



## Knowledge exchange event

# ENERGY AND THE DIGITAL BUILT ENVIRONMENT

**Challenges and potentials of semantic 3D city models as hubs of harmonised information for energy applications**

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# A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CITYGML ENERGY ADE

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# Outline

- *Digital* cities & semantic 3D city models
  - Do we need standards at all?
- What about energy? The Energy ADE
  - Overview
  - Some experiences
- A mention to the Utility Network ADE
- Conclusions

# City modelling

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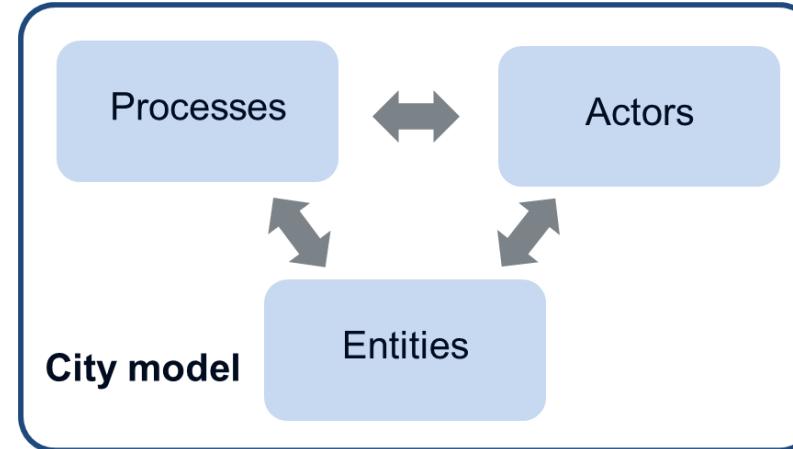
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## Real city



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## Digital twin



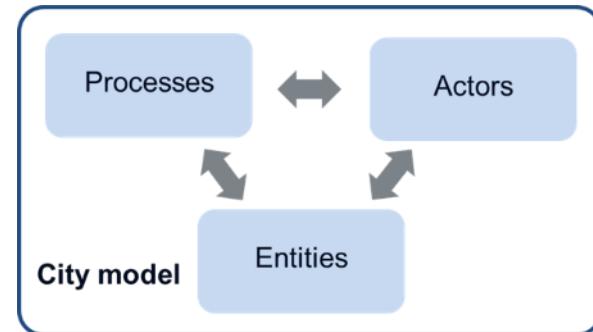
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# City modelling

- Today: Separate modelling, generally by specific sectors, e.g.

- Energy      { Community  
                  Models  
                  Indicators  
                  Planning
- Mobility     { Community  
                  Models  
                  Indicators  
                  Planning
- Ecology      { Community  
                  Models  
                  Indicators  
                  Planning
- Economy     { Community  
                  Models  
                  Indicators  
                  Planning
- Surveying     { Community  
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                  Planning

Which digital twin?



... “My” digital twin, of course!

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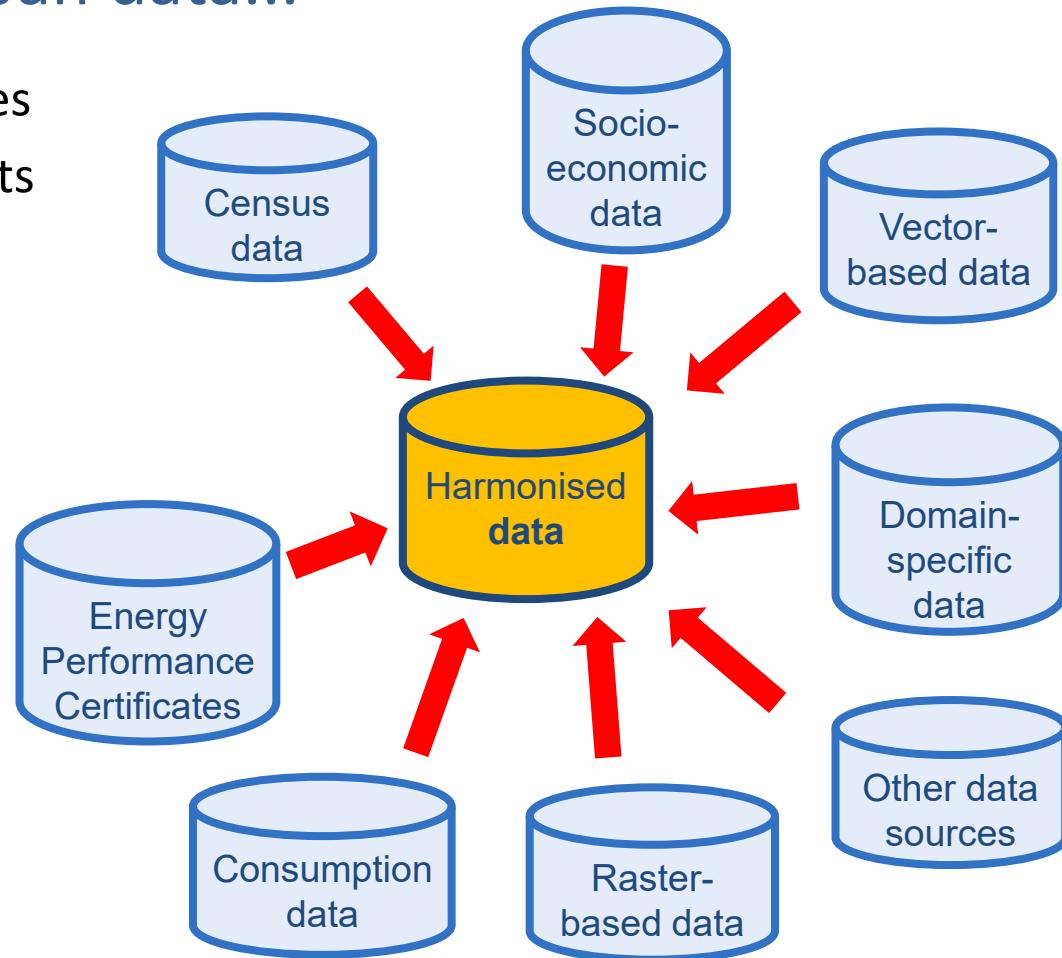
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# Dealing with urban data...

- Different data sources
- Different data formats
- Different semantics
- Different scales
- Different accuracies
- ...



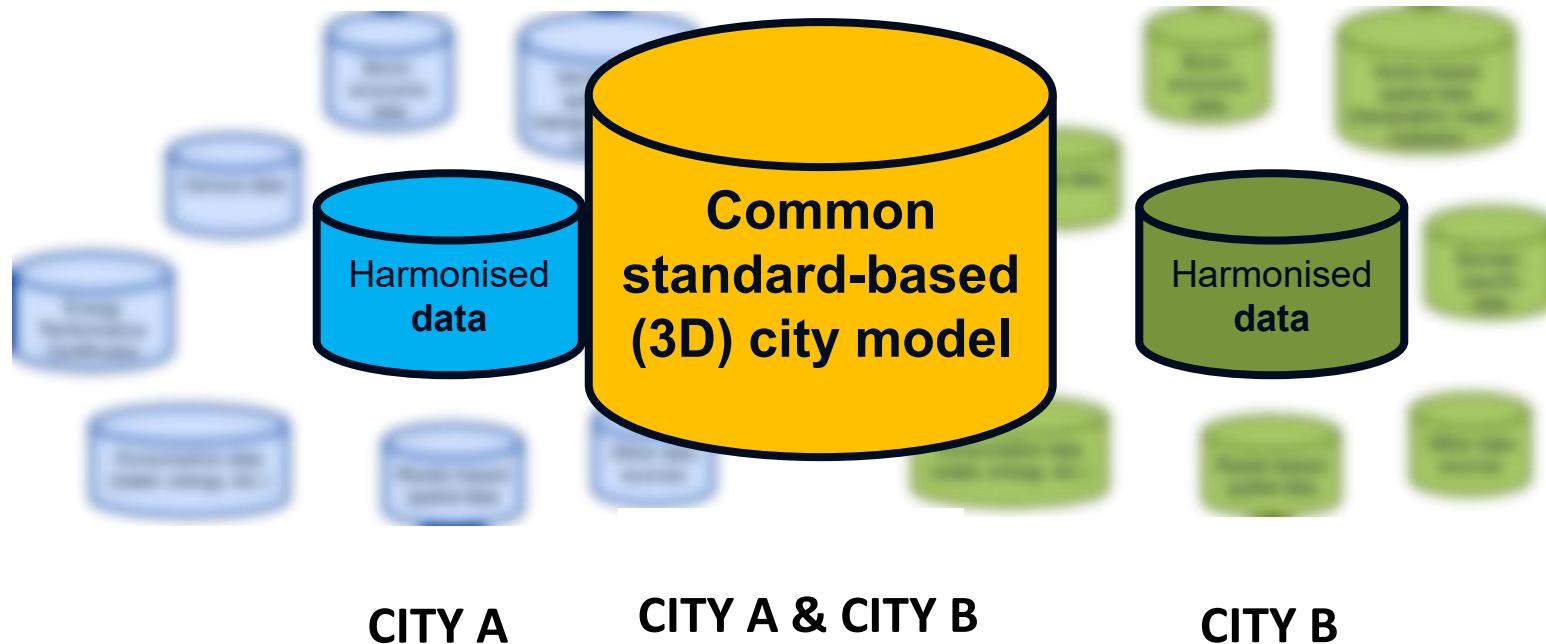
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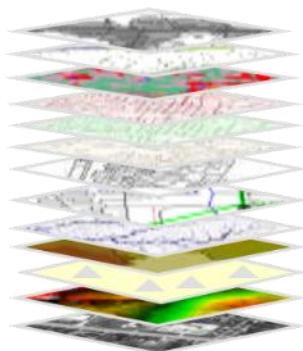


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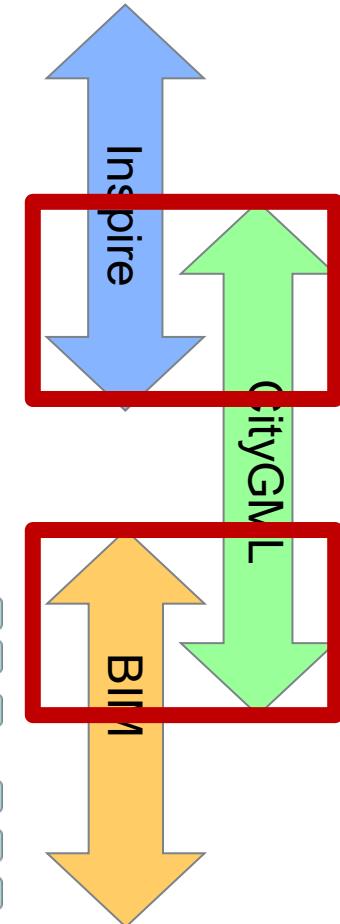
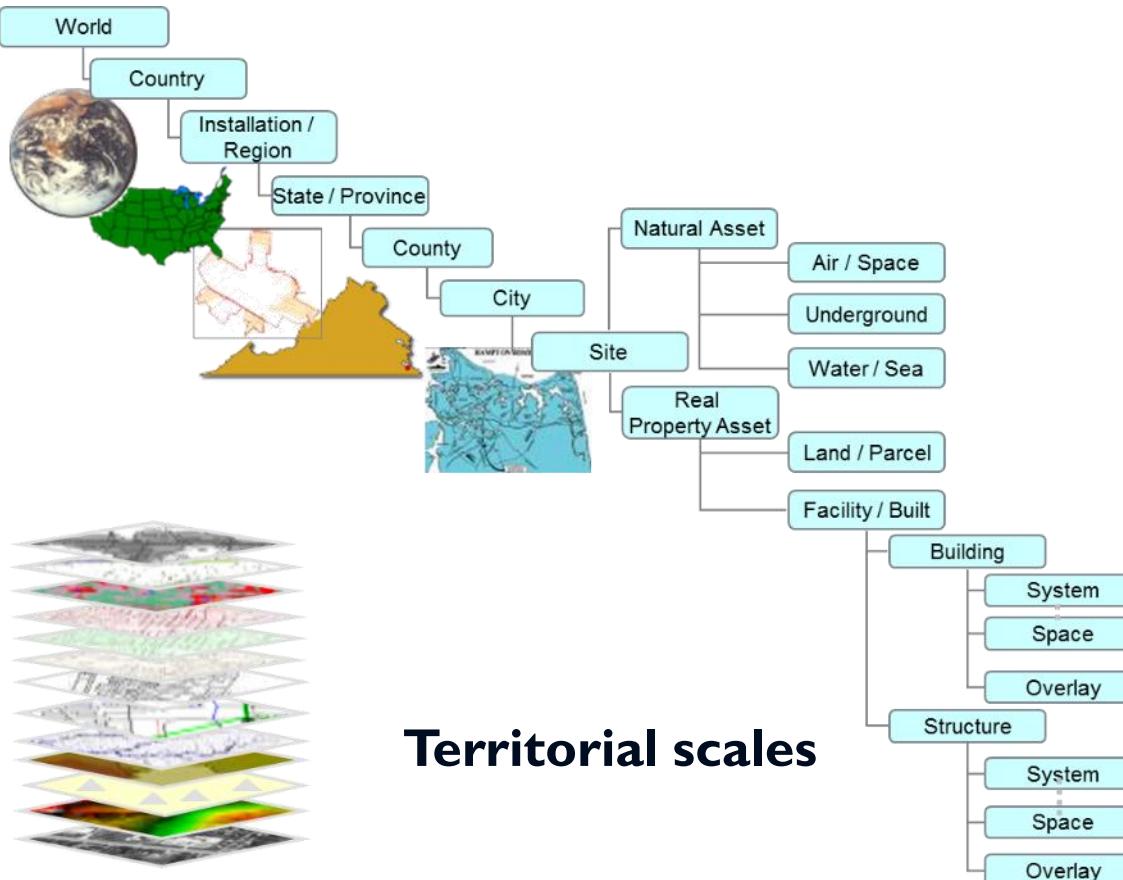
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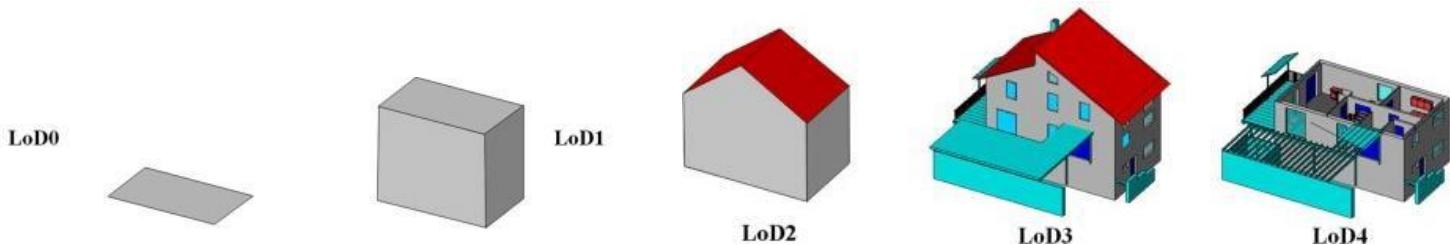
# What about standards?



# CityGML: City Geography Markup Language



- **Information model** for 3D city models at urban and regional scale (**OGC standard**)
- Comprises **thematic areas** for buildings, terrain, traffic, tunnel, bridges, vegetation, etc.
- Includes multi **level-of-detail 3D geometry**, topology, semantics and appearance
- **Extendible** to other application domains



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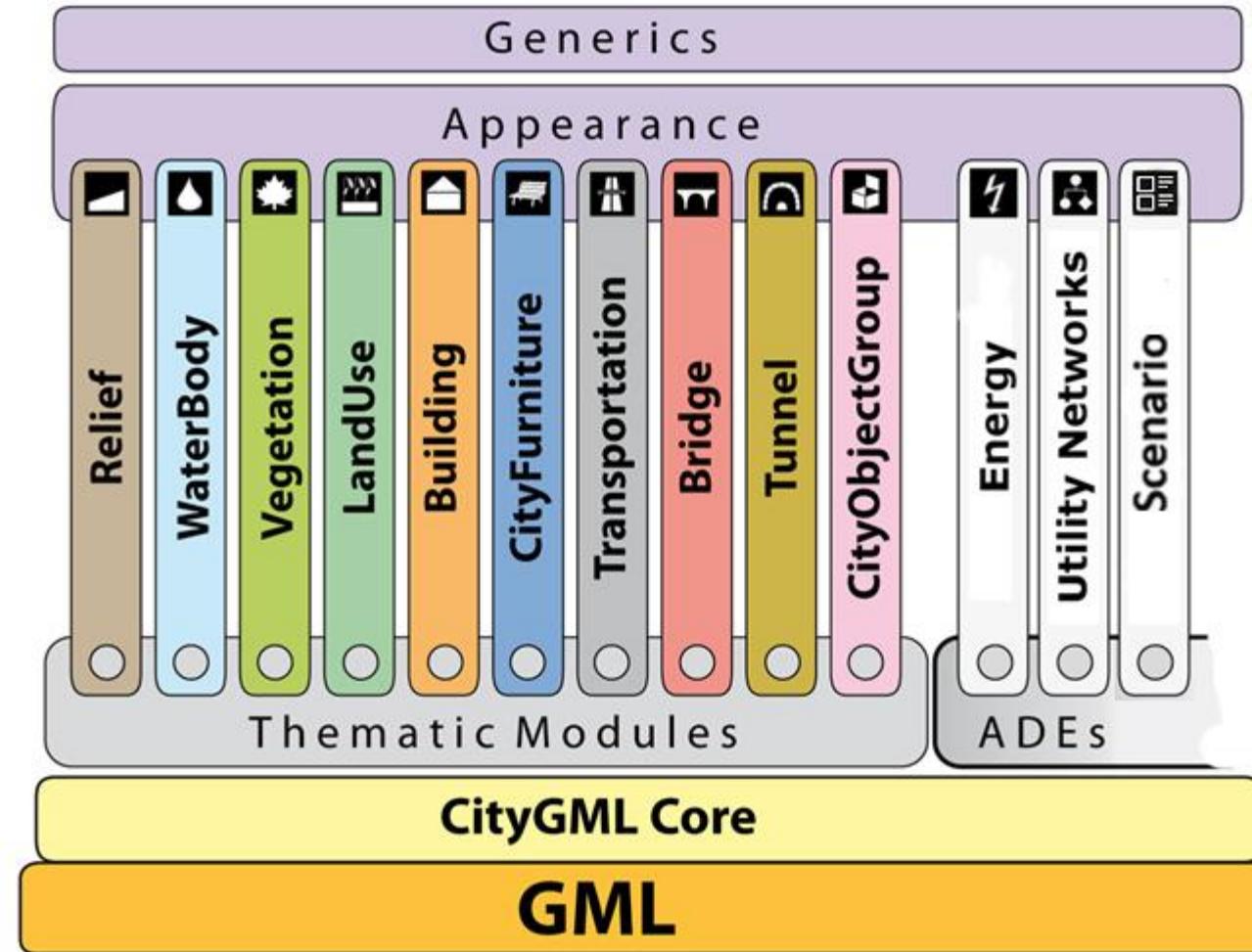


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# Semantic 3D City models as information hub

Semantic 3D city models help **reducing complexity** and facilitating cooperation and **exchange of information** among city departments, companies, cities and citizens, etc.



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# What about standards for energy?

- BIM:
  - Availability of some standards (*gbXML, IFC*)
  - In general, the focus is the *new* building/object
- INSPIRE:
  - *Data Specification on Buildings*: Lack or too few attributes/classes usable for energy simulations
- CityGML
  - A bit better than INSPIRE, but still not enough
  - But: **extensibility through ADEs** (Application Domain Extensions)



# What about standards for energy?

## CityGML Energy ADE

- Eases data interoperability for Urban Energy Modelling
  - Among heterogeneous software tools
  - Among heterogeneous stakeholders
- Defines (and stores) energy-related data in a standard, open, urban data model
  - Allow for multi-scale energy modelling (different time & spatial resolutions)
  - From “single” building up to whole district/city
  - Both top-down and (preferably) bottom-up approaches
- Fosters and stems from multidisciplinary cooperation among CityGML users, data producers, software vendors, ..., and scientists



# Energy ADE

- International consortium started in 2014
  - Ca. 20 institutions, 11+ countries (as of 2018)



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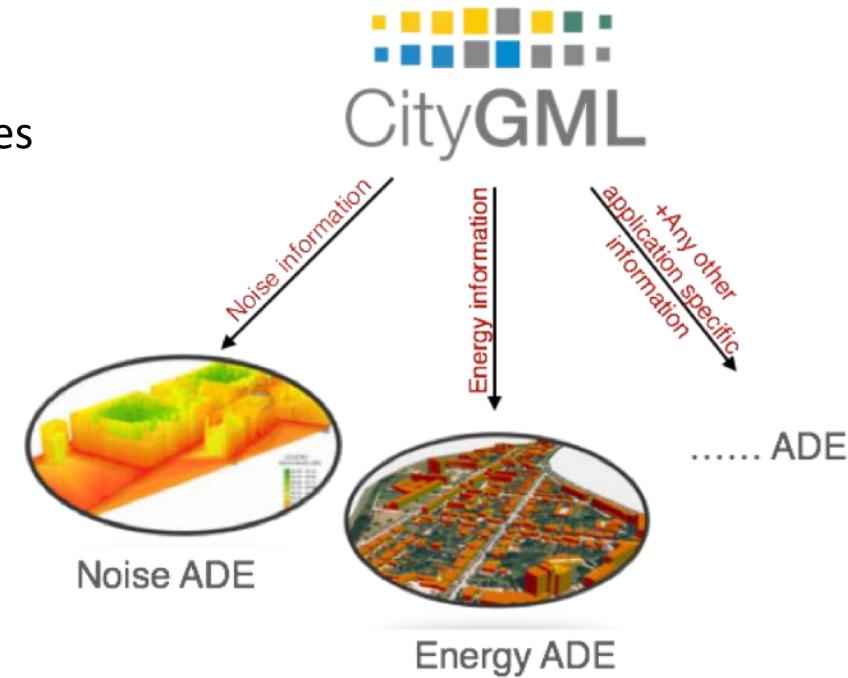
# Energy ADE

- Open, consensus-based development
  - GitHub: <https://github.com/cstb/citygml-energy>
  - Wiki: <http://en.wiki.energy.sig3d.org>
- Open, on-going series of workshops (twice per year)
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: May 2014 in Stuttgart @ HFT (v. 0.4)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: October 2014 in Karlsruhe @ EIFER
  - ...
  - ...
  - 9<sup>th</sup>: June 2018 in Aachen @ RWTH (**version 1.0**)
  - **10<sup>th</sup>: December 2019 in Delft @ TU Delft**



# Energy ADE

- Extension to the CityGML 2.0 standard
- Exploits the CityGML Application Domain Extension (ADE) mechanism to
  - Extends existing classes
  - Adds new classes and attributes
- Modelled in UML
- Available as XSD schema
- Modular structure



# Energy ADE

Modular structure:

- Core module
  - Shared classes, enumerations and codelists
- Building Physics module
  - Thermal zones, thermal boundaries
- Material and Construction module
- Occupant's Behaviour module
  - Building usage, occupants, appliances, ...
- Energy Systems module
- Supporting Classes
  - Weather data, time series, etc.

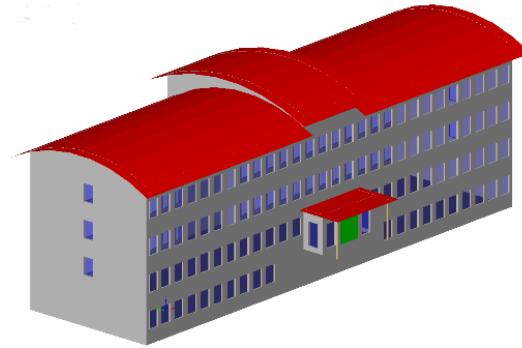
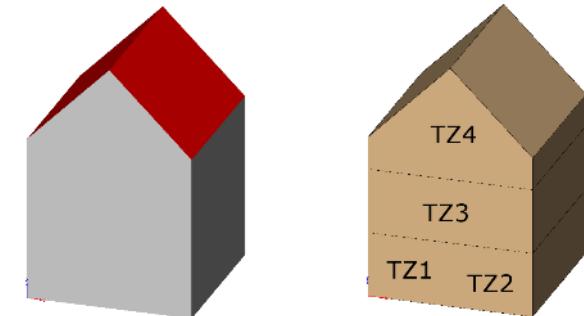


Image source: Courtesy of KIT



Partitioning of a building into thermal zones (example)

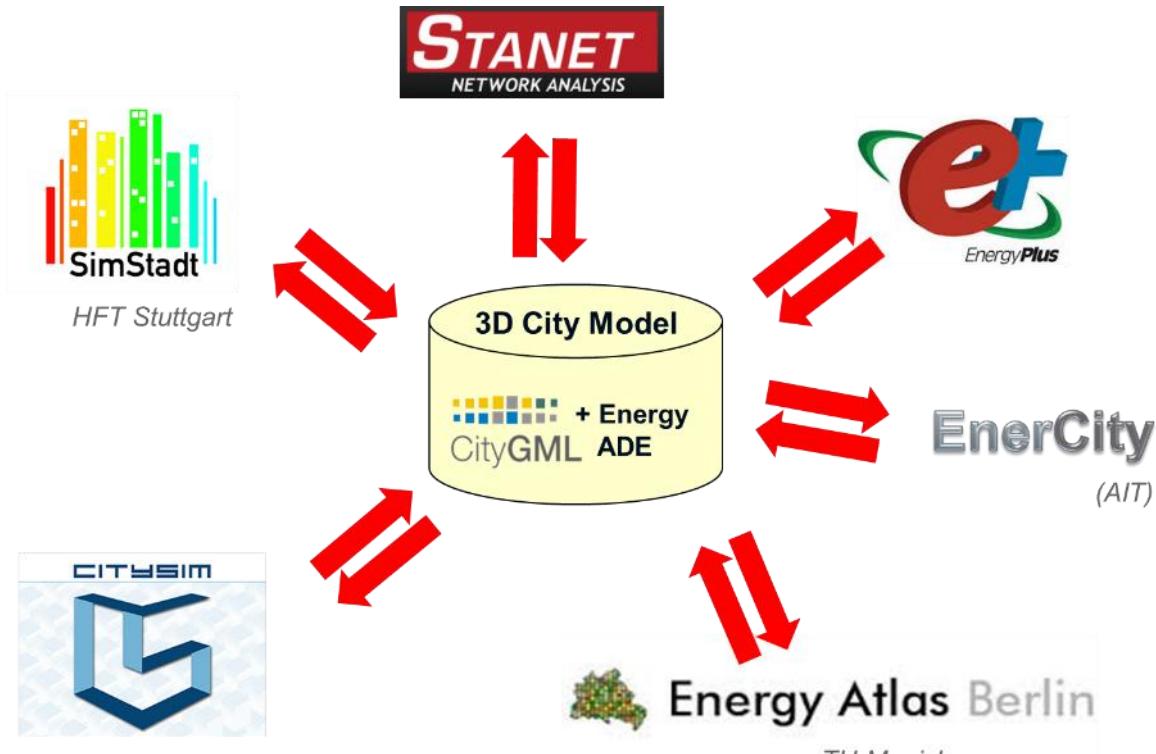
# CityGML + Energy ADE

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# Energy ADE: some experiences

**Vienna:** Estimate energy demand based on energy balance method (norm-based, yearly and monthly values) + scenarios



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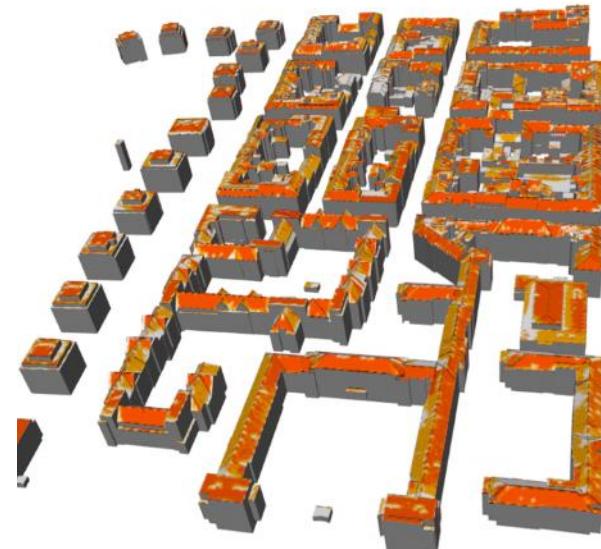
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# Energy ADE: some experiences

**Vienna:** Evaluate how to harmonise and integrate existing datasets

- Detailed info of buildings (usage, net floor area, number of floors, etc.)
- Residents per building
- Installed thermal and PV systems
- Solar cadastre
- Vienna heating cadastre
- Refurbishments of public housing buildings
- Energy performance certificates (WIP)



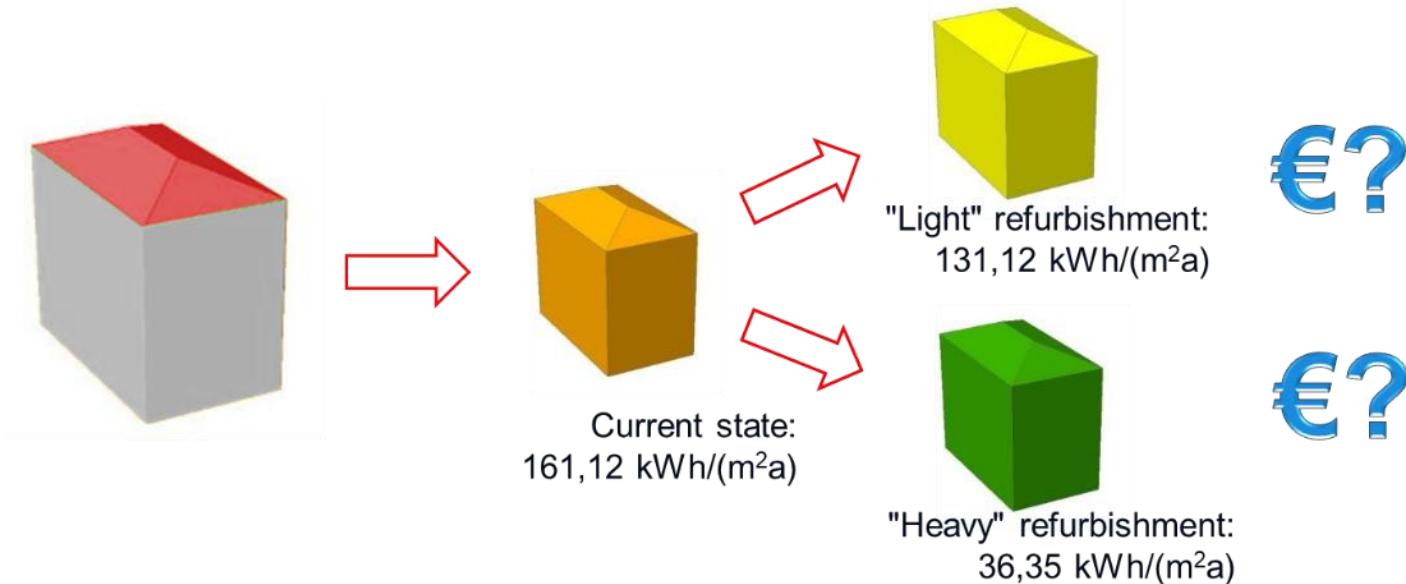
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# Energy ADE: some experiences

- Definition of refurbishment scenarios
- Comparison with regards to national and European legislation
- Cost-benefit analysis up to block/district scale



# Energy ADE: some tools

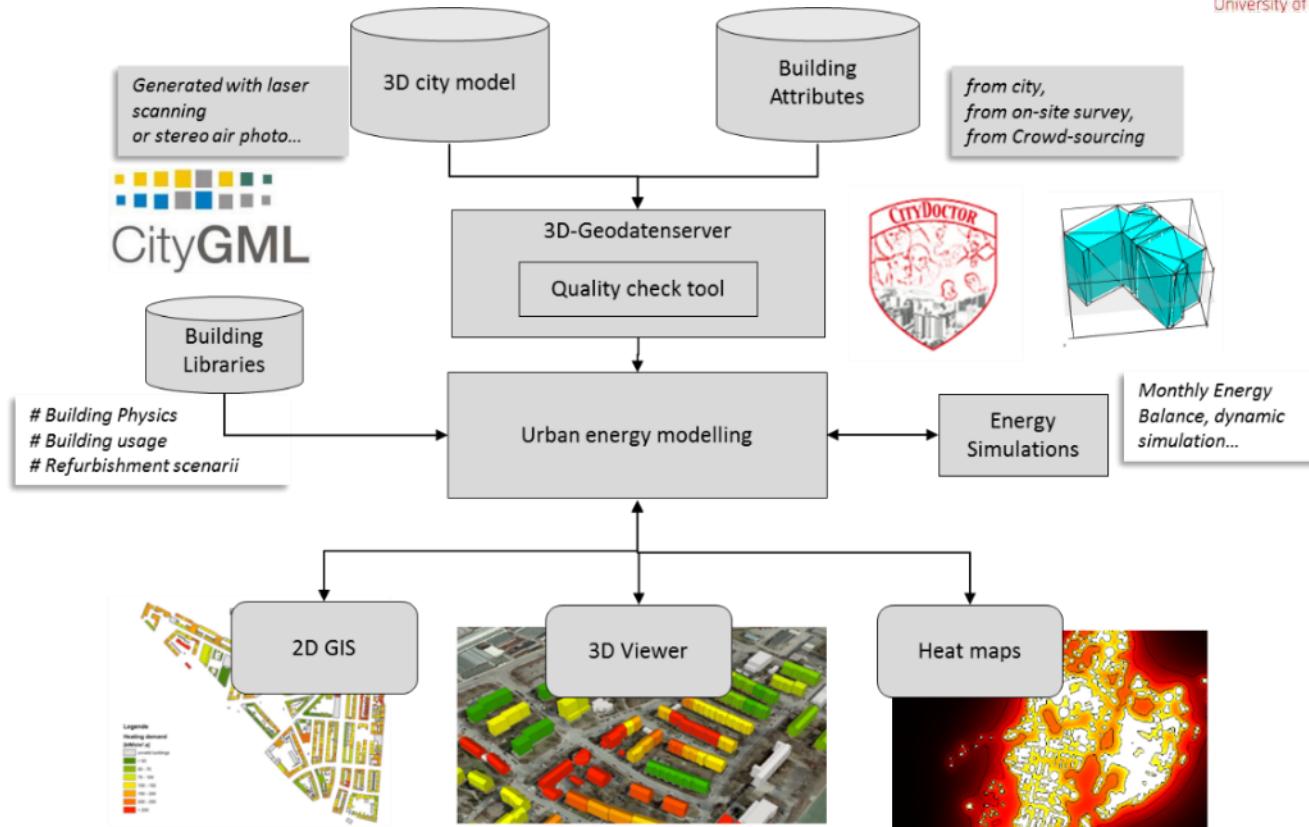
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## Simstadt platform



# Energy ADE: some tools

CitySim Solver + CitySim Pro



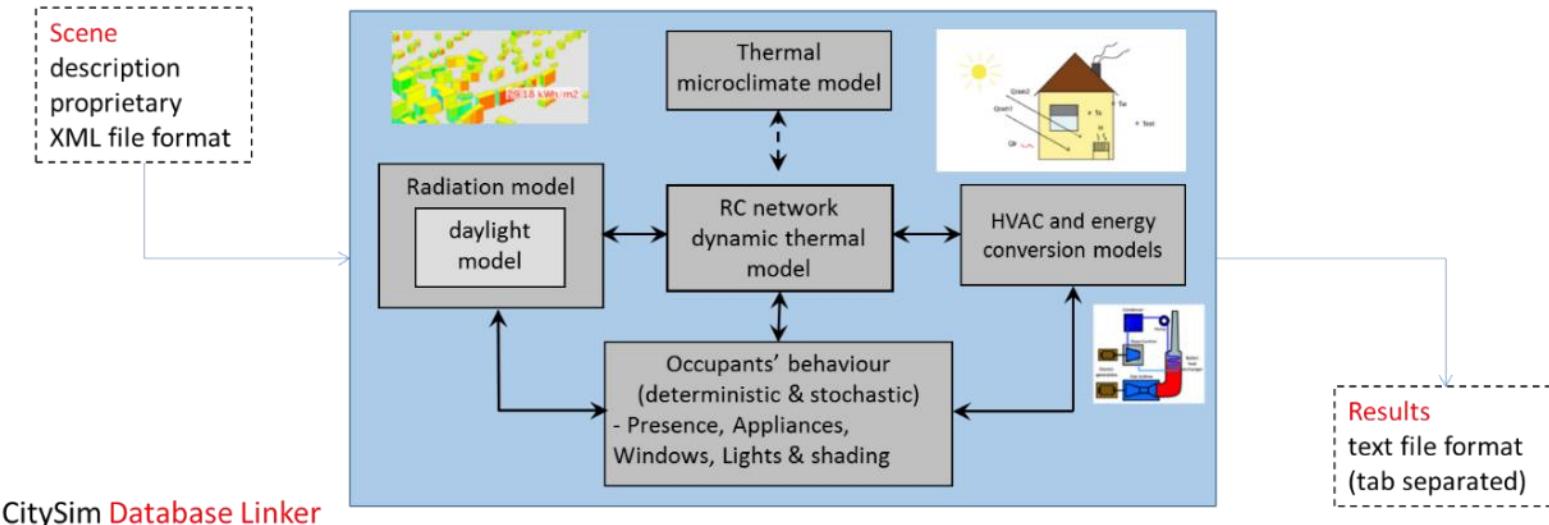
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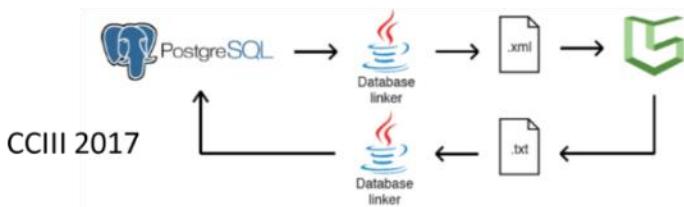
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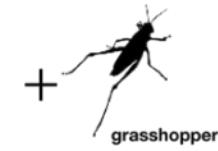
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CitySim Database Linker



New plug-in  
PLEA 2017



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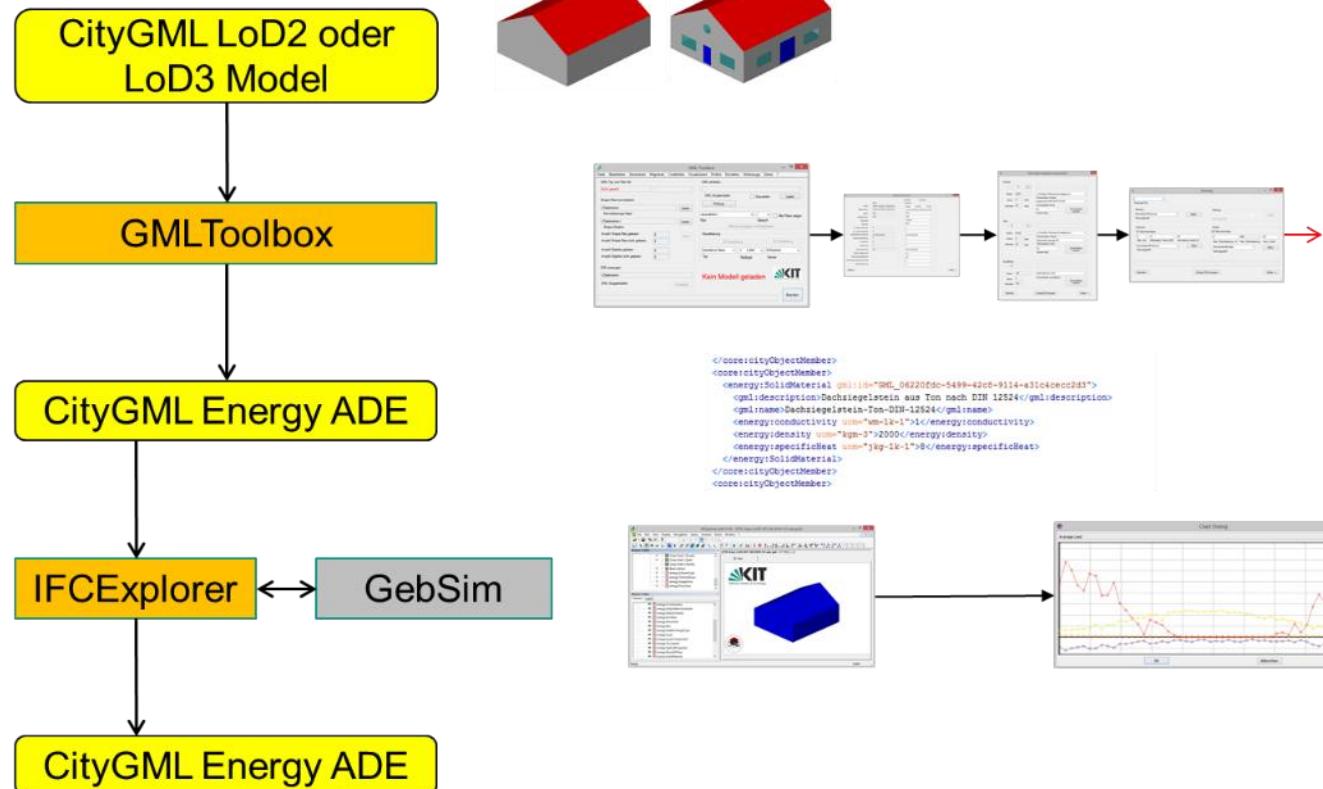
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## KIT workflow and toolset



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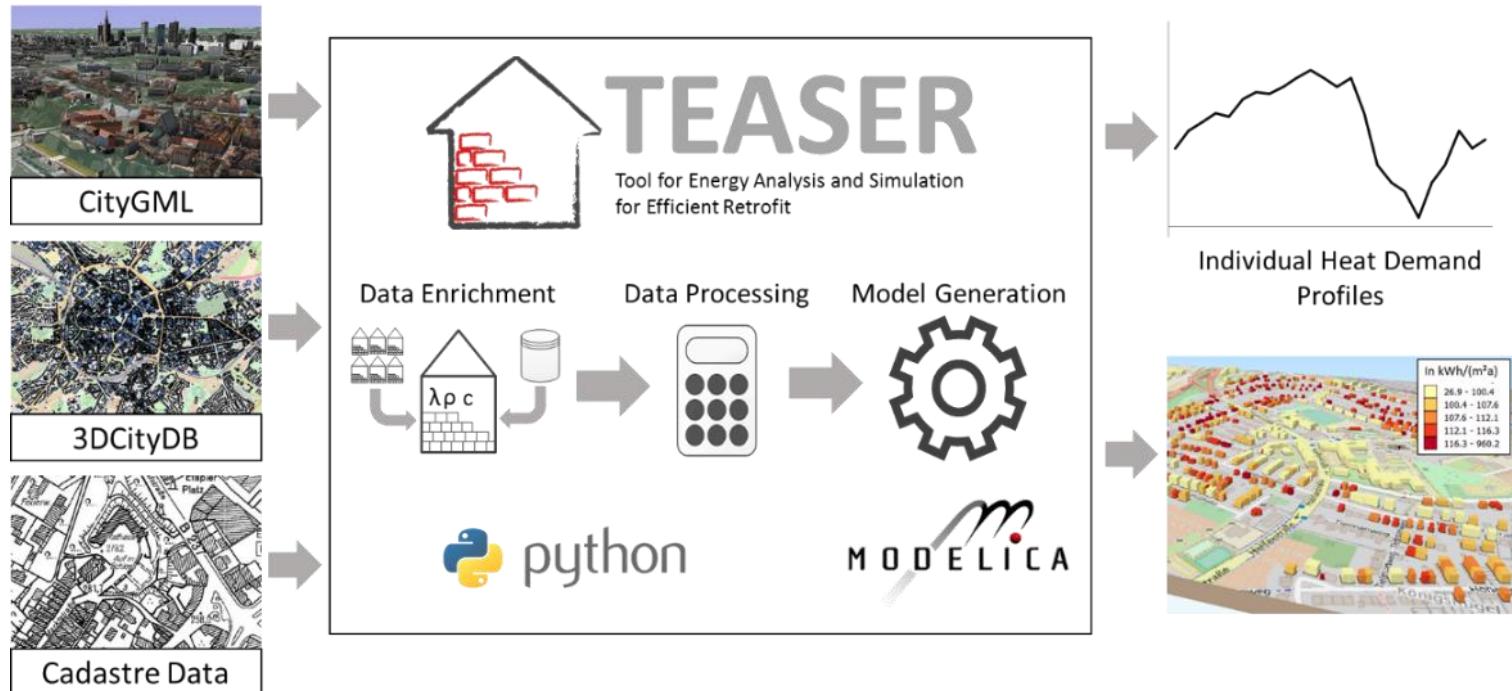
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# City-wide energy “chain”



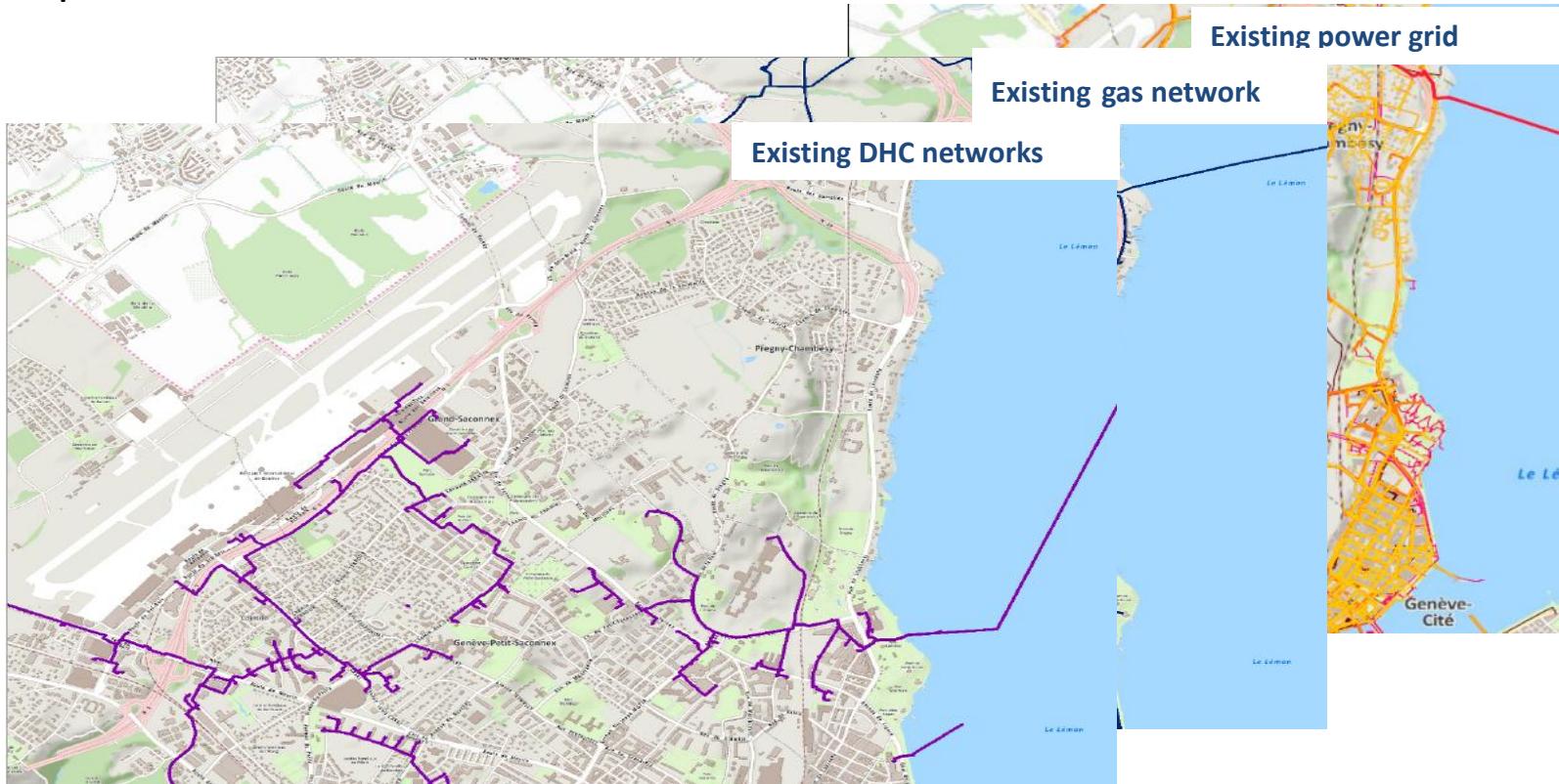
- Fossils
- Renewables
- Industrial processes
- Nuclear

- Electrical
- Gas
- District Heating & cooling
- Waste water
- Steam
- Oil

- Housing
- Industrial
- Tertiary

# What about networks?

Energy networks in cities are still planned, built, operated and optimized in silo-like fashion



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# Utility Network ADE

- Extends CityGML and defines standardised entities needed for utility networks (district heating, gas, power grid, telecommunications)

- Goal: tackle interoperability issues among heterogeneous network data models

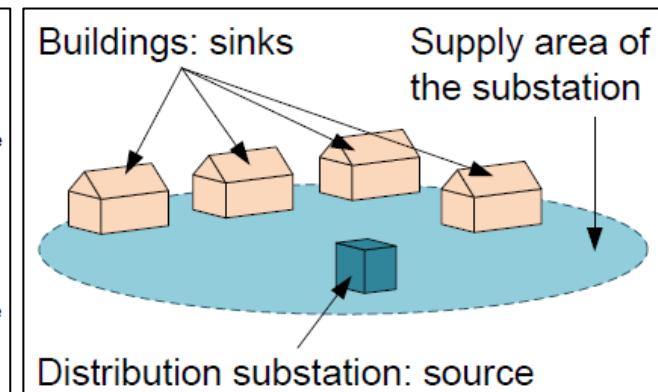
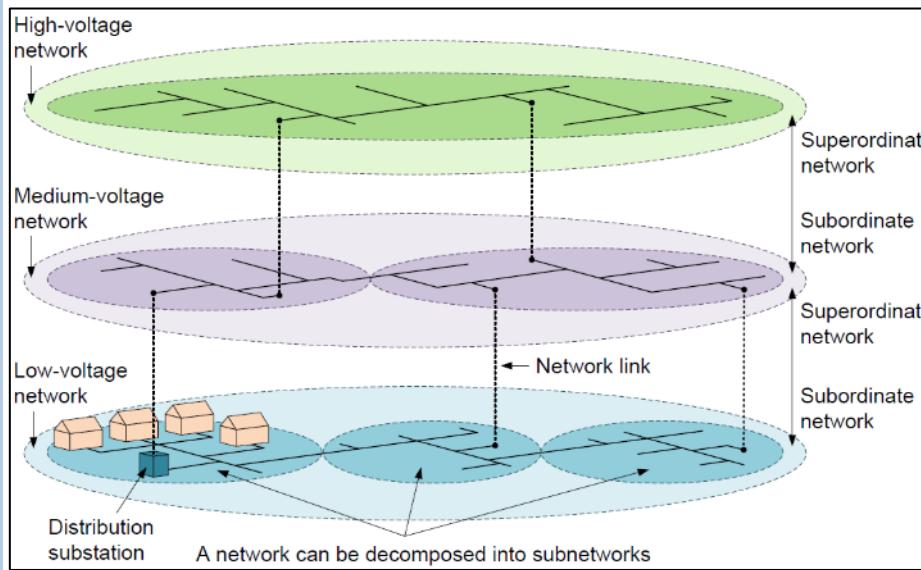
- Still in development, but already freely available
  - Apache 2.0 license
  - GitHub: <https://github.com/TatjanaKutzner/CityGML-UtilityNetwork-ADE>



Image source: Den Duijn (2018)

# Utility Network ADE

- Allows for integrated representation of networks:
  - Hierarchical structure of networks
  - Definition of different supply areas (also with missing topology)



Images source: Kutzner et al., 2016

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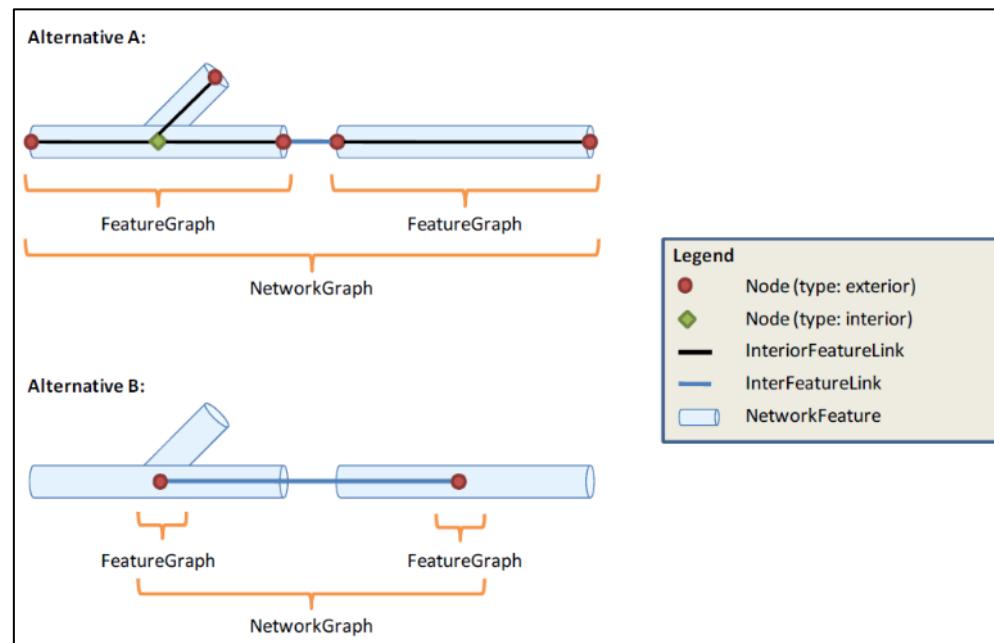
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# Utility Network ADE

- Allows for integrated representation of networks:
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  - Topological (graph-based) AND topographical representation



Images source: Becker et al. 2012

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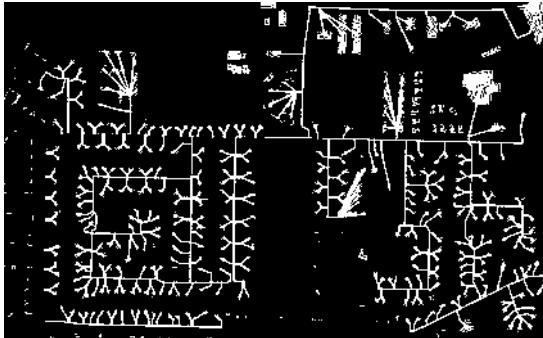
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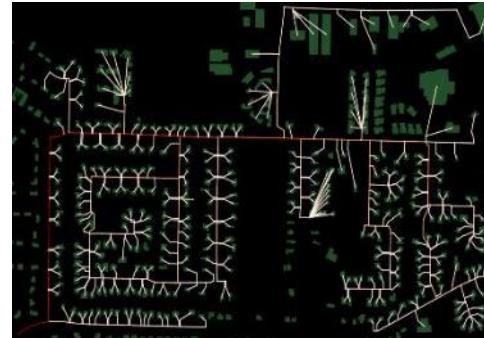
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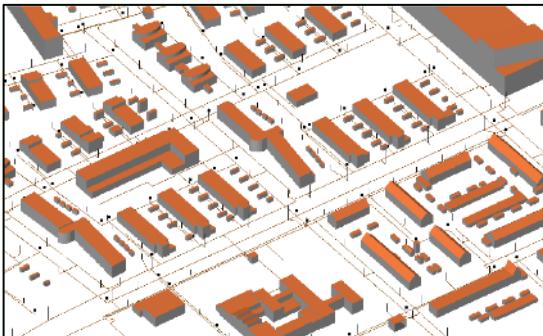
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# Conclusions

- Standard-based semantic **3D city models** represent a powerful and useful **information hub** for city-wide applications
  - Tools can be developed to help answer questions for urban planning at city scale, but with a granularity which reaches down to the single building
  - Data integration is always time-consuming, so: **Do once, use many!**
- **Energy ADE** greatly improves the modelling capabilities of CityGML wrt. energy-related topics
  - So far, only existing open data model for urban energy modelling *“between BIM and INSPIRE scales”*
  - Open, has reached version 1.0
  - Number of tools is growing
  - Feel free to join the consortium!



# Thank you for your attention!



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