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# WG2 Update

*Ontologies and Construction with Building Digital Twins*

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**2024**

Provide Digital Twin  
Ontologies in a BDTA  
Catalog

**2025**

Add toolkit and guidelines  
to BDTA Catalog

**2026+**

Align Values and  
Principles for Ontology  
Networks



**BDTA as  
facilitator**

## Scope

- Different users, different information needs
- Less is often more

**“Ontology-based apps  
are indistinguishable  
from Magic”**

## Apps

- Leverage ontologies through user-friendly apps.
- Different apps, different scope & technology requirements.
- Provide developer toolkit and developer support.

## BDTA

- Ontologies Catalogue & Guidelines in progress.
- We will reach out to gather your input on Ontologies.



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## Compromises & Conclusions

- Different users need different things
- Model Based Software aids broad adoption of standards
- Toolkit and support foster development of Model Based Software

## Judith Fauth: Domain Expert Perspective on Ontologies

- Different people need different things
- But... what has already been standardized?

## DigiChecks: Semantics in Permits

- Limited ontology scope *required*
- Focus: End user & Developer experience

## **BDTA: Building Energy Simulation Ontology**

- Different users, different needs (e.g., sensor details)
- Though: keep the core small

## **HYPERGRID: Building Data Connectivity with Utilities Data**

- Better standardization & devkit would have reduced privacy challenges

## BDTA: Ontology Catalogue Status

- Developers need Ontology Catalogue
- Users need Applications
- Alireza needs your ontologies knowledge

## MetabuildingLabs: Semantic Testing Facility

- *Very specific* ontologies lacking – main components are there
- Tech stack for apps does not need to equal Semantic Web

## BIM2TWIN: Semantics in Construction Phase:

- Ontologies: pick and choose to meet use case

## OptimiseAI:

- Combining existing standards enables integrated use cases
- End users don't need to know about ontologies

# Compromises and Conclusions

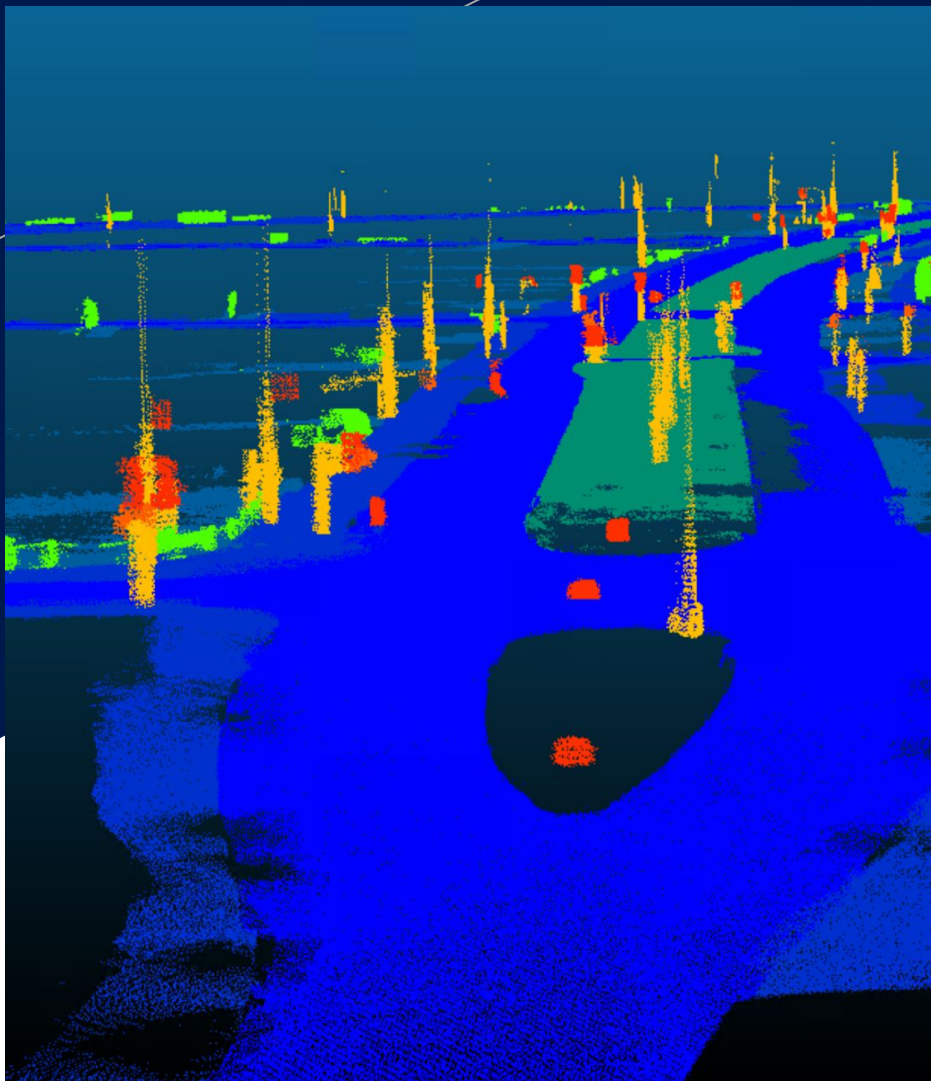




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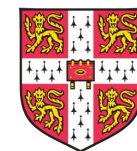


# Ontologies in Building Permitting from a Domain Expert Perspective - Ongoing Work and Examples

Judith Fauth

25th September 2024

Sustainable Places 2024



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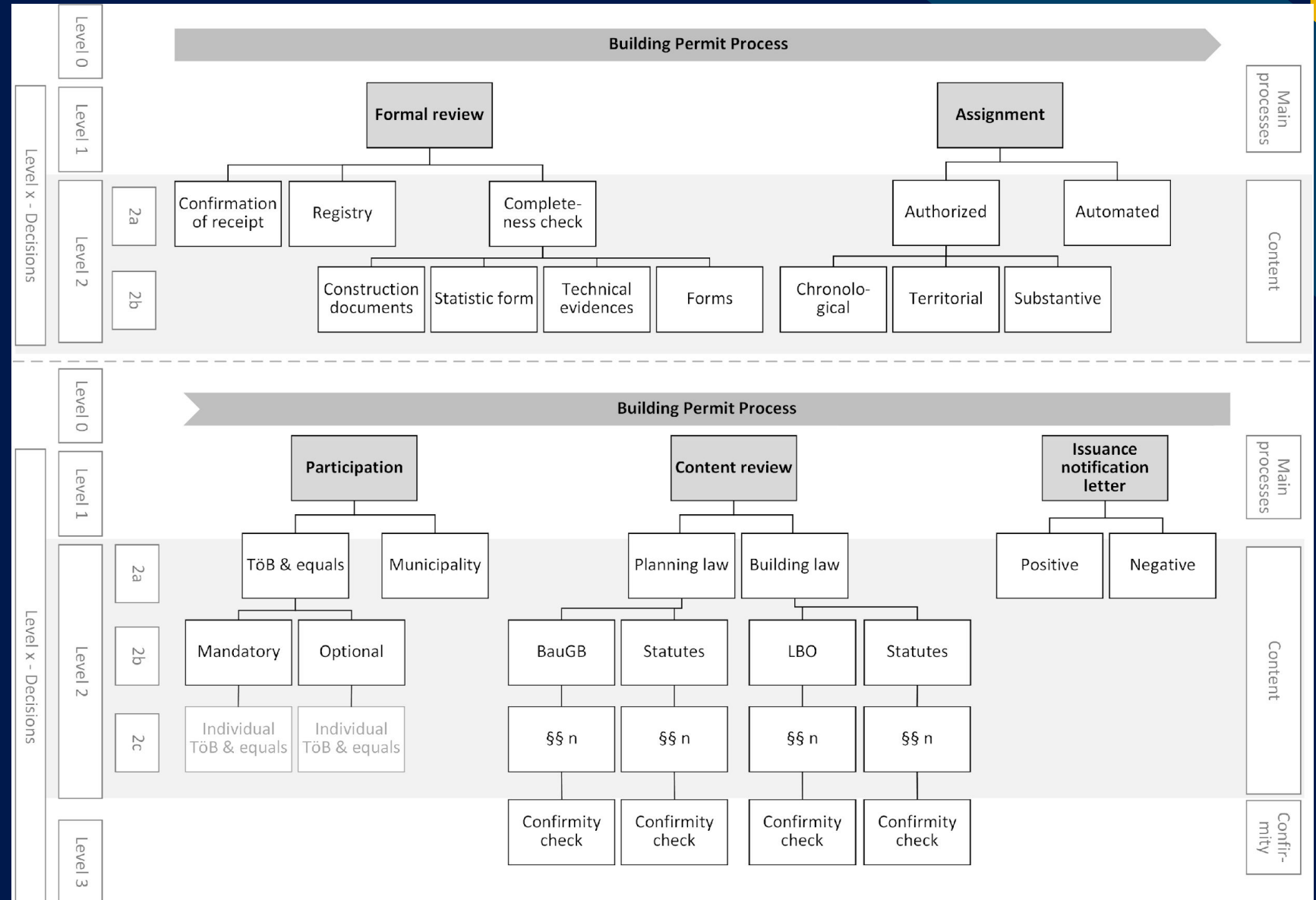
# Intro

# Research focus



# Building Permit Processes

## Process system



# Building Permit-Related Ontologies

# Taxonomy for building permit system

## Preferred Label

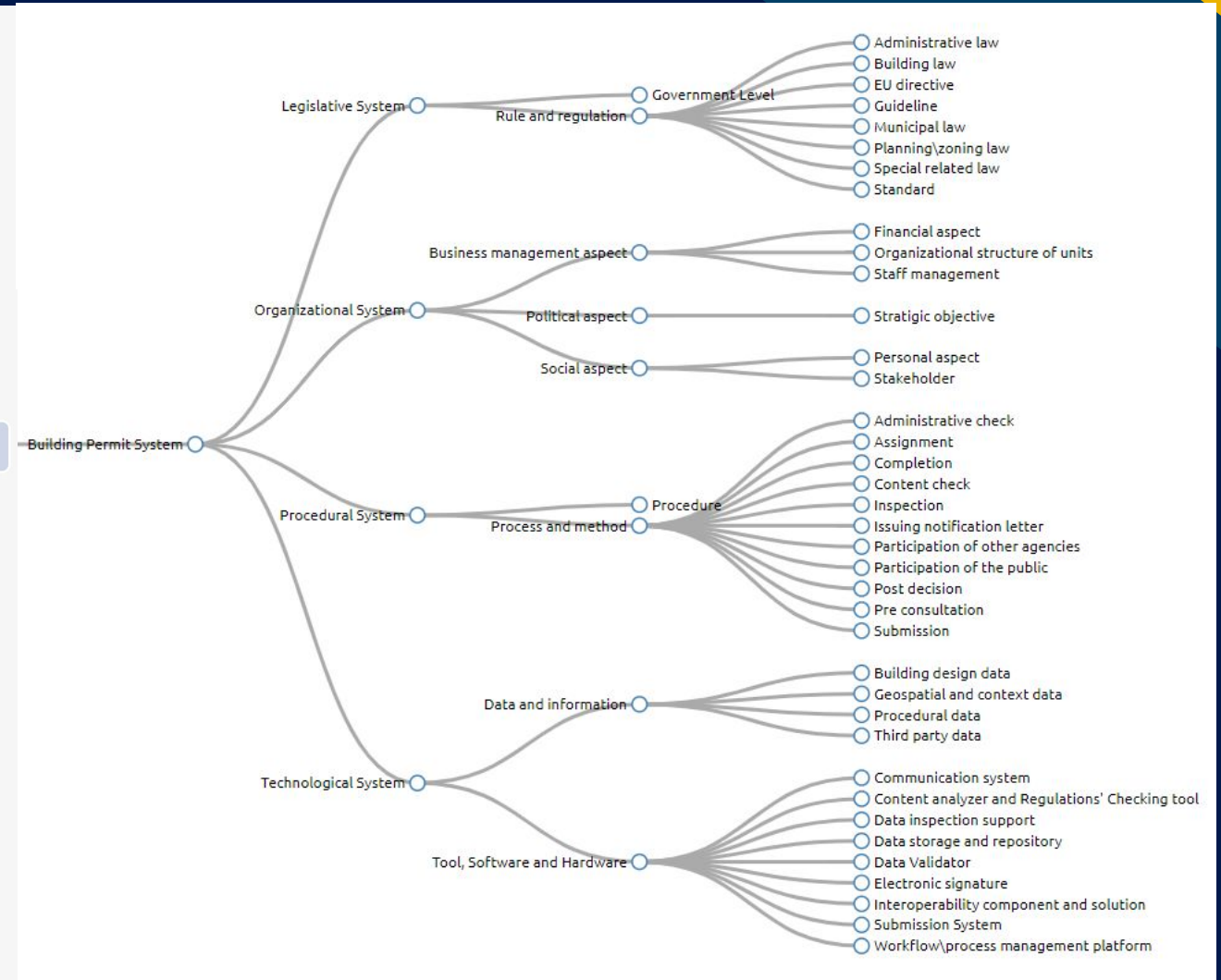
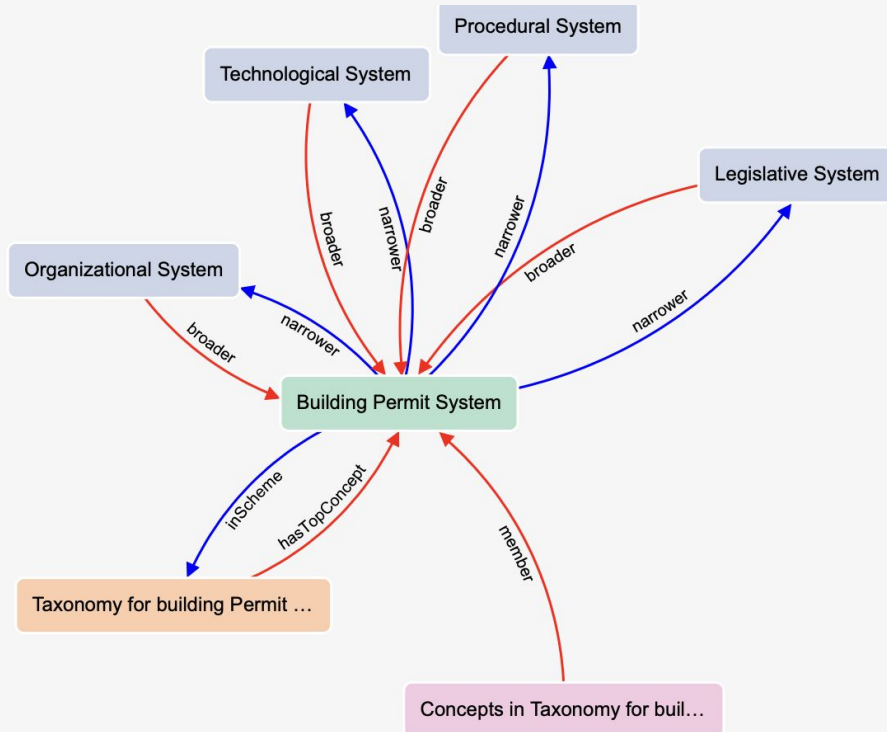
### Building Permit System

## URI

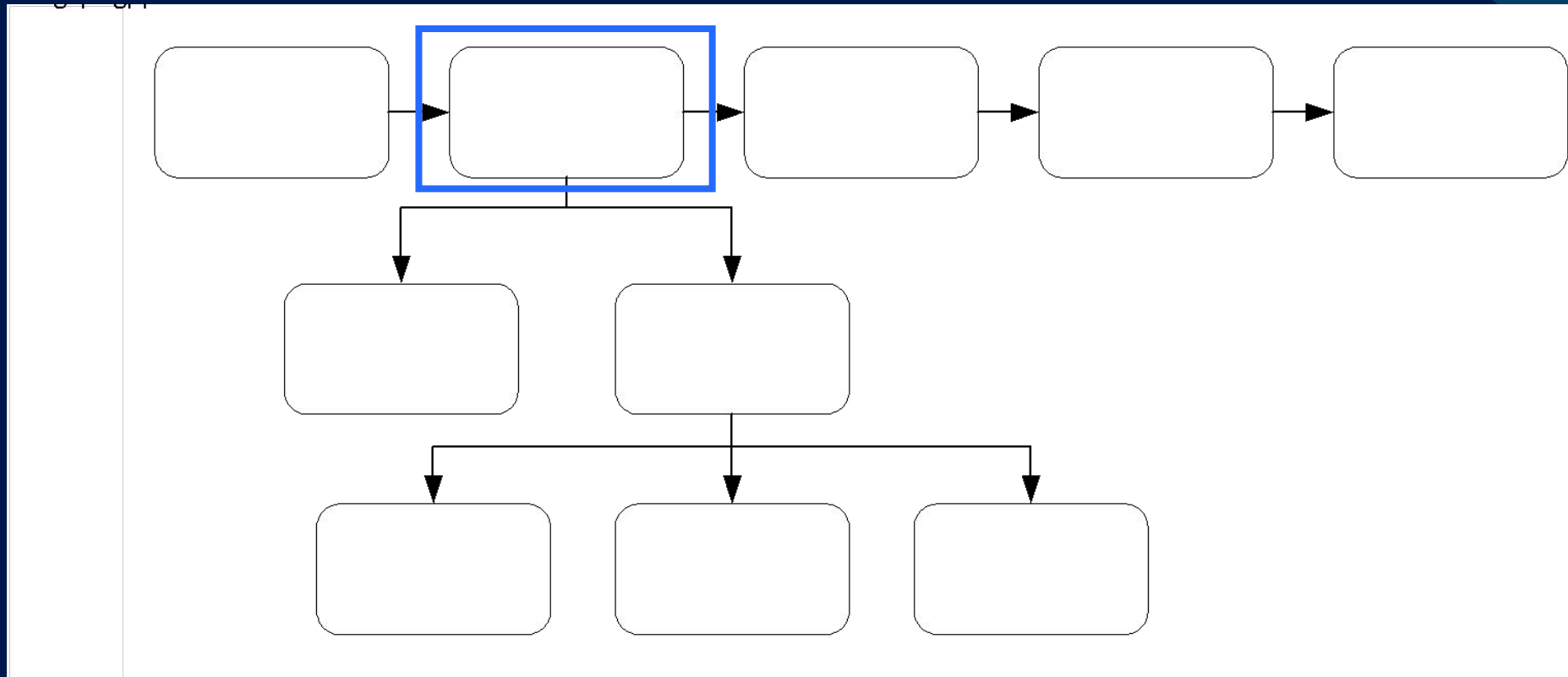
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## Within Vocab

Taxonomy for building Permit system

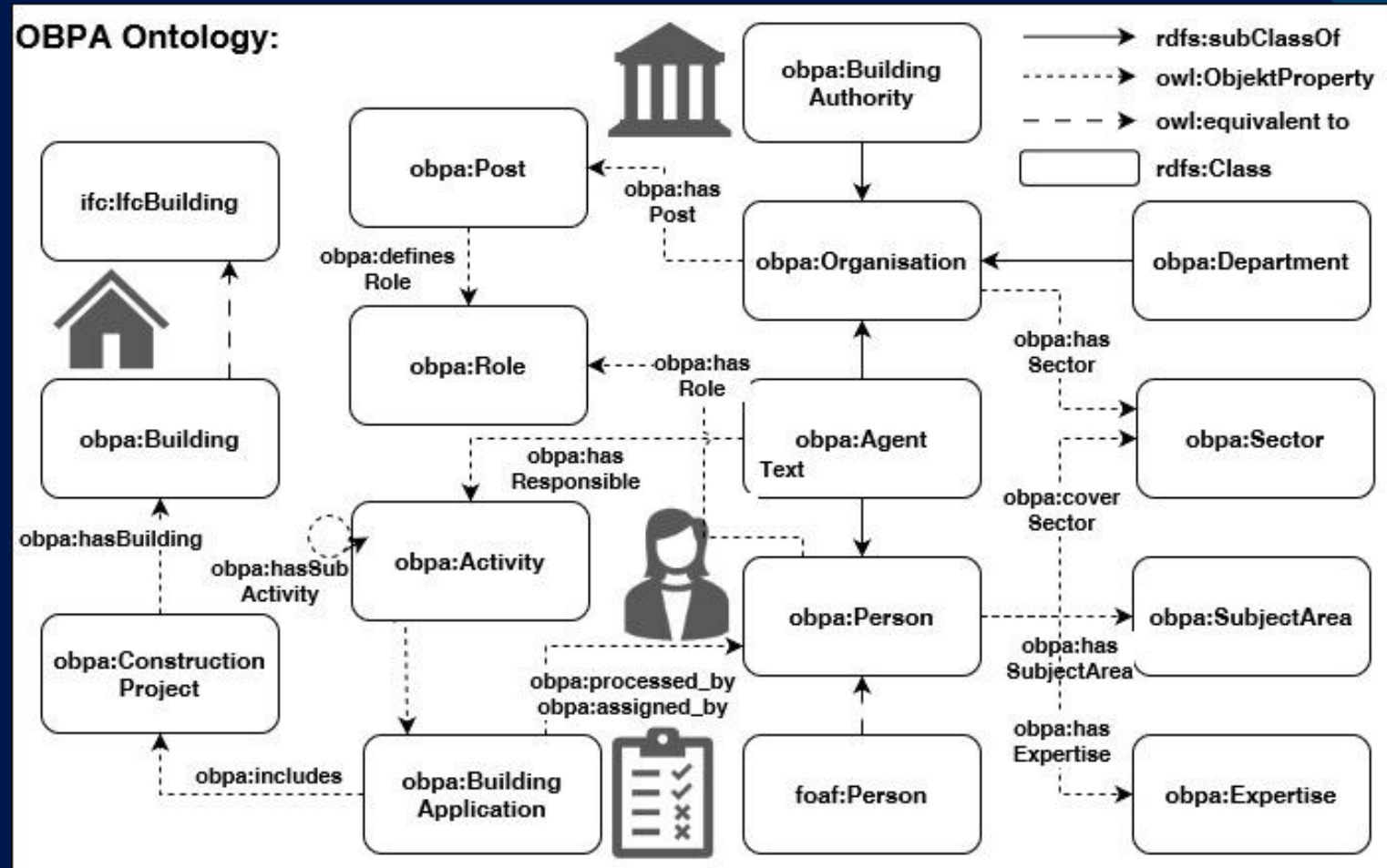


# Ontology for Building Permit Authorities (OBPA)

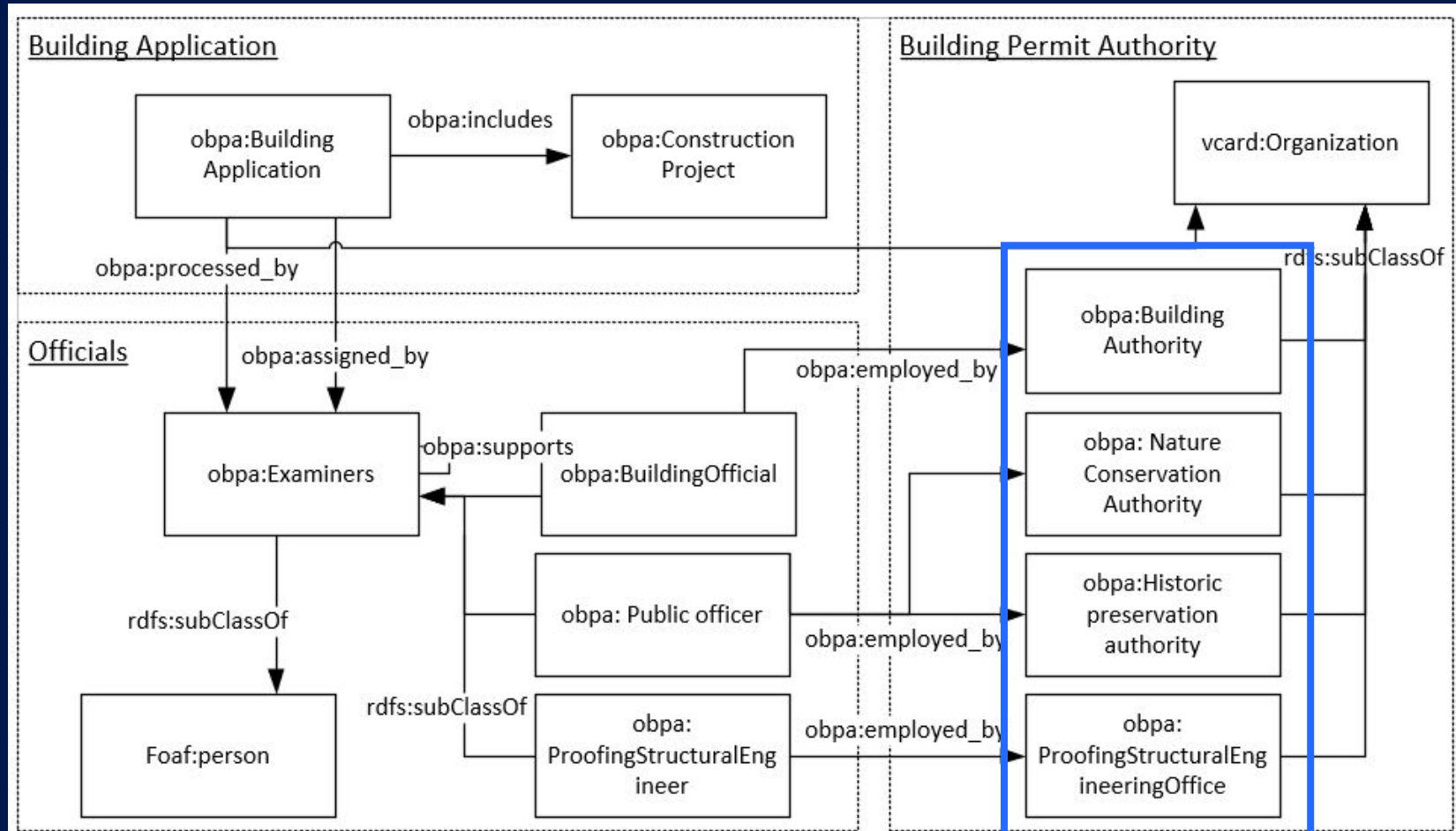




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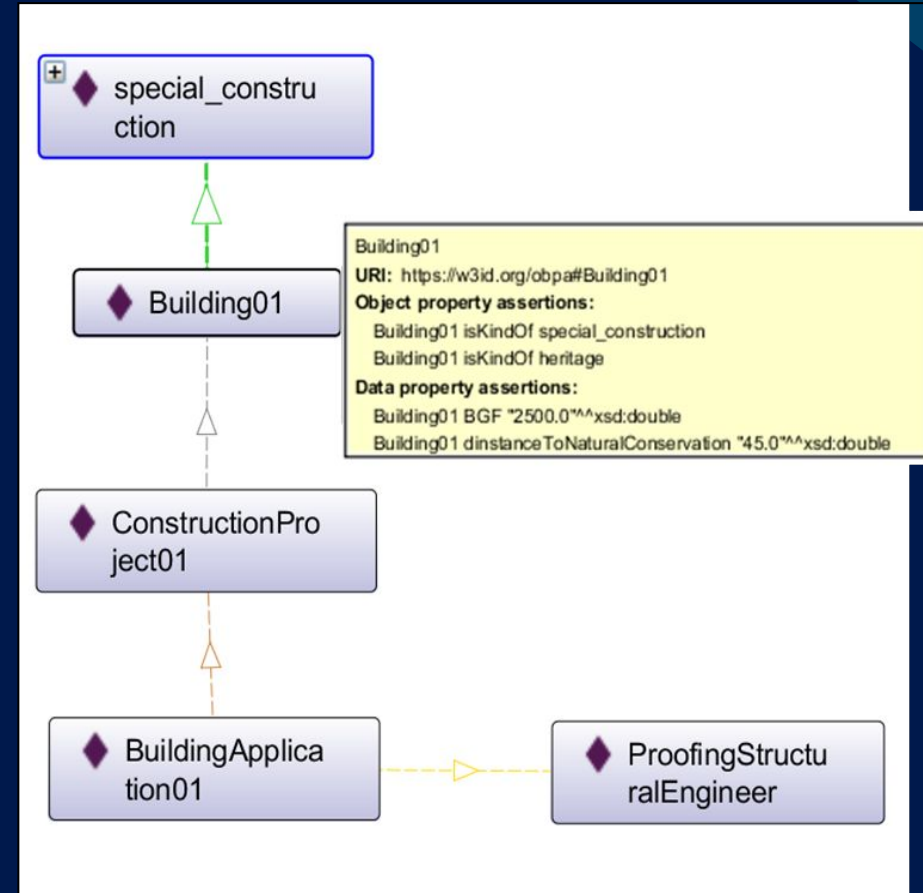
Reference: Fauth, Seiß and Müller 2022

# Ontology for Building Permit Authorities (OBPA)

Table 1. DMN logic to select AoPI

Input			Output
Historical building	Distance to nature conservation	Gross floor area (GFA)	AoPI
a) true	-	-	Historic preservation authority
a) false	-	-	-
b) -	$\geq 50\text{m}$	-	Nature conservation authority
b) -	$< 50\text{m}$	-	-
c) -	-	$> 1000\text{m}^2$	Proofing structural engineering office
c) -	-	$\leq 1000\text{m}^2$	-

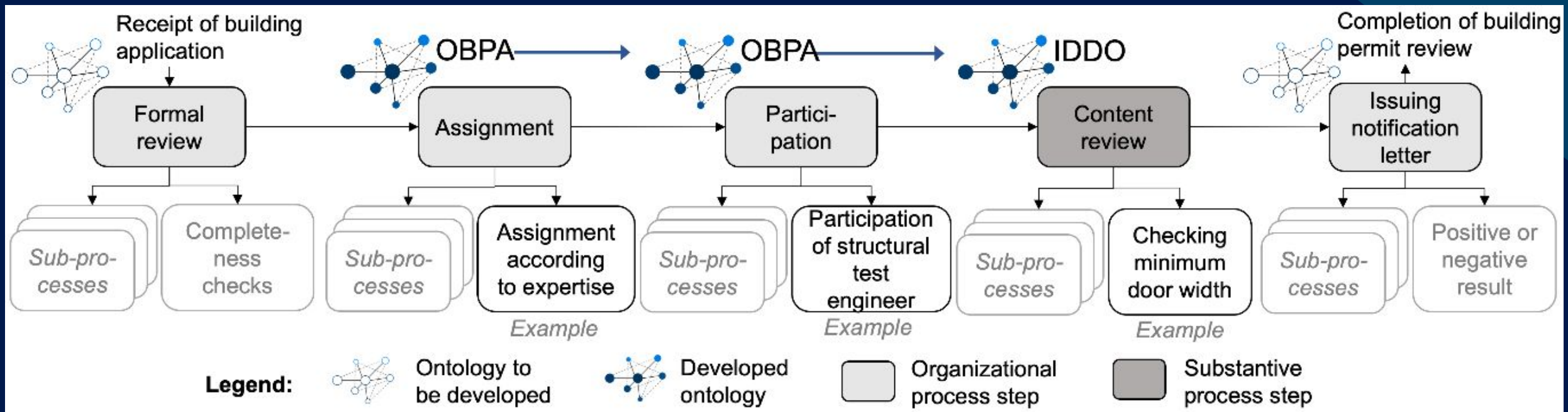
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Inferred AoPI for BuildingApplication01 with a total floor area of 2500 m<sup>2</sup>.

# Building Permit Ontology Alignments

# OntoBPR –Ontology-based workflow and concept for building permit reviews



# “Advanced” OntoBPR

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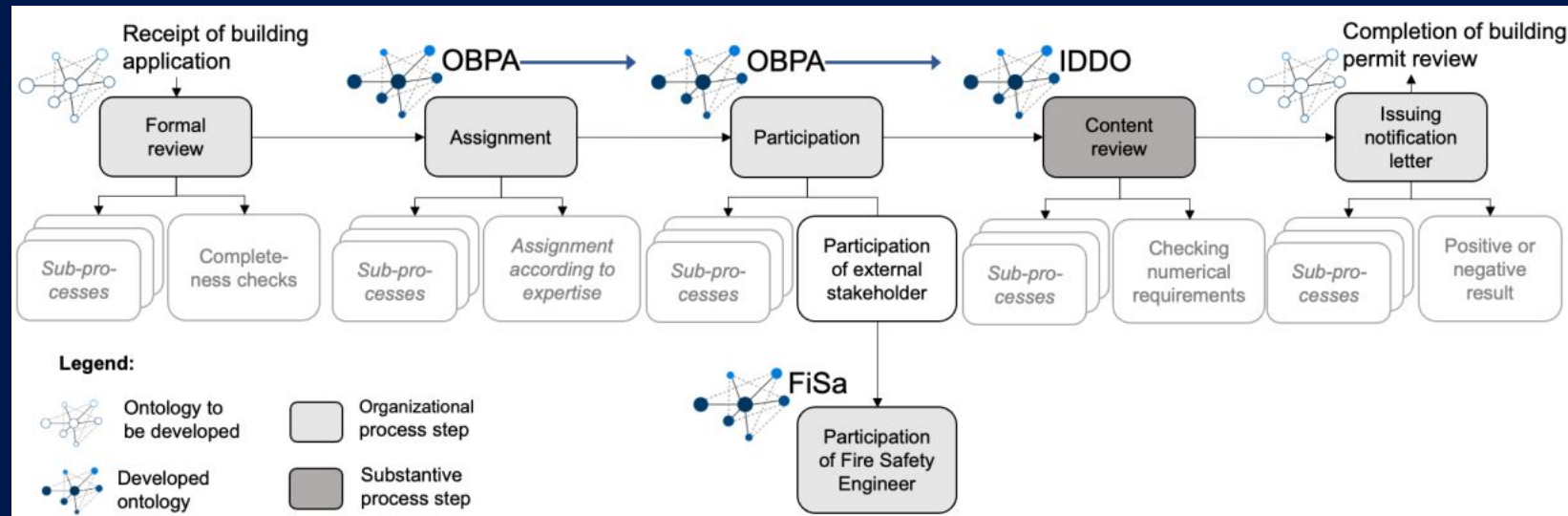


# “Advanced” OntoBPR

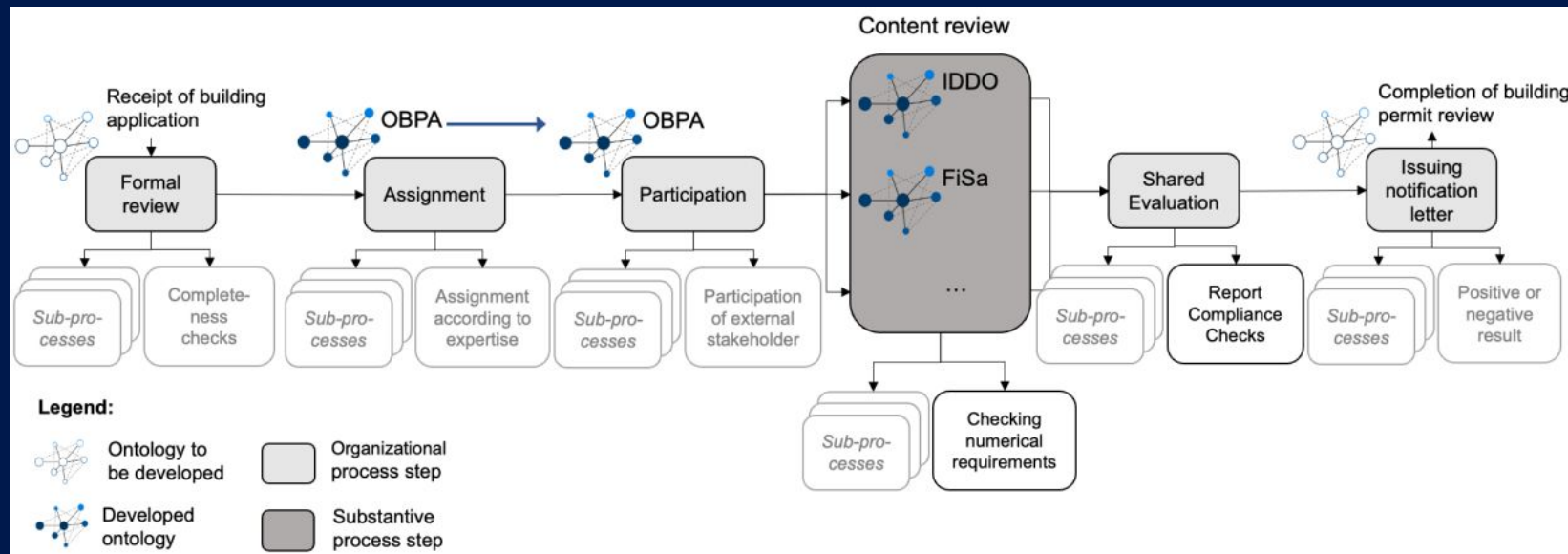




# BEssi - Built-Environment-Thesauri-Ontology



Use Case 1

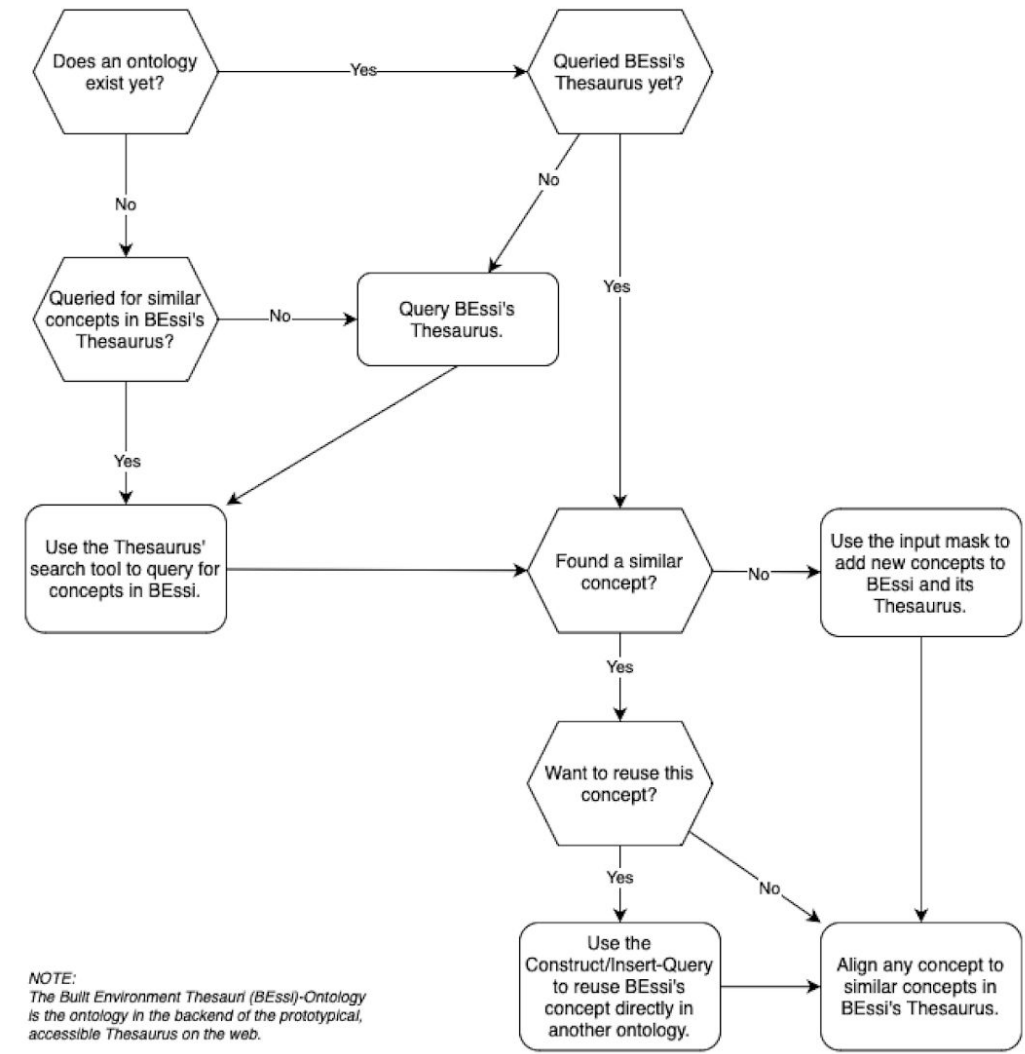


Use Case 2

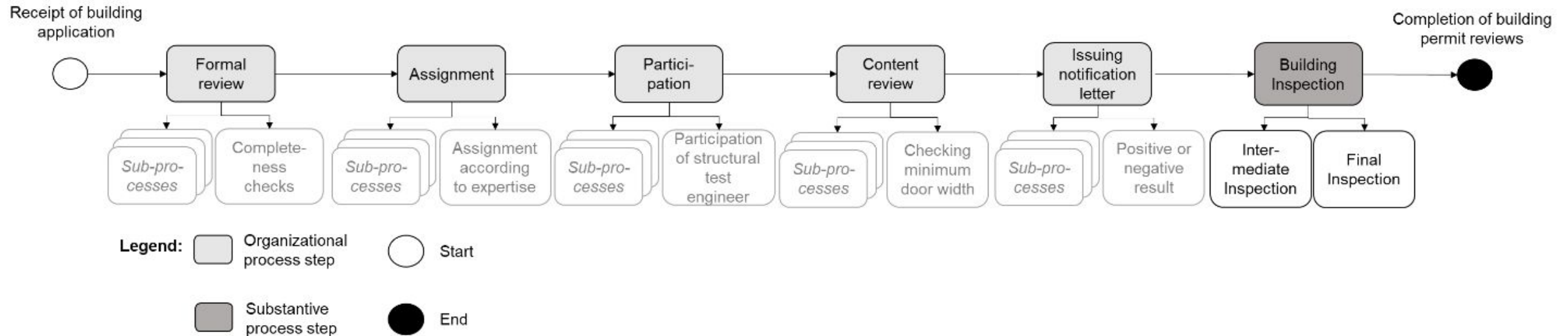
# BEssi - Built-Environment-Thesauri-Ontology

Table 1: Mapping of OBPA and FiSa through SKOS-Concepts.

Related Concepts			
	FiSa	OBPA	SKOS
1	bot:Building	bot:Building	hasCloseMatch
2	fisa:SpecialPurposeConstruction	obpa:SpecialConstruction	hasExactMatch
3	fisa:RuleOfApplication	obpa:Regulations	hasRelatedMatch
4	fisa:TechnicalStructuralCertificate	obpa:BuildingApplication	related
5	fisa:Surrounding	obpa:PlotOfLand	hasExactMatch



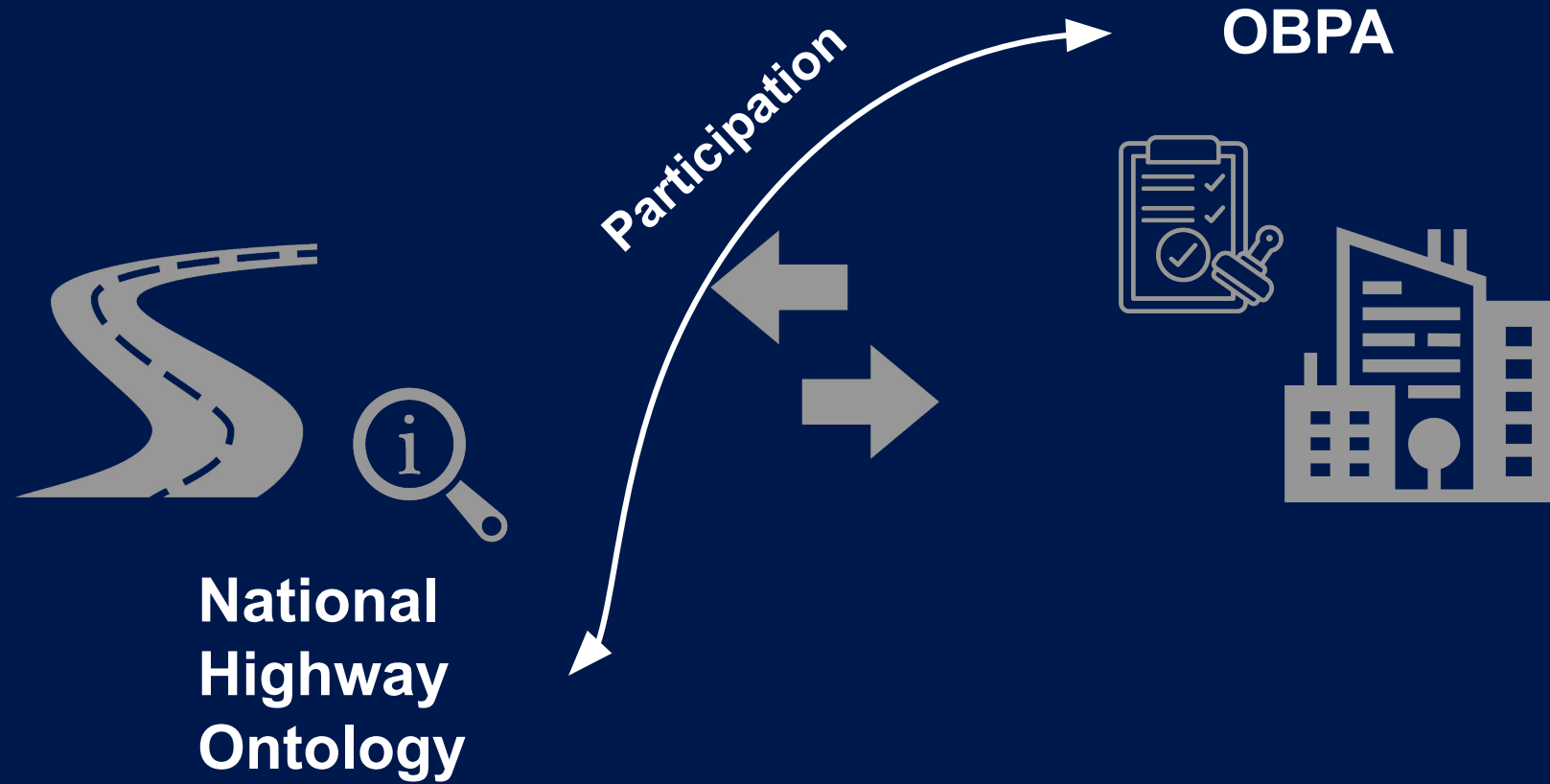
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# Cross-Domain Alignment

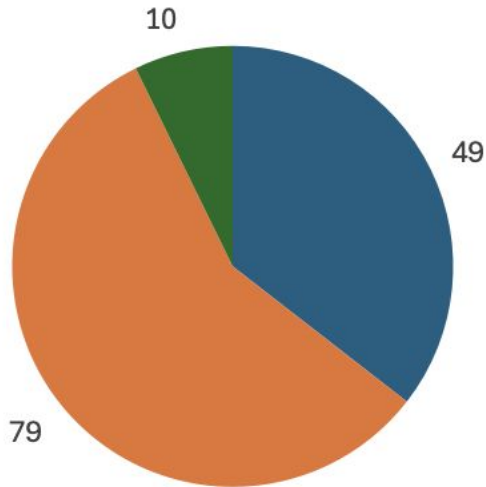


# Scientific Review

# Review on Building Permit –Related Ontologies

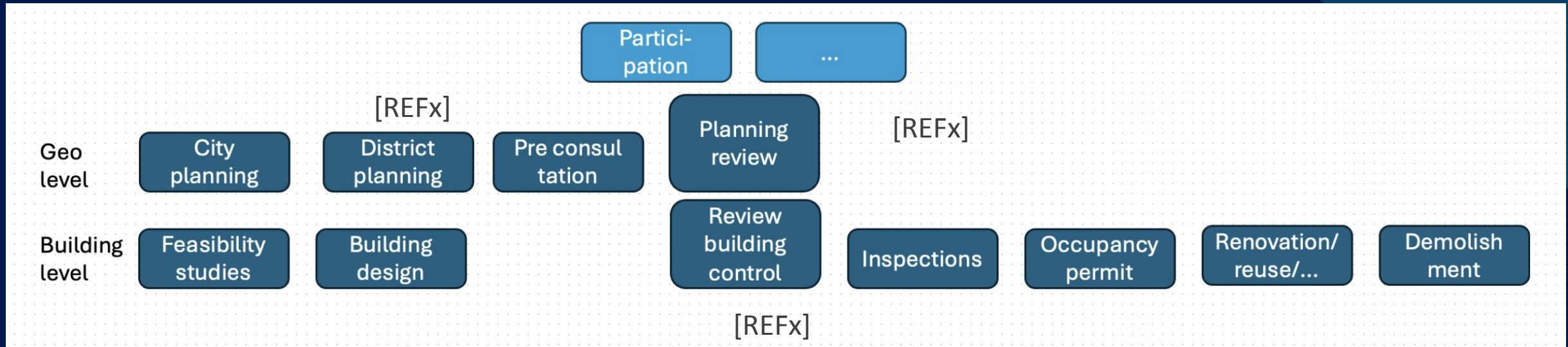
1	keywords			amount of articles	articles related to construction
2	<b>technical</b>	<b>legislative</b>			
3	ontology	building permit	ontology + building permit	2	2 Fauth & Seiss, 2023
4	semantic web	digital building permit	ontology + digital building permit	0	0
5	resource description framework	permission	ontology + permission	0	0
6	RDF	approval	ontology + approval	2	1 Jiang et al., 2022c
7	linked data	consent	ontology + consent	6	1 Stoffel et al., 2024
8		review	ontology + review	73	15 Gispert et al., 2023
9		planning	ontology + planning	107	47 Zhang et al., 2015
10		zoning	ontology + zoning		
11		resource permit	ontology + resource permit		
12		regulations	ontology + regulations		
13		code	ontology + code		
14		rules	ontology + rules		
15		legislation	ontology + legislation		
16		automated code compliance checking	ontology + automated code compliance checking		
17		automated compliance checking	ontology + automated compliance checking		
18		compliance checking	ontology + compliance checking		
19		ACCC	ontology + ACCC		
20		ACC	ontology + ACC		
21		building information modeling	ontology + building information modeling		
22		BIM	ontology + BIM		
23	amount of combinations		semantic web + building permit		
24		100	semantic web + digital building permit		
25			semantic web + permission		

Relevance for review

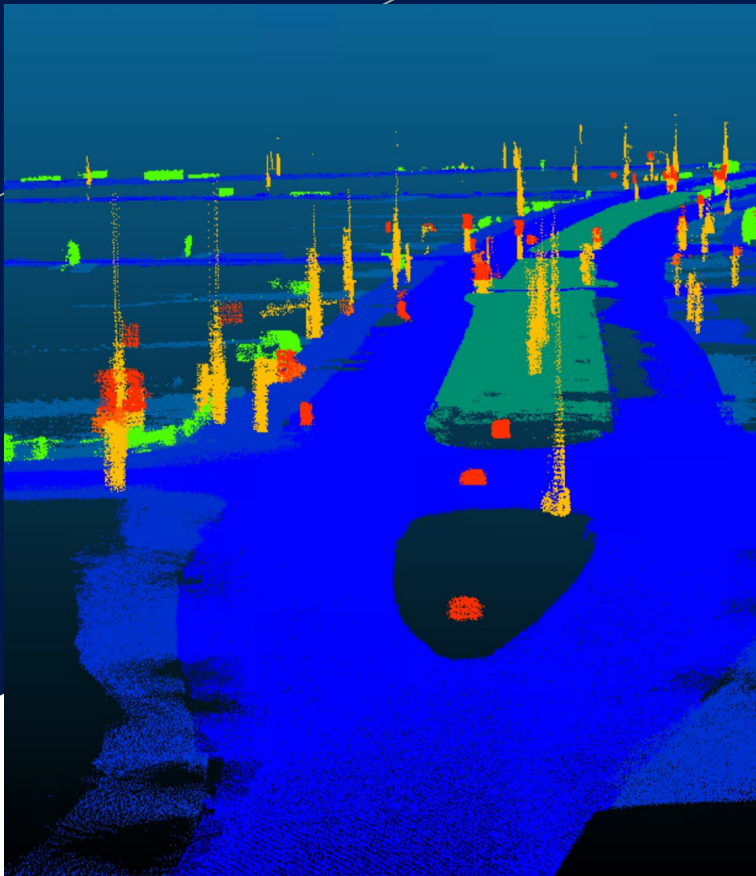


■ relevant ■ irrelevant ■ unsure

# Review on Building Permit –Related Ontologies







# Thank you! Questions?



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# SEMANTICS IN BUILDING OPERATION: THE O4BSIM

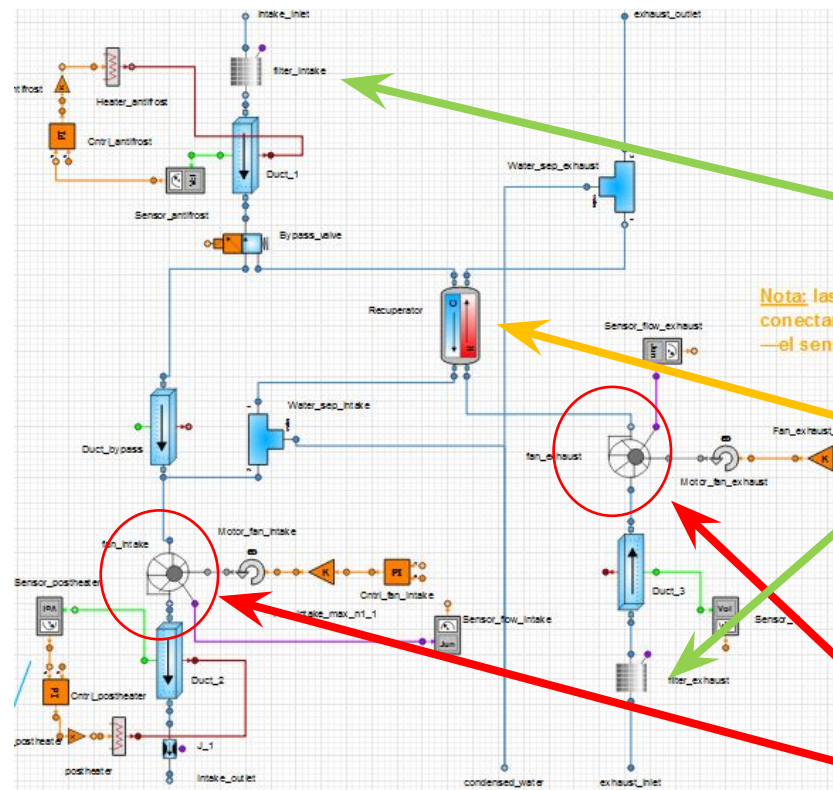




## MATHEMATICAL SIMULATION FOR REAL TIME, WHY?

- What is real time? (1 ms, 1 sec, 5 min, 15 min, 1 h)
- Intelligent operator for “non existing”
- From off-line evaluation TO response in real-time
- Sensors fail (a lot!)
- Improved maintenance (predictive)
- Working in the “edge” (less privacy content level, metrics)

# SIMBOT concept



FILTERS

RECUPERATOR  
OR

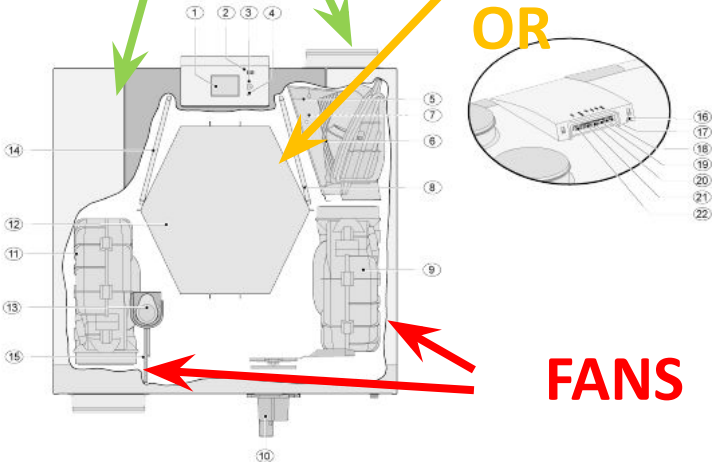
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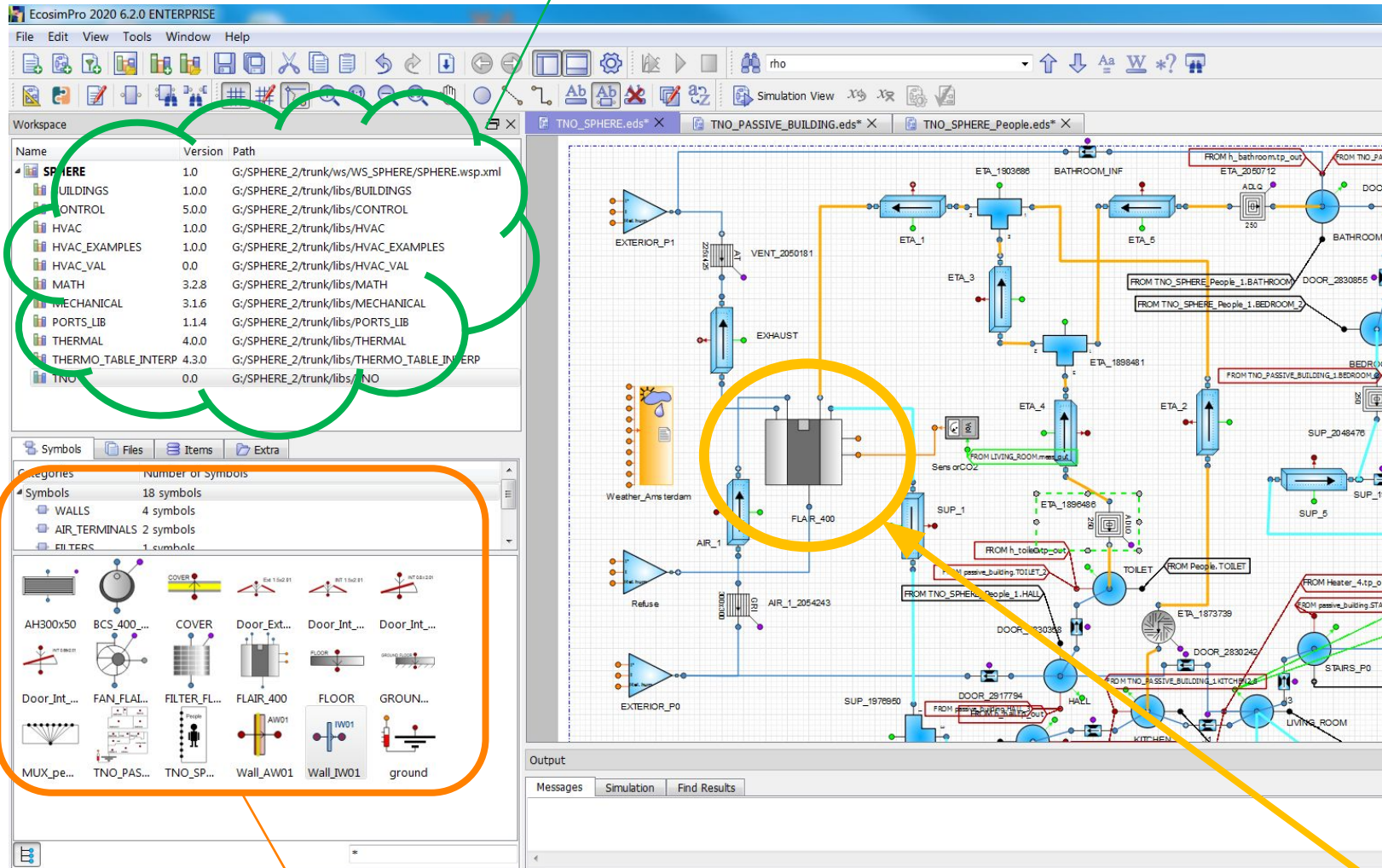
3.3 Exploded view of appliance



The appliance shown above is a left-hand version: in the case of a right-hand version, the connector of the preheater, bypass valve and the siphon connector are installed in mirror image!

1	Touchscreen	12	Heat exchanger
2	USB connector (X13)	13	Motor bypass valve
3	Service connector	14	Exhaust air filter
4	LED indicator	15	Bypass valve
5	Maximum protection preheater	16	Power cable 230 volt
6	Preheater	17	Relay output (X19)
7	Temperature sensor	18	24 volt connector (X18)
8	Supply filter	19	eBus connector (X17)
9	Exhaust fan	20	24 volt connector (X16)
10	Siphon connector	21	Modbus/ Brinkbus connector (X15)
11	Supply ventilator	22	Multiple switch connector (X14)

Workspace: set of libraries



Canvas to edit both graphic and alphanumeric models

Library: Components, functions, Ports, Symbols, Files, Items, Extra

SIMBOT

## Projects and SIMBOT dissemination

- Sand-box (Data centers), BDTA projects running: HyCool-IT, DYMAN
- Developers (3DS Dassault, ESRI Simulation X, EAI Ecosimpro,...)
- Fabricators (chillers, in-rack cooling equipments)
- Associations (RHEVA, ASHRAE)



Hycool-IT GA 101138623 (2024-2027)



**DYMAN**  
DYNAMICALLY MANAGED  
SELF-COOLING  
HPC DATA CENTERS

Dyman GA 101161930 (2024-2027)



## O4BSIM, Why?

- Developers implementation: each one must derive their own library implementation
- Fabricators to developers: one equipment definition for all (SIMBOT)
- BMS, SCADA interoperability
- BIM interoperability (BOT)
- Sensors interoperability

## O4BSIM implementation

- Initial steps: disciplines, entities, clasifications
- Objective: Smaller (controllable!) but knowledge intensive (Protegé)
- Intensive maintenance (BDTA)
- Market value and exploitation
- Standard “carrier” (CEN442 WG9)
- The main need: CONSENSUS (developers, fabricators, assocaitions)

## SEMANTICS IN BUILDING OPERATION: THE O4BSIM

Thank you!

Questions

25<sup>th</sup> September



### INTRODUCTION TO HYPERGRYD

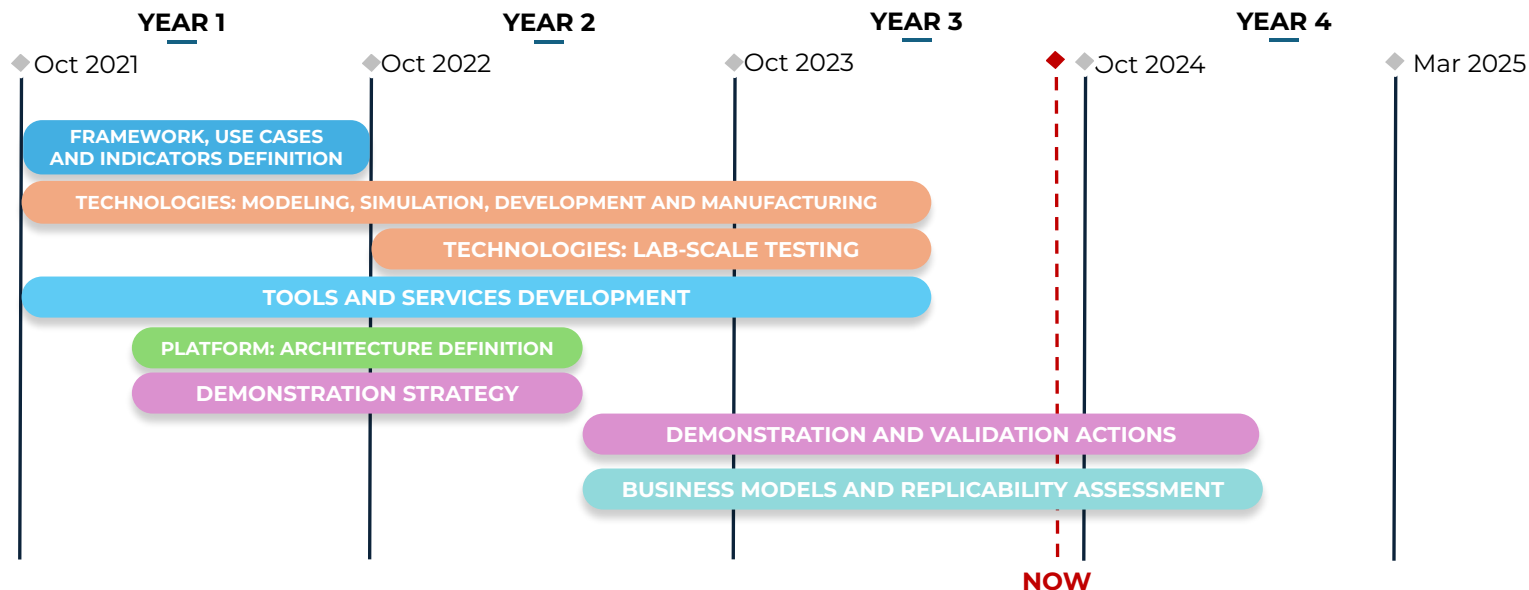
**HYPERGRYD:** Hybrid coupled networks for thermal-electric integrated smart energy Districts. An **energy management and optimization platform**, designed to seamlessly **integrate hybrid energy networks**, enabling dynamic operational adjustments. This approach optimizes energy usage, minimizes environmental impact, and enhances system efficiency and resilience across diverse energy infrastructures.



24<sup>th</sup> September



## HYPERGRYD STATUS



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## HYPERGRYD Data groups (First data group)

### **BIM-GIS toolkit for DHC network piping and configuration planning**

This tool supports decision-making and optimizes network layouts and dimensions for planning next-generation district heating networks, applicable to both new and existing systems.

### **Exergoeconomic optimization tool for 4th and 5th generation of DHC**

Exergy-based analysis and assessment of energy-conversion systems for district heating and cooling.

- Data models adhere to GIS standards for identifying and classifying geometric data and associating metadata/properties.
- Serves as an information source to identify components linked to geometries and as a base for energy simulations.

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## HYPERGRYD Data groups (Second data group)

### **SAInt - Scenario Analysis Interface for Energy Systems**

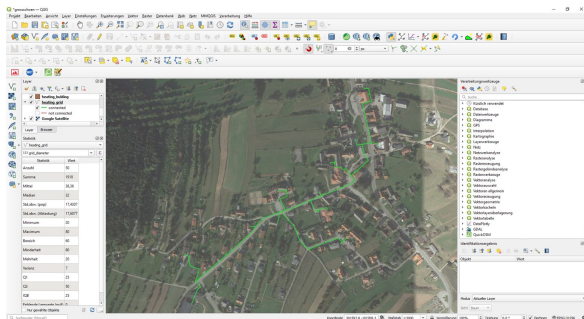
Modelling tool to physically simulate the operation of an integrated energy system that couples heating and electricity networks.

- Data models are not part of an open-source standard.
- This group of data models is based on the requirements and definitions set by ENCOOR simulation tools.

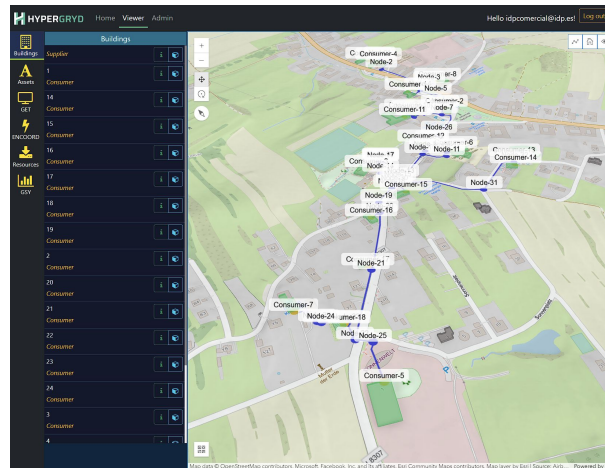




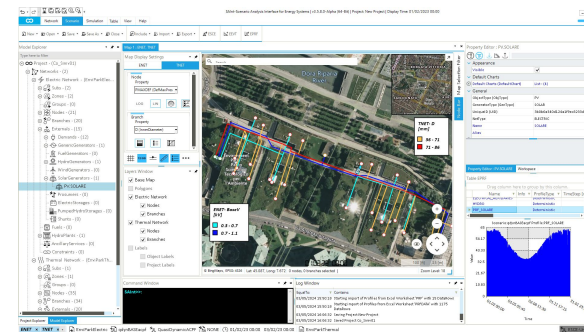
## HYPERGRYD Interface with integrated tools



**Exergoeconomic  
optimization tool for 4th and  
5th generation of DHC**



**HYPERGRYD DTwin  
platform**



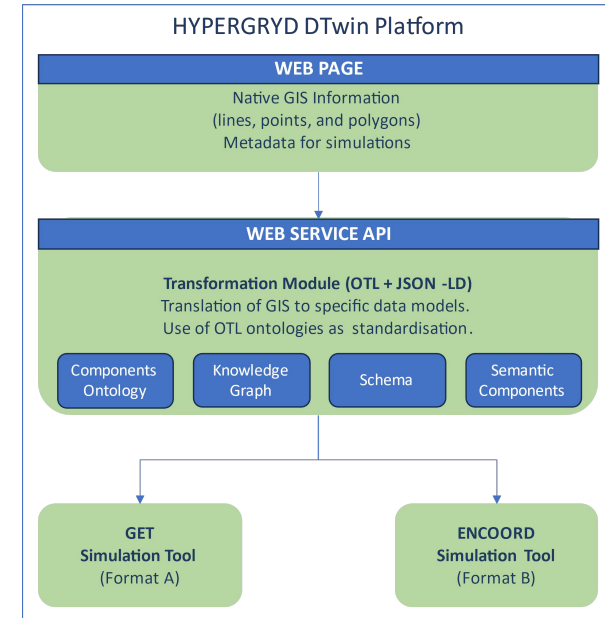
**SAInt - Scenario Analysis  
Interface for Energy  
Systems**





If standardized ontologies had been applied..

- A single data model would have been used.
- Definitions, typologies, and integration services would share the same structure, adapting information exchange to a unified data model.
- This would reduce development time, making it more flexible and generic.





# Ontology Catalogue

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# BDTIC4 Recap

# BDTIC Closing Remarks (1)



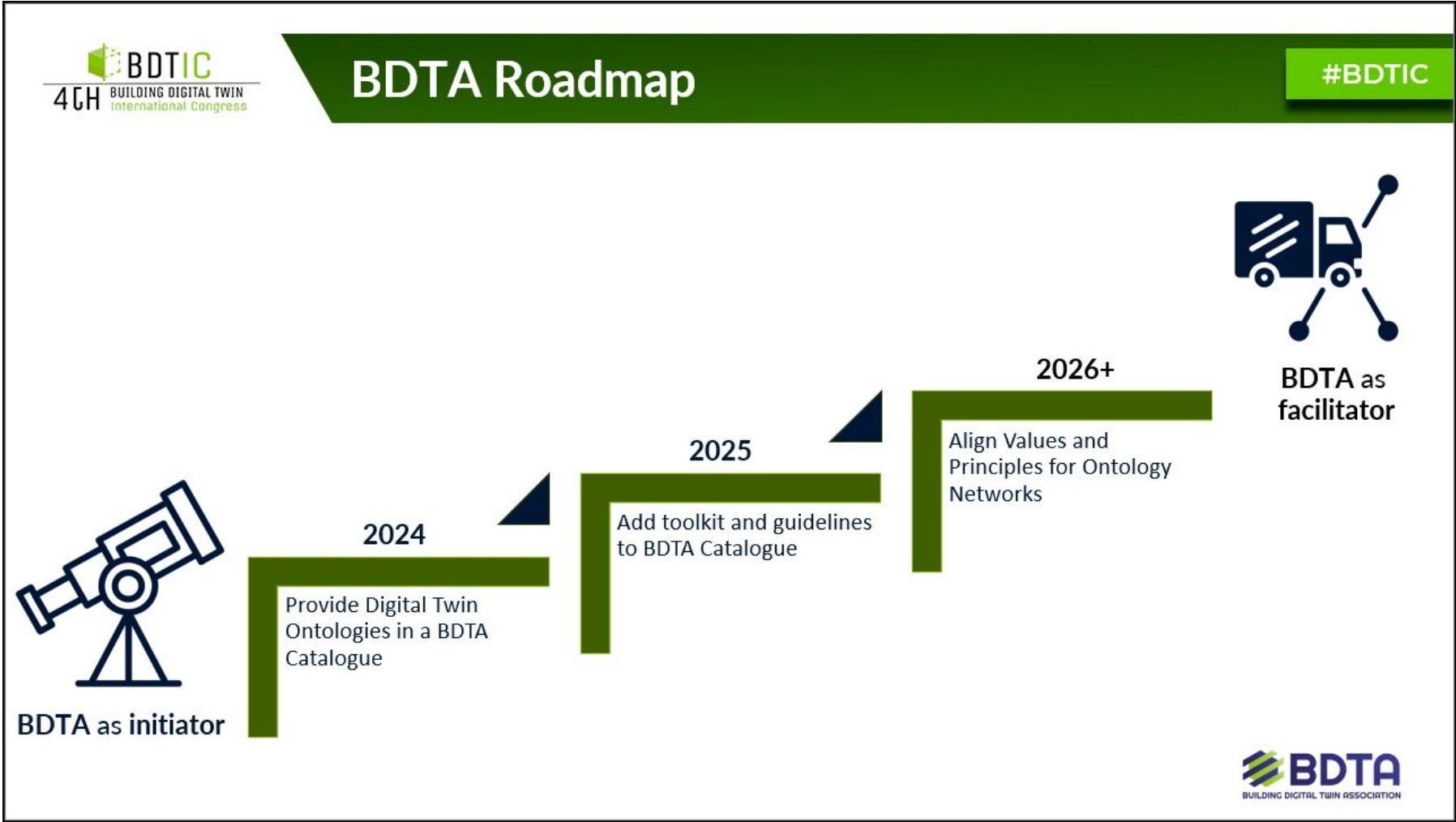
## Future Activities BDTA

#BDTIC

- ☐ Alignment and definition of Interoperable Ontologies principles
- ☐ Improved interoperability of existing Domain Ontologies
- ☐ Catalogue of Building Digital Twin Ontologies



# BDTIC Closing Remarks (2)



# Ontology Catalogue

# Project Definition

## Description:

The main project goal is to progress on the BDTA Roadmap as defined at BDTIC4 in April 2024. To create a central hub for the ontologies in the Building Digital Twin domain

# Project Definition

## Description:

To create a central hub for the ontologies in the Building Digital Twin domain.

## Why?

To ensure BDT ontologies can:

- ✓ Shared
- ✓ Explored
- ✓ Accessed
- ✓ Used



## Users:

- Ontology Developers (Academia & Industry)
- Software Developers and Providers
- Ontology Users

# Project Plan

## Phase 1: Listing Ontologies (MVP)

- A catalogue of ontologies with necessary information and guidelines

## Phase 2: Feedback Incorporation, Improvement and Feature Addition

- Improvement of the catalogue and introducing additional features

## Phase 3: Advanced Use & Accessing Ontologies

- Addition of advanced features (e.g. Querying and exploring ontologies on the platform)

# BDTIC Closing Remarks (3)

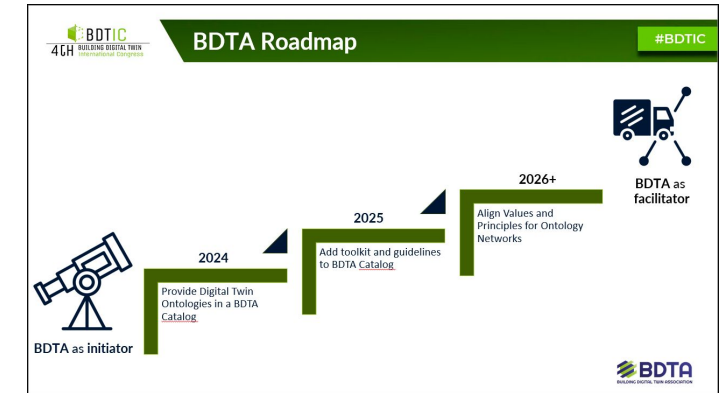
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## 2024 – Ontologies Catalogue

- A comprehensive directory of Ontologies in the BDT domain
- Facilitate easy search of Ontologies in the BDT domain
- Enable users to understand the scope, purpose and structure of available ontologies

## 2025 – Toolkit and guidelines

- Ontology adoption and interaction supported for various applications and projects
- Improved collaboration among software providers, ontology developers and users
- Basic training and guidelines available for users



# Requirements and Features

## Requirements:

- ☐ Discover ontologies relevant to use-cases
- ☐ Find ontologies to integrate in software applications
- ☐ Learn about different ontologies and their relevant usecases
- ☐ Showcase ontologies
- ☐ Connect to other creators in the BDT field

# Requirements and Features

## Features:

- ☐ List of available ontologies
- ☐ Details of each ontology
- ☐ Browsing ontologies
- ☐ Guidelines and tutorials

# Discussion Points

- **Ontology Selection Scope**
- **Metadata**
- **Available Ontologies in the BDT Domain**
- **Guidelines**

# Questions?



# Defining semantics for digital twins of façade component testing facilities

Presenter: Calin Boje

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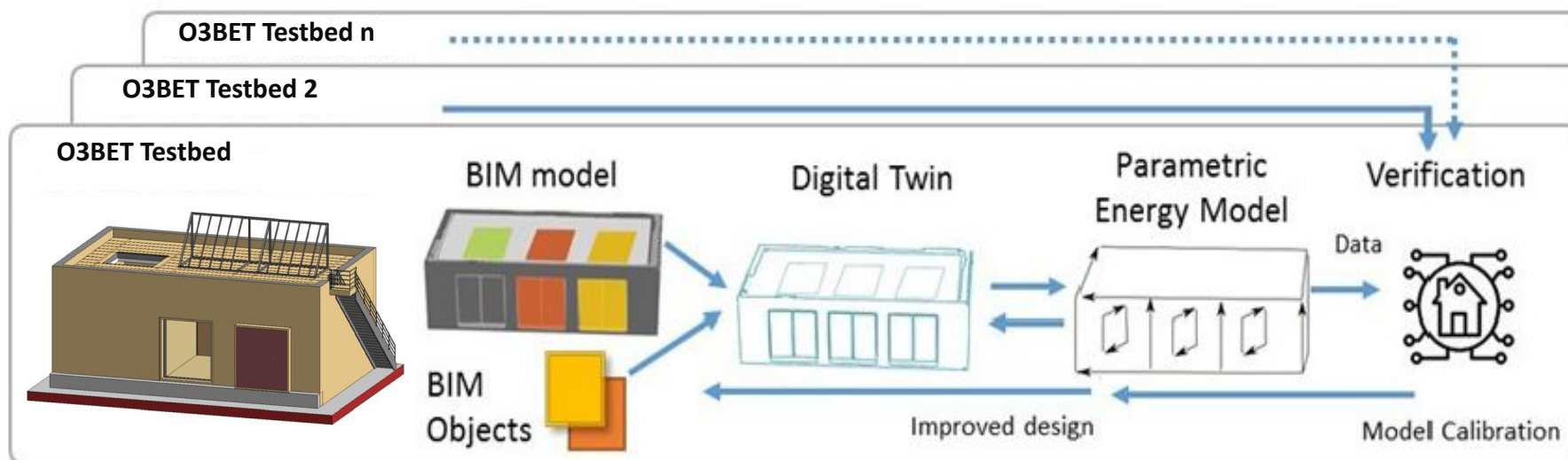


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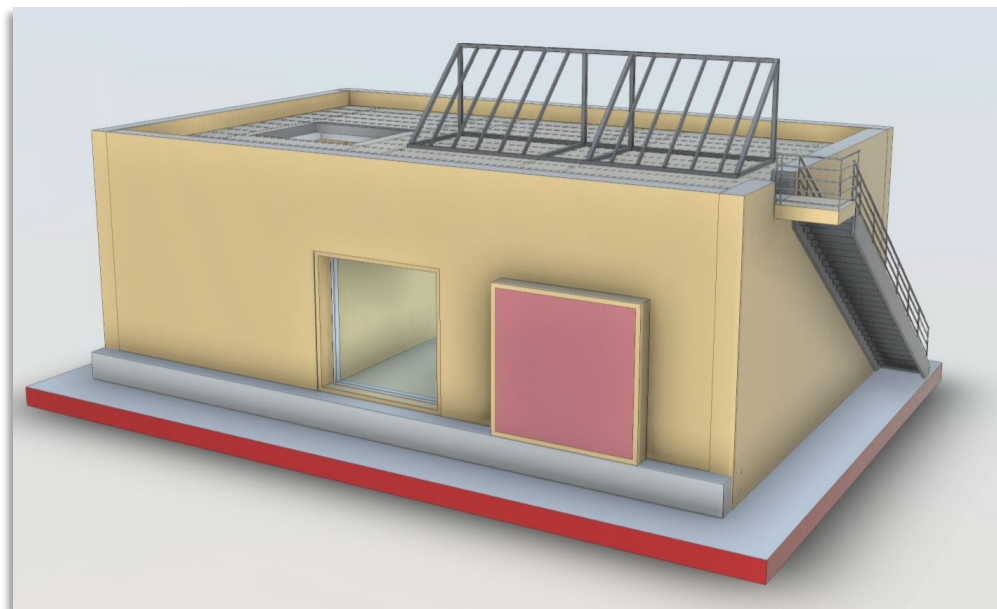


## What is an O3BET-DT?

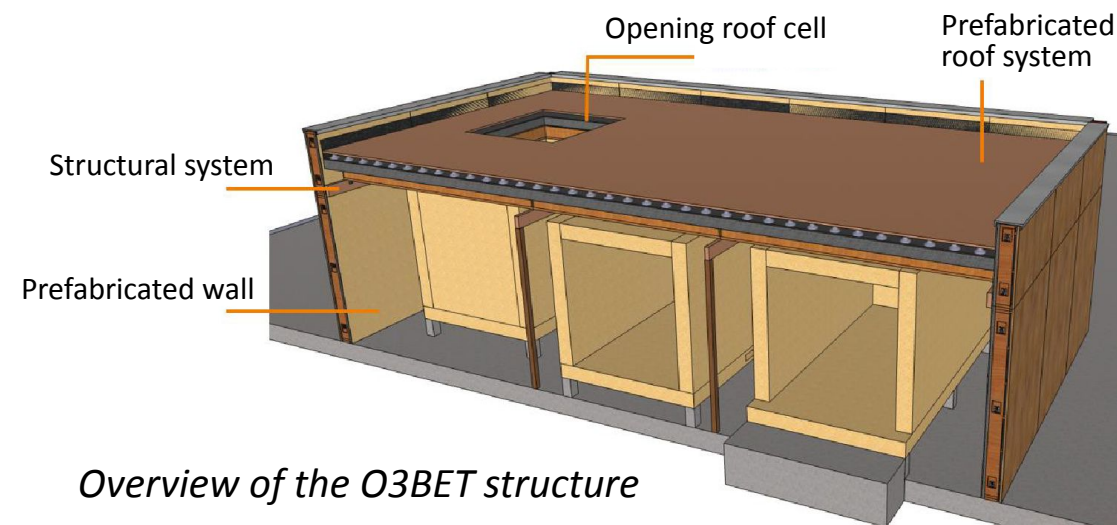
### O3BET | Open Source Open Data Open Access | Building Envelope Testbench



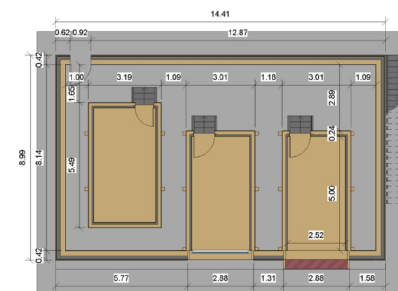
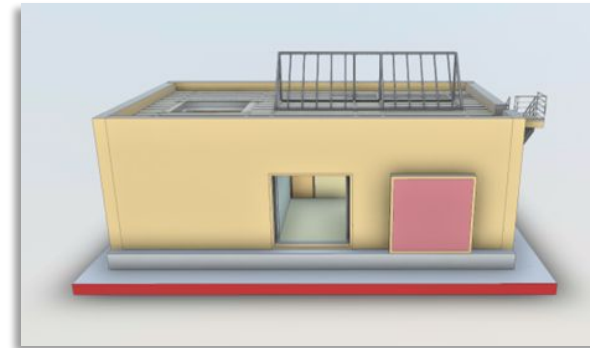
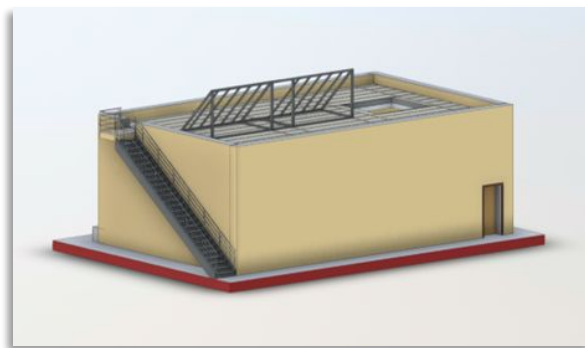
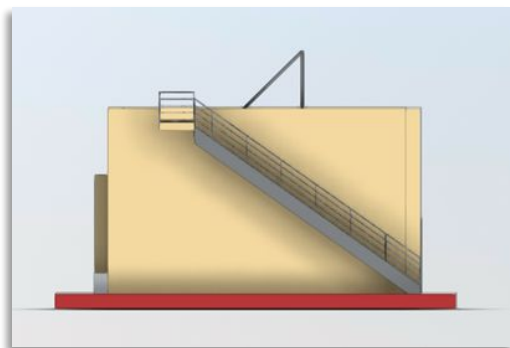
## Design of the O3BET dismountable and movable modules



*Alternative with two façade cells and one roof cell*



*Overview of the O3BET structure*







O3BET network in:

France

Spain

Italy

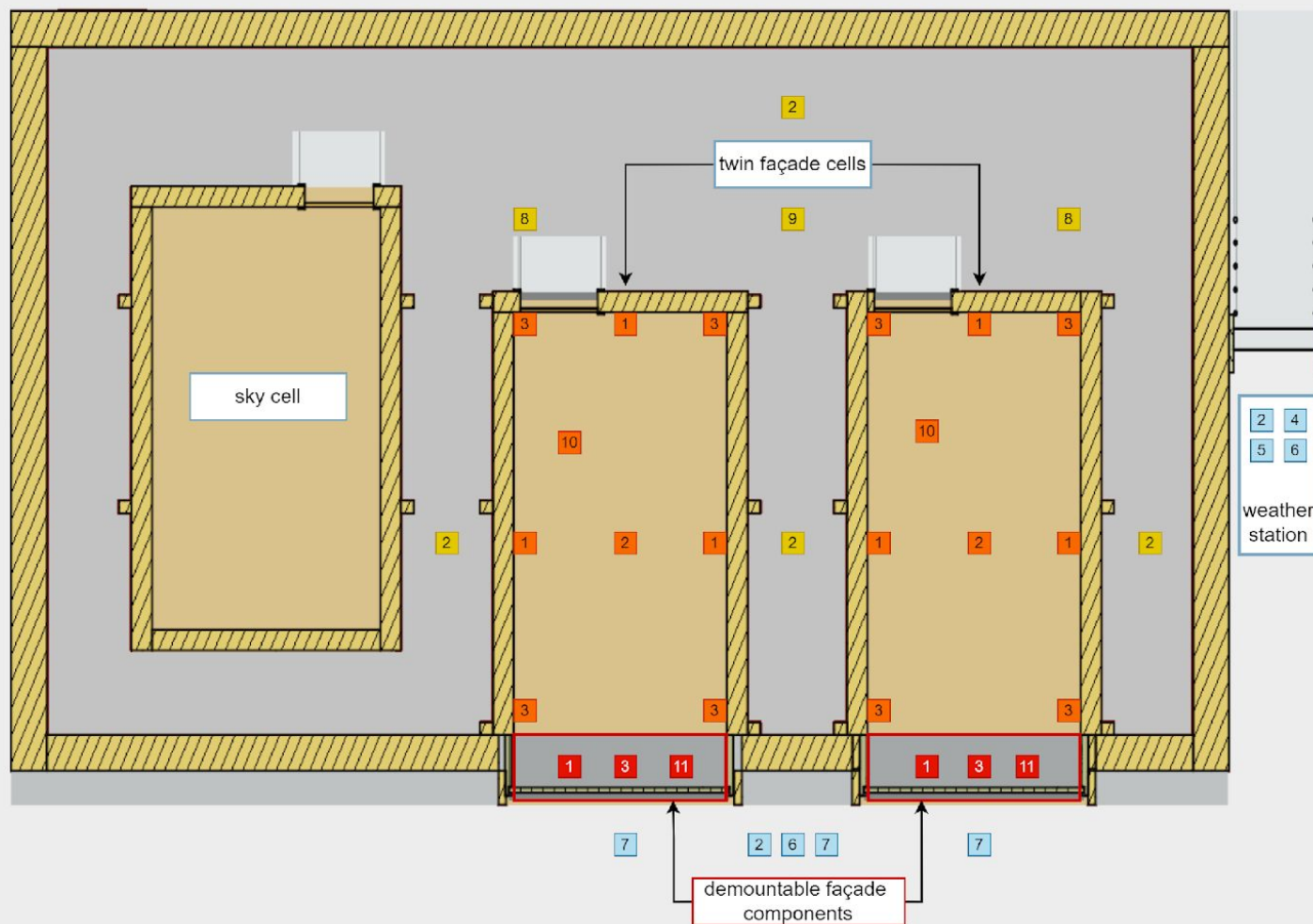
Sweden

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Hungary

Ireland

## What does an O3BET look like on the inside?



### SCOPES

- Façade element
- Internal (cell)
- Internal (guard zone)
- External

### MEASUREMENTS & DEVICES

- 1 Temperature (surface)
- 2 Temperature (air)
- 3 Heat flux (tiles)
- 4 Humidity
- 5 Rainfall
- 6 Wind speed & direction
- 7 Pyranometer (+diffusometer)
- 8 Power meter
- 9 Tightness test equipment (blower door)
- 10 Actuator for Heater & blower
- 11 Fluxometer

(Boje et al., 2023)



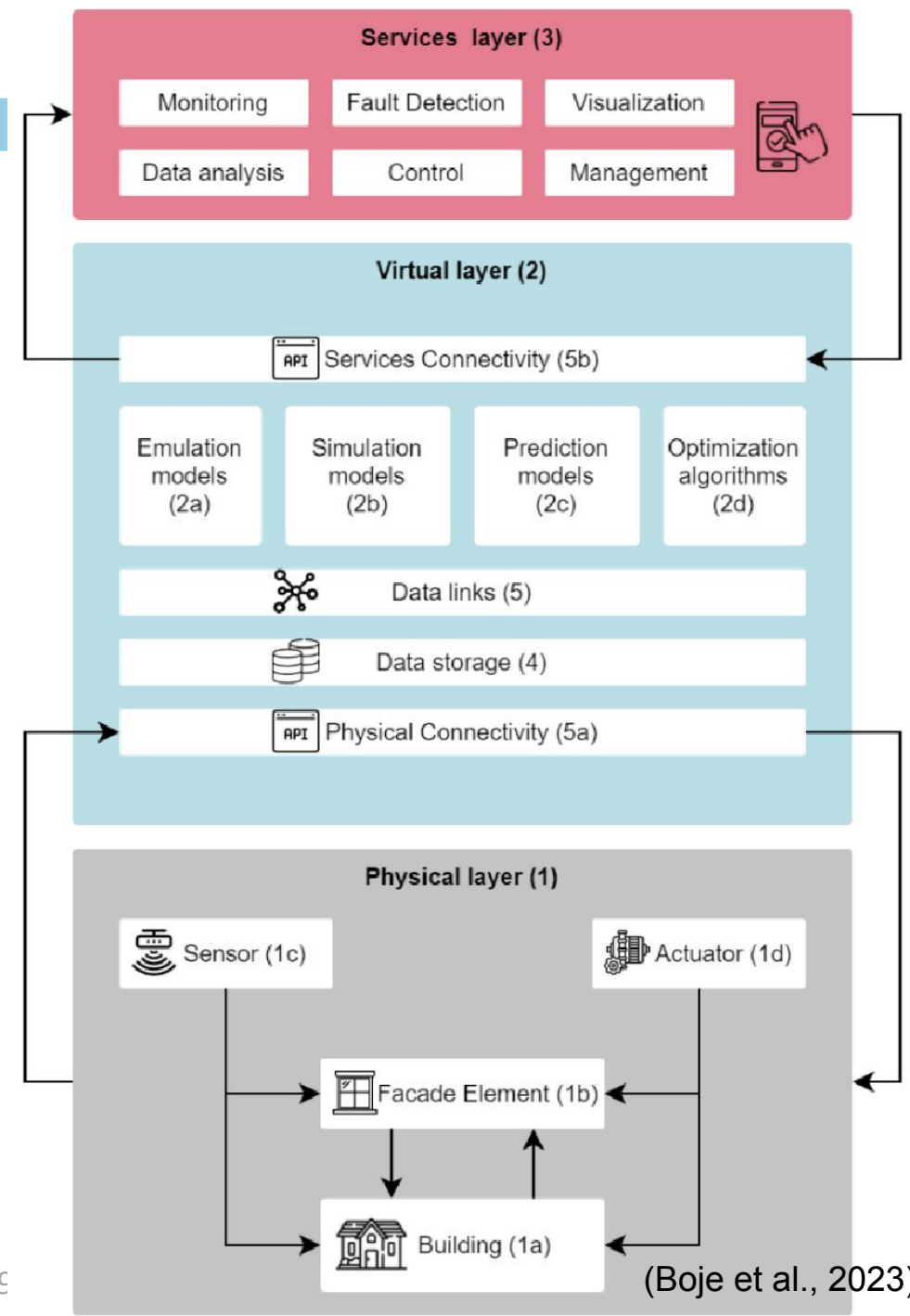
Why do we need a digital twin paradigm?

**Digitalise and streamline** the modular testing process.

**Monitor** the testing environment in different contexts.

**Simulate** different scenarios for novel technologies.

**Explore** design options, models and different applications.



## What are the constraints of the O3BET testing process?

**Procedural** – things which are part of the process: the testing campaign, the different actors and users of the digital twin, etc.

**Spatial** – things which represent the facility spatially, delimitating the motoring, testing and modelling boundaries.

**Equipment and sensing** – facility sensors and actuators, their locations, properties and related components.

**Measurements** – sensor observations, units, properties etc.

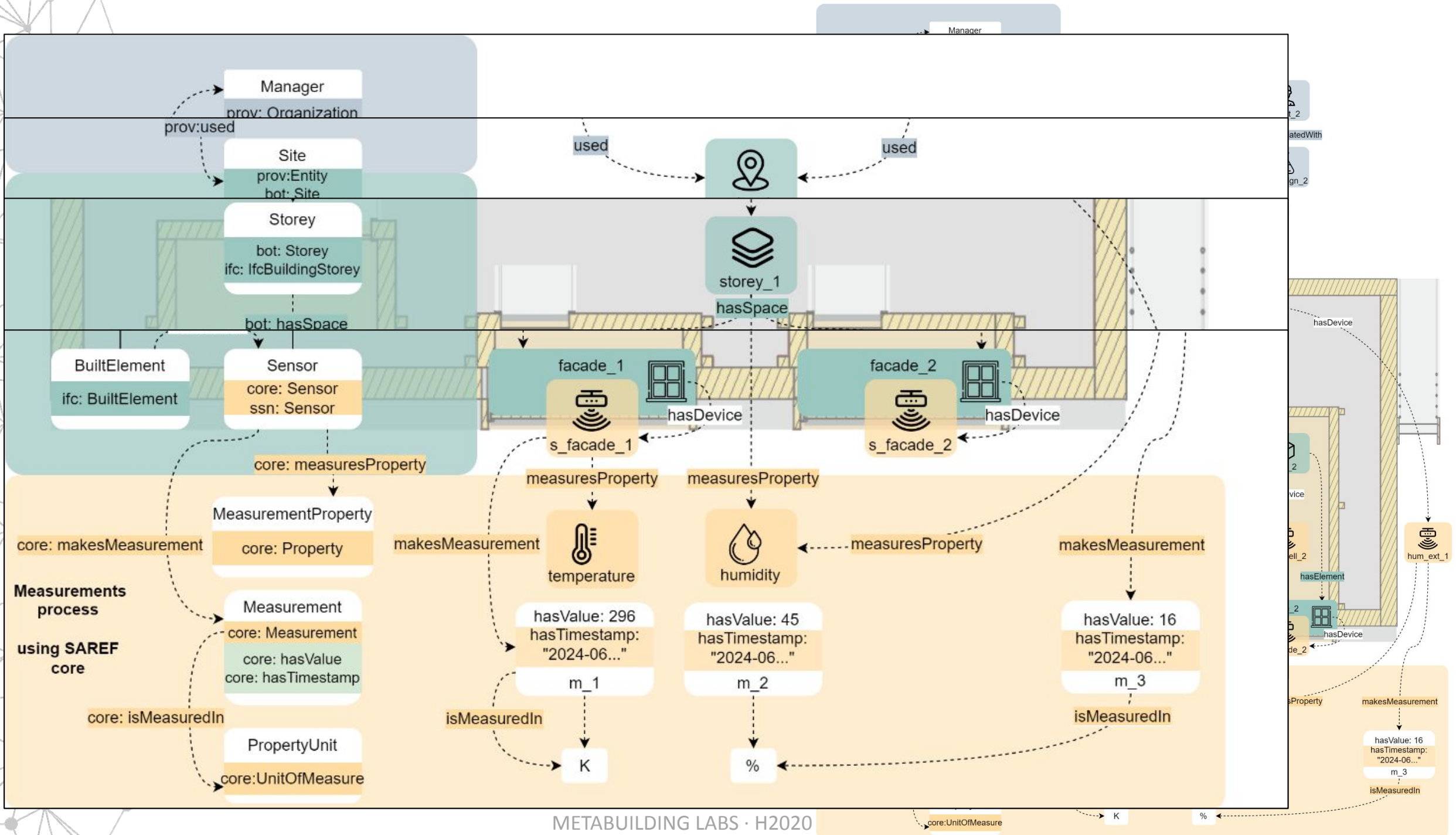
**Virtual system boundaries** – modularity of testing, the connections between the different contexts and digital twin instances (e.g. façade DT, cell DT, facility DT contexts).

## What ontologies can define the O3BET-DT?

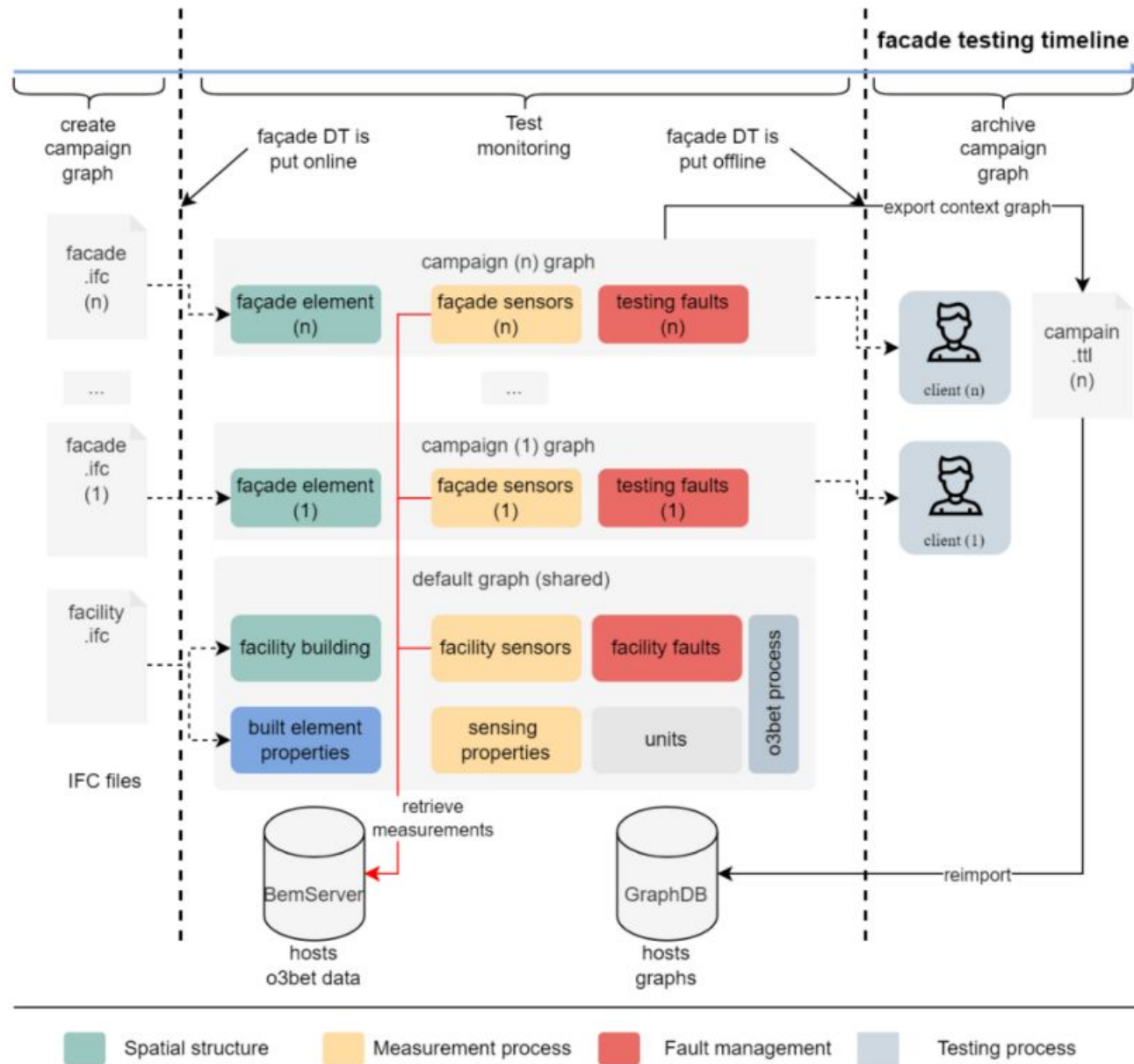
**Table 1**

List of selected ontologies for the O3BET-DT and their requirements coverage

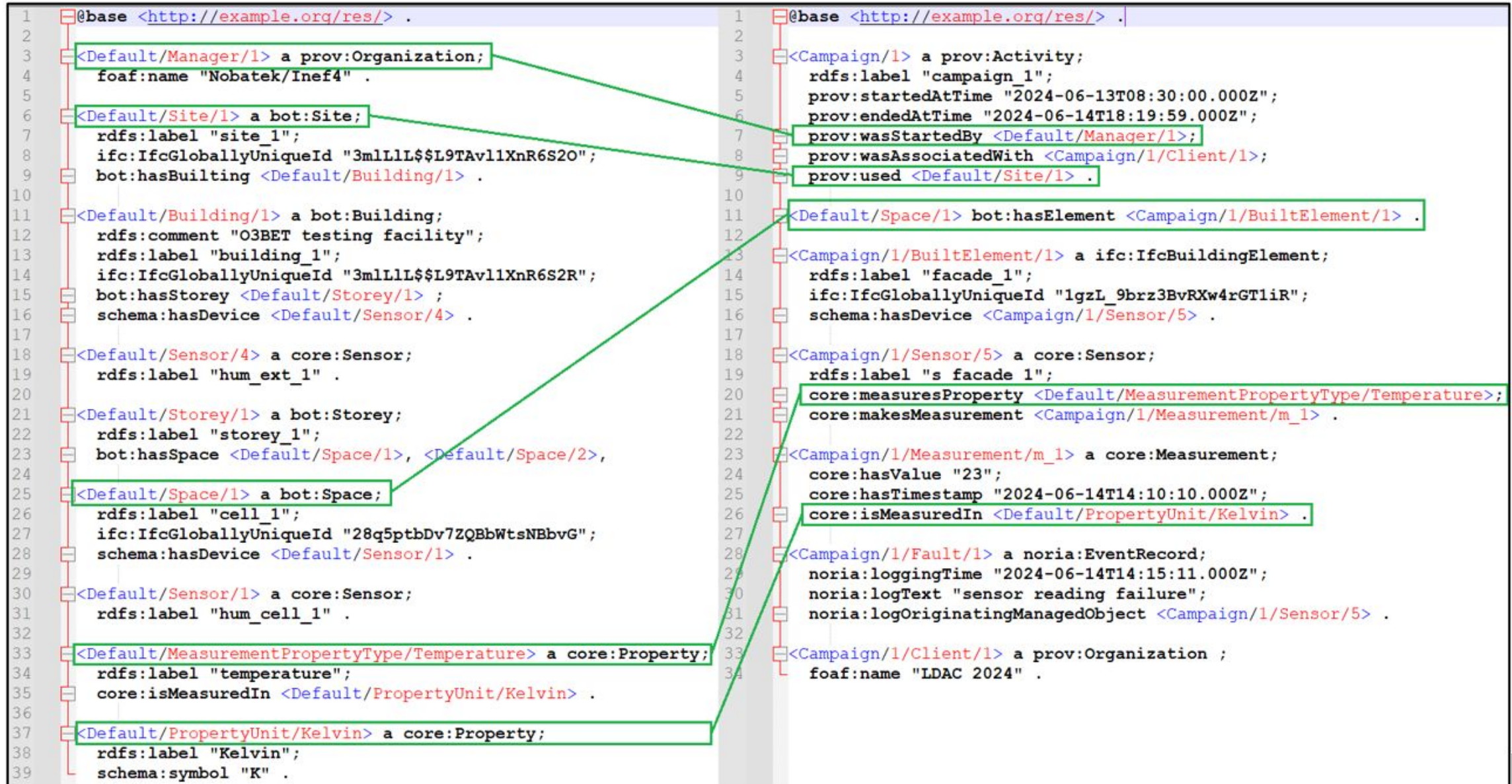
Prefix	Namespace	Coverage
bot	<a href="https://w3c-lbd-cg.github.io/bot/">https://w3c-lbd-cg.github.io/bot/</a>	Spatial, Element
core	<a href="https://saref.etsi.org/core/">https://saref.etsi.org/core/</a>	Sensing, Equipment, Measurements
ifc	<a href="http://standards.buildingsmart.org/IFC/DEV/IFC4_3/OWL#">http://standards.buildingsmart.org/IFC/DEV/IFC4_3/OWL#</a>	Element, Components, Properties,
prov	<a href="https://www.w3.org/TR/prov-o/">https://www.w3.org/TR/prov-o/</a>	Process, Actors
noria	<a href="https://w3id.org/noria/ontology/">https://w3id.org/noria/ontology/</a>	Diagnosis, Fault Detection
props	<a href="http://www.w3id.org/opm#">http://www.w3id.org/opm#</a>	Properties







**Figure 2:** Data flows within the test environment, with federation, import and export per testing campaign.



**Figure 3:** Sample TTL statements of the default graph (left) which is shared, and linked statements in the testing campaign graph (right) outlined in green.



1

PREFIX bot: <https://w3id.org/bot#>

2

PREFIX core: <https://saref.etsi.org/core/>

3

PREFIX prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#>

4

PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>

5

select ?campaign ?site ?building

6

# select everything in the triple store

7

where {

8

?campaign rdf:type prov:Activity . # from campaign graph

9

?campaign prov:used ?site . # from campaign graph

10

?site bot:hasBuilding ?building . # from default graph

11

}

	campaign	↕	site	↕	
1	http://example.org/res/Campaign/1/		http://example.org/res/Default/Site/1		http://example.org/res/Default/Building/1
2	http://example.org/res/Campaign/2/		http://example.org/res/Default/Site/1		http://example.org/res/Default/Building/1

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select ?campaign ?site ?building

6

from default # default(shared) graph

7

from <http://example.org/res/Campaign/1/> # the context of only 1 campaign graph

8

where {

9

?campaign rdf:type prov:Activity . # from campaign graph

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?campaign prov:used ?site . # from campaign graph

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}

	campaign	↕	site	↕	
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a)

b)

**Figure 4:** Sample SPARQL on retrieving campaigns (a) unspecified, (b) named graphs.

## GraphQL sample

```

1 query SampleQuery($graph: [String!]) {
2   sensor(from: $graph) {
3     rdfs_label
4     makesMeasurement {
5       isMeasuredIn {
6         id
7       }
8       hasValue
9       hasTimeStamp
10    }
11  }
12 }

```

**QUERY VARIABLES**

```

1 {
2   "graph": "http://example.org/res/Campaign/2/"
3 }

```

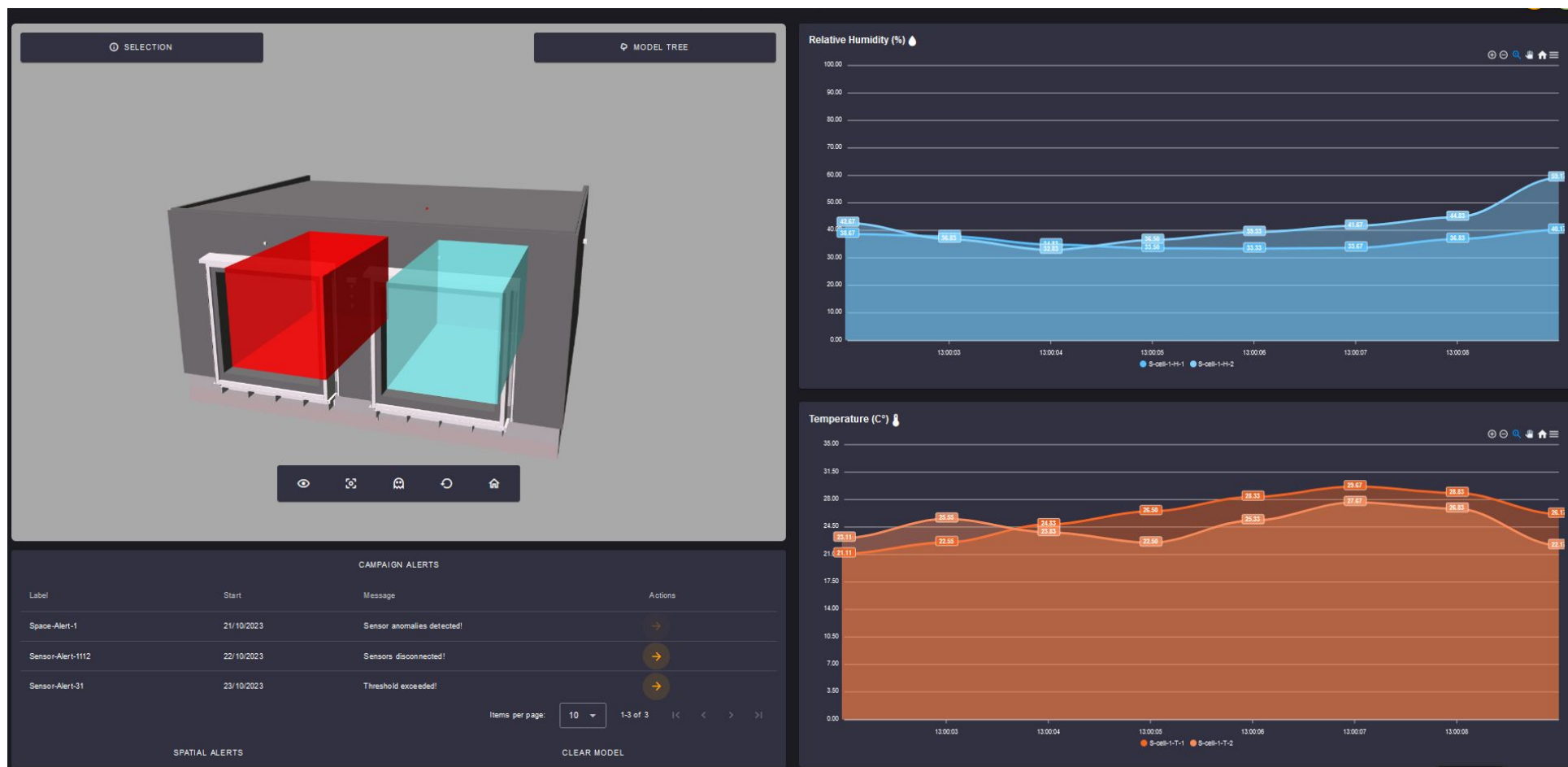
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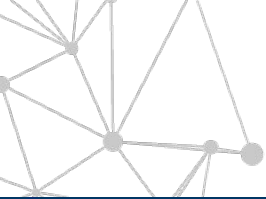
{
  "data": {
    "sensor": [
      {
        "rdfs_label": "s_facade_2",
        "makesMeasurement": [
          {
            "isMeasuredIn": {
              "id": "http://example.org/res/Default/PropertyUnit/Kelvin"
            },
            "hasValue": "26",
            "hasTimeStamp": "2024-06-14T14:10:10Z"
          }
        ]
      }
    ]
  }
}

```

**Figure 5:** GraphQL on finding a sensor and its measurements within the context scope of a single campaign.

## Prototype – User Interface development ongoing





## Graphs overview

Search Graphs

Showing 1 - 5 of 5 results    Graphs per page: All

Clear repository

Export repository



### Graphs



The default graph



http://www.list.lu/buildsemantix/campaign/buildingModule/



http://www.list.lu/buildsemantix/campaign/iotModule/



http://example.org/res/Campaign/1/



http://example.org/res/Campaign/2/



## Conclusions and future work

**O3BET-DT** – has very specific needs for context creation which lacks ontologies for testing, alerts and facility management. This requires a highly customisable use case.

### Alignment and links Ontology modelling limitations:

- difficult mapping,
- many choices of ontologies
- many use cases that we need to explore for Digital Twin cases#
- New concepts are created ad-hoc, when needed, to connect mapping ontologies

**GraphQL** – very flexible and transparent for the front-end application, but certain functionalities are not usable, such as querying more than one graph in one query.

**Future work** – inclusion of energy modelling and LCA modelling





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□ Hot!

□ [https://linkedbuildingdata.net/ldac2024/files/papers/LDAC2024\\_Camera\\_13.pdf](https://linkedbuildingdata.net/ldac2024/files/papers/LDAC2024_Camera_13.pdf)



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# BIM2TWIN

## Semantics & Construction with Building Digital Twins

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# Project Info

- **Start:** Nov. 2020
- **End:** Apr. 2024
- **Partners:** 16
- **Budget:** 6M€





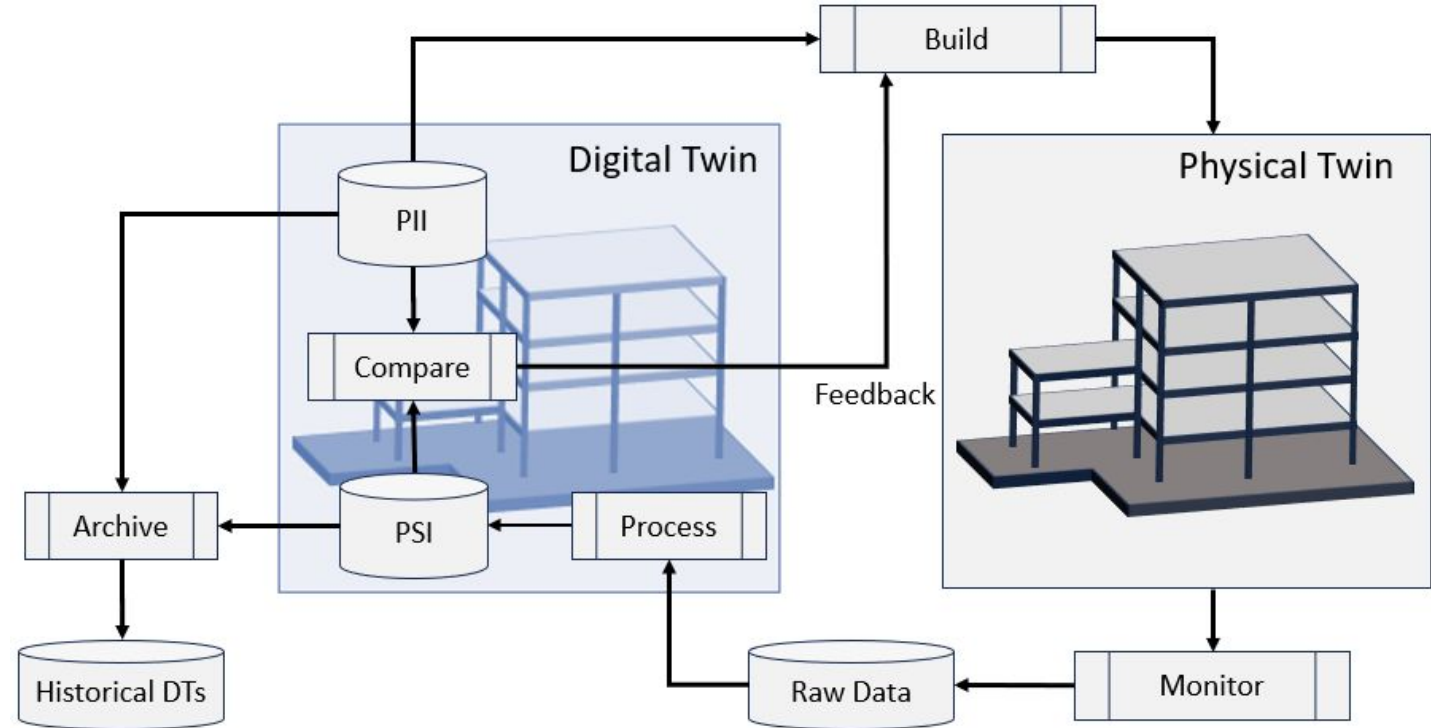
# Project Vision

- Digital twin of the construction phase
- Lean construction inspired workflow
- Situational awareness to support construction managers



# Workflow

- Real-time construction monitoring
- Comparison of Project Intent Information (PII) and Project Status Information (PSI)
- Regular feedback loops for continuous learning

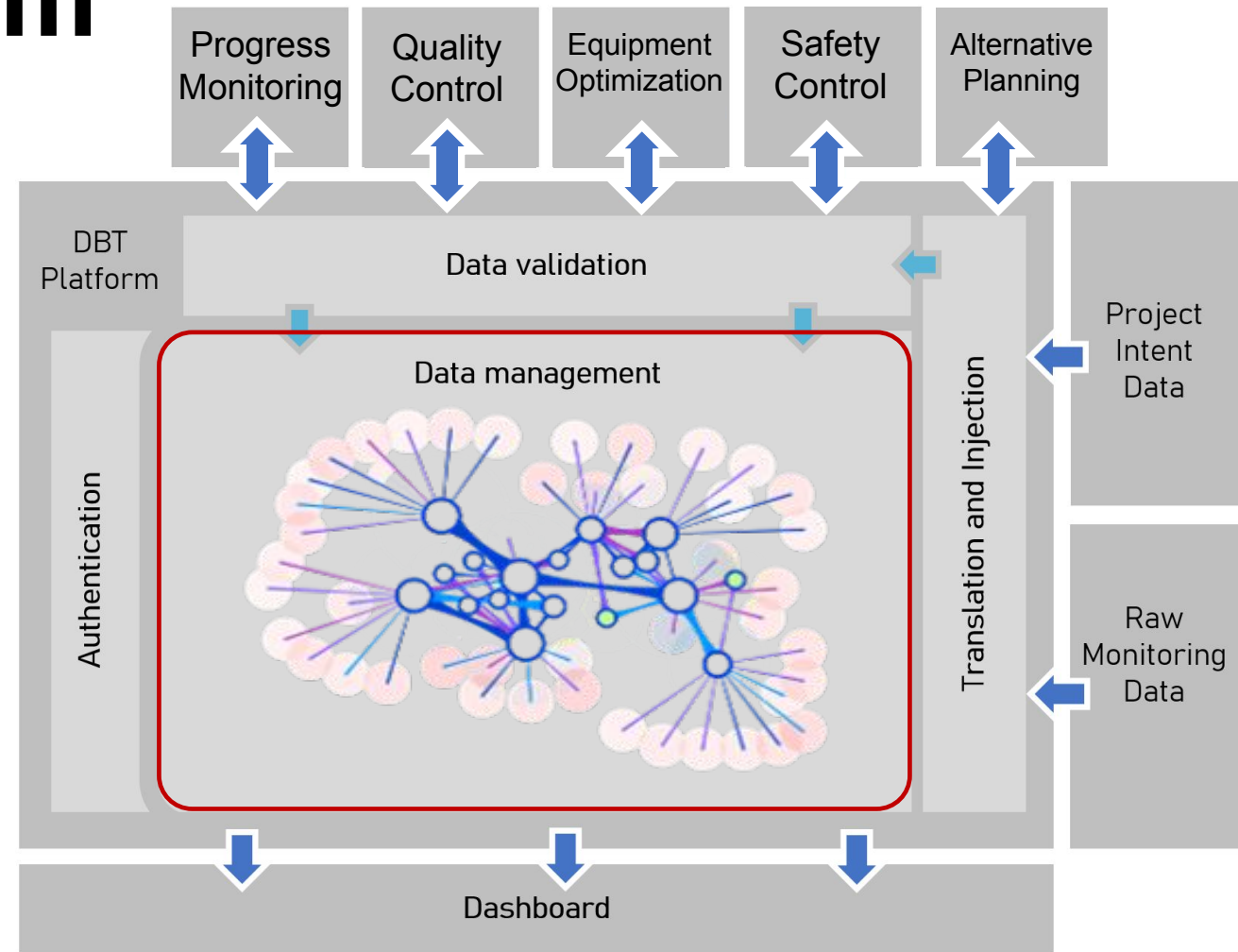


# Digital Twin Platform

## Central components:

- Data management
- Translation and injection
- Data validation
- Dashboard

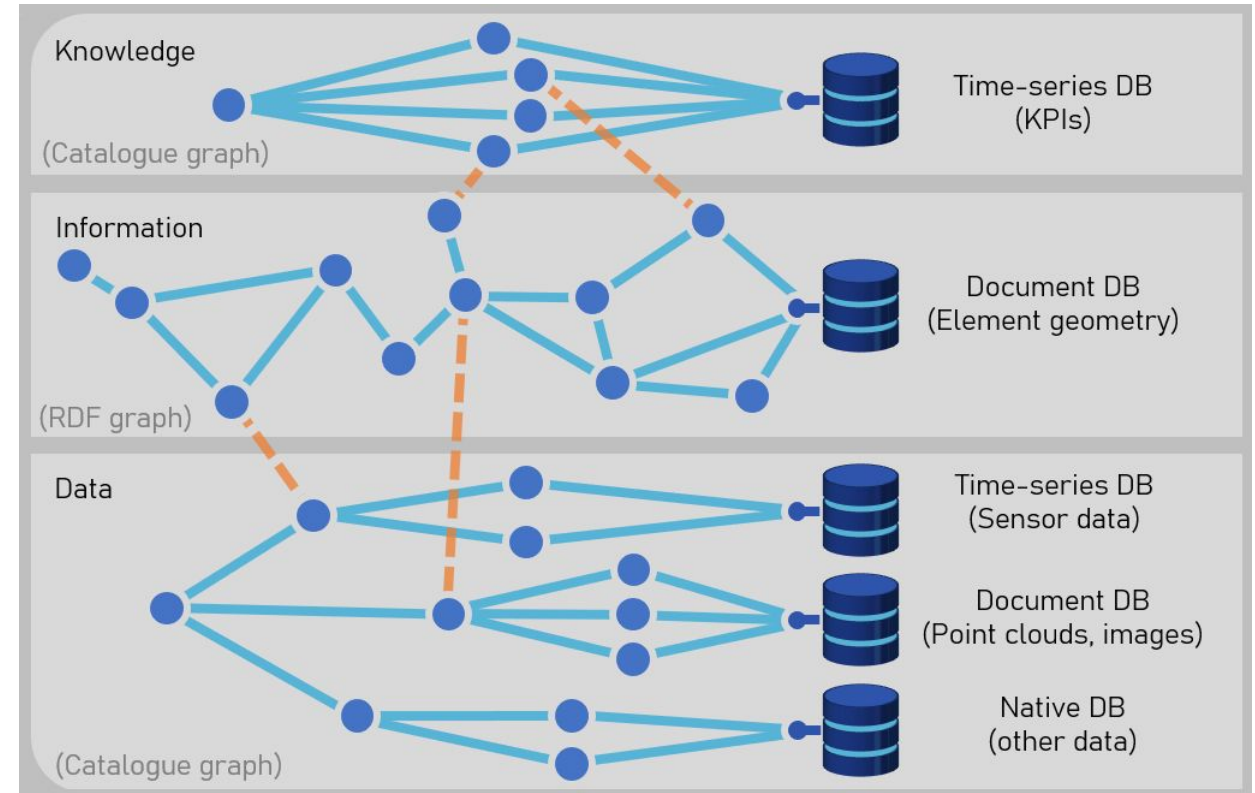
Data analysis performed by digital twin services



# Data Management Module

## Separation into **Data**, **Information**, and **Knowledge**

- RDF graph as overarching system
- Data and knowledge graph serve as catalogue system
- Supported by data-specific databases





# Used Ontologies

## Data:

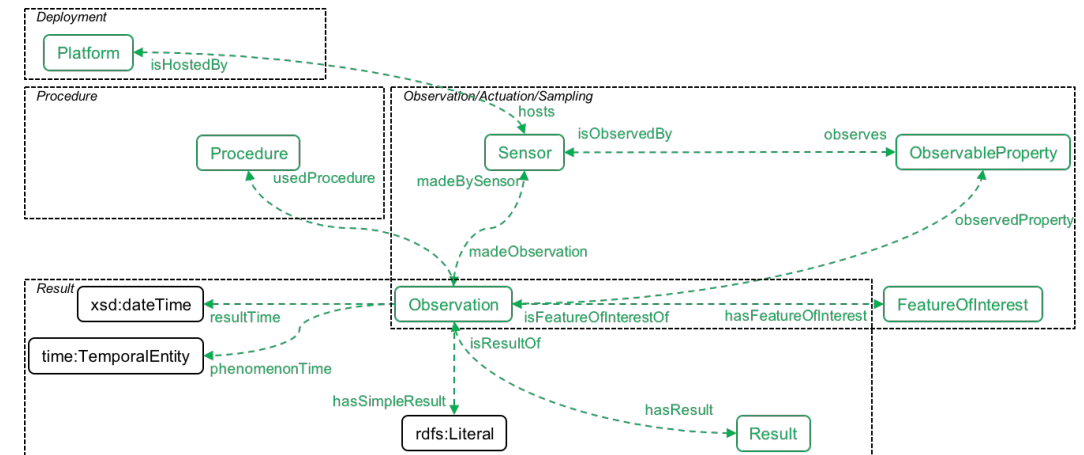
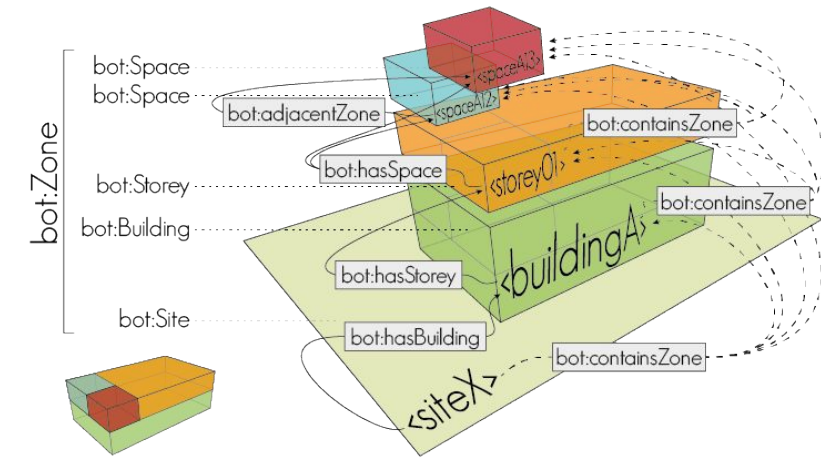
- SOSA/SSN
- DCAT

## Information:

- BOT + BEO
- FOG
- WGS84
- DTC Ontology (new)

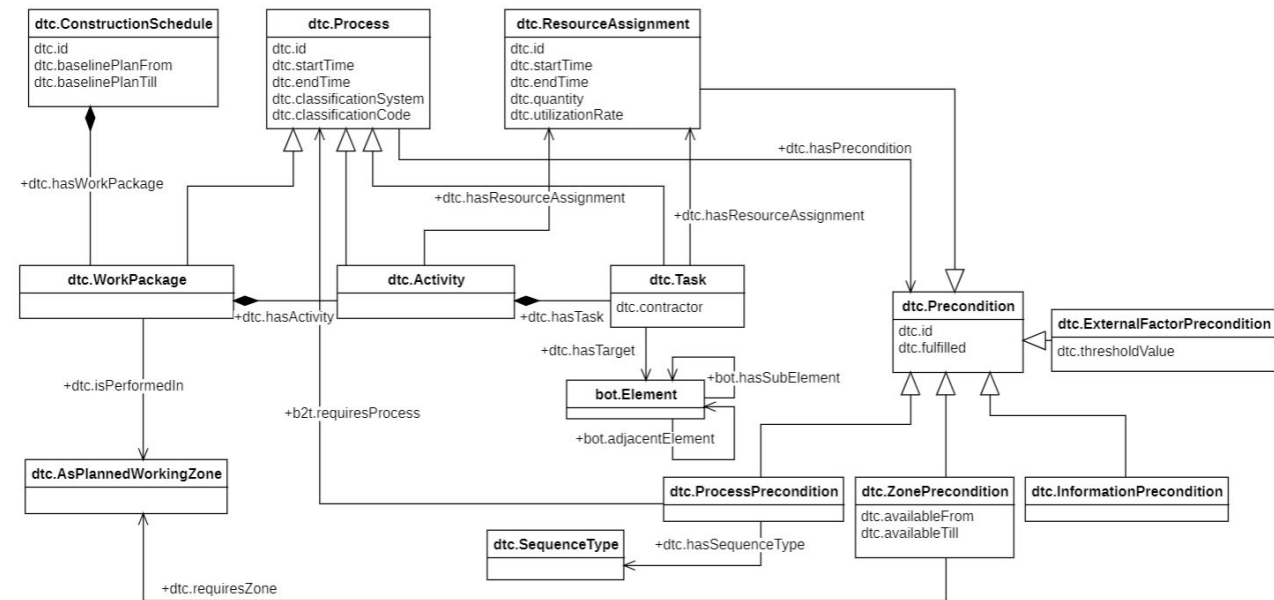
## Knowledge:

- Saref4City
- Company-specific KPIs



# Digital Twin Construction Ontology

- Representation of key components of a digital twin of the construction phase
- Separation between project intent and status
- Process-oriented

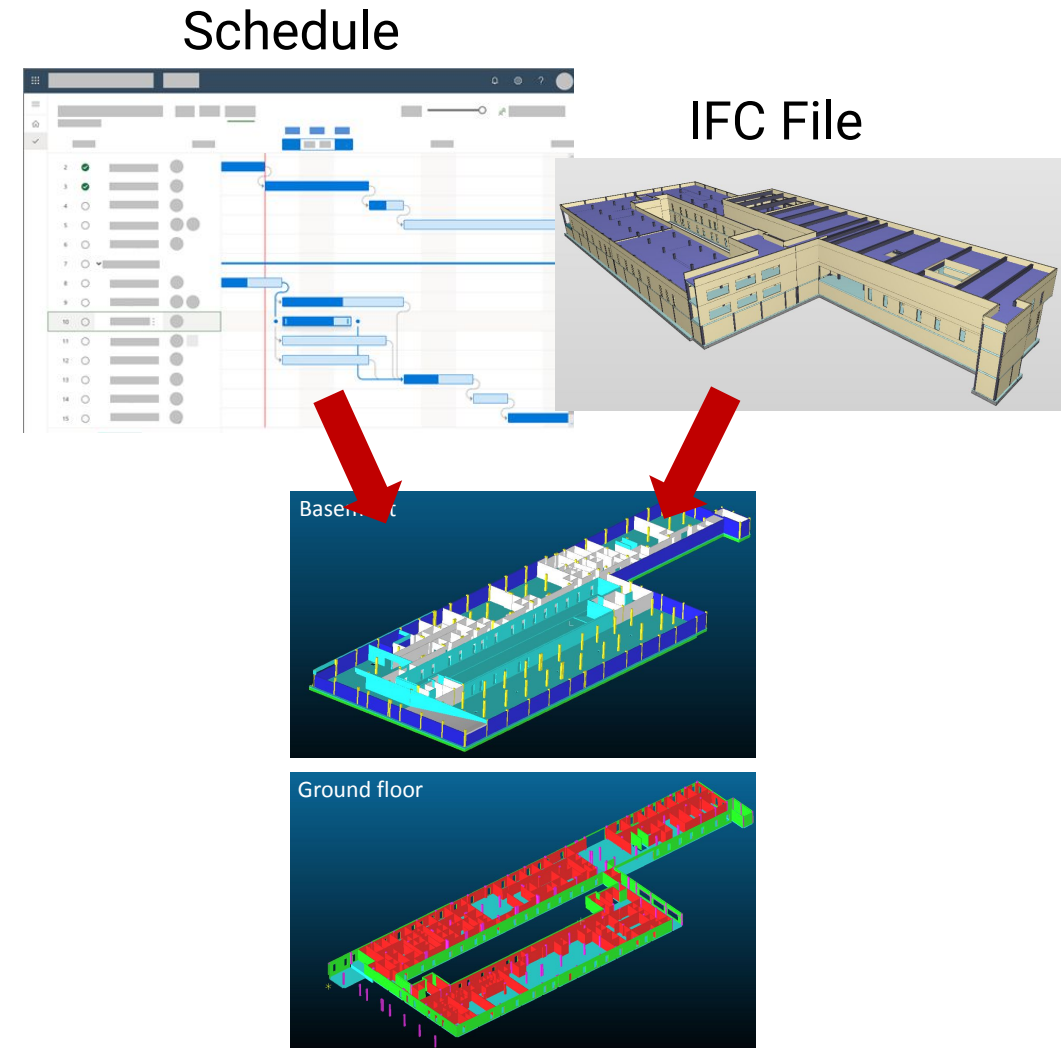


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# Platform Setup

1. Pre-processing of IFC files
2. Convert IFC (IFC2LBD converter) + geometry converter
3. Convert schedule
4. Link schedule and IFC (semi-automated)

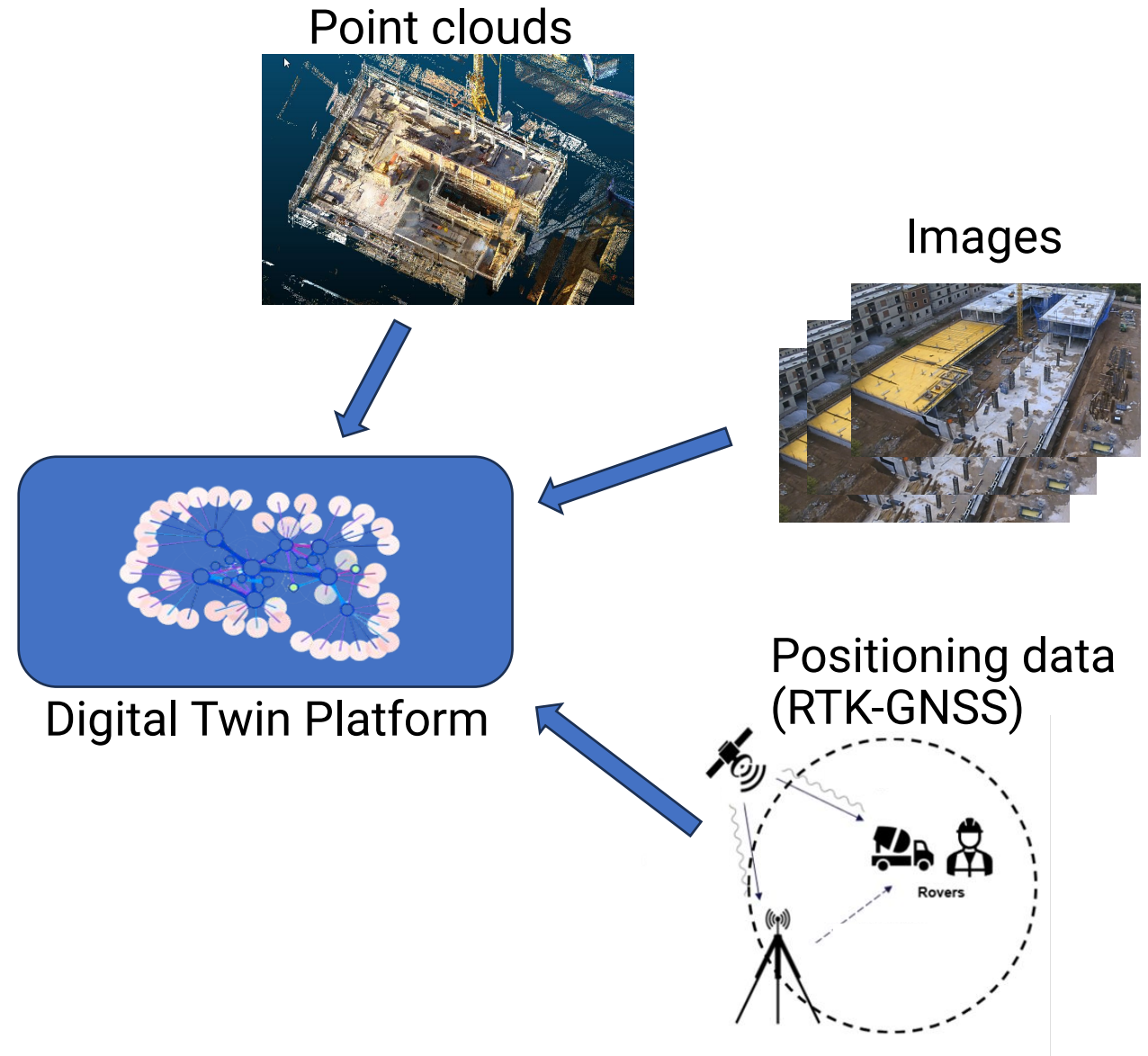


# Pilot Sites

Several pilot sites in:

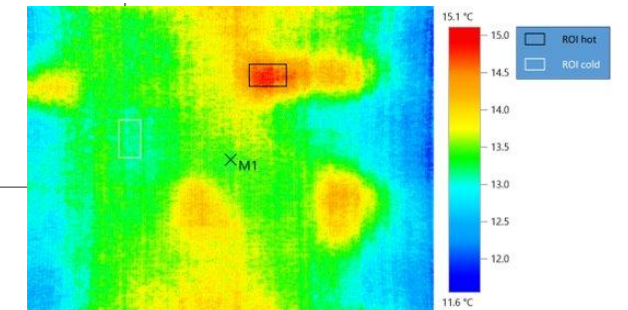
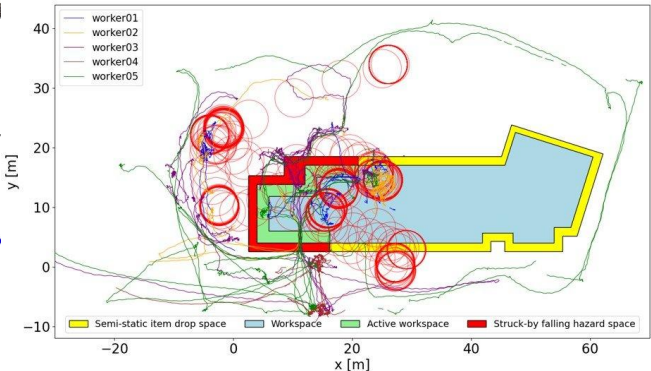
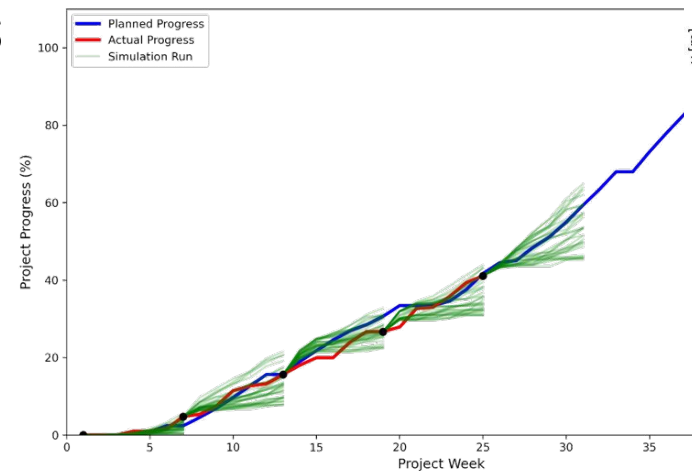
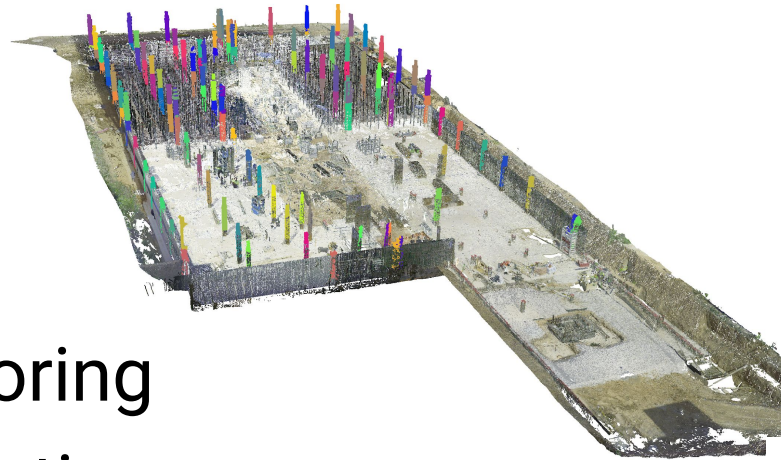
- Finland
- France
- Spain

+ open-source datasets



# Use Cases

- PC-based progress monitoring
- Detection of element deviations
- Detection of surface defects
- Equipment optimization
- Proactive safety
- Alternative planning



# BIM2TWIN Dashboard

## 3D Viewer:

- Overall progress
- Defects
- Safety equipment

## KPI Viewer:

- Execution excellency
- Quality
- Safety





# Challenges

## Construction companies:

- Large variety of planning methodologies (no standard for schedule exchange)
- Involvement of subcontractors
- Varying expertise and digital twin use cases

**Flexibility** as key requirement of Digital Twin Platform



# Thank you for your attention!



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