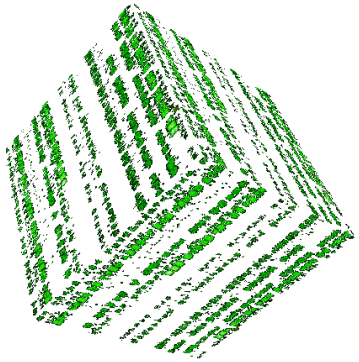


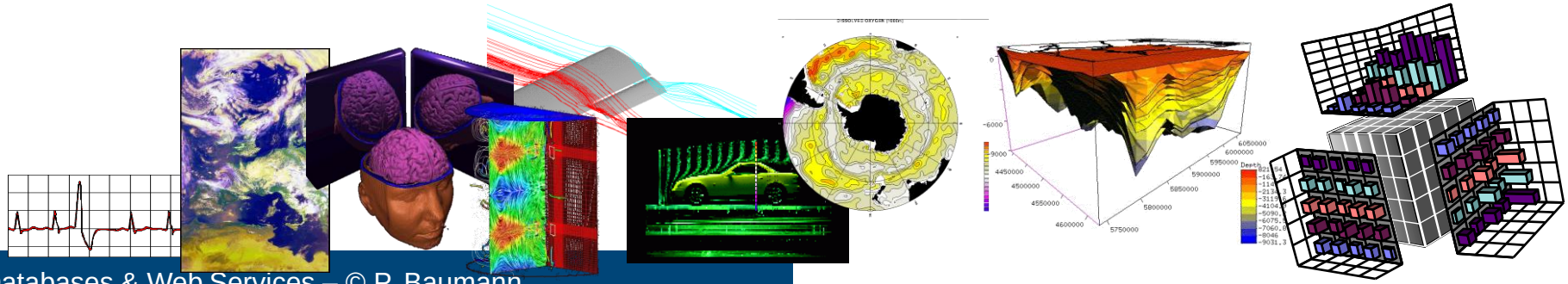
Array Databases

http://l-sis.org → publications

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

Who Needs Arrays?

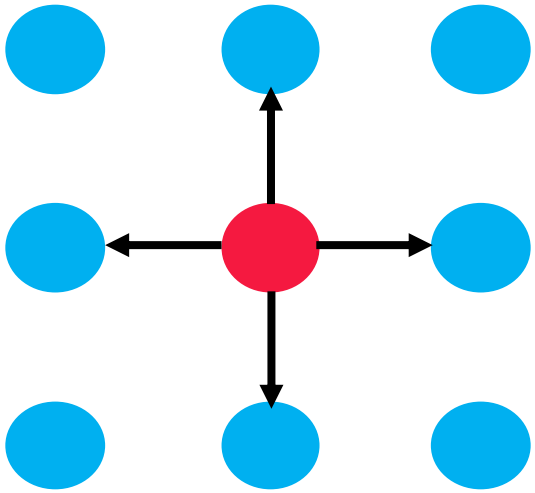
- Sensor, image, simulation, statistics data
  - **Earth:** Geodesy, geology, hydrology, oceanography, climate, earth system, ...
  - **Space:** optical / radio astronomy, cosmological simulation, planetary science, ...
  - **Life:** Pharma/chem, healthcare / bio research, bio statistics, genetics, ...
  - **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]



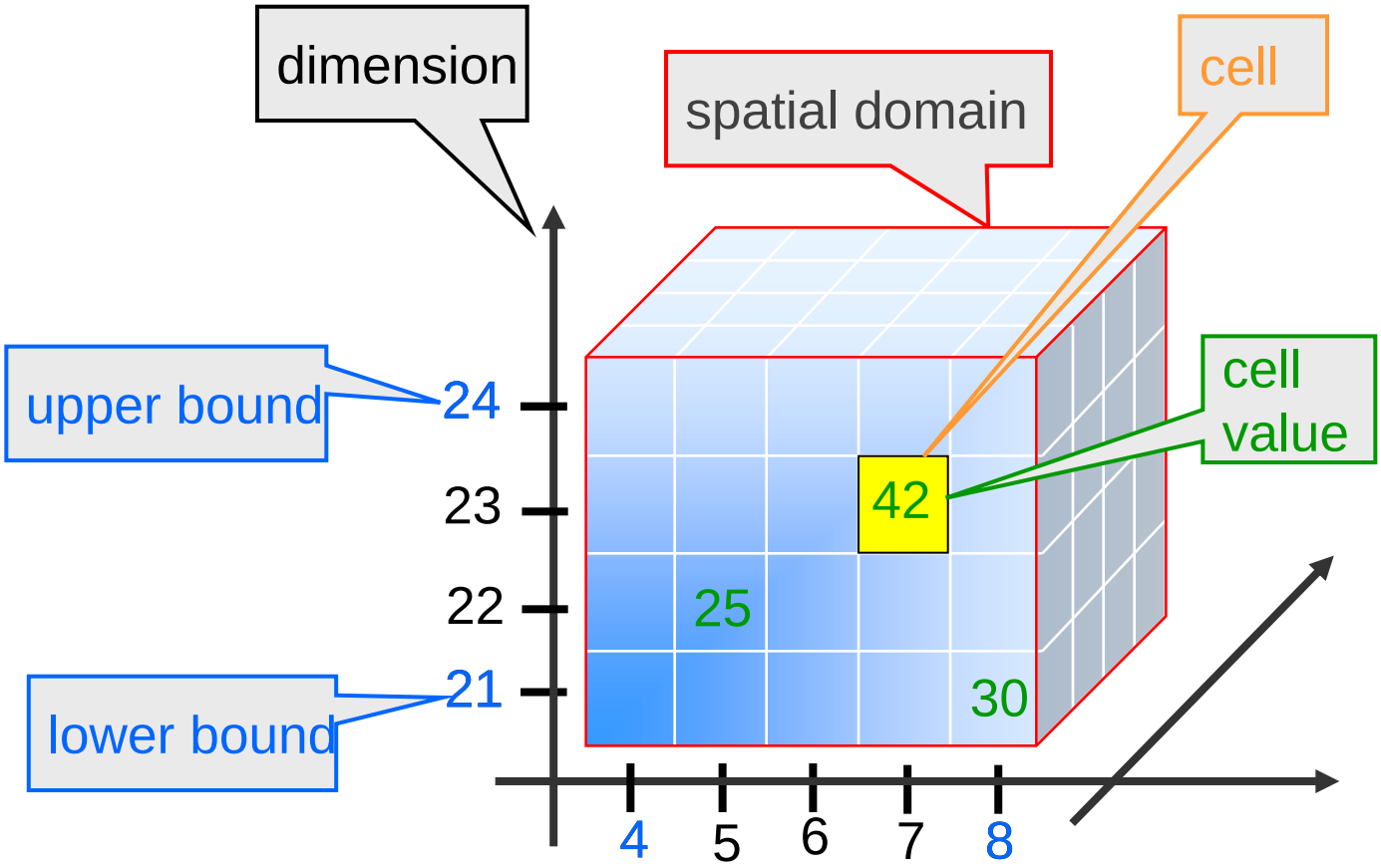
CONCEPTUAL MODELLING

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 Cartesian neighborhood
  - Secondary: #dimensions, density, ...
- Operations: signal/image processing, Linear Algebra [M. Stonebraker], iterations



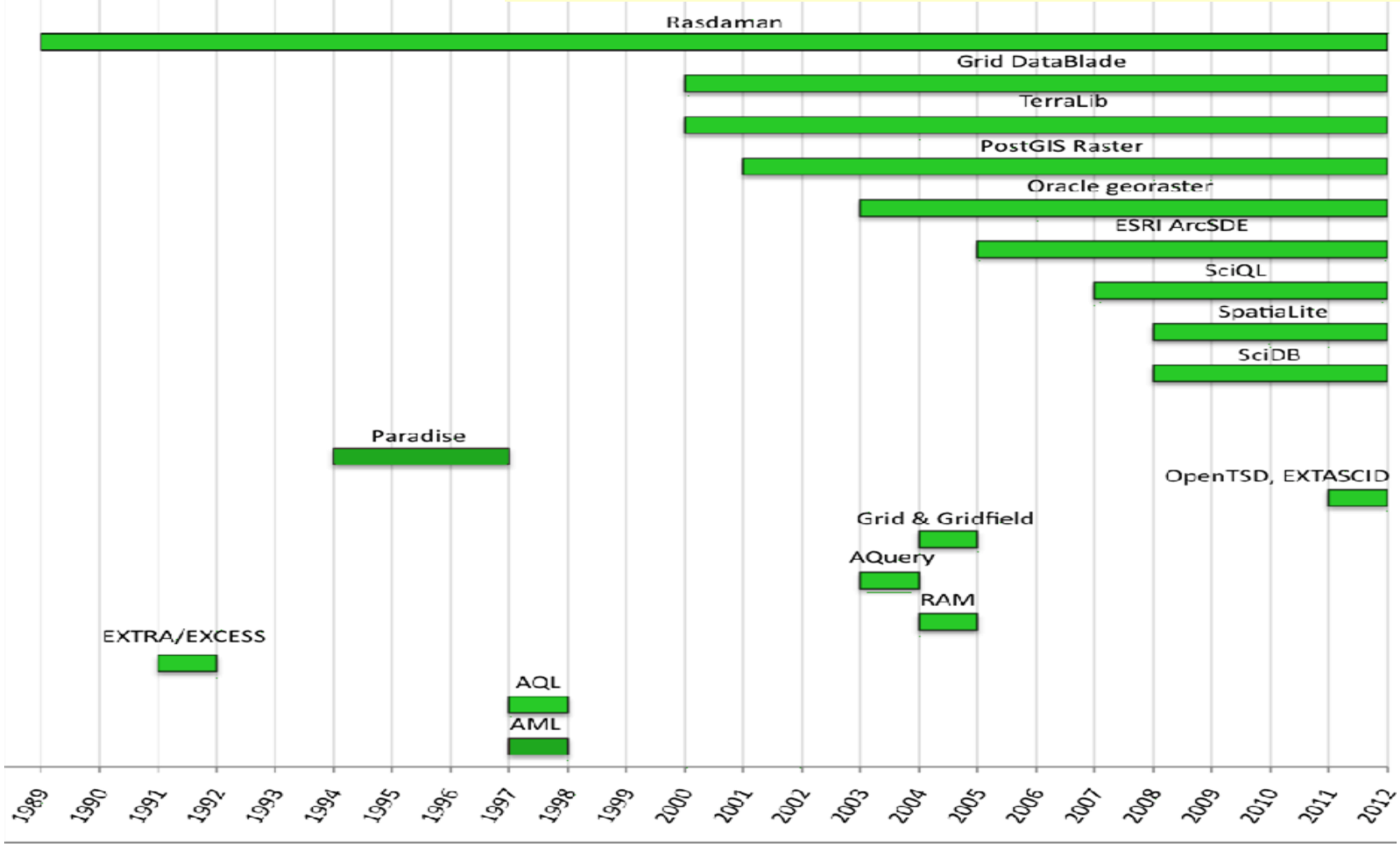
The Array Data Model



SYSTEMS

Early History of Array Databases

See also: RDA Array Database Asssessment WG



Array DBMSs Landscape Today

rapidly evolving ecosystem
→ necessarily incomplete

- Array Database Systems
  - query language, multi-user operation, storage management, access control
  - Ex: rasdaman, SciDB, EXTASCID, PostGIS Raster, Oracle GeoRaster
- Array tools: command-line tools & libraries, but no service
  - no query concept, but procedural API
  - Ex: OpenDataCube, OPeNDAP, Wendelin.core, TensorFlow, boost::geometry, xtensor, TileDB, ArrayStore, Ophidia
- Map/Reduce: Hadoop & Spark as cloud parallelization paradigm
  - Array layers on top of Hadoop, Spark
  - Ex: SciHadoop, Spatial Hadoop, GeoTrellis, MrGeo, SciSpark, ClimateSpark

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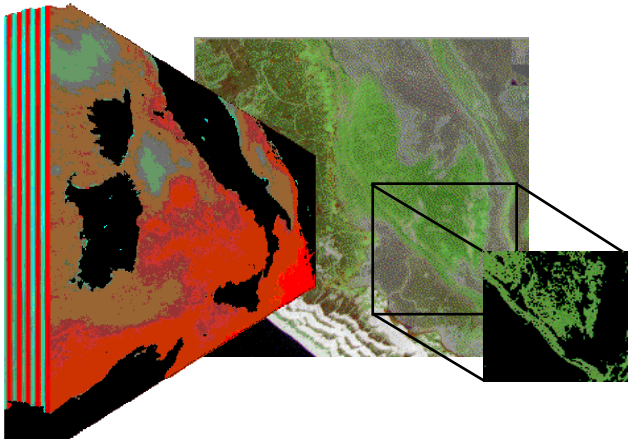
- P. Baumann, D. Misev, V. Merticariu, B.H. Pham: Array databases: concepts, standards, implementations. Springer Journal Big Data 8(28)2021. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40537-020-00399-2
  - 19 technologies compared, 4 benchmarked

rasdaman

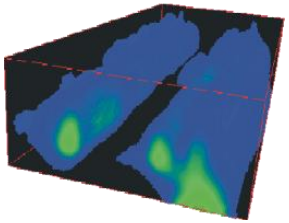
- „raster data manager“: SQL + n-D arrays
  - Scalable parallel “tile streaming” architecture
  - [VLDB 1994, VLDB 1997, SIGMOD 1998, VLDB 2003, …, VLDB 2016]
- Blueprint for stds, in operational use



The rasql Query Language

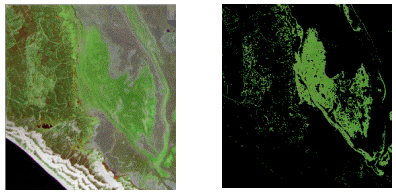
- selection & subsetting

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



- result processing

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

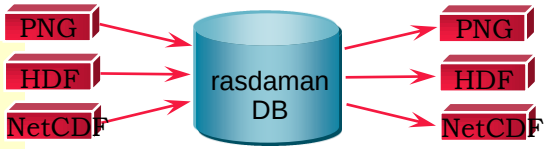


- search & aggregation

```
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
```



Linear Algebra Ops

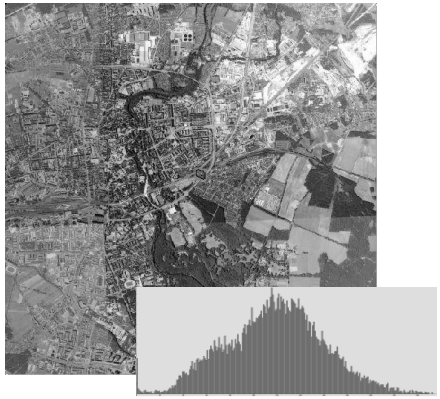
- n×p Matrix multiplication

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

```
select marray i in [1:n], j in [1:p]
       values condense +
              over     k in [1:m]
              using    a [ i, k ] * b [ k, j ]
from   matrix as a, matrix as b
```

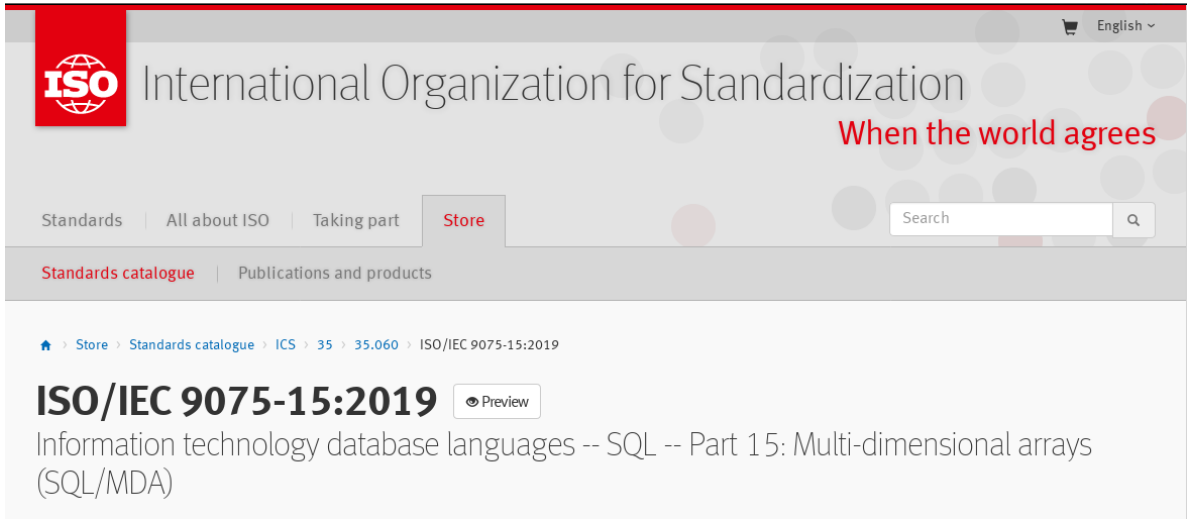
- Histogram

```
select marray bucket in [0:255]
       values count_cells( img = bucket )
from   img
```



Arrays in SQL

[SSDBM 2014]



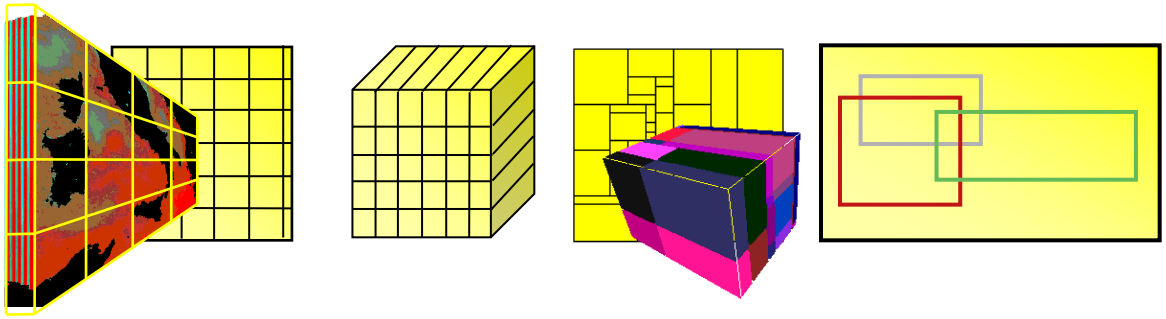

```
create table LandsatScenes(
    id: integer not null, acquired: date,
    scene: row( band1: integer, ..., band7: integer ) mdarray [ 0:4999,0:4999] )
```

```
select  id, encode(scene.band1-scene.band2)/(scene.band1+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
```

ARCHITECTURE

Adaptive Partitioning („Tiling“)

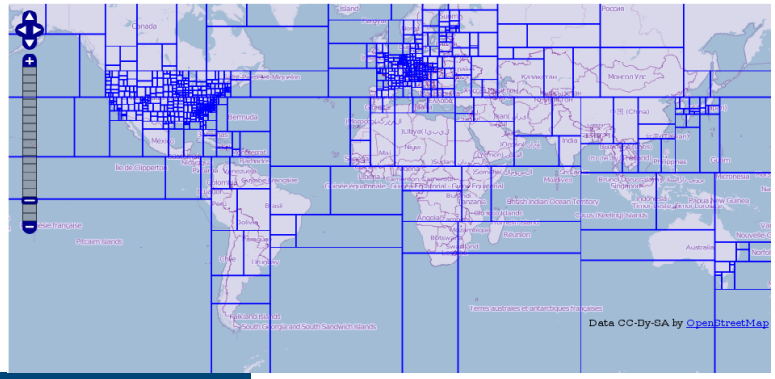
- Any tiling [Furtado 1999]
  - Cast into strategies



  - rasdaman storage layout language

```
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
```

- Why irregular tiling?

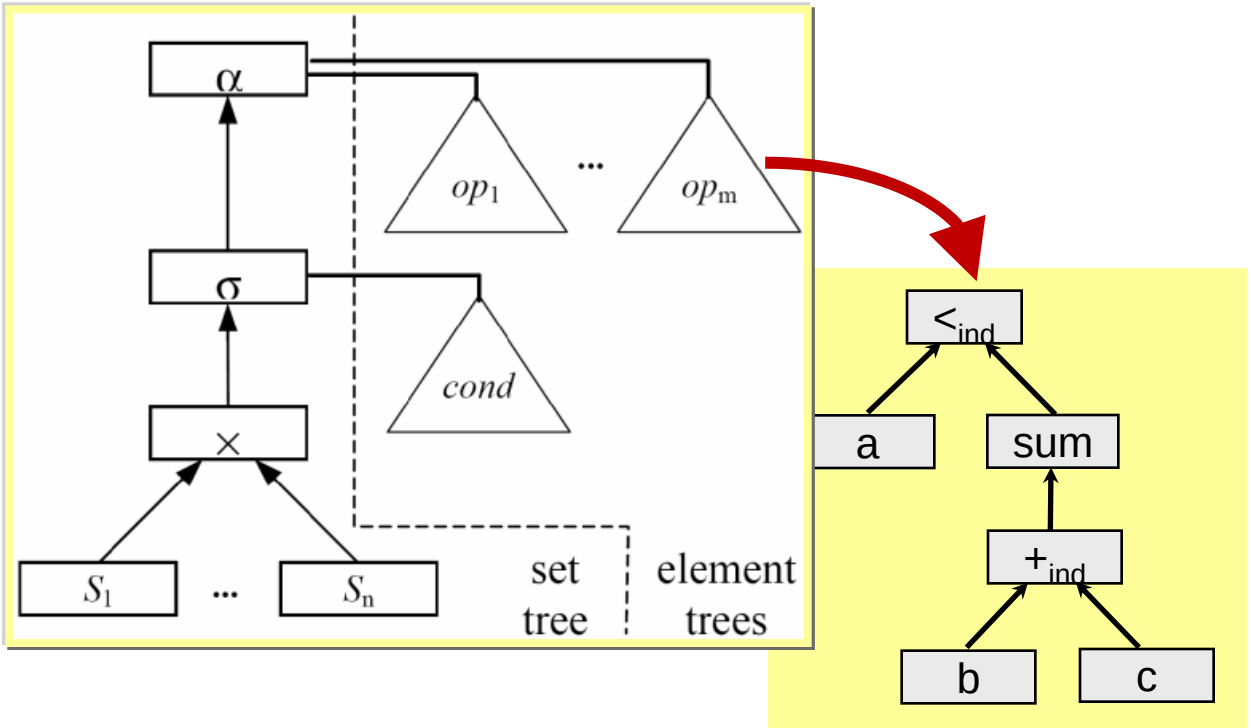


[OpenStreetMap]

Query Processing

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

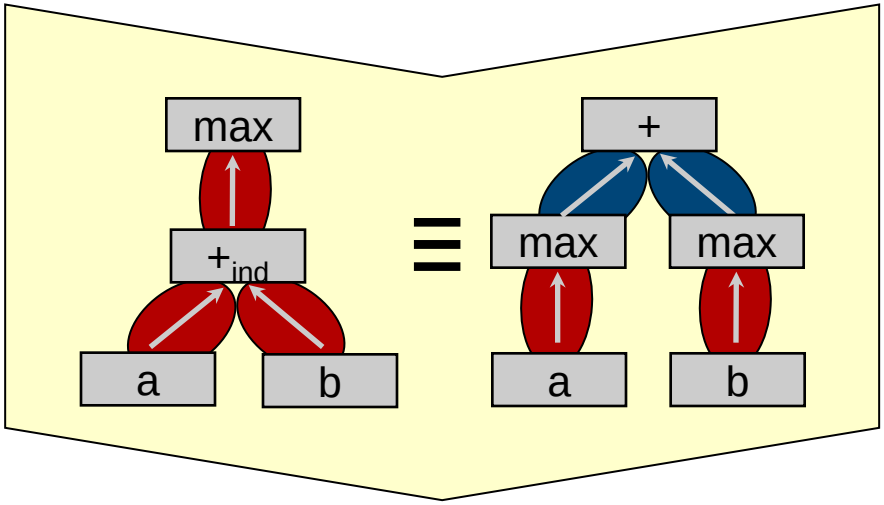
```
select a.array < sum_cells(
b.array + c.array )
from   a, b, c
```

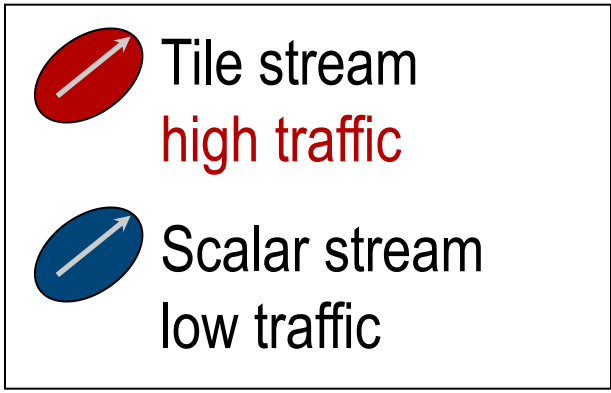


Query Optimization

[Ritsch 2000]

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



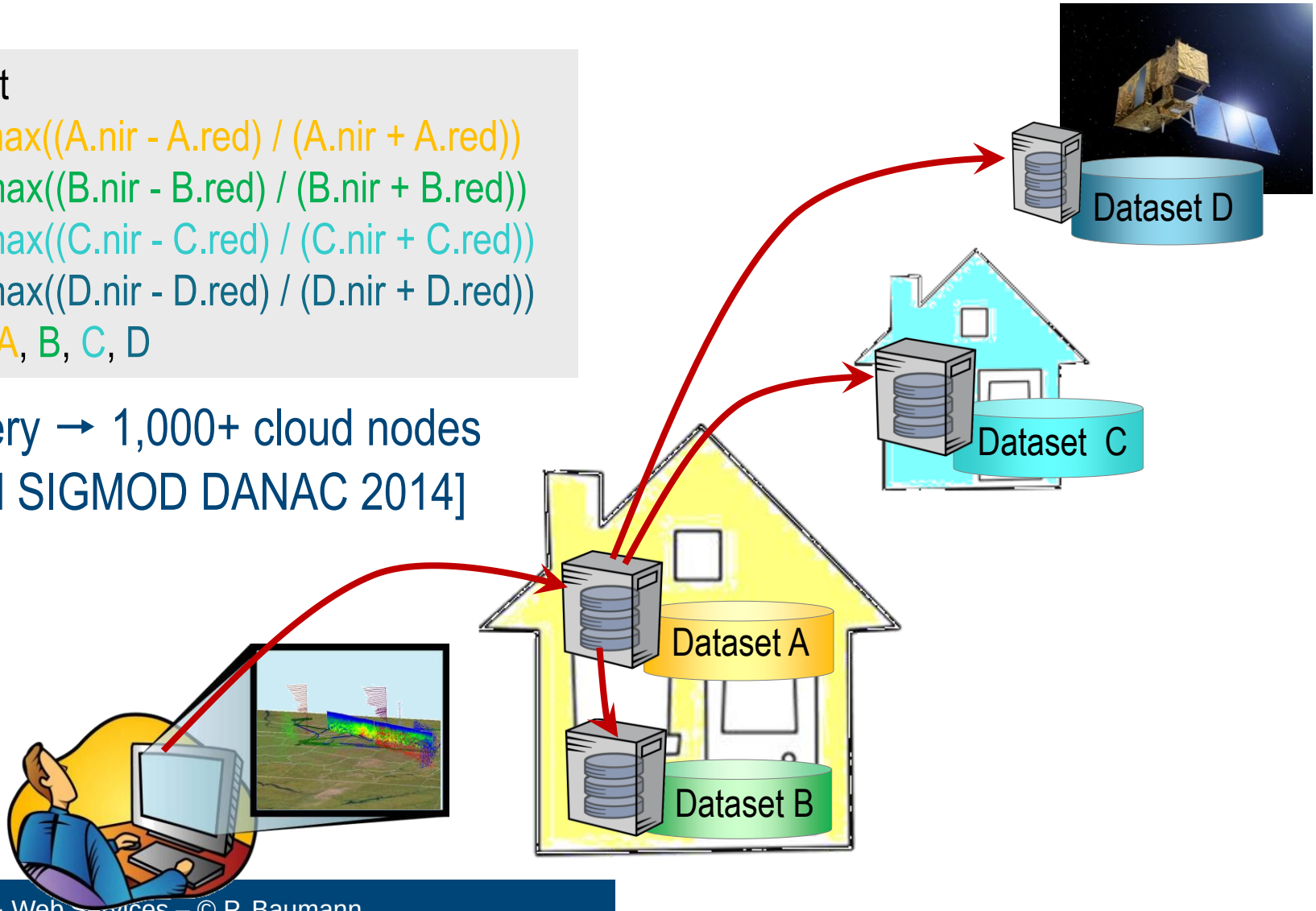



```
select max_cells( a )
     + max_cells( b )
from   a, b
```

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
```

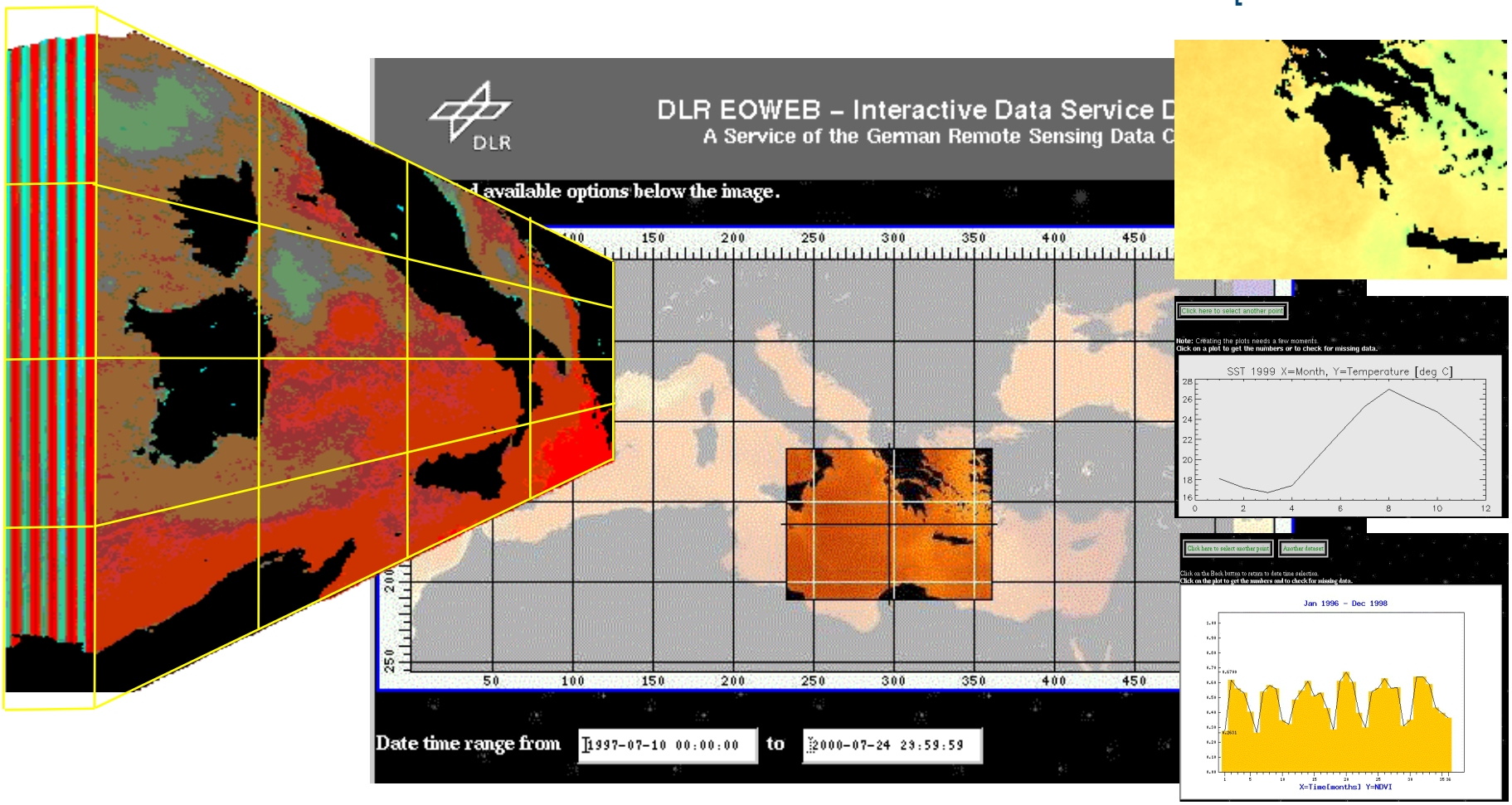
1 query → 1,000+ cloud nodes
[ACM SIGMOD DANAC 2014]



APPLICATIONS

Early 3-D Service on rasdaman

[Diedrich et al 2001]



EarthServer

CONSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY

- Agile Analytics on x/y/t + x/y/z/t Earth & Planetary datacubes
  - EU rasdaman + US NASA WorldWind
  - Rigorously standards as c/s APIs
  - 100+ Petabyte
- 10+ data centers
  - participation free & open

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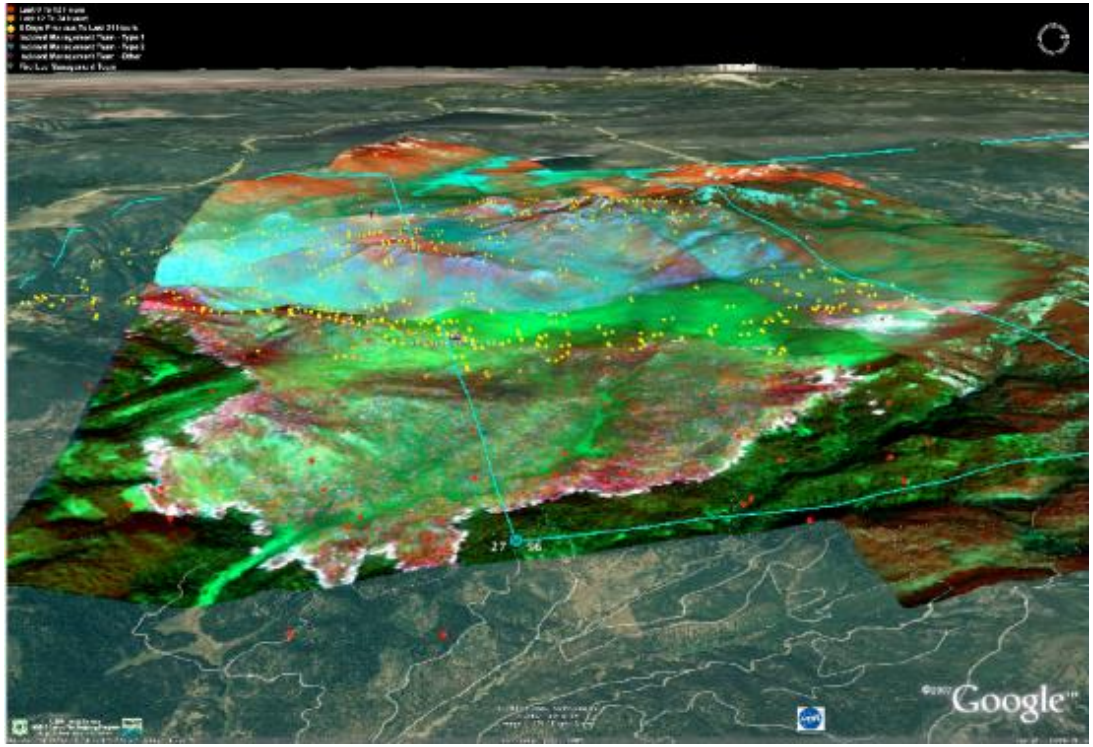
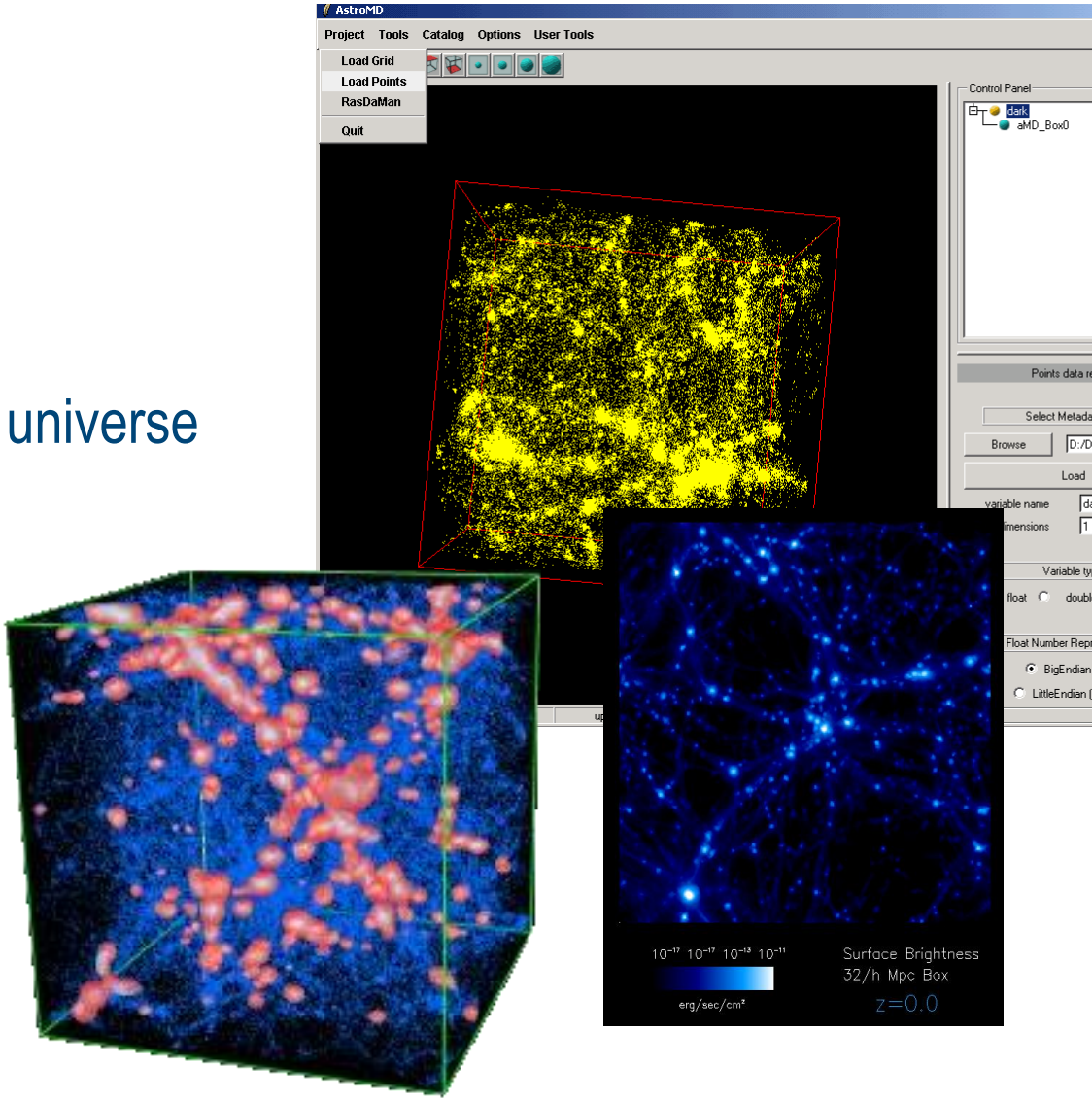
Orbital Big Data Analytics Service



[images: ESA, NASA]

Cosmological Simulation

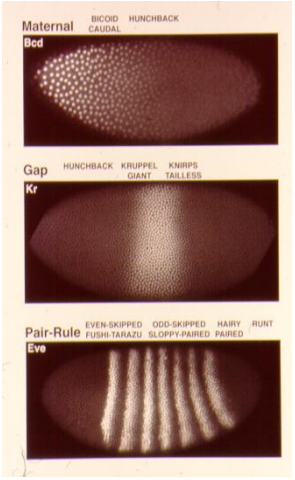
- Modelling domain: 4D
- Results: 3D/4D cutouts from universe
- Screenshots: AstroMD [Gheller, Rossi 2001]

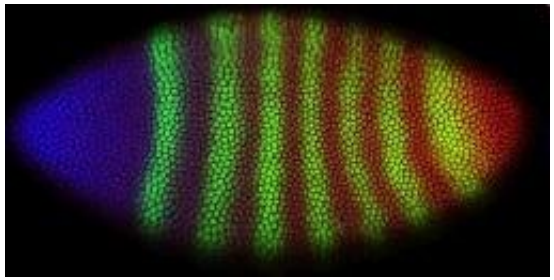


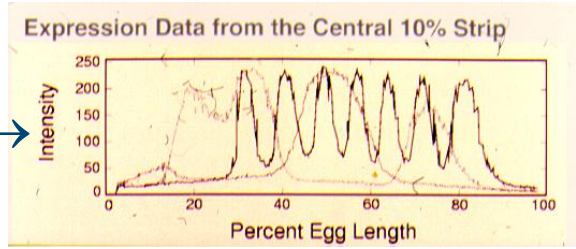
Gene Expression Analysis

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

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





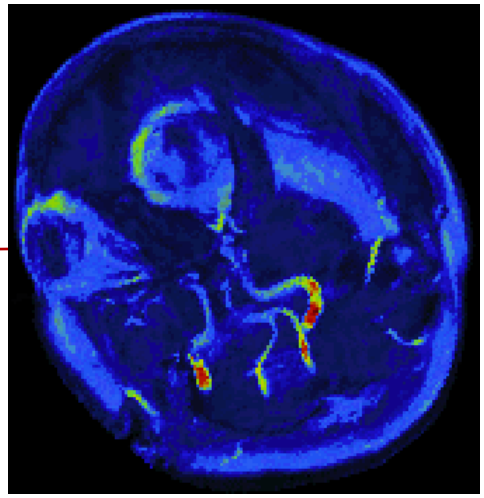


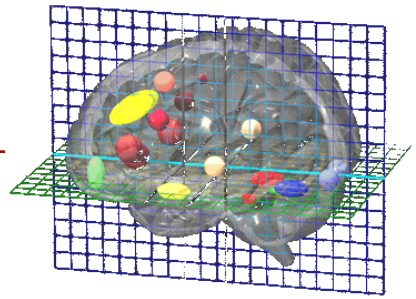

```
select encode( scale( {1c,0c,0c}*e[0,*:*,*:*]
                      +{0c,1c,0c}*e[1,*:*,*:*]
                      +{0c,0c,1c}*e[2,*:*,*:*], 0.2 ), „image/jpeg“ )
from EmbryoImages as e
where oid(e)=193537
```

Human Brain Imaging

- Research goal: structural-functional relations in human brain
- Experiments → 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
```



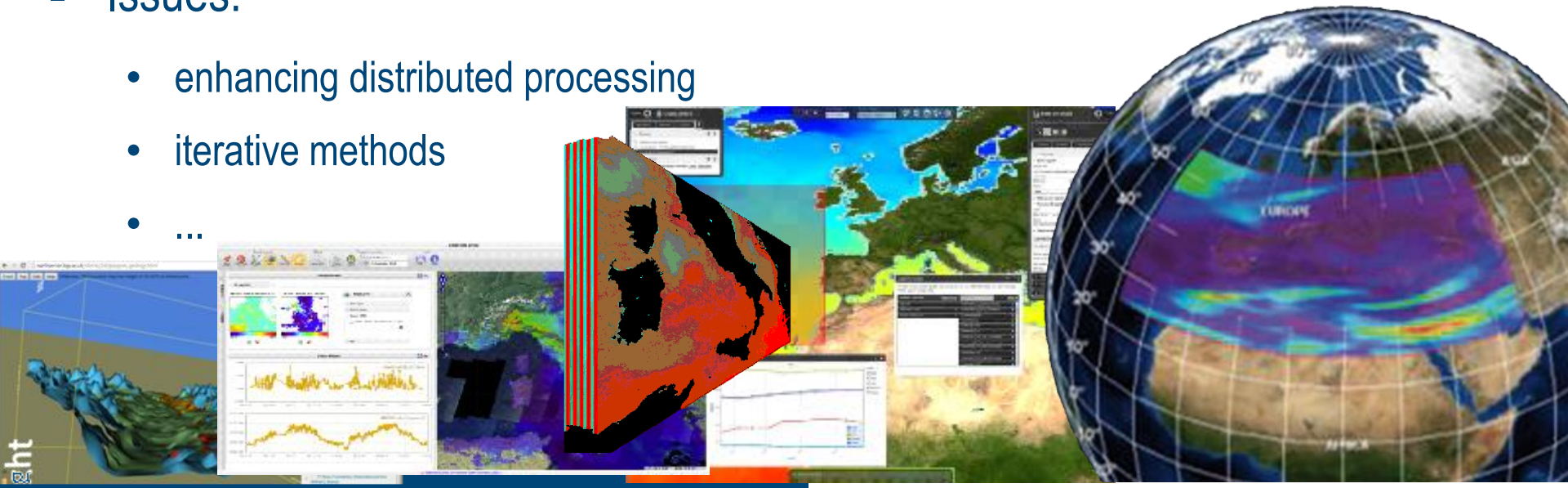


`$1` = slicing position, `$2` = intensity threshold value, `$3` = confidence

WRAP-UP

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
  - ...



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- Seeking datacube coders
  - Thesis - see my group's current list of thesis topics
  - Research projects
- Common requirement: strong coding skills
  - JavaScript / TypeScript / frameworks; Java; C++