



Loyang North 66kV Substation – A Data Transformation Journey

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Loyang North 66kV Substation

Overview

- Design team fully in-house except for Specialist Consultants
- Project is currently published in GEBIZ for tender
- 4-Storey CIS building with beam-slab system due to Security & Blast requirements
- Bored pile foundations

Project Highlights

- Piloting BIM for Tender
- 1st Project compliant to JTC's Model Content Requirement (MCR) from Prelim Design
- Pilot using Cubicost by Glodon for estimates of Builder's Works



Why Data?

BIM vs 3D Modelling



Digitalisation

Data Transformation



Hand drawn



2D Computer-aided Design

2D points, lines and objects

Geometric Data

3D Modelling

3D geometric objects + 2D lines and objects.
Parametric information are "dead" text within drawings e.g. rebar, concrete grade, etc

Parametric Data

- Frameworks**

 - Tender/ Construction Agency's MCR
 - IFC-SG (Corenet X)

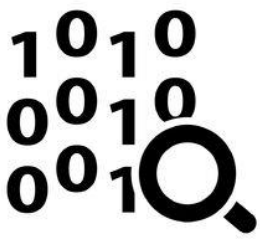
BIM = Geometric + Parametric Data

3D model + elements tagged with parametric information

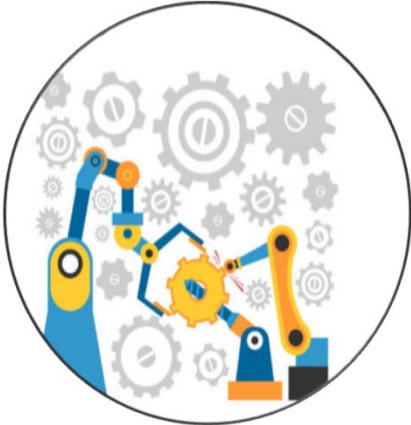
*In many cases, "Digitalisation" and "Data Transformation" are used synonymously
 ** Software shown above are not exhaustive

Why Data? – Data and Automation Work Well Together

Useful Data



Algorithms



Revit Dynamo



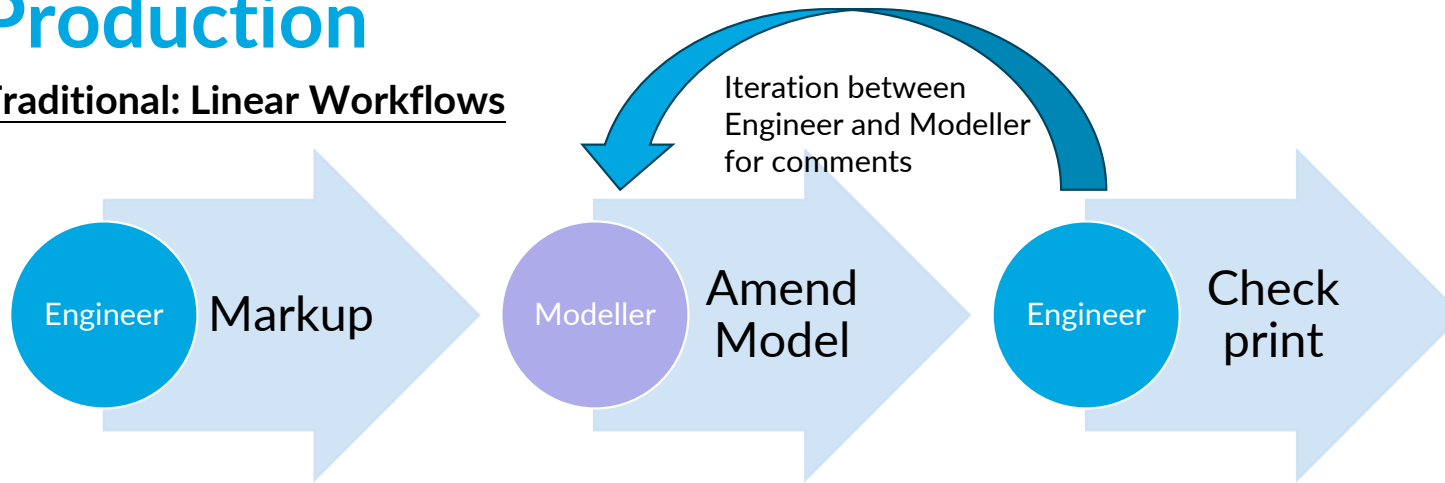
Increased Efficiency



Reduced Human Error

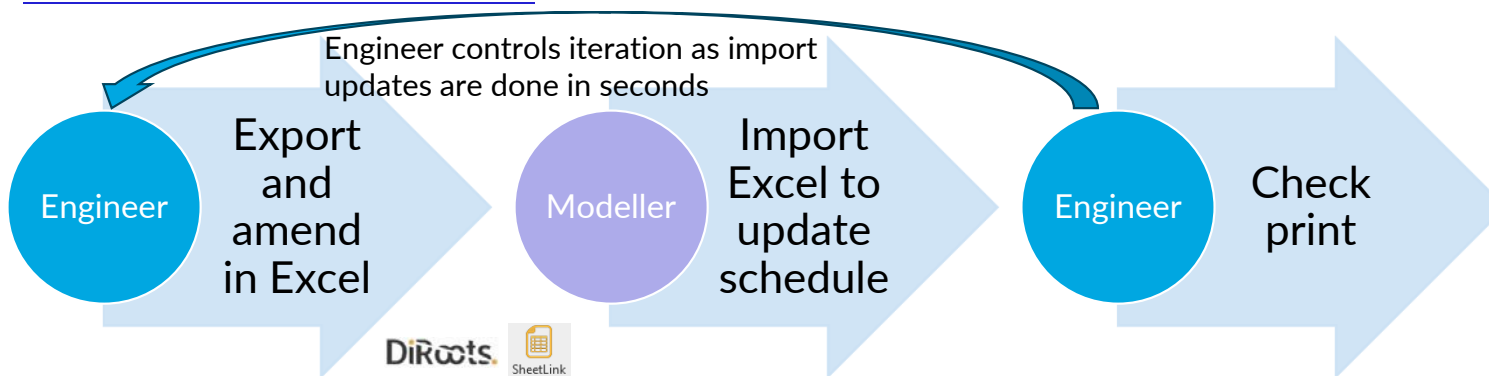
Why Data? – Empowering Engineers in Schedules Production

Traditional: Linear Workflows



Drawing for Issuance

Data: Concurrent Workflows



Drawing for Issuance

Why Data? – Benefits of Empowering Engineers in Schedules Production

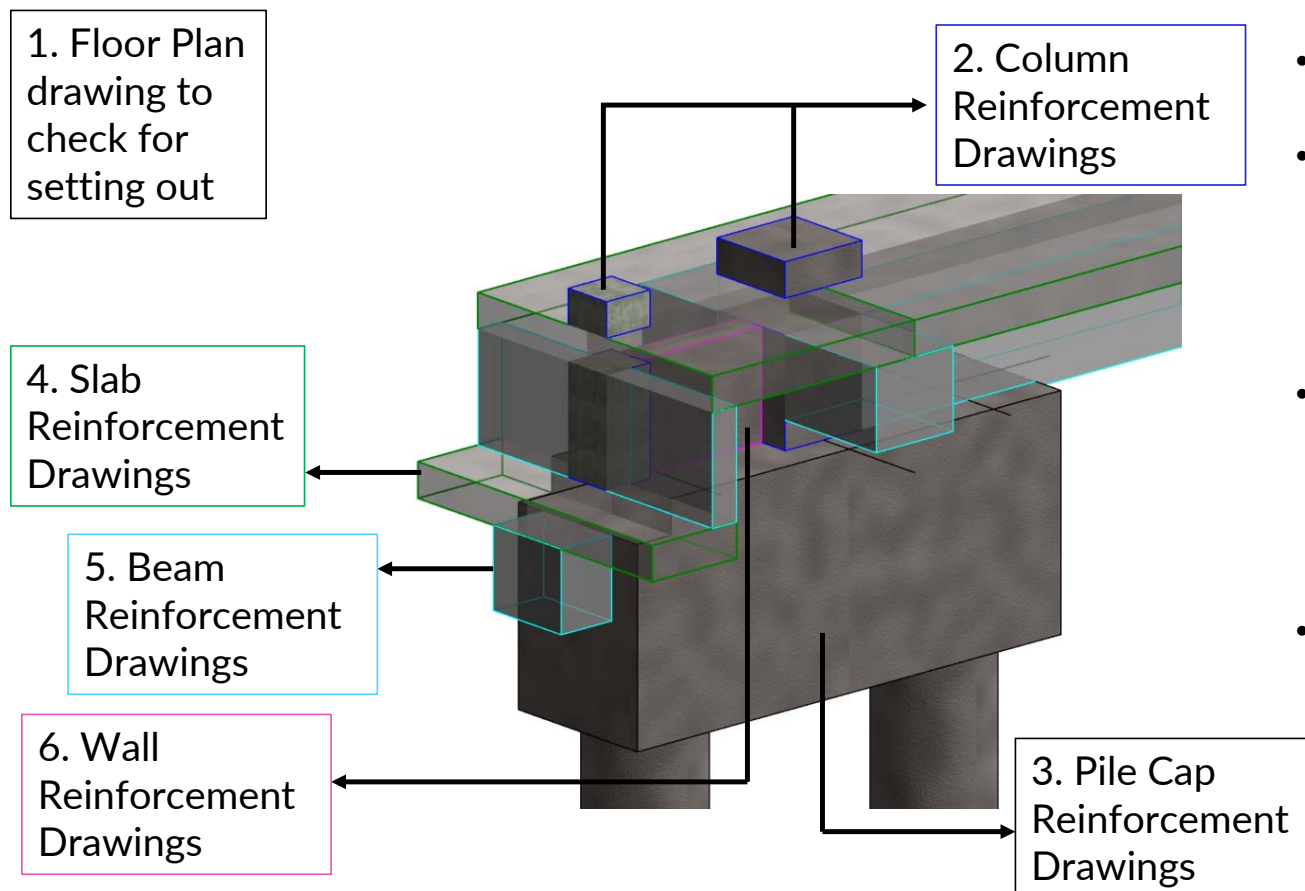


Reduce human error as Engineer directly inputs data into final source of truth



Reduce modelling time as “heavy lifting” is done outside of Revit

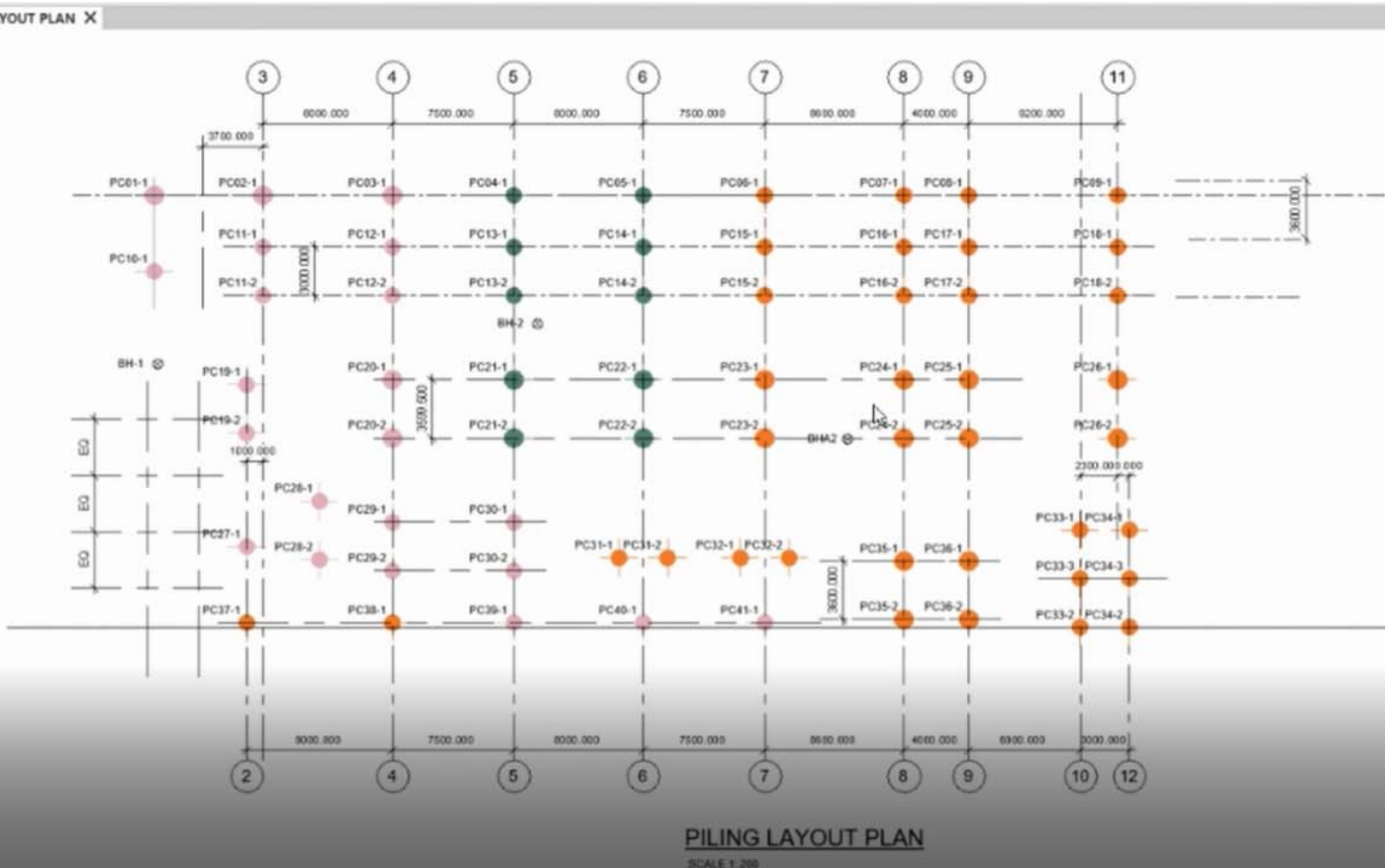
Why Data? – Data Simplifies Required Documents



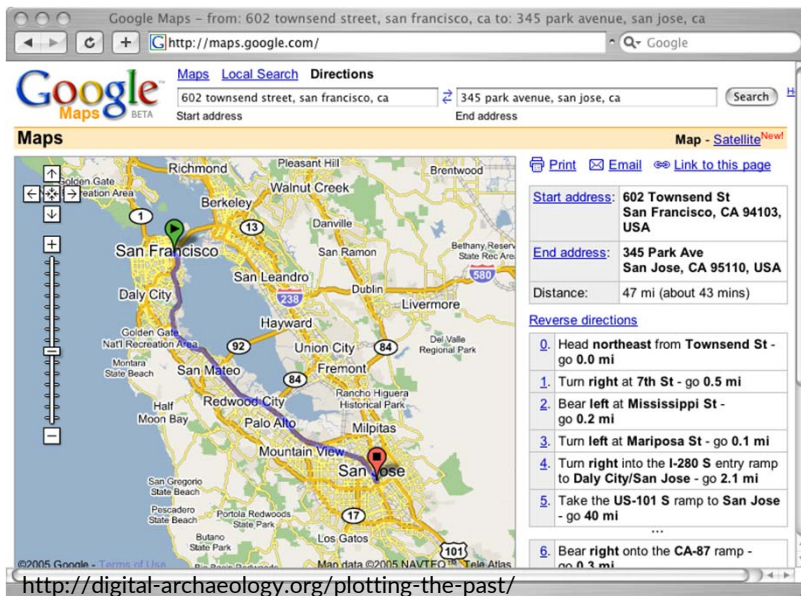
- All latest information is in one 3D model
- An example of a complicated pile cap cast is shown on the left: Minimum 6 sets of drawings are required for 1 cast
- Traditionally, starter bars are easily missed out/ misplaced and rebar will have to be drilled in, resulting in additional cost/ time spent to rectify
- Possible for site staff and Contractor to use IFC model for site checks simplifying documents into 1 model with all the required information

Why Data? - Visualise Design Reviews using BIM

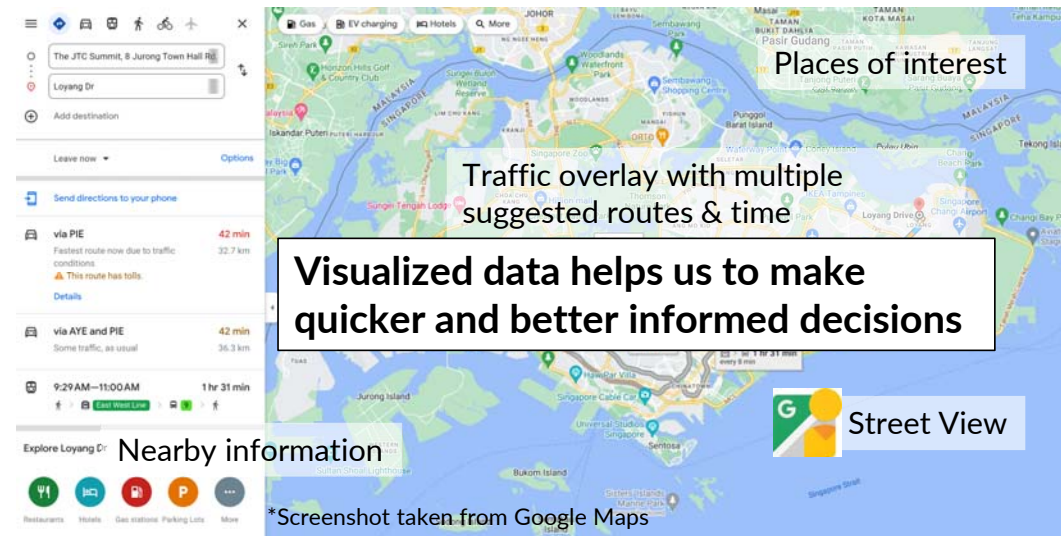
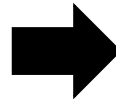
If parameters are set up correctly, modeller/engineer can zoom in on issues visually



Why Data? - It will Breed Innovation and Value-Add



Google Maps 2005



Google Maps now



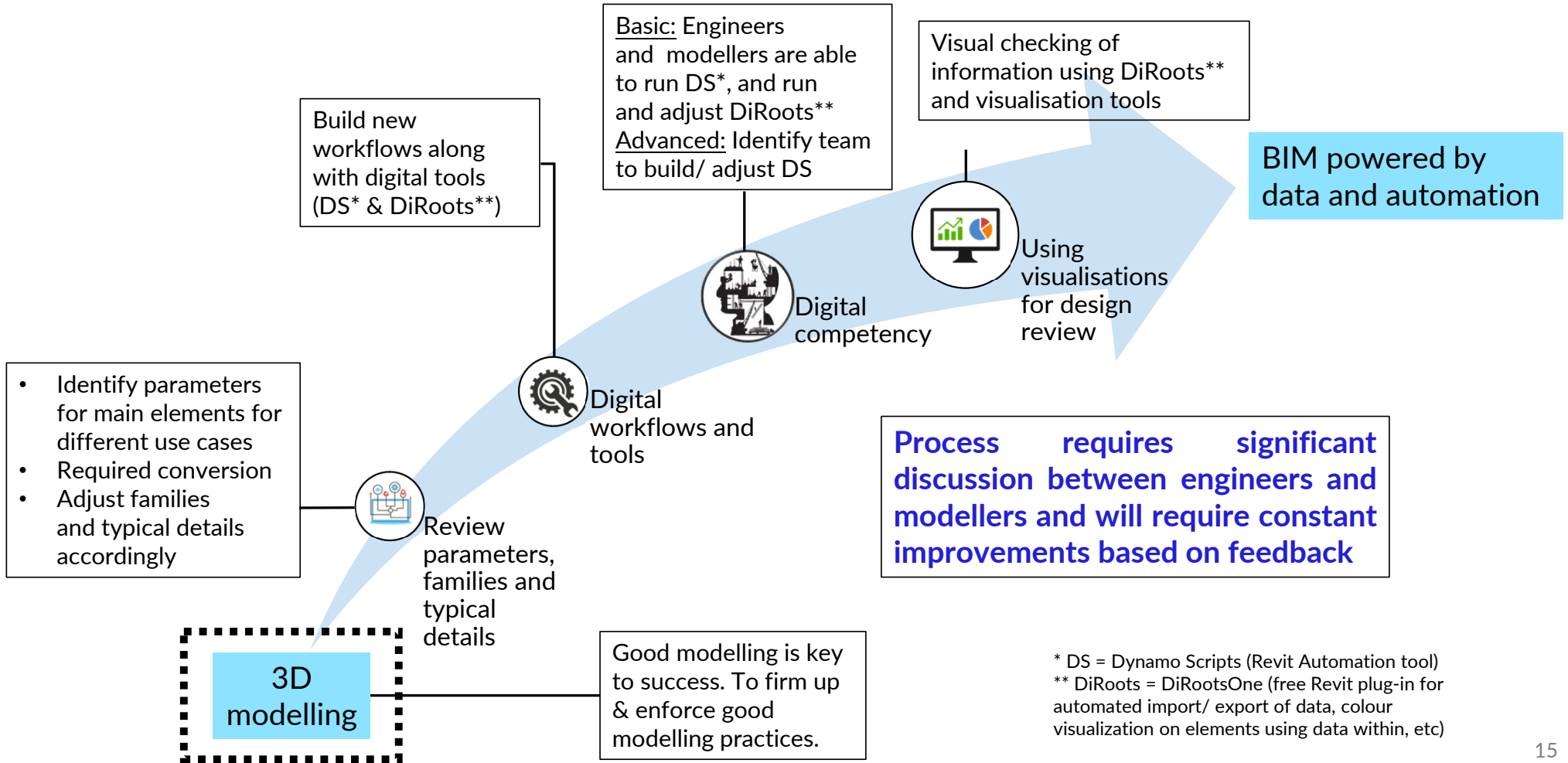
How to Implement?

Overcome Fear

“The fear of the unknown is so powerful, it convinces us to stay in the misery of our current situation simply because we know it already”

- Tony Eletto

Steps to Implementing Data Approach



* DS = Dynamo Scripts (Revit Automation tool)
 ** DiRoots = DiRootsOne (free Revit plug-in for automated import/ export of data, colour visualization on elements using data within, etc)

3D Modelling – Some Considerations

Example of Foundations

Suitable Families

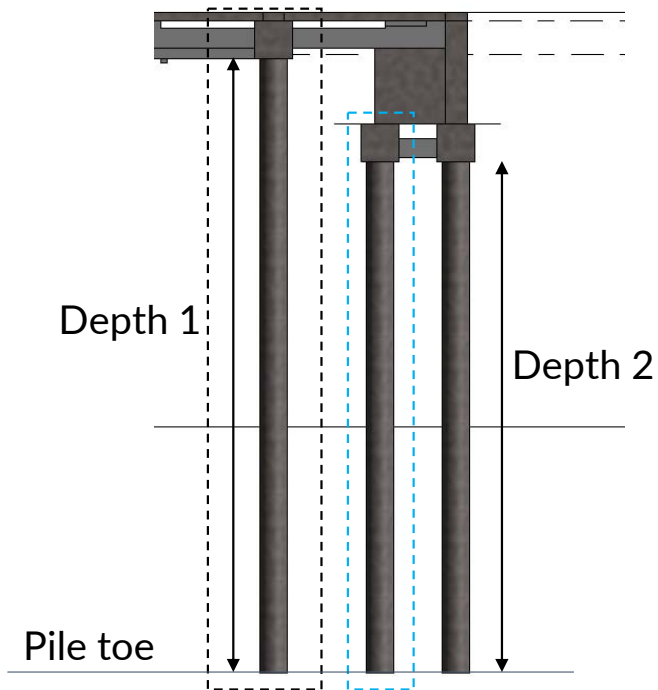
Initially, our pile families had fixed lengths which meant creating multiple Types for same pile with same diameter. BCA colleagues shared pile family with variable pile lengths which enabled us in streamlining workflows.

Group or Individual

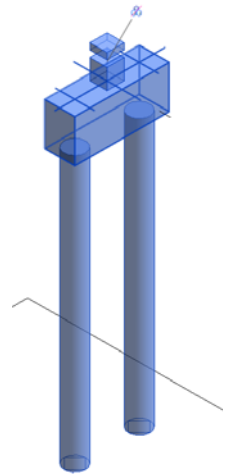
Another decision is whether to combine Pile Caps with Piles in 1 family. We decided to split the piles and pile caps to ease automation of pile length changes.

Later on, Glodon also shared with us that splitting is good practice for using Cubicost to build a cost model.

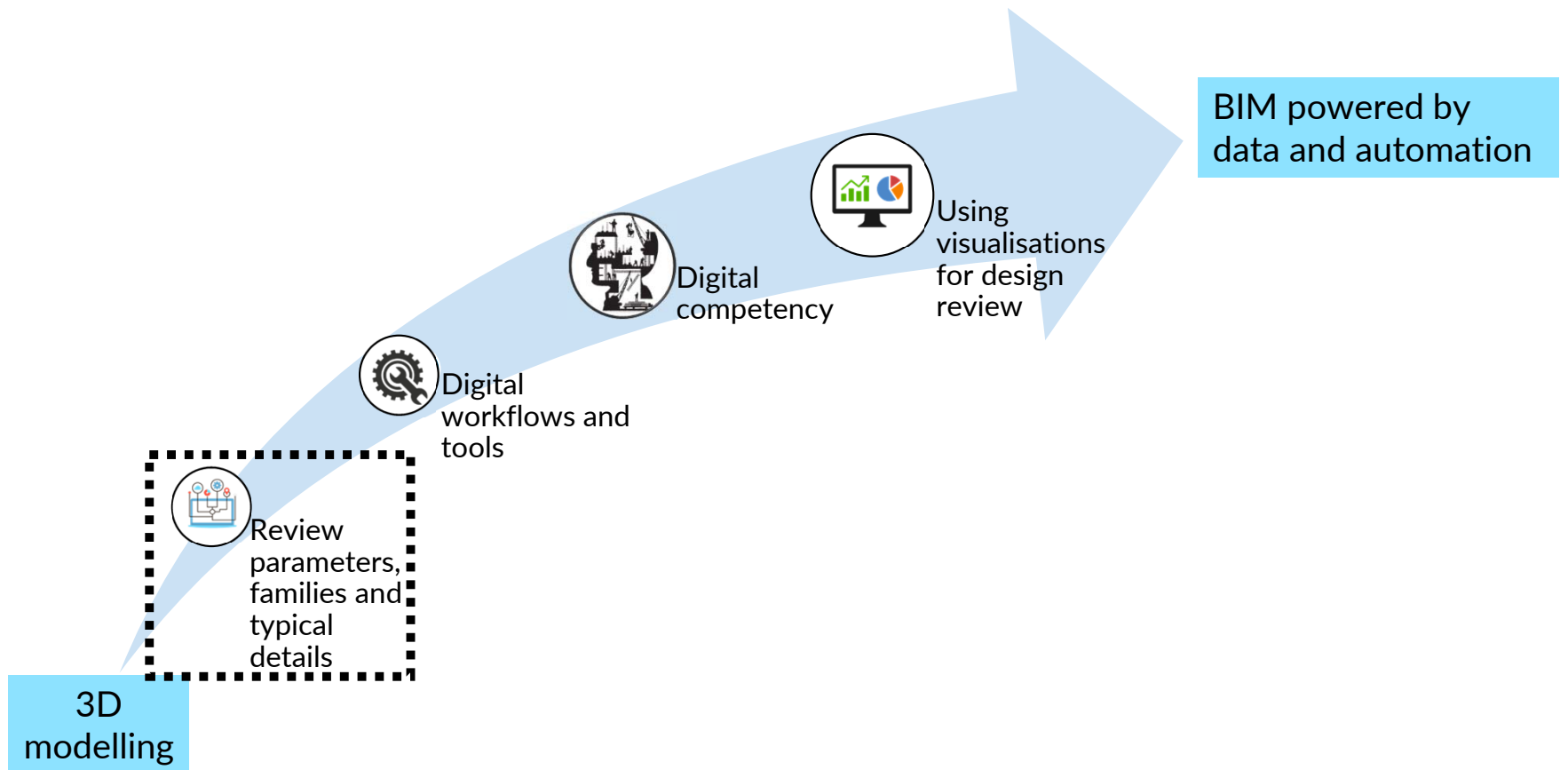
Modelling practices of each element type has to be reviewed by both modellers and engineers.



Comparison of 2 piles with same pile toe but different COL

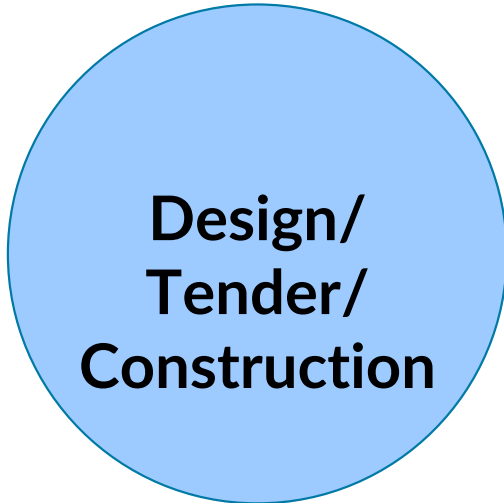


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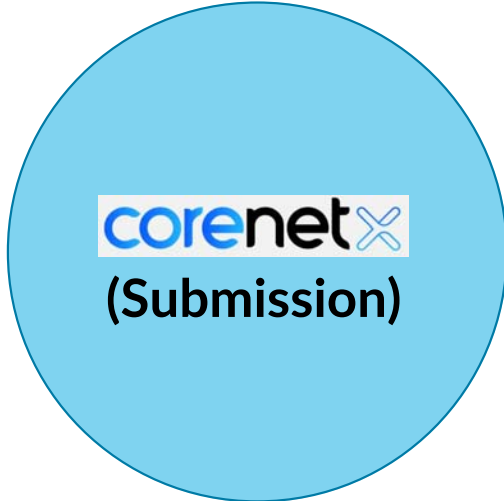


Data Frameworks

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e.g. Revit

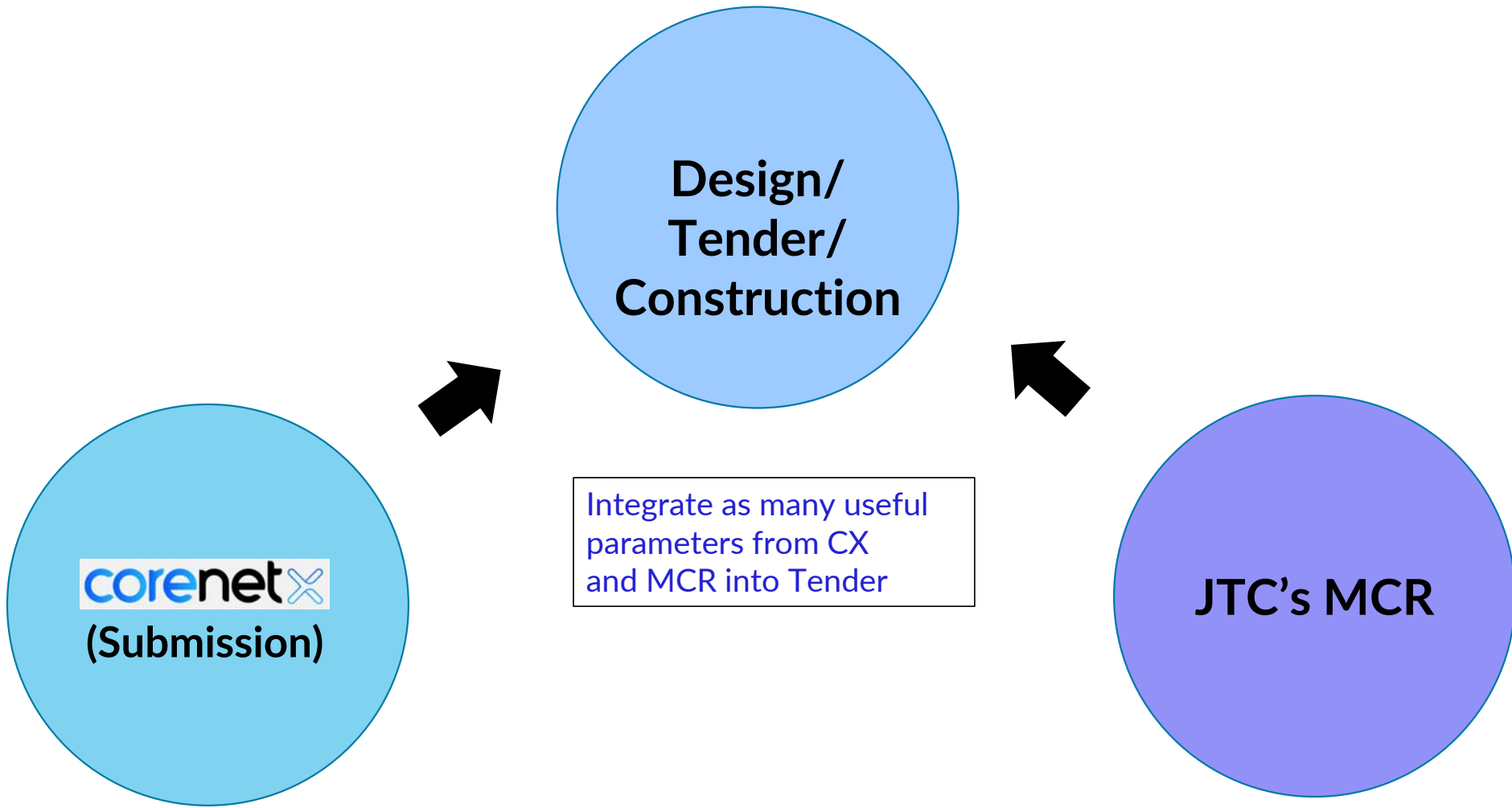


OpenBIM
Format
i.e. IFC



Due to the **difference in usage**, parameters are not common across frameworks. Need to **harmonise** and if unable, to convert.

Data Frameworks



**Design/
Tender/
Construction**

Integrate as many useful parameters from CX and MCR into Tender

corenetX
(Submission)

JTC's MCR

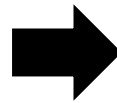
Parameters in Native BIM vs IFC

Native Format Name

Revit Export
with Converter
files*

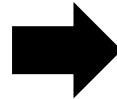
IFC Name

BB



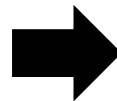
BottomMain

B



BottomDistribution

MaterialGrade



MaterialGrade

Can convert current
parameters if data
exists

Need to create
new parameter if
Native currently
doesn't have

*BCA Corenet X team will be able to provide more details on this

Reviewing Parameters – Types of Parameters

Shared Parameters

- Maintained in text file
- Can be loaded in family and projects
- If loaded into single family can be used to control geometry
- If loaded into project, can be used to create schedules

Global Parameters

To control multiple components within the same parameter within a Revit Project

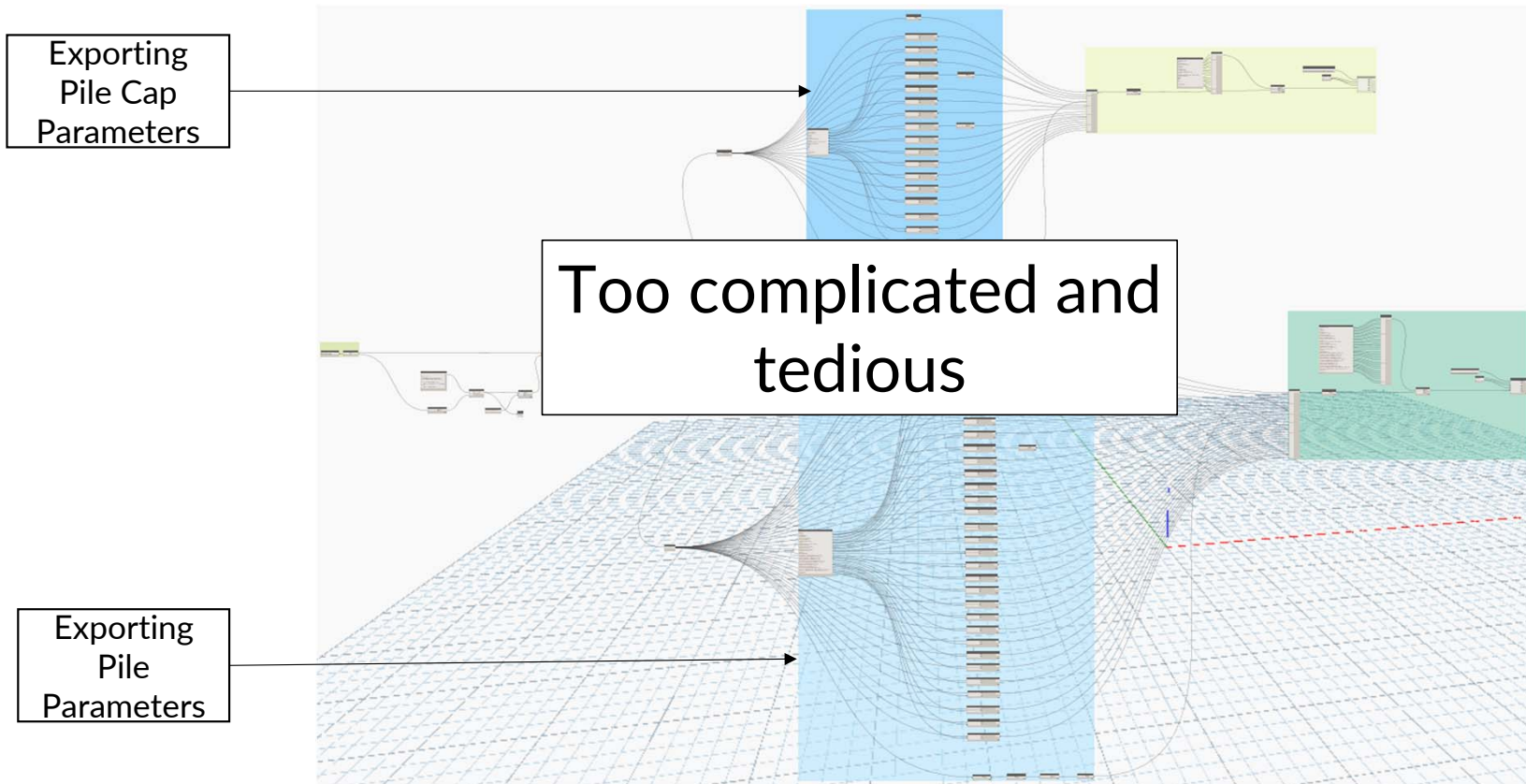
Family Parameters

Only exists within Revit family. All Revit family templates (RFT) contain standard parameters that cannot be removed.

Project Parameters

Only exists within Revit Project, not Revit family e.g.
Project Reference: Axxxx-xxx
Project Title: Proposed xxx

Reviewing Parameters – Pre-DiRootsOne DS



Reviewing Parameters - DiRootsOne

The screenshot displays the DiRootsOne software interface, which is a Revit plugin. The top menu bar includes File, Architecture, Structure, Steel, Systems, Insert, Annotate, Analyze, Massing & Site, Collaborate, View, Manage, Add-Ins, DiRootsOne, and Modify. The DiRootsOne ribbon contains various tools like SheetLink, PanelLink, TableGen, SheetGen, View Manager, FamilyReviser, ParaManager, OneFilter, Selections Manager, ReOrdering, Select Points, Undo, Redo, Reset, Show/Hide, Import DXF File, and Export. The main window shows the ParaManager 1.2.1.0 interface with a table of parameters.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	ACName	Shared Parameter	Common	Text	Identity Data	Instance
<input type="checkbox"/>	AreaCode	Shared Parameter	Common	Text	Identity Data	Instance
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<input type="checkbox"/>	AvgSDL	Shared Parameter	Structural	Force	Structural	Instance
<input type="checkbox"/>	B	Project Parameter	Common	Text	Structural	Instance
<input type="checkbox"/>	BB	Project Parameter	Common	Length	Structural	Instance
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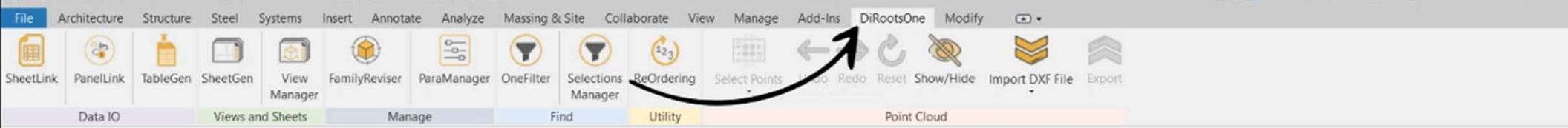
Total number of parameters 126 | create 0 | modify 0 | existing 126

Buttons: Feedback, Donate, Custom Software, Next, Apply

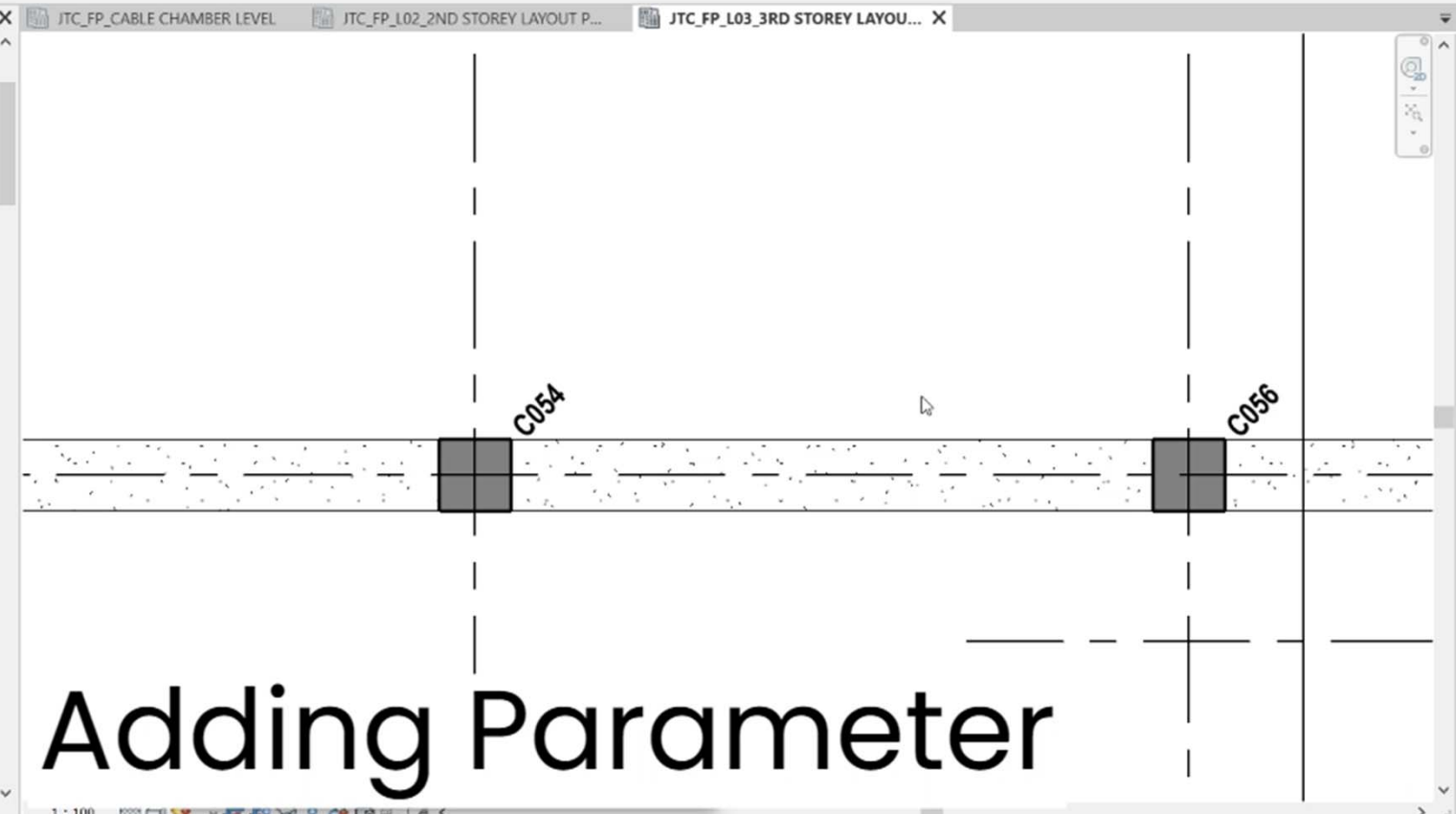
DiRootsOne is a free Revit plugin which has automation functions in simple interfaces.

Creation of Shared Parameters is very easy once Engineer and modeller determine attributes of new parameter

Once done for 1 project, Shared Parameters can be exported to Text file for future projects



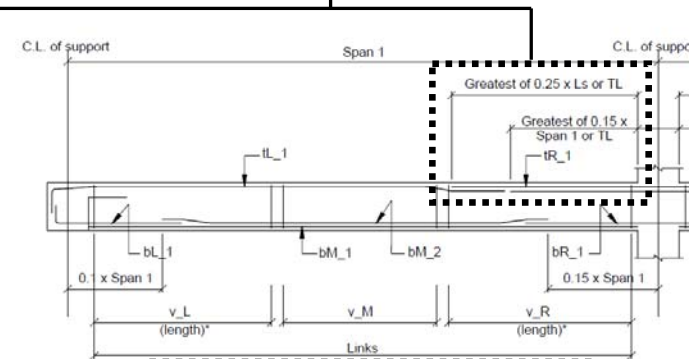
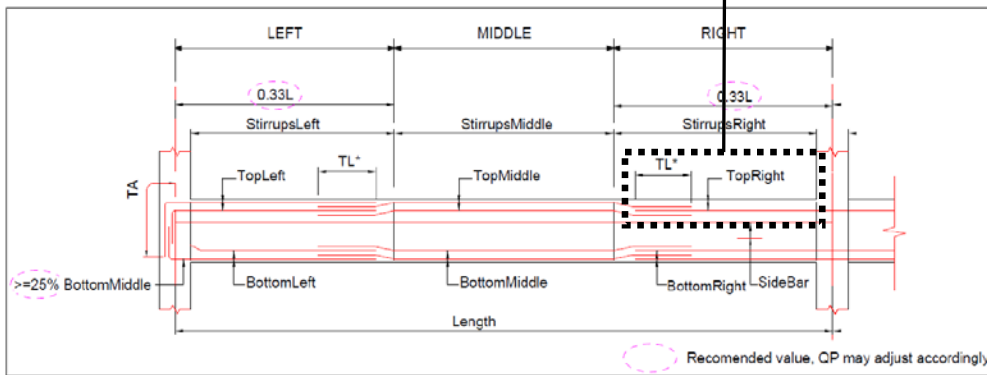
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- JTC_FP_L02_2ND STOREY LAYOUT PLAN - PARTIAL
- JTC_FP_L02_2ND STOREY SLAB REINF DETAIL
- JTC_FP_L02_HYDRANT TANK RC OPTION ENLARGED PLAN AT 2ND
- JTC_FP_L03_3RD STOREY LAYOUT PLAN**
- JTC_FP_L03_3RD STOREY SLAB REINF DETAIL
- JTC_FP_L04_4TH STOREY LAYOUT PLAN
- JTC_FP_L04_4TH STOREY SLAB REINF DETAIL
- JTC_FP_L4M_4M STOREY LAYOUT PLAN
- JTC_FP_L4M_4M STOREY SLAB REINF DETAIL
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- JTC_FP_Level 1_TD
- JTC_FP_RF_ROOF
- JTC_FP_RF_ROOF SLAB REINF DETAIL
- JTC_FP_RF_UPPER ROOF
- JTC_FP_Site Plan_PD
- ROOF - PART 1 - Callout 1
- ROOF - PART 1 - Callout 2
- ROOF - TYPICAL SLOTTED OOPENINGS DETAILS
- SHD
- Structural Plans (200 SCALE SERIES PLAN)
- Structural Plans (300 SCALE SERIES PLAN)
- Structural Plans (500 SCALE SERIES PLAN)
- Structural Plans (Structural Plan - Detail)
- Floor Plans
- Ceiling Plans
- 3D Views
- 3D Staircase 1
- 3D Staircase 2



Issues with Revising Typical Details

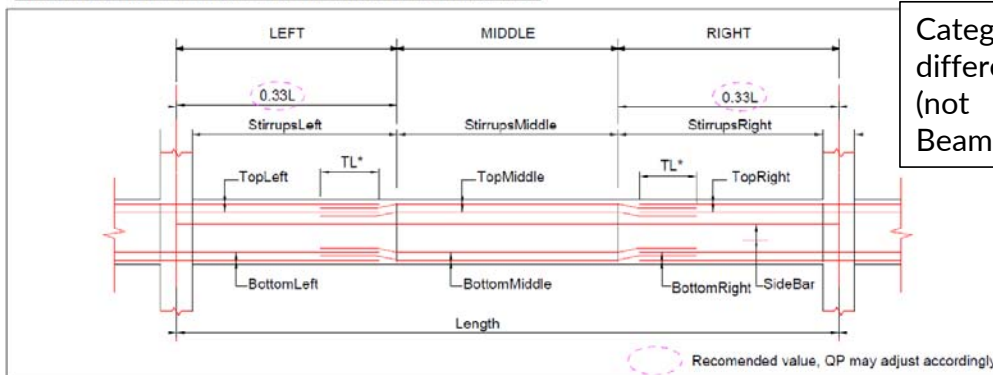
Cannot directly adopt CX as there is no differentiation in bar length and hence cannot be used for tender/ construction

END SPAN BEAM REINFORCEMENT ANNOTATION

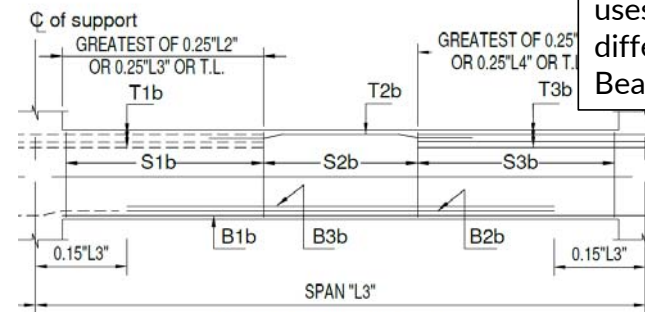


Left End Span - Simply Supported End (L_End (S))

INTERIOR SPAN BEAM REINFORCEMENT ANNOTATION



Categorizations are different from CX (not using BeamSpanType)



Example below uses lettering to differentiate BeamSpanType

INTERIOR SPAN

Corenet X details

Sample Typical Details

Adjust Typical Detail to Allow Conversion to CX

Adjust Beam Name

Beam Mark is formed by 2 parameters:

Beam & SpanNo. Mark = Level + Vert/Horizontal + Beam + -SpanNo

E.g. 1H01-1

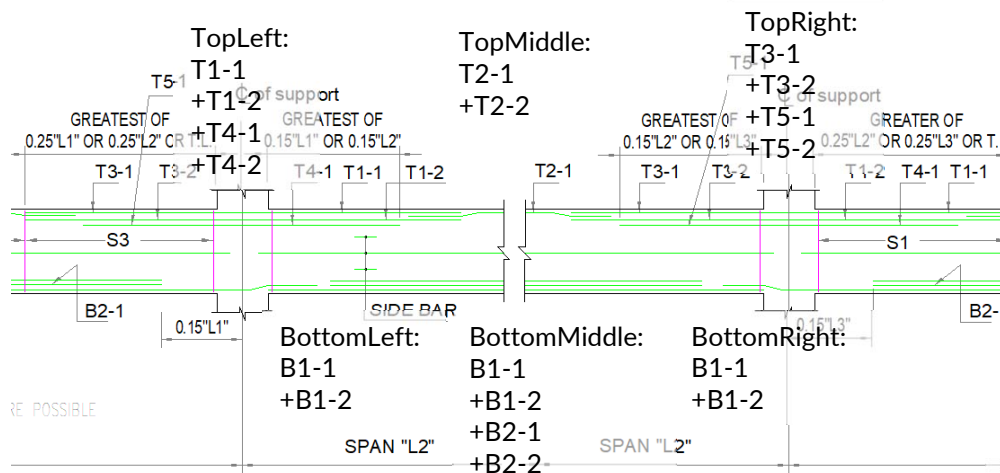
Hence if BeamSpanType is Cantilever and SpanNo is 1, beam is left cantilever. SpanNo>1, beam is right cantilever

Adjust Beam Reinforcement

T1 & T4 is always on top left, T3 & T5 always on top right, T2 always on top middle

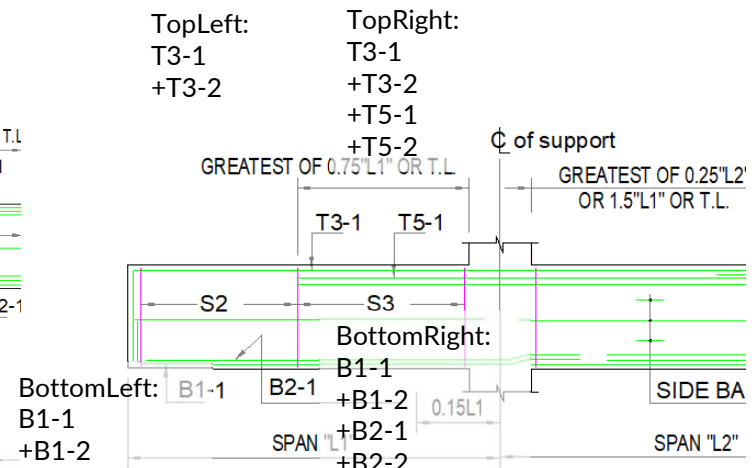
B1 is always longer bottom bar being lapped, B2 is always shorter bottom bar

With these rules and BeamSpanType & Simple/Fixed parameters, a DS can be written to convert.



INTERIOR SPAN

BeamSpanType: Interior
 Simple/Fixed: -



CANTILEVER SPAN (LHS)

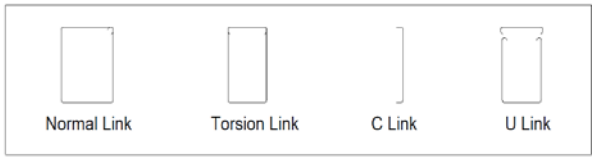
BEAM SPAN TYPE: CANTILEVER
 Simple/Fixed: -

Partial Adoption of CX parameters

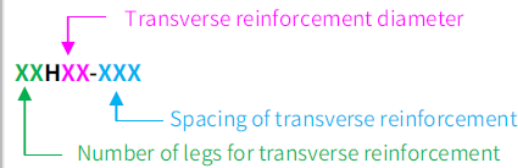
Using BeamSpanType and adding Simple/Fixed parameter, Beam schedule is simplified to be applicable for all beam types

Beam Mark	Beam Size		Approx. Length (mm)	Simple/Fixed	BeamSpanType	B1-1	B1-2	B2-1	B2-2	T1-1	T1-2	T2-1	T2-2	T3-1	T3-2	T4-1	T4-2	T5-1	T5-2	S1	S2	S3	NoOfStirrups	OuterStirrup Type	InnerStirrup Type	SideBar
	b	h																								
2V01-1	250	1000	2175	S	Single Cantilever	2H25	-	-	-	6H20	-	-	-	2H25	2H25	-	-	-	-	H10-200	H10-200	H10-200	1	Normal		H13-200
2V02-1	800	1000	8500	S	End	6H20	-	-	-	6H20	-	-	-	6H20	-	-	-	-	-	H10-200	H10-300	H10-200	2	Normal	U	H16-200
2V02-2	800	1000	4700	S	End	6H20	-	-	-	6H20	-	-	-	6H20	-	-	-	-	-	H10-200	H10-300	H10-200	2	Normal	U	H16-200
2V03-1	250	800	2325	S	Single	2H16	-	-	-	2H16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H10-200	H10-300	H10-300	1	Normal		
2V04-1	400	800	8550	S	End	3H25	3H25	3H25	-	3H16	-	-	-	3H32	-	-	-	-	-	H10-200	H10-300	H10-200	1	Normal		
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2V04-3	400	800	2500	-	Cantilever	3H16	-	-	-	3H25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H10-300	H10-200	1	Normal		
2V05-1	400	800	5376	S	Single	3H20	-	-	-	3H20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	H10-200	H10-300	H10-200	1	Normal		

DEFINITION OF STIRRUPS TYPE



Revised Beam Schedule



ID	Parameter Name	Value	When required / relevant	Yes	No	Default
13	SideBar	Text	When required / relevant	-	Yes	H13-250
14	StirrupsLeft	Text	RC beam	-	Yes	4H13-300
15	StirrupsMiddle	Text	RC beam	-	Yes	4H13-300
16	StirrupsRight	Text	RC beam	-	Yes	4H13-300
17	StirrupsTypeLeft	Text	RC beam	-	Yes	Refer to list^
18	StirrupsTypeMiddle	Text	RC beam	-	Yes	Refer to list^
19	StirrupsTypeRight	Text	RC beam	-	Yes	Refer to list^

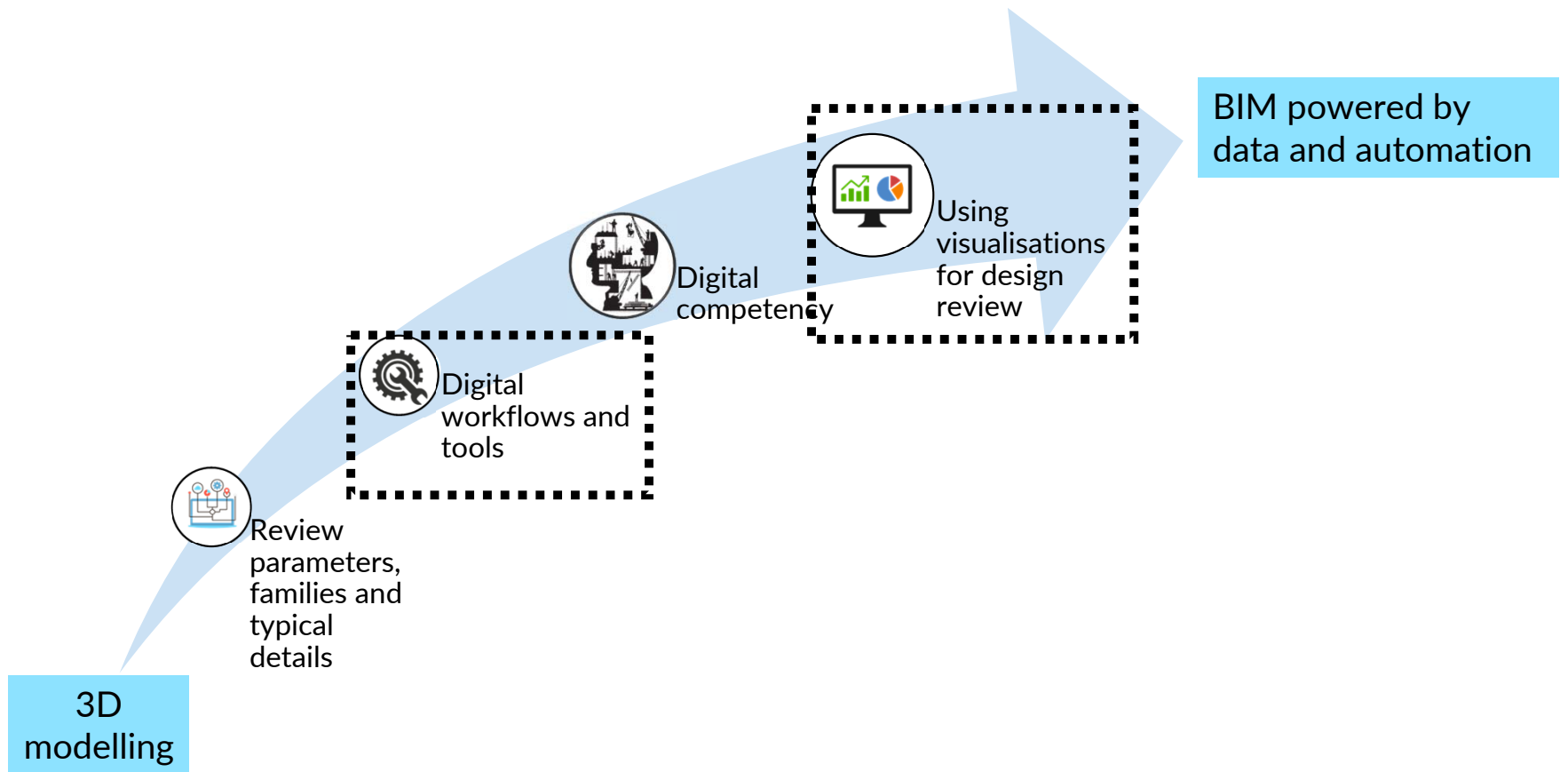
Part of RC Beam CX parameters and definitions

Did not adopt CX parameters for beam links Tender/Construction framework as it hindered automation. Current framework allows for:

- Ability to copy and paste data quickly across multiple beams
- Automated filling in of NoOfStirrups (not legs) based on beam width
- Automated filling in of OuterStirrupType/ InnerStirrupType for all beams regardless of beam width
- Better design review to filter out special beams in Torsion

DS can be written to combine to CX format

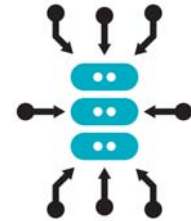
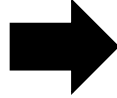
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General Idea of Workflows

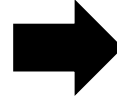


Automated naming of each element with unique name



Automated filling in of attributes to aid Engineer in data input

- Beams → BeamSpanType
- Slabs → SlabType & MainBarDirection
- Walls → Loadbearing
- Piles & Pile Caps → Column Mark, PileCutOffLevel



Export and import data and run DS to adjust geometry



Visualisations on BIM model or Dashboards for reviews



Semi-automated population of remaining MCR/IFC-SG data and export as IFC

Video of Digital Workflow of Design Tools and Visualisations using Data for Design Review