



Geospatial Standards & Interoperability:

A necessary foundation for better understanding
of climate change and risk reduction

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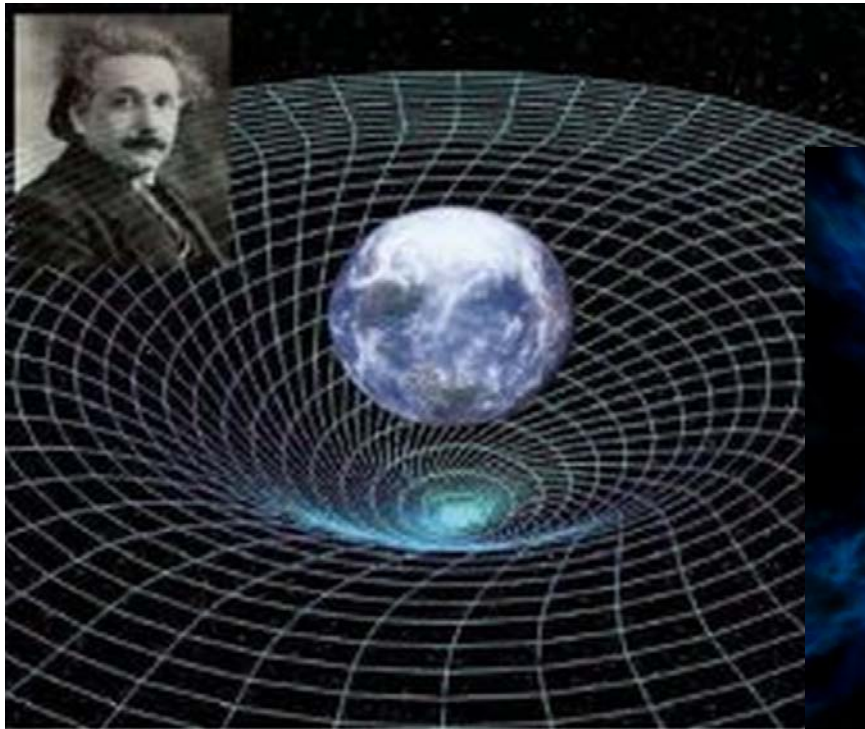


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Premise



We live and operate in a space-time continuum!



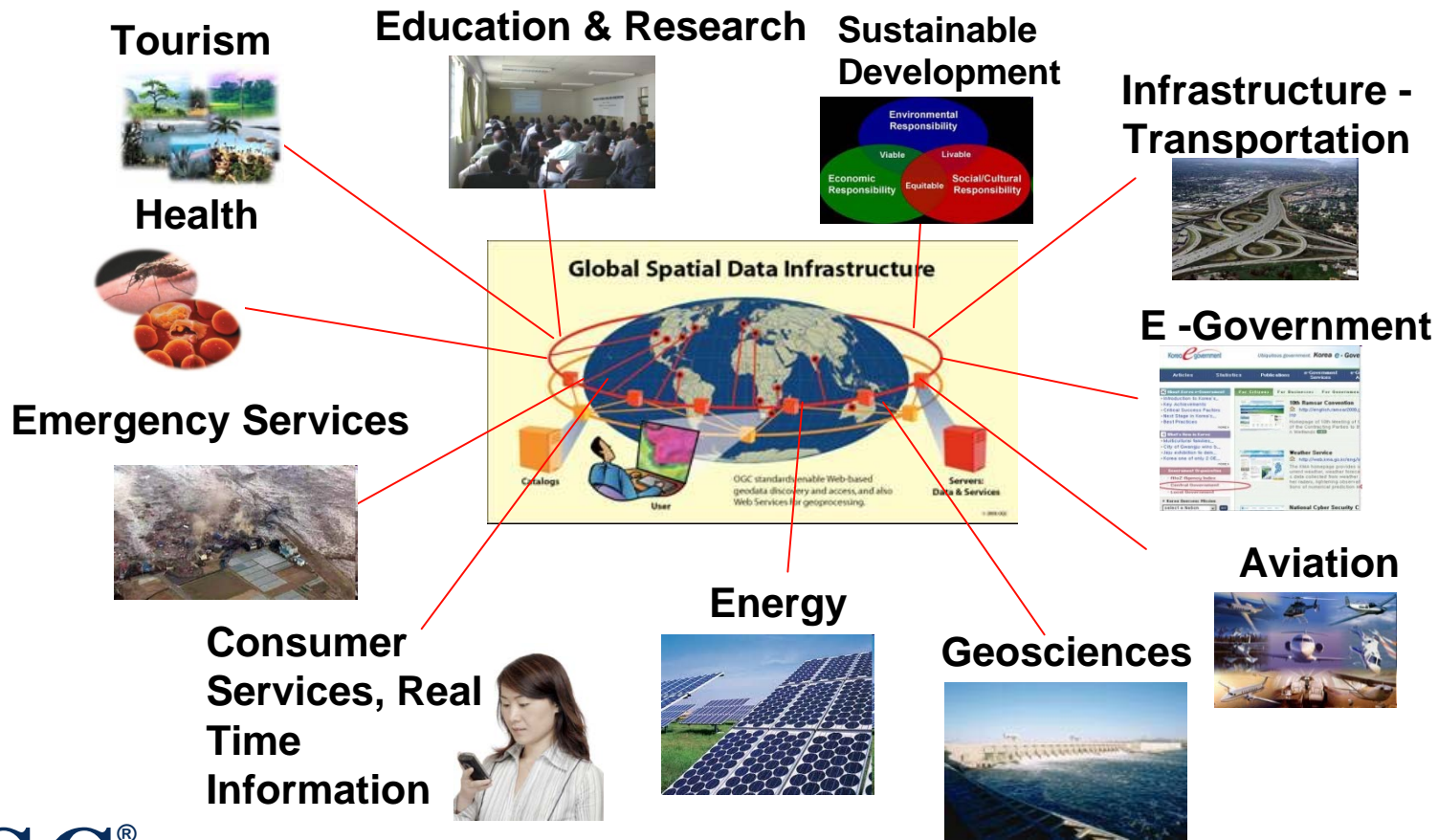
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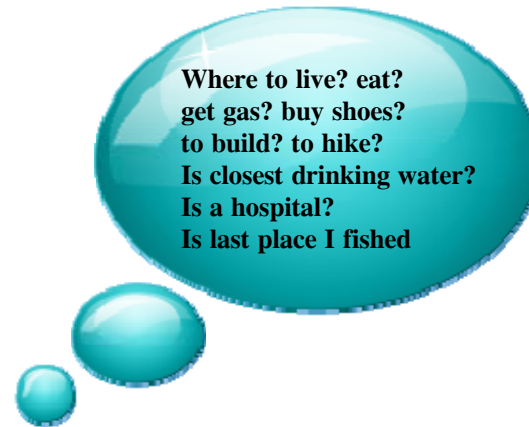
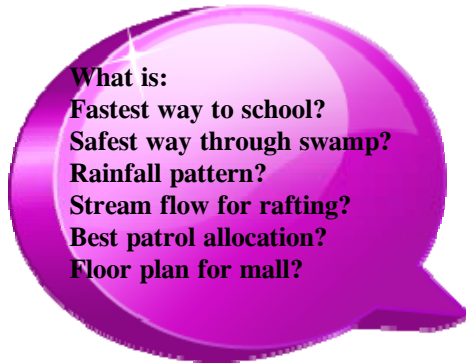
Everything we do, every event happens somewhere, sometime!



Premise



Every decision we make has a location
(geographic) element



Fact – We face challenges that require access to geospatial data and services on a scale never seen before: Extreme Weather / Climate Change



Oxfam East Africa at <http://flickr.com/photos/46434833@N05/5933226731>

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Source: [VirtualSteve](#) at the [English language Wikipedia](#)

Variety - Sensors



Variety – Systems



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Internet of Things



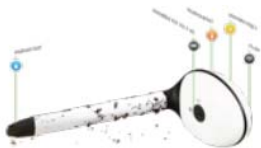
- “In 2008, the number of devices connected to the Internet exceeded the number of people on Earth. By 2020, there will be 50 billion devices connected” - [CISCO](#)



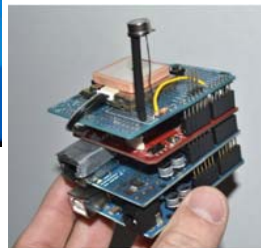
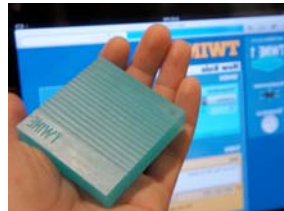
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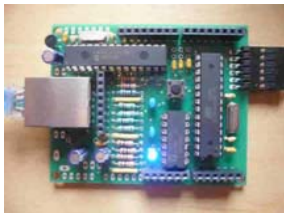
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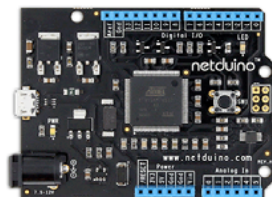
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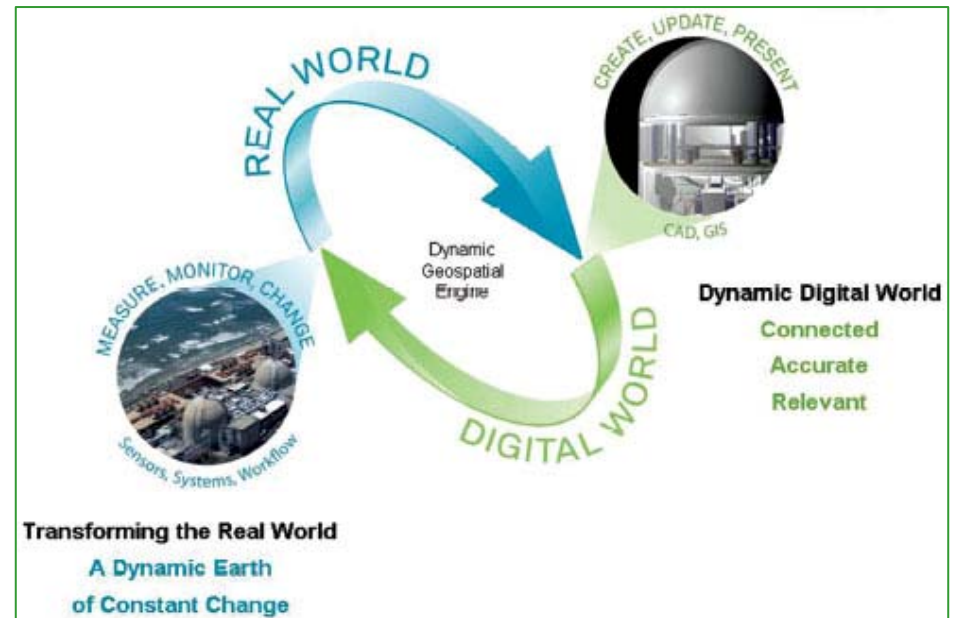
52North SenseBox



Nanode

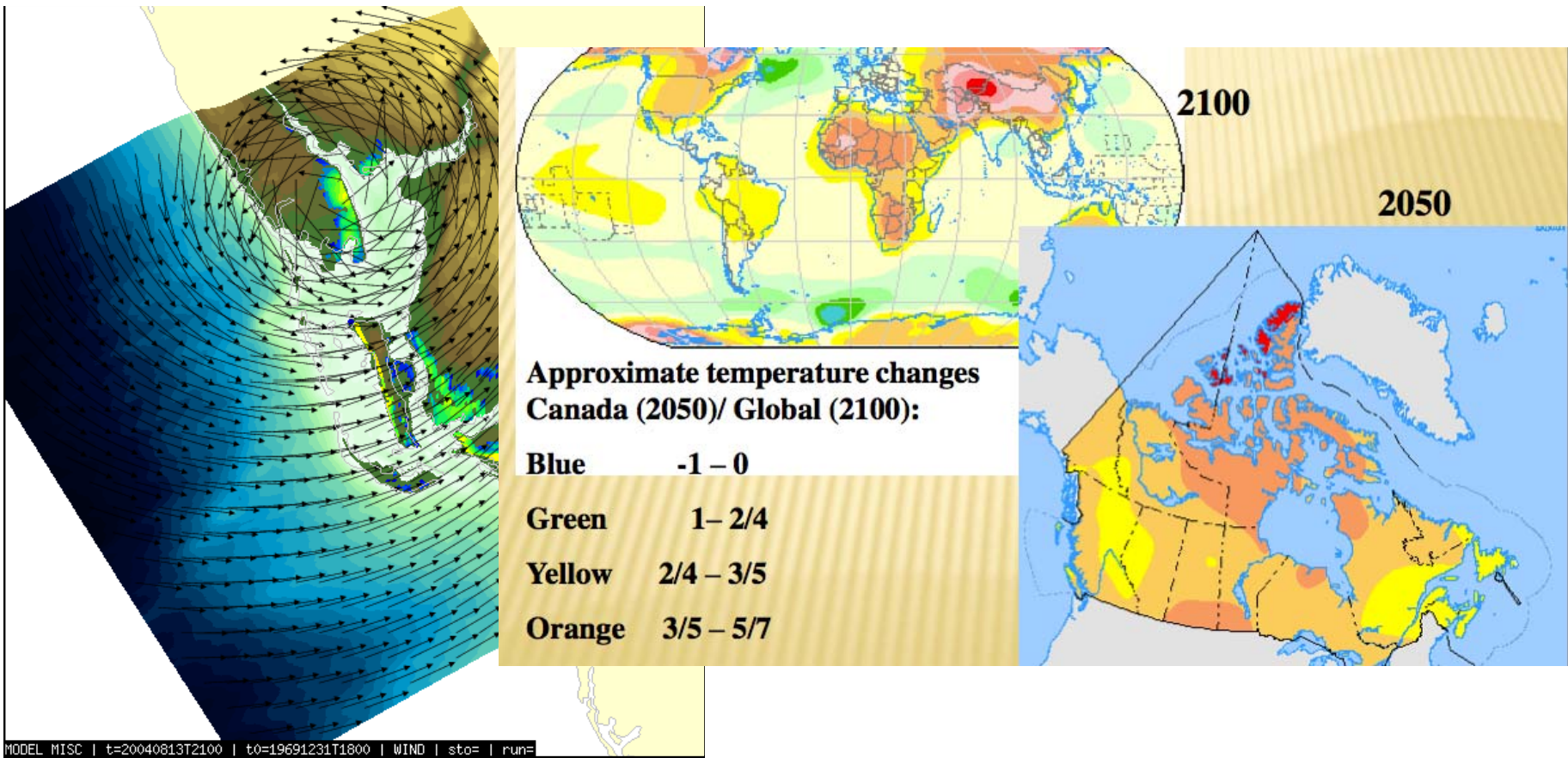


Netduino



"Redefining the language of geospatial industry"
 Ola Rollen, President and CEO, Hexagon AB.

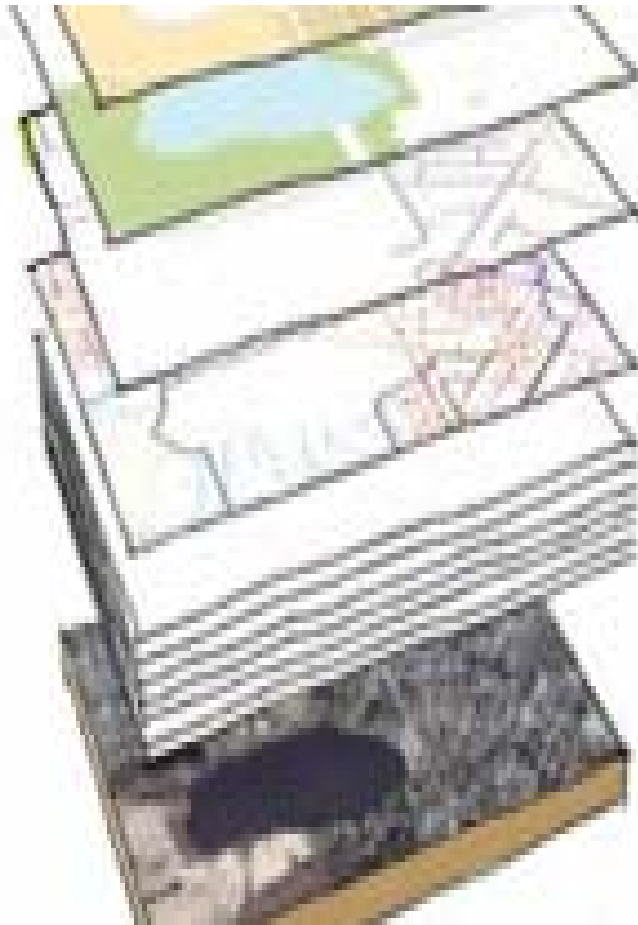
Variety - Models



Short Term

Long Term

Geospatial Integration



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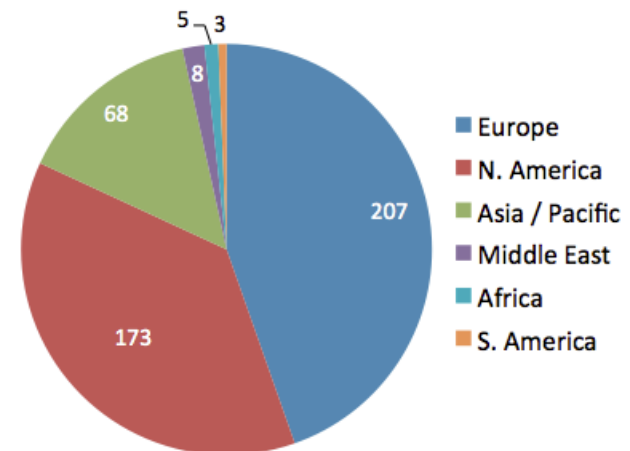
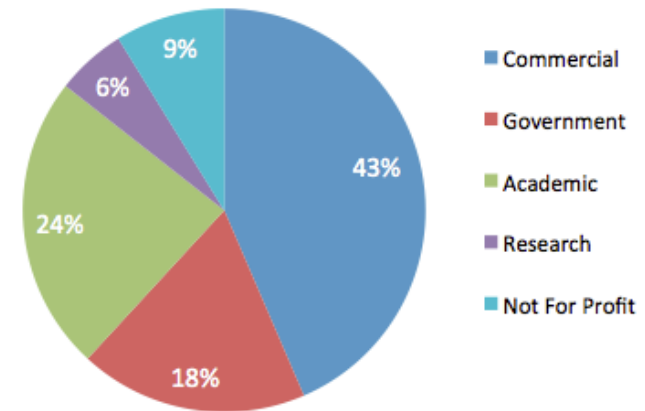


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What is OGC?



- A Voluntary Consensus Standards Organization, founded in 1994.
- 480+ members
- 38 adopted standards
- Hundreds of product implementations
- Broad user community implementation worldwide
- Alliance partnerships with 30+ standards & professional orgs



Example Industry Members



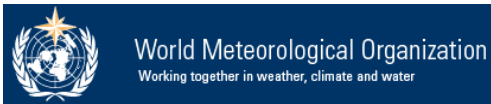
Example Government Organizations



- DOD Australia
- Geoscience Australia
- Eurocontrol
- European Environment Agency
- European Satellite Centre
- European Space Agency
- EU Joint Research Centre
- UK MOD
- UK MET
- METEO France
- BRGM (France)
- Ordnance Survey (UK)
- State Land Agencies (Germany)
- Ministry of Land Transport & Maritime Affairs (MLTM)
- GIS Center for Security (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
Abu Dhabi Systems & Info. Center
- Dubai Municipality
- Arizona Geological Survey
- US DHS
- US EPA
- US FAA
- US NASA
- USGS / FGDC
- US NGA
- US NOAA
- Dept. of Land Conservation and Development (Oregon, USA)
- City of Vienna (Austria)
- Oakridge National Lab
- Natural Resources Canada
- Quebec Dept. of Natural Resources (Canada)
- Dept. Science & Technology (India)
- Landgate (Western Australia)
- Dept of Environment & Resource Mgt (Queensland, Australia)
- Wupperverband (NRW, Germany)

OGC Alliance Partners

A Critical Resource for Advancing Standards



... and others

www.opengeospatial.org/ogc/alliancepartners

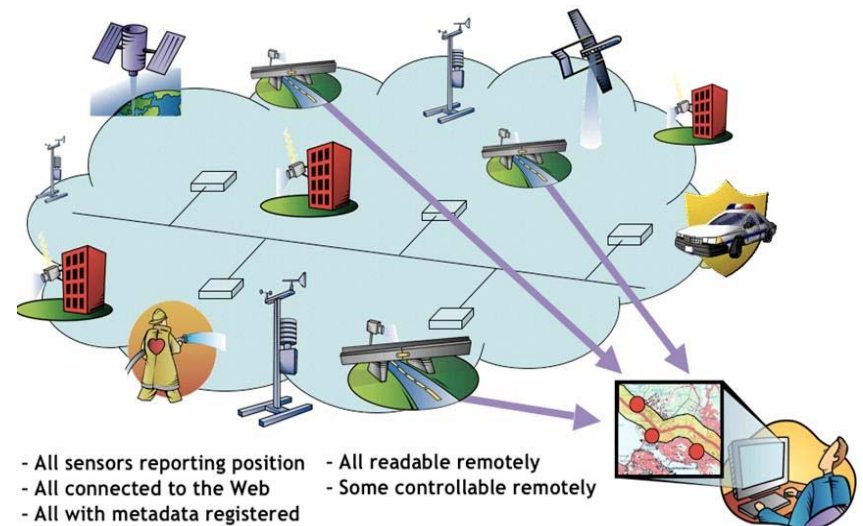
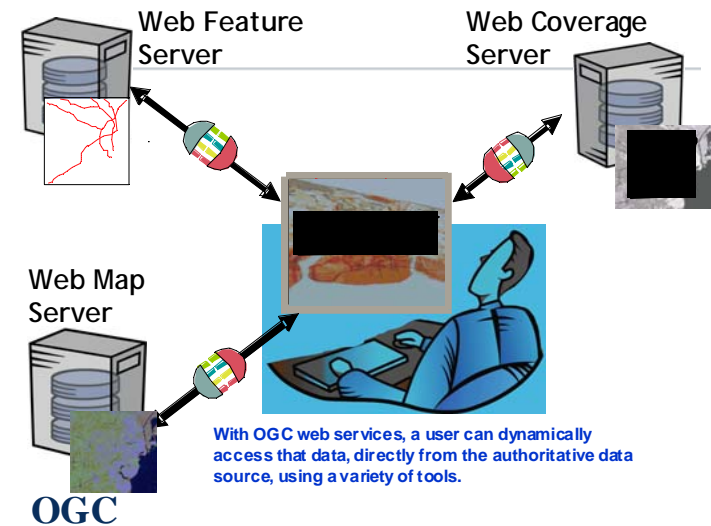


Major OGC Geospatial Standards



Some examples

- Web Map Service (WMS)
- Web Map Tiling Service (WMTS)
- Web Feature Service (WFS)
- Web Coverage Service (WCS)
- Web Processing Service (WPS)
- Catalogue Service for the Web (CSW)
- KML
- Web Map Context (WMC)
- Geography Markup Language (GML)
- Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)
- CityGML
- Open GeoSMS
- GeoSparql
- <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards>

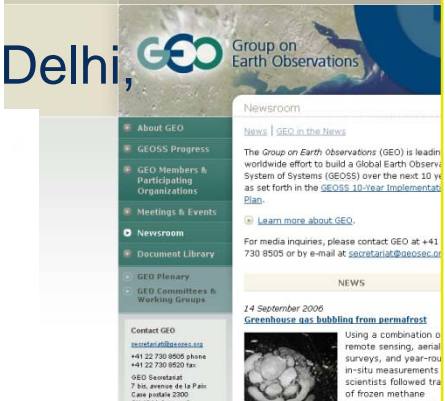
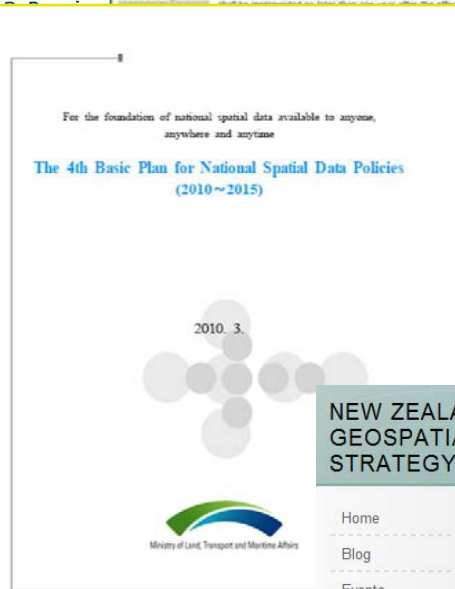
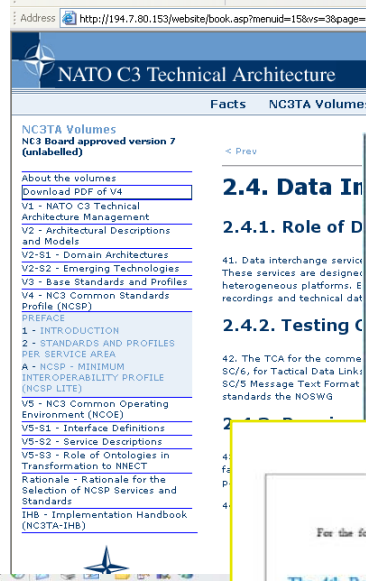
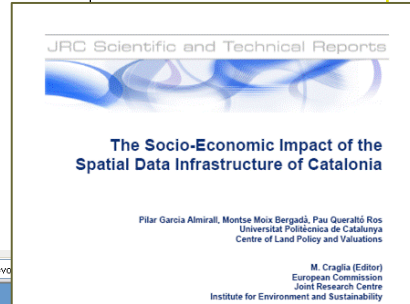
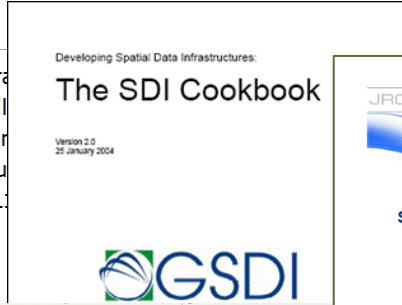


Policy and Guidance Worldwide

FGDC endorses over 60 external standards

The FGDC Steering Committee has officially endorsed over 60 non-Federal standards that play an important role in enabling geospatial interoperability. These include standards from Open Geospatial Consortium; ISO Technical Committee 211/Geomatics; the American National Standards Institute (through the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Committee for Information Technology Standards Technical Committee L2).

- National level policy and legislation
- European INSPIRE Directive
- Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)
- European Space Agency
- Defense and Intelligence
- Sub-national level - Delhi, India



Location: Essential to Address Social, Environmental and Economic Issues



Red Tide



Pandemic Disease Events



Extreme Weather & Climate Change



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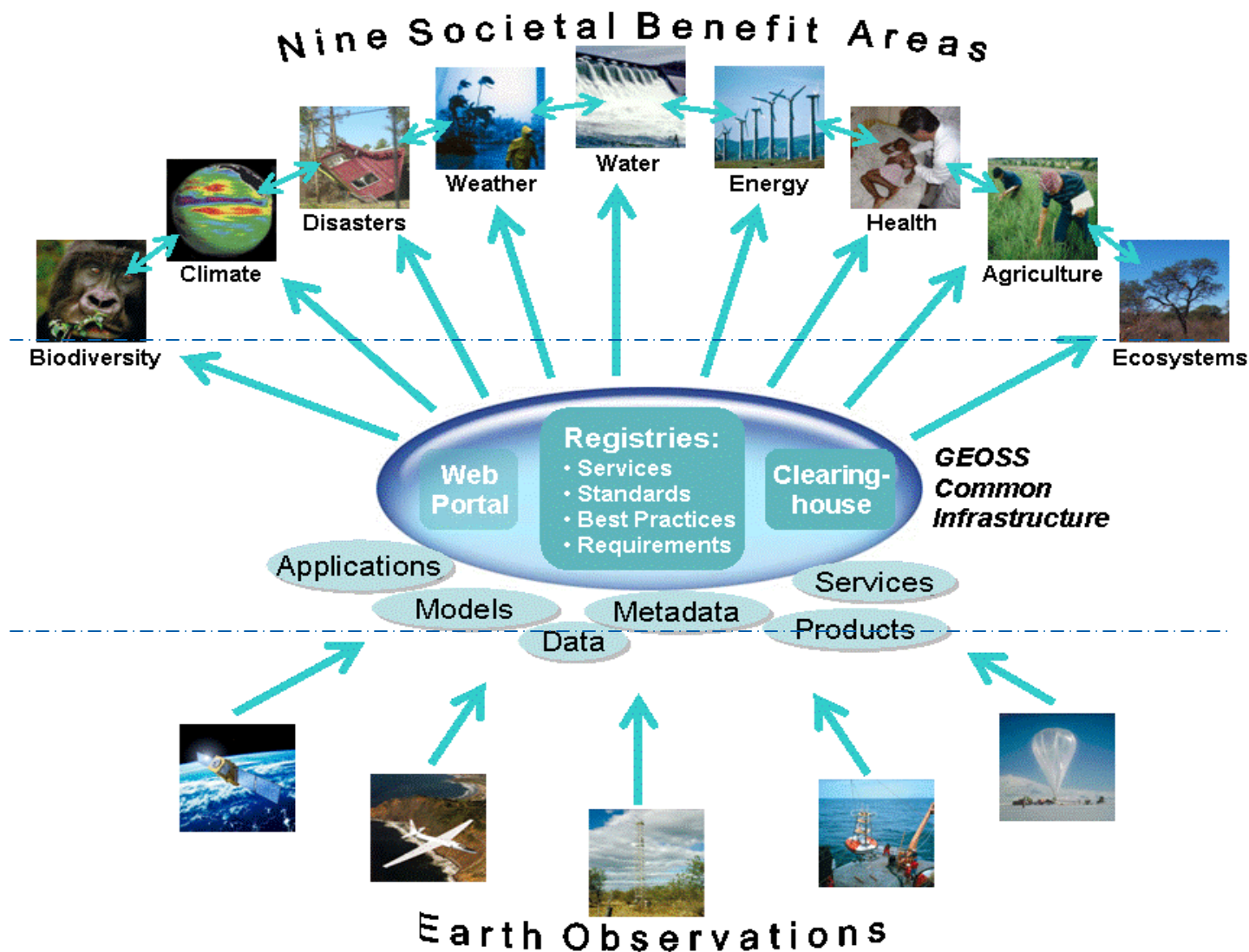
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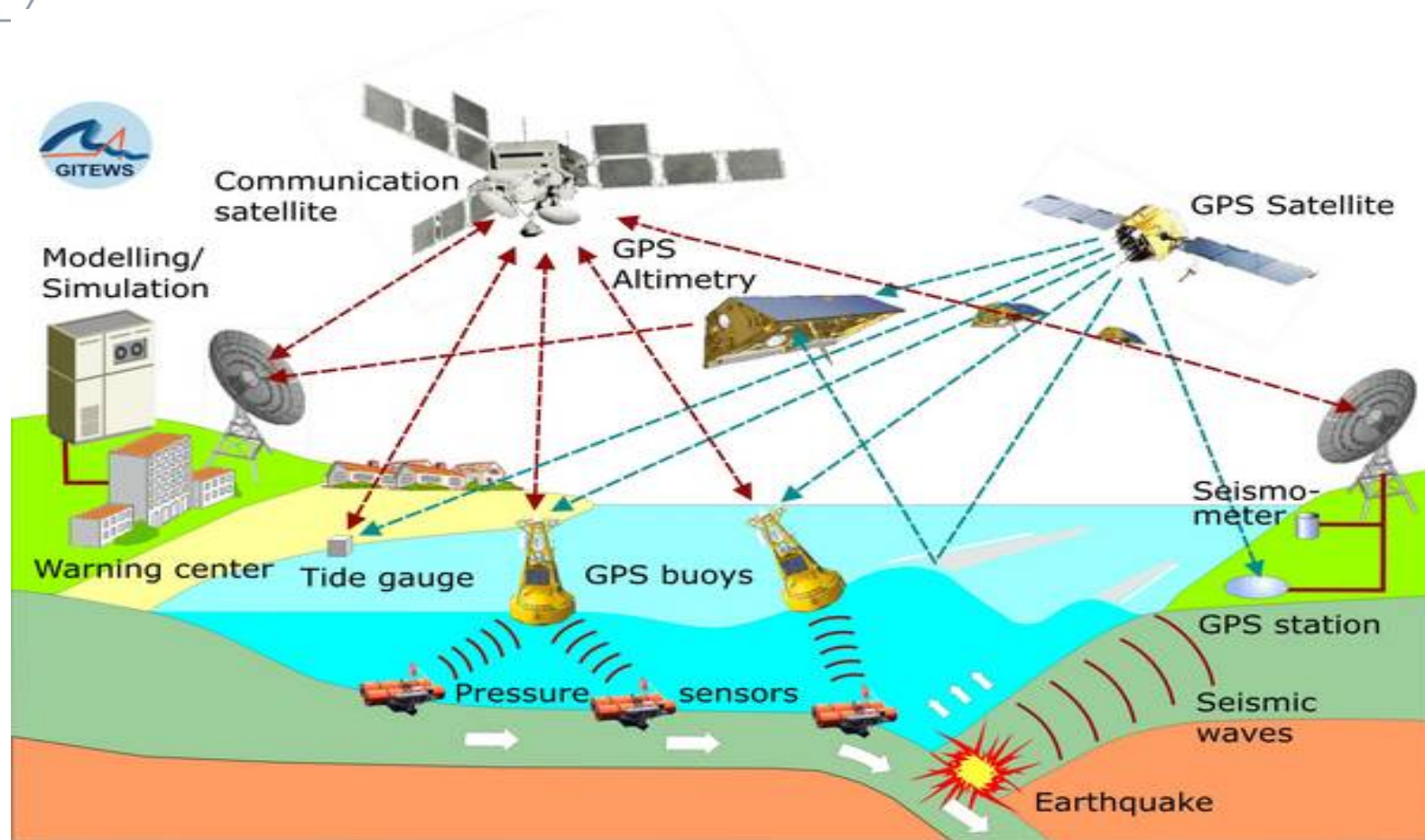


GEOS connects Observations to Decisions



Disaster Management

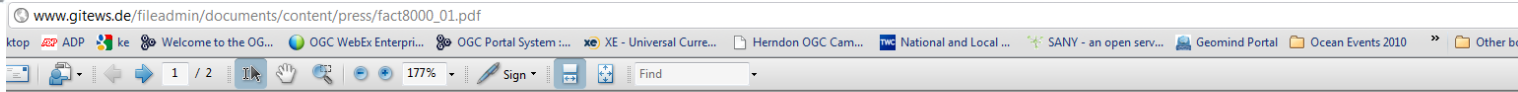
German Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System



Source: www.gitews.org

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System Integration



German Indonesian
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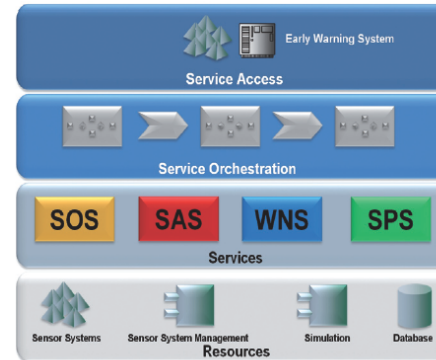
Establishment of a

System Integration

The German Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System GITEWS is a complex system consisting of several sensor types like seismometers, sea level sensors, and GPS land stations, each sensor with its own system behavior and proprietary data structure. To operate a warning chain, beginning from sensor measurements scaling up to warning products, all system components have to interact in a correct way, syntactically and semantically.

Warning systems will evolve over time: New sensor types might be added, old sensors will be replaced and sensor integration as well as decision software will be improved. To keep GITEWS operating under these circumstances its software architecture must be tailored for evolution.

Given these requirements a flexible GITEWS infrastructure is a prereq-



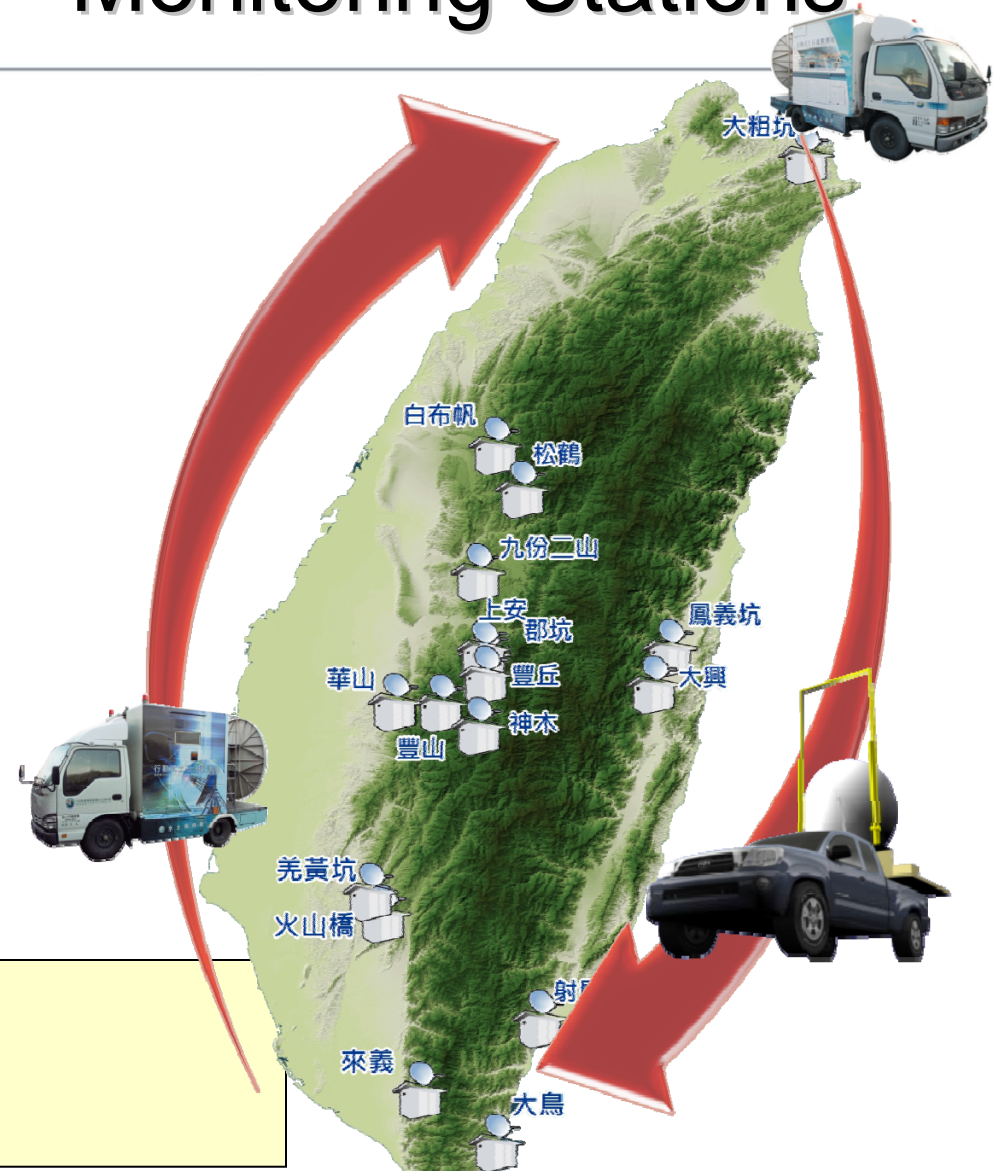
Designing service interfaces great emphasis was laid on conformity to the OpenGIS specification *Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)* by *Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC¹)*.

The benefits of using a flexible SOA architecture together with Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) as the interface standard leads to an open integration platform: Integrating, accessing, and controlling different types of sensors in a standardized and uniform way.

Source: http://www.gitews.de/fileadmin/documents/content/press/fact8000_01.pdf

Monitoring Stations

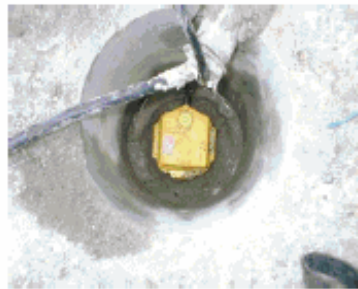
- 01. 白布帆站 (Baibufan Station)
- 02. 九份二山站 (Jiufen-Ershan Station)
- 03. 神木站 (Shenmu Station)
- 04. 上安站 (Shang-an Station)
- 05. 郡坑站 (Jyunkeng Station)
- 06. 豐丘站 (Fongciou Station)
- 07. 大粗坑站 (Dacukeng Station)
- 08. 鳳義坑站 (Fongyikeng Station)
- 09. 射馬干站 (Shemangan Station)
- 10. 華山站 (Huashan Station)
- 11. 大興站 (Dasing Station)
- 12. 豐山站 (Fongshan Station)
- 13. 松鶴站 (Songhe Station)
- 14. 坪頂站 (PingDing Station)
- 15. 蘇樂站 (Suru Station)
- 16. 玉峰站 (Yufong Station)
- 17. 下田埔站 (Shiatainpu Station)
- 18. 羌黃坑站 (Cianghuangkeng Station)
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- 21. 大鳥站 (Daniao Station)



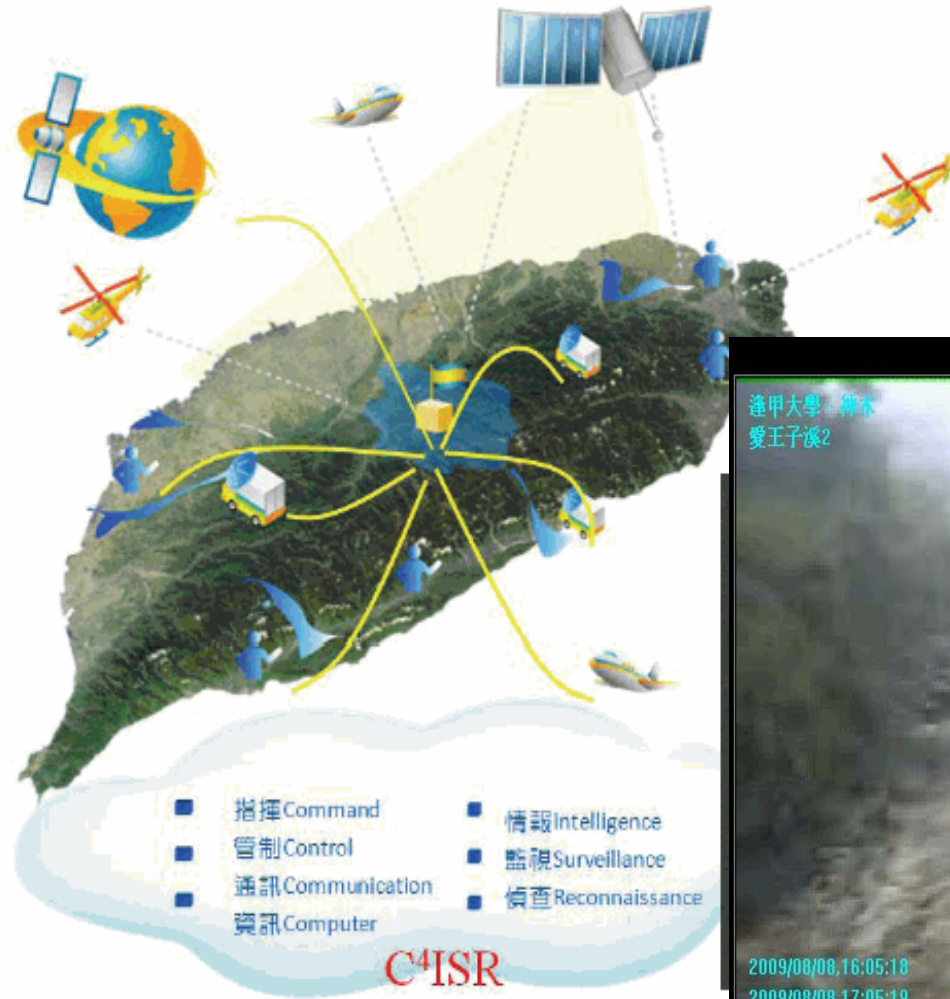
Debris Flow Monitoring Stationx21
 Landslide Monitoring Stationx1
 Sediment Concentration Monitoring Stationx3
 Mobile Debris Flow Monitoring Station x3
 Grid Debris Flow Monitoring Station x14

Debris Flow Monitoring System

rain gauge



geophone





FP7 Theme Environment (including climate change) EO2HEAVEN 02/2010-05/2013



<http://www.eo2heaven.org/>
jointly led by

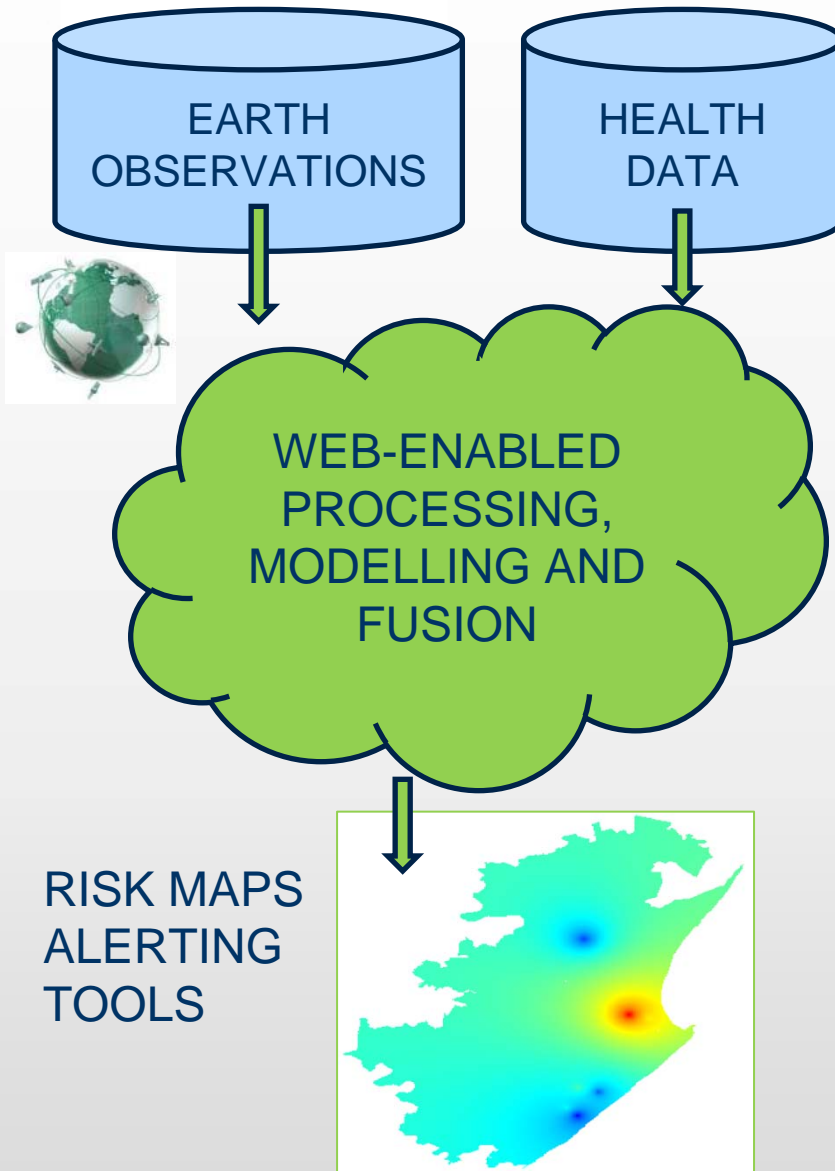


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EC contribution to GEO Societal Benefit Area „Health“

EO2HEAVEN will develop a better understanding of the complex relationships between **environmental factors**, **population exposure**, and **health impacts**



Air Quality and/or Aeroallergens

Image: UKZN



Durban,
Saxony

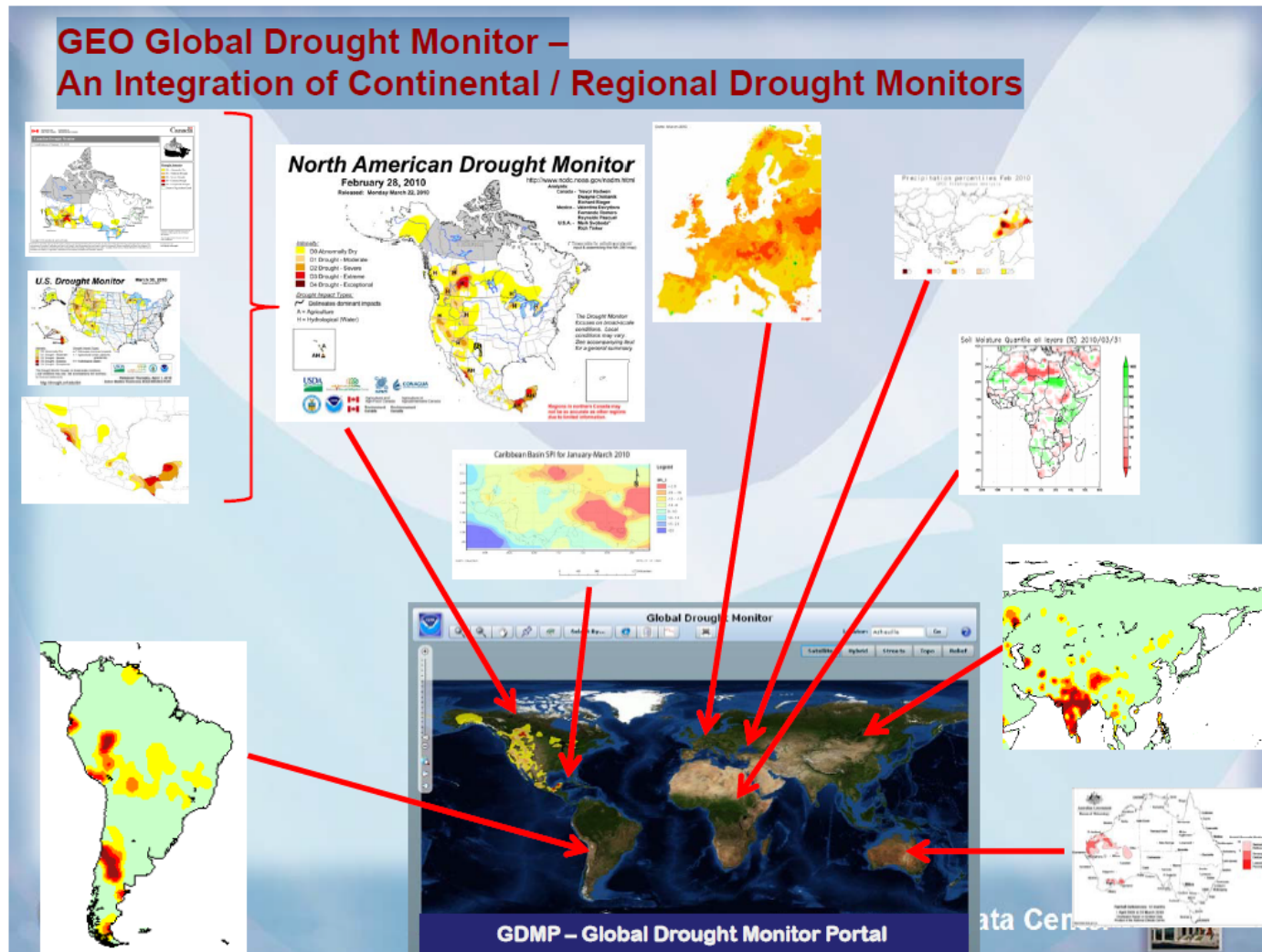
Water borne disease cholera

Image: S. Woodborne, CSIR



Uganda

GEO (GEOSS) Global Drought Monitor – An Integration of Continental / Regional Drought Monitors

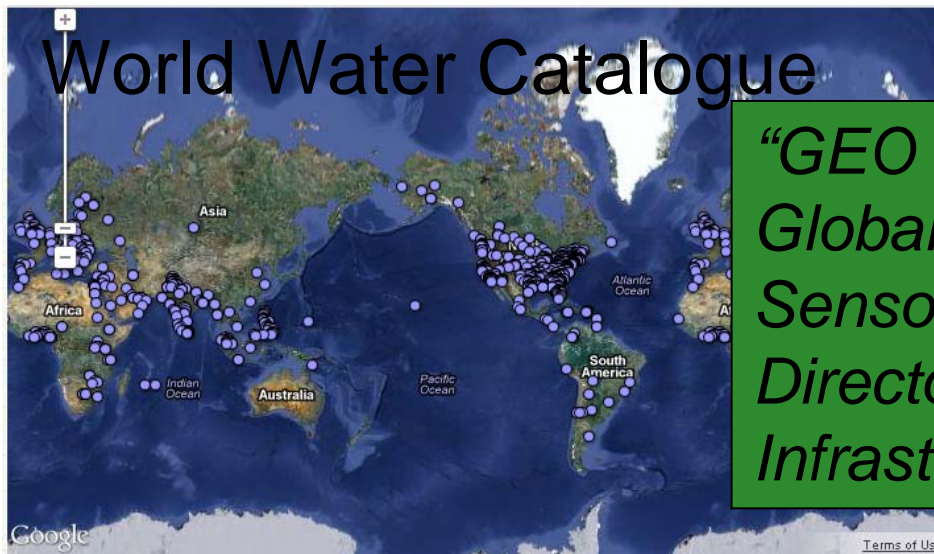


Vision: “World Water Catalogue”

Where are all in-situ sensors in the world (water cycle)?
And related RS products?

Users: Find all stations.

Many Providers:



“GEO
Global
Sensor
Directory
Infrastructure”

“GEO
sensor
Standard”

Stations:
Variables:
Precipitation
Evaporation
Soil
Flow

Filter:

- per station type
- per variable
- Per time period

OGC HydroDWG:
SOS2.0
WaterML2
....



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Social Networking User Generated Information / Crowdsourcing



Source: <http://www.usahidi.com/>



Source: Erik (HASH) Hersman. Flickr

- Ushahidi
- InRelief
- OpenStreetMap
- Sahana
- CrisisCommons

Source: www.inrelief.org

Sahana Technology and Features

- Environments
 - Linux, Windows, Portable App
 - VM, LiveCD, LiveUSB
- Translation & Localization
 - Poote, Character sets
 - Right-to-left scripting
- Messaging:
 - SMS, GPRS, e-mail
- GIS & Open Standards:
 - KML, WMS, GeoRSS, WFS
 - EDXL, CAP, JSON, XML
- Mobile Accessibility
 - Android, iPhone, iPad
 - Blackberry, NetBooks, Cellphones

27 May 2010 <http://www.SahanaFoundation.org>

Source: <http://www.sahanafoundation.org>

Source: <http://www.openstreetmap.org>

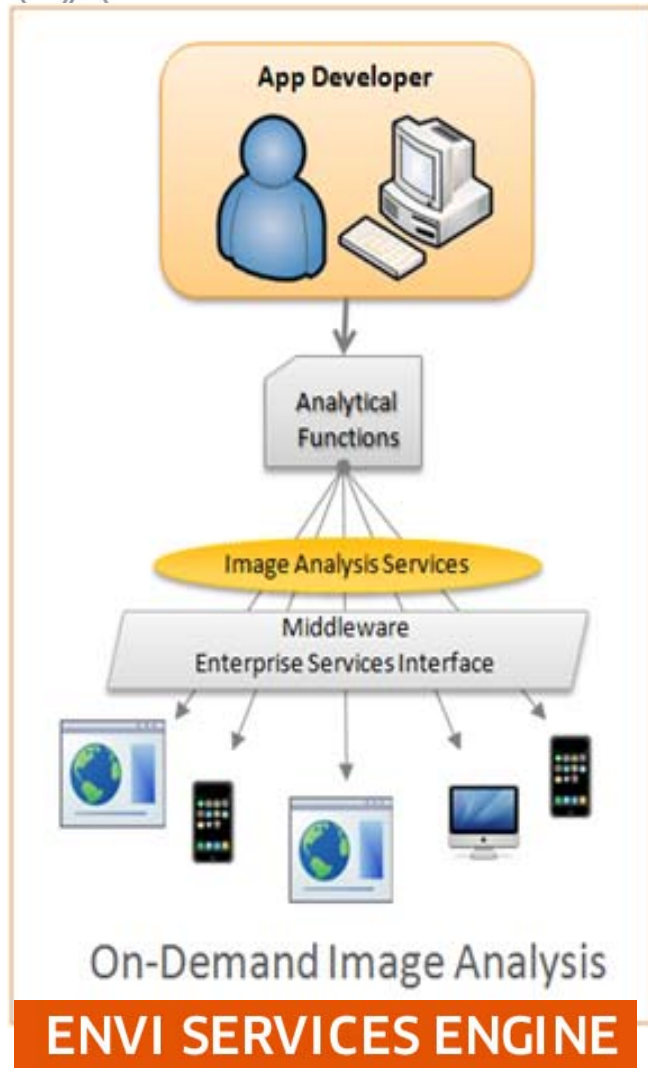
Geospatial Processing



- Geospatial data is a big part of the Big Data problem
 - georeferenced data - an exabyte per day globally.
- Big Data Initiatives:
 - NSF
 - Big Data Public Private Forum (European Commission)
- Shifting standards and interoperability emphasis
 - Geographic analytics
 - Geospatial models
 - Provenance
 - “Move beyond the interface”



Web Processing Services As A Gateway to cloud processing



- As more and more GIS functionality is hurled into the cloud, it is only natural that this technology will move beyond simple search and discovery of data onto more advanced geo-processing capabilities.
- Web Processing Service (WPS), and Web Coverage Processing Service (WCPS) have moved the industry forward by leaps and bounds, and given GIS developers common ground to stand on when gathering, analyzing, and disseminating information.

Exploring Standards for Cross-Community Interoperability



One GB per mobile user per day by 2020

Applications are driving the network evolution



From: Yrjö Neuvo, Aalto University (Former CTO Nokia)
“Unfogging the Future” Opening speech at Microwave Week Amsterdam 2012



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Exploring Standards for the Mobile Environment

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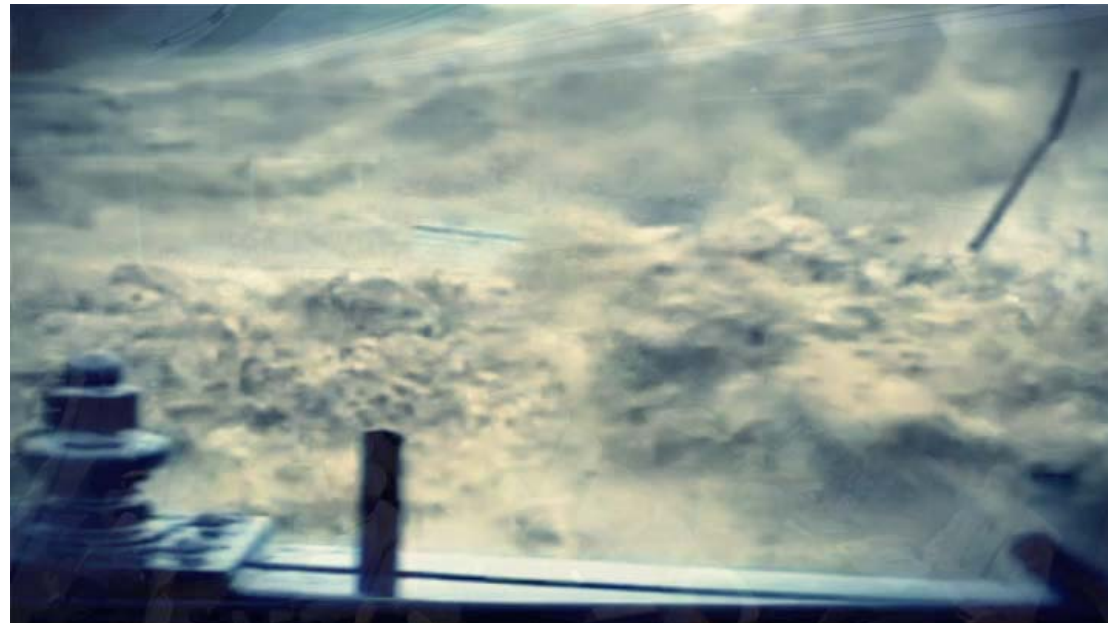


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- **We need to work together**
 - Global problems require leveraging local resources
- **We need to strengthen collaborations**
 - Resulting in improved use of resources
- **Interoperability is not just about data and Information Systems**
 - It's really about the coordination of organizational behavior



Questions?



- **More information**

<http://www.opengeospatial.org>

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