



# IBPSA Project 1

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Task 2: Building and City Quarter Models

WP 2.2: Building Information Modeling

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## Work Package 2.2 – Geometry Processing

Content	Method	Result
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Space boundary algorithms</b> for model topology analysis and multi-scale simulation model generation</li><li>▪ <b>Update exchange</b> with BPS tools such as Energy Plus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>Review</b> of existing approaches, algorithms, codes and model checkers</li><li>▪ Evaluation of <b>best-in-class algorithms</b> for model-garbage analysis and processing</li><li>▪ Decision on <b>development path</b> and code re-use</li><li>▪ Development of <b>modular tools</b> for space boundary and model topology analysis</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Joint journal <b>publication</b> / review paper</li><li>▪ <b>GIT repository</b> with<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ modular tools</li><li>▪ test models</li></ul></li></ul>

# Suggestions from the Coordination Meeting, 10 July 2018

## Geometry

- Reading and **parsing IFC** and dealing with this information
- **Full access** to geometry and topology
- **Separation** of geometry and topology as long as possible
- Creation of **connection graphs** between objects
- **Manipulation** of geometry:
  - Reduction of level of detail and complexity
  - Finding relations between room and spaces based on topology only
- In the end discussing about **space boundaries**

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## General

- Review of **state of the art** (Annex 60, SBT, ...)
- Testing libraries based on **IFC files**
- **Authoring tools** don't matter at this point
- Different **setup test cases**, from easy to complex
- as well, constructing an example with **all building related entities** available in IFC
- **Sharable IFC-examples** stored in Git
- Creation of an open source '**Sharable Environment Team**'

## Today's Agenda



- **Team structure**, active developers, commitment of resources



- Determination of tools and software **development environment** for model parsing, visualization and analysis



- **Consensus** on overall process of geometry reading and processing, BRep transformation, decomposition and space boundary generation

## Open Source Sharable Environment Team (@2018-10-01 10:00:00 am ;-)



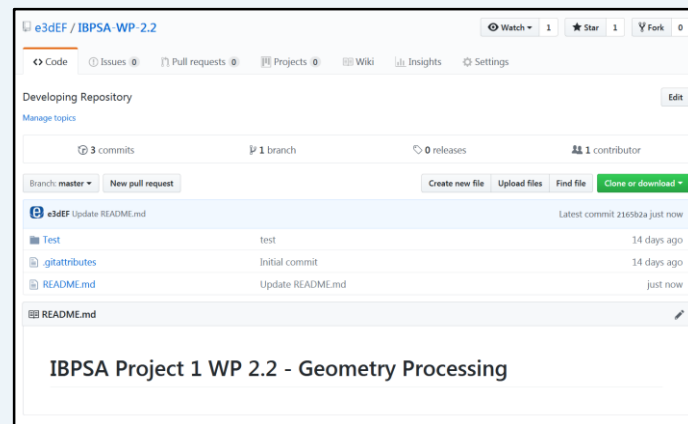
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## Open Source Sharable Environment Team



- E-Mail Distribution List

- Git Repository IBPSA-WP-2.2  
(Contact Eric Fichter)



# Current Tasks

## Testing Team



- K.-H. Häfele (**Karlsruhe Institute of Technology**)
- Whoever wants to join ...



## Whole Team



- Review of space boundary algorithms
- Summary of algorithms in a joint publication
- Clarification of conditions/constraints within the BIM to SIM workflow (level of detail, objects of interest, design requirements for IFC, etc.)

## Whole Team



- Define the working environment
- Setup the working environment
- Testing basic geometrical and topological explorer algorithms

## Testing Team

- Providing an IFC example file with all available entities
- Providing further IFC examples from easy to complex



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## Break-Out

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# IFC Libraries

## IFC libraries supporting IFC versions 2x3 and 4 as well as extraction of geometric data

Library	Language	License	Modeling kernel
IfcOpenShell	C++, Python	LGPL, Open source	OpenCascade
IfcPlusPlus	C++	MIT, Open source	OpenSceneGraph
IFC Engine DLL	C++	AGPL, Closed Source	Embedded
xBIM Toolkit	C# (C++)	CDDL, Open Source	OpenCascade
apstex IFC Framework (IFC Tools Project)	Java	Free for research	Embedded
Not usable: STEPcode, JSDAI, pythonifc, ifcsdk, GeometryGymIFCExamples, IfcScript, ifc-dotnet			

*Sharable Environment Team: J. Lin - "IfcOpenShell, IFC Engine, XBIM"*

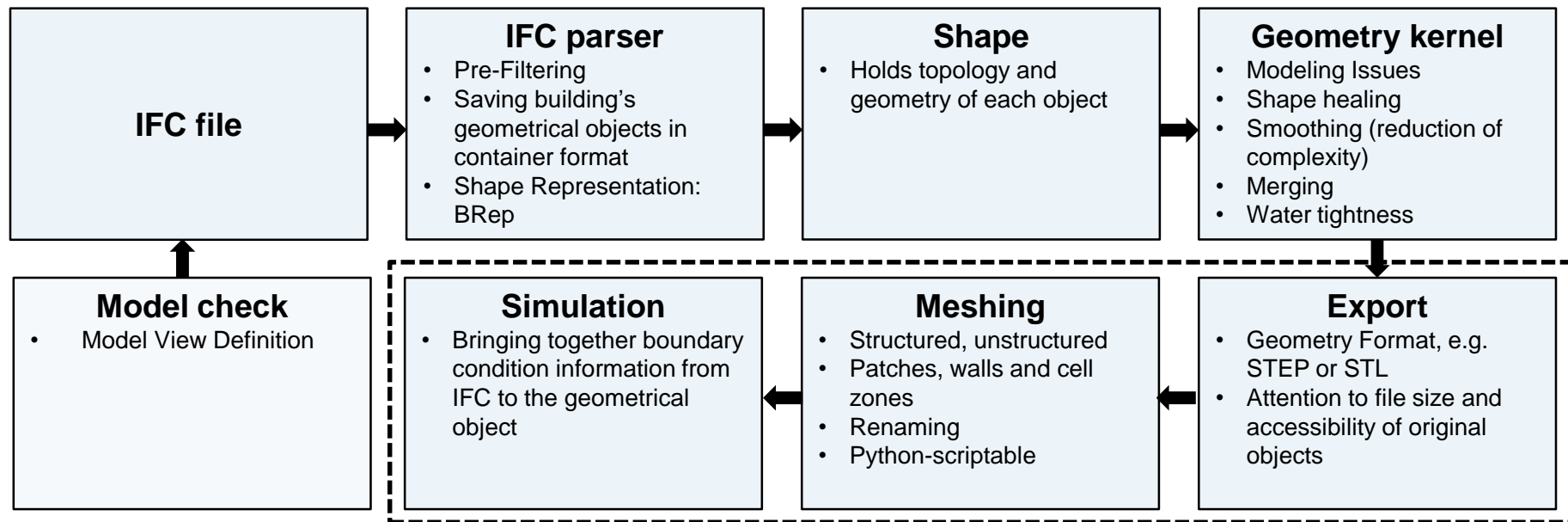
# Geometric Modeling Kernel

## Most popular kernels licensed for more than one CAD software

Library	License
ACIS	Proprietary
C3D	Proprietary
Parasolid	Proprietary
OpenCascade	LGPL, Open source
pythonOCC (OpenCascade wrapper)	LGPL, Open source
Further suggestions?	
One software only: Catia, Granite, Shape Manager (Autodesk, based on ACIS)	

*Coordination Meeting: K. Häfele “Open source backup kernel”*

## Work Chain used for IFC-2-CFD

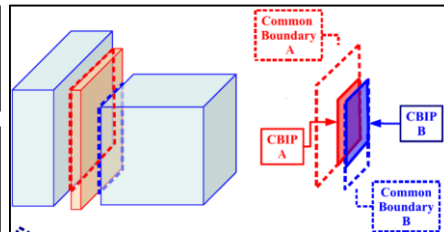


# Space boundary algorithm without graphs

G.N. Lilis et al., Automatic generation of second-level space boundary topology from IFC geometry inputs, *Automation in Construction* (2016), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.autcon.2016.08.044>

## Common Boundary Intersection Projection Algorithm

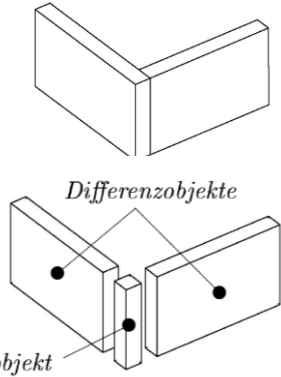
- Parsing: Classification stage of geometrical entities of interest (walls, windows, ...) to *Constructions*, *Openings* and *Volumes*
- BRep: Boundary Surface Extraction (BSE) of Constructions (IfcProduct) and Opening Construction Subtractions of Openings
- Common Faces: Common Boundary Intersection of different combinations (e.g. shared face of Construction and Opening) using Clipping functions
- 2<sup>nd</sup> level space boundaries: Boundary Intersection Projection
- Save in IFC file: IfcRelSpaceBoundary2ndLevel



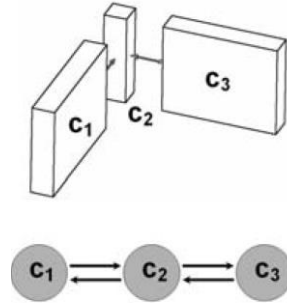
# Space boundary algorithm with graphs

C. Van Treeck: Dissertation. Gebäudemodell-basierte Simulation von Raumluftrömungen

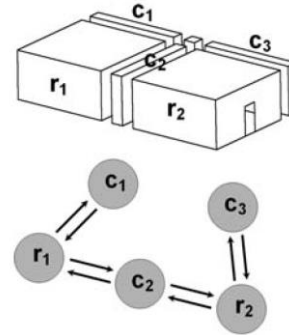
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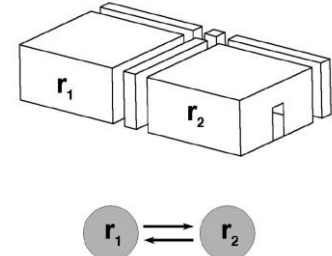
Component graph



Object graph



Room Graph





## Parsing

▼ IfcProject	0NZEjs0C1...	Projektnummer
▼ IfcSite	2SRp4l1Vn...	Oberfläche:817241
▼ IfcBuilding	0NZEjs0C1...	
▼ IfcBuildingStorey	0NZEjs0C1...	-01_OKFDF
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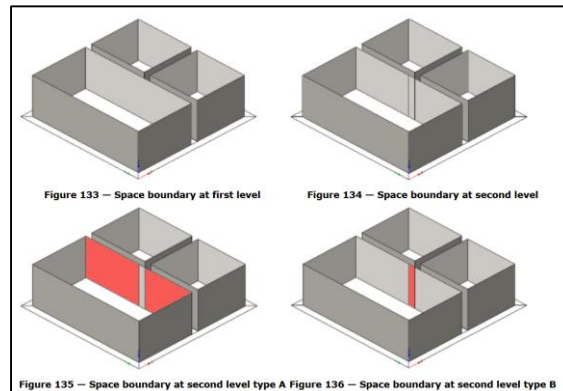
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Pset_WallCommon
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LoadBearing: False (IfcBoolean)
IsExternal: True (IfcBoolean)
Reference: b'Fassade 25' (IfcIdentifier)
ExtendToStructure: False (IfcBoolean)
    
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- Direct and inverse attributes callable

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#76511=IfcRelSpaceBoundary('0F8DHwVIWwA92A8pankadM',#12,'2ndLevel','2a',#20909,#15042,#76510,PHYSICAL,INTERNAL,
#15042=IfcWallStandardCase('2XPYKWY018sA1ygZKgOptU',#12,'Wand-Int-ERDG-4',,$,$,#14983,#15037,BC6F0F70-6195',,$)
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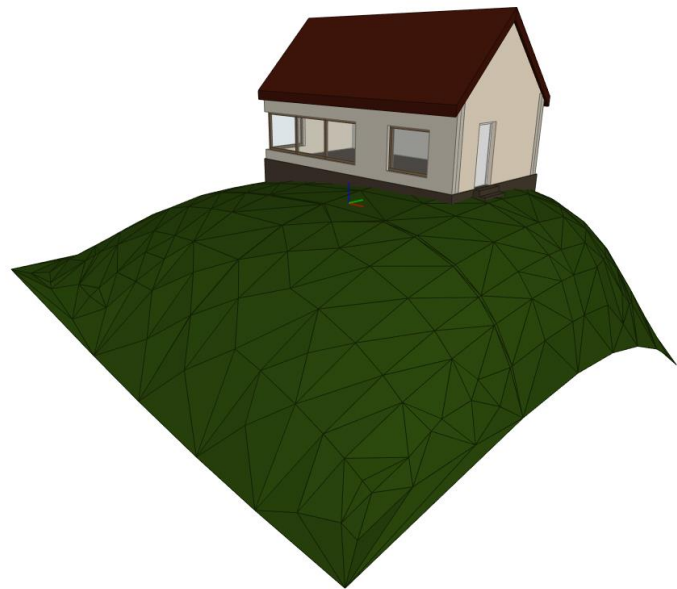


## Writing to file

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443 // This window will be placed at five locations within the building. A list of placements is
444 // created and is iterated over to create all window instances.
445 IfcSchema::IfcLocalPlacement::list::ptr window_placements (new IfcSchema::IfcLocalPlacement::list);
446 window_placements->push(file.addLocalPlacement(storey_placement, 2*-1770-430-930, -45, 400));
447 window_placements->push(file.addLocalPlacement(storey_placement, -1770-430-930, -45, 400));
448 window_placements->push(file.addLocalPlacement(storey_placement, -430-930, -45, 400));
449 window_placements->push(file.addLocalPlacement(storey_placement, 3000-930, -45, 400));
450 window_placements->push(file.addLocalPlacement(storey_placement, -4855+45, 885-930, 400, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0));
451
452 for (IfcSchema::IfcLocalPlacement::list::it it = window_placements->begin(); it != window_placements->end(); ++it) {
453
454     // Create the window at the current location
455     IfcSchema::IfcLocalPlacement* place = *it;
456     IfcSchema::IfcWindow* window = new IfcSchema::IfcWindow(guid(), file.getSingle<IfcSchema::IfcOwnerHistory>(),
457         null, null, null, place, 0, null, 1600, 1860
458
459     #ifdef USE_IFC4
460         , IfcSchema::IfcWindowTypeEnum::IfcWindowType_WINDOW
461         , IfcSchema::IfcWindowTypePartitioningEnum::IfcWindowTypePartitioning_SINGLE_PANEL
462         , null
463     #endif
464     );
465     file.addBuildingProduct(window);

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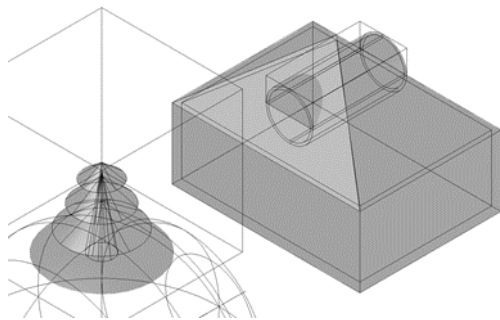
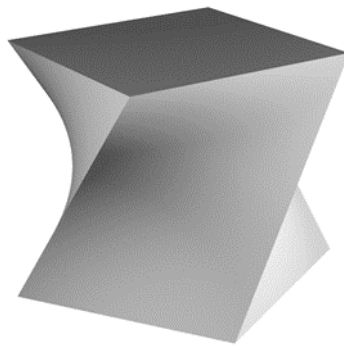




## Geometry

### Implemented Classes (state of 2016)

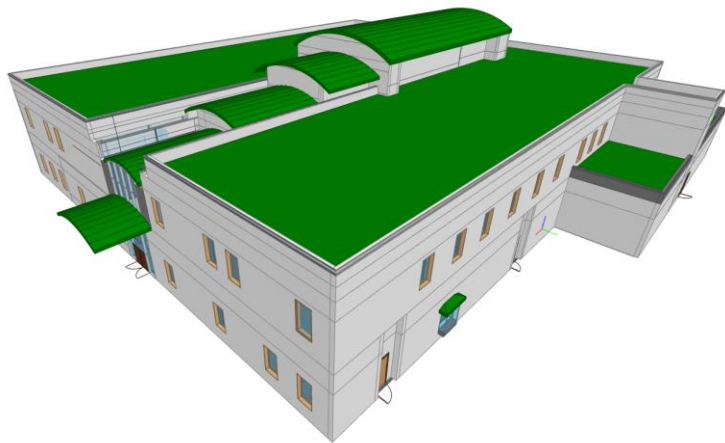
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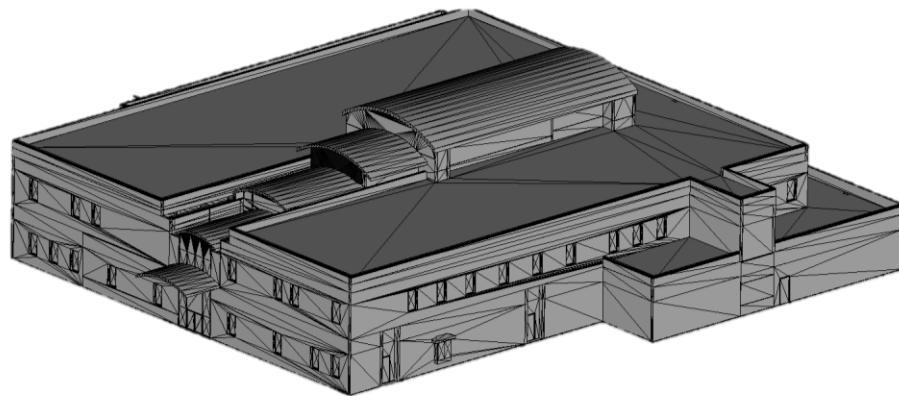
<http://blog.ifcopenshell.org/>



## Some basic conversion tests to other file formats (.obj, .stp, .igs)



IFC file | .ifc

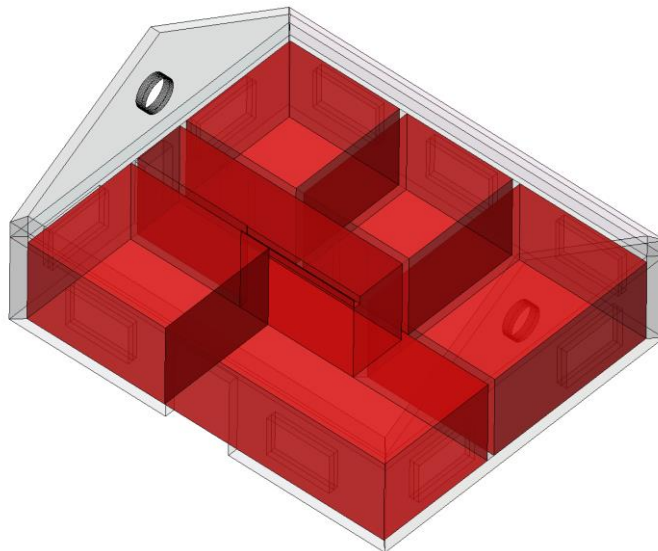


Object File | .obj

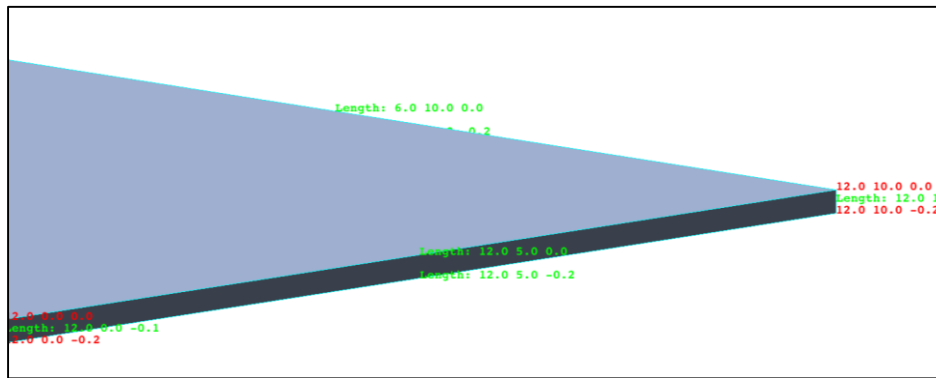
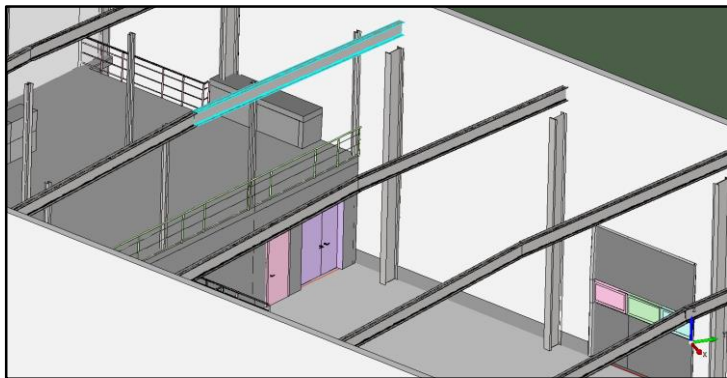
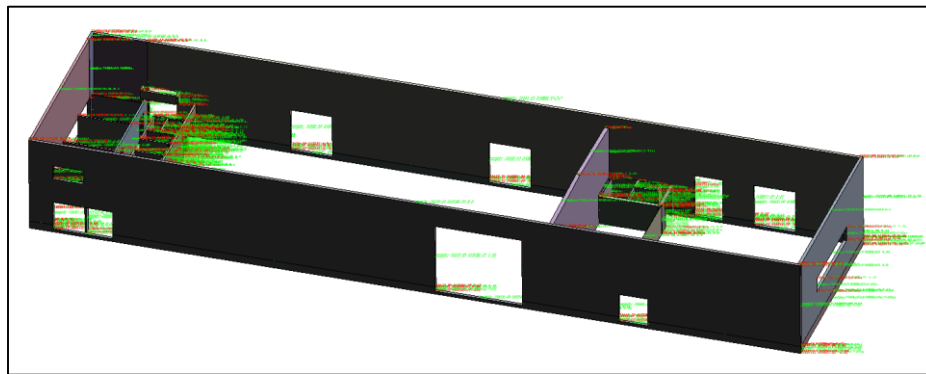
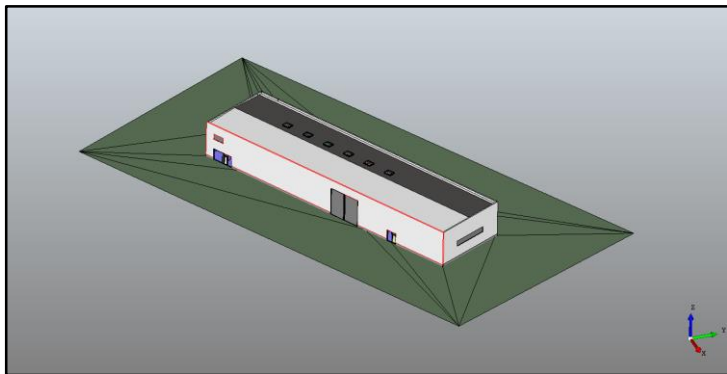


## Creation of Brep Shapes

- Shapes can be created for further use in OpenCascade, also for abstract representations as IfcSpaces
- There are some options to include e.g. IfcConnectedFaceSets or IfcOpeningElement



# Geometrical Information



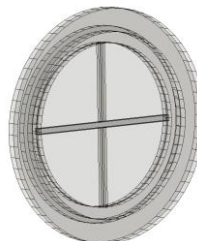
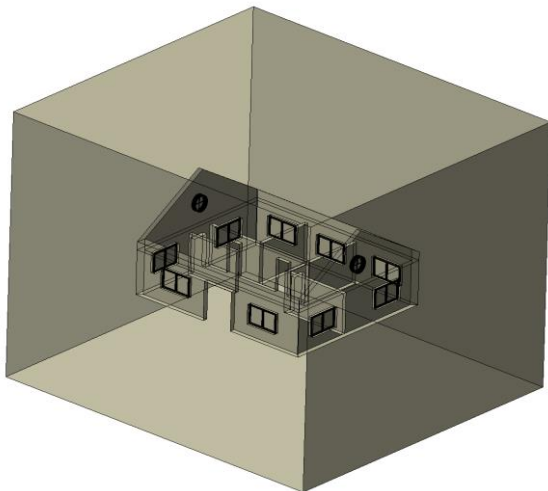
# Geometrical Smoothing and product filtering

**Needs to be done for high performance and speed as well as robustness**

- IFC file:
  - Filtering using IfcOpenShell (semantical data, hierarchy of IFC file)
  - ...
- Geometry:
  - Oriented bounding box
  - ...

## Boolean Operations

- Boolean Operations, which allow creating new shapes from the combinations of source shapes. For two shapes  $S1$  and  $S2$ :
  - *Common* contains all points that are in  $S1$  and  $S2$ ;
  - *Fuse* contains all points that are in  $S1$  or  $S2$ ;
  - *Cut* contains all points in that are in  $S1$  and not in  $S2$

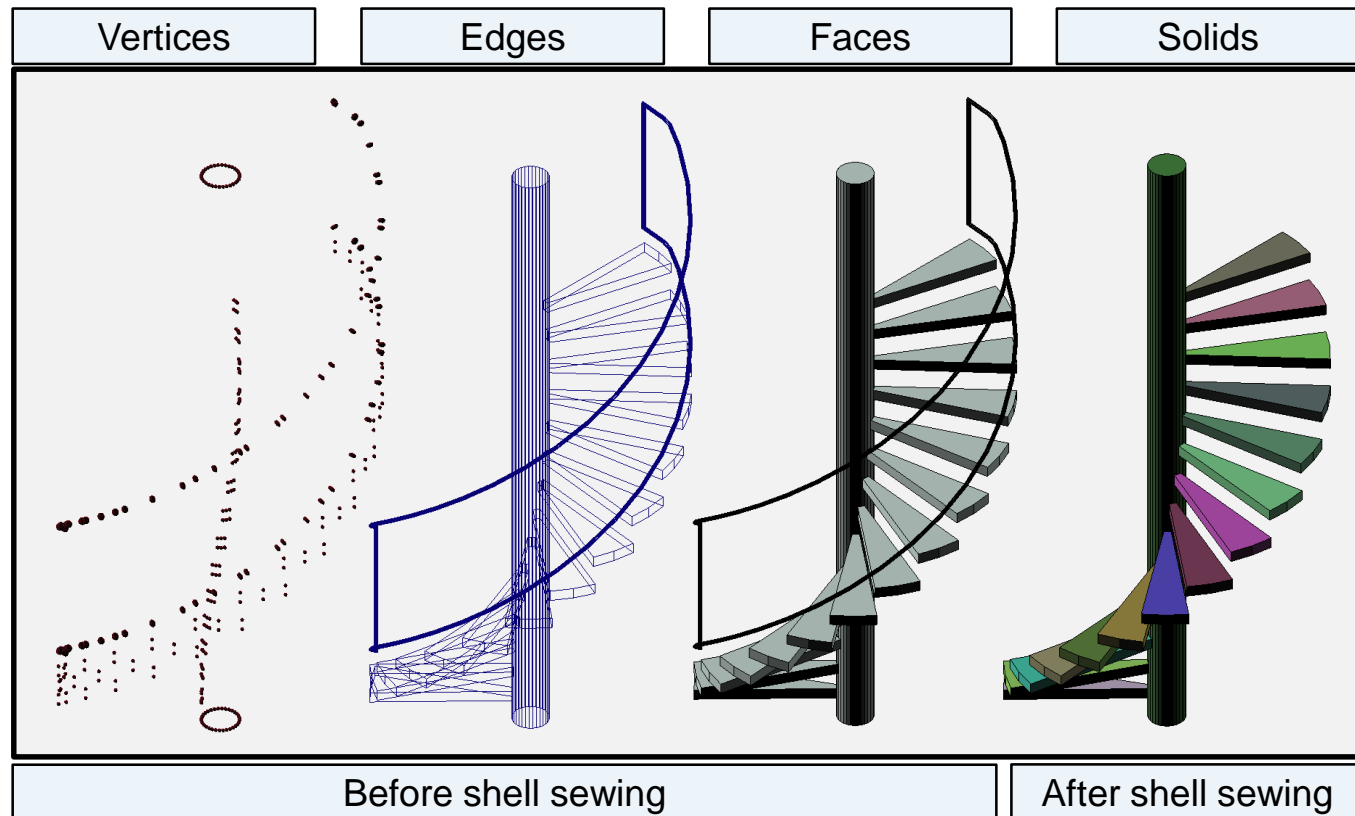


- Negative of walls and windows
- Fail for non-sewed shells



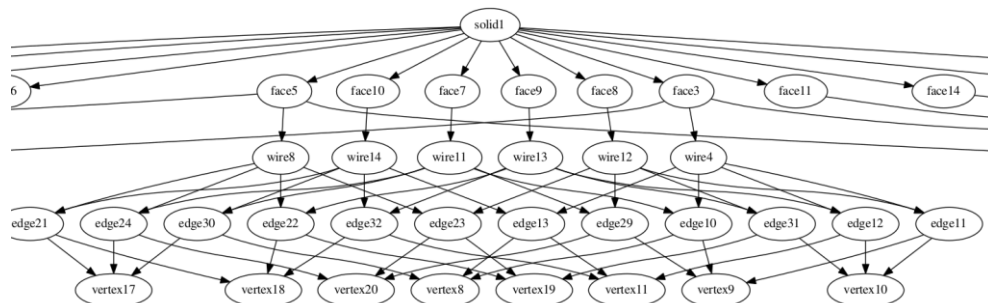
# Topological Elements

- Staircase and its topological elements



# Sew shells

Sewed shells  
66 faces  
156 edges



Unsewed shells  
66 faces  
312 edges

