

Sensors and Linked Building Data

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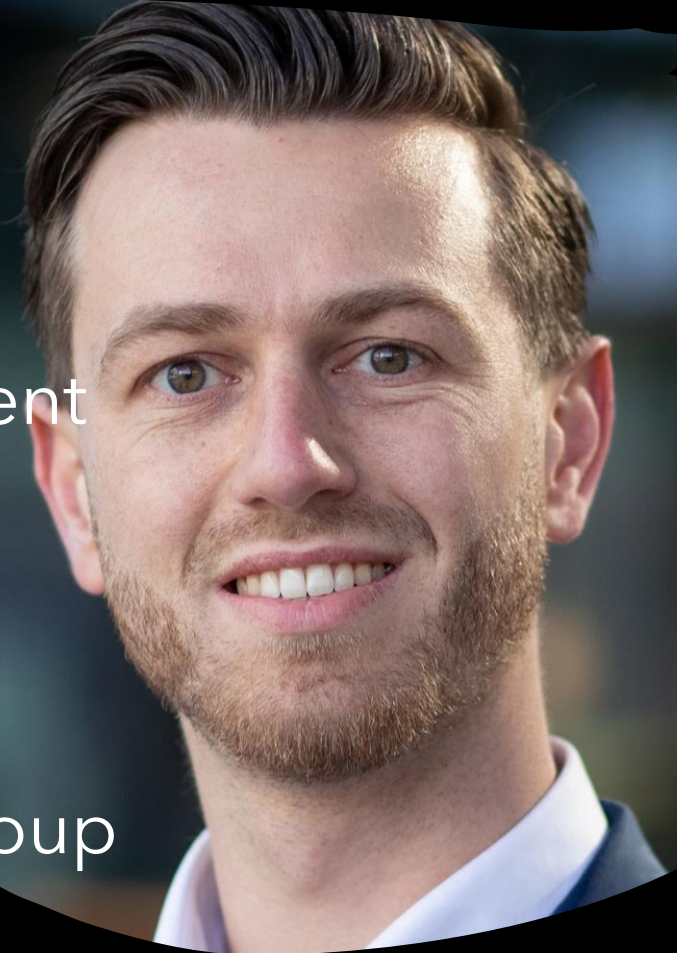
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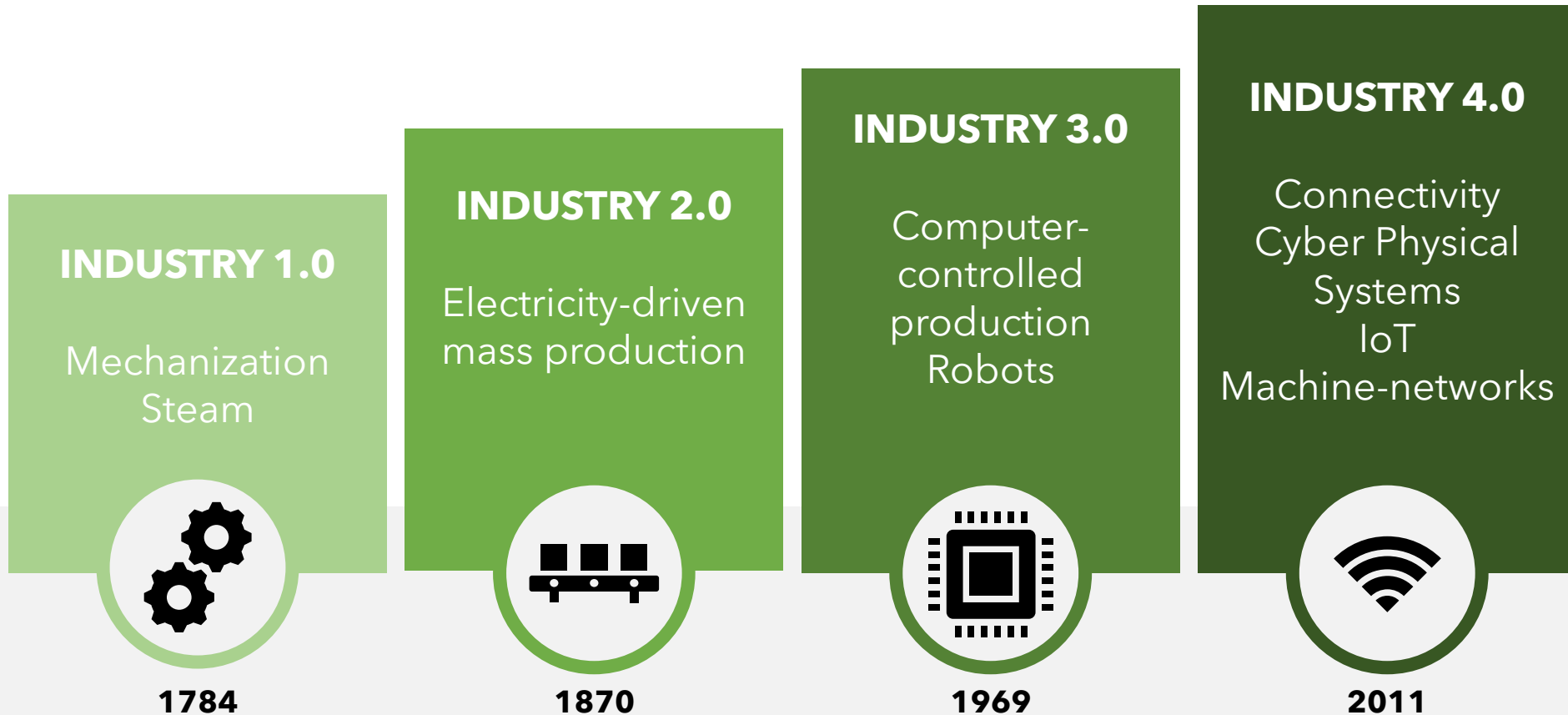
Content

- × What is a sensor? What is time-series data?
- × How to semantically represent a sensor?
- × How to integrate sensor data with building information?
- × How can we use this in different lifecycle stages?
- × Hands-on showcase

Part 1

Internet of Things

Industry 4.0



Internet of Things

Processes

Applications

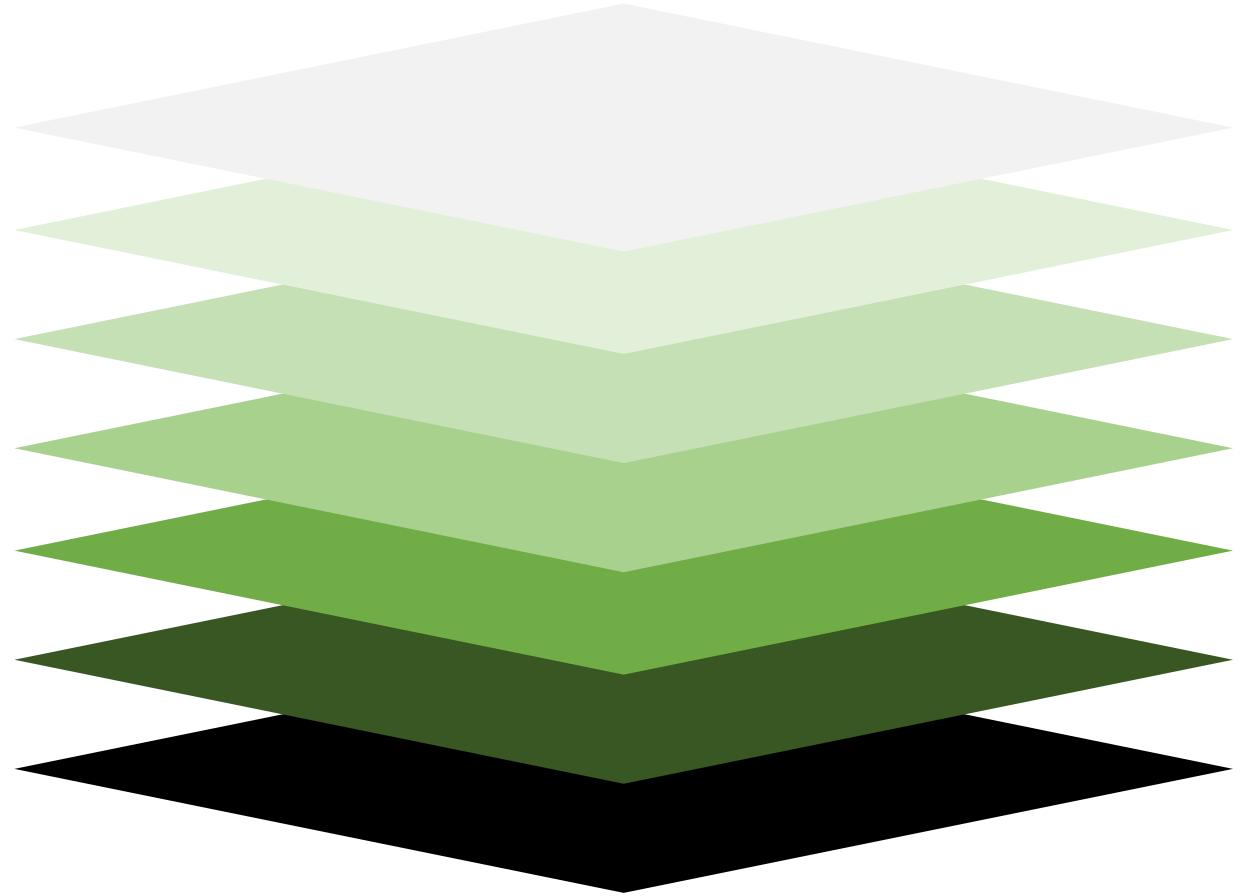
Data abstraction

Data accumulation

Edge computing

Connectivity

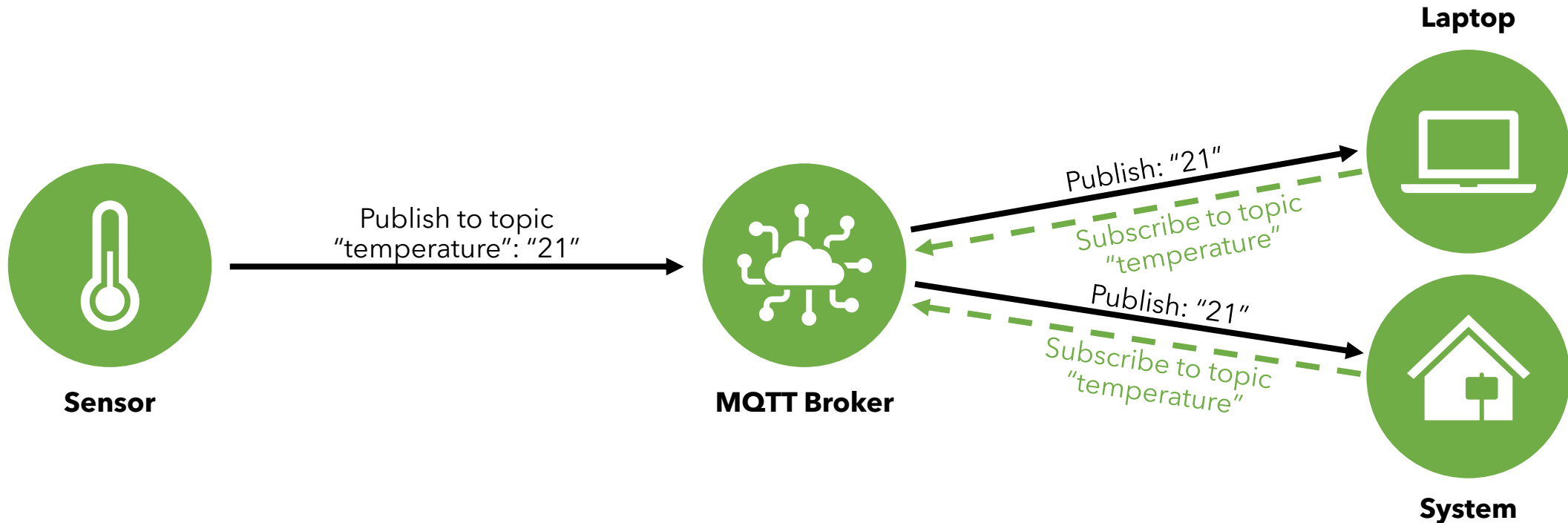
Appliances



Various protocols

MQTT

Message Queuing Telemetry Transport



Various protocols

MQTT

HTTP

Websocket

DDS

...

Time series data

S351,21,80,1630575705	S370,True,1630575733	S351,21,80,1630575769	S351,21,80,1630575800
S351,21,78,1630575706	S351,21,83,1630575735	S351,21,78,1630575772	S351,21,78,1630575803
S351,21,,1630575709	S351,23,82,1630575736	S351,21,,1630575773	S351,21,,1630575804
S349,21,80,480,1630575710	S349,23,80,495,1630575738	S349,21,80,480,1630575774	S349,21,80,480,1630575805
S351,22,80,1630575713	S351,24,82,1630575738	S351,22,80,1630575777	S351,22,80,1630575805
S351,22,81,1630575714	S351,24,82,1630575739	S370,True,1630575778	S351,22,81,1630575808
S351,22,81,1630575717	S351,24,,1630575741	S351,22,81,1630575779	S351,22,81,1630575810
S349,22,78,492,1630575717	S349,,78,501,1630575741	S349,22,78,492,1630575780	S349,22,78,492,1630575812
S351,21,80,1630575718	S351,24,80,1630575742	S351,21,80,1630575782	S351,21,80,1630575813
S351,21,78,1630575721	S351,23,78,1630575744	S351,22,78,1630575783	S351,21,78,1630575815
S351,22,77,1630575723	S351,23,78,1630575744	S351,23,77,1630575785	S351,22,77,1630575816
S349,23,74,1630575724	S349,23,77,1630575749	S349,25,74,1630575786	S349,23,74,1630575824
S351,22,,1630575727	S351,23,74,1630575760	S351,25,,1630575788	S351,22,,1630575824
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S351,23,,1630575730	S351,23,,1630575763	S370,False,1630575793	S351,23,,1630575827
S349,,80,1630575730	S349,18,72,1630575766	S349,,80,1630575795	S349,,80,1630575829
S349,22,81,1630575732	S349,18,72,1630575768	S349,22,81,502,1630575796	S349,22,81,1630575832

Volume
Velocity
Variety

Compare this to IFC

```
DATA;
#1= IFCPERSON('CONNECT365\\1990jama','Undefined',$,$,$,$,$,$);
#2= IFCORGANIZATION($,'Trimble Solutions Corporation',$,$,$);
#3= IFCPERSONANDORGANIZATION(#1,#2,$);
#4= IFCAPPLICATION(#2,'2019i Service Pack 2','Tekla Structures','Multi material modeling');
#5= IFCOWNERHISTORY(#3,#4,$,.NOCHANGE.,,$,$,1574669477);
#6= IFCCARTESIANPOINT((0.,0.,0.));
#7= IFCDIRECTION((1.,0.,0.));
#8= IFCDIRECTION((0.,1.,0.));
#9= IFCDIRECTION((0.,0.,1.));
#10= IFCAxis2PLACEMENT3D(#6,#9,#7);
#11= IFCGEOMETRICREPRESENTATIONCONTEXT($,'Model',3,1.E-05,#10,$);
#12= IFCGEOMETRICREPRESENTATIONSUBCONTEXT('Body','Model',*,*,*,*,#11,$,.MODEL_VIEW.,$);
#13= IFCGEOMETRICREPRESENTATIONSUBCONTEXT('Axis','Model',*,*,*,*,#11,$,.GRAPH_VIEW.,$);
#14= IFCGEOMETRICREPRESENTATIONSUBCONTEXT('FootPrint','Model',*,*,*,*,#11,$,.MODEL_VIEW.,$);
#15= IFCSIUNIT(*,.LENGTHUNIT.,.MILLI.,.METRE.);
#16= IFCMEASUREWITHUNIT(IFCRATIOEASURE(304.8),#15);
#17= IFCDIMENSIONALEXPONENTS(1,0,0,0,0,0,0);
#18= IFCCONVERSIONBASEDUNIT(#17,.LENGTHUNIT.,'FOOT',#16);
#19= IFCSIUNIT(*,.AREAUNIT.,$.SQUARE_METRE.);
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#24= IFCMEASUREWITHUNIT(IFCRATIOEASURE(0.028316846592),#23);
#25= IFCDIMENSIONALEXPONENTS(3,0,0,0,0,0,0);
#26= IFCCONVERSIONBASEDUNIT(#25,.VOLUMEUNIT.,'CUBIC FOOT',#24);
#27= IFCSIUNIT(*,.MASSUNIT.,.KILO.,.GRAM.);
#28= IFCSIUNIT(*,.TIMEUNIT.,$.SECOND.);
#29= IFCSIUNIT(*,.PLANEANGLEUNIT.,$.RADIAN.);
#30= IFCMEASUREWITHUNIT(IFCRATIOEASURE(0.0174532925199433),#29);
#31= IFCDIMENSIONALEXPONENTS(0,0,0,0,0,0,0);
#32= IFCCONVERSIONBASEDUNIT(#31,.PLANEANGLEUNIT.,'DEGREE',#30);
#33= IFCSIUNIT(*,.SOLIDANGLEUNIT.,$.STERADIAN.);
#34= IFCSIUNIT(*,.THERMODYNAMICTEMPERATUREUNIT.,$.DEGREE_CELSIUS.);
#35= IFCSIUNIT(*,.LUMINOUSINTENSITYUNIT.,$.LUMEN.);
#36= IFCUNITASSIGNMENT((#15,#19,#23,#27,#28,#29,#33,#34,#35));
#37= IFCPROJECT('3vQCgMnsj2$hlmsSZB5TdK',#5,'Undefined',$,$,$,$,(#11),#36);
#38= IFCLOCALPLACEMENT($,#10);
#39= IFCSITE('1ijI259fXFn8wEPcpLaAC3',#5,'Undefined',$,$,#38,$,$,.ELEMENT.,$,0.,$,,$);
```

Different ways to consume the data

Directly, via these protocols

MQTT, Kafka, ...

Indirectly, via (time-series) databases

InfluxDB

TimescaleDB

MongoDB

MySQL

Common structure, formats, ...? No

InfluxDB Line protocol syntax

```
<measurement>[,<tag_key>=<tag_value>[,<tag_key>=<tag_value>]] <field_key>=<field_value>[,<field_key>=<field_value>] [  
<timestamp>]
```

Example

```
materaTemperature,measuredBy=JohnDoe,location=cte  
temperature="25" 1556813561098000000
```

Common structure, formats, ...? No

MongoDB time series collection

```
db.materaTemperature.insertMany( [  
  {  
    "metadata": { "measuredBy": "JohnDoe", "location": "cte",  
"type": "temperature" },  
    "timestamp": ISODate("2019-06-14T05:32:49.000Z"),  
    "temperature": 12  
  },
```

Common structure, formats, ...? No

InfluxDB time series data querying

```
data = from(bucket: "materaWeather")
```

```
  |> range(start: -1h)
```

```
  |> filter(fn: (r) => r._measurement == "materaTemperature"  
and r._field == "temperature")
```

Common structure, formats, ...? No

MongoDB time series data querying

```
db.weather.findOne({
```

```
  "timestamp": ISODate("2021-05-18T00:00:00.000Z")
```

```
})
```

This makes sense...

Different databases are good in different things

- × Querying

- × Storage

- × Semantics

- × Others (retention policies, mathematical expressions, ...)

To do this, they need different data structures

... but data integration is more complex

Part 2

Semantics of sensors

Sensor ontologies

- × Many authors created ontologies to represent sensors and actuators.
- × SOSA/SSN
- × BOP
- × SAREF
- × SEAS
- × Brick
- × And more in <https://doi.org/10.3390/buildings12101522>

Common semantic concepts

:Sensor

× Something that can measure values

:FeatureOfInterest

× A real-world phenomenon, a “thing”

:Property

× A measurable characteristic of a feature of interest

:Observation

× The act of observing the state of a property

:Result

× The outcome of the observation

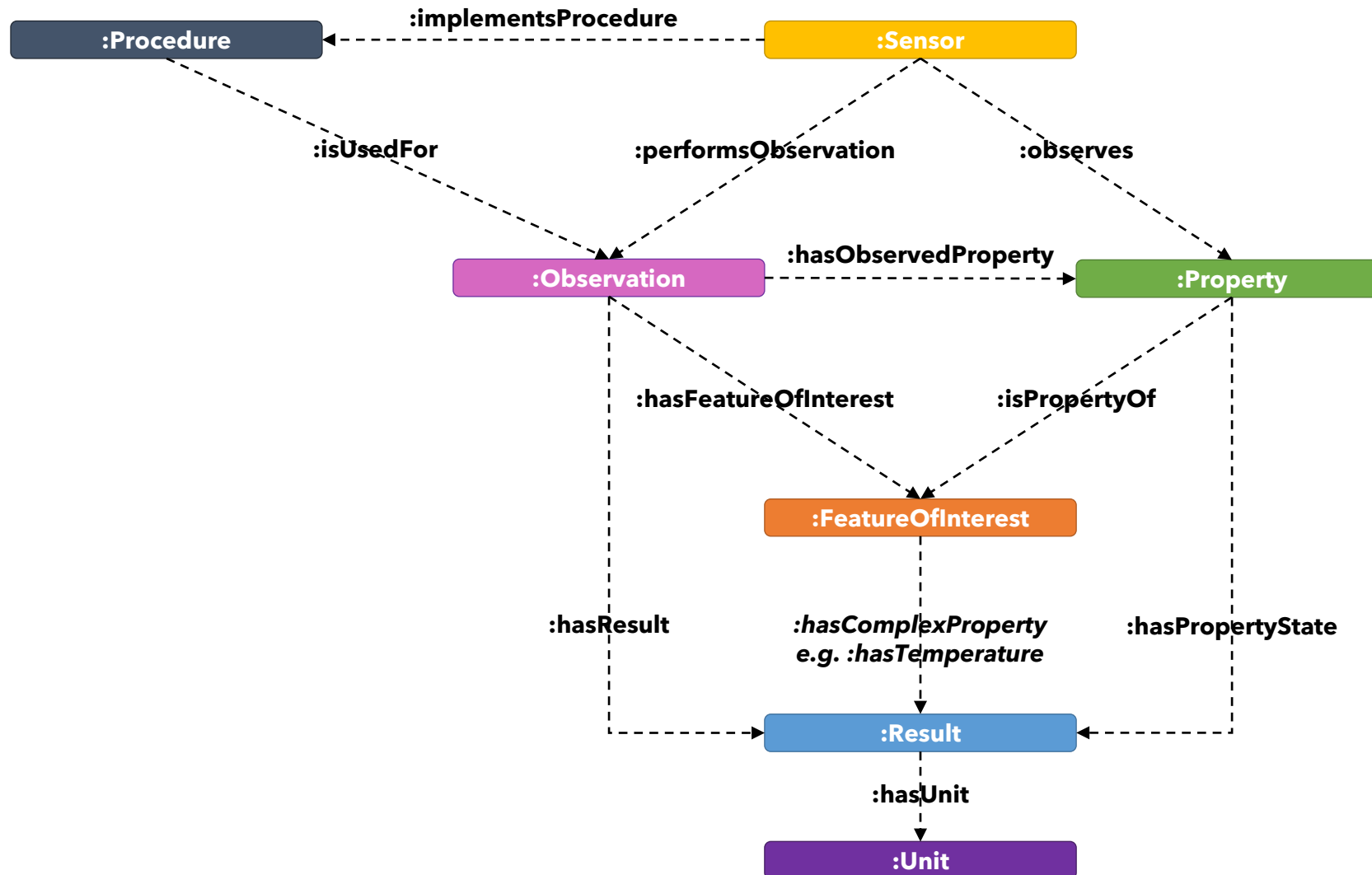
:Unit

× The unit of measure

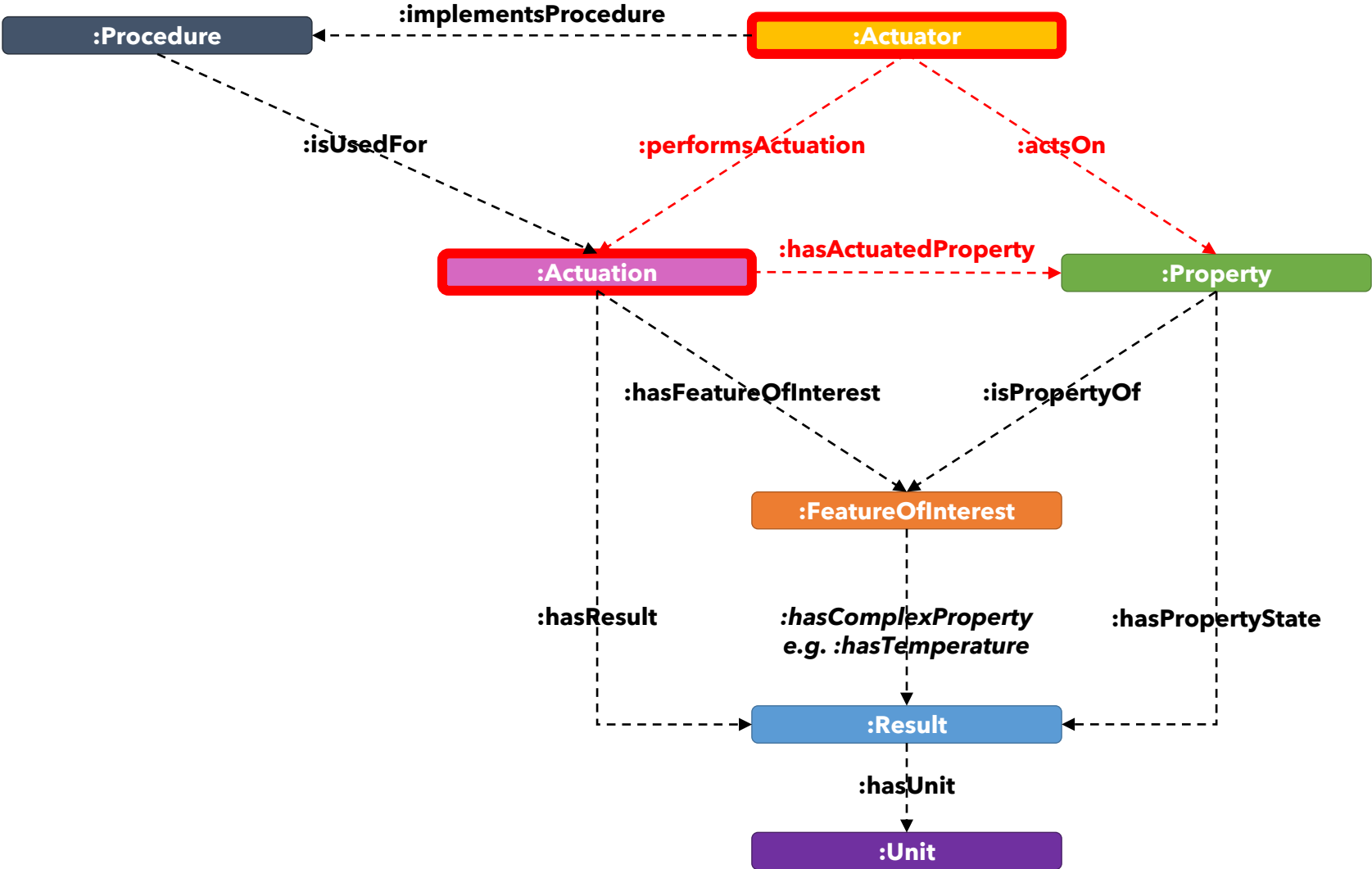
:Procedure

× A workflow, protocol or plan specifying how to perform an observation

Ontology design pattern

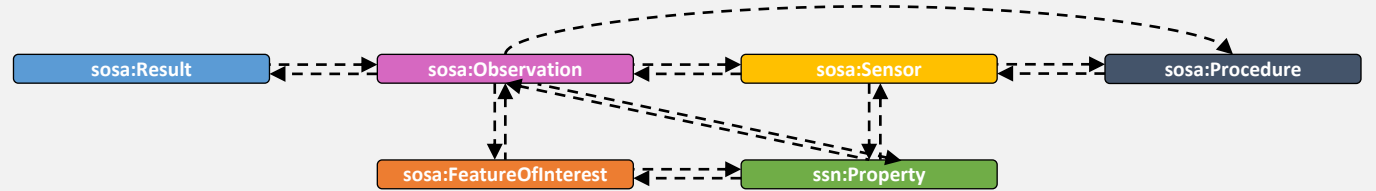


Actuators follow a similar pattern

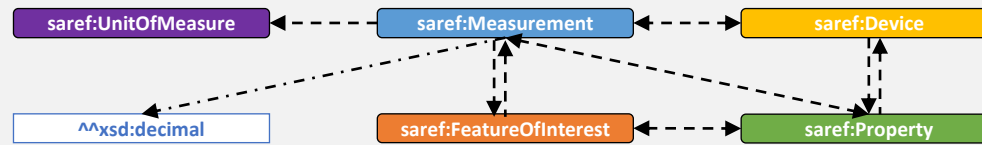


Sensor ontologies

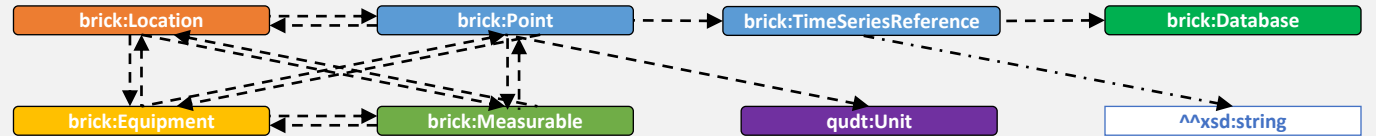
× SOSA/SSN



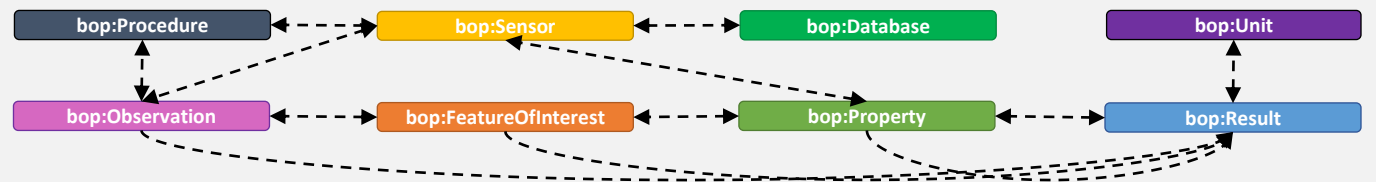
× SAREF



× Brick



× BOP

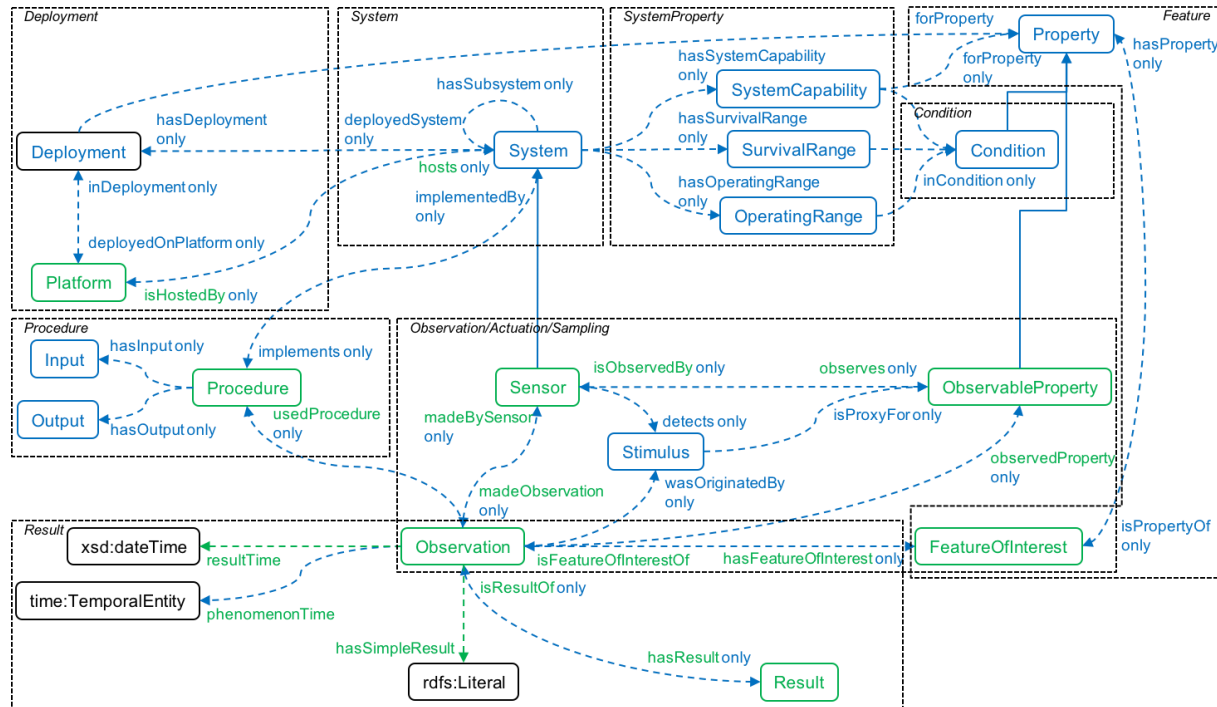


All these ontologies...

× Different perspectives, same structure

× W3C recommendation: **SOSA/SSN**

× <https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-ssn/>

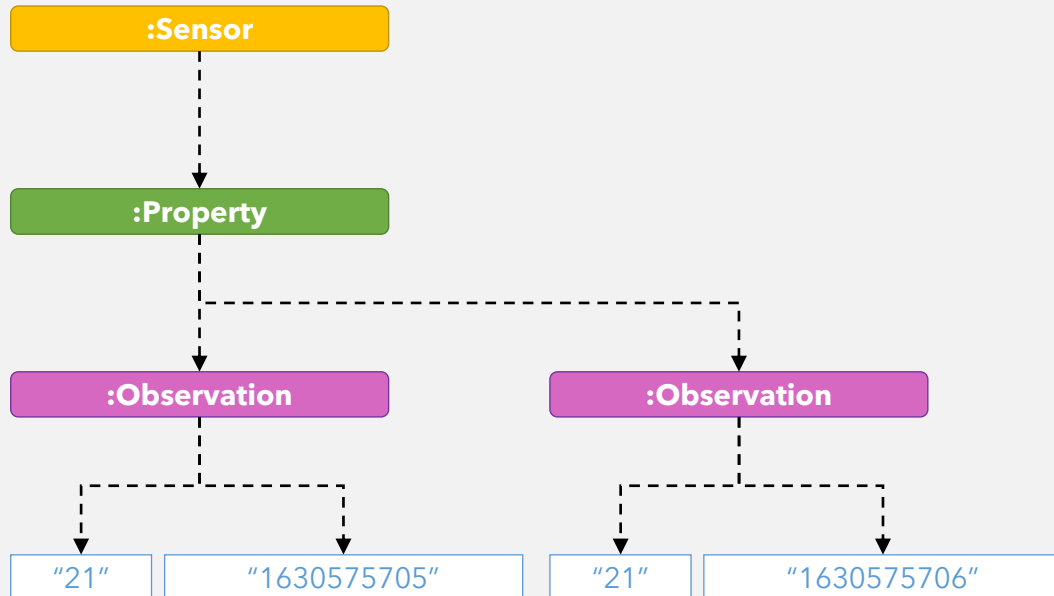


Integrating time series data

Method 1 Time series data as RDF

- ✓ Query data directly using SPARQL
- ✓ Simpler software stack
- ✗ Graph explodes
- ✗ Data conversion

GRAPH DATABASE



Method 2 Link to an external database

- ✓ Best for storage
- ✓ No data conversion
- ✗ Two query languages

GRAPH DATABASE



TIME-SERIES DATABASE / API / MQTT-BROKER / ETC...

```
S01, 21, 1630575705
S01, 21, 1630575706
S01, 22, 1630575709
```

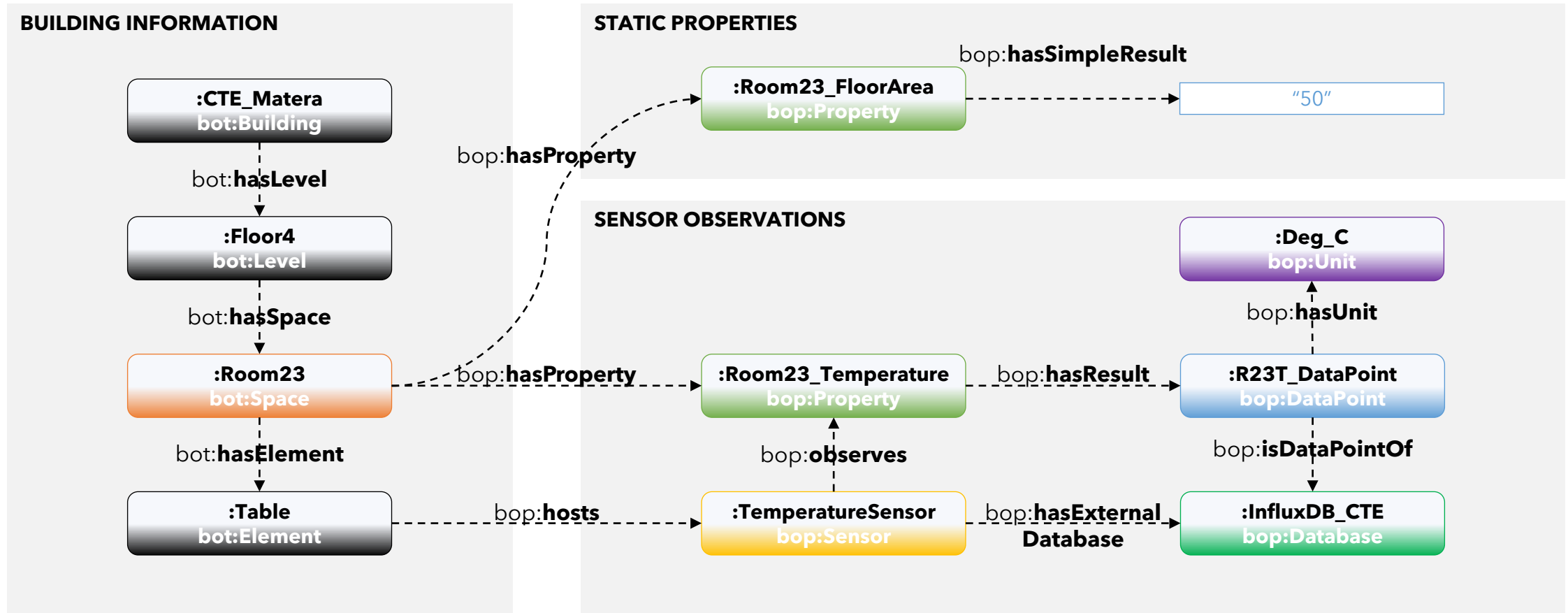

Part 3

Sensors and Linked Building Data

Let's get active!

- × Draw an RDF graph, representing **this room** and **a sensor in this room**, using LBD ontologies.
- × Which queries could you now write?

Linking BOT and Sensor metadata



How to query?

SPARQL

```
PREFIX bot: <https://w3id.org/bot#>
PREFIX bop: <https://w3id.org/bop#>
SELECT * WHERE {
  :CTE_Matera bot:hasLevel ?level .
  ?level bot:hasSpace ?space .
  ?space bop:hasProperty ?property .
  ?property a quantitykind:Temperature .
  ?property bop:isObservedBy ?sensor .
  ?property bop:hasResult ?dataPoint .
  ?dataPoint bop:isPartOfDatabase ?database .
}
```

TSDB QUERY

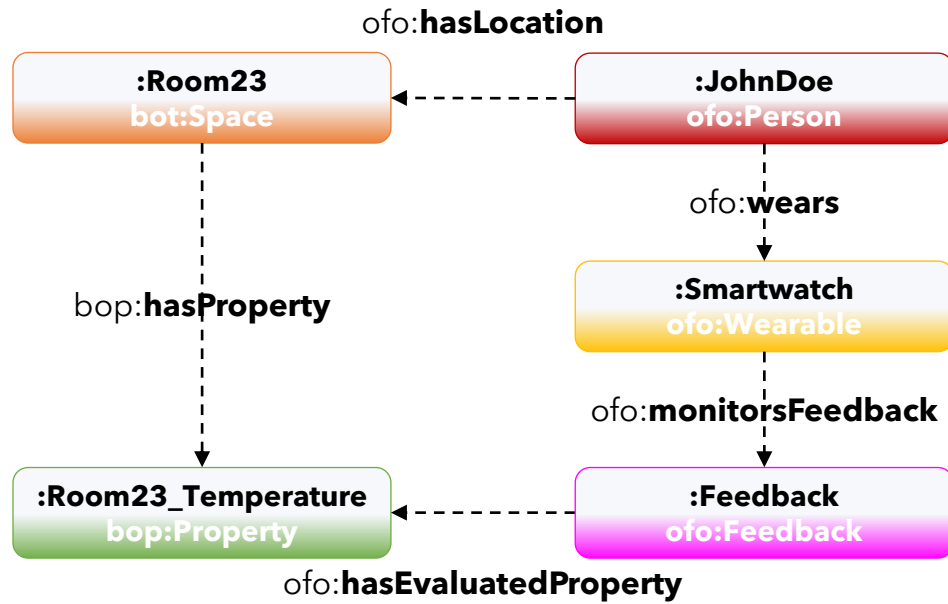
```
from(bucket: "?database")
|> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop:
  v.timeRangeStop)
|> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] ==
  "?dataPoint")
```

Never stop drawing graphs...

- × What if there's multiple sensors in the same room?
- × What if one sensor measures multiple properties?
- × What if two sensors measure the same property?
- × What if two sensors measure in different frequencies?
- × Does the exact location of the sensor matter? How would you query this?

Smartwatch

Measures **feedback** and has various health-related **sensors**



BUILDING INFORMATION

:CTE_Matera
bot:Building

bot:hasLevel

:Floor4
bot:Level

bot:hasSpace

:Room23
bot:Space

bot:hasElement

:Table
bot:Element

STATIC PROPERTIES

:Room23_FloorArea
bop:Property

bop:hasSimpleResult

"50"

SENSOR OBSERVATIONS

:Room23_Temperature
bop:Property

bop:hasResult

:R23T_DataPoint
bop:DataPoint

bop:observes

:TemperatureSensor
bop:Sensor

bop:hasExternal
Database

bop:isDataPointOf

:Deg_C
bop:Unit

bop:hasUnit

:InfluxDB_CTE
bop:Database

SMARTWATCH

:JohnDoe
ofo:Person

ofo:hasProperty

:Heartbeat
ofo:Property

ofo:wears

:Smartwatch
ofo:Wearable

ofo:monitorsFeedback

:Feedback
ofo:Feedback

ofo:wears

:R23T_DataPoint
bop:DataPoint

ofo:monitorsFeedback

:JohnsDatabase
bop:Database

ofo:hasEvaluatedProperty

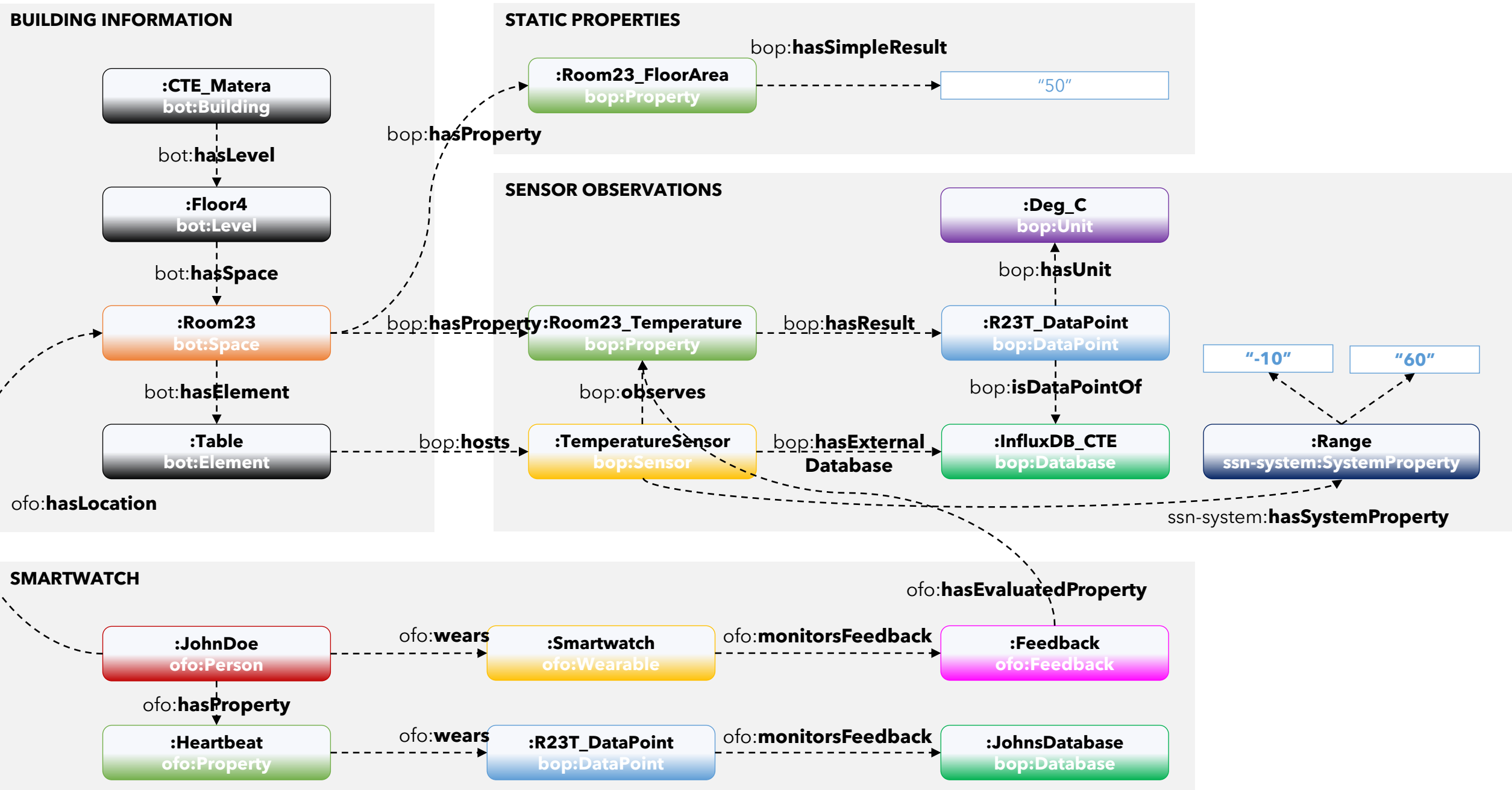
ofo:hasLocation

bop:hasProperty

bop:hasProperty

bop:hosts

ofo:hasLocation



SPARQL

```
PREFIX bot: <https://w3id.org/bot#>
PREFIX bop: <https://w3id.org/bop#>
SELECT * WHERE {
  :CTE_Matera bot:hasLevel ?level .
  ?level bot:hasSpace ?space .
  ?space bop:hasProperty ?property .
  ?property a quantitykind:Temperature .
  ?property bop:isObservedBy ?sensor .
  ?sensor ssn-system:hasSystemProperty ?range .
  ?range :hasValue ?minRange,?maxRange .
  ?property bop:hasResult ?dataPoint .
  ?dataPoint bop:isPartOfDatabase ?database .
}
```

TSDB QUERY

```
from(bucket: "?database")
|> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop:
  v.timeRangeStop)
|> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] ==
  "?dataPoint")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r._value > ?minRange)
|> filter(fn: (r) => r._value < ?maxRange)
```

Data cleaning using explicit range

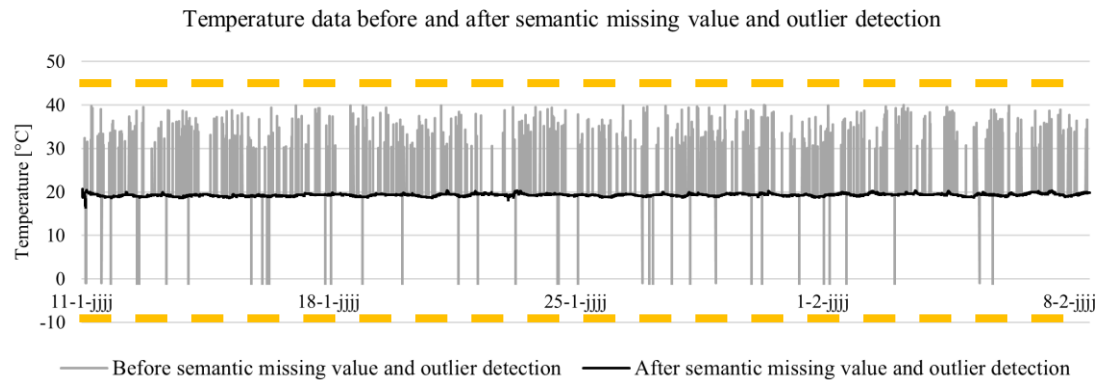


Figure 3: Temperature data before and after the missing value and outlier detection

PREFIX OFH:

```
<http://github.com/AlexDonkers/OpenFamilyHome#>
```

```
PREFIX bop: <https://w3id.org/bop#>
```

```
PREFIX ssn-system:
```

```
<http://www.w3.org/ns/ssn/systems/>
```

```
SELECT * WHERE {
```

```
OFH:Kitchen bop:hasProperty ?property .
```

```
?property a quantitykind:Temperature .
```

```
?property bop:isObservedBy ?sensor .
```

```
?sensor ssn-system:hasSystemProperty ?range ,
```

```
?frequency .
```

```
?sensor bop:hasNullValueRepresentation
```

```
?nullValueRepresentation .
```

```
?range bop:hasSimpleMinimum |
```

```
bop:hasSimpleMaximum ?rangeValue .
```

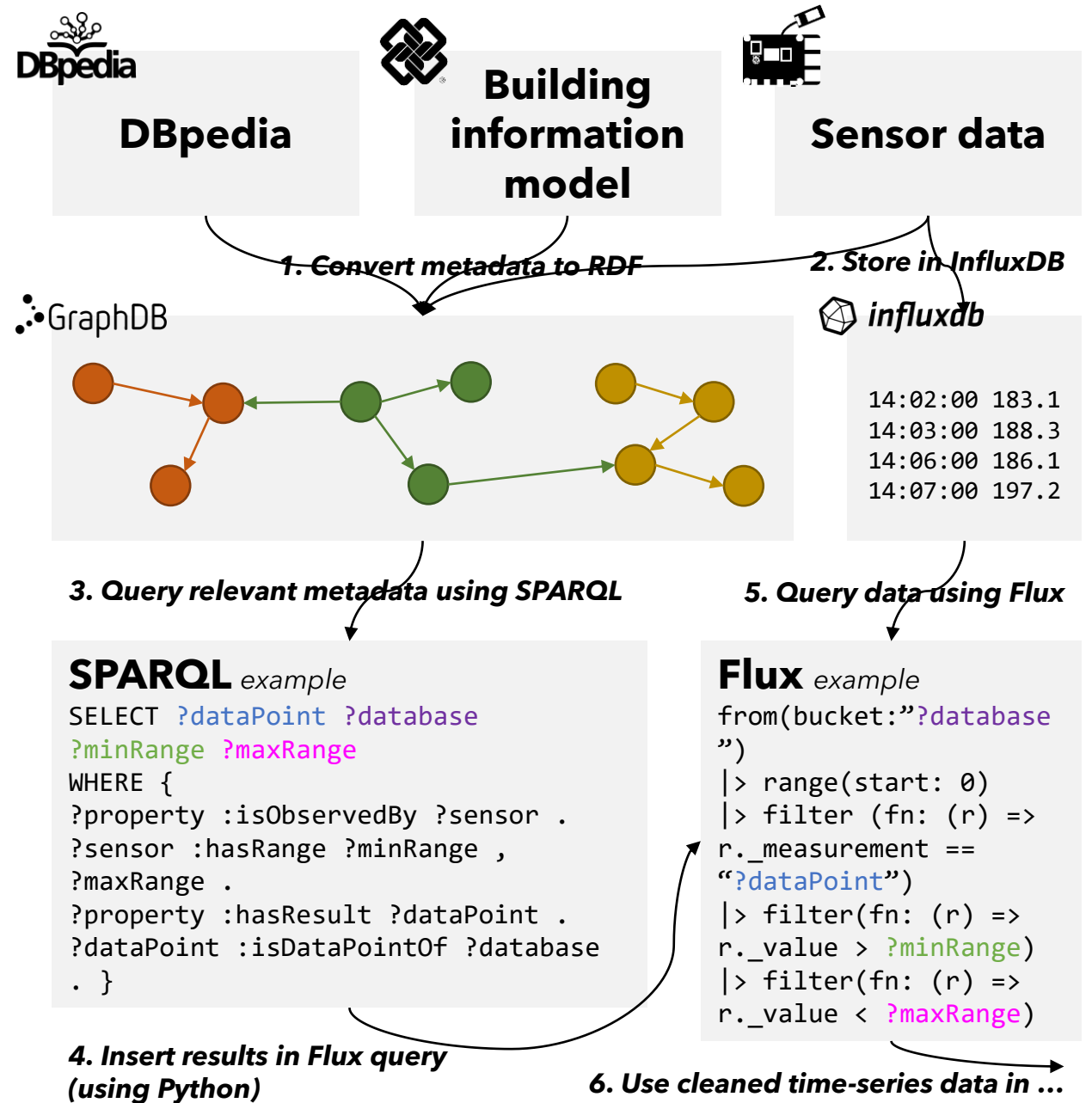
```
?frequency a ssn-system:Frequency .
```

```
?frequency bop:hasSimpleResult ?frequencyValue .
```

```
}
```

Add non-sensor data

Allows you to link other data (e.g. DBpedia) with your sensor data, even if there's no direct relationship in the RDF graph.



Data cleaning using exp

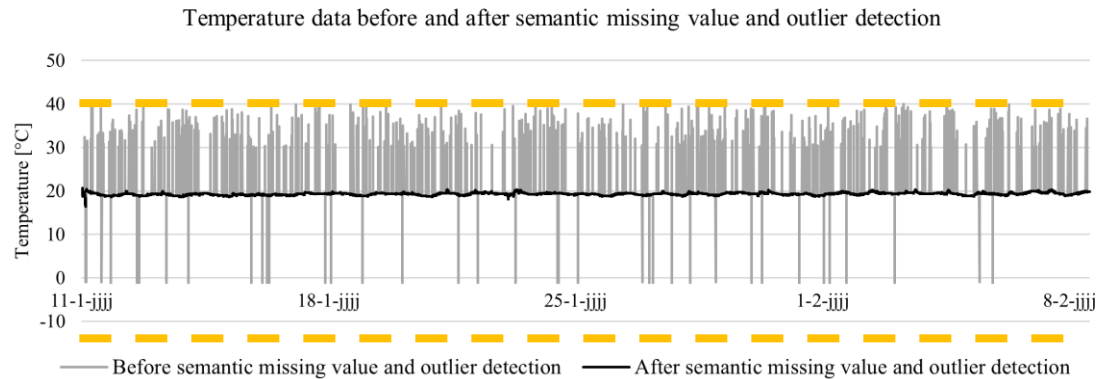


Figure 3: Temperature data before and after the missing value and outlier detection

Flux

```
from(bucket: "?database")
|> range(start: v.timeRangeStart, stop:
v.timeRangeStop)
|> filter(fn: (r) => r["_measurement"] ==
"?dataPoint")
|> filter(fn: (r) => r._value > ?minRange)
|> filter(fn: (r) => r._value < ?maxRange)
```

SPARQL

PREFIX OFH:

<<http://github.com/AlexDonkers/OpenFamilyHome#>>

PREFIX bot: <<https://w3id.org/bot#>>

PREFIX ssn-system:

<<http://www.w3.org/ns/ssn/systems/>>

PREFIX bop: <<https://w3id.org/bop#>>

PREFIX quantitykind:

<<http://qudt.org/vocab/quantitykind/>>

PREFIX dbo: <<https://dbpedia.org/ontology/>>

PREFIX dbr: <<https://dbpedia.org/resource/>>

INSERT {

?sensor ssn-system:hasSystemProperty

OFH:CustomRange .

OFH:CustomRange rdf:type ssn-system:Range,
bop:Property , ssn-system:CustomRange.

OFH:CustomRange bop:hasSimpleMinimum "10" .

OFH:CustomRange bop:hasSimpleMaximum "30" .

} WHERE {

?property bop:isObservedBy ?sensor .

?property a **quantitykind:Temperature** .

?sensor bop:isHostedBy ?host .

?zone bot:containsElement ?host .

?building bot:hasSpace ?zone .

?building a **dbr:House** .

?site bot:hasBuilding ?building .

?site dbo:location **dbr:Netherlands** .

}

Part 4

Use-cases

Options +

Queries -

Find SPARQL Graph locator

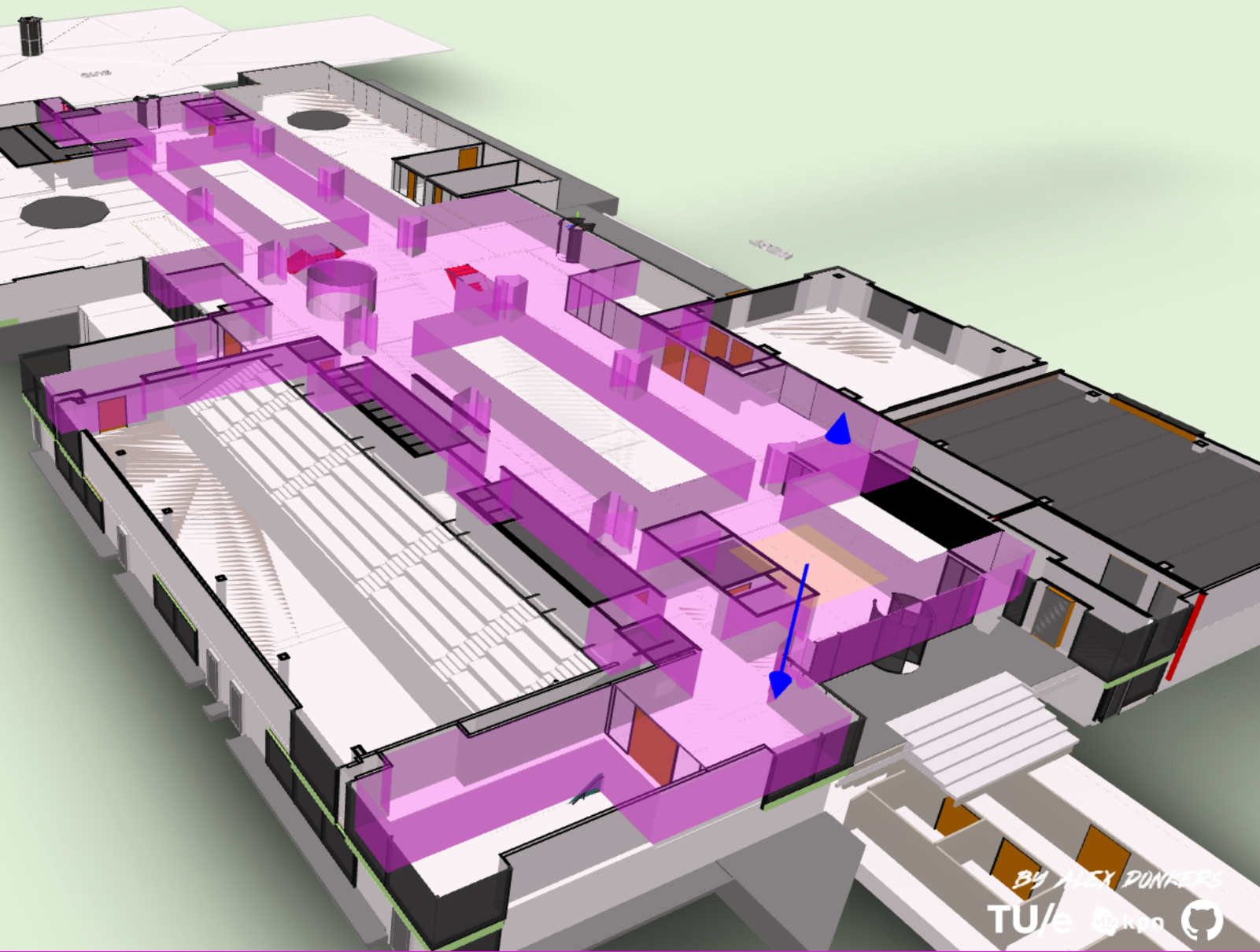
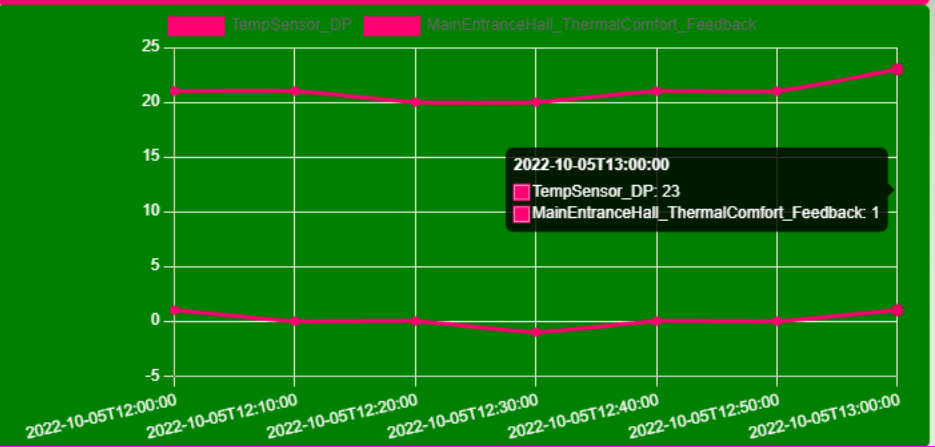
```
PREFIX ofo: <https://w3id.org/fo#>  
PREFIX Atlas: <https://www.github.com/AlexDonkers/Atlas#>  
PREFIX prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#>  
select ?Feedback ?Value ?Time ?FeatureOfInterest where {  
  ?Feedback ofo:hasFeatureOfInterest Atlas:MainEntranceHall .  
  ?Feedback ofo:hasFeatureOfInterest ?FeatureOfInterest .  
  ?Feedback ofo:hasFeedbackResult ?Result .  
  ?Result ofo:hasValue ?Value .  
  ?Result prov:generatedAtTime ?Time .
```




Run query!

Results -

FeatureOfInterest	Value	Time	Feedback
MainEntranceHall	Like	2022-10-05T12:00:00.000	MainEntranceHall_ThermalComfort_Feedback
MainEntranceHall	Dislike	2022-10-05T12:30:00.000	MainEntranceHall_ThermalComfort_Feedback
MainEntranceHall	Like	2022-10-05T13:00:00.000	MainEntranceHall_ThermalComfort_Feedback

Sensor data -



	Now	Total
 Energy Socket	3.166	0.828
 P1 Meter	1467	11759.12
 Water	0	7.867

Options

Tools Settings Authorization Energy

Load IFC Default IFC

Queries

Find SPARQL Graph locator

```

PREFIX ofo: <https://w3id.org/fo#>
PREFIX prov: <http://www.w3.org/ns/prov#>

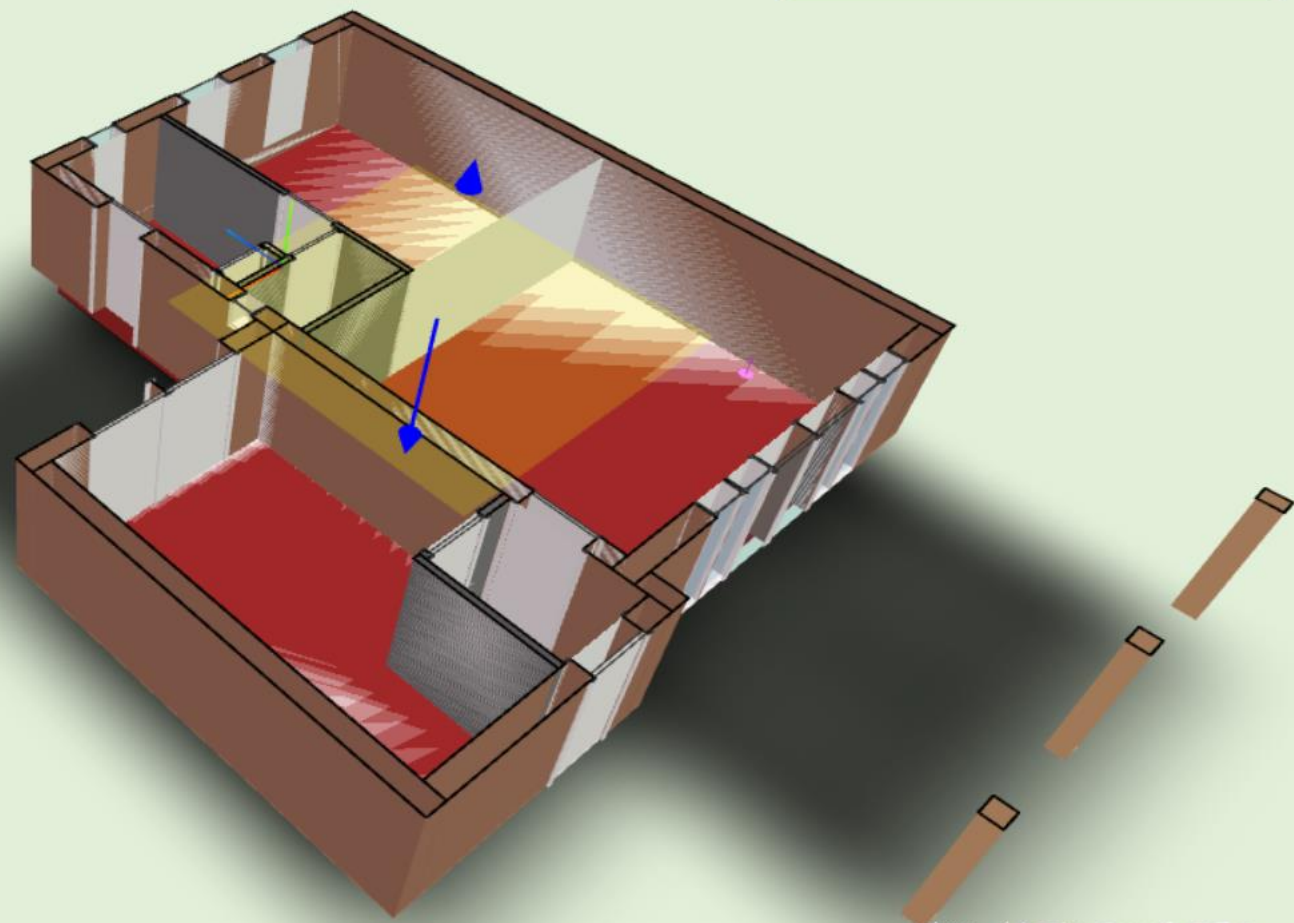
SELECT ?Person ?Property ?Value ?Time
WHERE {
  ?Person ofo:givesFeedback ?Feedback .
  ?Feedback ofo:hasResult / ofo:hasValue ?Value .
  ?Feedback ofo:hasResult / prov:generatedAtTime ?Time .
  ?Feedback ofo:hasEvaluatedProperty ?Property .
}
LIMIT 5
    
```

Run query!

Results

Property	Value	Time	Person
KitchenIlluminance Like		2023-02-25T17:00:00+01:00	JohnDoe
KitchenIlluminance Dislike		2023-02-25T17:30:00+01:00	JohnDoe
KitchenIlluminance Dislike		2023-02-25T18:00:00+01:00	JohnDoe
KitchenIlluminance Like		2023-02-25T18:30:00+01:00	JohnDoe
KitchenIlluminance Like		2023-02-25T19:00:00+01:00	JohnDoe

Sensor data +





LBD *VIZ*

OPENFAMILYHOME

Energy Widget			
	Now	Total	€/h
⏻ Energy Socket	0 W	0.945 kWh	0
Ⓜ P1Meter	286 W	11907.28 kWh	0.197
💧 Water	0 L/min	32.66 m ³	



Options

Quarles

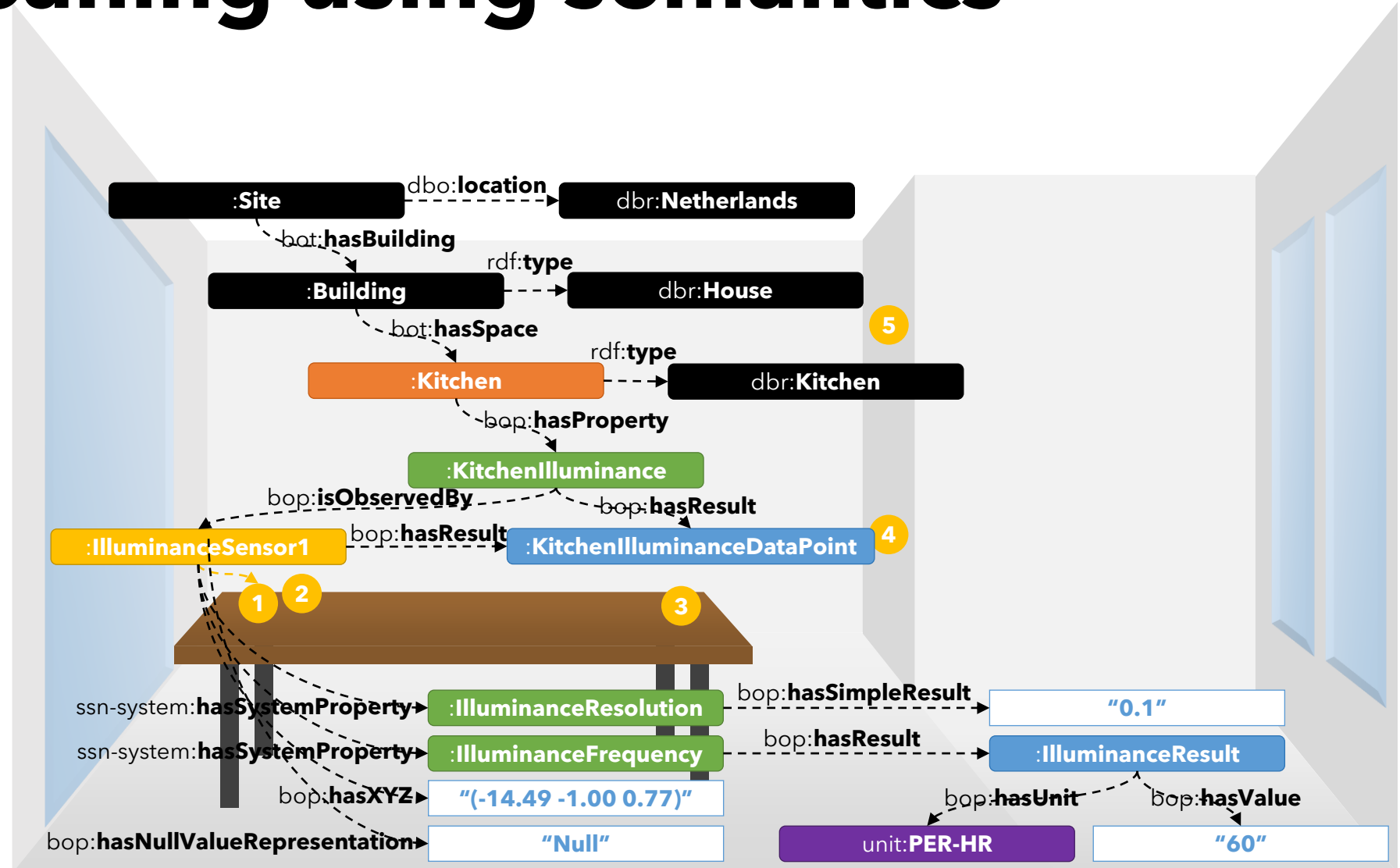
Resulta

Sensor data



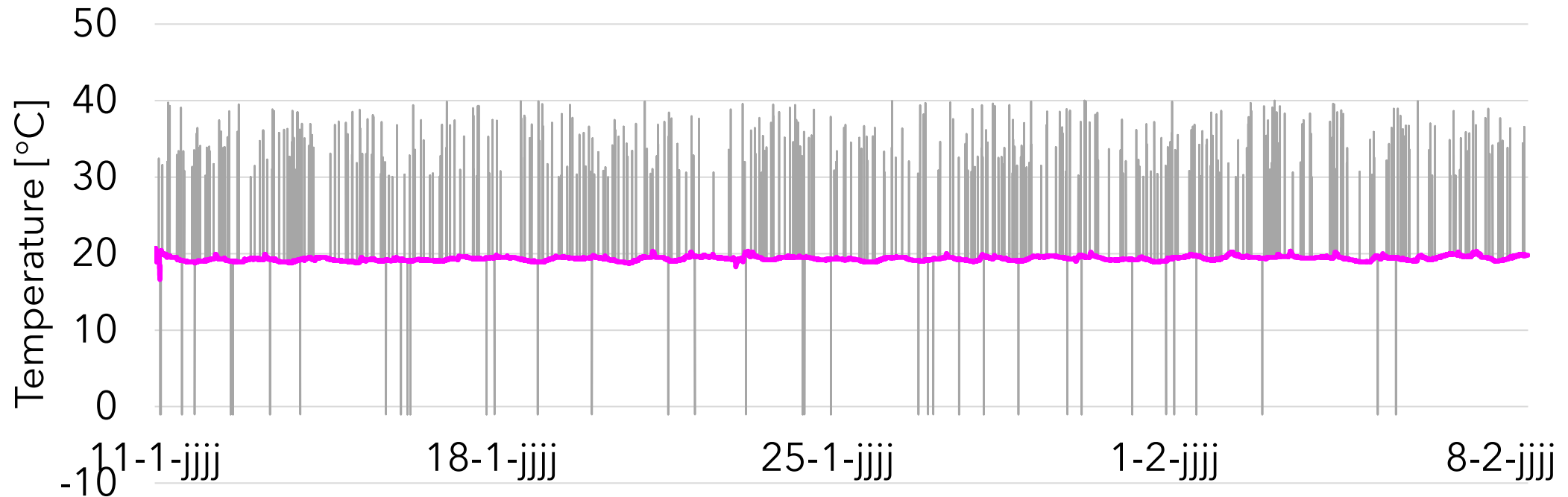
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Data cleaning using semantics



Data cleaning using semantics

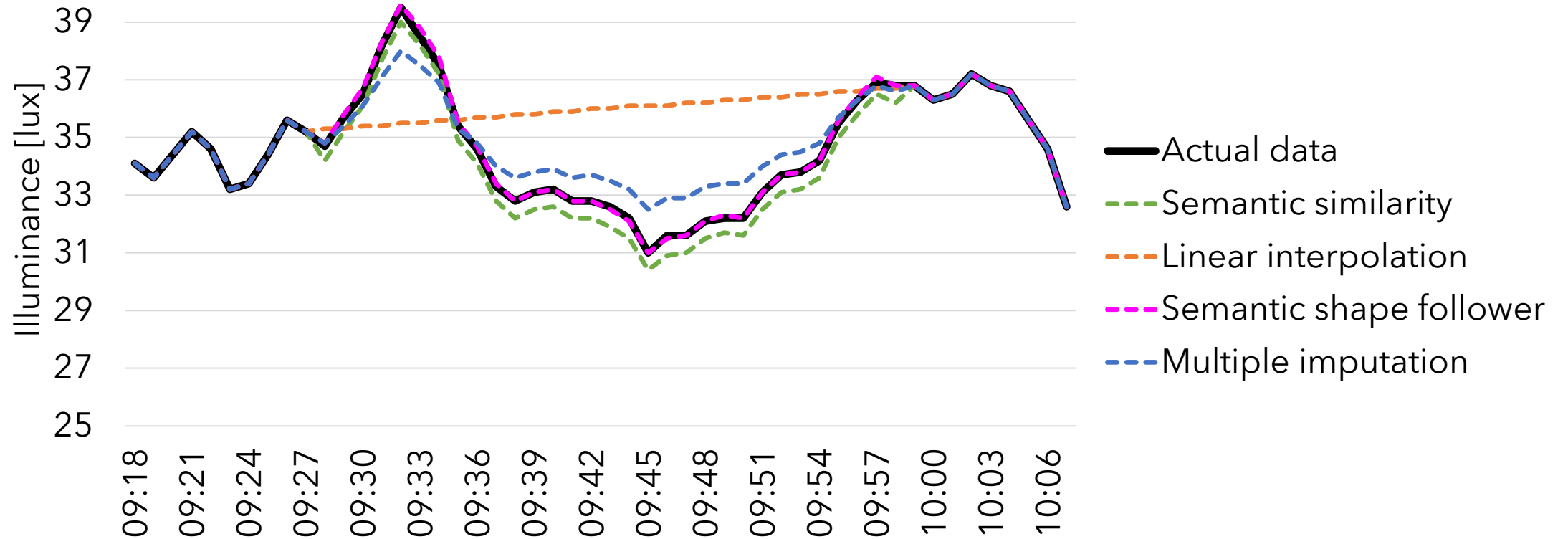
Temperature data before and after semantic missing value and outlier detection



- Before semantic missing value and outlier detection
- After semantic missing value and outlier detection

Data cleaning using semantics

Results of four imputation methods (MP)



Part 5

Hands-on showcase

GEOMETRY

GraphDB

```
sparql.setQuery("""PREFIX props: <https://w3id.org/props#>
PREFIX quantitykind: <http://qudt.org/vocab/quantitykind/>
PREFIX bot: <https://w3id.org/bot#>
PREFIX bop: <https://w3id.org/bop#>
PREFIX beo: <http://pi.pauwel.be/voc/buildingelement#>
PREFIX : <https://research.tue.nl/nl/persons/alex-ja-donkers#>

SELECT ?room ?wall ?interface ?interfaceWidthValue

WHERE {
  ?room bop:hasSimplePropertyState "Bedroom" ;
        bot:adjacentElement ?wall .
  ?wall a beo:Wall .
  ?interface bot:interfaceOf ?room, ?wall ;
            bop:hasProperty ?width .
  ?width a quantitykind:Width ;
        bop:hasPropertyState / bop:hasValue ?interfaceWidthValue
}
```

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```
graph_url = "http://localhost:7200/repositories/OpenSmartHomeRepository"

sparql = SPARQLWrapper(graph_url)
sparql.setQuery("""PREFIX props: <https://w3id.org/props#>
PREFIX quantitykind: <http://qudt.org/vocab/quantitykind/>
PREFIX bot: <https://w3id.org/bot#>
PREFIX bop: <https://w3id.org/bop#>
PREFIX : <https://research.tue.nl/nl/persons/alex-ja-donkers#>

SELECT ?property ?datapoint ?database

WHERE {
  ?room bop:hasSimplePropertyState "Bedroom" ;
        bot:containsElement ?sensor .
  ?sensor bop:observes ?property .
  ?property a quantitykind:Temperature ;
            bop:hasPropertyState ?datapoint .
  ?datapoint bop:isDataPointOf ?database .
} """)
```

```
client = InfluxDBClient(host='localhost', port=8086)

client.switch_database(database)

resultset = client.query(
    'SELECT ' + property + ' FROM ' + datapoint + ' WHERE time <= ' +
    str(maxTime) + ' AND time > ' + str(minTime) + ' ORDER BY time
    DESC LIMIT 1')

value = list((resultset.get_points(measurement=datapoint)))
temperature = value[0]['value']
```

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InfluxDB

I hope you now understand

- × What a sensor is and why time series data is different from other data
- × How we can semantically represent a sensor
- × How we can integrate sensor data and building information
- × How we can query this data
- × How we can use this integrated data

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