

# Urban geology and three-dimensional (3D) city models: (it could be) a symbiotic relationship

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# 3D city models are state of the art – Kassel 3D

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<https://darmstadt.m.geoplex.de/v/versickerungspotential/>

The screenshot shows a 3D city model interface. On the left, a sidebar titled "Versickerungspotential" contains dropdown menus for "Ebenen" (Buildings, Trees, Flood Risk Potential), "Basiskarten" (Aerial Photo, Street Map, Neighborhood Map, Top 50 Plus), and "Interessante Orte" (Herrngarten, TU Darmstadt, Darmstadtium). The main area displays a detailed aerial view of Darmstadt's urban landscape with a semi-transparent 3D building footprint layer. A navigation bar at the top includes icons for back, forward, search, and user profile.

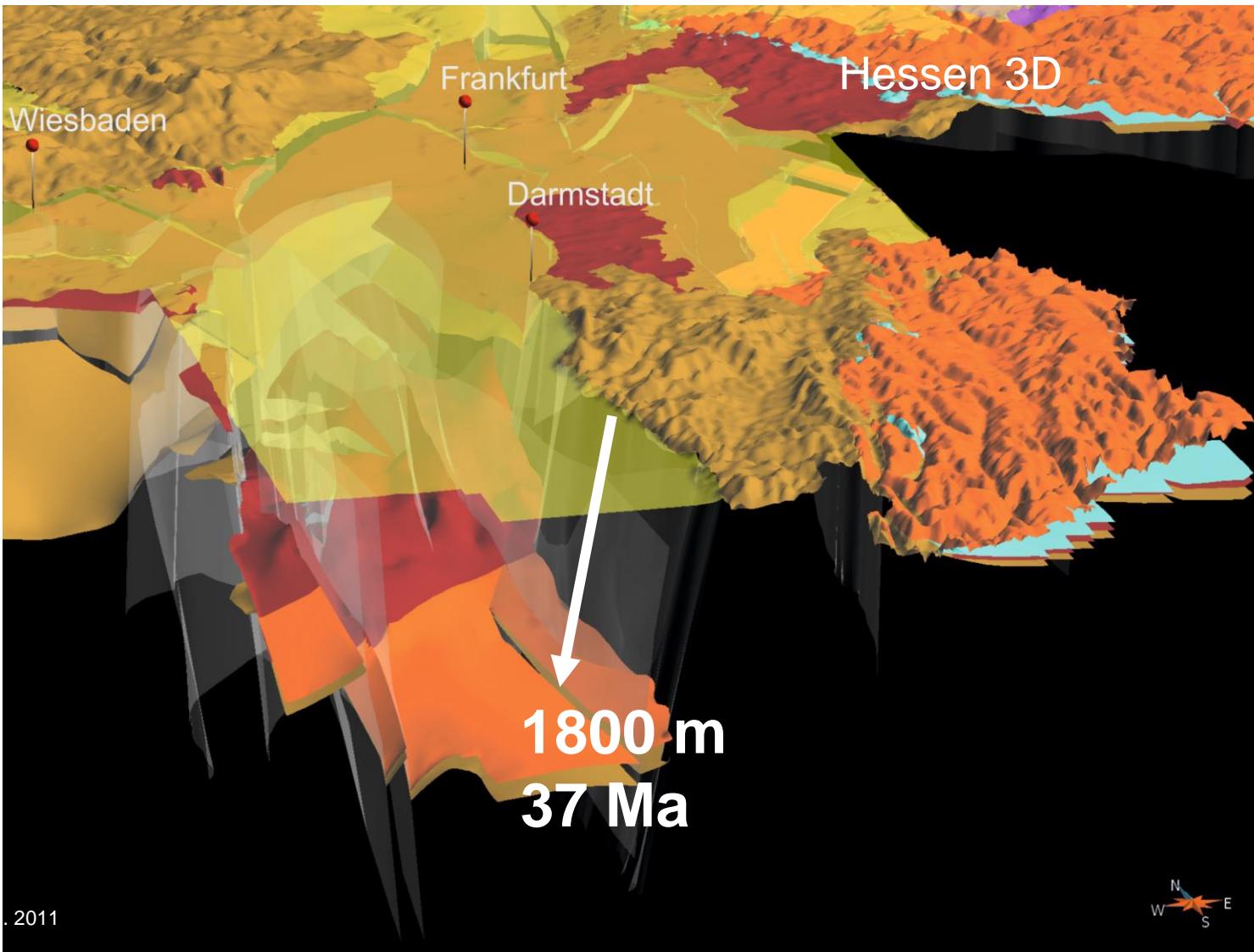


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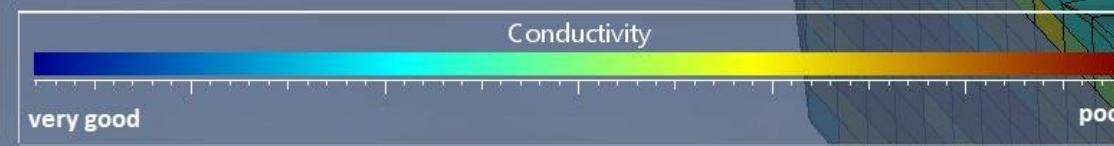
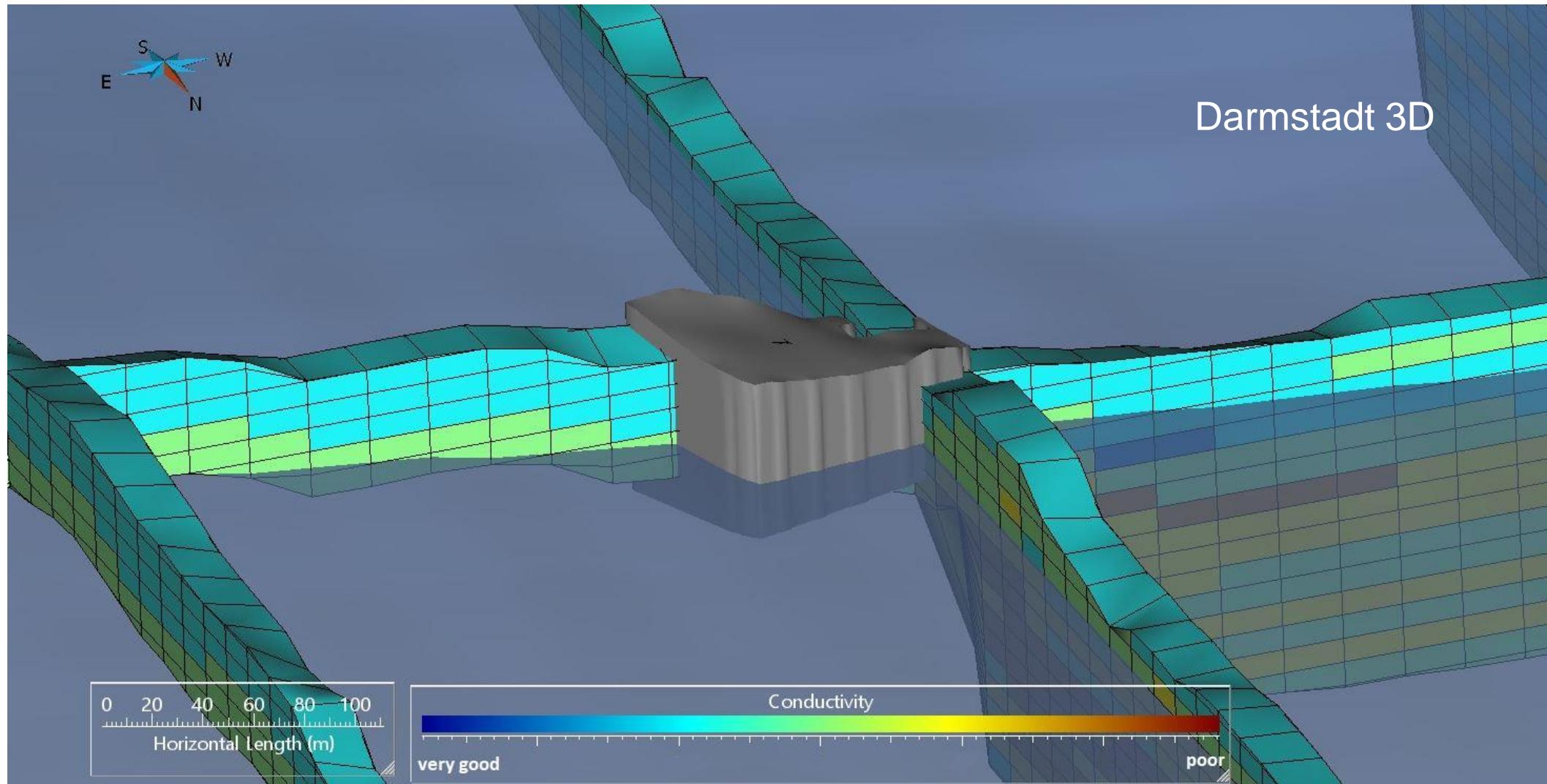


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And so is geological 3D modelling .... .and integrated

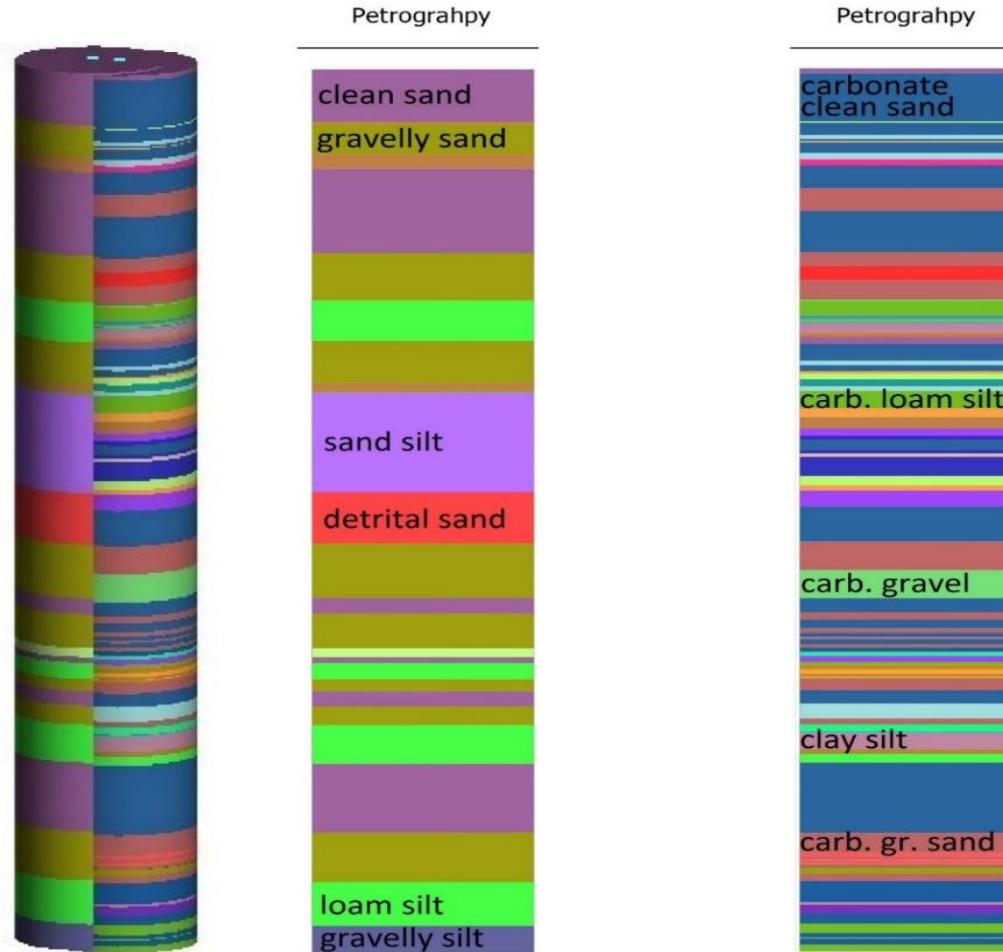


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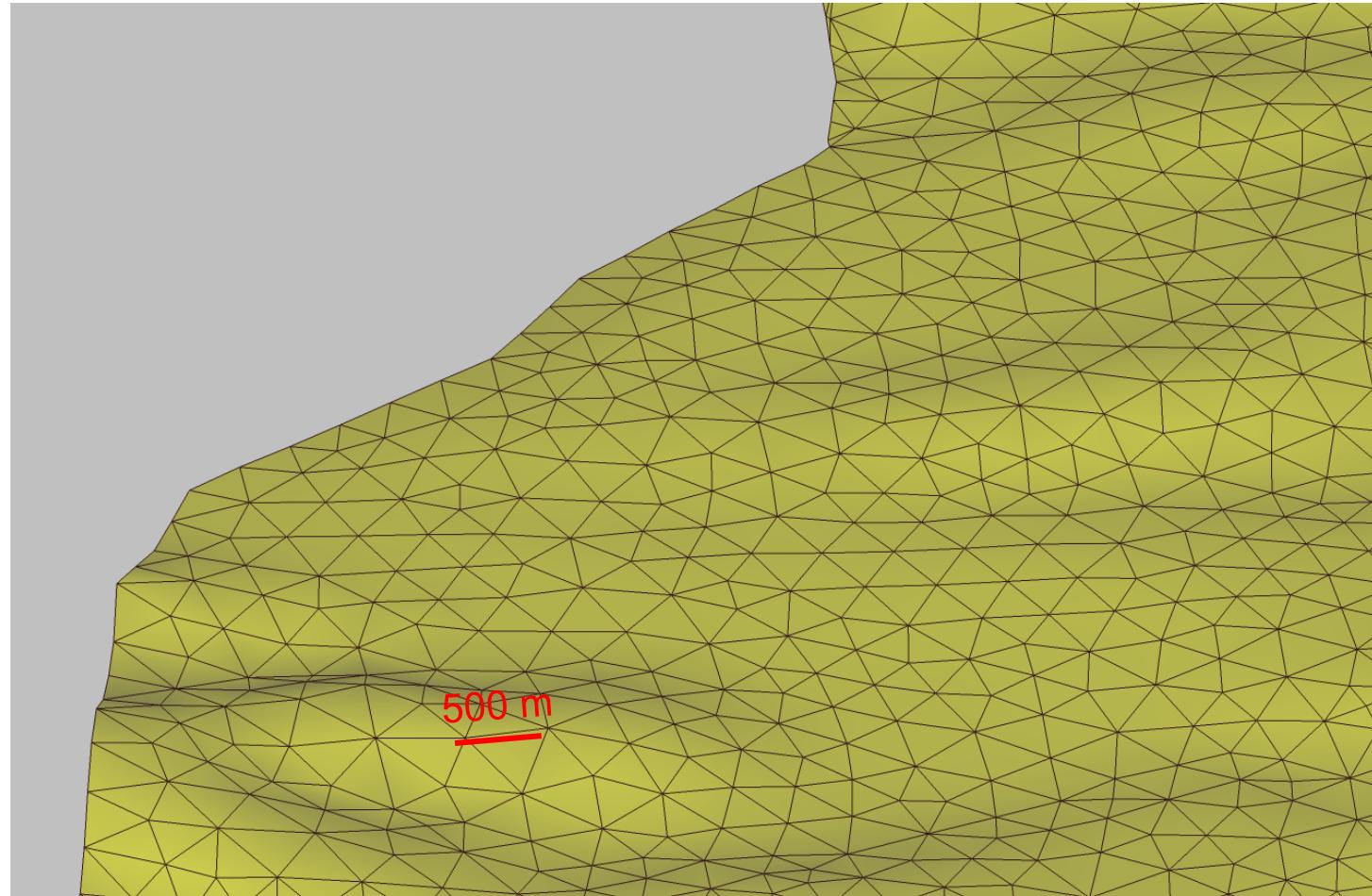
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- 1) Geological semantic often is too complex and heterogenous
- 2) Geological content often does not have the needed resolution
- 3) Geological 3D-content usually is not interoperable
  - Common 3D city model platforms do not support geological data formats
  - Interfaces for integration are rarely available, if at all

Gocad ASCII (.vs, .pl, .ts, .so, .sg, .vo, .gs )

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Legacy VTK Format (Binary)

SEGY rev2.0

OBJ

ESRI Shapefile (Collection)

ESRI Shapefile

ESRI Shapefile (Profile)

Geopackage (GPKG)

IFC v4.2

Resqml v2.0

GeoTIFF



## Steps to address the lack of interoperability

- Establishing close cooperation with municipal stakeholders
- Defining urban geoparameter requirements in collaboration with cities
- Consolidating all available geological information
- Developing high-resolution/customized geological 3D information
- Analyzing existing IT infrastructures
- Implementing interfaces and standardized exchange formats
- Providing interoperable, service-based access to customized geological information in both 2D and 3D

## Behind the scenes

**Human interface (elaborating, translating, negotiating, mediating, de-escalating)**

building authority

Road and civil construction authority

environmental authority

Municipal utility

Internal IT-infrastructure

IT service provider

3D-modeller

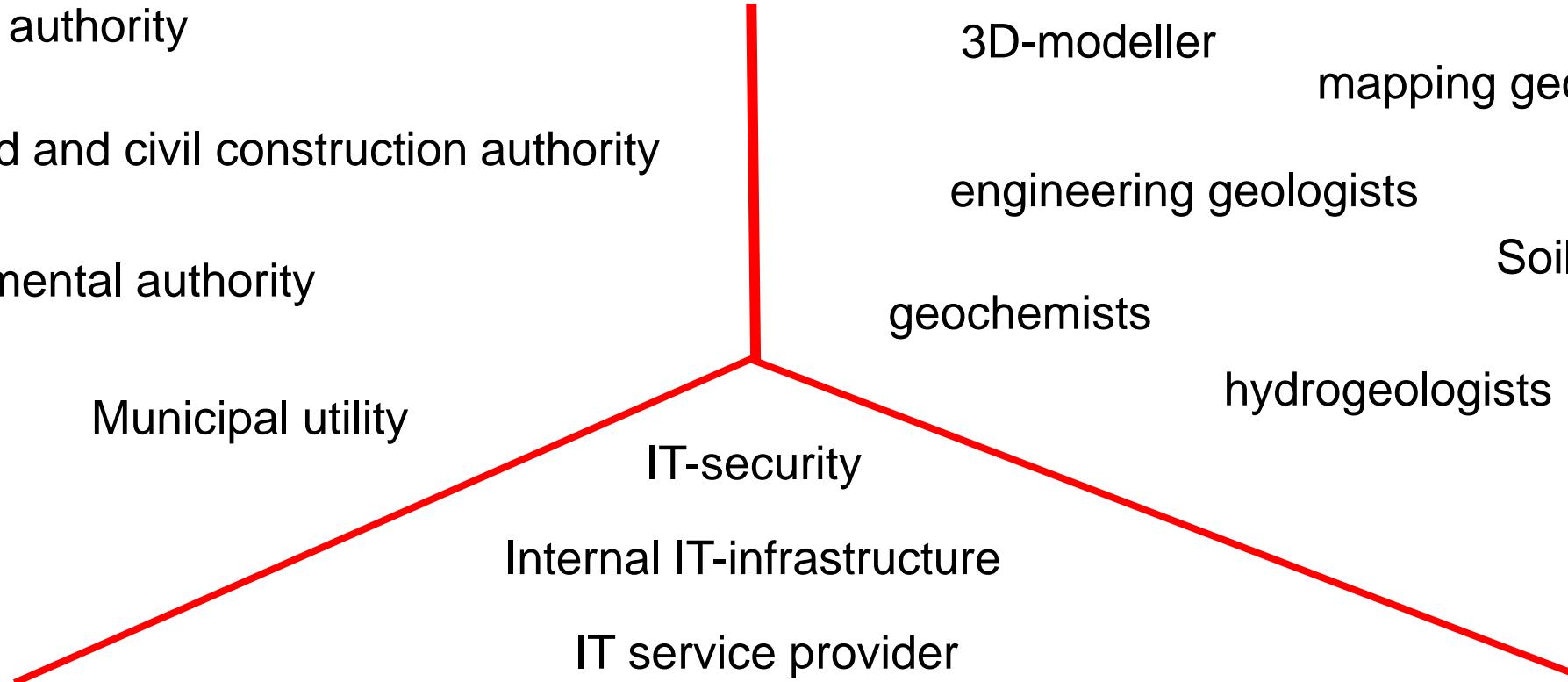
mapping geologists

engineering geologists

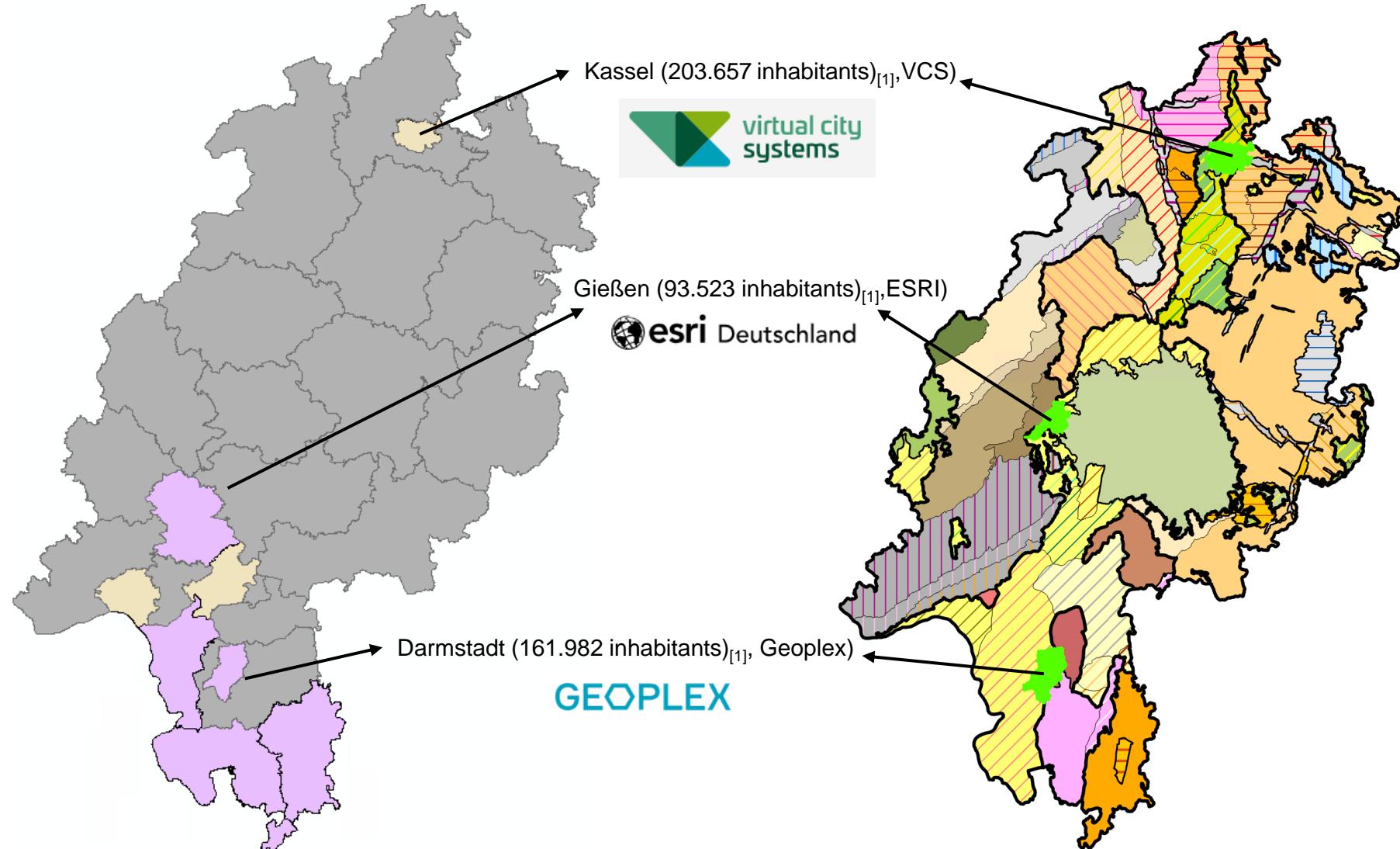
Soil scientists

geochemists

hydrogeologists



## Our work currently covers three project areas



## Relevant topics cities

Urban Geoparameters	Kf	KG	IP	RP	GB	SD	BGS	BNB
Kassel	XXX	XX	XXX	X	X	XXX	XXX	XX
Gießen	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX
Darmstadt	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	XXX	X

Kf = Kf-permeabilities

KG = grain size distribution

IP = infiltration potential

RP = radon potential

GB = excavability

SD = absorbable soil pressure

BGS = weak construction ground

BNB = cohesive/non-cohesive

## Relevant topics cities

Hydrogeology	FA	GWS	KA	HA	HT	EWS	LG	DFÜ
Kassel	XXX	XXX	-	X	XXX	XXX	X	X
Gießen	XXX	XXX	-	XXX	XX	XXX	?	?
Darmstadt	XXX	XXX	-	XXX	-	XXX	X	-

FA = depth groundwater table

GWS = variation gw table

KA = karst

LG = data logging

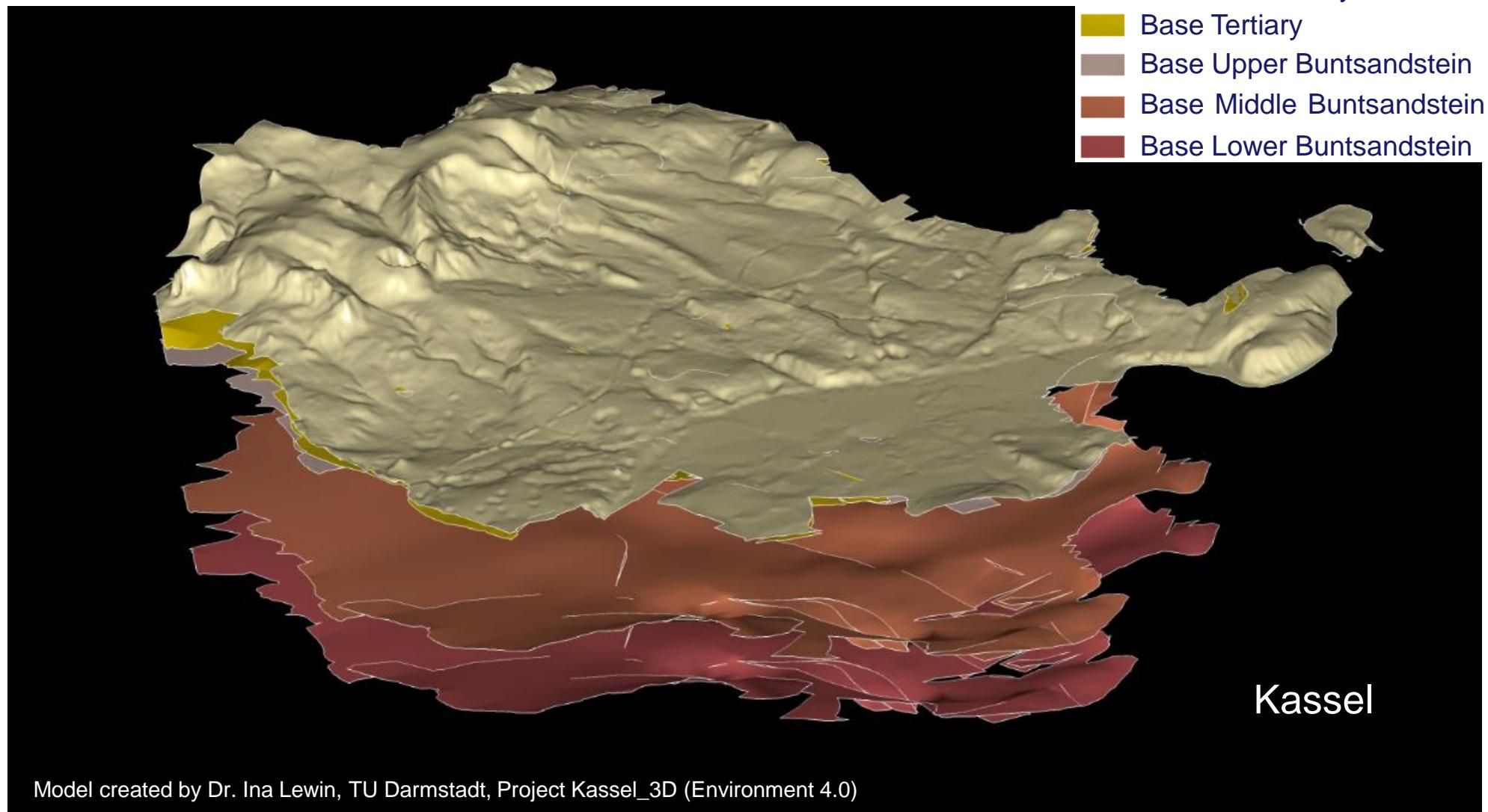
DFÜ = data transfer

HA = cavity type

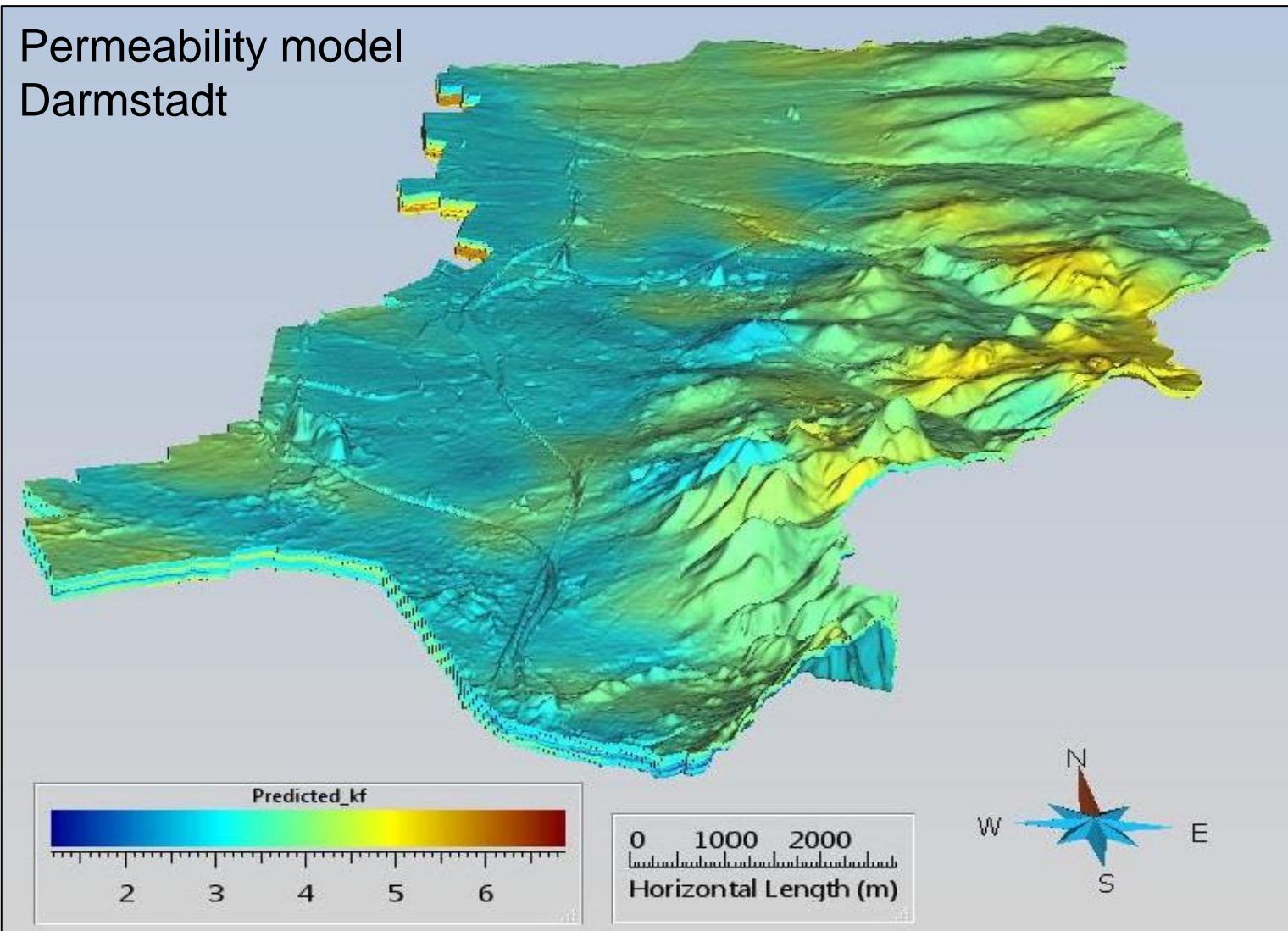
HT = hydrothermie

EWS = geothermal heat extraction

## Lithostratigraphic models

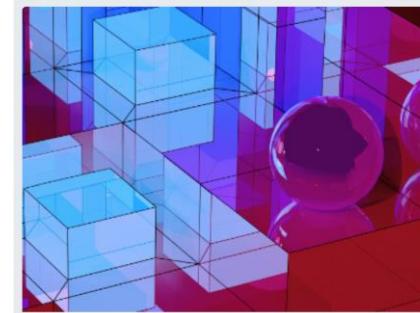


## Volumetric models



## Interoperable deployment enabled by GST

OGC-Interfaces + exchange formats > 3D city models



3D GeoVolumes



Styles



Exchange format  
3D-Tiles

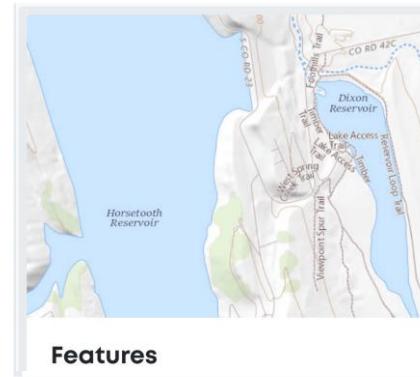
**Getting connected!!**

API	Point	Line	Triangle	Voxet	2D-Grid	Sgrid	Solid	Attribute	Symbology
3D GeoV	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-
Styles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
3D-Tiles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X

Supported by Geoplex and VCS, but not preferred by ESRI and QGIS

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OGC-APIs + exchange formats > GIS work environment



Exchange format  
I3S

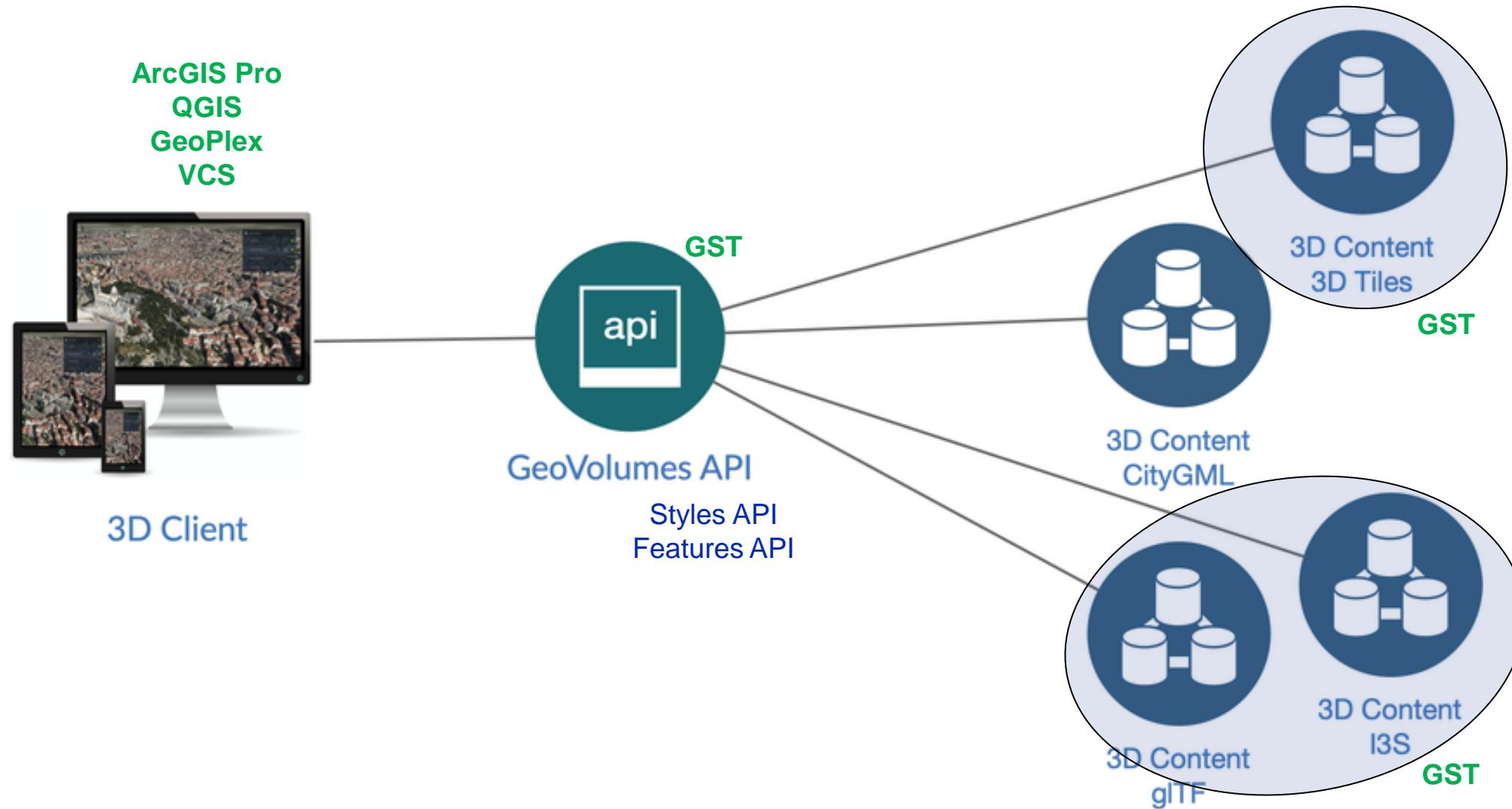
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Features	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-
Styles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
I3S	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X

Supported/preferred by ESRI and QGIS (in realization)

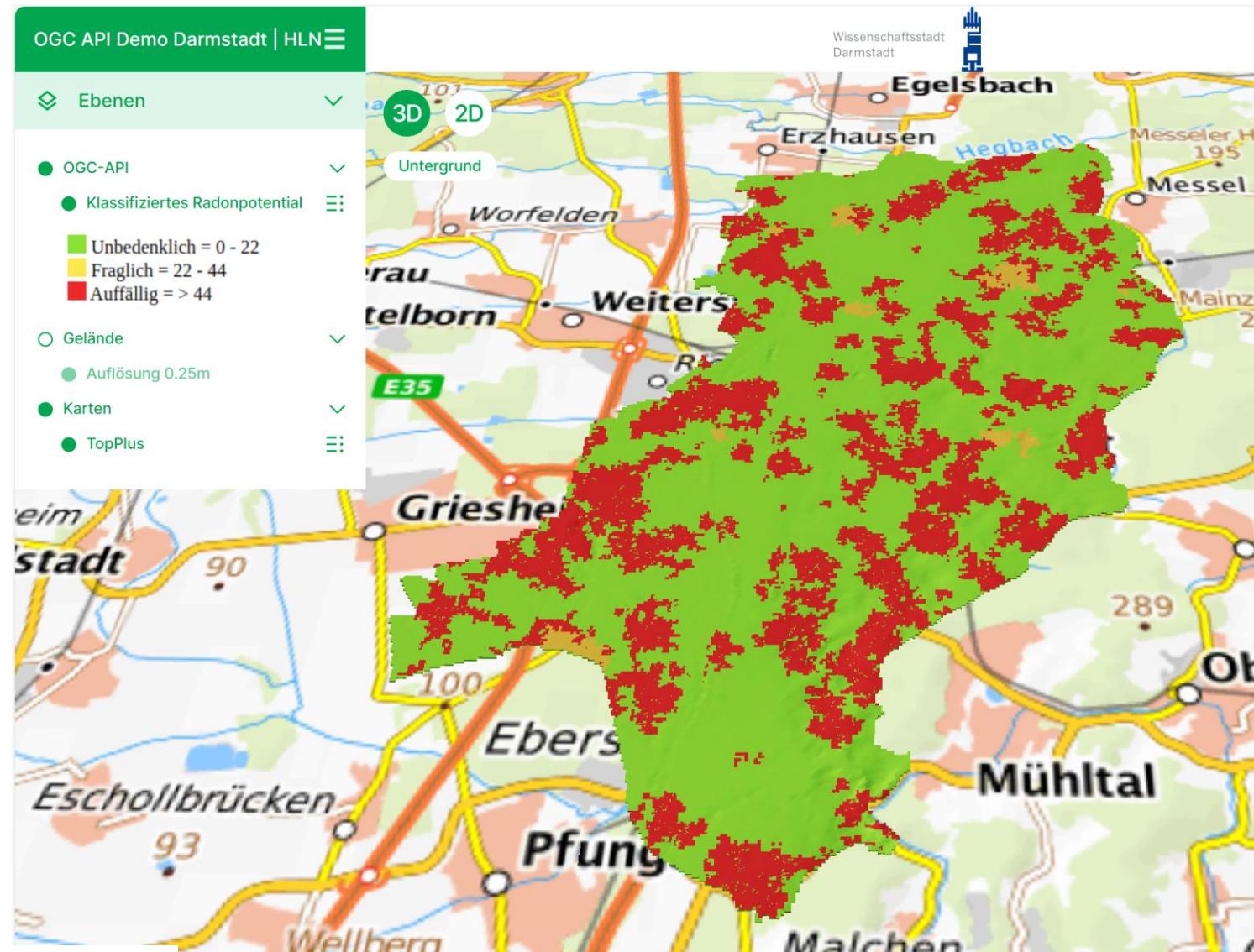
Other formats?? (GOCAD ASCII, GeoH5, RescueML, IFC, GITF)

Done .....



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Radon potential in Darmstadt city





## Limited functionality in the 3D city work environments



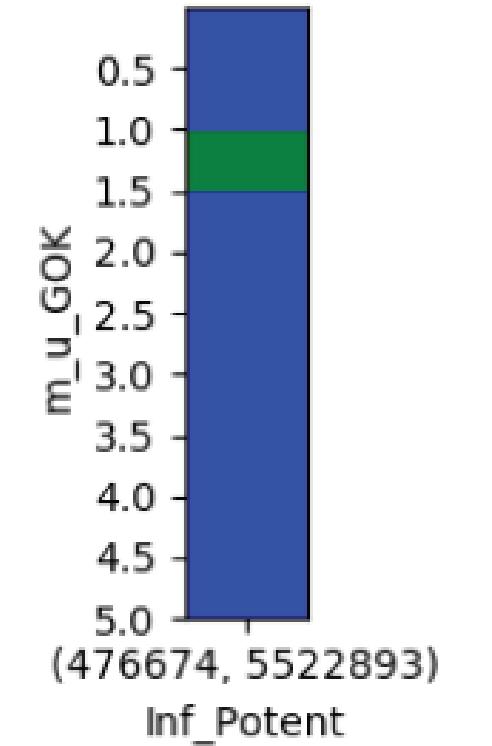
Infiltration potential  
Green = very good  
Brown = limited suitability



## Virtual drillings

### Geology profile

#### Übersicht



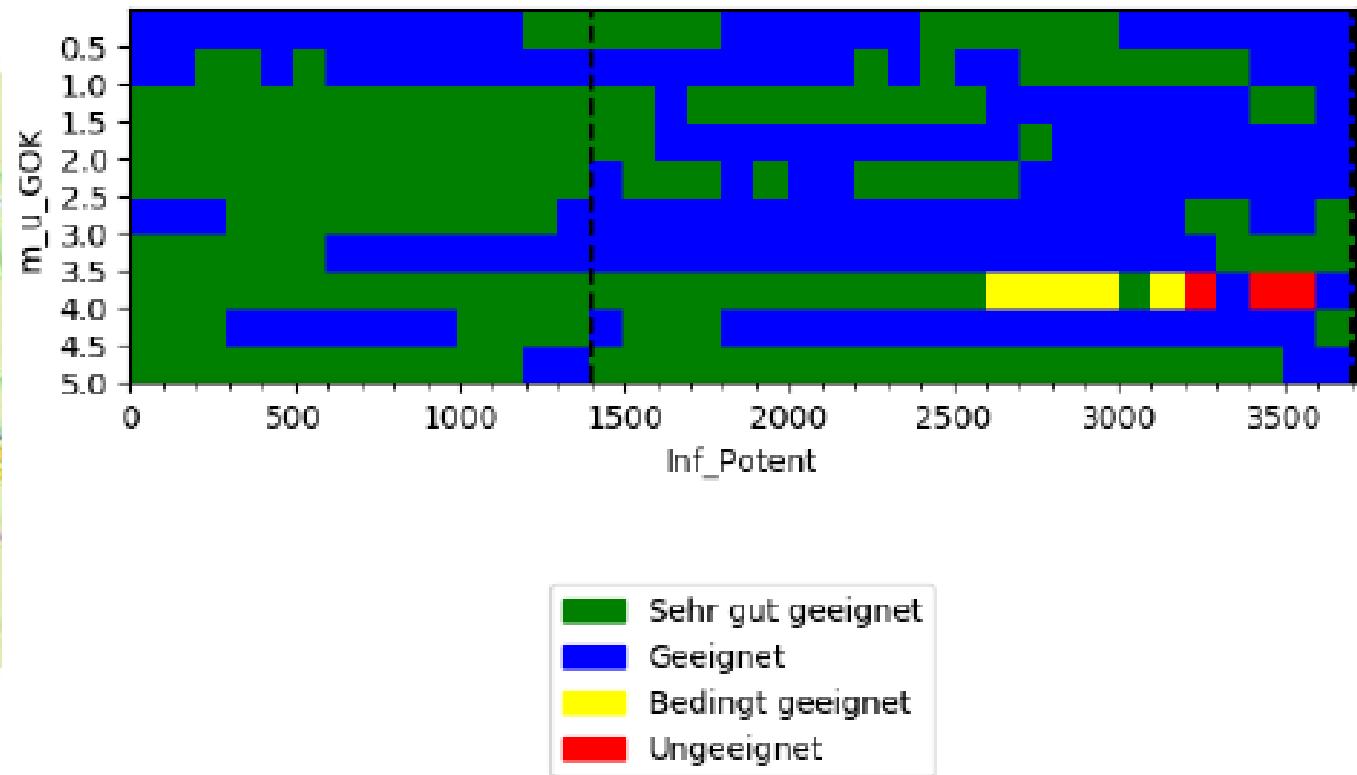
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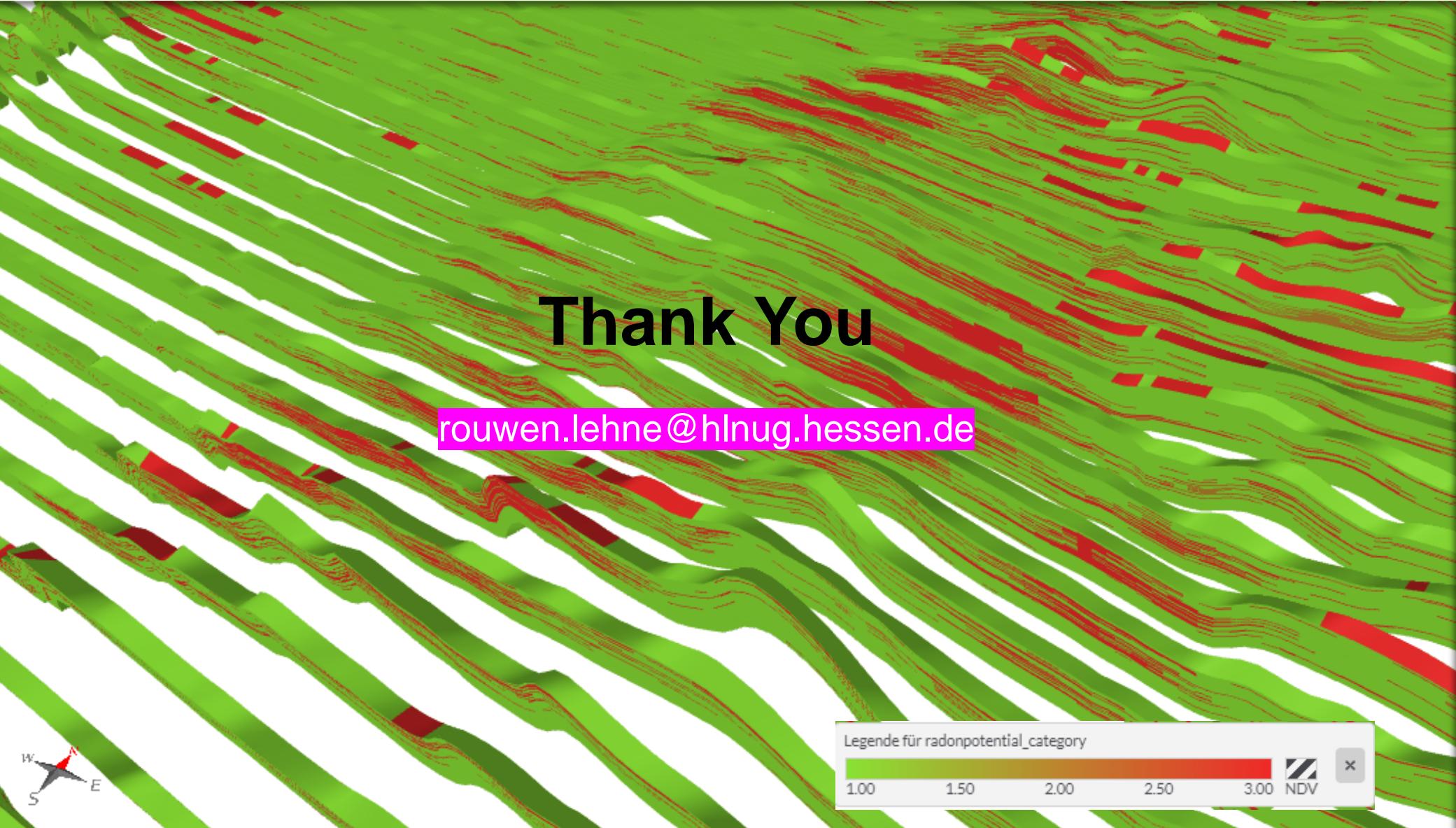


## Cross sections

### Geology profile

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# Thank You

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