

Spatio-Temporal Satellite Database for Trend Analysis in Forest Ecosystem

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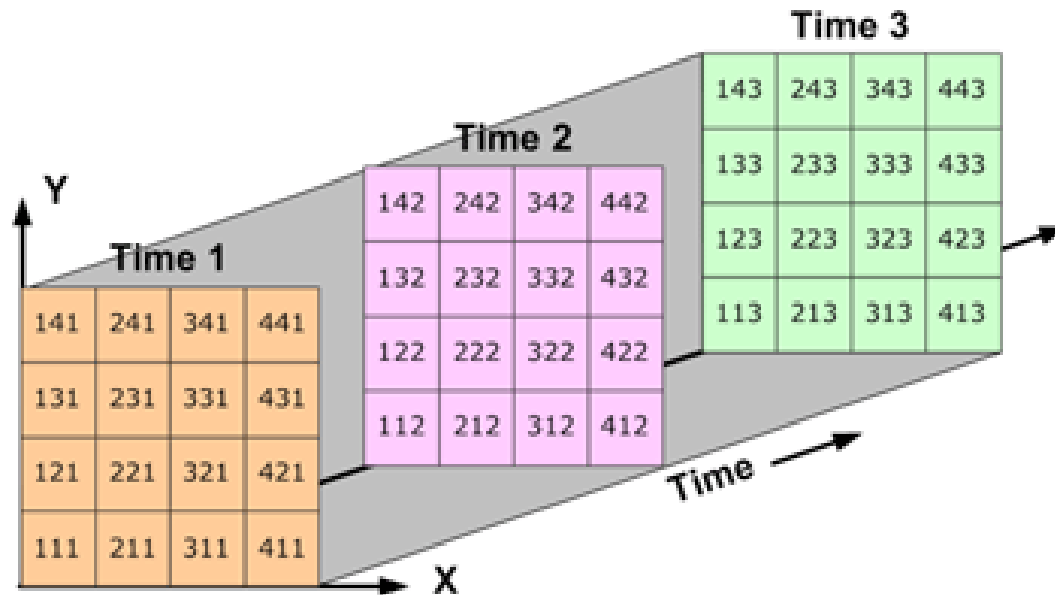
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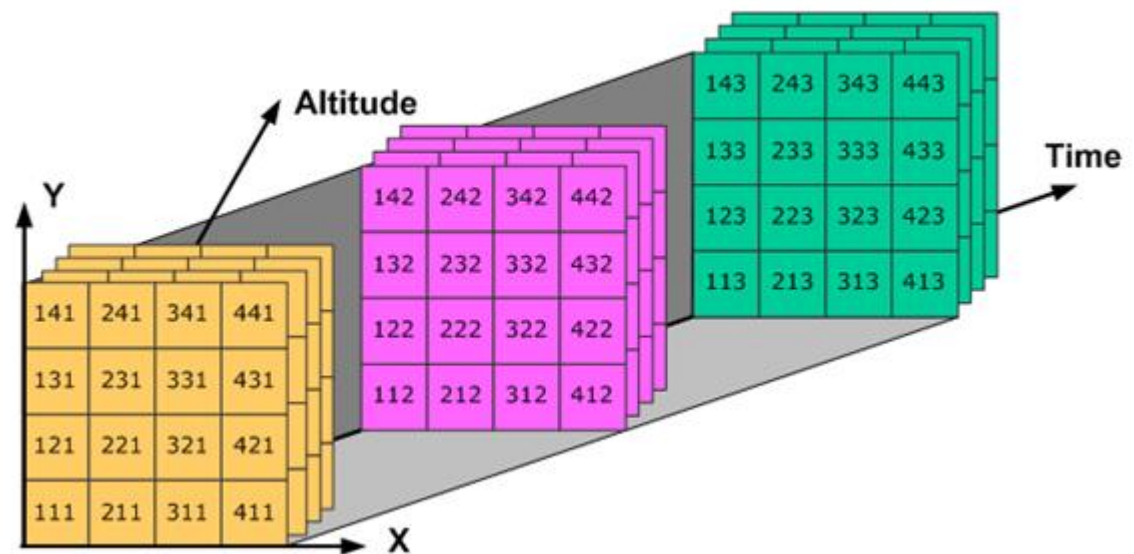
Multidimensional raster storage – netCDF

- NetCDF (Network Common Data Form)
 - Software libraries and data formats
 - Creation, access sharing array-oriented data
 - header
- NetCDF data is:
 - Self-Describing
 - Portable
 - Direct-access
 - Appendable
 - Sharable
 - Archival
- commonly used in climatological and meteorological applications and for general scientific data exchange

NetCDF structure



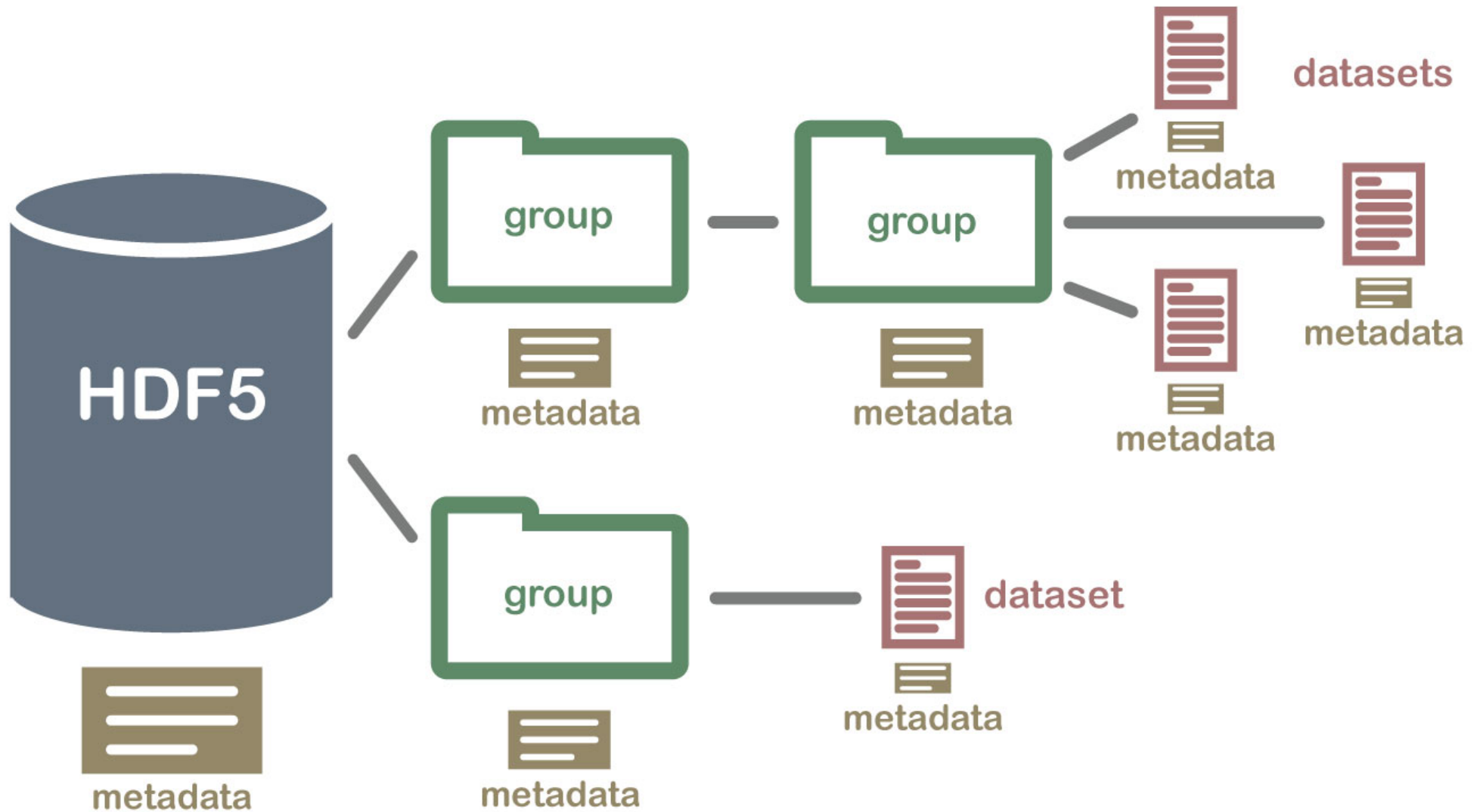
Four-dimensional data: Data over an area varying with time and altitude



HDF (Hierarchical Data Format)

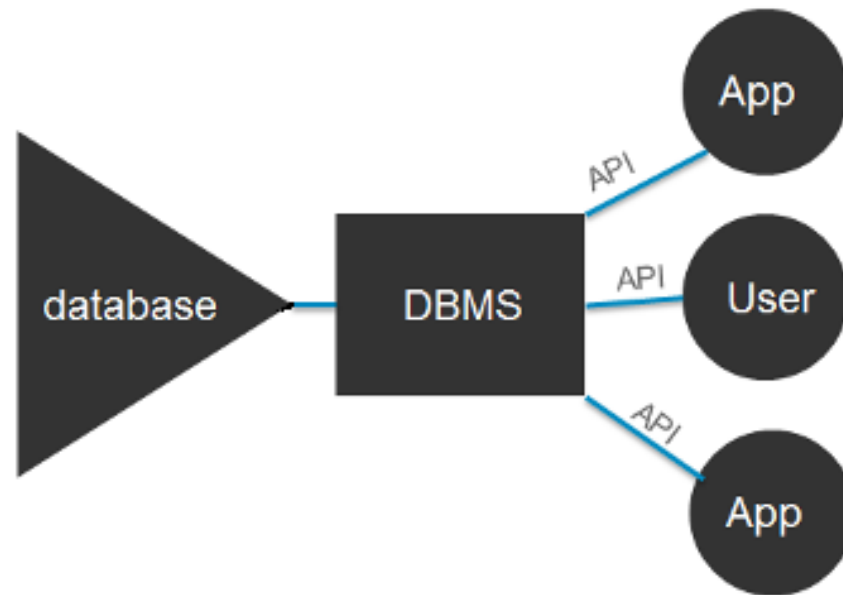
- physical file format for storing scientific data
- Collection of utilities and application – manipulation, viewing, analyzing
- HDF5 composed of two primary types of objects:
 - HDF5 group
 - HDF5 dataset
- Hierarchical, filesystem-like data format
- NetCDF based on HDF5
- time series data – stock price series, 3D meteorological data
- HDF5 data storage mechanism can be simpler and faster than an SQL schema

HDF structure

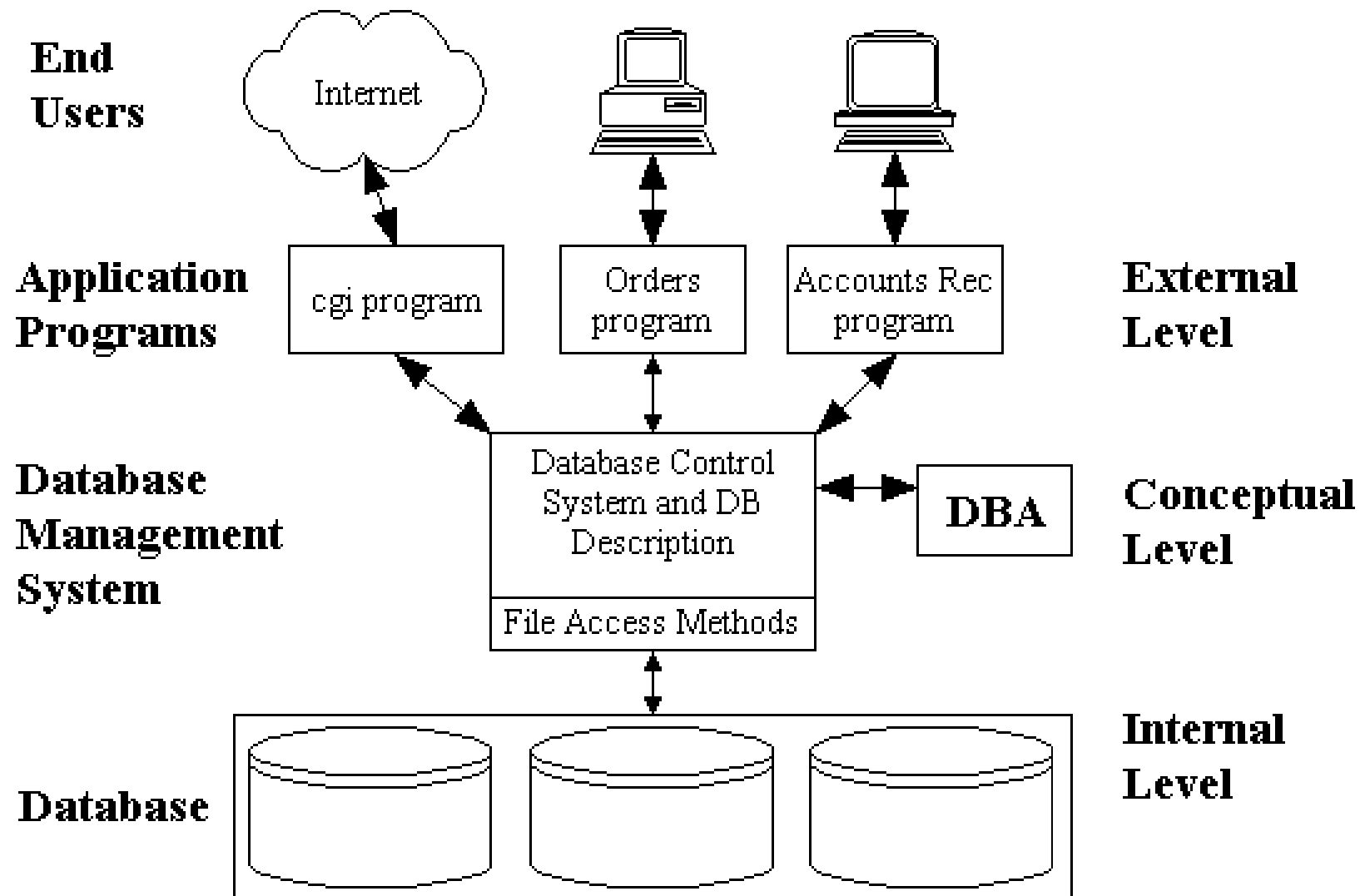


Database

- Database – collection of information
- Database management system (DBMS) – system software for creating and managing database

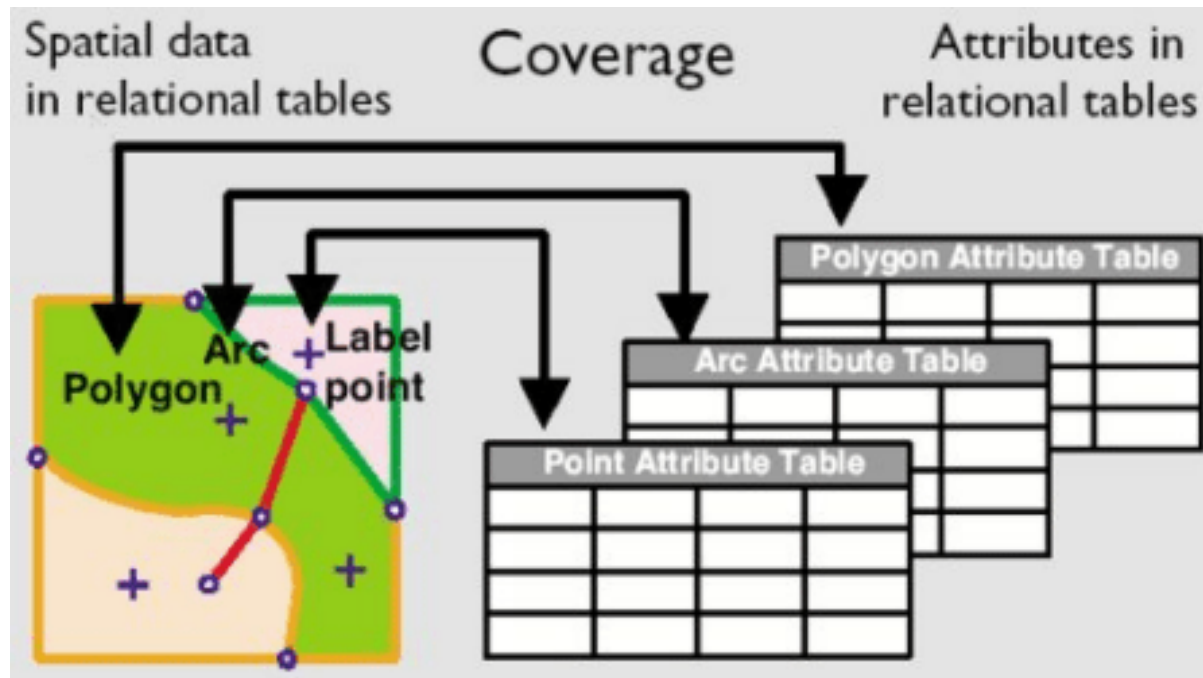


Database architecture



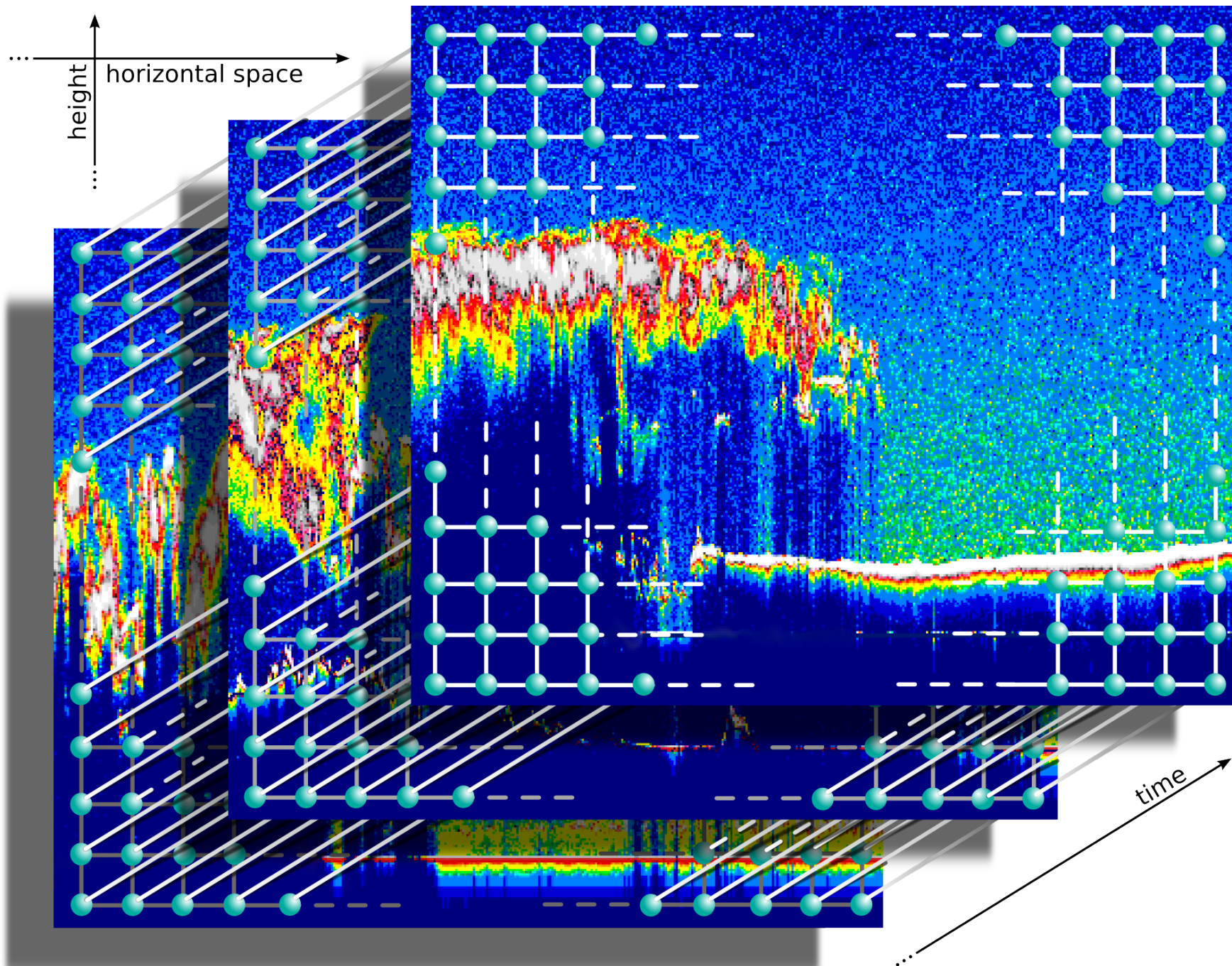
Relational database model

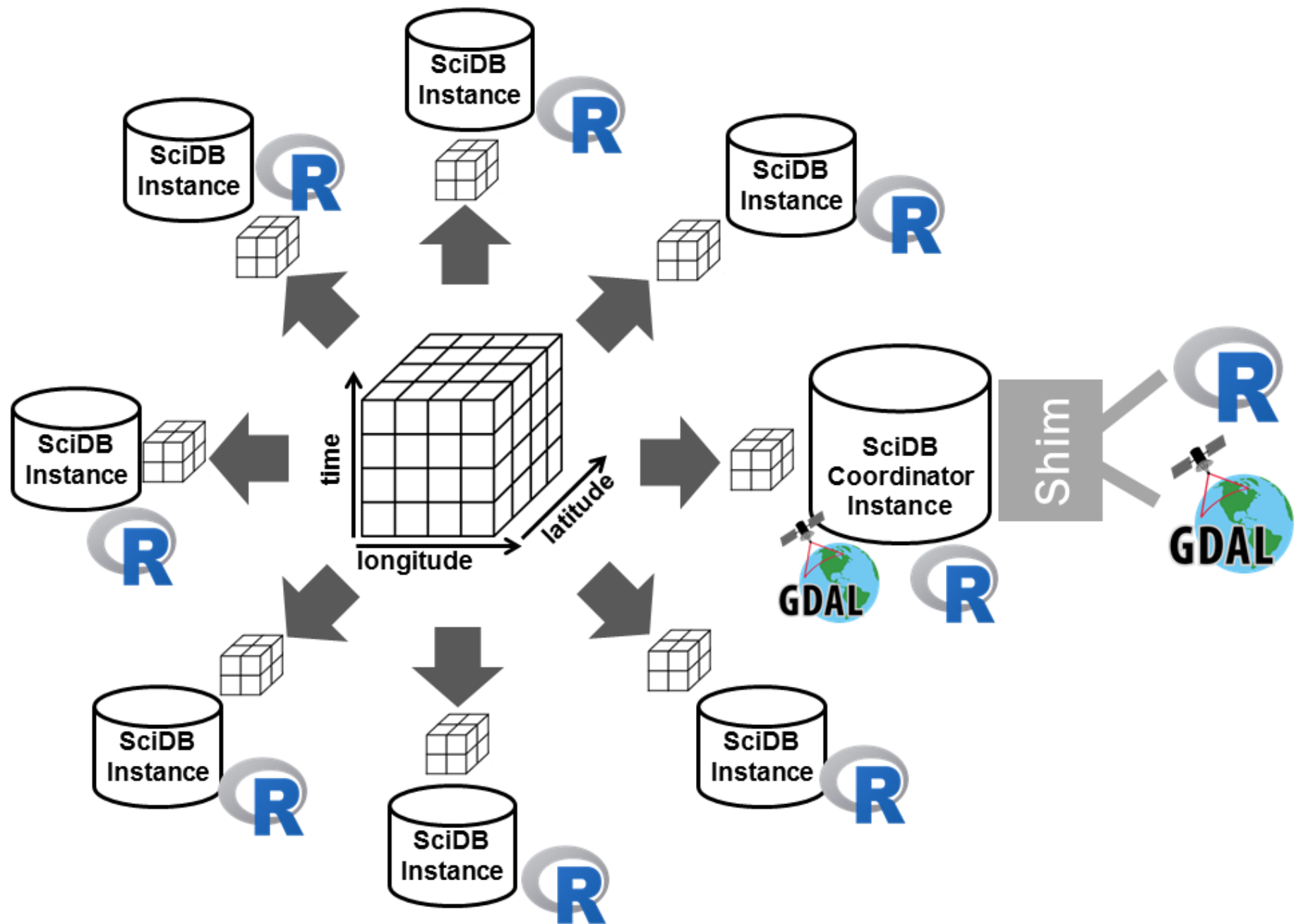
- Relational model database – Relational database
- Related records
 - linked with a "key"



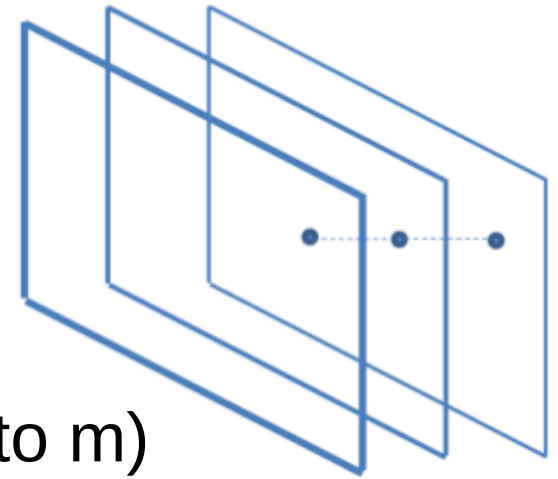
Array database model

- Array database management system (DBMS) – designed for arrays (raster data)
- Raster data – terabytes of data
- Different dimensions and sizes
- List of Array DBMS
 - Oracle GeoRaster
 - MonetDB/SciQL
 - PostGIS Raster
 - rasdaman
 - SciDB





Example – relational vs array database

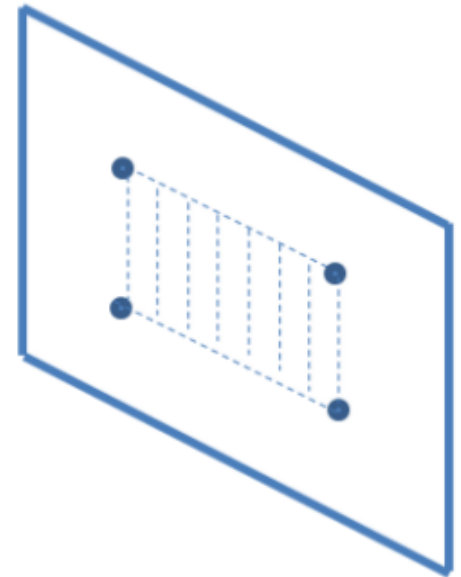


- 1. query: Fetch the spectrum-band values of the point (x=100, y=100) for images (n to m)

	SciDB (1 st Model)	SciDB (2 nd Model)	PostgreSQL	PostGIS Raster
<i>(n=1, m=10)</i>				
Length (char)	230	84	1388	80
Performance (sec)	39	1.8	0.4	0.15
<i>(n=1, m=50)</i>				
Length (char)	949	84	7193	80
Performance (sec)	1120	7.8	19	0.8

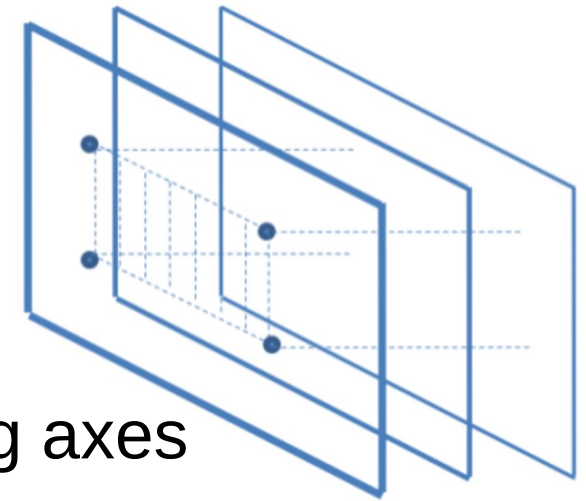
Example – relational vs array database

- 2. query: Fetch all the spectrum-band values of Image_30 for the following axes values $(x1 < x < x2) / (y1 < y < y2)$



	SciDB (1 st Model)	SciDB (2 nd Model)	PostgreSQL	PostGIS Raster
<i>$(x1=400, x2=900) / (y1=1000, y2=2000)$</i>				
Length (char)	89	92	6160	167
Performance (sec)	20	34	1.8	690
<i>$(x1=0, x2=900) / (y1=0, y2=2000)$</i>				
Length (char)	90	93	8224	167
Performance (sec)	67	89	2.1	1642

Example – relational vs array database



- 3. query: Fetch all the spectrum-band values of images (n to m) for the following axes values $(x1 < x < x2) / (y1 < y < y2)$

	SciDB (1 st Model)	SciDB (2 nd Model)	PostgreSQL	PostGIS Raster
<i>$(n=1, m=5), (x1=0, x2=50) / (y1=0, y2=50)$</i>				
Length (char)	166	103	7349	178
Performance (sec)	16	13	0.3	173
<i>$(n=1, m=10), (x1=0, x2=900) / (y1=0, y2=900)$</i>				
Length (char)	252	104	92880	181
Performance (sec)	96	112	343	1037

Conclusion

- Relational databases – past?
- Array databases
 - Time series compatible
 - possible future
- Problem – computer performance
- In-database storage or Out-database storage (metadata storage)