



# WORLD FOOD AND ECOSYSTEMS practical 1

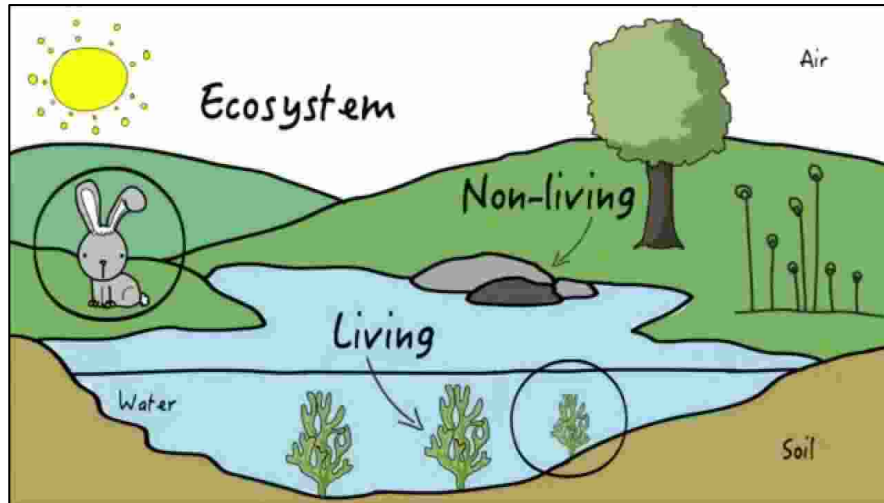
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Ac. Year 2021-2022



# INTRODUCTION TO GEOPROCESSING

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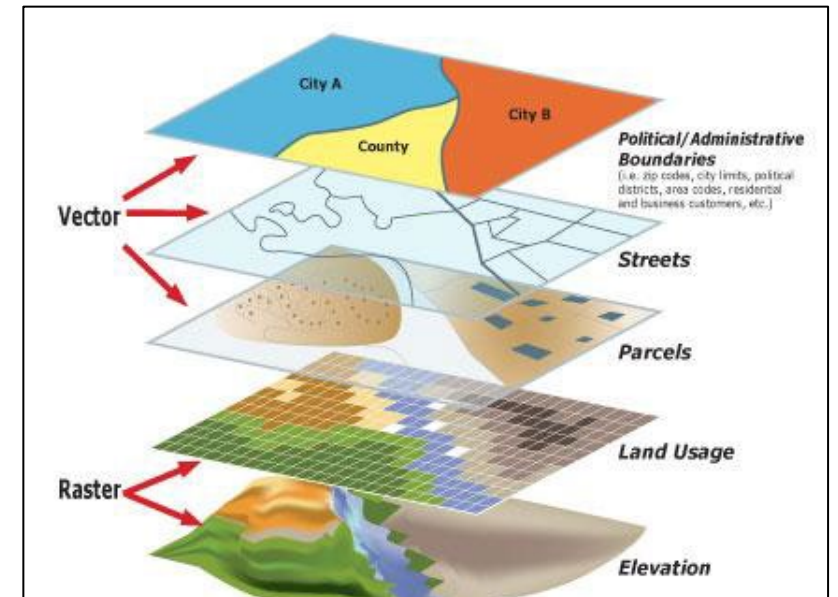
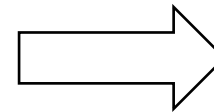
- Complex
- Multidimensional
- Context specific (space + time)
- Qualitative, generalized statements are difficult



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GIS can help to:

- Combine/Visualize
- Quantify/Analyze
- Understand
- Predict



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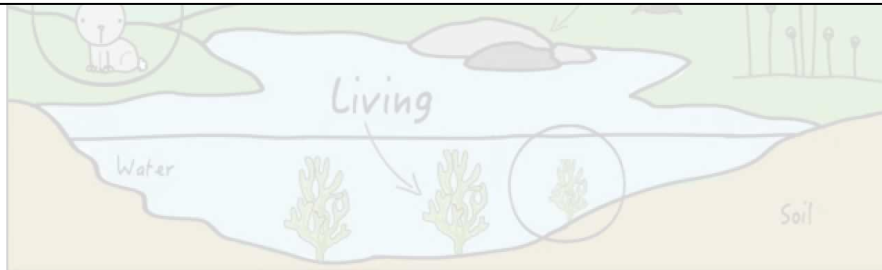
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## This course:

Not an introduction to spatial data/GIS/remote sensing

Intro into how to access/visualise/manipulate/..., i.e. to

use spatial data in understanding global food and ecosystems



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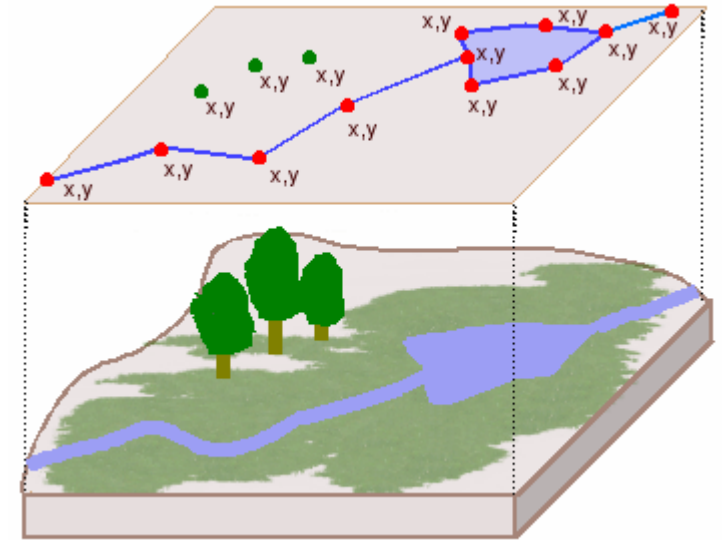


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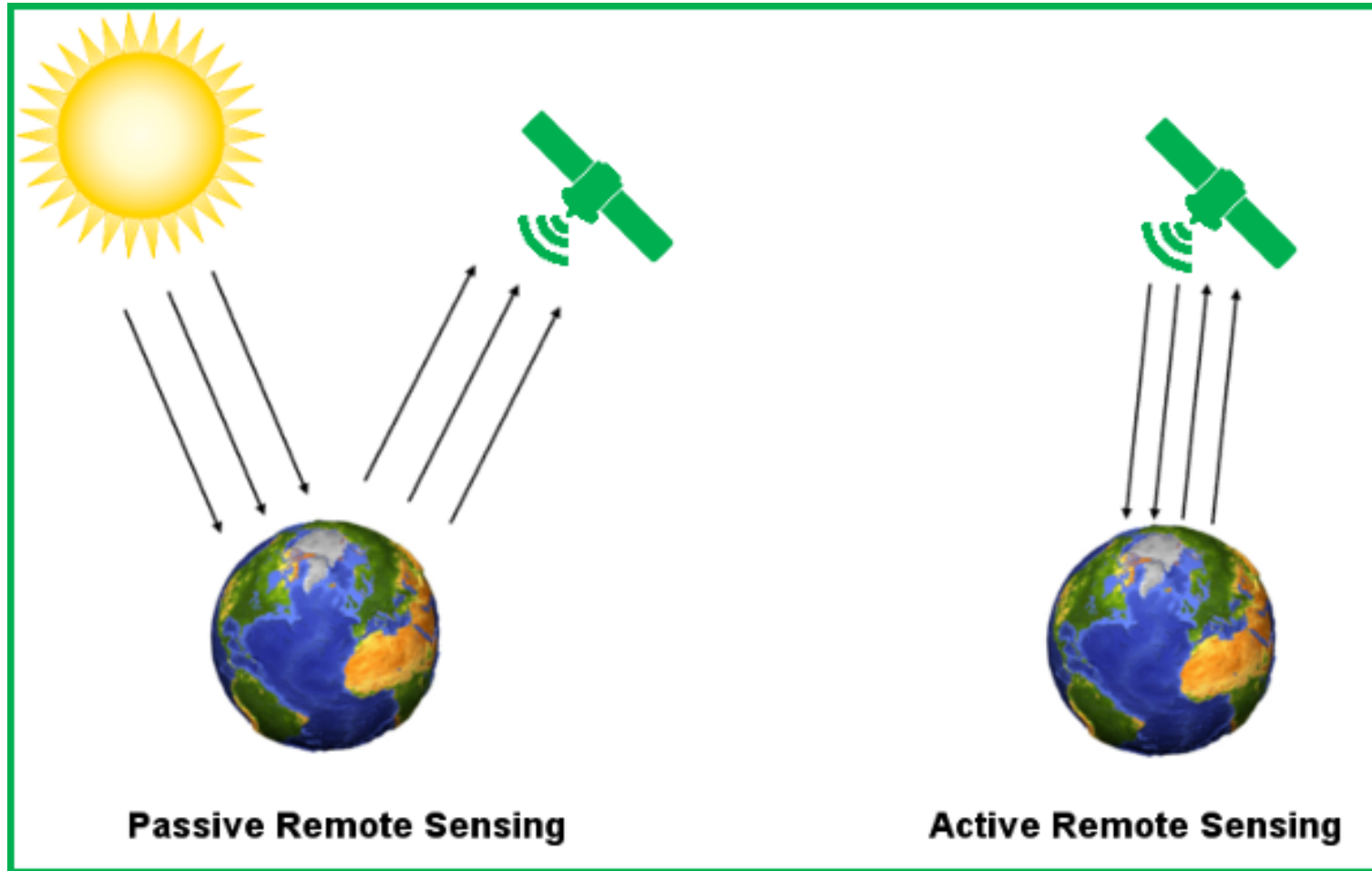
# Type of data (vector)

- Point data: e.g. species occurrence data
- Line data: e.g. transect, river, fault line...
- Polygon data: e.g. country boundaries, parcel boundary,



geography.hunter.cuny.edu

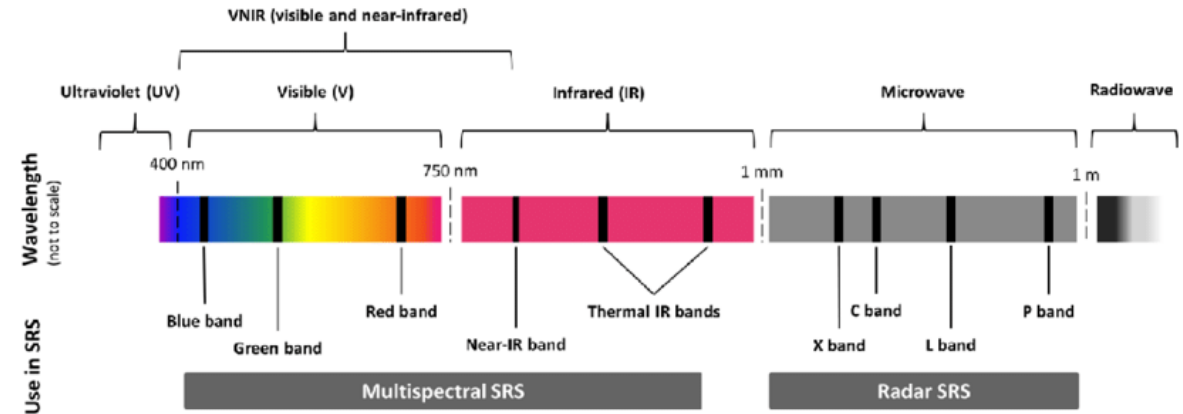
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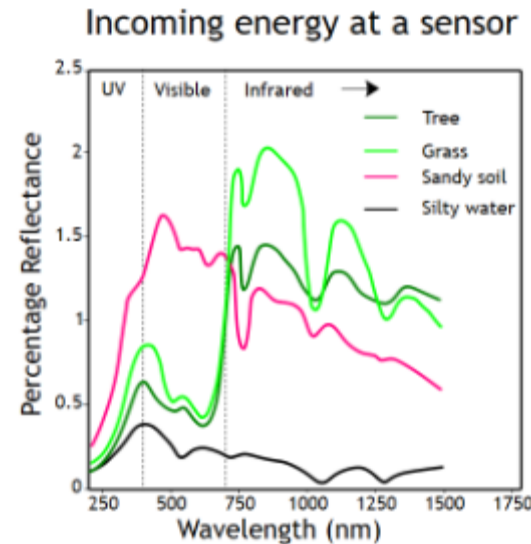


# Type of data (raster)

- Derivatives of passive remote sensing:
  - Blue band: atmospheric corrections
  - Green band: helps visualize vegetation
  - Red band: absorbed by vegetation: monitoring vegetation and calculating vegetation indices (e.g. NDVI)
  - NIR: identification of water bodies (strong absorption)
  - Short-mid-IR: sensitive to water content
  - Thermal bands: sensitive to temperature, good to detect e.g. fires



Pettorelli et al. 2018

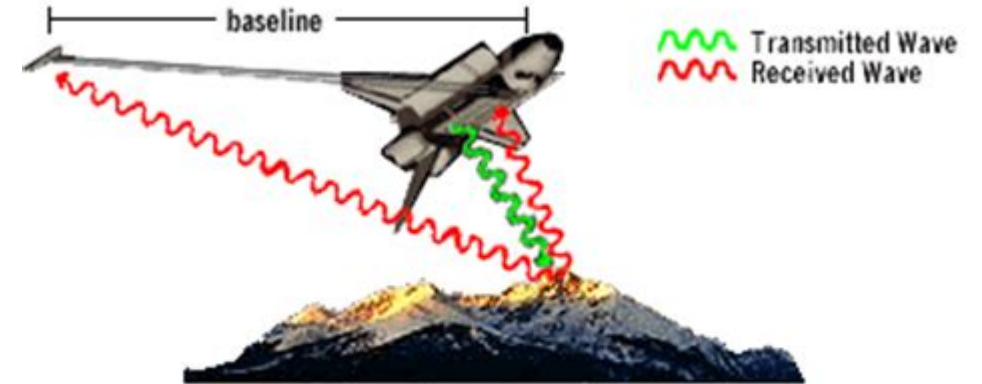


$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{(\text{NIR} - \text{Red})}{(\text{NIR} + \text{Red})}$$

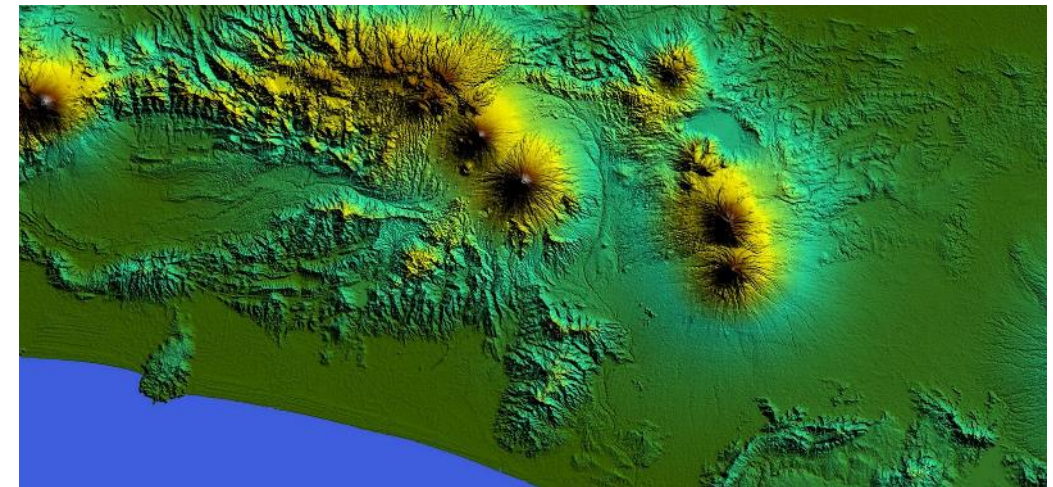


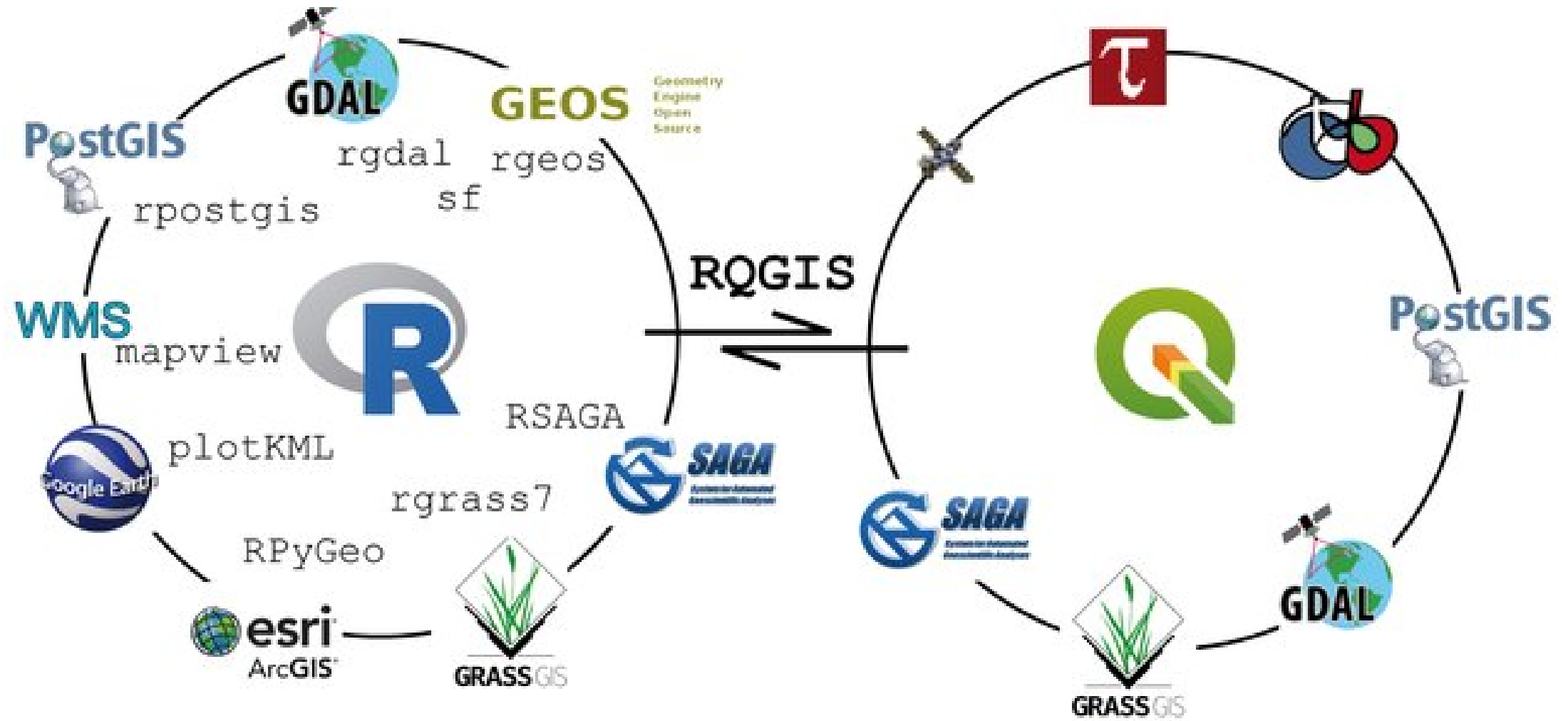
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- Derivatives of active remote sensing:
  - Topographic information: e.g. SRTM Digital Elevation Model
- Raster maps derived from other mapping efforts (or vectors), model outputs, weather satellites....

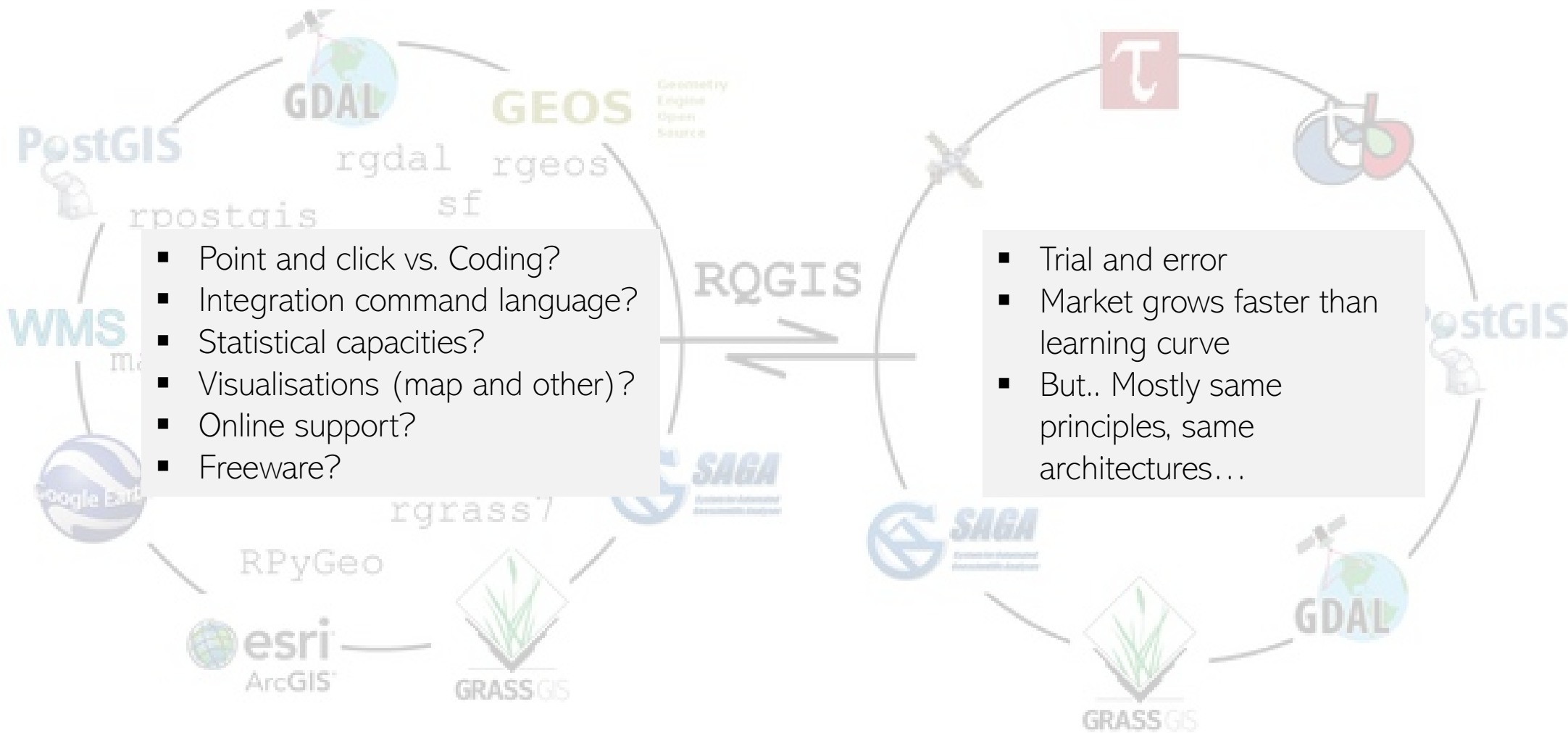


Radar signals being transmitted and recieved in the SRTM mission  
(image not to scale). [Jpl.nasa.gov](http://Jpl.nasa.gov)



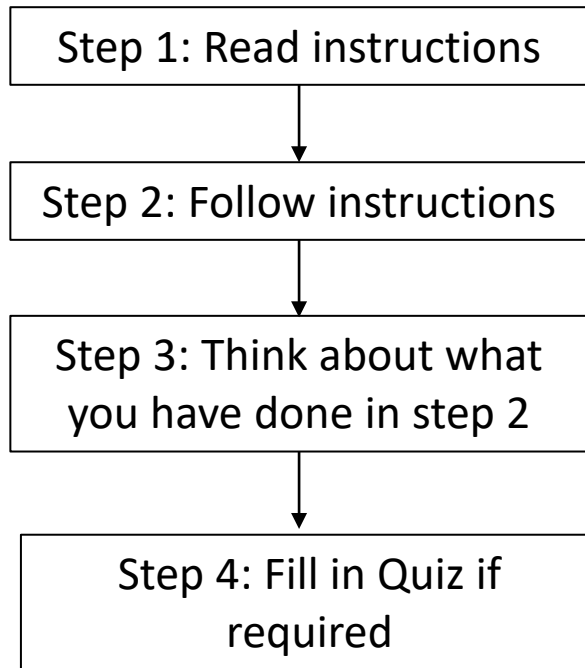






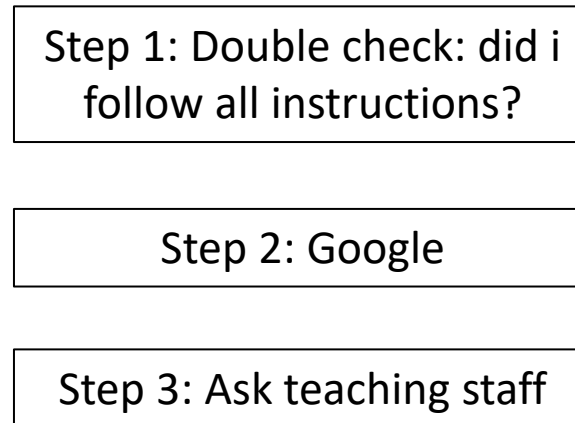
- Google Earth Engine (JavaScript)
- Rstudio (R)
- QGIS (python)

*While (presenceincomputerlab = True){*



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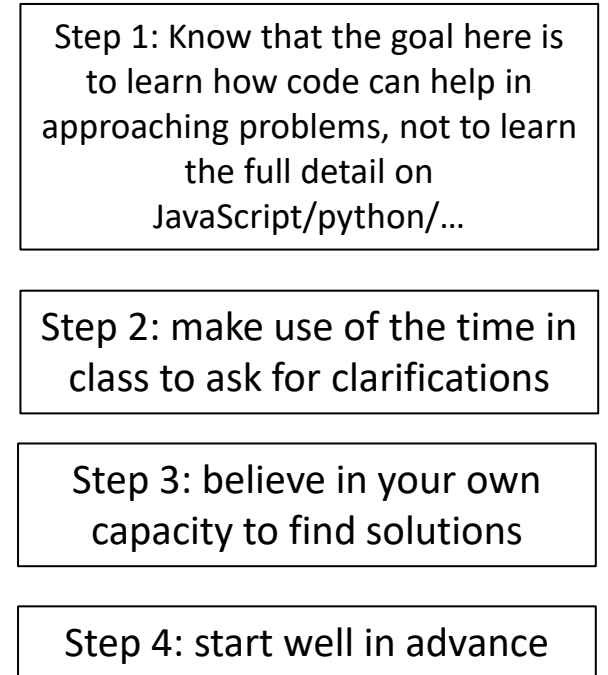
*If (somethingdoesnotwork = True){*



*}*

*Else {carry\_on}...*

*If (Understanding < comfortlevel){*



*}*

# Session 1: understanding gradients in GEE

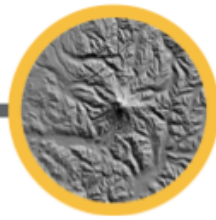
## The Earth Engine Public Data Catalog



**Landsat and Sentinel**  
Raw, TOA, SR, ...



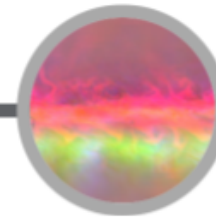
**MODIS**  
Daily, NBAR, LST, ...



**Terrain**  
SRTM, GTOPO, NED, ...



**Land Cover**  
GlobCover, NLCD, ...



**Atmospheric**  
NOAA NCEP, OMI, ...

... and many more, updating daily!

> 200 public datasets

> 5 million images

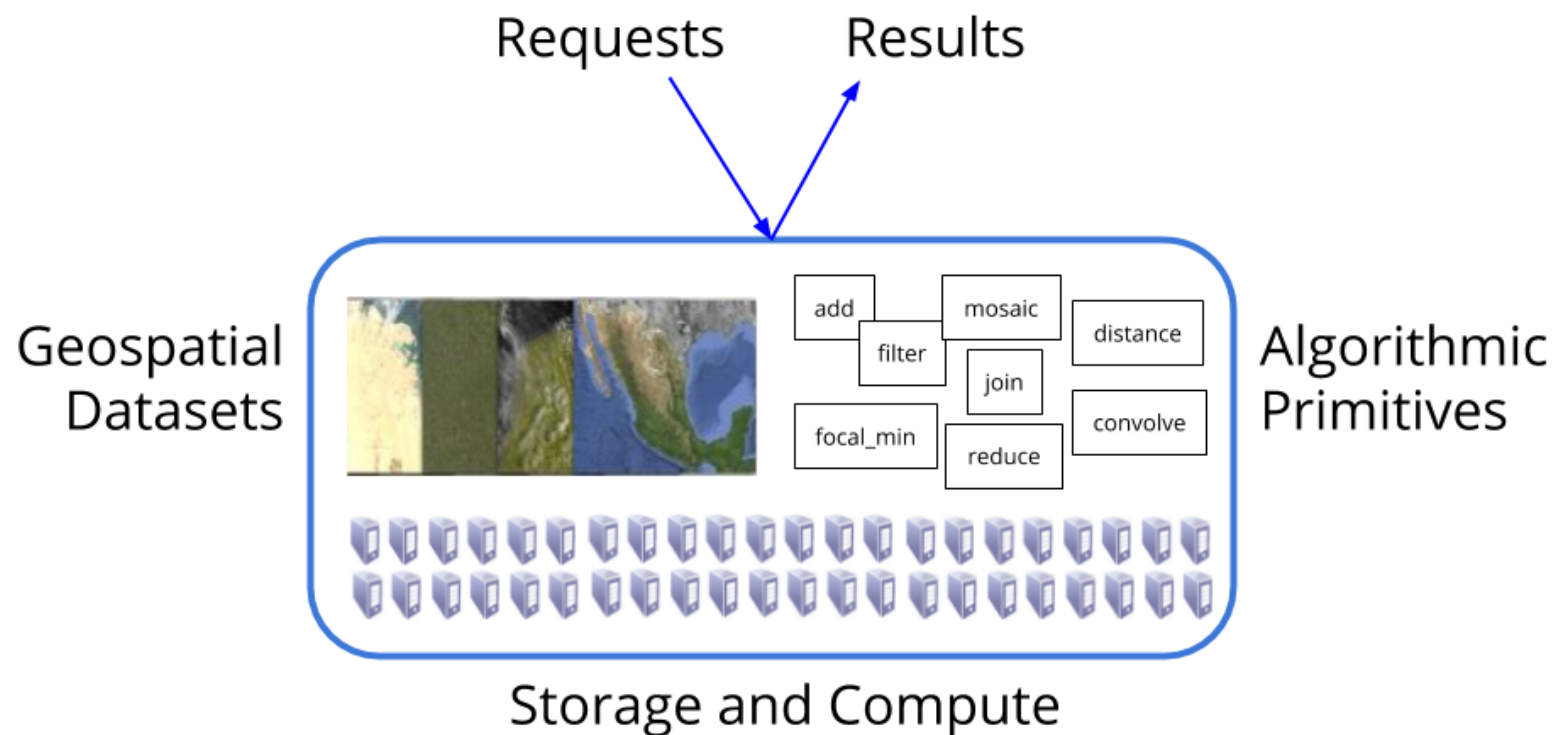
> 4000 new images every day

> 5 petabytes of data

Google Earth Engine

<https://scienceparkstudygroup.github.io/GoogleEarthEngine/>

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The screenshot shows the Google Earth Engine web interface. The top navigation bar includes the Google Earth Engine logo, a search bar, and buttons for 'Script manager', 'API documentation', 'Search for data', 'Imports', 'Get a link (URL) to the script', 'Save the script', 'Run the script', and 'Help button'. The left sidebar contains the 'Asset Manager' and 'Geometry Tools'. The main area is the 'Code Editor', which displays a JavaScript script. The right sidebar contains the 'Task manager', 'Console output', and 'Inspect locations, pixel values, objects added to the map'. The bottom of the interface is the 'Map' view, which shows a world map. The 'Layer manager' is located at the bottom right of the map view.

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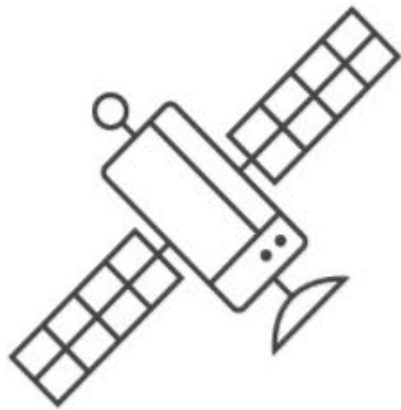
Geometry Tools

Zoom

Map

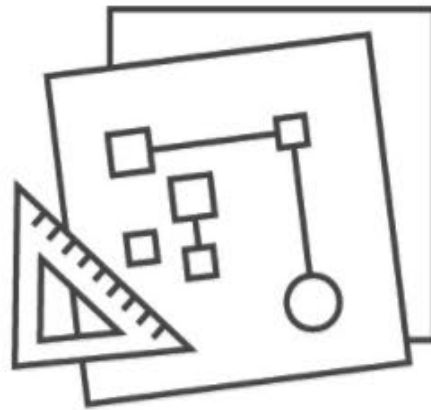
- The Code Editor the place for accessing GEE data catalog and conducting geospatial analysis.
- You can use the code editor to develop, share and manage scripts.
- You can use the code editor to import, export, share and manage your own personal raster and vector datasets
- Use the Docs tab, Example scripts and the HELP button to access the User Guides and Help Forum

# Exercise 1: exploring GEE functionalities



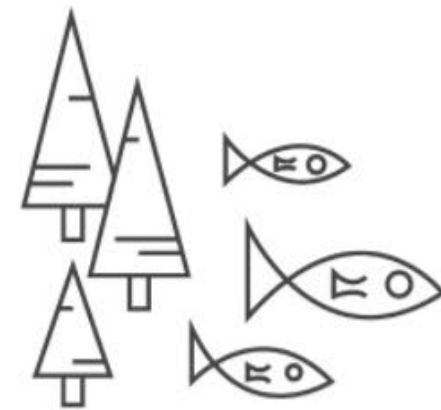
SATELLITE IMAGERY

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YOUR ALGORITHMS

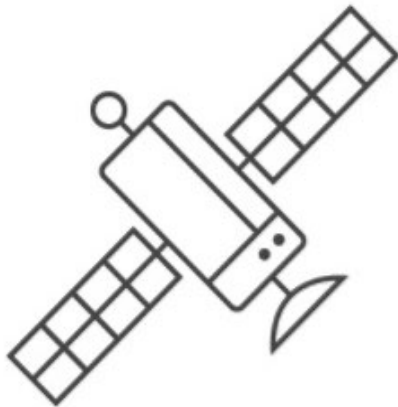
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REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS



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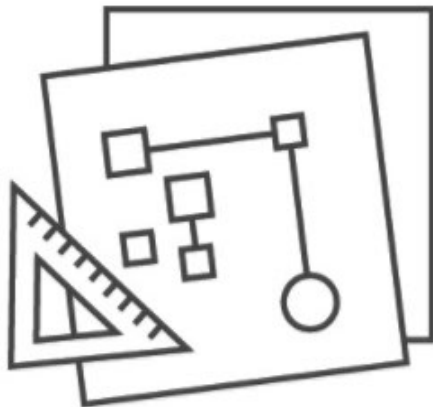


SATELLITE IMAGERY



- Digital Elevation Models
- (multi)spectral Images (e.g. SENTINEL-2, LANDSAT)
- Radar images (e.g. SENTINEL-1)
- Thematic maps :
  - Land cover
  - Population maps
  - Watershed delineations
  - ...
- Other raster products:
  - Derivatives of spectral information (e.g. vegetation indices)
  - Air pollution indices
  - Water extent layers
  - Fire extent products
  - Climate variables
  - ....

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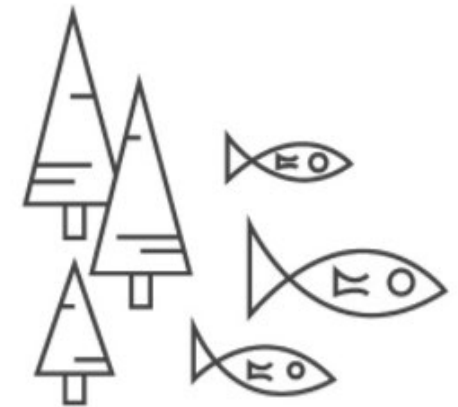
YOUR ALGORITHMS



- Data types:
  - Strings `var woordje = 'Hello world';`
  - Numbers `var cijfertje = 42;`
  - Lists `var lijstcijfers = [0,1,2,99];` → `lijstcijfer(3)` ?
  - Objects `var object = {`  
    `cursus : 'world food and ecosystems',`  
    `aantal: 72,`  
    `motivatie: 'zeer hoog'`  
    `};` → `object.aantal` ?
- Functions
  - User-defined `var zegwतिकzeg = function(wतिकzeg) { return 'ik heb'+ wतिकzeg + 'gezegd'}` → `zegwतिकzeg(woordje)` ?
  - Built-in (out of the box) `var tweeneveertig = ee.Algorithms.String(42);`

# Exercise 1: exploring GEE functionalities

- Visualisation:
  - E.g. exploring forest fire extents visually in near real time
- Export of data
  - E.g. downloading GEE product to upload in your own GIS database
- Manipulation of data:
  - Make simple statistics (e.g. per country) on base layer (e.g. hectares of forest in the Netherlands)
  - Building land cover classifications
  - Building regression models to understand relationship soil moisture – fire susceptibility
  - ...



REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS

## Exercise 2: plotting a raster file

Images: the name google earth engine gives to simple raster files.

```
var loadedImage = ee.Image('JAXA/ALOS/AW3D30/V2_2');
```

Defining the image  
variable name

The build in function  
that defines the images

The input the ee.Image function needs (in this case a  
string of the raster name in the catalogue)



# Exercise 2: plotting a raster file

The screenshot displays the Google Earth Engine web interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://code.earthengine.google.com`. The main interface is divided into several panels:

- Left Panel (Scripts):** A sidebar showing a list of scripts. Under the "Owner (2)" section, there are two users: "users/liesjonline/srtmEl..." and "users/liesjonline/WFE". Under the "Writer (1)" section, there is one user: "users/bieketack/Kisantu". The script "exploringimage" is selected.
- Top Panel (Script Editor):** The script editor shows a single line of code: `1`. The script name "exploringimage" is displayed in the top left of the editor. Buttons for "Get Link", "Save", "Run", "Reset", and "Apps" are visible.
- Right Panel (Inspector/Console):** The "Inspector" tab is active, showing a message: "Use print(...) to write to this console." Below this, a message states: "You can now use Earth Engine with Google Cloud Projects! Use the Account menu in the top right to select a project or [click here to learn more.](#)"
- Bottom Panel (Map):** A map of the United States is displayed, showing state boundaries and major cities. The map is centered on the United States, with labels for various states and cities like Seattle, Washington, Los Angeles, San Diego, and New York. The map is zoomed in to show state-level details.

## Exercise 2: plotting a raster file

ImageCollection → the name GEE gives to a collection of images (e.g. timeseries).

→ how to get image out of collection? FILTERS

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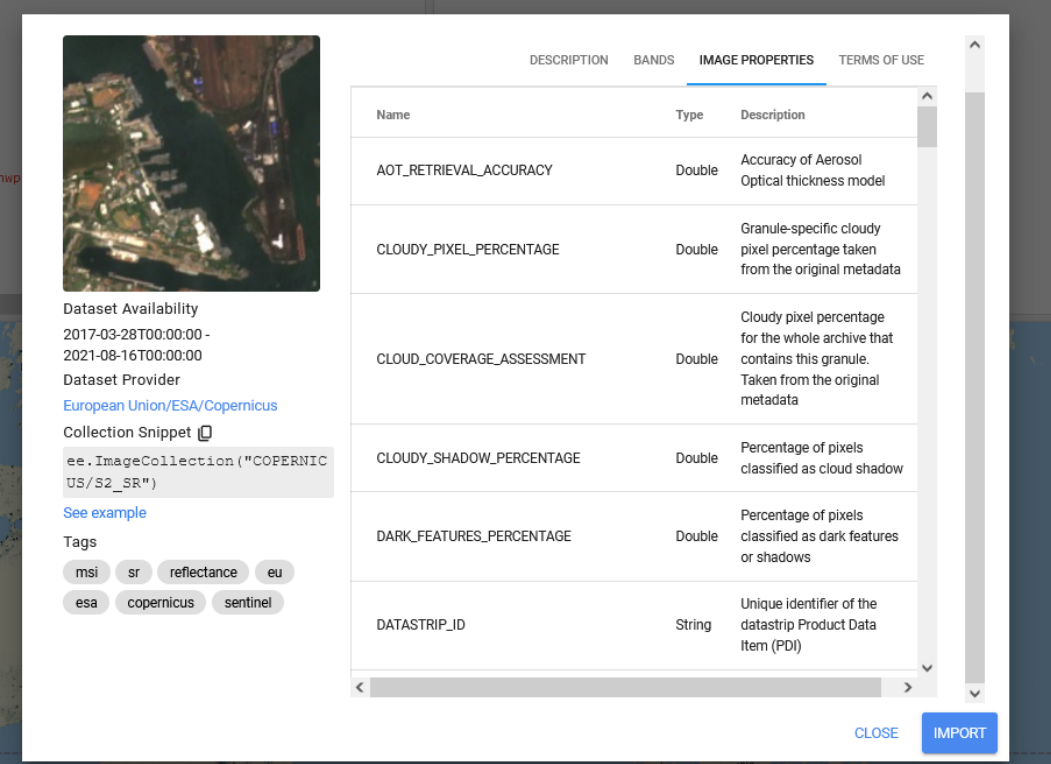
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The screenshot shows the Google Earth Engine interface. On the left, a thumbnail of a satellite image is displayed. Below it, the 'Dataset Availability' is shown as '2017-03-28T00:00:00 - 2021-08-16T00:00:00'. The 'Dataset Provider' is 'European Union/ESA/Copernicus'. A 'Collection Snippet' is shown with the code: `ee.ImageCollection('COPERNICUS/S2_SR')`. Below this, there are 'Tags' for 'msi', 'sr', 'reflectance', 'eu', 'esa', 'copernicus', and 'sentinel'. On the right, the 'IMAGE PROPERTIES' panel is open, showing a table of metadata fields and their descriptions.

Name	Type	Description
AOT_RETRIEVAL_ACCURACY	Double	Accuracy of Aerosol Optical thickness model
CLOUDY_PIXEL_PERCENTAGE	Double	Granule-specific cloudy pixel percentage taken from the original metadata
CLOUD_COVERAGE_ASSESSMENT	Double	Cloudy pixel percentage for the whole archive that contains this granule. Taken from the original metadata
CLOUDY_SHADOW_PERCENTAGE	Double	Percentage of pixels classified as cloud shadow
DARK_FEATURES_PERCENTAGE	Double	Percentage of pixels classified as dark features or shadows
DATASTRIP_ID	String	Unique identifier of the datastrip Product Data Item (PDI)

At the bottom right of the panel, there are 'CLOSE' and 'IMPORT' buttons.

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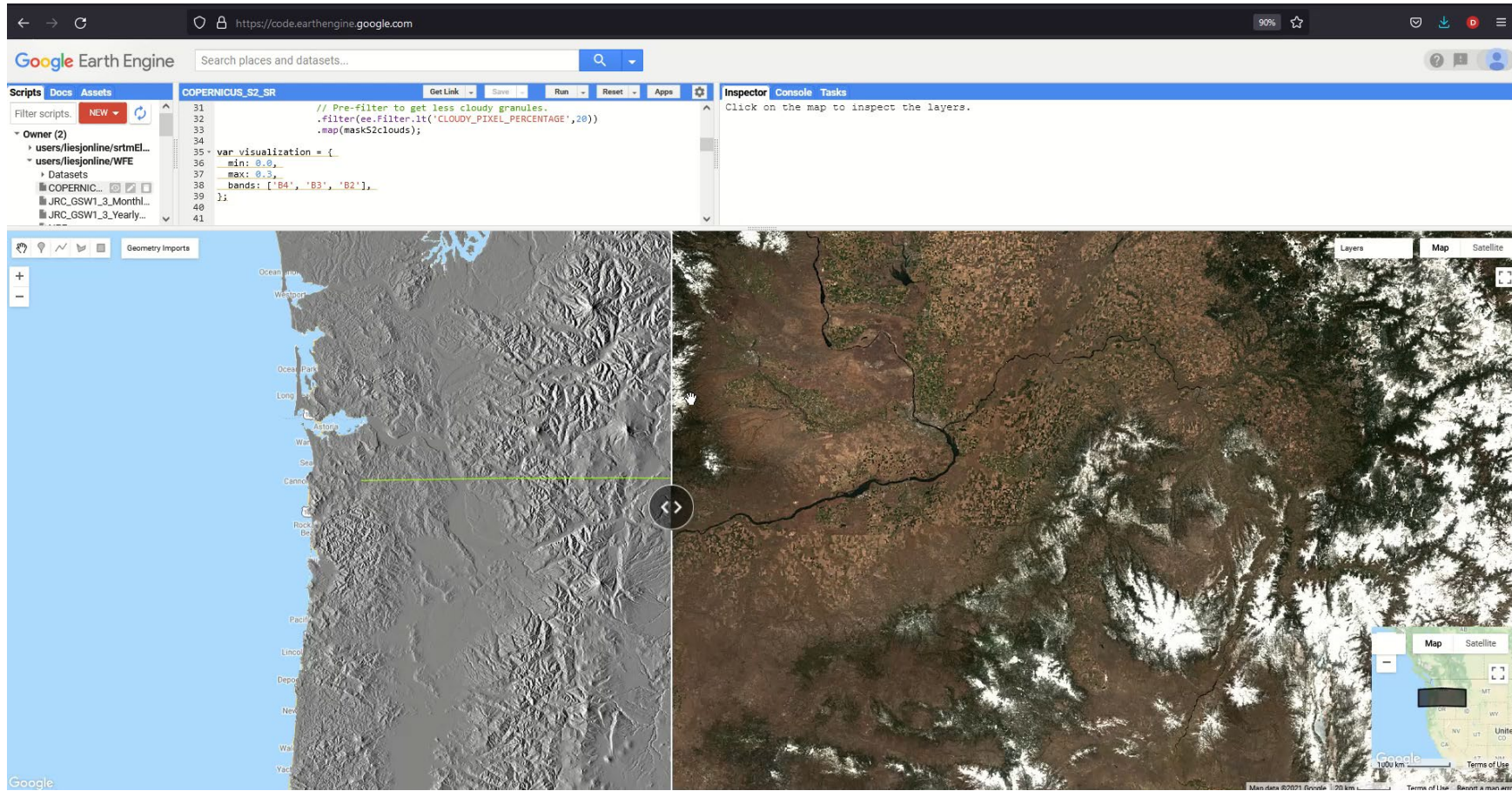
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How to visualize?  
See GITHUB instructions

# Exercise 3: understanding a gradient





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The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the query 'get values along transect earth engine'. The search results are displayed in a dark theme. The first result is from Google Developers, titled 'Array and List Charts - Earth Engine - Google Developers', dated 16 Jul 2021. The second result is also from Google Developers, titled 'Statistics of an Image Region - Earth Engine - Google ...', dated 26 May 2021. The third result is from Stack Exchange, titled 'Google Earth Engine: Extracting pixel values for list of ...', dated 14 Jul 2021. The search bar at the top contains the query and has a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar are tabs for 'All', 'Shopping', 'Videos', 'Images', 'News', and 'More'. The search results are listed below the tabs, with the first result being the most relevant to the query.

Google

get values along transect earth engine

About 2.890.000 results (0,61 seconds)

<https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/guides>

**Array and List Charts - Earth Engine - Google Developers**

16 Jul 2021 — **Get** the red band **value** list; to be plotted **along** the x-axis. ... Here, longitude and elevation pixel **value** lists from **along** the **transect** ...

[ee.Array region scatter plot](#) · [ee.List transect line plot](#) · [ee.List metadata scatter plot](#)

<https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/region-reducers>

**Statistics of an Image Region - Earth Engine - Google ...**

26 May 2021 — To **get** statistics of pixel **values** in a region of an `ee.Image` , use `image.reduceRegion()` . This reduces all the pixels in the region(s) to a ...

<https://gis.stackexchange.com/questions/34888/google-earth-engine-extracting-pixel-values-for-list-of-pixels>

**Google Earth Engine: Extracting pixel values for list of ...**

14 Jul 2021 · 1 answer

Your guess seems to be right.. Based **on** your suggestions you probably need something like this: `// PIXEL EXTRACT PROOF OF CONCEPT FOR ...`

[Optimize \*\*Earth Engine\*\* script script profiler \[closed\]](#) - GIS Stack ... 19 Nov 2020

# END GOAL OF THIS SESSION

Understanding and recognizing the basic structure of

- Variable definitions
- Function calling

Knowing where to find information on

- Datasets
- Functionalities

Understanding the capacity of GEE to

- Visualize data
- Extract information
- Plot multiple dimensions

NOT AN END GOAL:

- Reproducing all the code
- Knowing by heart all the functions and their input
- Knowing by heart the available datasets
- ...