Big Data Analytics on combining radar and optical satellite data

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Big Earth Observation Data ≠ FAIR

Not Accessible

Not Interoperable





Remote sensing data is BIG

9 TiB/day published by ESA only for Sentinel 1 and 2

- Since 2014
- Cover the entire earth every ~5 days
- 10 by 10 meters resolution
- 1.5 TiB/day published by USGS for Landsat 7 and 8
 - Since 1970s
 - Cover the entire earth every 16 days
 - 30 by 30 meters resolution





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Who is the largest image producer







Instagram







Satellite imagery



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- Georeferenced







How FÁIR is Sentinel data in practice

As Accessible as fresh water in the ocean

The supply is almost unlimited

Processing limits Accessibility

5 PiB Sentinel Archive





How FAÍR is Sentinel data in practice



Sentinel 1 - radar





Sentinel 2 - optical

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Radar and optical interoperability





optical NDVI

Conclusions

FAIR EO ≠ rich metadata

Big Data is FAIR only when processing allows it

New methodologies must start considering the volume of data







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