The modern mining industry in Germany - from the perspective of the mining authority







SHORT INTRODUCTION



TU Bergakademie Freiberg (Ger.)

- Project management, teaching, R&D
- PhD in Rock Cutting Sensorics & Machine Learning



Mining Authority Saxony-Anhalt (Ger.)

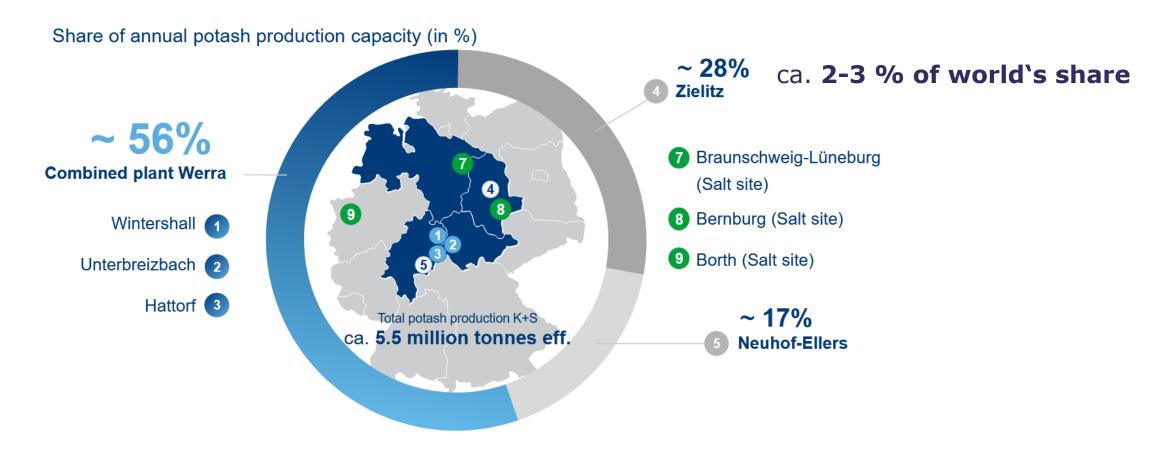
- Deputy / Specialist Officer underground mining
- Mining law / legal issues
- Environmental aspects
- Acceptance issues
- Work safety
- Focus: Potash Mining





POTASH IN GERMANY

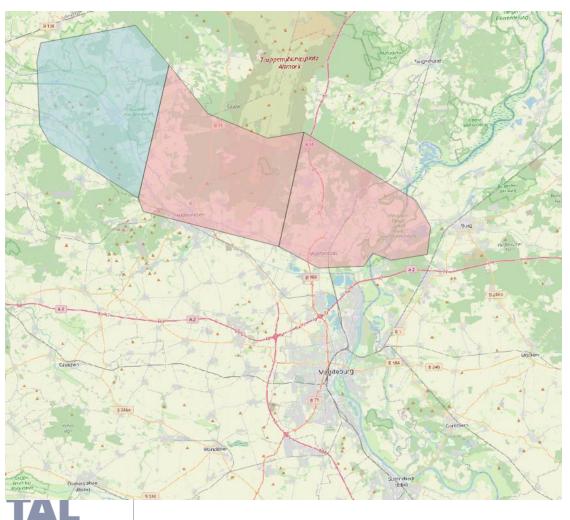


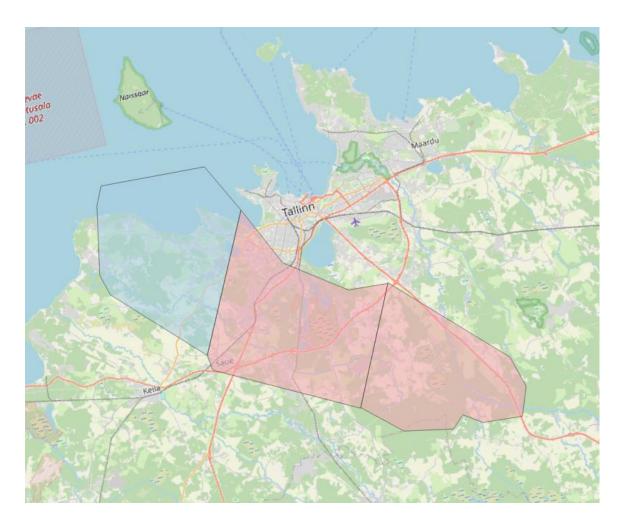




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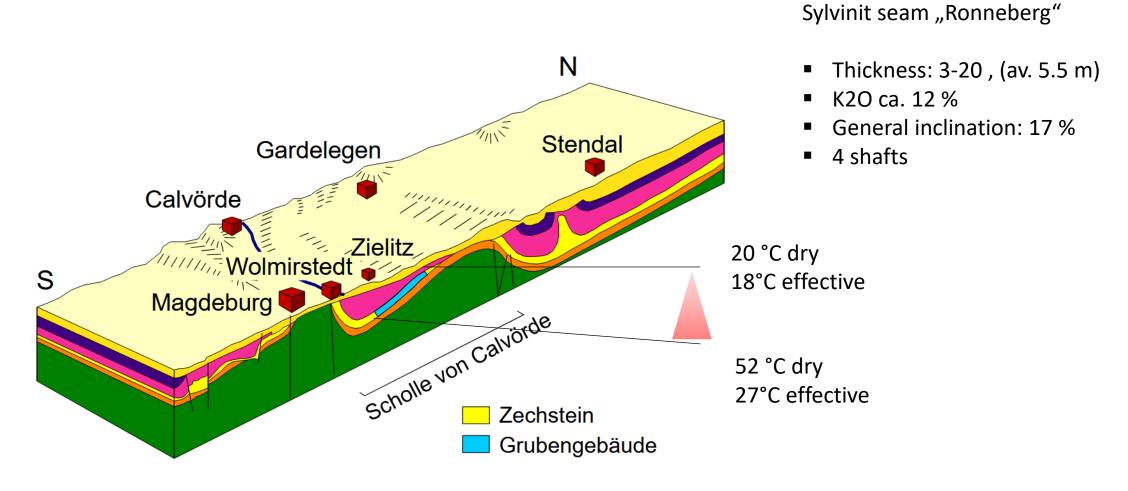
ONE OF THE LARGEST MINES IN EUROPE





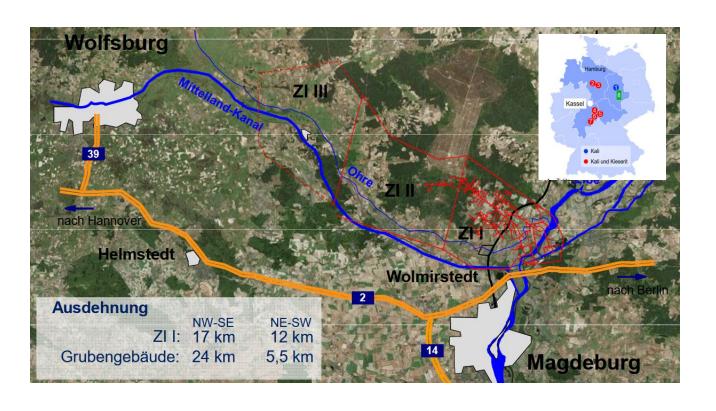
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GEOLOGY ZIELITZ





MINE ZIELITZ



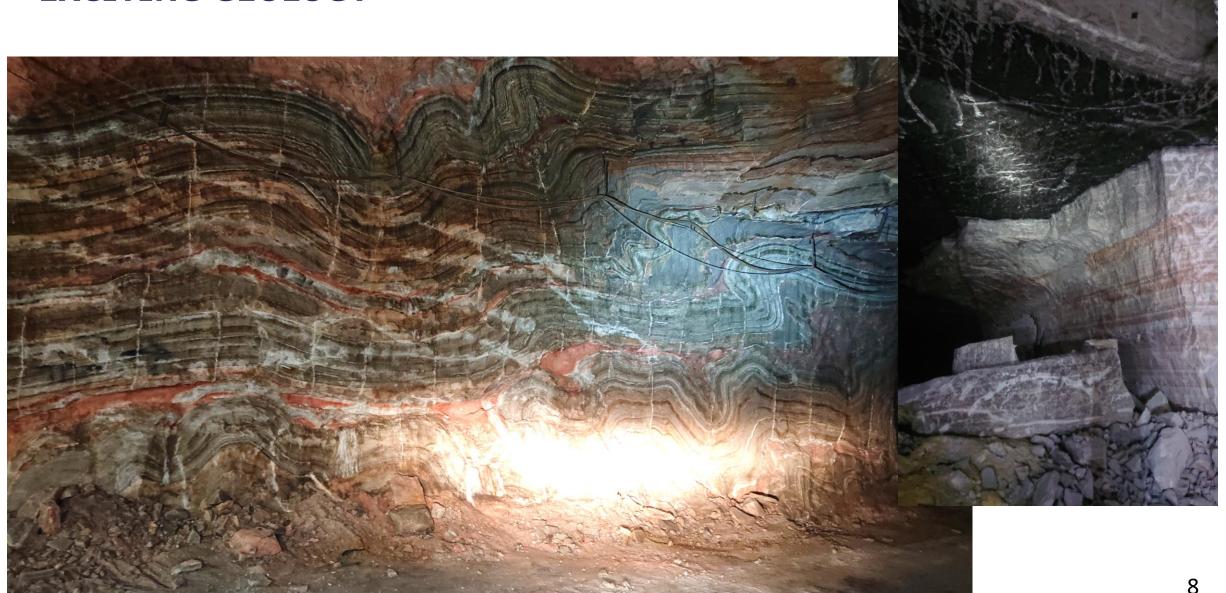
- Mining area: 61 km², extends 19 km SE-NW, 6 km SW-NE.
- Room-and-pillar mining: ~40-70% loss
- Production capacity: nearly 12 Mio t p.a.
- 1.2 Mio t of product



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EXCAVATION / ROADHEADING





VENTILATION



ZIELITZ



Waste dumps

- 12 % KCl → 88 % NaCl
- Dump 1 (GDR times)
- Dump 2 1990s
- Dump 2 Extension 1 2005
- Dump 2 Extension 2 2020
- Runtime ~2050



HALDENKAPAZITÄTSERWEITERUNG II

2ND CAPACITY EXTENSION FOR WASTE DUMP



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- Application: ~ 5 m of shelf Ca. 10.000 pages
- Permit: 978 pages
- ~10 years review time
- Public formal planning permission procedure
- Tremendous amounts of data
- Key issue = Salt Water Emmissions

SITUATION



Mining Law

Organise and balance the needs of benefit for society by resource extraction against individual rights

Minimize impact of mining to the highest feasible extent



Necessary to adhere to 4th EU Water directive Framework



- People will be impacted
 - → manage impact
- → Court action



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2ND CAPACITY EXTENSION FOR WASTE DUMP



- Amount Ca. 10 Mio t/a
- Runtime 34 a
- Space 200 ha
- New pumping stations
- Pipelines
- Infrastrukture
- Buffer basins
- Base sealing
- Surface buffer layer



4TH EU WATER DIRECTIVE FRAMEWORK

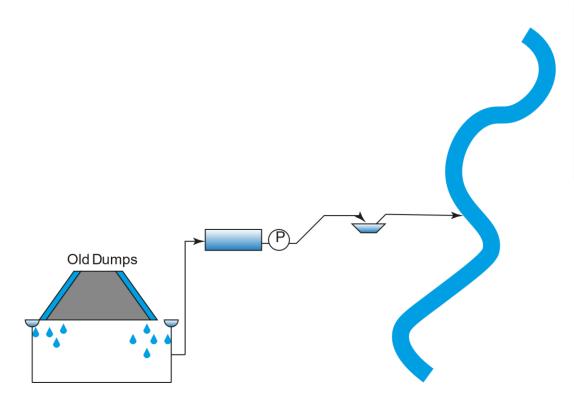
"non-deterioration principle"

- Actions that cause a worsening of the ecological/chemical state of a water body are prohibited
- Dump extension = More NaCl → more NaCl in Rivers/Groundwater bodies?

Multifold solution (next slides)



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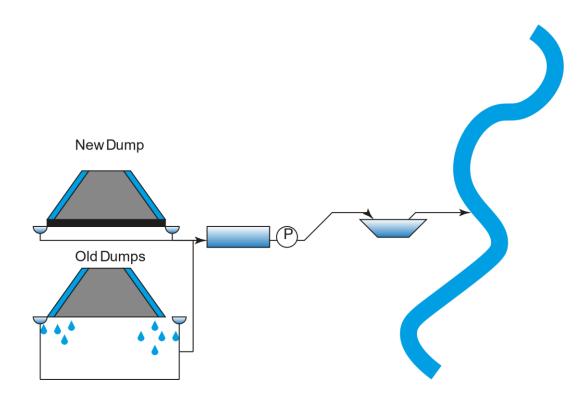


Status Quo

 X mio m³ seep into groundwater from old dumps



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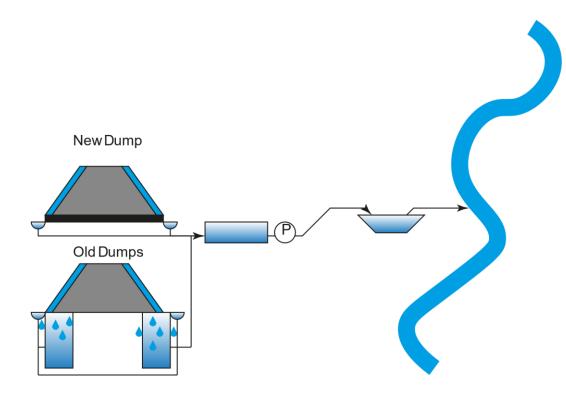


New Extension

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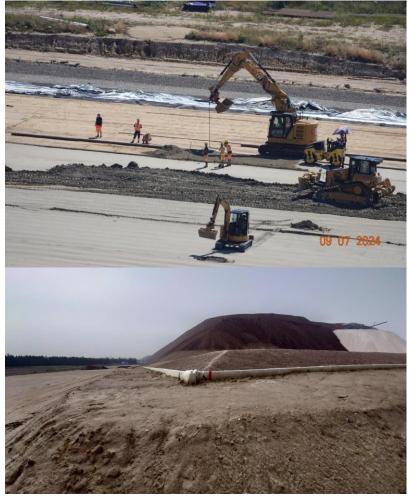


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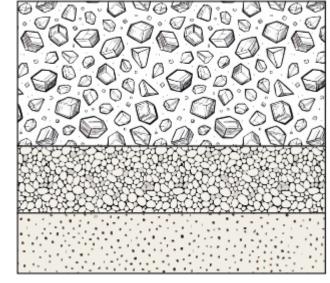
- 1. New Dump Extension does (almost) not emit additional Saltwater
- 2. Mine constructs additional measures to further reduce saltwater emissions from old dumps
- With the Dump extension, less saltwater goes into Ground, than without!
- River Elbe can take the additional saltwater that is collected without ecological damage



BASE SEALING



- K_f of the system $< 5*10^{-10}$
- Rigerous QM-regime
- Redundant hydraulic safety because salt core of Dump is solidified



-- Protective Salt

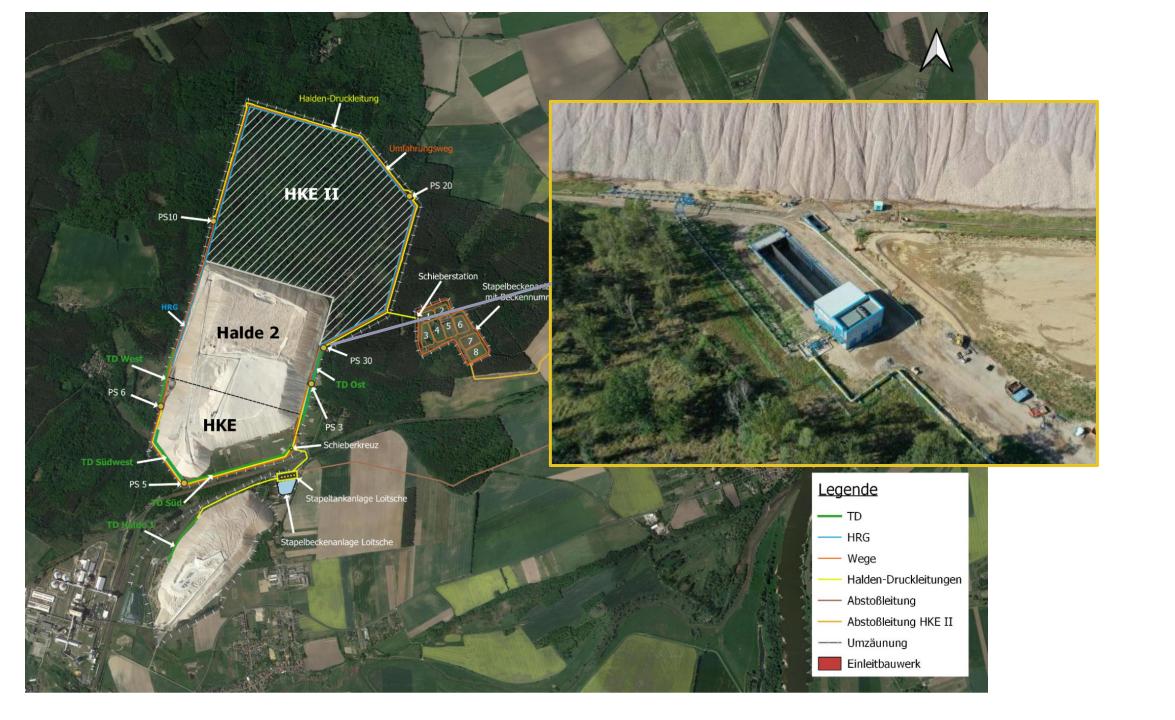
---- Sand + Bentonite

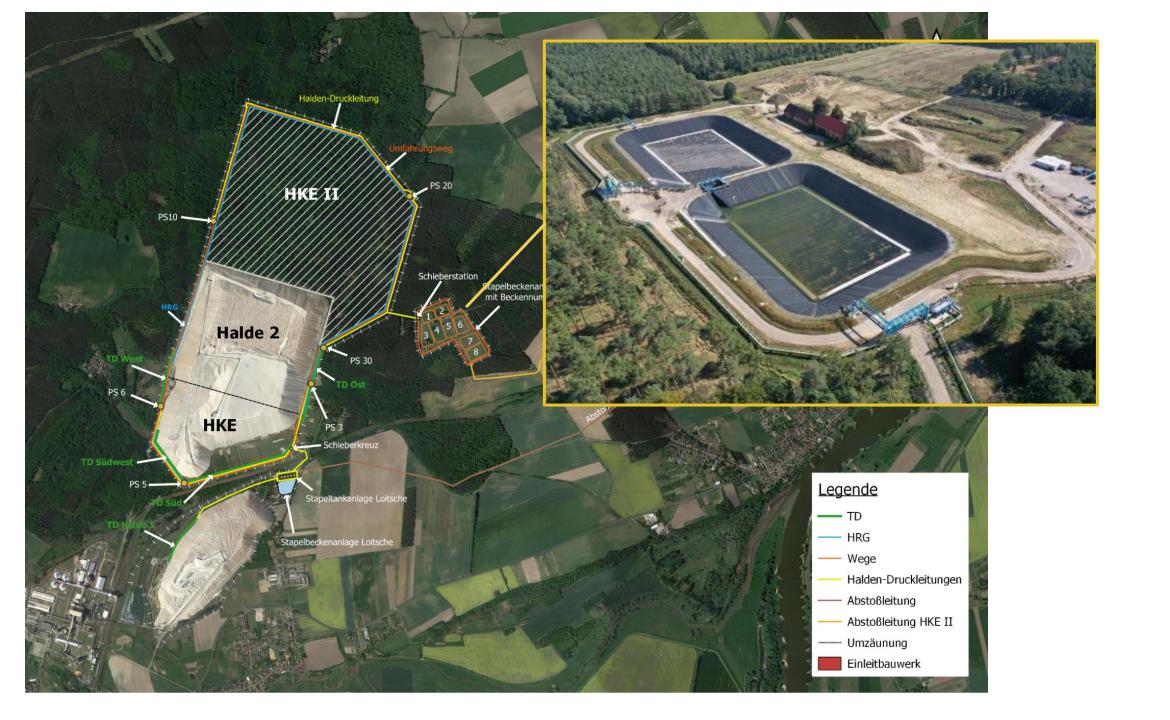
---- Fine Sand + Bentonite + Improvement substances

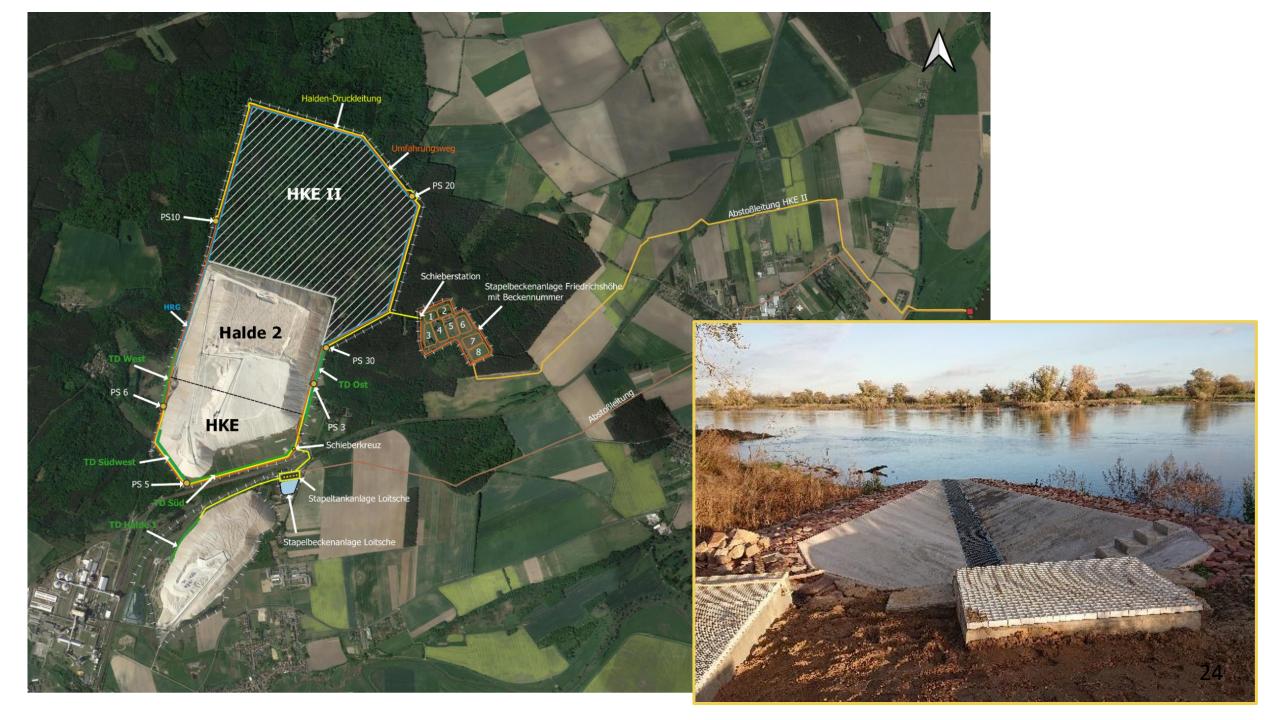


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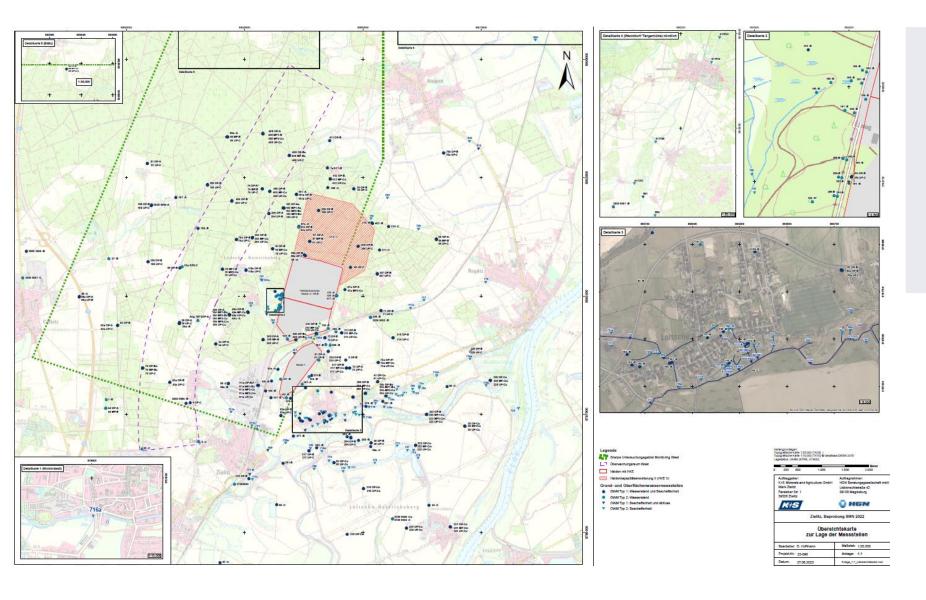


GEOTECHNICAL MONITORING



- Train line
- Limited construction nearby
- Up to 1,5 m heaving
- Up to 10 m horizontal movement

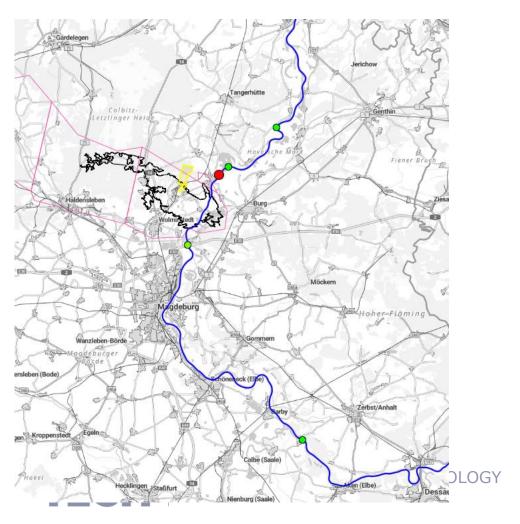
GROUND- AND SURFACE WATER MONITORING I



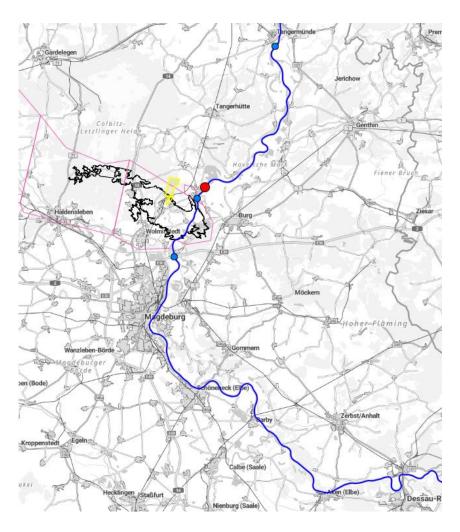
- Over 100 measurement points
- 3 Aquifers
- Drinking water protection area
- Village groundwater downstream direction

SURFACE WATER MONITORING

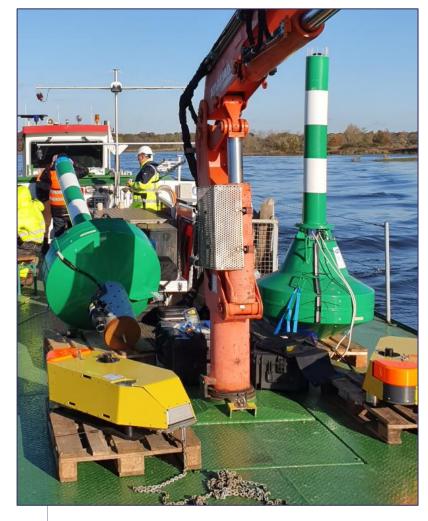
Ecological Measurements



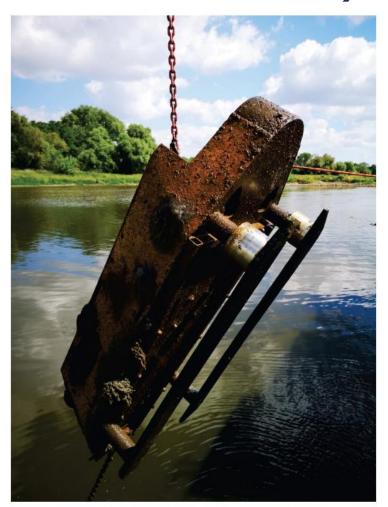
Continuous EC-Measurments



REAL-TIME-WATER ANALYSIS (ELECTRIC CONDUCTIVITY)

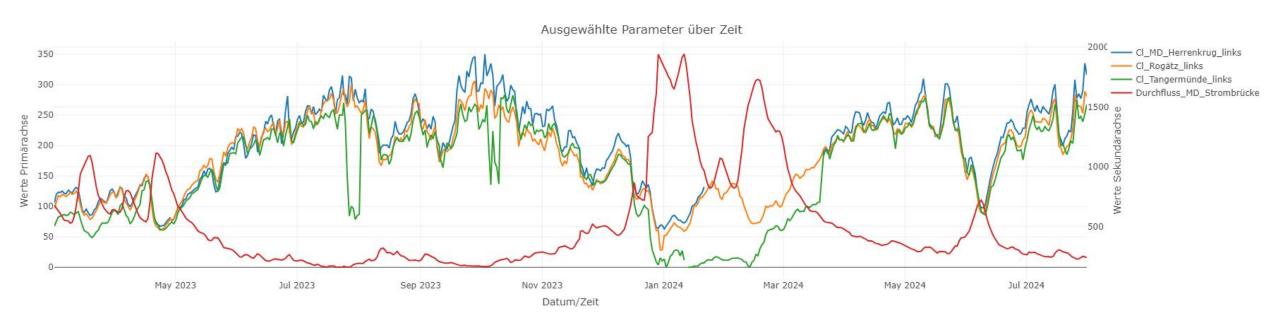






Station 01 / Rogätz: Bergung der Bodenstation mittels Tonnenleger, starke Verschmutzungen erkennbar

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INFILTRATION REDUCTION LAYER

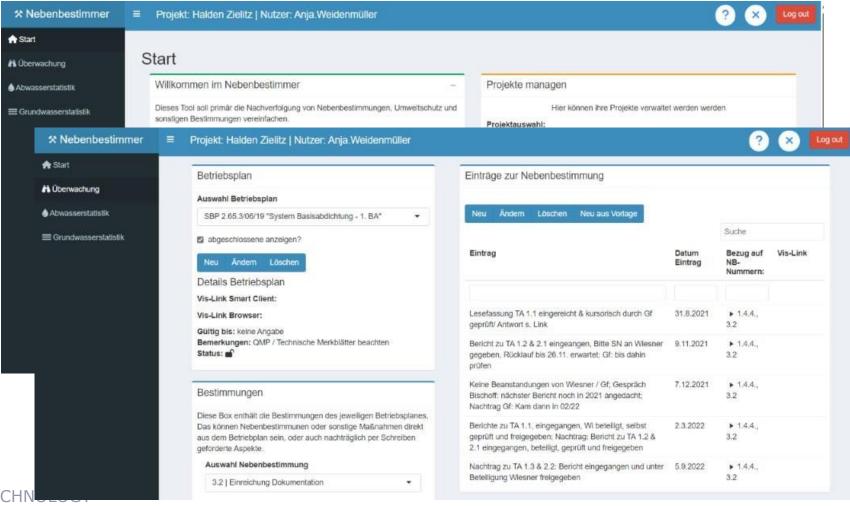


- Shall reduce wastewater from dump by 50%
- 5% additives to final layer of salt
- Has a major impact on waste water management



DIGITALIZATION IN THE AUTHORITY

- Dashboard app
- to tackle the sheer amount of information
- Currently
 20 Mining permits
 300 NBs
 100 Notes that are connected to many NBs
- Multidimensional connections require multidimensional solutions
- → Database





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UNIVERSITIES' ROLES











- The whole process was and is heavily supported by German universities
 - TU Freiberg
 - TU Clausthal
 - TU Kassel
 - HTW Cottbus
 - RWTH Aachen



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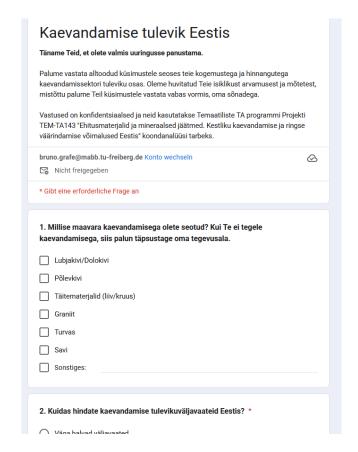
Project TEMTA-143

- Sustainability BUT ALSO Resource Securing Questions in the Estonian Mining Sector
- Many things are known within the Circle of Experts
- Little is documented and quantified



REQUEST

- We ask you to honestly answer in your own words as free text
- 5 Questions, 5 Minutes
- We will read every comment and cluster/quantify
- Obtain a presentable statistic of the sentiment of Estonian resource industry







THANK YOU!