



# Bentley BIM

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# What is BIM?

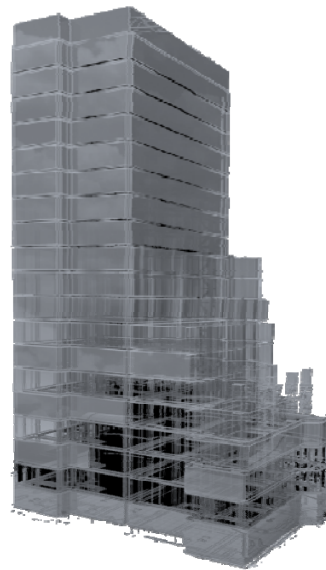
**BIM** "is the process of  
generating and managing  
building data during its life  
cycle" (Automation in Construction 2006)

## Big BIM (Federated) or Little BIM (Single)?

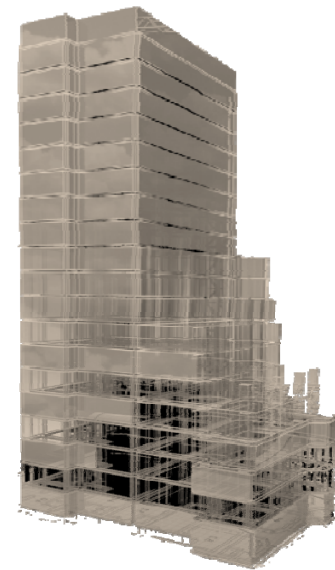
- Little BIM is the discipline based approach with varying degrees of integration within a building.



Architectural



Structural

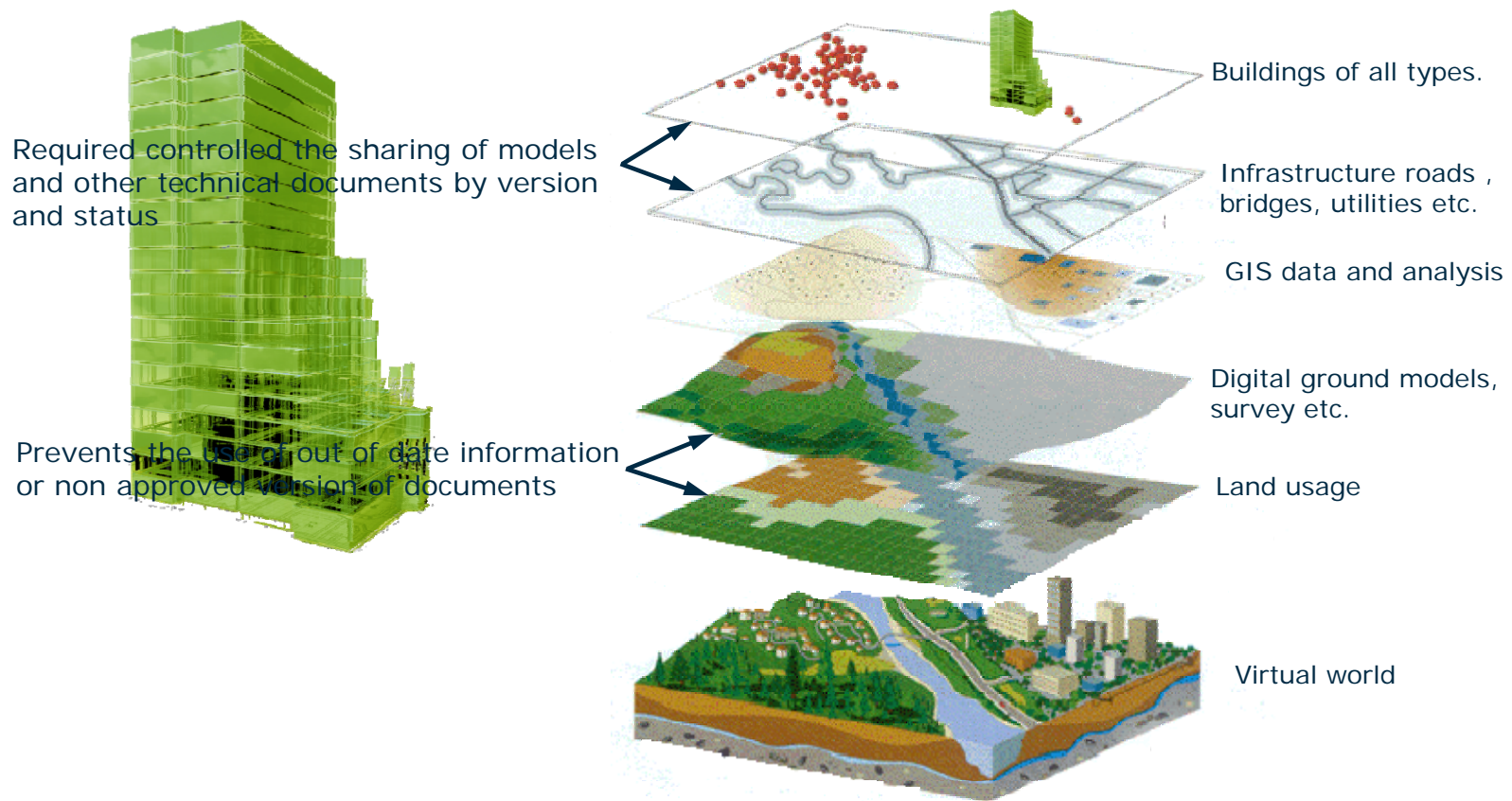


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# Big BIM or Little BIM?

- Big BIM the total integration of the building with the environment that surrounds it referred to as the federated approach.



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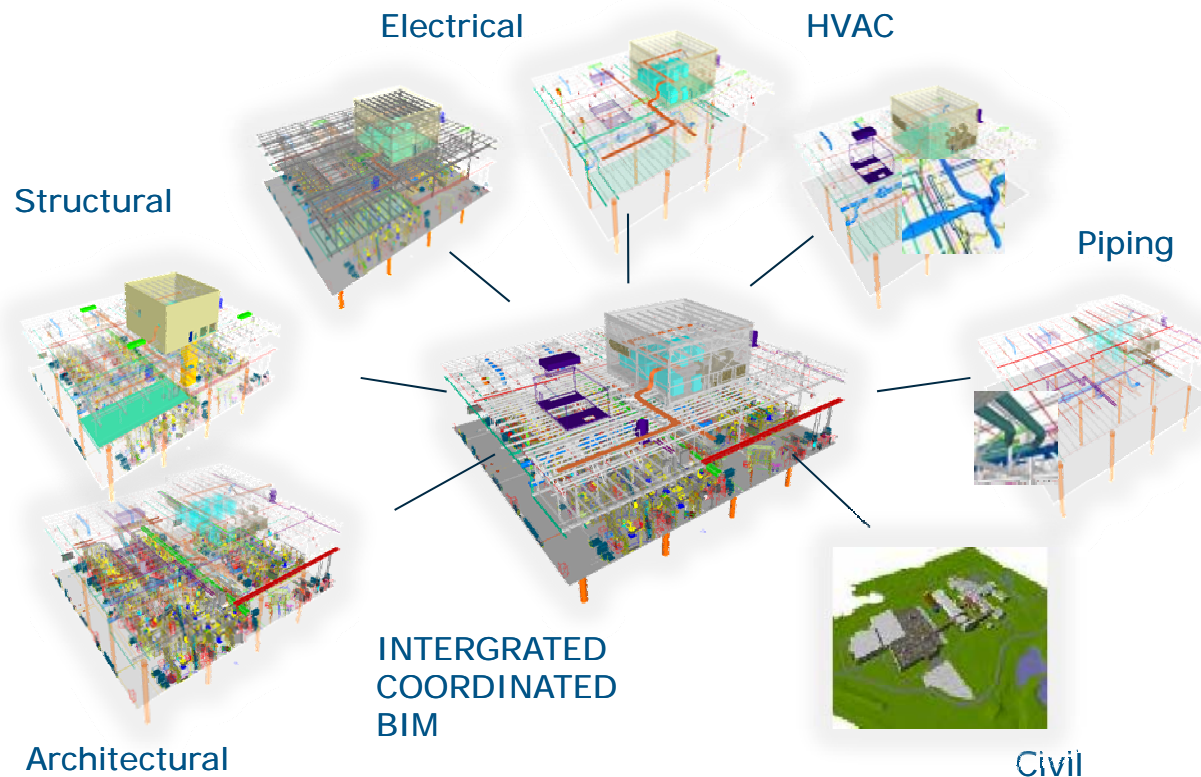
- Little BIM is often preferred by smaller design practices as it addresses their specific needs.
- Big BIM is preferred by clients where there is considerable value in the management of the asset and estate lifecycle.



# But what is a BIM model?

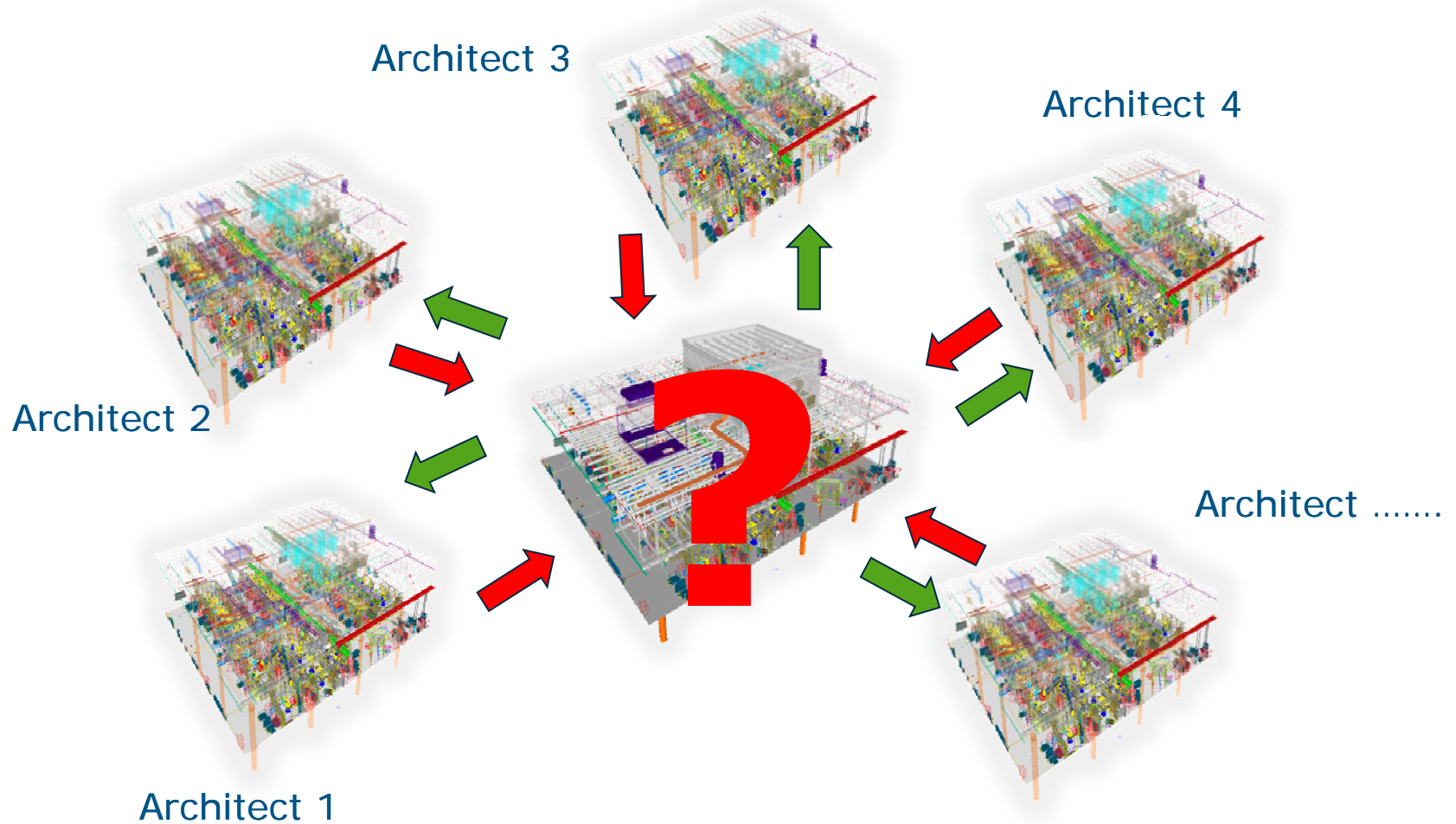
Single model?

Federated model?



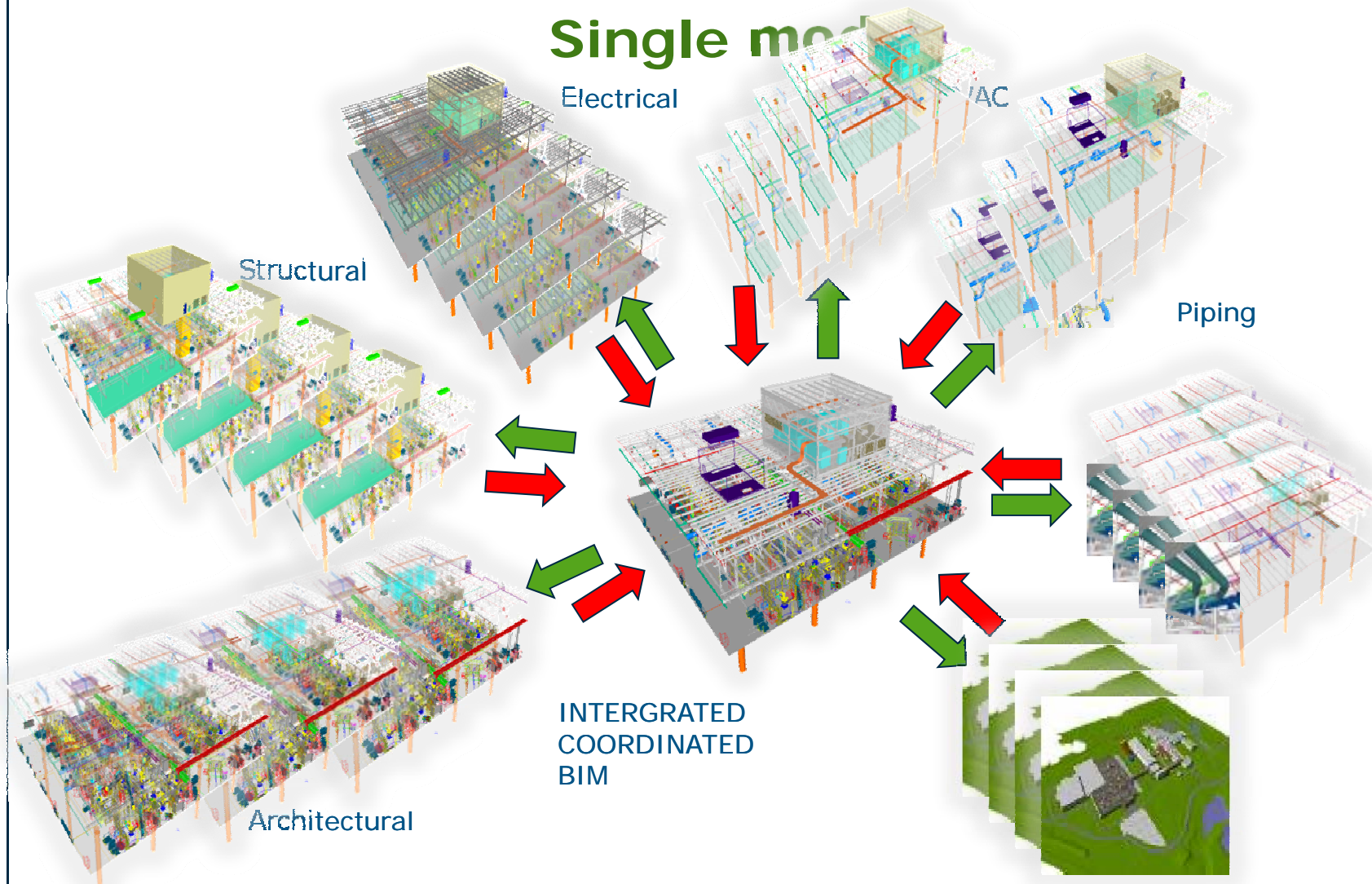
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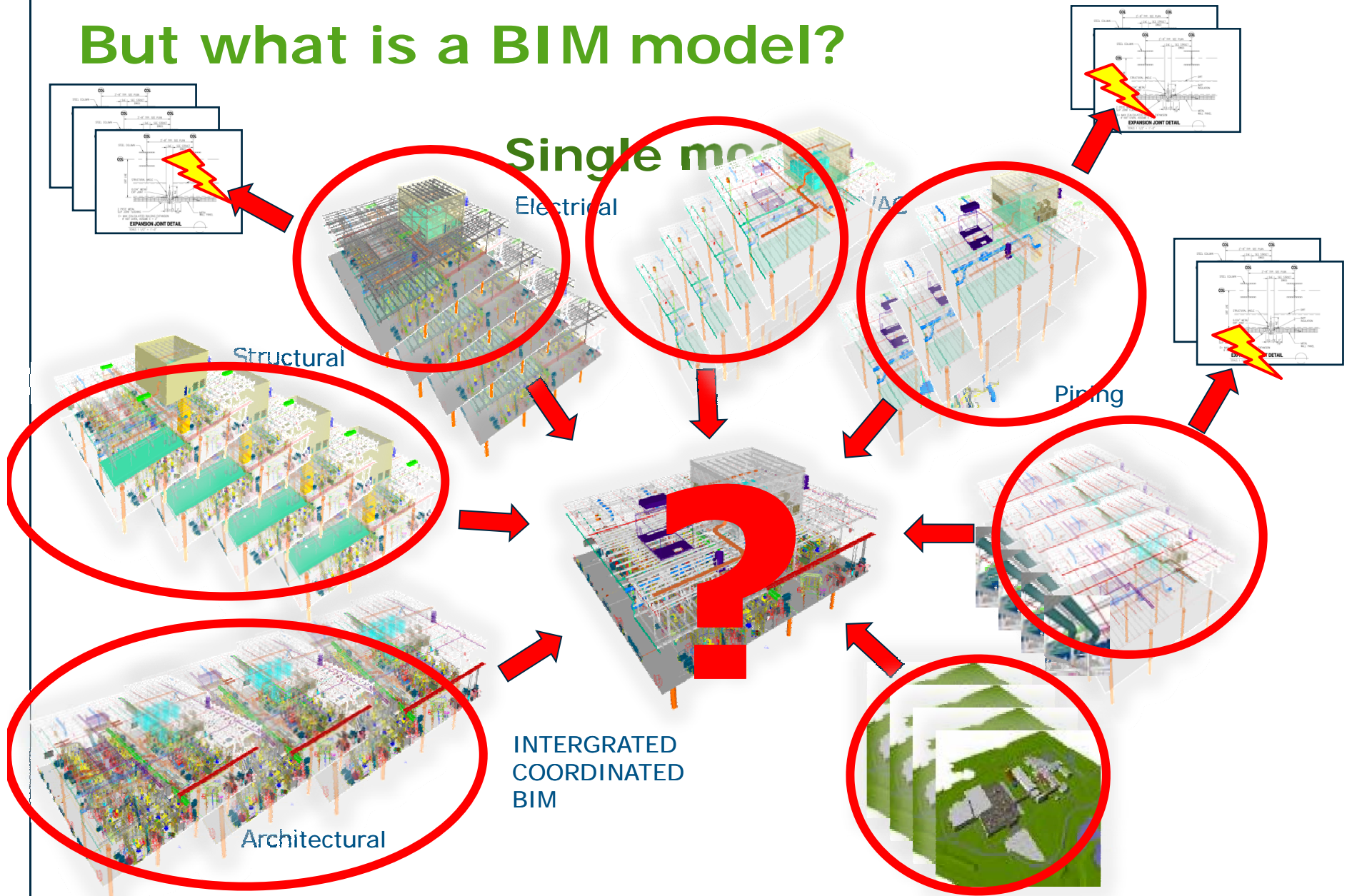




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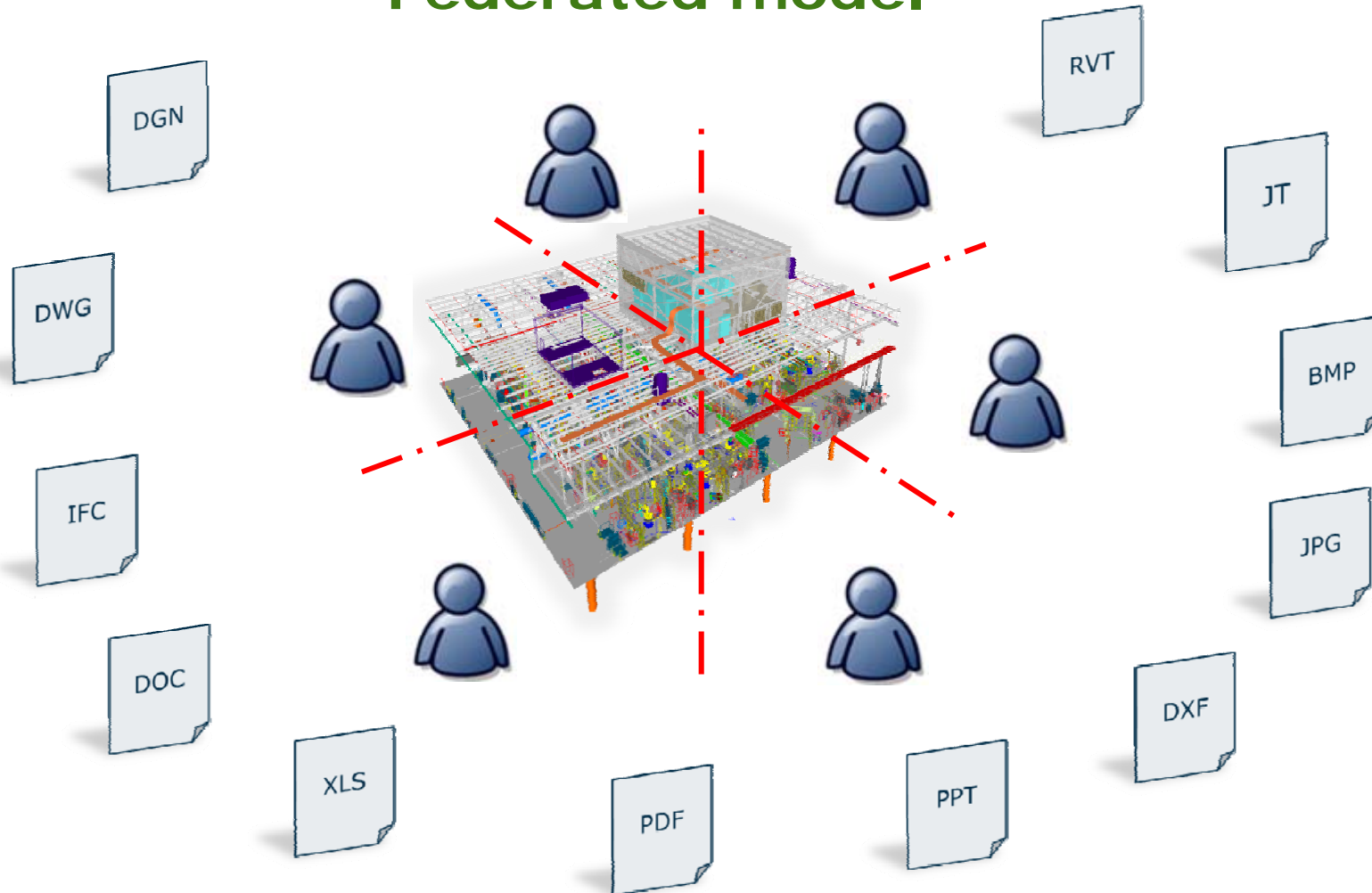


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## Federated model

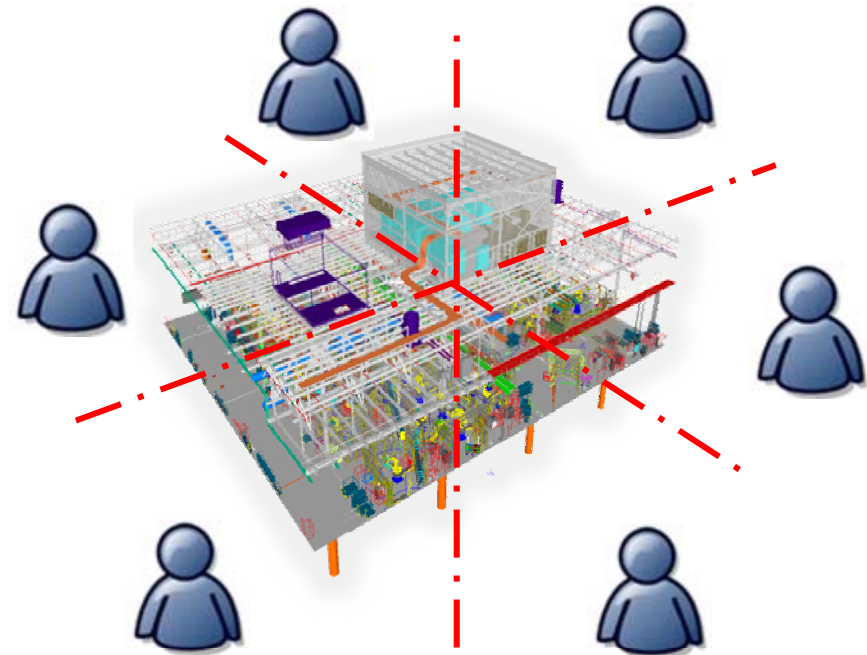




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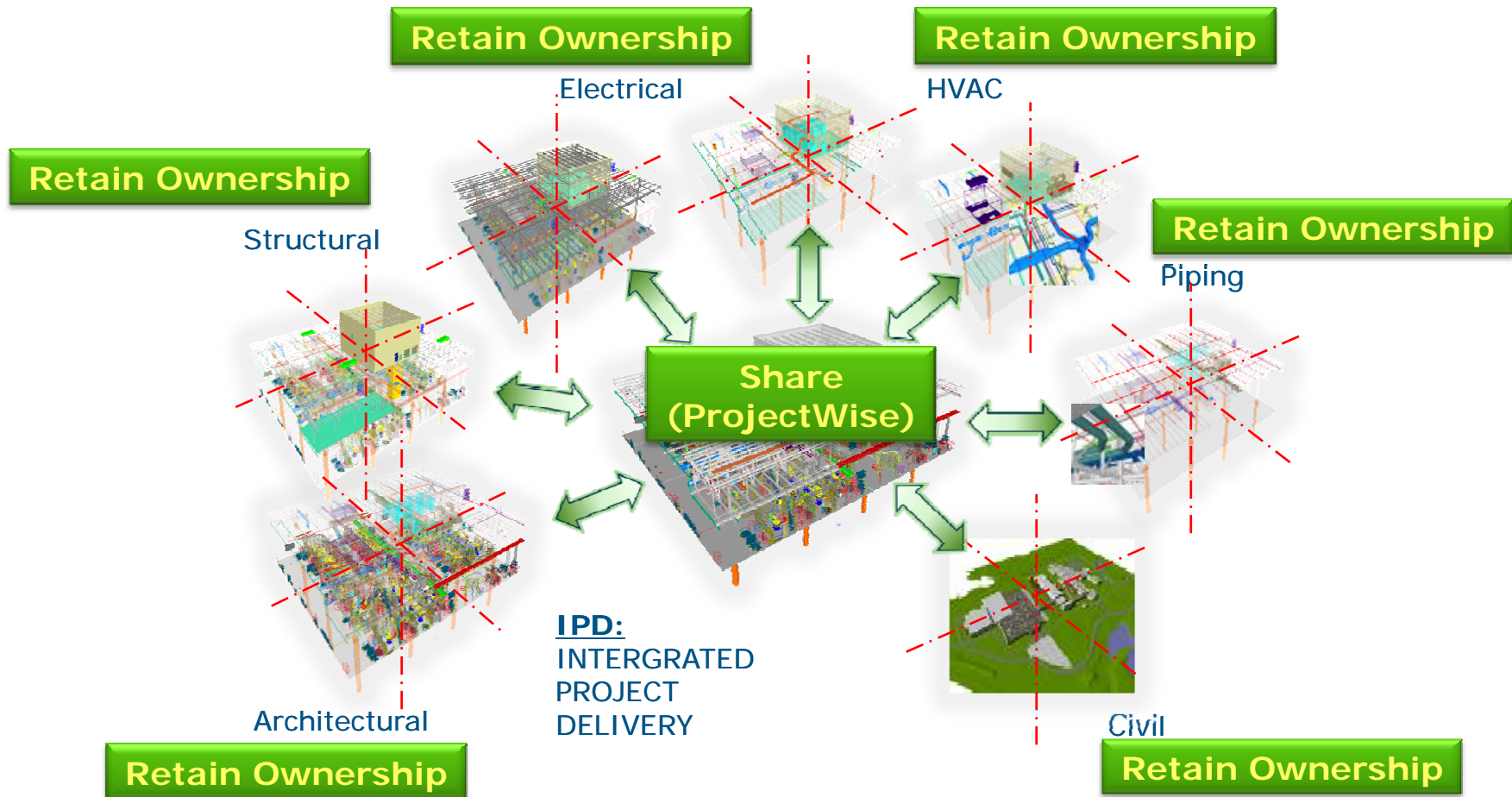
- Project model is cut and sliced to project members
- Ownership remains with that project member!
- Share (via references) each others work
- Others only need to review others work on a selection basis
- Ownership is retained



With Bentley everything is always  
100% synchronized, 100% of the  
time

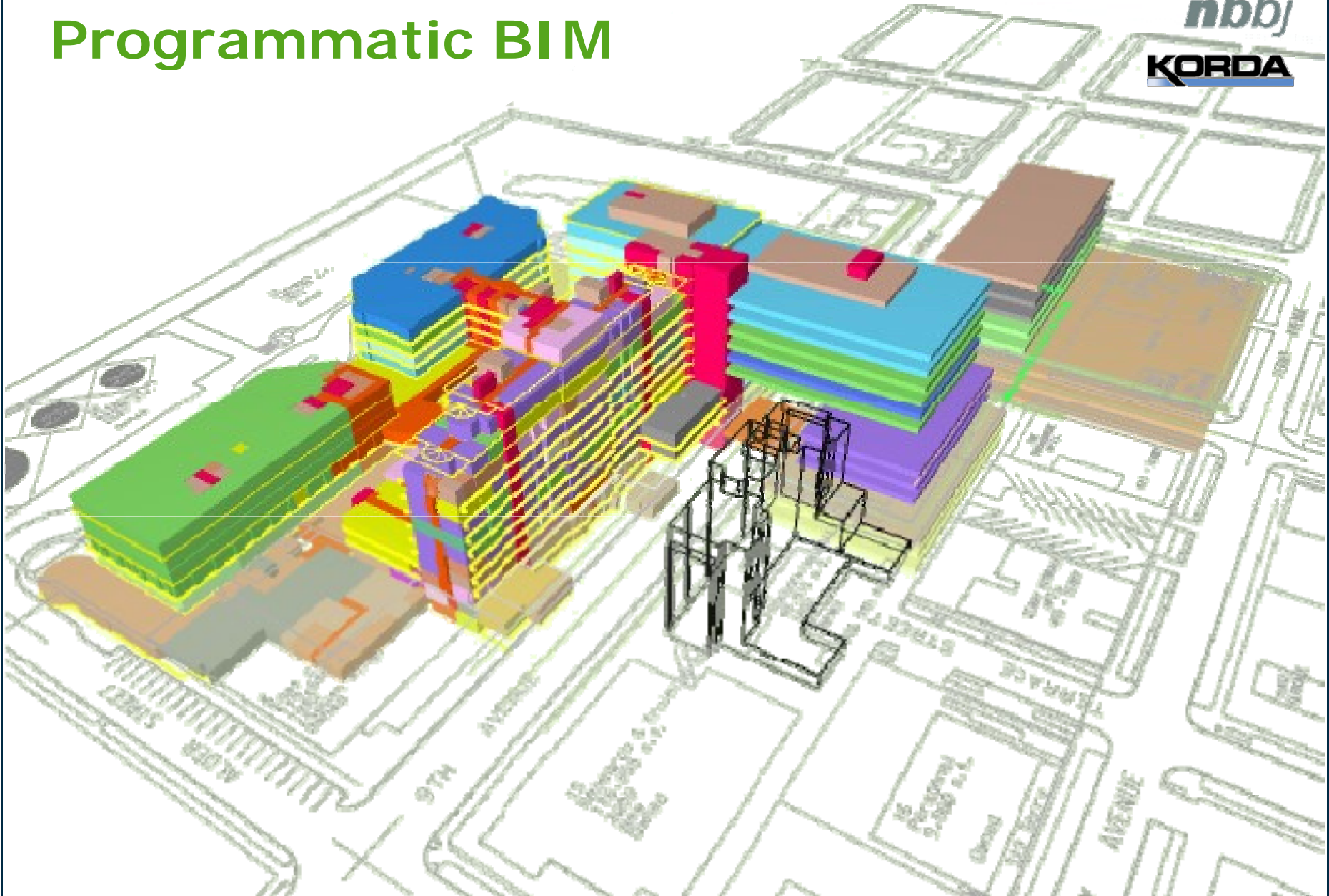
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## Federated model



# Programmatic BIM

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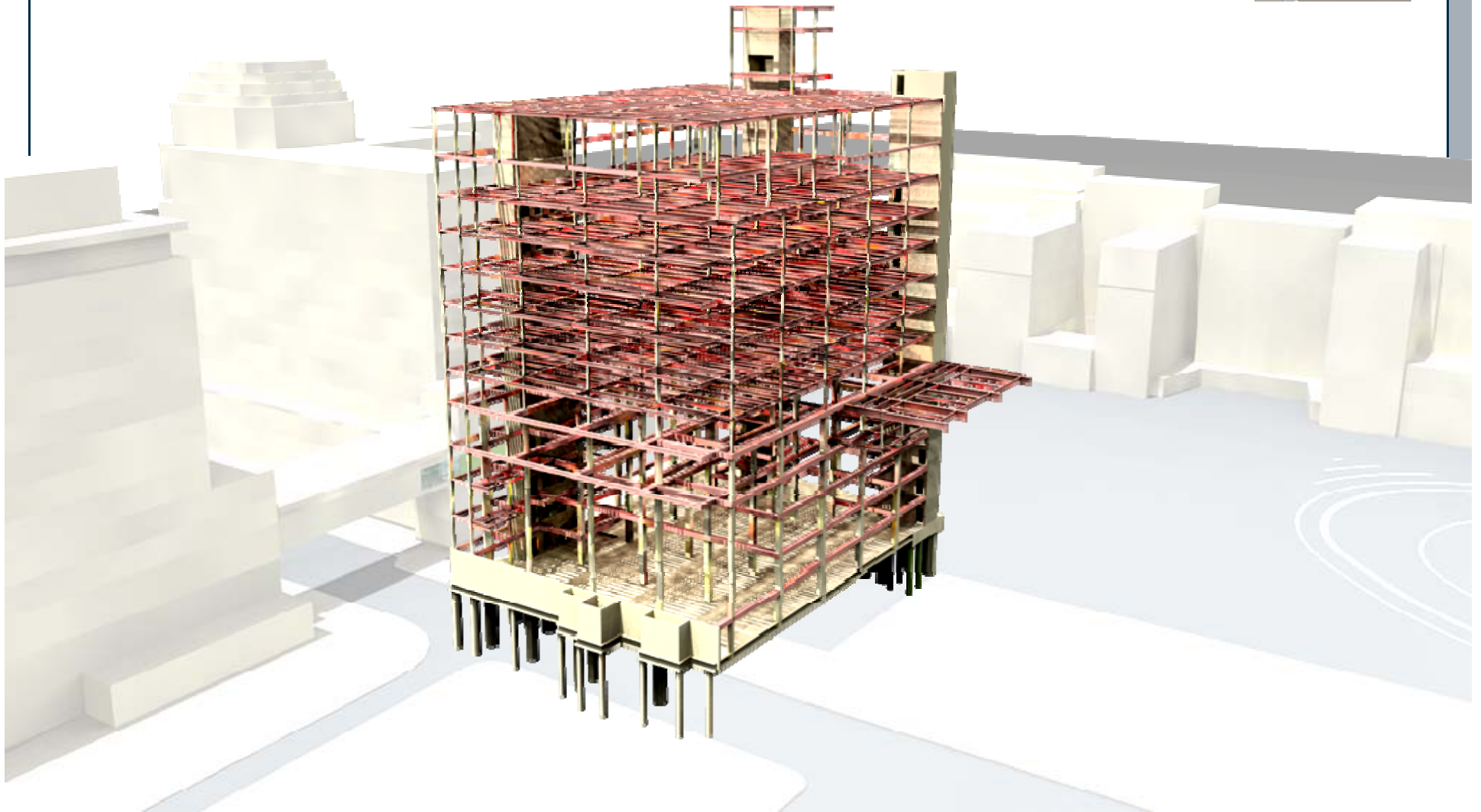
# Architecture

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# Structural Steel

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# Structural Concrete

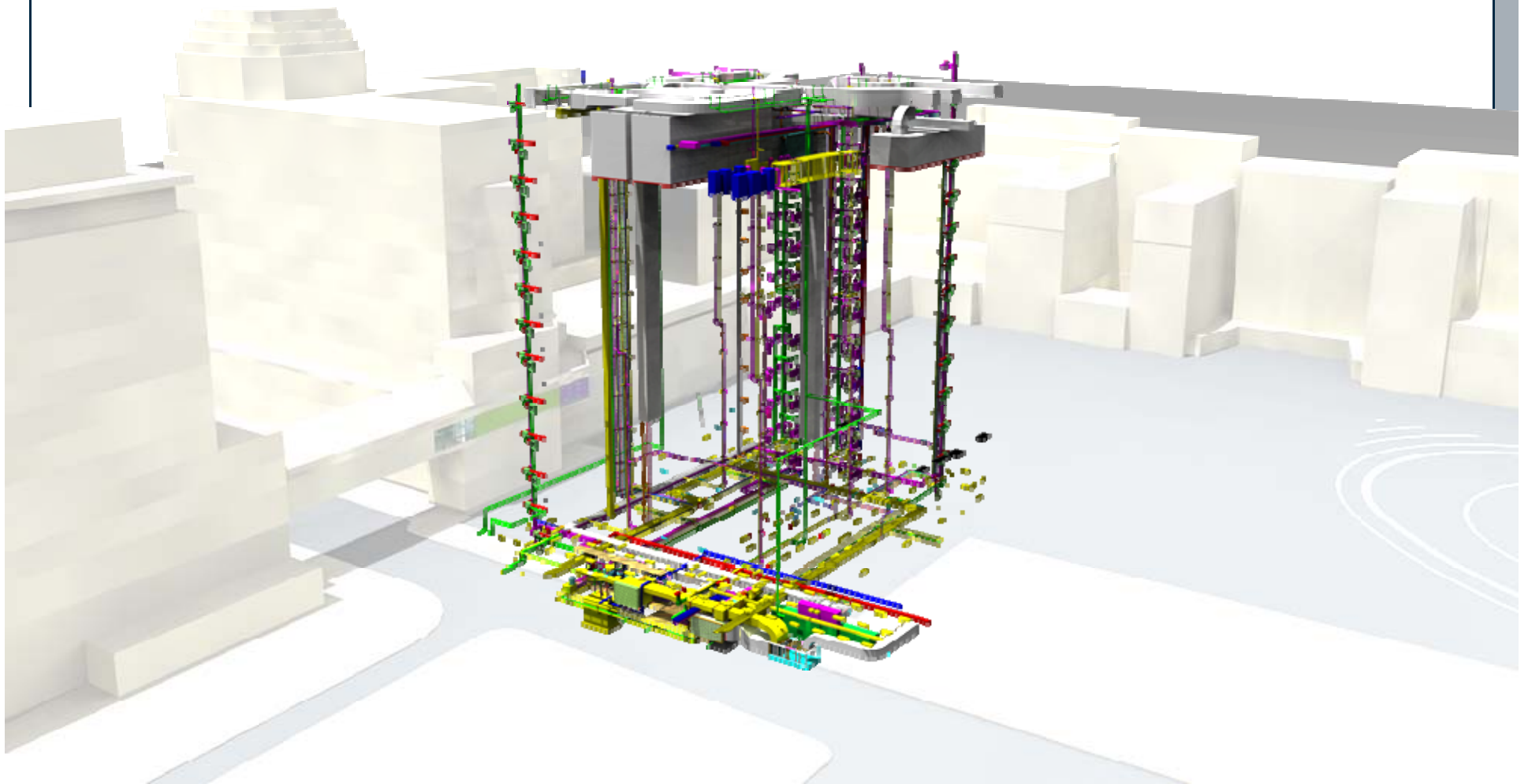
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# Mechanical Systems

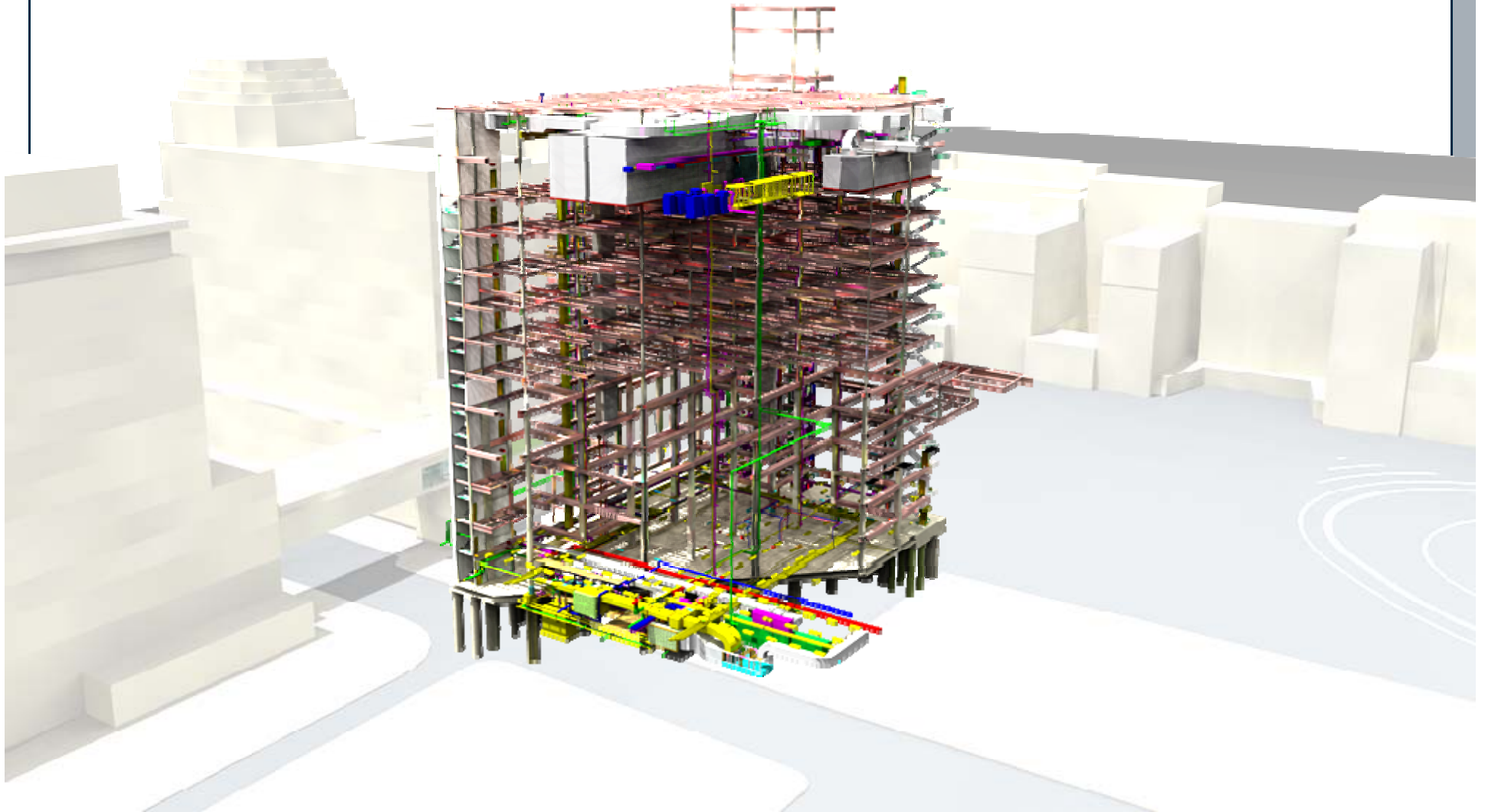
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# Multi-Disciplinary Coordination

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# Interactive Views – All Together



# The Bentley BIM Philosophy

- Data is paramount.
- Data is managed in a federated manner and shared throughout the entire lifecycle.
- Provide integrated technologies to enable the effective use of data across the entire lifecycle.
- Provide integrated consultancy, support and training services.

## Bentley assumptions

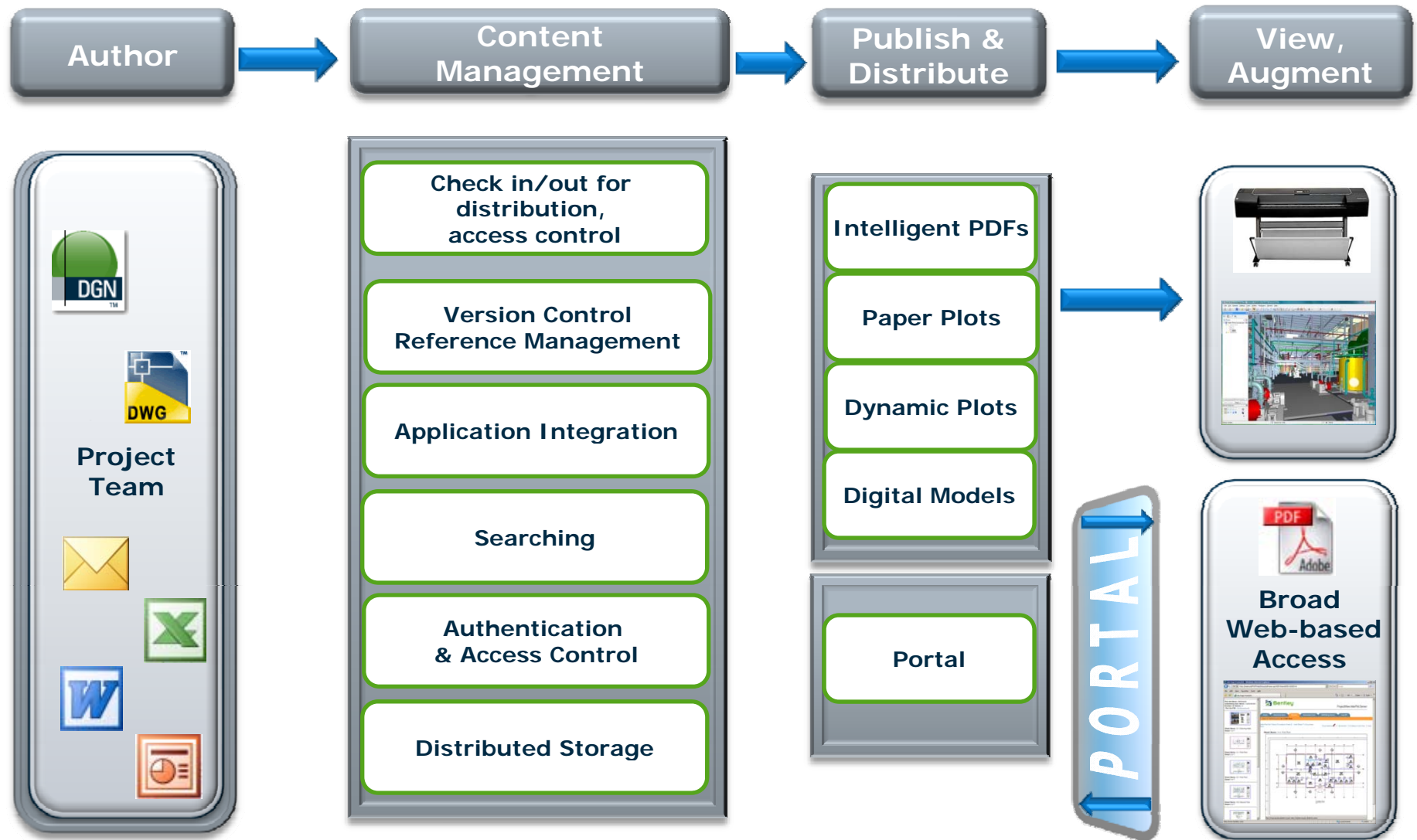
- There will always be different file formats
  - Revit, Rhino, Maya, 3DS, Graphisoft, ADT, Autocad, Sketch up, Nemetschek, Catia .....
- Each industry (discipline) has it's own workflow
- The data is more important than the software
- Work to support industry standards (IFC, PDF, ISO 15926, ....)
- Open, not closed systems!



# Federated BIM



# The Federated Information Workflow:



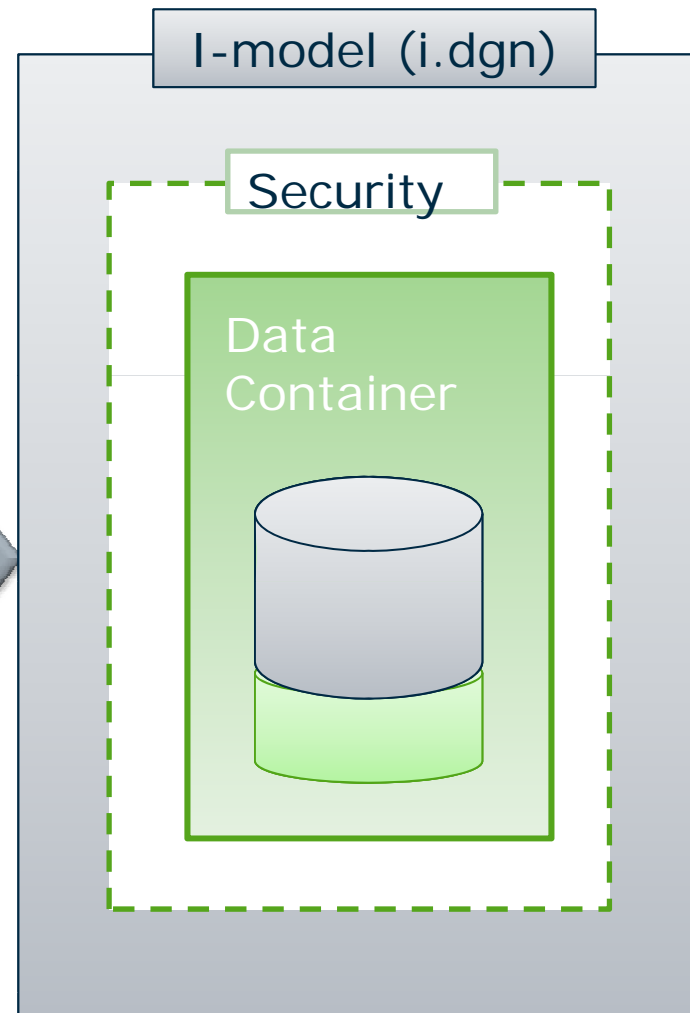
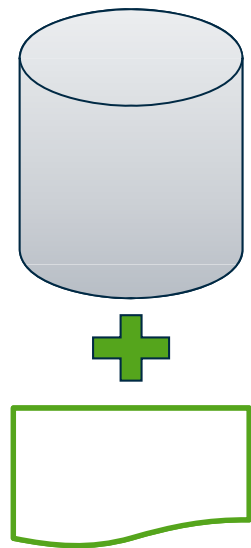
# What is an i-model?

- Graphics & metadata in a DGN container that is:
  - Self-describing, immutable, & has provenance
  - Optimized for performance (size & visualization)
- Contains normal graphical data + business data from original package
- BIM standards: Architecture, Structural, Electrical, Mechanical, Civil design, Plant, Water, Hydrology
- Extension is “i.dgn” (example: *StructuralModel.i.dgn*)
- Still a dgn - Any software capable of opening a “dgn” can open an “i.dgn”
- Contents have been optimised for size legibility of xdata
- Read only file - onetime snap-shot of project
  - Capable of being digitally signed

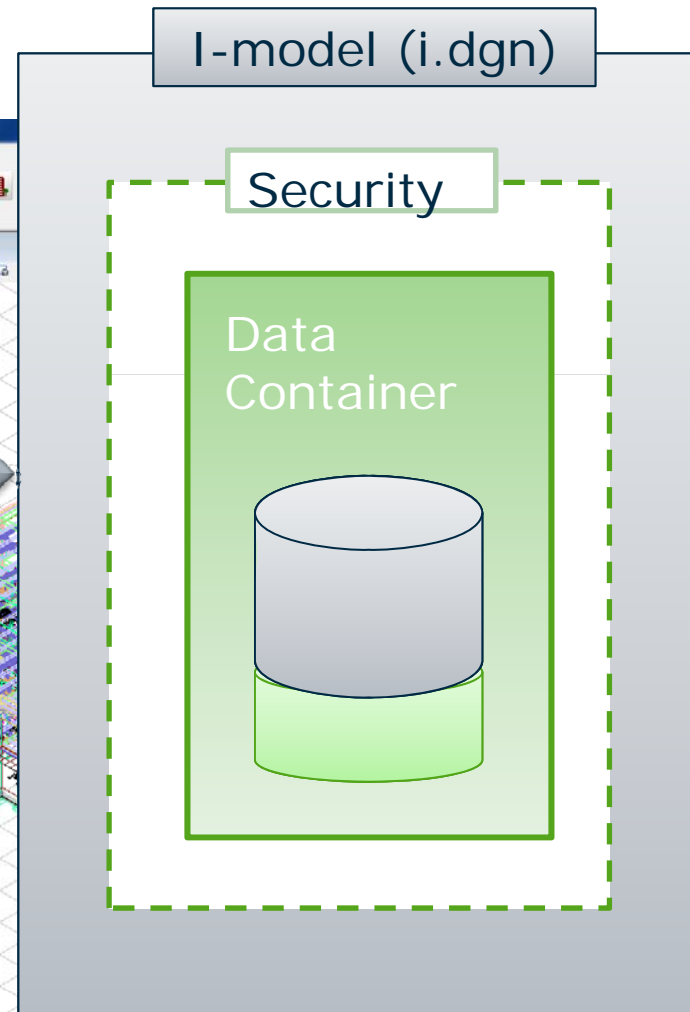
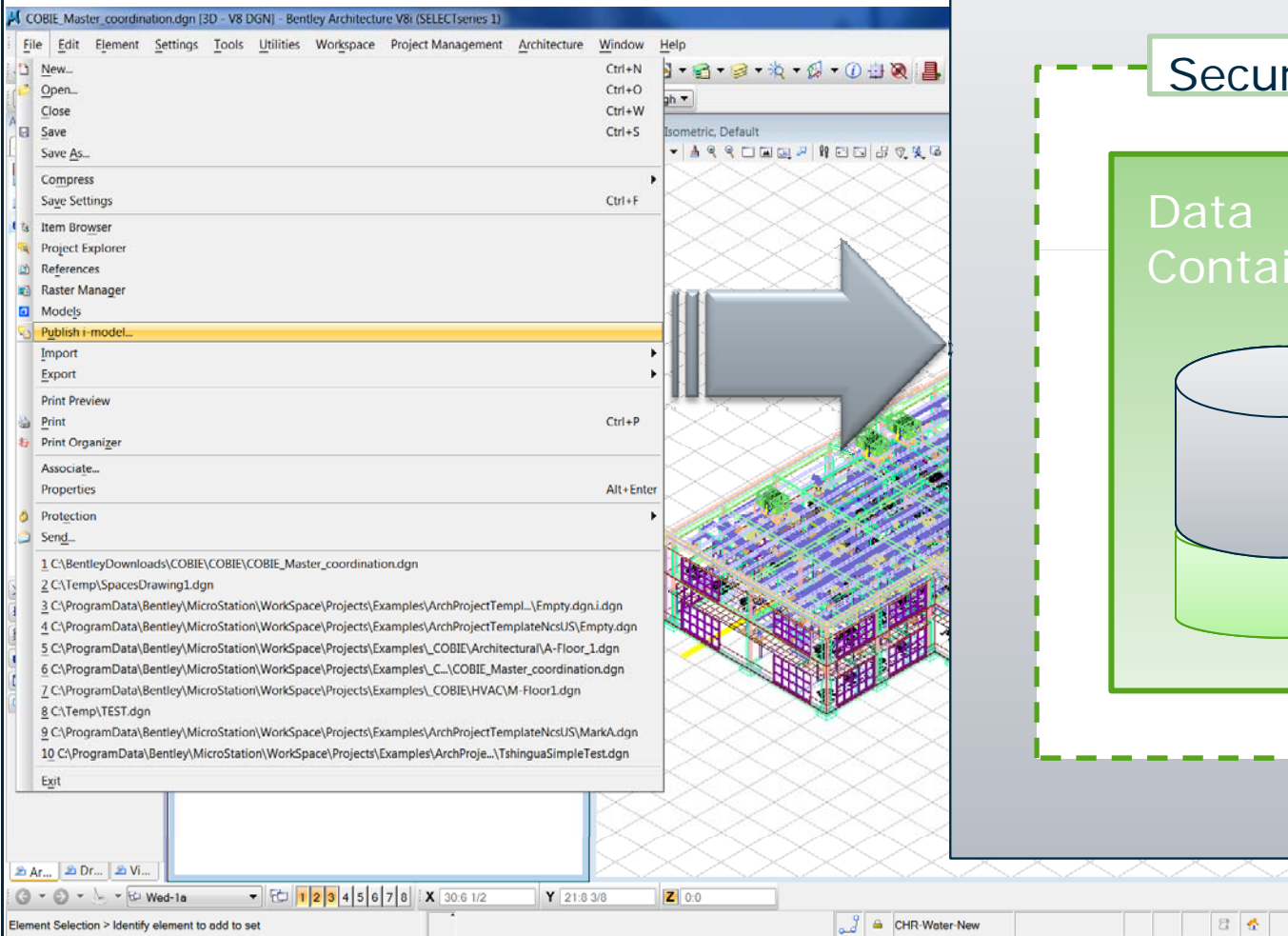


# What is an i-model? (visually)

Business Data  
+  
Graphics



# Bentley Building's i-model (2009):



# Revit to i-model (2009):



The screenshot shows the Bentley website header with the logo and navigation menu. Below the header, there is a banner for the "i-model plugin for Revit" with a red circle highlighting the "Save As Bentley i-model" option in a software interface. Below the banner, there is a section titled "Introduction to the i-model plugin for Revit" with a paragraph of text and a "How it works:" section. A "Contact Us" button is at the bottom.

**Bentley** Hello, James [Logout] | United States [Change] | Contact | Partners | SELECTservices

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**i-model plugin for Revit**

**Save As Bentley i-model**

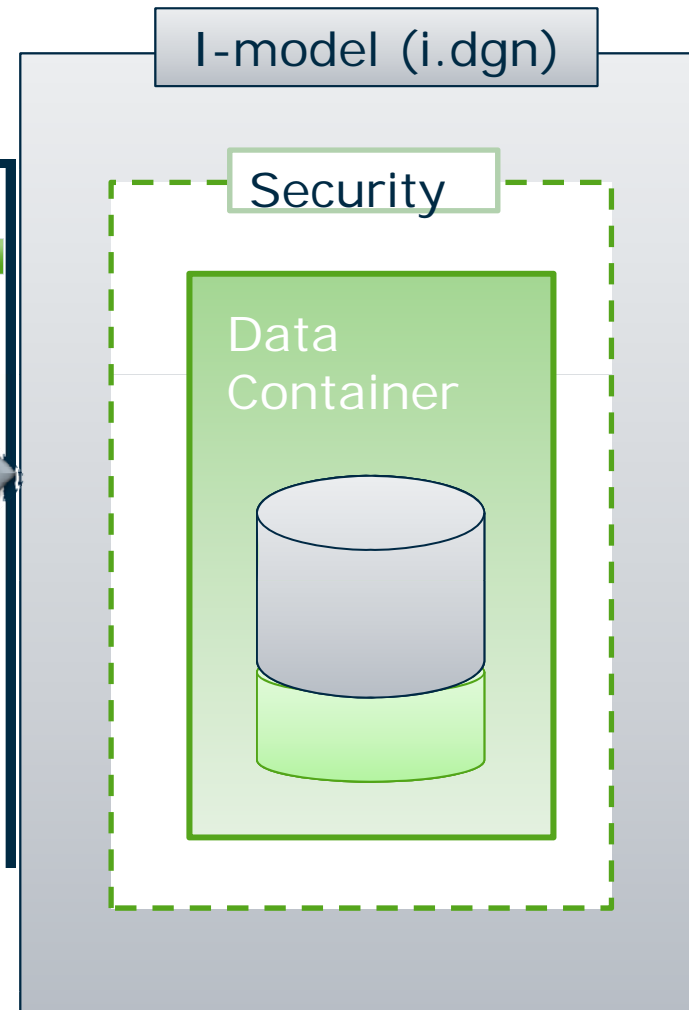
**Introduction to the i-model plugin for Revit**

The i-model plugin for Revit allows users to save their Revit models in a way that lets them open them in Bentley MicroStation, ProjectWise Navigator, and many other Bentley building products, retaining the Revit properties information from the Revit model. The plugin is designed to help teams working in a mixed Bentley/Revit environment to be able to reference Revit models into a MicroStation-based design workflow for coordination purposes, interference detection, and similar tasks.

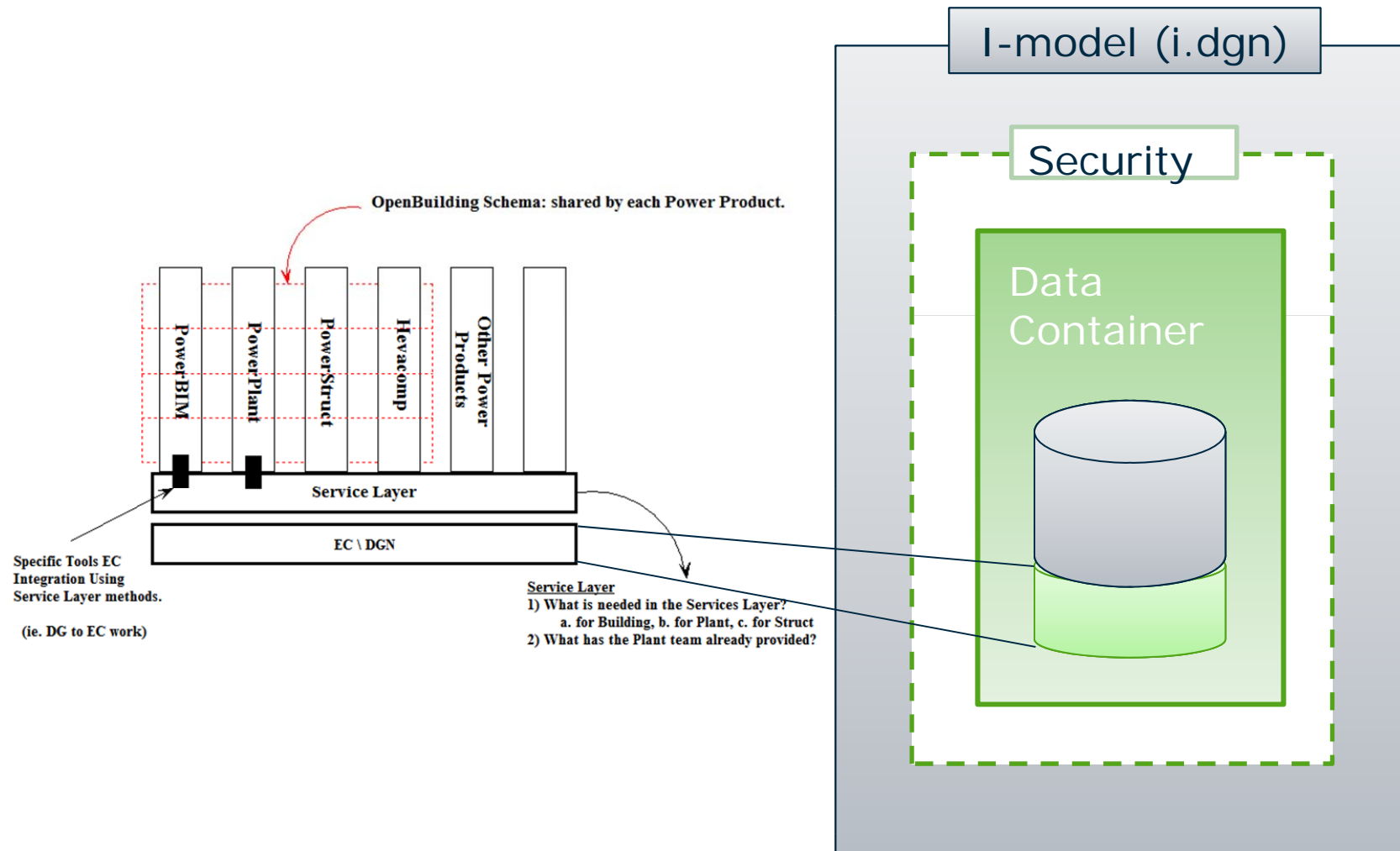
**How it works:**  
The i-model plugin for Revit lets users save their Revit models to an i-model file from within the Revit application. This is a one-step process which does not require MicroStation or any other Bentley application other than the i-model plugin for Revit. The i-model can be used with ProjectWise Navigator for redlining, interference detection, and other federated information workflows. The plugin works with 2008, 2009, and 2010 versions of the Revit products including Architecture, MEP, and Structure and includes support for the 64-bit versions.

[Contact us](#) for information about the i-model plugin for Revit.

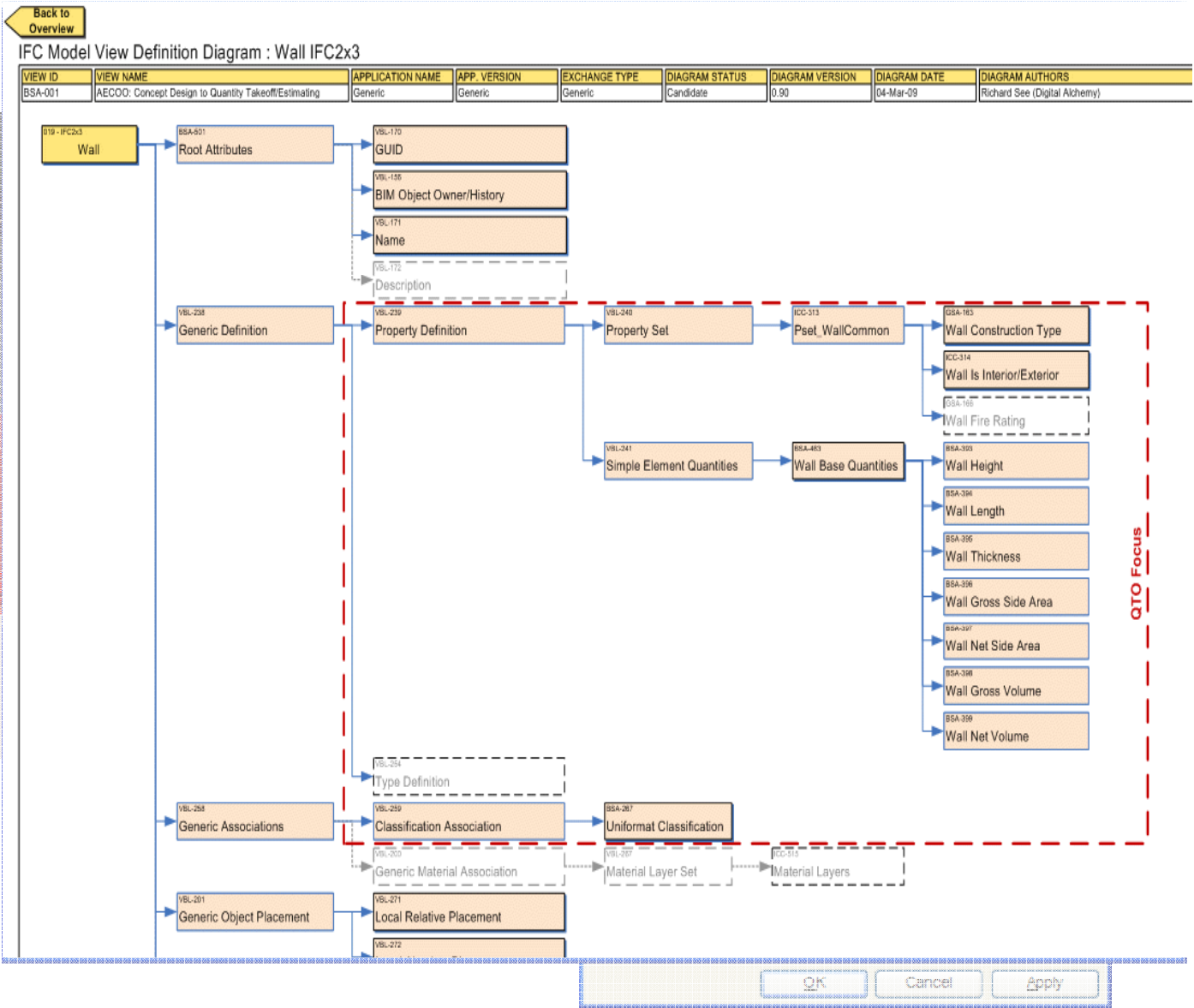
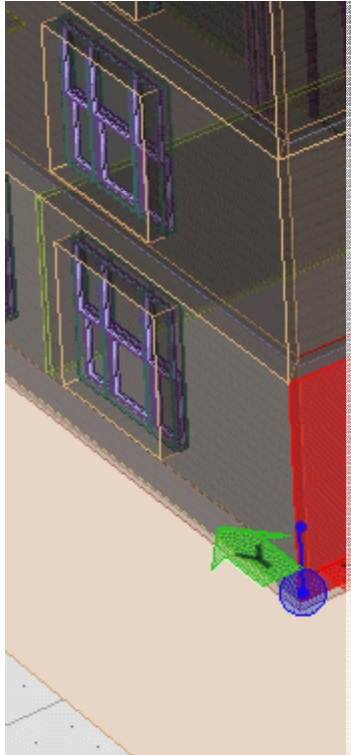
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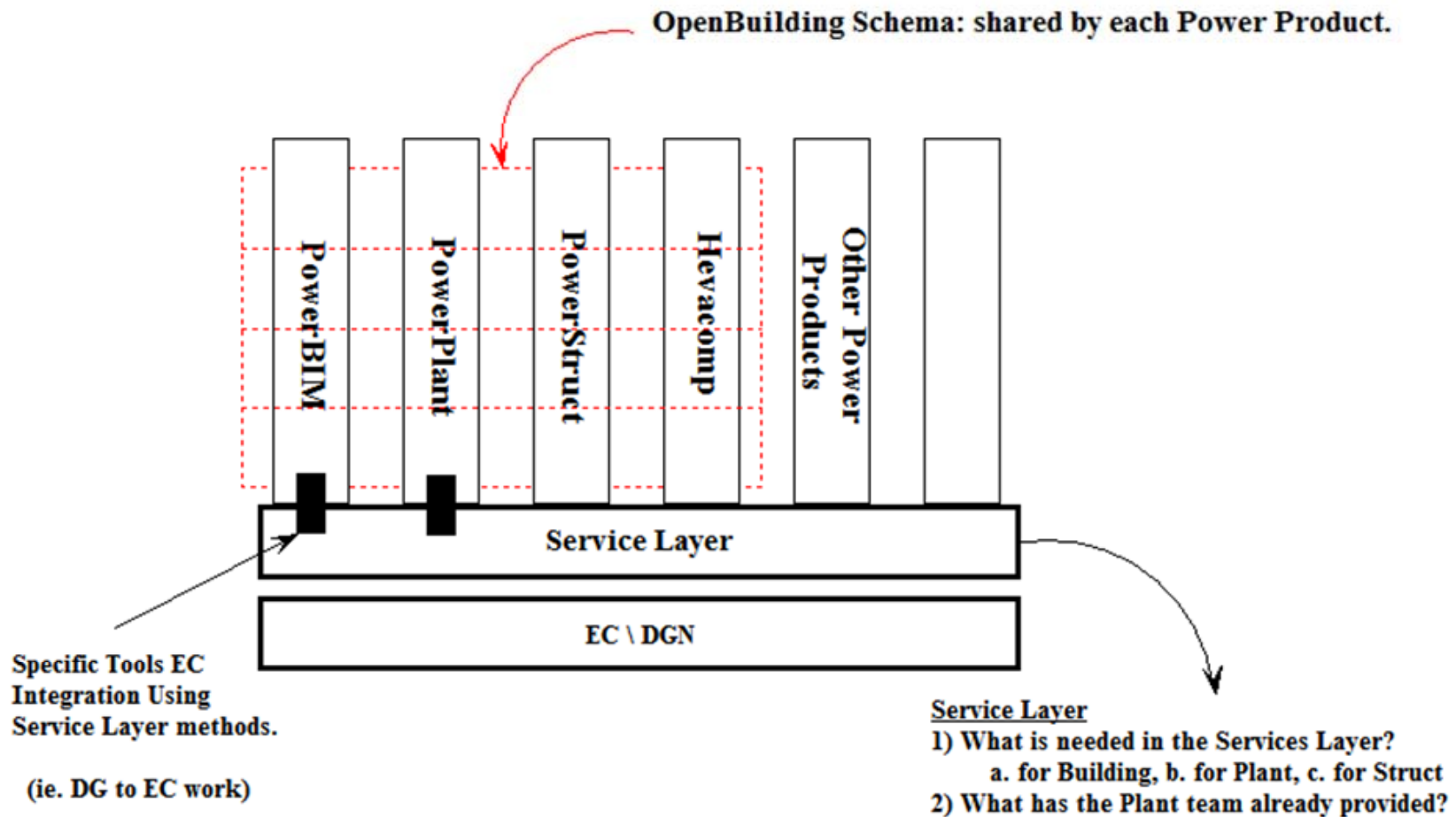
# Bentley Building's i-model (2010):



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# Data Interrogation & Item Sets

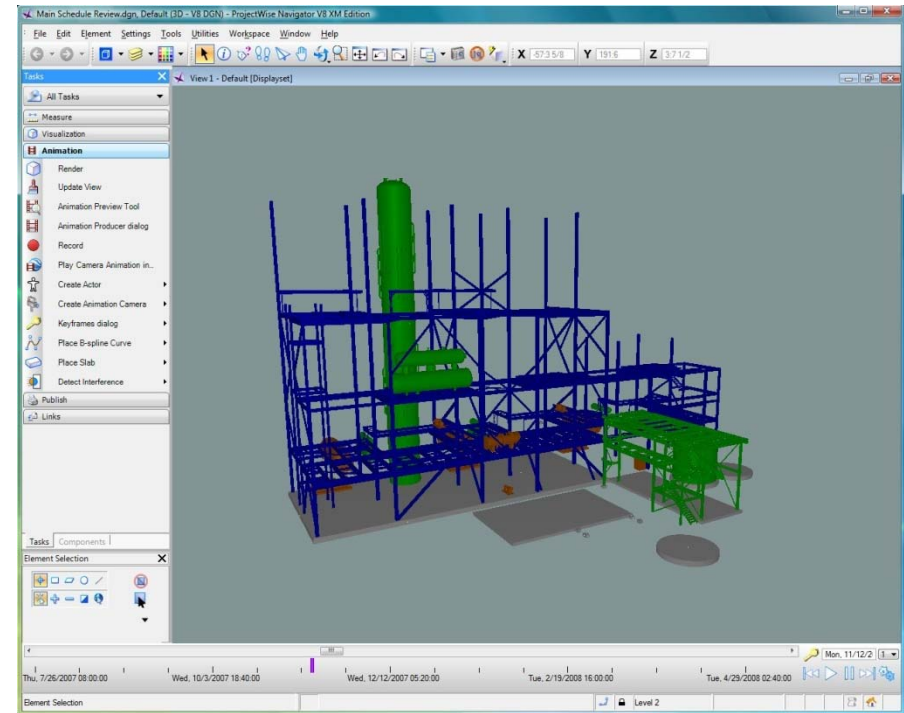
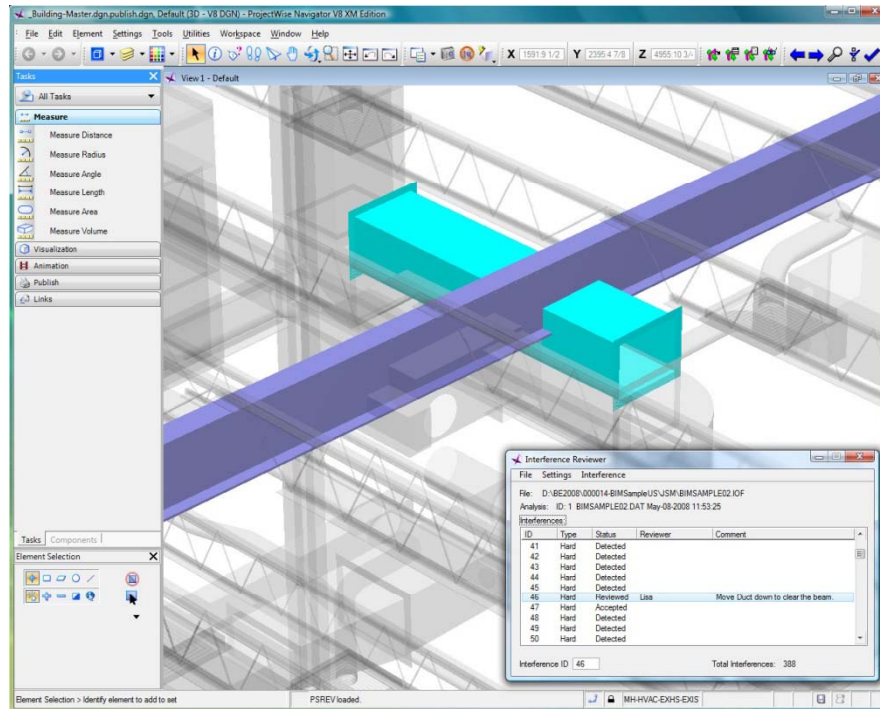
- Browse all component information stored in the file
- Create persistent, reusable item queries
- Change color and transparencies of graphics for status visualization
- Update sets based on changes to engineering data
- Isolate and zoom to graphics

The screenshot displays the Bentley ProjectWise Navigator V8i interface. The main window shows a 3D model of a plant with various pipes and equipment. A dialog box titled "Component Set Search - Spec 1C-150" is open, showing search criteria for "AUTOPLANT\_PIPE". The search criteria are: "where SPEC is equal to '1C' And where SCHEDULE is equal to '40'". The search results are displayed in a table below the dialog box.

Active	Name	Description	Count	Selection Expression	Last Rebuild
	Exchangers	All exchangers	40	66 Search for items of type...	1/9/2009 2:46:36 PM
	Spec 1C-150	Valves with a spec rati...	0	647 Search for items of type...	1/9/2009 2:45:37 PM
	All Pipes	All pipes in area	14	1932 Search for items of type...	1/9/2009 2:43:53 PM
	All Equipment	All equipment in area	150	185 Search for items of type...	1/9/2009 2:42:58 PM



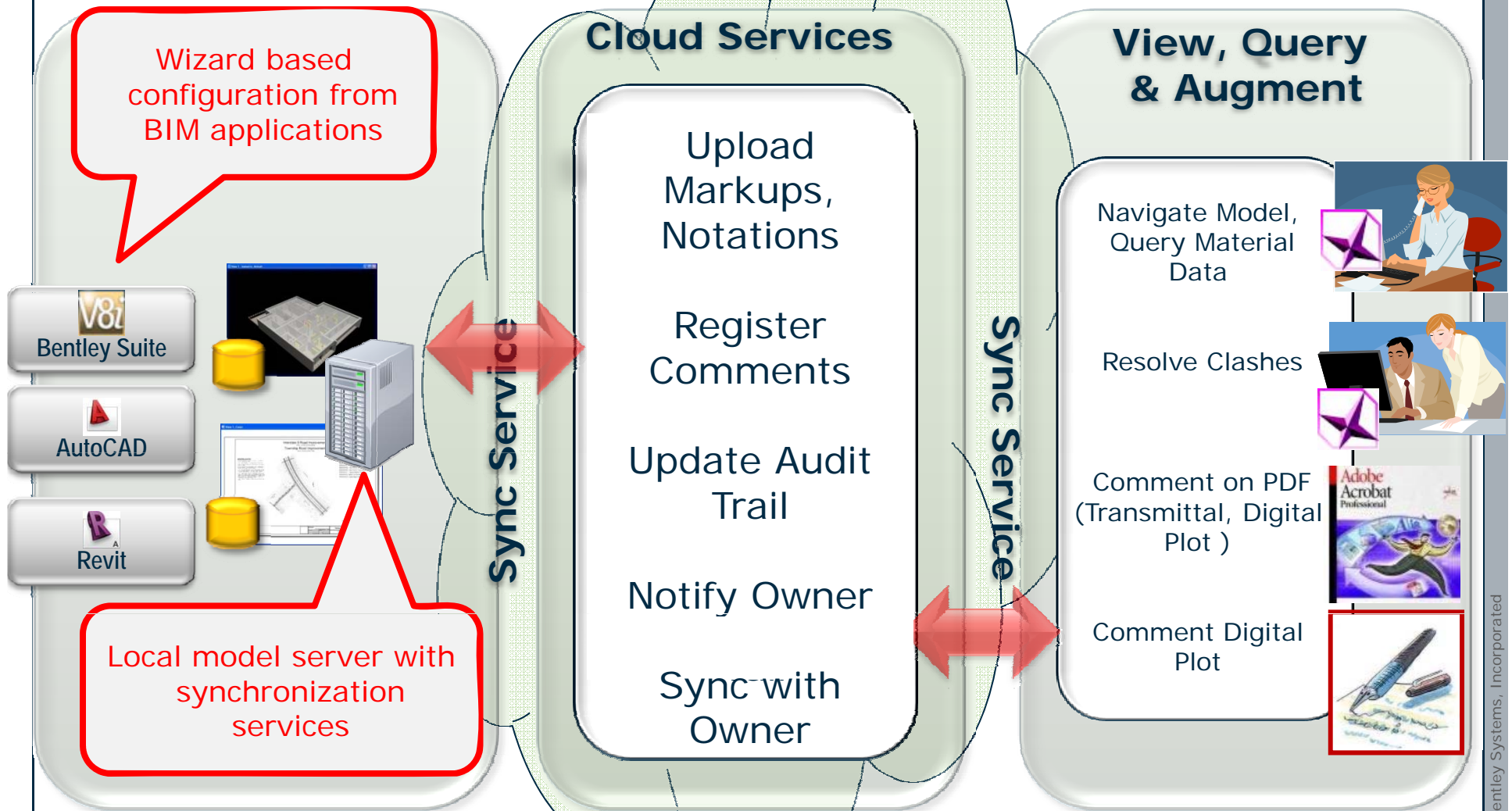
# Clash Detection & Schedule Simulation



- Detect clashes across different application data
- Status tracking and commenting
- Generate Reports
- Rule suppression to reduce unwanted clashes
- Import and export scheduling information from Microsoft Project and Primavera
- Create new schedules and tasks
- Dynamically modify tasks events
- Preview results graphically

# Distributed Workflows Change Management in the Cloud

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# Drawing Views

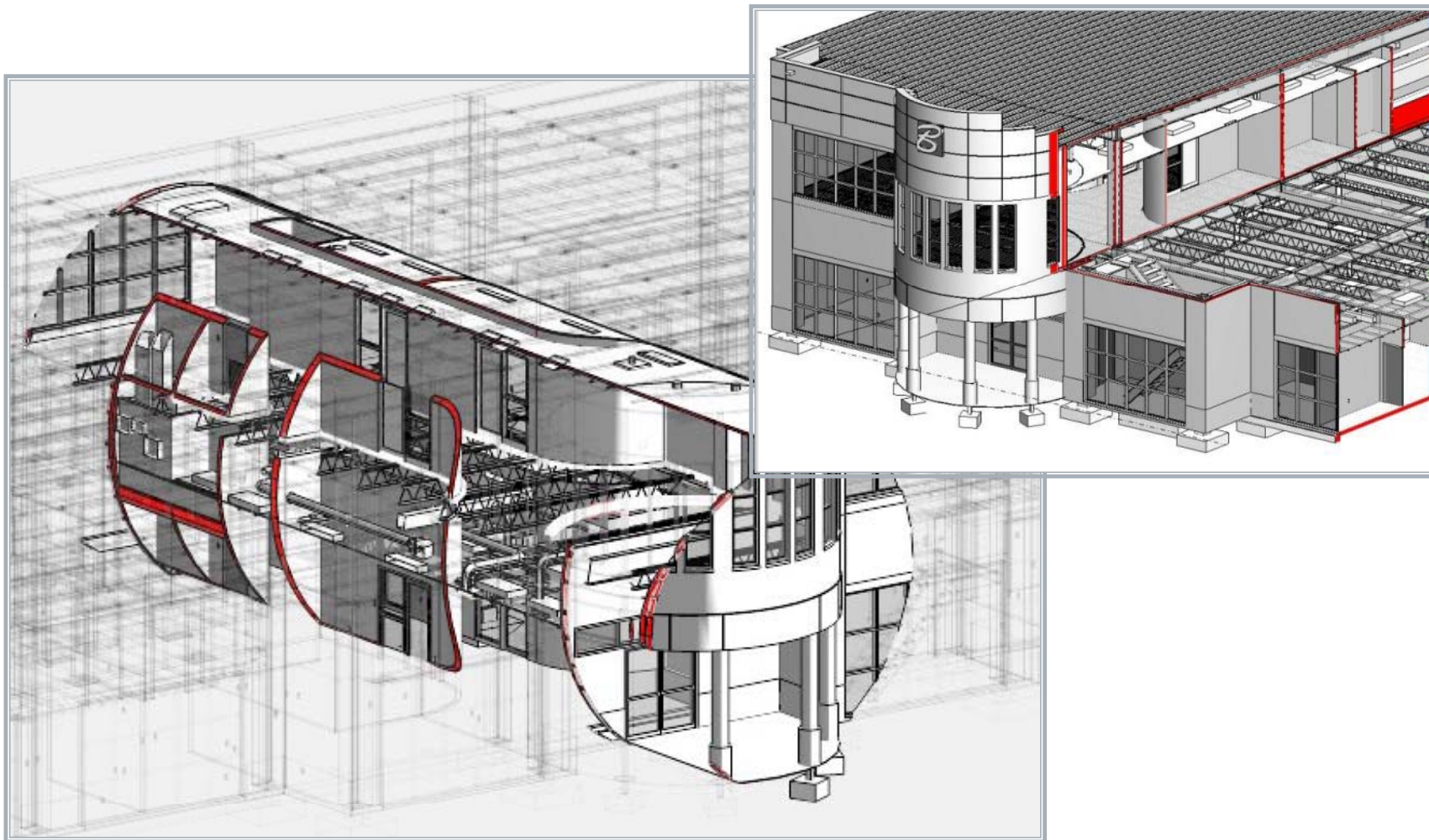
# Release – 8.11.7

## Why DVs are better than the DEM

- 3d Modeling
    - DEM: 2d/3d choice
    - DV: Live concurrent documentation
  - Dynamic Views
    - Place shape to become cutting plane, any orientation, through any plane, forward can be transparent, cutting plane can be bold, filled, back plane can be wireframe, etc.
  - Any discipline
  - Any elements (MS solids, BStr, BBMS, BBES)
  - Honors P/F info, 3d unification
- Drawing Production
  - Performance – Huge difference
  - Coordination
    - Section markers (stepped sections are very easy)
    - In-place activation (enables Federated workflow to be easy to navigate)
    - Drag and Drop for composing drawing
  - BIM App can attach BA drawings as background:
    - 1) Live DV,
    - 2) 2) Save AS (MVE),
    - 3) 3) PDF



# Overview - Building Views

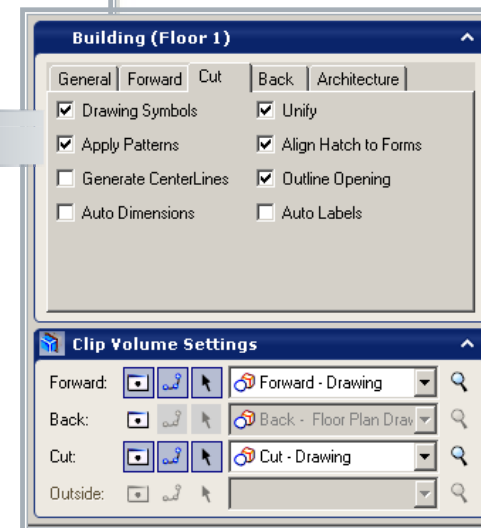
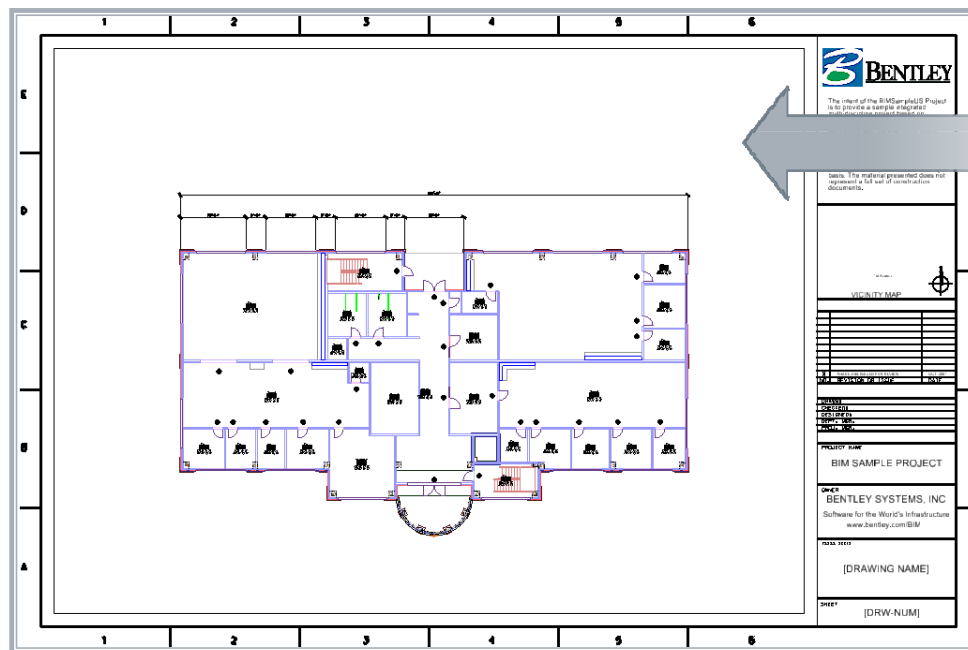
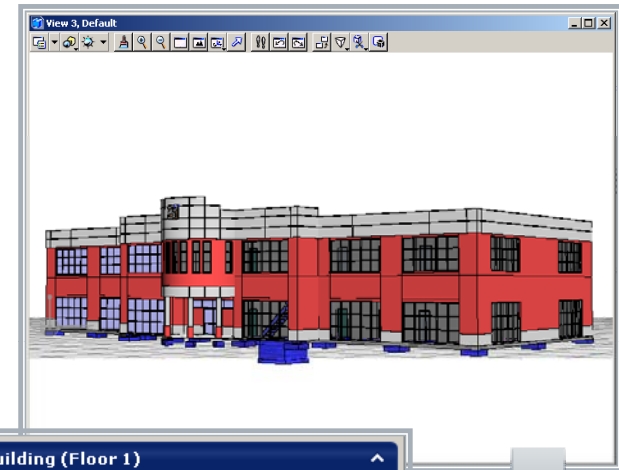




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## Plans

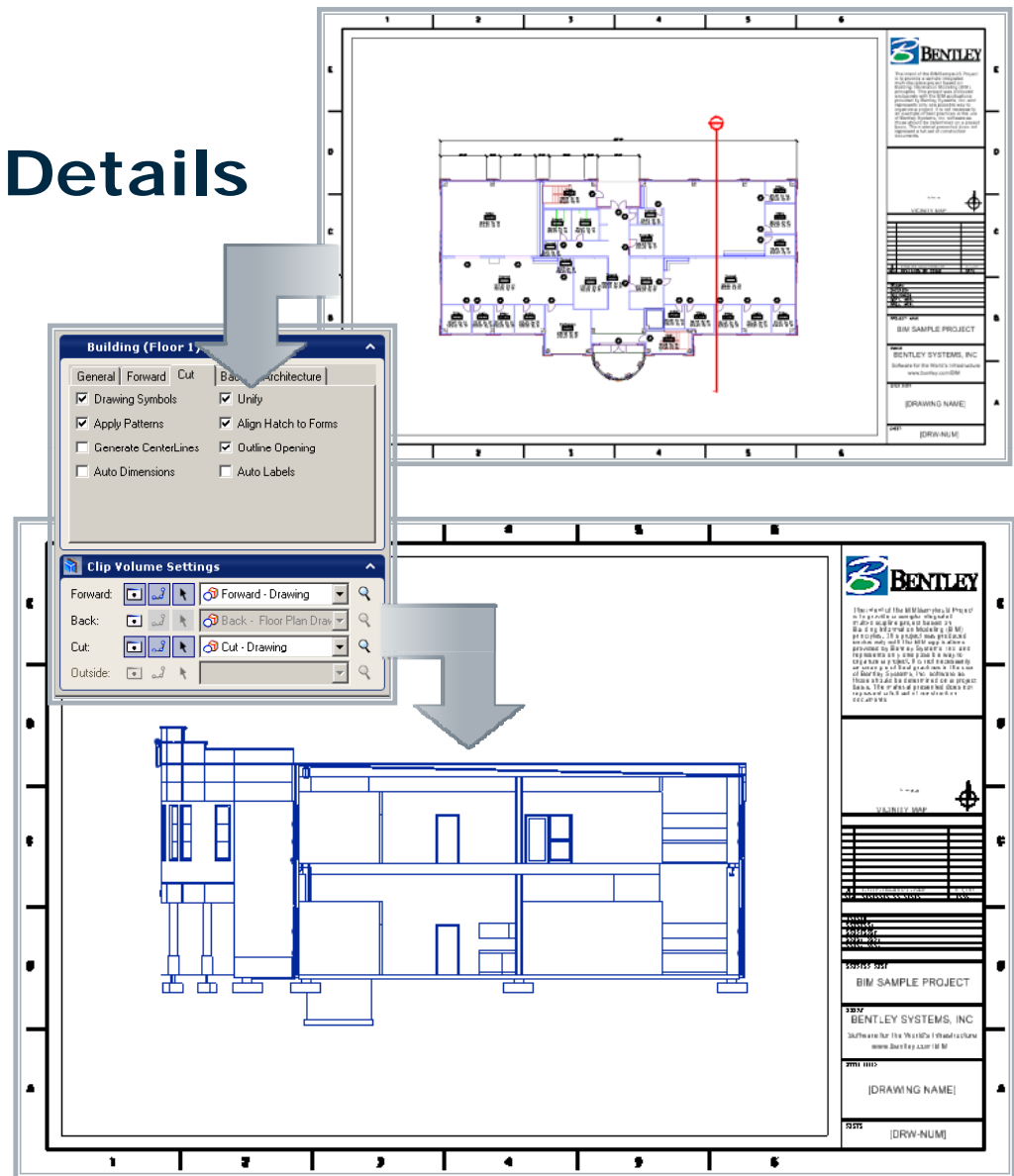
1. Open 3D Model (Composition)
2. Create Building View
3. Attach to sheet



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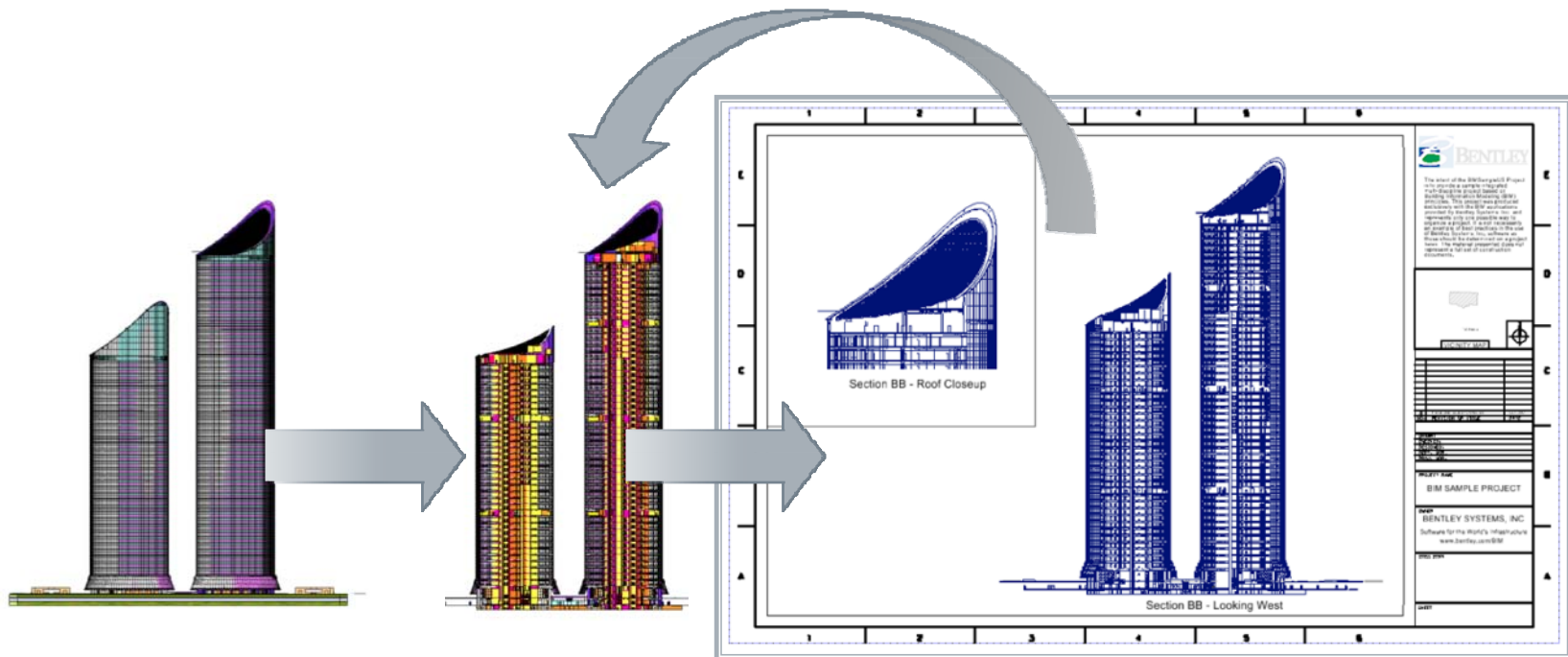
## Section, Elevations, Details

1. Place Plan in 2D Sheet
2. Place callout on Plan in 2D sheet
3. Place Building View on 2D Sheet (new or same)

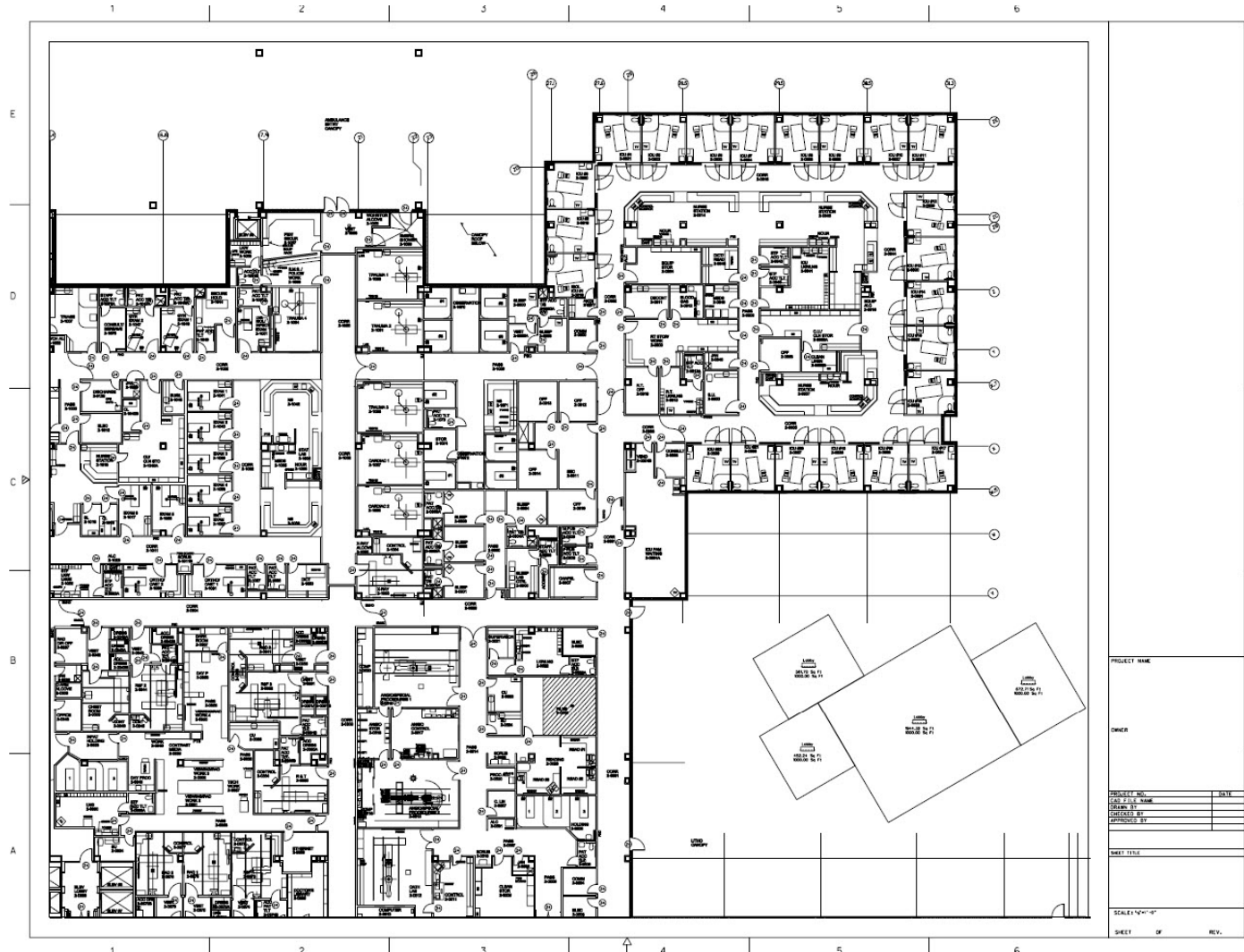


# Performance Over the DEM

- Models are Drawings and Drawings are Models
- 9 seconds vs. ?? minutes/hours



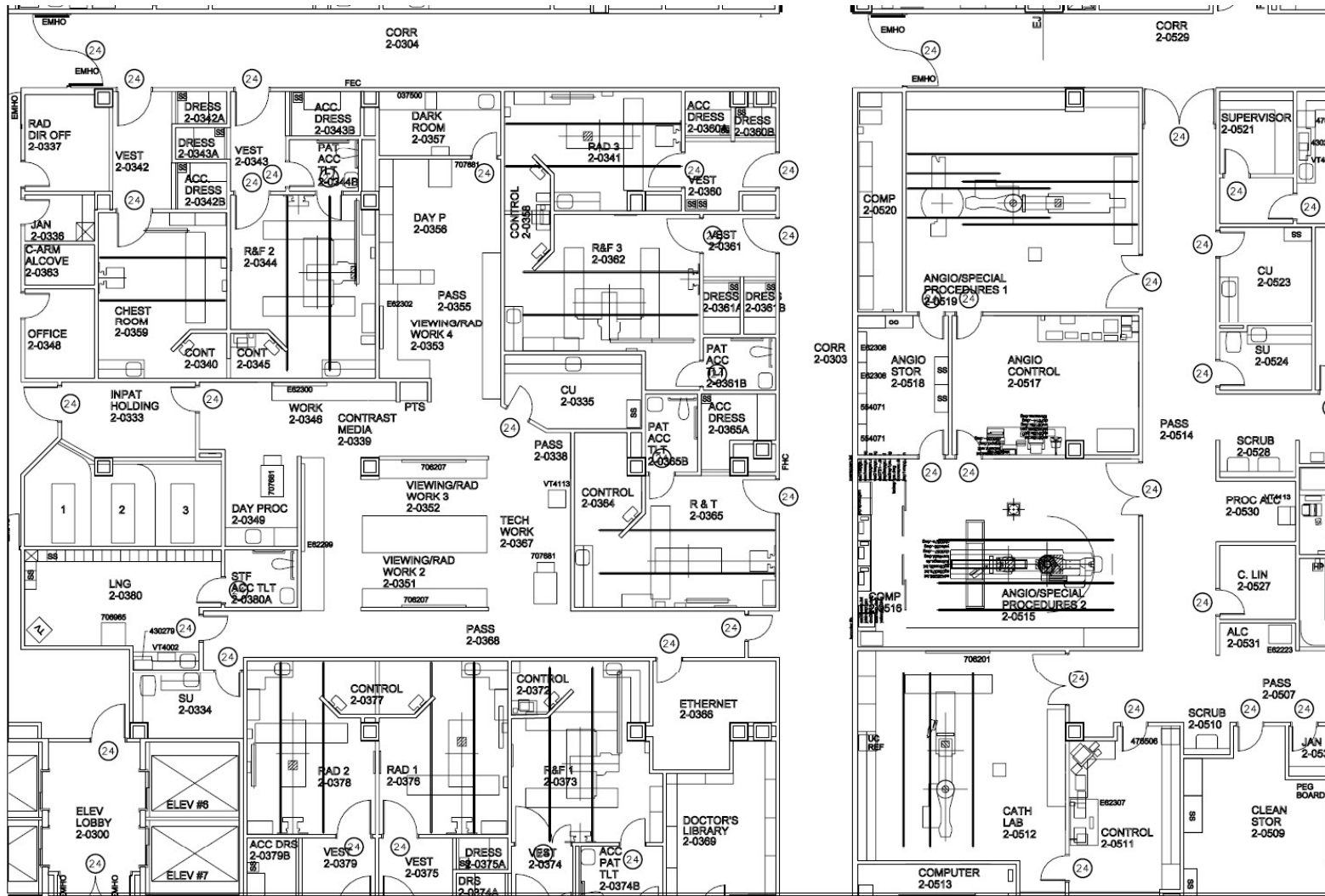
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New release

## Soon to be released!

- Support for DataGroup System in a managed workspace environment
- Improved stairtool.
- Revit plug-in through i-model.
- Best Practice Guide.
- Point Clouds, Pointool



## Release schedule

- V8i – (SELECTSeries 1) 08.11.07.XX
- MicroStation – released Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Bentley Structural – release Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Bentley Architecture – release Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
- BBMS/BBES – release Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Target: 2 SELECT releases/year. May + November.

# Typical Project Workflow

