Design of an integrated 3D information model

Suggestions for an information model for representation of 3D geographic features



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Research topics

- Harmonized information model for subsurface features
- 3D data integration of subsurface features in the CityGML information model





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Data integration problems

• The integration of subsurface features, the digital terrain model and features on the terrain remains a problem to be solved (Kolbe & Gröger 2003)



Why a 3D information model?

- The existing formats and data models are often domain specific.
- The geometry representation is mostly two-dimensional
- Many models miss semantics



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CityGML

- Application independent information model
- Well-described thematic semantic approach for 3D city modelling

Problems

- Misses subsurface features
- Sparse relations between
 geometries













Problem1: Model missing subsurface features

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Problem2: Sparse relations between geometries

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Earth Surface

• Transportation

• Terrain Intersection Surfaces

LandCover

Full partition No overlap No holes























Complex situation -> choose!







Terrain Intersection Point (TIP)







































3DIM summary

- Divison of feature classes into above, below and on the surface
- Definition of general classes for the subsurface
- Full partition of the earth surface model
- Stronger integrity/relation between earth surface model and objects above and below: terrain intersection objects





3DIM future plans

- Further development concerning classifications of features and their properties
- More elaborated definition of semantic hierarchy of features based on semantic relations
- Definition of a rule based framework for the semanticgeometric relations





Questions?

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