



## FIG article of the month May'11

World-wide inventory of the status of  
3D Cadastres in 2010 and  
expectations for 2014

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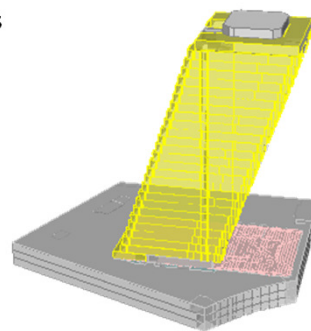


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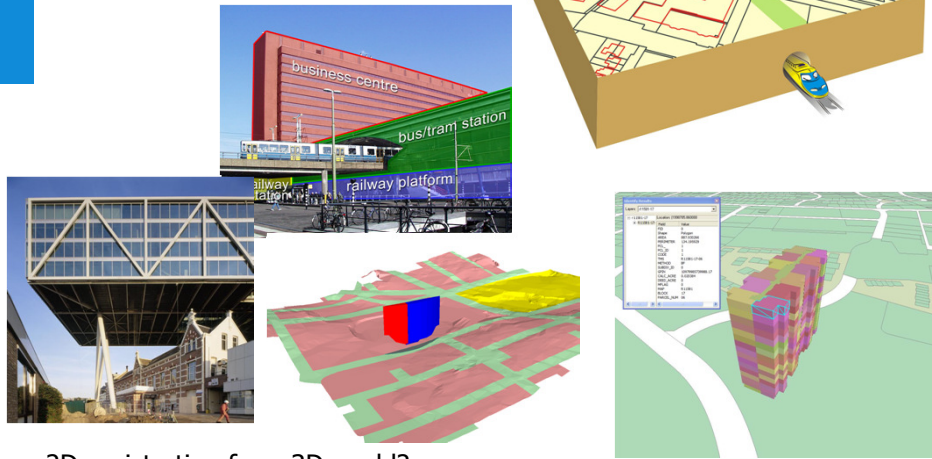
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3D Cadastre

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# 1. Introduction



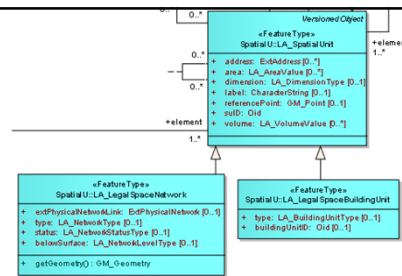
2D registration for a 3D world?

# 1. Introduction (cont.)

- Increasing complexity in land (space) use
- Initial FIG working group 3D Cadastres 2002-2006
- 3D Cadastres sessions at every FIG WW or congress since
- Despite progress no country with true 3D Cadastre, always somehow limited; e.g. only 3D in public register (not in map) or just specific object types (buildings, infrastructure)
- Working group 3D Cadastres 2010-2014, scoping questions:
  1. What are the types of 3D cadastral objects?  
Related to (future) **constructions** (buildings, pipelines, tunnels, etc.) any part of the 3D space, both airspace or subsurface?
  2. 3D Parcels for infrastructure objects, such as long tunnels, pipelines, cables: **divided by surface parcels** or one object?
  3. For representation of 3D parcel, has legal space **own geometry** or specified by referencing to existing topographic objects

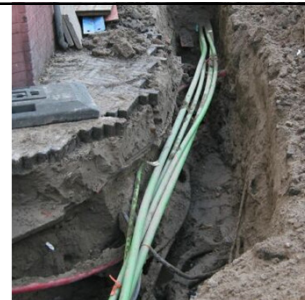


## 2. Research Topics



- 3D-Cadastres and **models**: role of earth surface, 3D parcels open at top and bottom, topology structure, relative height,...
- 3D-Cadastres and **SII**: legal objects (cadastral parcels and associated rights) and their physical counterparts (buildings or tunnels) result into two different, but related registrations
- 3D-Cadastres and **time**: partition of legal space into 4D parcels: no overlaps or gaps in space of time
- 3D-Cadastres and **usability**: graphic user interface (GUI) for interacting with 3D cadastral data; e.g. Google Earth

## 2. Deliverables and operation



- 2010: creation of web-site and interest-group [www.gdmc.nl/3DCadastres](http://www.gdmc.nl/3DCadastres) (inc. literature)
- 2010: initial questionnaire status 3D Cadastres
- 2011: **2nd workshop on 3D-Cadastres (16-18 nov, Delft)**
- 2011-13: 3D Cadastres session at FIG working weeks
- 2013/14: 3rd workshop on 3D-Cadastres (option)
- 2013/14: FIG-publication on 3D-Cadastres
- 2014 : final questionnaire status 3D Cadastres
- 2014: presentation of the results FIG-congress

**3D-Cadastres Literature - Mozilla Firefox**

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http://www.gdmc.nl/3DCadastres/literature/

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**3D Cadastres** **FIG**

FIG joint commission 3 and 7 working group on 3D-Cadastres - Work plan 2010-2014

**Literature**

This page lists a number of (important) publications and other documents related to 3D Cadastres. Click on the title to download or view the corresponding PDF file.

2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 2005 2004 2003 2002 2001

**2010**

Fatih Döner, Rod Thompson, Jantien Stoter, Christiaan Lemmen, Hendrik Ploeger, Peter van Oosterom and Sisi Zlatanova  
**4D cadastres: First analysis of Legal, organizational, and technical impact - With a case study on utility networks**  
 In: Land Use Policy, Volume 27, pp. 1068-1081

Christiaan Lemmen, Peter van Oosterom, Rod Thompson, João P. Hespanha and Harry Uitermark  
**The Modelling of Spatial Units (Parcels) in the Land Administration Domain Model (LADM)**  
 In: Proceedings of the XXIV FIG International Congress 2010, Sydney, 28 p.

Tarun Ghawana, João P. Hespanha, Jaap Zevenbergen and Peter van Oosterom  
**Groundwater Management in Land Administration: A Spatio-temporal Perspective**  
 In: Proceedings of the XXIV FIG International Congress 2010, Sydney, 21 p.

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**General/applicable 3D real-world situations**

		Australia/Queensland 2010	The Netherlands 2010	Your Jurisdiction 2010	Your Jurisdiction 2014
1.1	Are all 3D parcels constrained to be within one surface (2D) parcel?	Yes, but this is not guaranteed for all time	Rights referring to the use of a limited space will be registered in the cadastre on a 2D parcel. However the right registered might refer to a construction or space on several 2D parcels. Yes		
1.2	Are ambulatory <sup>2</sup> boundaries permitted?	Theoretically they are, because 3D parcels are broken at surface parcel boundaries. Theoretically the limit of a unit at ground level may be bounded by a physical (ambulatory) feature	Theoretically they are, because the database representation may become invalid when a situations have been like that (i.e. in conflict what is registered) for many years.	<b>3. Questionnaire</b>	
1.3	Is it allowed to have 3D parcels not related to physical constructs or objects? <sup>3</sup> (e.g. airspace, subsurface volumes)	Yes	Normally the rights to establish 3D parcels (apartment rights; right of superficies;		

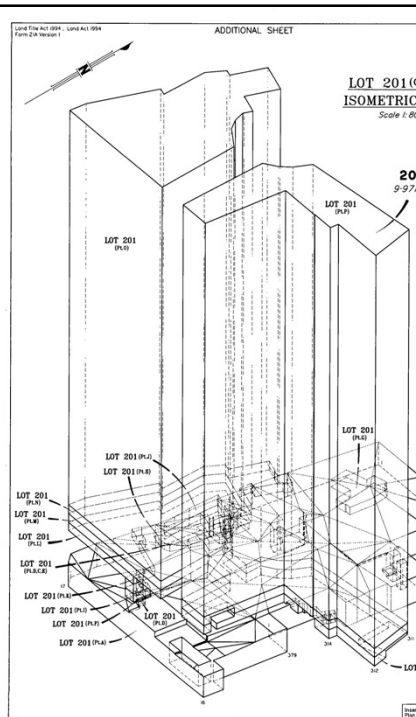
<sup>2</sup> An ambulatory boundary is a boundary of a land parcel which follows the movements of a natural feature such as a river. Its position determined at points of time (when survey is carried out), but between such "fixes" the definition of the property is the position of the real world natural feature.

### 3. Design of questionnaire

- Difficult to design clear questionnaire for abstract topic 3D Cadastres (quite abstract, everybody has own interpretation)
- Questionnaire starts with introduction notes, including formal and informal definition of 3D parcel: 'spatial unit against which (one or more) unique and homogeneous rights (e.g. ownership right or land use right), responsibilities or restrictions are associated'
- Important distinction between 3D physical and 3D legal object
- Questions grouped into 9 thematic blocks (next slide)
- Two blank columns: status 2010 and expectation 2014
- Two example set of answers (Queensland/Australia, Netherlands)
- Questionnaire distributed among members of FIG working group 3D Cadastres (via commissions 3 and 7)
- During time of completion 2 requests for clarification received

### 3. Thematic blocks of questions

1. General/applicable 3D real-world
2. Infrastructure/utility networks
3. Construction/building units
4. X/Y Coordinates
5. Z Coordinates/height repr.
6. Temporal Issues
7. Rights, Restrictions & Responsib.
8. DCDB (Cadastral Database)
9. Plans of Survey, incl. field sketch

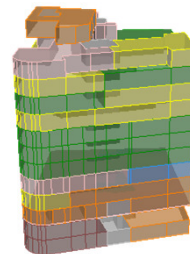


## 4. Analysis of responses

- 36 FIG completed questionnaires received (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Macedonia, Malaysia, The Netherlands, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, and United Kingdom) → on website [www.3dcadastres.nl](http://www.3dcadastres.nl)
- Nearly all jurisdictions (except Poland & Nepal) allow registration of 3D parcels, in practise often (limited to) apartments
- Despite efforts concept '3D cadastre/parcel' still ambiguous
- Hardly any responses for 2014, some exceptions: Switzerland, Denmark, Israel, Bahrain, Russian Federation,...
- Completed questionnaires give overview of the different systems: organizational, legal, technical

## 4. Some observations (1)

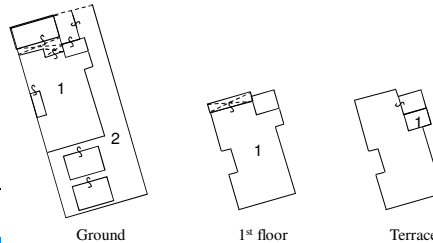
- 3D parcels within surface parcel?
  - Yes, in most cases
  - Building might be on multiple parcels (Netherlands)
  - Norway, Sweden allow 3D parcels to extend over/under multiple surface parcels (planned for Finland)
  - Queensland: split of surface parcel without affecting 3D parcel
- Empty spaces or existing constructions?
  - Most countries no explicit rule
  - Australia, Canada allow empty space (and Finland for subsurface)
  - Norway, Sweden require construction (Norway within 3 years)





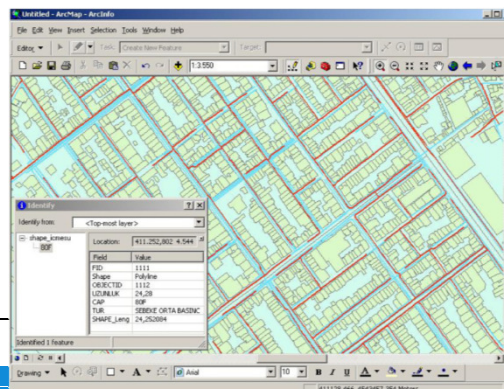
## 4. Some observations (2)

- Boundaries of 3D parcel
  - Often reference to wall, ceilings, floors
  - France (no explicit rules) but virtual boundaries possible
  - Z-axis/height often no directives; however, Australia/France absolute height, Canada/Sweden relative height
- Registration of 3D parcel in cadastral database
  - Does not exist in any country
  - 'Floor plans' boundaries per floor and are in public register
  - Reference to 3D parcel from 2D map Australia, Cyprus, Croatia, Norway and Sweden
  - Italy has separate 'Cadastrale of Buildings' with 3D
  - Spain converts floor plans to 3D parcels (with 3m height)



## 4. Cable and pipeline networks

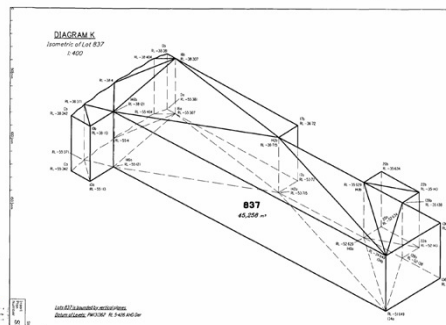
- Specific type of 3D object: below/above over several land parcels
- Netherlands, Switzerland, Kazakhstan, Russia (limited practise) and Canada allow registration of right spaces related to networks
- Others are developing this: Denmark, Hungary, Israel and Italy
- Some countries have separate 'utility' maps/ registrations (Victoria/Aus, Croatia)
- Last group: no registration or very limited registration; e.g. in Turkey only high voltage power lines (but other networks at level of municipality; e.g. Istanbul →





## 5. Australian perspective


- Questionnaire idea was 'born' in Australia
- Specialized questionnaire conducted in parallel
- All jurisdictions of Australia (Queensland, Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Northern Territory, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia) responded
- States have different procedure (attempt to have consistent regulations to public)
- All states allow 3D parcels
- Wide range of definitions (includes curved surfaces)
- 2D and 3D procedure equal
- No temporal/moving boundaries
- 'heaven to centre of earth'



## 6. Conclusion and future actions

- WG position in FIG: inter-commission activity commissions 3 & 7
- True 3D Cadastre (public register & map) does not yet exist (perhaps Spain most close, 3D apartments)
- 3D data acquisition, management & distribution in reach  
→ exploit how to apply this to serve needs
- International cooperation, full 3D session  
→ FIG publication 'Primer on 3D-Cadastres' (2014)
- Newly completed questionnaires will be put on website
- Interested in participation? → Contact chair WG 3D-cadastres: Peter van Oosterom, TU Delft ([P.J.M.vanOosterom@tudelft.nl](mailto:P.J.M.vanOosterom@tudelft.nl))
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FIG/EuroSDR workshop 3D Cadastres: 16-18 Nov'11 (Delft)  
Abstract submission 31 May'11 ([www.3dcadastres2011.nl](http://www.3dcadastres2011.nl))




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## El e-catastro 4D actualizado diariamente

Localización, Altura de edificios, croquis por planta, Datos catastrales, fotografías de fachada.  
*Real state location, buildings height, floor sketches (CU1), Cadastral data, front photographs.*



Toda esta información permite el estudio de la realidad territorial incorporando el volumen de las edificaciones, obtenida directamente de la cartografía  
*All this information allows territorial studies. Buildings are also incorporated, directly taken out directly from the cartography.*

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