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Enhancing Finite Element Modeling of Historic Masonry Structures Through Ontology- Driven BIM Integration

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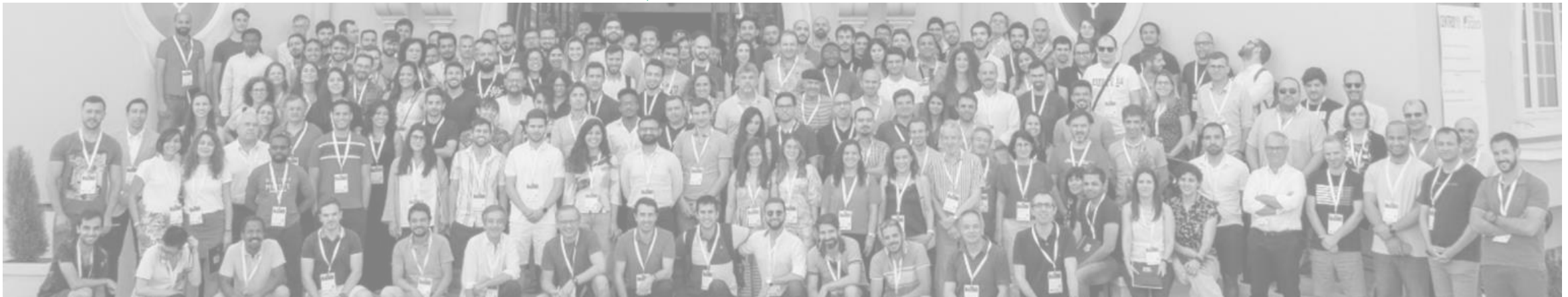
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HMS

Historical and Masonry Structures (HMS)
at the University of Minho

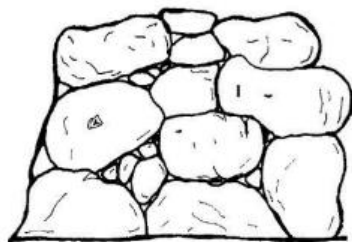
Cluster MATICH: Masonry, Timber and Cultural Heritage

- Conservation strategies for historical buildings
- Seismology and earthquake engineering
- Numerical simulation tools for multiphysics problems

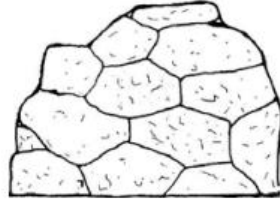


Historic Masonry Structures

- ◆ Masonry is one of the most ancient construction techniques
- ◆ Heterogeneous material
- ◆ Structurally complex nonlinear behaviour
- ◆ Constructions often build in clusters (masonry aggregates)



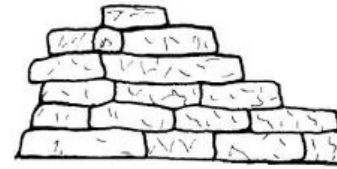
Rubble megalithic masonry with large irregular stones.



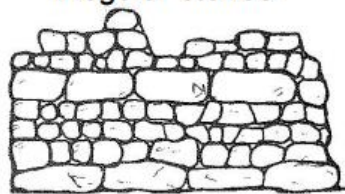
Polygonal stone masonry.



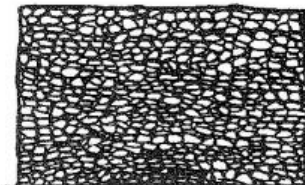
Square blocs placed w/o pattern.



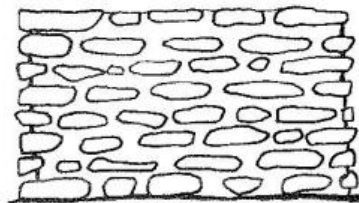
Square blocs placed with a defined pattern.



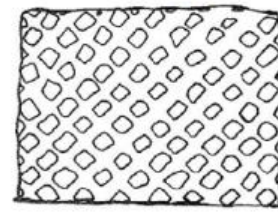
Opus squadratum



Opus cementitium.



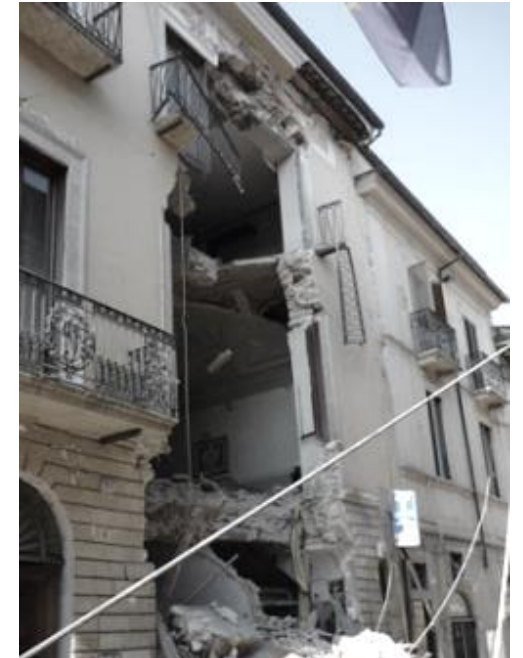
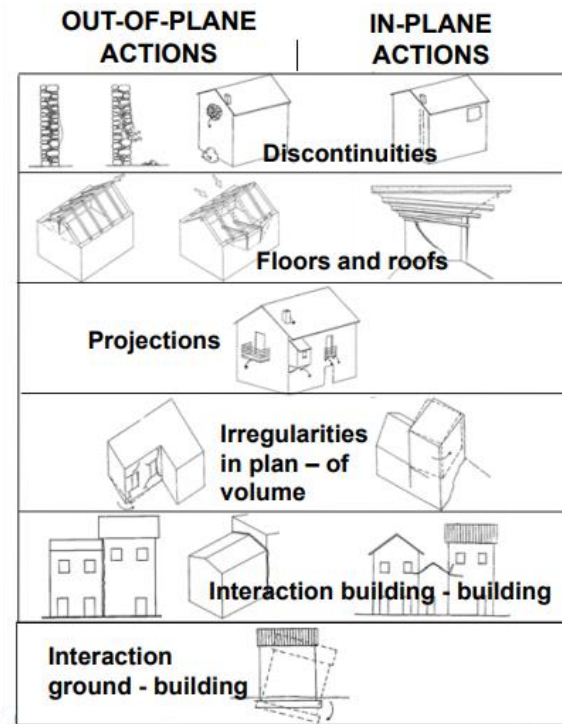
Opus lateritium.



Opus reticulatum.



Historic Masonry Structures – seismic behaviour

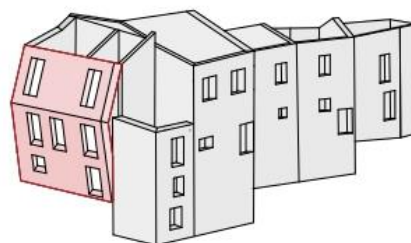


Different seismic assessment methods

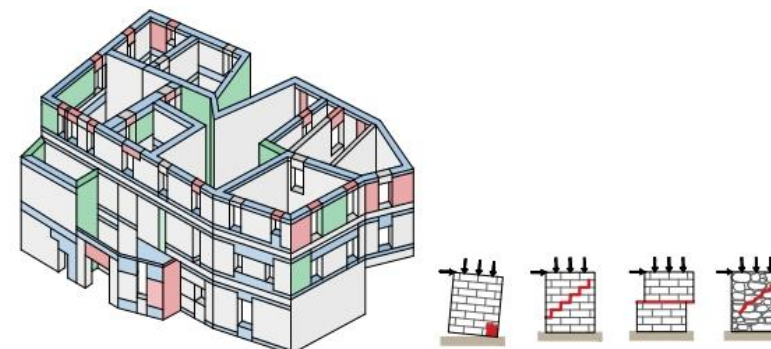
Large scale assessment



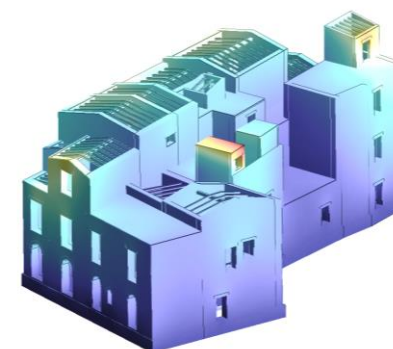
Local analysis



Global models



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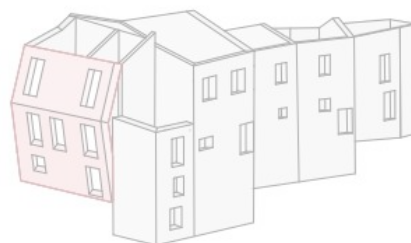
SOLID FEM MODELS

Solid finite element models

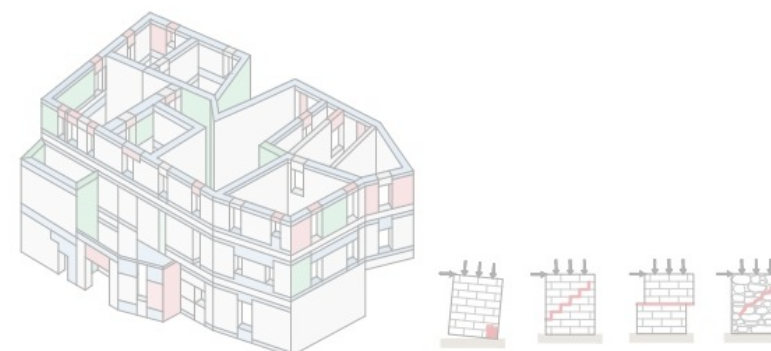
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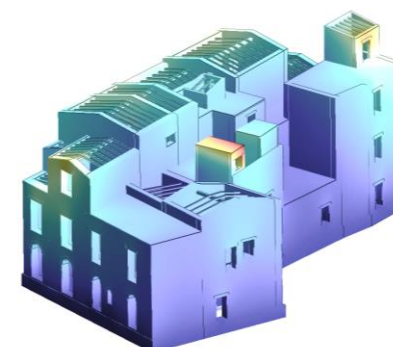
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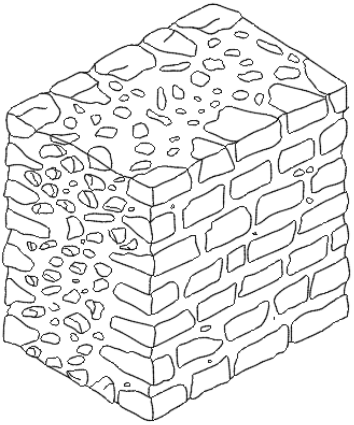
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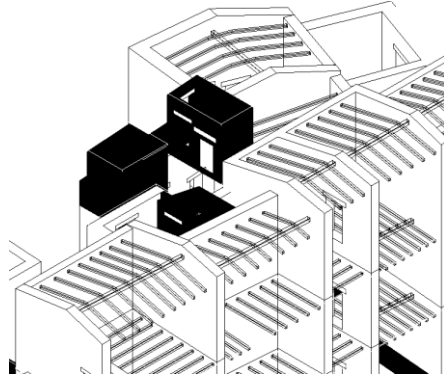
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Solid finite element models - challenges

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES



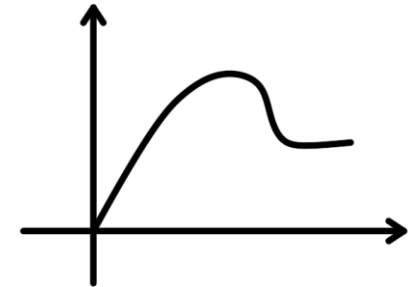
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COMPUTATIONAL COSTS

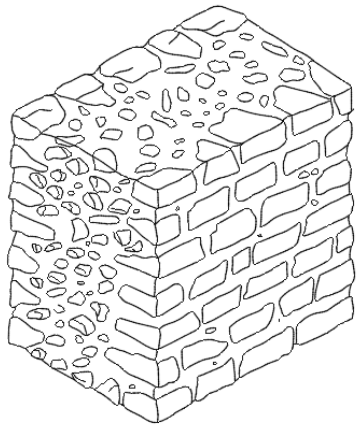


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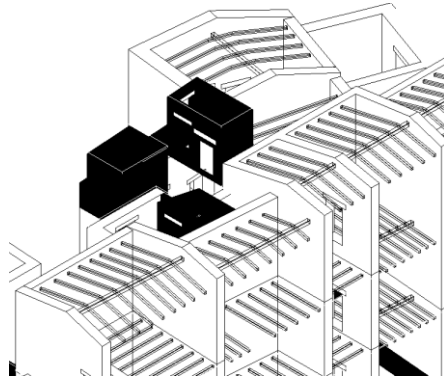
Proposed solutions

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES



Semantic Web Languages

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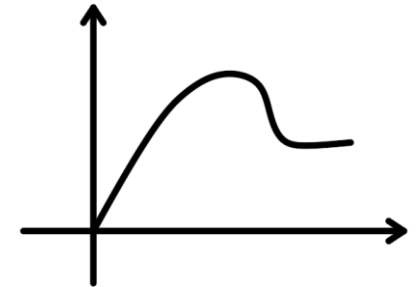
BIM-to-FEM automation

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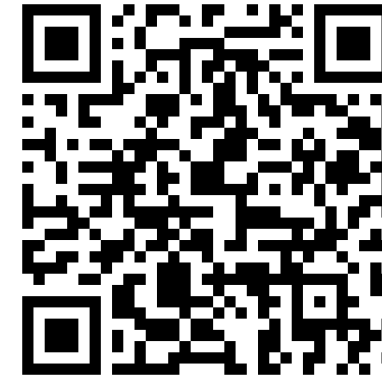
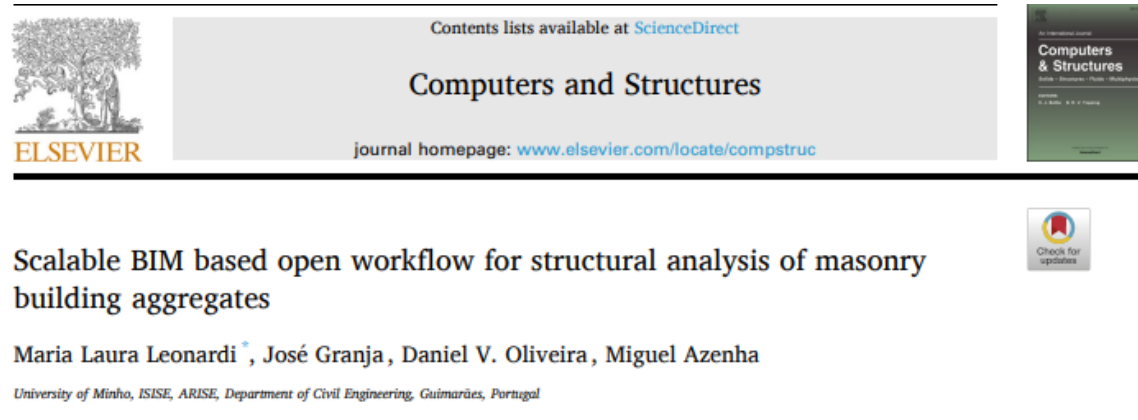
FEM parallelisation

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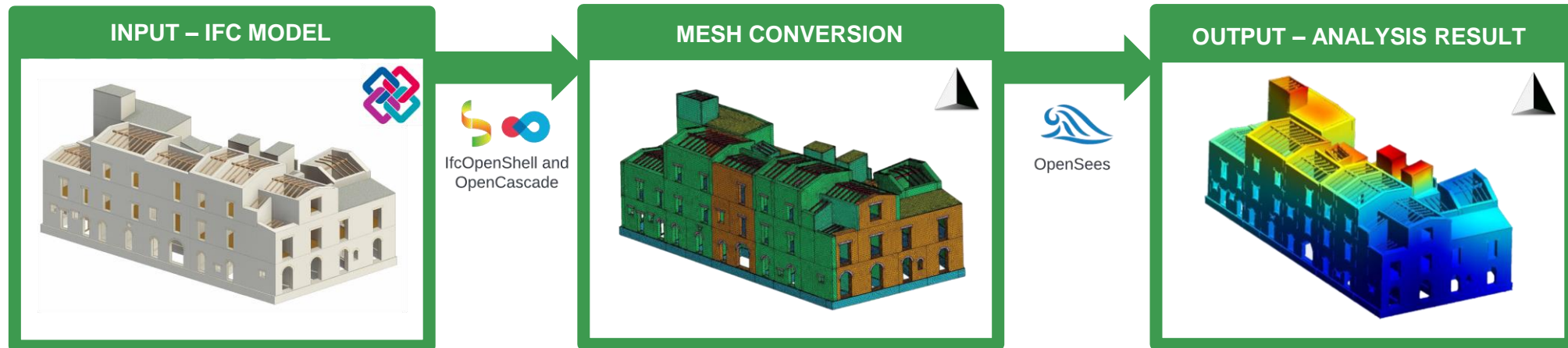


Implex algorithm

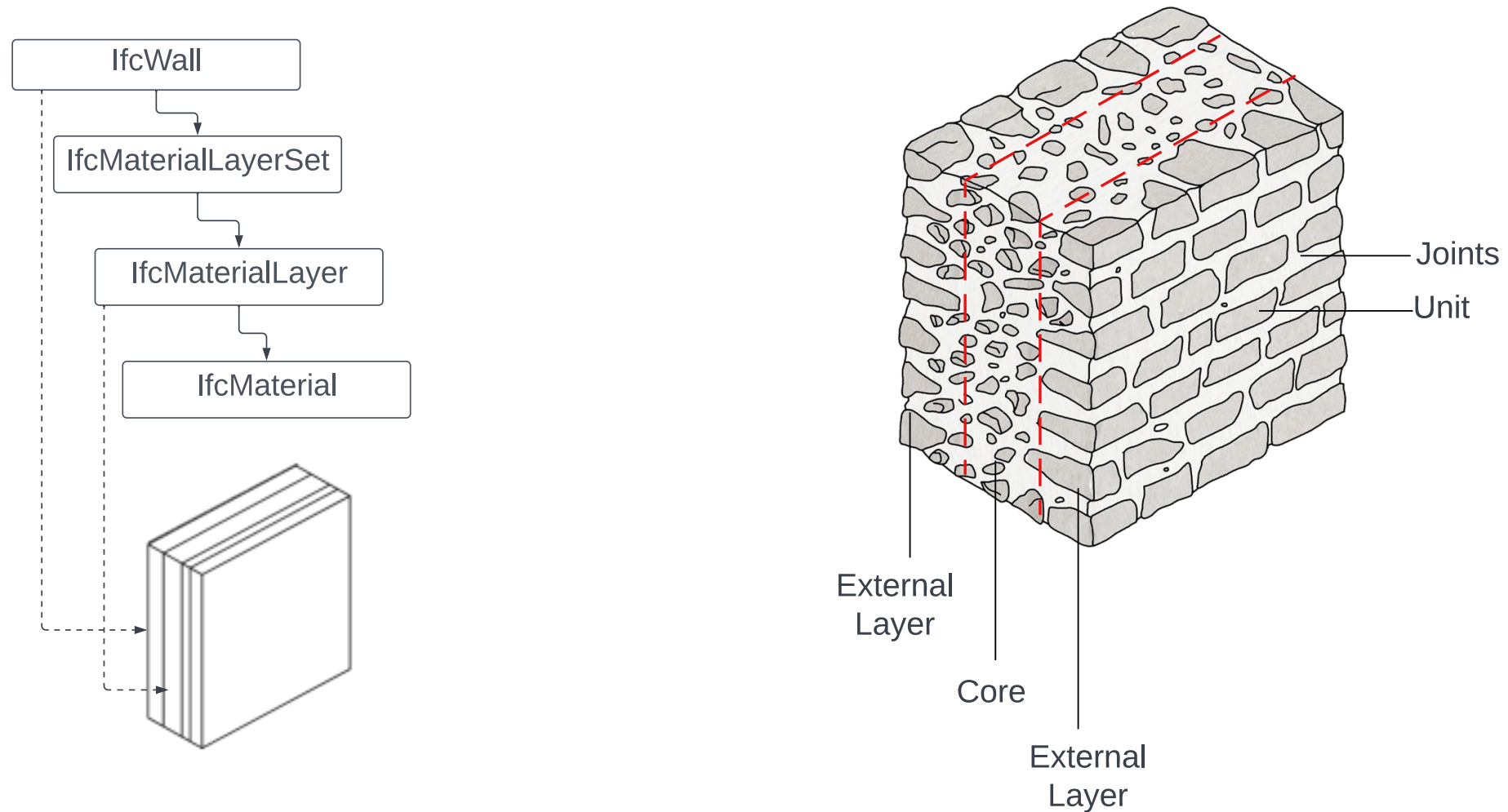
Proposed framework – BIM to FEM interoperability



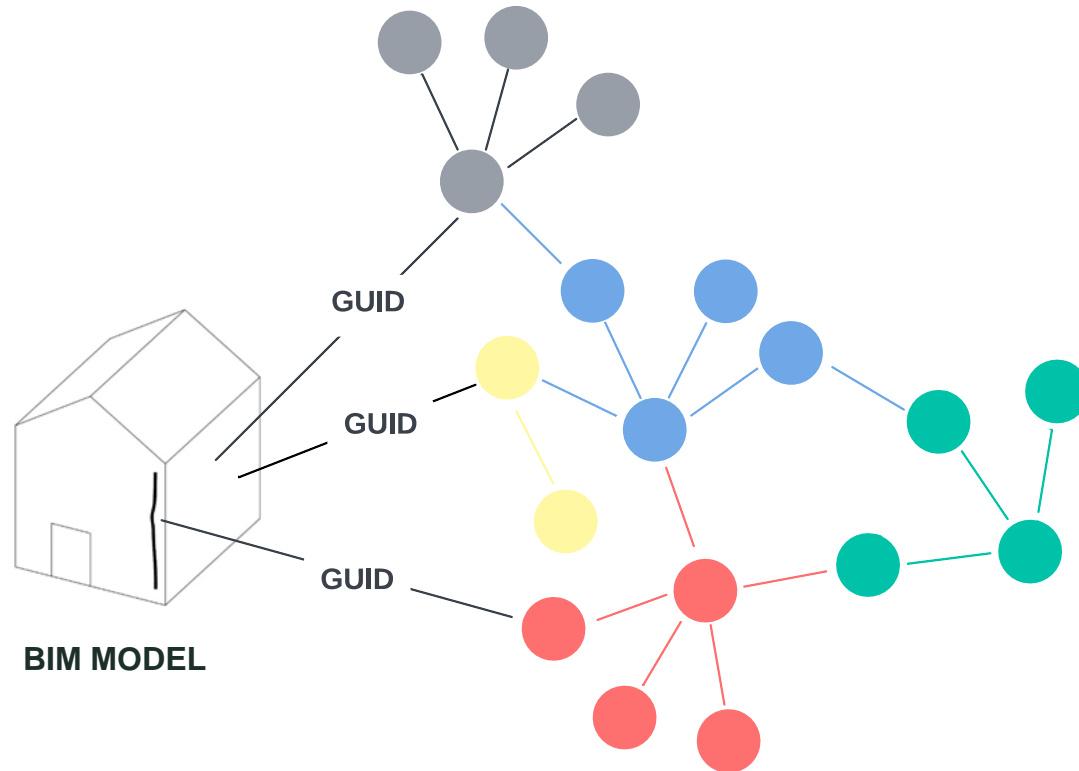

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How to inform the BIM model? Limitation of the IFC schema



Towards a Linked Data Approach



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LEVERAGING SEMANTIC WEB RULE LANGUAGES TO DEFINE MODELING ASSUMPTIONS FOR THE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS OF UNREINFORCED MASONRY BUILDINGS

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Building Element Ontology

Material Properties Ontology

Damage Topology Ontology

existing ontologies

Historic Masonry Ontology

Failure Mechanism Ontology

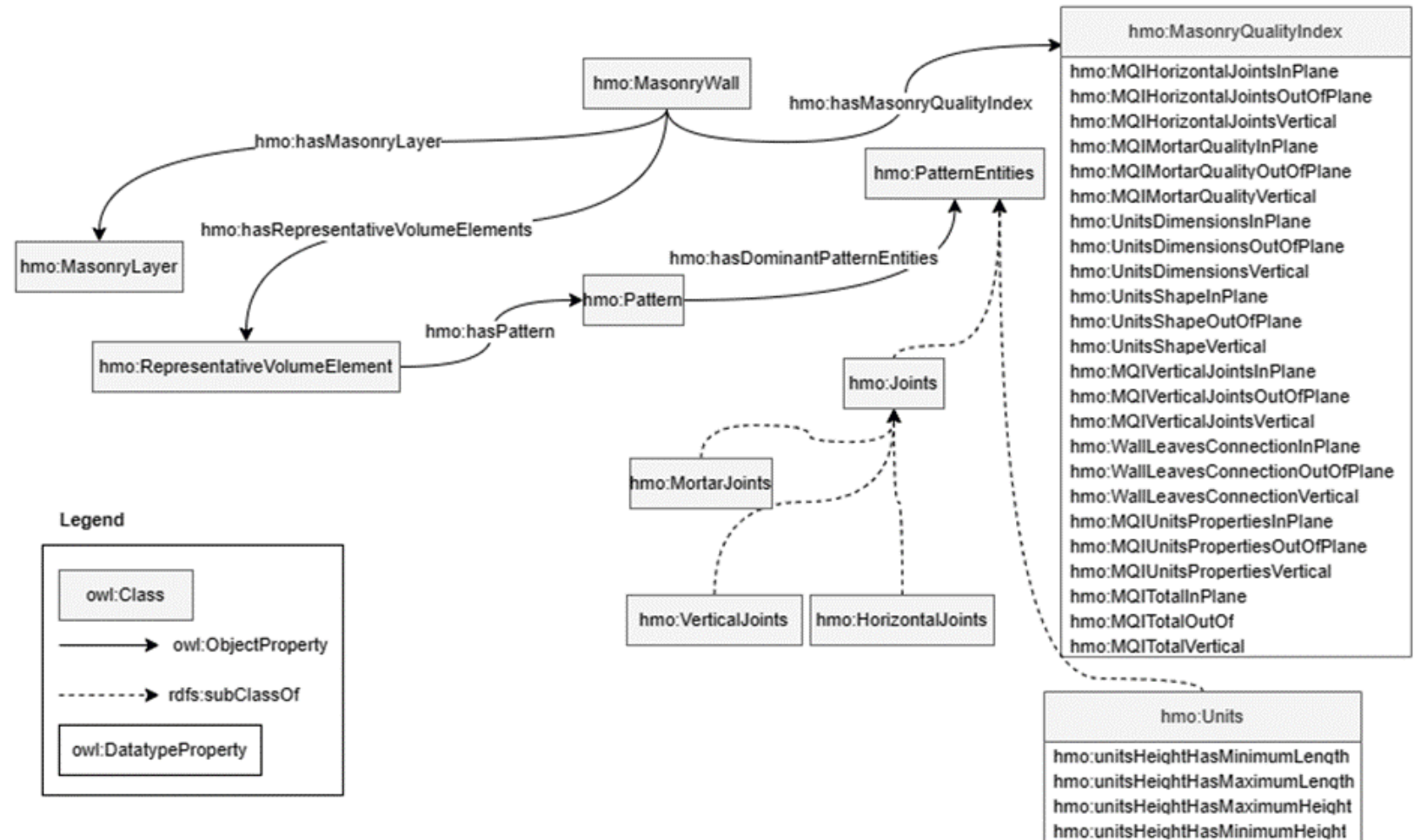
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The Historic Masonry Ontology (HMO)

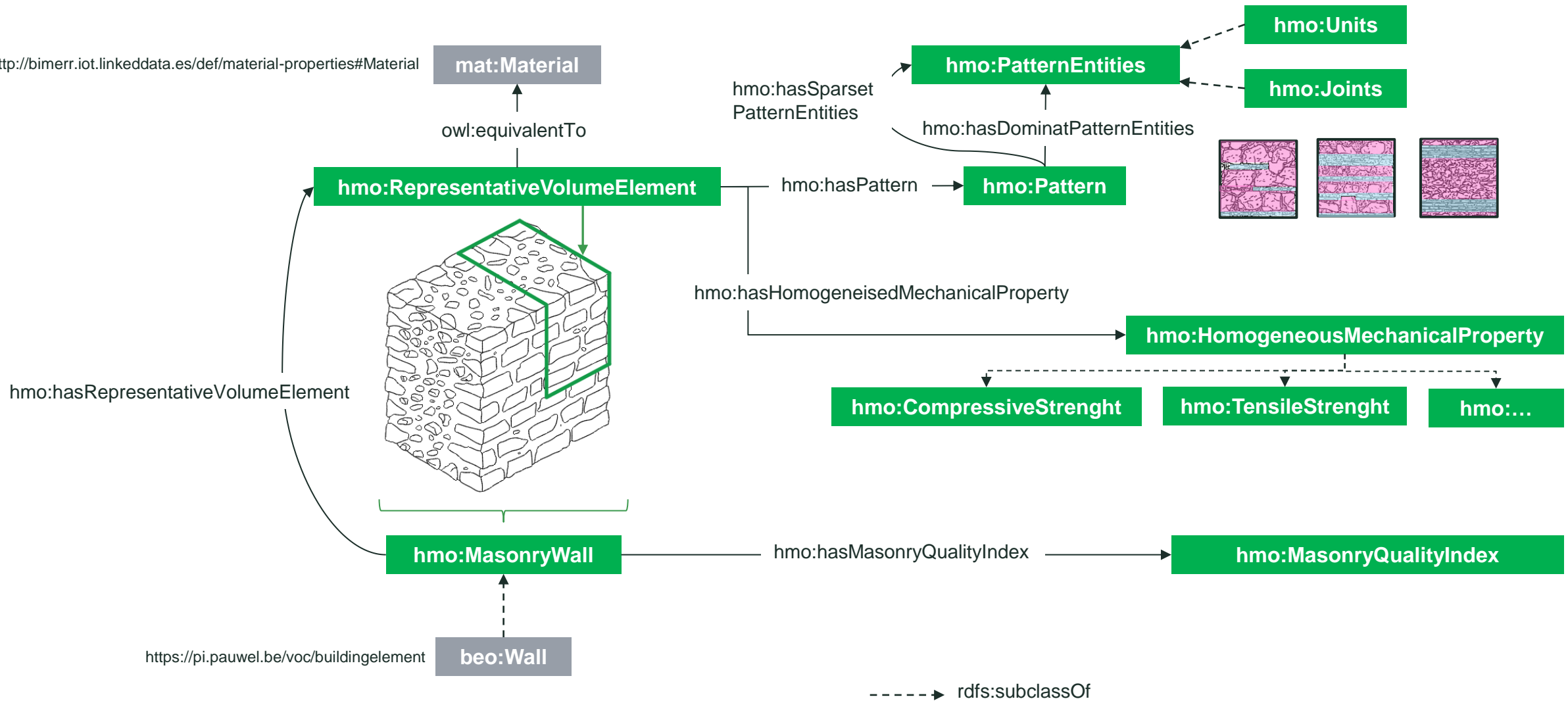
Scope:

“Define masonry mechanical properties from the description of masonry morphology features.”

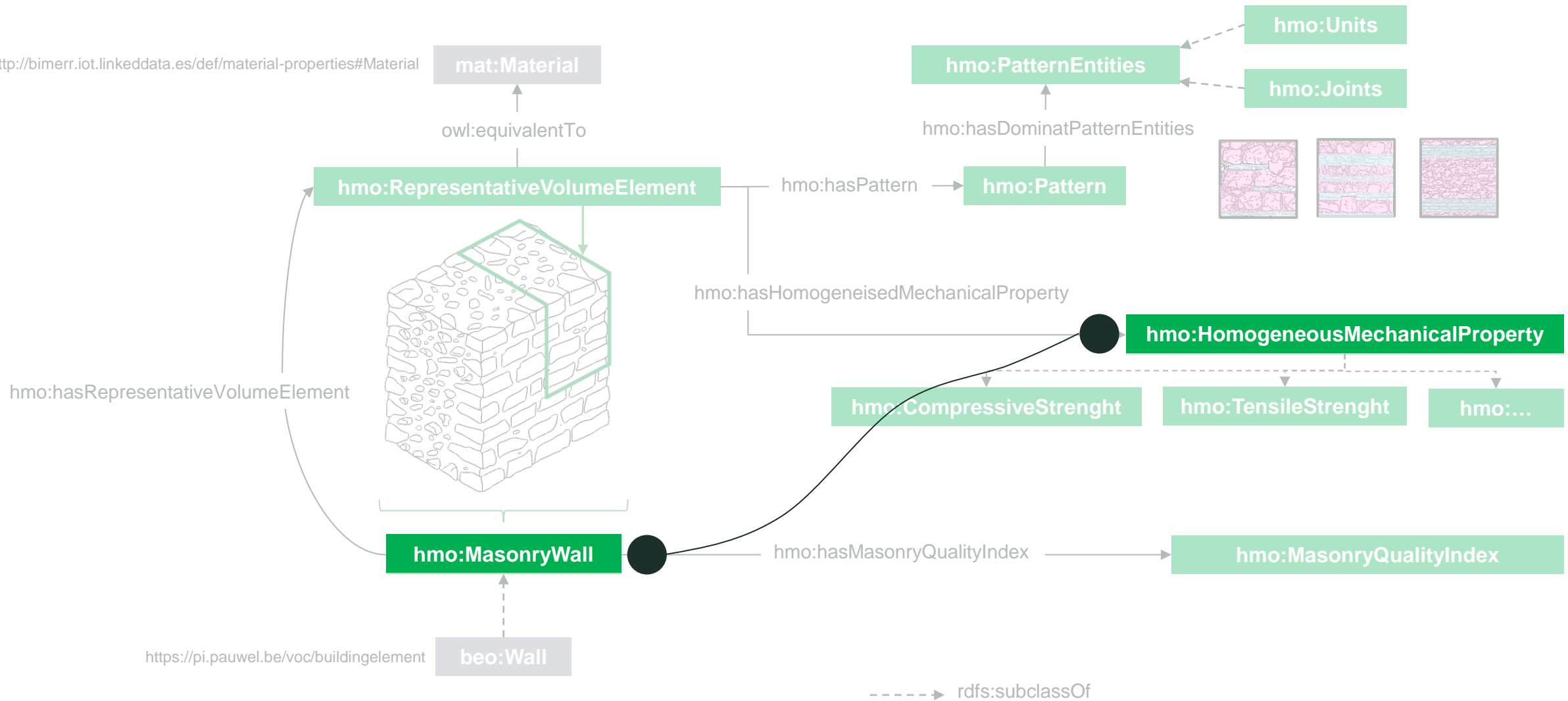
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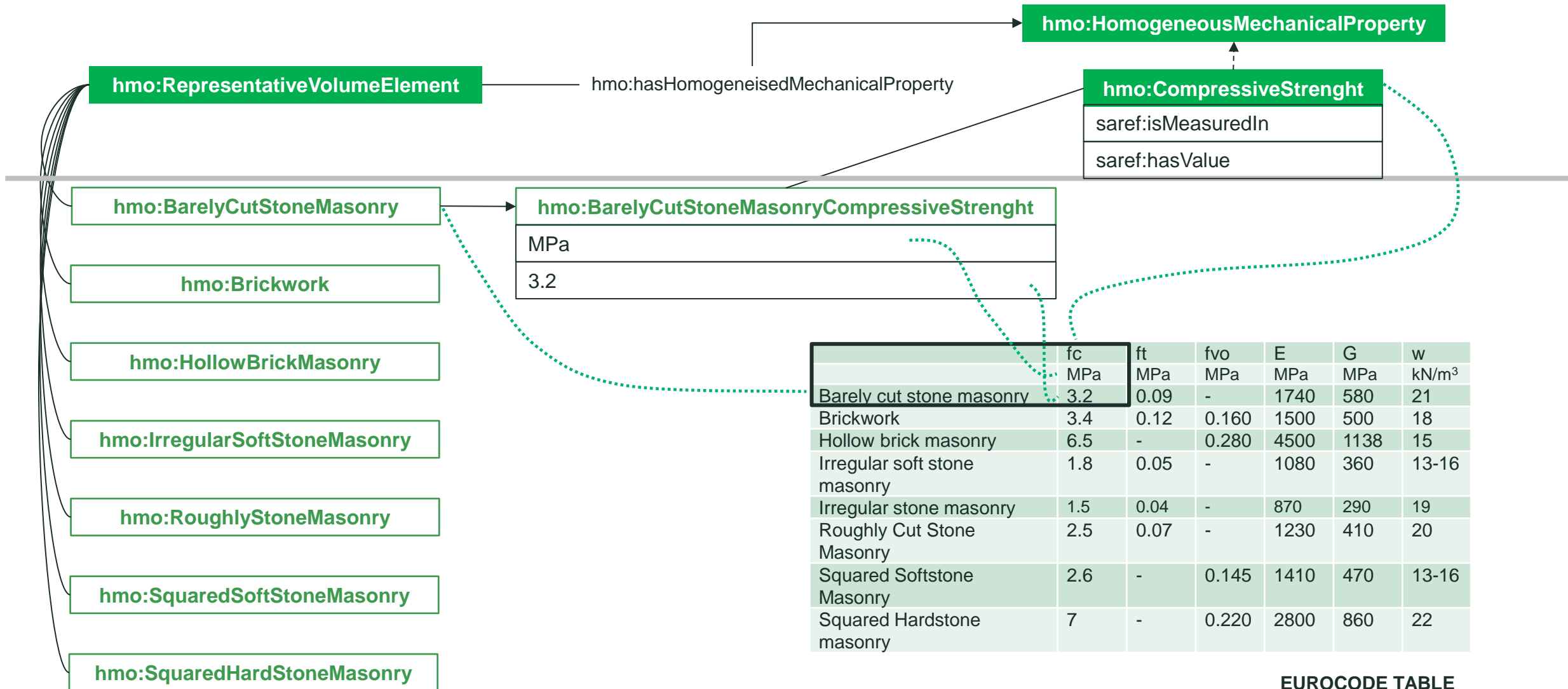
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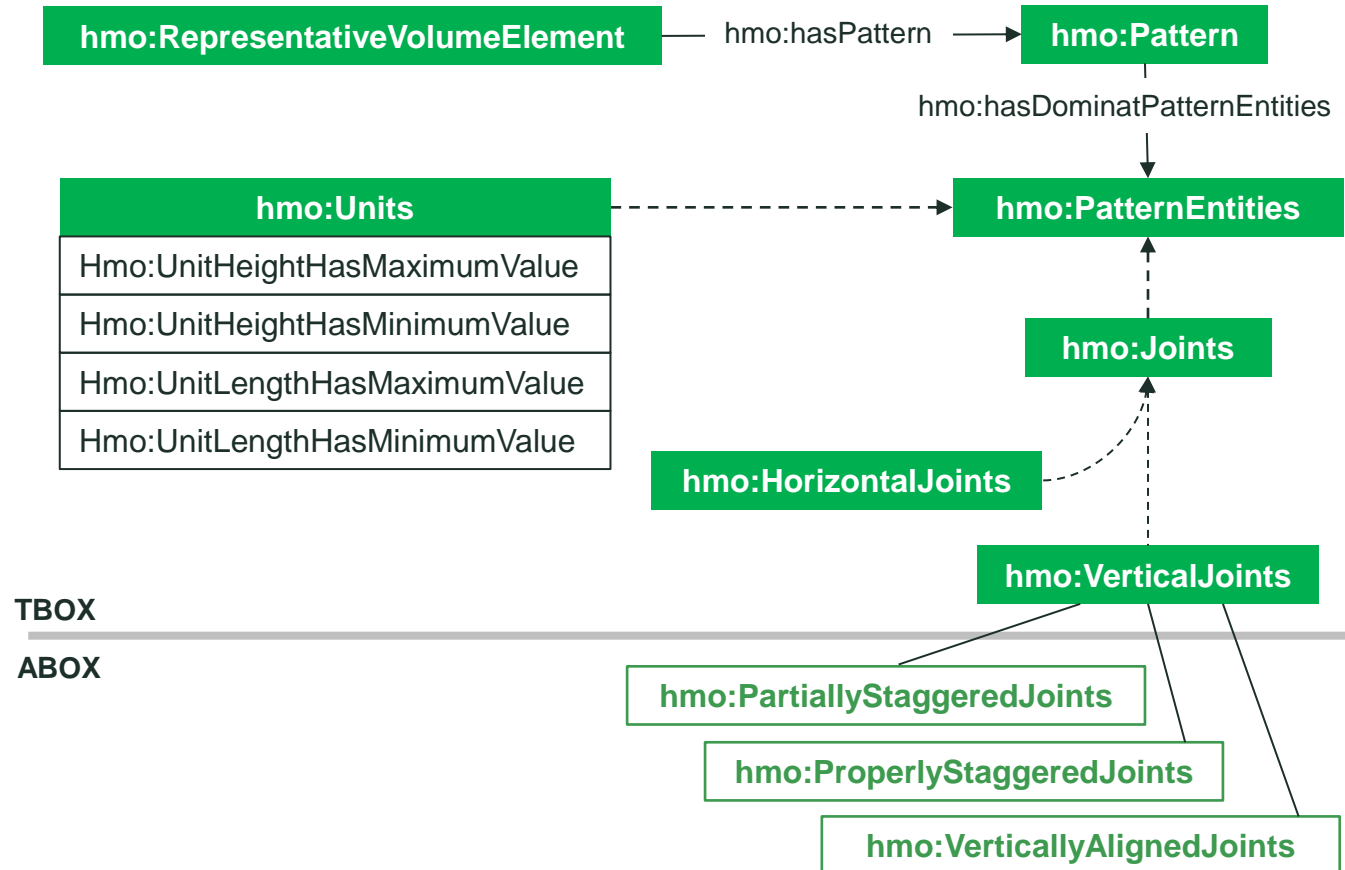
Guideline's masonry types (NTC 2018 – last generation Eurocode)



Masonry Quality Index and pattern entities' features

$$MQI = SM \times (WC + VJ + HJ + SS + SD + MM)$$

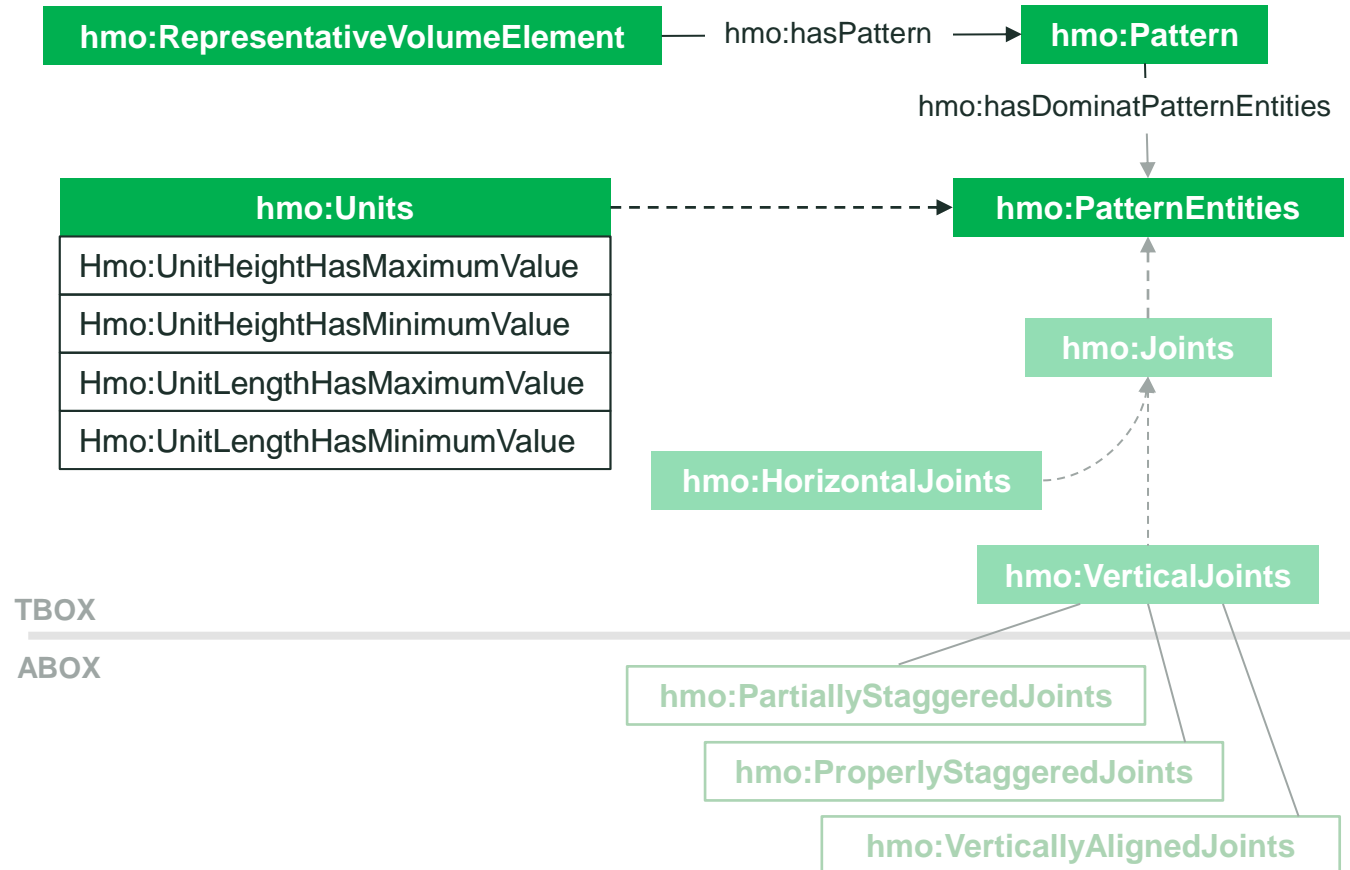
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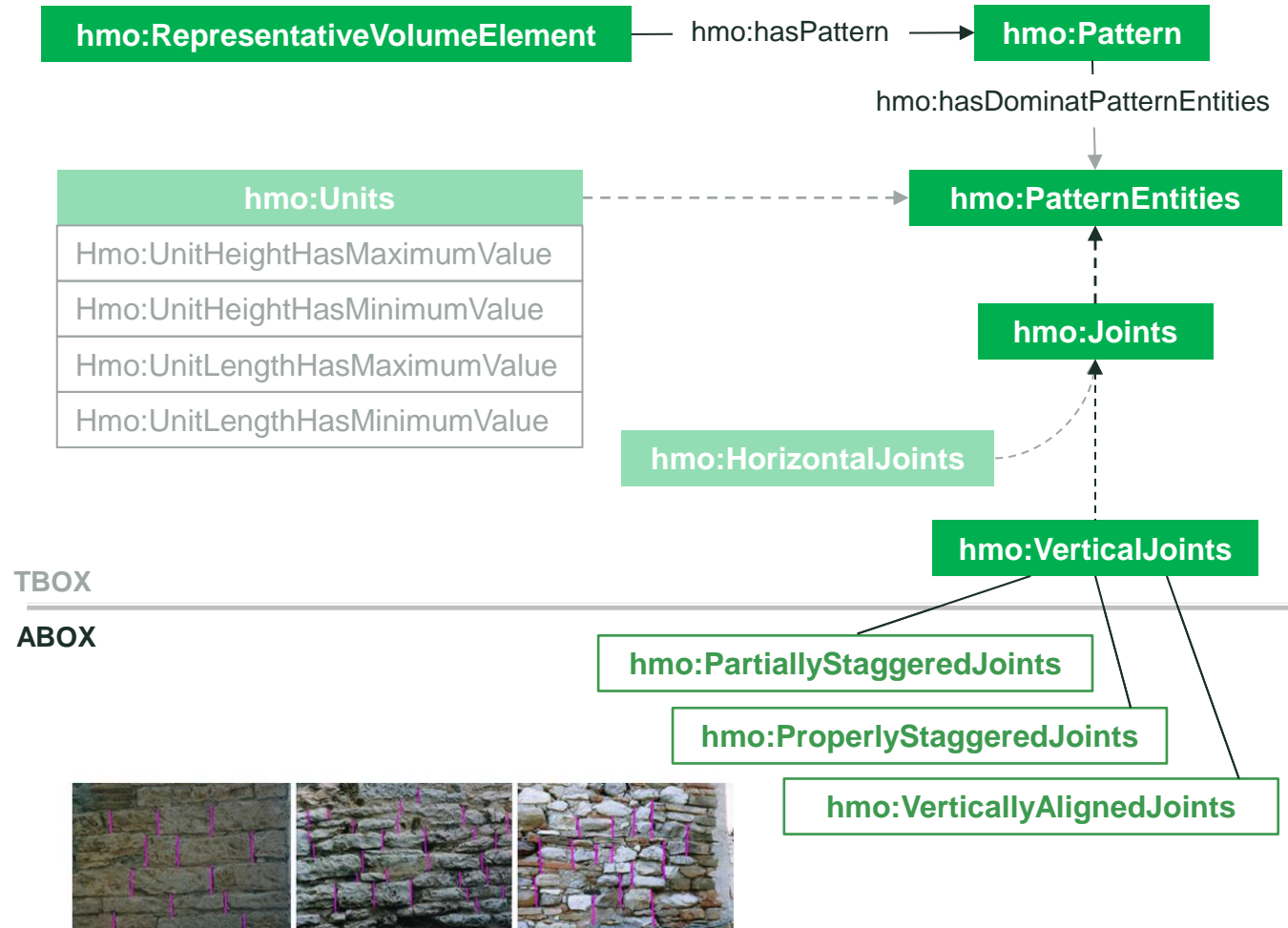
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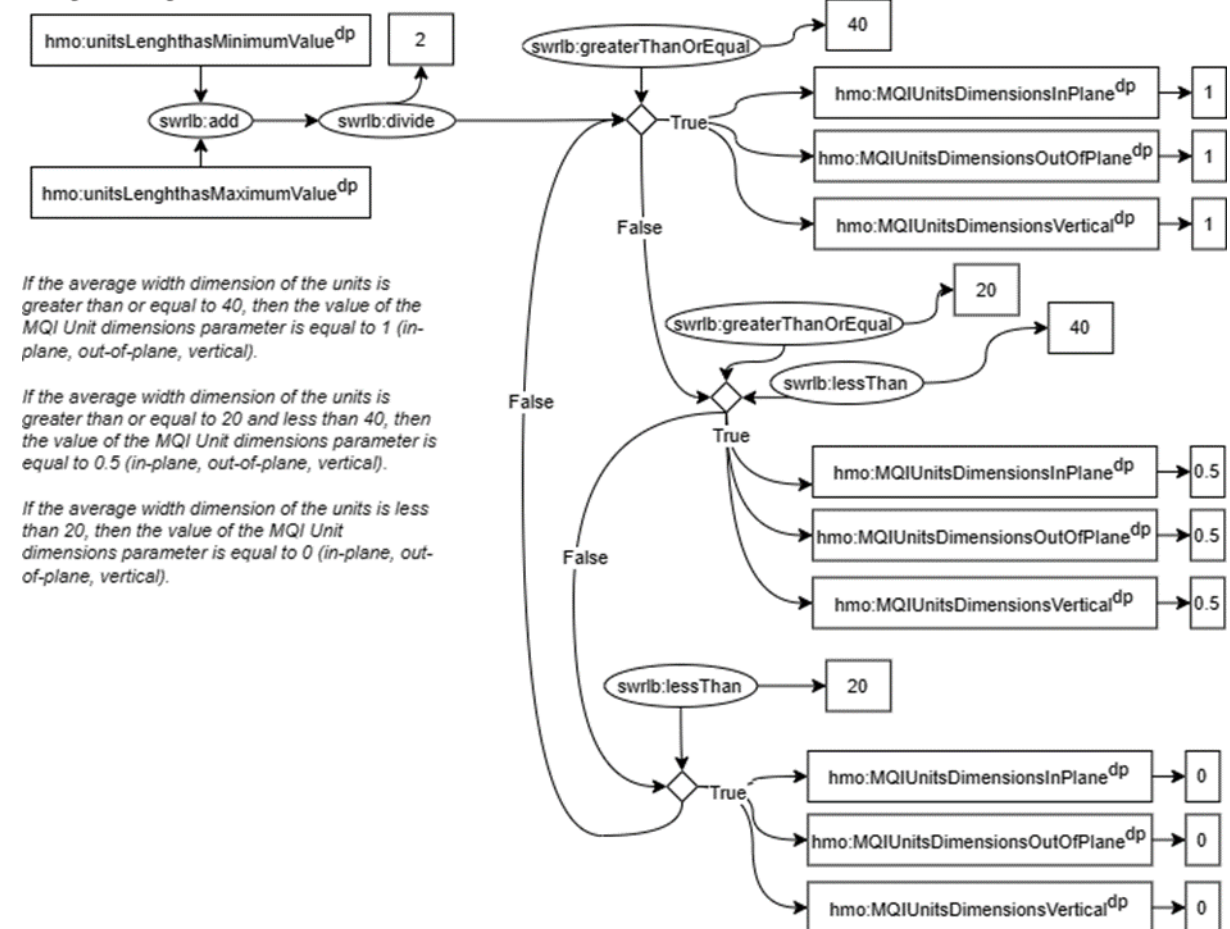


Masonry Quality Index values

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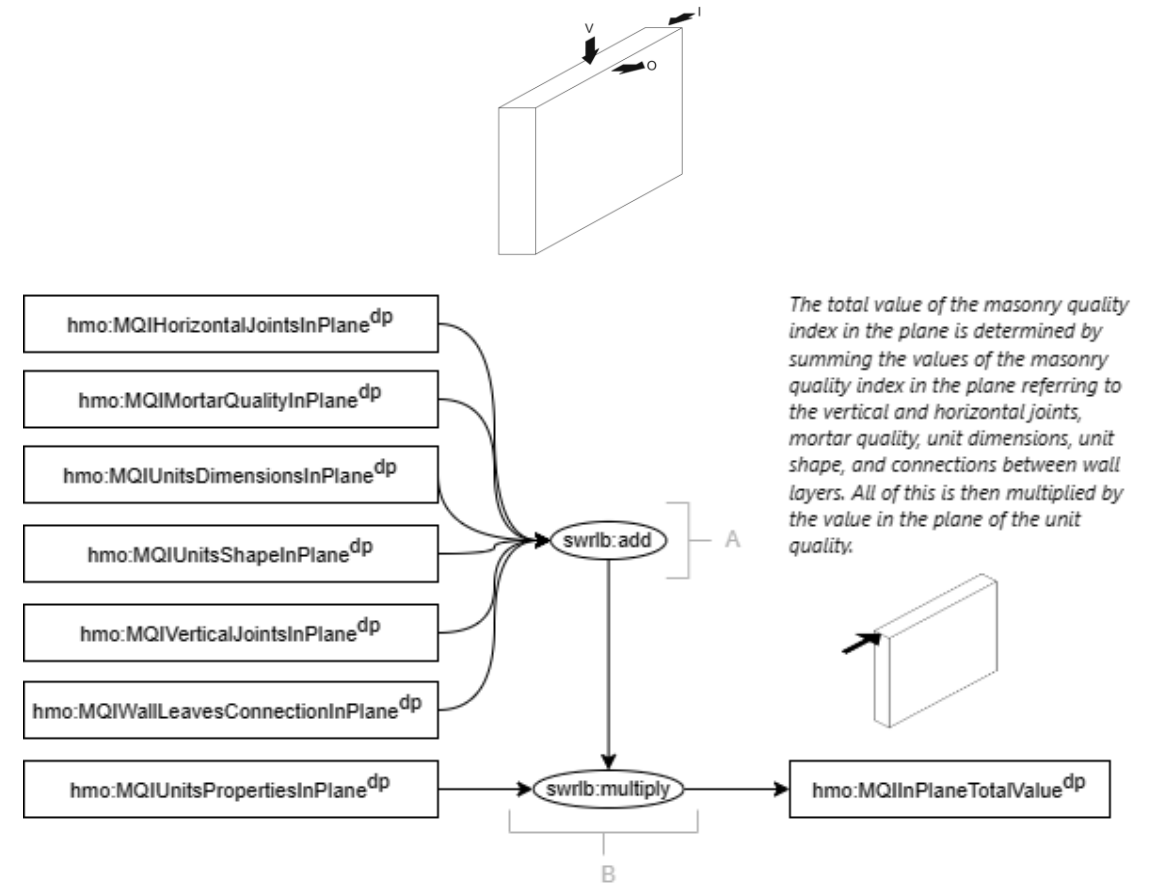
Average units length calculation



Masonry Quality Index total value

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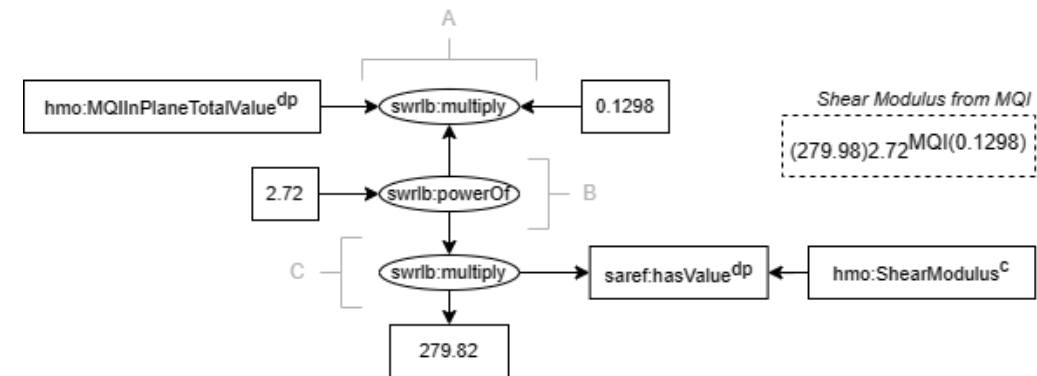
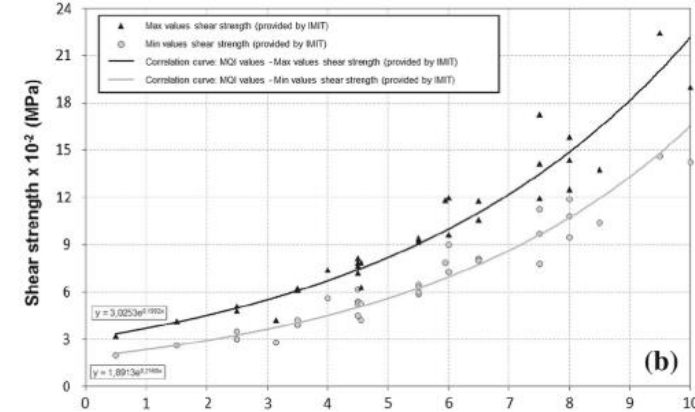
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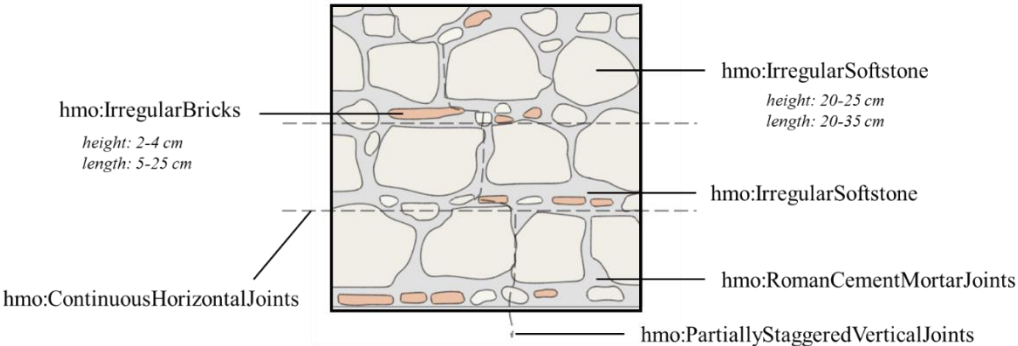
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Example of HMO application



Asserted Properties

Property assertions: SurveyedWall	
Object property assertions	+
■ hasRepresentativeVolumeElement CastelnuevoDiPortoMasonryType6	
■ hasMasonryQualityIndex SurveyedWallMQI	
Property assertions: CastelnuevoDiPortoMasonryType6	
Object property assertions	+
■ hasPattern IrregularSoftStoneWithSomeBricks	
Property assertions: SurveyedWallMQI	
Object property assertions	+
Data property assertions	+
Negative object property assertions	+
Property assertions: IrregularSoftStoneWithSomeBricks	
Object property assertions	+
■ hasSparsePatternEntities IrregularBricks	
■ hasDominantPatternEntities IrregularSoftstone	
■ hasDominantPatternEntities PartiallyStaggeredJoints	
■ hasDominantPatternEntities RomanCementMortarJoints	
■ isPatternOf CastelnuevoDiPortoMasonryType6	
■ hasDominantPatternEntities ContinuousHorizontalJoints	

Inferred Properties

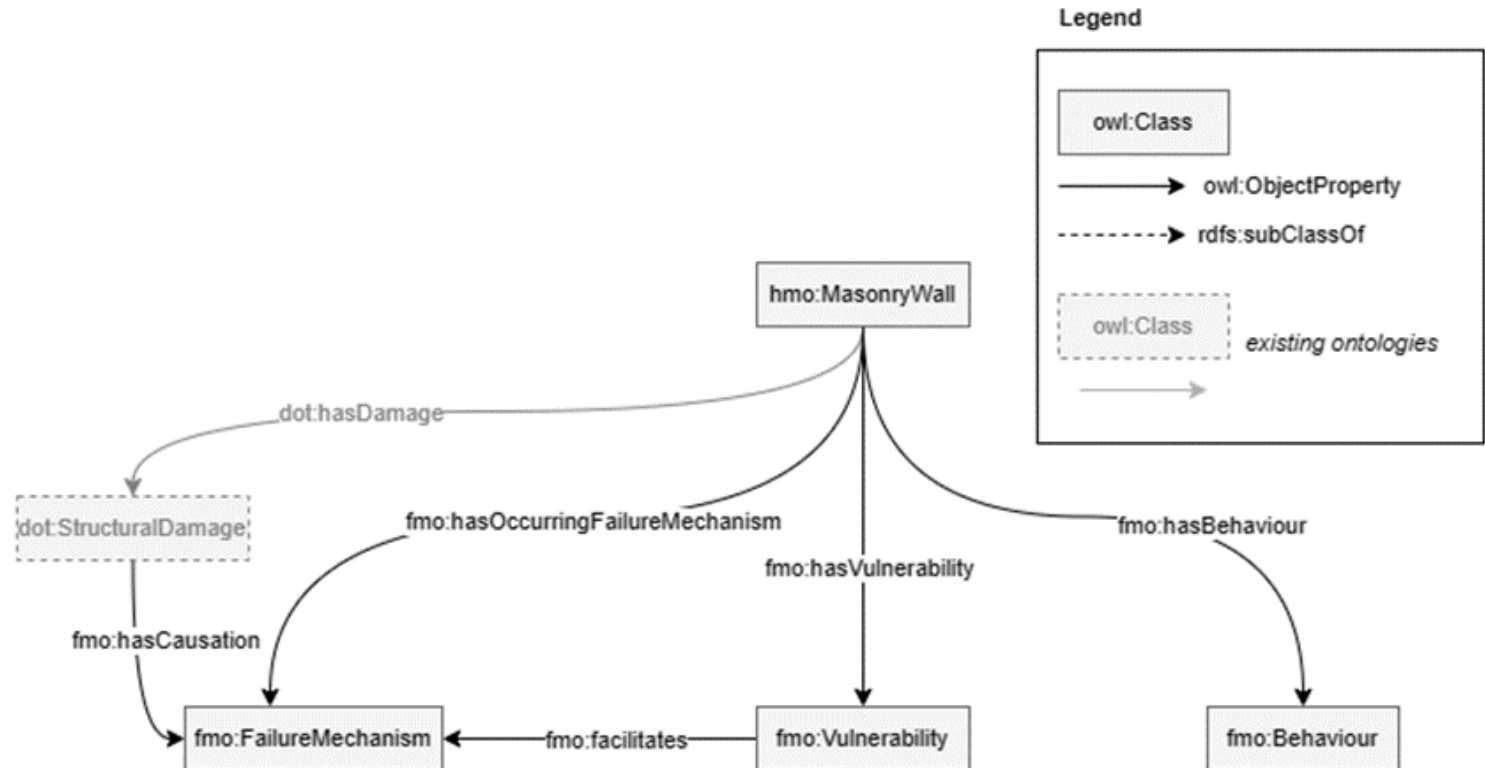
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■ MQITotalInPlane 4.55	
■ MQIUnitsDimensionsOutOfPlane 0	
■ MQIUnitsShapeInPlane 1	
■ MQIUnitsPropertiesOutOfPlane 0.7	
■ MQIVerticalJointsOutOfPlane 0.5	
■ MQIMortarQualityInPlane 1	
■ MQITotalVertical 4.90	
■ MQIHorizontalJointsOutOfPlane 1	
■ MQIUnitsPropertiesInPlane 0.7	
■ MQIVerticalJointsVert 0.5	
■ MQIVerticalJointsInPlane 1	
■ MQITotalOutOfPlane 3.15	
■ MQIUnitsDimensionsVert 0	
■ MQIMortarQualityOutOfPlane 1	
■ MQIUnitsDimensionsInPlane 0	
■ MQIMortarQualityVert 2	
■ MQIWallLeavesConnectionsOutOfPlane 1	
■ MQIUnitsShapeOutOfPlane 1	
■ MQIUnitsPropertiesVert 0.7	
■ MQIUnitsShapeVert 1.5	
■ MQIWallLeavesConnectionsInPlane 1.5	
■ MQIHorizontalJointsInPlane 2	
■ MQIHorizontalJointsVert 2	
Property assertions: CastelnuevoDiPortoMasonryType6	
Object property assertions	+
■ hasHomogenisedMechanicalProperty SurveyedWallYoungModulus	
■ hasPattern IrregularSoftStoneWithSomeBricks	
■ hasHomogenisedMechanicalProperty SurveyedWallShearStrenght	
■ hasHomogenisedMechanicalProperty SurveyedWallCompressiveStrenght	
■ hasHomogenisedMechanicalProperty SurveyedWallShearModulus	
Property assertions: SurveyedWallYoungModulus	
Object property assertions	+
■ isHomogenisedMechanicalPropertyOf CastelnuevoDiPortoMasonryType6	
Data property assertions	+
■ hasValue 814.06	

The Failure Mechanism Ontology (FMO)

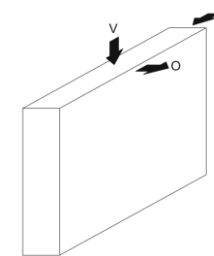
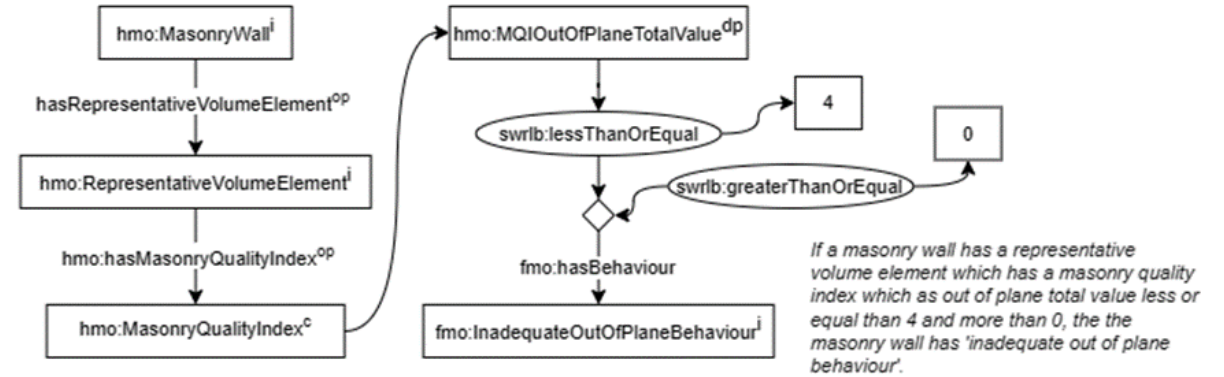
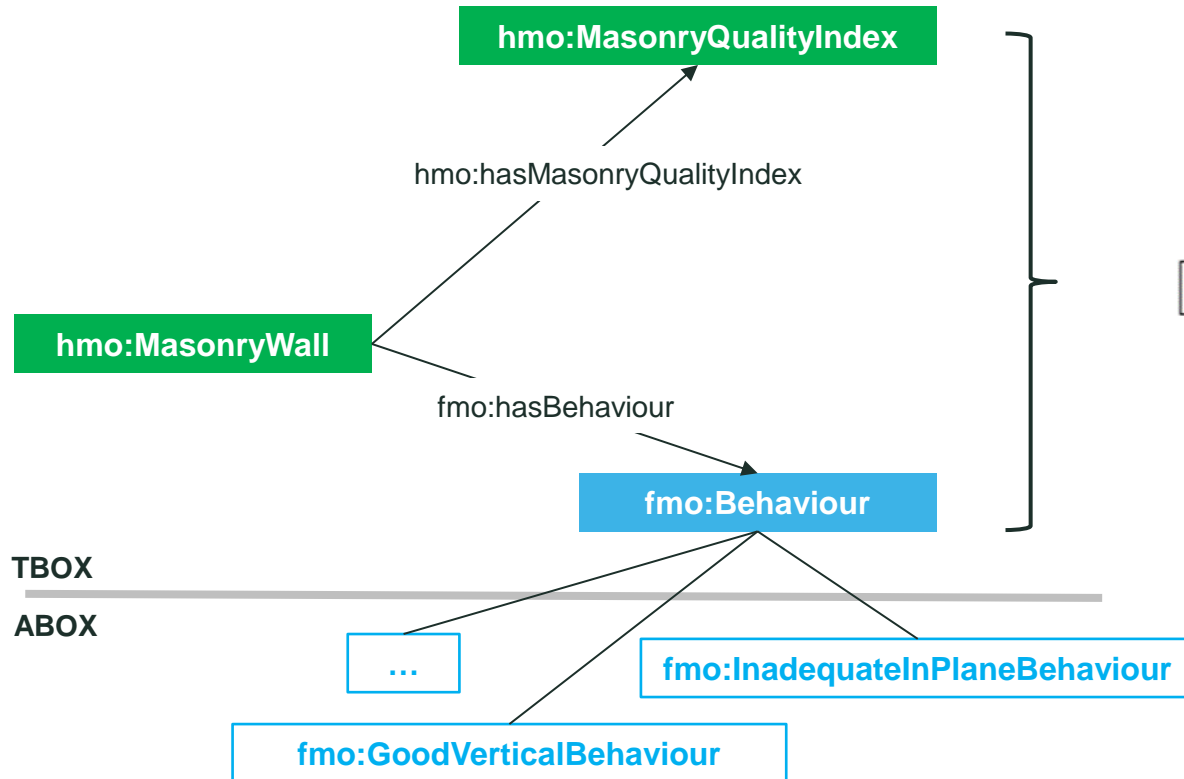
Scope:

“Define the most plausible failure mechanism of a wall by analyzing its morphological features.”

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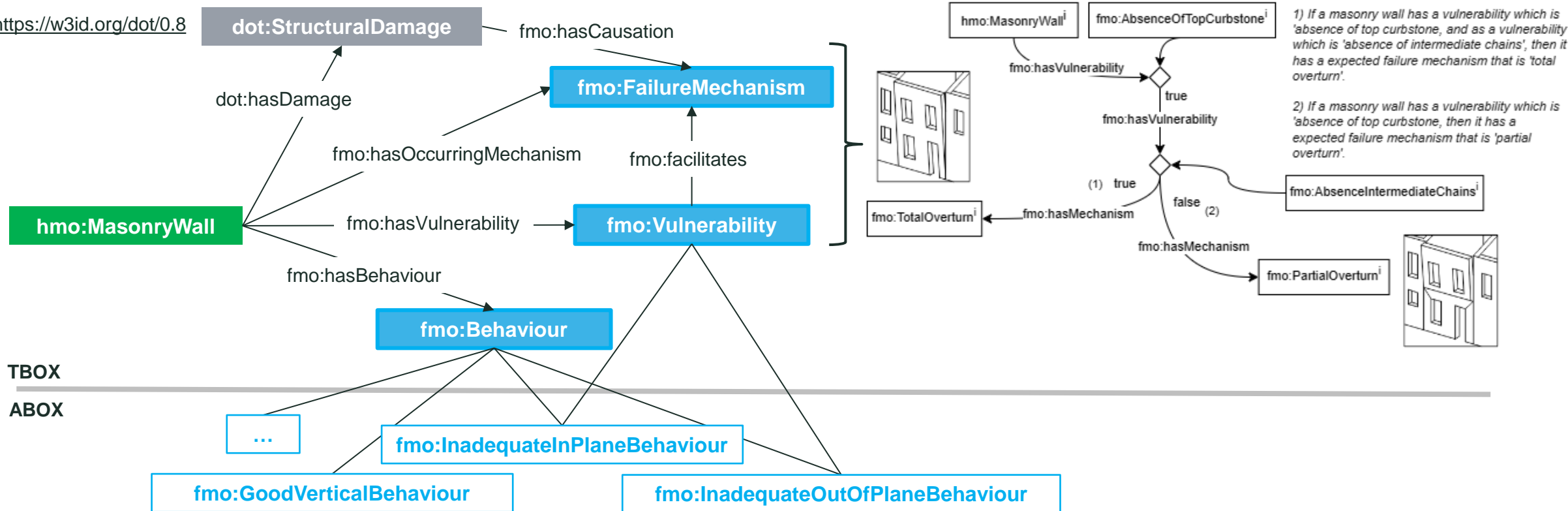


The Failure Mechanism Ontology (FMO)



The Failure Mechanism Ontology (FMO)

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Example of FMO application

Asserted Properties

Property assertions: WallFacadeA417_a	
Object property assertions +	
hasDamage	VerticalCrackEntireWallAtIntersection
hasMasonryQualityIndex	MQIWallFacadeA417_a
Property assertions: MQIWallFacadeA417_a	
Object property assertions +	
Data property assertions +	
MQITotalOutOfPlane	3.15
MQITotalInPlane	4.55
MQITotalVertical	4.90

Inferred Properties

Property assertions: WallFacadeA417_a	
Object property assertions +	
hasBehaviour	InadequateOutOfPlaneBehaviour
hasBehaviour	AverageVerticalBehaviour
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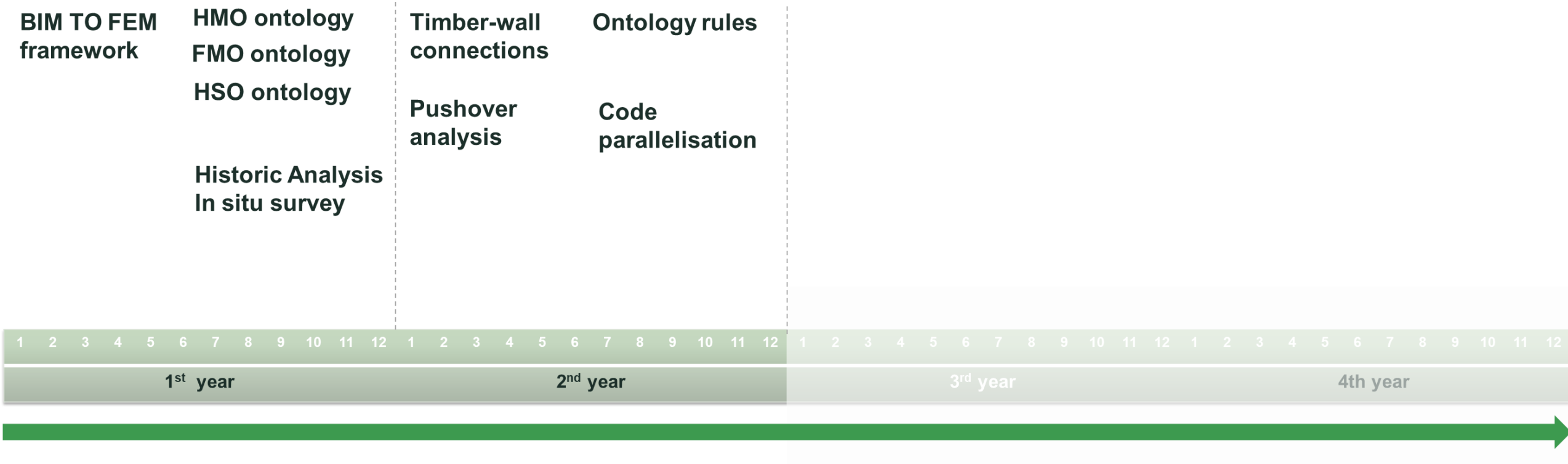


Conclusions and future work

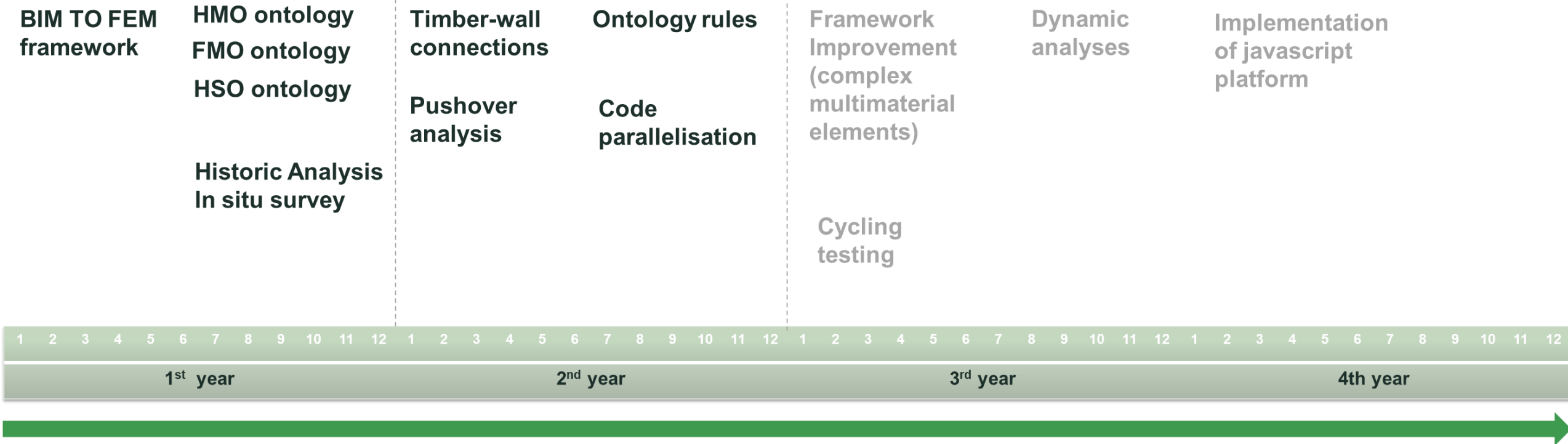


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Work timeline – what was done



Work timeline – what to do now





Thanks! Questions?

