

Building energy analysis



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Building Energy Performance

Critical Design Parameters:

Fixed:

- Climate of location
- Occupancy behavior
- Process energy
- Required air change rate
- Allowed indoor climate variation range

Constraint:

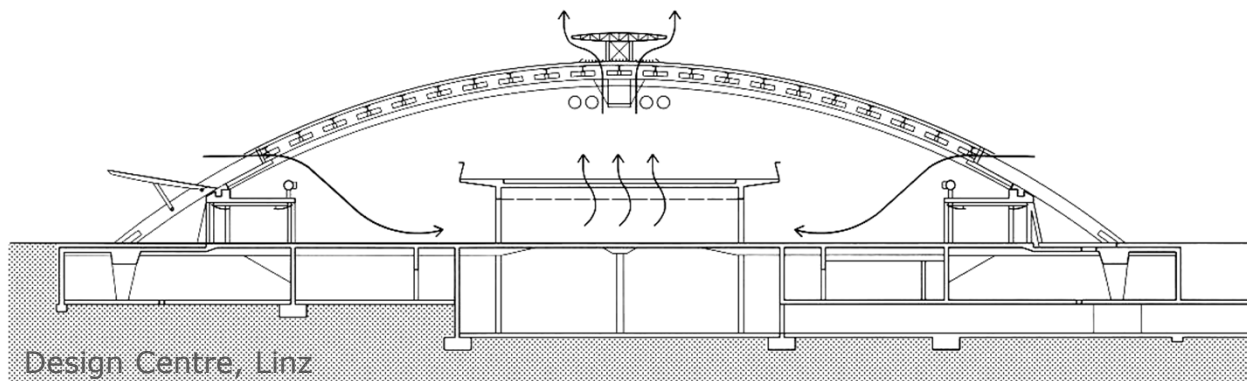
- Wind
- Surroundings (plants, buildings, surfaces etc.)

Building Energy Performance

Critical Design Parameters:

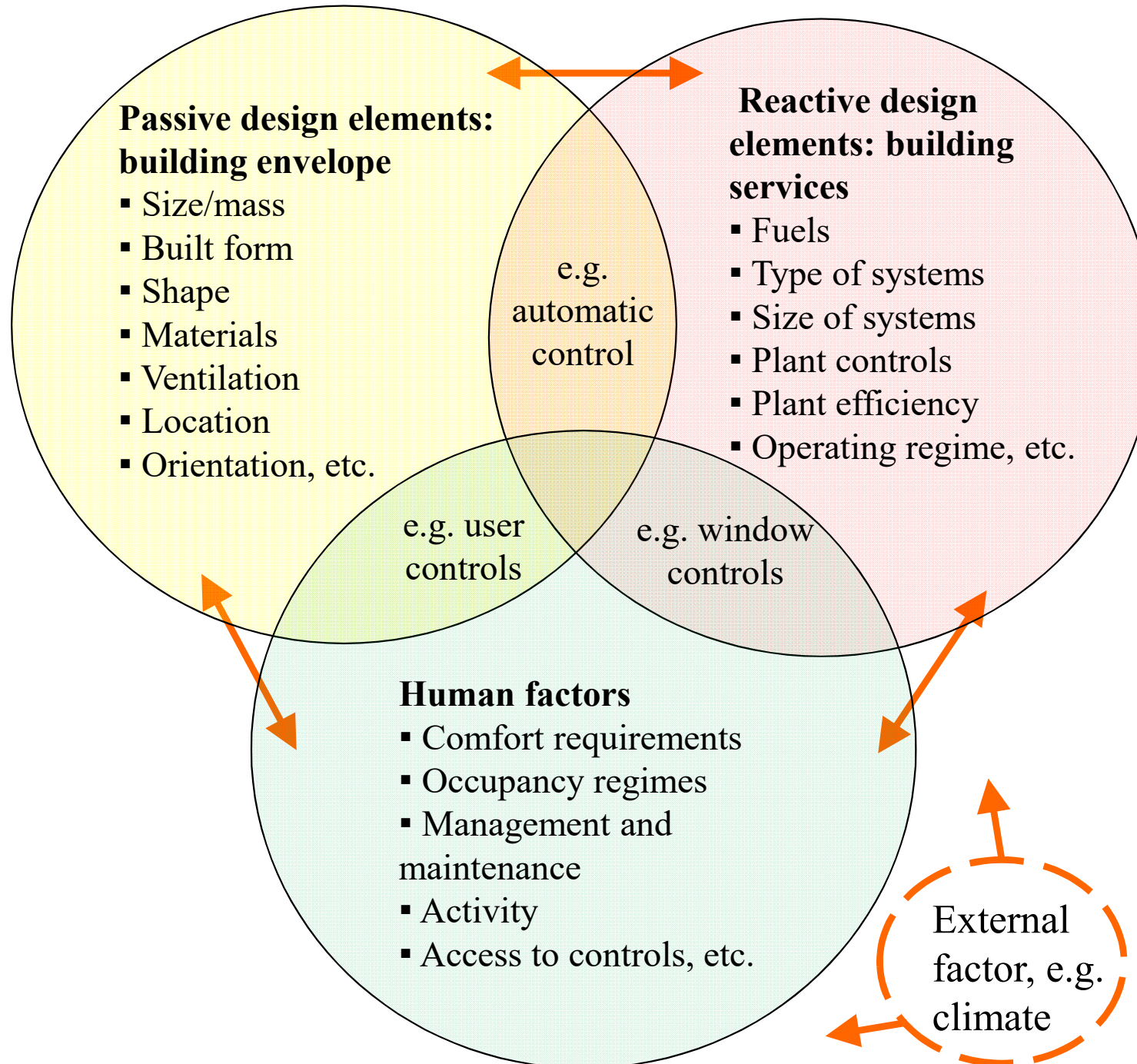
Alterable by the Architect

- Building orientation
- Building shape
- Physical properties of the building envelope
- Zoning
- Day-lighting
 - Glazing ratio
 - Glazing orientation
- MEP systems (general strategy)

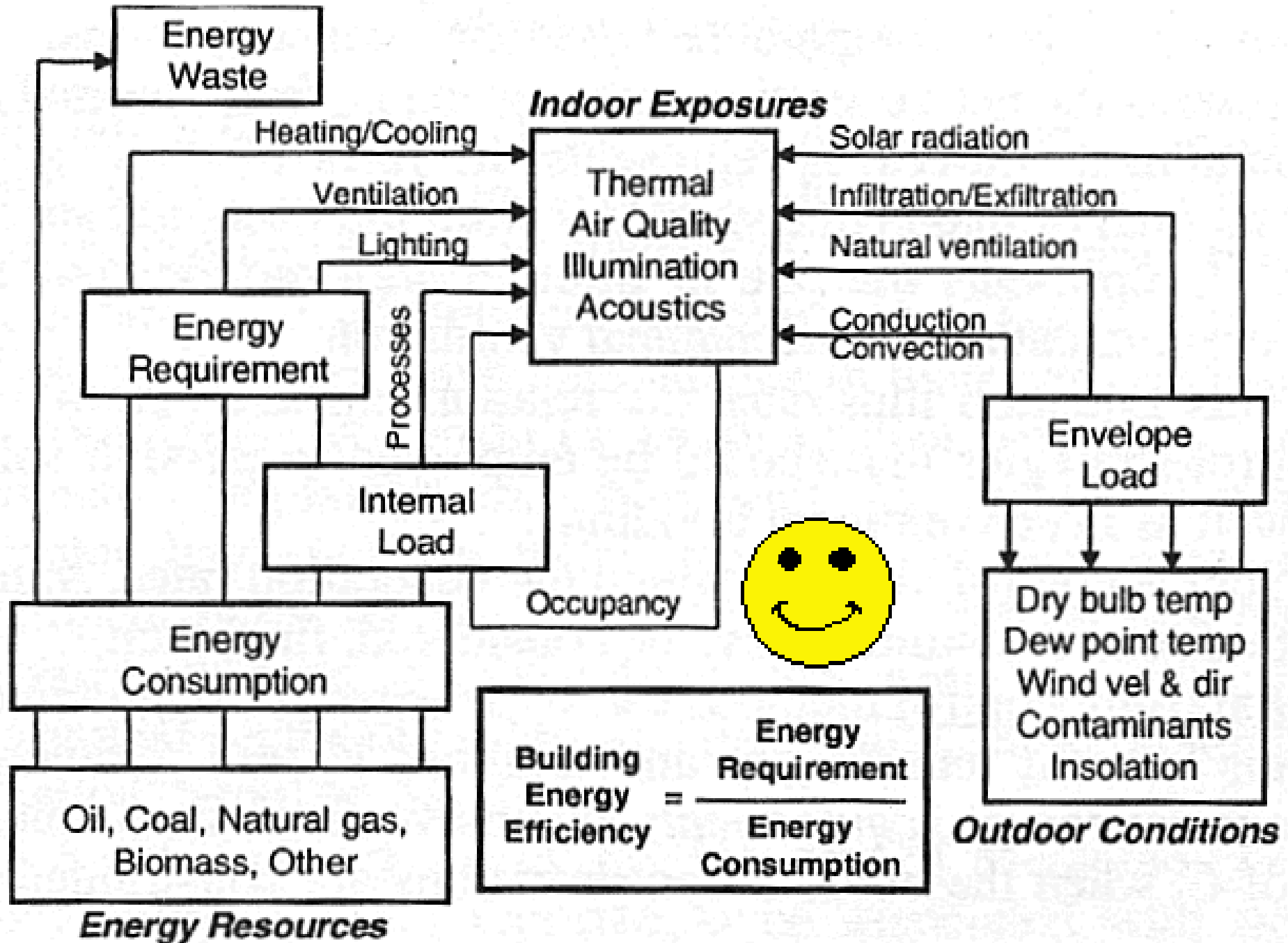


Key factors influencing energy consumption

(Adapted from Energy Efficiency in Buildings: CIBSE Guide F)

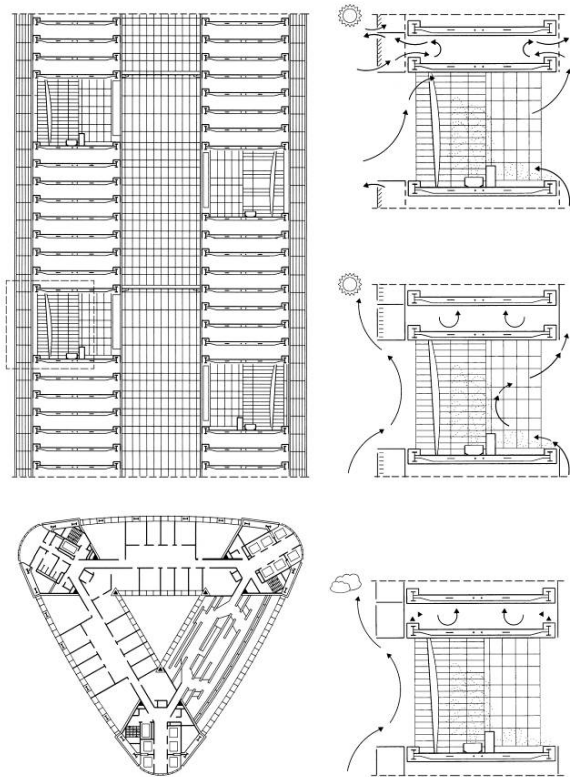


Energy flow and concept in buildings



Building Energy Performance

Benchmarks - Low Energy Houses



Commerzbank, Frankfurt am Main
Sir Norman Foster and Partners

- Less than 30kWh/m² energy consumed for heating annually
- Consumes less than 50% energy compared to conventional alternative



Building Energy Performance

Benchmarks – Passive house



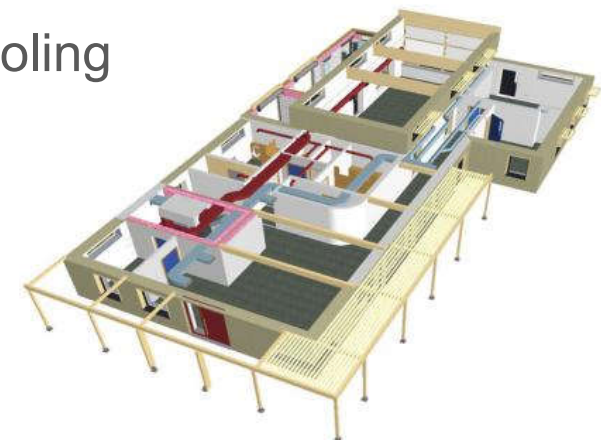
No conventional heating or cooling

less than 30 kWh/m² energy consumed for heating/cooling

Extremely low primary energy consumption

less than 120 kWh/m²

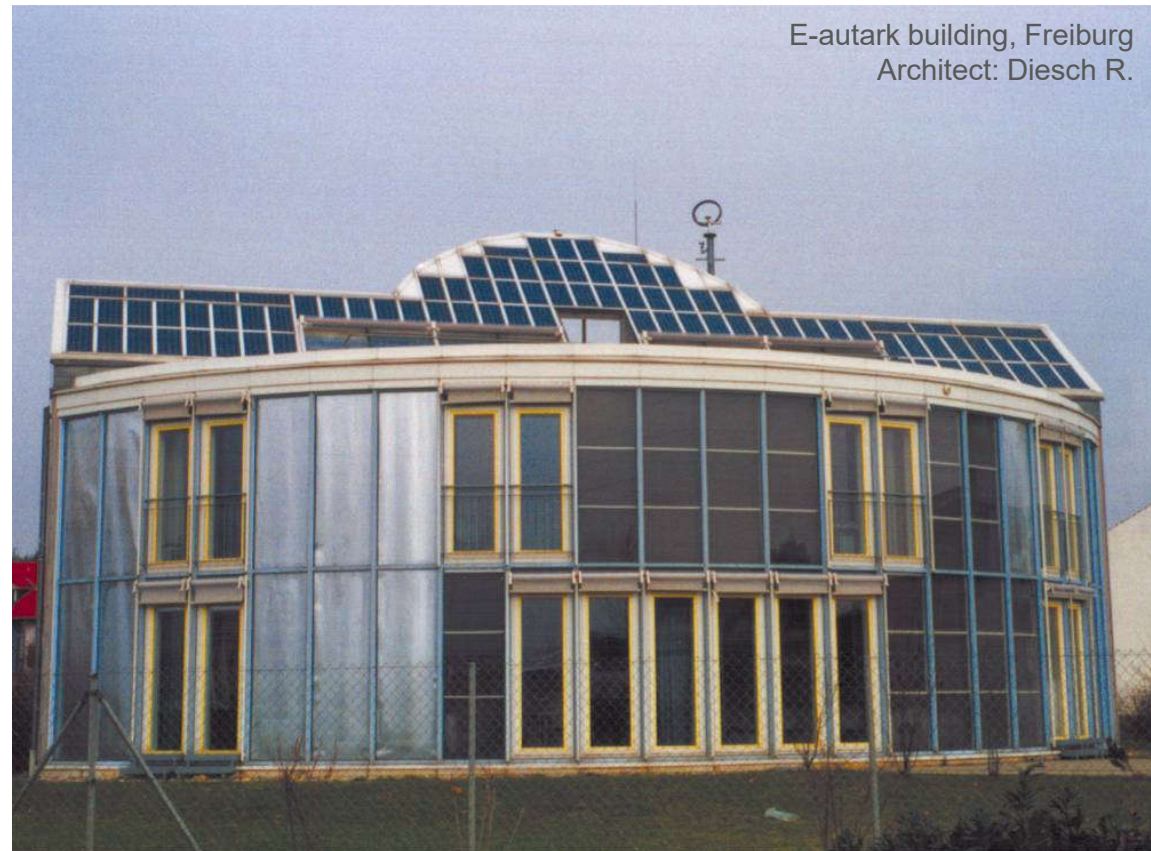
Airtight construction



Building Energy Performance

Benchmarks - Net Zero Buildings

- Zero net energy consumption
- Zero CO2 emission
- Can be used separately from the grid supply
- Enough energy produced on- site
- Super-low energy demand



Building Energy Regulations

Objectives Defined by Legislation



EU - Climate & Energy objectives by 2020:

- 20% less greenhouse gas emissions
- 20% energy savings
- all new buildings must be net zero buildings

US - all new federal buildings must be at least Silver LEED certified

Building Energy Regulations

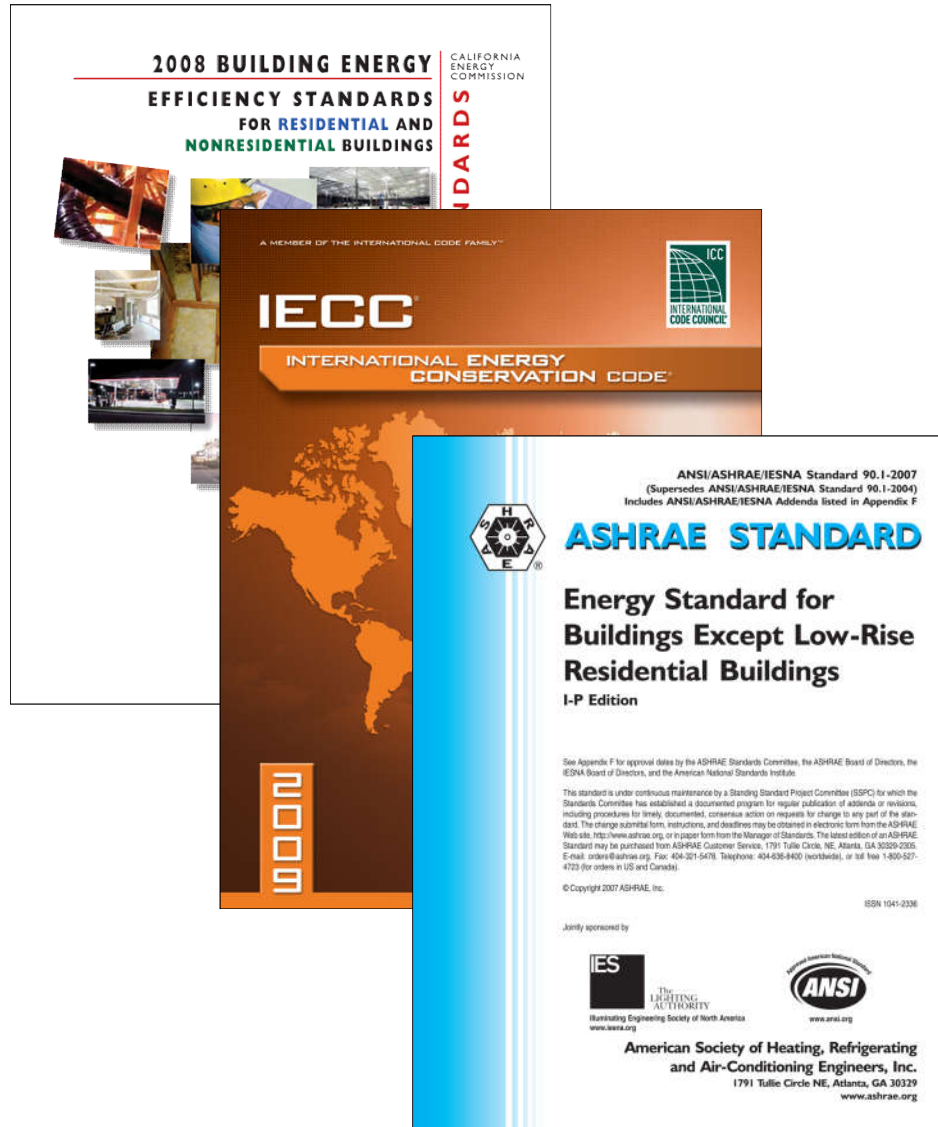
Standards



Define calculation methods and minimum requirements:

- Regional (country-specific) vs. global standards
- Mandatory vs. voluntary standards
- Minimum requirements are getting stricter

Building Energy Codes, e.g. ASHRAE 90.1, International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), California Title 24



ASHRAE 90.1 compliance approaches

Building System

Envelope

HVAC

SWH

Power

Lighting

Other

Compliance Options

Prescriptive Option

Trade Off Option

Energy Cost Budget

Simplified

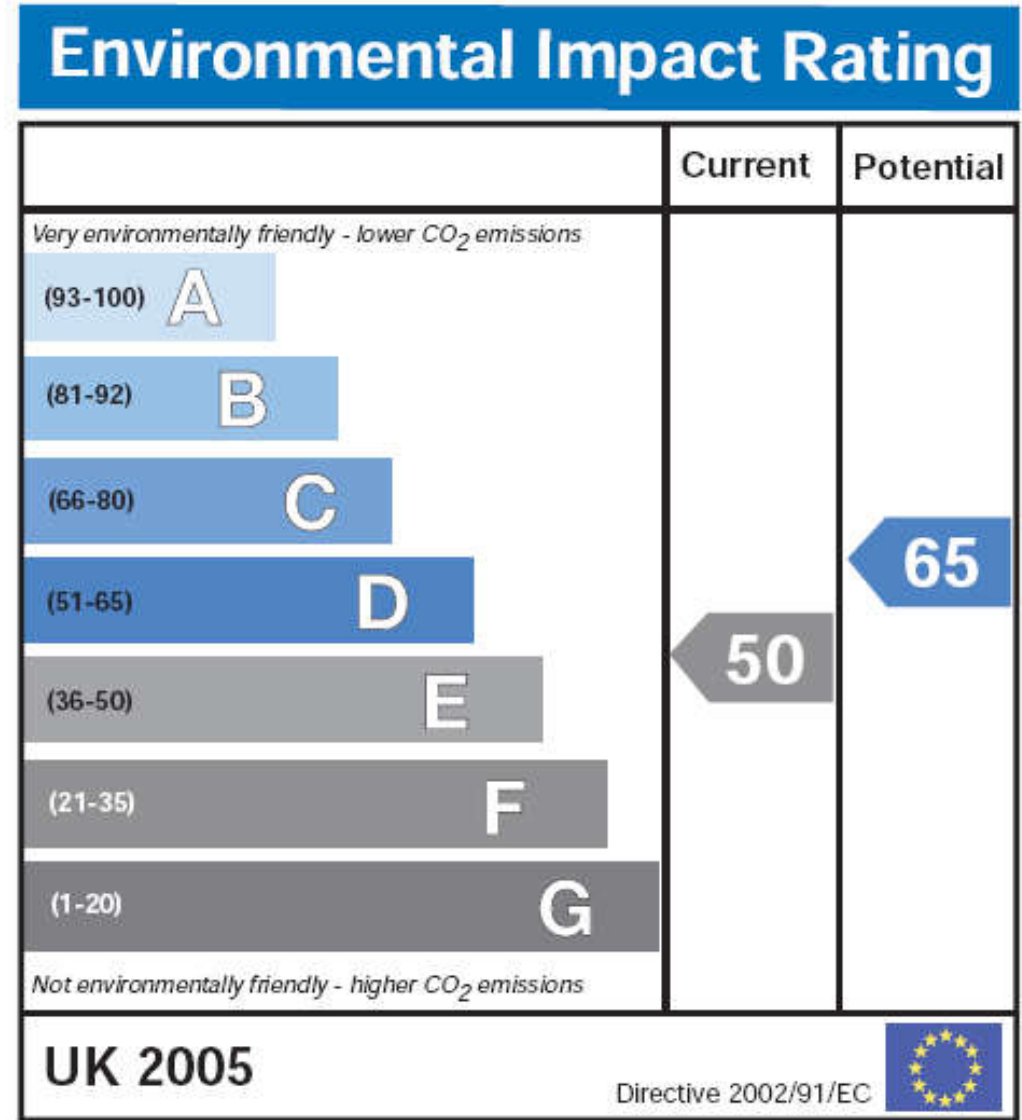
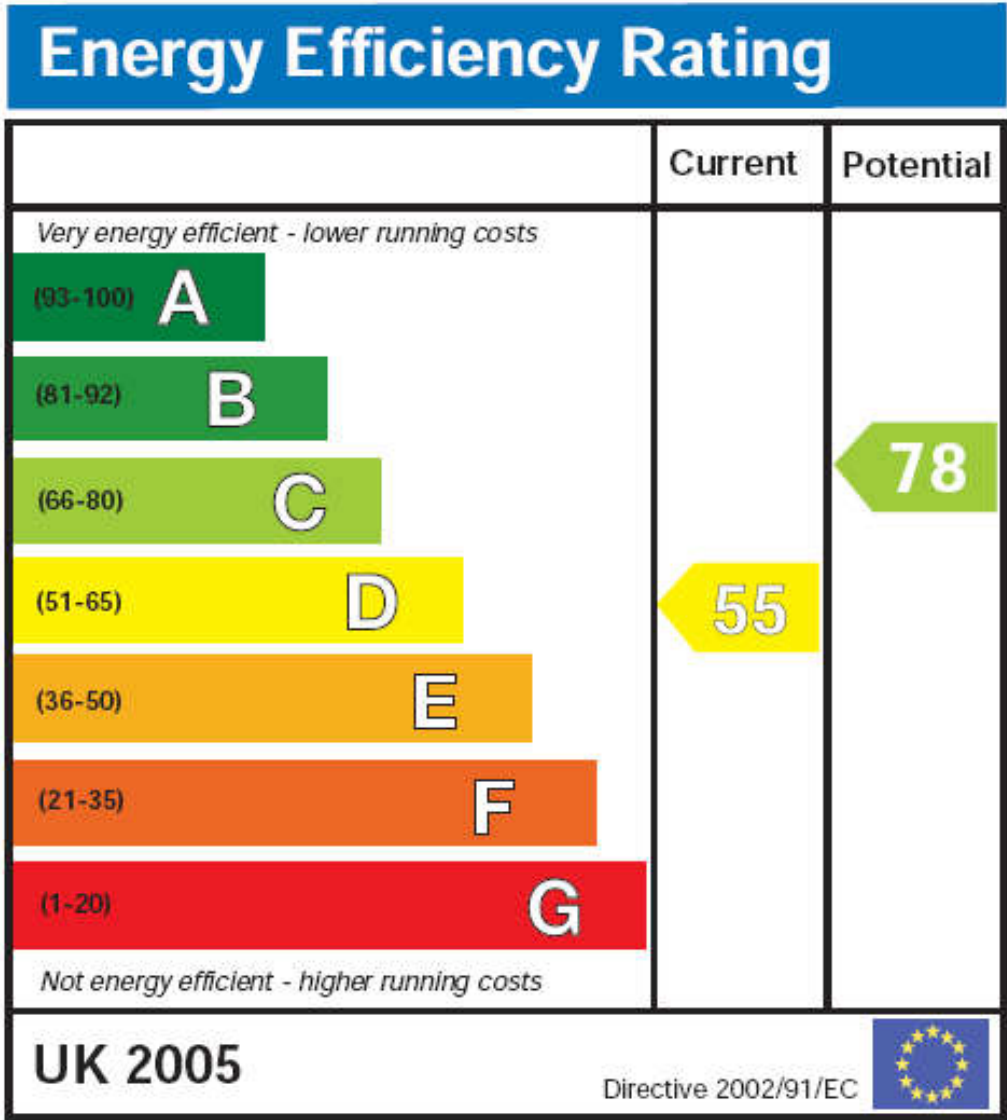
Mandatory Provisions

(required for most compliance options)

Energy Code Compliance

(Source: US Department of Energy)

Energy efficiency rating and environmental impact rating in UK





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EMSD



ENG

繁體

简体

《建築物能源效益條例》 The Buildings Energy Efficiency Ordinance



空調裝置
Air-conditioning installation



電力裝置
Electrical installation



升降機及自動梯裝置
Lift & escalator installation



照明裝置
Lighting installation



Building Energy Calculations

Stationery Method:

Energy balance for the heating and the cooling season separately

Manual data input exclusively

Usage requires professional expertise

Regional

- Limited to a narrow climate range

Not truly integrated in architecture

- Executed only a couple of times for a project
- Not used to improve the project but only to document it

ahol a még nem magyarázott elemek
 72 az éves fűtési hőfokid ezredrésze – 3. melléklet B) szerint [hK/a],
 n légszerelés – 3. melléklet C IV. 1. táblázata szerint [1/h],
 c a szabályozott fűtés miatti csökkentő tényező,
 3. melléklet C IV. 1. táblázat szerint,
 4,4 a fűtési időny hosszának ezredrésze – 3. melléklet B) szerint [h/a],
 q_b belső hőnyereség – 3. melléklet C IV. 1. táblázata szerint [W/m²].

Nettó fűtési energiaigény fajlagos értéke: q_f [kWh/m²a]
 A fajlagos érték a fűtési energiaigény nettó alapterületre vetített hányada:

$$q_f = \frac{Q_p}{A_{tr}} \quad [\text{kWh/m}^2\text{a}]$$

Ez a jellemző kiválóan alkalmas különböző épületek összehasonlítására.

2. változat, a fűtés éves nettó hőenergiaigénye: Q_p [kWh/a]

$$Q_p = 72 \cdot V \cdot (g + 0,35 \cdot n) \cdot c - 4,4 \cdot A_{tr} \cdot q_b \quad [\text{kWh/a}]$$

$$Q_p = 72 \cdot 257,63(0,515 + 0,35 \cdot 0,9 - 4,4 \cdot 97,22 \cdot 5 - 9380) \quad [\text{kWh/a}]$$

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$$q_f = \frac{9380}{97,22} = 96,49 \quad [\text{kWh/m}^2\text{a}]$$

3. változat, a fűtés éves nettó hőenergiaigénye: Q_p [kWh/a]

$$Q_p = 72 \cdot 257,63(0,514 + 0,35 \cdot 0,5) \cdot 0,9 - 4,4 \cdot 97,22 \cdot 5 = 9369 \quad [\text{kWh/a}]$$

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$$q_f = \frac{9369}{97,22} = 96,37 \quad [\text{kWh/m}^2\text{a}]$$

8. A fűtési rendszer veszteségei (ld. 10. pontban)

9. A fűtési rendszer villamos segédenergia-igénye (ld. 10. pontban)

| | | |
|---|--|---|
| Fajlagos hővezetéstényező ΣA/V alapján meghatározott követelményértéke: q = 0,53 (W/m ³ K) | | |
| Az épületre egyszerűsített eljárással kiszámolt fajlagos hővezetéstényezők: q (W/m ³ K) → II. követelmény | | |
| 1. változat: q = 0,564 (W/m ³ K) nem felel meg! | 2. változat: q = 0,515 (W/m ³ K) megfelel | 3. változat: q = 0,514 (W/m ³ K) megfelel |
| Fűtés éves nettó energiaigénye: Q _p (kWh/a) | | |
| | Q _p = 9380 (kWh/a) | Q _p = 9369 (kWh/a) |
| Fűtési rendszerrel fedezendő nettó hőenergia-igény fajlagos értéke: q _f (kWh/m ² a) | | |
| | q _f = 96,49 (kWh/m ² a) | q _f = 96,37 (kWh/m ² a) |
| Nyári sugárzásos hőterhelés: Q _{aktív} (W) | | |
| Q _{aktív} = 545,66 (W) | | |
| Belső és külső hőmérséklet napi középértékeinek különbsége nyárra: Δt _{nyári} (W) → IV. köv. | | |
| | Δt _{nyári} = 1,08 (W) megfelel | Δt _{nyári} = 1,08 (W) megfelel |
| Fűtés primerenergia-igénye: E _p (kWh/m ² a) | | |
| | E _p = 140,09 (kWh/m ² a) | E _p = 139,94 (kWh/m ² a) |
| Melegvízellátás primerenergia-igénye: E _{HMV} (kWh/m ² a) | | |
| | E _{HMV} = 42,41 (kWh/m ² a) | E _{HMV} = 42,41 (kWh/m ² a) |
| Az összetett energetikai jellemző ΣA/V alapján meghatározott követelményértéke: E _{pköv} = 213,8 (kWh/m ² a) | | |
| Összetett energetikai jellemző az épületre: E _p (kWh/m ² a) → III. követelmény | | |
| | E _p = 182,51 (kWh/m ² a) megfelel | E _p = 182,353 (kWh/m ² a) megfelel |
| Minősítés: E _p /E _{pköv} (%) besorolás és jellemzés: | | |
| | 85% → B a követelményénél jobb | 85% → B a követelményénél jobb |

Building Energy Calculations

Dynamic Simulation Method:

Energy balance for every hour throughout a year

Semi-automated data input

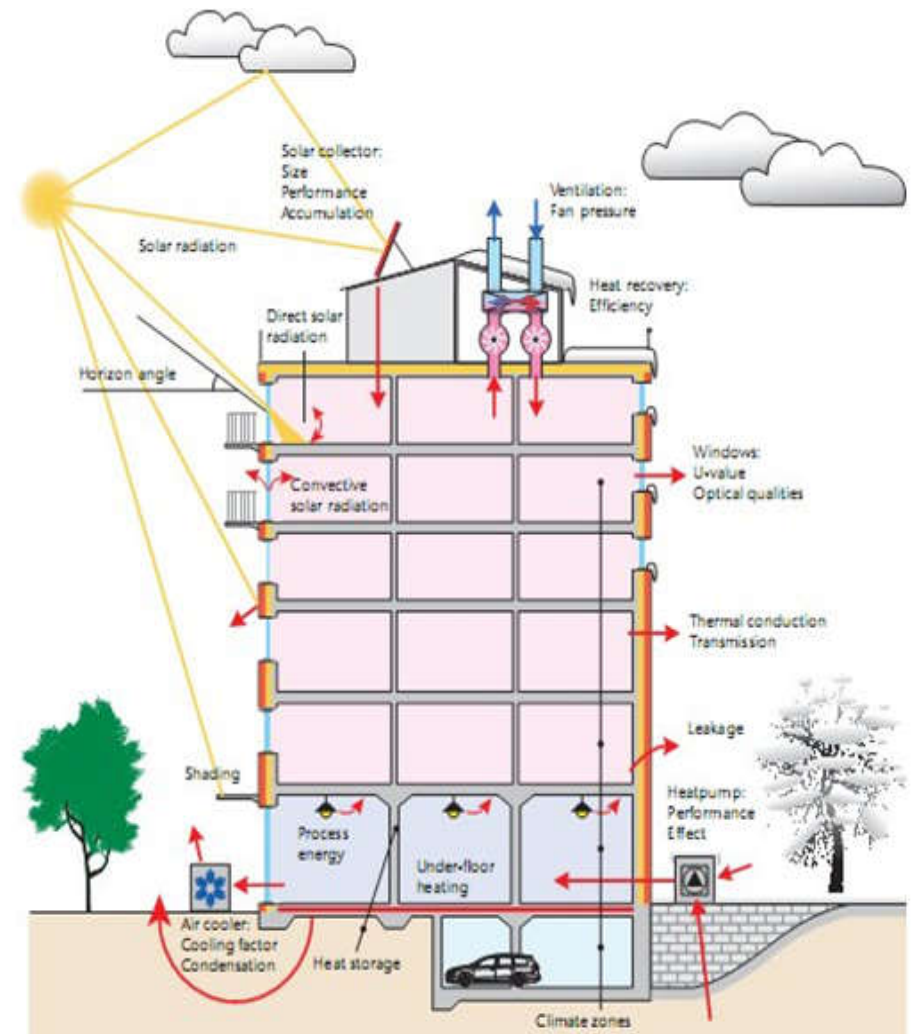
User-friendly solutions exist

Global

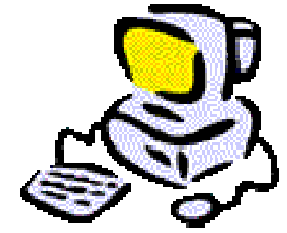
- Can be used in all climates

Truly integrated in architecture

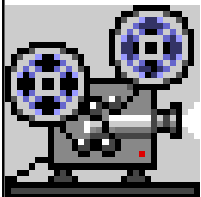
- Executed several times for a project
- Explore what-if scenarios for design optimization

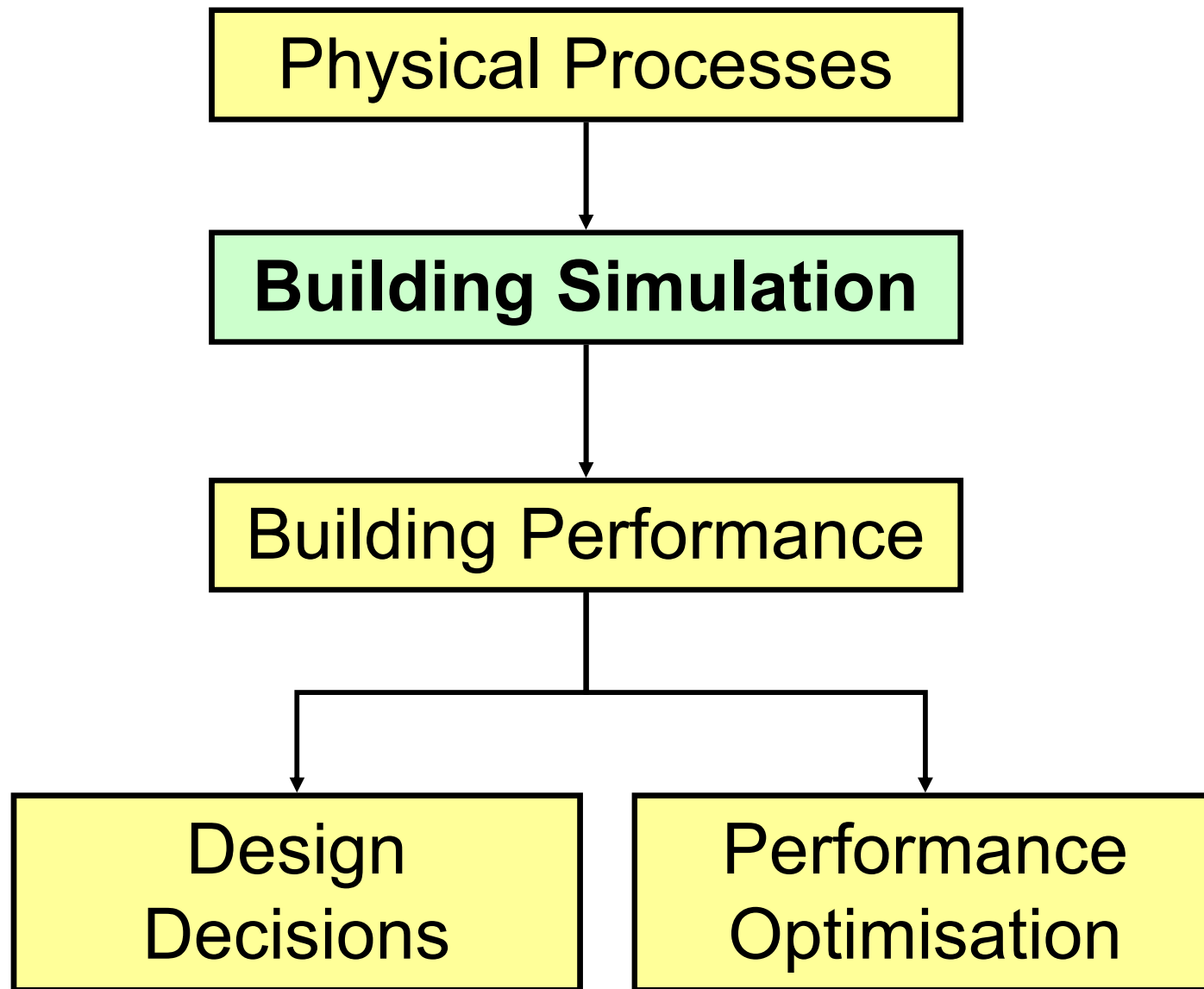


Building energy calculations



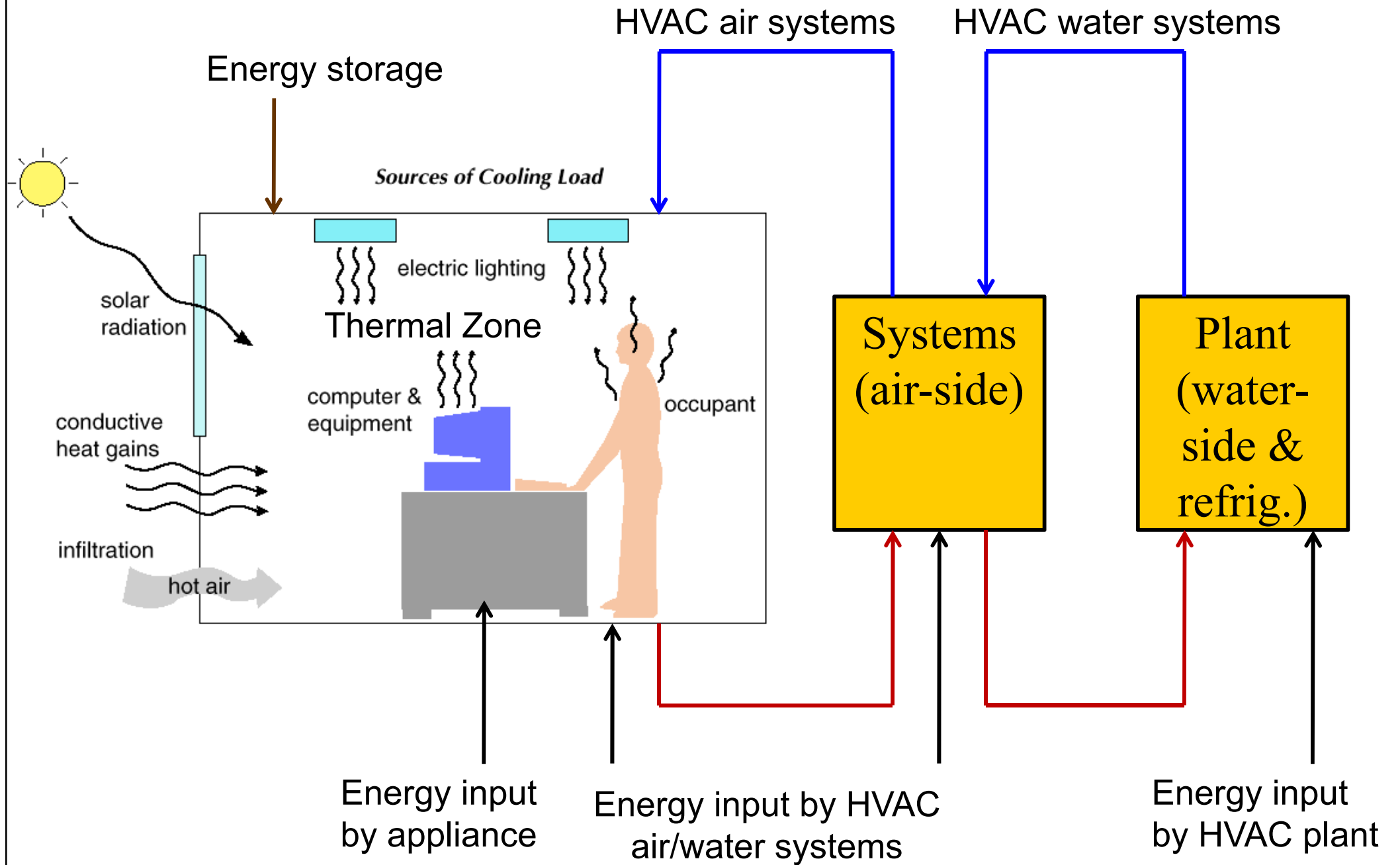
- Building energy simulation/modelling
 - Analysis of energy performance of building using computer modelling and simulation techniques
- Many issues can be studied, such as:
 - Thermal performance (e.g. bldg. fabric, glazing)
 - Comfort and indoor environment
 - Ventilation and infiltration
 - Daylighting and overshadowing
 - Energy consumption of building systems

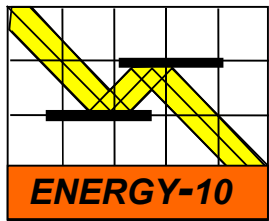




* Simulation enables the performance of the building to be established before critical design decisions are taken, enabling optimum building performance to be obtained

Building energy simulation process





blast



DOE-2

Solar-5

ESP-r



ENER-WIN®

Hourly Energy Simulation Program for Buildings

**Building Energy
Simulation Software**



TRNSYS



E-20-II & HAP

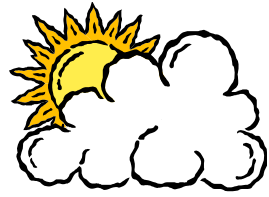


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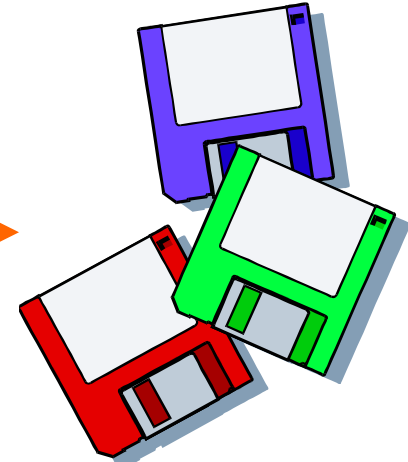
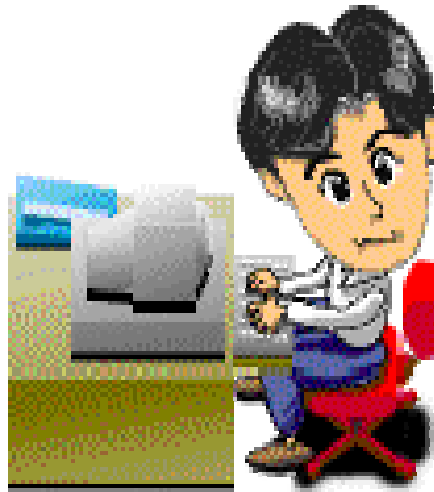
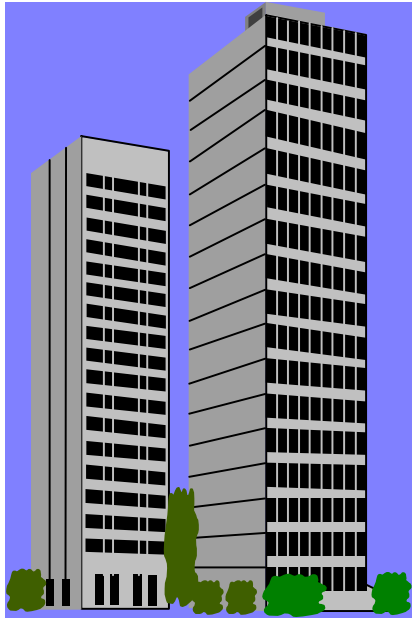
TRACE 700



EE4



Weather
data



Building description

- physical data
- design parameters

Simulation tool (computer program)

Simulation outputs

- energy consumption (MWh)
- energy demands (kW)
- environmental conditions

Garbage In, Garbage Out (GIGO)



Predesign energy analysis

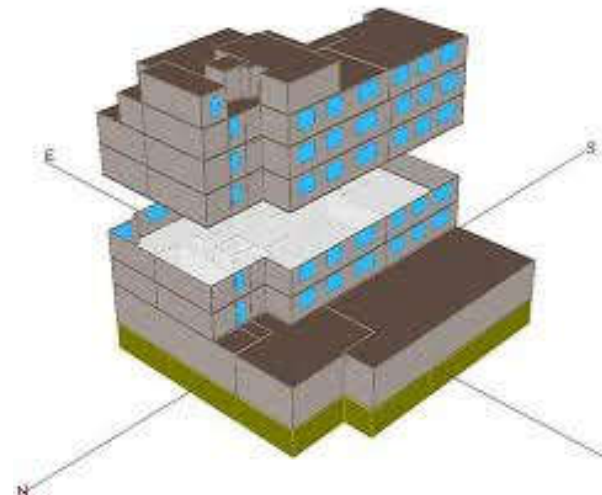
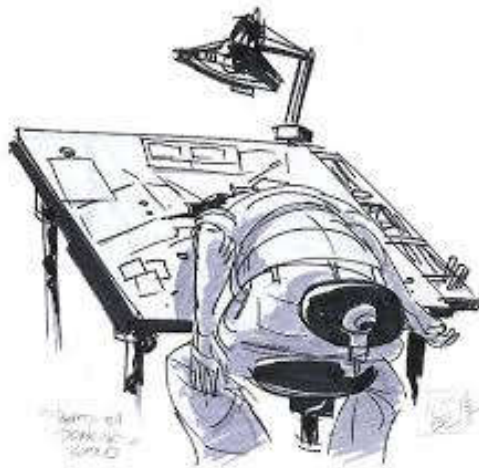


- Use general information about the building and site to estimate energy performance, characterize energy uses, and identify potential energy savings opportunities
- The objective is to use results to develop **design concepts** that minimize energy loads and costs from the outset
- Results also provide important guidance for setting **energy performance goals**

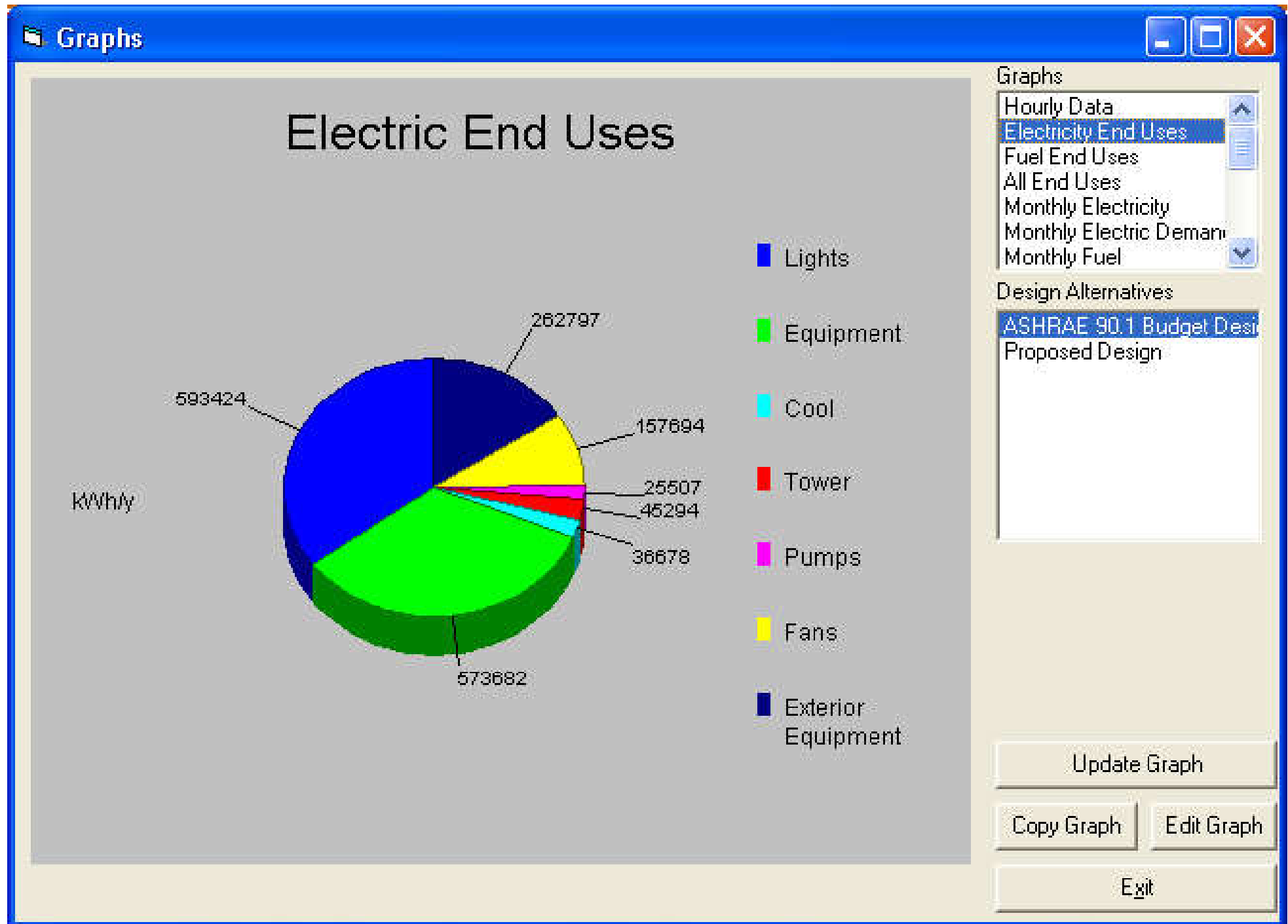
Predesign energy analysis



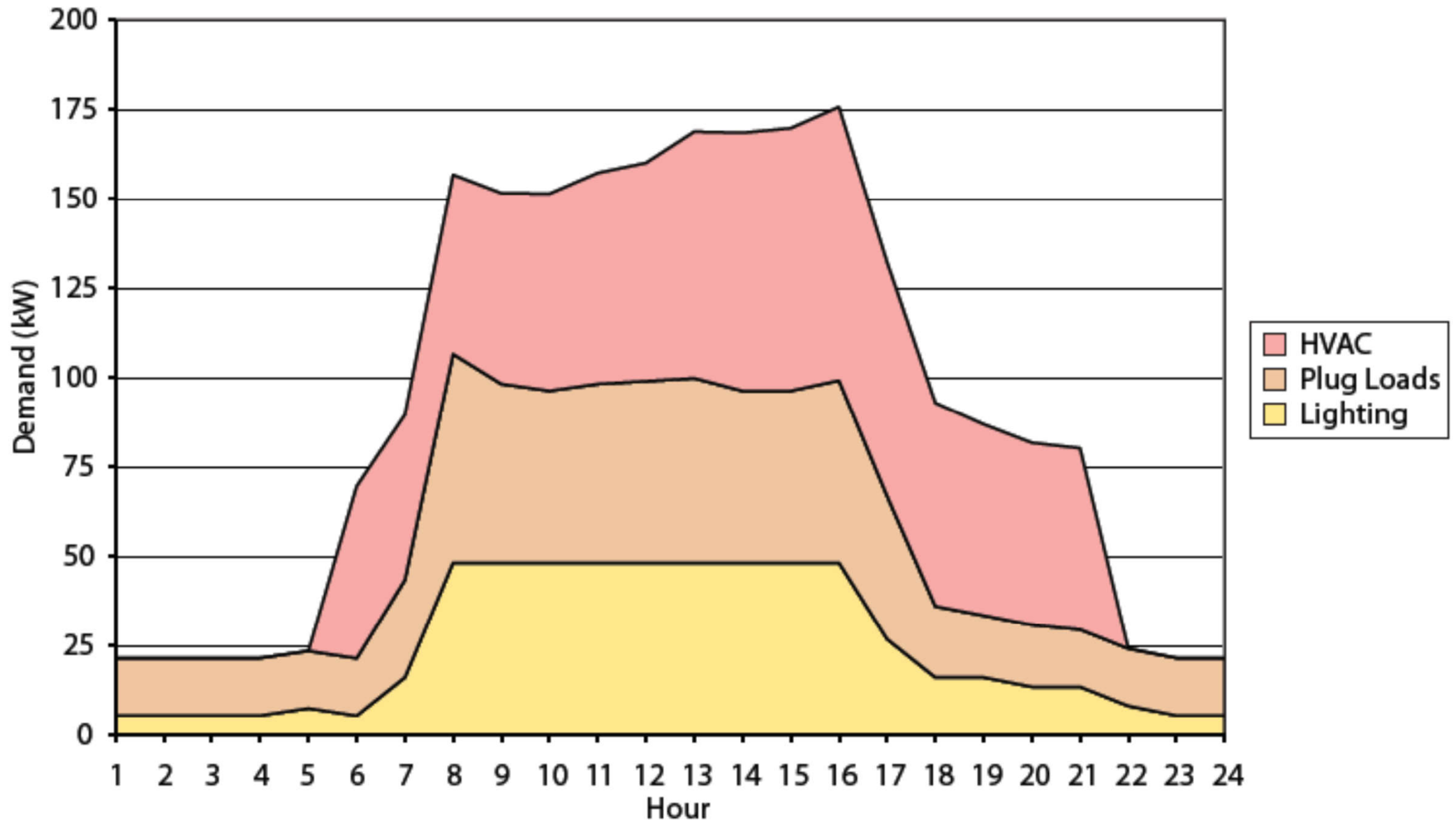
- **Predesign energy model** is a simplified sketch of a potential building
- Results are best used to compare and explore alternatives and will not necessarily be representative of the actual performance

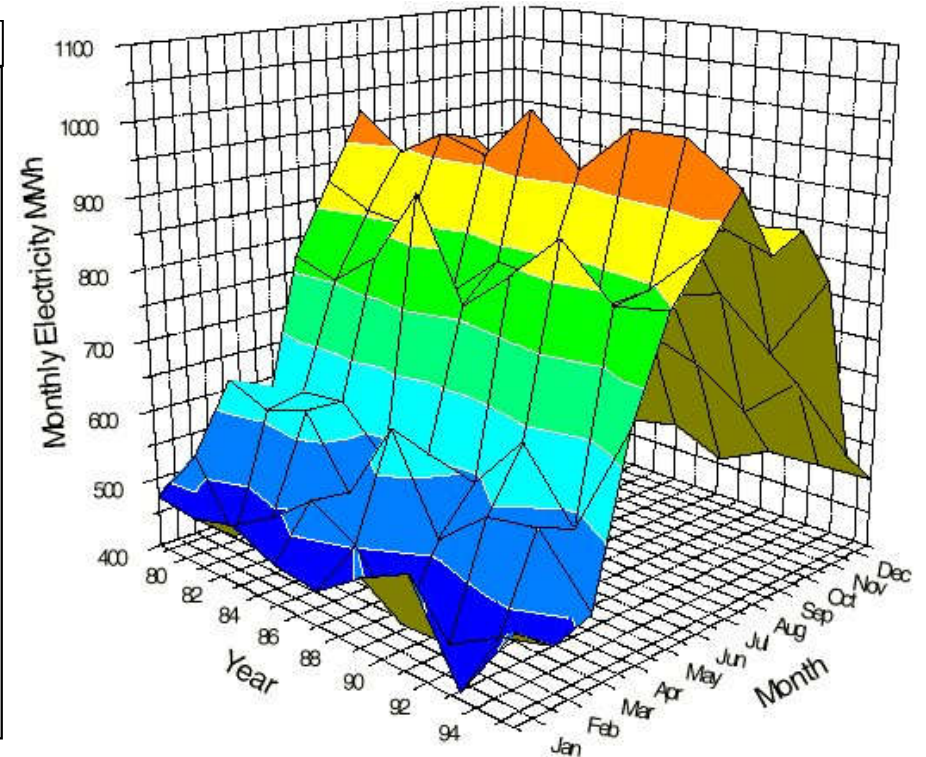
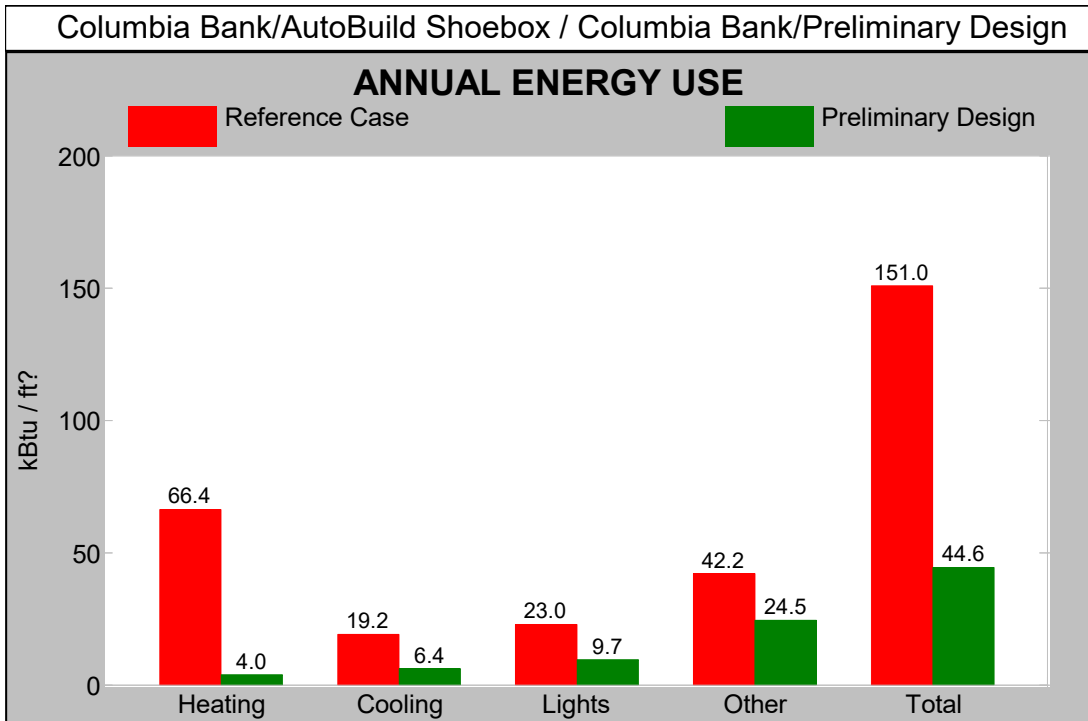


Breakdown of end-use energy consumption



Peak day demand profile





Presentation of results from building energy simulation

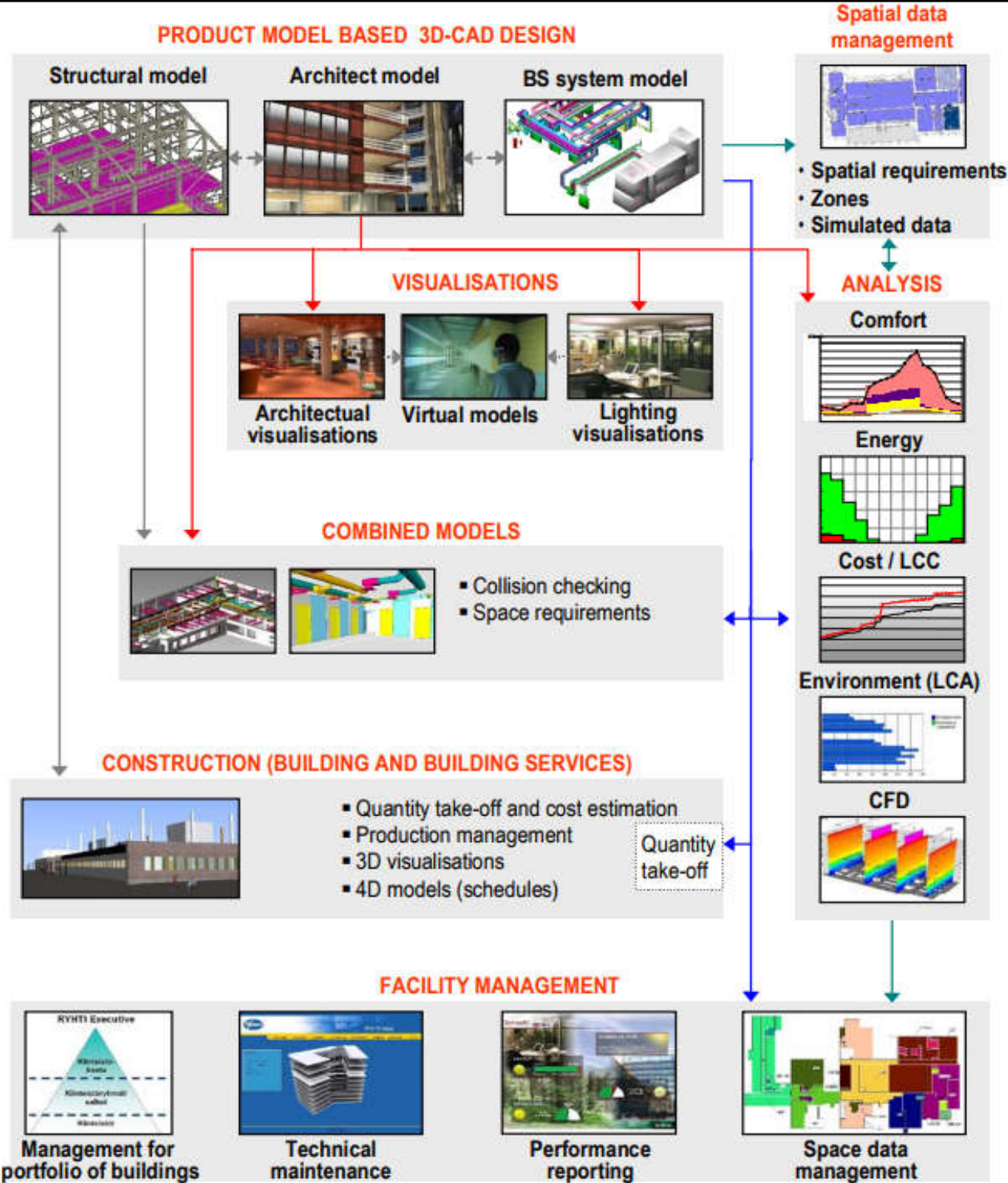
Summary of analysis/modelling tools

| Stage | Requirements | Tools | Checks |
|----------------------|--|---|---|
| Scoping | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quick analysis -Comparative results -Reduce alternatives -Control strategy modelling (simple) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ecotect -Energy-10 -eQUEST | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -kWh/m² -Energy cost -Payback or other financial measure |
| System design | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Accurate output -Industry-accepted methods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Carrier HAP -TRACE 700 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -design flow -Load intensity |
| Energy/cost analysis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Accurate -Industry-accepted methods -Flexible -Modelling of complex control strategies -Energy code compliance -For existing buildings too | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DOE-2 -EnergyPlus -Carrier HAP -TRACE 700 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Detailed kWh/m² -Detailed energy cost -Economic indexes |
| Monitoring | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Simplicity -Intuitive interface -Interoperable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -BACnet -Building automation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trended operating characteristics -Benchmark comparison |

BIM and energy analysis



- Use of BIM for facility energy analysis
 - In the facility design phase which one or more building energy simulation programs use a properly adjusted BIM model to conduct energy assessments for the current building design
 - The core goal is to inspect building energy standard compatibility and seek opportunities to optimize proposed design to reduce structure's life-cycle costs



Energy analysis has an important role in the use of BIM

BIM and energy analysis



- Combining BIM and energy analysis can potentially increase efficiency and accuracy, but can be time consuming and tedious if not done properly
 - Before the BIM model is created, it is important to determine which software is best for the desired energy analysis
 - The BIM model may need to be simplified in different ways for different software

Export file type that the energy analysis tool requires from BIM software

| Software | Export from BIM software |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Green Building Studio (GBS) | gbXML |
| eQUEST | gbXML --> GBS (DOE-2 file) |
| Ecotect Analysis | gbXML or .DXF file (best for sloped ceilings) |
| CFD design | Directly from BIM software via add-in |

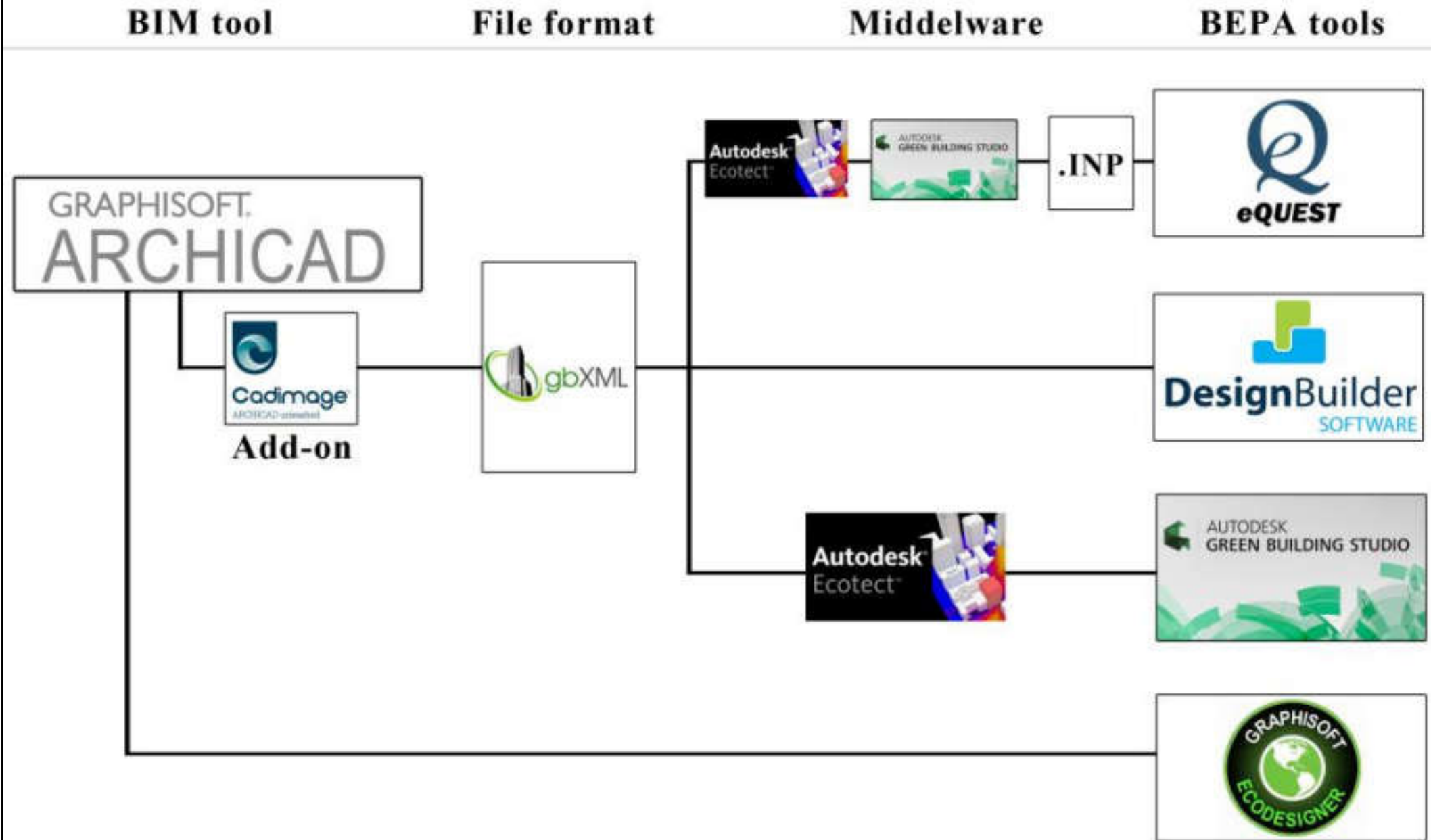
Note:

The .DXF export from BIM software is most useful for odd geometries for use in Ecotect. However, gbXML is usually the preferred output.

Consideration for interoperability of energy analysis tools:

1. Integrate with BIM software (e.g. Revit, ArchiCAD and SketchUp)
2. Exchange or import files (e.g. DXF and gbXML)
3. Accuracy of translation (e.g. geometry, materials, openings)
4. Default data, libraries and weather information
5. Potential for customization (e.g. for special cases)
6. Provide feedbacks for potential design change to improve energy efficiency

An example of linking a BIM software to building energy analysis tools



(Source: Reta, T., 2017. *Leveraging a Building Information Model to Carry Out Building Energy Performance Analysis*, BEng Thesis, Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki, Finland. https://www.theseus.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/130367/Tibebe_Reta.pdf)

Energy balance evaluation on BIM software

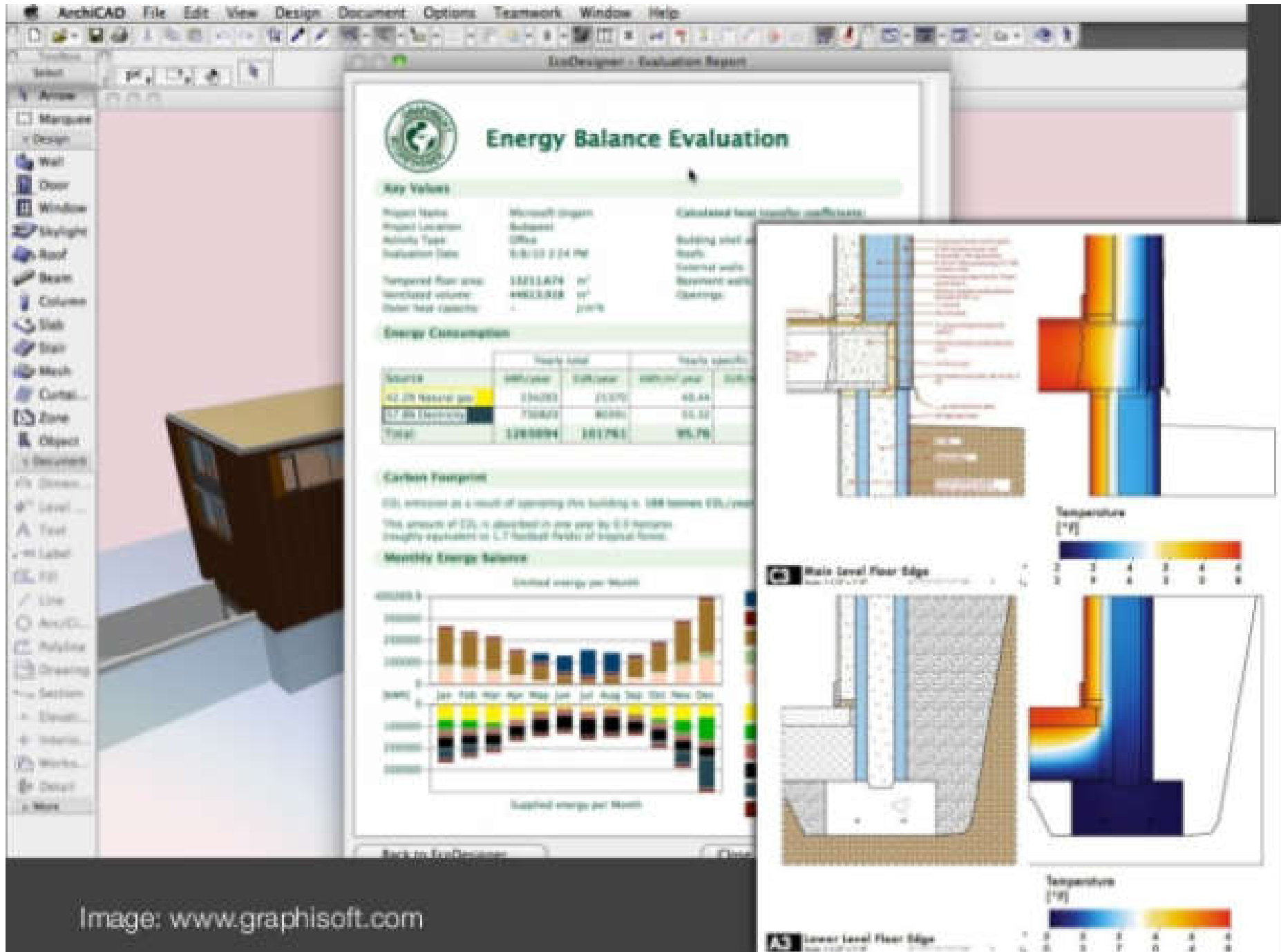
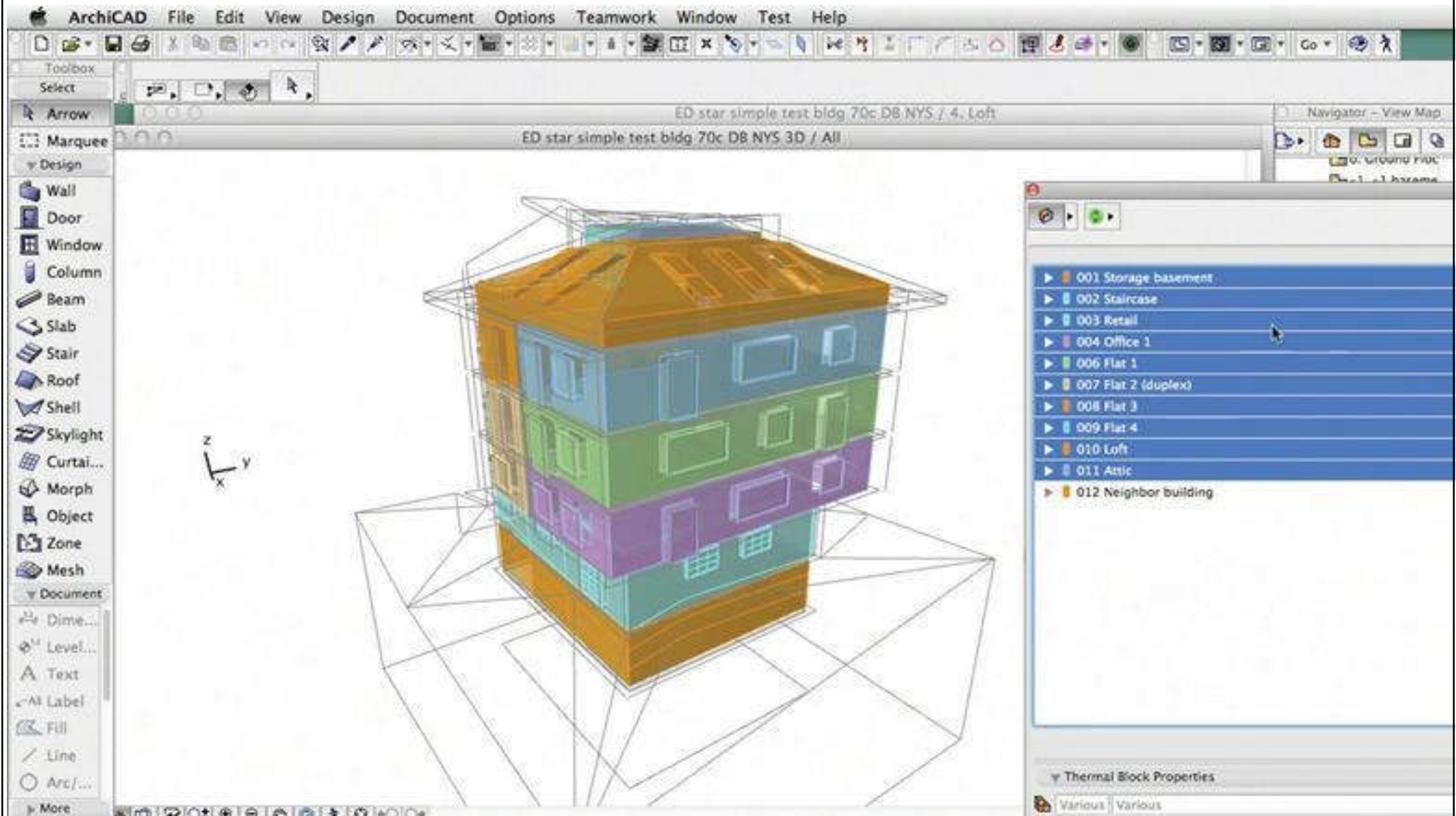
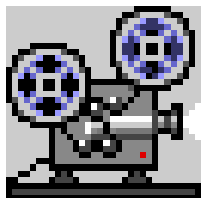
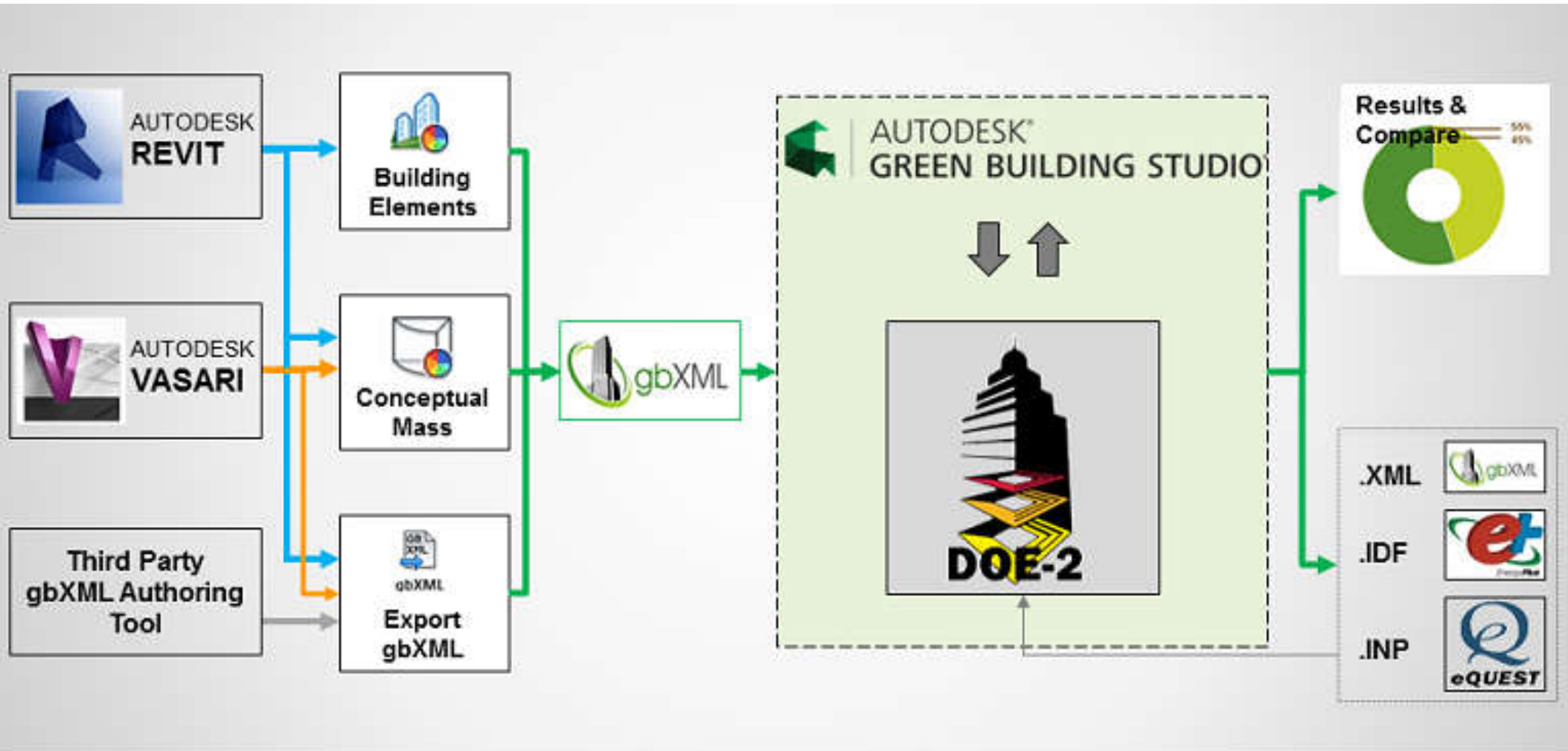


Image: www.graphisoft.com

Multiple thermal block building energy model shown in BIM software



Energy analysis workflows

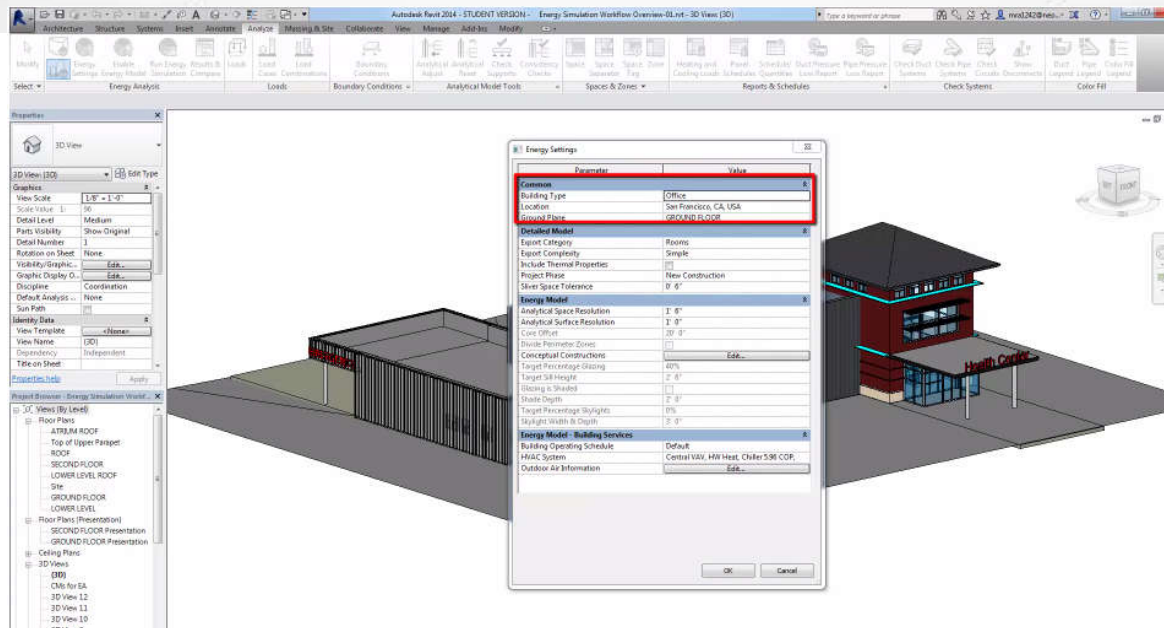
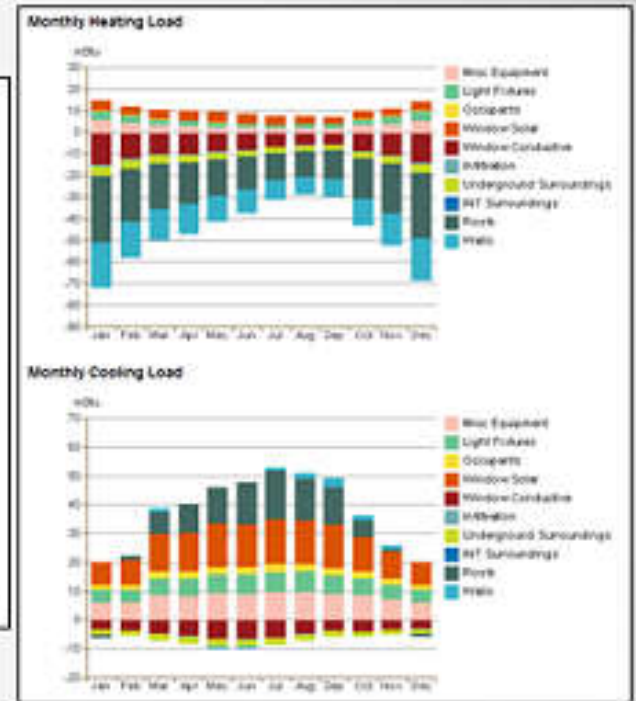
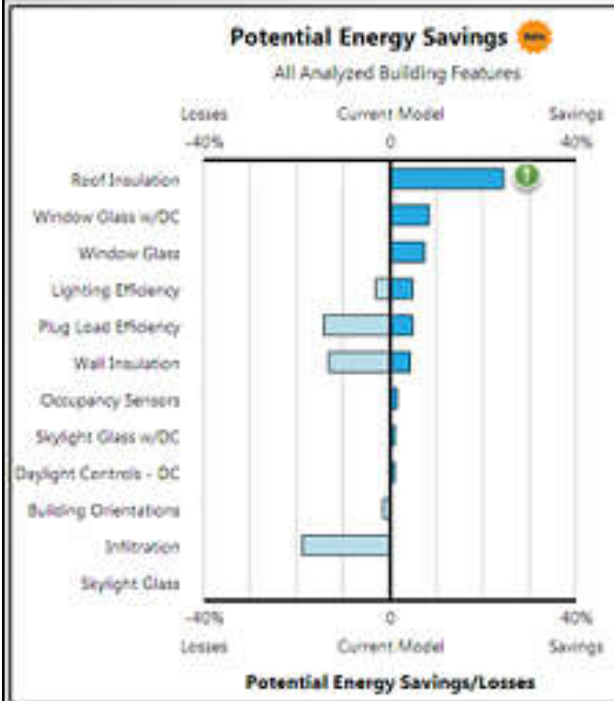


(Video: Energy Simulation Workflow Overview (5:59) <https://youtu.be/nldU3ZIQpbg>)

(Source: Getting Started with Autodesk Energy Analysis)

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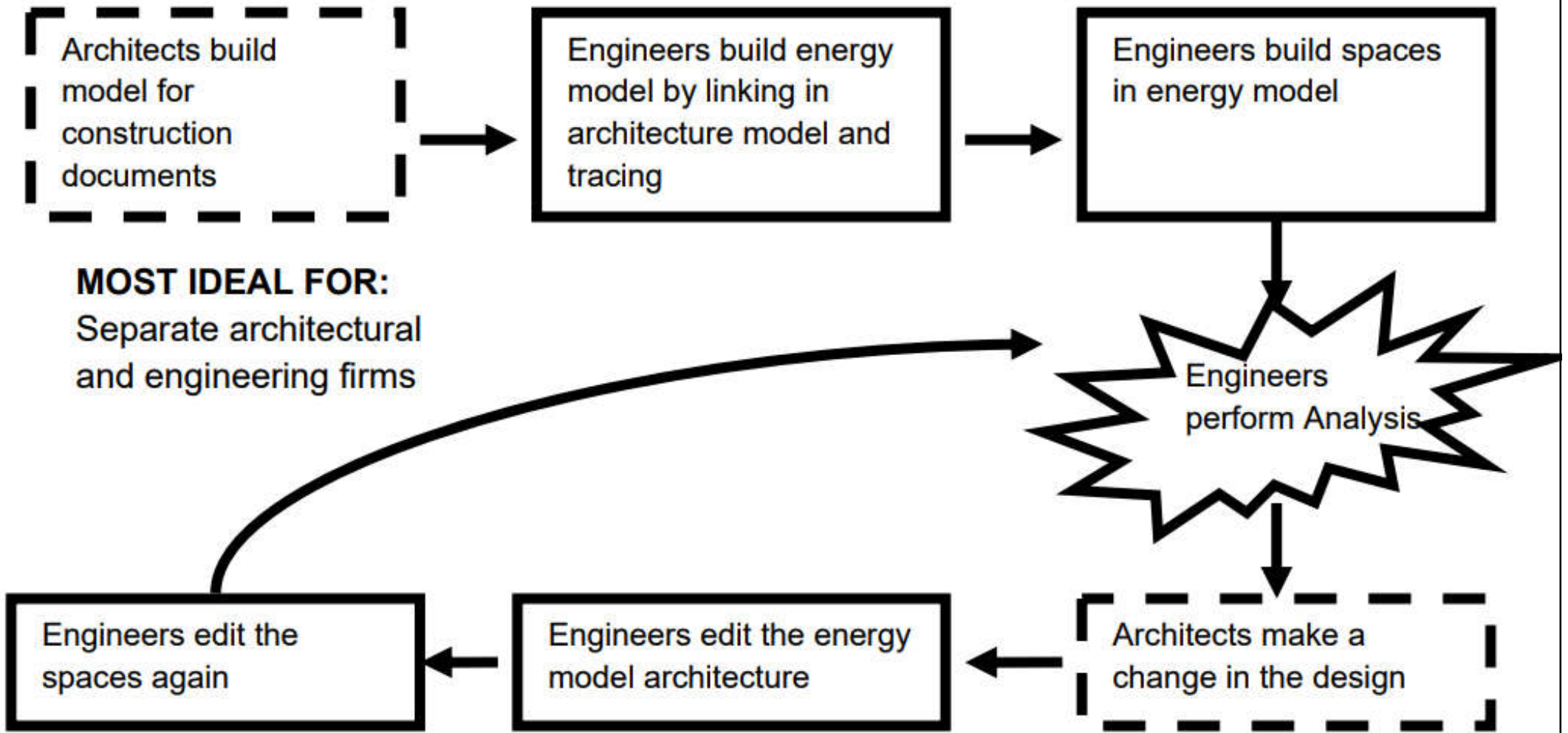
Results of energy analysis and decision-making



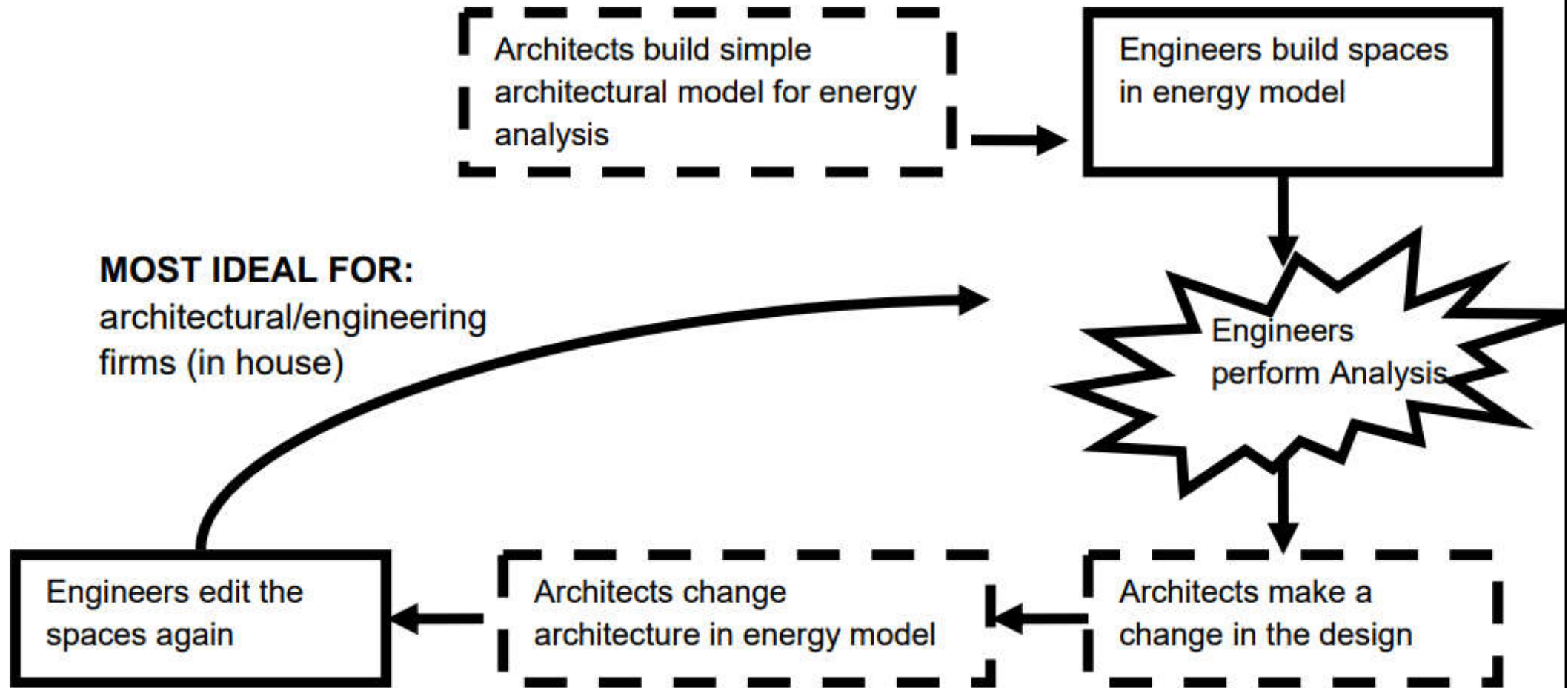
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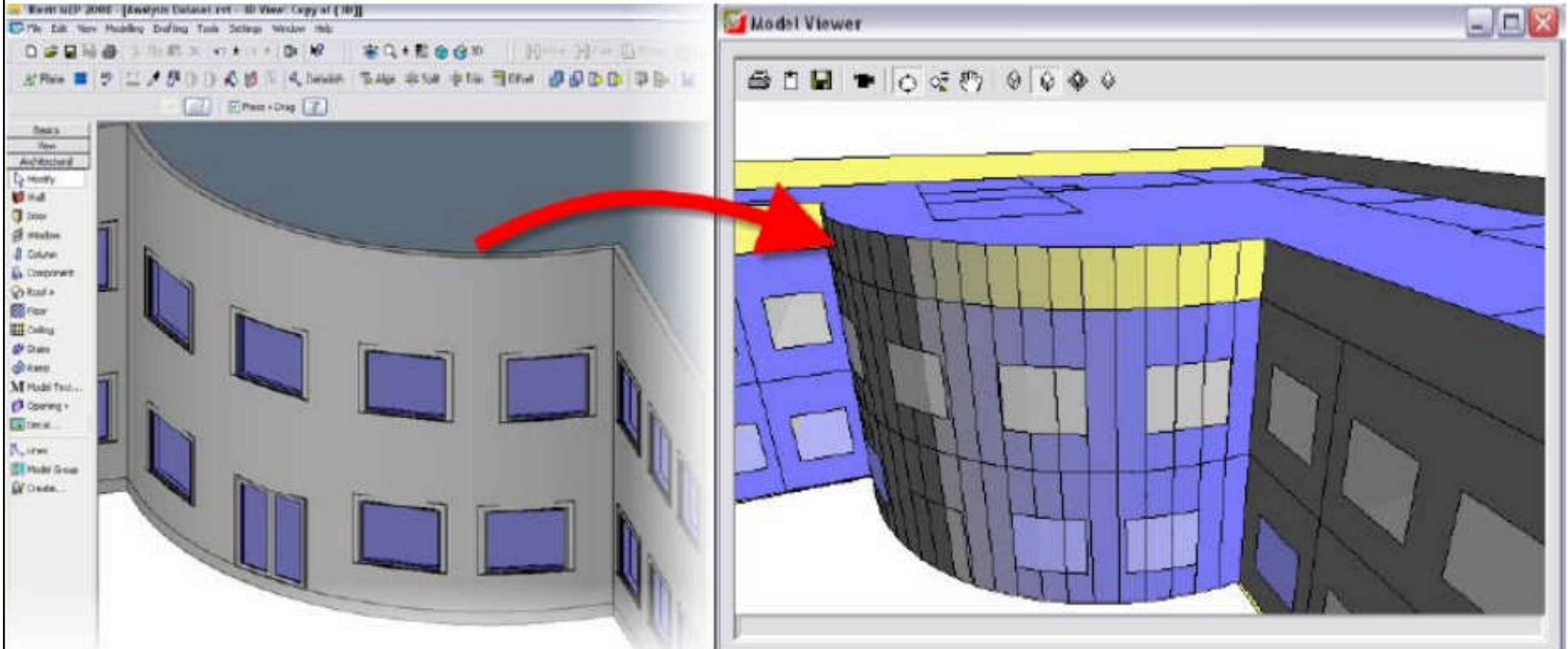
Workflow 1: for separate architectural and engineering firms



Workflow 2: for architectural/engineering firms (in house)

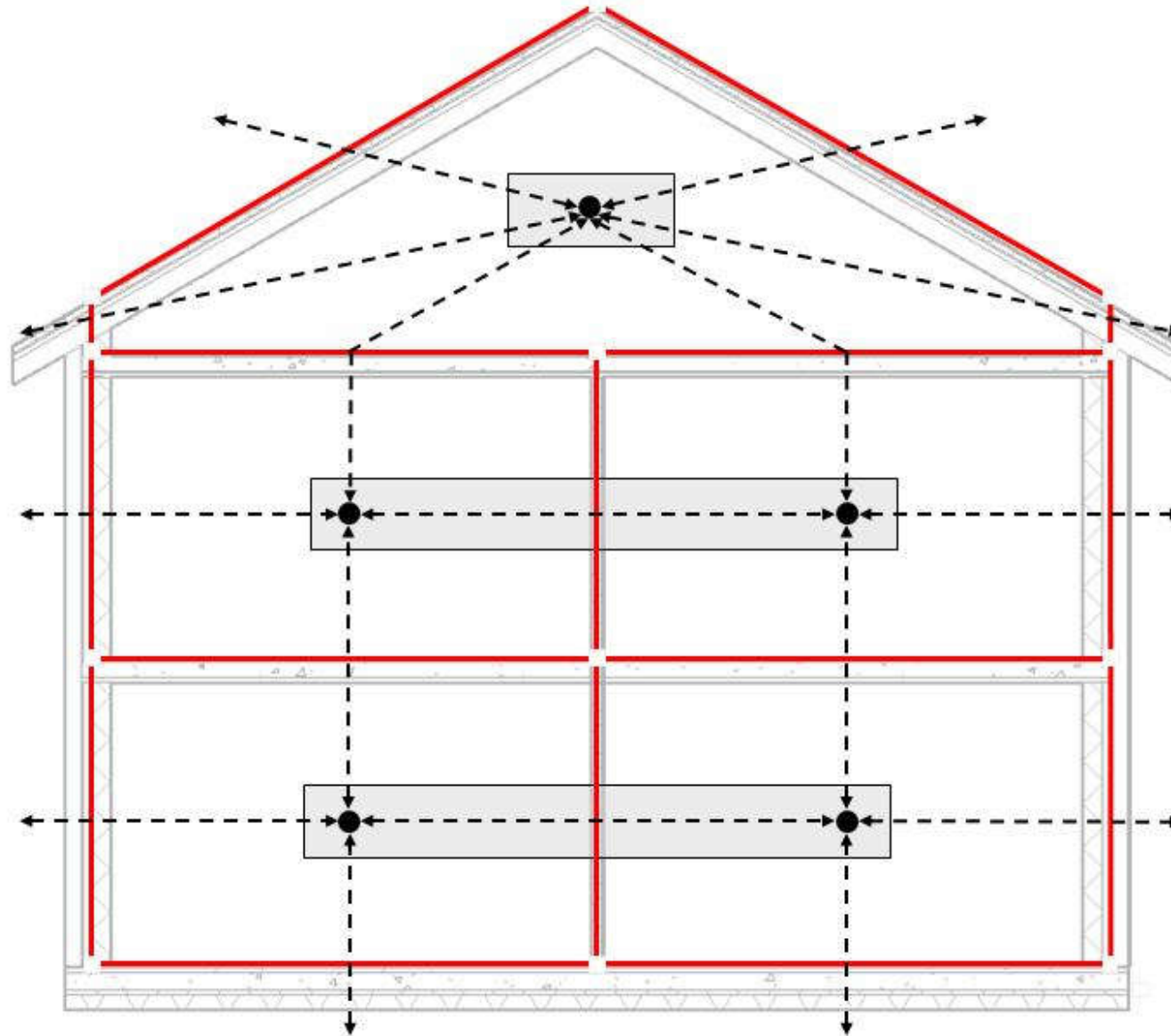


SIMPLIFY the energy model for the analysis: curved wall conversion



The methods of modeling the energy model may result in a model that does not visually look like the actual design, but provides the correct information for the analysis to be done. For example, a curved shading device may have to be split up into multiple small rectangular pieces.

Geometry modelling and energy analysis model (EAM)



● **Spaces**
i.e. discrete volumes of air
that gain and lose heat.

↑↓ **Surfaces**
i.e. the paths through which
Spaces gain and lose heat.

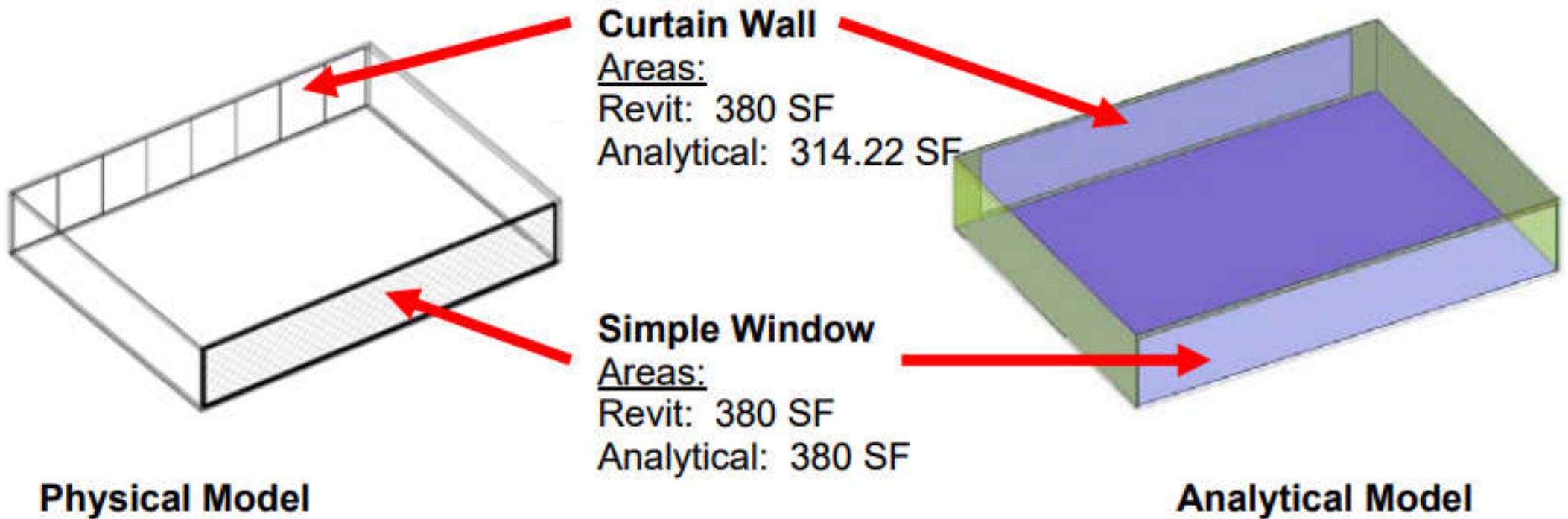
■ **Zones**
i.e. groups of *Spaces*.

BIM and energy analysis



- Building energy models for large buildings are more prone to have errors in the export to an energy analysis tool
- For multilevel buildings, spaces should be added to one level at a time and exported to the tool (e.g. eQUEST) to check that the spaces translate properly
 - It is easier to troubleshoot areas that have errors when spaces are added in this manner

Curtain walls are “converted” into surfaces and openings in the analytical model



The Curtain Wall object does not maintain the proper area. The simple window should be used to represent Curtain Wall by extending the window from the floor to the next level. One reason that the curtain wall area may be incorrect is that the mullions are being accounted for in the glazing area, but even when the grid pattern is set to none, the area is still reduced.

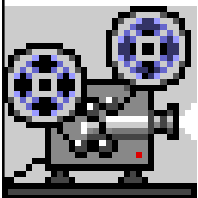
Information available in different design phases in BIM energy modelling

| Design phase | Preliminary design | Early design | Detailed design |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Information available | Total floor areas, building shape, orientation and so on | HVAC, occupancy schedule, outside air flow per person, outside air flow per floor area, outside air change per hour value, number of users, and so on | Detailed types of HVAC, walls, roof construction, lighting efficiency, lighting control, equipment power density value, light power density value, equipment efficiency, daylighting control, occupancy sensor, glazing, window to wall ratio, and so on |
| Accuracy of energy modelling | Low | Medium | High |

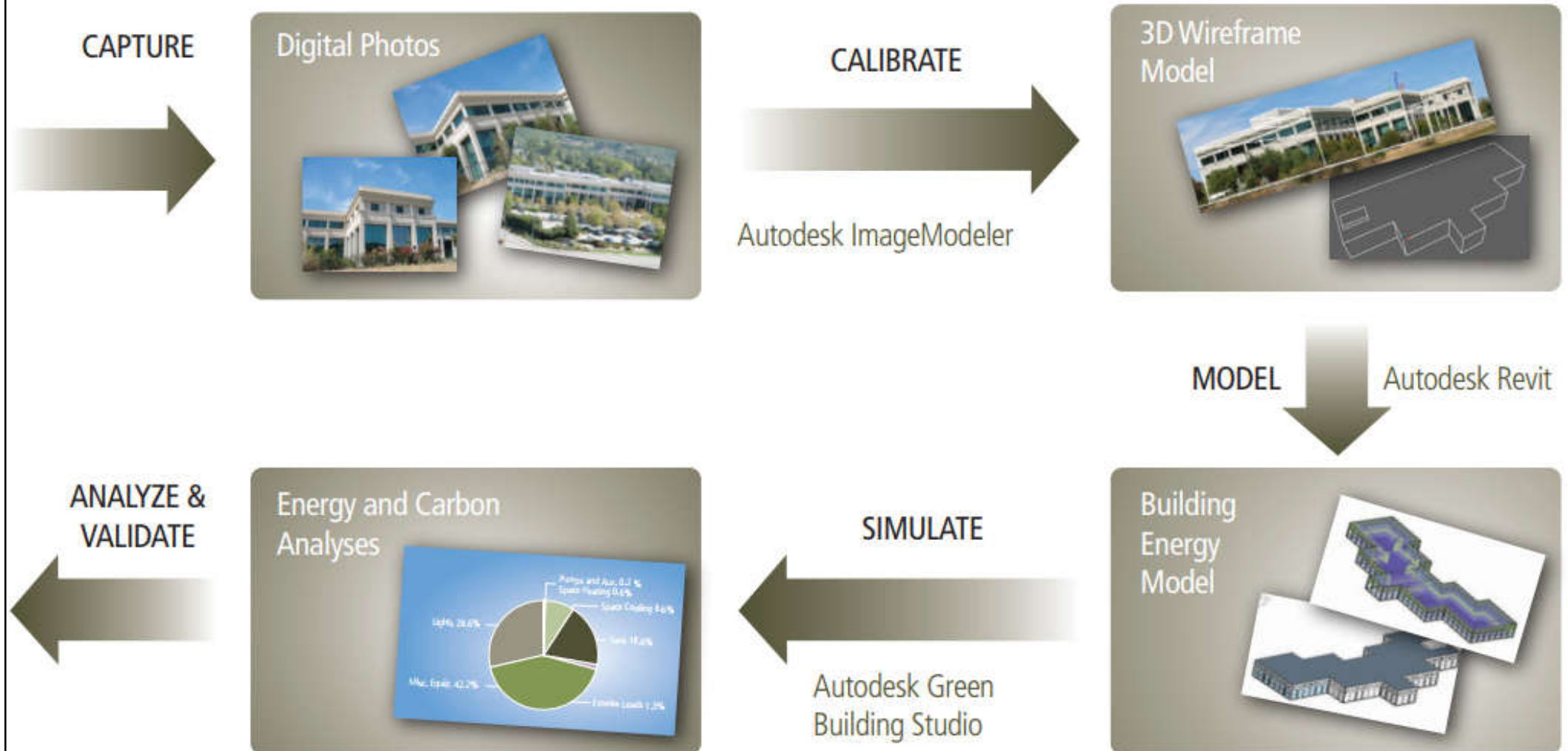
BIM and energy analysis



- **Rapid energy modelling (REM)**
 - Evaluate numerous design alternatives with less time and cost
 - Shortcut to estimating actual energy use
 - Focus on retrofitting of existing buildings
- Analyse the building energy characteristics
 - 1. Model (capture by digital photos)
 - 2. Evaluate (building energy model)
 - 3. Report (energy & carbon analysis)



Rapid energy modelling (REM) for existing buildings



(See also: Absolute beginners: Rapid Energy Modelling <https://aecmag.com/59-features/1120-absolute-beginners-rapid-energy-modelling>)

(Source: Rapid Energy Modeling for Existing Buildings: Testing the Business and Environmental Potential through an Experiment at Autodesk: Executive Summary. http://images.autodesk.com/adsk/files/rem_executive_summary.pdf)



Further reading

- Getting Started with Autodesk Energy Analysis
 - http://help.autodesk.com/view/BUILDING_PERFORMANCE_ANALYSIS/ENU/?guid=GUID-E85A114E-BA0D-4811-B1A5-4EE26462708A
- Leveraging BIM for Energy Analysis
 - <https://sustainabilityworkshop.autodesk.com/sites/default/files/core-page-files/leveragingbimforenergyanalysis.pdf>
- Autodesk Insight - High performance and sustainable building design analysis
 - <https://insight.autodesk.com/oneenergy>
 - Sample Insights
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