Linked Data Workshop

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Overview

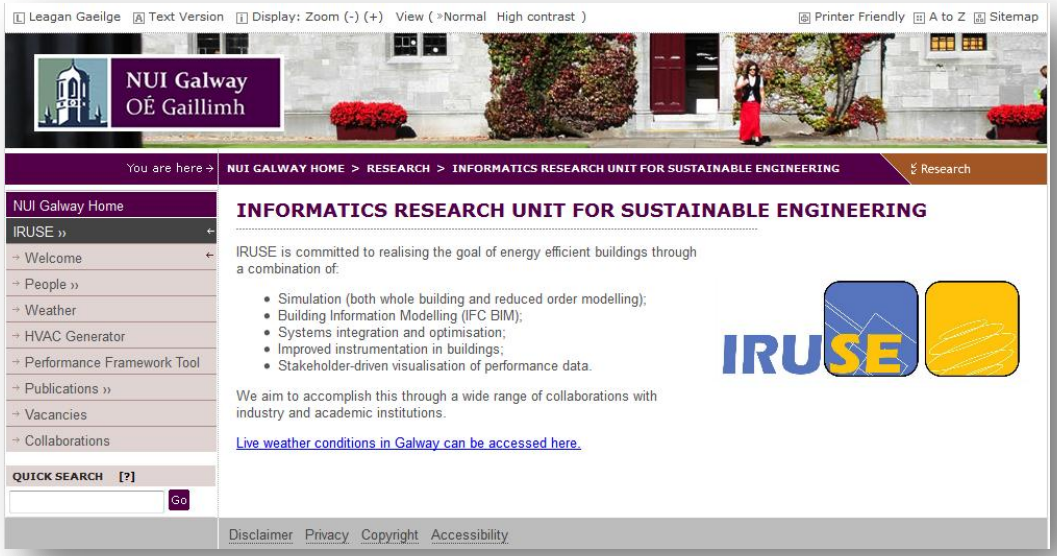
- Introduction
  - IRUSE (Built Environment)
  - DERI (Semantic Web/Linked Data)
- Cross-domain Data for Building Management
  - Enhanced Decision Support with Scenario Modelling
  - Challenges
- Linked Building Data
  - DERI Building Use Case

Who are IRUSE?

Based at National University of Ireland, Galway

Research Group of Civil/Mechanical Engineers

5 post-docs & 7 PhDs

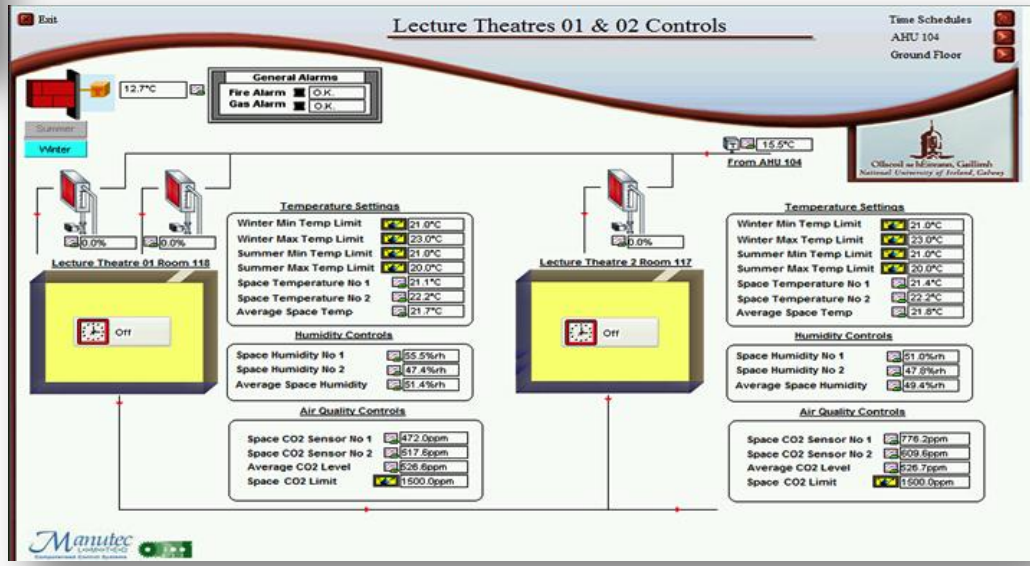


IRUSE interested in Building Optimisation during Operational Phase

HVAC systems integration and Optimisation

Information driven building operation

Stakeholders specific performance data



Energy Simulation

Building Information Models

Calibration of simulation models

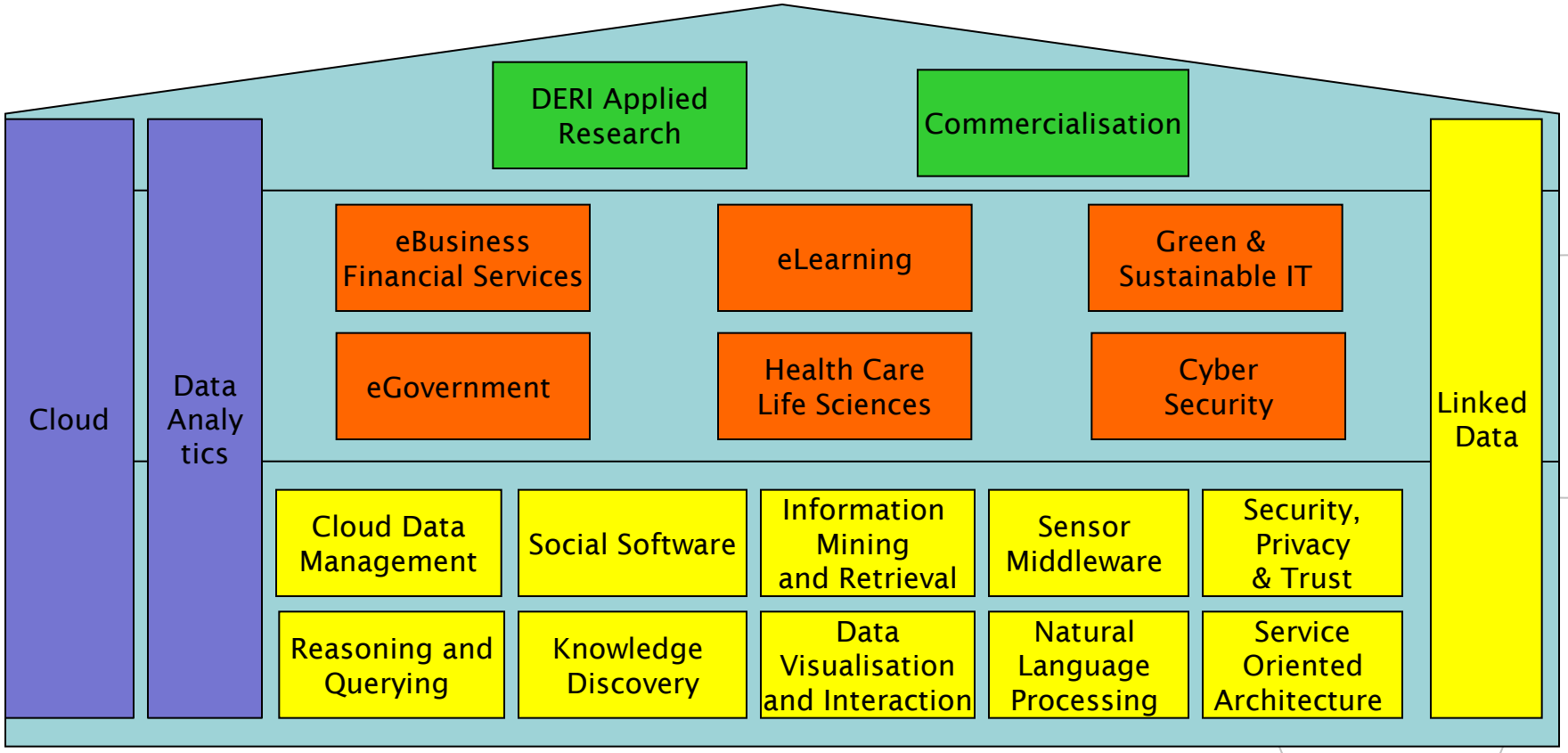
About DERI

- **Founded June 2003 as a CSET (Centre for Science, Engineering and Technology).**
  - Link scientists and engineers / academia and industry
  - Fundamental research
  - Development of Irish-based technology companies
  - Attract industry
  - Education & outreach
- **DERI Institute**
  - CSET
  - Commercialization, DAI
  - EU, EI, direct industry, IRCSET
- **DERI strategic plan responds to priorities**
  - Local: University focus on Informatics, Physical & Computational Sciences
  - National: SMART Economy, Program for Government
  - International: EU Digital Agenda

About DERI

- **Number one in its core space**
  - Research Publications > 950
  - Participate in 17 standardisation groups (W3C, OASIS)
  - Approx 140 members from 30 nations
  - 57 PhD's /Masters
  - 42 completed PhDs/Masters
- **Core Industrial Partners:**
  - MNC's: Cisco, Avaya, Bel-Labs, Ericsson…
  - SME's: Storm, Celtrak, OpenLink……
  - Research: FBK
- **Total Research Grants: >€60 million**
  - SFI, EU Framework, Enterprise Ireland, Industry

The 2012 DERI House



DERI is designed to provide an integrated solution

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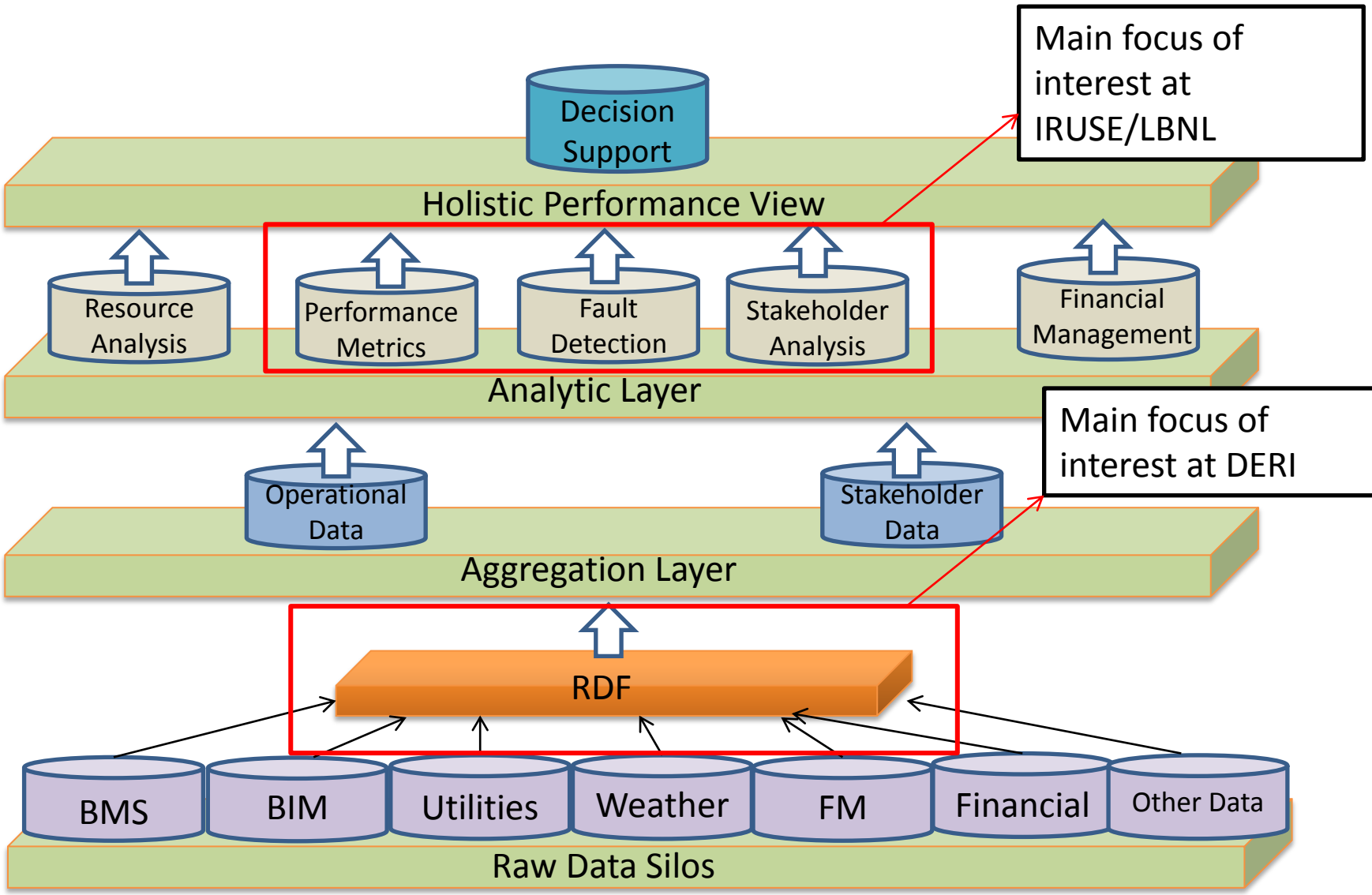
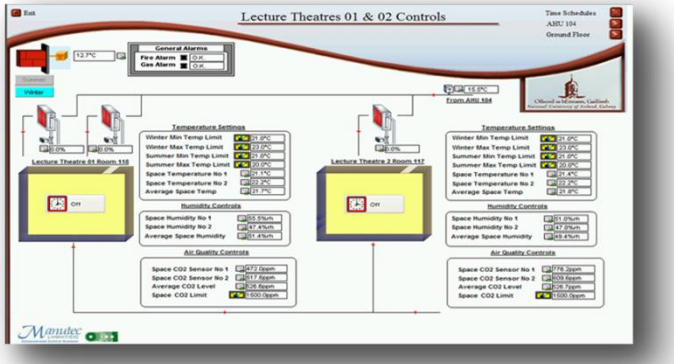
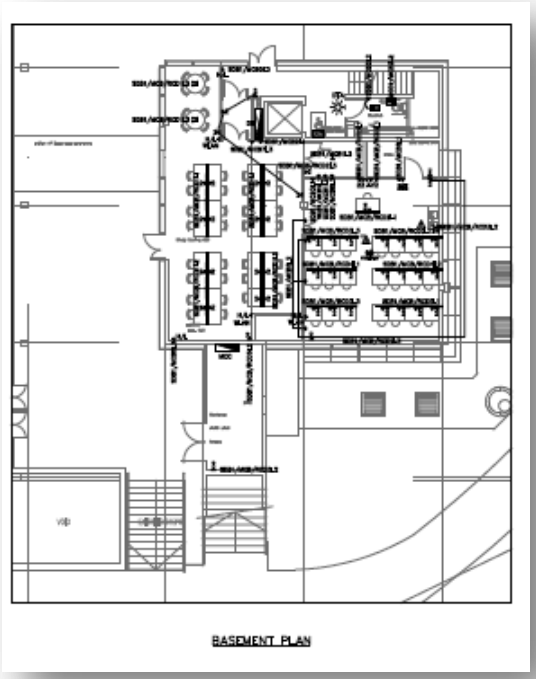


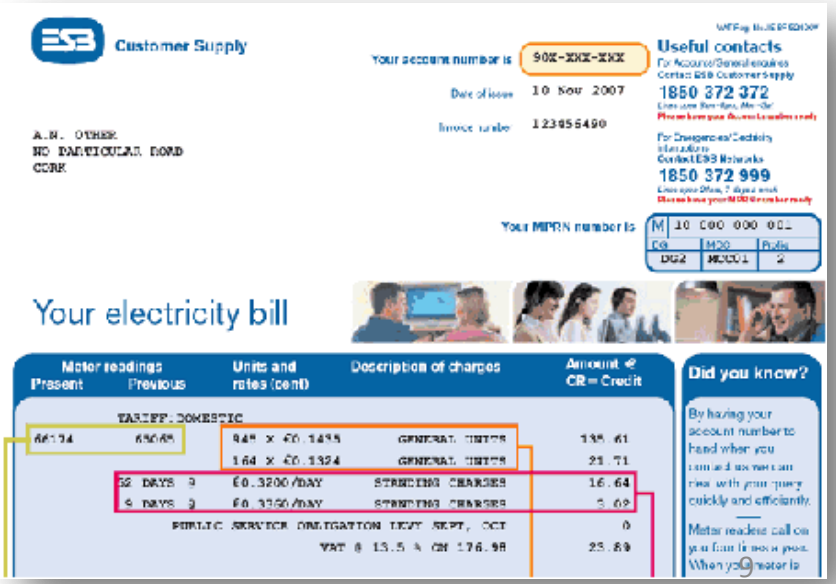
Organisations incur substantial costs as a result of data mismanagement

Confusion
No Interoperability
Cost Overruns
Higher Costs
Inefficiencies

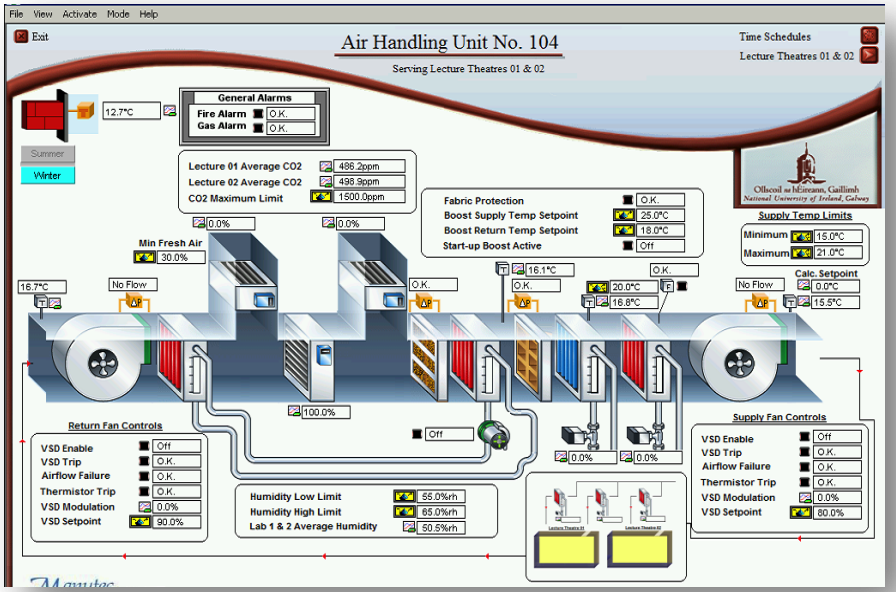




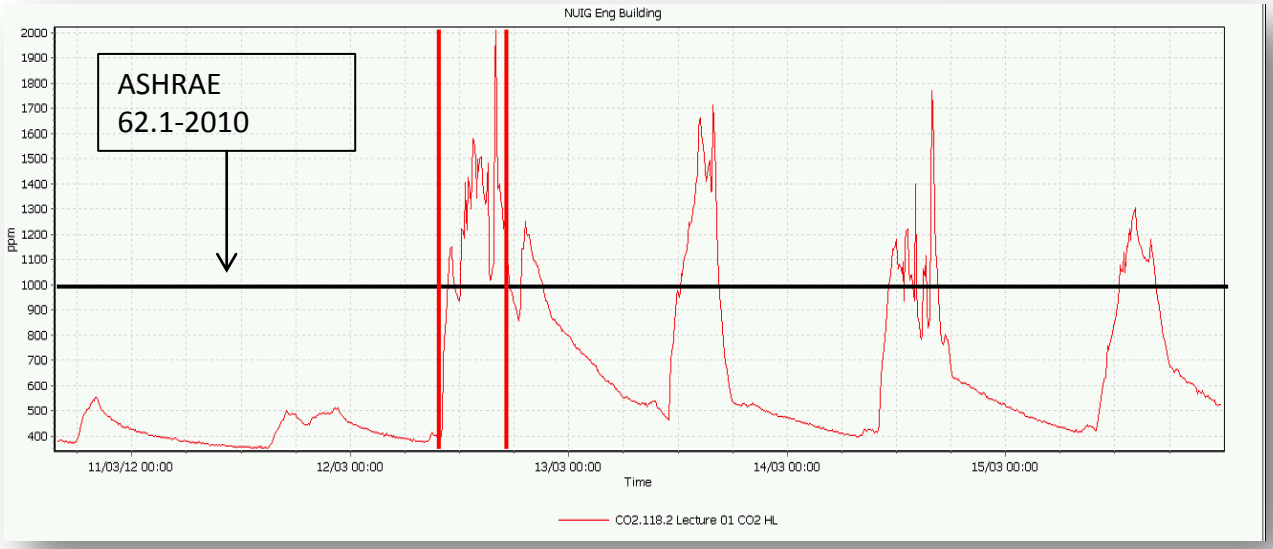
Building Manager



Research Motivation - a concrete example



CO2 levels



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16:00-17:00	149		250	160	
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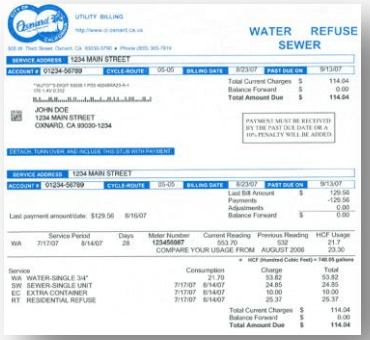
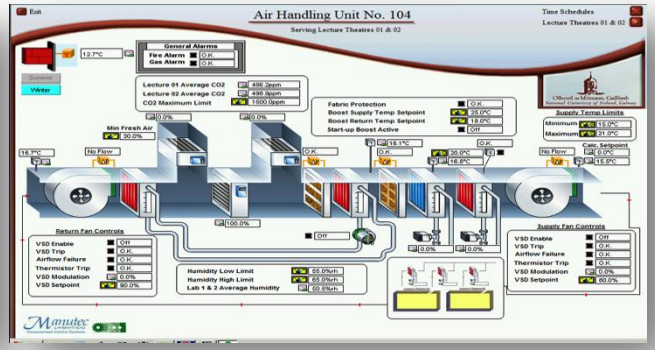
These are the types of data that we wish to leverage



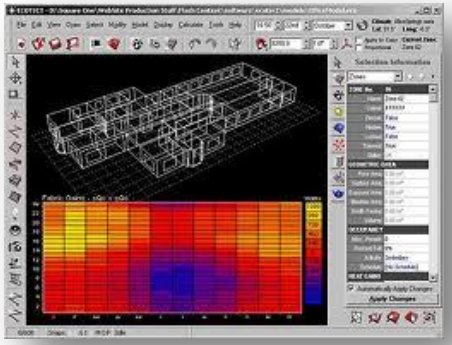
Utility Bills



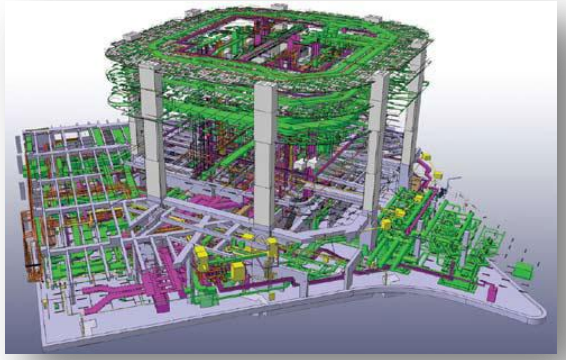
BMS

Sensor &
Meter Data

Weather Data



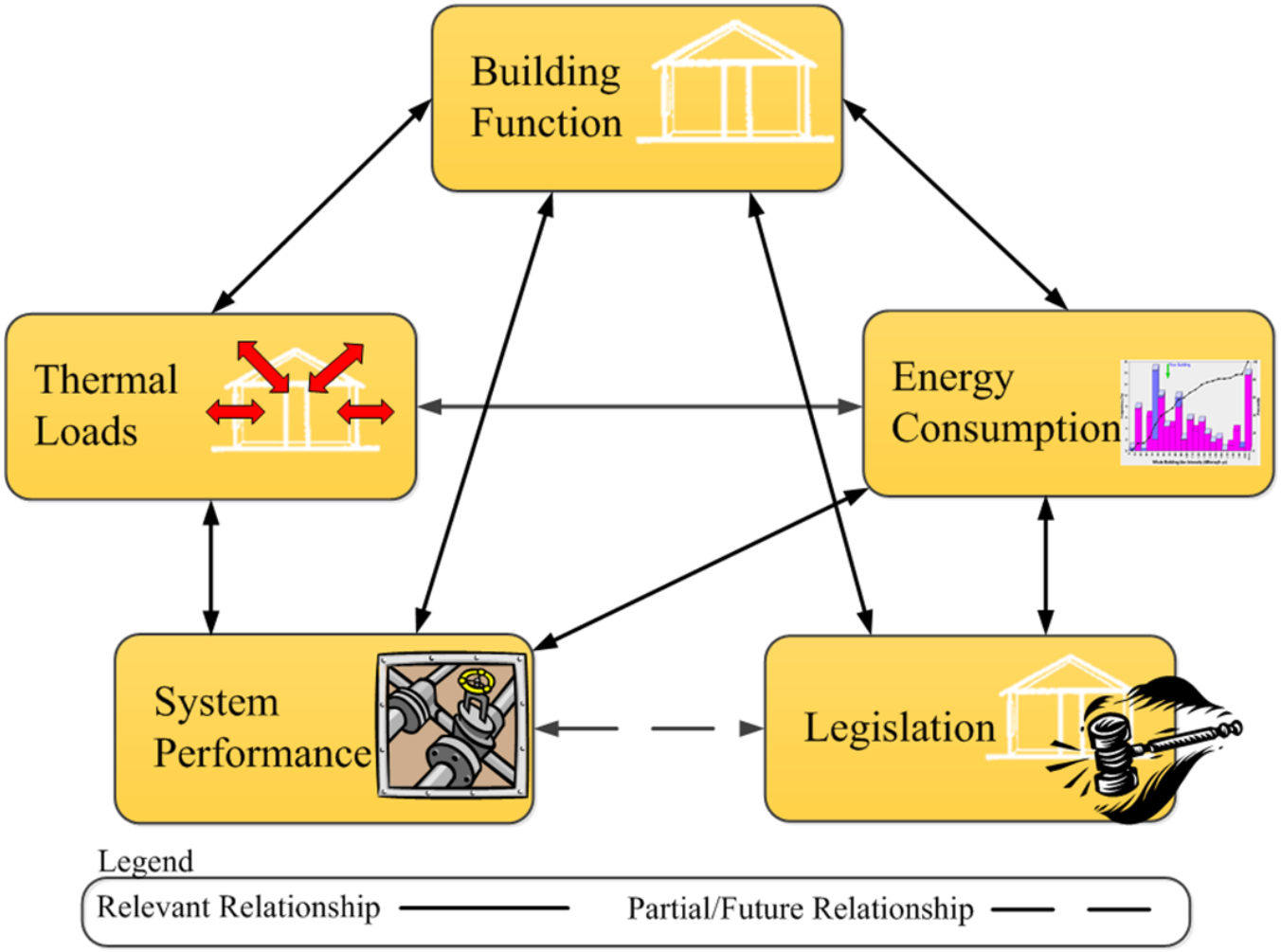
Simulation Models
Output



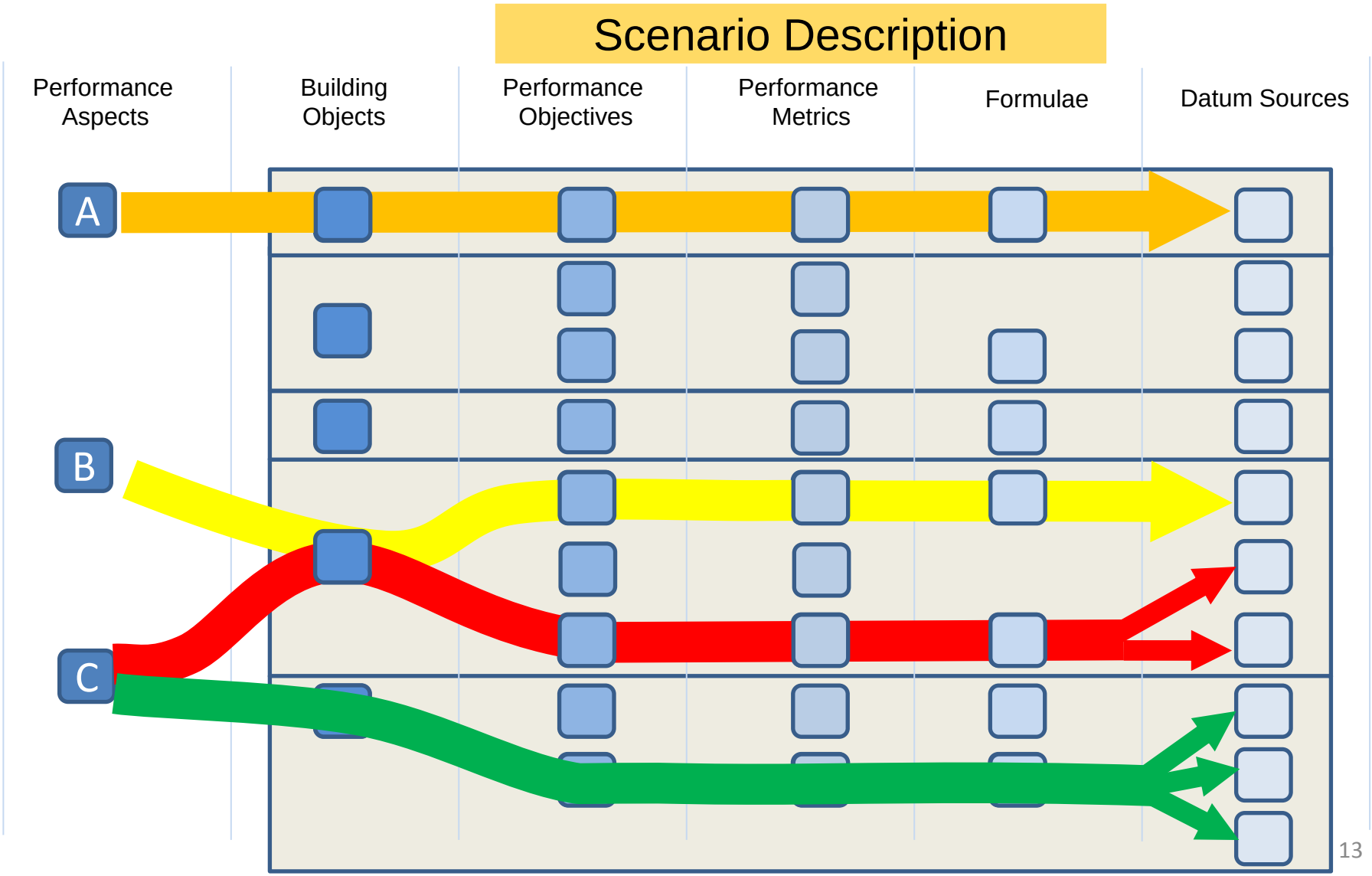
Building Models

Other Data

Scenario Modelling provides a holistic interpretation of building performance

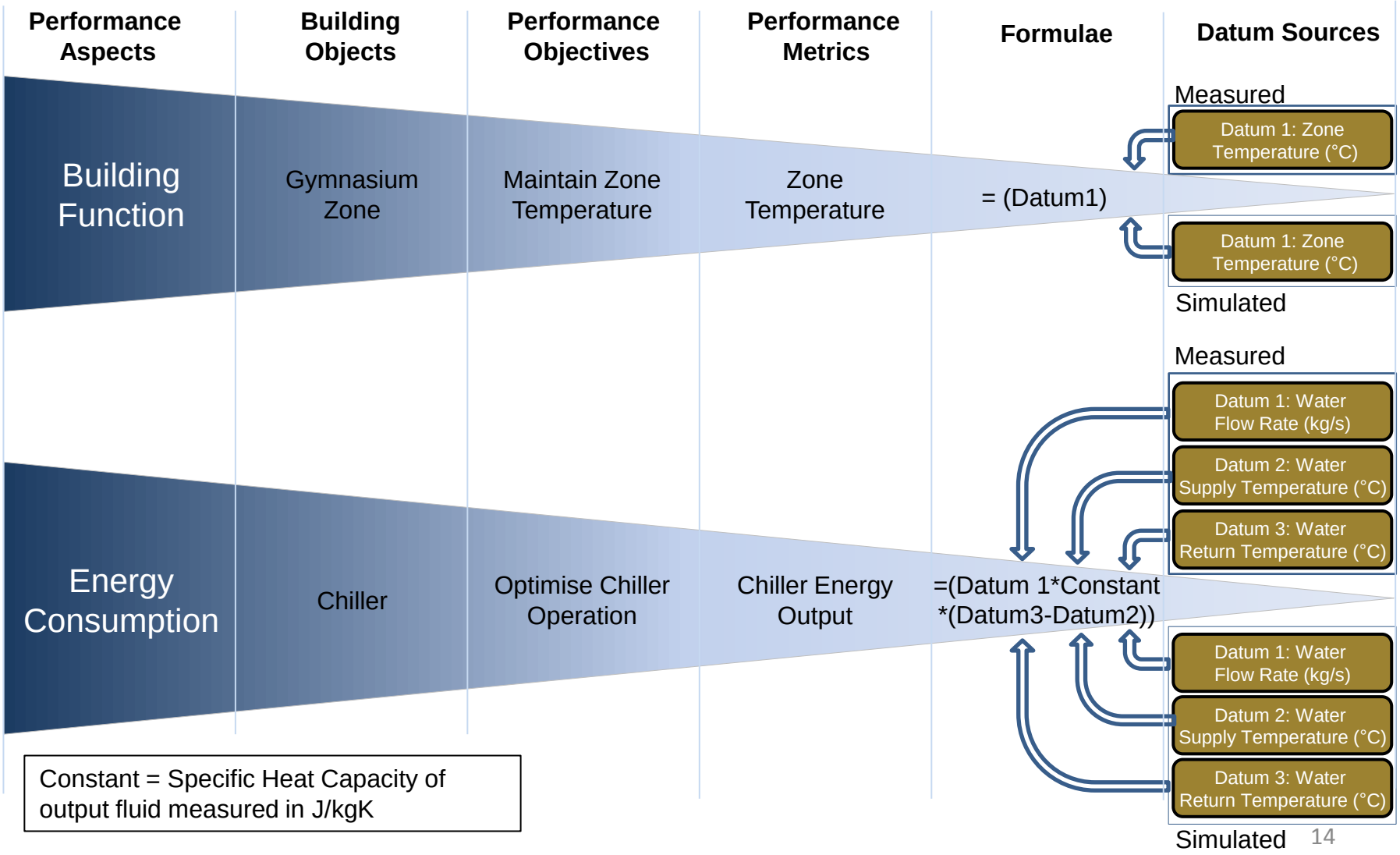


Define information required by stakeholder and related data



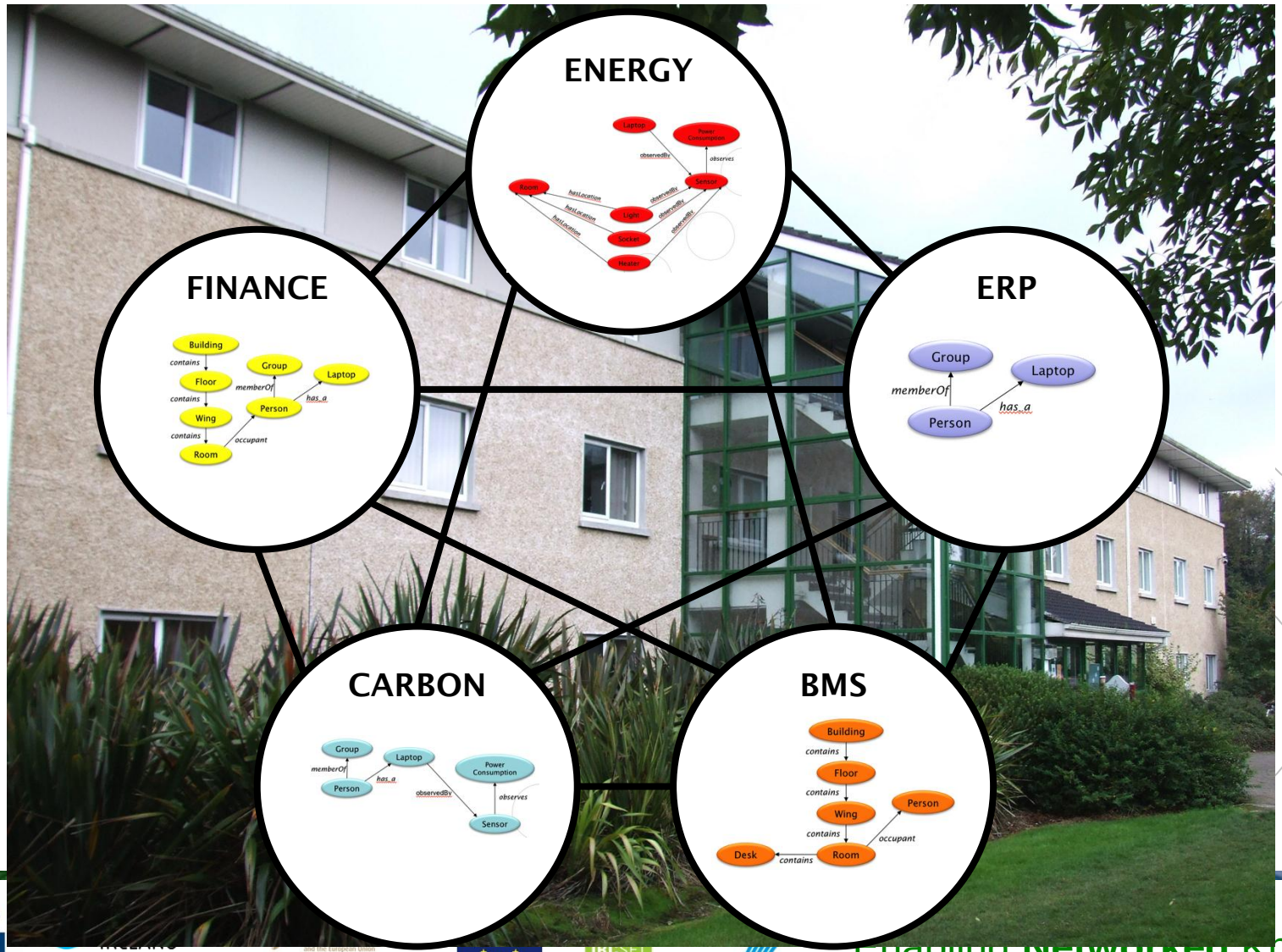
A building manager would like to analyse comfort and energy consumption

Scenario: Compare Comfort & Energy Consumption



Constant = Specific Heat Capacity of output fluid measured in J/kgK

Cross-Domain Perspective



Key Challenges

- Initially developed a Performance Framework Tool
  - IFC based
  - Encountered significant roadblocks with BIM
  - Originally felt BIM was central pillar of performance assessment
  - Recognise BIM is one of many pillars

- Technology and Data Interoperability
  - Data scattered among different information systems
  - Multiple incompatible technologies make it difficult to use
  - Dynamic data, sensors, ERP, BMS, assets databases, …

Linked Building Data

- Linking building data builds context between systems
  - Relevant information can linked together to build holistic views of the building
  - Broader context can be used in decision making
- Maintains loose coupling between systems
  - Allows domain systems to focus on their expertise
  - Allows systems to develop independently

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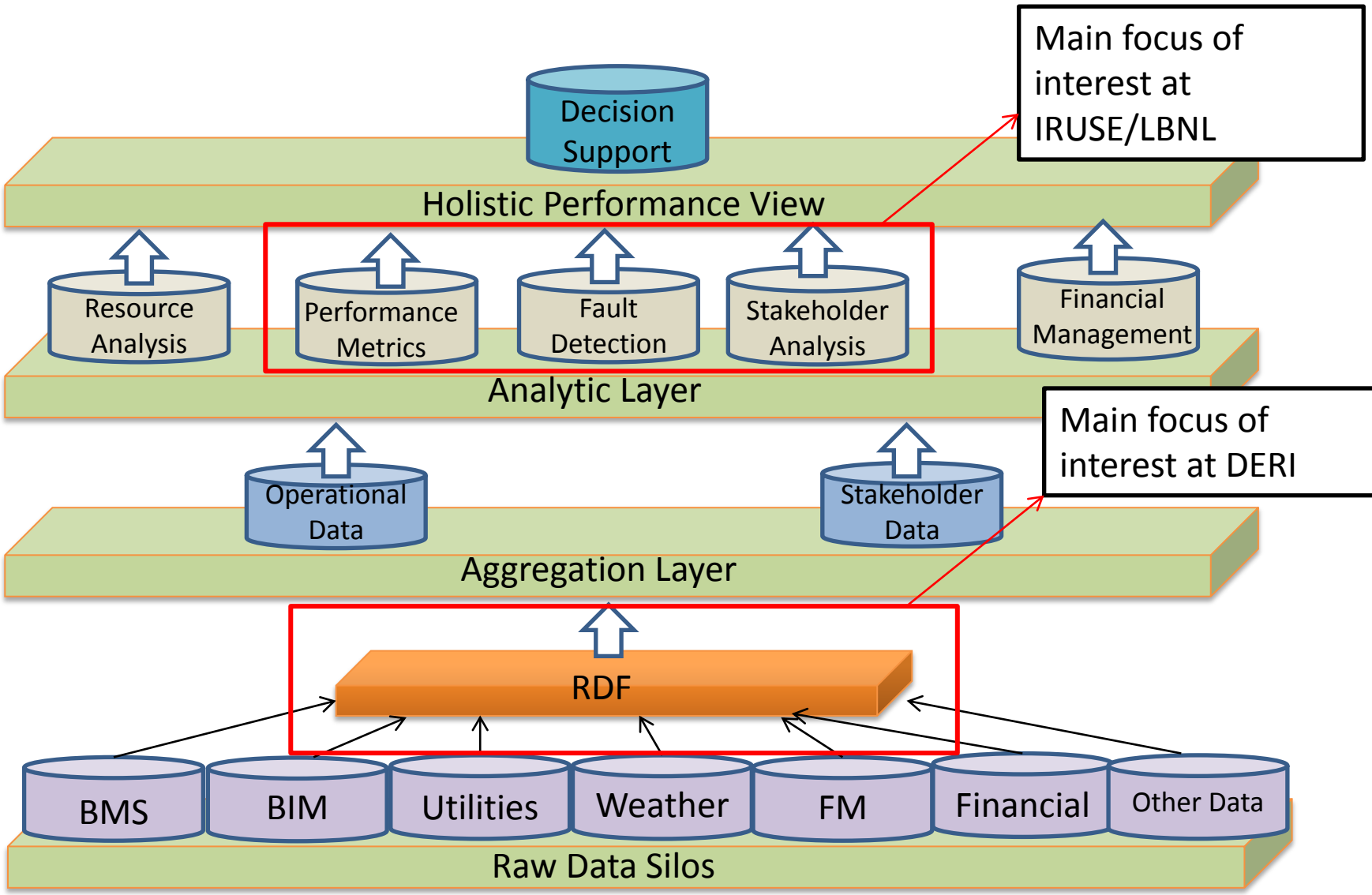
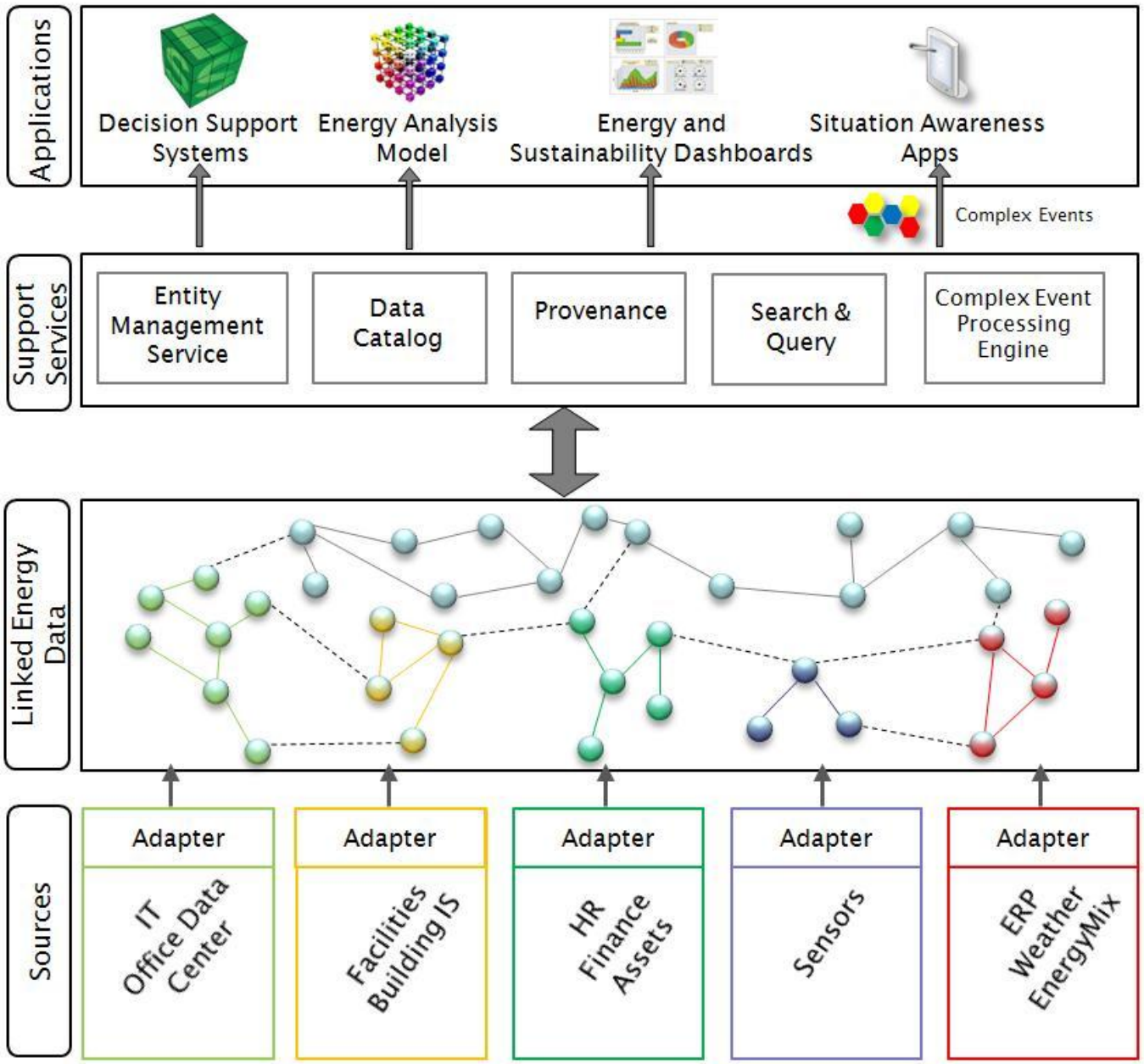
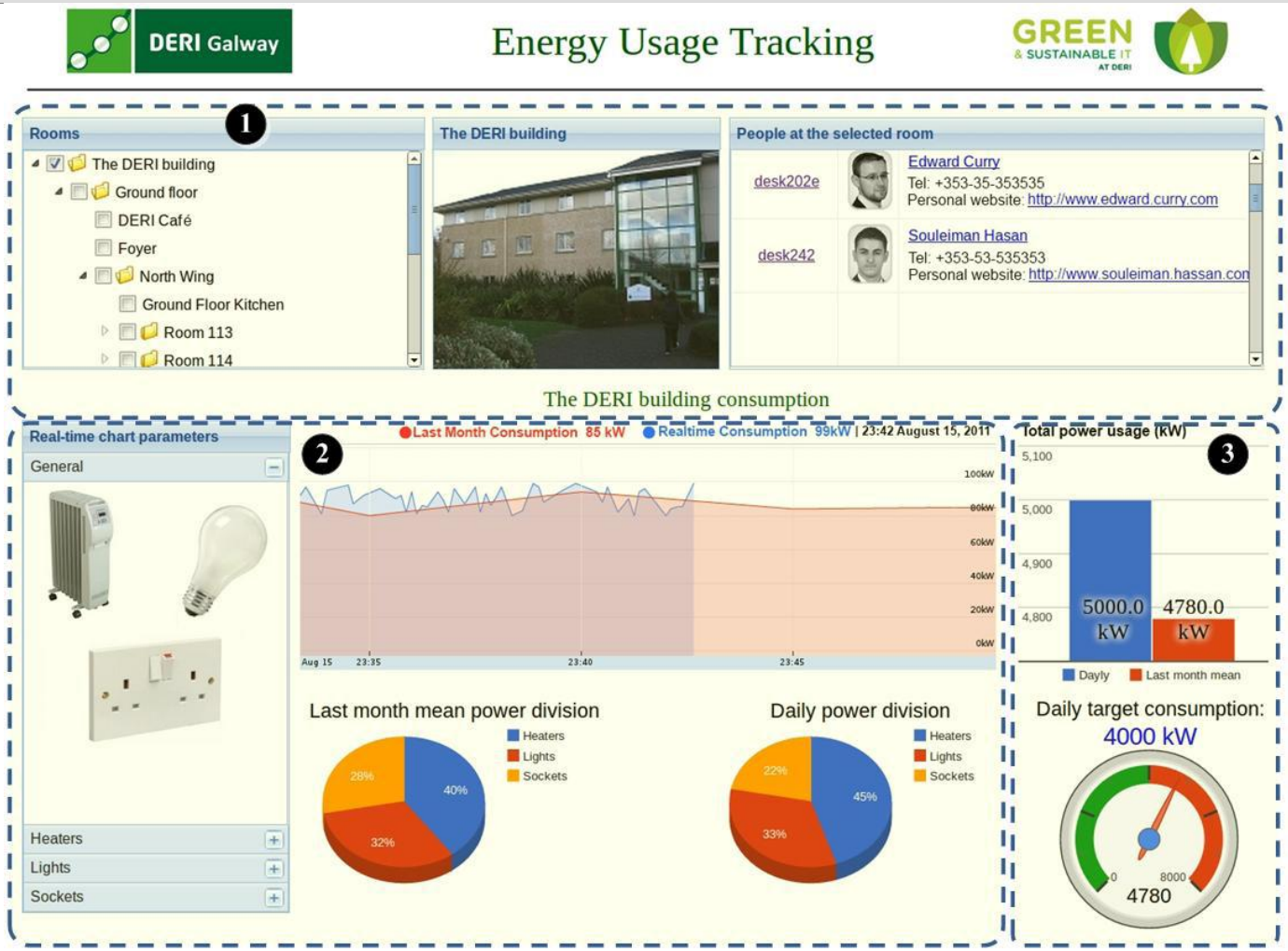


Case Study: DERI Building

- DERI Building
  - No BMS or BEMS
  - 160 person Office space
  - Café
  - Data centre
  - 3 Kitchens
  - 80 person Conference room
  - 4 Meeting rooms
  - Computing museum
  - Sensor Lab

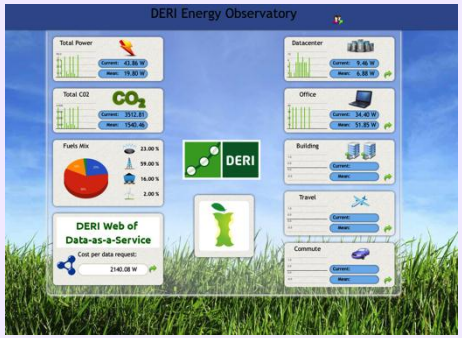
DERI Dataspace





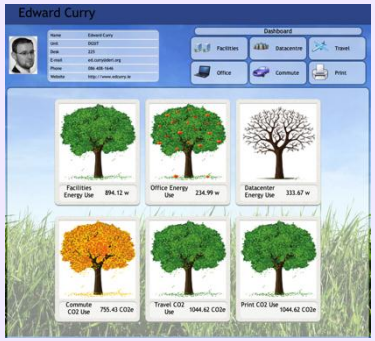
1. Data from Enterprise Linked Data Cloud
2. Sensor Data
3. Building Energy Situation Awareness

Enterprise Energy Observatory



Organisation

Business Process

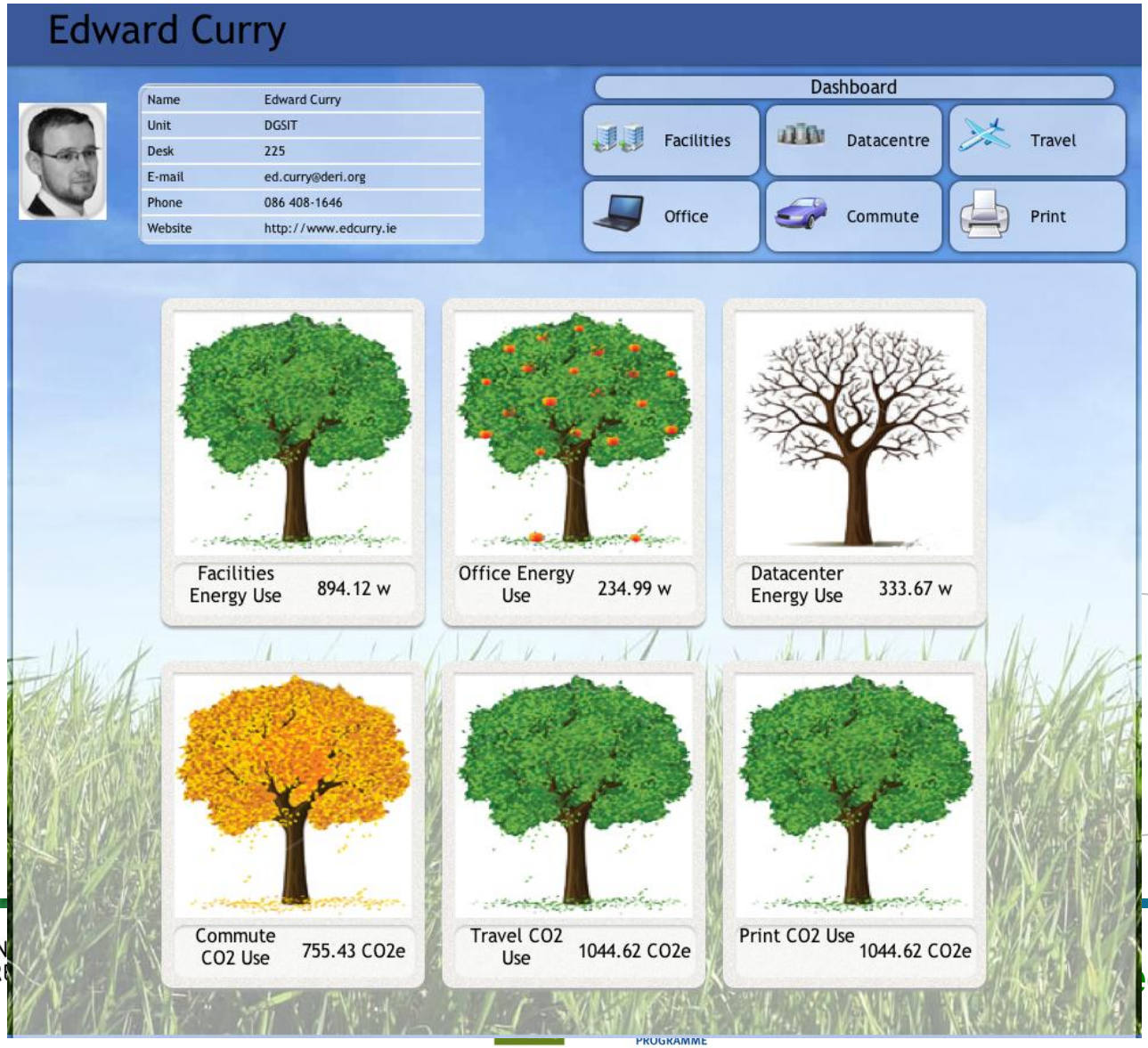


Personal

Open Energy Intelligence Platform

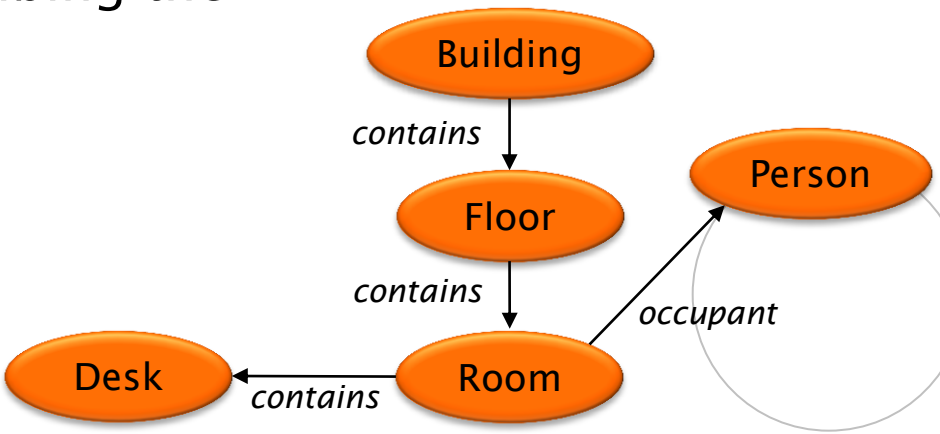
(Linked Data, Semantic Web, Semantic Sensor Networks)

iEnergy – Personal



Vocabulary Used

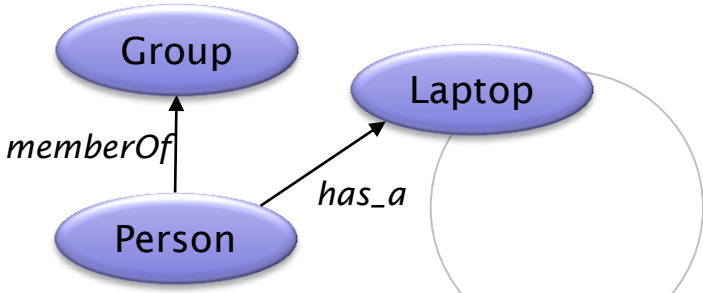
- Buildings and Rooms
  - Simple vocabulary for describing the rooms in a building
  - http://vocab.deri.ie/rooms



- Queries
  - How many floors are in the Building?
  - How many desk on are the first floor?
  - Who is the occupant of room 202e?
  - Where does Edward Curry sit?

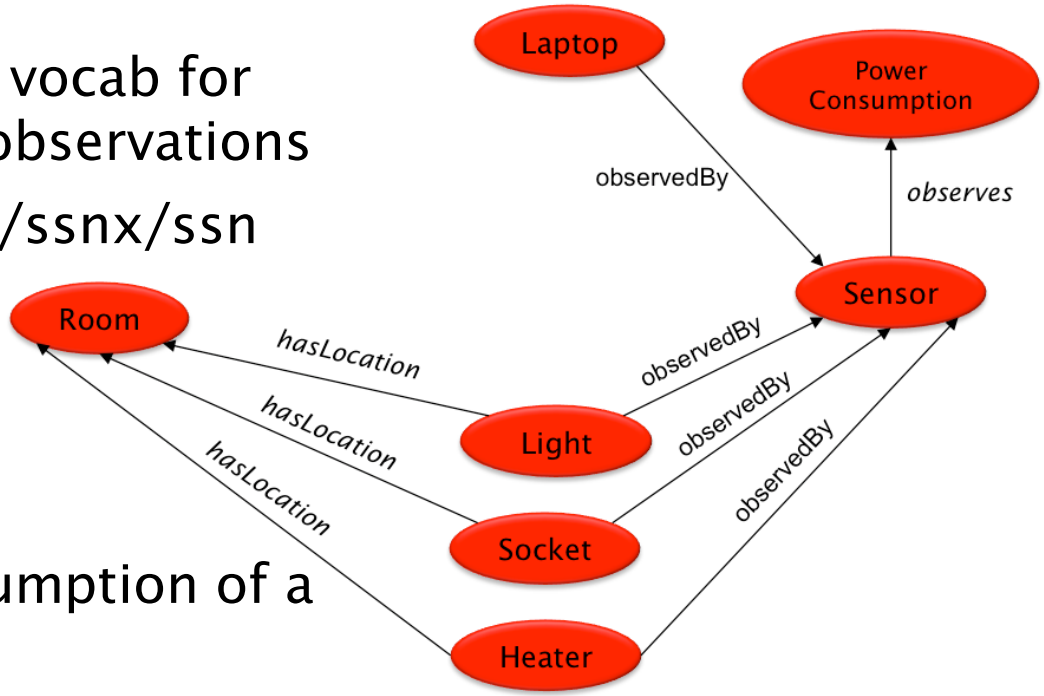
Vocabulary Used

- People, Groups and Devices
  - FOAF: Simple vocabulary for describing peoples and groups.
  - DERI Energy: Devices and Laptops

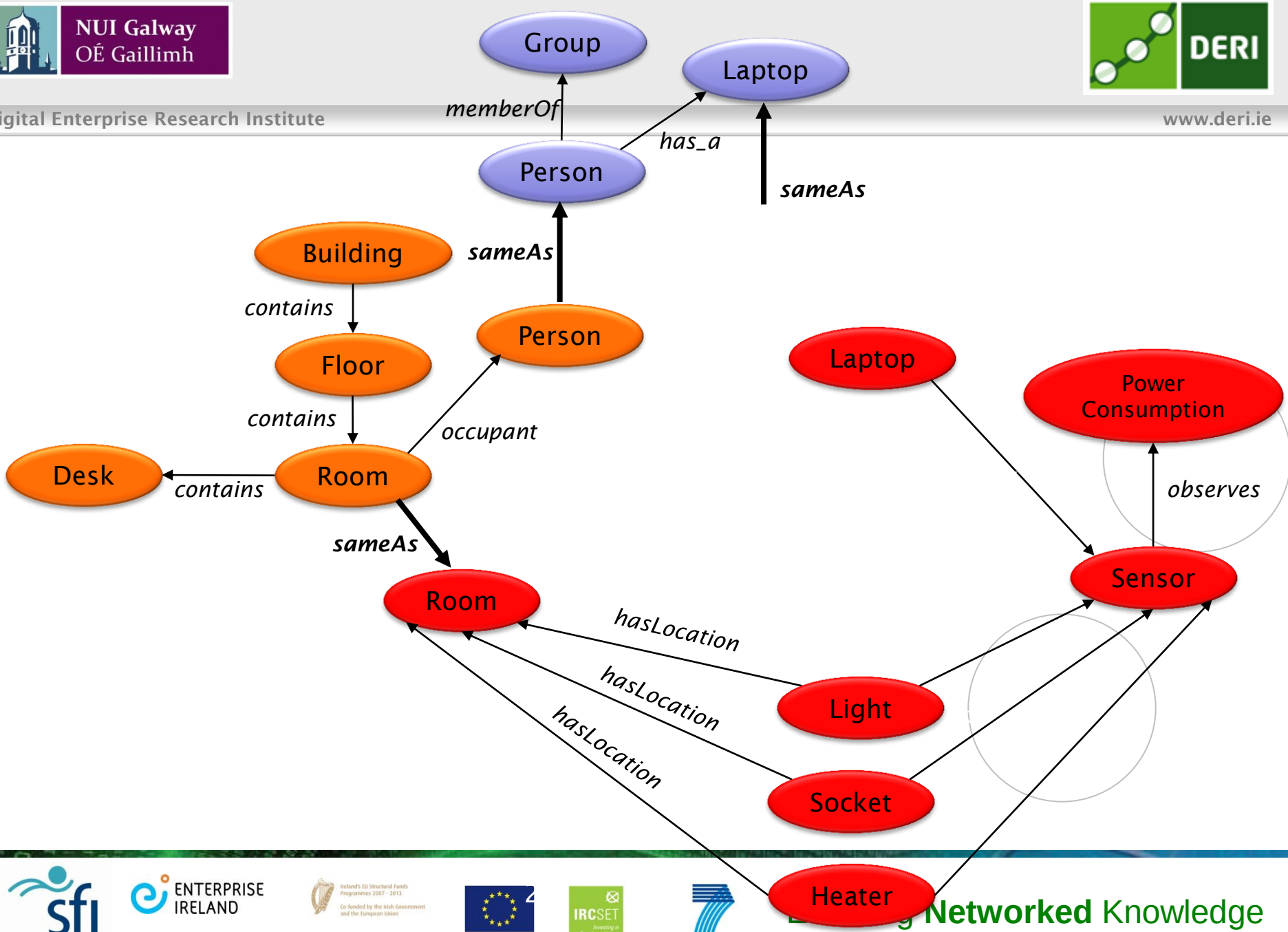


- Queries
  - Who are the members of the Green IT group?
  - What laptop does Edward have?
  - What laptops are used by the Green IT group??
  - Who is using a MacBook Pro?

- Energy Sensor Network
  - Semantic Senor Network vocab for describing sensors and observations
  - http://purl.oclc.org/NET/ssnx/ssn



- Queries
  - What is the energy consumption of a laptop?
  - What is the energy consumption of the lights in room 202e?
  - What is the total energy consumption of room 202e?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observes
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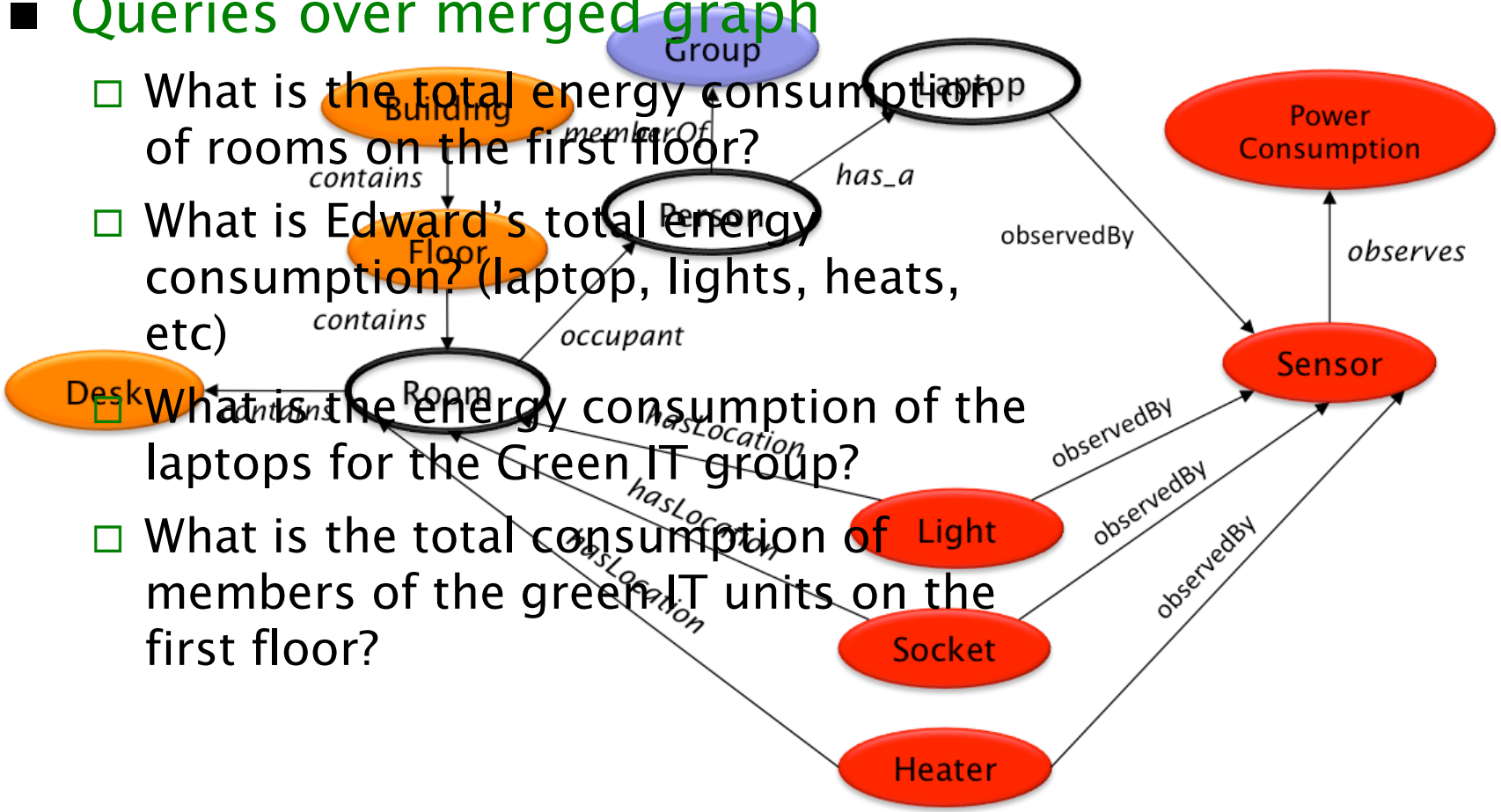
Sensor
Room
hasLocation
hasLocation
Light
hasLocation
Socket
Heater

Linked Data

- Queries over merged graph
  - What is the total energy consumption of rooms on the first floor?
  - What is Edward's total energy consumption? (laptop, lights, heats, etc)
  - What is the energy consumption of the laptops for the Green IT group?
  - What is the total consumption of members of the green IT units on the first floor?



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