

# ORNL Flexible Research Platforms

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Empirical Validation of Whole-Building Energy Simulation Programs

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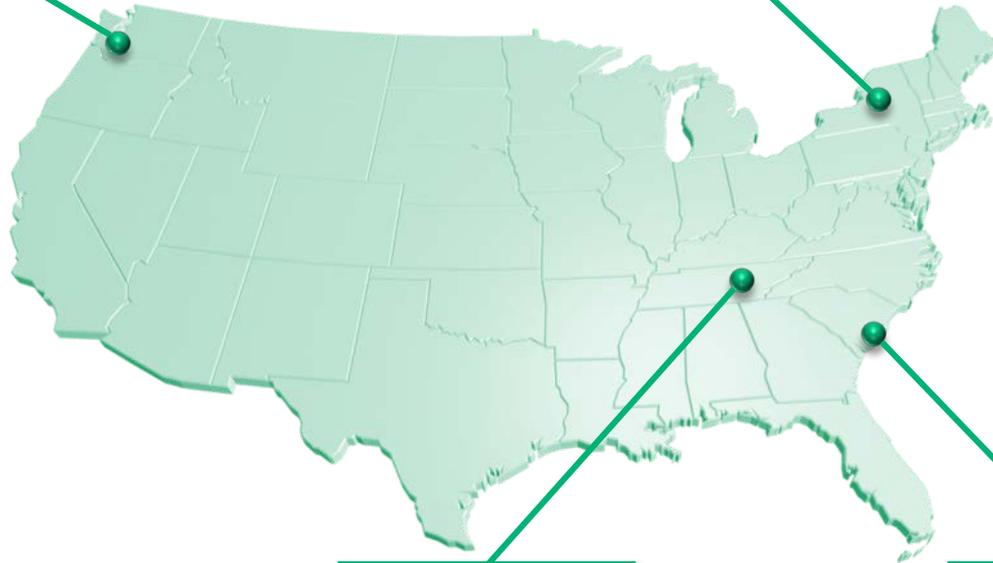
# Envelope research: Natural exposure facilities



Tacoma,  
Washington  
(cool/humid)



Syracuse,  
New York  
(cold/humid)



Oak Ridge,  
Tennessee  
(mixed/humid)



Charleston,  
South Carolina  
(hot/humid)

# Envelope research: Lab facilities



Heat flow through roof/attic assemblies



Heat flow through wall assemblies



Air/moisture flow through wall assemblies



Hygrothermal properties of materials

# Equipment research: Lab facilities

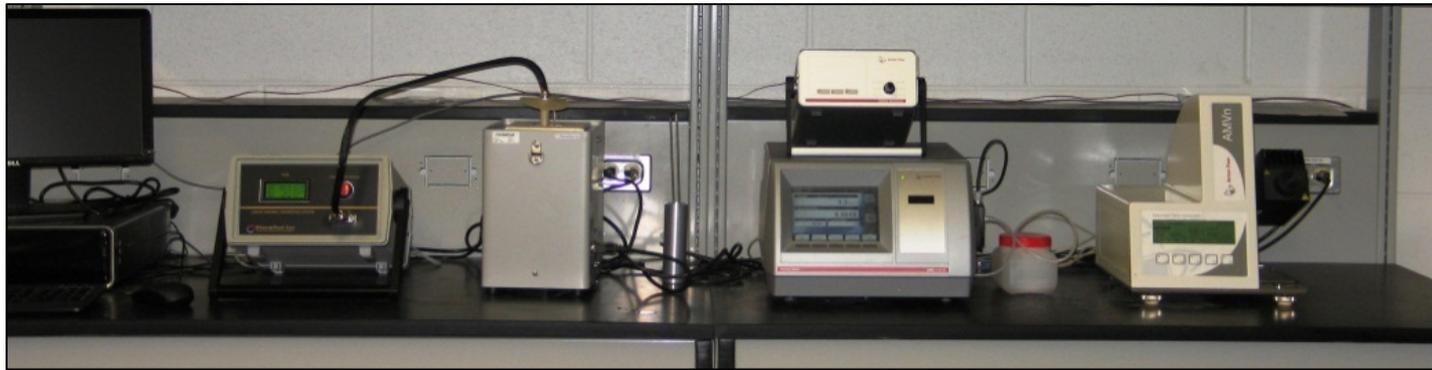
Environmental chambers



Compressor calorimeters



Heat exchanger R&D loops



Working fluid physical properties measurement

# FRP one-stop shop



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### Toolbox

## Project Data

1. Master Directory - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness`
2. Emulated Occupancy files - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness\Boudreaux`
3. Sensor Data Quality Assurance - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness\Castello`
  - Old test files, code, and installer - [https://www.dropbox.com/work/Data\\_Validation\\_Software/SensorDVC](https://www.dropbox.com/work/Data_Validation_Software/SensorDVC)
4. FRP Instrumentation (with pictures) - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness\ChrisTony`
5. Server hardware and visualization - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness\New`
6. Model files - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness\lmBhandari`
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## Software Tools

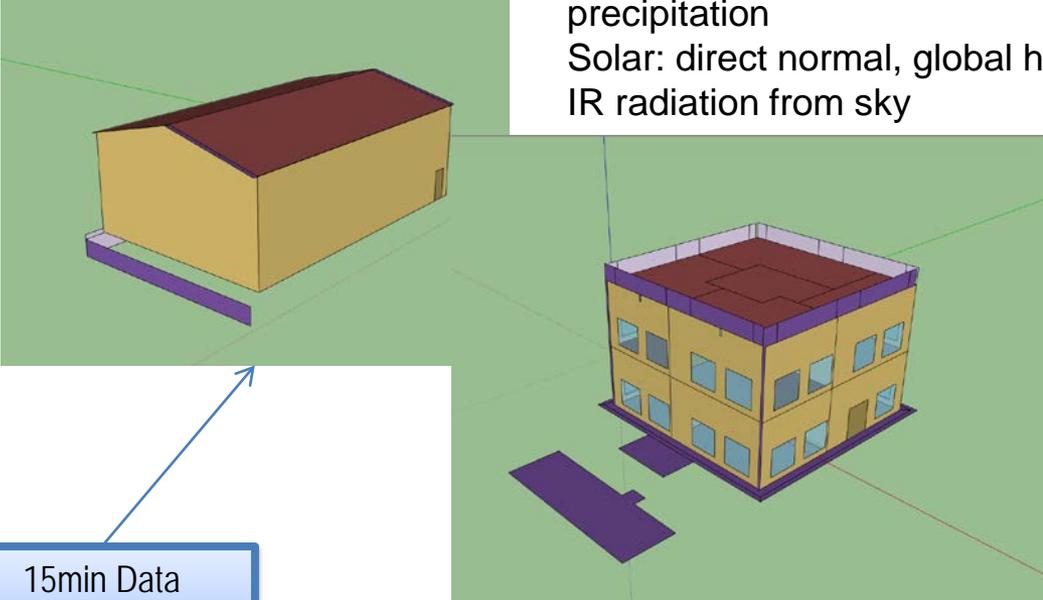
1. [FRP Logbook](#) - used to track changes to the FRPs
2. [ProvDMS](#) - provenance system for downloading FRP sensor data, tracking sensor use, uploading experiment files, creating dashboard visualizations, and exploring FRPs in 3D
  - [Sensor status](#) - 3-sigma hourly data for outlier detection and eventual notification
3. SensorDVC - sensor data validation and correction
  1. Windows installer - `\\strider\FRP_Readiness\Castello\setupSensorDVC.exe`
  2. [User manual](#) - capabilities of the desktop application for sensor quality assurance and control
  3. [SVN repo](#) - source code and setupSensorDVC installer
  4. [Developer manual](#) - doxygen documentation of software code
  5. [Dropbox](#) - software design documents, test files, analysis, and application domains

# Reduce Uncertainties in Modeling

Temperature, RH, wind speed/direction, barometric pressure, precipitation  
 Solar: direct normal, global horizontal, IR radiation from sky



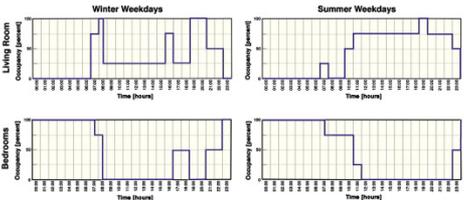
Real weather file from the weather station



15min Data Measurements

Simulated Occupancy

Active Foundation (adiabatic)



# Flexible Research Platform

- HVAC System Performance Measurement, Modeling, Calibration and Validation



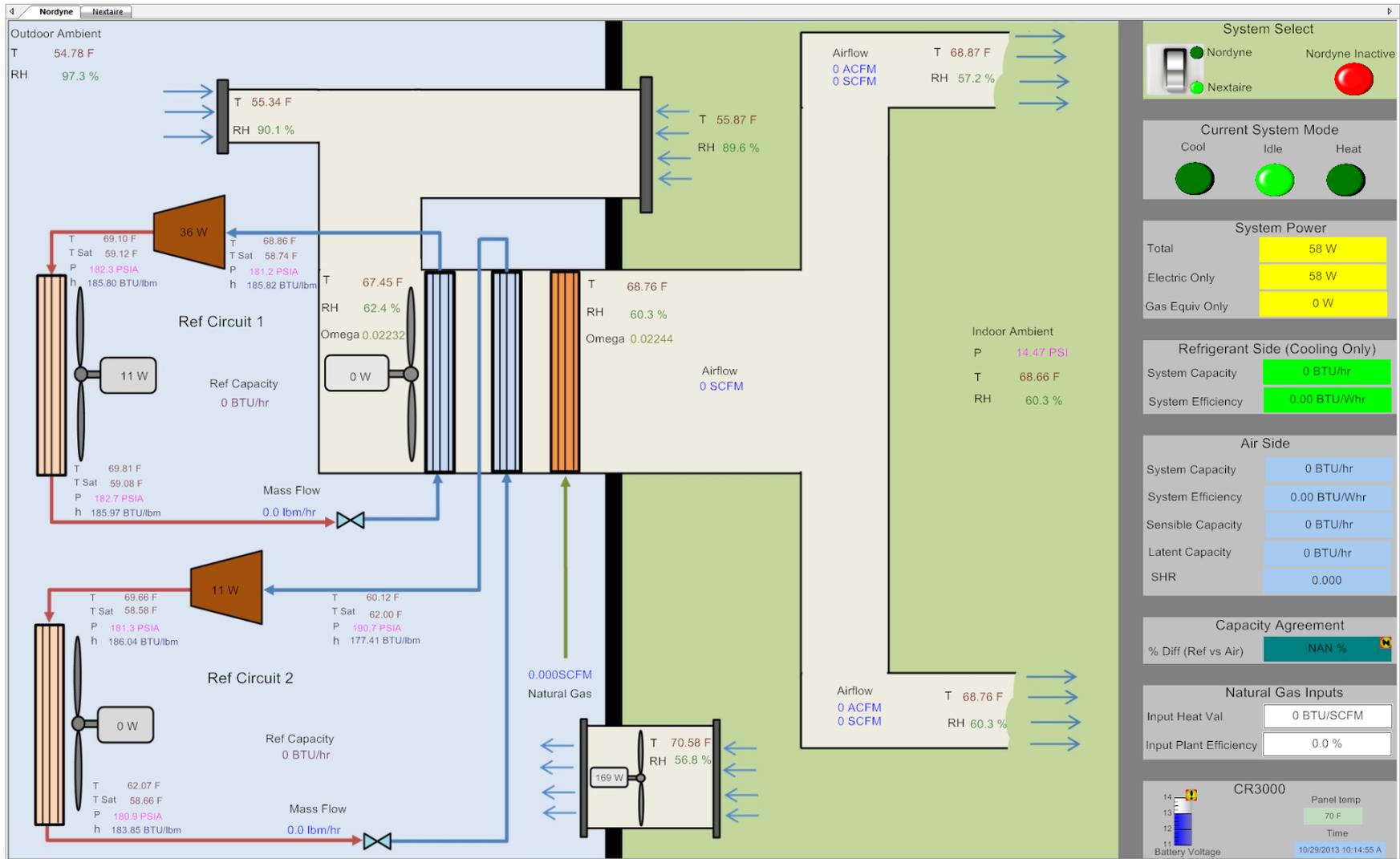
**HVAC #3: Integrated GSHP**  
→ **Being Installed**



# FRP1 DAQ Hardware

- 1 Master Cabinet
- 2 Peripheral Cabinets
- 128 Thermistor Channels
- 128 Single Ended Voltage Channels
- 50 Thermocouple Channels
- 32 Frequency input or 5V control Channels
- Integrated Refrigerant and Psychrometric Lookup Tables
- Linear Interpolation Routine To Calculate Thermodynamic Properties From Measured Quantities
- GUI For Real Time Data Picture and System Switch

# FRP1 DAQ Hardware



Nordyne GUI Tab

# FRP1 Installed Sensors

- 25 Temp/RH Probes
- 12 Refrigerant Side Immersion Thermistors
- 12 Refrigerant Side Pressure Transducers
- 4 Refrigerant Mass Flow Sensors
- 2 Natural Gas Mass Flowmeters
- 2 Airflow Measurement Stations
- 9 HVAC Power Measurements (Wattnode and CTs)
- 16 General Building Power Measurements (Wattnode and CTs)

# FRP1 Sensors



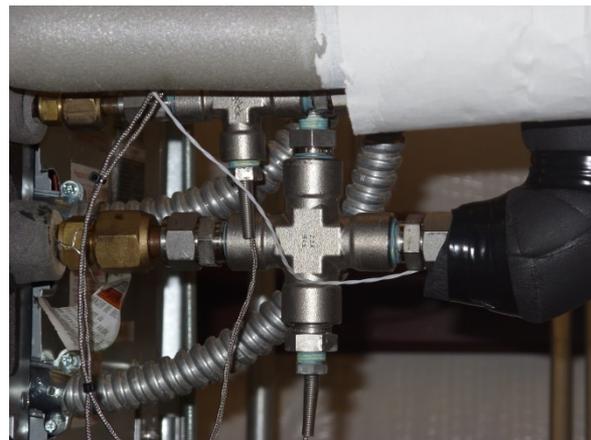
Refrigerant Mass Flow



Natural Gas Flow



Electrical Power



Refrigerant Temp and Press



Airflow



Air Temp And RH

# FRP2 DAQ Hardware

- 1 Master Cabinet
- 4 Peripheral Cabinets
- 256 Thermistor Channels
- 256 Single Ended Voltage Channels
- 100 Thermocouple Channels
- 64 Frequency input or 5V control Channels

# FRP2 Installed Sensors

- 35 Temp/RH Probes
- 6 Refrigerant Side Immersion Thermistors
- 6 Refrigerant Side Pressure Transducers
- 2 Refrigerant Mass Flow Sensors
- 1 Natural Gas Mass Flowmeters
- 2 Airflow Measurement Stations
- 16 HVAC Power Measurements (Wattnode and CTs)
- 21 General Building Power Measurements (Wattnode and CTs)

# FRP2 Sensors



Refrigerant Mass Flow



Natural Gas Flow



Electrical Power



Refrigerant Temp and Press



Airflow



Air Temp And RH

# FRP Occupancy Simulation

Philip Boudreaux

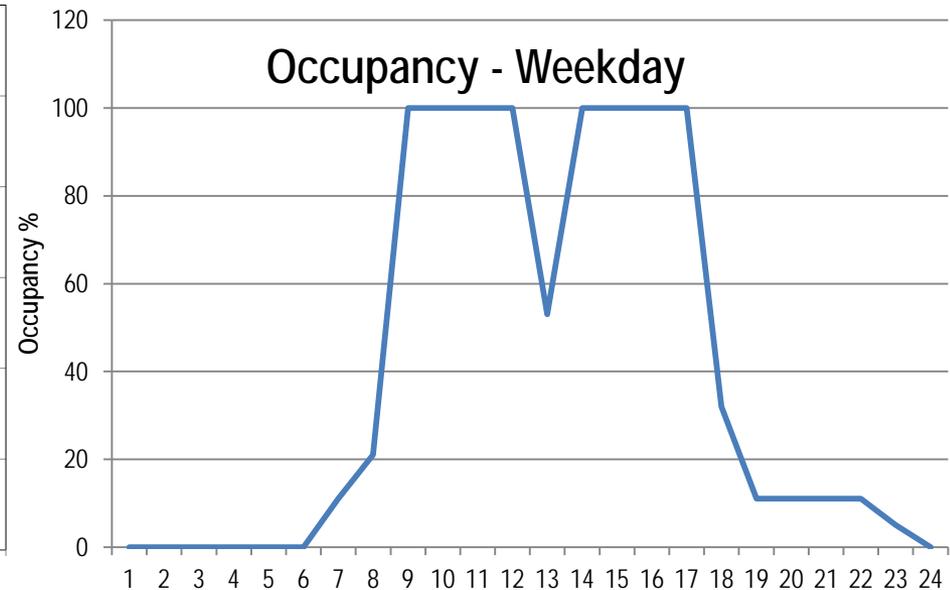
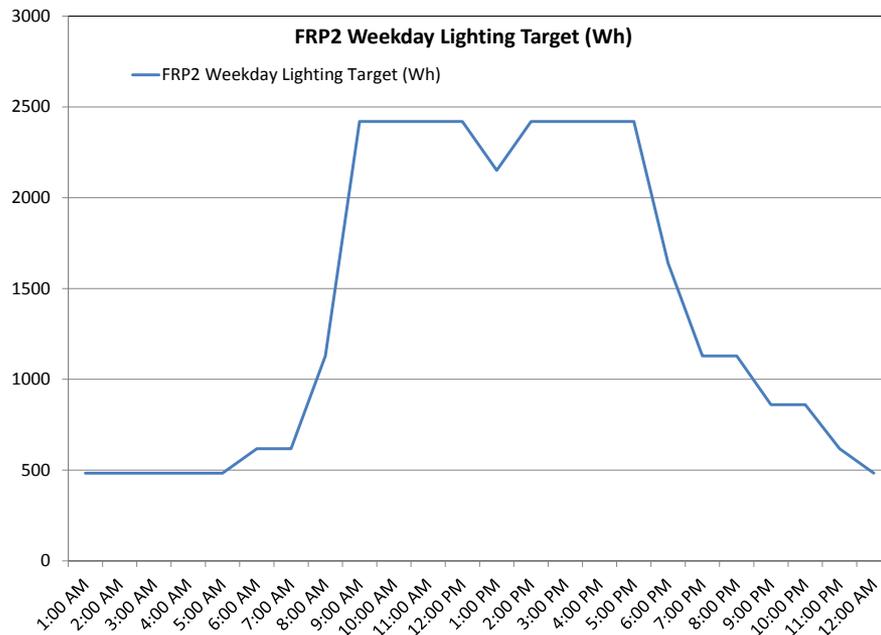
Tony Gehl



# Deliverable: Add latent, sensible, and lighting load to space according to occupancy schedule

- Various sources to define the schedules & power density

- ASHRAE 90.1-1989
- Huang et al. (1990) 481 PROTOTYPICAL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR 20 URBAN MARKET AREAS, LBL-29798
- Huang and Franconi (1999) COMMERCIAL HEATING AND COOLING LOADS COMPONENT ANALYSIS
- PNNL report (1990) ARCHITECT'S AND ENGINEER'S GUIDE TO ENERGY CONSERVATION IN EXISTING BUILDINGS: Volume 1 - Energy Use Assessment and Simulation Methods



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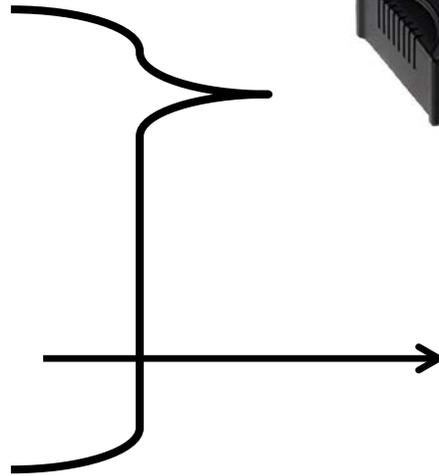
Sensible: from occupants and MELs



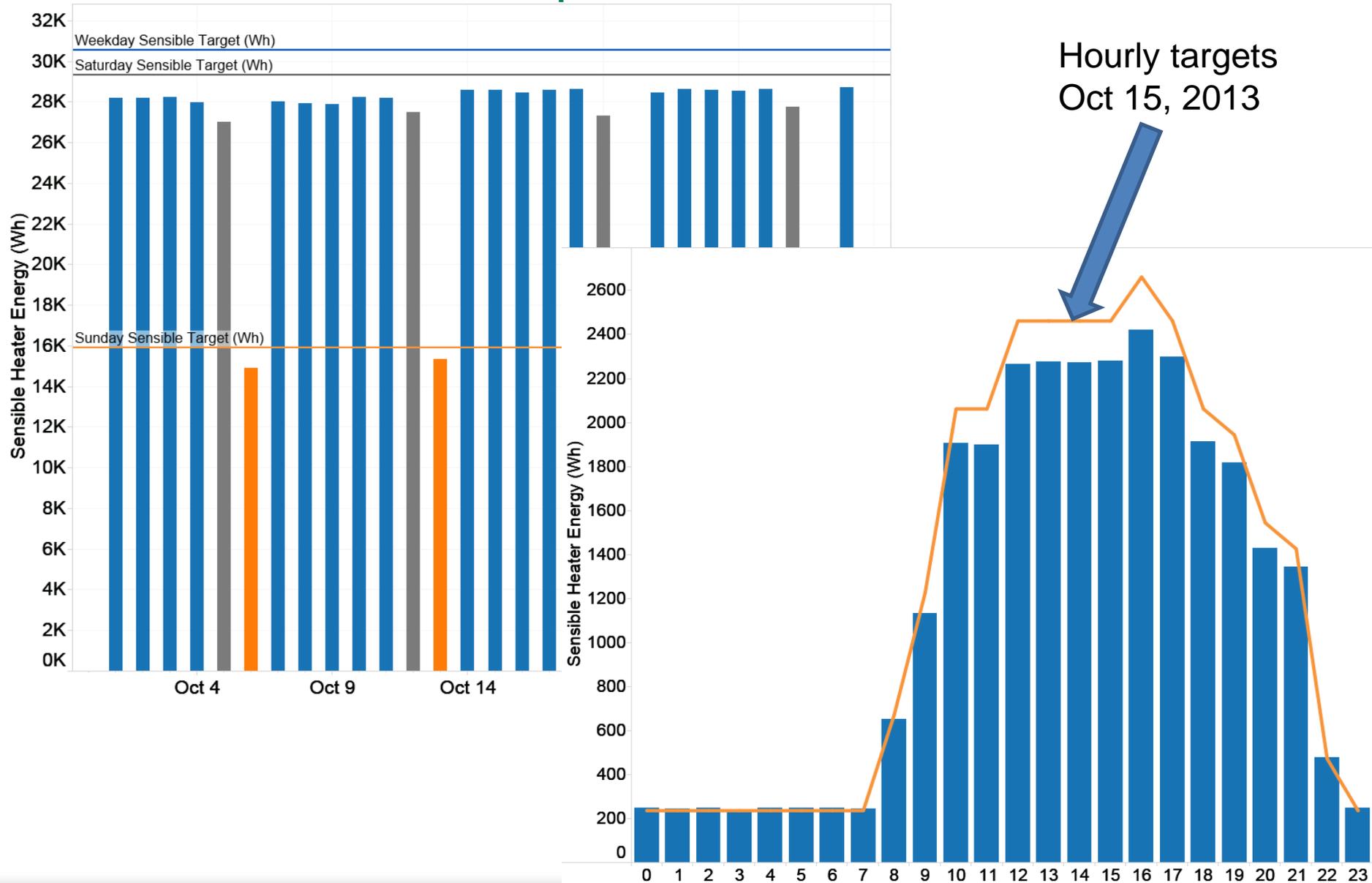
Latent: from occupants



Lighting



# Validation Example - FRP1 Sensible



# FRP Energy Modeling for 1- and 2-Story Flexible Research Platforms

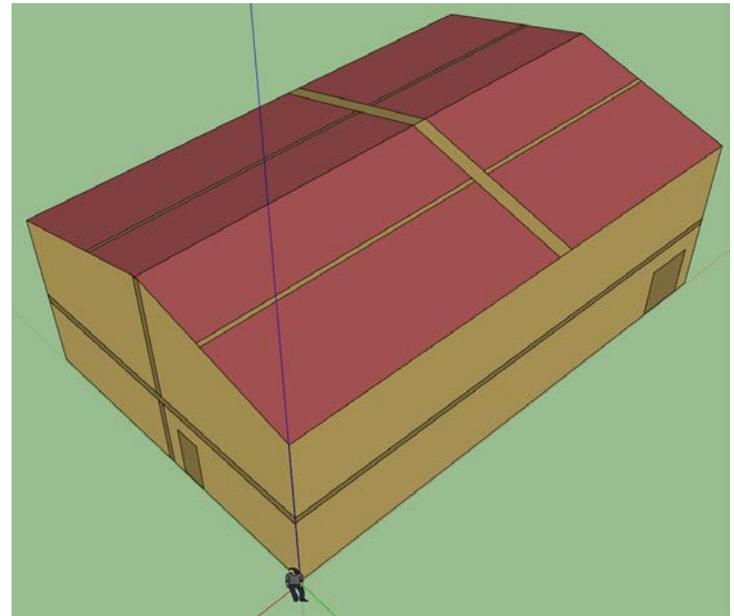
Mahabir Bhandari

Piljae Im



# FRP 1 : Initial E+ models

- Data preparation – Geometry, Thermal bridging
- Internal loads/schedules/Setpoints
- Infiltration – blower door test
- HVAC performance
  - Nordyne system : 2 stage RTU
  - NextAire : Engine Driven HP
- DesignBuilder/E+

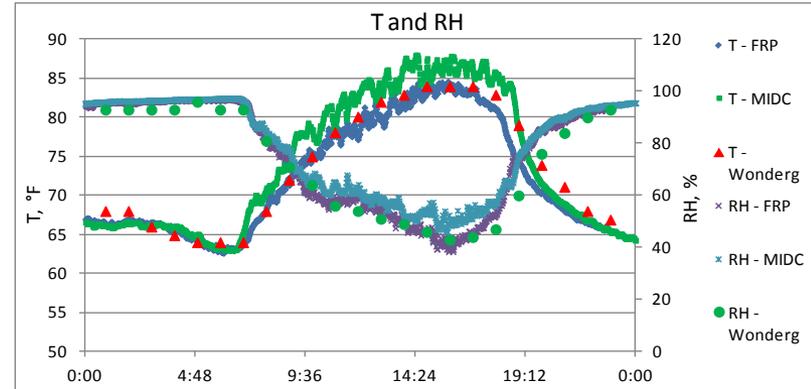
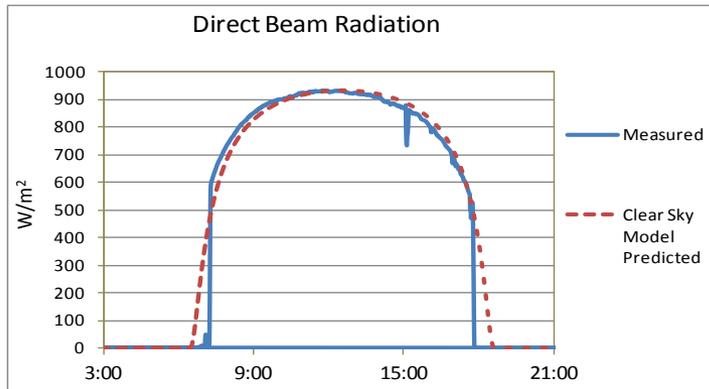


# Weather file for 2013 – weather data, QA, formatting from monthly template



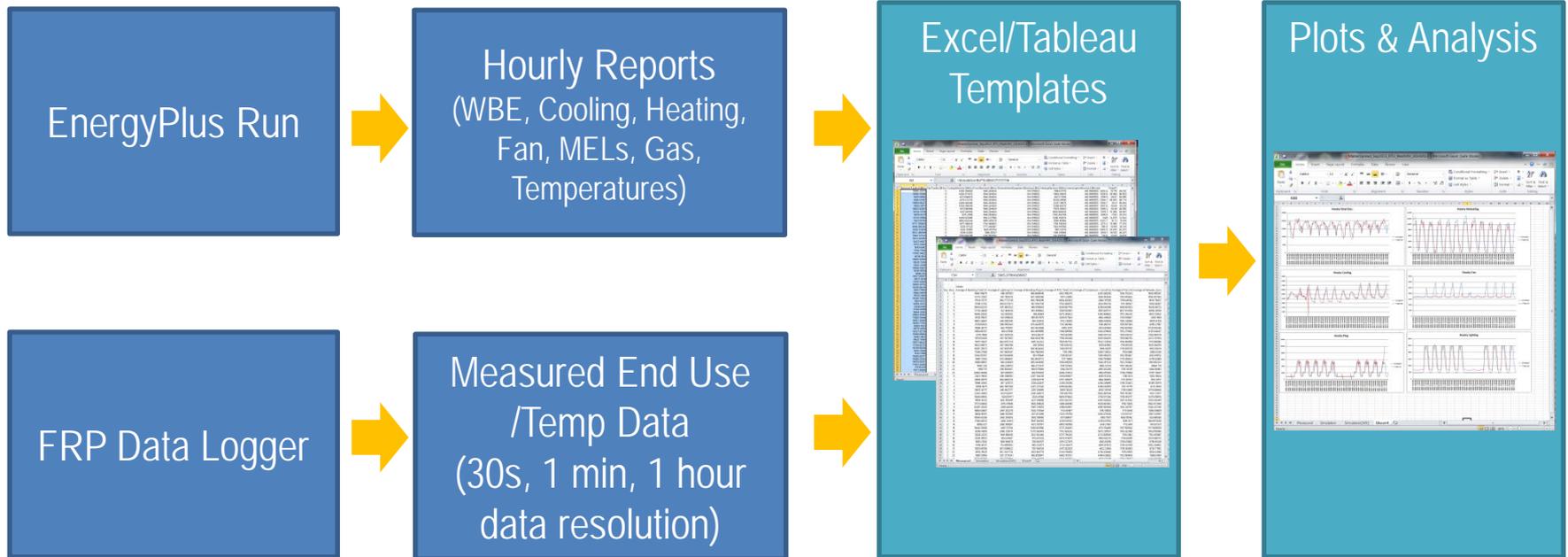
## Weather station

Temperature	Campbell Scientific	CS215
Relative humidity	Campbell Scientific	CS215
Wind speed/direction	Gill	WindSonic
Rainfall	Texas Electronics	TE525WS
Global Horizontal solar radiation	LI-COR	LI-200X
Direct beam radiation	Eppley	NIP
IR radiation from sky	Eppley	PIR
Atmospheric pressure	Vaisala	CS106

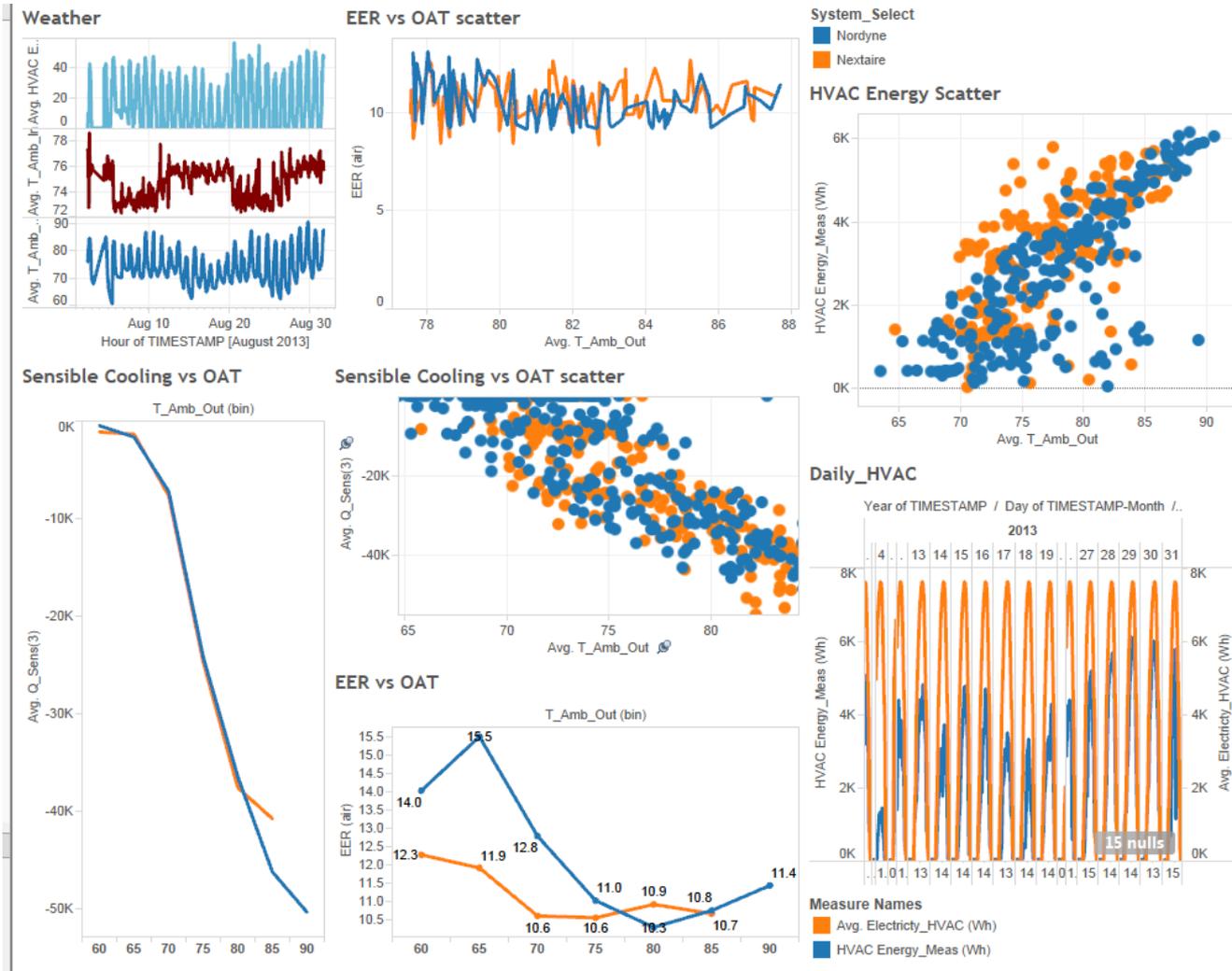


# Templates for Measured vs. Simulated Data

- Tableau
- Excel



# Tableau Template for 2 HVAC Systems (Screenshot)



# 2 Story FRP EnergyPlus Model

- Available models (as of 4/17/2014)

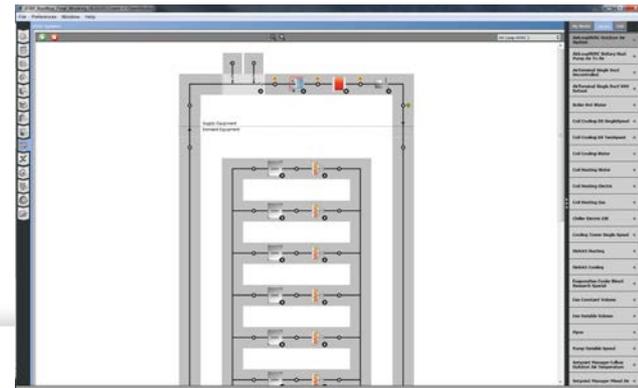
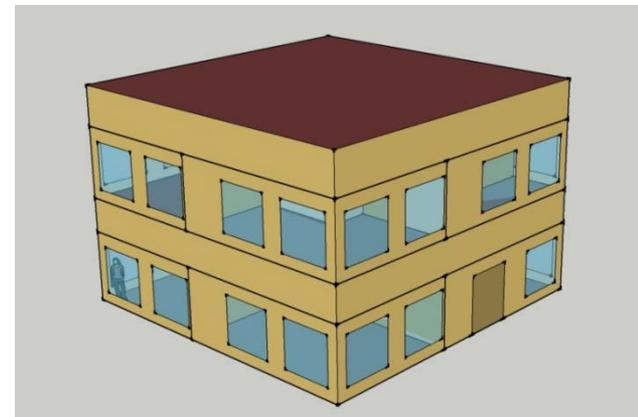
1. EPlus v.8.1

1. Building Envelope Model w/ Ideal System
2. w/ Packaged rooftop unit (Existing)
  - 12.5 ton VAV w/ Gas heating (Elec. reheat)
3. w/ VRF with DOAS system (Future)
  - 1 outdoor/10 indoor VRF units with 5 ton DOAS RTU
  - 1 outdoor/10 indoor VRF units without DOAS
  - 4 external and 1 internal thermal zone per floor

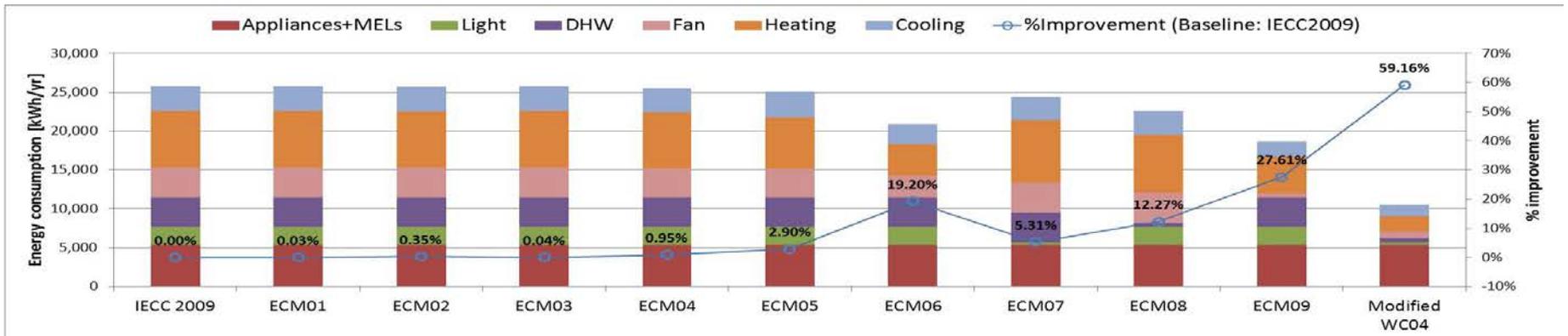
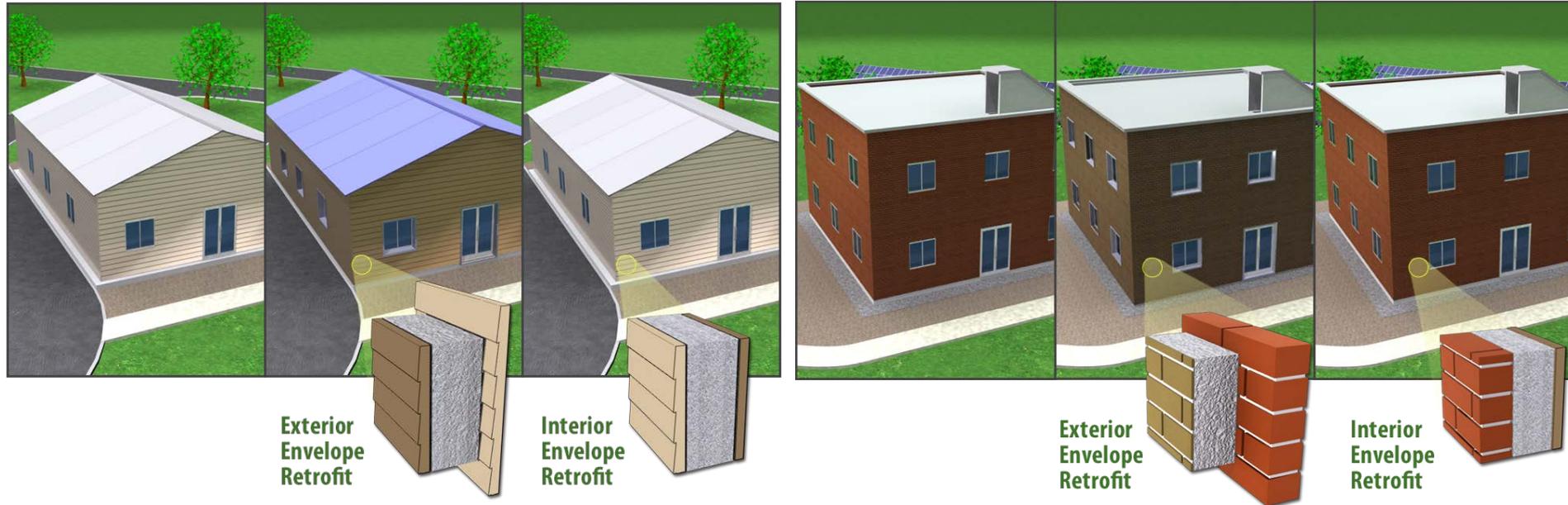
2. OpenStudio Model

- Weather files

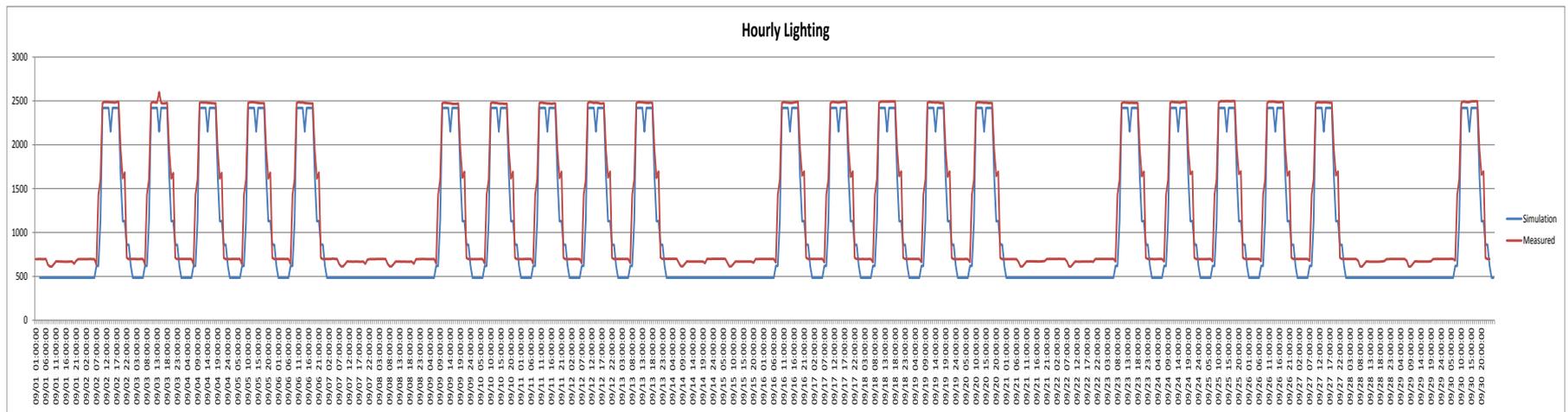
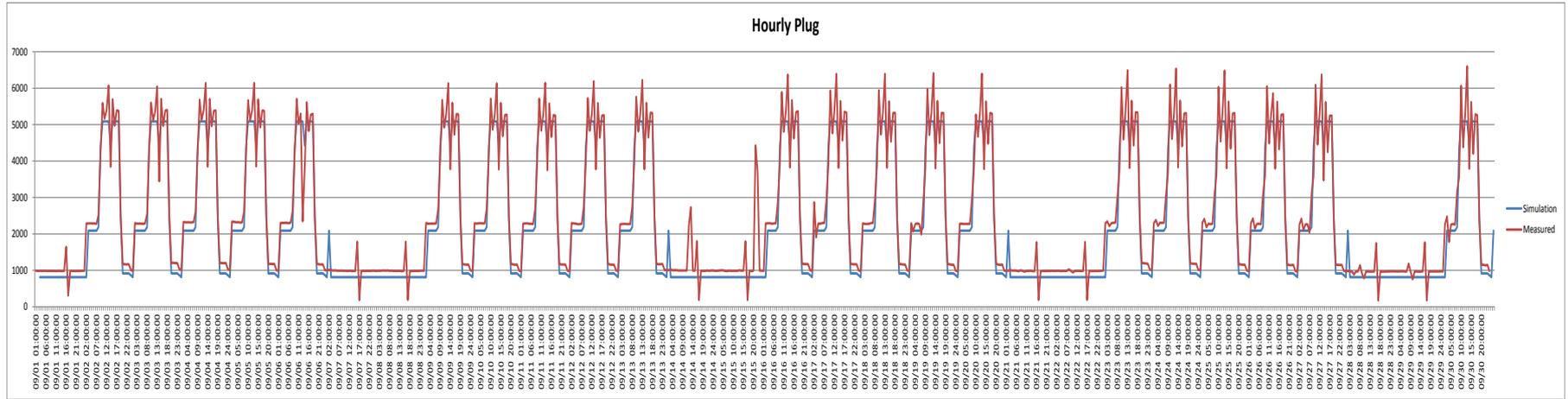
Actual weather files: 2011, 2012, & 2013



# Retrofit Pre-assessment



# Preliminary comparison: Measured vs. Simulated (September 2013)



# FRP Visual Analytics

Visual Analytics

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# Final Architecture

## STORAGE

ORNL WORLD



Linux Variant

Synology

Research  
(Linux)  
Hadoop  
Stack



Maxlab

Win Dev/Test



Maxlab-Linux  
Research/Development/Testing



Backup (Lin)



Backup (Win)

## COMPUTE



RSC  
roofcalc.com (Win)

Safety Plan

Safety Plan

Same as Maxlab

Public/Deployment  
Server (Win)

Same as Maxlab-Linux

Public/Deployment  
Server (Linux)

# FRP Data Collection

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# Data Path (MAXLAB Server):

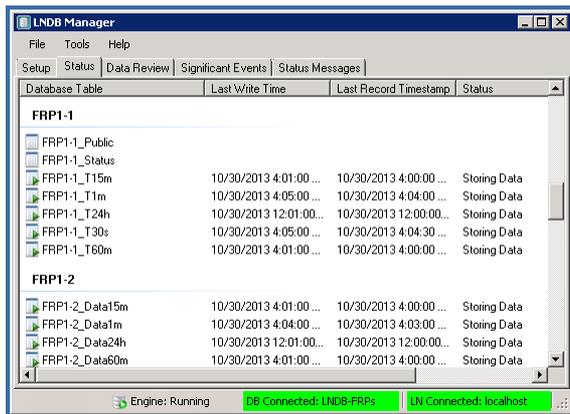
CR3000 Dataloggers store data internally with battery backup.

LoggerNET software (Scheduled data collection)



LNDB software

ASCII file storage



4020, Rm A103

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10/30/2013 00:01:00	99472	13.01129	76.65948	72.05405	72.29587	69.86203	69.83228	61.30647	64.9884	72.45059	72.37023	68.7431
10/30/2013 00:01:30	99473	13.00991	76.62177	72.02767	72.28464	69.80235	69.83738	61.37618	65.01709	72.44471	72.32843	68.80007
10/30/2013 00:02:00	99474	13.00928	76.64618	72.02792	72.28974	69.83425	69.79845	61.31685	64.94063	72.34926	72.33794	68.83056
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Database



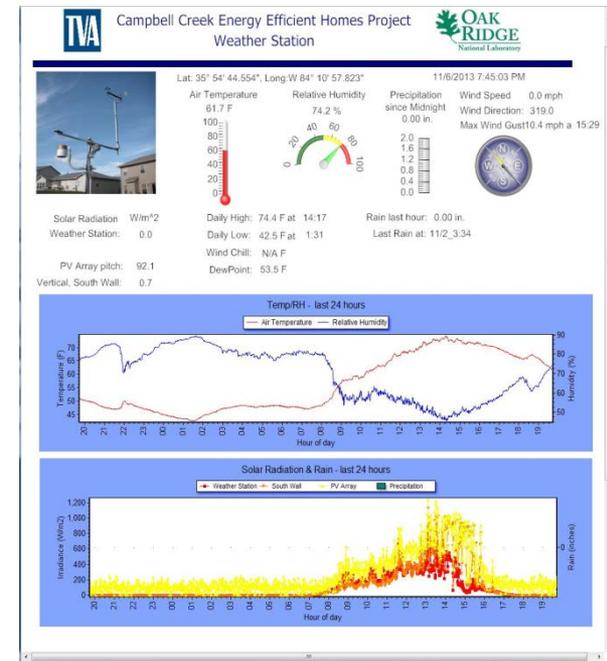
Tape Backup

# Real-Time Monitoring & Control (RTMC) Software, Professional

RTMC Pro is used to create and run graphical screens that provide real-time monitor and control capabilities. It can be used to design displays with graphical components including alarms, switches, status bars, charts, and gauges.

## Benefits and Features

- Large library of components: alarms, switches, charts, gauges, etc.
- Interactive components allows user to set datalogger values.
- Securely monitor and control your data from virtually anywhere by publishing your RTMC projects to your intranet or the Internet using the included Web Publisher and CSI Web Server
- View data from multiple LoggerNet servers, data files, LNDB databases, HTTP dataloggers, and virtual data sources.
- Send emails or execute code when alarms are triggered.
- Create reports.
- Use the extensive math and logic expression library to convert and/or combine your data for display.



# FRP Sensor Data Validation and Correction (SensorDVC)

Data Quality Assurance

Project Investigator: Charles Castello

HERE Intern: Jeffrey Rossiter

Project Manager: Joshua New



# What is our motivation?

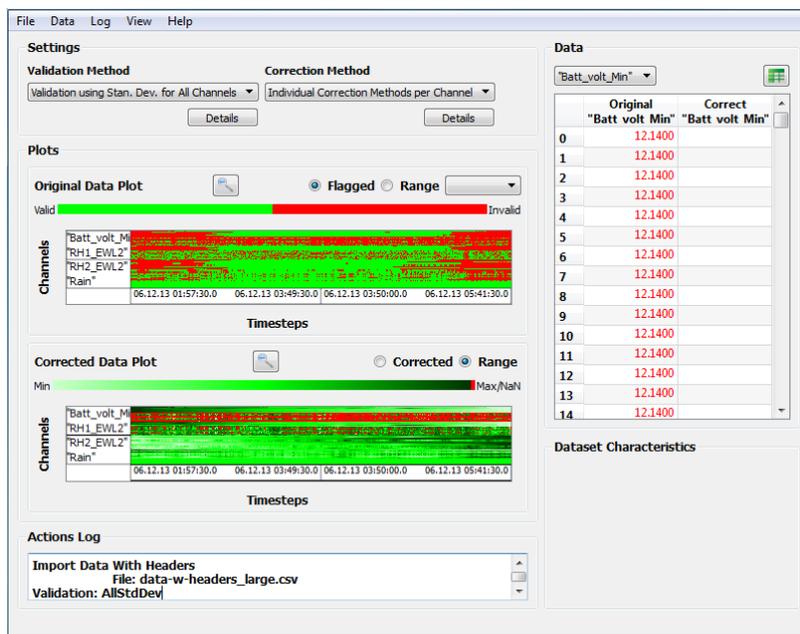
- A wide range of sensors are being used in our research to develop and characterize performance of buildings on a component, system, and whole-building level.
- Missing and corrupt sensor data can be an issue due to:
  - Sensor failure
  - Sensor fouling
  - Calibration error
  - Data logger failure

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19320	7/8/13 16:20:12	15054	12.96894	79.85155	57.21815	57.70008	66.62462
19321	7/8/13 16:20:42	15055	12.97158	79.85155	57.05751	57.51563	66.54727
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# Typical Flow of SensorDVC

Import data (.csv file)

Validate data

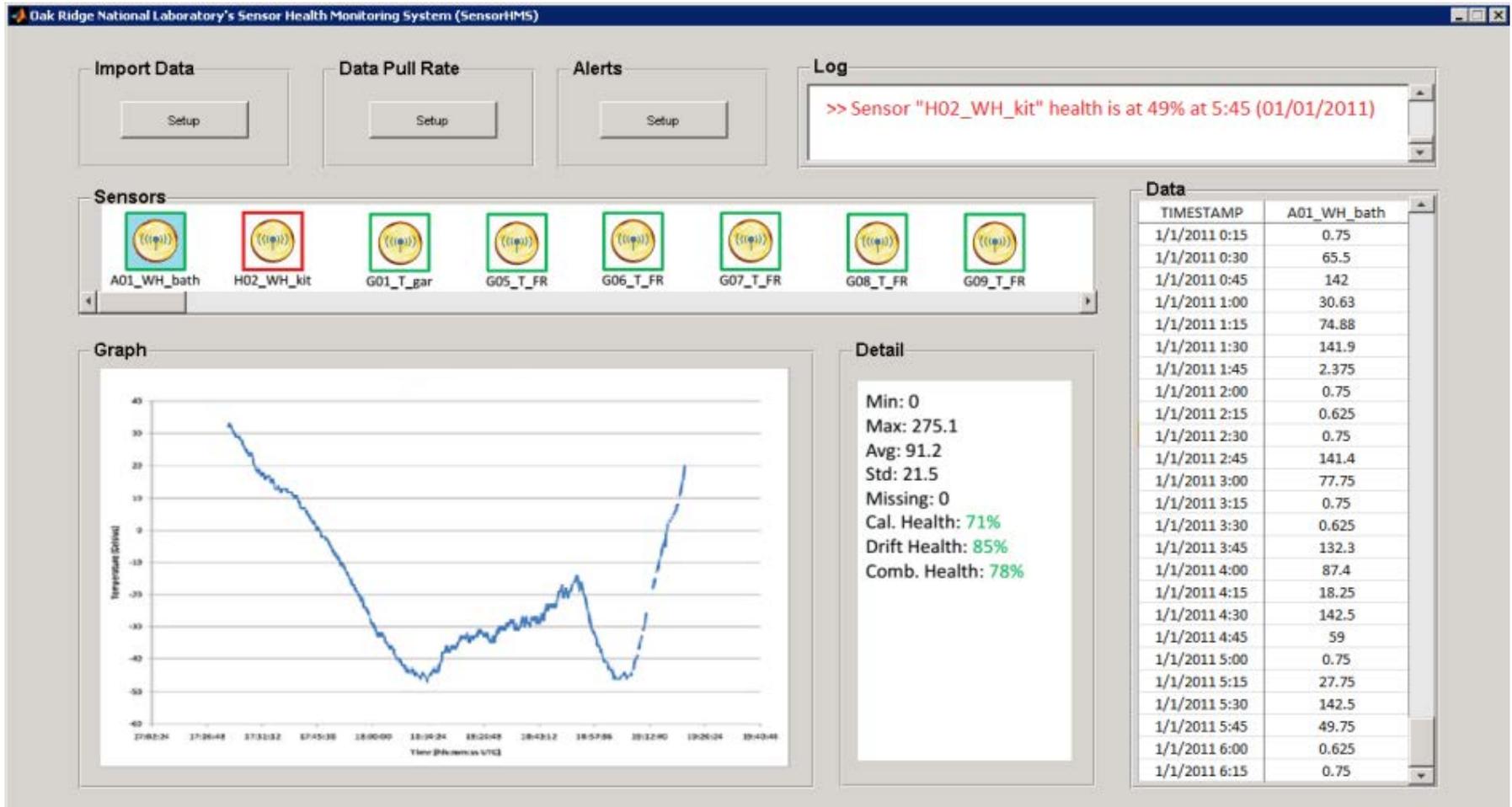


Correct data

Output corrected data (.csv file)

Visualize data (spectrograms)

# Mockup of Sensor Health Monitoring System (SensorHMS)



# Prov DMS

Provenance Data  
Management System

Jibo Sanyal



# Provenance Data Management

- Files are shared by email, network drives, USB sticks
- No history or lineage is maintained
- Derivative works often lose their ancestry
- Impediment to productivity



Provenance Data Management  
System for FRPs

# Provenance – sensor lineage



Provenance Data Management System

Logout



Home | New Experiment | My Experiments | Others Experiments | Interactive 3D | Documentation

Data Loggers

FRP1-1

**Source Channels**

All Fields Search...

Channel	Units
RecNum	
T1_EWL1	degF
T2_EWL1	degF
T1_EWL2	degF
T1_NWL1	degF
T2_NWL1	degF
T1_NWL2	degF
T2_NWL2	degF
T1_NWL3	degF
T2_NWL3	degF

**Selected Channels**

All Fields Search...

Channel	Units
TmStamp	
Batt_volt_Min	
T2_EWL2	
T1_EWL3	
T2_EWL3	
T1_EWL4	

Data Loggers

FRP1-1

T15m

FRP 1 - 1

**1 min**

T1m-T1\_EWL1

T1m-T2\_EWL1

T1m-T1\_EWL2

T1m-T1\_EWL2

**15 min**

T15m-T1\_EWL1

T15m-T2\_EWL1

T15m-T1\_EWL2

T15m-T1\_EWL2

**60 min**

T60m-T1\_EWL1

T60m-T2\_EWL1

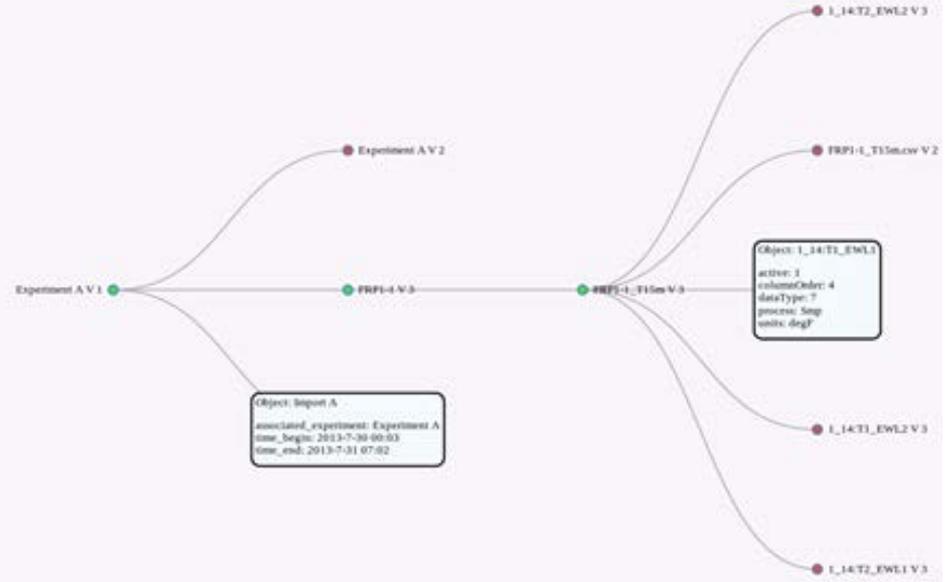
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T60m-T1\_EWL2

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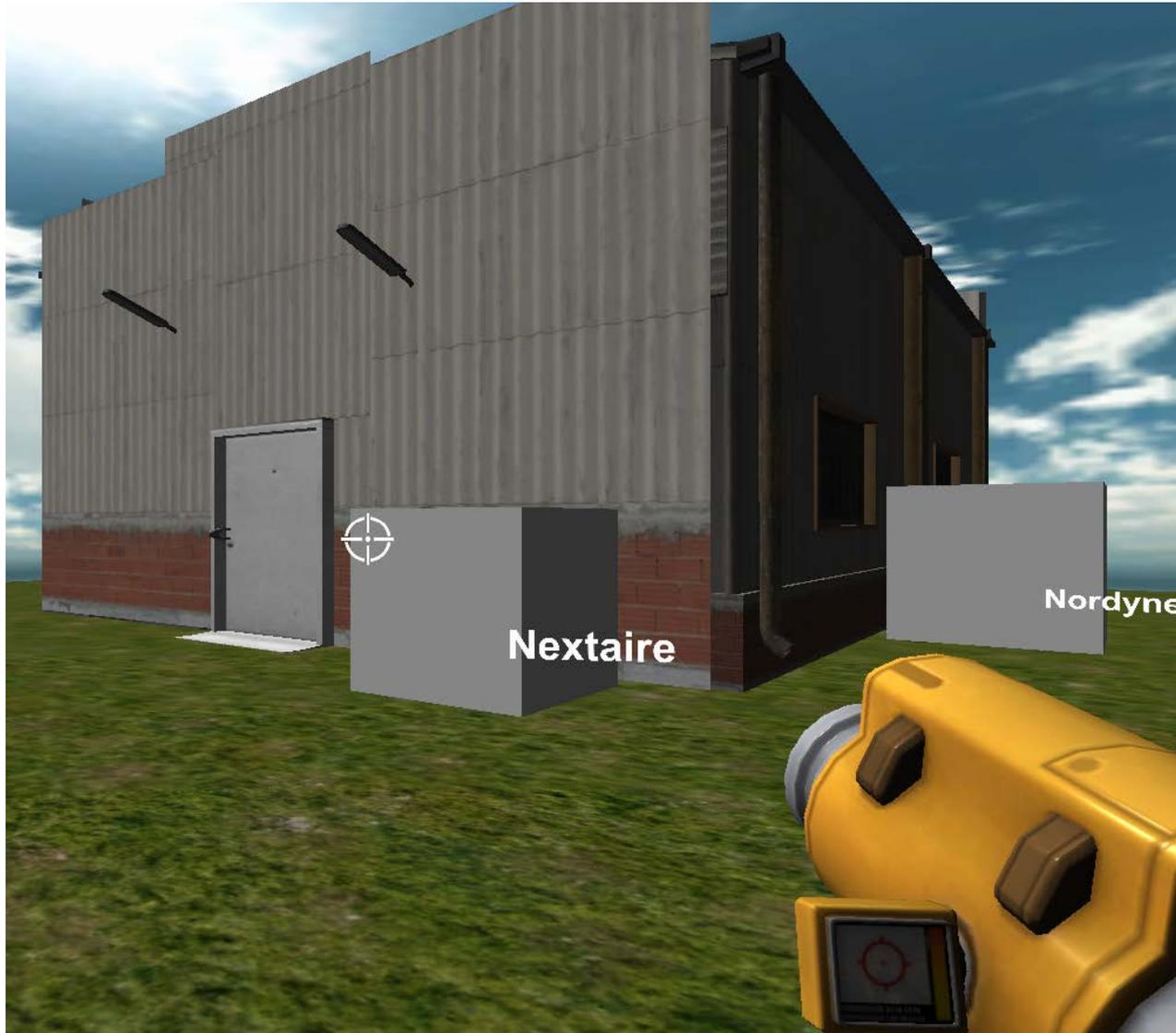
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# Gamification of Building Data



## (DRAFT – Illustrative only)

