LVM GEO Data Cube for Earth Observation Data

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EO challenges

Open Data Cube - ODC

Datacube capabilities and products



EO data challenges

1. Too large to be downloaded locally for analysis

2. Organized in granules – complicated to manage and analyze

3. Proper connections between data, applications and users

Traditional remote sensing process





LVM and remote-sensing data



Similatiries in GIS history and EO data management

Big Earth Observation data: the 10's: reminds of isolated GIS - strong systems but a certain problem in one system it is *practically* impossible to try to solve it in another system too

Open EO Interface: the 20's :

a client and back-end neutral set of API's for both sides a driver for each back-end that translates the neutral requirements into the platform specific offerings a driver for each client that binds the interfaces to the particular front-end such as R or python





Pebesma E. et al. 2016 r-spatial.org

Open Data Cube - ODC



Catalogue large amounts of EO data



Provide a Python based API for high performance querying and data access



Give scientists and other users easy ability to perform Exploratory Data Analysis



Allow scalable continent scale processing of the stored data



Track the provenance of all the contained data to allow for quality control and updates

Sudmanns M. et al. 2022

Implementations in more than 100 countries 22 operational cubes in 2022

ODC general architecture and software



ODC implementation in LVM GEO

1. LVM announced a technology acceleration program Silvatech in 2021

2. We used the in-house opportunity to explore the ODC implementation process

3. After the Silvatech in 2022, the ODC was set up on dedicated virtual work-station







First steps towards products





Summer season geomedians



LVM GEO

Geomedian concept



Adapted from DE Africa





Regional Scale

Summer months geomedian observations







Explore the Data Cube

Index the new data into the data cube

Available tools to explore metadata

Increased provenance and management up to individual input scenes and datasets





Added analysis capabilities



- Enables further analysis with simple and more sophisticated approaches
- Simple example:
 - Connect and load product
 - Calculate index
 - Define classes
 - Convert/export the data
- Relatively general product can be useful to multiple LVM business directions

Forest damage





Quarry monitoring

Young forest stands





Forest road development

Sentinel-2 cloudless mosaic

- Recent mosaic over Baltic region
- ODC tools enable to:
 - query data (time period, area, clouds 10%)
 - perform image analysis
 - stacking
 - mosaic generation
 - COG export
 - matadata



Conclusions

1. Powerful software

2. Steep learning curve

3. Recommended to join the community - Slack, GIS Stack Exchange

4. Intention to continue the LVM Geo data cube development to manage planned EO related projects







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