

Classification of geological types according to the radon potential

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Purpose & procedure

- Purpose: assign “classes” to geological types
- First stage of the European Geogenic Radon Map (EGRM)
- Questions:
 - 1) How to define classes ?
 - 2) How to assign geological types to the classes ?
- Procedure:
 - 1) geological units → geological types
 - 2) algorithm: geological types → classes

step 1: Geological units → types

- each sampling point lies in a geological unit, defined by the 1:1M and 1:200k geological maps of the German geol. service. Attributed to the points by GIS.
- Kemski et al. distilled a set of simplified types according to soil Rn concentration.
- I modified this scheme a bit ⇒ finally 56 geo-types; codes assigned only for computational reasons, nothing official!

sedimentites						
210	24.3	Neoproterozoic - Cambrian	sediment, marine, partly metamorphic	slate, Bündner schist, sandstone, phyllitic schist, quartzite, greywacke	2	3
221	26.5	Ordovician	sediment, marine	slate, quartzite, Geröllquarzit	2	3
223	41.8	Ordovician	sediment, marine, oolitic	clayey schist, Gräfenthal group	4	4
230	46.7	Ord - Silurian – lower Dev	sediment, marine	slate, fibrous schist, greywacke, limestone, alum shale	4	4
240	18.6	Devonian	sediment, marine	slate, sand stone, greywacke, quartzite, limestone	1	2
251	29.1	carboniferous lower, dinantian = Viséum + Tournaisium	marine sediment	greywacke, slate, Plattenkalk, siliceous limestone, Kiesel-schiefer, alum shale	2	3
252	20.4	carboniferous upper, namur = ca. Serpukhovium		quartzite, greywacke, clayey shale	1	3
253	36.8	carboniferous lower	olithostrome		2	4
254	16.0	carboniferous upper, namur, westphal. (= ca. Pennsylvanium) and other		slate, sand stone, conglomerate, silt stone, clay stone, limestone, black coal	1	2
261	16.8	Pemian Rotliegend = ca. Cisuralium + Guadalupium	sediment, fluvatile, fanglomeratic	shale clay, sand stone, conglomerate, black coal, porphyric breccia, tuff	1	2
262	29.8	Pemian Zechstein = ca. Lopingium	sediment, marine-saline	dolomite, clay stone with anhydrite and rock salt	2	4
311	11.8	Triassic lower; Buntsandstein	sediment, limnic	sandstone, siltstone, clay stone, conglomerate	1	1
312	15.0	Triassic middle-upper; Muschelkalk (= ca. Anisium)	marine sediment, biogenic	limestone, marl, dolomite, clay stone, etc.	1	2
313	9.5	Triassic middle-upper; Keuper (= ca. Ladinium – Rhätium)	sediment, marine, limnic, fluvatile	clay stone, siltstone, quartzitic sand stone, quartzite, etc.	1	1

code no.

GM(RP)

stratigraphy

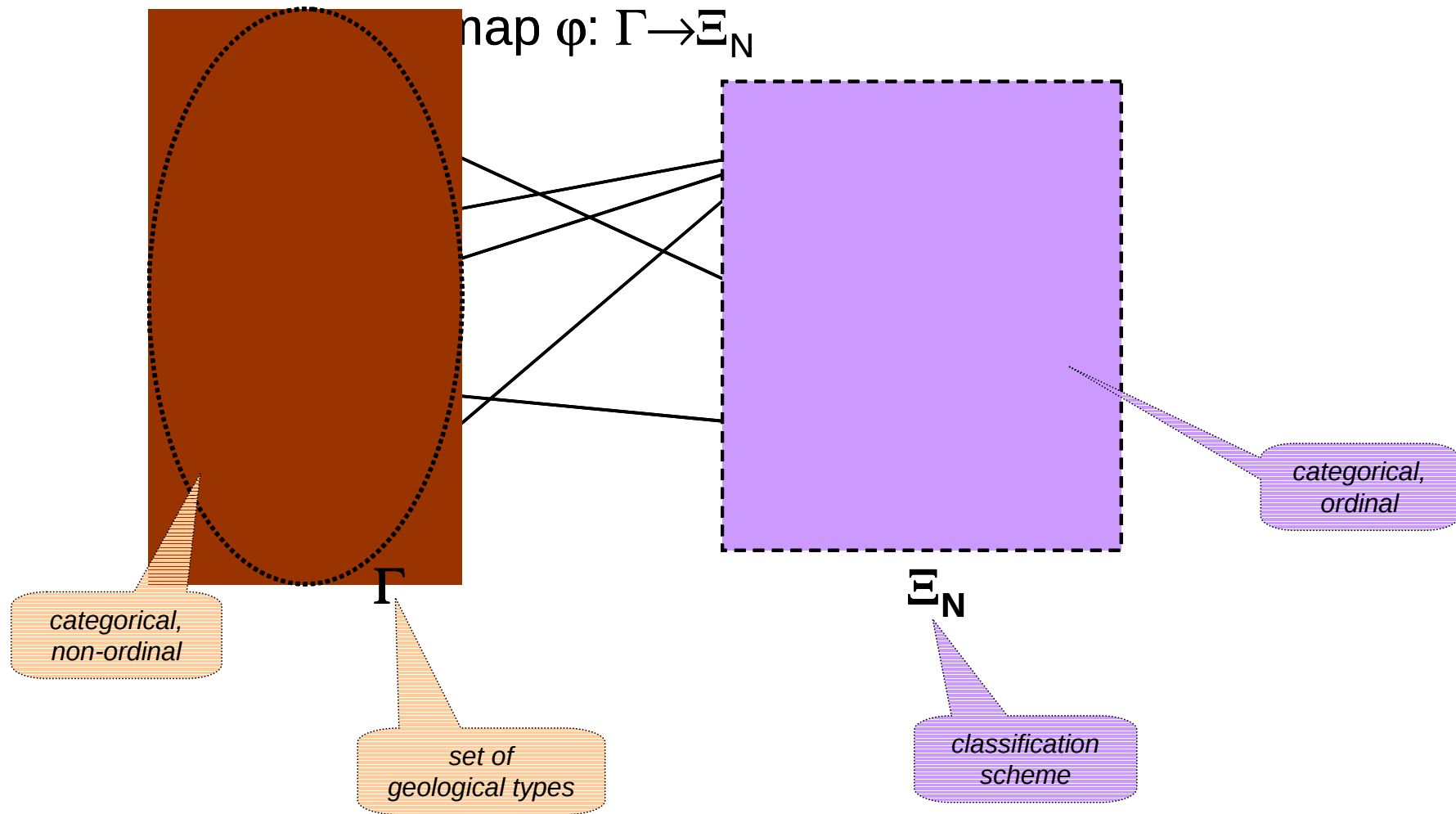
genesis

lithology

class_rad / _geo

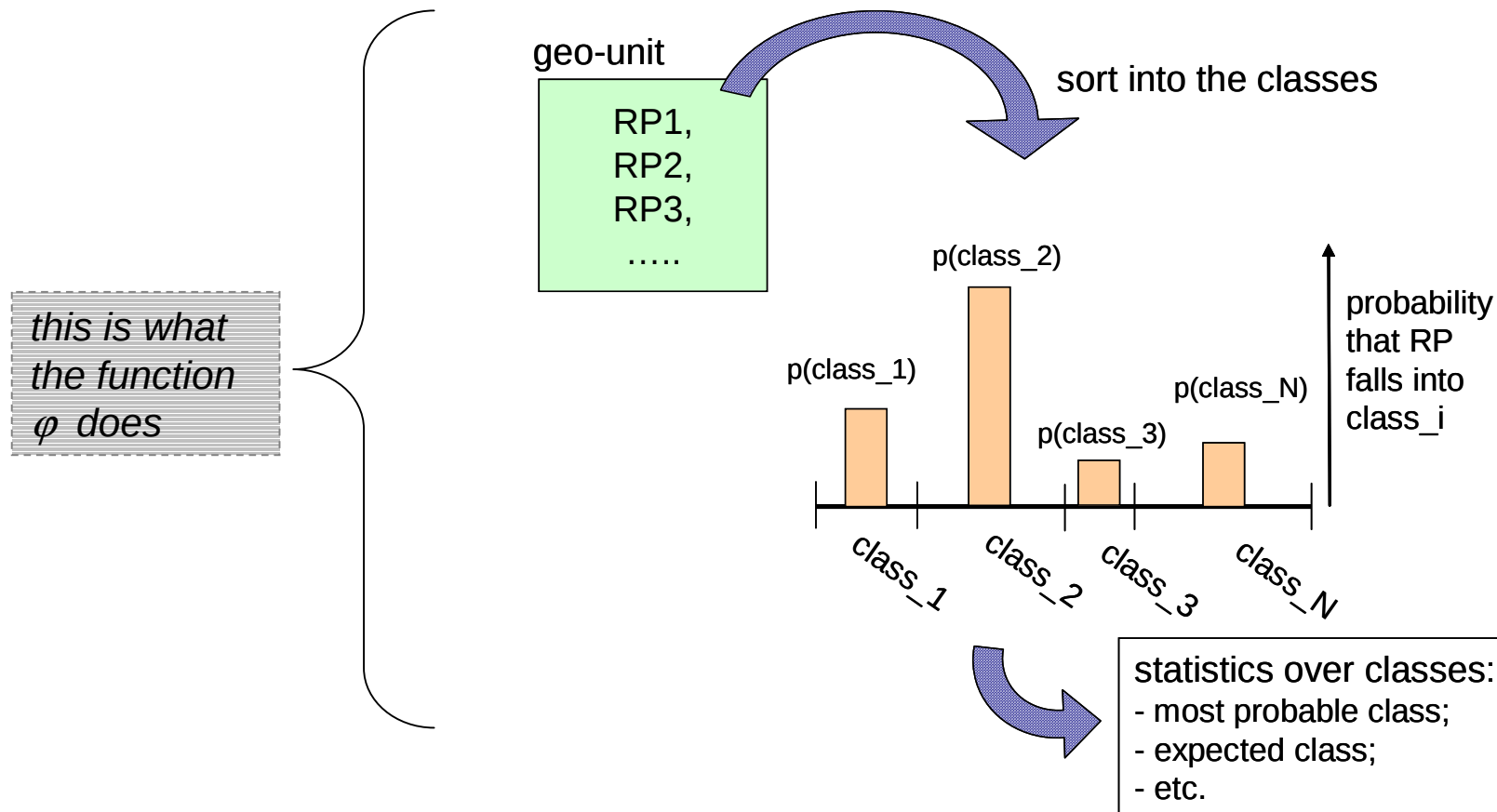
step 2: classification: formal (1)

Mapping geological types into a RP classification scheme



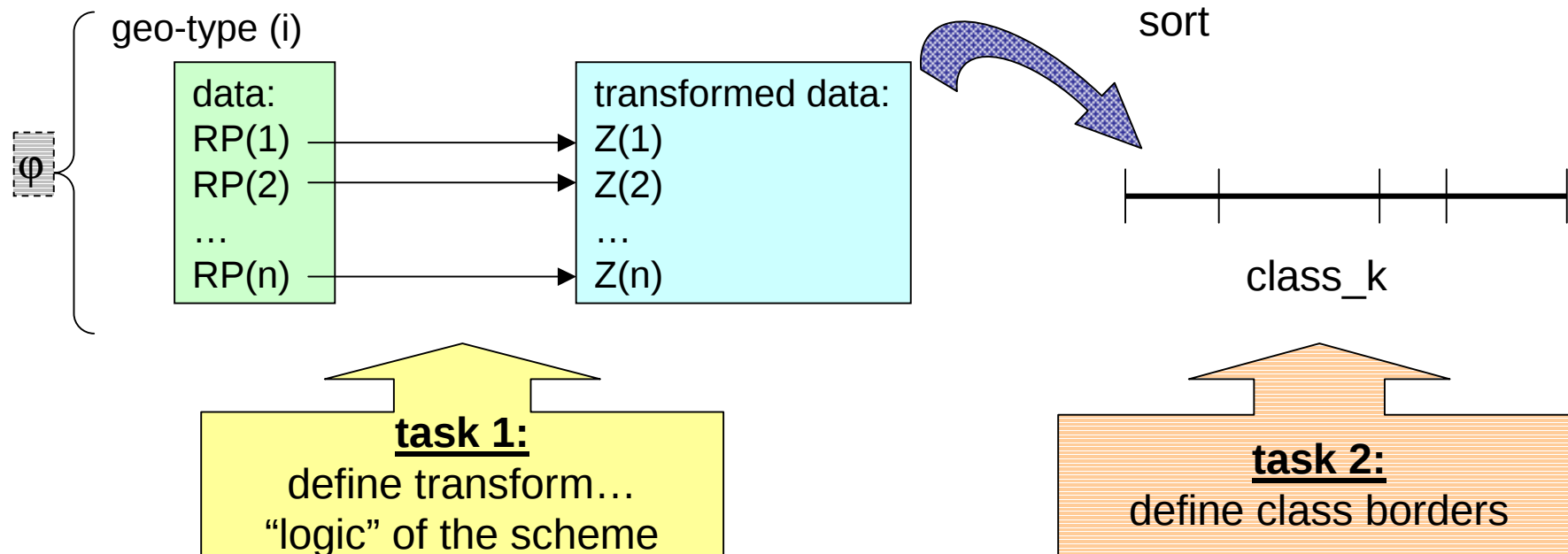
classification, formal (2)

“Fuzzy” classification of a geological type



classification, formal (3)

In more detail



2 proposals: (more are of course possible)

"geological"	transform = id $Z(j) = RP(j)$	4 classes; quartiles of distribution of $GM_{(within\ geol.\ type)}(RP)$ over geol. types
"radiological"	transform: $Z(j) = \text{prob}(C > 100\ \text{Bq/m}^3 \mid RP(j))$	4 classes; prob < 5%; <10%; <20%; >20%

the transfer model

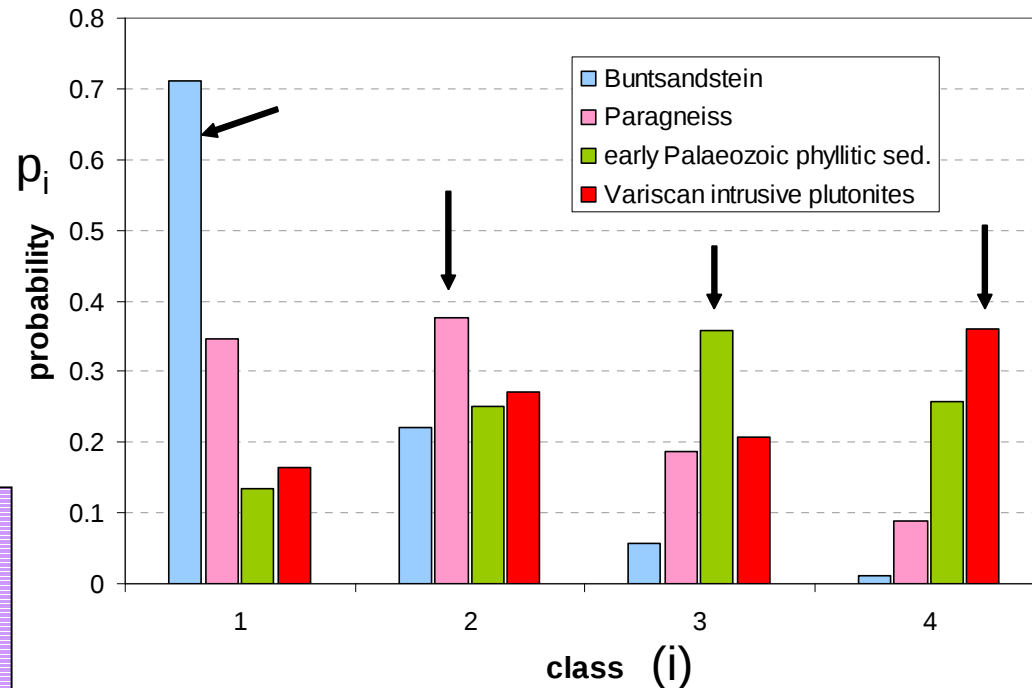
- For the „radiological“ classification a transform RP
→ $\text{prob}(C > c_0 | RP)$ is required
($c_0 = 100 \text{ Bq/m}^3$, long-term mean, ground floor, house with basement).
- Essentially done as follows:
 - Construct **joint distribution** $F_{RP,C}$ of RP and C;
 - Model $F_{RP,C}$ with **copula** method;
 $\text{prob}(C > c_0 | RP) = 1 - F_{C|RP}(c_0, RP)$
... **conditional distribution** of C, given RP
 - $f_{C|RP} = f_{RP,C} / f_{RP}$ ($f = \text{pdf} = \partial^2 F / (\partial RP \partial c)$)
 - copula: **Gumbel**, parameter estimated from **cross-Kendall** correlation coefficient
 $\tau(h) = \tau(C(x), RP(y) : |x - y| = h)$, $\lim \tau(h)$ for $h \rightarrow 0$.
- more details presented 2 weeks ago, FERAS 2012, Cluj;
to be published.

example

- 4 geo-types
- sorted into 4 classes after method “radiological”

⇒ task 3:

- given the histogram of levels Z per classes;
- which class to assign finally?



possibilities:

- assign class where $p = \max$
- assign “mean class”, $\langle \text{class} \rangle = \sum p_i \cdot i$ ($i = \text{class number}$)
- weighted mean: $WM(\text{class}) = \sum p_i^q \cdot i / \sum p_i^q$ (e.g. $q=2$)
- maximum of these; etc etc etc

chosen here:

maximum of
“class ($p = \max$)” and
“mean class”;
in some cases manual
adjustment according “feeling”

comparison of schemes

advantages - drawbacks

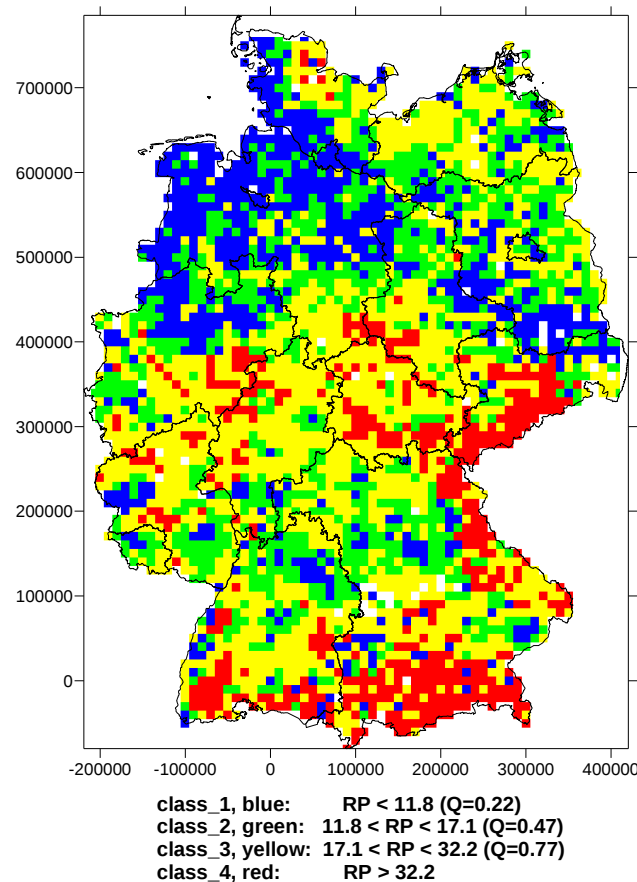
	“radiological”	“geological”
reflects what?	(+) closer to hazard	(+) closer to geological diversity
modelling	(-) includes partly tricky modelling steps	(-) depends on geological classification depth and degree of detail
temporal component?	(-) $\text{prob}(C > c) > p$ calibrated with existing houses	(+) no!
regional component?	(-) houses used for calibration: German data, so far	(-) geological diversity: German data used, so far.

example

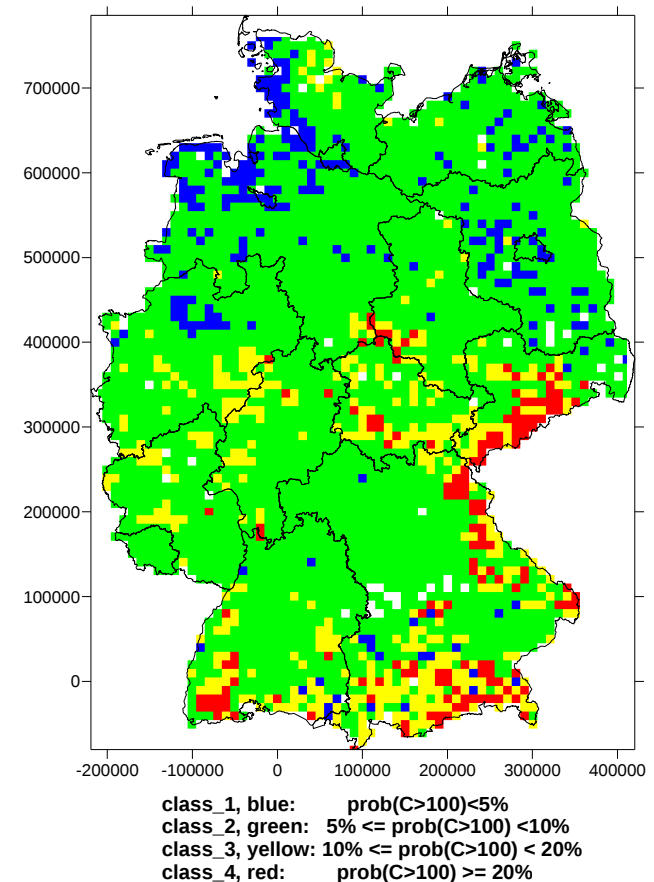
- this is a preliminary testing stage
- the final (so far...) version → presentation Valeria Gruber!

- **data:** German Rn database (ca. 3700 locations);
- **RP:** Neznal-RP; soil Rn and perm.: Kemski protocol
- **geological types:** Germany (modified Kemski scheme)
- **prob(C>100)** estimated after probabilistic transfer model, calibrated on German RP + indoor data
- not made per geological units, but per RP estimated on 10 km x 10 km pixels

“geological” classification



“radiological” classification



step 3: further procedure

- 2 schemes (“geological”, “radiological”) for German data;
- Valeria extracted geological types from the [OneGeology](#) lists of geological units for each country (OneGeology participants);
- I translated (as well as I could) the German geological types → OneGeology types;
- Assign classes to the types, if a German analogue or “homologue” exists;
- If no such ana- / homologue exists, or if OneGeology types are under-defined for the purpose of classifying the RP: leave blank for now;
- Valeria: GIS map of geological units with classes as attributed;
- **To do:** national experts verify and correct, based on their knowledge;
- E.g. Belgium: Boris Dehandschutter corrected a few types which I classified wrongly; effect shown in Valeria’s presentation;
- **Iterative process! ⇒ all please contribute critically!**

critical
steps !



geo-types left blank

- Not existing in Germany:
e.g. the types of the Baltic shield (old granites and gneisses); types of Alpine orogeny
- Under-defined: example
analysis of German RP, assigned German geo-legend (1:1M and 1:200 k geological maps; simplified by Kemski)
⇒ glacial-quaternary different RP in the N (Weichsel glac.) and S (Würm glac.) of same lithology; but this is not resolved by the German OneGeology scheme, where all is called „Upper Pleistocene; sand, gravel“ ⇒ had to be left blank for now.

example of list

tentative assignment

class_rad /
class_geo
according
algorithm

geo type
attributed
by analogy

7	Rhyodacites, dacites, latites: lavas and pyroclastic rocks	Permian	Permian	rhyolite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
8	Rhyolites, rhyodacites, dacites, andesites: pyroclastic rocks, lavas and subvolcanic rocks	Pennsylvanian	Permian	um.cgi:classifier:ICrhyolite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
9	Rhyolites, rhyodacites and andesites (pyroclastic rocks and lavas), alternating epiclastic deposits, with low- to	Middle Ordovician	Permian	um.cgi:classifier:ICrhyolite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
0	Granites, granodiorites and syenites	Late/Upper Cretaceous	Miocene	Granite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
1	Tonalites, quartz monzonites, monzonites, monzogabbros and monzodiorites	Late/Upper Cretaceous	Miocene	Tonalite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
2	Diorites and gabbros	Late/Upper Cretaceous	Miocene	Diorite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
3	Granites and gabbros	Carboniferous	Permian	Granite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
4	Monzonites, quartz monzonites, monzodiorites and monzogabbros	Carboniferous	Permian	Monzonite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
5	Diorites and gabbros	Carboniferous	Permian	Diorite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
6	Slates, calcareous slates with crystalline limestones and quartzite intercalations, and subordinate prasinites	Late/Upper Cretaceous	Miocene	Slate	missing	missing	missing	missing	
7	High pressure: eclogites and granulites, with hercynian metamorphic imprinting	Late/Upper Cretaceous	Miocene	Schist	missing	missing	missing	missing	
8	Phyllites, gneisses and marbles	Carboniferous	Permian	Phyllite	missing	missing	missing	missing	
9	Micaschists, gneisses and marbles, locally with alpine metamorphic imprinting	Carboniferous	Permian	Mica schist	um.cgi:classifier:ICmicaschist	um.cgi:classifier:ICmicaschist	um.cgi:classifier:ICmicaschist	um.cgi:classifier:ICmicaschist	4
0	High pressure: eclogites and granulites, with hercynian metamorphic imprinting	Carboniferous	Permian	Eclogite	missing	missing	missing	missing	3
1	Gneisses, locally with alpine metamorphic imprinting	Carboniferous	Permian	Gneiss	missing	missing	missing	missing	3
2	High pressure: granulites and amphibolites, locally with alpine metamorphic imprinting	Carboniferous	Permian	Granulite	missing	missing	missing	missing	4
3	Micaschists, gneisses and migmatites, with hercynian metamorphic imprinting	Ordovician	um.cgi:classifier:ICmicaschist	Gneiss	missing	missing	missing	missing	4
4	High pressure: eclogites and granulites, with hercynian metamorphic imprinting	Ordovician	um.cgi:classifier:ICgranulite	Amphibolite	missing	missing	missing	missing	3

description

stratigraphy
1,2

OneGeology
types

lithology
1 to 5
according
OneGeology

no analogy
available

summary

3 Tasks:

1. Define a “**logic**” of classification
“radiological”, “geological”,...
2. Define the **class borders**
(and also the number of classes)
3. Define **algorithms** for
 - sorting values into the classes and
 - for identifying the class which is finally assigned to a geo-type.(This is the more technical part)

to be continued !

Thank you !