



DigiShape - Digital Engineering

From parametric design to integrated workflows

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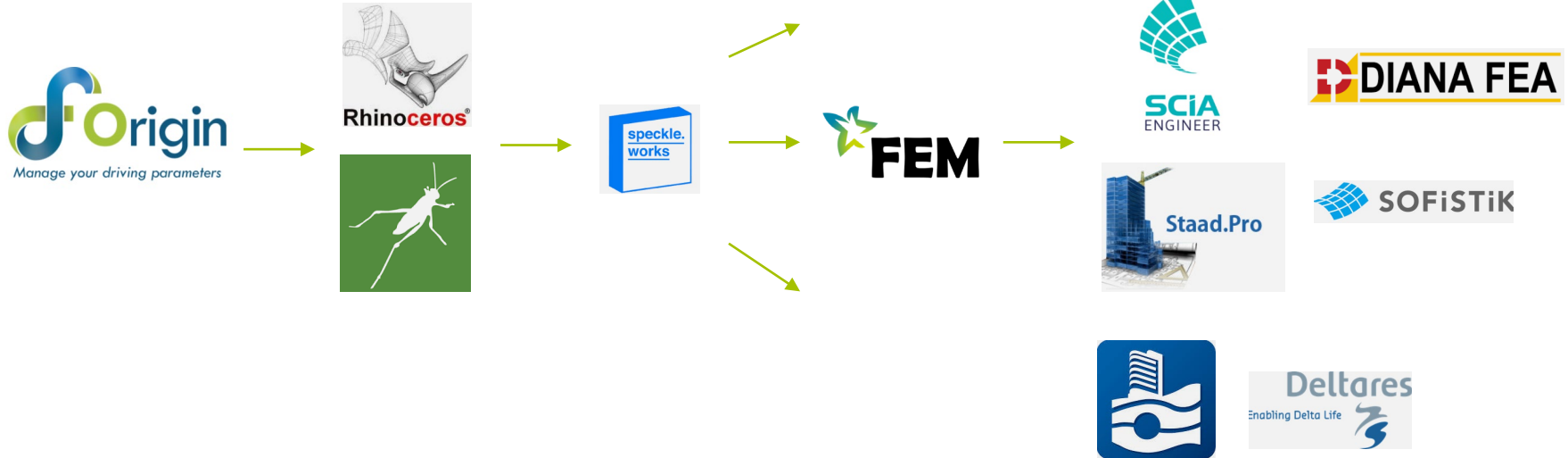
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Parametric design

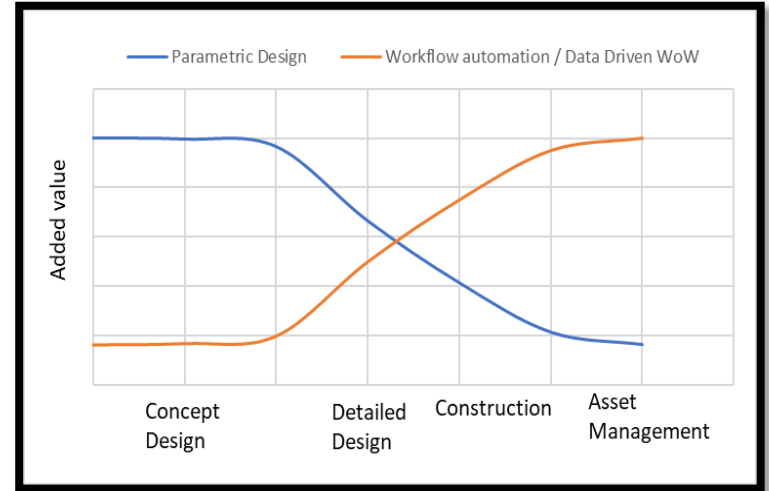
Shaping components & structures using algorithmic processes,
e.g. for a jetty:

- Deck/seabed level
- Width of jetty
- Span
- # of piles per support



How to maximize added value?

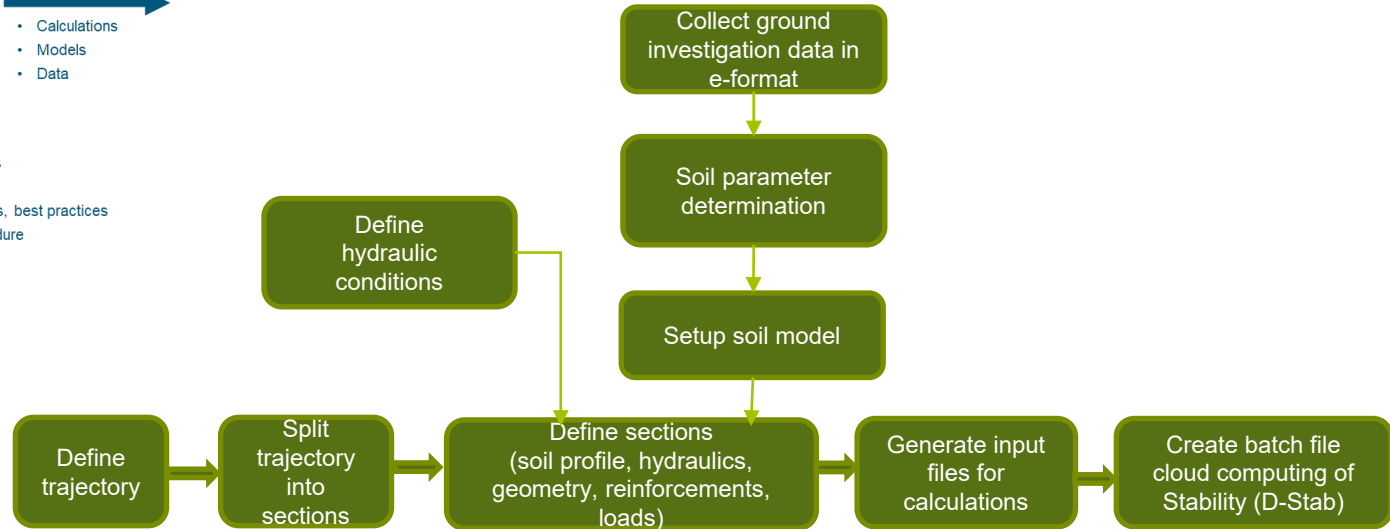
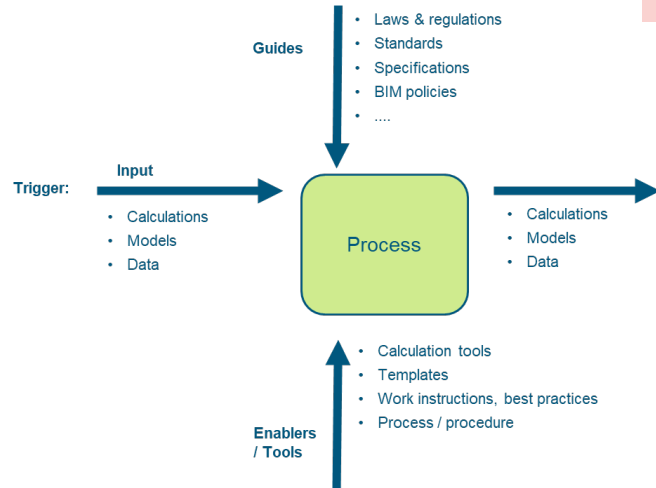
- Parametric design enables better design solutions in the early stage (scenarios, alternatives, quick updates, etc.)
- However:
 - Parametric tools are (going to be) developed on an individual basis, but
 - the flow of information should be generic
- Real value is in streamlining communication and collaboration between stakeholders and parties, throughout the Asset Life cycle (read: Client/Owner, Design and Engineering consultancy, Contractors, and Operators) →
 - Map the processes, and
 - Standardize the exchange of information



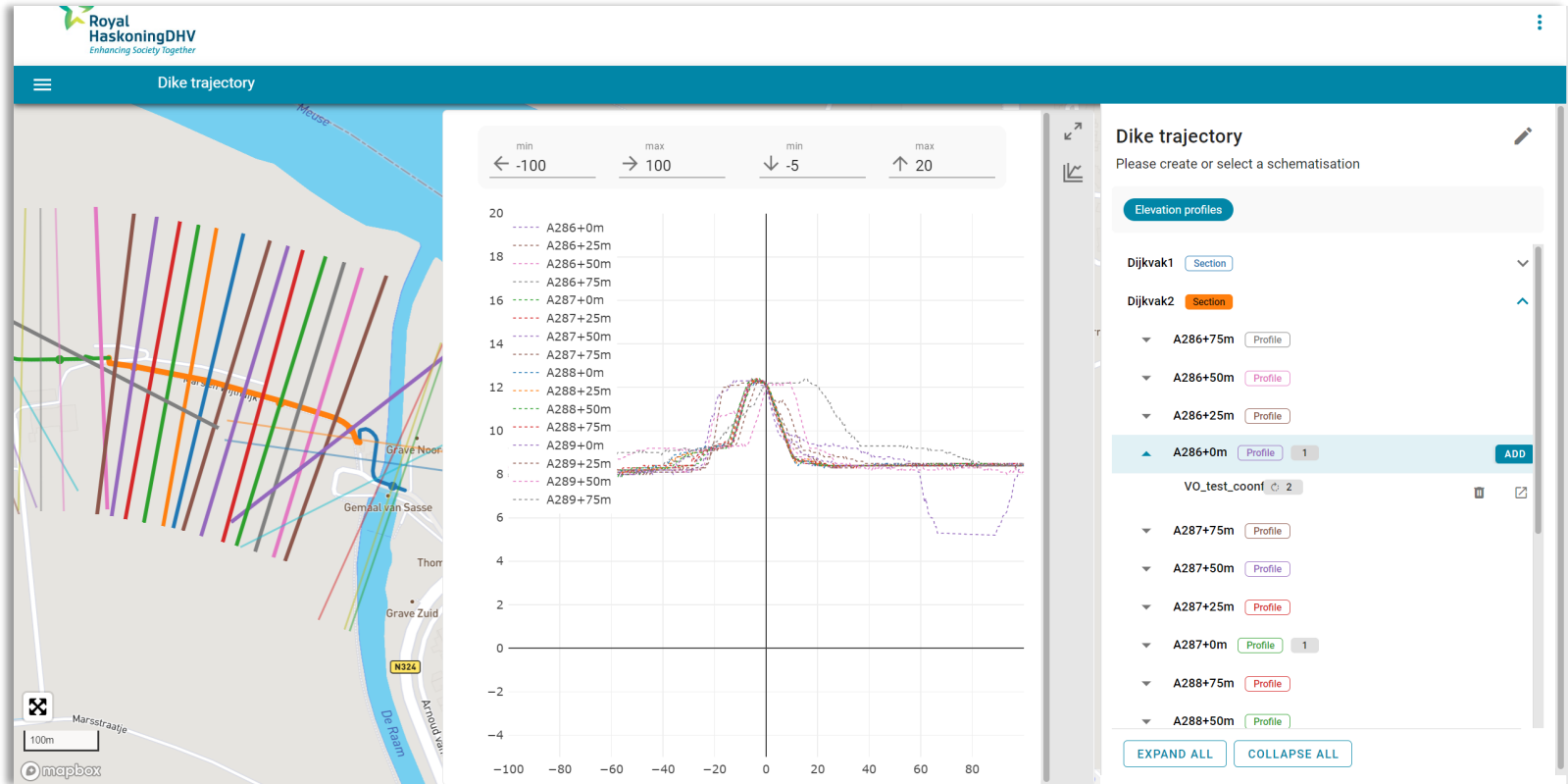
Integrated workflows using process mapping

You need to standardize before you can automate anything!

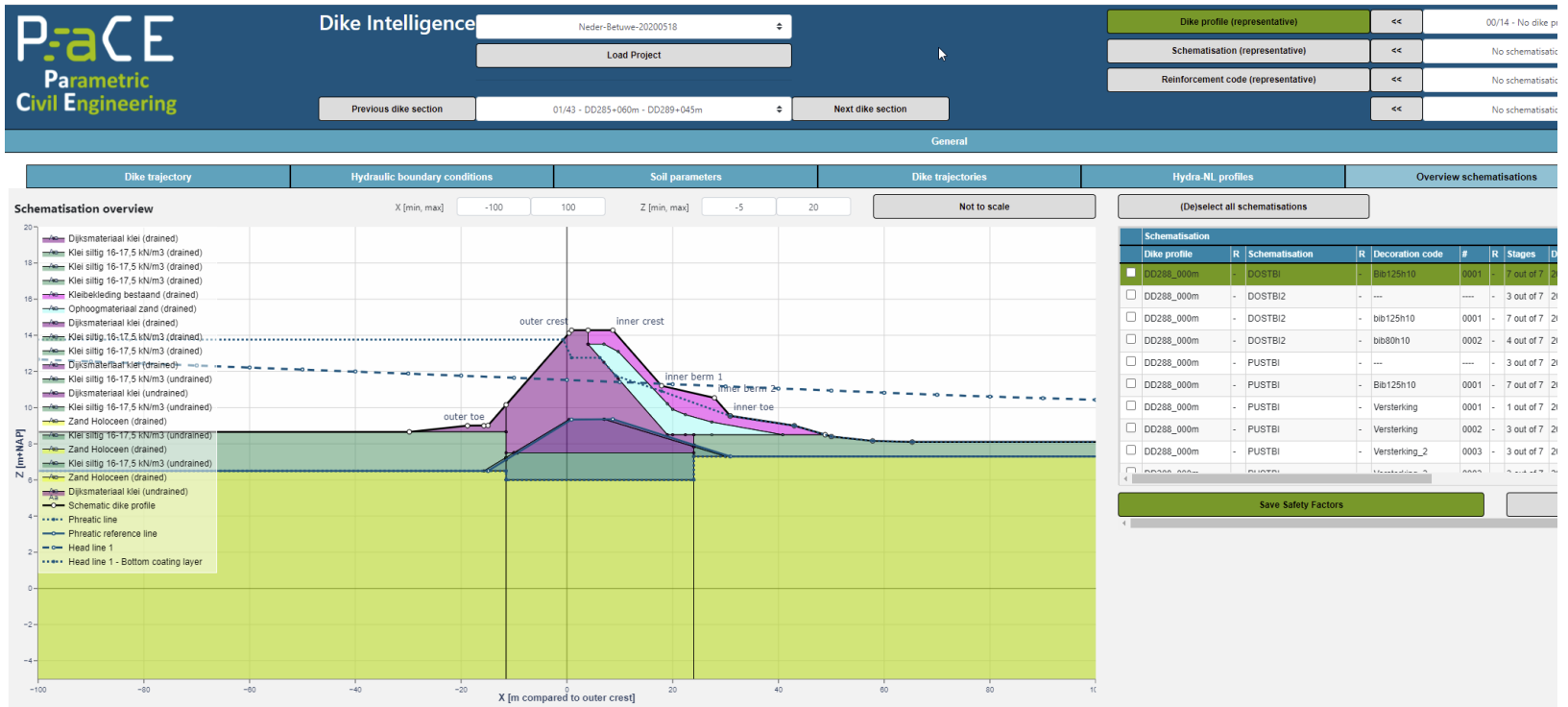
Example for stability check for dike trajectories:



Integrated workflow for dike reinforcement



Integrated workflow for dike reinforcement



From OTL to integrated workflow

Object Type Library (Objecten)

- Drijvende afmeervoorzieningen
- Glooiingen
- Kademuren
 - Afwateringsvoorzieningen
 - Bodem(bescherming) & talud
 - Bovenbouw
 -
 - Trosvoorzieningen
 - Bolder
 - Sliphaak



Object Type Library (Eigenschappen)

- Functie
- Kleur
- Leverancier
- Materiaal

(AM focussed)

Using IFC

ifcRoot

ifcObjectDefinition

ifcRelationship

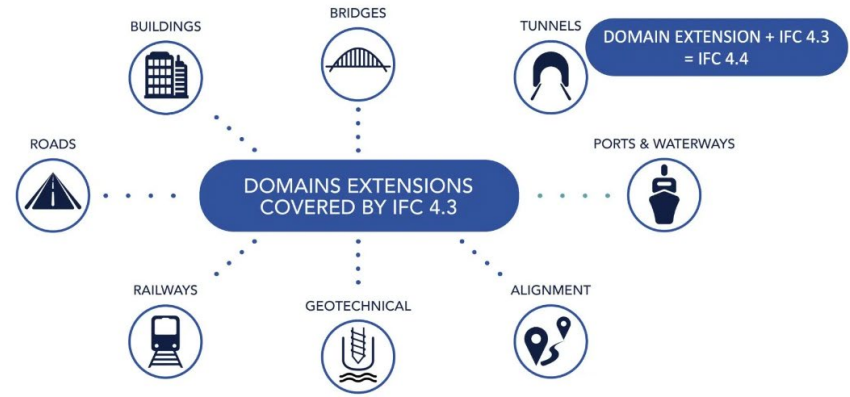
ifcPropertyDefinition

OTL + IFC = Parametric design enabled for all

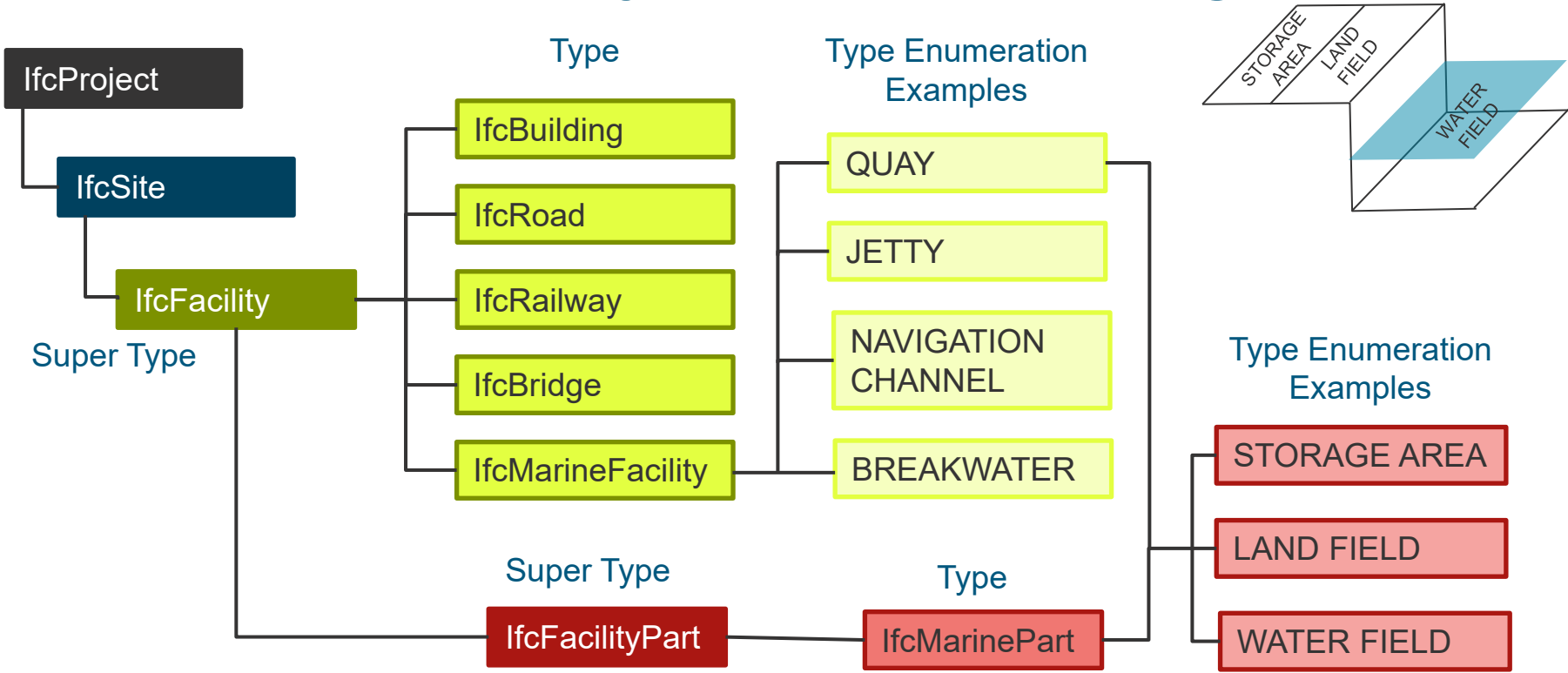
Industry Foundation Class (IFC), what is it?

- IFC is a standardized, digital description of the built environment ([LINK](#))
- Enables collaboration in all phases of project (initiation > design > construction > operation)
- The purpose of IFC: Exchange of information between different software applications
- It's an open – vendor neutral – international standard (ISO 16739-1:2018)
- It is developed/maintained by the non-profit organisation bSI (buildingSmartInternational)
- IFC4.3 for infrastructure (current status: DIS → Draft Int. Standard)

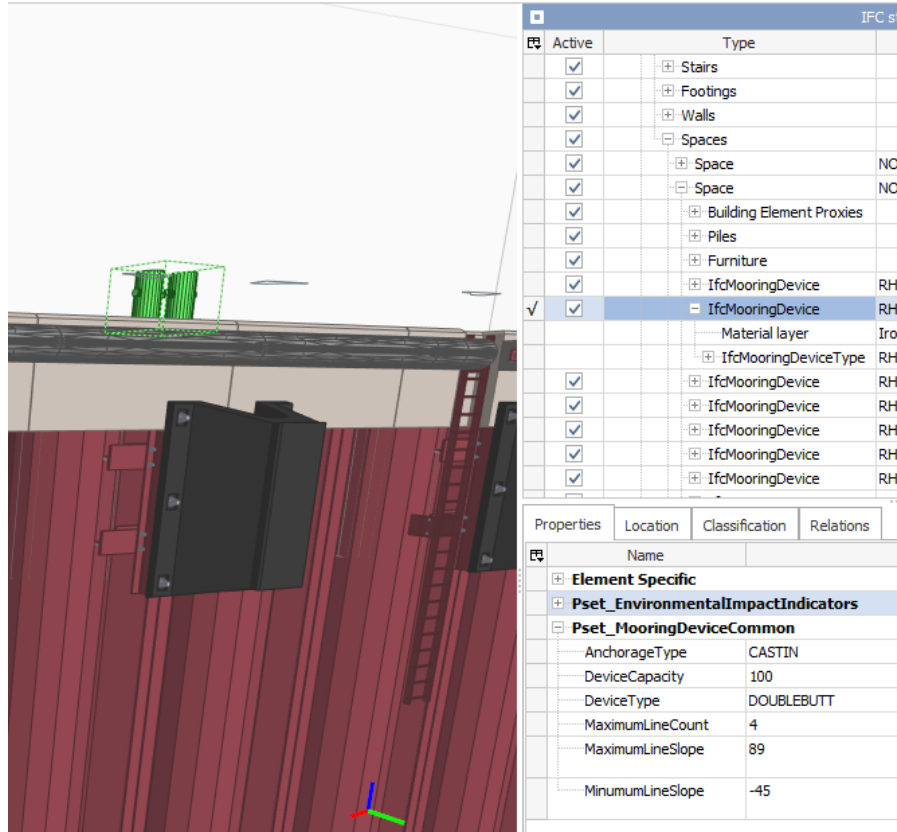
Domains in the new IFC 4.3 standard



IFC4.3 Spatial Hierarchy – where to find things



IFC4.3 Property Sets



Data Dictionaries



Linked data

https://identifier.buildingsmart.org/uri/buildingsmart/ifc/4.3/class/IfcMooringDevice/prop/Pset_MooringDeviceCommon

My plea for today

Boost the uptake of IFC4.3

- Activities that spring to mind:
 - Review PoR object library and map it to IFC
 - Create a PoR domain on the BuildingSMART Data Dictionary
 - Create other domains relevant to the Dutch Market (e.g. dredging → define sand!)



Why?

- API and software development kit is free available
- Would allow to automatically:
 - search a model for objects, and
 - add properties to the objects (verification, design, construction, AM,...)
- To facilitate parametric design

NB: Example from Norwegian Road Data Base: classification system with property sets ([link](#))