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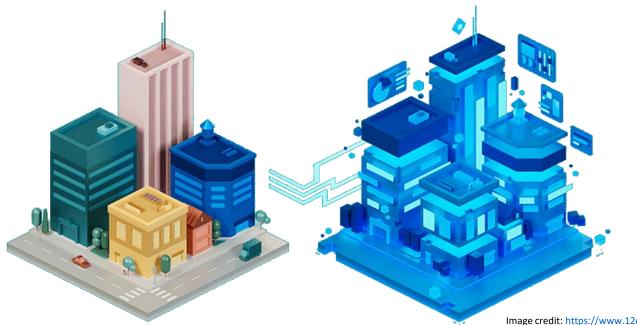
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- A **Digital Twin** is a virtual replica of a real entity
- Originally named *Mirrored Space Model* by M. Grieves in 2002
- Renamed digital twin by J. Vickers of NASA

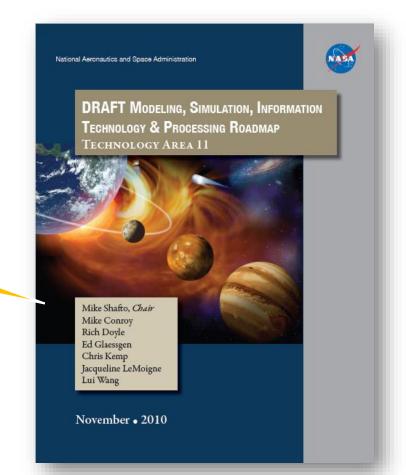






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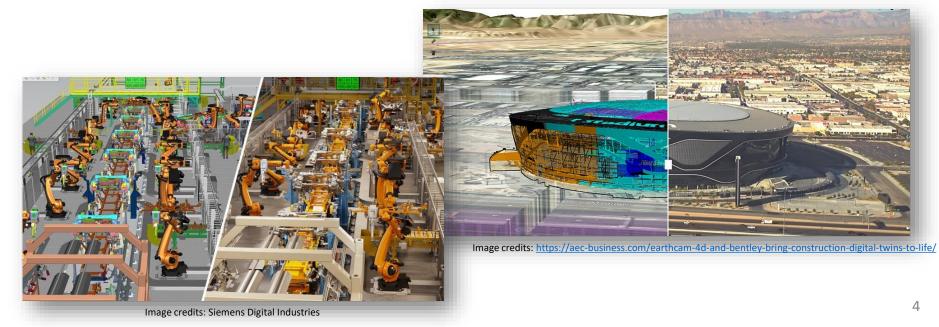
A digital twin is an **integrated** multi-physics, multiscale, probabilistic simulation of a vehicle or system that uses the best available physical models, sensor updates, fleet history, etc., to **mirror the life of its flying twin**.







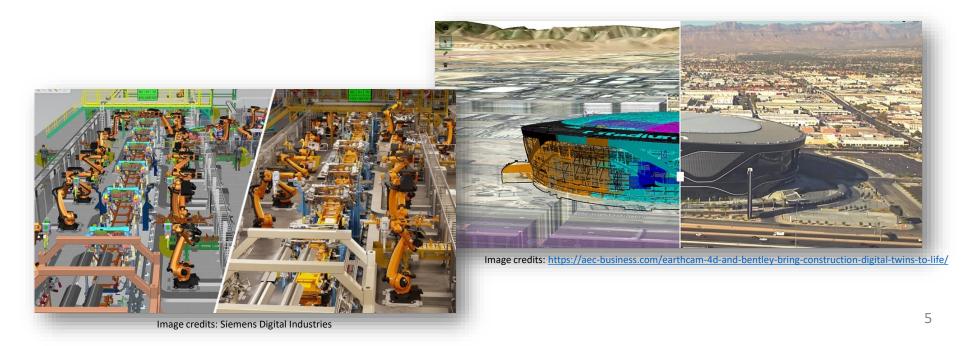
- First applications of digital twins emerged in the aerospace field
- Then, digital twins appeared in the **manufacturing** and **construction** industries







- Digital twins are powered by
 - Internet-of-Things/Web-of-Things (IoT/WoT)
 - Big Data
 - Industry 4.0







- More recently the concept of digital twins has been adopted in the context of **Smart Cities**
- Digital twin technology can undoubtfully help to face future urban developments in several domains
 - Mobility
 - Environment
 - Energy
 - Urban planning
 - ...





- According to VirtualCity project a smart city digital twin should have six characteristics
 - **Realistic**: The digital twin is a realistic 4-dimensional (in both space and time) visual and acoustic virtual experience of the physical counterpart.
 - Interactive: The digital twin is intuitive, accessible, and supports multi-user interaction.
 - **Simulated**: The digital twin is a simulation of the physical twin.
 - **Integrated**: The digital twin is continuously synchronized with the physical twin.
 - Scalable: The digital twin is open-ended, scalable from the building to the district to the city level.
 - **Open**: The digital twin is driven by open data and models.





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A smart city digital twin, even if based on a **3D digital replica** of the urban environment, must go beyond, including **dynamic realtime information**, aggregated in an **accessible interactive interface** where the users can perform **analysis** and **simulations** to study possible evolution of the cities, and from which (with some limits) should be possible to **apply changes** in the real counterpart





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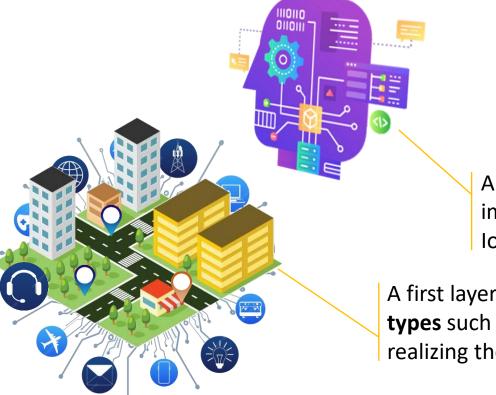


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> A final layer devoted **to visualization and distribution** thought 3D engines and web applications

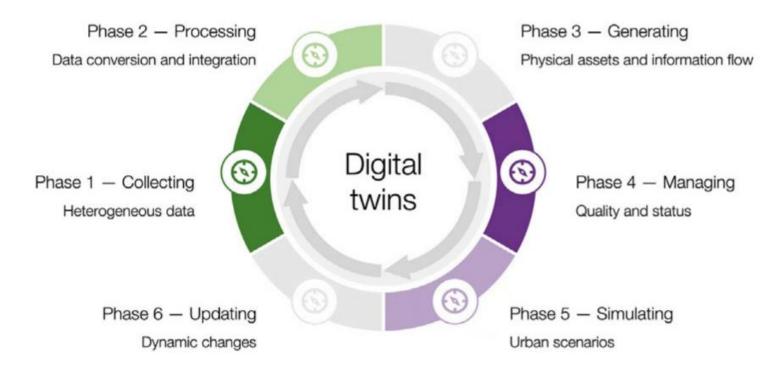
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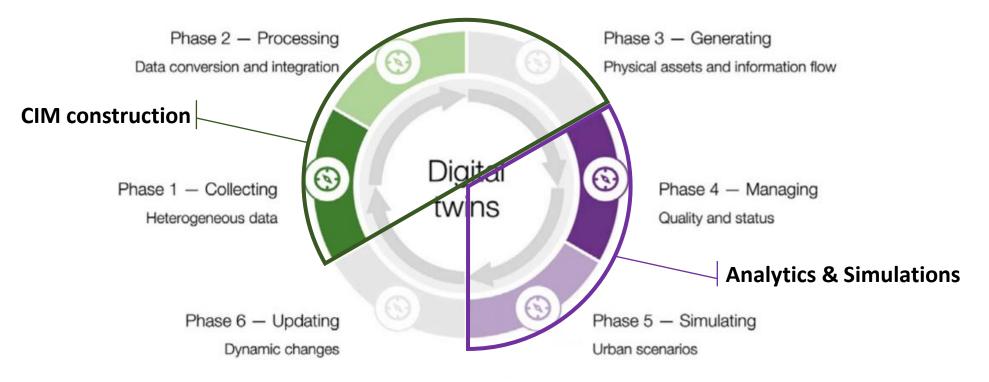
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Requirements

• Based on the literature, we defined a series of requirements to guide the development of a SCDT framework

Field Interoperability

Which function should be included to guarantee an accessible, integrated, and affordable SCDT solution? Data and Computing for Representation

Which data and software should be included into a SCDT? Distribution and Interaction

Which kind of user interaction and animation should be offered by the SCDT interface?





Field Interoperability

ID	Name	Description	
R1	Network Modeling and Management		
R2	Hierarchical modeling of entitiesTo model data for terrain, city building and shapes (gardens, roads), services, heatmaps, traffic flow services, IoT devices, public transportation, etc. To be retrievable with relational, geographical, and ten poral queries.		rability
R3	Logics for data transfor- mation	To transform data collected, for example from IoT sensors, and other sources and transform them into different data models and formats. For example, collecting data from some web service, GIS, FTP and process them for interoperability and for ingestion.	Field Interoper
R4	Smart Data Model com- patibility	To guarantee interoperable and replicable Smart Cities, interoperability at level of data formats, FIWARE Smart Data Models, etc.	Fie
R5	Smart City Federation	Model and data federation among platforms at level of protocols and APIs	
R6	Integration with workflow management systems	To enable ticket/event management. For example, when a fault is detected, it is highlighted in the SCDT and linked to a CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System).	

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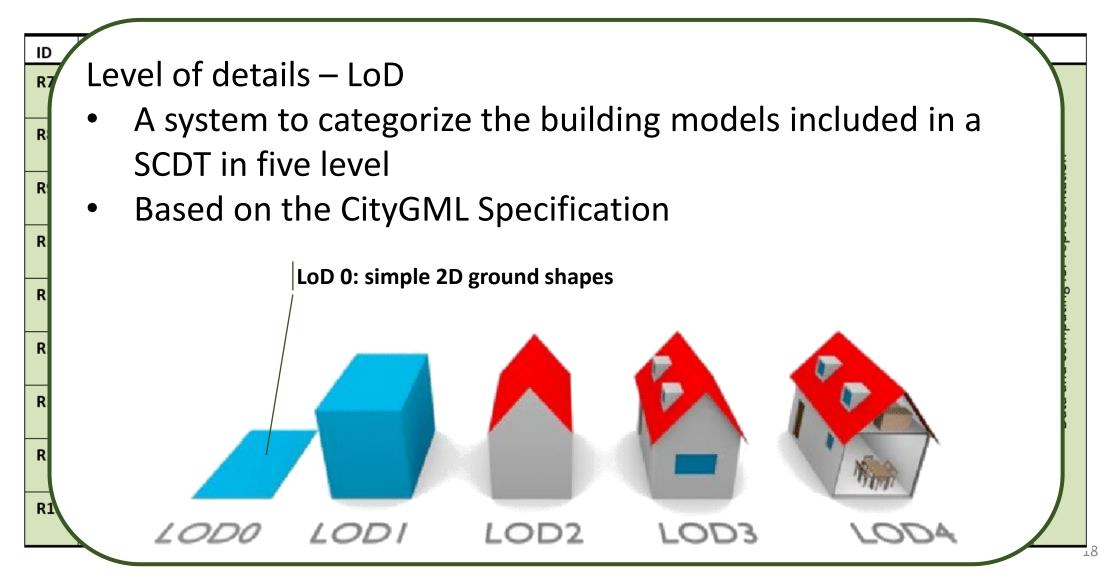
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ID	Name	Description			
R7	Terrain information and elevation	Terrain elevation must be taken into account to properly elevate the city buildings and to model city hills and surrounding mountains			
R8	Ground information	Road shapes and names, names of squares and localities, etc., exploiting orthomaps, with eventual real aerial view patterns, and the graph road.	по		
R9	Heatmaps	To be superimposed (with variable transparency) on the ground level without overlapping the build- ings, to represent distribution of temperature, pollutant, noise, humidity, vegetation, etc.	esentation		
R10	Paths and areas	To be used to describe perimeters/shapes of gardens, cycling paths, trajectories, borders of gov areas, elements of origin destination matrices, traffic flows, people flows, trajectories, pipes, severs, etc.	for repre		
R11	Data analytic	Data analytic processes must be available to let the user develops and/or execute specific data analyt- ics: prediction, traffic flow reconstruction, anomaly detection.			
R12	Single Services	To mark the positions of services, IoT Devices, Point of Interest (POI), Key Performance Indicator (KPI), moving devices as fleets, etc.	nd computing		
R13	Buildings of the city	Each single building should be represented. Multiple LoD could be included: (i) simple LoD1 structures, or (ii) higher LoD structures represented as 3D meshes, and (iii) BIMs	Data a		
R14	Automated 3D building(i) 3D buildings must be created automatically, to be able to scale and replicate the SCDT frameworkconstructionand (ii) the used software must be released with open or free license.				
R15	Additional 3D entities	To augment the realism of the 3D representation. For example (i) trees, benches, fountains, sema- phores, and any other city furniture, and (ii) water bodies to better represent rivers, lakes, etc.			

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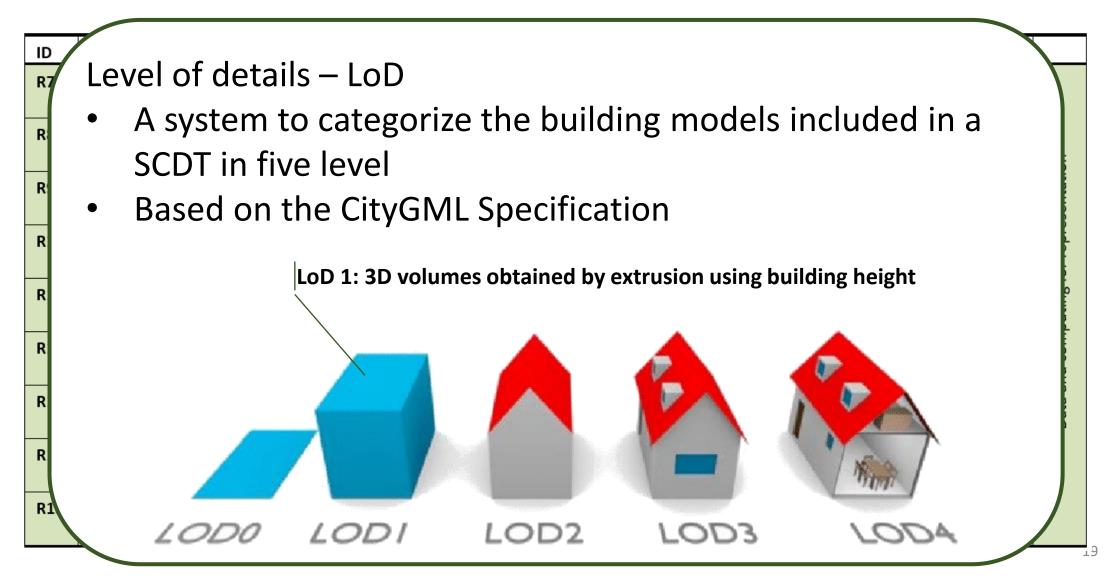
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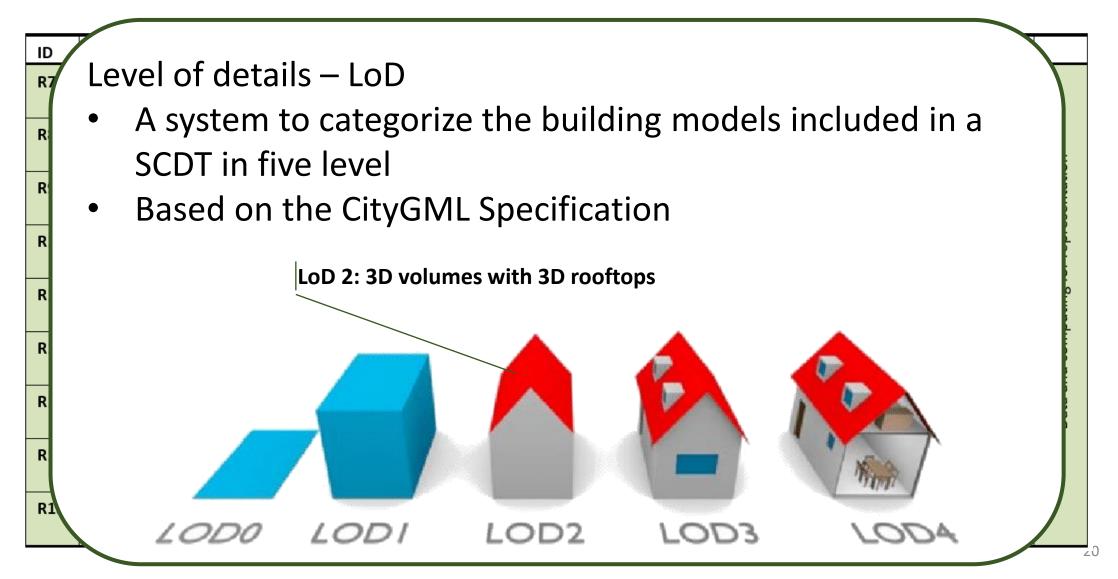
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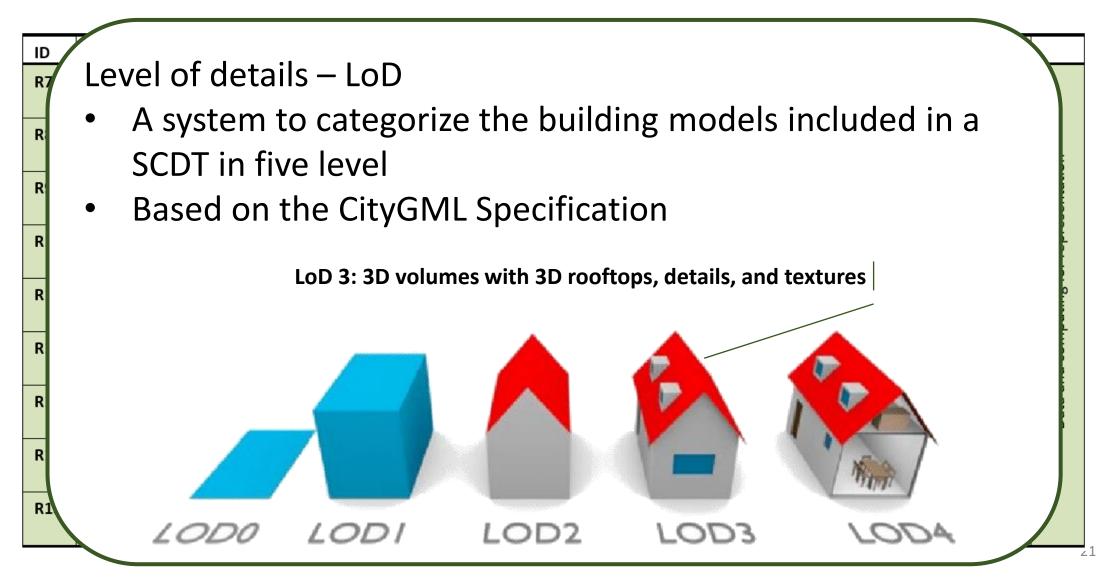
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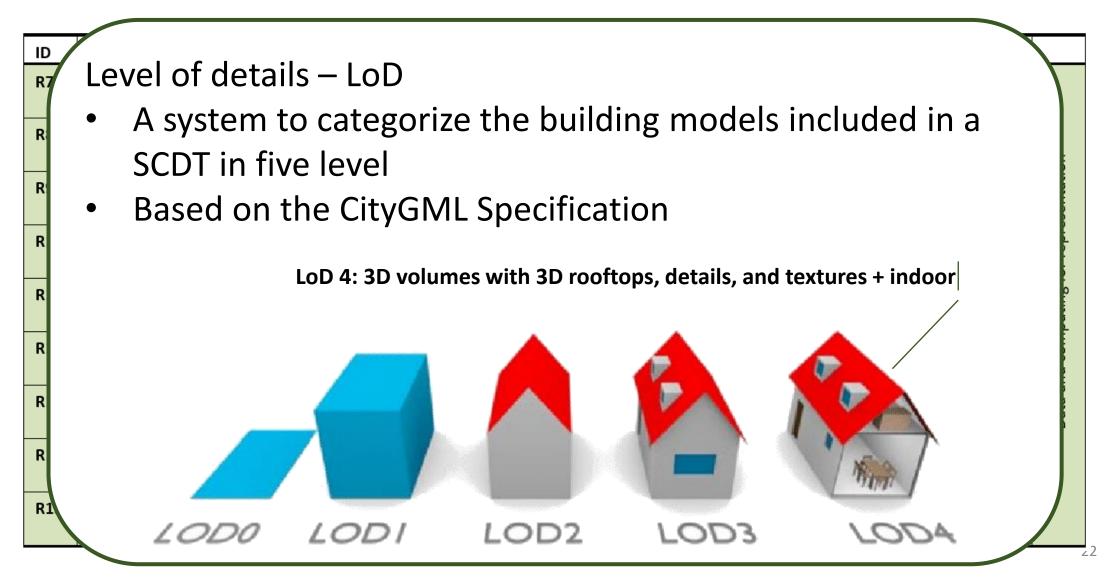


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Distribution and Interaction

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R16	Dynamic 2D/3D struc- tures	Elements such as PINs, shapes, paths, should be represented in 3D dynamically, changing color and shape according to their kind or some real-time value.			
R17	Dynamic data manage- ment	To have elements to be automatically reported in the SCDT as soon as they are included in the platform, event driven rendering of data.			
R18	No reloading	Changes in the SCDT must be rendered without the needs of a full reload of the map.			
R19	View Map controls	To change the point of view by zooming, rotating, tilting, and panning the scene.			
R20	Dynamic sky and lighting	To model and show different sky conditions and to change the light source position, simulating differ- ent times of day/night.	Distribution and interaction		
R21	Building picking/manipu- lation	To select single building to: (i) show detailed information, or (ii) move into a BIM view of the building, or (iii) to change the building 3D model.			
R22	Services and element data access	To show data associated with IoT Devices, POI, KPI, shapes, paths, etc., including real time and histor- ical data.			
R23	Independent element management	To hide, show, replace specific elements (e.g., to disable the building view to see only the city PINs, or to load different heatmaps or paths)	Distr		
R24	Web player	The SCDT must (i) be accessible thought a web browser without additional plugins, and (ii) the player must be released with open or free license.			
R25	Business logic call-back	To provide the possibility of selecting an element (3D, PIN, ground, heatmap) to provoke a call back into a business logic tool for intelligence activities, analytics, etc.			
R26	Underground and ele- ments inspection	To provide the possibility of selecting and inspecting specific areas and see detailed 3D elements placed underground, such as water pipes, metro lines, etc.			

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State of the Art

- Efforts to produce SCDTs have been undertaken by several cities around the world. For example:
 - Helsinki, Gothenburg, Paris, Rennes, London, New Castle, Rotterdam, Berlin, Stockholm, Zurich, Herrenberg, Munich in Europe;
 - Toronto, Boston in Nord America;
 - Amaravati, Singapore, Shanghai in Asia;
 - Wellington in Oceania.
- Most of these solutions seems to be work-in-progress or limited case of studies
- They do not provide open access application to inspect and test their SCDT





State of the Art - Helsinki

✓ LoD3 Models
✓ Ground orthomap
✓ Terrain elevation

X PINs

X Heatmaps

X Paths X Additional 3D entities



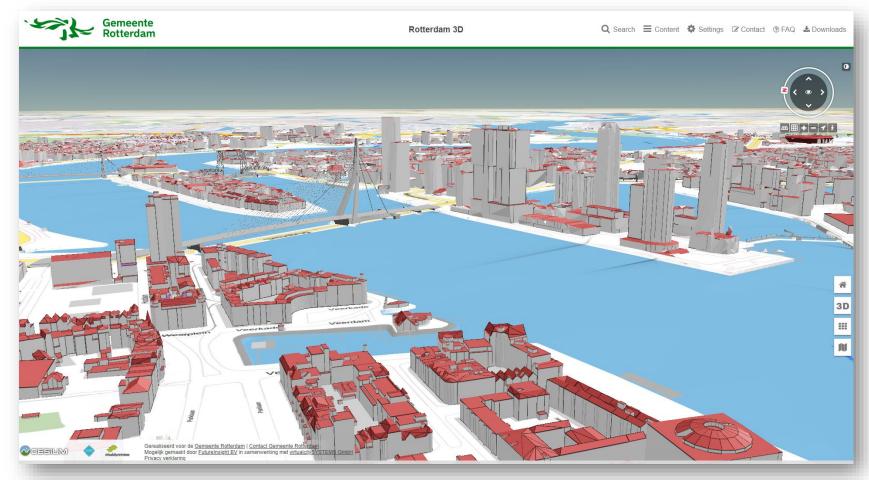




State of the Art - Rotterdam

✓ LoD2 Models
✓ Ground orthomap
✓ Paths

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State of the Art - Berlin

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State of the Art - Stockholm

✓ LoD3 Models
✓ Ground orthomap
✓ Terrain elevation
✓ PINs (for POIs)
✓ Additional 3D entities

X Heatmaps X Paths



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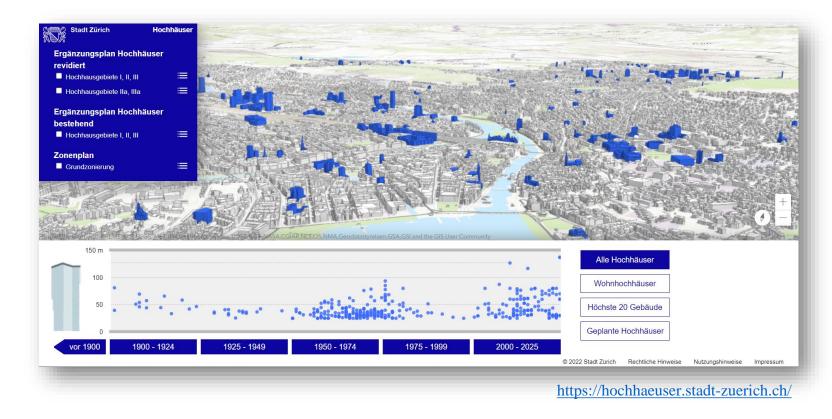




State of the Art - Zurich

✓ LoD2 Models (pickable)
 ✓ Additional 3D entities
 ✓ Terrain elevation
 ✓ Paths
 ✓ Illumination conditions

X Heatmaps X PINs



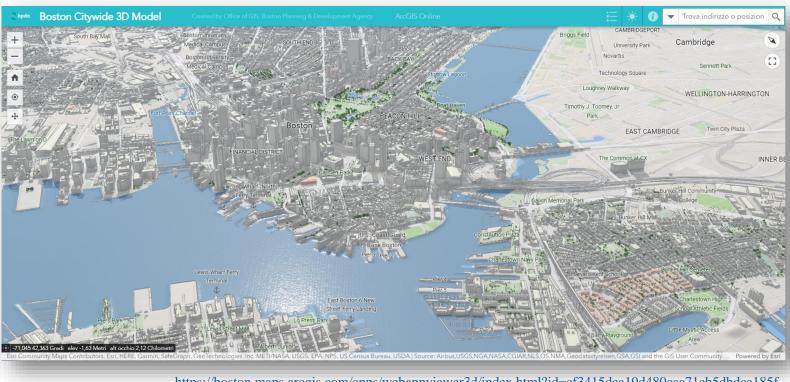




State of the Art - Boston

✓ LoD2 Models
 ✓ Additional 3D entities
 ✓ Terrain elevation
 ✓ Illumination condition

X Heatmaps X PINs X Paths



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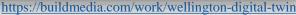




State of the Art – Wellington & Shanghai

- Based on Unreal Engine 5
- Seems to be advanced projects
- No open access
- The usage of a high-end 3D engine limits the distribution and accessibility









State of the Art – Considerations

- The open access solution are more 3D city models than SCDT
- Low level of interoperability
- Low integration of real-time data
- Limited user experience

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	Helsinki	Rotterdam	Berlin	Stockholm	Zurich	Boston	Snap4City
R1	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R2	Yes (PostGIS)	No	No	No	Yes (Geoportal)	No	Yes (Km4City)
R3	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R4	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R5	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R6	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (*)
R7	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R8	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (fixed)	Yes	Yes (fixed)	Yes
R9	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R10	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
R11	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R12	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
R14.i	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
R14.ii	Yes (LoD3)	Yes (LoD3)	Yes (LoD2)	Yes (LoD3)	Yes (LoD2)	Yes (LoD2)	Yes (LoD3)
R14.iii	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
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R24.i	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
R24.ii	Non-free	Free	Free	Non-free	Limited	Non-free	Free
R25	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R26	Yes (*)	Yes (*)	No	No	No	No	No





State of the Art – Considerations

- Differently from SotA solutions, our Smart City Digital Twin framework is built on top of a **IoT platform**
- An IoT platform is fundamental to meet most of the requirements on data and integration
- In the development of the SCDT of Florence, the Snap4City platform was used



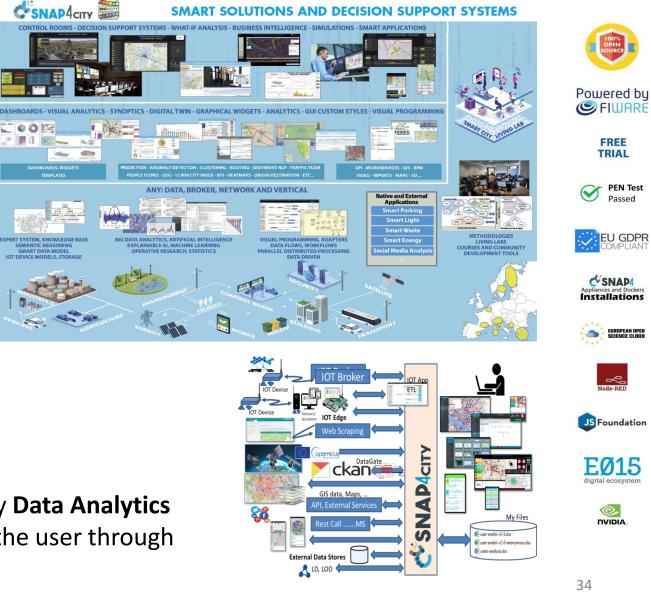


Snap4City Platform

• Snap4City is an **open-source loT platform** developed at **DISIT Lab**, with continuous evolution from 2016 (Sii-Mobility project)



- The platform manages heterogeneous data sources (IoT devices, Open Data, external services, etc.)
- Data retrieved by dedicated APIs and exploited by Data Analytics processes and IoT applications can be shown to the user through dashboards and widgets





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KM4City Knowledge Base

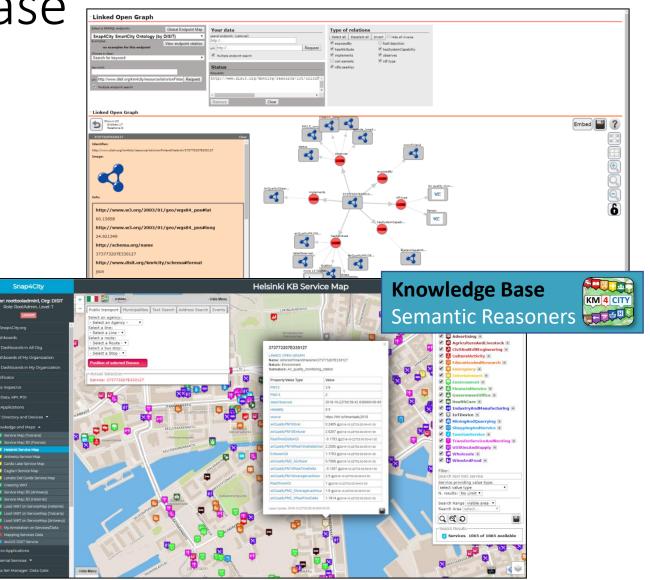
 Collected static and real-time data are semantically indexed in an graph based RDF Knowledge Base, named KM4City

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 Several API have been defined in order to retrieve data from the KB using relational, spatial, and temporal queries



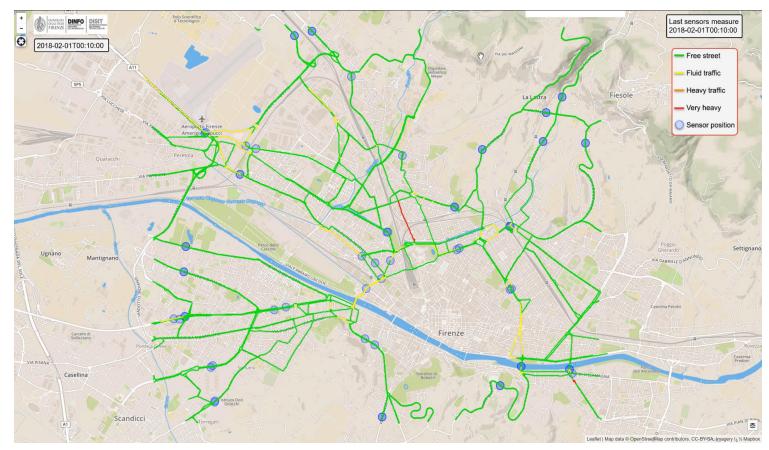




Data Analytics in Snap4City

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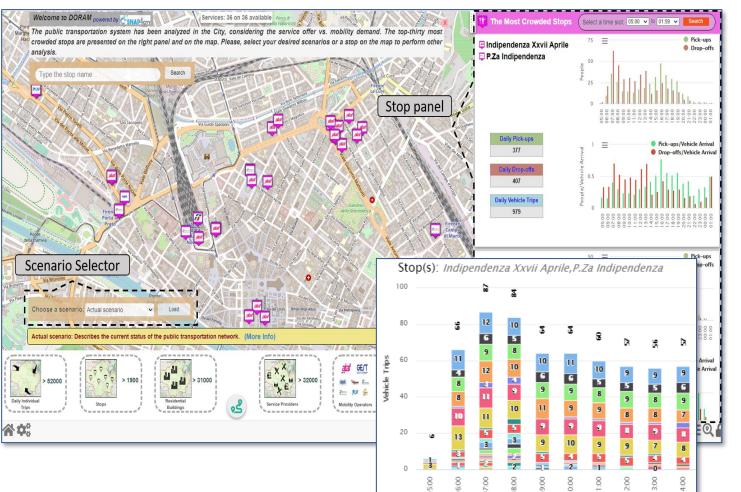






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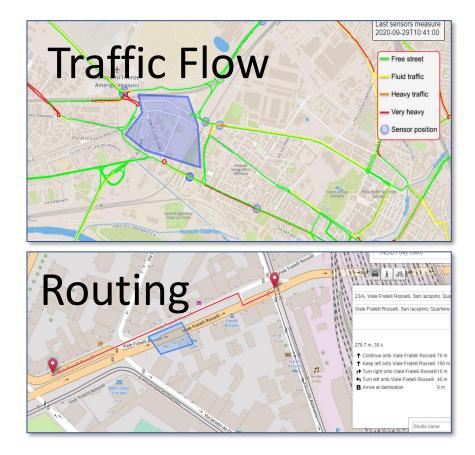






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- Capabilities to perform What-If analysis for routing and traffic congestion







• All the data available in the KB and produced by the analytics can eventually be visualized into the SCDT

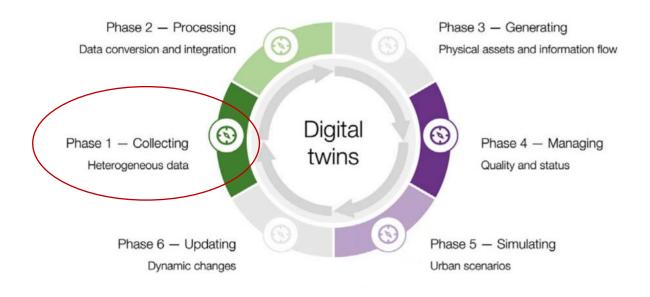






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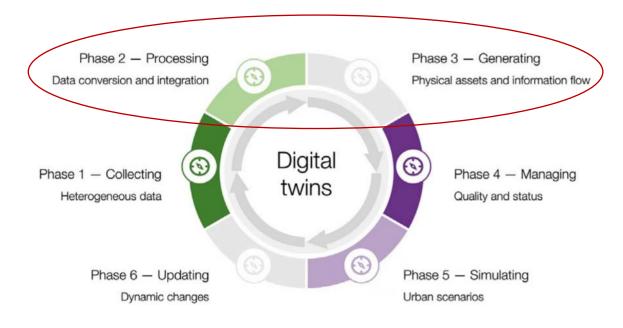






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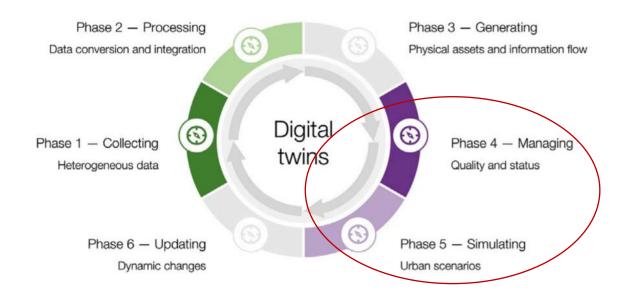






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- Integration and distribution: acquired and produced data are integrated into a global digital twin model and rendered as 3D multi-data map and distributed as an interactive web interface.

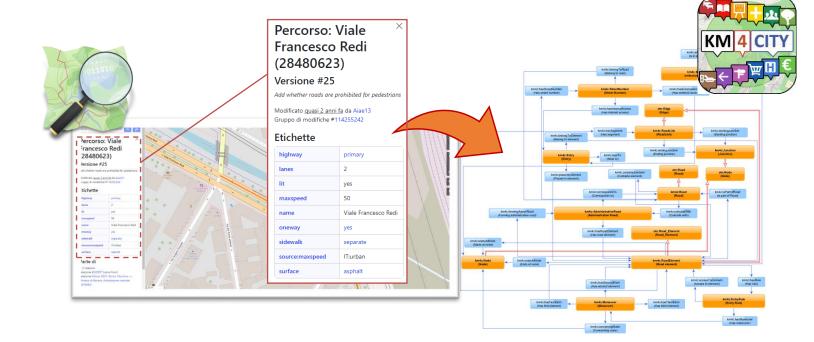






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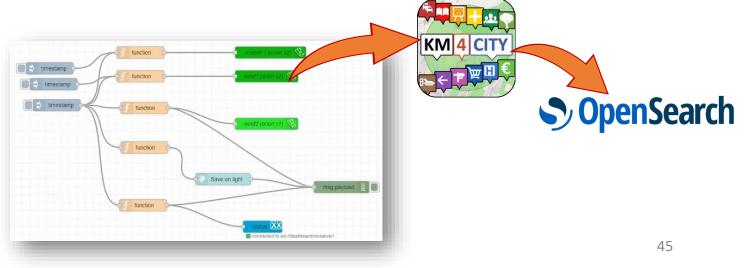






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 - **Real-time data** from IoT sensors can be ingested using IoT App (i.e., NoreRED flows) and sent to an OpenSearch cluster for indexing







Production

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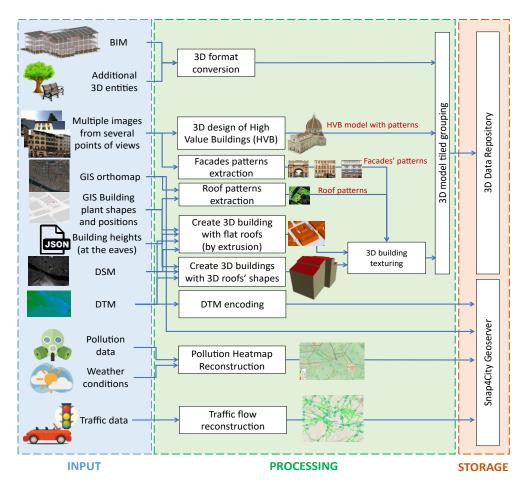
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- Ingested data can then be used as input for analytic processes in order to obtain
 - Traffic flow reconstruction
 - Heatmaps, e.g., to describe the pollutant dispersion
 - Etc...
- In this phase, the 3D map to be shown in the SCDT is built







3D Map Production

- To obtain 3D building models, a Digital Surface Model (DSM) of Florence was used
- Our algorithm exploits also the OSM building shapes, in order to segment building patches from the DSM





3D Map Production – LoD1 Models

- LoD1 model can be easily obtained using a GIS software (e.g., QGIS)
 - Load the OSM shapefile (Esri shp, GeoJSON, etc.)
 - Load the DSM file (GeoTIFF, ASC, etc.)

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• Use the *Zonal Statistic* algorithm of the processing toolbox to compute the average DSM value (i.e., height) within each polygon





3D Map Production – LoD1 Models

- LoD1 model can be easily obtained using a GIS software (e.g., QGIS)
- LoD1 model can also be available from free services
- For example, OSM Buildings offer 3D models for several cities freely available for non-commercial use

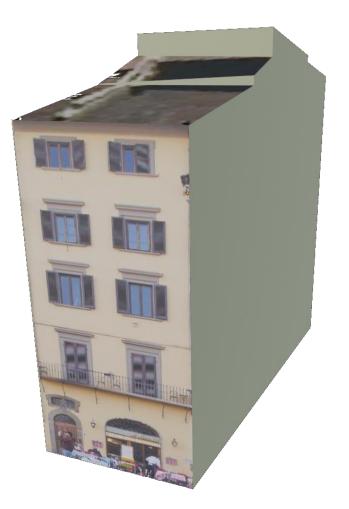






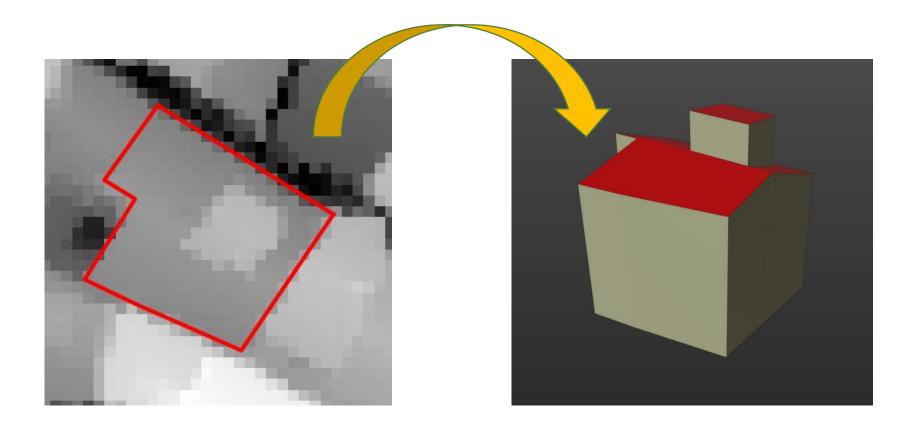
3D Map Production – LoD3 Models

- Construction of LoD3 models is more complex
- The **3D shape of the rooftops** must be estimated from the DSM
- Roof texture must be extracted from aerial orthophotos
- Facade texture must be acquired and applied to the models





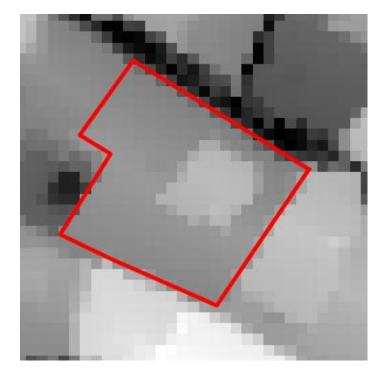








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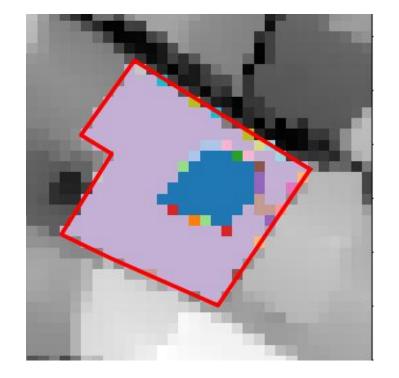
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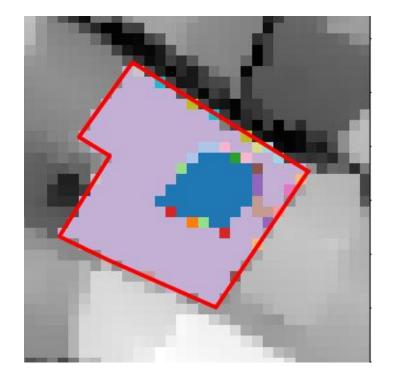




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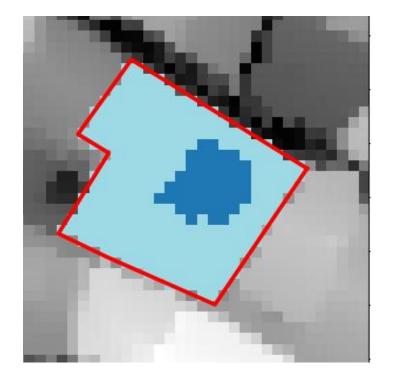
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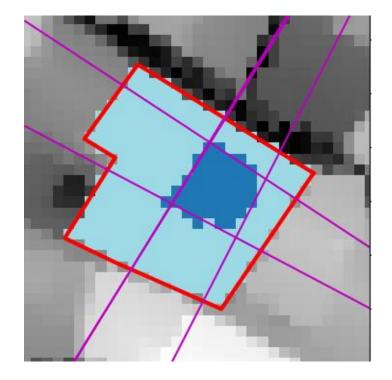
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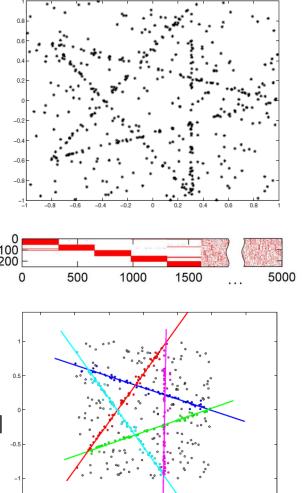






J-Linkage

- To estimate multiple lines from set of points including noise, we used the J-linkage algorithm
- J-Linkage is based on the robust estimation of geometric primitives:
 - Given a minimal set of points (i.e., 2 for lines) the primitive is estimated
 - Then, the estimated primitive is scored w.r.t. all the other data points
 - Repeating the process several times a consensus matrix is computed, where for each point is reported its consensus respect to each estimated primitive
 - By clustering the consensus matrix, the predominant primitives can be found

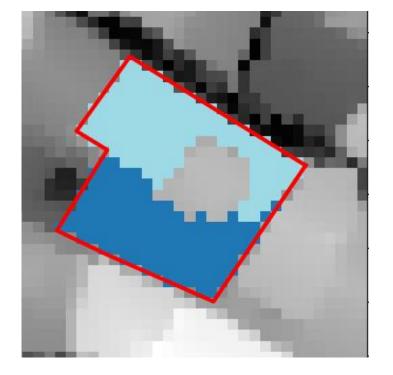




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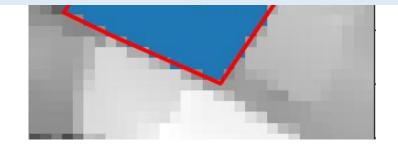
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HDBSCAN is a density-based clustering algorithm

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- It is a hierarchical clustering method
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- It can handle user-specified distance

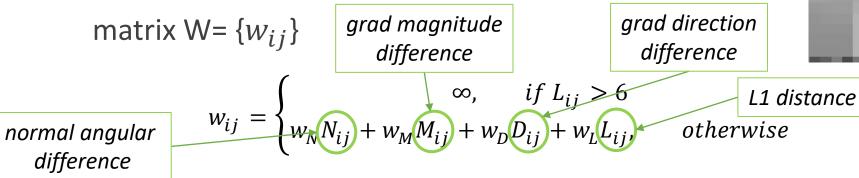
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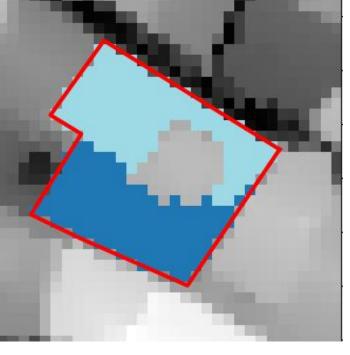






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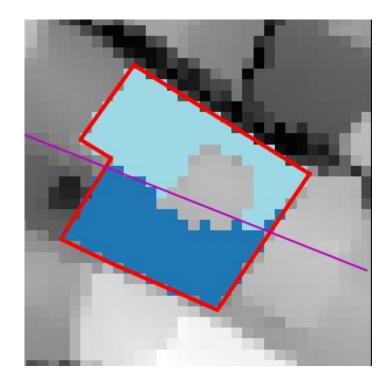








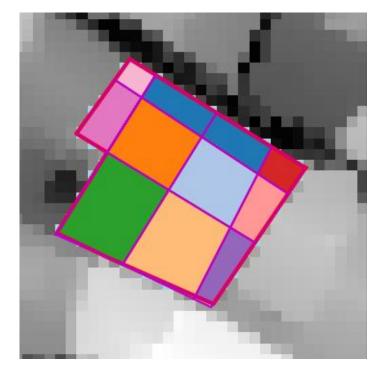
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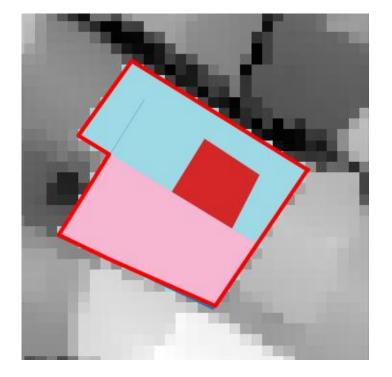
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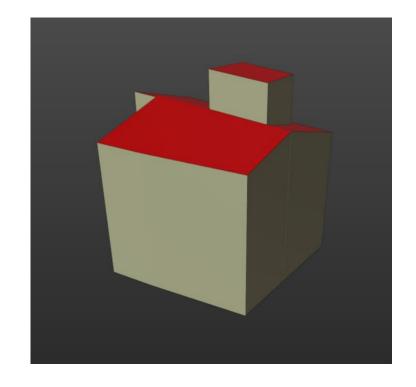
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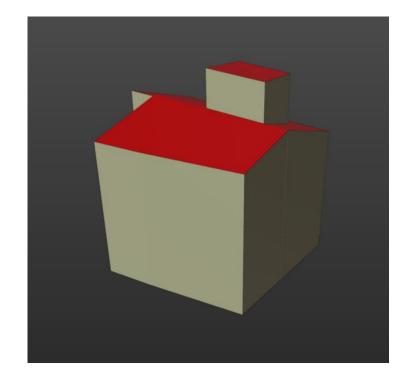
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Code is freely available at https://github.com/disit/3d-building-modelling



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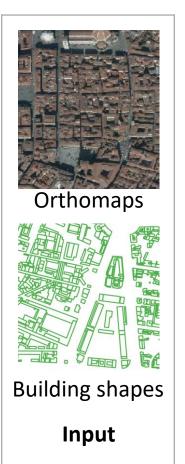
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- Aerial orthophoto are roughly georeferenced
- Building shapes are not aligned with the orthophotos
- To extract roof textures the alignment between shapes and images **must be corrected**





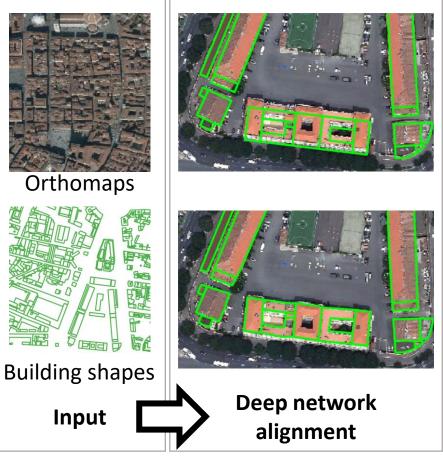




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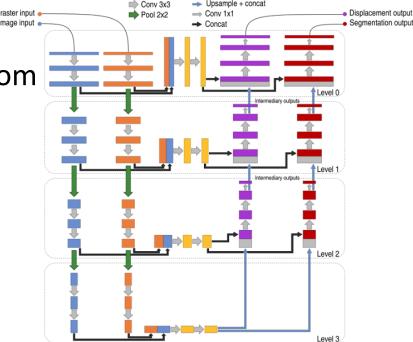




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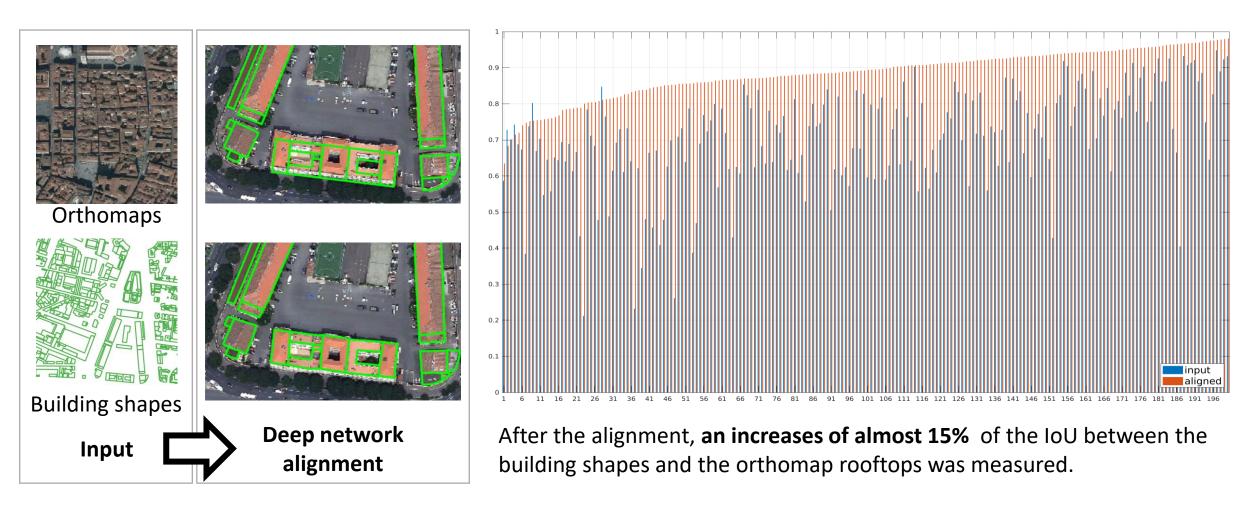
- detect the rooftops from the aerial photos
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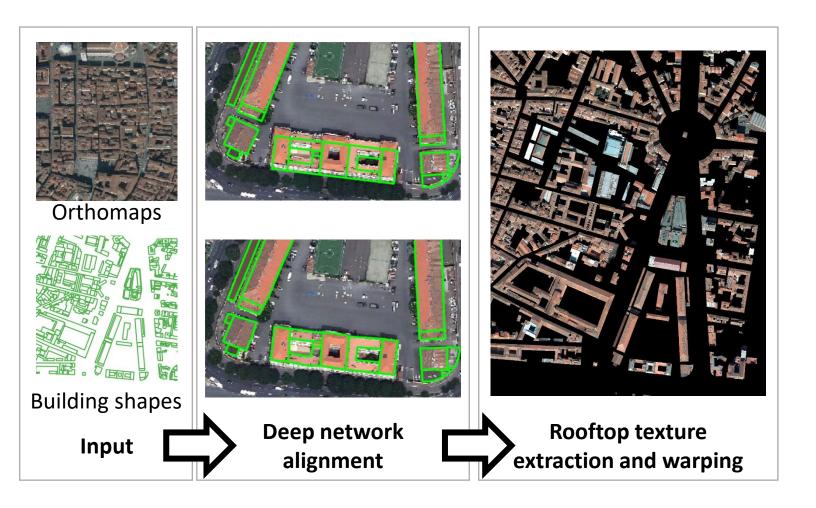






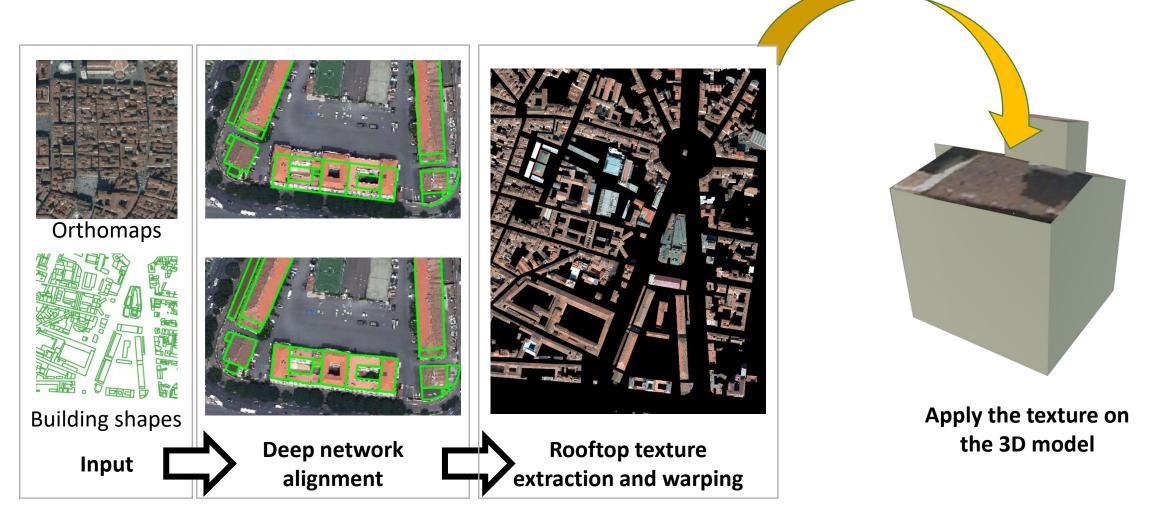












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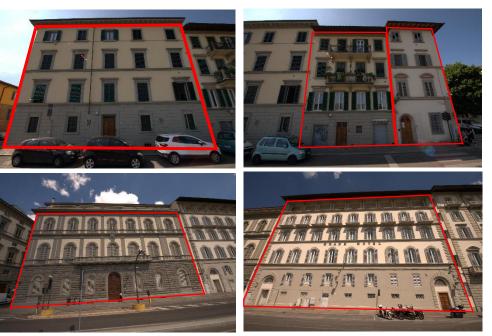


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Radial distortion

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- It is an effect introduced by camera lenses
- Straight line becomes curves

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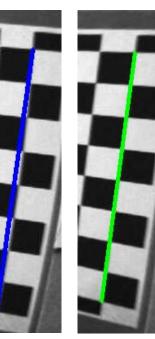
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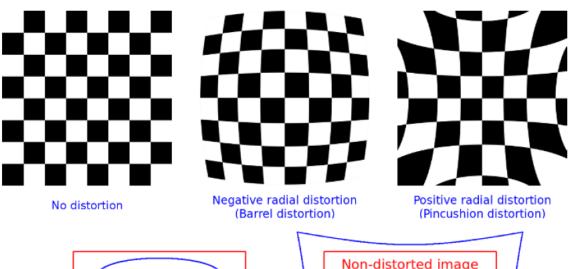
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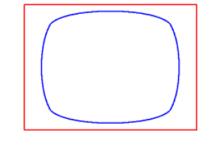
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• It can be recovered together with the camera calibration

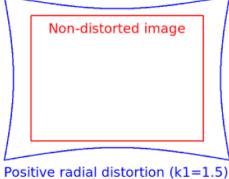








Negative radial distortion (k1=-1.5) (Barrel distortion)



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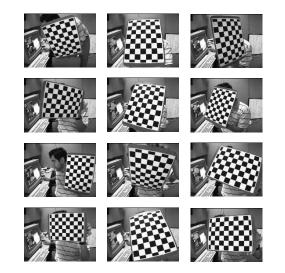


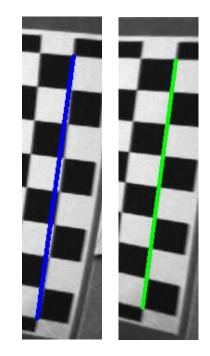


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- If you have the camera, calibration methods can be used to find the distortion parameters automatically using known patterns
- Otherwise, we can manually search image edges that we know should be straight ad use them to estimate the parameters of the distortion



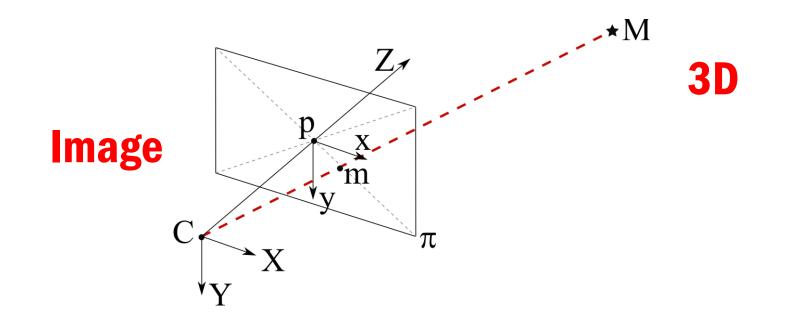








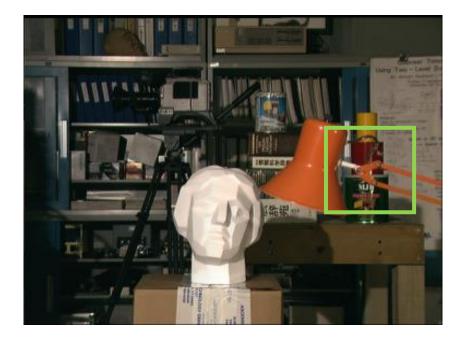
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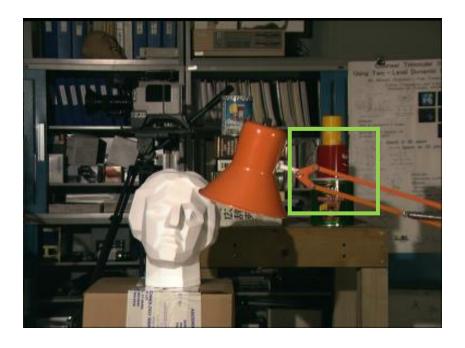






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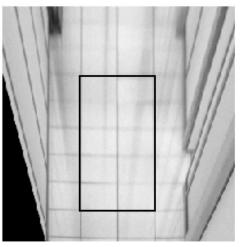


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- In this case, we can use **planar homographyes** to remove the projective distortion









from Hartley & Zisserman

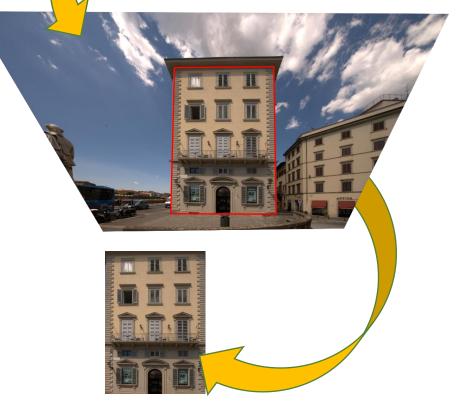


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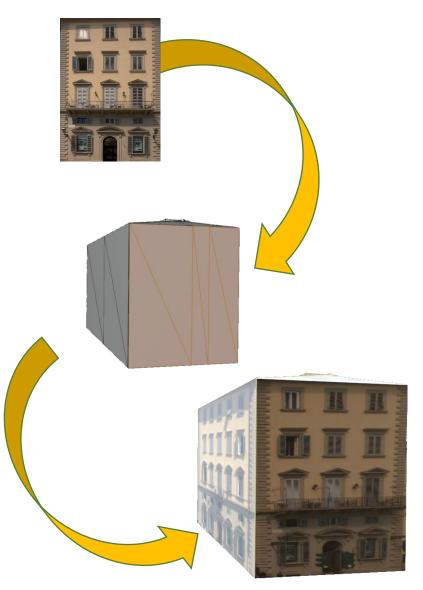
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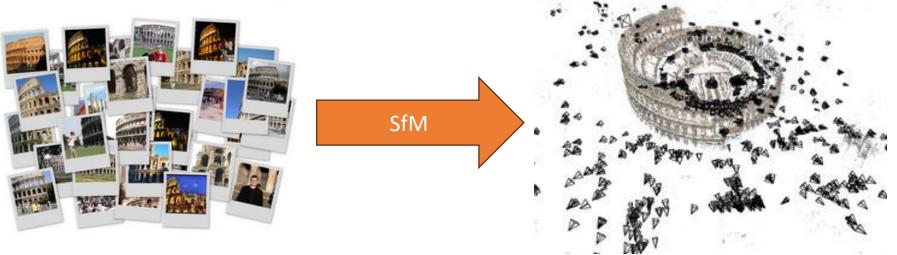
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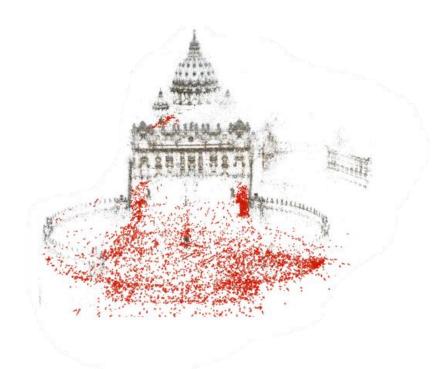
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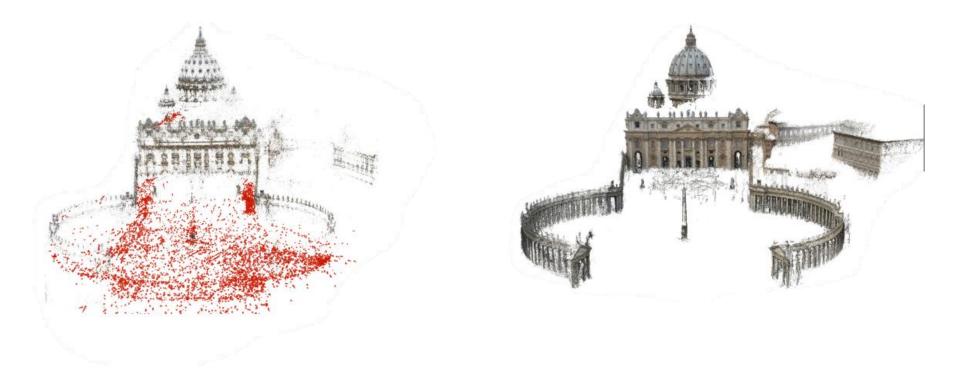
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- Multi-view stereo methods can then be used to densify the reconstruction







- Today there are several off-the-shelf solutions that can be easily used to obtain a **local 3D reconstruction**
- The OpenCV library (C/C++, Python) includes functions to build a SfM pipeline
- There are also **software** ready to use, that do not require particular knowledge:
 - PhotoTurism: <u>http://phototour.cs.washington.edu/</u>
 - VisualSfM: <u>http://ccwu.me/vsfm/</u>
 - Colmap: <u>https://colmap.github.io/</u>
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- Such software are also able to compute the **mesh** and apply **textures**





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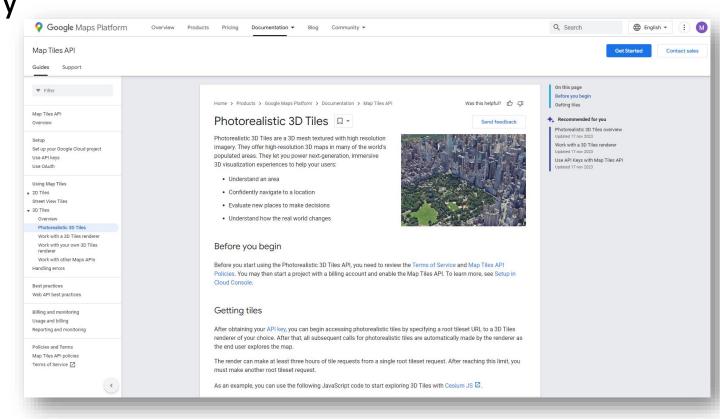
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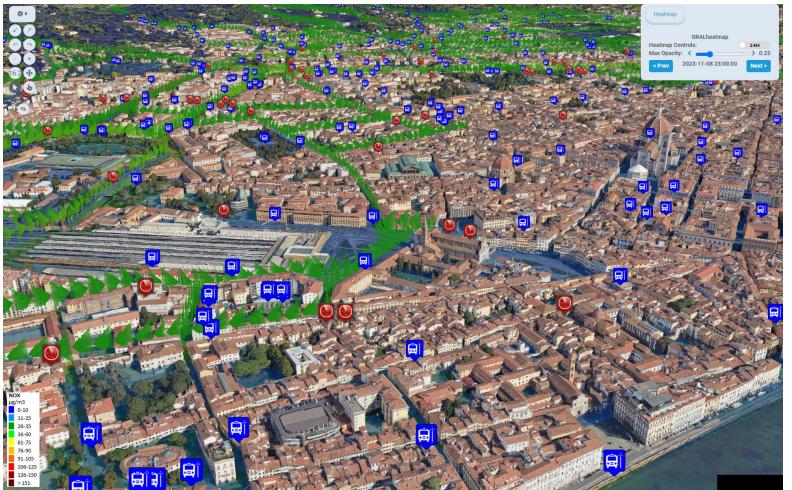


- Recently, Google released photorealistic 3D tiles
- REST API can be used to query the Google servers and retrieve 3D tiles of good quality to be shown in your web application









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- The service is **not free**
- A per-request cost is applied
- Careful consideration must be taken when designing your web application

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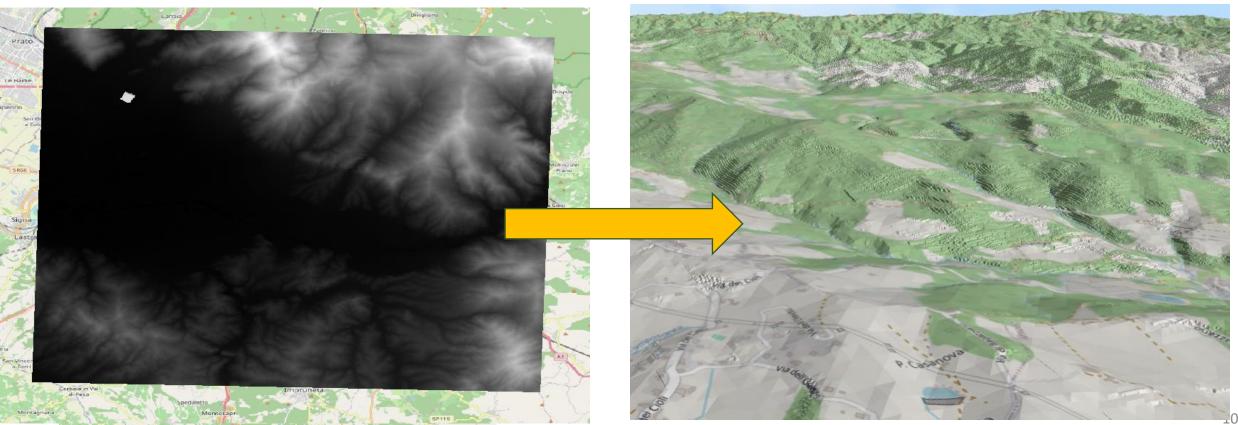






Terrain

• Using a Digital Terrain Model (DTM) we can define the 3D terrain layer (useful to show different elevation in a city)







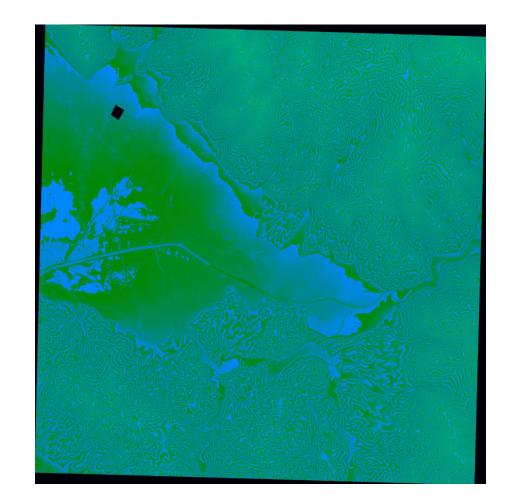
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Different elevations are encoded in RGB using

$$\begin{cases} R = \left\lfloor \frac{100000 + 10v}{256^2} \right\rfloor \\ G = \left\lfloor \frac{100000 + 10v}{256} \right\rfloor - 256R \\ B = \left\lfloor 100000 + 10v \right\rfloor - 256^2R - 256G \end{cases}$$

with a precision of 0.1 m

 Then, the RGB DTM is saved into the Snap4City GeoServer and provided to clients using REST calls with the possibility to select specific geographic tiles







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- Acquired and produced data are integrated into the digital twin model
- The model is distributed as a Snap4City dashboard
- A **3D multi-data map** is built as an interactive web interface

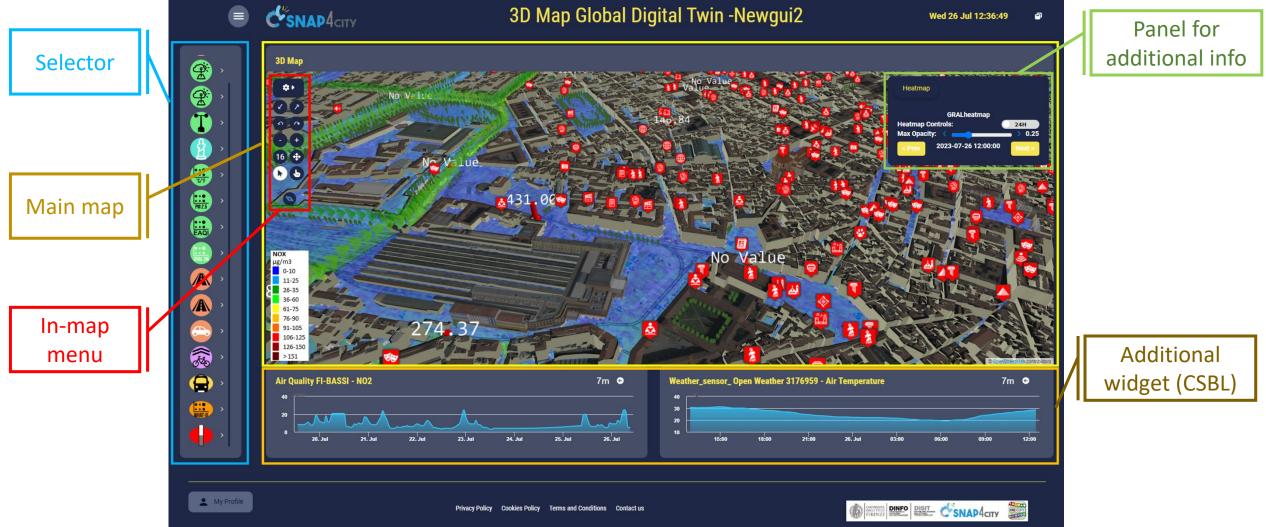


 Additional widget can be included in the same dashboard to focus on particular information





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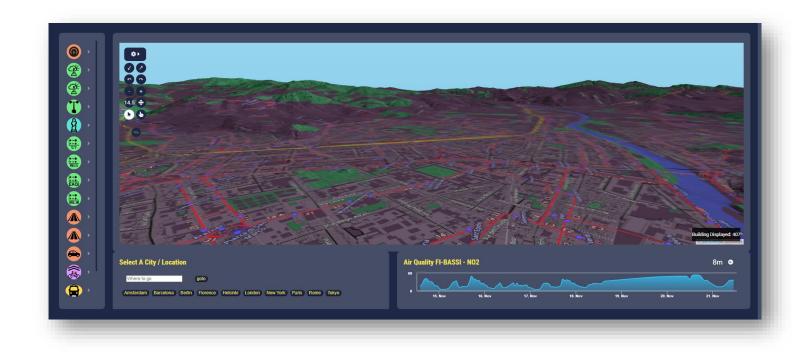


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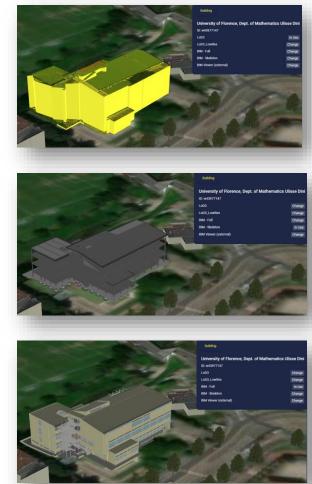
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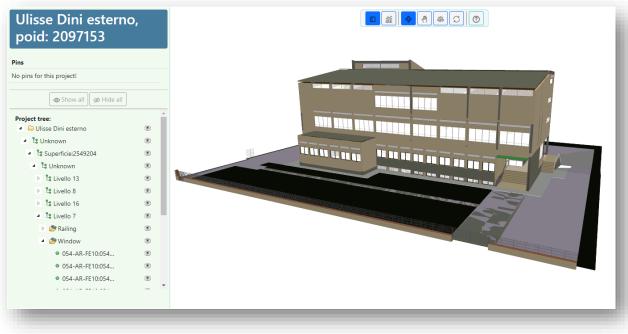
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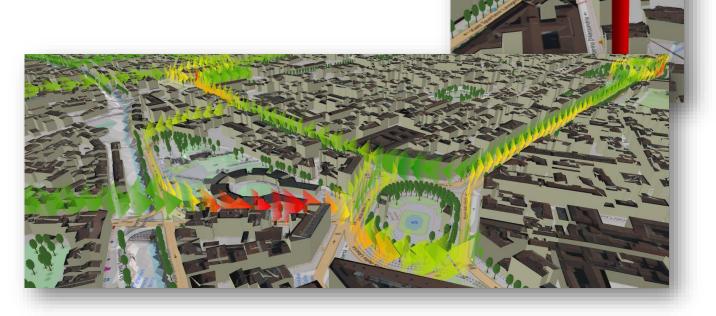






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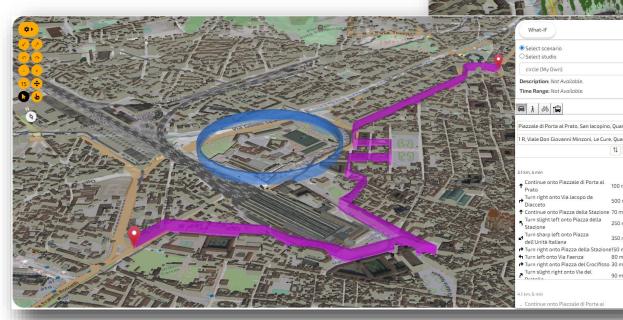
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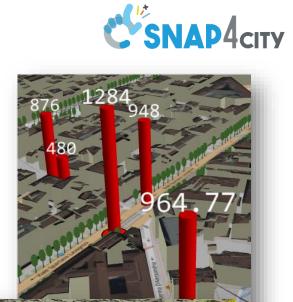
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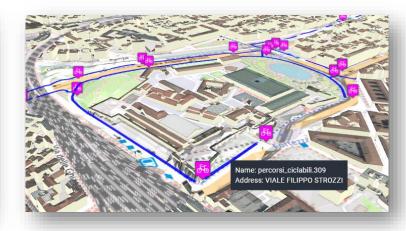






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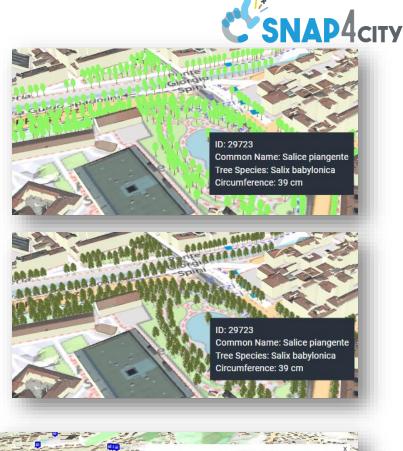




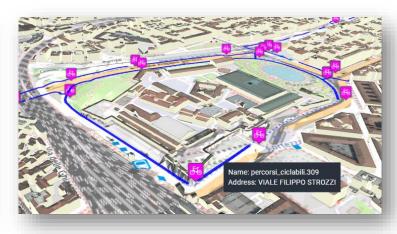




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3D Multi-data Map Interactive Web Interface

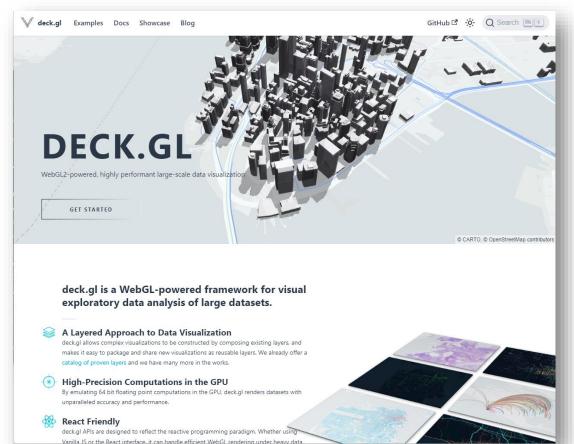
- The architecture implements a client-side business logic developed in JavaScript exploiting the Deck.gl framework
- REST calls are used to query Snap4City API and load data on user demands
- PINs for POIs or IoT Devices, and paths and areas are retrieved with geographic queries toward the Snap4City SuperService Map (the KM4City interface)
- Heatmaps, Orthomaps, and the RGB DTM are instead provided via WMS protocol with HTTPS requests toward the Snap4City GeoServer





Deck.gl

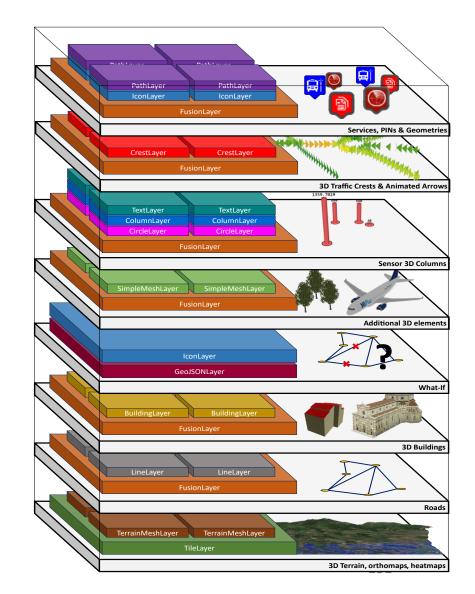
- Deck.gl is a JavaScript framework to handle large database and create web applications
- It is based on a layered architecture...
- ...and provide tools to integrate and visualize geographical data





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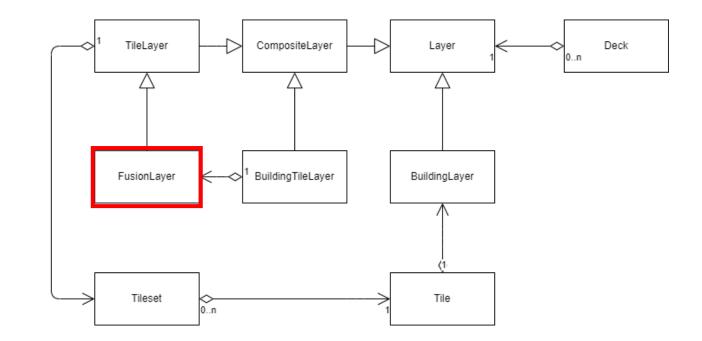
- Deck.gl layered structure was exploited
- Different entities are rendered in **different layers**, each with its **own safe context** to avoid interferences and be able to load each of them **independently**
- Data are rendered with a **tiled approach**, in order to display only the visible data. This is fundamental to handle **large SCDT**







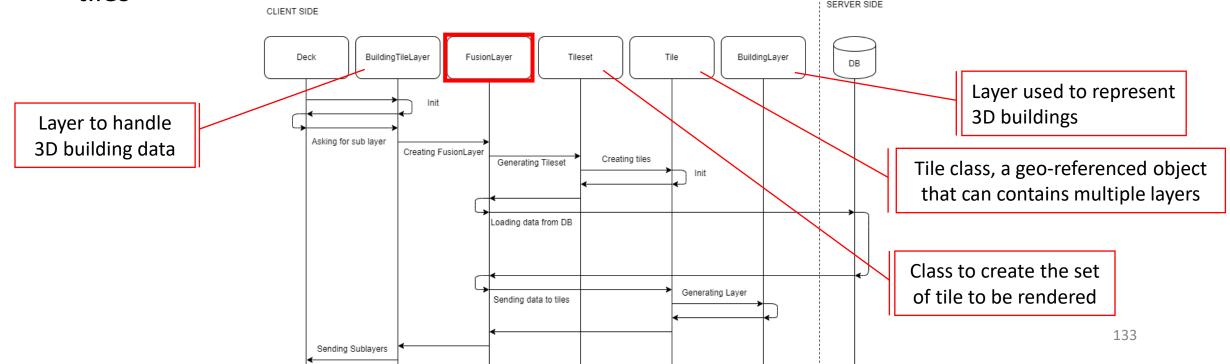
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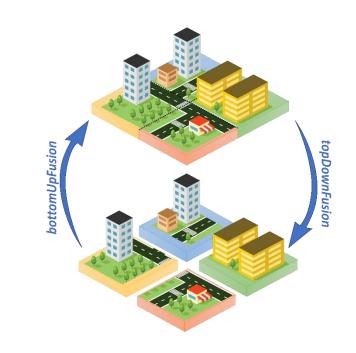
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- The FusionLayer is specialized to manage the data to be rendered in the SCDT tiles







- FusionLayer implements two main functionalities
- 1. The **bottomUp** and **topDown** Fusions
- 2. The deepLoad



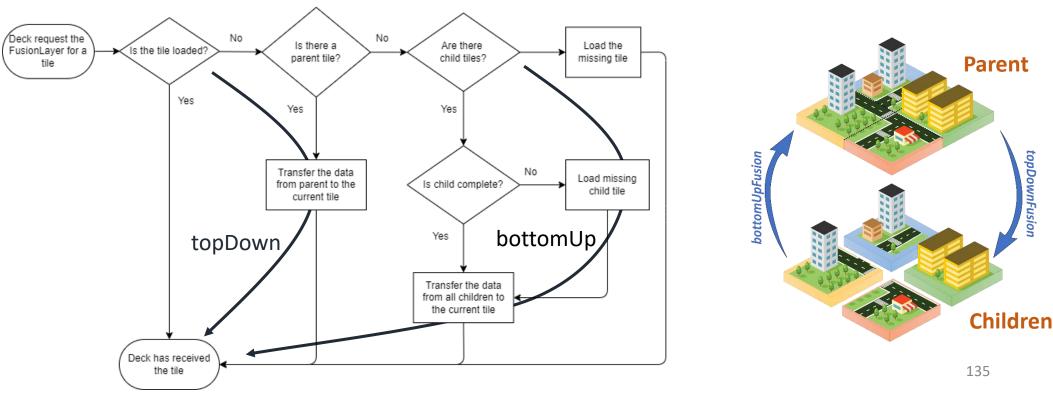




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Fusion Layer

• The bottomUp and topDown fusion are used to reduce server calls and exchanged data by reusing data already downloaded for tile at different zoom levels





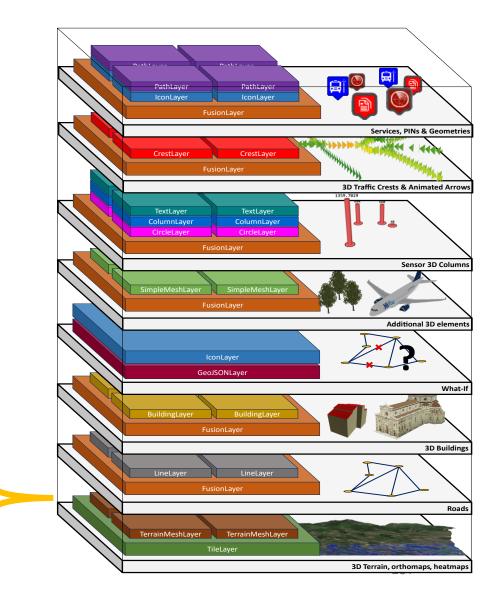


- The deepLoad function is used when dealing with data available at a single zoom level (e.g., traffic flows, 3D buildings)
- In the standard Deck.gl, such data would be retrieved at the available zoom **regardless of the actual zoom** used in the map
- At low zoom level, this behavior would lead to a very large number of tiles to be rendered, slowing down the performance
- The deepLoad solve this problem by requiring data at the available zoom, then creating virtual tiles with dimension according to the actual zoom level and filling these virtual tiles with the retrieved data, thus reducing the rendering processes to be carried out





- The TerrainMeshLayer is used to display the 3D terrain, othomaps, and heatmaps using a tiled approach
- Each tile can load different resources using business-logic callbacks to the WMS GeoServer
- The **Martini tessellation** algorithm was used to obtain the terrain mesh from the RGB-encoded DTM
- Multiple textures can be applied over the terrain using a merging procedure carried out in the GPU fragment shader



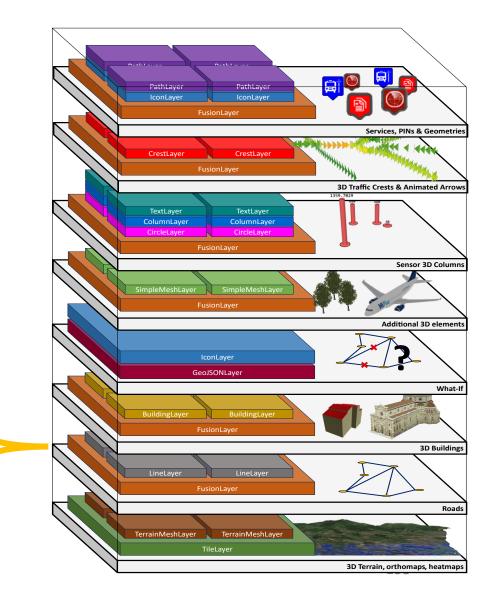




• The **LineLayer** is used to display the road graph retrieved from the KB using SPARQL queries, limited to the tiles in view

PREFIX km4c: <http://www.disit.org/km4city/schema#>
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PREFIX rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#>
PREFIX rdfsn: <http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/wgs84_pos#>
PREFIX dct: <http://purl.org/dc/terms/>
SELECT ?road ?roadName ?roadElement ?highwayType ?startLat ?startLong ?endLat ?endLong ?compositionType ?operatingStatus ?trafficDir ?length
WHERE {

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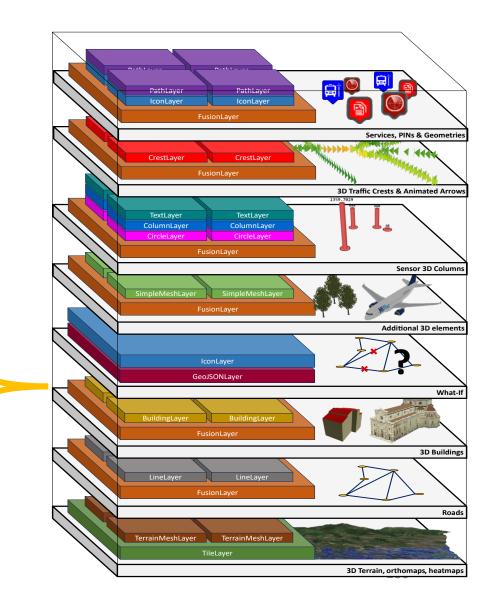


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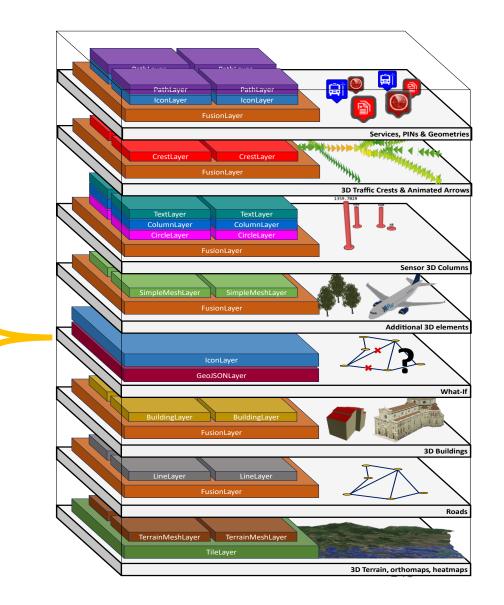
- A tiled approach exploiting the BuildingLayer is used to show LoD3 3D buildings
- 3D model tiles are **dynamically loaded taking into account the viewing position**, prioritizing closer tiles w.r.t. farthest ones
- This approach ensures that **only buildings in visible tiles are rendered**, reducing the use of client resources
- Such solution is **fundamental to handle the huge number of buildings** present in a city







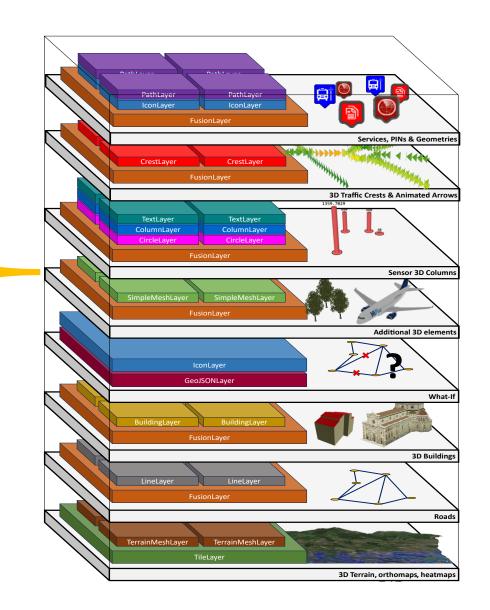
- A novel layer called **WhatIfLayer** has been designed to handle What-If analysis in the SCDT web interface
- It includes a series of sub-layer
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 - GeoJSONLayer
 - IconLayer







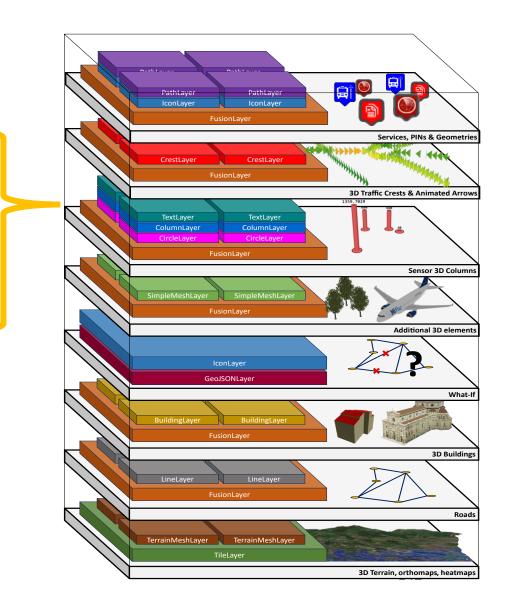
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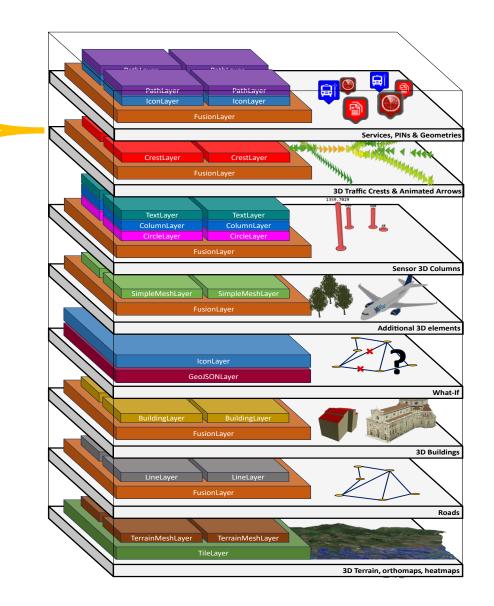
- A combination of different layers was used to show 3D representation of IoT Sensor
- In particular, **3D Pillars** are used to indicate the values registered by traffic sensors







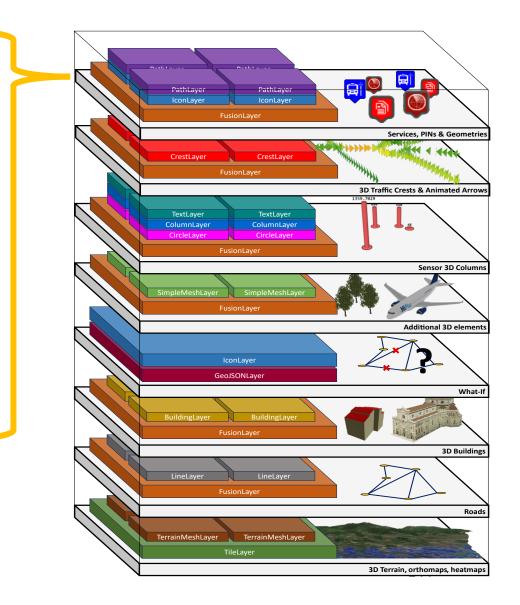
- Solutions to show specific information must be reconsidered when passing from a 2D to a 3D representation
- For example, traffic flow information cannot be appreciated if visualized as a 2D heatmap
- We developed the **CrestLayer** in order to show traffic information as static or animated 3D crests







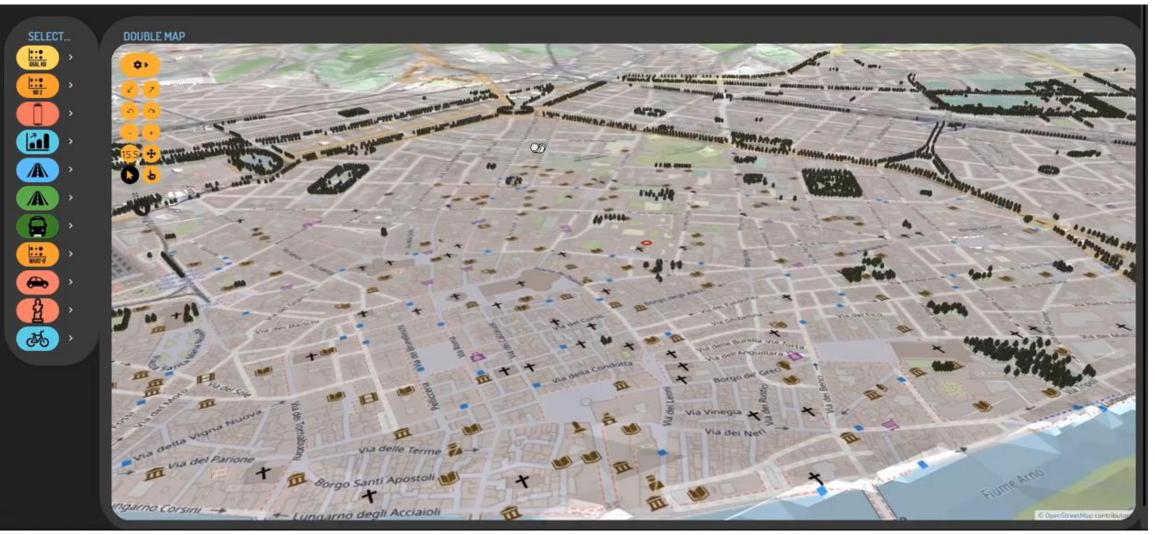
- Paths and geometries are represented in specific layers
- The **PathLayer** was used to display geometries such as cycling paths
- The IconLayer was used to show pickable PINs for IoT Devices or POIs
- **PIN can also be dynamic**, changing their shape or color according their kind
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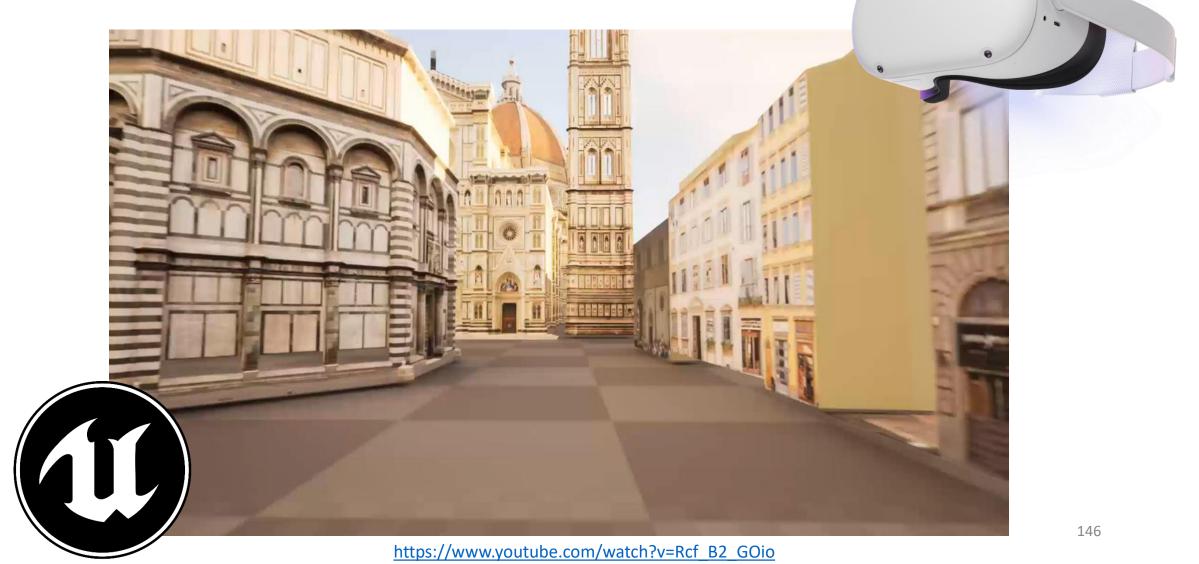


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