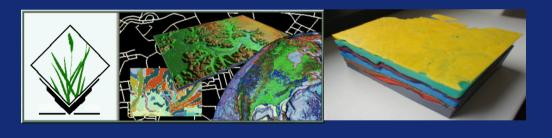




### Scientific 3D Printing with GRASS GIS A Work in Progress Report



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#### In a nutshell

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### Communicating scientific findings

#### The challenge:

- Picturing scientific data in one's mind
- Communicating this vision to someone else

#### The need:

A tangible representation of scientific results.













Today

**Future** 





The potential of "3D printing" as featured in the news:

• Guns!



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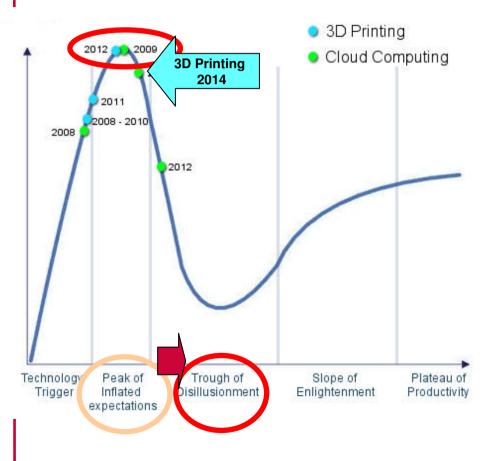
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- Space Exploration!





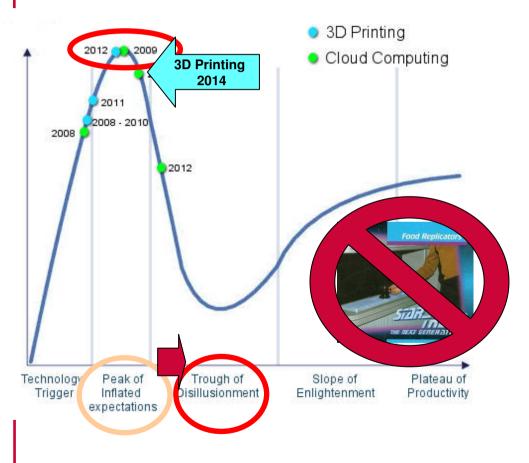


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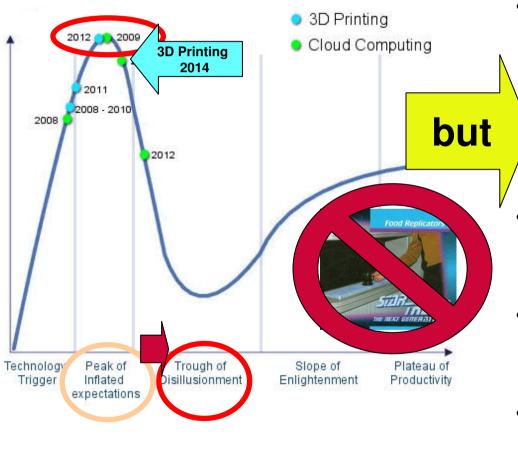


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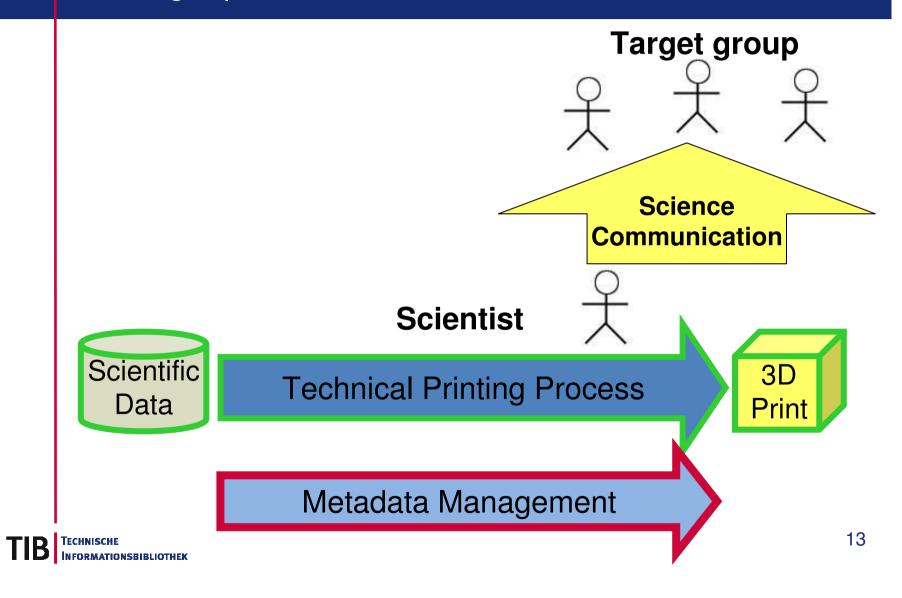
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### 3D Printing, the Gartner hype cycle, and science



- Handpieces for science communication
  - among scientists
  - towards the general public
- Showpieces for exhibitions / trade fairs
- Condensed information on content and quality
- <your application goes here>

## 3D printing for science communication: The larger picture

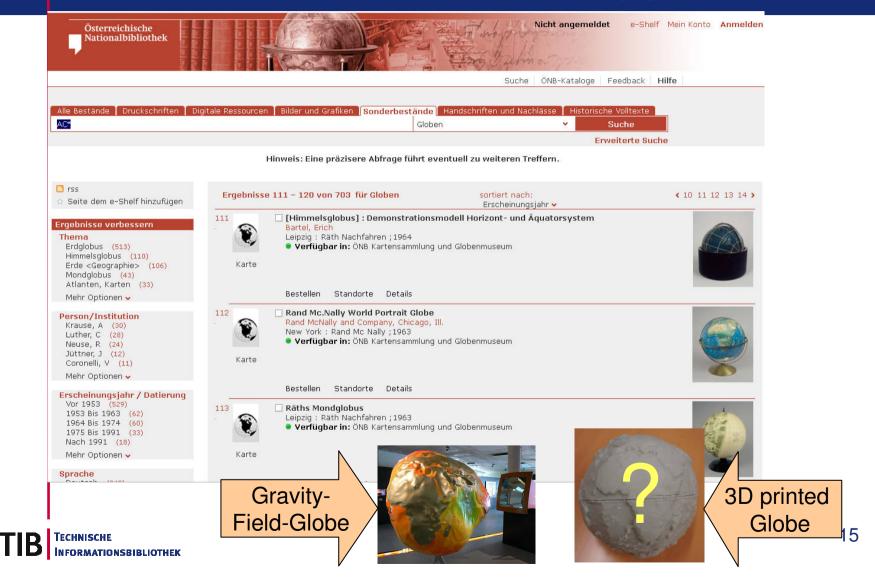


### The Scientific Library perspective – Why bother?

- This is part of an emerging trend affecting (Geo-) Science and Research, Libraries and the FOSS Communities.
- Identification, citation and preservation of scientific content needed.
- A tide of "born digital" specimen, like 3D prints, is coming.
- Persistant identifiers are being introduced for scientific articles, data and software and 3D prints, e.g. Digital Object Identifiers (DOI).



## Libraries handle nontextual materials — including globes.



### Nontextual materials: Past and present



The preservation of scientific data specimen is already part of research:

"Der Heidelberger Karl-Theodor-Globus von 1751 bis 2000 **Vergangenes mit gegenwärtigen** 

Methoden für die Zukunft bewahren"



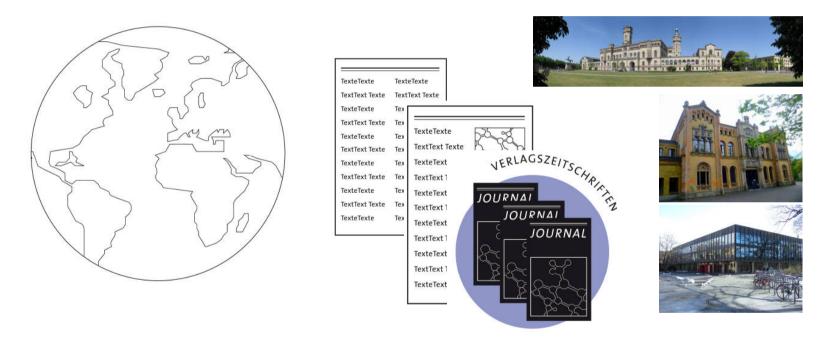
#### Linking research articles, data and 3D objects: Important for researchers ... and research-based libraries





# Technische Informations Bibliothek (TIB) German National Library of Science and Technology

#### Global supplier for scientific and technical information



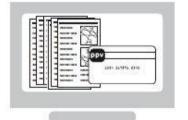
#### **Traditional text-based documents**

# TIB – German National Library of Science and Technology - Today

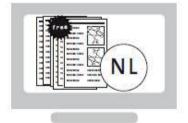
#### **GetInfo Portal**

- 57 Mio. metadata indexed with access to the fulltext (document delivery, national licences, pay-per-view)
- 160 Mio. documents available via metasearch

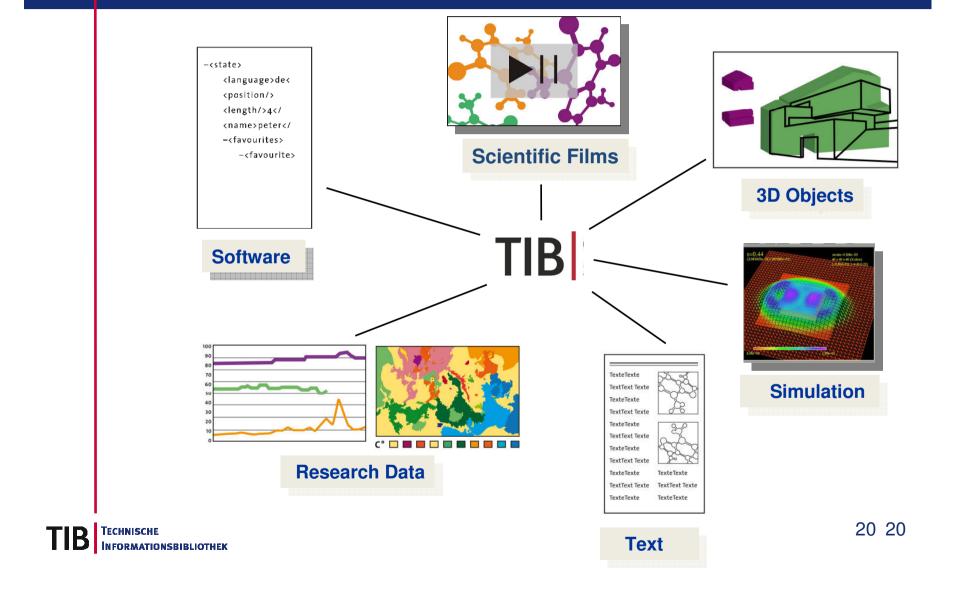






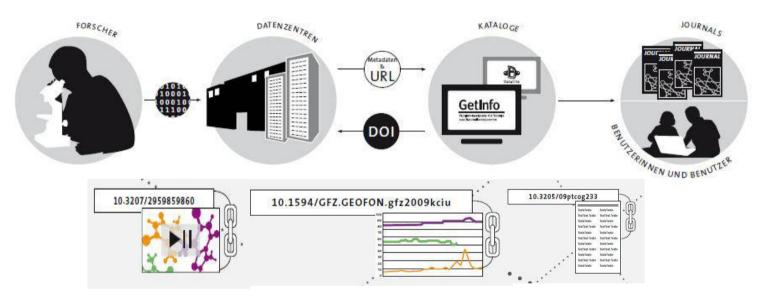


### Strategy – Move beyond text



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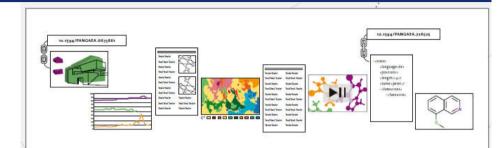
• Worldwide first Digital Object Identifier (DOI) registration agency for datasets (since 2005)





# The road ahead — the research library perspective



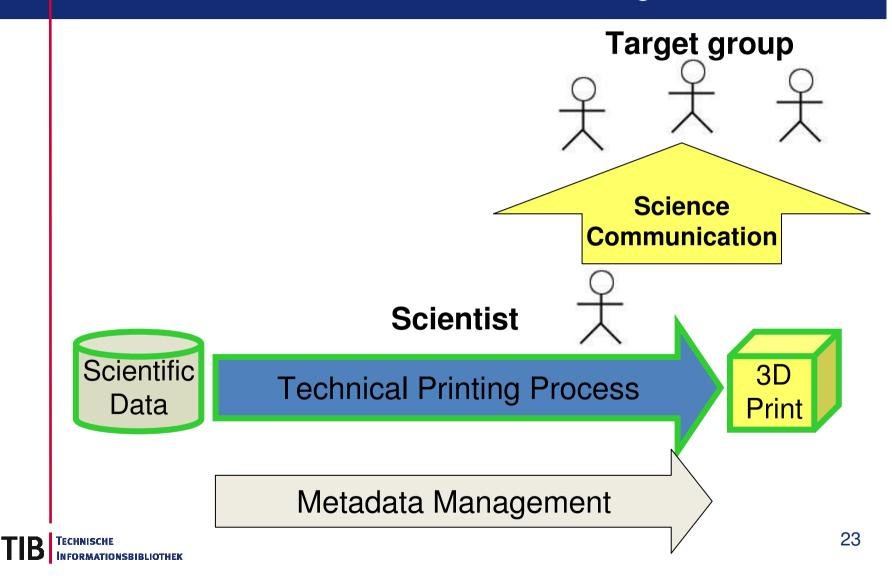


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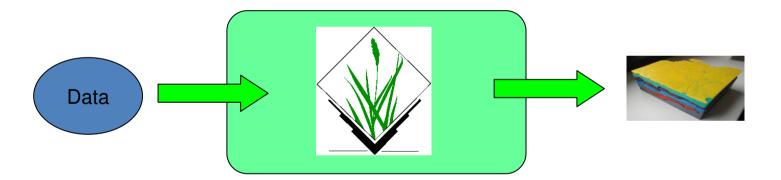


## 3D printing for science communication: GRASS GIS angle



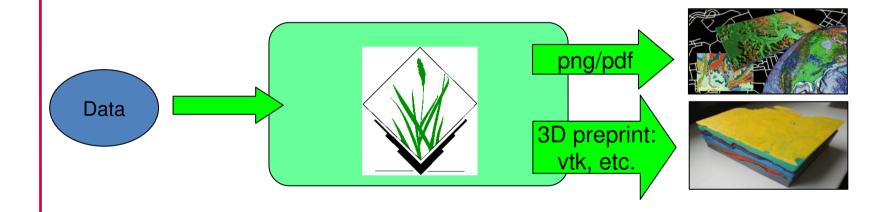
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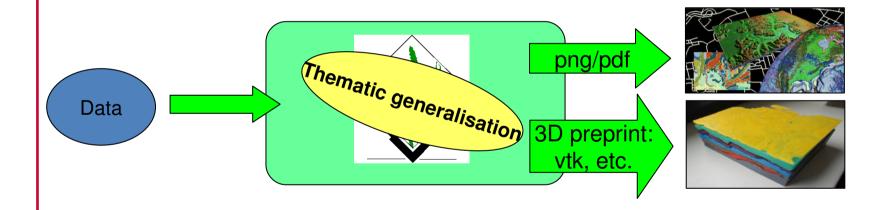


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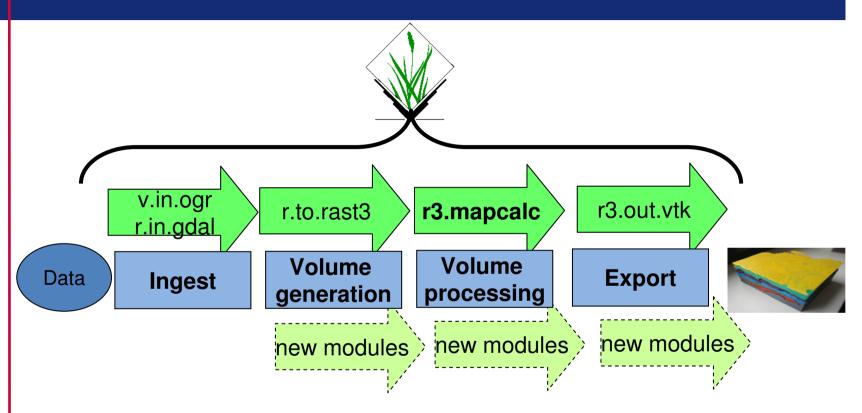
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### Technical overview: Current situation





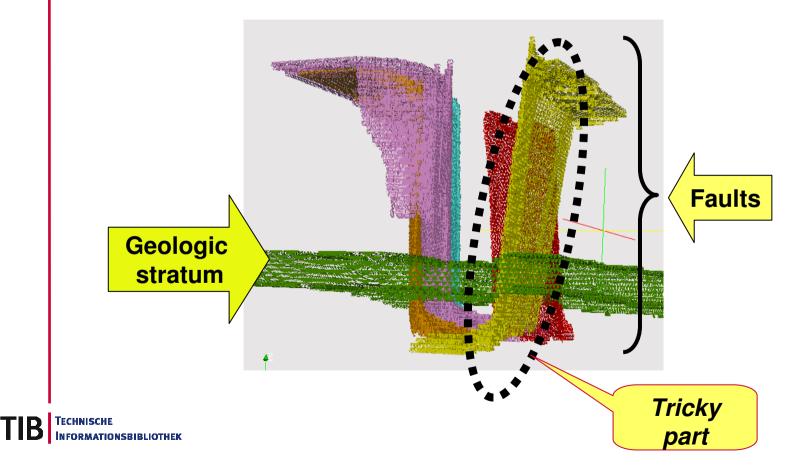
### Wanted: 3D print workflow trailblazers!

- Volume generalisation with r3.x-modules requires currently these skills:
  - Science Interpreter/Communicator: "What message to convey?"
  - **Technical/Software:** create workflows in r3.mapcalc, script these
  - Admin/Pioneer: be able to install patches for GRASS7 due to bugs (volume-related), help improve code maturity



### Example: Thematic generalisation with r3.mapcalc

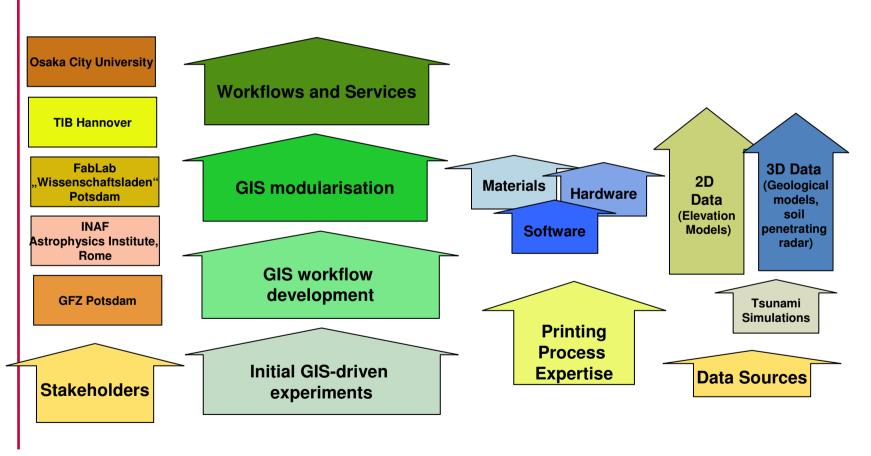
- Task: Separation of geologic volumes along complex faults ("cutting pane")
- Requirement: Volume hulls must be continuous (no holes).
- Solution: "Growing" of fault lines into cutting panes with r3.mapcalc.



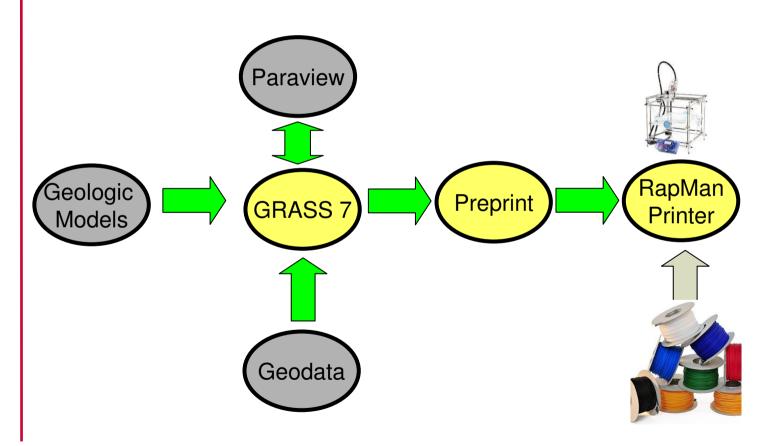
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### Multiple linked learning processes

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### Processing: Software tools and formats





### Hardware example:

### RapMan 3.2 3D printer









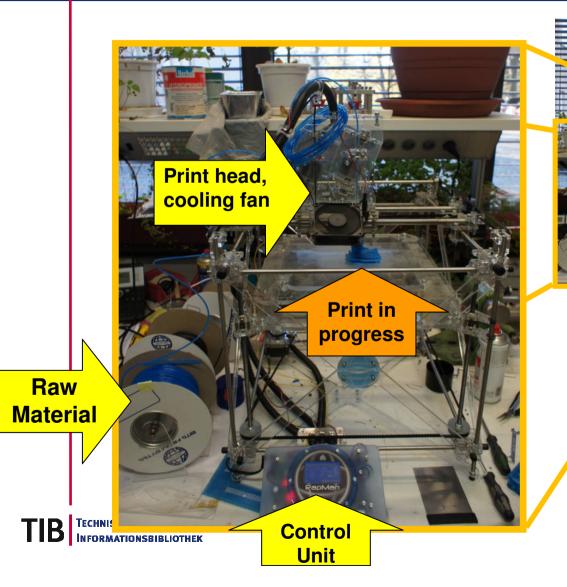
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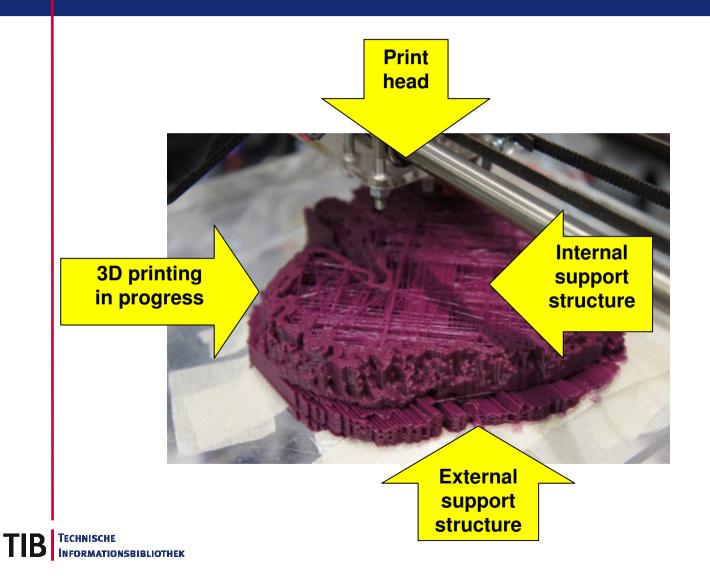
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Marcel
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Resident 3D
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## Close-Up: Actual printing



# Application examples

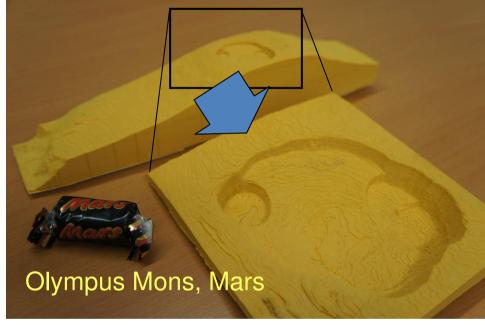


## Elevation models



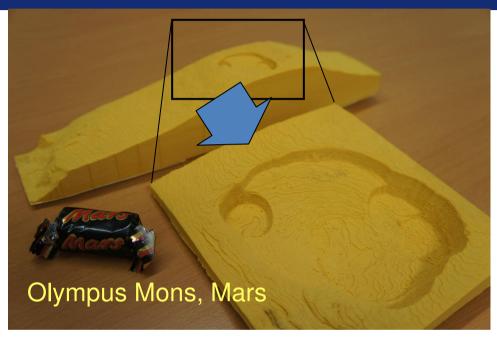




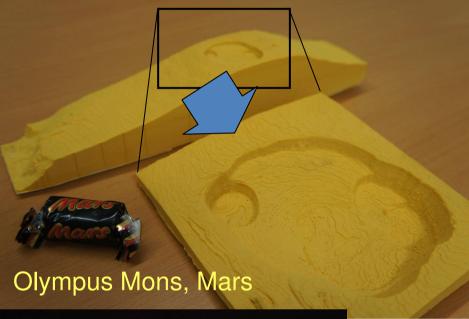










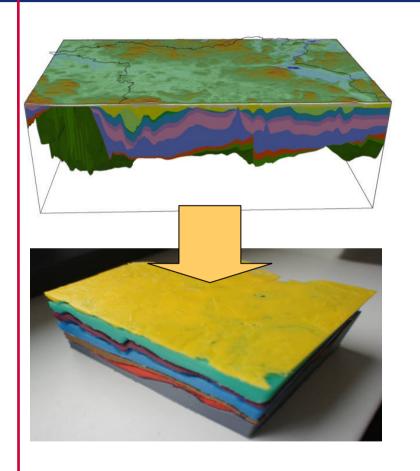


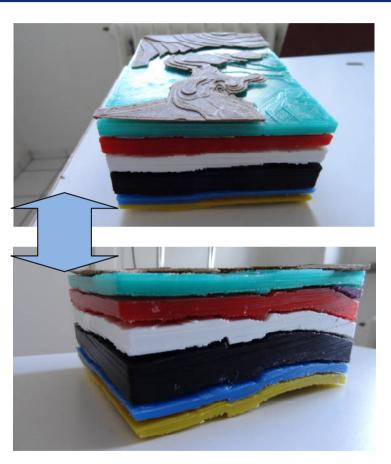


# Mars north polar cap / satellite-based ground penetrating Radar



# Layer stacks of 3D bodies (Geology)

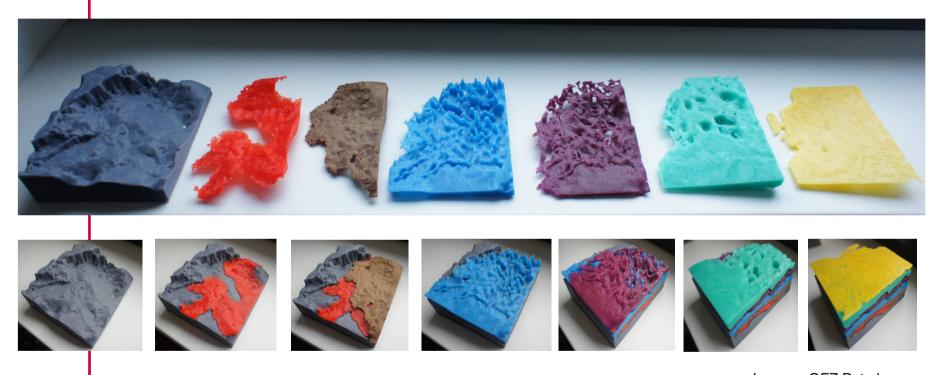




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# Close-up: Geologic volume stack example



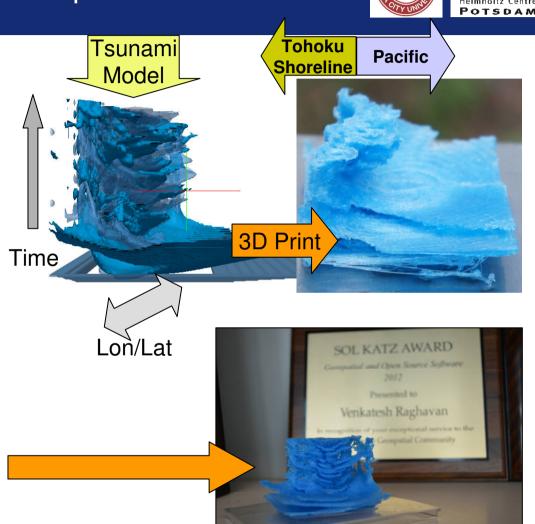
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## Complex data sets: Tsunami propagation space-time-cubes



- Space Time Cube (STC) of tsunami wave propagation.
- Complex wave propagation in time and space.
- Allows visual model quality assessment.
- Produced by GFZ Potsdam in 2012.
- On permanent display at the Osaka City University (2014) |



#### Recap: But there's more to it...

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- Scientific 3D Prints extend "flat" 2D science communication
- Decelerated haptic data access (no-display-needed)
- Large potential for science communication
- The bigger picture of Open Science: Open Data, Open Source, DOI
- Thematic generalisation via r3.x modules.



# Freely available geologic data sources? The situation is improving

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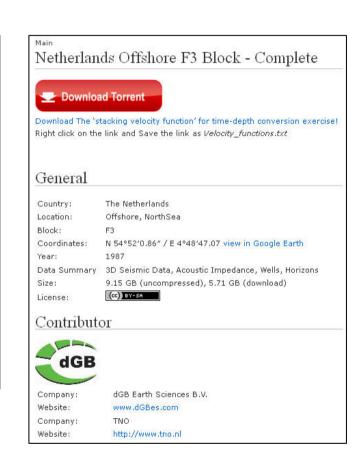
#### Open Seismic Repository

Free and public data sets are available for download below. We are looking for more surveys to make available.

#### Download Free Seismic Surveys [Torrents]

- Netherlands Offshore F3 Block Complete 4 GB
   Data Summary: 3D Seismic Data, Acoustic Impedance, Wells, Horizons
- Netherlands Offshore F3 Block Seismic Only 494 MB Data Summary: 3D Seismic Data, Wells, Horizons
- Laurentian Basin Canada Complete 2 GB Data Summary: 2D Data (29 lines)
- USGS Central Alaska Seismic Only 264 MB Data Summary: 2D Data (17 lines)
- Penobscot 3D Survey (Complete Pre-stack data is also available)
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- Blake Ridge Hydrates 3D 914 MB
   Data summary: 3D PSTM volume offshore South Carolina with gas hydrates

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# Thanks for listening Have a great FOSSGIS 2014!

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