

# INSPIRE WCS / WCPS

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# Why Standards?




# Coverages in INSPIRE: Recent Work

- 2018: concerted coverage clarification effort started
  - Severe issues spotted: incompatibilities & technical infeasibilities
  - P. Baumann, J. Escriu: *INSPIRE Coverages: An Analysis and Some Suggestions*. Open Geospatial Data, Software and Standards, (2019) 4:1, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40965-019-0059-x>
- Minimal changes proposed to JRC, waiting...
  - Re-harmonizing with OGC, aligning SOS + WCS (no-brainer)
- Coverage awareness campaign
  - INSPIRE Amsterdam 2018 workshop, K. Schleidt & P. Baumann & J. Escriu
  - INSPIRE Helsinki 2019, same team
  - National webinars, workshops

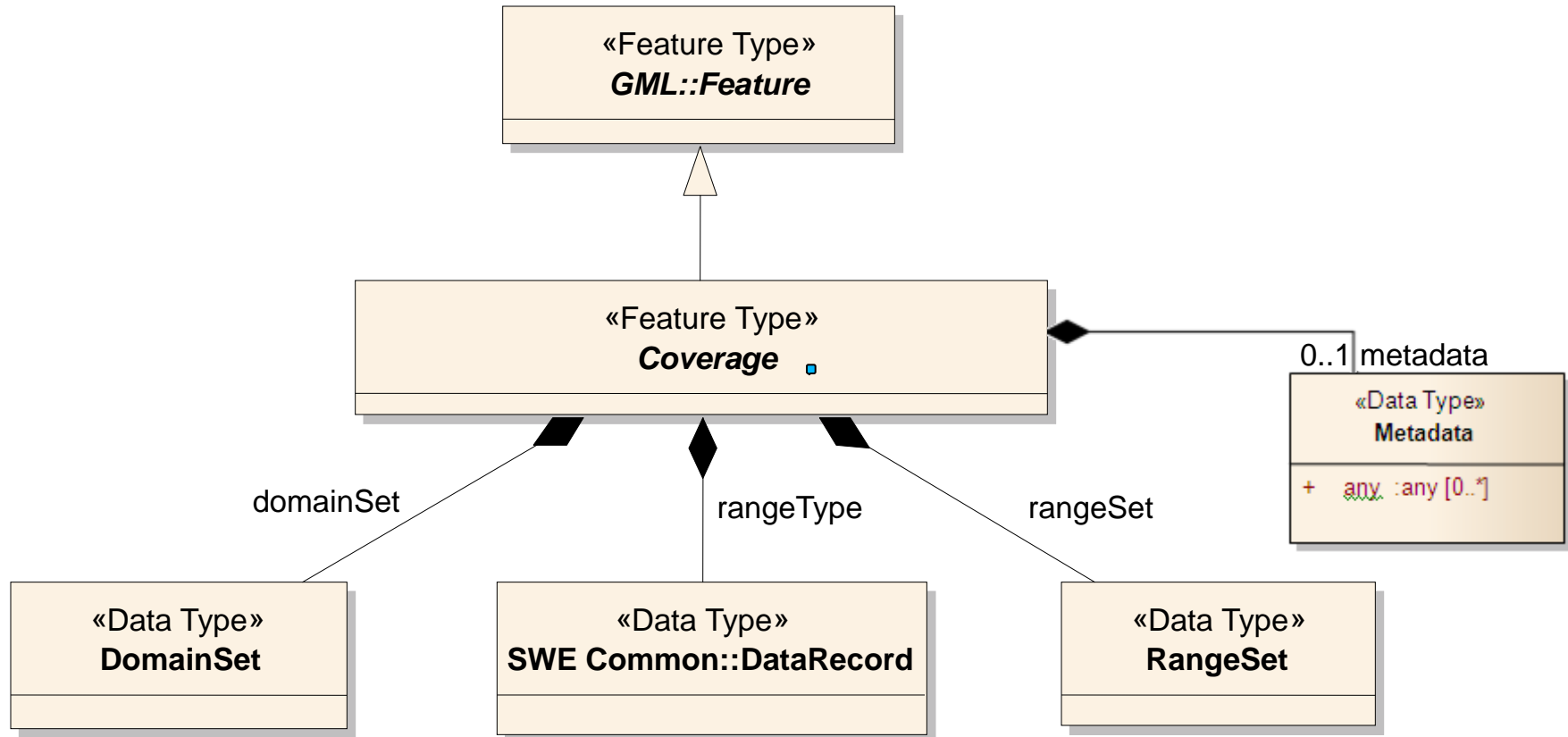
# OGC Coverage Implementation Schema



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# Coverage Definition



# A Simple Coverage, in GML

```
<generalGridCoverage ... gml:id="CIS_001">
  <domainSet>
    <generalGrid srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs-compound?
      1=http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4979
      &2=http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/AnsiDate"
      axisLabels="Lat Long h date">
      <regularAxis axisLabel="Lat" uomLabel="deg" lowerBound="40" upperBound="60" resolution="10"/>
      <regularAxis axisLabel="Long" uomLabel="deg" lowerBound="-10" upperBound="10" resolution="10"/>
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        <c> 0</c>
        <c>100</c>
      </irregularAxis>
      <irregularAxis axisLabel="date" uomLabel="d">
        <c>2015-12-01</c>
        <c>2015-12-02</c>
      </irregularAxis>
      <gridLimits srsName="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/Index4D" axisLabels="i j k l">
        <indexAxis axisLabel="i" lowerBound="0" upperBound="2"/>
        <indexAxis axisLabel="j" lowerBound="0" upperBound="2"/>
        <indexAxis axisLabel="k" lowerBound="0" upperBound="1"/>
        <indexAxis axisLabel="l" lowerBound="0" upperBound="1"/>
      </gridLimits>
    </generalGrid>
  </domainSet>

  <rangeSet>
    <dataBlock>
      <v>01</v> <v>02</v> <v>03</v> <v>04</v> <v>05</v> <v>06</v> <v>07</v> <v>08</v> <v>09</v>
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    </dataBlock>
  </rangeSet>

  <rangeType>
    <swe:DataRecord>
      <swe:field name="panchromatic">
        <swe:Quantity definition="http://opengis.net/def/property/OGC/0/Radiance">
          <swe:uom code="W.m-2.sr-1.nm-1"/>
        </swe:Quantity>
      </swe:field>
    </swe:DataRecord>
  </rangeType>
</generalGridCoverage>
```

# A Simple Coverage, in JSON

```
{ "type": "CoverageByDomainAndRangeType",
  "domainSet": {
    "type": "DomainSetType",
    "generalGrid": {
      "type": "GeneralGridCoverageType",
      "srsName": "http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/0/Index2D",
      "axisLabels": ["i", "j"],
      "axis": [ { "type": "IndexAxisType", "axisLabel": "i", "lowerBound": 0, "upperBound": 2 },
                { "type": "IndexAxisType", "axisLabel": "j", "lowerBound": 0, "upperBound": 2 } ]
    }
  },
  "rangeSet": { "type": "RangeSetType",
    "dataBlock": { "type": "VDataBlockType", "values": [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9] } },
  "rangeType": { "type": "DataRecordType",
    "field": [ { "type": "QuantityType",
      "definition": "ogcType:unsignedInt",
      "uom": { "type": "UnitReference", "code": "10^0" } } ]
  }
}
```



# A Simple Coverage, in RDF

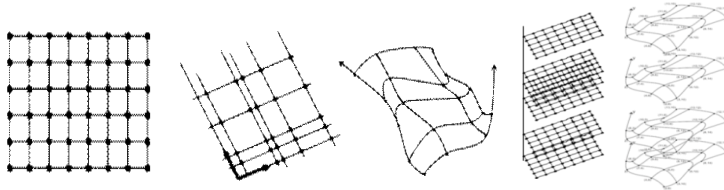
```
<http://www.opengis.net/cis/1.1/examples/CIS_05_2D>
<http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#type>
<http://www.opengis.net/cis/1.1/CoverageByDomainAndRangeType> .
```

```
<http://www.opengis.net/cis/1.1/examples/CIS_05_2D>
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<http://www.opengis.net/cis/1.1/generalGrid>
<http://www.opengis.net/cis/1.1/examples/CIS_DS_GG_05_2D> .
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```

# Summary

## datacubes

- Coverage = regular and irregular **grids**, point clouds, meshes
- Coverage Implementation Schema **1.1**  
= backwards-compatible evolution of CIS **1.0**
  - **Grids**: Regular + irregular (generalizing CIS 1.0 & GML 3.3), SensorML



- Interpolation, representations, practice-driven packaging, ...
- *OGC CIS = ISO 19123-2*

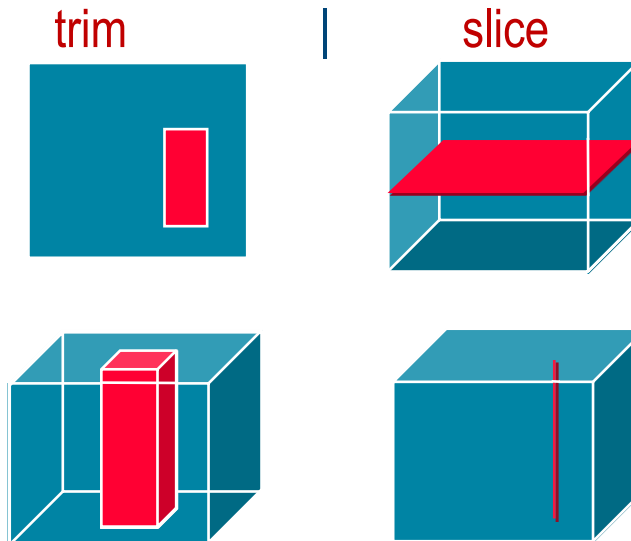
# OGC Web Coverage Service *Core & Extensions*

# OGC Web Coverage Service (WCS)

- WCS **Core**: access to spatio-temporal coverages & subsets

- Encoding on the fly

- subset =



- WCS **Extensions**: optional functionality facets

- rasdaman implements WCS Core & all Extensions*

- *reference implementation*

# WCS Core *GetCoverage*

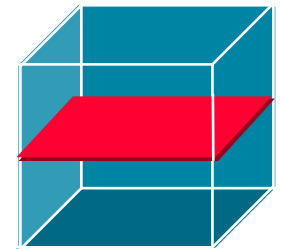
- Download a coverage (or a subset thereof),  
values **guaranteed unchanged**

- Ex: „*download coverage c001*“

`http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0  
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001`

- Ex: „*coverage c001, lat/long cutout, time slice t=2009-11-06T23:20:52*“

`http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0  
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001  
& SUBSET=Long(100,120) & SUBSET=Lat(50,60)  
& SUBSET=time("2009-11-06T23:20:52")`



- Ex: “*coverage c001, in GeoTIFF*”

`http://www.acme.com/wcs ? SERVICE=WCS & VERSION=2.0  
& REQUEST=GetCoverage & COVERAGEID=c001 & FORMAT="image/tiff"`



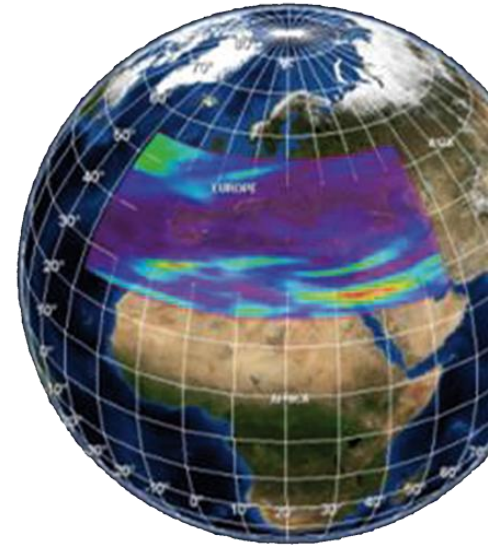
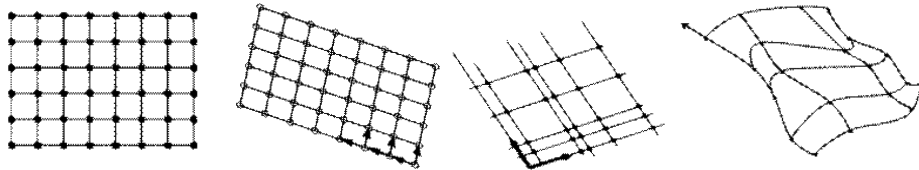
# Coverage Processing

## ■ Web Coverage Processing Service (WCPS)

- WCS processing extension
- spatio-temporal datacube analytics language

```
A[Lat(10.2), Long(8.4), date("2017-12-04")]
```

- space & time, regular & irregular grids



- "From MODIS scenes M1, M2, M3: difference red & nir, as TIFF"
  - "...but only those where nir exceeds 127 somewhere"

```
for $c in ( M1, M2, M3 )
where some( $c.nir > 127 )
return encode( $c.red - $c.nir, "image/tiff" )
```

[SSDBM 2009,  
SSDBM 2010,  
Geoinformatica 2010]

# WCS Protocol Bindings

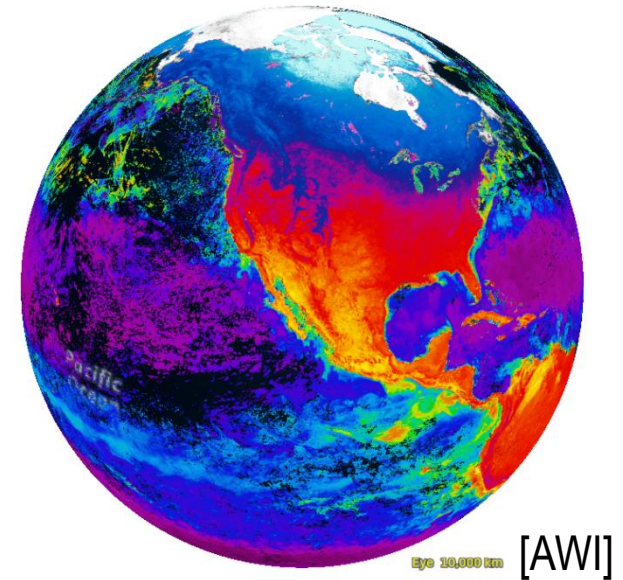
- Protocol binding = „command language“
- Identical WCS functionality across various protocols
  - GET/KVP, XML-POST, XML-SOAP, OAPI-Coverages
- OAPI: OGC activity towards unified W\*S protocol using OpenAPI
  - features, coverages, maps, tiles, processes, ... + OAPI Common
  - Challenge: bring together rather different worlds
    - *Heritage, conventions, implementations, ...*
  - Ex: bbox, collections, ...
 

```
GET /collections/{cid}/items?bbox=160.6,-55.95,-170,-25.89
```

```
GET /collections/{cid}/coverages/{covid}?SUBSET=Lat(40,50)&SUBSET=Long(10,20)
```
  - *Caveat: work in progress*

# Summary

- OGC WCS Core & Extensions
  - modular
  - pixel-level conformance tests for interoperability
  - OGC WCPS: spatio-temporal datacube analytics language
- robust, scalable, mature
  - proven on 2.5+ PB in EarthServer
- *The modern, accepted way of doing powerful, flexible raster services*
- ...and now let's get hands-on!



# Wrap-Up

# Coverage Standards & Friends

## ■ Earth Sciences:

- **Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC):**
  - Coverage data model: Coverage Implementation Schema (CIS)
  - Coverage service model: Web Coverage Service (WCS) suite
- **ISO:**
  - OGC CIS → 19123-2
  - 19123 revised → 19123-1
- **INSPIRE:**
  - Coverages (contorted) & WCS (verbatim)

Core implemented by leading tools



## ■ General Data Analytics:

- **ISO:** SQL/MDA („Multi-Dimensional Arrays“)
  - = *rasdaman array QL*

ICS 35.35.060

**ISO/IEC 9075-15:2019**

Information technology database languages — SQL —  
Part 15: Multi-dimensional arrays (SQL/MDA)



# INSPIRE WCS

## ■ INSPIRE WCS Tech Guidance

- <https://inspire.ec.europa.eu/id/document/tg/download-wcs>
- TG Requirement 1  
*The WCS download service instance shall conform to WCS 2.0 Conformance Class 'core WCS'*
- Recommended implementation Get Spatial Object:
  - *shall be requested [...] through a WCS ProcessCoverages request*

## ■ Bottom line:

- INSPIRE WCS → OGC WCS → OGC Coverages ≠ INSPIRE Coverages
- plus INSPIRE metadata!
  - *Following WCS extension mechanism*

# Caveat: Free Riders

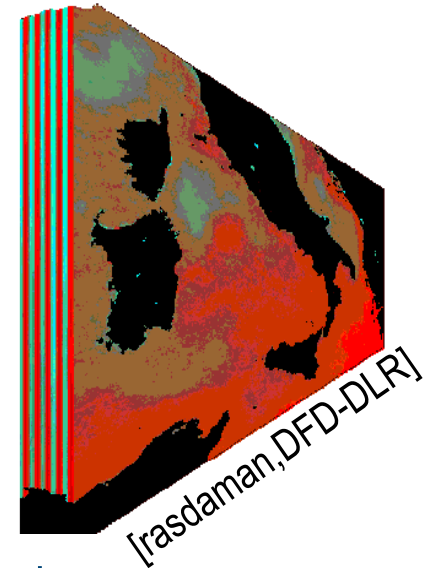
- „coverage“ recognized as enabling concept, trending
- Many independent uses of term, no compatibility demonstrated:
  - OGC GeoPackage Extension for Tiled Gridded Coverage Data
  - CoverageJSON
  - W3C Coverages
- Currently known implementations of OGC WCS Core:
  - [http://myogc.org/go/coveragesDWG#Known\\_Implementations](http://myogc.org/go/coveragesDWG#Known_Implementations)
  - Conformance testing

# Projects Co-Funding INSPIRE Work

- BigDataCube: Public/Private datacube partnership
- EOSC-hub: Earth Observation datacubes
- DeepRain: Localized rain forecasts through AI + Array Databases
- BigPicture: Ground-truthed satellite analytics for agriculture
- LandSupport: Integrated geo analytics for land management
- ORBiDANSe: Orbital Big Data Analytics Service
- CopHub.AC: European Copernicus Knowledge Landscape
- *...plus several more*

# Summary

- OGC Coverage open standards suite:  
*the modern way to do raster data*
  - easy-to-use, unified, powerful: from access to analytics
- Practice proven: mosaics, timeseries, datacubes, ...
  - pixel-level interoperability
  - consensus: OGC + ISO (~INSPIRE) std bodies, major tools & vendors
- rasdaman: actionable raster coverages & datacubes
  - 2.5+ PB, 1000x parallelization, operational federations; reference implementation



"Web developers who have not heard of OGC standards before immediately feel at home with these coverage standards"  
-- Stephan Siemen, ECMWF

# Resources

- OGC authoritative standards page
  - <http://schemas.opengis.net/cis> , <http://schemas.opengis.net/wcs>
  - <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/wcs>
  - <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/wcps>
- OGC Coverages.DWG wiki (background info, stds pre-releases)
  - <http://myogc.org/go/coveragesDWG>
- Training material
  - Wikipedia: [coverages](#), [WCS](#), [WCPS](#)
  - Webinars: [www.earthserver.eu/webinars](http://www.earthserver.eu/webinars)
  - Tutorials: <http://tutorial.rasdaman.org/rasdaman-and-ogc-ws-tutorial/>
  - Online interactive demos & sandbox: <http://standards.rasdaman.com/>
  - Jupyter notebooks: <http://nbviewer.jupyter.org/github/earthserver-eu/>