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IEA-EBC Annex 86

# Energy Efficient IAQ Management in residential buildings

## Scope and Goals

**Provide a framework to improve  
energy efficiency of IAQ management for  
residential buildings  
both new construction and refurbishment**

To select metrics to assess energy performance and indoor environmental quality of an IAQ management strategy and study their aggregation  
To improve the acceptability, control, installation quality and long-term reliability of IAQ management strategies by proposing specific metrics for these quality issues  
To set up a coherent rating method for IAQ management strategy that takes into account the selected metrics  
To identify or further develop the tools that will be needed to assist designers and managers of buildings in assessing the performance of an IAQ management strategy using the rating method  
To gather existing or provide new standardized input data for the rating method  
To study the potential use of smart materials as (an integral part of) an IAQ management strategy  
To develop specific IAQ management solutions for retrofitting existing buildings  
To benefit from recent advances in sensor technology and cloud-based data storage to systematically improve the quality of the implemented IAQ management strategies, ensure their operation and improve the quality of the rating method as well as the input data  
To improve the availability of these data sources by exploring use cases for their providers  
To disseminate about each of the above findings.

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## Workplan

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ST 3 and 4: application to technology

ST 5: new opportunities through IoT

ST 6: dissemination and management

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## Energy savings and IAQ: improvements and validation through cloud data and IoT connected devices

### - **Smartness**

(e.g. smart ventilation incl. continuous commissioning & optimization, use of remote data, ST4)

### - **Knowledge & data-sets**

(e.g. for defining metrics (ST1), typical exposures (ST2))

### **applications**

real-time & delayed, on-line & off-line, new business cases?

### **challenges**

- real-life, uncontrolled environments (cause/effect?)
- data quality: often limited number and lower cost sensors
- GDPR
- IT
- ...



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## Big data, IAQ and ventilation – part 1

webinar  
2021.04.13



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## Big data, IAQ and ventilation – part 1

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### Objectives:

To address

- **the applications** of IoT devices and big data in IAQ and ventilation and
- discuss **the possibilities** they provide **for research**.

To set the starting stage for subtask 5 of IEA-EBC Annex 86

17:00 | Introduction

**Marc Delghust – Ghent University, Belgium**

17:10 | Improving IAQ with BIM based Predictive Twins

**Wouter Borsboom – TNO, Netherlands**

17:30 | Online personal IAQ monitoring,

**Benjamin Hanoune – University of Lille, France**

17:50 | Brains for buildings: where to find all the relevant smart building data?

**Pieter Pauwels – Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands**

18:10 | Questions and Answers

18:30 | Closing & End of webinar

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## IMPROVING IAQ WITH BIM BASED PREDICTIVE TWINS WOUTER BORSBOOM

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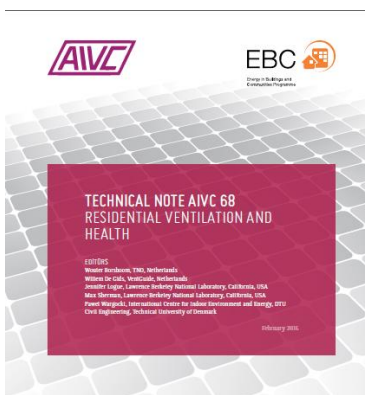
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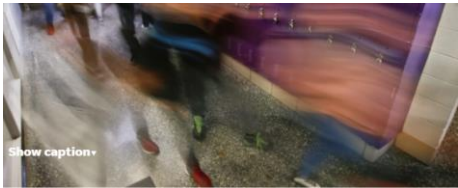
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Towards Networks of predictive twins in the Built Environment, Arjen Adriaanse, Wouter Borsboom, Rob Roef, 2021  
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# THERE IS A CLEAR NEED TO ASSESS INDOOR AIR QUALITY



**Kansas schools can fight COVID-19 with fresh air, but it's unclear how many even track ventilation**

Celia Llopis-Jepsen | Kansas News Service

After the pandemic hit, the largest school district in Kansas set to calculating how much outdoor air it should pull into its buildings.

Wichita Public Schools turned to the nation's top sources for expertise, then boosted ventilation and filtration in ways that scientists say dramatically cut the risk of inhaling COVID-19.

Evidence that schools — as well as operators of other buildings that bring people together — should take those steps has solidified, buoyed by scientific findings that the virus spreads primarily through particles in the air, not by lurking on doorknobs and table tops.

## CO2 Measurement Contributes to Better IAQ

Modern CO2 sensors help serve as indicators to create safer and healthier indoor environments  
March 29, 2021

By Justin Walsh

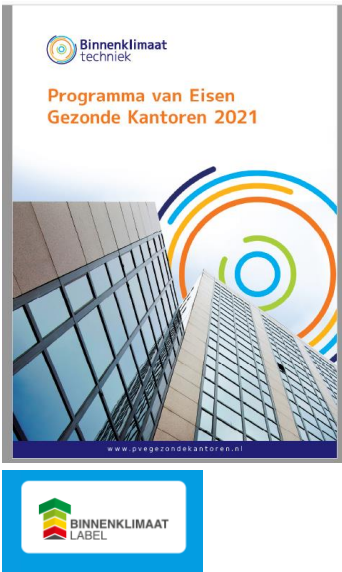
In the throes of a global pandemic, assuring a clean, healthy environment for those who work in and visit commercial, industrial, and residential buildings remains a crucial priority for facility executives and facilities management professionals. Despite COVID-19 cases beginning to drop as more people become vaccinated, with warmer weather on the horizon, questions about indoor air quality (IAQ), HVAC systems, and their effect on the spread of COVID-19 remain top of mind.

In today's environment, building ventilation is fundamental to maintaining healthy, comfortable IAQ and decreasing risks to our health. From irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat; headaches, dizziness, and fatigue; to respiratory diseases, heart disease, and even cancer, both immediate and long-term health concerns are, in many cases, being directly linked to IAQ.



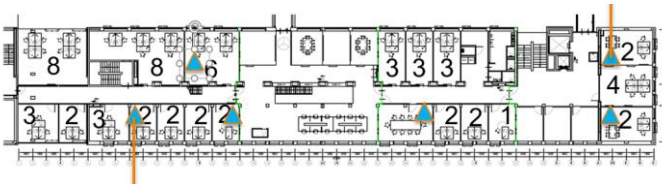
Beyond health, safety, and comfort, IAQ also has a significant impact on productivity and cognitive ability. Studies from 2016 and 2017 found that breathing better air led to significantly better decision-making performance among participants who were exposed to increased ventilation rates, lower levels of chemicals, and lower carbon dioxide. To that end, building owners are increasingly investing in advanced HVAC equipment and technologies in an effort to improve IAQ. Building safety is a critical demand for an increasing number of tenants. Consequently, facilities management professionals who aim to attract and retain tenants in the future are going to have to demonstrate that their spaces are indeed safe in terms of IAQ.

# DIFFERENT PROTOCOLS TO ASSESS IAQ



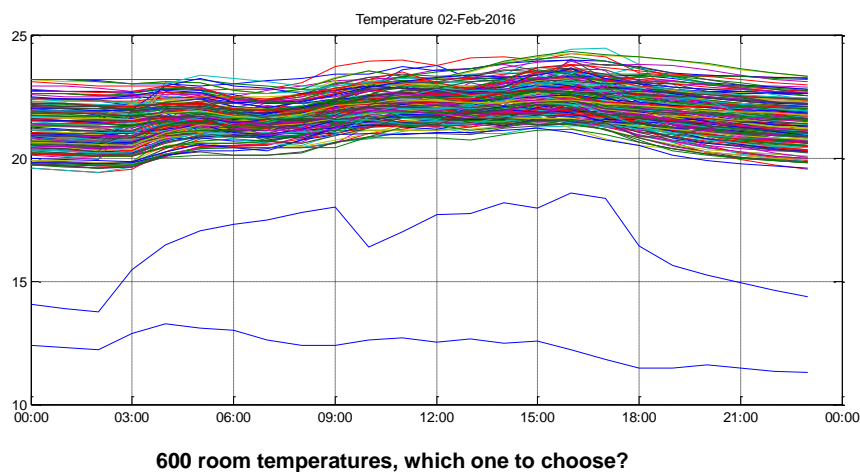
Example of a Dutch IAQ requirement, which parameters to use, how to measure, where to measure.

[www.pvegezondekantoren.nl](http://www.pvegezondekantoren.nl)



Theme	Survey	Continuous monitoring	Inspection	Total
Thermal	B	A	C	B
Noise	D	x	C	C
IAQ	C	B	B	B
Light	A	x	A	A
Total IEQ				C

**BUILDINGS PROVIDE TONS OF DATA, BUT DO WE HAVE INFORMATION TO IMPROVE IAQ ?  
WHAT CAN BIM AND PREDICTIVE TWINS MEAN?**



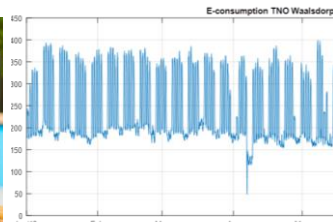
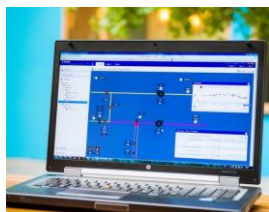
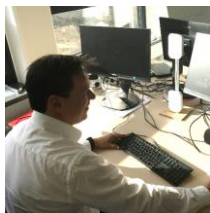
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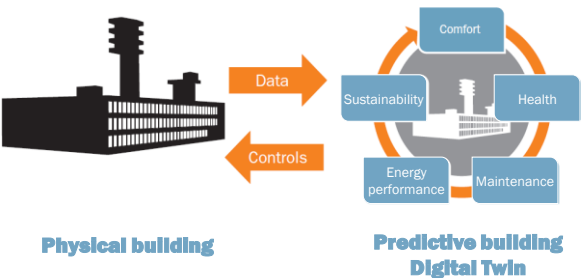
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**BUT HOW ARE DIGITAL SOLUTIONS REALLY GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THESE CHALLENGES?**

Living lab TNO (NL)



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**Predictive twins** are predictive digital replicas of physical structures such as bridges, tunnels, homes and offices. With these twins, the future behaviour and use of structures and networks of structures can be predicted and influenced

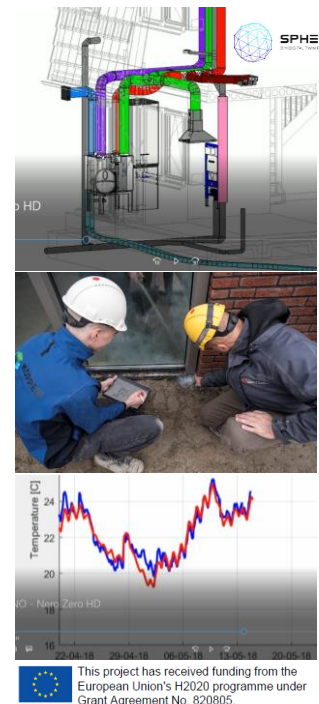
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## BIM 2 PREDICTIVE TWIN

- › How can we **use BIM information to structure and analyze data** from building systems to check the current performance, detect events, predict, control and optimize?
- › How to make it operational in the form of **workflows in both design commissioning and operation**?
- › How to use it to improve IAQ, event detection, optimize building processes & commissioning?

Development of predictive twin methodologies and tools to meet these challenges for clients.



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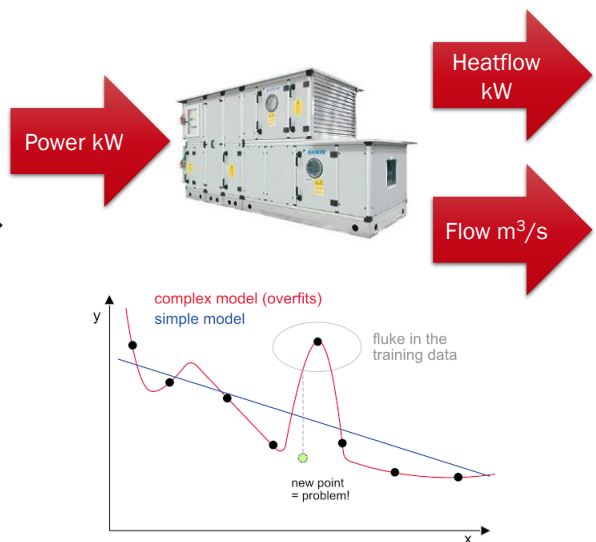
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## WHY USE BIM DATA, WE HAVE AI

- › **Measurement data:** generally a lot but usually **important factors unmeasured**
- › Many parameters in a data driven model with low quality data → **overfitting** -> poor estimation

**Advantages of using BIM in combination with physical models:**

- › What you already know you **don't have to estimate**.
- › You can do with **less informative data** to calibrate the model
- › **Logical boundaries** on parameters in a physical model



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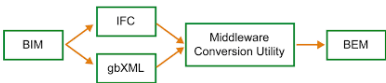
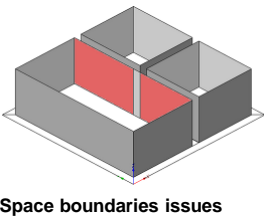
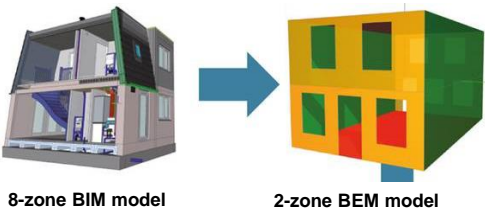
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# EXAMPLE BIM 2 PREDICTIVE TWIN: BIM 2 BEM CHALLENGES

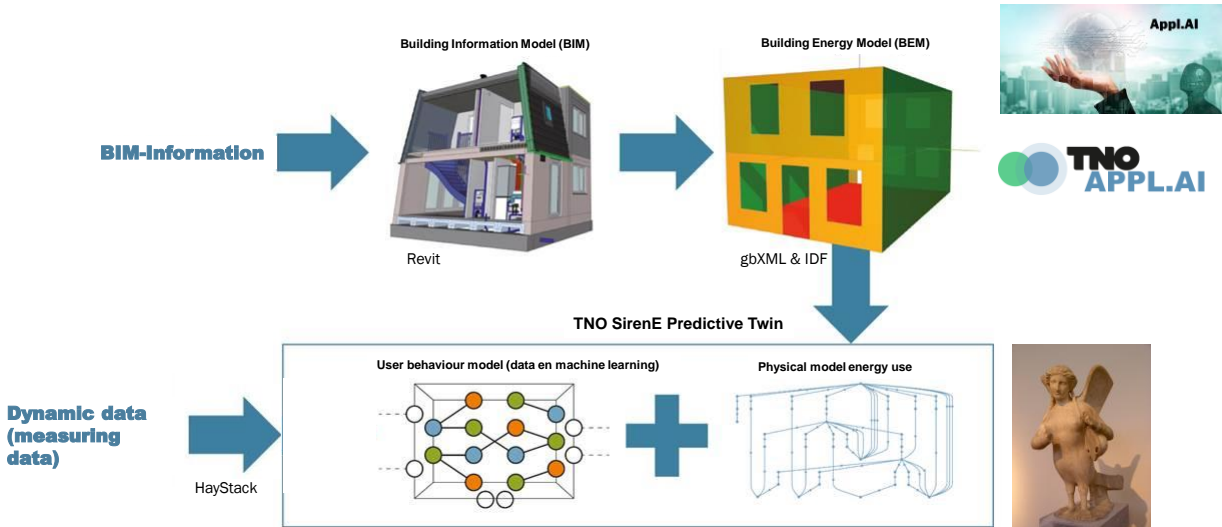
- › BIM models not made for simulation models
- › Decisions have to be made for zoning, and also for space boundaries.
- › Inconsistencies especially on the space boundaries can give issues for building model.
- › Different standards: IFC, gbXML, IDF.



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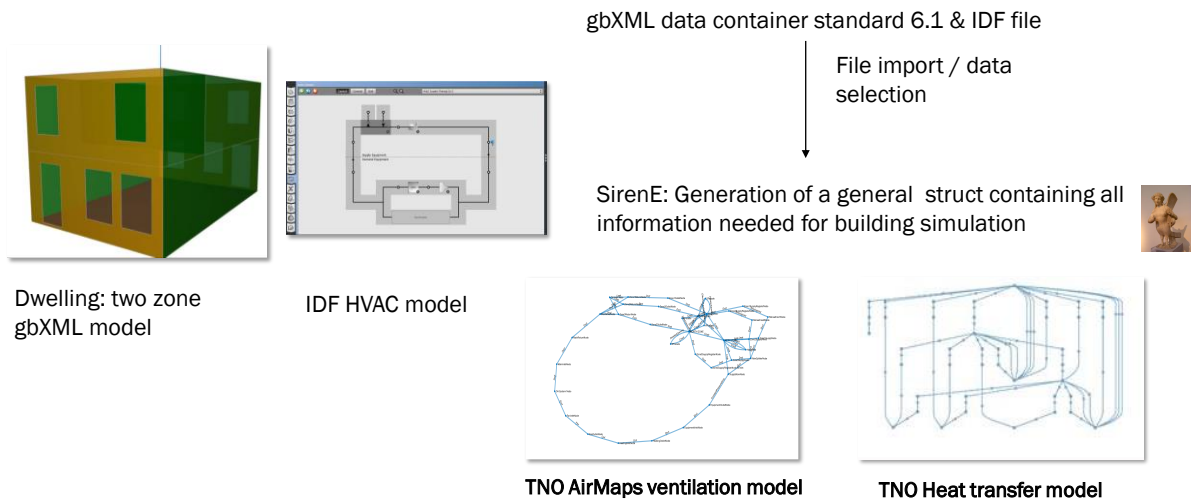
# BIM 2 PREDICTIVE TWIN FOR IAQ AND ENERGY USE



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## BIM INFORMATION: EXAMPLE OF GBXML 2 MODEL



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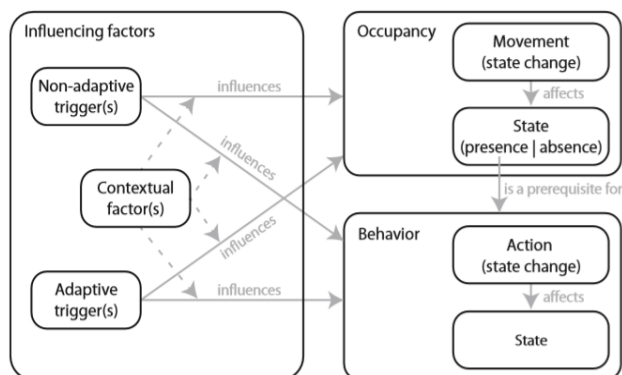


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## OCCUPANT MODEL , WORK IN PROGRESS



Schweiker, 2017

**Adaptive triggers:** environmental trigger (e.g. due to discomfort)

**Non-adaptive triggers:** intentional actions (e.g. showering)

**Contextual factors:** influence the magnitude of the triggers (e.g. occupants clothing)

**Occupancy:**  
- usually modeled with time profiles

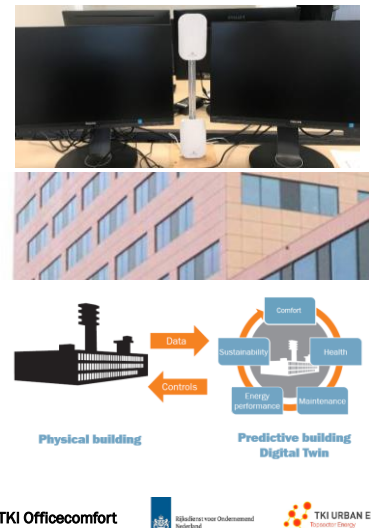
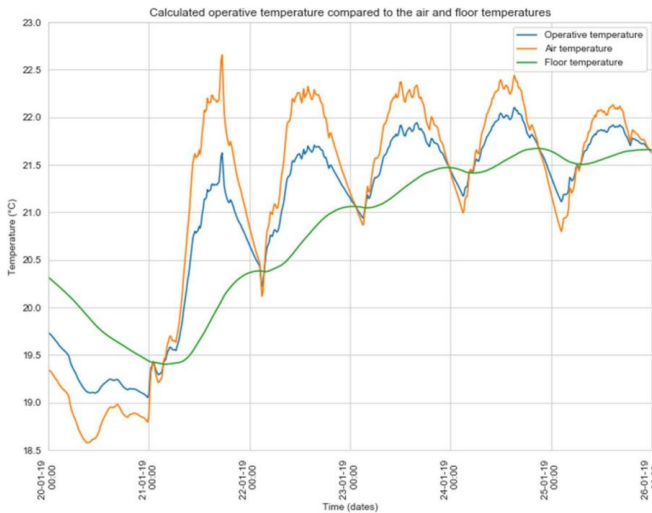
**Behavior:**  
- usually modelled with Markov chains,  
- TNO research on federated learning

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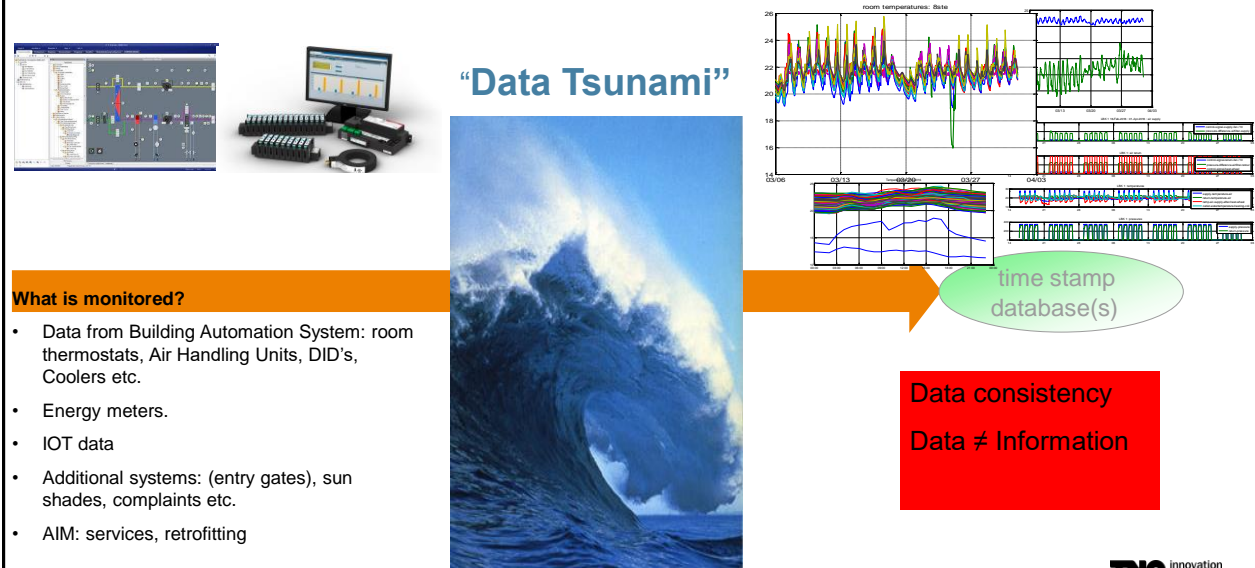


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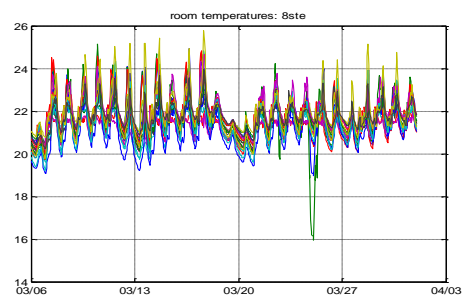
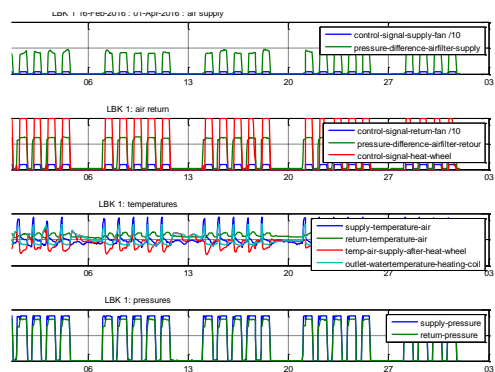
# EXAMPLE: PREDICTIVE TWIN TO ESTIMATE FLOOR TEMPERATURE



# DYNAMIC DATA FOR PREDICTIVE TWINS: DECISION MAKING NEEDS RELIABLE AND INFORMATIVE DATA



DATA ISSUES



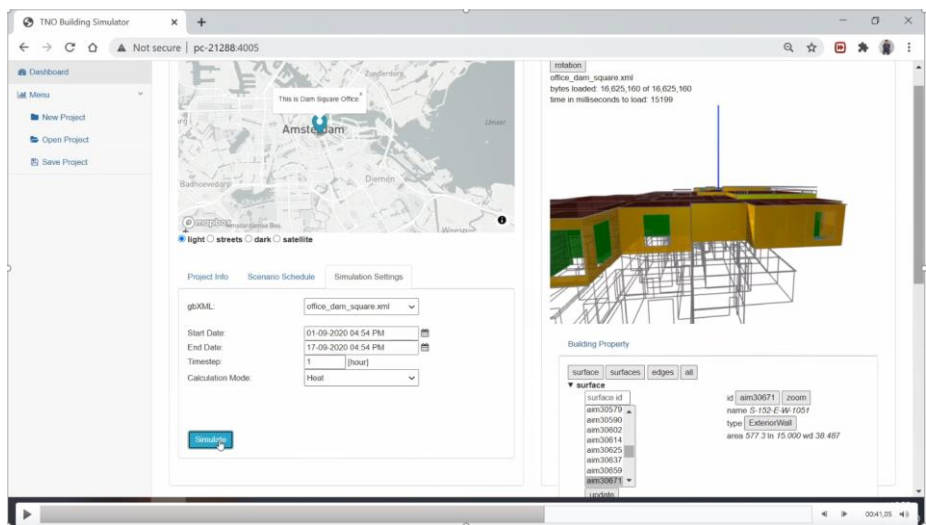
An outlier or a problem?

Lots of parameters in the AHU, but will it give me insight?

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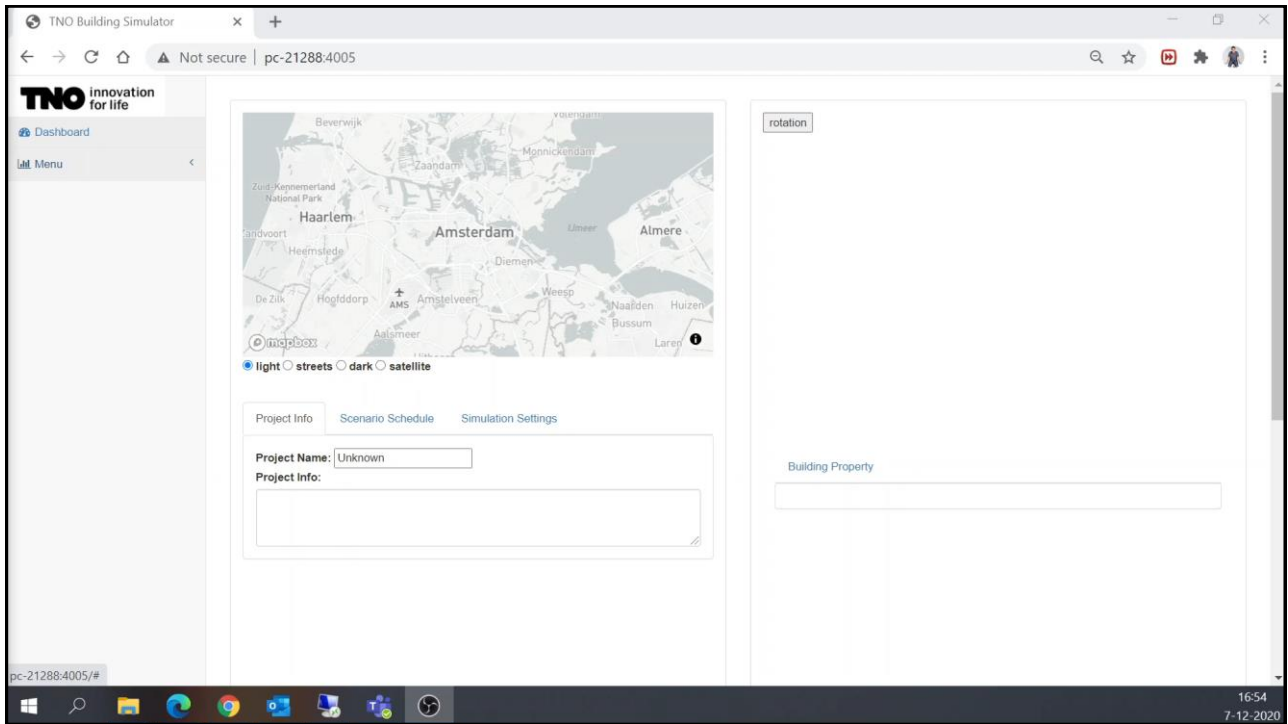
DEMONSTRATION USE CASE GUI SCALABLE MODELS



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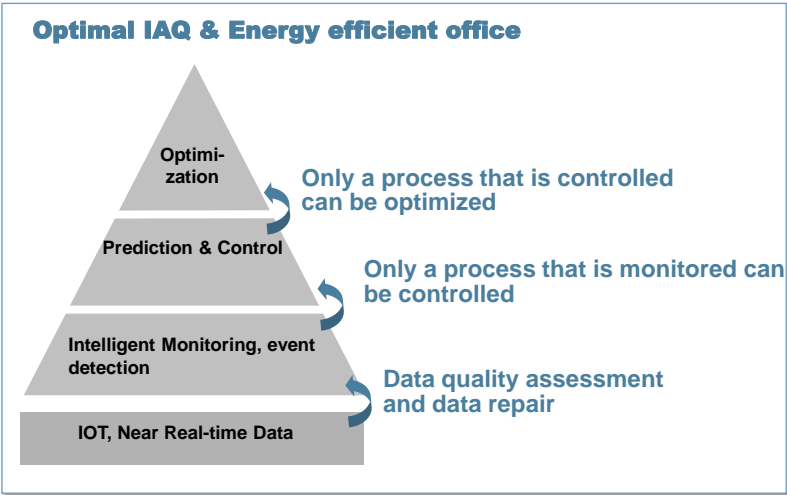






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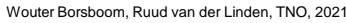
# WHAT IS NEEDED?



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## DATA INFORMATION FLOW



## MANY STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED,



## INTEGRATION WITH BIM IN OPERATION AND WORKFLOW ORGANIZATION IS CRUCIAL TO EFFECTIVELY IMPROVE IAQ



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## Online personal IAQ monitoring – personal exposure to indoor air pollutants.

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<https://www.apolline.science>

- Development of small-size, **low-cost, pollutant monitoring system** adapted to indoor and outdoor environments
- U Lille campus-wide sensor network, can be deployed in other environments
- Research objectives : to understand the **drivers of the dynamics of pollution inside buildings** (U Lille and other environments), and to **quantify the exposure of people**
- **Educational and awareness tool** for students, staff, academics and general public



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# Strategies to monitor personal IAP exposure



- 69% in a home
- 2% in a bar/restaurant
- 5% in a vehicle
- 11% in an outdoor/indoor location
- 5% in an office/factory
- 8% outdoors

## Strategy #1 : Personal sensors

- Size, weight, autonomy, communications are critical factors
- Few sensors inside the device
- Access to indoor and outdoor personal exposure

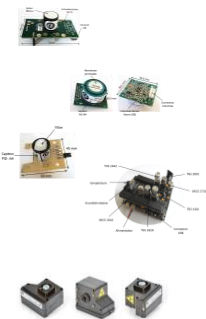
## Strategy #2 : Fixed indoor air sensors

- Electrical plug and ethernet available
- Sensor box can be somewhat large
- Access to room/building air concentration, not exposure



# From sensors to data

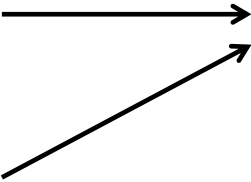
## Individual sensors



## Sensing node



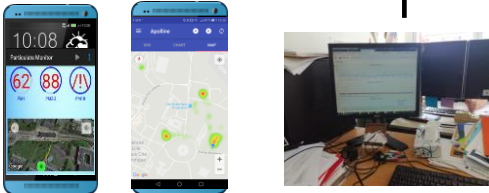
## Communication protocol



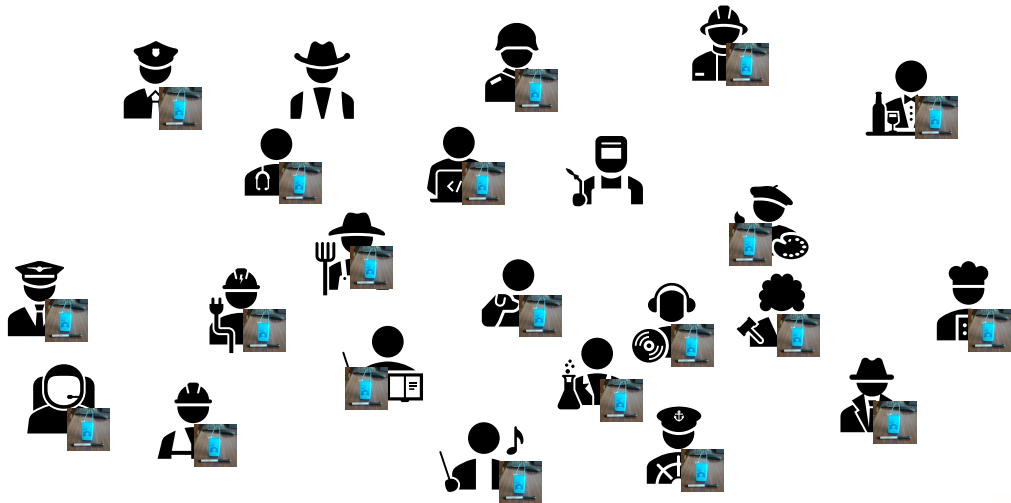
## Server (storage infrastructure)



## Delayed or real-time web-based display



## « Wearable sensors » strategy

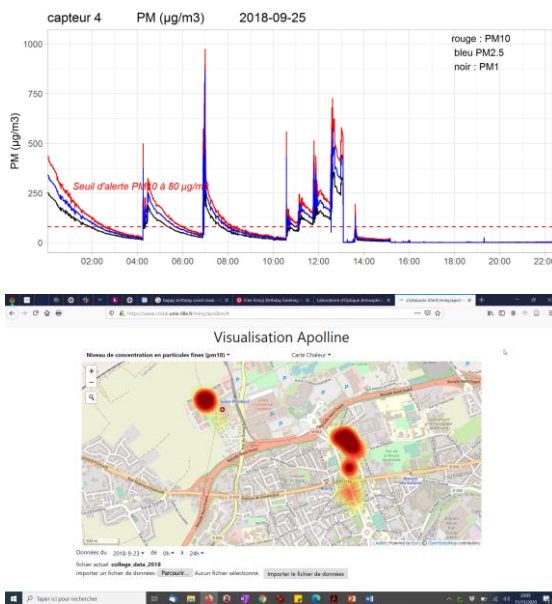


Do we really want to have sensors on everyone ? (would be great also, but...)



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## 24 hours with a sensor



### Challenges :

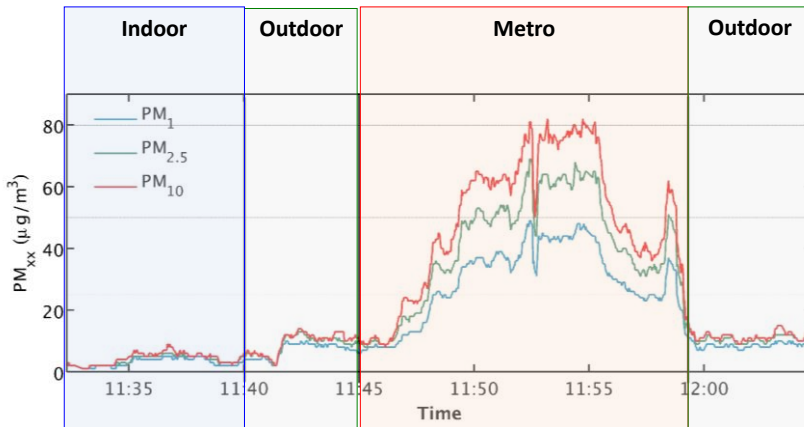
- Discrimination indoor/outdoor : jumps in T, RH, number of satellites...
- Metrology of sensors (changes in T, RH, speed)
- Data transfer
- Autonomy
- Time and space variability
- Inter-individual variability
- Are the sensor people-proof ?



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## Apolline in the subway



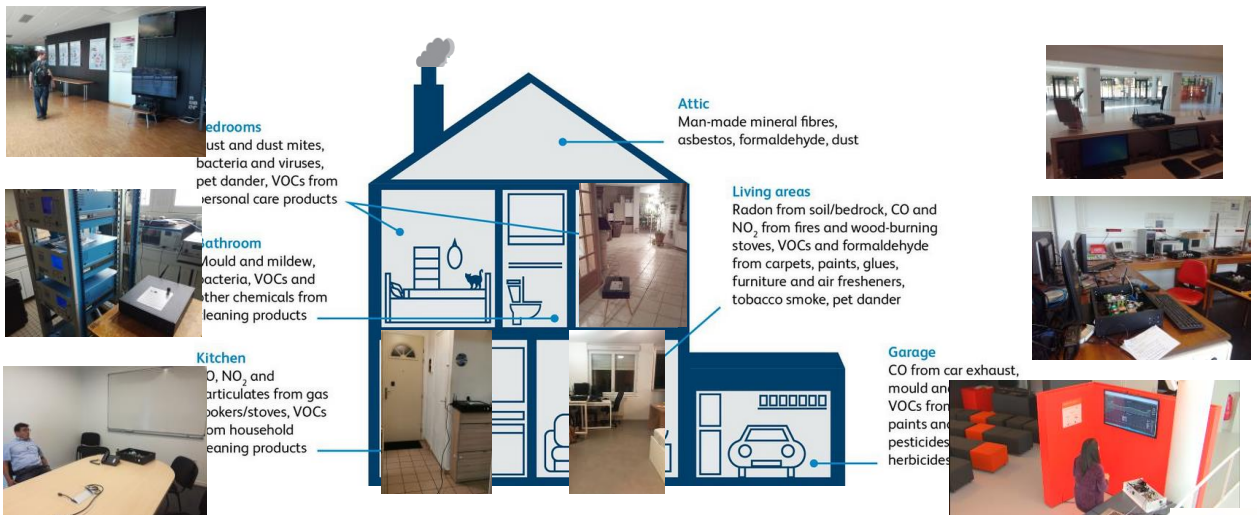
Indoor concentrations ~ 5 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Outdoor concentrations ~ 10 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

PM<sub>10</sub> Subway concentrations up to 80 µg/m<sup>3</sup>  
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## « Fixed sensors » strategy

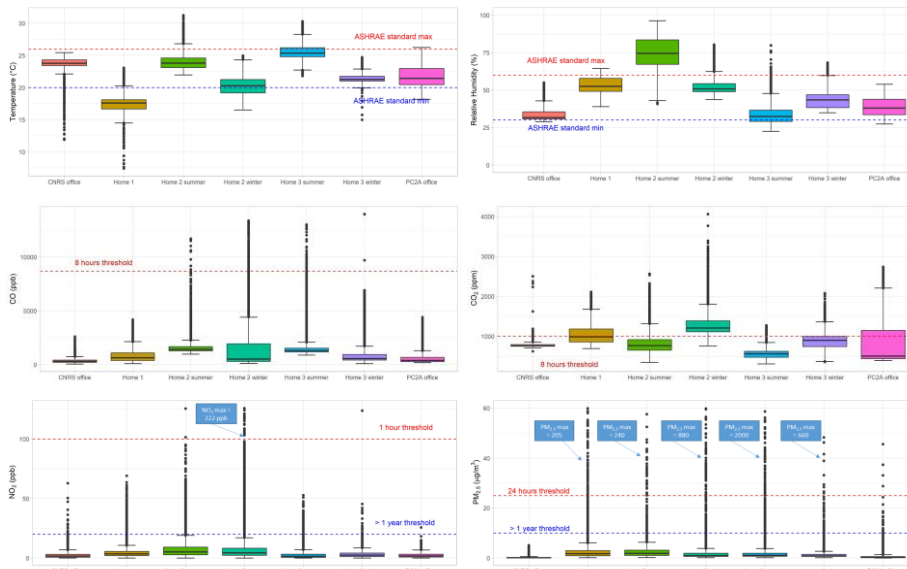


Do we really want to have sensors in every room of every building ? (would be great, but...)



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## What inter-dwellings variability ?



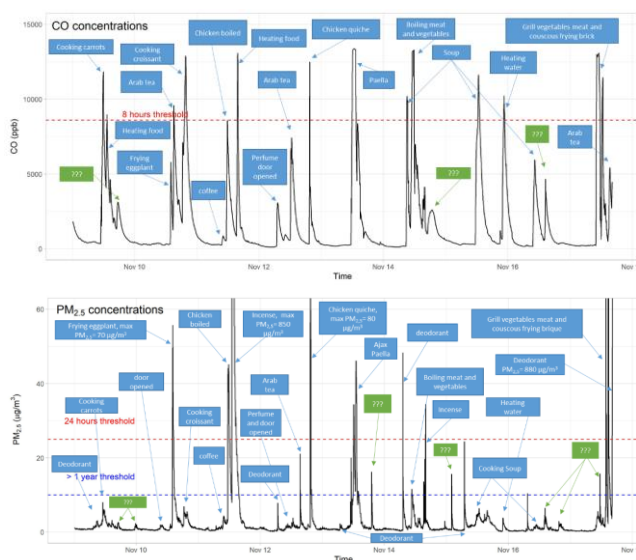
All investigated environments behave similarly.

Main difference is T and RH, driven by behavior, not by pollution sources.

The « statistical » outliers correspond to pollution episodes driven by activities.

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## Identification of patterns associated to activities



Self-reported activities : cooking (various methods), some cleaning.

Some events detected but not reported.

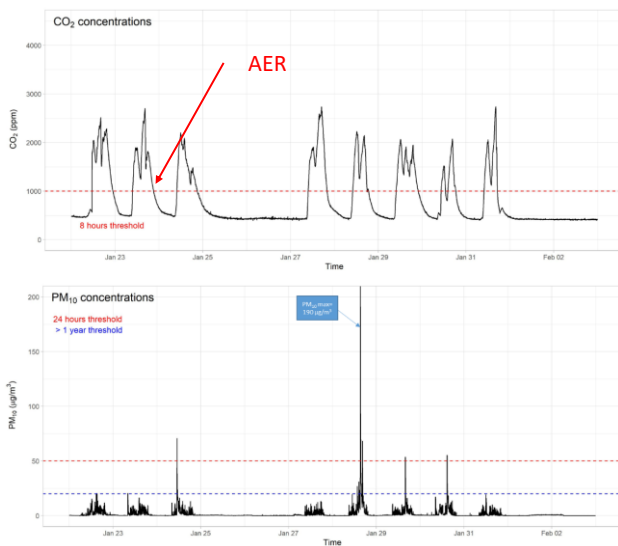
« Chemical signature » of activities. Need to construct a database for such signatures.

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## Sensors and ventilation



Students in their office at the University

CO2 as a proxy to trigger ventilation only when necessary.



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## From sensors to usable information

Sensing node



Server (storage infrastructure)



Can we / should we analyze the data before transmission ?

- Partial information
- Computation power
- Less transmissions
- Energy efficiency



Data analysis :  
ongoing work, and the  
key to putting sensors  
everywhere



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## Take home messages

- Wearable and fixed sensors allow to monitor or evaluate personal exposure.
- Provided you can fix all technical issues : sensor response, size, weight, autonomy, cost, communication protocols, storage infrastructure...
- Not that much low cost, if you consider putting sensors everywhere, framework infrastructure, calibration and operation, environmental cost
- For exposure, recommendation for a network of wearable sensors / fixed sensors / reference monitoring stations
- Issue #1 : make sure what the goal is : exposure characterization, building-related pollution, activity-related pollution, building management, alerting system...
- Issue #2 : what are we looking for ? Environmental parameters, particles, (speciated) gases, exposure duration, pre-identified events, unexpected events...
- Issue #3 : how and when to analyze ? Delayed/real-time. Server/on-board sensor. Time-series, classification, artificial intelligence...



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From the overview of the state of the art, it is clear that the issues raised in the previous section can't be solved directly from existing knowledge. Partial answers to each of these issues are available, but a new annex is needed to address the gaps and integrate the available solutions in a coherent and operable rating method.

International collaboration is a prerequisite for this effort since market access for innovative IAQ management strategies is currently blocked in many countries due to all kinds of prescriptive regulatory constraints. With the methods developed in the annex, we will be able to generate the necessary body of evidence to take regulatory action to overcome these barriers, generate consensus, open these markets and create a level playing field, which today is limited by very sparse and inconsistent approaches in the different member states.

#### Subtask 5 Energy savings and IAQ: improvements and validation through cloud data and IoT connected devices

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- the audience

# Brains for buildings: where to find all the relevant smart building data?

TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021 – WEBINAR – BIG DATA, IAQ AND VENTILATION – PART 1

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## Who am I?



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## B4B: Brains for Building's Energy Systems

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- Buildings are to serve people's needs:
  - Occupants and FM: Health, comfort, ease of use & ease of operation, affordability
  - Humankind: energy efficiency, renewables
- Building operation is key (Energy & Indoor climate systems)
  - Lots of occupants & FM dissatisfaction
  - Lots of energy wastage
- Operation data & data analytics, ML, AI are key to:
  - Understand
  - Steer & Control optimally
  - Adapt to renewable energy
  - Make better designs

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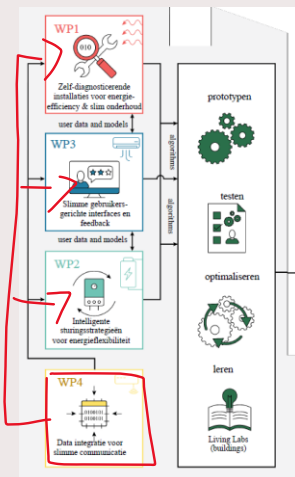
## End aims and user stories



- Fault detection (improved building management systems – BMSs)
  - understanding what goes wrong in a system
  - predicting when faults occur and having clues about the why
  - live detection
- User-centered systems
  - comfort levels per individual user
  - learning from user interaction
- Flexible Energy (interfaces):
  - consumption of energy where it is being created
  - creation of energy where it is consumed
  - load balance in the local and regional grid, including the appliances used

DATA  
INTEGRATION

## Data Integration for Smart Buildings



To enable making our buildings smarter, advanced data integration is needed (among several other matters):

- Ensure **data connectivity** between applications
- Ensure security, **ethical use and privacy of data**
- **Standardise** data sets and approaches
- Aim for **system integration at API level**, between individual systems of diverse manufacturers



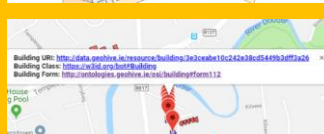
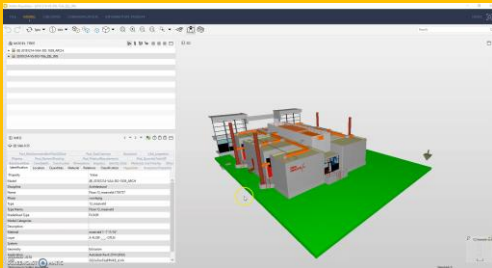
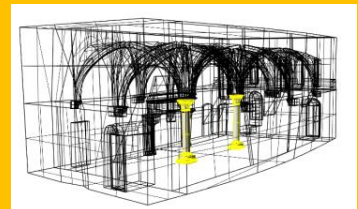
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## All sorts of data available ...



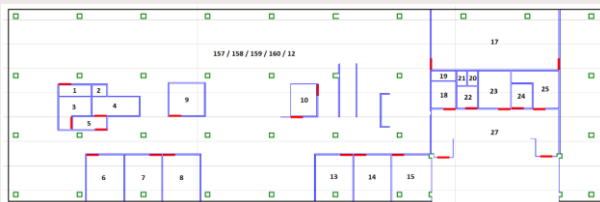
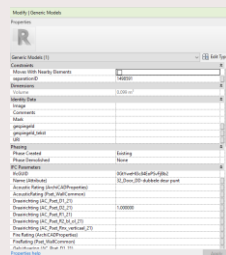
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# BIM Data

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## BIM data: Revit, modelling guidelines, agreements, 3D modelling, and IFC

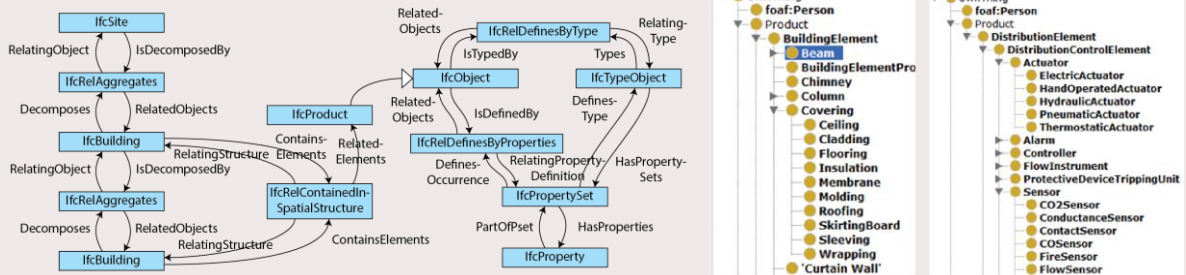


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## Data in the Industry Foundation Classes (IFC)

- Overall building shape and topology easy
- Classification of elements possible, but not many classes => extension with bSDD classes and properties possible
- Difficult (not impossible) to include sensor data (timeseries data)
- Availability in STEP, XML, RDF, and JSON



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## W3C Linked Building Data

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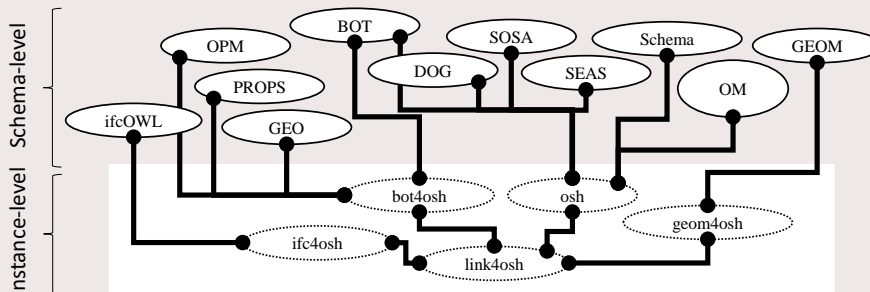
Bring together experts in the area of Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Web of Data technologies to:

1. define existing and future **use cases and requirements** for Linked Data based applications across the life cycle of buildings.
2. discuss **best practices** for publishing building data on the Web propose ontology models to describe:
  1. Buildings and building elements (topology, associate values to properties)
  2. Products and product properties
3. discuss how they can be **used together with other specifications**:
  1. existing standards (IFC, GeoSPARQL, Semantic Sensor Network, ...)
  2. separate initiatives (schema.org, Haystack, BRICK, ...)

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## Modular ontology modelling advocated by LBD group



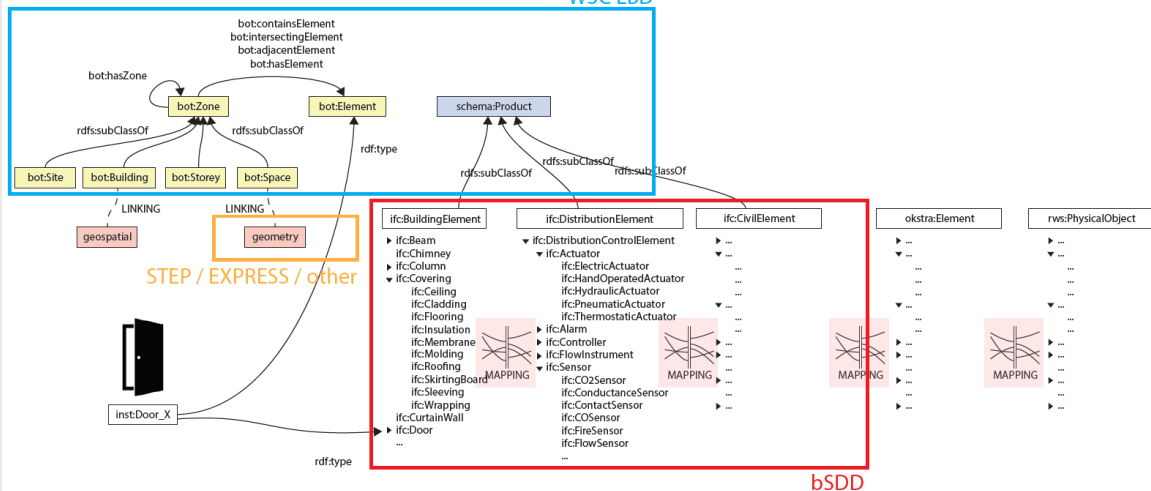
- Implemented using Semantic Web Technologies -> Web-scale, queryable
- Reuse of existing ontologies -> Modular
- Linking at instance level -> Multi-model method

Sample dataset available at:

<https://github.com/TechnicalBuildingSystems/OpenSmartHomeData>

## Modular approach to building data

W3C LBD



bSDD

## Reference ontologies

BOT	<a href="https://w3id.org/bot#">https://w3id.org/bot#</a>
BEO	<a href="https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/buildingelement/">https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/buildingelement/</a>
MEP	<a href="https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/distributionelement/">https://pi.pauwel.be/voc/distributionelement/</a>
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Revit to LBD exporter: on demand

IFC to LBD converter: on demand

## BRICK, HTO, SAREF, and REC

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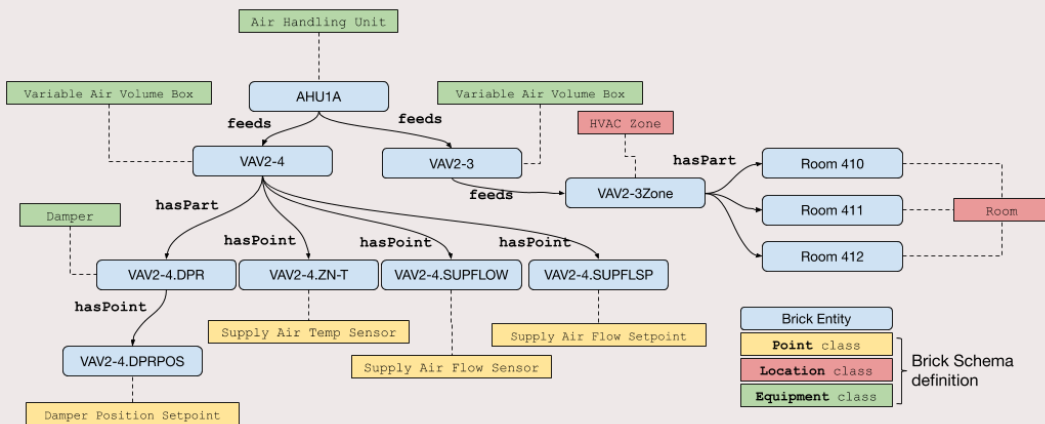
- Developments are rather disconnected from any BIM- or building-related area
- Focus on systems, incl. operation and control
- Focus on the sensor Point and Equipment types
- Beware of biased overview tables

Modeling Support	Brick	Project Haystack	IFC	BOT	SAREF
HVAC Systems	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Lighting Systems	yes	partial	yes	no	no
Electrical Systems	yes	yes	yes	no	no
Spatial Information	yes	no	yes	yes	no
Sensor Systems	yes	yes	generic	no	yes
Control Relationships	yes	no	generic	no	no
Operational Relationships	yes	no	generic	no	no
Formal Definitions	yes	no	yes	yes	yes

<https://brickschema.org/>



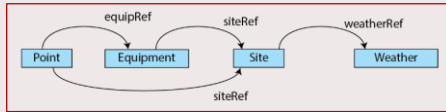
## BRICK - A uniform metadata schema for buildings



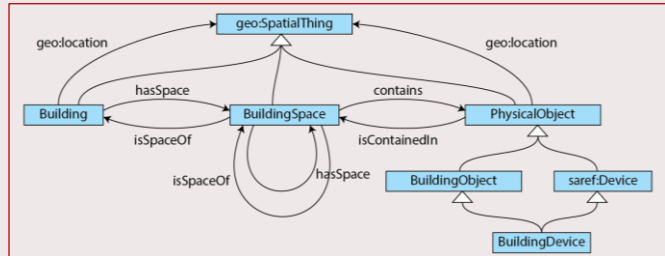
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# BRICK, HTO, SAREF, REC, etc.

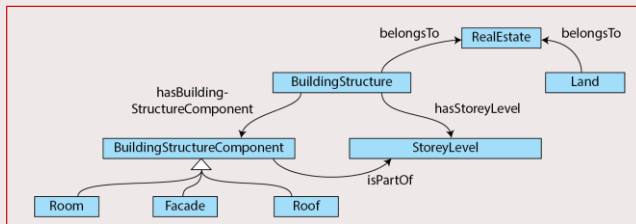
BRICK



SAREF4BLDG



Real Estate Core

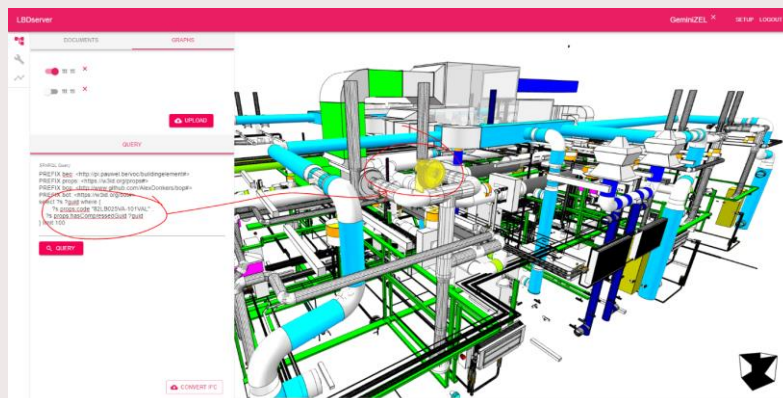


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## In short

Nothing that cannot be included in a modular linked building data (LBD) cloud.



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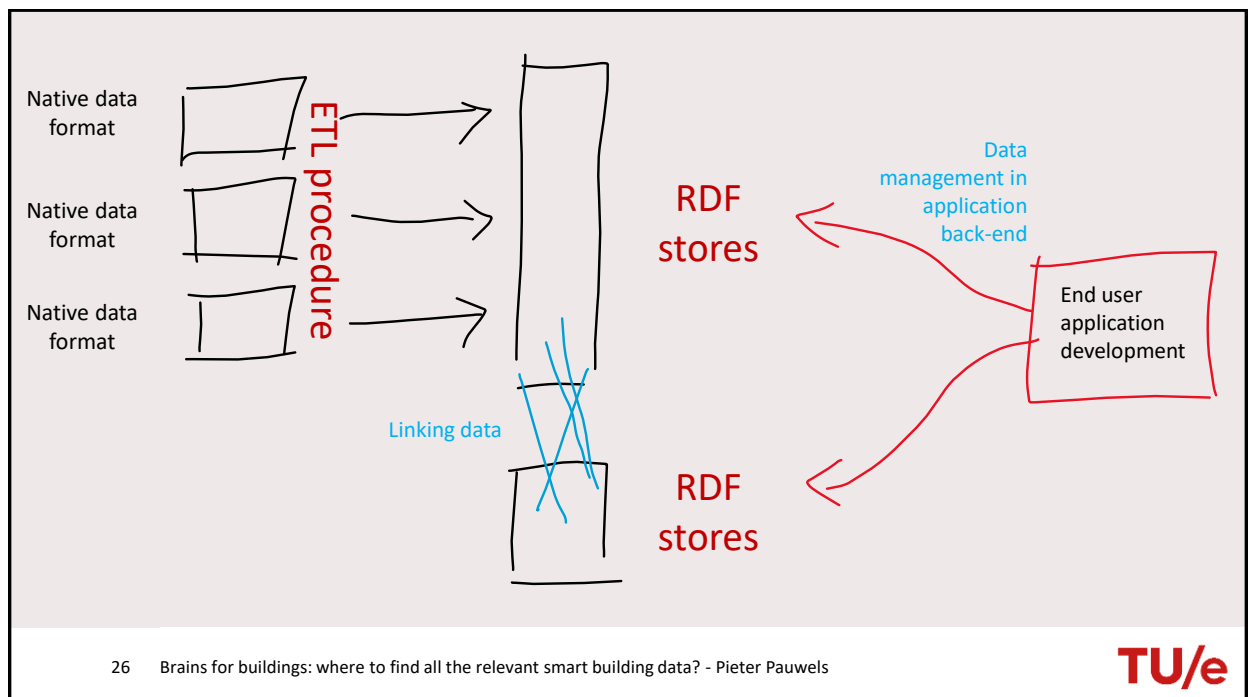
## Mapping all into RDF



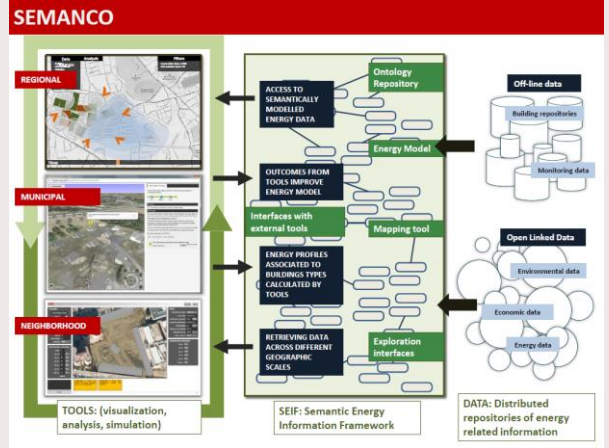
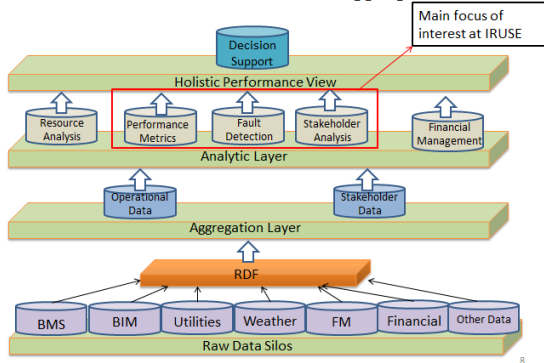
## Available options for integration for software

**OPTION 1: Transform all into semantic graphs** (e.g. R2RML or custom data transformers) and do data integration

- Plus: all in same format
- Plus: inference possible
- Minus: unfit storage
- Minus: disconnect from origin
- Minus: no ML algorithms nor procedural code possible
- Minus: how to handle privacy and security (trust?)



## We intend to Leverage a Standard Conceptual Overview of Information Silos and Data Aggregation



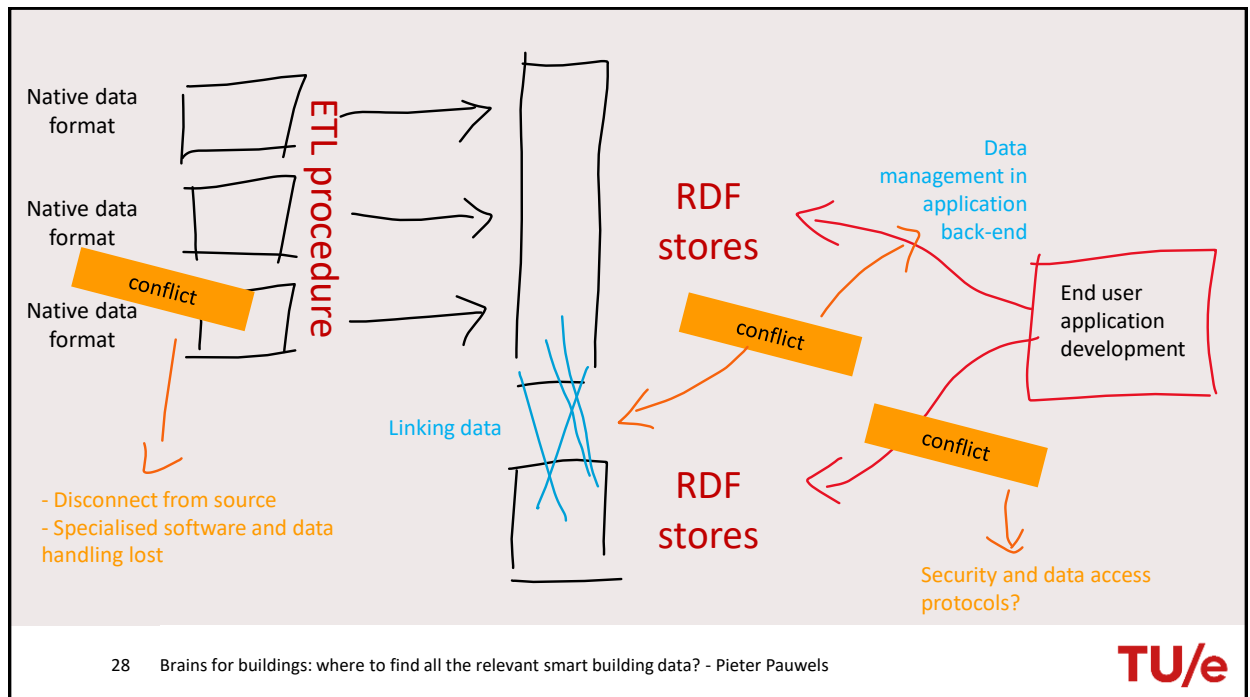
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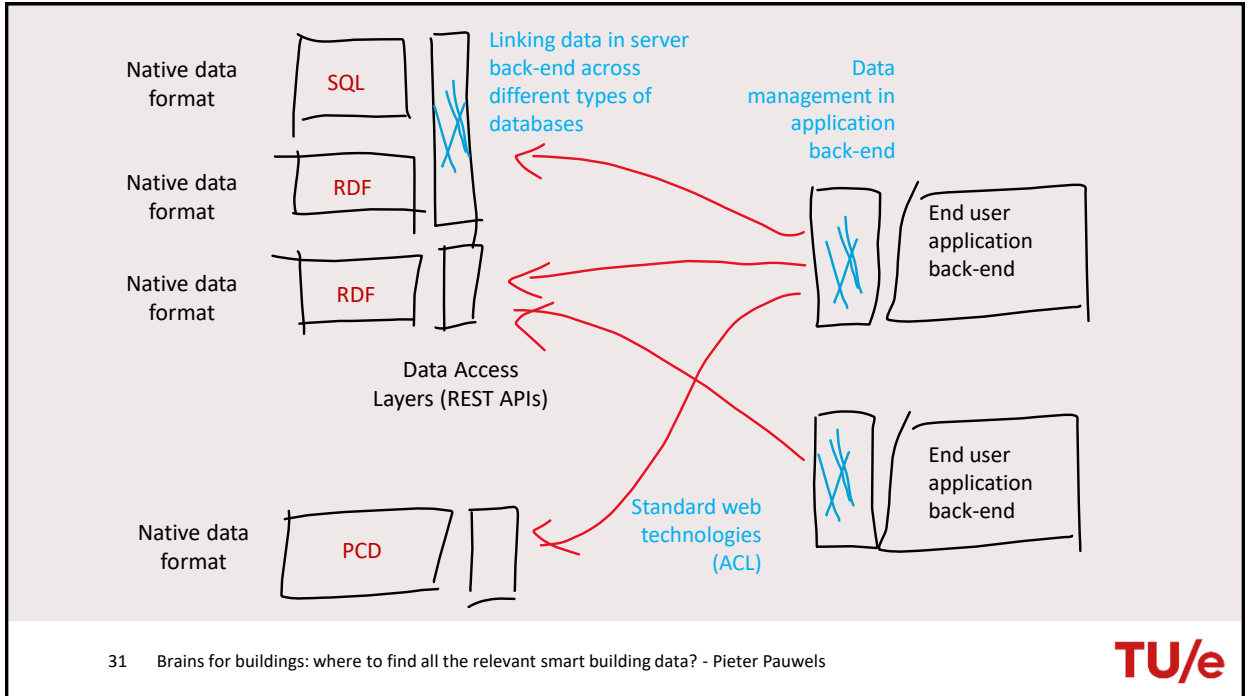
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## Maintaining specialized data stores and deploying web technologies

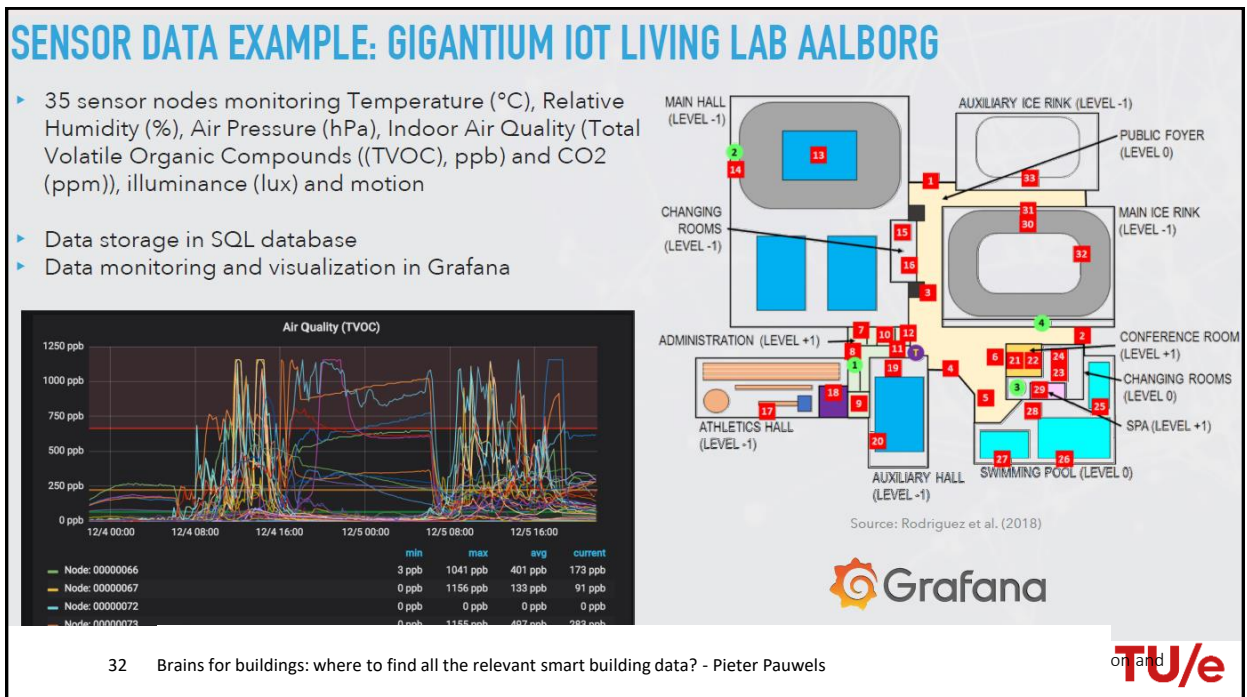
## Available options for integration in trustworthy manner

**OPTION 2:** Store all in well-fit data stores (KV stores, graphDBs, relational DBs, timeseries stores, etc.) and perform data integration (also) on a system and API level (**system integration**)

- Plus: apt data storage
- Plus: data stays at source -> web-based connections needed
- Plus: ML algorithms and procedural algorithms not blocked
- Plus: Privacy and security can be easily handled at the gates of APIs and DBs.
- Minus: multitude of systems requires lots of diverse software and expertise



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## SEMANTIC GRAPH ENRICHED WITH PERFORMANCE PATTERNS AND WEB REFERENCE TO SENSOR DATA

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inst:room_16
  rdf:type bot:Space ;
  gig:hasSensorNode inst:sensorNode_0000014 ;
  gig:spaceType "Cafe" ;
  rdfs:label "Cafe" .

inst:sensorNode_0000014
  rdf:type gig:SensorNode ;
  rdfs:label "00000014" ;
  gig:observation "Indoor climate" ;
  gig:purpose "Thermal comfort in the lobby during big events when there is a gathering of a lot of people." ;
  sosa:hosts inst:sensor_00000014_1, inst:sensor_00000014_2, inst:sensor_00000014_3, inst:sensor_00000014_4, inst:sensor_00000014_5,
  inst:sensor_00000014_6 ;
  gig:placement "Placed on a column in the cafe without direct sunlight." .

inst:sensor_00000014_1 ;
  rdf:type sosa:Sensor ;
  sosa:madeObservation inst:observation_1 ;
  sosa:observes inst:obsProperty_1 ;
  rdfs:label "00000014_1" .

inst:result_1 rdf:type sosa:Result ;
  rdfs:label "Result of observation of Relative Humidity";
  gig:values "https://gigantium.dk/Gigantium2018Instances?orgId=1&datastream=true" .
  
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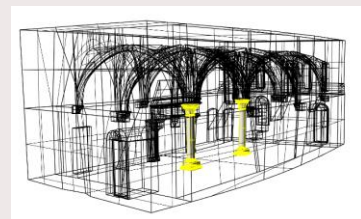
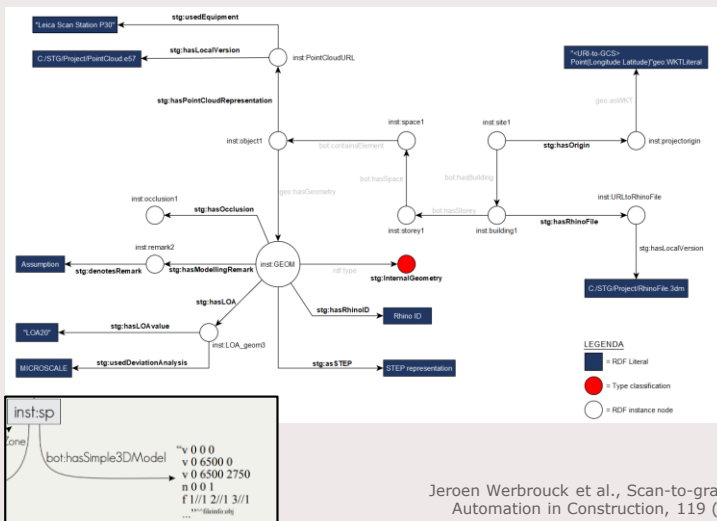
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## Abox linking to point cloud data and geometry



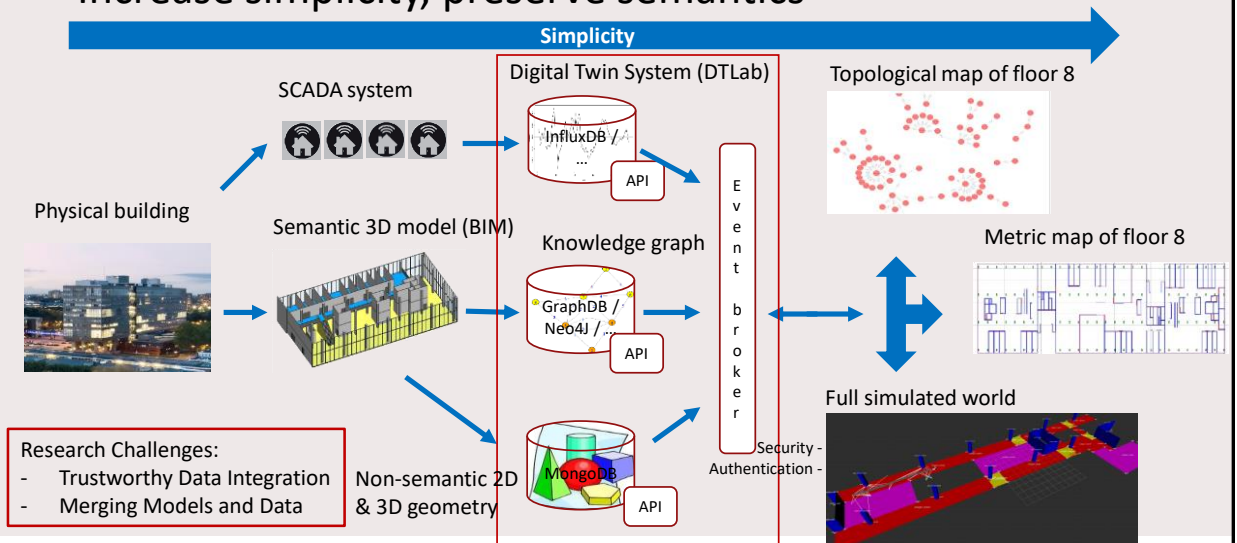
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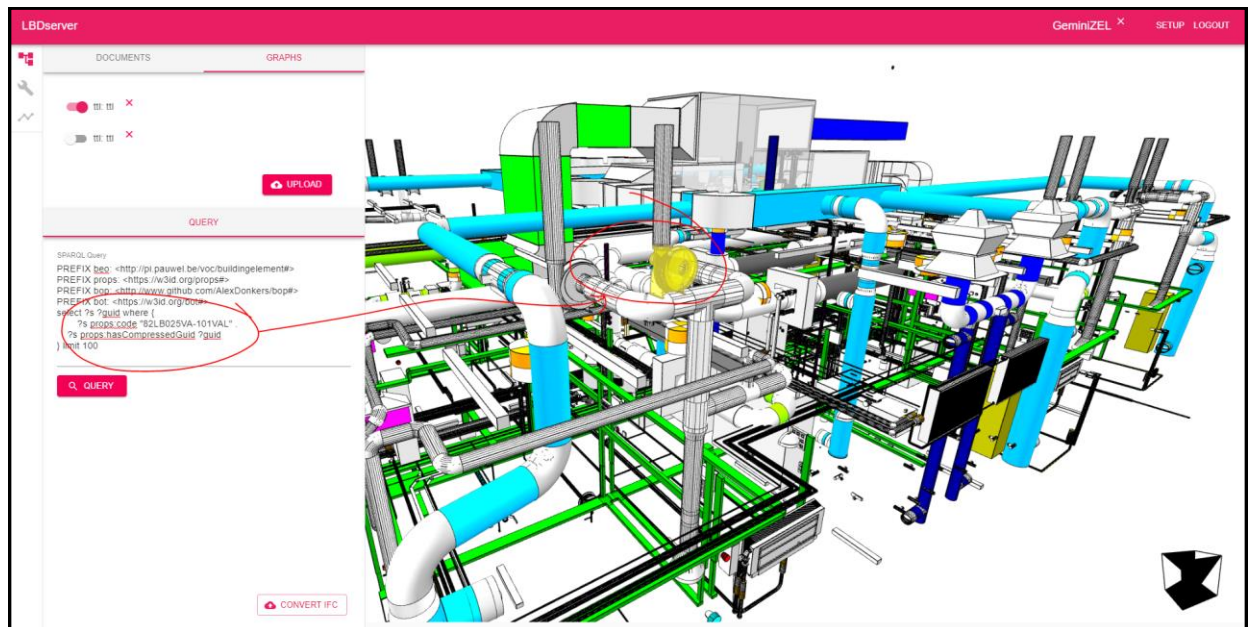
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