

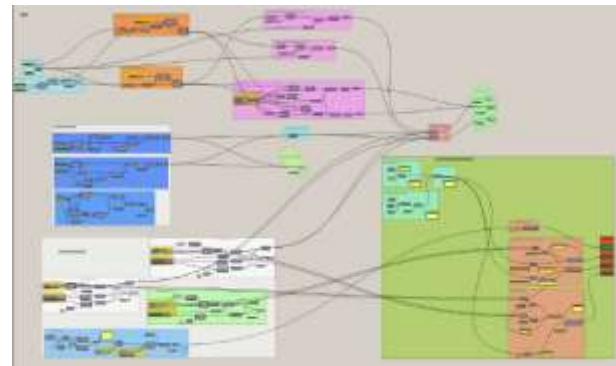
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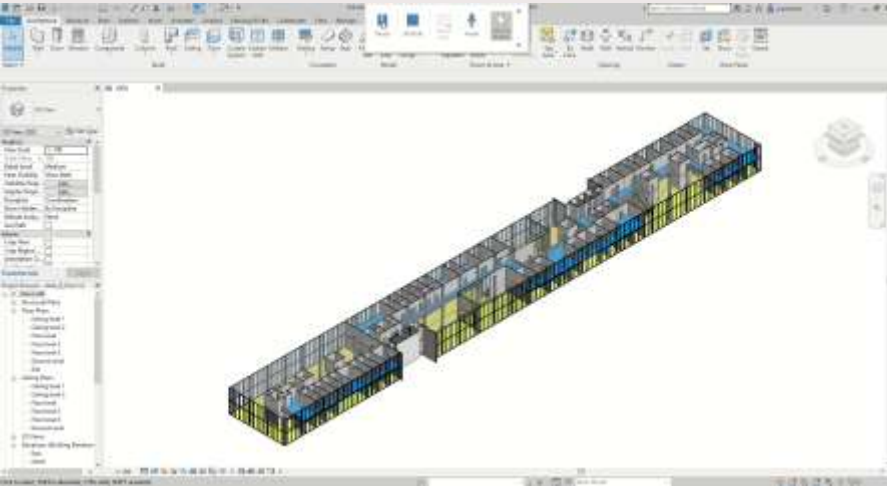


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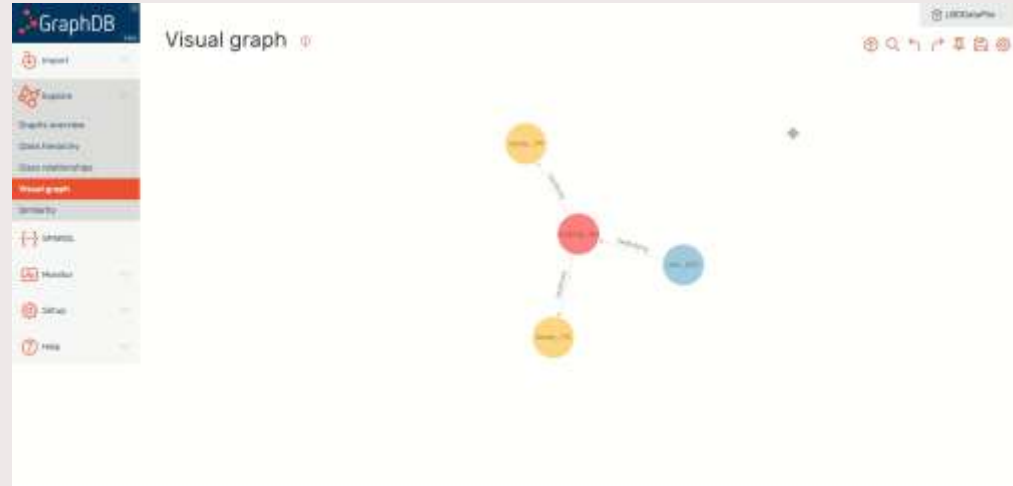
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<http://linkedbuildingdata.net/ldac2019/>

# Linked Building Data and moving building data to the web using graph databases



Building Information Modelling (BIM)



Graph Databases

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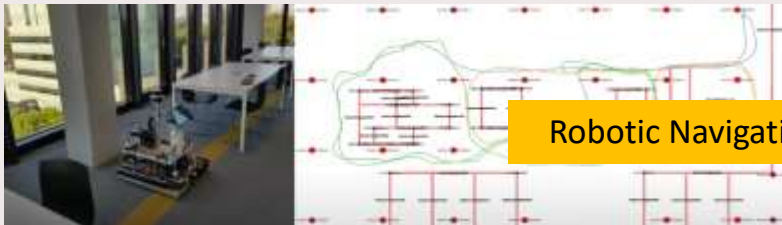


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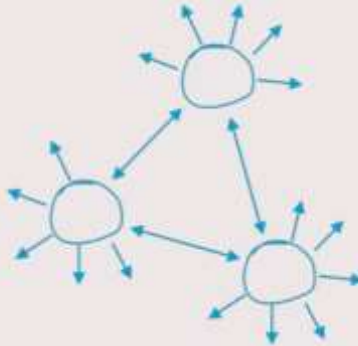
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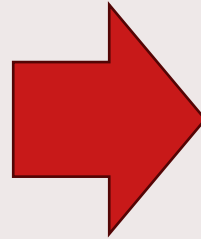
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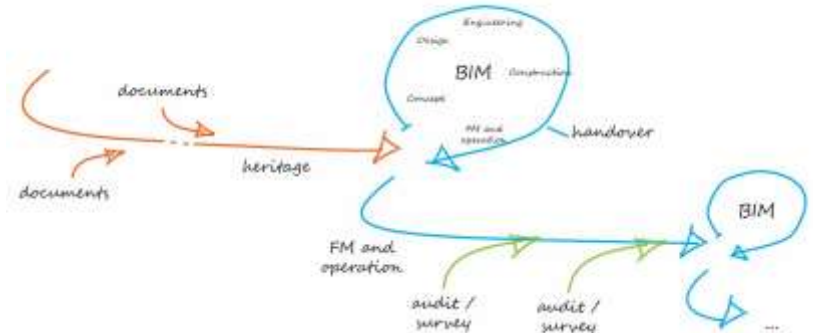
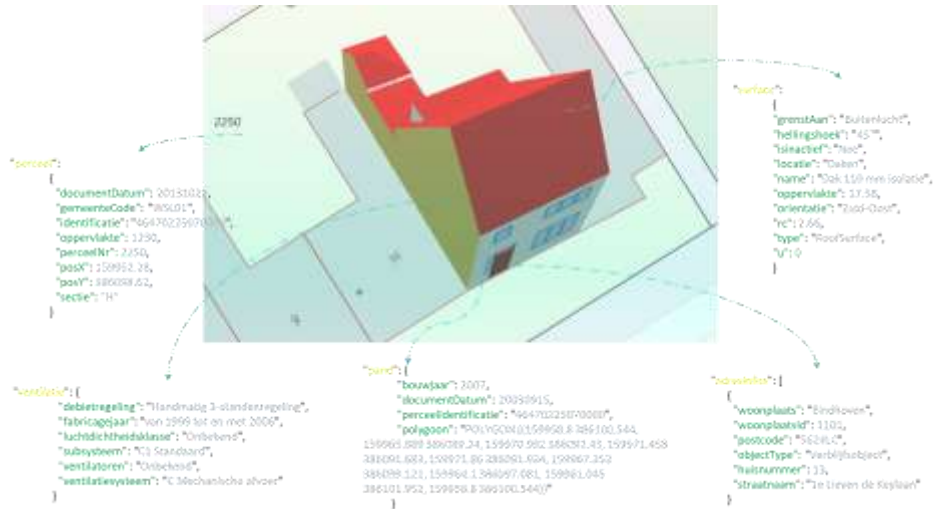


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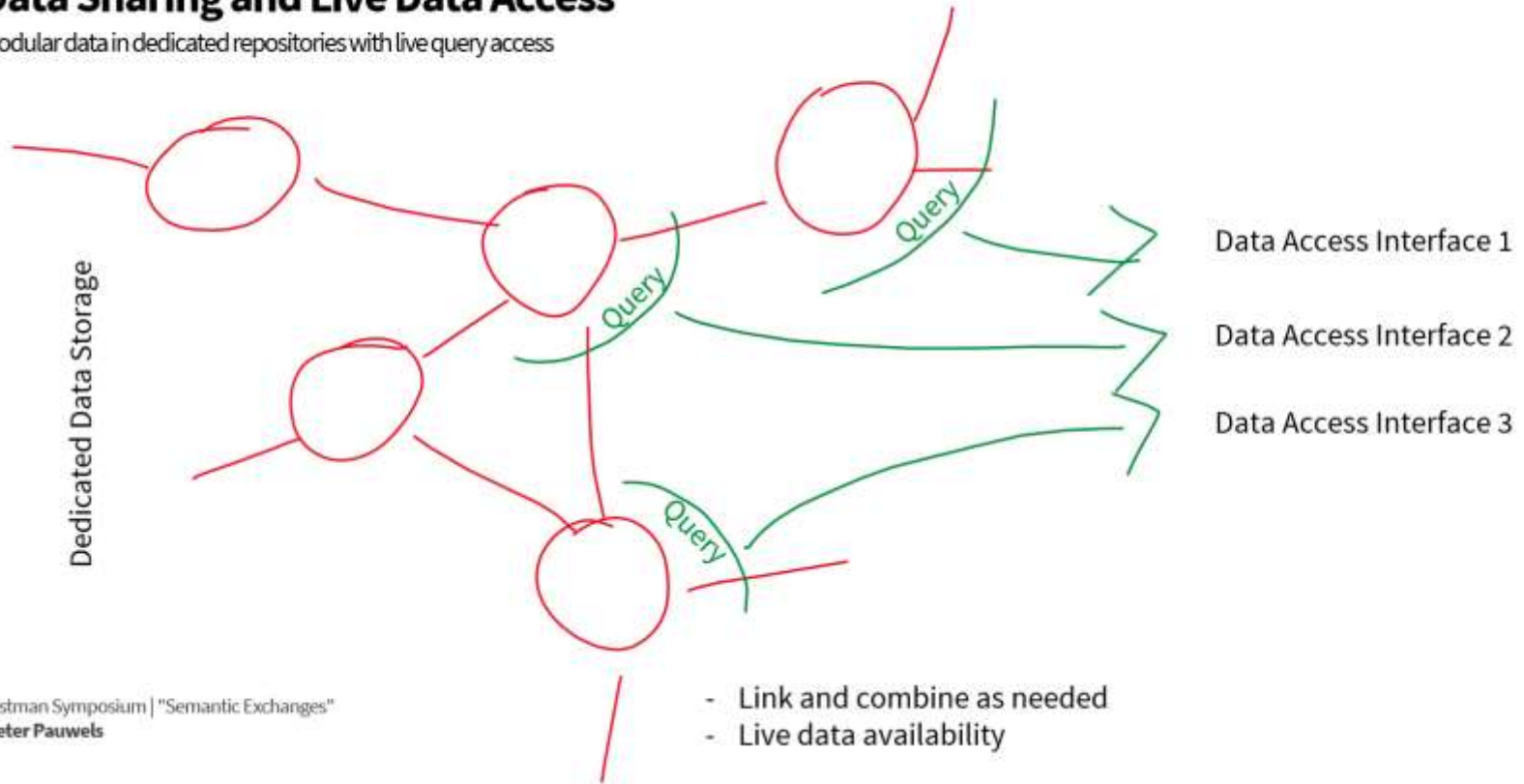


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Pieter Pauwels. Supporting decision-making in the building life-cycle using linked building data. Buildings 4 (3): 549–579. 2014.

# Data Sharing and Live Data Access

Modular data in dedicated repositories with live query access



- Link and combine as needed
- Live data availability





# Smart Buildings



<https://brains4buildings.org/>

# Data sources to integrate

- Plenty of **semantic data** models (RDF/OWL) allowing semantic inference:
  - » LBD: BOT, BEO, MEP, FOG, BPO, BRICK, HTO, IFC, SSN, SOSA, ...
  - » Modular approach of smaller scale specialized semantic models in graphDBs
  - » Rules, queries, and inference readily available (declarative coding)
- **Tabular and/or timeseries data** allowing list-oriented and statistic machine learning (pattern recognition, fault detection, etc.)
  - » Plenty of data wrangling => ML
- **Specialised** 2D and 3D data, images, point clouds and documents
  - » Specialised algorithms (procedural coding): 3D computations and analysis, NLP, image recognition, visual data analysis, etc.

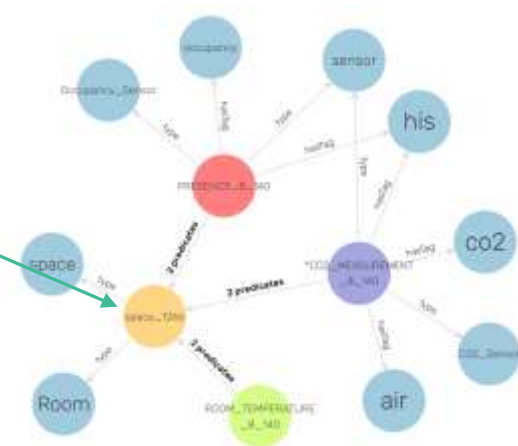
# Semantic graph of sensors

See presentation Lasitha Chamari on Wednesday 25 May 2022.

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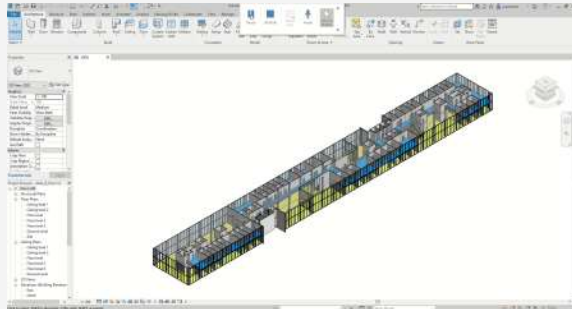


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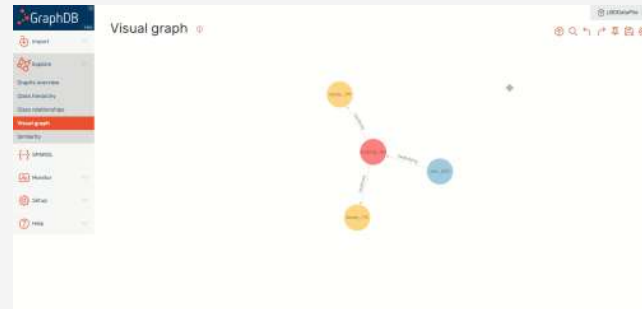
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2. Dedicated storage desired
3. Well-organized server-based storage

## SERVER-BASED DT

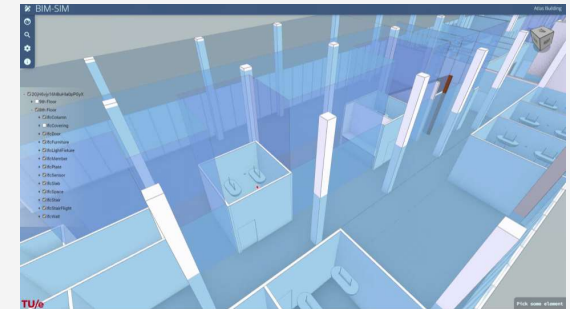
### GEOMETRY



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### IoT DATA STREAMS





# Digital Twinning of TUE Campus Buildings

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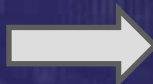
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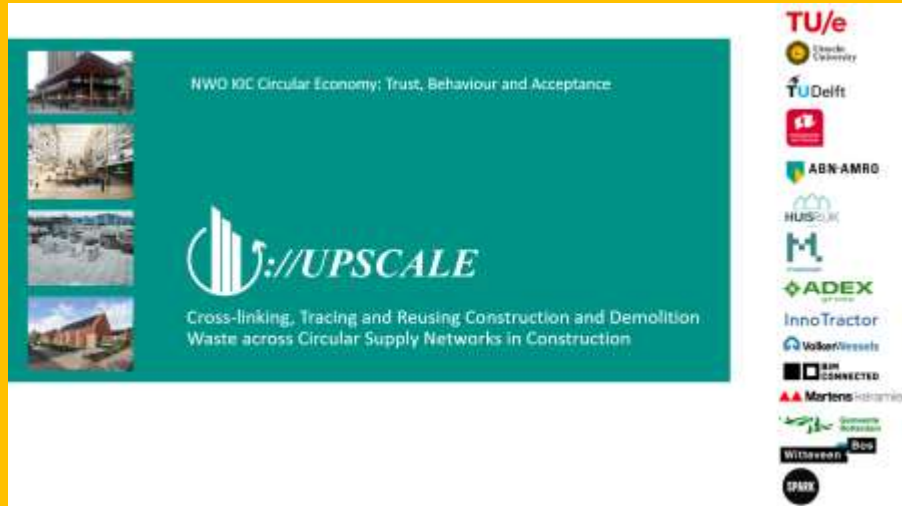
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Under Development

<https://www.tue.nl/en/research/institutes/eindhoven-artificial-intelligence-systems-institute/digital-twin-lab>

# Circular Material Reuse



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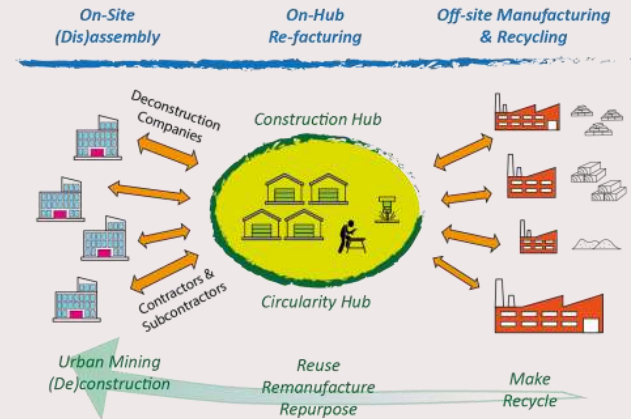
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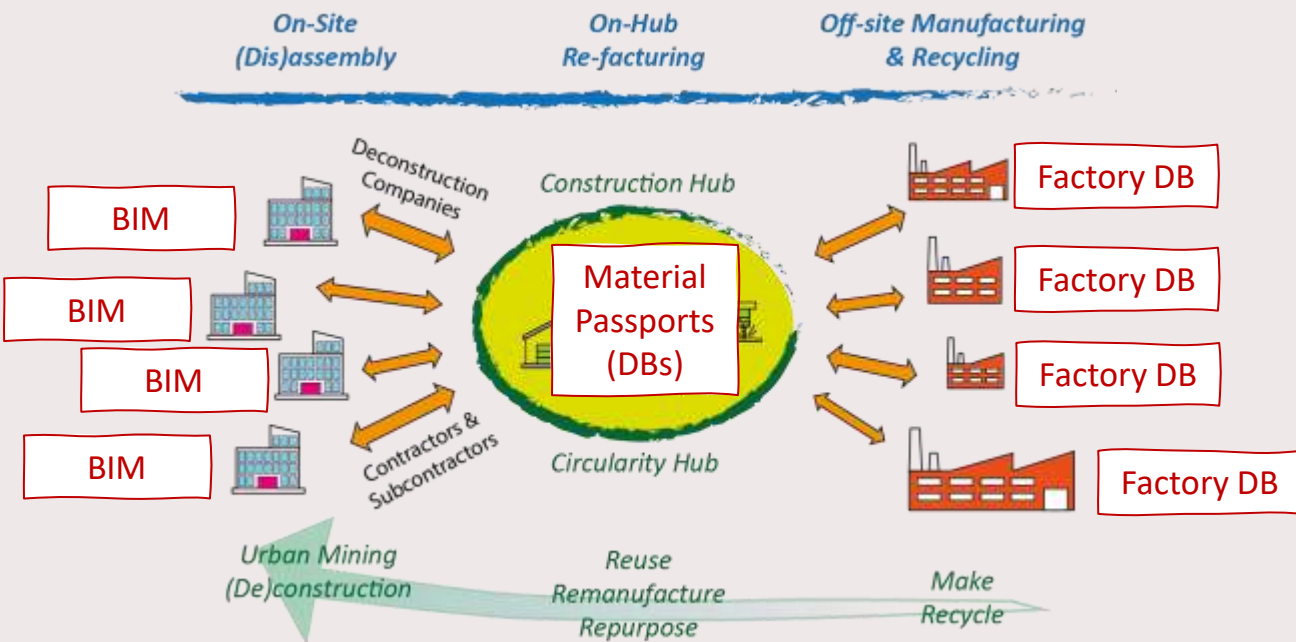


De circulaire bouwhub Amsterdam van ADEX group (voorheen Beelen Next)



afbeelding van Bouwcirculair, Landelijk netwerk van Circulaire BouwHubs, <https://bouwcirculair.nl/nieuws/2021-2-23-landelijk-netwerk-van-circulaire-bouw-hubs-lees-verder/>

# Circulariteit in de bouwhubs: veel meer nadruk op linkerzijde van keten



P. Pauwels (2023). De route naar circulaire ketens: impact op de installatiesector. TVVL Magazine, in press.

- Meer nadruk en vergroting van materiaalstromen en informatiestromen van gebouwen naar hubs.
- Minder gebruik van off-site productie- en recyclagefaciliteiten.
- De productiefaciliteiten op een bouwhub worden circulaire opwaarderingfaciliteiten (pre-processing).
- Groot belang van digitale tracering van objecten:
  - Track-and-Trace models
  - Take back models

# Every building is a data hub in a mesh of hubs



1. Every building element has its **authoritative Uniform Resource identifier (URI)**.
2. **Data-follows-object** principle for ownership and liability.
3. **Layered** and **versioned** information sharing.
4. **Standardised information exchange** (e.g. structure of ISO 19650).
5. **Object-centric exchange** instead of geometry-centric exchange.

# UPSCALE research project

## TKI Dinalog ModPrefabConstr research project

Circl demonstrator in Amsterdam



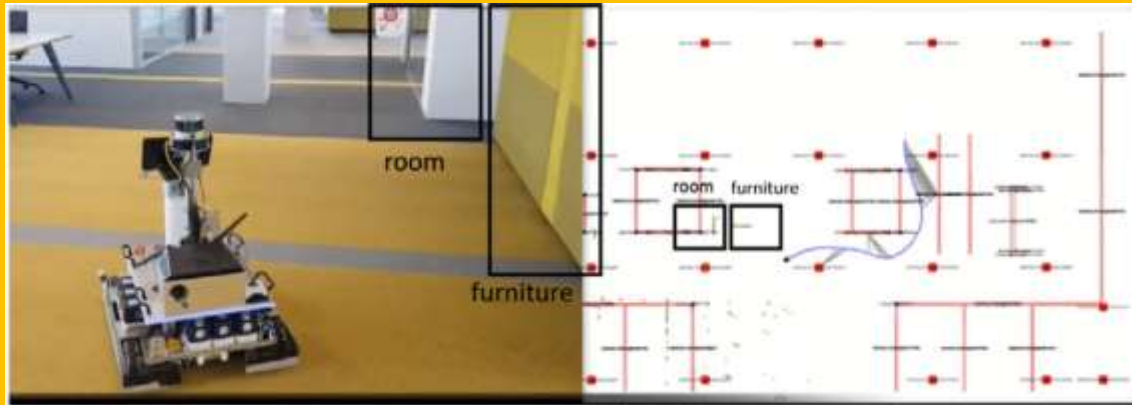
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afbeelding van De Meeuw, De Alliatie - Karmijn,  
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# Indoor Robotic Navigation



## Outline

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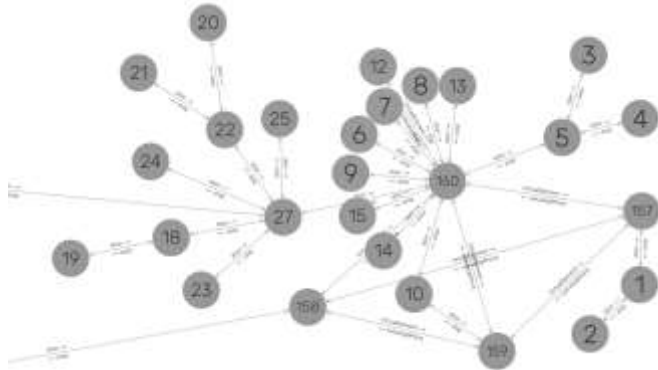
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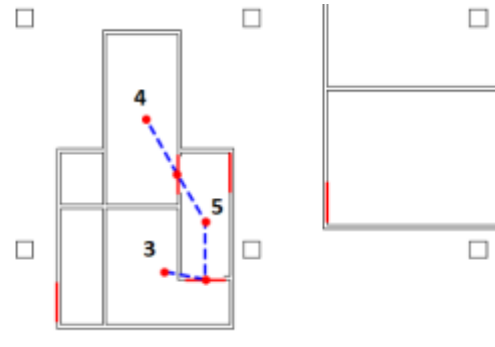
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- A **topological map** abstracts metric information and represents, in a bidirectional undirected graph (unlike the RDF graphs), how spaces are connected to each other.
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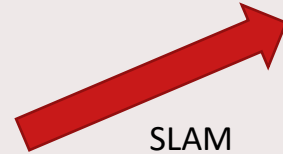


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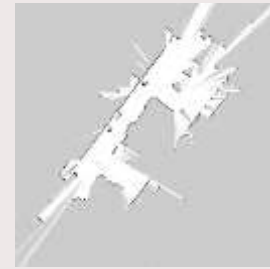


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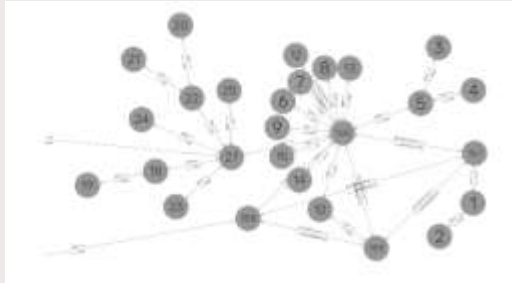
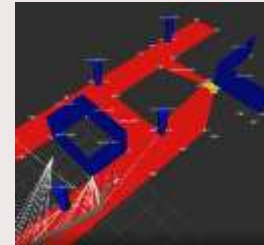
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Manual  
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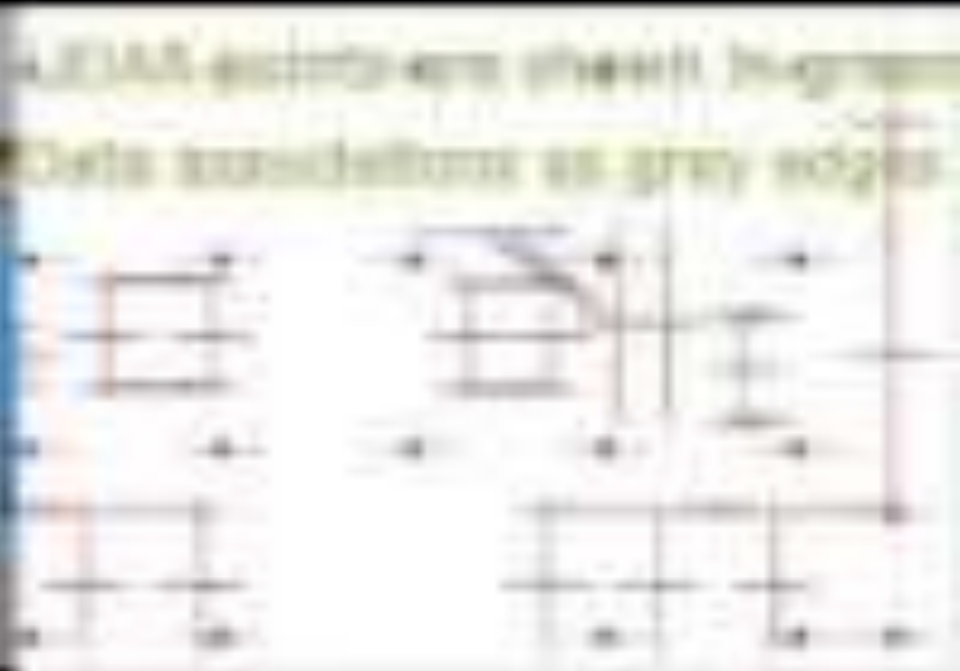
Physical Twin

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**Third alternative**





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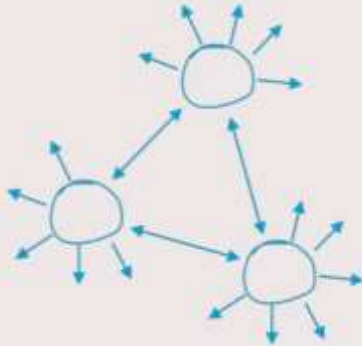


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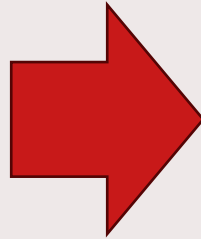
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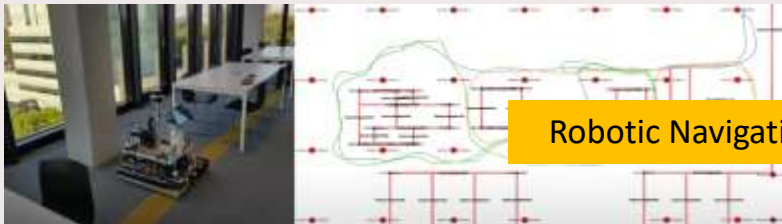


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# From Decentralal Hubs to P2P Networks

## 1. Central Management

- Who has data ownership?
- Who pays the price?
- Hard to scale in diverse communities

## 2. Decentral hubs

- Achievable
- Current trend and realisation
- Dependency on shared use of infrastructure
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- Who pays the price?

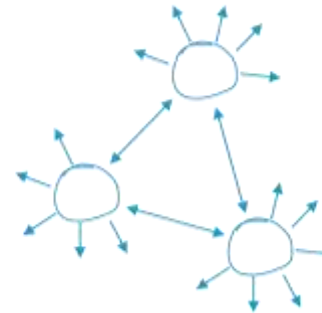
## 3. Peer-to-Peer (P2P) network

- Not existing for the building sector
- Scalable if done properly
- Price and data ownership stays with the source
- Infrastructure needed
- How to manage this data mesh over time?

Central  
management



Decentral  
Hubs



P2P  
Network



The future?

# Thank you



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## Questions?

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