

# openEO: Connecting to Big Earth Observation Cloud Backends in a Simple and Unified Way

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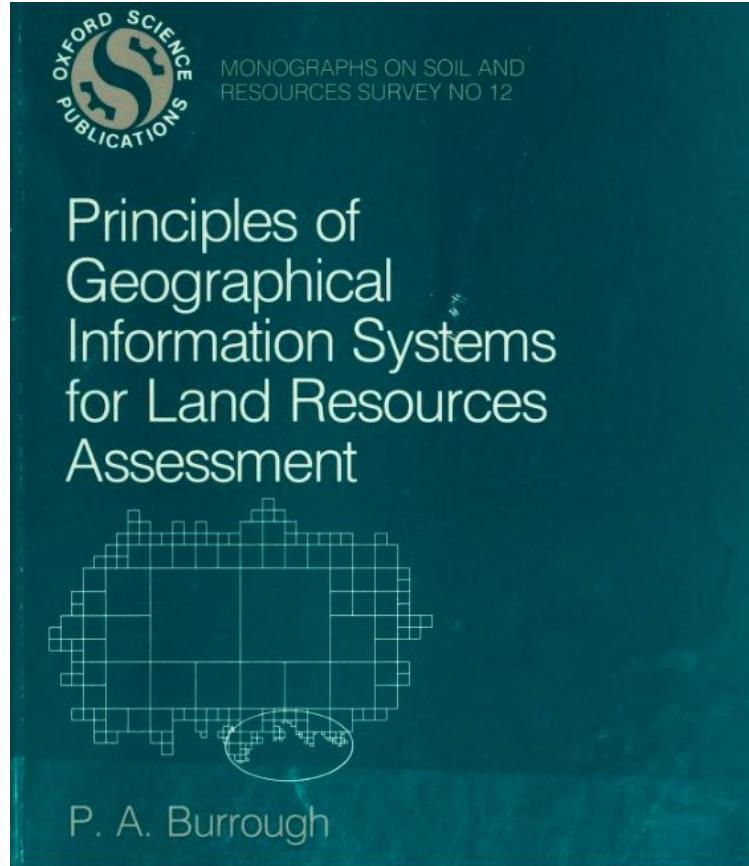
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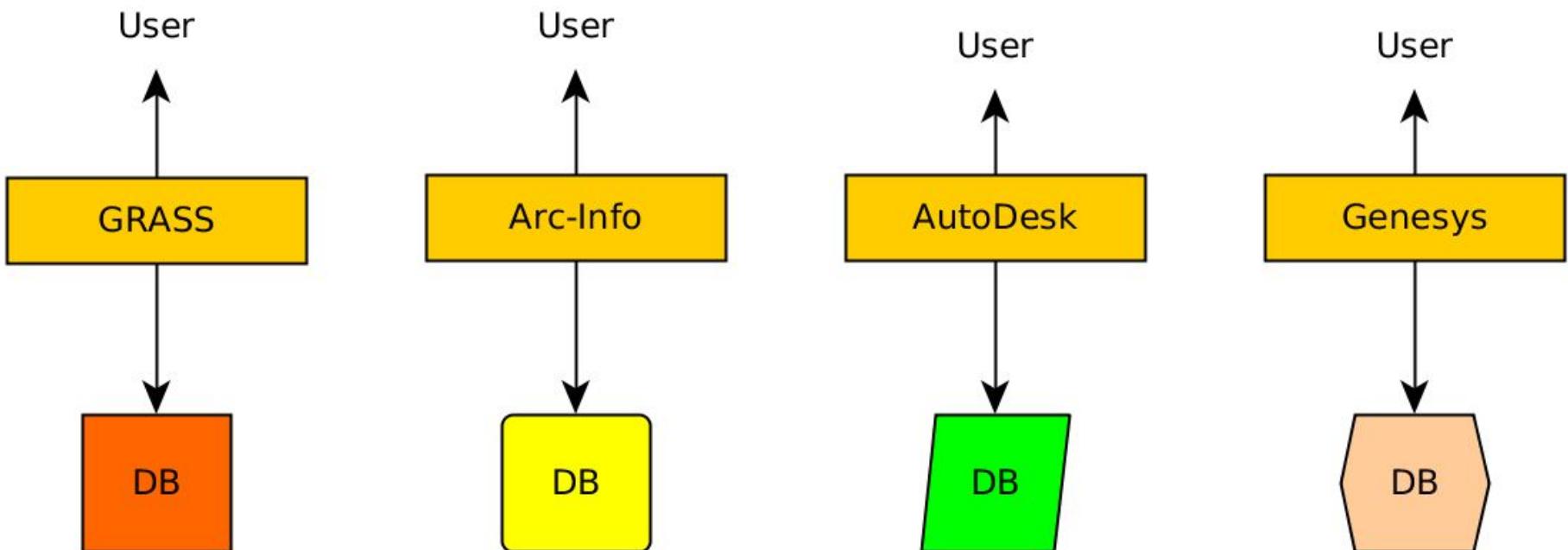
# Where I come from...

Utrecht University,  
1985-1991, 1991-1996

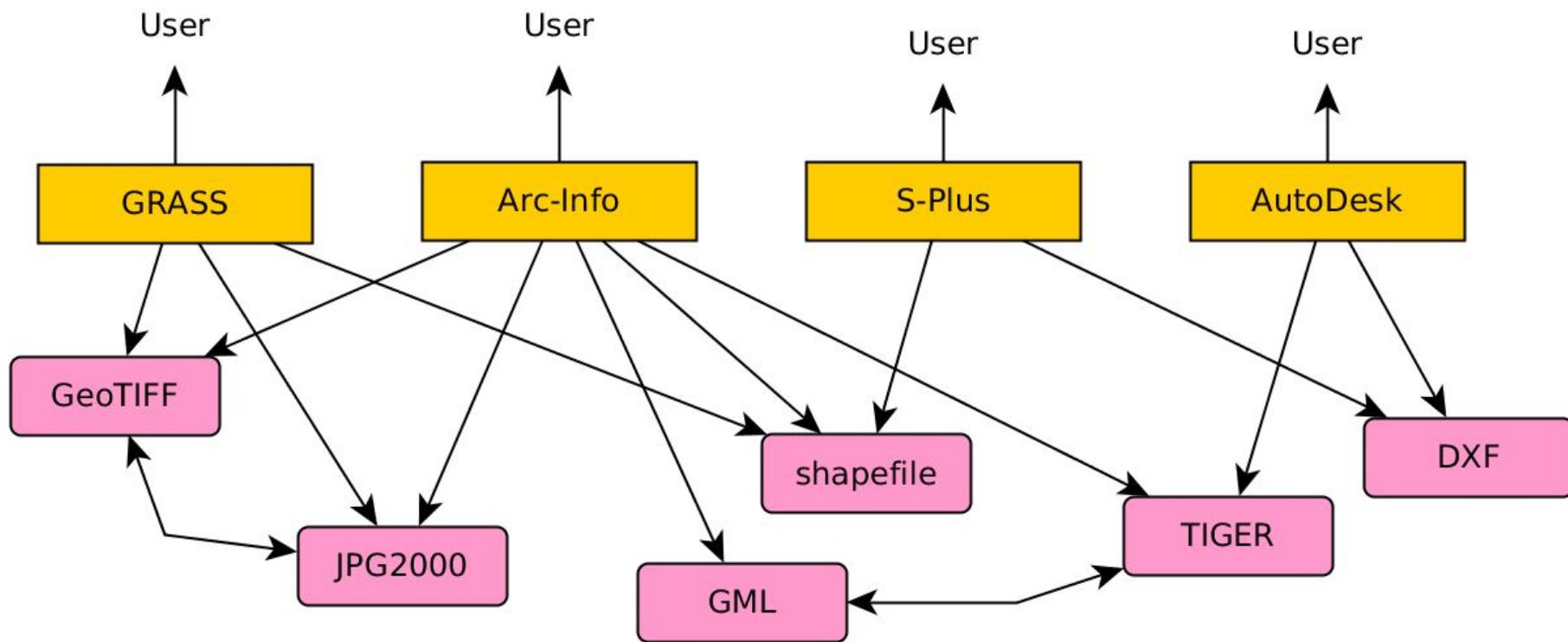
We wrote command-line  
programs. In C, to make them  
portable. Understanding file  
formats meant interoperability.



What GIS meant in the 1980's:

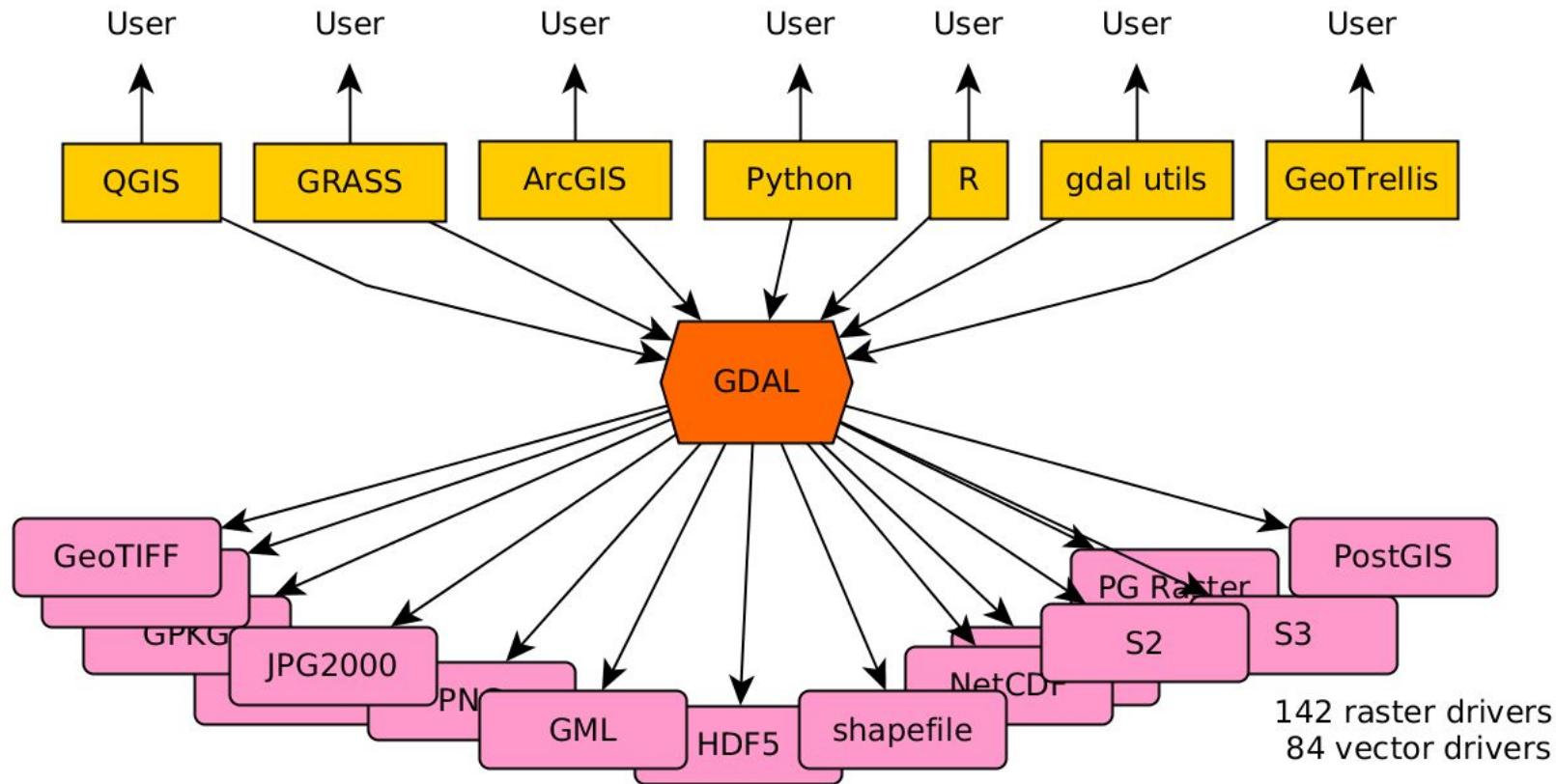


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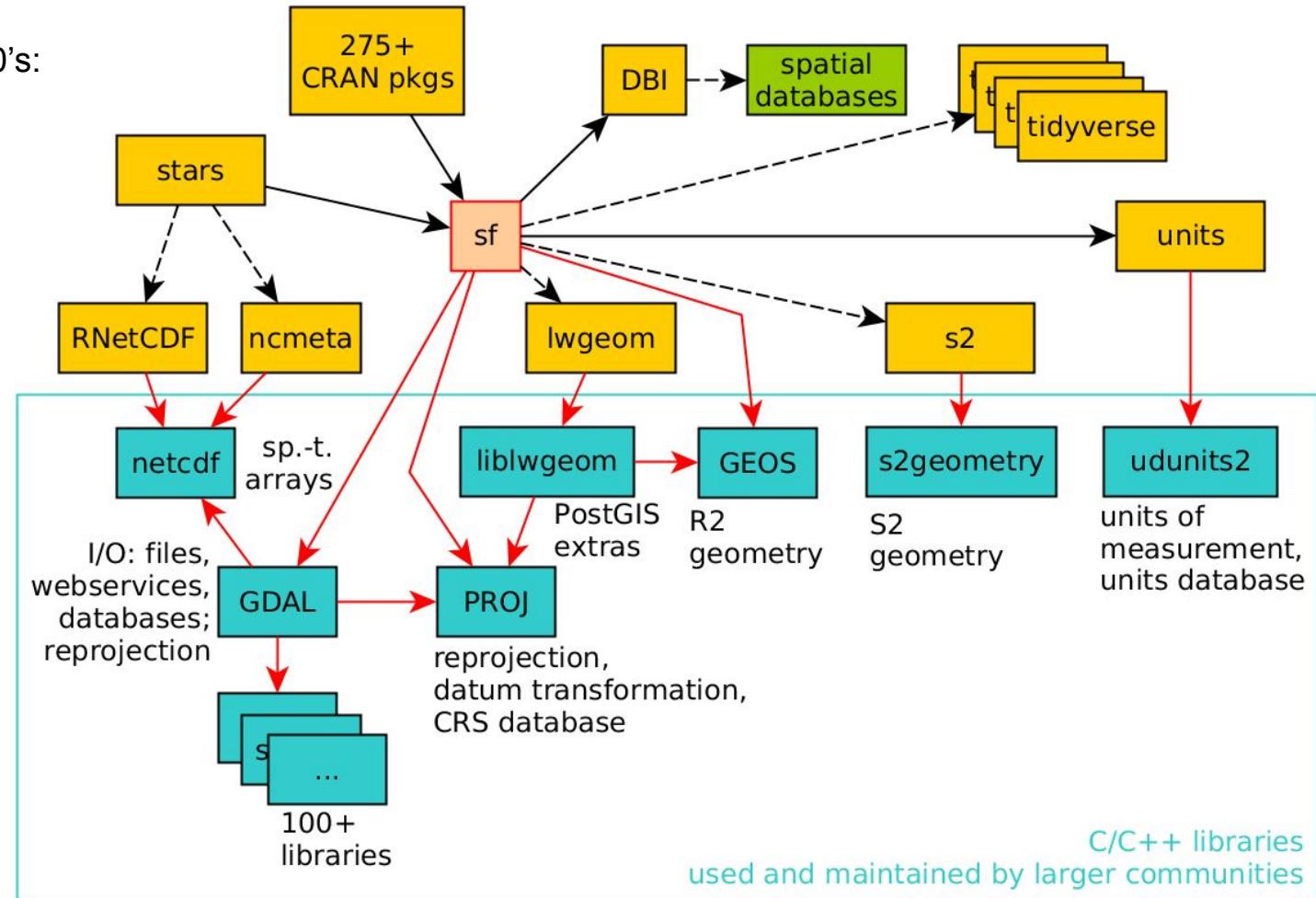


Open source GIS / spatial data science in the 2000's:

For GDAL, also read: PRØJ, GEOS, ...



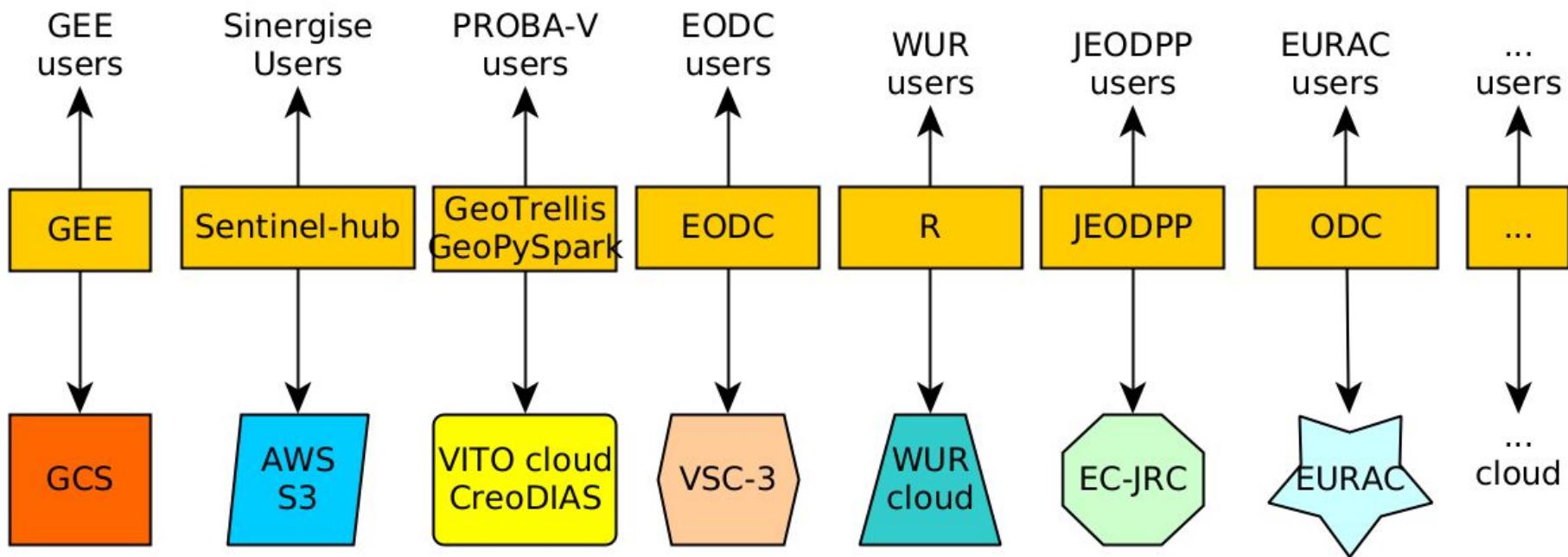
## R-Spatial around 2020's:



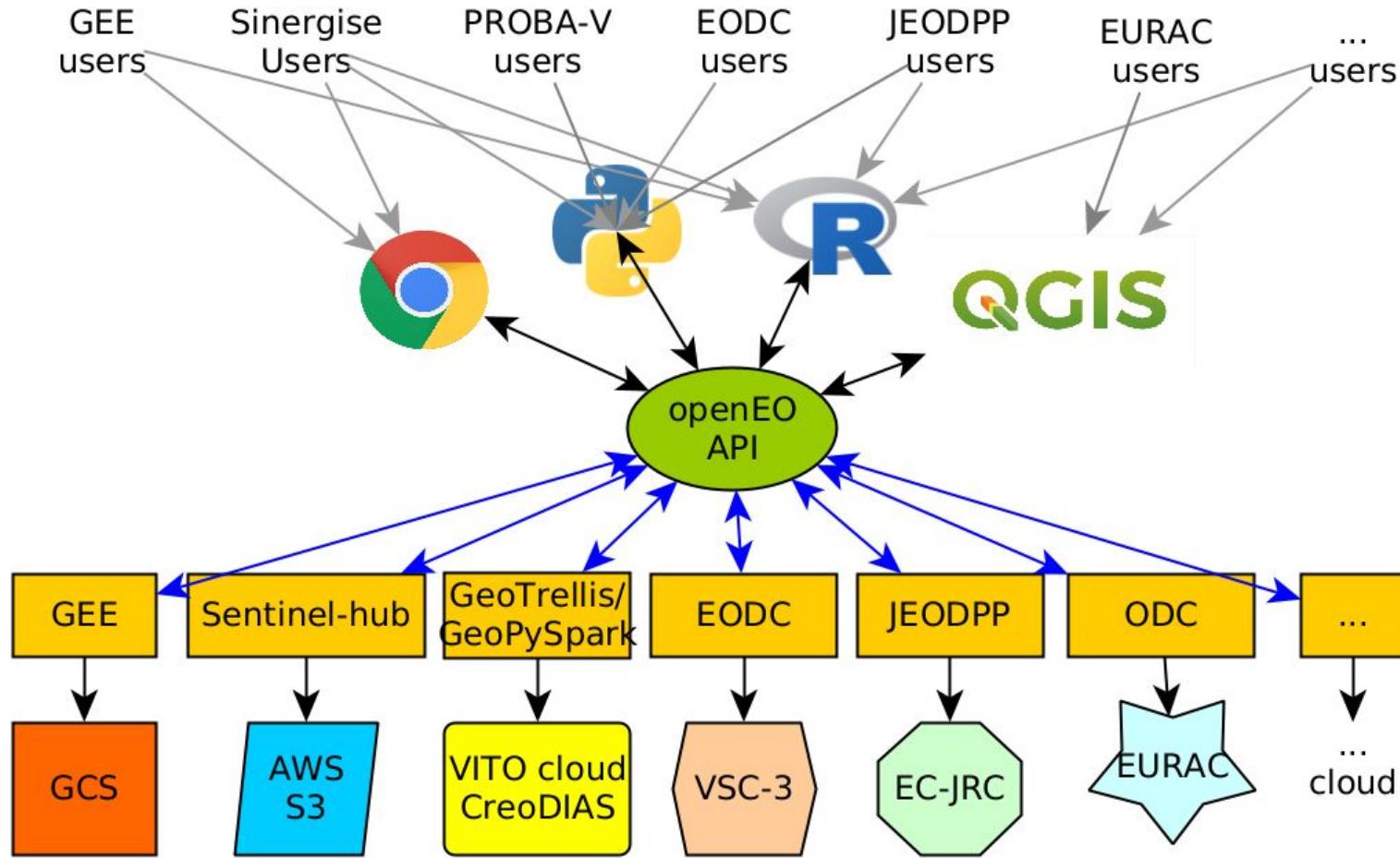
<https://r-spatial.org/book>

C/C++ libraries  
used and maintained by larger communities

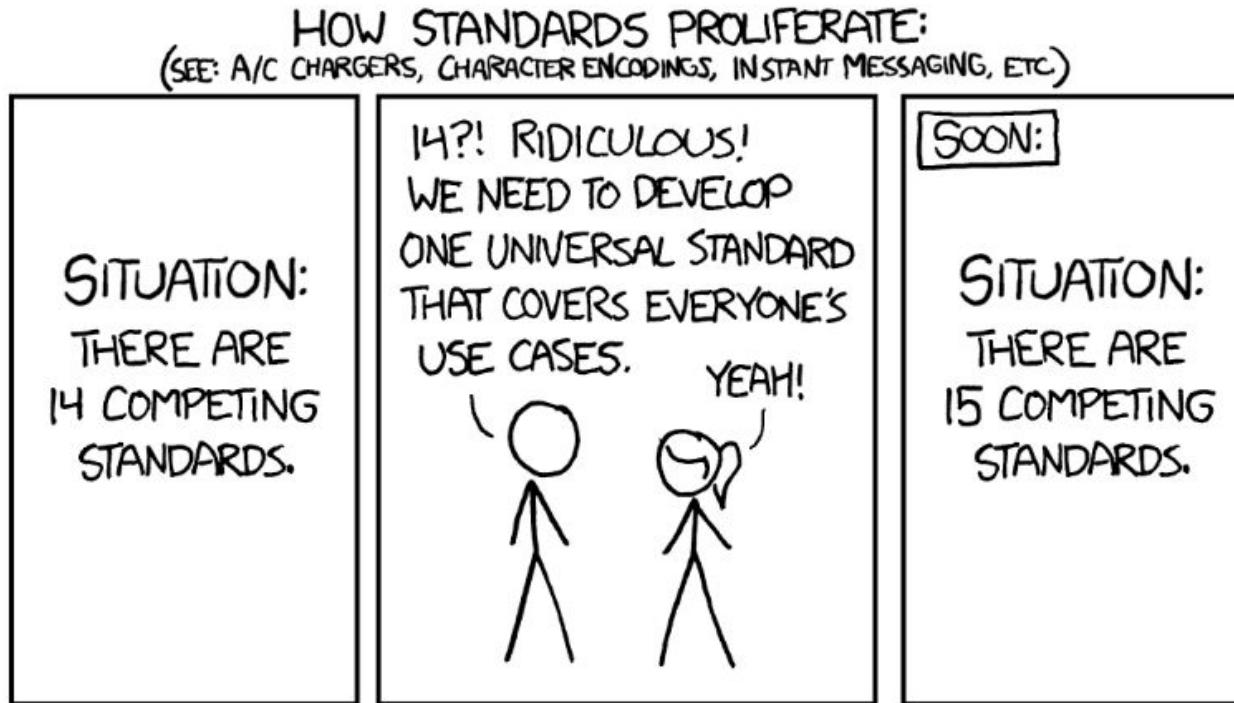
## Big Earth Observation data analysis platforms, 2010's:



## Big Earth Observation data analysis platforms, 2020's:



But isn't this....



<https://xkcd.com/927/>

Well, is it?

## Funding situation:

- openEO H2020 “EO Big Data shift” call, 2017-2020, ~2M, <https://openeo.org/> : API, processes, use cases, P.O.C.
- openEO Platform: ESA “Open Earth Engine” ITT; 2020-2022, ~1M, <https://openeo.cloud/> : public instances, use cases, ARD, ...
- @ESA Phi Week: call for early adopters (free!)



.@openEO\_Platform provides intuitive programming libraries in **#Python**, **#R** or **#JavaScript** to process a wide variety of earth observation datasets   
Take a sneak peek at [openeo.cloud/data-collectio...](https://openeo.cloud/data-collectio...)

 Don't miss key note session and the official launch at **#PhiWeek!**



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 EODC GmbH and 9 others

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# openEO Platform

A Federated Open Earth Observation Platform

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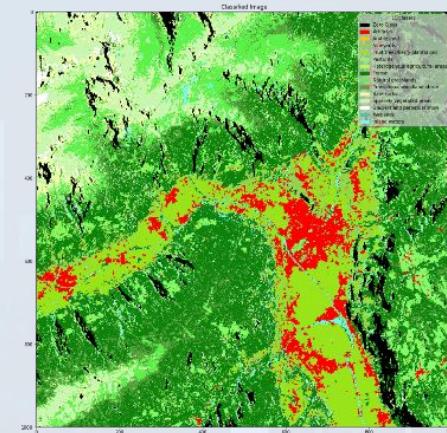
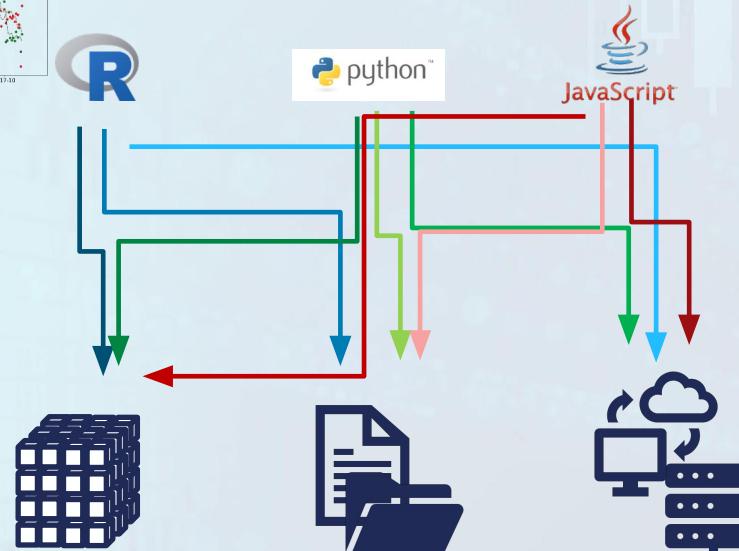
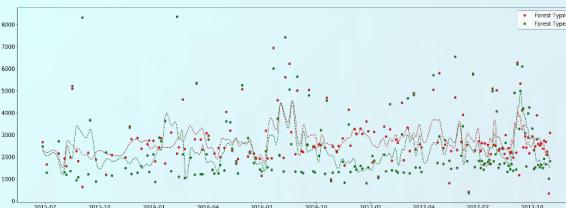
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# Outline



- Why do we need openEO?
  - Capability Gaps
  - Data Management Burden
  - Vendor lock-in
  - Reproducibility
- Intro to openEO:
  - API
  - Processes
  - Clients
- What added value brings openEO platform?
  - openEO as a service
  - Data and Processing Federation
  - Added Capabilities & Use Cases
- How to get involved?
  - Early Adopters
  - Forum

# Why do we need openEO? The Standardization GAP

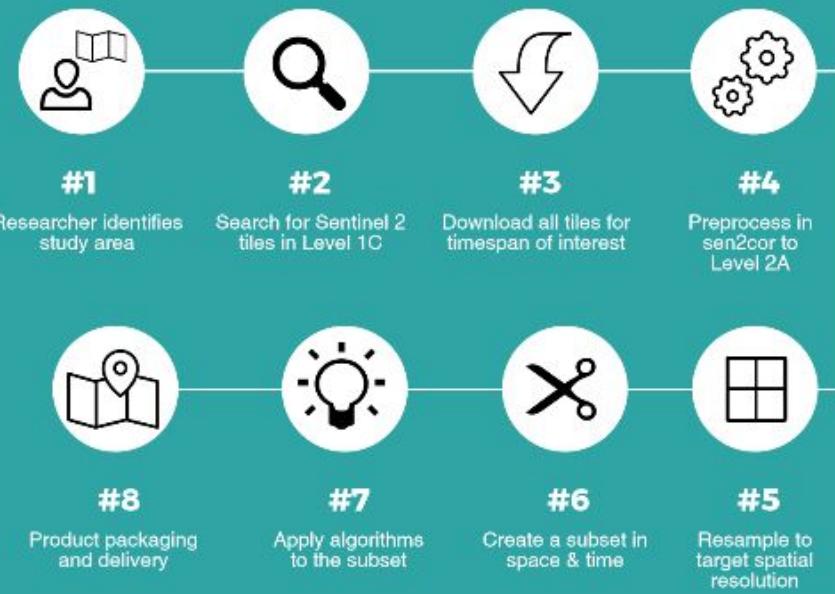


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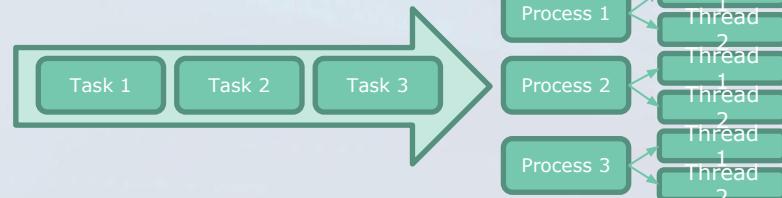
## Traditional remote sensing product process for Sentinel-2



Credits: H. Kristen – ESA open Science 2017

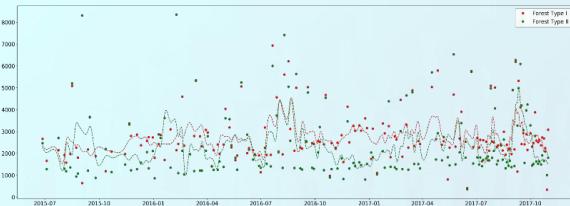


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8200 / 9600 (85%)	520GB / 1007.8GB (52%)	ON
4700 / 5600 (84%)	444GB / 503.6GB (88%)	ON
5200 / 5600 (93%)	358GB / 503.6GB (71%)	ON

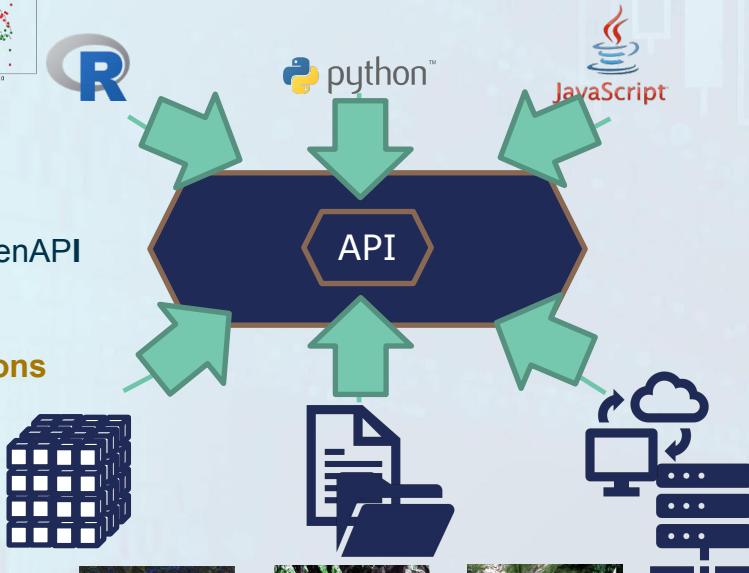


# Introduction to openEO

## The API

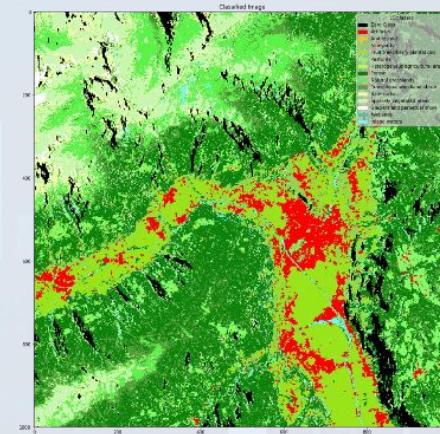


<https://openeo.org>



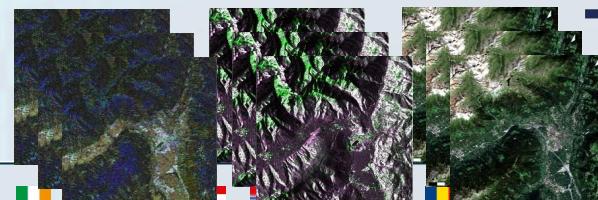
RESTful **API**, specified with OpenAPI  
<https://api.openeo.org>

Pre-defined **process descriptions**  
<https://processes.openeo.org>



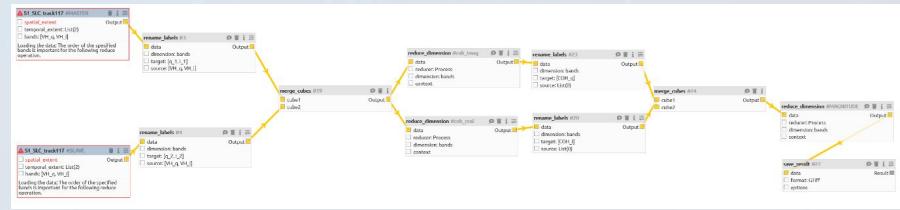
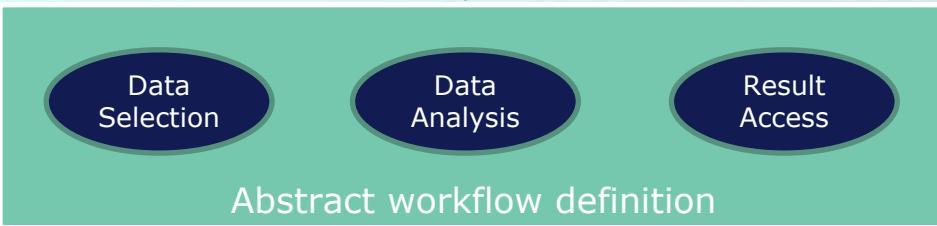
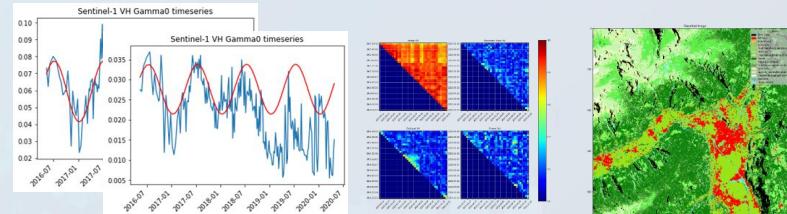
**STAC** for meta data description  
<https://stacspec.org>

based on **OGC API** building blocks

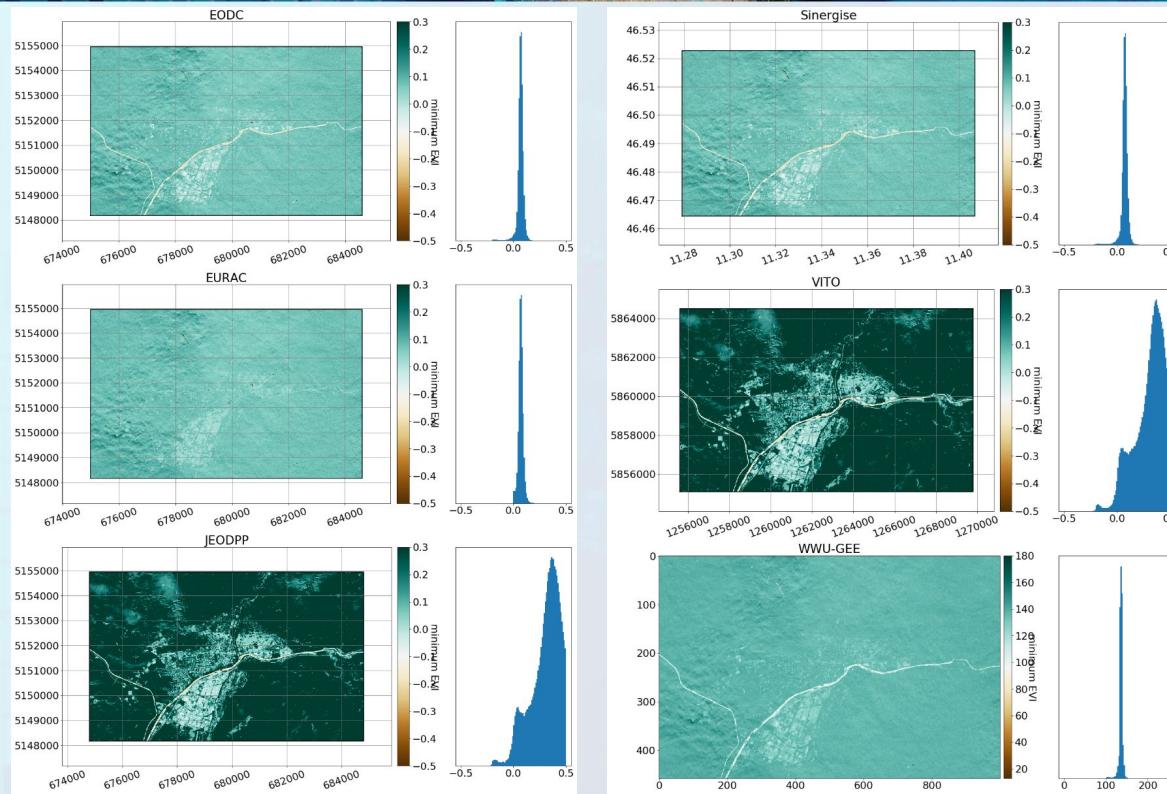


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# Introduction to openEO Processing



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EODC 2020, contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data [2018], processed by ESA.



# openEO Platform background



**openEO Platform** responds to the ESA tender “Open Earth Engine”, targeting a federated open infrastructure for **scalable, cloud-based** EO processing and **analytics**.



Ambitious goal to be met by **reuse**

and integration of existing components:

- Built on the foundation of H2020 [openEO project and API](#) (grant number [776242](#))
- Consortium including three key EO cloud operators
- Building on active user community



## Driving concepts for addressing the **capability gap** in Europe:

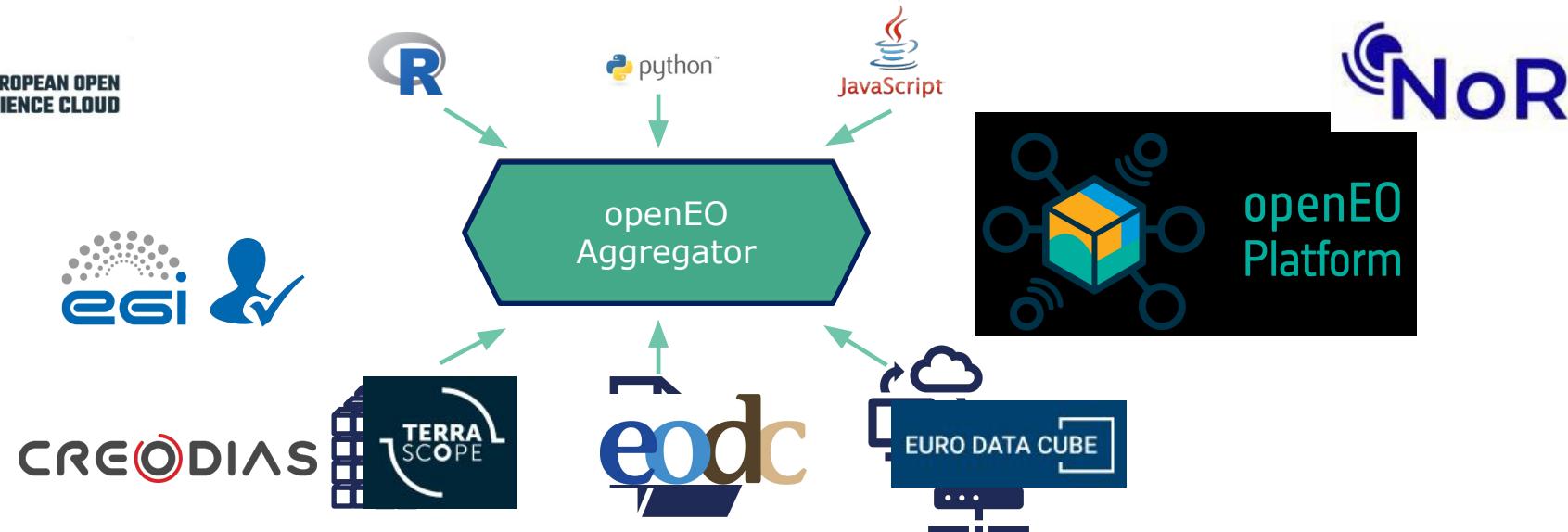
- 👉 **Enabling simplicity:** intuitive analytics & programming libraries, dynamic resource allocation, federated cloud environments
- 👉 **Providing transparency:** Transparency of source code, scientific integrity & reproducibility, clarity & prior estimation of costing, confidentiality of IPR;
- 👉 **Pixel to continental scalability:** pixel-level data access, scalable “building block” processes, clear roadmap for continental-global scale processing;



# openEO Platform federation



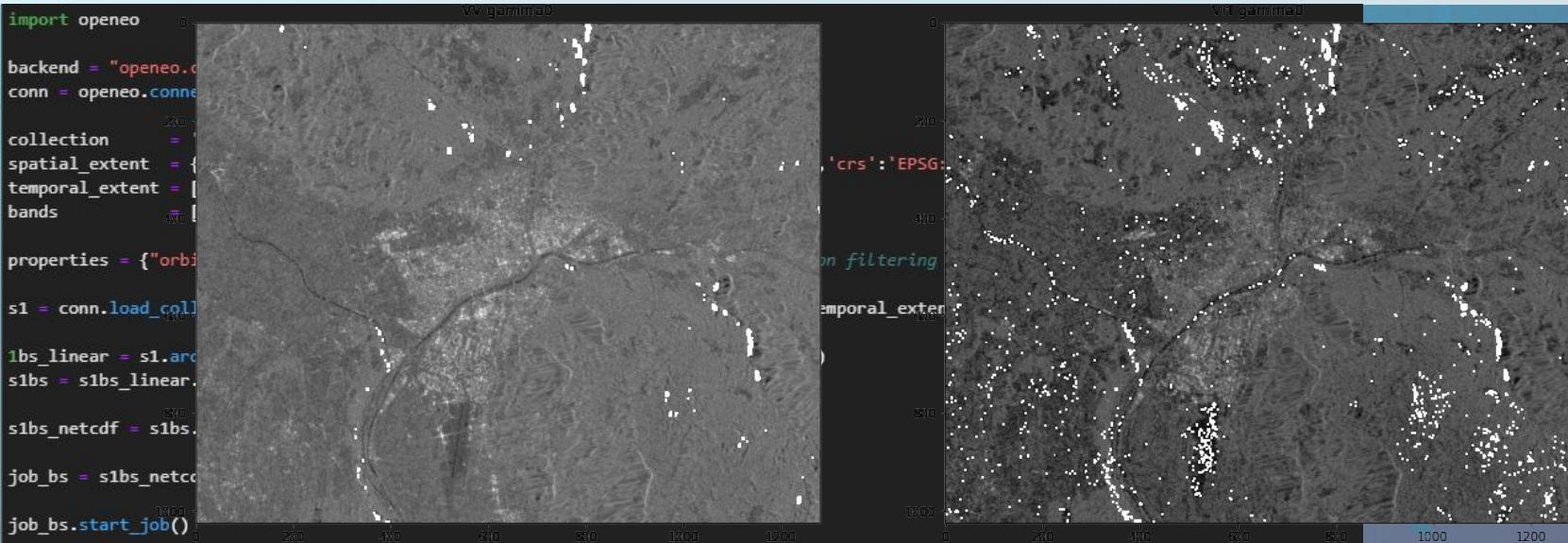
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# Processing of Analysis Ready Data (ARD)



- Define virtual datacube based on collection, time and area of interest
- Apply CARD4L compliant ARD processing in batch mode, to retrieve normalised backscatter



<https://ceos.org/ard/>

<https://github.com/stac-extensions/card4l>

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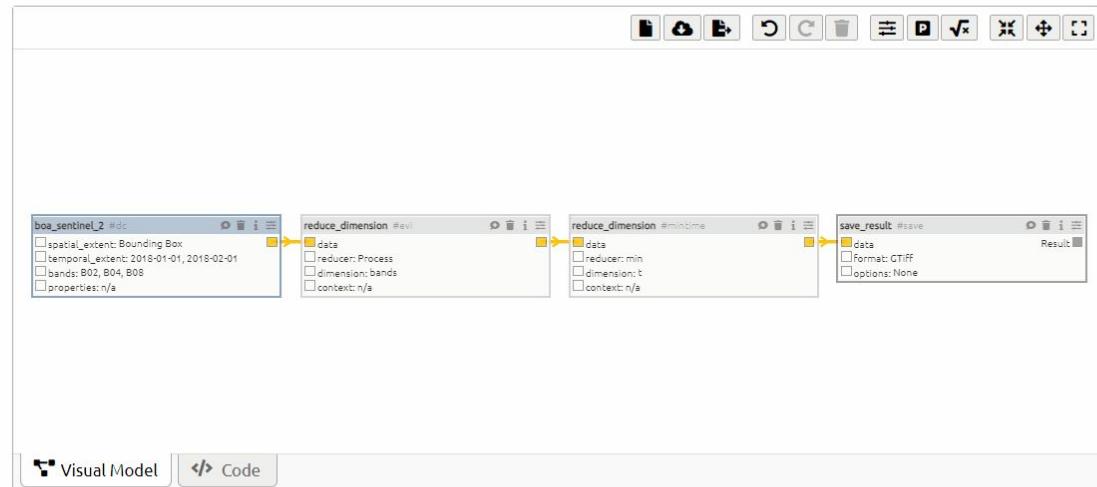
 Search

▶ Collections (52)

▶ Processes (90)

▶ UDF Runtimes (2)

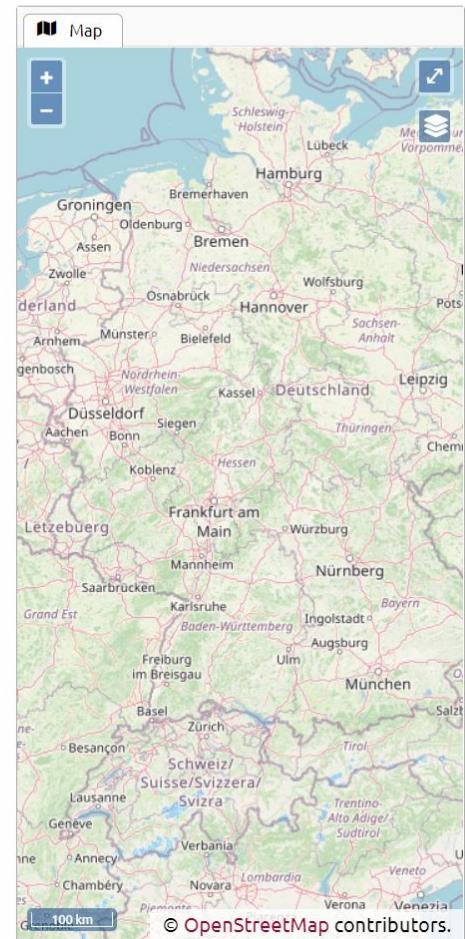
▶ Export File Formats (6)



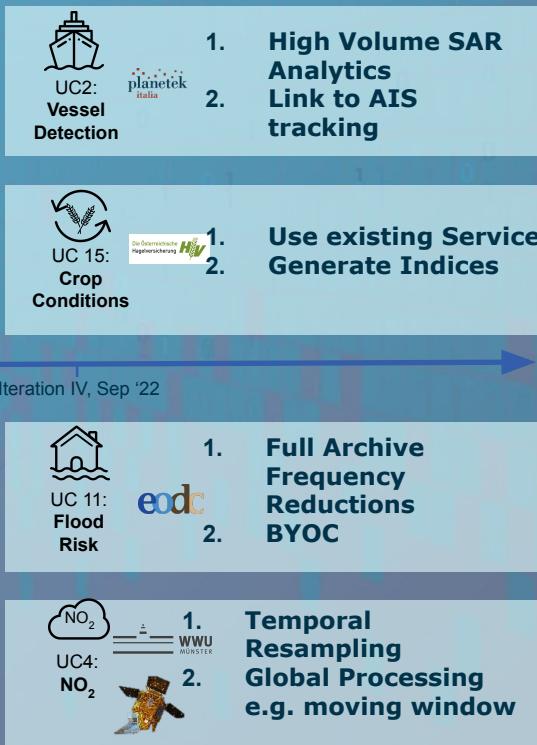
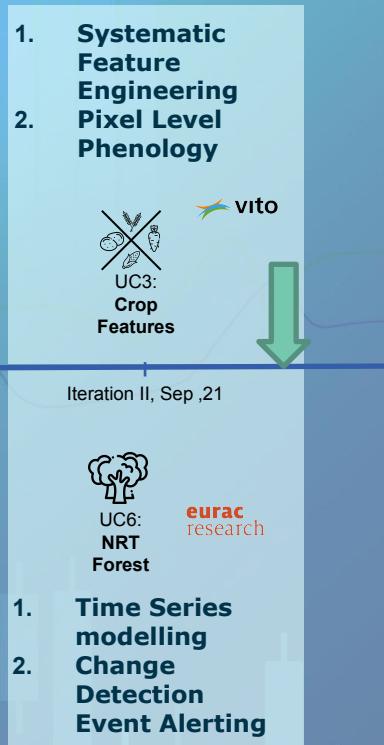
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# Roadmap and use cases



***"Feedback is worth a lot – be part of the community"***



## Website:

- [openeo.cloud](https://openeo.cloud)



## Engage:

- Early Adopter registration: <https://openeo.cloud/early-adopters/>
- Twitter: @openEO\_Platform
- <https://forums.openeo.cloud>



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