



# Drone Workflows with ArcGIS

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# Imagery & Remote Sensing Capabilities

Comprehensive Imagery System



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# Digitize your world with ArcGIS

From sensor to accurate derived products



Orthomosaics



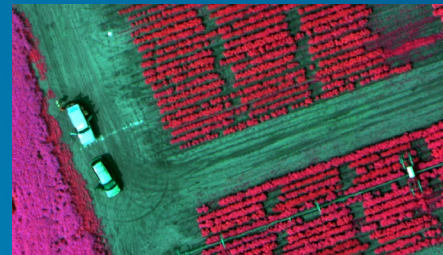
Digital Surface Models



Thermal Orthomosaics



Dynamic Orthomosaics



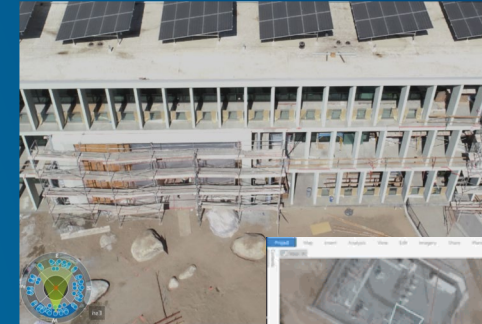
Multispectral Orthomosaics



360° Panoramas



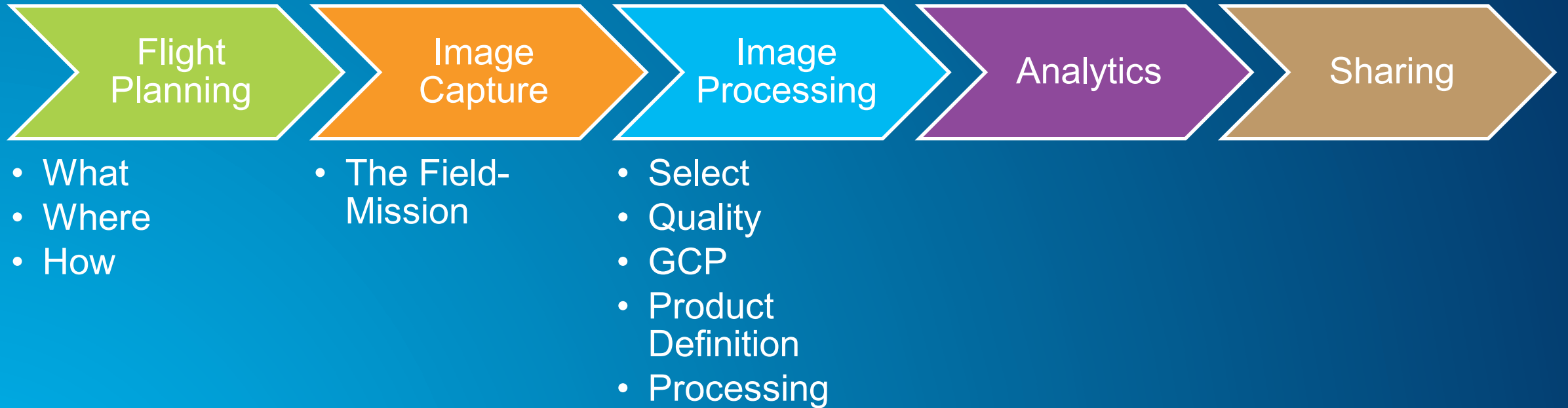
3D Point Clouds & Meshes



Inspection with Video (FMV)  
& Oriented Imagery



## The Workflow at a glance



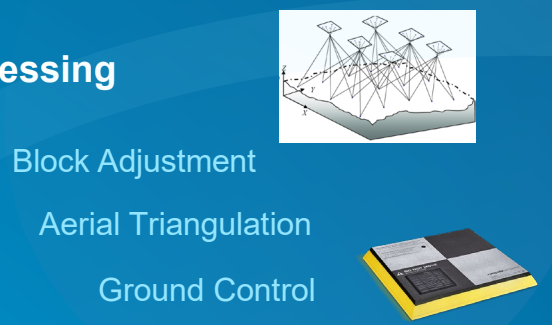
# Image Mapping in ArcGIS

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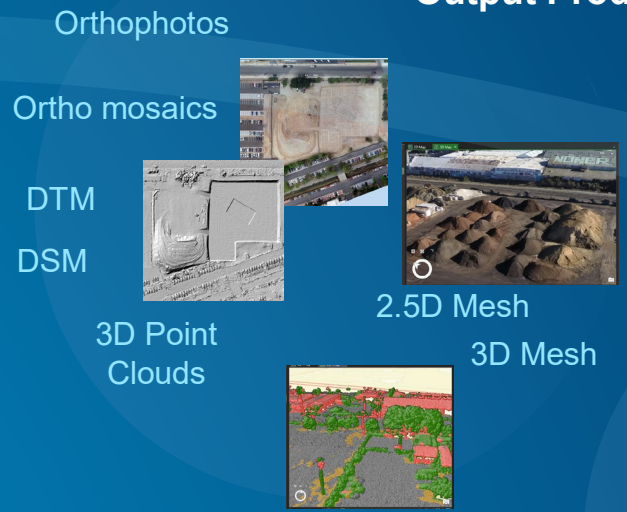
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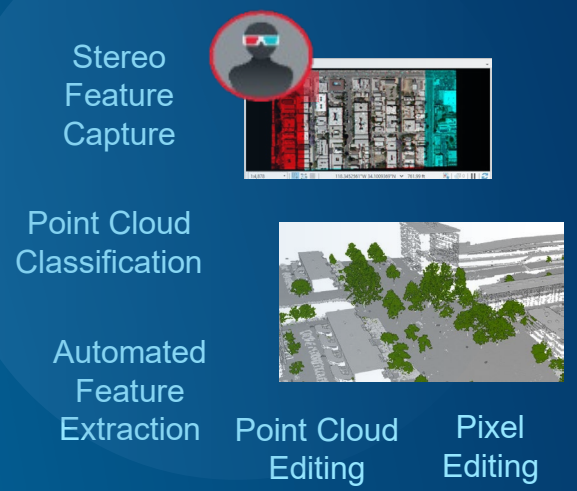
## Processing



## Output Products



## Feature Extraction & Editing



# Multiple sensors – similar output – different requirements



Satellite

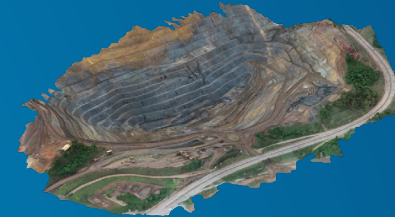


## 2D Image Map Products:

- Orthomosaic
- Digital Elevation Model
- Digital Terrain Model



Aerial

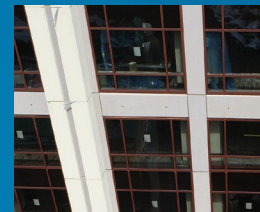


## 3D Elevation Products:

- Point Cloud (LAS)
- 3D Mesh Model



Drone/UAV

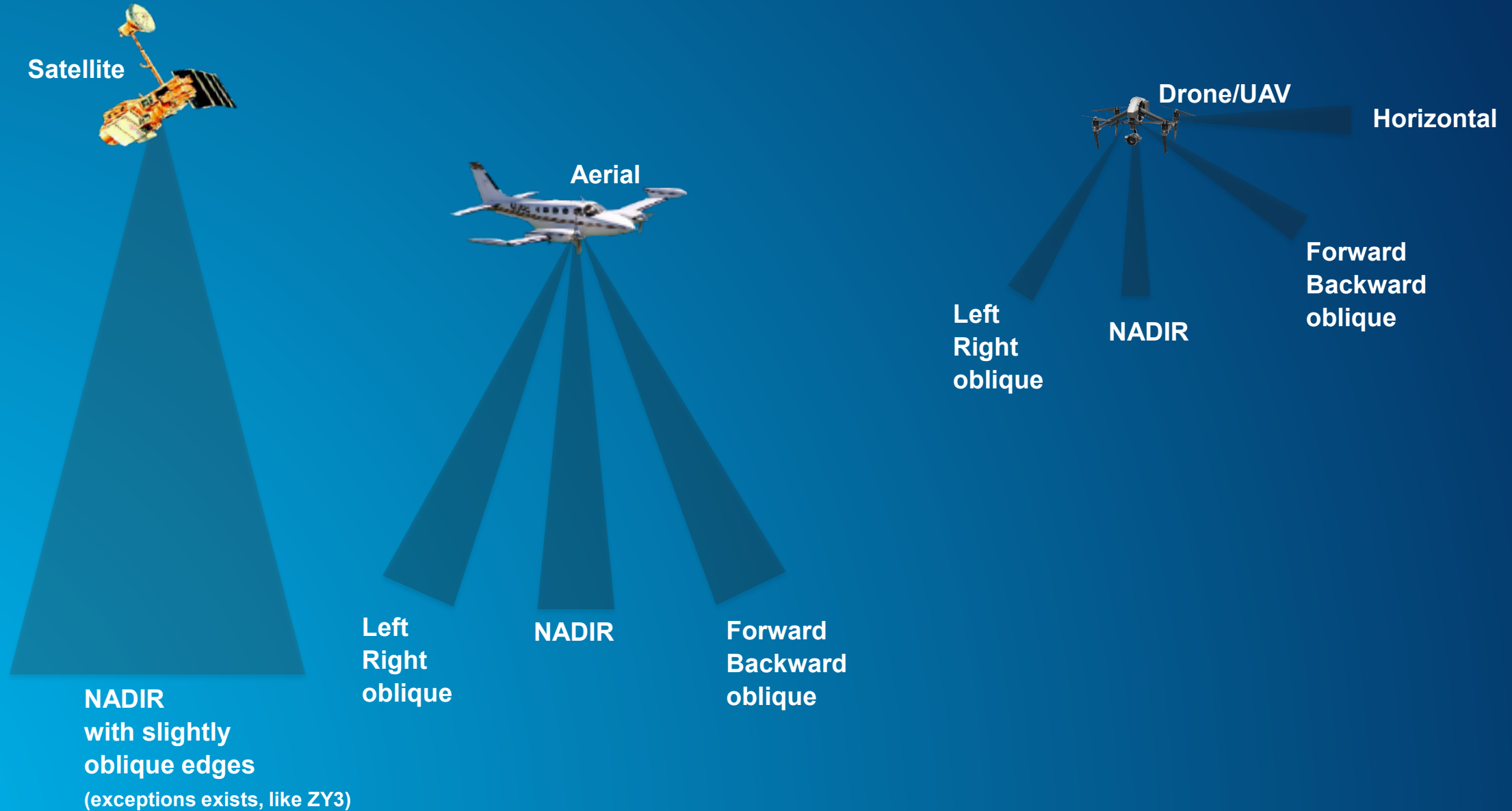


## Oblique Photo Products:

- Inspection report
- Photos



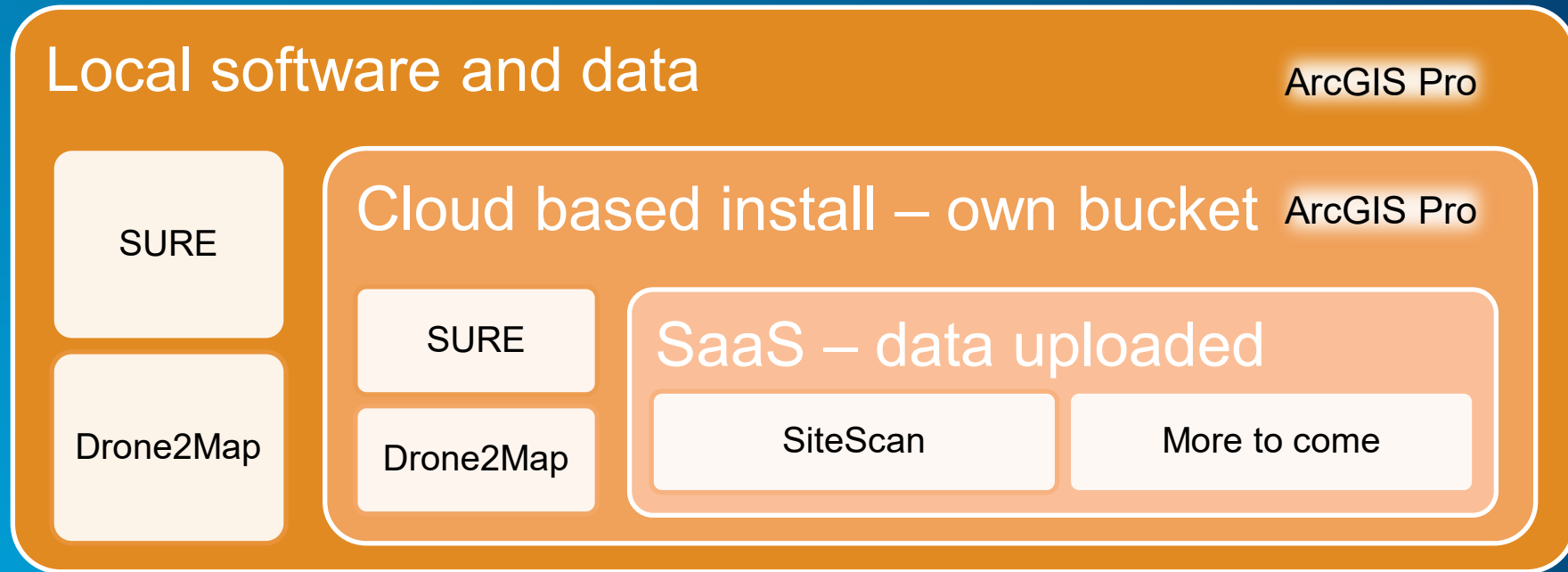
# Capture modes (generalized)



# What is my usage scenario



# What is my analytical setup

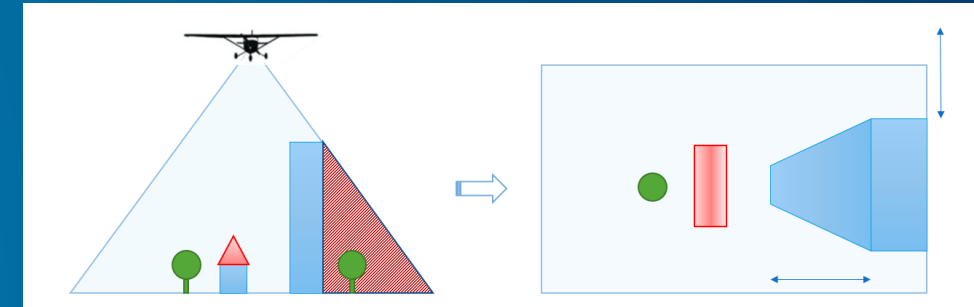
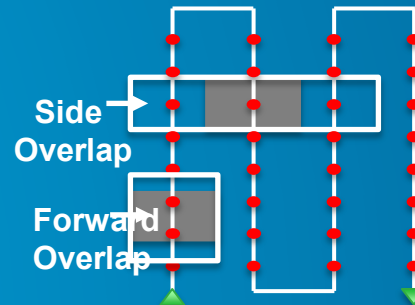
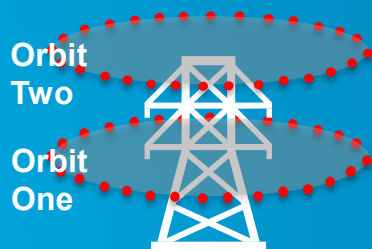




# Requirements for good results

- Sufficient Image Overlap
- High quality positional accuracy
- Homogeneous lighting
- Avoid clouds, snow
- Remove Disturbances (water/glas reflectance, sky)
- Image resolution matching desired analysis capabilities

In-strip/cross-strip Overlap (%)	Key Attributes	Recommended Scene Type
60/30	Minimum coverage required. Central Image area is only covered by two images	Open landscapes from high altitudes
80/30	Recommended minimum coverage. Four suitable stereo pairs per image	Open landscapes from high altitudes
80/60	Reduces cross-strip stereo occlusions	Urban scenes without high-rises
80/80	Greatly reduces cross-strip stereo occlusions	Urban scenes with high-rises



# Image Mapping in ArcGIS

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# Drone processing options in ArcGIS

	Site Scan	Drone2Map	ArcGIS Pro * (Ortho Mapping)	Enterprise + Image Server (Ortho Maker)
<b>Processing Environment</b>	Web / Cloud	Desktop (office/field)	Desktop	Web (ArcGIS Enterprise)
<b>Drone Flight app included</b>	Site Scan Flight	Site Scan LE	Site Scan LE	Site Scan LE
<b>Input data</b>	Drone	Drone	Drone, Satellite, Scanned Film, Digital Camera	Drone
<b>Data Products</b>				
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\* Advanced license





# Drone flight planning and execution

Site Scan Flight for ArcGIS





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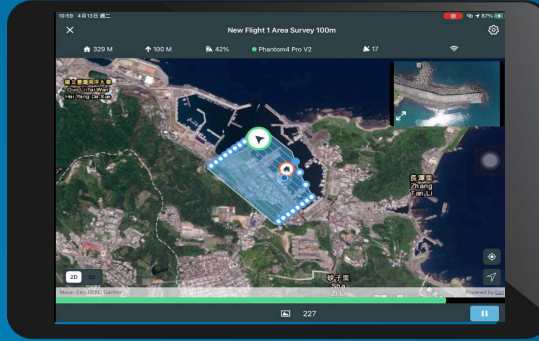
# Site Scan Flight for ArcGIS



## Site Scan Flight for ArcGIS

Cloud-connected flight planning and execution, automated fleet management

Requires a Site Scan license



## Site Scan LE (Limited Edition)

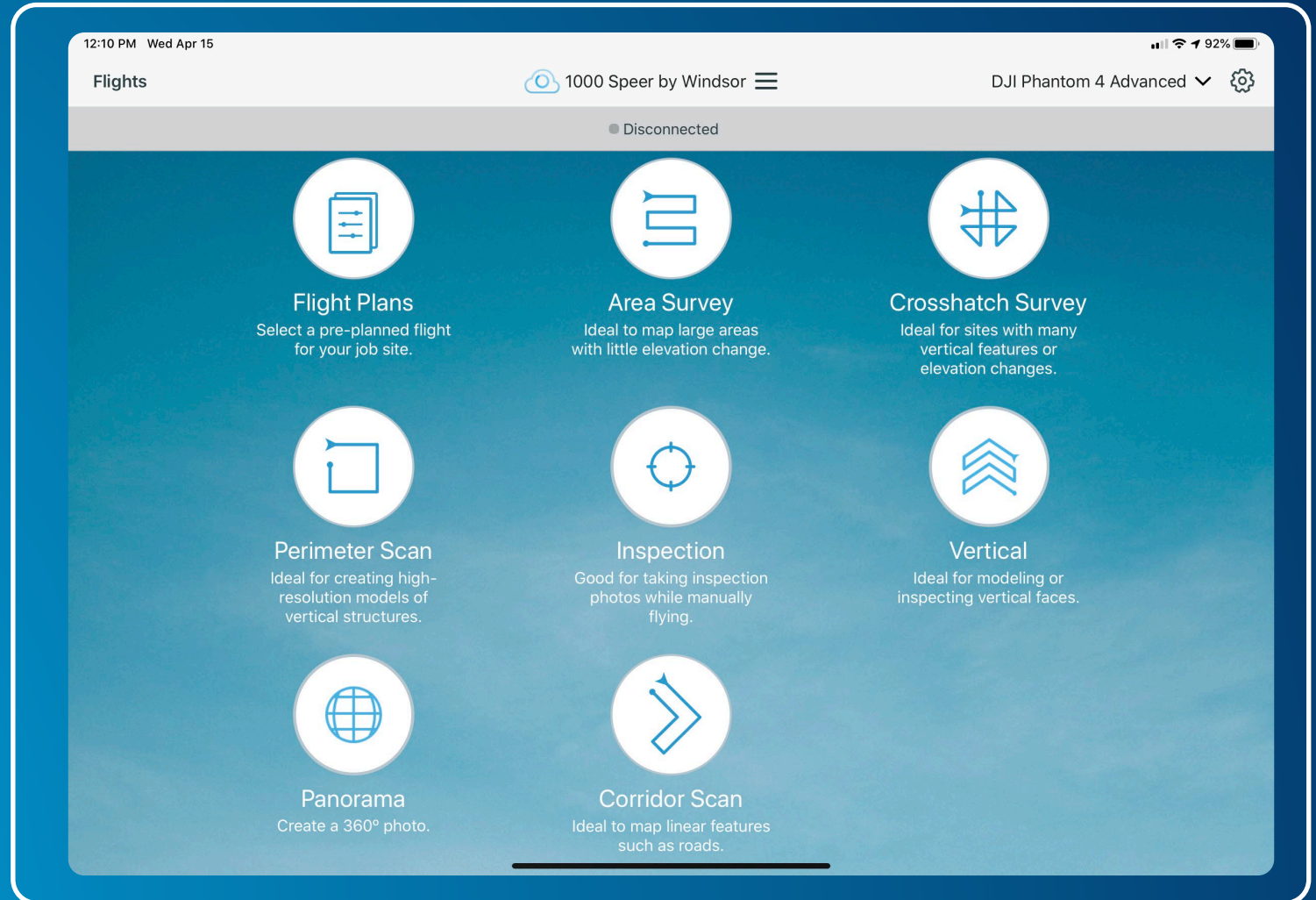
Disconnected flight planning and execution

Available to all Drone2Map users



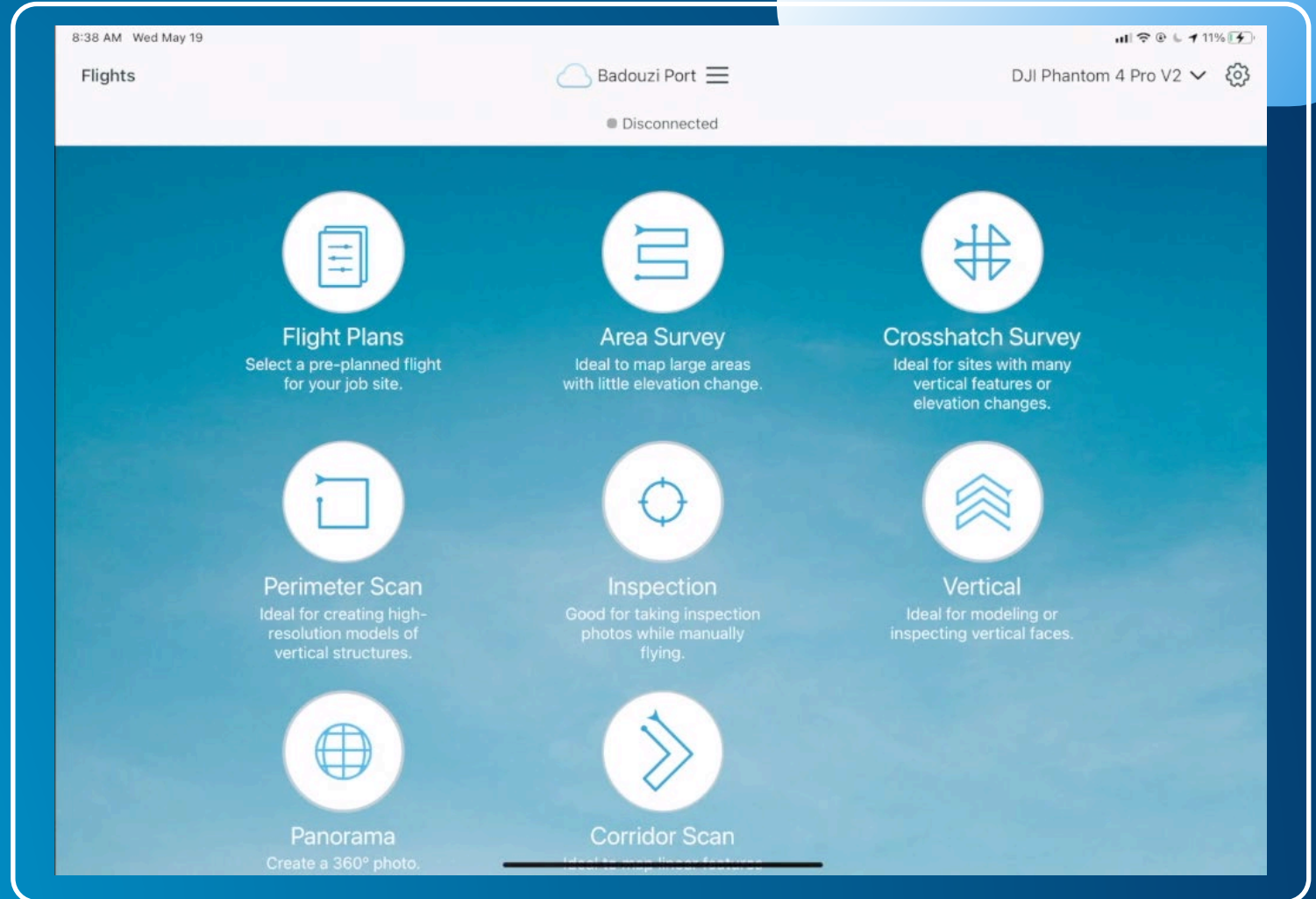
# Site Scan Flight and LE

- ✧ iPadOS application
- ✧ Plan automated mapping & inspection flights in 2D & 3D
- ✧ Geospatial Video Log recording
- ✧ Terrain Follow capability
- ✧ Offline basemap download
- ✧ Display 2D & 3D data from ArcGIS Online or Enterprise
- ✧ QuickMap offline photo-mosaic stitching
- ✧ Field data management



# Site Scan Flight for ArcGIS

- Cloud connected functionalities requiring a Site Scan license:
  - Saving and **sharing of flight plans** between users
  - Display of previously processed flight data
  - Automated Fleet management**
  - Organization-mandated **custom preflight checklist** forms
  - Field-to-Cloud imagery upload**



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Flights

Badouzi Port

DJI Phantom 4 Pro V2

Disconnected



### Flight Plans

Select a pre-planned flight for your job site.



### Area Survey

Ideal to map large areas with little elevation change.



### Crosshatch Survey

Ideal for sites with many vertical features or elevation changes.



### Perimeter Scan

Ideal for creating high-resolution models of vertical structures.



### Inspection

Good for taking inspection photos while manually flying.



### Vertical

Ideal for modeling or inspecting vertical faces.



### Panorama

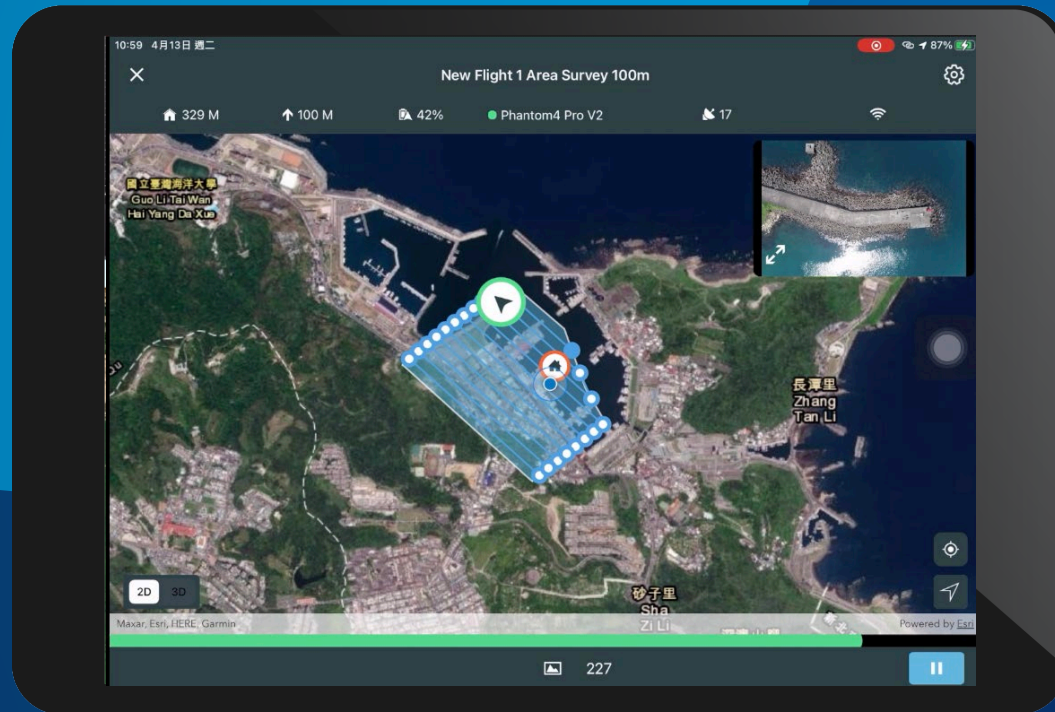
Create a 360° photo.



### Corridor Scan

Ideal to map linear features.





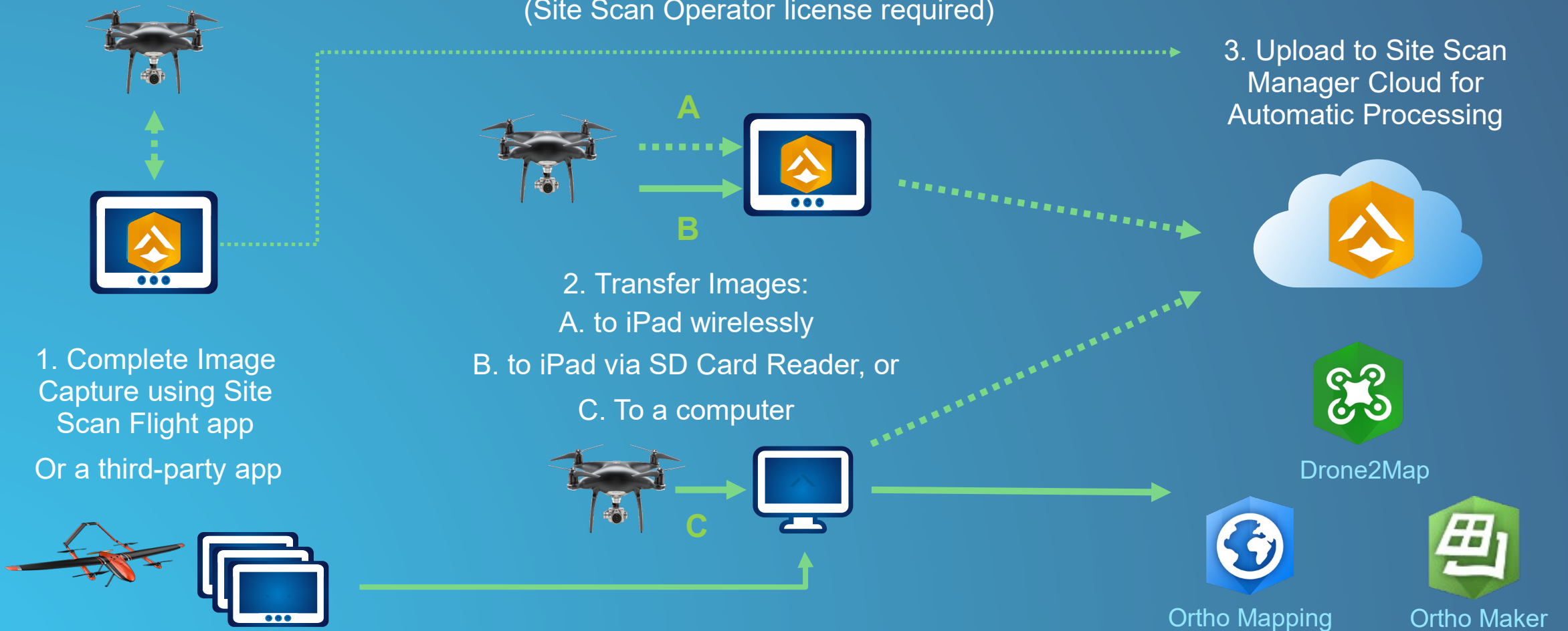
# Site Scan Flight Execution



# Post-Flight

- Uploading Images and Fleet Management Data

Fleet Management and Checklist data: sync to Site Scan Cloud  
(Site Scan Operator license required)

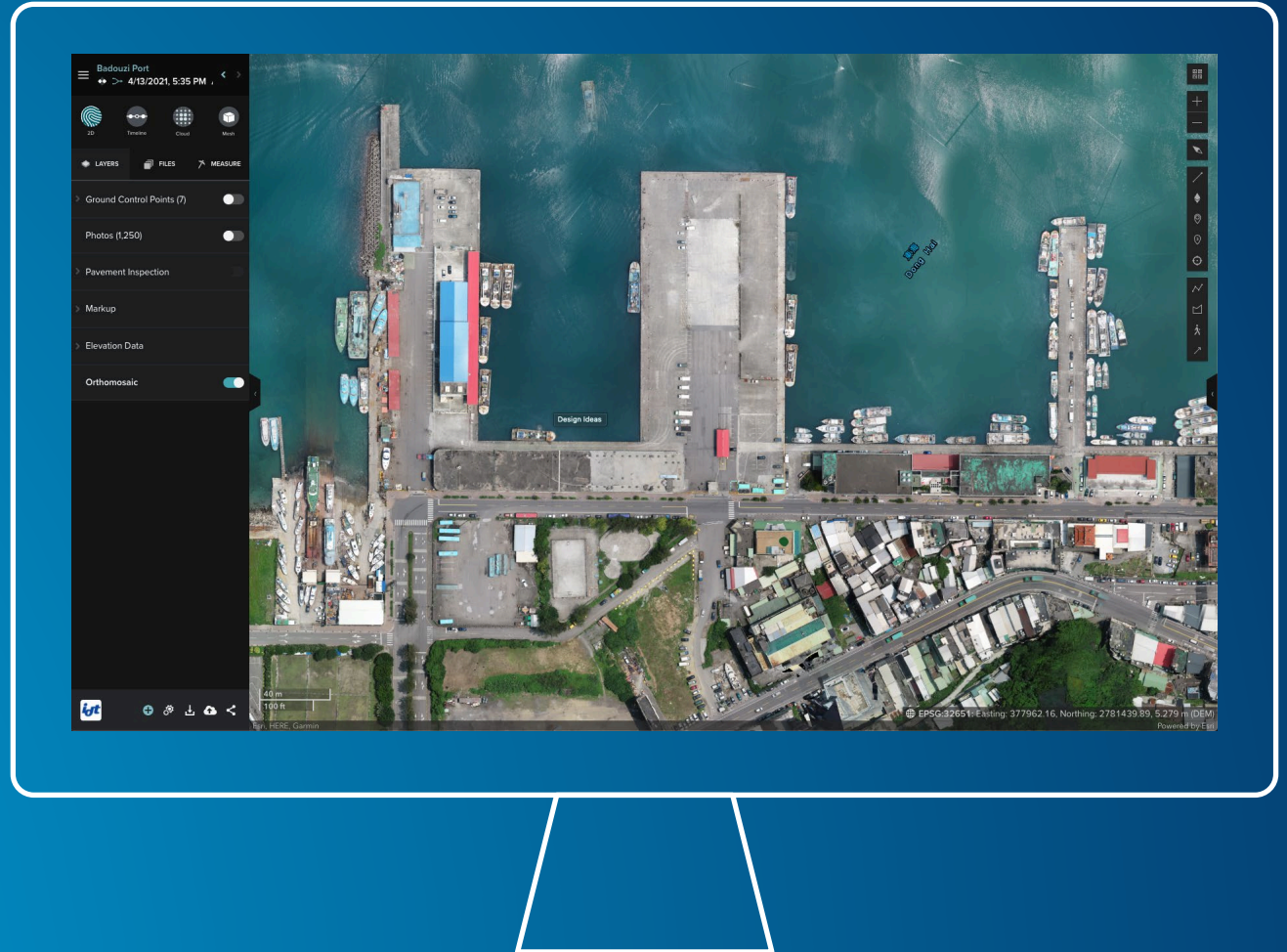


# Drone Data Processing

# Site Scan Manager for ArcGIS

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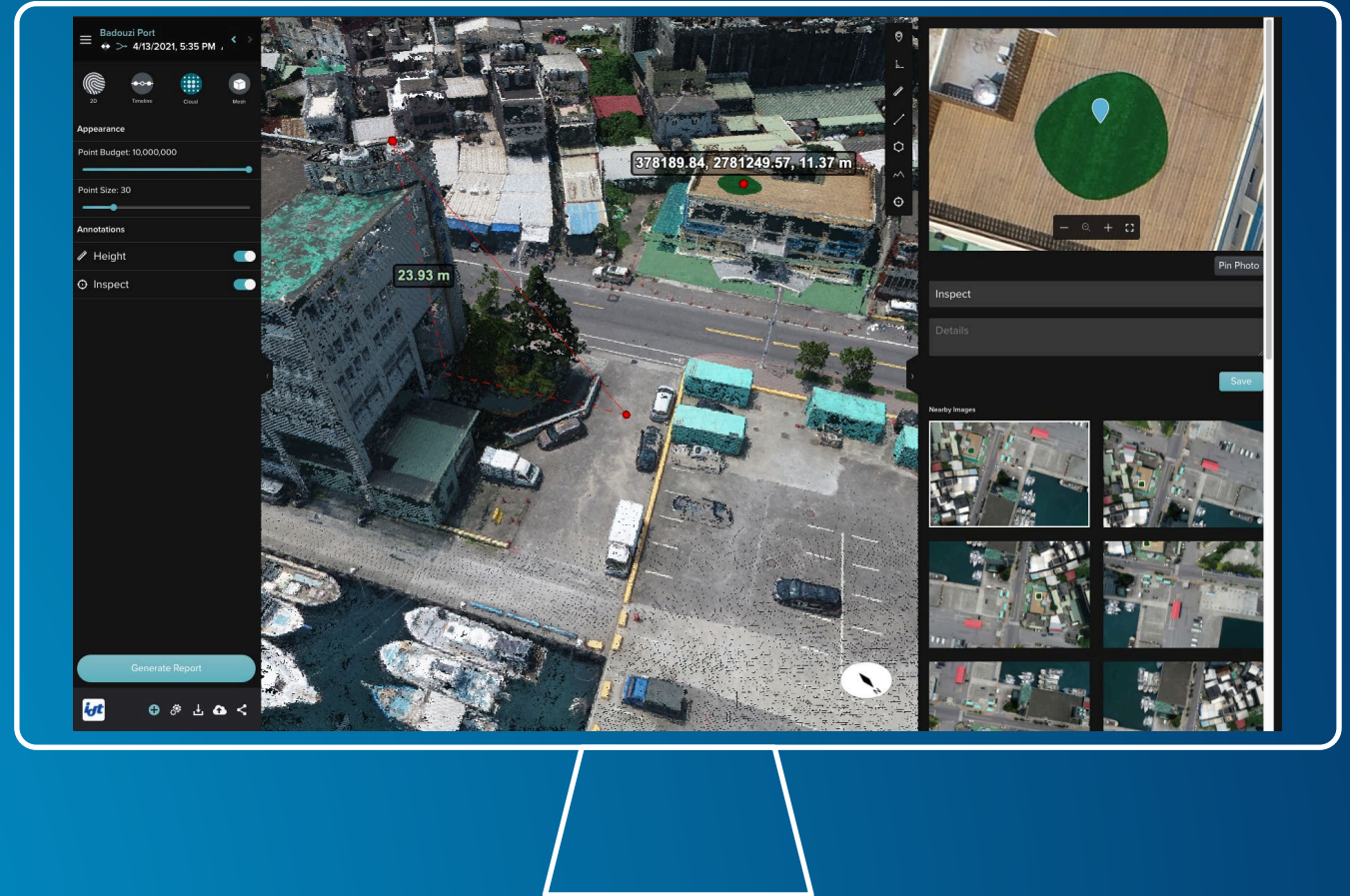
- Web application
- Unlimited cloud processing of drone imagery
- Secure hosting in the U.S. or E.U.
- Visualization, first-phase analysis and collaboration tool
- Publishing of processed outputs into ArcGIS Online or ArcGIS Enterprise
- Local export and sharing functionalities





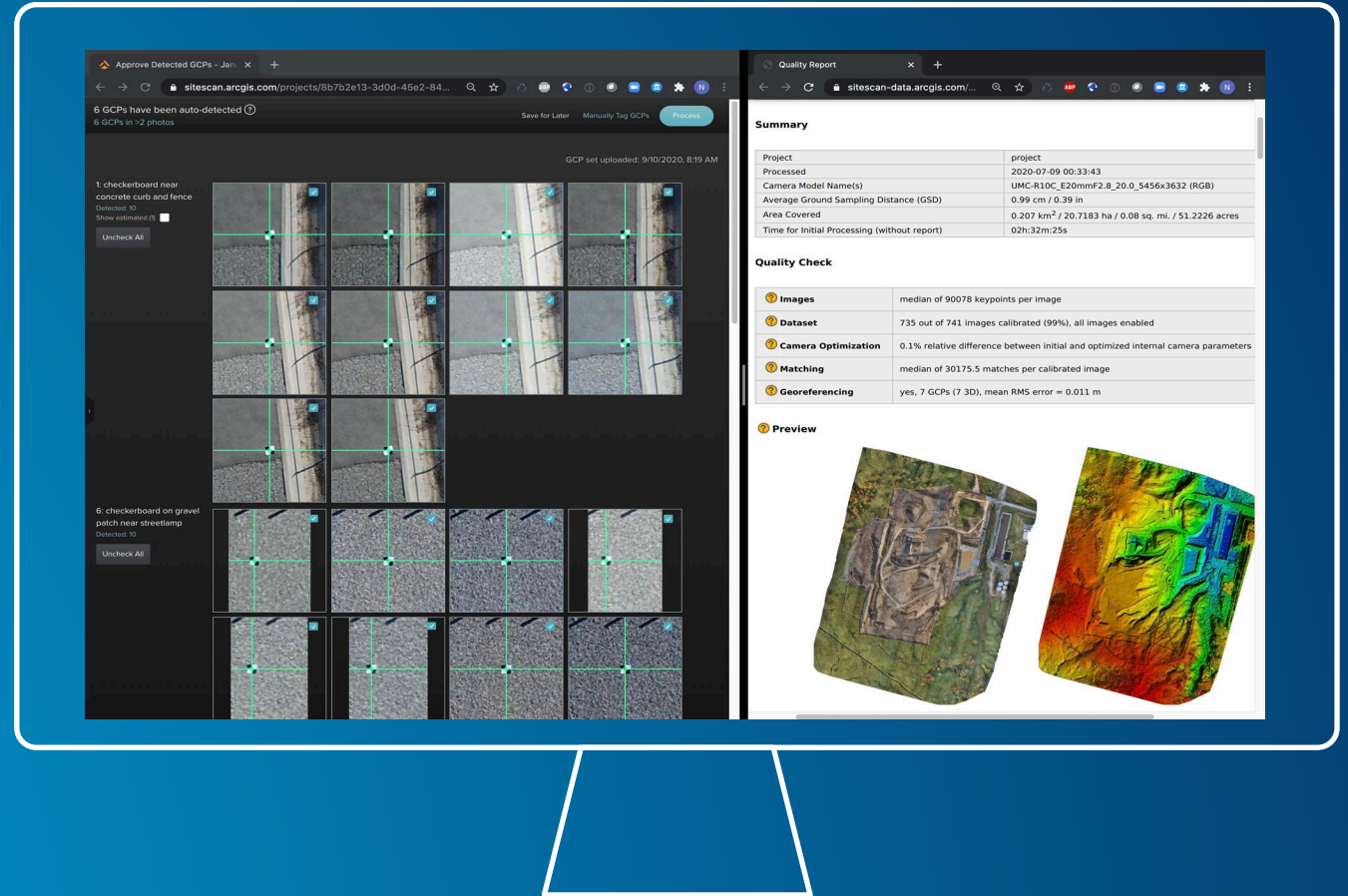
# Site Scan Manager

- Perform linear, volumetric and cut/fill analysis with one click
- Display CAD and PDF overlays to perform Quality Control
- Generate inspection reports as PDF documents
- Navigate through inspection photos in 3D using the point cloud
- Easily share 2D & 3D Data outputs, or 360° Panorama photos with project teams and collaborators



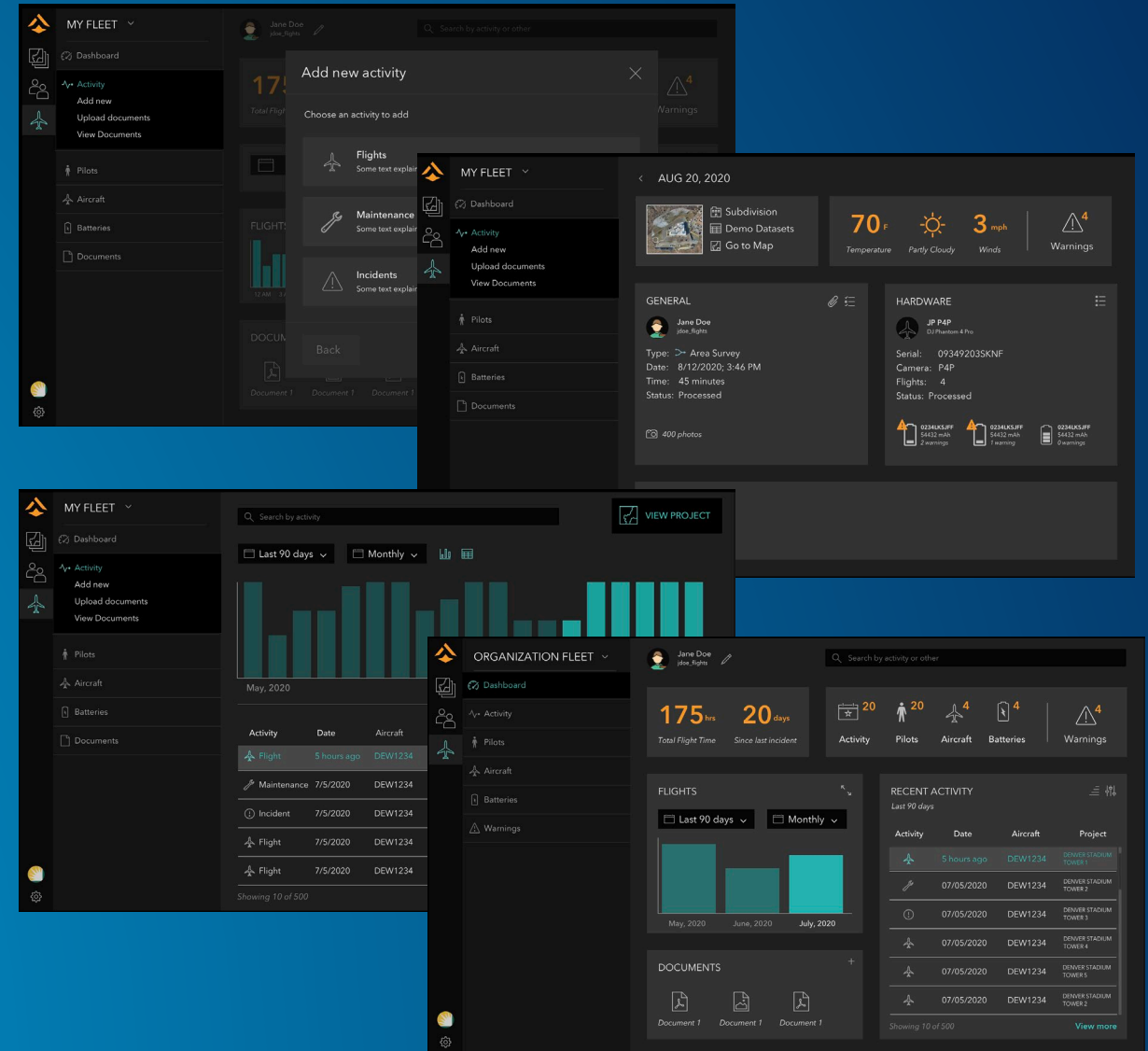
# Site Scan Manager

- Computer vision Ground Control Point detection
- Accuracy validation through checkpoints
- Processing & accuracy reports
- RTK and PPK support



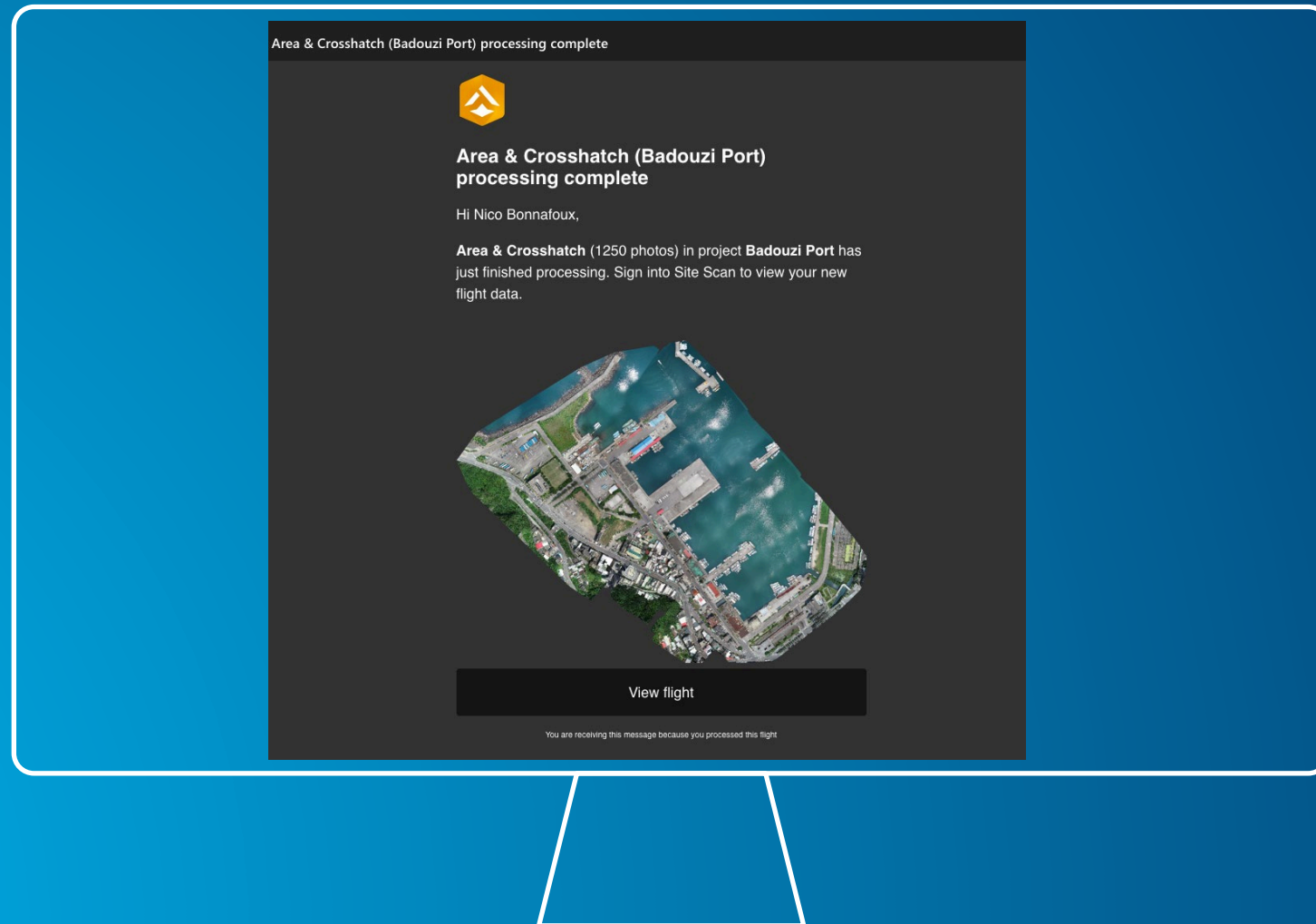
# Site Scan Manager - Fleet Management

- Automatic recording of all flights conducted with the Site Scan Flight app & manual flight logging:
  - Pilot
  - Aircraft
  - Batteries
  - Weather...
- Dynamic operations dashboard
- Maintenance scheduling and tracking
- Data exports for reporting
- Pilot certificate and aircraft document tracking
- Incident tracking and administrator notifications

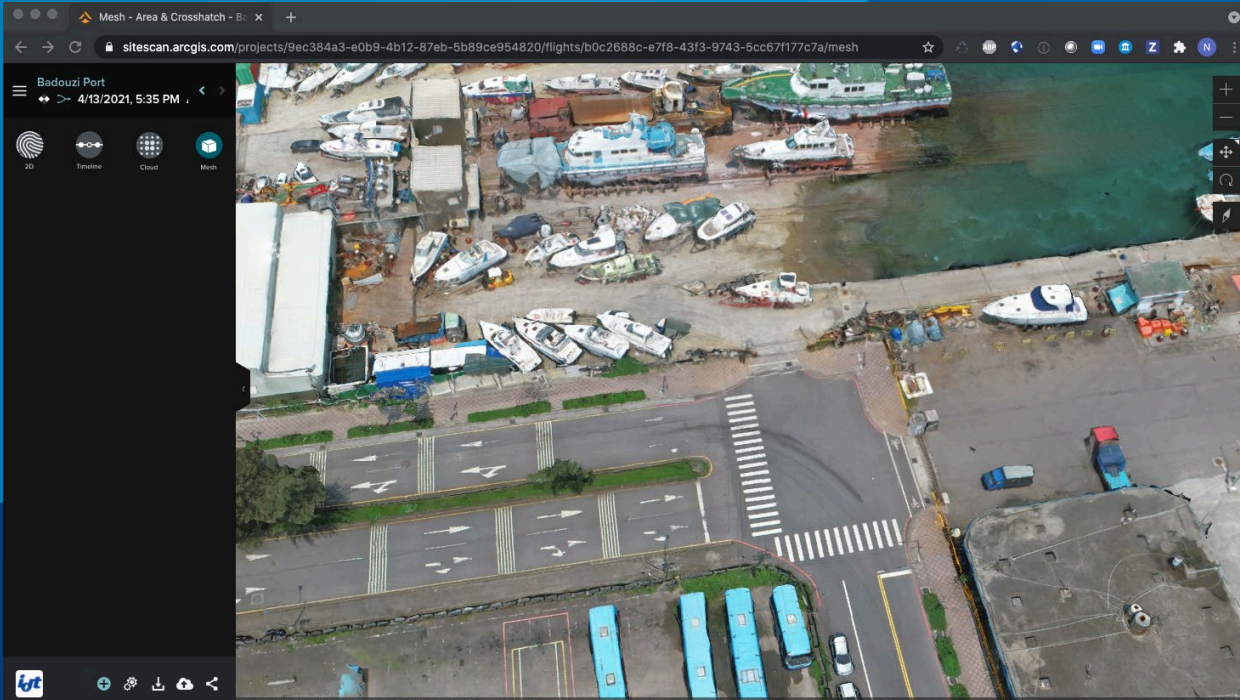




# Site Scan Manager: Processing Complete Email Notification







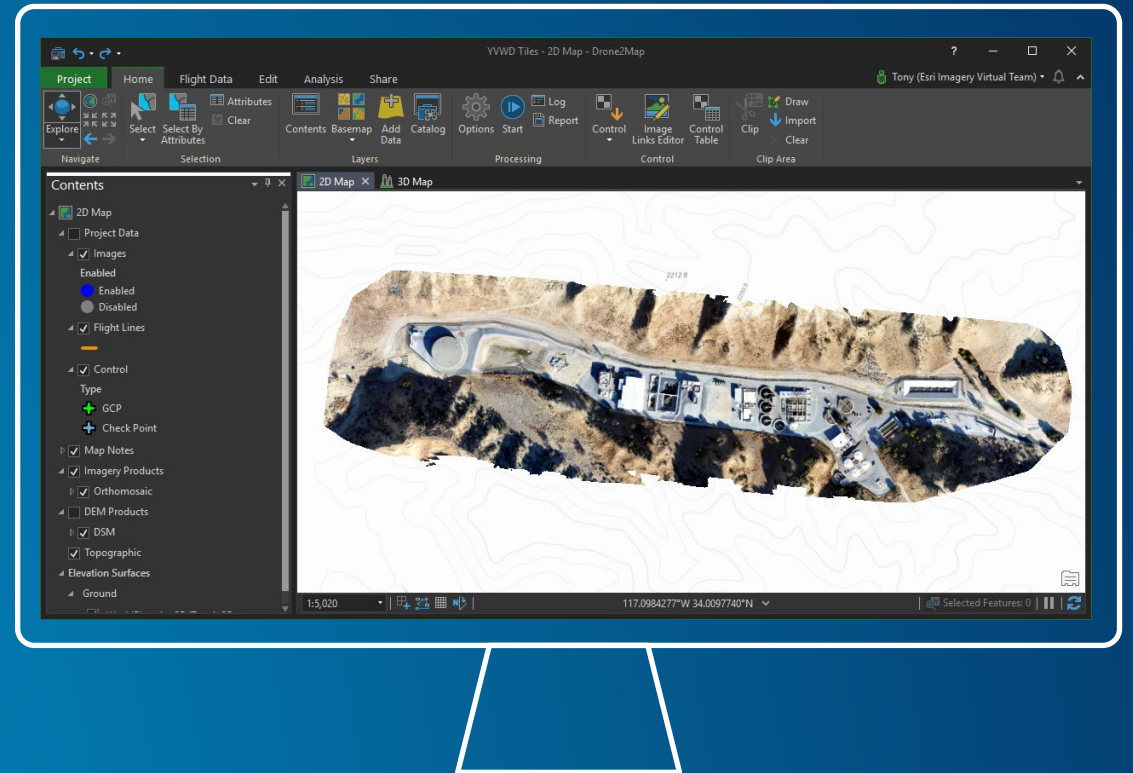
# Processing in the cloud

Site Scan Manager for ArcGIS

# ArcGIS Drone2Map

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- Standalone Desktop Application
  - Does not require ArcGIS Pro
  - Licensed with Creator Users Type
  - Open projects in ArcGIS Pro for advanced analysis
- Accurate high-resolution 2D & 3D products
  - Ground Control Points, Manual Tie Points, Check Points
  - RTK/PPK
- Secure local processing
- Import and publish data from ArcGIS Online or ArcGIS Enterprise



# ArcGIS Drone2Map

Compatible with the drone that fits your needs and budget

- Low operation cost
  - Compatible with entry-level and professional mapping drones
- Supports multiple payloads
  - RGB Cameras (<55 MP)
  - Multispectral Cameras
  - Calibrated Cameras
  - RTK/PPK
    - Integrated or external module





# ArcGIS Drone2Map

Process geolocated images from any source



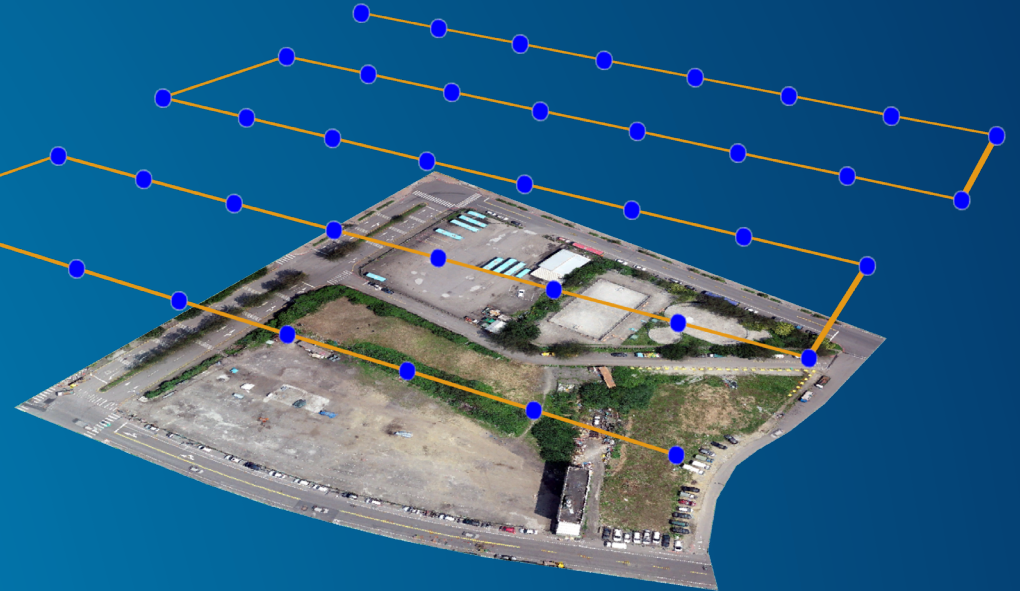
Optimized for Site Scan LE



Compatible with third-party  
flight planning apps

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- Image Metadata
- Geolocation File



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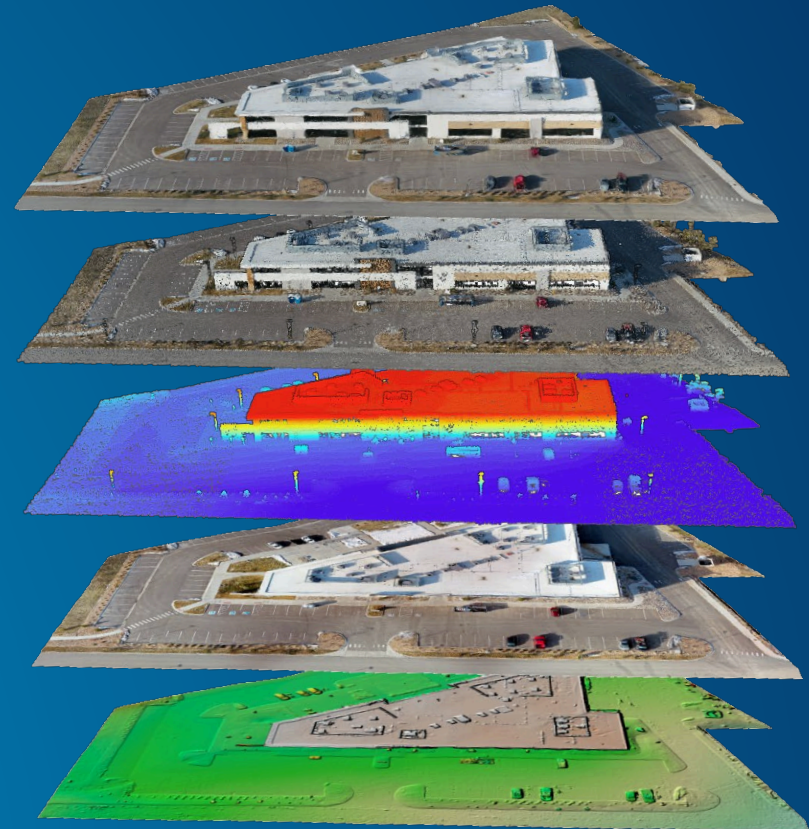
- 2D Products
  - Orthomosaics
  - Digital Elevation Models (DSM & DTM)
  - Contours
- 3D Products
  - Point Clouds
  - Integrated Mesh
- Save products locally or share to ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Enterprise

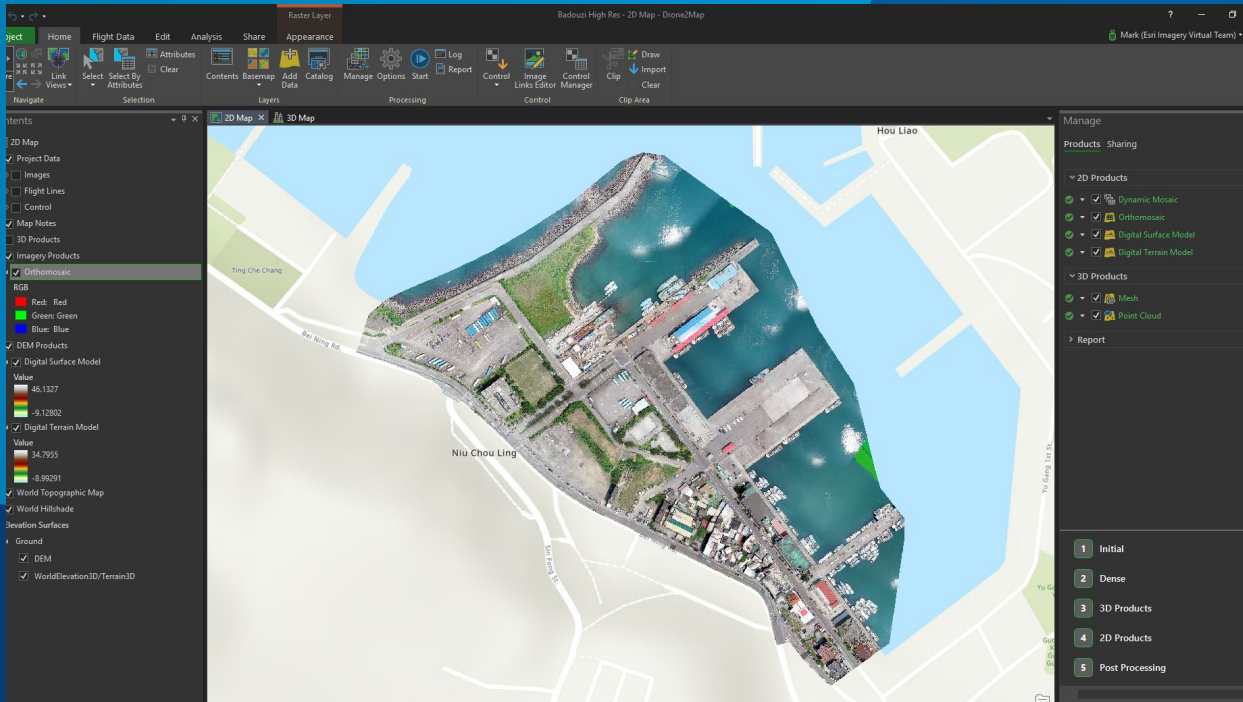
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Point Clouds

Orthomosaic

DEM





# Processing on Desktop & In the Field

ArcGIS Drone2Map

# The other 2 Options



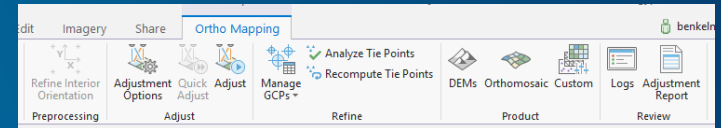
# Ortho Mapping in ArcGIS Pro

Optional Ortho Maker in ArcGIS Enterprise with Image Server



Ortho Mapping

- **Ortho Mapping is a capability built into ArcGIS Pro (Advanced license required)**
  - Create Orthomosaics & DEMs from Satellite, Aerial (digital & film) & Drone Imagery
  - Mosaic dataset of source images, orthorectified on-the-fly based on DTM
    - Enables multiple views from different perspectives, Stereo models for Image Analyst
  - Fine-grained control over output products (seamline & pixel editing)
  - Geoprocessing (GP) tools for process automation



Ortho Maker

- **Ortho Maker is a web-based user interface for uploading and processing drone imagery through Ortho Mapping on Enterprise with Image Server**
  - Output data products appear as web layers



ArcGIS  
Enterprise



ArcGIS  
Image Server

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# Summary - Esri software for Image Mapping

- **Output data products**
  - 2D orthomosaics, 3D point clouds & meshes, Inspection images
- **Operational environments**
  - Field, Desktop, Enterprise, Cloud, Web
- **Key considerations**
  - Scalability
  - Automation
  - Drone fleet management
  - Drone based sensors
    - RGB, Thermal, Multispectral, Video



Site Scan



Drone2Map



Ortho Mapping



Ortho Maker



# Summary : Drone2Map



- **StandAlone** App for drone imagery processing with **local** data
  - Recommended: Not to exceed 2000 images per project
  - **Process one project/flight at a time**
  - 2D results: Orthomosaics, DSMs, DTMs
  - 3D results: textured mesh, classified RGB point clouds, 3D PDF
  - Direct upload of orthomosaic, hillshades, & 3D textured mesh to ArcGIS Online
  - Single button to import results into ArcGIS Pro
  - Does not require ArcGIS
    - Tools e.g. 3D volume calculation enabled if ArcGIS Pro & Spatial Analyst installed
  - Supports SiteScan (LE) flight planning App [[see this Blog entry](#)]
  - Data management in ArcGIS Pro via *Imagery Workflows* download
    - <http://esriurl.com/D2Mmanagement>
- New: Now uses SURE 3D Mesh engine!**



# Summary: SiteScan



- **SaaS** App for drone imagery processing with **uploaded** data  
→ Access anywhere
- Recommended: Not to exceed 2500 images per project (but not forced)
- **Process multiple projects (or project-parts) in parallel**
- 2D results: Orthomosaics, DSMs, DTMs, contours
- 3D results: textured mesh, RGB point cloud
- Direct upload of products to ArcGIS Online
- Additional export formats (CAD)
- Does not require ArcGIS
- Supports SiteScan flight planning App [[see this Video](#)]

**New: Uses SURE 3D Mesh engine!**

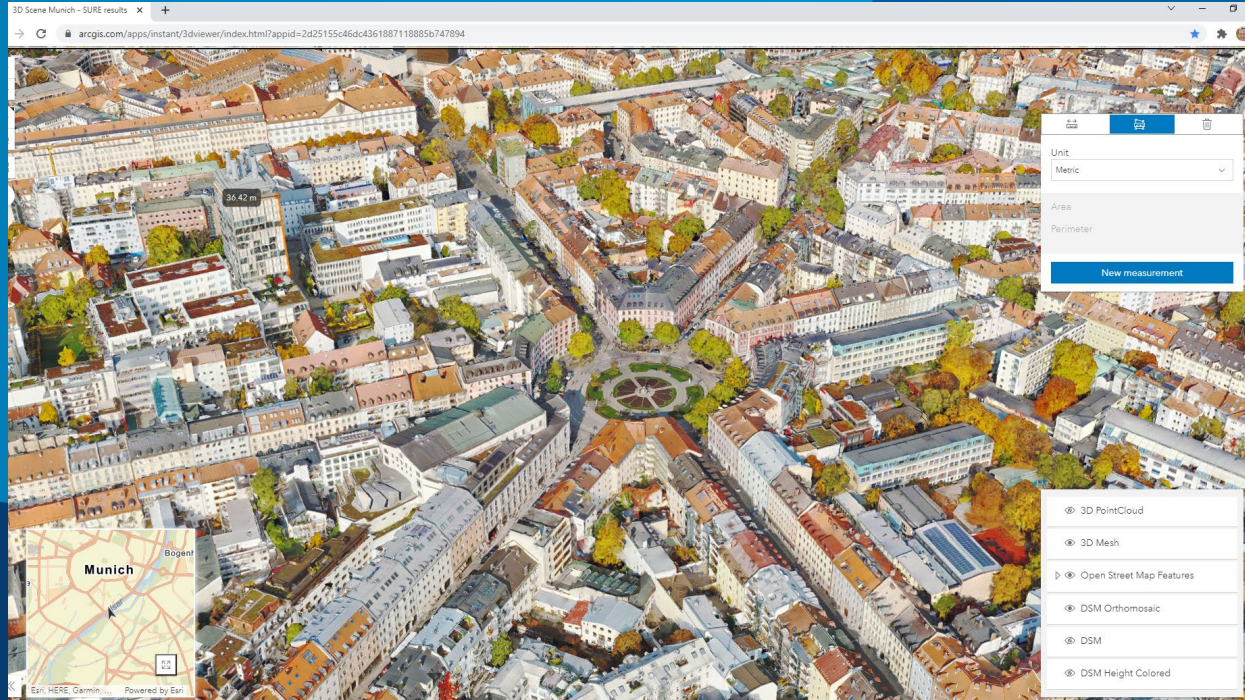
**Not to confuse you ...**

# Quick Glance: SURE for ArcGIS



- **StandAlone** App for Areal Imagery & lidar processing with **local** data
- Professional Aerotriangulation required as input
- Can be many thousands of Images per project
- **Process on multiple machines in parallel is possible**
- Processing duration can be considerable
- 2D results: DSM Orthomosaics, DSMs, Quality layers
- 3D results: textured mesh, RGB point clouds, 3D PDF
- Results can be used in ArcGIS right away
- Integration in ArcGIS ongoing (see also Drone2Map and SiteScan)

# Quick Glance: SURE



## A quick look

Find a full presentation here: <https://links.esri.com/SURE21may>





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