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## Workshops: Extracting Geospatial information from IFC using Python

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- Summary

## BIM and GIS

Criteria	BIM	GIS
<i>Application</i>	information management during object life cycle - 3D model and metadata	create, store, manage, analysis, share of spatial data
<i>Level of detail</i>	single component of object	object
<i>Scope of information</i>	object and individual information from the environment	surroundings of the object
<i>Standards</i>	IFC, ISO-19650, ISO-16739	CityGML, WMS, WFC, WCS, LandXML, ISO 191XX
<i>Location</i>	local*	global
<i>Geometric representation</i>	CSG (Constructive Solid Geometry), Swept Solid	B-Rep

### Why integrate?

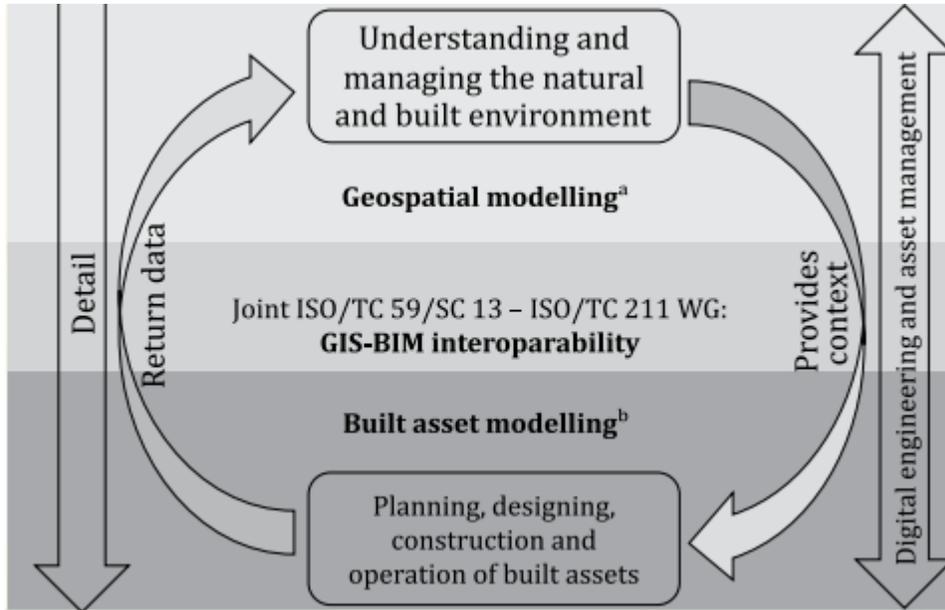
**2 + 2 = 5**  
**BIM GIS synergy and complementarity**

## BIM and GIS



### JWG 14: ISO/TC 59/SC 13 and ISO/TC 211 BIM&GIS interoperability

ISO/TR 23262:2021 – GIS (geospatial) / BIM interoperability



**ISO/TC 211:** ISO 19101, ISO 19103, ISO 19104, ISO 19105, ISO 19106, ISO 19107, ISO 19108, ISO 19109, ISO 19110, ISO 19111, ISO 19136, ISO 19150

ISO/TS 19166:2021 – Geographic information – BIM to GIS conceptual mapping (B2GM)

**ISO/TC 59/SC 13:** ISO 16739-1, ISO 29481, ISO 19650, ISO 12006

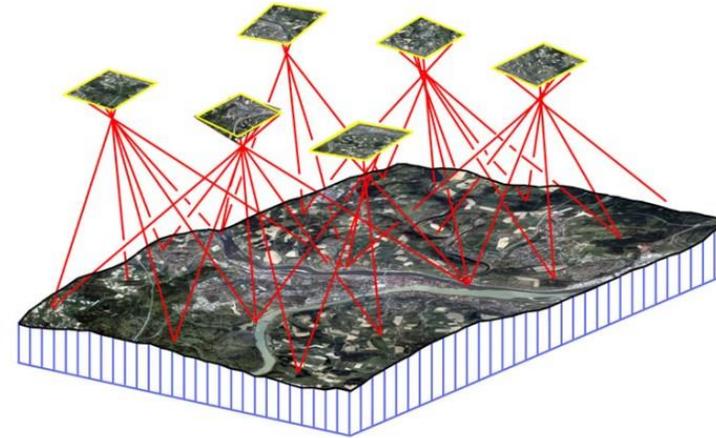
GIS

BIM

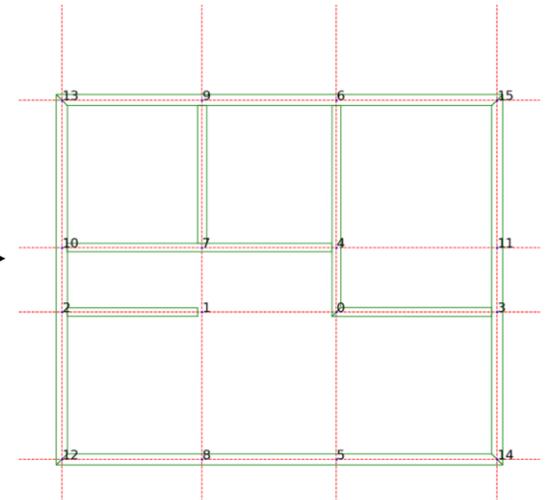
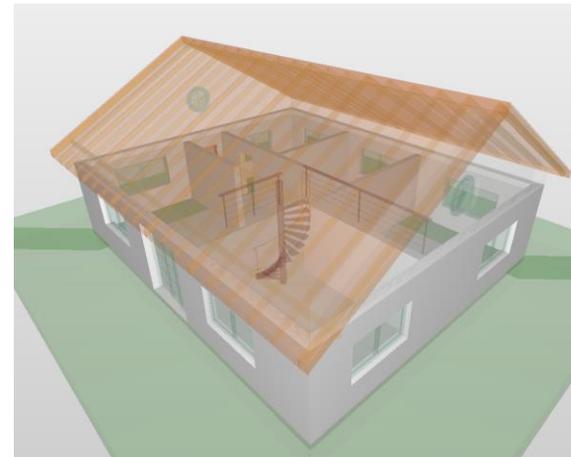
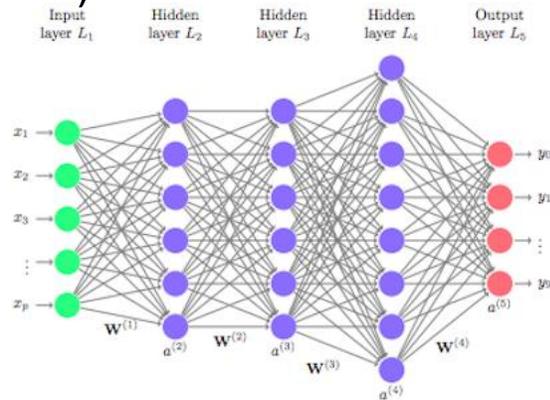
## BIM and surveyor

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- Tools - UAV, UGV, Satellite, Laser Scanners etc.
- Data – Big Data, different formats, data fusion
- Tasks (or the same but performed differently)
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*Scan2BIM*



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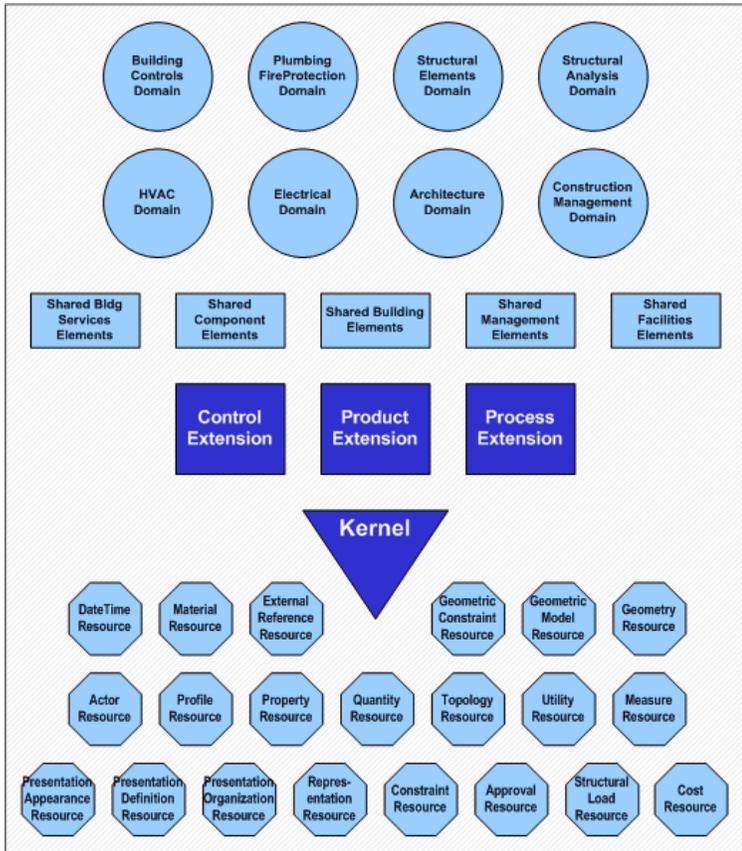
More?

**Szymon Glinka, Tomasz Owerko and Karolina Tomaszekiewicz** (Poland):  
Information Exchange Using the Open IFC Format from a Surveyor's Perspective  
(11472)

**INVITE!**

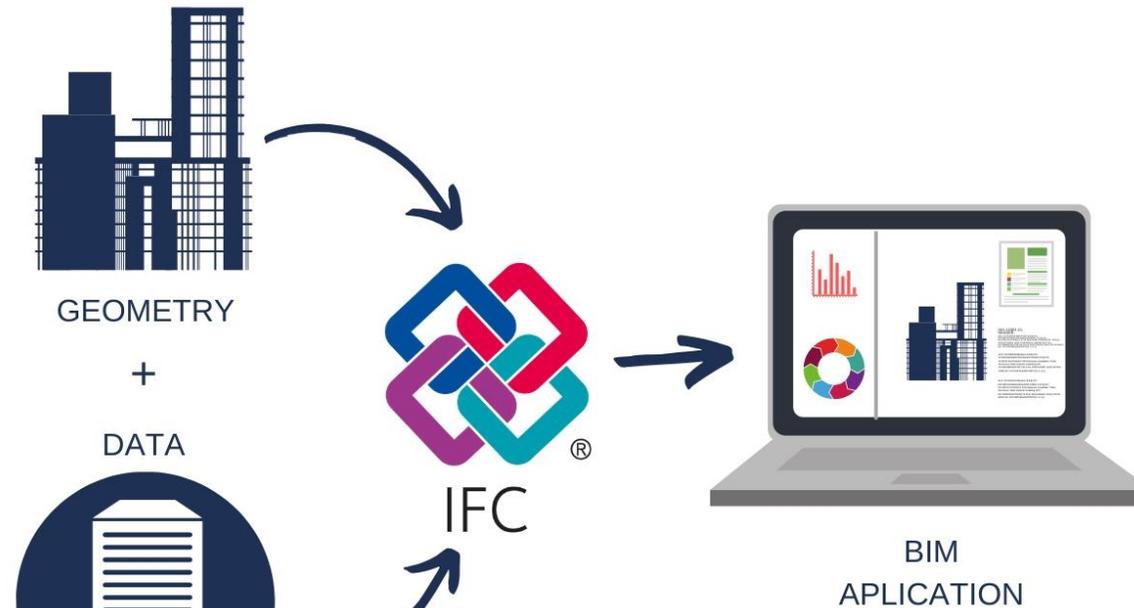
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16:30–18:00  
Poplar/Alder, DoubleTree by  
Hilton

## IFC



<https://standards.buildingsmart.org/IFC/RELEASE/IFC4/FINAL/HTML/schema/chapter-5.htm>

IFC – Industry Foundation Classes (ISO 16739-2018) – common AEC language

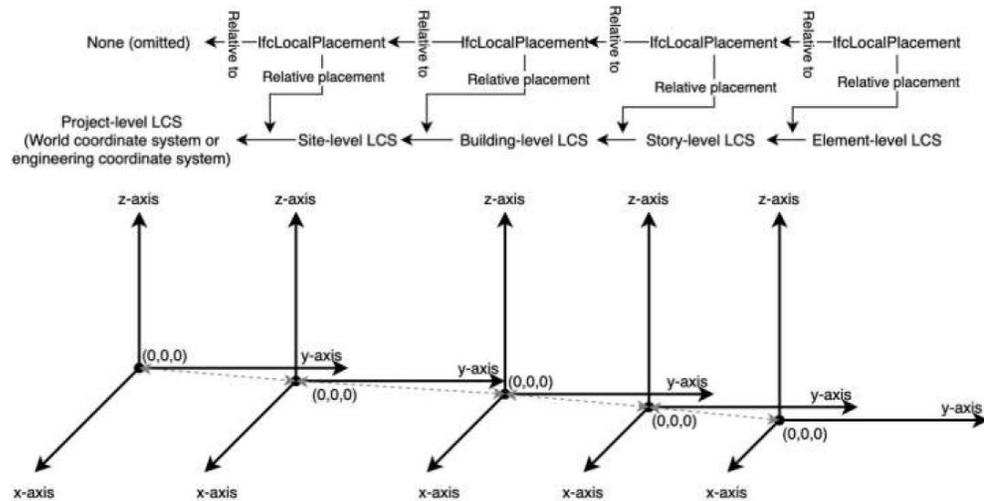


<https://bimcorner.com/everything-worth-knowing-about-the-ifc-format/>

## Challenges

Basic:

- Georeferencing

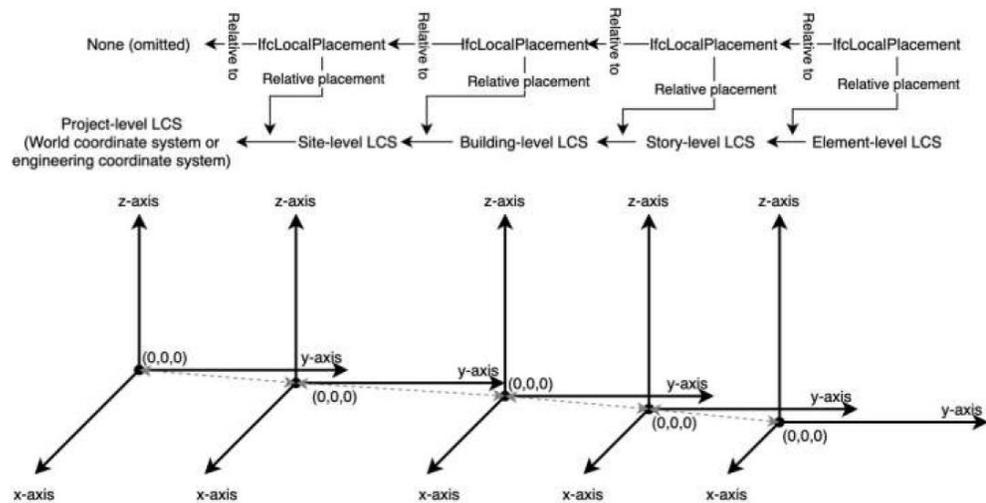


LoGeoRef	CRS	Klasy IFC
LoGeoRef10	No CRS, approximate location based on address	IfcPostalAddress referenced by IfcSite or IfcBuilding
LoGeoRef20	WGS84 EPSG:4326	Attributes: RefLatitude, RefLongitude, RefElevation of IfcSite
LoGeoRef30	Any CRS (no definition in file)	IfcCartesianPoint (reference point), IfcDirection (stores rotation relative to the project or global north) refer to IfcSite
LoGeoRef40	Any CRS (no definition in file)	WorldCoordinateSystem attribute storing the coordinates of the reference point in any CRS and the TrueNorth direction. Both of these are stored in the IfcGeometricRepresentationContext.
LoGeoRef50	Any CRS defined using EPSG	Reference point coordinates stored in IfcMapConversion using Eastings, Northings and OrthogonalHeight attributes for global height. Rotation for the XY plane, stored using the XAxisAbscissa and XAxisOrdinate attributes. The CRS applied is defined by the IfcProjectedCRS attribute in the Name attribute using the relevant EPSG code.

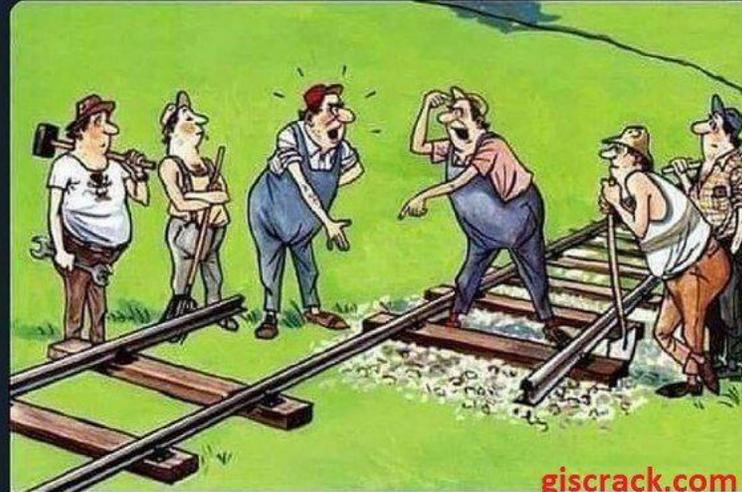
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### When projections are your weak point!



address referenced by IfcSite or IfcBuilding

RefLatitude, RefLongitude, RefElevation klasy

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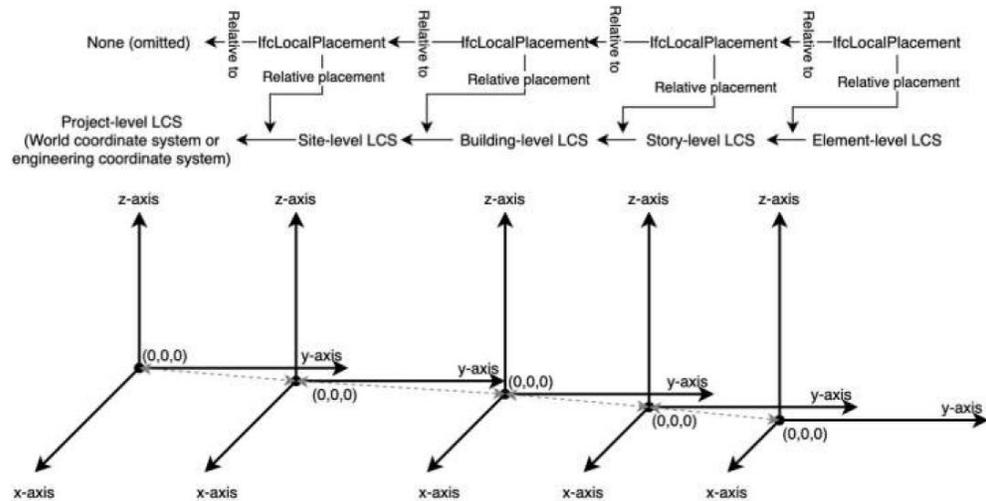
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## Challenges

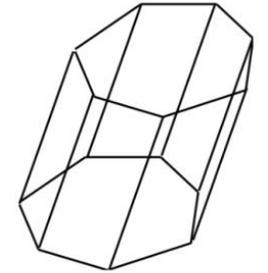
Basic:

- Extracting geospatial data (geometry)

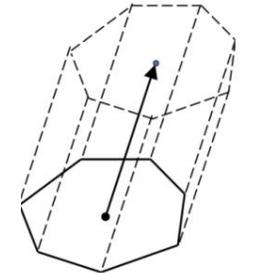


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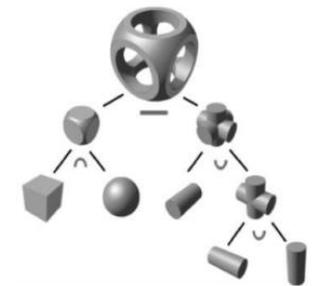
Type	
Point	2 or 3 dimensional point(s)
PointCloud	3 dimensional points represented by a point list
Curve	2 or 3 dimensional curve(s)
Curve2D	2 dimensional curve(s)
Curve3D	3 dimensional curve(s)
Surface	2 or 3 dimensional surface(s)
Surface2D	2 dimensional surface(s) (a region on ground view)
Surface3D	3 dimensional surface(s)
FillArea	2D region(s) represented as a filled area (hatching)
Text	text defined as text literals
AdvancedSurface	3 dimensional b-spline surface(s)
GeometricSet	points, curves, surfaces (2 or 3 dimensional)
GeometricCurveSet	points, curves (2 or 3 dimensional)
Annotation2D	points, curves (2 or 3 dimensional), hatches and text (2 dimensional)
SurfaceModel	face based and shell based surface model(s), or tessellated surface model(s)
Tessellation	tessellated surface representation(s) only
SolidModel	including swept solid, Boolean results and Brep bodies; more specific types are:
SweptSolid	swept area solids, by extrusion and revolution, excluding tapered sweeps
AdvancedSweptSolid	swept area solids created by sweeping a profile along a directrix, and tapered sweeps
Brep	faoted Brep's with and without voids
AdvancedBrep	Brep's based on advanced faces, with b-spline surface geometry, with and without voids
CSG	Boolean results of operations between solid models, half spaces and Boolean results
Clipping	Boolean differences between swept area solids, half spaces and Boolean results
additional types	some additional representation types are provided:
BoundingBox	simplistic 3D representation by a bounding box
SectionedSpine	cross section based representation of a spine curve and planar cross sections. It can re
LightSource	light source with (depending on type) position, orientation, light colour, intensity and att
MappedRepresentation	representation based on mapped item(s), referring to a representation map. Note: it car



(a) B-Rep



(b) Swept solid



(c) CSG

## Challenges

Basic:

- Saving in GIS/Survey Formats

# BIM

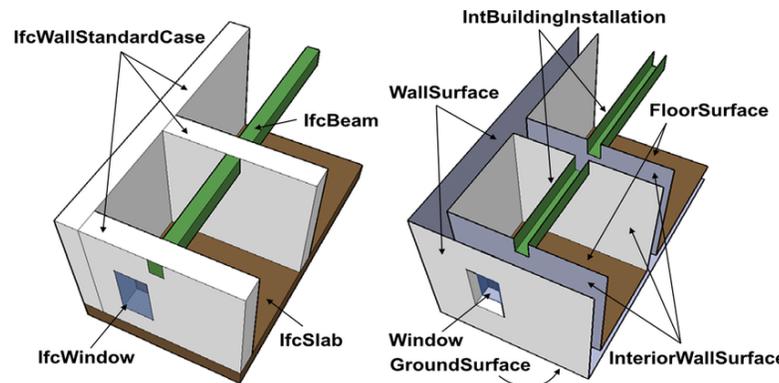
IFC  
dot.bim  
...

CONVERSION/TRANSLATION



# GIS

CityGML  
CityJSON  
SHP  
LandXML  
...



## Python and IfcOpenShell

<http://ifcopenshell.org/>

<https://github.com/IfcOpenShell/IfcOpenShell>

## Case studies

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## Thank you for your attention!



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