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# Future Intelligent Utility Network

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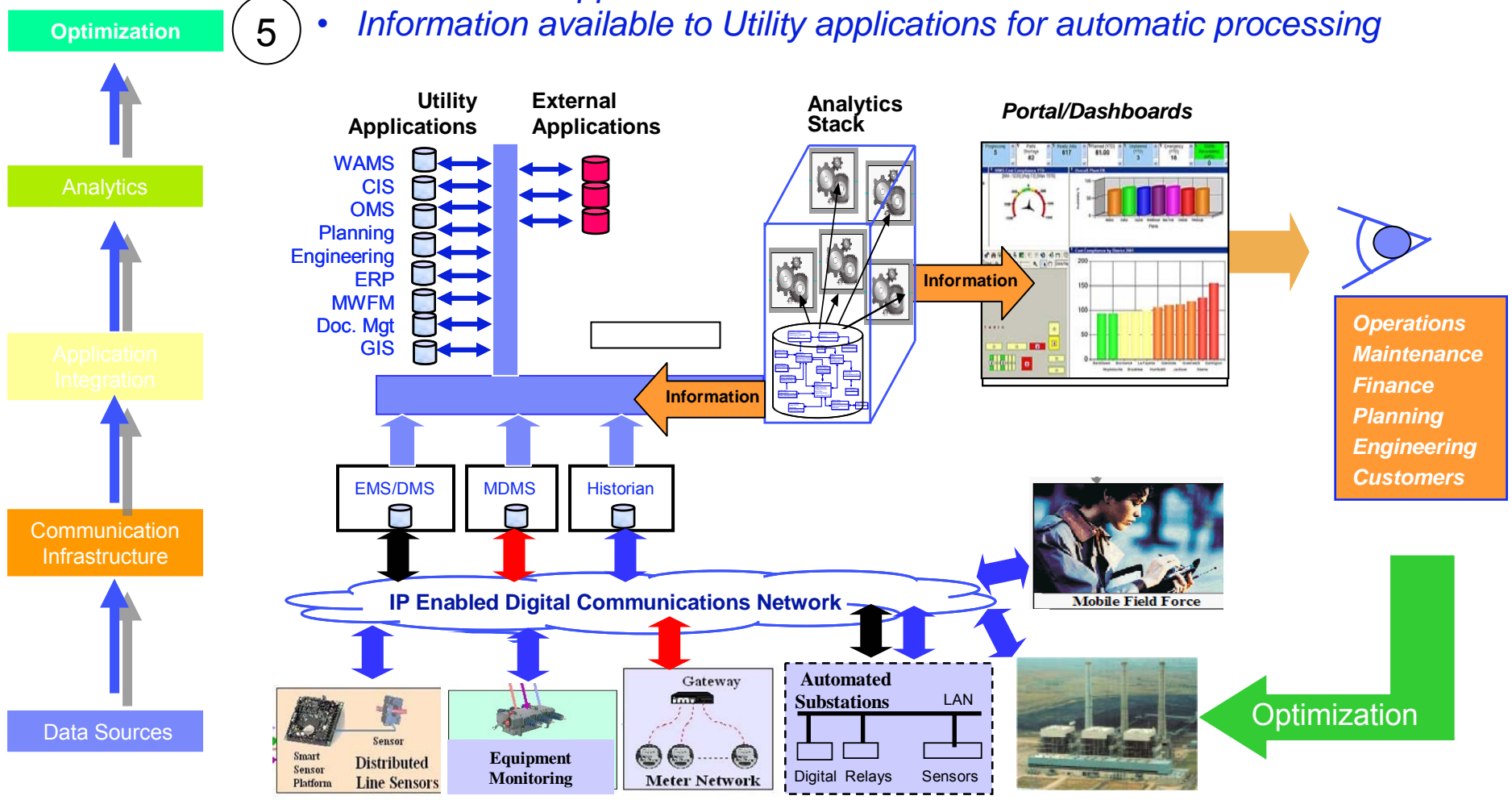
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# Five Major Components of an Utility Intelligent Network

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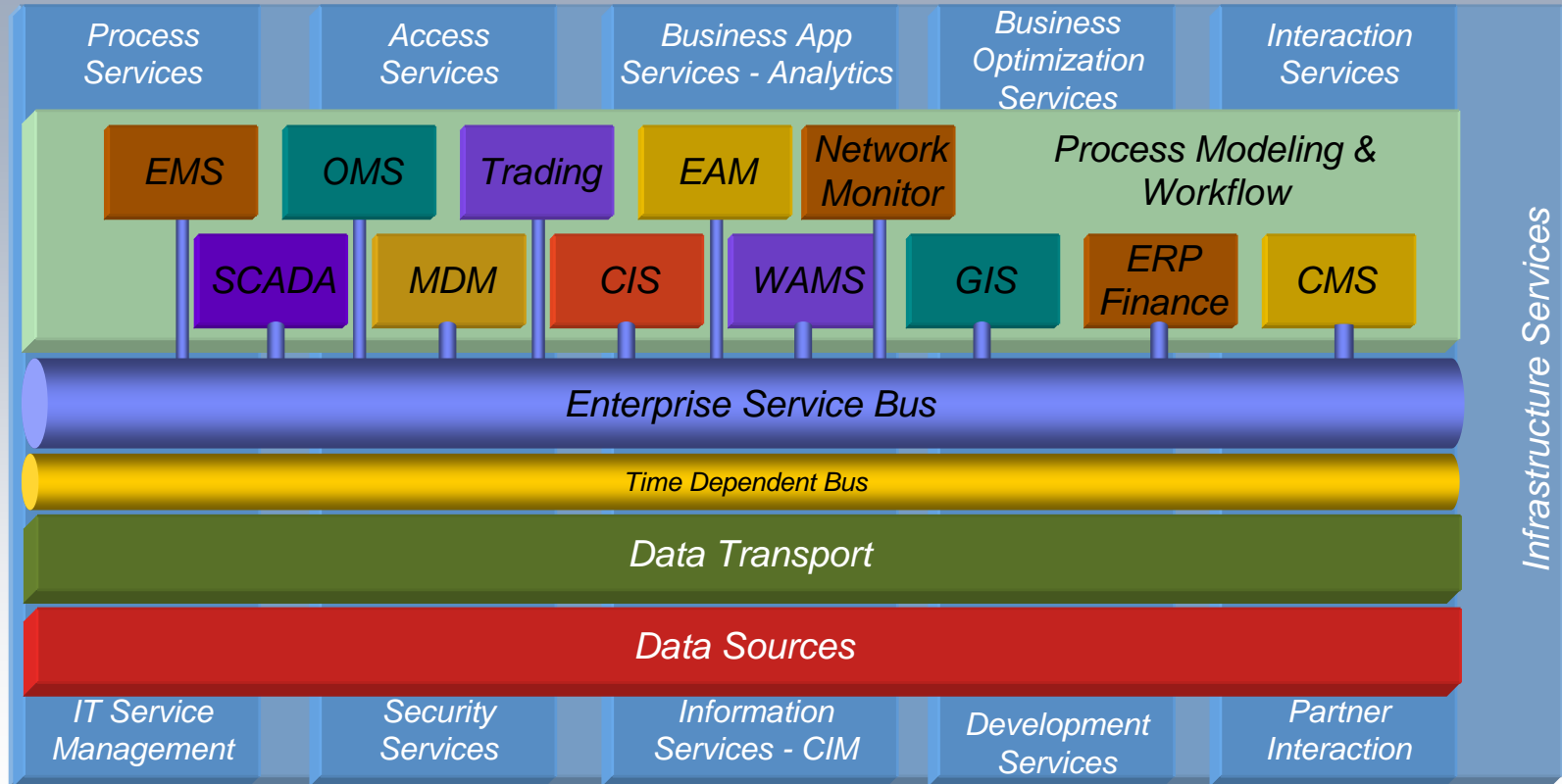
- Information is presented to Users via customized portal dashboards for decision support
- Information available to Utility applications for automatic processing

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# Solution Framework for Energy (SAFE)

## Intelligent Infrastructure for Utilities



*An architectural blueprint to support the integration of applications and new services for a utility company*

## Requirements of network analytics lead to expand the capabilities of SOA

- Electric utilities have unique needs, especially for intelligent grids
  - Real-time data handling requirements on widely varying time scales (msec to months)
  - Separation of operational and enterprise data and systems as mandated by NERC CIP 002-009 and other security practices
  - Need to separate time critical data traffic from general enterprise data traffic for performance reasons
  - Need to support real time distributed analytics and data management for operational systems
- Extended SOA (XSOA) addresses intelligent grid solutions via
  - A two bus architecture: standard enterprise bus and new event processing bus
  - A set of bridge service classes that connect the real time operational systems and the back office enterprise systems
  - A CIM-based approach to the integration of utility data sources and databases, including real time grid operational data, historians, etc., without loading or compromising real time systems
  - Support for distributed intelligence for technical analytics

# Applications and Integration

## Intelligent Utility Network Architecture bus layers

### Enterprise Service Layer

#### Business Optimization

- Model business processes for optimization
- Apply mathematical optimization techniques
- Optimize assets and processes

#### Business Process Services

- Event driven SOA processes (i.e. traceability)
- Sense & respond dynamics
- Enterprise application integration
- Align with business strategy
- Link with Websphere Business Process Modeler

#### Process Integration

- Extend legacy and enable new business processes
- Monitor business processes
- Provide information to people
- Improve operational logic and business rules

***Process Innovation...***

### Time-Dependent Layer

#### Event Processing & Services

- Complex event processing
- Services such as: Data Aggregation, Geographic information, Identification and Association, Condition, Monitoring, Command and Permission, Persistence

#### Data Modeling & Integration

- Domain specific information models
- Interoperable information framework
- Integration with legacy data
- Federated data management

#### Analytics

- Domain specific analytic applications
- Apply and develop mathematical models
- Provide performance dashboards

***New Insight enabling...***

### Local Device Layer

#### Data Capture & Control

- Move data intelligently
- Execute local commands
- Run distributed operational logic
- Integrate wide range of device

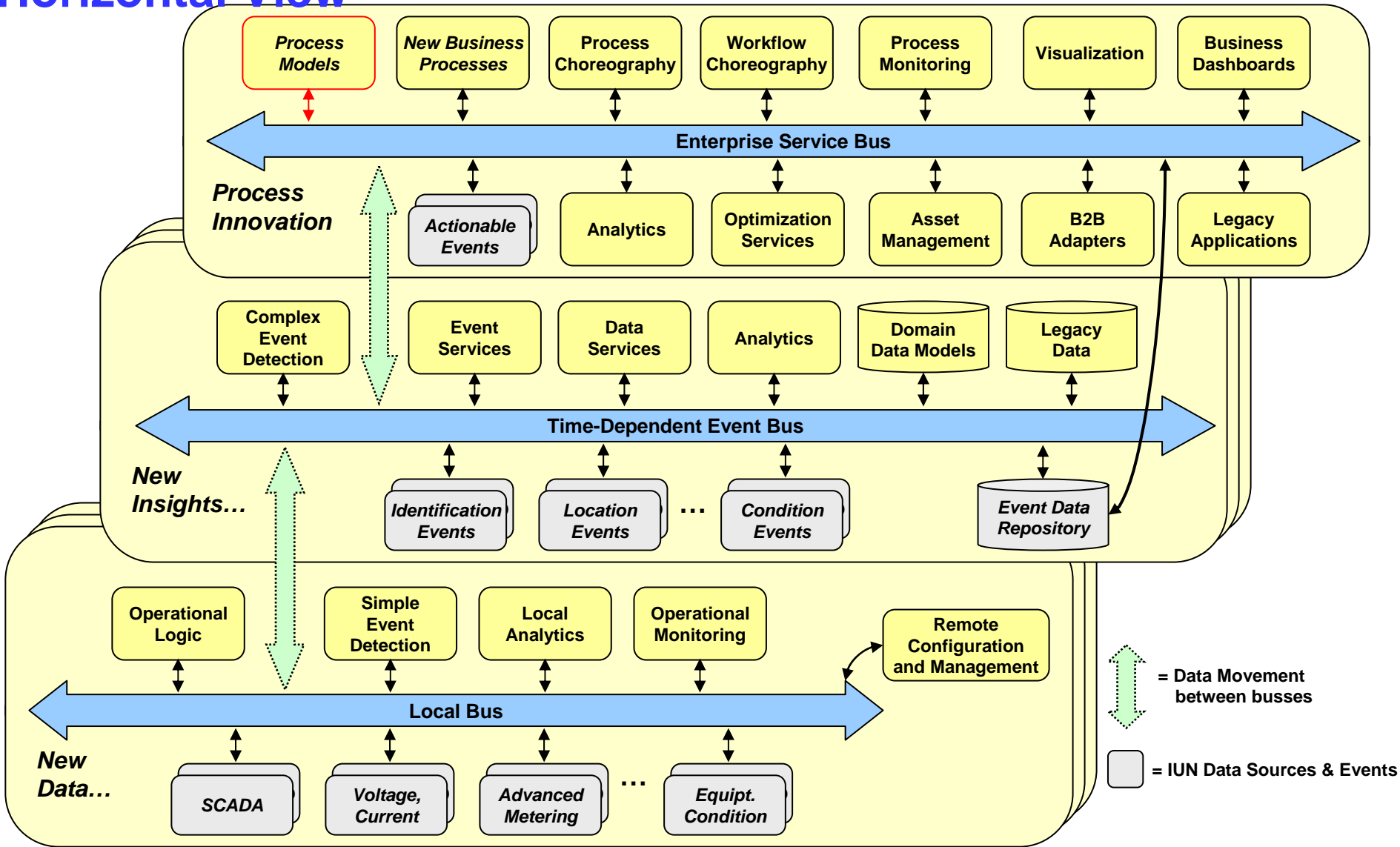
#### Manage Distributed Device Infrastructure

- Discovery of devices and sensors
- Remote configuration, updating, "no touch"
- Monitoring

***New Data drives...***

**... within a framework of Scalability, Security, Privacy & Standards**

# Intelligent Utility Network Reference Architecture – Horizontal View



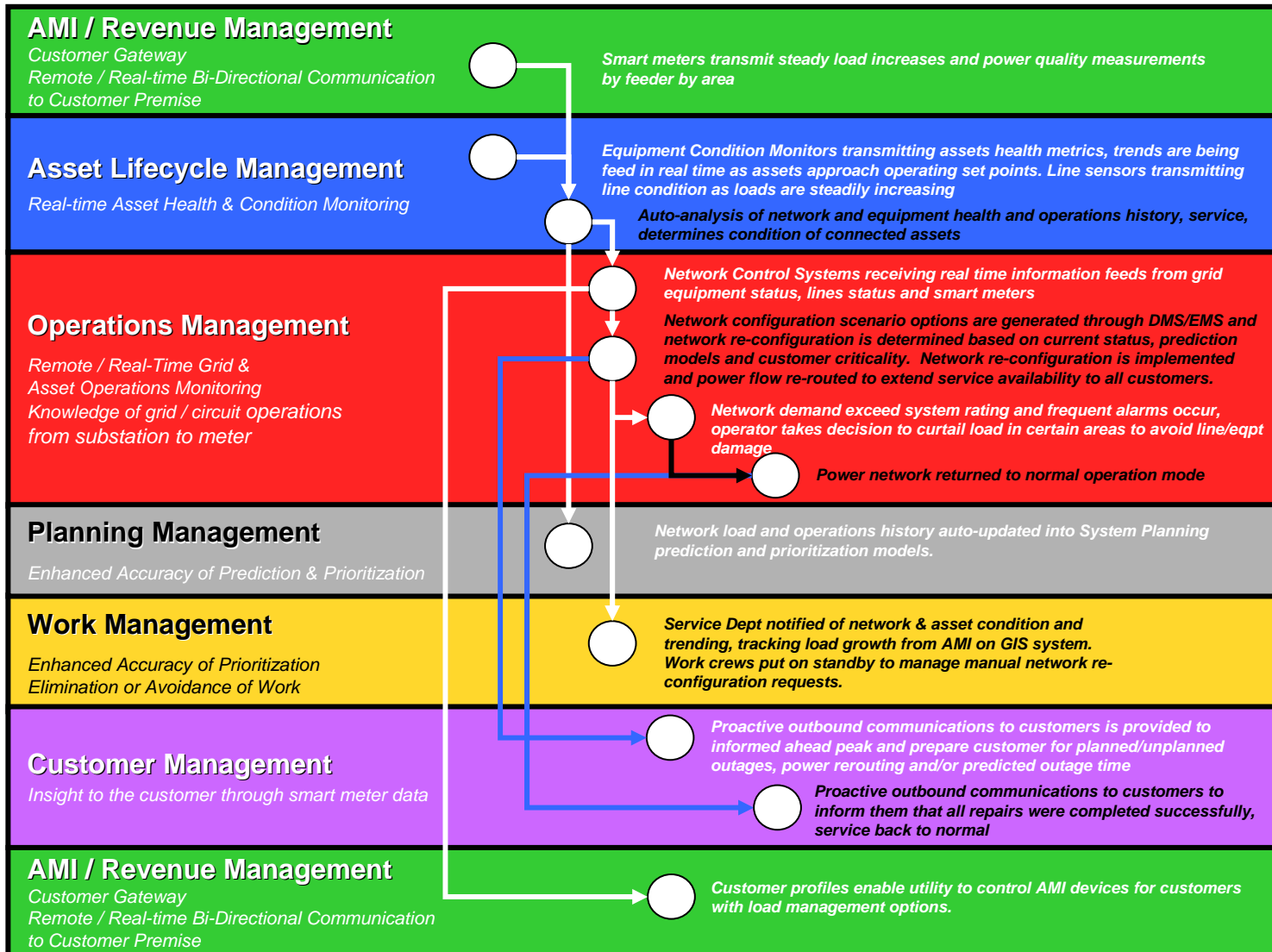
# Applications and Integration

## Benefits of the dual bus structure

- Provides a clean separation of operational data flow and enterprise data traffic, allowing both to proceed efficiently
- Facilitates data security measures consistent with best cyber security practices
- Enables high-reliability, priority data transfer among grid control, geospatial, and fault analytics services
- Supports multi-party real time analytics applications integration in same manner as enterprise applications can be integrated on an enterprise integration bus
- Simplifies the problem of filtering real time grid message floods
- Forms the basis for an analytics platform that supports both distributed and centralized high performance analytics computing simultaneously

# Management of Peaks and Load Control

AMI in place allowing for load curtailment to consumers, electricity demand is peaking past operating parameters of grid, utility has to effect load control of some consumers in order to remain within grid system rating



## WHAT DECREASES

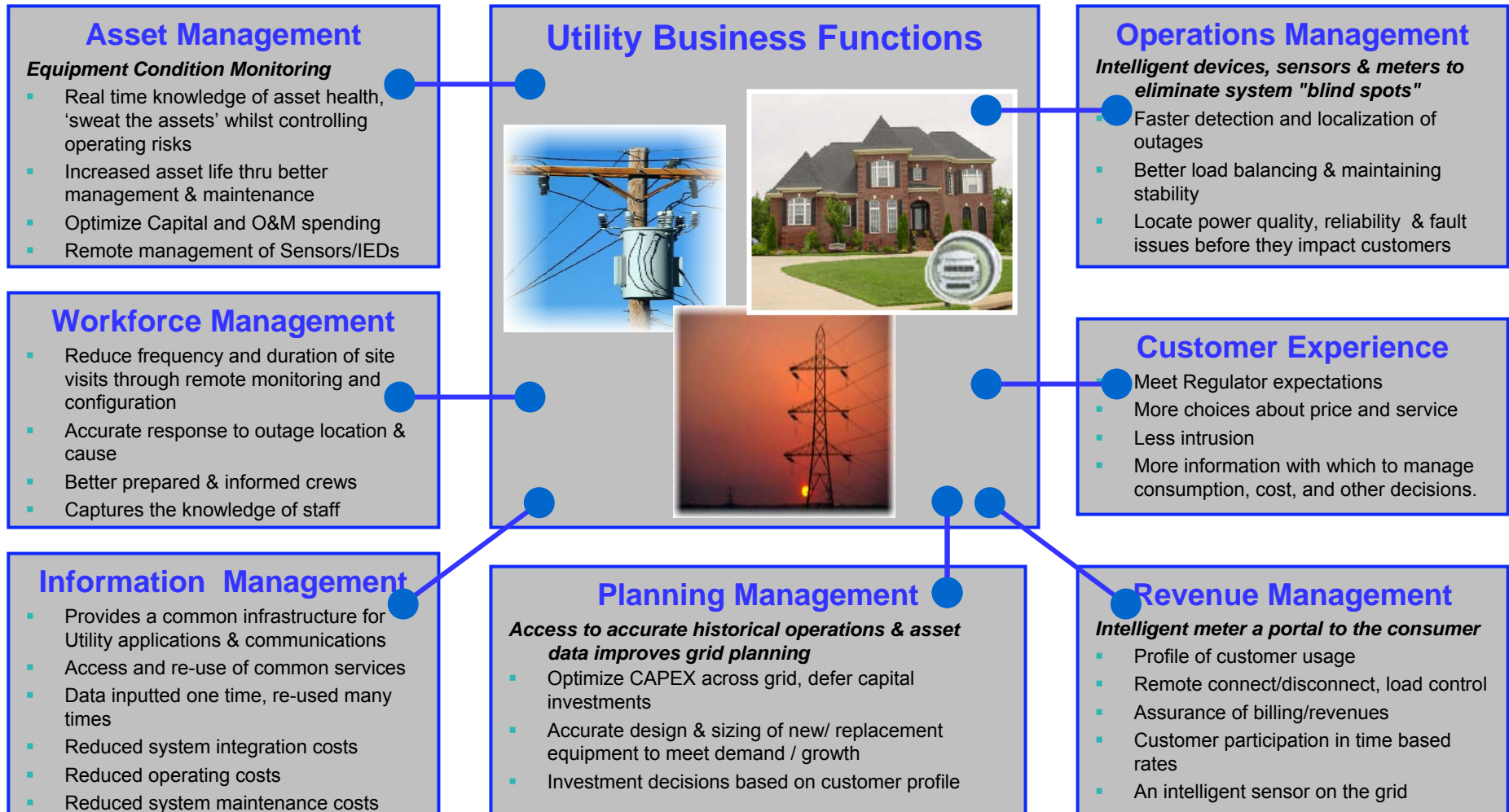
- # Planned Manual Inspections
- Manpower Requirements
- # Asset failure outages
- # Customer complaints
- Loss of Revenue
- Equipment Replacement Volume Over Time
- Wear and Tear on P&C Equipment
- Call Center Call Volume

## WHAT INCREASES

- Network Availability & Reliability
- Life Cycle of Assets
- Utilization of Asset
- Asset Knowledge Base
- Operator Ability to Manage Risk
- Work Mgt Accuracy & Prioritization
- Productivity of Work Crews
- Customer Satisfaction

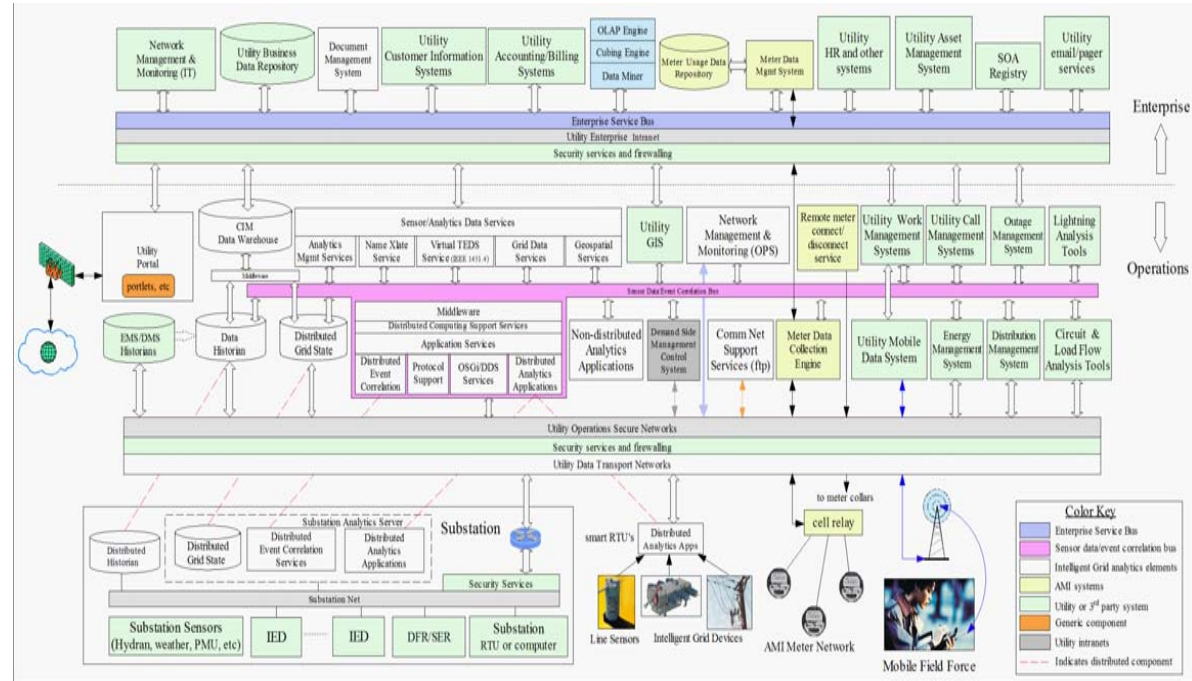


# A well designed Intelligent Utility Network will produce a broad range of benefits for the utility and its customers



# Issues to Consider

- System Architecture (legacy and new systems, integration)
- Data architecture (CIM, telemetry, grid state, connectivity, models)
- Analytics architecture (management, integration)
- T&D Vendor perspective of IUN
- Data transport performance
- Standards
- Meta-data management (network addresses, point lists, naming, sensor calibration data, connectivity...)
- Security
- Communications





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# High-Impedence Fault Detection based on Real-time Event-driven Modeling, Analytics, and Optimization

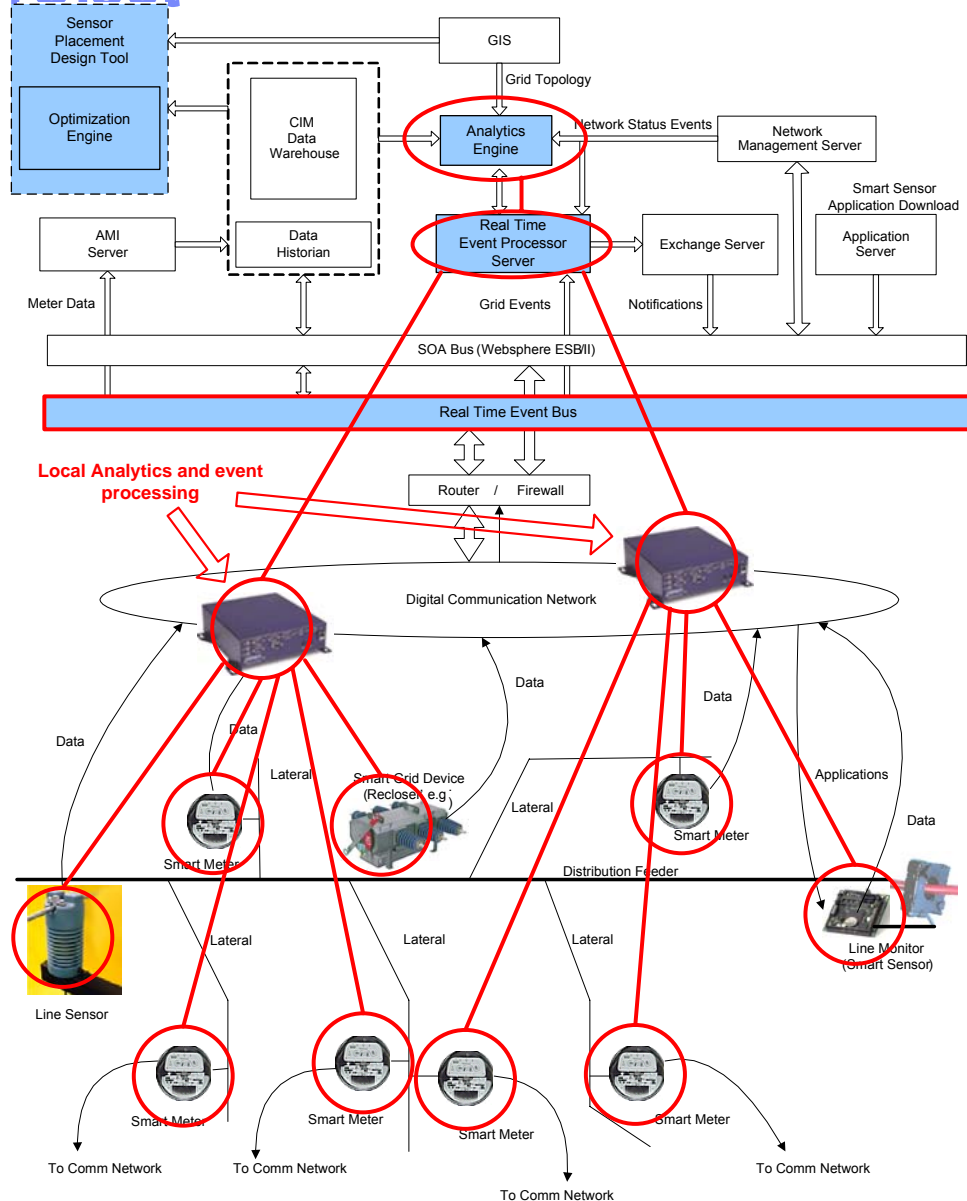
# Current state / What we would like to accomplish

- Current methods of detection
  - Breakers tripping
  - Limited waveform data from some types of reclosers
  - Readout from meters at the substation (human)
  - Phone call from someone who noticed a fault (most common)
  
- What we would like to accomplish
  - Automatic detection and localization
  - High accuracy (within 3 spans)
  - Fast response
  - Tools for optimal sensor placement
  - Adaptability

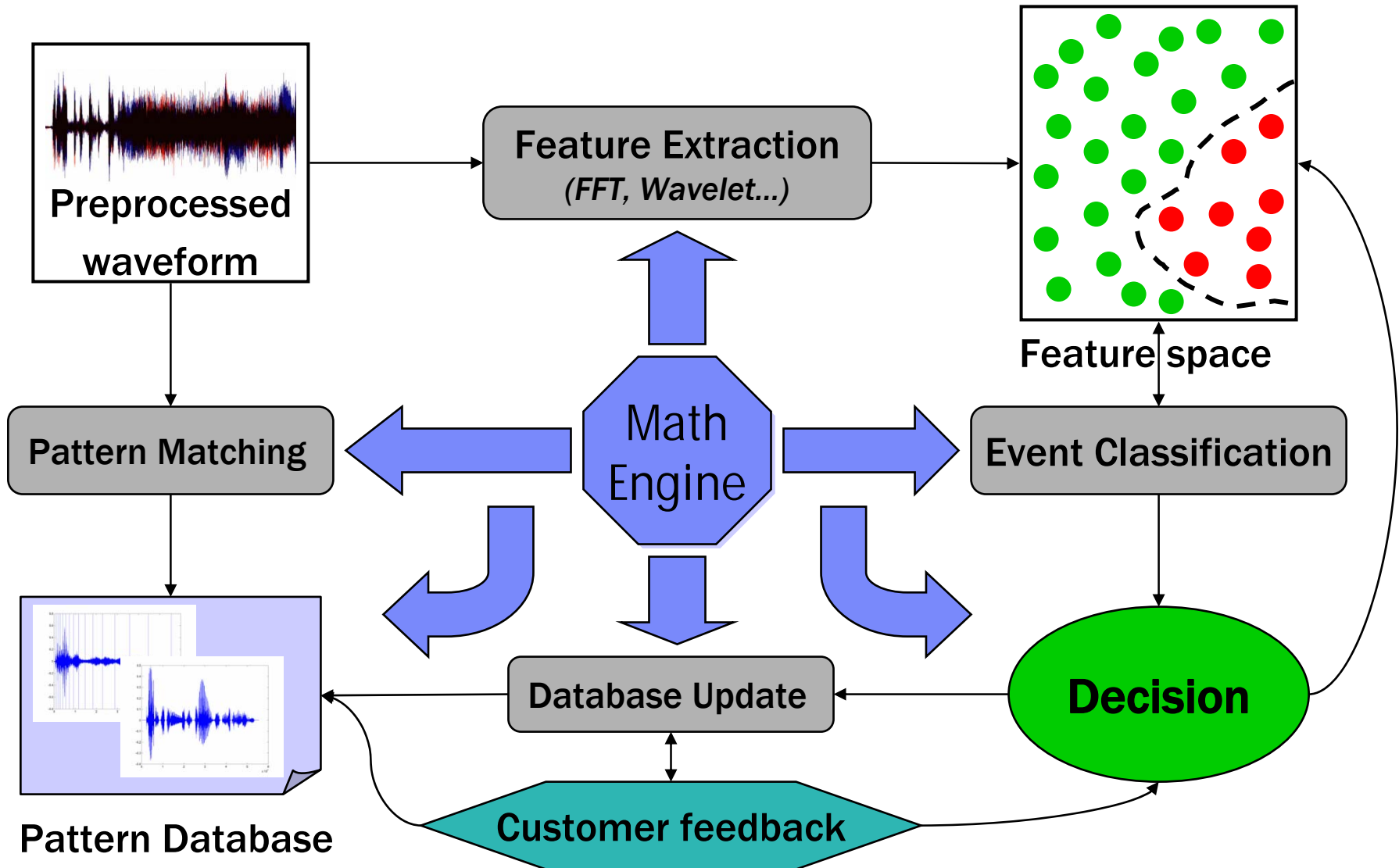
# Event-driven Grid Analytics Project

Using or developing technology elements at IBM Research that support the emerging Intelligent Utility Network architecture:

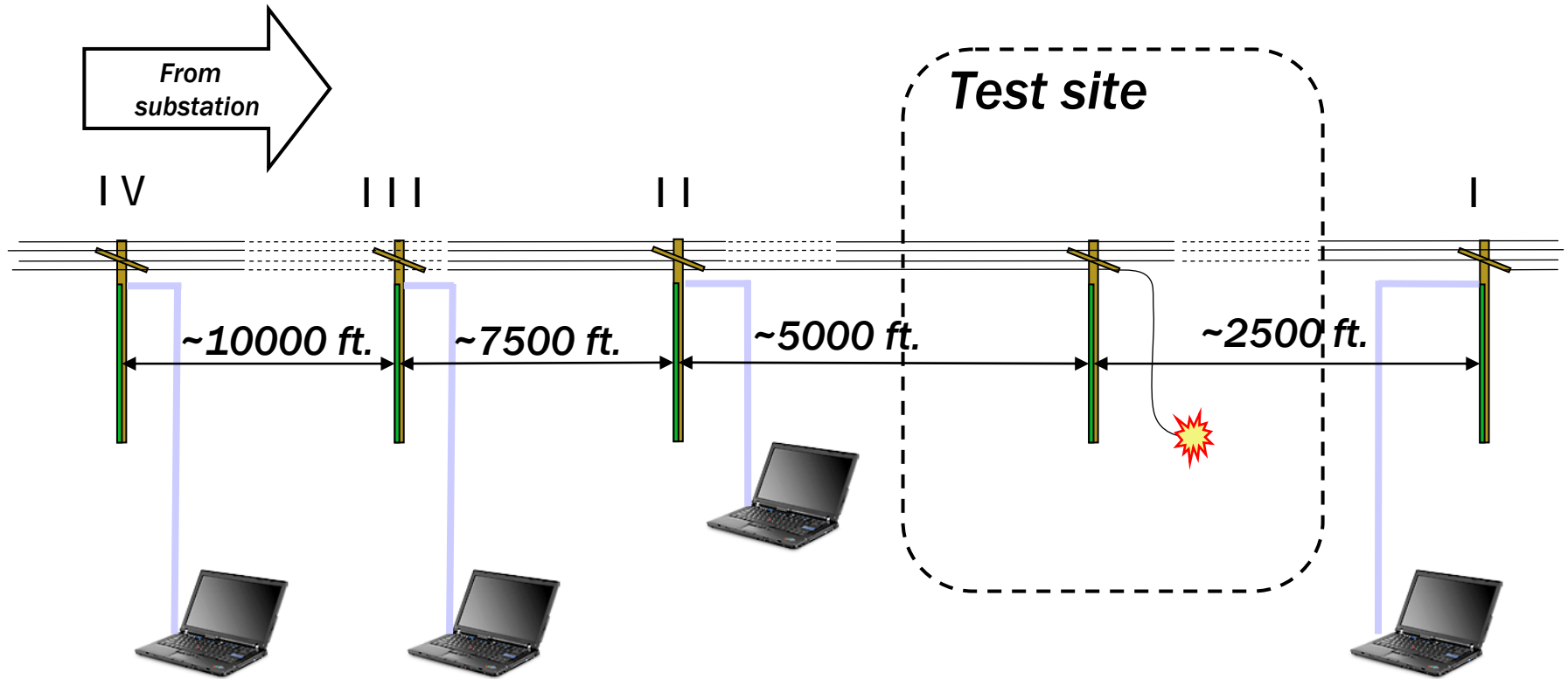
- Event bus and event-based programming framework
  - Schema models and event programming framework
  - Real-time messaging
- High-Z fault analytics
  - New real-time event-driven fault characterization analytics
- Sensor placement optimization tool
  - Design-time tool to determine optimal number and placement of grid sensors



# Detection



# Overview of data collection test setup



## Types of experiments conducted on February 2, 2007

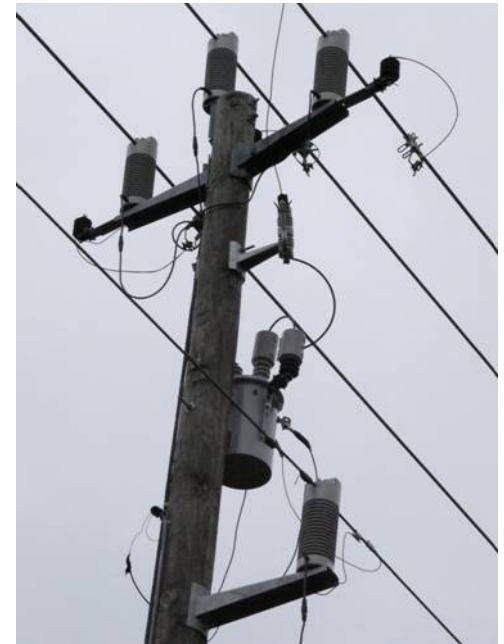
- Several types of experiments performed (grayed out tests not performed)
  - Powered wire on
    - Concrete
    - Asphalt
    - Wet grass (caused Low Impedance Fault due to amount of recent rain)
    - Dry sod (not available)
    - Sand (both wet and dry)
    - Reinforced concrete if possible (depends on site issues)
  - Drilling a hole in a ceramic insulator and introducing water to the hole to simulate a “cracked insulator” type of fault.
  - Capacitor switching – this is an example of a typical “false positive”, some legitimate behavior that might be easily be misclassified as a High Impedance Fault.
  - Touching the wires to tree branches
    - With a wet stick
    - Dry branches (winter meant there was little sap)
    - Placing a stick connecting two wires
  - Throwing a dead (already) squirrel on the powered wires (Customer decided against this test)
  - Dirty insulator
  - Insulator with radial crack
  
- **Collected 12 GB of sensor data for analysis by Math Sciences teams**



# Test Site Layout



# Data Collection Systems and Sensors



## Photos from the tests





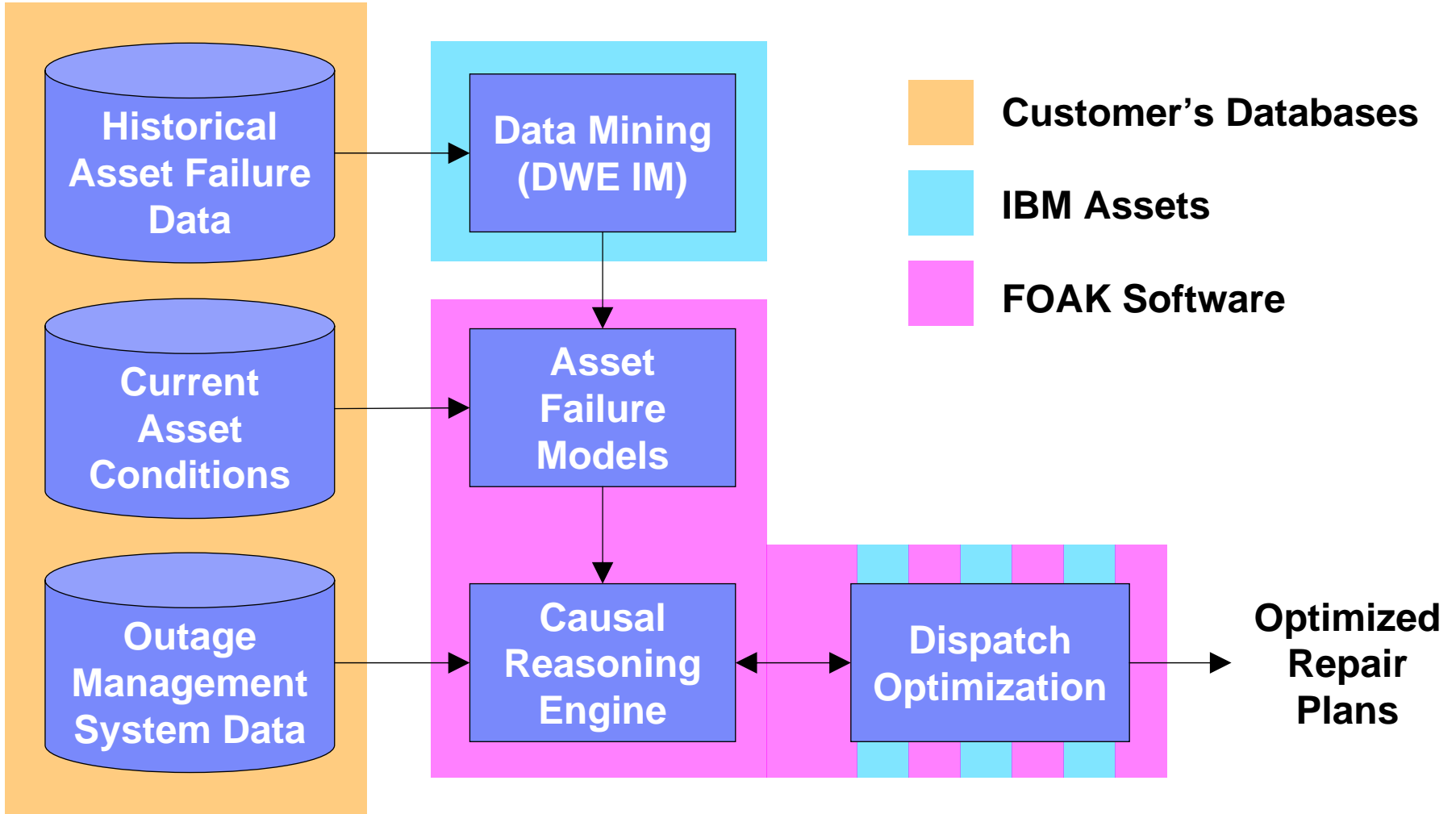
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# Outage Root Cause Analysis using Bayesian Networks and Data Mining

## Customer Problem

- **Repair times for power outages is increasingly becoming a public-relations issue**
  - Society is increasingly dependent on electrical power to function
- **Penalties can be imposed by Public Utilities Commissions**
  - Can be substantial
- **Utilities incur direct financial loss from power outages**
  - Lost revenues (Energy Not Delivered)
- **Reducing repair times requires**
  - Better utilization of all available information (data analytics)
  - More effective dispatch of repair crews (optimization)

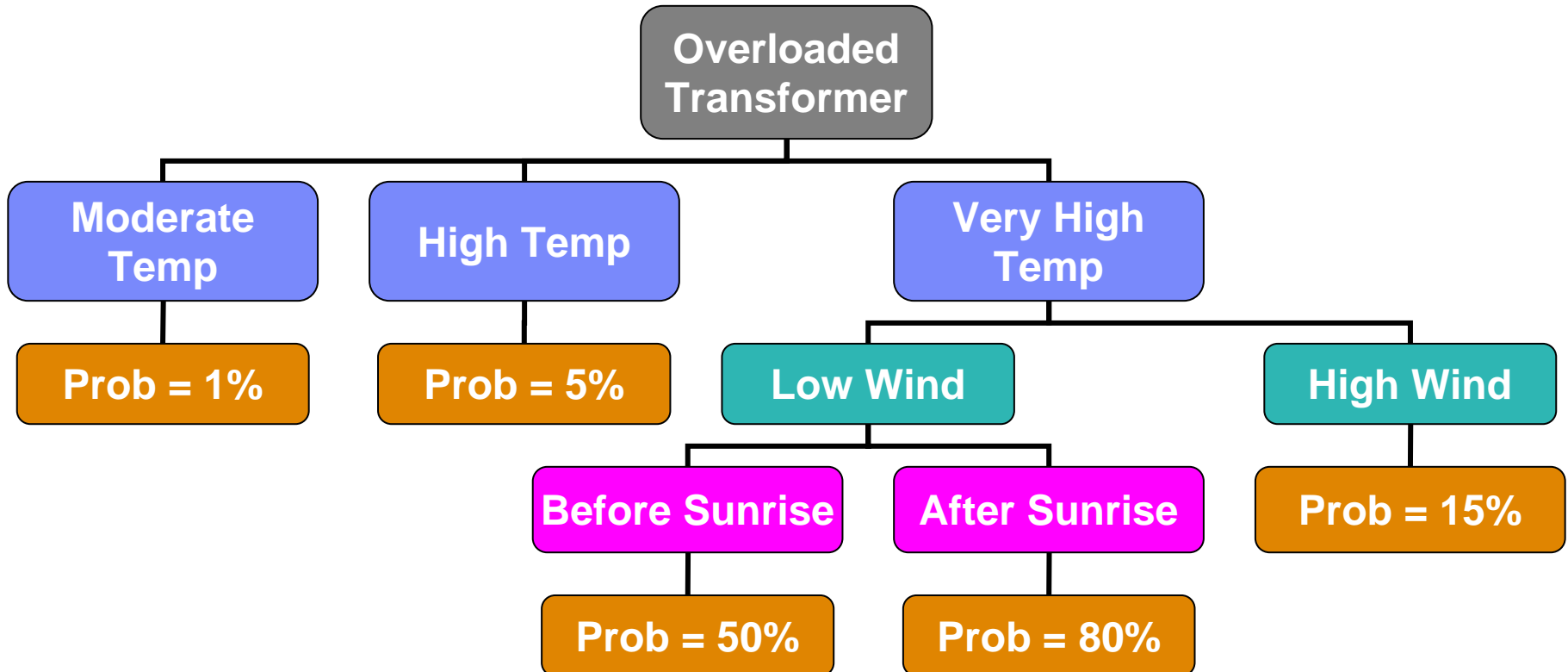
# Solution Approach



## Asset failure models take into account environmental factors that affect outages

- **Data-mining based predictive models provide probability estimates of network asset failures as functions of**
  - Weather conditions
  - Asset age, condition, repair history
  - Vegetation management status
  - Load levels
  - Overhead/underground
  - Third party activity (e.g., construction)
- **Data mining enables these models to be constructed for individual utilities based on their own data**

## Example: Probability of an outage being caused by an overloaded transformer





# Causal modeling enables customer calls, network sensor data, and diagnostics to be combined with environmental factors

- **Causal models would be used to**
  - Encode the topology of power distribution networks
  - Encode cause-and-effect relationships between asset failures and outages caused by those failures
  - Encode cause-and-effect relationships between asset failures and network sensor output
  - Encode cause-and-effect relationships between asset failures and outcomes of diagnostic tests on those assets
  - Encode cause-and-effect relationships between outages and customer complaints
  - Combine the above with the outputs of asset failure models to take into account environmental factors
  - Provide simultaneous probability of failure estimates for all assets as functions of incoming customer complaints, network sensor data, diagnostic tests by repair crews, and environmental factors

## Because probabilities are updated for all variables in the model, causal models can be used for multiple purposes

- **Identify the most probable root causes**
  - The most probable root causes could change as probabilities are updated
- **Estimate number of customers without power**
  - An expected value calculation
  - Updates as probabilities are updated
- **Generate optimum diagnosis plans for difficult-to-isolate faults (e.g., for underground assets)**
  - Identify not only the first asset to diagnose and fix, but also subsequent assets in case the first ones turn out to be in working condition
  - Minimize mean time to repair
- **Perform simulations to identify weaknesses in the network**

# Dispatch optimization can reduce mean time to repair through more effective dispatching based on causal modeling

- **Get the right materials on the right trucks**
  - More accurate identification of assets/components involved
  - Avoid return to Distribution Center for additional material
  - Reduce wait time for additional material
- **Dispatch the right crews and equipment**
  - Avoid re-dispatch of different crews
  - Reduce wait time for additional resources when multiple crews are required
- **Coordinate multi-crew repairs (e.g., underground cable failures that cannot be switched)**
  - Accelerate location of fault
  - Reduce crew wait times



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## Data Center Thermal Management for Energy and Space Efficiency

## Client Problem

### **Power / cooling constraints are #1 concern for IT managers\***

- significant utility costs: today's IT hardware requires ~ 30-40% of additional power to cool the equipment
- growing environmental concern about energy efficiency
- existing infrastructures are experiencing "hot spots", architectural constraints & limitations to deliver required power/cooling capacities
- often, upgrade of IT hardware requires major capital investments
- construction costs are surging since they are proportional to the DC power density
- Gartner: 70 % of equipment fails due to environmental facility related problems
- insufficient cooling will be a major problem facing 43% of data centers within 2 years\*

### **Holistic DC thermal management solutions are not available**

- varying approaches presented from unproven "Equipment Manufacturers" or DC consultants are confusing to clients and often conflicting
- every data center is different (no fit all solutions)
- no standards yet ( Watts / sq. ft, ceiling / floor height, etc.)
- educated scientific, quantitative "solutions" are rare or completely missing

# Rapid Data Center Survey and Measurement tool

“cart” with sensors (thermal, humidity, flow, noise), which is mounted in a defined 3D pattern is rolled thru data center while data logging and tracking the position

