

# Submission to OGC's Underground Maps & Models RFI

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# Value Tree & Value Quantification Method

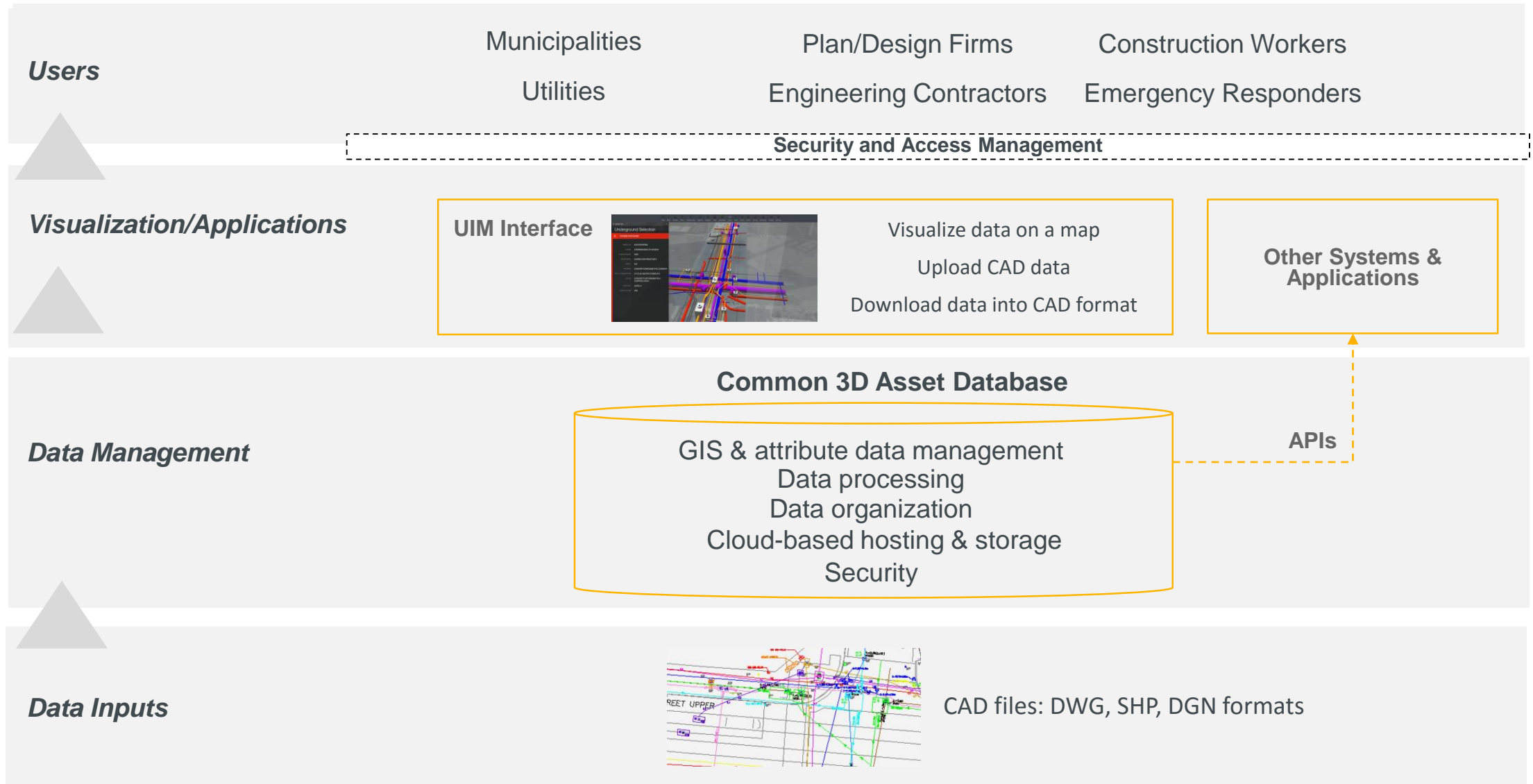
The current state of underground mapping presents many issues and challenges. The value tree below outlines the major pain points for utilities and cities (based on customer inputs). We have outlined methods to quantify the dollar impact of each issue and potential sources of data for each quantification method.

Current issue of...	causes...	resulting in the following pain points...	Quantification methods	Potential sources of data
Inaccurate and incomplete existing underground asset data	Inability for multiple stakeholders to efficiently coordinate to make decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•High amount of time spent on information retrieval</li> <li>•Project approval delays</li> <li>•Design costs (due to delays)</li> <li>•Design costs (due to additional survey/ testing/ platting services)</li> <li>•Liability concerns for approving projects</li> <li>•High effort of coordination among parties working on the same data set</li> <li>•Higher construction bids</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in mean number of man-days for information retrieval process</li> <li>Reduction in pre-project man-days</li> <li>Reduction in mean number of man-days for project designs</li> <li>Mean cost of each service, number of additional paid services</li> <li>Reduction in time delay for approvals due to liability concerns, lawyer cost?</li> <li>Reduction in time spent on reviewing shared documents</li> <li>Reduction in construction bid price due to better data available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information retrieval process tracker</li> <li>Contract approval process tracker</li> <li>Bid documents</li> <li>Work orders</li> <li>Contract approval process tracker</li> <li>Date stamps on email exchanges</li> <li>Bid documents</li> </ul>
	Utility conflicts or conflicts with geological structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Construction cost (due to delays)</li> <li>•Construction costs (due to non-labor related services)</li> <li>•Adverse economic impact</li> <li>•Increase in change orders</li> <li>•Increased time required for conflict resolution based on disparate plan formats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in mean number of man-days for construction process</li> <li>Reduction in mean construction cost not related to labor, such as materials/waste removal/equipment costs</li> <li>Business drop in customers/revenue</li> <li>Reduction number of change orders per project, cost per change order</li> <li>Reduction in mean number of man-days for conflict resolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction project plan</li> <li>Construction cost tracker</li> <li>Market research</li> <li>Construction project management documents</li> <li>Construction issues and risks tracker</li> </ul>
	Accidental damage to underground and above ground infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Risk to public and worker safety</li> <li>•Higher insurance costs</li> <li>•Higher raw material costs</li> <li>•Bad publicity and city image</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in number of public/worker incidents, average cost (legal, insurance, compensation) per incident</li> <li>Reduction in number of claims, cost per claim</li> <li>Reduction in mean construction cost related to raw materials</li> <li>Reduction in number of phone calls/complaints from city, cost per complaint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction issues and risks tracker, OSHA</li> <li>Utility claims department</li> <li>Construction cost tracker</li> <li>Citizen relationship management</li> </ul>
Lack of security around sharing and coordinating data	Potential IP issues, confidentiality, data security issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Security/information sharing concerns delay projects</li> <li>•Higher cost due to liability for data security breach</li> <li>•Negative impact to company whose assets information are wrongly shared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in pre-project man-days due to security concerns</li> <li>Reduction in claims due to security violation, cost of claims</li> <li>Reduction in IP breaches and lawsuits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction project plan</li> <li>Utility claims department</li> <li>Legal department</li> </ul>
Lack of open marketplace for underground infrastructure data	Inability to operationalize the data to create additional value	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Untapped revenue for value based permitting</li> <li>•Missed opportunity for creating value-added services based on complete/accurate data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pricing by a unit metric (e.g. sf, duration, etc)</li> <li>Data subscription fees, number of business and end users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other city approaches</li> <li>Market research</li> </ul>

High priority pain points

# Underground Infrastructure Mapping (UIM) Technology Approach

Our proposed approach is a cloud-based GIS data management system that displays 3D underground data to users



# CAD Submission Standards

To ensure that the Underground Mapping platform contains updated, complete, and accurate data, we are enforcing CAD submission standards. All incoming CAD files should comply with the following standards:

**1. File must contain a basemap reference point**

**2. Utility lines and pipes should have the following attributes:**









- OWNER
- SOURCE
- STATE
- CONDUIT\_SIZE
- PACKAGE\_SIZE
- PACKAGE\_CONFIG
- TYPE
- MATERIAL
- DATE\_INSTALLED
- SUE\_LEVEL
- COVER DEPTH

**3. Utility manholes should have the following attributes:**

- OWNER
- SOURCE
- STATE
- SIZE
- TYPE
- MATERIAL
- DATE\_INSTALLED
- NUMBER
- OFFSET
- SUE\_LEVEL

**4. Colors and lines for all CAD files submitted regardless of submitting entity should follow a set of standard guidelines**

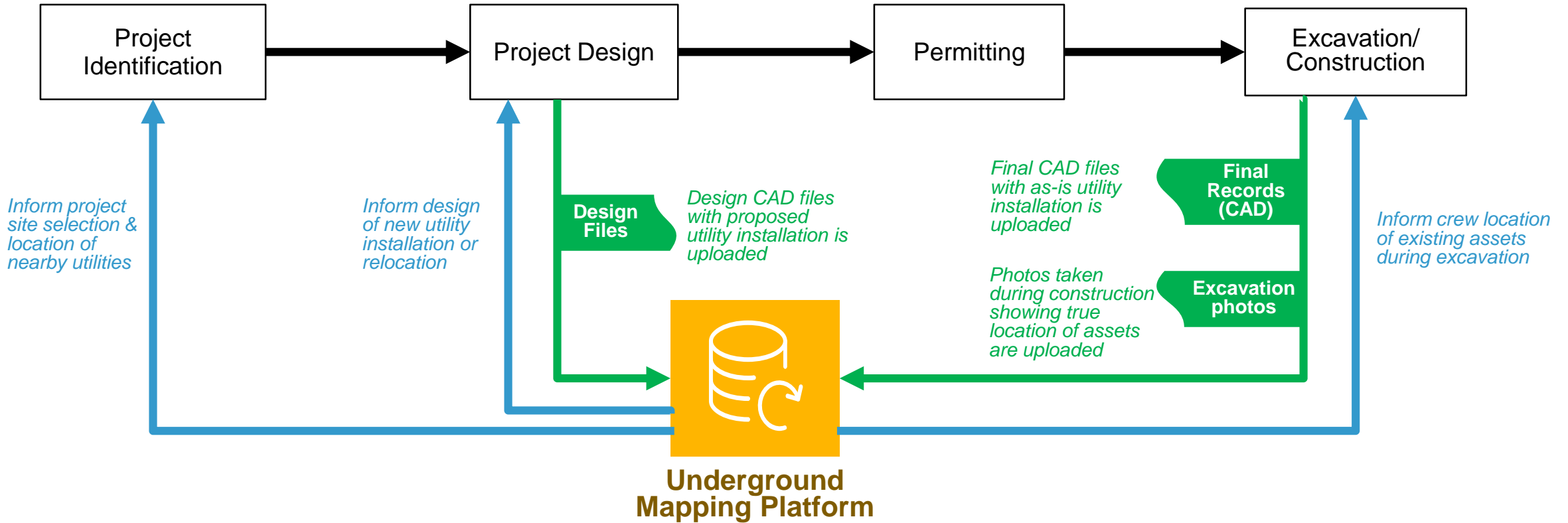
For example:

UTILITY	COLOR IN CAD FILE	LINE TYPES	NODE TYPES
ELECTRIC	RED		
WATER	CYAN		
GAS	GRAY		
TELCO	ORANGE		

# Technology & Process

The Underground Mapping platform is used in multiple stages of the construction process, including project identification, design, and excavation/construction. Each new construction project generates new data (design documents, final records, photos) that are required to be uploaded to the platform. This ensures that the platform is self-maintained and self-building, containing the most updated data.

## Construction Process



# Ground Scanning & Sensing Technology to Capture Data

In addition to consuming CAD (DWG, DGN) files, the mapping platform should also ingest data from scanning technologies and sensing technologies. This allow engineers to verify the location of the asset as indicated in the design files against the ‘ground-truthing’ data from the scanning & sensing technologies. Below is a non-exhaustive list of these technologies.

Value (Accuracy / Information)



#	Sensor Technology	Description
1	Radio-Acoustic	Locate and detect underground water pipes by inserting a mobile acoustic sensor into the pipe, which moves with the water and wirelessly sends data to base station
2	Magnetic Induction	Deploy sensors along the pipelines that transmit data using MI-based communication mechanism; the system is best used for detecting and locating pipe leakages.

#	Scanning Technology	Description
1	LiDAR	Measures distance by illuminating a target with a laser and analyzing the reflected light
2	Infrared	Identify underground structures by detecting temperature differentials between the structure and surrounding environment
3	High definition cameras	Point cloud and geo-referencing solution using lower cost cameras. Also includes conversion to design ready vector formats
4	Handheld laser scanners (e.g. FARO)	Handheld devices that scans structures and objects and creates high-definition 3D point clouds, but need extensions to geo-reference the data
6	Mobile laser scanners	Scans structures and objects and creates high-definition 3D point clouds with camera system and GIS capabilities

#	Survey Technology	Description
1	GPR	Sends continuous electromagnetic pulses, receives the reflected waves back from subsurface structures, and displays the results to construct a “picture”
2	Electromagnetic	Receiver combined with an EM transmitter with a signal either applied to a line or induced via the soils



# Photos for Construction Documentation

One of the most cost effective scanning technologies to implement is high-definition cameras that capture photos of the excavation site. These photos provides visibility to actual location of pipes. Engineers can overlay these photos on top of the GIS data and verify the GIS data.

## Photo Documentation & Data Verification Process



## Photo Documentation Tips

- Go around the entire excavation scene to do a comprehensive capture
- Pipes must be exposed
- Include markers in the area if possible
- Take multiples photos. Depending on the size of the excavation, may need >100 photos. Photos should overlap by 60%

# RFI Response Contributions from Columbia University



# Three-Dimensional Mapping of Underground Soils in New York City

Contact: George Deodatis, Columbia University

**Importance:** A critical part of the overall project of mapping the underground infrastructure of New York City in 3D is the mapping of underground soils. Every component of the underground infrastructure (e.g. train and car tunnels, water distribution pipes, telecommunications, sewers, building foundations, power lines, gas lines, etc.) is surrounded by soil. Some of these components are very close to each other or even in contact with each other. Consequently, the behavior of the entire underground infrastructure is critically depending on the type of surrounding soil. Three representative examples are mentioned here:

- 1) **Underground explosions:** an underground explosion in a gas line will affect other surrounding components of the infrastructure in different ways depending on the type of soil at that specific location. Some types of soils can dampen an explosion much better than others.
- 2) **Settlements of various components of the underground infrastructure:** different types of soils are susceptible to short- and long-term settlements to very different degrees. Settlements can have a devastating effect on the underground infrastructure.
- 3) **Deterioration of underground infrastructure:** different types of soils can promote deterioration and aging of the underground infrastructure to dramatically different degrees, especially when water is present.

There is a large number of other examples where detailed knowledge of underground soils is critically important for the behavior of buried utilities, tunnels and foundations, both under normal and under extreme conditions. Good infrastructure data combined with a detailed geology layer would enable the **modeling of a number of accident and disaster scenarios**. Analytics can be used to **predict** areas where infrastructure damage was more likely and **recommend** replacement and materials strategies.

**Methodology:** the main tool for determining the types of underground soils, the presence of water, and the depth to the bedrock is through so-called “**geotechnical borings**”. Thousands of such borings have been performed over the years in New York City. The majority constitute proprietary information of private consulting firms. The PI (George Deodatis) has collected from earlier research one of the largest sets of geotechnical borings in New York City that can be used for the purposes of this project.

However, underground soils are highly heterogeneous and the potential presence of underground water further complicates the situation. Although a large number of geotechnical borings exist, they are still sampling only a small percentage of the underground soil mass. The key here is the “**educated**” **interpolation of soil properties in between the existing geotechnical borings**. There is a range of methodologies that have been developed along these lines based on the mathematical theory of “random fields” (soil properties are modeled as random fields in three dimensions). The PI (George Deodatis) has conducted extensive research work along these lines over the years and is perfectly suited to perform this task.

**Deliverables:** a complete **three-dimensional representation of underground soils** in New York City including the **identification of underground water and the depth to bedrock**.

# Advanced Geophysical Mapping, 4-D Sensing, and Data Analytics in the Real Time Integrated Mapping of Smart Cities

Contact: Albert Boulanger, Center for Computational Learning Systems, Columbia University

The Smart-X {Cities, Buildings Grids} Group in the Center for Computational Learning Systems proposes regular, and where appropriate, continuous **geophysical mapping and monitoring of underground infrastructure** to enhance situational awareness and forecasting, and predictions to compliment Accenture's Underground Infrastructure Mapping platform.

**Geophysical methods**, especially when combined with themselves and others like vibro-acoustics offers **low cost means to repeatedly survey the underground** – not only buried utilities but physical properties of the embedding matrix. Initiatives in the UK and US have proven the value of these methods, in combination together, to map underground infrastructure. These methods are not perfect but compliment the traditional CAD/CAM & GIS paths to mapping the underground and often offer solutions to technical or “political” boundaries to traditional methods. They also offer a separate information source to help validate location and discover the unmapped.

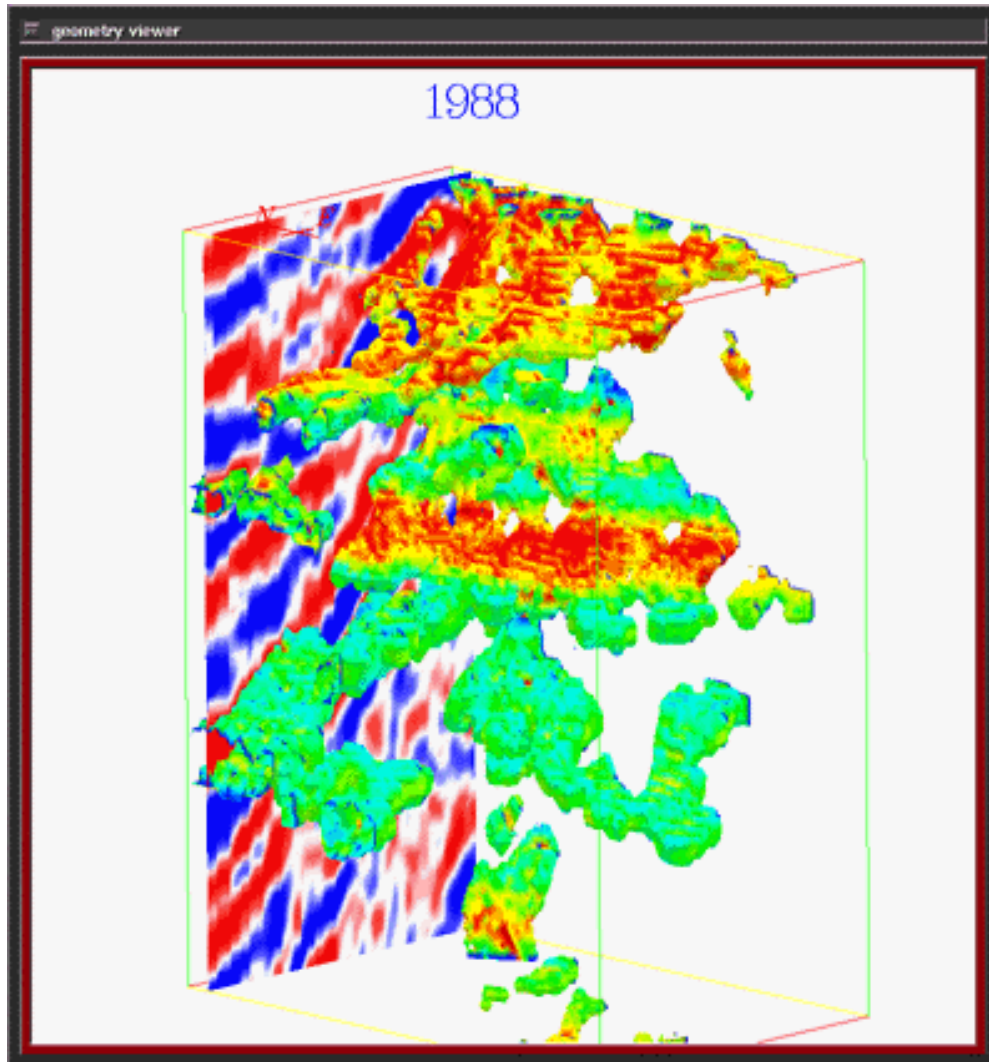
The Smart-X {Cities, Buildings Grids} Group had pioneered a **4-D (or time-lapse) method to use geophysical data to monitor for changes over time** in underground “structures” in the 90's when we were at Columbia's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Our group primarily used seismic data for oil and gas applications but also used it with ground penetrating radar (GPR) data. The method used 3-D segmentation to isolate voxels contained in structures of interest to collect just their statistics for advanced analysis. For example, to study a tetrachloroethylene spill using (GPR), one can isolate the spill plume structure and deduce and analyze properties just within the structure.

Our group's expertise is **machine learning, statistics, and data analytics on large datasets**. These datasets also come from real time monitoring applications, like smart buildings and grids. We are poised to process real time sensing data of underground structures and extract properties of structures of interest or in the embedding matrix and monitor changes. A major development in machine learning is the development of deep learning which is hitting new watermarks in accuracy and predictability. Deep learning combined with big data ingest is making advances where little progress has been made in the application of prior machine learning methods – for example, deep learning to predict earthquakes making use of data ingest from a physical model of the earthquake process.

We propose to apply and further develop advanced geophysical mapping, 4-D sensing, and data analytics in the real time integrated mapping of smart cities in a study area centered on Columbia's Manhattanville development. The 125<sup>th</sup> Street fault runs though the development and adds impetus to the monitoring of the area.

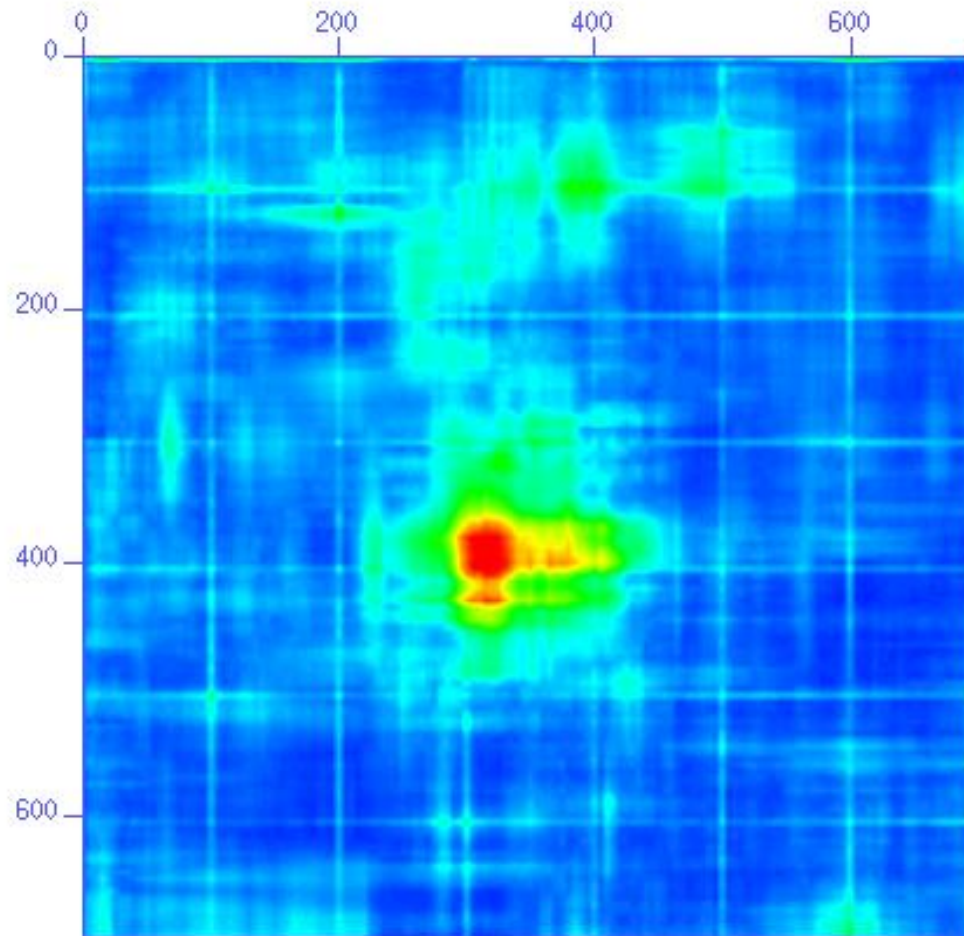
# 4-D Monitors Shrinkage Due to Production

## Examples of 4-D (Time Lapse) Processing



Oil and Gas stacked reservoirs isolated by region growing in a 1988 seismic survey and 1994 survey. Changes in oil, gas, and water content as well as shrinkage of the stacked reservoir are easily identified.

## 4-D applied to construction of hydrologic conductivity model



Time slice – 72

By tracking the DNAPL through the cube of data (actually here only 1.5 meter of the 2.5 meter is shown) we can determine what the path was that the DNAPL took through the sand. This path is considered to be a hydrologic conductive zone, and by inference, must have some different properties from adjacent zones which were not invaded by the DNAPL. The Movie is a series of time slices (or depth slices) through this hydrologic model. The index corresponds with the depth (from top sand)