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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

This document describes the intended design of the Earth Observation Intelligent Data Analytics Services for Data Quality for the CAMEO project within deliverable 3.1.

The document provides:

* Introduction to data quality
* Identification of various earth observation data sources
* Categorisation of earth observation data types
* Identifying the need for Data Quality and its evaluation matrix
* Design of Data Quality Adjudication Framework

## Introduction to spatial data quality

Understanding spatial data quality is important in Geographic Information Science (GIS) applications. Spatial data are used in a variety of critical applications, including urban planning, environmental management, emergency response, and natural resource management where the accuracy and precision of spatial data can have a significant impact on decision-making, especially when used with predictive analysis. A review of the importance of spatial data quality in GIS data is necessary to understand the factors that affect the quality of spatial data and strategies used to interrogate and maintain spatial data quality. While there is no standard definition for spatial data quality, typically the term refers to the accuracy, completeness, consistency, and currency of the data. One of the key factors that affect spatial data quality is the data acquisition phase. The accuracy of spatial data can be compromised due to errors introduced during data collection, such as measurement errors or errors in the processing of raw data. Therefore, it is essential to ensure that data collection procedures are well-designed and accurately executed to minimise such errors. In this work a review of various applications of spatial data quality in GIS, to provide a generalized Spatial Data Quality (SDQ) benchmark to reduce error in spatial data across various domains, is presented.

Data quality plays an important role in any form of data analysis and predictive analysis. Over the years big data environments like cloud computing, geographic information (satellite images and other earth observatory data) and healthcare have attracted researchers as data were seen as the new oil. These fields have huge scope and findings can be disclosed using data analysis but data quality plays an important role to conclude a strong finding, or else it may result in error-prone analysis and predictions.

In the field of earth observation, the data are generated by various agencies using different tools and techniques. This can result in an error or incomplete data. Such incomplete data or low-quality data used for analysis may result in low accuracy or even misleading results. Data quality in Geographic Information Science (GIS) is important because accurate and reliable data is essential for making effective decisions. Poor quality spatial data can lead to incorrect conclusions and poor decision-making. In GIS, data quality refers to the degree to which the data meets the requirements for its intended use. This includes factors such as accuracy, precision, completeness, and consistency. To ensure data quality in GIS, it is important to use high-quality data sources, properly maintain and manage the data, and regularly verify and validate the data to ensure it is accurate and up to date. Additionally, proper documentation and metadata are essential for understanding the quality of the data and for ensuring that it is being used correctly.

GIS data primarily consists of raster and vector data types. Both types of data sources and databases suffer from different types of data quality issues and can be assessed with different metrics. In the raster data type the database mostly suffers from the satellite image quality and the quality of data in the image source may be due to resolution, visibility, or noise.

# Motivation

Satellite imagery and data are prominent forms of Earth Observation Data. Currently, a huge amount of satellite data is available from various sources varying from low to high resolution with various bands for vegetation and many other applications like ocean data, precipitation time series data, soil temperature data, etc. But the issue that exists in the current scenario is to evaluate and find a suitable dataset from existing satellite data (Sentinel 1 -7 and Landsat 1-9) and other GIS vector data like time series data, Census and other surveys. With such a huge volume of data, it becomes difficult to identify useful data for a user-defined application with a specific objective. Even when suitable data are sourced, the data can have errors or low data quality [42]. In such cases, there is a need for quality metadata and a quality check to be attached to the datasets to make filtration and identification of datasets easier for specific use cases. In this work, we aim to identify existing spatial data quality measures which can be generalized to check for data quality. The data quality metrics may vary from application to application as discussed in section 3. So, this work aims to identify common Spatial Data Quality (SDQ) parameters for multiple applications.

To understand the importance of data quality in GIS for commercial use, a survey was conducted where industry partners (2) shared their knowledge of data quality. The results are shown in Table 1.

# Table 1: Impact and Importance of Data Quality (Note: Where higher value refers to a high correlation in their use case/application)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **SME name** | **A** | **B** |
| Data Quality has a large impact on achieving my goals | 2 | 1 |
| Data Quality is an issue with the datasets that I use | 2 | 2 |
| My workflow has robust processes to assess data quality | 1 | 3 |
| My workflow has robust processes to handle Data Quality issues | 1 | 2 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Completeness] | 6 | 2 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Semantic Accuracy] | 7 | 6 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Lineage / Traceability] | 3 | 7 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Temporal Accuracy] | 4 | 4 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Positional Accuracy] | 5 | 3 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Logical Consistency] | 2 | 5 |
| Please rank the following data quality metric based on importance to your typical tasks. [Attribute Accuracy] | 1 | 1 |

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Figure 1: Importance of Data Quality Measures for EO SMEs (Note: Where higher value refers to a high correlation in their use case/application)

Figure 1 shows the data used by the surveyed EO SMEs. The results show that data primarily suffer from semantic accuracy, completeness, positional and temporal accuracy. The EO SMEs were asked how they handle data quality in their workflow. The results are presented in the table below (Table 2).

# Table 2: EO SMEs practices for handling data quality issues.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **SME** | **A** | **B** |
| Please indicate any external sources for data validation. (e.g. EPA) | Met Eireann, EPA, ESA, NASA, OpenWeatherMap, Windy.com, EUMETSAT | DAERA, DAFM |
| Please indicate how you currently validate data in your organisation. Please be specific in relation to different data/information products. | Pixel values in satellite images can be validated using in-situ buoys, although this is not always done. Validation work generally occurs as part of R&D / scientific projects. Imagery from providers such as ESA & NASA is generally considered accurate enough for operational purposes. | In-person inspection of agricultural fields, visual inspections of multispectral imagery |
| Please list the current data sources that you use for Ground Truthing. Please indicate if they are proprietary to your company. | We use our in-situ buoys & sensors. Our buoy platforms, data ingress software, and satellite processing chains are proprietary. | Rapid field visit results from agricultural entities. |
| Please indicate how you currently handle outliers or noise in the datasets that you use | For satellite images: land and clouds are masked from the images (not required for marine EO). For in-situ data: outliers are removed if they cannot be explained following investigation. | Outliers are removed from training data past a certain threshold for error. These are visually inspected or validated with in-person ground checks |
| Please indicate any processes that you use to improve data quality when it is found to be poor. | Noise can be mitigated in SAR images using speckle filters (Lee filters etc.). Noise in optical images can be mitigated using smoothing filters, de-striping algorithms, and masking. | Data smoothing, gaussian filters. |
| If you use Landsat data, please indicate if you typically use Collection 1 or Collection 2 | Collection 2 | Collection 2 |

The survey contributed to showcasing the data quality issues and practices (Table 2) that exist in the commercial setting and has influenced the design of the proposed data quality modules and frameworks for CAMEO.

# 3 Survey

In this field, many studies have been performed by various researchers to define the need for data quality and show how data quality can be defined for earth observation data.

There exist various types of GIS data and use cases where different data quality metrics play an important role. In general, GIS data can be divided into raster and vector data types as shown in Figure 2, where raster data includes satellite images from various products like MODIS, Landsat, and Sentinel among others. On the other hand, vector data are various layers added to a map like road maps, river maps, location of hospitals and many more location-based information. This also includes data from various GIS surveys and time series data. Both types of spatial data suffer from Data Quality issues and can result in poor analysis. In this section, we introduce various quality indexes in raster and vector with some of the related work in that domain.

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Figure 2. Types of GIS data

Spatial data quality can be evaluated under four different categories which are as follows as shown in Figure 3:

1. Precision

2. Consistency

3. Completeness

4. Accuracy

These four SDQ measures can be used to evaluate data quality however, every category does not fit every data type. For raster data, precision, completeness and accuracy are the main parameters on the other hand for vector data precision, consistency and completeness play the most significant role.

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**Figure 3. Classification of Spatial Data Quality (SDQ).**

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**Figure 4. Spatial Data Quality (SDQ) in GIS Raster Data.**

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**Figure 5. Spatial Data Quality in GIS Vector Data**

Figures 4 and 5 show the SDQ parameters for raster and vector data respectively. The next sections describe these SDQ metrics in more detail.

3.1. Precision

For raster data precision is evaluated as the image accuracy and the metadata quality which includes bands and other data like depth and number of bands. Data Quality in satellite images refers to the quality of the image and accuracy of the image concerning the position and size of the object in the image. Several GIS products suffer image quality due to low visibility or image resolution.

3.1.1. Accuracy of bands in GIS data

Albanai et.al.[5] showcased a model to evaluate the thermal accuracy of Landsat in the band on the sea surface. This study checks the computational accuracy of satellite images with live data as compared to the vector data available from sea beakers. The work uses bands 10 and 11 from Lansat-8 and compares the accuracy which shows a deviation in accuracy with a mean standard deviation of 0.03 over the year. Figures 6 and 7 show a similar deviation over various seasons for bands 10 and 11. The work showcases a deviation in vector data when it was compared with real data from sea beakers.

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| **Figure 6. Mean-variance in band 10 [5]** | **Figure 7. Mean-variance in band 11 [5]** |

3.2. Completeness

Completeness is defined as the accuracy of the data in the raster image which can be cloud coverage, or land cover accuracy whereas in vector data it is defined as the percentage of missing data or null values. Where accuracy is defined as the precision of detecting clouds in an image with cloud shadow and further classification.

3.2.1. Cloud cover and masking

Ackerman, S [10] presented a cloud masking algorithm for the MODIS (Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer) database. The algorithm uses MODIS and LIDAR data from the Department of Energy (DOE) Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Program in Lamont. The algorithm is trained to find the cloud mask in the image with high accuracy. It uses 3 years of MODIS data.

Kopp, T [11] has proposed a (Visible Infrared Imager Radiometer Suite) VRIIS model for detecting cloud masks. This model used a VCM (visible cloud mask) model. This algorithm is used to classify the various land use like cloud, land, soil, water, coastal & snow. This is a product of the Joint Polar Satellite System program, the algorithm is defined for the MODIS database. The model can define multi-layered clouds and can separate clouds and aerosols and cloud shadows.

Cesar Aybar et.al. [12] proposed a deep-learning model for cloud detection for Sentinel-2. The model is called CloudSEn12 which is defined to detect cloud, cloud shadow and multi-layer clouds. The model is trained on 49400 image data. The main importance of this model as compared to other models is it can differentiate between thick and thin models. The work is also compared with other existing models like Fmask, Sen2Cor and UNetMob. Figure 8 shows the performance of CloudSEN-12 with various other existing models for cloud and cloud shadow classification.

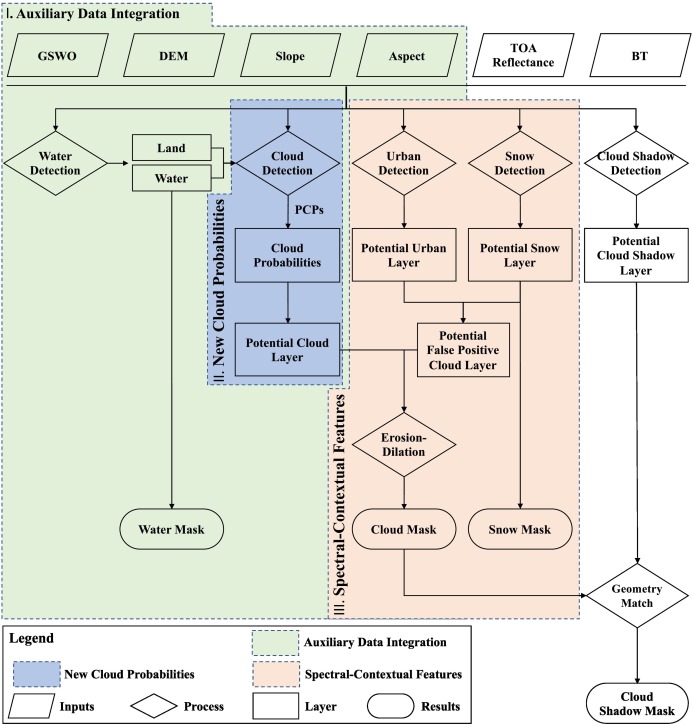
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**Figure 8. Performance of various cloud detection models [12]**

Segal R M. et.al. [13] have proposed and improved the S-2 cloud mask algorithm using a CNN model. The work provides better accuracy for cloud detection compared to the original S-2 cloud mask. The work uses sentinel-2 data for testing and training the model, with 13 spectral bands and a resolution of 10m. The testing was mostly conducted on images from the Fiji Island database.

Qiu.S. et.al. [14] proposed an improved version of the FMASK algorithm for Lansat-4, Landsat-8 and Sentinel-2 images. This is one of the tools which allows cloud masking for multiple datasets available with high accuracy. This work demonstrates FMASK 4.0, a version of the algorithm integrated with separate models for cloud masking over land and water to maintain high accuracy. Figure 9 shows the working of FMASK 4.0 where various auxiliary data are integrated for training purposes and detection of cloud, cloud shadow, urban detection and snow detection.



**Figure 9. Existing FMASK model workflow [14]**

Additionally, there are various other models which are presented in Table 3.

**Table3: cloud detection and masking techniques**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Reference** | **Model** | **Model used** |
| 15 | SEN12MS-CR-TS | SEN12MS-CR-TS |
| 16 | SECloud Mask | spectral-temporal classifiers |
| 17 | Fmask | fusion of Images and Auxilary data |
| 18 | dsen2-cr | Deep residual neural network |
| 19 | DEcloud | Deep learning model |
| 20 | Luojia1-Cloud-Detection | Threshold-based cloud detection |
| 21 | Deep-gap fill | deep convolutional autoencoder for cloud detection and gap filling |
| 22 | CloudFCN | Full CNN |
| 23 | Ukiscsmask | convolution neural network |
| 24 | STGAN | cloud removal using Spatiotemporal Generative Models |
| 25 | Cloud-Net | fully convolutional network (FCN) based cloud detection |
| 26 | CloudMattingGAN | GAN |
| 27 | ES-CCGAN | haze removal using cycle generative adversarial network |
| 28 | Cdnet | basic CNN with low dataset and low accuracy |
| 29 | GLNET | CNN-based cloud and non-cloudy classification |
| 30 | CDNetV2 | CNN-based model cloud detection and removal |
| 31 | AISD | Deep learning model for shadow detection |
| 32 | Cloud-GAN | The model used deep learning GAN model |
| 33 | Mec-GAN | https://github.com/andrzejmizera/MEcGANs |
| 34 | CloudXNet | https://github.com/shyamfec/CloudXNet |
| 35 | SEnSEl | https://github.com/aliFrancis/SEnSeI |

[15] presents a new remote sensing model aimed at cloud removal in multi-temporal images. The authors start by highlighting the importance of remote sensing data in various applications, including land use and land cover classification, crop yield estimation, and urban planning. However, the presence of clouds in the images can significantly affect the accuracy of these applications. To address this issue, the authors introduce SEN12MS-CR-TS, a new data set that includes multimodal and multitemporal remote sensing data with and without clouds.

In another work a model was proposed to remove the noise from the images and new pixels were generated using a geometric median. The authors in [16] propose an API name SECloud Mask to regenerate pixels and fill the noise in the image with high-quality pixels where noise can be cloud and cloud shadow.

FMask [15] is a tool kit and algorithm aimed to identify clouds, cloud shadows and snow in satellite images. The toolkit was released in 2015 and has been improved over the period with the latest release of FMask 4.0. The tool is made for Landsat-4 to Landsat-8 and Sentinel 2 satellite images. The model uses Haze Optimized Transformation (HOT) for the prediction of clouds and snow in images. The tool is used to define Normalized Difference Snow Index (NDSI) and Normalized Difference Cloud Index (NDCI).

In this generation of artificial intelligence various works are being proposed using deep learning and neural networks. Various trained machine learning models are being produced using deep learning, artificial neural network, CNN, RNN and many more. In [18] a similar work is presented for cloud detection and removal from sentinel-2 images using deep neural networks. The work showcases a collection of huge satellite data and training the data for cloud detection using deep RNN which is a neural network with a large number of hidden layers and neurons. The work is useful to detect and remove clouds from images and regenerate the removed pixels using an optical representation of near land structure.

Another work using deep CNN [21] resulted in a tool called Deep-gap fill. The tool is an image gap-filling model using a deep convolutional neural network which is trained for filling the pixels in radar images. This work is just a demo since it is not trained with a large dataset.

CloudFCN [22] is a CNN-based detection machine learning model for raster images. The model identifies thick clusters of cloud and their shadow over the area. The model is trained with Landsat and Sentinel images. The work uses RGB band images for training purposes. The work is compared with SVM, PCA and single-pixel neural networks (NNs) [39,40,41]

Similar work for cloud detection using a fully convolutional network [23, 25] is proposed and used in tools named Cloud-Net and Ukiscsmask. Ukiscsmask is trained using Landsat OLI dataset over a U-Net CNN model for cloud detection. The work is an extension of existing work where this model extends the cloud classification to five classes (“shadow”, “cloud”, “water”, “land” and “snow/ice”) where before this only 3 classes exist (Cloud, land, no cloud).

On the other hand, Cloud-Net [25] is a trained machine learning using CNN for cloud detection in Landsat-8 data. The model is very specific due to its training data restrictions. The work is compared with the existing FMask model for the accuracy of cloud detection. The proposed cloud-Net model proved to provide better accuracy in terms of the detection of cloud in Landsat-8 data.

Some of the similar ML-based toolkits for cloud and cloud shadow detection are Cdnet and GLNET [27,28,29]. These are some simple CNN-based models for cloud detection and classification into thick and thin clouds. For cloud shadow detection using deep learning is shown in AISD [31] where a Deeply Supervised Convolutional Neural Network for Shadow Detection (DSSDNet) is used to improve the cloud shadow detection raster in Landsat data. In [32] a Distortion Coding Network method is proposed for cloud detection. In [33] another cloud detection algorithm is proposed using GAN which is an unsupervised model with higher accuracy than any other model but needs huge data for training. Similar work using machine learning has been proposed in [34,35] for cloud detection for various satellite datasets. Since the accuracy in GIS models depends on the number of datasets trained and the variety of datasets, so new developments are taking place to make the model more accurate.

After cloud detection and removal, the empty pixels need to be filled/generated. For this mathematical models are often proposed [16, 21]. In some new research, machine learning models and deep learning models are used to improve the accuracy and quality of the pixels. For example, in [26] the author has proposed a Generative Adversarial Network to use a deep neural network to generate similar pixels for replacing cloud pixels.

This data quality refers to the amount of useful data out of the whole data set. In the case of Earth Observation Data where various platforms provide satellite images based on AOI (Area of Interest). In such cases, a polygon drawn may not provide complete data and so the data completeness quality needs to be checked.

Similarly, other factors that impact data completeness are cloud cover, haze or fog in the atmosphere. As discussed above various cloud detection and classification algorithms have been proposed including machine learning models. This allows users to know the useful or visible data that can be used for analysis. Similarly, classification algorithms allow you to know the degree of the visible area, partially visible or cloud-covered area.

Data completeness plays an important role in various applications like land cover, forest cover and sea or water bodies. In these specific GIS applications users are interested in knowing the quality of data in terms of useful data for their needs like land cover or sea cover without processing the data. In such case data completeness allows you to know the data completeness in terms of land cover and sea cover which allows the user to know the data quality without computing the data which allows the user to select the high-quality data for analysis.

3.3. Accuracy

Accuracy for map can be described as how closely the data on the map corresponds to the values in the real world. As a result, when we talk about accuracy, we are referring to data quality and the quantity of errors that are present in a given dataset. In this ection some of the work which evaluates the accuracy in difference GIS dataset are discussed.

In [1] data quality for watershed data which is a time-series data is discussed. Mauro et.al. [1] presented a study on the importance of data quality in watershed streamflow and sediment data analysis. The work showcases the study of fine sediment yield in the Goodwin Creek Watershed of 21.3 km. The work is a study of the effect of various spatial data and geomorphology on land use and land cover maps. The work uses various existing models like Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) and ArcView SWAT (AVSWAT) tool to study the performance. The result shows that GIS data has a significant effect on the models to predict the streamflow and sediment data analysis where the data quality plays an important role to improve the accuracy of the model.

In [42] a study on SDQ for the American Community Survey Data in 2013 has been performed. This study showcased the data quality errors in the American census data for various parameters like age and income where the discrepancy in these parameters for some counties was very high using mean and median as data quality parameters.

In [2], the authors performed a study on the spatial data quality for data from various sources like maps, vector layers and satellite images. The work showcases a mathematical model to study the data quality accuracy parameter from various sources and product databases where each product does not fulfil all data quality parameters.

* + 1. Accuracy of the object in GIS data

Accuracy of an aboject in an vector layer is defined as how closely and correctly the data/shaped/object has be lablen by the human or automated tool in the vector layer. This section showcases omse of the work which defines the accuracy of the vector layers for various GIS applications.

Zhan, Q. [4] studied accuracy in object identification and placement in vector maps. The work showcases a study on the error and changes in accuracy in object detection to find exact objects like streets, buildings, trees, etc. The author has given a model to match the vector data which is a combination of lines and points which allows finding the changes like missing objects or errors in the data. On comparison of different data, the accuracy was found to be 81.8%. The study area is in Amsterdam and the Ravensburg site.

Barazzetti et.al. [6] studied the accuracy using RMSE ( Root-Mean-Square Error) of the images between Sentinel 2 and Landsat-8 images where a comparison of the image registered at 10m and 15m is taken into consideration. The work also studies the accuracy of various bands B1-B11 using RMS (root-mean-square error). The study showcases errors in various reference bands 4(10m), 5(20m) and 9(60m) where the RMS error was recorded in each image which varied from 0.19-0.55. This can also be used to define the correctness of the data. The study was conducted for images of various countries where the RMSE value for each country was evaluated and where a variation in the RMSE value of various locations was recorded.

Marangoz, A. M. [7] studied the accuracy of land use classification between Sentinel-2 and Landsat-8 images. The work aims to first define the land use classification using Sentinel images and compare the accuracy using RGB and NIR bands. In the second phase, the same process is done with Landsat images to find the land use and classification in the image. The work has showcased the lower accuracy in both sentinel and Landsat data with an accuracy of 0.74 and 0.66 correspondingly for RGB and NIR bands. The work also studies the accuracy of object-based classification where the accuracy of the sentinel and Landsat was recorded to be 80.7% and 73.4%. This showcases that for land use and object-based classification, sentinel images have high accuracy than Lansat-8.

Frantz, D. [8] proposed a system called FORCE which is a tool to generate images with high accuracy for land use that combines the images from Sentinel, Landsat, NANA and ESA. The tool is designed to take multiple images and fuse them into one to generate a single image and bands which has high-accuracy data. FORCE is a data fusion tool to improve the spatial resolution of land surface images using Landsat and Sentinel ARD.

In [9], Kocaman. S et.al. studied image quality and geometric quality of Landsat-7 and 8 where various issues were highlighted in the global database at zoom levels and in the histogram which was further improvised by histogram and other techniques. The work highlights that the data suffer from the colour difference. The study also studies the advantages and disadvantages of the various data sources as shown in Table 4.

**Table 4**. Comparative analysis of Landsat and Sentinel satellite

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* + 1. Structural Accuracy in GIS Data

In this section, some of the work of structural data quality in GIS data and its role is showcased. Structural data quality defines the accuracy of identification structures in GIS data that may be tagging of roads, trees and other structures. In [36] the authors demonstrate the use of GIS data to measure the accuracy of a bridge deformation. This refers to the evaluation of degradation of data accuracy which allows you to evaluate any error in a structure like bridges, buildings and high-rise structures. This work uses a ground-based radar system to collect the structural data and then further comparison and evaluation The work was able to evaluate the accuracy of the deformation in a bridge.

Similar work was done by the authors in [37] to measure the change in land use spread in urban areas using GIS where the accuracy of the data has an important role to play. The accuracy of such data needs to evaluate to measure the consistency in the data collected and the data showcased. This work uses thematic accuracy to evaluate the correctness of the data. In another work [38], another standard for data positioning in GIS data [38] is the National Standard for Spatial Data Accuracy (NSSDA) which is used in the US for positional accuracy of data in GIS data using a normal distribution. Where the normal distribution defines the spread of position error at a specific location.

3.5 Data Quality Summary

Table 5 shows the final summary of the work where the SDQ benchmark can be defined as precision, consistency, completeness and accuracy for any GIS data which can be raster or vector. This benchmark SDQ will allow users to evaluate spatial data. This will allow users to select appropriate data before moving on to further analysis. These SDQ measures will also allow a user to select data for analysis based on accuracy, completeness and precision this will allow a user to get the required data for the application domain, which may be land cover, ocean, forest cover or forest fire analysis but on the other hand, if the data has low completeness in that case, a user has a large amount of data but less useful data for the application.

**Table 5. Summary of Work on Spatial Data Quality**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Data Quality parameter** | **GIS data quality** | **Related Work** |
| Precision | Image Resolution,  Quality of Bands,  Number of Bands | [3,5-7,13] |
| Consistency | Logical consistency | [1-2] |
| Completeness | Useful Land data, Useful Sea data,  Useful Forest data | [10-33] |
| Accuracy | Structural Accuracy, Accuracy of bands,  Accuracy of the object, Spatial accuracy,  Temporal accuracy, Thematic accuracy | [4-9] [36-38] |

# 4 Spatial Data Quality Services

## 4.1 Introduction

Spatial Data Quality (SDQ) defines the quality of the data in the GIS domain. The SDQ services are defined to evaluate the data quality in various GIS data in various formats. The services are meant to evaluate quality using different metrics. The quality of data will be evaluated under five categories - Completeness, Accuracy, Consistency, Precision and Timeliness.

In Sections 2 and 3, a detailed review of why SDQ is important and metrics to evaluate the SDQ were showcased. This will help the user to evaluate whether the raw data is useful and the quality of the information in it. The SDQ service in CAMEO will have the capability to evaluate both raster (images) and vector data in various forms and provide a standard quality measure for the user. This section showcases the features of the SDQ service and its working.

The service will take raster data from sentinel satellites and evaluate the data for Completeness, Accuracy, Consistency, Precision and Timeliness along with other features like vegetation index. Later, the service will be designed to take vector GIS data to evaluate the SDQ parameters.

4.2 Design Plan for Spatial Data Quality (SDQ) Service

This section showcases the proposed architecture for the CAMEO data quality module. Shown below is a visual representation of how the data quality services will evaluate the different types of GIS datasets using various metrics informed by the literature and practice. Figure 10 showcases the proposed architecture which has two sub-services for raster data and vector data.

* SDQ for Raster Data
  + This service consists of four major components. First the extraction of the area of interest from the satellite data. The second step is an image pre-processing step to convert the GIS data into an image format for computing. The third step is to evaluate the data for SDQ using performance parameters from the evaluation metrics like percentage of land cover, green cover and water cover. The metrics will be extended to evaluate the vegetation index and many more. The fourth step is to score the data for data quality based on the performance metrics in step three.
* SDQ for Vector Data
  + This service evaluates the data quality for vector data which can be further used in GIS for machine learning or further analysis. This service will evaluate the SDQ and score the quality of data to help users in deciding the usefulness of its use case. The module allows the user to upload tabular/ Vector data and get the score at the end.

Figure 11 shows a demonstration of a prototype SDQ for raster data. The figure shows the working of the SDQ module with the CAMEO data warehouse to fetch the data using a search API. The SDQ micro service further produces metadata with data quality parameters for raster data. Figure 11 demonstrates the prototype of raster SDQ and its working with existing search API. The proposed architecture for the SDQ showcases various modules like image preprocessing, evaluation metrics and finally a module to evaluate the final SDQ score for the GIS data. The image processing module is responsible for the basic extraction of data from the source with multiple bands. This module is also responsible for the construction of images using various combinations of bands for evaluation metrics. The evaluation model is responsible to evaluate the data for SDQ like completeness, precision, accuracy and consistency in data.

The model-to-score module is responsible for finally evaluating the SDQ based on the input from the evaluation model to define the score of the data quality.

Graphical user interface, application

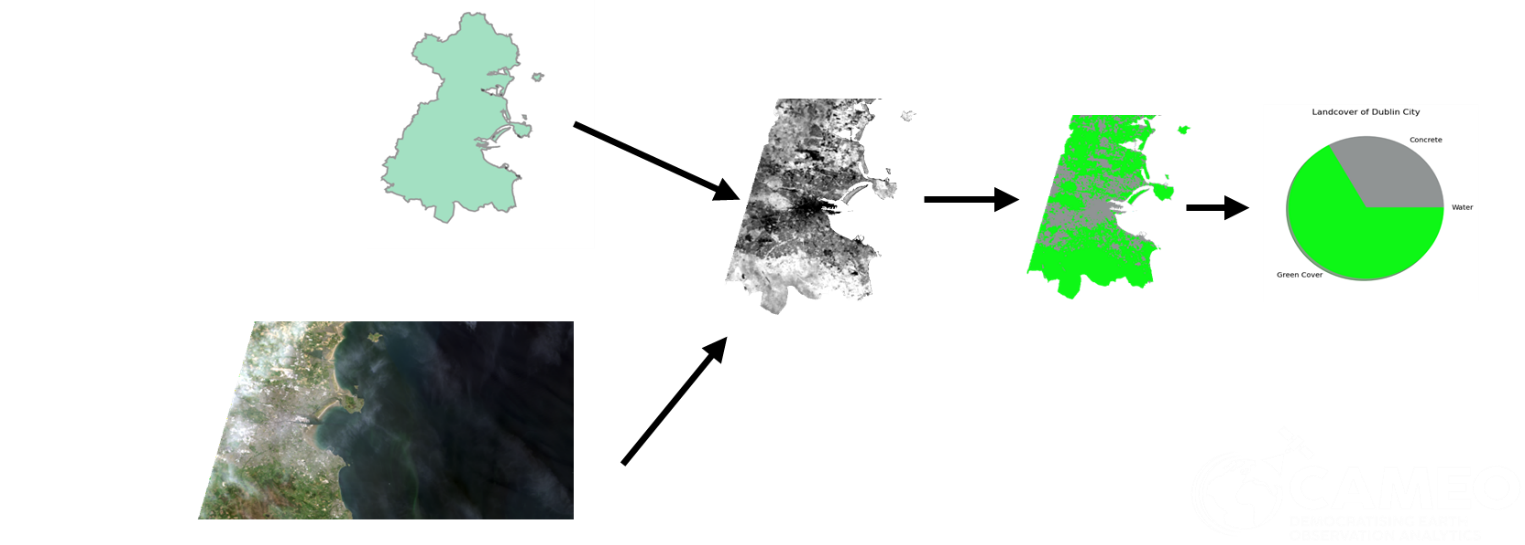
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*Fig 10. Design of Data Quality Services accessed by CAMEO end-users.*

*Graphical user interface, application

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*Fig 11. Demonstration of a prototype of SDQ for raster data*



*Fig 12: Demonstration of a prototype of SDQ to evaluate the useful land. water and green cover.*

Figure 11 showcases the flow of data from the CAMEO data warehouse using the search API and then to the SDQ service for evaluation. A sample of this is showcased in Figure 12 with an example of Dublin city satellite data where the Landsat data is extracted and cropped over the Dublin map to get the map to be evaluated for SDQ. Then the completeness and the percentage of land cover and green cover are showcased as an output.

# 5. Conclusion

Implementation of SDQ micro-service with CAMEO will provide an evaluation of data quality score for GIS data.

The service will ensure the evaluation of :

* Precision
* Consistency
* Completeness
* Accuracy
* Timeliness

The above shows how spatial data quality is evaluated for raster and vector data to evaluate the final score to cluster the data as very low, low, medium and high quality. This will allow the user to understand whether the GIS data is useful for the use case they want to design. This allows the user to make a better decision and predict the accuracy of the use case base on the data quality.

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