

# Datacubes on Steroids with ISO Array SQL

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# Jacobs MSc in Data Engineering

Machine Learning – Big Data – Cloud Computing – Visualization – and more...

all-English, international campus – research involvement – strong industry connections



# Structural Variety in Big Data

- Stock trading: 1-D sequences (i.e., **arrays**)
- Social networks: large, homogeneous **graphs**
- Ontologies: small, heterogeneous **graphs**
- Climate modelling: 4D/5D **arrays**
- Satellite imagery: 2D/3D **arrays** (+irregularity)
- Genome: long string **arrays**
- Particle physics: **sets** of events
- Bio taxonomies: **hierarchies** (such as XML)
- Documents: key/value stores = **sets** of unique identifiers + whatever
- etc.

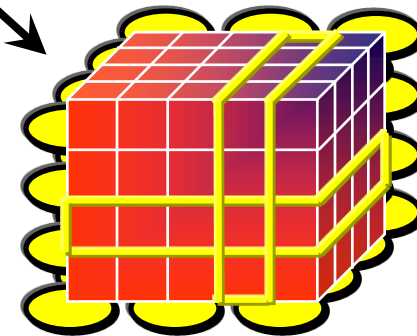
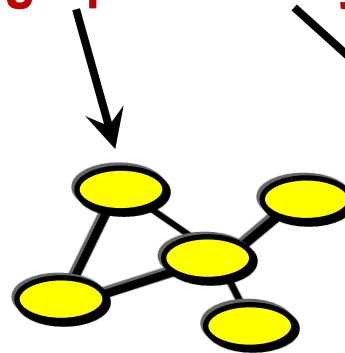
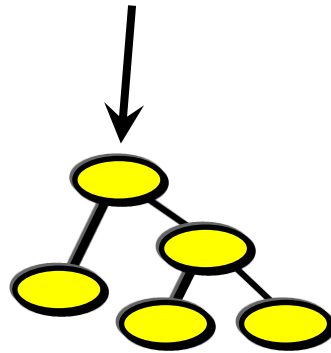
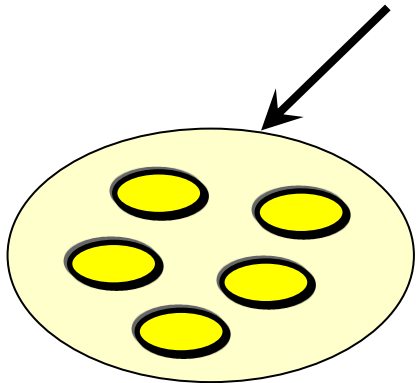
# Structural Variety in Big Data

- arrays
- graphs
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- sets
- hierarchies
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# Structural Variety in Big Data

sensor, image [timeseries],  
simulation, statistics data

sets + hierarchies + graphs + arrays







# Array SQL

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32

Date: 2014-06-04

WD 9075-15:2014(E)

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 32/WG 3

The United States of America (ANSI)

Information technology — Database languages — SQL —

**Part 15:  
Multi-Dimensional Arrays (SQL/MDA)**

*Technologies de l'information — Langages de base de données — SQL —  
Partie 15: Tableaux multi-dimensionnels (SQL/MDA)*

```
create table LandsatScenes(  
  id: integer not null, acquired: date,  
  scene: row( band1: integer, ..., band7: integer ) mdarray [ 0:4999,0:4999] )
```

```
select id, encode(scene.band1-scene.band2)/(scene.nband1+scene.band2), „image/tiff“ )  
from LandsatScenes  
where acquired between „1990-06-01“ and „1990-06-30“ and  
  mdavg( scene.band3-scene.band4)/(scene.band3+scene.band4) > 0
```

# Linear Algebra

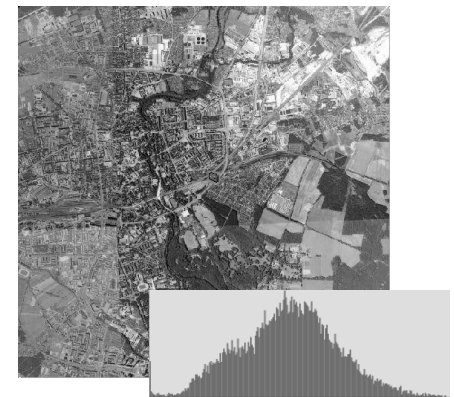
- Matrix multiplication

$$(\mathbf{AB})_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^m A_{ik} B_{kj}$$

```
select marray i in [0:m], j in [0:p]
       elements condense +
           over k in [0:n]
           using a [ i, k ] * b [ k, j ]
from   matrix as a, matrix as b
```

- Histogram

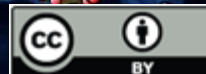
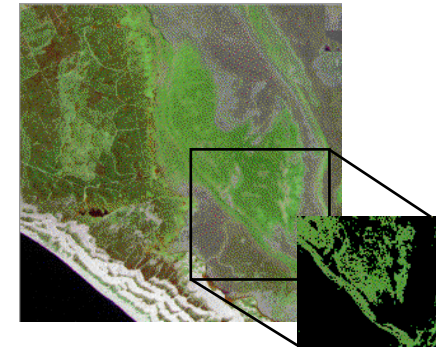
```
select marray bucket in [0:255]
       elements mdcount( img = bucket )
from   img
```



# rasdaman

[www.rasdaman.org](http://www.rasdaman.org)

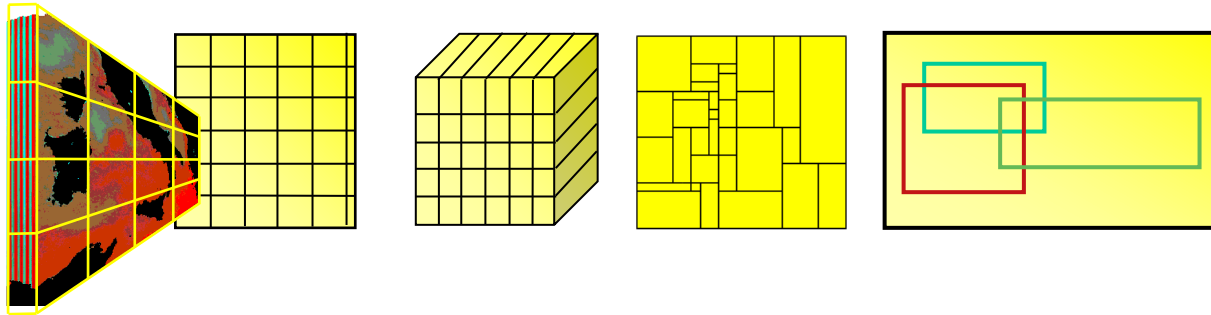
- = „raster data manager“: **SQL+ n-D arrays**
  - Scalable parallel “tile streaming” architecture
- Mature, in operational use, on OSGeo Live
  - Ex: [www.planetserver.eu](http://www.planetserver.eu)
- ESA 2017: “world leading environment”,  
“standard working horse for OGC standardisation  
on these innovative data access interfaces“





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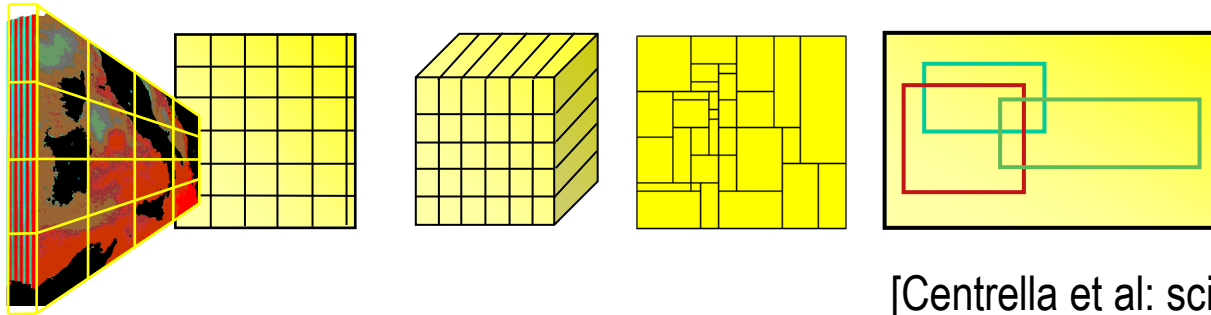


- rasdaman storage layout language [IEEE SSTDM 2010]

```
insert into MyCollection
values ...
tiling
  area of interest [0:20,0:40], [45:80,80:85]
  tile size 1000000
  index d_index storage array compression zlib
```

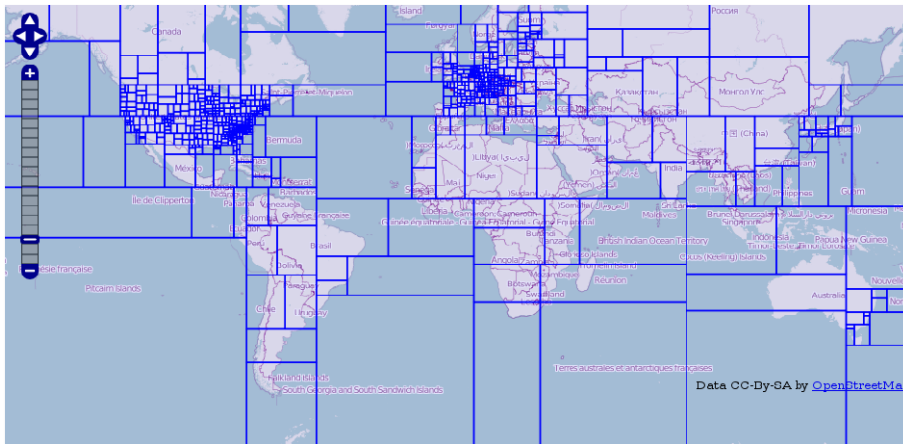
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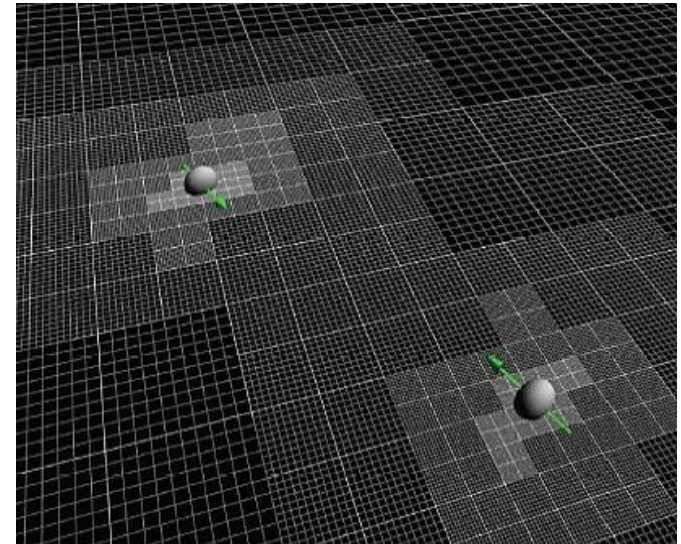


[Centrella et al: scidacreviews.org]

- Why irregular tiling?



[OpenStreetMap]



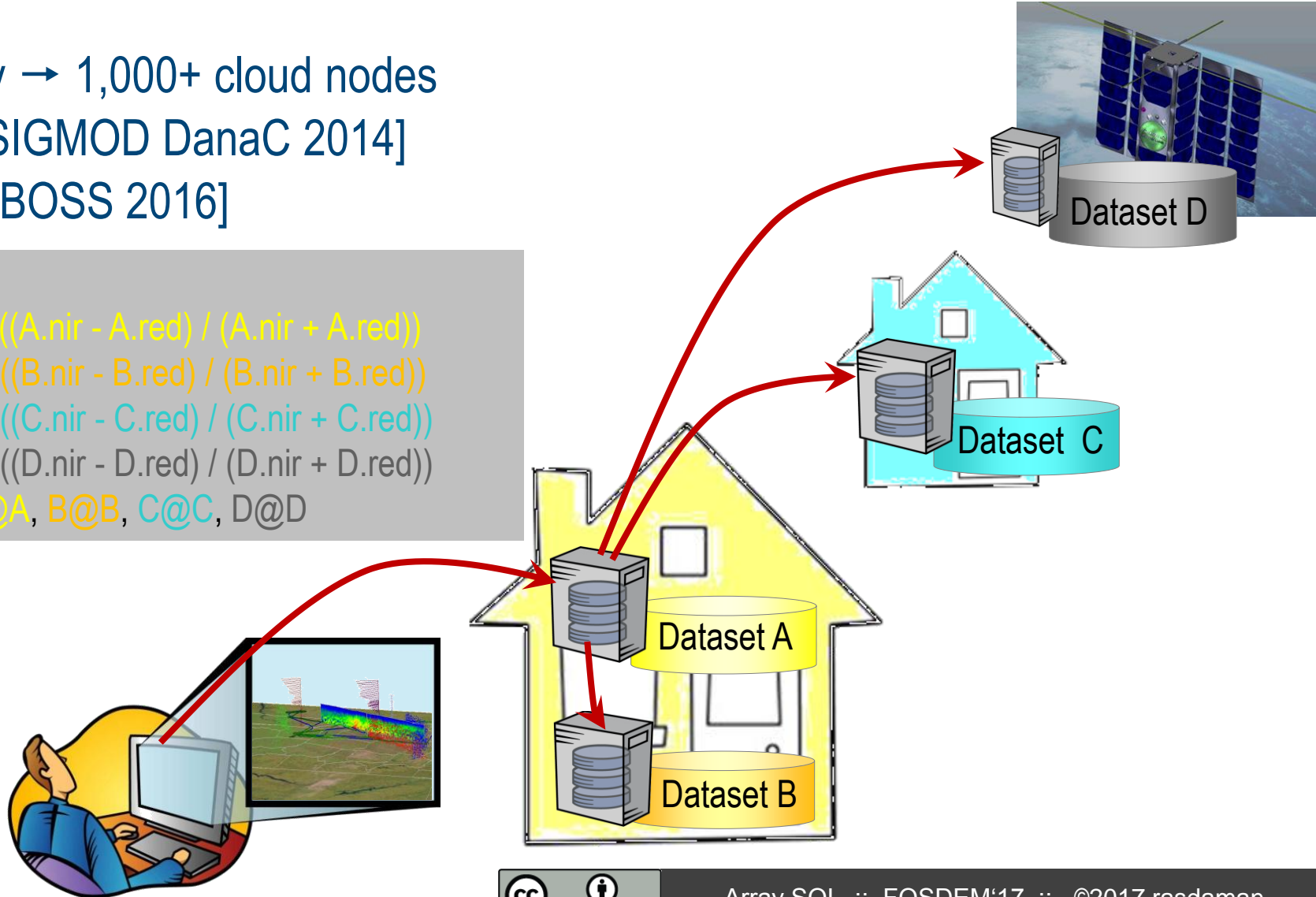
# Parallel, Distributed Processing

1 query → 1,000+ cloud nodes  
[ACM SIGMOD DanaC 2014]  
[VLDB BOSS 2016]

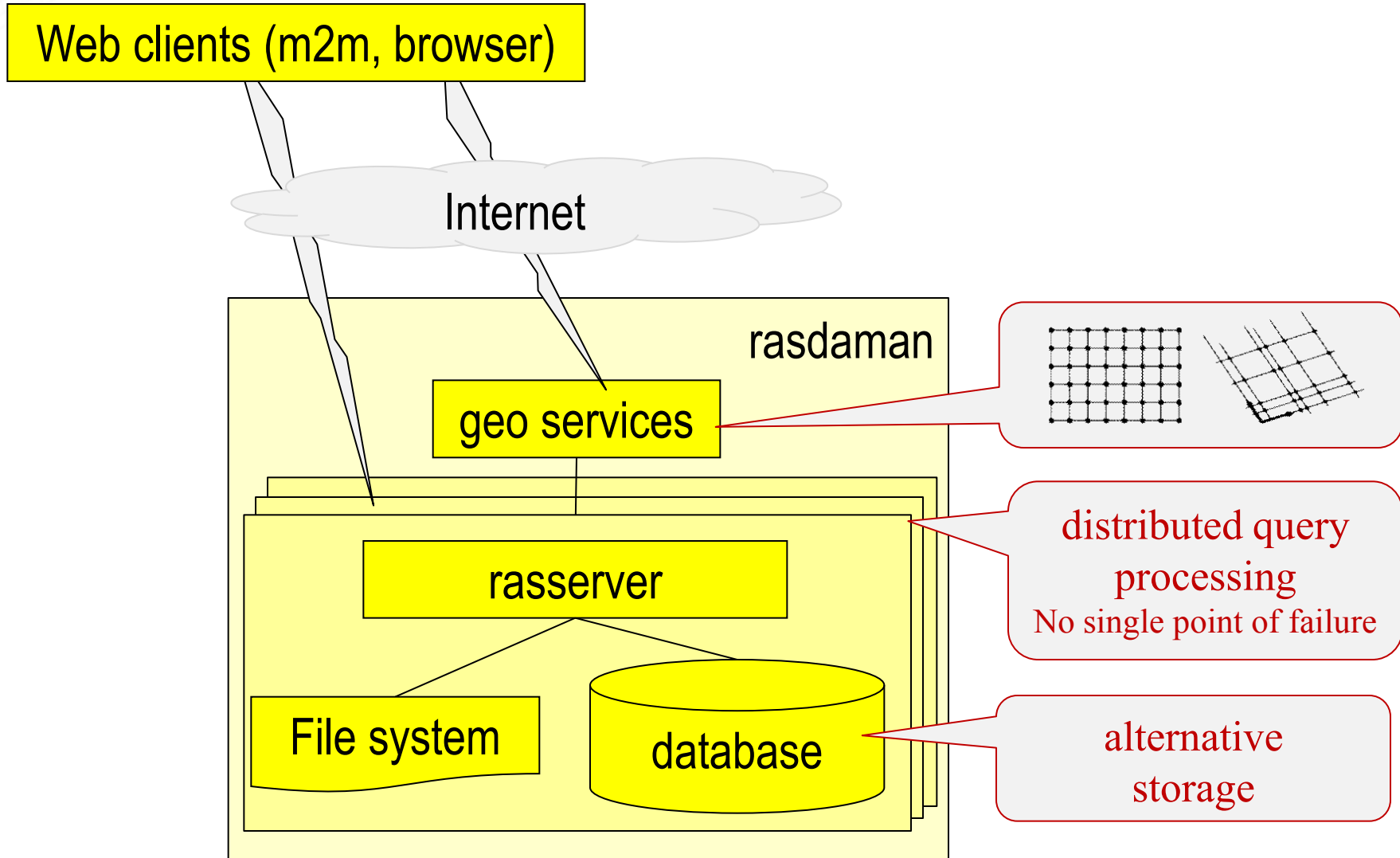
select

```

max((A.nir - A.red) / (A.nir + A.red))
- max((B.nir - B.red) / (B.nir + B.red))
- max((C.nir - C.red) / (C.nir + C.red))
- max((D.nir - D.red) / (D.nir + D.red))
from A@A, B@B, C@C, D@D
    
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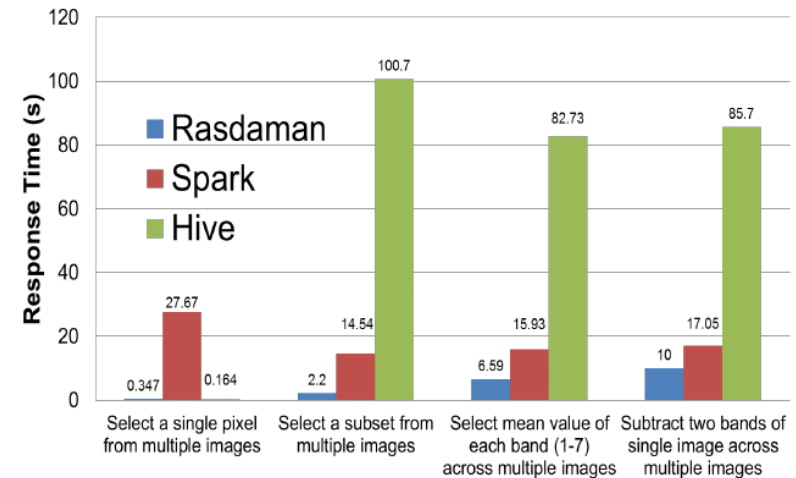
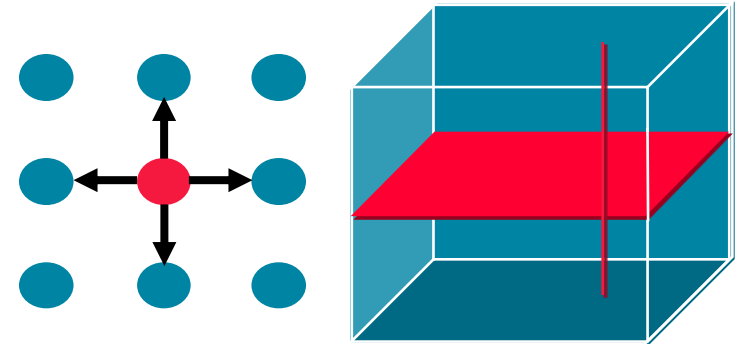


# Architecture



# Hadoop/Spark – one size does not fit all

- “Since it was not originally designed to leverage the **structure** its **performance is suboptimal**” [Daniel Abadi]
- U Madison, GMU benchmark confirms [AGU 2015]



[C. Scheele, F. Hu, M. Yu, M. Xu, K. Liu, Q. Huang, C. Yang 2015]

# COMMON SENSE

Just because you can, doesn't mean you should

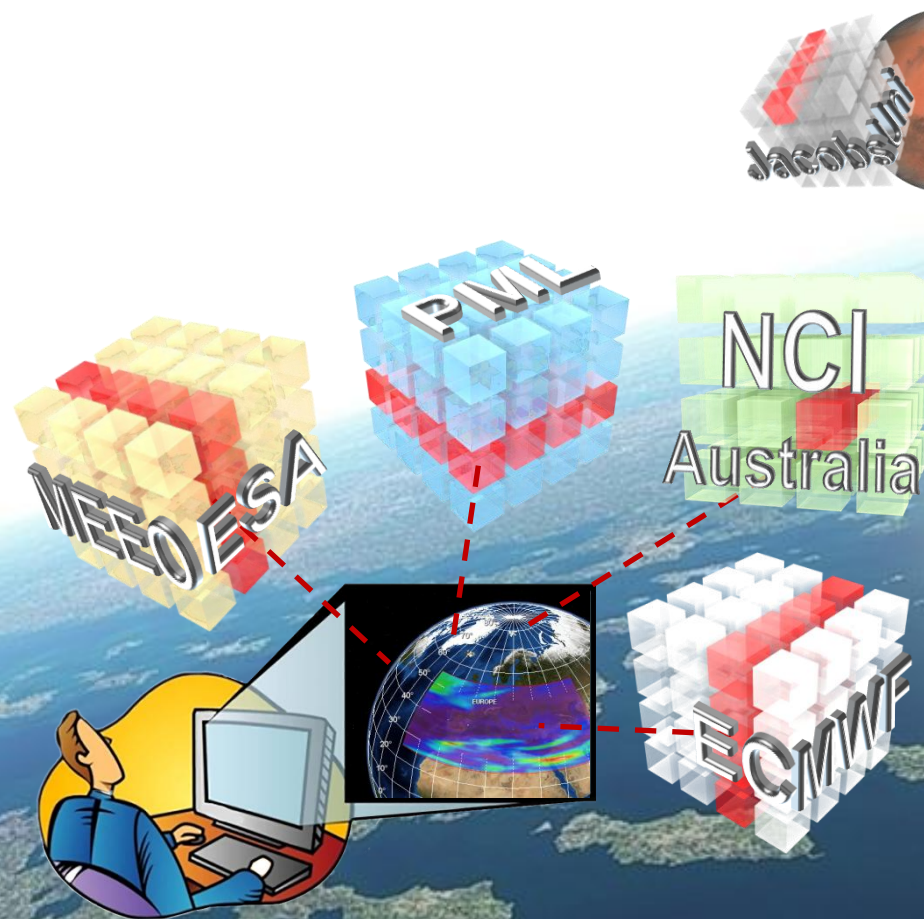






# EarthServer: Datacubes At Your Fingertips

- **Agile Analytics** on x/y/t + x/y/z/t Earth & Planetary **datacubes**
  - EU rasdaman + NASA WorldWind
- Global data federation
  - 250+ TB → **1+ PB**
- Intercontinental initiative,  
3+3 years:  
EU + US + AUS



# Domains Investigated

## ■ Geo

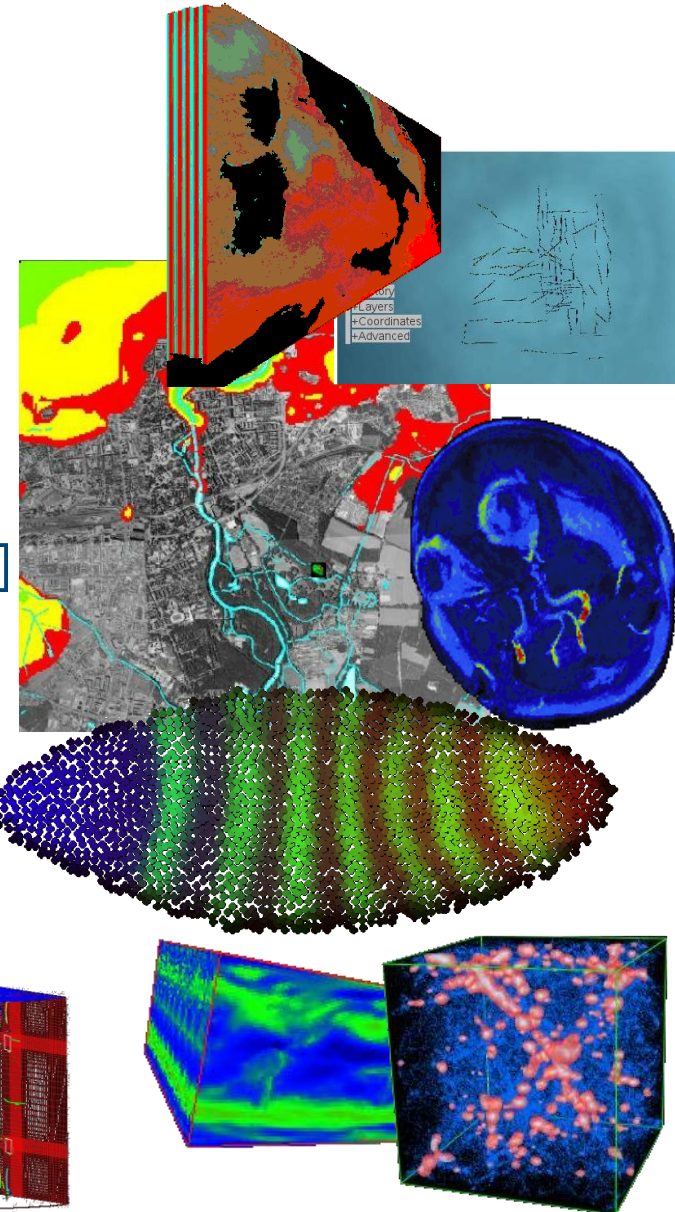
- Environmental sensor data, 1-D [Sensors 2009]
- Satellite / seafloor maps, 2-D [VLDB 1999, 2003, ...]
- Geophysics (3-D x/y/z)
- Climate modelling (4-D, x/y/z/t) [DB Spektrum 2012]

## ■ Life science

- Gene expression simulation (3-D) [InfSys 2003]
- Human brain imaging (3-D / 4-D) [TiNS 2001]

## ■ Other

- Computational Fluid Dynamics (3-D)
- Astrophysics (4-D)
- Statistics (n-D)



# OSGeo Experiences & Thoughts

- Opportunities for improvement, based on:
  - OSGeo Charter Member
  - Executed project incubation procedure with rasdaman
  - Since 2008 engaged in open-source software

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- Opportunities for improvement
- Organizational Maturity: Process definition & implementation, QM
  - No inventory of decisions taken
  - Incubation management: pyWPS 8 years; rasdaman 6.5 years
  - Apply incubation criteria to itself (first)
  - In elections, typically insiders recommend each other

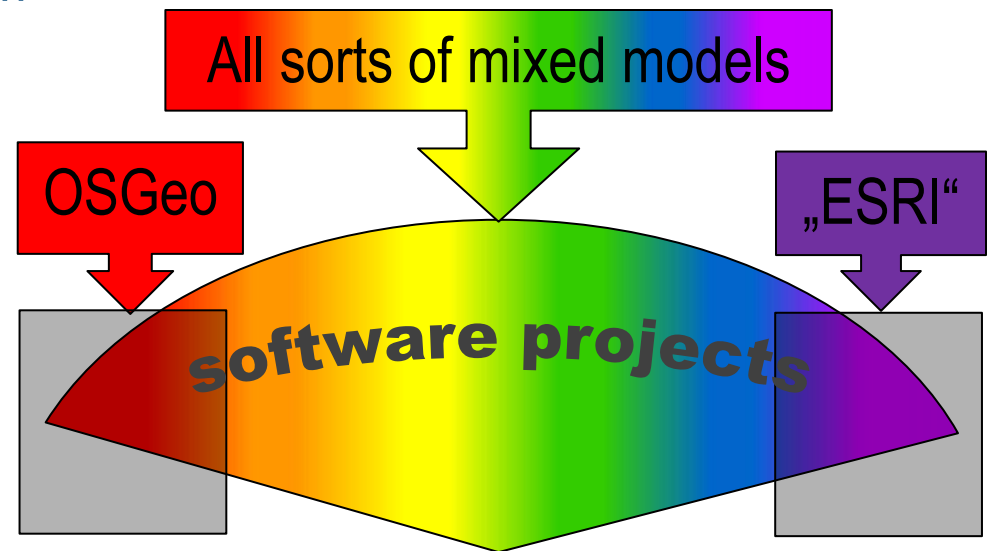
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- Focus on Core Mission
  - Should brand „good software“, not conquer project
  - „design by committee“ over „expert leadership“



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- Focus on Core Mission
- Dogmatic „Software Communism“
  - „all software free“ - why?
  - Large companies don't care, small companies vulnerable
  - Need **inclusive approach**



# Wrap-Up

*„One cube says more than a million images“*

- ISO SQL/MDA candidate standard
- Array Databases bring flexibility + scalability
- **rasdaman community**
  - OGC, INSPIRE WCS reference implementation
  - blueprint for „Big Data“ standards
- FOSS needs to be inclusive

