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# Quality Management of 3D Cultural Heritage Replicas with CIDOC-CRM

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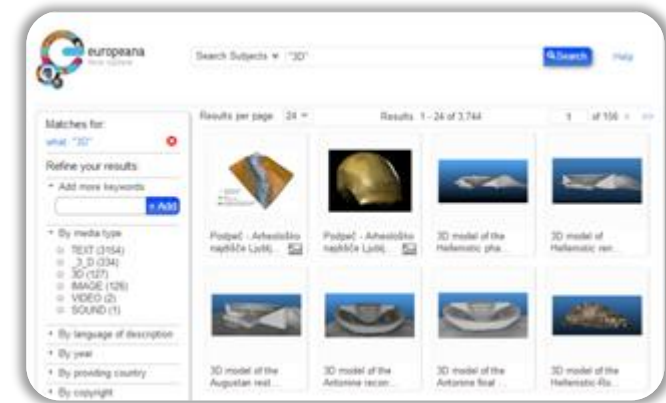
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# 3D Digital Heritage

- 3D models are increasingly used in Cultural Heritage, thanks to the diffusion of technologies like laser scanning and photogrammetry that make 3D model widely available methodology.
- Nowadays it is being adopted for mass acquisition of artifacts and monuments, and 3D datasets are stored in an increasing number of openly accessible digital libraries.

e.g.: Europeana started to populate with 3D models of European art and to create tools for the creation of collections of digital replicas of cultural objects.



# Project Aim

**How can we verify the quality of a 3D model and its reliability?**

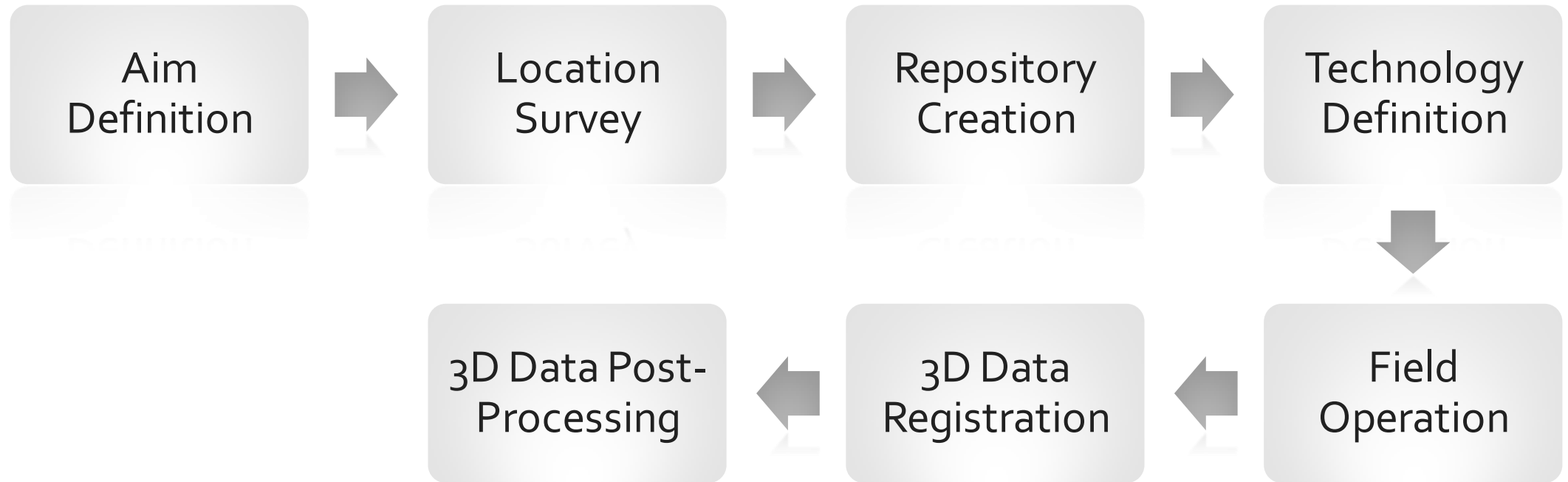
- Documentation is crucial to assess trustworthiness and suitability for purpose and thus enable re-use.

**CIDOC-CRM can help to this purpose?**

- This research proposes to use CIDOC-CRM and its extension CRMdig to document the planning and execution of 3D models of cultural artifacts in order to manage the quality of the replicas

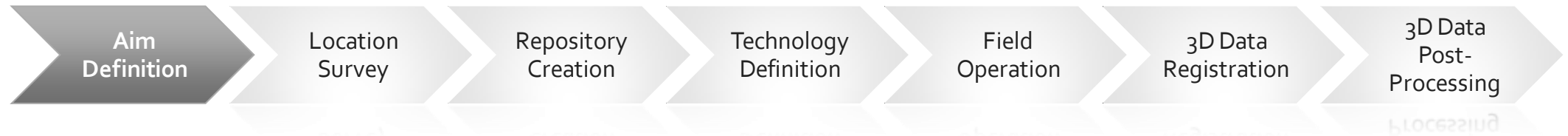


# Laser Scanner Project Workflow

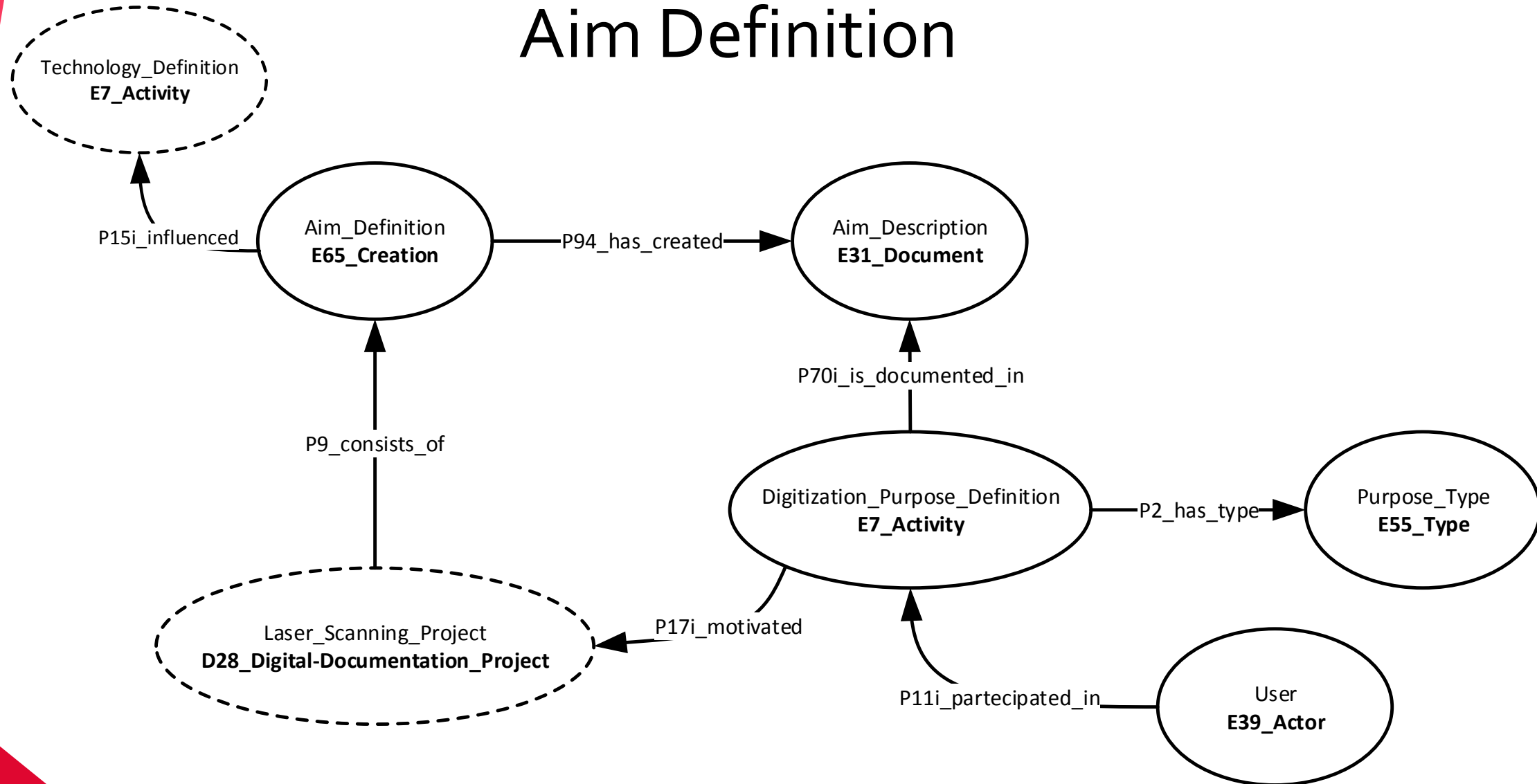


# Aim Definition

- Aim Definition: define the purpose of the digitization
  - modeling for cultural documentation
  - production of virtual models for dissemination
  - creation of 3D models for virtual restoration
  - 3D printed replicas for dissemination (e.g. museum exhibitions) and for research purposes
- The definition of the aim is strictly connected to the Technology Definition



# Aim Definition



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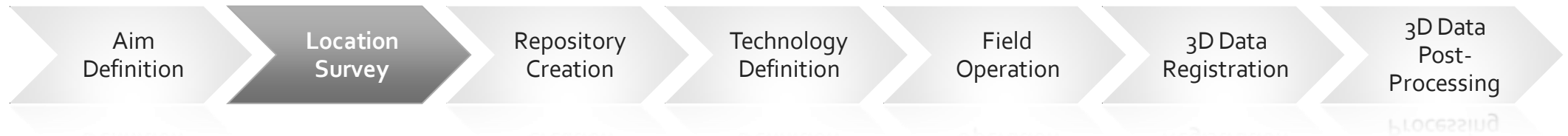
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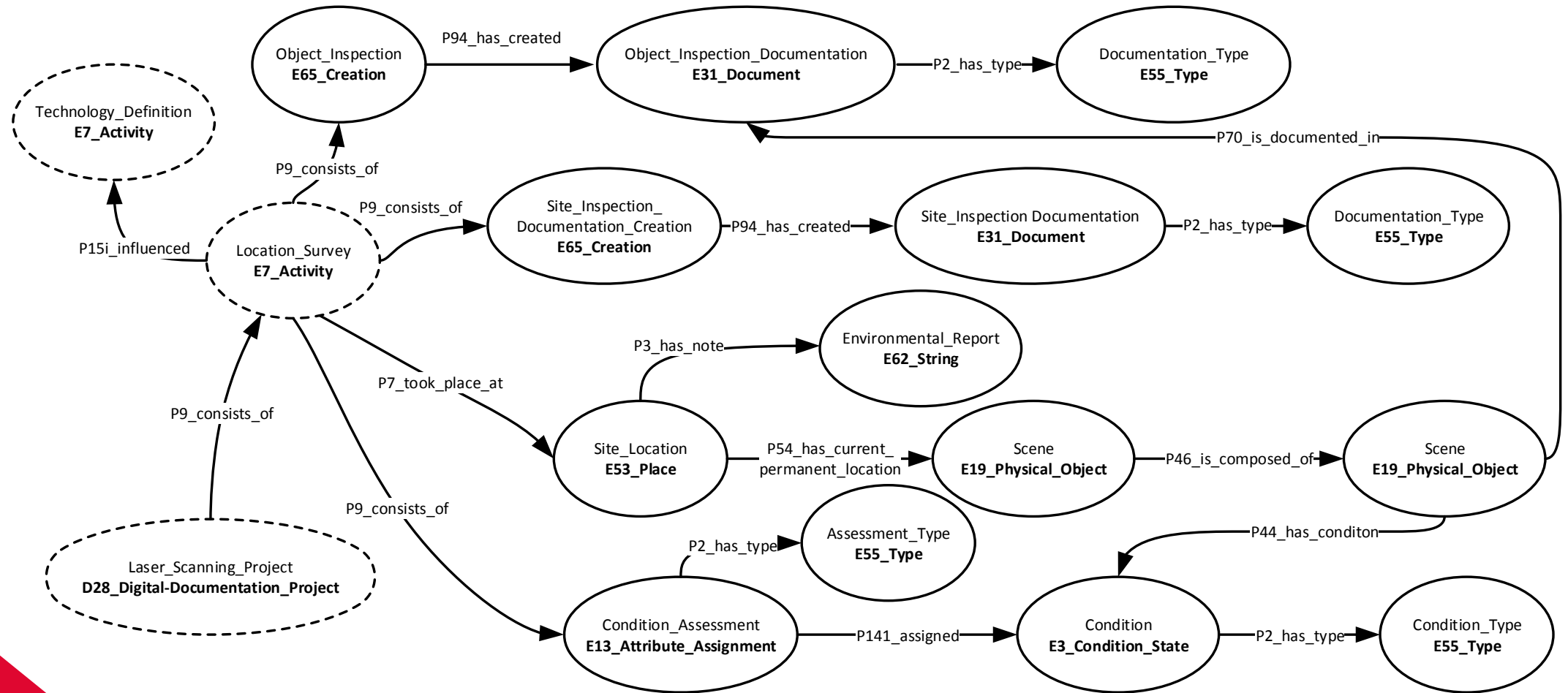
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# Location Survey

- Location Survey concerns the inspection of
  - Environmental conditions
    - Lighting, temperature, presence of dust (indoor and outdoor) ...
  - Object feature and size related to the surrounding scene
    - Location of monument or museum object (e.g. space available for scanning)
- This stage will support
  - In defining best time to collect the data
  - In identifying the presence of high reflective surfaces, obstructions and obstacles that may voids artifacts



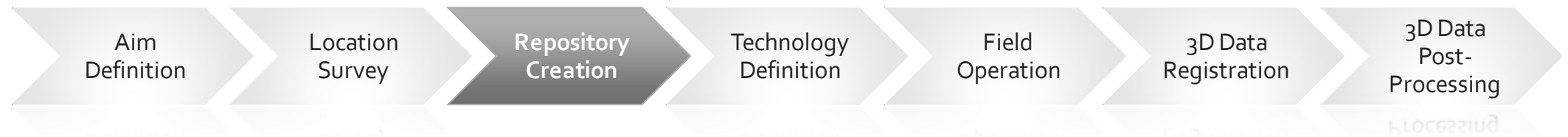
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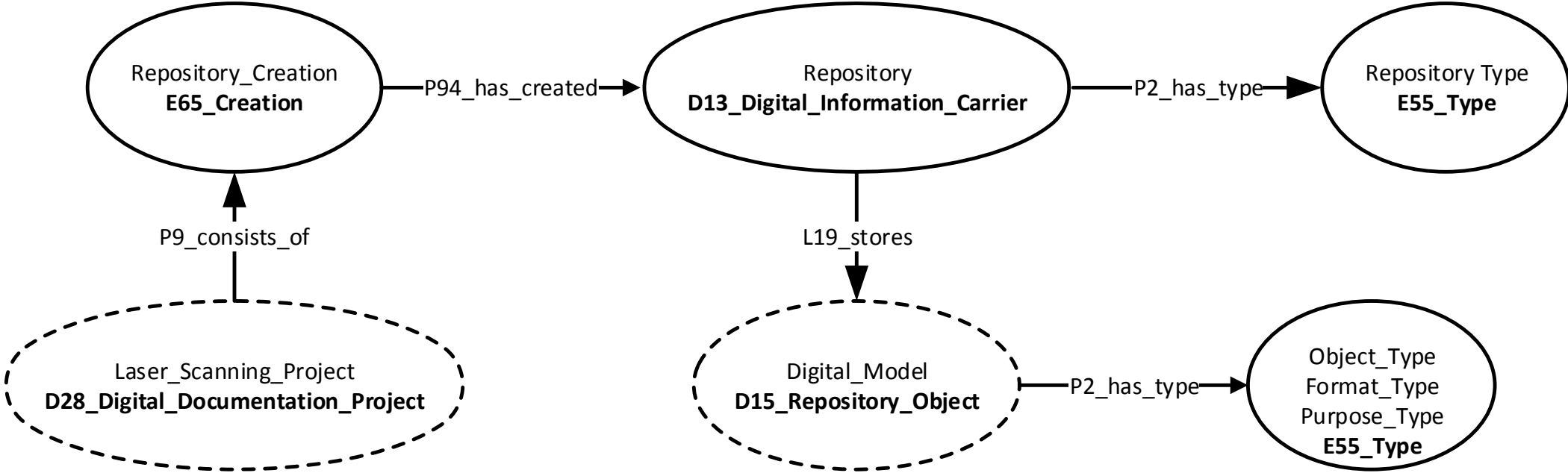


# Repository Creation

- Repository design and creation: design the repository according to the project needs
  - The project may use an existing repository, if the work concerns models added to a previously existing one
  - Define correct file formats in order to save space and to guarantee interoperability



# Repository Creation

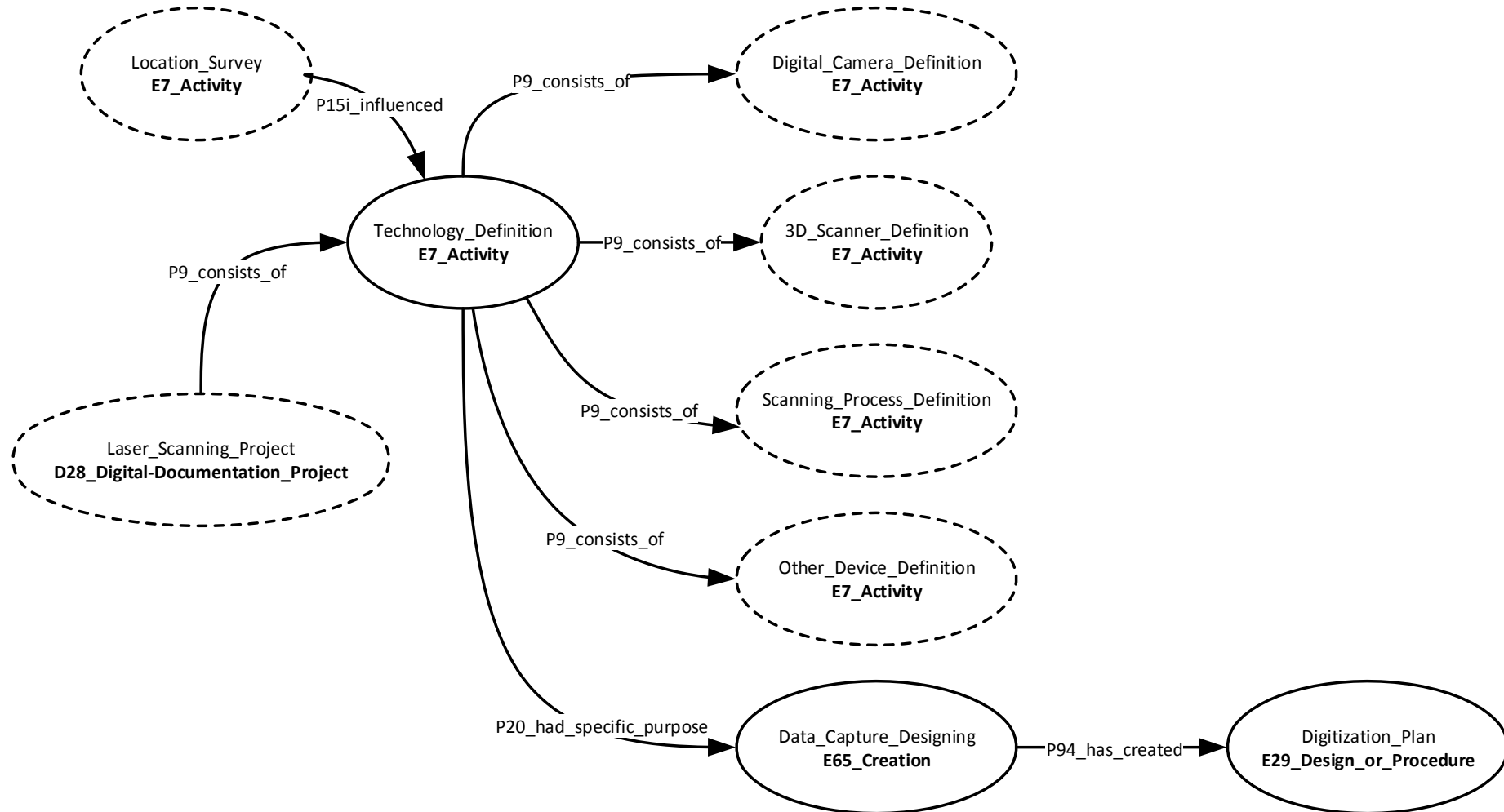


# Technology Definition

- The Technology Definition step concerns
  - Device features according to the location survey outcomes
    - Environment
    - Object material
    - Object shape
    - Object size



# Technology Definition



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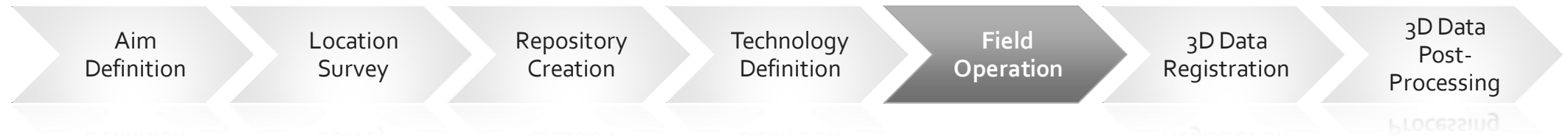
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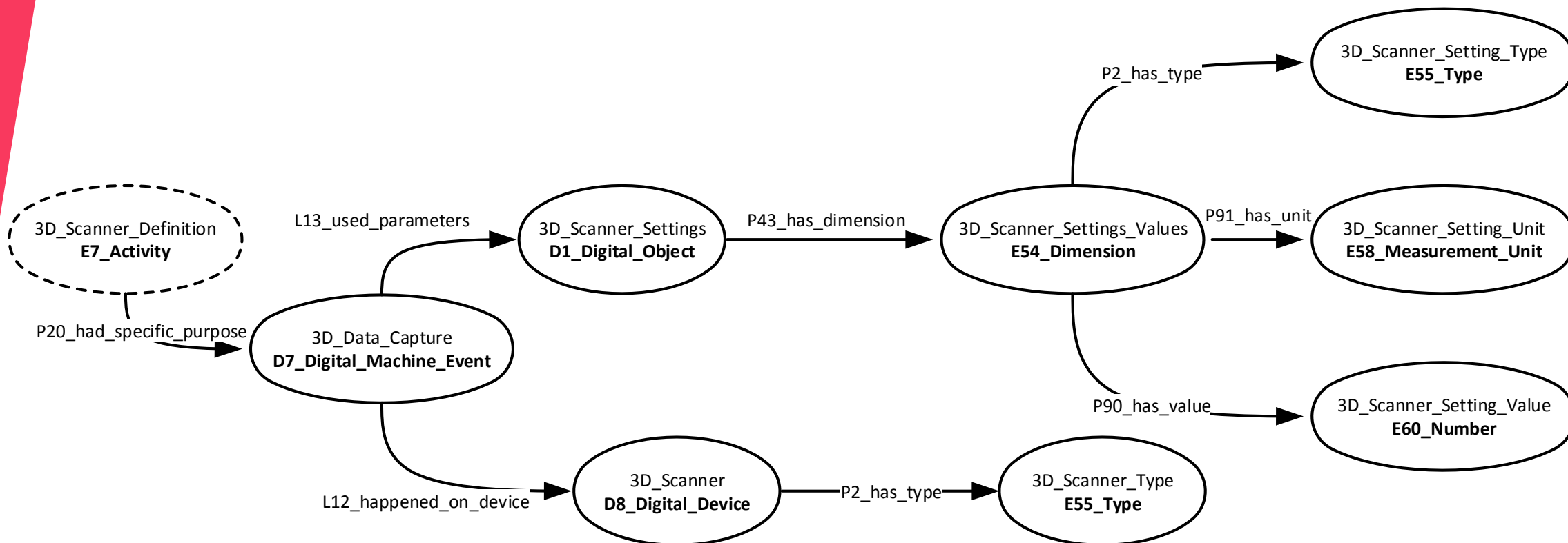
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# Field Operations

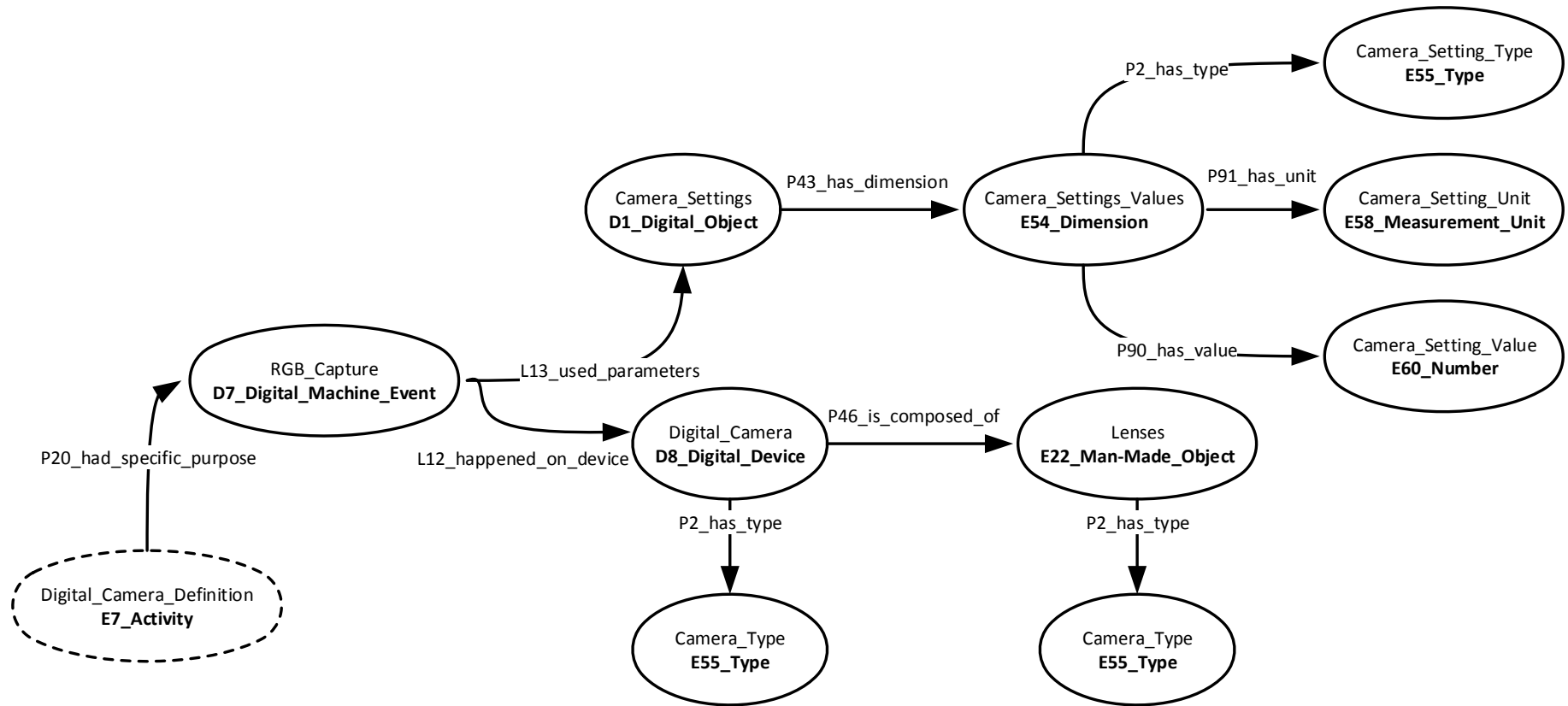
- The Field Operation step defines
  - Device features according to the location survey outcomes and to the object/scene to be scanned (FOV, level of detail)
  - Number of scan position (orientation angle)
  - Number and position of targets
  - Total station and GPS
  - Internal/external camera
  - Set-up of lighting system (e.g. caves, museums)



# Scanner Settings



# RGB Capture



# Field Operations



Laser Scanner

Total Station

Marker



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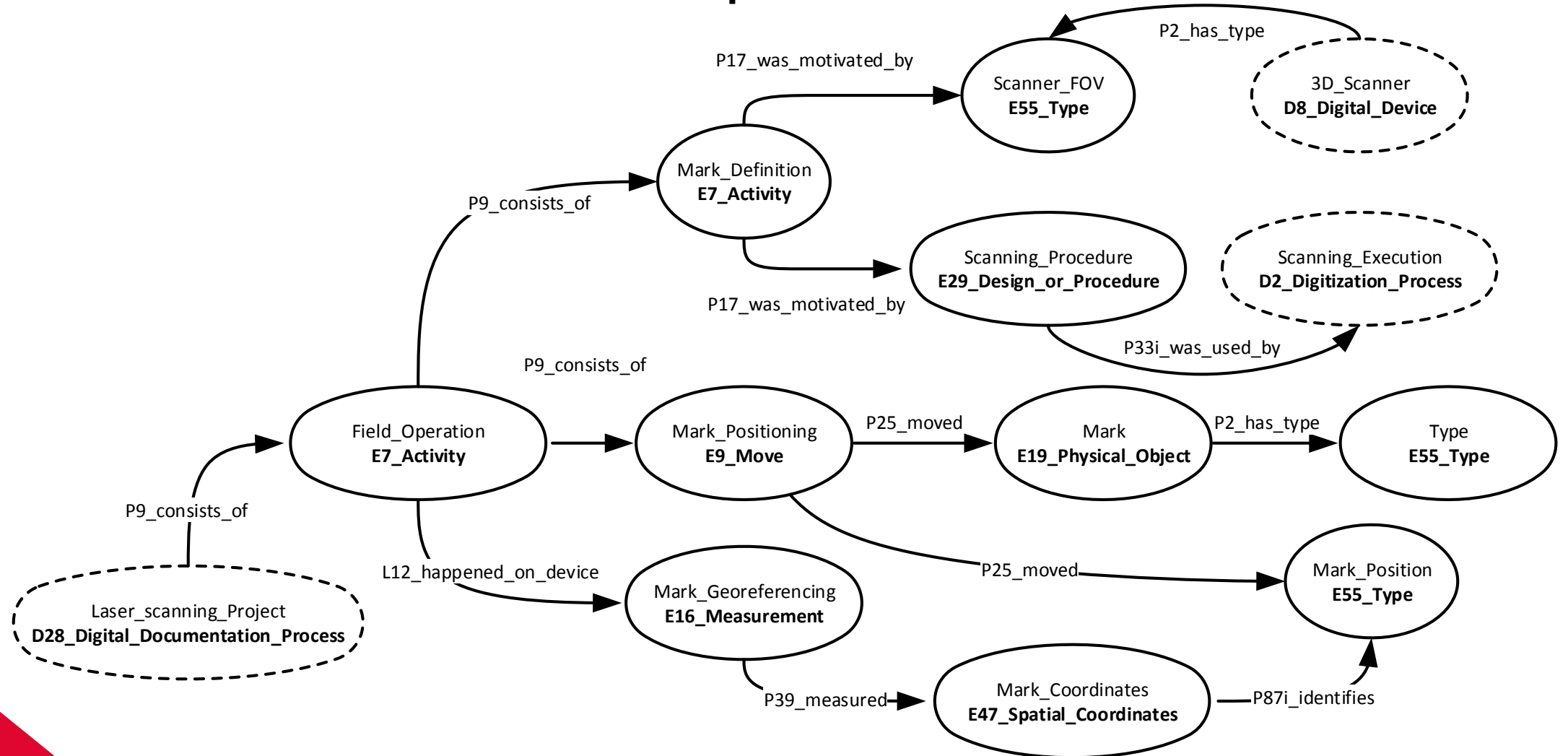
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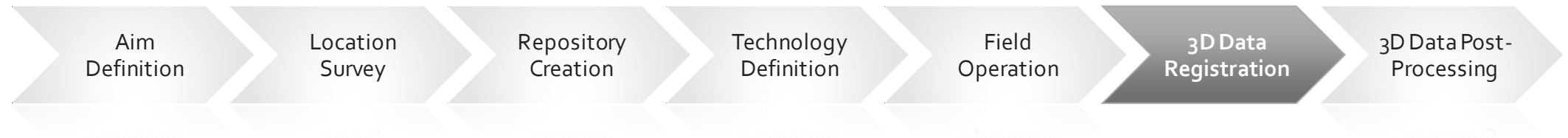


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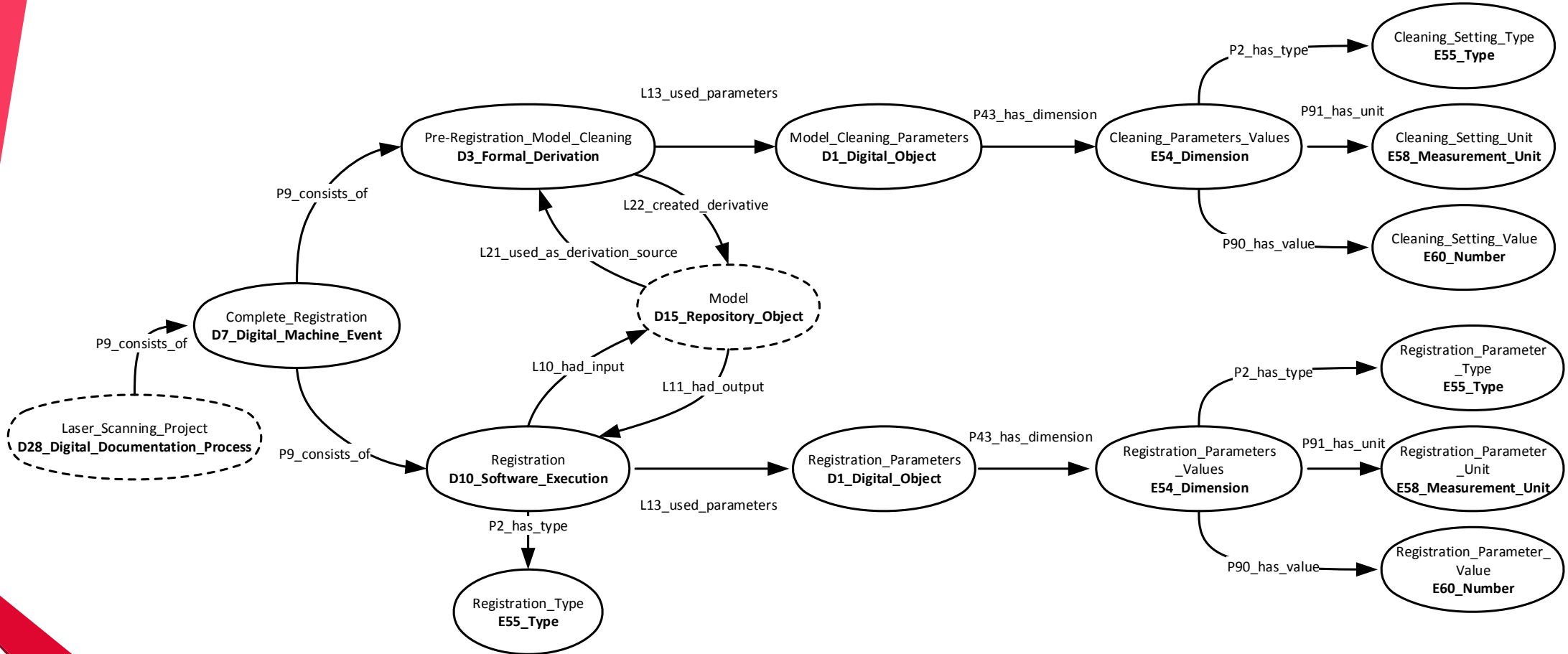


# 3D Data Registration

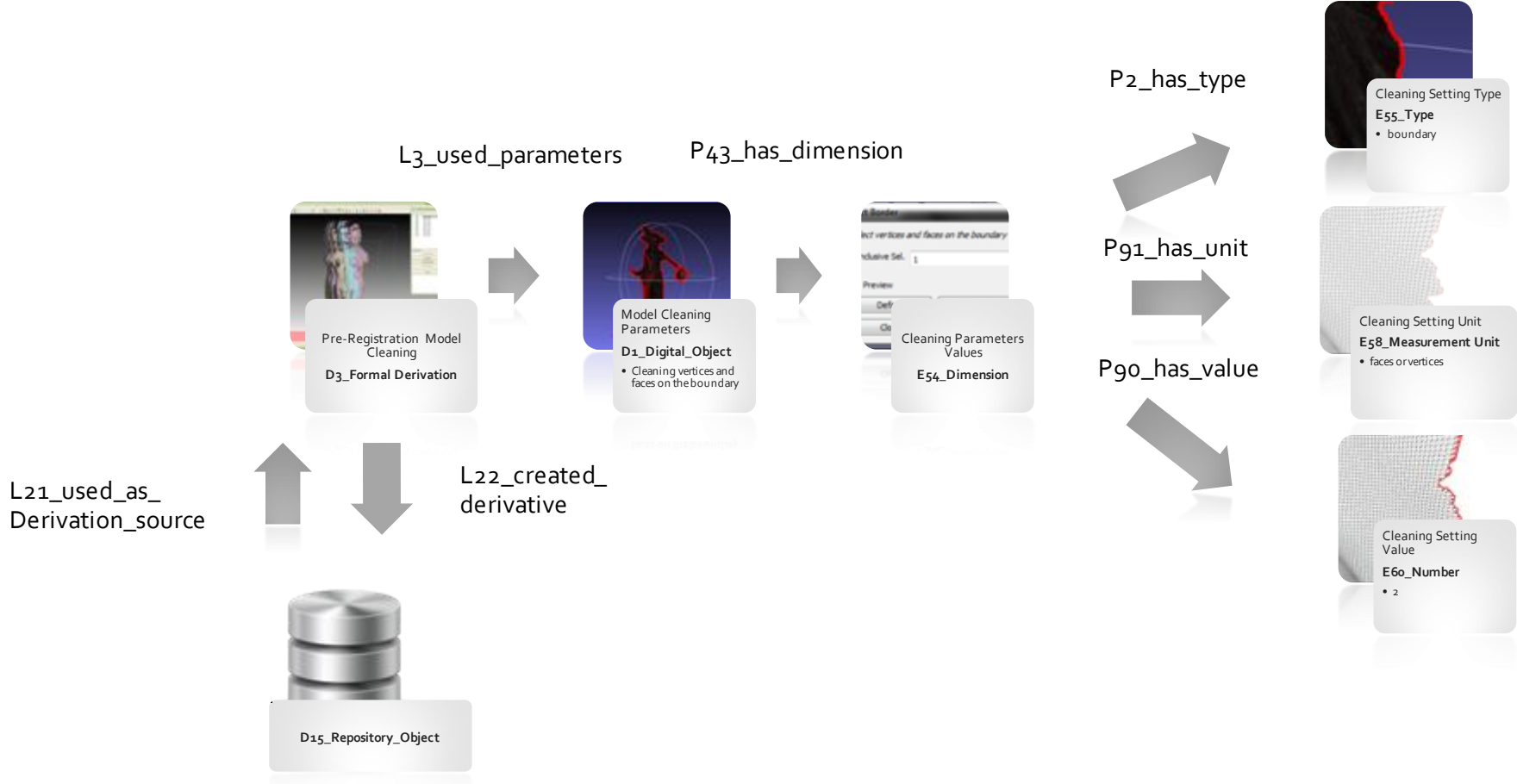
- The 3D Data Registration consists of merging multiple scans with each other in correct, relative 3D geometry within a single coordinate system. It includes:
  - Scanner position
  - Ground Control Points (GCPs) or identifiable features
- Pre-registration cleaning: remove noisy data, which could affect the final result.



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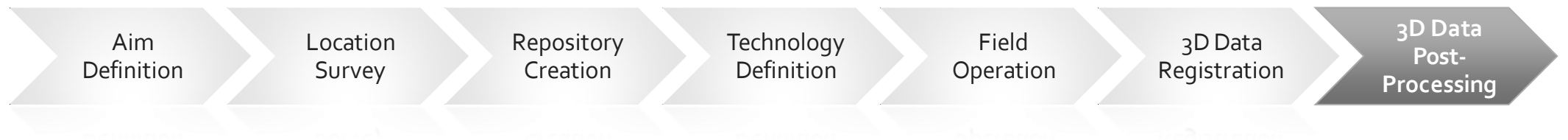


# Pre-Registration Cleaning



# 3D Dataset Post-Processing

- The Post-Processing step includes
  - Polygonal mesh generation
  - Cleaning processes
  - Resampling and decimation



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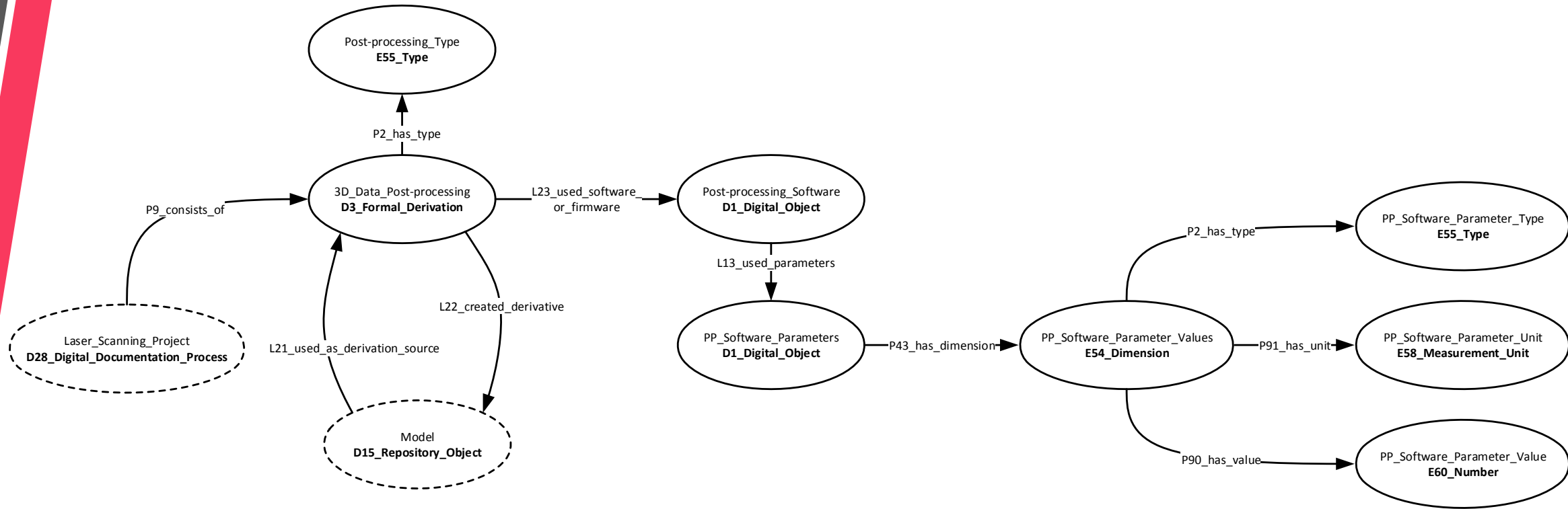


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# 3D Dataset Post-Processing



# Conclusions and Future Works

- This research illustrates how CRM may support Quality Management of 3D Cultural Heritage documentation
- It is being extended to other methodologies like photogrammetry/SfM, videogrammetry
- It may need refinements and revisions dictated by practice
- Implementation will need tools to simplify the input
- The procedure is being tested within a 3D digital library project



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