



# Making 3D City Models Dynamic

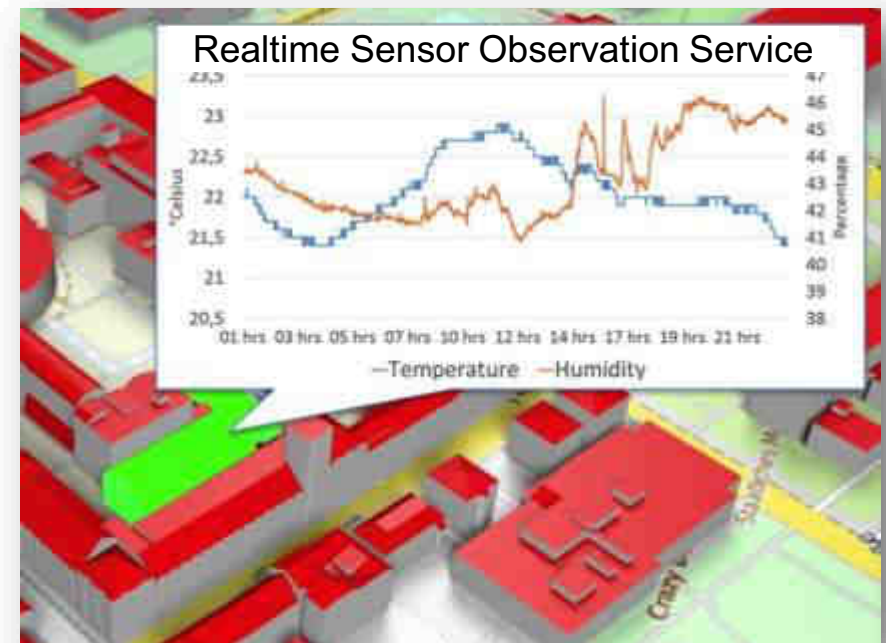
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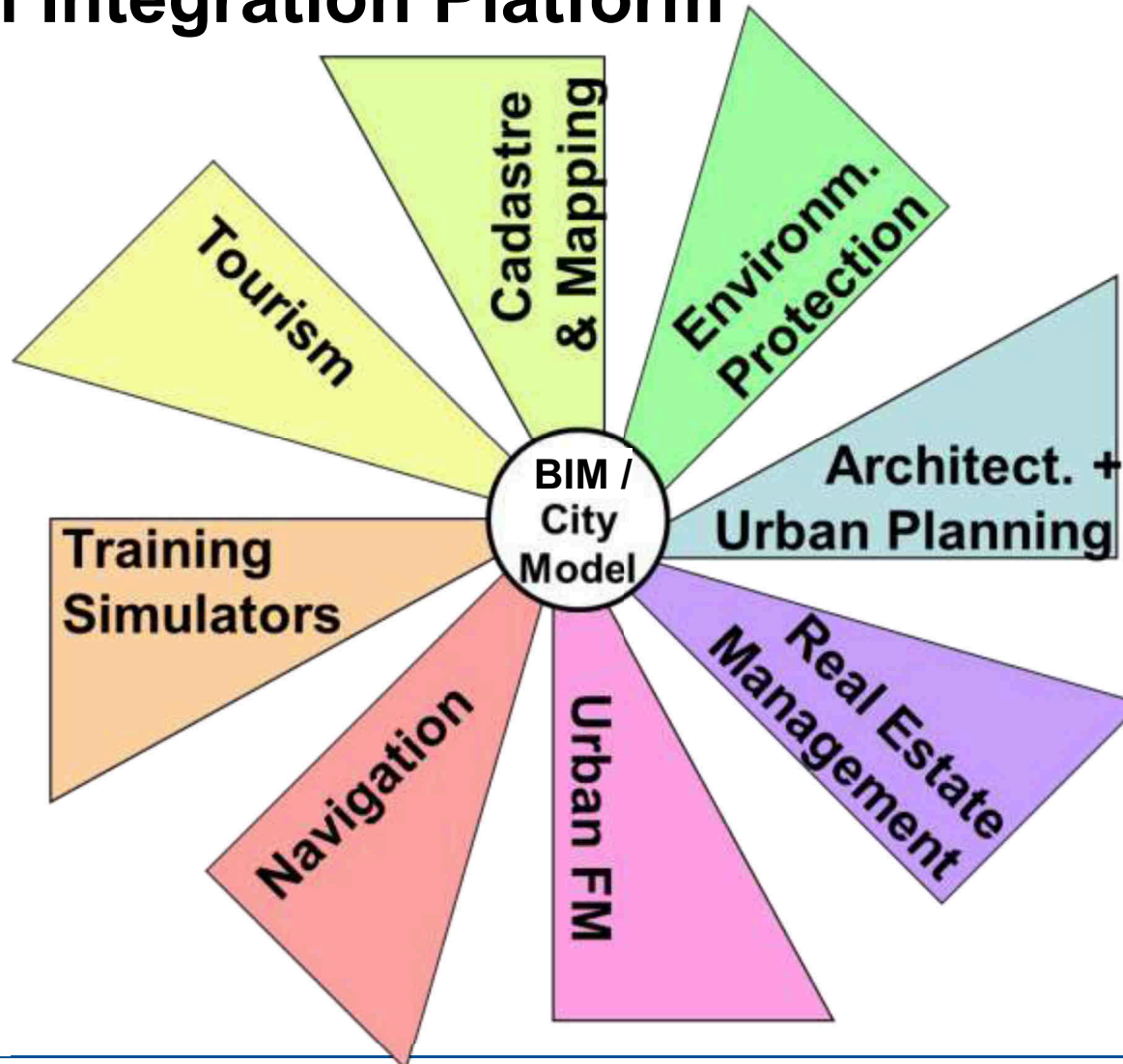


# Digital Models of the Built Environment

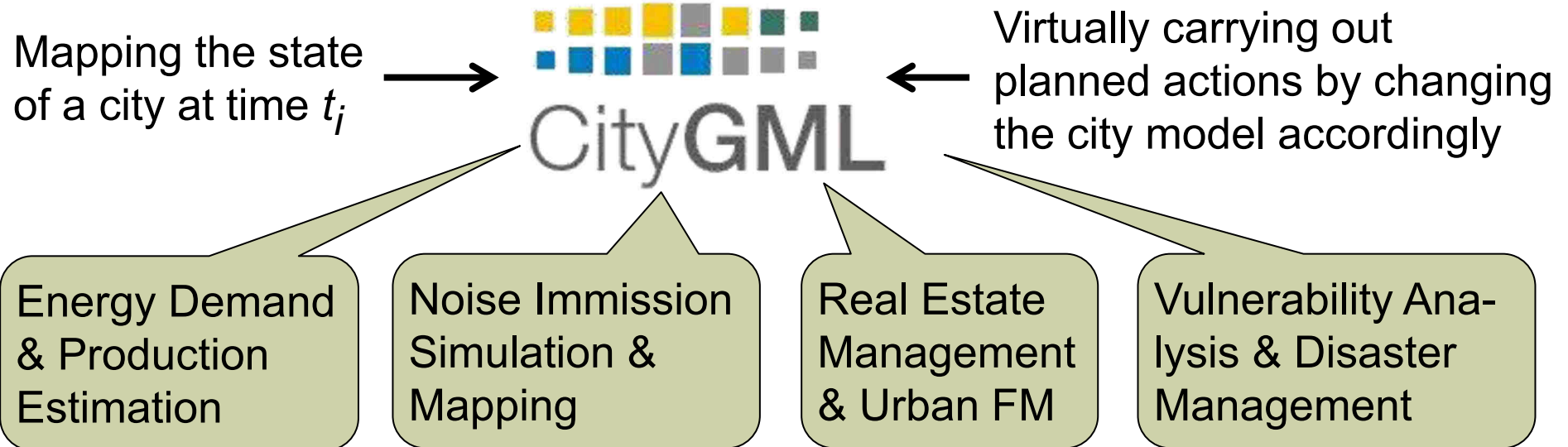
- ▶ On the scale of individual sites:  
**Building Information Modeling (BIM, IFC)**
- ▶ On the scale of city quarter up to entire regions:  
**Semantic 3D City Models (CityGML)**



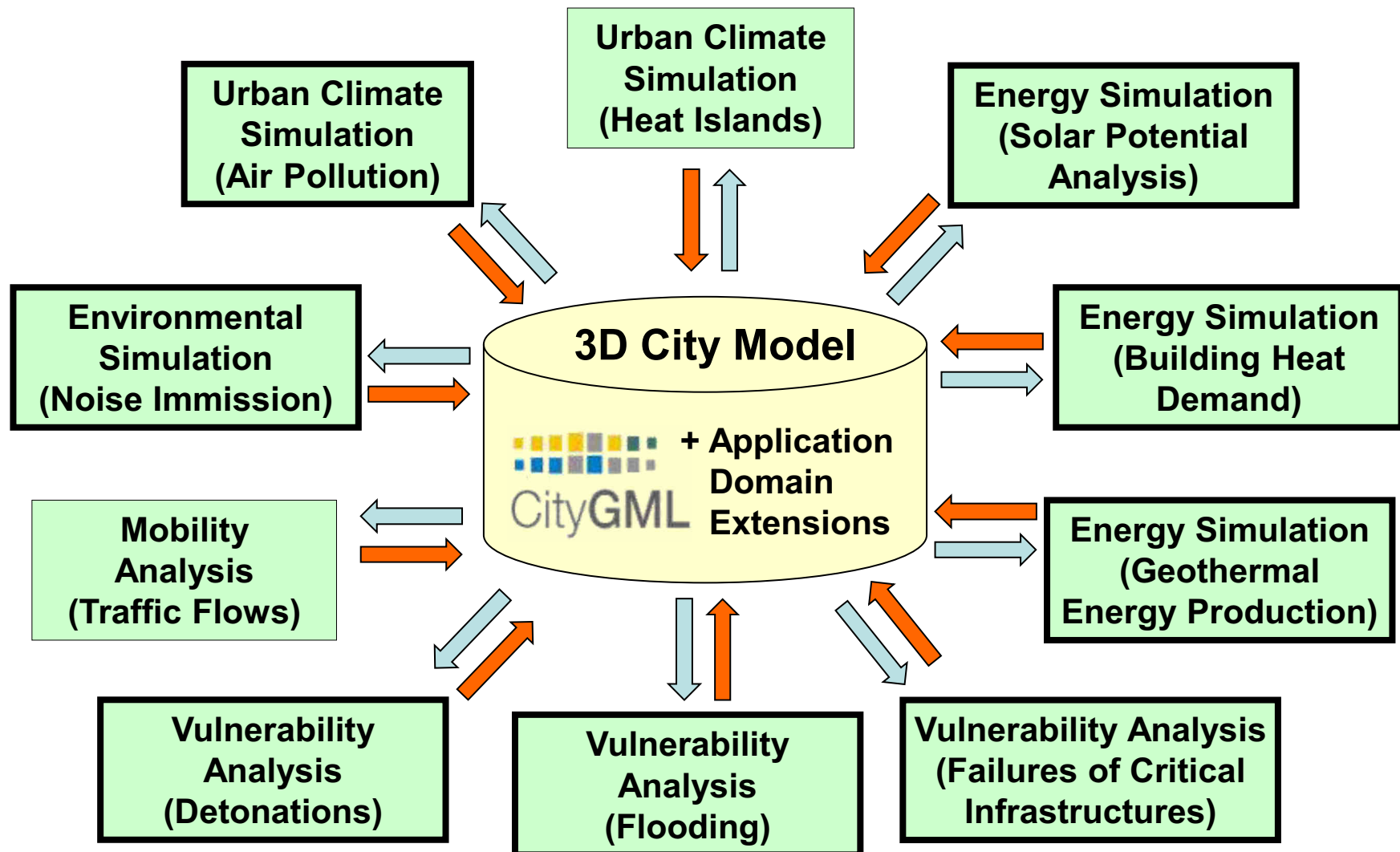
# Semantic Site and City Models as Cross Domain Integration Platform



# Standardized Access to Semantic City Models



# Multi-Simulations with 3D City Models



Bold-framed boxes: projects that were carried out by or with participation of my teams so far

# **Motivating Example**

## **Vulnerability Analysis (Detonation Simulation)**

## 'Controlled' Blast of discovered unexploded Bomb from World War II

Detonation in Munich, District Schwabing, 2012

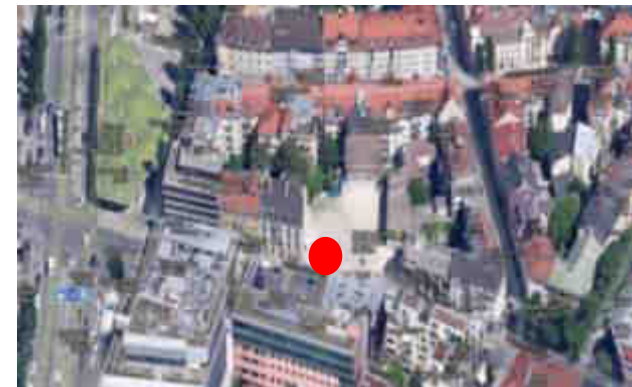


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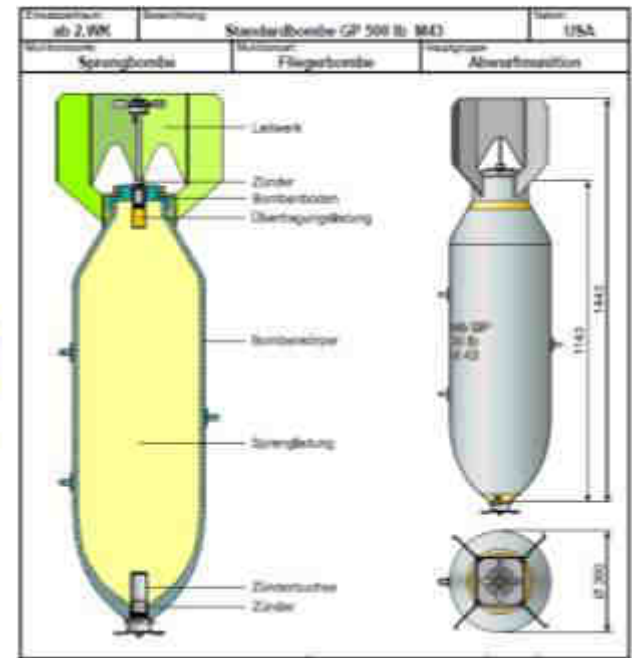
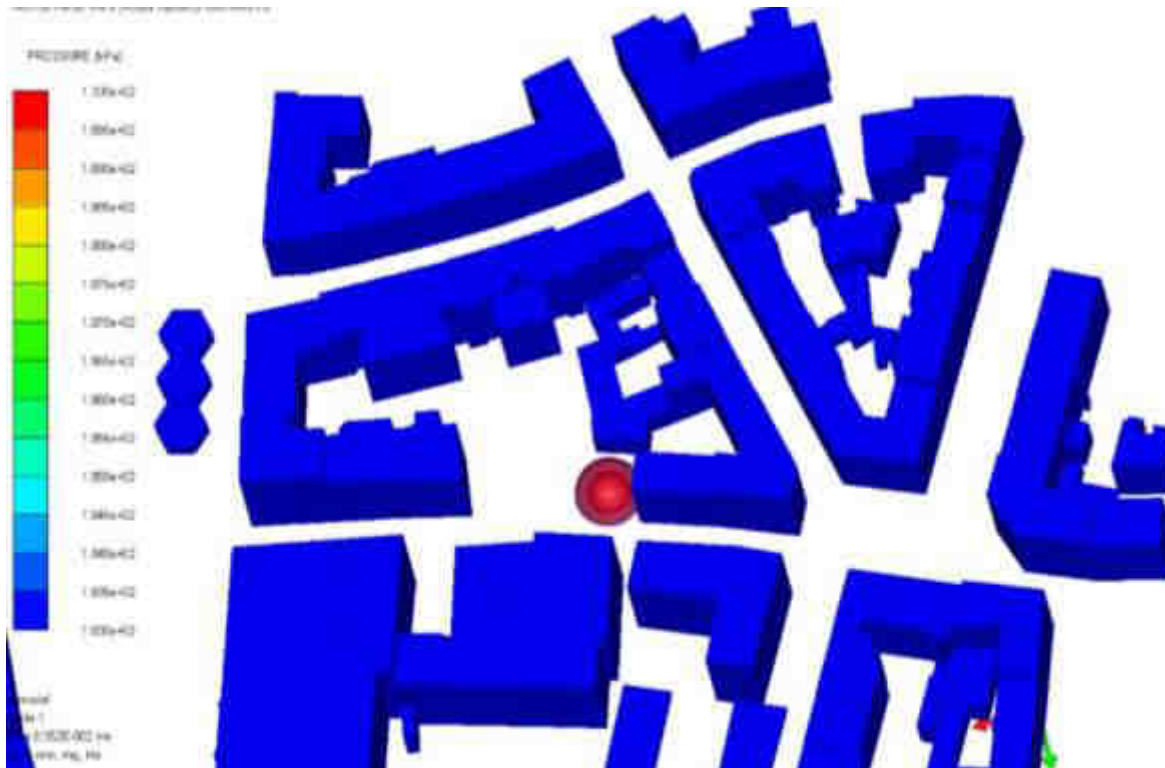
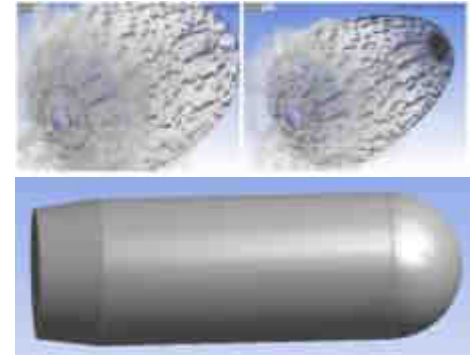
Unexploded American 500 lbs Bomb (120kg TNT)  
Evacuation of 2500 citizens

Source: Google Maps



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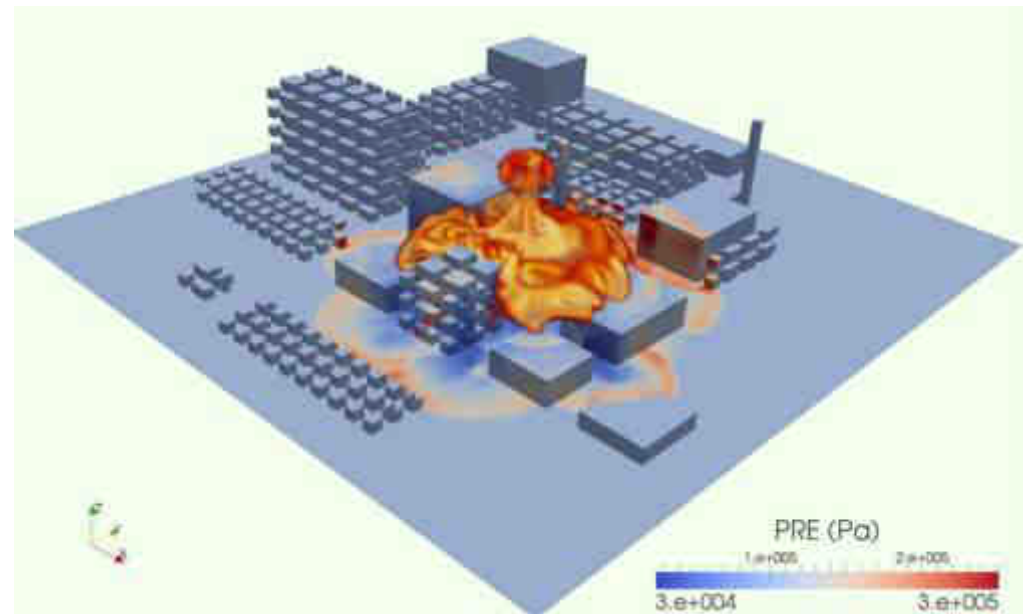
2013 Dresdner Sprengschule GmbH



# Apollo Blast Simulator

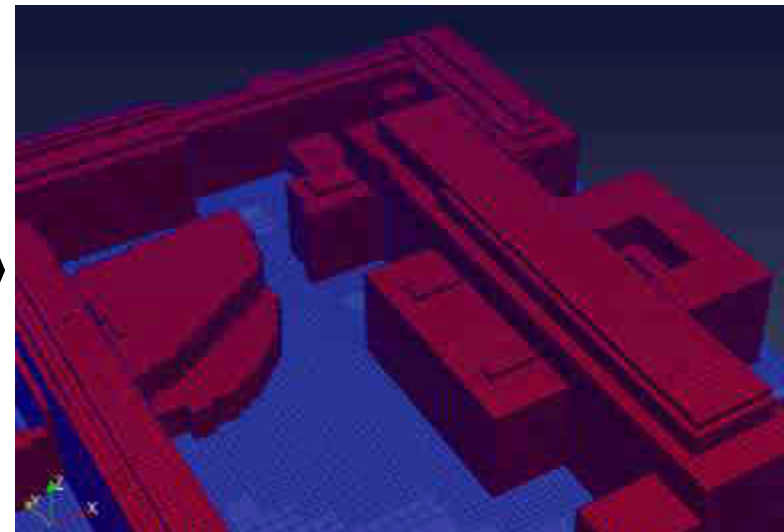


- ▶ Developed by Fraunhofer Institute for High-Speed Dynamics, Ernst-Mach-Institut (EMI) in Freiburg
- ▶ Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulation for
  - Detonations
  - Shock waves
  - Gas dynamics
- ▶ Physical values
  - Pressure, impulse
- ▶ Application areas
  - Risk assessment
  - Vulnerability analysis



# Derivation of a Voxel Model from CityGML

- ▶ Selection of the simulation area
- ▶ Generation of a complete regular voxel grid for the simulation area
- ▶ Intersection of the voxel grid with the vector representation of the CityGML objects → occupancy grid



[Bruno Willenborg 2015]

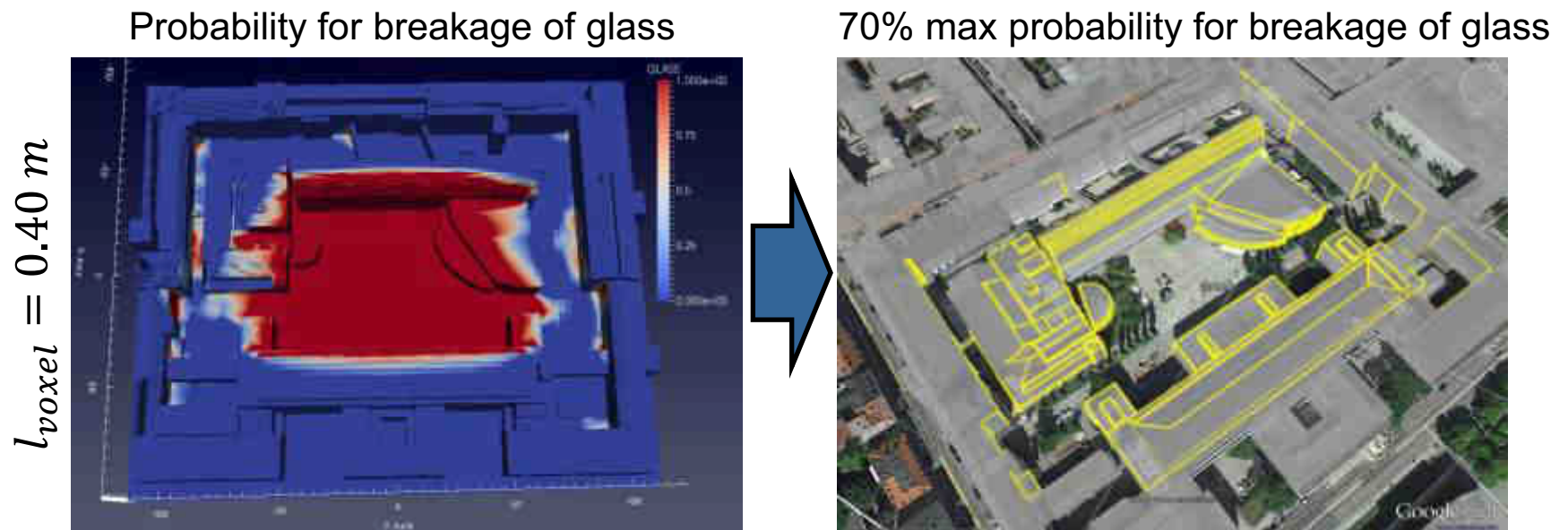
# Detonation Simulation of a WW II Aircraft Bomb

- ▶ **Fictive scenario:** during groundworks an unexploded bomb from World War II is found in the courtyard of TUM; it cannot be defused and, hence, must be detonated on place
- ▶ **Real problem:** WW II ammunition is still found every day
- ▶ maximum danger zone is estimated based on the TNT equivalent using an empirical formula



# Mapping the Simulation Result back to CityGML

- ▶ A vector of parameters is being computed by the simulator for each voxel
  - peak overpressure, probabilities for glass & façade breakage, death, eardrum damage etc.
- ▶ These parameters are aggregated and mapped back to the objects of the CityGML model (RoofSurfaces, WallSurfaces)



# Comparison: Simple Estimation ↔ CFD-Simulation

Conservative method, peak overpressure



$>20\,000\ Pa$



$>10\,000\ Pa$



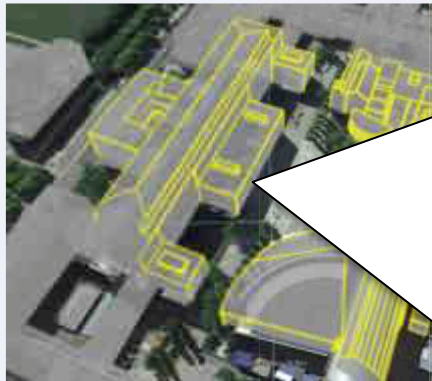
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CFD simulation, peak overpressure

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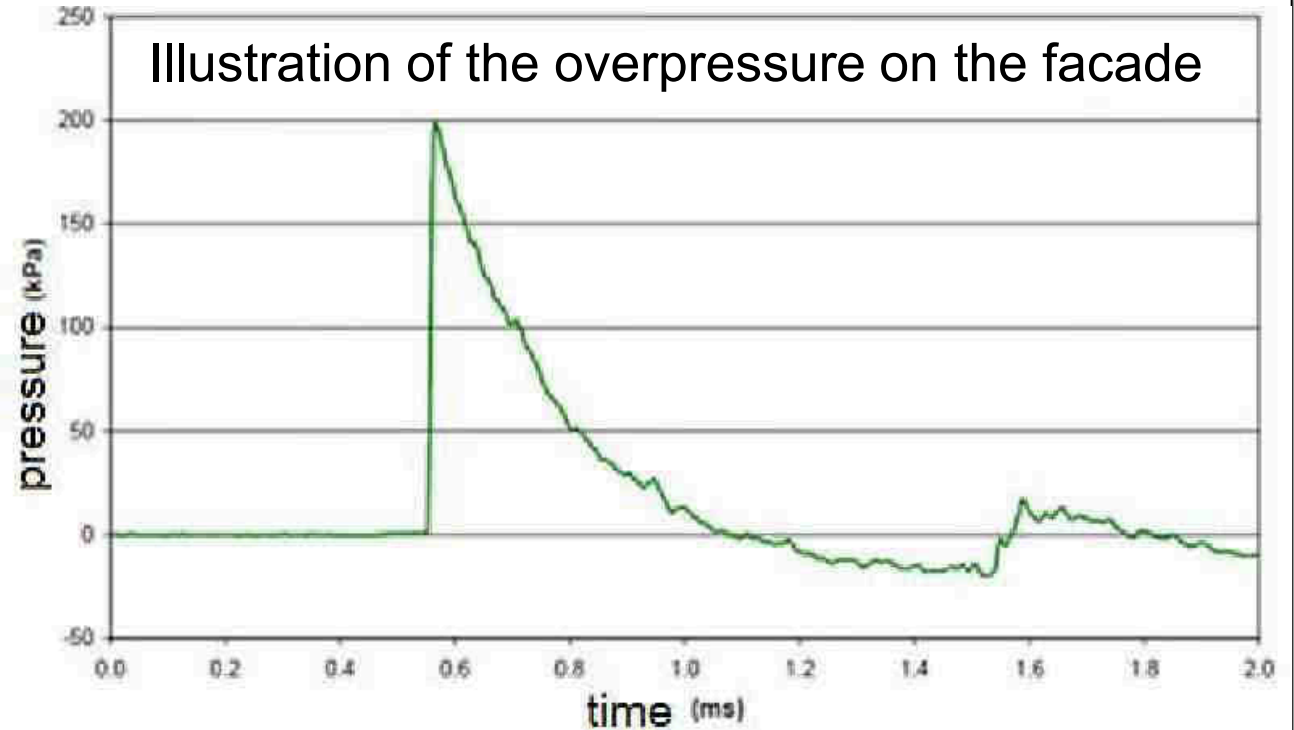


Image: [Łukasz Ślaga 2013]

CFD simulation, peak overpressure

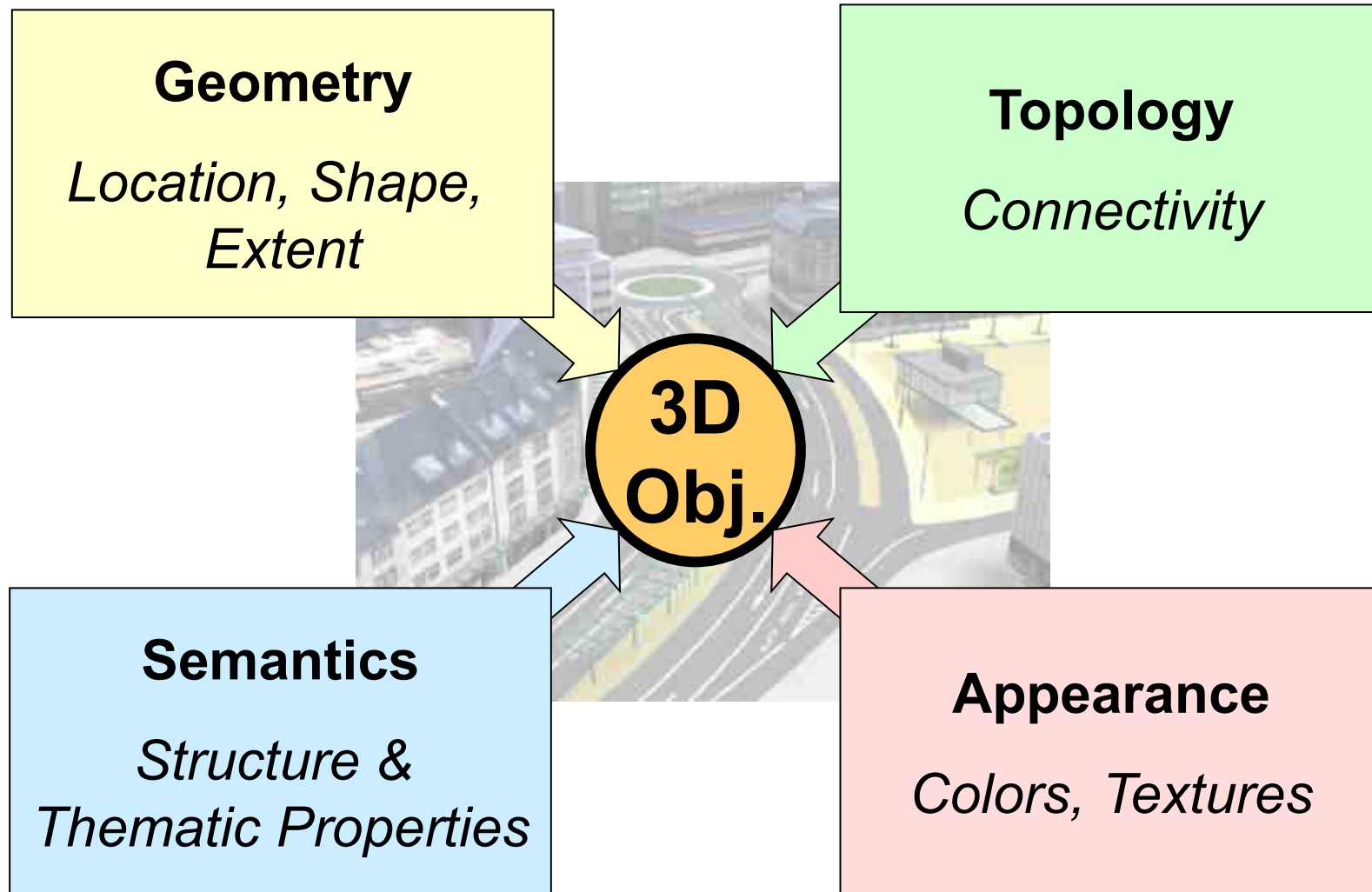
# Linking Urban Simulations across Domains

- ▶ Output of one simulation can be the input for another one
  - **cascading simulations** need lossless information handling
- ▶ **Semantic 3D city models** are well suitable data integration platforms
  - **source for simulation input data**
  - **container for simulation output data**
- ▶ Simulations often require and produce **time-dependent data**
- ▶ Smart City projects integrate **sensors & observations**
  - **observations are also time-dependent**
- ▶ **Time-variant object properties are not supported in City Models so far**

# **Dynamic Data in Semantic 3D City Models**



# Properties of the Objects of a 3D City Model



# Dynamic Data in City Models (1)

Which *properties of a city object* can be dynamic?

## ▶ **Spatial Information** (Geometry & Topology)

- **Extent and form:** e.g. retrofitting, extension, (partial) demolition of sites; plant growth; watercourse during flooding
- **Location:** e.g. for movable objects like vehicles or persons the position and orientation

## ▶ **Appearance Information**

- Color, texture – e.g. change of the appearance of building facades within an RGB or Thermal IR image over the day

## ▶ **Semantic Information**

- Thematic data like e.g. electrical power consumption of a building; room temperature; traffic density in a road; evaporation of a group of trees

## Dynamic Data in City Models (2)

Which *types of dynamic behaviour* can be distinguished?

### ▶ **Slow Changes**

- Creation and termination of objects (construction / demolition of sites, planting of trees; construction of new roads)
- Structural changes of objects (e.g. raising of buildings)
- Change of object status (e.g. change of building owner; change of the traffic direction of a road to a oneway street)
- **Few changes over a longer time period → *Evolution***

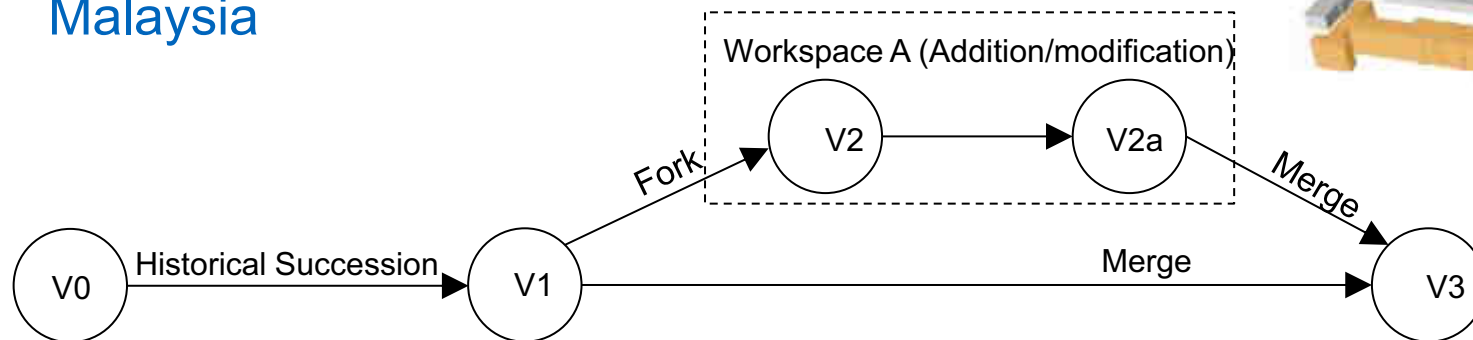
### ▶ **Fast Changes**

- Time dependent / variant object properties (e.g. energy consumption, traffic density, pollution concentration, overpressure on building walls)
- are the result of simulations or of measurements (sensor data streams)
- **Many changes over a short (but also longer) time period**

# Time-varying properties (1)

## ► Slow changes

- History or evolution of cities/city models
- Change of feature's geometry over time
- Managing parallel or alternative versions over time
- [Already published in 3DGeoInfo 2015, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia](#)

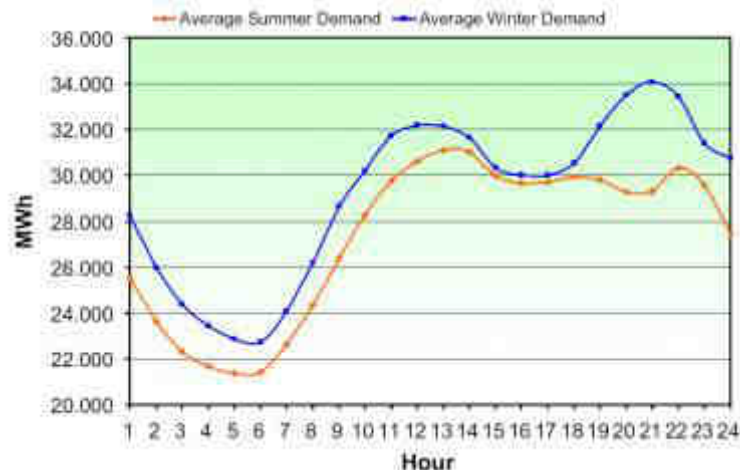


Source: Chaturvedi et al., "Managing versions and history within semantic 3D city models for the next generation of CityGML". In 3DGeoInfo (2015)

## Time-varying properties (2)

### ► Highly dynamic changes

- **Variations of spatial properties:** change of a feature's geometry, both in respect to shape and to location (moving objects)
- **Variations of thematic attributes:** changes of physical quantities like energy demands, temperatures, solar irradiation
- **Variations with respect to sensor or real-time data**



Source: C. García-Ascanio and C. Maté, "Electric power demand forecasting using interval time series: A comparison between VAR and iMLP," *Energy Policy*

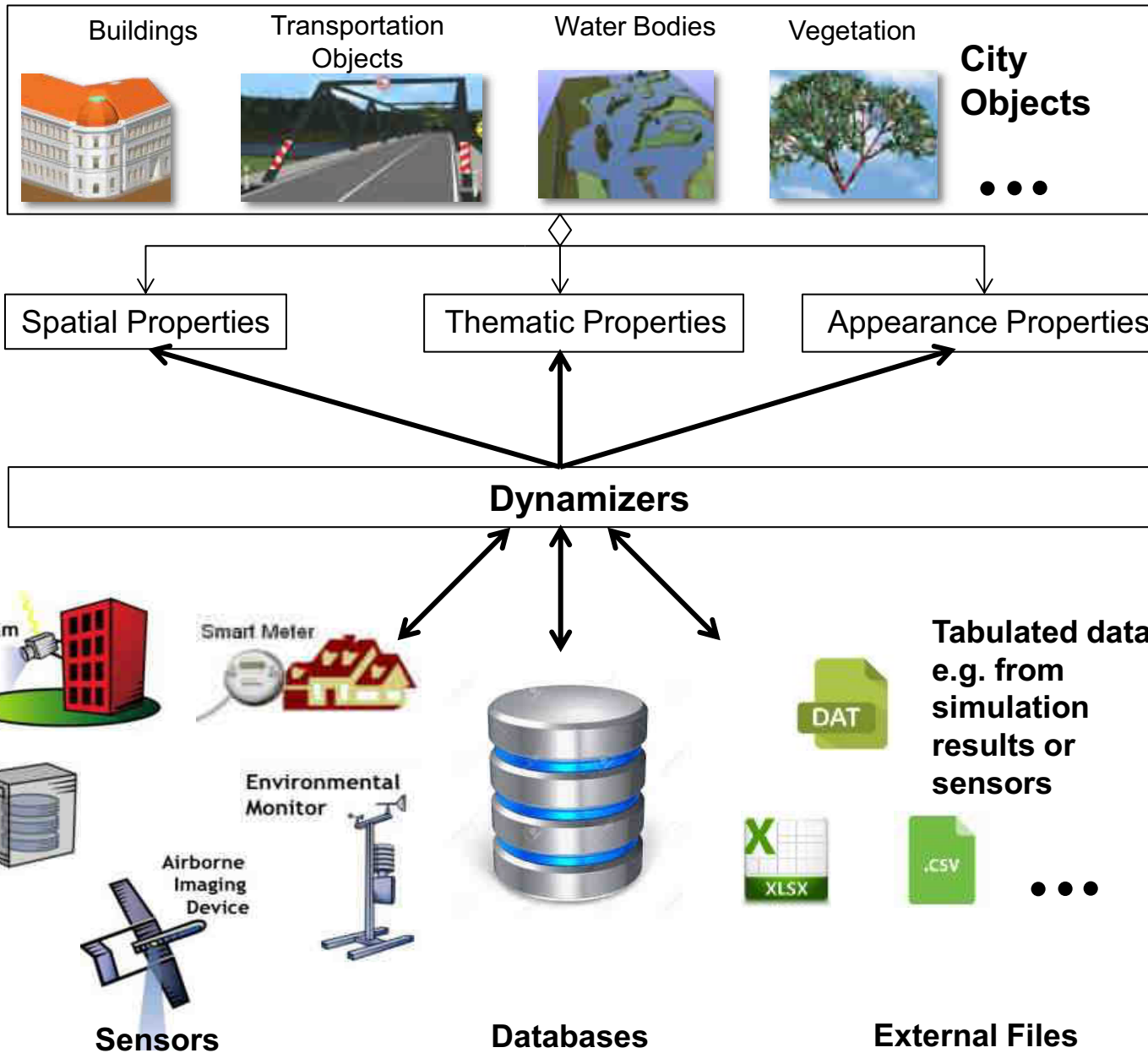


Source: MOREL M., GESQUIÈRE G., "Managing Temporal Change of Cities with CityGML". In UDMV (2014)

# Modeling and Representing Dynamic Data

- ▶ **New data types for time-variant attributes** are required
  - Time series
  - Tabulation of timestamps + property values
- ▶ **Property values**
  - Simple numeric values, measures, physical quantities
  - Appearances (Textures, Colors)
  - Geometries
- ▶ Time variant properties of city objects can be represented by time series
  - Observation: only specific properties are dynamic → no general replacement of all simple data types by time series
- ▶ Specific „dynamization“ using **CityGML 3.0 Dynamizers**

# CityGML Dynamizers

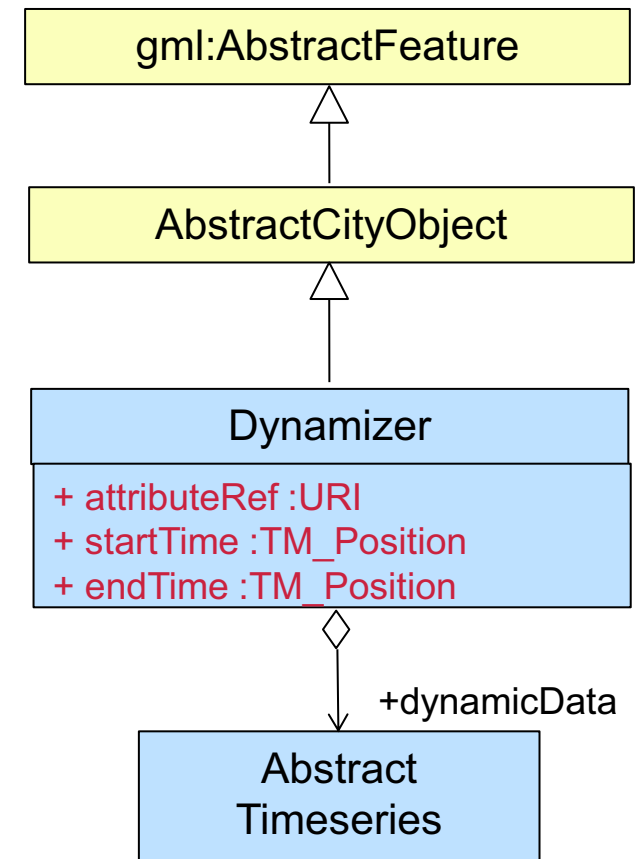


From the PhD Work of Kanishk Chaturvedi



# Dynamizer – New CityGML Feature Type

- ▶ **attributeRef** refers to a specific property of a static CityGML feature which value will then be overridden or replaced by the (dynamic) values specified in the ‘Dynamizer’ feature.
- ▶ **startTime** and **endTime** denote time span for which the Dynamizer provides dynamic values
- ▶ Dynamizer composes of **AbstractTimeseries**:
  - Allows representing time-variant values in different and generic ways
  - E.g. Timeseries, Sensor observations etc.



# Example Scenario

## CityGML object

## Source of dynamic data

```
<cityObjectMember>
  <Building gml:id = "building1">
    <gen:doubleAttribute name = "HeatDemand">
      <gen:value = xxx />
    </gen:doubleAttribute>
  </Building>
</cityObjectMember>
```

Estimated (in kwh)	Heat Demand
JAN-15	61578
FEB-15	52148
MAR-15	41011
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DEC-15	64984

Referencing of the object attribute using XPath

## Dynamizer

```
<cityObjectMember>
  <dyn:Dynamizer>
    <dyn:attributeRef> //Building [@gml:id = 'building1']/doubleAttribute[@name = 'HeatDemand']/gen:value</dyn:attributeRef>
    <dyn:startTime> 2015-01-01T00:00:00Z </dyn:startTime>
    <dyn:endTime> 2015-12-31T00:00:00Z </dyn:endTime>
    <dyn:dynamicData>.. </dyn:dynamicData>
  </dyn:Dynamizer>
</cityObjectMember>
```

# Integration of Sensors and their Observations

## ► **By linking Dynamizers with Sensors**

- Such links basically mean that a specific dynamic value for a city object property is measured by a specific sensor (service)
- Dynamizers represent these direct links to sensors and observations utilizing different requests.
  - in case of OGC SOS: DescribeSensor and GetObservation
- In order to get the dynamic data, requests to the sensor services must be performed

## ► **By including sensor observations within Dynamizers**

- Sensor observations are typically encoded in OGC O&M format.
- Dynamizers provide explicit support of O&M, which allows representing sensor observation values
  - Hence, the result of an SOS GetObservation request can directly be embedded (i.e. stored inline) within the Dynamizer

# Example for a Sensor Connection



```

<cityObjectMember>
  <dyn:Dynamizer gml:id = "PV_Power_Timeseries" >
    <dyn:attributeRef>//RoofSurface[@gml:id ='building1_roofSurface1'] ← Feature of Interest
      /doubleAttribute[@name = 'PVPower'] ← Property of Interest
      /gen:value </dyn:attributeRef>
    <dyn:startTime>2016-01-01T00:00:00Z</startTime>
    <dyn:endTime>2016-12-01T00:00:00Z</endTime>
    <dyn:linkToSensor>
      <dyn:SensorConnection>
        <dyn:sensorID>. . . </dyn:sensorID> ← Unique Sensor ID
        <dyn:serviceType>. . . </dyn:serviceType> ← SOS or SensorThings API
        <dyn:linkToObservation>. . . </dyn:linkToObservation> ← GetObservation Oper.
        <dyn:linkToSensor>. . . </dyn:linkToSensor> ← DescribeSensor Operation
        <dyn:sensorLocation xlink:href="#building1_roofSurface1"/>
      </dyn:SensorConnection>
    </dyn:linkToSensor>
  </dyn:Dynamizer>
</cityObjectMember>

```

Image source : <http://www.royalgreengas.com/index.php/photovoltaic/residential-buildings>

# **Demonstration City Models + Sensors**



# **Integrating Dynamic Data and Sensor with Semantic 3D City Models**

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# Conclusions

- ▶ Semantic 3D City Models are a very suitable **integration platform for multi-simulations**
  - Systems for managing semantic 3D city models could become the central data management component for simulators in the future
- ▶ Many **properties** of city objects are **measured by sensors** (important in **Smart City scenarios**)
- ▶ **Handling of dynamics is mandatory** for these purposes
  - Slow changes / evolution
  - Highly dynamic changes & sensor integration
- ▶ **CityGML 3.0** will support both aspects
  - **Versioning / Historization**
  - **Dynamizers**