

OPEN DATA & OPEN KNOWLEDGE

Workshop

Encoding heterogeneous in-situ data

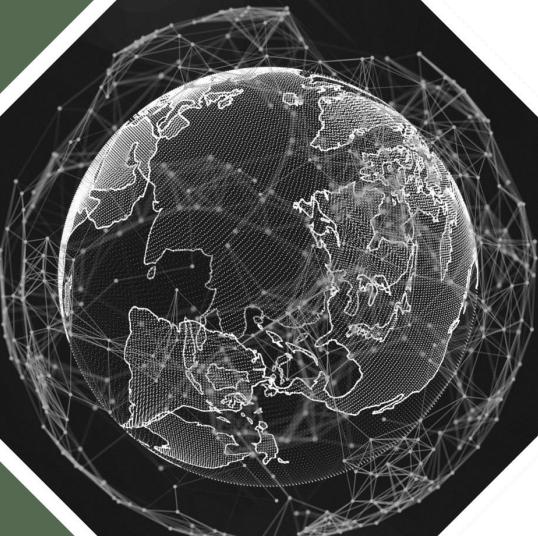
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- Assessment of **solar resources** from observation of earth
- Life cycle assessment of **environmental impacts** of energy systems



Common challenges for in-situ data

- **Various providers** of data
- Heterogeneous data : **format, protocol, timezone, units, ...**
- Lack of embedded **meta-data**
- Various policies (licenses)

Main motivation : what you get

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- Mean of Access: **FTP, HTTP**
- Format: ***.dat, csv, ..**

Main motivation

	Input : heterogenous
Format	✗ Mixed (csv, zip, dat, ...)
Granularity	✗ Mixed (daily, monthly, ...)
Access	✗ Mixed (http, ftp, ...)
Timezone	✗ Mixed (local, utc)
Units	✗ Mixed, implicit
Metadata	✗ Missing
Standard	✗ None
Compression	✗ Optional / external (zip)

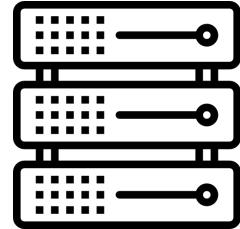
- A **methodology** following **FAIR** principles
- A draft **standard** for **in-situ** data, based on **other standards**
- An open source **library** : *libinsitu*, implementing it
- **Deployed** “live” for our field of research (solar energy)

Solution

Practical data workflow



Raw data from
data logger



Open standard encoding
and access protocol



Agnostic access



Dissemination
search & discovery



*“Metadata and data
should be well-
described”*

NetCDF format with
CF Conventions



*“User needs to know how
data and metadata can be
accessed”*

Thredds Data Server



*“Data need to
interoperate with
applications”*

Open Source Web
Clients



*“Metadata and data
should be easy to find”*

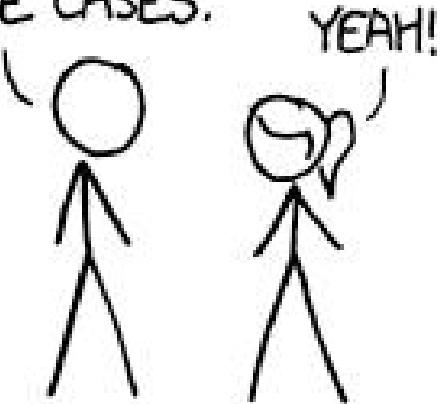
GEO Portal and
GEO Knowledge
Hub

Standards

HOW STANDARDS PROLIFERATE:
(SEE: A/C CHARGERS, CHARACTER ENCODINGS, INSTANT MESSAGING, ETC)

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
14 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

14?! RIDICULOUS!
WE NEED TO DEVELOP
ONE UNIVERSAL STANDARD
THAT COVERS EVERYONE'S
USE CASES.



Soon:

SITUATION:
THERE ARE
15 COMPETING
STANDARDS.

Proposed standard for in situ data
DRAFT

CF conventions

Semantic of metadata
Standard names for **physical** variables

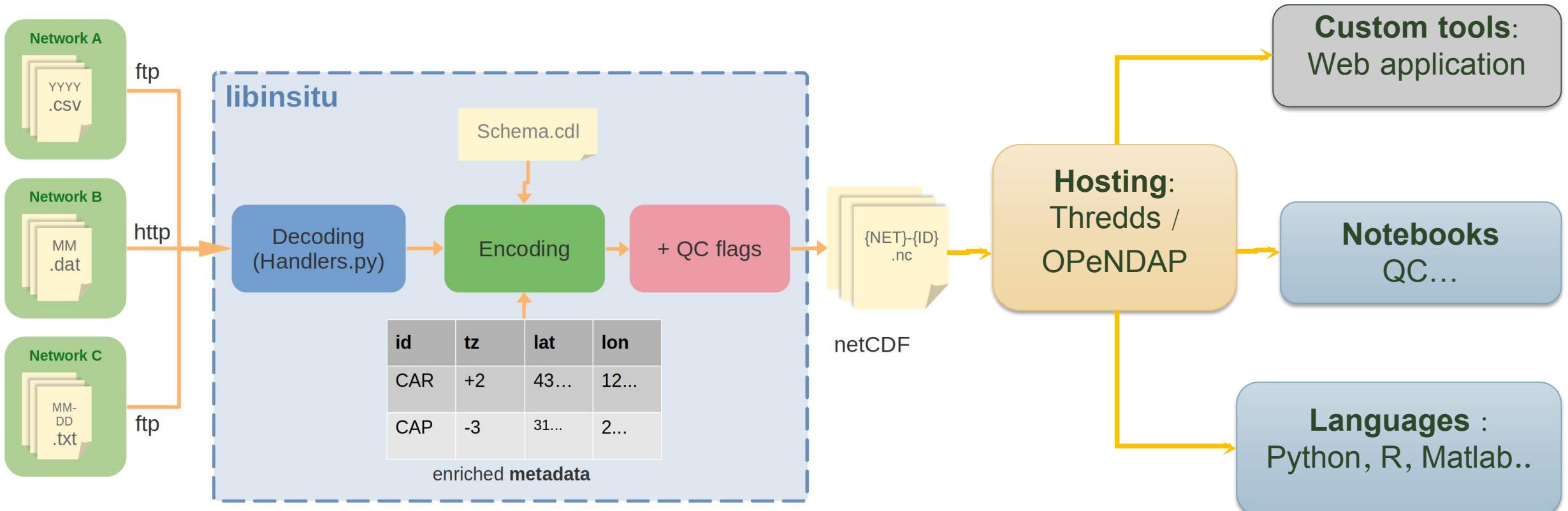
NetCDF

Efficient binary storage of matrices
Embedded metadata
Remote access (OpenDAP)
Wide support

ACDD (ESIP)

Attribute Convention For Data Discovery
Global Attributes
[Findable]

Encoding pipeline



Solution

	Input : heterogenous	Output : standardized
Format	✗ Mixed (csv, zip, dat, ...)	✓ NetCDF
Granularity	✗ Mixed (daily, monthly, ...)	✓ Single file per station
Access	✗ Mixed (http, ftp, ...)	✓ TDS & OpenDAP (random subset)
Timezone	✗ Mixed (local, utc)	✓ UTC, explicit
Units	✗ Mixed, implicit	✓ SI, explicit
Metadata	✗ Missing	✓ Embedded
Standard	✗ None	✓ CF conventions
Compression	✗ Optional / external (zip)	✓ Native (~10% ratio)

Demo



Binder : <http://bit.ly/3X6e6IG>



Take aways

- **Libinsitu :**
Use it... **It's open, free, documented and exemplified**
- **Replicable** for any domain
- **Tested and implemented** by Marine Radioactivity Information System (**MARIS**) community
- **New breath** for in-situ measurement networks towards **standard and interoperable practices**

Documentation

<https://libinsitu.readthedocs.io>

Source code

<https://git.sophia.mines-paristech.fr/oie/libinsitu/>

Methodology

<https://doi.org/10.23646/AC2M-8504>

Standard

<https://libinsitu.readthedocs.io/en/latest/conventions.html>

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