

An aerial photograph of a city, likely Berlin, showing a dense urban landscape with a river (the Spree) winding through it. The buildings are mostly multi-story structures with red-tiled roofs. There are many green trees interspersed among the buildings. A prominent church spire is visible in the upper left quadrant. The overall scene is a detailed 3D rendering of a city environment.

Digital Twin Germany

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Development project “Digital Twin Germany”



**Digital Twin
of Germany**

**Simulation & Analysis
Platform**

“Provision of an simulation and analysis platform for the federal administration by the end of 2026 in order to create relevant added value for a variety of social issues.”

Timeline:

- Setup/Development Project: 8/2022 - 12/2026
- Production planned from 01/2027

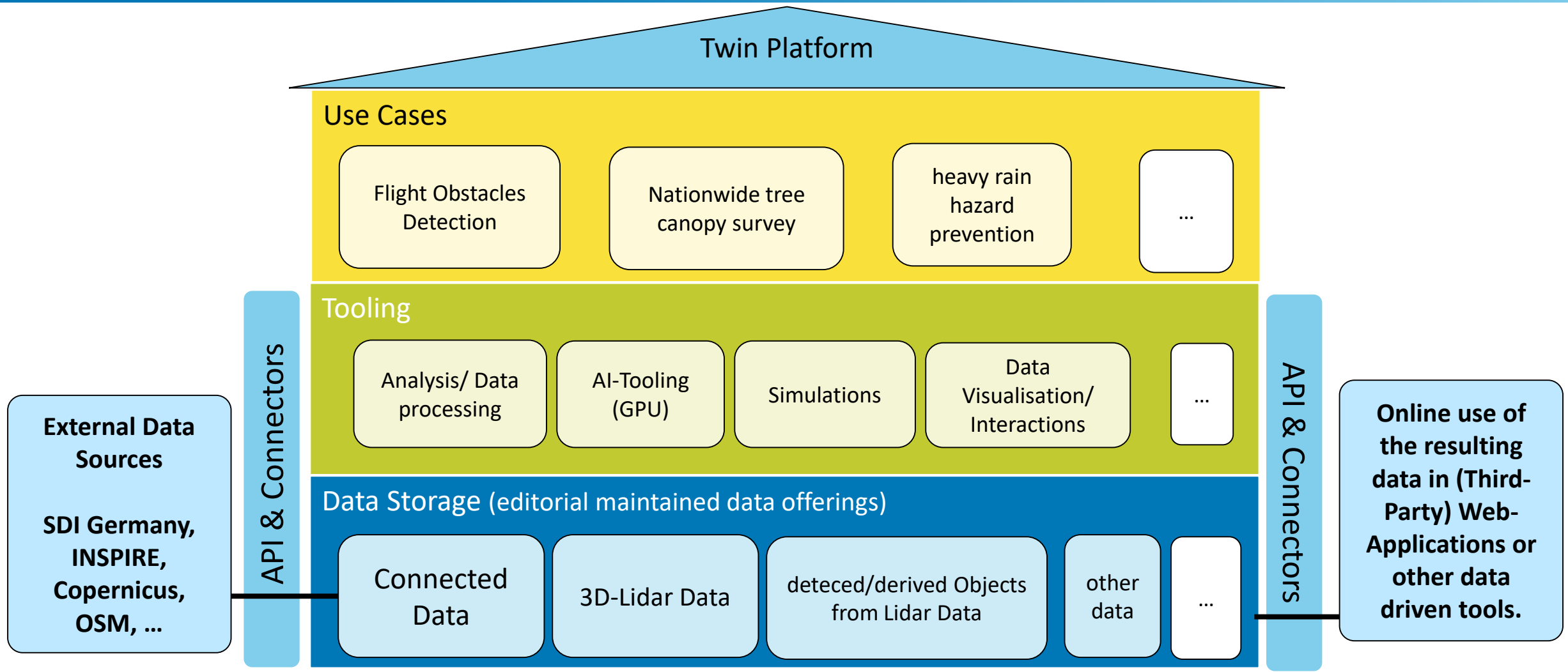
Essential components:

- Development of a technical platform
- Development of the data offering
- Implementation of use cases

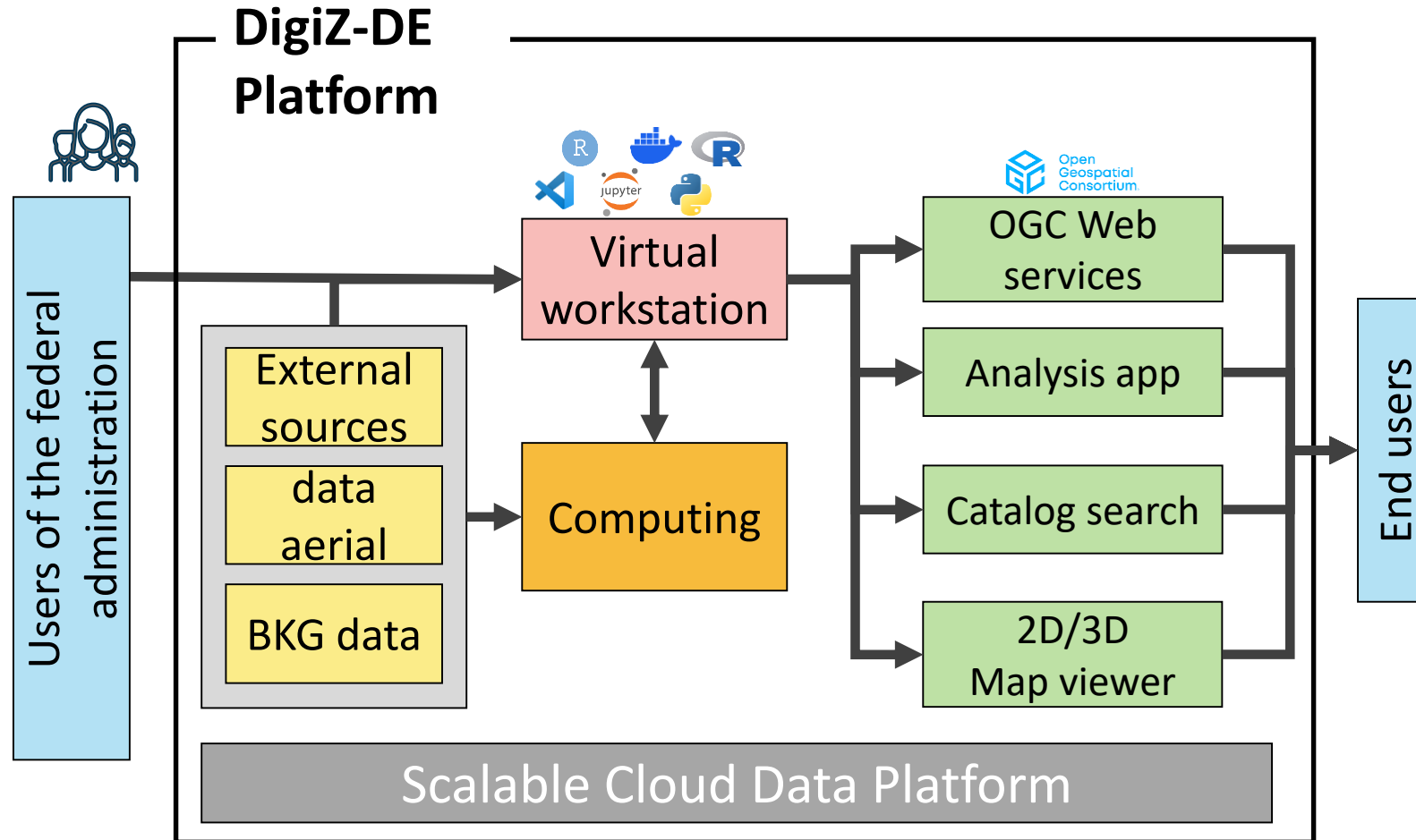
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**What should the technical platform
for our digital twin look like?**

Digital twin data platform



Web Data IDE: creating an environment where a data scientist feels comfortable



An aerial photograph of a city, likely Cambridge, Massachusetts, showing a dense urban area with a river (the Charles River) winding through it. A semi-transparent white rectangular box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text "What data basis is being established?". The city features a mix of brick buildings, green trees, and a prominent white building with a large dome. The river is dark and reflects the sky, with a bridge crossing it in the lower right. The overall scene is a mix of urban development and green spaces.

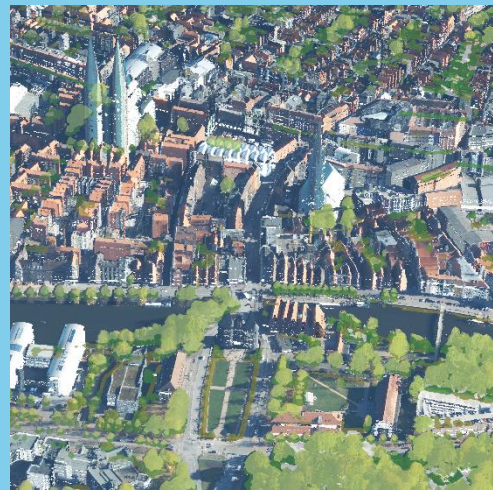
What data basis is being established?

Data Basis Digital twin Germany

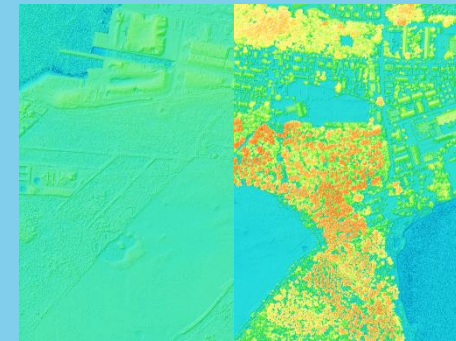
Data from the federal government & GDI-DE



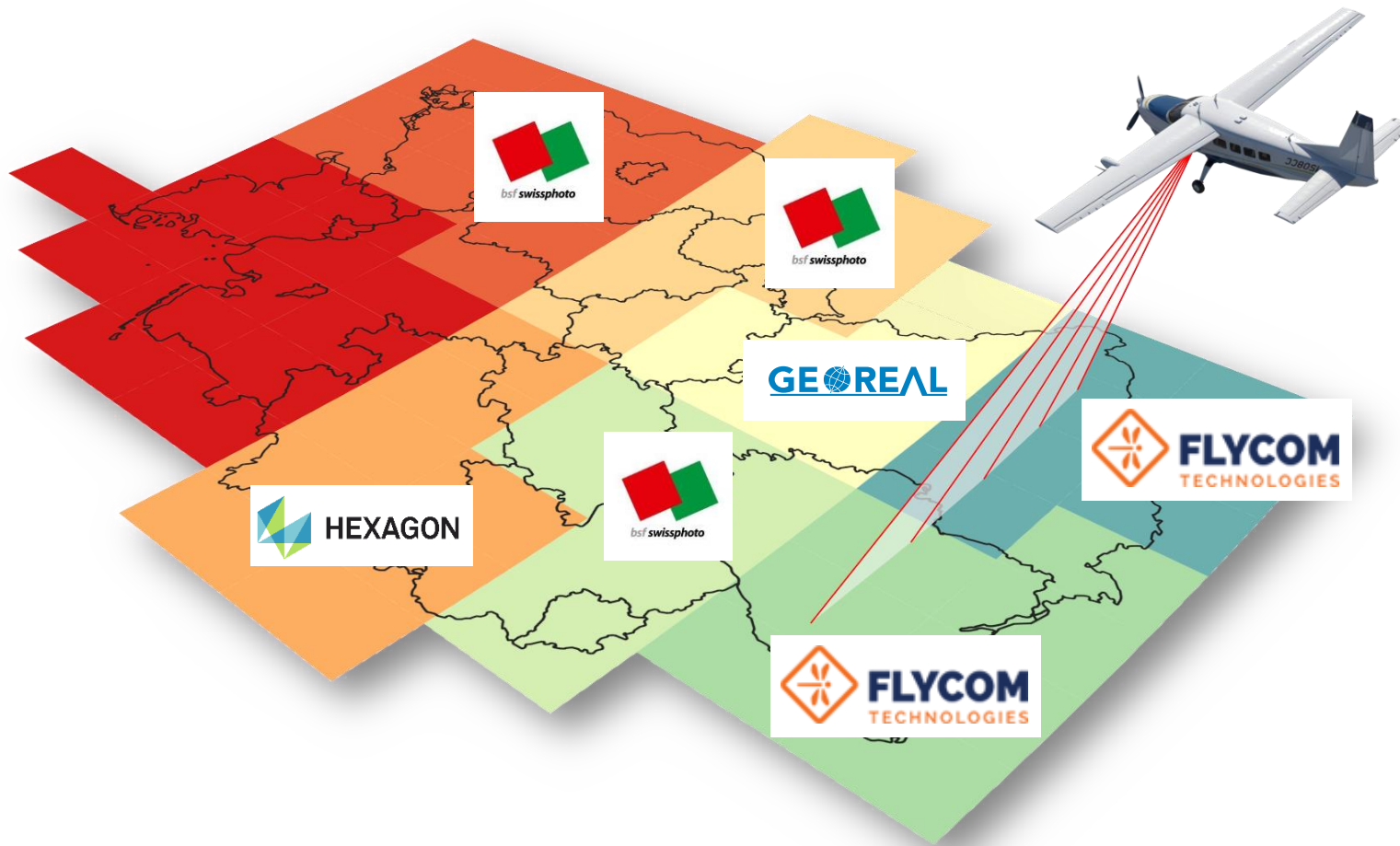
3D-Point cloud



Derived data from
3D point cloud



3D- Point cloud data acquisition



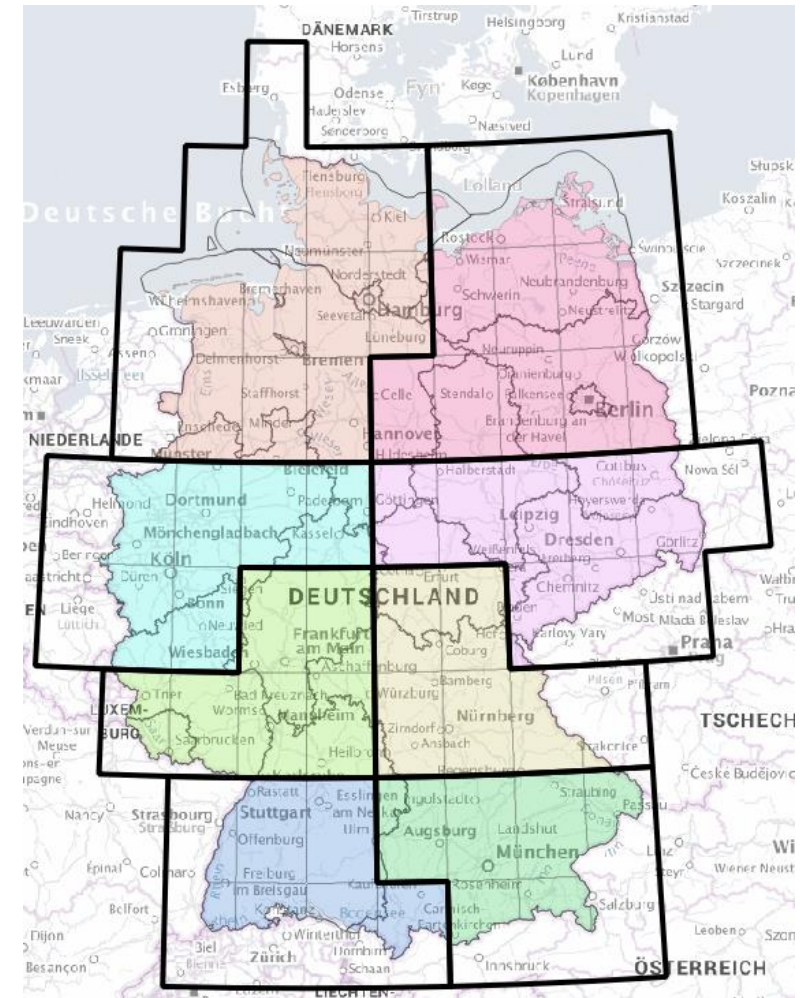
- Nationwide, high-resolution, airborne LiDAR scanning
- Aerial survey with different LiDAR sensors (SPL100, VQ1460, VQ1560 II-S)
- Divided into eight area lots
- Data volume approx. 1.5 PByte

3D-Point cloud



1. **Aerial survey Hamburg metropolitan region:** Oct 2021 - Feb 2022
2. **Aerial survey:**
 - a. Period: 2024 – 2025
 - b. Survey: March - Oct (Nov)
 - c. Point density: at least 40 points/m²
 - d. Height accuracy: 10 cm
 - e. Position accuracy: 20 cm
 - f. Classification according to 12 classes (like ASPRS)
 - g. RGB images
3. **Renewed aerial survey:**
(planned)

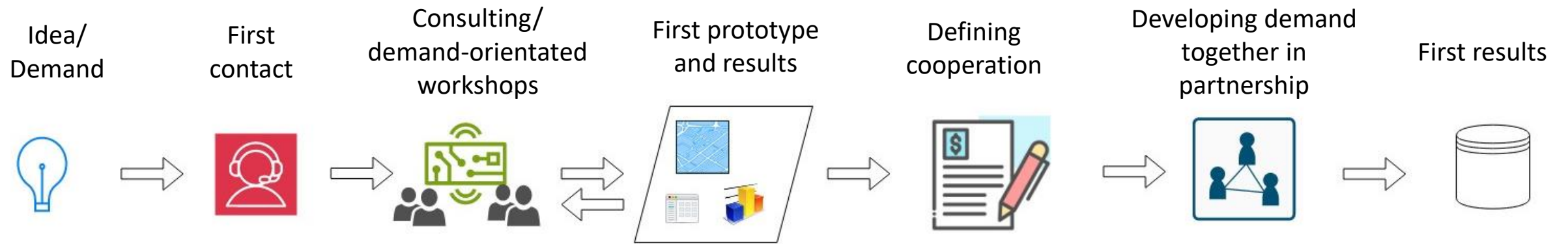
Result: Germany-wide, high-resolution and classified 3D point cloud



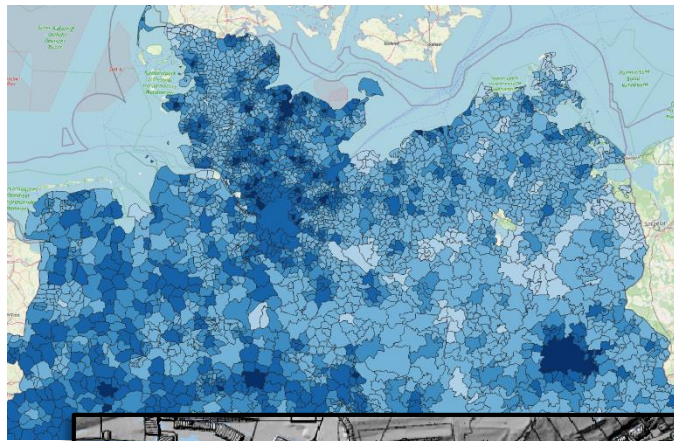
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How did we get to the pilot applications?



Pilot use cases in 2D



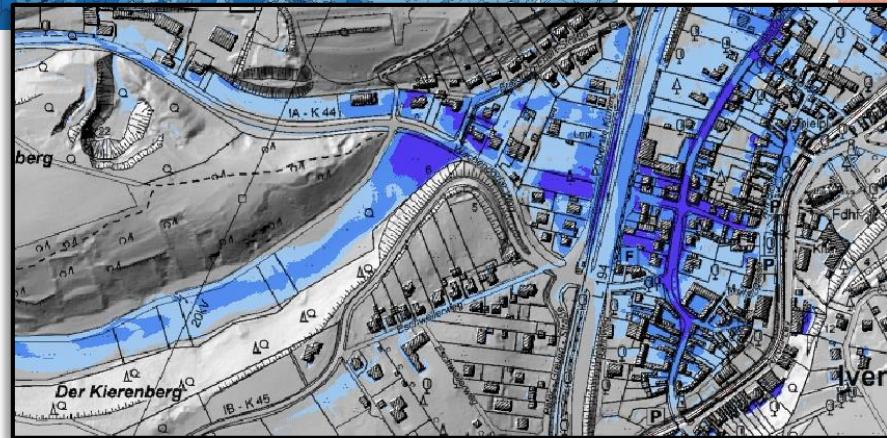
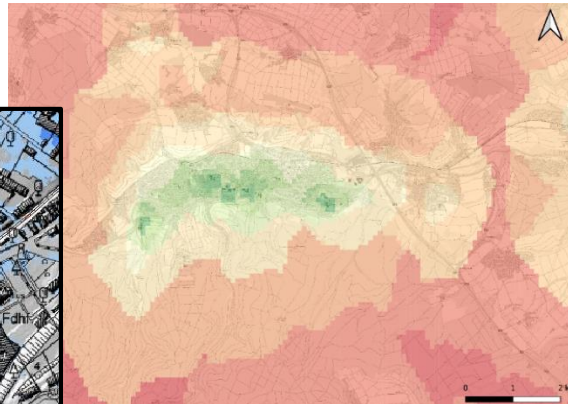
Adresses



CityGML

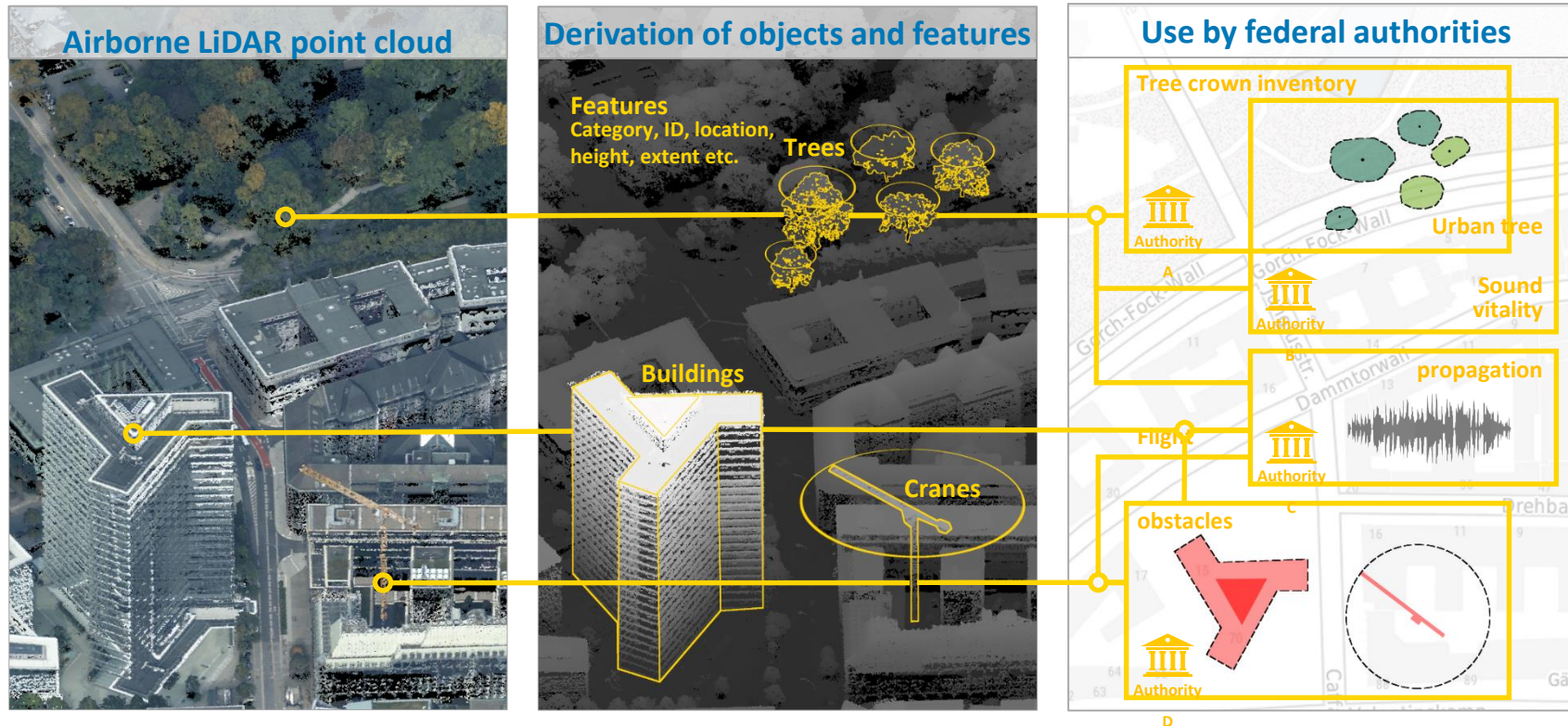


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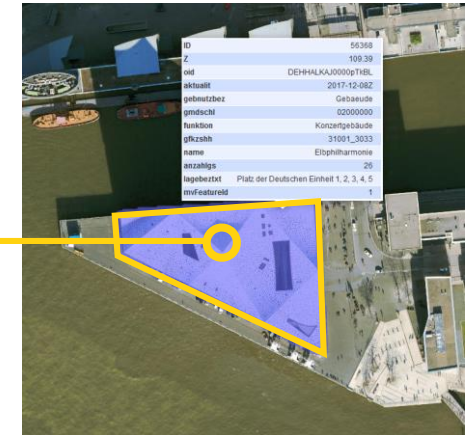
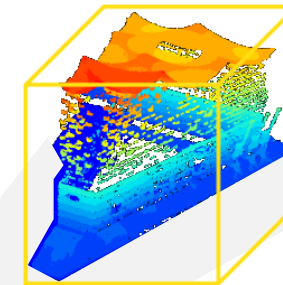
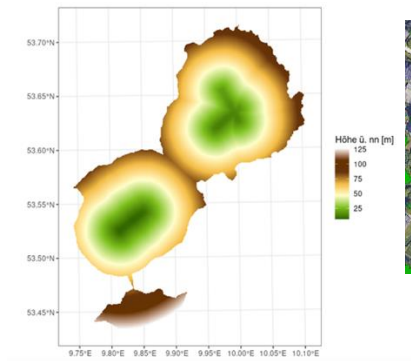
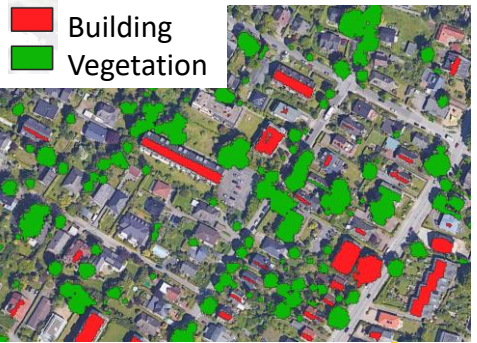
1. Determination of building characteristics on the basis of address data (German Central Bank)
2. Heavy rain hazard information map (BKG application)
3. Accessibility twin (BKG application)

Pilot use cases in 3D



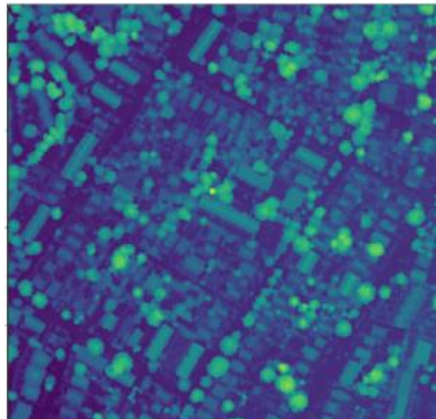
1. Derivation of objects that could represent an flight obstacle
2. Identification of diving platform
3. Single tree detection

Detection of obstacle candidates



Enrichment with further information

nDSM derived from point cloud



Identification of diving platform



Jens Hertel / stock.adobe.com

- Digital Sports Facility Atlas for Germany (DSD) - Federal Institute of Sport Sciences (BISp)
- Automated recognition of sports facilities from digital orthophotos
- **Objective:** Comprehensive identification of diving platforms and extraction of standardised metrics such as location and height of jumping areas



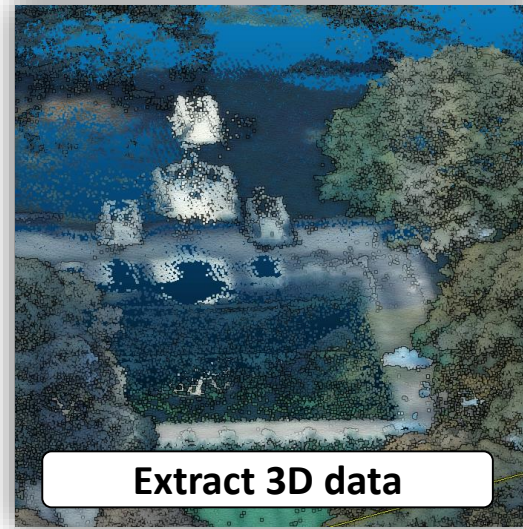
Identification of diving platform



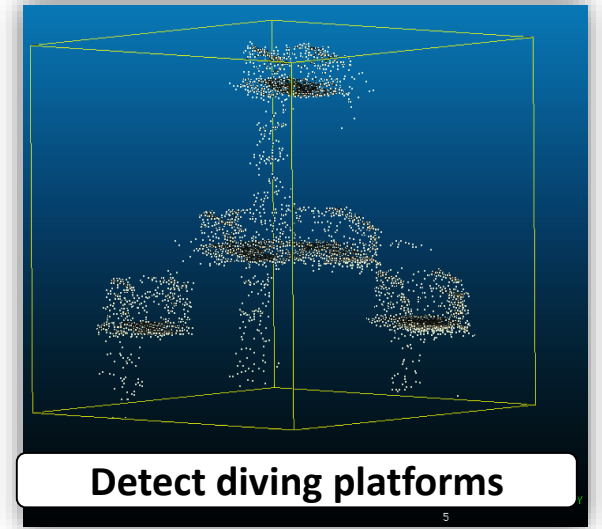
Example



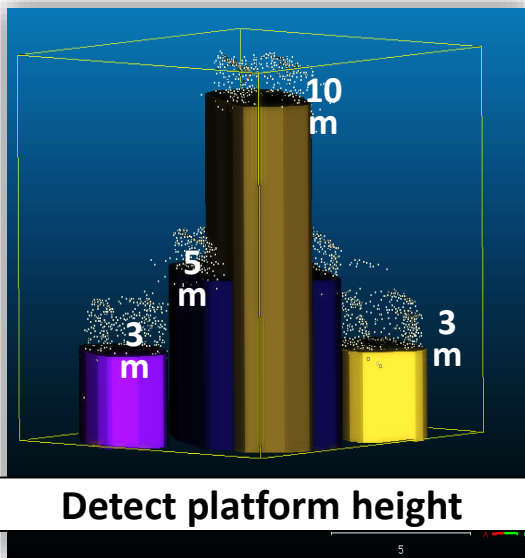
Identify area of interest



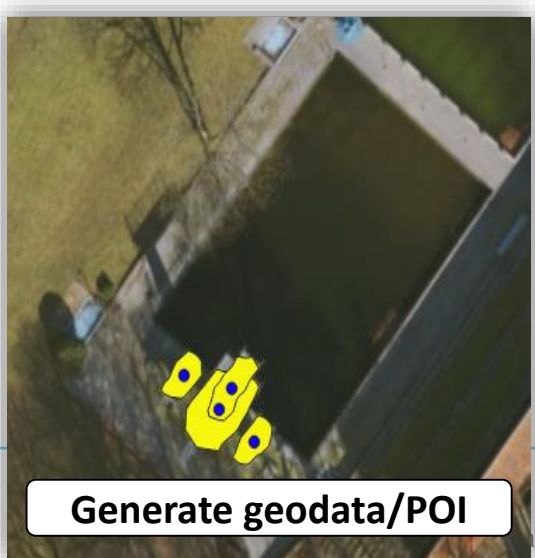
Extract 3D data



Detect diving platforms



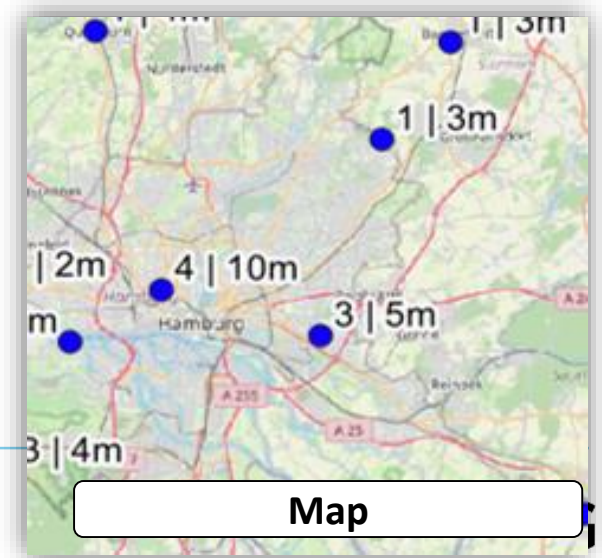
Detect platform height



Generate geodata/POI

Bad ID	Name	Anzahl	max. Höhe
719	Freizeitbad Billstedt	3	5
727	Kaifu-Bad	4	10
743	Schwimmbad Finkenwerder	1	3
790	Sommerbad Volksdorf	1	3
947	Freizeitbad Geesthacht	2	5
1081	Schwimmbad Itzehoe	4	10
1088	Freibad Kellinghusen	2	5
2274	SOLEMIO Erlebnis- und Solebad	3	5
2347	Freibad Krempe	2	5
2543	Waldbad Alt Garge	2	5
4932	Freibad Bargteheide	1	3
4935	Schönaubad	2	5
4946	Freibad Lauenburg	1	3
6309	Natureerlebnisbad Boizenburg	1	3
6476	Waldbad Hanstedt	2	4
6479	Freibad Hollenstedt	1	3
6488	Freibad Neu Wulmstorf	3	4
6489	Freibad Salzhausen	2	5
6518	Freibad Tostedt	1	3
7939	Freibad Quickborn	1	4
10037	Freibad Hagen Lüneburg	1	3

Data set



Map

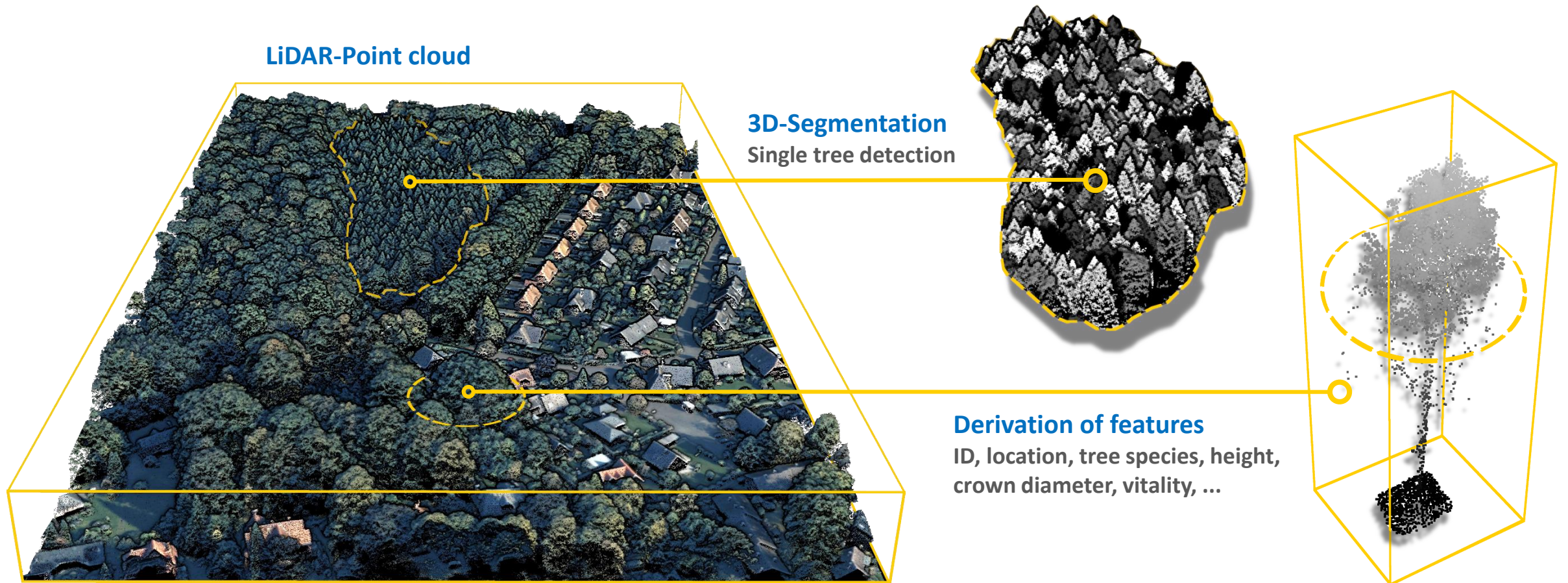
Single tree detection - Canopy inventory



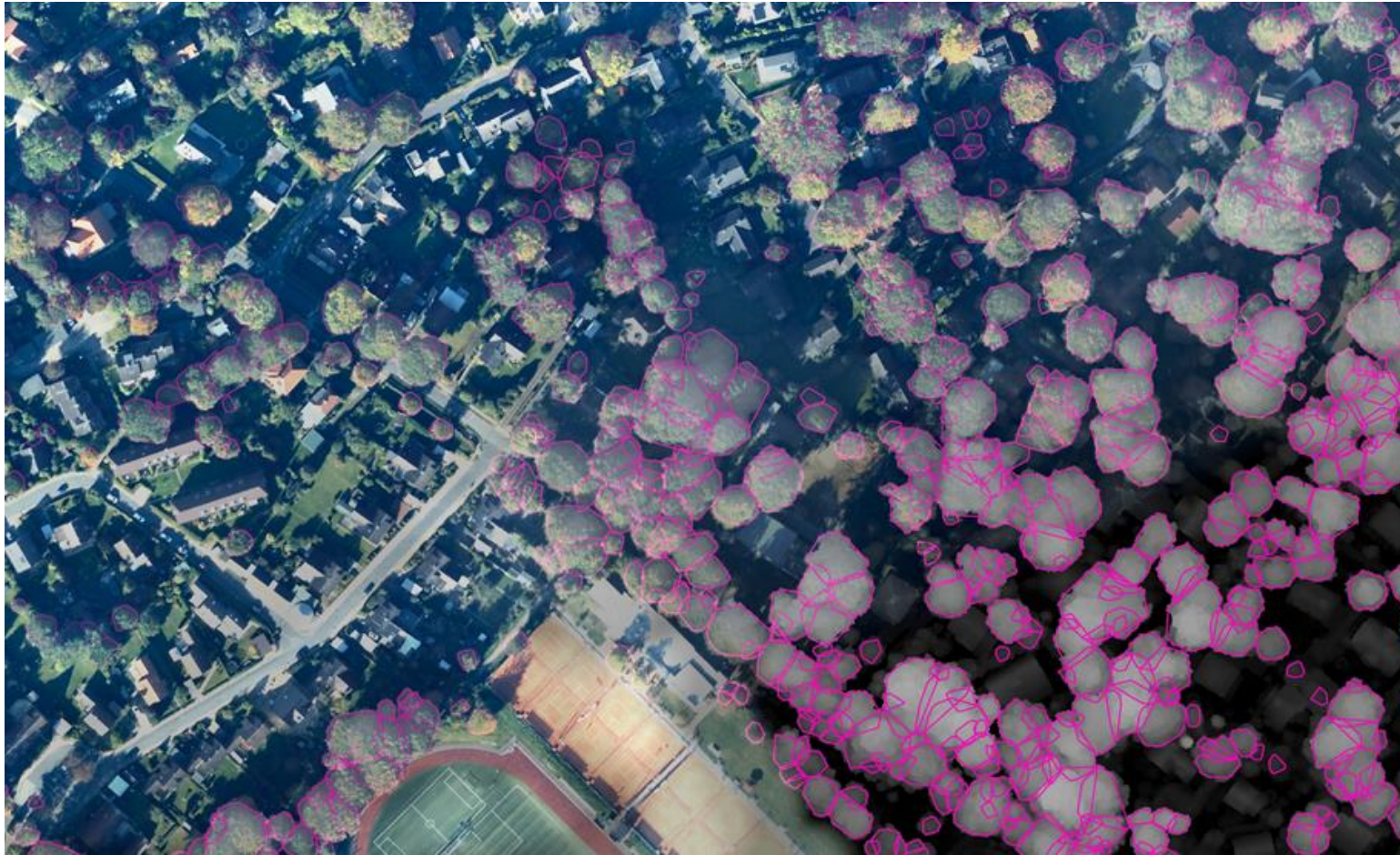
Objective:

Canopy inventory and a forest condition survey → detection of individual trees in forests but also in open spaces & urban areas

Single tree detection



Single tree detection – First results





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Thank you
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