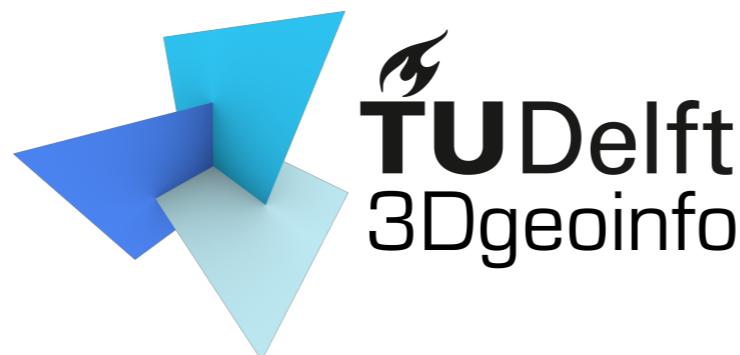


Dynamic 3D visualization of floods: Case of the Netherlands

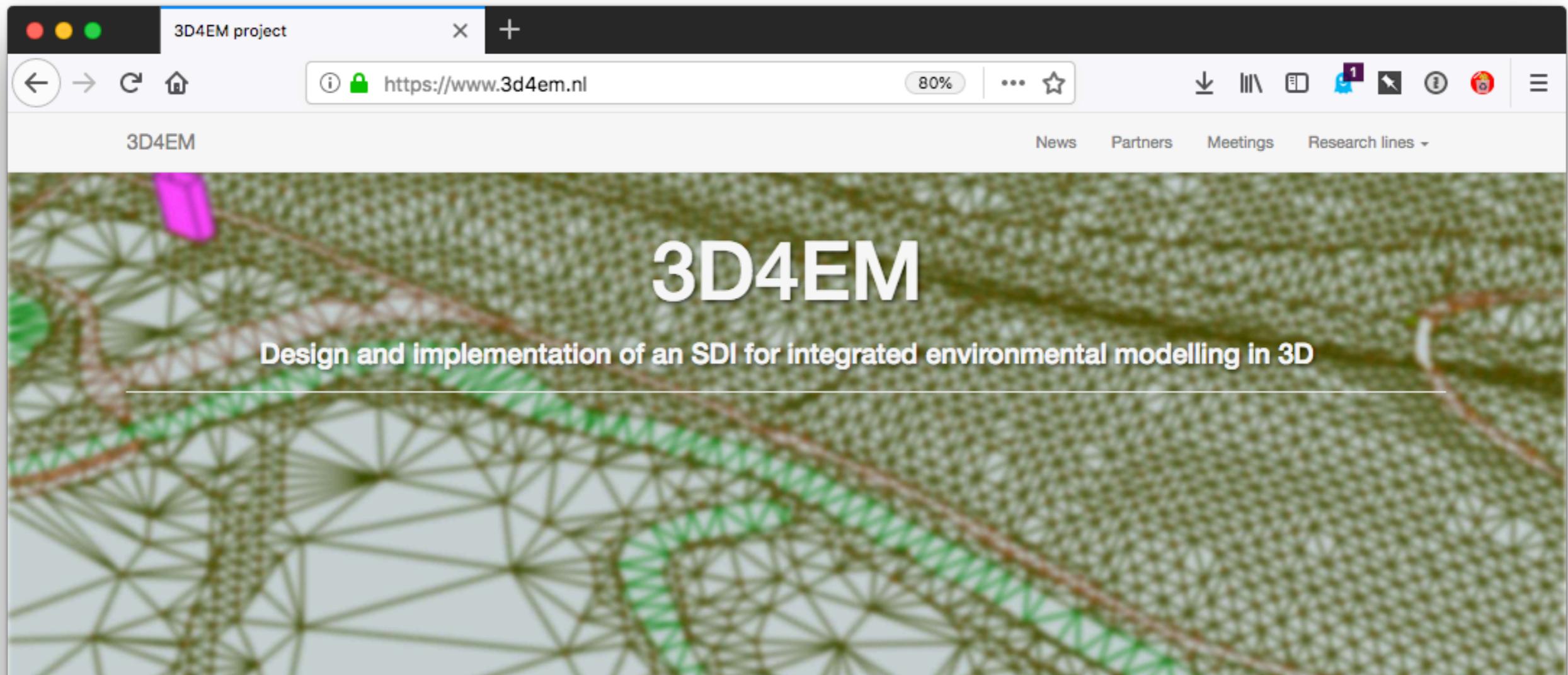
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Part of project about 3D for environment



The screenshot shows a web browser window for the '3D4EM project' at <https://www.3d4em.nl>. The page features a large background image of a 3D environmental model with green terrain and a red road. Overlaid on this is the '3D4EM' logo in white and the text 'Design and implementation of an SDI for integrated environmental modelling in 3D'. The browser interface includes a back/forward button, search, and various icons.

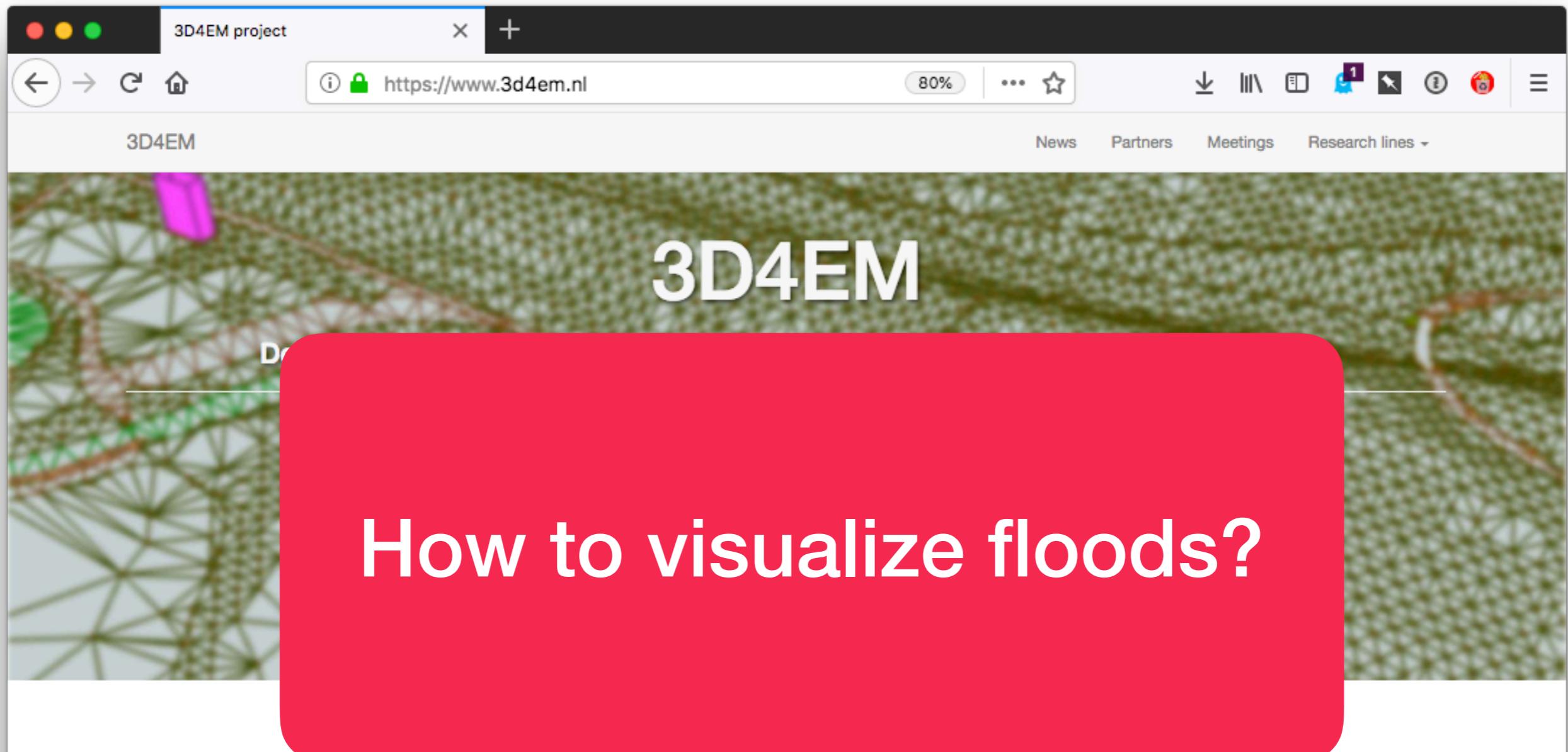
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A stylized illustration of a computer monitor showing a 3D map of a city area with roads and buildings. The monitor sits on a stand with blue cables.

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3D visualization standards

Criteria/ Standard	VRML	X3D	COLLADA	KML	OBJ	glTF
Type	XML	XML	XML	XML	Text	JSON
Developer	Web 3D consortium	Web 3D consortium	Khronos grp	Keyhole Inc., Google	Wavefront technologies	Khronos grp
Version	2.0	3.3	1.5.0	2.3	-	2.0
Geometry	Primitive geometry types &	Shape and geometry nodes	Mesh, Splines, etc.	Simple feature	Mesh	Mesh (Triangles)
Semantics	X	X	Limited support using <extra> & extensions	X	X	X (Possible using b3dm)
Appearance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LODs	X	X	✓	X	X	✓ (using MSFT_lod extension)

3D city models in CityJSON

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.cityjson.org/en/0.8/>. The page title is "CityJSON — CityJSON 0.8 documentation". The main content area displays the CityJSON specification version 0.8, featuring a large JSON code block.

CityJSON
(version 0.8)

```
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  "version": "0.8",
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      ],
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      ...
    ],
    "appearance": {
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    },
    "geometry-templates": {}
  }
}
```

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3D city models in CityJSON

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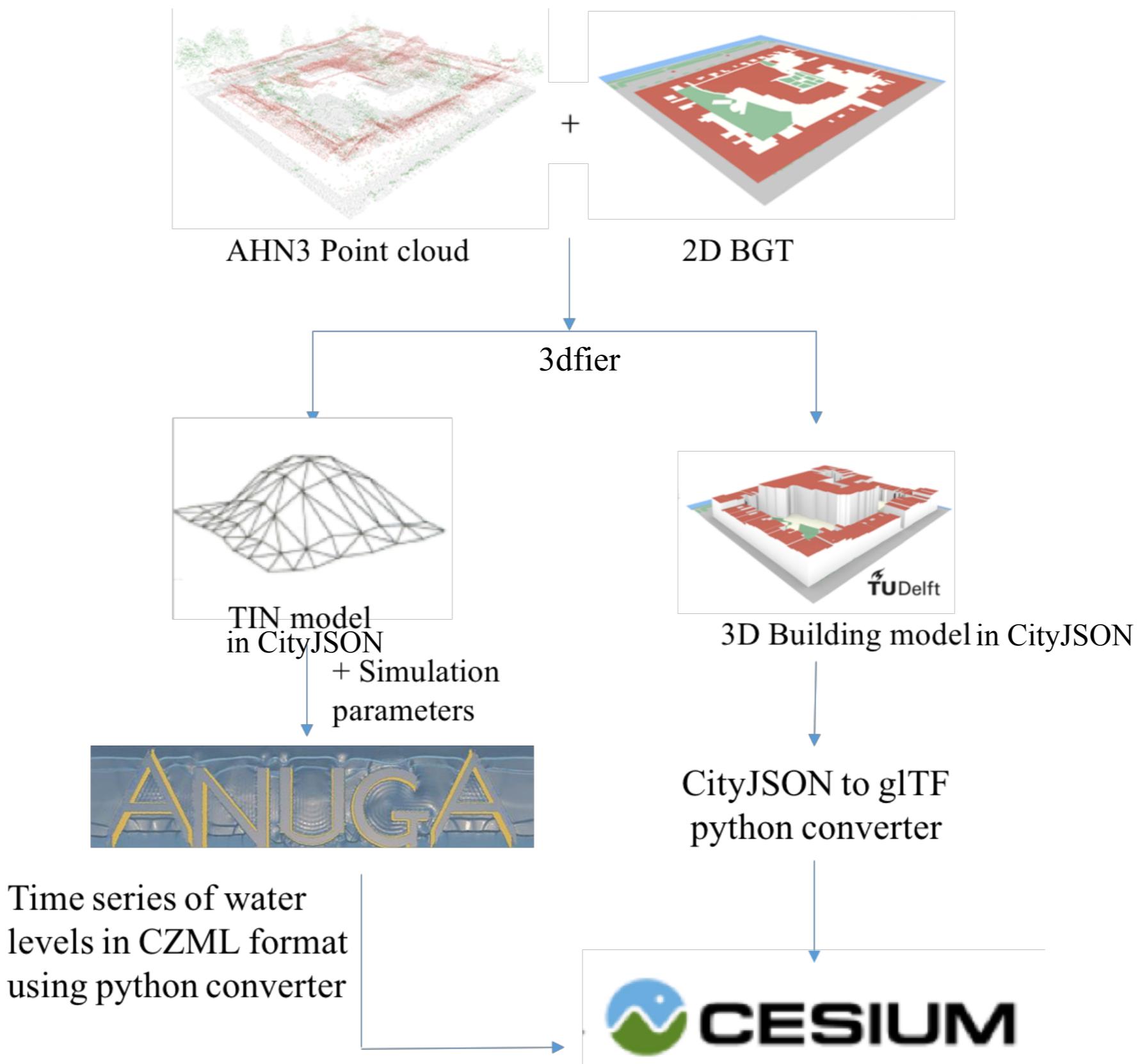
A large red callout box highlights the following features:

- “web-ready”
- with `citygml4j`: CityGML <-> CityJSON
- 7X compacter than CityGML
- v0.8 just released

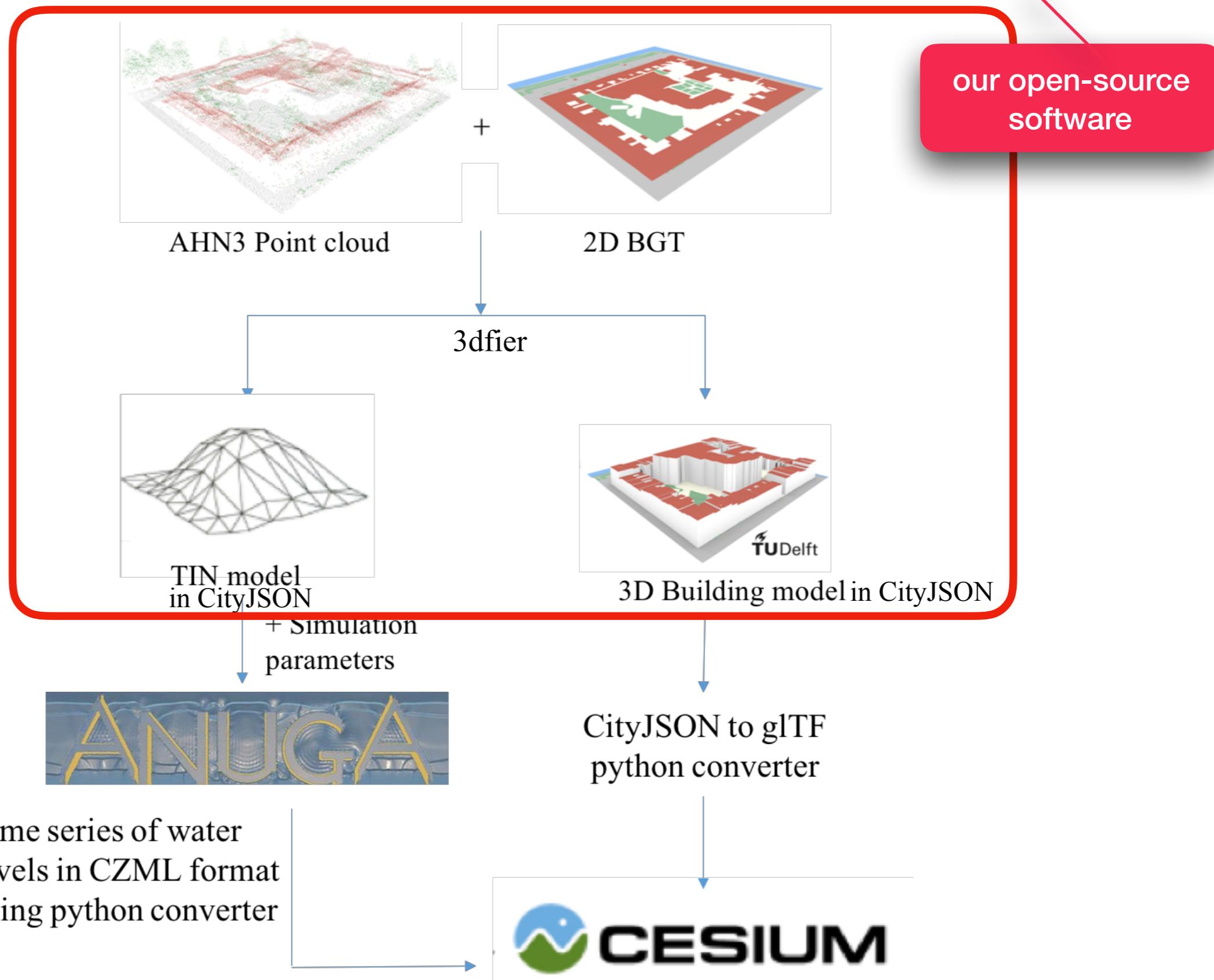
The main content area shows a snippet of the CityJSON JSON schema:

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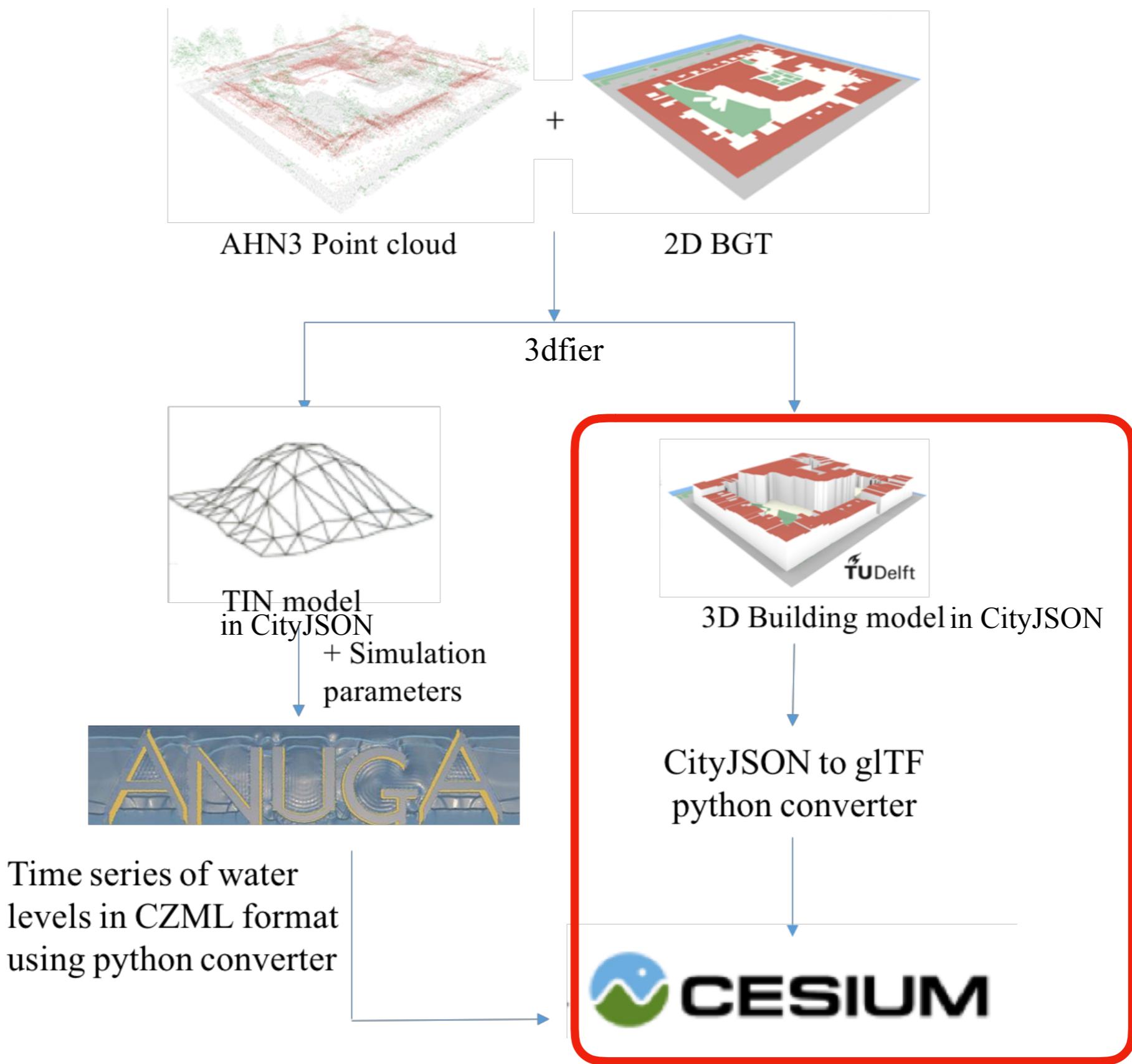
Proposed framework



1. Generation of 3D model using 3dfier



2. CityJSON to glTF conversion for Cesium visualization



CityJSON2glTF

- Main challenges:
 - CityJSON supports ISO 19107 geometry types such as polygons, solids, composite solids, etc. whereas glTF geometry is **purely triangles**.
 - CityJSON geometry is in JSON format whereas glTF geometry is stored as a binary file (*.bin).
 - CityJSON has support for semantics of city objects while glTF lacks semantics.

CityJSON2glTF

<https://github.com/tudelft3d/CityJSON2glTF>

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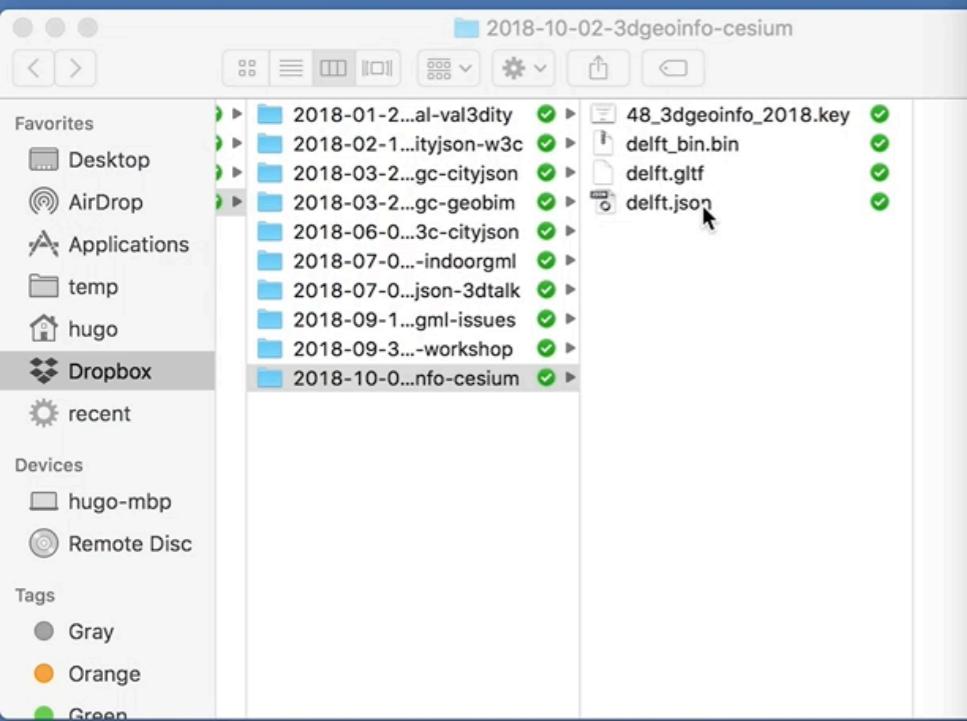
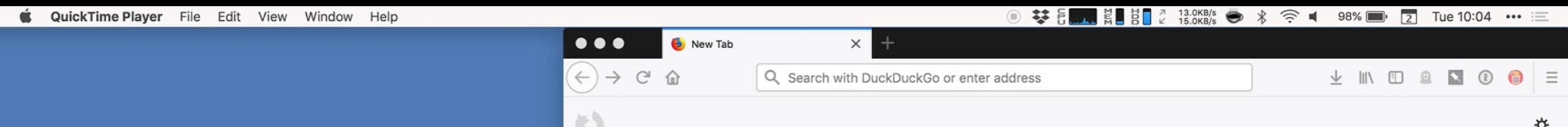
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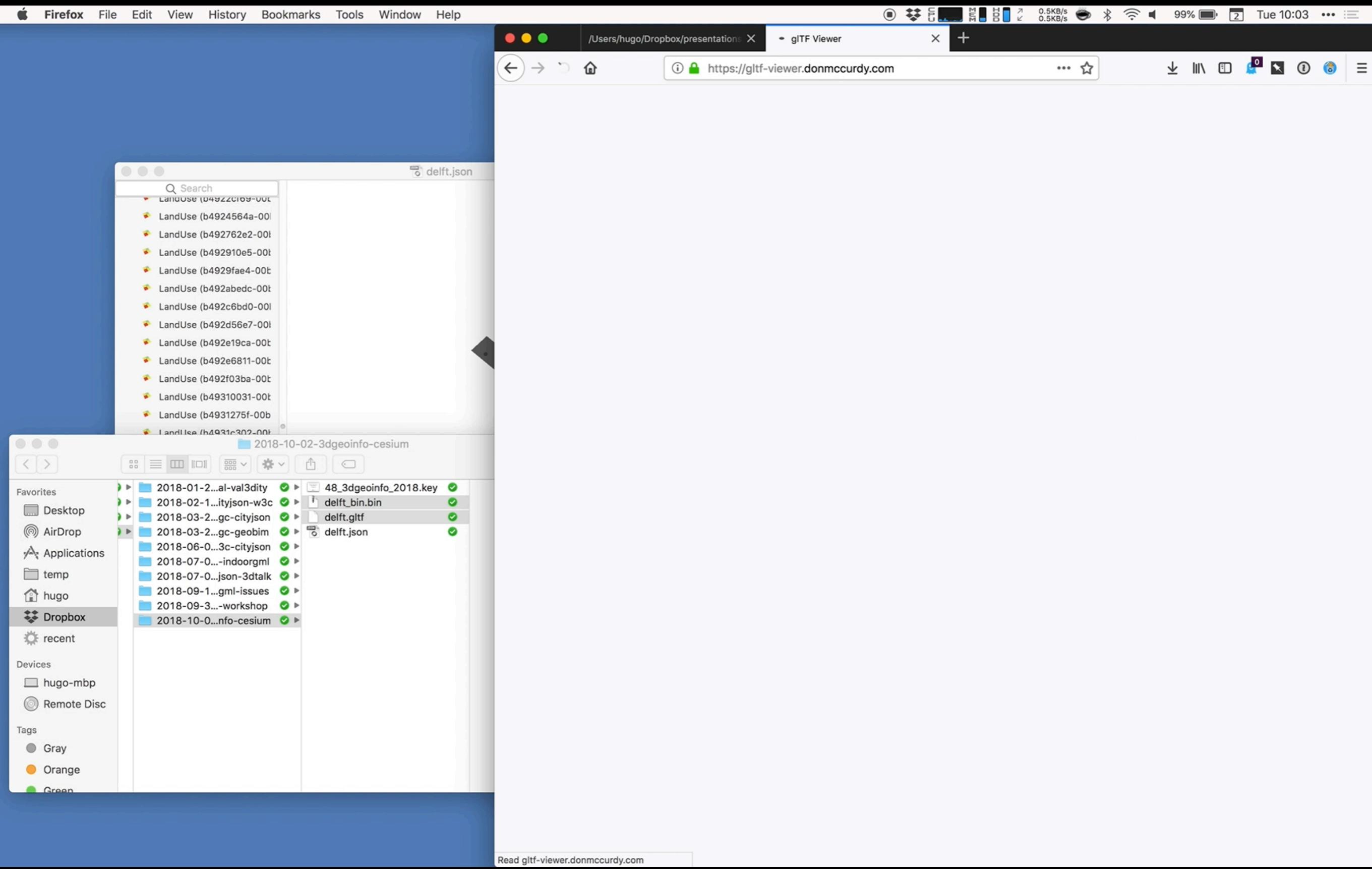
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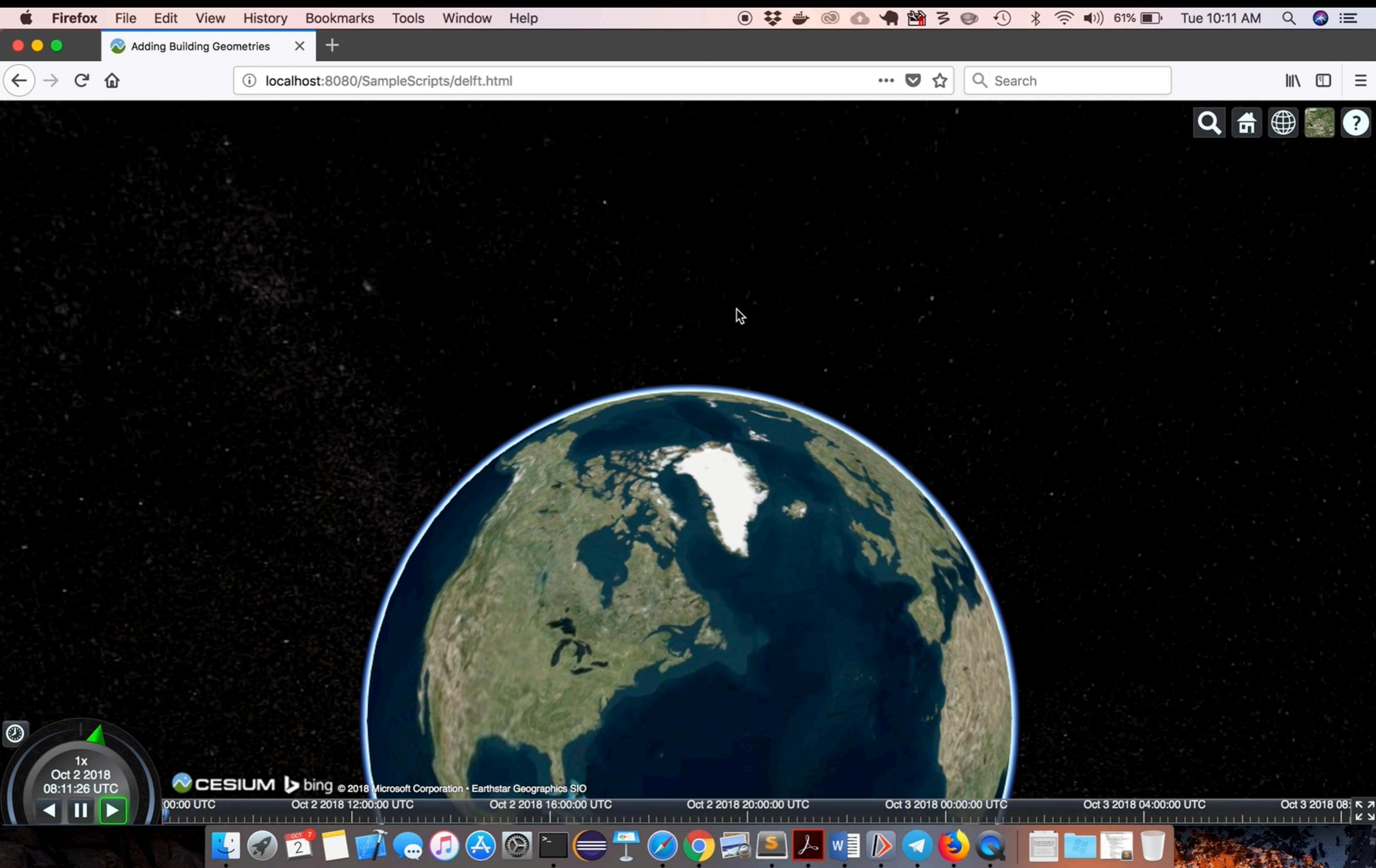
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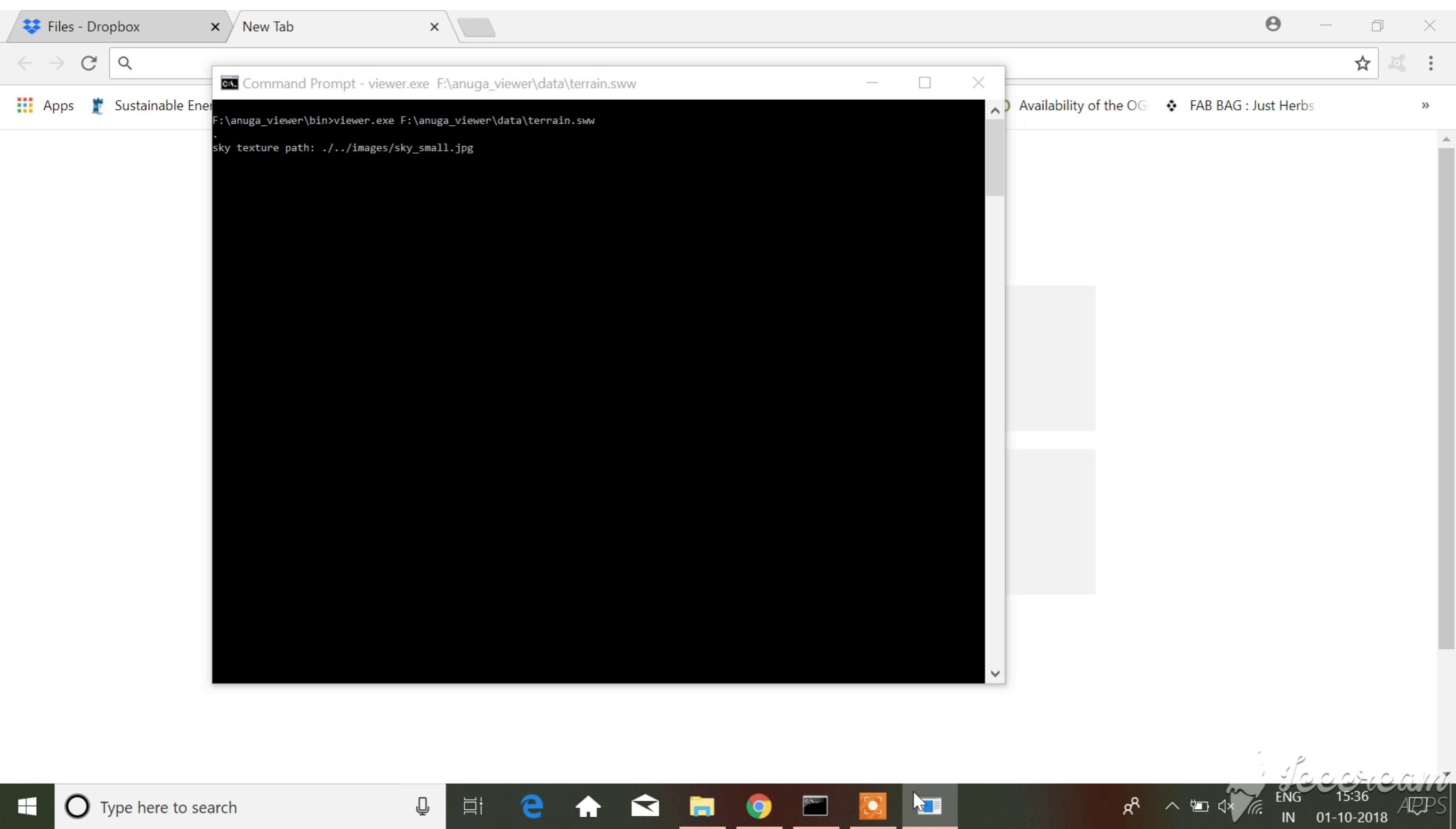




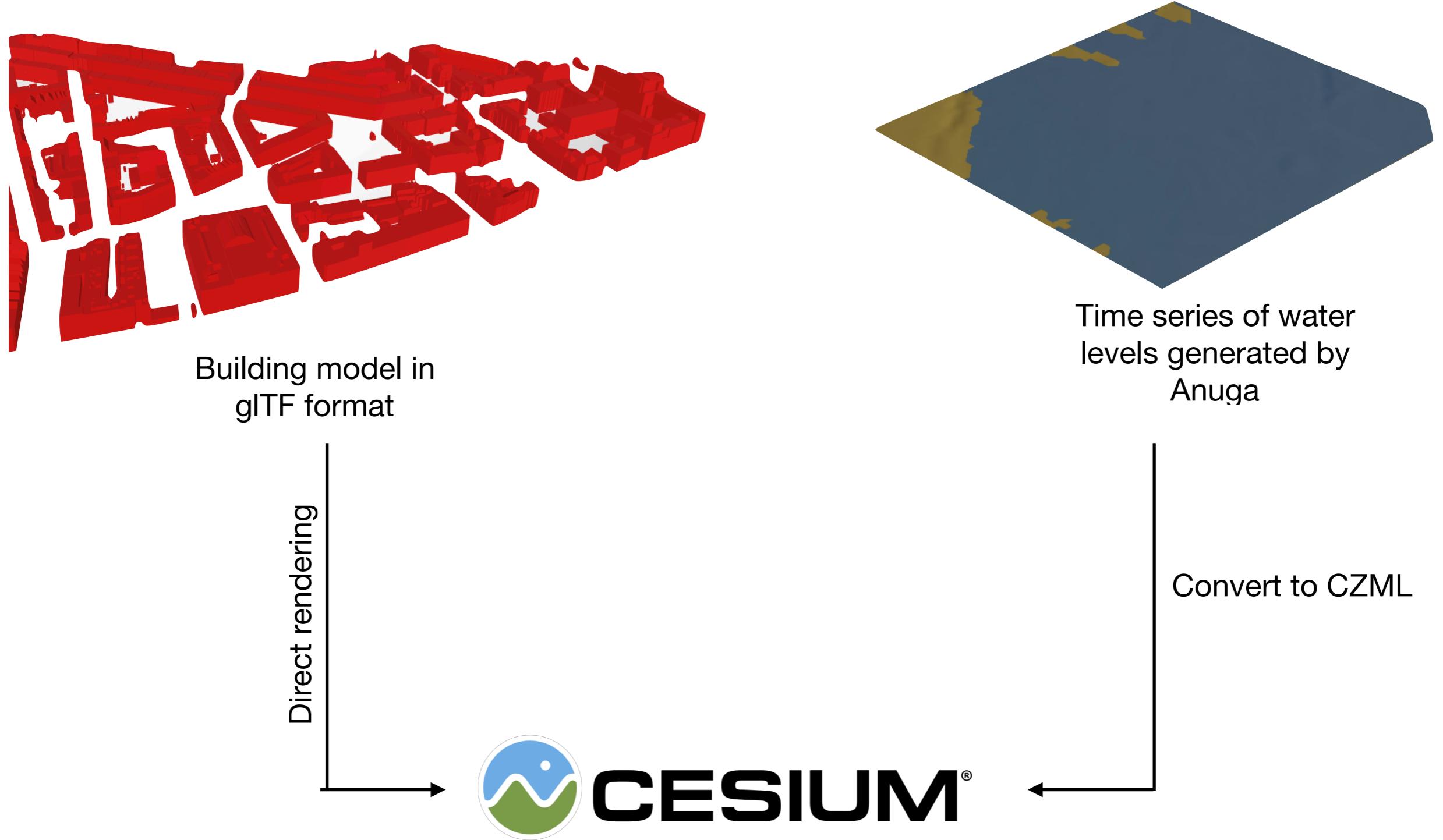
3. Generation of time series of water levels

- Software: Free & Open Source Hydrodynamic Model *Anuga*
- Inputs:
 1. TIN Terrain model (CityJSON format)
 2. Simulation parameters (Initial stage, friction, porosity, conductivity) (data provided by Nelen & Schuurmans)
- Implementation: Python interface for Anuga to read and process CityJSON TIN terrain model

Visualization in Anuga viewer



4. Visualizing water levels using CZML (ongoing work)



Thanks!

all open-source software at
www.github.com/tudelft3d