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Postgis  
“esri union”  
on a  
“unlimited”  
sized data set

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# What is “Esri Union”

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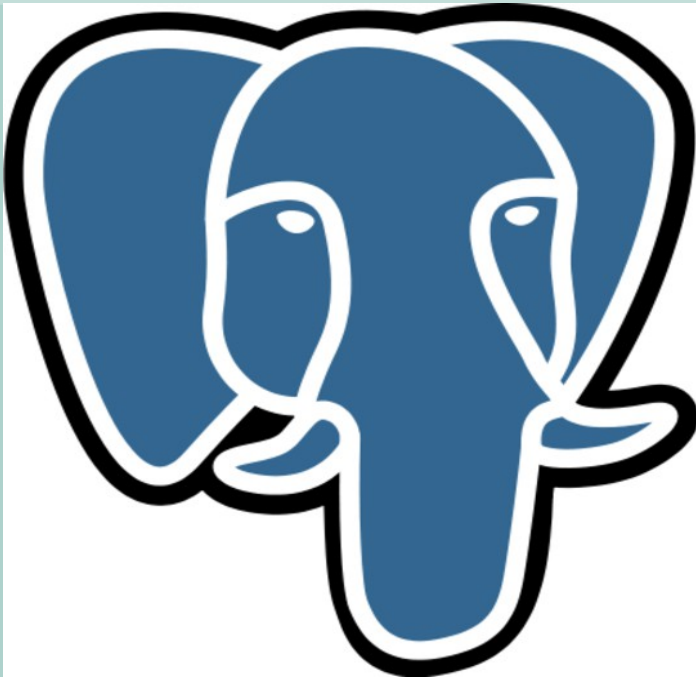
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Postgis  
Simple Feature



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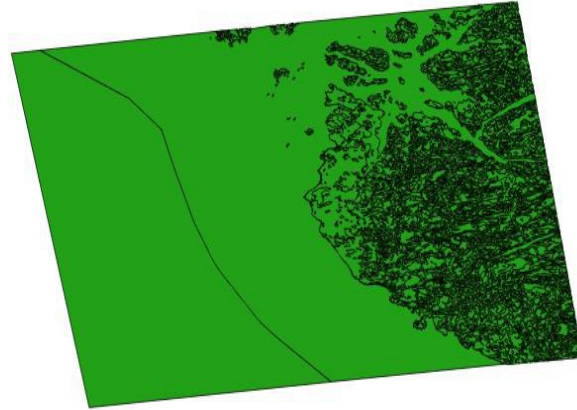
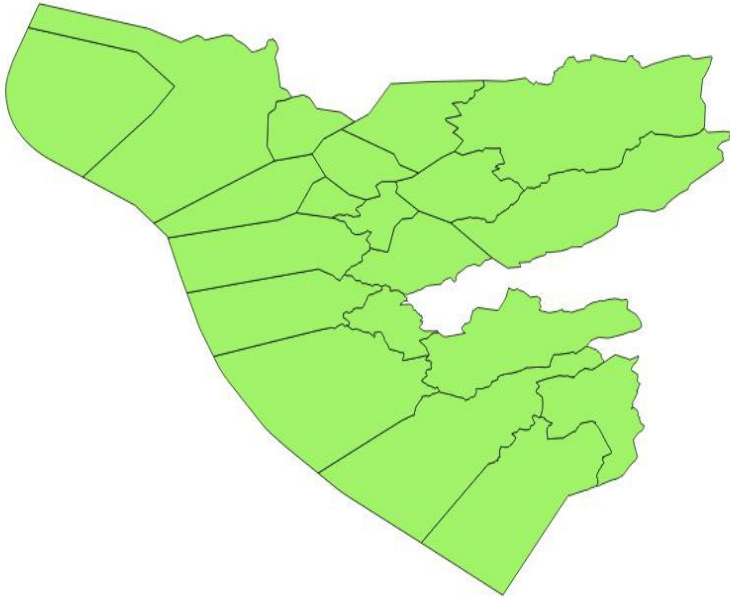
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Why do presentations like this ?

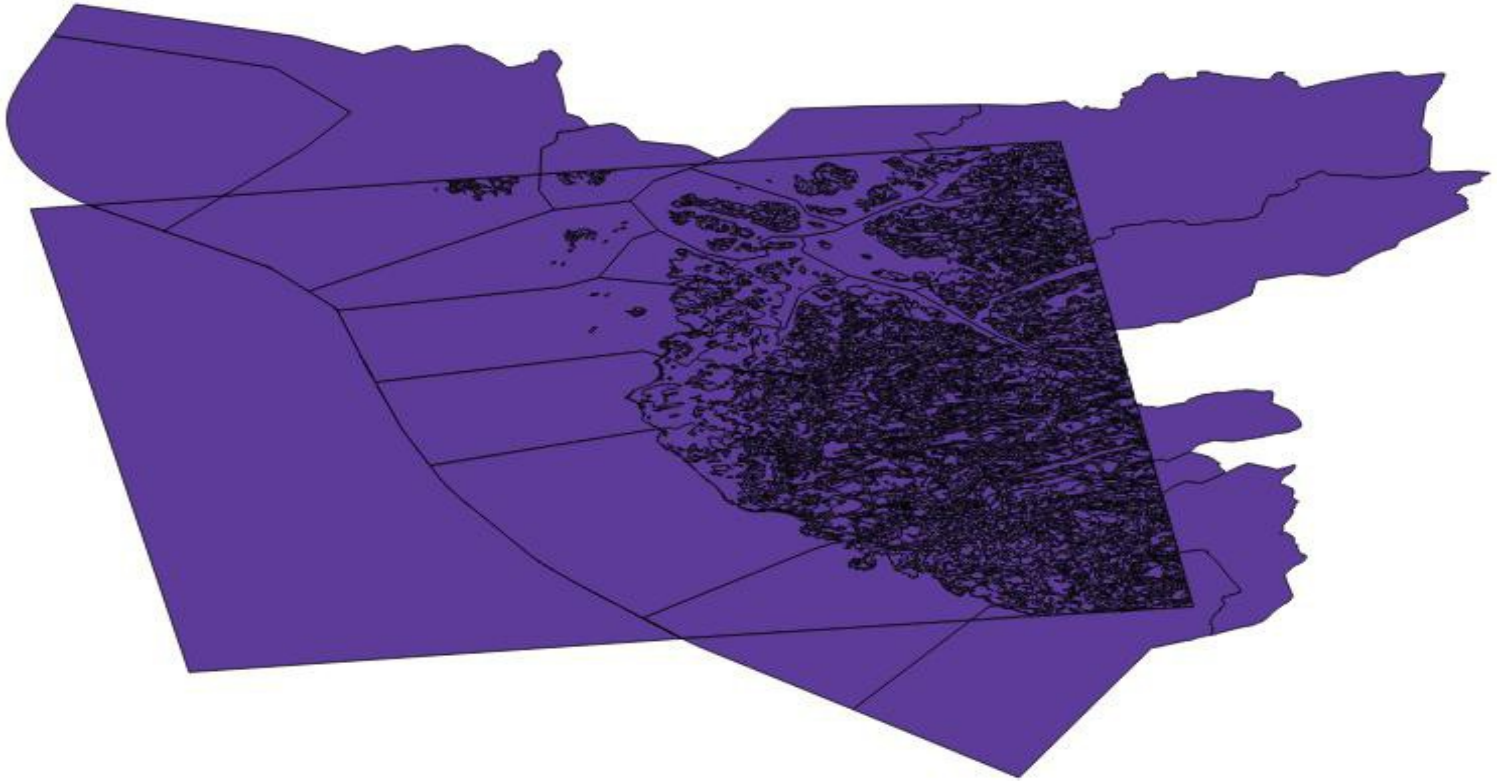
Lars Aksel Opsahl, developer at NIBIO

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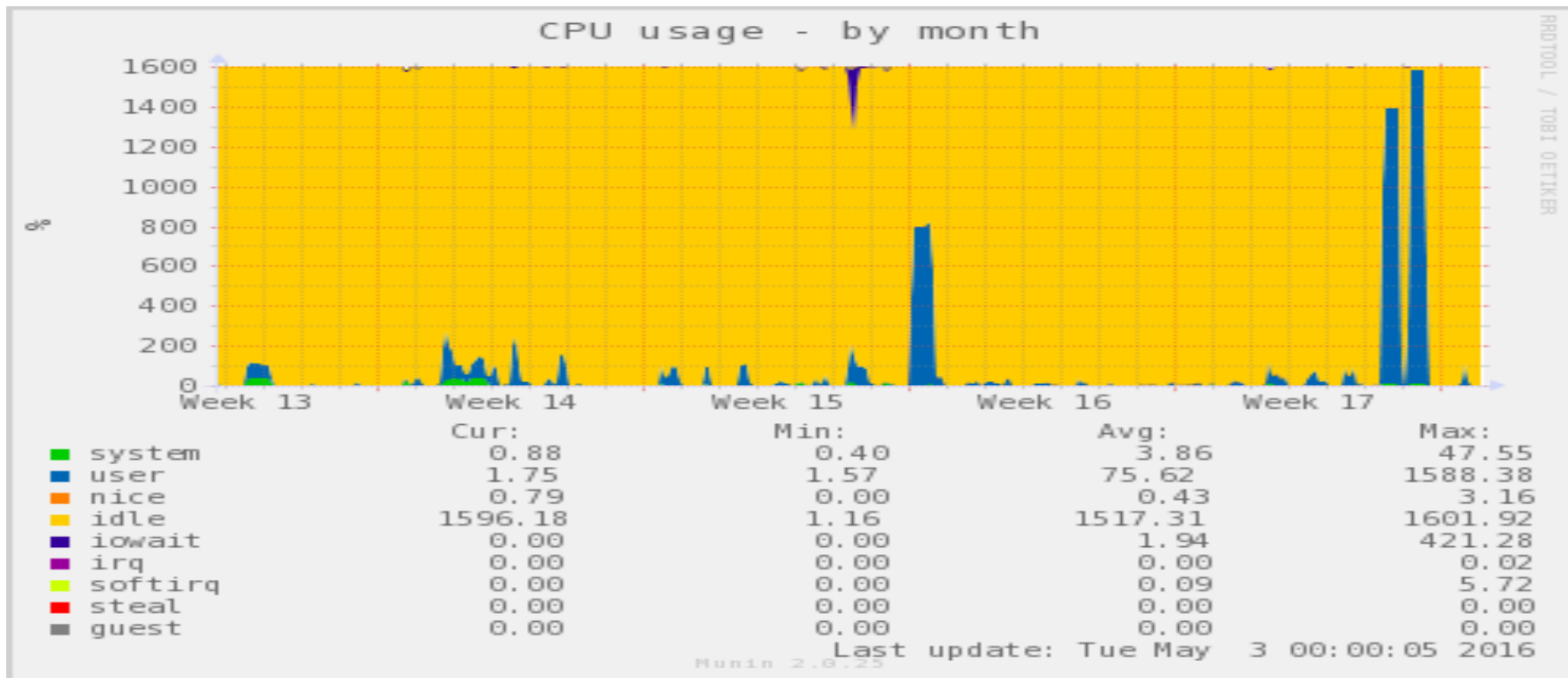
## The basic logic



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# Esri union on postgres solved now ? No !!!!







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Why not dive into Arcgis ?

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Why was it important to solve in Postgis ?

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The code needs to handle :

- Big tables,
  - Big polygon,
  - Big servers
  - Be generic
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Unlimited sized table ?  
Tested 72 million

If primary key INT and  
result > 2147483647 rows then  
fail

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# Divide and conquer pattern

both on big tables and single big polygons

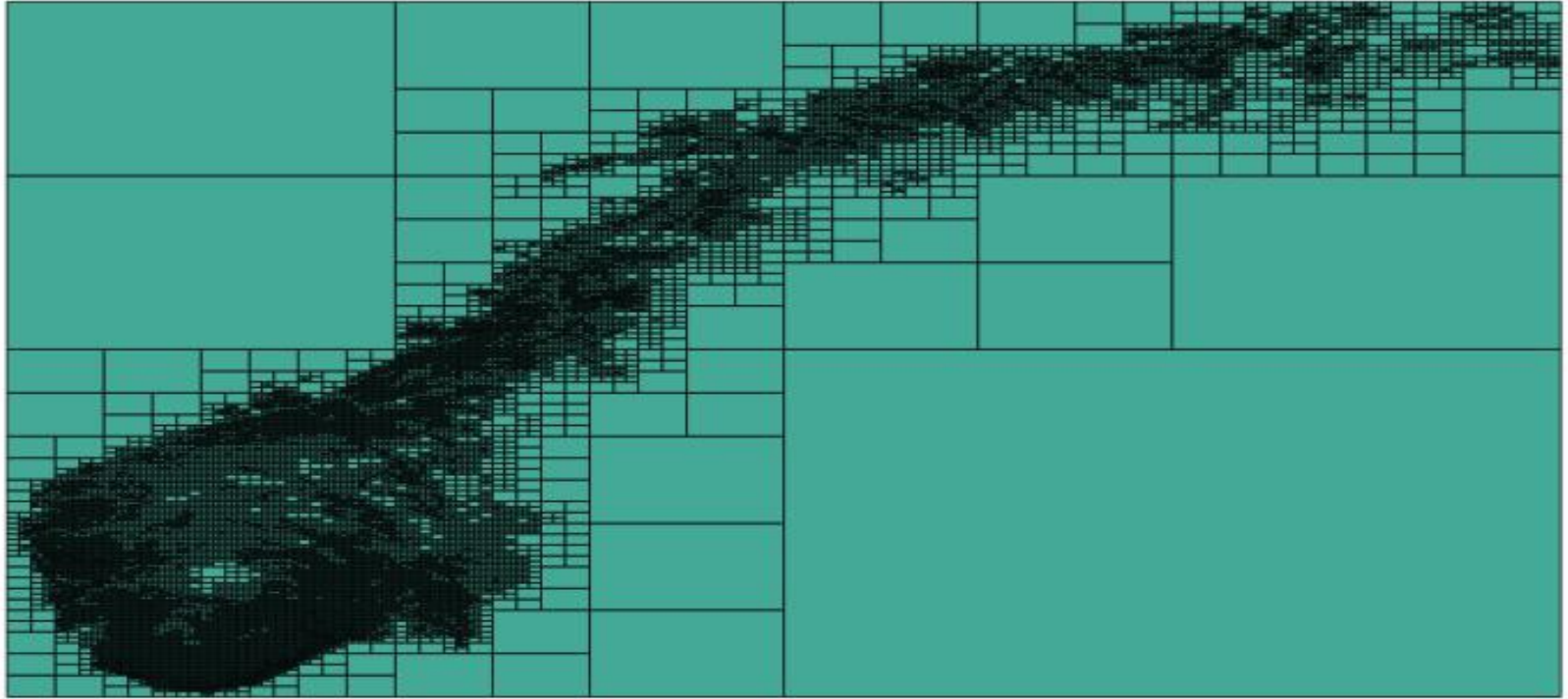
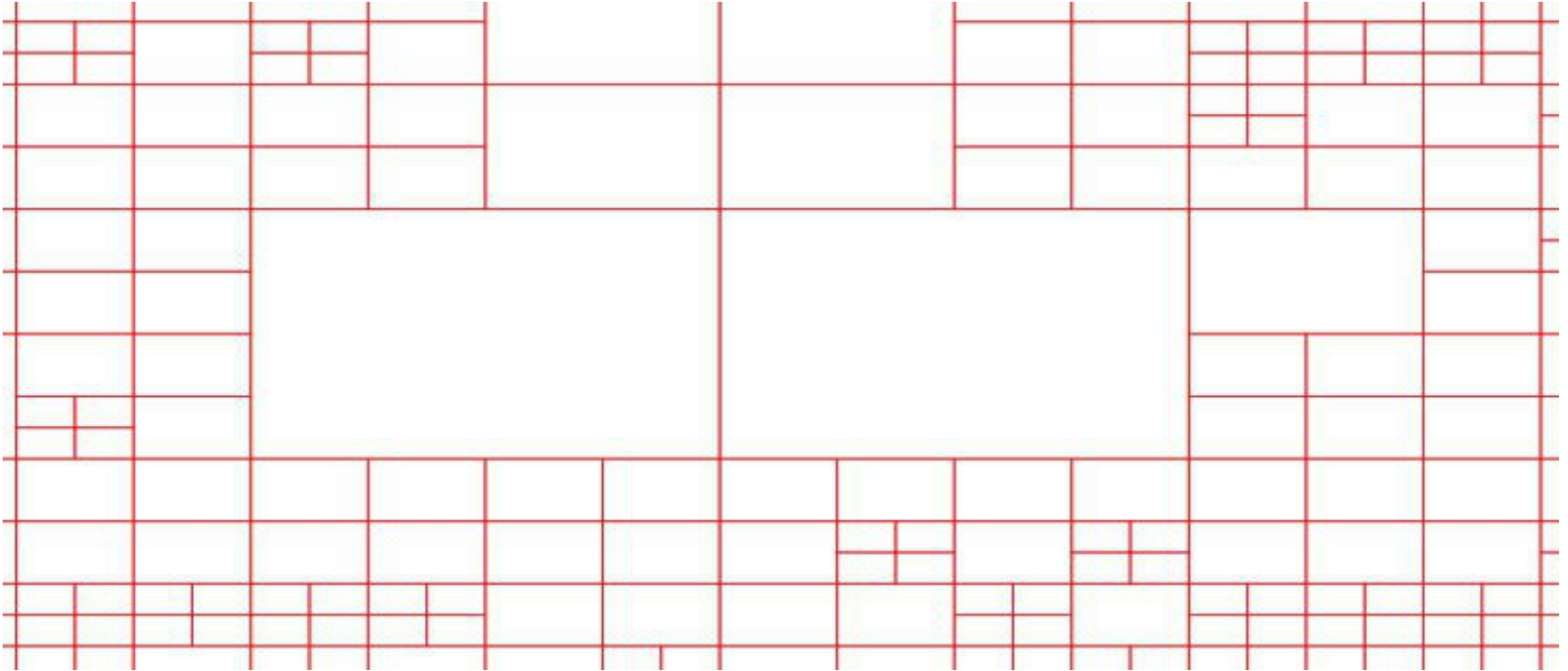


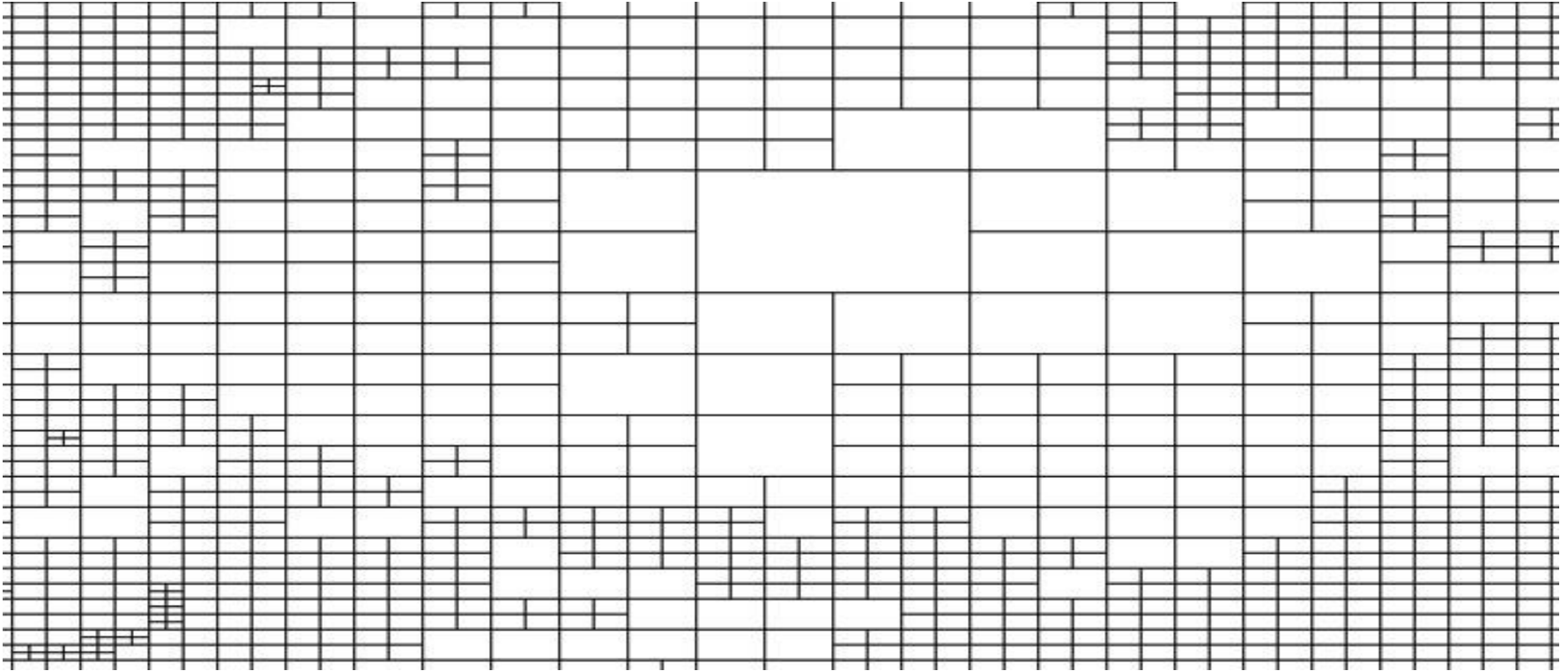
Table extent for both table



# Grid for table one only

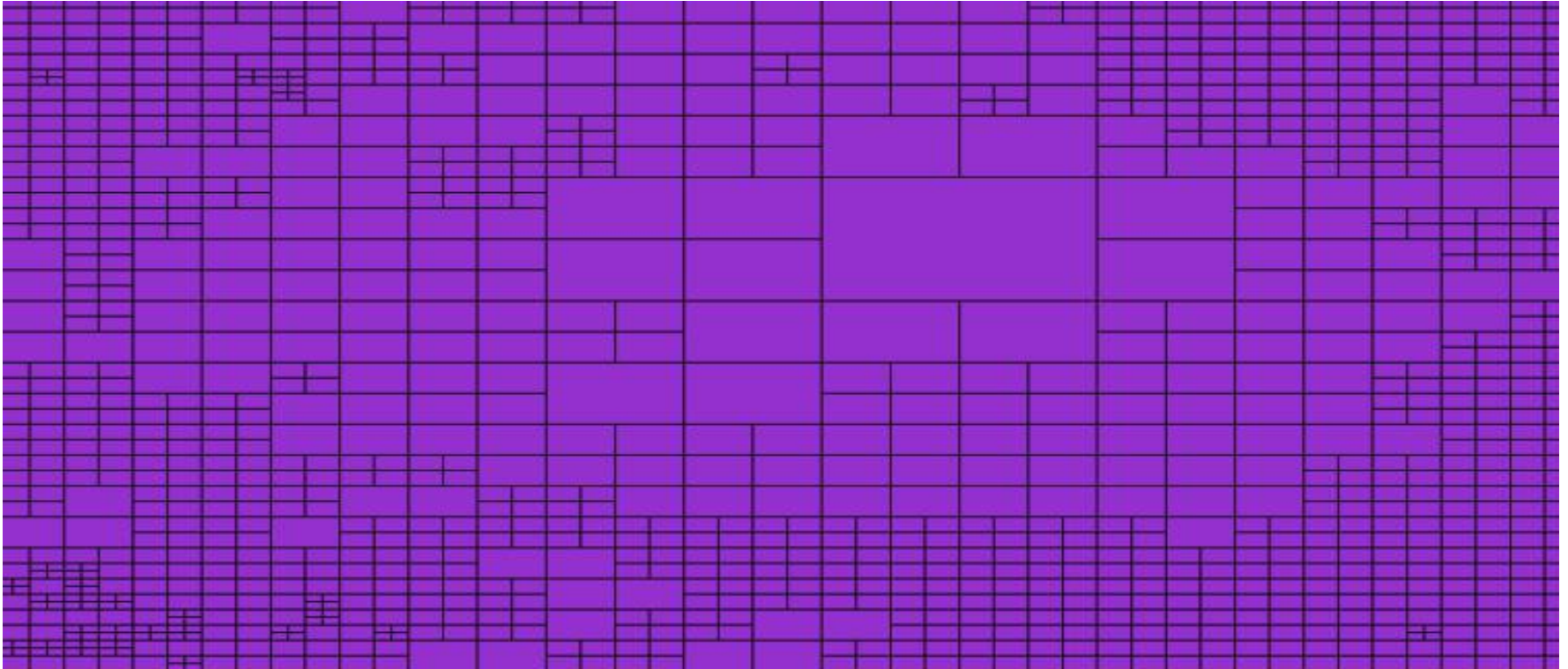


## Grid for table two only

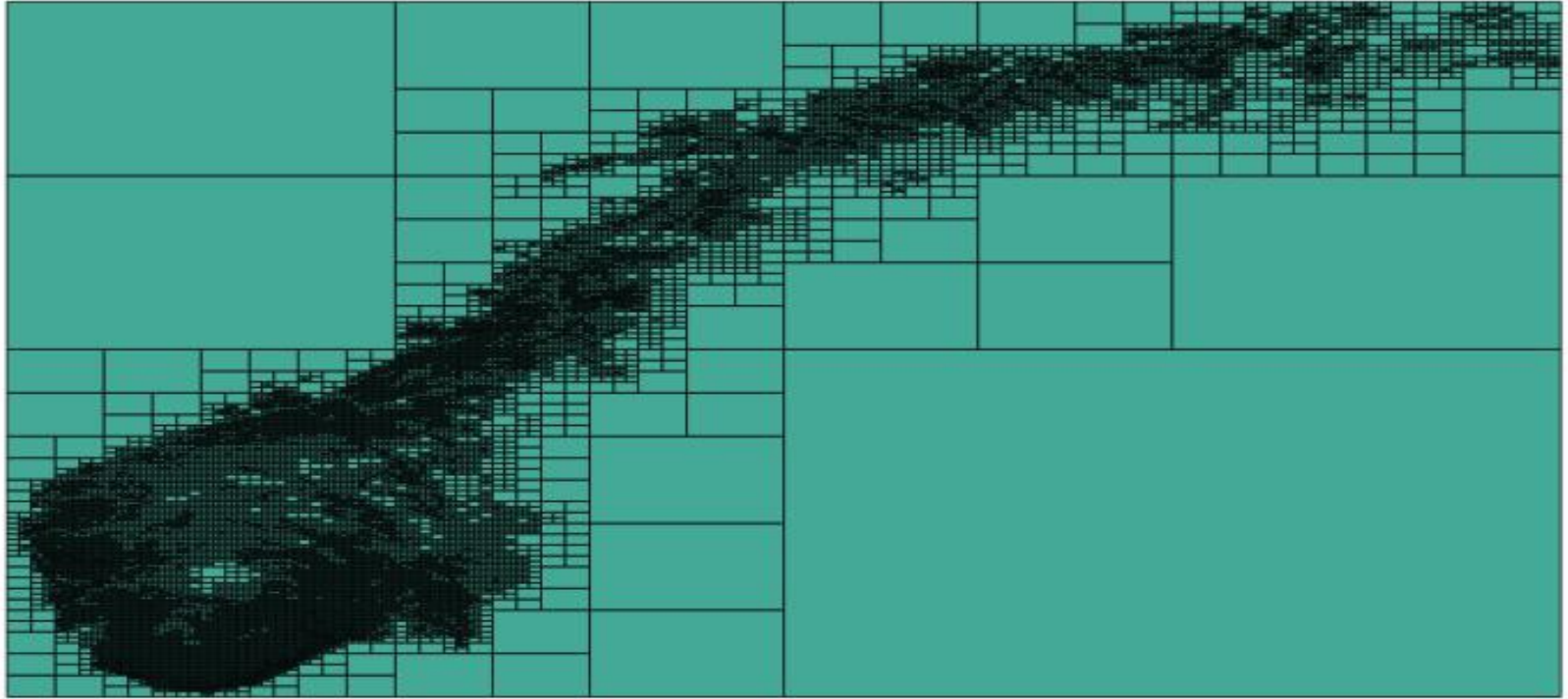




Grid cells depends on content from both tables



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Compute Cell size fast or exact ?

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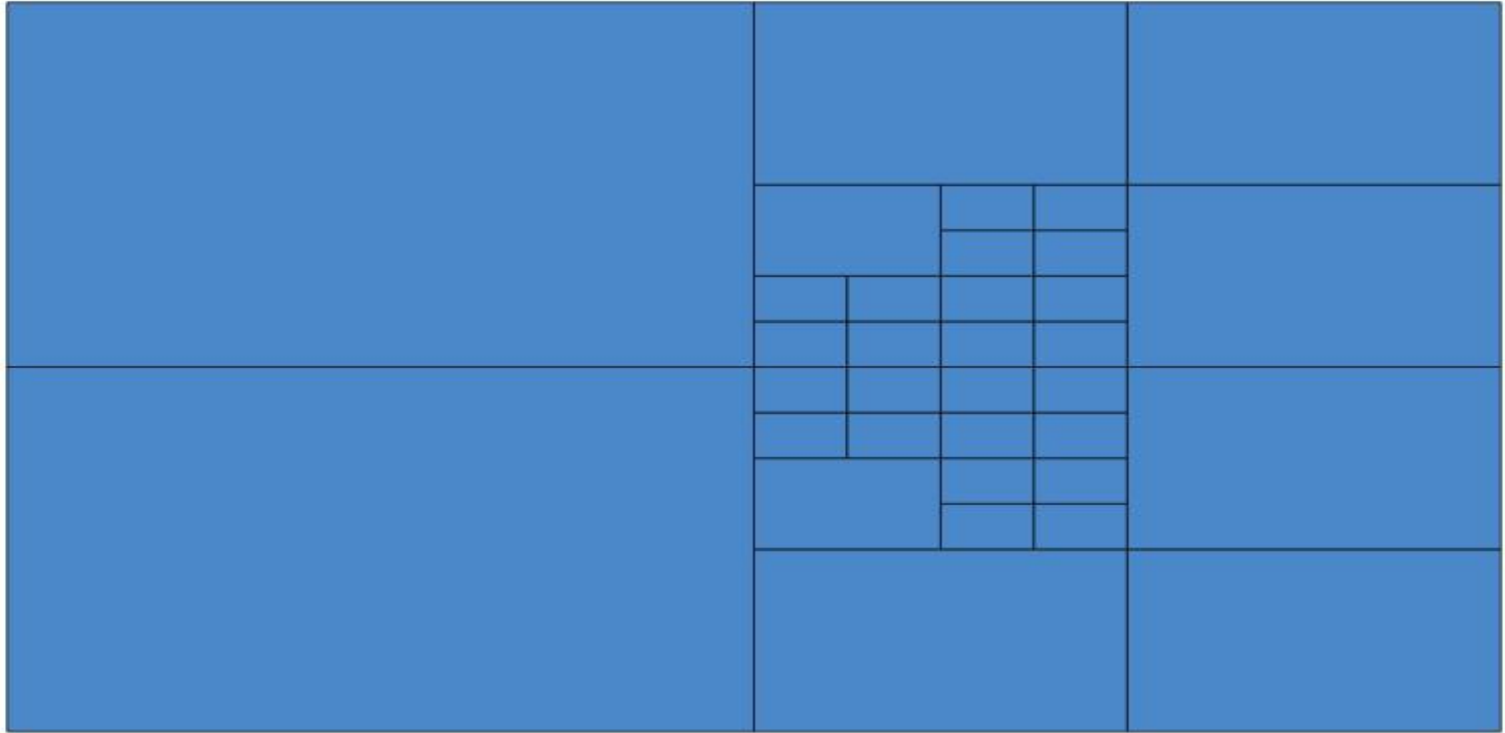
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**&& operator**

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# Content based balanced grid

[https://github.com/larsop/content\\_balanced\\_grid](https://github.com/larsop/content_balanced_grid)





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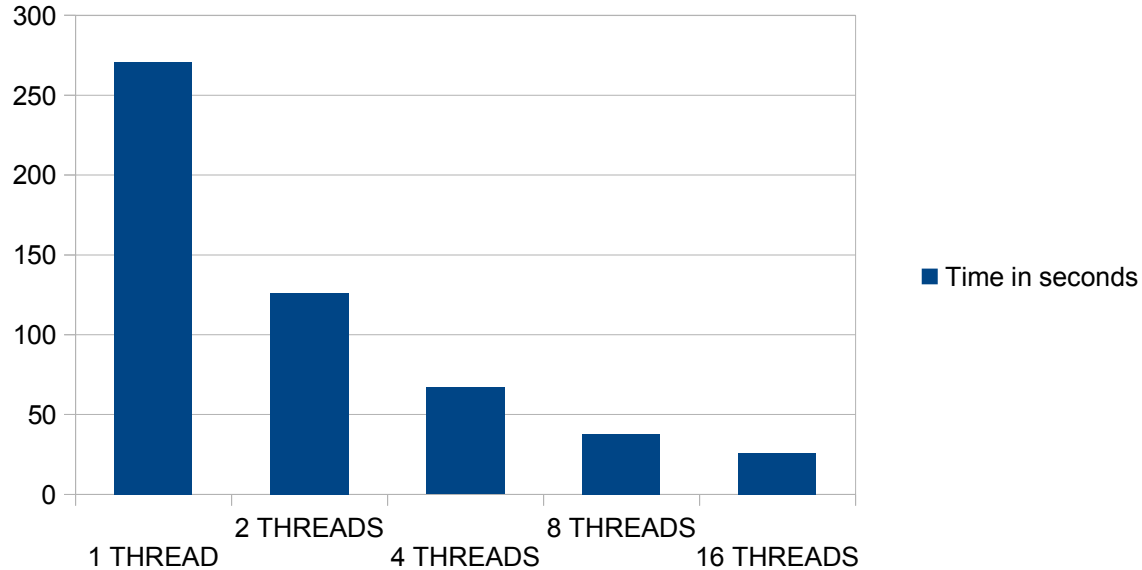
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**GRIDS -> MORE CPU USAGE**  
**GRIDS -> PARALELL PROCESSING**

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## Parallel processing with 8 core dual CPU





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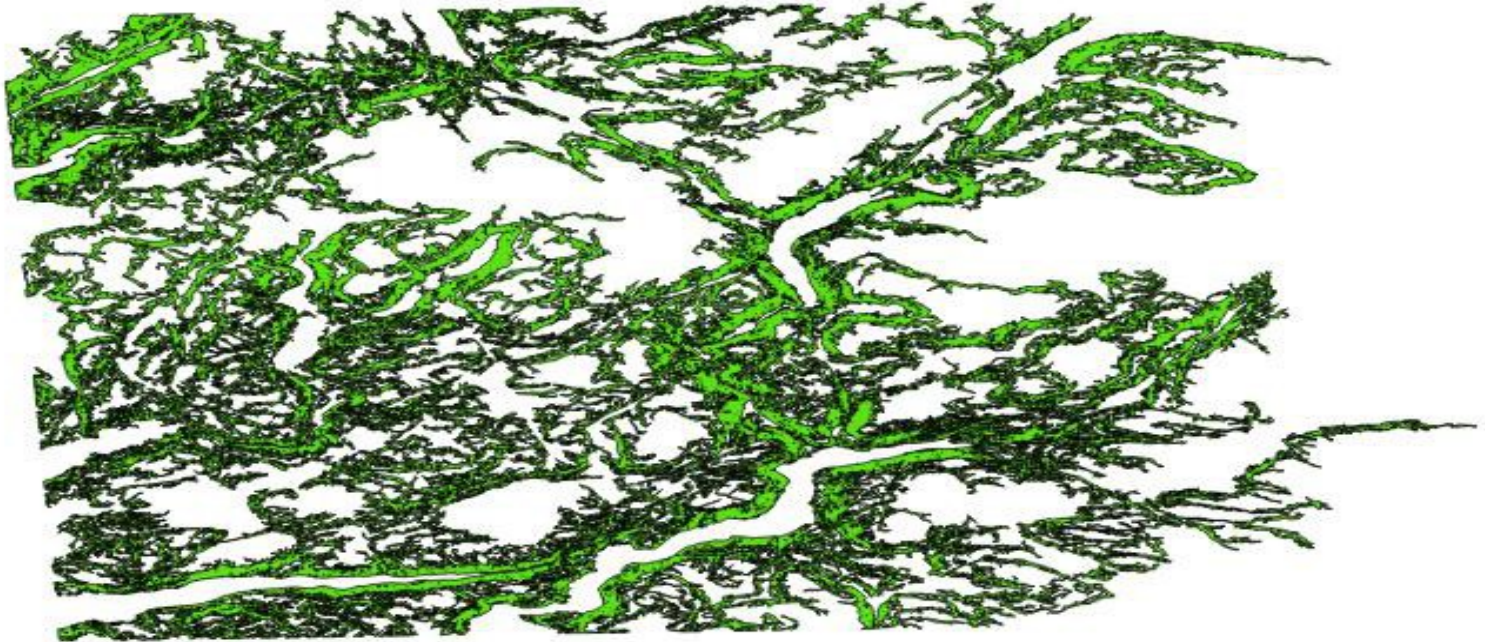
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# USE THE GRID TO DIVIDE AND CONQUER

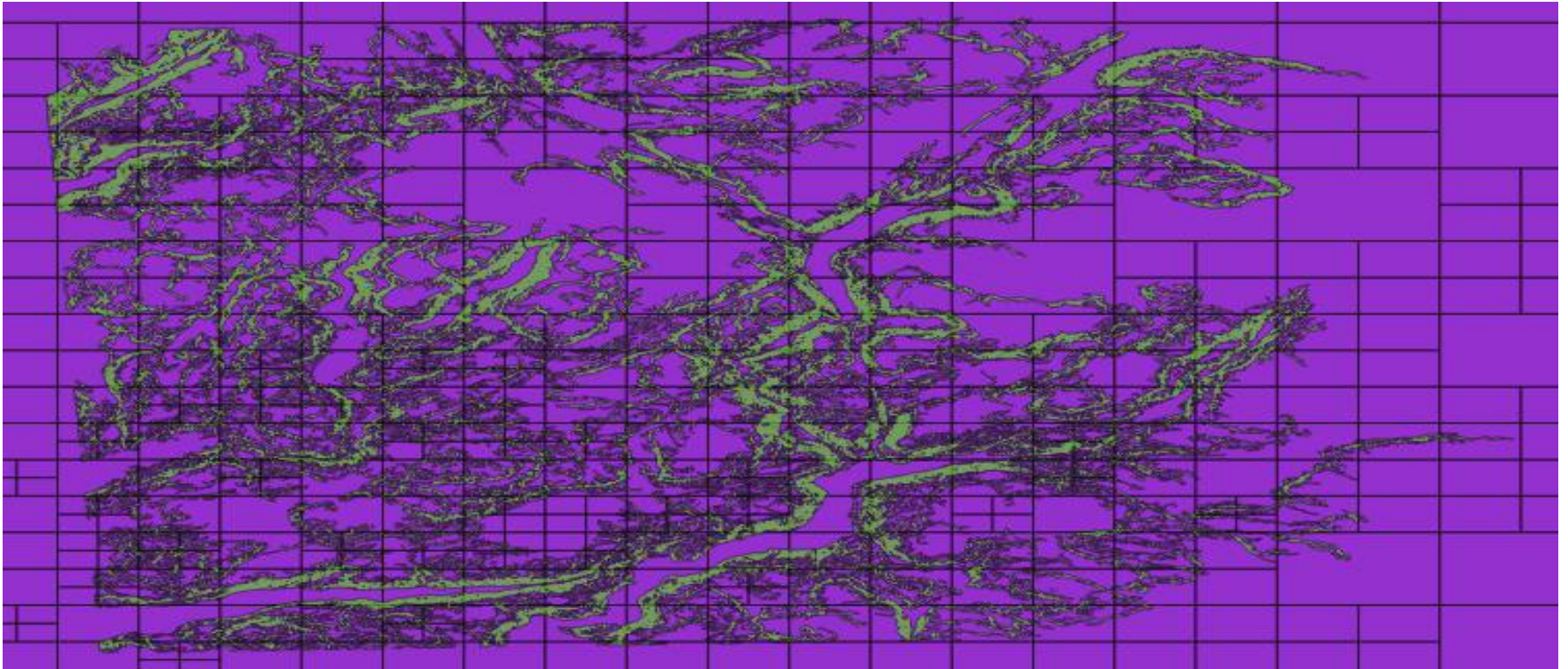
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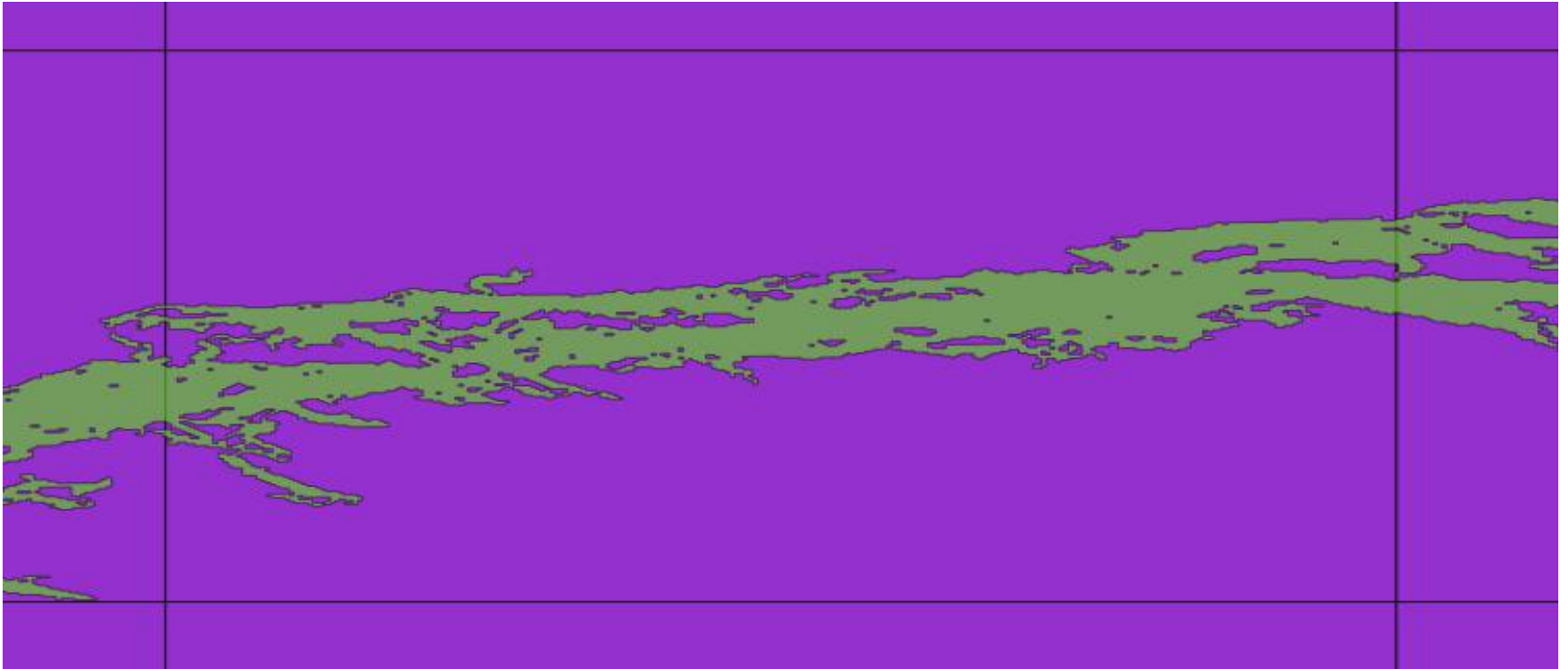
## Handle Big Polygons (millions of points)



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## Big Polygon and one single cell



Reduce the problem to single SQL

```
SELECT (ST_intersection(a.geo,b.geom)) as area
FROM
sl_lop.helling_data_d1 as a,
sl_lop.grid_ar5_helling b
WHERE b.id = 18 AND gid = 9419961;
```

## Interior rings

```
SELECT SUM(num_points) FROM  
(SELECT ST_NumPoints(ST_InteriorRingN(a.geo,  
generate_series(1, 52079))) as num_points from  
sl_lop.helling_data_d1 as a where gid = 9419961) as test;  
Time : 474375.633 ms.
```

```
SELECT sum(ST_Numpoints(ST_ExteriorRing(geom))) FROM  
(SELECT (ST_DumpRings(a.geo)).geom from  
sl_lop.helling_data_d1 as a where gid = 9419961) as test;  
Time : 396.959
```

Build a new polygon with interior rings that intersects our current cell

```
SELECT ST_MakePolygon(exterior.exterior_ring,  
interior.interior_ring) AS simple_polygon FROM  
( SELECT ST_ExteriorRing(a.geo) as exterior_ring FROM  
sl_lop.helling_data_d1 AS a WHERE a.gid = 9419961  
) as exterior,  
( SELECT (array_agg(ST_ExteriorRing(ring))) AS interior_ring  
FROM  
( select (rec).geom as ring, (rec).path[1] as arrayid from (  
SELECT ST_DumpRings(a.geo) as rec  
from sl_lop.helling_data_d1 as a  
WHERE a.gid = 9419961) as a) as a,  
sl_lop.grid_ar5_helling b  
WHERE b.id = 18 AND b.geom && a.ring AND a.arrayid > 0  
missing holes later  
) as interior ) a
```

Lets wrap SQL into simple function

[https://github.com/larsop/esri\\_union/src/main/sql/function\\_01\\_esri\\_union\\_intersection.sql](https://github.com/larsop/esri_union/src/main/sql/function_01_esri_union_intersection.sql)

```
(SELECT (array_agg(ST_ExteriorRing(a.ring))) AS  
interior_ring FROM  
( SELECT (rec).geom AS ring, (rec).path[1] AS arrayid  
FROM (  
SELECT ST_DumpRings(g1) AS rec  
) AS aaa  
) AS a  
WHERE g2 && a.ring AND a.arrayid > 0
```

# Remove grid lines, find rows

```
SELECT id_array, id_to_keep
FROM
(
  SELECT * FROM (
    SELECT count(r.*) as counts, array_agg(distinct(r.id)) id_array,
    min(r.id) as id_to_keep FROM
    sl_lop.res_ar250_sk_grl r
    WHERE r.t1_sl_sdeid is NOT NULL AND r.t2_komid is NOT NULL
    GROUP BY r.t1_sl_sdeid, r.t2_komid
  ) AS t WHERE counts > 1
  -- UNION WHERE r.t1_sl_sdeid is NOT NULL AND r.t2_komid is NULL
  -- UNION WHERE r.t2_komid is NOT NULL AND r.t1_sl_sdeid is NULL
  AS to_update
```



# Remove grid lines, ST\_Union and Group by

[https://github.com/larsop/esri\\_union/](https://github.com/larsop/esri_union/) in function\_01\_esri\_union\_remove\_grid.sql

```
UPDATE sl_lop.res_ar250_sk_grl AS r
SET geom = ST_Multi(u.geom)
FROM (SELECT St_Union(r.geom) AS geom FROM sl_lop.res_ar250_sk_grl
r WHERE r.id = ANY('{3050,3681}')) AS u
WHERE r.id = '3050';
```

```
DELETE FROM sl_lop.res_ar250_sk_grl AS r
WHERE r.id = ANY('{3050,3681}') AND r.id > '3050';
```



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# Postgis Topology and grid lines

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Generic code

`json_each_text`

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## GENERIC CODE, USING EXECUTE ON GENERATED STRING

```
SELECT
array_agg( 't_' || %s || '.' || quote_ident(update_column) || ' ' AS
' ' || ' t' || %s || '_' || quote_ident(update_column)) AS
new_column_as_tmp,
array_agg(' t' || %s || '_' || quote_ident(update_column)) AS
new_column_name_tmp,
array_agg(quote_ident(update_column)) AS org_column_name_tmp
FROM (
SELECT distinct(key) AS update_column
FROM (SELECT * FROM %s limit 1) AS t, json_each_text(to_json((t)))
WHERE key != %L
) AS keys',i,i,i,
schema_table_name,
geo_columns_array[i]);
```



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# Processing cells i parallel

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Parallel processing, generate code

```
psql -h host -U postgres -t -q -o /tmp/t1.sql sl  
-c"select get_esri_union_multi_thread(  
'org_ar5.ar5_flate sl_sdeid geo',  
'org_helling.hellingklasser_dted10_3soner_flate gid  
geo',  
'sl_lop.ar5_helling',3000,  
'sl_lop.ar5_helling_c1',  
False,  
False)"
```

## Generated code has different parameters for each cell

```
SELECT get_esri_union_cell('(1,37666, '{"org_ar5.ar5_flate AS
t_1"', '"org_helling.hellingklasser_dted10_3soner_flate AS
t_2"'})', '{sl_sdeid,gid}', '{"sl_sdeid,kartid,noyaktighet,objtype,informasjon,registrerings
versjon,synbarhet,maalemetode,datafangstdato,artype,arkartstd,arskogbon,kjoringsident,opph
av,verifiseringsdato,argrunnf,areal,artreslag"', '"gid,h_klasse,utmsone"'})', '{
t1_sl_sdeid, t1_kartid, t1_noyaktighet, t1_objtype, t1_informasjon,
t1_registreringsversjon, t1_synbarhet, t1_maalemetode, t1_datafangstdato, t1_artype,
t1_arkartstd, t1_arskogbon, t1_kjoringsident, t1_opphav, t1_verifiseringsdato,
t1_argrunnf, t1_areal, t1_artreslag"', '" t2_gid, t2_h_klasse,
t2_utmsone"'})', '{"t_1.sl_sdeid AS t1_sl_sdeid,t_1.kartid AS t1_kartid,t_1.noyaktighet
AS t1_noyaktighet,t_1.objtype AS t1_objtype,t_1.informasjon AS
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t1_synbarhet,t_1.maalemetode AS t1_maalemetode,t_1.datafangstdato AS
t1_datafangstdato,t_1.artype AS t1_artype,t_1.arkartstd AS t1_arkartstd,t_1.arskogbon AS
t1_arskogbon,t_1.kjoringsident AS t1_kjoringsident,t_1.opphav AS
t1_opphav,t_1.verifiseringsdato AS t1_verifiseringsdato,t_1.argrunnf AS
t1_argrunnf,t_1.areal AS t1_areal,t_1.artreslag AS t1_artreslag"', '"t_2.gid AS
t2_gid,t_2.h_klasse AS t2_h_klasse,t_2.utmsone AS
t2_utmsone"'})', '{geo,geo}', '{t_1.geo,t_2.geo}', sl_lop.ar5_helling,sl_lop.ar5_helling_c1,tmp
p_data_esri_intersects_t1_7ce543ab6a2b5dc0c43af863b659d81a,tmp_data_esri_intersects_t2_7ce
543ab6a2b5dc0c43af863b659d81a,tmp_data_esri_intersects_7ce543ab6a2b5dc0c43af863b659d81a)')
```

## Parallel processing of each cell

```
parallel -verbose -j 16  
psql -h host -U user sl -c :::: /tmp/t1.sql
```





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This code, tests and wiki is found at  
[https://github.com/larsop/esri\\_union](https://github.com/larsop/esri_union)

Thanks

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