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## The Future of Geospatial Big Data ™

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Nuclear Power Plant, Doel, Belgium | December 10, 2011 | WorldView-2



### Why "Geospatial Big Data ™?

#### We Are the Innovators of Our Industry



#### Geospatial Big Data<sup>™</sup> is the next Frontier!



#### DigitalGlobe's global infrastructure provides realtime coverage of over 45% of Earth's land surface





# DigitalGlobe high performance satellite capacity can address many global missions simultaneously

Target Areas			Recoverage Rate			Applied Capacity	
Global Land Use Group	Percent Land Area	Group Area (sqkm)	Group Percent	Image Ops	Image Window	Annual Area (sqkm)	Annual Capacity
Urban Areas	1.50%	2,224,500	100%	52	Year	115,674,000	7%
LOC Corridors	3.00%	4,449,000	100%	52	Year	231,348,000	15%
Arable Land	13.13%	19,471,790	50%	40	Season	778,871,600	48%
Permanent Crops	4.71%	6,984,930	50%	40	Season	279,397,200	17%
Permanent Pastures	26.00%	38,558,000	100%	2	Year	77,116,000	5%
Forests	32.00%	47,456,000	100%	2	Year	94,912,000	6%
Other (e.g., barren)	9.95%	14,755,850	100%	1	Year	14,755,850	1%
Antarctica	9.71%	14,399,930	100%	1	Summer	14,399,930	1%
Total Land Area >	100.00%	148,300,000				1,606,474,580	



#### What is "Geospatial Big Data <sup>TM</sup>"?

- It is a living digital inventory of the surface of the earth: every structure, vehicle, road, tree, rock, field and patch of dirt
- It is enabled by DigitalGlobe's ability to collect over 1 billion km2 of high resolution satellite imagery every year.
- It is possible because we can convert this imagery automatically and at scale into searchable, analytics ready information layers.
- It enables us to answer two kinds of questions:
  - "Show me there" tell me everything we know about a particular place; and
  - "Show me where" tell me where I need to pay attention.



#### How do we compare with other Big Data silos?



Sources: Facebook IPO Prospectus, May 2012; Bloomberg, May 2013; SAS, 2012

## Our Vision:



"to provide a living digital inventory of everything on the surface of the planet"

















### Examples of GBD<sup>™</sup>Layers

#### **Base Layers**

- Surface Reflectance
- Country Scale Orthomosaics
- 3D Terrain Data

Very High Resolution LULC Maps

- Agricultural: field boundaries
- Agricultural: crop identification
- Agricultural: crop monitoring
- Agricultural: crop rotation
- Forestry: forest acreage determination
- Forestry: tree species differentiation
- Geology Maps

**Objects and Facilities Detection** 

- Car, plane, containers counts
- Parking Lot identification
- Oil tank detection and measurements

**Quantifying Human Presence** 

- Built-up extent
- Building footprints
- Building centroids and areas
- Population density estimates
- Village boundaries with population counts
- Detection of building patterns: slums
- Detection of new construction
- Detection of building improvements

**Disaster and Crisis Management** 

- Damaged houses
- Burned houses
- Flooded houses
- Debris fields
- Downed trees
- Plane wreckage



## Monitor crop rotation



Leon, Spain, crop inventorying, June 2011



## Monitor crop rotation





### Monitor factory output





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#### Identify man-made structures





#### **Mapping Unchartered Territory in Africa**



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## DigitalGlobe Producing High-res Res Population Density Estimates



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#### DigitalGlobe Population Density Estimates DigitalGlobe's WV2 (50m cells)

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## DigitalGlobe Producing High-res Res Population Density Estimates

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## DigitalGlobe Population Density Estimates Available Today LandScan (1Km cells)

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## But....machine learning is hard

#### **Use Humans and Machines!**

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### How might we quickly analyze this image?

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### We could have a human analyst examine it

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#### Two analysts would make the job go faster

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#### Many analysts would speed it even more

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## Our CrowdRank<sup>™</sup> Technology Develops the Consensus of the Crowd

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## Turning This Image...

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#### ...Into This Damage Map, In an Hour

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# ...which can be searched and analyzed to form useful information

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#### MH 370: World's largest crowdsourcing project?

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#### Media Frenzy Drives Traffic to DigitalGlobe

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### Some impressive statistics...

#### **CROWD**

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#### **MAPS VIEWED**

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#### **IMAGERY ANALYZED**

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**250** IMAGE STRIPS ANALYZED BY THE CROWD

#### **NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES**

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![](_page_39_Picture_11.jpeg)

#### **SERVER LOAD**

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## Conclusion

Through a combination of computer vision, machine learning, crowdsourcing, DigitalGlobe has begun turning large volumes of raw very high resolution imagery into actionable knowledge scaling to state and country sized regions.

These dynamically evolving Geospatial Big Data<sup>™</sup> layers enable the information and insight applications that will make us, by 2020, the indispensable source of information about our changing planet.

Geospatial Big Data<sup>™</sup> is a Living Digital Inventory of the Earth's Surface

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![](_page_40_Picture_6.jpeg)

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