Introduction to Remote Sensing

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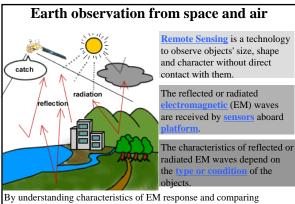
"Remote" means far away. Remote sensing means sensing things from a distance. Of **our** five senses we use three as remote sensors when we:

- a. watch a football game from the stands (sense of sight)
- smell freshly baked bread in the oven (sense of smell)
- c. hear a telephone ring (sense of hearing)
- What are our other two senses and why aren't they used "remotely"?

What is Remote Sensing ?

"Remote Sensing is defined as the science and technology by which *characteristics* of objects of interest can be identified <u>without direct contact</u>"

Concept of Remote Sensing



observed information, we can know the size, shape and character of the objects.

Advantages of Satellite Observation

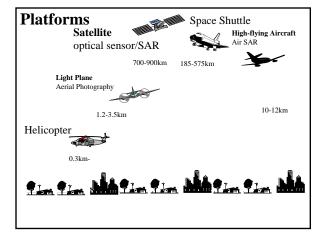
- Enables to observe a broad area at a time
- Enables to observe the area for a long period
 - Repeat pass observation (Time series data, Change detection)
- Enables to know the condition without visiting the area
- Enables to know invisible information
 - Sensors for various electromagnetic spectrum (Infrared, microwave)

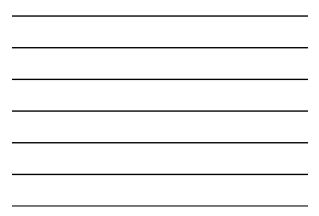
Brief History of Remote Sensing (1)

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1826	The invention of photography
1850's	Photography from balloons
1873	Theory of electromagnetic energy by J. C. Maxwell
1909	Photography from airplanes
1910's	World War I: aerial reconnaissance
1920's	Development and applications of aerial
	photography and photogrammetry
1930's	Development of radar in Germany, USA, and UK
1940's	World War II: application of Infrared and
	microwave regions
1950's	Military Research and Development
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Brief History of Remote Sensing (2)

1960's	The satellite era: Space race between USA and USSR.
1960	The first meteorological satellite (TIROS-1)
1960's	First use of term "remote sensing"
1960's	Skylab remote sensing observations from the space
1972	Launch of the first earth resource satellite (Landsat-1)
1970's	Rapid advances in digital image processing
1980's	Landsat-4: new generation of Landsat sensors
1986	Launch of French earth observation satellite (SPOT-1)
1980's	Development of hyperspectral sensors
1990's	Launch of earth resource satellites by national space agencies and commercial companies



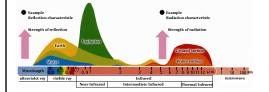


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Optical	
•Visible	Reflectance
•Near Infrared	Reflectance
•Thermal Infrared	Thermal Radiation
Microwave	
•Passive (Scatterometer)	Microwave Radiation
•Active (SAR, Altimeter)	Backscatter
Laser	
•Active	Intensity, Time

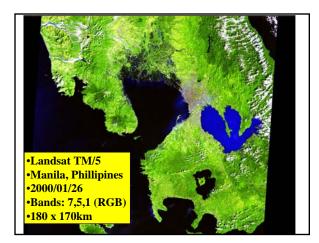


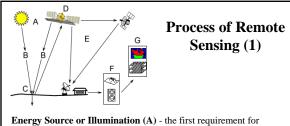
Every material on earth shows its **own strength of reflection** in each wavelength when it is exposed to the EM waves

Sensors aboard a platform are capable to acquire the strength of reflection and radiation in each wavelength.



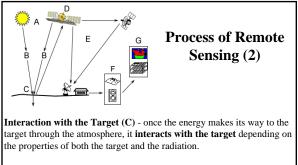
Strength of reflection and radiation of EM waves from plants, earth and water in each wavelength.



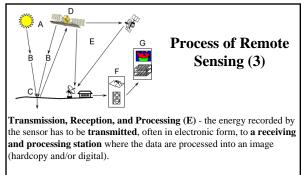


Energy Source or Illumination (A) - the first requirement for remote sensing is to have an **energy source** which illuminates or provides electromagnetic energy to the target of interest.

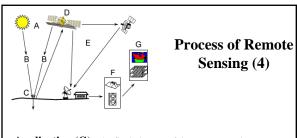
Radiation and the Atmosphere (B) - as the energy travels from its source to the target, it will come in contact with and **interact with the atmosphere** it passes through. This interaction may take place a second time as the energy travels from the target to the sensor.



Recording of Energy by the Sensor (D) - after the energy has been scattered by, or emitted from the target, we require a **sensor** (remote - not in contact with the target) to **collect and record** the electromagnetic radiation.



Interpretation and Analysis (F) - the processed image is **interpreted**, visually and/or digitally or electronically, to extract information about the target which was illuminated.



Transfer of Electromagnetic Energy

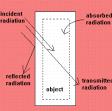
Conduction: Atomic or molecular collisions.

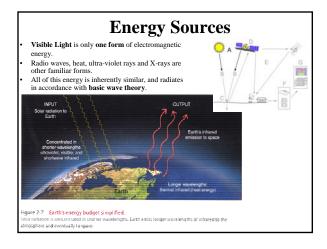
Convection: The physical movement of bodies of energetic material.

Radiation:

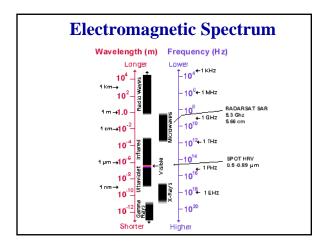
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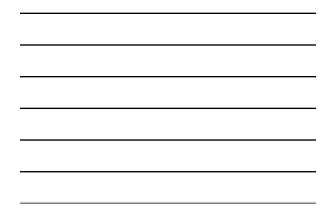
electromagnetic energy through a medium or vacuum. *Observed by Remote Sensing*





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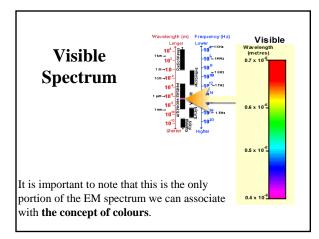


Visible Spectrum (1)

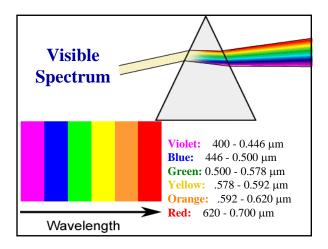
The light which our **eyes** - our "remote sensors" - can detect is part of **the visible spectrum**.

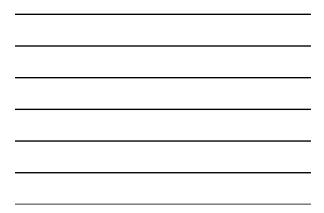
It is important to recognize **how small the visible portion** is relative to the rest of the spectrum.

There is a lot of radiation around us which is **invisible** to our eyes, but can be detected by other **remote sensing instruments** and used to our advantage.









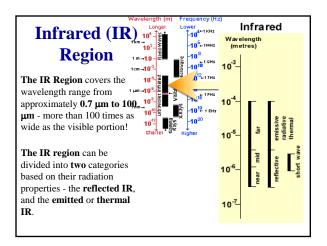
Visible Spectrum (2)

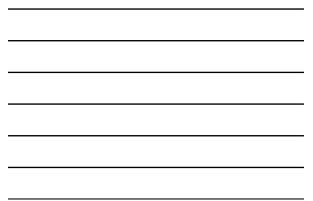
Blue, green, and red are the **primary colors** or wavelengths of the visible spectrum.

They are defined as such because no single primary color can be created from the other two, but **all other colors** can be formed by **combining blue, green, and red** in various proportions.

Although we see **sunlight** as a uniform or homogeneous color, it is actually **composed of various wavelengths** of radiation in primarily the **ultraviolet**, **visible** and **infrared** portions of the spectrum.

The **visible** portion of this radiation can be shown in its **component colors** when sunlight is **passed through a prism.**





Reflected and Thermal IR

Radiation in the reflected IR region is used for remote sensing purposes in ways very similar to radiation in the visible portion. The reflected IR covers wavelengths from approximately $0.7 \mu m$ to $3.0 \mu m$.

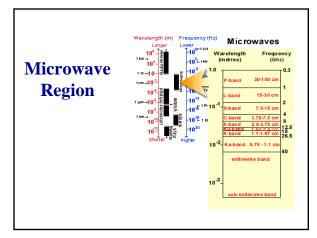
The thermal IR region is quite different than the visible and reflected IR portions, as this energy is essentially the radiation that is emitted from the Earth's surface in the form of heat. The thermal IR covers wavelengths from approximately $3.0 \ \mu m$ to $100 \ \mu m$.

Microwave Region

The portion of the spectrum of more recent interest to **remote sensing** is the **microwave** region from about **1 mm to 1 m**.

This covers the longest wavelengths used for remote sensing.

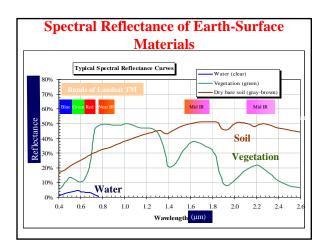
The **shorter wavelengths** have properties **similar to the thermal infrared** region while the **longer wavelengths** approach the wavelengths **used for radio broadcasts**.

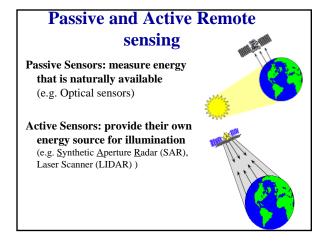




Reflectance

- The **proportions** of energy reflected, absorbed, and transmitted will depend on the **wavelength of the energy** and **the material and condition of the feature**.
- These features permit us to **distinguish different features** on an image.
- Even with a given feature type, the proportion of reflected, absorbed and transmitted energy will **vary at different wavelengths**.
- Different features may be distinguished using more than one spectral range.





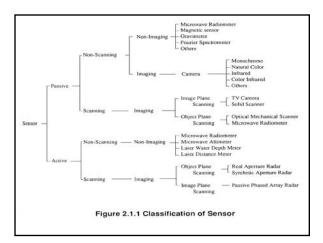
Passive Remote Sensing

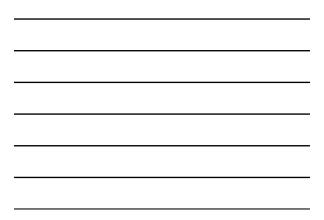
The sun provides a very convenient

- source of energy for remote sensing
- The sun's energy is **reflected** for **visible** wavelengths, or absorbed and then re-emitted for thermal IR wavelengths
- For all reflected energy, this can only take place during the time when the sun is illuminating the Earth
- Energy that is naturally emitted (such as thermal infrared) can be detected day or night, as long as the amount of energy is large enough to be recorded.

Active Remote Sensing¹

- An active sensor emits radiation which is directed toward the target to be investigated. The **radiation reflected** from that target is detected and measured by the sensor.
- Advantages for active sensors: - the ability to obtain measurements anytime,
- regardless of the time of day, season or (weather), - examine wavelengths that are not sufficiently
- provided by the sun (e.g., microwaves), - to **better control** the way that a target is
- illuminated.
- However, active systems require the generation of a fairly large amount of energy to adequately illuminate targets.





Spatial Resolution and Pixel

Most remote sensing images are composed of a matrix of picture elements, or **pixels**, which are the **smallest units of an image**. Pixels are normally square and represent a certain area on an image.

It is important to **distinguish** between **pixel size** and **spatial resolution**. If a sensor has a spatial resolution of 20 m and an image from that sensor is displayed at full resolution, each pixel represents an area of 20m x 20m on the ground. In this case the pixel size and resolution are the same.

However, it is possible to **display** an image with **a pixel size different than the resolution**. Many posters of satellite images have their pixels averaged to represent larger areas, although the original spatial resolution of the sensor remains the same.

Spatial Resolution of Satellites

Images where only large features are visible are said to have **coarse or low resolution**.

In **fine or high resolution** images, small objects can be detected. **Military** sensors fo example, are designed to view as much detail as possible, and therefore have very fine resolution.



Commercial satellites provide imagery with resolutions **varying** from a few metres to several kilometres.

Generally speaking, the finer the resolution the less total ground area can be seen.



Scale of Image/Map

The ratio of distance on an image or map, to actual ground distance is referred to as scale. If you had a map with a scale of 1:100,000, an object of 1cm length on the map would actually be an object 100,000cm (1km) long on the ground.

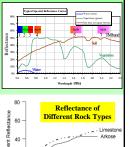
Maps or images with **small** "map-to-ground ratios" are referred to as **small scale** (e.g. 1:100,000), and those with **larger ratios** (e.g. 1:5,000) are called **large scale**.

Spectral Resolution (1)

Different classes of features and details in an image can often be distinguished by comparing their responses over distinct wavelength ranges.

Broad classes, such as water and vegetation, can usually be separated **using very broad wavelength ranges** - the visible and near infrared .

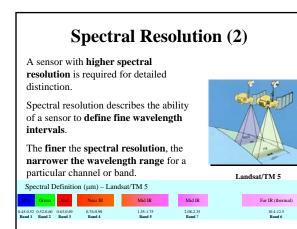
Other **more specific classes**, such as different rock types, may not be easily distinguishable using these broad wavelength ranges and would require comparison **at much finer wavelength ranges** to separate them.



0.6 Wav

0.4

0.8 1.0 1.2 avelength



Multi-spectral and Hyperspectral Sensors

Many remote sensing systems record energy over **several separate wavelength** ranges at various spectral resolutions. These are referred to as **multi-spectral sensors**.

Advanced multi-spectral sensors called **hyperspectral** sensors, detect **hundreds of very narrow spectral bands** throughout the **visible, near-IR**, and **mid-IR** portions of the EM spectrum.

Their very high spectral resolution facilitates **fine discrimination** between different targets based on their spectral response in each of the narrow bands.

Radiometric Resolution (1)

Every time an image is acquired on film or by a sensor, its **sensitivity to the magnitude of the EM energy** determines the **radiometric resolution**.

The radiometric resolution of an imaging system describes its ability to discriminate very slight differences in energy.

The **finer** the radiometric resolution of a sensor, the **more sensitive** it is to **detecting small differences** in reflected or emitted energy.

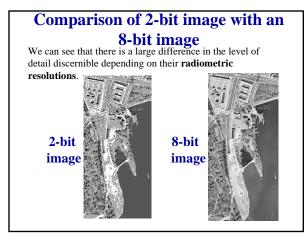
Radiometric Resolution (2)

Imagery data are represented by positive digital numbers which vary from 0 to (one less than) a **selected power of 2**. This range corresponds to the number of bits used for coding numbers **in binary format**.

Each bit records an exponent of power 2 (e.g. 1 bit $= 2^1 = 2$). The maximum number of brightness levels available depends on the number of bits used in representing the energy recorded.

Thus, if a sensor used 8 bits to record the data, there would be $2^8 = 256$ digital values available, ranging from 0 to 255.

Image data are generally displayed in a range of gray tones, with **black** representing a digital number of **0** and **white** representing the **maximum value** (for example, 255 in 8-bit data).



Temporal Resolution (1)

In addition to **spatial**, **spectral**, and **radiometric** resolution, the concept of **temporal resolution** is also important to consider in a remote sensing system.

The revisit period of a satellite sensor is usually several days. Therefore the absolute temporal resolution of a remote sensing system to **image the exact same area** at the **same viewing angle** a second time is equal to this period.

But, because of some degree of **overlap** in the imaging **swaths** of adjacent orbits for most satellites and the **increase** in this **overlap** with **increasing latitude**, some areas of the Earth tend to be **re-imaged more frequently**.

Temporal Resolution (2)

Also, some satellite systems are able to **point their sensors to image the same area** between different satellite paths separated by periods from one to five days.

Thus, the actual temporal resolution of a sensor depends on a variety of factors, including the satellite/sensor capabilities, the swath overlap, and latitude.

Point their sensors to image the same area

Multi-temporal Imagery

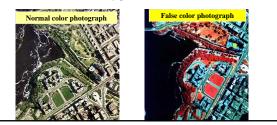
The time factor in imaging is important when:

- Persistent clouds offer **limited clear views** of the Earth's surface (often in the tropics)
- Short-lived phenomena (floods, oil slicks, etc.) need to be imaged
- Multi-temporal comparisons are required (e.g. the spread of a forest disease from one year to the next)
- The changing appearance of a feature over time can be used to distinguish it from near-similar features (wheat / maize)

False Color and Normal color

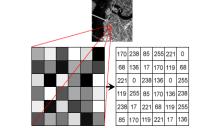
In a false color photograph,

targets with high near-IR reflectance appear red,
those with a high red reflectance appear green,
those with a high green reflectance appear blue.
thus giving us a "false" presentation of the targets relative to the color we normally perceive them to be.



Pixel and Digital Number

A photograph could also be represented and displayed in a **digital format** by subdividing the image into small equal-sized and shaped areas, called **picture elements** or **pixels**, and representing the brightness of each area with a numeric value or **digital number**.

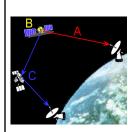


Characteristics of Images (1)

- Electromagnetic energy may be detected either photographically or electronically. The photographic process uses chemical reactions on the surface of lightsensitive film to detect and record energy variations.
- It is important to distinguish between the terms **images** and **photographs** in remote sensing.
- An **image** refers to **any pictorial representation**, regardless of what wavelengths or remote sensing device has been used to detect and record the electromagnetic energy.
- A **photograph** refers specifically to images that have been detected as well as recorded on **photographic film**.

Data Reception, Transmission, and

Processing Data acquired from satellite platforms need to be **electronically** transmitted to Earth. There are three main options for transmitting data acquired by satellites to the surface.



≻The data can be directly transmitted to Earth if a Ground Receiving Station (GRS) is in the line of sight of the satellite (A).

>If this is not the case, the data can be recorded on board the satellite (B) for transmission to a GRS at a later time.

Data can also be relayed to the GRS through the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS) (C), which consists of a series of communications satellites in geosynchronous orbit.

JERS-1 (1992-1998)

JERS-1 is an earth observation satellite to cover the global land area for national land survey, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, environment conservation, disaster mitigation and coastal surveillance, with emphasis on locating natural resources. It has following sensors

P Optical Sensor (OPS) 18x24m

SAR (Synthetic Aperture Radar) 18m

Swath width 75 km



ADEOS (1996-1997)

Advanced Earth Observation Satellite (ADEOS) is designed for earth observation with following sensors

- AVNIR (Advanced Visible Near Infrared Radiometer) Pan:8m Multi:16m
- OCTS (Ocean Color and Temperature Scanner) 700m
- POLDER (Polarization and Directionality of the Earth's reflectances)
- MG (Interferometric Monitor for Greenhouse Gases)
- ILAS (Improved Limb Atmospheric Spectrometer)
- FOMS (Total Ozone Mapping Spectrometer)
- RIS (Retroreflector in Space)
- NSCAT (NASA Scatterometer)



ADEOS-II (2002)

ADEOS-II has been designed for global observation. Primary applications ADEOS data include monitoring global environmental changes such as maritime meteorological conditions, atmospheric ozone, and gases that promote global warming. Its sensors are

- P GLI (Global Imager)
- AMSR (Advanced Microwave Scanning
- POLDER (Polarization and Directionality Reflectance)
- 🖗 ILAS-II (Improved Limb Atmospheric Sp
- ℙ SEA WINDS

ALOS (2006)

Advanced Land Observation Satellite (ALOS) has been designed for cartography, regional observation, disaster monitoring, and resource surveying.

- Panchromatic Remote-sensing Instrument for Stereo Mapping (PRISM)
- Advanced Visible and Near Infrared Radiometer (AVNIR)
- Phased Array type L-band Synthetic (PALSAR)



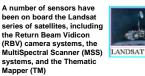
LANDSAT



3 January 1973, Landsat 1 MSS bands 4 2 1



14 December 1985, Landsat 5 MSS bands 4 2 1



Phnom Penh, Cambodia 1973, 1985

Phnom Penh (pronounced p-NOM PEN) is the

capital city of Cambodia. These images show Phnom Penh, the Mekong River, and some

irrigation works of the Khmer Rouge era. (Source information from USGS)

Landsa	at Thematic M	apper (TM)	
Band	Wavelength	Spectral	Resolution
No.	Interval (um)	Response	(<i>m</i>)
1	0.45-0.52	Blue-Green	30
2	0.52-0.60	Green	30
3	0.63-0.69	Red	30
4	0.76-0.90	Near-IR	30
5	1.55-1.75	Mid-IR	30
6	10.40-12.50	Thermal-IR	120
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6 (failed to attain orbit during launch and thus has never returned data) and 7 (1999).

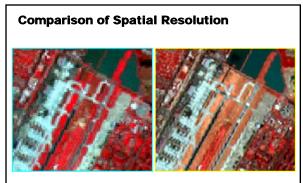


resolution visible (HRV) imaging systems, which can be operated independently and simultaneously

The SPOT satellites each have twin high

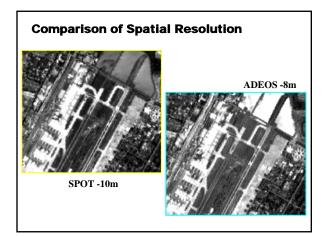
SPOT The image shows the temple complex of Angkor. The large bluish-black rectangle is the Western Baray (reservoir), part of Angkor's famous irrigation system. The large square to its east is Angkor Thom, a fortified city. The brown spot at the centre of the square is the Bayon, a monumental structure. To its south is the fabled temple of Angkor Wat, surrounded by a wide moat. Other temples and the Eastern Baray are located round the complex. The road running south from Angkor Wat goes to the nearby town of Siem Reap. The wide bluish strip to the south is the flooded lake of Tonlé Sap.



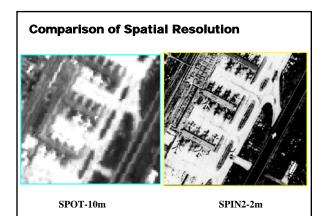


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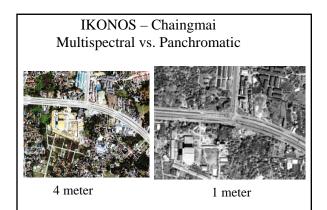
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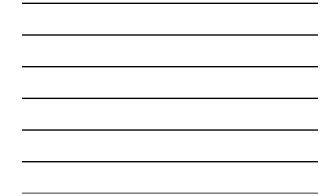






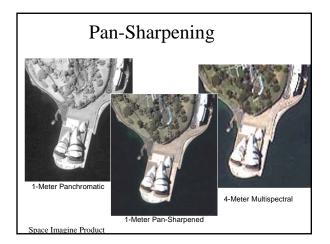




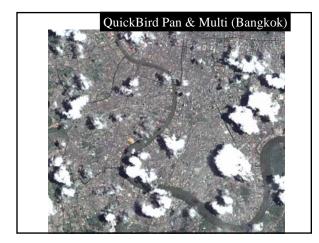




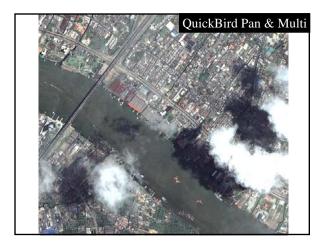


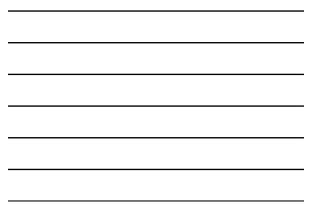


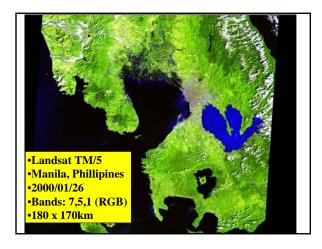


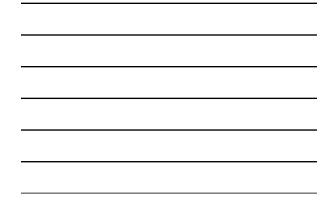


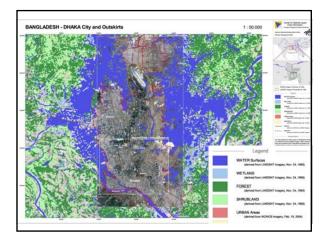




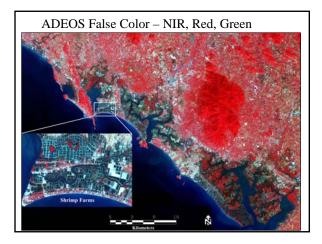


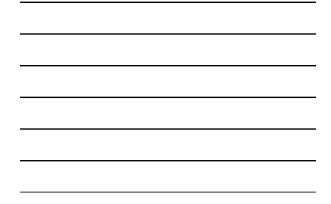






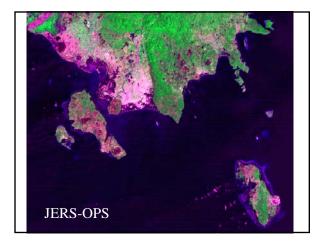


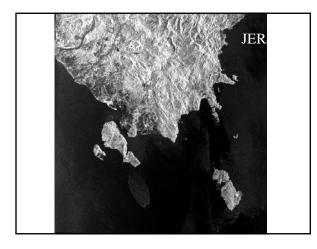




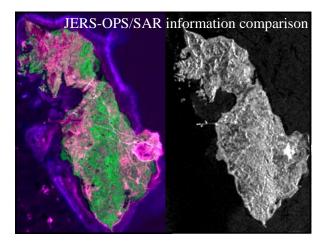




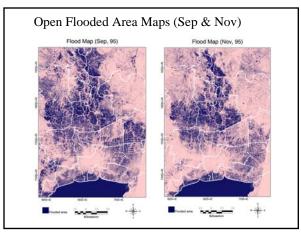




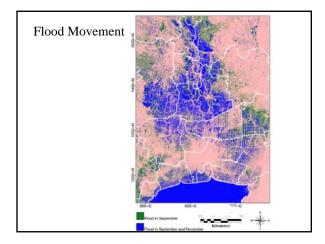


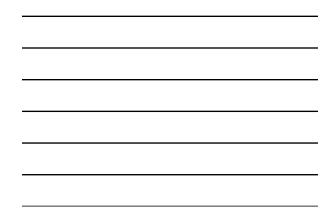


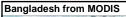






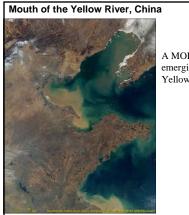








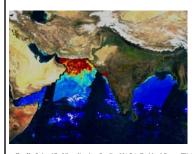
Description: This view of Bangladesh shows the confluence of the Padma (Ganges) and Jamuna Rivers before they empty into the Bay of Bengal. (Resolution: 625 meters; MODIS Data Type: MODIS-PFM; MODIS Band Combination: 1, 4, 3)



A MODIS view of sediment emerging from the mouth of the Yellow River in China.

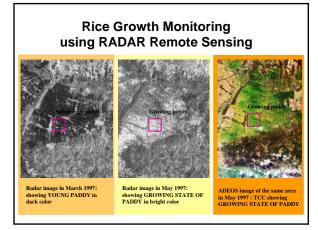
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MODIS Chlorophyll from Indian Sub-continent

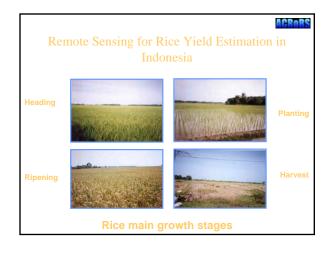


MODIS provides the unprecedented ability to measure chlorophyll fluorescence, which gives insight into the health of phytoplankton in the ocean. When hytoplankton are under stress, they no longer photosynthesize and begin to emit absorbed sunlight as fluorescence. In this image taken over the Arabian Sea, we see high concentrations of chlorophyll (red tones), indicating a denser concentration of the microscopic marine plant.

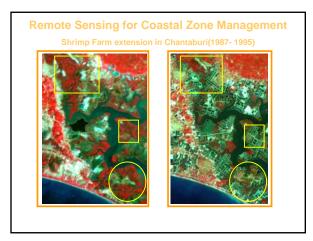
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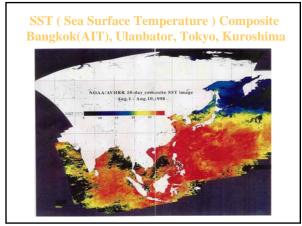




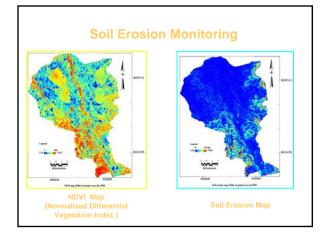






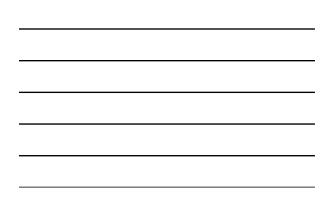








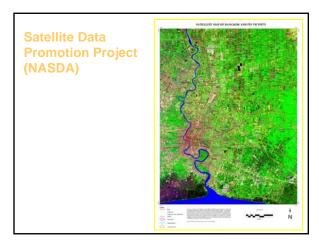
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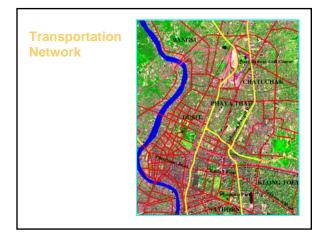






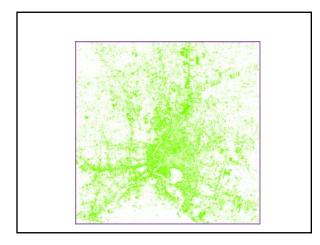














Satellite	Sensor	Resolution	Scence Size	Cost
Landsat7 ETM+	Pan & Multispectral	15,30 & 60 metre	185km by 185km	900
IRS	Panchromatic	5 metre	70km by 70km	2500
IRS	Panchromatic	5 metre	23km by 70km	1100
IRS	Panchromatic	5 metre	23km by 23km	900
IRS	Multispectral	20 metre	140km by 140km	2500
IRS	Multispectral	20 metre	70km by 70km	1900
SPOT 4*	Panchromatic	10 metre	60km by 60km	1200
SPOT 4*	Multispectral	20 metre	60km by 60km	1200
SPOT 4	Panchromatic	10 metre	60km by 60km	1900
SPOT 4	Multispectral	20 metre	60km by 60km	1900
SPOT5	Panchromatic	2.5 metre	60km by 60km	6500
SPOT5	Panchromatic	5 metre	60km by 60km	3250
SPOT5	Multispectral	10 metre	60km by 60km	3250
RADARSAT	Fine Beam	8 metre	50 km by 50 km	5400
RADARSAT	Standard Beam	25 metre	100km by 100 km	4050
RADARSAT	Wide Beam	30 metre	150 km by 150km	4725
RADARSAT	ScanSAR Narrow	50 metre	300 km by 300 km	5400
RADARSAT	ScanSAR Wide	100 metre	500 km by 500 km	5400
RADARSAT	Extended High	25 metre	75 km by 75 km	4725
RADARSAT	Extended Low	35 metre	170 km by 170 km	4725
IKONOS	Pancromatic	1 metre	purchased by km ²	15
IKONOS	Multispectral	4 metre	purchased by km ²	15
IKONOS	Pan-Multi Fuse	1 metre	purchased by km ²	20
IKONOS	Pan-MULTI Bundle	1 & 4 metre	purchased by km ²	22
QuickBird	Panchromatic	0.61 metre	purchased by km ²	25
QuickBird	Multispectral	2.4 metre	purchased by km ²	30
QuickBird	Pan-MULTI Bundle	0.6 & 2.4 metre	12.5 km by 12.5 km	1500

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