor Focus

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Welcome! Poll: Where is this?

A: North Island, New Zealand B: Sumatra, Indonesia C: Hawaii, USA D: Honshu, Japan







The Airbus you know...







The Airbus you *might* not know...



Galileo Second Generation



Sentinel 2



Over 40 Years of Remote Sensing

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ERS182 1991-1995

THEOS-2

Sentine 1C#10

Biomass

CERES

2x Falcon Eye

EarthCARE

NietOp-SG .

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Ingenio

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Mohammed VI-B

Morocco-2018

MetOp.C. 2018

Aeolus - 2018

GRACE FO. 2018

Mohammed VI-A

Morocco - 2017

Sentinel-5

Precursor 2011

Perus AT-1

Peru-2016

Atinei.2A & 2B

2015-2017

PAZ-2018

Jason-CS

Sentinel-6

MERLIN

Zx Pléiades Neo

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Helios 14 & 18

Channo

2000

Envisar

POOL

Grace

POOL

SPORS

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Formosat 2

Helios 2A & 2B

2004.2009

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KatEOSat-1

Kazakhstan - 2014

VNREDSat-1

Vietnam - 2013

2008

Metop A & B

2006.2012

TerraSAR-X

2007

THEOS

2008

Spirale,

Swarm

2013

2009

Cryosat

2010

TanDEM-X

Spot 6 & T

2012:2014

2010

COMS

South Korea

ALSAT 2A-28

Pléiades 1a & b

2011-2012

SSOT

chile - 2011

Algeria - 2010 - 2016

Corporate History



Airbus: Your Trusted Partner for Geospatial Products and Services

Our Mission: Protect people, make the Earth and Space more sustainable, and support our customers by responding to their challenges with greater speed and higher certainty.



Commercial Remote Sensing Launch Timeline





Chernobyl Over the Years

SPOT 1 20m Resolution

The first commercial satellite images of the Chernobyl disaster - May 1986



Explosion Aftermath – Helicopter View – 1986



Chernobyl Over the Years

Pléiades Neo 30cm Resolution

The full extent of the Chernobyl reactor building -May 2022



Building the New Safe Confinement



Chernobyl Over the Years

Pléiades Neo HD15

High Definition 15cm image product

Detail of the New Safe Confinement building, covering the damaged Reactor #2 - May 2022



Airbus' CSDA Product Catalog



Optical

Sensors

- Pléiades Neo 30cm & HD15 (High Definition 15cm)
- Pléiades 50cm
- SPOT 1.5m & 6m (Multispectral only)

Archive

• Mono / Stereo / Tri-Stereo

Tasking

- OnePlan
 - All satellites/modes
- OnePlan Monitoring
 - Pléiades & SPOT* / Mono only
- OneDay
 - All satellites/Mono only

Elevation Products

- Elevation 0.5 DSM
- Elevation 1 DSM & DTM
- Elevation 4 DSM & DTM

*SPOT1.5m Only

Radar

Sensors

- TerraSAR-X
- TanDEM-X
- PAZ

Archive

• Modes: ST, HS, SL, SM, SC, WSC

Tasking

- All Radar modes
- InSAR (Interferometric data stacks) ST, HS, SL, SM
- Maritime Monitoring Data Stacks: All Radar modes

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Elevation Products

- WorldDEM Neo DSM & DTM
- WorldDEM DSM & DTM
- Ground Control Point (GCP) Packages

Poll: What type of Airbus satellite imagery/data would you most likely request for your current or future research?

A: Optical imagery
B: Radar imagery
C: SAR interferometry data
D: Digital Elevation Models (DSMs or DTMs)

> TerraSAR-X Stripmap 3m image Pléiades Neo 30cm image WorldDEM Neo DSM

Grindavik, Iceland



Airbus' Current Earth Observation Constellations

RADAR CONSTELLATION

OPTICAL CONSTELLATION

Pléiades Neo Pléiades SPOT TerraSAR-X / TanDEM-X / PAZ 0.5m 0.3m 0.25m to 40m 1.5m



Choose Your Sensor and Resolution

SPOT

Pléiades Neo

Radar



Pléiades





SPOT 1.5m RESOLUTION

Radar Constellation 0.25m to 40m RESOLUTION

Pléiades 0.5m RESOLUTION Pléiades Neo 0.3m RESOLUTION Pléiades Neo HD15 0.15m RESAMPLING



Optical Constellation & Imagery

Golden Gate Bridge San Francisco, CA Pléiades Neo 30cm image



Optical Satellite Constellation



SPOT 6 & 7

Technical Specifications

Link: SPOT User Guide

	SPOT			
Active Satellites	and a second			
Resolution	Panchromatic: 1.5m Multispectral: 6m			
Swath	60 km at Nadir			
Location Accuracy CE90	15m -45°to +45° Mono, stereo, tri-stereo 12 bits Pan: 455-744 Blue: 454-519 Green: 527-587 Red: 624-694 NIR: 756-880			
Viewing Angle				
Imaging Modes				
Image Depth				
Spectral Bands (in nm)				
Products	Pan 1.5m (1 band) Pansharpened 1.5m (3 or 4 bands) Multispectral 6m (4 bands) Bundle: Pan 1.5m + MS 6m (4 bands)			





Pléiades

Technical Specifications

Link: Pléiades User Guide

Pléiades						
Active Satellites	2					
Resolution	Panchromatic: 0.5m Multispectral: 2m					
Swath	20 km at Nadir					
Location Accuracy CE90	6.5m					
Viewing Angle	-45°to +45° Mono, stereo, tri-stereo					
Imaging Modes						
Image Depth	12 bits					
Spectral Bands (in nm)	Pan: 470-830 Blue: 430-550 Green: 500-620 Red: 590-710 NIR: 740-940					
Products	Pan 0.5m (1 band) Pansharpened 0.5m (3 or 4 bands) Multispectral 2m (4 bands) Bundle: Pan 0.5m + MS 2m (4 bands)					

Pléiades Neo

Technical Specifications

Link: Pléiades Neo User Guide



	Pléiades Neo						
	Active Satellites	2					
いたが、	Resolution	Panchromatic: 0.3m Multispectral: 1.2m					
	Swath	14 km at Nadir					
- AND	Location Accuracy CE90	3.5m					
	Viewing Angle	-45°to +45°					
	Imaging Modes	Mono, stereo, tri-stereo					
	Image Depth	12 bits					
	Spectral Bands (in nm)	Pan: 450-800 Deep Blue: 400-450 Blue: 450-520 Green: 530-590 Red: 620-690 Red Edge: 700-750 NIR: 770-880					
	Products	Pan 0.3m (1 band) Pansharpened 0.3m (3, 4 or 6 bands) Multispectral 1.2m (4 or 6 bands) Bundle: Pan 0.3m + MS 1.2m (4 or 6 bands)					



OneTasking Fundamentals

Optical Tasking Options



Singapore

ONE DAY

Specifications



Timeframe Customer-selected day

Cloud Cover Validation Not applicable

Incidence Angle ≤52° by default

Number of acquisitions One



ONE PLAN

Specifications



Timeframe Weather-dependent



Cloud Cover Validation $\leq 10\%$ by default



Incidence Angle 0 - 30° by default

Number of acquisitions Based on feasibility study



Delivery Standard by default



Optical Acquisition Modes





Optical Acquisition Modes

Acquisition modes North / South Strips Target Stereo / Tri-Stereo

Pléiades Neo: 14km Swath

Video does not play in PDF file



Optical Processing Options

Radiometry & Geometry



Cairo, Egypt

Geometric Processing



Perfect sensor No cartographic projection



Georeferenced Projection at constant altitude



Georeferenced Projection on DEM

Radiometric Processing



8 or 12 bits depth No atmospheric correction Spectral applications



16 bits depth Raleigh atmospheric correction Spectral applications



8 bits depth Raleigh atmospheric correction Visual applications

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Geolocation Accuracy of Pléiades Neo



Pléiades Neo Ortho NIR band – Horizontal Error

Link: USGS System Characterization Report - Pléiades Neo



Pléiades Neo HD15

Enhancing visual rendering for geospatial applications



Coming Soon from Airbus

Pléiades Neo Constellation Continuity



Radar Constellation and Data

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Panama TerraSAR-X Wide ScanSAR



Radar **Constellation Fundamentals**

All three SAR satellites are operationally identical





Constellation Repeat Cycle



Total 11-Day Cycle

Launch Dates	TerraSAR-X: 2007 TanDEM-X: 2010 PAZ: 2018
Frequency Band	X-Band
Channel Polarization	Single, Dual
Nominal Target Revisit Time at Mid-Latitudes	1.5 days
Interferometry Repeat Cycle	4, 7 & 11 Days
Highest Resolution	0.25 m x 1.0 m
Widest Swath	270 km
Archive Coverage	Over 640,000 images All 6 collection modes since 2007

Link: Radar Constellation Guide



SAR Interferometry Precision

- TerraSAR-X, TanDEM-X and PAZ maintain among the most precise orbit "tubes" of any remotesensing satellites
- This ensures consistent stacks of interferometric data
- With the *Science orbit* ephemeris information, satellite location can be as precise as **10cm** in space

Orbit	Performance (3D rms)		
Predicted orbit	100 m		
Quick-look orbit	10 m		
Rapid orbit	2 m		
Science orbit	10 cm		

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Radar Constellation: Collection Modes / Image Products



Lowest Resolution



Radar Constellation: Processing Levels





Enhanced Ellipsoid Corrected

High spatial accuracy requirements

Least Processed





Elévation Products

Cape Town South Africa Elevation 0.5



Elevation Data Overview



Elevation1 Bingham Canyon, Utah



ensor	Pléiades		Pléiades Neo TerraSAR-X/TanDEM-X		M-X	
oduct	Elevation4	Elevation1	Elevation 0.5	WorldDEM	WorldDEM Neo	GCPs
esolution	4m	1m	0.5m	12m	5m	N/A
ccuracy bs. vertical LE90)	1.5m	1.5m	0.5m	2.5m	1.4m	30cm to 1m
roduct	DSM & DTM	DSM & DTM	DSM & DTM	DSM & DTM	DSM & DTM	GCP points
vailability	On demand	On demand	On demand	Off-the-shelf	Off-the-shelf	On demand
p-to-date	Fresh data	Fresh data	Fresh data	2010-2014	2017-2021	Fresh data
overage	Local to regional	Local to regional	Local to regional	Global	Global	Global
			-DAV			

- DSM = Digital Surface Model
- DTM = Digital Terrain Model
- Off-the-shelf data is available for **immediate delivery**, or access via Portal or API
- On-demand data usually requires satellite tasking, imagery collection and additional DSM/DTM processing

Optical Elevation Products



Elevation 0.5 - DSM 0.5m resolution Elevation 1 - DSM

1m resolution

Elevation 4 - DSM 4m resolution

Istanbul, Turkey



WorldDEM[™] Neo

A global (148 million square km) 5m ground-spacing DSM and/or DTM



WorldDEM Neo is generated using the interferometric outputs from the TerraSAR-X and TanDEM-X satellites



Near Munich, Germany



Accessing Data: OneAtlas Platform

Aswan High Dam Egypt Pléiades Neo 30cm image



How to Access Airbus Imagery & Data

One single platform to easily access Airbus data services

Available via Web Portal and/or API

Airbus' OneAtlas Platform





How to Access Airbus Imagery & Data

Search, Discover, Select & Download Optical and Radar Imagery and DEMs via OneAtlas

Available via Web Portal and/or API





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How to Access Airbus Imagery & Data

Access optical imagery, radar data and DEM via the **OneAtlas Portals**

Import AOI

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Airbus' OneAtlas Platform



How to Access Airbus Archive Imagery

A library of multi-resolution optical archive imagery

- Full access to archive dating back to 2012
- Worldwide coverage
- Daily revisits and updates



Living Library Subscription





OneAtlas Portal: Archive Search and Discovery





Airbus Data for Research Purposes

Pléiades Neo Image Bora Bora French Polynesia



Research Using Airbus Data

Research undertaken using Airbus imagery and data

Thousands of peer-reviewed research papers have been published using Airbus Earth Observation data

Articles have appeared in:

- Remote Sensing
- IEEE Journal of Selected topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing
- ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
- Natural Hazards and Earth Systems Sciences
- The Cryosphere
- Forests
- Geomatics, Natural Hazards and Risks
- Applied Hydrogeology
- And many, many more....



NASA Earth Science Division Study Areas

Airbus satellite imagery and data can be used for research in these 6 CSDA earth science study areas







Water & Energy Cycle

Both Pléiades and Pléiades Neo can assist with bathymetric calculations

Shallow Bathymetry Determination Using Pléiades



Shallow bathymetry from pléiades data: the case study of the Grindavik volcanic crisis

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Link to Full Paper

- Pléiades 50cm images are used to map submarine topography
- Researchers calculated a shallow bathymetry map from 4 to 28 meters in depth









Water & Energy Cycle

Pléiades Neo used to calculate bathymetry in Aden, Yemen









Climate Variability & Change

TerraSAR-X imagery used to track sea-ice thickness

Sea Ice Classification Using TerraSAR-X

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Sea ice classification of TerraSAR-X ScanSAR images for the MOSAiC expedition incorporating per-class incidence angle dependency of image texture

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Abstract. We provide sea ice classification maps of a sub-

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weekly time series of single (horizontal-horizontal, HH) polarization X-band TerraSAR-X scanning synthetic aperture radar (TSX SC) images from November 2019 to March 2020. covering the Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) expedition. This classified time series benefits from the wide spatial coverage and relatively high spatial resolution of TSX SC data and is a useful basic dataset for future MOSAiC studies on physical sea ice processes and ocean and climate modeling. Sea ice is classified into leads, young ice with different backscatter intensities, and first-year ice (FYI) or multiyear ice (MYI) with different degrees of deformation. We establish the per-class incidence angle (IA) dependencies of TSX SC intensities and gray-level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM) textures and use a classifier that corrects for the class-specific decreasing backscatter with increasing IAs, with both HH intensities and textures as input features. Optimal parameters for texture calculation are derived to achieve good class separation while maintaining maximum spatial detail and minimizing textural collinearity. Class probabilities yielded by the classifier are adjusted by Markov random field contextual smoothing to produce classification results. The texture-based classification process yields an average overall accuracy of 83.70 % and good correspondence to geometric ice surface roughness derived from in situ ice thickness measurements (correspondence consistently close to or higher than 80%). A positive

logarithmic relationship is found between geometric ice surface roughness and TSX SC HH backscatter intensity, similar to previous C- and L-band studies. Areal fractions of classes representing ice openings (leads and young ice) show prominent increases in middle to late November 2019 and March 2020, corresponding well to ice-opening time series derived from in situ data in this study and those derived from satellite synthetic aperture radar (SAR) and optical data in other MOSAiC studies.

1 Introduction

During the 1-year-long Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) expedition from 2019 to 2020, the icebreaker RV Polarstern drifted with sea ice along the Transpolar Drift in the central Arctic Ocean, conducting the largest multidisciplinary Arctic research expedition in history (Nicolaus et al., 2022). Satellite data acquisitions from multiple platforms were coordinated to survey the sea ice area surrounding the expedition, enabling continuous, large-scale sea ice monitoring along the drift. Moreover, extensive on-ice, airborne, and ship-based in situ data were collected surrounding the MOSAiC ice floe, where RV Polarstern was moored and the Central Observatory (CO) was established. These include data from sources such as meteorological stations, airborne laser sur-

Link to Full Paper

- TerraSAR-X ScanSAR images are used to classify various sea-ice types
- **Ground-truth** is provided by the Multidisciplinary drifting Observatory for the Study of Arctic Climate (MOSAiC) expedition
- Good correspondence is found between the classification results and the in-situ ice-thickness measurements



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TerraSAR-X imagery used to track Antarctic sea-ice drift







User-Derived Digital Surface Models using Pléiades Imagery

SAR and Multispectral Imagery to Detect Structural Deformation





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Satellite-derived digital surface models to improve geolocation of InSAR deformation measurements on bridges

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Abstract

Canadian bridges need structural health monitoring (SHM) to ensure their safety and longevity. In-situ inspections are expensive and time-consuming, and climate change effects on river bridges may make previous legacy inspection schedules inadequate. Remote sensing can help supplement in-situ inspections or alert bridge operators to the need for a new inspection. Satellite-based Persistent Scatterer Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (PS-InSAR) is an emerging approach for bridge deformation monitoring that requires accurate geolocation of the PS targets for best results. If the as-built elevations on bridges are insufficiently accurate, geolocation errors may limit the usefulness of the PS-InSAR data for bridge SHM. Satellite stereo imagery can be used to derive Digital Surface Models (DSMs), which give the elevation of the top surfaces of structures. It is unknown whether DSMs derived from satellite imagery are adequate as height sources for ensuring accurate positorion using a DSM from satellite imagery was conducted on the Samuel de Champlain Bridge in Montreal (QC), Canada. A tri-stereo imager triplet was used to create a 1 m resolution DSM, which was evaluated for height accuracy against a historical survey and used to correct PS-InSAR data points for elevation. The PS-InSAR dataset was georeferenced with DSM height corrections and evaluated for accuracy.

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- Pléiades tri-stereo triplet used to create a 1-meter DSM
- The Pléiades tri-stereo DSM accurately captured the asymmetrical elevation profile of the subject bridge, and the vertical accuracy of this DSM was within expected tolerances
- Merging the Pléiades tri-stereo DSM with a 30m SRTM DEM, then using this merged DSM for height analysis, provided significantly improved accuracy relative to heights estimated from the DEM only



Fig. 3. Tri-stereo DSM (left) and multispectral image (right) illustrating the west abutment area of Samuel de Champlain Bridge. Black arrows indicate temporary structures on the central portion of the bridge deck.



Earth's Surface & Interior

Airbus' Global DEM: WorldDEM Neo over the Canadian Arctic at 5m posting





Pléiades Neo 30cm image Sydney, Australia



Thank You. Questions?

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