

Get in the Loop with AutoCAD Map 3D, CaseIntel NetGIS, ReCap, and A360

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Class summary

This talk will demonstrate a streamlined geographic information system (GIS) / mapping workflow developed by CaseIntel Corporation and Autodesk, Inc., for electric utilities to support a highly automated design, build, operate, and maintain workflow. This process uses AutoCAD 360 web app, ReCap software, and LiDAR (light detection and ranging) scanning in the field; AutoCAD Map 3D software and CaseIntel NetGIS for electric utility mapping; InfraWorks 360 software and Infrastructure Map Server software for visualization; and AutoCAD Utility Design software for designing new services.

Agenda

- Discussion – 20 min
 - Quick background on Mapping in Utilities
 - Utility Engineering Lifecycle Challenges
 - Solution Approach
- Demo – 20 min
- Q&A – 10 min



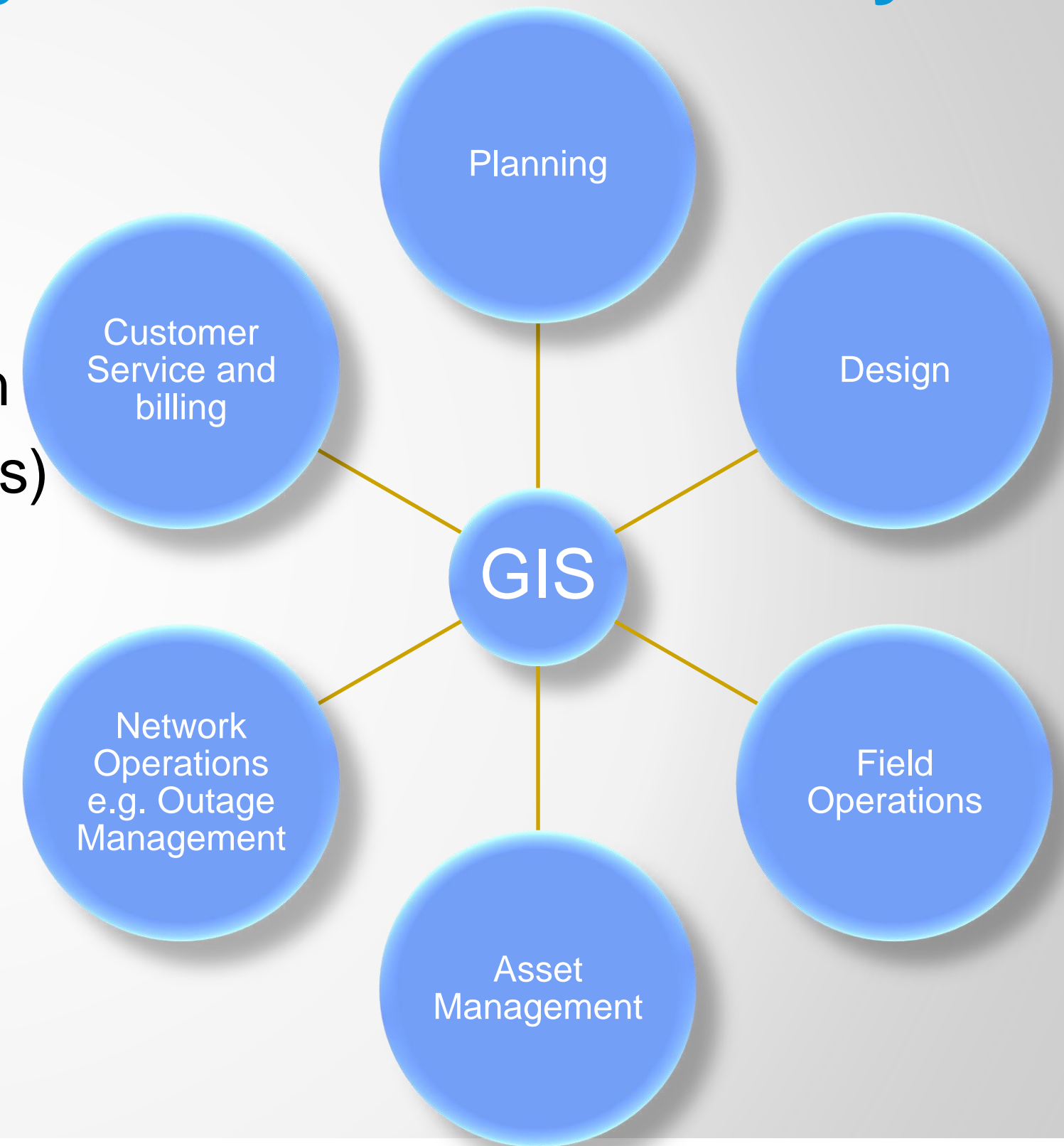
Mapping for Electric Utilities

Background

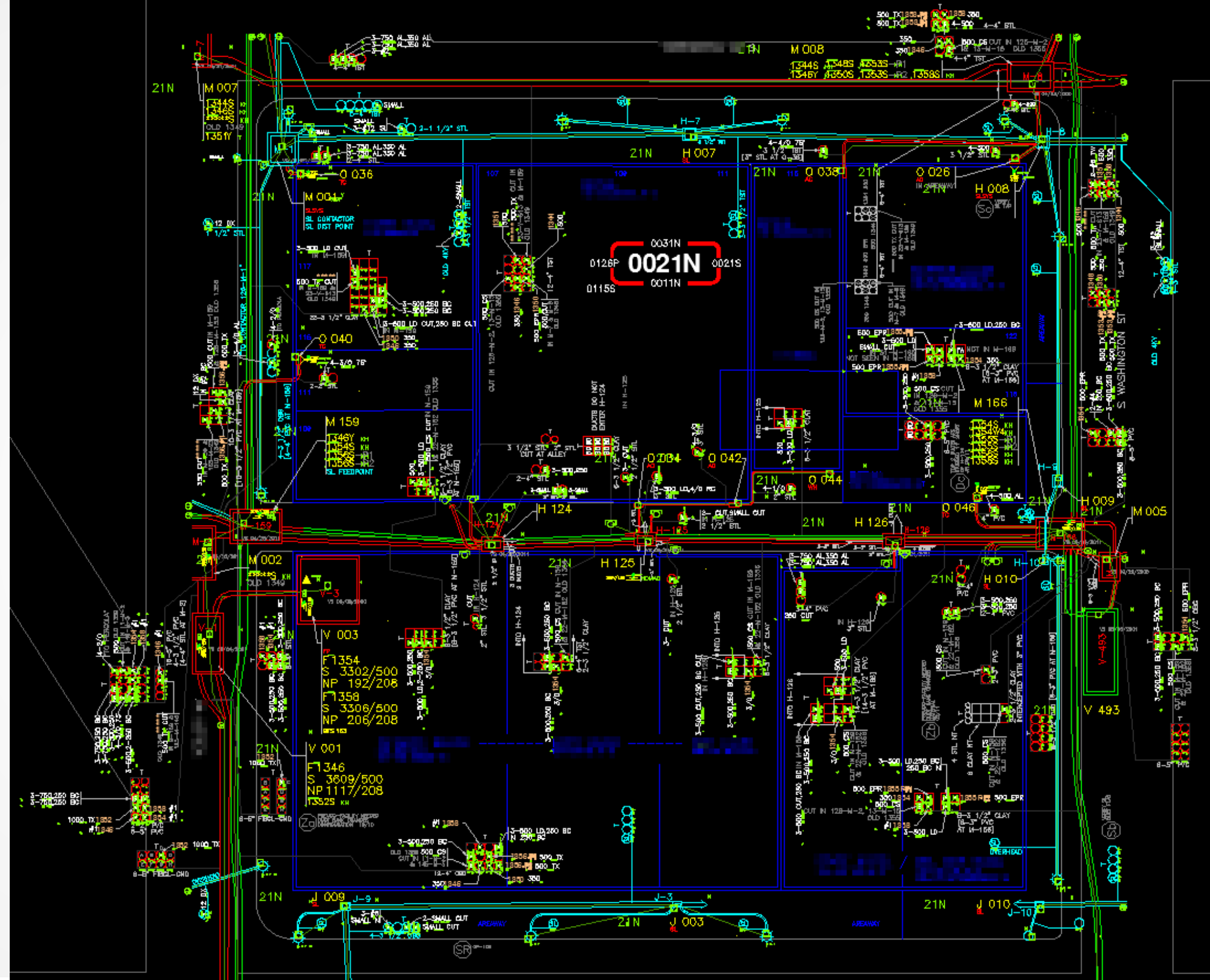
- The following examples are from Seattle City Light in their downtown meshed network.
- CaseIntel deployed NetGIS at SCL, replacing a system of manual drawings with rudimentary data in a database.
- NetGIS is now the GIS for the meshed network, and is the source for asset location, physical and electrical connectivity for the network.

Where does GIS and Mapping fit in an electric utility?

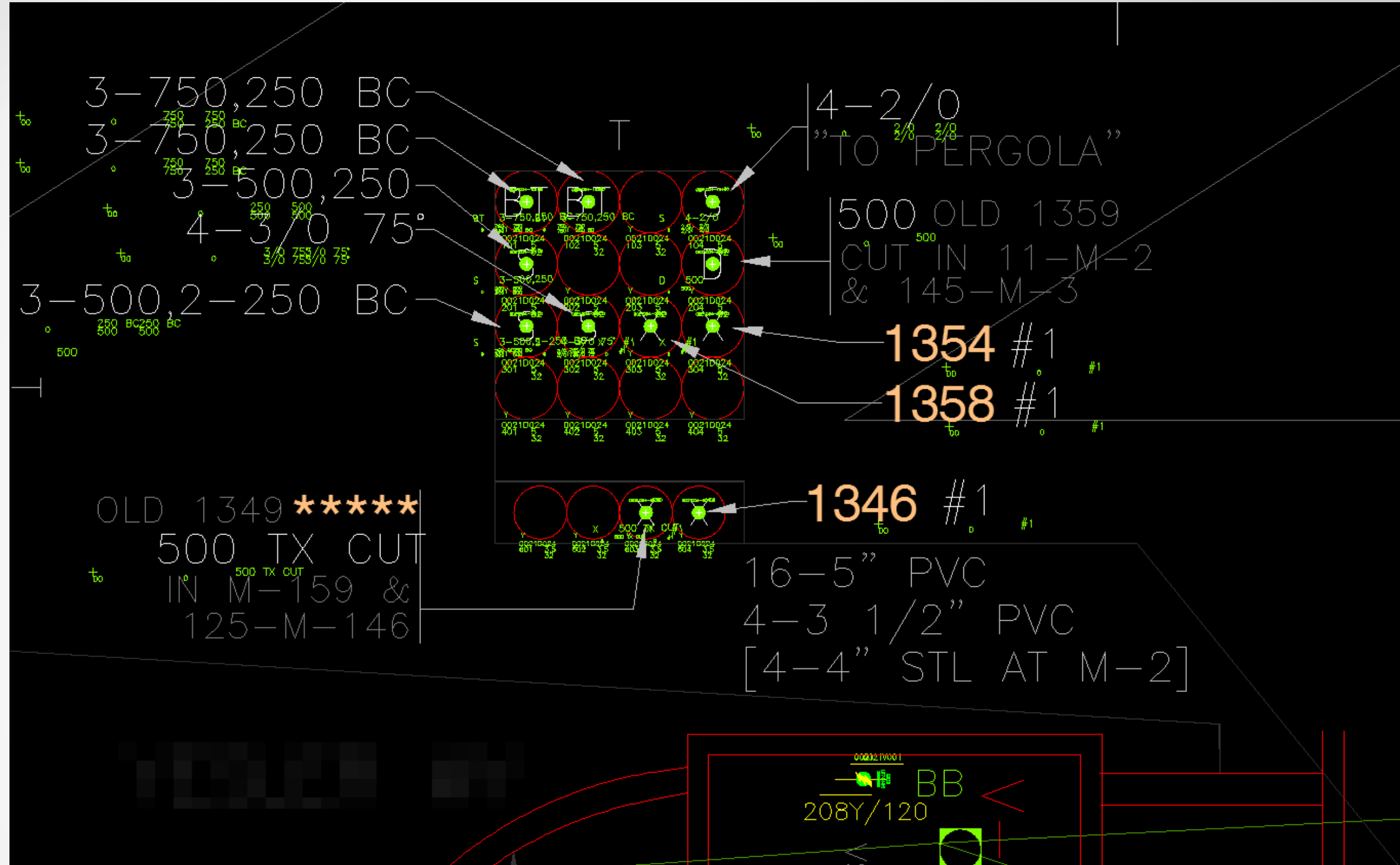
- Maintains information used throughout the utility:
 - Facility, Structure details and location
 - Civil Infrastructure (Duct banks, Ducts)
 - Equipment installation and location
 - Equipment connections
 - Cable characteristics and paths



City Block Map



Block Map Detail



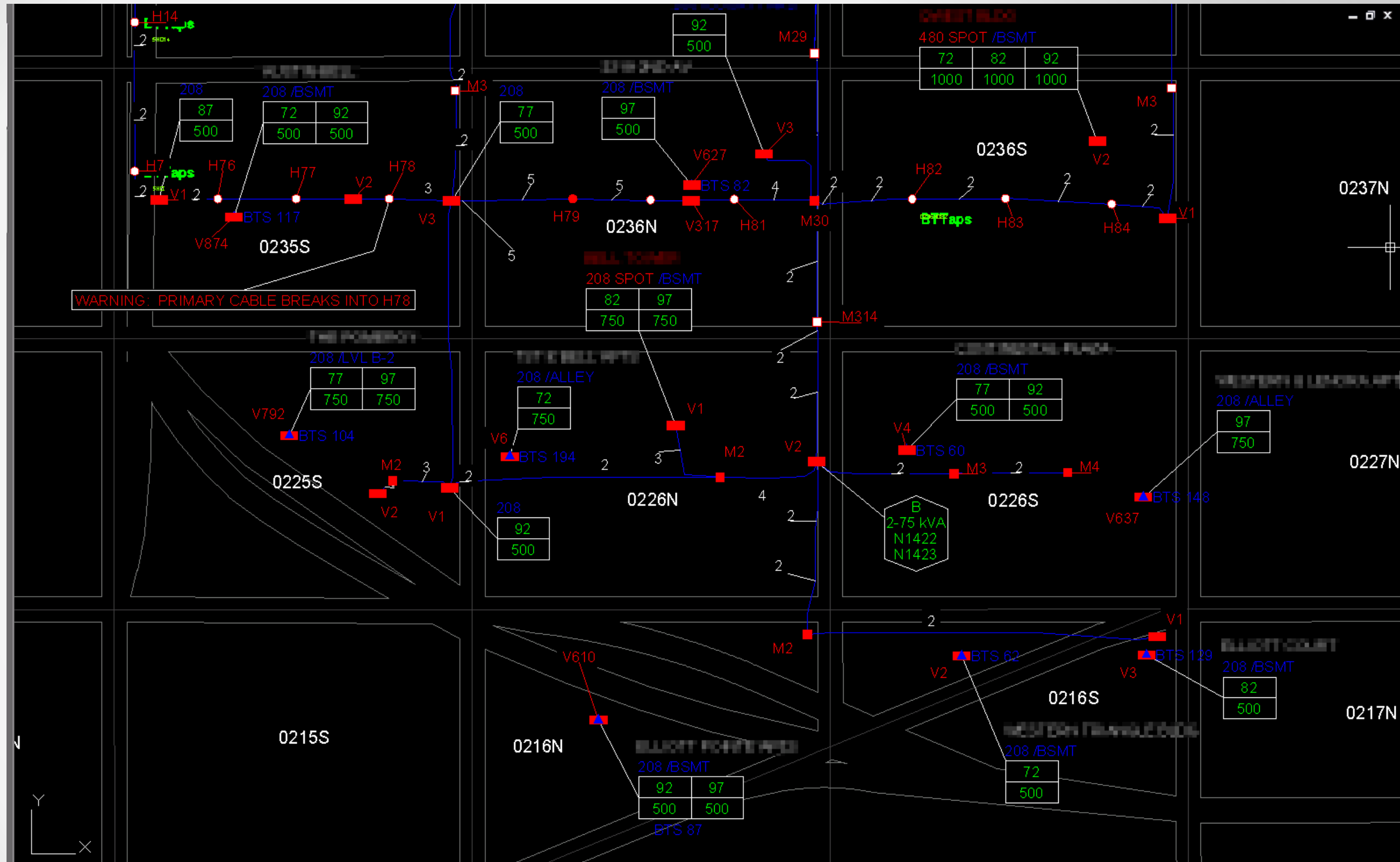
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Secondary Map



An aerial perspective of a city landscape. In the foreground, a multi-lane bridge with a rainbow-colored line along its edge spans a wide river. A red car is visible on the bridge. To the right of the river, there's a green park area with trees and a blue oval-shaped feature. In the background, a large stadium with a circular roof is prominent, surrounded by various city buildings and a dense skyline of skyscrapers under a clear blue sky.

GIS / Mapping Challenges

Typical Situation

- Multiple tools used, e.g. traditional GIS and AutoCAD
- Thousands of drawings, may or may not be in sync with each other.
- GIS limitations hinder complete, accurate, detailed modeling
- Drawings imply connectivity model, but is it correct?
- GIS, CAD, Asset Management and Engineering Systems don't share information
- Information lost as it flows between CAD based and GIS based systems
- Archaic, paper based markup workflows limit information, contribute to errors

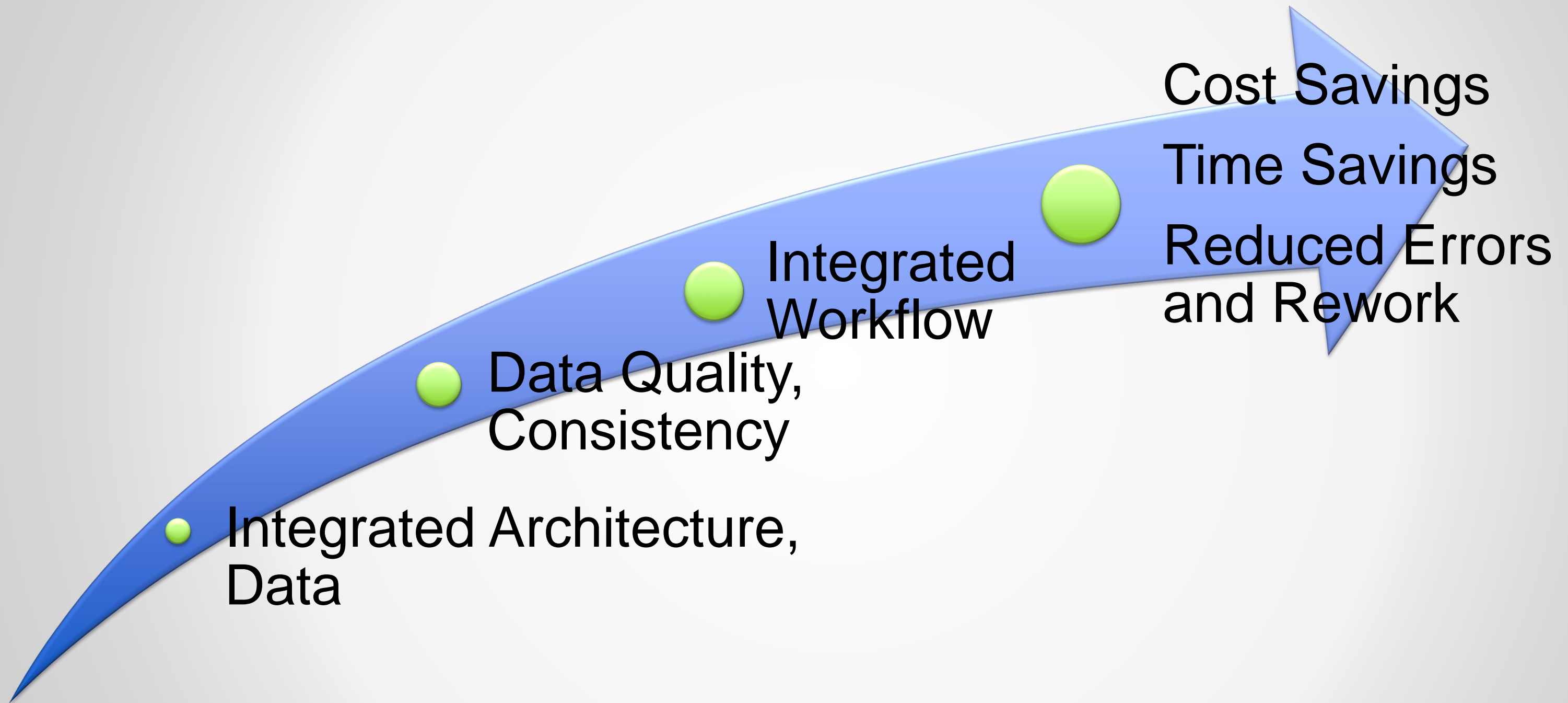
Seattle City Light Change Drivers

- Accelerate map production through single point of entry and automation
- Establish robust primary and secondary connectivity models that enable:
 - Tracing and analysis tools for mappers to improve model quality
 - Automated production of feeder and secondary maps
 - Exports of facility, equipment, cables and connectivity data to:
 - Analysis and loadflow applications, e.g. Cyme, Synergi, ETAP
 - Design tools for engineers, e.g. Autodesk AUD
 - Outage Management Systems

Benefits of Integrated Workflow and Architecture

- Mapping
 - Accelerated map production through automation and single point of entry
 - Greatly reduced error rate
 - Better customer service
- Asset Management
 - Improved cost effectiveness of asset maintenance
 - Reduced need for field verification, saving engineer and crew time
 - Improved safety due to current and accurate maps
- Engineering
 - Enhanced capacity planning
 - Improved accuracy on new designs

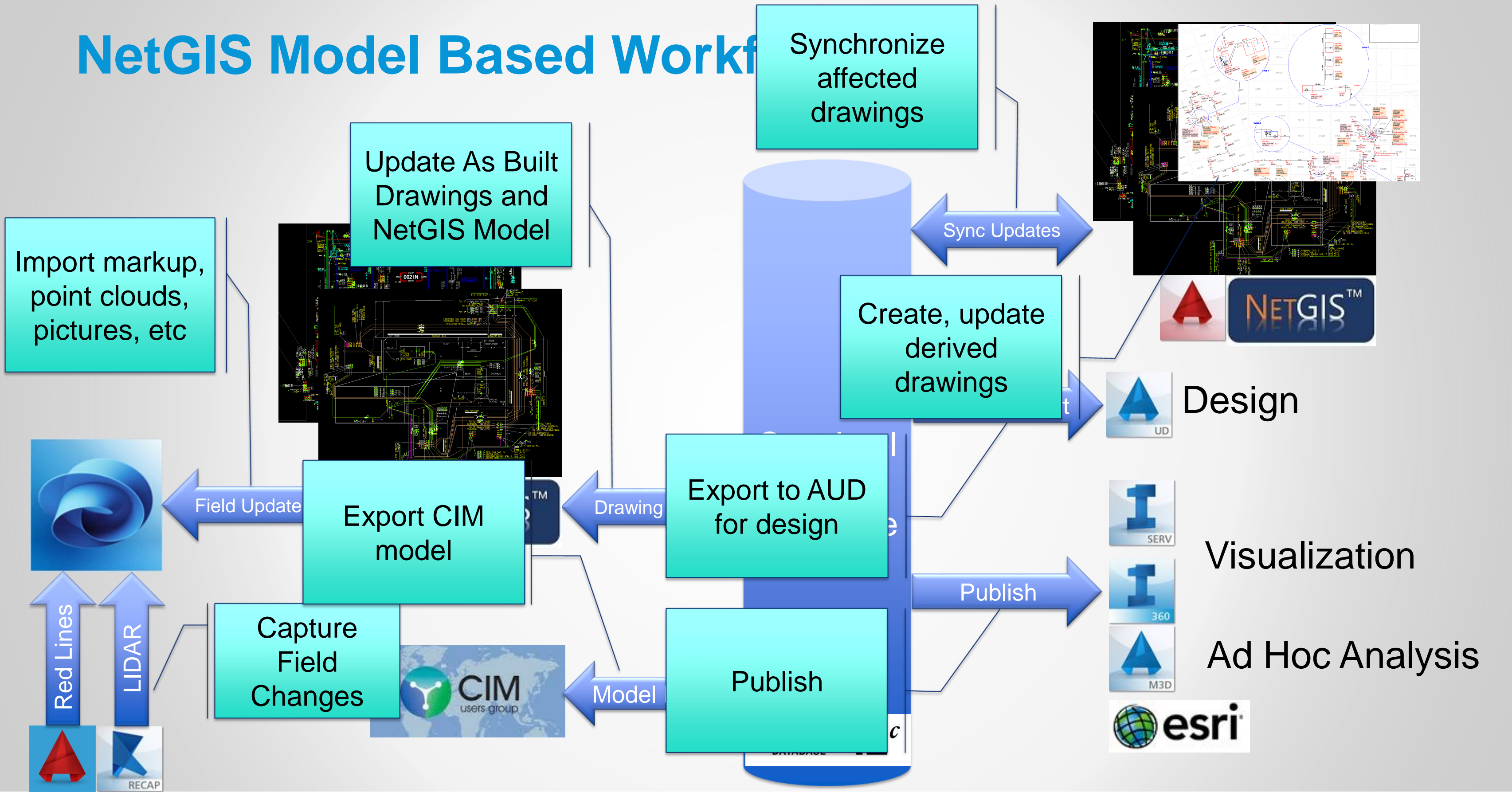
GIS/Mapping Value Chain



An aerial perspective of a cityscape. In the foreground, a multi-lane bridge with a rainbow-colored line along its edge spans a wide river. A red car is visible on the bridge. To the right of the bridge is a green park area with a blue oval field and some trees. In the background, a large stadium with a circular roof is visible, surrounded by various city buildings and skyscrapers under a clear blue sky.

Lifecycle Workflow

NetGIS Model Based Workflow



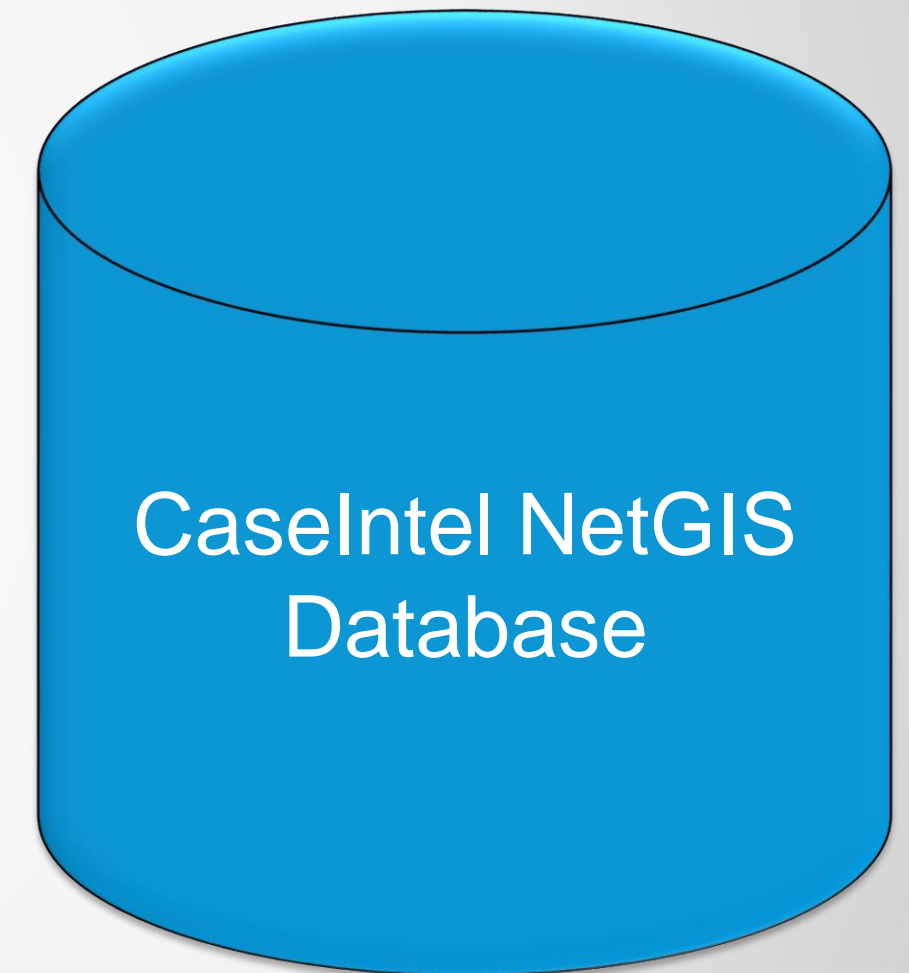
Solution Approach

Architectural Approach

- AutoCAD add in -- all drawings synchronized in real time to common underlying database as drawing is edited.
- Business rules enforced using rules and data in database (Oracle).
- Preserve 'look and feel' of AutoCAD.
- Use open spatial format for easy data access
- Use server based network tracing and analysis.
- Allow users to control automated changes to drawing, e.g. model synchronization.

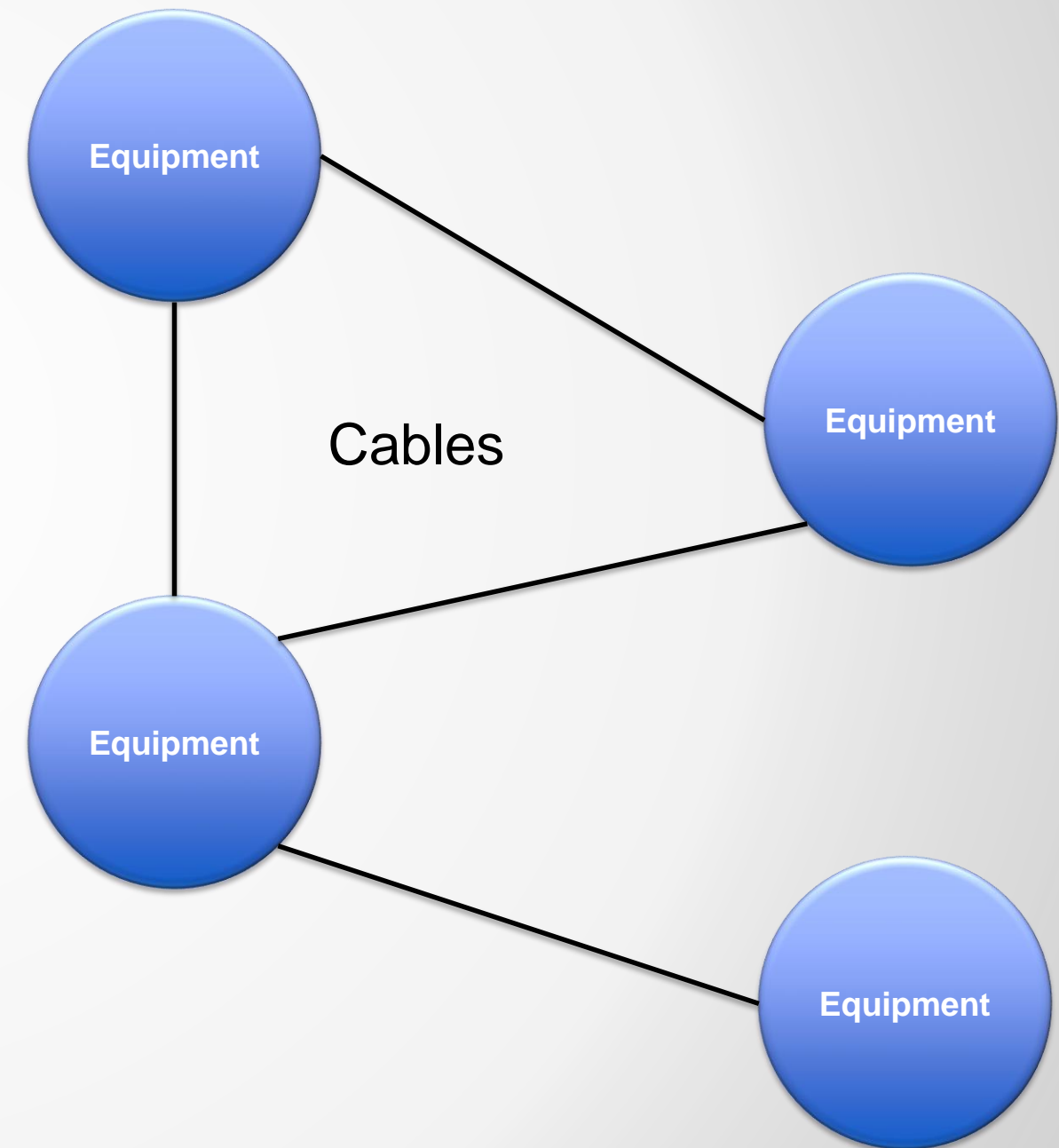
What's in the Database?

- Drawings
 - Complete, unaltered AutoCAD Drawings
- Electrical Model
 - Equipment
 - Electrical Connectivity
 - Cable Detail
- Civil Infrastructure
 - Facilities
 - Ducts
 - Duct Banks
 - Connectivity
- Business Rules

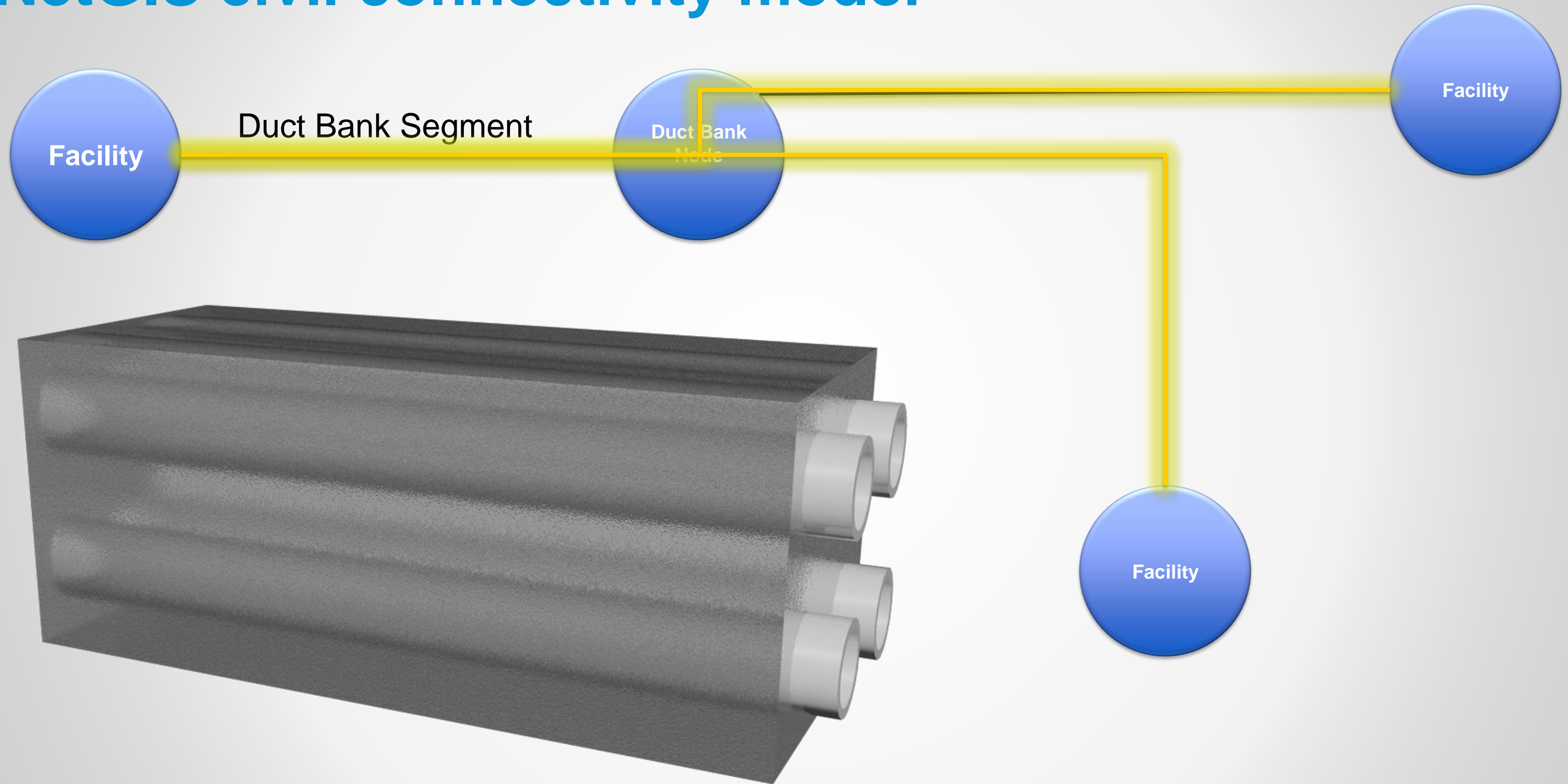


NetGIS electrical connectivity model

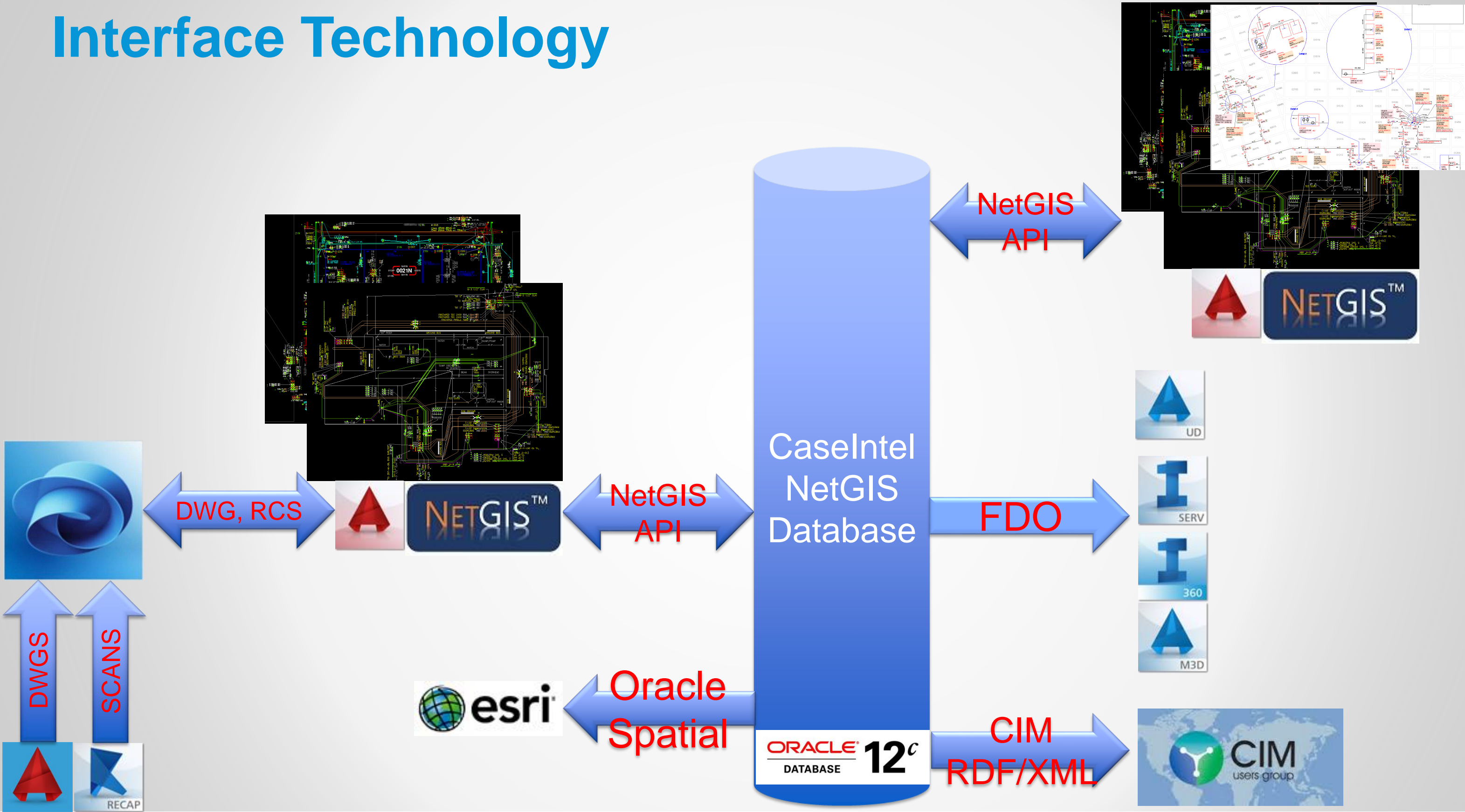
- Uses server based in-memory tracing engine. Not dependent on workstation performance.
- Scalable to millions of nodes
- Understands circuit characteristics (phasing, voltage, etc.)
- Understands detailed physical and electrical characteristics of the cables.
- Allows a hierarchy of Conductors to Physical Cable, to Cable Sets



NetGIS civil connectivity model



Interface Technology



Lifecycle Demo

An aerial perspective rendering of a city skyline. In the foreground, a multi-lane bridge with a rainbow-colored light strip along its edge spans a body of water. To the right of the bridge is a landscaped park area with green grass, trees, and a blue oval feature. In the background, a dense urban skyline with various skyscrapers is visible under a clear blue sky.

Questions and Discussion

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