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Solving the Interoperability and Standardization Gaps

Collective problem solving with geospatial

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It's 2021



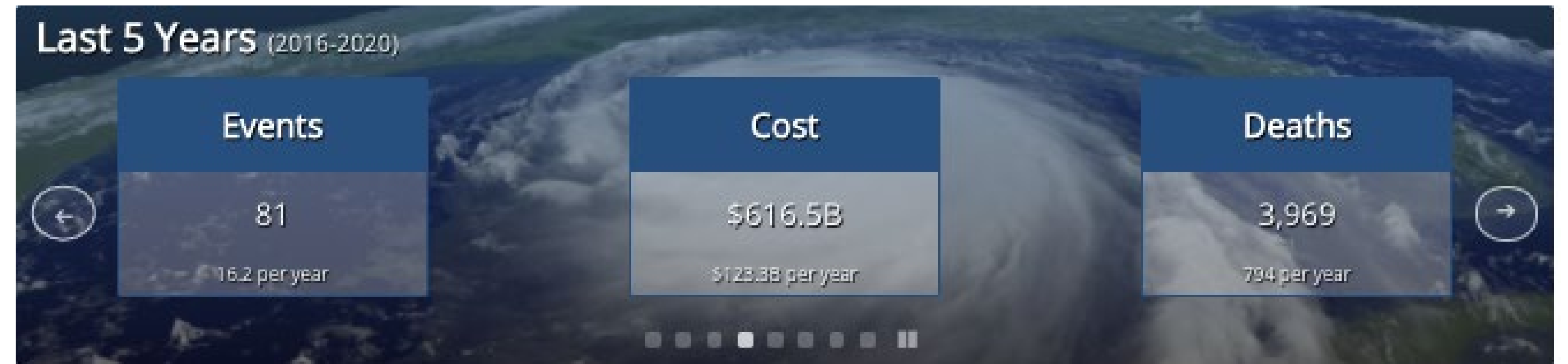
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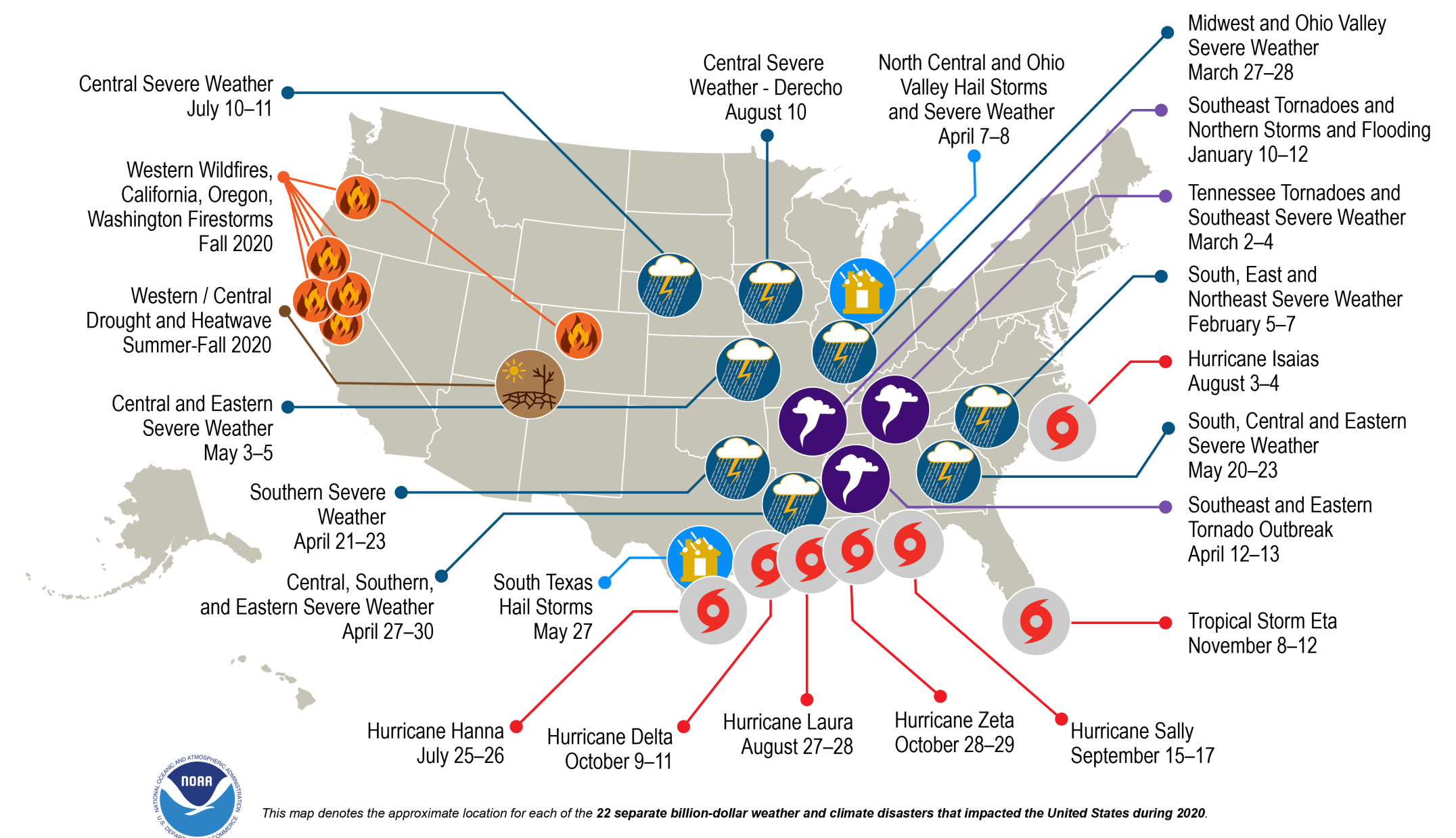


Flash floods caught many communities in Germany, including the town of Insul, by surprise, leading to at least 165 deaths. AP PHOTO/MICHAEL PROBST

Four days before deadly floods swept through western Germany and parts of Belgium last week, Hannah Cloke saw a forecast of extreme rain on a Europe-wide flood alert system to which she belongs. Researchers "were stupidly congratulating ourselves that we were forecasting something so early. ... The assumption was that would be really helpful," says the hydrologist and flood forecaster at the University of Reading. Instead, she was stunned to see scenes of devastation and death despite the ample warnings. "We



U.S. 2020 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



2020 sets the new annual record of 22 events - shattering the previous annual record of 16 events that occurred in 2011 and 2017. 2020 is the sixth consecutive year (2015-2020) in which 10 or more billion-dollar weather and climate disaster events have impacted the United States. Over the last 41 years (1980-2020), the years with 10 or more separate billion-dollar disaster events include 1998, 2008, 2011-2013, and 2015-2020.

Here on Earth

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Summary of a white paper prepared for the Geospatial Information & Technology Association by Geoff Zeiss and Dr. Sakura Shinoaki

Over the past two decades in the U.S. there have been over 400 fatalities and nearly 2000 injuries attributed to hitting underground infrastructure during excavations.

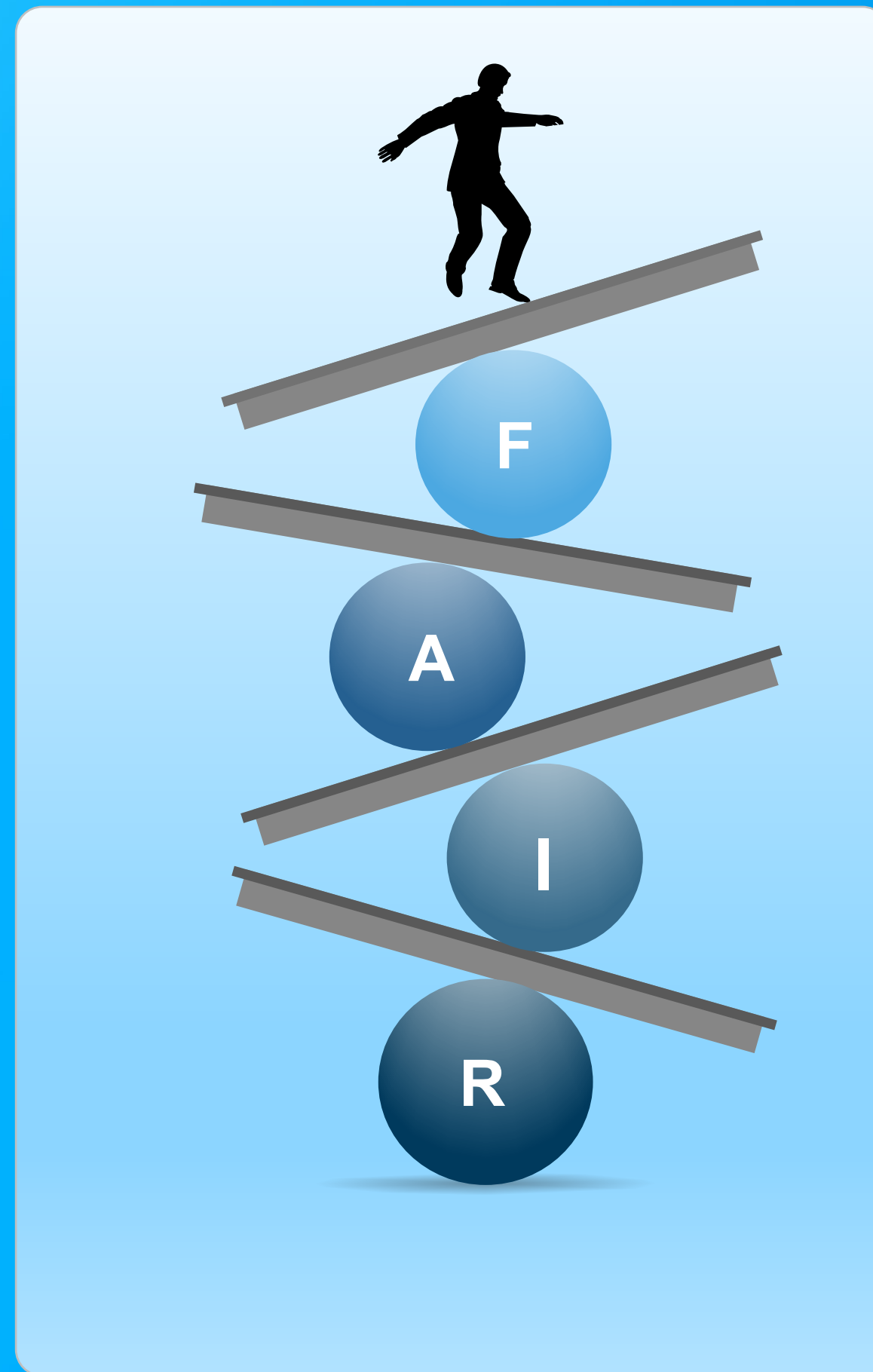
For comparison over the past 20 years in the U.S., there have been about the same number of fatalities (403) resulting from major commercial airline crashes (excluding 9/11). In addition inaccurate and missing information about underground infrastructure increases the risk of construction project schedule and budget overruns. It has been estimated that unreliable location information about underground infrastructure represents a \$50 billion to \$100 billion drag on the U.S. economy, multiple £ billions in the U.K. and € 1 billion in the Netherlands.

Comparing the United States and Japan reveals a startling difference in the number of incidents of underground utility damage during construction. In the U.S. the number of incidents is between 400,000 and 800,000 per year (roughly one or two every minute). For Japan the number of incidents in 2016 was 134. Clearly something can be done to reduce the risk for construction workers and the public.



<https://energycentral.com/c/pip/reducing-damage-underground-utility-infrastructure-during-excavation-costs>

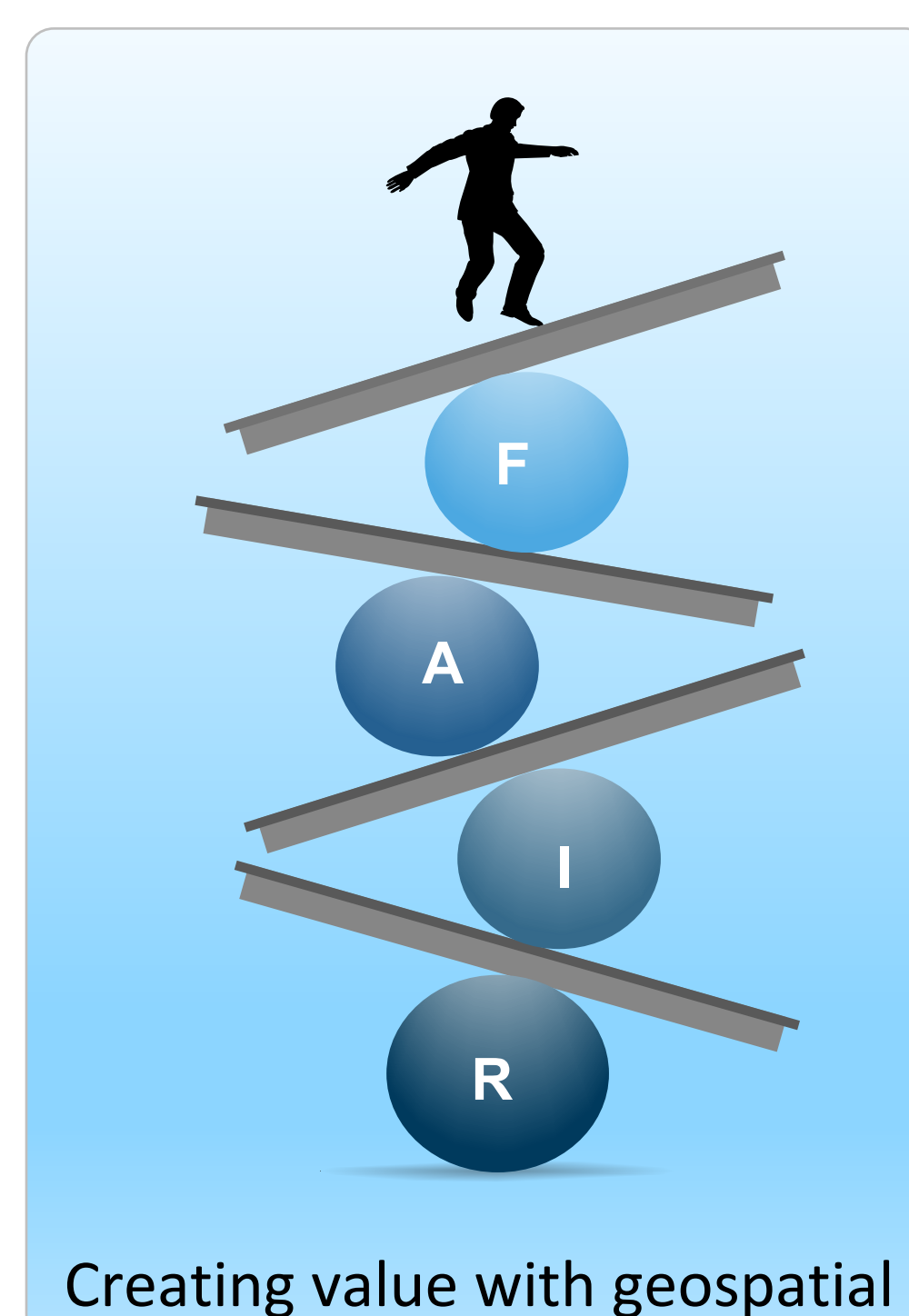
Why?



This is THE time of Geospatial

27 years of community, standards, and impacts

Community: 550+ Members



- Open Standards
- Best Practices
- Proof of Concepts

Deliverables to the world

We need standards on many fronts



Now Available: Engineering Reports documenting method for simple cloud-based EO Applications **OGC**
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New Community Standard Approved: Indoor Mapping Data Format (IMDF) **OGC**
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OGC
Public Comment Requested:
Proposed MUDDI
Standards Working Group
New MUDDI (Model for Underground Data Definition and Integration) SWG seeks to create models, standards, and mappings to fully represent underground infrastructure



Towards a
Cloud-Native
OGC Part 2:
The Required Standards



OGC APIs | Building Blocks
for Location



Public Comment Requested on Proposal for Revision to I3S Community Standard **OGC**
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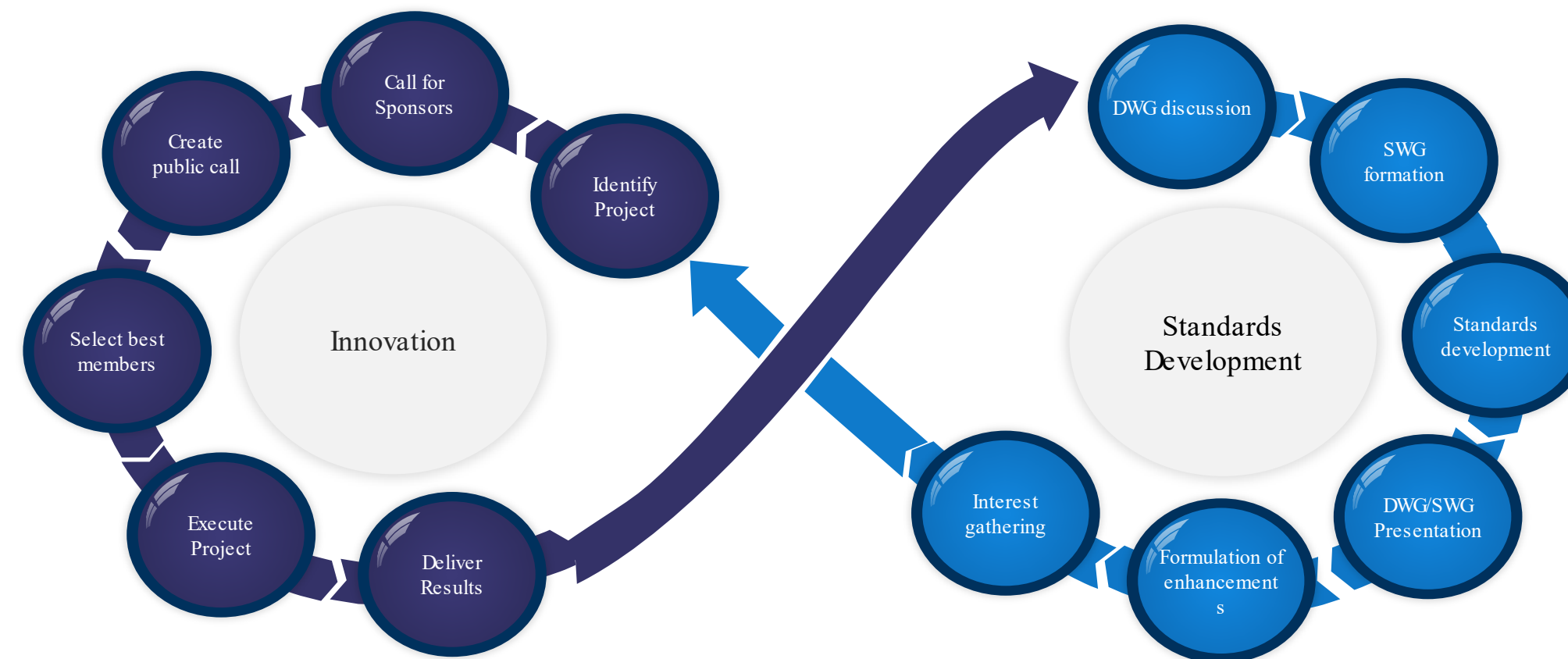
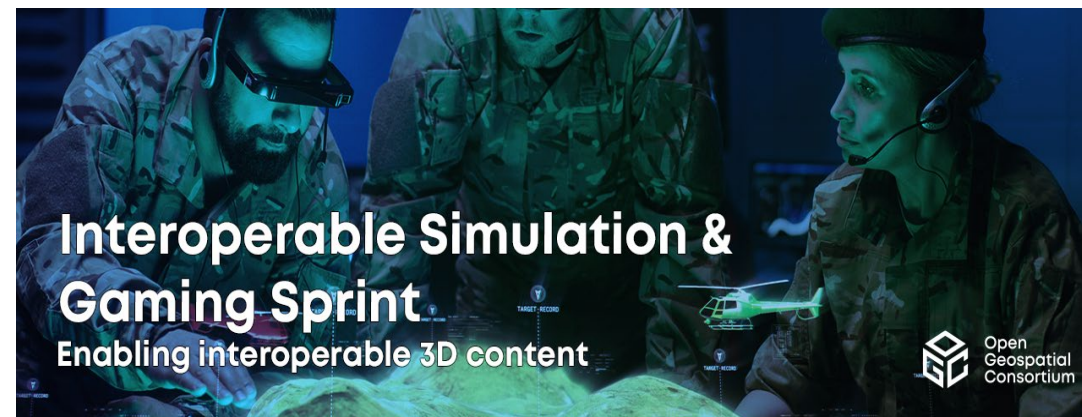
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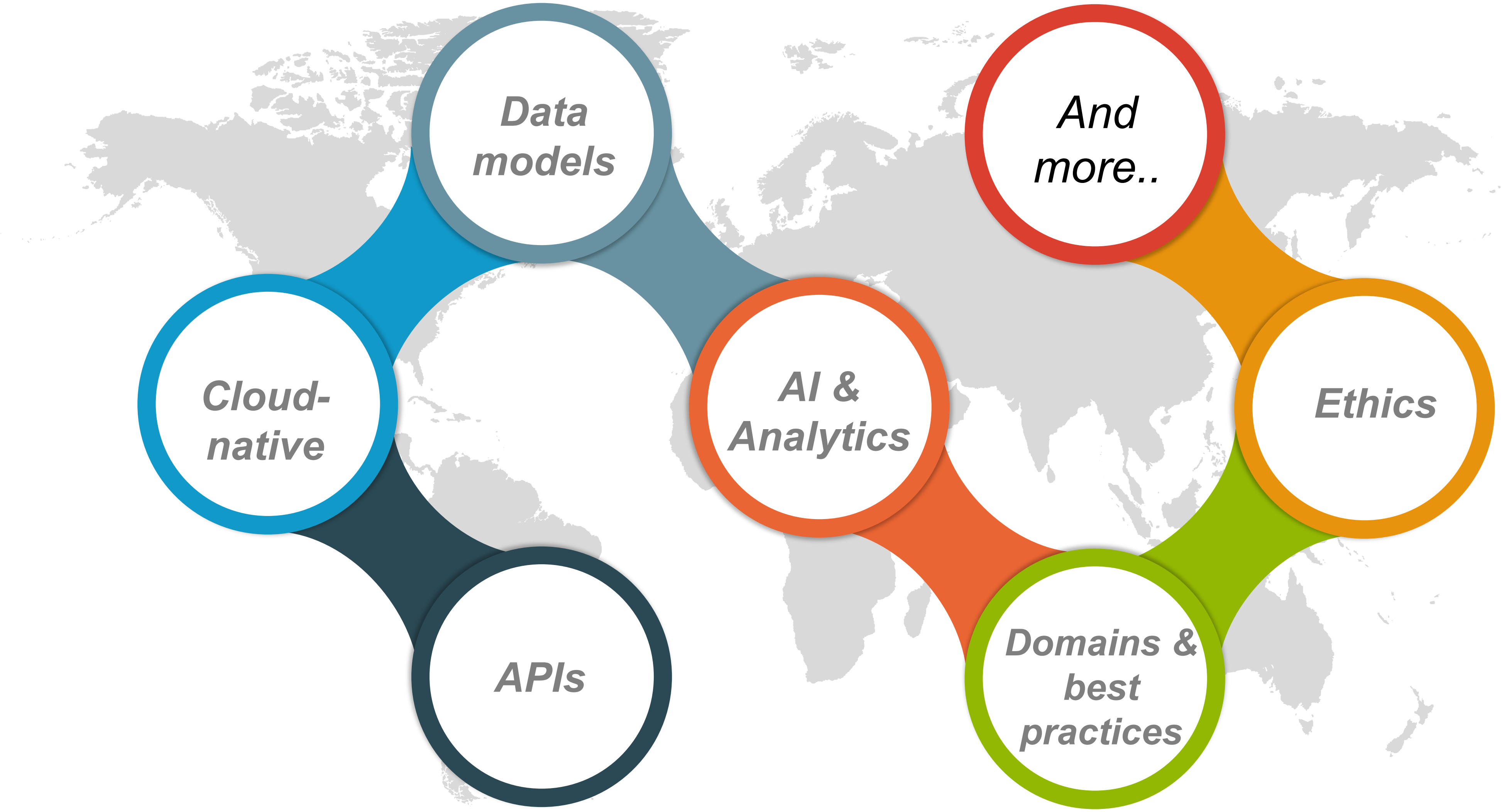
We need to collaborate on experimentation



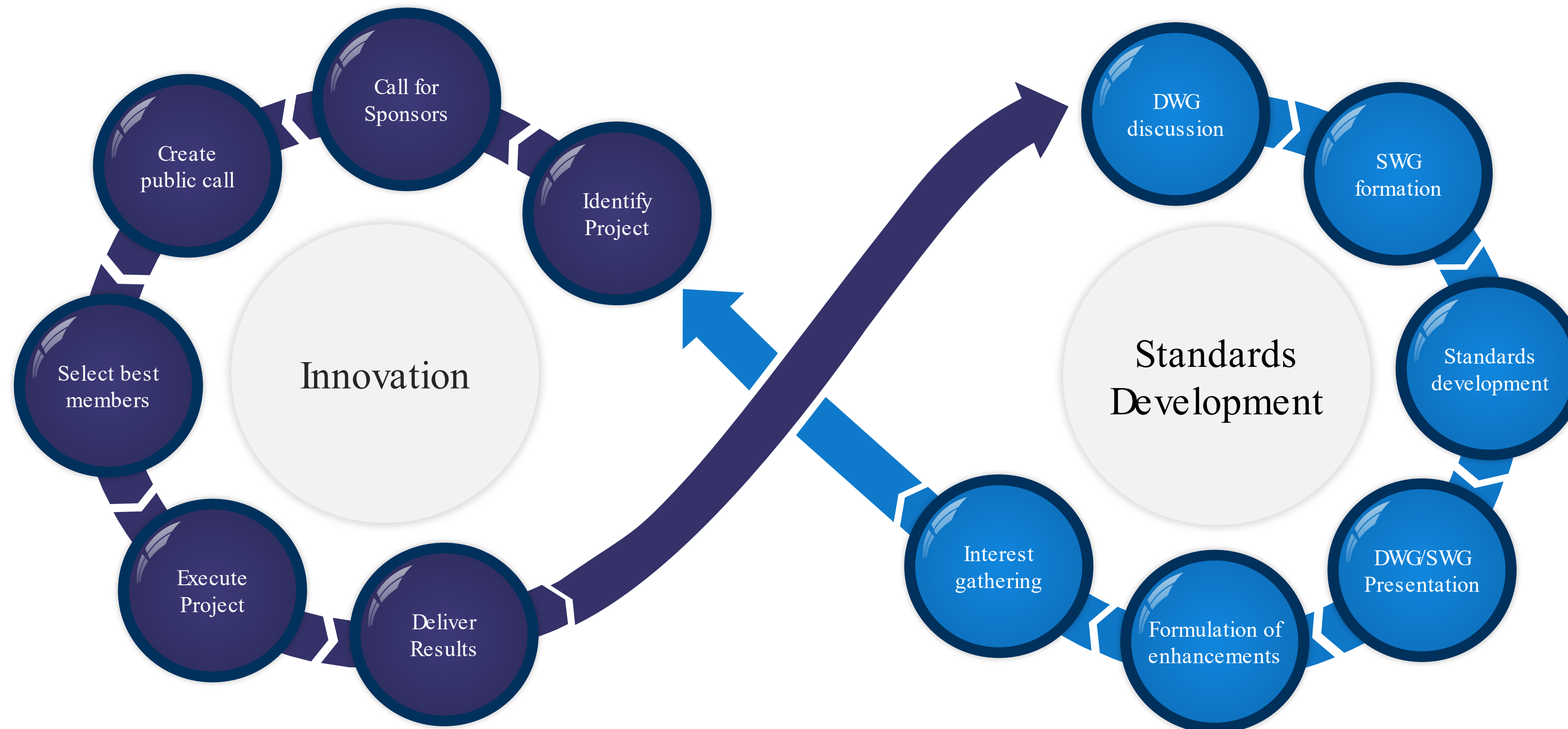
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**There's such opportunity to do
good with geodata**

We have much work ahead of us



How can you engage?



- **Participate an Innovation Initiative**

- Testbed 18
- Integrated Digital Built Environment Pilot
- Climate Change Pilot
- Disasters and Health Spatial Data Infrastructure

- **Drive standards development and adoption**

- OGC APIs – geospatial for everyone
- Models (underground, city, indoor, etc) – powering smart cities & the metaverse
- Space standards – from tasking to data cubes to analysis to trusted AI and decision-ready information

GOAL – Common Architecture



EOEPCA

EARTH OBSERVATION EXPLOITATION PLATFORMS

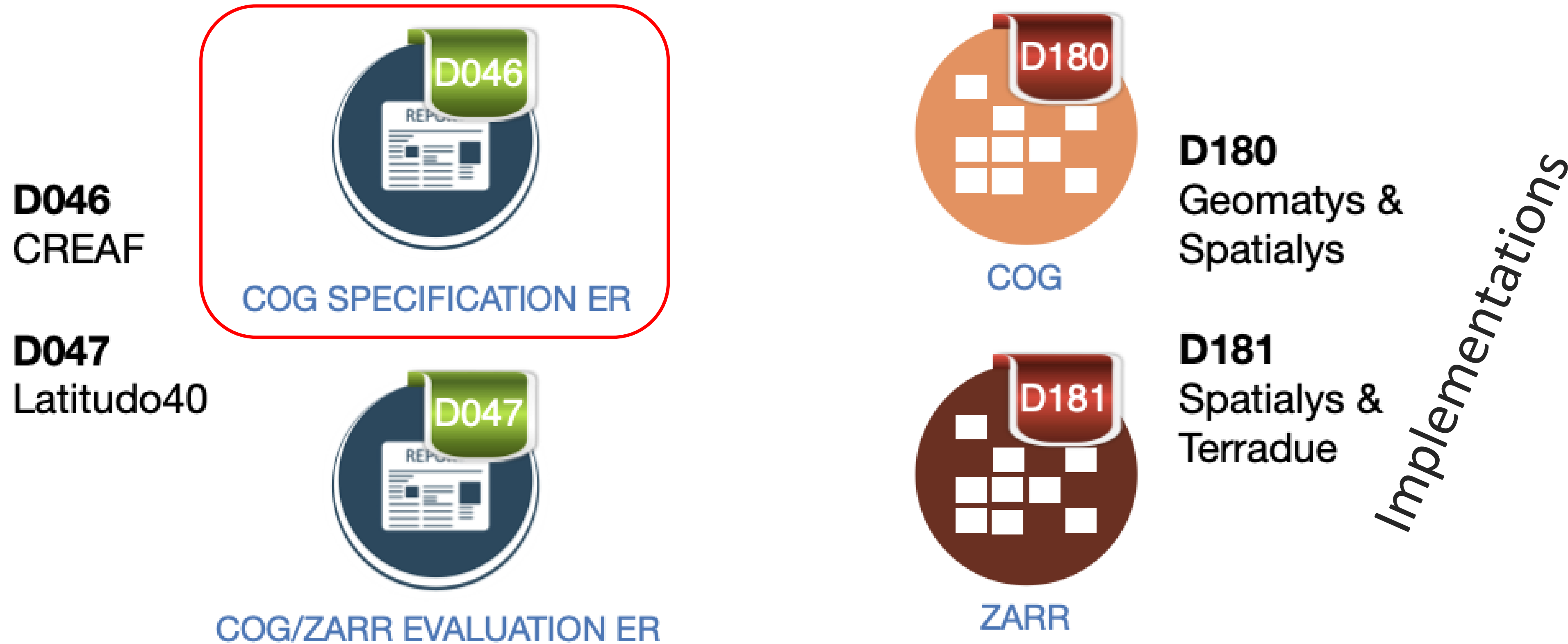
COMMON ARCHITECTURE

The goal of the Common Architecture is to define and agree a **re-usable exploitation platform architecture** by identifying a set of common building blocks that provide their services through open interfaces

To encourage federation of EPs through an open consensus-based architecture for EPs in the Network of Resources

To provide an **open-source Reference Implementation** of the architecture

COG/Zarr activity in Testbed 17



COG/Zarr	D046 COG Specification ER	CREAF
COG/Zarr	D047 COG/ZARR Evaluation ER	Latitudo40
COG/Zarr	D180 COG Implementation	Geomatys
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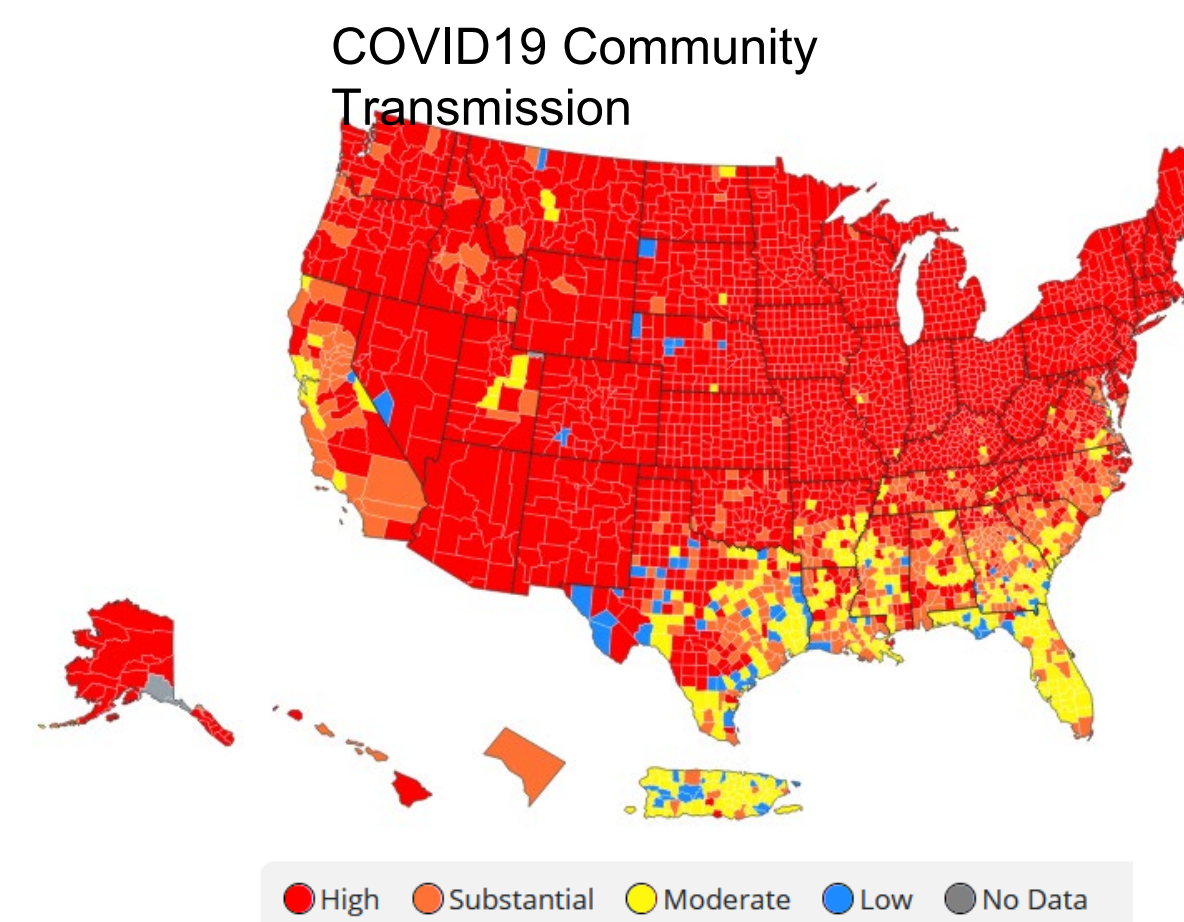
OGC Disaster Pilot 2021

- Goal: Develop standards-based services to support rapid decision making through the full life-cycle of disaster management for multiple hazards
- Capabilities and practices being advanced:
 - **Rapidly integrate, process and transform** EO and other data streams for rapid application in DRR
 - **Analysis Ready Data (ARD) and Decision Ready Information (DRI) services** – integrating space-based and local data on demand, providing targeted information products for responders
 - Open API's - Optimized Cloud Services
 - Connected and Offline mobile apps
 - **Optimized web search for disasters** – connecting local geography with current observations, conditions and predictions

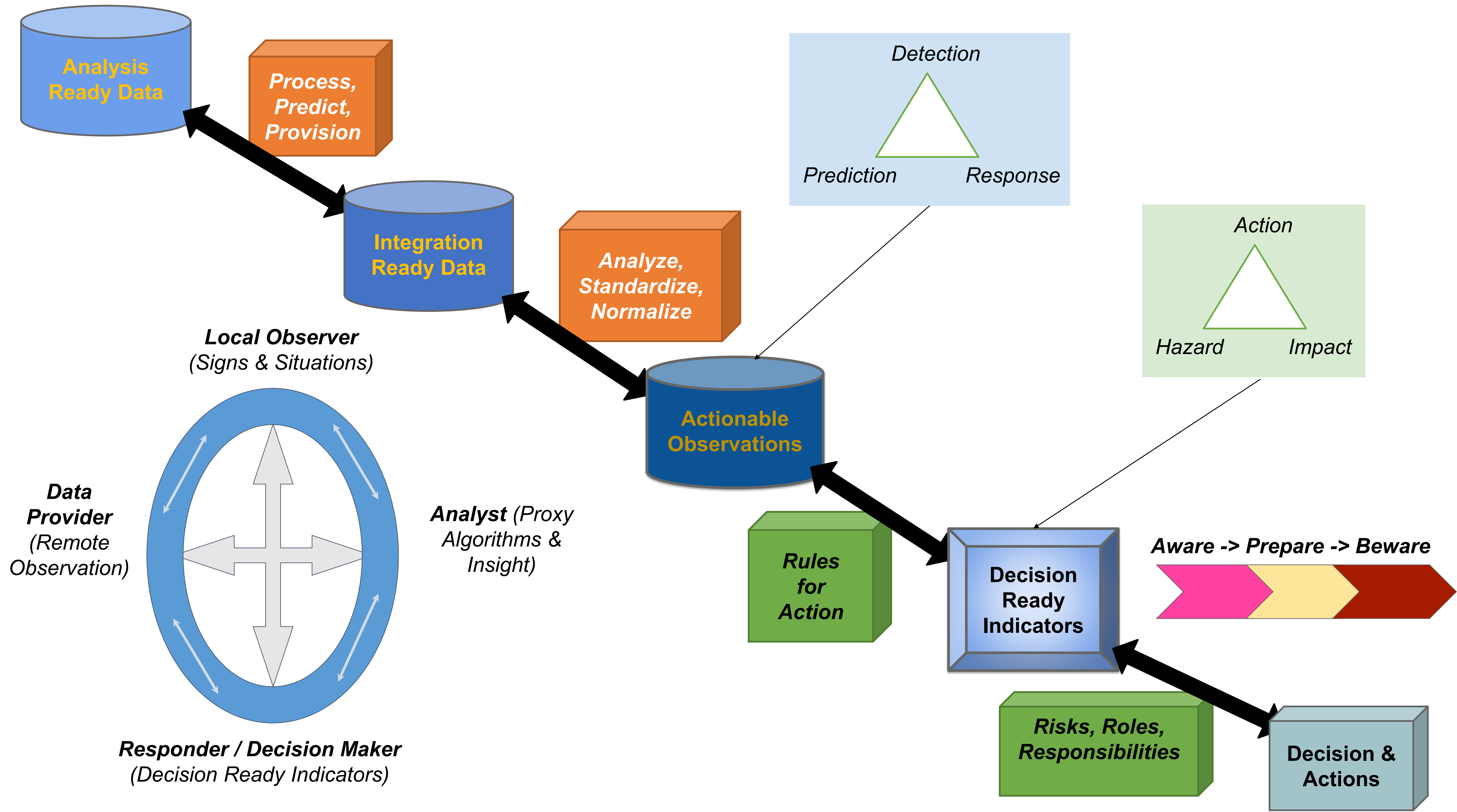
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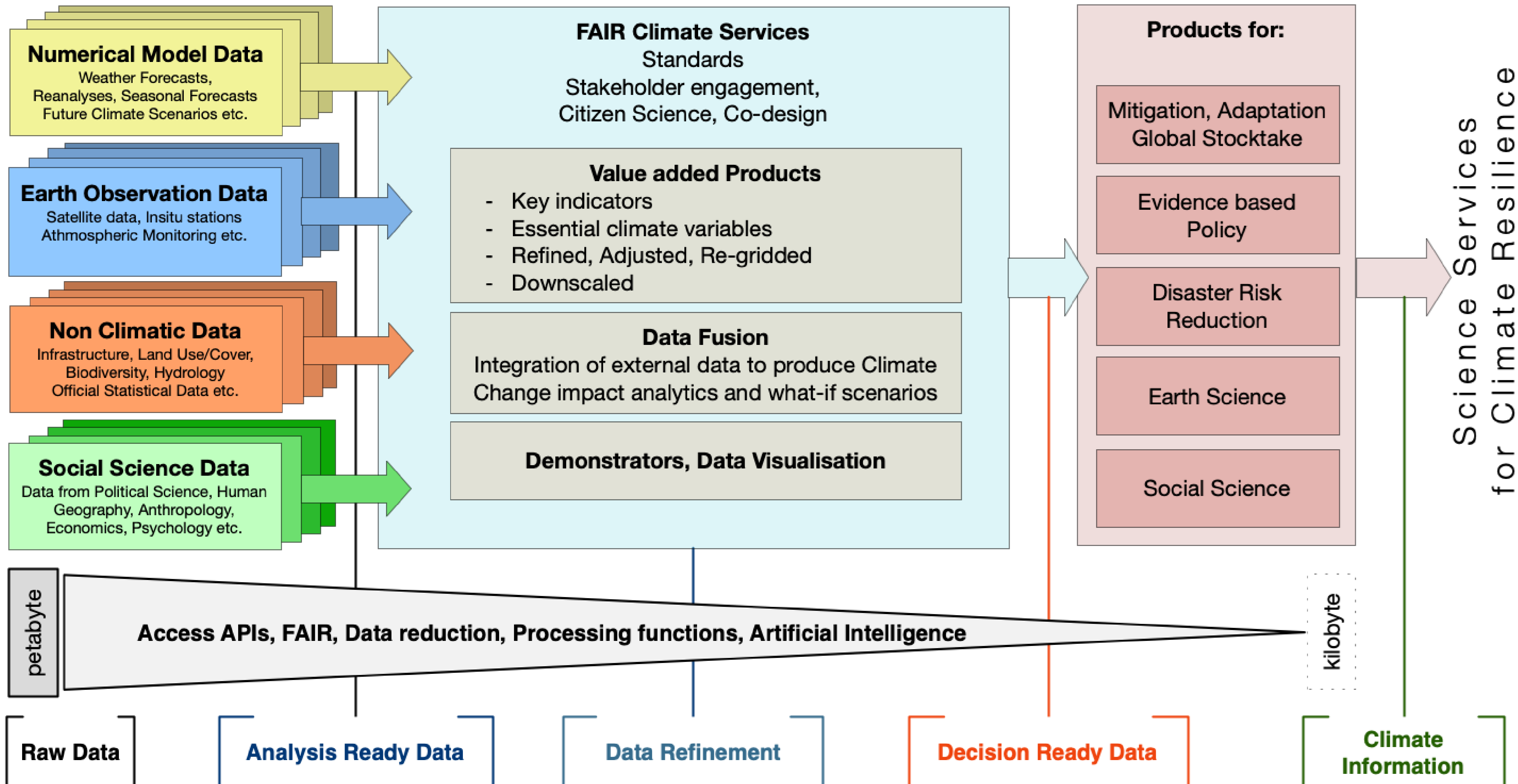
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Data -> Action Value Chain



Climate Change Services Initiative 2022-26



Methane detection requires multiple sensors

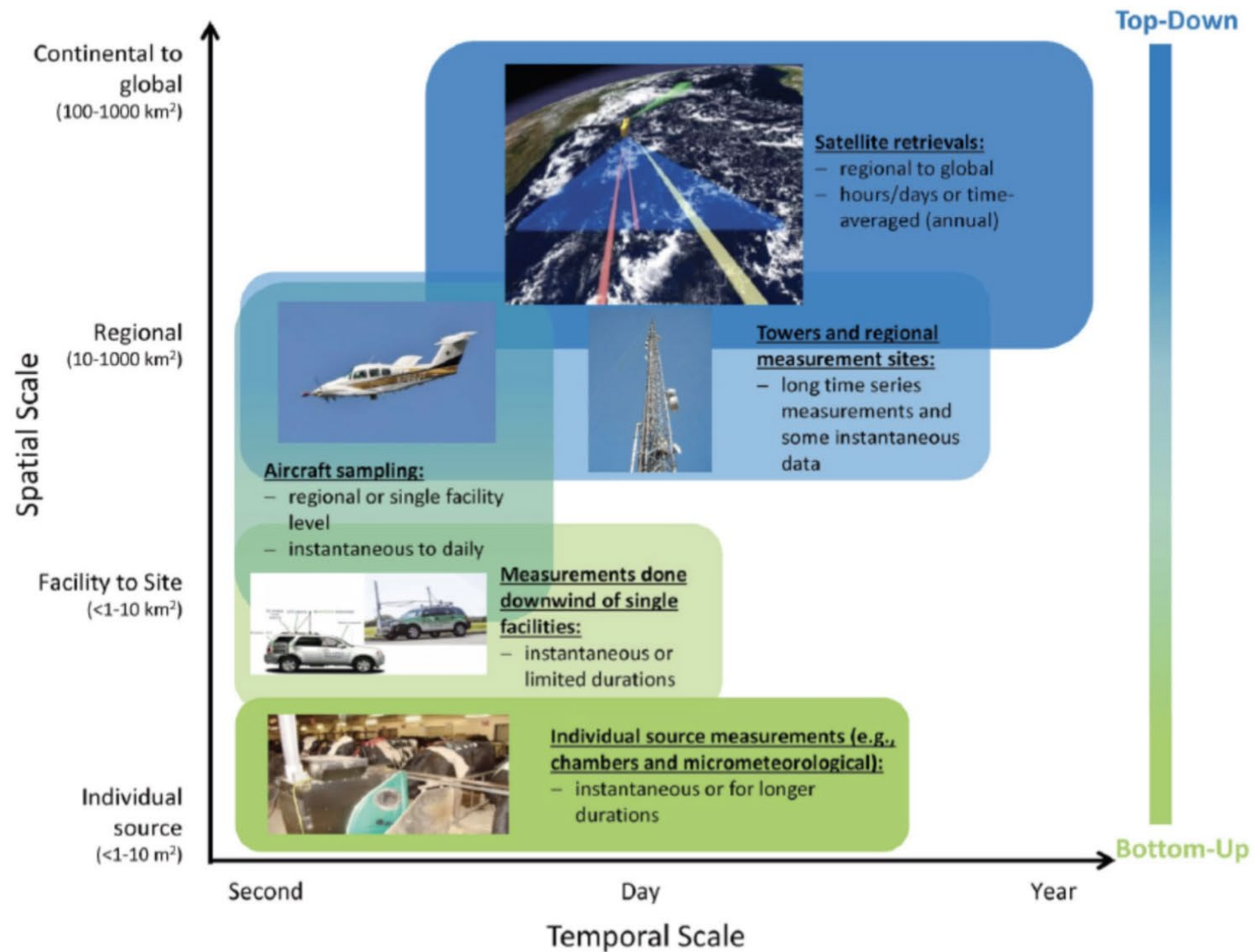


Figure 1. Examples of methane measurement platforms operating across a variety of spatial and temporal scales. (National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2018)

Sensor Integration Task in Testbed 17



Sensor Integration: Problem Statement

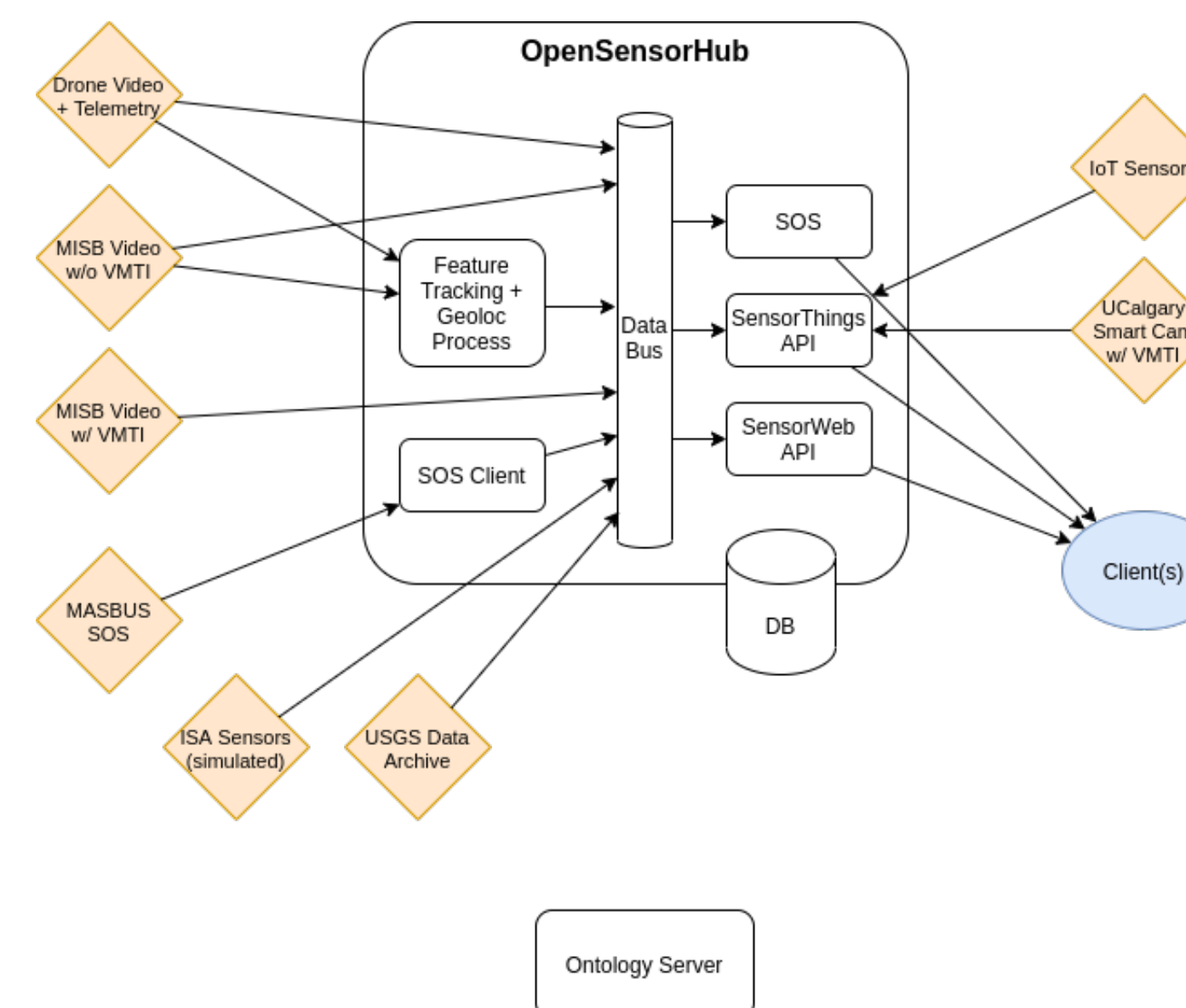
Sensor systems are built using many different standards, formats, and protocols. Sensors must be deployed where they best measure some phenomenon which imposes a constraint on their size, weight, power, and communication capabilities.

This presents a significant barrier to integrating the sensor data and developing structures around a system of sensors. In turn the interpretation and analysis of sensor data is cumbersome.

The testbed is intended to evaluate previous works in this area and propose a standards-based solution or framework to begin structuring a system of sensors.

Sensor Integration: Findings

- Sensor Observation Service (SOS) is not well equipped for discovery if a large number of offerings are provided.
- Transforming/connecting one ontology to another is even more difficult than initially anticipated. Comparing ontologies would become easier if their semantic models contained different abstraction levels of knowledge to determine equivalence and variance.



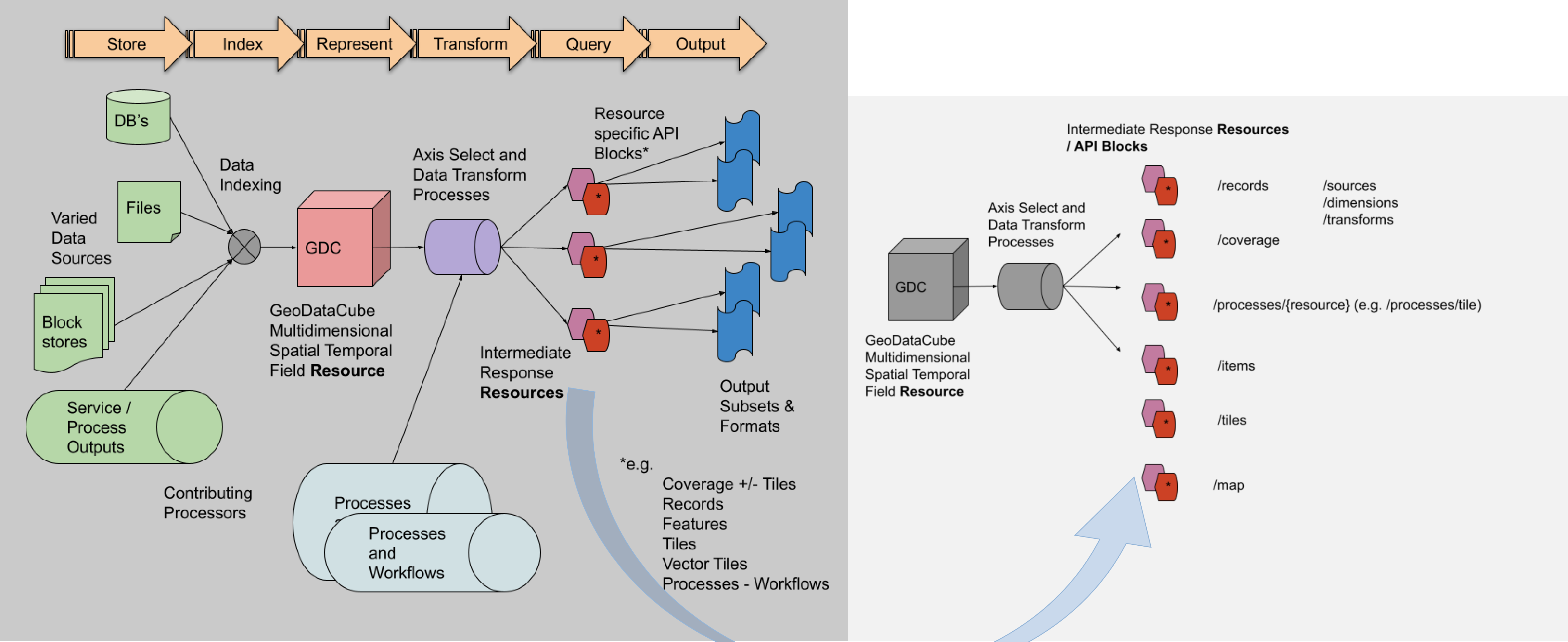


Geospatial Data Cubes

- How do we organize **trillions of Earth Observations** into a comprehensive – and comprehensible multidimensional resource?
- The answer may be a **Geo Data Cube**, but what is that exactly: data storage format, index, spatiotemporal field?
- What should a **Geo Data Cube API** look like that provides access to a Geo Data Cube?
- Should a GDC API be just a **combination** of other API's (Coverages, Processes, Features, EDR, Records) or something **new and different**?



Emerging consensus that GDC is a **framework of resource and workflow concepts** for providing these capabilities:



Geospatial Data Cubes

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE METAVERSE

9TH DECEMBER, 2021 | 12:30 PST
@ THE 121ST OGC MEMBER MEETING



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What is OGC?

A hub for thought leadership, innovation, and standards for all things related to location

Our Vision

Building the future of location with community and technology for the good of society

Our Mission

Make location information Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR)

Our Approach

A proven collaborative and agile process combining consensus-based standards, innovation project, and partnership building

Thank You

Community

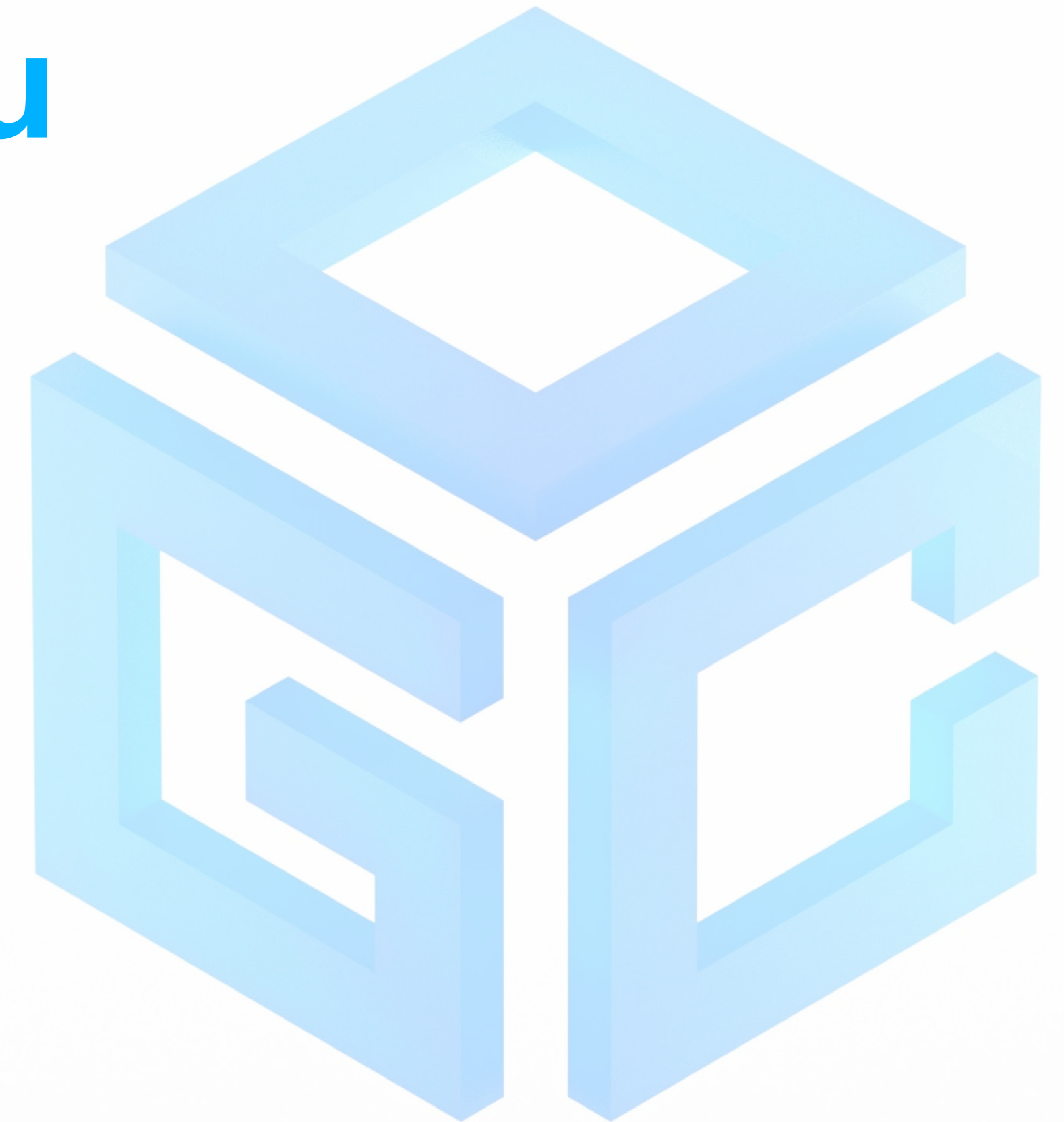
- 500+ International Members
- 110+ Member Meetings
- 60+ Alliance and Liaison partners
- 50+ Standards Working Groups
- 45+ Domain Working Groups
- 25+ Years of Not for Profit Work
- 10+ Regional and Country Forums

Innovation

- 120+ Innovation Initiatives
- 380+ Technical reports
- Quarterly Tech Trends monitoring

Standards

- 65+ Adopted Standards
- 300+ products with 1000+ certified implementations
- 1,700,000+ Operational Data Sets
- Using OGC Standards



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