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# Semantic Data Exploitation in Urban Subsurface Planning

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# The SUBSURFACE project

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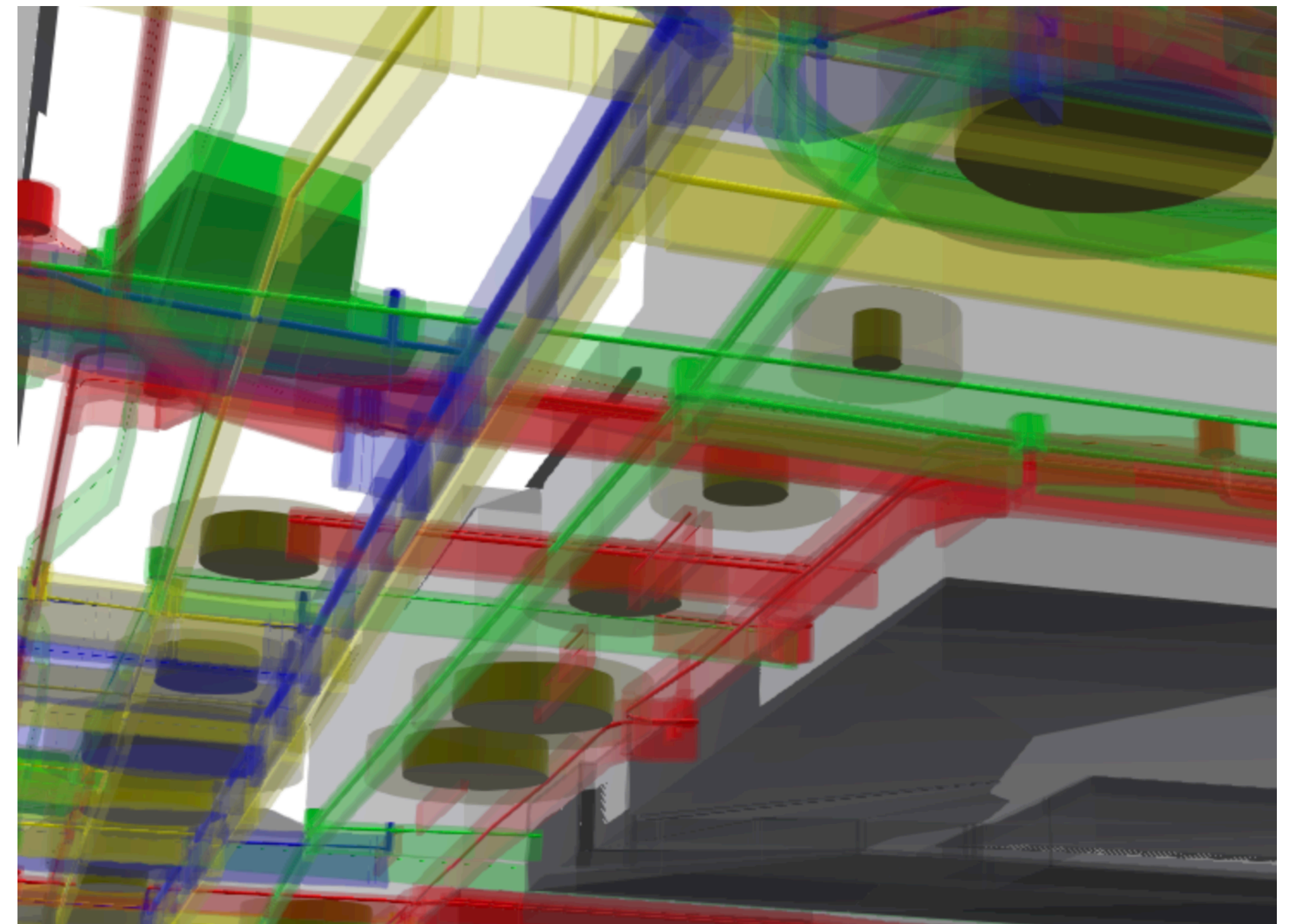
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# Motivation

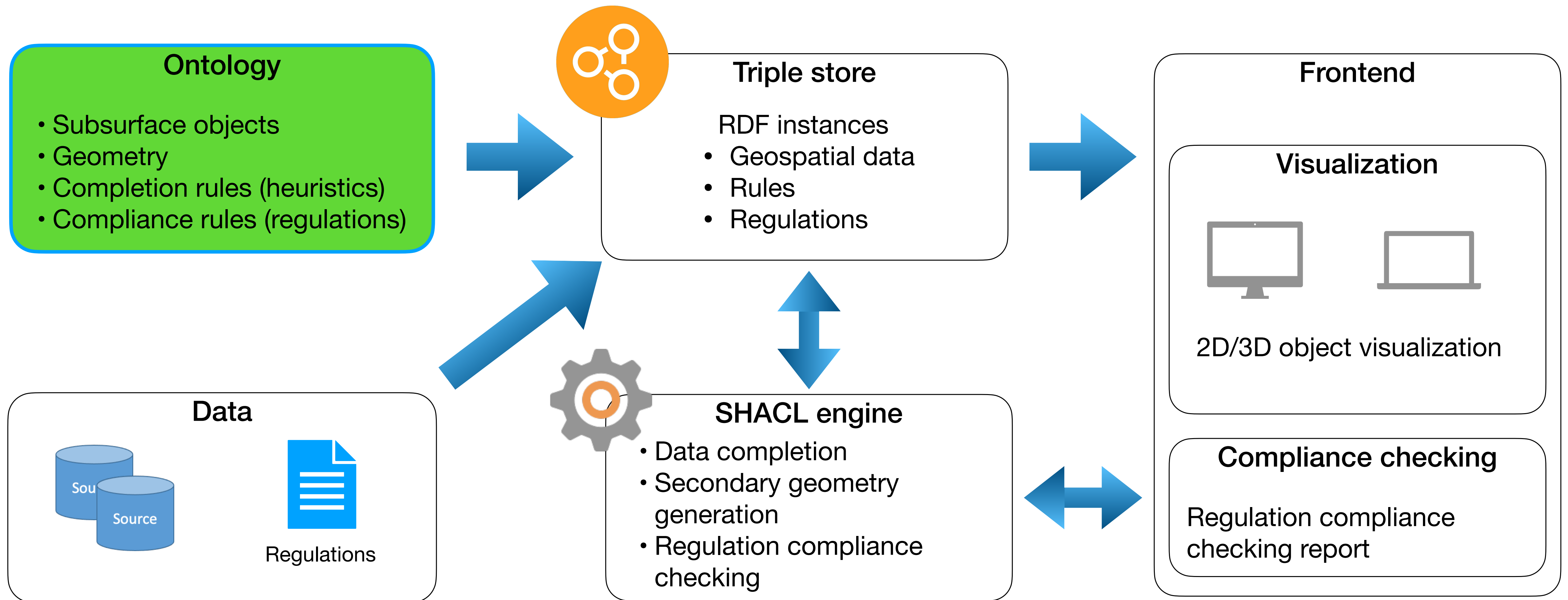
**Urban planning: should the underground objects be taken into account?**

- **Represent underground data**
- Data integration (BIM-GIS)
- Data completion
  - 3D-ify
  - infer missing information
- **Dealing with uncertainty**
- **Regulation compliance checking**



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## Overview

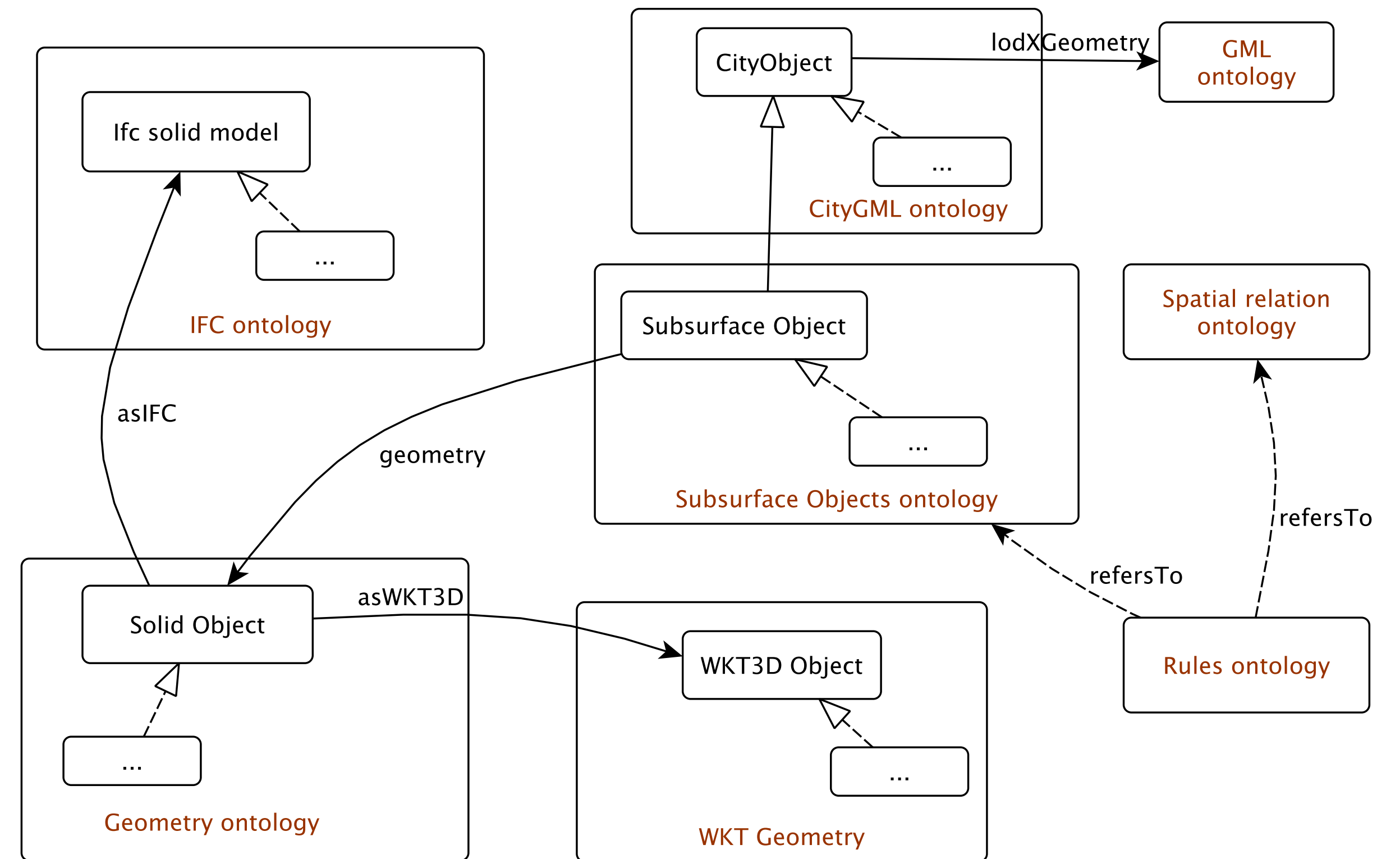




# The SUBSURFACE ontology

We defined a set of interconnected ontologies to represent the **subsurface objects** as well as their **spatial relationships** and their **geometry**

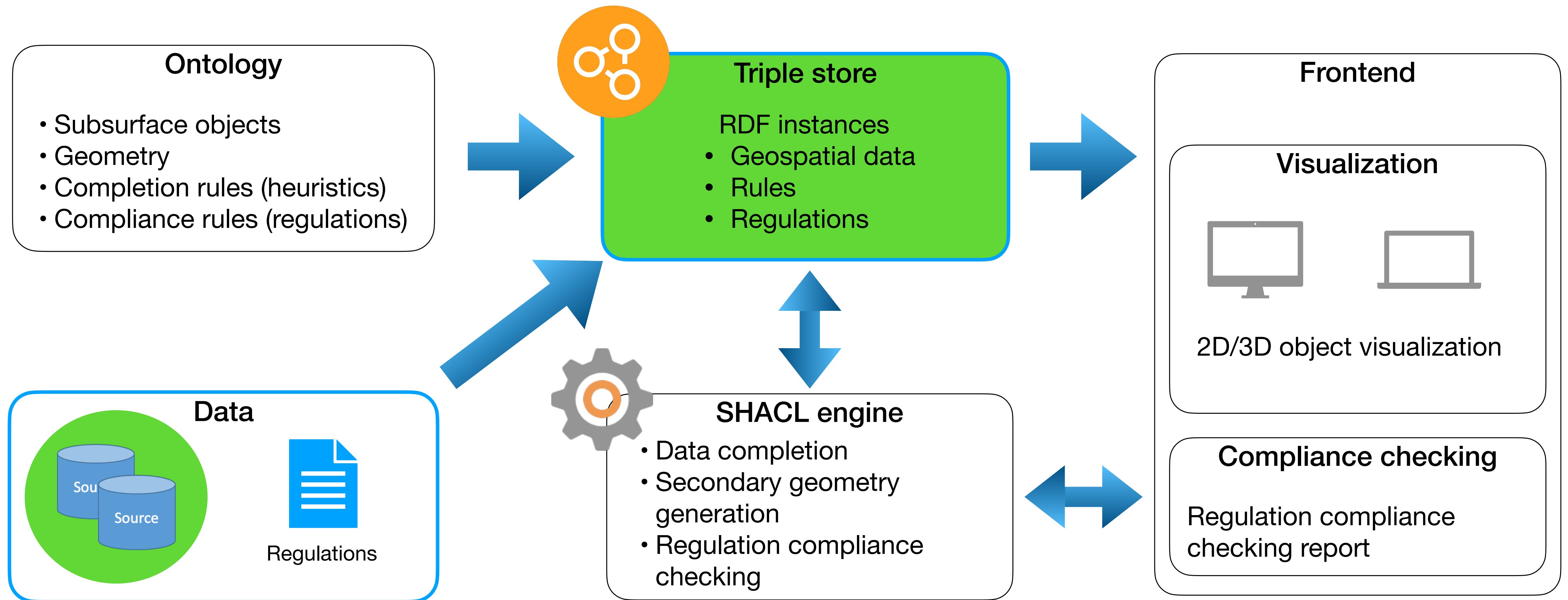
- Subsurface Objects (sub)
- Geometry (geom)
- WKT Geometry (wkt)
- Rules ontology (rules)
- Spatial relation ontology (srel)
- CityGML Ontology (citygml)
- IFC Ontology (ifcOWL)



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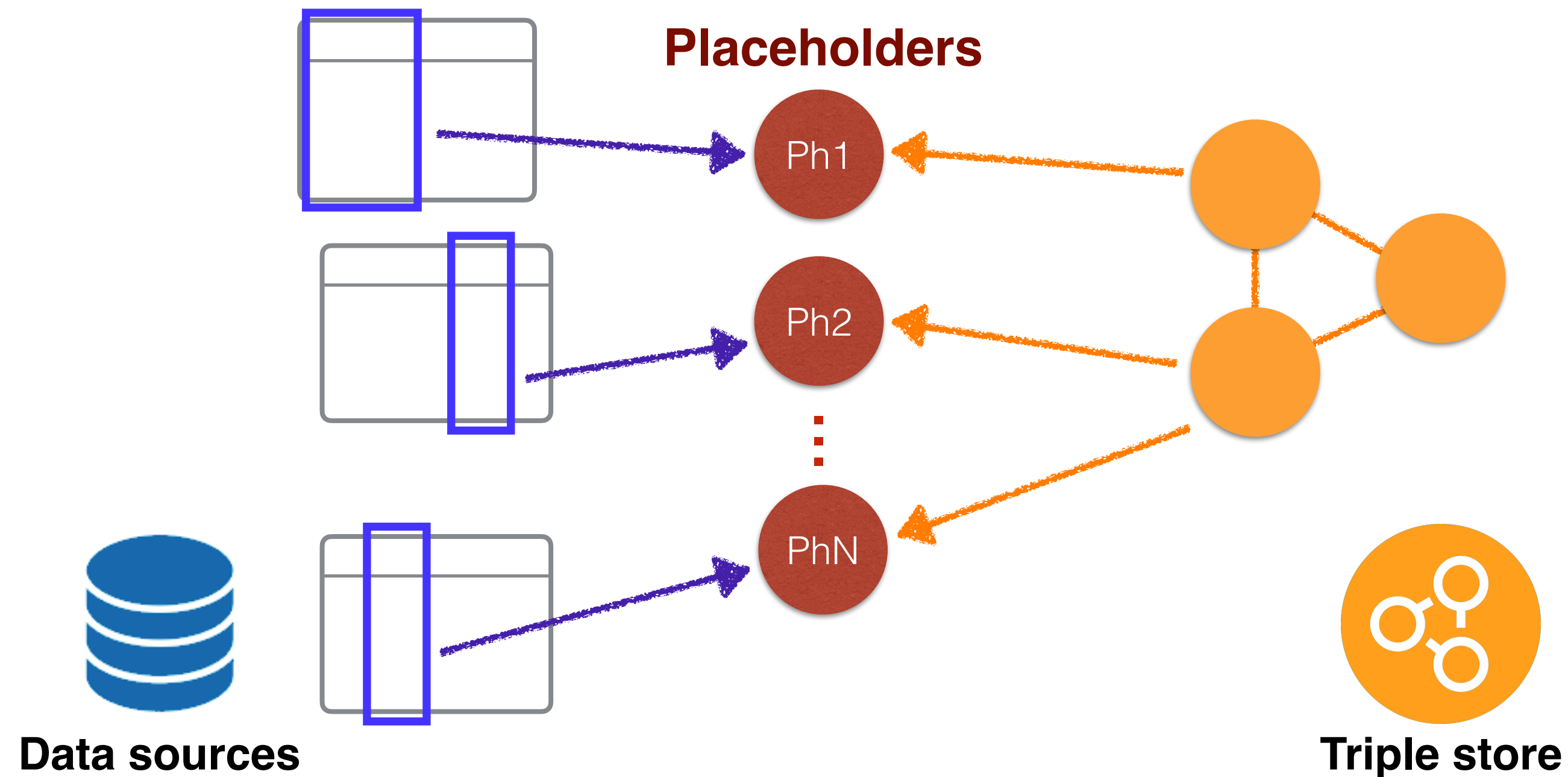
# GIS data to RDF I



# GIS data to RDF II

Data **Mapping**

Knowledge **Template**



**Data mapping:** a JSON file that links each column with a placeholder

**Knowledge Template:** a graph that links each property with a placeholder



# GIS data to RDF III

## Data Mapping

```
{
  "domain": "GE_COR_SIPV_TR_",
  "mapping":
  {
    "L0":{
      "table":"cor_raw_sipv_ica_arbre_isole",
      "column": "id"
    },
    "L1":{
      "table":"cor_raw_sipv_ica_arbre_isole",
      "column": "geom"
    },
    "L2":{
      "table":"cor_raw_sipv_ica_arbre_isole",
      "column": "rayon_couronne"
    }
    "L3":{
      "table":"cor_raw_sipv_ica_arbre_isole",
      "column": "hauteur_totale"
    }
  }
}
```

L0

L1

L2

L3

## Knowledge Template

```
L0 :L0
a ktmap:PH_Subject ;
a sub:TreeRoot ;
sub:height [
  a geom:Value ;
  geom:uom "m" ;
  geom:value :L3 ;
] ;
geom:geometry [
  a sub:Cylinder ;
  geom:radius [
    a geom:Value ;
    geom:uom "m" ;
    geom:value :L2
  ] ;
  geom:center [
    a geom:Point ;
    geom:asWKT2D [
      a wkt:Point ;
      geom:WKT2Dvalue :L1 ;
    ] ;
  ] ;
] ;
```

- syntax: **Turtle**
- PH\_Subject is a Class

L3

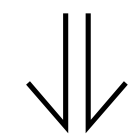
L2

L1

# Dealing with geometry uncertainties

## Common issue with underground objects

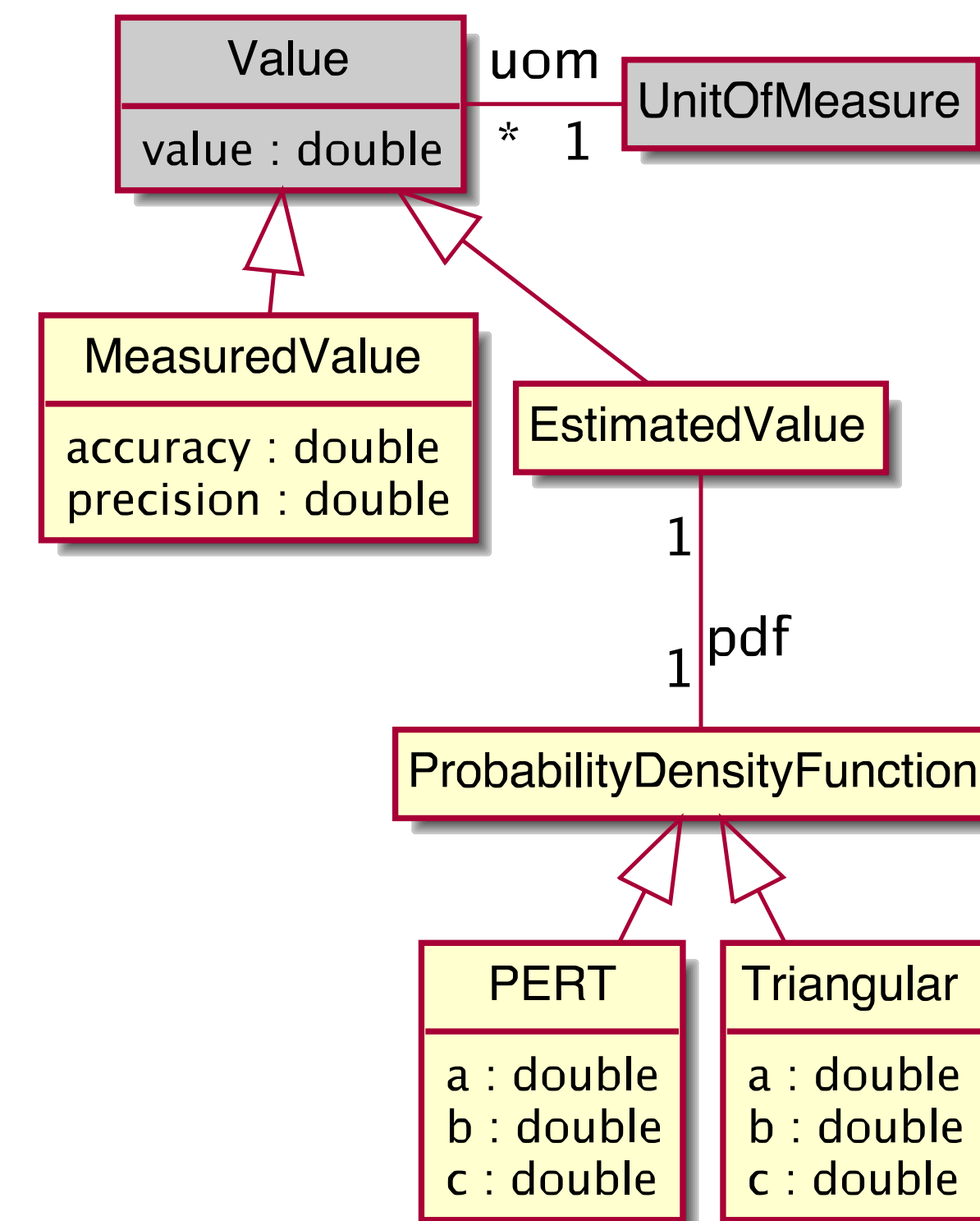
Actual geometry and positioning may differ from expected (measured/detected) one: **objects may move over the time**



Geometry and positioning have not always to be considered valid during the object lifetime

# Dealing with geometry uncertainties

- We extended an existing model to represent both **known** (*Measured*) and **uncertain** (*Estimated*) values
- We also added properties for representing
  - Time-dependent geometries (*hasBeginning*, *hasEnd*)
  - Provenance/quality of the data (*provenance*)



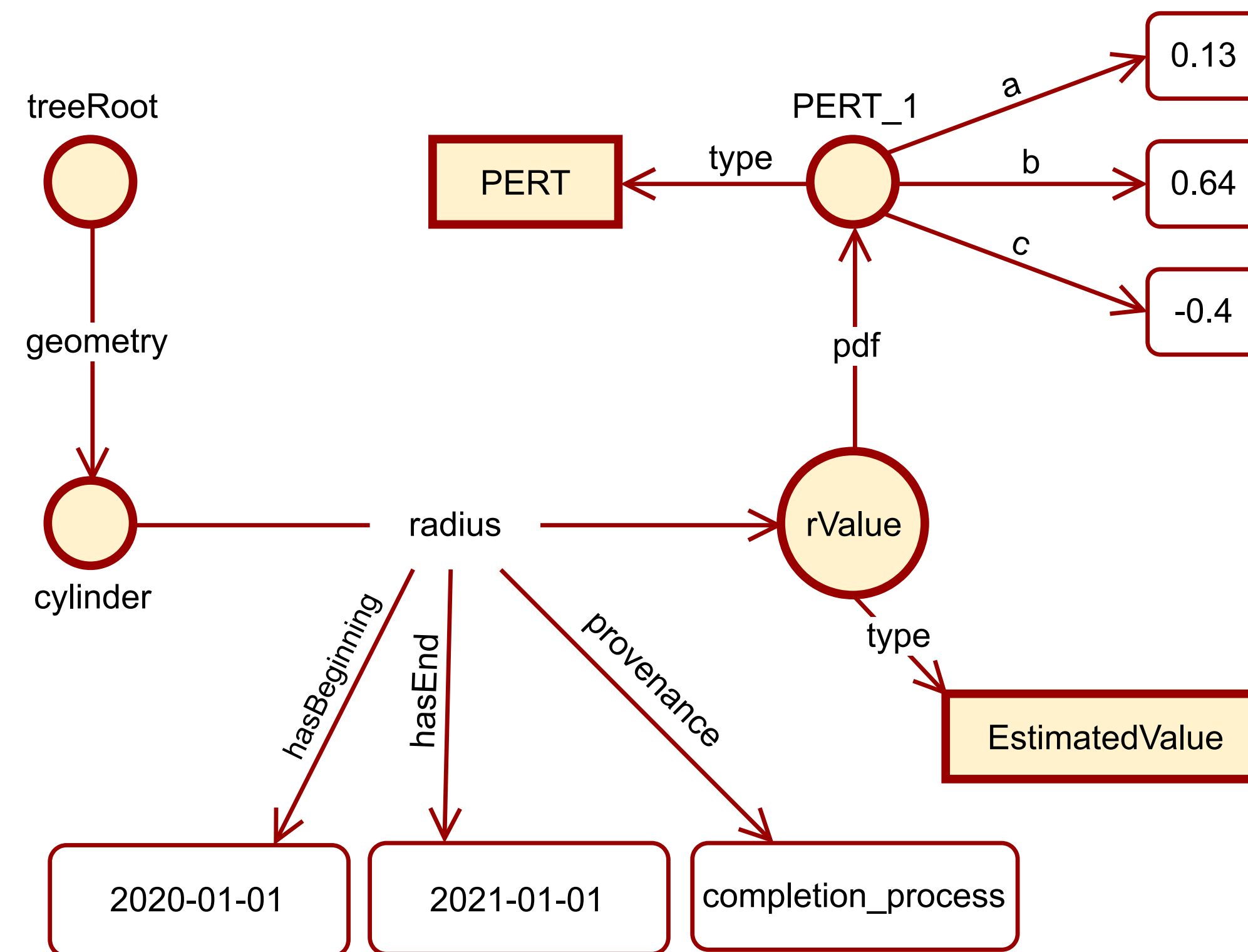
existing model    extension

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# Dealing with geometry uncertainties

## Example

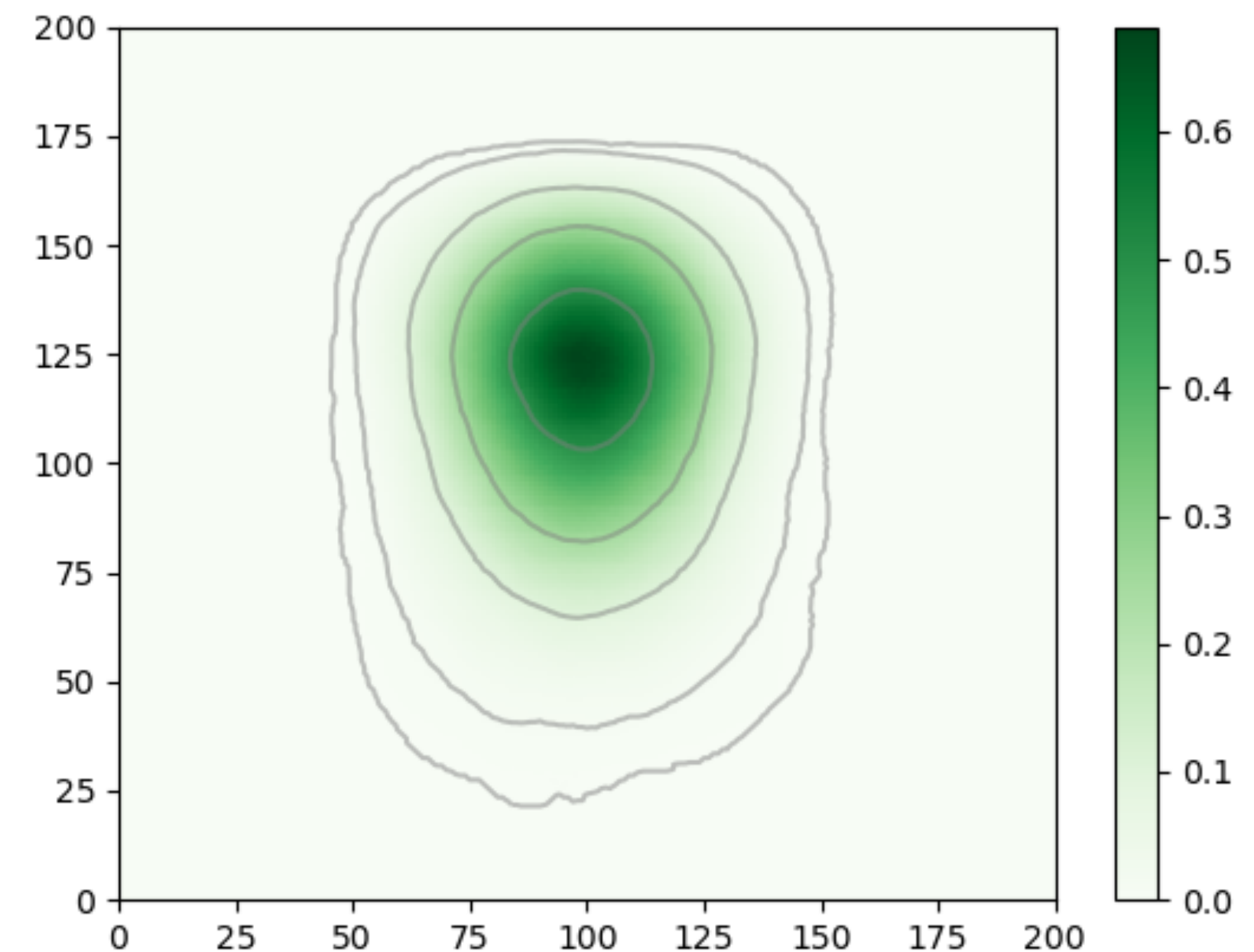
A TreeRoot object that has a cylindrical geometry with a radius value that is expressed through a probability density function and it is only valid within a certain time window.



# Dealing with geometry uncertainties

Example of a possible usage: **Probabilistic collision detection**

- Considering a single point and computing its collision probability with a subsurface object
- We obtain a value between 0 and 1 for each point of the 3D space
- These values can be taken to define the membership function of the fuzzy geometry (a fuzzy subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ) of the subsurface object

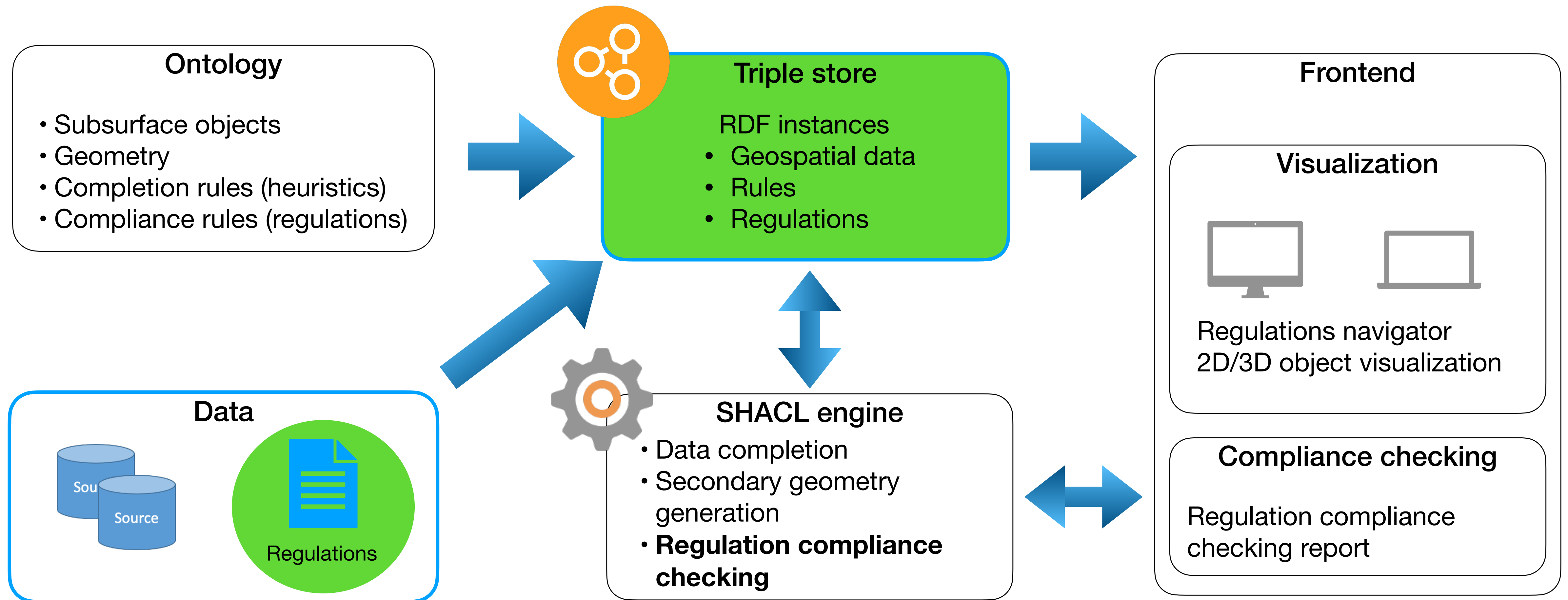


Section of a fuzzy pipe. The contour lines correspond to membership levels 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 0.25, 0.5.



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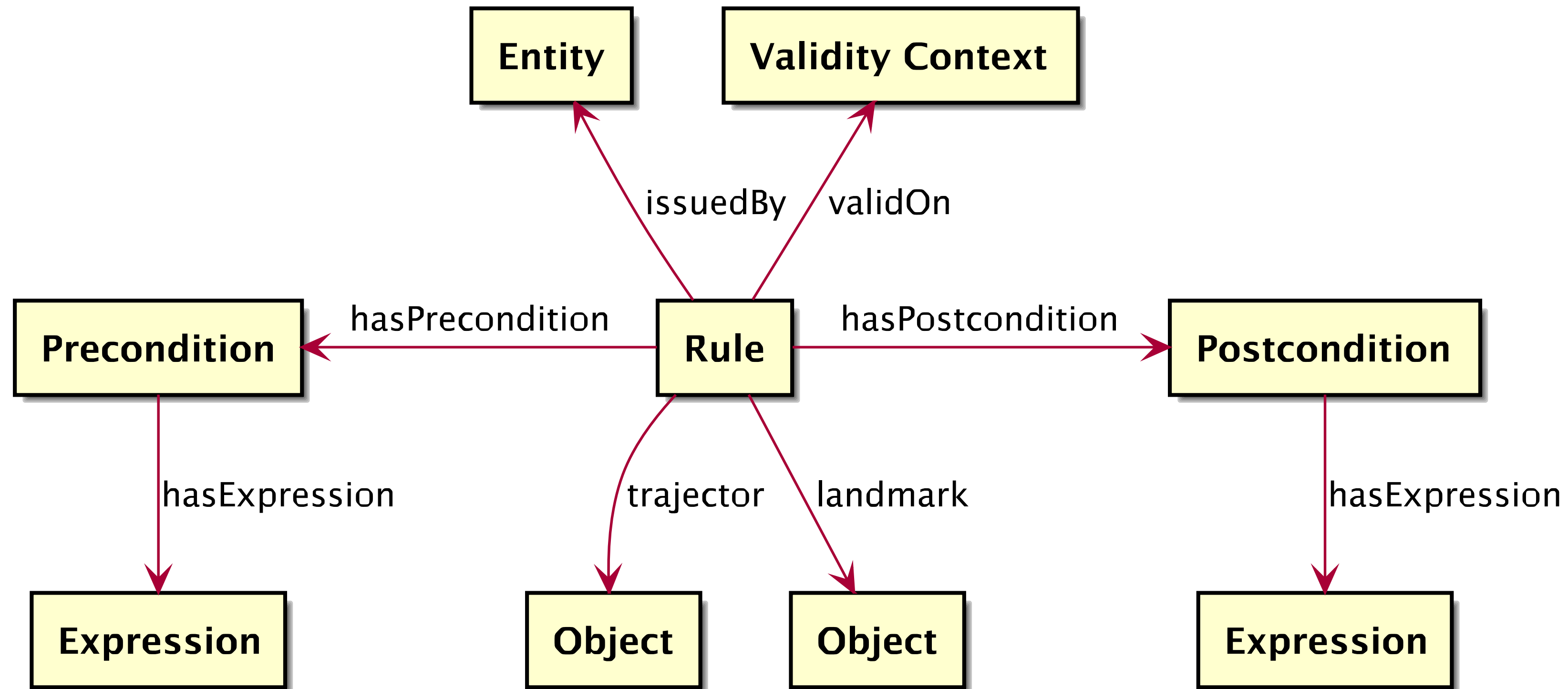
# Formalize Regulations

Regulations are defined in natural language:

- no structure (made to be read by human)
- no formal language
- written by several entities (vocabulary issues)
- written in different languages
- ...

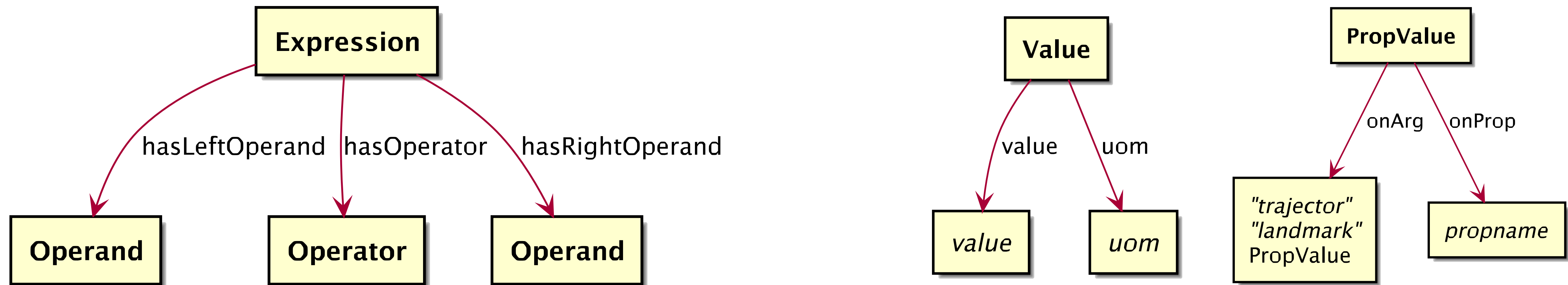
**Ontology + Rule model + RDF**

# Generic Rule Representation Model I



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# Generic Rule Representation Model II



**Expression ::= Operand Operator Operand ;**

**Operand ::= "trajector" | "landmark" |  
Value | PropValue | Expression ;**

**Operator ::= Mathematical | Logical | **Spatial** ;**

**Spatial operator / spatial relation** = above, below, parallel, close, lateral distance, vertical distance, etc...

# Formalizing regulations

## 3.3.3. Distances et croisements

L'implantation de tubes et conduites à proximité d'un bâtiment et ou d'un ouvrage enterré (fondation, fosse, etc.) est réglementé en fonction du réseau considéré. Des contrôles sont impératifs, pour permettre la mise en place de protections adaptées (explosion, rayonnement ORNI, etc.).

Sous réserve d'une modification des normes techniques applicables, les distances latérales entre des canalisations sont recommandées par type de tuyau (SIA 190):

- $D \leq 350\text{mm}$       0.25m
- $D \leq 700\text{mm}$       0.35m
- $D \leq 1200\text{mm}$     0.425m
- $D > 1200\text{mm}$       0.5m

... the **lateral distance** between the **pipes (trajector, landmark)** is recommended according to the pipe's type:

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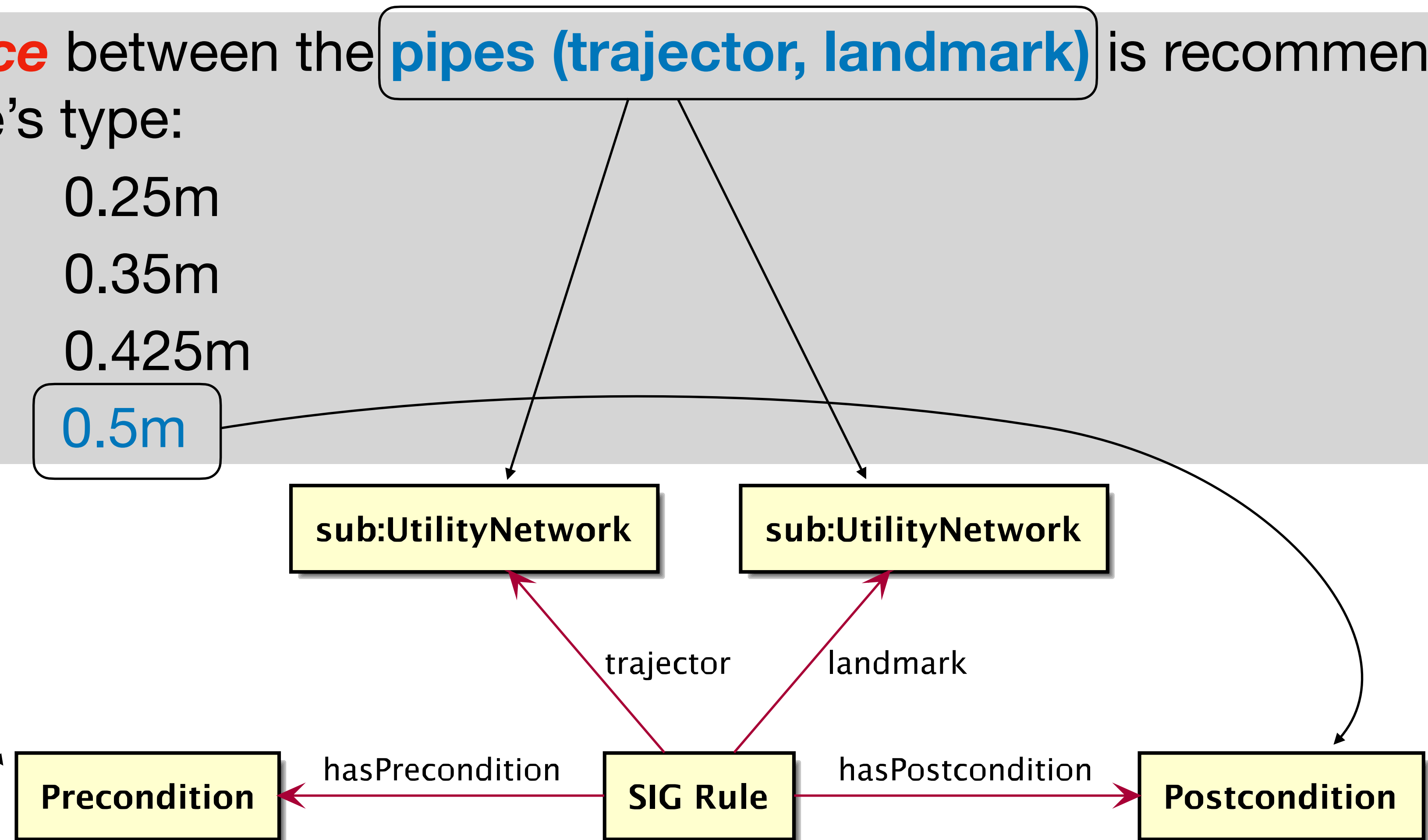
Unofficial translation adapted from: Original text (FR): SIG – GUIDE DE CONCEPTION ET DE COORDINATION DES TRAVAUX EN SOUS-SOL, <https://media.sig-ge.ch/>



# Formalizing regulations

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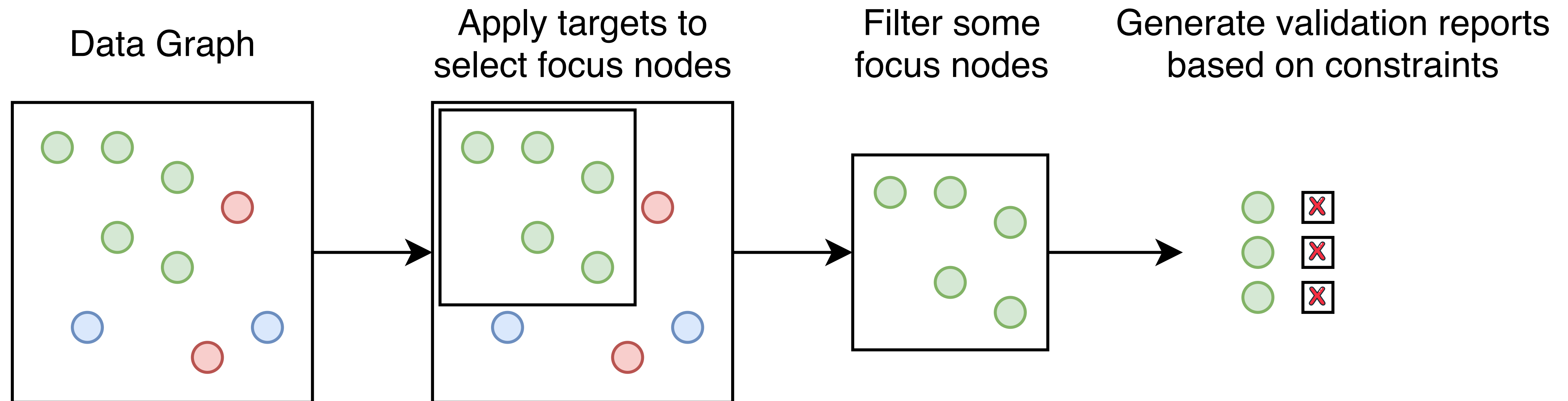
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# Shapes Constraint Language (SHACL)

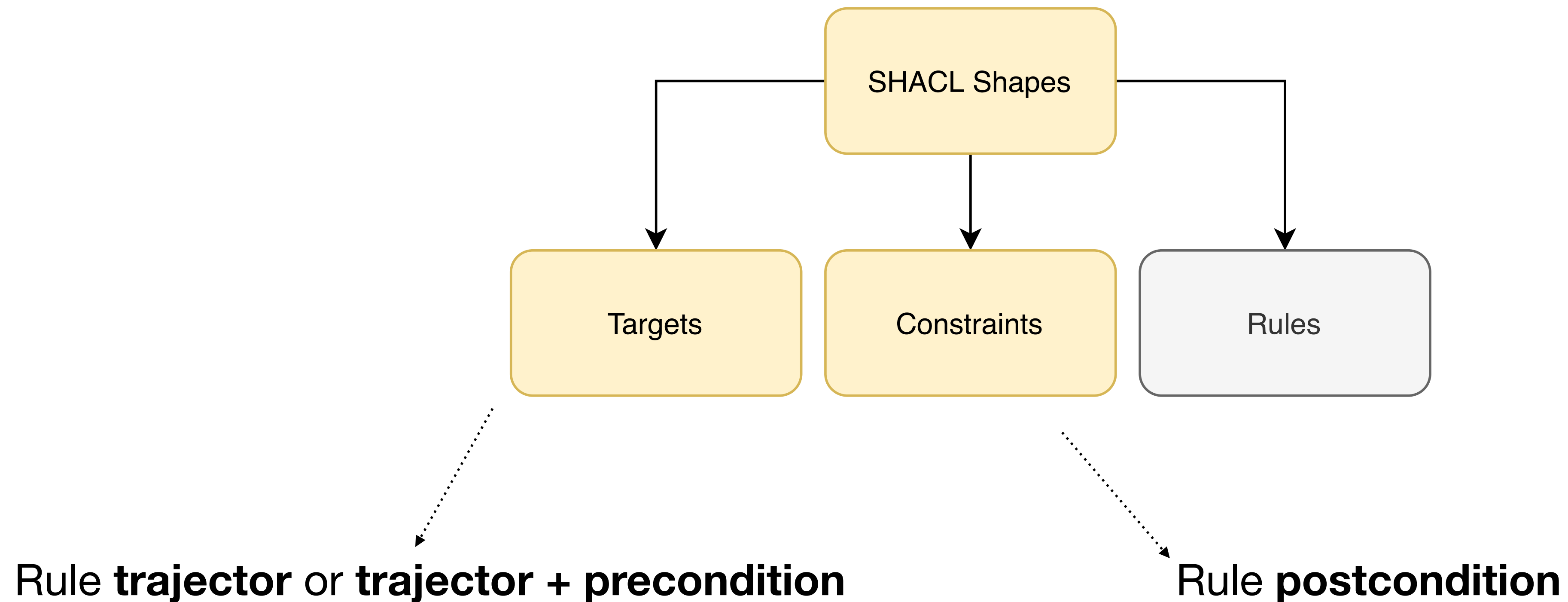
- W3C Recommendation (July 2017)
- Language for validating RDF graphs against conditions
- Shapes are defined in an RDF graph called “Shapes graph”
- The graph to be validated is called “Data graph”

# SHACL Validation process



# Regulations as SHACL validation constraints

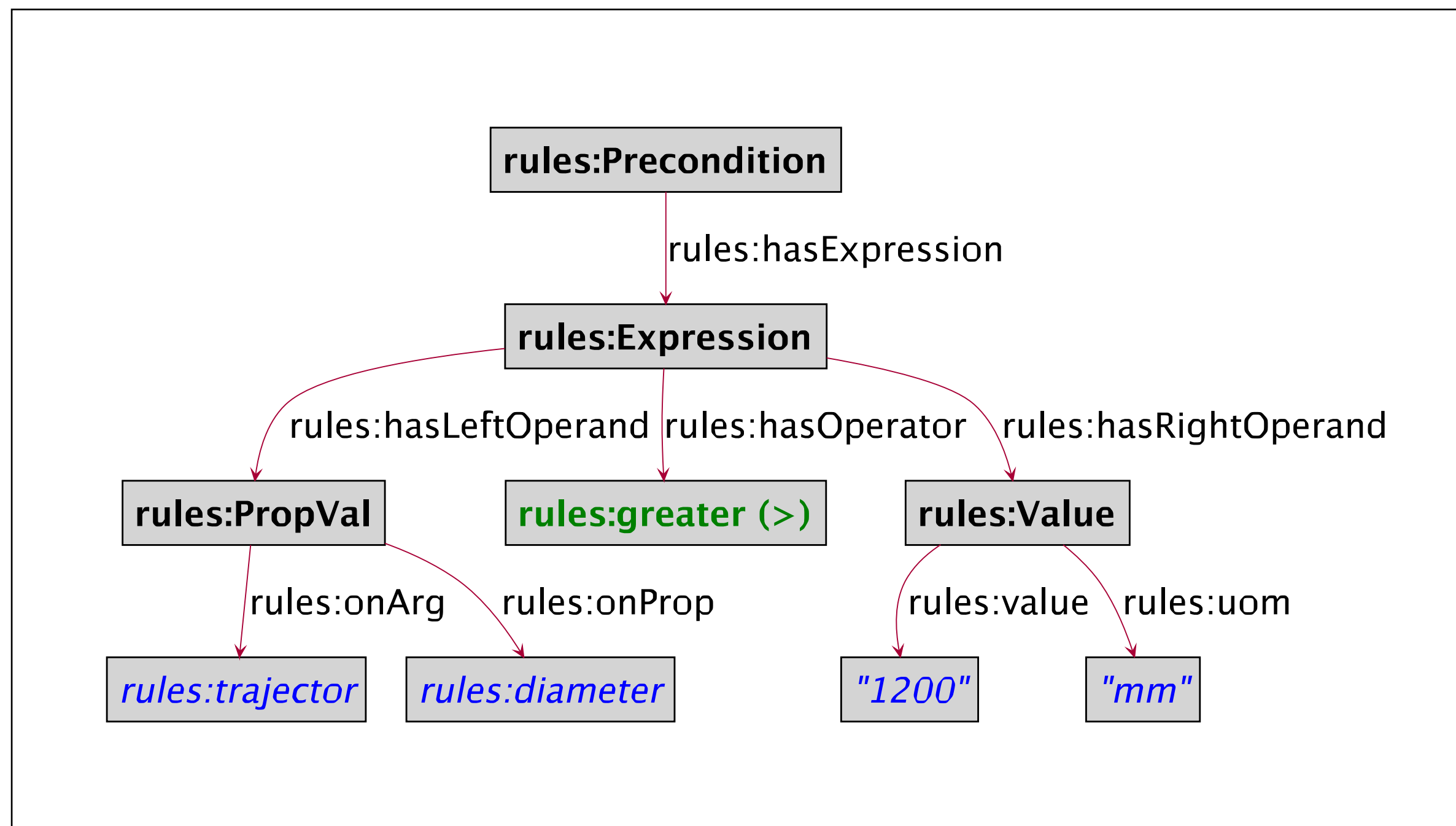
Shapes Constraint Language (SHACL): validating RDF graphs against a set of conditions (shapes)



# Regulations as SHACL validation constraints

## Precondition Example

∅ > 1200mm



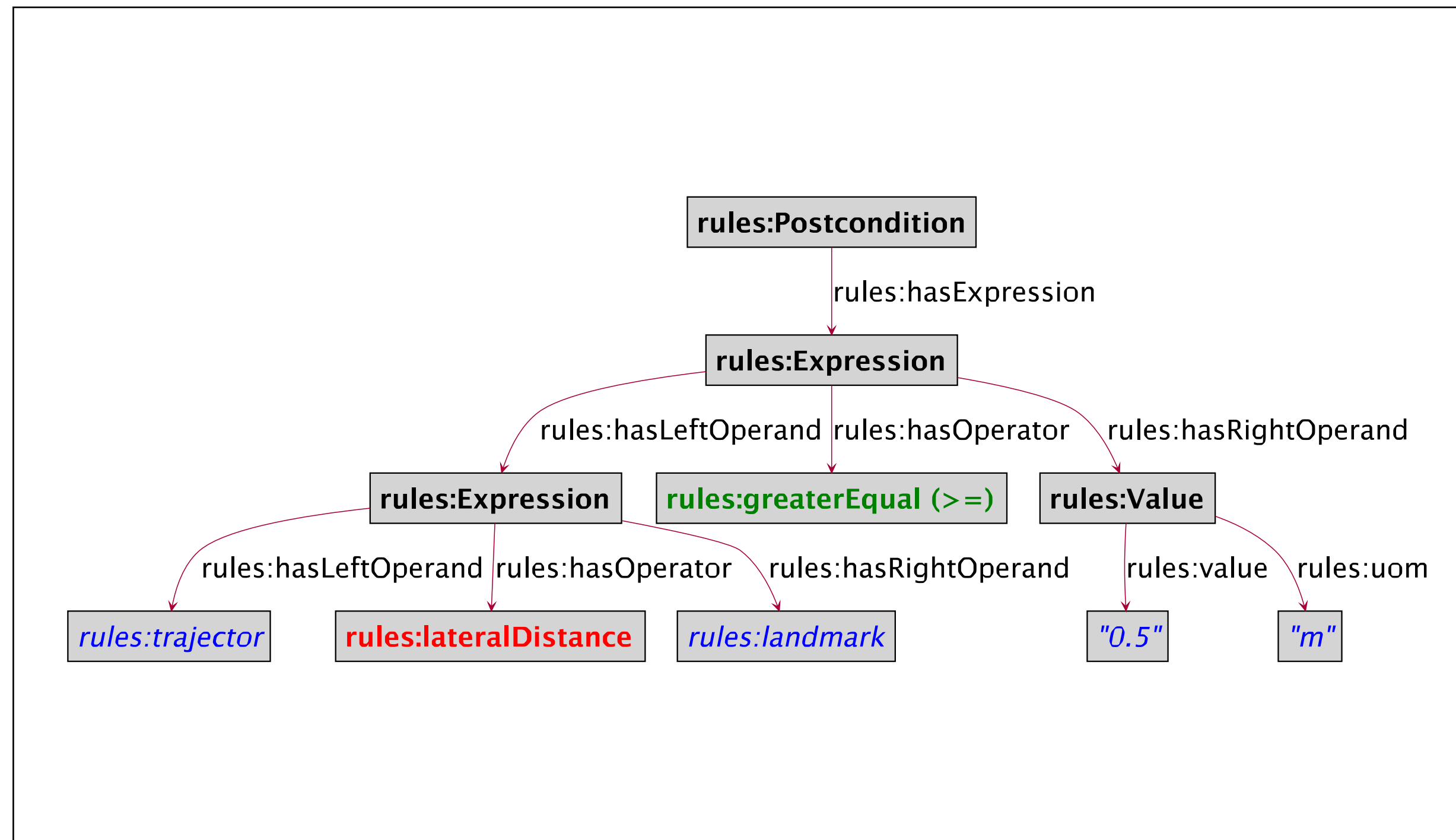
```
sh:target [  
  rdf:type sh:SPARQLTarget ;  
  sh:select ""  
    PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>  
    PREFIX sub: <http://cui.unige.ch/isi/onto/SubsurfaceObjects#>  
    PREFIX rules: <http://cui.unige.ch/isi/onto/rules.ttl#>  
    SELECT ?this  
    WHERE {  
      ?this a sub:UtilityNetwork .  
      ?this rules:diameter ?diam .  
      ?diam rules:val ?diamValue .  
      FILTER(?diamValue > 1200) .  
    }  
  "" ;  
]
```



# Regulations as SHACL validation constraints

## Postcondition Example

*lateral distance* => 0.5m

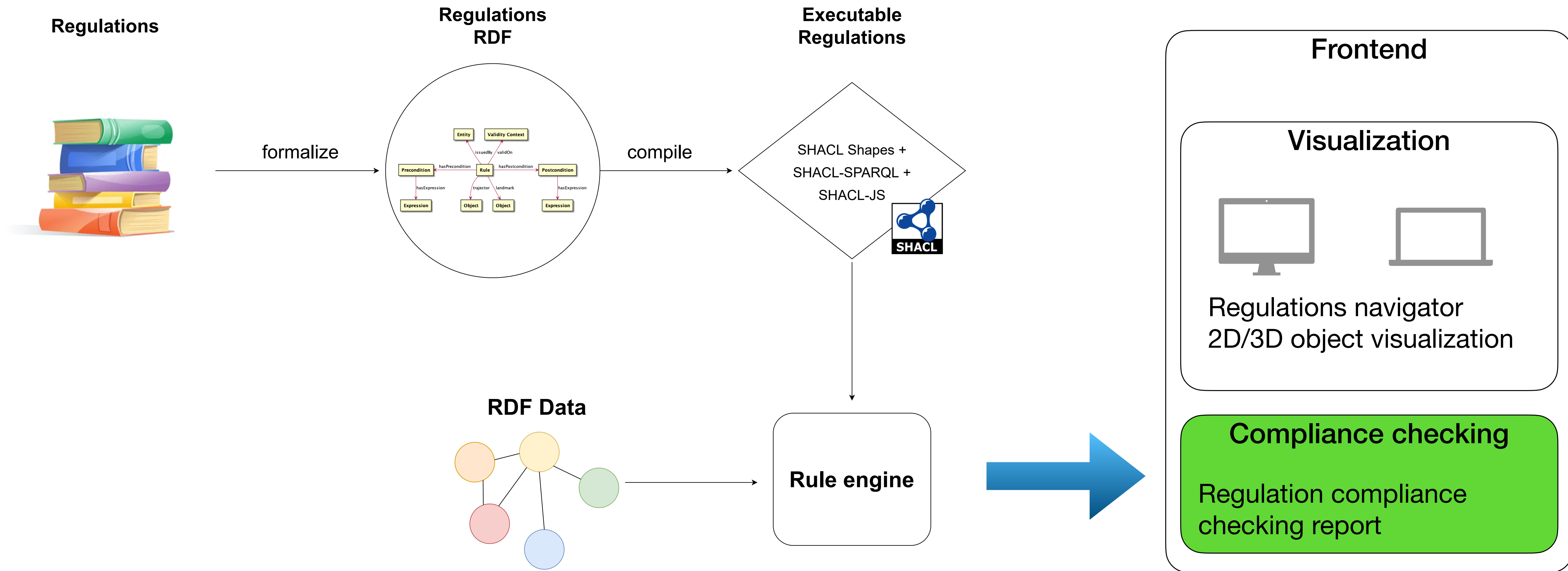


```
sh:sparql [  
  rdf:type sh:SPARQLConstraint ;  
  sh:message "Lateral distance between pipes. Diameter > 1200mm." ;  
  sh:select ""  
    PREFIX rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>  
    PREFIX sub: <http://cui.unige.ch/isi/onto/SubsurfaceObjects#>  
    PREFIX rules: <http://cui.unige.ch/isi/onto/rules.ttl#>  
    SELECT $this ?value  
    WHERE {  
      ?landmarkInst rdf:type sub:UtilityNetwork .  
      FILTER(rules:lateral_distance($this, ?landmarkInst) < 0.5) .  
    }  
    "" ;  
  ] ;
```

*rules:lateral\_distance* is a sh:JSFunction  
Outsourcing the **lateral distance** computation to some external service

# Regulation compliance checking

## Framework Architecture



# Summary

- Ontologies to represent data of subsurface space
- Data mapping: geospatial data (GIS) to RDF
- Dealing with geometry uncertainties
- Rule model for formalizing regulations
- Executable version of the regulations using SHACL + SHACL extensions
- Automated regulation compliance checking

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