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When I visited the University of Michigan, it clicked. I was visiting with a professor and told him that I liked electromagnetics (the study of electromagnetic radiation) but also wanted to do environmental research. He told me about “remote sensing” and it turned out to be *exactly* what I wanted to do.

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