

# DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2014

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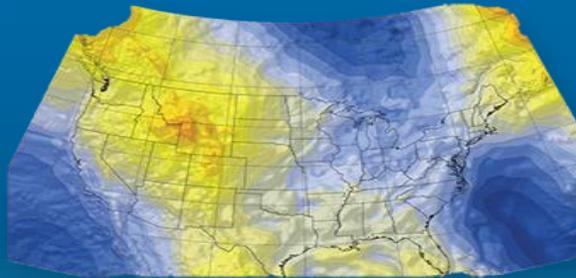


# ArcGIS: A Platform for Point Cloud Processing

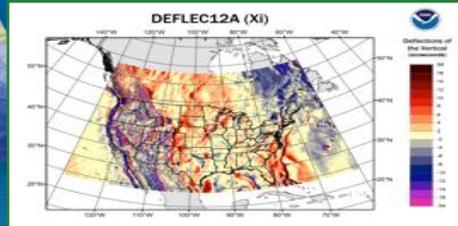
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# Your Mission is Our Mission

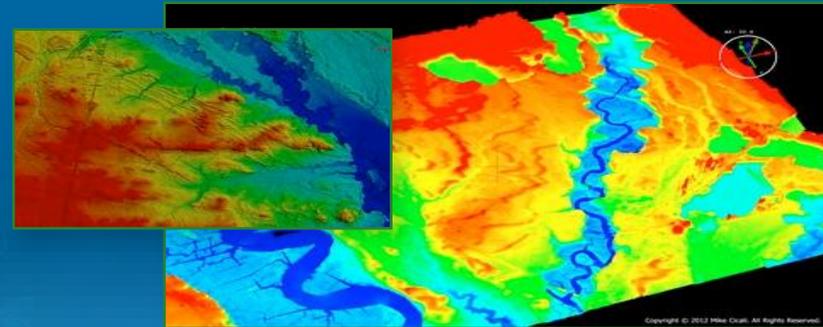
Support for Deepening Analytic Expertise



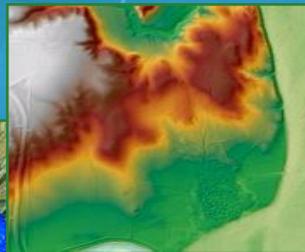
### Studying the Earth's Shape



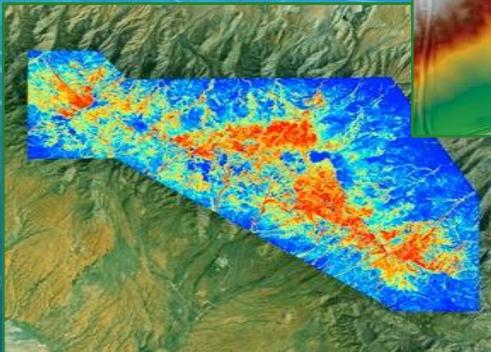
### Geomorphic Analysis



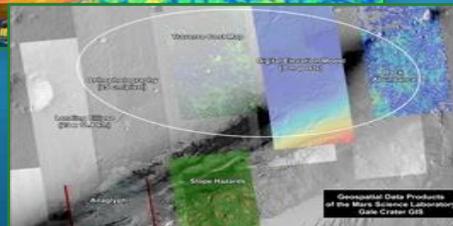
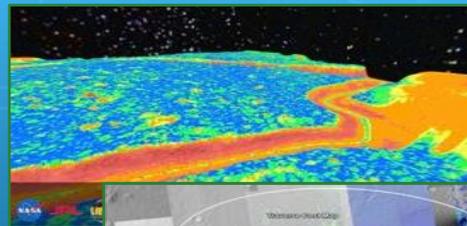
### Finding Historic Features



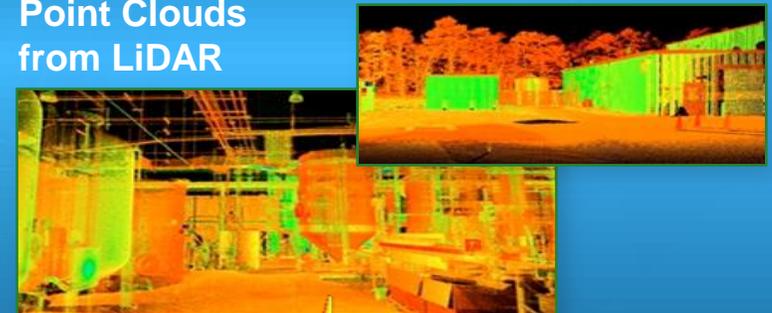
### Calculating Tree Canopy



### Exploratory



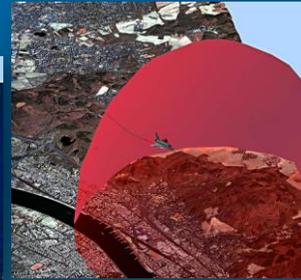
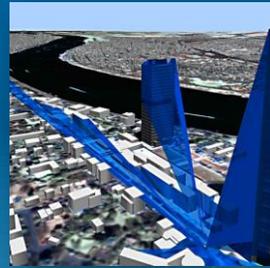
### Point Clouds from LiDAR



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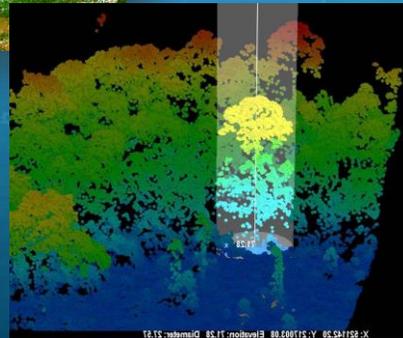
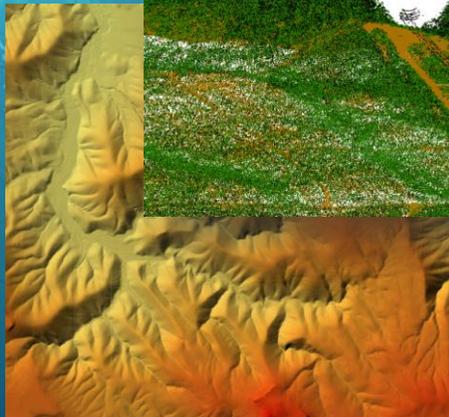
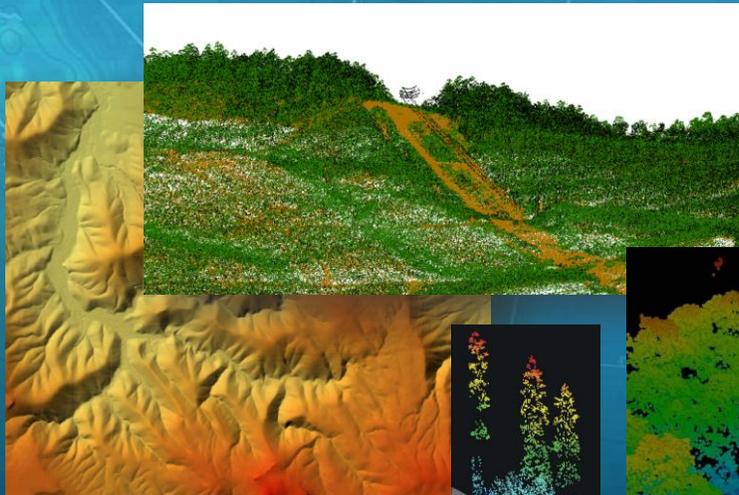
Support for Management and Preparedness

## Threat Assessment

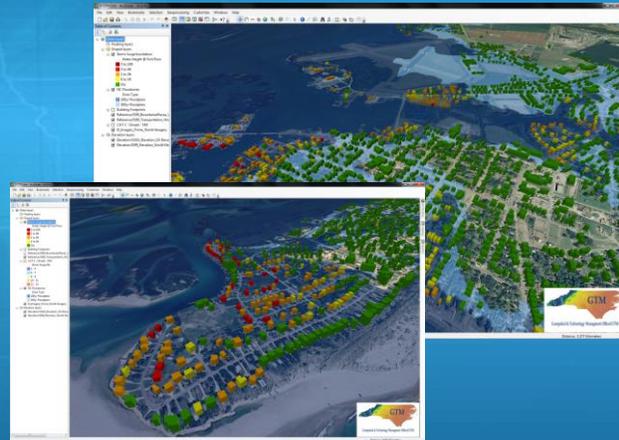


## 3D Viewshed

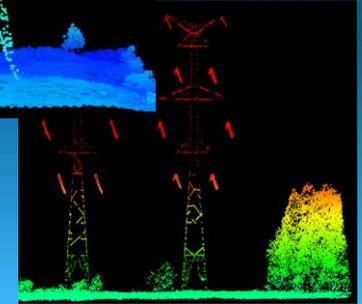
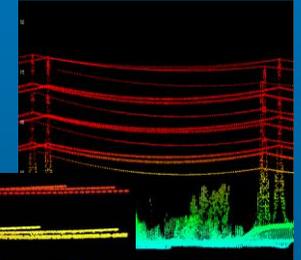
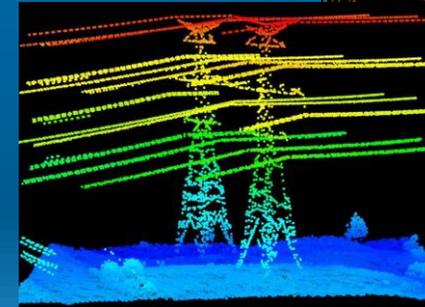
## Forestry Analysis



## Inundation Analysis



## Corridor Management



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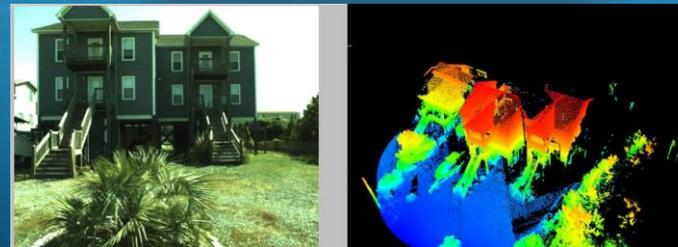
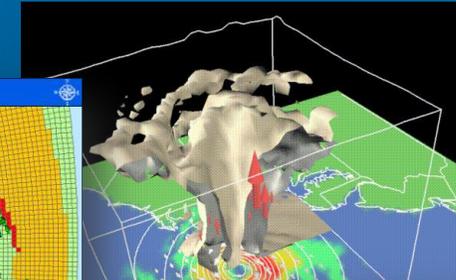
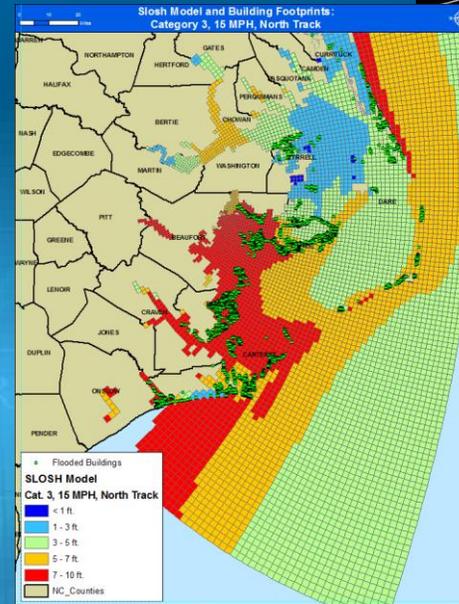
Support for Disaster Mitigation

## Potential tsunami inundation: Bandon, Oregon



Data courtesy of DOGAMI

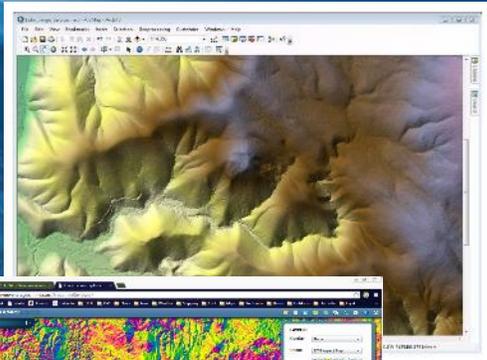
## Hurricane Preparations



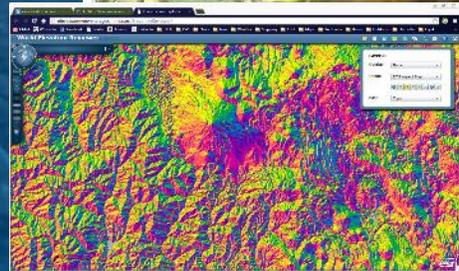
# Laser Scanning is Opening a World of Applications

Point Clouds require a new generation of capabilities to maximize their use

## Elevation:

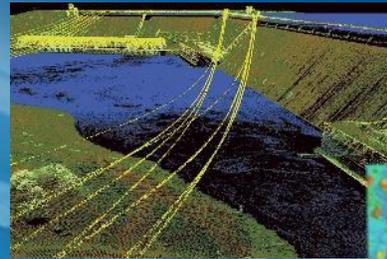


Relief



Aspect

## Facilities:

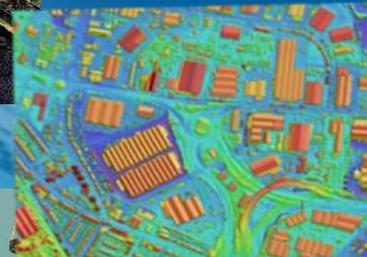


Asset Management

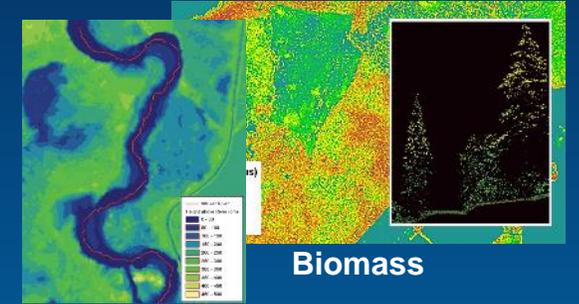
## Property Records



Infrastructure



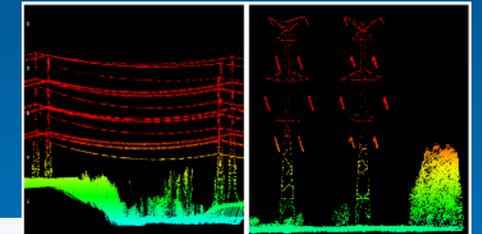
## Environment:



Hydrography

Biomass

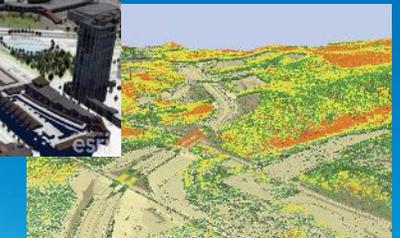
## 3D Features:



Utilities



Urban Planning



Transportation

*Point Clouds are a transformation*

# Enhanced Elevation Data Has Direct Cost Benefits

Conservative Estimate of total annual cost benefit of **\$1.2 Billion**

Rank	Functional Area	Benefit
1	Flood Risk Management	\$294,706,000
2	Infrastructure and Construction Management	\$206,212,000
3	Natural Resources Conservation	\$159,225,000
4	Agriculture and Precision Farming	\$122,330,000
5	Water Supply and Quality	\$85,288,000
6	Wildfire Management-Planning and Response	\$75,700,000
7	Geologic Resource Assessment and Hazard Mitigation	\$51,750,000
8	Forest Resources Management	\$43,949,000
9	River and Stream Resource Management	\$38,422,000
10	Aviation Navigation and Safety	\$35,000,000

Source: USGS & Dewberry (2012), 'National Enhanced Elevation Assessment'

**USGS: 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)**

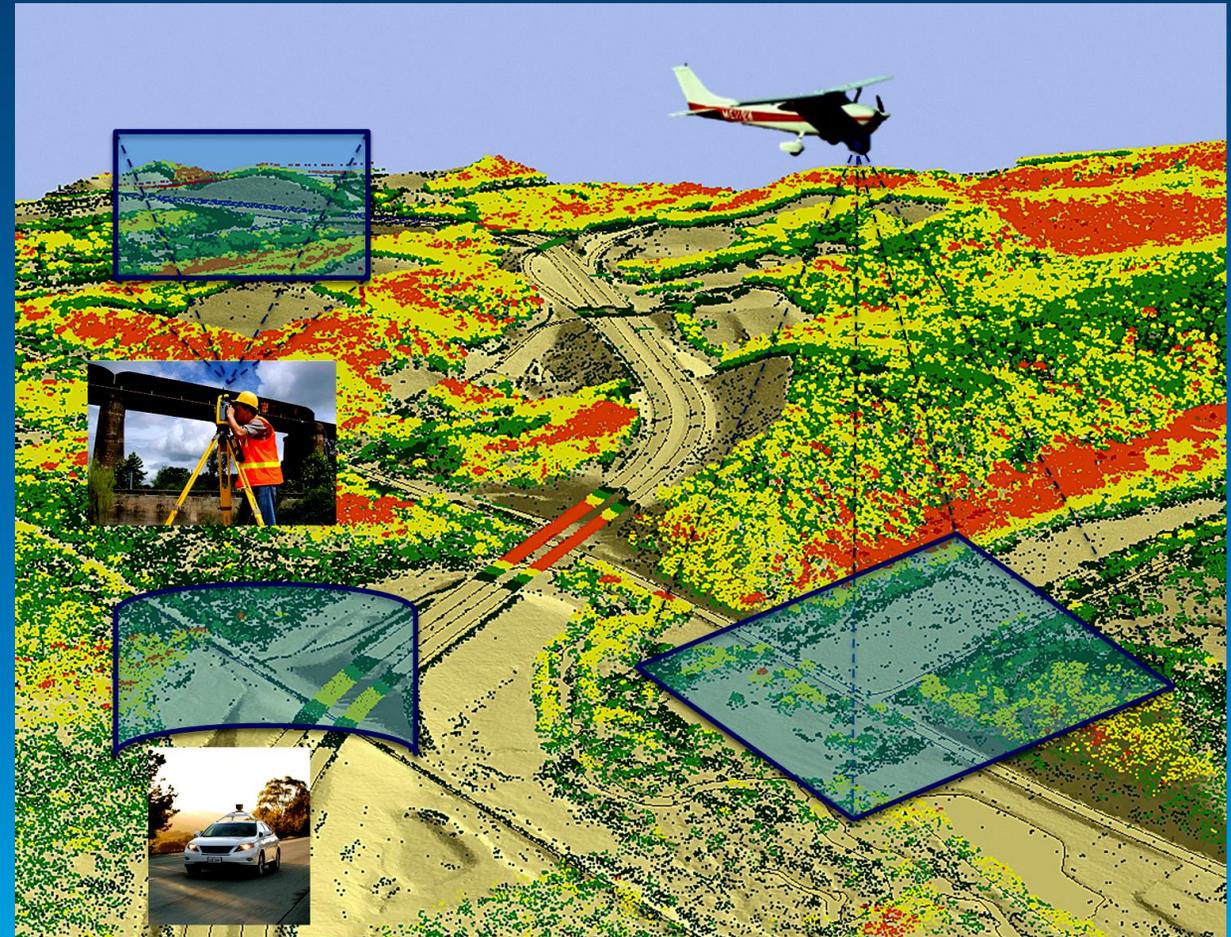
*Total Potential Benefit of over \$13 billion/year*

# Encompassing Multiple Collection Strategies

Integrated data management is as fundamental as analysis tools



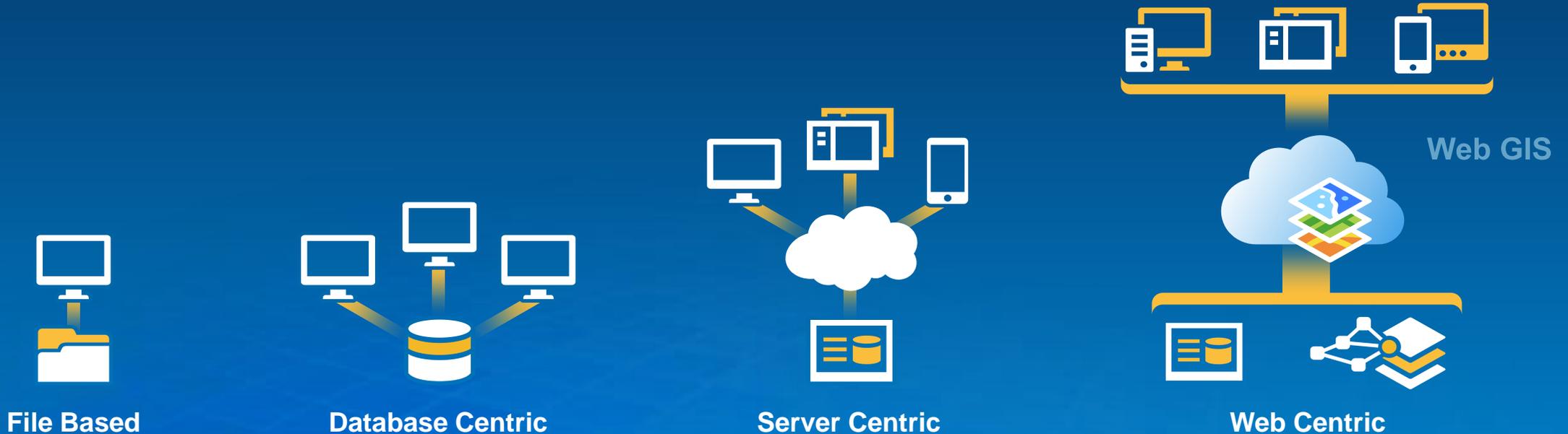
- Wide variety of collection parameters
- Over, on, and under – 360 Degree Field of View
- High resolution, high density data collection
- Combined with other sensors, especially imagery



*A versatile , economical, and accurate remote sensing resource*

# ArcGIS Supports Multiple Implementation Patterns

Leveraging Common Computing Architecture



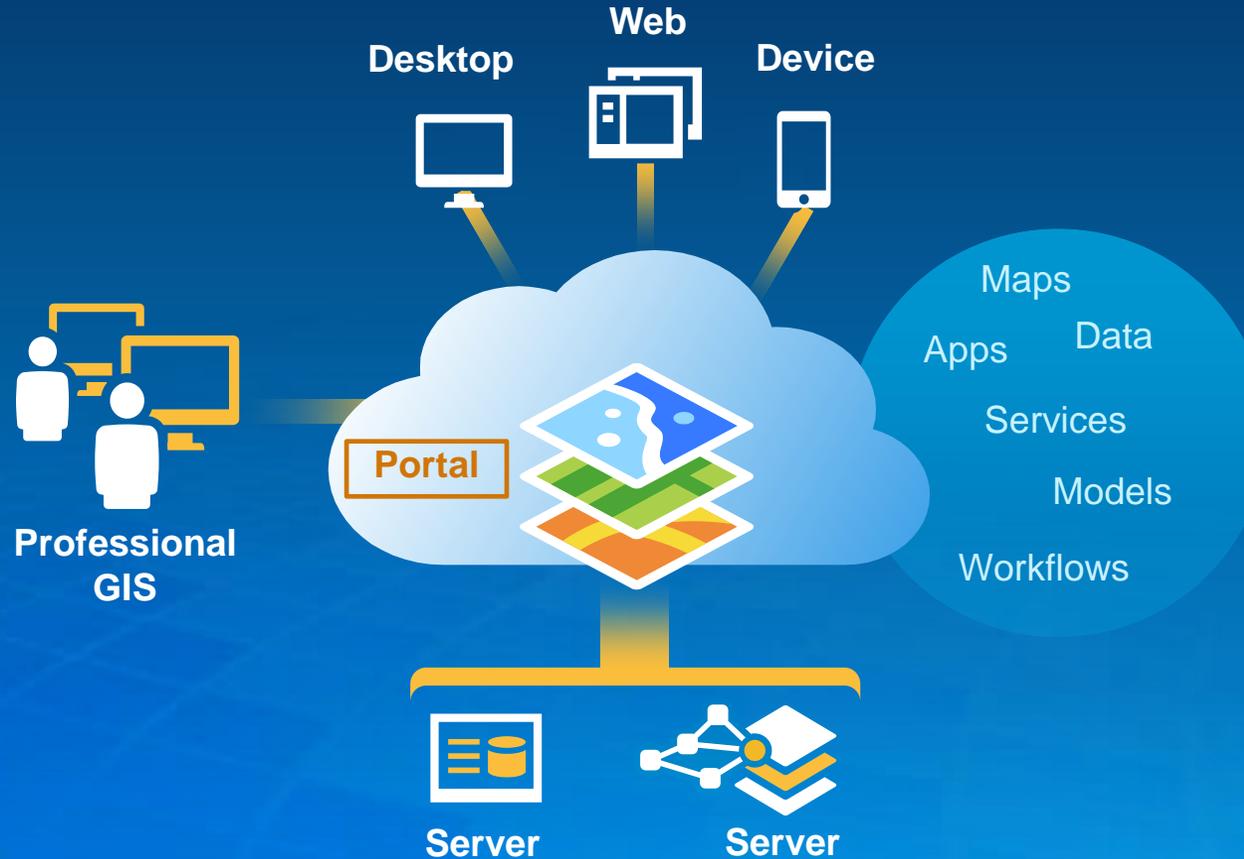
*Point Cloud processing has been enabled throughout this evolution*

# ArcGIS Provides a Platform

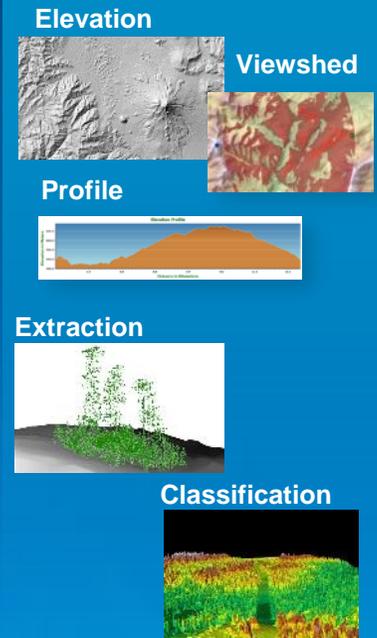
A comprehensive environment for point cloud solutions

## Enabling:

- Content Management
- Access
- Sharing
- Collaboration
- Apps



## Analytics:



*Extends point cloud applications to any device at any location*

# The Advantage of ArcGIS

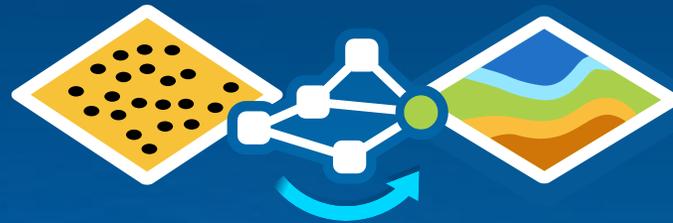
Enabling technologies maximize Point Cloud processing

## Content Management



- Shared Data Model
- Data Discovery
- Rapid Access
- Services

## Analytics



- Integration with GIS
- Dynamic Processing
- Workflow Manager
- Partner Technology

## Sharing & Collaboration

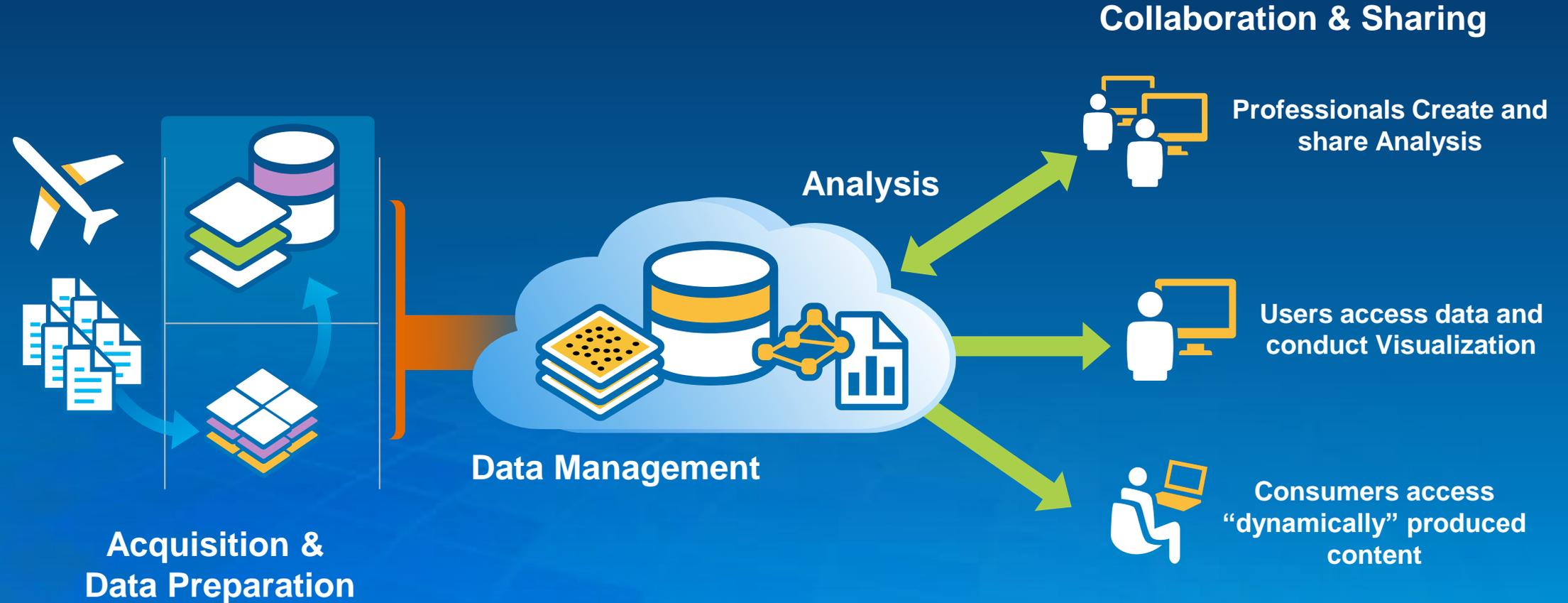


- Web & Cloud
- Maps & Apps
- User Mashups

*Interconnected capabilities*

# An End-to-End Workflow for Point Clouds

Tightly integrated functional segments facilitate multiple processing chains

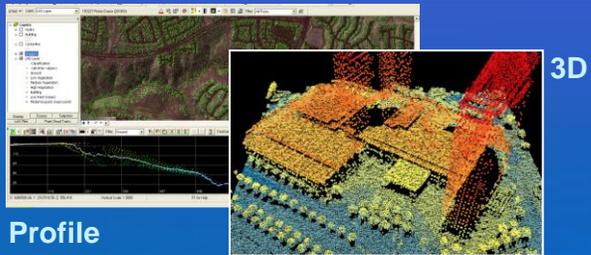


*Laser scanned data easily flows from sensor to web services*

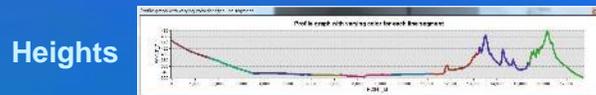
# Visualization & Analytics

Four categories of analysis tools result in thousands of derived products

## Visualize

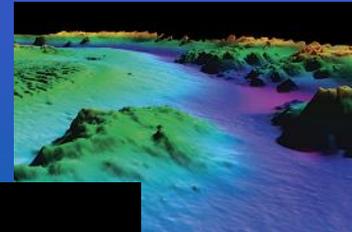


## Advanced Mensuration

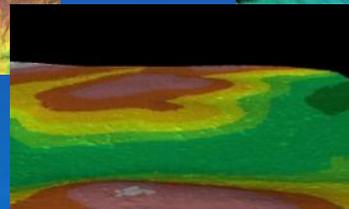


## Elevation Extraction

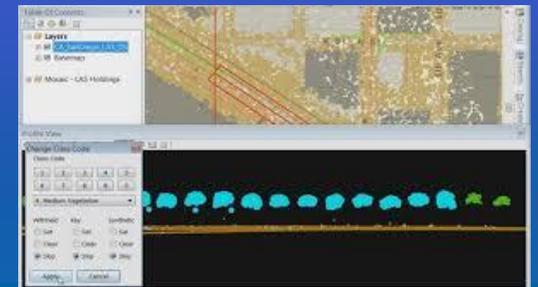
### Terrain



### Bare Earth



## Classification

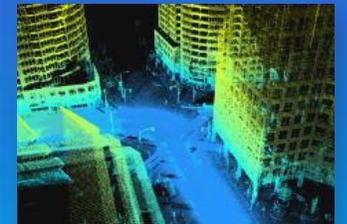


## 3D Object Extraction

### Natural



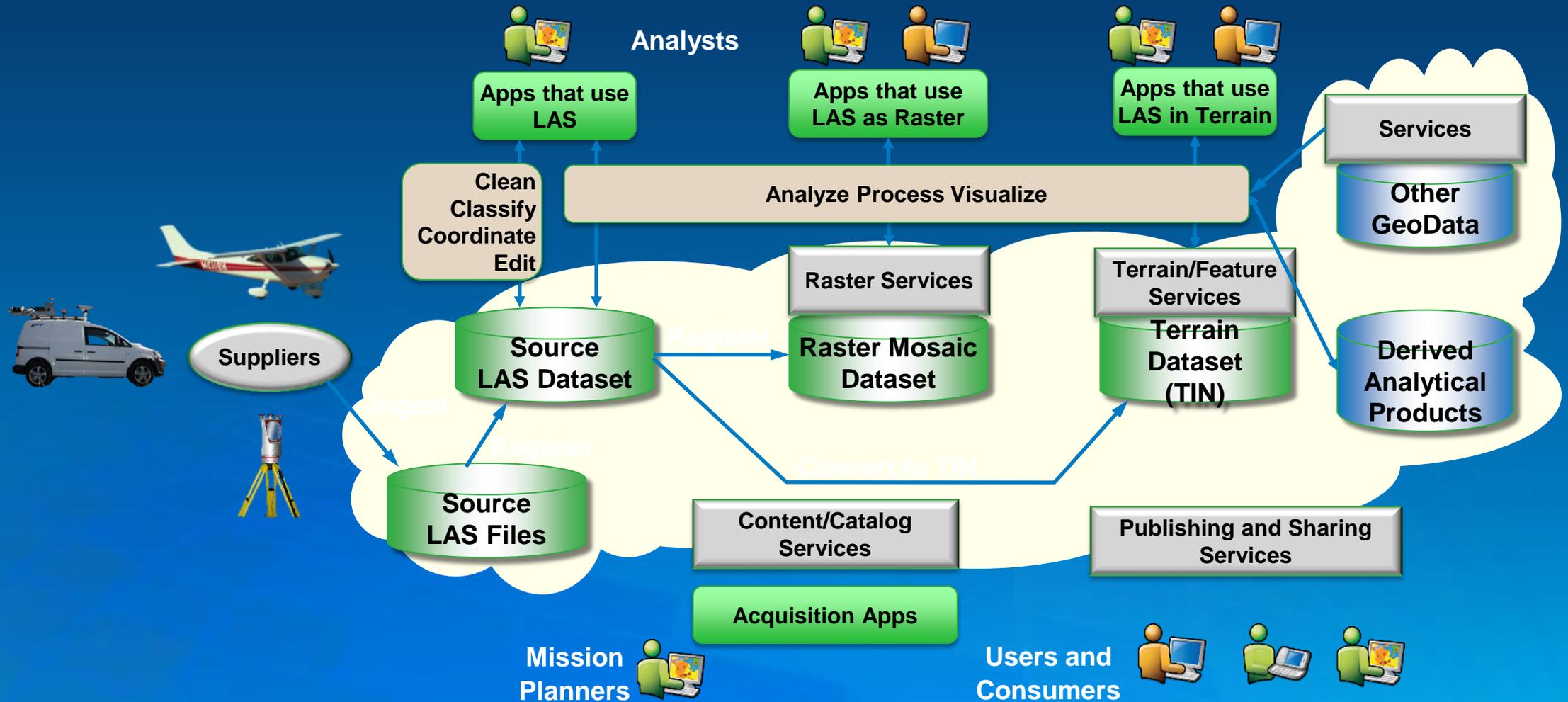
### Man-Made



*From Sensor to Web Services*

# Extending Beyond the Enterprise

Proven Architectures Support Inter-Agency Implementations



# Cross Cutting Technical Capabilities

Data Prep, Management, and Sharing remain consistent while Analysis varies based on solution requirements

		Topography	Hydrography	Facilities	Forestry
Acquisition & Data Prep		●	●	●	●
Data Management		●	●	●	●
Analysis & Visualization	Elevation	●	●		
	Mensuration			●	●
	Classification		●		●
	3D Extraction			●	
Sharing & Collaboration		●	●	●	●

*From Sensor to Web Services*



Step 1

# Acquisition & Data Preparation

Acquisition &  
Data Prep



Data Management



Analysis &  
Visualization

Elevation



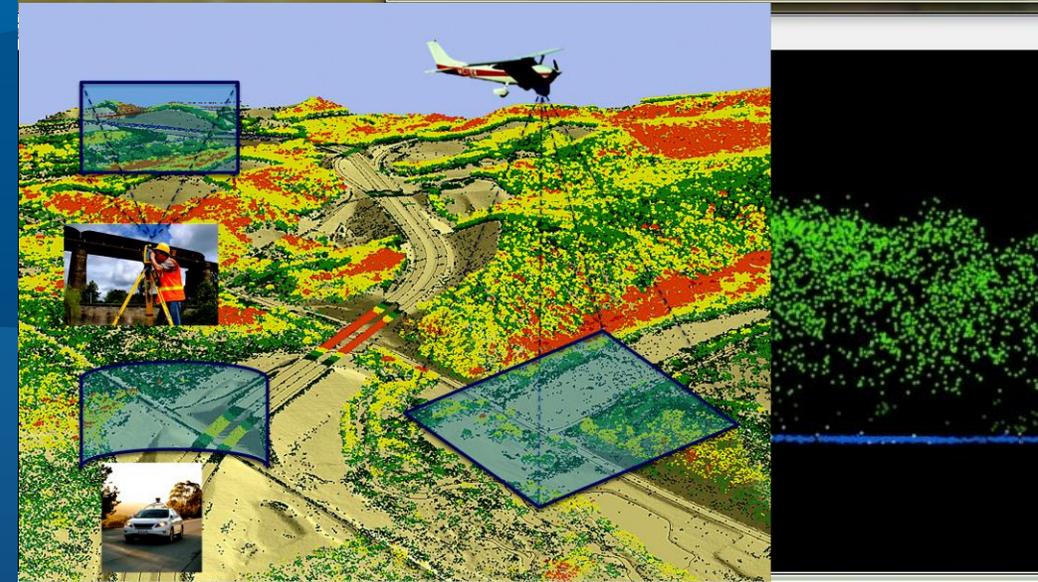
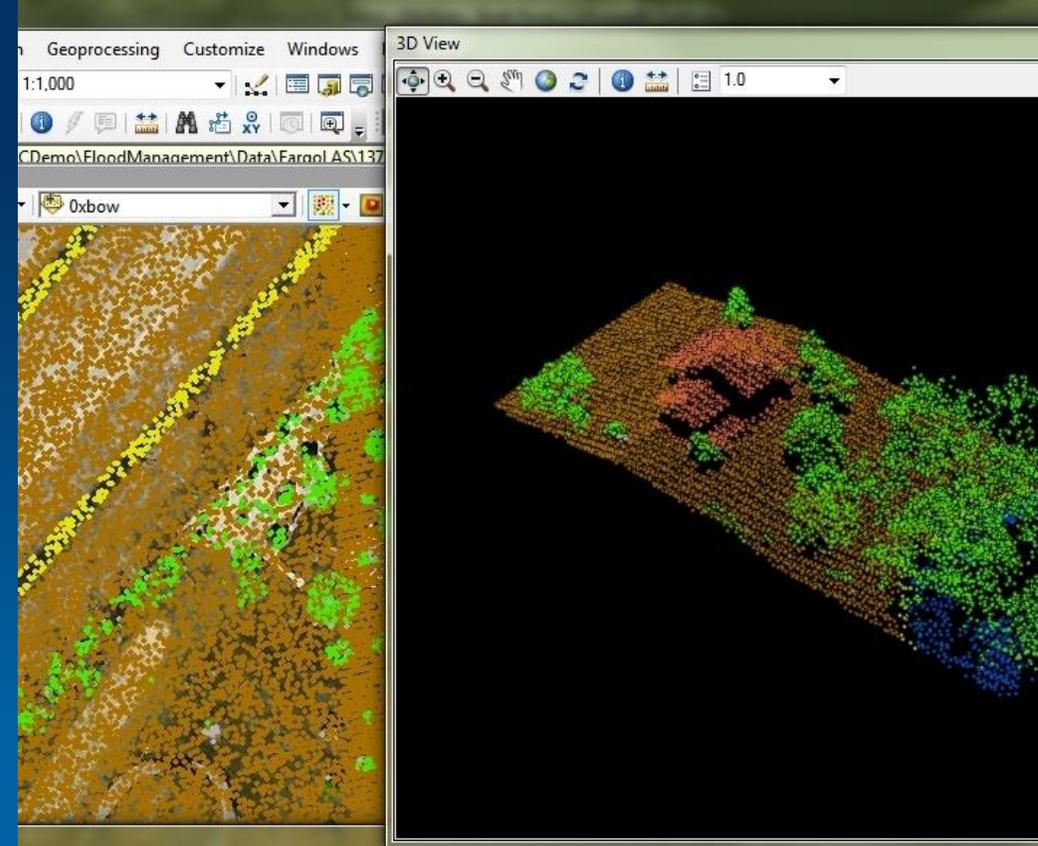
Mensuration

Classification



3D Extraction

Sharing &  
Collaboration



## Step 2

# Data Management

Acquisition &  
Data Prep

**Data Management**

Analysis &  
Visualization

Elevation

Mensuration

Classification

3D Extraction

Sharing &  
Collaboration

LAS Dataset Properties

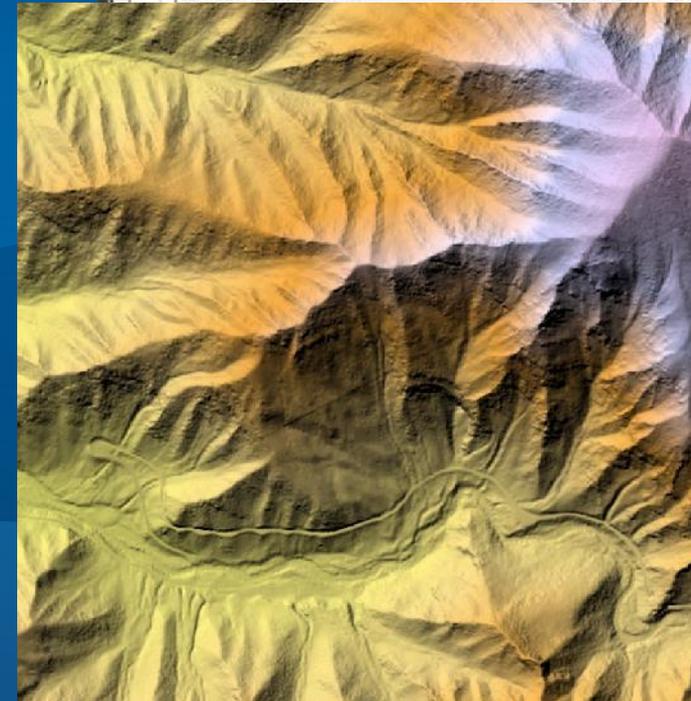
General LAS Files Surface Constraints Statistics XY Coordinate System

Returns

Return	Point Count	%	Z Min	Z Max
Unknown	11	0.00	5.69	950.91
First	36,180,279	92.95	881.05	2201.62
Second	2,542,750	6.53	879.61	982.54
Third	200,592	0.52	846.32	960.71
Fourth	1,458	0.00	866.13	927.98
Last	36,181,300	92.95	5.69	2201.62

Classification Codes

Classification	Point Count	%	Z Min
		6.56	5.69
		84.23	874.54
		0.08	908.98
		6.78	895.99
		0.00	946.25
		0.87	879.01
		0.02	846.32

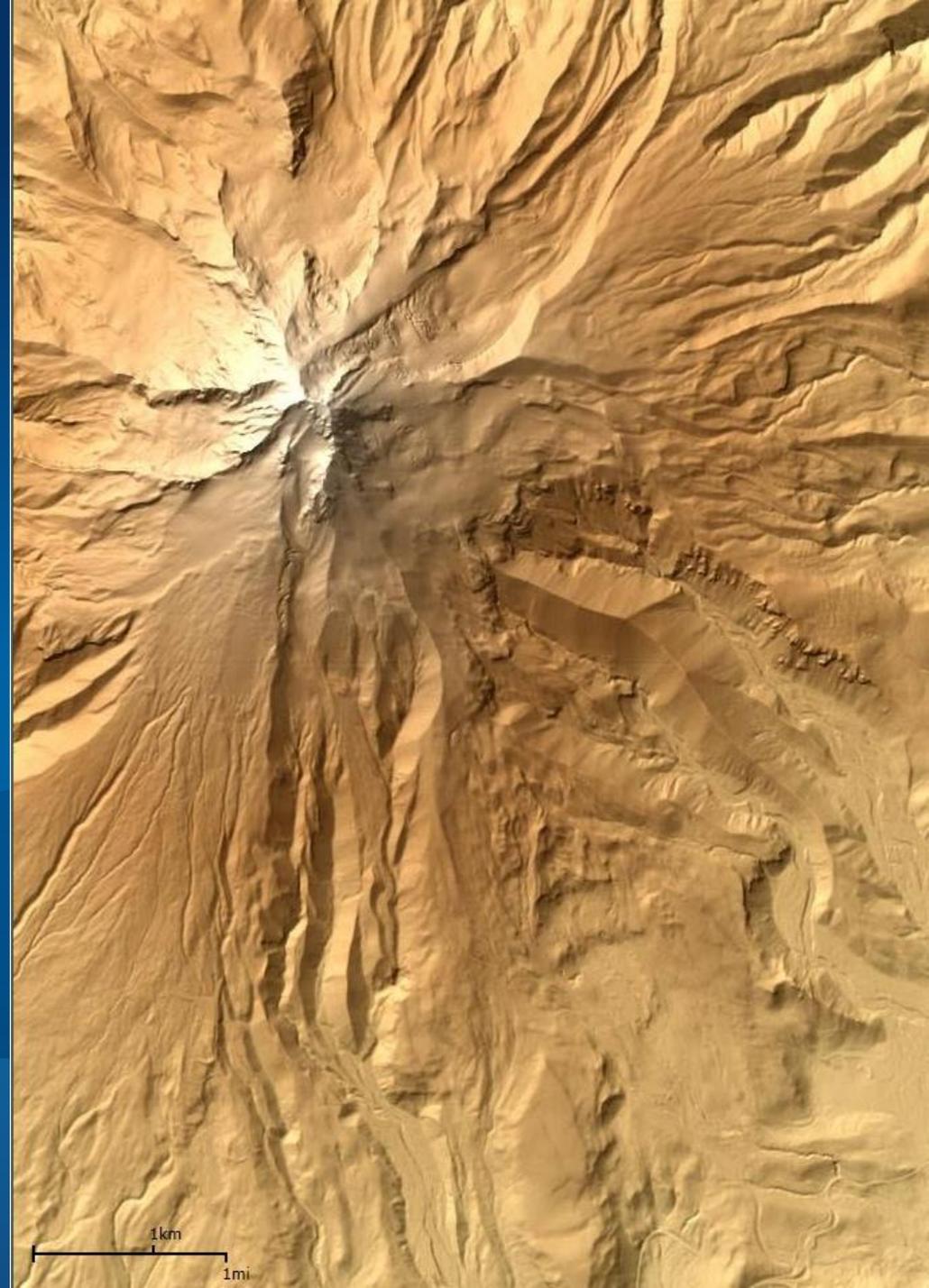
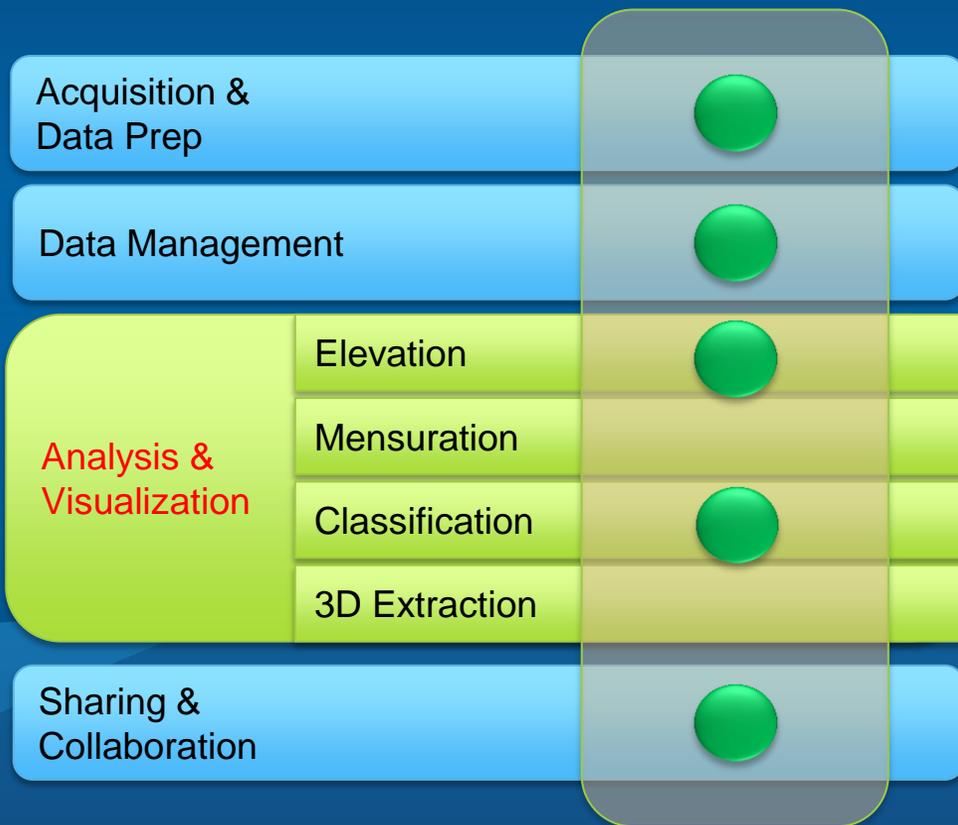


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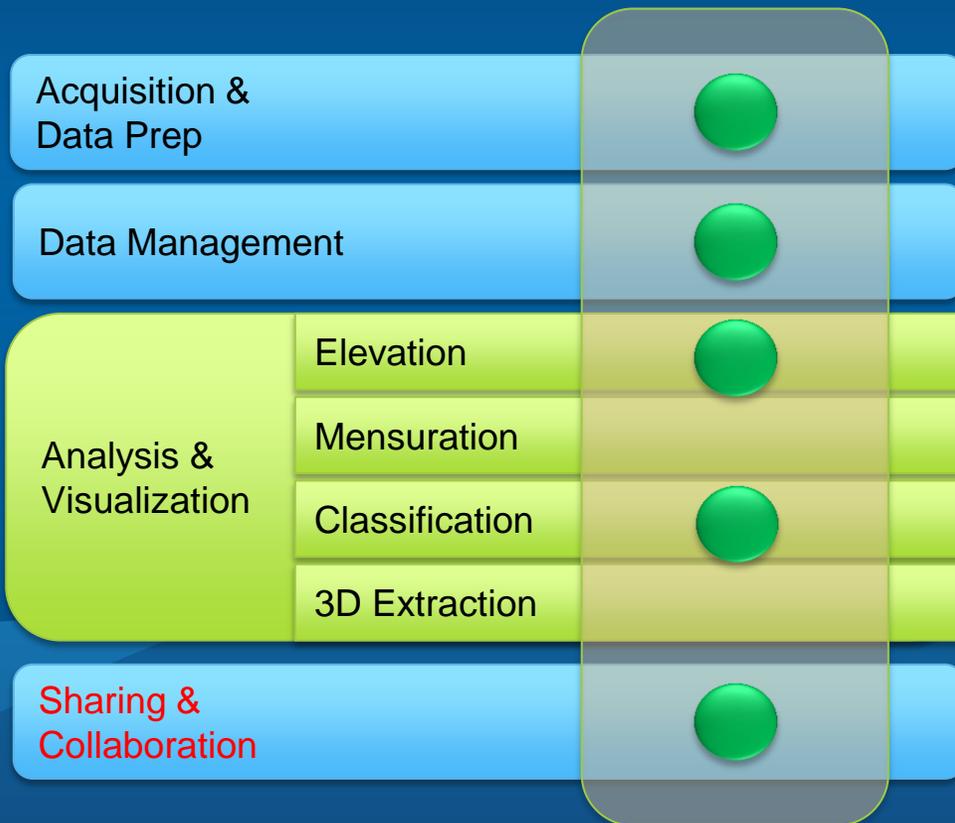
Step 3

# Analysis & Visualization



## Step 4

# Sharing & Collaboration



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Elevation Reviewer - example web application (Silverlight)

Example web application for exploring the World Elevation services, including tools (e.g. profile) and example controls of server-side functionality. Requires Microsoft Silverlight plugin to be installed on user's web browser

Web Mapping Application by esri

Last Modified: June 17, 2013

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World Digital Terrain Model (DTM)

Digital terrain model (DTM) of ground surface heights. The ground heights are based on multiple sources. Heights are orthometric (sea level = 0), and water bodies are approximated to nominal water heights.

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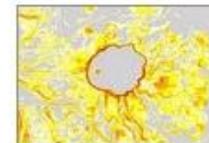
World Elevation DTM Hillshade

Hillshaded surface image created from the World Digital Terrain Model (DTM) of ground surface heights.

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World Elevation Slope Map

Surface slope created from the World Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and rendered with color to indicate the relative steepness, and flat terrain shown in gray.

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World Aspect Map

Surface aspect created from the World Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and rendered with color to indicate the orientation of the slope—North/East/South/West.

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# Reaching Beyond Elevation

Utility Corridors

Surface Mining

Bio Mass

Facilities

Transportation

Forestry

Coastal Change

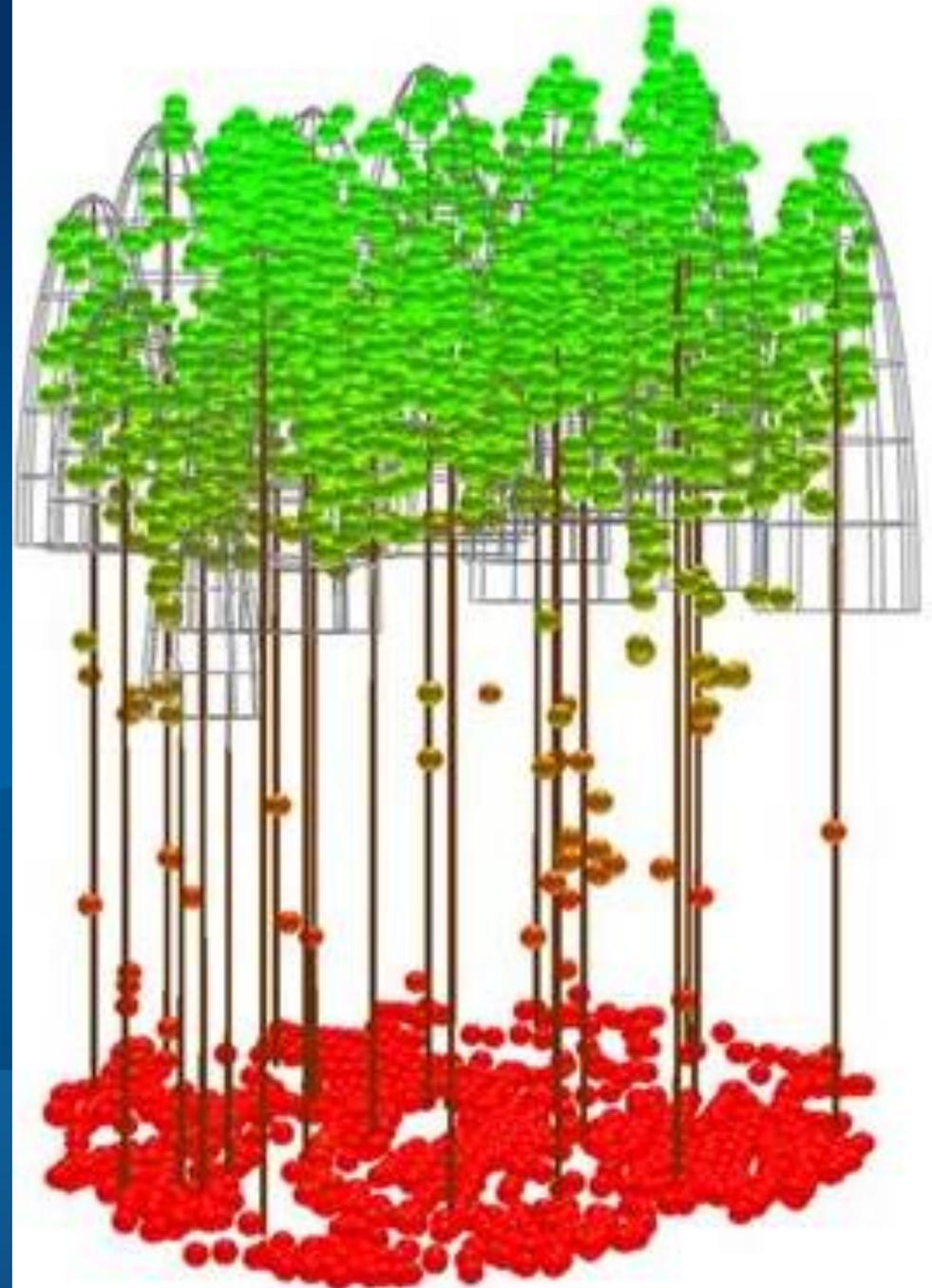
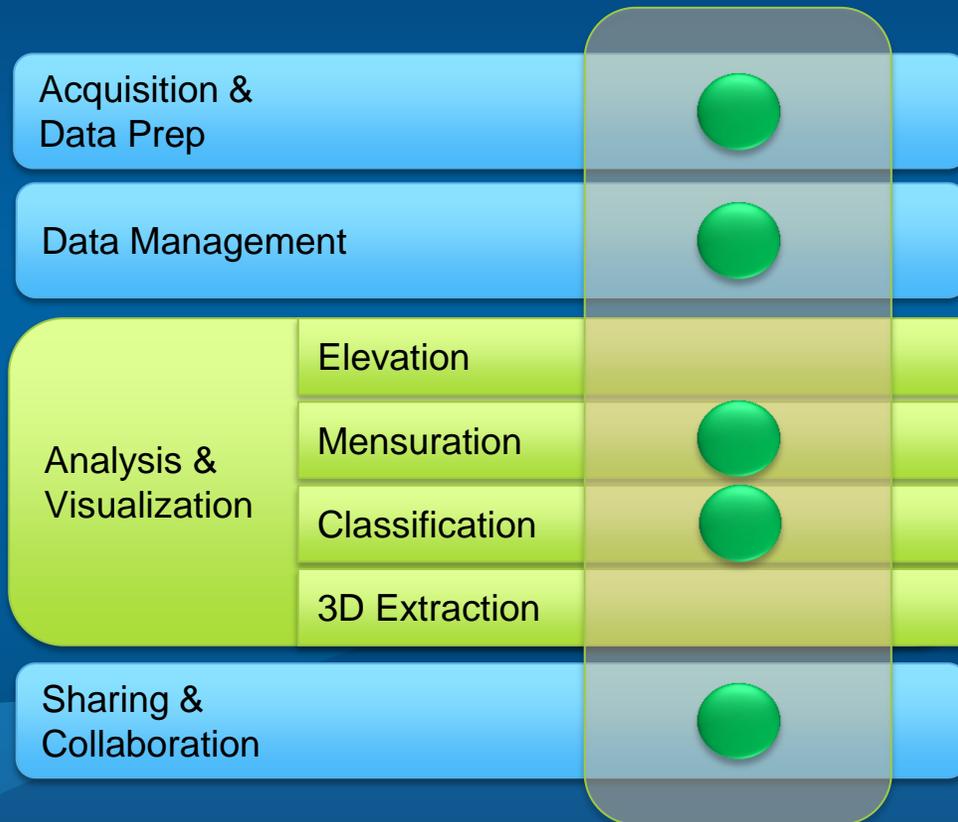
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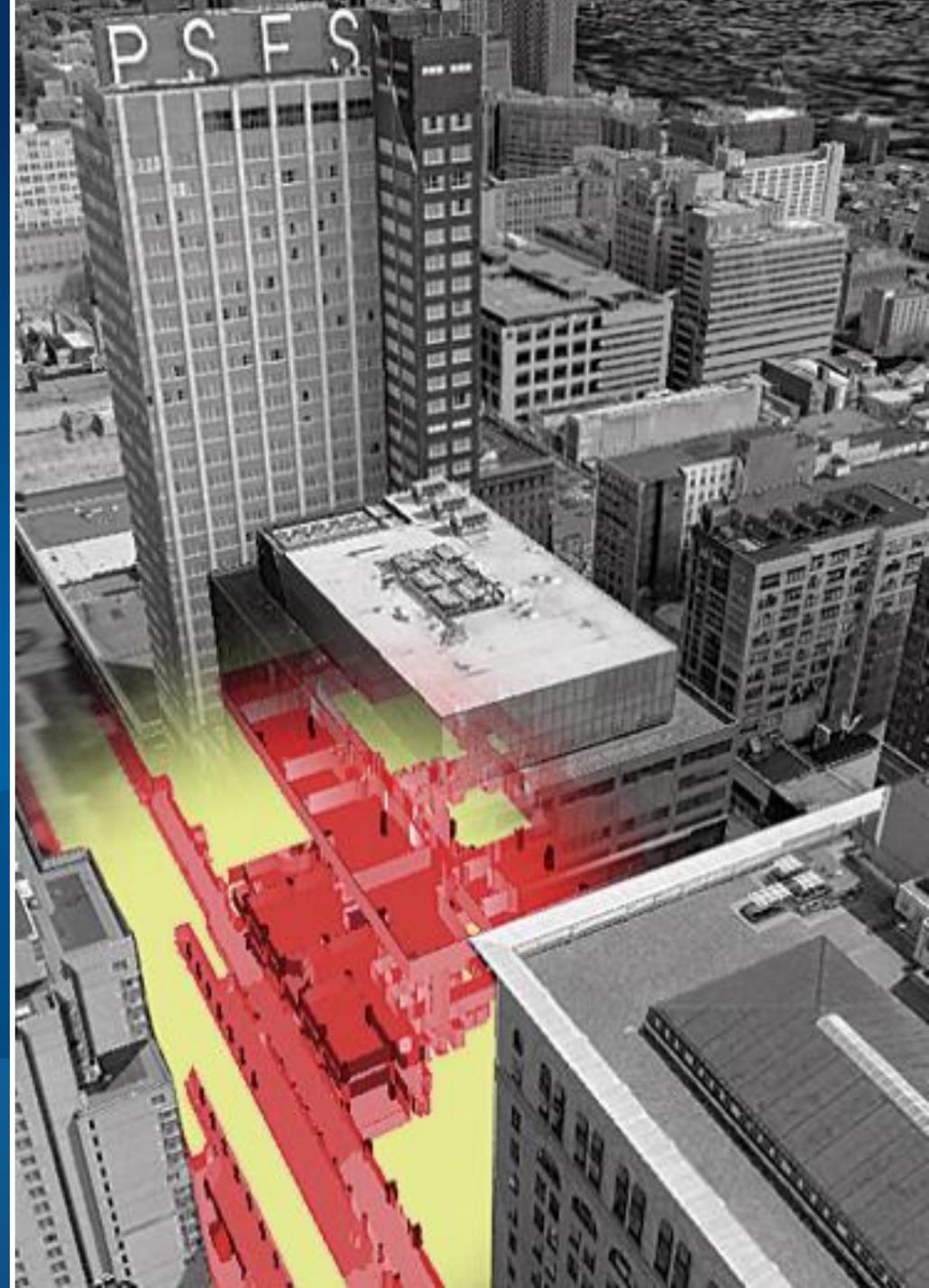
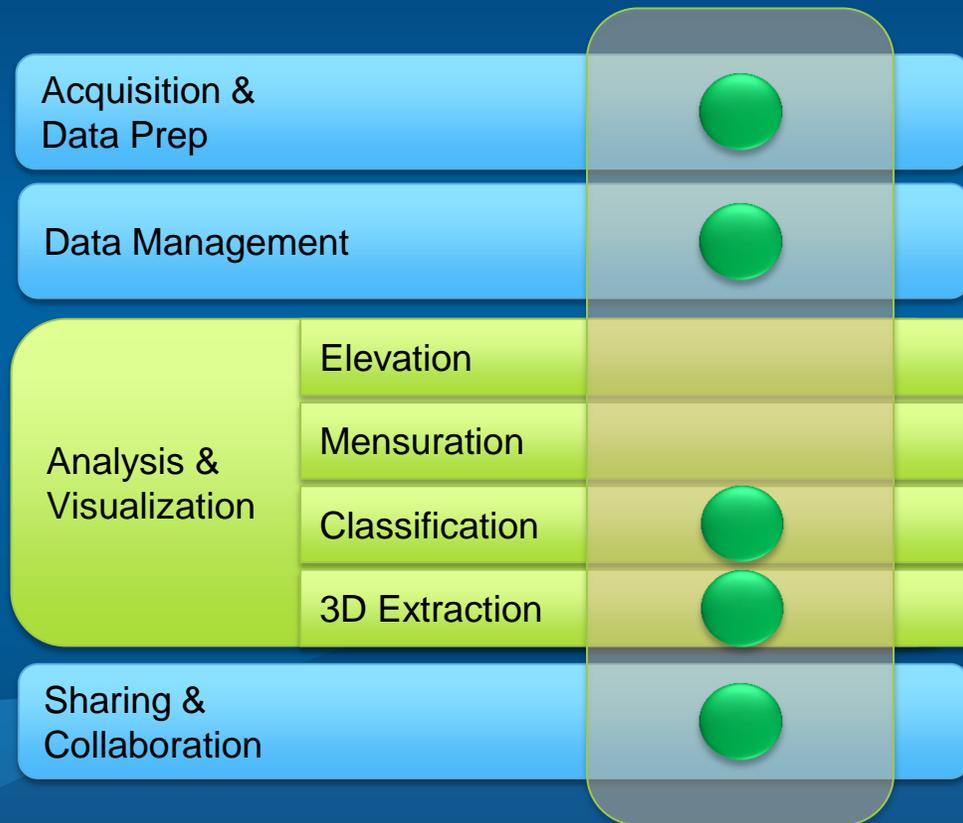
Disaster Recovery

*A Hero's Journey to explore the rich variety of Laser Scanning Applications*

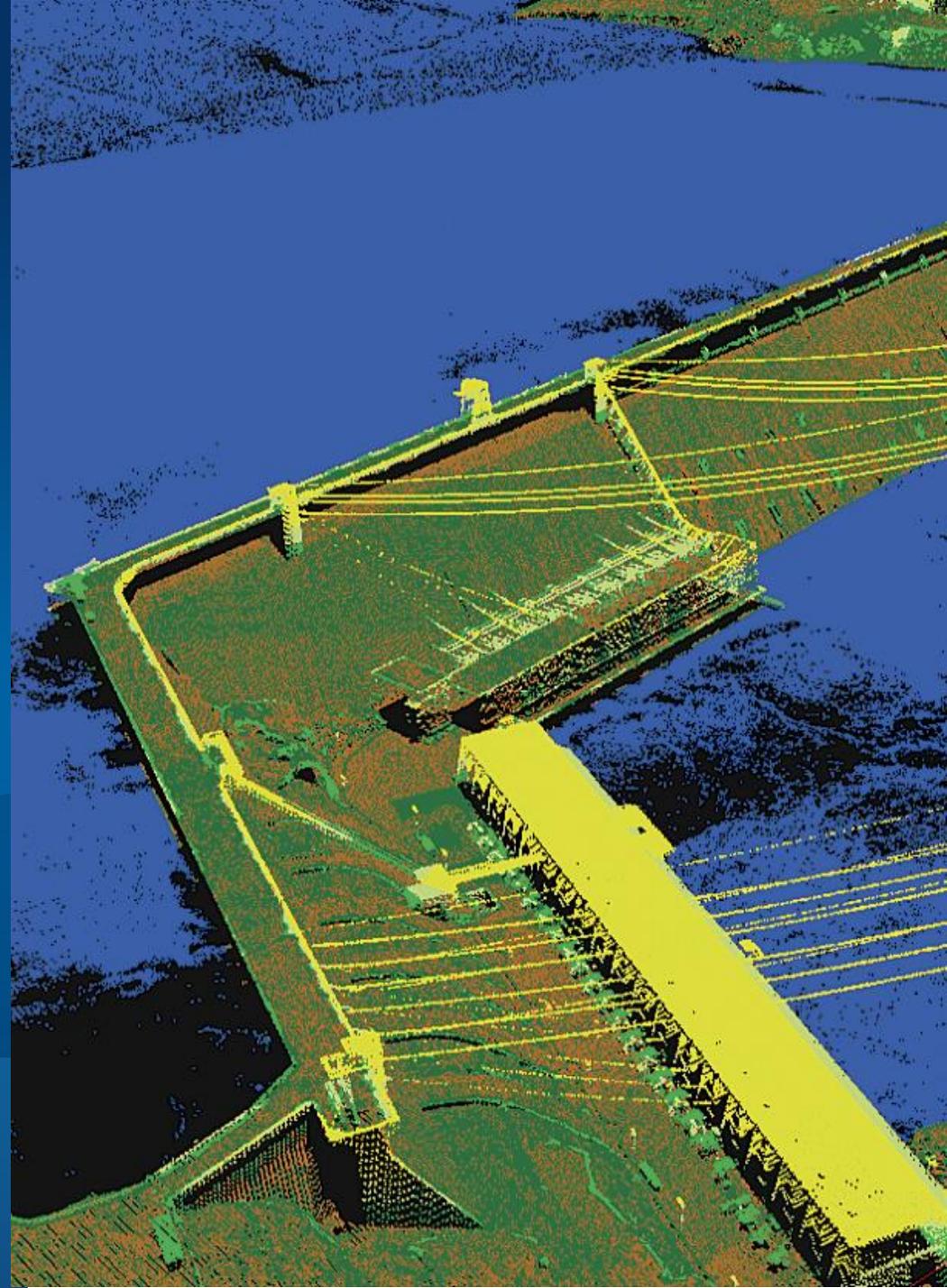
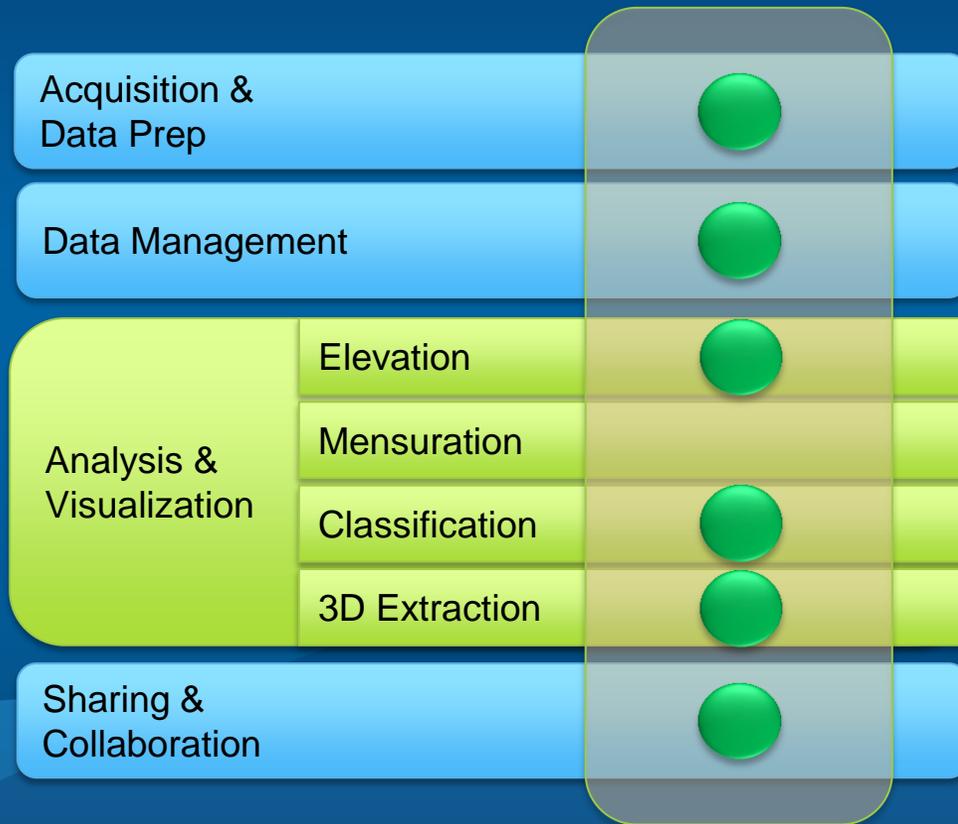
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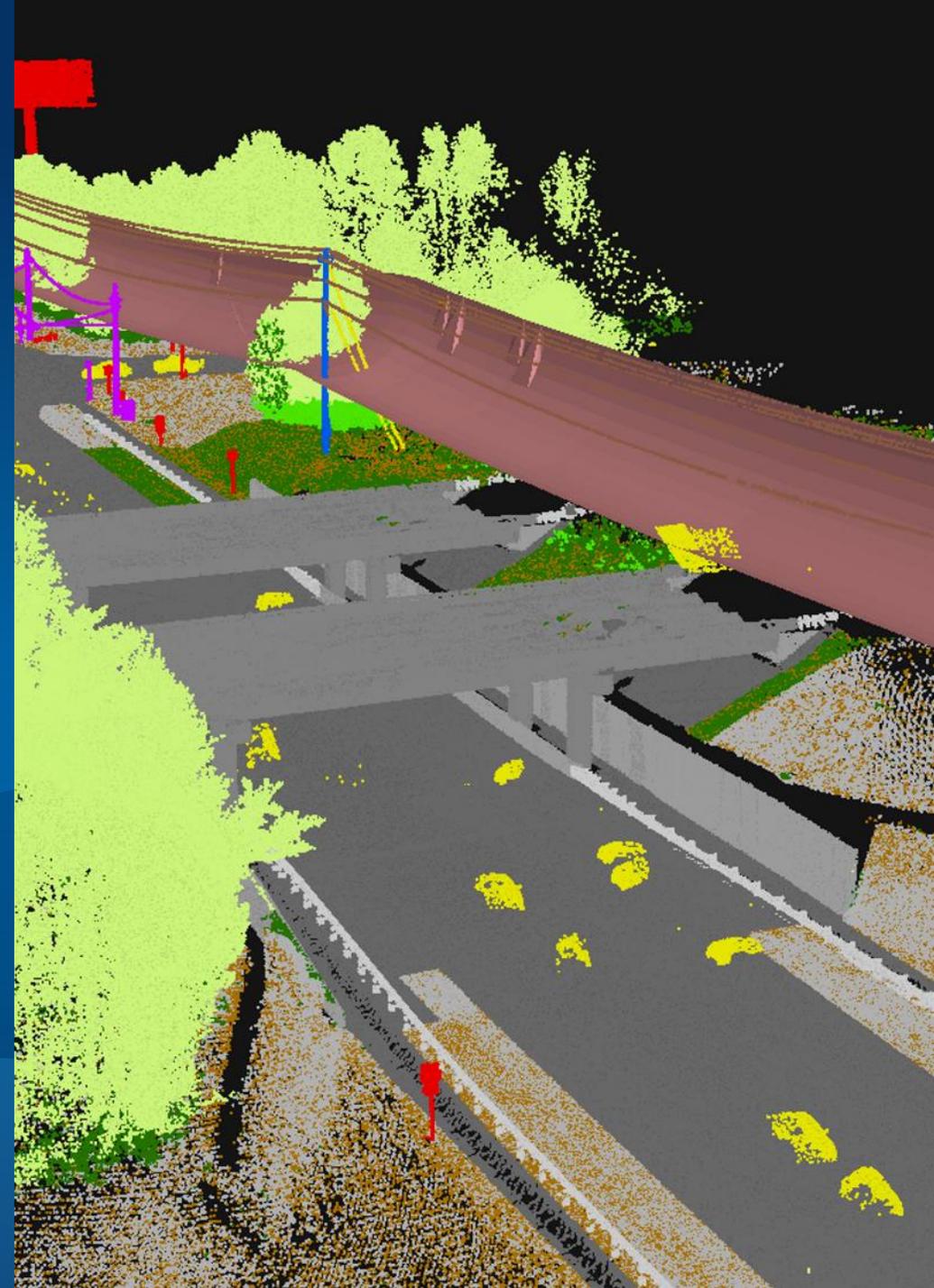
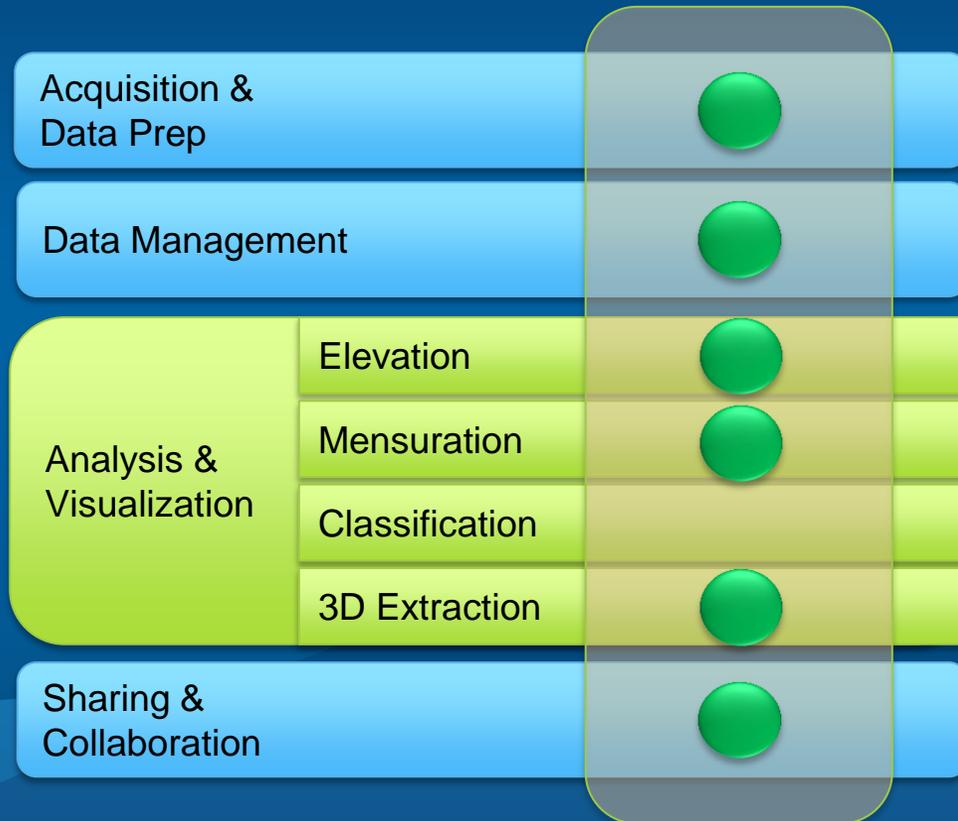
# Facilities



# Utilities

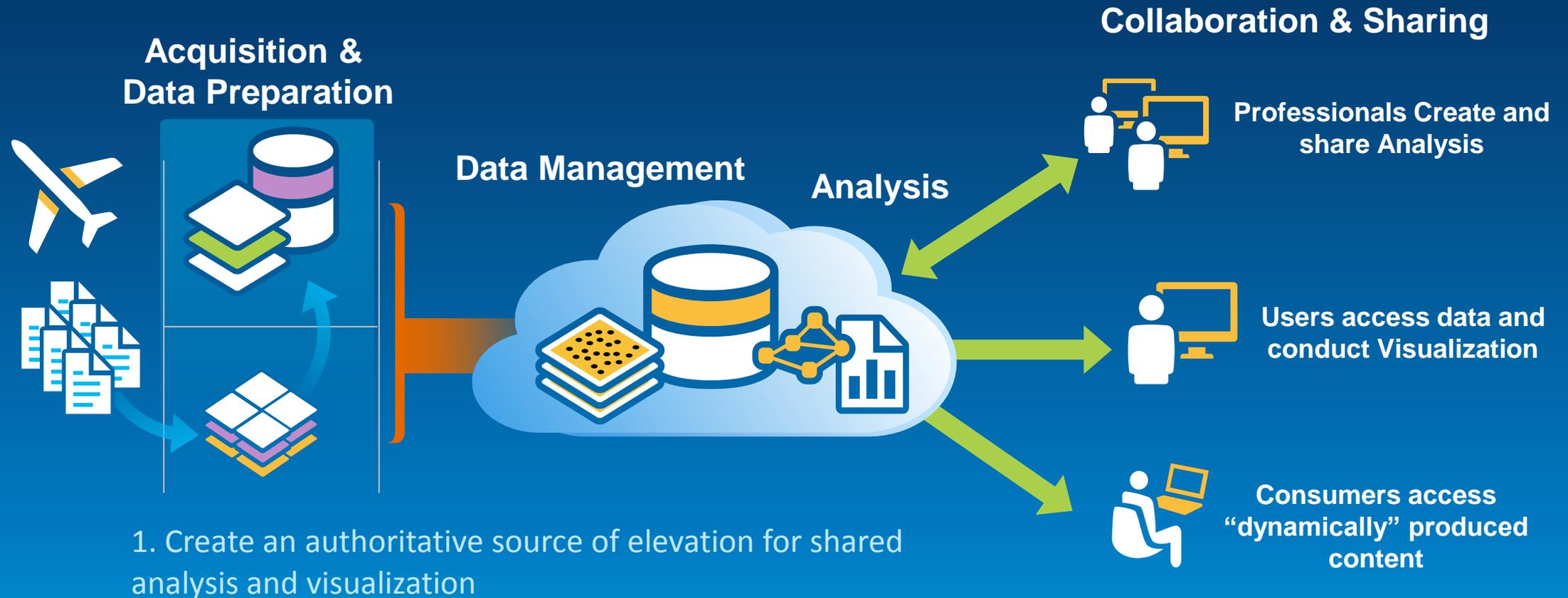


# Transportation



# Summary: ArcGIS Is An End-to-End Solution for Point Clouds

Tightly integrated functional segments facilitate multiple processing chains



1. Create an authoritative source of elevation for shared analysis and visualization
2. Manage, analysis and share to maximize the value
3. Foster collaboration



Understanding our world.