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# Borehole Markup Language (BoreholeML, BML)

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# Agenda

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## XML

A short introduction

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## Further Development

Reducing the complexity, focusing on the essentials,  
properly deriving from and adapting existing standards,  
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## XML in the EPOS context

Establishing interoperability for a System-of-Systems

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## The big (w)hole

Mapping to SWE, Implementation-Examples

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# Status-Quo: Borehole data in Germany



**Geological Survey Organisations (GSO) are responsible for the storage of all borehole data in databases („national law for deposits“ – Lagerstättengesetz)**

## Encoding standards of borehole data

= SEP1

= SEP2

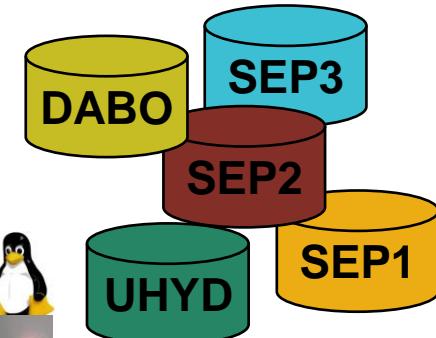
= SEP3 (most advanced)

= other data formats  
**(DABO, UHYDRO, BIS-BY, BDH-HE)**

# 14 Geological Survey Organisations



1. Different levels of quality (incl. historical data errors)
2. Specific format extensions in each GSO
3. Specific usage of the same format (SEP3)

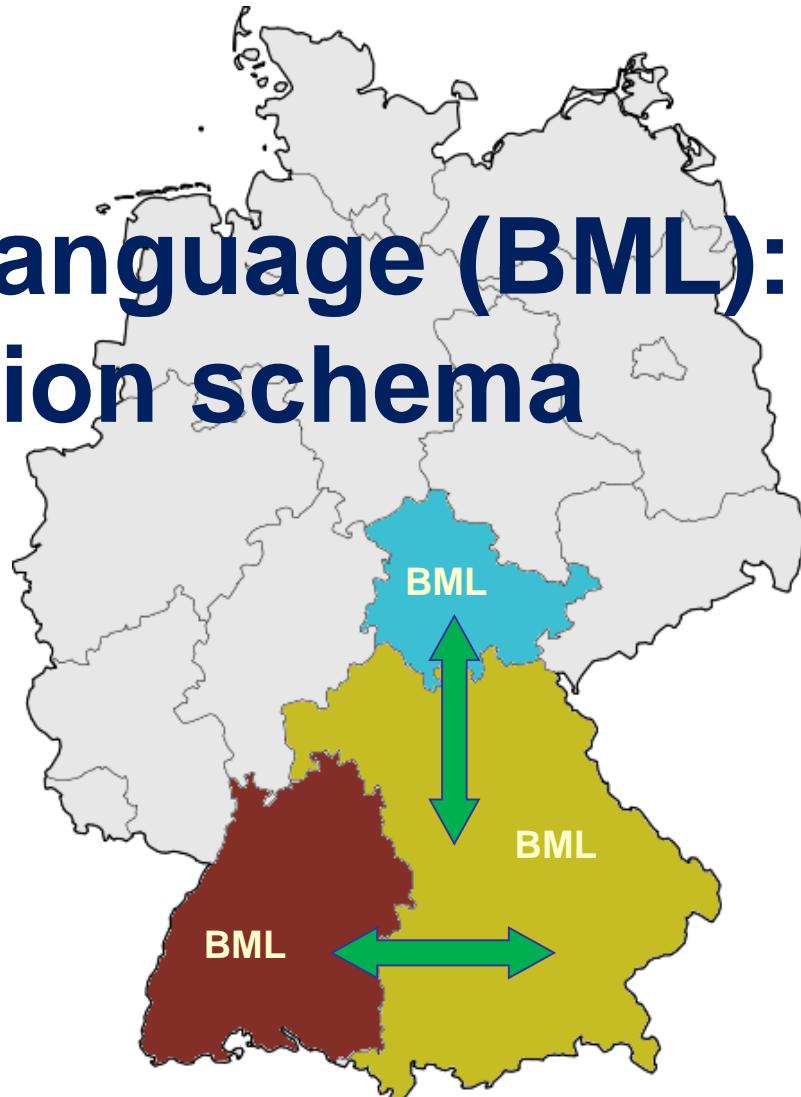
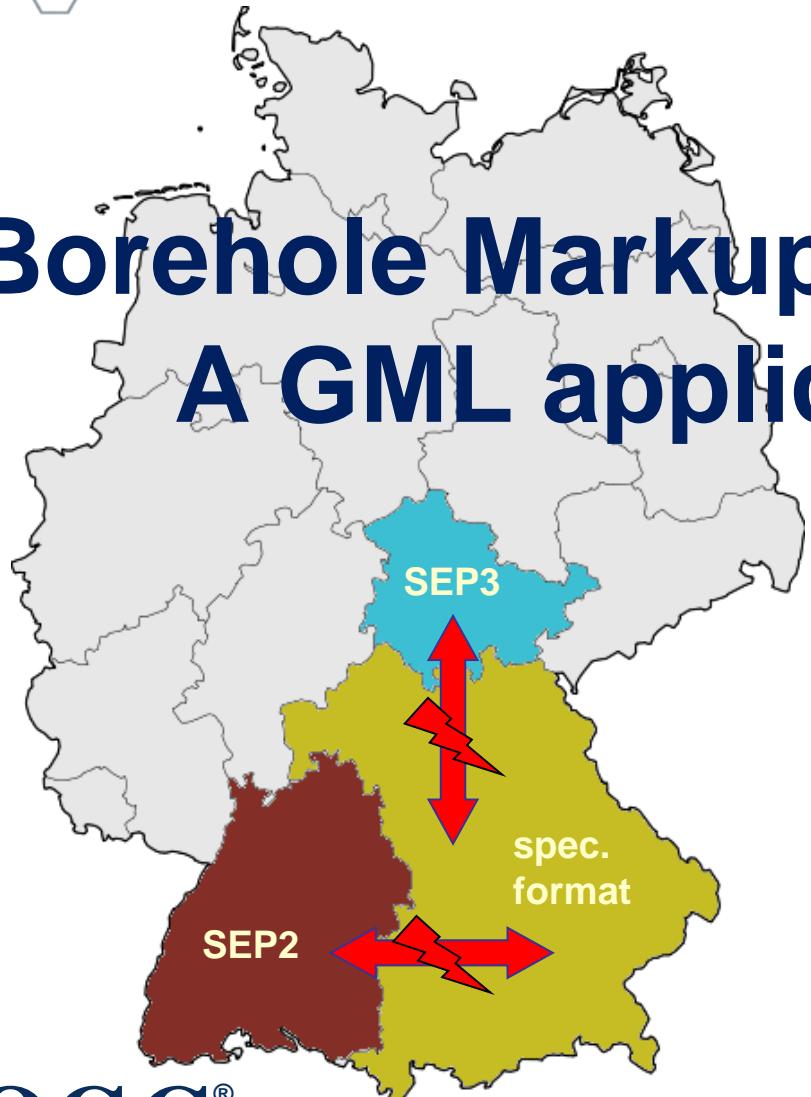


1. Lack of interoperability between systems
2. Restricted exchange of borehole data
3. Expensive data transformations in cross domain projects  
e.g. Geothermal Energy, Carbon Capture & Storage
4. Economic losses: Engineering offices across Germany can't handle different input formats without data preparation

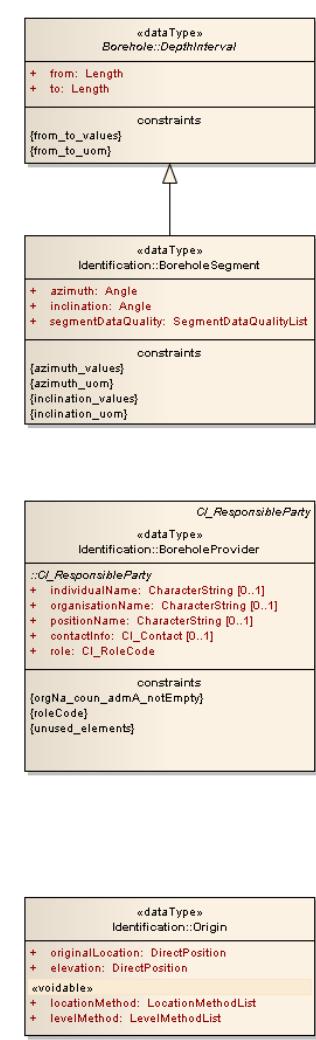
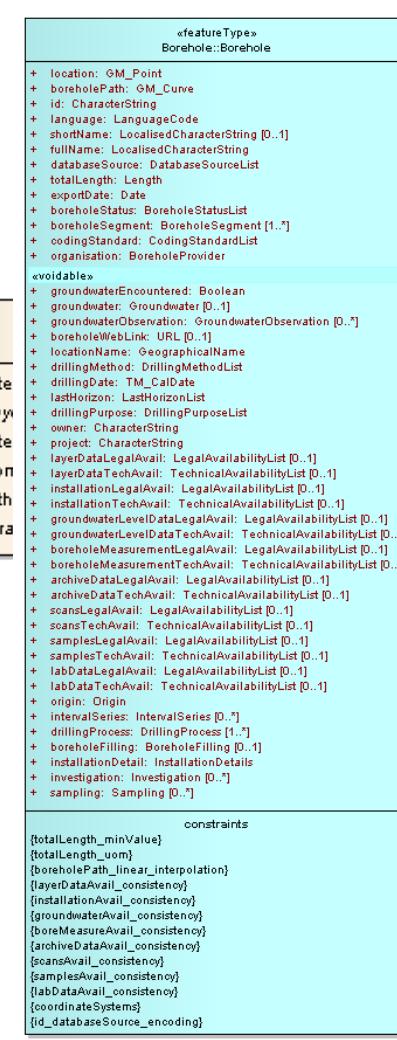
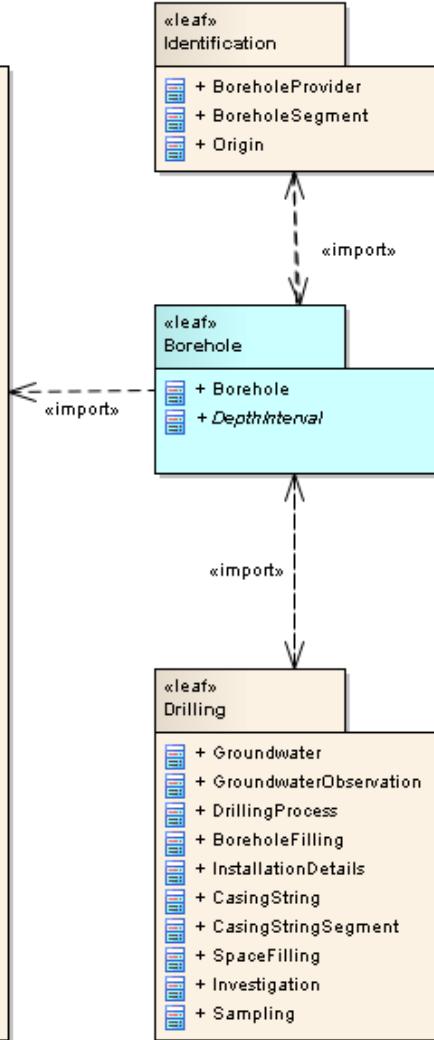
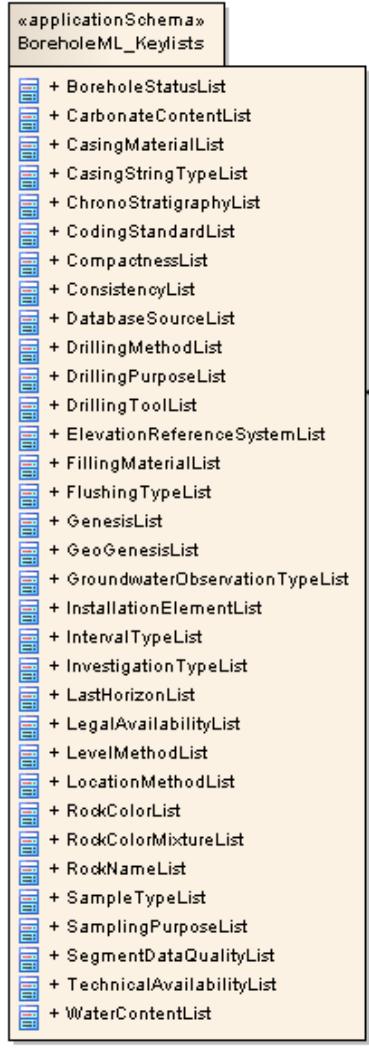
# Common Vocabularies & a Standardised Exchange Format



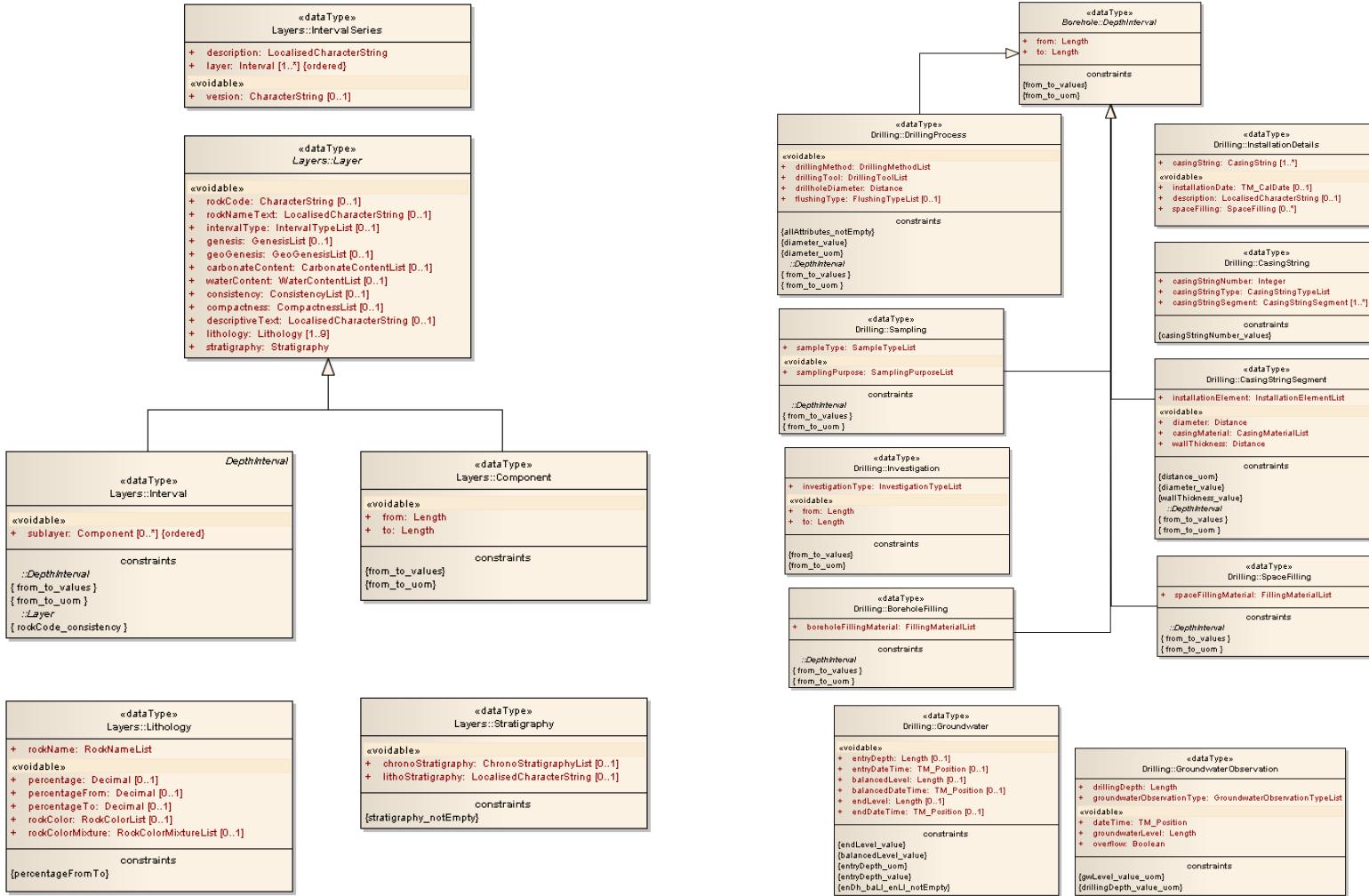
## Borehole Markup Language (BML): A GML application schema



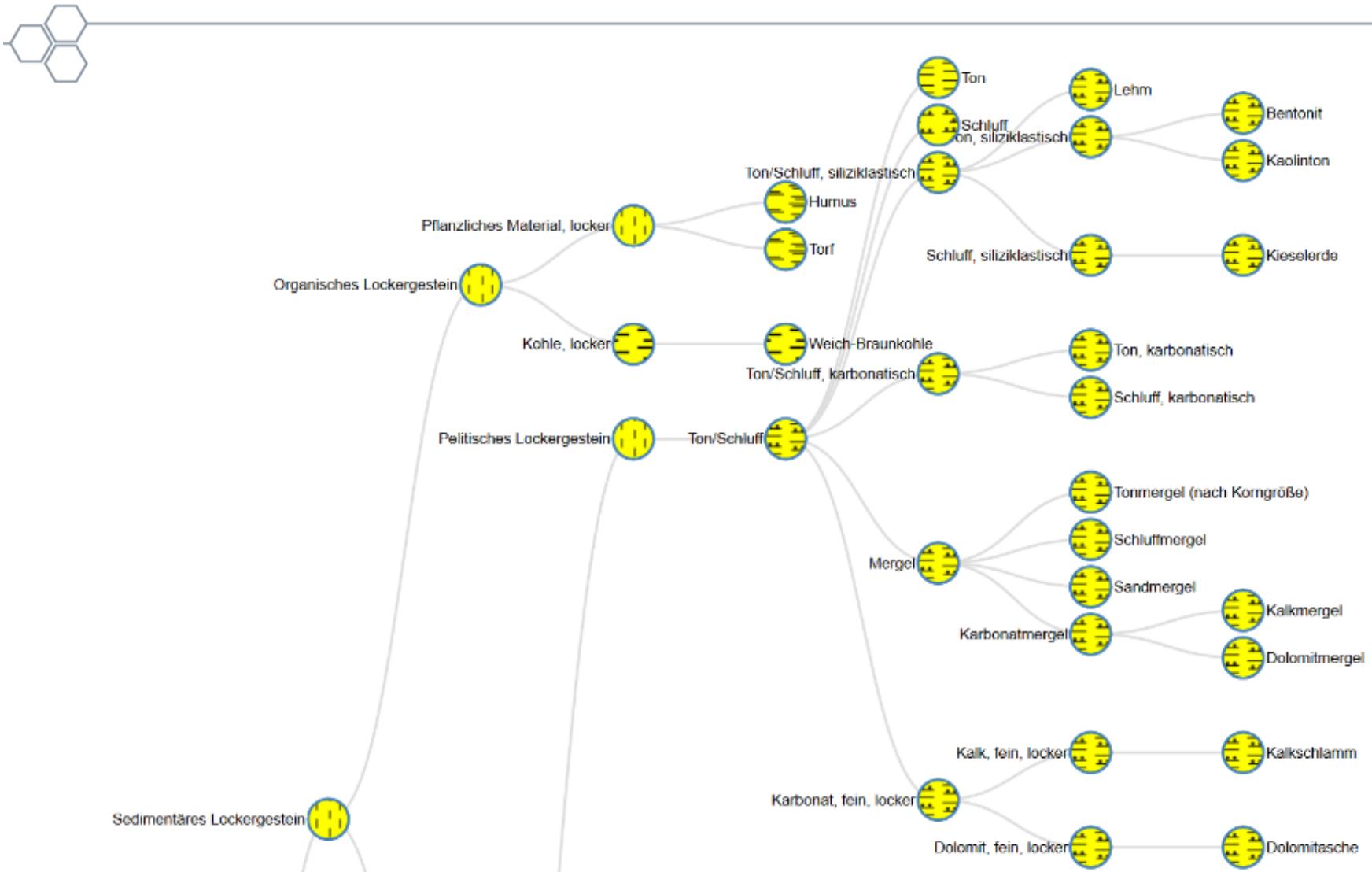
# BML: Code-Lists, Packages & Header



# Encoding: Layer & Drilling



# Code-List: Petrography





# FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

# YAML? Yes and No!

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- Yes
- GML Application Profile with specific Syntax
- No clear separation of Data, Syntax and Metadata (Version 3.0.1)
- Re-Inventing the wheel (like many others: ...)
- No
- Focus on Dictionaries and Vocabularies (Semantics)
- Legacy Format since 2000
- Volatile, 1 : 1 Mapping to SWE possible with no restrictions

# BM<sub>L</sub> 3.0.1 => BM<sub>L</sub> 4.0 => SWE

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- BM<sub>L</sub> 4.0
- Reduction of elements by
  - Use of existing encodings
    - e.g. Availability
  - Use of Dictionaries
    - e.g. groundwaterEncountered
- Application of galdos best practices
- Composite Pattern
- Harmonisation
  - Naming
  - Using context e.g.  
spaceFillingMaterial ⇔ material
- Application of geological Terms to
  - Syntax and/or
  - Code-Lists
- SWE: SensorML & O&M
  - 1 : 1 Mapping with inherent application of
    - principles applied to v4.0
    - GML & ISO 19xxx
  - Controlled Vocabularies
  - Clear Separation of
    - Data
    - Metadata
    - Semantics
  - GML, CSV, JSON, X3D, SVG

# GML Property & Composite Pattern



- **property**, e.g. installationDetails
  - **Class**, e.g. SpaceFilling
    - **implementation** or **property**, e.g. series of intervals, types, code lists, references, and description

## Terms: Litho Stratigraphy

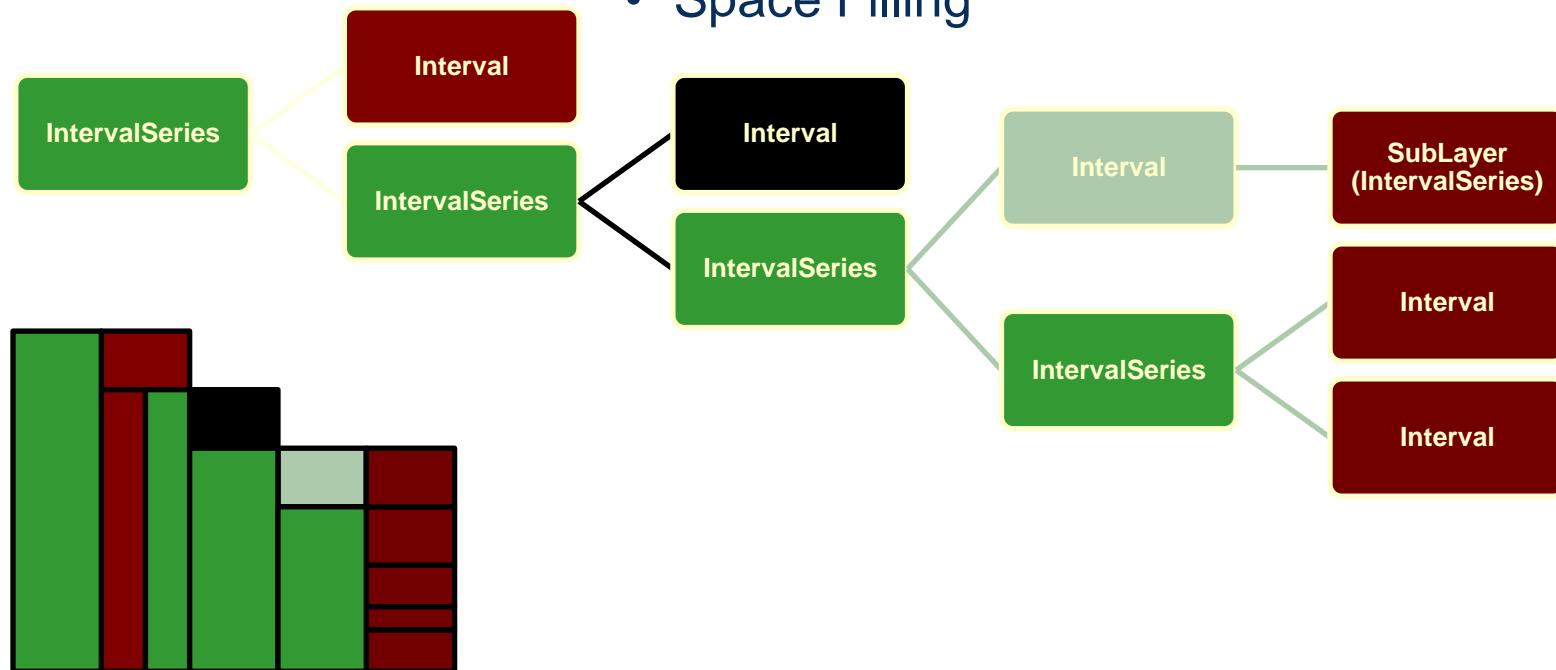
- ***Supergroup***
- ***Group***
- ***Subgroup***
- ***Formation***
- ***Member***
- ***Layer***

```
<bml:interval>
  <bml:Member>
    <bml:range><swe:uom/></bml:range>
    <bml:Layer>
      <bml:range><swe:uom/></bml:range>
      <bml:lithology>
        <bml:rockName/>
      </bml:lithology>
      <bml:stratigraphy/>
    </bml:Layer>
  </bml:Member>
</bml:interval>
```

# Common Model for Depth & Depth-Interval Derivations



- Observations aka Layers
- Borehole Segment
- Groundwater
- Groundwater Observation
- Interval Series
- Sampling
- Installation Details aka Drilling
- Borehole Filling
- Casing String
- Drilling Process
- Investigation
- Space Filling



# Interval Series

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- 3.0.1: intervalSeries (1..n)
- IntervalSeries
  - layer (1..n)
    - Interval
      - lithology
        - » Lithology
      - stratigraphy
        - » Stratigraphy
          - » chronoStratigraphy
          - » lithoStratigraphy
    - sublayer (1..n)
      - » Component
  - 4.0: depthIntervalSeries (1)
  - (Litho)Stratigraphy (1..n)
    - interval aka **layer** (1..n)
      - Layer aka **Interval** (Class)
        - lithology (a property)
          - » Lithology (Class)
        - stratigraphy
          - » ---
          - » ChronoStratigraphy (Class)
          - » LithoStratigraphy (Class)
      - sublayer aka **sublayer** (1 .. n)
        - » Component

**Layer, Formation, Chrono/LithoStratigraphy, etc.  
are Classes! Implementation of an interval**

# Casing String & Space Filling

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- BML 3.0.1
- installationDetail (1)
  - InstallationDetails
    - casingString (1..n)
      - CasingString
        - » casingStringNumber
        - » casingStringType
        - » casingStringSegment (1..n)
          - » CasingStringSegment
    - spaceFilling (1..n)
      - SpaceFilling
        - » spaceFillingMaterial
  - BML 4.0
  - installationDetails (1)
    - ---
      - CasingString (1..n)
        - ---
          - » number (1)
          - » type (1)
          - » interval aka segment (1..n)
            - » ---
        - SpaceFilling (1)
          - interval aka spaceFilling (1..n)
            - » material (1)



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Establish a domain-specific controlled vocabulary on the basis of common protocols and encodings

**BOREHOLE-MANAGEMENT IS  
ONLY ONE SMALL PART IN  
THE CONTEXT OF EPOS**



# EPOS, A SYSTEM-OF-SYSTEMS

Borehole-Management  
Subsurface-Management  
3D Basin-Modelling  
Early Warning  
Observatories

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# INTEROPERABILITY?

GML, BML, WITSML, GeoSciML, ...

CSV, GOCAD, ...

JSON

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# Modelling areas susceptible to earthquake induced landslides

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- Static (Models and Measurements)
  - 3D Model of Surface Process Dynamics (e.g. Soil-Erosion, proprietary GOCAD)
  - 3D Vector-Field of Land Displacements
  - 3D Model of Earthquake Distribution (e.g. Magnitude, QuakeML)
  - 2D/3D Model of geological environment (proprietary GOCAD)
  - Digital Terrain Model (e.g. Slope, DEM)
  - Climate Measurements (e.g. Trends, dwGML)
  - Borehole Measurements (e.g. Geological Layers, BML)
  - Facility Management (e.g. Buildings, CityGML)
- Dynamic (Monitoring)
  - Borehole Observations (e.g. Groundwater-Level)
  - GPS based Observations
  - Earthquake Observations
  - Weather Observations (e.g. Rain)

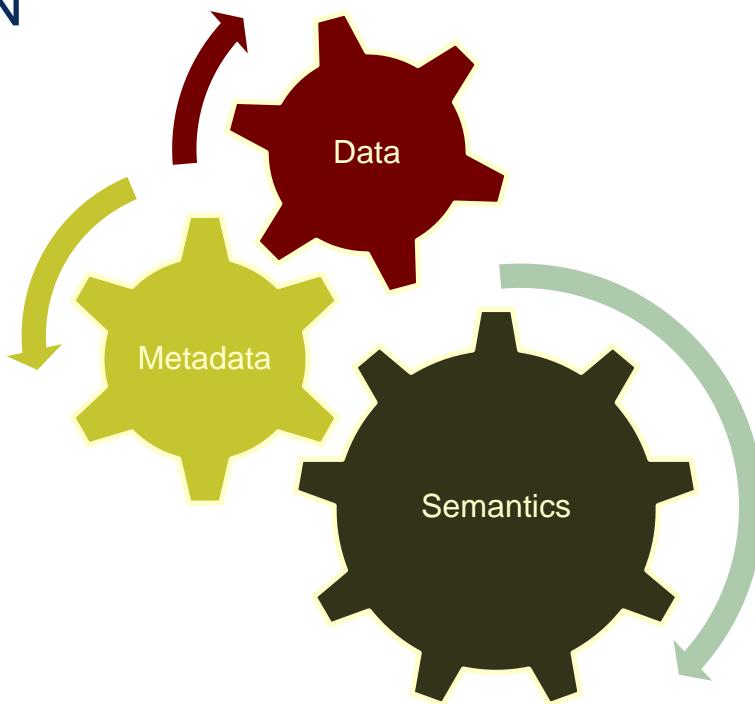
**Use Cases: Assessing levels of risk & Prediction of possible damages**

# Separation of ...



- Structure (Syntax)

- XML
- JSON
- CSV



- Data

- JSON, CSV
- O&M, GML
- X3D, SVG

- Metadata

- ISO 19139, ISO 19xxx
- SensorML

- Semantics

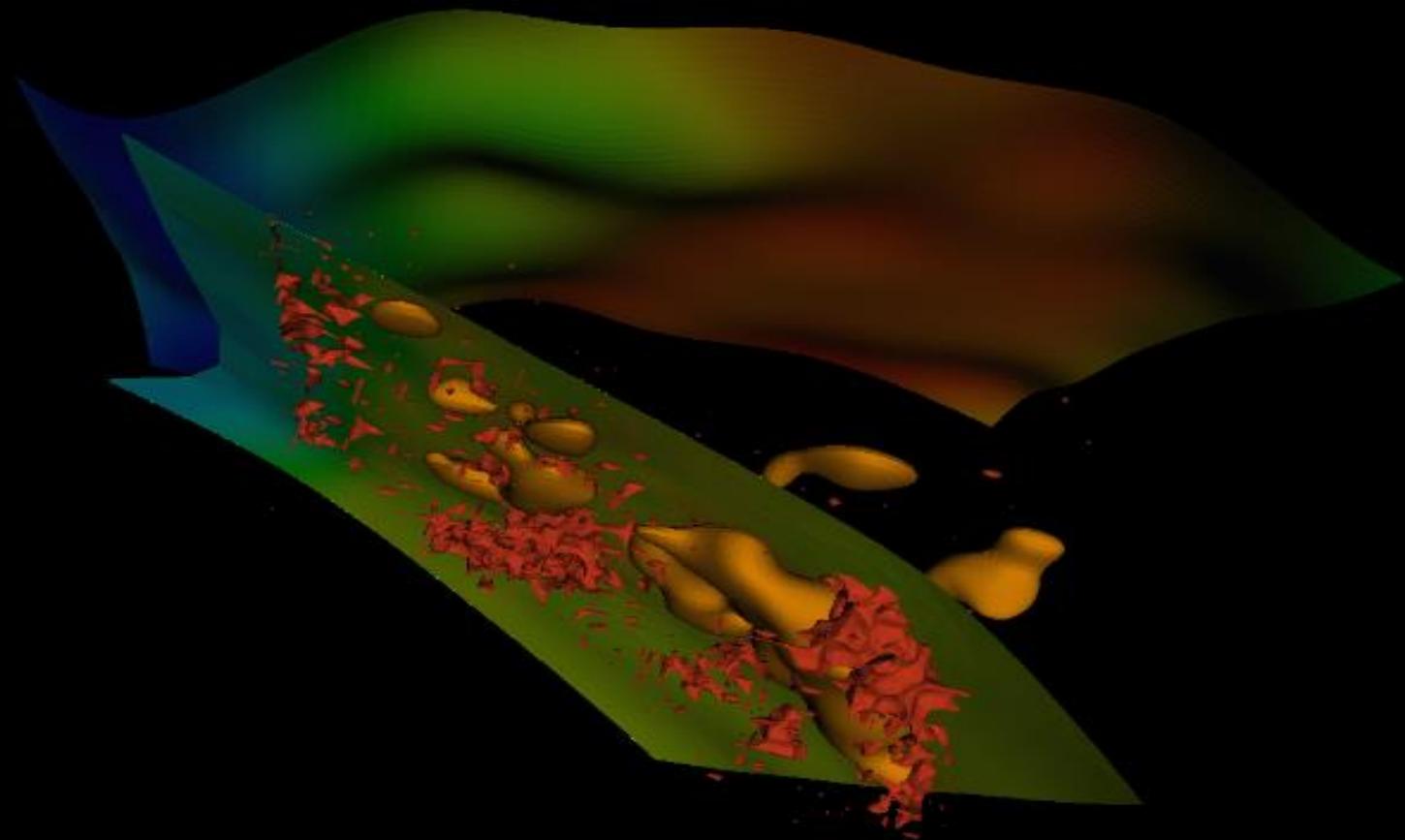
- RDF, RDF-Schema, OWL
- GML, SWE



Establish interoperability for 1..n domains with one and only one encoding

## **THE BIG (W)HOLE**

# 3D-Model: Gravity Field, Slab, EQ, Vp (x3D)



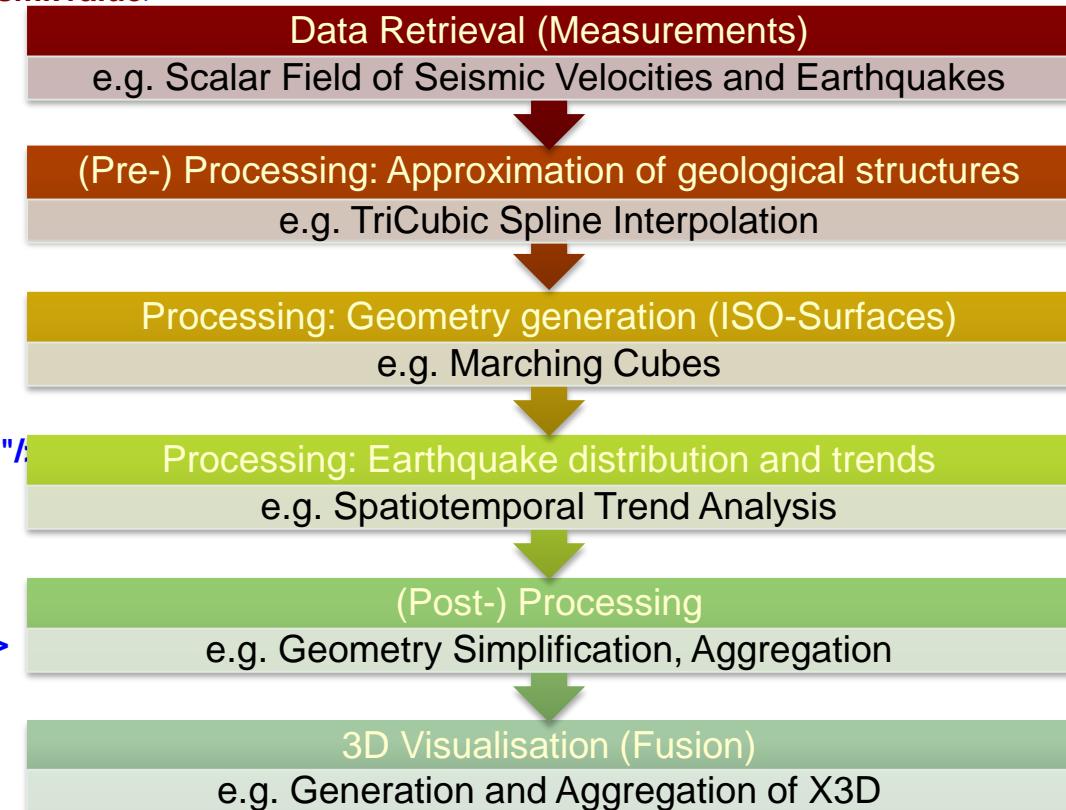
# Modelling a Sensor (aka Process)



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<sml:SimpleProcess gml:id="Kriging" xmlns:sml="http://opengis.net/sensorml"
xmlns:xlink="http://w3.org/1999/xlink">
  <sml:identification>
    <sml:IdentifierList>
      <sml:identifier>
        <sml:Term>
          <sml:label>Processing Method</sml:label>
          <sml:value>Kriging</sml:value>
        </sml:Term>
      </sml:identifier>
    </sml:IdentifierList>
  </sml:identification>
  <sml:inputs>
    <sml:InputList>
      <sml:input name="Vp-Field"/>
    </sml:InputList>
  </sml:inputs>
  <sml:outputs>
    <sml:OutputList>
      <sml:output name="Contour-Plot"/>
    </sml:OutputList>
  </sml:outputs>
  <sml:parameters>
    <sml:ParameterList>
      <sml:parameter name="nugget"/>
    </sml:ParameterList>
  </sml:parameters>
</sml:SimpleProcess>
```

## Approximation of a Contour-Plot from a Scalar Field of Seismic Velocities

### SensorML



# Observation of a Scalar Field



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<om:OM_Observation gml:id=,,Vp_Andes“
  <om:phenomenonTime/> <om:resultTime/>
  <om:procedure xlink:href="urn.ipoc.krizing"/>
  <om:observedProperty xlink:href="urn.ipoc.vp"/>
  <om:featureOfInterest xlink:href="urn.slab.andes"/>
  <om:result xlink:href="http://IPOC/Vp/SF.csv">
    <!-- Scalar Field (Data), CSV encoding --&gt;
    &lt;swe:DataStream&gt;
      &lt;swe:encoding&gt;&lt;swe:TextEncoding
        tokenSeparator="",
        blockSeparator="&#xA;",
        decimalSeparator=". "/&gt;
      &lt;/swe:encoding&gt;
      <!-- longitude,latitude,scalar value --&gt;
      &lt;swe:values&gt;
        1, 1, 42
        1, 2, 42
        1, 3, 42
      &lt;/swe:values&gt;
    &lt;/swe:DataStream&gt;
  &lt;/om:result&gt;
&lt;/om:OM_Observation&gt;</pre>
```

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<swe:DataArray
  <swe:elementCount/>
  <swe:elementType unit_name="ScalarField">
    <swe:DataRecord id="SF_CSV_Definition">
      <swe:field unit_name="longitude">
        <swe:Quantity>
          <swe:uom xlink:href="m"/>
        </swe:Quantity>
      </swe:field>
      <swe:field unit_name="latitude">
        <swe:Quantity>
          <swe:uom xlink:href="m"/>
        </swe:Quantity>
      </swe:field>
      <swe:field unit_name="value">
        <swe:Quantity>
          <swe:uom xlink:href=",,Vp"/>
        </swe:Quantity>
      </swe:field>
    </swe:DataRecord>
  </swe:elementType>
</swe:DataArray>
```

Data Definition,  
“Header”

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SWE Common

# Observation of a Vp Cross-Section

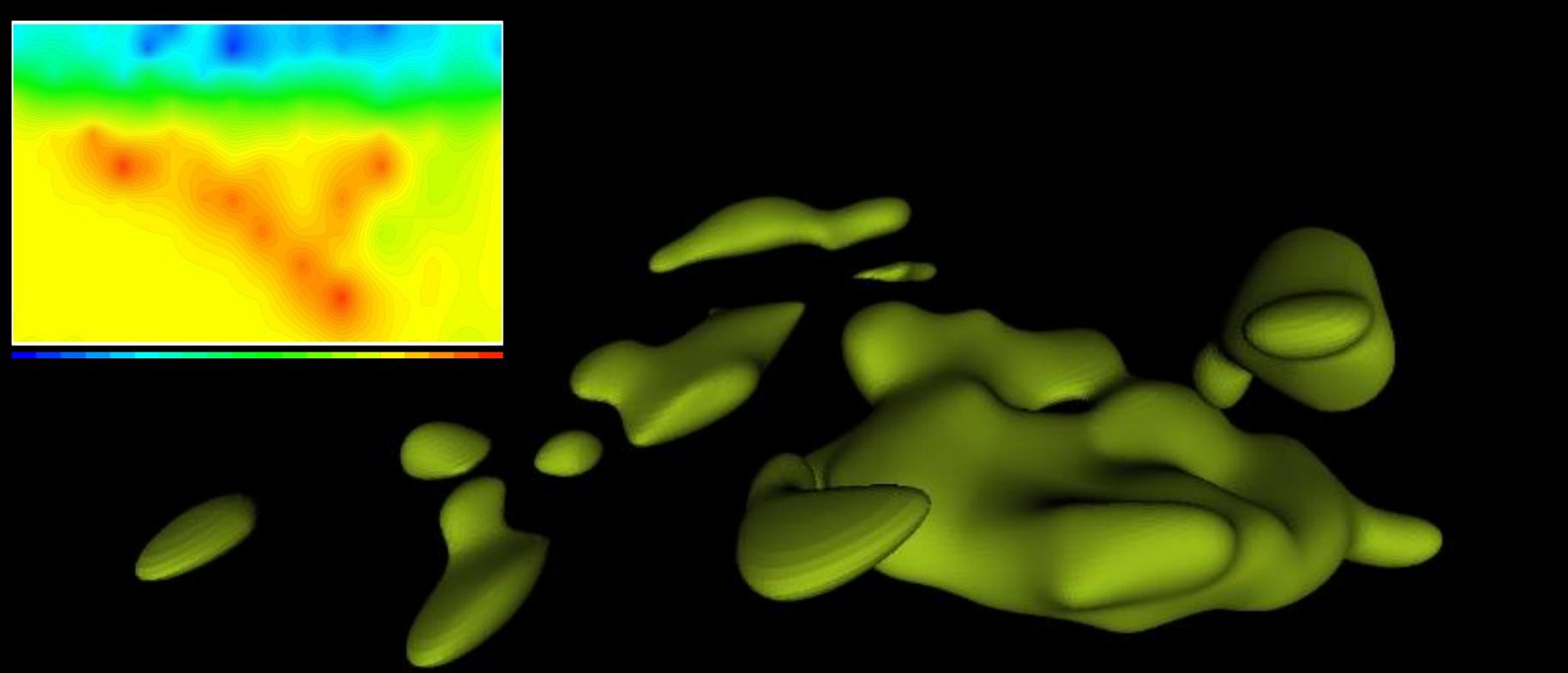


```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<om:OM_Observation gml:id="Cross_Section_Subductionzone_Andes "
xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml/3.2" xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink"
xmlns:swe="http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0" xmlns:om="http://www.opengis.net/om/2.0">
    <om:phenomenonTime/>
    <om:resultTime/>
    <om:procedure xlink:href="urn.gfz_potsdam.numerical_model.kriging"/>
    <om:observedProperty xlink:href="urn.gfz_potsdam.structure.subduction.structure"/>
    <om:featureOfInterest>
        <gml:MultiCurveCoverage gml:id="Vp_66W_23S">
            <gml:domainSet/>
            <gml:rangeSet>
                <gml:ValueArray gml:id="ScalarField_Vp_66W_23S"/>
            </gml:rangeSet>
        </gml:MultiCurveCoverage>
    </om:featureOfInterest>
    <om:result xlink:href="http://gfz_potsdam.de/IPOC/seismic_velocity/isolines.svg">
        <!-- Approximated Geological Structure (Contour-Lines) -->
        <svg style="fill-opacity:1;" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">
            <defs id="genericDefs"/>
            <g style="fill:blue; stroke:blue;">
                <path d="M105.1296 56.2529 L110.2591 56.1232 L115.3887 56.1044 Z"/>
                <path d="M105.1296 56.32 L110.2591 56.1839 L115.3887 56.1642 Z"/>
            </g>
        </svg>
    </om:result>
</om:OM_Observation>
```

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Contours have been “observed”

# 3D-Model: Vp 8.8 Bodies (x3D)



Data Mining:  
Approximation (Kriging) of geol. structures from a Scalar Field of Seismic Velocities (Vp)

# Code-List: ChronoStratigraphy



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<swe:DataArray id="Cenozoic_Systems" xmlns:swe="http://www.opengis.net/swe/2.0"
xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink">
  <swe:values>
    <swe:field unit_name="systems">
      <swe:TimeRange>
        <swe:value>0.0 2.58</swe:value>
      </swe:TimeRange>
      <swe:Text><swe:value>Quaternary</swe:value></swe:Text>
    </swe:field>
    <swe:field unit_name="Quaternary Series">
      <swe:DataArray id="Quaternary_Series" definition="series">
        <swe:values>
          <swe:DataRecord id="Q2">
            <swe:field unit_name="timerange">
              <swe:TimeRange>
                <swe:value>0.0 0.0117</swe:value>
              </swe:TimeRange>
            </swe:field>
            <swe:field unit_name="unit_name">
              <swe:Text><swe:value>Holocene</swe:value></swe:Text>
            </swe:field>
          </swe:DataRecord>
        </swe:values>
      </swe:DataArray>
    </swe:field>
  </swe:values>
</swe:DataArray>
```

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# Measurement of Geological Layers



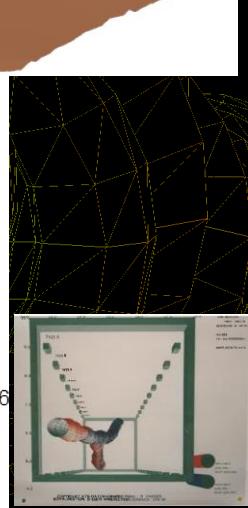
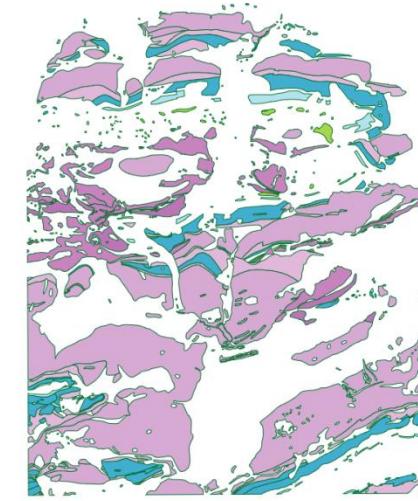
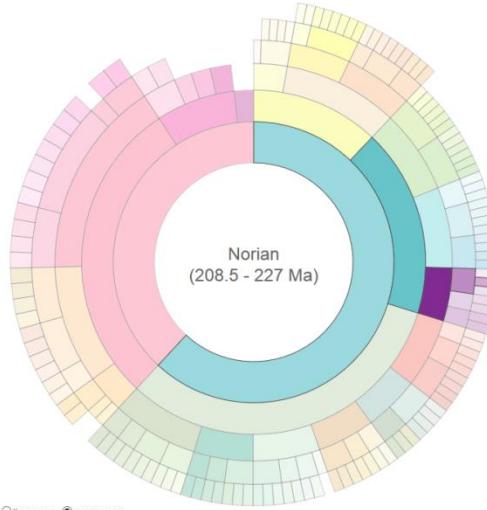
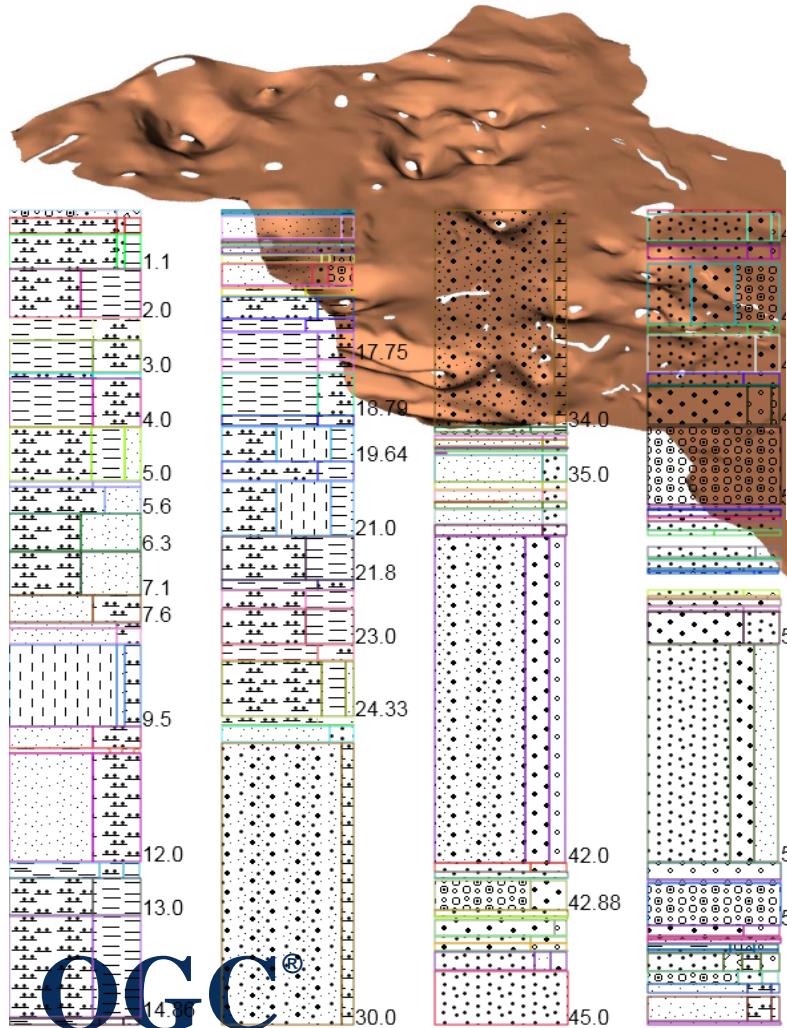
```
<bml:intervalSeries>  <bml:IntervalSeries>      <bml:layer>
  <bml:Interval>
    <bml:from uom="m">0.0</bml:from><bml:to uom="m">2.5</bml:to>
    <bml:rockCode>G</bml:rockCode> <bml:rockNameText>Granit</bml:rockNameText>
    <bml:lithology>
      <bml:Lithology>
        <bml:rockName codeSpace=codelists/rnl">KMat</bml:rockName>
        <bml:percentage>100.0</bml:percentage>
      </bml:Lithology>
    </bml:lithology>
    <bml:stratigraphy>
      <bml:Stratigraphy>
        <bml:chronoStratigraphy codeSpace="codelists/ChronoList.xml">D</bml:chronoStratigraphy>
        <bml:lithoStratigraphy>Devony</bml:lithoStratigraphy>
      </bml:Stratigraphy>
    </bml:stratigraphy>
    <bml:sublayer xsi:nil="true">          <bml:Component/>          </bml:sublayer>
  </bml:Interval>
</bml:layer>
```

# ML 3.0.1

```
<svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="100%" height="100%>
  <defs>
    <pattern id="urn.petro.solid_rock" style="opaque" stroke="red">
      <image width="35px" height="14px" xlink:href="http://infogeode/img/litho/solid_rock.png"/>
    </pattern>
  </defs>
</svg>
```

# SVG

# 3D-Model, Map, Stratigraphy(x3D, SVG, JSON)



Continental Deep Drilling Programme of Germany  
Calliper, Azimuth, Deviation

# Thank you for your attention ...



... and for no more MLs

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# Installations ... of SWE



## GITEWS (German Indonesian Tsunami Early Warning System)

- <http://www.gitews.org/>
- productive operation
- seismology, CGPS, simulation, buoys, ocean bottom units, tide gauges
- focuses on processing sensors (Seismic System, CGPS and Simulation)

## DEWS (Distant Early Warning System)

- <http://www.dews-online.org/>
- wide area network of systems and resources
- prototypical implementation of a system of systems
- information logistics and dissemination

## CAWa (Central Asia Water, a Regional Research Network)

- <http://www.cawa-project.net/portal/cms/CAWa>
- scientific data basis for the development of sustainable water management strategies in Central Asia
- monitoring, analysis, modelling, planning and prediction

## TRIDEC (Collaborative, Complex and Critical Decision-Support in Evolving Crises)

- <http://tridec.gfz-potsdam.de/>
- putting focus on knowledge management, choreography and service orchestration
- emphasising adaptivity, evolution and collaboration
- two completely different scenarios (proof of concept)
  - natural crisis management (tsunami warning in North-eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean region)
  - industrial subsurface development (planning and operation of drilling projects)