Using BIM for Energy-Efficient Renovation

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Outline

1. BIM and Renovation
   - What are the challenges
   - BIM4Ren structure
   - Experiment as much web semantic technologies as possible.
2. The BIM4Ren data model
   - Need to model uncertainty – OPM
   - Need to model building status
   - Data access – SPARQL/GraphQL-LD/RAMOSE
3. The conversion process
   - Based on SWRL rules
4. Additional features
   - SHACL checkers
   - A product of catalogue

BIM4Ren overview

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BIM4Ren Concept

Data Management

Data collection

WHAT IS THE EXISTING DATA ?

- Year?
- Local regulation?
- Cost € ?
- Energy performance?
- Geometry?
- Stakeholders expectations?
- Type of occupants ?
- Renovation potential ?
- State of the existing infrastructure ?

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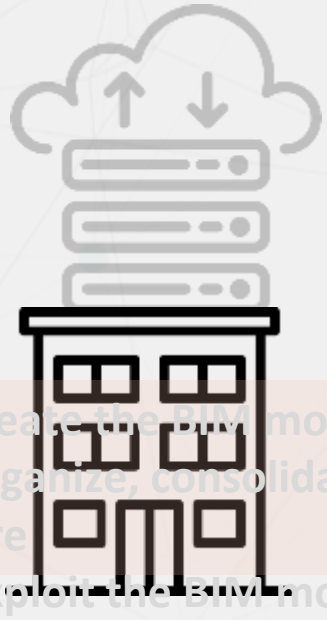

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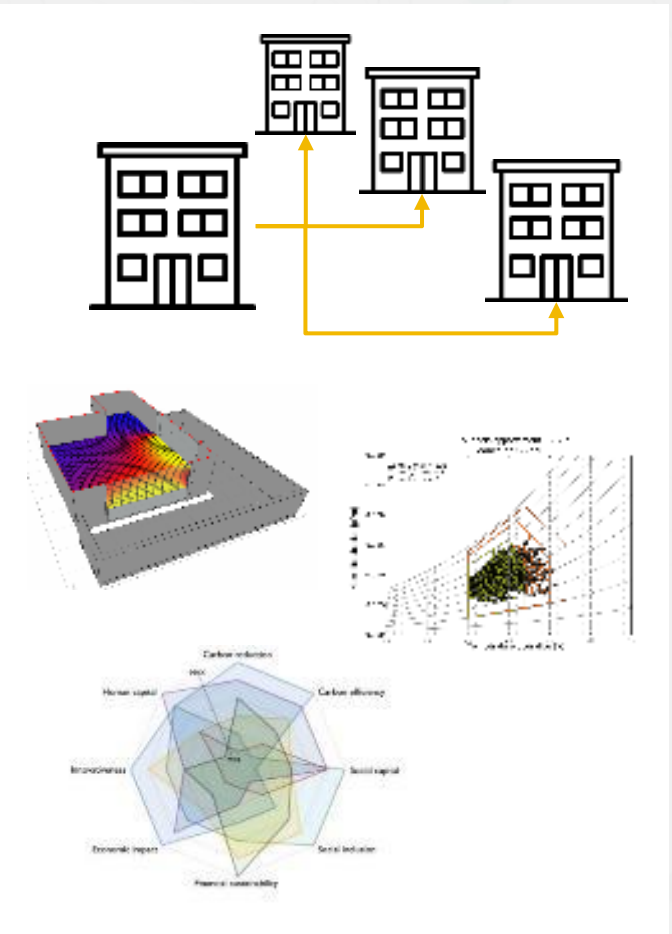

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Web semantic tools sandbox

- triple store
- BIM model for renovation
- checkers
- converters
- data access

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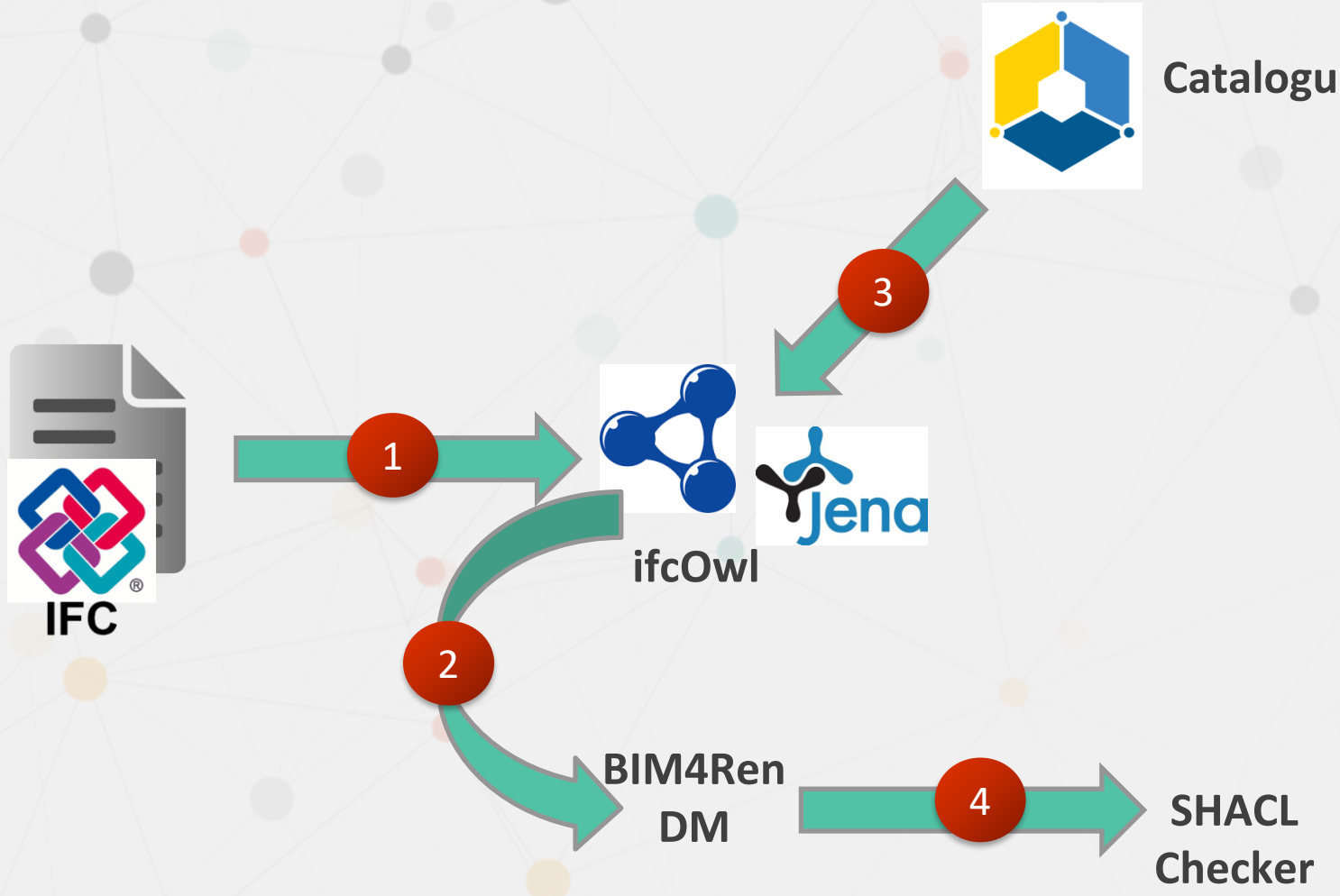
Deeper view



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The BIM4Ren data model

Goals

1. Need to model **uncertainty**
   - ‘the composition of the external wall is **certainly brick + Xcm of glass wool**’
   - The scan process has an **accuracy of X**

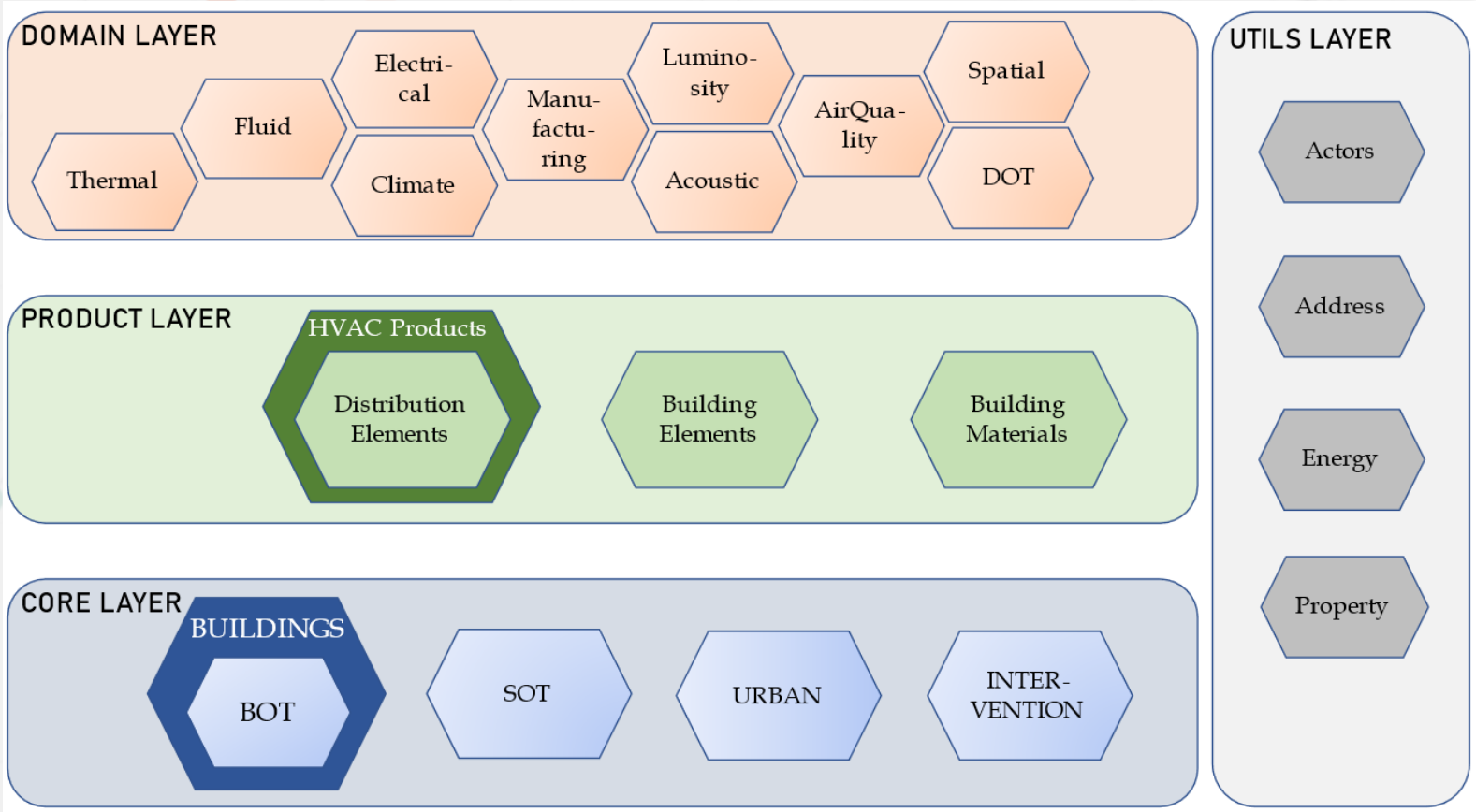
2. Need for **modularity**
   - Different type of renovation, different depth of renovation
   - Models as simple as possible

Overview of the data model

https://models.bim4ren.eu

Modularity

- Independent ontologies
- 3 layers (quite similar to IFC layers)
- Design pattern through multiple inheritance



The Core layer

To describe specific aspects of a building, and to attach elements in it according to some specific properties

- **BOT**: Structure of the building
- **SOT**: Systems/network topology (MEP…)

- **Intervention**: History of intervention
- **Urban:** Elements from the urban context

Goal: localize elements ('spatially')

Goal: what is the role of an element within the network?

To which elements is it directly connected?

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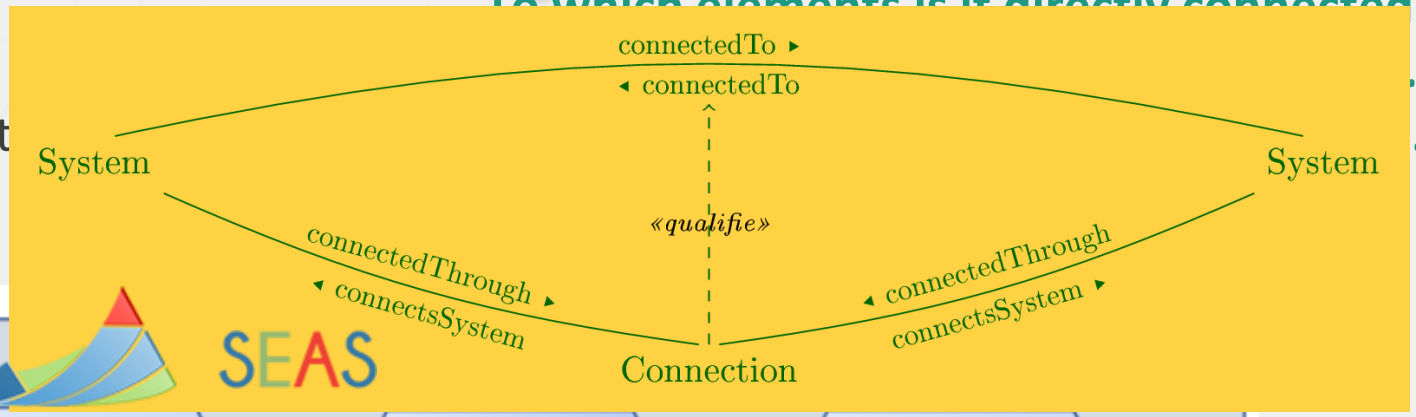

The Product layer

To categorize building products

- **DistributionElements**
- **BuildingElements**:
- **BuildingMaterials**

Goal: categories of products (distribution elements)
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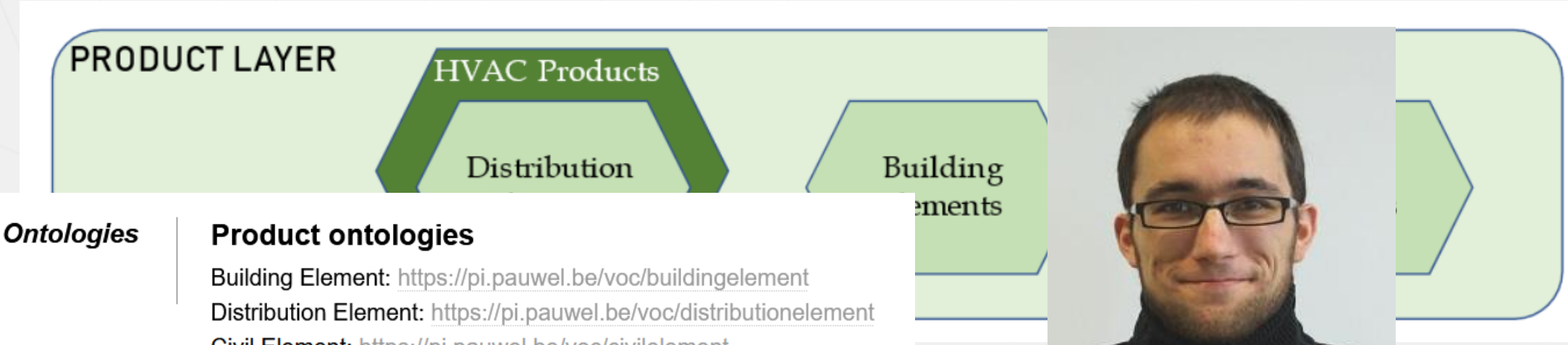
Goal: categories of materials (for LCA, BEM…)

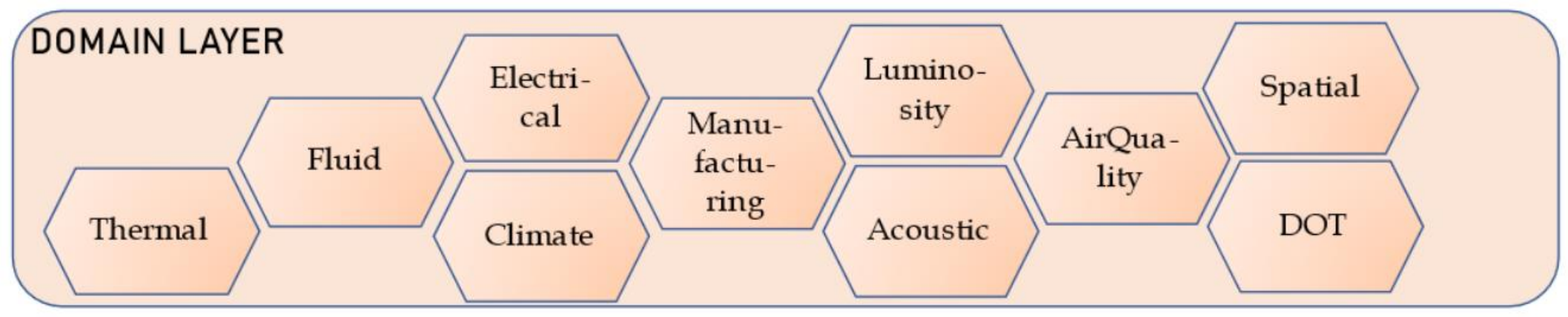


Ontologies

Product ontologies

Building Element: https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/buildingelement
Distribution Element: https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/distributionelement
Civil Element: https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/civilelement

The Domain layer



To associate specific domain properties to elements

- **Thermal**: thermal resistance, solar factor, coefficient of performance…
- **Fluid**: capacity, pressure…
- **Electrical**: nominal power, power in/out…
- **Manufacturing:** brand, product

…

The Property layer

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DOCUMENTATION / RDF STAR

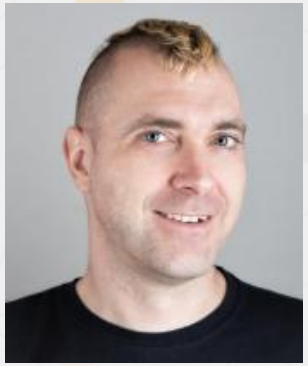
Support of RDF-star

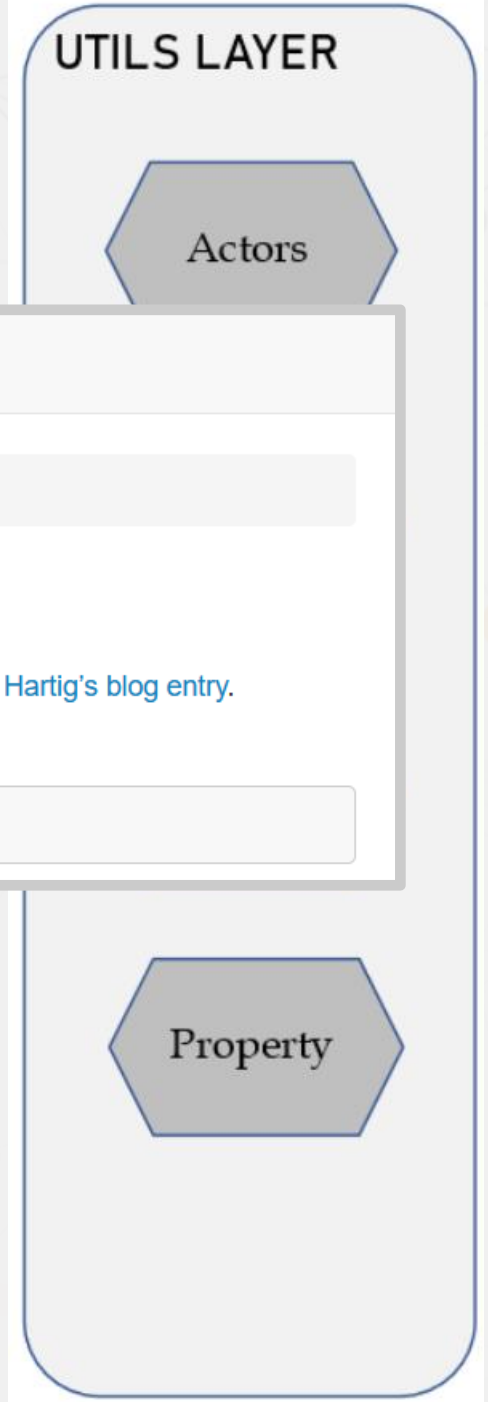
RDF-star is an extension to RDF that provides a way for one triple to refer to another triple. RDF* is the name of the original work which is described in Olaf Hartig's blog entry.

Example:

```
<< :john foaf:name "John Smith" >> dct:source <http://example/directory> .
```

- Next candidate: RDF ???





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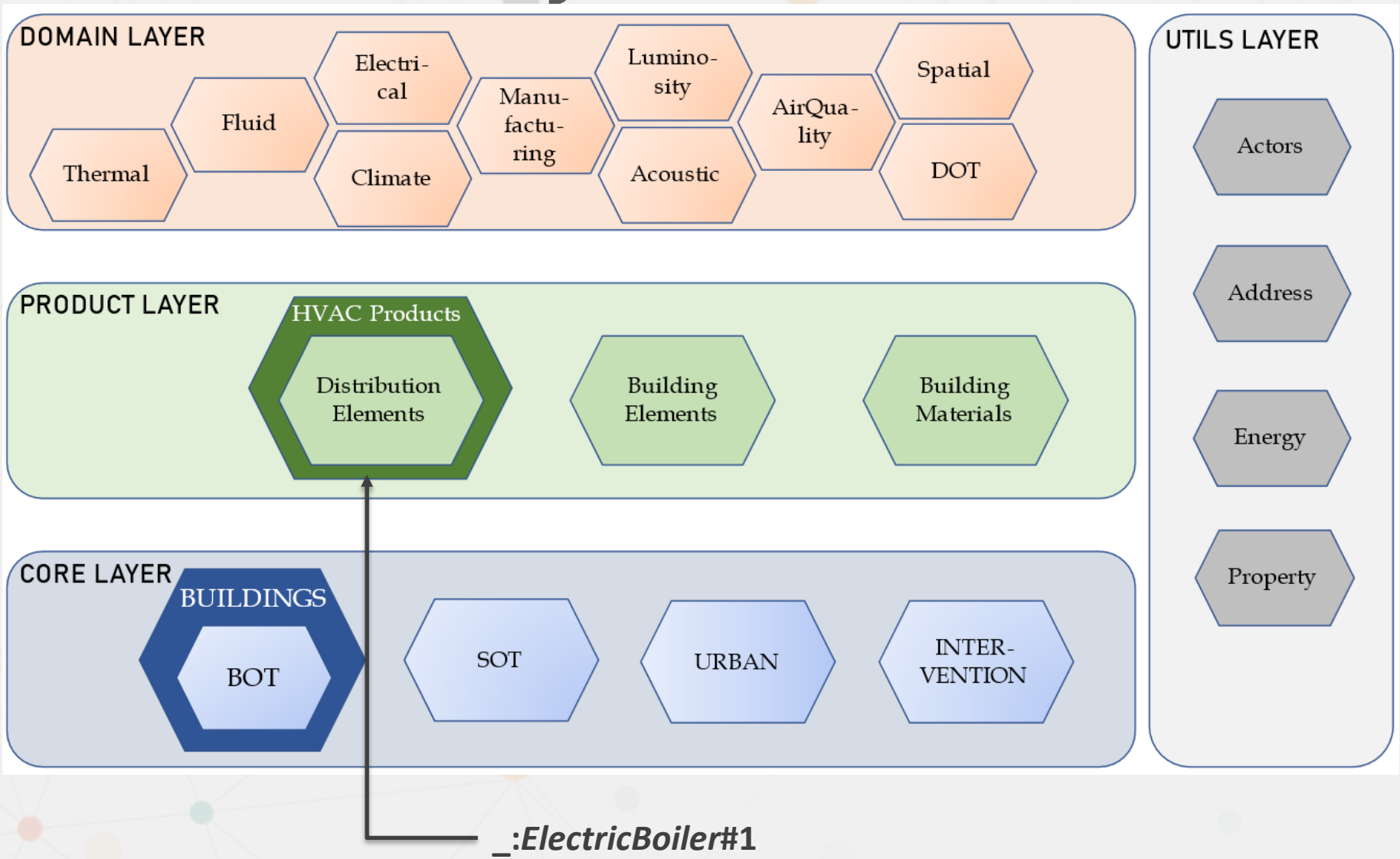

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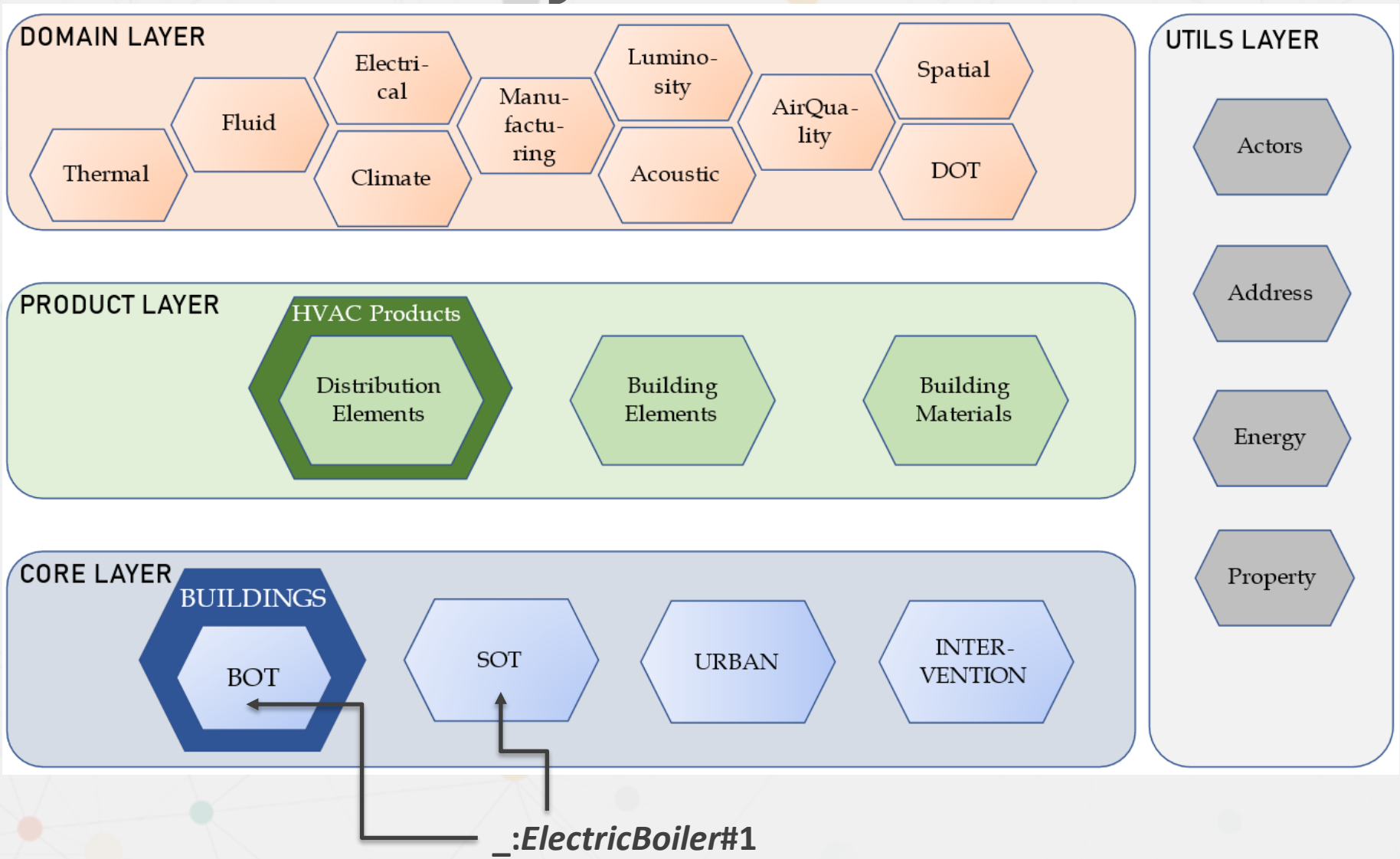

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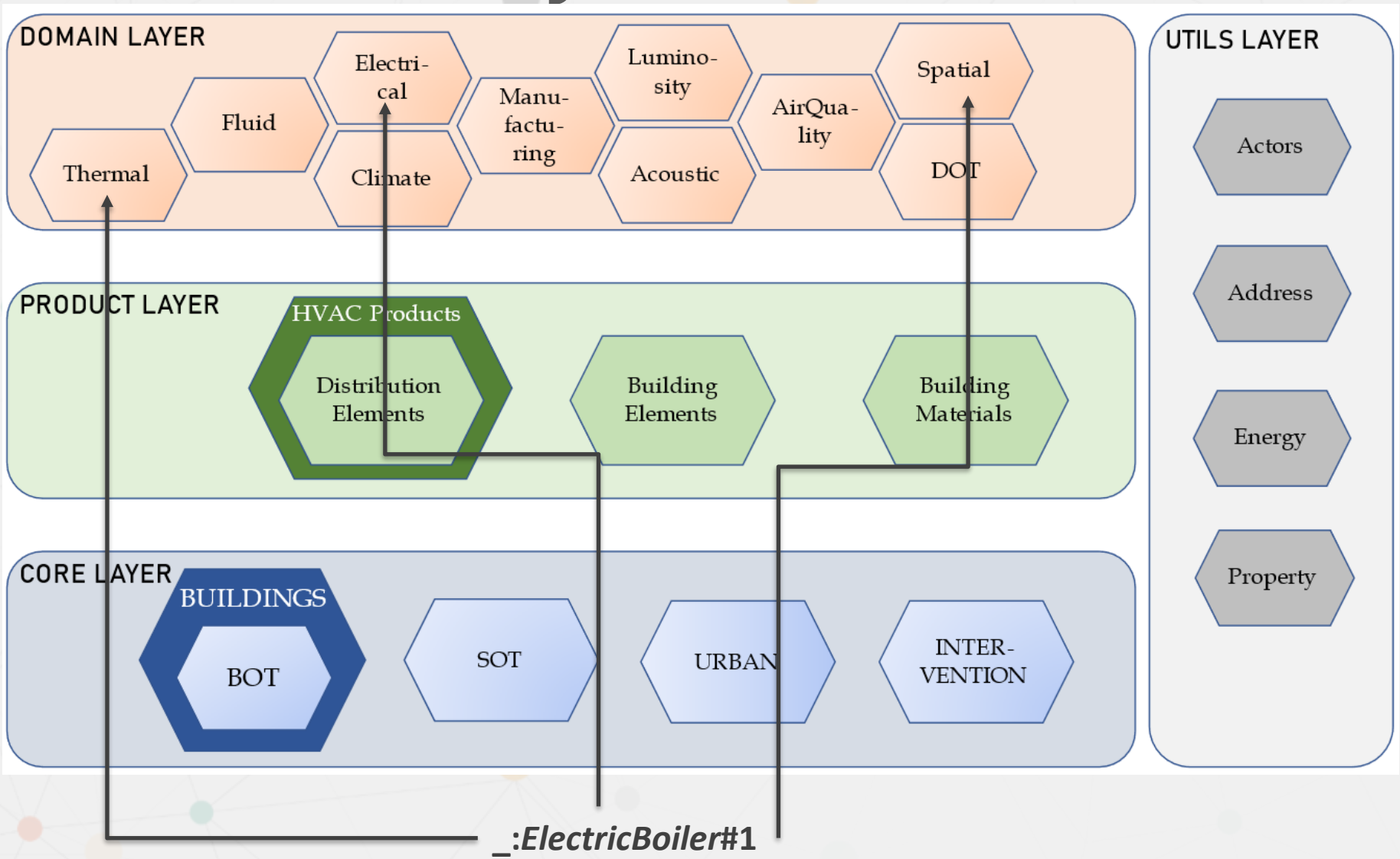

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3. What properties does it have?
   - For a thermal study
   - For an electrical study/dimensioning
   - Geometrical

Overview of the data model

- Modularity is being discussed in bSI
- Can a simple and modelling language-wide mechanism solv
- The model is **pro**
  - Product layer t
  - Core layer to as
  - Domain layer t
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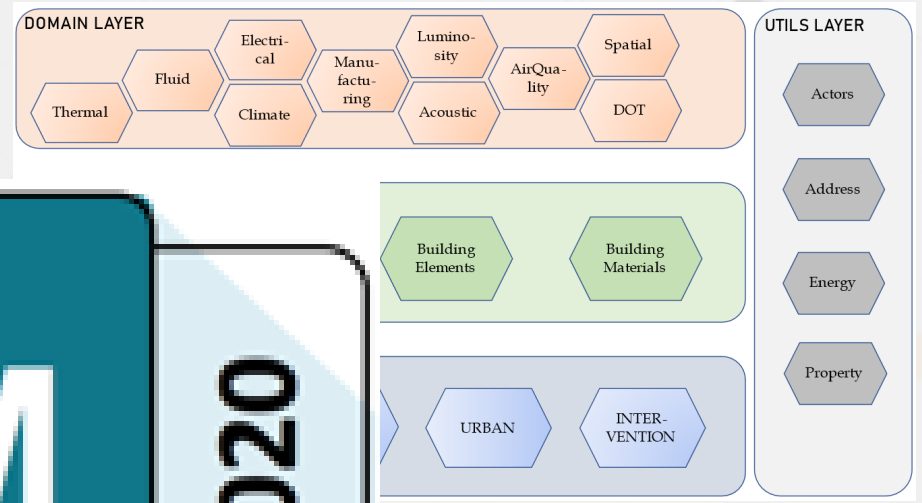

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Multiple inheritance for a modular BIM

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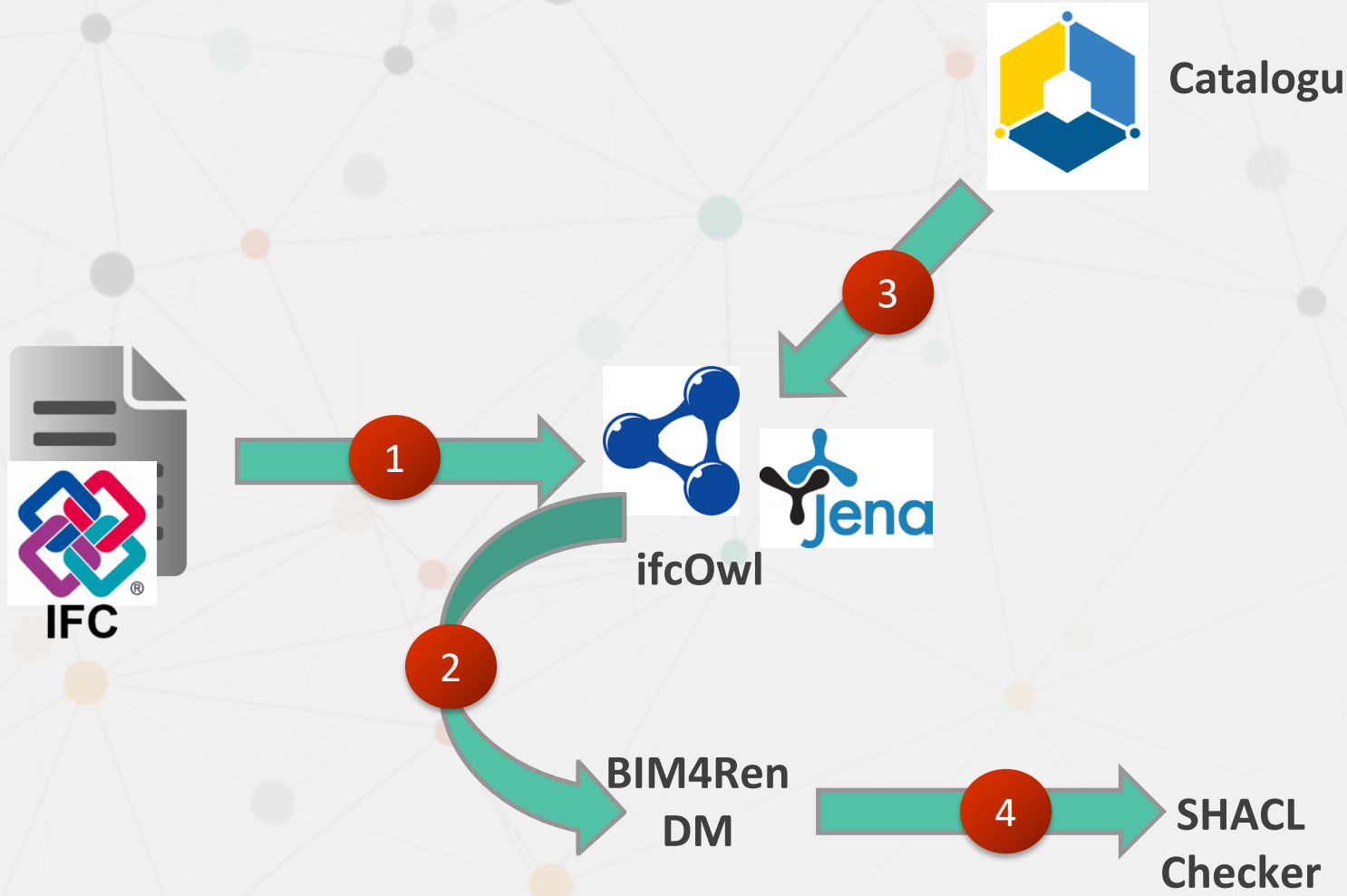
The conversion process

Why do we need conversion?



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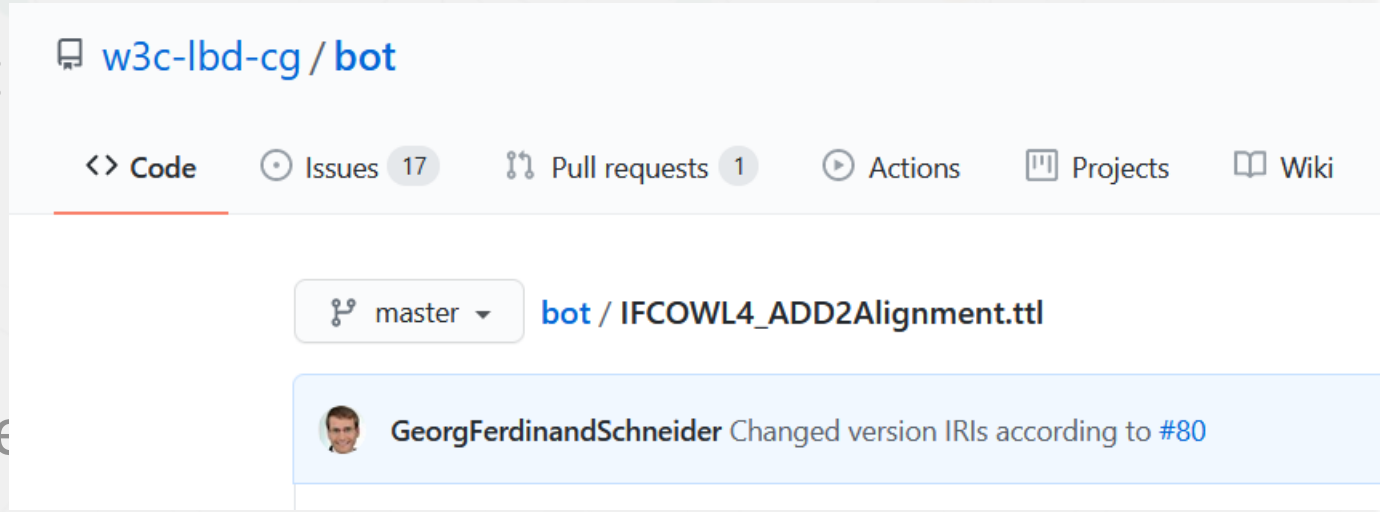
Conversion

1. IFC is the most common and open standard
   - We get IFCs from WiseBIM, ARtoBuild (geometry)
2. But IFC is quite complex => BIM4Ren model
   - Relations are objectified
   - Not all properties we want…
3. Enrich a geometric model with semantic information
   - CSTB develops POBIM based on ISO23386 - Ontology
   - BIM4Ren uses SML (CEN to-be standard)
4. CSTB: POBIM catalogue + ifcOwl
   - **Need to propagate changes on the BIM4Ren DM**
   - **ifcOwl to B4R (BOT+)** and **POBIM to SML**

Different options

- Static/programmatic conversion
  - ++Can cover all types of elements (geometry, relations…)
  - --Need save/convert/import procedure on changes
- Alignment
  - ++Dynamic in the triple store
  - --1-1 mapping
  - --Mostly covers classes, not relations



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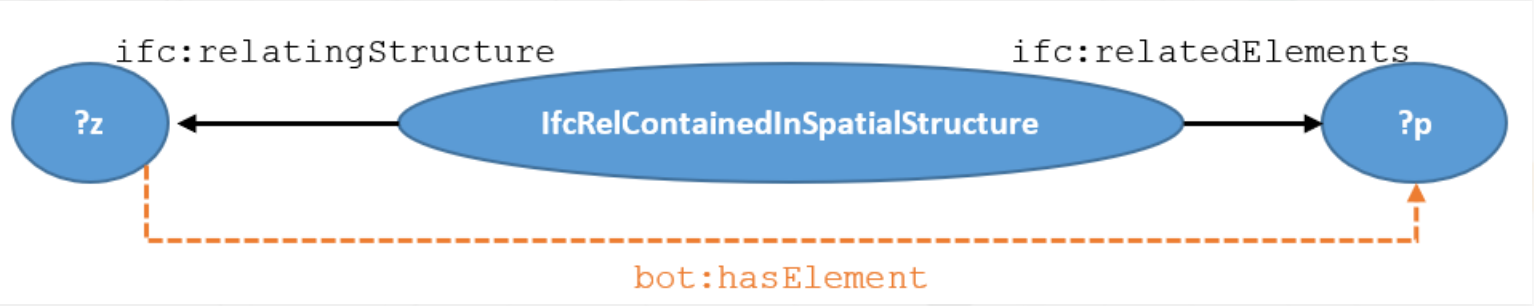

If ?z is a bot:Zone
And ?z and ?c are connected by an ifc:relatedElements_IfcRelContainedInSpatialStructure relation
=> Then <?z; bot:hasElement; ?p>

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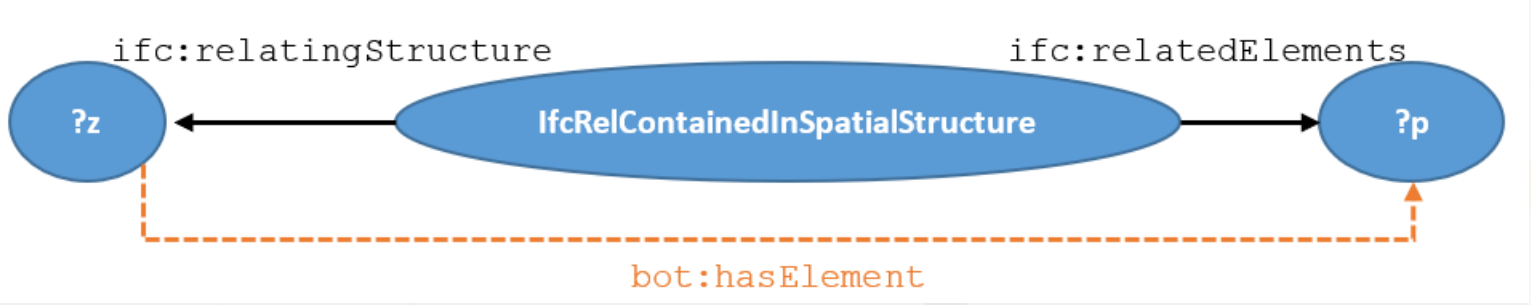


```
(?z rdf:type ?cl) (?cl rdfs:subClassOf* bot:Zone)
(?c ifc:relatingStructure_IfcRelContainedInSpatialStructure ?z)
(?c ifc:relatedElements_IfcRelContainedInSpatialStructure ?p)
=> (?z bot:hasElement ?p)
```

Utility rules

```
[equivalent1: (?a owl:equivalentClass ?b) -> (?a rdfs:subClassOf ?b) (?b rdfs:subClassOf ?a)]

-> table(b4r:subClassOf).
[transSubClassZone:  -> (bot:Zone b4r:subClassOf bot:Zone)]
[transSubClassSystemComponent:  -> (sot:SystemComponent b4r:subClassOf sot:SystemComponent)]
[transSubClassSystem:  -> (sot:System b4r:subClassOf sot:System)]
[transSubClass1: (?cls1 b4r:subClassOf ?cls2) <- (?cls1 rdfs:subClassOf ?cls2)]
[transSubClass2: (?cls1 b4r:subClassOf ?cls3) <- (?cls1 rdfs:subClassOf ?cls2) (?cls2 b4r:subClassOf ?cls3)]

-> table(list:isIn).
[isIn1: (?elt list:isIn ?l) <- (?l list:hasContents ?elt)]
[isIn2: (?elt list:isIn ?l) <- (?l list:hasNext ?queue) (?elt list:isIn ?queue)]
```

BOT rules

```
[botHasElement-IFC: (?z bot:hasElement ?p) <-
    (?c ifc:relatingStructure_IfcRelContainedInSpatialStructure ?z)
    (?c ifc:relatedElements_IfcRelContainedInSpatialStructure ?p)
    (?z rdf:type ?cl) (?cl b4r:subClassOf bot:Zone)]

[relHasBuilding-IFC2x3: (?z1 bot:hasBuilding ?z2) <-
    (?rel ifc2x3:relatingObject_IfcRelDecomposes ?z1)
    (?rel ifc2x3:relatedObjects_IfcRelDecomposes ?z2)
    (?z1 rdf:type ?cl1) (?cl1 b4r:subClassOf bot:Zone)
    (?z2 rdf:type ?cl2) (?cl2 b4r:subClassOf bot:Building)]
[relHasStorey-IFC2x3: (?z1 bot:hasStorey ?z2) <-
    (?rel ifc2x3:relatingObject_IfcRelDecomposes ?z1)
    (?rel ifc2x3:relatedObjects_IfcRelDecomposes ?z2)
    (?z1 rdf:type ?cl1) (?cl1 b4r:subClassOf bot:Zone)
    (?z2 rdf:type ?cl2) (?cl2 b4r:subClassOf bot:Storey)]
[relHasSpace-IFC2x3: (?z1 bot:hasSpace ?z2) <-
    (?rel ifc2x3:relatingObject_IfcRelDecomposes ?z1)
    (?rel ifc2x3:relatedObjects_IfcRelDecomposes ?z2)
    (?z1 rdf:type ?cl1) (?cl1 b4r:subClassOf bot:Zone)
    (?z2 rdf:type ?cl2) (?cl2 b4r:subClassOf bot:Space)]
```

SOT rules

```
[connectedWith-IFC: (?elt1 sot:connectedWith ?elt2) <-
    (?c ifc:relatingPort_IfcRelConnectsPorts ?p1) (?c ifc:relatedPort_IfcRelConnectsPorts ?p2)
    (?elt1 rdf:type ?cls1) (?cls1 b4r:subClassOf sot:SystemComponent)
    (?elt2 rdf:type ?cls2) (?cls2 b4r:subClassOf sot:SystemComponent)
    (?n1 ifc:relatingObject_IfcRelNests ?elt1) (?n1 ifc:relatedObjects_IfcRelNests ?list1) (?p1 list:isIn ?list1)
    (?n2 ifc:relatingObject_IfcRelNests ?elt2) (?n2 ifc:relatedObjects_IfcRelNests ?list2) (?p2 list:isIn ?list2)]

[sotHasElements-IFC: (?s sot:hasElements ?elt) <-
    (?c ifc:relatingGroup_IfcRelAssignsToGroup ?s)
    (?c ifc:relatedObjects_IfcRelAssigns ?elt)
    (?s rdf:type ?cls) (?cls b4r:subClassOf sot:System)
    (?elt rdf:type ?clse) (?clse b4r:subClassOf sot:SystemComponent)]
```

Product layer rules

```
[ifcToLbdAirTerminalBox-USERDEFINED:(?z rdf:type ifc:IfcAirTerminalBox) (?z ifc:predefinedType_AirTerminalBox ifc:USERDEFINED)
[ifcToLbdAirTerminalBox-VARIABLEFLOWPRESSUREDEPENDANT:(?z rdf:type ifc:IfcAirTerminalBox) (?z ifc:predefinedType_AirTerminalBox
[ifcToLbdAirTerminalBox-VARIABLEFLOWPRESSUREINDEPENDANT:(?z rdf:type ifc:IfcAirTerminalBox) (?z ifc:predefinedType_AirTerminalB
[ifcToLbdAirTerminalBox-CONSTANTFLOW:(?z rdf:type ifc:IfcAirTerminalBox) (?z ifc:predefinedType_AirTerminalBox ifc:CONSTANTFLOW
[ifcToLbdAirTerminalBox-NOTDEFINED:(?z rdf:type ifc:IfcAirTerminalBox) (?z ifc:predefinedType_AirTerminalBox ifc:NOTDEFINED) ->
```

… + ~750 rules generated with a Python script

Properties

Some thoughts

- Multiplicity of on m
- Already a lot of t ntics (reasoning is one of them)
- Convers
  - Chan model
- Allows c odel
- Remark t
- But no conversion on geometry
- BIM4Ren to ifcOwl: more complex (rules are not safe)
  - Use of `makeTemp()`

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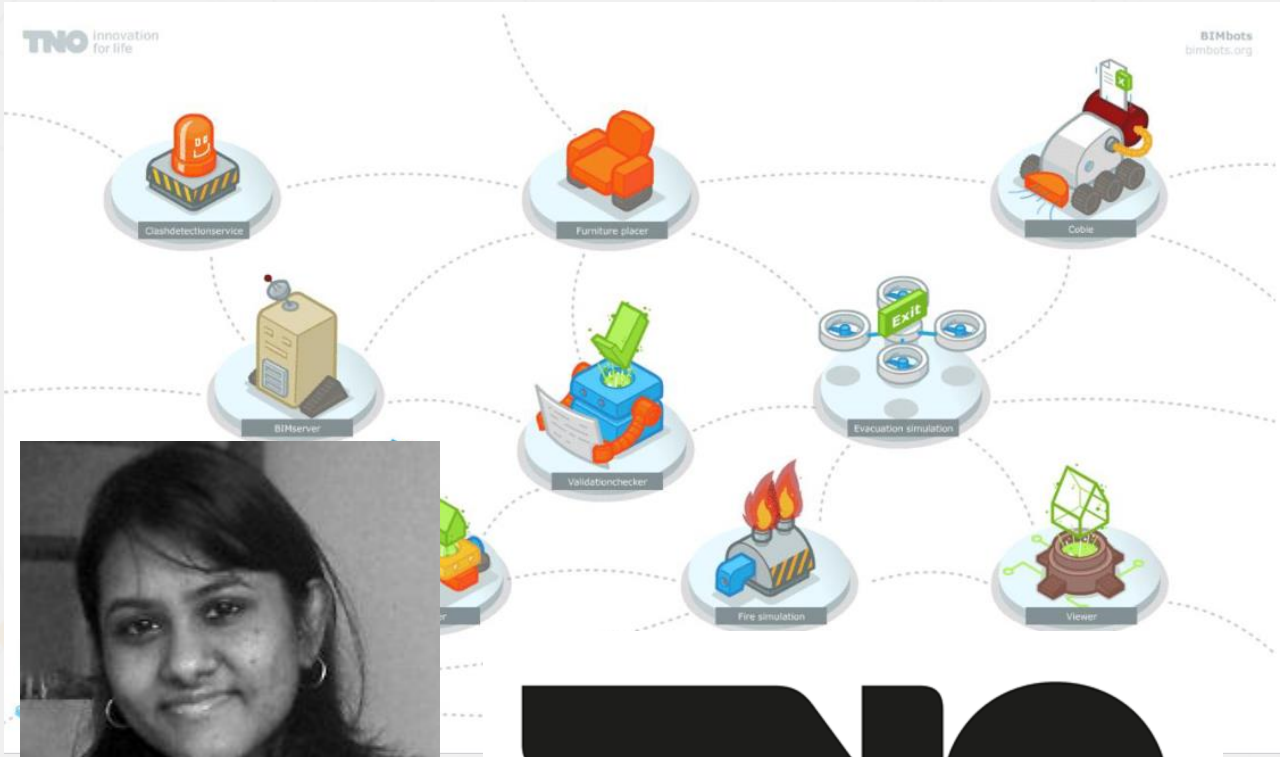
BIM format conversion as inference-based ontology alignment*

Pierre Bourreau[1] and Jyrki Oraskari[2]

Some more things

BIM Models checkers

- Checkers as (micro) web services
  - Micro service ≤ Web service
  - BIM Bots
- In BIM4Ren we use SHACL checkers
  - Semantic web micro services
  - Semantic BIM Bots
- Maestro Bot
  - Orchestration service



Data access

- SPARQL for free
  - Expert language
  - 0.X% of web service developers know it
- REST APIs
  - Easy to use
  - Kind of contract between server and client
  - Need to implement SPARQL Queries… tedious work (no ORM)
- GraphQL-LD
  - JS at either client of server
  - Restricted to queries (no edition) – still?
  - Kind of another expert language
- RAMOSE
  - Ease the deployment of REST APIs on top of SPARQL
  - Also restricted to Get
  - Need more work and contributions

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