

Array Databases

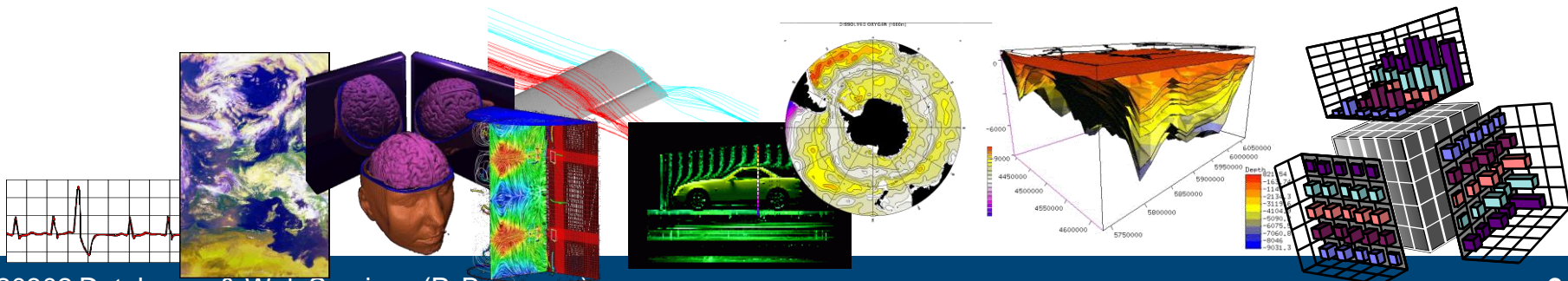
<http://www.faculty.jacobs-university.de/pbaumann> → publications

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Array_DBMS

[animation: gamingfeeds.com]

Who Needs Arrays?

- **Sensor, image, simulation, statistics data**
 - **Earth:** Geodesy, geology, hydrology, oceanography, climate, earth system, ...
 - **Space:** optical / radio astronomy, cosmological simulation, planetary science, ...
 - **Life:** Pharma/chem, healthcare / bio research, bio statistics, genetics, ...
 - **Engineering & research:** Simulation & experimental data in automotive/shipbuilding/aerospace industry, turbines, process industry, ...
 - **Management/Controlling:** Decision Support, OLAP, Data Warehousing, census, statistics in industry and public administration, ...
 - **Multimedia:** distance learning, prepress, ...
- „80% of all data have some spatial connotation“ [C&P Hane, 1992]

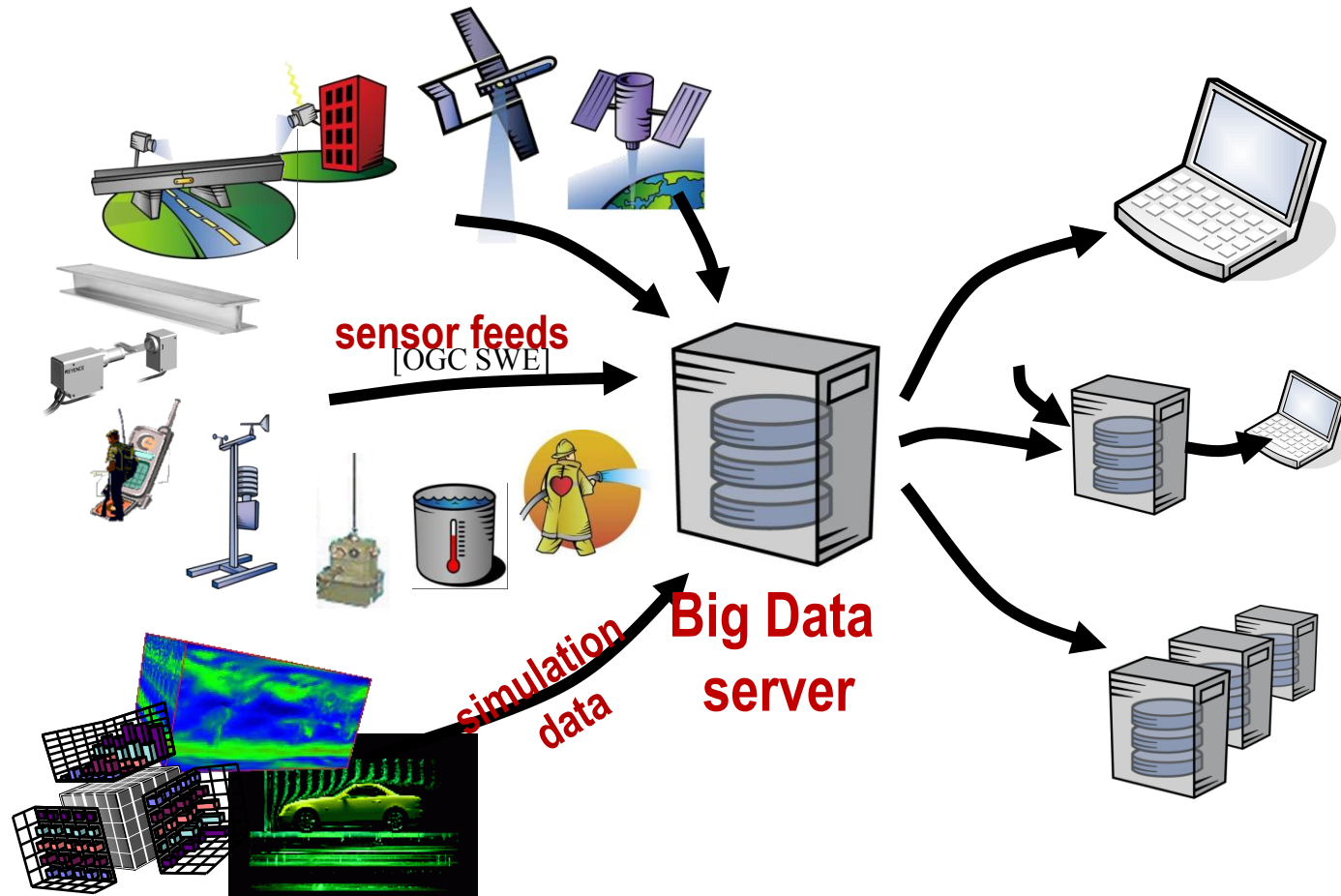


Arrays in [Geo] Science & Engineering



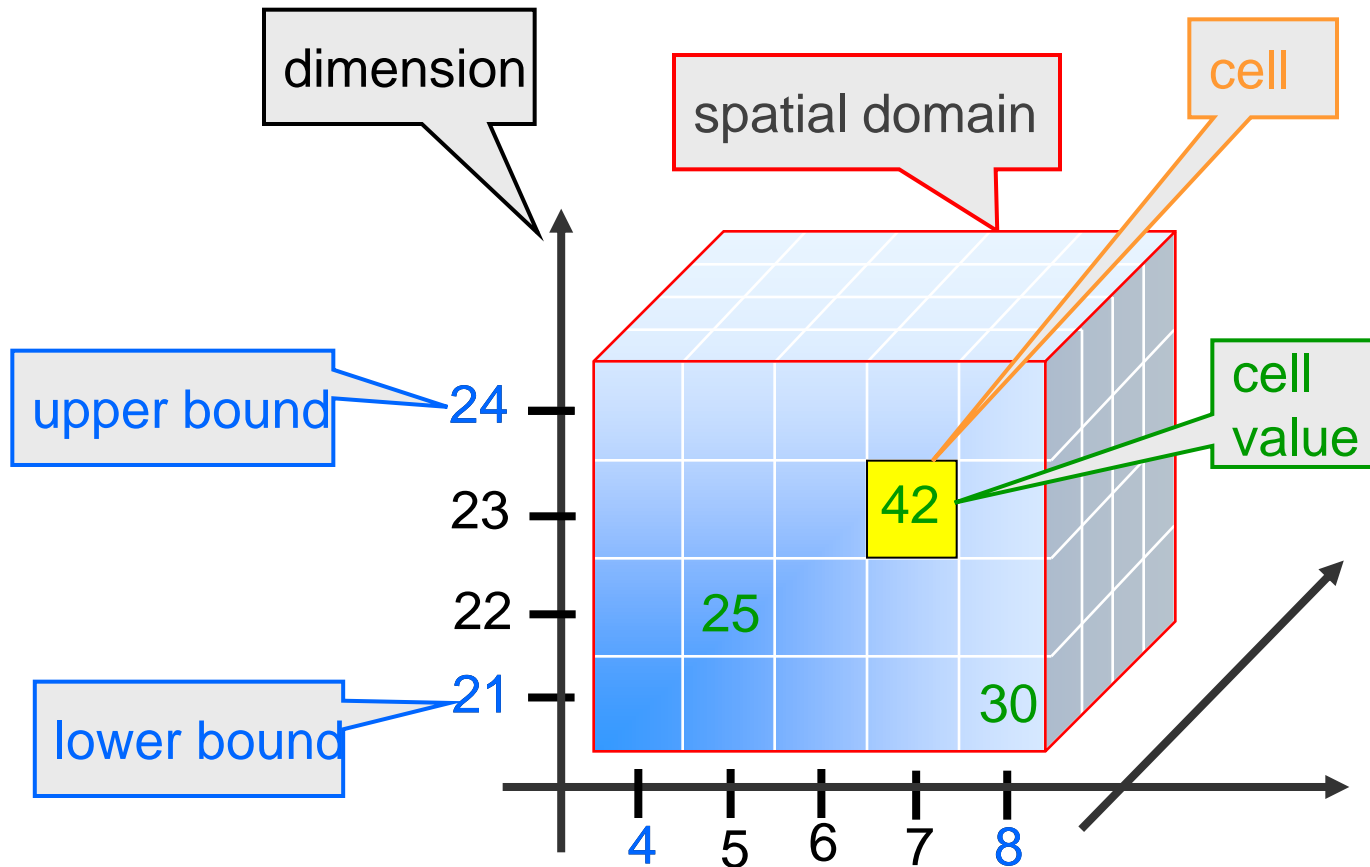
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- spatio-temporal sensor, image, simulation, statistics data(cubes)



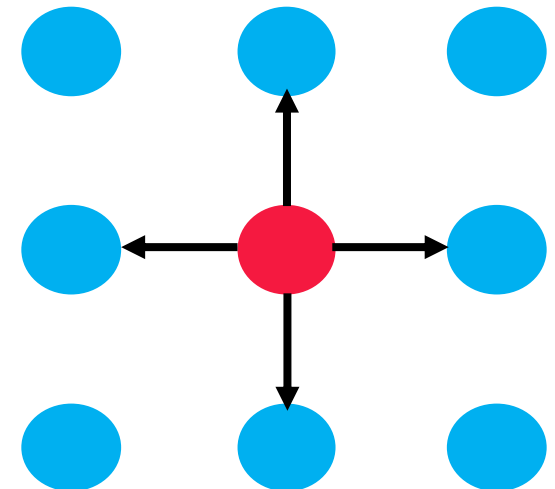
CONCEPTUAL MODELLING

The Array Data Model

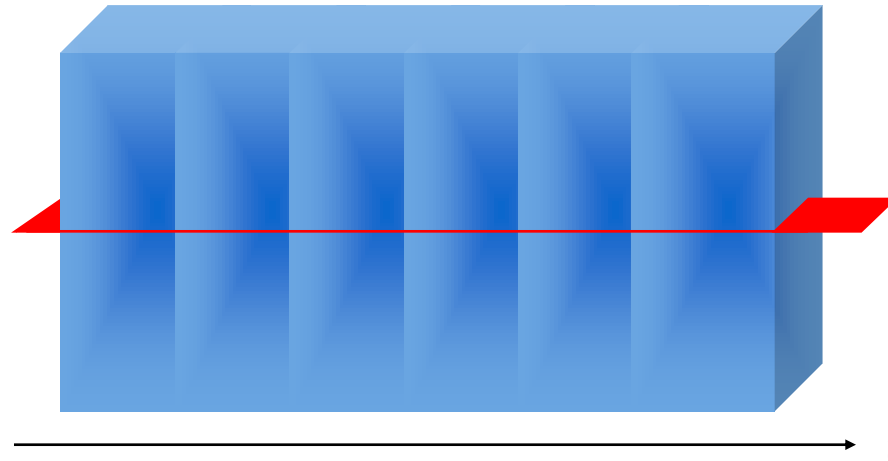


Array Analytics

- Array Analytics :=
Efficient analysis on multi-dimensional arrays of a size several orders of magnitude above evaluation engine's main memory
- Essential **data** property: n-dimensional Euclidean neighborhood
 - Secondary: #dimensions, density, ...
- **Operations**: signal/image processing, Linear Algebra [M. Stonebraker], iterations

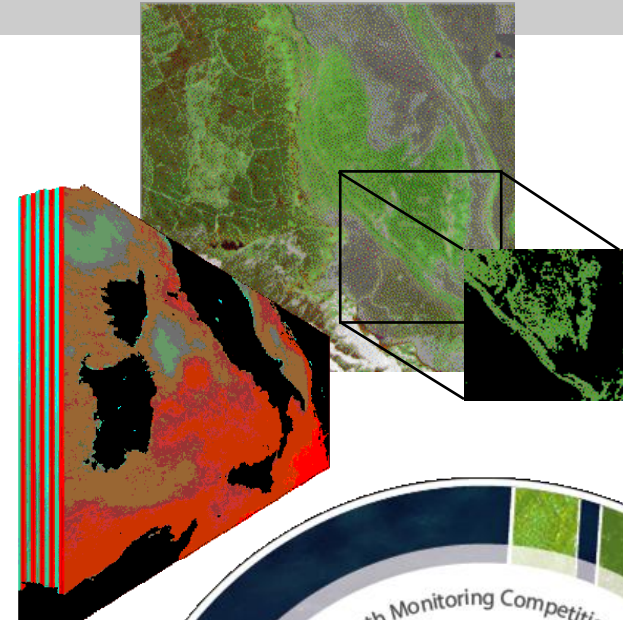


Let's Take a Closer Look...



- Divergent access patterns for ingest and retrieval
- Server must mediate between access patterns

- „raster data manager“: **SQL + n-D arrays**
 - Scalable parallel “tile streaming” architecture
 - [VLDB 1994, VLDB 1997, SIGMOD 1998, VLDB 2003, ..., VLDB 2016]
- Blueprint for stds, in operational use
 - 250 TB → PB



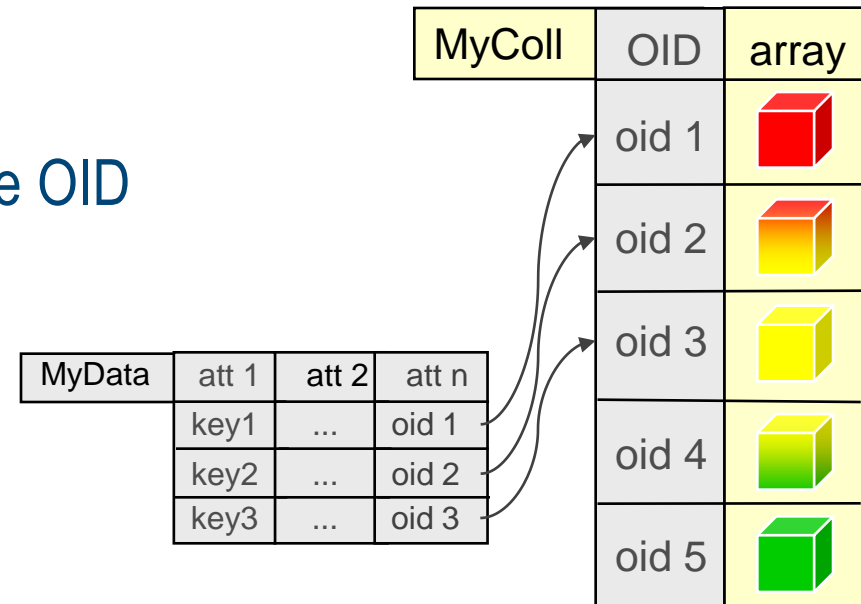
Array Embedding

- Goal: integration of arrays with relational model

- tables of typed n-D arrays

- Original **rasql**: Array + system attribute OID

- „collections“ = binary relations (oid,array)
- In hindsight, bad tuple access design:
array like tuple variable, oid via function



- In future: **ISO SQL/MDA**
(Multi-Dimensional Arrays)

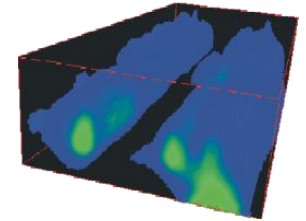
- Arrays as another „attribute type“
- Under finalization in ISO

```
select img[ 100:199, 100:199 ]
from   MyColl as m
where  oid(m) = 42
```

The rasql Query Language

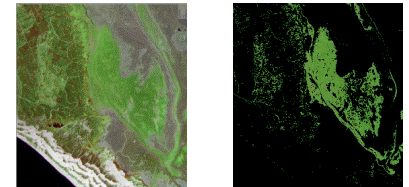
- selection & subsetting

```
select c[ ** , 100:200 , ** , 42 ]
from   ClimateSimulations as c
```



- result processing

```
select img * (img.green > 130)
from   LandsatArchive as img
```



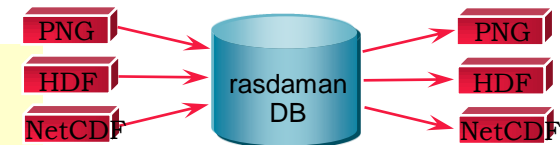
- search & aggregation

```
select mri
from   MRI as img, masks as am
where  some_cells( mri > 250 and m )
```



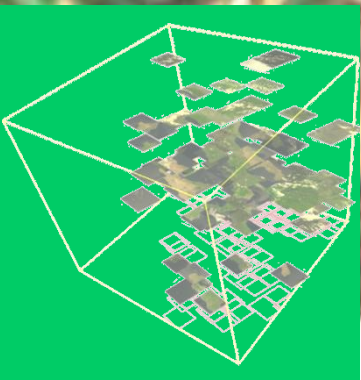
- data format conversion

```
select encode( c[**,**,100,42] , „png“ )
from   ClimateSimulations as c
```



Visual Database Interaction

```
select
  encode(
    struct {
      red:    (char) s.image.b7[x0:x1,x0:x1],
      green:  (char) s.image.b5[x0:x1,x0:x1],
      blue:   (char) s.image.b0[x0:x1,x0:x1],
      alpha:  (char) scale( d.elev, 20 )
    },
    "image/png"
  )
from SatImage as s, DEM as d
```



[JacobsU, Fraunhofer; data courtesy BGS, ESA]

Linear Algebra Ops

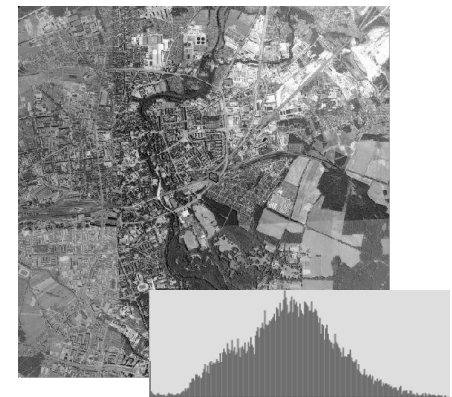
- Matrix multiplication

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

```
select marray i in [0:m], j in [0:p]
      values 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]
      values count_cells( img = bucket )
from    img
```



Adding Arrays to ISO SQL

- **ISO 9075 Part 15: SQL/MDA**
 - resolved by ISO SQL WG in June 2014
 - Based on rasdaman concepts & experience
- **n-D arrays as attributes**

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

- **declarative array operations**

```
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  
       avg( scene.band3-scene.band4)/(scene.band3+scene.band4)) > 0
```

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)

ARCHITECTURE

Storage Mapping: Variants

■ Coordinate-free sequence

- BLOB (binary large object)
- *Costs mainly position/dimension dependent*



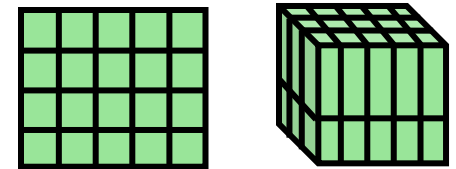
■ Sequence independent, coordinates explicit

$$\{ (x_1, f_1), (x_2, f_2), \dots, (x_n, f_n) \}$$

- ROLAP
- *Costs not position correlated, but high*

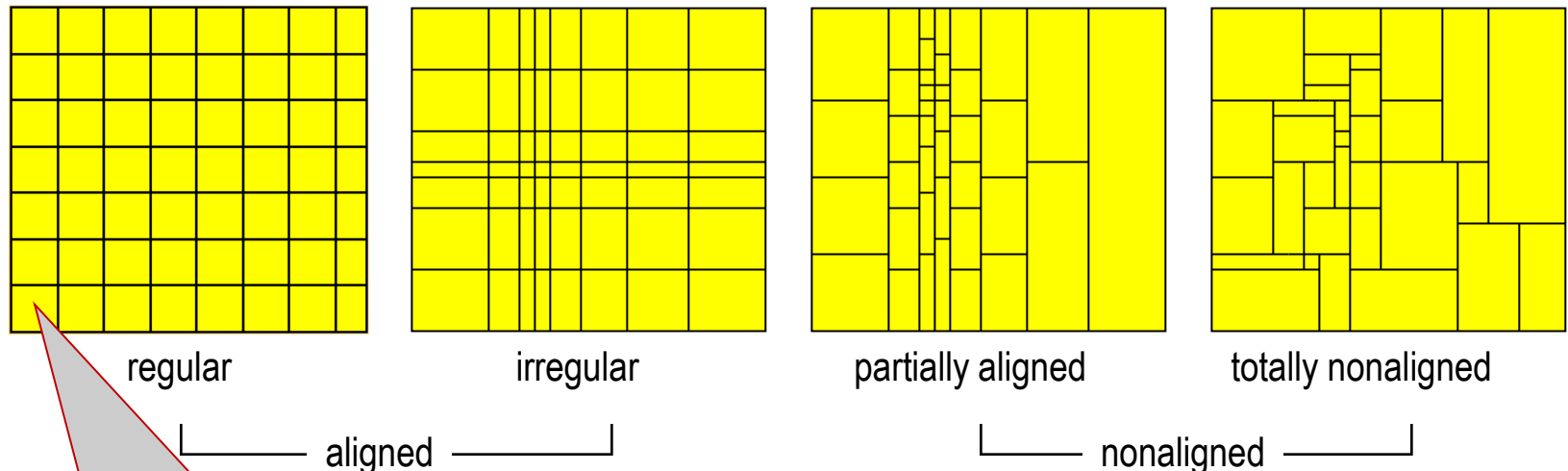
■ Imaging, multidimensional OLAP

- Partitioning, sequence within partition
- *Costs low for bulk access, usually not location correlated*



Datacube Partitioning

- Goal: **faster tile loading** by adapting storage units to access patterns
- Approach: partition n-D array into n-D partitions („**tiles**“)
- Tiling classification based on degree of alignment [ICDE 1999]

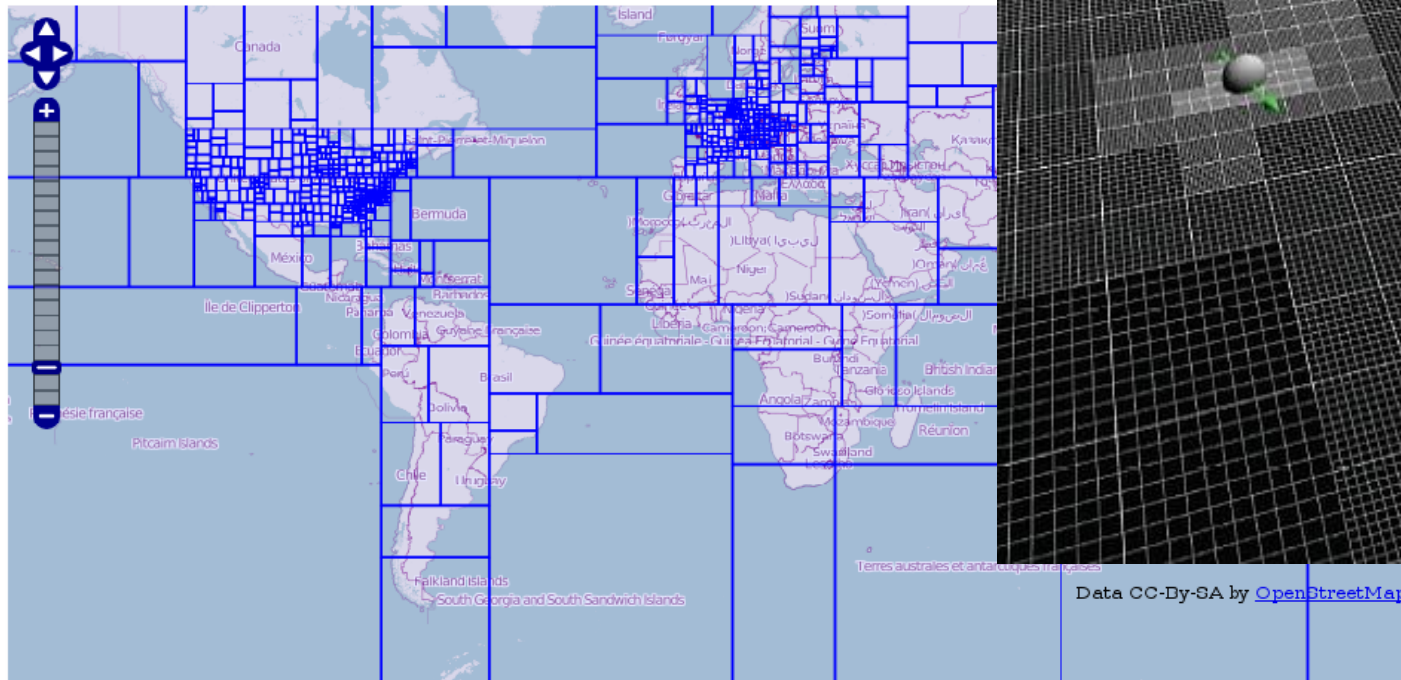


chunking [Sarawagi,
Stonebraker, DeWitt, ...]

Why Irregular Tiling?

- e-Science often uses irregular partitioning

[Centrella et al: scidacreviews.org]

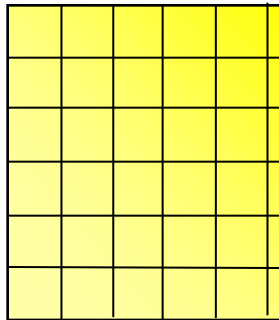


[OpenStreetMap]

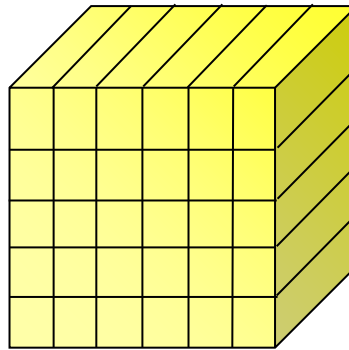
Tiling as a Tuning Parameter

- tiling strategies [ICDE 1999]:

regular

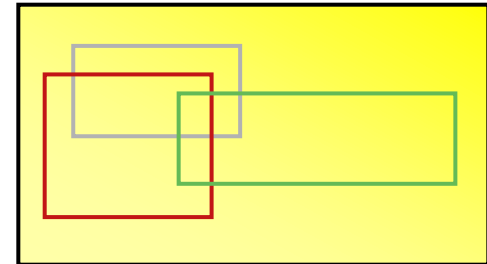


directional



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area of interest



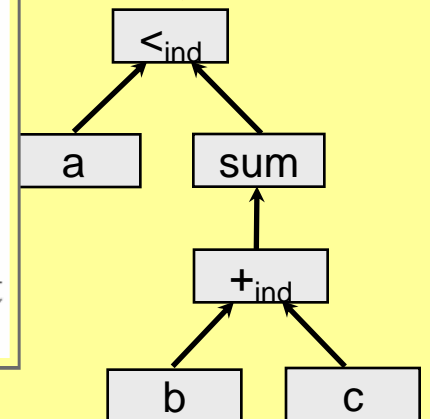
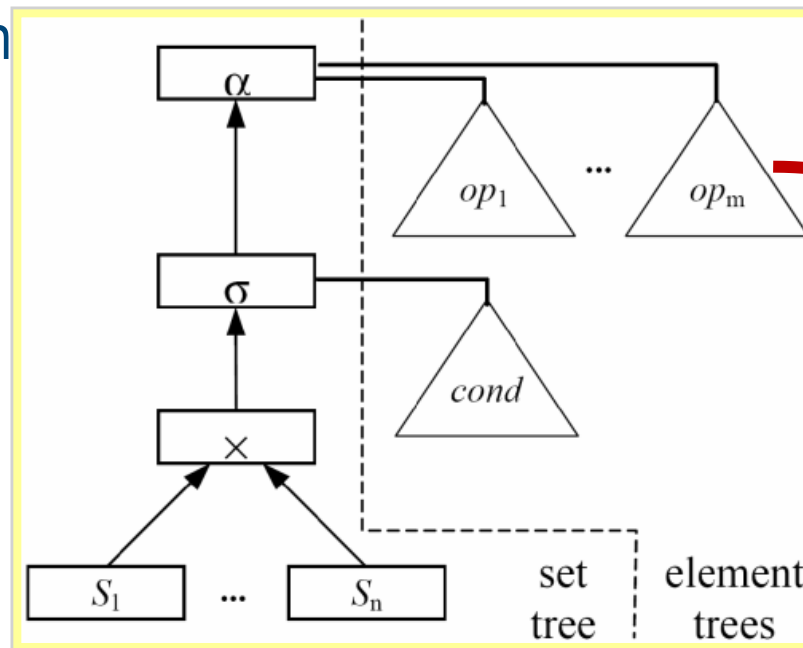
- storage layout language [SSTDM 2010]

```
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
```

Query Processing

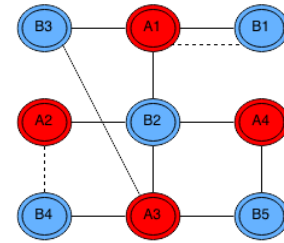
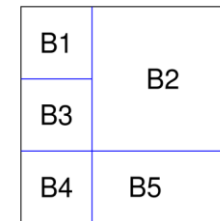
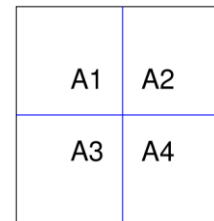
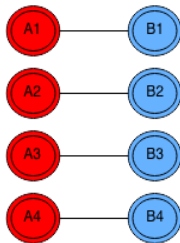
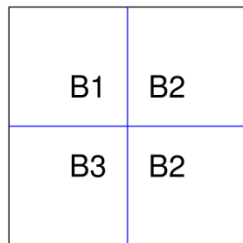
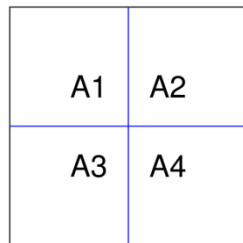
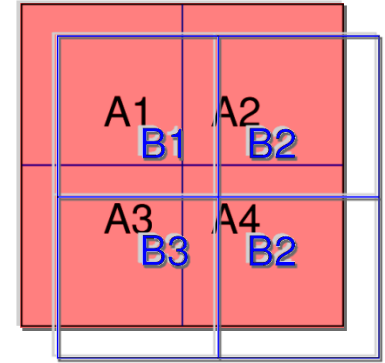
- Clear separation:
set vs array trees
 - Arrays as 2nd order attributes
- Extensive optimization
- Tile-based evaluation

```
select a < sum_cells( b + c )
from a, b, c
```



Array Joins

- „A θ B“ in presence of partitioned arrays A, B
 - Challenge: partitions shifted, different size, heterogeneous
 - inefficient multiple reads of sub-arrays
- Goal: optimal partition loading sequence
- Approach: bi-partite graph traversal

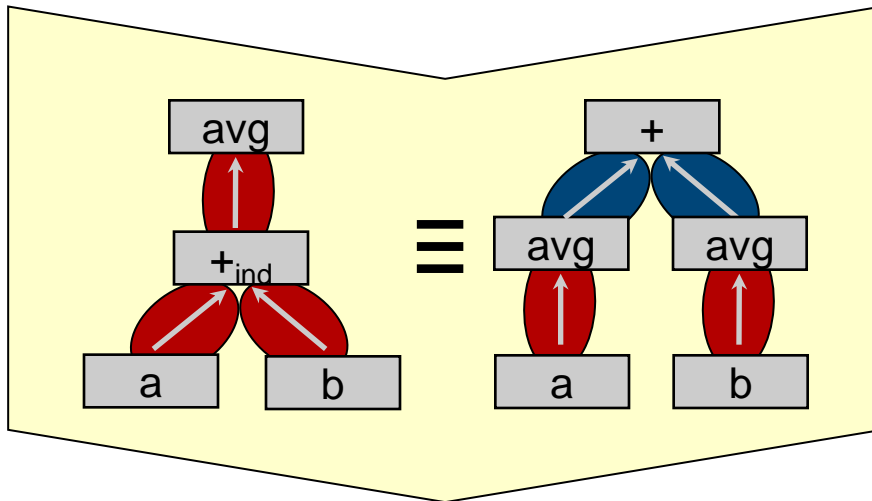


- Also useful for buffer mgmt, parallelization

Query Optimization

[Ritsch 2000]

```
select avg_cells( a + b )
from   a, b
```



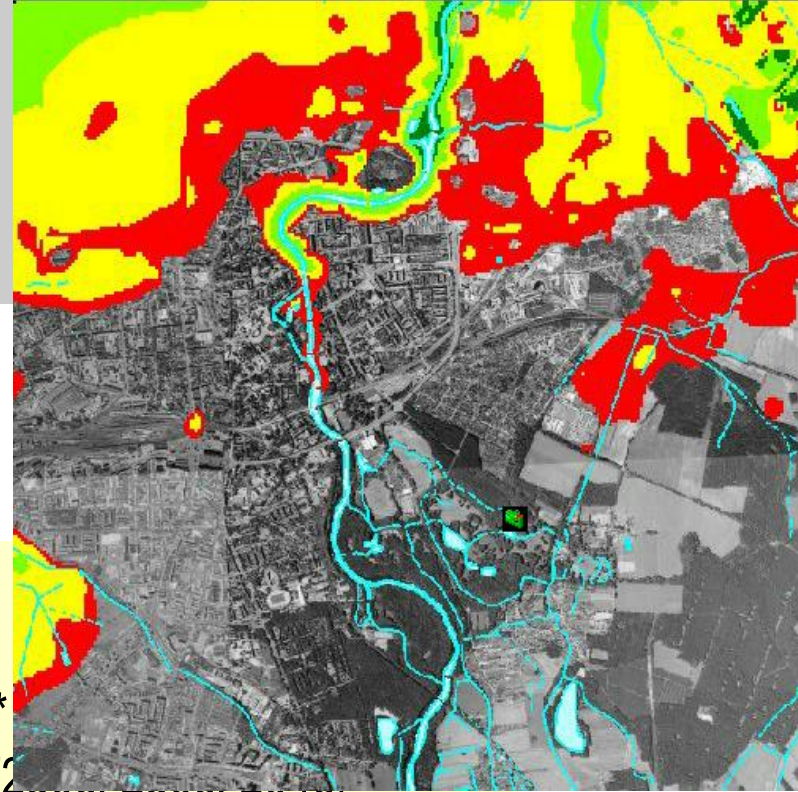
```
select avg_cells( a )
       + avg_cells( b )
from   a, b
```

-  Tile stream
high traffic
-  Scalar stream
low traffic

Optimisation Does Pay Off!

- Complex queries give more space to optimizer
- Typical OGC *Web Map Service* query:

```
select jpeg(  
    scale(bild0[...],[1:300,1:300]) * {  
    overlay ((scale(bild1[...],[1:300,1:300])<71.0)) *  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 2) * {255c, 255c, 255c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 5) * {1c, 1c, 1c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 7) * {102c, 102c, 102c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 6) * {255c, 255c, 0c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 3) * {191c, 242c, 128c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 4) * {191c, 255c, 255c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 1) * {0c, 255c, 255c}  
    overlay bit(scale(bild2[...],[1:300,1:300]), 0) * {102c, 102c, 102c}    )  
from ...
```



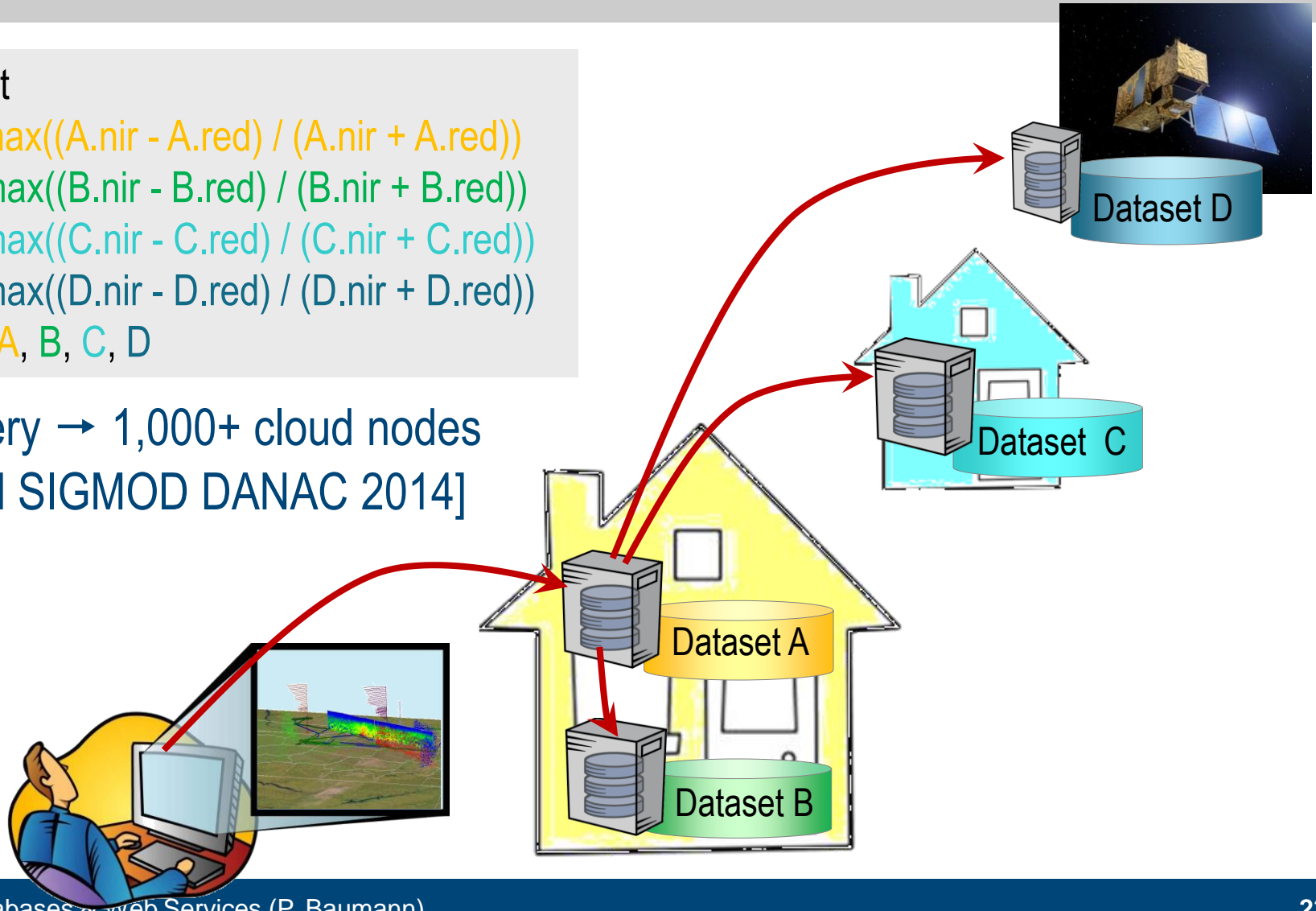
Parallel / Distributed Query Processing

```
select
```

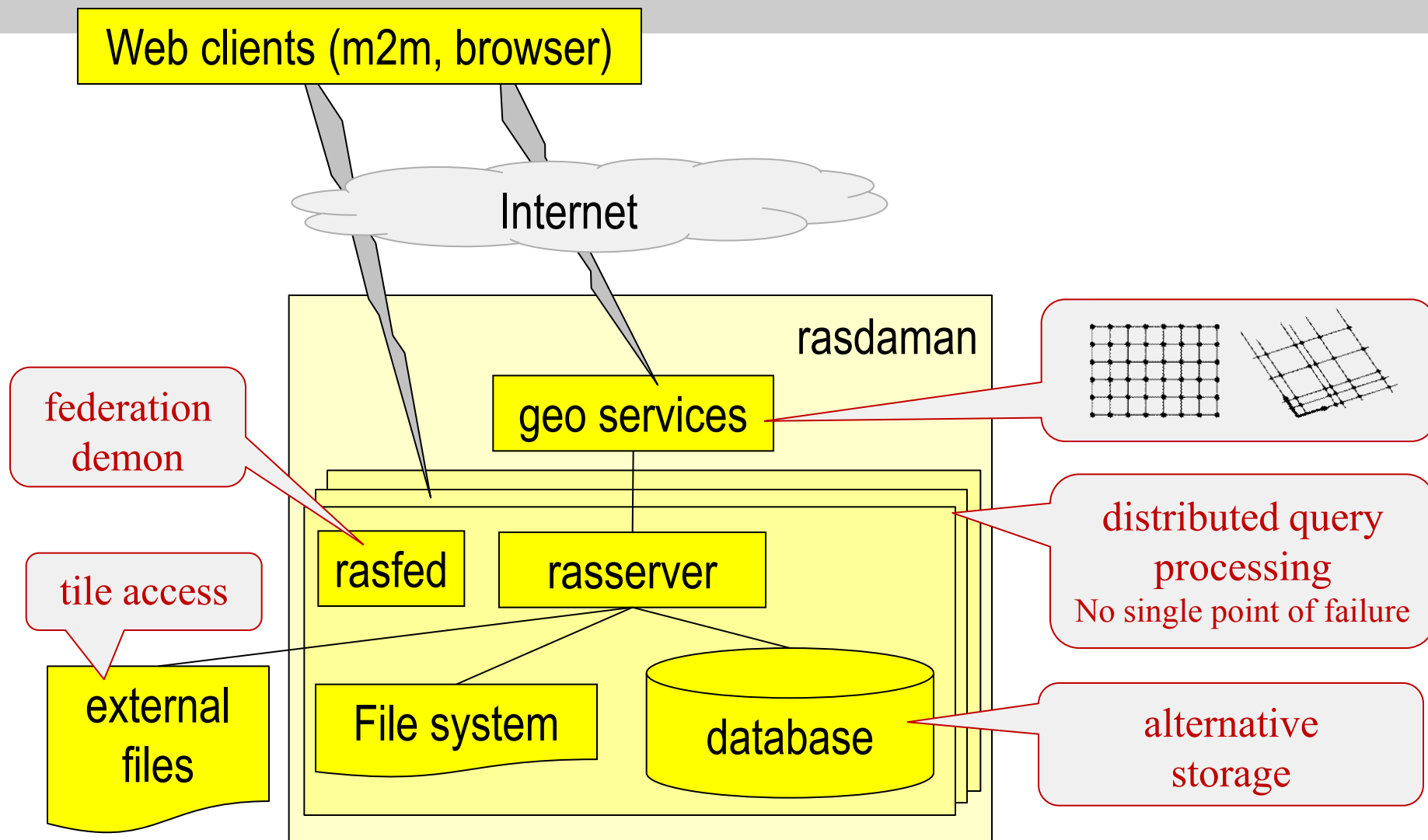
```
  max((A.nir - A.red) / (A.nir + A.red))  
- max((B.nir - B.red) / (B.nir + B.red))  
- max((C.nir - C.red) / (C.nir + C.red))  
- max((D.nir - D.red) / (D.nir + D.red))
```

```
from A, B, C, D
```

1 query \rightarrow 1,000+ cloud nodes
[ACM SIGMOD DANAC 2014]



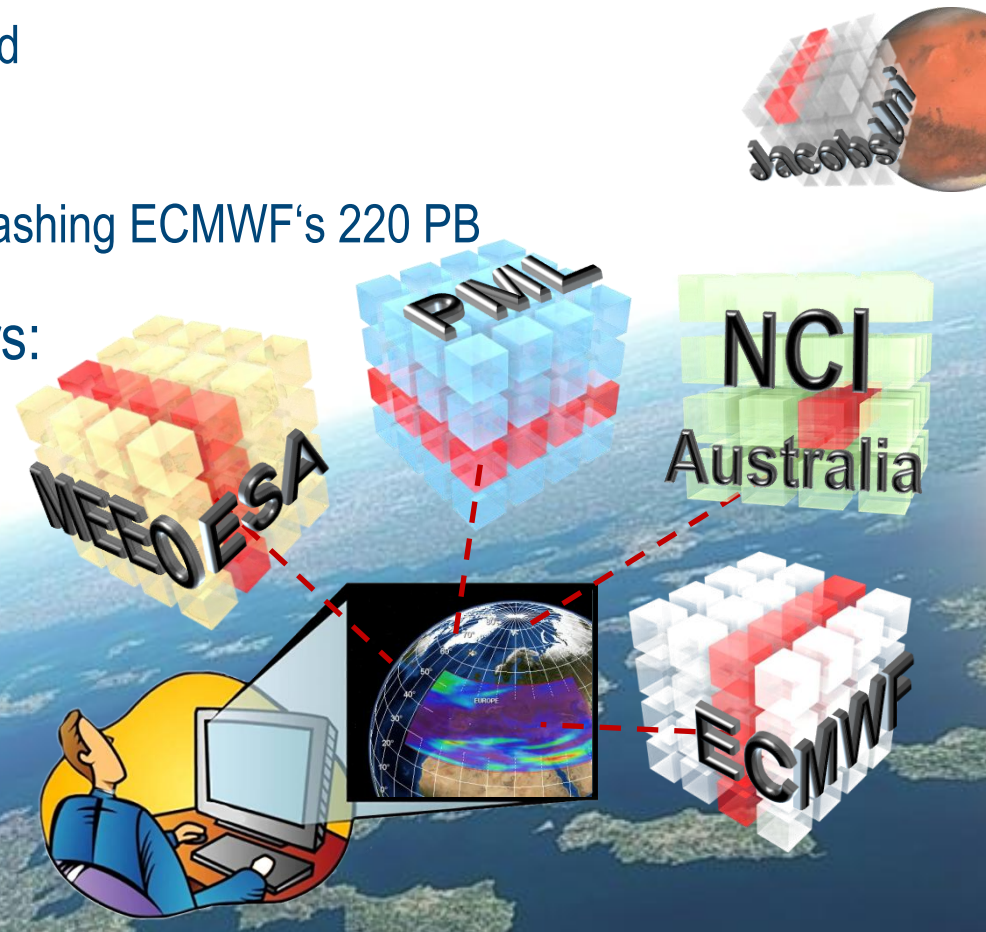
Architecture



APPLICATIONS

- **Agile Analytics** on x/y/t + x/y/z/t Earth & Planetary **datacubes**
 - EU rasdaman + US NASA WorldWind
 - Rigorously standards as c/s APIs
 - Databases of 1+ Petabyte, now unleashing ECMWF's 220 PB
- Intercontinental initiative, 3+3 years:
EU + US + AUS

www.earthserver.eu



OGC WCPS: Analyzing Datacubes

- Web Coverage Processing Service (WCPS)

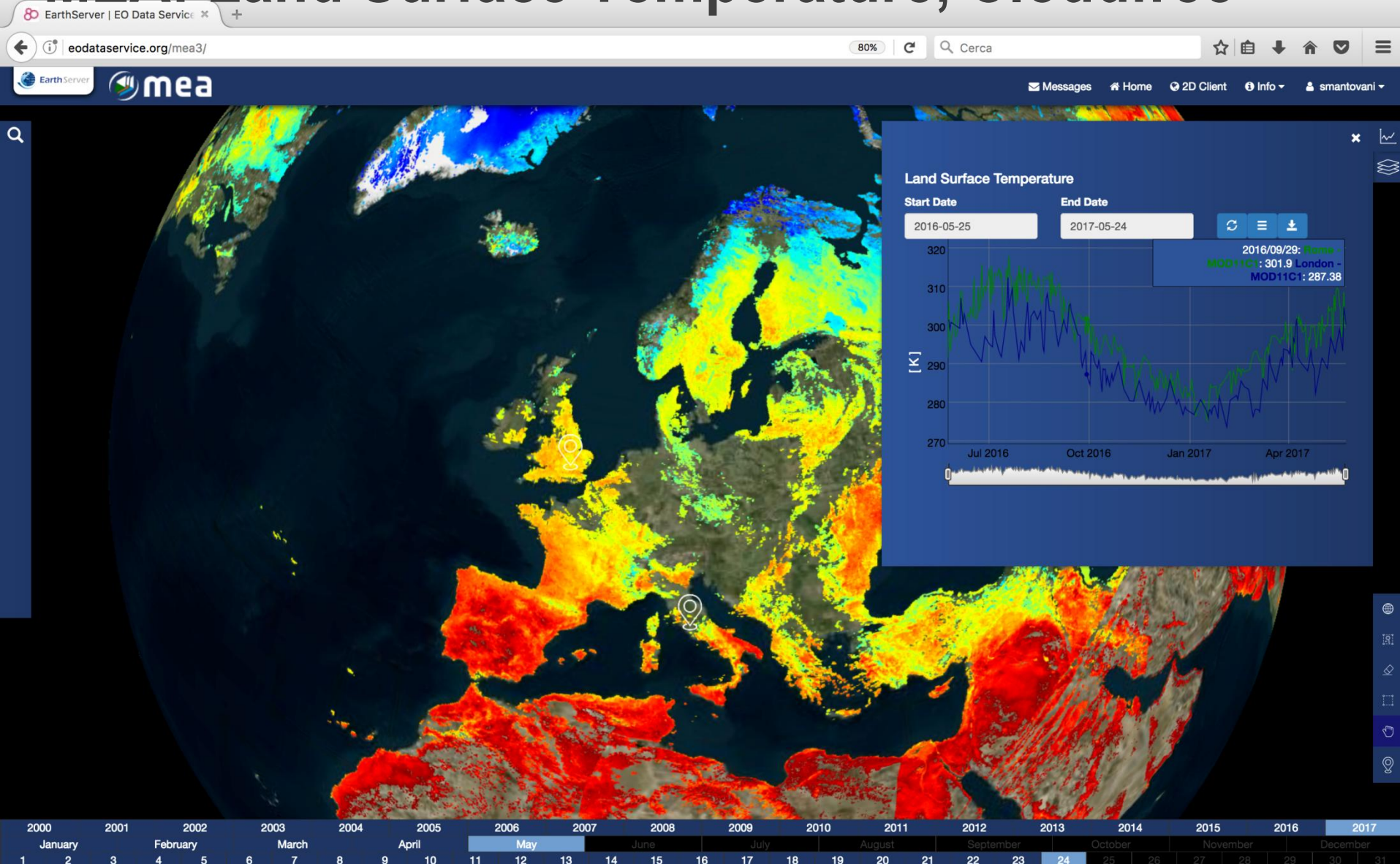
= spatio-temporal datacube analytics language



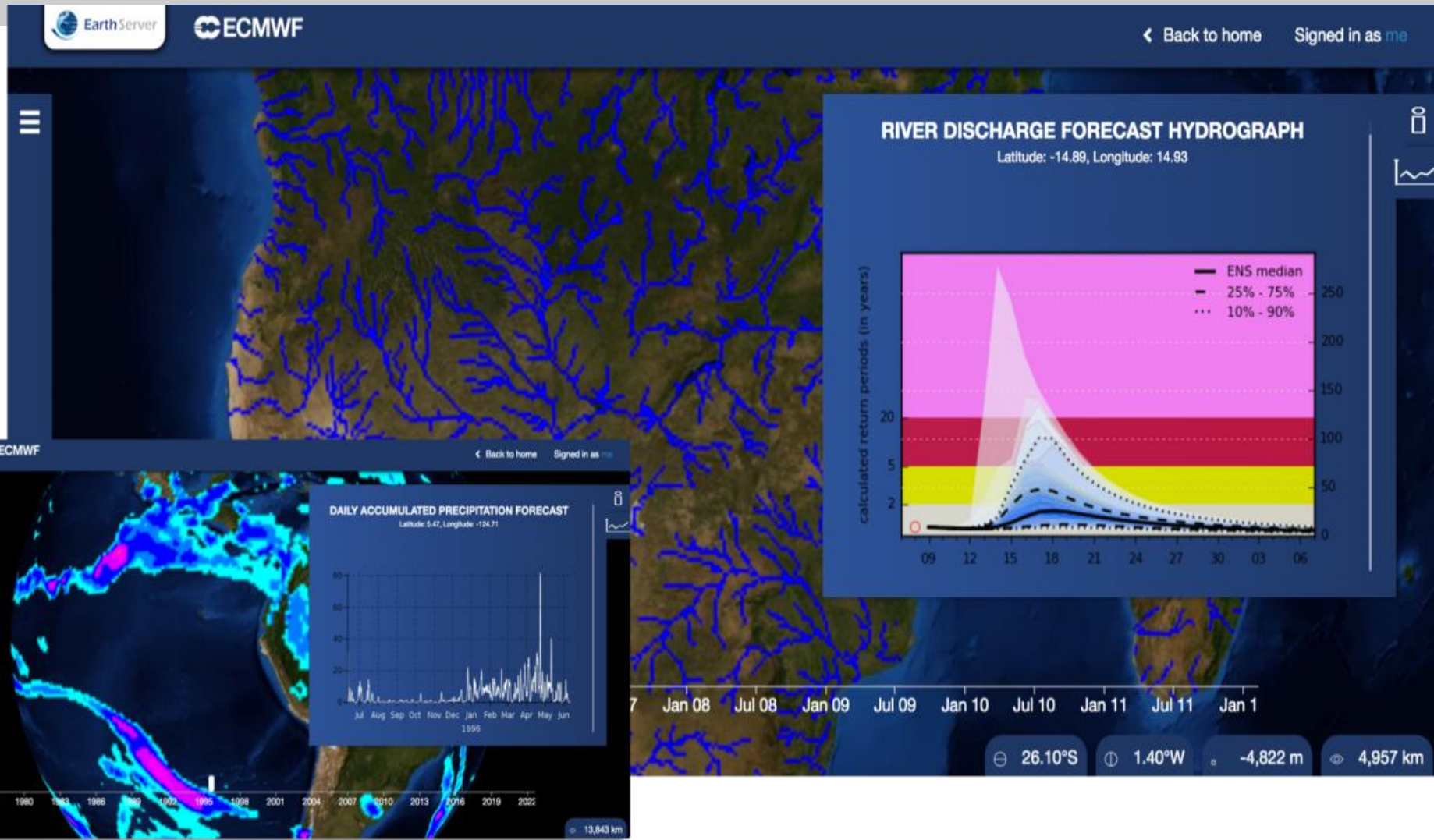
- "From MODIS scenes M1, M2, M3: difference red & nir, as TIFF"
 - "...but only those where nir exceeds 127 somewhere"

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

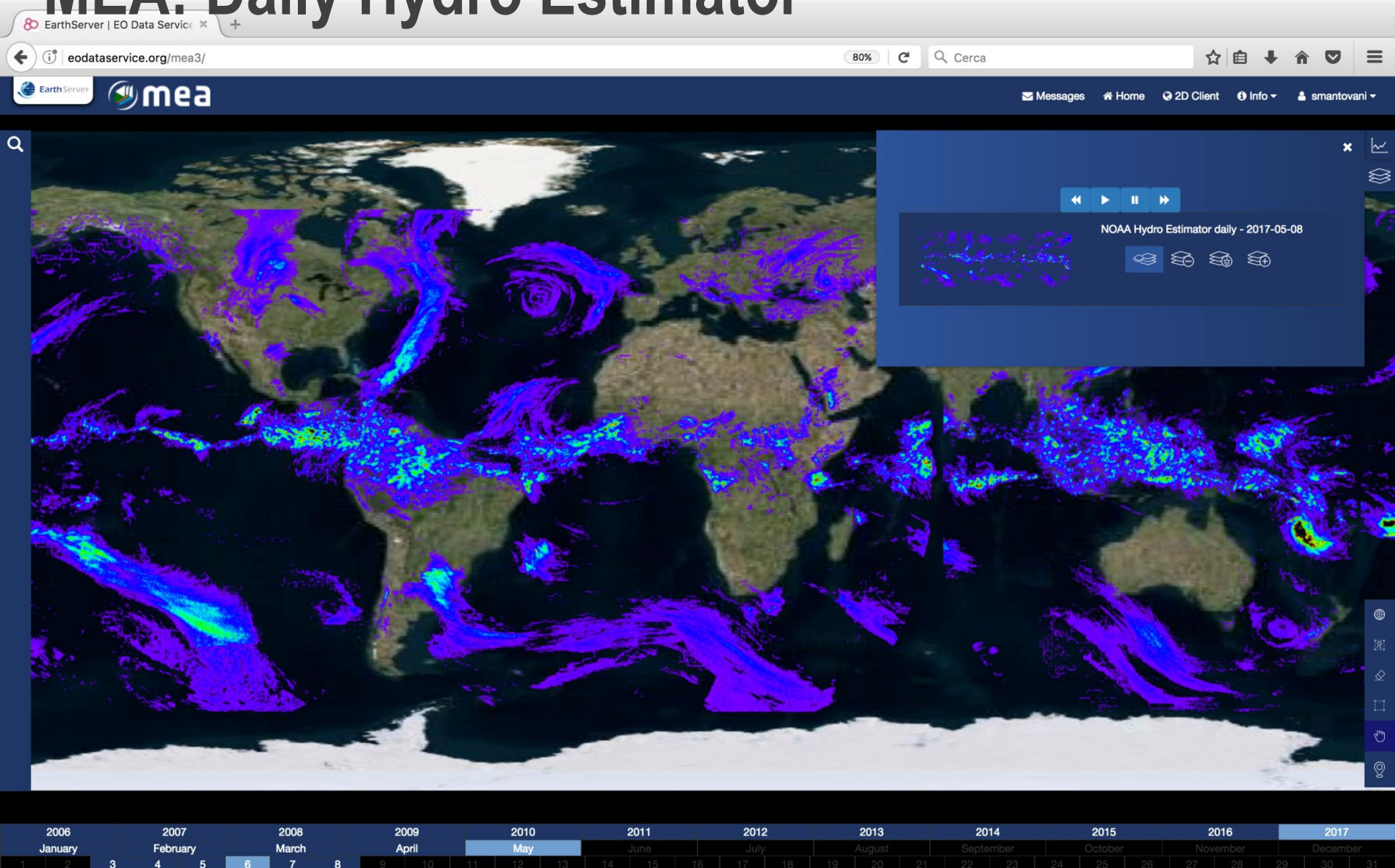

MEA: Land Surface Temperature, Cloudfree



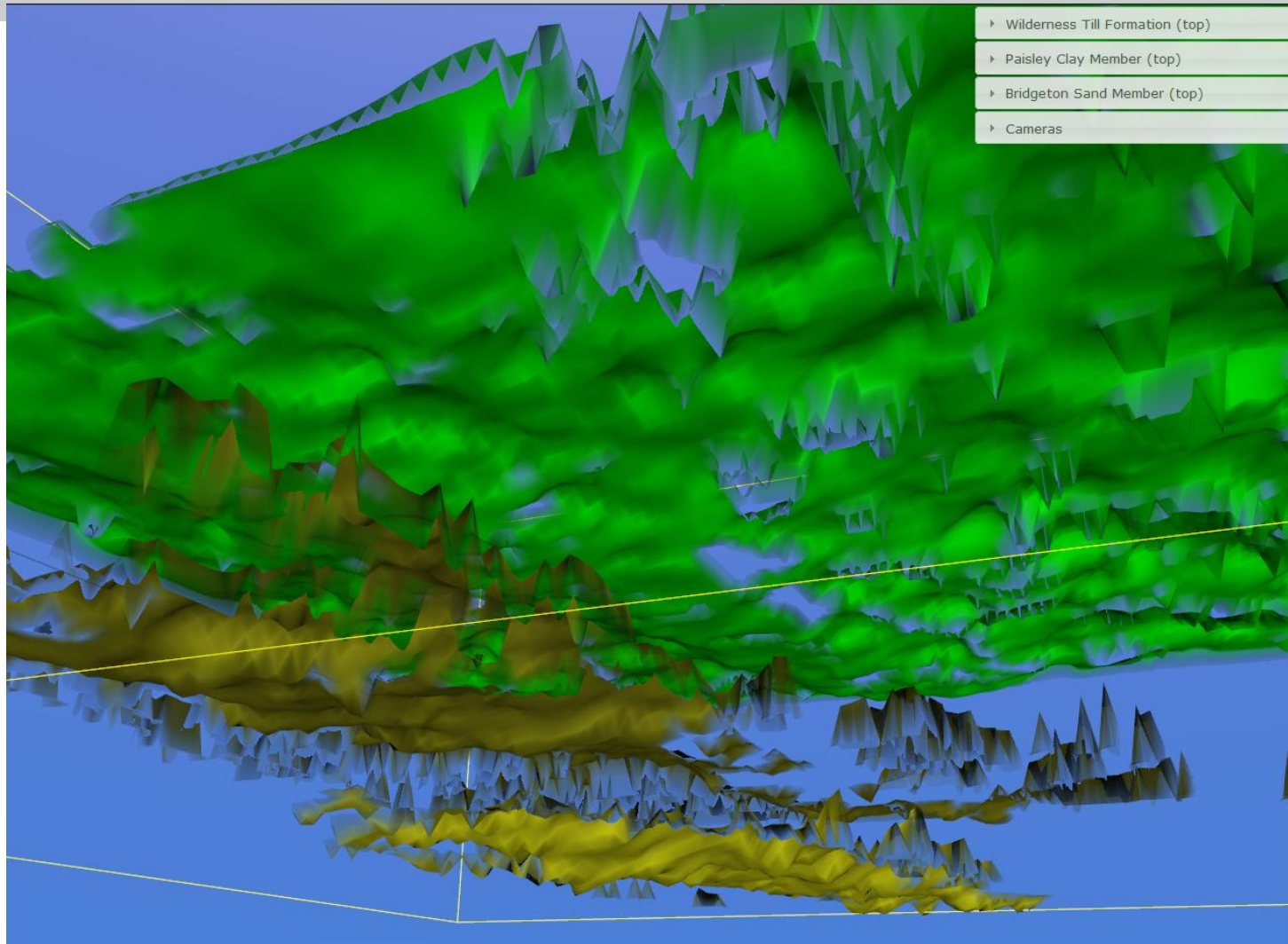
ECMWF: River Discharge



MEA: Daily Hydro Estimator



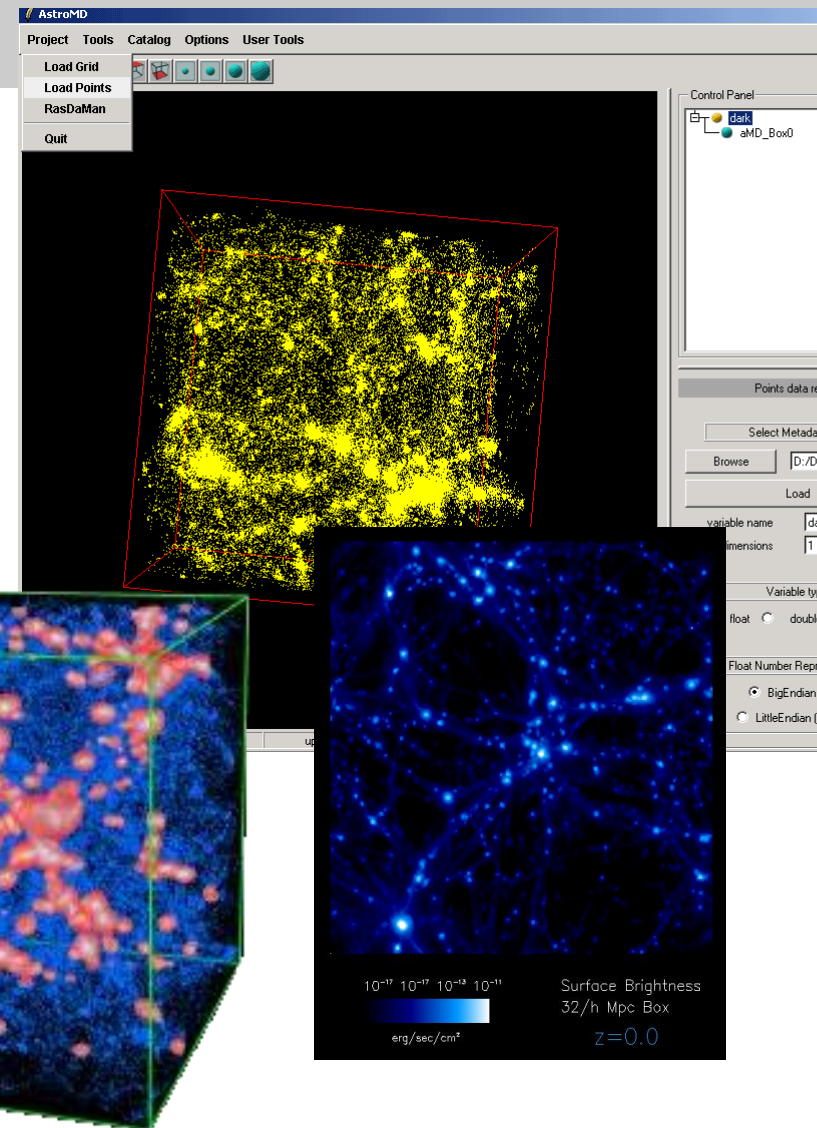
British Geological Service



[BGS 2013]

Cosmological Simulation

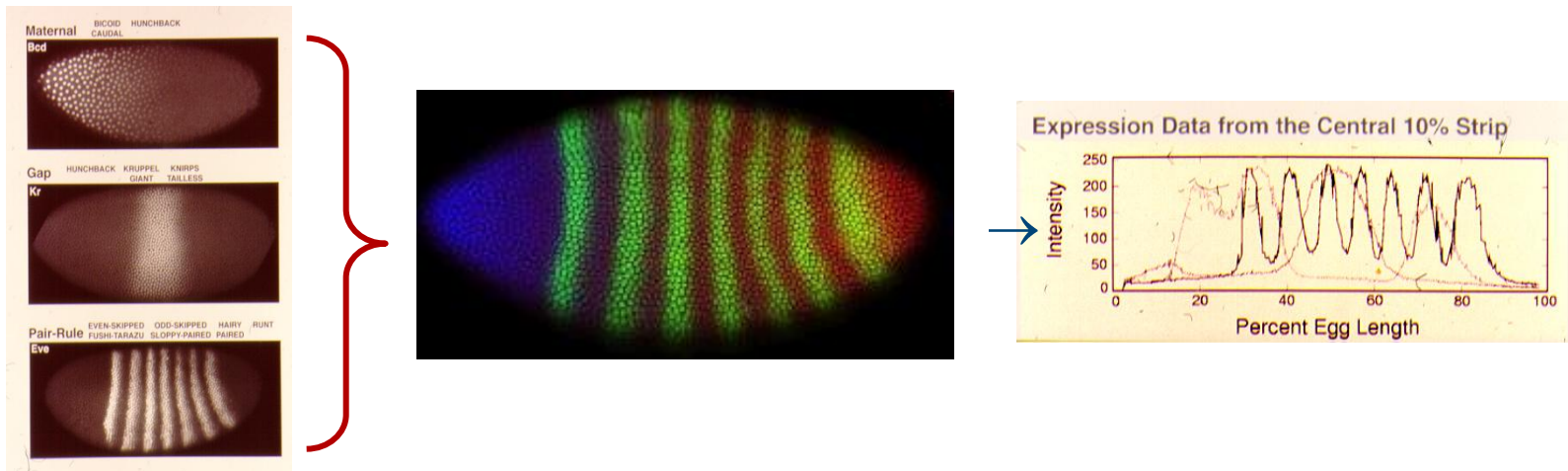
- Modelling domain: 4D
 - Dark matter (highest mass factor in universe)
 - Baryonic matter (stars, gas, dust, ...)
 - → Coupled simulation: particle + fluid
- Results: 3D/4D cutouts from universe
 - Eg, 64 Mpc³
(1 pc = 3.27 light years)
- Screenshots: AstroMD
[Gheller, Rossi 2001]



Gene Expression Analysis

<http://urchin.spbcas.ru/Mooshka/>
[Samsonova et al]

- **Gene expression** = reading out genes for reproduction
- Research goal: capture spatio-temporal expression patterns in *Drosophila*



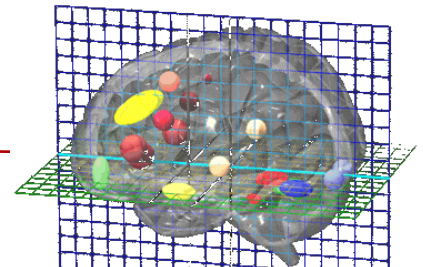
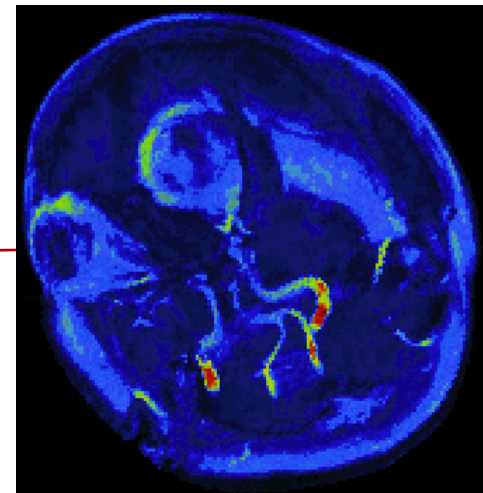
```
select encode( scale( {1c,0c,0c}*e[0,*,*,*:*]
                    +{0c,1c,0c}*e[1,*,*,*:*]
                    +{0c,0c,1c}*e[2,*,*,*:*] , 0.2 ) , „image/jpeg“ )
from EmbryoImages as e
where oid(e)=193537
```

Human Brain Imaging

- Research goal: to understand structural-functional relations in human brain
- Experiments capture activity patterns (PET, fMRI)
 - Temperature, electrical, oxygen consumption, ...
 - → lots of computations → „activation maps“
- Example: “a parasagittal view of all scans containing critical Hippocampus activations, TIFF-coded.”

```
select tiff( ht[ $1, ** , ** ] )  
from   HeadTomograms as ht,  
       Hippocampus as mask  
where  count_cells( ht > $2 and mask )  
       / count_cells( mask )  
       > $3
```

\$1 = slicing position, \$2 = intensity threshold value, \$3 = confidence



Domains Investigated

■ Geo

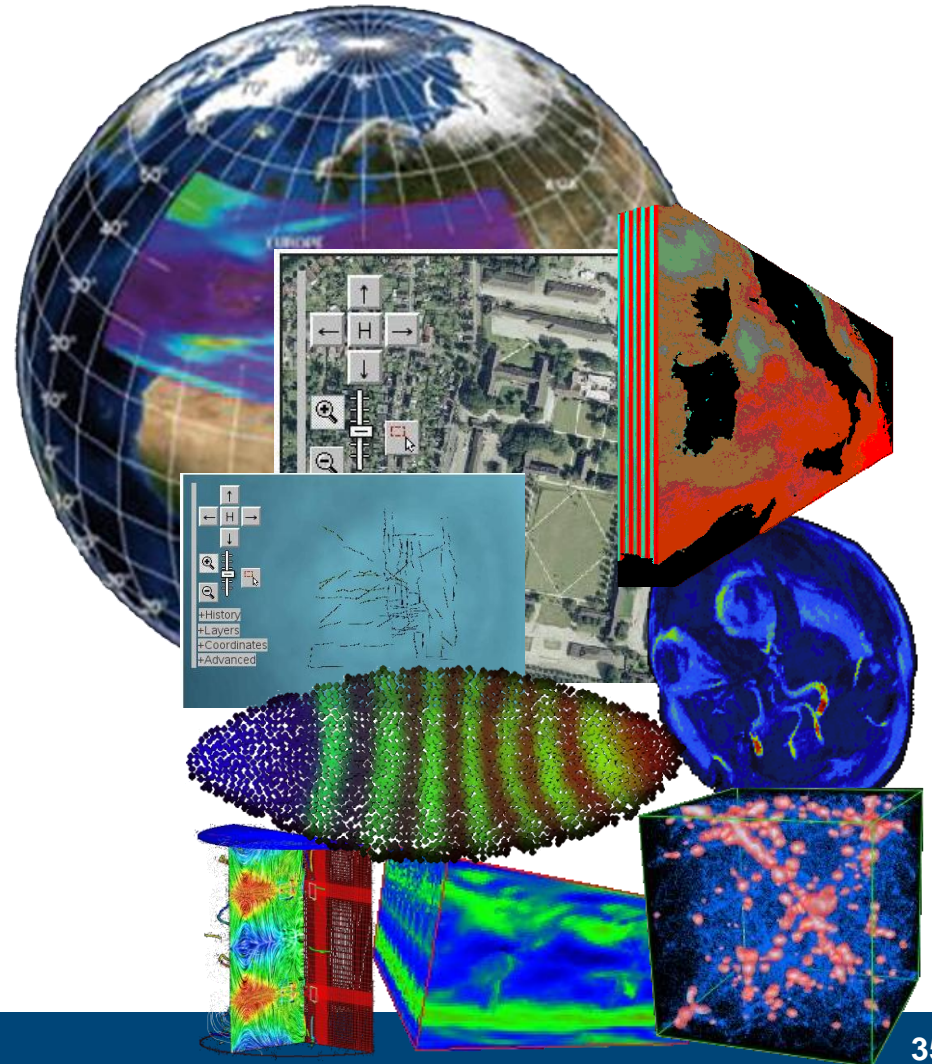
- Environmental sensor data, 1-D
- Satellite / seafloor maps, 2-D
- Geophysics (3-D x/y/z)
- Climate modelling (4-D, x/y/z/t)

■ Life science

- Gene expression simulation (3-D)
- Human brain imaging (3-D / 4-D)

■ Other

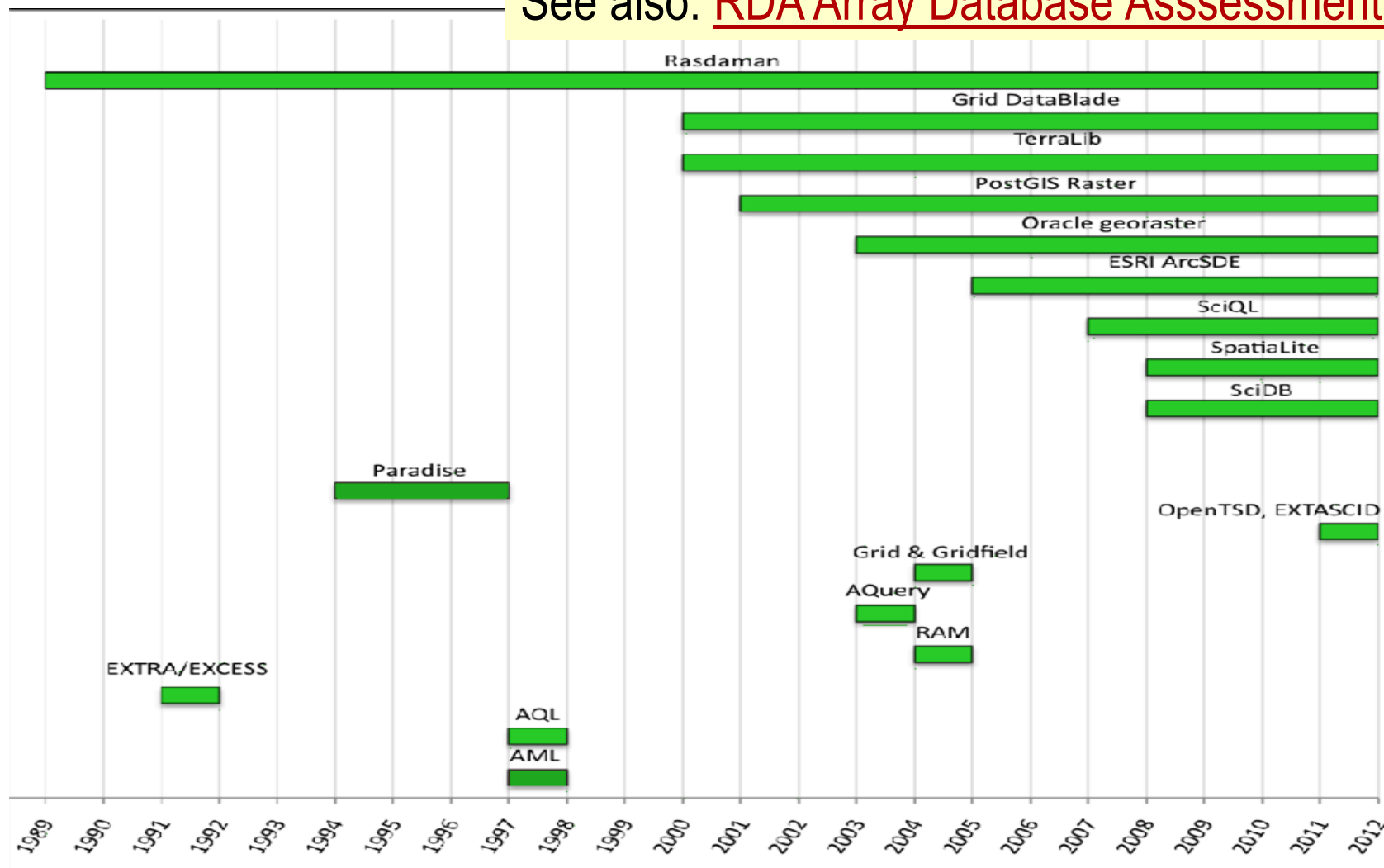
- Computational Fluid Dynamics (3-D)
- Astrophysics (4-D)
- Statistics (n-D)



WRAP-UP

Early History of Array Databases

See also: [RDA Array Database Assessment WG](#)



Summary

- Arrays are core data structure next to sets, graphs, hierarchies
 - sensor, image, simulation, statistics datacubes
- Array DBMS for declarative queries on massive n-D arrays
 - rasdaman
- Issues:
 - enhancing distributed processing
 - iterative methods
 - ...

