#### Walk-in Slide: AU 2014 Social Media Feed

1. Click on the link below, this will open your web browser

http://aucache.autodesk.com/social/visualization.html

2. Use "Extended Display" to project the website on screen if you plan to work on your computer. Use "Duplicate" to display same image on screen and computer.



# M/E/P/E Design process

Joe Simmons, P.E./Ben Davis, P.E.

HVAC Solution, Inc, VBFA, Professional Engineers

www.hvacsolution.com





### **Class summary**

M/E/P/F engineering from concept to completion using schematic design software and Revit.



# Key learning objectives

At the end of this class, you will be able to:

- Understand one possible M/P/E/F design workflow process.
- Share data between schematic design software and Revit.



#### Introduction

- VBFA Consulting engineers:
  - 100+ personnel.
  - (4) offices, Utah and Arizona
- Local projects:
  - Hospitals, laboratories, schools...
- International projects:
  - Argentina, Chile, Italy, Fiji,
    Columbia, DR Congo...





#### **Presentation: Goal**

- Sociological studies show: You can actually die from boredom.
- My goal: An un-boring presentation.



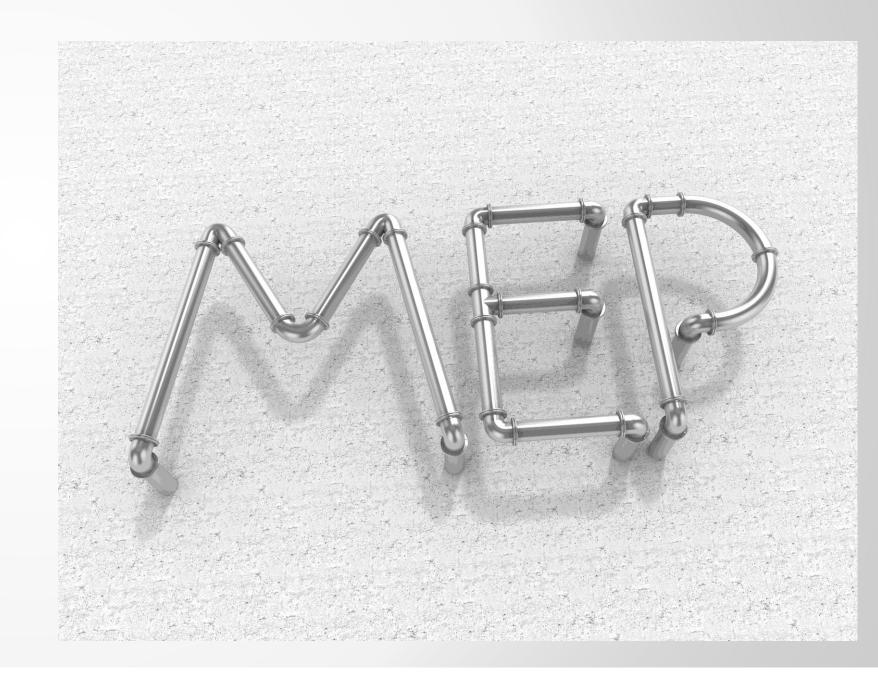


# M/E/P/F Engineering



# M/E/P/F engineering: What is it?

- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Fire protection





# M/E/P/F engineering: Where is it?

- Homes
- Schools
- Universities
- Hospitals
- Office buildings
- Sports facilities
- Hotels





# M/E/P/E engineering: Success defined

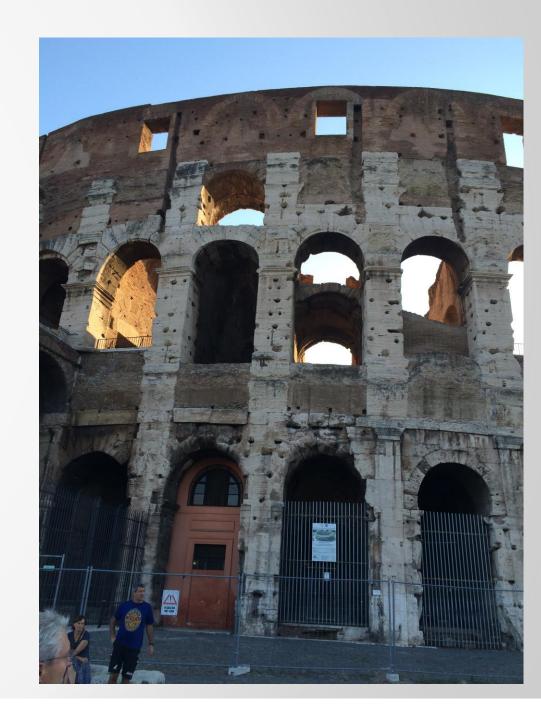
- Integration without irritation
  - See no mechanical
  - Hear no mechanical
  - Feel no mechanical





# M/E/P/E engineering: Easy

- Every project is custom.
- Hard.
  - "Rocket science is easy."
- Fast paced.
- Decisions = \$\$\$.
- Diverse:
  - Boilers, chillers, ductwork, piping, humidity, dehumidification, pressurization, heat exchangers, pumps, controls, fire protection...





# M/E/P/F software



# M/E/P/F software: Steps

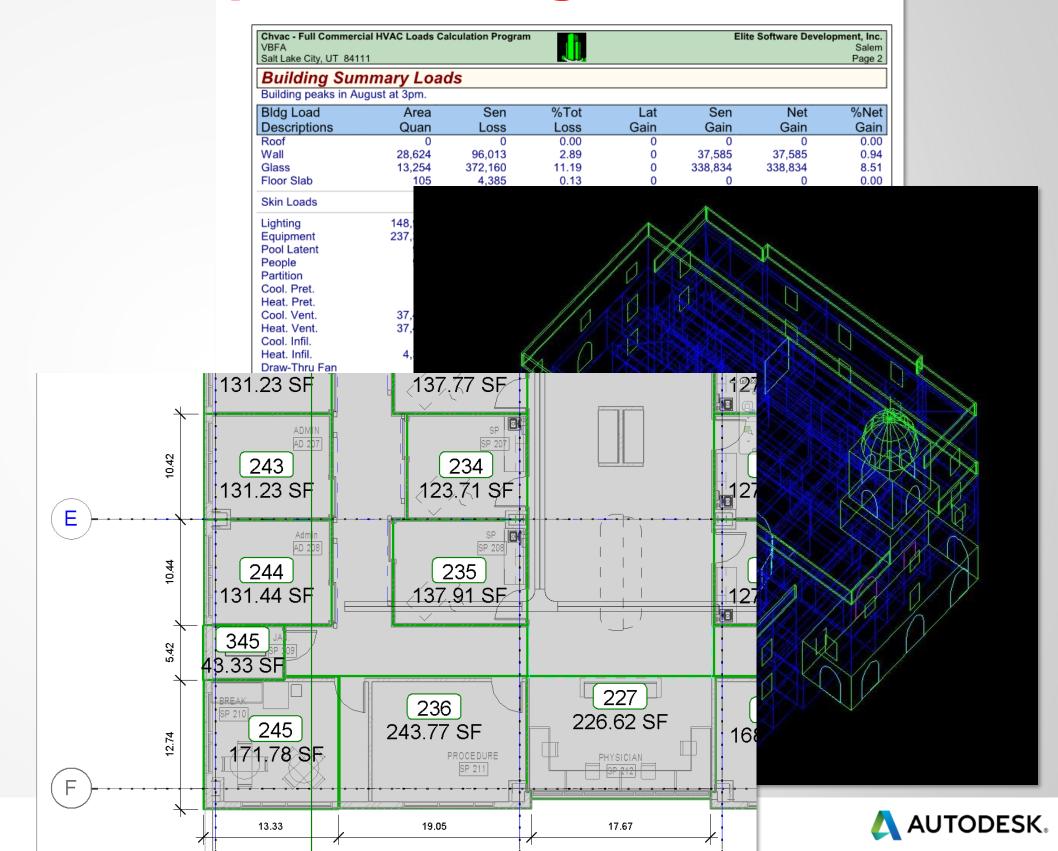
- Idea/modeling.
- Modeling/idea.
  - Idea or model first?
- Detail.





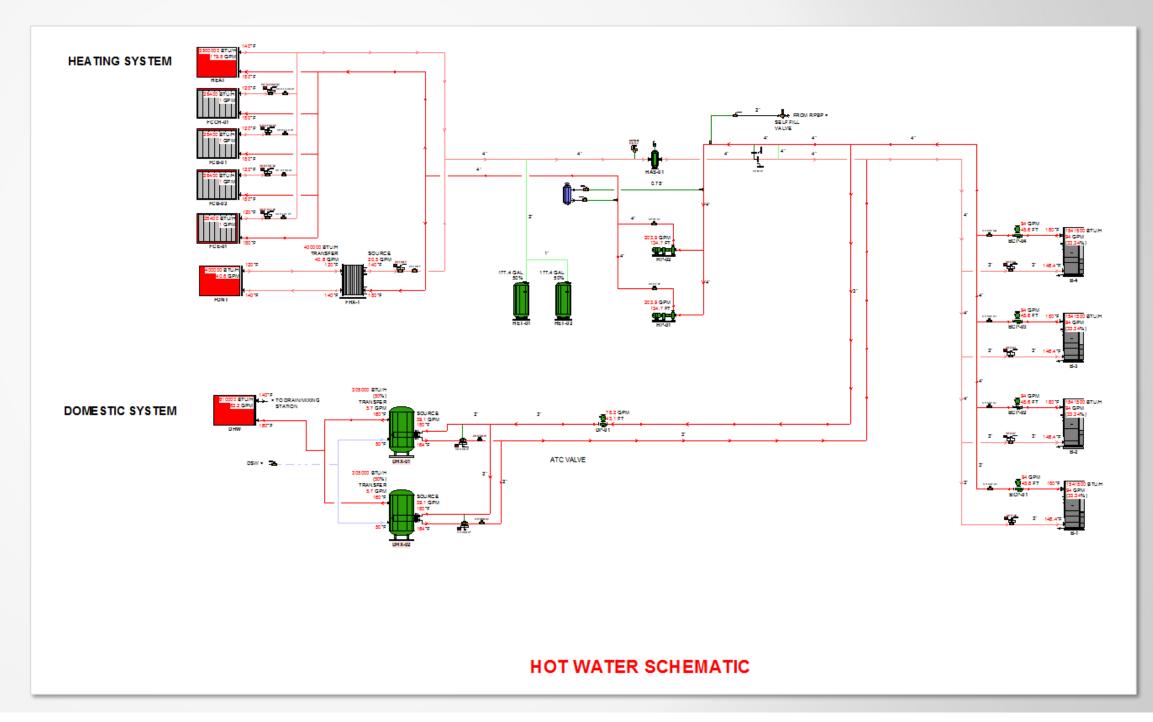
# M/E/P/F software: 1. Envelope modeling

- 1. Automatic take-off (Revit).
- 2. Semi-automatic perimeter take-off.
- 3. Non-automatic hand take-off.



# M/E/P/F software: 2. Systems modeling = schematics

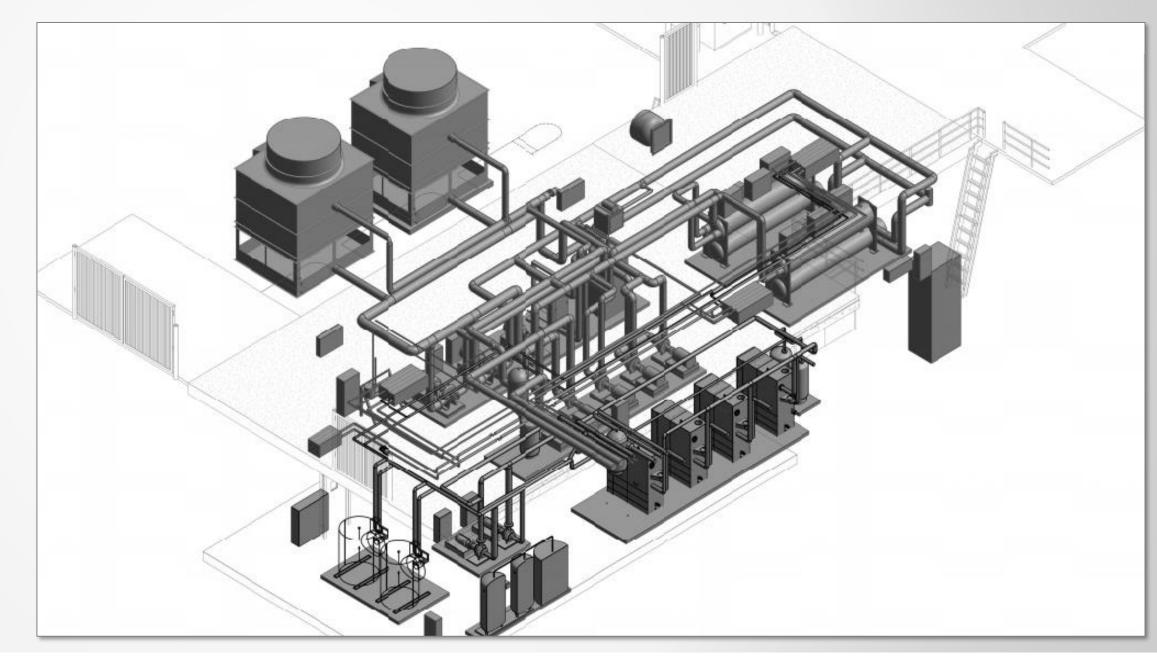
- Idea modeling= schematicdrawing.
  - 10% of project effort.
  - 40% of project cost.





#### M/E/P/F software: 3. Add detail = Revit

- Revit provides project detail.
  - 90% of project effort.
  - 60% of project cost.





### M/E/P/F software: Workflow process

- 1. Revit envelope and element modeling, energy, loads.
- 2. Schematic software concept design.
- 3. Schematic software equipment selection.
- 4. Revit schematic & equipment connection.
- 5. Revit equipment and systems design.
- 6. Revit final drawings.



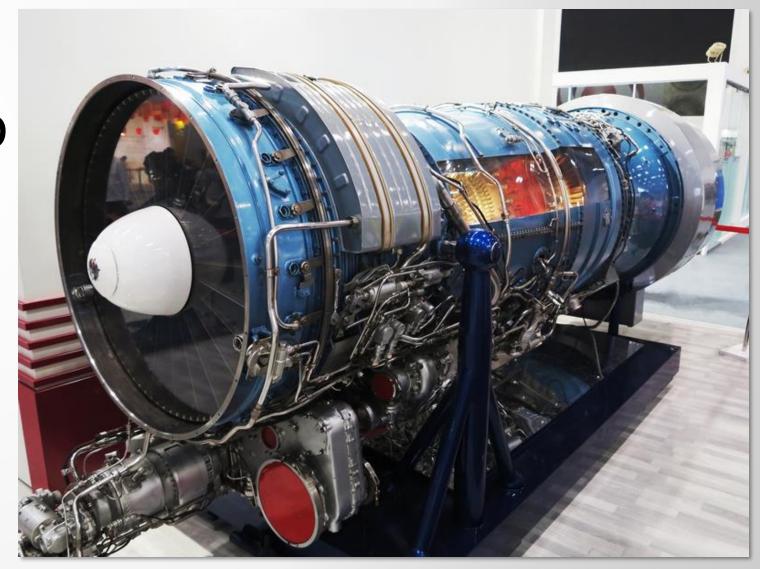


# Simple to complex



### Simple to complex: Only simple stuff works

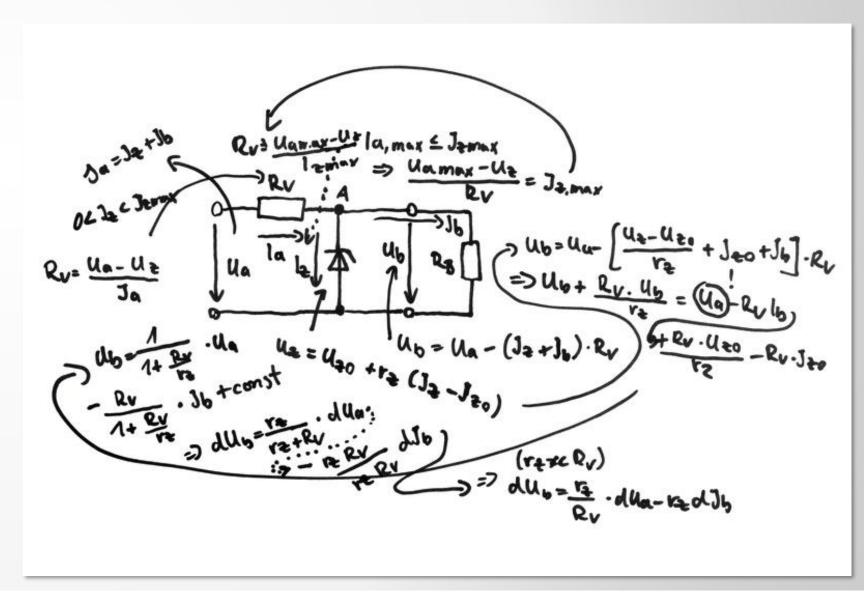
- Only simple stuff works:
  - "Jet engines are simple."
- Ideas build on each other.
- Simple allows the complex to exist.





# Simple to complex: What is complex?

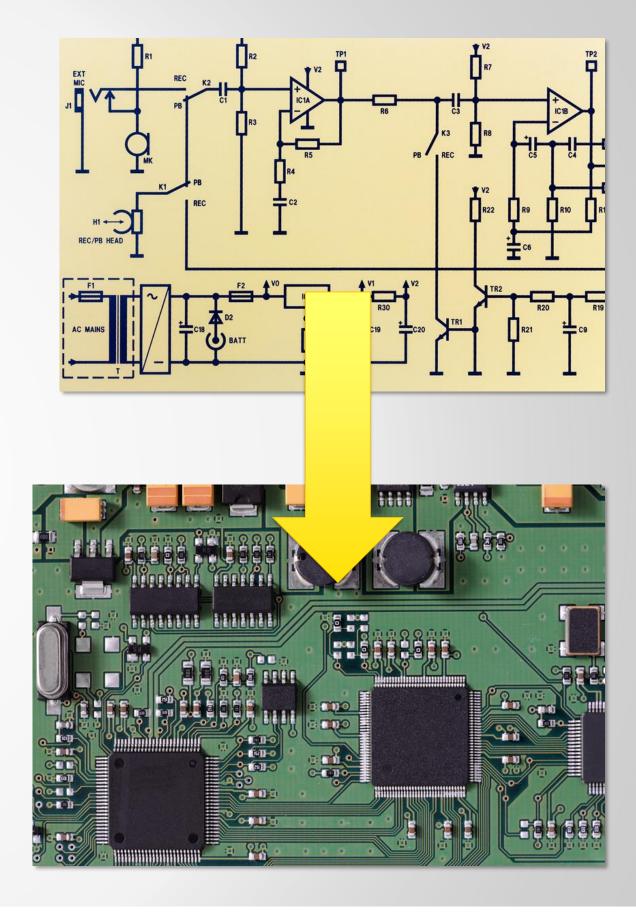
- Complex is:
  - Anything which requires discussion.
  - A load of stuff you can't keep in you head all at once.





# Simple to complex: Move along

- A schematic is quick way to express complex ideas.
- Schematics allow the simple to move to the more complex.





# Simple to complex: Communication

- Schematics help with clear communication.
  - Quick.
  - Clear.

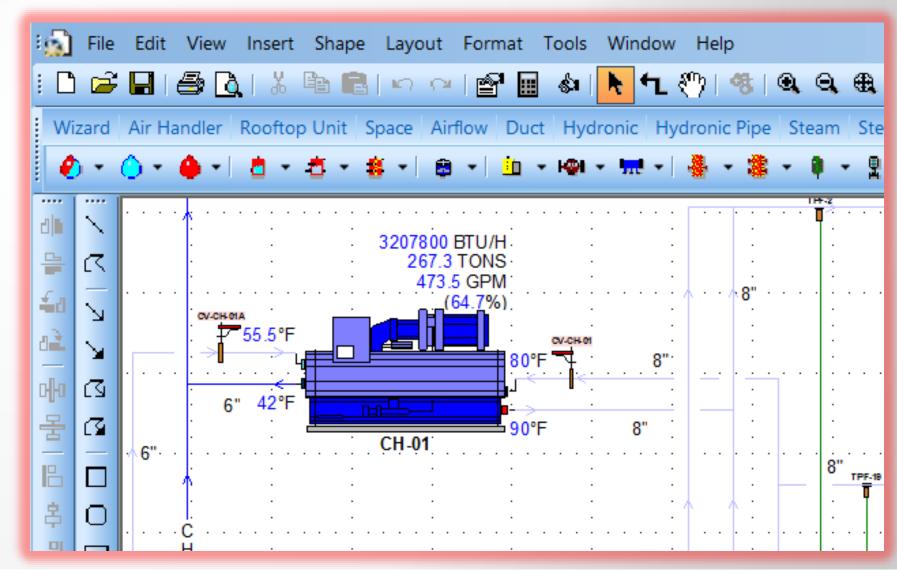




# Simple to complex: Intelligent schematic software demonstration

#### Steps:

- Build a schematic.
- 2. Data is passed from component to component.
- 3. Equipment is sized.
- 4. Controls schematics are produced.
- 5. Schematics and schedules are exported.





# **Efficiency**

# **Efficiency: My product**

- I sell:
  - Time.
  - Ideas.





### **Efficiency: Smart?**

- No real tangible product.
- I am paid to be smart.
  - I have to be better than my competition can lie.
  - Lack of planning by others does constitute an emergency for me.
  - There is no mercy when you are paid to be smart.

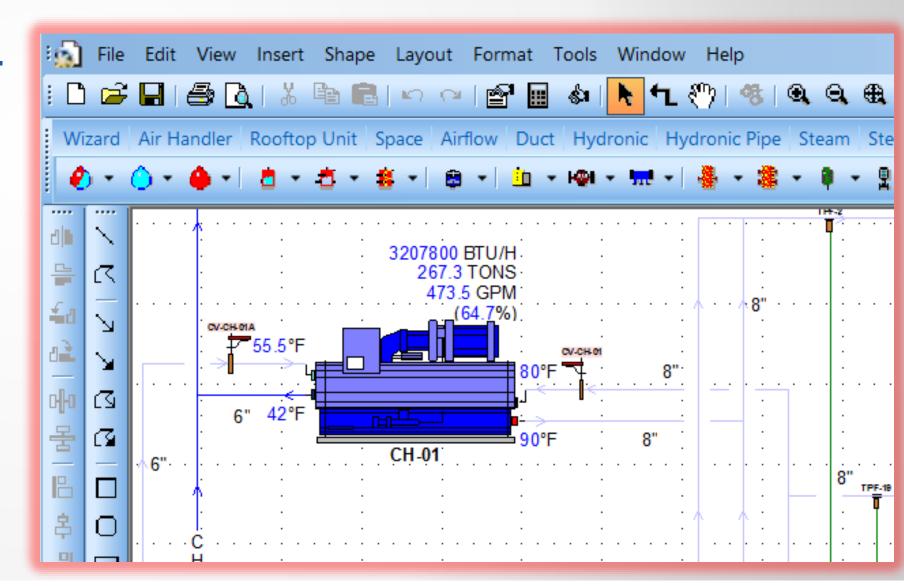




### **Efficiency: Demonstration**

#### Work smarter:

- Workflow continuance.
  - Stop the "eye-wash" cycle.
- Central data storage.
- Fully formed ideas = inherent error checking.
- Project repetition.
- Clear communication of design intent.



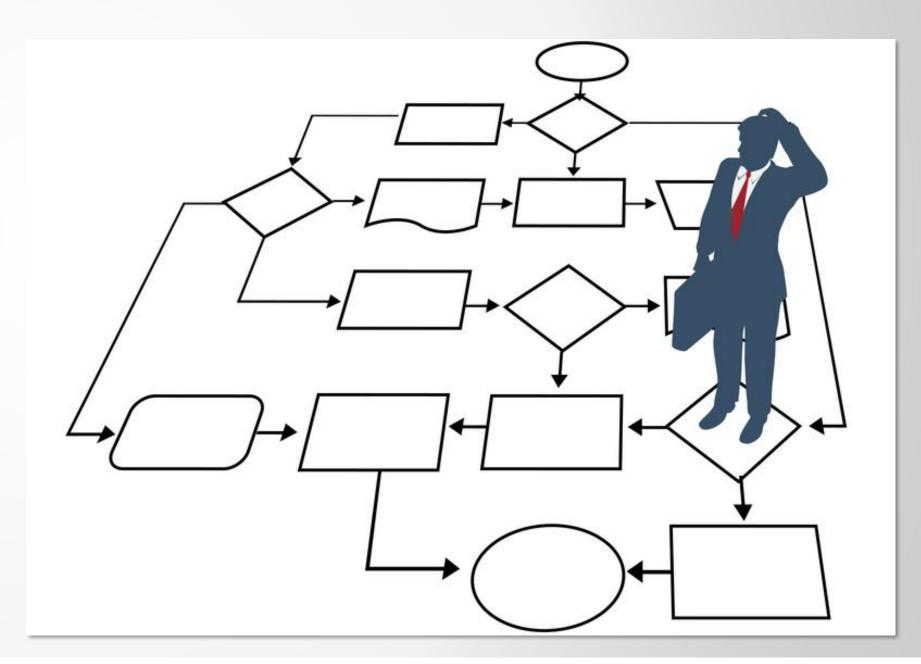


# **Engineering process**



# **Engineering: The process**

- A need for a building.
- Ideas sold.
- Ideas handed-off.
- Ideas detailed.
- Construction.





# **Engineering: Idea staff**

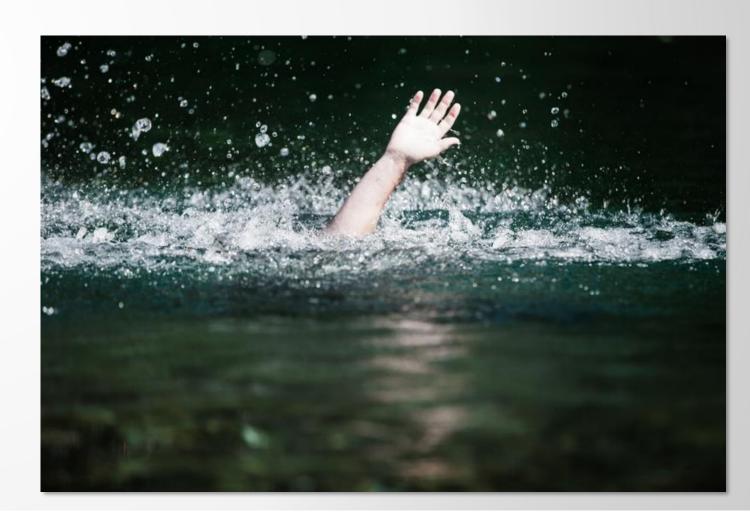
- Management:
  - Sells ideas.
  - Short attention.





# **Engineering: Management needs**

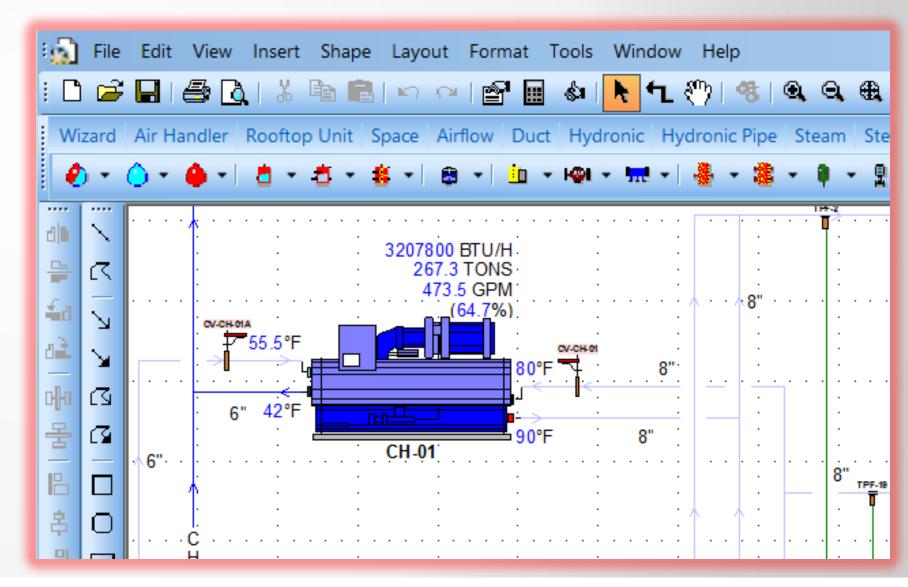
- Need to produce concept fast.
  - The first concept often sticks.
- Need intuitive tools.
  - Short attention.
- Need to clearly communicate design intent.
- Need efficiency gain.





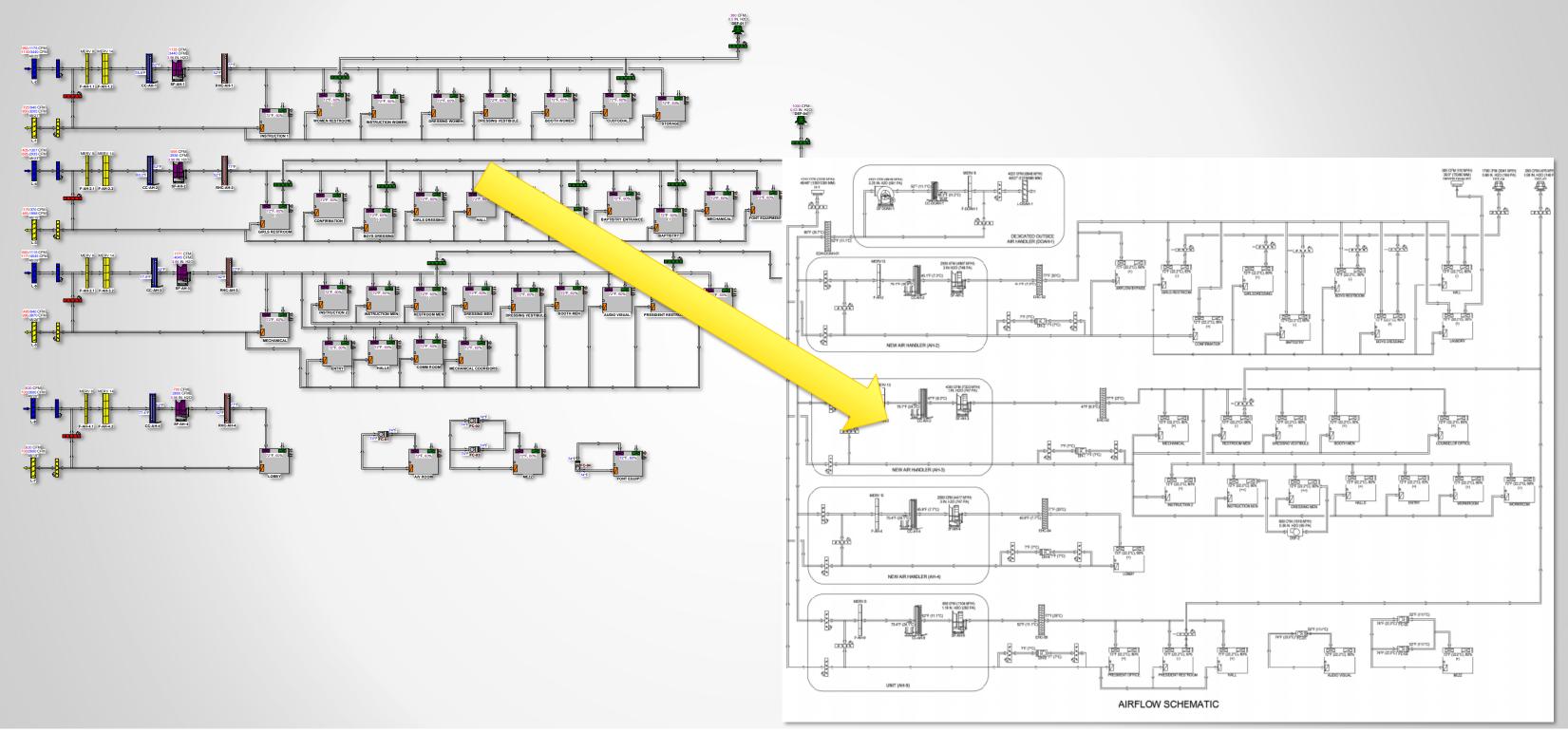
# **Engineering:** Revit connection demonstration

- Schematic transfer:
  - Dxf link.
- Schedule transfer:
  - Dxf link.
  - Revit schedules.



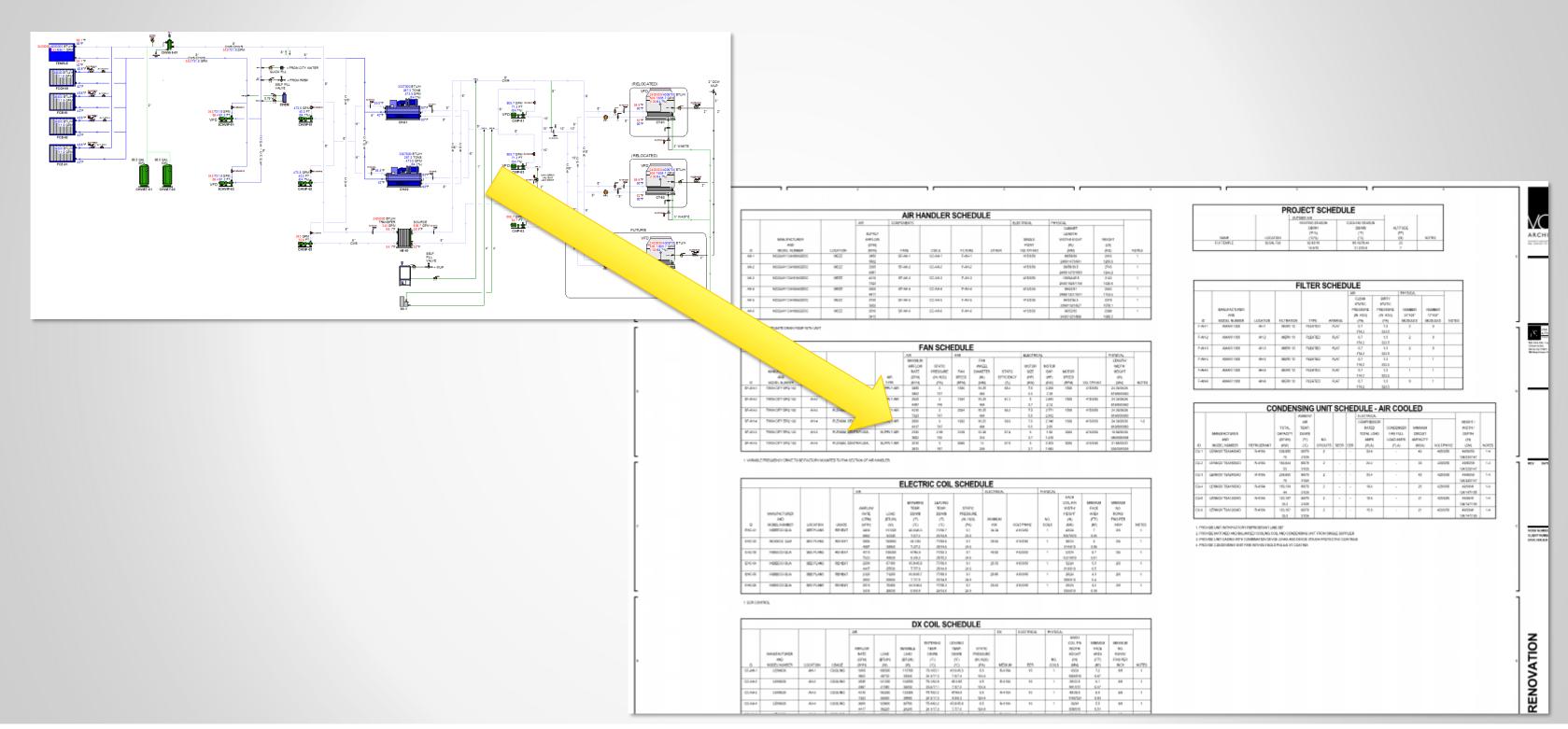


# Egineering: Schematics and Revit in concert





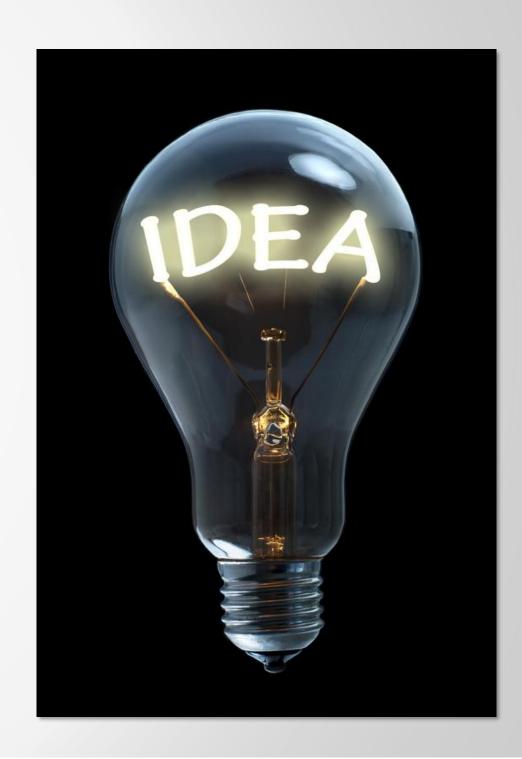
# **Engineering: Schedules and Revit in concert**





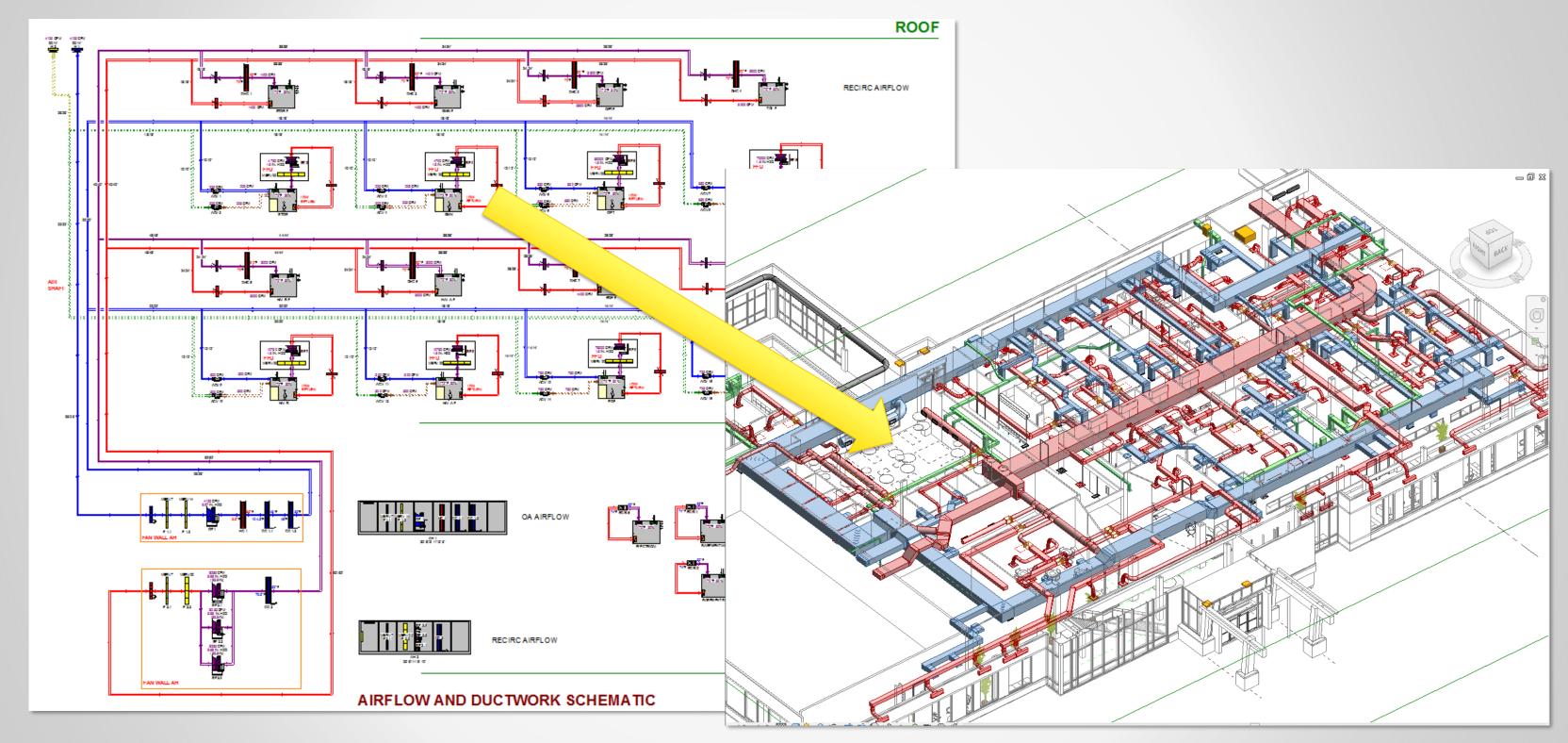
# **Engineering: What do you need?**

- What schematics are needed:
  - Hot water system.
  - Steam system.
  - Chilled water system.
  - Controls.
  - Plumbing.





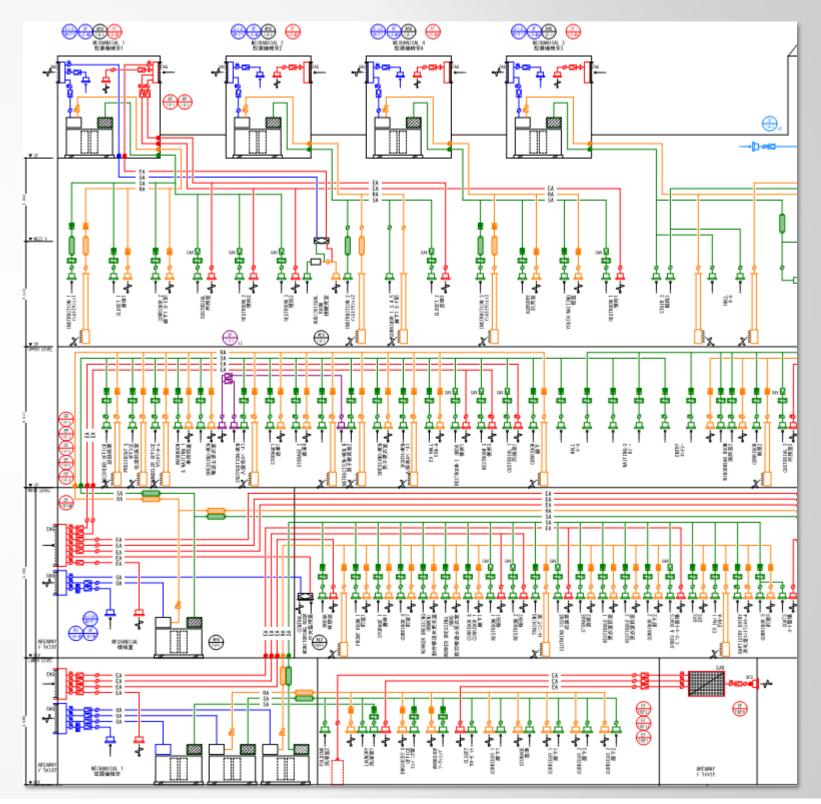
# **Engineering:** Don't forget the air





# **Engineering: Airflow schematics**

- Most complex system
- Usually omitted in the US.
- More present outside the US.





# Summary



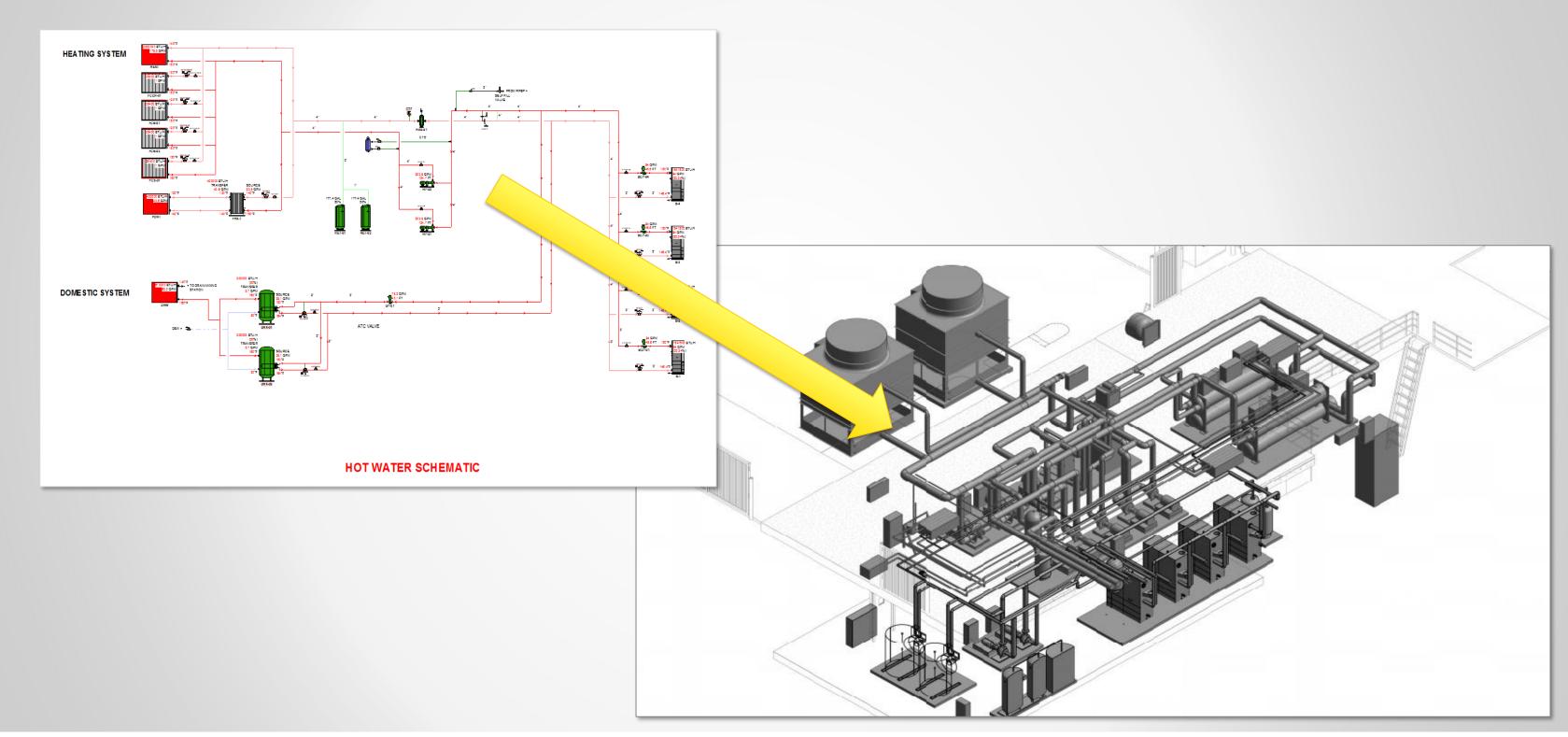
# **Summary: Workflow process**

- 1. Revit envelope and element modeling, energy, loads.
- 2. Schematic software concept design.
- 3. Schematic software equipment selection.
- 4. Revit schematic & equipment connection.
- 5. Revit equipment and systems design.
- 6. Revit final drawings.



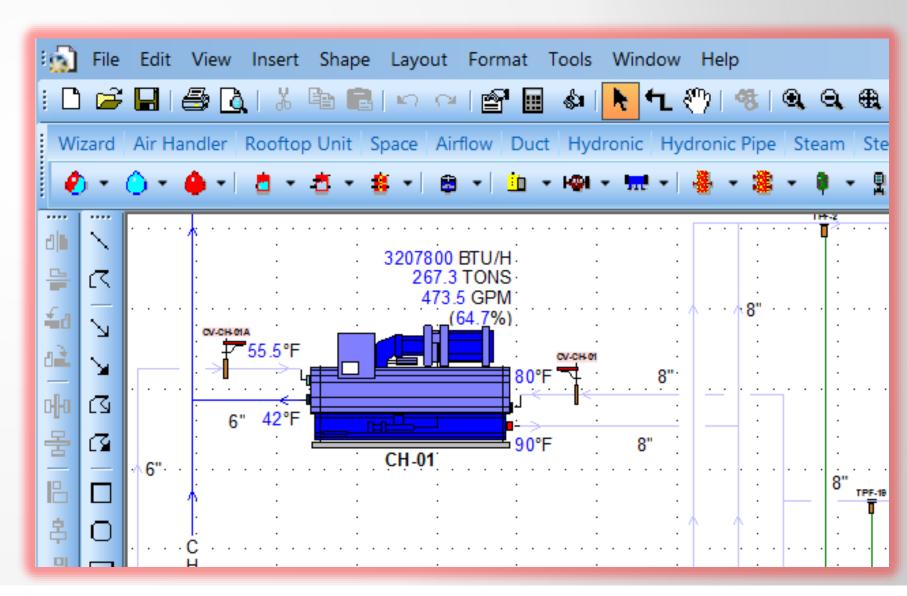


# **Summary:** Simple to complex = schematic to Revit





# **Summary: Sample project**





#### **Session Feedback**

Via the Survey Stations, email or mobile device

AU 2015 passes given out each day!

Best to do it right after the session

Instructors see results in real-time





# Questions







Students, educators, and schools now have

FREE access to Autodesk design software & apps.

Download at www.autodesk.com/education





