# Construction of Interactive Websites for Remote Sensing Datasets

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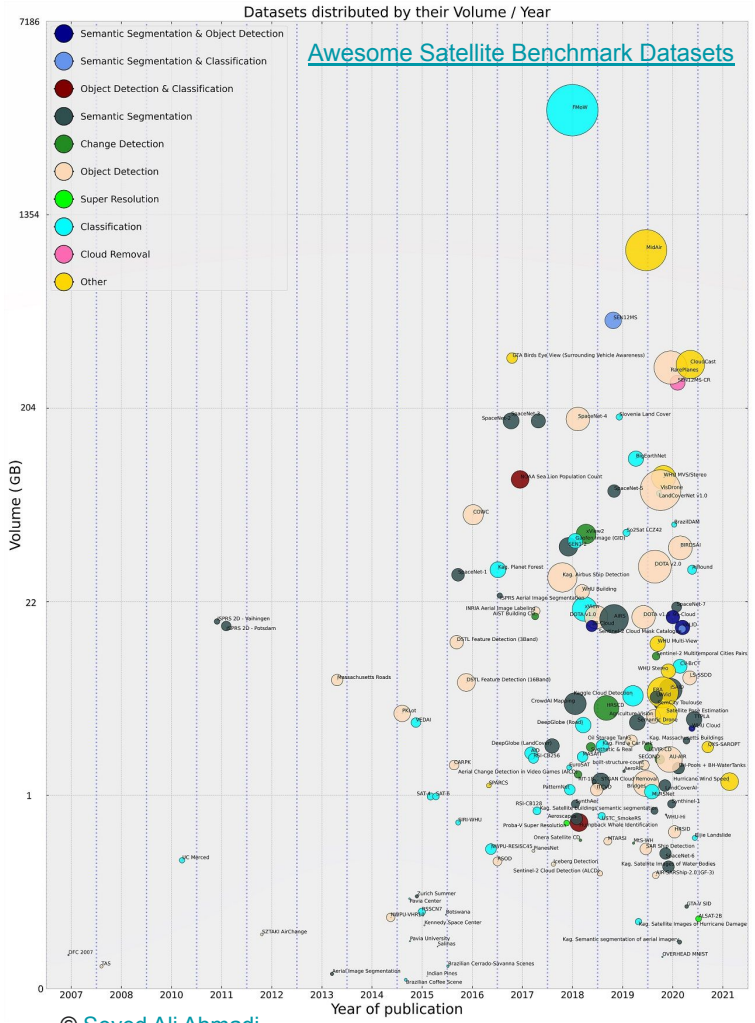
# Remote Sensing Benchmark Datasets

- To train machine learning models large-scale training datasets are required.
- Thus, several well-designed and ready-to-use benchmark datasets have been recently introduced in remote sensing.
- The descriptions of the existing datasets are often published in scientific papers as PDF files.



# Limitations of Benchmark Dataset PDFs

- **Static Format**: PDF files have no interactive visualization capabilities.
- **Page Limit**: May limit the description of the dataset due to submission guidelines.
- **Hard to update**: Once published, it is difficult to update the dataset paper/description.
- **Limited communication**: Hard to interact with the creators and users of the dataset.

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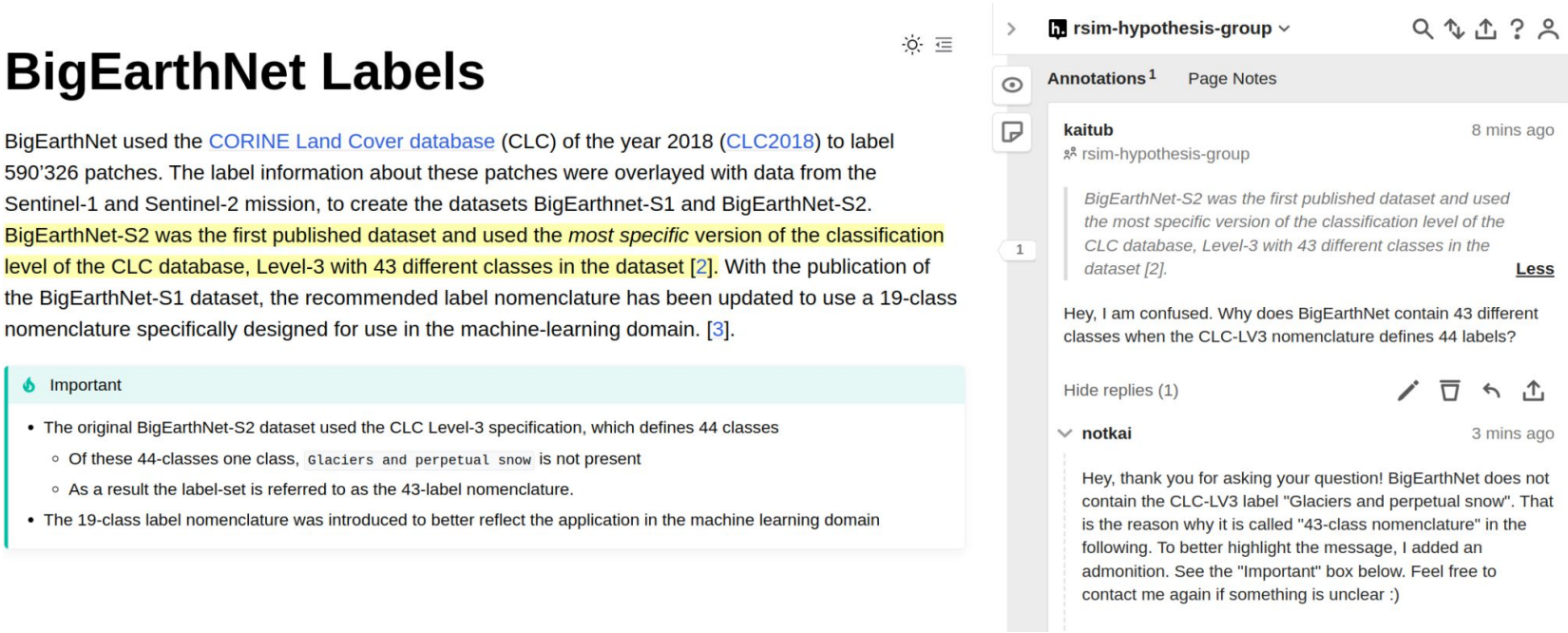
# Solution: Interactive Dataset Websites

- **Aim**: Increase accessibility through:
  - Interactive engagement of the community via commenting systems.



## BigEarthNet Labels

BigEarthNet used the CORINE Land Cover database (CLC) of the year 2018 (CLC2018) to label 590'326 patches. The label information about these patches were overlayed with data from the Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 mission, to create the datasets BigEarthnet-S1 and BigEarthNet-S2. BigEarthNet-S2 was the first published dataset and used the *most specific* version of the classification level of the CLC database, Level-3 with 43 different classes in the dataset [2]. With the publication of the BigEarthNet-S1 dataset, the recommended label nomenclature has been updated to use a 19-class nomenclature specifically designed for use in the machine-learning domain. [3].

Important

- The original BigEarthNet-S2 dataset used the CLC Level-3 specification, which defines 44 classes
  - Of these 44-classes one class, `Glaciers and perpetual snow` is not present
  - As a result the label-set is referred to as the 43-label nomenclature.
- The 19-class label nomenclature was introduced to better reflect the application in the machine learning domain



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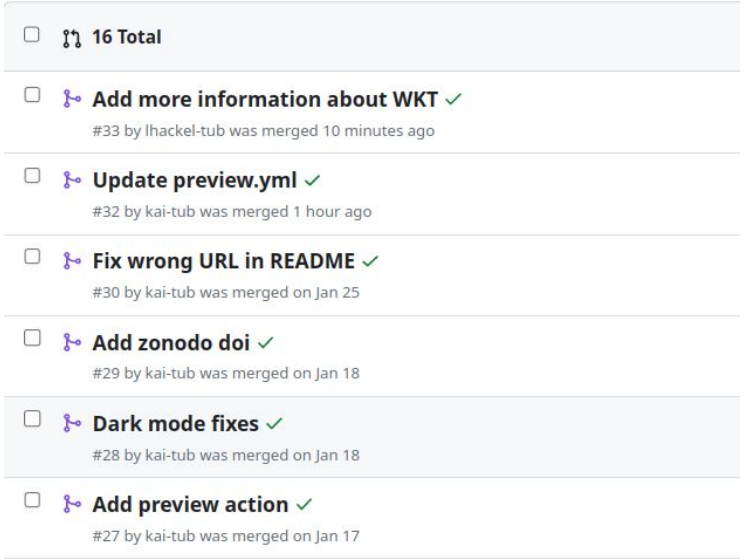
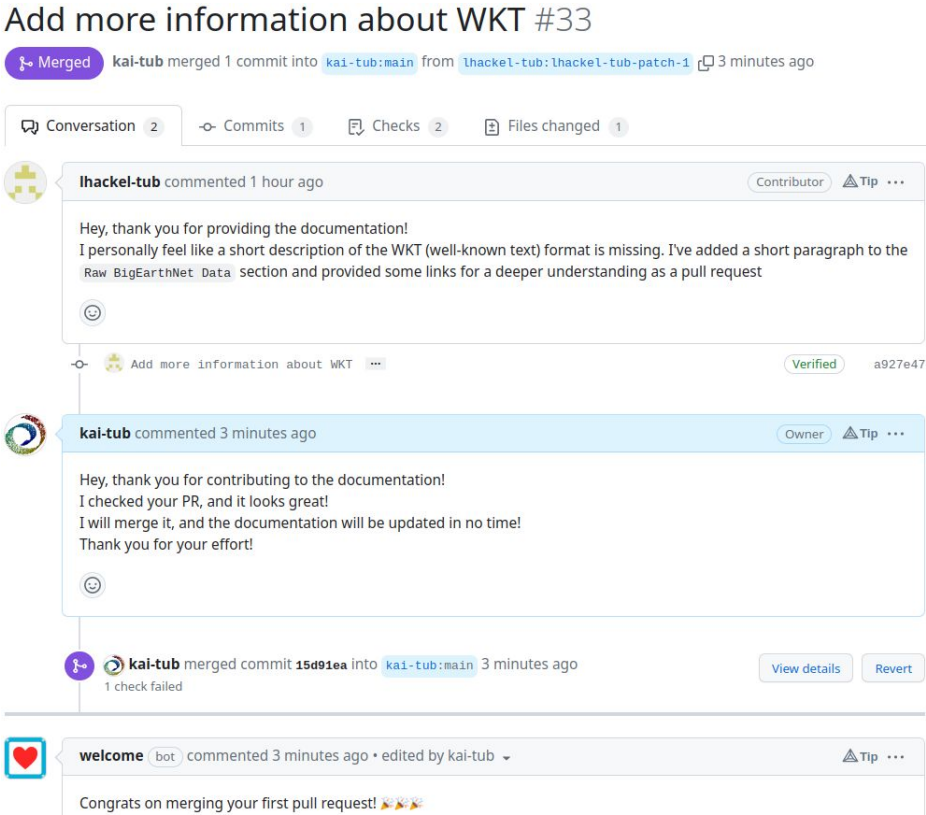
  - Allow community to contribute to the project.

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- **Aim**: Increase accessibility through:
  - Illustrative and interactive visualizations.

## BigEarthNet-S2

The general contents of the BigEarthNet-S2 archive looks as follows:

```
BigEarthNet-S2-Example
├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B01.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B02.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B03.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B04.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B05.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B06.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B07.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B08.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B8A.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B09.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B11.tif
│   ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_B12.tif
│   └── S2A_MSIL2A_20170613T101031_87_48_labels_metadata.json
└── S2A_MSIL2A_20170617T113321_4_55
    ├── S2A_MSIL2A_20170617T113321_4_55_B01.tif
    └── S2A_MSIL2A_20170617T113321_4_55_B02.tif
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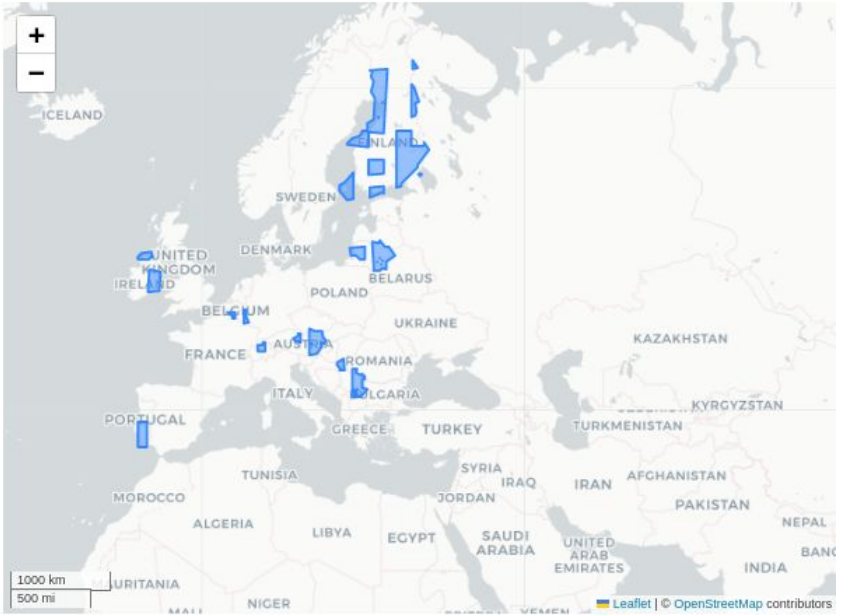


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- **Aim**: Increase accessibility through:
  - Example code for using, loading and visualizing the data;
  - Providing links to useful tools/libraries to work with the datasets.

## Helpful Libraries

The following is a short list of *unofficial* BigEarthNet-related libraries:

### BigEarthNet Common

The BigEarthNet Common library provides a collection of high-level tools to better work with the BigEarthNet dataset. Use this library to:

- Use any BigEarthNet related constants
  - Quickly print constants by using a CLI tool
- Safely read JSON files
- Deterministically multi-hot encode/decode 19/43-class labels
- Quickly accessing metadata from a patch for filtering
  - Country

```python
import lmdb

import numpy as np

# readahead should be True if dataset fits in RAM
# otherwise it may be faster to set readahead = False
# as readonly=True no need for `locking` which _should_ take longer if lock=True
env = lmdb.open(str(p), readonly=True, readahead=True, lock=False)
# possible optimization use single call to
# getmulti(keys) instead of a new thread with a single element as transaction?

with env.begin() as txn:
    byteflow = txn.get(example_patch.encode("utf-8"))
    s2_patch = BigEarthNet_S2_Patch.loads(byteflow)

bands_10m = s2_patch.get_stacked_10m_bands()
bands_20m = s2_patch.get_stacked_20m_bands()

# interpolate to 10m dimension
```

```python
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

bands_10m_torch = Tensor(np.float32(bands_10m)).unsqueeze(dim=0)
bands_20m_torch = Tensor(np.float32(bands_20m)).unsqueeze(dim=0)

bands_20m_interp = interpolate(bands_20m_torch, bands_10m.shape[-2:], mode="bicubic")
plt.imshow(bands_20m_interp[0][0], cmap="gray")
plt.title("Torch interpolate (bicubic)")
plt.axis("off");
```

Torch interpolate (bicubic)

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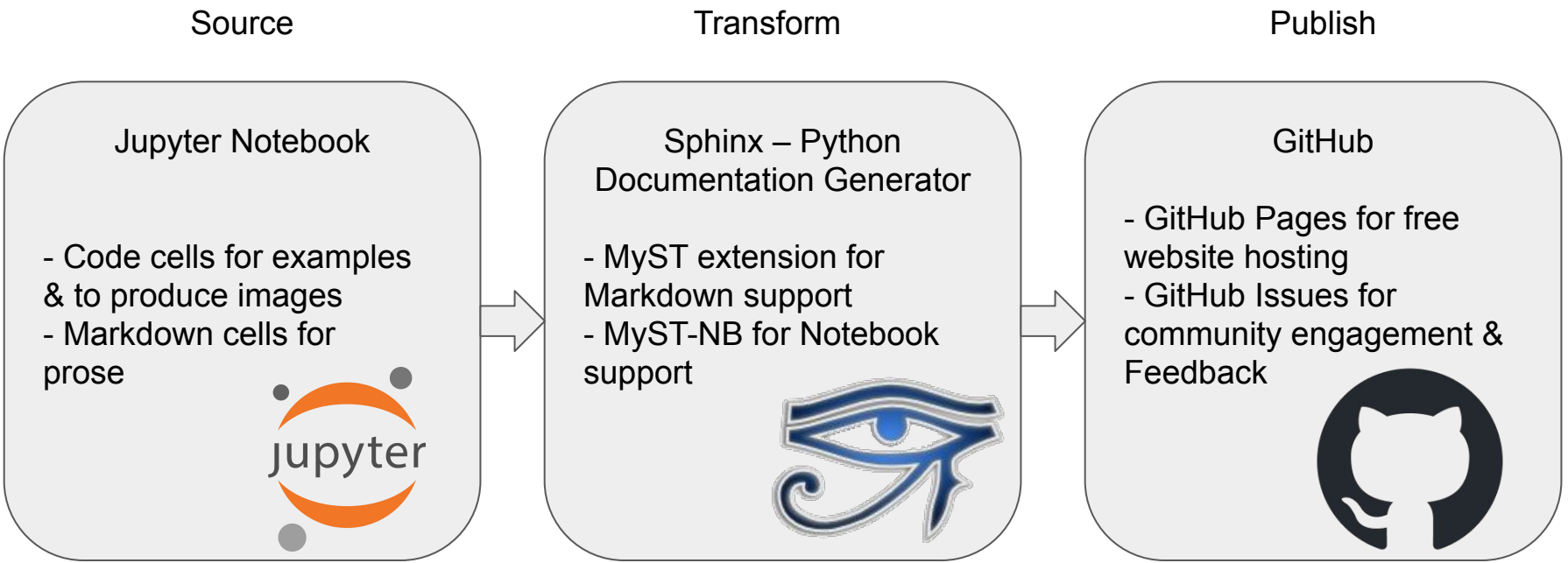
# Suggested Workflow with Open-Source Tools

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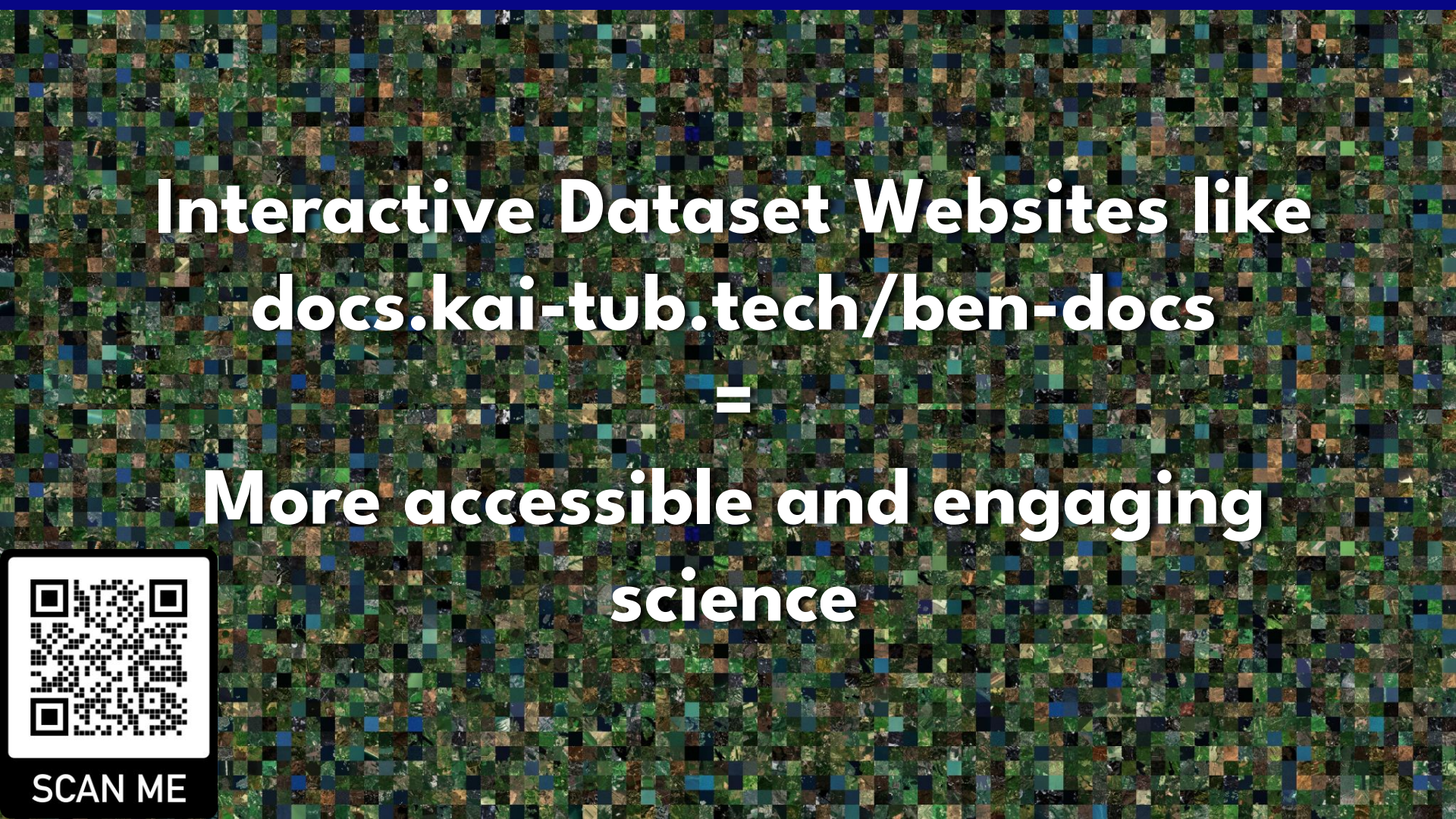
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# Additional Material

# Jupyter Project

- A Jupyter Notebook is a web-based interactive computing platform that allows users to create and share documents that combine live code, equations, visualizations, and narrative text.

- Notebooks provide an easy way to prototype, experiment, and iterate on data analysis and machine learning models.

- Additional links:
  - Official Jupyter Project Documentation
  - Try Jupyter on the web without installing anything
  - Example Jupyter Lab Notebook


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# Jupyter NB source to HTML page I

## Source File

With the following conventions:

- Each folder corresponds to a single patch
- The `patch_name` is encoded as the name of the folder
- Each patch folder contains a GeoTIFF file for each of the 12 bands.
  - The name of the GeoTIFF file is encoded as `<patch_name>_<band>.tif`.
- The JSON file, named `<patch_name>_labels_metadata.json`, contains the metadata

The prettified contents of a metadata file is:

```
# remove-input

from rich import print_json
from copy import copy
import json

ben_s2_json_file_paths = list(Path(ben_s2_path).rglob("*.json"))
ben_s2_json_fp = ben_s2_json_file_paths[0]
text = ben_s2_json_fp.read_text()
j = json.loads(text)
simple_j = copy(j)
simple_j["projection"] = simple_j["projection"][:75] + "..."

print_json(data=simple_j)
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{
  "labels": [
    "Pastures"
  ],
  "coordinates": {
    "ulx": 604800,
    "uly": 5834040,
    "lrx": 606000,
    "lry": 5832840
  },
  "projection": "PROJCS[\"WGS 84 / UTM zone 29N\",GEOGCS[\"WGS 84\",DATUM[\"W
  "tile_source": "S2A_MSIL1C_20170617T113321_N0205_R080_T29UPU_20170617T1133
  "acquisition_date": "2017-06-17 11:33:21"
}
```


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# Jupyter NB source to HTML page II

## Source File

Example output

In [ ]:

```
# scroll-output
from bigearthnet_gdf_builder.builder import get_gdf_from_s2_patch_dir

# gdf_builder also has a CLI tool to convert the entire archive into a single
# parquet file!
# Example "raw" subset
gdf = get_gdf_from_s2_patch_dir(ben_s2_path)
# showing first row as tables have display issues
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Parquet files allow for easy data-processing and visualization. These files work particularly well with geopandas:

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| | labels | tile_source | acquisition_date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | [Pastures] | S2A_MSIL1C_20170617T113321_N0205_R080_T29UPU_2... | 2017-06-17 11:33:21 |
| 1 | [Coniferous forest, Mixed forest, Transitional... | S2B_MSIL1C_20170924T93020_N0205_R136_T35VPK_20... | 2017-09-24 09:30:20 |
| 2 | [Non-irrigated arable land, Land principally o... | S2A_MSIL1C_20170613T101031_N0205_R022_T33UUP_2... | 2017-06-13 10:10:31 |
| 3 | [Non-irrigated arable land, Coniferous forest,... | S2B_MSIL1C_20180204T94161_N0206_R036_T35VPK_20... | 2018-02-04 09:41:56 |

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# Jupyter NB source to HTML page III

## Source File

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The polygons have been merged together to minimize page-load time and storage requirements

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```
# remove-input
import warnings

warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
import geopandas
import folium

# import folium.plugins


def draw_fast_marker_cluster(gdf):
    marker_gdf = gdf.copy()
    marker_gdf = marker_gdf.to_crs("EPSG:4326")
    m = folium.Map(tiles="Stamen Terrain")
    data = marker_gdf.representative_point().apply(lambda point: [point.y, point.x])
    map_data = folium.plugins.FastMarkerCluster(data)
    m.add_child(map_data)
    return m


def simplify_gdf(gdf, tolerance=100):
    geo_series = gdf.geometry.unary_union
    g_series_simp = geo_series.simplify(tolerance)
    return geopandas.GeoDataFrame(
        {"name": ["BigEarthNet-simplified"]}, geometry=[g_series_simp], crs=gdf.crs
    )


# gdf = geopandas.read_parquet("../gdf/raw_ben_s2_gdf_3035.parquet")
# gdf_simp = simplify_gdf(gdf)
# gdf_simp.to_parquet("_static/ben_simple_union.parquet")

gdf = geopandas.read_parquet("_static/ben_simple_union.parquet")
```

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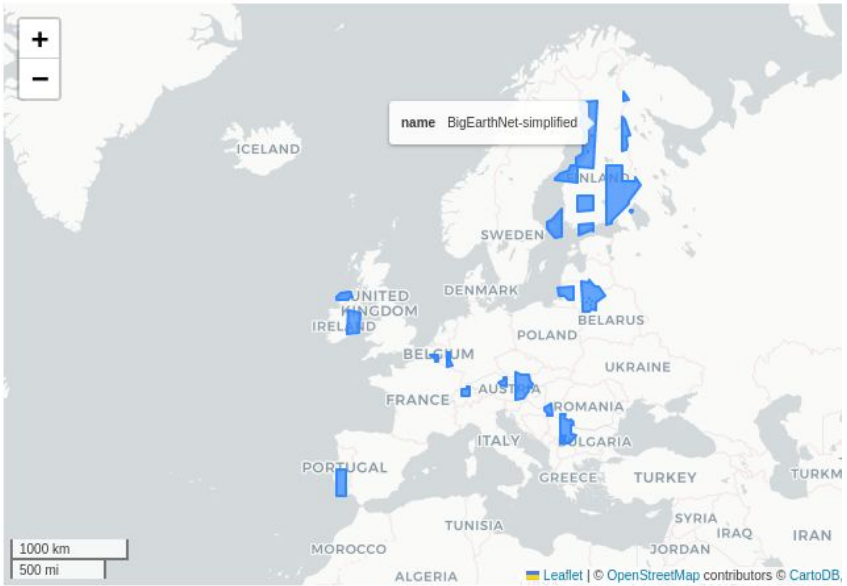


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# Executable Books Project

- The Executable Books Project is an open-source project that aims to improve the sustainability of scientific research by developing tools that facilitate publishing computational narratives using the Jupyter ecosystem, such as:
  - Jupyter Books
  - MyST-NB project

- Additional links:
  - Official Executable Books Documentation
  - Jupyter Book Gallery
  - MyST (Markedly Structured Text) – A superset of the CommonMark language


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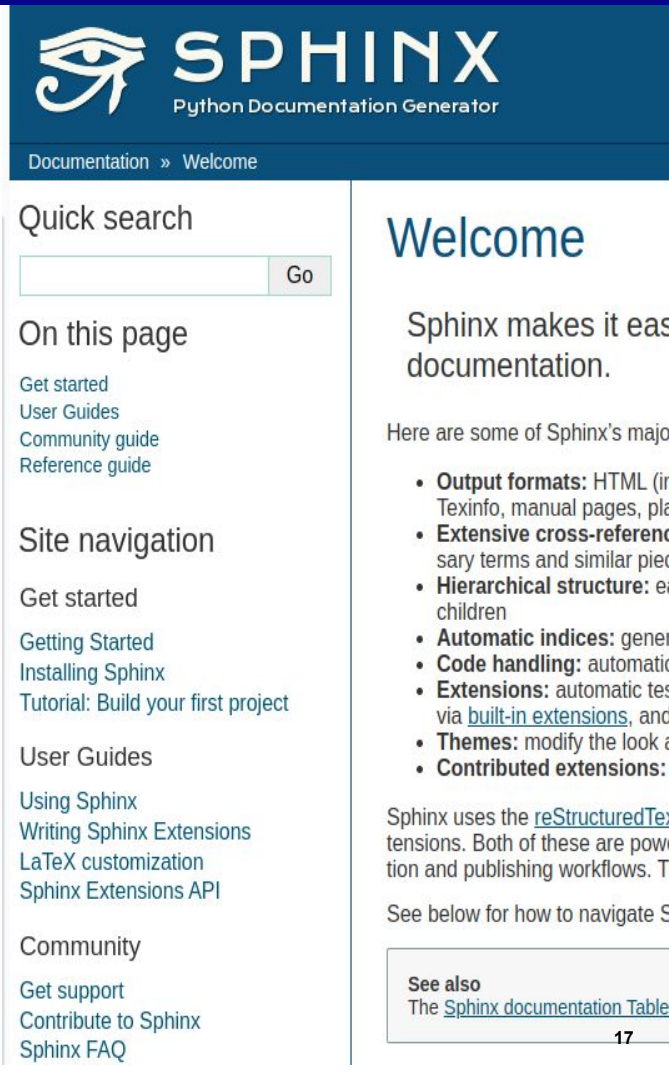
# SPHINX
PYTHON DOCUMENTATION GENERATOR

- Sphinx is an open-source documentation generator that:
  - is widely used in the Python community, but can also be used for other programming languages;
  - is used as the foundation for many Executable Book Projects/Tools.

- Additional Links:
  - Official Sphinx Documentation
  - Furo – A popular Sphinx Theme (also used for the BigEarthNet Guide)
  - Using Markdown (MyST) in Sphinx instead of *reStructured Text* (reST)



# GitHub Pages

- *GitHub Pages* is a free web hosting service provided by GitHub that:
  - allows users to create static websites and host them on GitHub's servers;
  - supports a variety of static site generators, such as Sphinx and Jekyll

- Additional links:
  - Official GitHub Pages Documentation
  - Using a custom domain for your GitHub Pages site
  - GitHub Pages usage limits

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