



## **Continuous Commissioning at Sandia National Laboratories**

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# Sandia's Sites

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*



**Workforce: >12,000**  
**Major buildings: 225**  
**Space: 7.4 million GSF**

**LEED Buildings: 11**  
**Avg. Bldg. Age: 38 yrs.**

*Livermore, California*



**Physical area :188,000 acres**  
**Paved roads: 49 miles**  
**Unpaved roads: 38 miles**

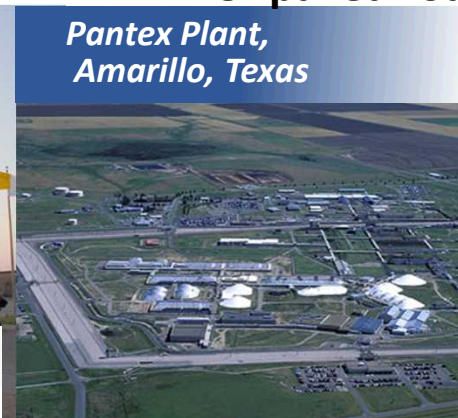
*Kauai, Hawaii*



*Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico*



*Pantex Plant,  
Amarillo, Texas*



*Tonopah, Nevada*

# Energy Use Breakdown

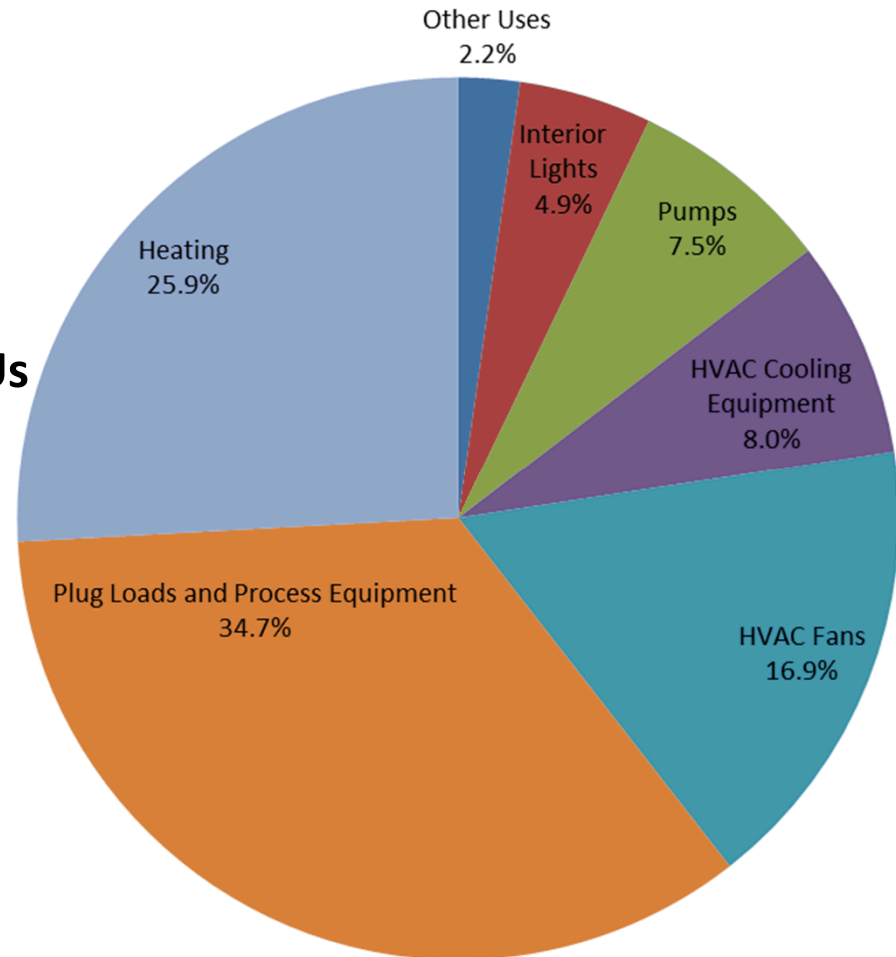
## SNL Gas and Electric Energy Use by Category

**Electric: 284,410,778 kWh**

**Natural gas: 340,278,252 SCF**

**Total Energy Use: 1,310,730 MBTUs**

**Total utility costs: over \$19M**



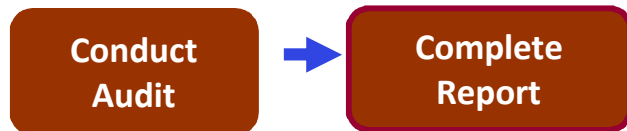
# Buildings and Space

- Building types:
  - Semi-conductor fabrication;
  - Pulsed power reactors;
  - Data centers;
  - High security;
  - Cafeteria;
  - Auditorium;
  - Warehouse;
  - Nuclear facilities
  - Explosive facilities
- Space types:
  - Offices
  - Laboratories:
    - chemistry,
    - biology,
    - electronic,
    - laser labs;
    - computer
  - Clean rooms;
  - High-bays;
  - Computer rooms

# Energy Audits & Retro-commissioning

## ■ Energy & Water Audits

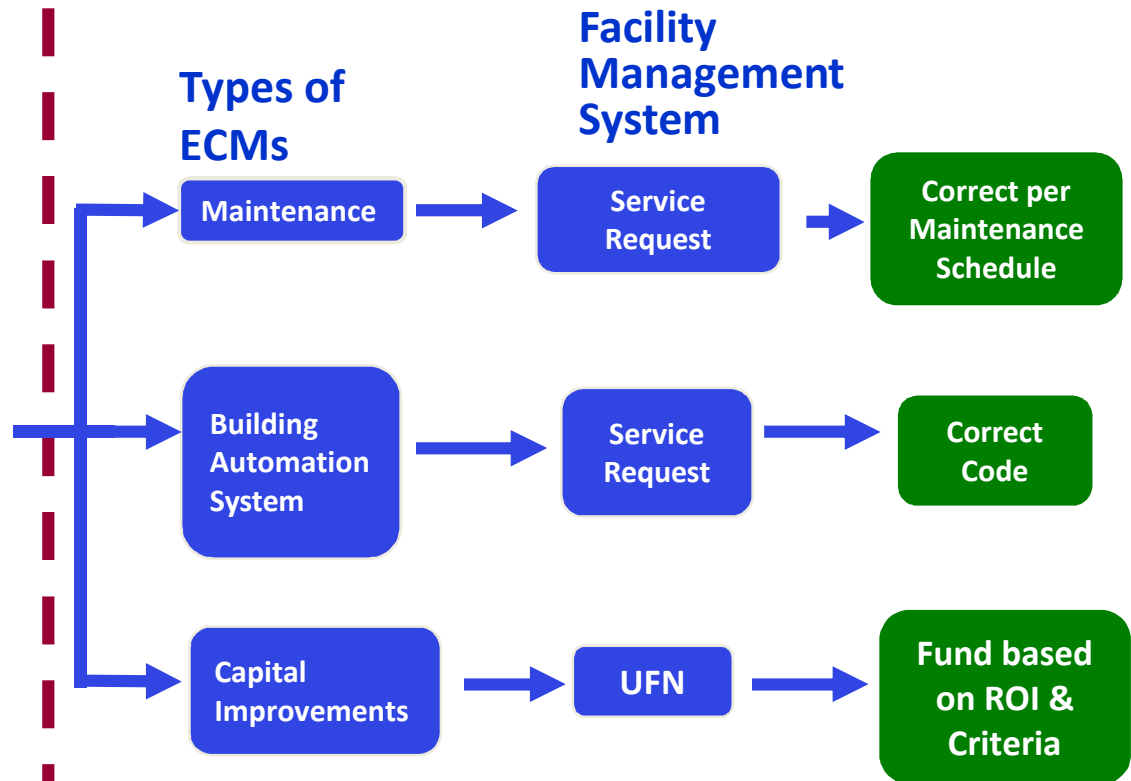
- ✓ 4-year schedule top Energy Consumers
- ✓ Led by Operations team per process using checklist
- ✓ ASHRAE Level II



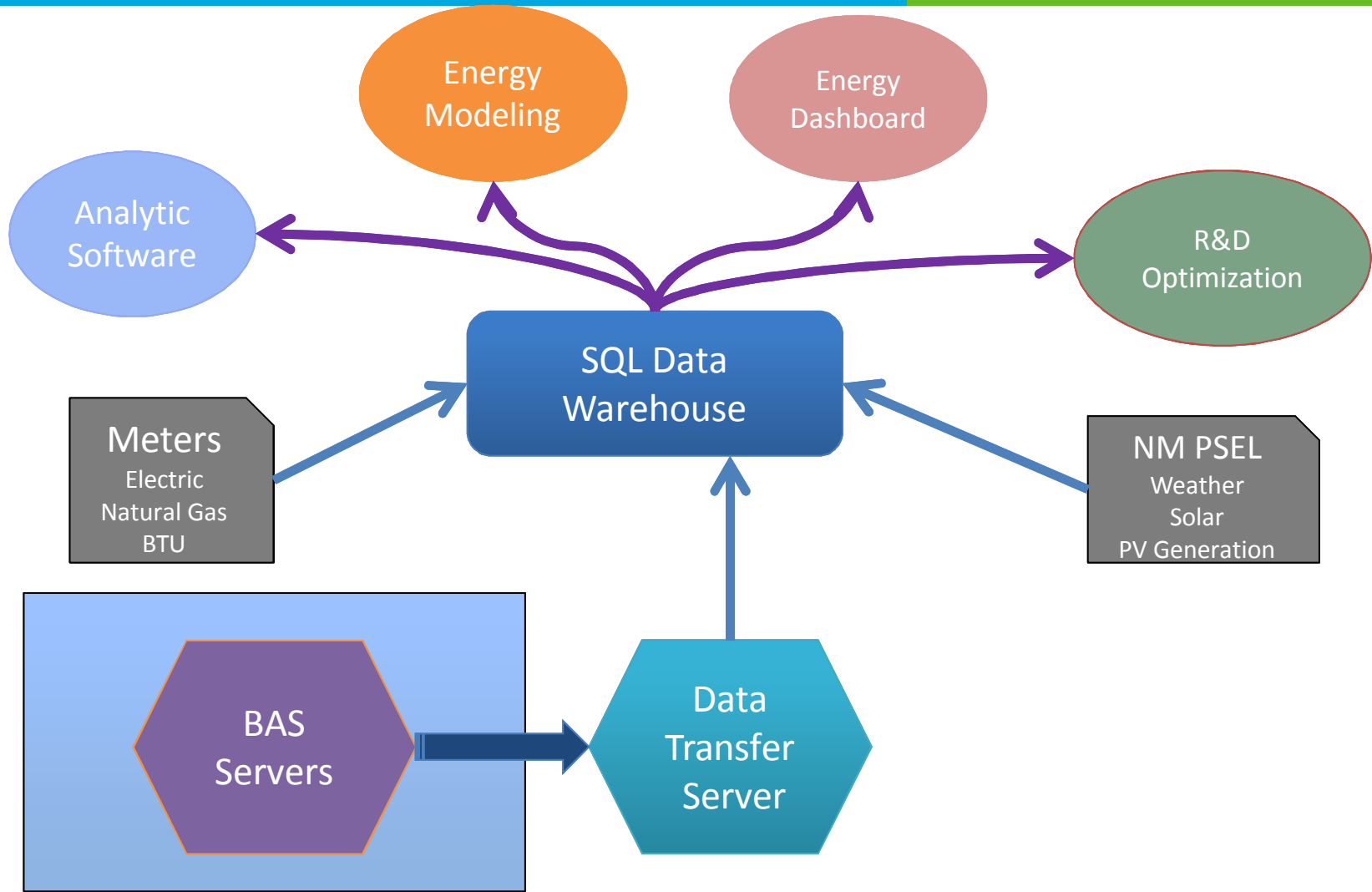
- Load Profile & Energy-Use Baseline
- Annual Load Profiles & Energy Use to verify savings
- Energy Models

## ■ Retro-commissioning or Energy Conservation Measures (ECM)

- ✓ Identified & implemented per SNL Facilities processes



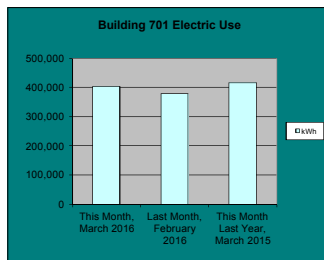
# Energy Data Warehouse



# Energy Dashboard

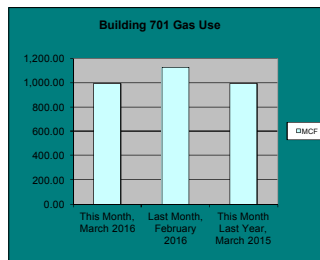
## Energy Dashboard

Electrical Use Awareness Bulletin

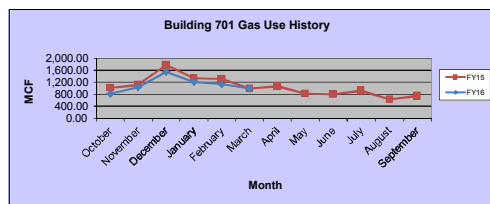
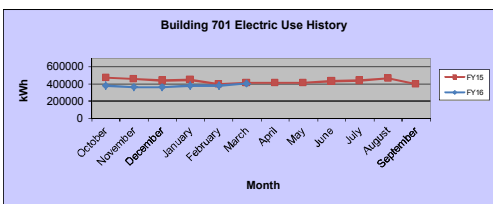


**Building 701**  
 Graphs are displayed in kWh  
 The average use per day in kWh was 13,018

Gas Use Awareness Bulletin



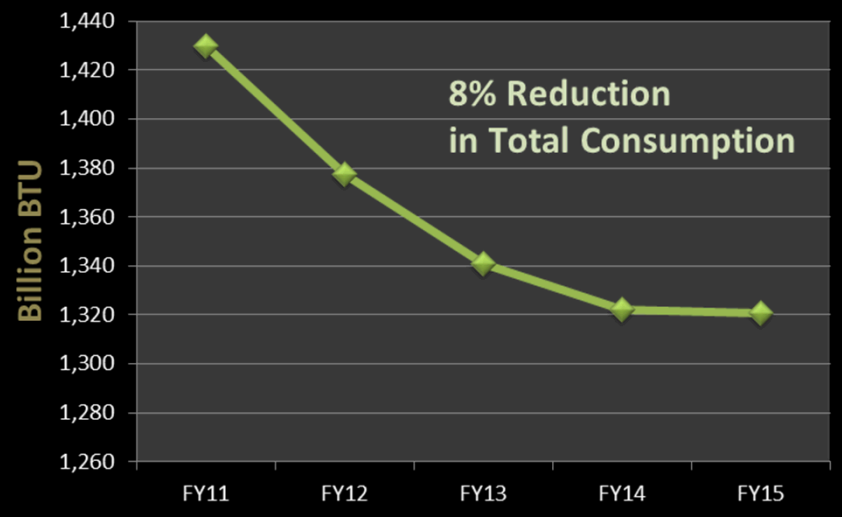
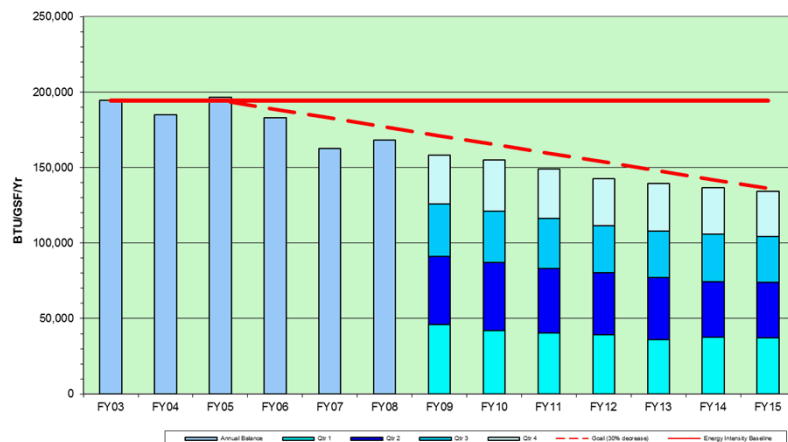
**Building 701**  
 Graphs are displayed in MCF  
 The average use per day in MCF was 32.06



Ops Team 1 - Building Energy Reduction  
 Red, Yellow, Green Stoplight Report



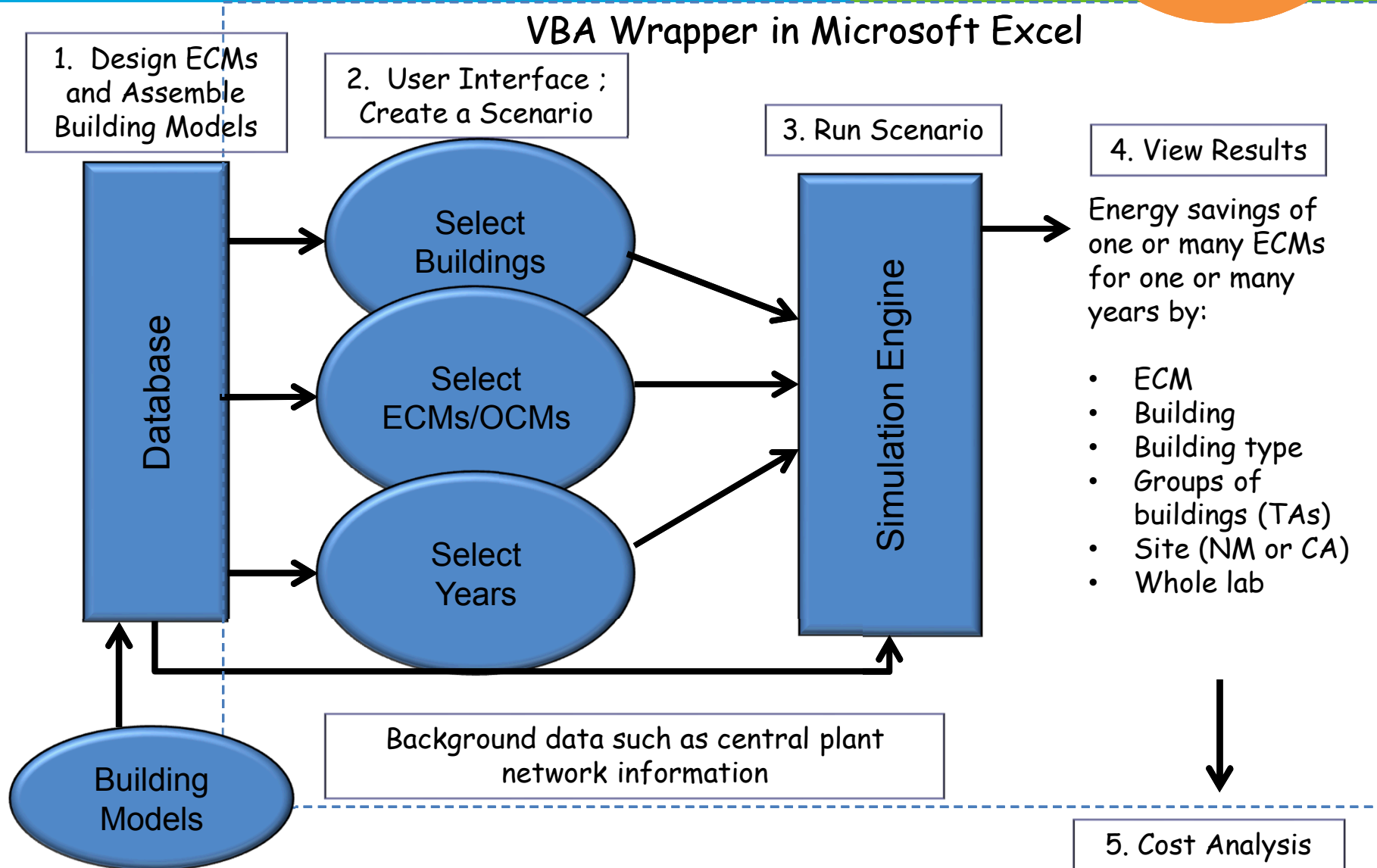
Regular Building Energy Intensity



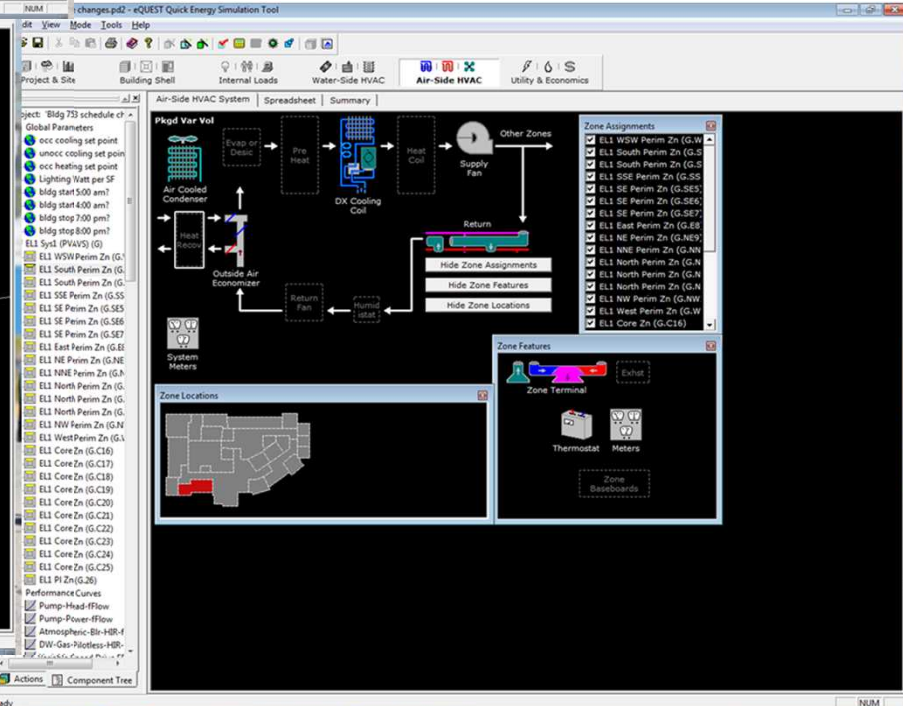
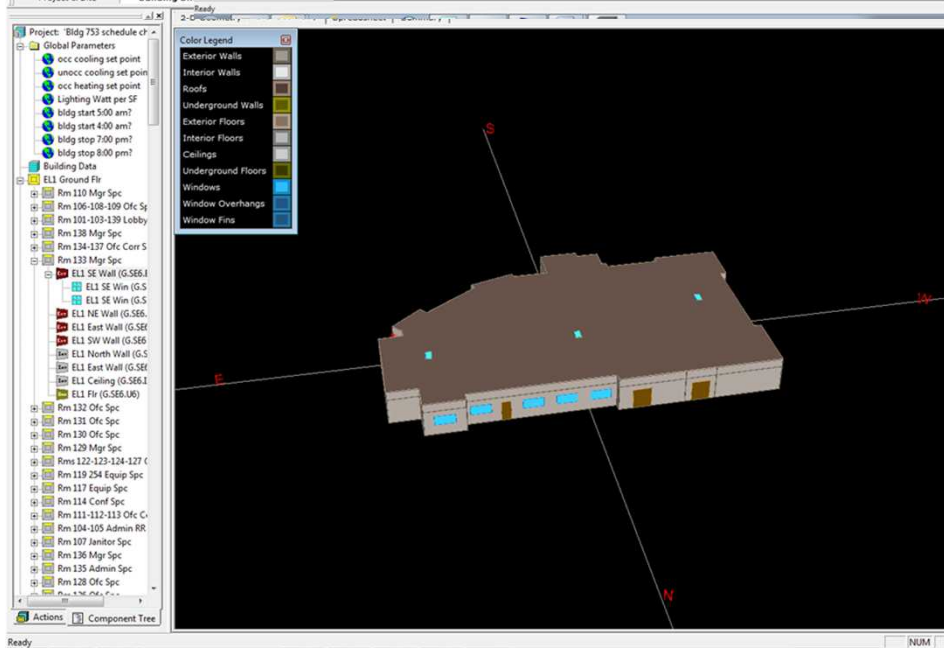
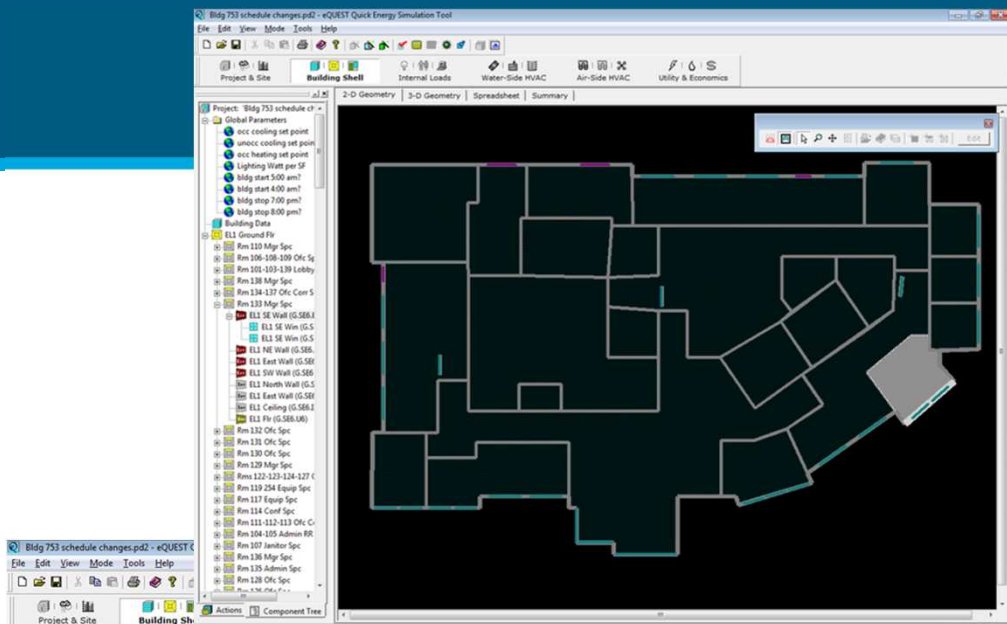
# IX Building Module Architecture

Energy  
Modeling

## VBA Wrapper in Microsoft Excel



# eQUEST



[Scenario](#)  
[ECM](#)  
[Time](#)  
[Building](#)  
[Data Entry](#)

## IX Institutional Transformation 2.5

The IX user interface creates energy conservation measure (ECM) and operational conservation measures (OCM) scenarios for many buildings over many years. It uses doe2.2 BDL input files which have been parameterized with ECMs/OCMs.

**Scenario**  
[Return to Scenarios](#)

Help

Select Scenario  
MyScenario

**ECMs/OCMs**  
☐ Add  
☒ Edit  
☐ Delete

Help

Select an ECM/OCM  
Reduce Plug Loads

**Time**  
Years to Simulate:

Help

Select a begin year  
2013

Select an end year  
2044

**Buildings**  
Select Buildings

Help

Area

BuildingID	Input File		Type	Input File Name	Additional Attribute
	Begin Year	End Year			
898	2013	2043	CUB	CUB_899A_898_899_NeedsEQUESTNext.inp	Area I
	2044	2044	Office	Building_898_7_25_2014_v2_2_way_coils_.inp	Area I
899	2013	2043	CUB	CUB_899A_898_899_NeedsEQUESTNext.inp	Area I
	2044	2044	Office	Building_899_v2_2_way_coils_.inp	Area I

# Results

Energy  
Modeling

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Select Scenario

CUB899A

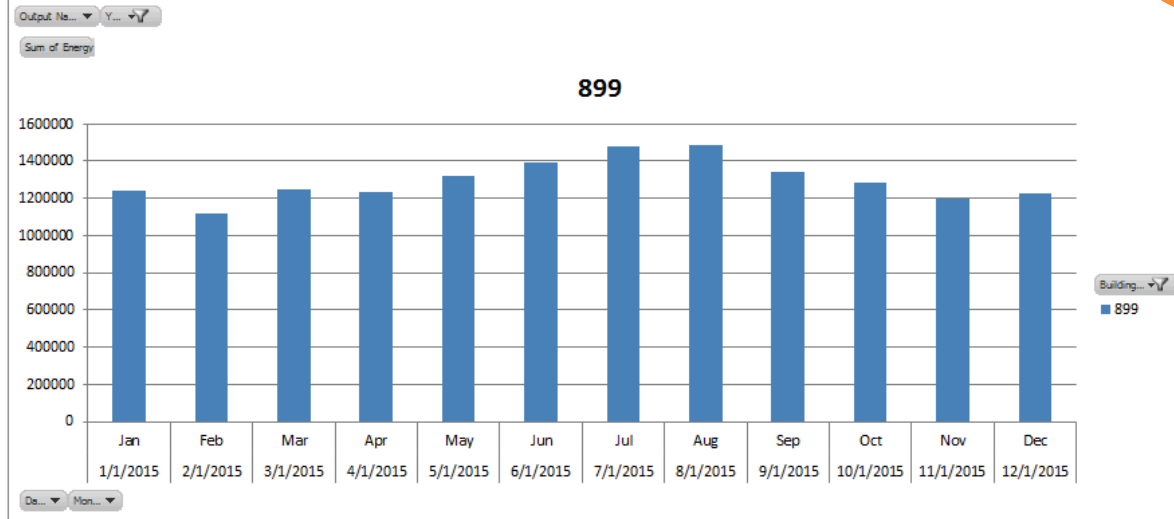
Additional Filter Attribute

Area

Units

kBTU

IX 2.5 Sandia National Laboratories



Sum of Energy	Column Labels
Row Labels	899
1/1/2015	
Jan	1237878.958
2/1/2015	
Feb	1120519.157
3/1/2015	
Mar	1250657.665
4/1/2015	
Apr	1231619.184
5/1/2015	
May	1322914.739
6/1/2015	
Jun	1393051.508
7/1/2015	
Jul	1476750.31
8/1/2015	
Aug	1484082.378
9/1/2015	
Sep	1340243.365
10/1/2015	
Oct	1285415.175
11/1/2015	
Nov	1200110.234
12/1/2015	
Dec	1226640.87

IX uses a pivot table of the results database to make reducing to specific results or aggregating to site-wide results easy.

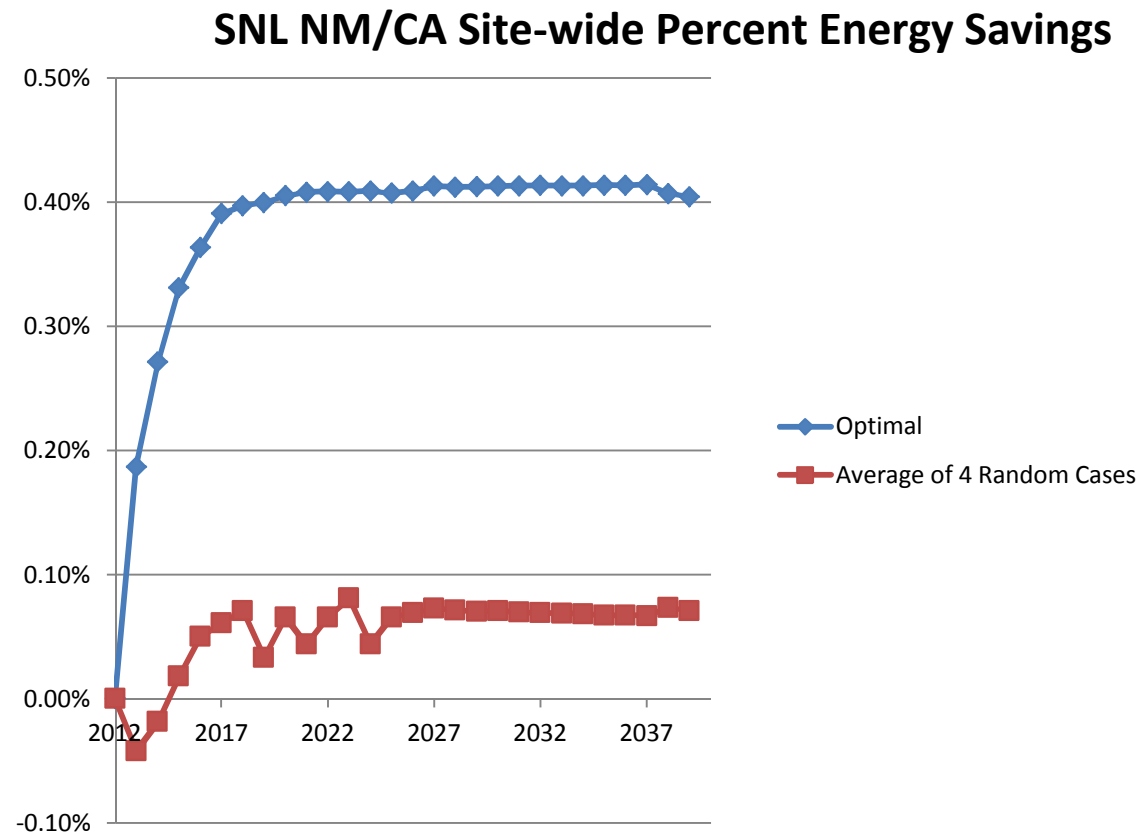
## Energy Conservation Measures

Initiative	Savings
Lighting retrofits	0.5%
Digital Control Conversions	6-10%
Free-cooling heat exchangers	
Central Plant Upgrades	
Clean Room modifications (filters and reduced air flow)	

## Operational Conservation Measures

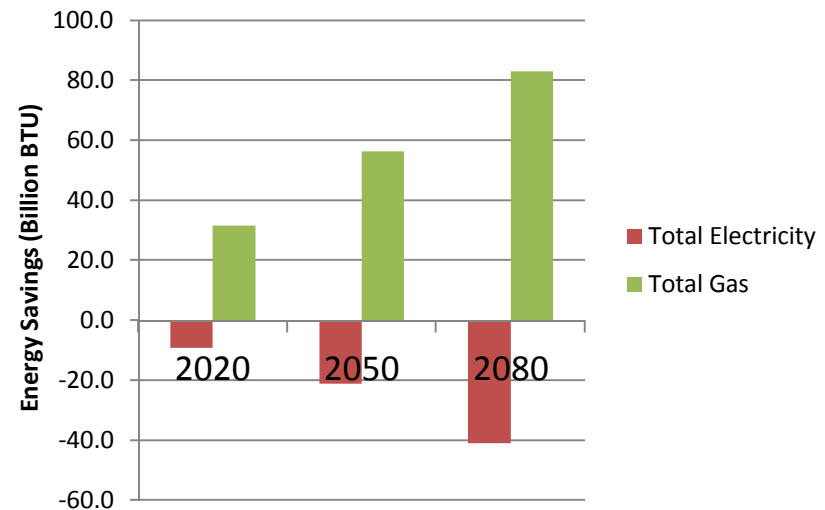
Initiative	Savings
Office (T Set and Operating hours)	1-1.5%
Lab (T Set and Operating hours)	3-7%
Ventilation setback (labs)	2-3%
Eliminate 24/7 operations	2-3%
Retro-commissioning, Analytics	1-2%

- Site-wide energy savings for this ECM is only 0.4%
- If cool roof and insulation costs are high, other ECMs may be more desirable

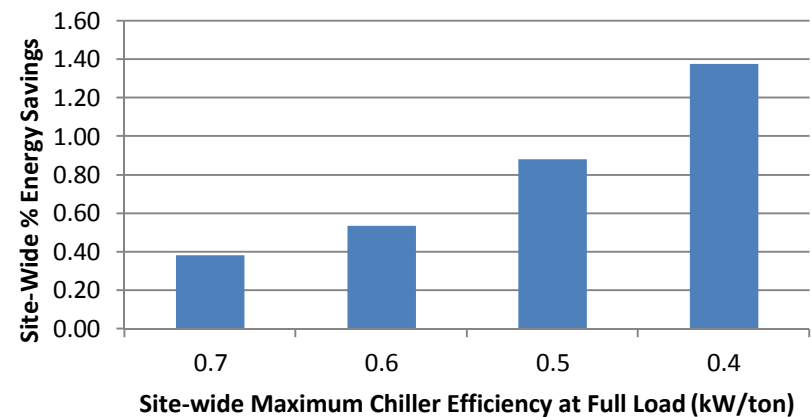


- Parameter studies of many
  - Buildings
  - Energy conservation measures (ECM)
  - Years
- Climate
- Current version 2.5
- Future version 3.0

**IX SNL CA/NM Energy Savings HAD  
CM3 A2 Climate Scenarios**

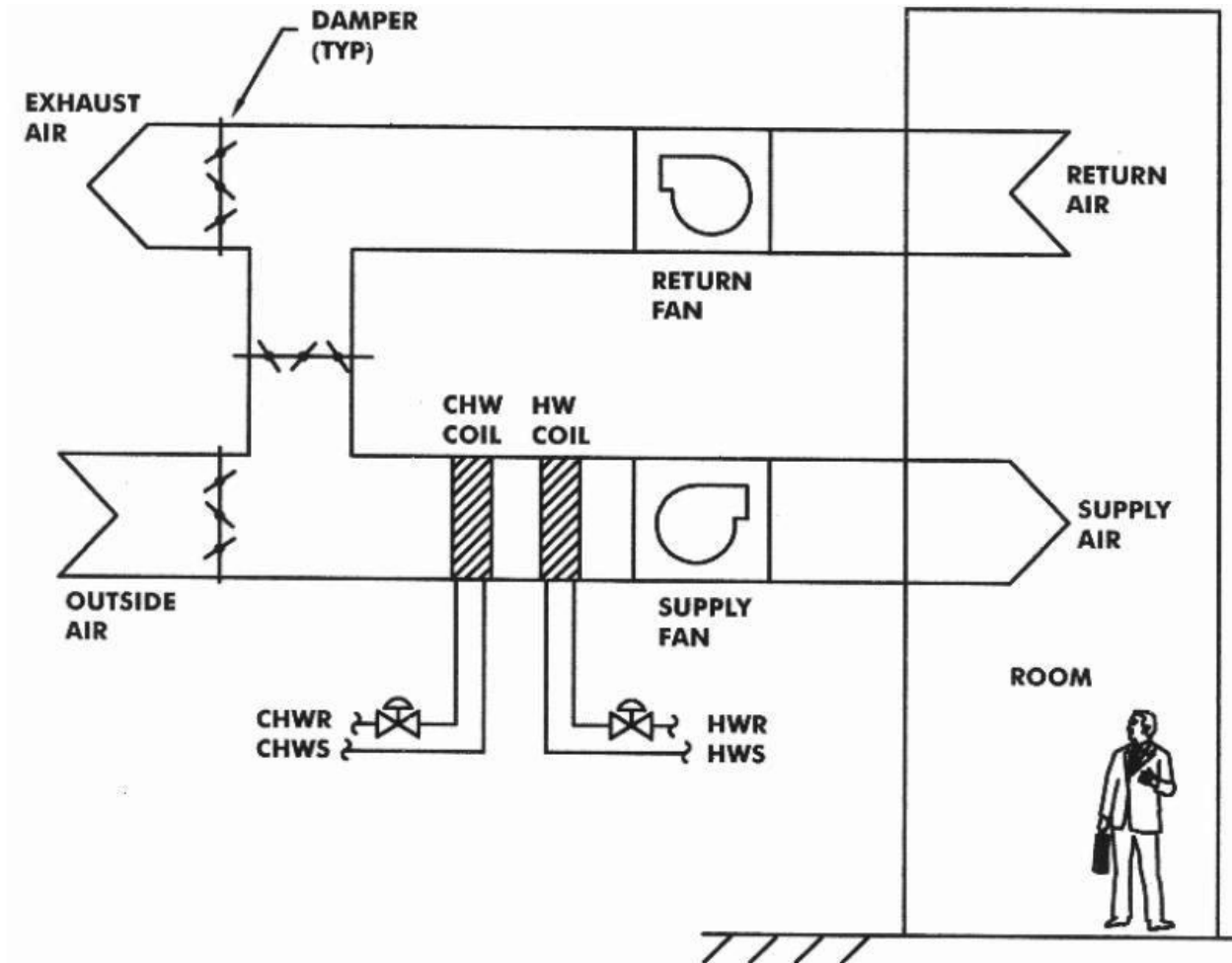


**SNL Chiller Efficiency Study**



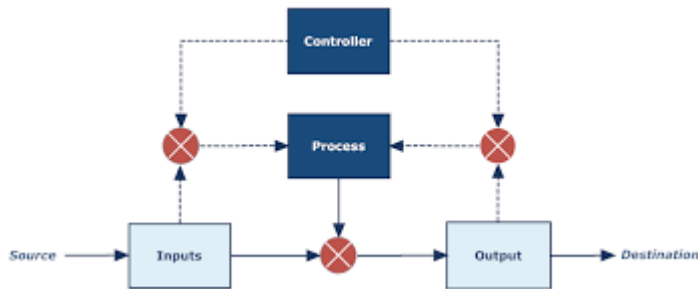
# Basic Central Air System

Analytic  
Software

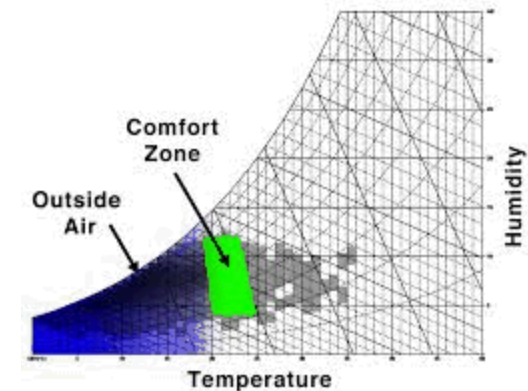
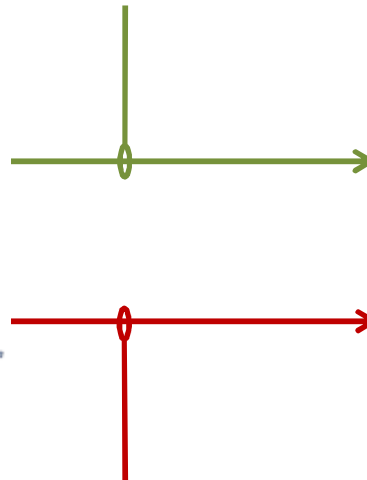


Manner of delivery is as important as outcome ...

- Automatically Driven
- Stability via Tested Programming
- Optimized Sequencing
- Proven Efficiency Using Employed Metrics
- Self Diagnosing Reliability



DIGITAL CONTROL



OUTCOME [70 Degree Air]

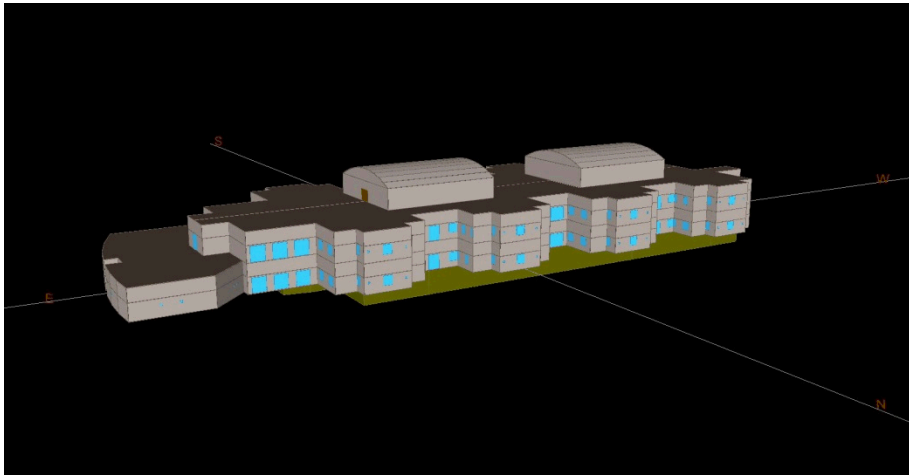
Purely End Result Oriented...

- Operator Driven
- Reliable
- Metrics: Non Existent
- Field Efficiency is Subordinated
- Unrealized Design Intent

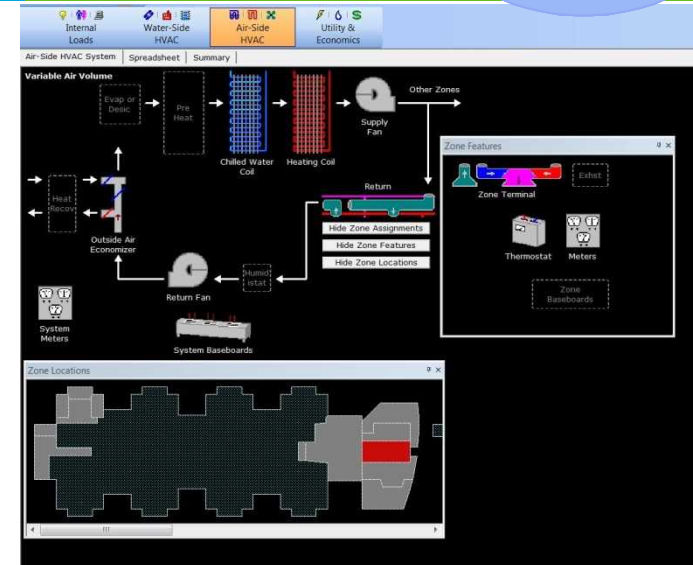
TWO METHODS: SAME OUTCOME  
DIFFERING ENERGY IMPACT

# Case Study – Sensor Disturbance

Analytic  
Software



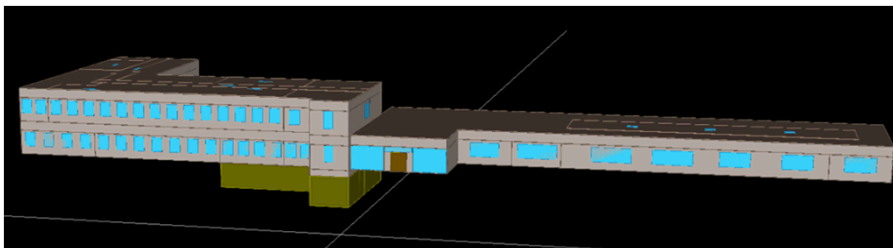
- Office/Lab Building
- Cooling options: chiller and evaporative cooling
- Fall day
  - 75 degrees F; 15% Relative Humidity
- Building temperature is within limits and occupants are not complaining.
- Chilled water valve is open, electric chiller is running and economizer/evaporative cooling system is off.
- **WHAT WENT WRONG?**



- Office Building: carpet was cleaned during the weekend.
- HVAC system was placed in 24/7 operations to remove carpet cleaning odors.
- eQuest model; encountered difficulty in calibration process.
- ***WHAT WENT WRONG?***

# Analytics Pilot Project

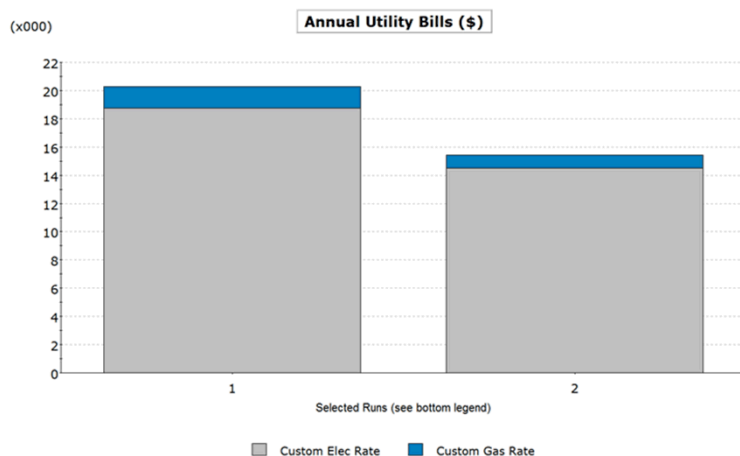
Analytic  
Software



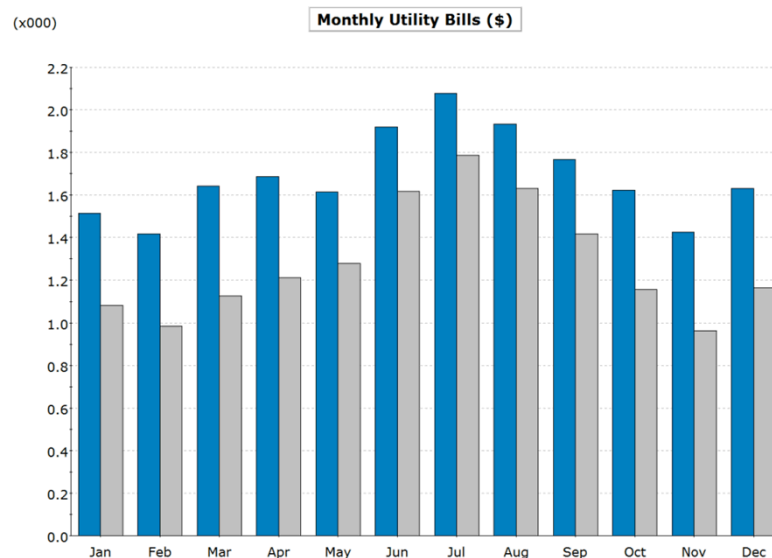
- *ONE BUILDING - ALBUQUERQUE SITE*
- *25 RULE BASED ANALYTICS*
- *USE ENERGY MODEL TO PREDICT COST AND ENERGY SAVINGS*

## eQuest Runs Based on Findings from Pilot Project

- AHU Start Time Not Optimized (1.5 hour excess run time)
- AHU Fan Speed Fixed
- AHU Supply Air Temperature Fixed
- AHU Economizer Not Implemented
- Hot Water Supply Temperature Fixed

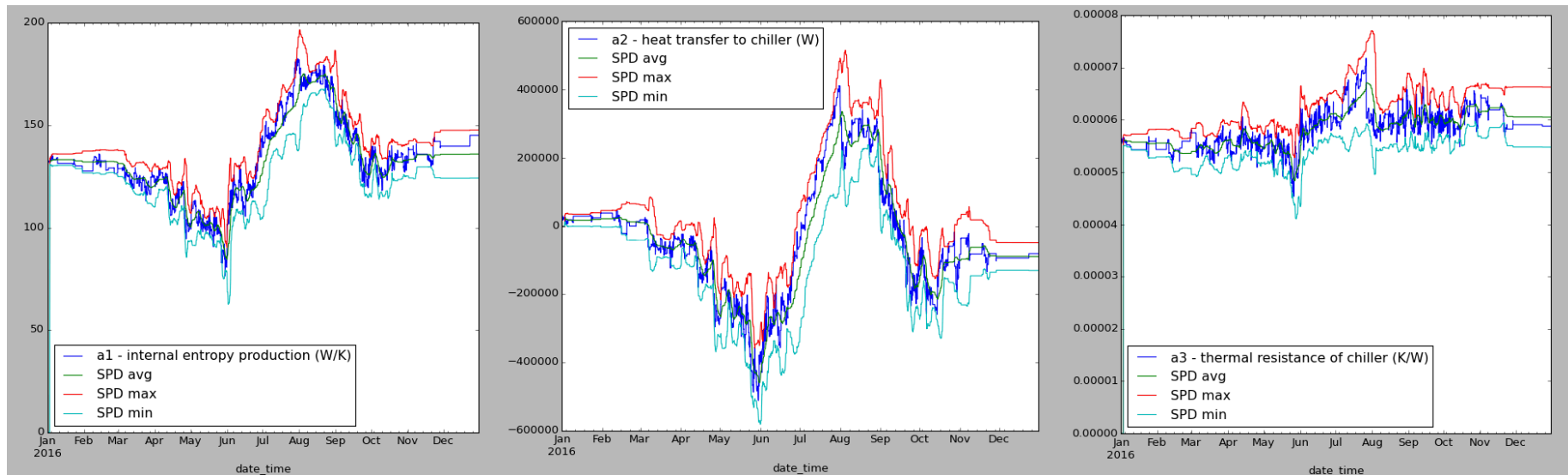


1. Analytics Pilot Project - Baseline Design (10/28/15 @ 17:29) (annual bill: \$ 20,258)  
2. Analytics Pilot Project - Whole Build EEM (10/28/15 @ 17:30) (annual bill: \$ 15,426)



- Fault criteria which vary with time
- Rules based on gray-box model parameters
- Parameters estimated by Kalman filtering

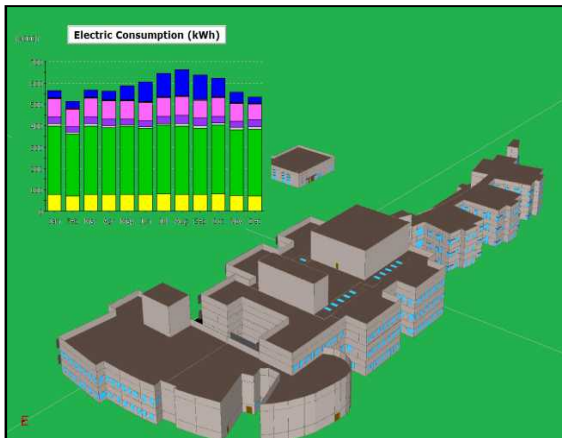
Building 899A 150 ton screw chiller fault detection



# Big Modeling and Data

R&D  
Optimization

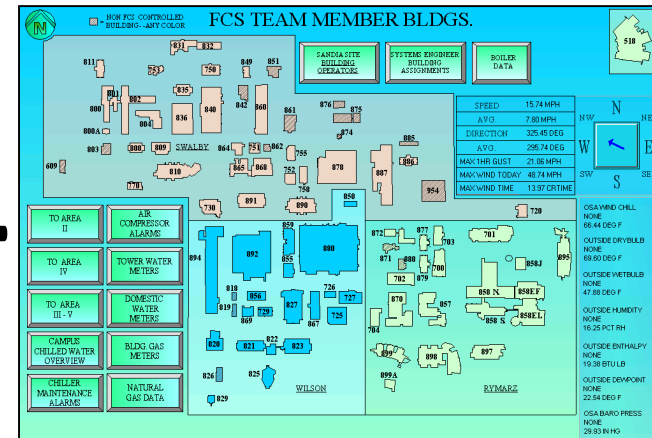
## 119 Doe2 Models and IX



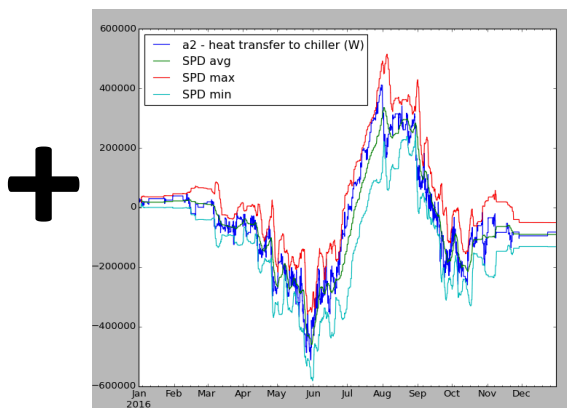
## Model Parser

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CurChar = Mid(CurCharBlock, BlockPos, 1)
' Mode 1 - move through delimiters
' Now check our state
If InDelimit Then
  InDelimit = False ' This will be undone if CurChar is a delimiter
  LastWasPeriod = False 'undone later if it turns out this is true
  LastWasNewLine = False 'undone later if it turns out this is true
  Select Case CurChar
    Case vbCr, vbLf, " ", "=", ",", ""
      InDelimit = True
      If CurChar = vbCr Or CurChar = vbLf Then
        LastWasNewLine = True
      End If
    Case "*"
      InQuotes = True
      WordStart = BlockPos
    Case "("
      If Not CurlyAndParenthesisDoNotApply Then
        InParenthesis = True
      End If
      WordStart = BlockPos
    Case "$"
      InStars = True
      WordStart = BlockPos
    Case "$"
      InComment = True
      Select Case PrevChar
        Case vbCr, vbLf
          LastWasNewLine = True ' This means that the comment lasts the entire
```

## 250,000 Data streams



## Advanced Analytics



Capability to approach  
sustainability with an  
unprecedented level of detail  
Robustly detect faults

THANK YOU!

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