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SPATIAL DATA MODELLING



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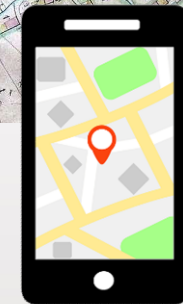
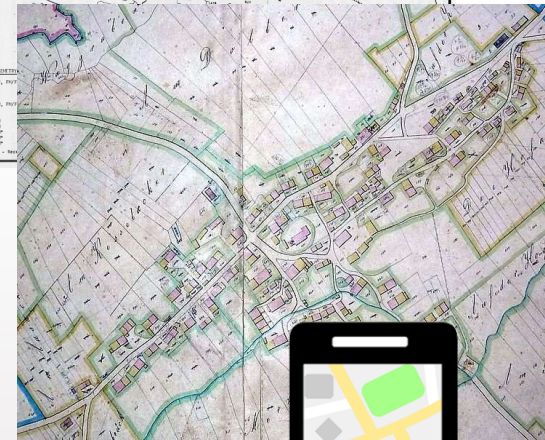
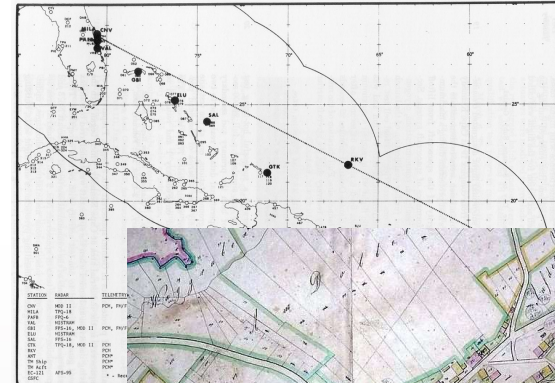
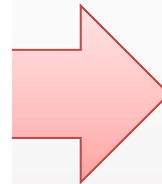
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INTRODUCTION



why?
how? who?
WHEN?
Where?



How to model the spatial data?
How to store and what structure computer can understand?



Some questions to ponder;

- What is spatial data model?
- How are spatial entities used to create a data model?
- What are raster and vectors data?
- What is a spatial data structure?
- What is topology and how is it stored in the computer?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of different spatial data models?
- How are time and the third dimension handled in GIS?



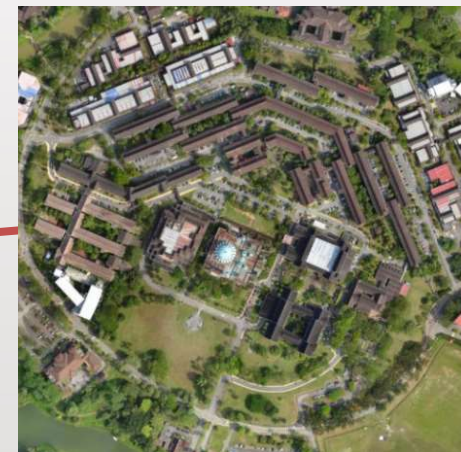
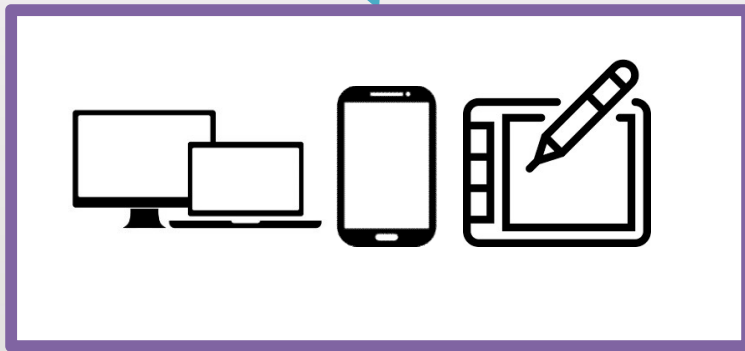
Introduction

Spatial
data
represent;

- **Structure** and **distribution** of **features** in geographical sphere
- Must **considered interaction** between features



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- Construction of spatial data have stages of abstraction;

Identify spatial features from real world

Representing the conceptual model by appropriate spatial data model; raster? Vector?

Select appropriate spatial data structure to store the model in the computer



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ENTITY DEFINITION

Entity Definition

Everything change

Tree grow

River flood

Cities expand

Two main issues;

How to select entities type for appropriate representation?

How to represent changes over time?



(cont.) Entity Definition

Road;

for user, line is sufficient, for road engineer? Road maintainer?

Sea;

level of water?
High tide? Low tide? For container ship? Fishermen? Marine force?



(cont.) Entity Definition

- **Entities** and **feature selection** not straight forward, it need **experience** and **know how to produce**



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SPATIAL DATA MODEL

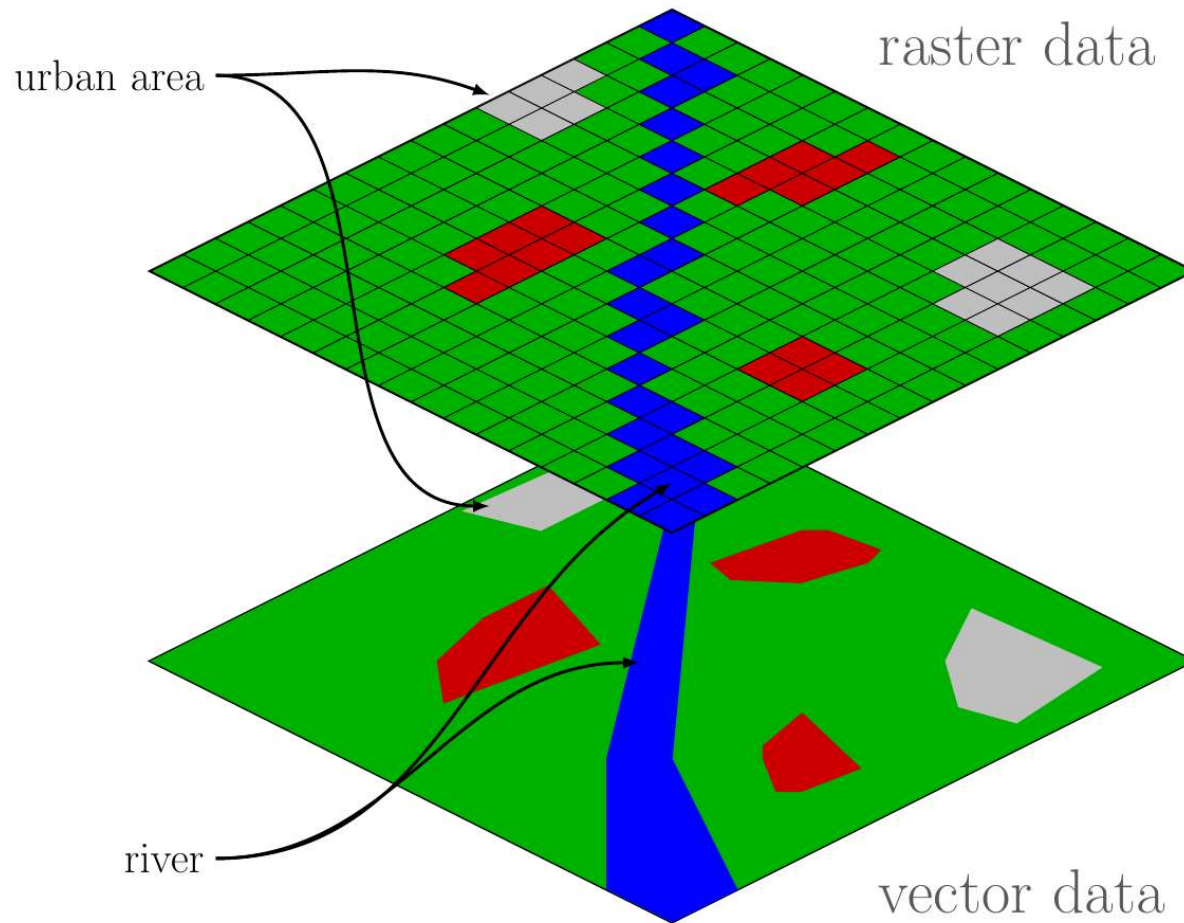


Spatial Data Models

- **Human can understand real world, can describe, but how about computer?**
- **Currently, computer recognized; vector and raster model.**



How entities been show in computer





(cont.) Spatial Data Models

Raster

- Using grid

Example

- Hospital – 1 single cell, discrete cell
- Road; linking cell to the lines
- Boundaries; group of cells



(cont.) Spatial Data Models

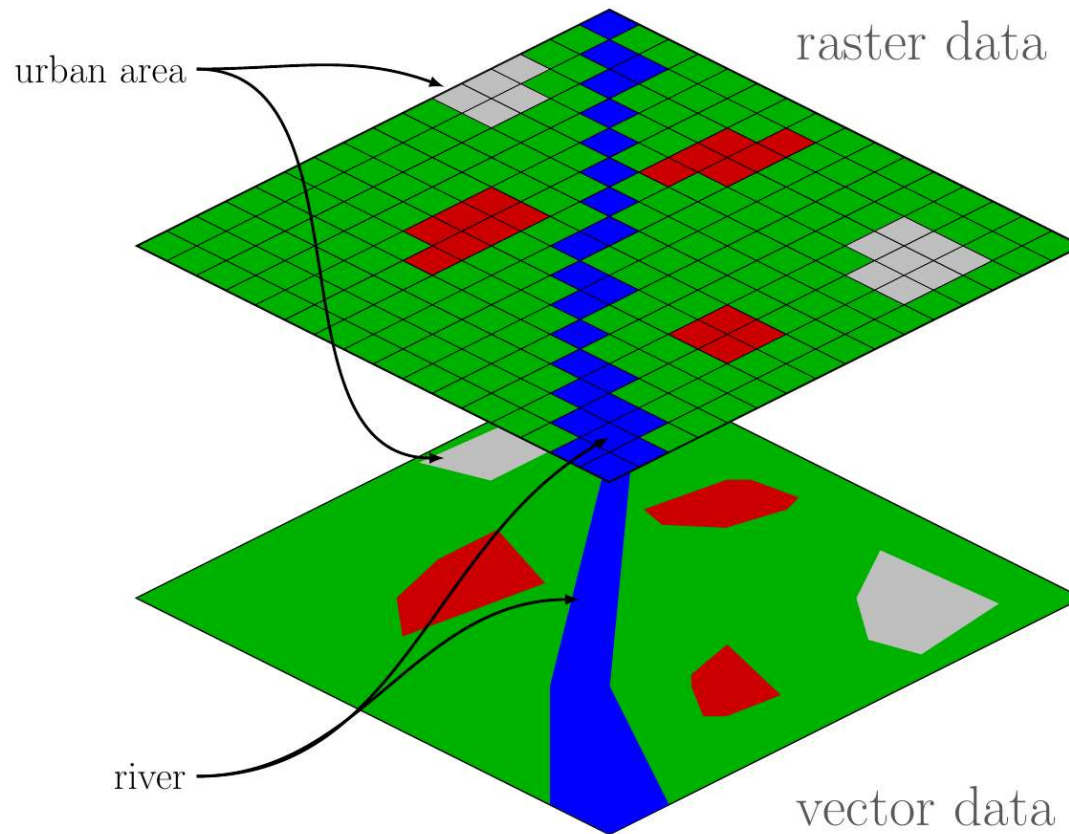
▪ Vector

- Using ID point (x,y), or coordinate to store
- Need to select appropriate point to represent
- Maybe duplicate point?
- Too few point = shape will be compromise



(cont.) Spatial Data Models

Polygon



Point

Line



Spatial data structure

To store information

Data structure give information in digital form

Two type of spatial data structure;

- Raster
- Vector



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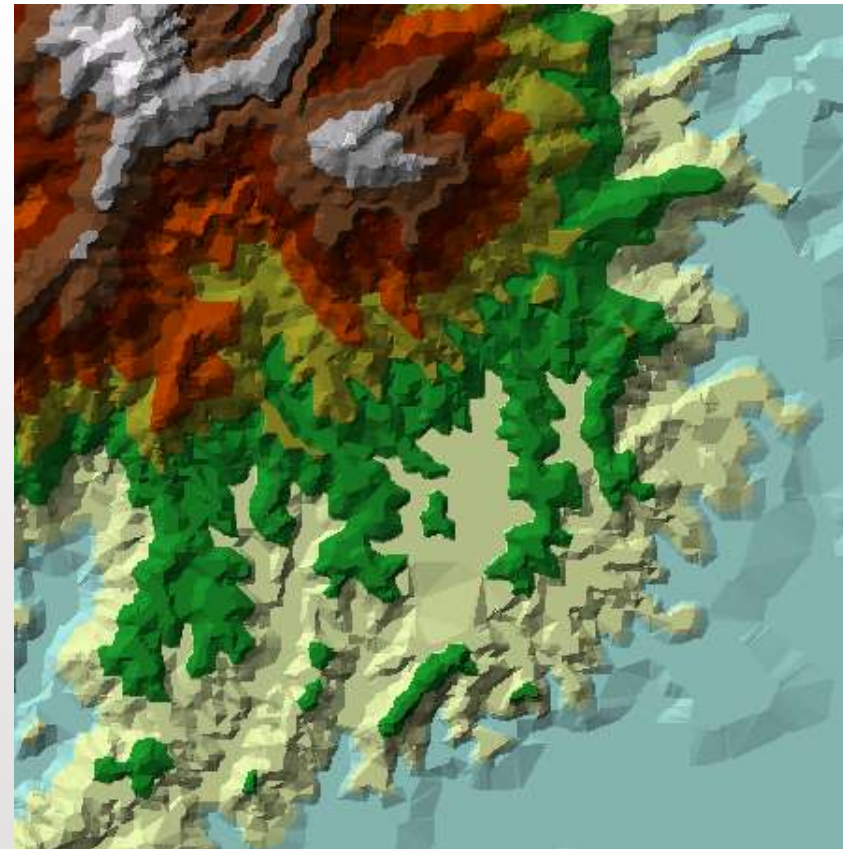
MODELLING SURFACE

Modelling the surfaces

Surface Modelling

Modelling surface of
height? Pollution?
Rainfall?

Surface using Digital
Terrain Model (DTM)





(cont.) Modelling the surfaces

Raster approach;



Grid height;

Each cell have height information

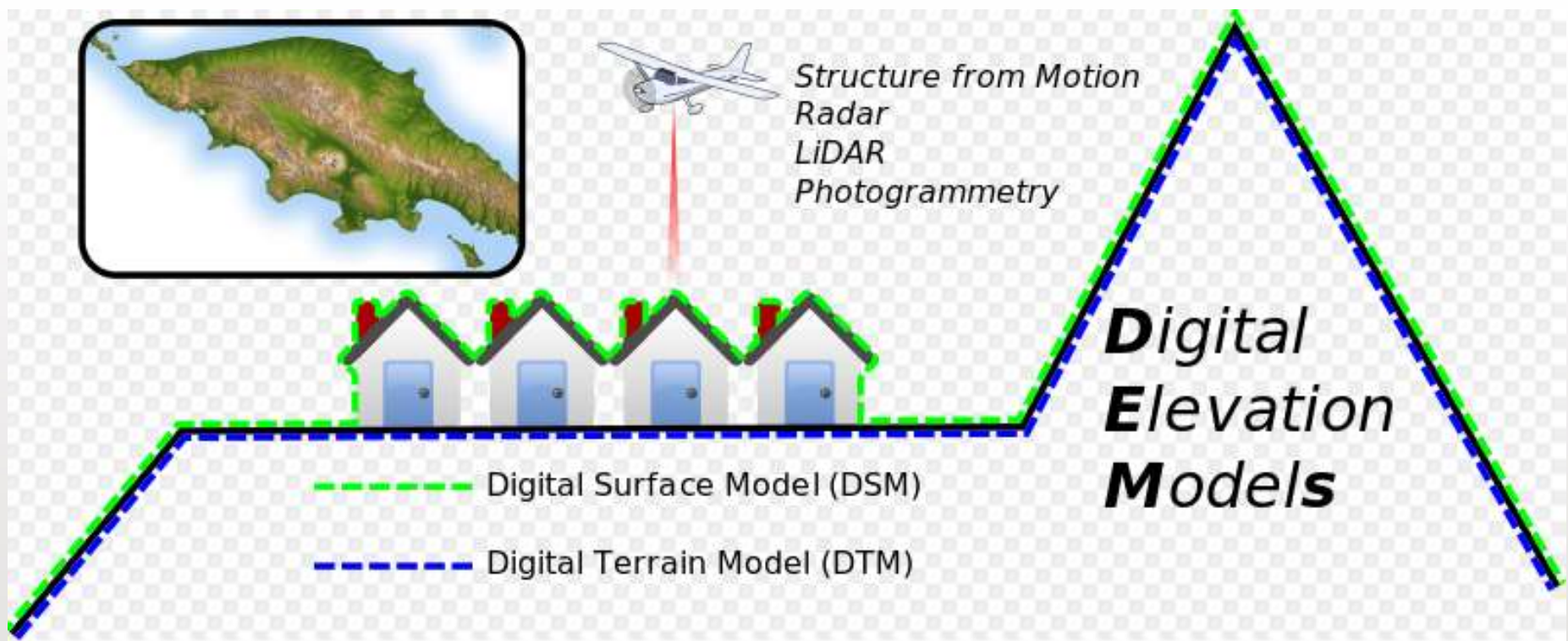


Accuracy?

Depend on complexity and resolution



(cont.) Modelling the surfaces





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Vector
approach;

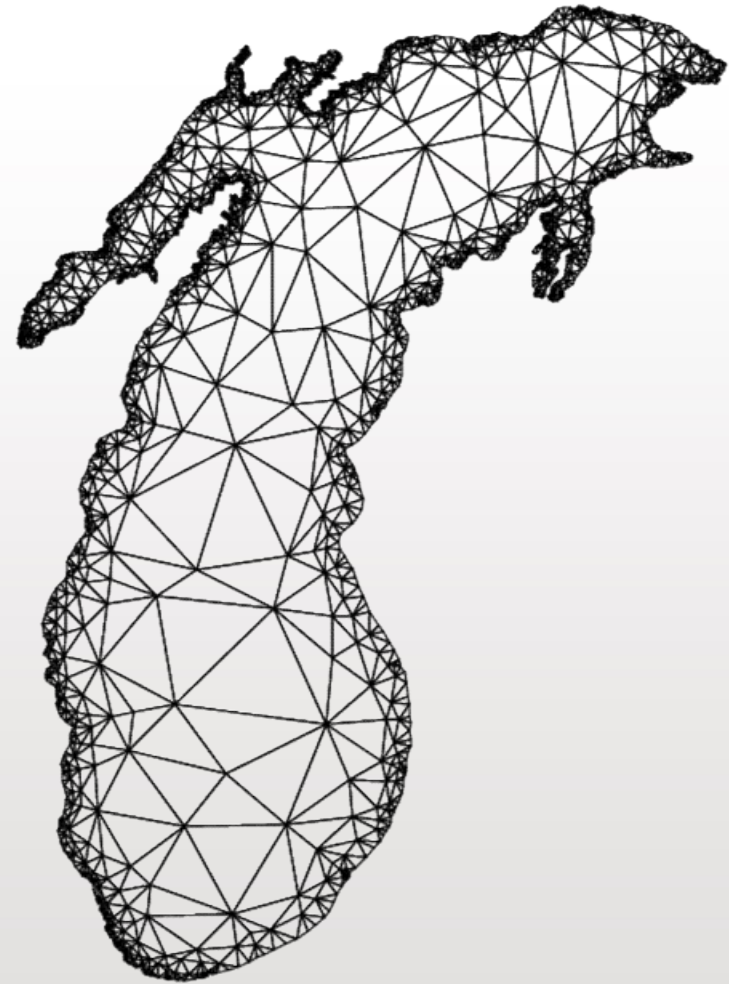
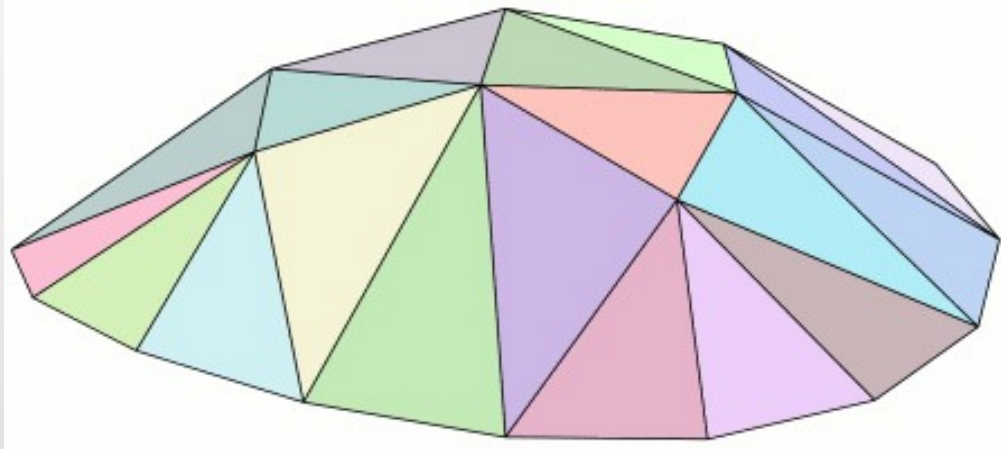
- Spot height for terrain surface
- Using TIN:
Triangulated
Irregular Network

Mosaic of
irregular
triangle



(cont.) Modelling the surfaces

Example of TIN





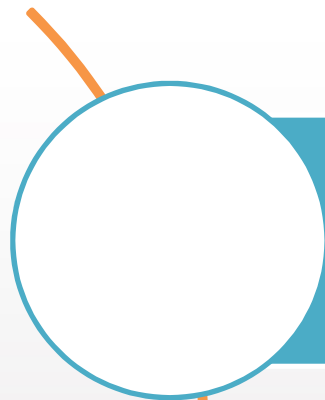
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MODELLING NETWORK

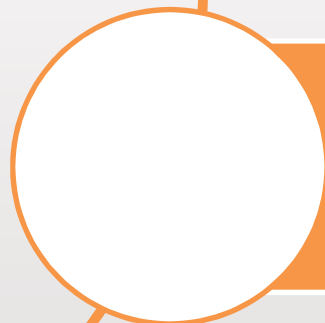


Modelling network



Network;

- Connected linear features (line)

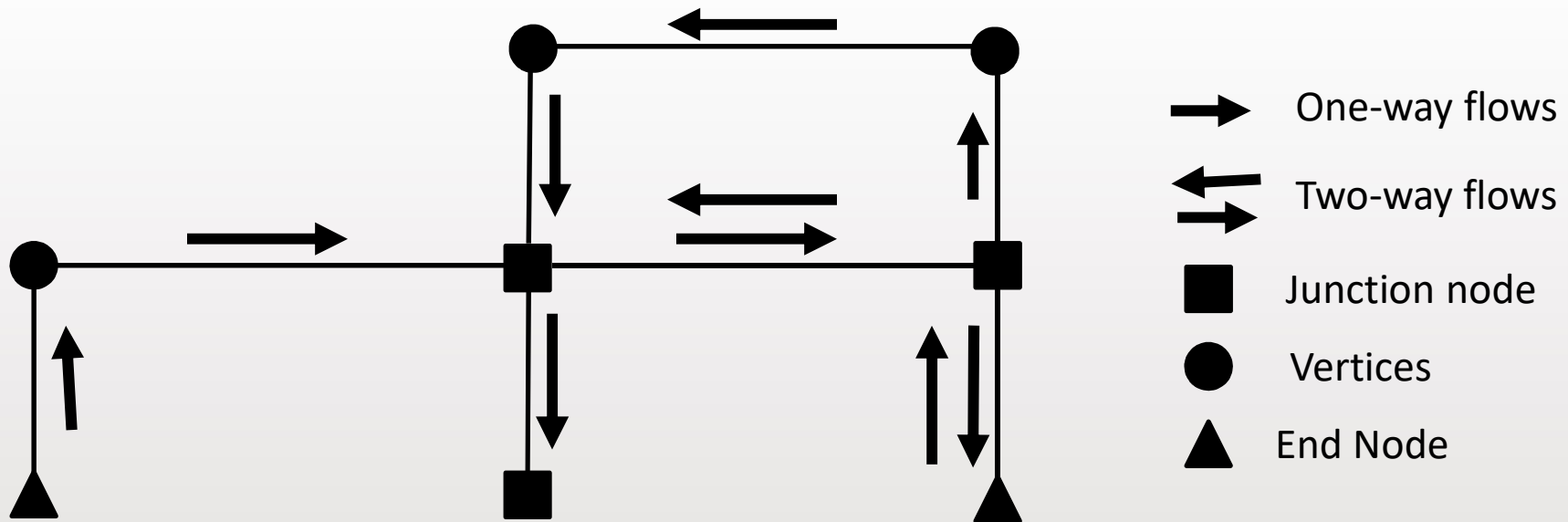


Topology;

- Correct and connectivity are extremely important



(cont.) Modelling network





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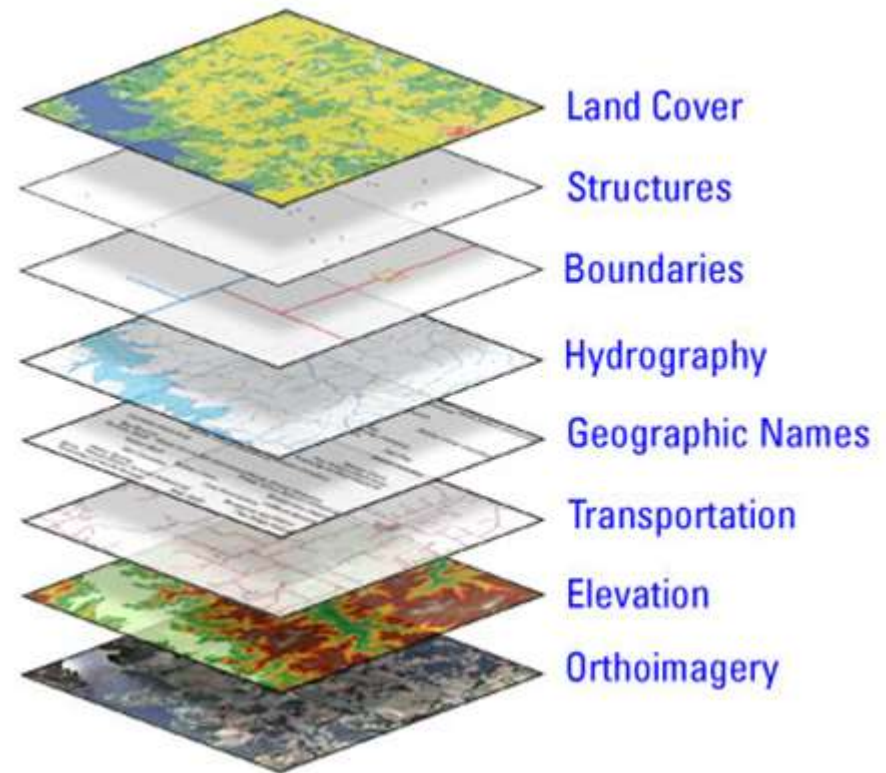


BUILDING COMPUTER WORLDS



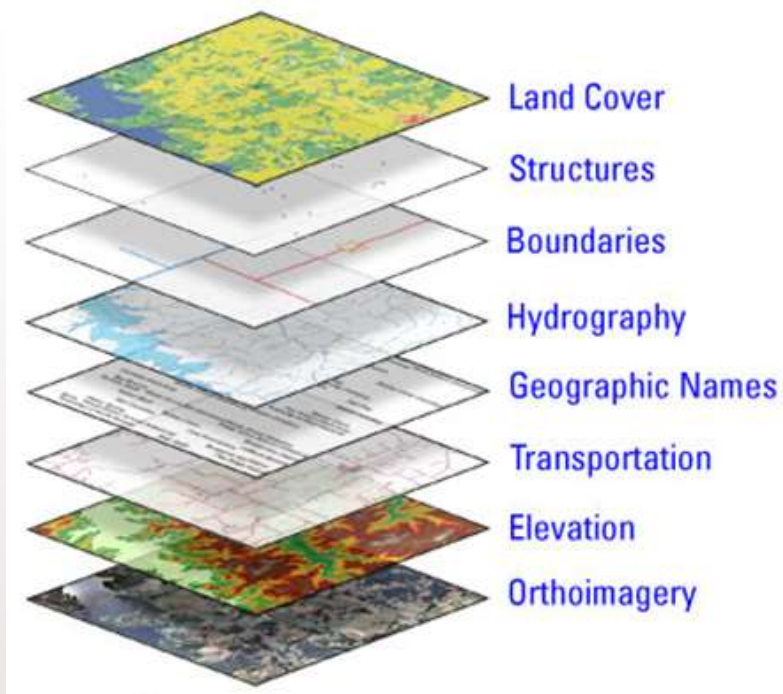
Building computer world

- How to construct computer world by grouping spatial entities together?
- Common methods; layered entities





(cont.) Building computer world



Thematic layers

Select
Layers



Point of Interest Map Malaysia



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MODELLING THIRD AND FOURTH DIMENSION



Modelling third and fourth dimension

3 dimensional data model:

- 3D Data

Surface;

- 2.5 dimension

3D Data;

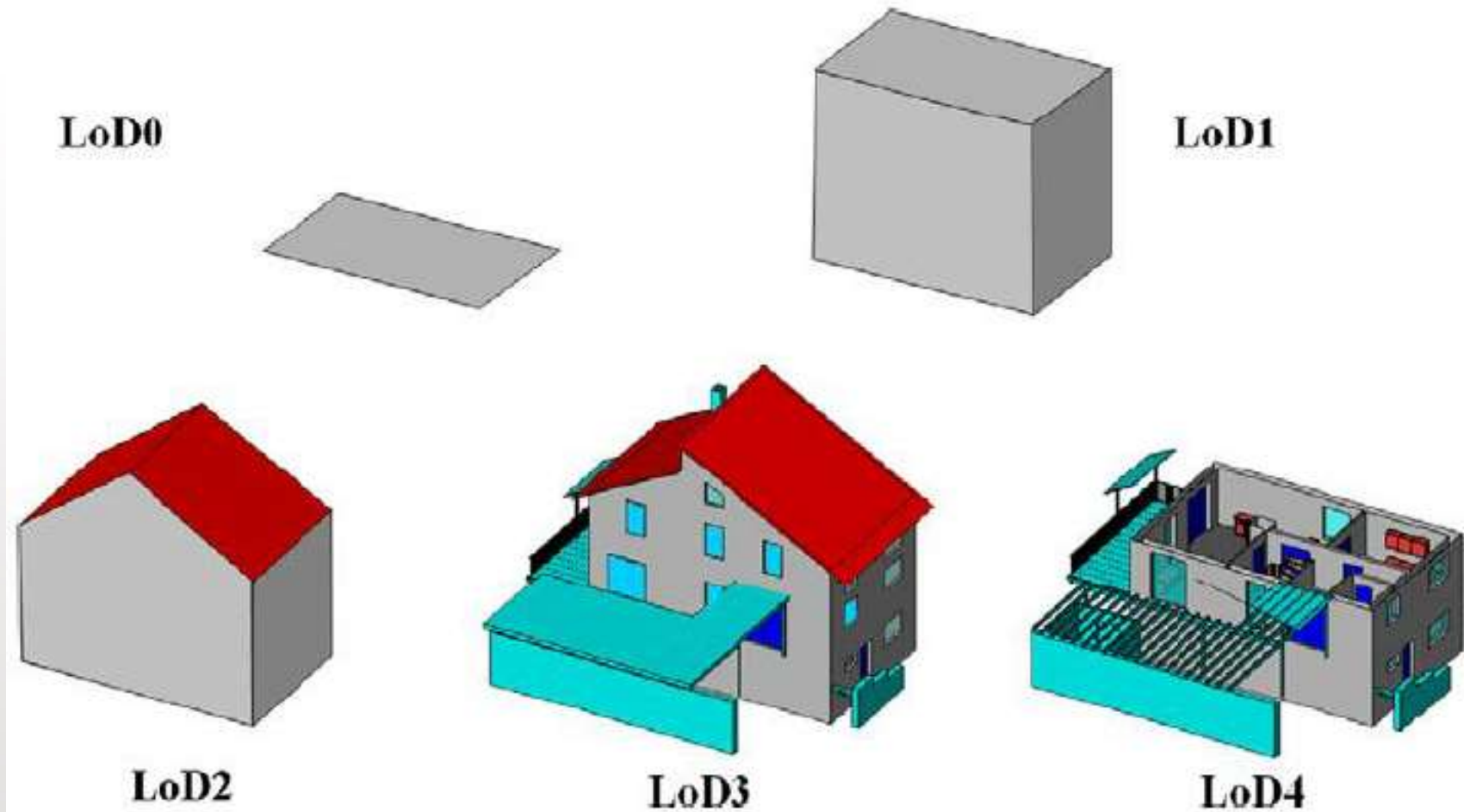
- It will required 3D topology; which is extremely difficult

3D data model

- Has been developed, but not matured yet



Level of Detail (LoD)



Source: Biljeki et al, 2016



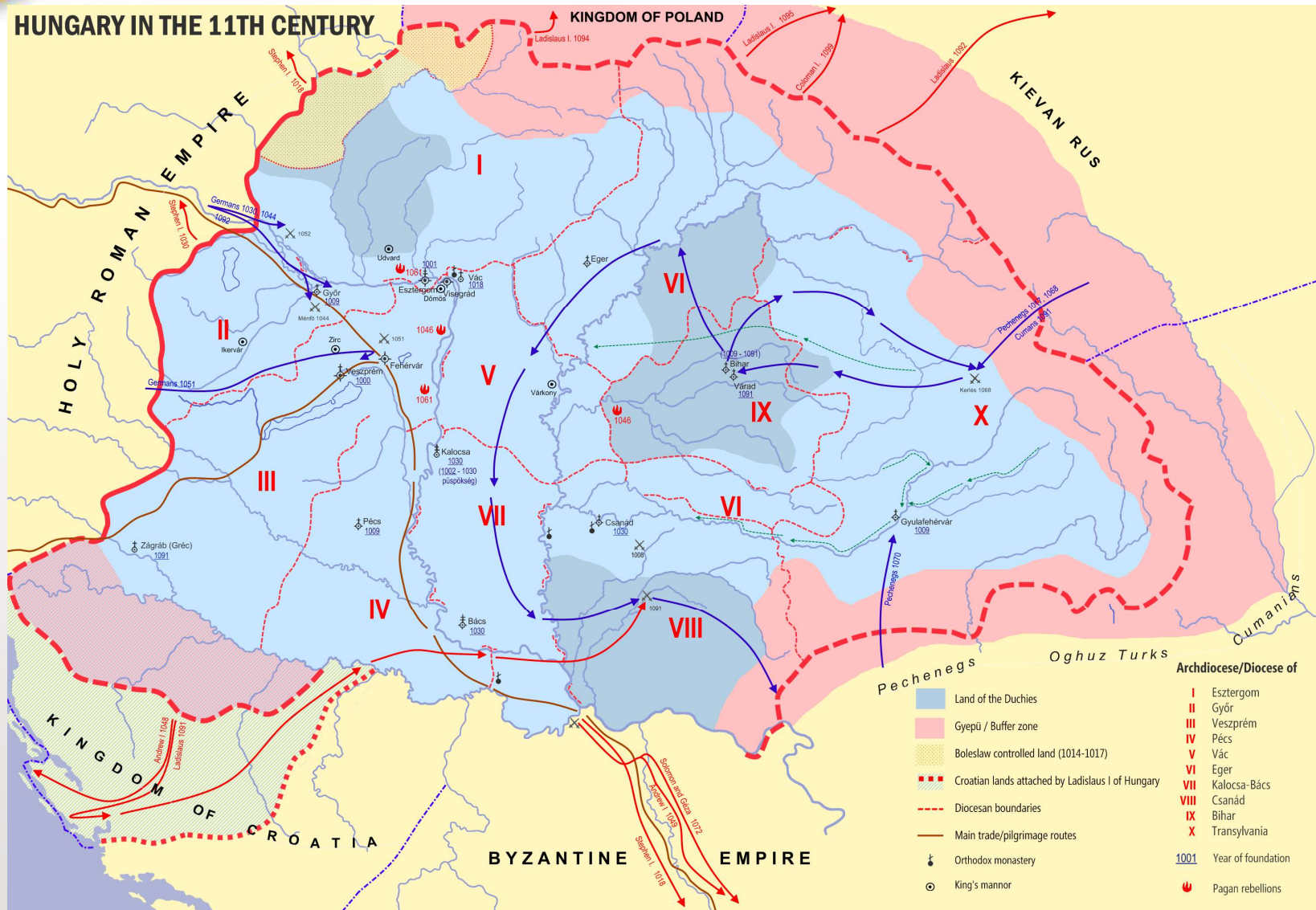
(cont.) Modelling third and fourth dimension

4 Dimensional Data Model: **4D Data**

Data have **different period of time**

Basically: **2D + time** or **3D + time**

HUNGARY IN THE 11TH CENTURY

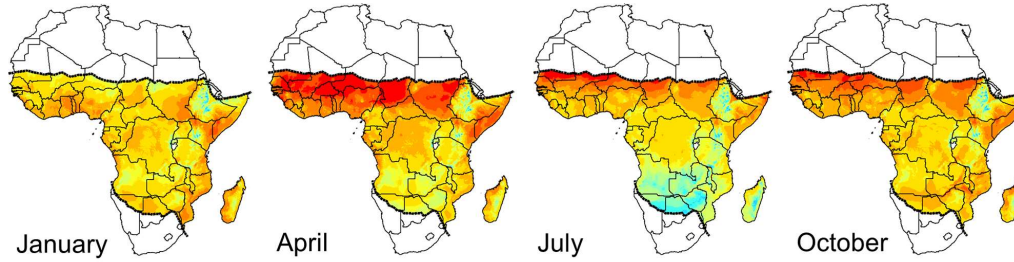




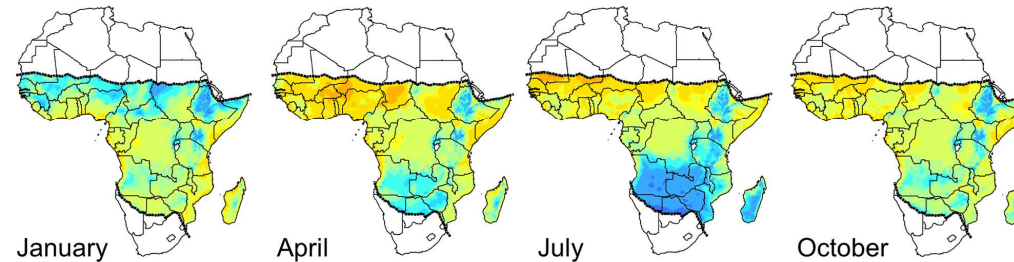
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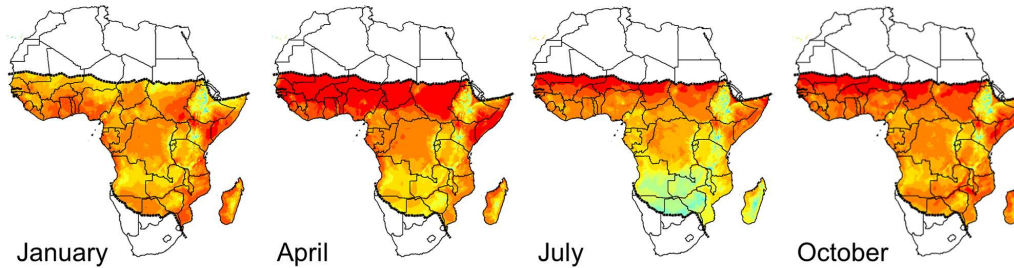
Mean outdoor temperature



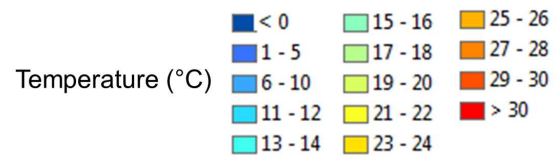
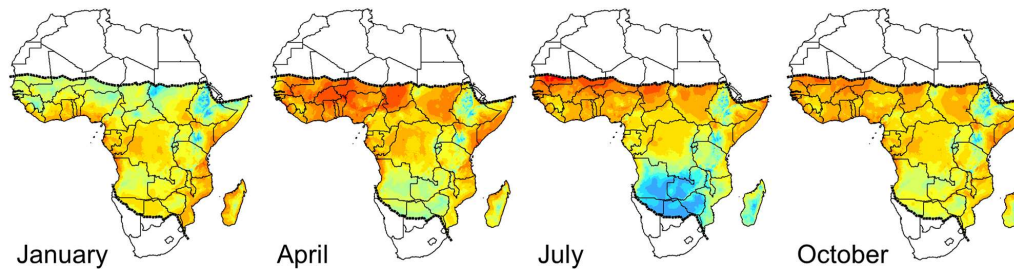
Minimum outdoor temperature



Mean indoor temperature



Minimum indoor temperature





Conclusion

- This chapter discuss on;

- Detailed how to model spatial data
- Reviewed on basic spatial data entities
- Raster vs Vector spatial data structure
- Modelling of 3D and 4D



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