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# Building BIM in Australia: A Retrospective and Prospective Analysis

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# Presentation Structure

1. Background to Australia's SBEnrc
2. Current BIM/IDDS initiatives
3. Future collaborations and goals

# Australia's Construction Industry

- A\$160B = US\$160B = €120B pa turnover
- Employs 1 million people
- 250,000 firms  many small firms ...
- Growing and slowing at same time ...
  - Residential, Commercial, Industrial
  - Resources & Mining, Infrastructure

- Slower in productivity growth than others
  - nationally and internationally
- Safety remains an issue
- Strong growth in *green* construction
- Declining public support for R&D as private support grows



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# Our Mission

To be an enduring world-class research  
and knowledge broker in sustainable  
infrastructure and building design,  
construction and management

# Growth of Collaborative Research through Australia's SBEnrc

QUT/CSIRO Construction Research Alliance



1996  
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2009  
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2010  
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2012  
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2015



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**Program 1 - Greening the Built Environment**

**Program 2 – People, Processes and Procurement**

**Program 3 - Productivity through Innovation**

- » **A nation-wide collaborative research centre**
- » **Industry, government and research partners**
- » **Applied research and industry outreach across three integrated themes**

# Core Members



**Queensland Government**  
Department of Transport and Main Roads



**Queensland Government**  
Department of Public Works



**Queensland Government**  
Infrastructure and Planning



**Transport**  
Roads & Maritime  
Services



GOVERNMENT OF  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Department of Treasury and Finance  
Building Management Works  
Office of Strategic Projects  
Main Roads Western Australia  
Department of Commerce



**Curtin University**



# Collaborating Partners



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ENGINEERS  
AUSTRALIA



green building council australia



MASTER BUILDERS



THE **Warren** CENTRE  
FOR ADVANCED ENGINEERING



International Council  
for Research and Innovation  
in Building and Construction



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Innovation Underpinning Australia's Infrastructure and Building Industry

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### Research Program 1: Greening the Built Environment

Research Program 1 will deliver improved environmental performance by the built environment through enhanced ecological efficiencies, including carbon emission reductions and climate change adaptation...

[Read more...](#)

#### Projects

- Design and Performance Assessment of Commercial Green Buildings
- The Future of Roads: The Role of Road Building in Reducing Environmental Pressures and Both Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change
- Harnessing the Potential of Biophilic Urbanism in Australian Cities
- Sustainable Infrastructure Procurement

### Research Program 2: Developing Innovation and Safety Cultures

Research Program 2 will deliver improved social outcomes for built environment workers and the Australian community through increased uptake of sustainable practices and minimising...

[Read more...](#)

#### Projects

- Safety Impacts of Alcohol and Other Drugs in Construction
- Offsite Fabrication and Links to Product and Process Innovation
- Leveraging R&D for the Australian Built Environment

### Research Program 3: Driving Productivity Through Procurement

Research Program 3 will deliver economic, environmental and social benefits to the built environment industry through reductions in risks and costs and improved productivity...

[Read more...](#)

#### Projects

- Collaborative Object Libraries Supporting the Facility Lifecycle
- Supporting Infrastructure Management by Combining Sensors and Asset Information Models

### Prior Research Program: CRC for Construction Innovation



#### Our Research

Publications and information on research undertaken by the CRC for Construction Innovation is available at: [www.construction-innovation.info](http://www.construction-innovation.info)

# SBEnc = Public-Private Partnership in R&D

- Build innovative networks of industry, government and researchers to deliver applied outcomes
- Attract and mobilize resources globally
- Research skills training for industry

**CHARGE!**



**Researchers**

**THE BRIDGE IS OURS!**



**Research Users**

**We build bridges!**

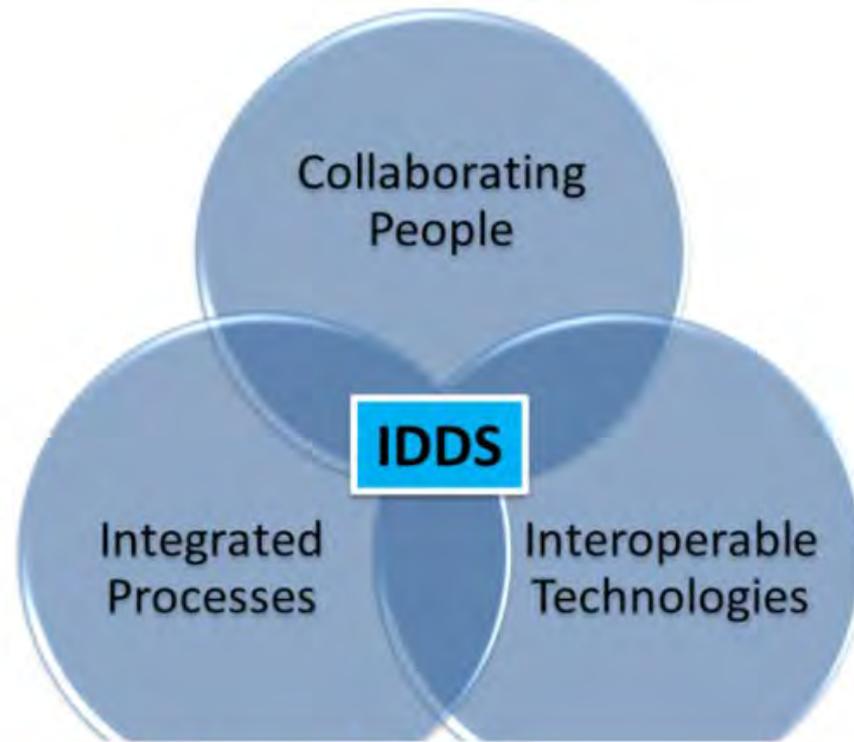


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International Council  
for Research and Innovation  
in Building and Construction

# The Three IDDS Imperatives



to minimise all forms of **waste**,  
whilst delivering greater assured **value**  
for **sustainable** whole lifecycle **outcomes**

# Australian CRC for Construction Innovation

(2001-2009)

## IDDS Projects Timeline

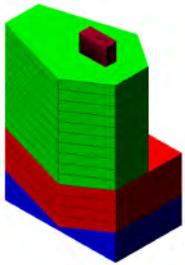
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Detailed Design

Pre-construction

Construction

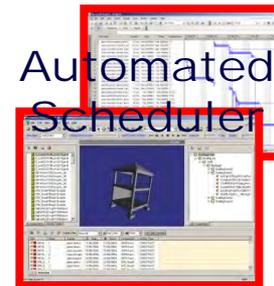
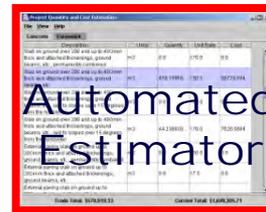
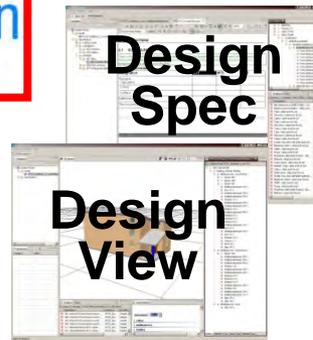
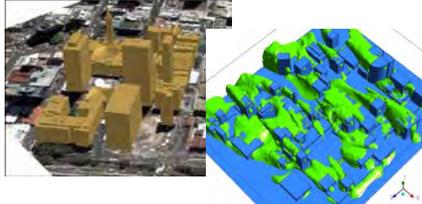
Facilities Management



Parametrics  
For Massing  
Studies



Microclimates

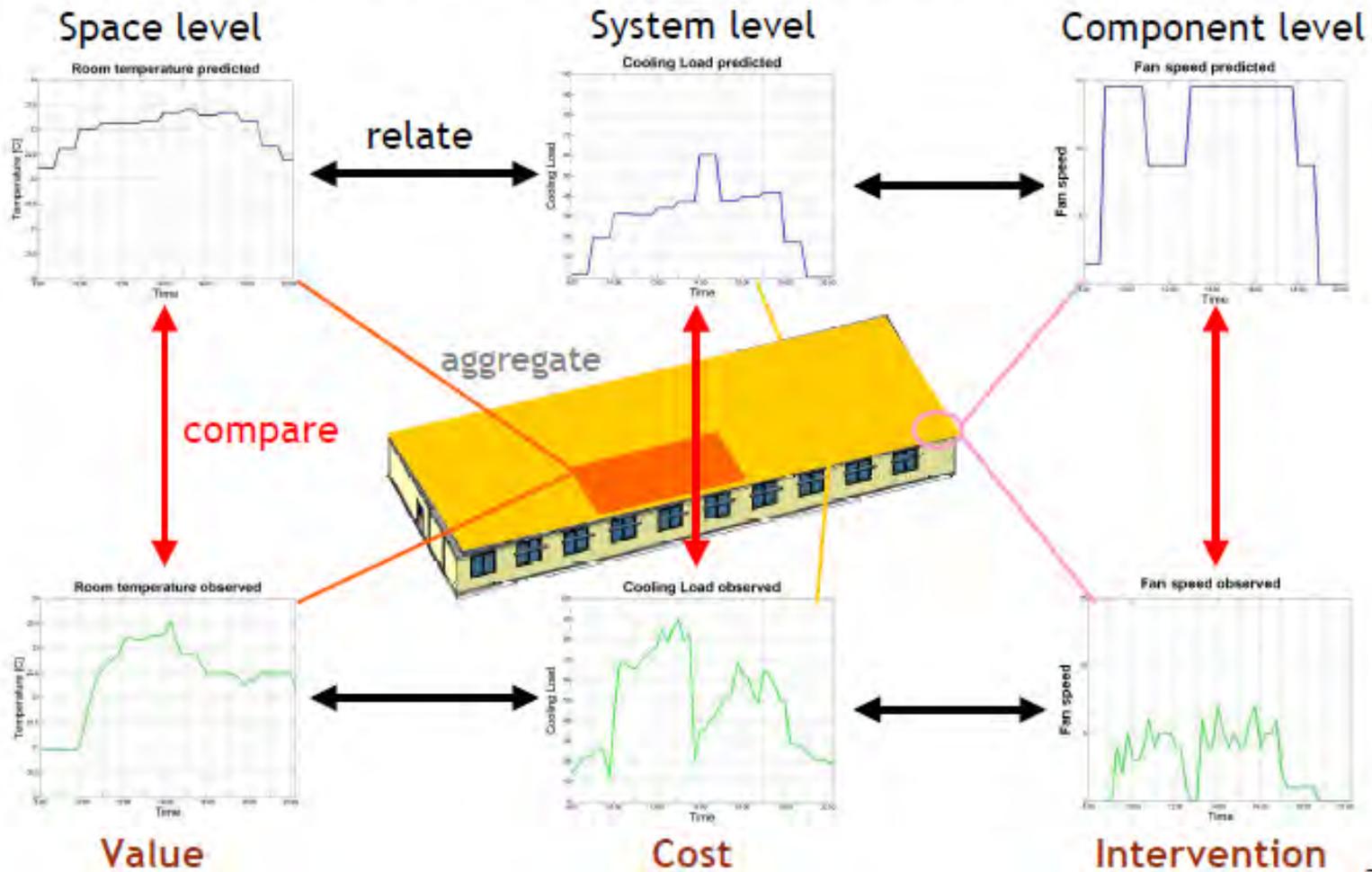


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FM

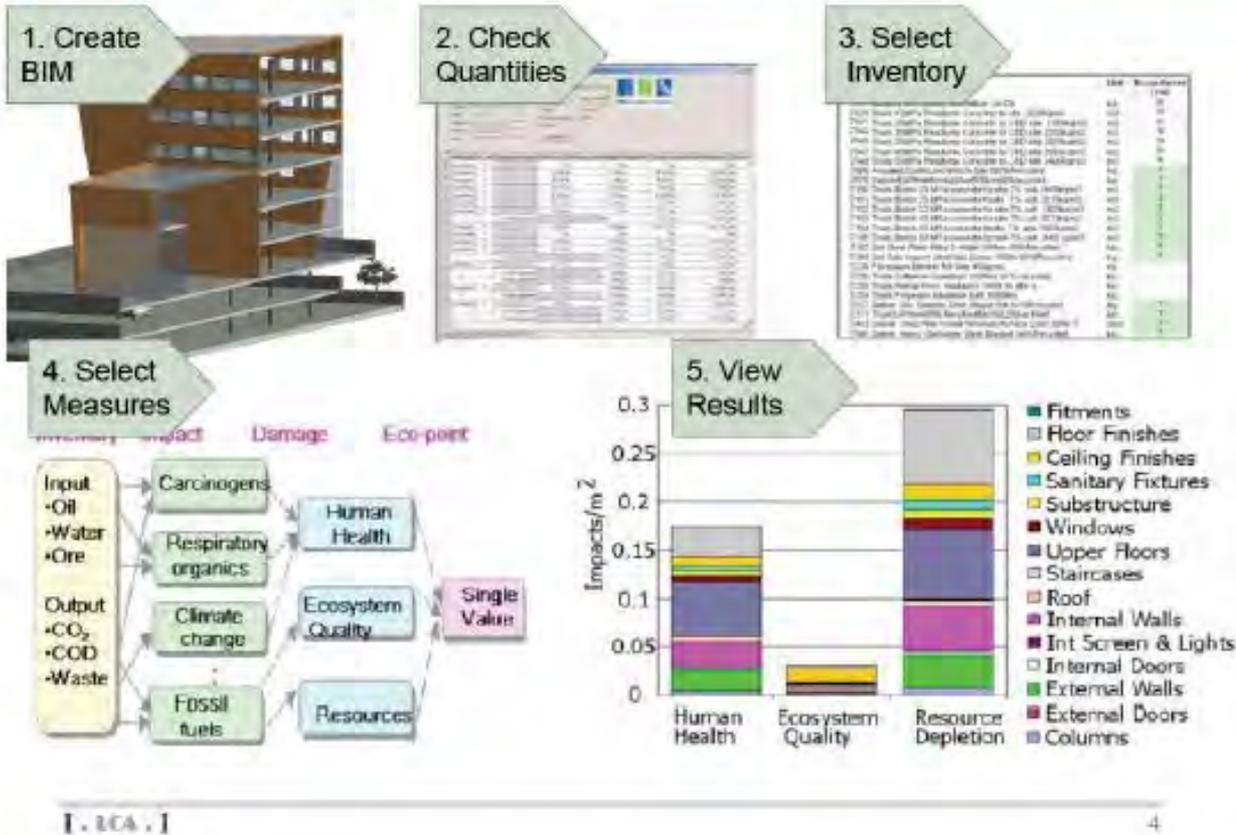
# IDDs models help us improve

- Environmental, Social and Economic Aspects of
  - *Where we build*
    - Landform modelling under various conditions
  - *What we build*
    - Options, Scenarios
  - *How we build*
    - Visualisation, Fabrication, Coordination, Scheduling, Costing

# Relate and Compare Performance Data



# LCADesign Software Tool



## Life Cycle Assessment

# *“An Exemplar Project”*





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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program  
Information Technology and Electronics Office  
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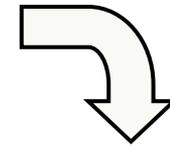
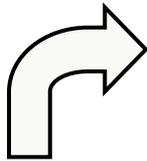
## Cost Analysis of Inadequate Interoperability in the U.S. Capital Facilities Industry

Michael P. Gallaher, Alan C. O'Connor, John L. Dettbarn, Jr., and Linda T. Gilday

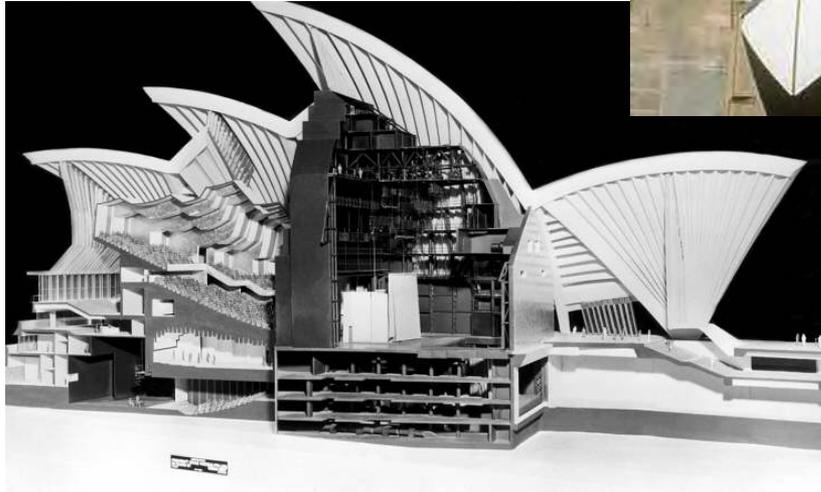
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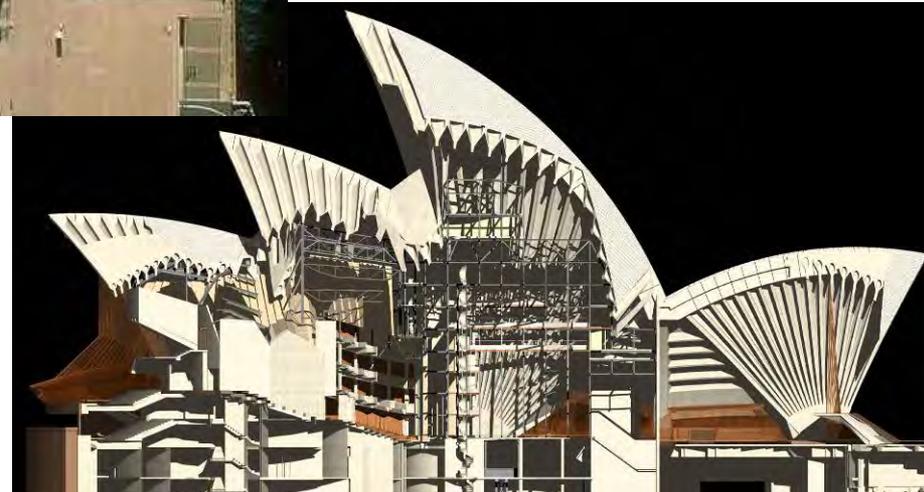
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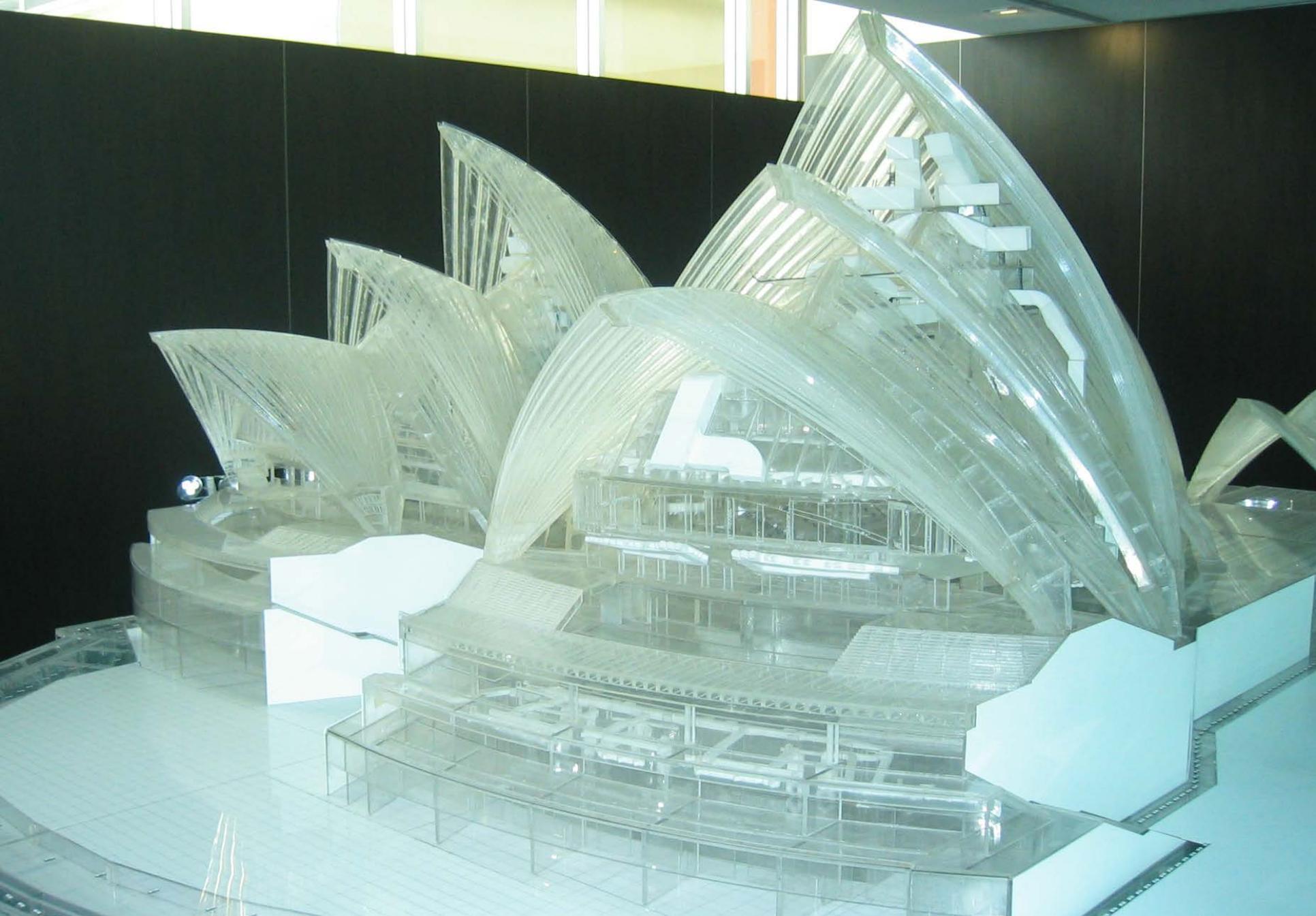


Physical models (1952 – 1972)



BIM models (2003 - 2008)

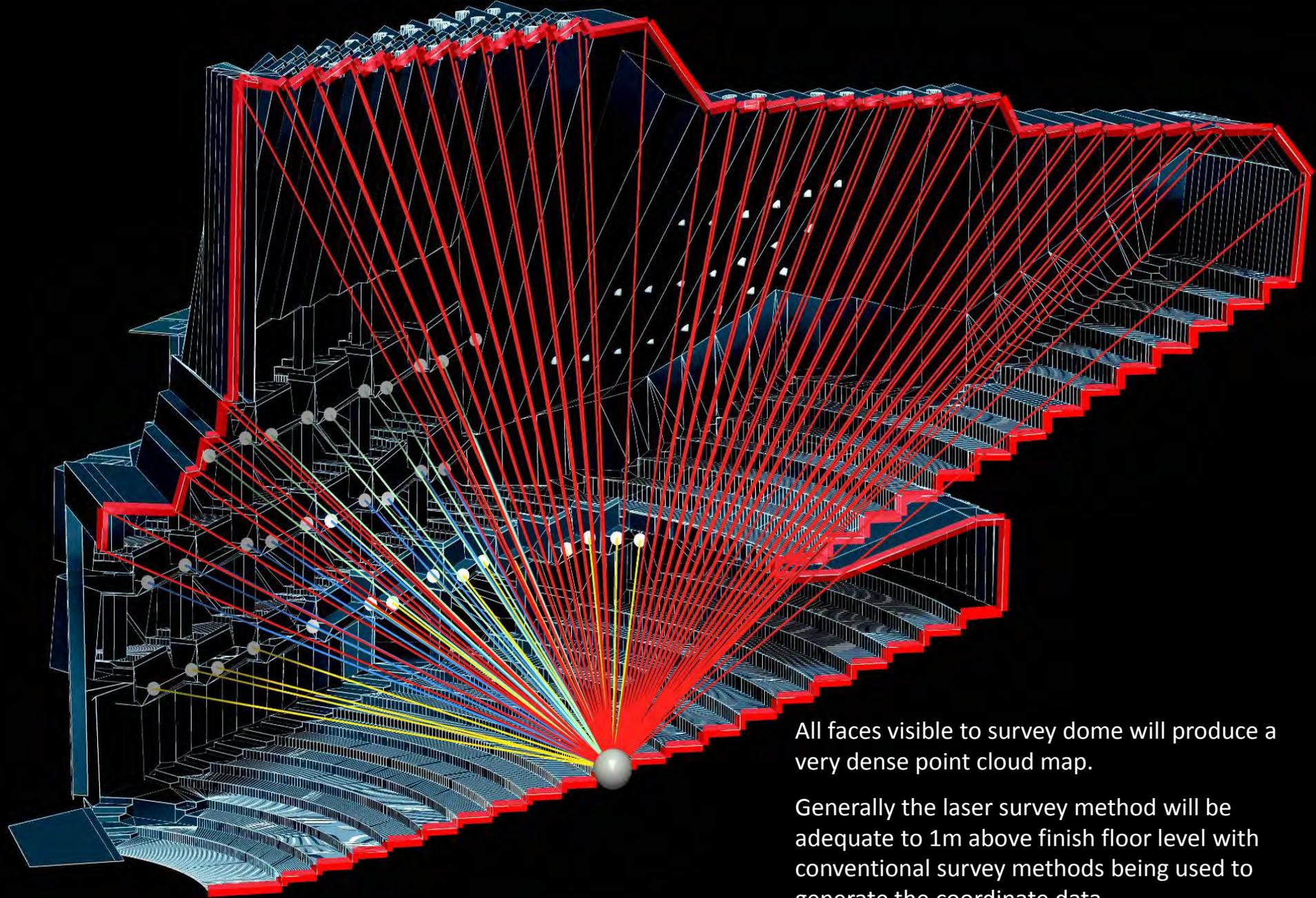




1:48 Scale Physical Model made in 1972

# All in the one building

- Commenced 1958
  - Opened 1973
  - Cost \$100M
  - Value \$2bn
  - 1,000+ rooms
  - 7 performance spaces
  - 60 dressing rooms
  - 5 restaurants & bars
  - 1,500 performances
  - 1,000 other events
  - 1,100,000 patrons
  - 4,500,000 visitors
  - \$85M business
  - \$21M FM budget
- all in year ...

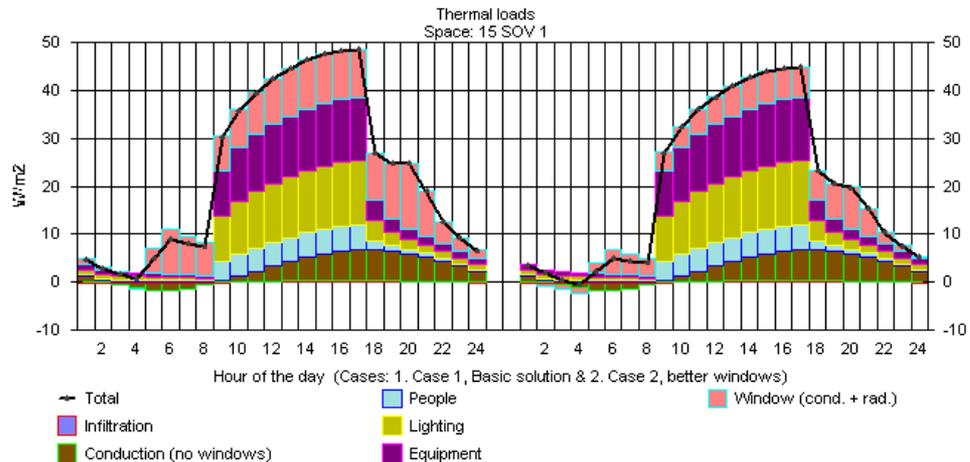
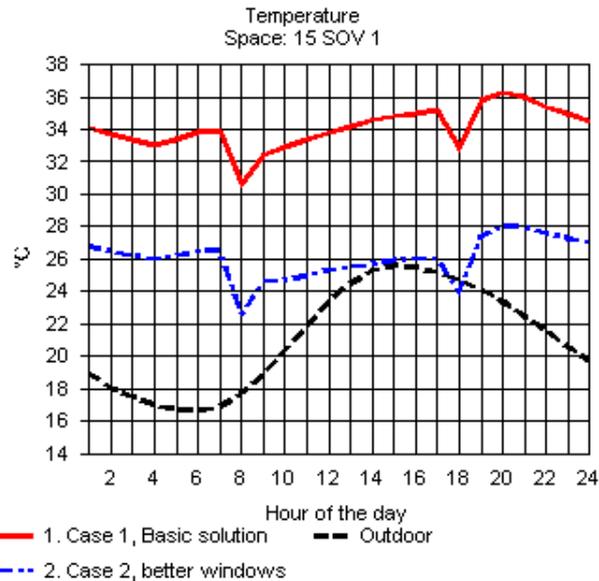


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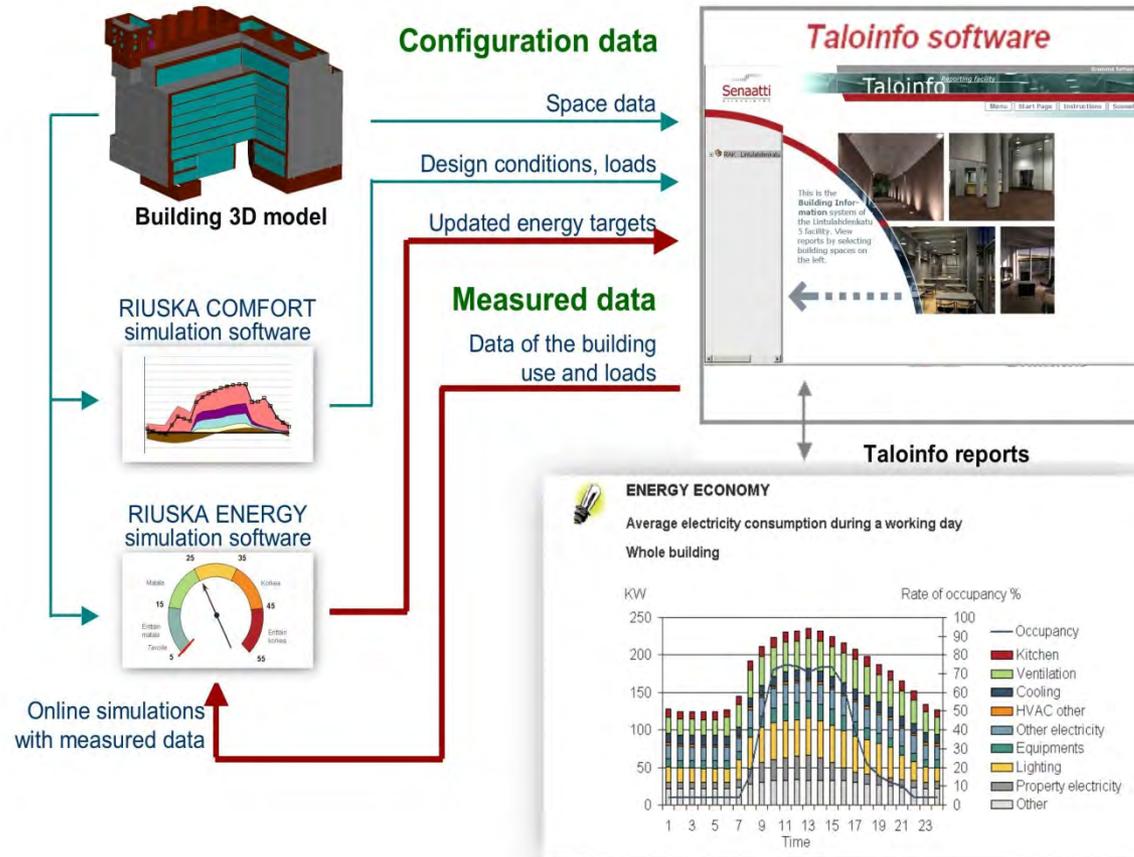
Generally the laser survey method will be adequate to 1m above finish floor level with conventional survey methods being used to generate the coordinate data.

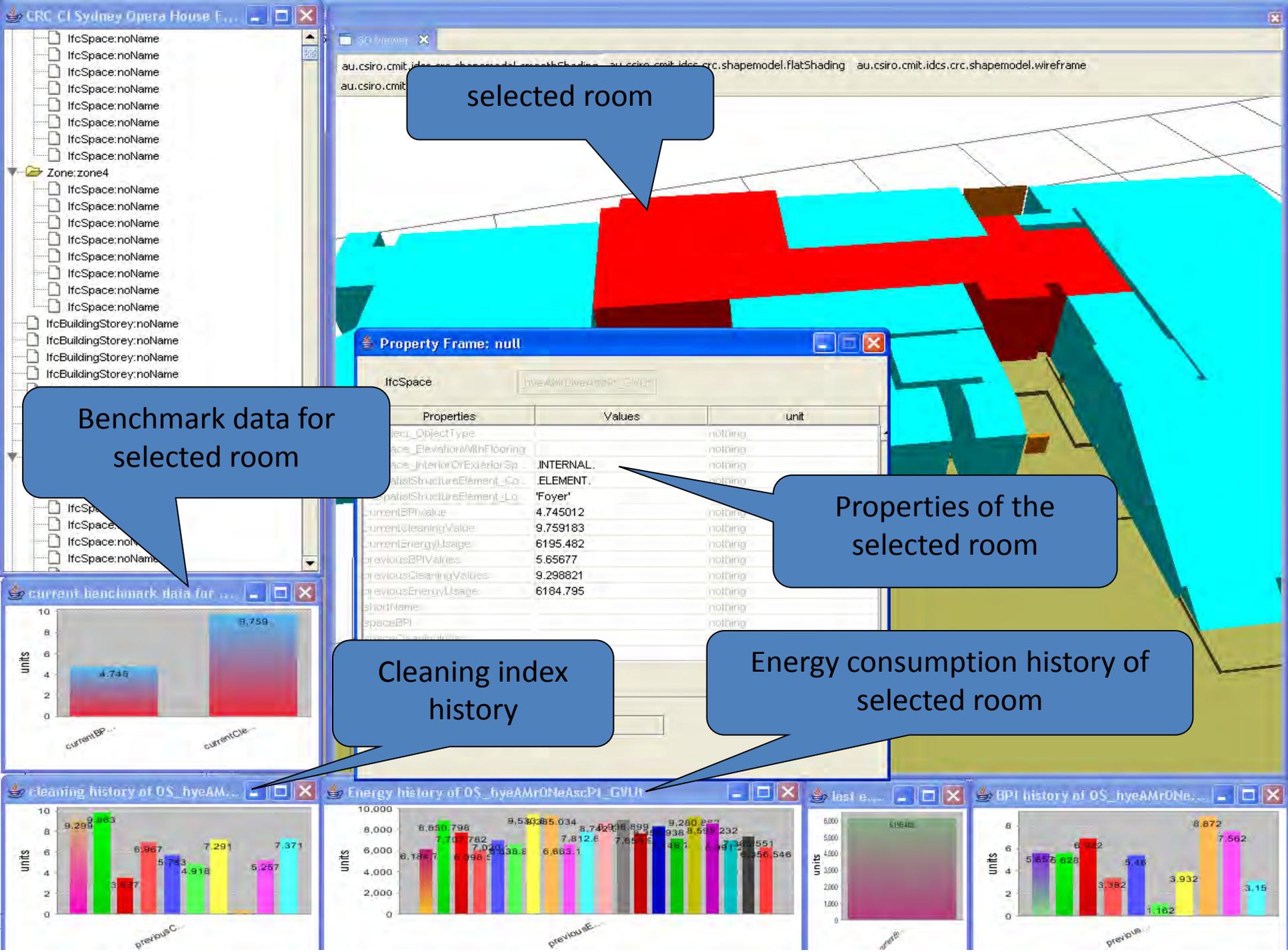
3D surface laser scanning method

# Comfort and Energy Simulation



# FM Energy Monitoring





selected room

Benchmark data for selected room

Properties of the selected room

Cleaning index history

Energy consumption history of selected room

# Integrated information: Energy usage

CRC-CI Sydney Opera House FM-Exemplar Showcase

File Edit Help ontology

viewer

- Zone: noName
- Zone: noName
- Zone: noName
- Room: noName
- Storey: GroundFloor
- Storey: FirstFloor
  - Zone: Zone G1
  - Zone: Zone G2
  - Zone: Zone G3
  - Zone: Zone G4
  - Zone: Zone G5
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  - Zone: G13

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overlapsShape	
inverse_of_containsZones	
containsRooms	

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containsShape	Table
containsShape	Equipment
containsShape	FireExtinguisher
containsShape	FireHoose
containsShape	Spaces
containsShape	Zone
containsShape	Room
containsShape	Shop

create shape

Energy usage reset

2D 3D

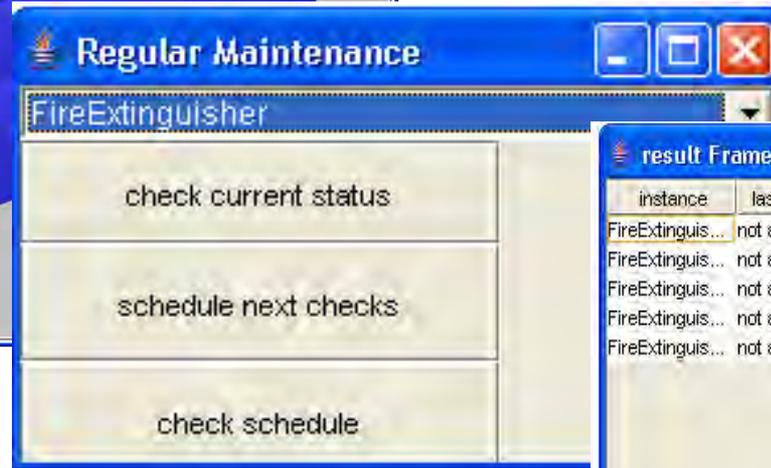
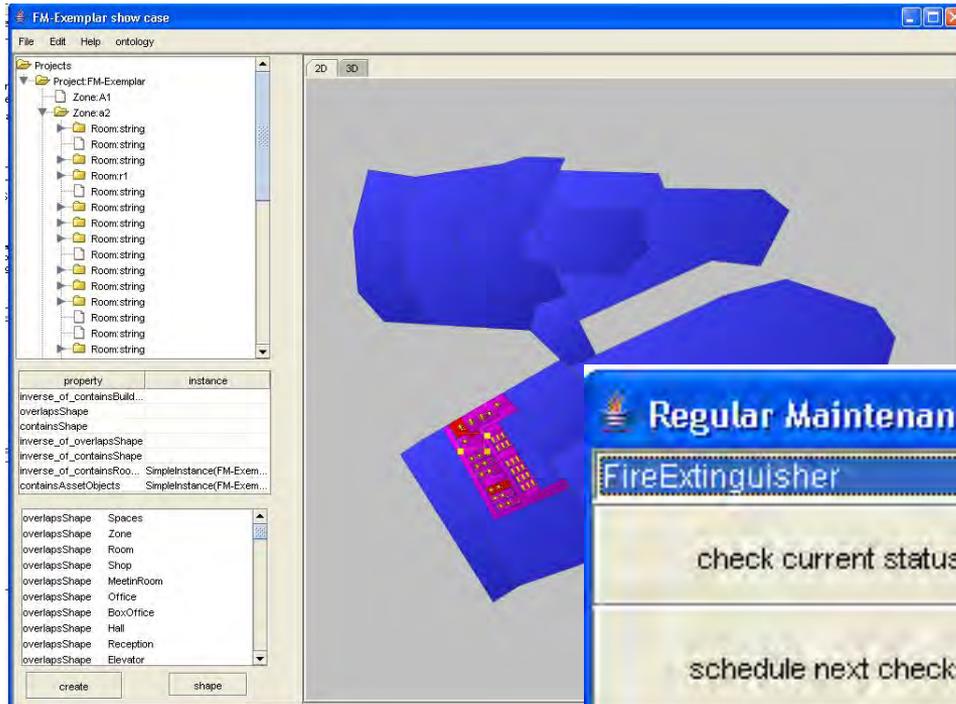
Energy usage

legend

EnergyUsage

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# Integrated information: Fire safety



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# Industry dissemination



# Numerous Awards



Created by Arup / JPW Architects

Stuart Bull - Wayne Dickerson

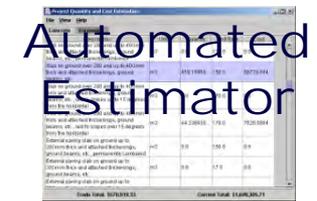
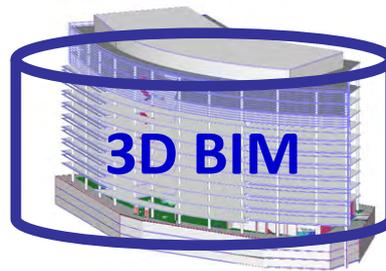
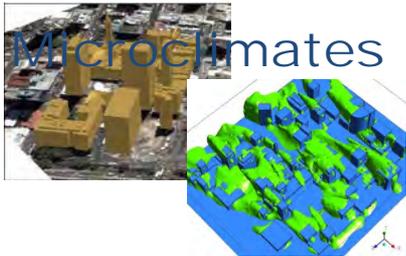
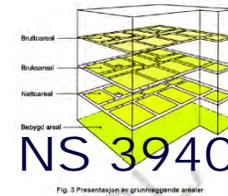
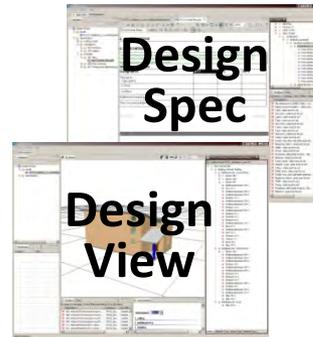
Animation by Wayne Dickerson Associate JPW



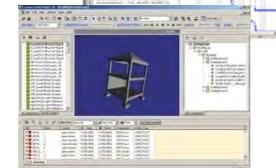
**National and international industry awards:  
Consult Australia ... Project of the Year  
American Institute of Architects - Technology in Practice**

# Previous CRC for Construction Innovation Work

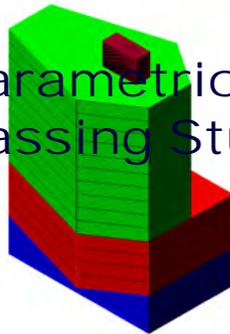
LCADesign



Automated Scheduler



Parametrics for Massing Studies



Integrated FM



# Looking ahead ...

# TOWARDS INTEGRATION

Taking the Australian construction industry forward



TOWARDS INTEGRATION

**WHERE WE WERE**      **WHERE WE ARE**      **NEXT STEP**      **WHERE WE ARE GOING**

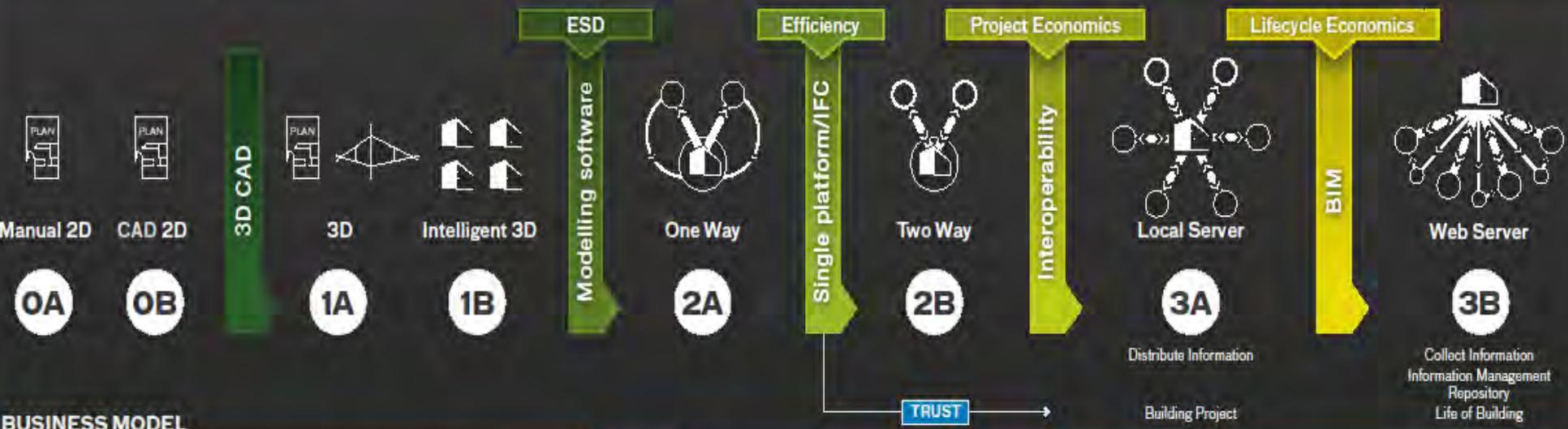
**0 - 2D**  
Manual and CAD based (2D or 3D)

**1 - MODELLING**  
Single-disciplinary use of object-based 3D modelling software within one discipline

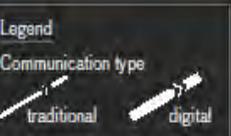
**2 - COLLABORATION**  
Sharing of object-based models between two or more disciplines

**3 - INTEGRATION**  
Integration of several multi-disciplinary models using model servers of other network-based technologies

**Representation**      **Prototype**      **Full Information Capture**



**ISOLATED**      **COLLABORATIVE**      **INTEGRATED**



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Australian Institute of Architects

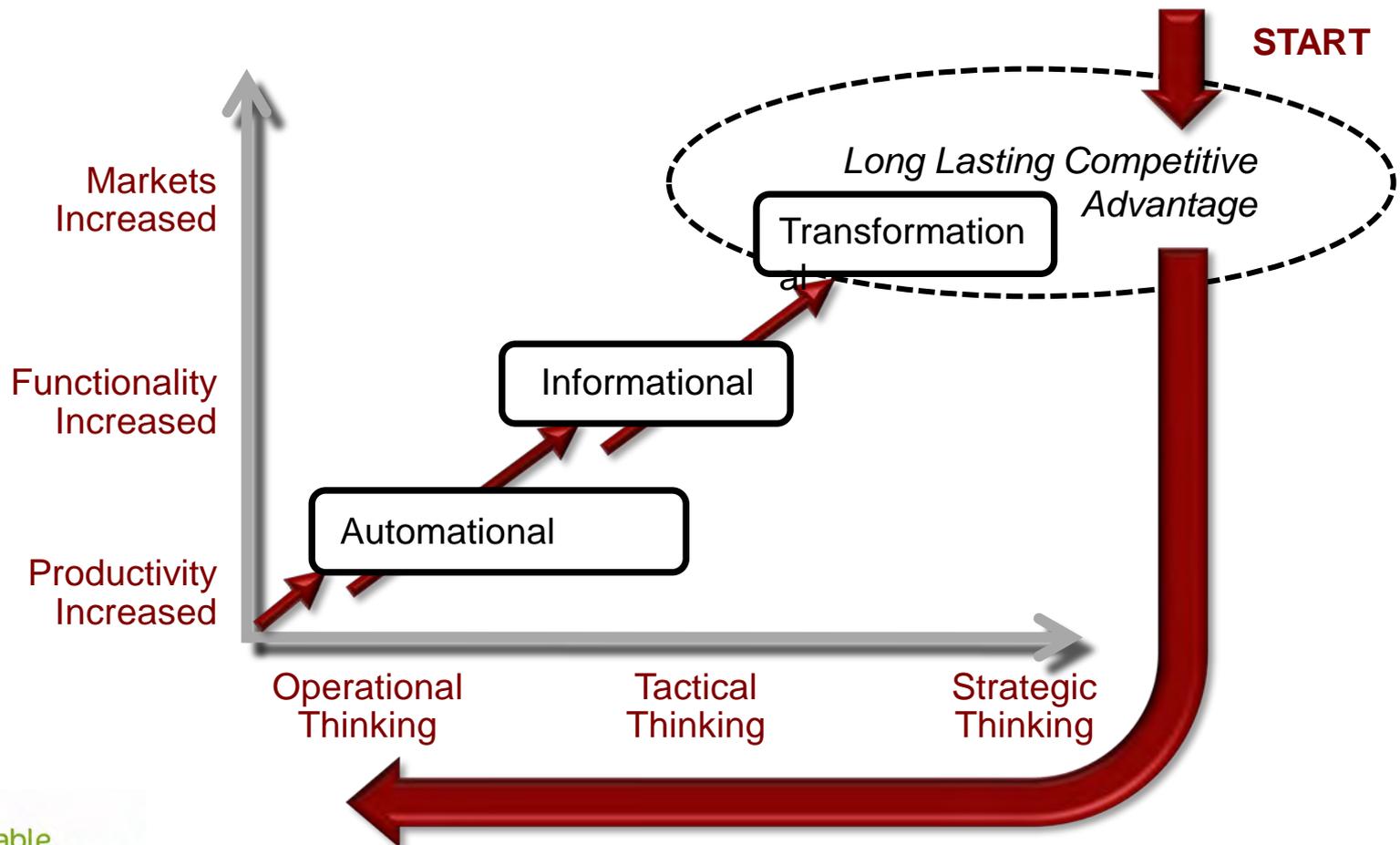


CRC Construction Innovation  
BUILDING OUR FUTURE

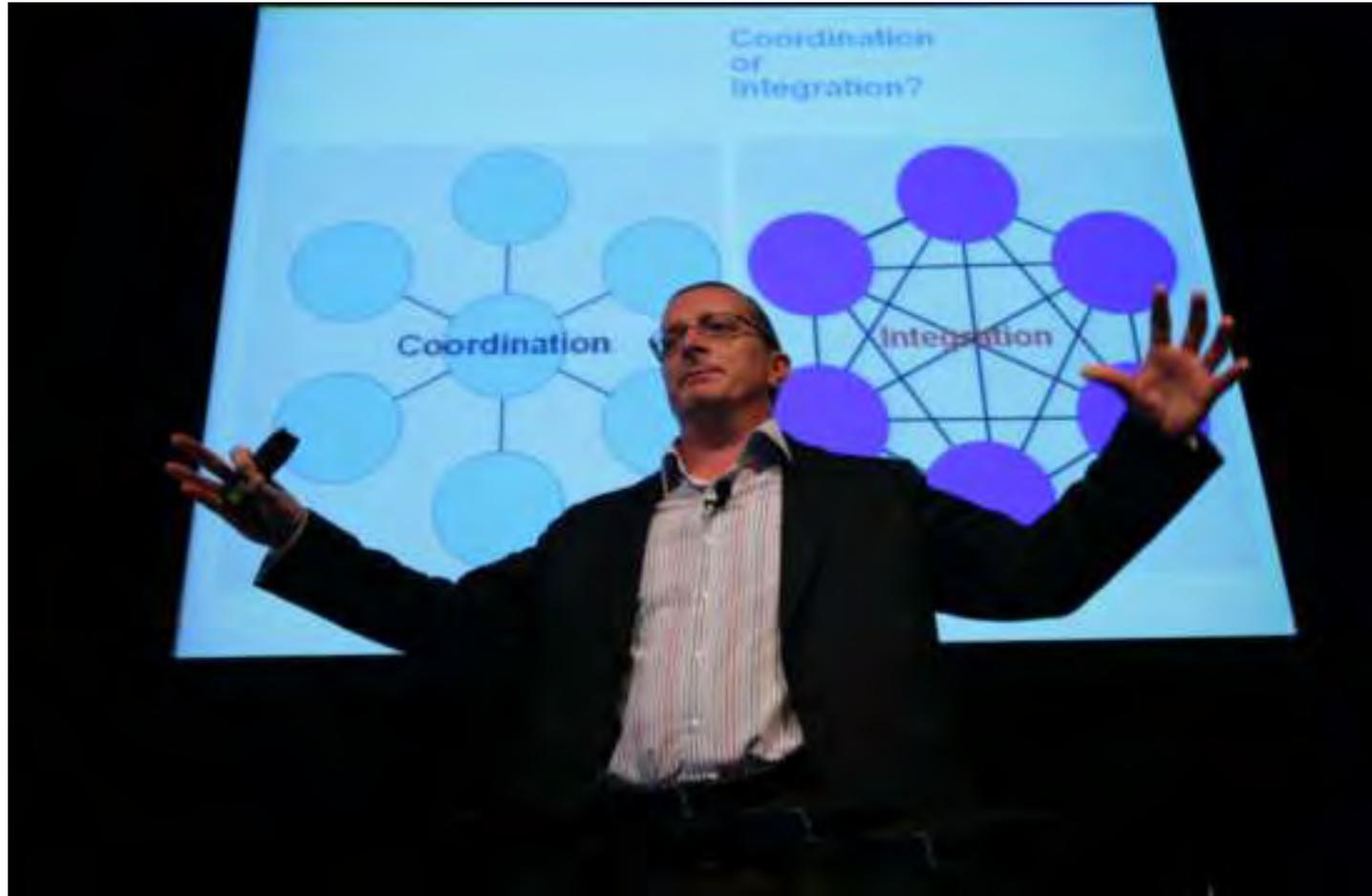


Cultural transformation

## Business Effects of ICT Innovation



# Need enablers to move forward!



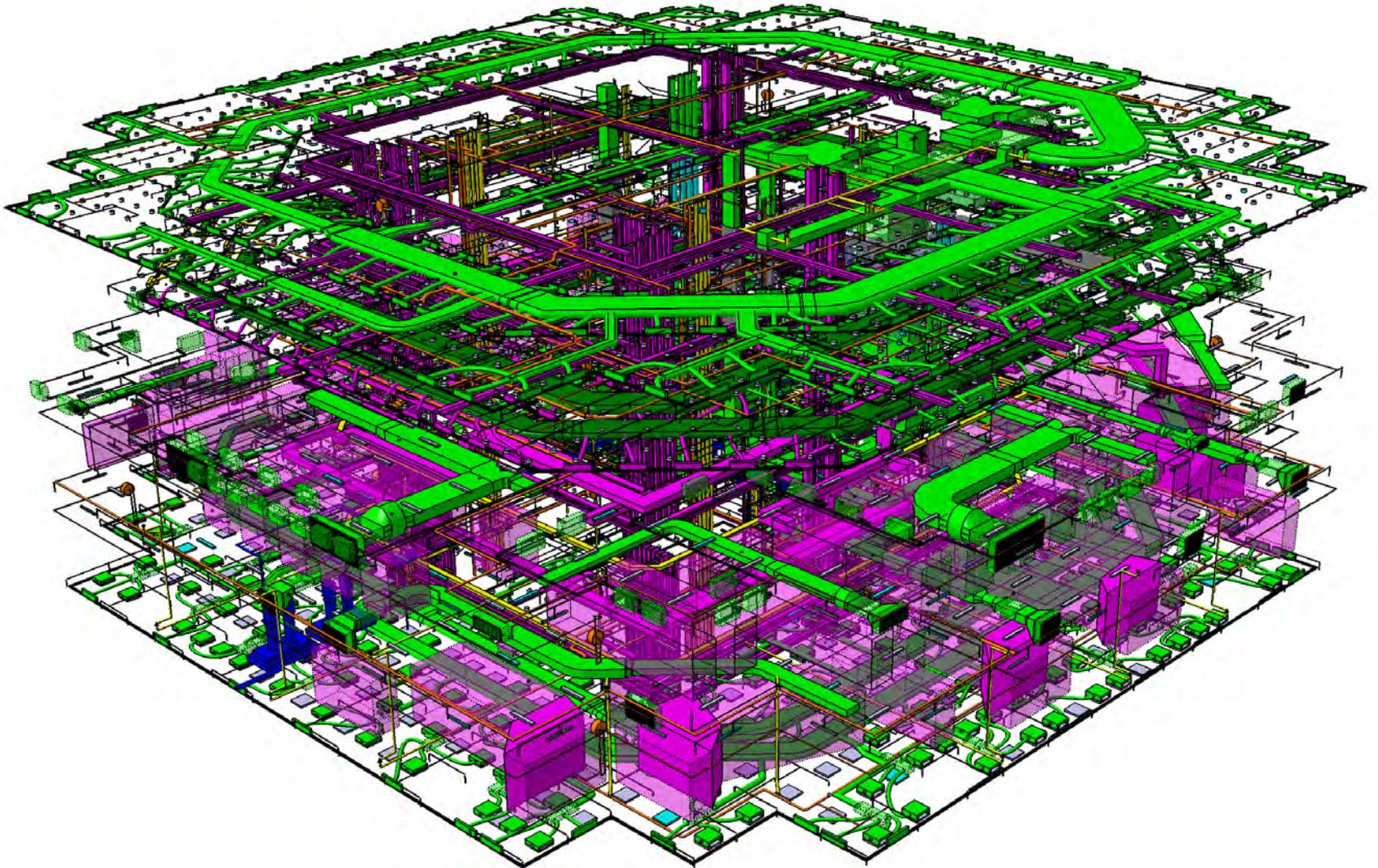
# Object Libraries

Open source digital modelling object library

- In Australia approximately 20,000 “design” firms creating their own product libraries
  - Poor efficiency
  - No interoperability
  - No consideration of downstream use
- Product manufacturers need to support multiple tools
  - Want single point of distribution

**Provide national consistency across industry**  
**Provide SMEs with a vehicle to adopt and benefit**

# Project Product Library

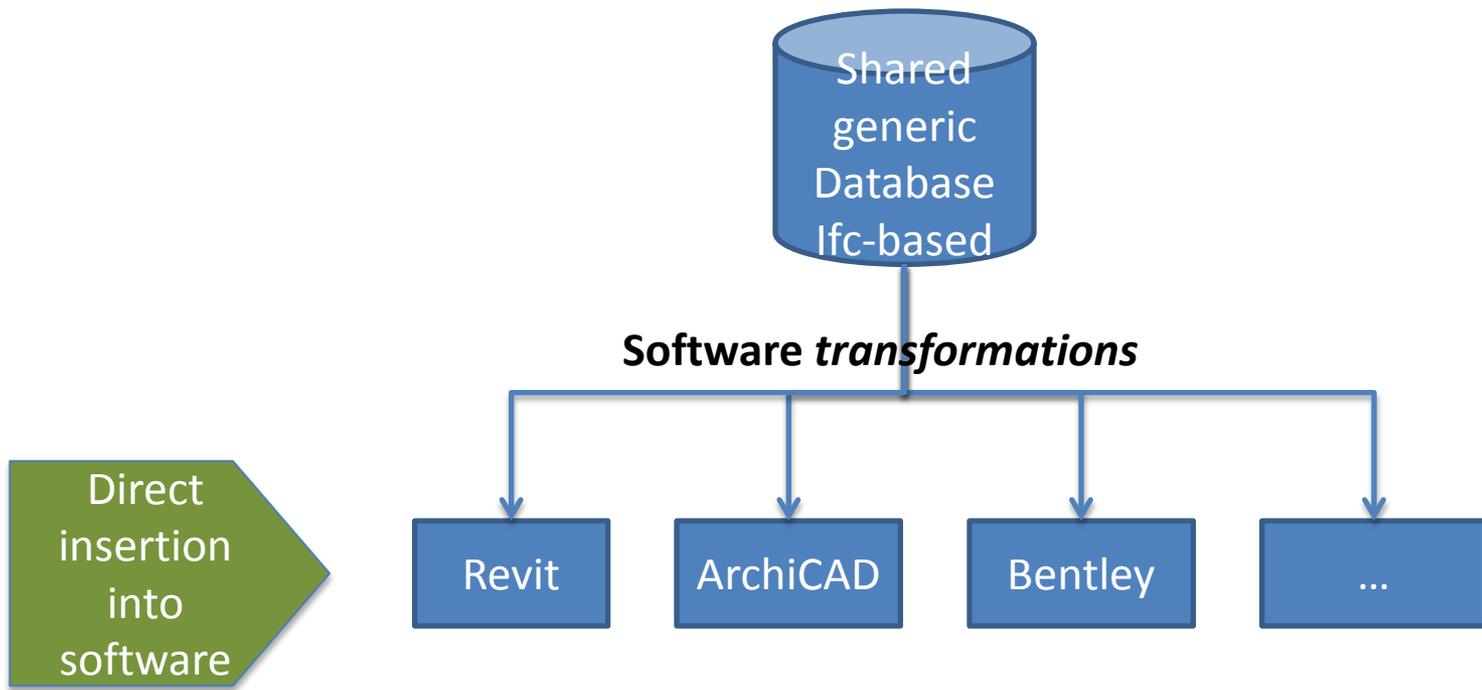


# Reusable Kit of Parts of Intelligent Parametric Generative Elements Containing PROJECT KNOW

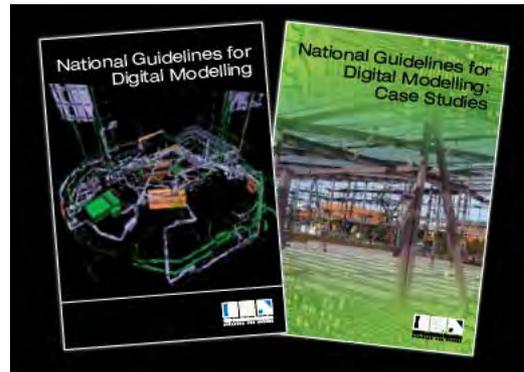
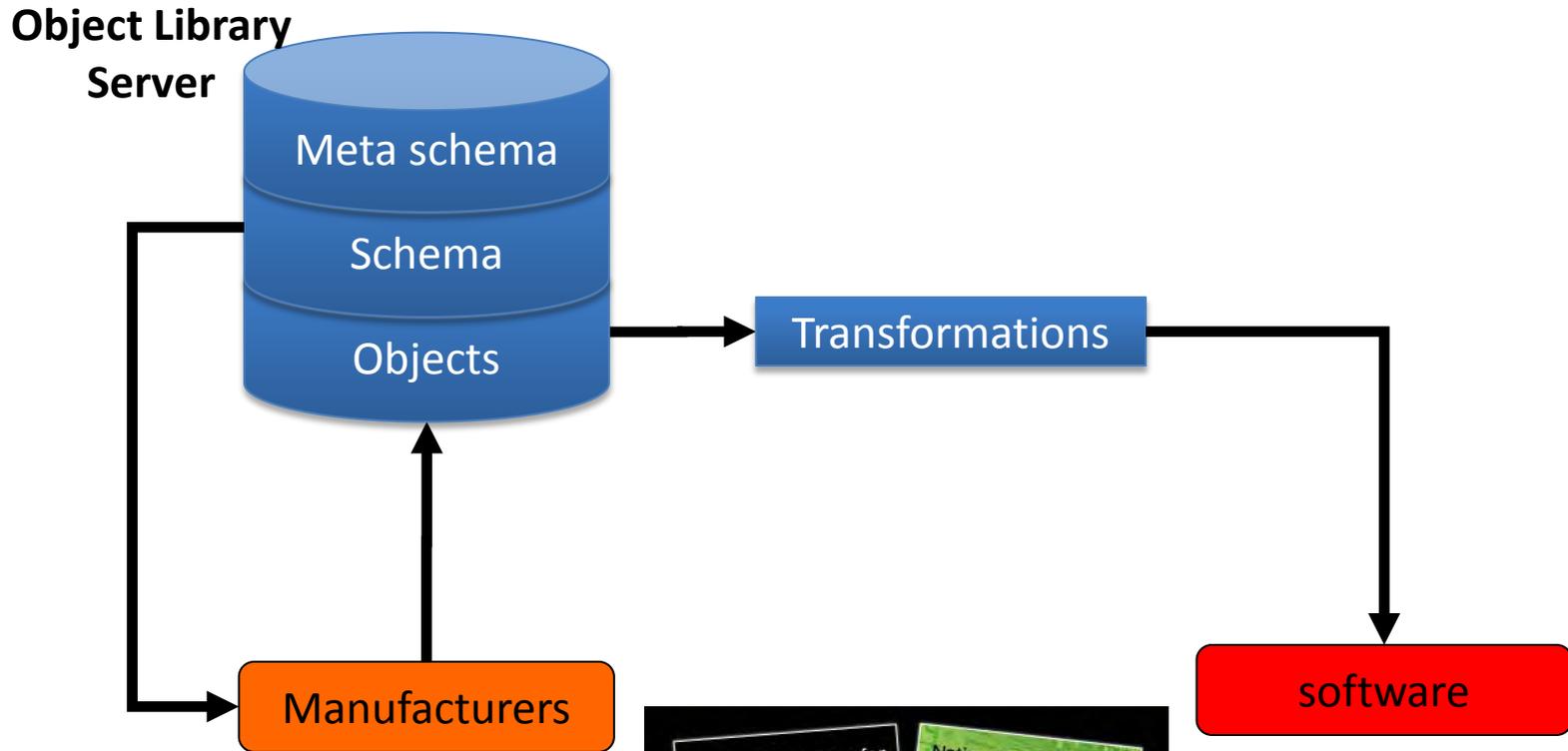


# Object Libraries

- Our approach



# Object Libraries



# Managing a Portfolio of Buildings

- Queensland Government Assets

- 1,300 schools, 70 TAFE campuses

- 200 owned office buildings

- 1 million m<sup>2</sup> office space

- 65,000 units of social housing

- 14 Correctional Centres

- 170 Hospitals & Healthcare centres

- 340 police stations

- Major cultural buildings



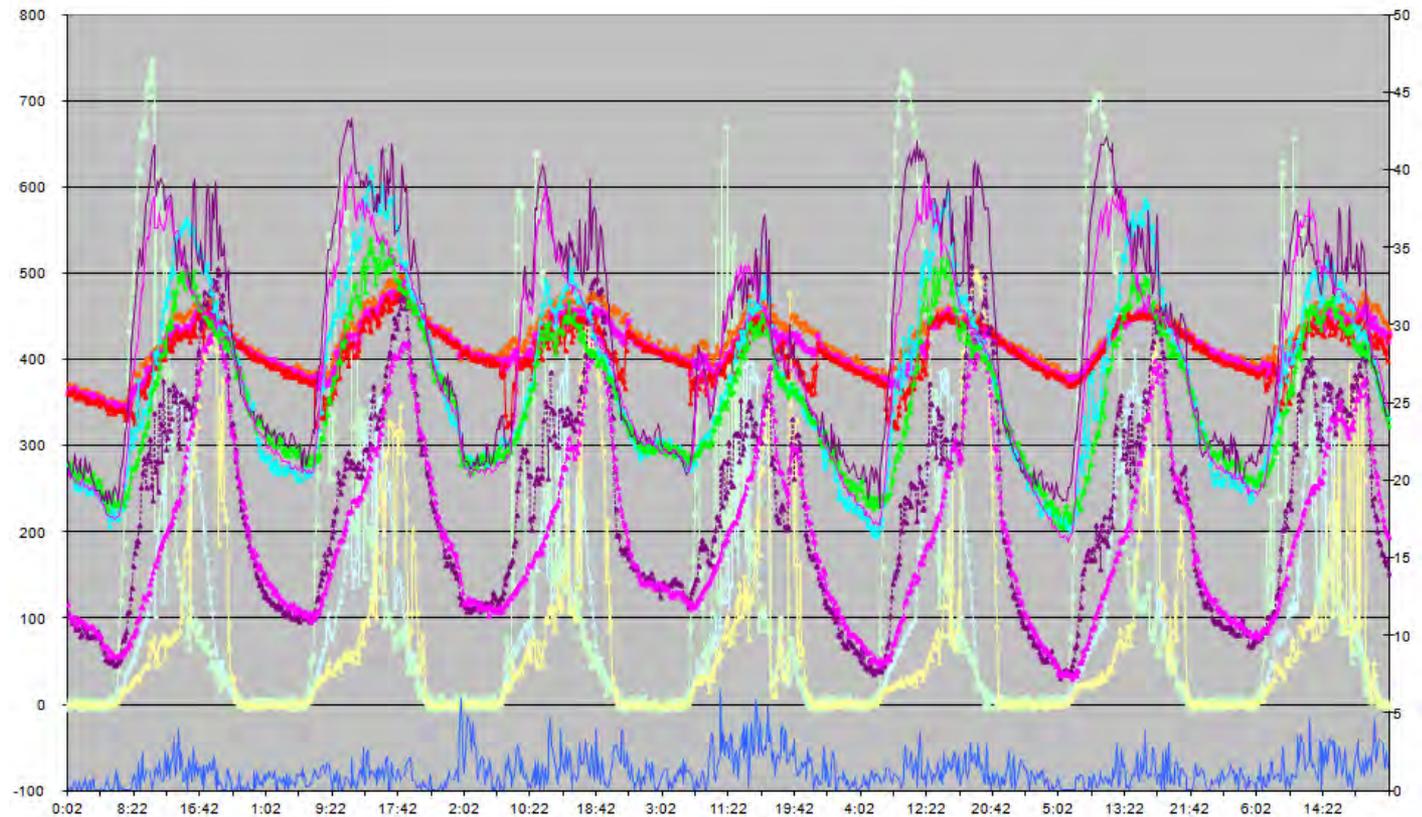
# Managing a Portfolio of Buildings

- How do we manage all of these?
- Build an asset register
  - Support strategic planning
  - Characterize by building type
  - Data collection through annual surveys
  - High level modelling of portfolio



# Sensors for Infrastructure

- What is the problem?



# Sensors for Infrastructure

- What is the problem?



Image courtesy of Queensland Project Services



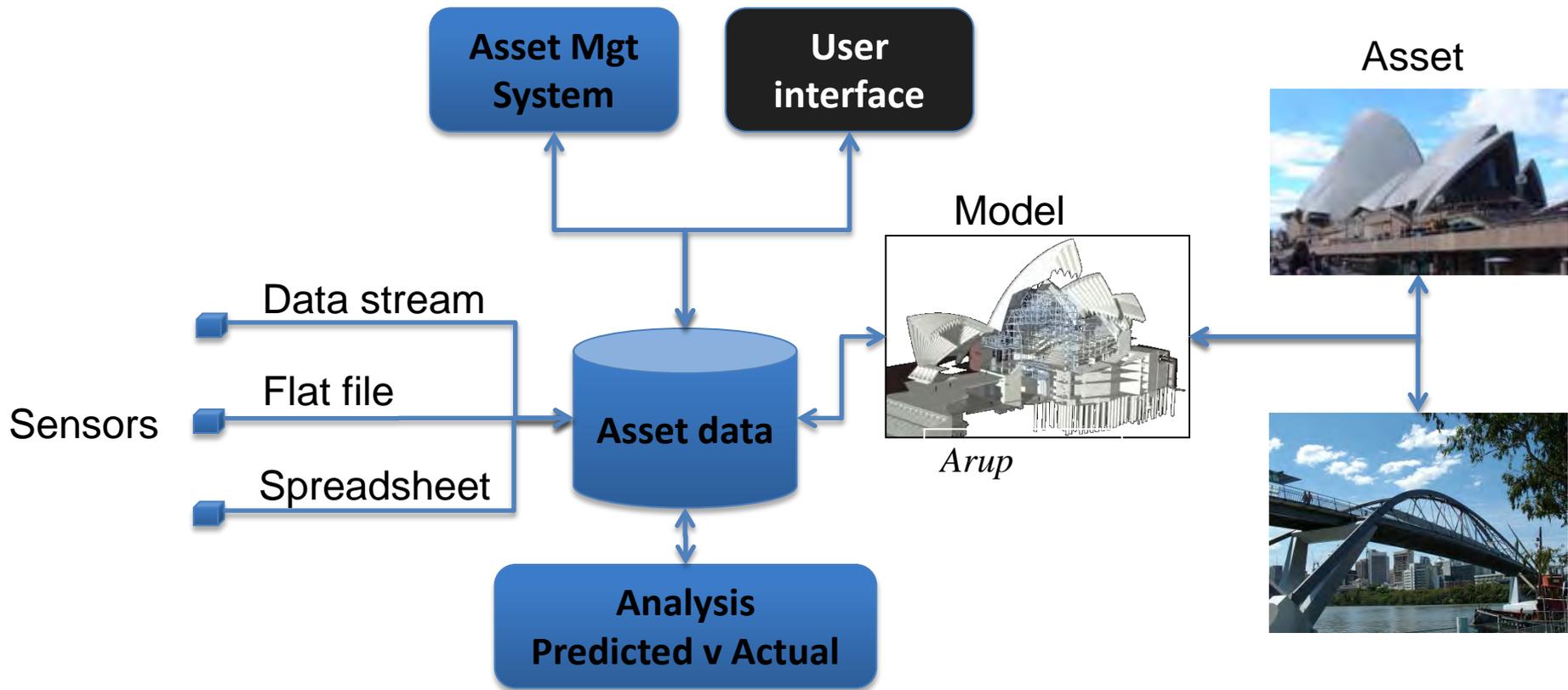
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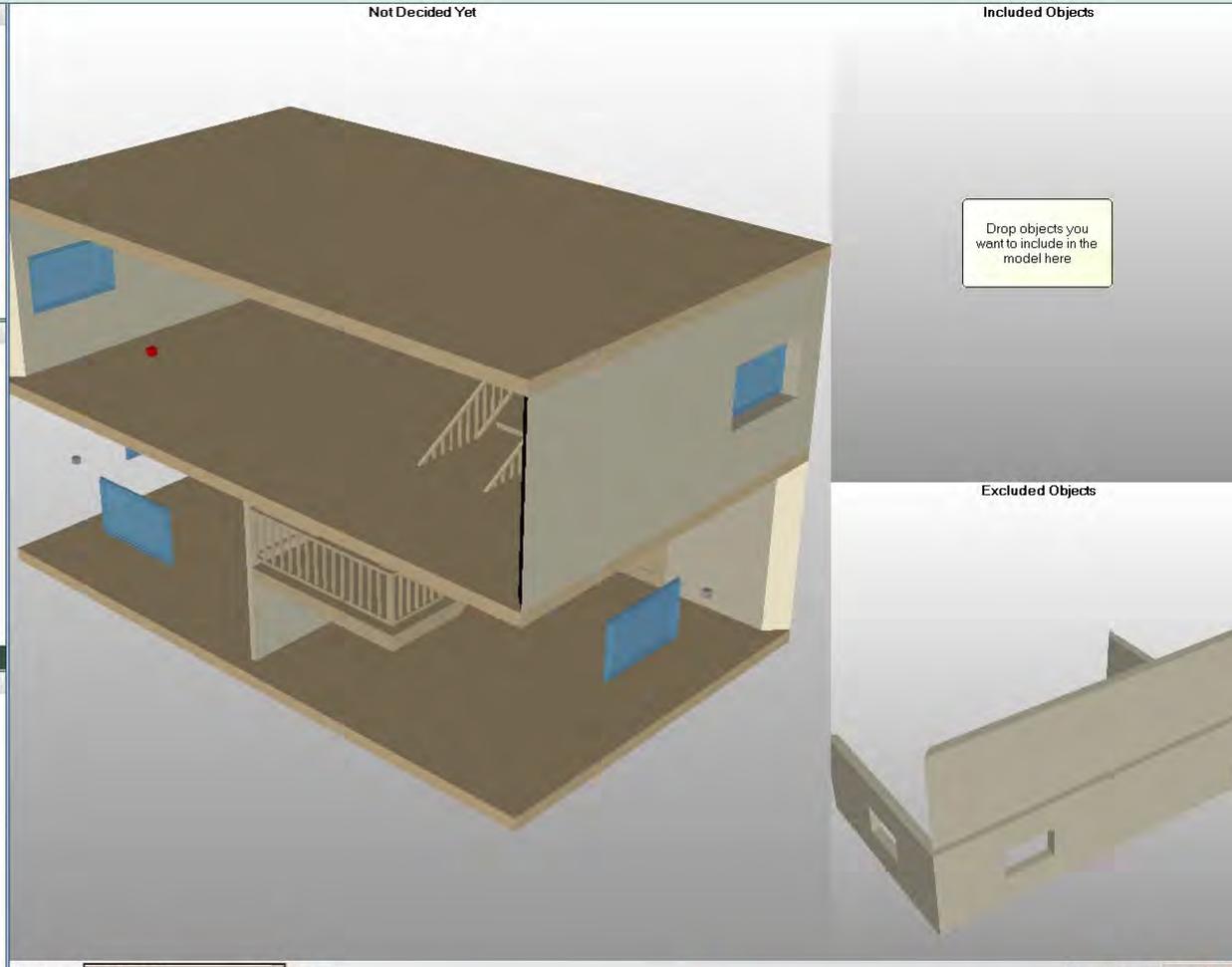
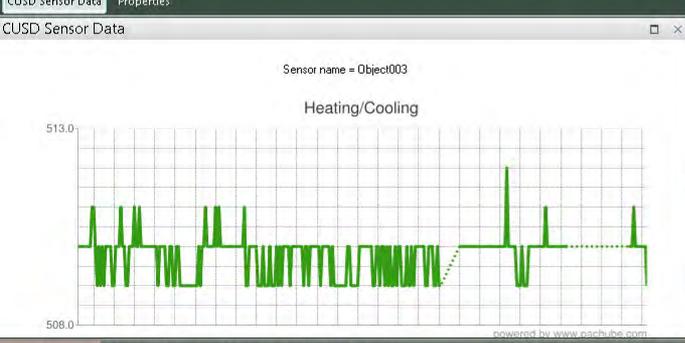
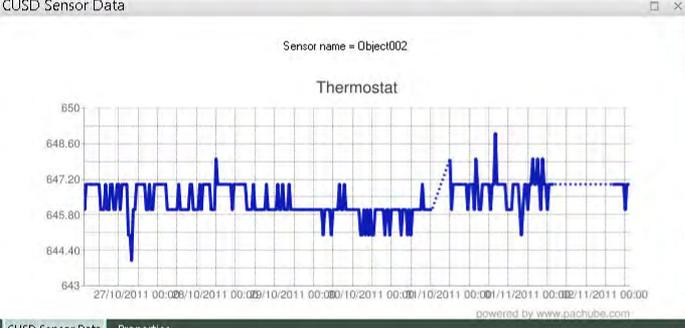
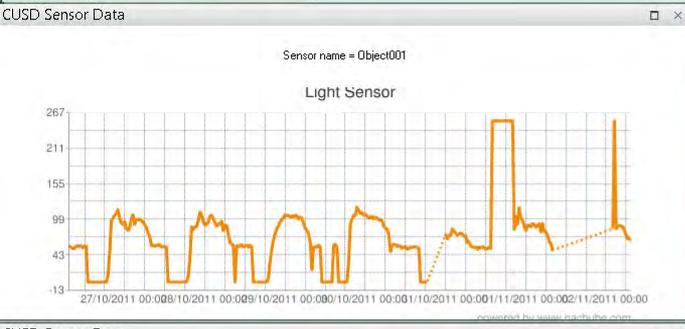
# Goodwill Bridge, Brisbane



# Sensors for Infrastructure

- What IT structure do we need?





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# Construction 2020



**IDDS is central to our future**

1. *Environmentally sustainable construction*
2. *Meeting client needs*
3. *Improved business environment*
4. *Welfare and improvement of the labour force*
5. *Advanced information and communication technologies*
6. *Virtual prototyping for design, manufacture & operation*
7. *Off-site manufacture*
8. *Improved construction processes*

the new world

*The road is long,  
full of adventure, full of knowledge*



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