April 2017 – 9th RDA Plenary

ScaleX 2016: Bringing together heterogeneous data from a joint field campaign

Martin Kunz¹, Jošt V. Lavrič¹, Martin Heimann¹, Richard Grant², Matthias J. Zeeman³ (and many more)

¹ Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry, Jena, Germany

²Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, United States

³ Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany

The ScaleX 2016 campaign in Fendt



- Aim of ScaleX: closing gaps in observation of biogeochemical cycles
- Fendt site: rural area, mostly grassland





Highly diverse data landscape

Example	Time interval	Space dimensions
Wheather station	10 min	0D
SODAR	5 min	1D periodic
Satellite imagery	days	2D periodic
Unmanned aircraft	1 s during flights	3D arbitrary
Meteorol. models	seconds	3D periodic



Multicopter carrying a carbon dioxide analyser





How to facilitate data exchange and fusion?

- Container format (comma-separated value, spreadsheet, NetCDF, Rdata, ...)
- Data format (coordinates, date and time strings, units)
- Metadata (data source, corrections, ...)
- Subsetting several datasets at once (e.g. All measurements available on 7 July between 20:15 and 20:21)
- Publication and Archiving





