

Remote Sensing

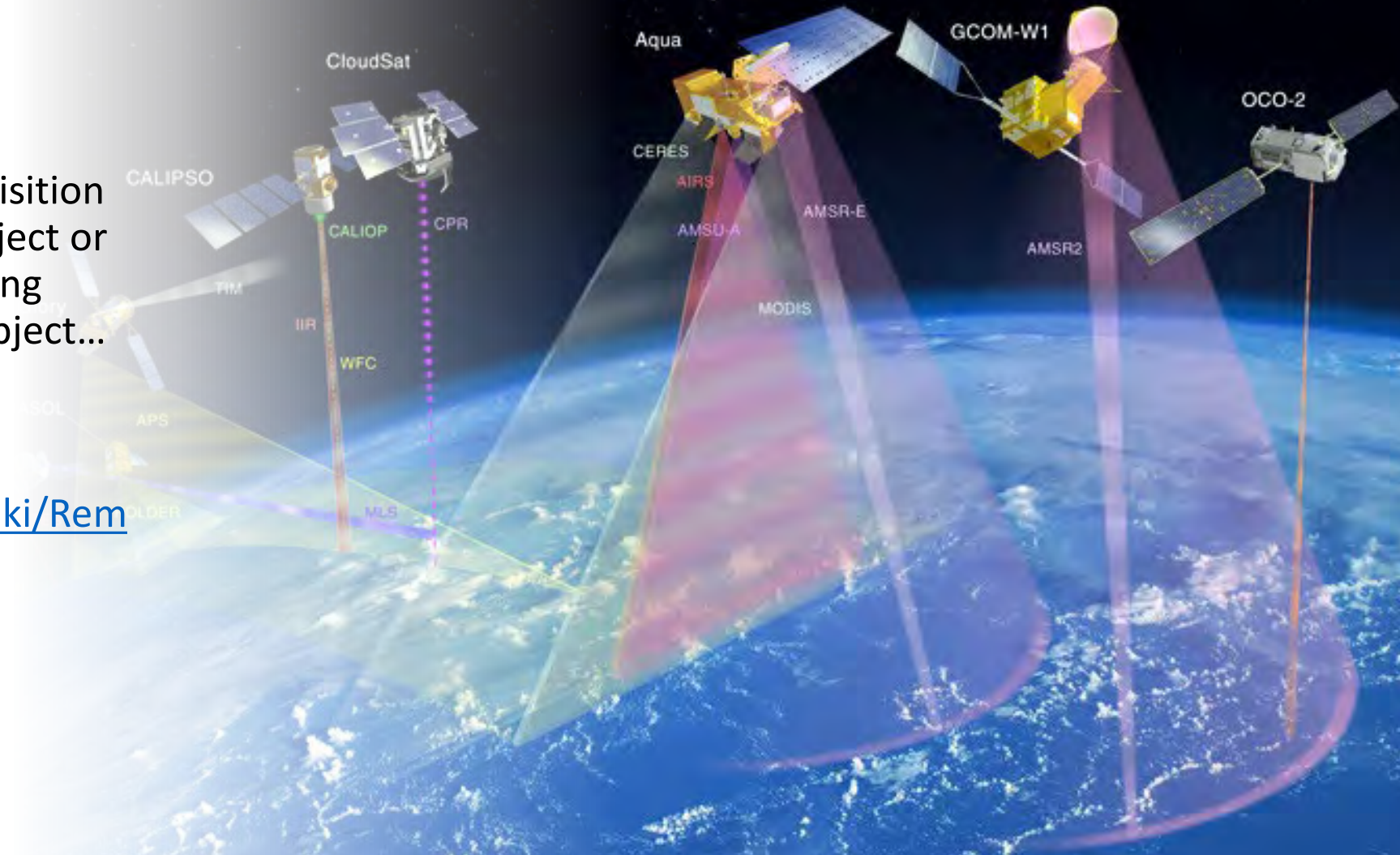
Working with Drones and LiDAR

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Remote sensing is the acquisition of information about an object or phenomenon without making physical contact with the object...

Source:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remote_sensing



Topics

Acronyms
Coordinate Systems
Datums & Epochs
GIS software
Computer Hardware
Google Earth
Canada Lands Survey
LiDAR

PPK
RTK
Mapping
Point Clouds
Drone Safety
Mission Planning



Purpose

Provide an introduction to:

- GIS software
- GIS terms
- GIS concepts

A basic overview of:

- LiDAR
- Point Clouds

For use in:

- Drone Mapping

Acronyms

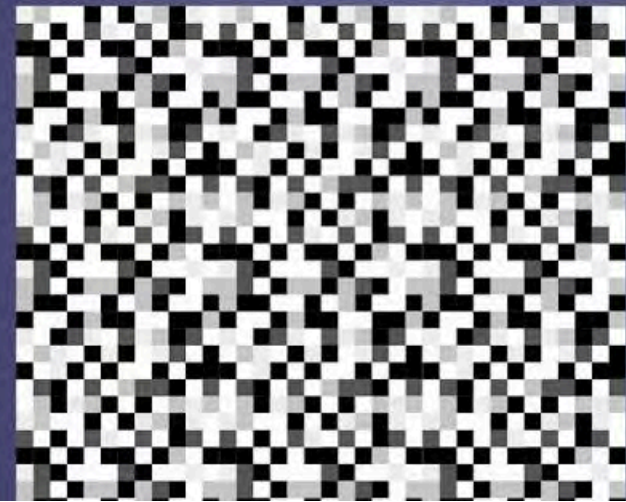
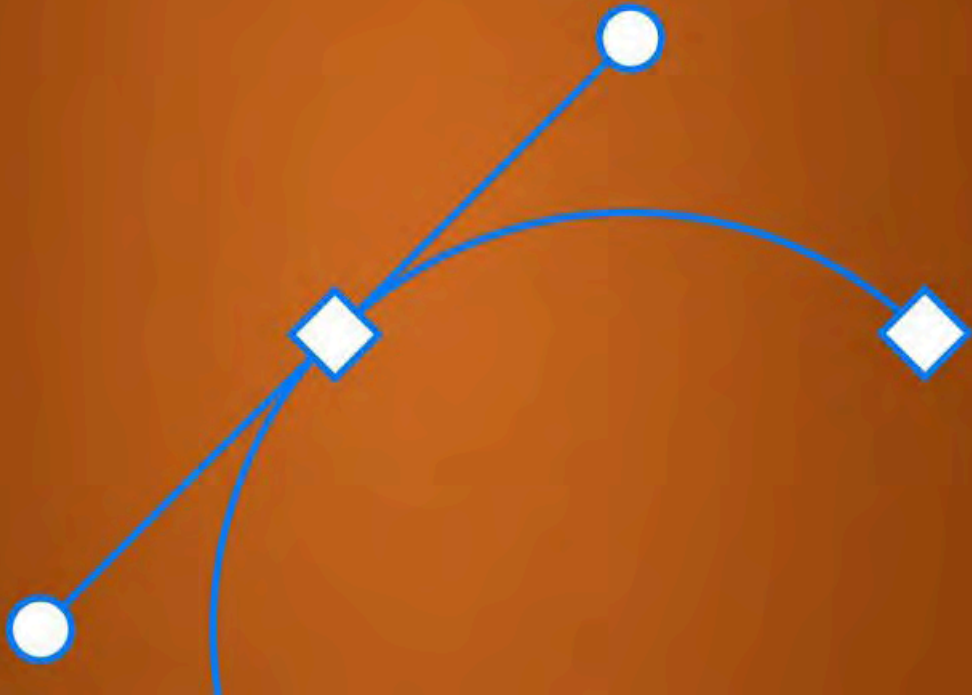
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- LiDAR – Light Detection and Ranging
 - Drones
 - UAV – Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
 - RPAS – Remote Piloted Aircraft System
 - VTOL – Vertical Take-Off/Landing
 - RTK – Real Time Kinematics
 - PPK – Post Processed Kinematic
 - GSD – Ground Sampling Distance
 - GCP – Ground Control Points

Geomatics



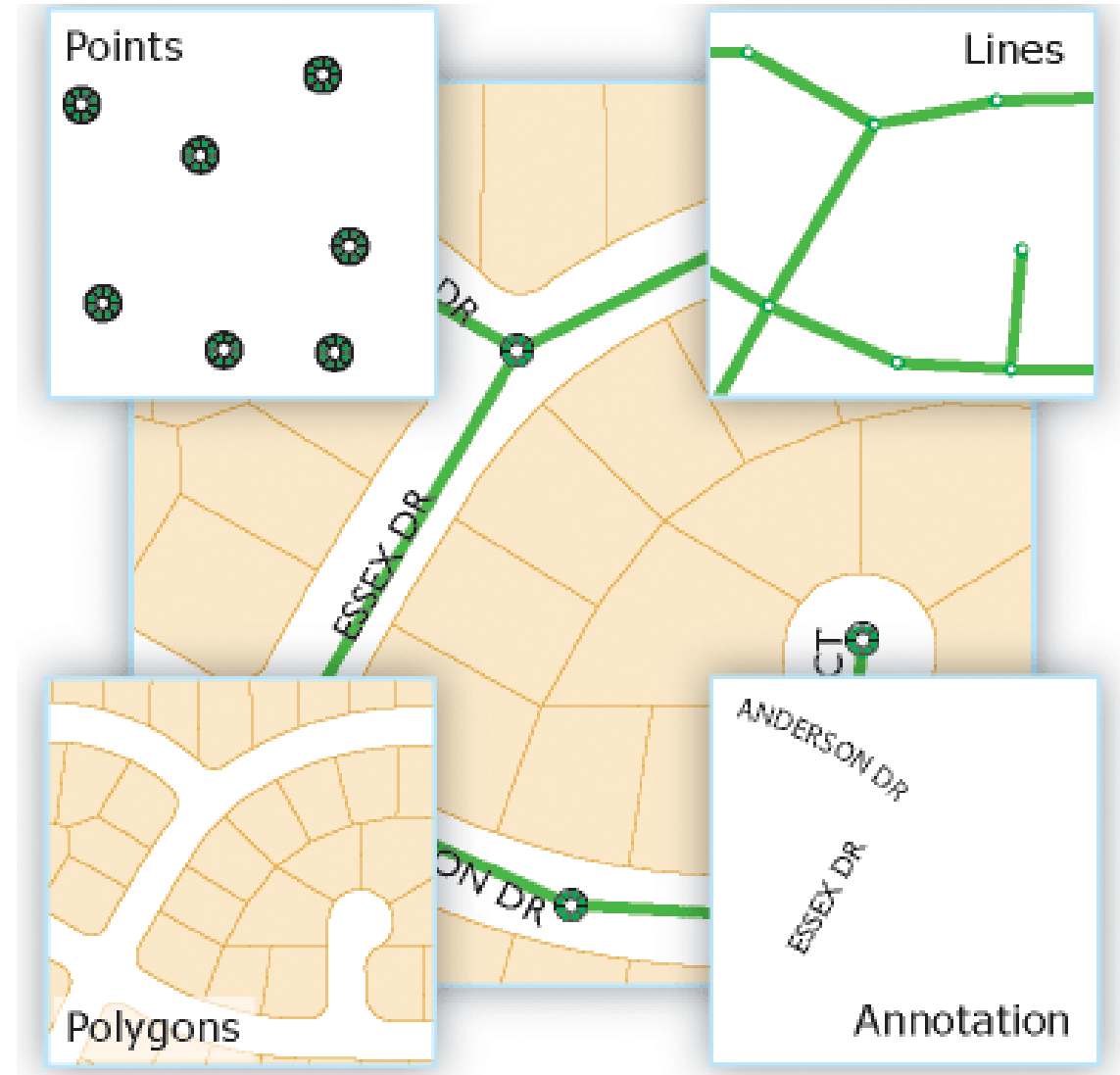
Basics

VECTOR vs RASTER



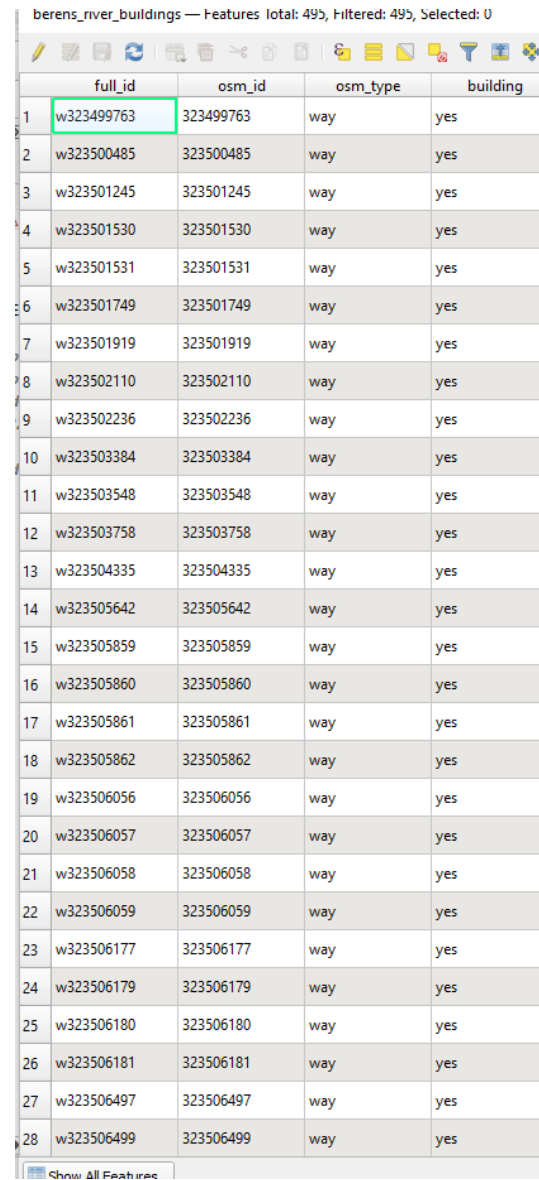
Common GIS File Formats

- Feature Class (Vectors)
 - Commonly referred to as “shapefiles”
 - Can be points, lines, or polygons
 - Comprised of 3-5 files (only 3 are needed)
 - *.dbf, *.shx, *.prj, *.cpg, *.shp
- KML or KMZ
 - Key Markup Language/Key Markup Zip
 - Used by Google Earth for points, lines and polygons
 - Most drone mission planning software supports kml/kmz file format.
- WKT
 - Well Known Text



Vectors have
attributes

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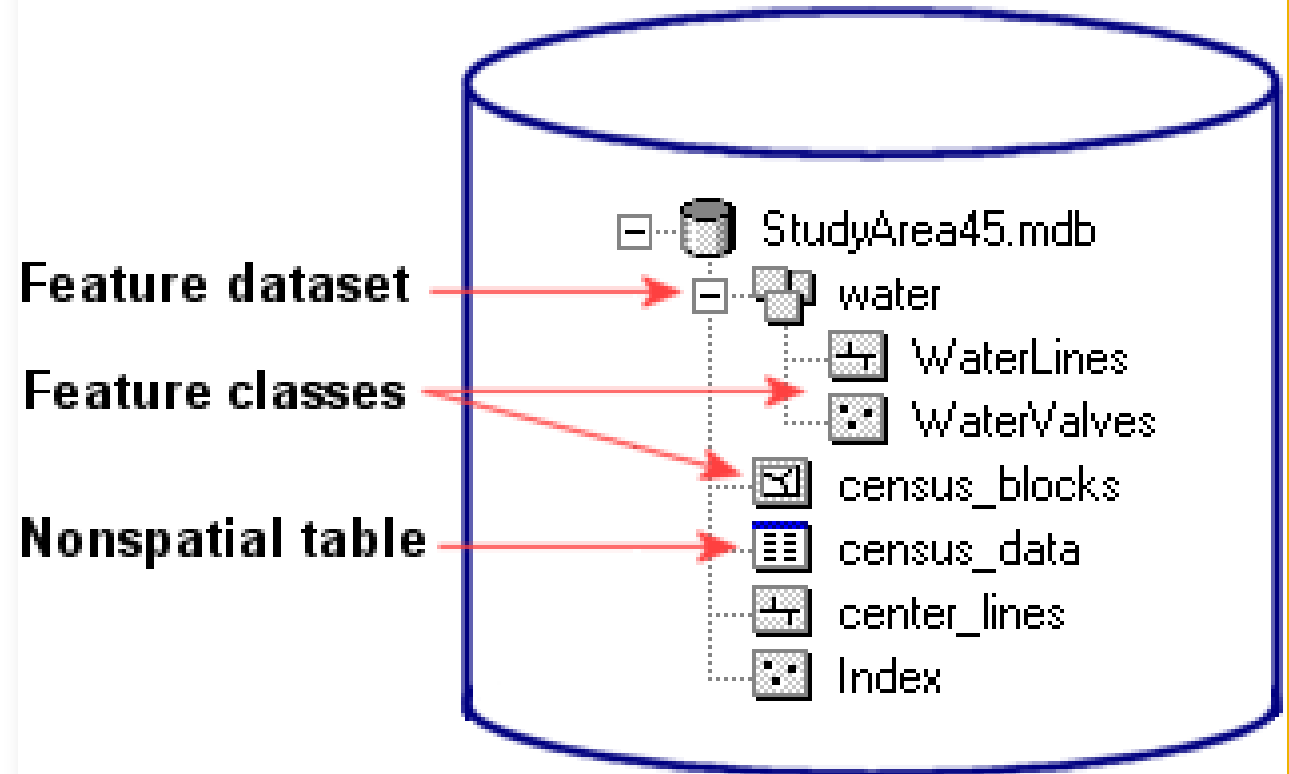


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28	w323506499	323506499	way	yes

Show All Features

Common GIS File Formats

- Geodatabase
 - ESRI proprietary
 - 1 file
 - Can store spatial and non-spatial data
- Geopackage
 - Opensource
 - QGIS
 - Can store spatial and non-spatial data

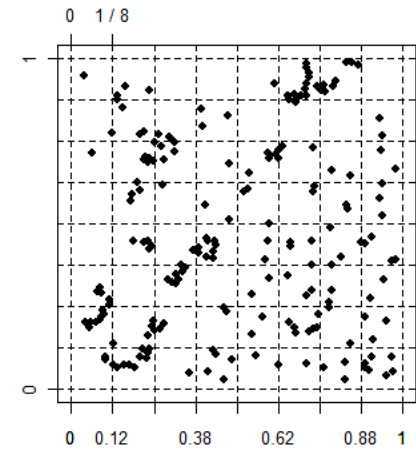
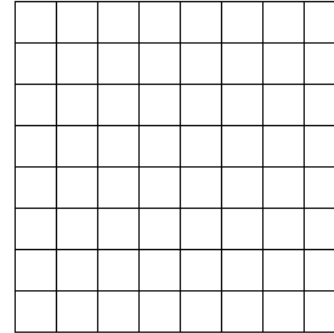


Common GIS File Formats

“In computer graphics and digital photography, a raster graphic represents a two-dimensional picture as a rectangular matrix or grid of square pixels, viewable via a computer display, paper, or other display medium.”

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raster_graphics



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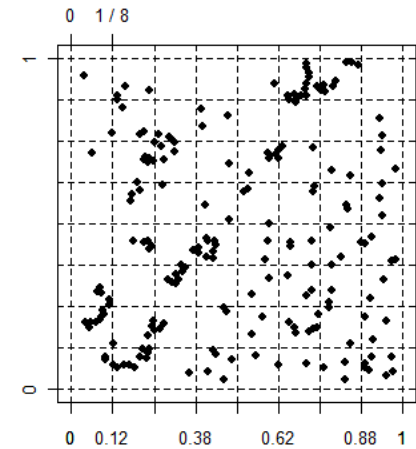
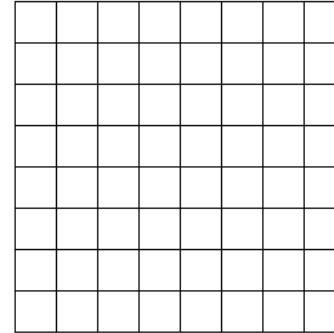
Common GIS File Formats

In GIS software, each pixel represents a spatial component. The height and width represents the raster's resolution.

Example: 1x1 metre, 25x25 metre

Can represent elevation, population, tree species or soil type/quality. Anything that has a numerical and spatial component.

<https://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/latest/management-data/raster-and-images/what-is-raster-data.htm>

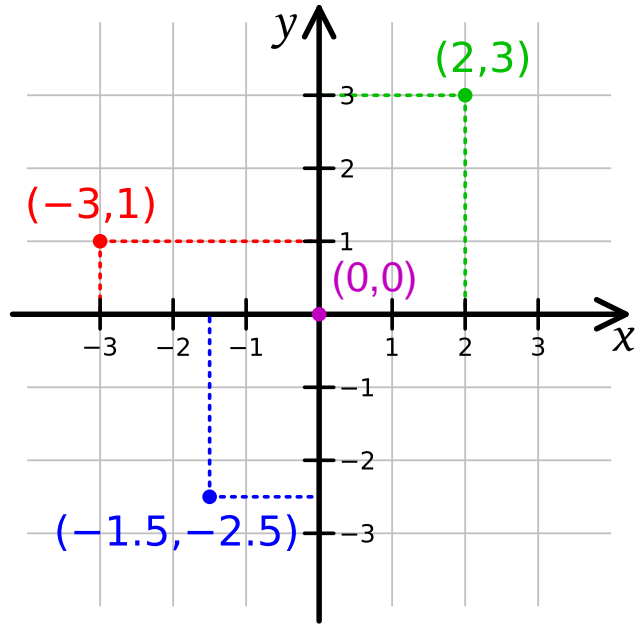


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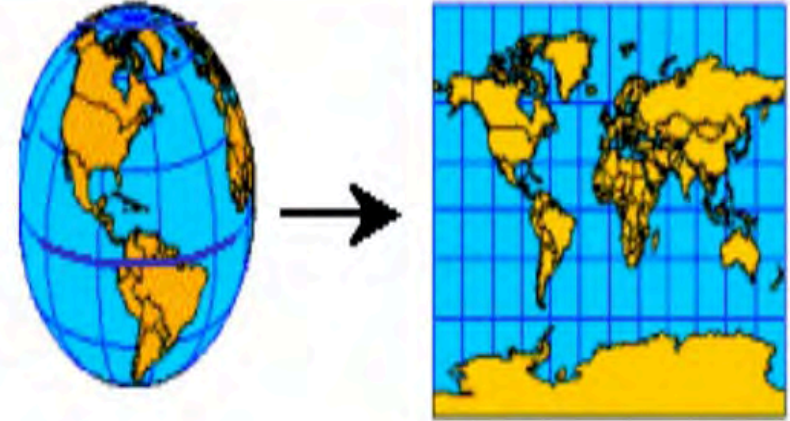


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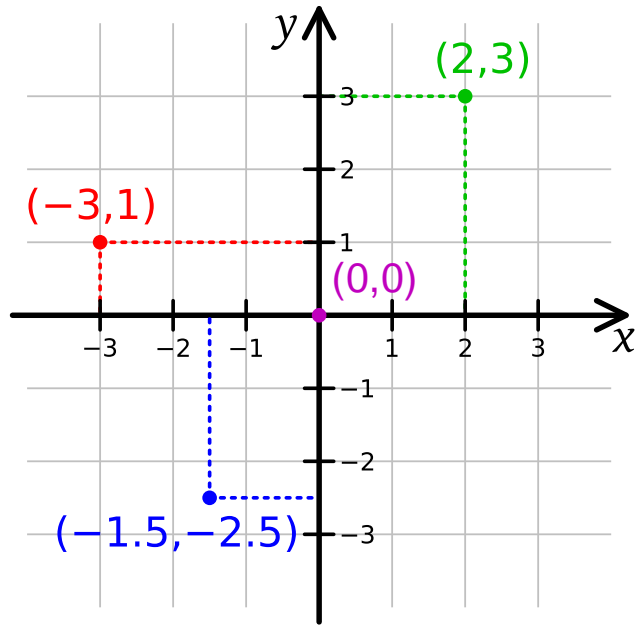


Projected Coordinate Systems

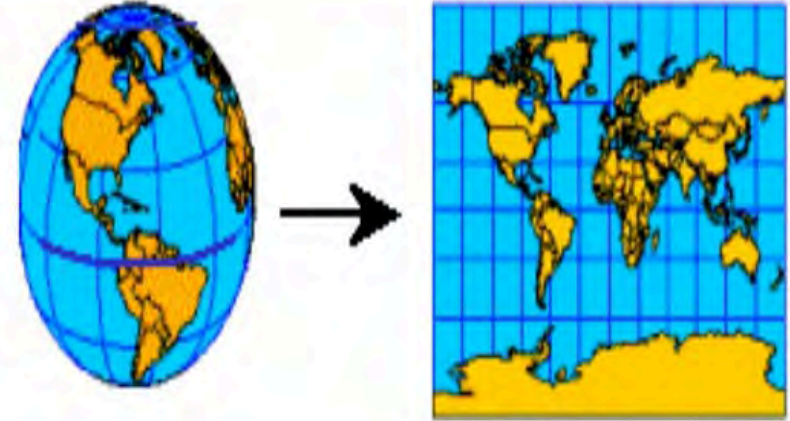


Coordinate Systems

- Cartesian Plane
- Projected Coordinate System (PCS) hint: x,y and z
- Geographic Coordinate System (GCS) hint: latitude and longitude (degrees/minutes/seconds, decimal degrees)



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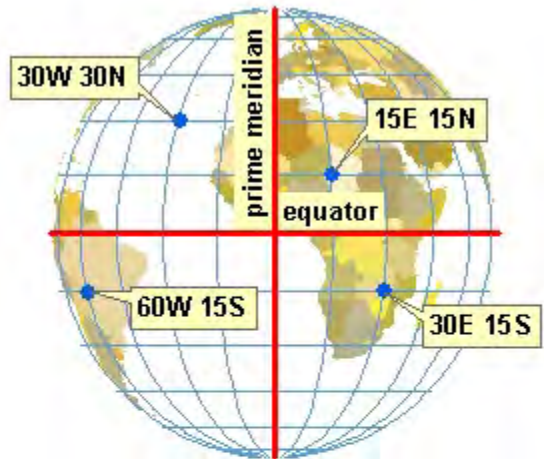


Datums

- A Reference Point
- NAD83 – North American Datum of 1983
- Refers to the North American Tectonic Plate

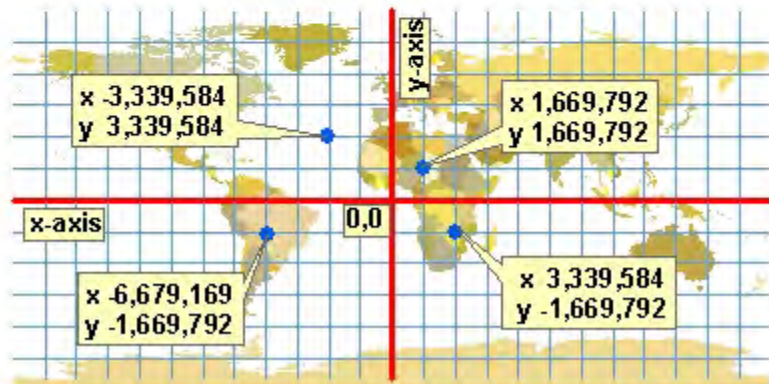
- A GCS defines where the data is located on the earth's surface.
- A PCS tells the data how to draw on a flat surface, like on a paper map or a computer screen.
- Geographic coordinate systems are based on a spheroid and utilize angular units (degrees).
- Projected coordinate systems are based on a plane (the spheroid projected onto a 2D surface) and utilize linear units (feet, meters, etc.).
- Geographic coordinate systems span the entire globe (e.g. latitude / longitude), while projected coordinate systems are localized to minimize visual distortion in a particular region (e.g. Robinson, UTM, State Plane)

- source: https://www.esri.com/arcgis-blog/products/arcgis-pro/mapping/gcs_vs_pcs/



Geographic coordinate system (3D)

- Coordinates in latitude and longitude
- Example : GCS_WGS_1984 (EPSG 4326)



Projected coordinate system (2D)

- Coordinates in meters or feet
- Example : WGS_1984_World_Mercator (EPSG 3395)

Source: <https://gis.stackexchange.com/questions/347771/what-projected-or-geographic-coordinate-system-should-i-use-to-calculate-km-dist>

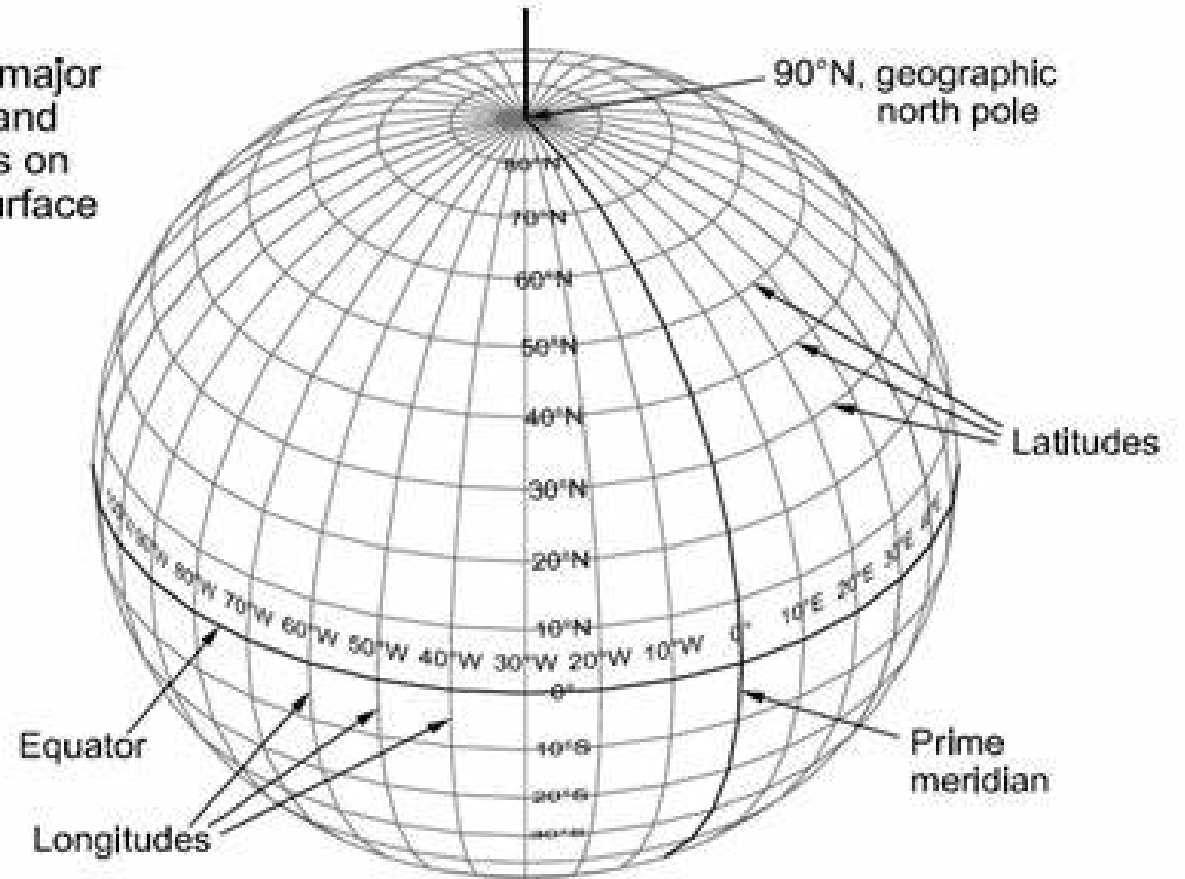
Latitude Longitude

Degrees, minutes, and seconds : $40^{\circ} 26' 46''$ N $79^{\circ} 58' 56''$ W

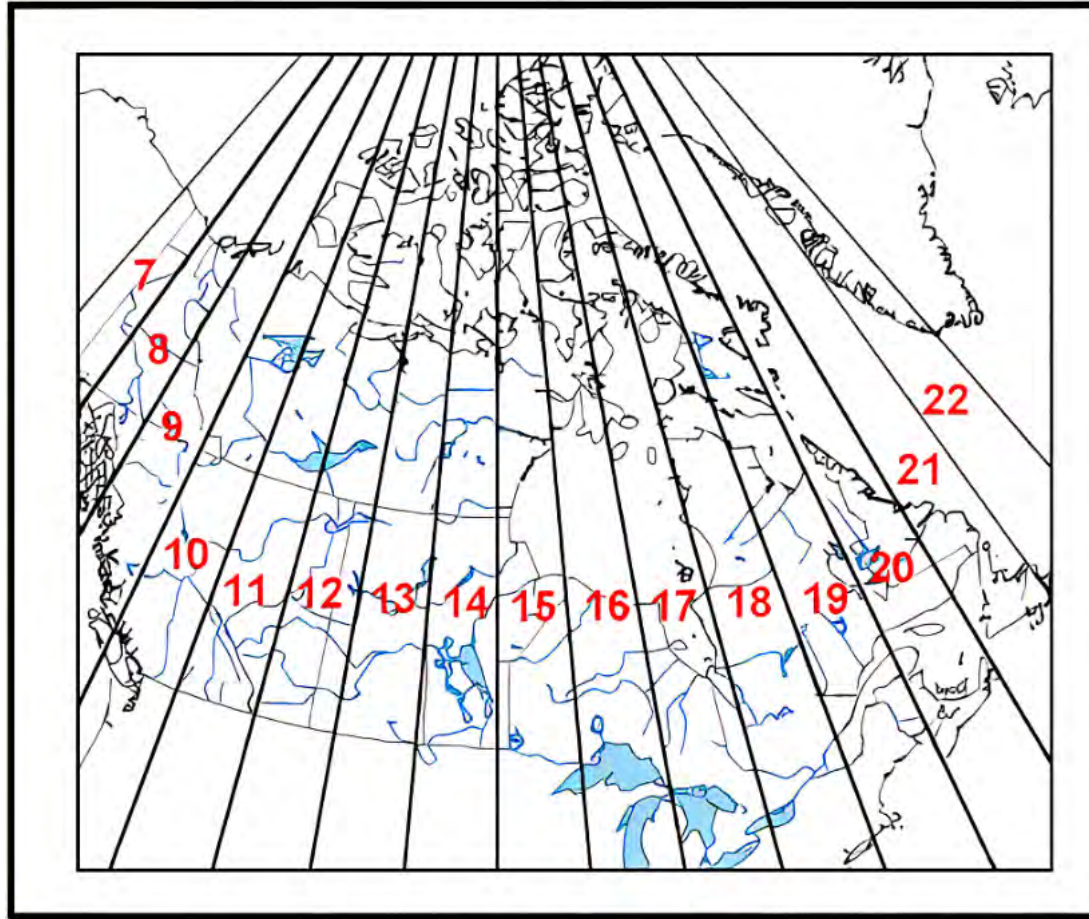
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Decimal degrees: $+40.446 - 79.982$

Selected major latitudes and longitudes on Earth's surface



UTM Zones - Canada



Canada's Epochs

NAD83(CSRS) adopted epochs for Canada's provincial geodetic agencies

Province	Epoch
British Columbia (Mainland)	2002
British Columbia (Vancouver Island)	1997
Alberta	2002
Saskatchewan	1997
Manitoba	2010
Ontario	2010
Quebec	1997
New Brunswick	1997
Prince Edward Island	2010
Nova Scotia	2010
Newfoundland and Labrador	2010
Nunavut	2010
Northwest Territories	2010
Yukon	2002

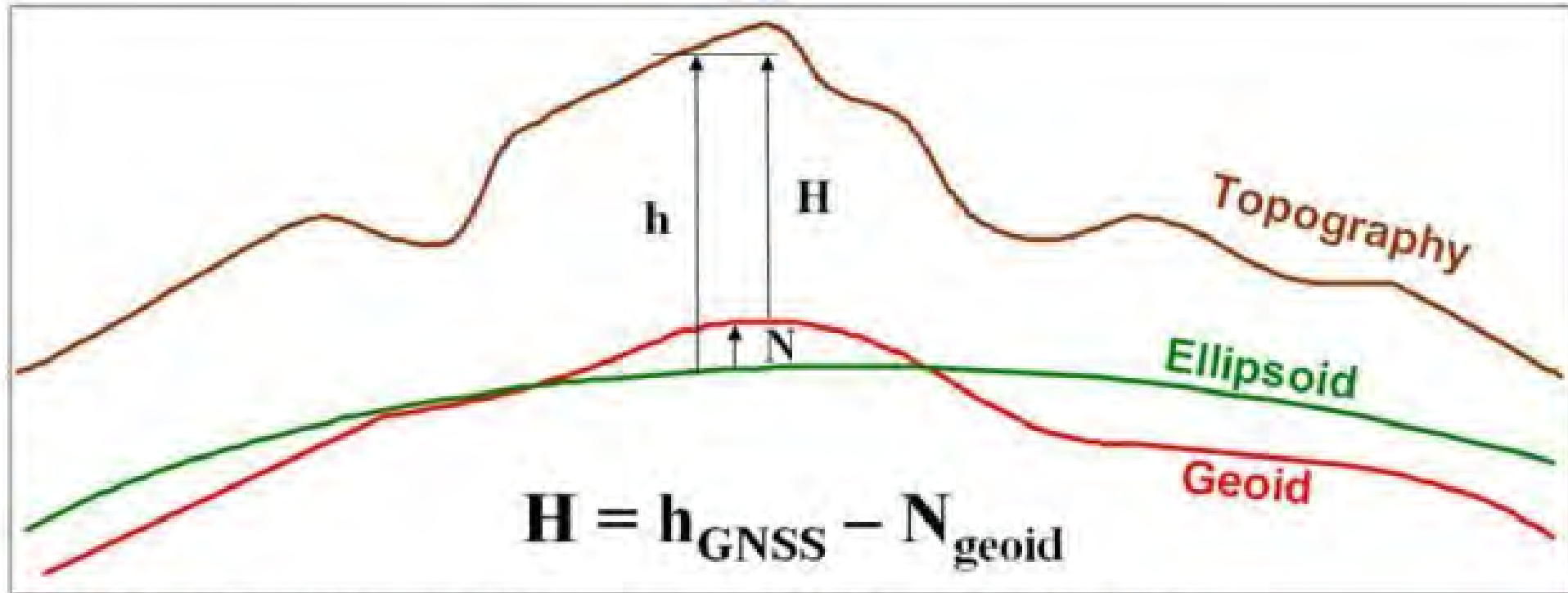


Figure 1: The ellipsoidal height (h), orthometric height (H) and geoid height (N)

Orthometric height (H), often referred as Mean Sea Level Height, can be obtained by subtracting the geoid height (N) from the GNSS ellipsoidal height (h): $H = h - N$. A geoid height (N) is positive (+) when the geoid is above the ellipsoid and negative (-) when it is below.

Questions?

Geomatics

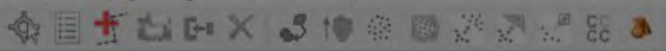


Software



Software Download Links

- R Studio
<https://posit.co/download/rstudio-desktop/>
- Cloud Compare
<https://www.cloudcompare.org/release/index.html>
- QGIS
<https://www.qgis.org/en/site/forusers/download.html>
- Google Earth Pro
<https://www.google.com/earth/versions/#download-pro>



Project Explorer

- sl_triple_return_clean.las (C:/r_las)
- sl_triple_return_clean - Cloud

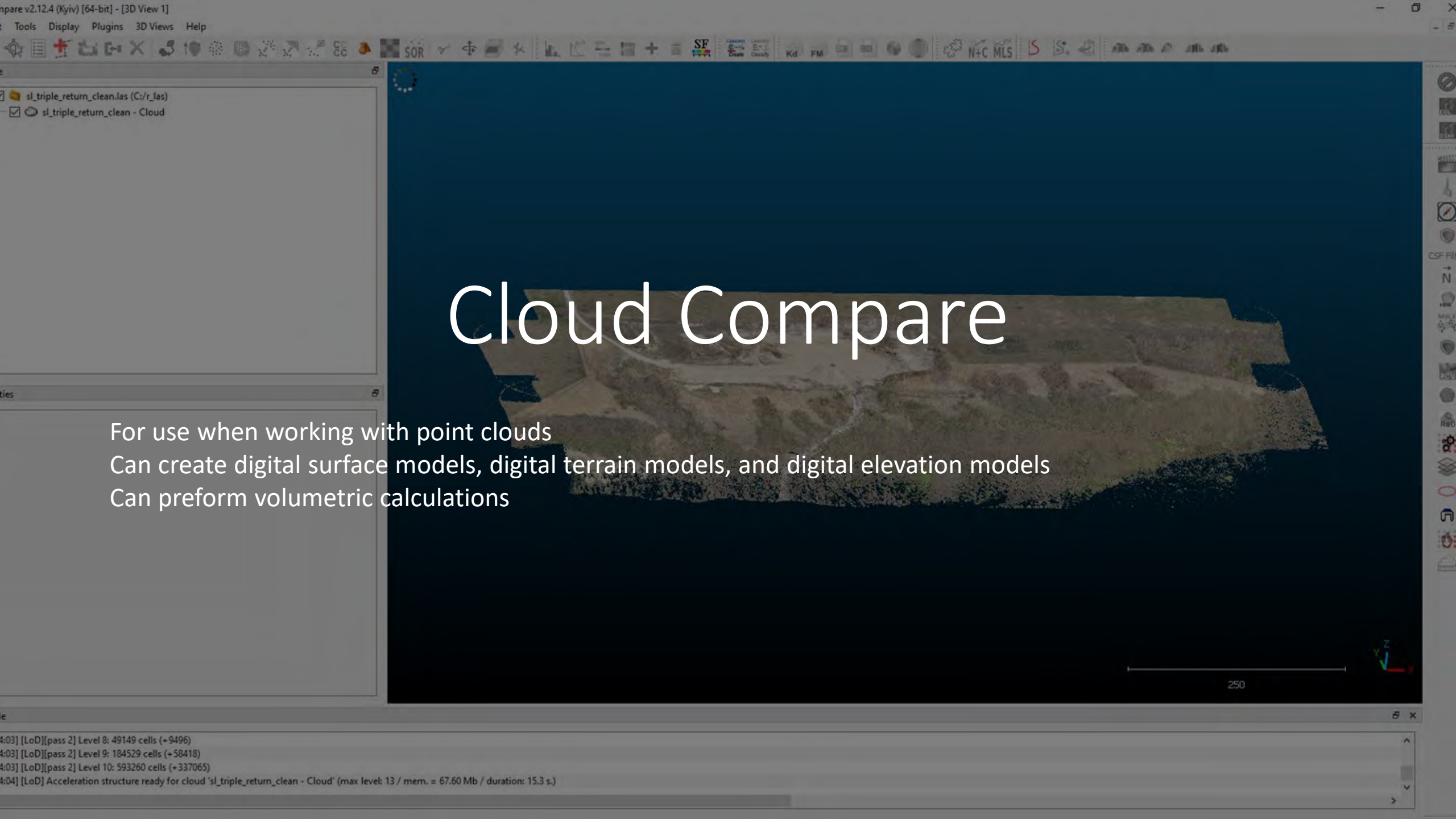
Properties



Right sidebar with various tool icons and settings.

Log Console

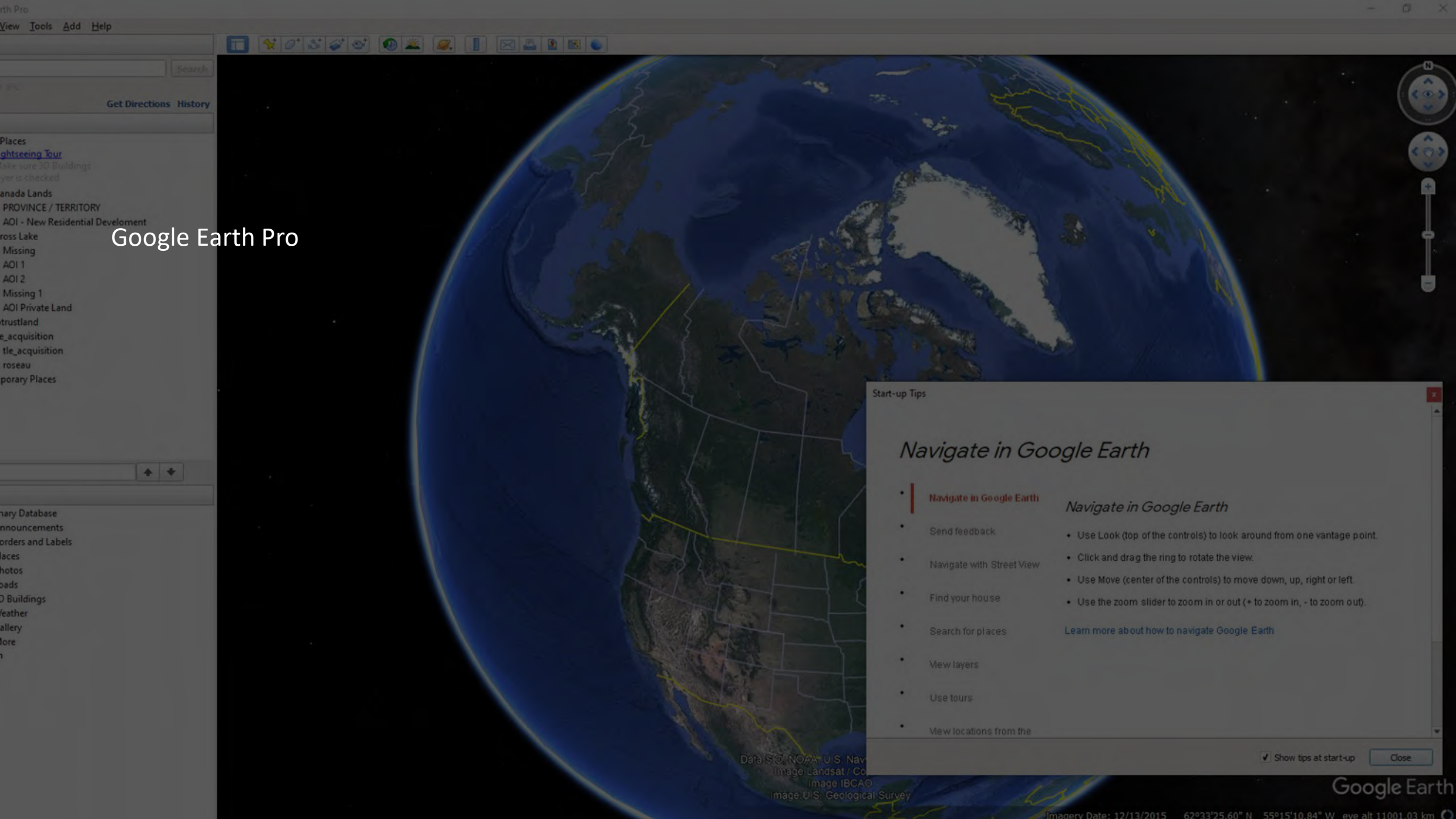
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Cloud Compare

- For use when working with point clouds
- Can create digital surface models, digital terrain models, and digital elevation models
- Can preform volumetric calculations

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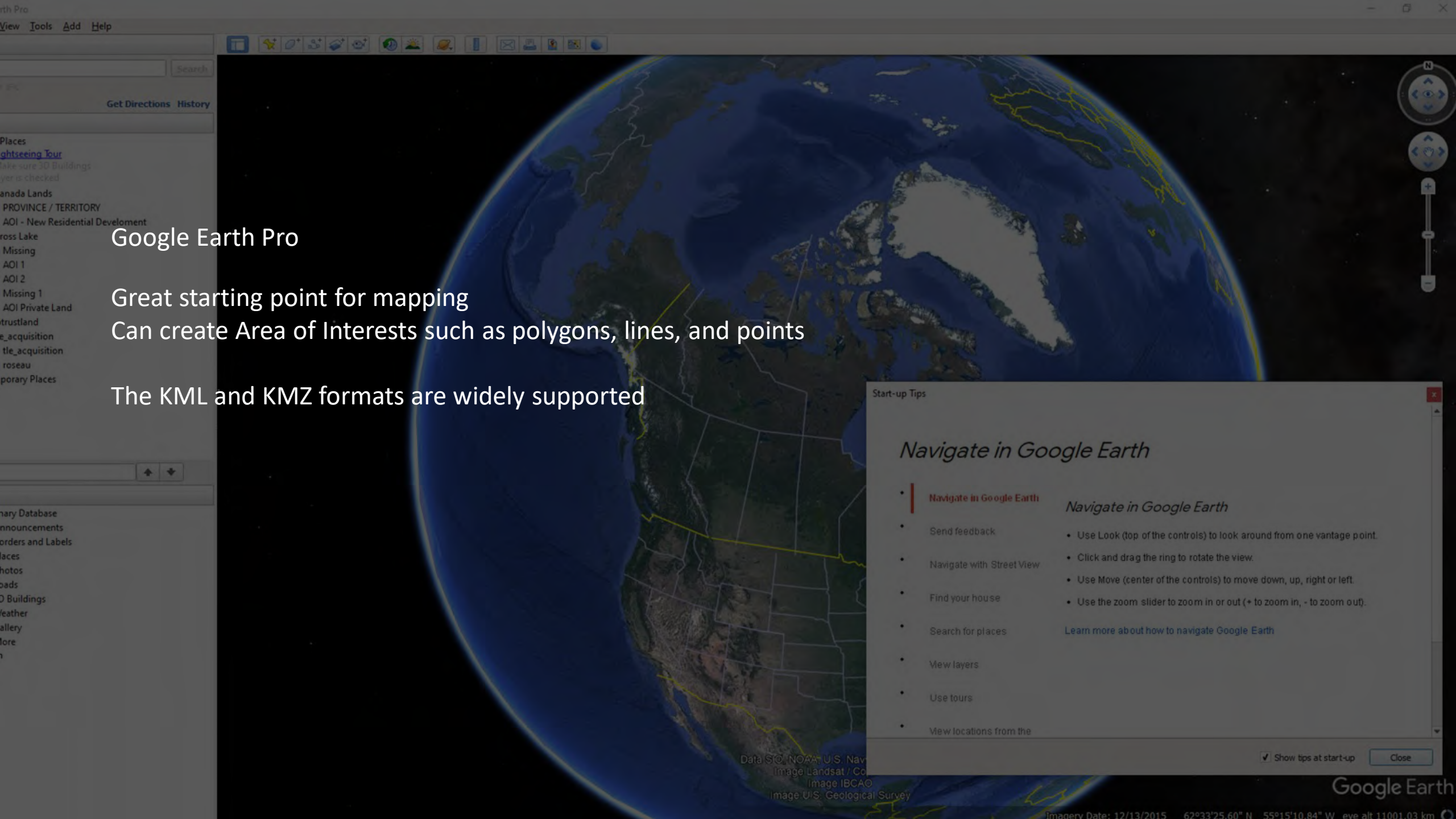
Start-up Tips

Navigate in Google Earth

- **Navigate in Google Earth** *Navigate in Google Earth*
 - Send feedback
 - Navigate with Street View
 - Find your house
 - Search for places
 - View layers
 - Use tours
 - View locations from the
- Use Look (top of the controls) to look around from one vantage point.
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 - Use Move (center of the controls) to move down, up, right or left.
 - Use the zoom slider to zoom in or out (+ to zoom in, - to zoom out).
- [Learn more about how to navigate Google Earth](#)

Show tips at start-up

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy,
Image Landsat / CO
Image IBCAO
Image U.S. Geological Survey



Google Earth Pro

Great starting point for mapping

Can create Area of Interests such as polygons, lines, and points

The KML and KMZ formats are widely supported

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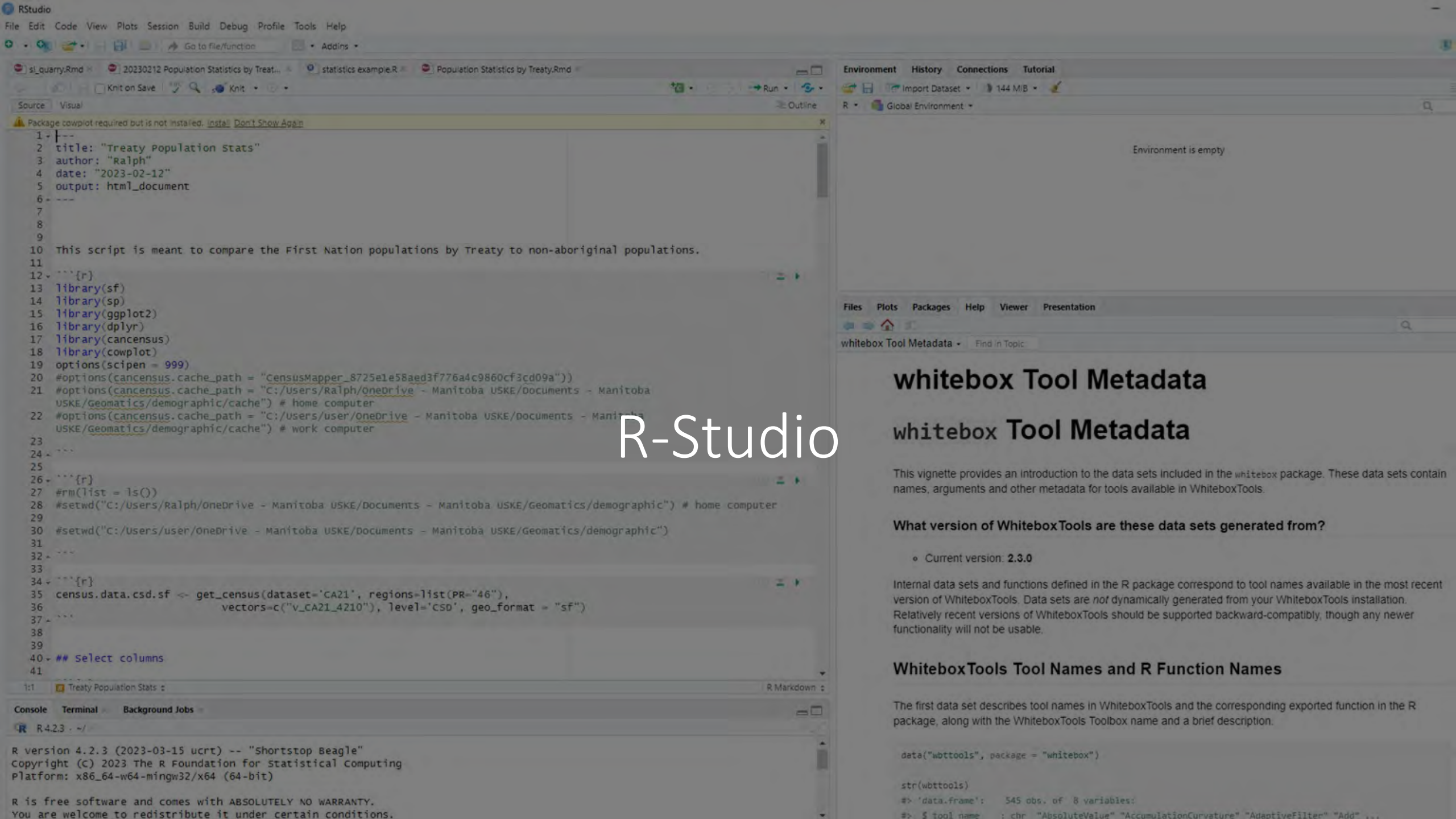
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R-Studio

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1 |  
2 title: "Treaty Population Stats"  
3 author: "Ralph"  
4 date: "2023-02-12"  
5 output: html_document  
6 |  
7 |  
8 |  
9 |  
10 This script is meant to compare the First Nation populations by Treaty to non-aboriginal populations.  
11 |  
12 |  
13 library(sf)  
14 library(sp)  
15 library(ggplot2)  
16 library(dplyr)  
17 library(censensus)  
18 library(cowplot)  
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USKE/Geomatics/demographic/cache") # home computer  
22 #options(censensus.cache_path = "C:/Users/user/OneDrive - Manitoba USKE/Documents - Manitoba  
USKE/Geomatics/demographic/cache") # work computer  
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26 |  
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30 #setwd("C:/Users/user/OneDrive - Manitoba USKE/Documents - Manitoba USKE/Geomatics/demographic")  
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33 |  
34 |  
35 census.data.csd.sf <- get_census(dataset='CA21', regions=list(PR="46"),  
36 vectors=c("v_CA21_4210"), level='CSD', geo_format = "sf")  
37 |  
38 |  
39 |  
40 ## select columns  
41 |
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R version 4.2.3 (2023-03-15 ucrt) -- "Shortstop Beagle"  
Copyright (c) 2023 The R Foundation for Statistical Computing  
Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)  
  
R is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY.  
You are welcome to redistribute it under certain conditions.
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Environment History Connections Tutorial
R - Global Environment
Environment is empty
Files Plots Packages Help Viewer Presentation
whitebox Tool Metadata - Find in Topic

whitebox Tool Metadata

whitebox Tool Metadata

This vignette provides an introduction to the data sets included in the whitebox package. These data sets contain names, arguments and other metadata for tools available in WhiteboxTools.

What version of WhiteboxTools are these data sets generated from?

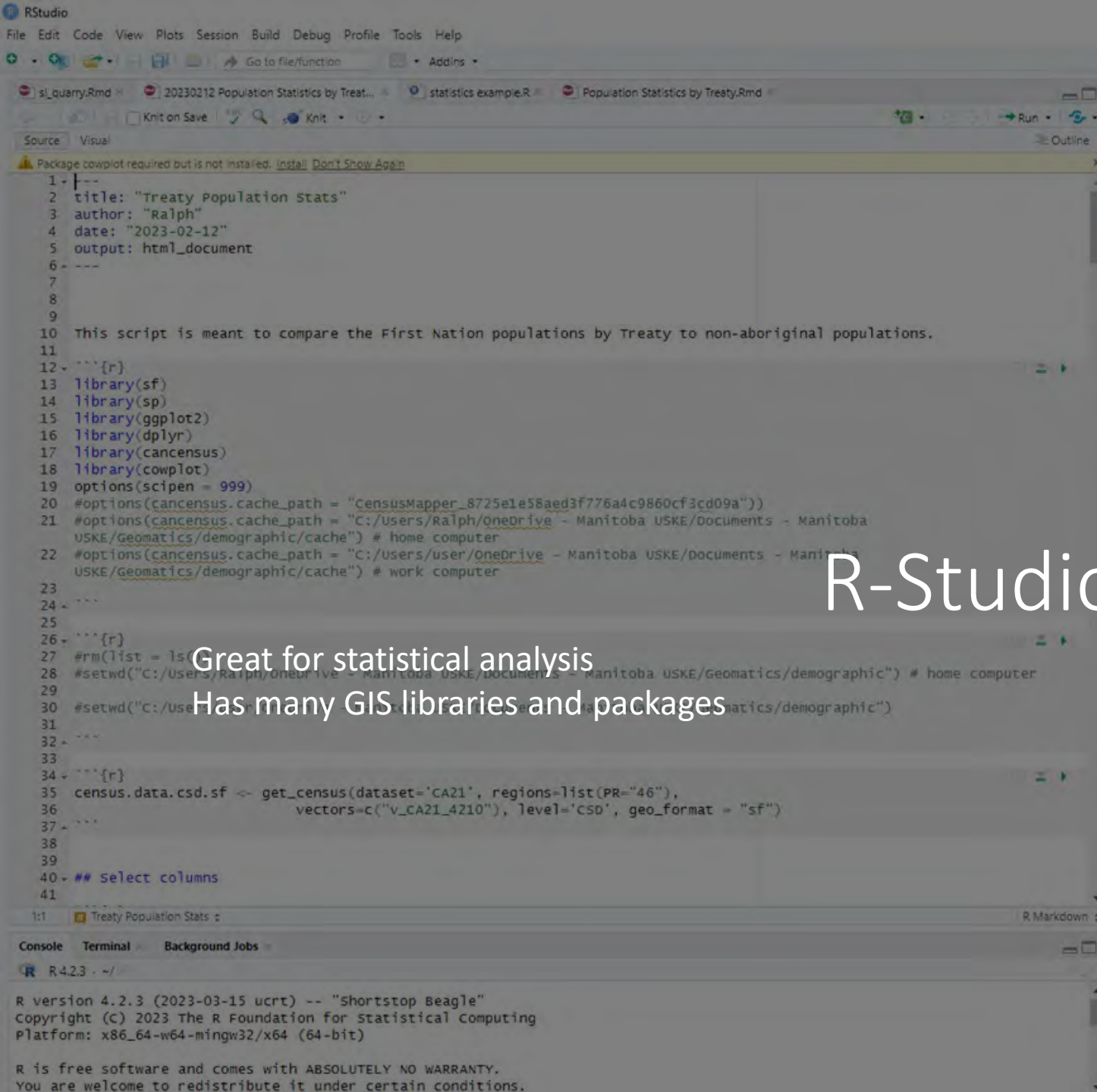
- Current version: 2.3.0

Internal data sets and functions defined in the R package correspond to tool names available in the most recent version of WhiteboxTools. Data sets are *not* dynamically generated from your WhiteboxTools installation. Relatively recent versions of WhiteboxTools should be supported backward-compatibly, though any newer functionality will not be usable.

WhiteboxTools Tool Names and R Function Names

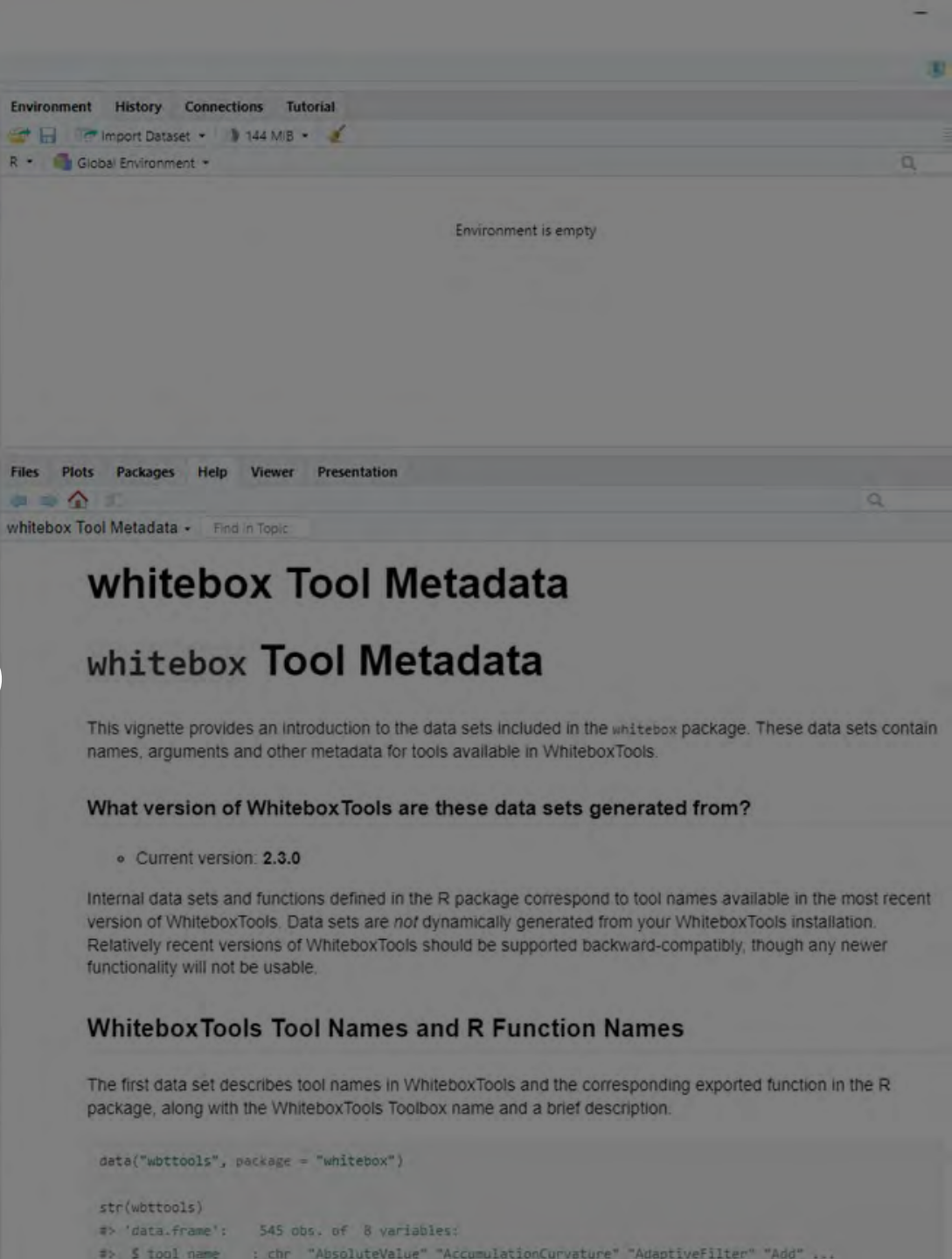
The first data set describes tool names in WhiteboxTools and the corresponding exported function in the R package, along with the WhiteboxTools Toolbox name and a brief description.

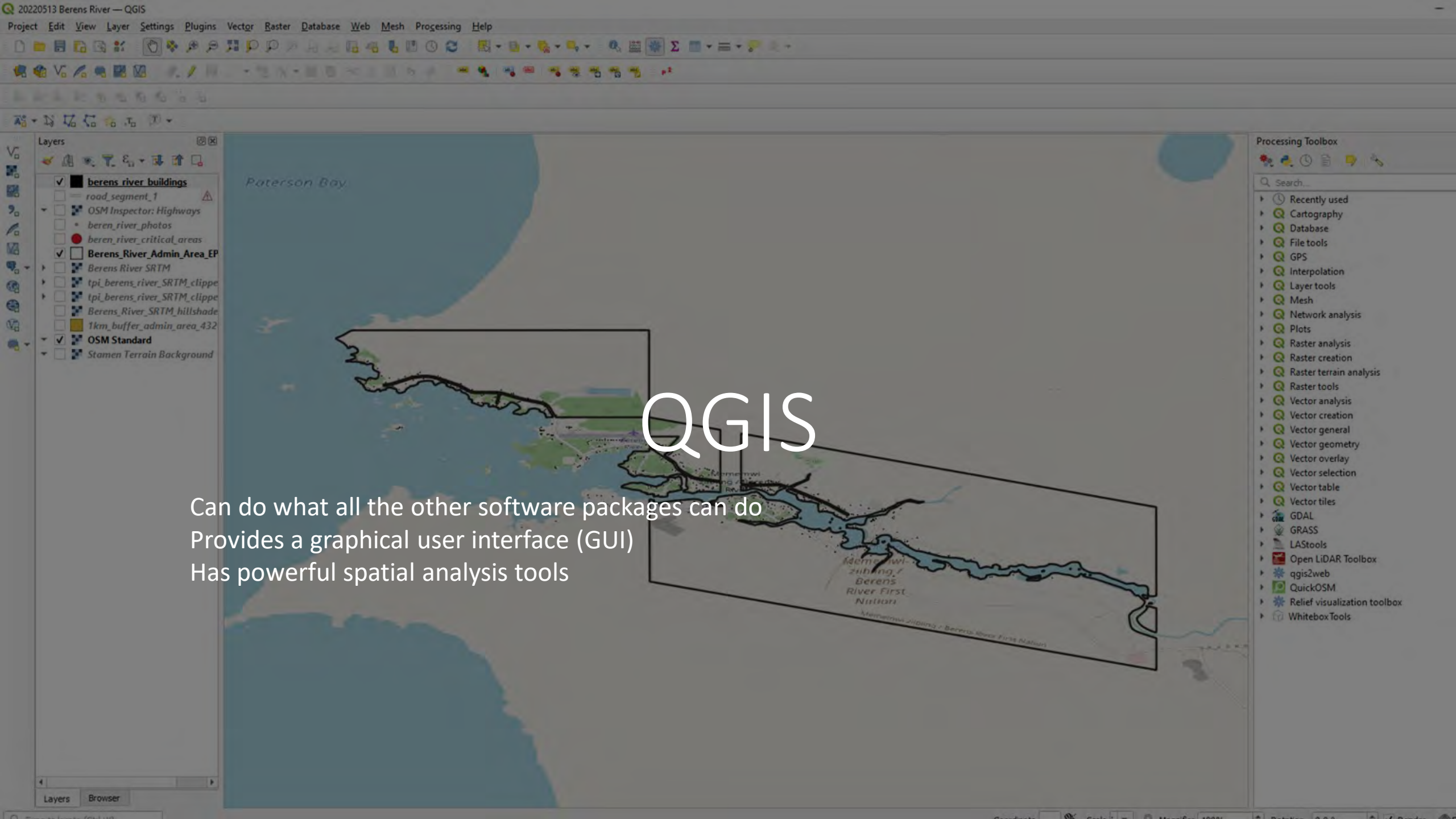
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str(wbtttools)  
#> 'data.frame': 545 obs. of 8 variables:  
#> $ tool name : chr "AbsoluteValue" "AccumulationCurvature" "AdaptiveFilter" "Add" ...
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R-Studio

Great for statistical analysis
Has many GIS libraries and packages





QGIS

Can do what all the other software packages can do
Provides a graphical user interface (GUI)
Has powerful spatial analysis tools

Computer Hardware Considerations



Minimum Requirements

Fast and easy recommendation

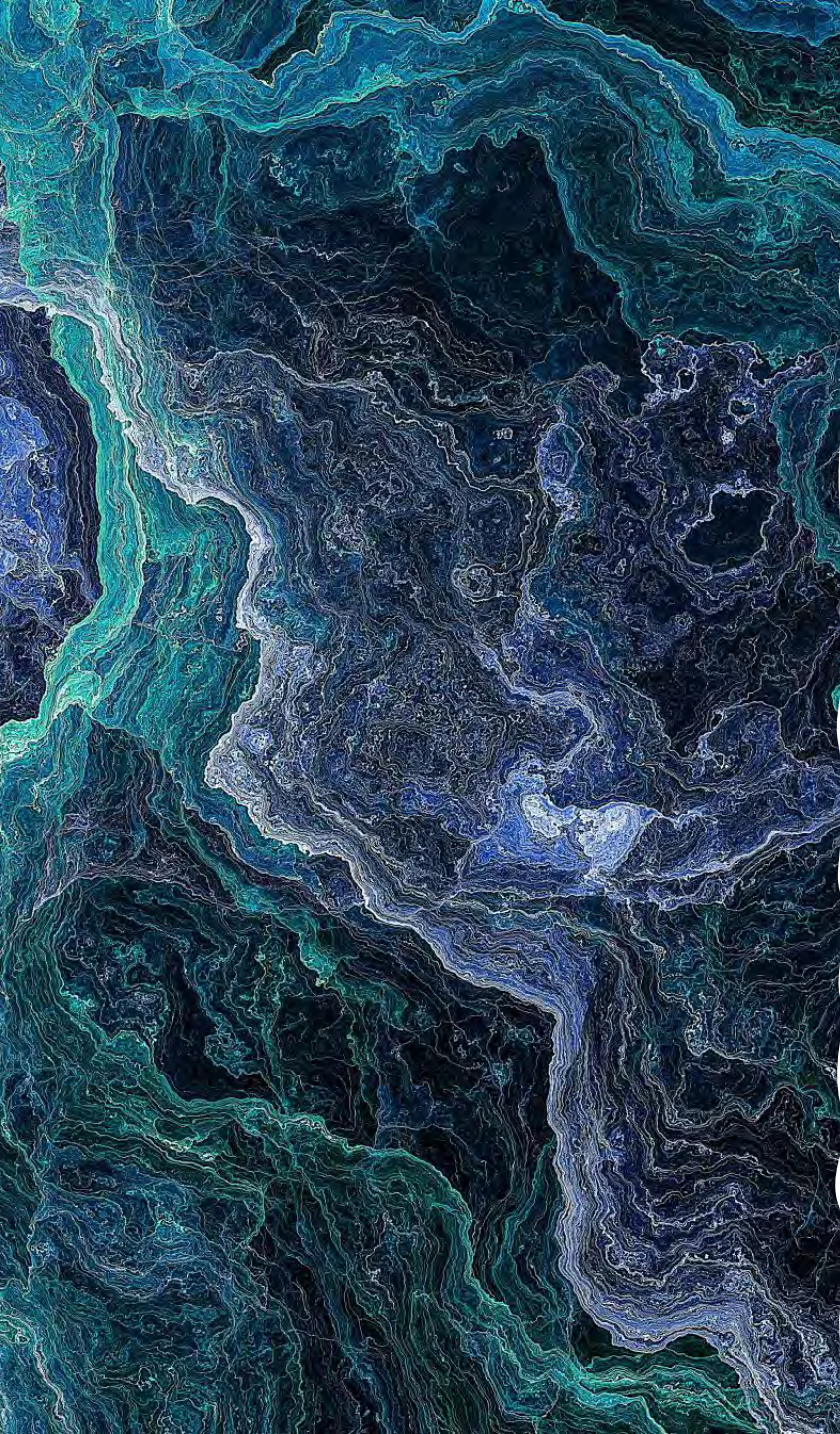
Best gaming computer you can afford

- i7 (or equivalent) or better
- 16 GB RAM (32 GB for point clouds)
- 500 GB SSD
- 1 TB HDD

Creating Orthomosaics

- nVidia Graphics Card (RTX)

Questions?



Geomatics

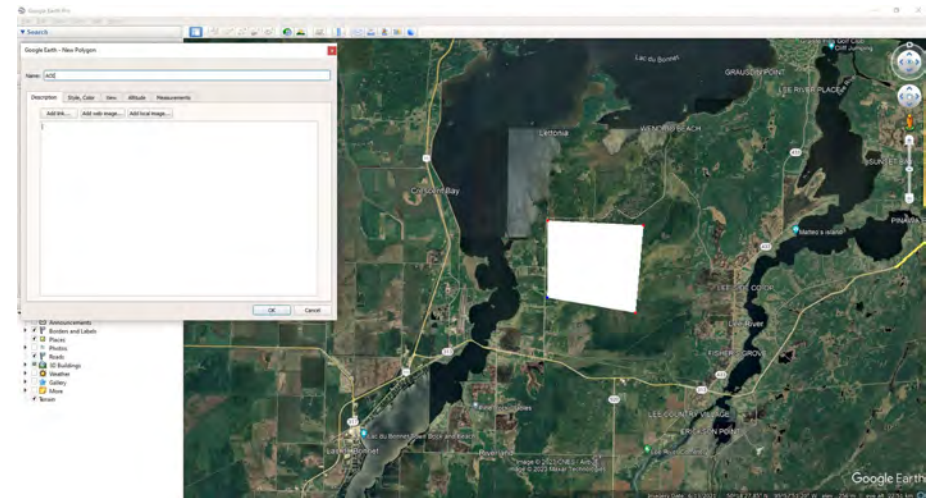
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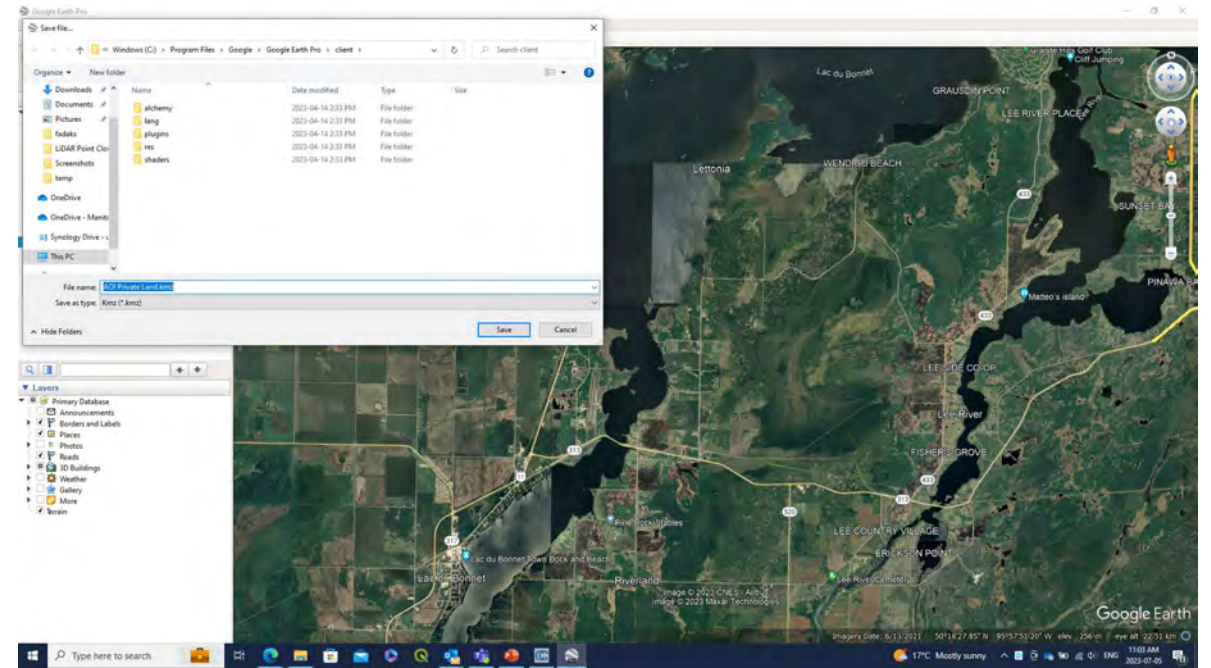
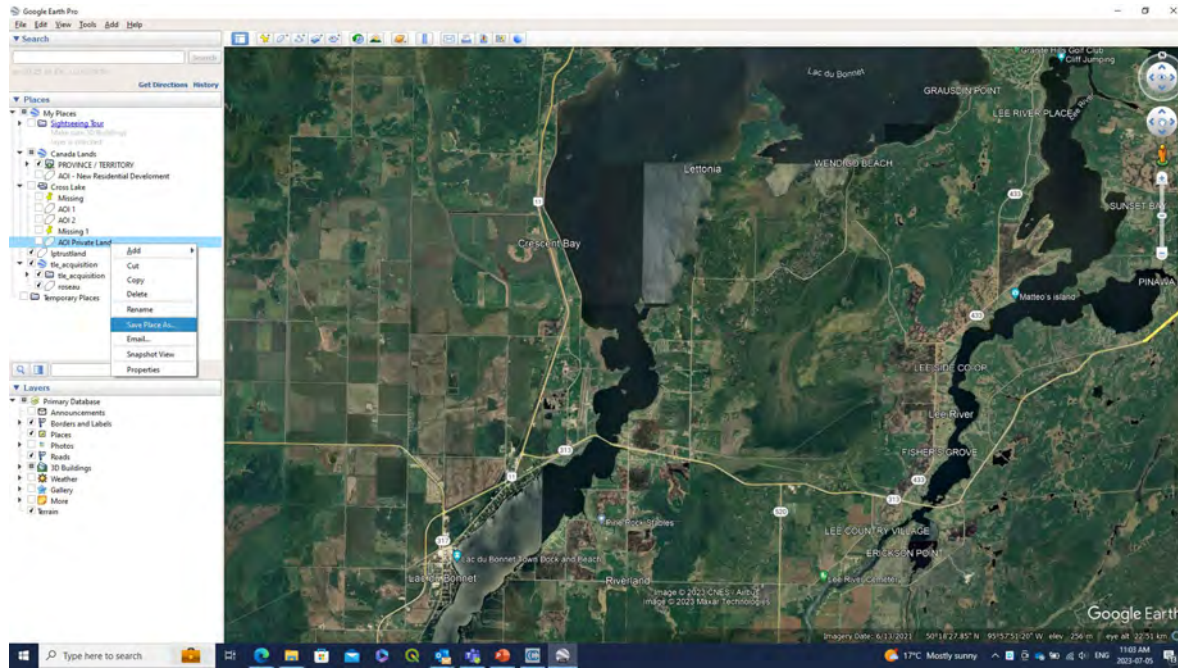


Google Earth Pro


<https://www.google.com/earth/versions/#download-pro>

Creating Polygons using Google Earth





Exporting kml/kmz

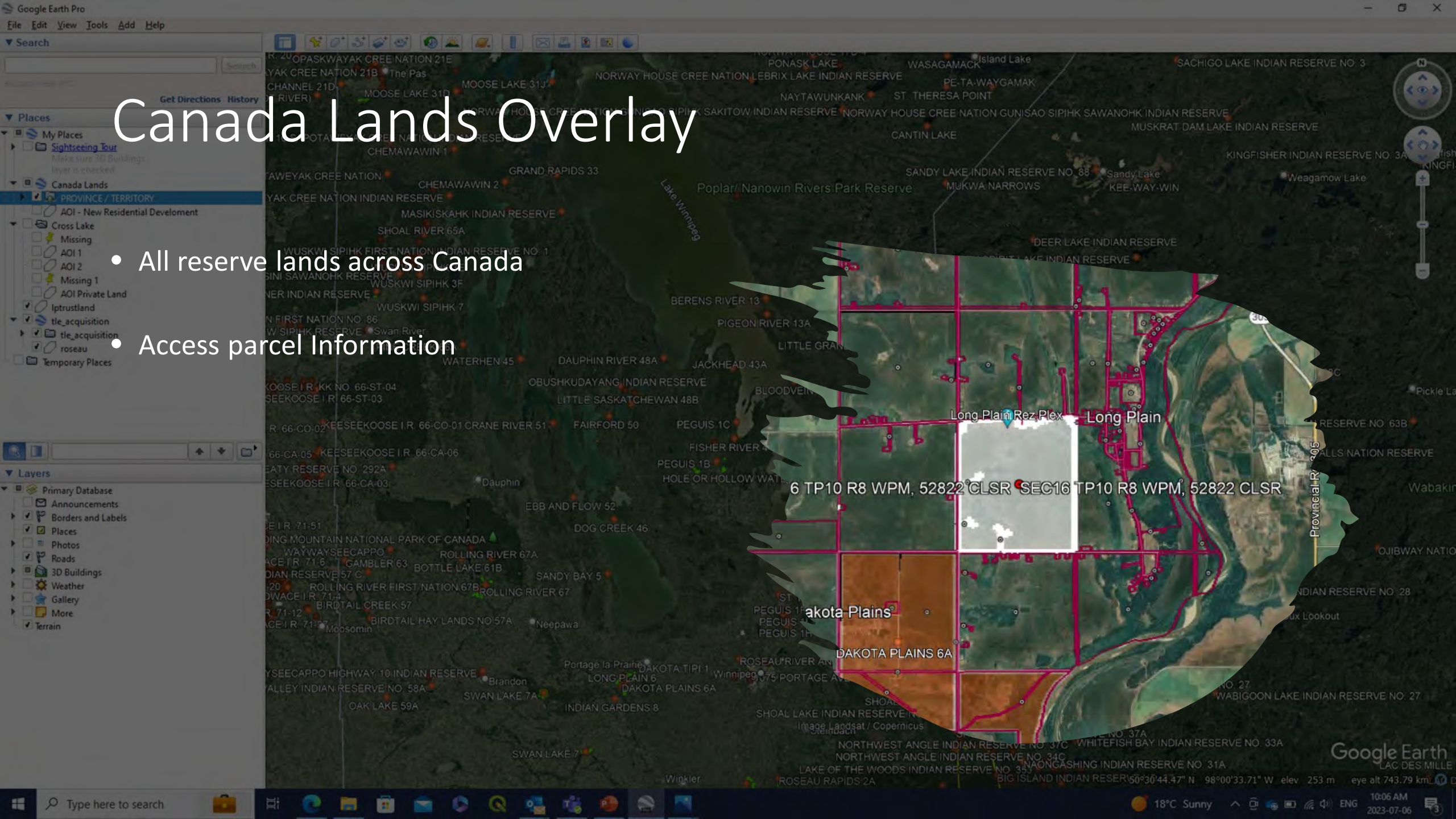


Google Earth Pro – Canada Lands Overlay

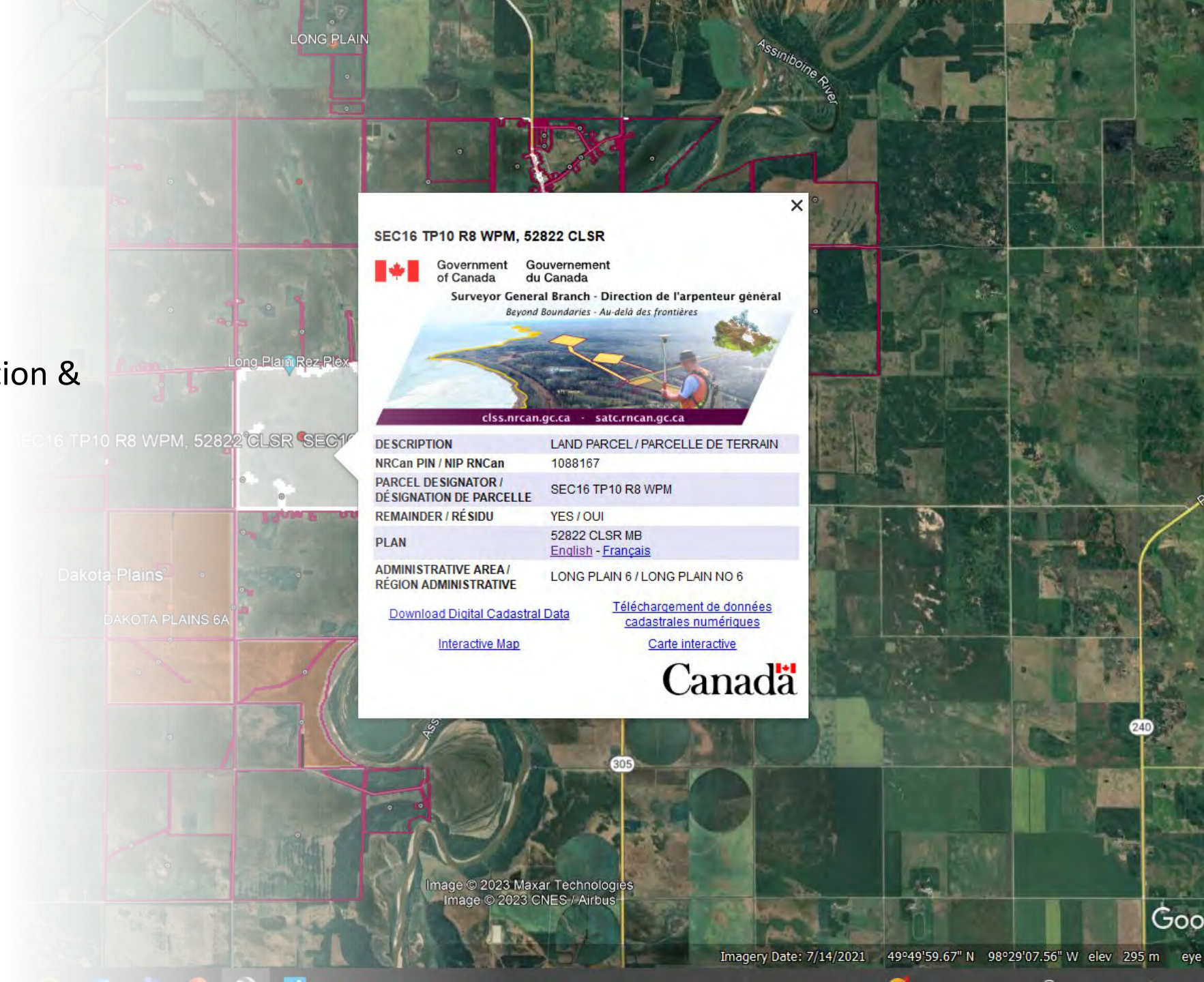
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Canada Lands Overlay

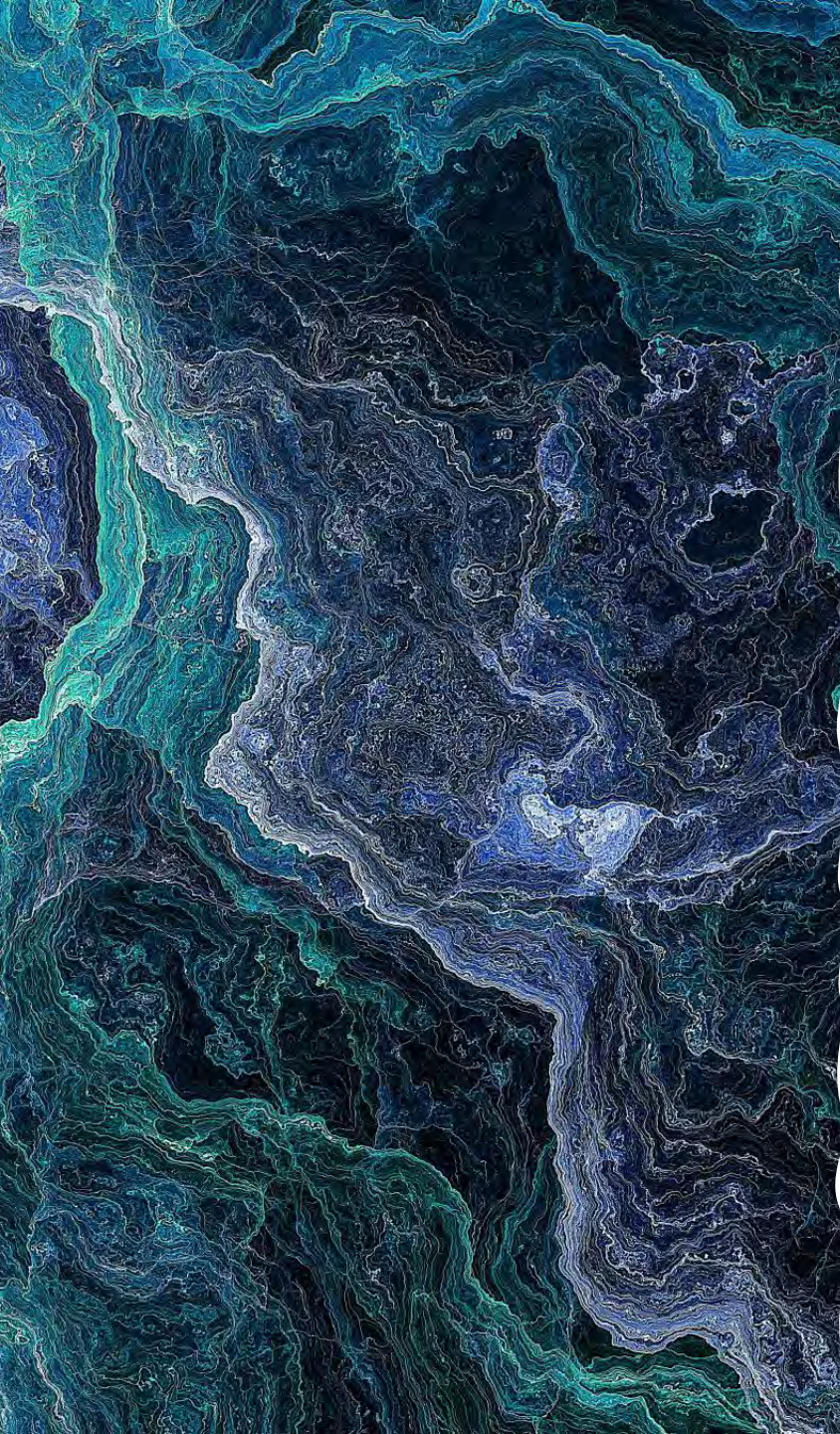
- All reserve lands across Canada
- Access parcel information



- Accessing Parcel Information & Survey Fabric



Questions?



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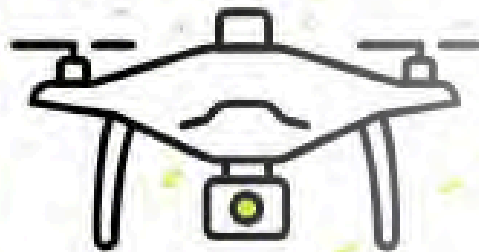
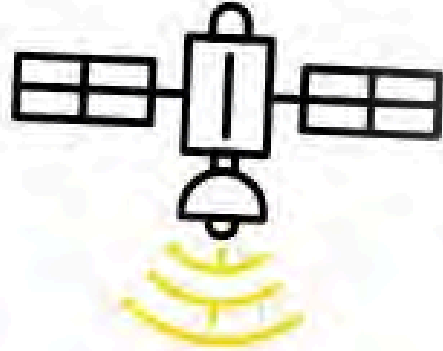
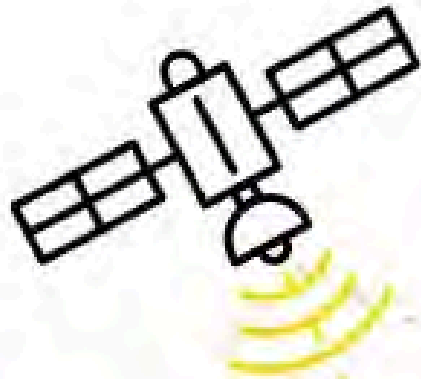


GPS

PPK vs RTK

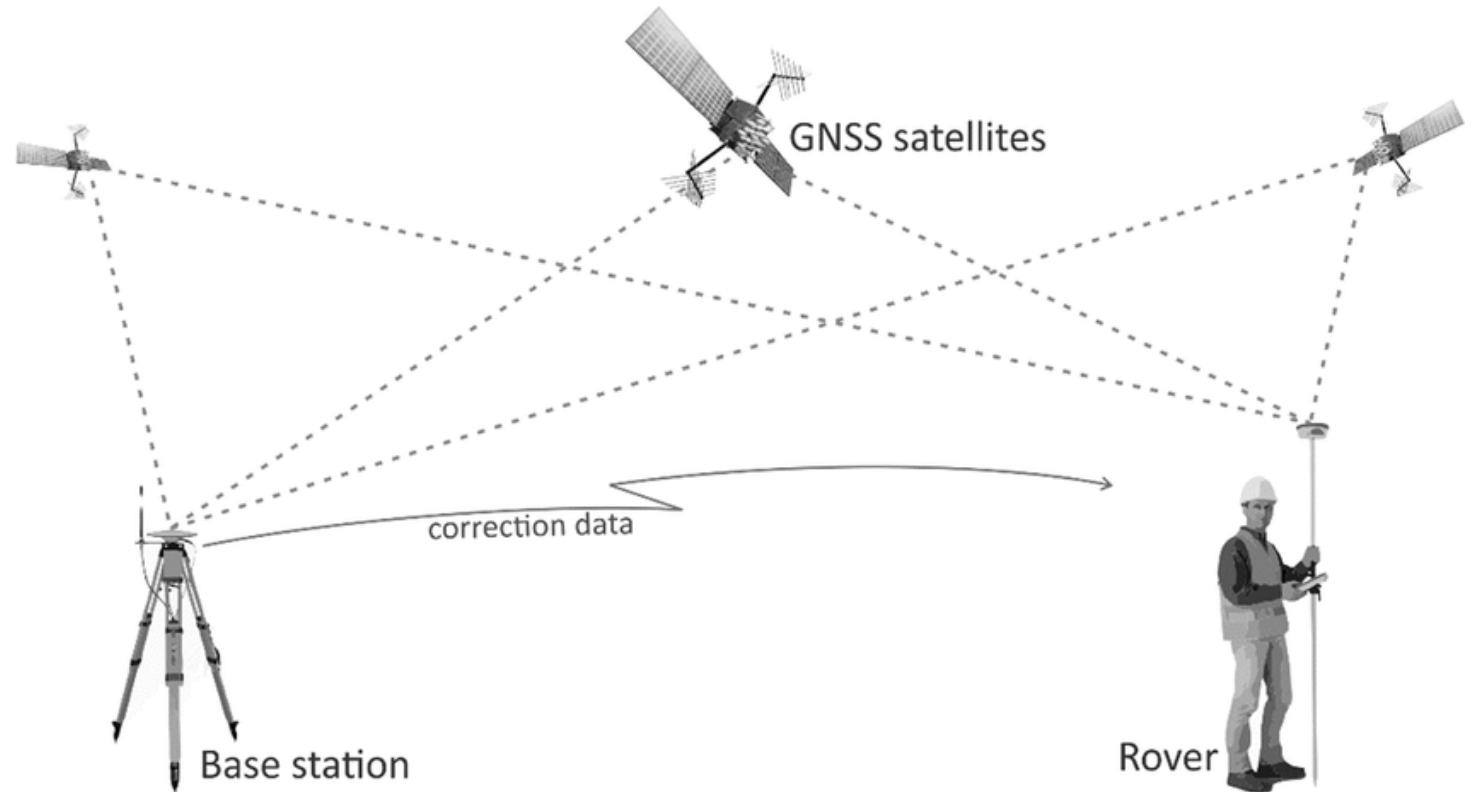
GPS correction technologies

- Difference is when the positional correction takes place
- RTK = **Real Time** Kinematics (correction takes place during data acquisition)
- PPK = **Post Processing** Kinematics (correction takes place after data acquisition)



The correction of errors in current satellite navigation (GNSS) systems.

- Set up over a known point
 - If no point is available, set up equipment and leave for +12 hours
 - Send RINEX file to NRCan for post processing and corrections





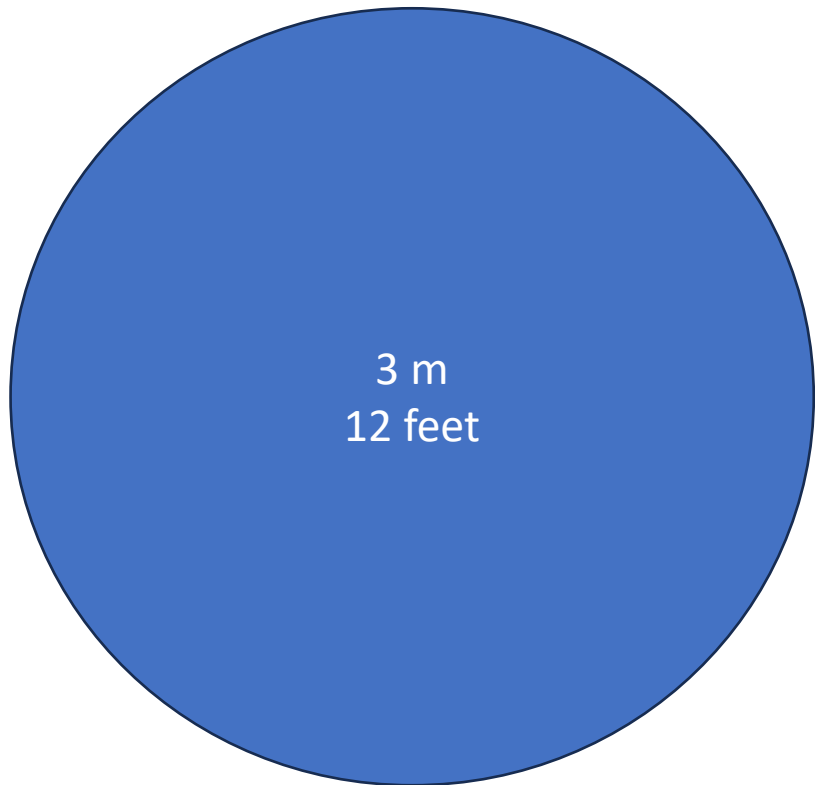
High Accuracy

Low Precision

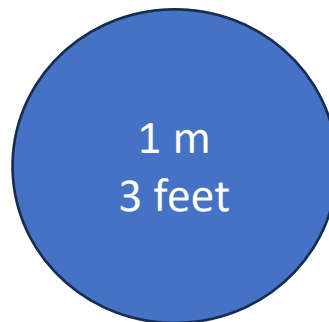
“Accuracy is how close a given set of measurements (observations or readings) are to their true value, while precision is how close the measurements are to each other...”

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Accuracy_and_precision

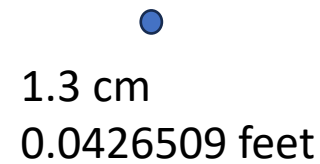
Precision



Drone GPS
(ex. Phantom)



Assisted GPS
(ex. Mavic)



RTK and PPK

* Not to scale



CSRS-PPP 3.50.0 (2021-03-10)



sflog001.yyo
SEPT

Data Start 2021-08-18 15:10:00.00	Data End 2021-08-18 16:02:00.00	Duration of Observations 0:52:00
Processing Time 18:37:04 UTC 2021/08/18		Product Type NRCan Ultra-rapid
Observations Phase and Code	Frequency Double	Mode Static
Elevation Cut-Off 7.5 degrees	Rejected Epochs 0.00 %	Fixed Ambiguities 89.76 %
Antenna Model SEPALTUS_NR3 NONE	APC to ARP L1 = 0.068 m L2 = 0.062 m	ARP to Marker H:0.000m / E:0.000m / N:0.000m
		Estimation Steps 30.00 sec

(APC = antenna phase center; ARP = antenna reference point)

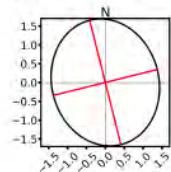
Estimated Position for sflog001.yyo

	Latitude (+n)	Longitude (+e)	Ell. Height
ITRF14 (2021.6)	50° 3' 48.94658"	-97° 57' 34.24126"	222.642 m
Sigmas(95%)	0.013 m	0.011 m	0.056 m
A priori*	50° 3' 48.94585"	-97° 57' 34.26083"	220.743 m
Estimated - A priori	0.023 m	0.389 m	1.900 m

Orthometric Height
CGVD2013
(CGG2013a)

249.417 m
(click for height reference information)

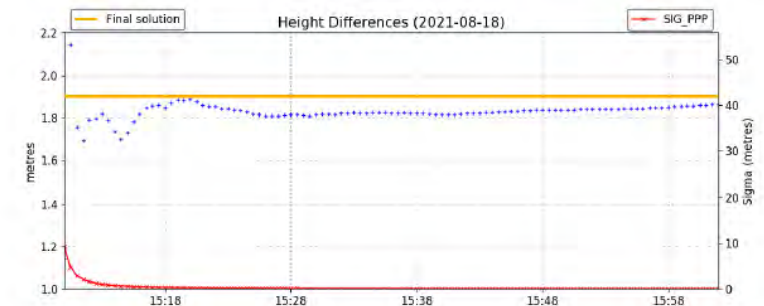
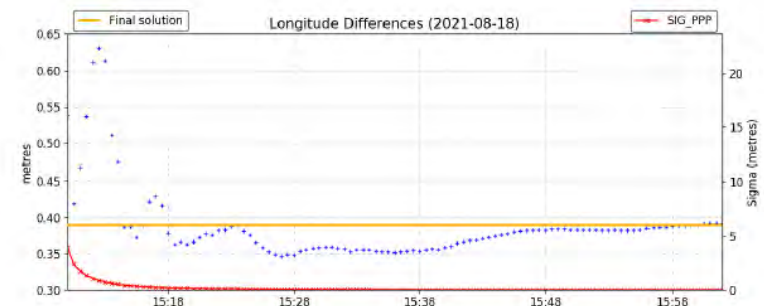
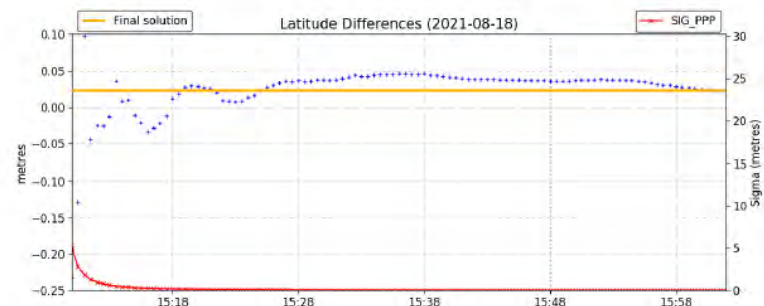
95% Error Ellipse (cm)
semi-major: 1.7 cm
semi-minor: 1.4 cm
semi-major azimuth: -14° 57' 41.04"



UTM (North)
Zone 14

5546220.160 m (N)
574469.643 m (E)
Scale Factors
0.99966811 (point)
0.99963324 (combined)

*(Coordinates from RINEX header used as a priori position)



Questions?

DRONE SAFTY PLANNING

KNOW YOUR DRONE!

MATRICE 300 RTK SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM	Specification
Dimensions	Unfolded, propellers excluded, 810*670*430 mm (L*W*H) Folded, propellers included, 430*420*430 mm (L*W*H)
Diagonal Wheelbase	895 mm
Weight (with single downward gimbal)	Approx. 3.6 kg (without batteries) Approx. 6.3 kg (with two TB60 batteries)
Max Payload	2.7 kg
Max Takeoff Weight	9 kg
Operating Frequency	2.4000-2.4835 GHz; 5.725-5.850 GHz
EIRP	2.4000-2.4835 GHz: 29.5 dBm (FCC); 18.5 dBm (CE) 18.5 dBm (SRRC); 18.5 dBm (MIC) 5.725-5.850 GHz: 28.5 dBm (FCC); 12.5 dBm (CE) 28.5 dBm (SRRC)
Hovering Accuracy (P-mode with GPS)	Vertical: ± 0.1 m (Vision System enabled) ± 0.5 m (GPS enabled) ± 0.1 m (RTK enabled) Horizontal: ± 0.3 m (Vision System enabled) ± 1.5 m (GPS enabled) ± 0.1 m (RTK enabled)
RTK Positioning Accuracy	When RTK enabled and fixed: 1 cm+1 ppm (Horizontal) 1.5 cm + 1 ppm (Vertical)
Max Angular Velocity	Pitch: 300°/s, Yaw: 100°/s
Max Pitch Angle	30° (P-mode, Forward Vision System enabled: 25°)
Max Ascent Speed	S mode: 6 m/s P mode: 5 m/s
Max Descent Speed (vertical)	S mode: 5 m/s P mode: 3 m/s
Max Descent Speed (tilt)	S Mode: 7 m/s
Max Speed	S mode: 23 m/s P mode: 17 m/s
Service Ceiling Above Sea Level	5000 m (with 2110 propellers, takeoff weight ≤ 7 kg) / 7000 m (with 2195 propellers, takeoff weight ≤ 7 kg)
Max Wind Resistance	15 m/s

- Specifications
- Limitations

- Flight Time
- Wind Resistance
- Temperature
- Weight
- Max Take-Off Weight
- Operating Frequency
- Distance (Effective & Theoretical)

DRONE SAFTY



Source: <https://trackimo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/TRACKIMO-FI-Drone-Safety-Concerns-Increasing.jpg>

- Purpose of Flight
 - Mapping
 - Aerial Photography
- Site Survey
 - Trees
 - Buildings
 - Hydro lines
- Equipment & Drone
 - Airworthy
 - Propellers
 - Any damage
 - Batteries
 - Equipment
 - Firmware update
- Weather

COMMON SENSE

Manitoba

Drone blocks water bomber from fighting wildfire in Manitoba's Whiteshell Provincial Park

Source: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/drone-intercepts-fire-1.6108946>

“...The water bomber was flying over the south shore of West Hawk Lake when a drone got in the way of its flight path.

The water bomber had to turn back, leaving the firefighters on the ground in jeopardy.”

Questions?

DRONE MISSION PLANNING MAPPING

Drone Aerial Imagery

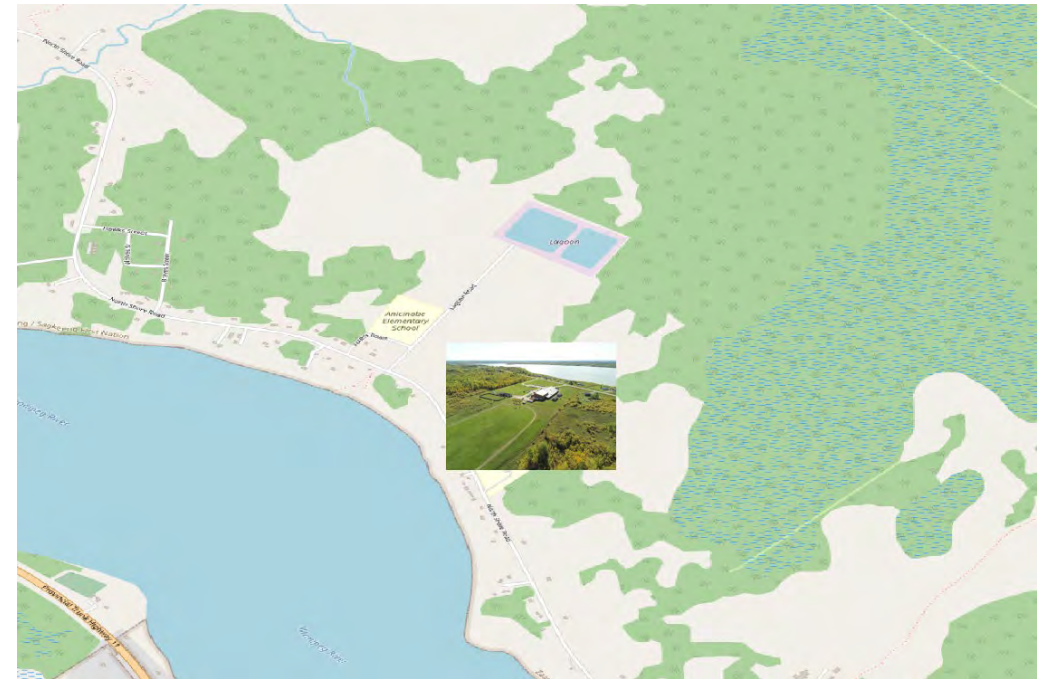


Drone Aerial Mapping

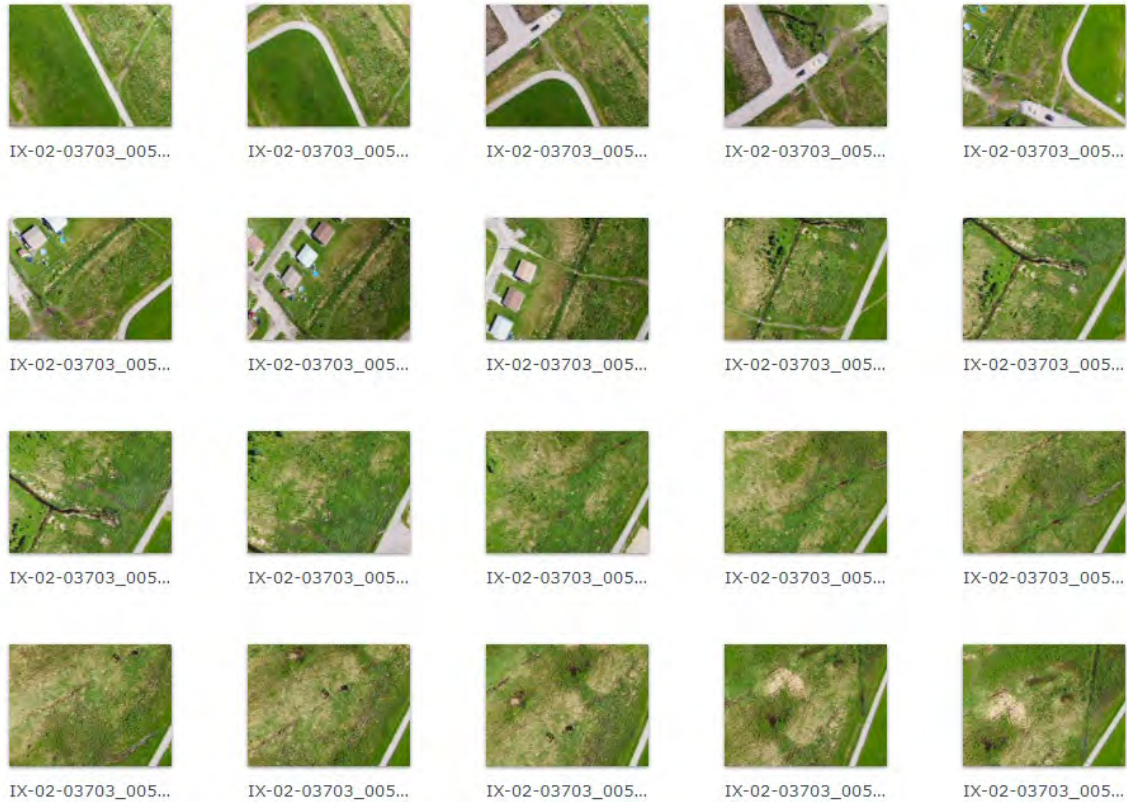
What it is not



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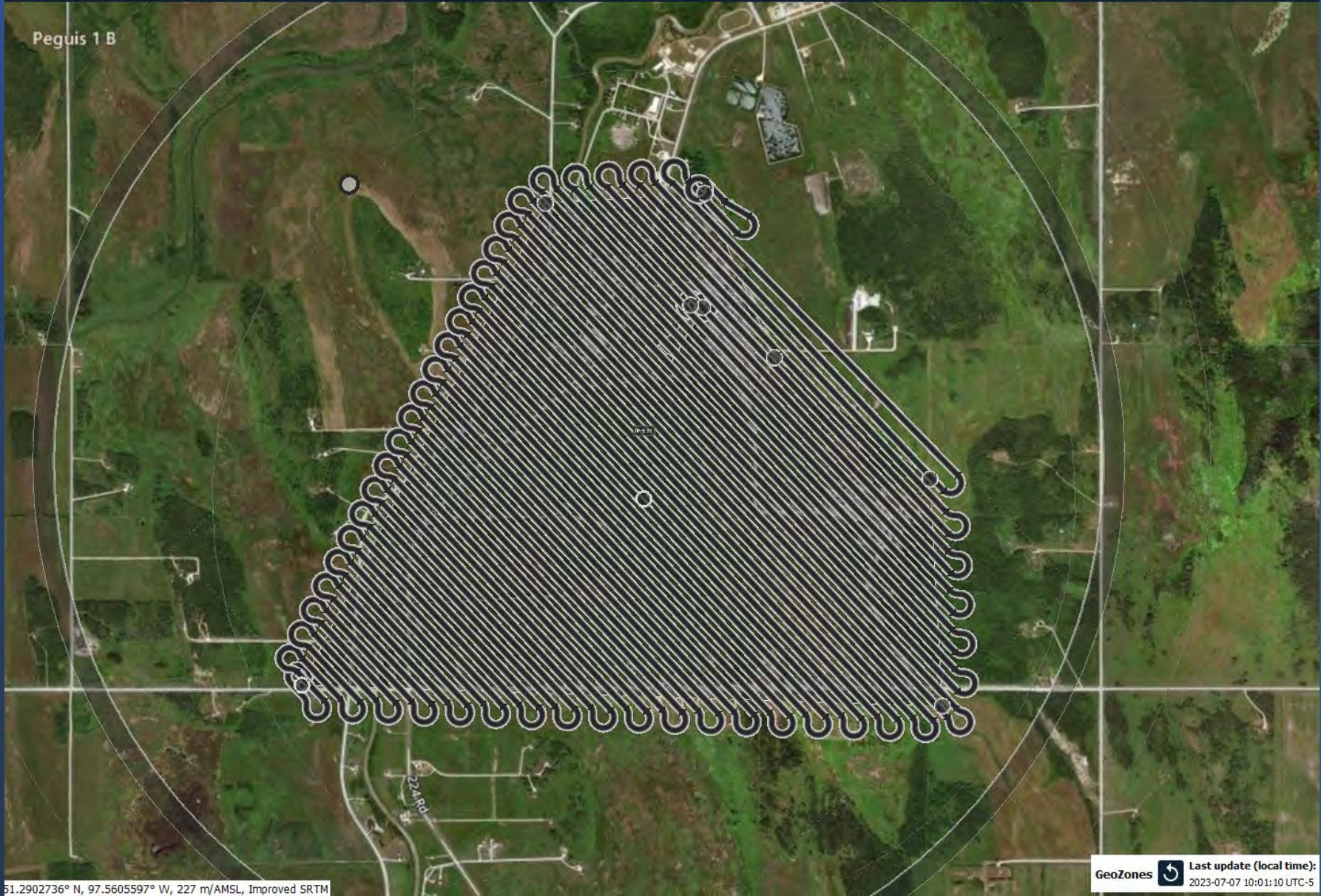
Drone Aerial Mapping



Mission Planning Software

- Drone Deploy (iPhone, Android)
- Pix4D Capture (iPhone, Android)
- eMotion (eBee specific, Windows)
- DJI Pilot (Specialized software for DJI Remotes)

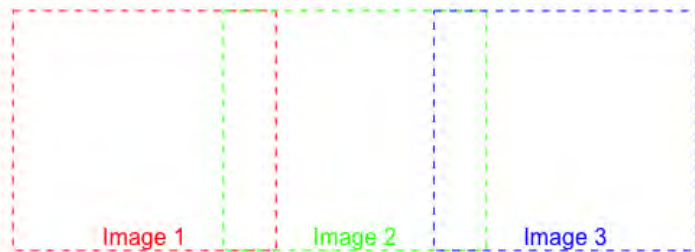
- Software is similar
- Allows creating an Area of Interest (polygon)
- Set mission height and drone speed
- Calculates flight time
- Calculates ground sampling distance (resolution)



60% Overlap



20% Overlap



Blocks

Block #1

Horizontal Mapping 2.5 cm/px 149:24 480.7 ha

Name: Block #1

Camera: Aeria X

Plan above: Elevation data - AED

Resolution: 2.50 cm/px

Lat. overlap: 60 %

Long. overlap: 60 %

Reverse flight

Perpendicular lines

Interlaced flight lines

Area: 480.7 ha, 4.81 km²

Flight altitude: 118.3 m/AED

Photos: 2267

Between photos: 40 m

Image coverage: 150x100 m

Est. flight time: 02:29:24

Est. flight distance: 106170 m

Flight line spacing: 60 m

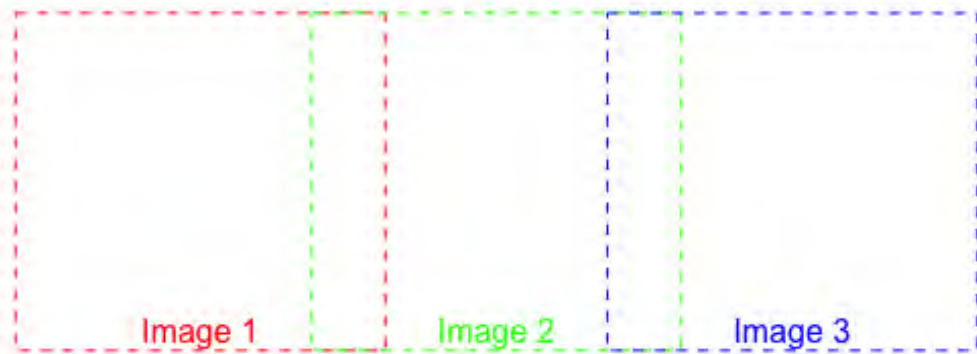
Waypoints: 129

Reset progress

Show waypoints

Save as default

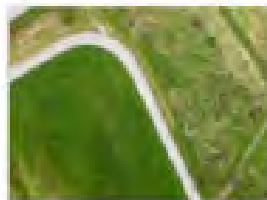
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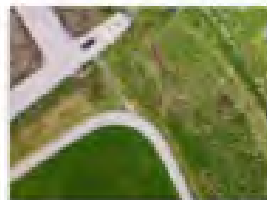
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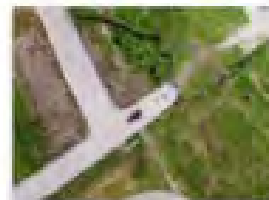
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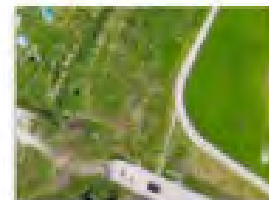
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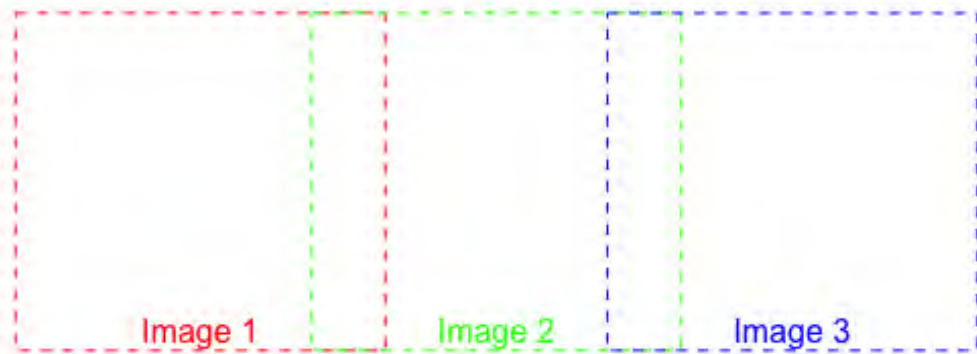


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20% Overlap



60% Overlap



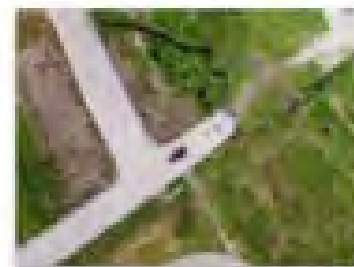
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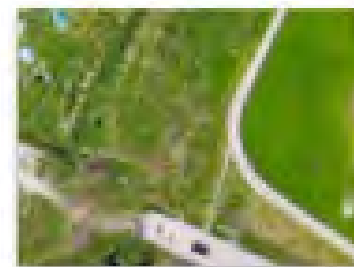
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Quality Report



Generated with Pix4Dmapper version 4.6.6

- Important: Click on the different icons for:
 - Help to analyze the results in the Quality Report
 - Additional information about the sections

Click [here](#) for additional tips to analyze the Quality Report

Summary

Project	2022_08_03_peguis_ppk_nrs_p1
Processed	2022-08-04 18:06:09
Camera Model Name(s)	senseFlyXperiaX_18.5_6000x4000 (RGB)
Average Ground Sampling Distance (GSD)	2.80 cm / 1.02 in
Area Covered	0.655 km ² / 65.4853 ha / 0.25 sq. mi. / 161.9015 acres
Time for Initial Processing (without report)	13m 20s

Quality Check

Images	median of 5154 keypoints per image	✓
Dataset	734 out of 734 images calibrated (100%), all images enabled	✓
Camera Optimization	0.1% relative difference between initial and optimized internal camera parameters	✓
Matching	median of 907.877 matches per calibrated image	✓
Georeferencing	yes, no 3D GCP	⚠

Preview

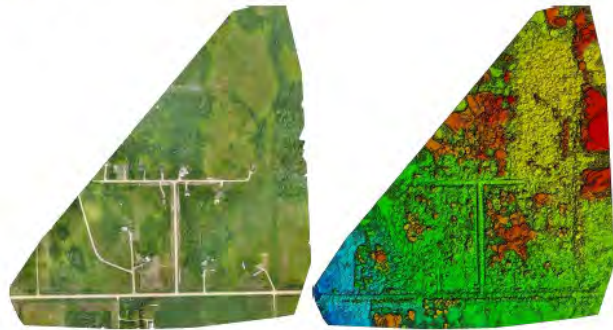
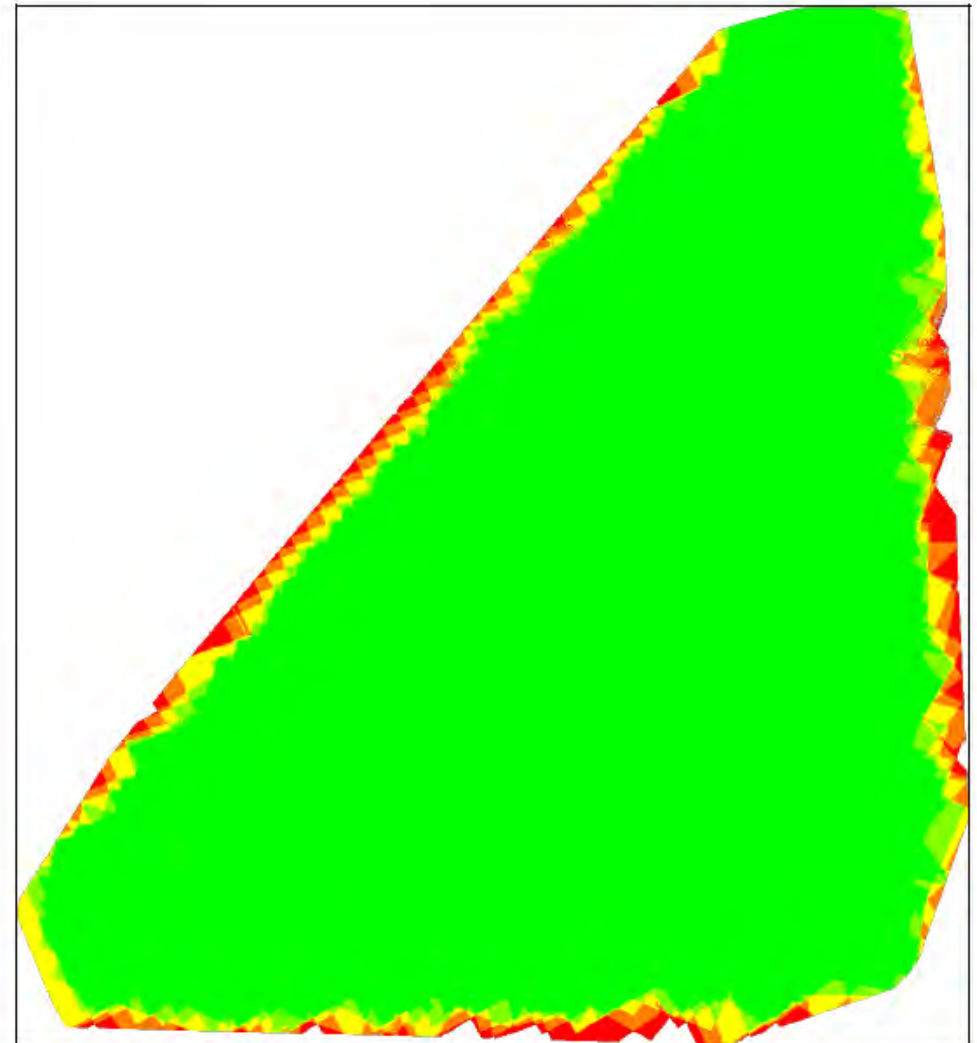


Figure 1: Orthomosaic and the corresponding sparse Digital Surface Model (DSM) before denoification.



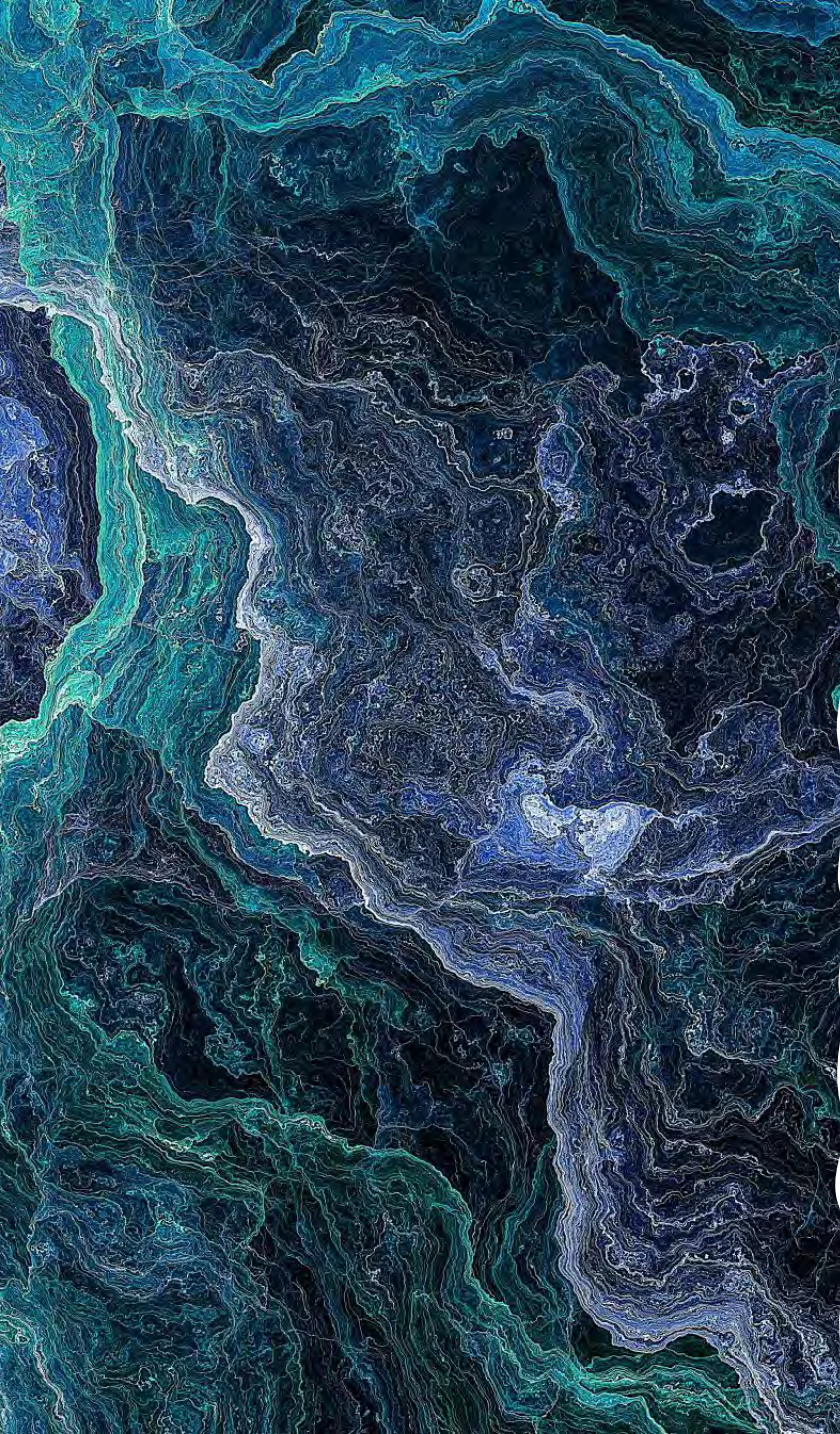
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Aerial Imagery Processing Software

- Drone Deploy
- Pix4D
- DJI Terra
- OpenDroneMapping (OSM)

- All software is the same
- Creates orthomosaics
- Creates digital surface models
- Some create point clouds
- Resource intensive

Questions?



Geomatics

Basics of LiDAR

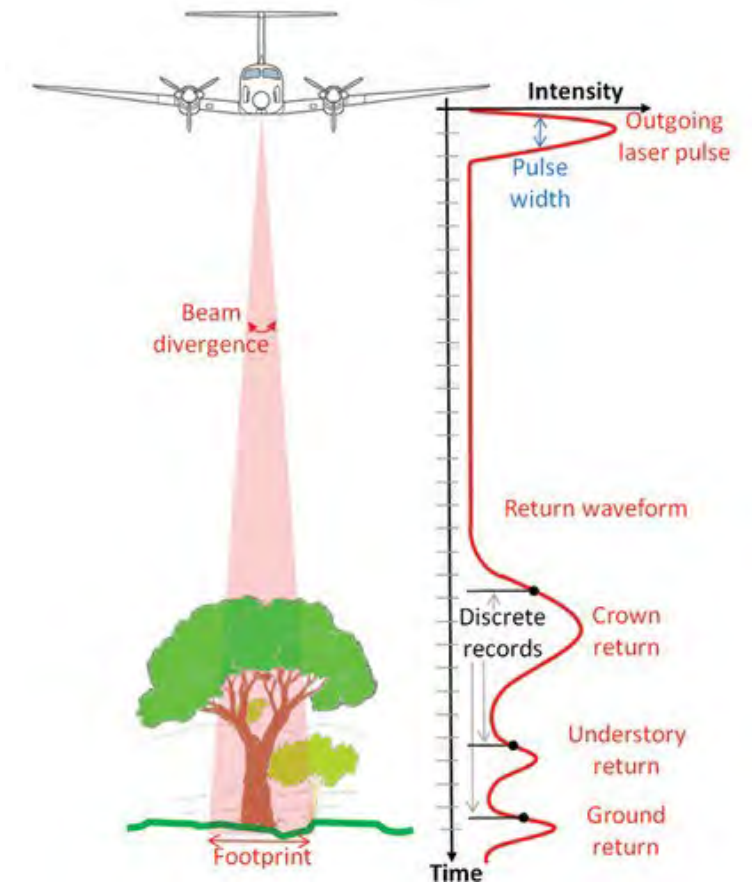
LiDAR Basics

- A method for determining ranges by targeting an object or a surface with a laser and measuring the time for the reflected light to return to the receiver.

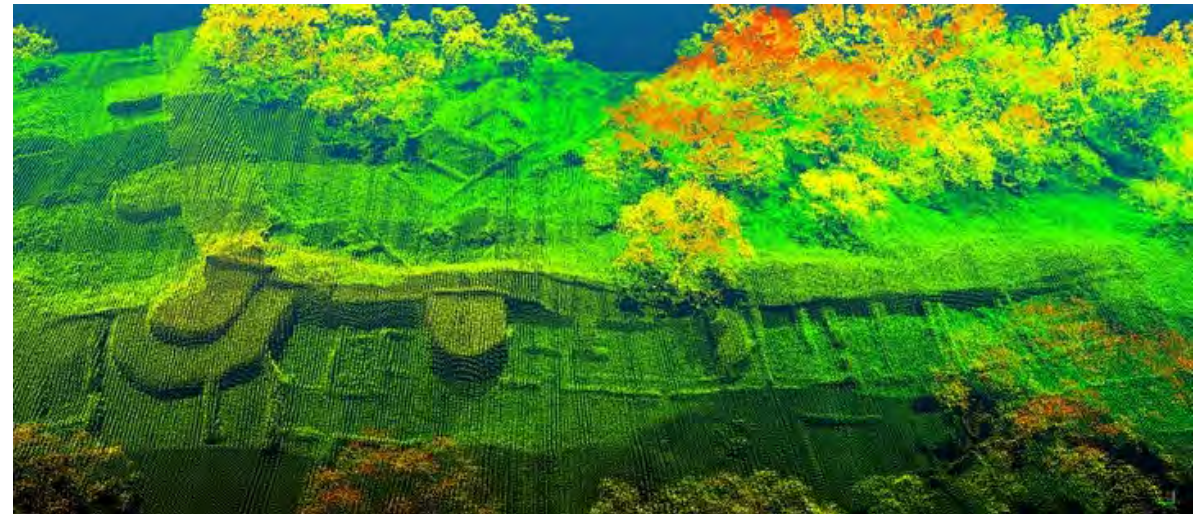
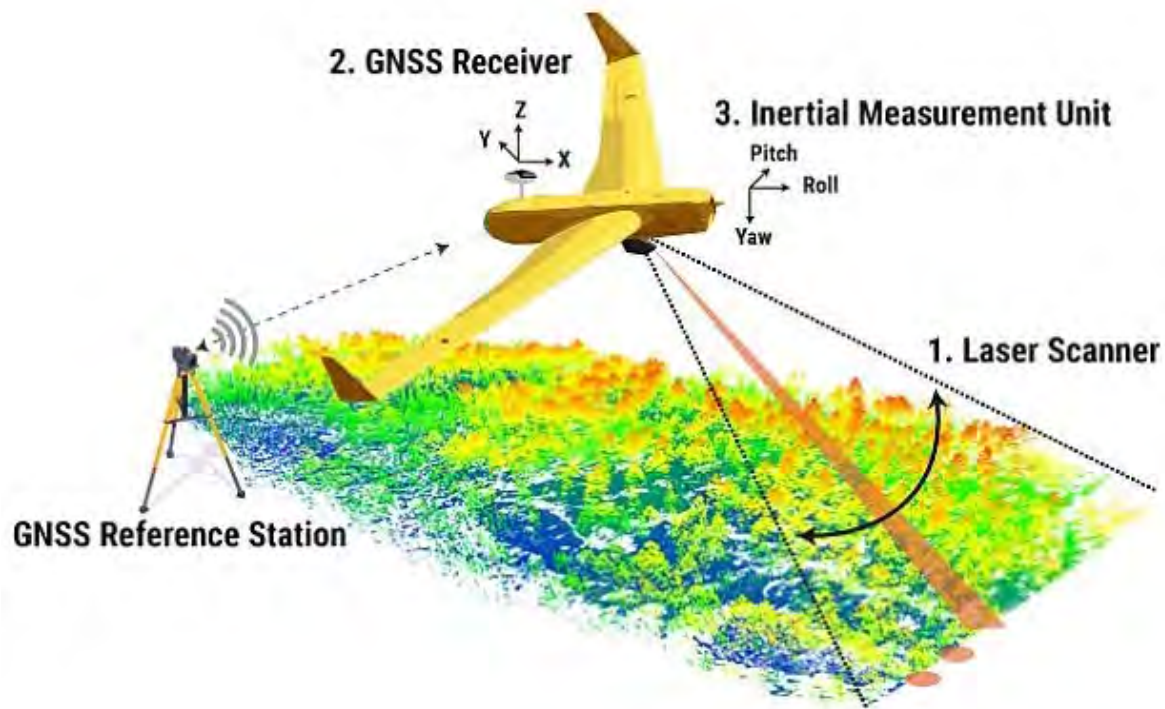


- Lidar returns are discrete observations* recorded when a laser pulse is intercepted and reflected by targets. Multiple returns derive from one laser pulse intercepting multiple targets (e.g. a top of a tree, its branches, and the ground).

- - Source [remote sensing](#)
- [What are LiDAR returns?](#) - [Geographic Information Systems Stack Exchange](#)



LiDAR Capabilities



<https://medium.com/supplyframe-hardware/lidar-looking-through-a-jungle-canopy-e19fc40e0f88>



Point Cloud





Point cloud

- A **point cloud** is a discrete set of data points in space. The points may represent a 3D shape or object. Each point position has its set of Cartesian coordinates (X, Y, Z)
- source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Point_cloud

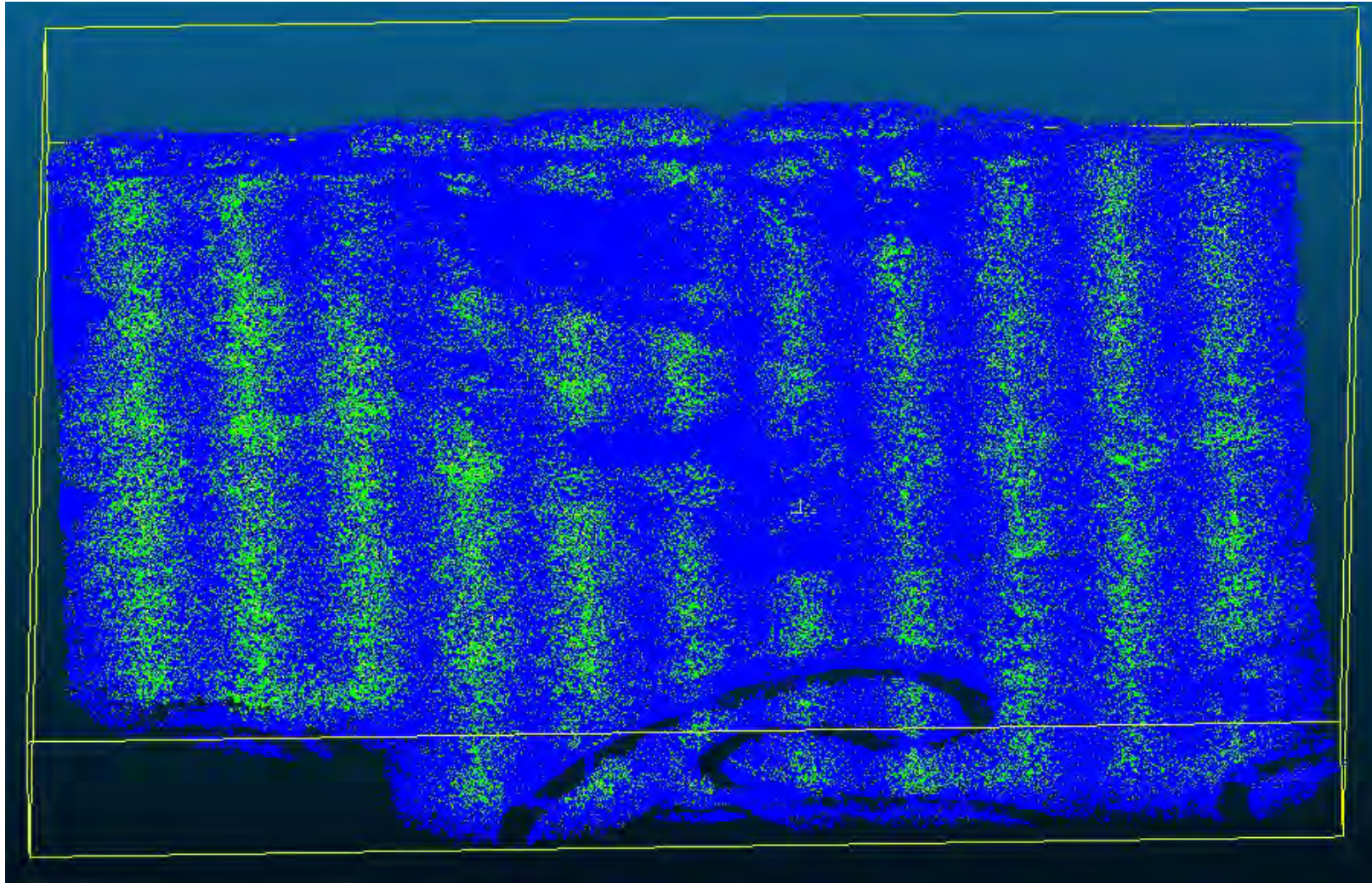


Point Cloud Generation

Relatively fast
compared to
orthomosaics

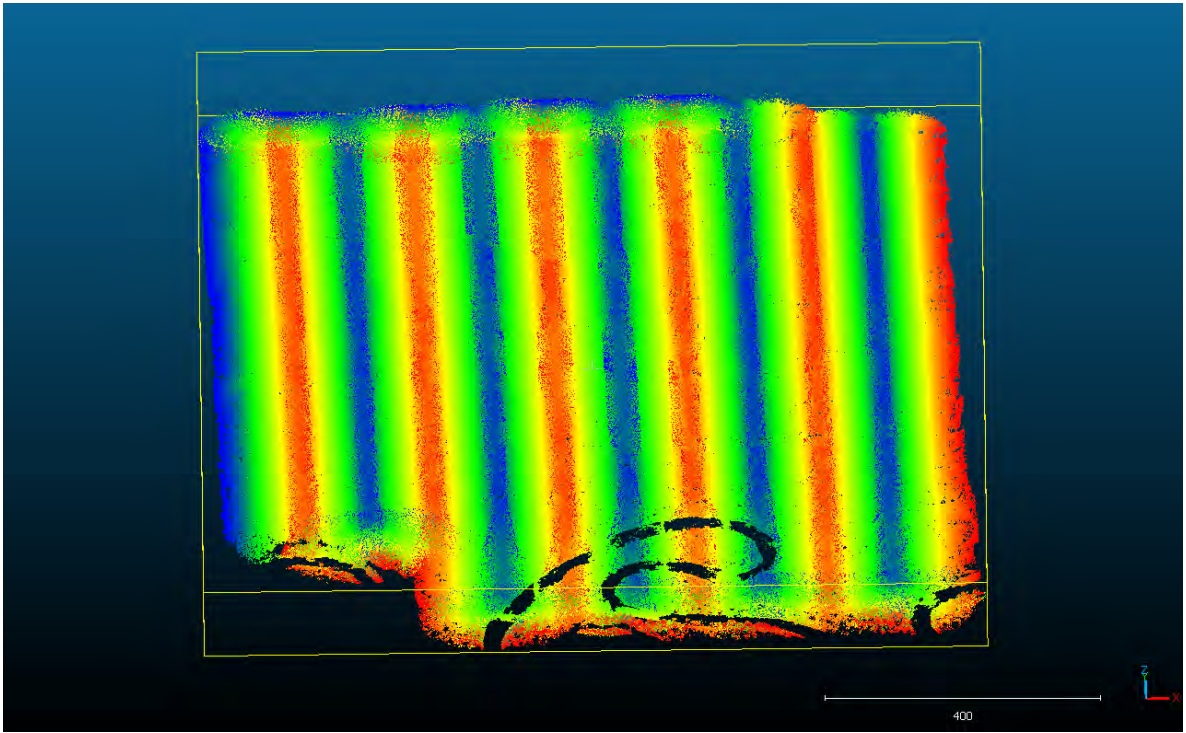
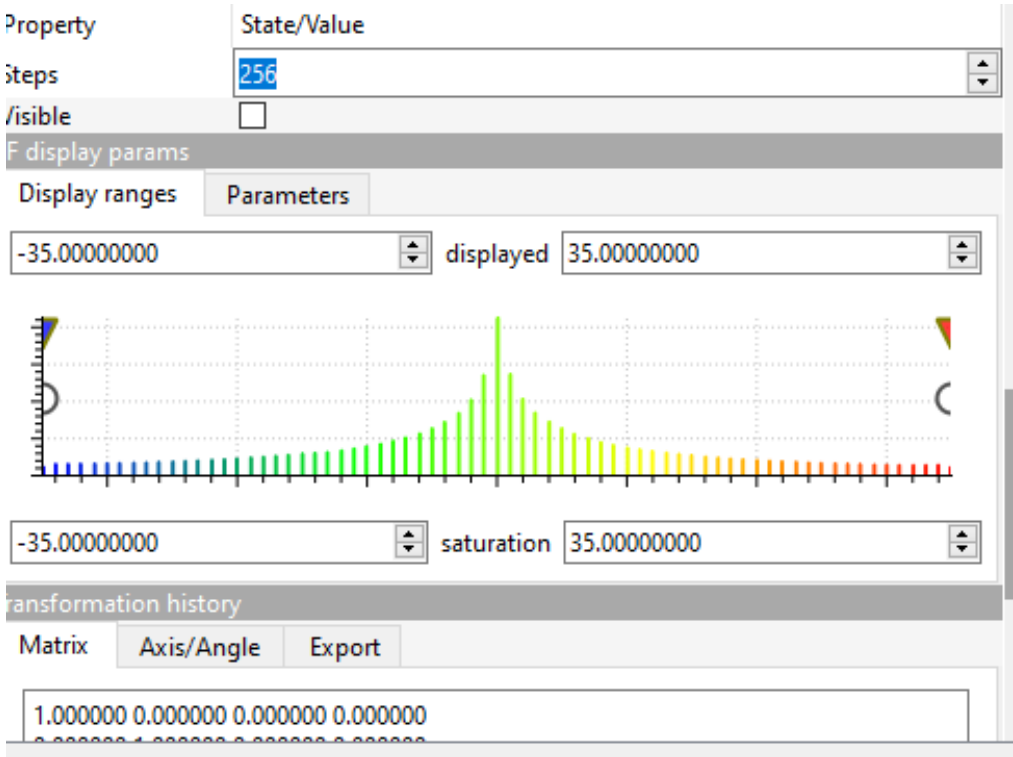
Classification and
Derivatives can
take a long time

Roseau River Point Cloud – Number of Returns

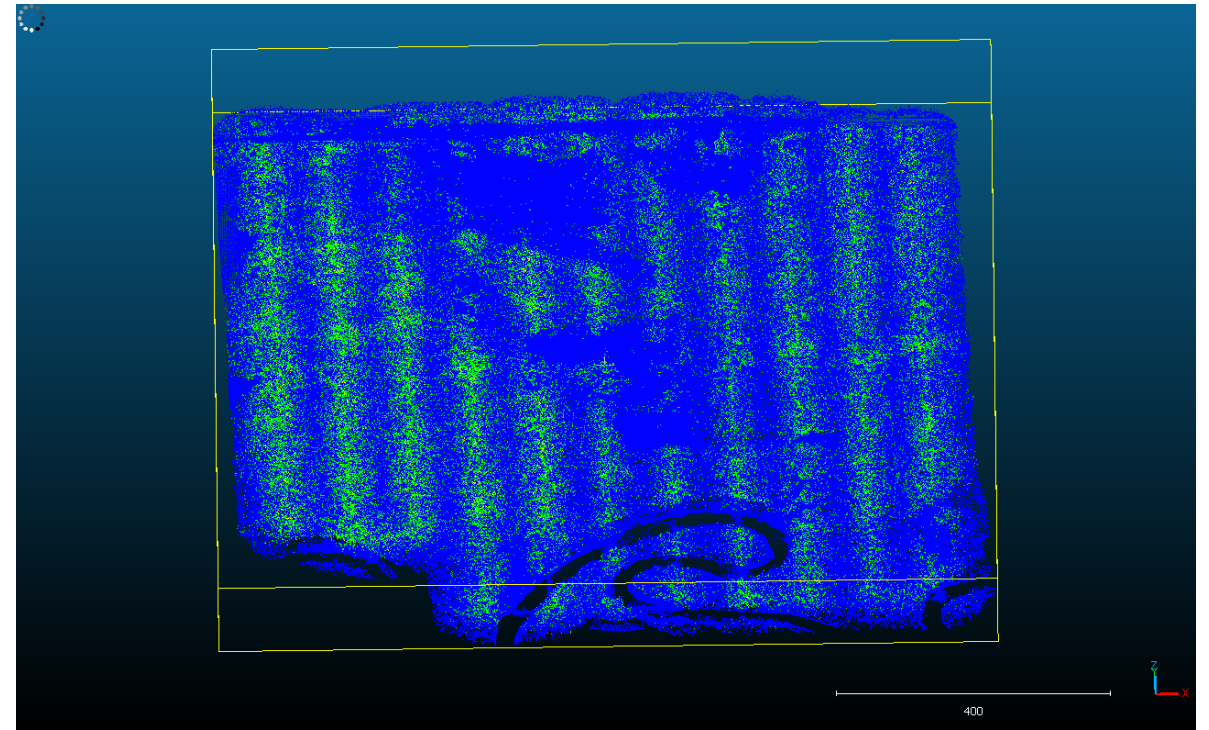
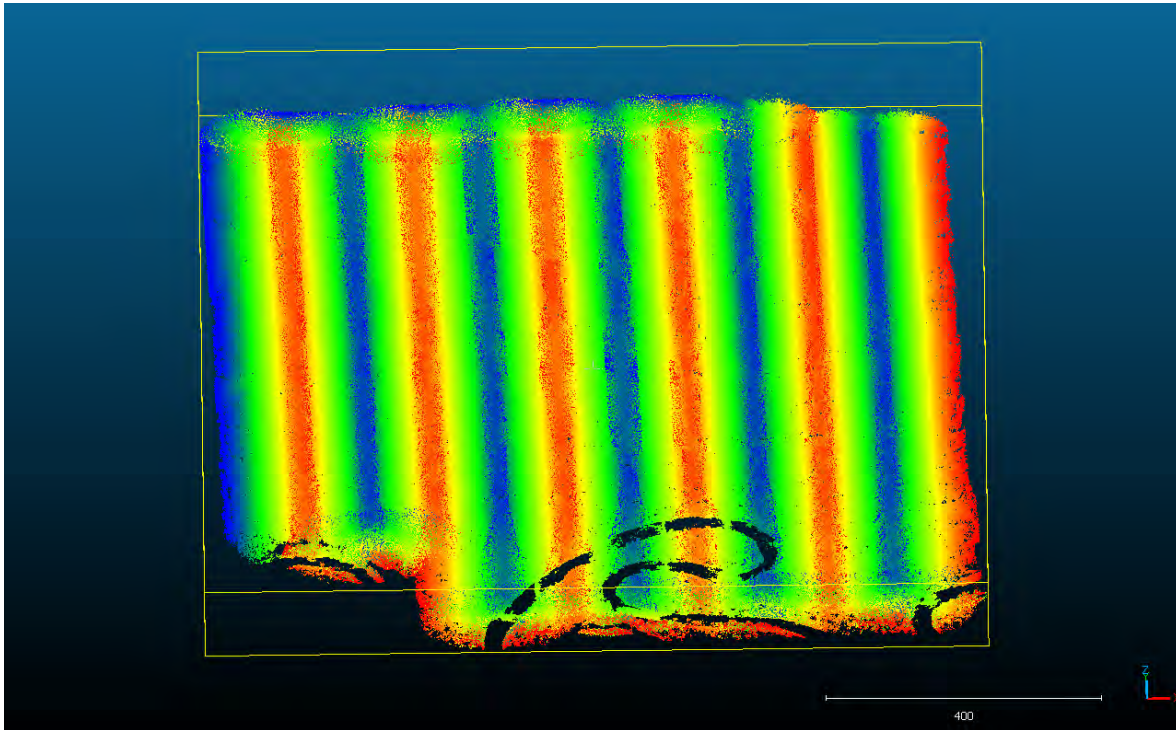


- 1 Return - Blue
- 2 Returns - Yellow
- 3 Returns - Red

Roseau River Point Cloud – Scan Angle

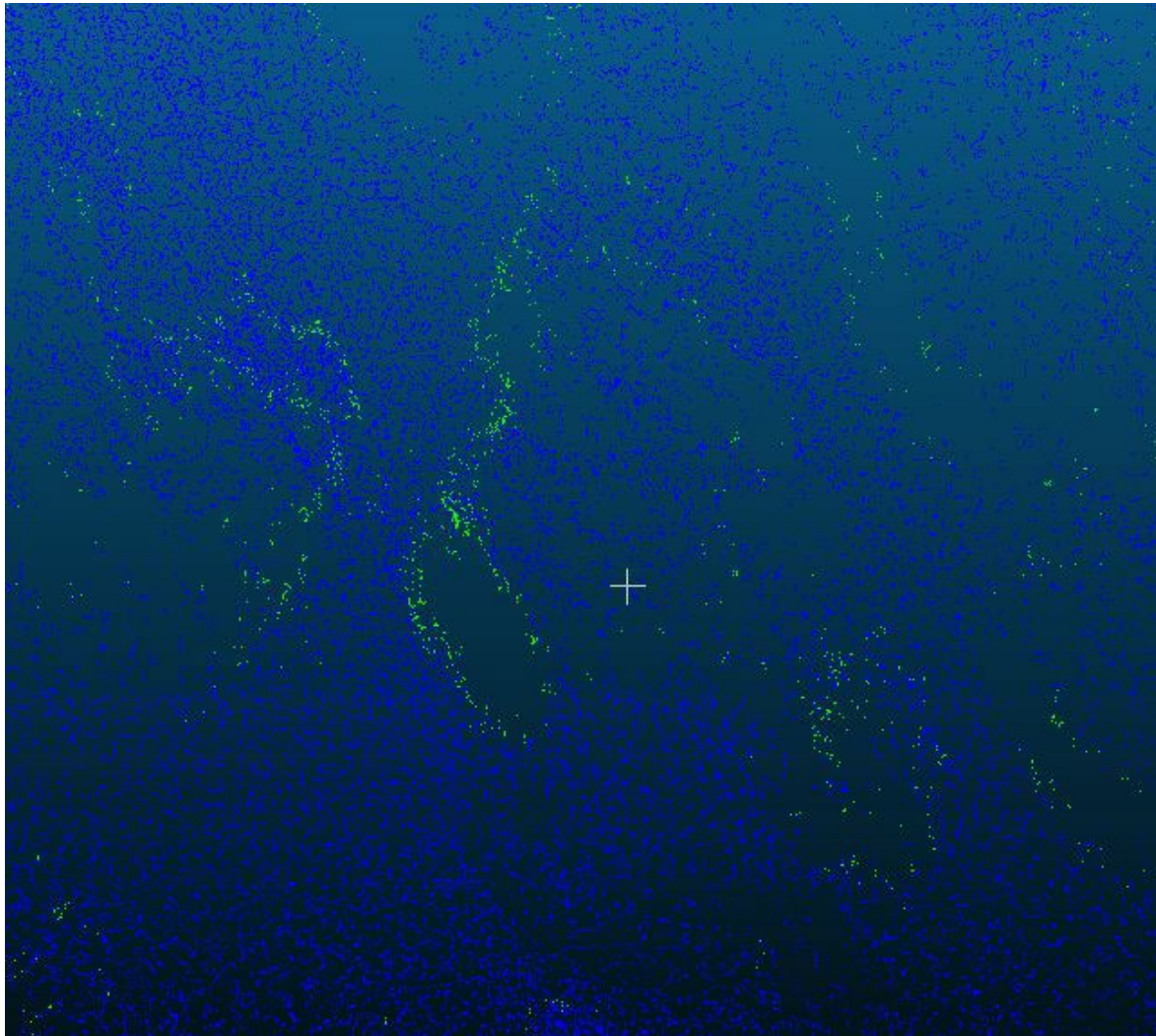


Scan Angle vs Number of Returns



Individual Points

Graphical Point Cloud



CSV Point Cloud

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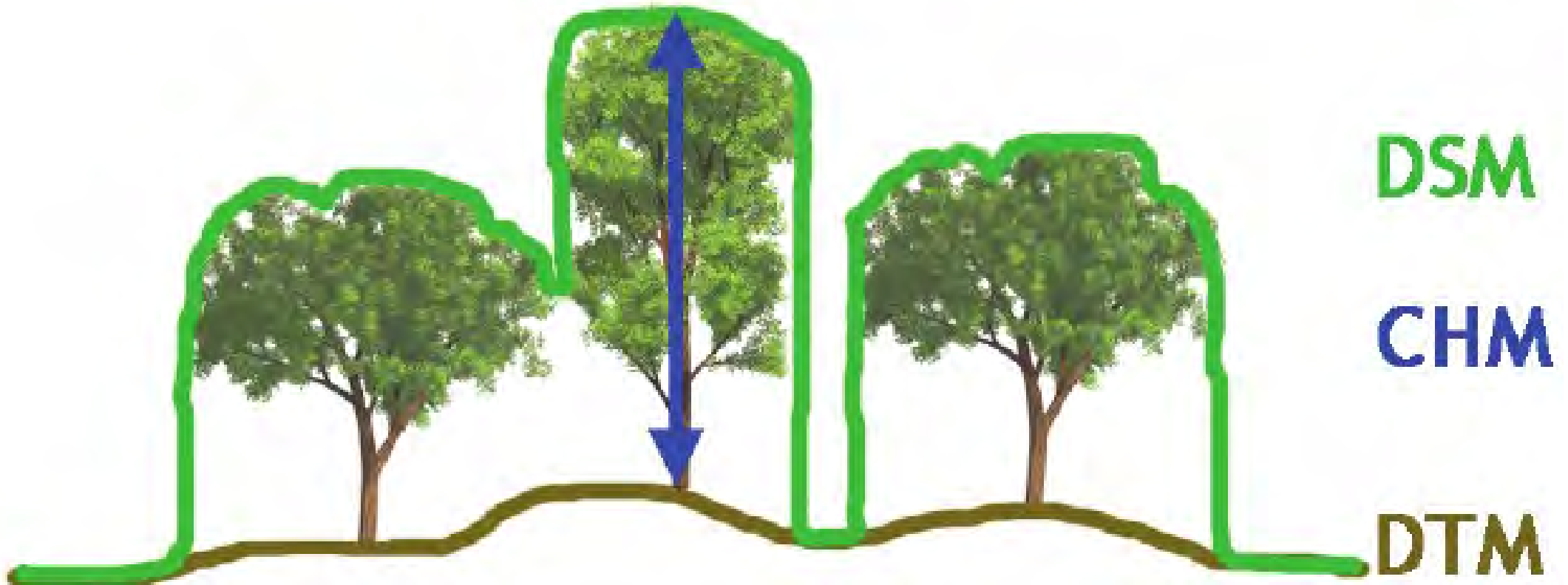


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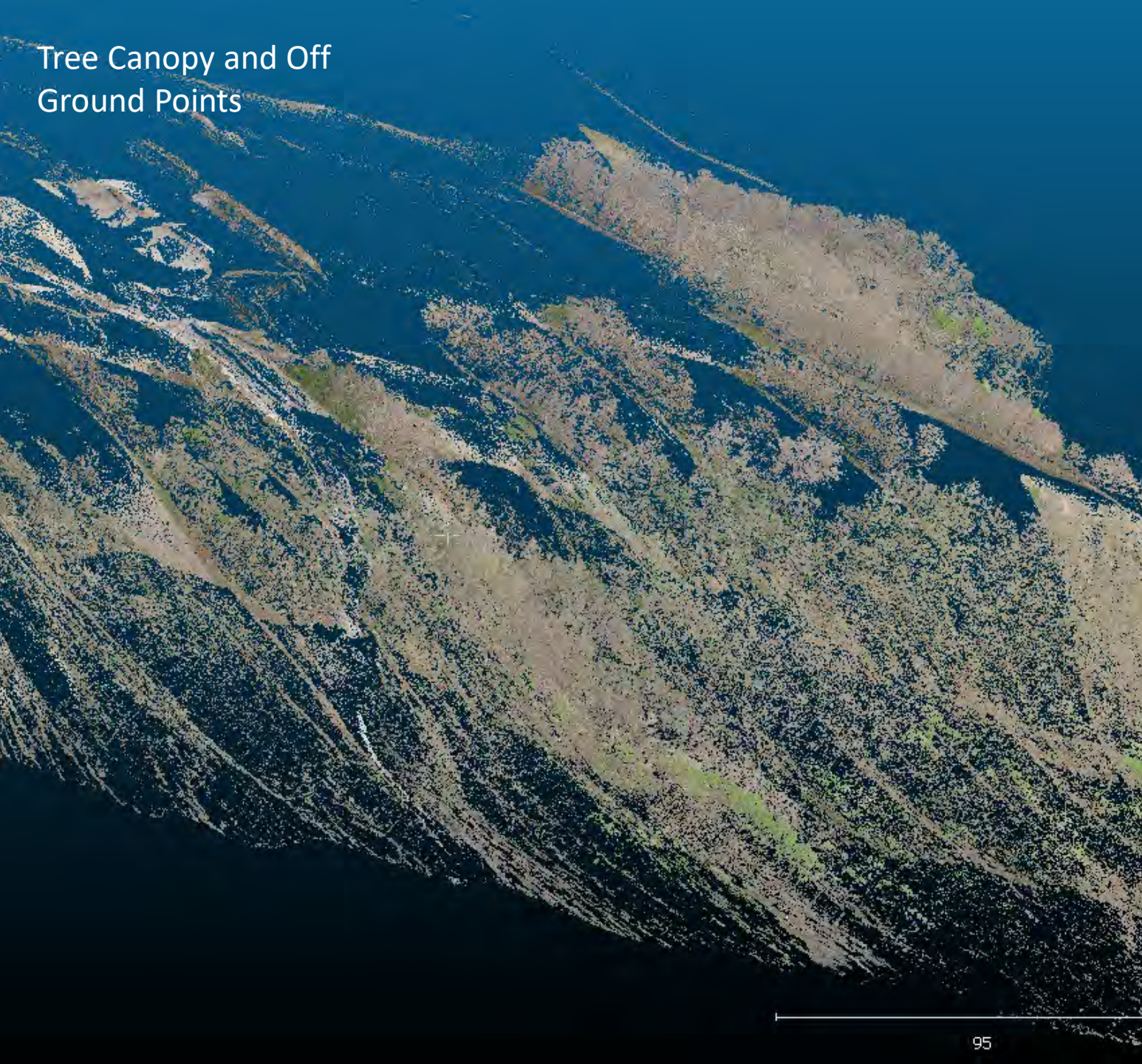
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- Digital Terrain Model or “Bare-Earth” Model
- Canopy Height Model
- Digital Elevation Model

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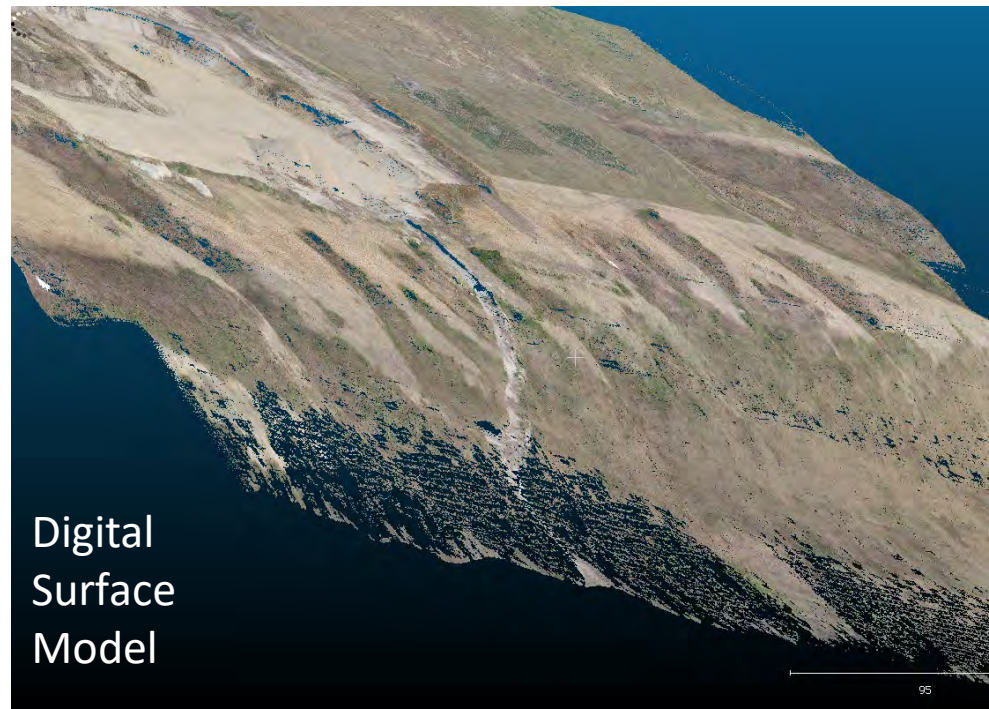
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Tree Canopy and Off
Ground Points

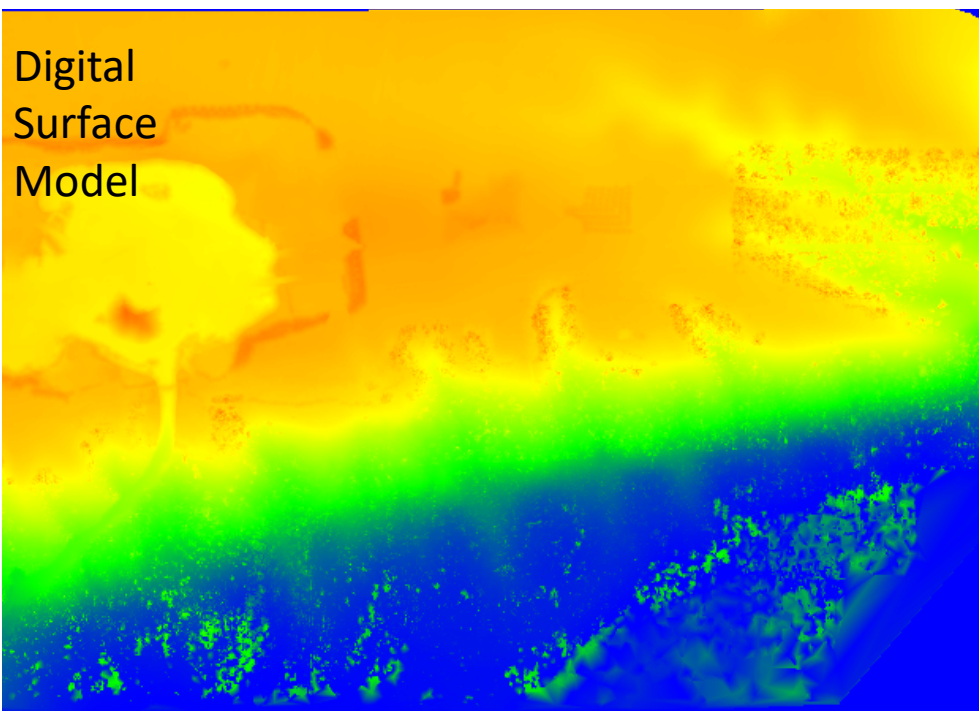
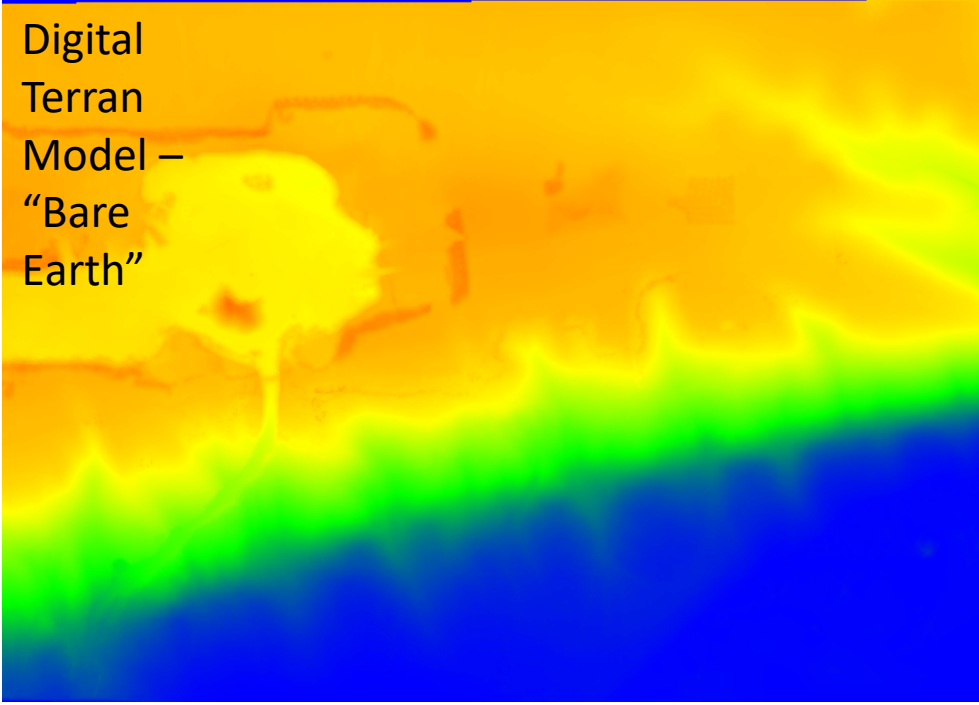
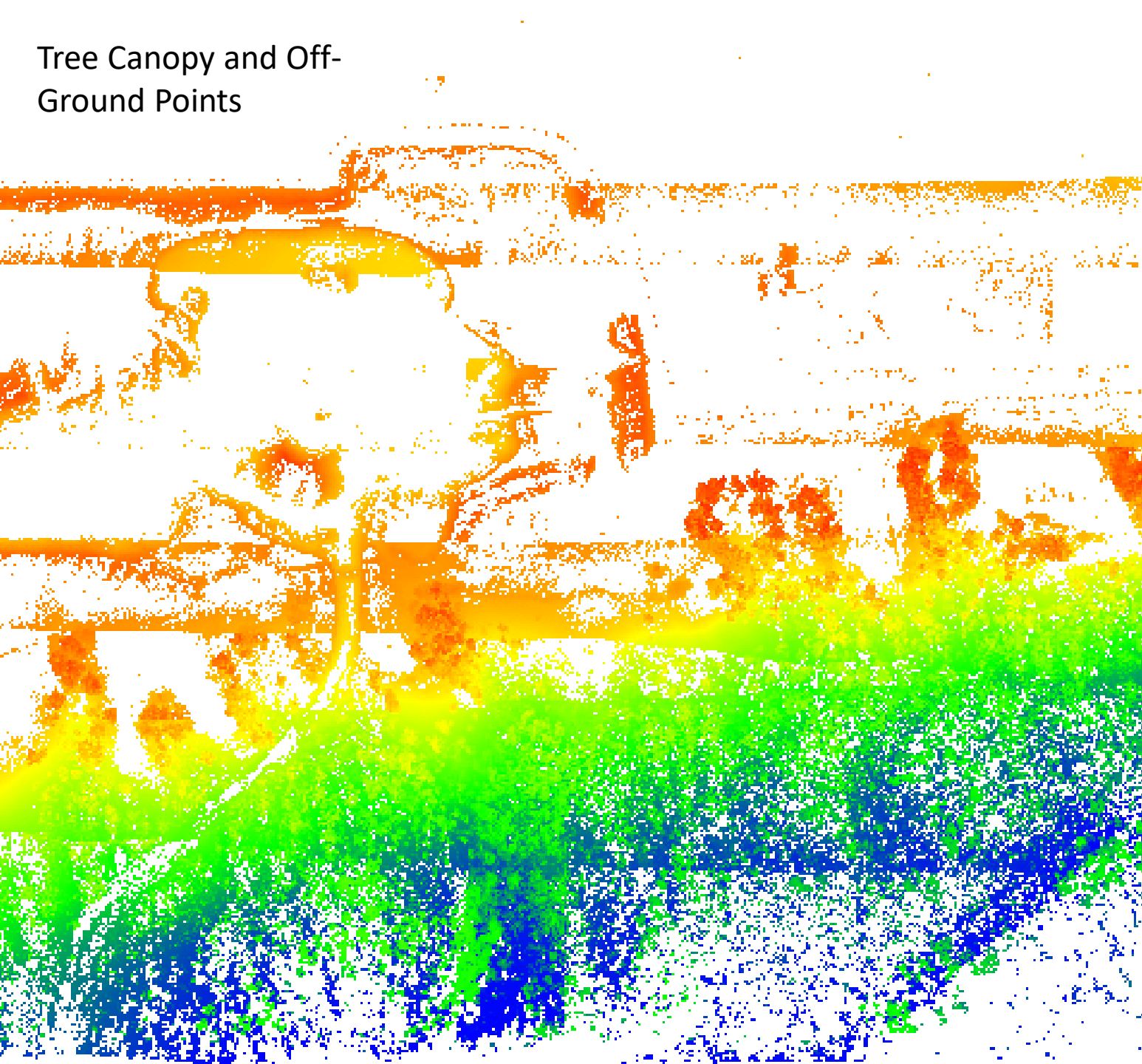


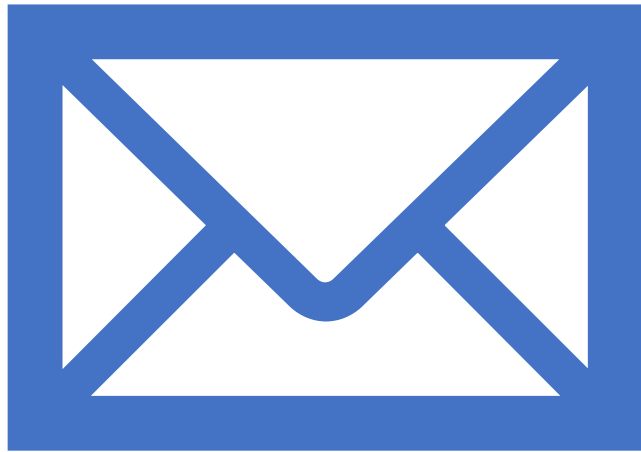
Digital
Terrain
Model –
“Bare
Earth”



Digital
Surface
Model

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