Enterprise GIS - What's needed in a changing utility landscape?

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Building a 'GIS centric' enterprise may have been a dream for many network operators. New utility challenges require a smarter network model and advanced functionality. 'Strategic' implementation decisions from the past therefore have to be revisited. A point of view.

Enterprise GIS implementation – the 'strategic choices'

- Will the Enterprise GIS hold the Master of the End-to-end network model?
 - Including in-plant connectivity?
 - On what level of detail (functional breakdown)?
- Will the enterprise manage the full network lifecycle (design / build / operate / retire) from the Enterprise GIS?
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 - Large scale topographic
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- Are the customer supply points and lines to be linked to the network in the Enterprise GIS?

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Hybrid approach



Full GIS lifecycle approach



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An example (1)



An example (2)



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An Example (3)



(Why) are this 'strategic choices' for Enterprise GIS?

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New challenges in the changing utility landscape

Intermittent energy sources play a big role in future consumption coverage

Electricity production (Figure 17): nuclear electricity production disappears completely by 2025 and is replaced by more gas production (although to a lesser extent than in the REF) and RES production. As from 2025, the share of gas decreases as RES production from wind, solar, biomass, geothermal and CHP see their role increasing. Intermittent RES represents ~50% of the mix in 2050. Imports of carbon-free electricity represent ~5% of the total supply.



Figure 17. CORE scenario, Electricity production by source.

Source: Scenarios for a Low Carbon Belgium by 2050, VITO 2013

Source: De Standaard, 8 November 2024

New demand profiles versus distributed intermittent production: balancing supply and demand



Responding to extreme weather events



Forecasting and managing capacities



Monitoring and short term forecasting

An illustration of a pumped wastewater network, where water level sensors are deployed in critical points. (from: A learning-based approach towards the datadriven predictive control of combined wastewater networks – An experimental study – Water research August 2022.



Dynamic and adaptive storage management



Source: Aqua-lity

VMM Drinkwaterbalans voor Vlaanderen 2023



Opgelet: Y-as start bij 0,9 miljoen m³ per dag

figuur 17: Verloop van het gedistribueerde volume (hier verbruik genoemd) in het jaar 2023 in Vlaanderen door de 6 waterbedrijven



The challenge of balancing supply and demand – information and intelligence



Challenges in the changing utility landscape

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Network capacity enhancement • new networks • dynamic line rating	NRW reduction, leak detection and mitigation	Separate stormwater / wastewater networks	
Flexible production capacity and energy storage	Storage/production capacity for dry seasons	Stormwater runoff control, storage and buffering	
Demand management at scale (downward flexible production)	Demand forecasting and management	Stormwater home buffering and monitoring	

Utilities will need:

- A uniquely defined and properly mastered network model for the existing net and planned extensions
- Historian of measurements and events linked on the appropriate network element
- Time-aware geographic applications for analysis, control and simulation of the network behavior

Conclusion – are these still 'strategic choices'?

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