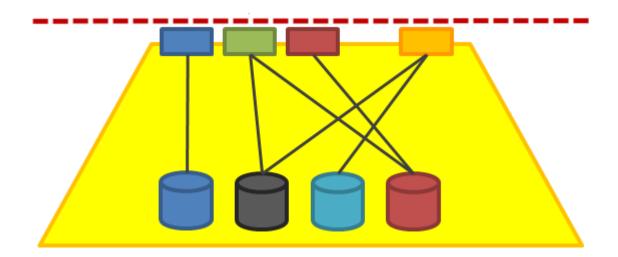


# A Generic Web Cache Infrastructure for the Provision of Multifarious Environmental Data

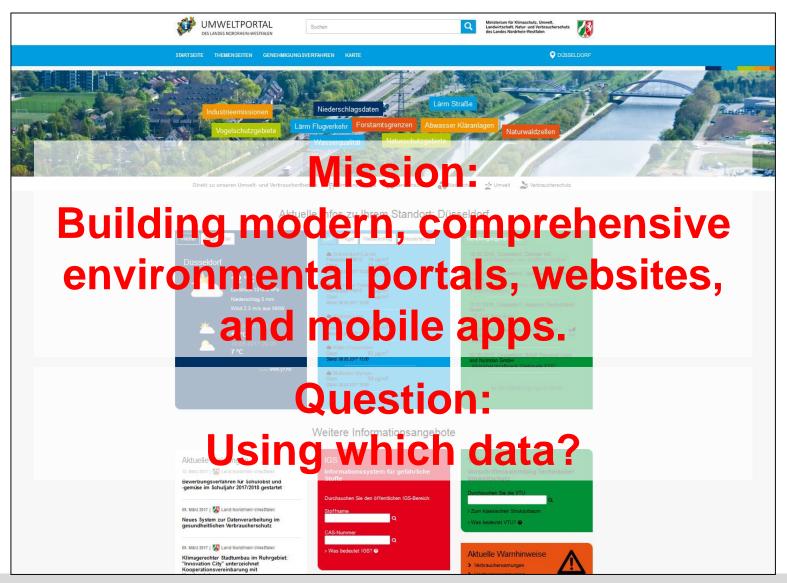
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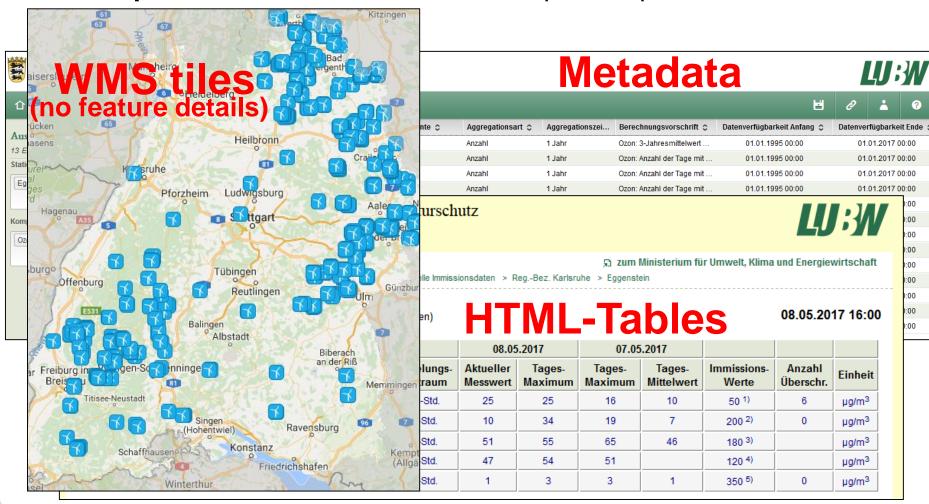






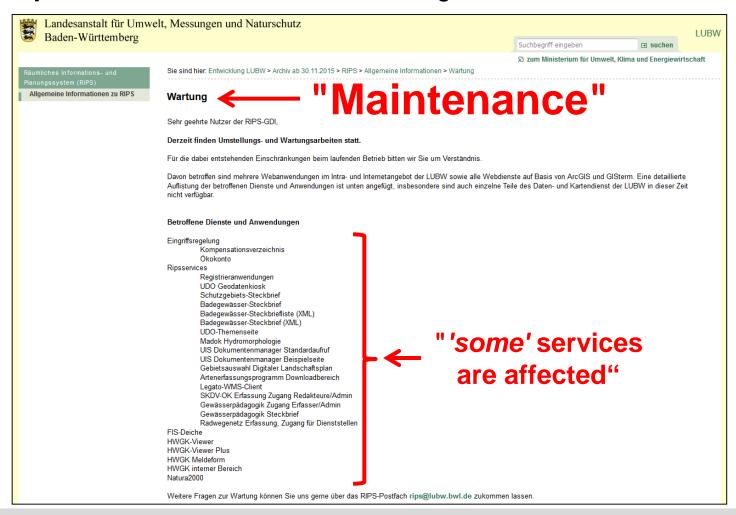


Example 1: Data available, but not in required representations





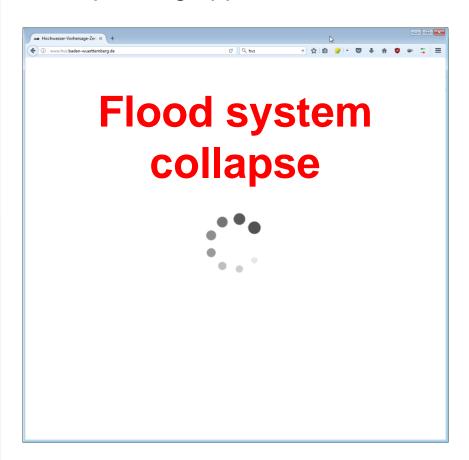
**Example 2:** Services not available during maintenance windows





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**Example 3:** Services not scalable; current data not available for depending apps and websites during crisis situations





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#### Example 4: Legal issues



# Limited access

Hinweis: Um die Autorenumgebung des Systems verwenden zu können, müssen bei Ihrem Browser Cookies und Javascript aktiviert sein.

Name:		
Passwort:		
	Anmelden	

Falls Sie noch keine Zugangsberechtigung als Autor besitzen, können Sie hier eine entsprechende Benutzerkennung beantragen: Registrieren...

### **Data protection**

```
{
    "contact":"John Doe",
    "position":"CEO"
}
```

## (Missing) licences

#### Datenlizenz Deutschland - Zero - Version 2.0

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Die bereitgestellten Daten und Metadaten dürfen für die kommerzielle und nicht kommerzielle Nutzung insbesondere

- 1. vervielfältigt, ausgedruckt, präsentiert, verändert, bearbeitet sowie an Dritte übermittelt werden;
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#### The Goal



#### **Applications**







- A wide variety of applications
  - websites and portals
  - mobile apps
  - professional systems
  - new systems with added values
  - open (government) data, linked data
- Using as much data from environmental authorities as possible

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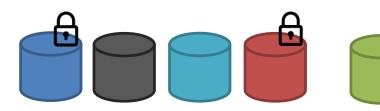
#### The Situation



- Data are available in principle and wait for dissemination
- Limiting factors
  - technical: interfaces, data formats, services
  - professional: semantics, schemas, representations
  - legal: licences, data protection/privacy, liability, using "the Cloud"
  - political: release of data, open (government) data
  - organizational: thinking in projects and systems
  - operational: hosting of systems, versatility
  - economical: efforts, costs
  - cultural: "my data belongs to me", liability, provenance
  - **...**

#### **Data Sources**

(complete data, read&write)



#### The Idea

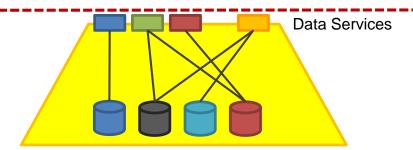


- Provide THIS data by means of a service-oriented platform
  - available 24/365
  - scalable upon need (#requests)

#### SoA

#### Web Cache

(highly available, scalable)



- clear SLAs as well as usage and exploitation rights
- compliance of data protection and privacy
- documentation of (stable) interfaces, data formats and semantics

#### **Our Solution: The Web Cache Architecture**



#### **Applications**

(use of services as needed)

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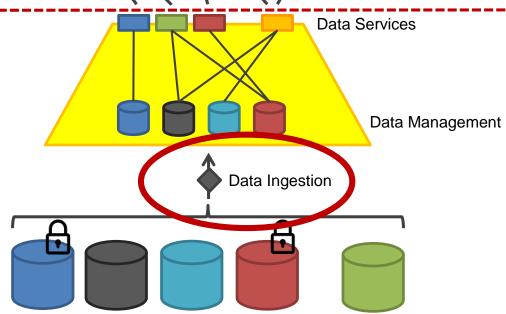
#### SoA

#### Web Cache

(possibly reduced data, read-only, highly available, scalable)

#### **Data Sources**

(complete data, read&write)



#### **The Data Ingestion Process (1)**



- Has to tackle most of the "soft" factors
  - professional
  - legal
  - political
  - organizational
  - economical
  - cultural
- Talk to the people with the data
- Talk to decision-makers



# Be patient and insistent!

#### The Data Ingestion Process (2)



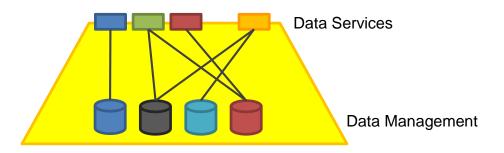
- Technical and operational issues are relatively easy to solve
  - Using suitable tools, e.g.
    - Apache Flume
    - Elastic Logstash
    - Safe FME
  - Finding operational providers
    - Cloud providers, e.g. Google, Amazon, etc.
    - Public data centers
    - Administrative data centers

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#### A Stack of Suitable Services



- Collection of generic data services
  - master data
  - schemas
  - time series
  - (media and) digital assets
  - (full text) search
  - spatial data
  - metadata
  - links and relations
- Supplementary services
  - application configuration
  - data discovery



- Suitable persistence systems for data management
  - SQL, e.g. MySQL, Cloud SQL, ...
  - NoSQL, e.g. MongoDB, Elastic, ...
  - Search engines, e.g. Google Search Appliance, Elastic, ...
  - DMS, e.g. Alfresco
  - **...**

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#### **Core Design Principles of the Services**



- Easy-to-use interfaces: REST APIs
  - Stable URIs, e.g. for use in Semantic Web
  - Standard data formats, e.g. RDF, OGC standards, ...
  - Content negotiation
- (Common) schemas and vocabularies
- Relations between vastly indepentent objects
- Implementation as microservices
- Use of container virtualization technologies
- Horizonal scalability, e.g. services, backend systems, platforms
- Abstraction layers (adapters) connecting concrete (backend) systems
- Versioning of everything, e.g. APIs, data formats, schemas, software modules, data items

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#### **Experiences from Running the Web Cache**

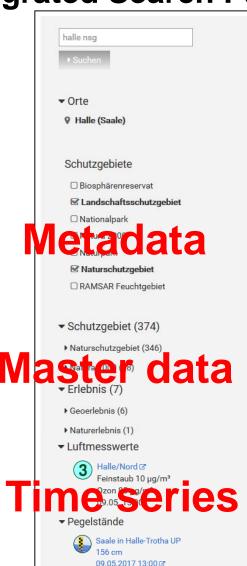


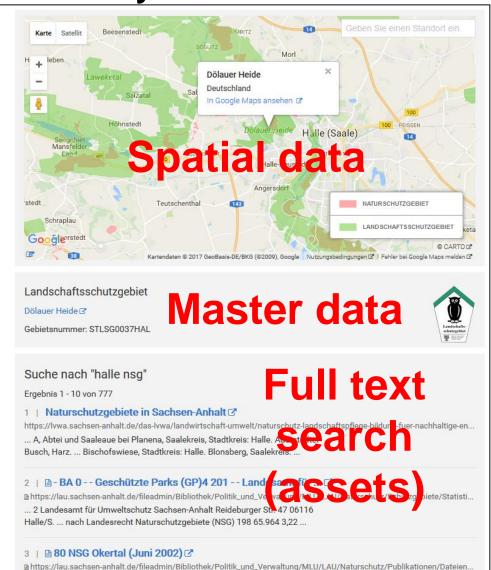
- Web Cache in operation since beginning of 2016
  - gradual start-up
  - straightforward development of single services
  - spatial service still realized with CARTO (<u>www.carto.com</u>)
  - good performance and scalability
  - simple deployment, rolling updates (Kubernetes, Docker)
- Data ingestion requires efforts
  - many common patterns, nevertheless individual case examination
  - high level of automation possible for operation
- Significantly more data available than ever before
  - many new use cases and systems
  - creativity, new ideas in administration

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#### **Integrated Search Functionality**

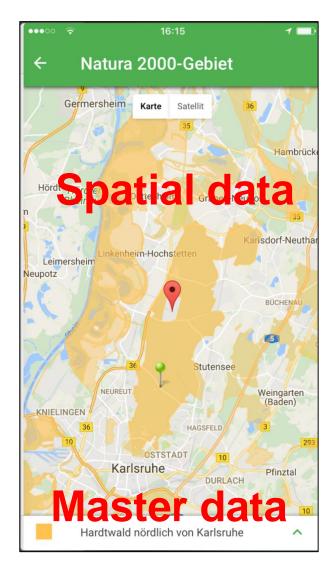






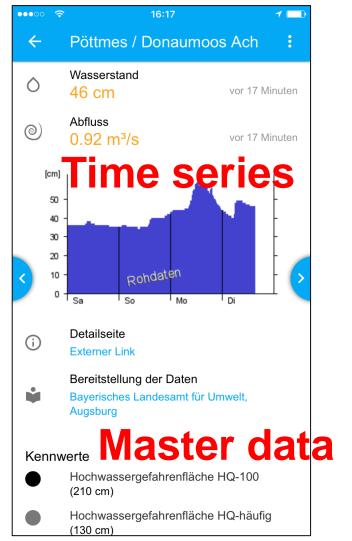
#### **Location-aware Search in Mobile Apps**





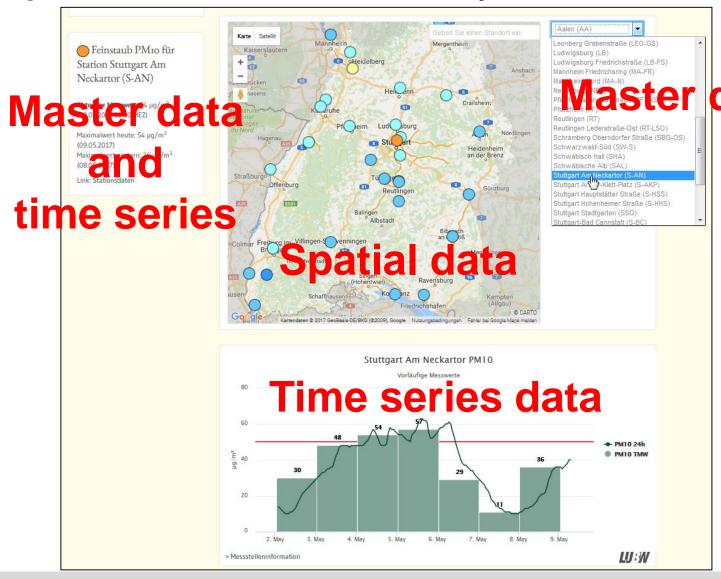






#### **Comprehensive View on Air Quality**





#### **Conclusion and Outlook**



- The Web Cache represents a full architecture for the dissemination of environmental information
  - providing multifarious types of data
  - using a limited set of generic microservices
  - being able to be set up and deployed modularily
  - bringing more environmental information to the people
  - keeping original systems largely untouched

- Development of a set of corresponding generic Web components (HTML5) for use in frontend systems
- Evaluation of use cases having bidirectional data flow,
   e.g. including data from crowd sourcing apps
- Applications with harder real-time requirements (energy systems)



## Thank you for your attention!

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