Data management within TERENO

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Environmental observations data

- Different institutions
- Documentations, pictures, reports etc.
- Heterogeous data in various resolutions
 - Point data (sensors)
 - Raster data (radar data, remote sensing)
 - Vector data (river networks, boudaries)
 - Time series
- Different research groups and needs
 - Different topics and questions
 - Input and output for different models

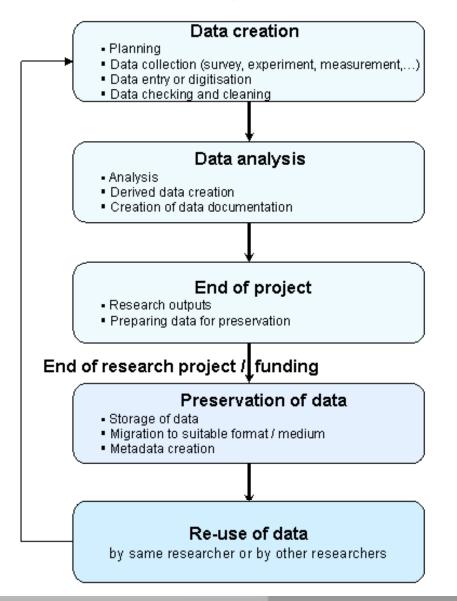
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General data management tasks



TERENO data management tasks:

- Data definition and data modelling
- Design and operation of data base systems
- Data processing and data presentation adjusted to the needs
- Data security and protection
- Data acquisition from external sources
- Data policy







Procedure to set up and operate a data management infrastructure for TERENO

- Creation of a data management plan:
 - Identification of user requirements
 - Identification possible solutions
 - Agreements concerning data and metadata standards (e.g. ISO19119)
 - Nomination of responsible persons
- Infrastructure implementation
 - Selection of hardware and software components
 - System setup
 - Implementation of interfaces (internal/external)
 - Import of existing and/or external data
- System operation and maintenance
 - Consulting and support
 - Continuous adjustments to the needs







Data management plan: Specification of needs by the users

- Which data are produced?
- Which existing data are required?
- Preferred data formats and metadata standards
- Data quality and data security arrangements to be implemented
- Specification of responsibilities for data management within each observatory
- Specification of data originator and data owner
- Data access to other users -> Data policy

Online query has been performed Results of survey are currently evaluated!







General considerations on the TERENO data infrastructure

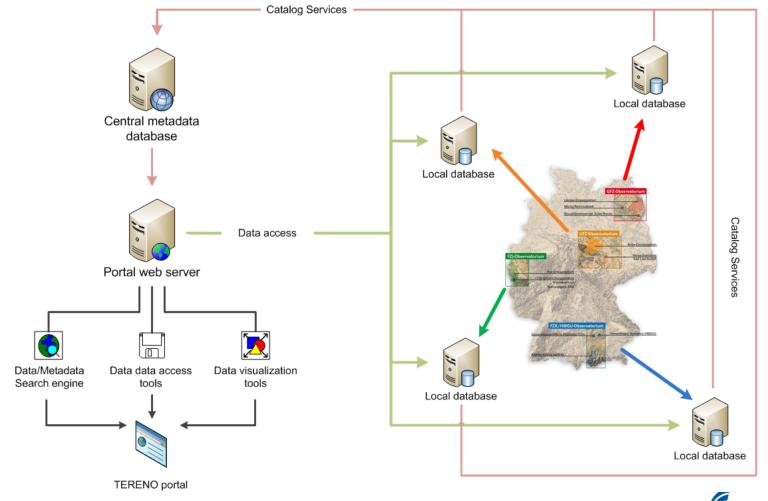
- Central TERENO portal to query, visualize and access data
- Central metadata database
- Decentralized data infrastructure in each observatory
- Standardized data models
- Communication between TERENO portal and local databases via standardized (OGC-conformal) Web-services operated in each observatory
 - CSW: Web Catalogue Service to distribute Metadata
 - WFS: Web Feature Service to distribute point, vector and time series data
 - WCS: Web Coverage Service to distribute raster data
 - WMS: Web Map Service to visualize data as maps
 - Direct access to time series data from remote data bases







General TERENO data infrastructure design

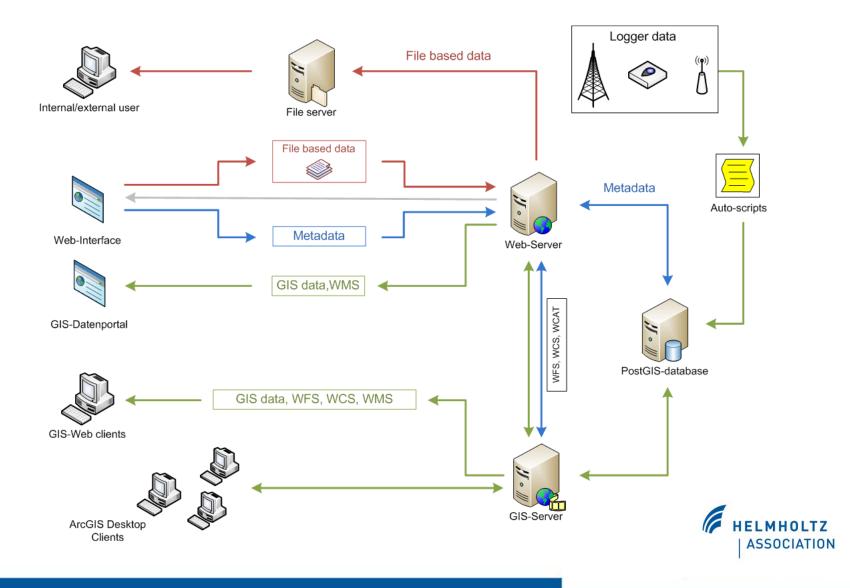








Example of the local data infrastructure (FZJ example)







Pilot projects

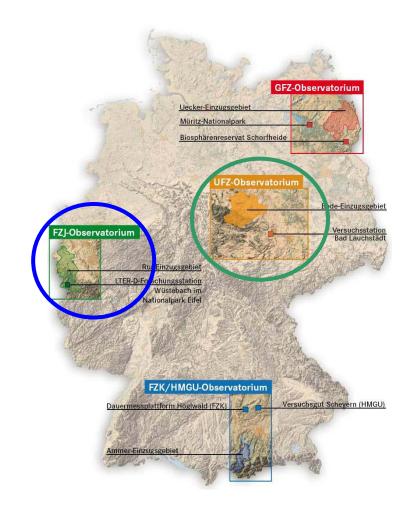
- Three pilot projects already established to develop and test
 - Local data infrastructure for meteorological, hydrological and pedological data

(FZJ – Eifel / Lower Rhine Valley Observatory)

 Local data infrastructure for biodiversity data

(UFZ – Harz / Central German Lowland Observatory)

 Data communication and data exchange (all observatories, coordination FZJ)

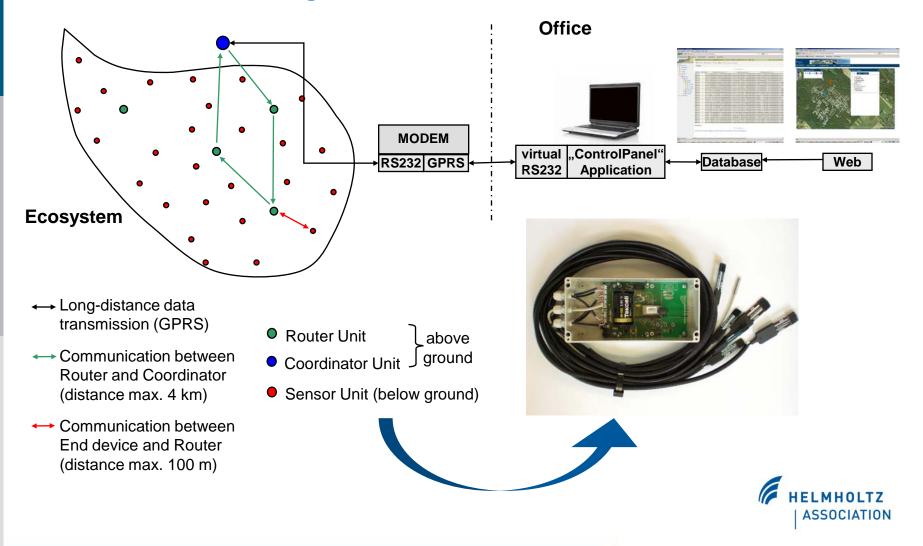








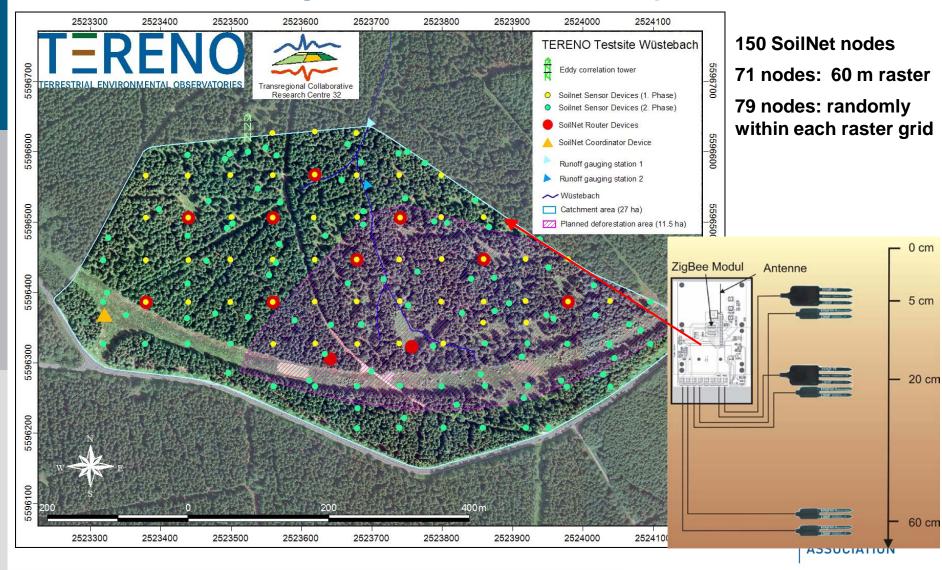
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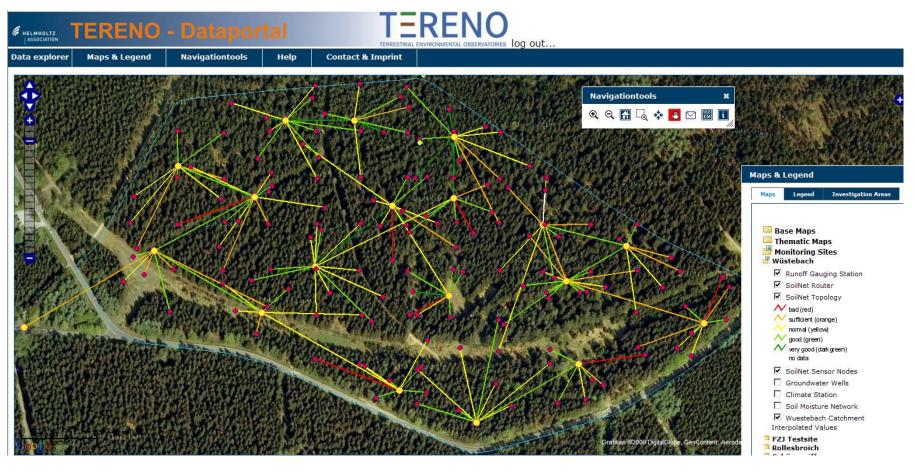
Wireless network configuration at the Wüstebach experimental catchment







TERENO Dataportal: SoilNet topology and signal quality



The TERENO Dataportal – A web based data management and visualization open source software







TERENO Dataportal: Data visualization and access

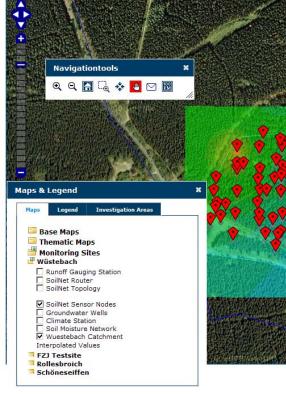
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Data policy

Possible approach:

- Data sets are categorized into different processing levels (e.g. level 0: row data, level 1: automatically processed data, level 2: visually inspected data, level 3: gap filled data)
- Measurement data is divided into monitoring and experimental data
 - Full access to standard monitoring Level 0 and 1 data (e.g. climate station)
 - Limited access to specific experimental higher level data (e.g. CO₂ flux data)
- Options to react to data requests:
 - Passing data without terms and conditions
 - Passing data with acknowledgement
 - Passing data with co-authorship
 - Passing data after a specific timeframe (e.g. 3 years)
 - Passing data denied (must be justified)

