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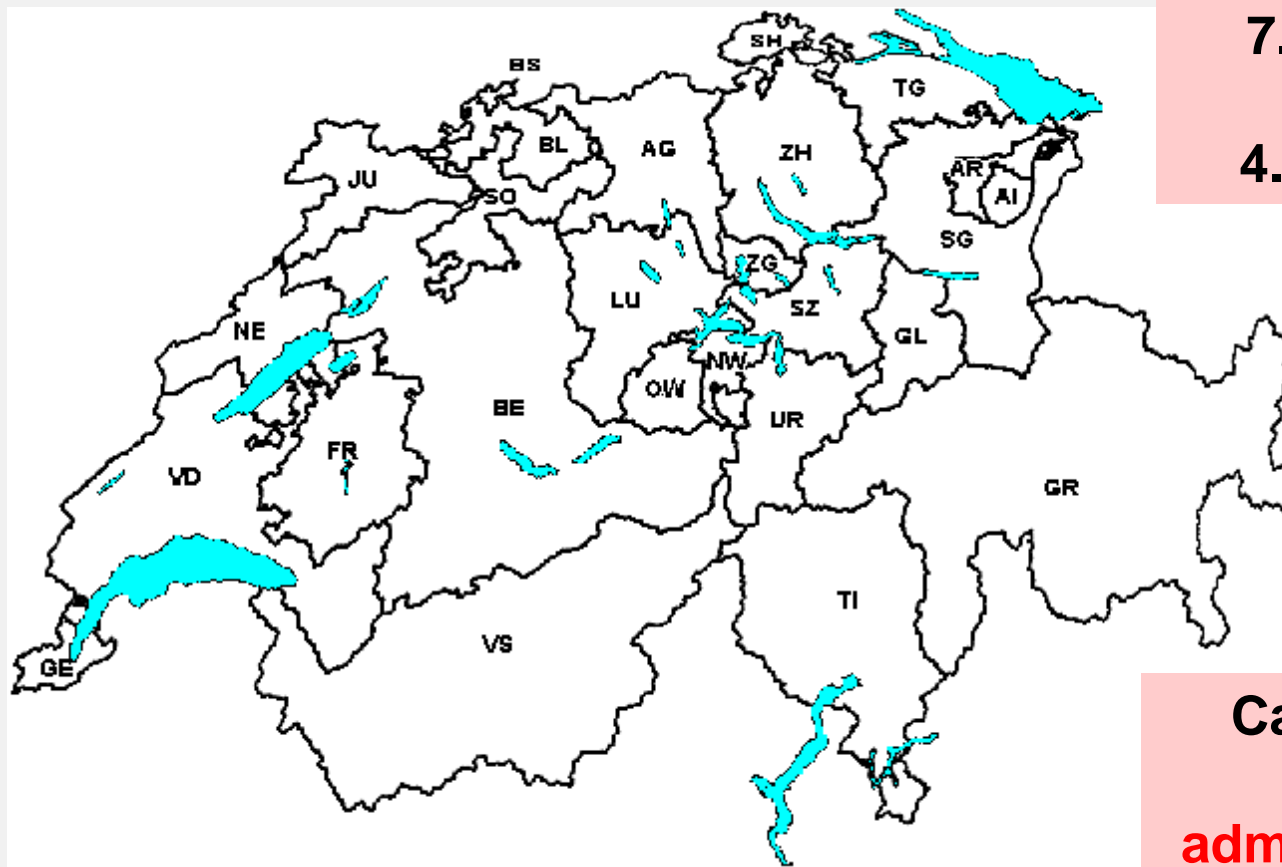
# Swiss Cadastral Core Data Model – Experiences of the last 15 years

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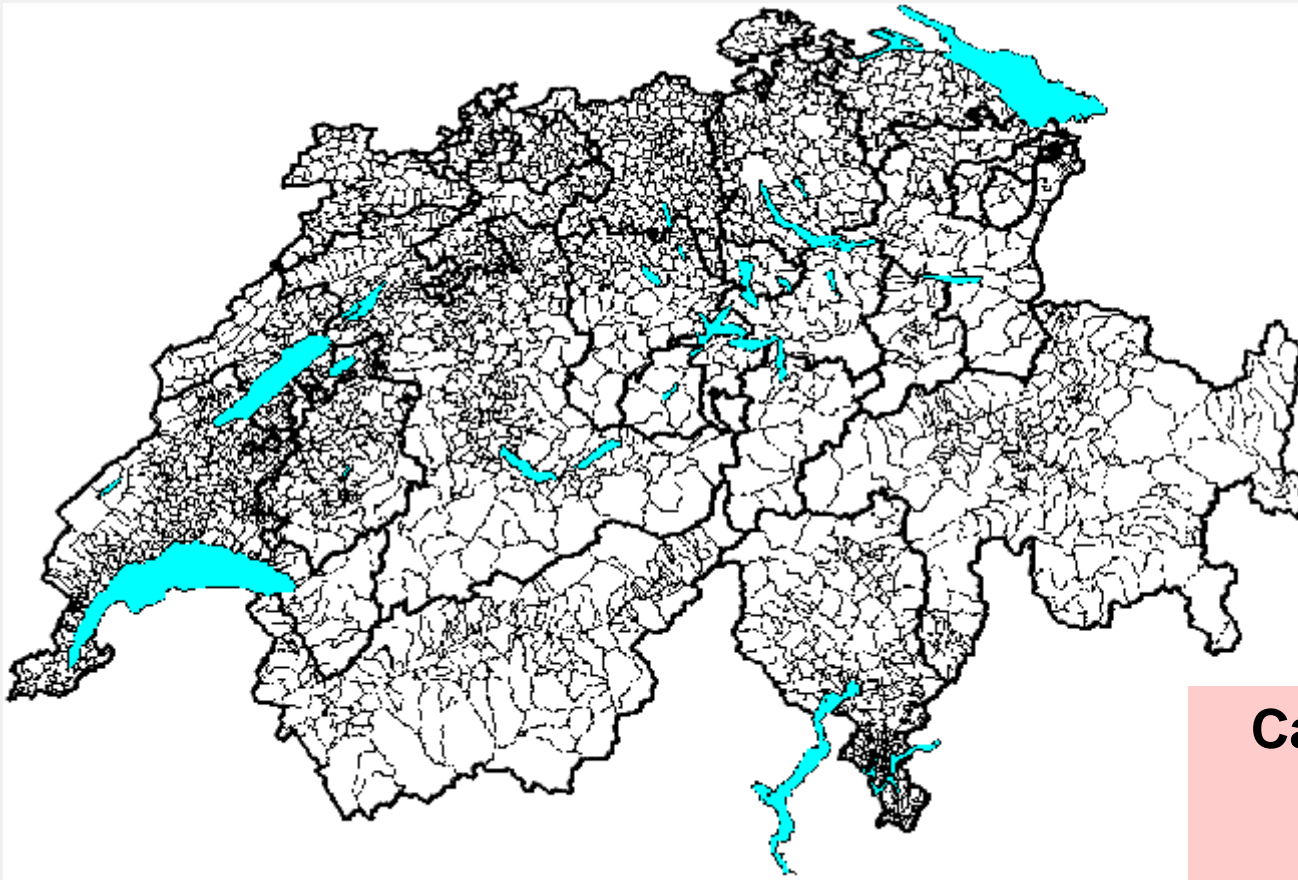
# Switzerland: Federated Country with 26 Cantons...



7.3 million people  
41'290 km<sup>2</sup>  
4.0 million parcels

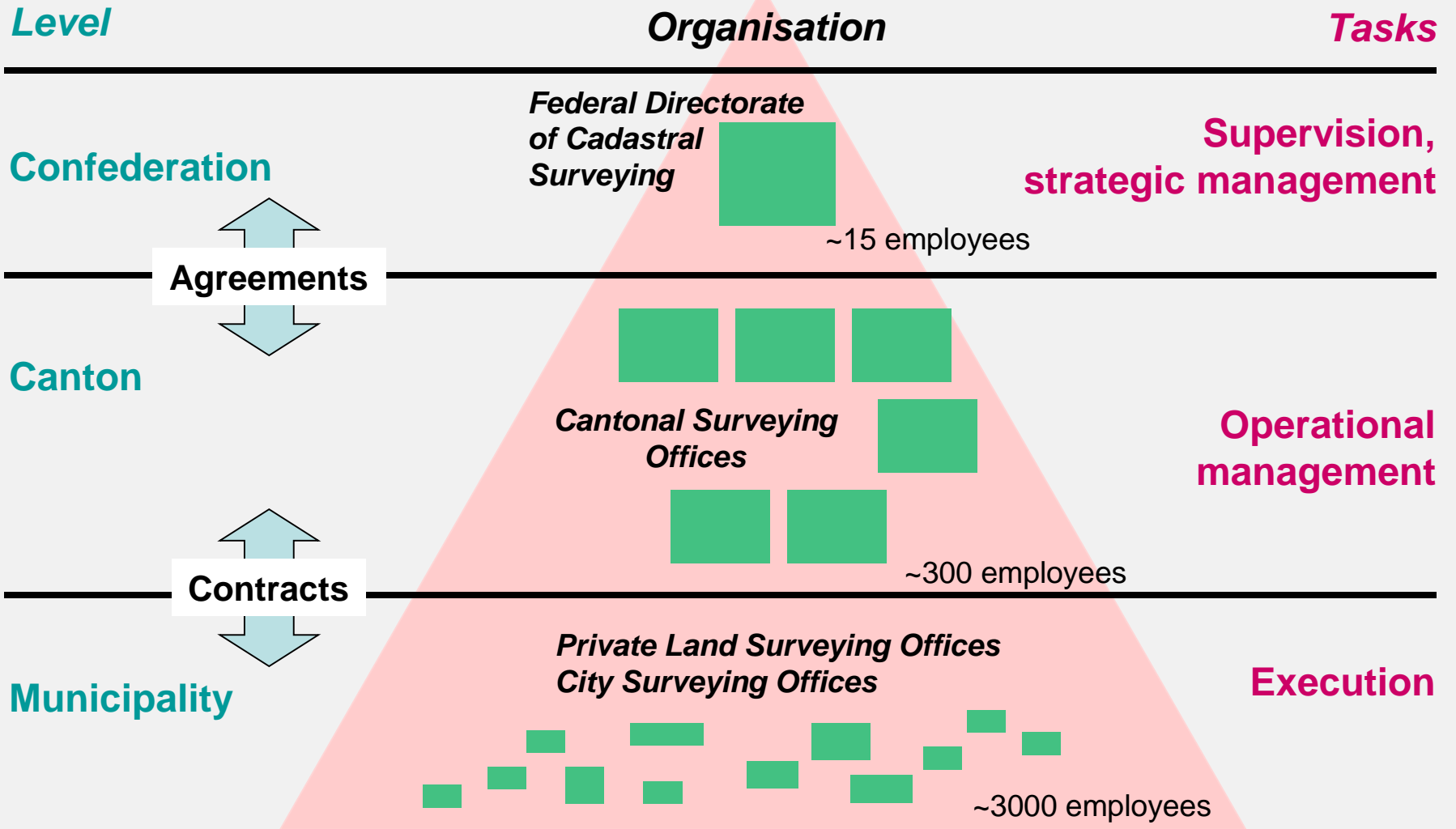
Cantons maintain  
political and  
administrative bodies  
on their own

## ... and 2903 Municipalities



Cantons are further  
divided into  
municipalities

# Organisation of cadastral surveying



# Reform of cadastral surveying (1980's)

## Principles of Reform Project RAV:

- Minimum of regulations on the Federal level
- avoidance of double data acquisition
- increase of data actuality
- freedom of data acquisition method
- **data as basis for LIS as well (not only registry)**

1992

## Legal basis for **AV93**:

- Ordinance for Official Surveying (**VAV, 1.1.1993**)
- Technical Ordinance for Official Surveying (**TVAV, 1.7. 1994**)

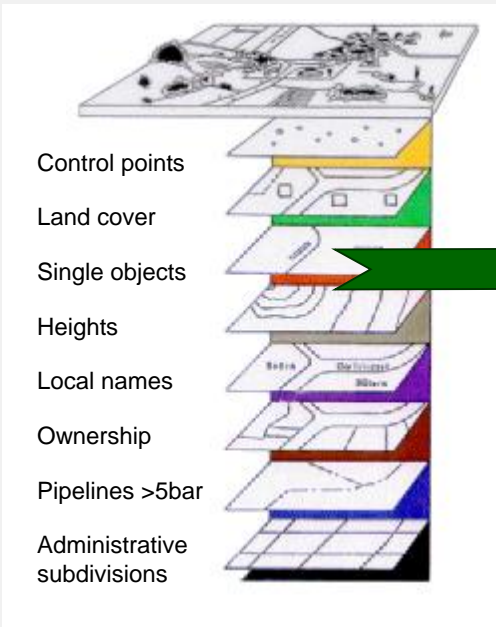
- à **extension of purpose (not only land registry, also land information in general)**
- à **need of flexible data exchange mechanism**

## Reasons for data modelling

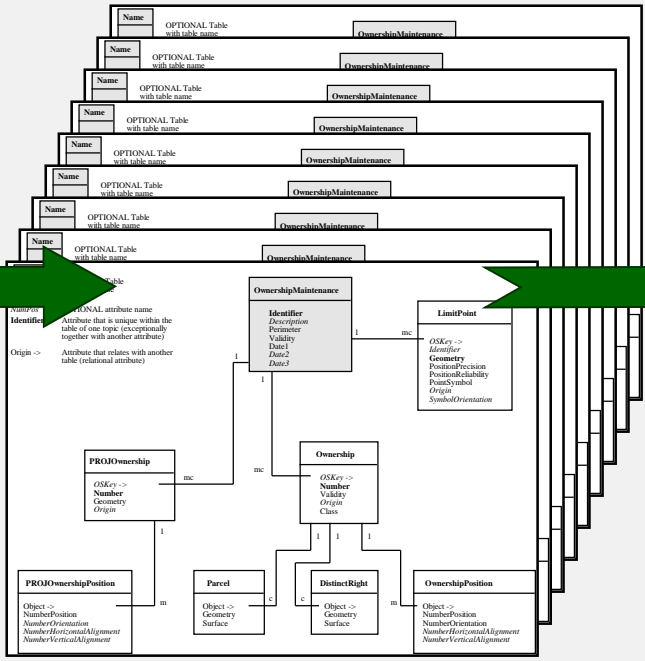
- high value of data vs. short life span of HW/SW
- data need to be transferred from older to newer systems
- devolution and networking (flexible and easy data sharing without information loss)
- product definition for introduction of tendering process (method and system independent) → model-based approach
- separation of data model and description language (data models always evolve, concept can be used for any other data model)
- quality checking and assurance
- long-time archiving

# Core Data Model of Swiss Cadastral Surveying

Digital data description AV93 (introduced in 1993)



8 Information Layers  
(Possibility to manage the layers separately)



Data Model (UML)  
(8 Entity-Relationship-Diagrams)

```
TRANSFER Data_Catalogue;
MODEL Basic_Data_Set
DOMAIN
  LKoord = COORD2  48000.000  70000.000
                84000.000  30000.000;
  HKoord = COORD3  48000.000  70000.000    0.000
                84000.000  30000.000  5000.000;
  Height = DIM1  0.000  5000.000;
  Precision = [0 .. 300];
  Reliability = (yes, no);
  LetterOrientation = GRADS  0.0  400.0;
  Status = (planned, valid);

TOPIC Control_Points =
  .....
END Control_Points;

TOPIC Land_Cover =
  .....
END Land_Cover;

TOPIC Ownership =
  .....
  OwnershipType = (parcel, distinct_right,
                  construction_right, water_source_
                  right);

TABLE LimitPoint =
  OSKey: OPTIONAL -> OwnershipMaintenance;
  Identifier: OPTIONAL TEXT*12;
  Geometry: LKoord;
  PositionPrecision: Precision;
  PositionReliability: Reliability;
  Origin: OPTIONAL TEXT*30;
  SymbolOrientation: OPTIONAL LetterOrientation;
  !! Default: 0.0
  IDENT
  Geometry;
END LimitPoint;
END Ownership;
END Basic_Data_Set.
```

Data Description Language  
INTERLIS

# INTERLIS

- object-oriented (can also deal with non-geographic data)
- effortless transfer of data without loss of semantic, topologic and geometric information
- complementary to UML (automatic generation of transfer file)
- clear distinction between real world object and its graphical representation
- structured language
- easily readable by humans

```
MODEL DM01AVCH24D

  TOPIC Liegenschaften =
    .....
    TABLE Grundstueck =
      Gueltigkeit: (rechtskraeftig, streitig);
      Art: Grundstuecksart; .....
    END Grundstueck;

    TABLE Liegenschaft =
      Liegenschaft_von: -> Grundstueck .....
    END Liegenschaft;

  END Liegenschaften.

END DM01AVCH24D.
```

# Possible Structure for LIS

| Legal topic              | spatial data | textual data | Stakeholders (data owners)                                  |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| Water protection         |              |              | Local government  |
| Noise protection         |              |              | Local government  |
| Environmental protection |              |              | Environmental department                                    |
| Land use planning        |              |              | Planning department   |
| Indigenous land rights   |              |              | Tribe, clan   |
| Collective land rights   |              |              | Corporations  |
| Land ownership, cadastre |              |              | National government<br>State government<br>Local government |

Two preconditions:



**common geodetic reference framework**  
**common data modelling concept**

# Case Study DM.01

## 1994: introduction of data model "AV93"

Shortcomings in AV93 data model:

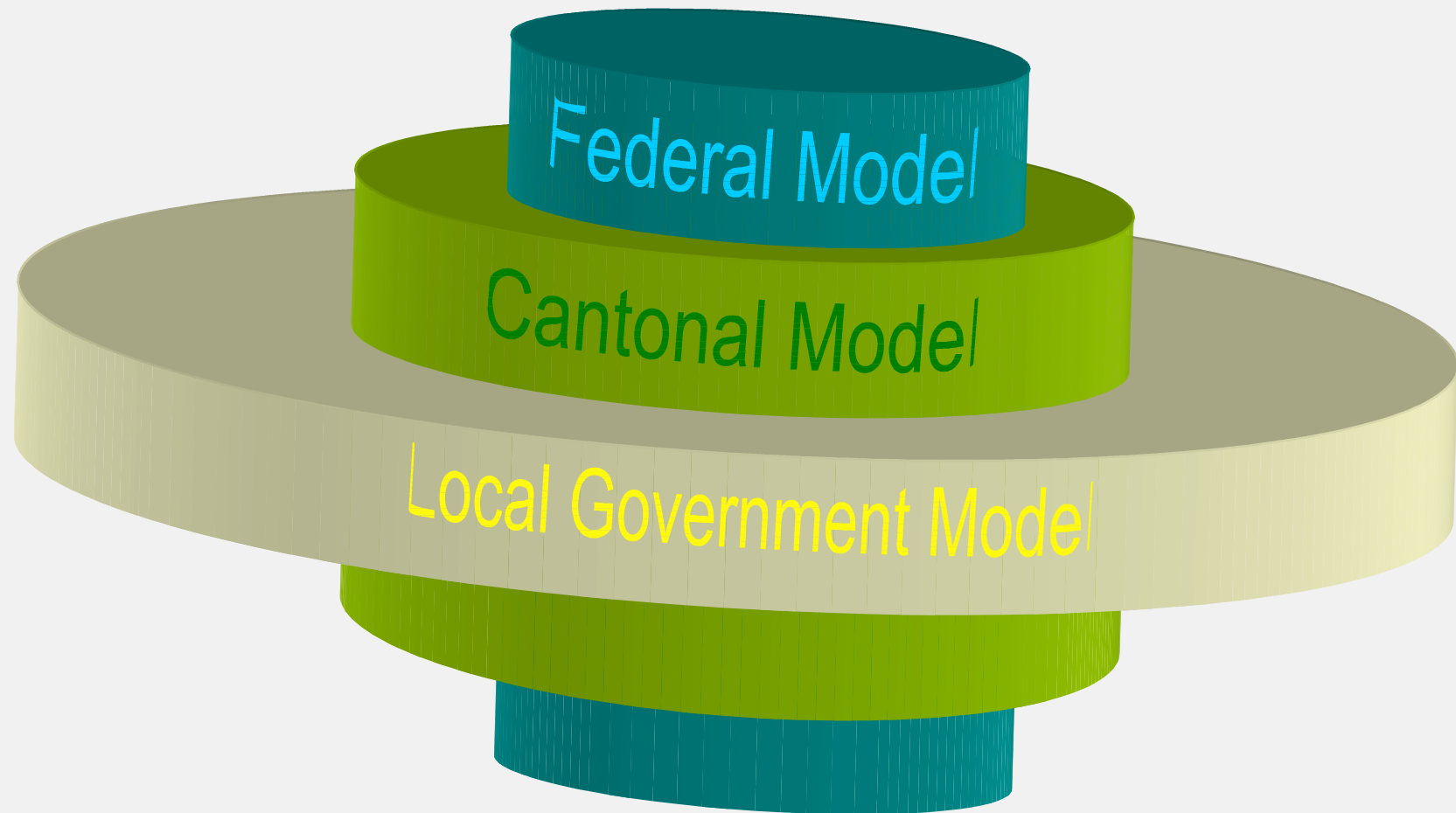
- one data model with cantonal options (for political reasons)
  - à heterogeneous development
  - à too many cantonal options
  - à no easy solution to consolidate data on federal level

## 2004: revised data model "DM.01"

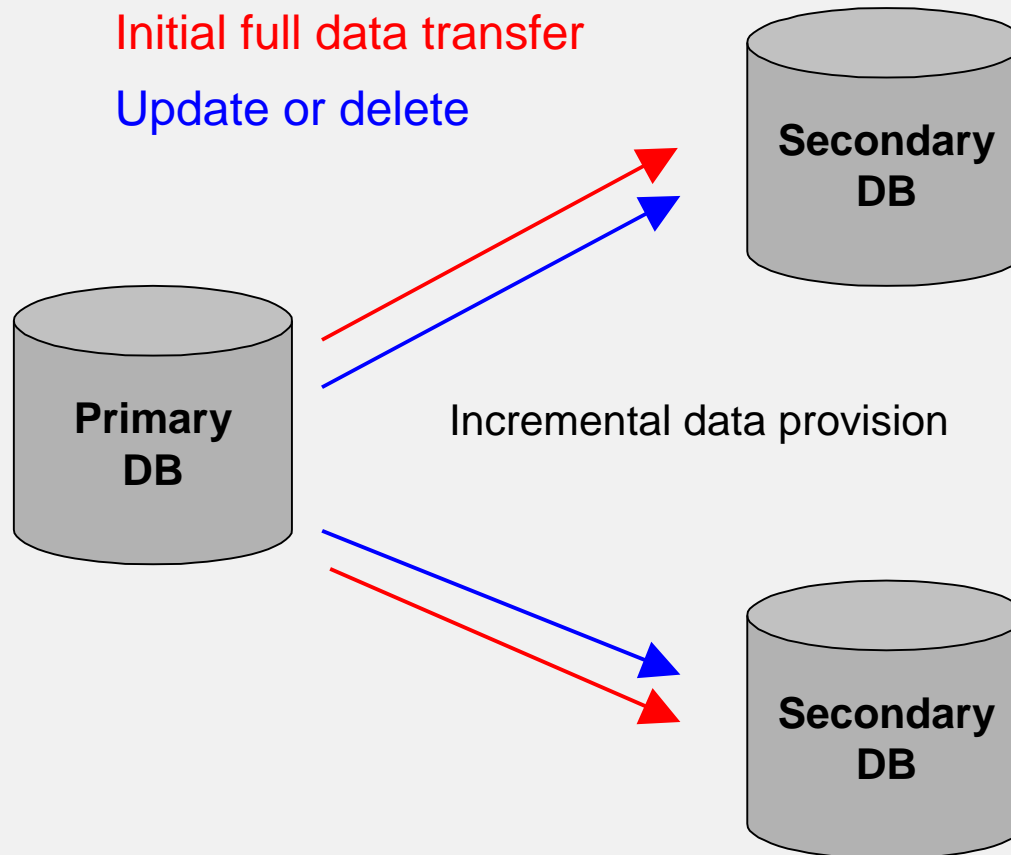
Main changes are:

- one clearly defined federal data model
- hierarchy of data models (Cantons can add options to federal model, but have to provide data in federal model)
- checking of data becomes much easier à introduction of check service on Internet
- technical possibility of incremental updating (requires OID and INTERLIS2)

# Federal Model as Core for Other Models



# Incremental Updating with INTERLIS2



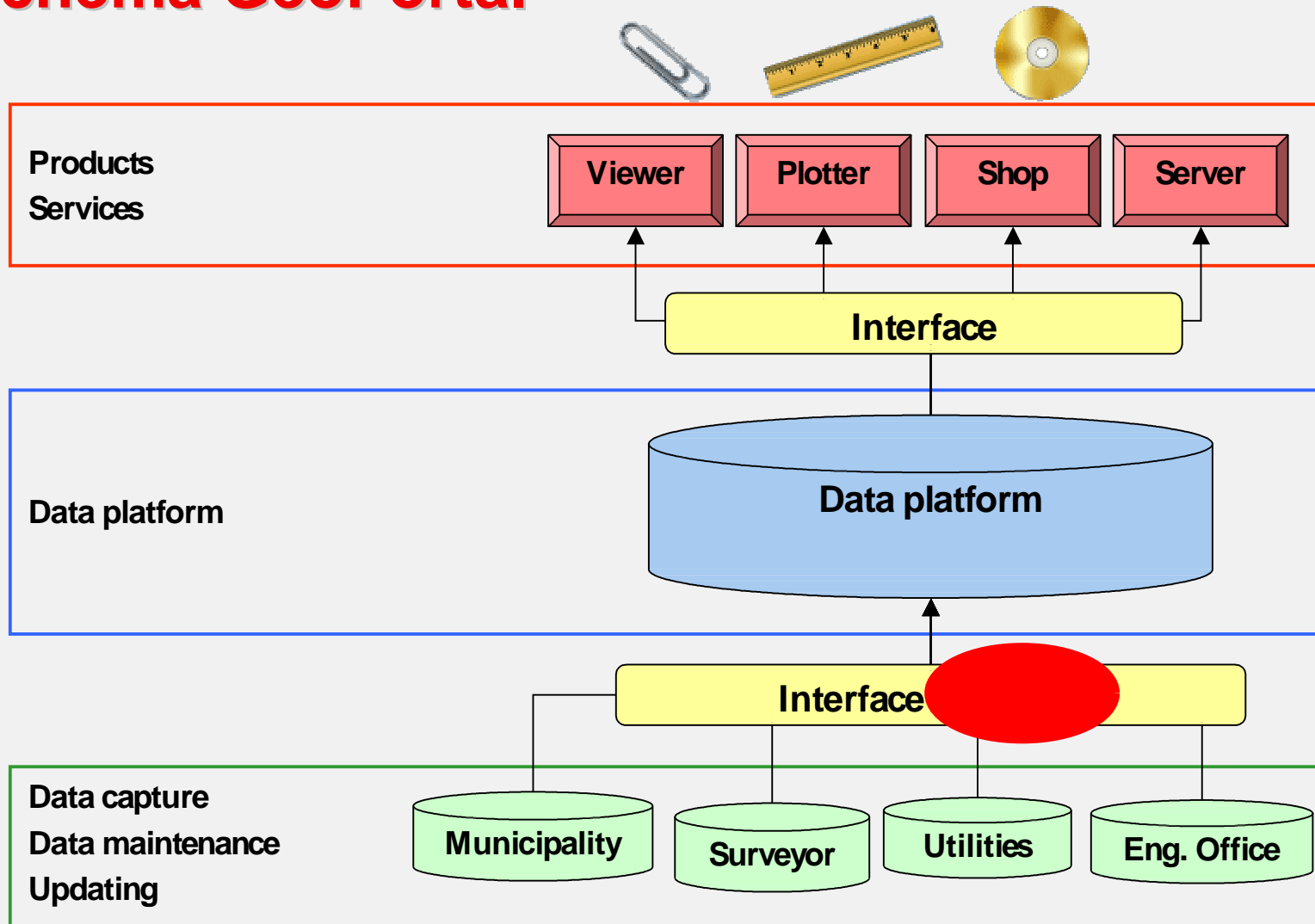
Incremental updating requires the introduction of an object ID (OID).

# Strengths and Weaknesses of INTERLIS2 and GML3

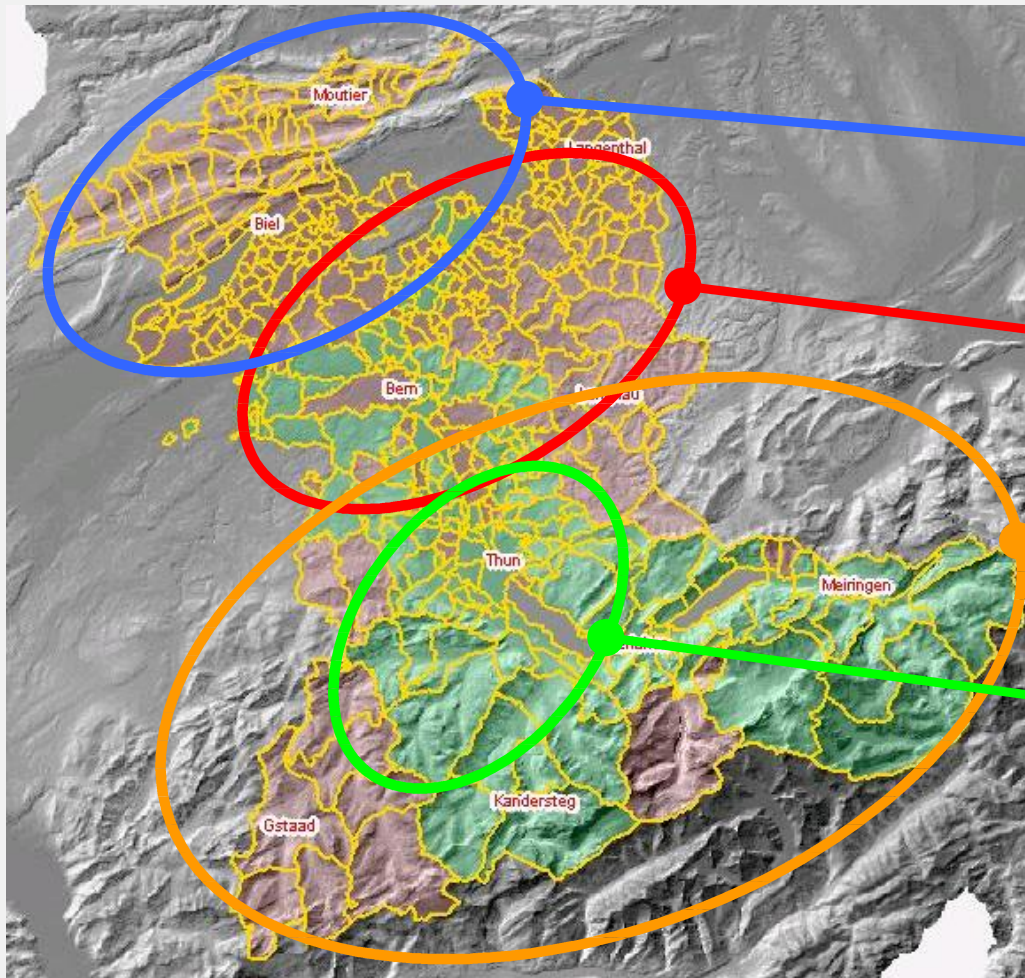
|                  | Strengths  | Weaknesses   |
|------------------|--|--|
| <b>INTERLIS2</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• precise and lean</li> <li>• version 1 already passed the test of practice</li> <li>• evolution rather than revolution</li> <li>• many software tools</li> <li>• UML and text</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• only modelling and transfer</li> <li>• 'island' solution (national solution)</li> <li>• too good version 1</li> <li>• yet unclear role of XML (schema)</li> <li>• how to deal with further extensions?</li> </ul> |
| <b>GML3</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• large basis in market</li> <li>• pragmatic modelling language</li> <li>• part of a standard family</li> <li>• application language</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• flood of versions</li> <li>• large and complex</li> <li>• restrictions of the XML schema</li> <li>• cryptic model descriptions</li> <li>• lack of practice</li> <li>• lack of producer support</li> </ul>         |

(Nebiker, 2004)

# Schema GeoPortal



# be-geo.ch



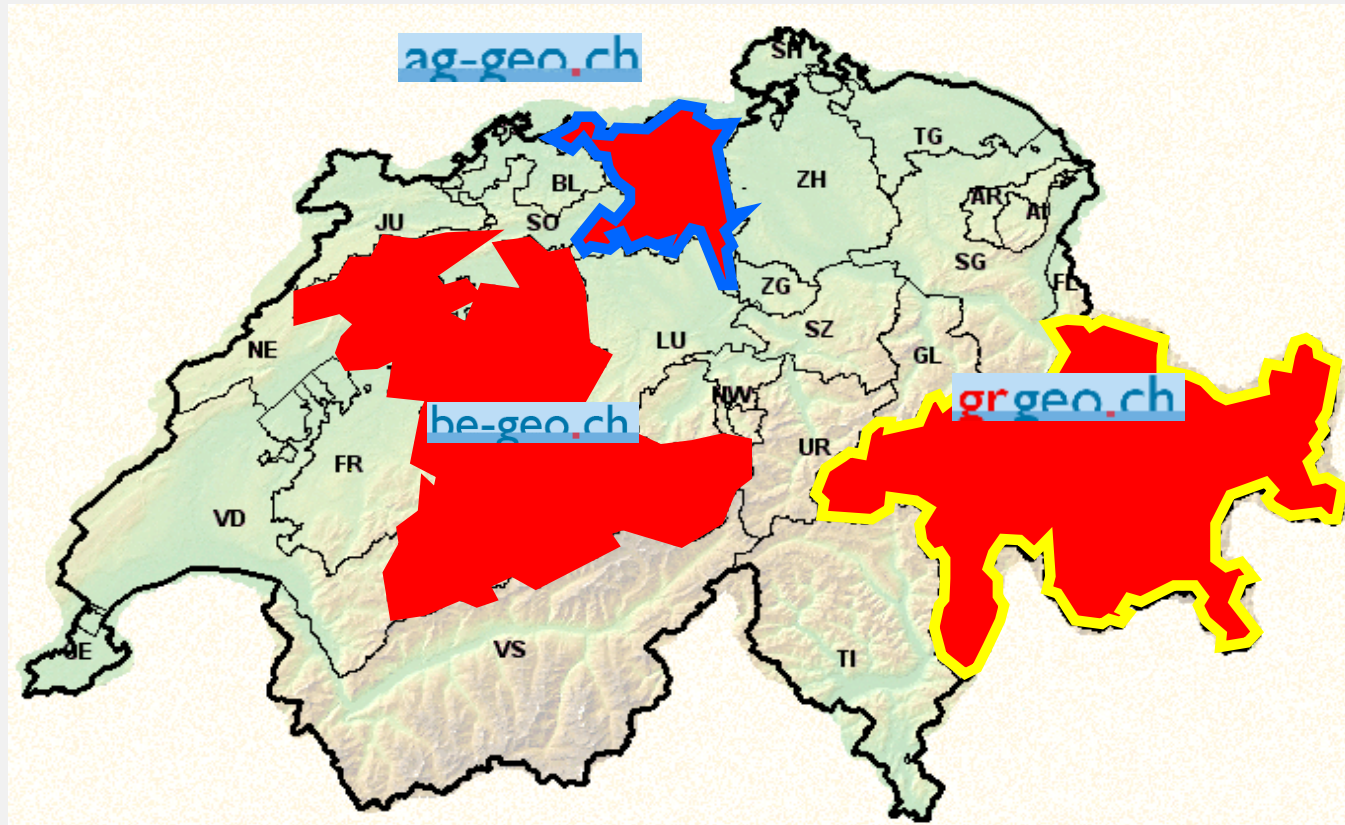
• Seeland / Jura

• Region Bern

• beodat

• Thun-Innertport

# regio-geo.ch / e-geo.ch





Geoportal regio-geo.ch - Schweiz - Bern - Startseite - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Adresse <http://www.be-geo.ch/>

zurück zu regio-geo.ch (Geodaten Schweiz) deutsch



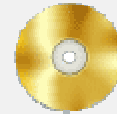
**Die Datendrehscheibe zum Bezug und Verwalten von Geo-Informationen**

|   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Regionen</b><br> Berner Oberland<br> Region Bern | <b>Ortspläne</b><br><b>Bitte wählen Sie Ihre Gemeinde aus</b><br><input type="text" value="alle Gemeinden"/><br><input type="text" value="Strasse"/> <input type="button" value="suchen"/><br>Informationen über Ortspläne  | <b>Digitale GeoDaten</b><br><b>GeoData Shop</b><br>Login für registrierte Benutzer<br>Neuanmeldung / Demoshop<br><b>Datenanfrage</b><br>über Formular bestellen<br>telefonisch bestellen<br>Informationen über den GeoData Shop                                    | <b>Vorteile des Geoportals</b><br><b>Gemeinde:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gemeindegrenzen überschreitende Datenverfügbarkeit</li> <li>• Einfaches sichten der Geodaten mit dem GeoViewer</li> <li>• Ausbaufähige Basisanwendung, Gemeinde eigene Systeme können automatisch gespiesen werden</li> <li>• Zuverlässiges Datenmanagement gemäss offiziellen Standards</li> <li>• Bürgerfreundliche, transparente Verwaltung dank gezielter Freischaltung von öffentlichen Geodaten</li> </ul> <b>Kanton:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zusammenführung der Daten der amtlichen Vermessung über die Region (Projekt ZAV)</li> <li>• Einheitliche Verfügbarkeit von aktuellen Geodaten</li> </ul> |
|   | <b>Pläne mit Zusatzdaten</b><br><b>GeoViewer</b><br>Login für registrierte Benutzer<br>Neuanmeldung / Demo GeoViewer<br>Informationen über den GeoViewer    | <b>Masstäbliche Pläne</b><br><b>GeoPlotter (Orientierungskopien)</b><br>Login für registrierte Benutzer<br>Neuanmeldung / Demo GeoPlotter<br><b>Datenanfrage</b><br>Pläne über Formular bestellen<br>telefonisch bestellen<br>Informationen über den GeoPlotter  |   |
|   | <b>GeoDaten Verwaltung</b><br><b>GeoVerwaltung</b><br>Neuanmeldung<br>Informationen über die GeoVerwaltung    | <b>Allgemeines</b><br><b>Kontakt</b><br>Feedback<br>Zuständiger Geometer<br>Benutzerdaten ändern   |   |

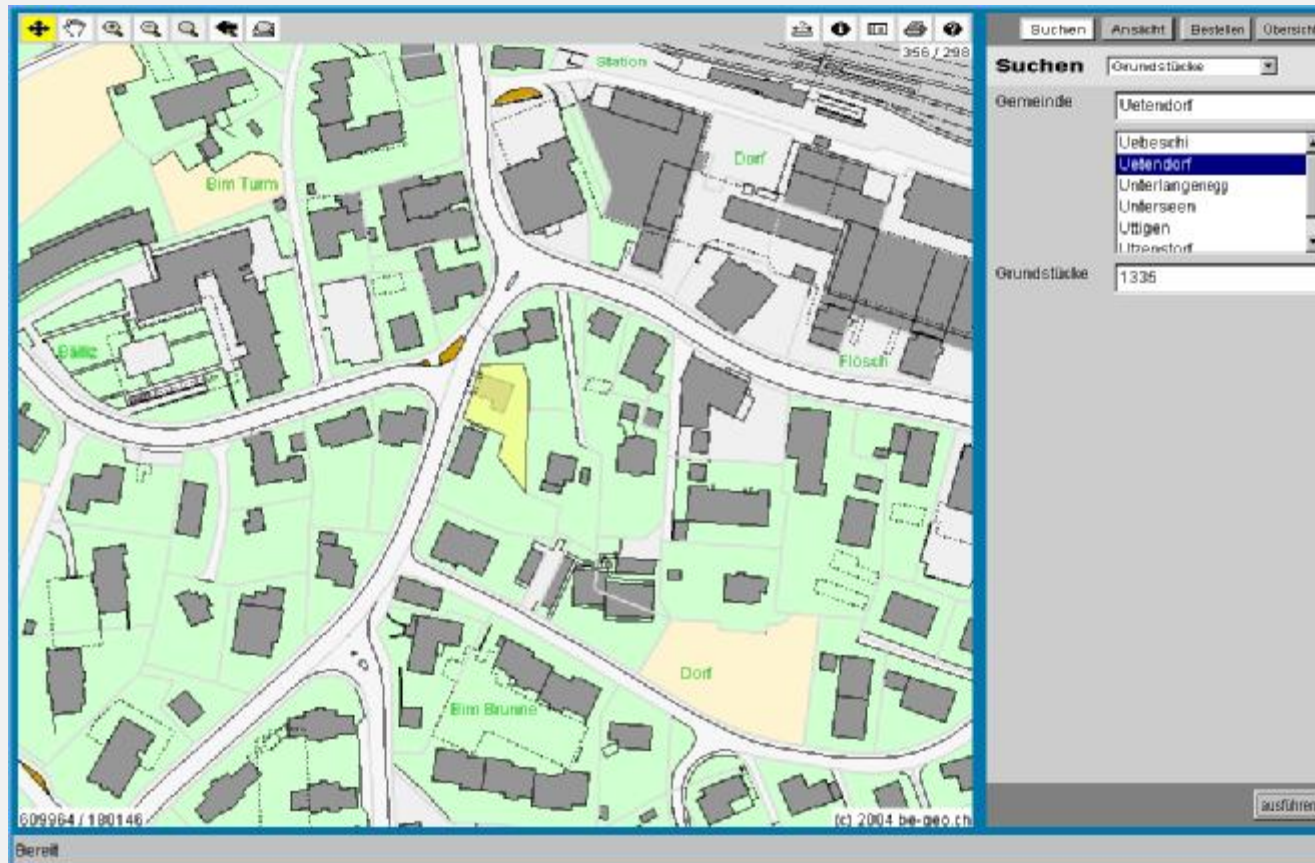
Private und Gewerbe:



# GeoData-Shop



**Ausschnitt suchen**



## **GeoDaten-Shop**

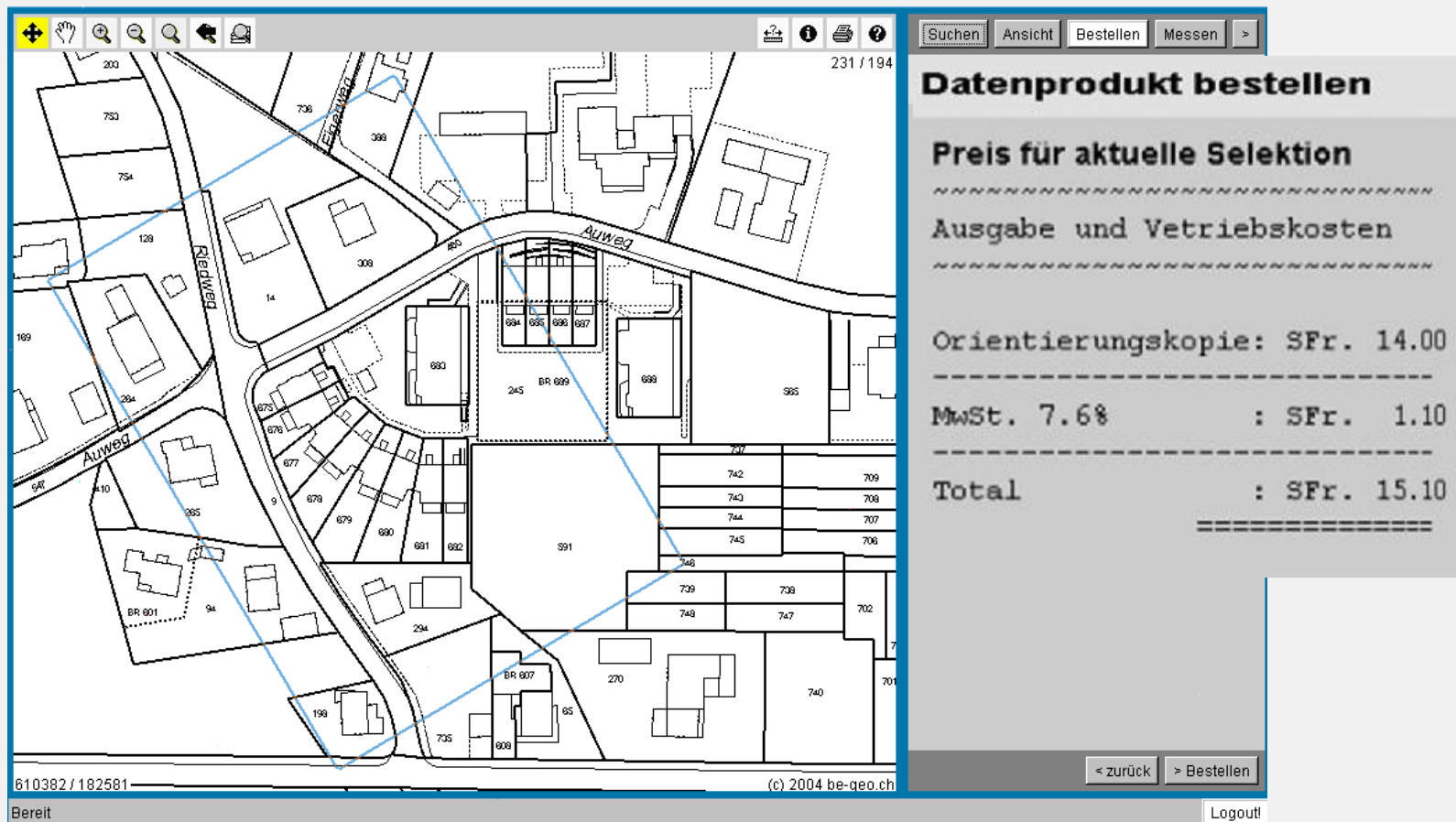
Information über vorhandene Datensätze

Suchen nach Adressen und Parzellen

Bestellen in Standardformaten Geobau und INTERLIS



## Preisberechnung



The screenshot shows the GeoPlotter web application interface. On the left is a map with various building footprints and street names like 'Riedweg' and 'Alweg'. A blue selection box highlights a specific area on the map. On the right is a pricing table titled 'Datenprodukt bestellen'. The table lists the price for the current selection, including output and distribution costs, an orientation copy, and a total price including 7.6% VAT. The interface also includes a search bar, navigation buttons, and a status bar at the bottom.

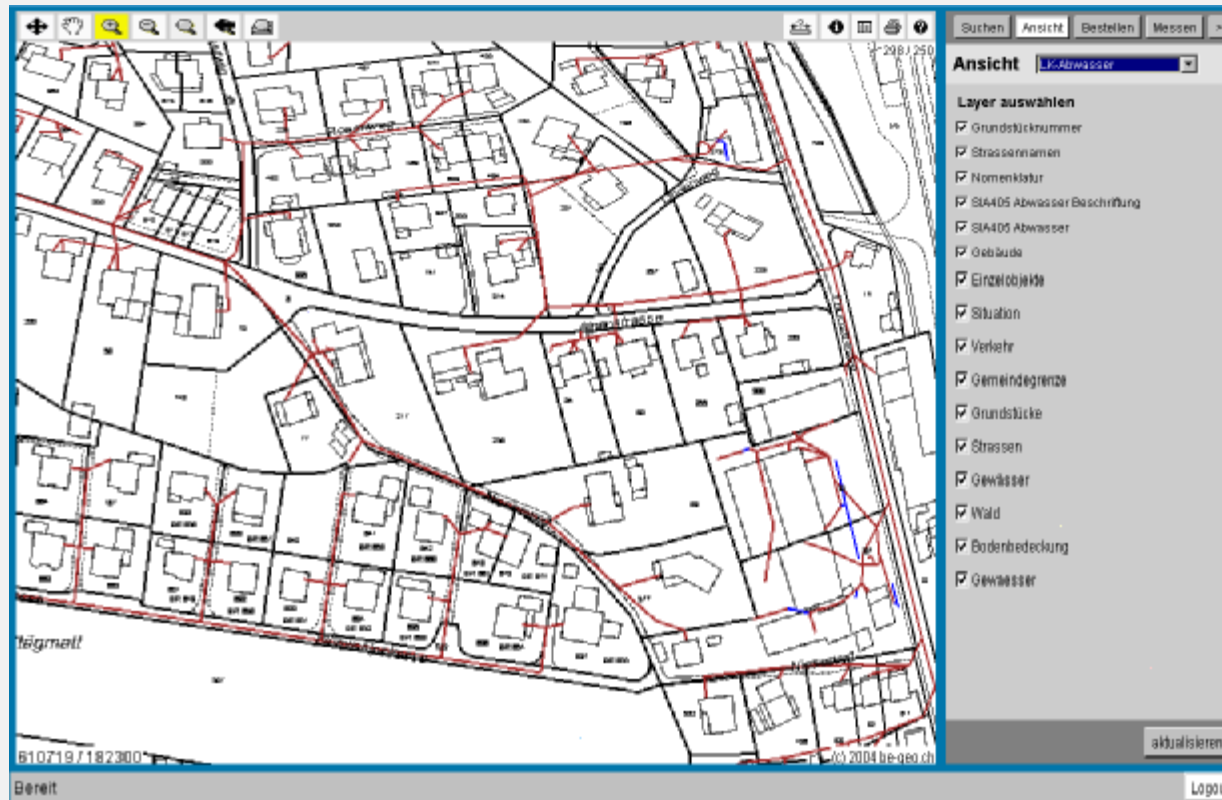
| Datenprodukt bestellen         |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Preis für aktuelle Selektion   |                     |
| ~~~~~                          |                     |
| Ausgabe und Vertriebskosten    |                     |
| ~~~~~                          |                     |
| Orientierungskopie: SFr. 14.00 |                     |
| -----                          |                     |
| MwSt. 7.6%                     | : SFr. 1.10         |
| -----                          |                     |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>: SFr. 15.10</b> |
| =====                          |                     |

**GeoPlotter**  
Sichten und drucken von masstäblichen Plänen

# GeoViewer

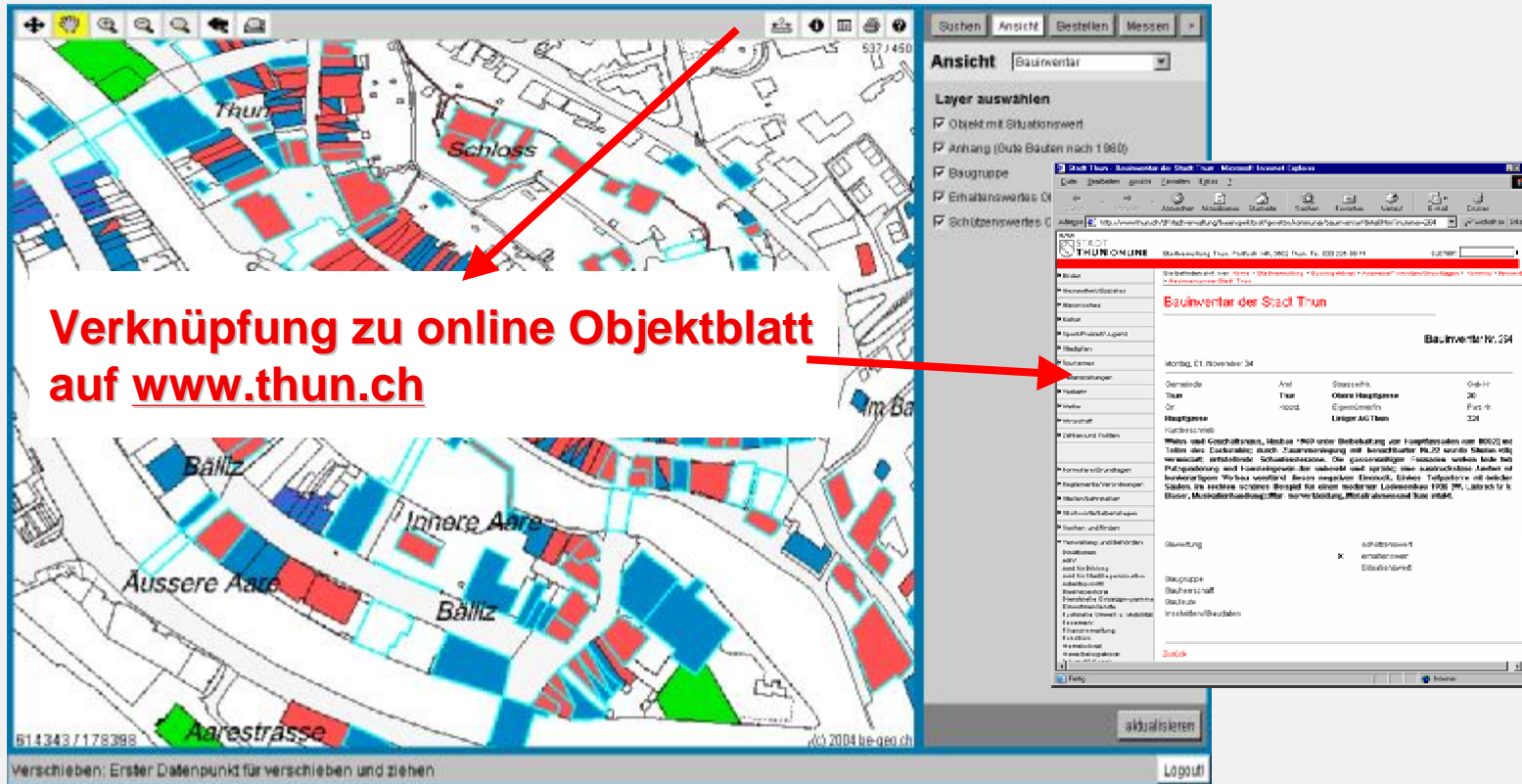


## Ansicht LK Abwasser



**GeoViewer** Zusätzlich zu *GeoPlotter* :  
Anbindung an GRUDIS  
Nutzer- und Sichtenverwaltung  
Individuelle Freigabe der Gemeindedaten (z.B. Leitungskataster)

## Bauinventar Stadt Thun



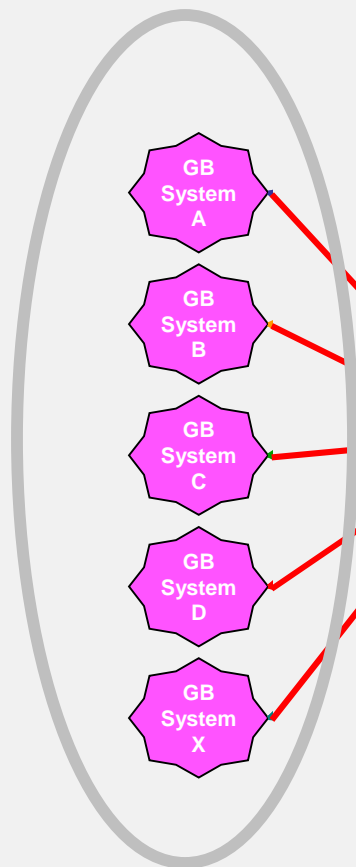
**Verknüpfung zu online Objektblatt auf [www.thun.ch](http://www.thun.ch)**

The screenshot displays the GeoViewer interface for the 'Bauinventar Stadt Thun'. The main map area shows a street grid with buildings colored in red and blue. A red arrow points from a building on the map to an online object page. The object page, titled 'Bauinventar der Stadt Thun', shows details for a specific building, including its address (Hauptgasse 20), coordinates, and a detailed description of the building's history and construction. The interface includes a search bar, a layer selection menu, and a 'Logout' button.

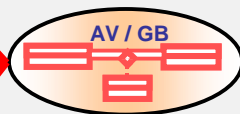
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# Case Study "Kleine Schnittstelle"

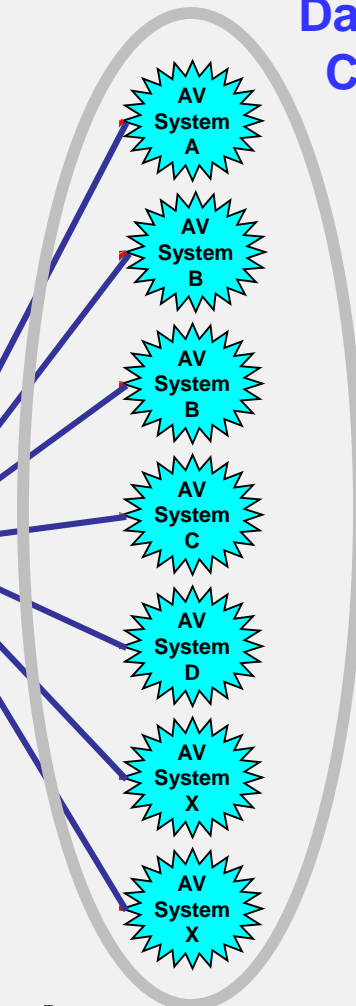
Data model  
Land Registration



Data model for  
data exchange



Data model  
Cadastre



## Lessons Learned (1/2)

- constant dialogue between authorities and private sector is crucial
- very important political argument: data are the most expensive element in cadastre – and therefore have to be protected against the fast changes in hard- and software systems;
- acceptance of INTERLIS concept in practice was not very high initially; only the development and provision of software tools made a difference and produced tangible benefits;
- creation of a competence centre for data modelling and data exchange provided the crucial support for the INTERLIS concept;

## Lessons Learned (2/2)

- the supervising body for cadastral surveying on the federal level used its subsidy system to put financial pressure on the implementation of the INTERLIS concept;
- transparent communication: it was important to communicate that the data model as well as the description language are in constant development; the first revisions have now been made with DM.01 and INTERLIS2 and the changes were understood and accepted by partners.