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Bridging Design and Assessment: A BIM-to-Microsimulation Framework

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Knowledge Transfer

Speculation: Most influential technologies are not the ones create knowledge!



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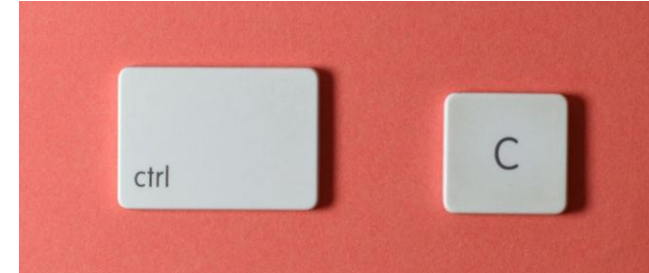


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Interconnected Digital Systems

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Infrastructure BIM

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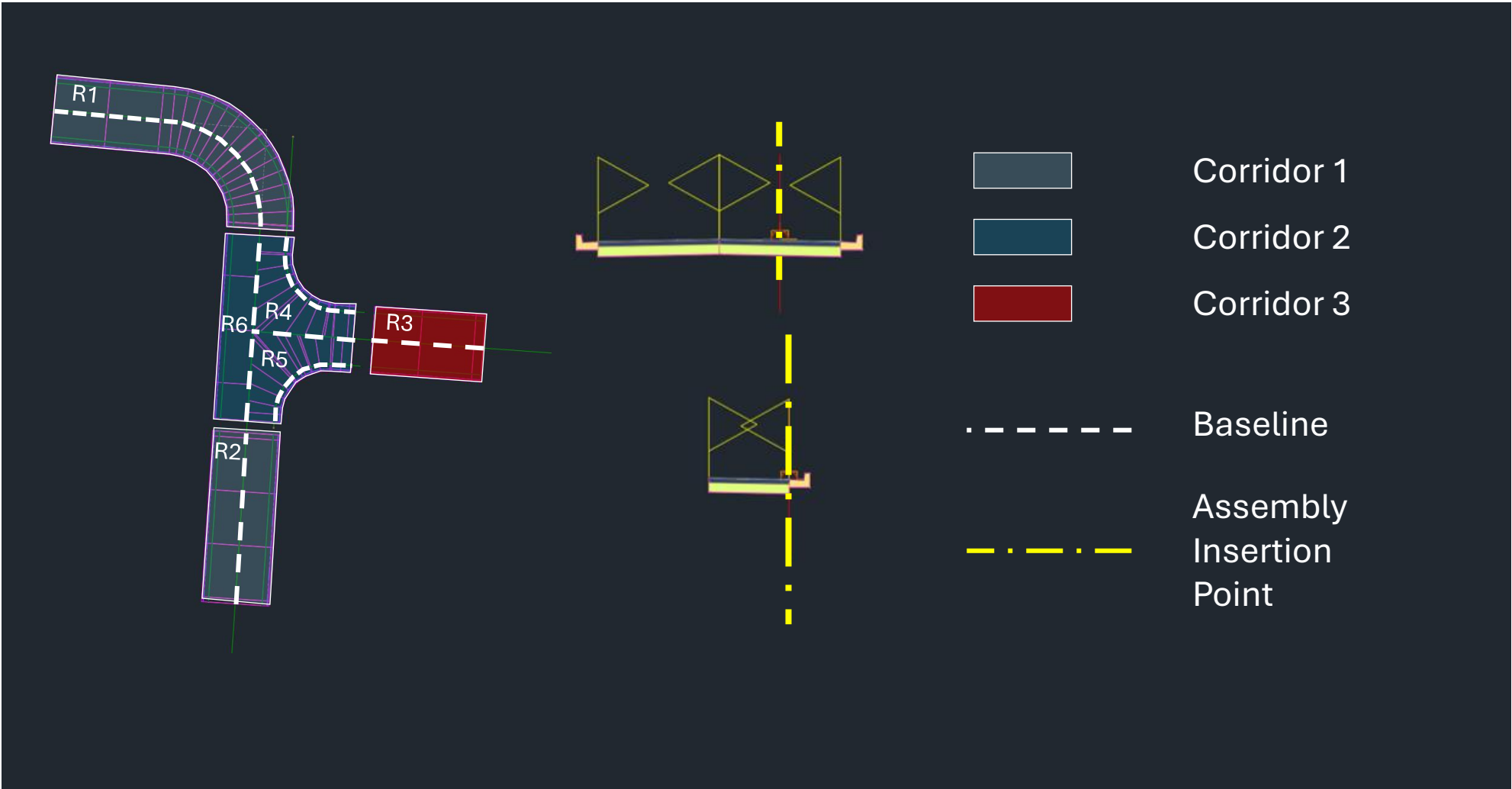
- Currently, the implementation of BIM in infrastructure is increasing, but it lacks methods to transfer (Ctrl + C) data between systems despite its feasibility.
- One example is BIM and Microsimulation



Anatomy of Civil 3D Corridors

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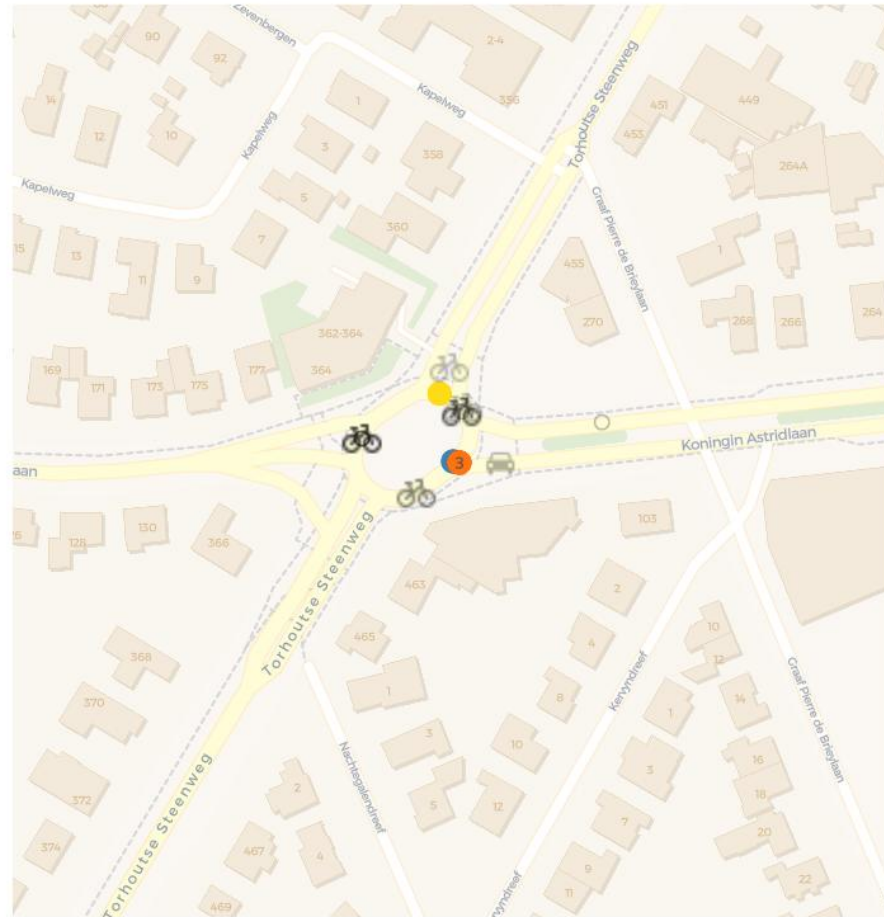


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HotMap: Case study identification

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HotMap: A map-based web application combining:

- OpenStreetMaps data
- Geolocations of traffic crashes (Statbel)
- Locations of dangerous points (Flanders Digital Agency)



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Base Image: Geopunt / Agentschap Digitaal Vlaanderen

2021	Car	Car
2021	Car	Car
2023	Car	Car
2017	Car	Car
2018	Car	Car
2018	Car	Car
2017	Car	Car
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2018	Car	Car
2018	Car	Car
2019	Car	Car
2017	Car	Other road user
2022	Car	Moped
2024	Motorcycle	Self
2024	Bicycles	Bicycles
2021	Motorcycle	Self
2021	Car	Bicycles
2021	Car	Pedestrian

2017	Car	Obstacle
2020	Car	Obstacle
2019	Car	Light Truck
2022	Car	Truck
2018	Truck	Light Truck
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The intersection of Evence Coppéelaan and Westerring in Genk has been consistently found to be dangerous over the last 8 years



OSM and DTM

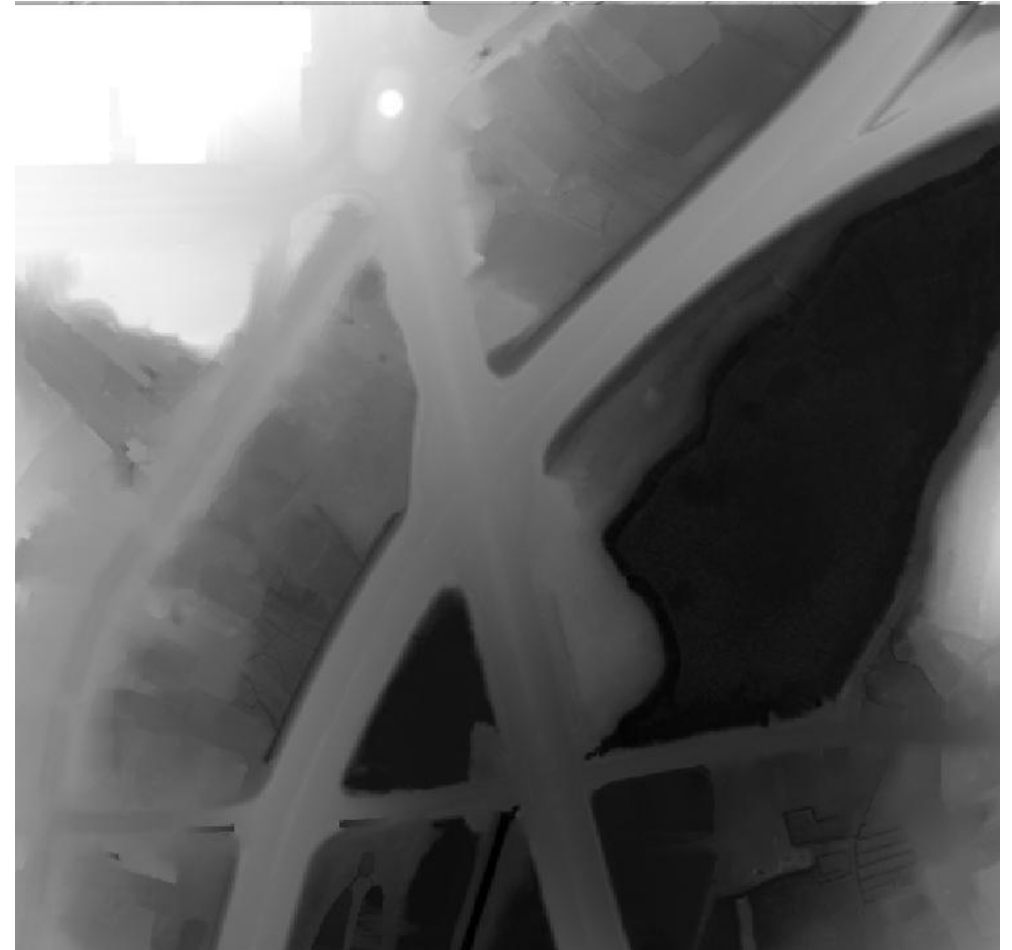
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Data: Flanders Digital Agency

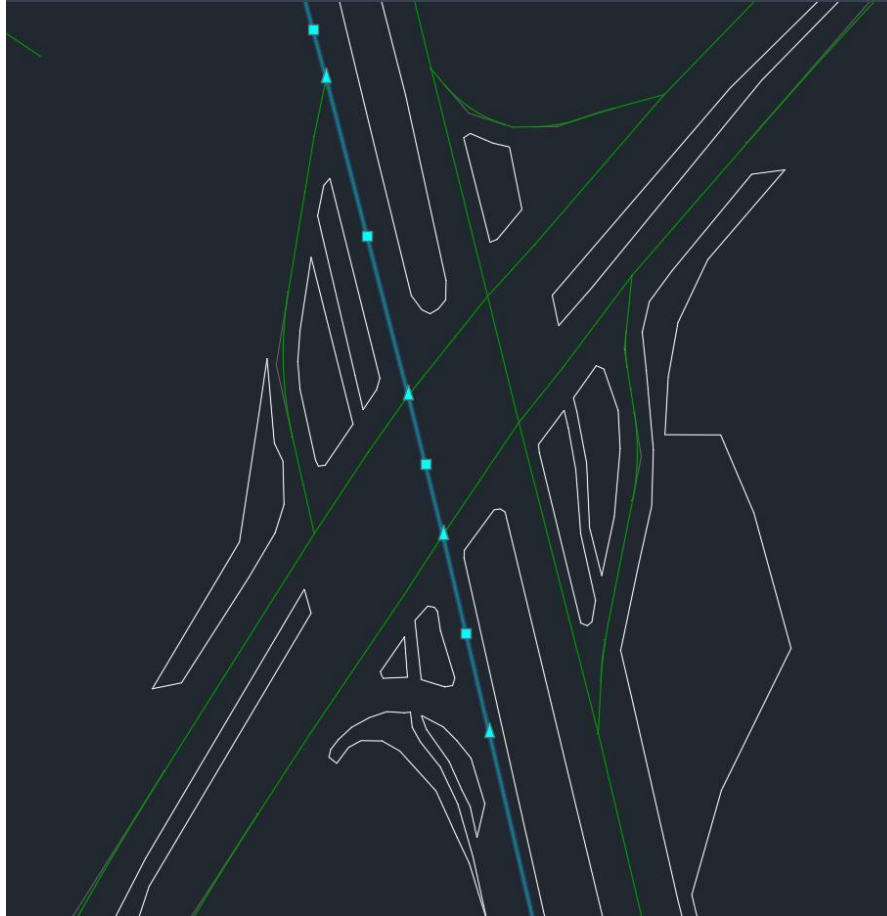


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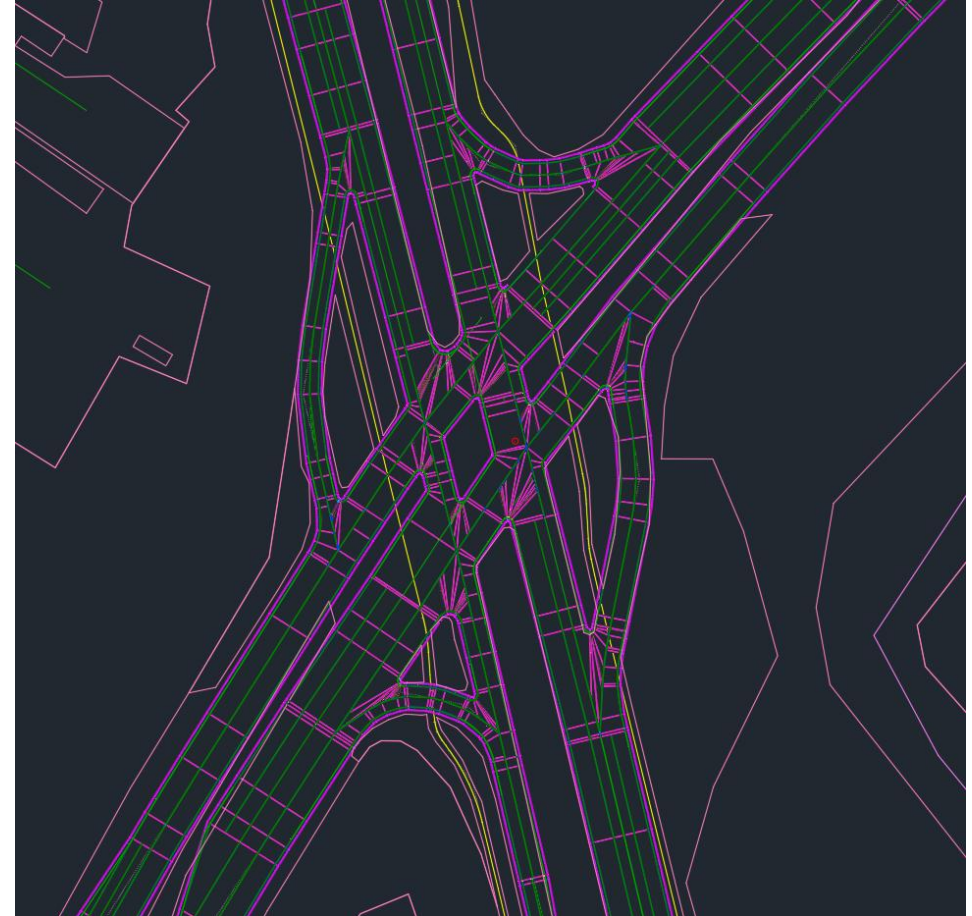
Conceptual BIM Model

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Road Alignments in Civil 3D



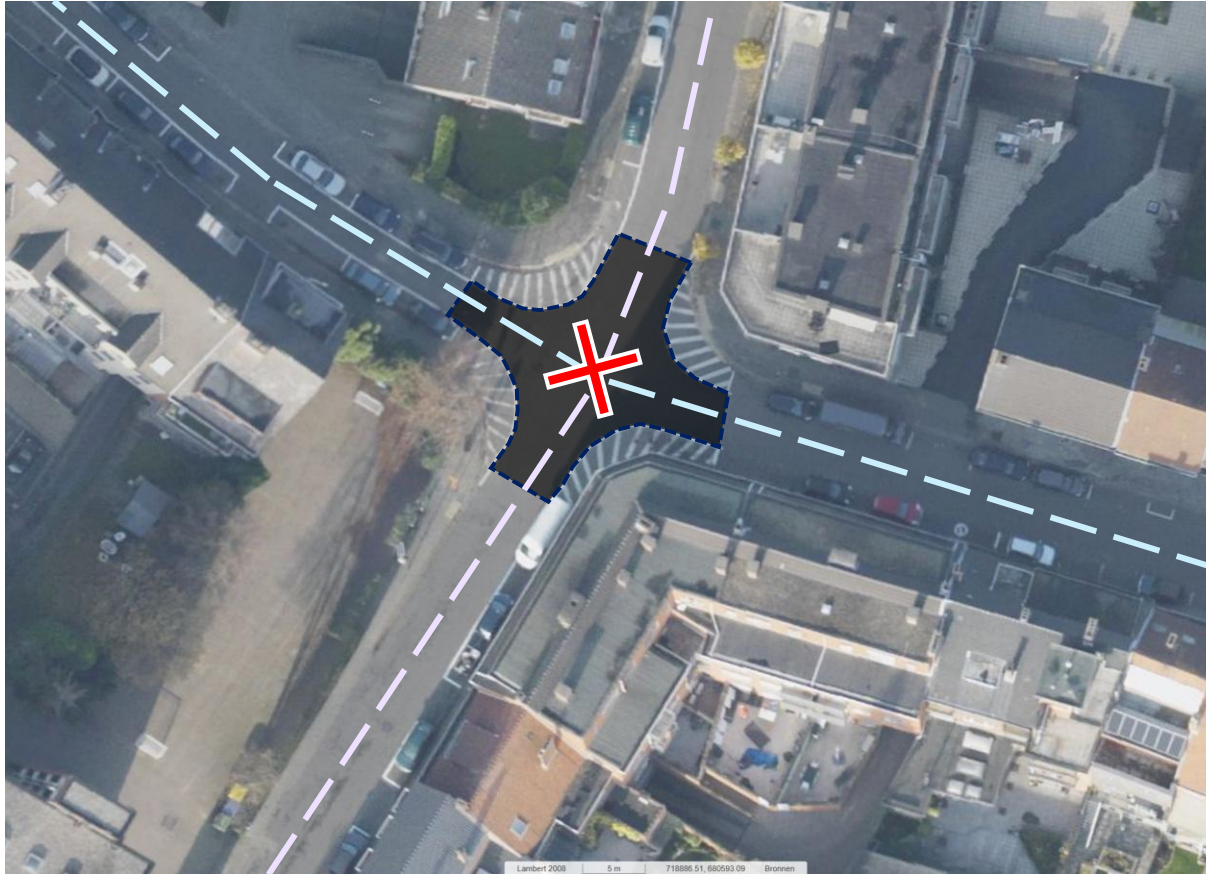
Road Corridors




NetExport: Primary Node References

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 Primary Node Reference:
Intersections of two alignments



NetExport: Transition Node References

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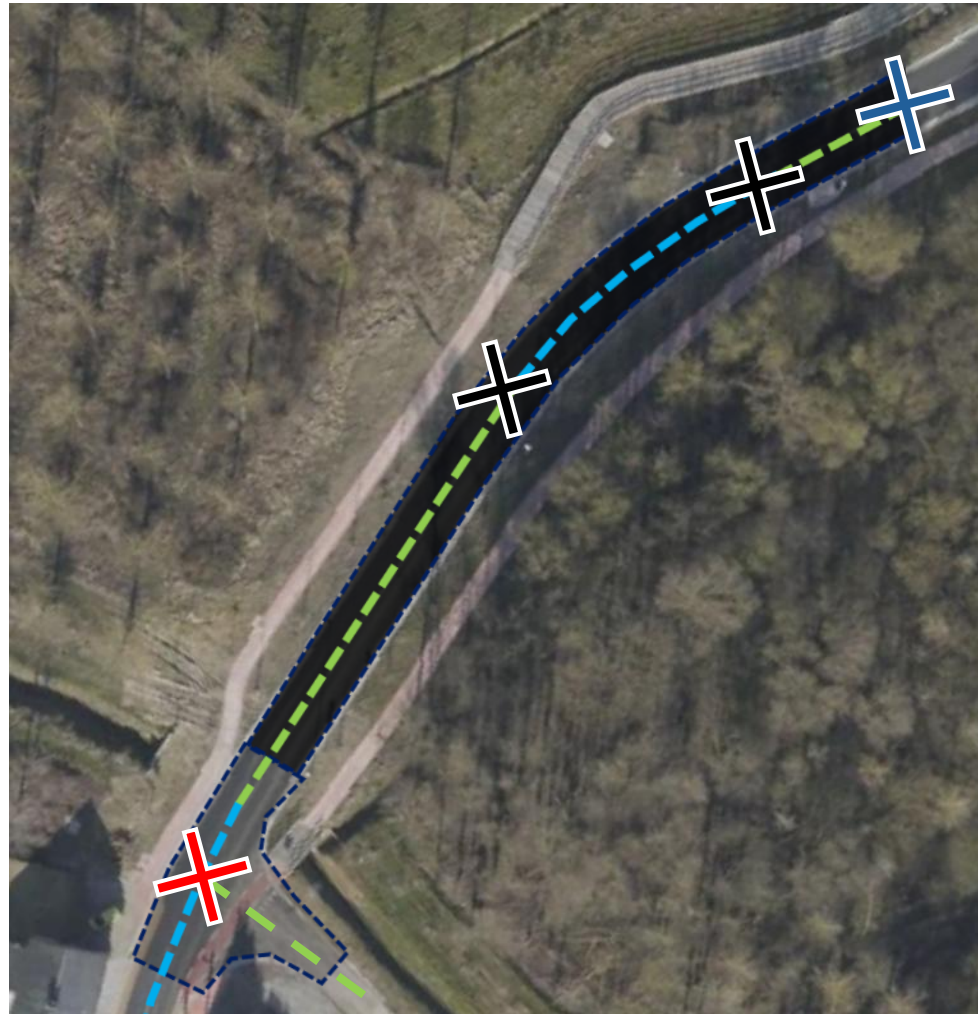
+ Transition Node
Reference: Characteristic changes in cross-sections.



NetExport: Edge References

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— — — — — Straight Edge Reference

— — — — — Curved Edge Reference

✚ Auxiliary Node References:
Characteristic changes in horizontal road alignments

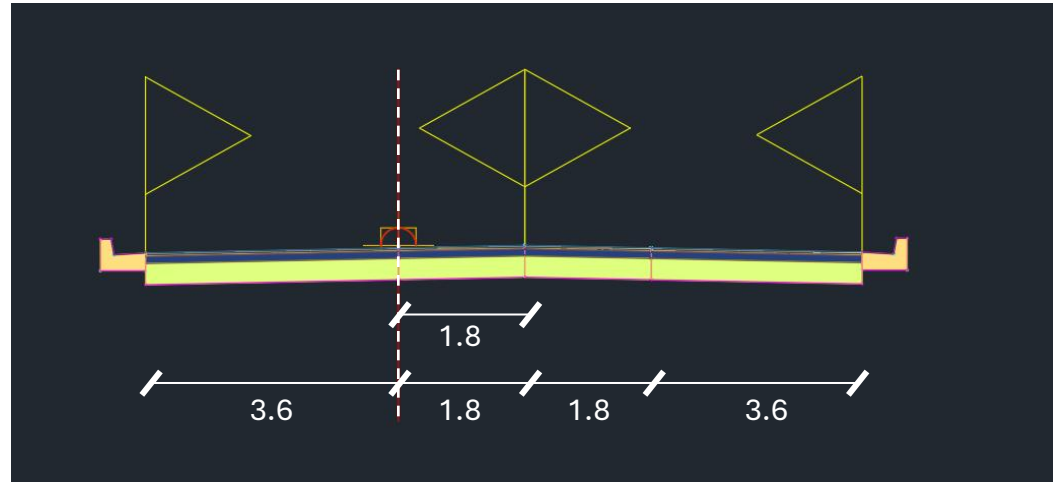
✚ Pole Node References:
Termination points



NetExport: Lane Information

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Assembly: Civil 3D definition of the road cross-section.

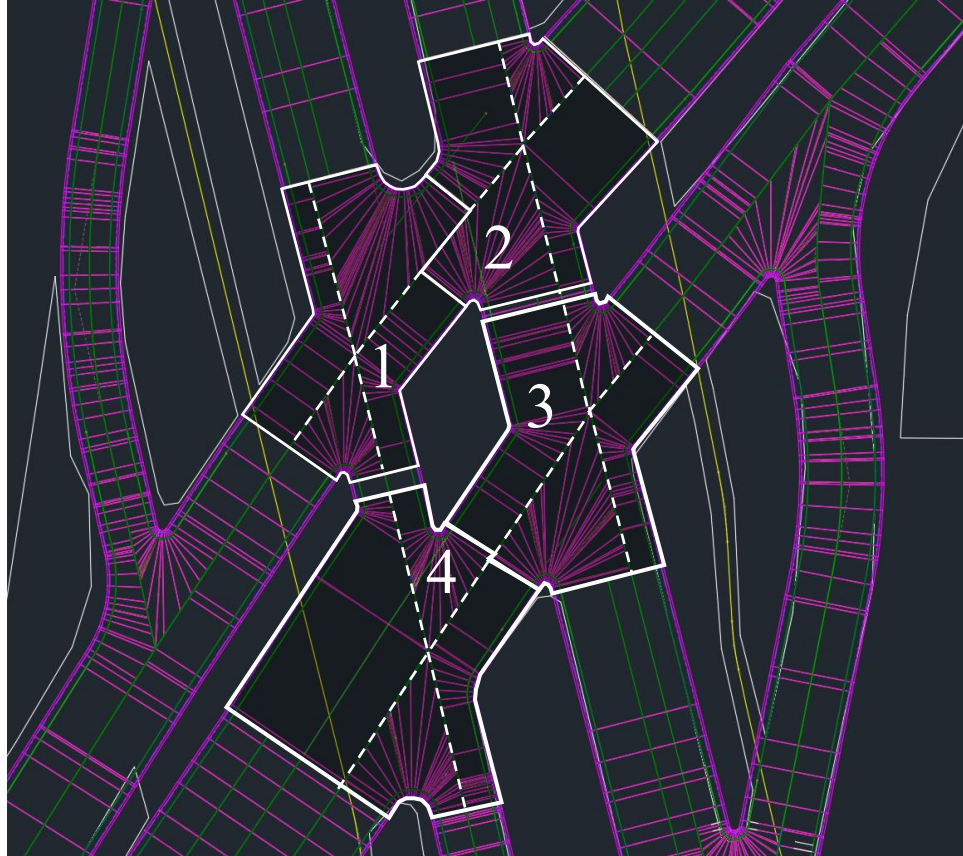
Assemblies are modelled taking the OSM line as the insert point.



NetExport: Validation

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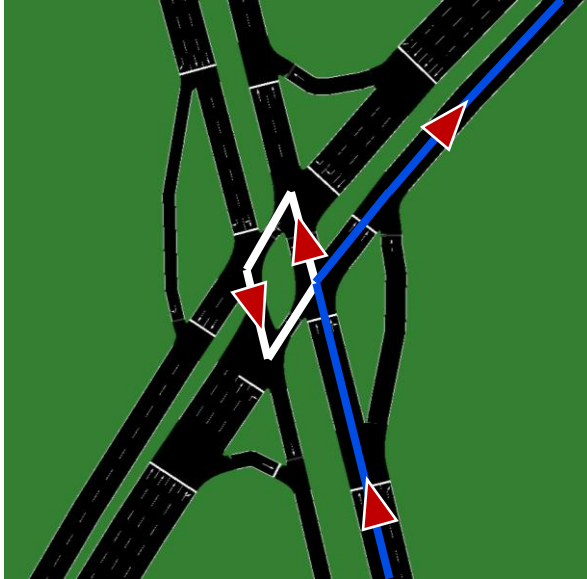
A modelling practice that requires validation and self-adjustment.



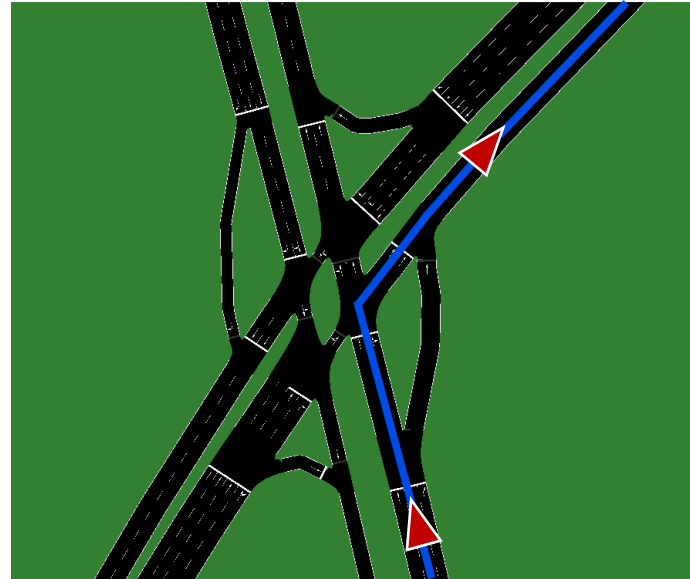
SUMOFit: Routing

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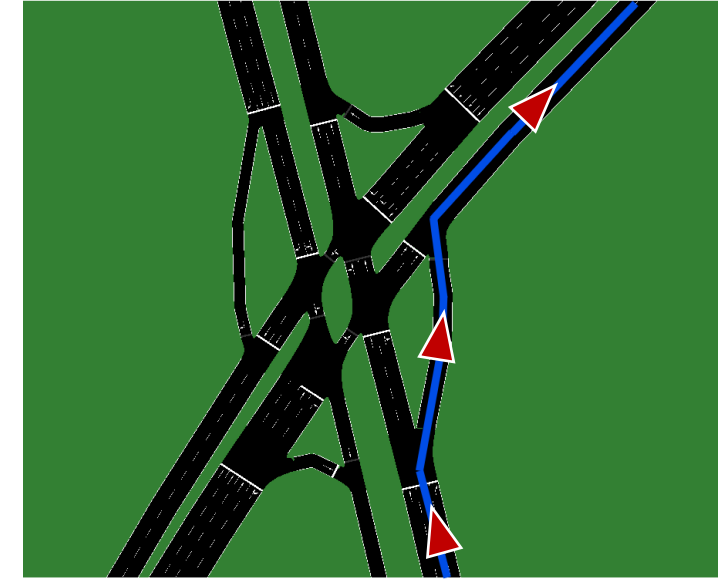
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Identification of Internal Loops



Option-1



Option-2

A recursive routing algorithm identifies internal loops and registers them as a “Loop” entity.

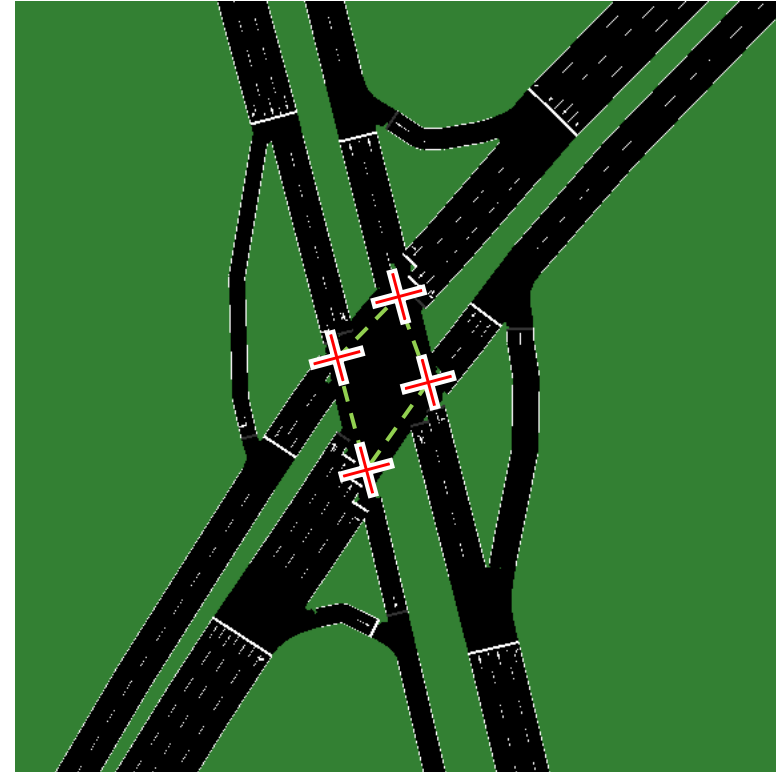
Loop-free routes are preferred in the final set.



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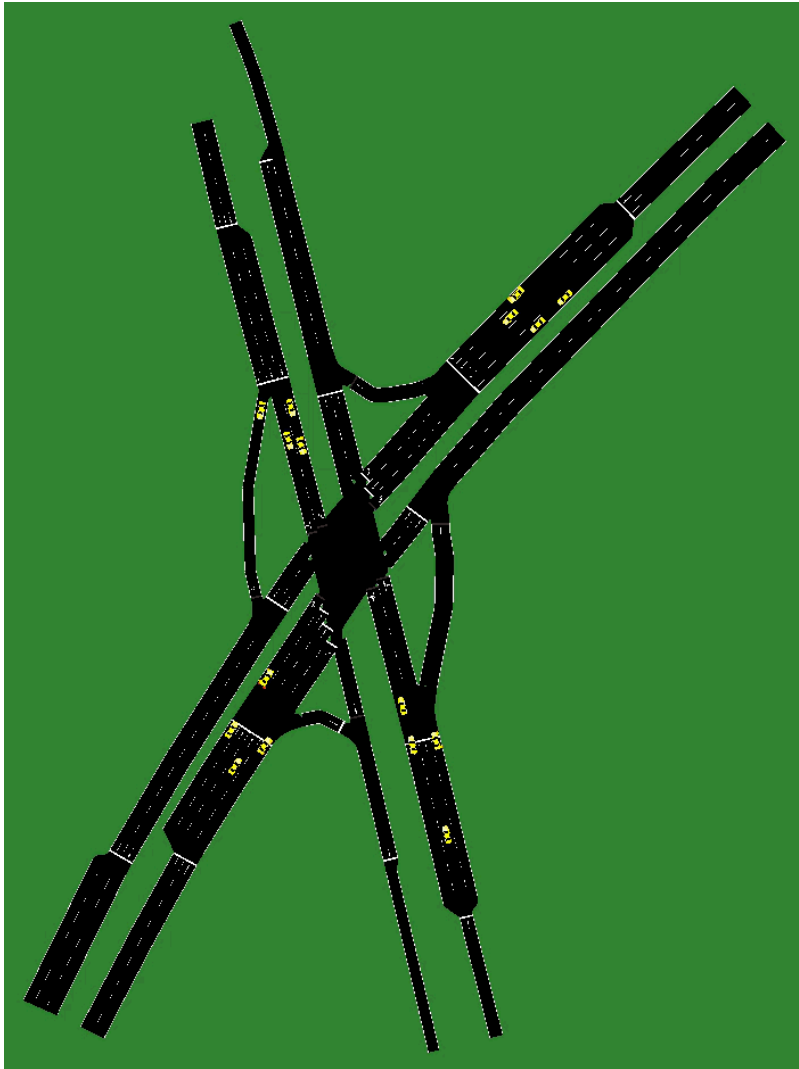
Any internal node element can trigger a change in the realisation form of the “Loop” entity



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- Primary Nodes: 12,
- Transition Nodes: 7,
- Auxiliary Nodes: 44,
- Pole Nodes: 8,
- Edges: 75,
- Lanes: 49,
- Unknown: 0

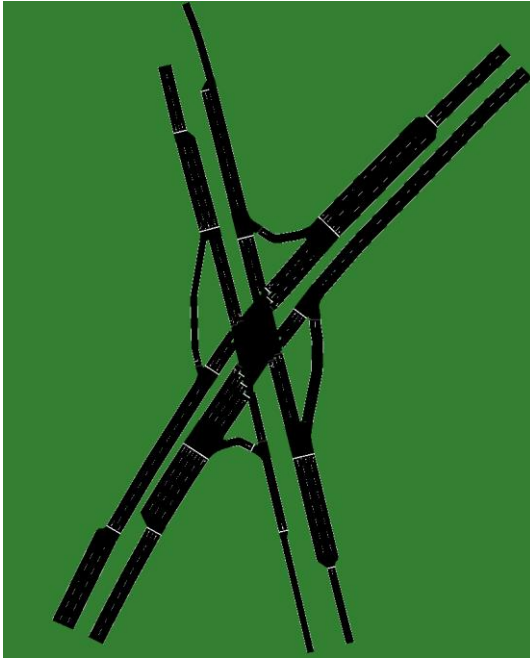


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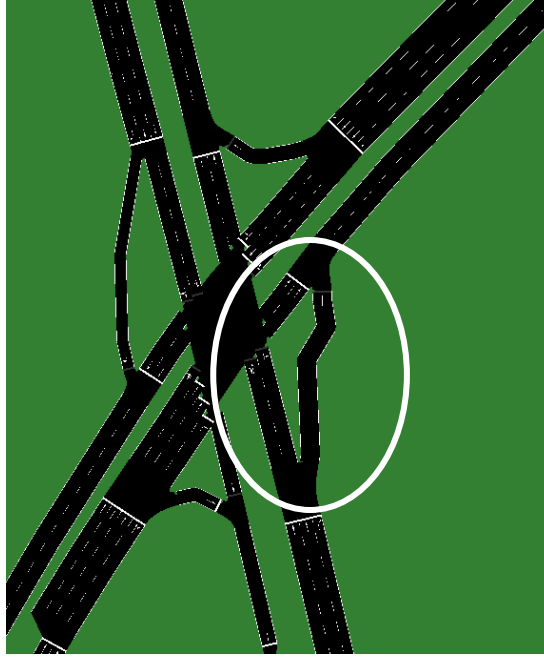
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Baseline



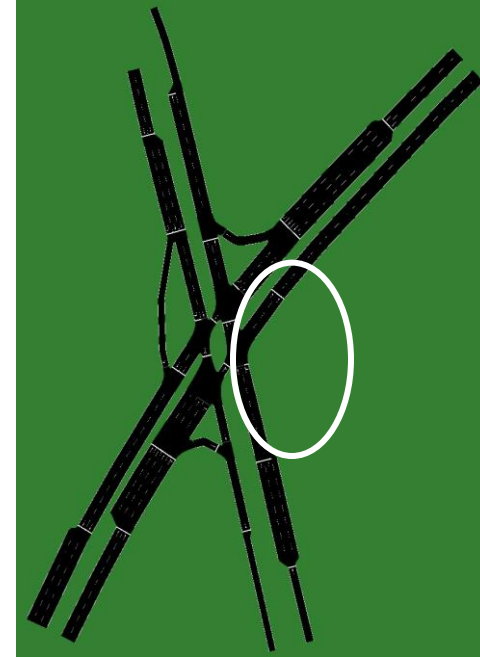
Coordinate Update



Realisation Form



Diagonal Connection



Further research aims to build an infrastructure for agentic modifications.



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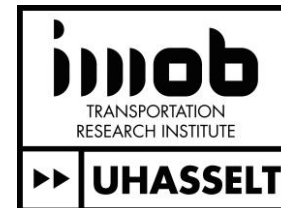
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