



# Quality Indicators of Citizens Observatories using Sensor web standards. The Ground Truth 2.0 case

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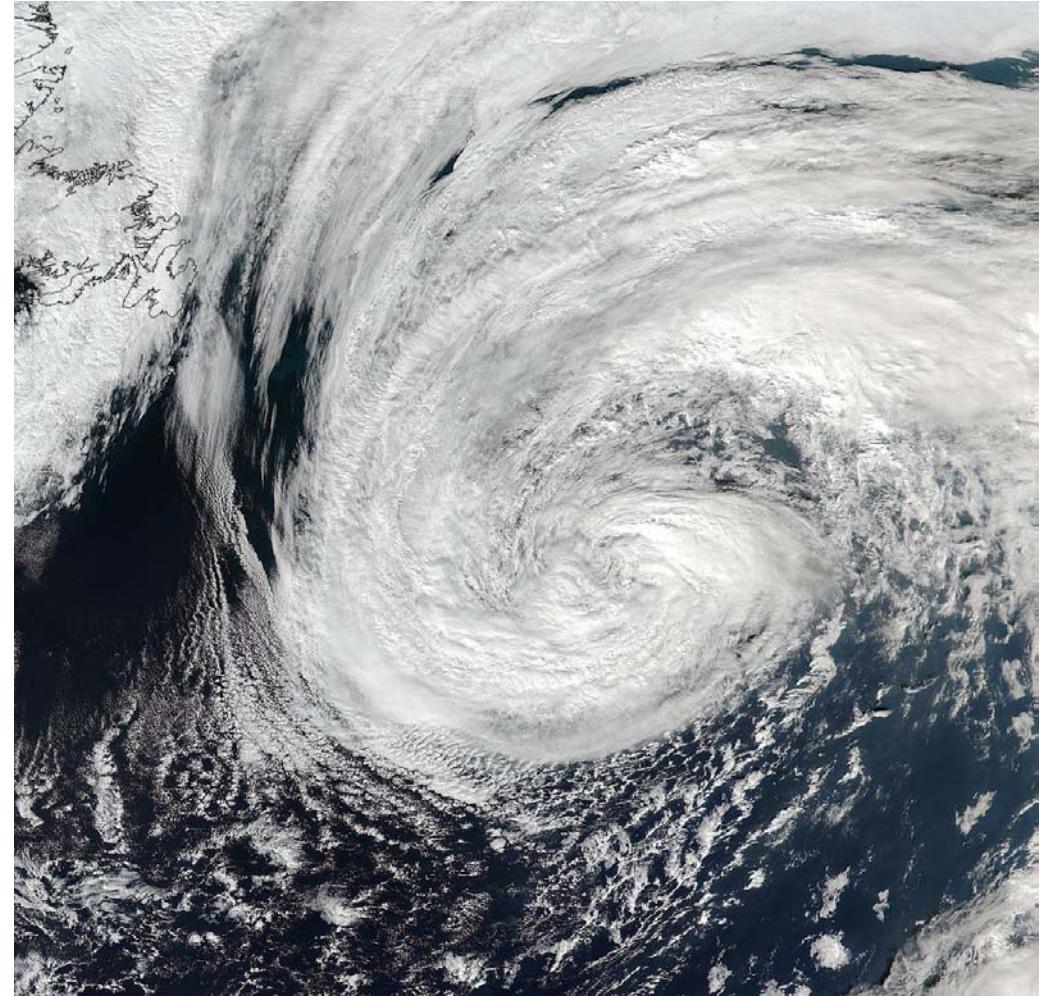
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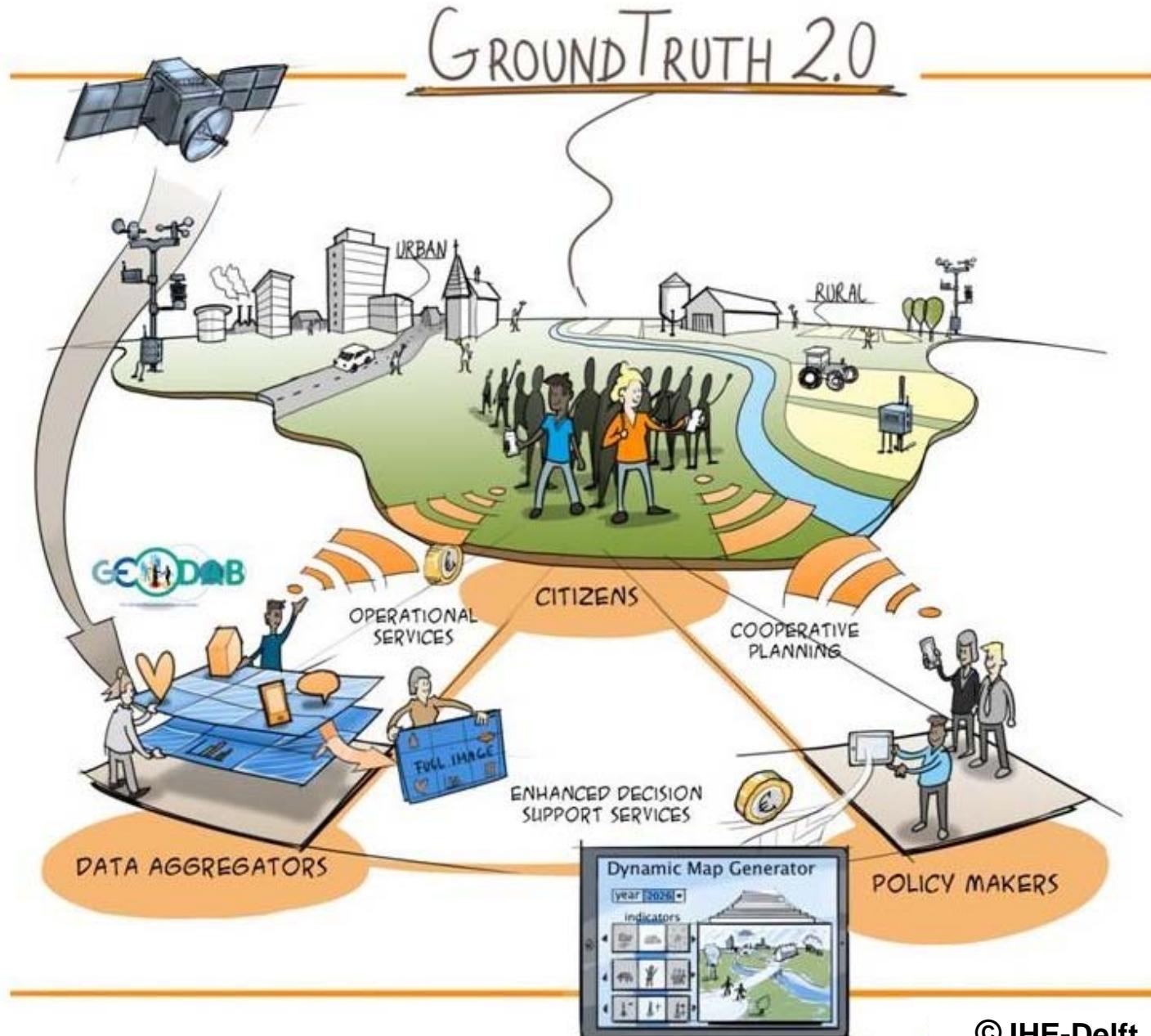
# Context: Groups for Earth Observation

**GEO: an  
intergovernmental  
body that promotes  
open Earth  
Observation data  
availability, access  
and use**



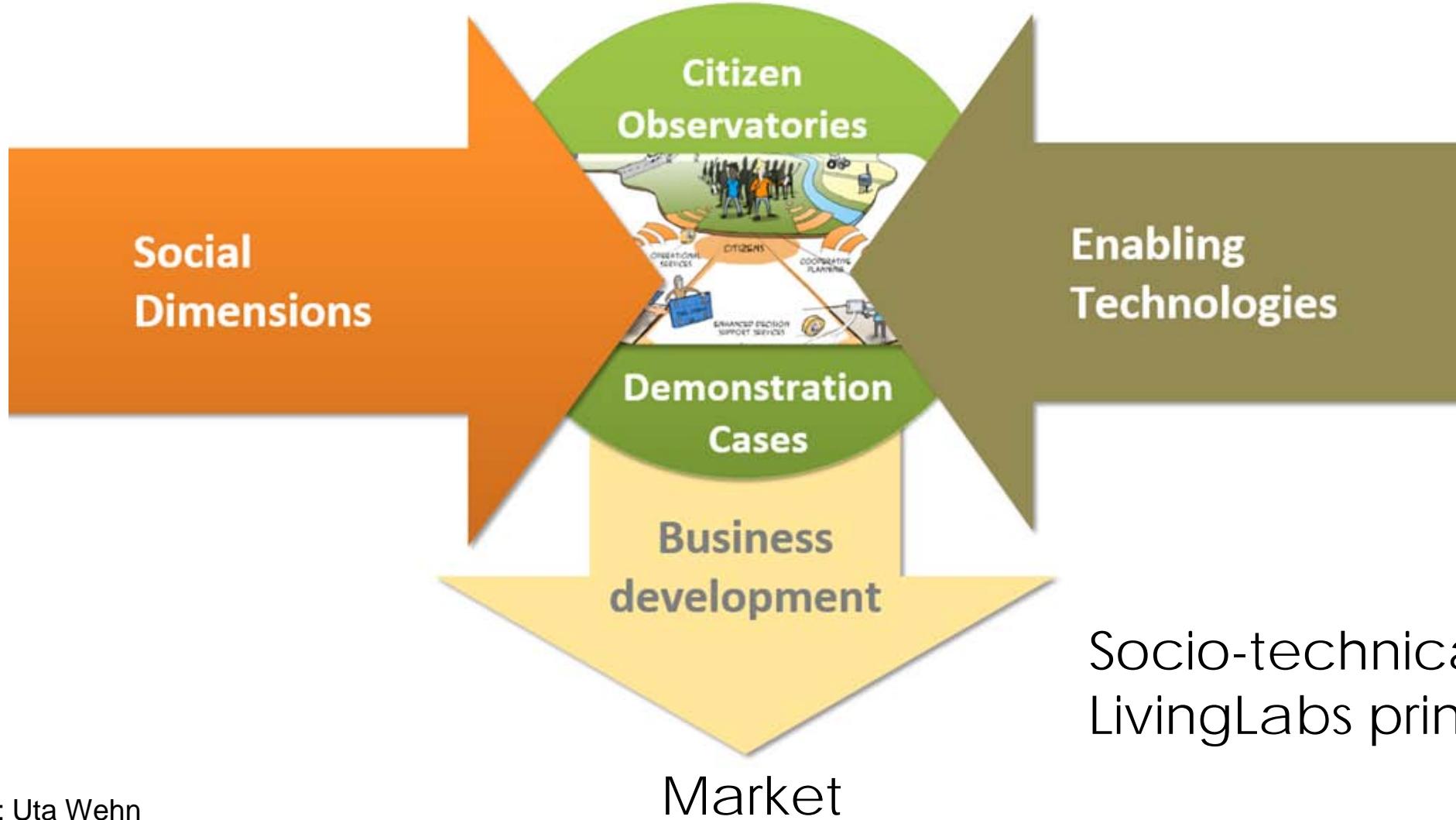
# Citizen Science and Citizen Observatories

- **Citizen Science** is the collection and analysis of data relating to the natural world by members of the general public, typically as part of a collaborative project with professional scientists.
- **Citizens' Observatories** are community-based environmental monitoring and information systems. They build on innovative and novel Earth observation applications embedded in portable or mobile personal devices. This means that citizens can help and be engaged in observing our environment.



One of the EC funded Citizen Observatories that goes...  
... from citizen-based data collection to knowledge sharing for **joint decision-making, cooperative planning and environmental stewardship**

# groundtruth2.0 methodology



Socio-technical approach  
LivingLabs principles

# The diversity of CS topics

- There are many CS projects.
- Example
  - Conrad CC, Hilchey KG (2011) A review of citizen science and community-based environmental monitoring: issues and opportunities
    - Identifies and analyzes 20 different CBEM projects
  - Bowser A (2016) Global Mosquito Alert: A Common Protocol and Platform for Citizen Science Vector Monitoring
    - Identifies 7 mosquito monitoring active projects.
    - Proposes the creation of the Global Mosquito alert
- Earth challenge 2020
  - 1 billion observations made by one million people



# The four COs active in H2020 for GEOSS



- From citizen-based data collection to knowledge sharing for joint decision-making, cooperative planning and environmental stewardship
- Considers the social and the technical dimensions
- Six demo cases



- Sustainable custodianship
- Meet the demands of food production
- Calibrate/validate satellite-based soil moisture products with CS in-situ sensors
- Campaign-based approach for engaging

- Crowdsourcing platform used to collect images and text from citizens
- Calibration and validation of satellite imagery using the crowdsourcing

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- Inventory of citizen observatories and sustainability
- Accelerate the uptake of Citizen Observatories
- Facilitate adoption in EO communities

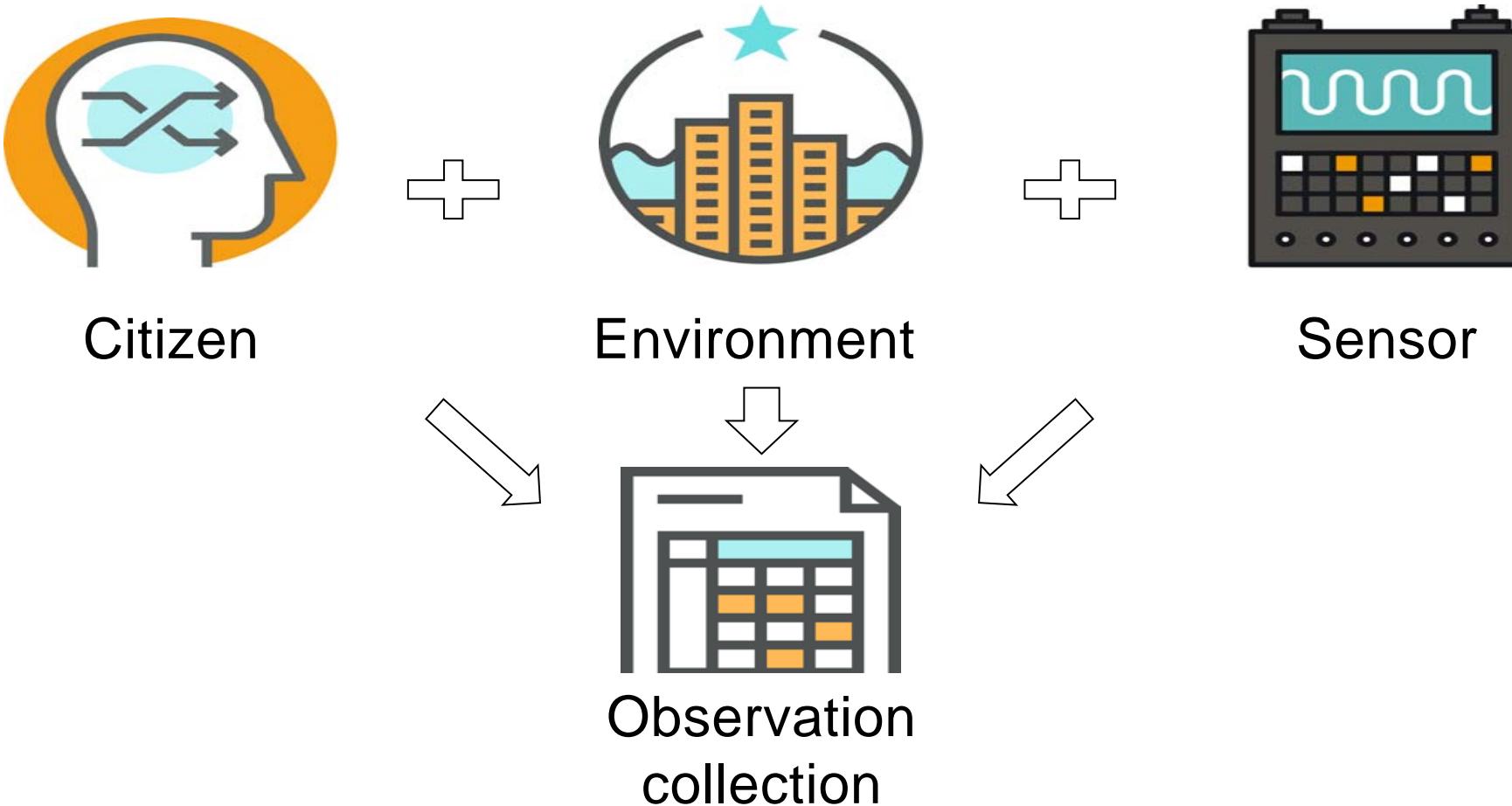
- Emphasis on services
  - Photoquest (pictures in 4 directions), change detection in alerting about bird habitat risks, single sign-on
- Three demo cases on landscape changes, agriculture and habitat monitoring



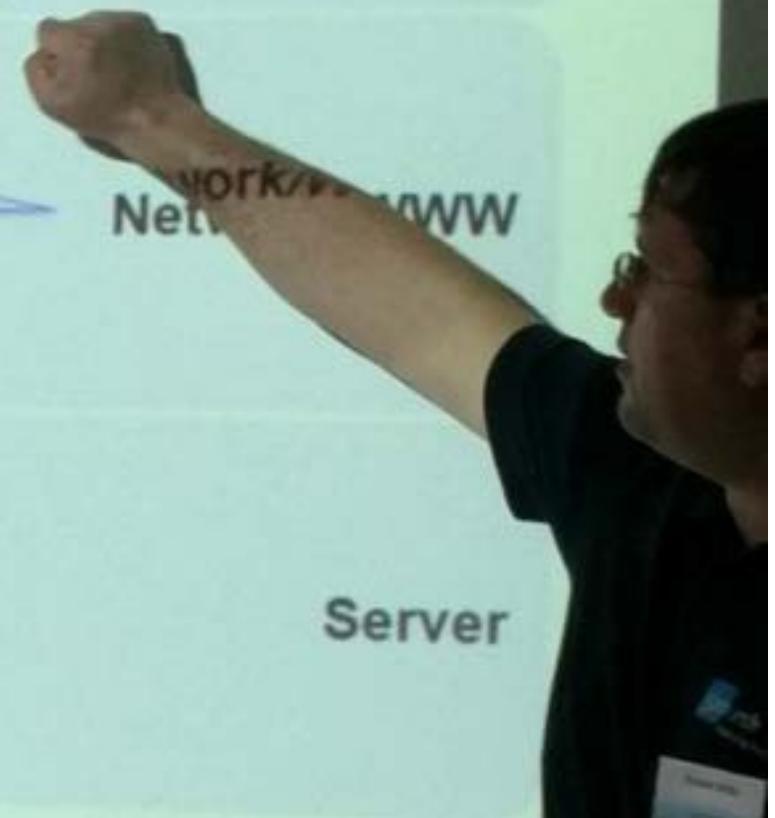
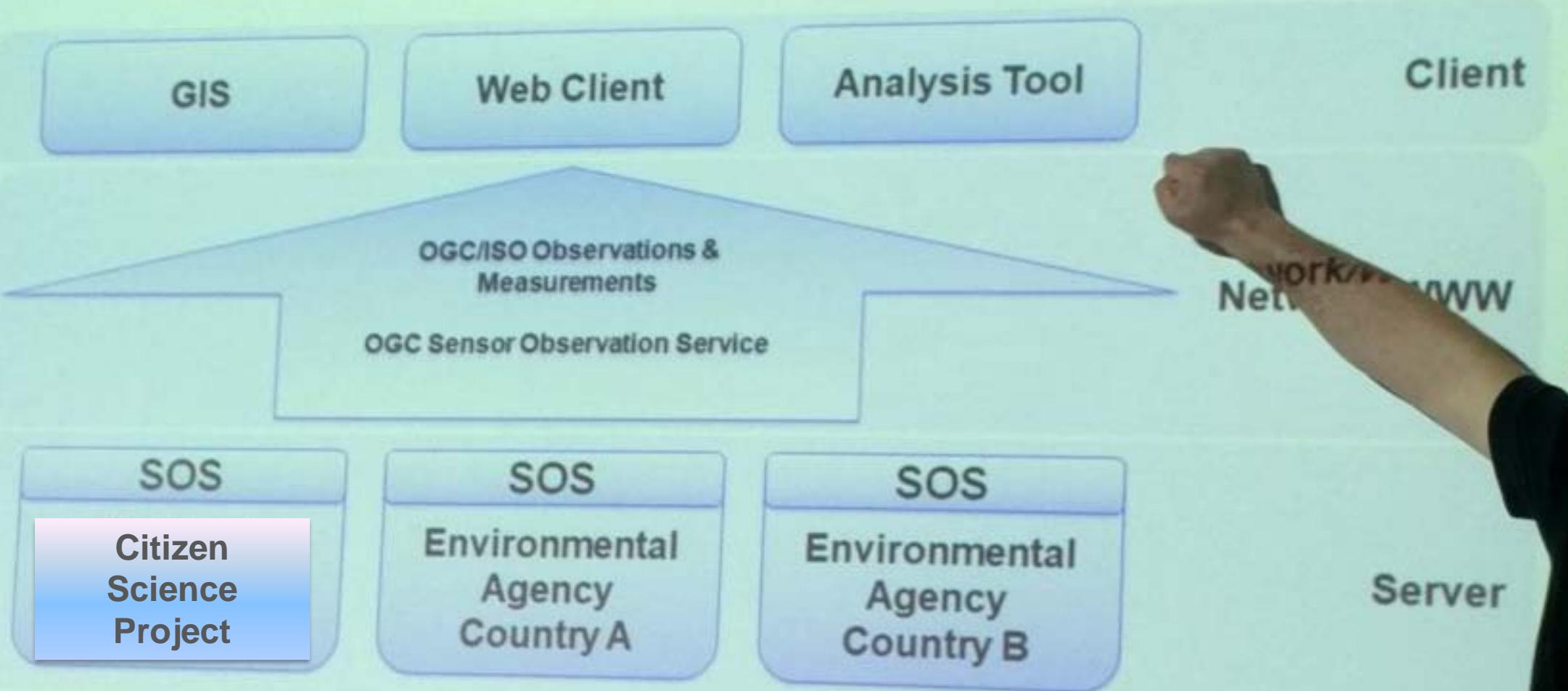
# The integration of CS

- At the project description level
  - Project documentation via Public Participation in Scientific Research metadata model (and the COST action efforts)
- At the service level
  - SWE4CS (presented in GSW 2017)
  - IoT
- At the data level
  - Conflation of datasets using semantic mediation

# Standardization



# OGC Sensor Web Enablement



# Phenology observations in SOS

- <http://localhost/cgi-bin/miramon.cgi?VERSION=2.0.0&SERVICE=SOS&REQUEST=GetObservation&featureOfInterest=http://www.opengis.uab.cat/fenodato/featureOfInterest/173>

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<sos:GetObservationResponse xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.opengis.net/sos/2.0 http://schemas.opengis.net/sos/2.0/sosGetObservationResponse.xsd">
  - <sos:observationData>
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        </gml:TimeInstant>
      </om:phenomenonTime>
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      <om:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/fenodato/observableProperty/K_NAME"/>
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        </gml:TimeInstant>
      </om:phenomenonTime>
      <om:resultTime xlink:href="#phenomenonTime_fenodato_173_8"/>
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      <om:observedProperty xlink:href="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/fenodato/observableProperty/P_NAME"/>
      <om:featureOfInterest xlink:href="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/fenodato/featureOfInterest/173"/>
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      <om:phenomenonValue gml:id="phenomenonValue_fenodato_173_8">
        <gml:Text>ma">Quercus ilex</gml:Text>
      </om:phenomenonValue>
    </om:OM_Observation>
  </sos:observationData>
```

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Fenodato observations

Observation time: 2016-06-01T22:00:00.000Z  
Complete tweet: #FenoDatos especie papaver\_rhoeas fase floracion lugar 42.146400,2.459735 dia 2/6/2016 https://t.co/QbnNycEnsX  
Tweet ID: 738267783855779840  
Tweeter user name: Elenotes  
Reported name: papaver\_rhoeas  
Common name: Amapola  
Scientific name: Papaver rhoes  
Phenophase: floracion  
Phenophase id: Floración

Fenodato observations

Observation time: 2016-06-01T22:00:00.000Z  
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Complete tweet: #FenoDatos especie quercus\_illex fase floracion lugar 42.133955,2.464429 dia 2/6/2016 https://t.co/1Lw2o36990



# Data quality

Includes:

- understanding of the **concepts** of data quality related to geographic data.
- defining data quality **conformance** levels in data product specifications or based on user **requirements**.
- specifying quality aspects in **application schemas**.
- **evaluating data quality**.
- **reporting data quality**.

# Data quality

## Evaluation

- Apply an assessment method to a set of observations (or observation parameters) to quantify the *uncertainties* present
  - Selecting a measurement
  - From a list of values (domain)
  - Doing metrics (statistics)



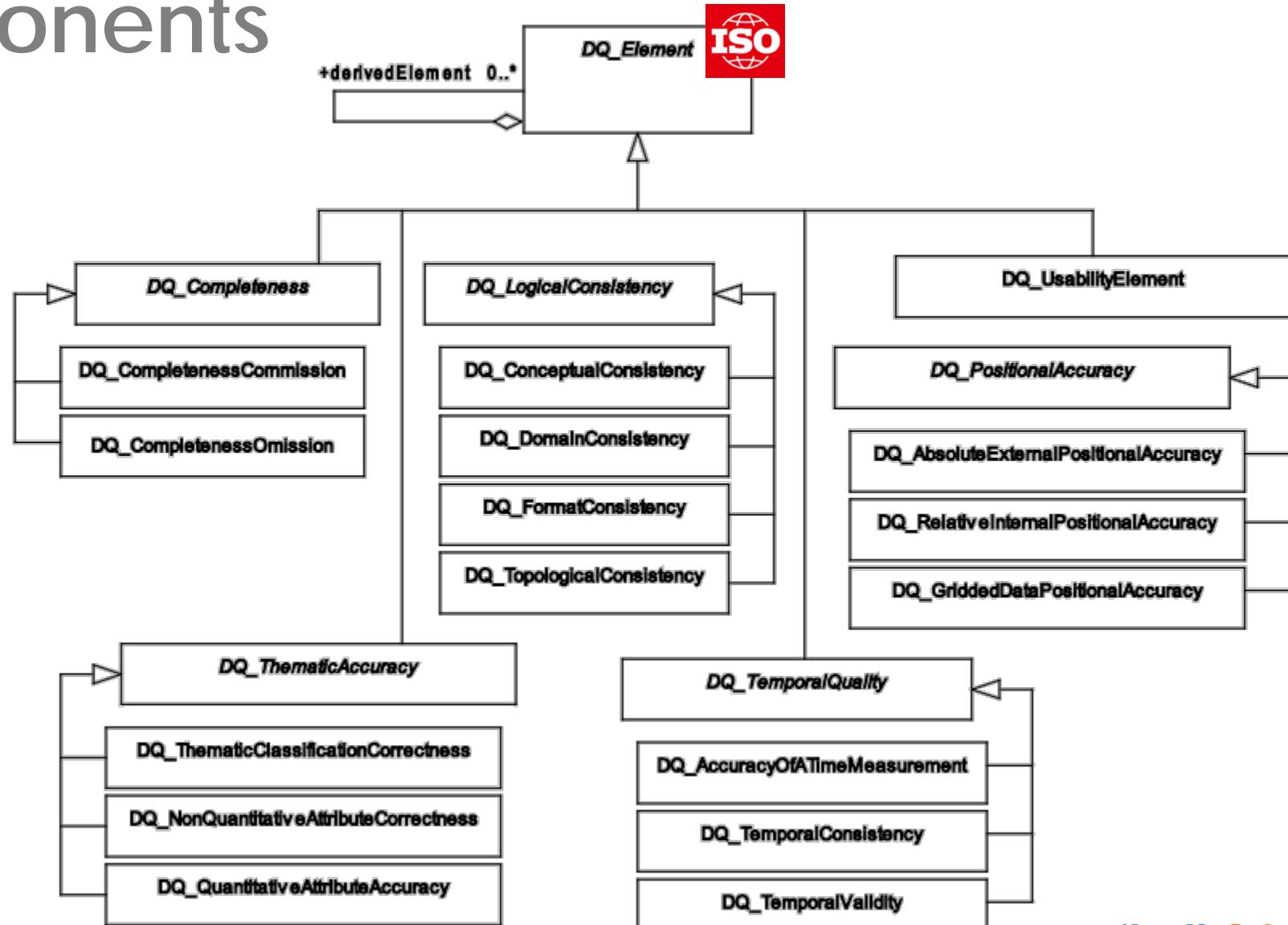
## Documentation

- Presenting the results in an understandable and comparable way
- In the metadata describing the set of observations

```
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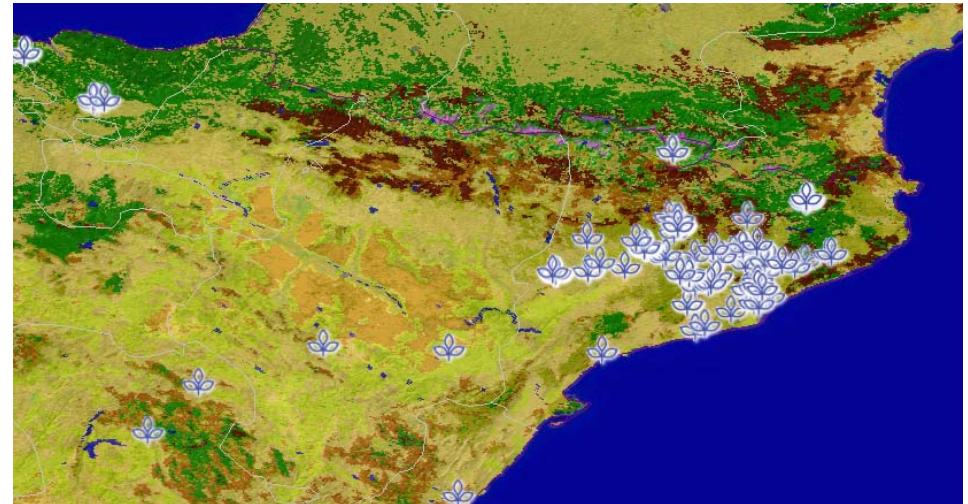
# Quality components

- Evaluation consists on a list of quality elements each one describing **a certain aspect** of the *quality* of geographic data organized into this categories:



# Data quality

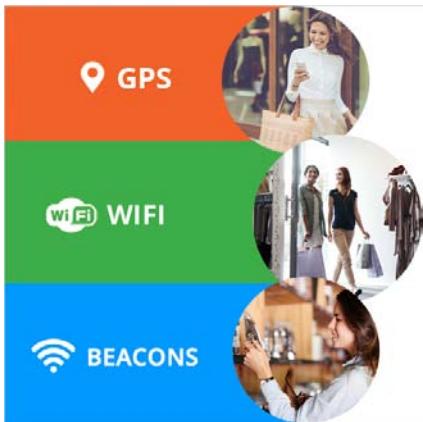
- Levels
  - Observation level
    - “Positional accuracy of the observation id139 is 30m”
  - At the attribute in an observation level
    - “Species name in the observation id147 is not known”
- Dataset (set of observations) level
  - “10% of the observations does not present a mandatory attribute.”



# Data quality at the *observation* level



- Each observation (or some attributes of it) has (have) an estimation of its quality by:
  - Intrinsic characteristic of the sensor (nominal or recently calibrated)
    - "Temperature sensor uncertainty:  $\pm 0.2$  degrees"
  - Current circumstances that limits accuracy
    - "No GPS available. Position estimated by triangulation of 3G: uncertainty:150m"
  - Estimated by repetition
    - "The uncertainty of repeated measurements of the elevation is 5m"
  - Expert reviewed
    - "Species name validated in a picture by 2 reviewers"



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# How to document (encode) it:



- It can be provided in several ways:
  - As an additional attribute
  - As a data quality element at the observation level
  - As a data quality value that accompanies a attribute

# Data quality as an additional attribute



```
<om:OM_Observation gml:id="ritme-natura_209_62">
  <om:procedure xlink:href="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/ritme-natura/procedure/pau_guzman"/>
  <om:featureOfInterest xlink:href="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/ritme-natura/featureOfInterest/209"/>
  <om:result xsi:type="swe:DataRecordPropertyType">
    <swe:DataRecord>
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      </swe:Quantity></swe:field>
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        <swe:value>11</swe:value>
      </swe:Quantity></swe:field>
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      </swe:Text></swe:field>
      <swe:field name="scientific_name"><swe:Text definition="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/ritme-natura/field/">
        <swe:value>Columba palumbus</swe:value>
      </swe:Text></swe:field>
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        <swe:value>Presence detected</swe:value>
      </swe:Text></swe:field>
    </swe:DataRecord>
  </om:result>
</om:OM_Observation>
```

# Data quality element at the observation level

## Observations and Measurements OGC and ISO 19156:2011(E)

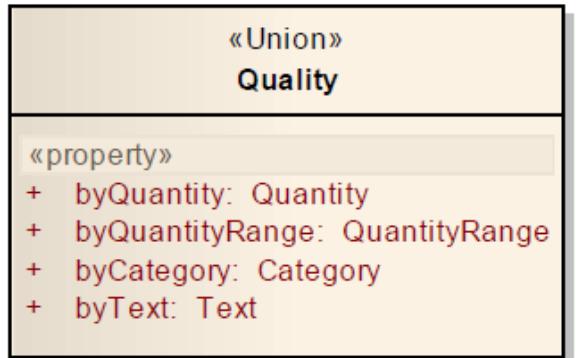


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  <om:featureOfInterest xlink:href="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/ritme-natura/featureOfInterest/209"/>
  <om:resultQuality>
    <DQ_AbsoluteExternalPositionalAccuracy>
      <gmd:result>
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          </gmd:value>
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        <swe:value>Columba palumbus</swe:value>
      </swe:Text></swe:field>
```

# Data quality value that accompanies an attribute

**SWE Common Data Model (OGC 08-094r1)**

```
<om:OM_Observation gml:id="ritme-natura_209_62">
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    <swe:DataRecord>
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        <swe:Text definition="http://www.opengis.uab.cat/ritme-natura/field/">
          <swe:quality>
            <swe:Quality definition="http://sweet.jpl.nasa.gov/2.0/sciUncertainty.owl#Accuracy">
              <swe:label>relative Accuracy</swe:label>
              <swe:uom code "%"></swe:uom>
              <swe:value>1.5</swe:value>
            </swe:Quality>
          </swe:quality>
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  </om:result>
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```



**Figure 7.18 – Quality Union**



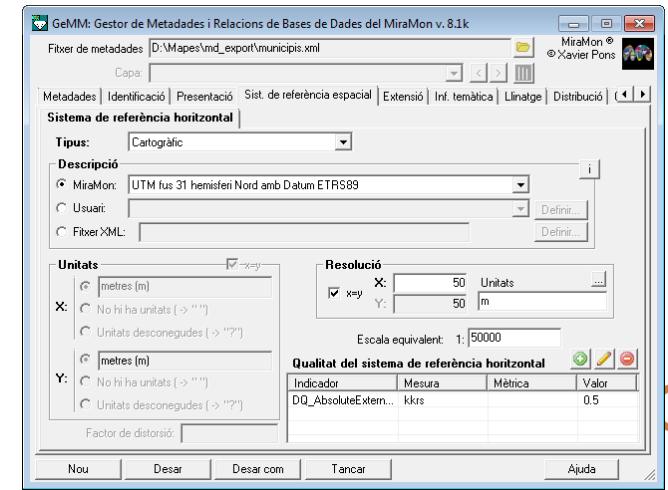
# Data quality at the dataset level



- How to evaluate it?
  - Generally is some count/average of the observation level
- How to document it?
  - It is included in the metadata of the observation collection
- How to present it?
  - Metadata viewers and editors can present this information

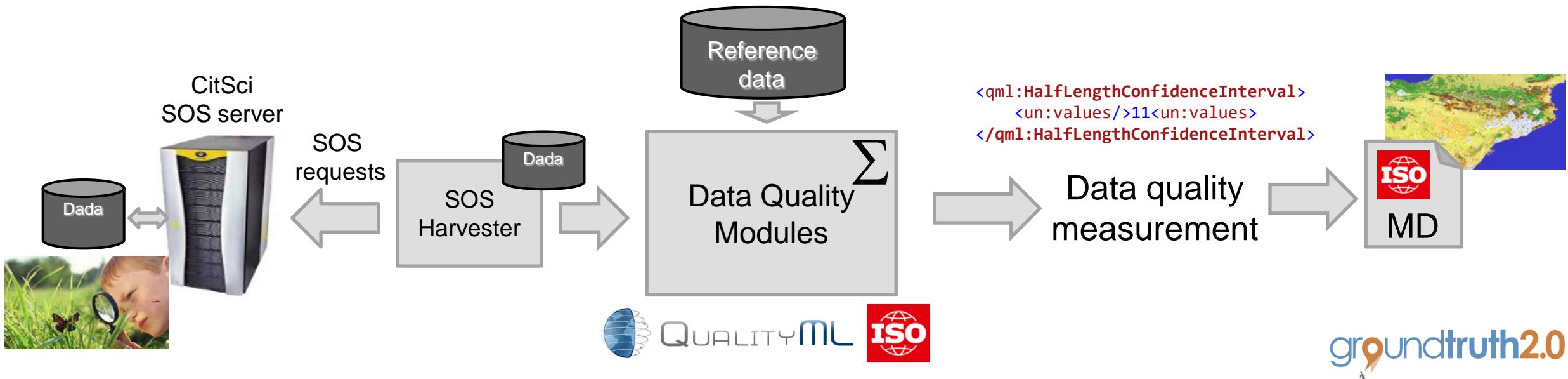


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    </gco:Record>
  </gmd:value>
</gmd:DQ_QuantitativeResult>
```



# How to calculate it?

- This has been discussed several times in the literature but there are not many practical implementations.
- With SWE4CS we have an standard way to get (and harvest) the observations
- We can build modules that calculate metrics on observations



- It is:

- An extension on UncertML
- A collection of quality measurements (mainly based on ISO 19157)
- A separation between the measure, the domain and the metrics
- A recommendation on how to encode quality in ISO-Metadata

## Quality class: Positional accuracy

Quality indicator	gmd:DQ_Element	Quality measure	Domain	Metrics
Absolute external positional accuracy	gmd:DQ_AbsoluteExternalPositionalAccuracy	Mean absolute error <a href="#">measure/MeanAbsoluteError</a>	<a href="#">domain/DifferentialErrorsX</a>	<a href="#">metrics/MeanAbsolute</a>
Absolute external positional accuracy	gmd:DQ_AbsoluteExternalPositionalAccuracy	Mean absolute error <a href="#">measure/MeanAbsoluteError</a>	<a href="#">domain/DifferentialErrorsY</a>	<a href="#">metrics/MeanAbsolute</a>
Absolute external positional accuracy	gmd:DQ_AbsoluteExternalPositionalAccuracy	Mean absolute error <a href="#">measure/MeanAbsoluteError</a>	<a href="#">domain/DifferentialErrors2D</a>	<a href="#">metrics/MeanAbsolute2D</a>
Absolute external positional accuracy	gmd:DQ_AbsoluteExternalPositionalAccuracy	Mean absolute error <a href="#">measure/MeanAbsoluteError</a>	<a href="#">domain/DifferentialErrors3D</a>	<a href="#">metrics/MeanAbsolute3D</a>
Gridded data positional accuracy	gmd:DQ_GriddedDataPositionalAccuracy	DifferentialErrorsX	<a href="#">domain/NonConformance</a>	<a href="#">metrics/MeanAbsolute</a>
Gridded data positional accuracy	gmd:DQ_GriddedDataPositionalAccuracy	Mean absolute error <a href="#">measure/MeanAbsoluteError</a>	<a href="#">domain/DifferentialErrorsY</a>	<a href="#">metrics/MeanAbsolute</a>

# Example: Calculating positional accuracy of the ritme-natura service.

- CREAF SOS hosts the ritme-natura CitSci data. One of the attributes in a complex observation is the "positional\_accuracy" given as a circular uncertainty value.
- QualityML database provides a matrix that can consume this type of uncertainties:
  - RMSE can use differential2D
  - After getting the necessary observations we can generate an array of the result of values (the position uncertainties) an get the result RMSE

```
<swe:field name="positional_accuracy">
  <swe:Quantity definition="http://www.opengis.uab
    <swe:value>11</swe:value>
  </swe:Quantity></swe:field>
```

$$e_{x,y} = \sqrt{(e_{xi})^2 + (e_{yi})^2}$$



URI:	<a href="http://www.qualityml.org/1.0/metrics/RootMeanSquareError2D">http://www.qualityml.org/1.0/metrics/RootMeanSquareError2D</a>
Name:	Root mean square error 2D
Alternative names:	RMSE
Definition:	Measure of the differences between 2D values predicted by a model and the corresponding observed values.
	$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(e_{xi})^2 + (e_{yi})^2]}$
Parameters:	
Source:	ISO 19157
Classes:	Positional accuracy
Further information:	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Root-mean-square_deviation">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Root-mean-square_deviation</a>

# Example: Completeness of the ritme-natura service.

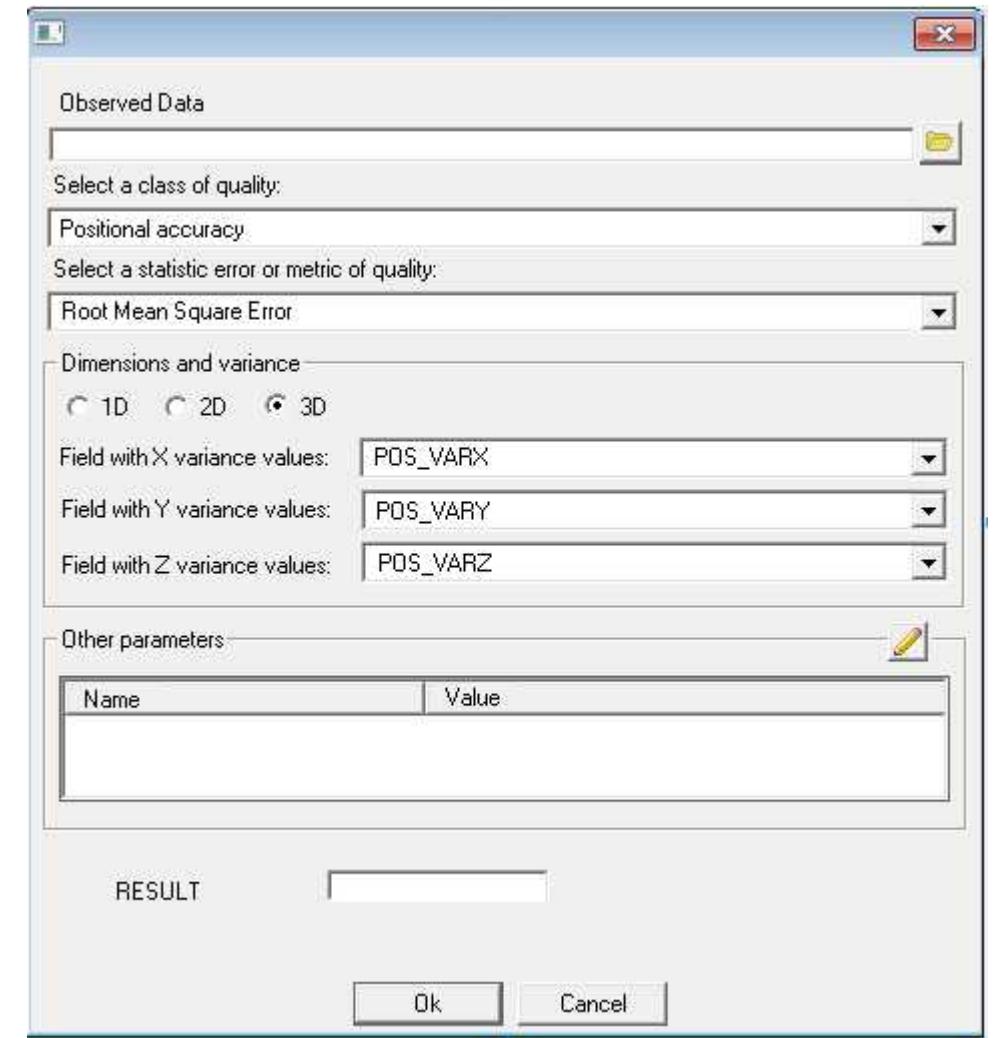
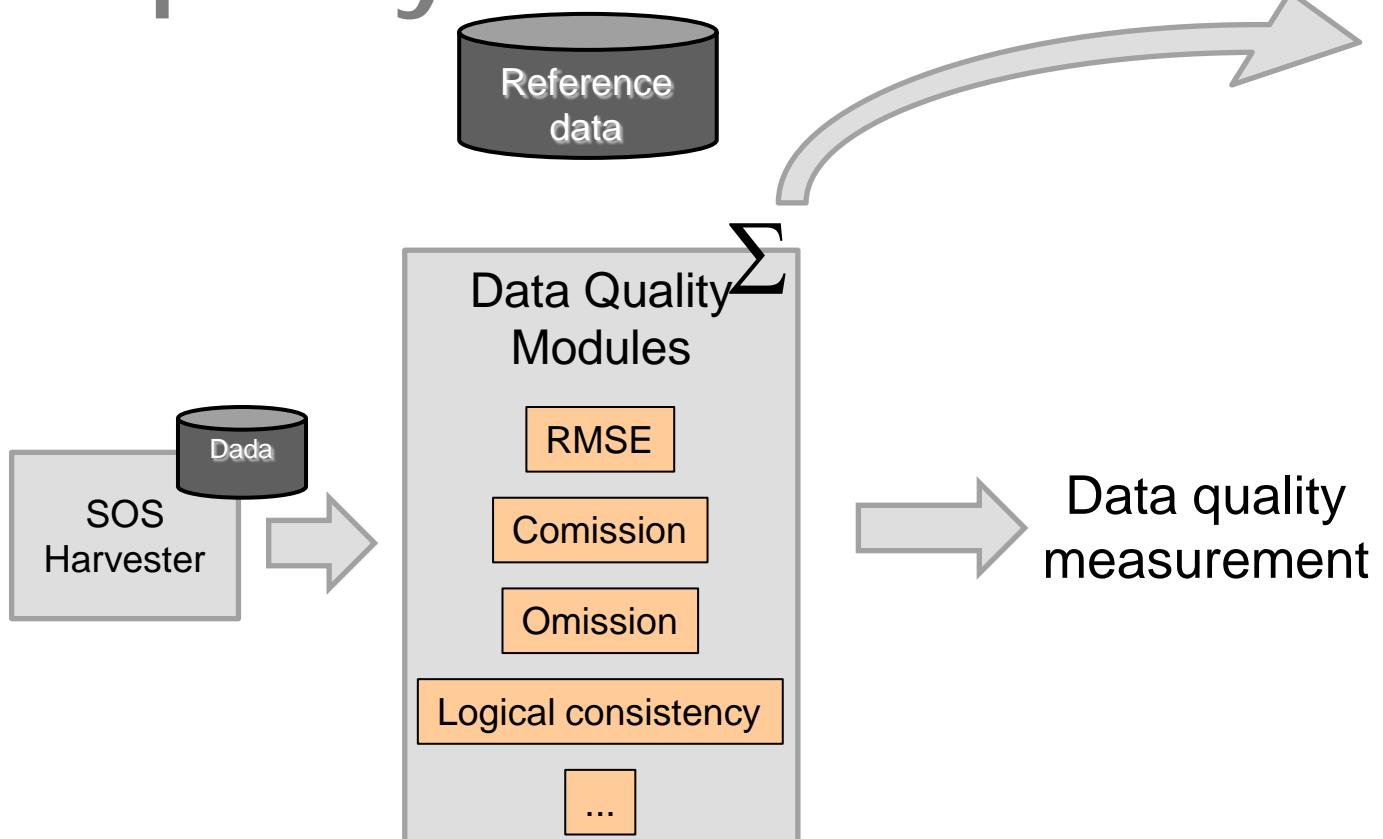
- CREAF SOS hosts the ritme-natura CitSci data. One of the attributes is the species name and the phenophase.
- We can evaluate completeness
  - Omission: are all species and phenophases represented?
  - Commission: are species or phenophases present not offered in the observation guidelines?
- After getting the necessary observations we can compare the values with a predefined list of categories and report on how many are not (or the percentages).

```
<swe:field name="scientific_name">
    <swe:Text definition="http://www.opengis.uab.cat"
        <swe:value>Columba palumbus</swe:value>
    </swe:Text></swe:field>
<swe:field name="FFENOFASE">
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        <swe:value>Presence detected</swe:value>
    </swe:Text></swe:field>
```



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Name:	Root mean square error 2D
Alternative names:	RMSE
Definition:	Measure of the differences between 2D values predicted by a model and the corresponding observed values. It is calculated as the square root of the average squared difference between the predicted and observed values.
	$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [(e_{xi})^2 + (e_{yi})^2]}$
Parameters:	
Source:	ISO 19157
Classes:	Positional accuracy
Further information:	<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Root-mean-square_deviation">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Root-mean-square_deviation</a>

# Modular architecture to calculate data quality



QUALITYML



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# How to encode it?

- Quality element should provide:
  - Measurement
  - Domain
  - Metrics (statistic)
  - Result
- We incorporate the data quality parameters into the Citizen Observatory metadata for the set of observations.



```
<gmd:MD_DataQuality>
  <gmd:report>
    <gmd:DQ_CompletenessOmission>
      <gmd:nameOfMeasure>
        <gco:CharacterString>Missing</gco:CharacterString>
      </gmd:nameOfMeasure>
      <gmd:measureIdentification>
        <gmd:MD_Identifier>
          <gmd:code>
            http://www.qualityml.org/1.0/measure/Missing
          </gmd:code>
        </gmd:MD_Identifier>
      </gmd:measureIdentification>
      <gmd:result>
        <gmd:DQ_QuantitativeResult>
          <gmd:valueType>
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              Rate of missing items
            </gco:RecordType>
          </gmd:valueType>
          <gmd:valueUnit/>
          <gmd:value>
            <gco:Record>
              <qml:Items>
                <qml:rate max="100">3</qml:rate>
              </qml:Items>
            </gco:Record>
          </gmd:value>
        </gmd:DQ_QuantitativeResult>
      </gmd:result>
```

# How to present it to the user?

- Metadata editors

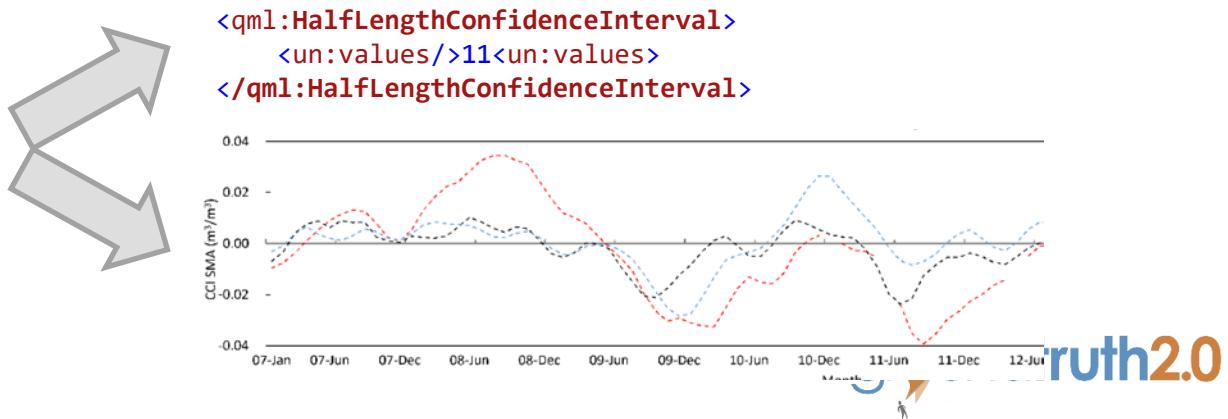
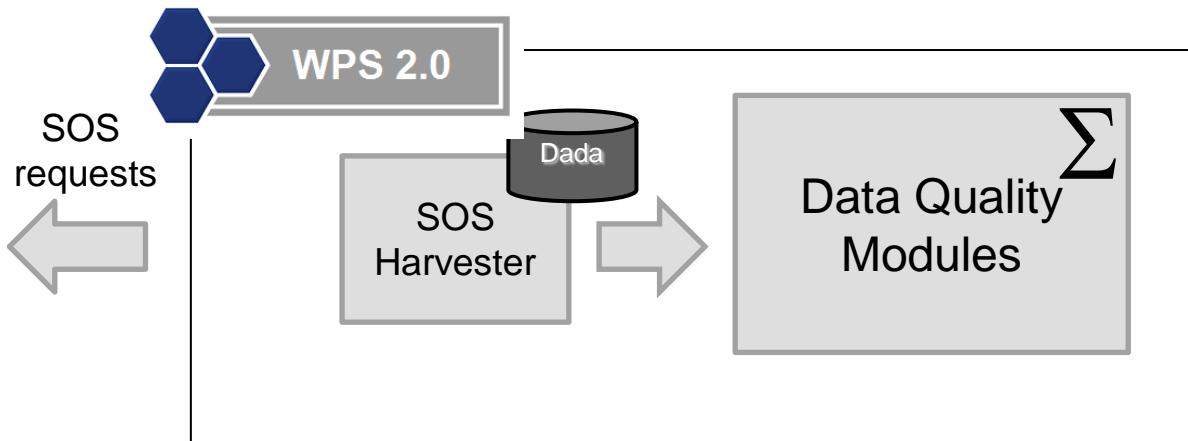
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    </gco:Record>
  </gmd:value>
</gmd:DQ_QuantitativeResult>
```

The left screenshot shows the 'Quality parameters of reference system' dialog. It contains several sections: 'Indicator' and 'Measure' with dropdown menus and 'Normalized' checkboxes; 'Domain' with a toolbar; 'Quantitative result' with 'Metric' and 'Normalized' checkboxes; 'Type of values' dropdown; 'Values' with a toolbar; 'Units' dropdown with options 'None', 'There are no units (> "")', and 'Unknown units (> "?")'; 'Conformance result' with 'Specification' and 'Conformance pass?' checkboxes; 'Explanation' with a toolbar; 'Date of quality measurements' with a toolbar; 'Evaluation method' with 'Description' and 'Type of evaluation method' dropdowns; and 'Procedure' with a toolbar.

The right screenshot shows the 'Relationships Manager v. 8.1k' interface. It has a title bar with 'MiraMon ® Xavier Pons'. The main area has tabs for 'reference system', 'Extent', 'Thematic info.', 'Lineage', 'Distribution', and 'Co'. Below the tabs, there's a list of reference systems, a 'Resolution' section with 'x=y' checked and coordinates 'X: 50' and 'Y: 50' with units 'm', and an 'Equivalent scale: 1: 50000' field. At the bottom, there's a table titled 'Quality of the horizontal reference system' with columns 'Indicator', 'Measure', 'Metric', and 'Value'. The first row shows 'DQ\_AbsoluteExternal...' with 'kkrs' under 'Measure' and '0.5' under 'Value'.

# Quality as a service

- The data quality modules + the SOS harvester can be offered as a service for any Citizen Science project
- Implemented as a WPS process,
  - it can access the SOS server, retrieve the data and estimate quality indicators.
  - It can be the engine below a web that monitors the data quality of Citizen Science projects and shows the evolution of it over the time.



# Citizen Science Interoperability Experiment (CitSciIE)

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OGC CITIZEN SCIENCE IE KICK-OFF

Kick-off in Stuttgart



- The use of OGC standards or (e.g. Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)) to support data integration among CS projects, and with other sources, esp. authoritative data (e.g by following SWE4CS);
- How to document critical metadata, including data quality aspects, and generate a data quality label.
- The integration of CS projects/campaigns in Single Sign-On system (SSO) federation;
- Project metadata standards implementation in catalogues of Citizen Science projects.





# Earth Challenge 2020

## EARTH CHALLENGE 2020 A CITIZEN SCIENCE INITIATIVE

Goal of engaging millions of global citizens in collecting one billion data points in areas including air and water quality, pollution and human health.

Citizen science volunteers around the world, working with professional scientists, will collect and share earth science data of their local communities on an unprecedented scale.

There is a sensibility for data quality in the integration of many citizen science project in a single initiative

# Thank you

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