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Modelling of environmental impacts of 140 years of open pit lignite mining and chemical industry on groundwater contaminants in the Bitterfeld area (Germany)

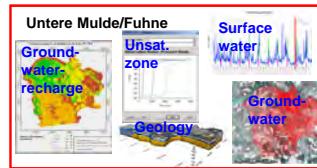
Questions and problem overview

- 150 years of open pit lignite mining: Impacts on groundwater balances, flow directions and velocities?
- Dependencies between mining activities and contamination spreading in this region?
- Fate of contamination in the future (after closing pits)?

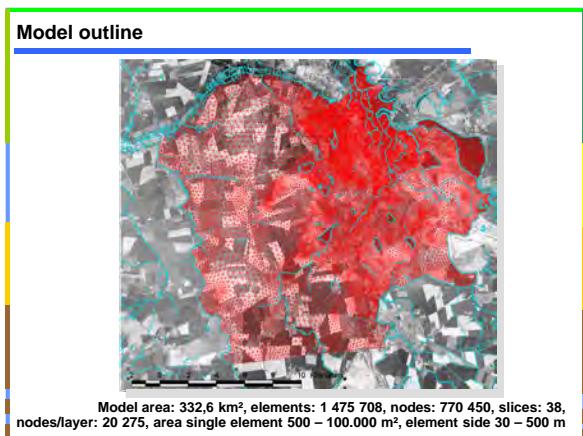


Complex modelling approach

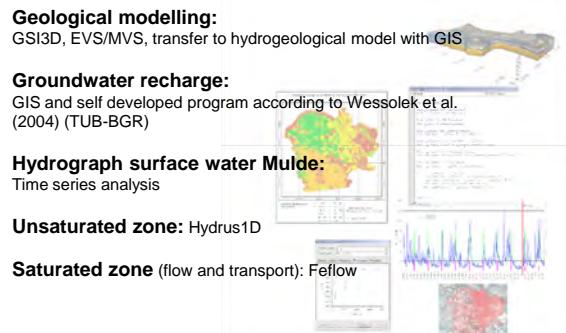
- Diverse modelling systems and tools:
- Compartment (atmosphere), soil, unsaturated zone, surface water, geology, saturated zone
 - Non-linear functions in modelling systems and their coupling
 - High number of parameters
 - Heterogeneous parameters and boundary conditions

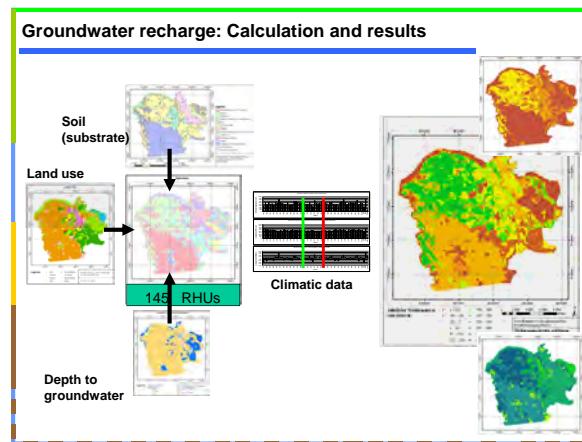
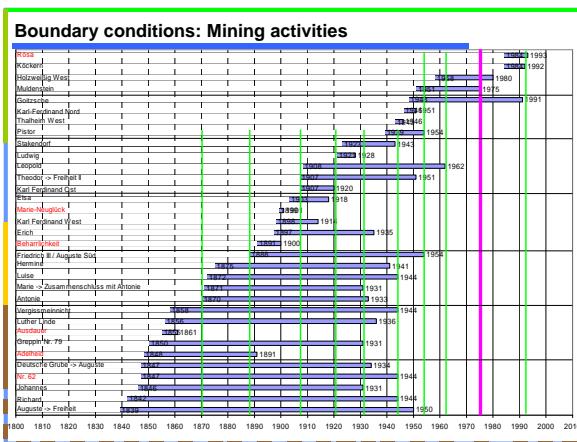
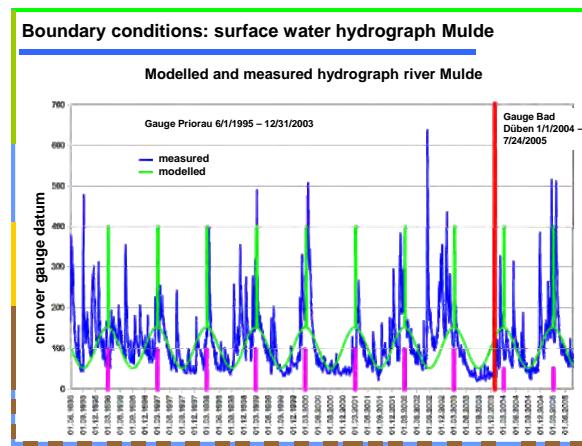
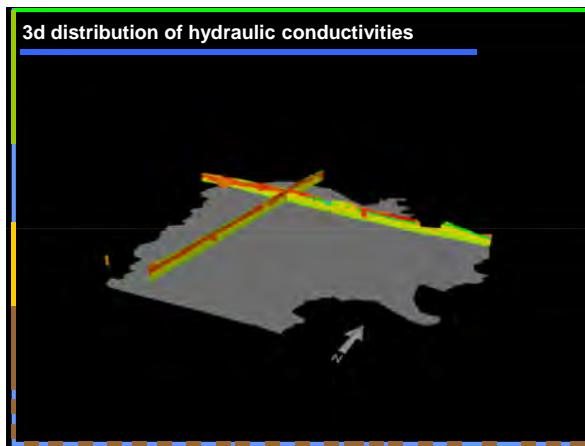
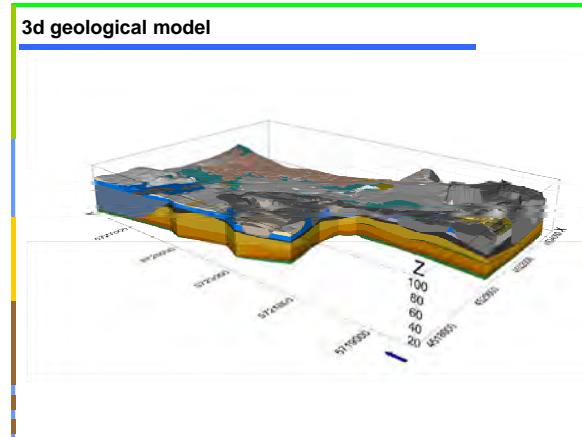
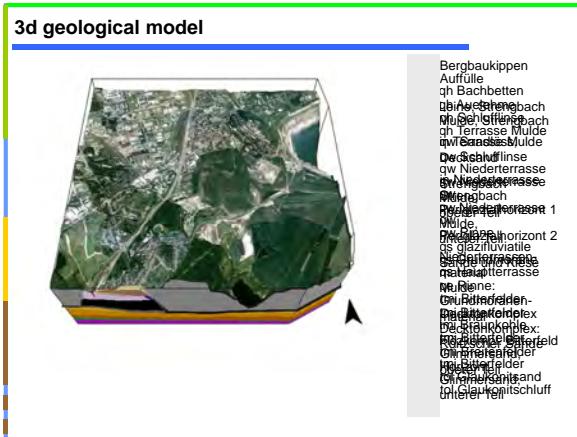


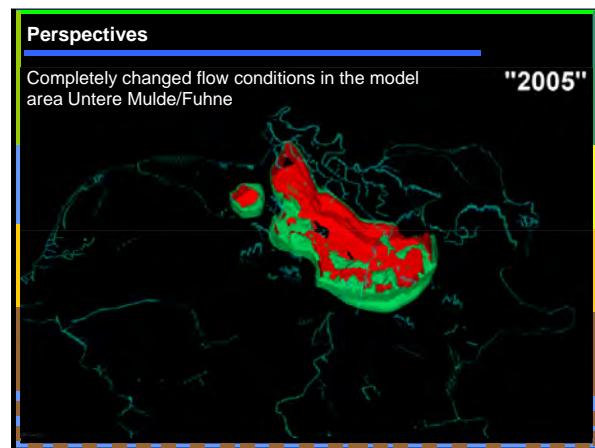
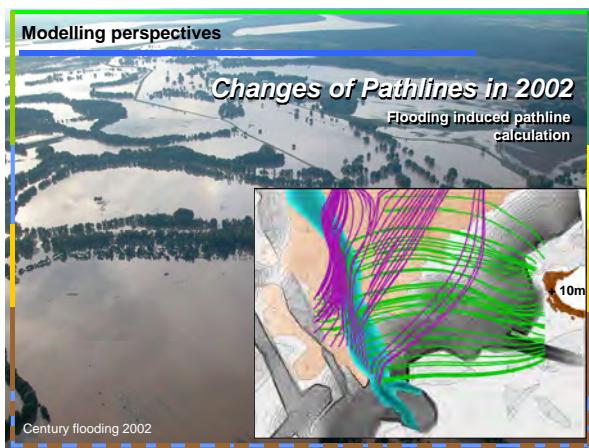
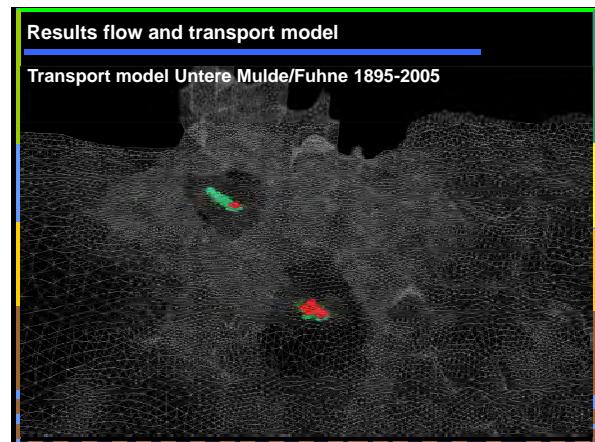
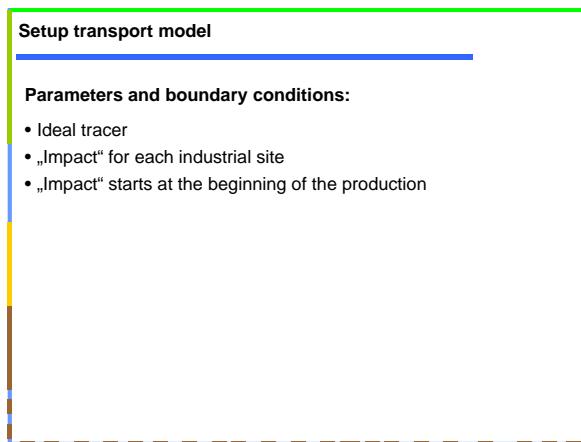
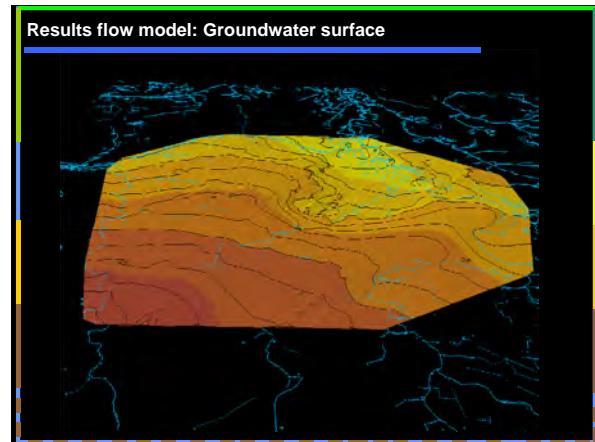
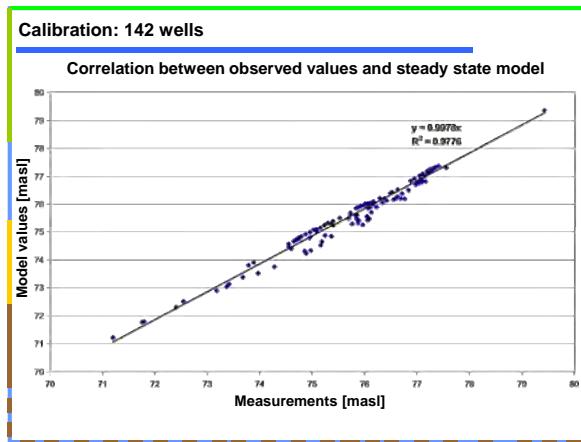
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Modelling tools







Thanks

