Refining the oil of the 21st century: Next-generation spatial data, precision analytics and the scalable insights that will power smart cities

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#### Sustainable, responsive, liveable



#### Smart cities offer the potential to transform economies, governments and communities.

- Many new platforms emerging to plan and manage smart cities infrastructure
- City-scale spatial data and smart analytics underpin our ability to realise this potential
- In order to deliver truly smart cities, our data and analytics must be accurate, scalable and sustainable

How can we generate the insights that will transform our cities?

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# Connected cities require spatial insights

- Pervasive, high quality 2D and 3D spatial data is a fundamental input
- Creating smart cities is an AI problem, requiring automated, accurate analysis at scale
- Solving that AI problem will generate the spatial insights to drive growth in sectors like energy, infrastructure, transport and construction
- These advances will create a new foundation for economic growth, environmental sustainability and social well-being.





# US\$1.5 trillion opportunity by 2020



"Information is the oil of the 21st century, and analytics is the combustion engine."

Peter Sondergaard Senior Vice-President, Gartner Research

Smart cities business opportunities (US\$m) by market segment, including Compound Annual Growth Rates 2012 – 2020 (CRC-SI, 2016)



# Significant delivery challenges remain



#### We are drowning in data, but insight is limiting

- Proliferation of platforms: terrestrial, UAV, aerial, nano-satellite, satellite.
- Gartner: 8.4 billion connected "things" in 2017, 31% up from 2016.

but...

- Businesses are struggling to capitalise
- Stakeholder expectations are rising

How can our industry play our part in ensuring successful delivery on the promise of smart cities?

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#### An exercise in compromise

Imagery Trade-offs

Analytics Trade-offs

Satellite imagery: Coverage, currency but low resolution & accuracy

UAV imagery: High resolution & accuracy, but small coverage only

**Traditional aerial imagery**: High resolution, quality & accuracy, but slow turnaround and high cost Consumer-grade automated analytics: Coverage, accessibility, but limited precision

Manual analysis: Expensive, slow and inconsistent at scale







Next generation aerial imagery

High resolution & accuracy, wide coverage, fast turnaround, low cost

Next generation spatial analytics

Professional-grade, accessible and precise, automated at city scale

What is the impact on the quality of information available to architects and operators of Smart Cities?

## Building detection: aerial vs satellite

- Two imagery sources + Anditi's automated analytics
- ~50 buildings, 5cm aerial vs 30cm satellite imagery
- Performance metrics:

$$Completeness = \frac{|TP|}{|TP| + |FN|}$$
$$Correctness = \frac{|TP|}{|TP| + |FP|}$$
$$Quality = \frac{|TP|}{|TP| + |FP| + |FN|}$$

The error in estimated roof area was also calculated





# Building detection: aerial vs satellite

Image Source	Completeness	Correctness	Quality	Roof Area Error
Aerial	0.974	0.965	0.961	3%
Satellite	0.821	0.805	0.786	15%





Satellite example



# Urban vegetation: client case study 1

- Third-party analytics and 15cm aerial imagery
- Visual comparison with Spookfish imagery Results...
- ~40% of visible vegetation missed
- Buildings misclassified as vegetation
- Large variations in quality of vegetation identification over time





#### Urban vegetation: client case study 2

#### Local government client:

- Lacked information baseline required for analysis
- Sought an alternative to slow, costly manual approach
- Automated analysis using quality data:
- Successfully delivered requested outcomes
- ~20x faster and an order of magnitude cheaper
- Data-driven insights informed subsequent policy





#### Implications for next generation use cases



Solar potential



Vegetation proximity



# Opportunities for smart cities

- Informed decision-making at scale
- Reliably translatable models
- Affordable with strong ROI
- Superior outcomes with lower energy use

Quality data and smart analytics will fuel cities that are:

- Sustainable
- Responsive
- Liveable





