

Interactive comment on “Characterizing the Spatial and Temporal Availability of Very High Resolution Satellite Imagery for Monitoring Applications” by Myroslava Lesiv et al.

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This is an interesting study that could be potentially very useful. Despite that the amount of earth observation data is increasing and the most data are processed automatically to create useful products, quality assessments and calibration of such earth observation product heavily rely on (mostly manual) interpretation of VHR satellite data.

In activities of collecting calibration and validation data, information on available VHR of different providers/platforms (Google and Bing map) is extremely valuable. There is limited literature available on the availability of open access VHR data. Such information should be made available (1) to the readers to take into consideration which

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platform (in which regions) to use and (2) to raise awareness on the importance of access to VHR data for research communities and data providers.

It would be nice to have a summary of applications that require information on VHR data (what kind of applications/literature use (which) VHR data for what purposes). For example, large-scale land cover mapping often uses VHR data for reference data collection. Collect Earth platform allows visualization of VHR data mostly for forest change monitoring purposes. Emphasis on this "demand" would make it more appealing.

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