

# Automated Annotation of Satellite Imagery using Model-based Projections

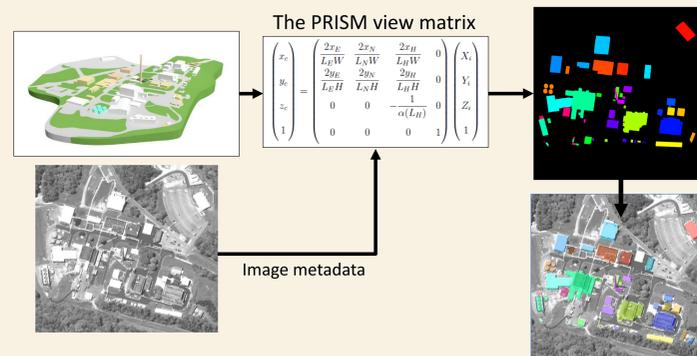
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The PRISM algorithm uses satellite metadata and a 3D model to create a mask that is projected onto the satellite image

$$y_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{20} a_i \rho_i(P, L, H)}{\sum_{i=1}^{20} b_i \rho_i(P, L, H)}$$

$$x_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{20} c_i \rho_i(P, L, H)}{\sum_{i=1}^{20} d_i \rho_i(P, L, H)}$$

- One set of RPCs per image, 80 values in all
- Provide mapping between (latitude, longitude, height) and (column, row) in image.
- Bundle together a bunch of collection effects including orbital variations, curvature of earth, image distortions from imaging system, and many other collection artifacts.
- Very complex, lots of cross-coupling of terms
- Relatively accurate, but unsuitable for graphics pipelines

$$\sum_{i=1}^{20} a_i \rho_i(P, L, H) =$$

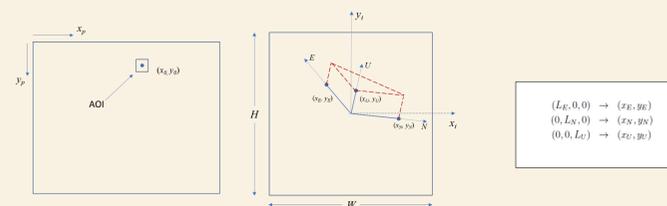
$$a_1 + a_2 L + a_3 P + a_4 H + a_5 LP + a_6 LH + a_7 PH + a_8 L^2 + a_9 P^2 + a_{10} H^2 + a_{11} PLH +$$

$$a_{12} L^3 + a_{13} LP^2 + a_{14} LH^2 + a_{15} L^2 P + a_{16} P^3 + a_{17} PH^2 + a_{18} L^2 H + a_{19} P^2 H + a_{20} H^3$$

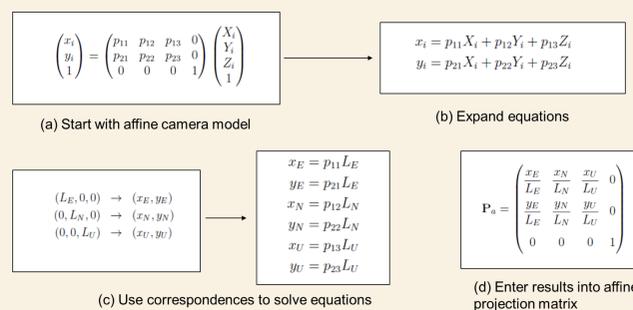
Rational Polynomial Coefficients (RPCs) are a camera model for the satellite imaging system

## The PRISM Algorithm is used to project model components onto an image

The first step is to create a right prism coordinate system in the center of the AOI image



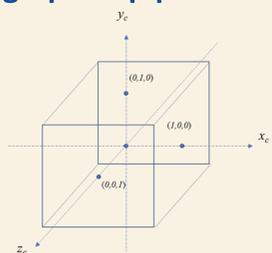
The next step is to use coordinates from the PRISM to calibrate an affine camera model



Augment projection matrix for homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_E & x_N & x_U & 0 \\ L_E & L_N & L_U & 0 \\ y_E & y_N & y_U & 0 \\ L_E & L_N & L_U & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_E & x_N & x_U & 0 \\ L_E & L_N & L_U & 0 \\ y_E & y_N & y_U & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Another matrix scales the model to normalized device coordinates, allowing use of real-time graphics pipelines



Clipping cube used by graphics pipelines. Coordinates must be scaled to fit in this cube or they will be clipped when rendered.

$$s_x = \frac{2}{W} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{W} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{H} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\alpha L_U}{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

These scaling factors scale the AOI image ( $W \times H$ ) pixels into the clipping cube. The scaling factor  $\alpha$  prevents tall objects from being clipped.

The view matrix is the product of the scaling and projection matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2x_E}{L_E W} & \frac{2x_N}{L_N W} & \frac{2x_U}{L_U W} & 0 \\ \frac{2y_E}{L_E H} & \frac{2y_N}{L_N H} & \frac{2y_U}{L_U H} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1}{\alpha(L_H)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{W} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2}{H} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{\alpha L_H} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_E & x_N & x_U & 0 \\ L_E & L_N & L_U & 0 \\ y_E & y_N & y_U & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Summary of PRISM Algorithm

- It uses Rational Polynomial coefficients to create a view matrix that projects model components into a component mask
  - A right prism is constructed in the AOI image, and the image coordinates of the right prism axes  $m$  meters away from the origin are used to calibrate an affine camera model.
  - Scaling is performed to scale model coordinates into normalized device coordinates.
- PRISM exploits the fact that the camera (i.e., satellite) is very far from the scene, and that perspective changes are minimal. Structures in the AOI image can be treated as parallel projections.
- The view matrix created by PRISM renders models very quickly- tens of frames per second. Which means:
  - GeoVisipedia can process changes in 3D facility models very quickly
  - GeoVisipedia can process large collections of imagery very fast