



# Harnessing ML for Multi-Source Satellite + Data Fusion

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# ML for Earth Observation

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Machine learning at global scale with fresh, daily imagery of Earth.



## Our mission

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To image the whole world every day, making change **visible, accessible, and actionable.**





## Hyperspectral

SPECTRAL RANGE 400-2500  
@ 5NM SPACING  
(IN DESIGN)

## SkySat

50CM TASKING

# Planet's Virtual Constellation

## Pelican

VERY HIGH-RESOLUTION  
RAPID REVISIT  
(IN DESIGN)

## SuperDove

3-5 M MONITORING

Automated Mission Control

Planetary Scale  
Processing Pipeline

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Not shown to scale



# ESA-DEVELOPED EARTH OBSERVATION MISSIONS






SOURCE: ADOBE STOCK

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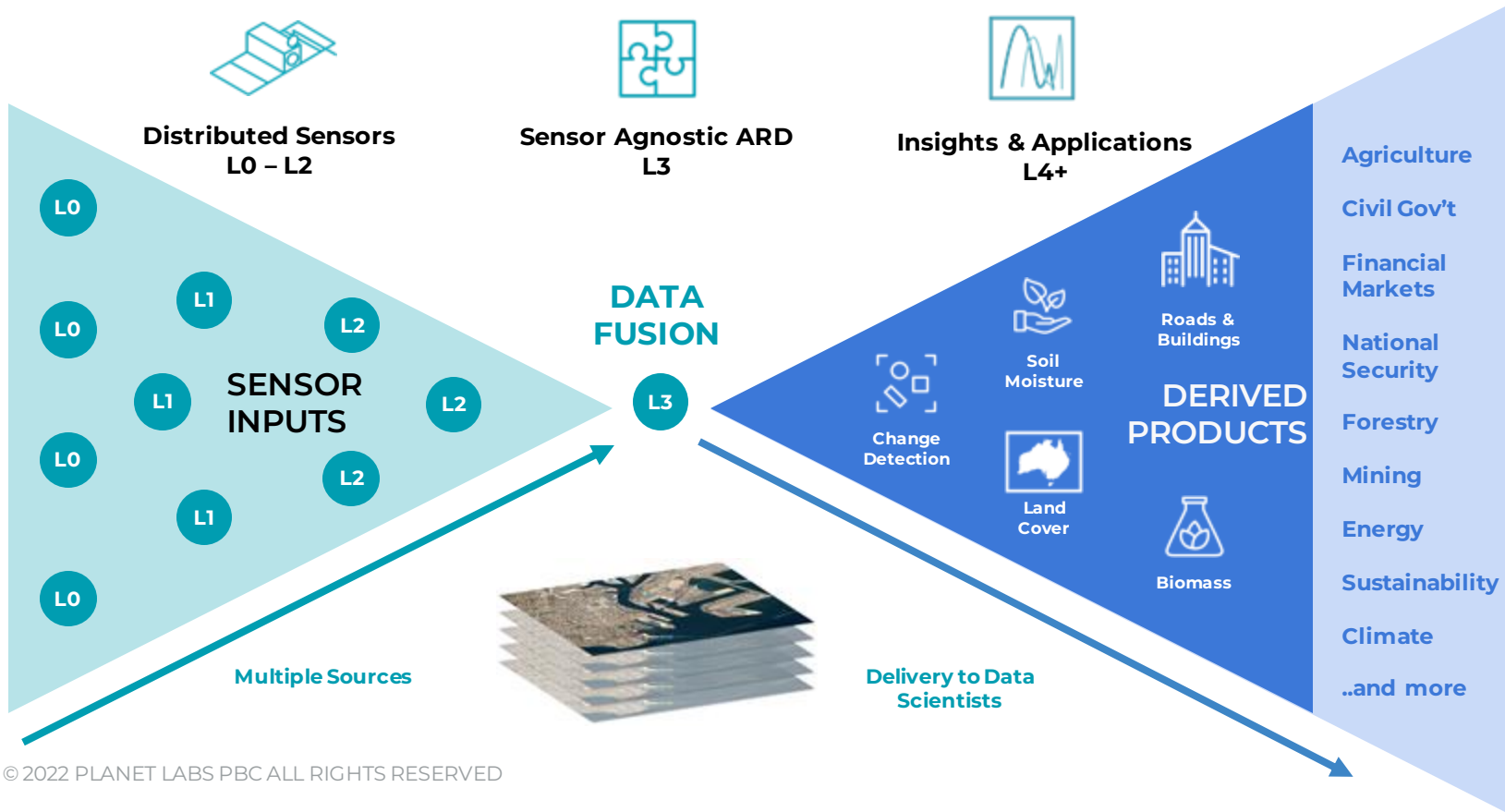
The background is a mosaic of satellite images showing a landscape with a central body of water, likely a river or lake, and surrounding agricultural fields. The text is centered in a white semi-transparent box.

Fusing satellite imagery  
to avoid data overload  
and see more clearly





# Fusion Enables Insights and Applications





# The Building Blocks of Planet Fusion

## **SENSOR DATA FUSION**

**PlanetScope**

**LANDSAT-8**

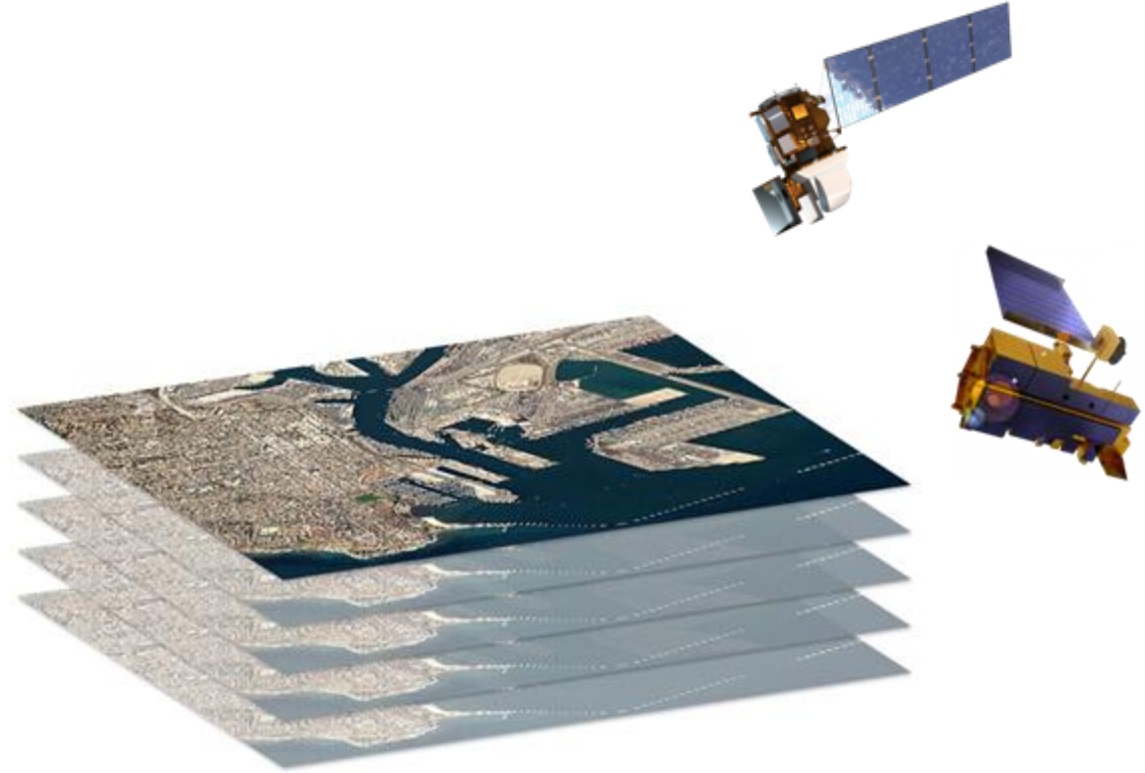
**Sentinel-2**

**Sentinel-1**

**MODIS**

**Sentinel-3**

**VIIRS**

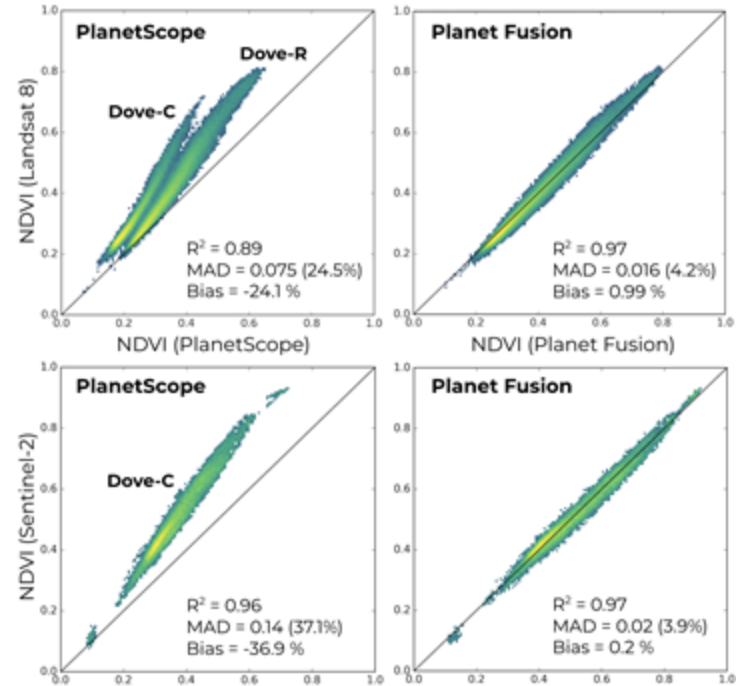




# Radiometric harmonization

Fusion attempts to take ARD to the next level

- Fusion uses an implementation of CESTEM to align all sensor inputs to Sentinel 2 radiometry.
- The Framework for Operational Radiometric Correction for Environmental Monitoring (FORCE) is used to generate a combined L8/L9 and S2 Surface Reflectance product to use as the target “gold” reference.
- The harmonization is spatially and temporally explicit and can account for significant spectral non-linearities between the input and target radiometry.

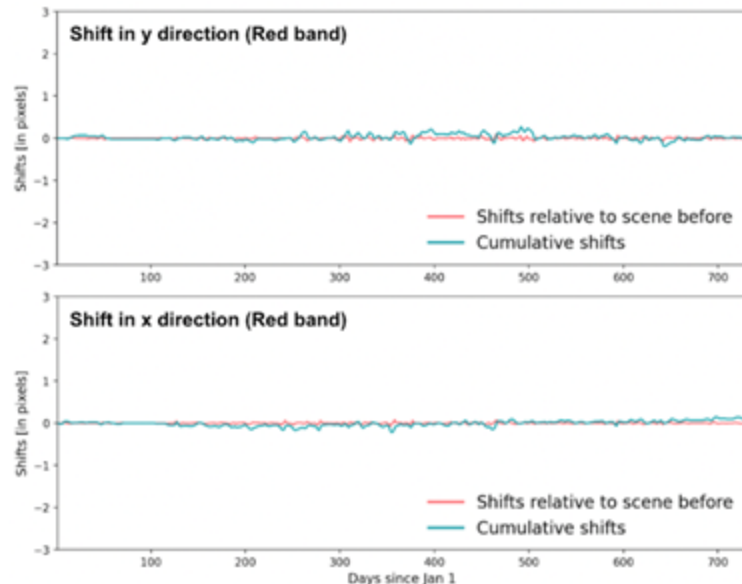




# Geometric harmonization

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- Geometric harmonization is applied, using co-registration and bundle adjustment routines to ensure pixel aligned imagery.
- Planet Fusion attempts to preserve as much of the temporal information content as possible.



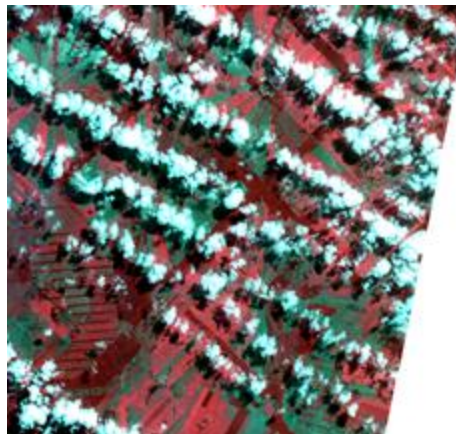


# Deep Cleaning: Cloud and Shadow Masking

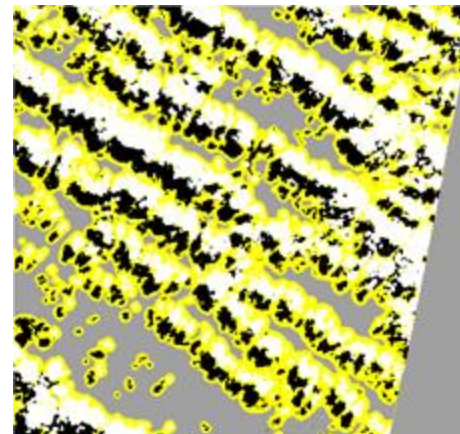
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- A great deal of work has gone into producing a cloud detection algorithm that minimizes omissions issues while reducing commission (over detection) issues.
- We aim for rigorous, temporally driven, cloud and cloud shadow detection, as well as data clean-up.

**PlanetScope - TOAR**



**Planet Fusion - cloud mask**

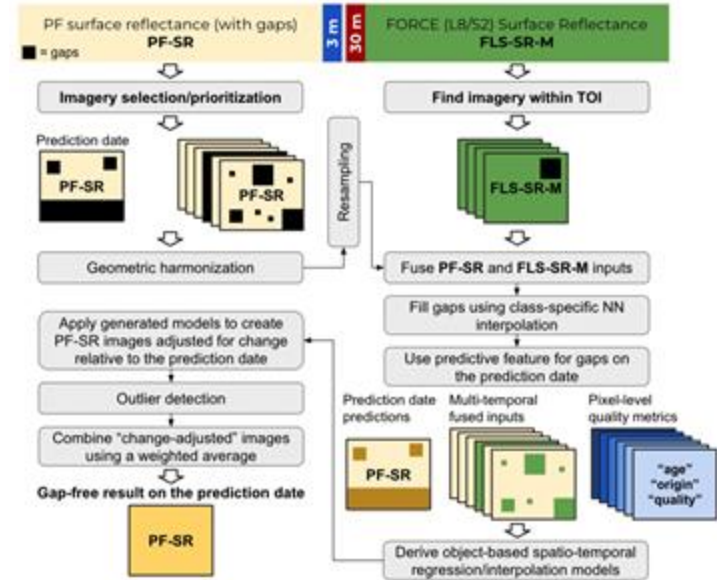




# Gap-Filling

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- Fusion incorporates gap-filling techniques with a predictive element.
- Daily (3 m) SR estimation with a spatio-temporal interpolation approach and predictive component give us near real-time production.
- The integration of S-2a/b, L8/L9 and SAR helps fill gaps in PlanetScope coverage.



# NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA

SOUTH PLATTE RIVER

NORTH  
PLATTE

NDVI



2019



# NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA



\*Ground Truth Data provided in partnership with Arable and The University of Nebraska-Lincoln



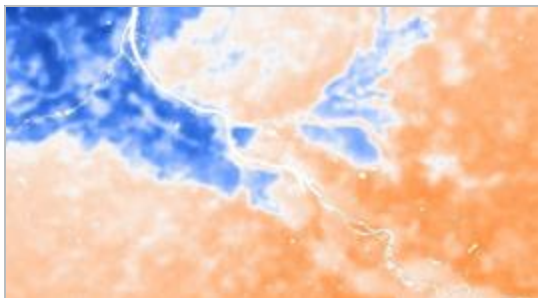




# Introducing Planetary Variables

Three Key Measurement Products Now in our Portfolio

## SOIL WATER CONTENT



100 x 100 m  
Near Real Time  
20 year archive



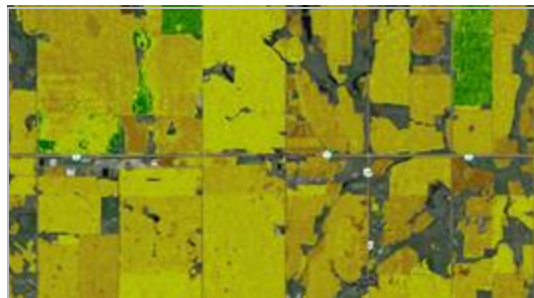
## LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE



100 x 100 m  
Near Real Time  
20 year archive  
Global



## BIOMASS PROXY



10 x 10 m  
Near Real Time  
4-year archive  
Global





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Going beyond imagery to unlock unparalleled insights into our ever-changing planet.

Thank You.



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