

Construction of Interactive Websites for Remote Sensing Datasets

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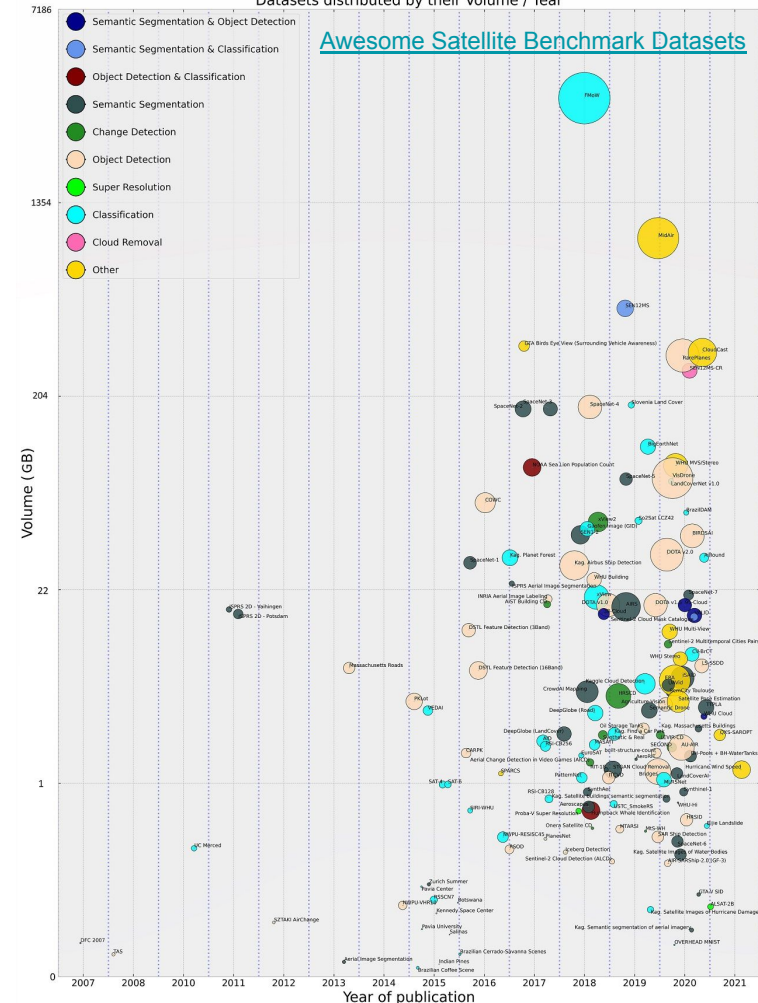


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Remote Sensing Benchmark Datasets

- 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.

Datasets distributed by their Volume / Year



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.

FIGURE 1: A LARGE-SCALE BENCHMARK ARCHIVE FOR REMOTE SENSING

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the BigEarthNet that is a new large-scale multi-label Sentinel-2 benchmark archive. The BigEarthNet consists of 128 Sentinel-2 image patches, 106 of which contain a section of 120 × 120 pixels for fine-grained (10 × 10) pixels for 20m bands, and an 8 × 8 pixels for 60m bands. Unlike most of existing archives, each image patch is annotated by multiple landcover classes (i.e., multi-labels) that are provided from the CORINE Land Cover database of the year 2018 (CLC 2018). The BigEarthNet is significantly larger than the existing archives in remote sensing and it is much more convenient to be used as a training source in the context of deep learning. This paper first illustrates the limitations of the existing archives and then describes the properties of the BigEarthNet. Experimental results obtained the framework of RS image scene classification problems show that a shallow Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architecture trained on the BigEarthNet provides much higher accuracy compared to a state-of-the-art CNN model (pre-trained on the ImageNet) which is a very popular image-scale benchmark archive in computer vision. The BigEarthNet opens up interesting directions to advance operational RS applications and research in intensive Sentinel-2 image archive.

2. LIMITATIONS OF EXISTING REMOTE SENSING BENCHMARK ARCHIVES

Most of the benchmark archives in RS (UC Merced Land Use Dataset [1], NWPU-RESISC45 [1], SHI-WUE [3], AD-FC [1], NWPU-RESISC45 [1], RS4-FC [8], IS10 [9] and PatchNet [10]) contain a small number of images annotated with single category labels. Table 1 presents the list of the commonest classification benchmarks currently used for the implementation, evaluation and validation of algorithms in the context of classification, scene search and retrieval tasks. However, RS community encounters critical limitations, which using these archives may lead to misleading learning objectives. One of the most critical limitations, which is the most obvious one, is that the existing archives is very small. Thus, they are insufficient to train modern deep learning models, especially when using small training data. In fact, the lack of sufficient training data in the existing archives suffers from the problem of learning a large number

[†]The BigEarthNet is available at <https://github.com/genec101/BigEarthNet>.

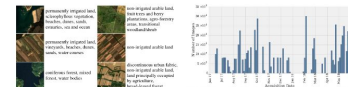


FIG. 1. Examples of Sentinel-2 images and their multi-labels in our BigEarthNet archive.

of images in a deep learning model. Another great advantage is remote sensing (RS) data is the high availability of deep neural networks (DNNs) for RS image processing. The current neural network (CNN) architectures consist of a stack of convolutional layers, fully connected layers, and softmax layers. The RS data is very abundant, but it is not easy to collect and process. The RS data is very abundant, but it is not easy to collect and process. The RS data is very abundant, but it is not easy to collect and process.

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Table 1: List of the existing RS archives.

Archive Name	Type	Number of Images	Number of Classes
UC Merced	Area-RGB	2100	21
WHU-ARRS [1]	Area-RGB	1461	16
RESISC45 [1]	Area-RGB	3100	31
MIRFAP [3]	Area-RGB	1000	44
AD-FC [8]	Area-RGB	1000	10
IS10 [9]	Area-RGB	1000	10
RS4-FC [8]	Area-RGB	1000	10
PatchNet [10]	Area-RGB	1000	10

Land Cover Class	Number of Images
Water	148
Forest	293
Open Field	293
Barren	293
Urban	293
Residential	293
Industrial	293
Highway	293
Agriculture	293
Beach	293
Sea Ice	293
Mountain	293
Ice	293
Other	293

Model	Accuracy
Random Forest	0.85
Support Vector Machine	0.85
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Recurrent Neural Network	0.93

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When using the BigEarthNet archive, we found that the performance of the model is significantly improved compared to the existing archives. This is due to the large number of images and multi-labels provided in the BigEarthNet archive.

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Table 2: The considered Level 1 CLC classes and the number of images associated with each land-cover-class in the BigEarthNet archive.

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 - **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 overlaid 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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 **Add more information about WKT** ✓
#33 by lhackel-tub was merged 10 minutes ago

 **Update preview.yml** ✓
#32 by kai-tub was merged 1 hour ago


 **Fix wrong URL in README** ✓
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#29 by kai-tub was merged on Jan 18


 **Dark mode fixes** ✓
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Add more information about WKT #33


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Conversation 2 | Commits 1 | Checks 2 | Files changed 1


 lhackel-tub commented 1 hour ago Contributor Tip ...


Hey, thank you for providing the documentation!
I personally feel like a short description of the WKT (well-known text) format is missing. I've added a short paragraph to the Raw BigEarthNet Data section and provided some links for a deeper understanding as a pull request

 Add more information about WKT Verified a927e47

 kai-tub commented 3 minutes ago Owner Tip ...

Hey, thank you for contributing to the documentation!
I checked your PR, and it looks great!
I will merge it, and the documentation will be updated in no time!
Thank you for your effort!

 kai-tub merged commit 15d91ea into kai-tub:main 3 minutes ago View details Revert
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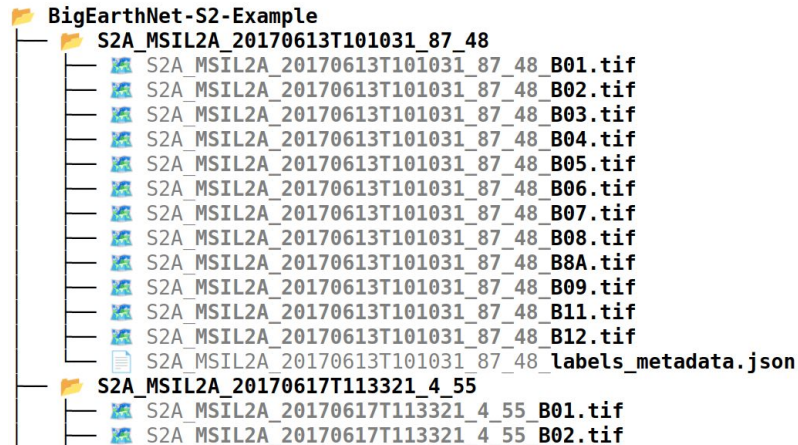
Congrats on merging your first pull request! 🎉🎉🎉

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 - Illustrative and interactive visualizations.

BigEarthNet-S2

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



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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

```
import lmbd

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 = lmbd.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:
    bytearray = txn.get(example_patch.encode("utf-8"))
    s2_patch = BigEarthNet_S2_Patch.loads(bytearray)

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

# interpolate to 10m dimension
```

```
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)

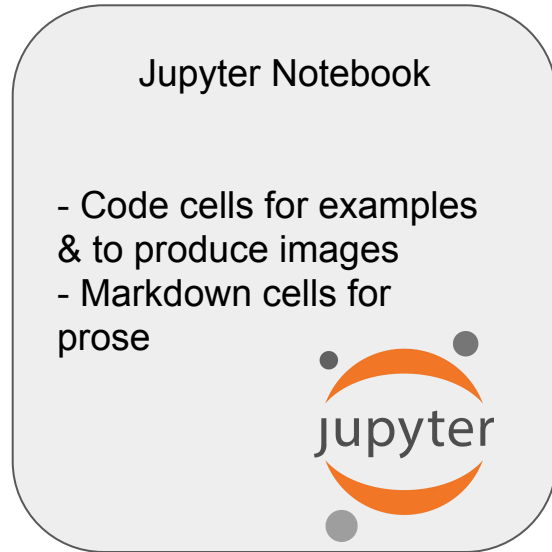
bands_20m_interp = interpolate(bands_20m_torch, bands_10m.shape[-2:], mode="bicubic")
plt.imshow(bands_20m_interp[0][0], cmap="gray")
plt.title("Torch interpolate (bicubic)")
plt.axis("off");
```

Torch interpolate (bicubic)

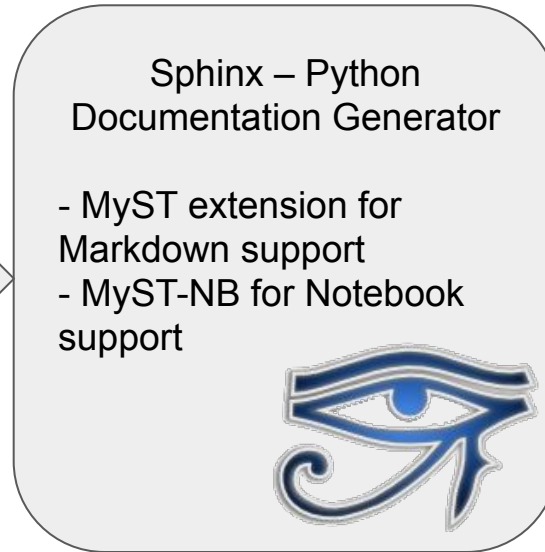


Suggested Workflow with Open-Source Tools

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**More accessible and engaging
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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.
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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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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
gdf
```

Parquet files allow for easy data-processing and visualization. These files work particularly well with geopandas:

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0	[Pastures]	S2A_MSIL1C_20170617T113321_N0205_R080_T29UUP_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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Source File

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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
    })

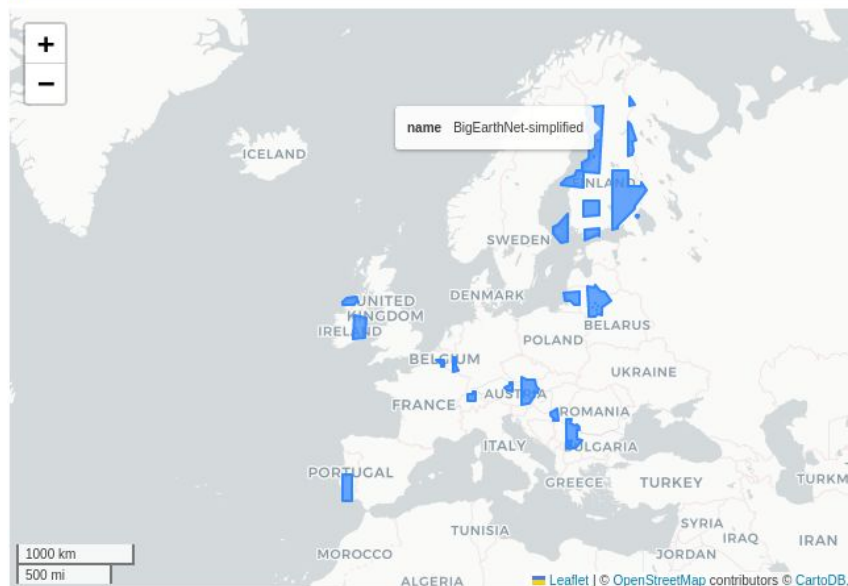
# gdf = geopandas.read_parquet("../gdf/raw_ben_s2_gdf_3035.parquet")
# gdf_simp = simplify_gdf(gdf)
# gdf_simp.to_parquet("_static/ben_simple_union.parquet")

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

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