



# **Introduction to Academy of Opto-Electronics (AOE), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)**

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# Brief Introduction

EO Research Activities in AOE

Prospect

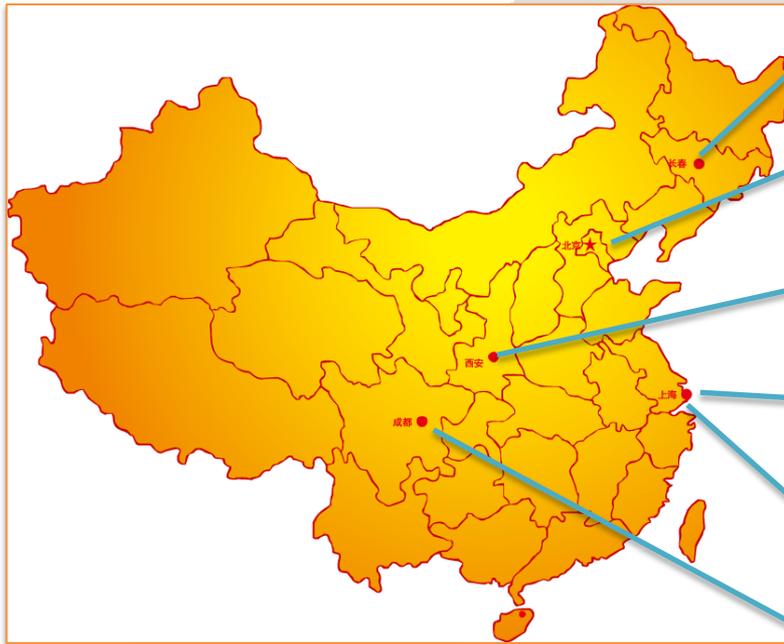
- ② In order to enhance the development of space and opto-electronic science and technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) decided to establish a new research institute in 2003, named as Academy of Opto-Electronics (AOE).
- ② AOE has research and experiment facilities in two buildings with total area of 31160m<sup>2</sup> in the Beijing Advanced Technology Facility of CAS. Another building about 22000m<sup>2</sup> is in process.



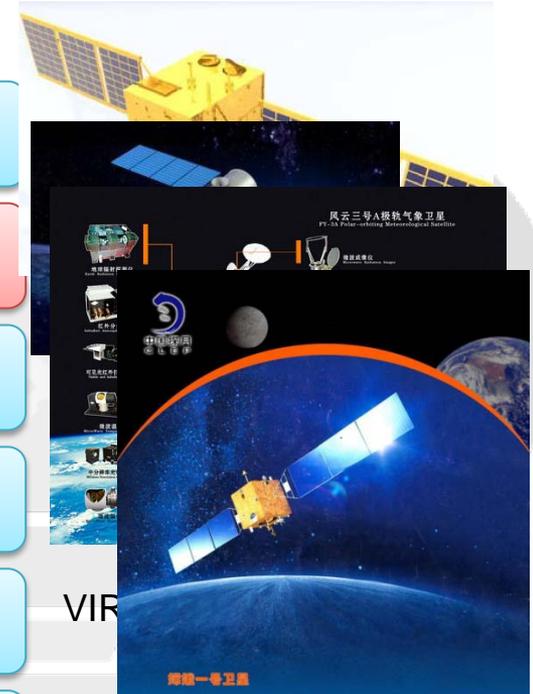
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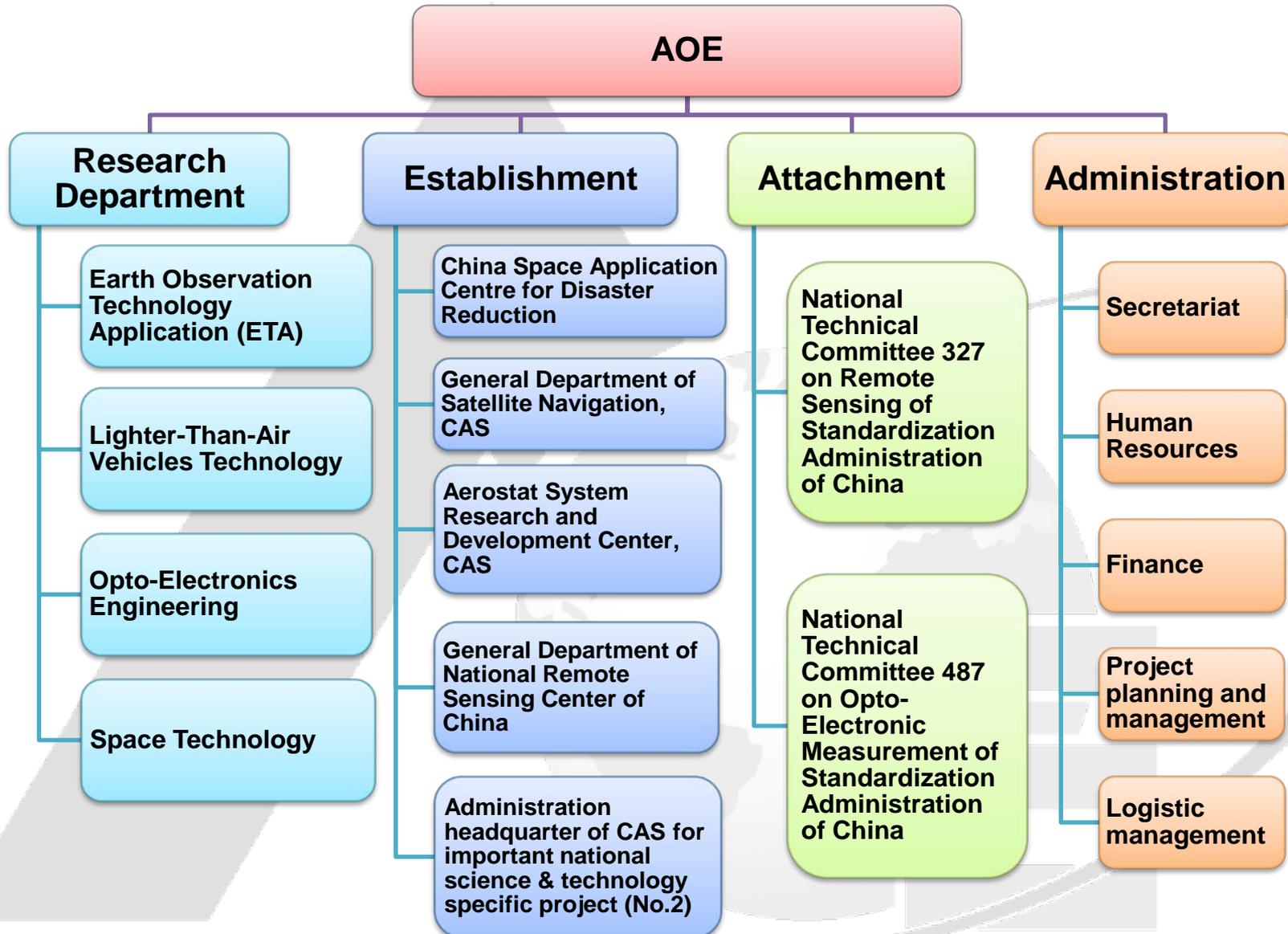
One of AOE's mandates is to coordinate and collaborate with other five brother opto-electronical research institutes in four other cities of China.



- Changchun Institute of Optics, Fine Mechanics Physics
- Academy of Opto-Electronics
- Xi'an Institute of Optics & Precision Mechanics
- Shanghai Institute of Technical Physics
- Shanghai Institute of Optics & Fine Mechanics
- Chengdu Institute of Optics & Electronics

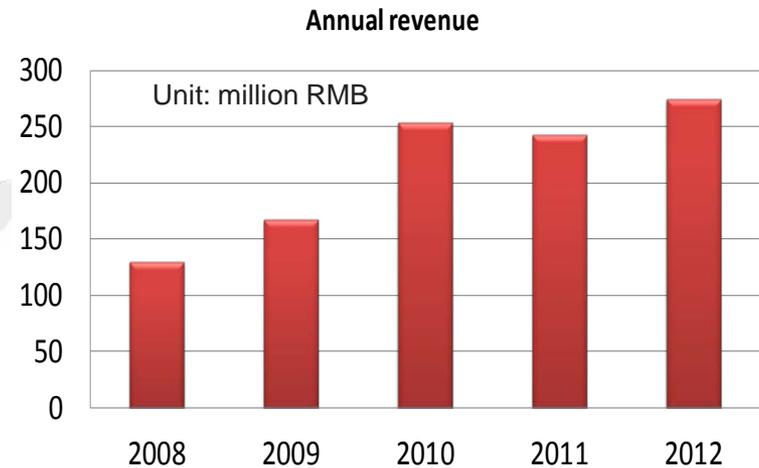


Charge-1  
CCD/Imaging spectrometer  
/Laser altimeter



## Personnel Structure and Revenue

- At present, there are about 300 staff and 177 postgraduate students.



- Since 2008, the average annual revenue of AOE reached over 200 million RMB.

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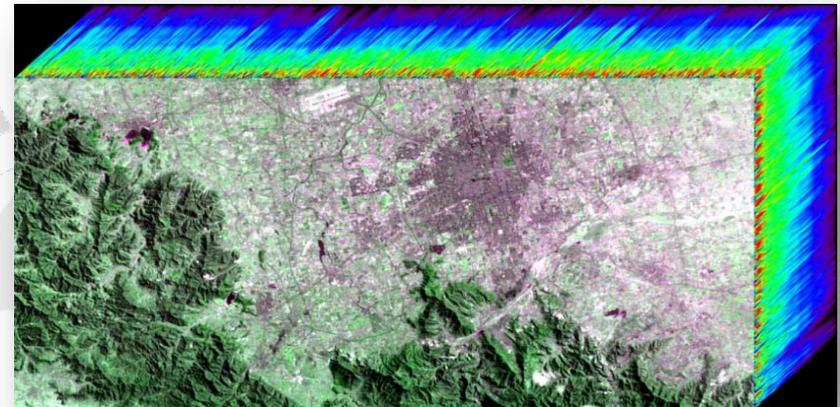
## Remote sensing platform — Lighter-Than-Air Vehicles Technology

- Tethered balloon and high altitude balloon system design and manufacture
- Stratosphere airboat technology

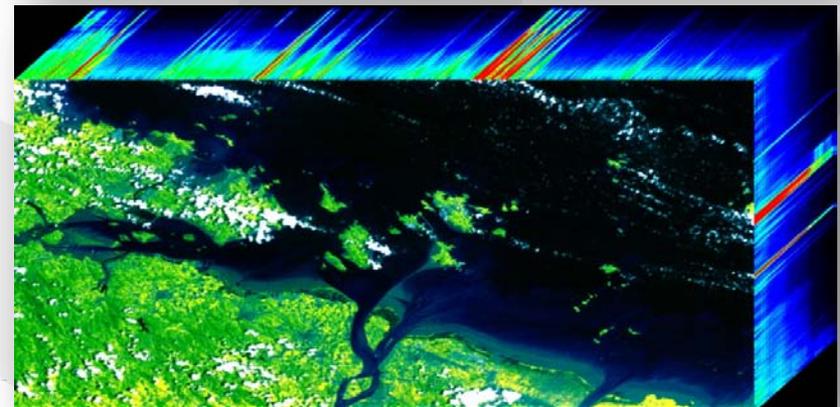


## Advanced Imaging Technology — HJ-1A satellite hyperspectral imager

HJ-1A satellite hyperspectral imager is Chinese first spaceborne hyperspectral imager, and also the world's first civilian spaceborne imaging Fourier Transform Spectrometer by spatial modulation of the interferometric mechanism.



- Swath width 50km
- GSD 100m
- Spectral Rang 0.45~0.95 $\mu$ m
- Bands number 115
- Launch time 2008.9.6

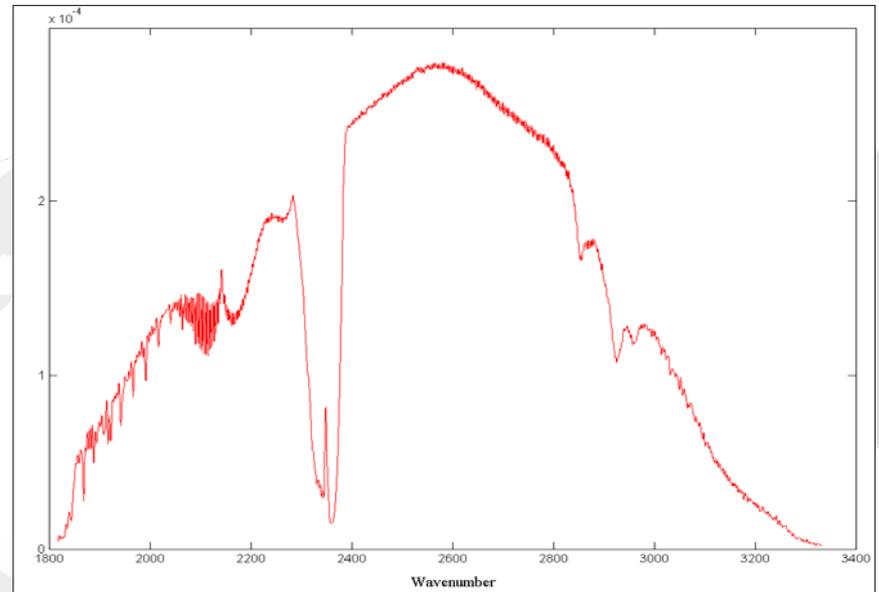


## Advanced Imaging Technology — Fourier Transform Spectroscopy

High spectral resolution Fourier transform spectroscopy, with high stabilization.



Fourier transform spectrometer



Absorption spectrum of the CO

# Advanced Imaging Technology — Light Field Imaging

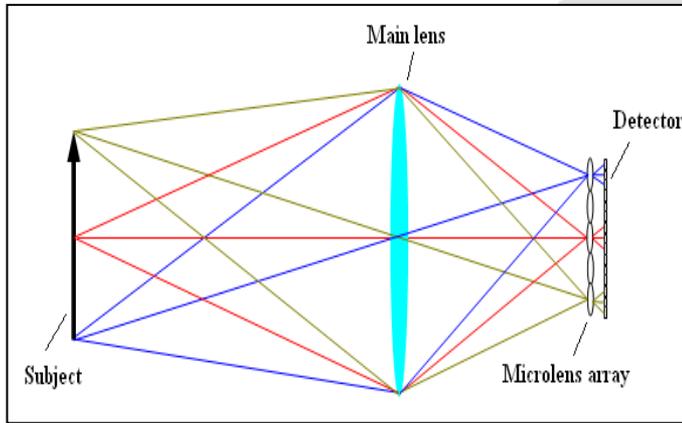
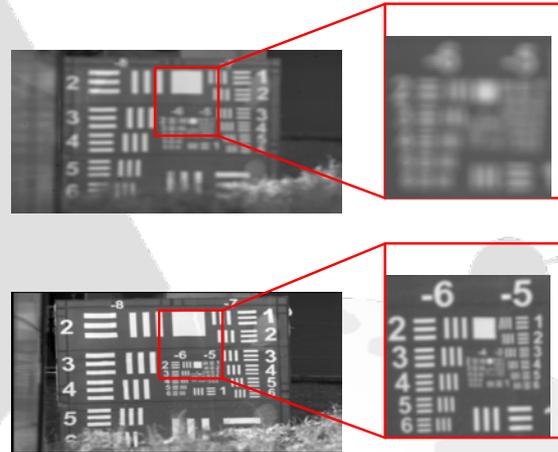


Diagram of light field imaging



Top: defocused image  
Bottom: recovered sharp image

Light Field Imaging

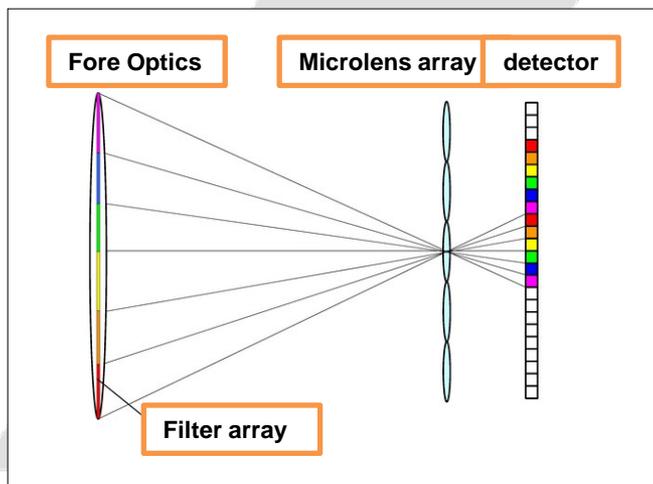
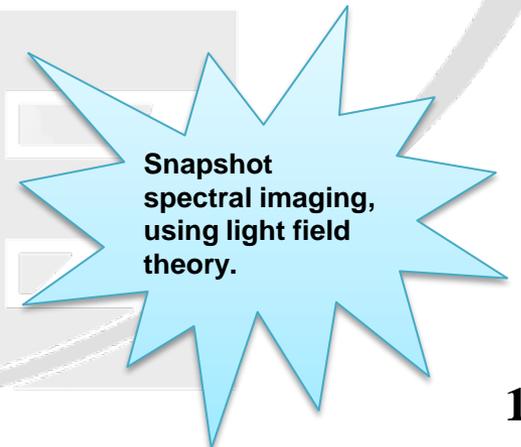


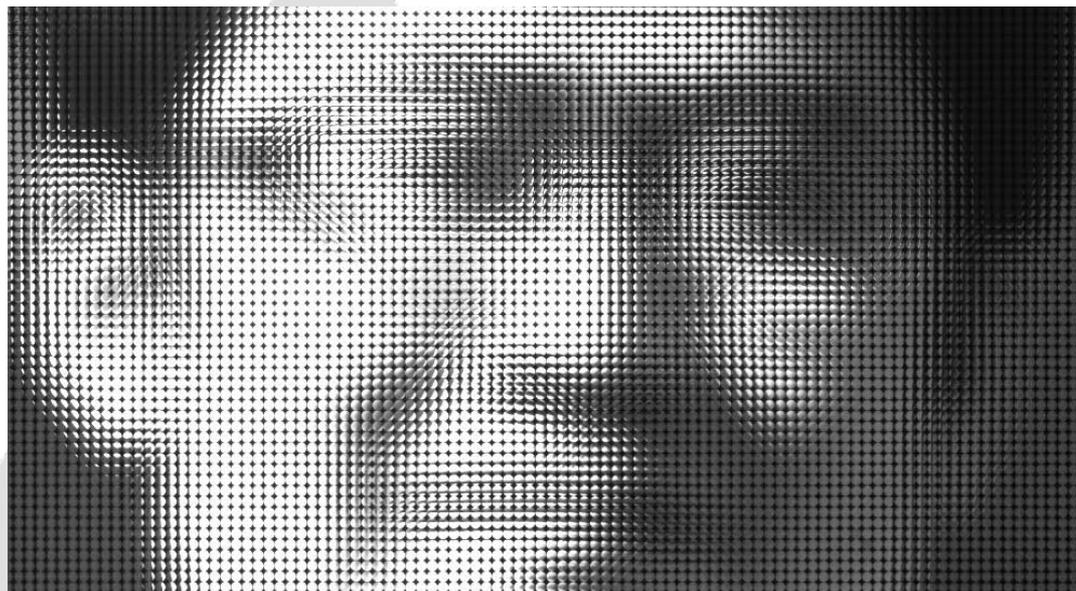
Diagram of light field spectral imaging



Recovered spectral images

Light Field Spectral Imaging





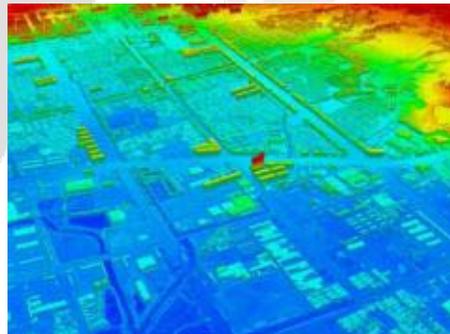


## Advanced Imaging Technology — Light mini Laser Radar System



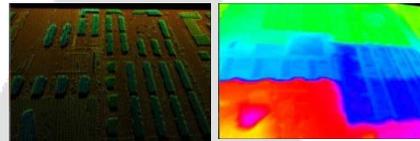
Light mini laser radar systems, compared to mainframe LIDAR is more adapted to China's mountainous topography and efficient aerial operations.

- Its simple shape, can be placed in a small box;
- Light weight and easy to carry by one person;
- High integration, integration of inertial navigation system installed including unmanned aircraft, airships and other flying platform.



# Advanced Imaging Technology — Active/passive remote sensing multi-dimensional imaging

- DEM, target detection, target extraction, 3D reconstruction
- Airborne LiDAR data preprocessing, LiDAR data stripe mosaic with image constraint, DEM generation



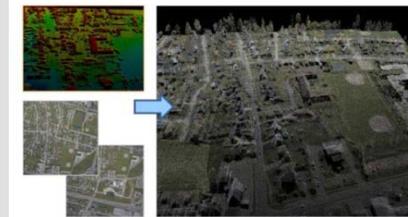
DEM extraction



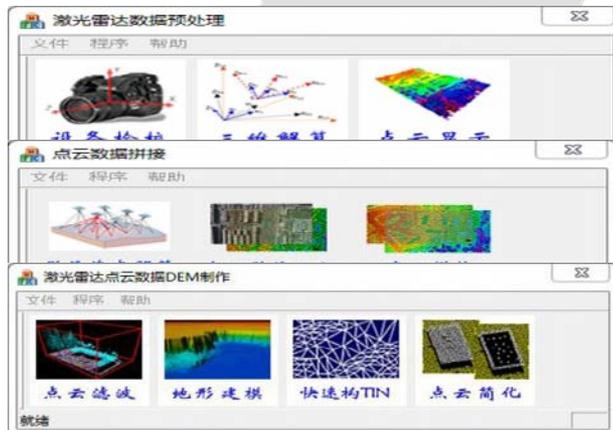
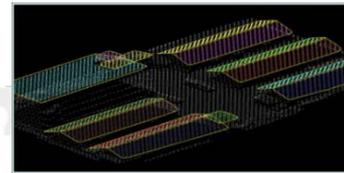
Target extraction



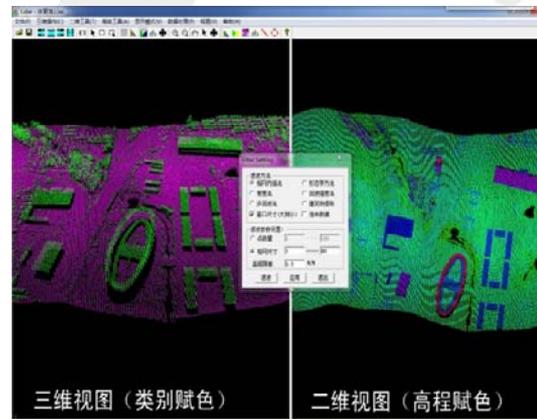
3D scene reconstruction



Point cloud/CCD image registration



Airborne LiDAR data processing system



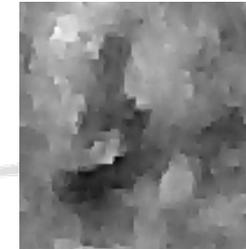
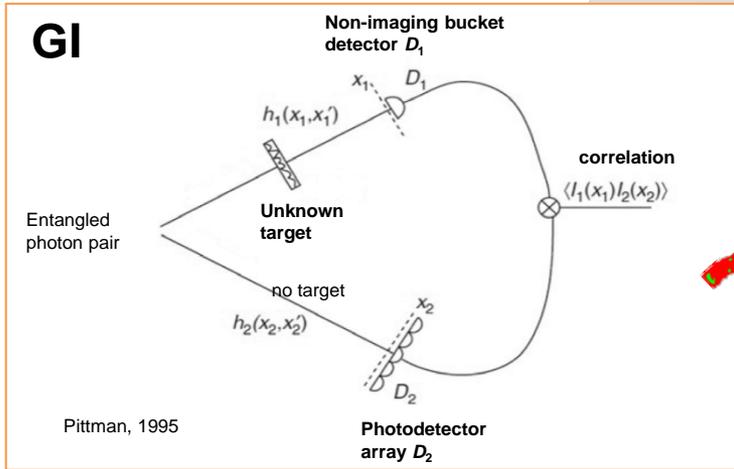
Point cloud data filtering



Point cloud data mosaic with image constraint

# Advanced Imaging Technology — Intensity Correlation Imaging

- An extension from Ghost Imaging, with the advantage of breaking Nyquist sampling limit.

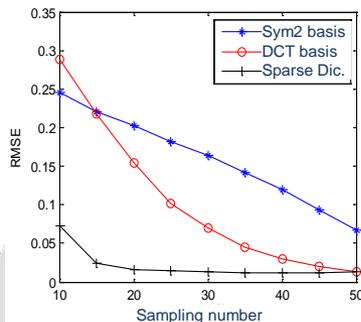


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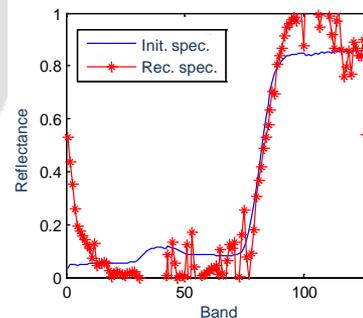
Imaging results at different measurement samples

Single pixel camera setup and results

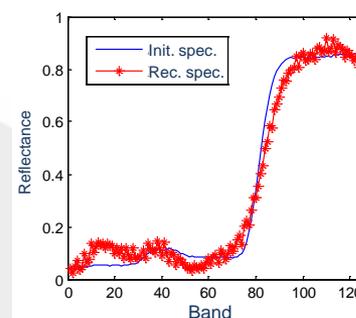
## Intensity correlation imaging in the spectrum domain



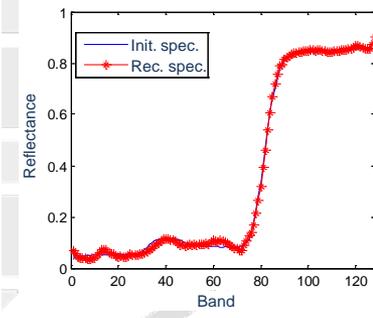
Reconstructed error under different sampling number



Reconstructed spectrum with sym2 wavelet basis



Reconstructed spectrum with DCT basis



Reconstructed spectrum with sparse dictionary

Red willow (20% sampling number)

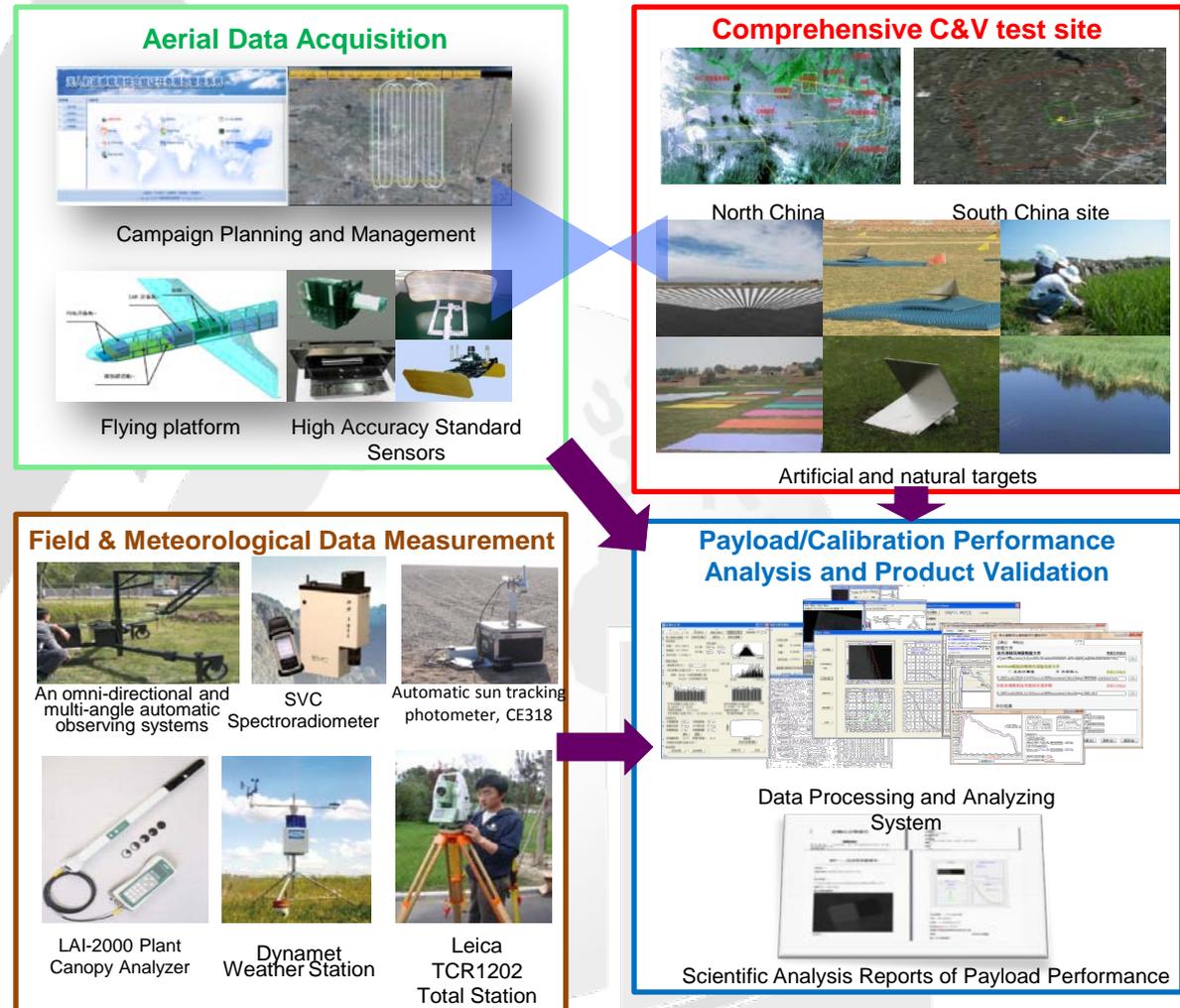


Good reconstruction results

## Remote Sensing Calibration – Development of Cal&Val system

Under the support of 863 program “UAV-based Remote Sensing Payload Comprehensive Validation System”, the Cal&Val technology for the remote sensing sensors has been continuously and rapidly developed.

- ✓ UAV: low maintenance cost, flexible deploying capability
- ✓ System’s major goal: precise validations for pre-launch sensors or on-orbit sensors



# Remote Sensing Application – RS System design, development and integration

## Multi-satellite resources visualization system



HJ-1 constellation 2D visualization



HJ-1 constellation 3D visualization

## Operation management system



Main interface of the operation management subsystem for disaster reduction



Statistic results of task list of the operation management subsystem

## Remote Sensing Application – RS System design, development and integration

### Automatic Identification and Compression System of Smart Small Satellite

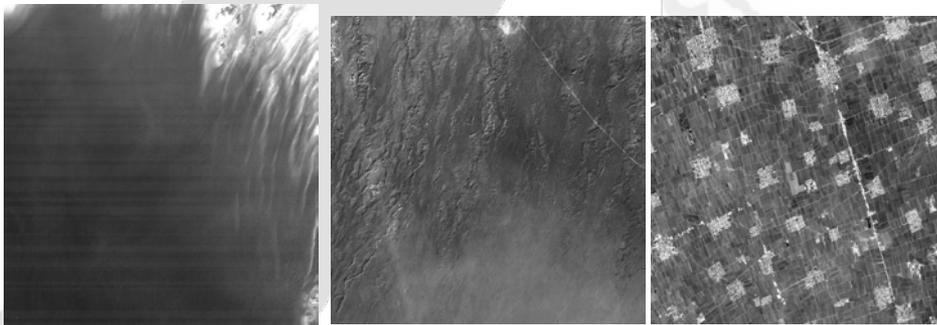
To meet the application requirements of smart earth observation for next generation small satellites, a prior imaging camera is designed and data processing hardware systems are designed for intelligent identification and compression.



Cloud

Snow

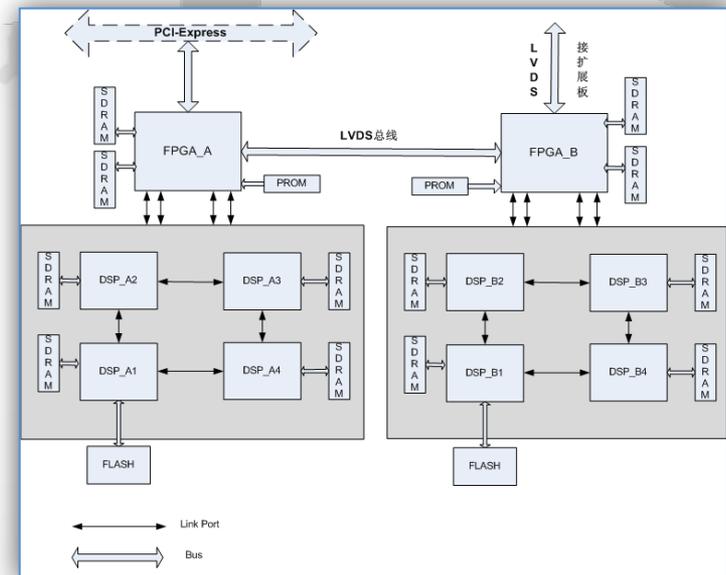
City



Sea

Bare Land

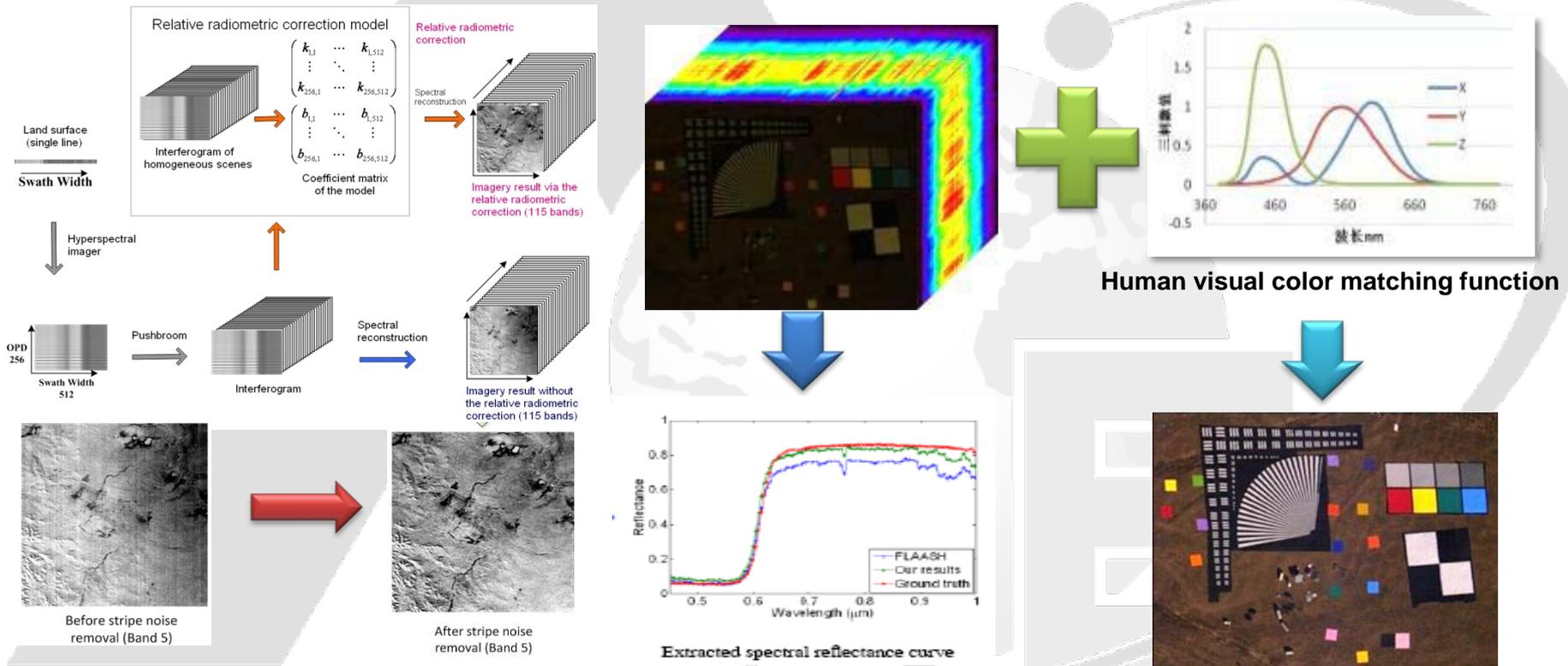
Vegetation



Parallel Structure of Hardware System

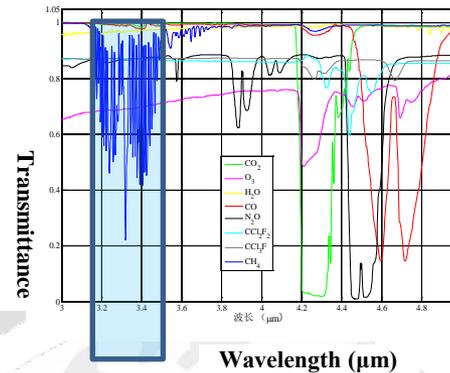
## Remote Sensing Application – Hyperspectral data processing

New approaches and models have been proposed, including a stripe noise removal method for the interferometric hyperspectral data, a true color calibration and correction model satisfying the human vision, a automatic scene-based hyperspectral reflectance retrieval model.



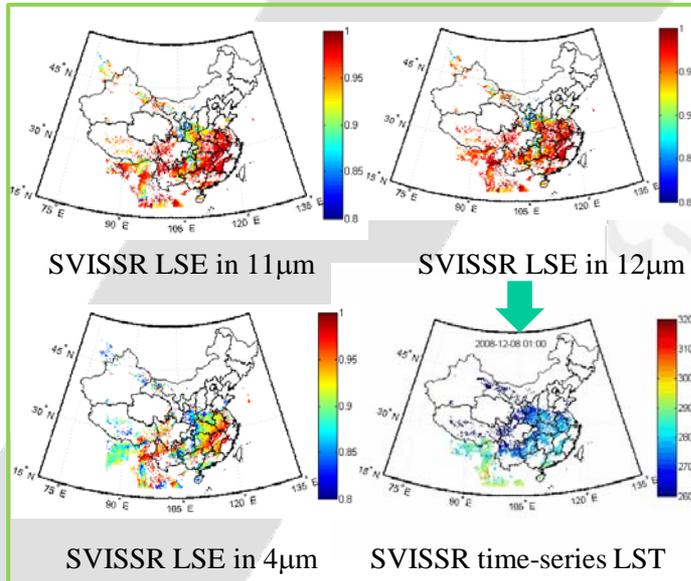
# Remote Sensing Application – Infrared mechanism research and data processing

- A mid-infrared camera designed to capture the leak of methane.
- A retrieval method proposed to estimate the time-series LSTs and LSE from combined mid-/thermal-infrared data
- An neural network established to retrieve temperature, emissivity and atmospheric profiles from hyperspectral thermal infrared data

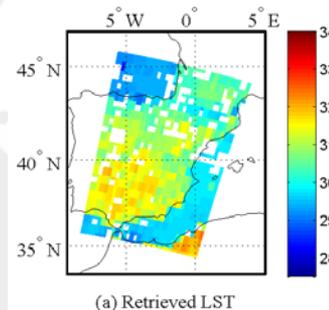


CH<sub>4</sub> leak imaging test

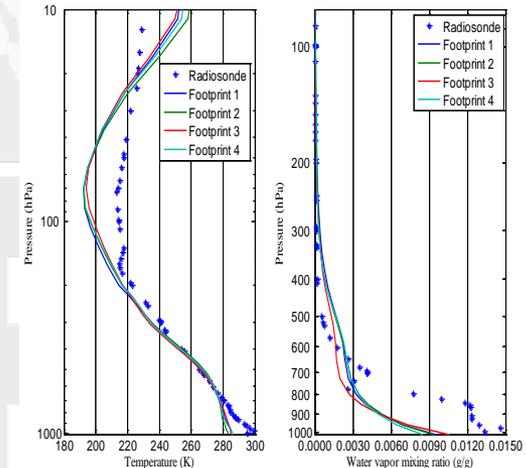
CH<sub>4</sub> has a strong absorption band around 3.3 μm



LST and LSE retrieval from combined MIR and TIR data



Surface temperature and atmospheric profiles retrieved from hyperspectral thermal infrared data



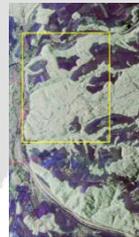
## Remote Sensing Application – Microwave data application

### □ Forest height estimation via Pol-InSAR

- Forest height estimation accuracy is affected by system errors and processing errors while using **single baseline** images.
- An estimation methods using **dual-baseline** images was proposed to improve the estimation accuracy.

#### Validation data

DLR E-SAR



(a) Google Earth image (b) Pauli image

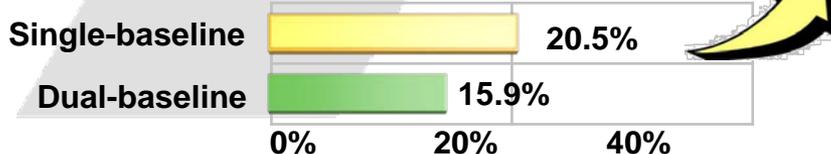
#### Results

Inventory height Single-baseline results Dual-baseline results



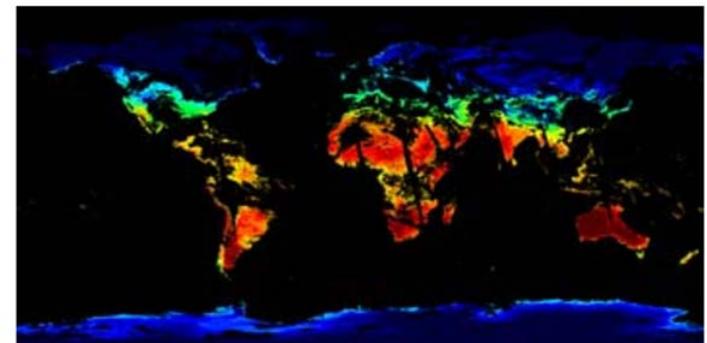
Estimation error was reduced by 4.6% through the dual-baseline method

#### Estimation errors



### □ Land surface temperature retrieved from passive microwave data

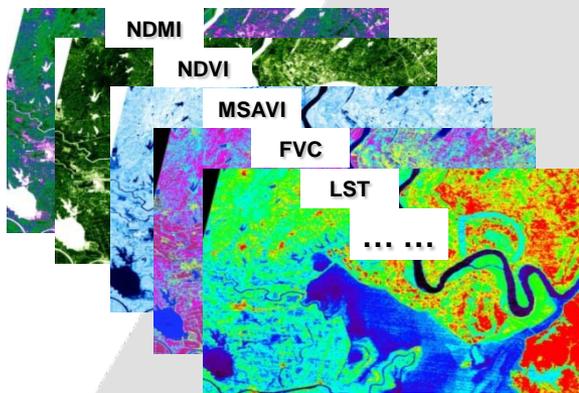
- To derive the land surface parameters, a radiative transfer model for simulating microwave brightness temperature over land surfaces was constructed by jointly considering the effect of soil, vegetation and atmosphere.
- And an algorithm for the retrieval of land surface temperature (LST) from passive microwave data was developed to produce the global all-weather LST.



Global LST products from AMSR-E and MODIS data

## Remote Sensing Application – Multi-source EO data application

Potential area of the intermediate host snail of schistosomiasis is analyzed before and after the Three Gorges Project (TGD), through the breeding environment retrieval from multi-source remote sensing data.



Retrieval environmental factors images

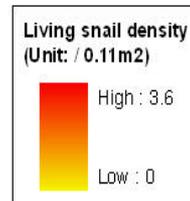


survey data of living snail density



Before the TGD (2003)

Predicted potential area: 146.45 km<sup>2</sup>

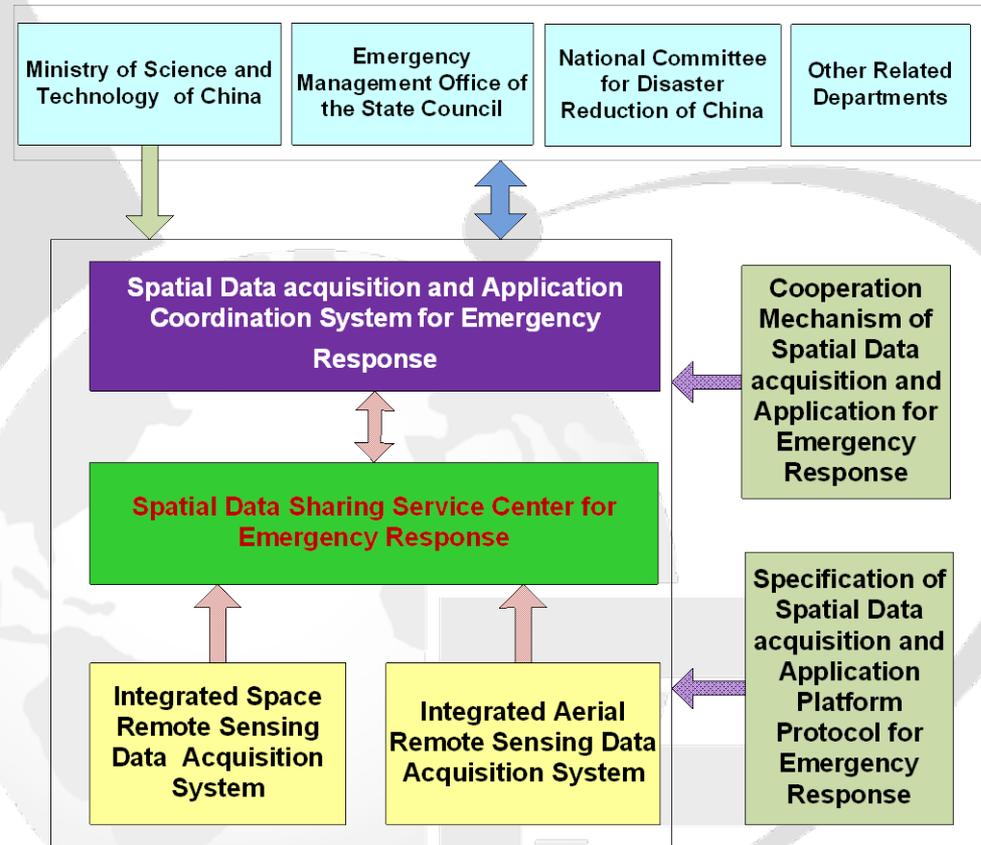


After TGD (2009)

Predicted potential area: 138.84 km<sup>2</sup>

## Remote Sensing Data Sharing – Aerospace application coordination system for emergency response and data sharing (ArcSer)

- ArcSer provides functions to schedule in harmony various civil aerospace resources to acquire aerospace remote sensing data of stricken area, and distributes the data to relevant institutions involved in disaster reduction as soon as possible.
- ETA acts as the Earth Observation Data Center for Emergency Response which is one of the most important supporting units of ArcSer.



The structure of ArcSer

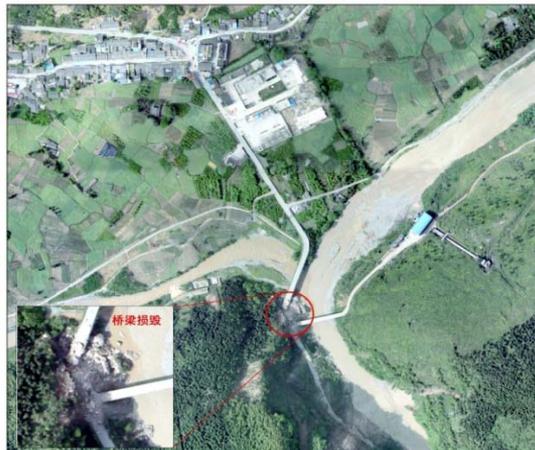
## Remote Sensing Data Sharing – Aerospace application coordination system for emergency response and data sharing (ArcSer)

During the emergency response for the Ms7.0 earthquake happened in Lushan County of Ya'an, Sichuan Province at UTC 0:02 on April 20, 2013. AOE aggregated a huge amount of aerospace remote sensing data acquired before and after the earthquake, and distributed them to more than 45 institutions which are affiliated with 20 different Ministries.



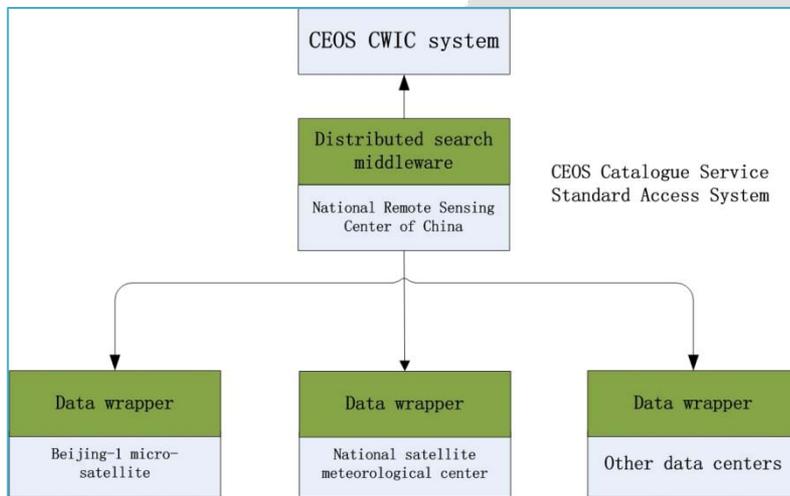
Demonstration and discussion

Before earthquake	After earthquake
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## Remote Sensing Data Sharing – CEOS catalogue service standard access system

This system can integrate Chinese satellite data and provide information to CEOS/WGISS Integrated Catalogue (CWIC) System.



Distributed search framework of the CEOS Catalogue Service Standard Access System

CEOS WGISS Integrated Catalog (CWIC)  
Version 1 - Test page 2

◆ GetRecords - Test Examples

**CWIC GetRecords Options**

Catalog ID: AOE Dataset ID: FY3A

Start Record: 1 Maximum Record: 5

Spatial: West: 110 East: 120 South: 30 North: 45 Temporal: Start: 2011-01-01 00:00:00 End: 2011-01-31 23:59:59

Request:  hits  brief  summary  full Profile:  Core  ISO

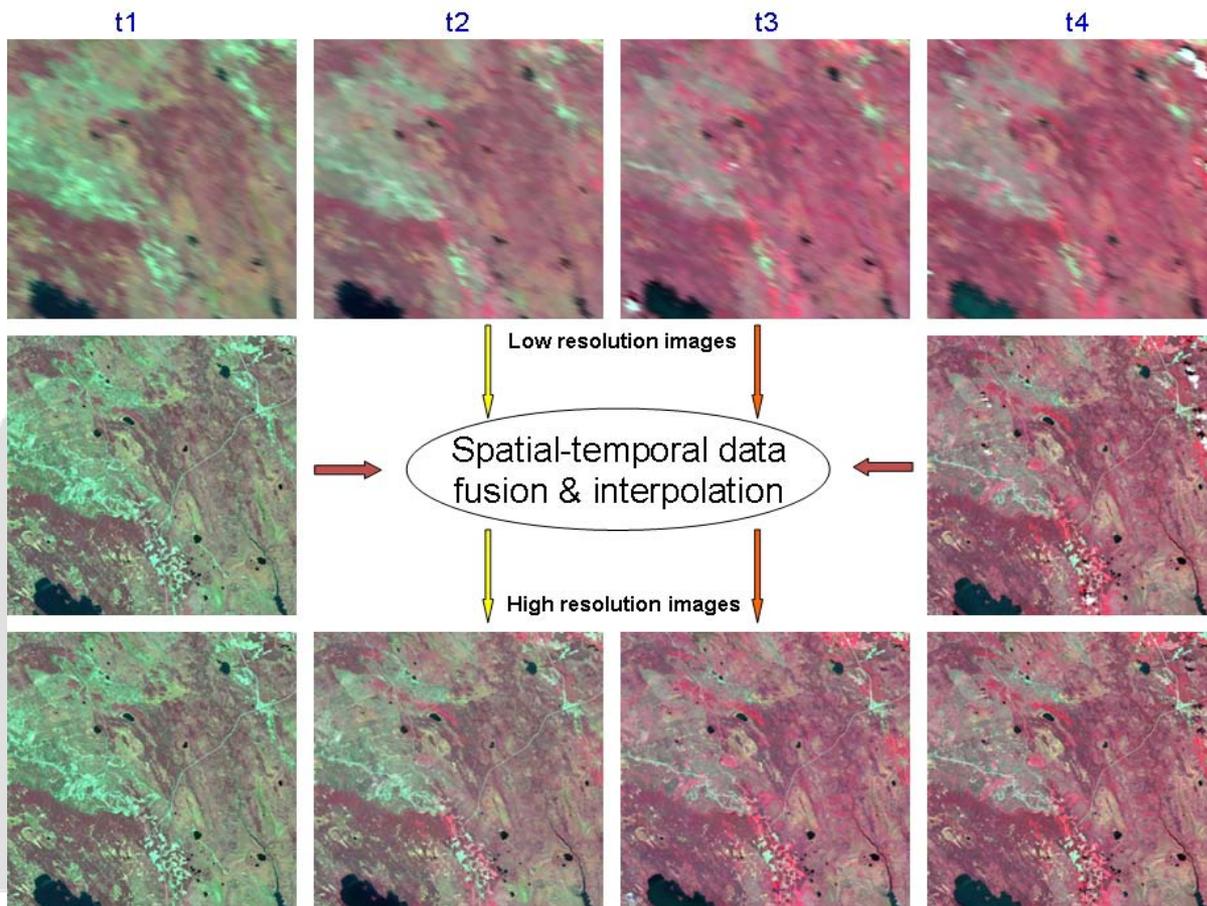
[Click to build the CSW query payload in XML](#)

Integration to the CEOS CWIC System

- ✓ Data service access system
- ✓ Conform to the OGC standards CSW and ISO 19115
- ✓ Promote international sharing and using of Chinese remote sensing satellite data

## Remote Sensing Data Sharing – Virtual Constellation Data Building

High spatial resolution fused image at a certain date was produced by combining **low spatial resolution data resource with high revisit frequency** and **high spatial resolution images with low revisit frequency**.



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# Prospect



**Develop the aerostat technology, while combining it with the remote sensing application, and promote its application in the field of earth observation.**

**Develop advanced remote sensing imaging technology, such as computational spectral imaging, computational light field imaging, intensity correlation imaging, and active-passive three dimensional imaging, lead the technological frontier and provide new technologies for EO application.**

**Investigate the key technology in comprehensive performance assessment and data quality control for opto-electronic payloads, and construct the comprehensive Cal&Val site, providing infrastructure construction for EO payloads performance and data quality assurance.**

A scenic view of a lake with pink cherry blossoms in the foreground and green hills in the background. The text "Thank you!" is overlaid in a white, cursive font with a black outline.

*Thank you!*