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Robotics at Work in Precision Agriculture: Effective Operations, Useful Outcomes



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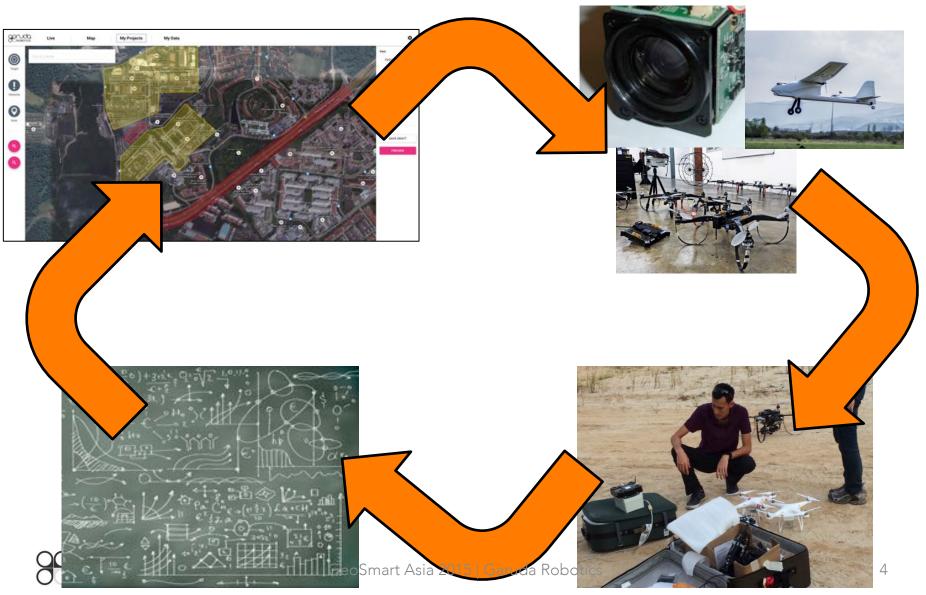




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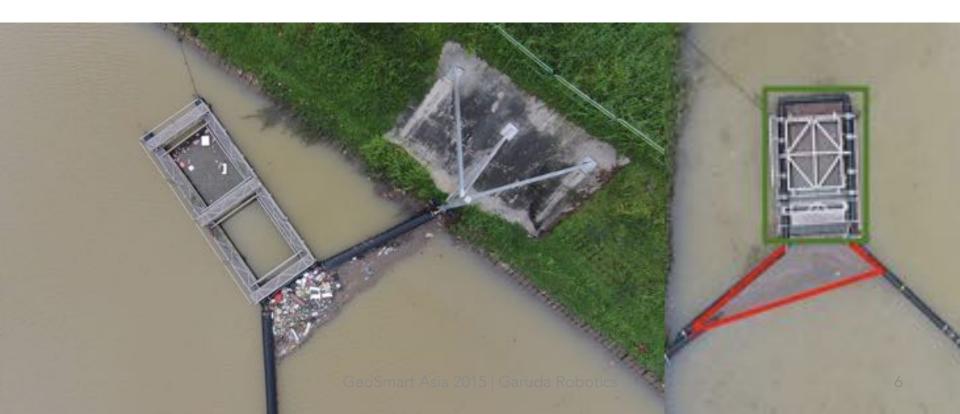
End-to-end Solutions





Analytics and Insights

- Automated analysis of captured images and videos to generate actionable insights
- Computer vision, machine learning techniques







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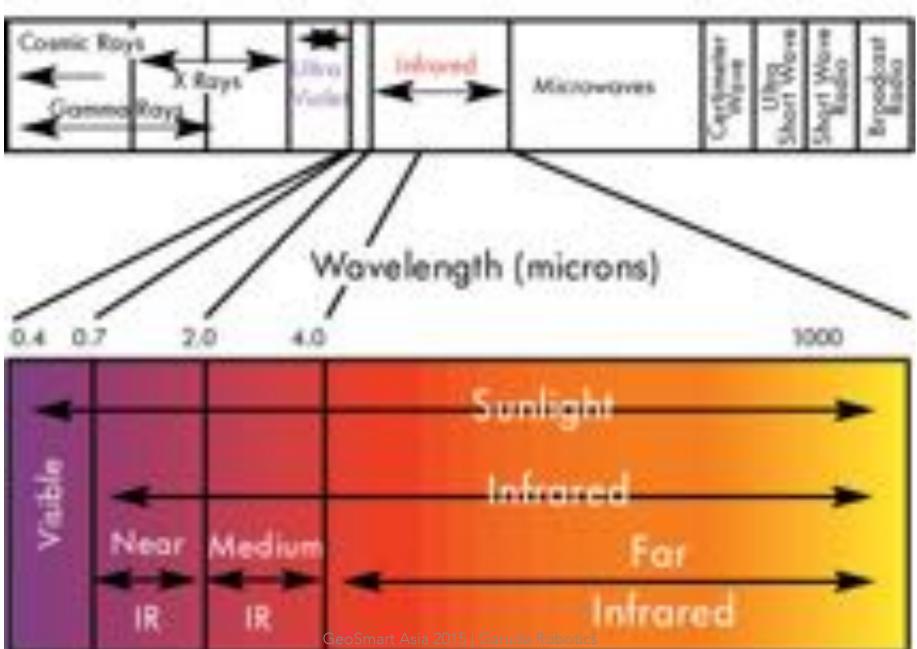


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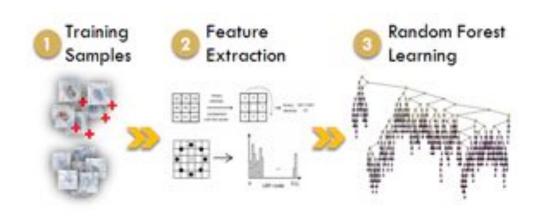
- Crops of interest
 - Palm, sugarcane, rice
- Palm customer complaints
 - Labor problems
 - Extreme weather patterns
 - Depressed commodity prices
- Yields!
- Robotics technology adoption in early days
- Decision making at macro and micro levels must be based on solid data and analysis



LIGHT SPECTRUM



Tree Counting







Positive training set

Negative training set





What Have We Learned?

- Running operations at scale is not trivial
- Quality of data is critical
 - Garbage in, garbage out
- Plenty of unsubstantiated theories floating around

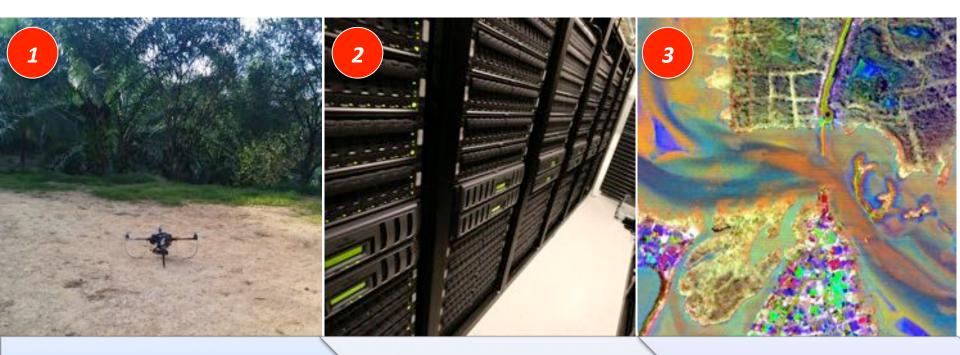


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Our Data And Analytics Workflow



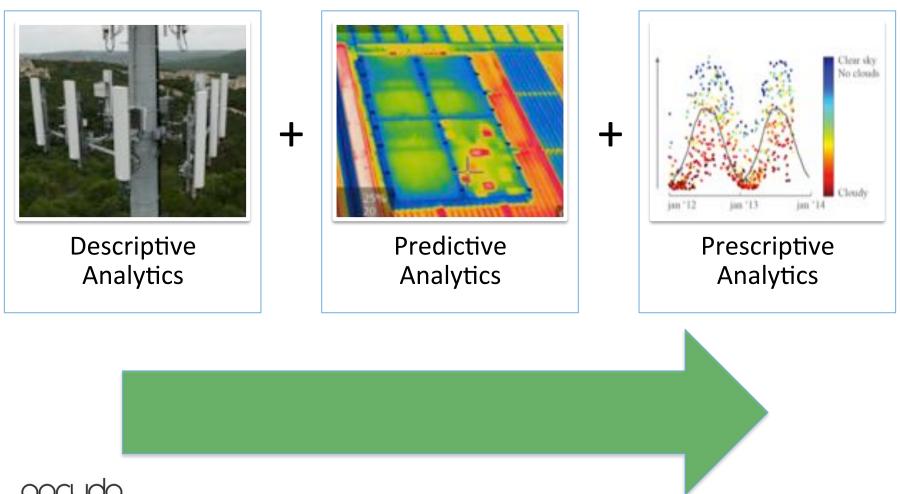
Data Acquisition / Generation

Data Storage / Transportation

Data Analytics / Presentation



Analytics Framework



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Descriptive Analytics



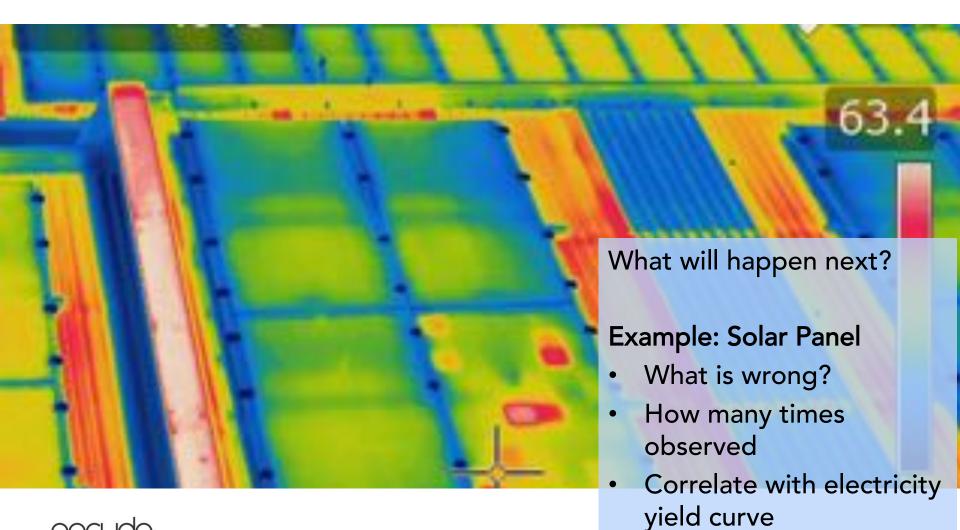
Example: Telco Tower Inspection

- Is the antenna still slanted at 2.8 degrees from vertical?
- Any disconnected wires, bird nest, damage from harsh weather?
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Example: Flare Stack Inspection

- Is the structural integrity of the flare stack holding up?
- Is the flare stack operating at normal temperature?

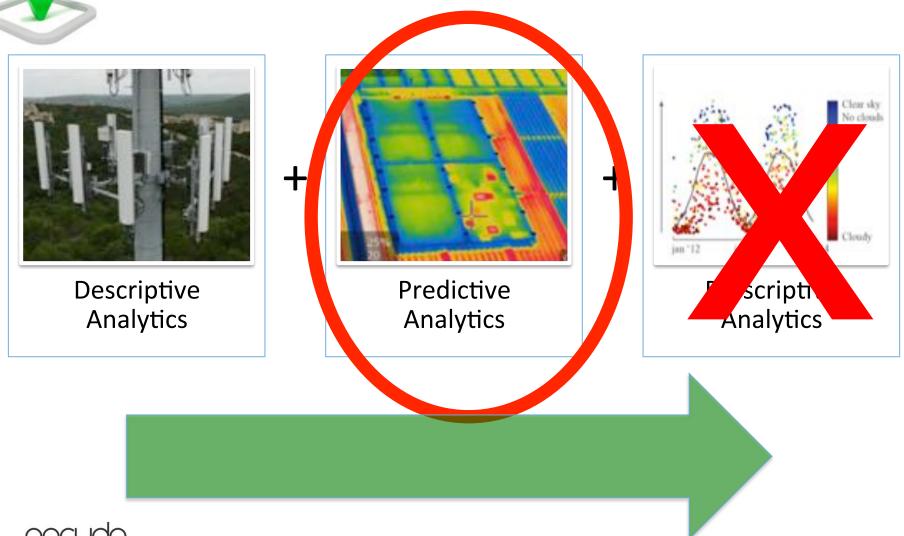
Predictive Analytics





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Analytics Framework



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Operationalize robotics technology effectively: Use the right framework

Validation (of hypotheses)

Integration (of datasets)



Modeling (of systems)

Prediction (of trends)



Recommendation (of interventions)



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In Summary

- Drones will be very useful in agriculture
- But effective operationalization will require
 - Real problems
 - Large datasets from the ground
 - Scientifically grounded predictive models
 - Tight cycle of testing and iteration of prescriptive analytics



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Thank You!

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