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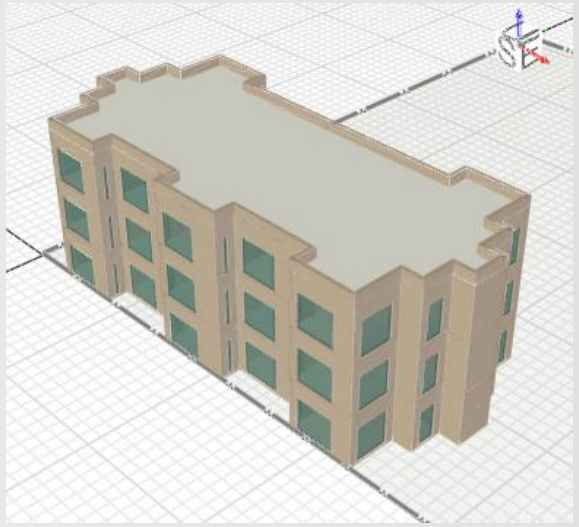

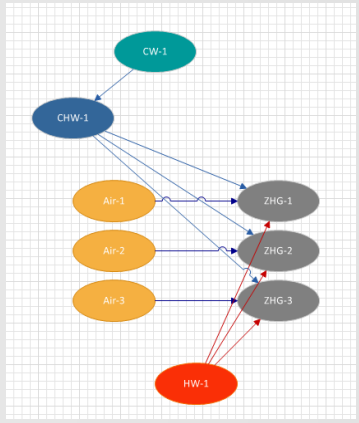

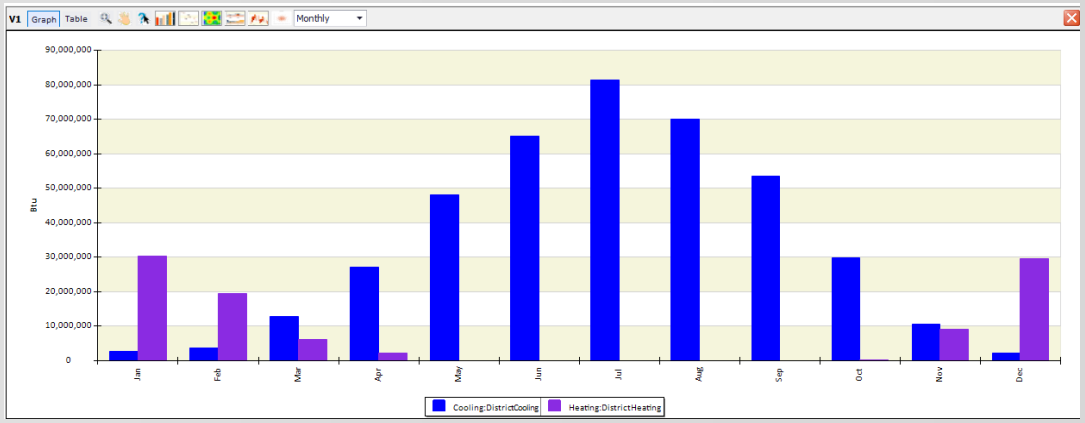

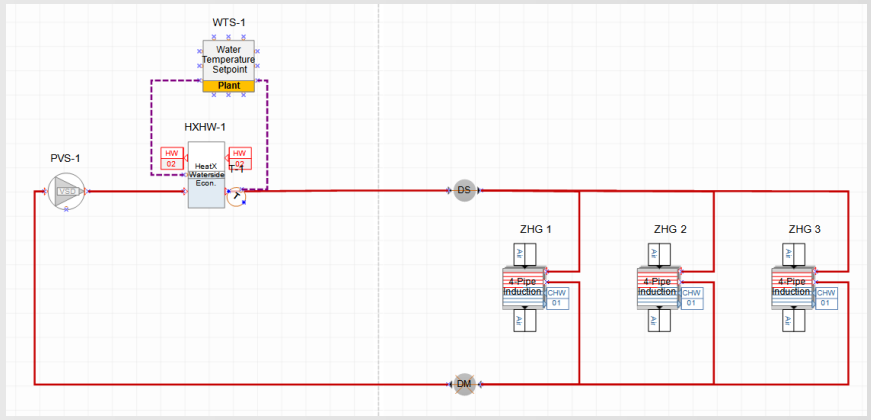

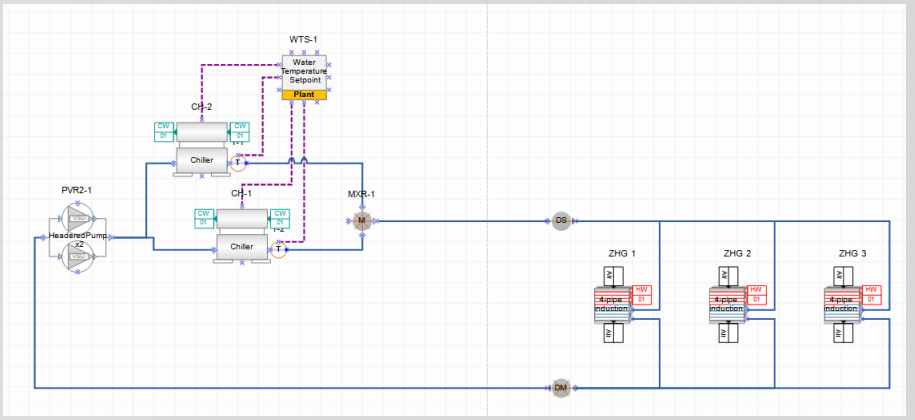

Agenda

- Introduction (**keep it simple**)
- Simergy concepts
- Lesson 1: DWG Model over – basic geometry
  - **External building elements**
  - **Single zone per story**
- Lesson 2: DWG Model over – simplified geometry
  - **Simple zoning (5 zones per story)**
- Lesson 3: HVAC system: Active beam with DOAS (gas heating and dx cooling)
  - **System creator**
- Lesson 4: HVAC system: Active beam with DOAS (water heating and cooling)
  - **Creation and editing of HVAC systems**
- Lesson 5: DWG Model over – detailed geometry
  - **Detailed zoning (20 zones)**
- Lesson 6: Result visualization
- Compare results

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How this training works

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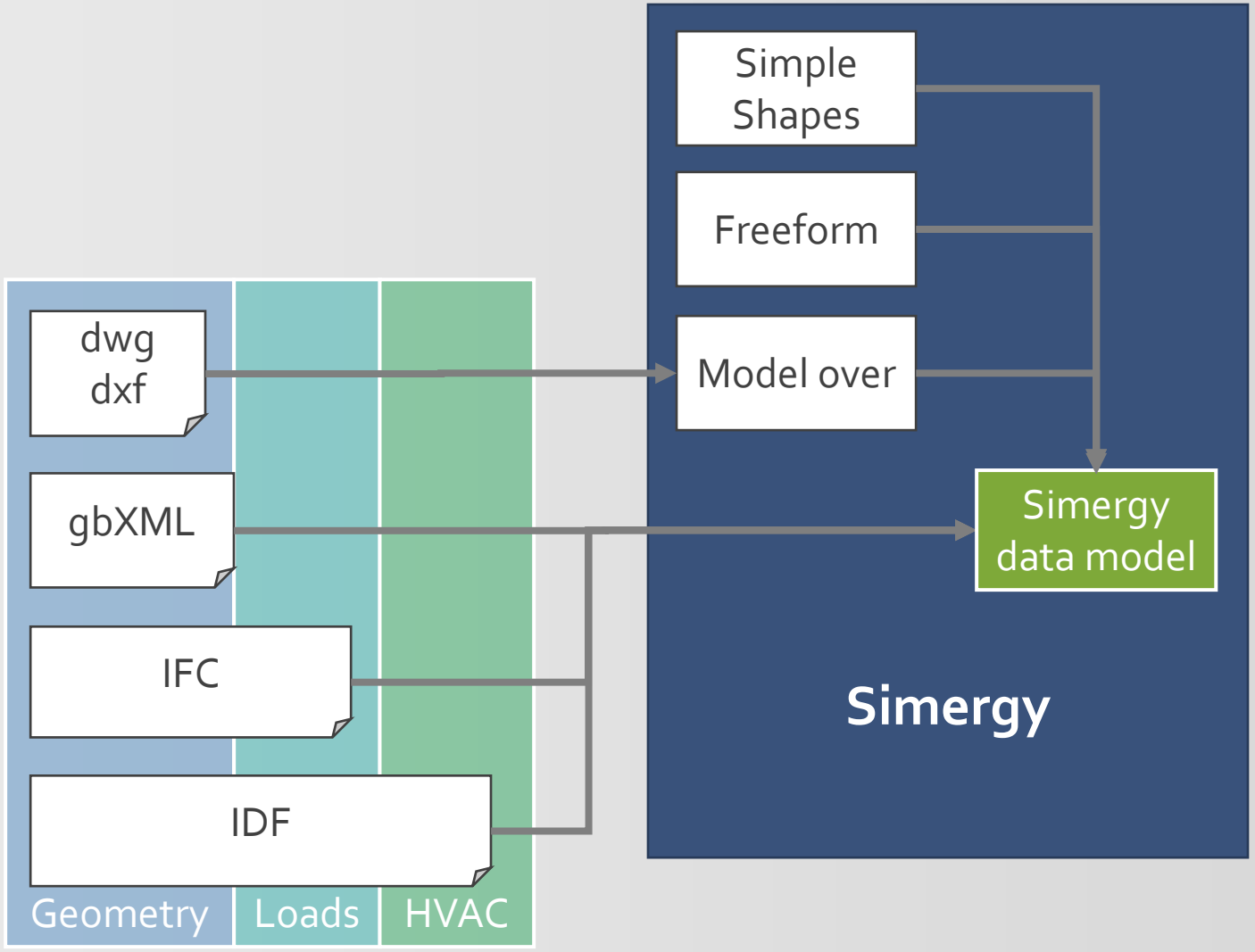
Geometry options in Simergy



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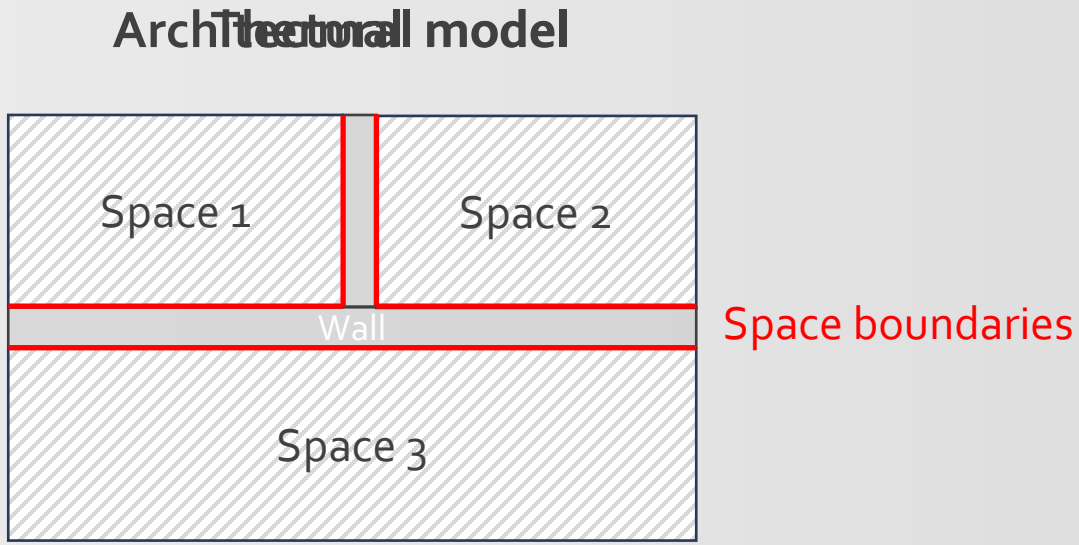
Heat transfer based on space boundaries

- What are space boundaries?
  - 2D surfaces as basis for 1D heat transfer
- Generation of space boundaries from buildings elements and spaces (just in time or via IFC import)



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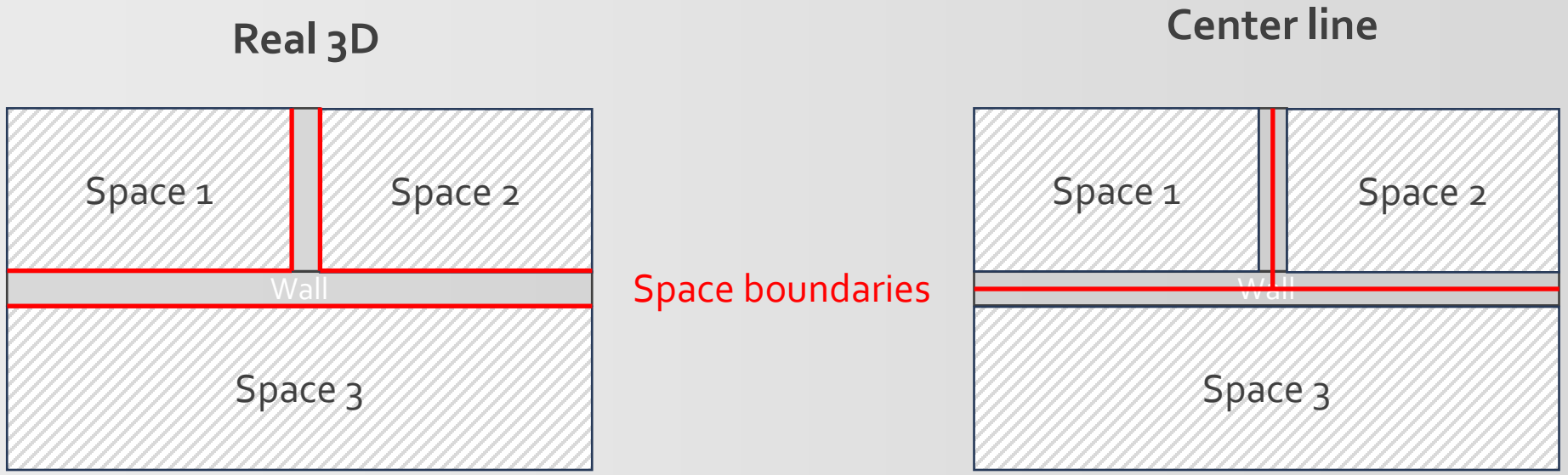
Simergy 3D geometry

- Real 3D geometry compared to traditional center line geometry



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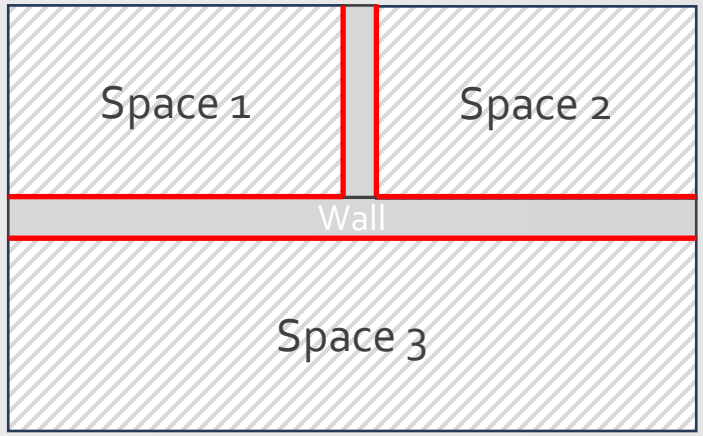
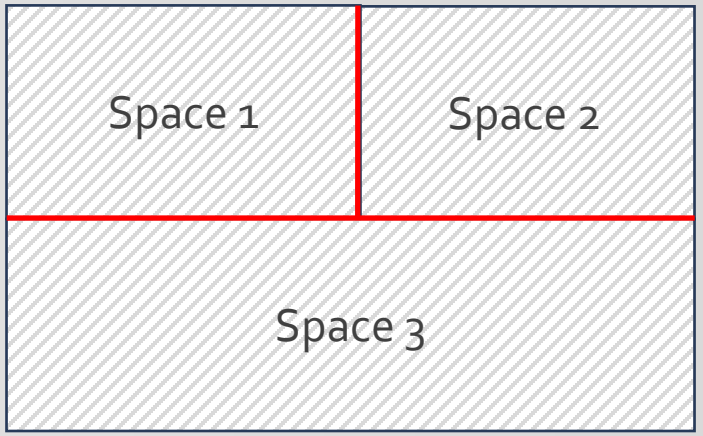


Space boundaries

Center line



Space boundary areas increase
Space floor areas increase
=> Inaccuracies compared to real building

Bazjanac et al.: Generation of building geometry for energy performance simulation using Modelica, BauSim 2016

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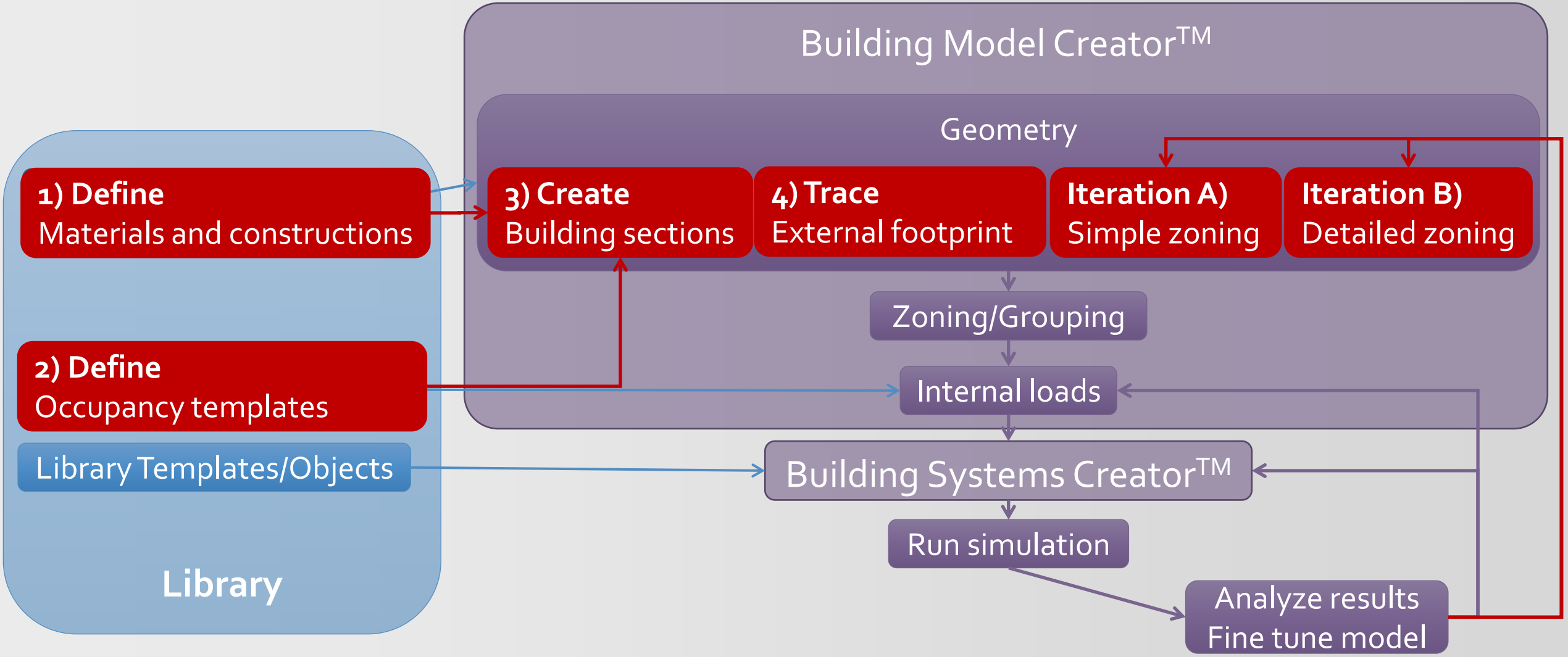
DWG model generation workflow – Building Model Creator



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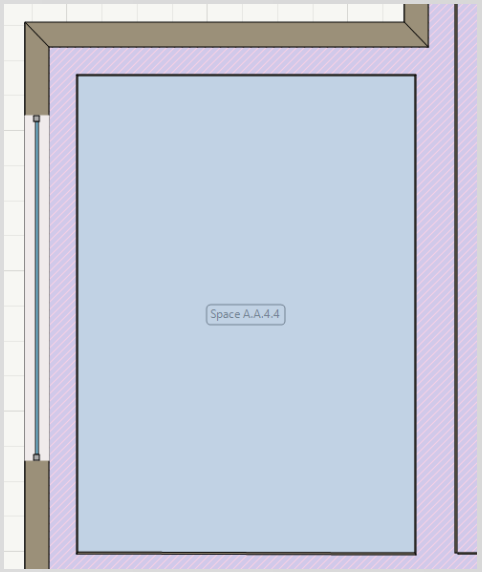
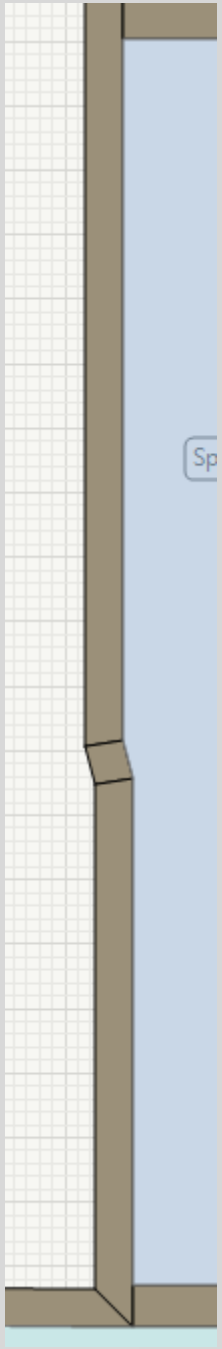
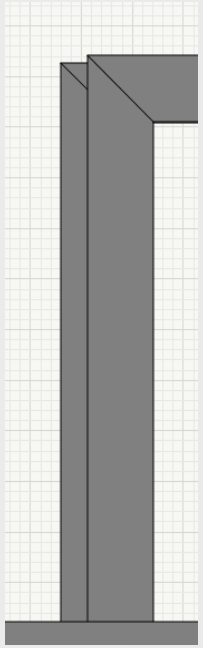
Keep it simple

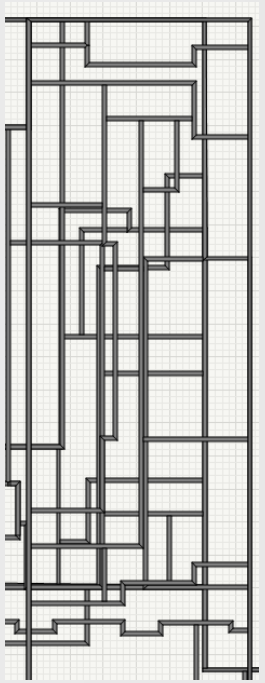
Common problems

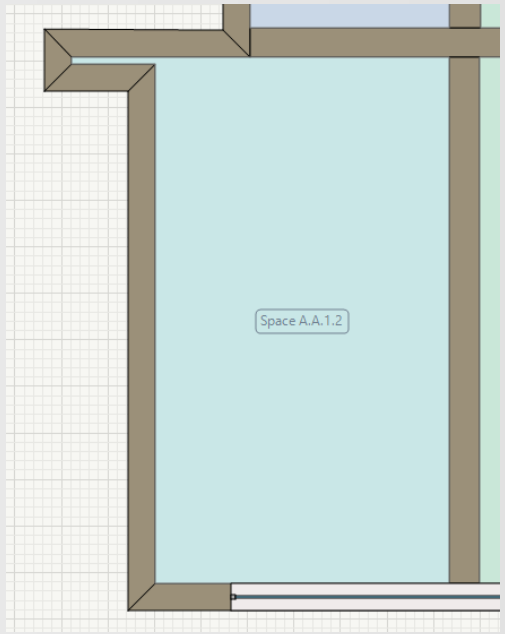
- Slight offsets between stories
- Too much detail that slows down simulation
- Too detailed geometry modeling that does not add value
- Space configurations that work against thermal simulation

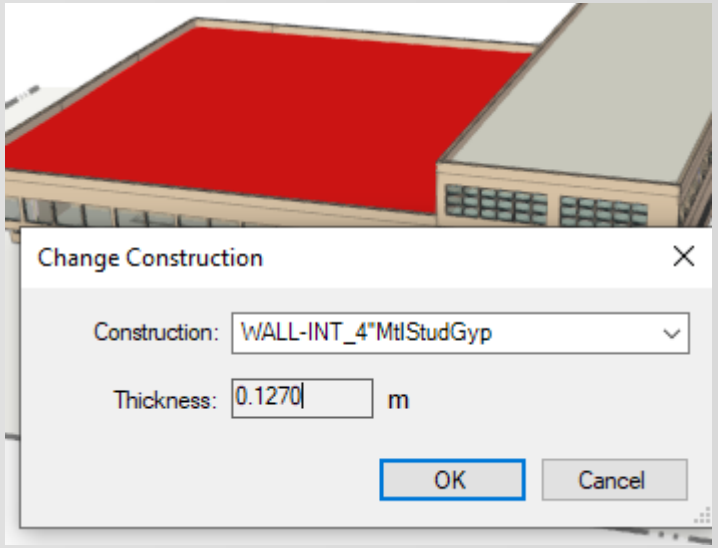












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Results Visualization workspace

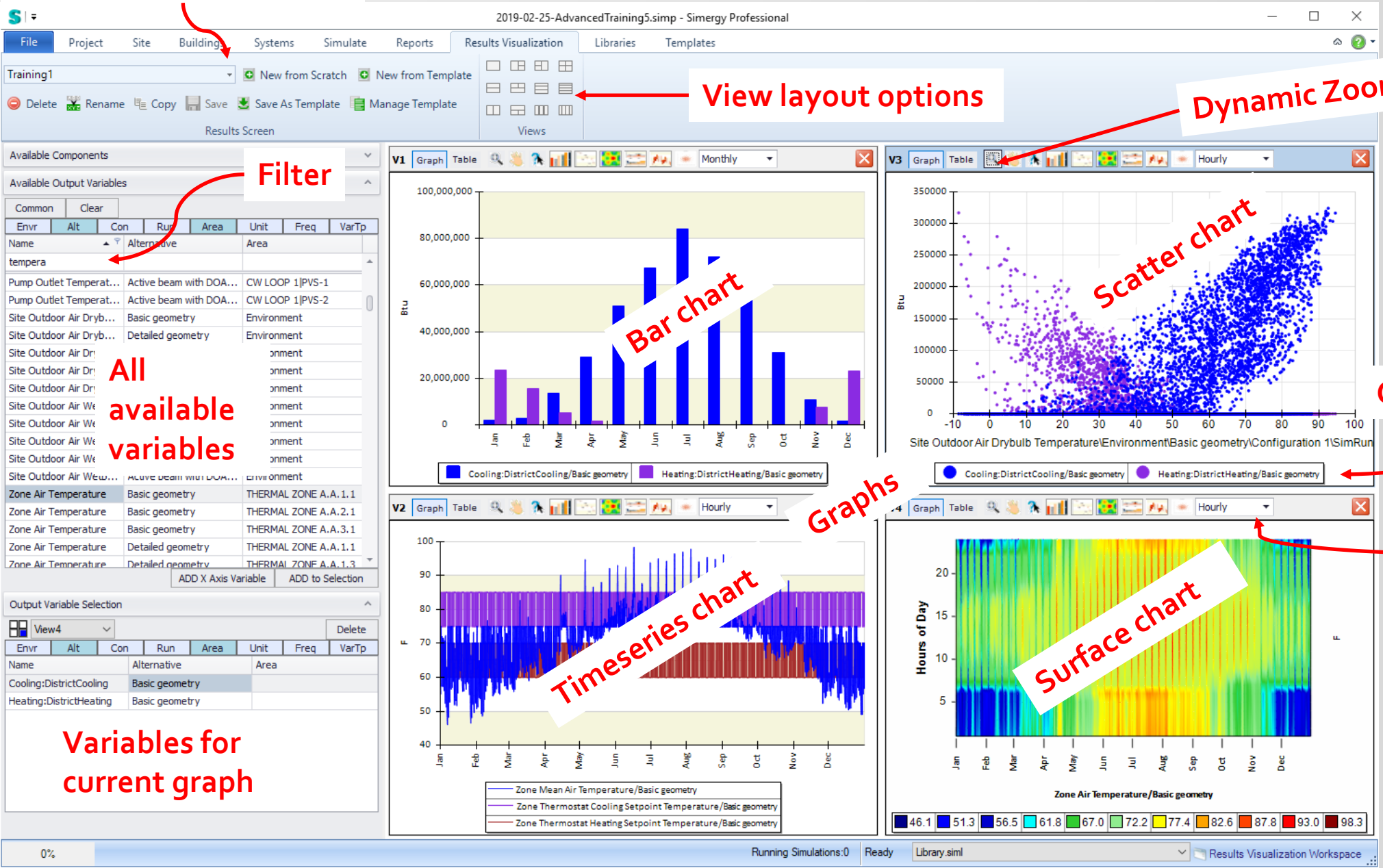

Chart types:

- Time series
- Bar
- Surface
- Area
- Scatter (xy)

Data table

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- Focus on **external envelope** (for now)
- 3 identical floors
- Load calculations
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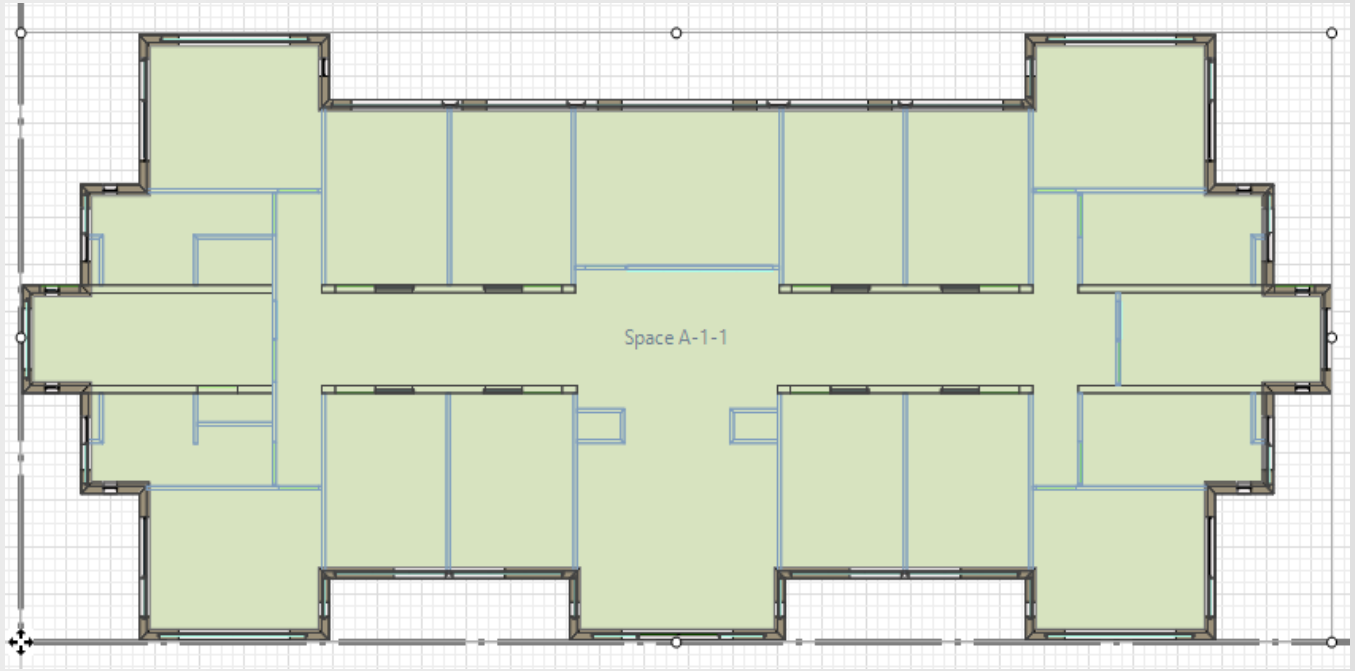

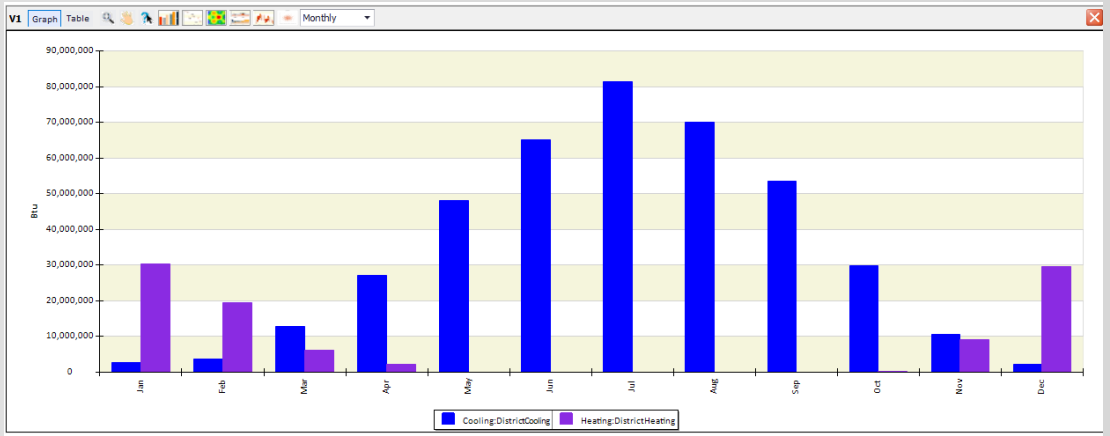

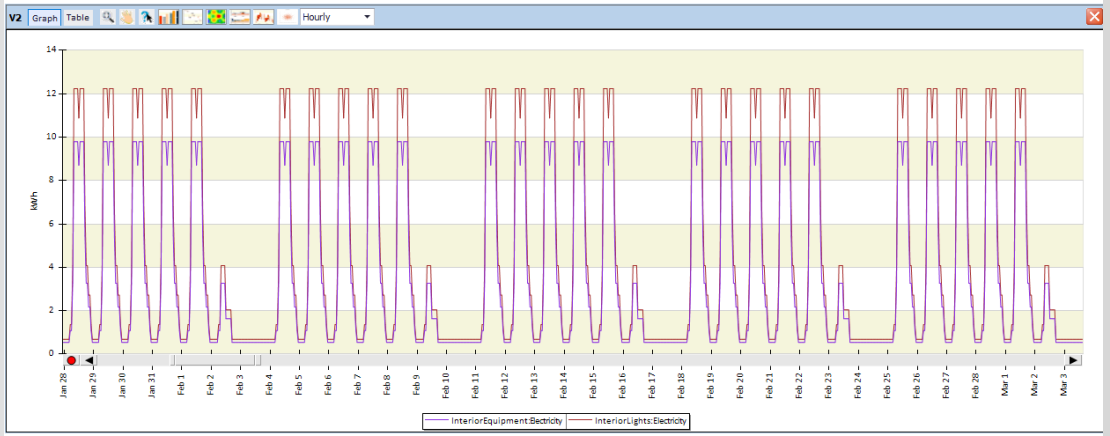

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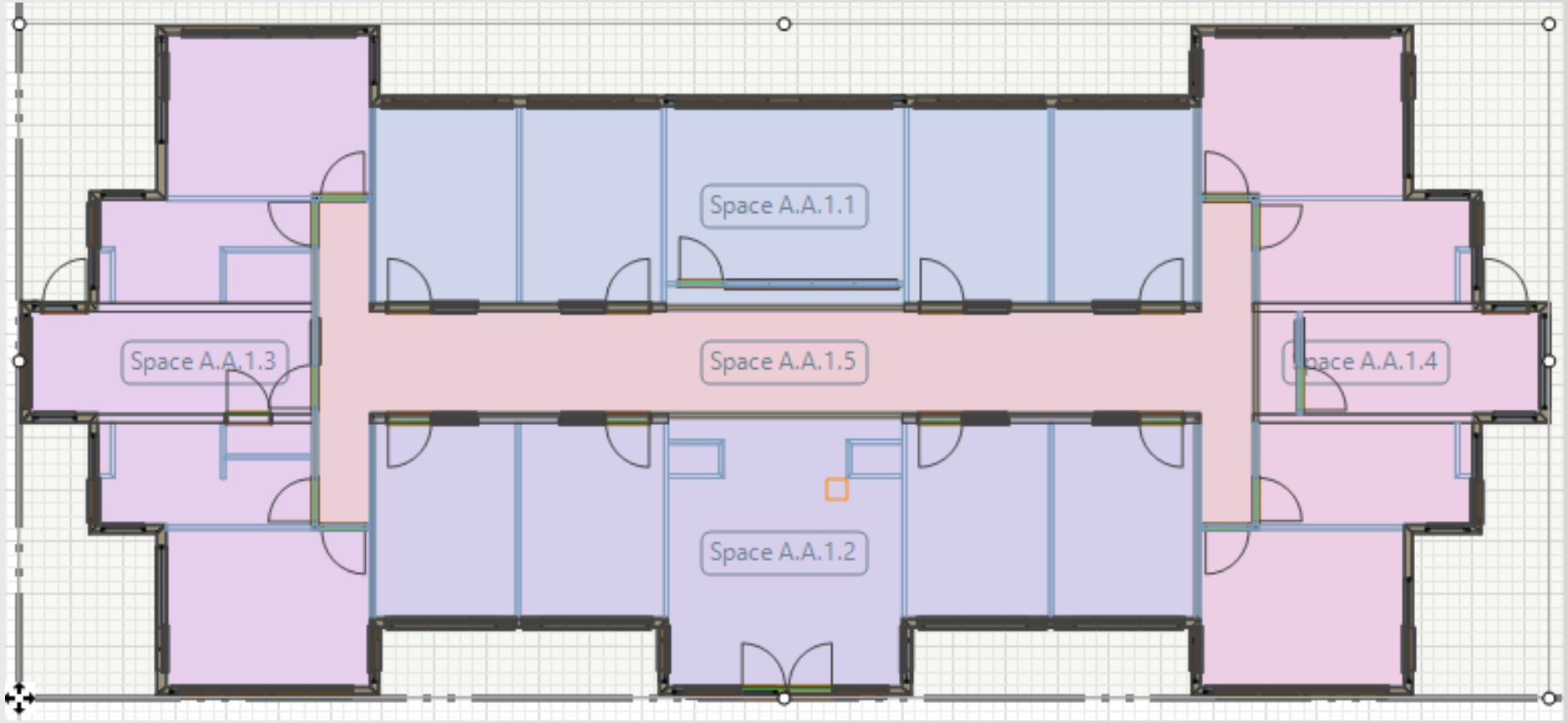
Lesson 2: DWG Model over – simple geometry

- Adding simplified zoning (internal walls and space seeding)
- **Keep it simple** yet meaningful



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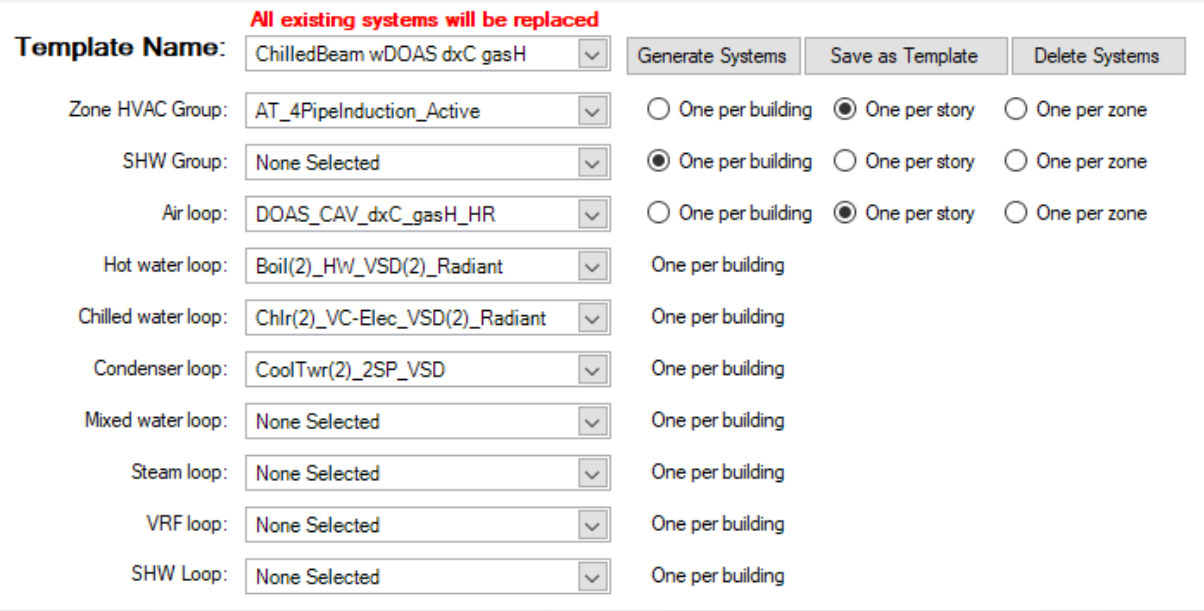
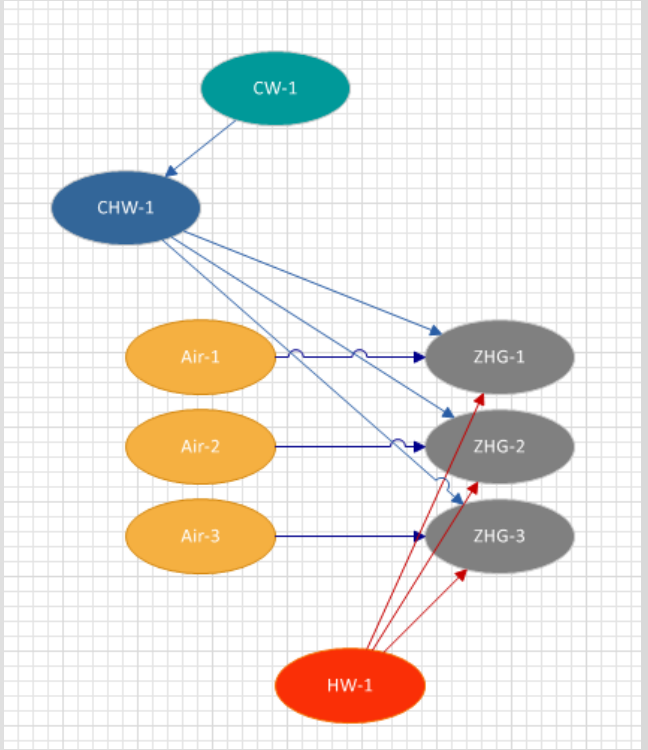
Lesson 3: HVAC system: Active beam with DOAS (gas heating and dx cooling)

- Use system creator to generate Active Beam system
- Adjust sizing parameters





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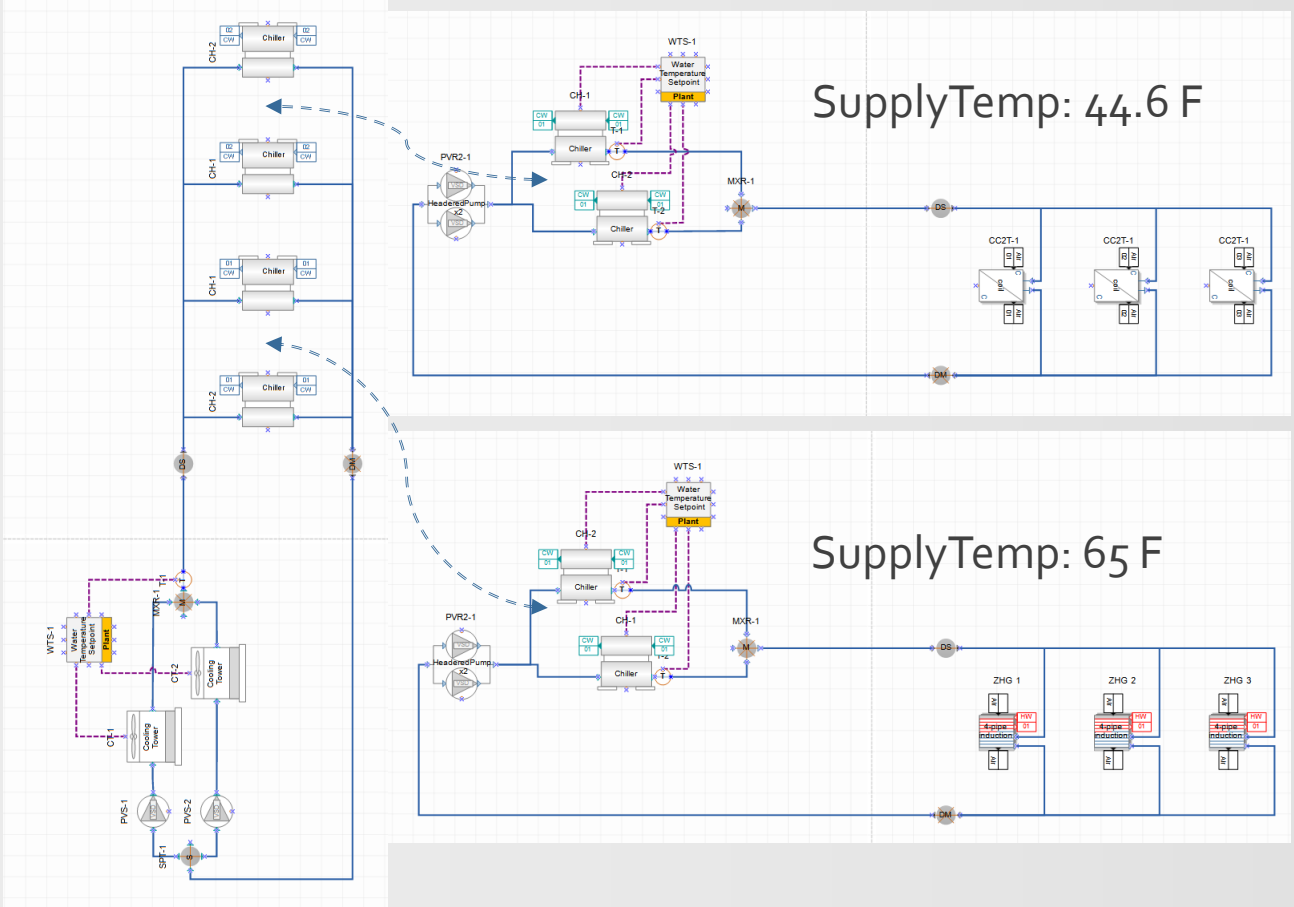
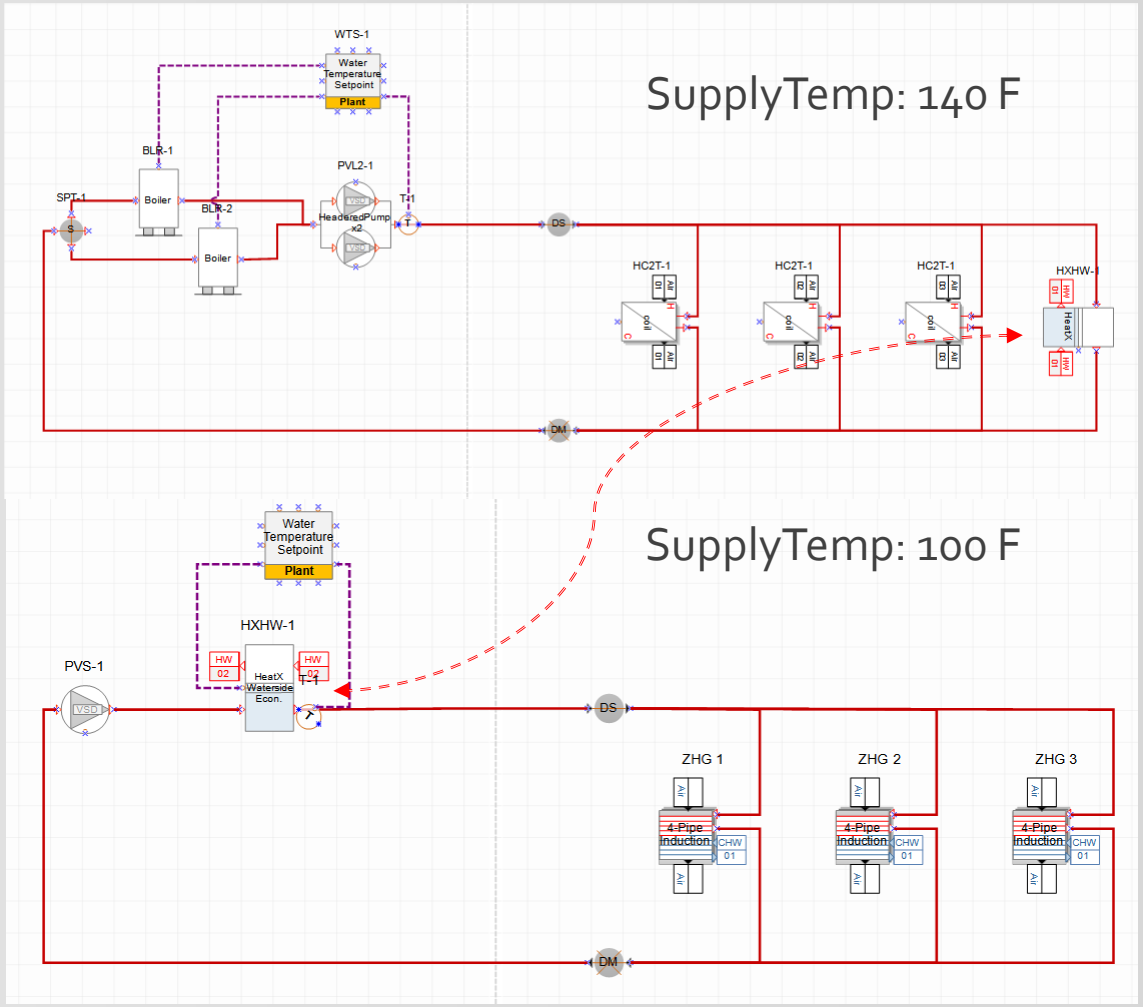
Lesson 4: HVAC system: Active beam with DOAS (water heating and cooling)

- Change DOAS from gas heating and DX cooling to water-based heating and cooling
- Add two more water loops to enable two different temperature supplies





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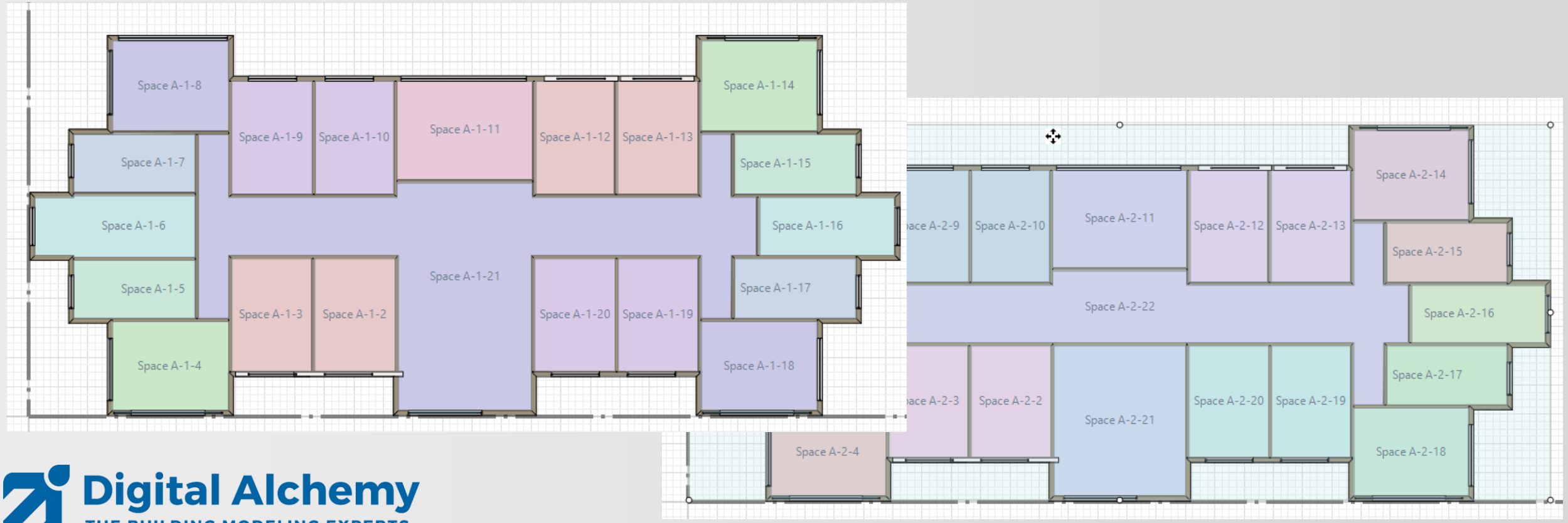
Lesson 5: DWG Model over – advanced geometry

- Adding more detail (internal walls, actual spaces, thermal zoning, windows)
- Ground floor is a little different then the other two floors
- Load calculations



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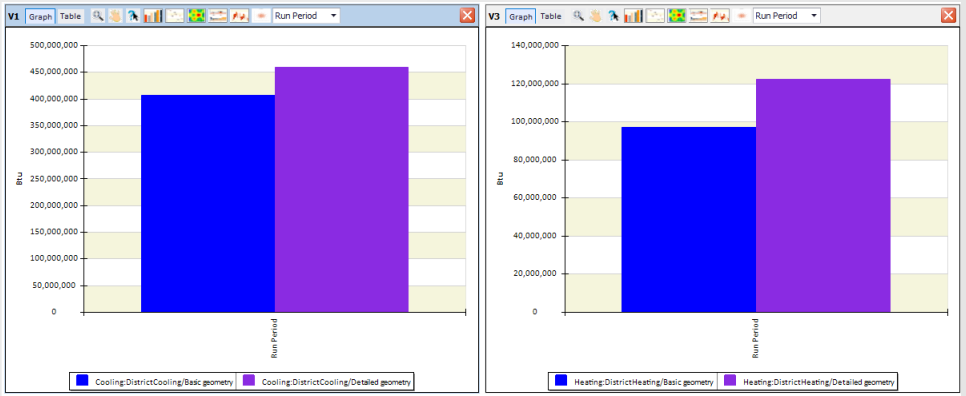
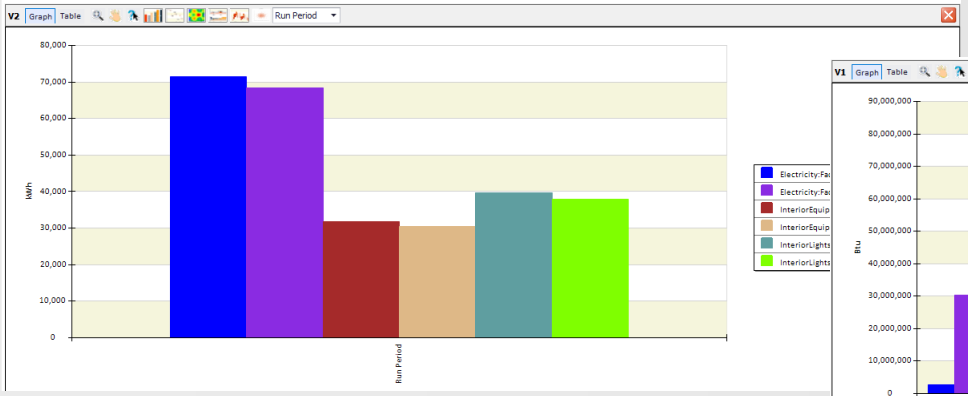
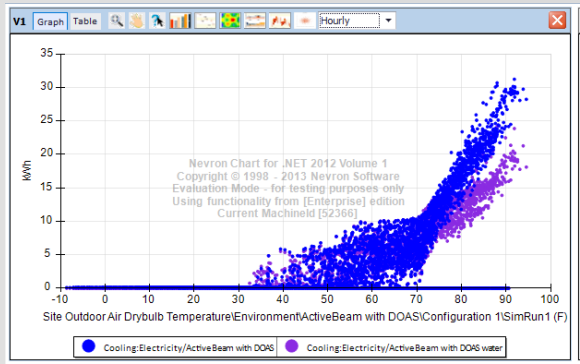
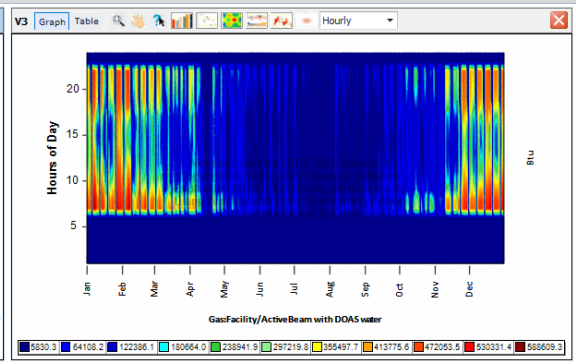
Lesson 6: Result visualization

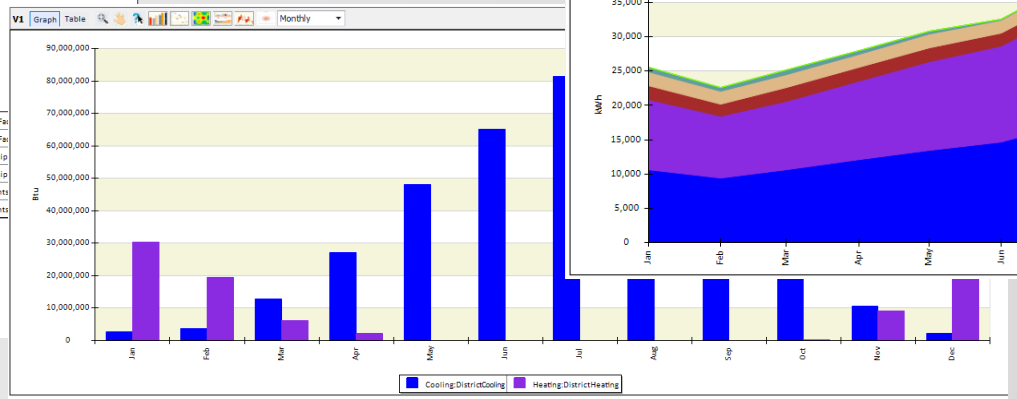
- Filtering
- Graph layout
- Legend
- Graph types
- Time interval
- Zoom

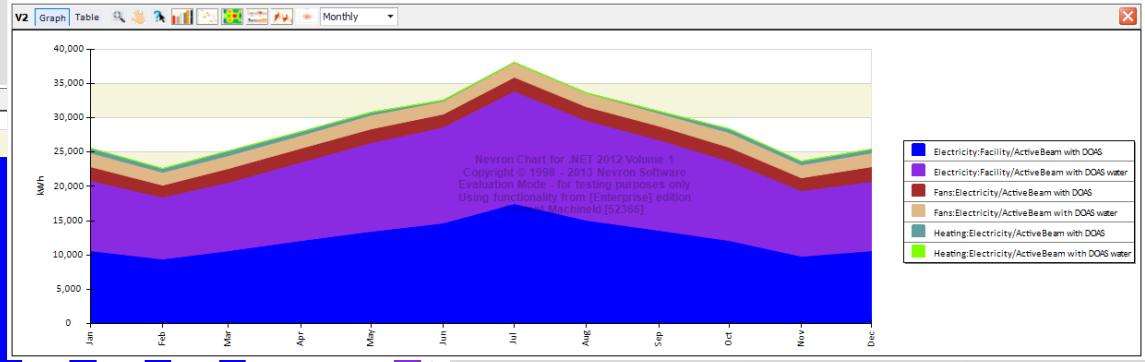


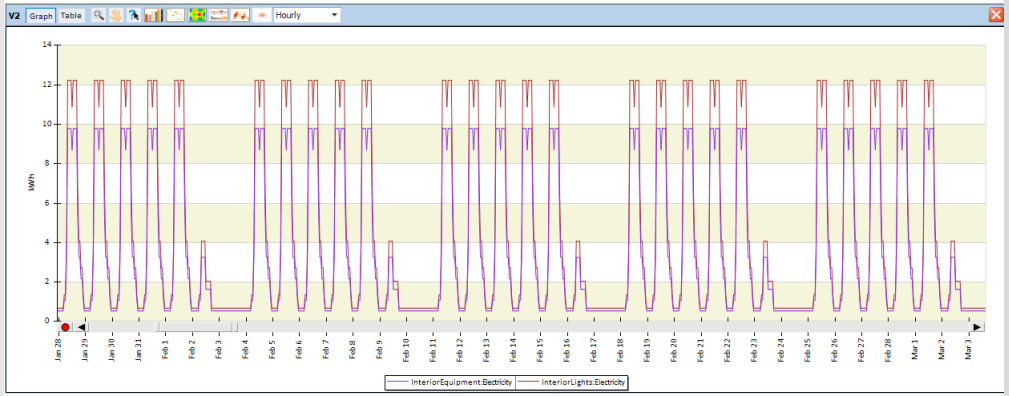












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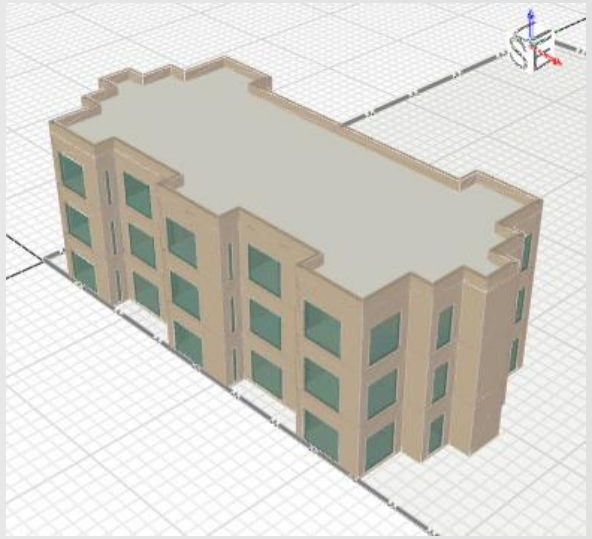

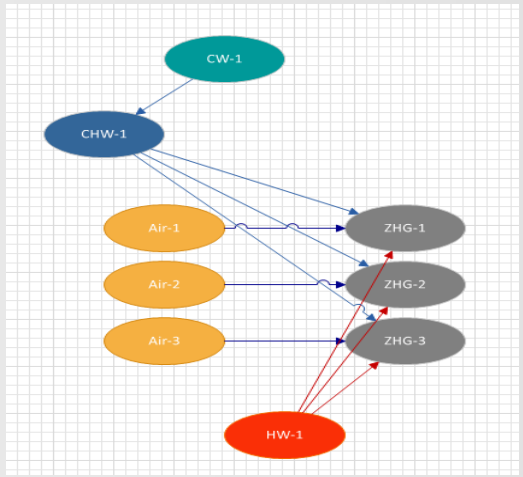

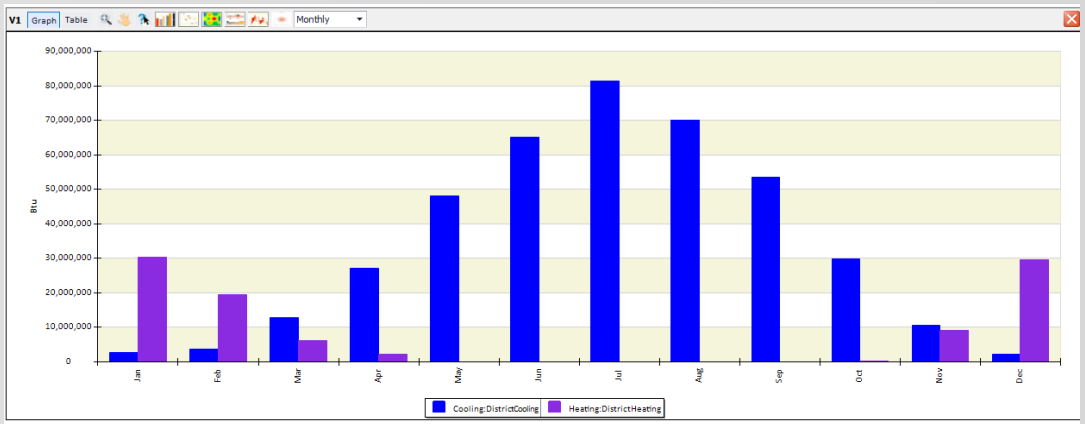

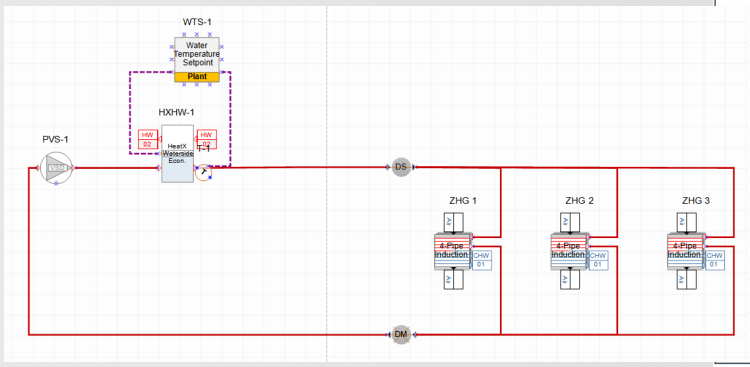

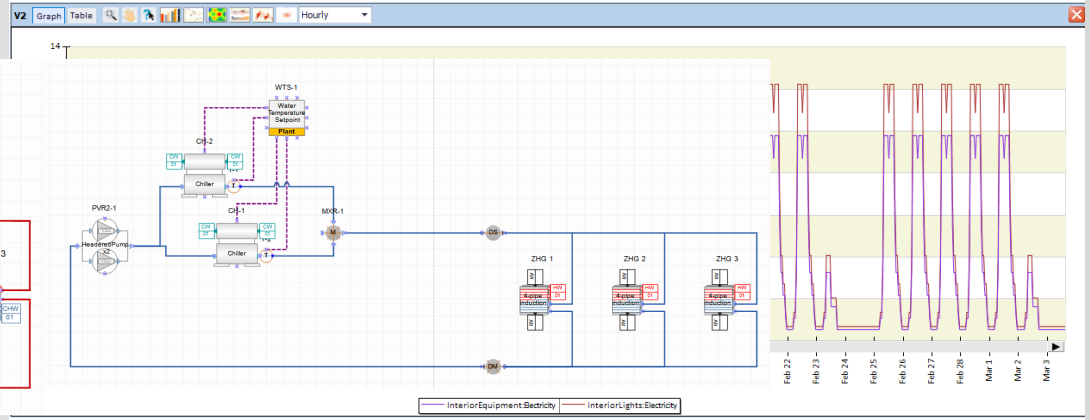

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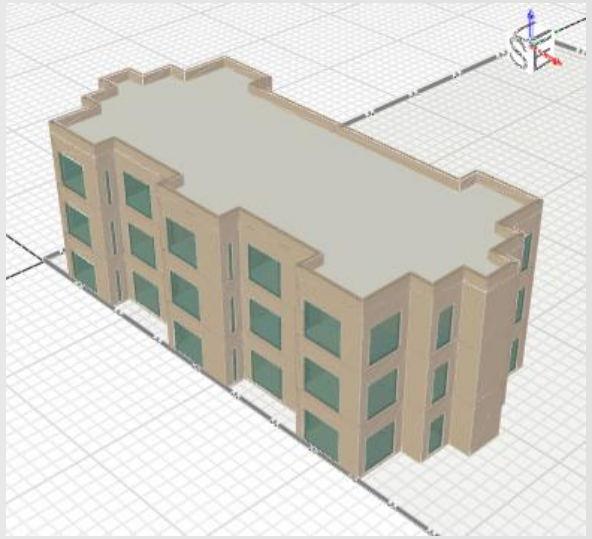

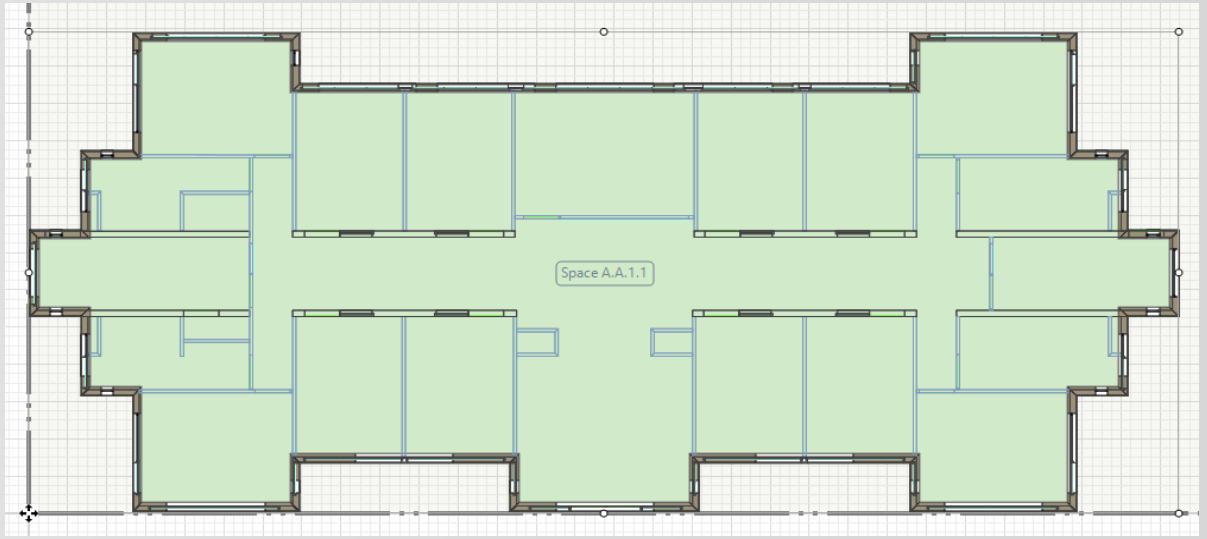

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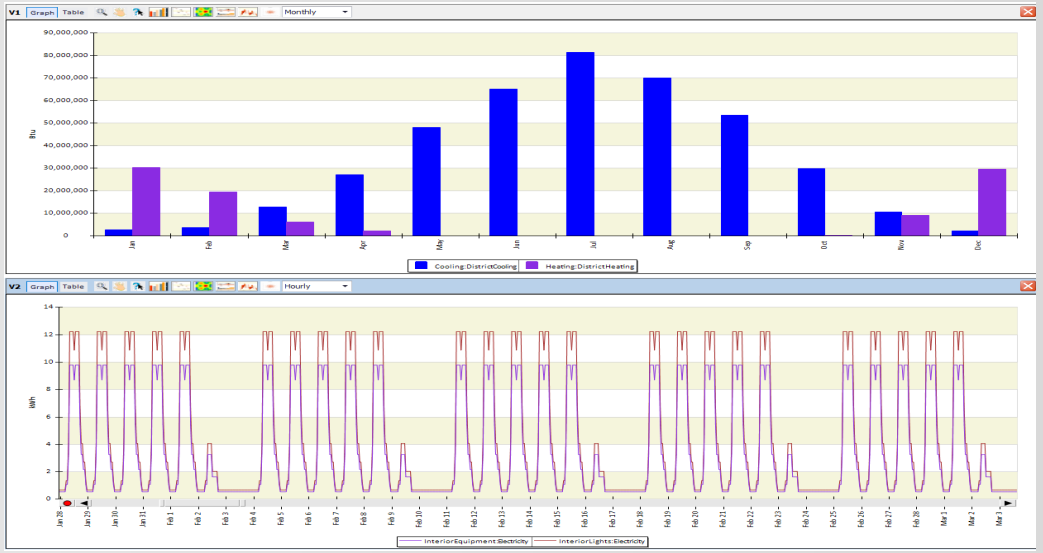

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Please complete Lesson 1 now

(see student step by step instructions in handout)

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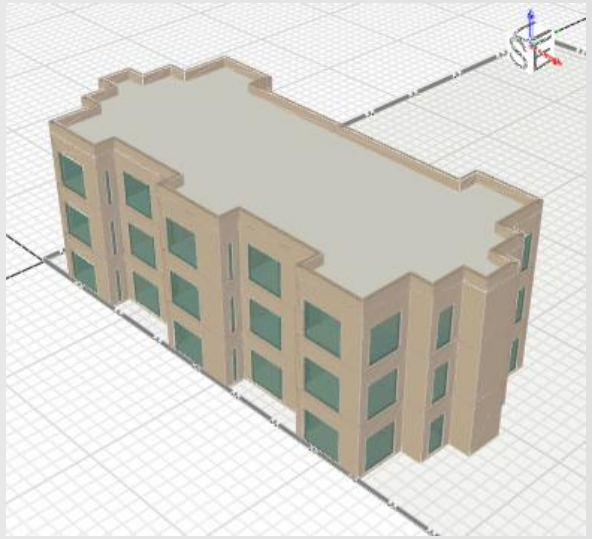

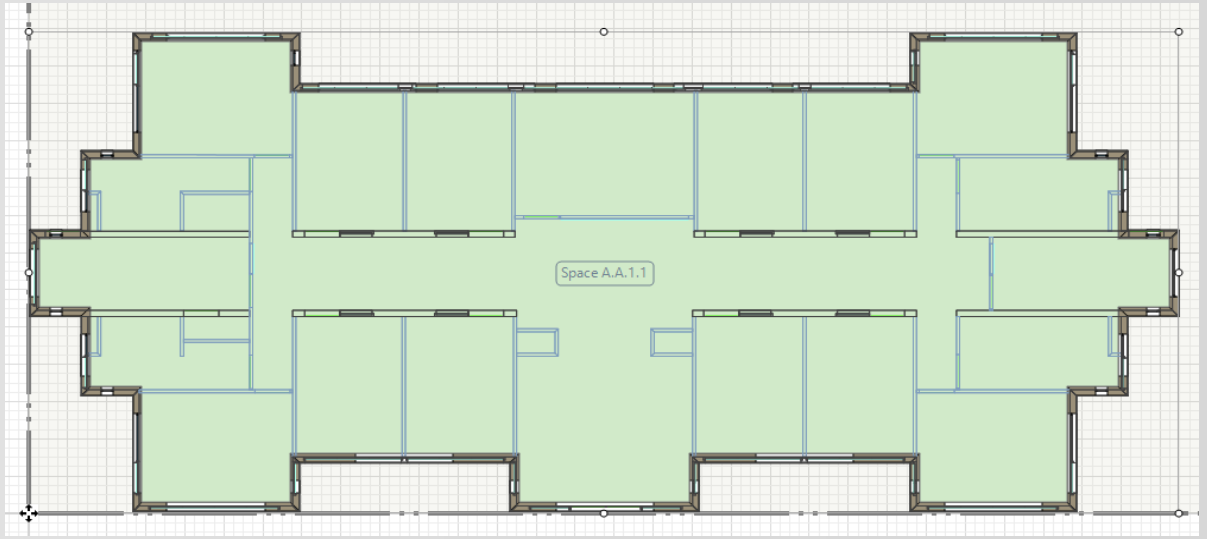

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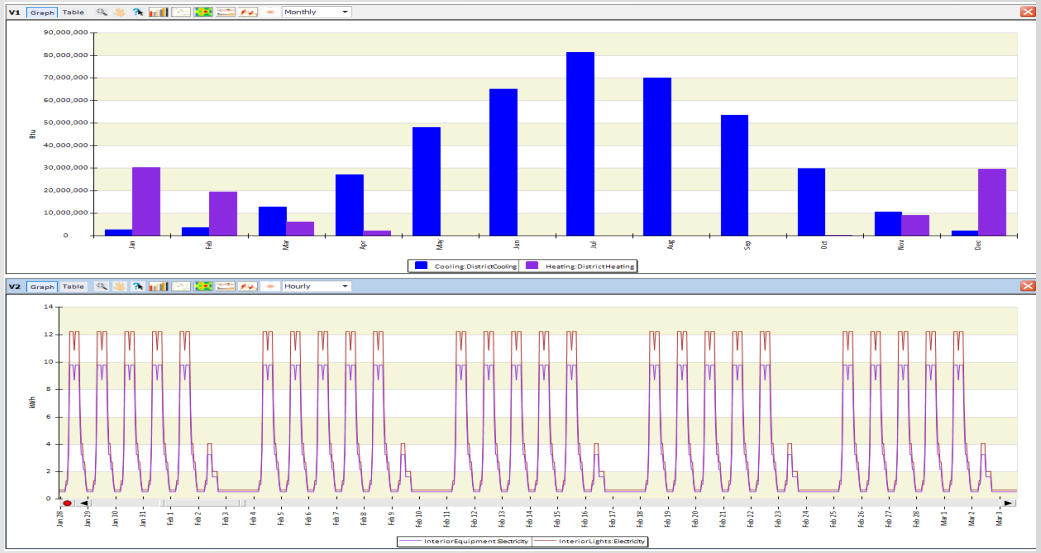

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DWG Model over – simple geometry

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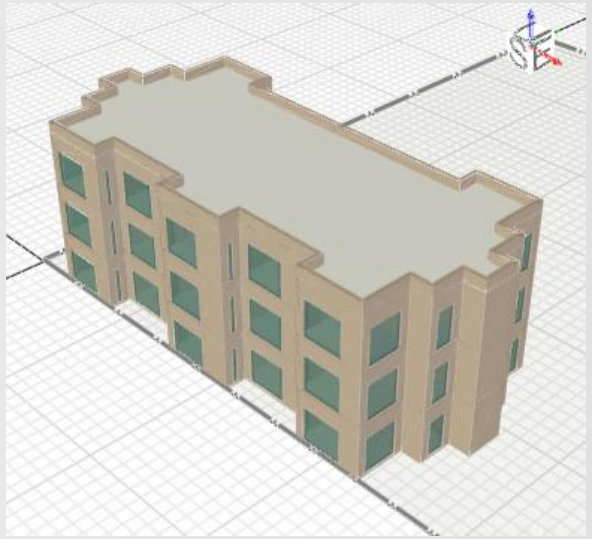

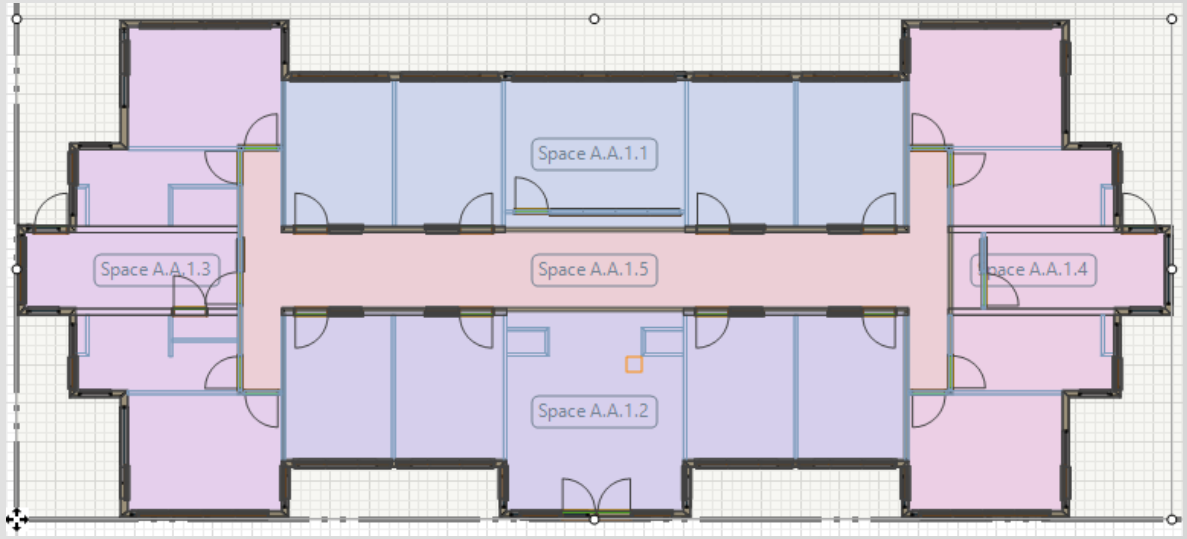

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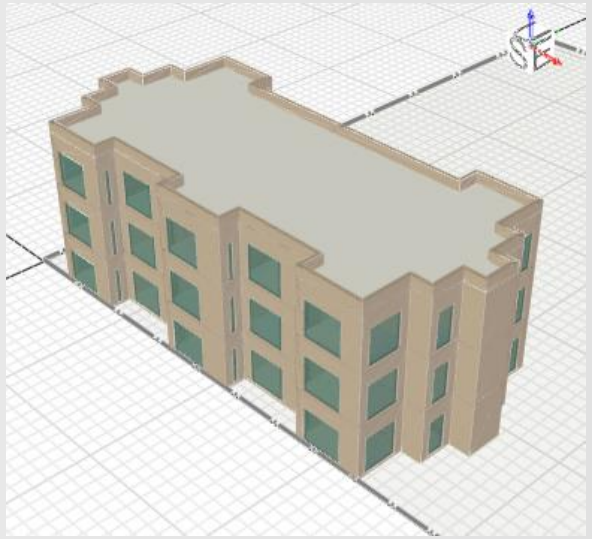

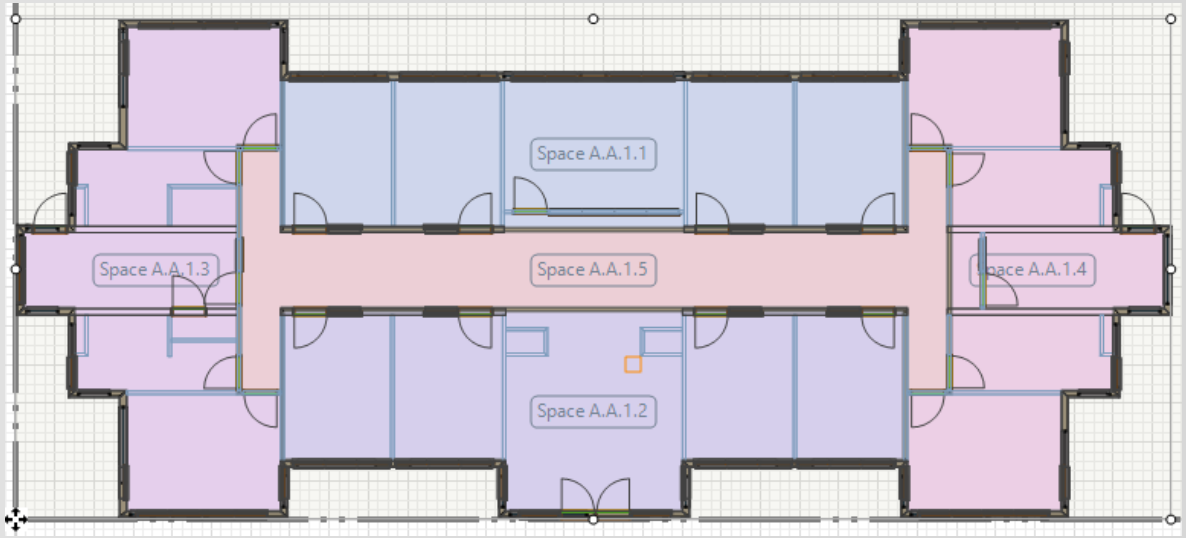

- Adding simplified zoning (internal walls and space seeding)
- Keep it simple yet meaningful

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Simple HVAC:
Active beam DOAS

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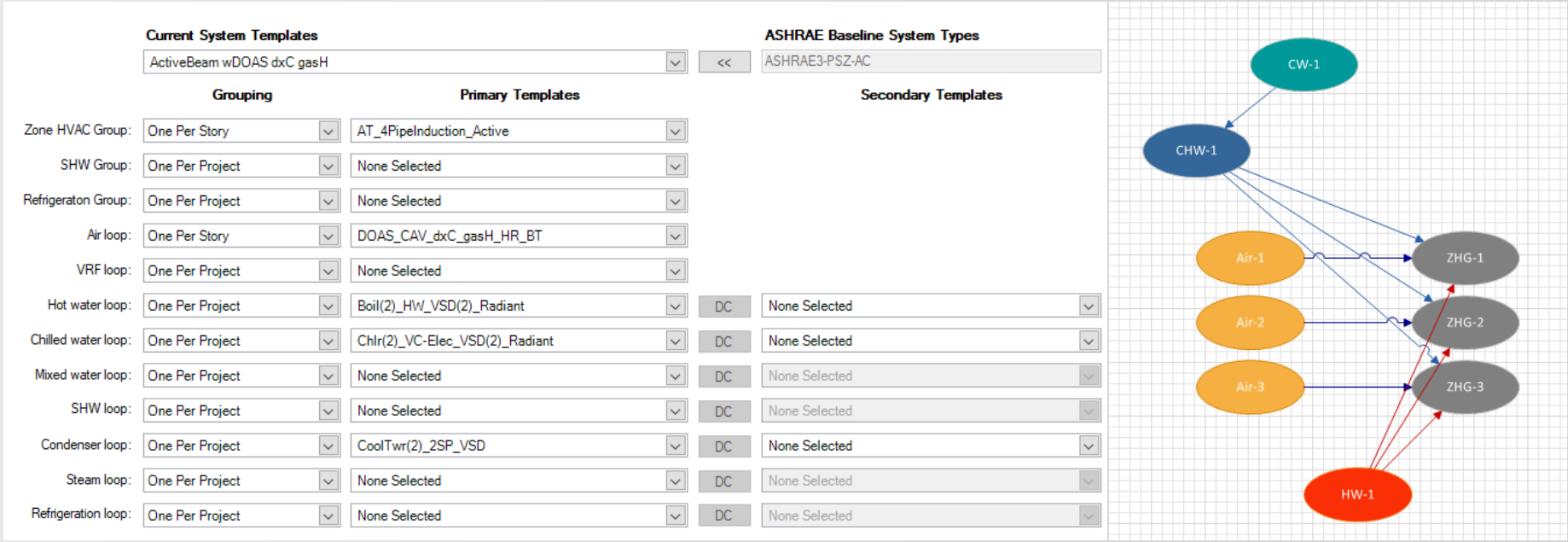

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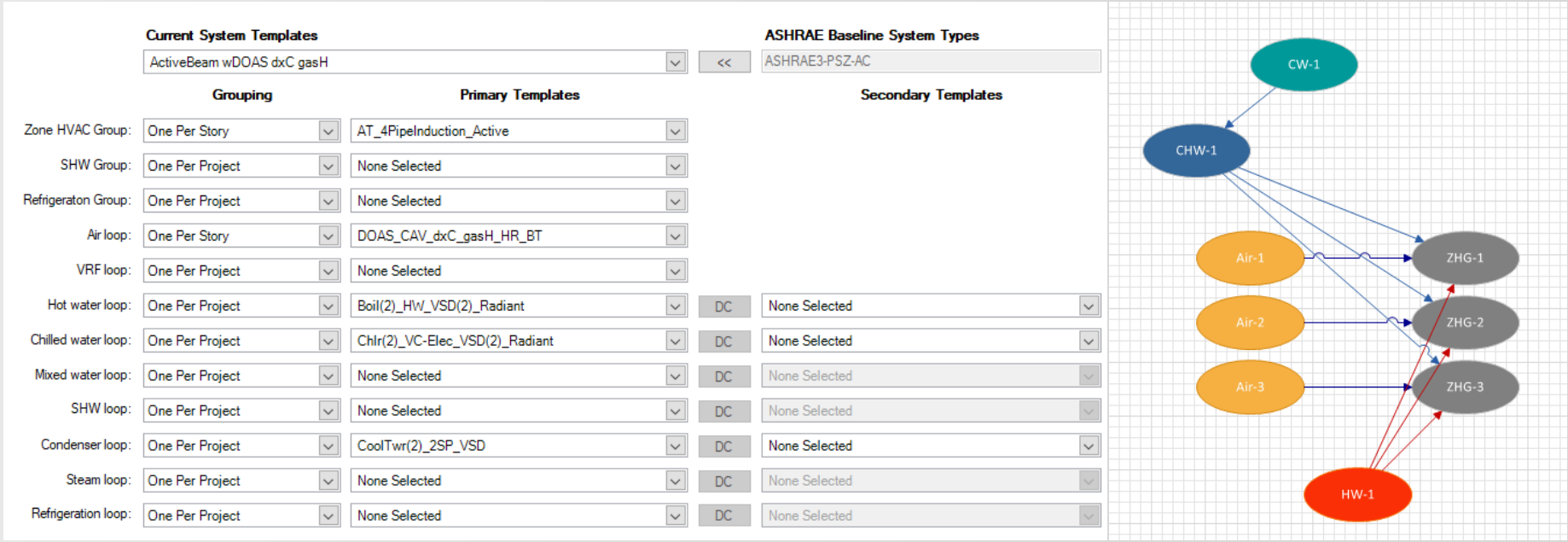

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Detailed HVAC:
Active beam DOAS

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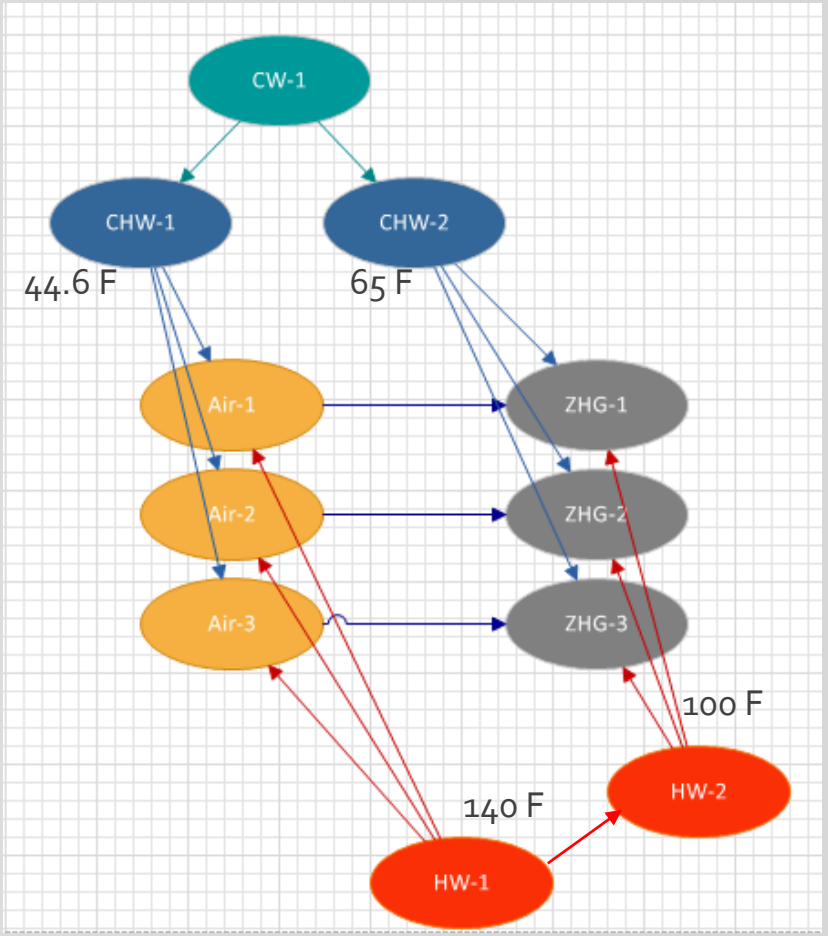
HVAC system: Active beam with DOAS (water heating and cooling)

- Change DOAS from
  - gas to water heating
  - DX to water cooling
- Add two more water loops



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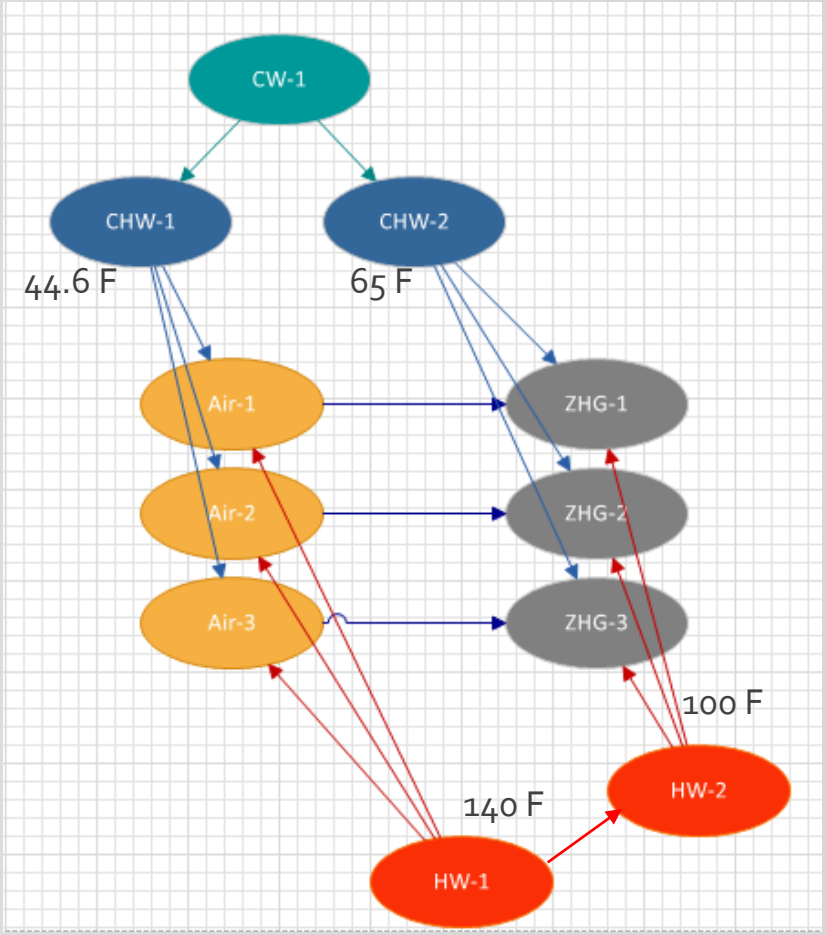

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DWG Model over – advanced geometry

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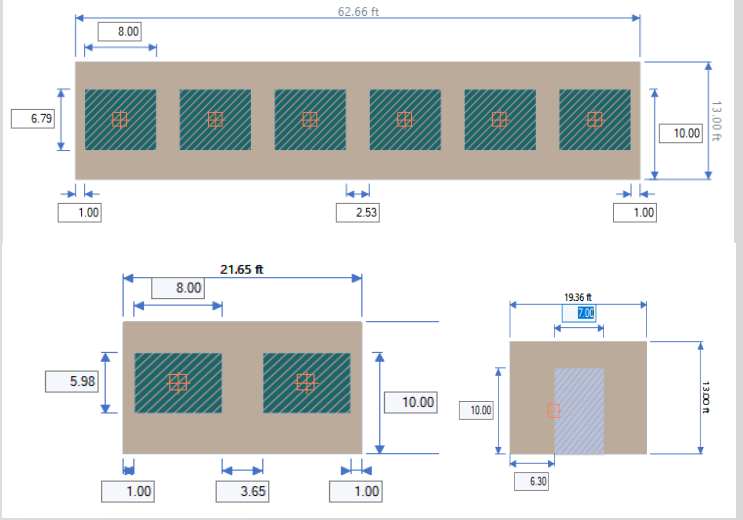
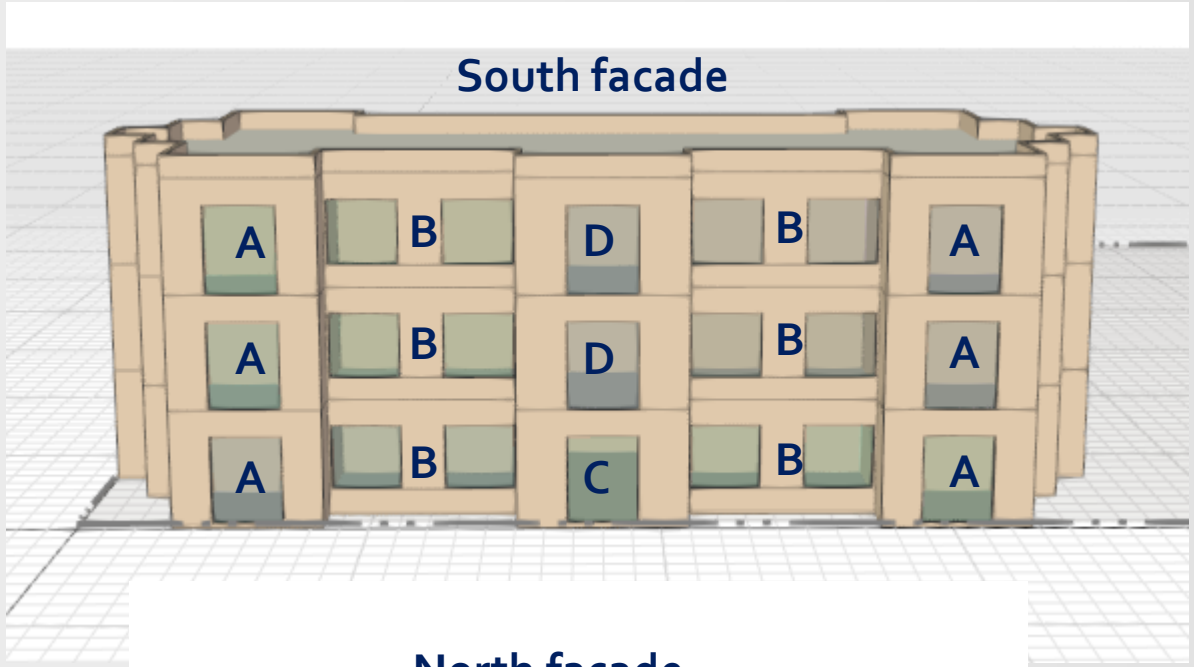
   - internal walls
   - actual spaces
   - zoning
   - two different floor layouts
2. **Detailed openings**
   - windows and doors

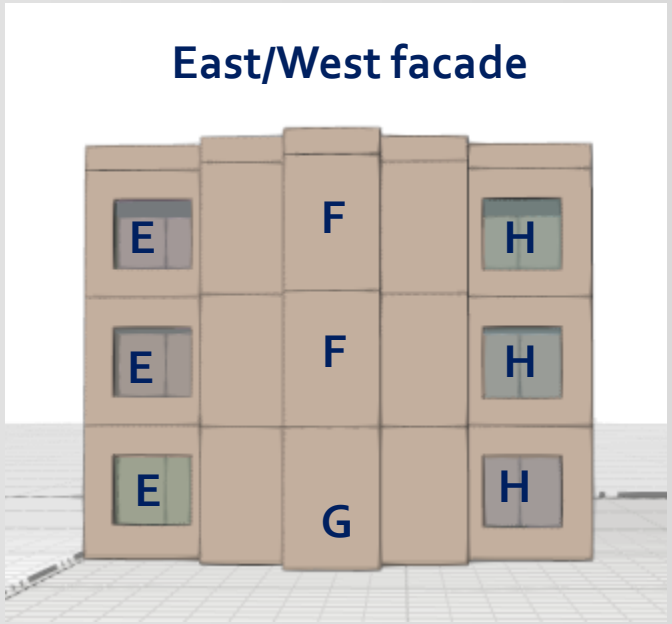


Facades

South facade



East/West facade



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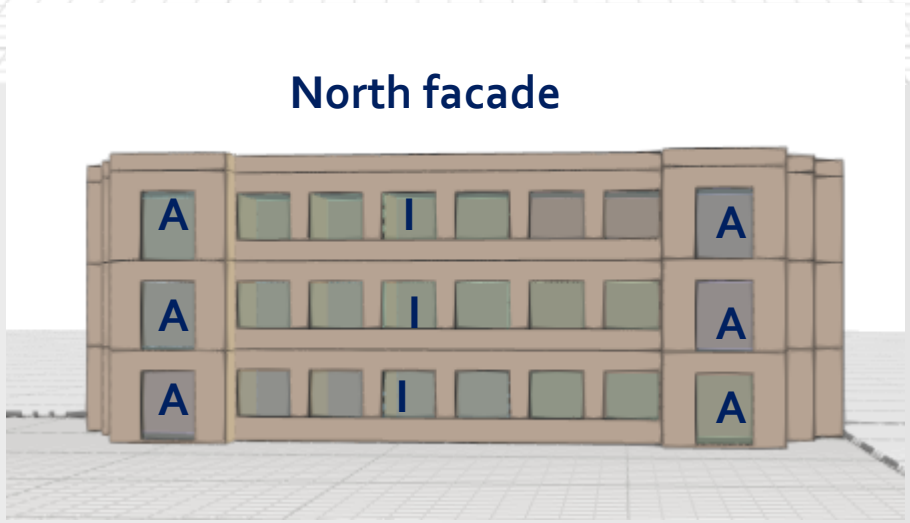

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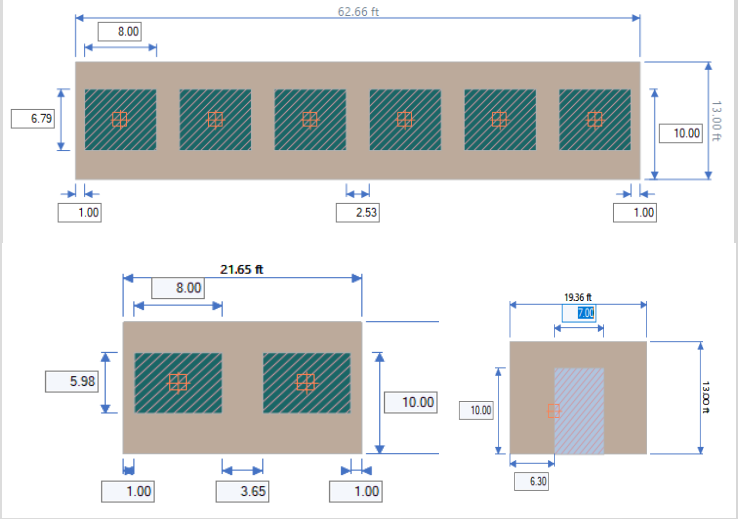

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Results visualization

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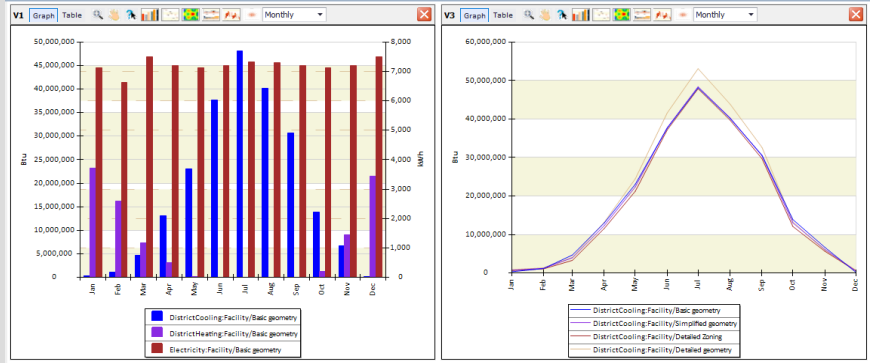
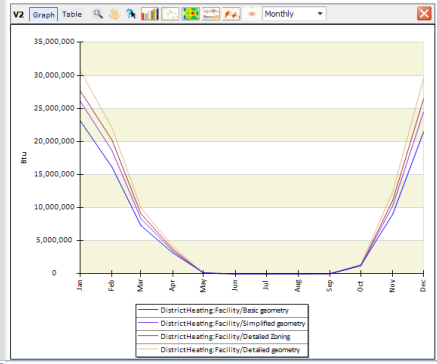
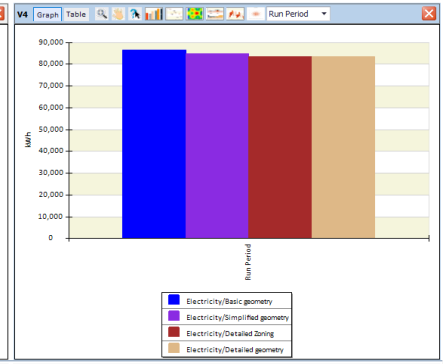
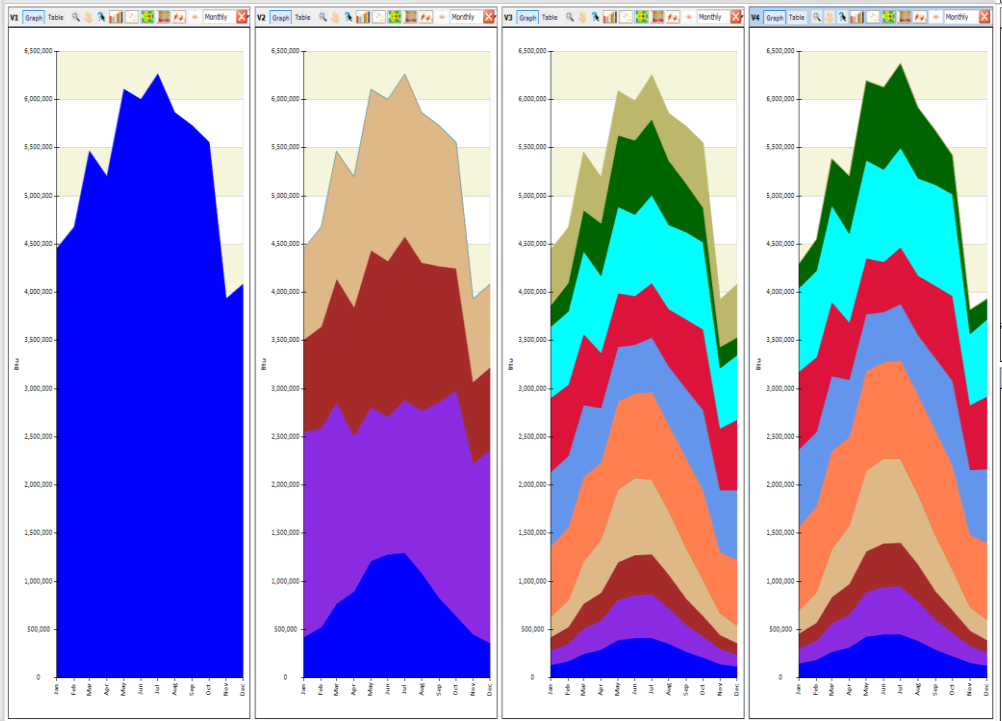
Result visualization

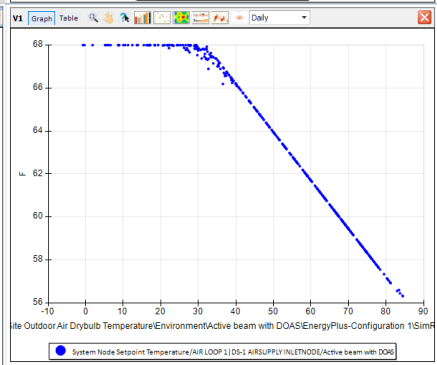
1. How do the different geometry models compare?
2. Is there a difference in solar radiation between the 4 geometric alternatives?
3. Are the air loops working as expected in the active beam system?
4. Are the water loops behaving as anticipated in the water-based system?

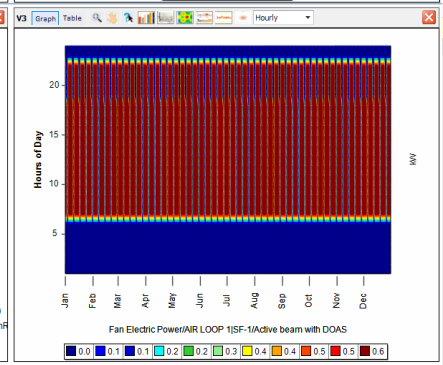


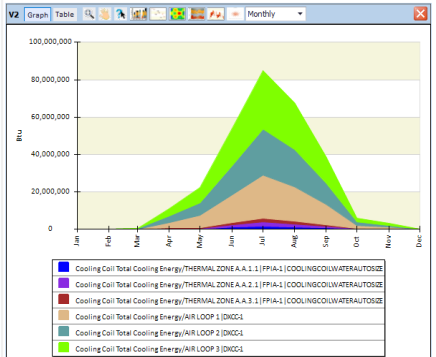


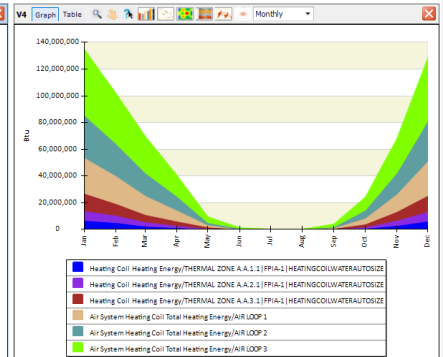












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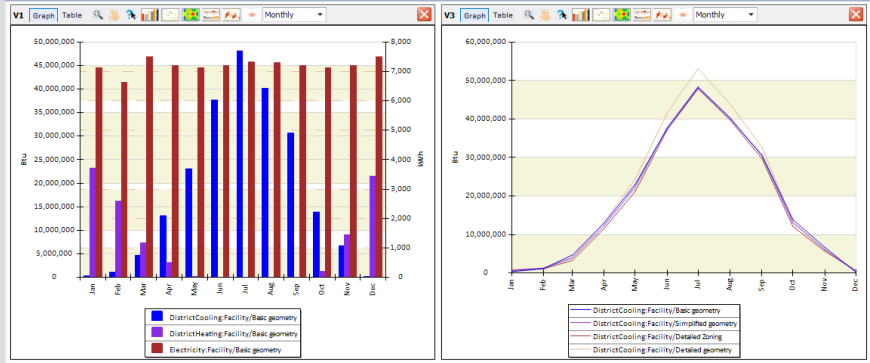
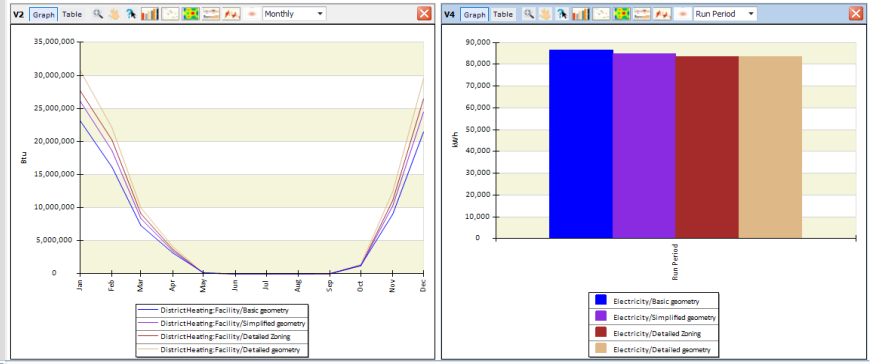
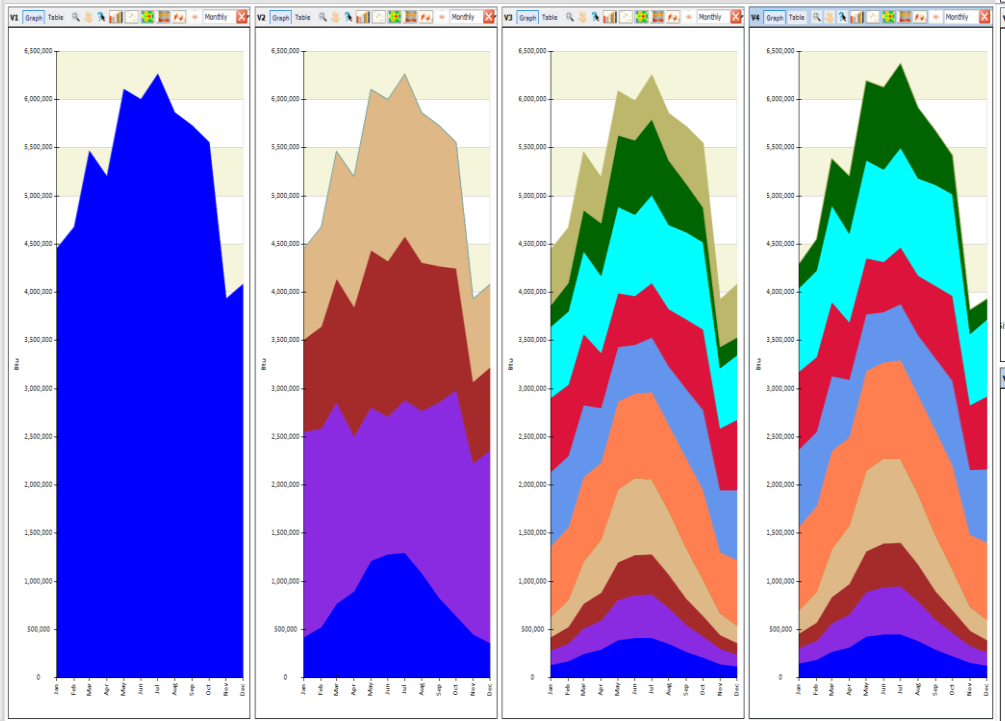
Result visualization

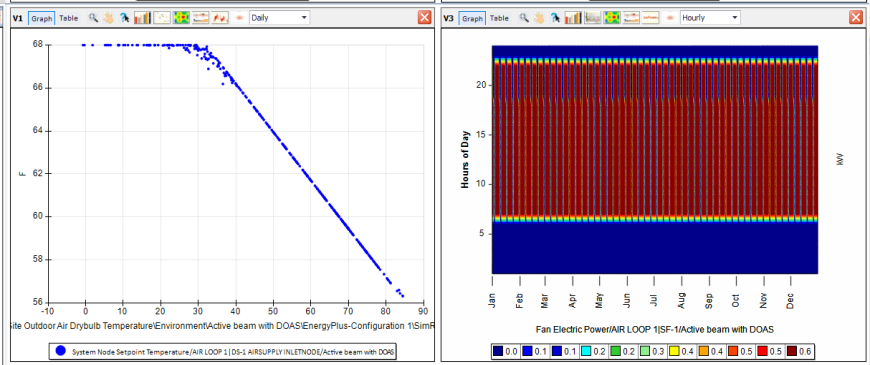
Create

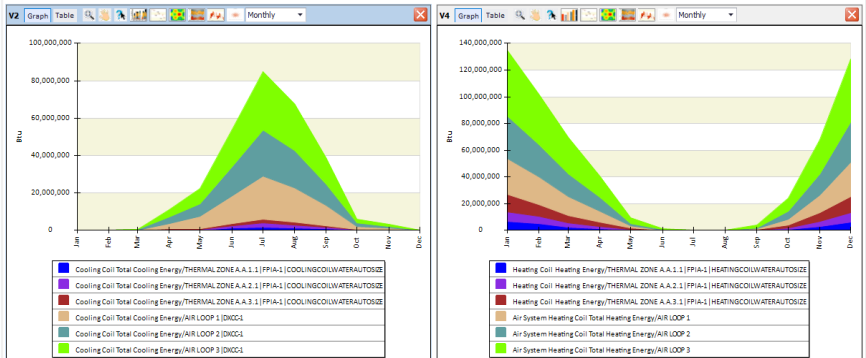
- Bar charts
- Surface plots
- Area plots
- Line plots
- Carpet plots
- Etc.











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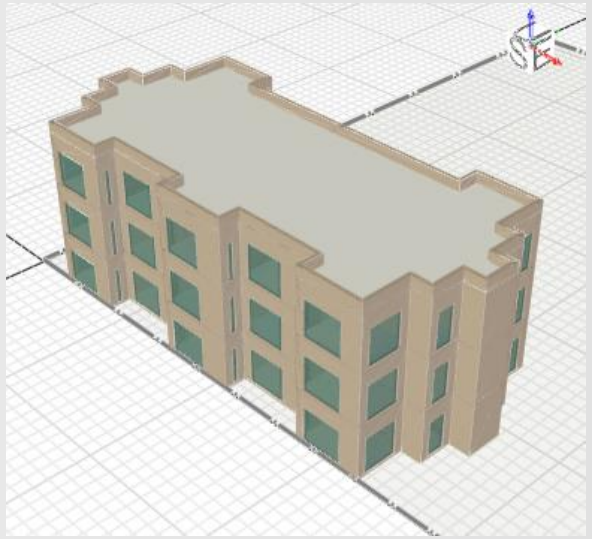

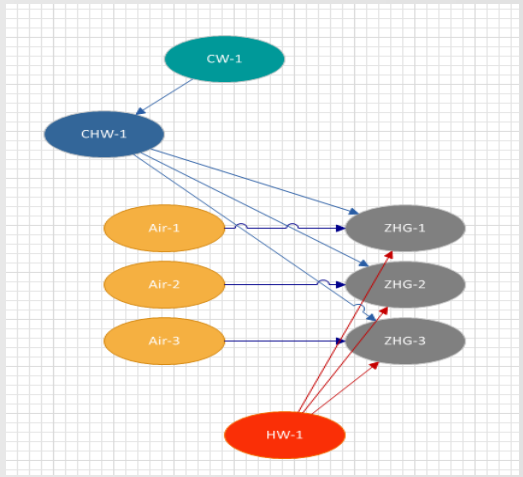

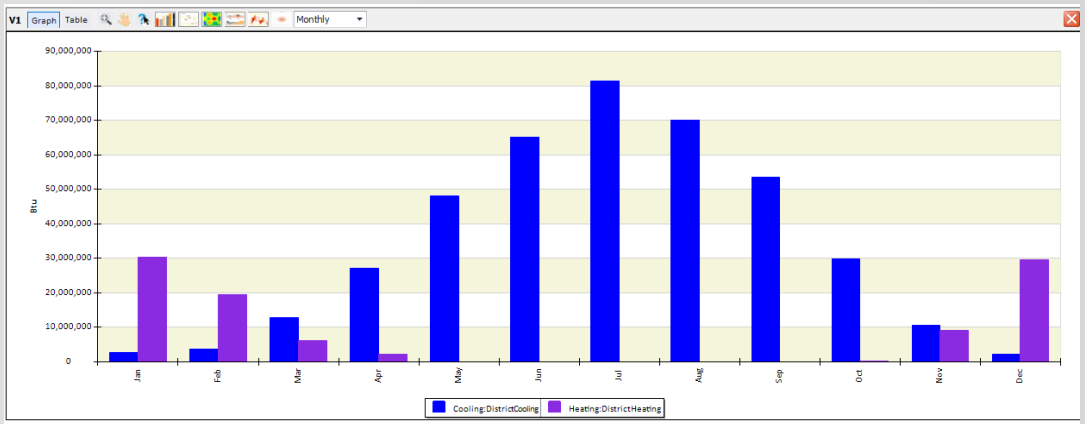

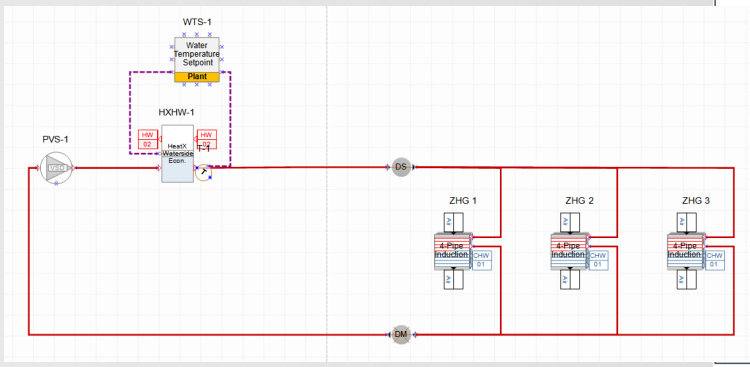

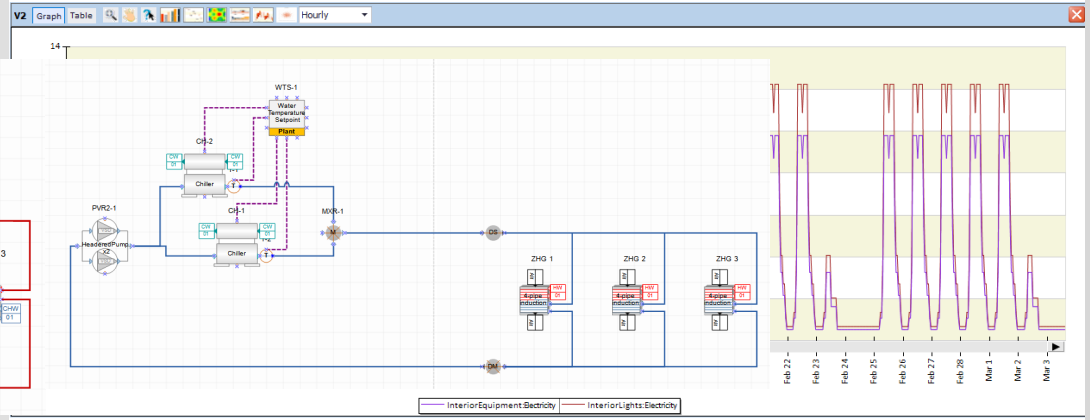

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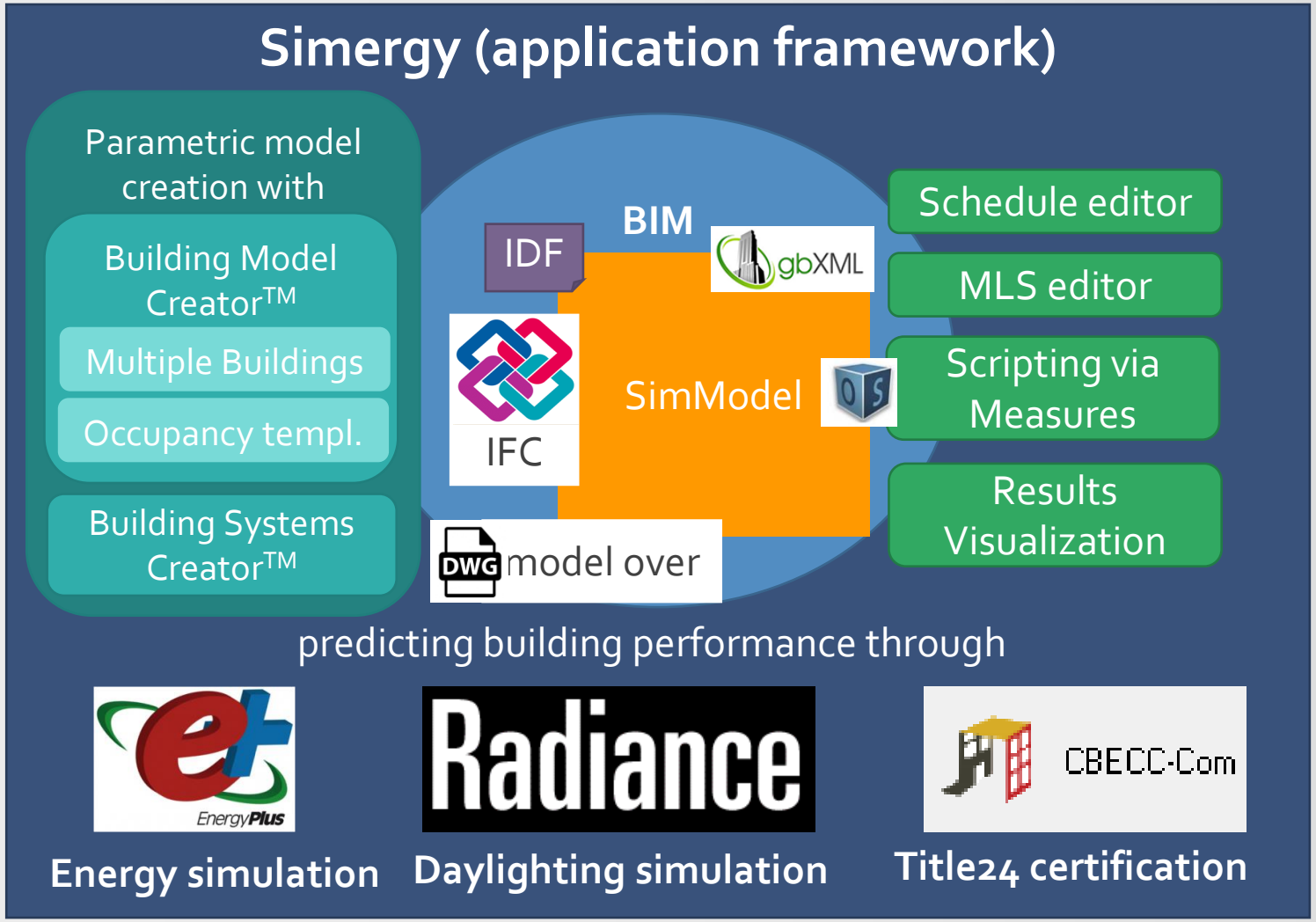

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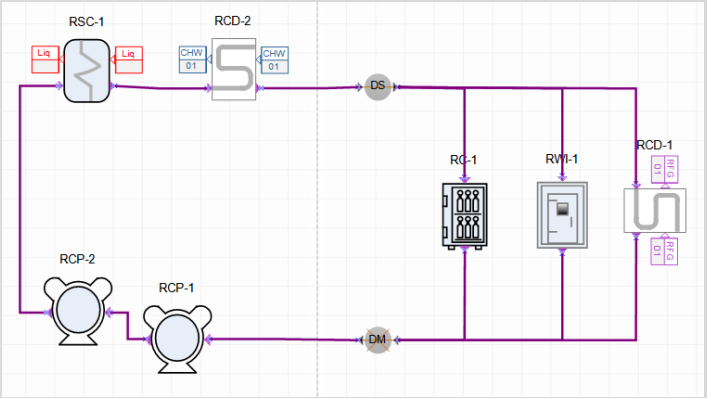
2. Support for additional HVAC components (e.g., more heat exchanger)
3. Support for refrigeration loops



4. Improved and faster IDF import
5. Improved Building Creator (e.g., zone ceiling/floor configurations)
6. Improved startup time/dashboard
7. Improved unit testing
8. Enhanced System Creator (sec. loops)
9. Location driven construction (based on climate zone)
10. More online content (e.g., FAQs)

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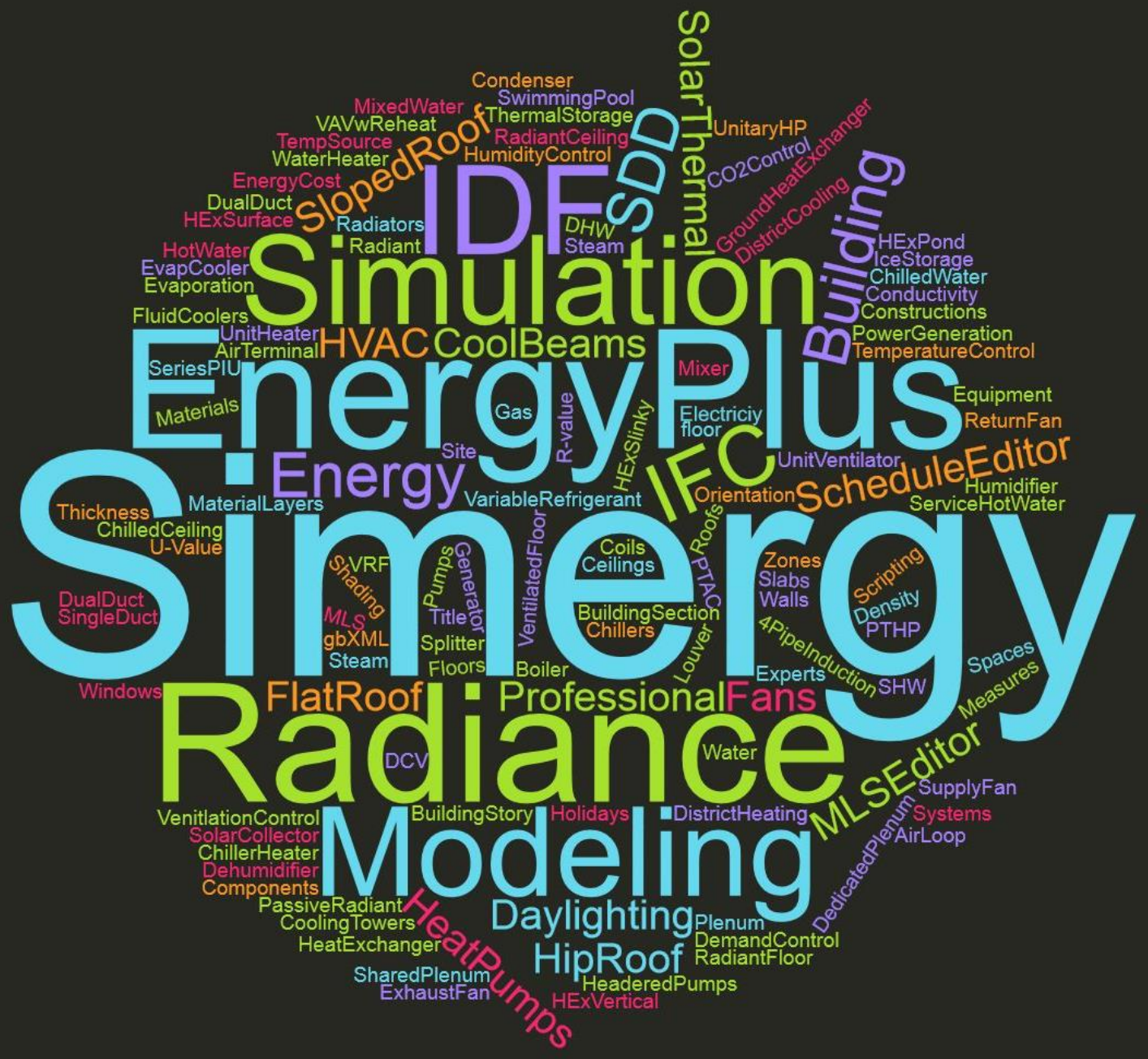

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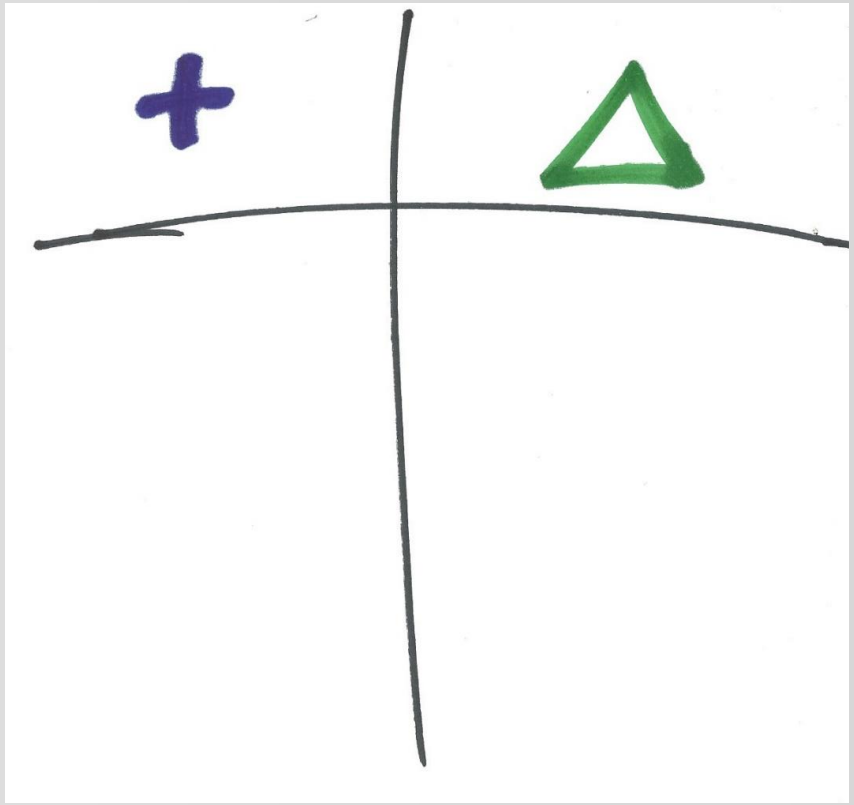

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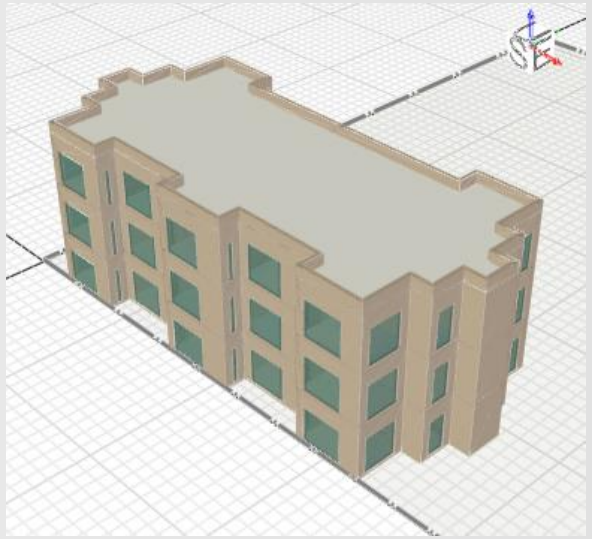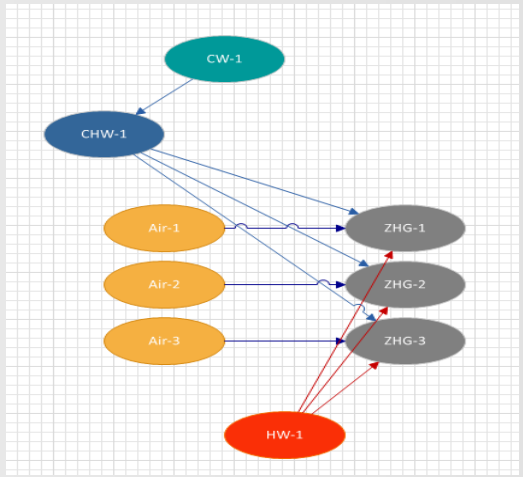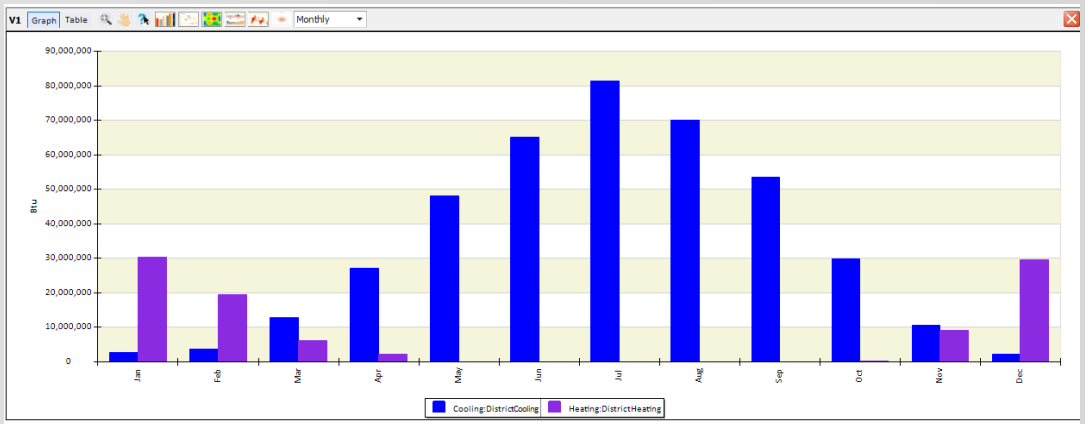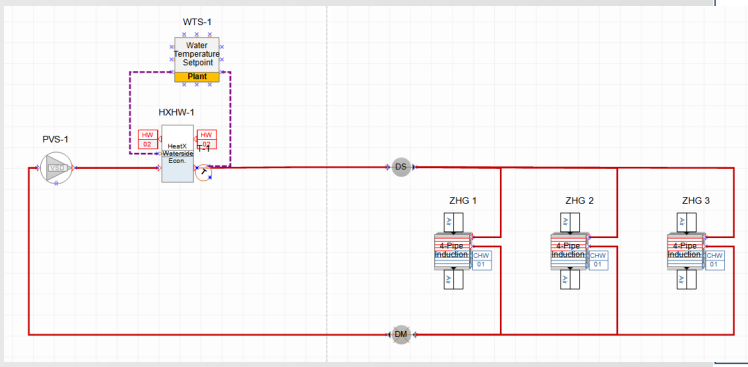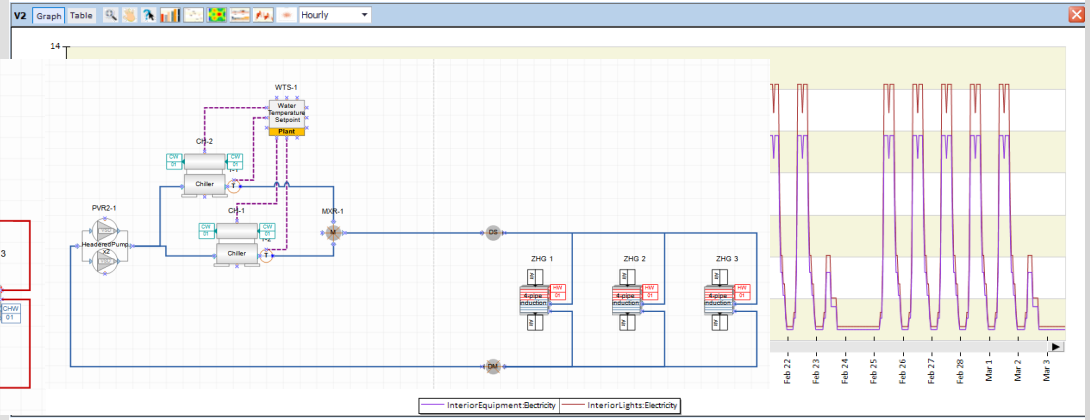
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