

# Intro

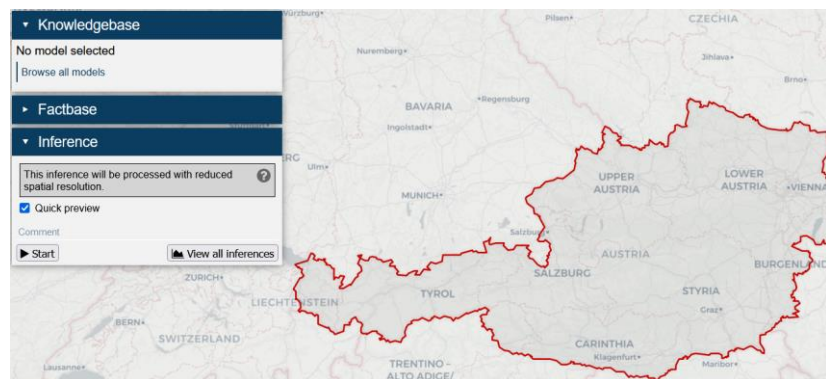
The following set of slides gives an introduction to the functionality and usage of gsemantique. It starts with placing gsemantique in the context of foundational works, i.e. mainly the semantique package.

# Foundations and extensions of sen2cube



The Austrian semantic data cube

- comprehensive, technology-stack spanning application (SaaS)
- preconfigured data sets with country-level coverage
- graphical user interface



**gsemantic**

Ad-hoc data cubes anywhere on Earth

- standalone python package
- data sets with global coverage
- internal chunking of spatio-temporal extents
- executable locally or in the cloud
- customisable and extensible



framework for  
semantic querying  
in EO data cubes

```
mapping = sq.mapping.Semantic()
mapping["entity"] = {}
mapping["entity"]["vegetation"] = {
    "class": sq.layer("Planet", "classification", "scl").evaluate("equal", 4)
}
mapping["entity"]["cloud_snow"] = {
    "class": sq.layer("Planet", "classification", "scl").evaluate("in", [8,9,10,11])
}

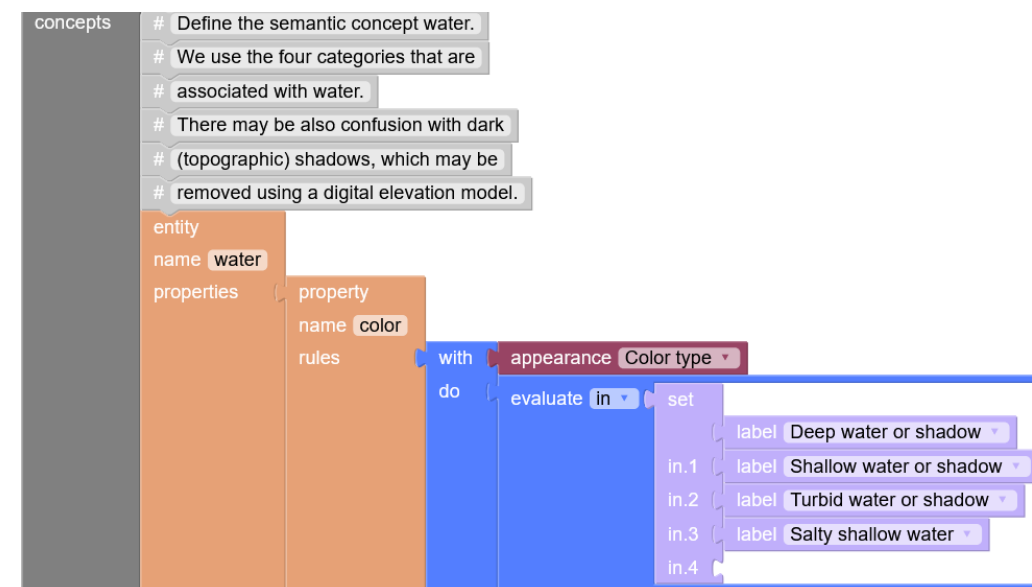
context = {
    "datacube": dc,
    "mapping": mapping,
    "space": space,
    "time": time,
    "crs": epsg,
    "spatial_resolution": [-res, res]
```

# Semantics



- framework for semantic querying
- underlying processing engine in sen2cube.at
- implemented as an open-source Python package

*Sen2cube  
view*



*Semantics  
view*

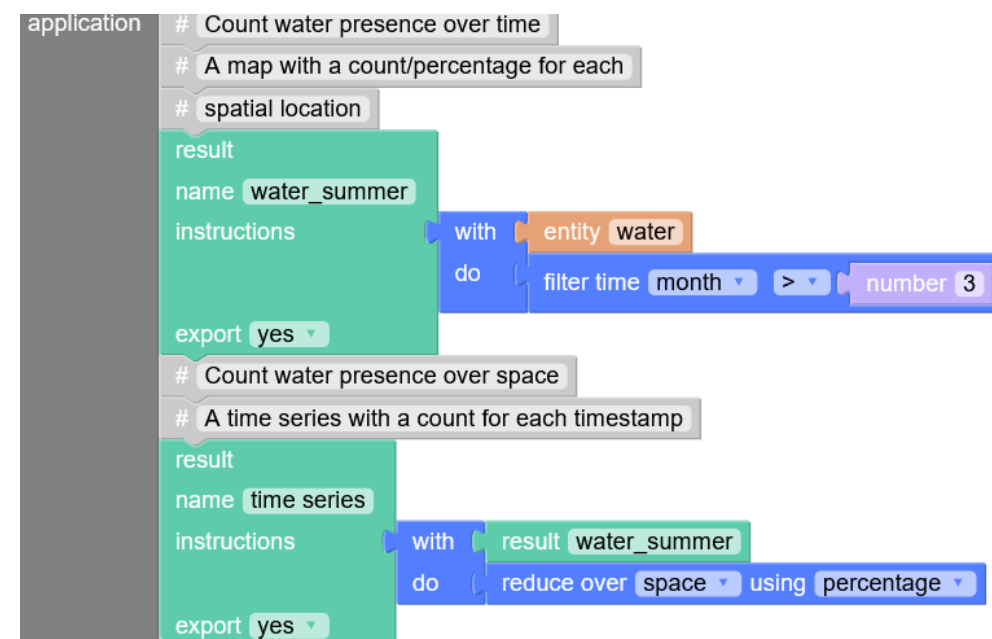
```
mapping = sq.mapping.Semantics()
mapping["entity"] = {}
mapping["entity"]["water"] = {
    "color": (
        sq.appearance("colortype")
        .evaluate("in", [21, 22, 23, 24])
    )
}
```

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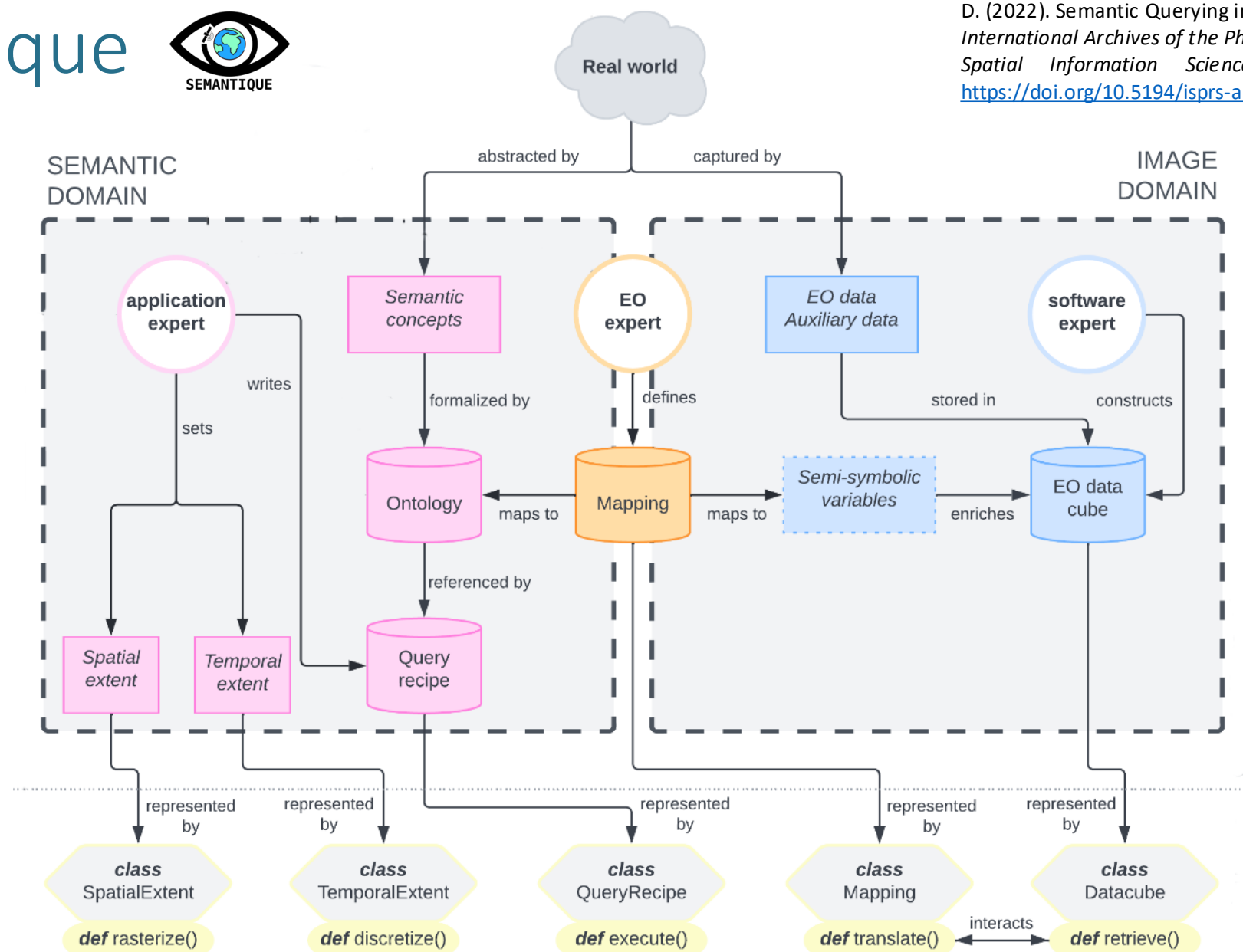
*Semantics  
view*

```
recipe = sq.QueryRecipe()
recipe["water_summer"] = (
    sq.entity("water")
    .filter_time("month", "greater", 3)
)
recipe["time series"] = (
    sq.result("water_summer")
    .reduce("percentage", "space")
)
```

# Semantics



Van Der Meer, L., Sudmanns, M., Augustin, H., Baraldi, A., & Tiede, D. (2022). Semantic Querying in Earth Observation Data Cubes. *The International Archives of the Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Sciences*, XLVIII-4/W1-2022, 503–510. <https://doi.org/10.5194/isprs-archives-XLVIII-4-W1-2022-503-2022>



# Semantique – individual components



- spatial extents can be bboxes, single or multiple features
- based on geopandas package (GeoDataFrame initializer)

```
import geopandas as gpd
import semantique as sq
from shapely.geometry import box

# define spatial extent from geojson file
gdf = gpd.read_file("files/footprint.geojson")
space = sq.SpatialExtent(gdf)

# define spatial extent from bbox coords
xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax = 9,50,10,51
aoi = box(xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax)
gdf = gpd.GeoDataFrame(geometry=[aoi], crs=4326)
space = sq.SpatialExtent(gdf)
```

# Semantics – individual components



- temporal extents can be datetime strings (start & end)
- based on pandas package (Timestamp initializer)

```
import semantics as sq
time = sq.TemporalExtent("2019-01-01", "2020-12-31")
```

# Semantics – individual components



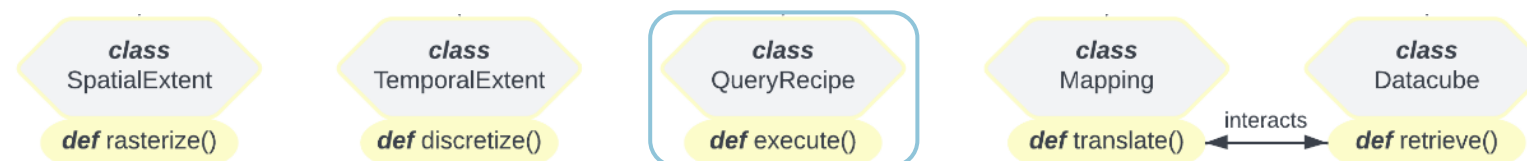
- full description of spatio-temporal extents requires some additional information to be specified
  - spatial resolution (*required*)
  - coordinate reference system (*optional*)
  - timezone (*optional*)

```
from semantics.processor.utils import parse_extent

extent = parse_extent(
    space,
    time,
    spatial_resolution = [-10, 10],
    crs = 3035,
    tz = "UTC"
)
```



# Semantics – individual components



- application model references semantic concepts
- based on a Python dictionary

```
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)
```

```
import json

# to persist the recipe on disk
with open("recipe.json", "w") as file:
    json.dump(recipe, file, indent = 2)

# to read it back into memory
with open("recipe.json", "r") as file:
    recipe = sq.QueryRecipe(json.load(file))
```

recipe.json

```
{
  "water_summer": {
    "type": "processing_chain",
    "with": {
      "type": "concept",
      "reference": [
        "entity",
        "water"
      ]
    },
    "do": [
      {
        "type": "verb",
        "name": "filter",
        "params": {
          "filterer": {
            "type": "processing_chain",
            "with": {
              "type": "self"
            }
          }
        }
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

# Semantics – individual components



- mapping links each semantic concept to data values in an EO data cube
- based on a Python dictionary

```
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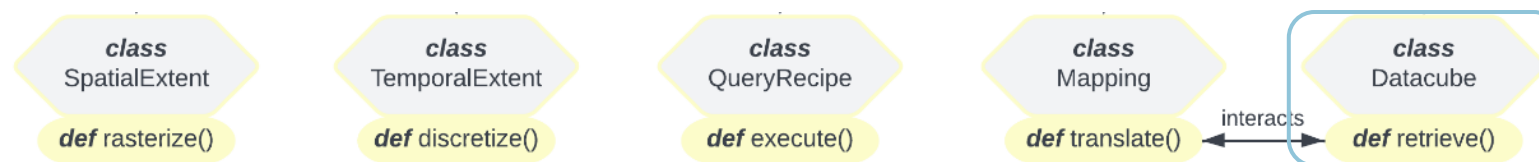
# to persist the mapping on disk
with open("mapping.json", "w") as file:
    json.dump(mapping, file, indent = 2)

# to read it back into memory
with open("mapping.json", "r") as file:
    mapping = sq.mapping.Semantics(json.load(file))
```

mapping.json

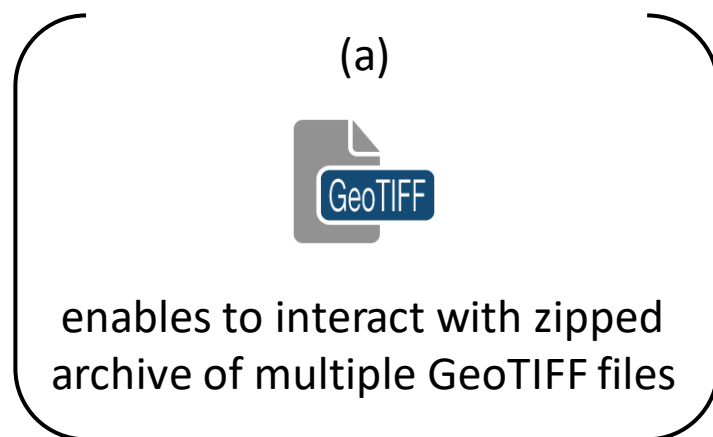
```
{
  "entity": {
    "water": {
      "color": {
        "type": "processing_chain",
        "with": {
          "type": "layer",
          "reference": [
            "appearance",
            "colortype"
          ]
        },
        "do": [
          {
            "type": "verb",
            "name": "evaluate",
            "params": {
              "operator": "in",
              "y": {
                "type": "set",
                "content": [
                  21,
                  22,
                  23,
                  24
                ]
              }
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```

# Semantics – individual components



- multi-dimensional array structure storing the data
- 3 different configurations of data cube objects available

*How is the cube is organized?*



*only for demo purposes*

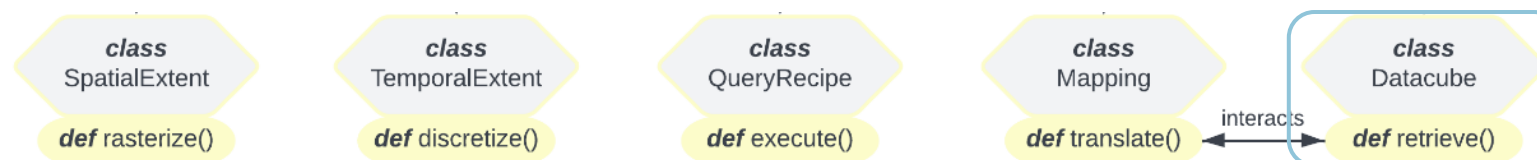


enables to interact with EO data cube instances deployed using ODC



enables to interact with STAC metadata search results

# Semantics – individual components



- all data cubes are represented by their layout
- layout intended to be created once by software/EO expert
- specific layout attributes exist for individual data cube configurations
- based on a Python dictionary & stored as a JSON-structured file

```
{
  "reflectance": {
    "s2_band01": {
      "name": "coastal",
      "description": "Coastal aerosol band (~443nm; 60m spatial resolution). Top of atmosphere (TOA) reflectance captured by the multi-spectral instrument (MSI) of Sentinel-2A or Sentinel-2B as band 1.",
      "type": "continuous",
      "values": {
        "min": 0,
        "max": 1,
        "precision": 1
      },
      "file": "coastal.geotiff",
      "copyright": "Contains modified Copernicus data."
    },
    "s2_band02": {
      "name": "...",

```

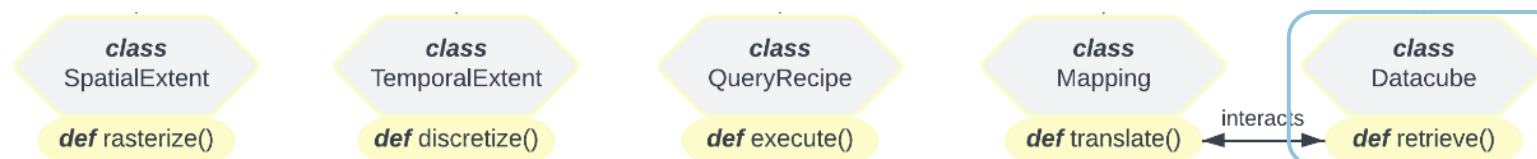
layout.json  
(GeoTiffArchive)

----->

```
import json
import semantics as sq

with open("files/layout_gtiff.json", "r") as file:
    dc = sq.datacube.GeotiffArchive(
        json.load(file),
        src = "files/layers_gtiff.zip"
    )
```

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      "type": "continuous",
      "values": {
        "min": 0,
        "max": 1,
        "precision": 1
      },
      "dtype": "float32",
      "na_value": "NA",
      "copyright": "Contains modified Copernicus data."
    },
    "s2_band02": {
      "name": "..."
```

layout.json  
(STACCube)




```
import pystac
import semantics as sq
from pystac_client import Client
from shapely.geometry import box

# define temporal & spatial range to perform STAC query
xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax = -2.75, 47.25, -2.25, 47.75
aoi = box(xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax)
t_range = ["2020-07-15", "2020-08-01"]



# STAC-based metadata retrieval
catalog = Client.open("https://earth-search.aws.element84.com/v1")
query = catalog.search(
    collections="sentinel-2-l2a",
    datetime=t_range,
    limit=100,
    intersects=aoi
)
item_coll = query.item_collection()

# define datacube
with open("files/layout_stac.json", "r") as file:
    dc = sq.datacube.STACCube(
        json.load(file),
        src = item_coll
    )
```

# Semantics – Hands-on

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## Semantics tutorials

| notebook                   | link  | description                               |
|----------------------------|---|---|
| <code>recipes.ipynb</code> |  <a href="#">Open in Colab</a> | explaining semantics's basics             |
| <code>gallery.ipynb</code> |  <a href="#">Open in Colab</a> | showcasing different application examples |

## Additional help/information

<https://github.com/ZGIS/semantics>

## Two example notebooks

[https://github.com/fkroeber/semantics\\_tutorials](https://github.com/fkroeber/semantics_tutorials)



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Getting started

Installation

Documentation

[User Guide](#)

Writing and executing query recipes



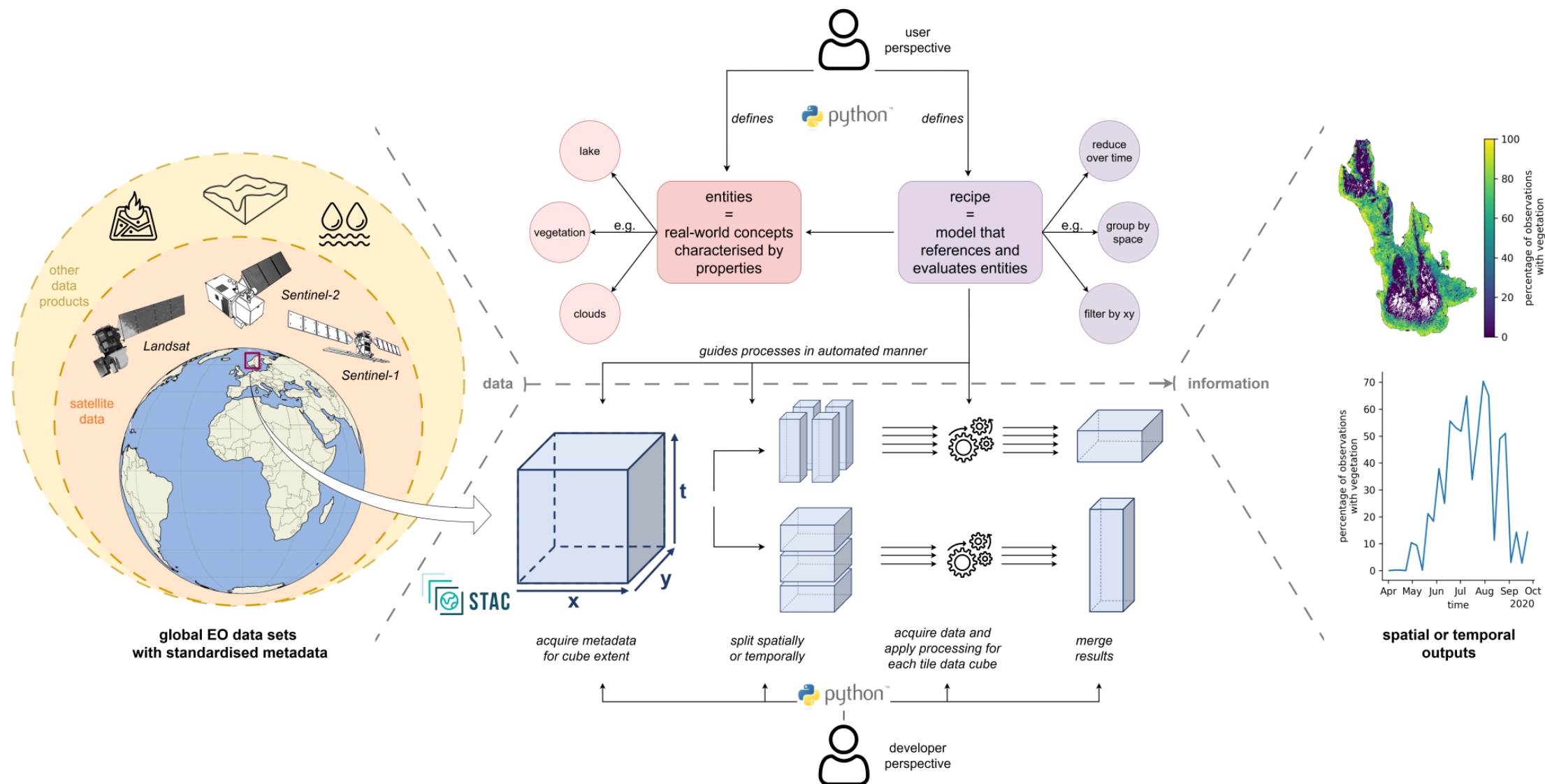
## User Guide

The User Guide contains several notebooks that provide detailed documentation of the functionalities the package offers. They combine textual explanations with code chunks, and should be suited both for new and advanced users. Some of the notebooks are still under construction and will be extended.

The notebooks are rendered statically here. If you want to explore them interactively, you can make use of [Binder](#). By clicking on the badge below, an online environment with the package and all its dependencies installed will be setup for you. No installations or complicated system configurations required, you only need a web browser! Inside the environment you will also have access to a tiny demo data cube containing a few resources of data meant for testing purposes. Once the environment is build (it make take a few minutes), you will see all notebooks in this user guide plus the gallery. You can also create your own notebooks!

 [launch binder](#)

# Gsemantics: On-demand EO data cubes



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## Core functionalities (I)

- ✓ Pre-configured access to a variety of EO datasets with global coverage (e.g. Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2, Landsat)

| provider  | collection                  | category       | temporality |
|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Planet    | sentinel-1-rtc              | SAR            | s           |
| Planet    | sentinel-2-l2a              | multispectral  | s           |
| Planet    | landsat-c2-l2               | multispectral  | s           |
| Planet    | esa-worldcover              | landcover      | Y           |
| Planet    | io-lulc-annual-v02          | landcover      | Y           |
| Planet    | nasadem                     | DEM            | None        |
| Planet    | cop-dem-glo-30              | DSM            | None        |
| Planet    | modis-64A1-061              | fire detection | M           |
| Planet    | modis-14A2-061              | fire detection | D           |
| Planet    | jrc-gsw                     | hydrogeography | None        |
| Element84 | sentinel-2-l2a              | multispectral  | s           |
| ASF       | sentinel-1-global-coherence | SAR            | 3M          |
| ASF       | glo-30-hand                 | hydrogeography | None        |



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)
item_coll = query.item_collection()

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with open("files/layout_stac.json", "r") as file:
    dc = sq.datacube.STACCube(
        json.load(file),
        src = item_coll
    )
```

Layout  
file

Finder  
class

### *gsemantics*

```
import json
import os
import semantics as sq
import gsemantics as gsq
from gsemantics.data.search import Finder

# get layout file
package_dir = os.path.split(gsq.__file__)[0]
layout_path = os.path.join(package_dir, "data", "layout.json")

# search for items in recipe
with open(layout_path, "r") as file:
    dc = sq.datacube.STACCube(
        json.load(file),
        src = [],
    )

fdr = Finder(ds_catalog, t_start, t_end, aoi_bbox)
fdr.search_auto(recipe, mapping, dc)

# define datacube
with open(layout_path, "r") as file:
    dc = sq.datacube.STACCube(
        json.load(file),
        src = fdr.item_coll
    )
```

# Gsemantics: On-demand EO data cubes



## Core functionalities (II)

- ✓ Retrieval & storage mechanisms for the data to persist data cube inputs locally

Downloader  
class

```
# download items that have been found
out_dir = "files/data"
dwn = Downloader(fdr.item_coll, out_dir)
dwn.run()
```

```
landsat-c2-l2 (collection 1/1)
Not enough items to estimate size. Skipping preview run.
Downloading EO data: 168MB [00:18, 9.55MB/s]
```

# Gsemantics: On-demand EO data cubes

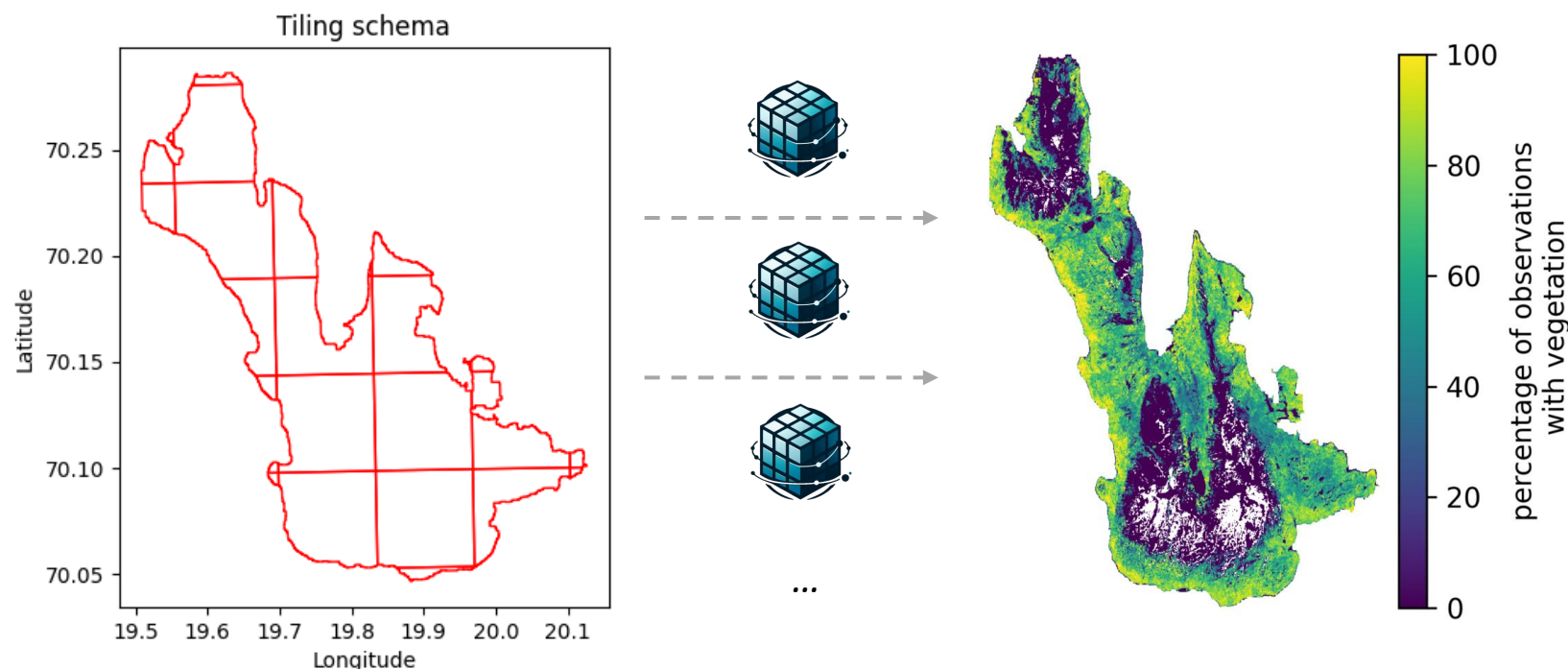


## Core functionalities (III)

✓ Scaling mechanisms that allow to evaluate recipes for large spatio-temporal extents up to the mesoscale

- automated analysis of recipe for possible tiling dimension
- sequential execution of recipe & merging of results afterwards

  
e.g. for spatial tiling



# Gsemantics: On-demand EO data cubes



## Core functionalities (III)

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*semantics*

```
context = {
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    "mapping": mapping,
    "space": space,
    "time": time,
    "crs": 3035,
    "tz": "UTC",
    "spatial_resolution": [-10, 10]
}

response = recipe.execute(**context)
```

*gsemantics*

```
# create TileHandler & execute recipe
context = {
    "recipe": recipe,
    "datacube": dc,
    "mapping": mapping,
    "space": space,
    "time": time,
    "crs": 3035,
    "tz": "UTC",
    "spatial_resolution": [-10, 10],
    "chunksize_s": 1024,
    "tile_dim": None,
    "merge_mode": 'merged',
    "out_dir": None,
    "reauth": True,
}
```

optional  
arguments

TileHandler  
class

```
th = TileHandler(**context)
th.execute()
```

# What can semantic, on-demand EO cubes be used for?

## Cloud-free composites

semantic  
querying

February



March



April



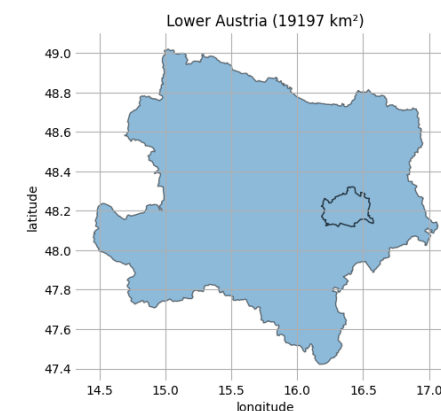
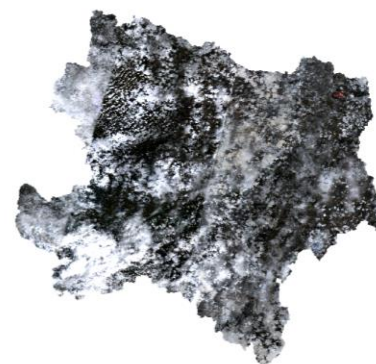
May



June



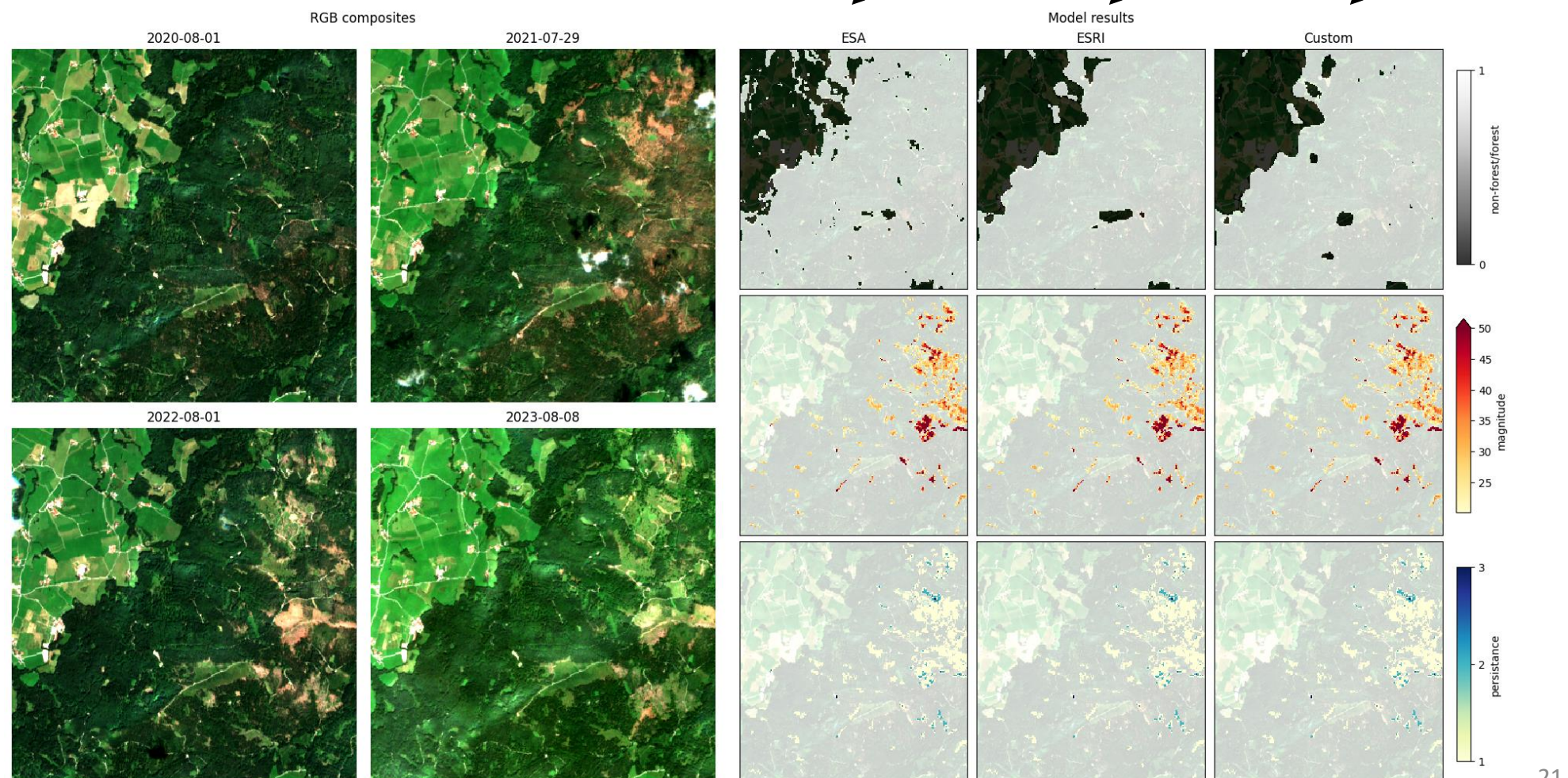
median-  
composite





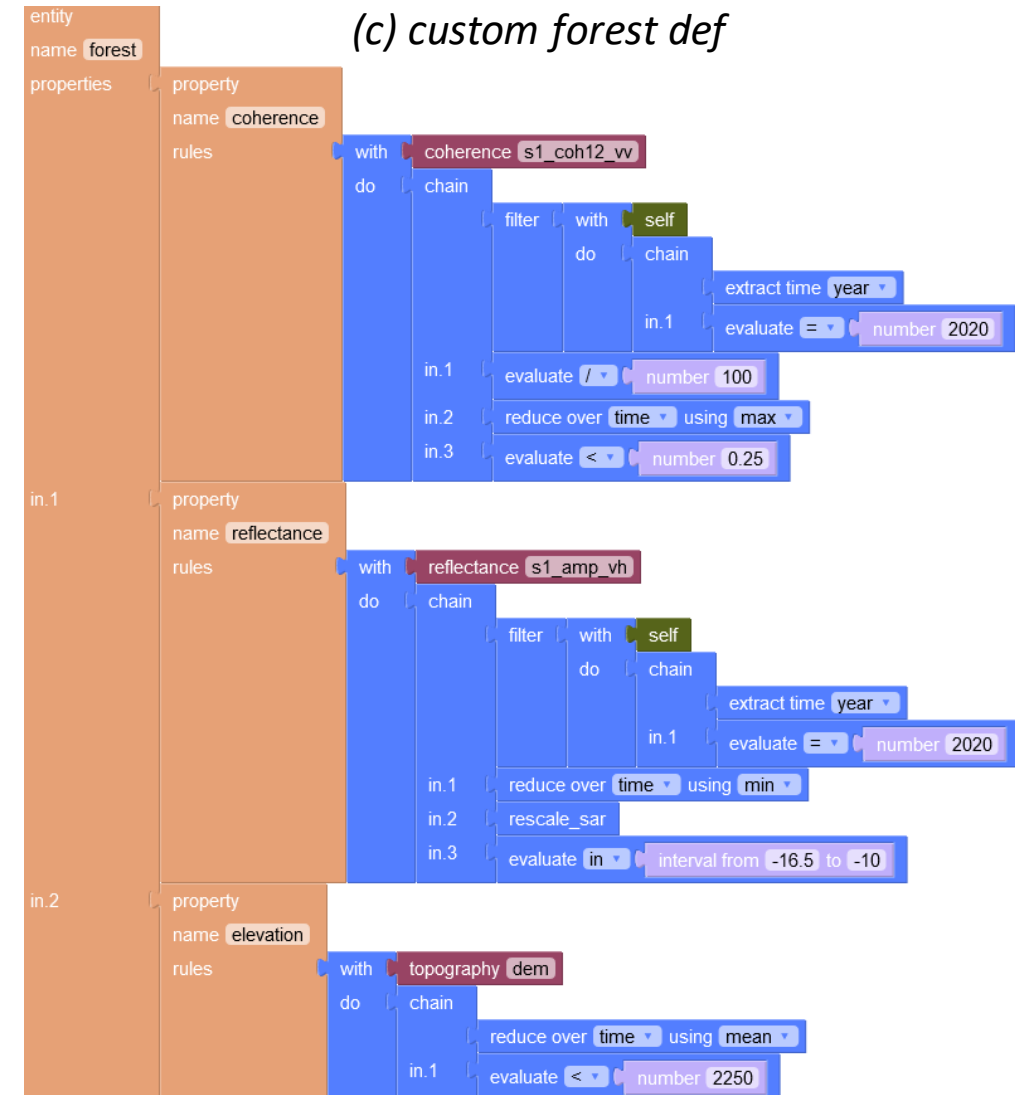
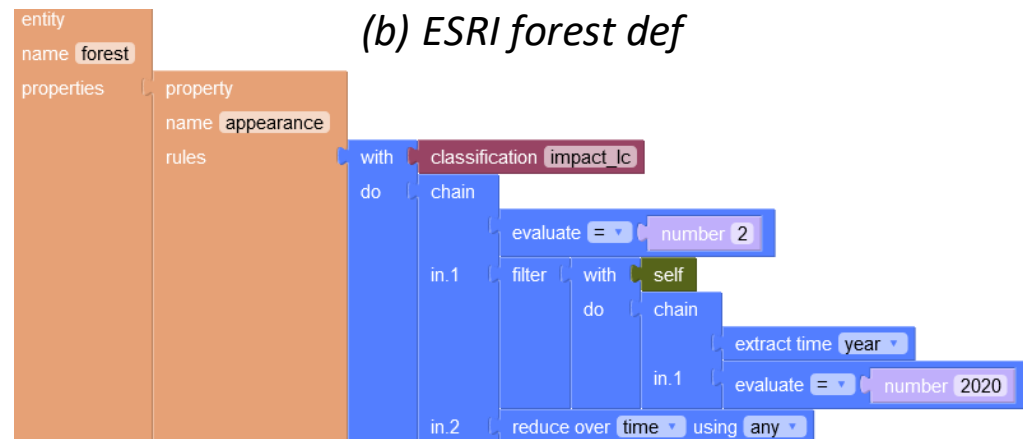
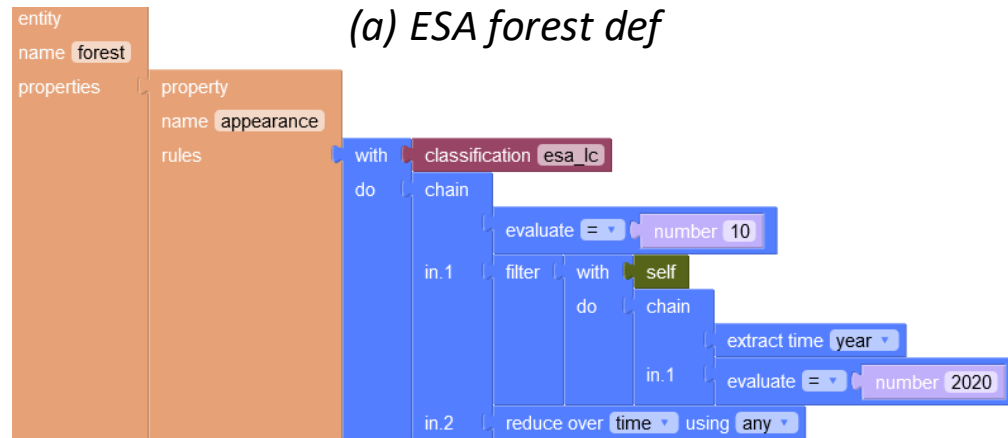
# What can semantic, on-demand EO cubes be used for?

**Forest  
disturbance  
detection**  
—  
**Model  
comparisons**



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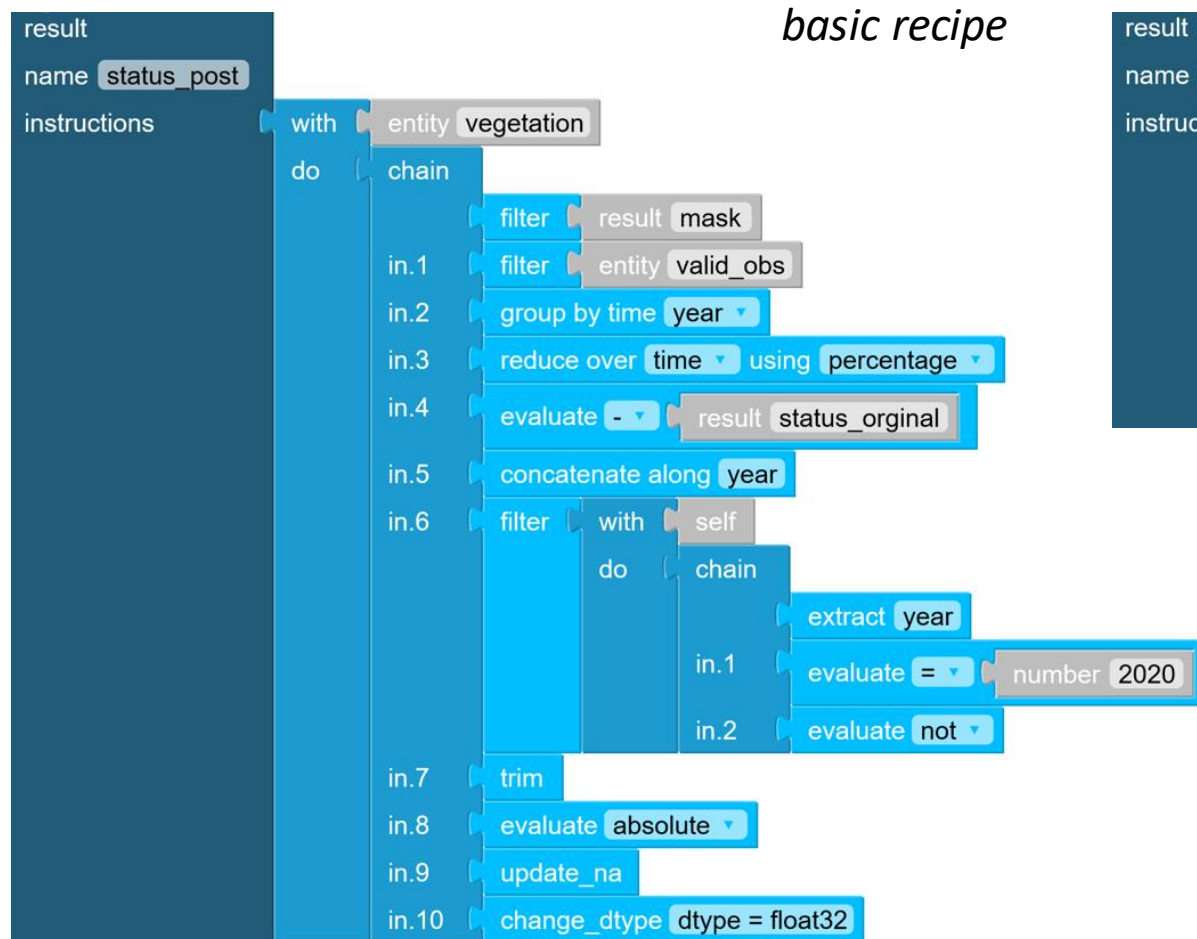
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# What can semantic, on-demand EO cubes be used for?

Forest  
disturbance  
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*basic recipe*

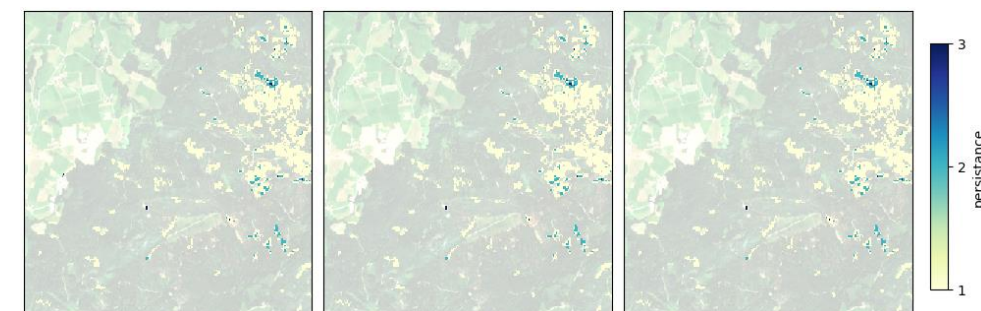
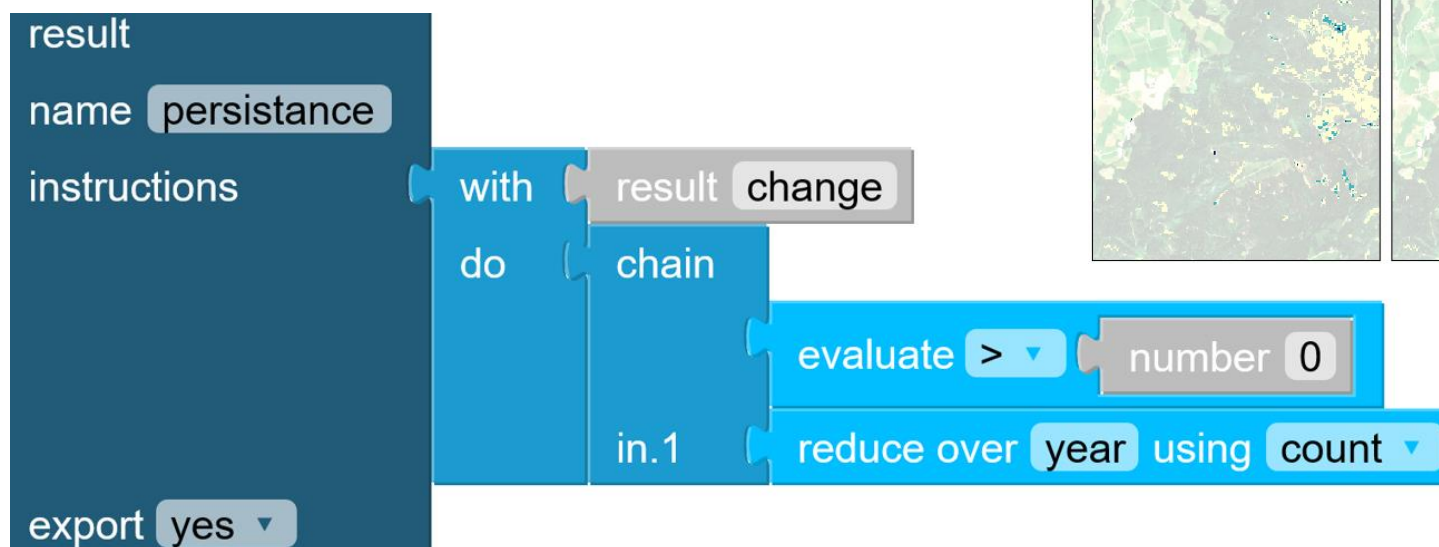
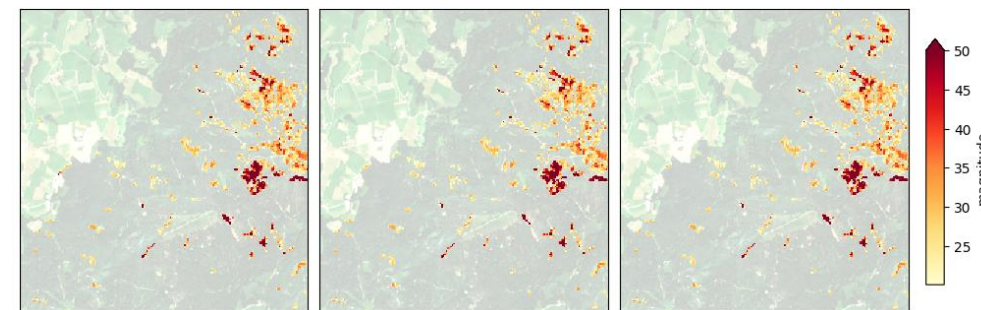





# What can semantic, on-demand EO cubes be used for?




**Forest disturbance detection**









–  
**Model comparisons**



# Gsemantics – Hands-on

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## Three example notebooks

<https://github.com/fkroeber/gsemantics>