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## Abstract

This research investigates the potential benefits of merging Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Building Information Modeling (BIM) to streamline and enhance the process of regulatory compliance in the built asset industry. The paper conducts a detailed analysis of the core aspects of both BIM and GIS and highlights the potential challenges and benefits of integrating these systems by comparing them. It assesses ongoing research that employs BIM-GIS integration for digital regulatory compliance checking, highlighting existing technological and methodological shortcomings. The study stresses the necessity of continuing endeavors for improved semantic integration and the creation or improvement of standards to maximize the advantages of GIS and BIM for regulatory applications. This research's conclusions serve to inform further studies and practical implementations, advocating for progression towards more effective, transparent, and compliant development practices.

**Keywords:** BIM_GIS integration, building permitting, construction code compliance checking.

## 1 Introduction

The built environment encompasses the spaces in which we reside and conduct our activities, the amenities that cater to our requirements, and the entirety of planning, designing, development, and regulation aimed at fulfilling essential needs and enhancing life quality. (Marchand, 2011). The built environment is shaped by a myriad of standards and regulations, instituted over several decades, if not centuries. It is widely acknowledged among interested stakeholders that some measure of regulation is critical to steer development, guarantee sufficient public services, and safeguard health and safety. (Ben-Joseph, 2005)

Despite the critical role of regulatory frameworks in the development of the built environment, the process of issuing building permits and checking compliance to regulatory frameworks often encounters significant inefficiencies. The traditional procedure for granting building permits is time-consuming, costly, and requires significant resources. (Kim et al., 2020). Moreover, compliance checking in the current manual review processes is time-consuming, expensive, error-prone, and lacks transparency. It also involves many stakeholders. (Brito et al., 2022).In the field of architecture, construction, and engineering (AEC), understanding and improving the efficiency of regulatory processes such as building permit issuance is essential for addressing contemporary challenges in the delivery of critical built assets.

This paper seeks to investigate how integrating GIS and BIM could revolutionize the regulatory compliance process. The study is guided by the following research questions:

- How can GIS and BIM integration streamline the regulatory compliance checking process?
- What are the foundational elements, similarities, and differences between BIM and GIS that affect their integration?
- What are the recent efforts and initiatives that utilize BIM and/or GIS for Automated Code Compliance (ACC) and Digital Building Permitting (DBP)?
- What are the current gaps and limitations in the integration of BIM and GIS for regulatory applications?

By critically assessing the foundational elements, similarities, and differences between BIM and GIS, as well as reviewing efforts and initiatives for their integration and utilization in ACC and DBP, this article provides a comprehensive overview of the current state and future potential of these technologies in regulatory applications. The discussions and analyses aim to contribute valuable insights to the ongoing discourse in this field, emphasizing the need for continued research and development towards achieving a harmonious integration that could transform how the built environment is planned, delivered, and used. The research on integrating BIM and GIS focuses on experiences from around the world, analyzing developments over the past decade. It specifically examines the technological integration for ACC and DBP, assessing how BIM and GIS can improve compliance to existing regulatory frameworks. Additionally, the research identifies existing challenges and gaps, aiming to outline necessary advancements for effective implementation. This approach tries to ensure that the findings are relevant and applicable to various contexts with various technological infrastructures and regulatory systems.

Academically, it contributes to the literature by detailing the synergies between BIM and GIS, offering empirical evidence and theoretical insights that could guide future policy and practical applications. The study employs a mixed-methods approach, including a review of current literature on GIS and BIM integration with focus on regulatory applications and a critical analysis of case studies where such integrations have been attempted to gather qualitative insights. More specifically, to gather the latest insights in the field, this study explored multiple academic databases such as Scopus and Web of Science, Google Scholar, and various university scientific repositories. A carefully chosen a set of keywords including "digital building permit", "e-permit", "BIM", "GIS", "BIM-GIS integration", "GeoBIM", "code compliance", and "automated rule-checking" facilitated the identification of relevant publications. This search strategy aimed to include literature from the past decade, categorizing the findings into thematic groups. Each selected study underwent a detailed analysis to uncover recent insights in BIM-GIS integration, ACC, and DBP, pinpointing existing gaps and emerging trends.

The paper is organized as follows: Following this introduction, Section 2 reviews the research background, Section 3 discusses review results on similarities and differences of BIM and GIS, recent efforts and initiatives for their integration, then identifies limitations and gaps in current practices, followed by a discussion and conclusion in Section 4 that synthesizes the research findings and suggests directions for future research.

## 2 Background:

Building permits (BP) play a pivotal role as they authorize the commencement of construction projects while ensuring compliance with relevant laws, regulations, and codes (Ullah et al., 2020).The aim here is to confirm that buildings are designed and constructed as per regulatory standards (Brito et al., 2022).The traditional procedure for granting building permits is time-consuming, costly, and requires resources (Kim et al., 2020).

In response to challenges in the built environment, researchers have begun exploring innovative technologies, it seems reasonable to use computer-based technologies to avoid the problems mentioned. These advancements hold promise for addressing ongoing challenges in the AEC industry like the housing shortage by enhancing productivity. According to a report by the McKinsey Global Institute, the construction sector faces productivity issues that can be mitigated through digital tools, technology, automation, and innovation. The report identifies three avenues for automation to boost construction productivity: robotic assistance for manual tasks onsite, the adoption of modular construction and off-site manufacturing, including 3D printing, and the digitalization of design, planning, and management processes followed by automation. Automation of building permit issuance is categorized in the last group. (Bloch & Fauth, 2023)

### 2.1 Automated Code Compliance (ACC):

The shift towards automation within the building permit process [or (DBP)] aligns with global digitalization initiatives, enhancing efficiency and consistency in the construction industry (Noardo et al., 2020).This transformation primarily focuses on the rule-checking phase, utilizing new technologies to streamline and automate code compliance (Ataide et al., 2023).

Eastman et al., 2009 suggests an ACC process including Rule Interpretation, Building Model Preparation, Rule Check Implementation, Reporting the results.(Eastman et al., 2009).The primary aim of ACC research is to ensure precise compliance checking of building projects against applicable building regulations, with a focus on providing time-efficient and cost-effective computational support. Key areas of research in developing ACC systems include converting building codes into a computable format, defining specific views of building models, and refining compliance checking algorithms and their reporting mechanisms based on the process steps. This focus underscores a concerted effort to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of regulatory compliance in the building industry, facilitating a smoother, faster, and less costly permit process (Nama & Alalawi, 2023).

Due to the different cognitive and logical abilities in comparison with human brain, automatic control systems require rules for each method executed in a computer environment, which are translated into a language that can be understood by the machine. Progress has been made in the field of extracting and converting rules directly from codes and control documents. This includes artificial intelligence methods and natural language processing algorithms that allow computers to directly and automatically extract the meaning of text and translate it into a language that machines can understand(Brito et al., 2022). for the third step, tools like the Solibri model checker and web services like Singapore's CORENET system are utilized (Olsson et al., 2018).

### 2.2 Integrating BIM and GIS in Construction

Many computer-based platforms have emerged and evolved in the AEC industry for various applications. BIM and GIS are noticeable examples of them.

Numerous regulations in detailed development plans mandate the analysis or visualization of integrated BIM and geospatial data (Olsson et al., 2018).During the rule-checking process, there's a critical balance between the information explicitly provided by designers and that which is inferred from the models themselves. (Olsson et al., 2018).

BIM offers a highly detailed, digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of building projects, facilitating precise management throughout various stages of a building's lifecycle(Arcuri et al., 2020; Demir Altıntaş & Ilal, 2021).On the other hand, the application of GIS is to plan and manage large-scale environments and provide a context for analyzing spatial and geographic data (Arcuri et al., 2020).

The integration of BIM and GIS in the AEC industry has gained popularity for their ability to digitally represent buildings and their environments. (Ammar & Dadi, 2021).Their complementary strengths make them highly effective when combined, offering a standardized and efficient approach to managing construction projects at various levels of spatial detail. (Ammar & Dadi, 2021)

The combination of BIM and GIS offers many chances for improving ACC checks. These include more accuracy and efficiency in verification, reducing errors and omissions, and improving communication and collaboration among stakeholders(İlal & Altıntaş, 2022). Existing research in this field often appears scattered, concentrating on isolated challenges (Bloch & Fauth, 2023).

## 3 Results:

### 3.1 Foundational elements of BIM and GIS

BIM and GIS are critical, interlinked technologies in urban planning and construction. BIM focuses on the detailed modeling of buildings throughout their lifecycle, from design to maintenance, utilizing standards like the Industry Foundation Classes (IFC) for detailed analysis and data sharing across various construction software (Hbeich et al., 2019a; İlal & Altıntaş, 2022; Isikdag & Zlatanova, 2009).It enhances project management by supporting cost control, risk reduction, and sustainability evaluations (Liu et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2019).

**Table1.**Foundational elements of BIM and GIS

| Category | BIM Elements | GIS Elements |
|---|---|---|
| **Definition and Purpose Applications** | 1. A process from creation of 3D models to management across project lifecycle (Ammar & Dadi, 2021).<br>2. Used in planning, design, implementation, maintenance, and operation of buildings (İlal & Altıntaş, 2022) | 1. A framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing spatial data (Ammar & Dadi, 2021).<br>2. Used for urban planning and sustainable development (Bernegger et al., 2022). |
| **Data Management** | 1. Manages detailed information for structural calculations and other functions (van Berlo et al., 2013). | 1. Manages large urban areas with less accuracy in data (van Berlo et al., 2013). |
| **Design** | 1. Focuses on creation (design and management) of buildings (Liu et al., 2017). | 1. Models the real world and existing elements geographically (Liu et al., 2017). |
| **Historical Development** | 1. Originates from software like ARCHICAD in 1982 and REVIT in 2000 (Ammar & Dadi, 2021) | 1. Dates to the 1960s with the Canadian Geographic Information System (Ammar & Dadi, 2021). |
| **Benefits and Functionality** | 1. Reduces costs, speeds up processes, and increases project value (Bernegger et al., 2022).<br>2. Supports functions like energy simulation and cost management etc.(Wang et al., 2019). | 1. Supports intelligent decision-making, land use planning, and project site searches (İlal & Altıntaş, 2022).<br>2. Integrates geographic data for various mapping and reporting (Hbeich et al., 2019a)<br>3.Creates maps, analyzes, and presents geographic data (İlal & Altıntaş, 2022). |
| **Technical and Data Structure** | 1. Considers both geometric and semantic information (Shahi et al., 2019).<br>2. IFC standard facilitates communication and collaboration (İlal & Altıntaş, 2022).<br>3. Non-hierarchical data structure (van Berlo et al., 2013).<br>4. Uses IFC, RVT, and CAD formats for structural and semantic details (Zhu & Wu, 2022). | 1. Combines various types of data into visualization through layers (Wang et al., 2019).<br>2. Multi-scale abstract model that defines levels of detail (Hbeich et al., 2019a).<br>3. Uses semantic formats like CITYGML and non-semantic data like shapefiles (Zhu & Wu, 2022).<br>4.Hierarchical relationships among limited classes (van Berlo et al., 2013). |
| **Standards and Interoperability** | 1. Utilizes IFC for open and non-proprietary data exchange (İlal & Altıntaş, 2022) | 1. Utilizes CITYGML standard for semantic data integration and analysis (Hbeich et al., 2019a). |

Conversely, GIS specializes in geographic data analysis and mapping, integrating diverse data like maps, satellite imagery, and GPS to support large-scale urban planning(Hbeich et al., 2019a; İlal & Altıntaş, 2022; Wang et al., 2019). It employs hierarchical data structures and standards like CityGML for managing broader, less detailed geographic information (Hbeich et al., 2019a; van Berlo et al., 2013).

In conclusion, while BIM and GIS originate from different scientific and practical needs, their integration is vital for the holistic management of built environments specially for regulatory purposes. This synergy enables enhanced data utilization, supporting complex analyses for ACC. Here in the table 1 are the fundamental elements of BIM and GIS which we found in our literature review.

## 3.2 Similarities and differences between BIM & GIS

### 3.2.1 Similarities:

BIM and GIS are crucial technologies in construction and urban planning, both pivotal for managing complex spatial data across various project stages(Arcuri et al., 2020; Demir Altıntaş & Ilal, 2021) They support planning, implementation, and maintenance applications, enhancing system interoperability and data management across platforms(İlal & Altıntaş, 2022). Both are object-oriented, recognizing buildings and other entities as components essential for advanced digital building processes (Shahi et al., 2019).

### 3.2.2 Differences:

However, BIM and GIS differ markedly in their focus and application. BIM provides detailed, micro-level data and 3D modeling for specific building details and project management, while GIS manages macro-level geographic data and urban planning with a broader scope (Arcuri et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2019). The coordinate systems also vary: GIS uses a 2D global reference system, whereas BIM uses relative 3D coordinates (Hbeich et al., 2019a). They employ different vocabularies and modeling languages, posing challenges to integration due to their semantic differences (Hbeich et al., 2019a; Shahi et al., 2019).

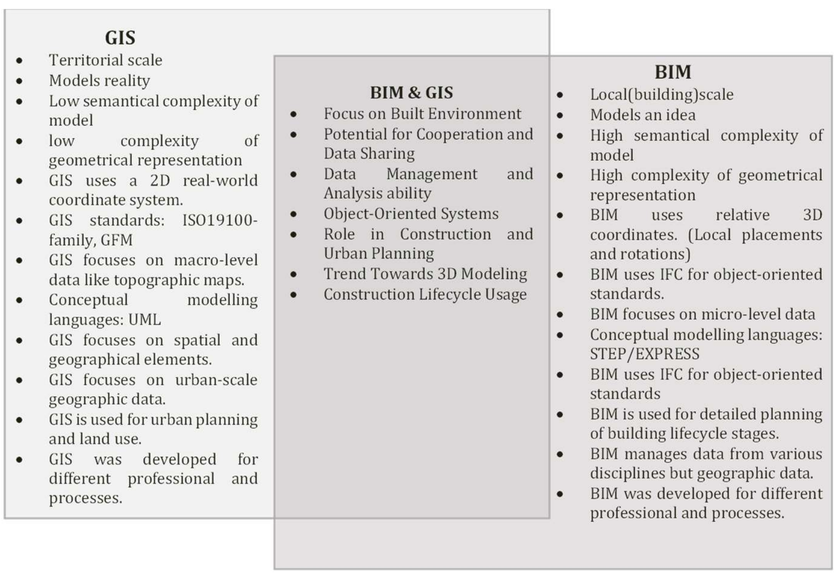


**Figure 1**. Comparison between BIM and GIS**(Ammar & Dadi, 2021; Arcuri et al., 2020; Garramone et al., 2021; Hbeich et al., 2019a; İlal & Altıntaş, 2022; Lee et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2017; Sobhkhiz et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2019; Wyszomirski & Gotlib, 2020)**

Despite these differences, integrating BIM and GIS has substantial potential to enhance construction management and urban planning. GIS can provide large-scale environmental contexts for BIM applications, and BIM can contribute detailed building information to GIS models, improving decision-making in construction projects(Ammar & Dadi, 2021; Wang et al., 2019). This integration highlights the need for ongoing research to overcome operational and semantic challenges, aiming to boost both systems' effectiveness and efficiency (Ammar & Dadi, 2021; İlal & Altıntaş, 2022) Figure 1 depicts Similarities and differences of these systems, extracted from literature.

## 3.3 Efforts and initiatives for integrating BIM & GIS

The intersection of BIM and GIS has spurred a wave of research aimed at enhancing built environment management. Initially, pioneers like Van Berlo and colleagues explored data format conversions between IFC and CityGML to facilitate automated zoning compliance, laying foundational efforts in BIM-GIS integration (van Berlo et al., 2013). Irizarry et al. examined how integrating Building Information Modeling (BIM) with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) can improve transparency and visualization within construction supply chain management. Their research indicates that this integration supports effective monitoring, delivers timely material delivery alerts, and enhances energy efficiency strategies.(Irizarry et al., 2013). Advancements continued with Liu and others developing new standards such as the Unified Building Model (UBM), enhancing data compatibility across systems and facilitating urban development (Liu et al., 2017). Hbeich and associates employed semantic web technologies to transform urban rules into SPARQL queries, supporting automated zoning compliance (Hbeich et al., 2019a).

The research extended into practical applications, as demonstrated by Wang et al., who explored the transfer of geometric and semantic information from BIM to GIS, critical for GIS-based facilities management systems (Wang et al., 2019). Meanwhile, Shahi and colleagues pushed for fully integrated e-permitting systems, utilizing BIM-GIS integration to advocate for the transition towards smart cities (Shahi et al., 2019).

Emphasizing streamlined data schemas, Sobhkhiz and others discussed the role of simplified schemas in querying BIM data, alongside the integration of IFC with emerging technologies for effective rule checking(Sobhkhiz et al., 2021). Similarly, Wyszomirski and Gotlib highlighted significant industry collaborations, like the partnership between ESRI and Autodesk, propelling integration efforts forward (Wyszomirski & Gotlib, 2020)

Despite the advancements, challenges persist, primarily around data integrity during exchanges, as noted by Arcuri et al. (2020). Innovative approaches continue to emerge, such as those by Ammar and Dadi, who utilized Natural Language Processing (NLP) and spatial reasoning to translate spatial descriptions into processable rules for further integration (Ammar & Dadi, 2021).Collectively, these studies underscore a robust trajectory toward creating interoperable and unified systems that bridge the gap between BIM and GIS, built environment management, here in table 2 are Efforts and initiatives for integrating BIM & GIS along with key details:

**Table2.** Efforts and initiatives for integrating BIM & GIS

| Study focus | Description | Key Studies |
|---|---|---|
| **Standard Development, Data Conversion and integrated domain model** | Efforts focuses on integration itself (to develop new standards, review and convert existing standards and creation of integrated domain model for better data integration between BIM and GIS.) | (Arcuri et al., 2020; Bernegger et al., 2022; Celeste et al., 2022; Demir Altıntaş & Ilal, 2021; Garramone et al., 2021; Hbeich et al., 2019b; İlal & Altıntaş, 2022; Liu et al., 2017; van Berlo et al., 2013; Wang et al., 2019; Wyszomirski & Gotlib, 2020) |
| **Automation and Compliance Checking** | Initiatives focusing on automating the design process and compliance checking using BIM-GIS integrated systems. | (Brito et al., 2022; Demir Altıntaş & Ilal, 2021; Garramone et al., 2021; Hbeich et al., 2019b; Shahi et al., 2019; van Berlo et al., 2013) |
| **Implementation and specific usage support** | Research on pilot implementations, and development of new business models to support BIM-GIS integration and its application. | (Bartonek et al., 2023; Bernegger et al., 2022; El Mekawy et al., 2021; Ullah et al., 2020) |
| **System Development and Technical Approaches** | Development of systems and technical methodologies for BIM-GIS integration. | (Bernegger et al., 2022; Garramone et al., 2021; Lee et al., 2016; Ullah et al., 2020) |
| **knowledge formalization** | Efforts focuses on digitization of rules and specifications to be used in automated systems | (Ammar & Dadi, 2021; Ciotta et al., 2021; İlal & Altıntaş, 2022; Lee et al., 2016; Sobhkhiz et al., 2021) |

## 3.4 Limitations and gaps with regards to the interactions between BIM and GIS

Integrating BIM and GIS presents significant challenges, primarily due to interoperability issues and data loss during exchange, highlighting a complex landscape of technical hurdles and the need for continued innovation and standardization.

Interoperability challenges, as identified by Arcuri et al. (2020) and İlal & Altıntaş (2022), stem from incompatible data models and geometric representations between BIM and GIS, leading to substantial information loss during data conversions. These difficulties are compounded by the absence of stable data standards, which Sobhkhiz et al. (2021) note exacerbate scalability and integration issues with other systems.

The development of new standards, such as INFRA GML and INDOOR GML, which Liu et al. (2017) describe as time-consuming and costly, aims to bridge specific functional gaps between BIM and GIS. However, technical challenges persist, especially in converting between IFC and CITY GML, where significant detail loss occurs due to discrepancies in Level of Detail (LOD) concepts, as discussed by Wang et al. (2019).

The lack of standardized systems also affects critical areas like building permit issuance, necessitating the management of a voluminous and diverse set of information (Garramone et al., 2021). Legal and security concerns further complicate integration efforts, particularly issues of document confidentiality and law compliance (Shahi et al., 2019).

Moreover, the current dependency on sophisticated software poses barriers for users lacking advanced skills, prompting calls from Lee et al. (2016) for more user-friendly systems that provide up-to-date, reusable rules to simplify processes.

**Table 3.** Limitations and gaps with regards to the interactions between BIM and GIS

| Authors & Year | Key Limitations and Gaps |
|---|---|
| **Arcuri et al., 2020** | Interoperability issues, loss of information during data exchange |
| **Lee et al., 2016** | Complexity and software dependency, need for user-friendly systems, lack of up-to-date and reusable rules for compliance checking, requirement for logical and reliable rule-making process |
| **Liu et al., 2017** | Differences and incompatibilities between BIM and GIS, challenges in data integration, issues with conversion and standard extension, limitations in process-level and application-level integration |
| **Shahi et al., 2019** | Inertia in adoption of new technologies, divergence in implementation approaches, legal and security concerns, lack of standardized systems, implementation barriers |
| **Hbeich et al., 2019** | Coordinate system differences, lack of semantic interaction, challenges in automating regulation conformance, processing qualitative requirements issues |
| **Wang et al., 2019** | Incompatibilities between BIM and GIS data, conversion challenges between IFC and CityGML, differences in LOD concepts, diverse integration techniques |
| **Garramone et al., 2020** | High variety of information required for building permits, limitations of the IFC4 standard in managing information |
| **Wyszomirski & Gotlib, 2020** | Recent emergence of BIM-GIS integration research, challenges in combining technologies, lack of a unified approach |
| **Demir Altıntaş & Ilal, 2021** | Lack of geographic information in BIM tools, problematic interoperability, data access and conversion issues, information loss and mismatch in data models |
| **Ammar & Dadi, 2021** | Different focuses of BIM and GIS, gap in adopting integrated applications in horizontal construction sector |
| **Sobhkhiz et al., 2021** | Lack of stable data standard and modeling guideline, non-scalability of IFC-based ARC systems |
| **İlal & Altıntaş, 2022** | Challenges of interoperability, compatibility of data models, data loss during data conversion |

The diverging focuses of BIM and GIS—construction-centric versus environment-centric—also hinder integration, affecting their application in various domains (Ammar & Dadi, 2021). Despite the long-standing presence of both systems, the lack of a unified integration approach remains a notable gap (Wyszomirski & Gotlib, 2020). Challenges are further exacerbated by differences in coordinate systems and semantics, which impede semantic interaction and automatic compliance checking (Hbeich et al., 2019a).

In summary, while BIM-GIS integration holds promise for enhancing built environment management, it faces significant technological and procedural challenges. Addressing these issues requires ongoing research and development. Table 3 summarizes and organizes the vast range of challenges identified in the literature:

## 4 Discussion, Conclusion, Future Research Directions

### 4.1 Discussion

Integrating GIS with BIM for regulatory uses, particularly in the issuance of building permits and Automated Code Compliance (ACC), significantly enhances efficiency and accuracy within the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC) sector. This discussion reconnects with the original research inquiries, demonstrating how the integration of GIS and BIM can optimize procedural workflows and identifying key factors that affect this fusion.

- **Enhancing Efficiency in Permit Issuance and Compliance Checks**: Integrating GIS with BIM can substantially refine the process of building permit issuance by automating and aligning data from various scales, thereby diminishing the need for labor-intensive manual reviews. The combination of BIM's precise building modeling with GIS's extensive capabilities in managing geospatial data significantly boosts the accuracy and speed of compliance evaluations, aligning with the worldwide shift towards digitalization in regulatory frameworks.
- **Technological Synergy**: The core components of BIM and GIS, although individually distinct, are complementary and support a unified strategy for urban planning and construction management. BIM's dynamic building models integrated with the spatial data management prowess of GIS provide a detailed representation of construction projects within their environmental settings. This integration not only streamlines project management but also enhances decision-making capabilities through improved simulations and evaluations.
- **Challenges and Innovations**: Despite its advantages, the integration of BIM and GIS encounters several challenges, including interoperability issues and data integrity concerns during the data conversion process. These obstacles emphasize the necessity for continuous research aimed at developing stronger, more adaptable integration frameworks capable of managing the complexity and scope of modern construction projects.

### 4.2 Conclusion

The study highlights the transformative impact of integrating GIS and BIM on building permit issuance and compliance checking processes. This integration enables automated 3D compliance checks for instance, using zoning information to assess if proposals meet zoning requirements. Additionally, it facilitates the analysis of the impact of the sun and shadows on energy use, promoting more efficient designs, and minimizes noise impact. Ultimately, this leads to faster approvals and more sustainable cities, as planners can more easily consider the potential environmental effects of a project.

It explores the technological synergies between the two systems, highlighting their potential to significantly improve regulatory operations in the construction industry. However, realizing these benefits fully relies on overcoming notable challenges related to interoperability, such as enhancing the semantic compatibility of data models and resolving existing technical and procedural deficiencies.

The convergence of these technologies not only aims to streamline regulatory operations but also supports broader goals such as sustainable urban development by enabling more precise and efficient planning and execution of construction projects. As this sector progresses, it will be imperative to encourage collaboration among stakeholders in the construction, technology, and regulatory domains to develop the standards and frameworks necessary for this evolution.

### 4.3 Future Research Directions

- **Development of proper Standards:** Future investigations should focus on establishing and advocating for universal standards to facilitate flawless interoperability between BIM and GIS, possibly enhancing the Industry Foundation Classes (IFC) and CityGML standards to meet the integration demands of contemporary urban planning and construction.
- **Advanced Semantic Integration:** There is a pressing need for pioneering research in semantic technologies to resolve the differences in vocabulary and data structures between BIM and GIS. This might involve employing machine learning and natural language processing to streamline the data translation and integration processes.

- **User-Friendly Integration Platforms:** Future innovations should concentrate on developing intuitive and accessible integration platforms to lower adoption barriers, especially for stakeholders with limited technical knowledge. These platforms should enable easy management and analysis of complex data sets through user-friendly features.
- **Comprehensive Case Studies and Pilot Projects:** Conducting extensive case studies and pilot projects in various geographic and regulatory settings will provide deeper insights into the practical challenges and opportunities of BIM-GIS integration, aiding in the refinement of processes to suit different regulatory and operational needs.

Addressing these points will significantly propel the field of BIM-GIS integration forward, benefiting not only the AEC industry but also fostering smarter, more sustainable urban development globally.

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