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A graph G contains a graph H as a subdivision if there exists a subgraph of G isomorphic to a subdivision of H . A graph G is said to be H -linked if every injective mapping from the vertices of H to the vertices of G can be extended to an H -subdivision, where the edges of H are associated with internally vertex disjoint paths of G . For a graph H with k edges, H -linked graphs generalize the notions of k -linked, k -ordered and k -connected graphs.

It is well-known that if a graph is $2k$ -connected and has certain dense minors, then it is k -linked. In this talk, we will follow this kind of idea to explore conditions for a graph to be H -linked when H contains few edges. This is a joint work with Ken-ichi Kawarabayashi. (Received January 29, 2009)