

Performance-Based Sustainable Design Thinking Through Autodesk BPA Education

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Who we are....



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Building Science + Engineering*



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*Autodesk Sustainability Education
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Mechanical Engineering*

Who you are...

- Students?
- Educators?
- Professionals?

Agenda

1.Importance of building science & BPA education

2.Using Autodesk tools in BPA education

3.Autodesk BPA education programs

4.Discussion

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Building Science & BPA Education



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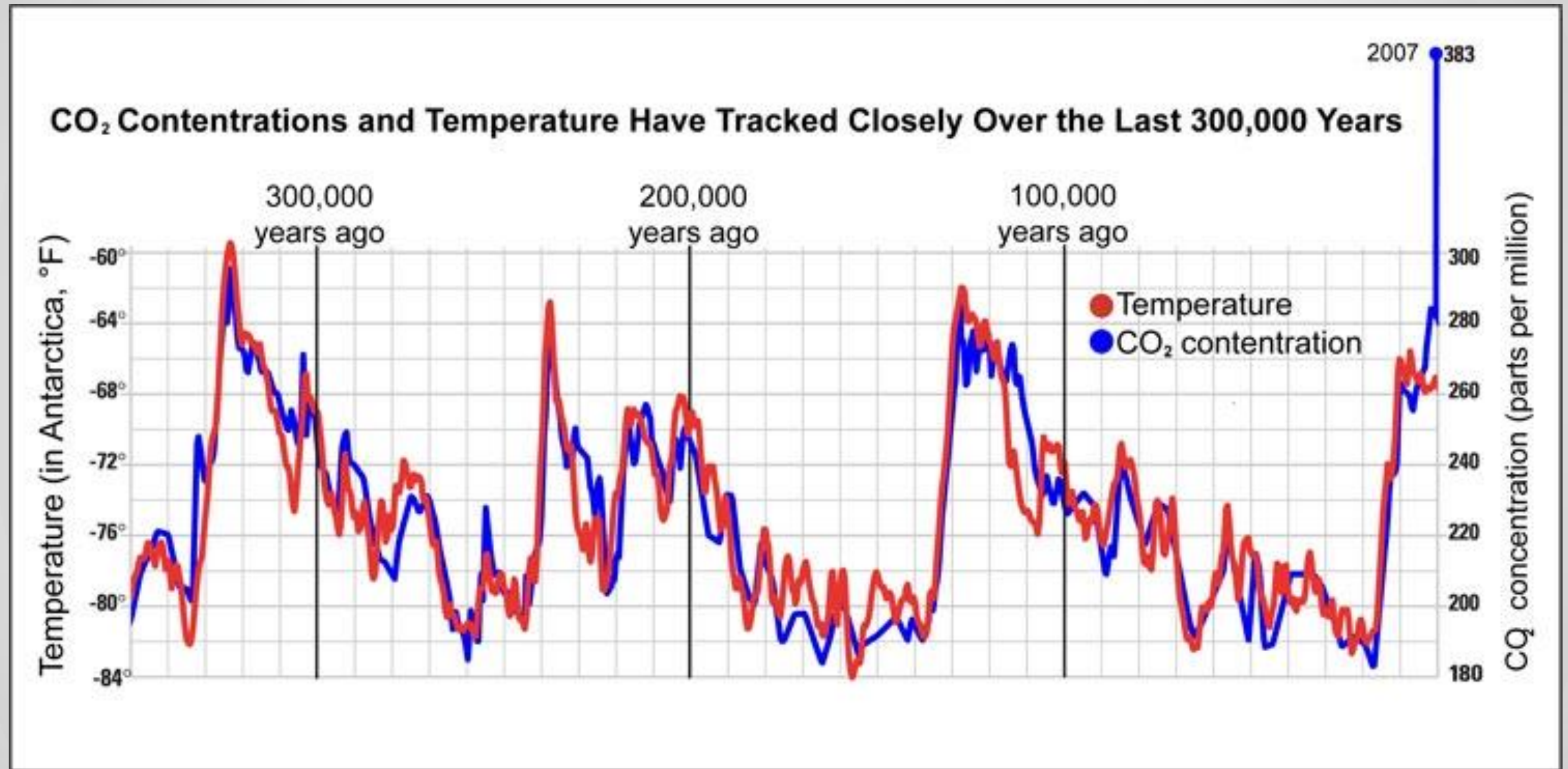


An aerial photograph showing a vast, dense crowd of people filling a city square and surrounding streets. Several buses and cars are visible, partially submerged in the sea of people. The crowd is diverse in color, suggesting a large gathering of people from various backgrounds.

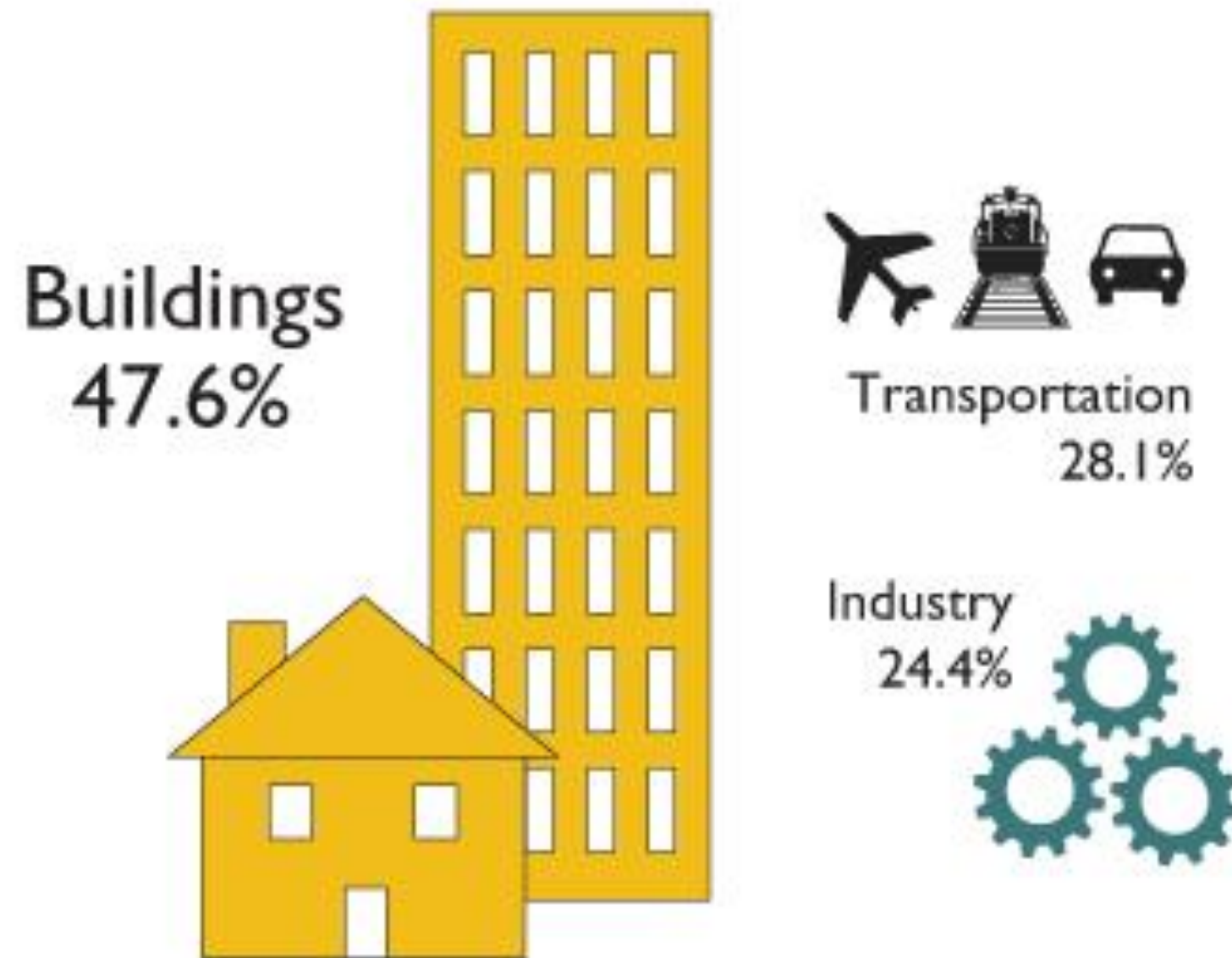
**A future for
9 BILLION
people**

**... to live well and
live within the constraints of the planet.**

Climate Change is Happening



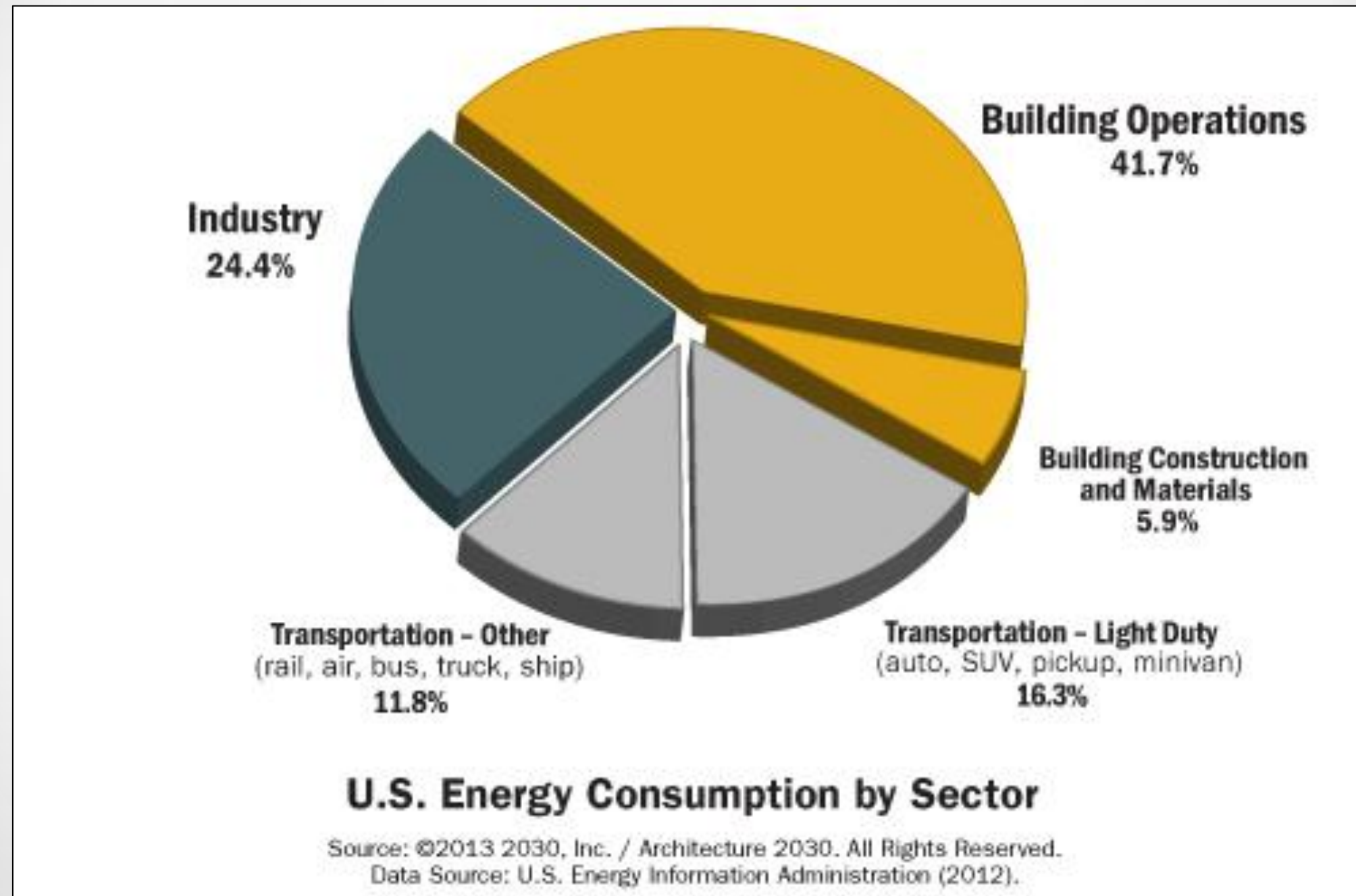
Buildings are the largest driver of energy use



U.S. Energy Consumption by Sector

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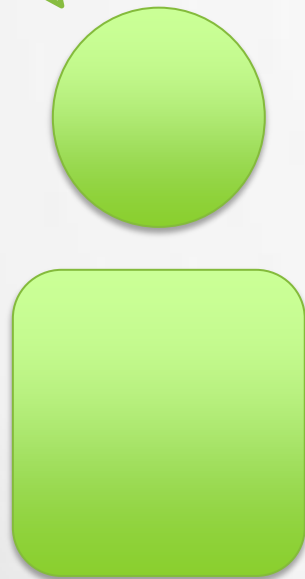
Operational energy use is the largest factor in a building's energy use



**...so let's make sure we
can design efficient
buildings...**

How **will you measure** the performance of your “sustainable design”?

How do you know that design’s going to work?



Uhh....

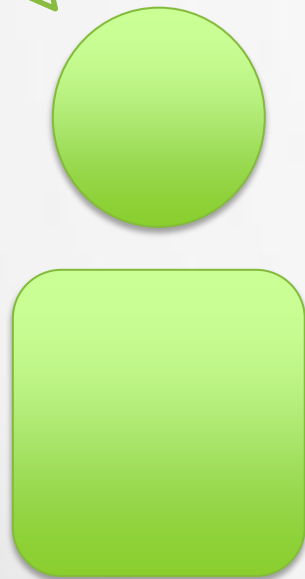
Look! It has a green roof!



“The Architecture Student”

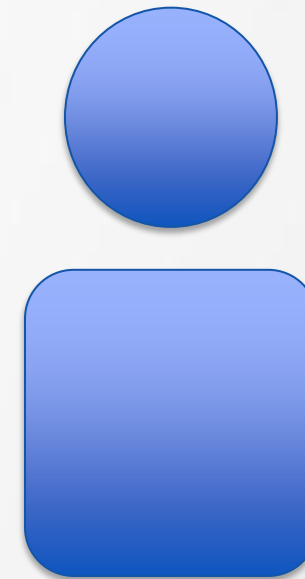
You're learning all of this great stuff about **heat transfer and thermodynamics**. Do you know how you'll apply that?

Have you ever thought about a **career in buildings**?



Like cars or airplanes?

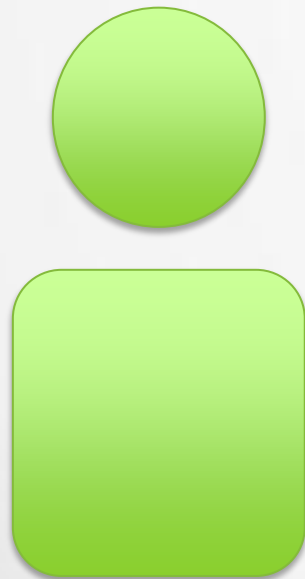
No. That's for civil engineers, right?



“The Mechanical Engineering Student”

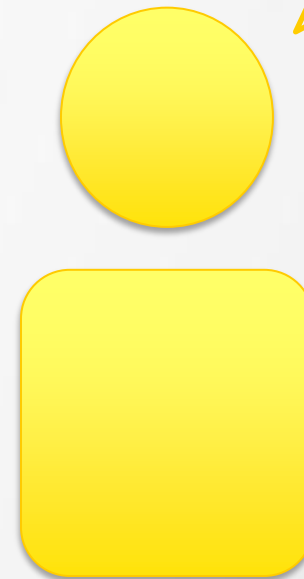
I can't find new graduates that know how to design stuff that works anymore.

Where should I look?



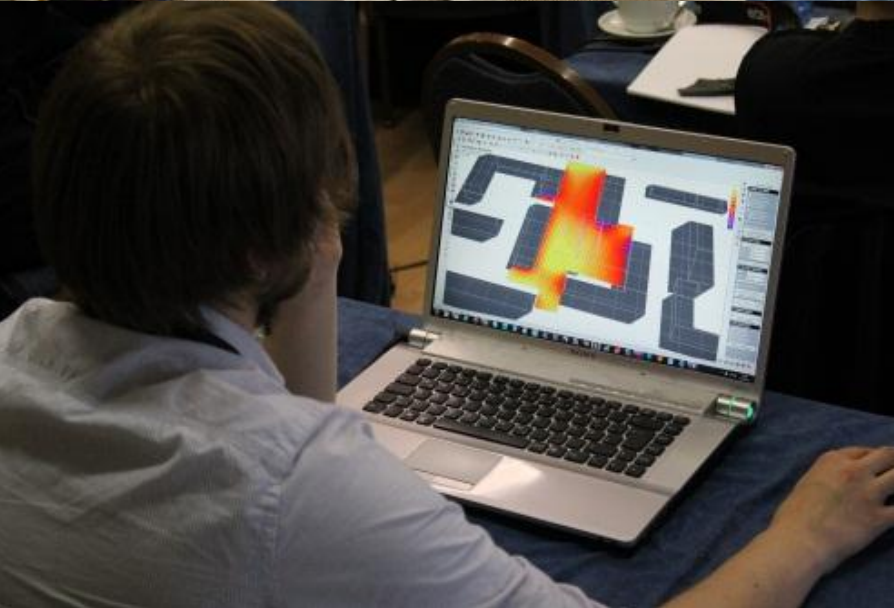
“The Employer”

Europe?





Architecture students don't learn enough building science and analysis.



Many engineering students don't learn about buildings.



Professionals are being asked to use new tools and processes.

Important job skills...

“For **hiring** it’s now a **core competency** to be able to predict and **assess building performance.**”

David Hinson

Auburn University

*Head of School of Architecture,
Planning, & Landscape Architecture*

Not enough people have those skills...

56% of architecture firms are
having **difficulty finding**
employees with adequate “**green**
skills”

Fall 2012 AIA Survey

**Building science and building
performance analysis education
is in demand.**

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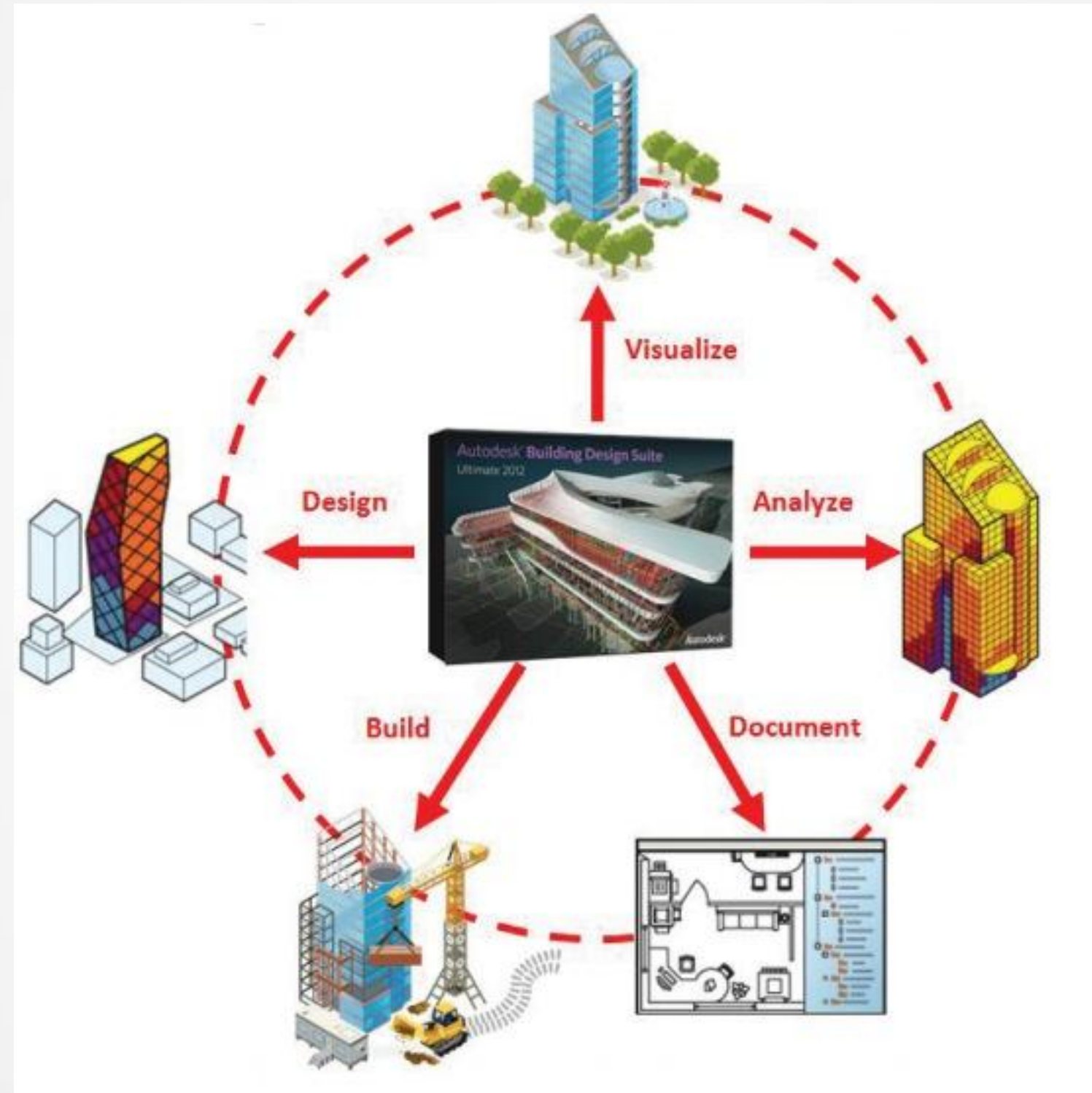
Autodesk BPA Tools



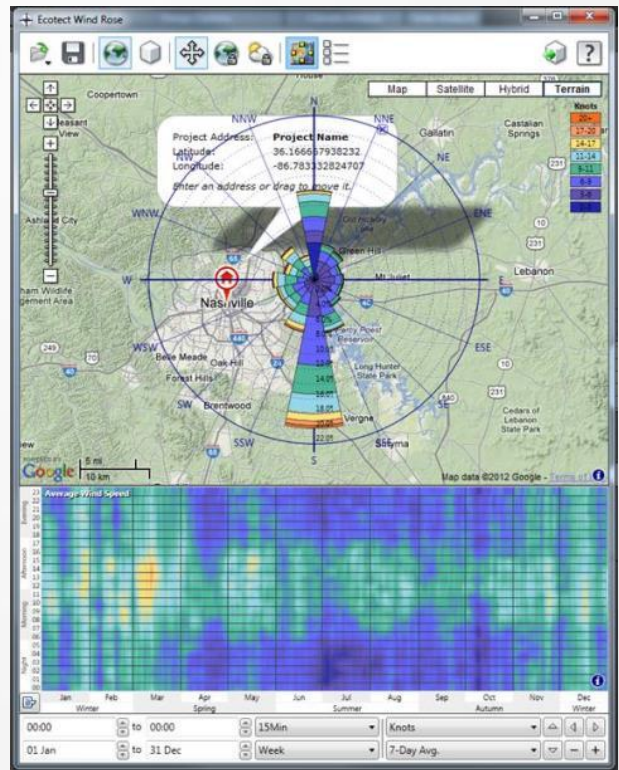
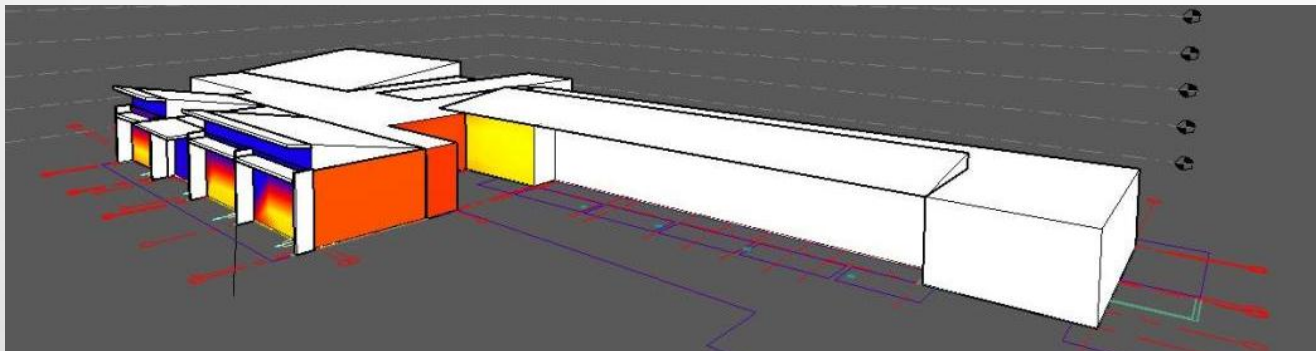
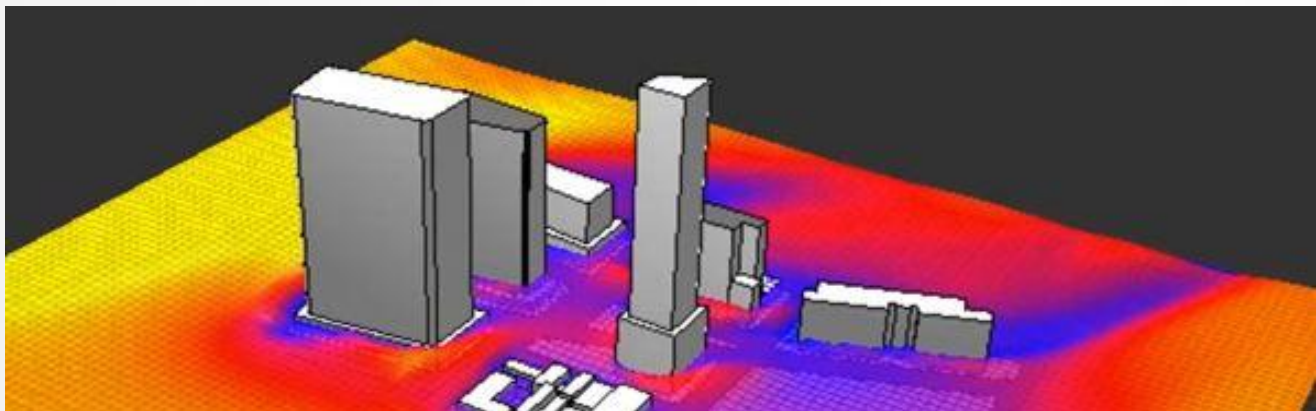
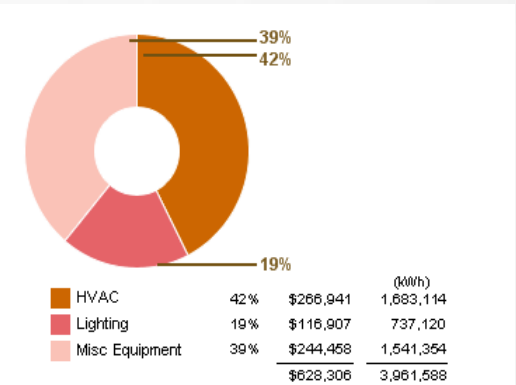
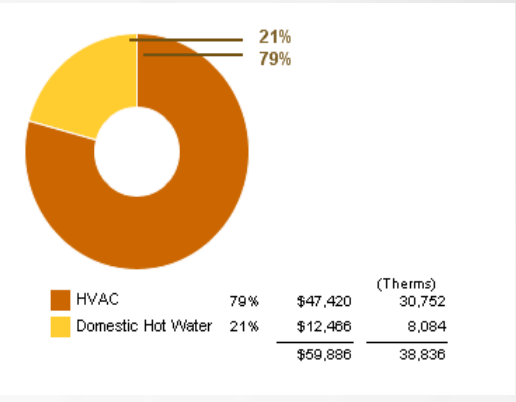
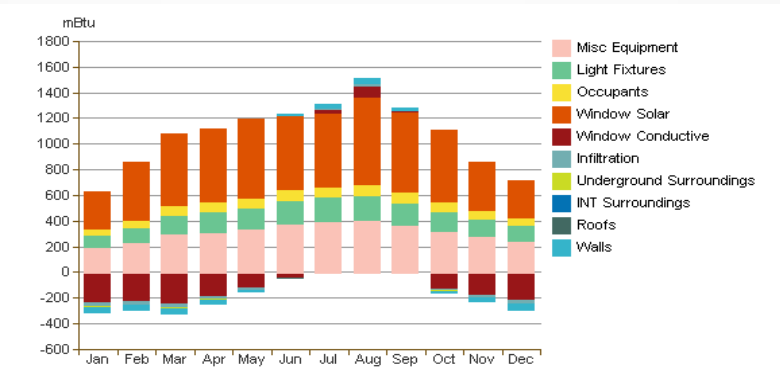
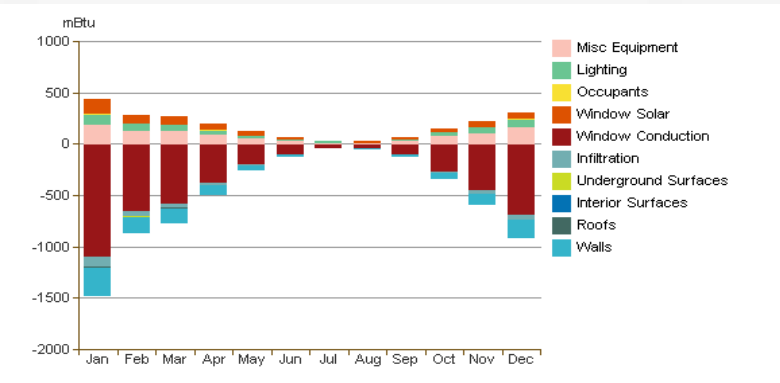
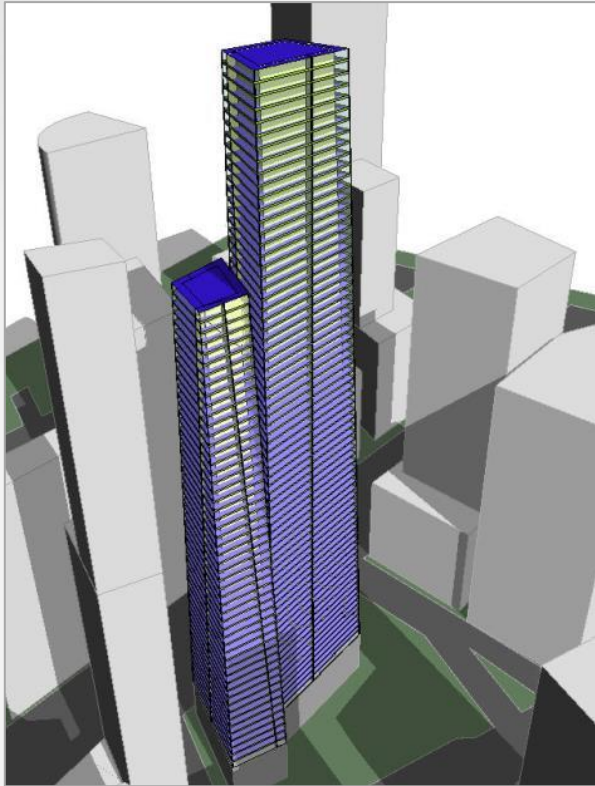
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Building Information Modeling



Revit & Vasari

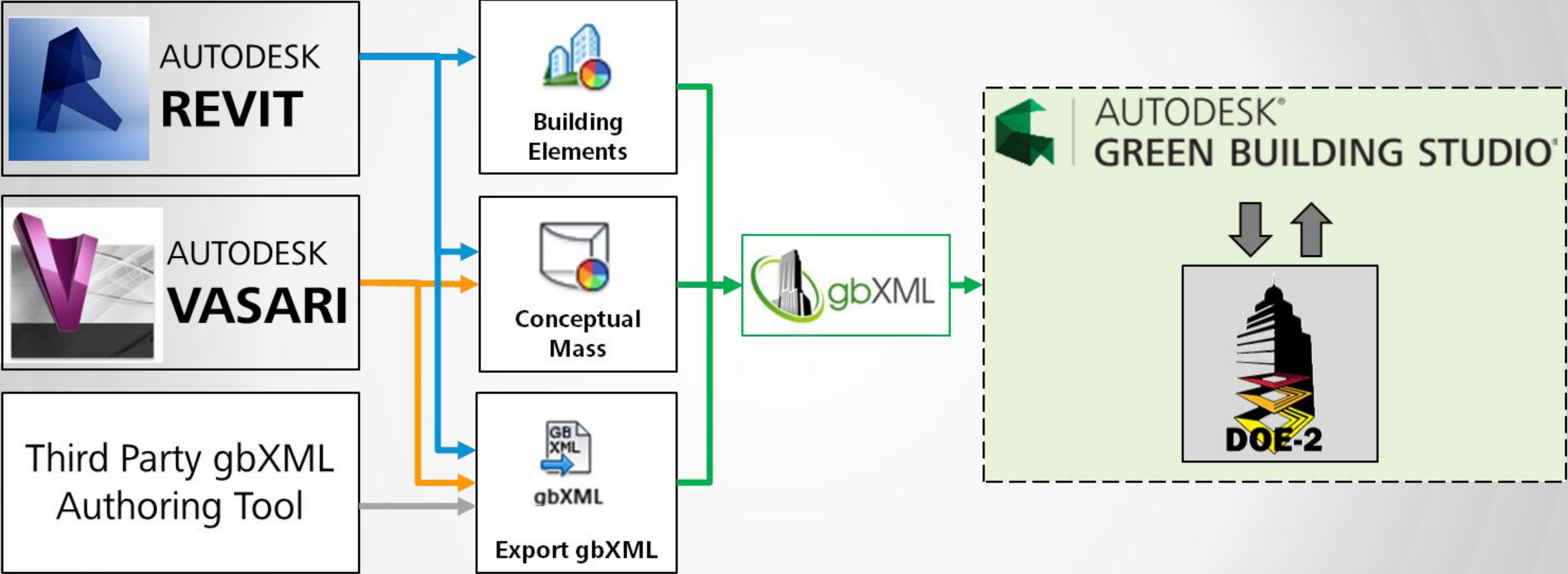


Whole Building Energy Analysis

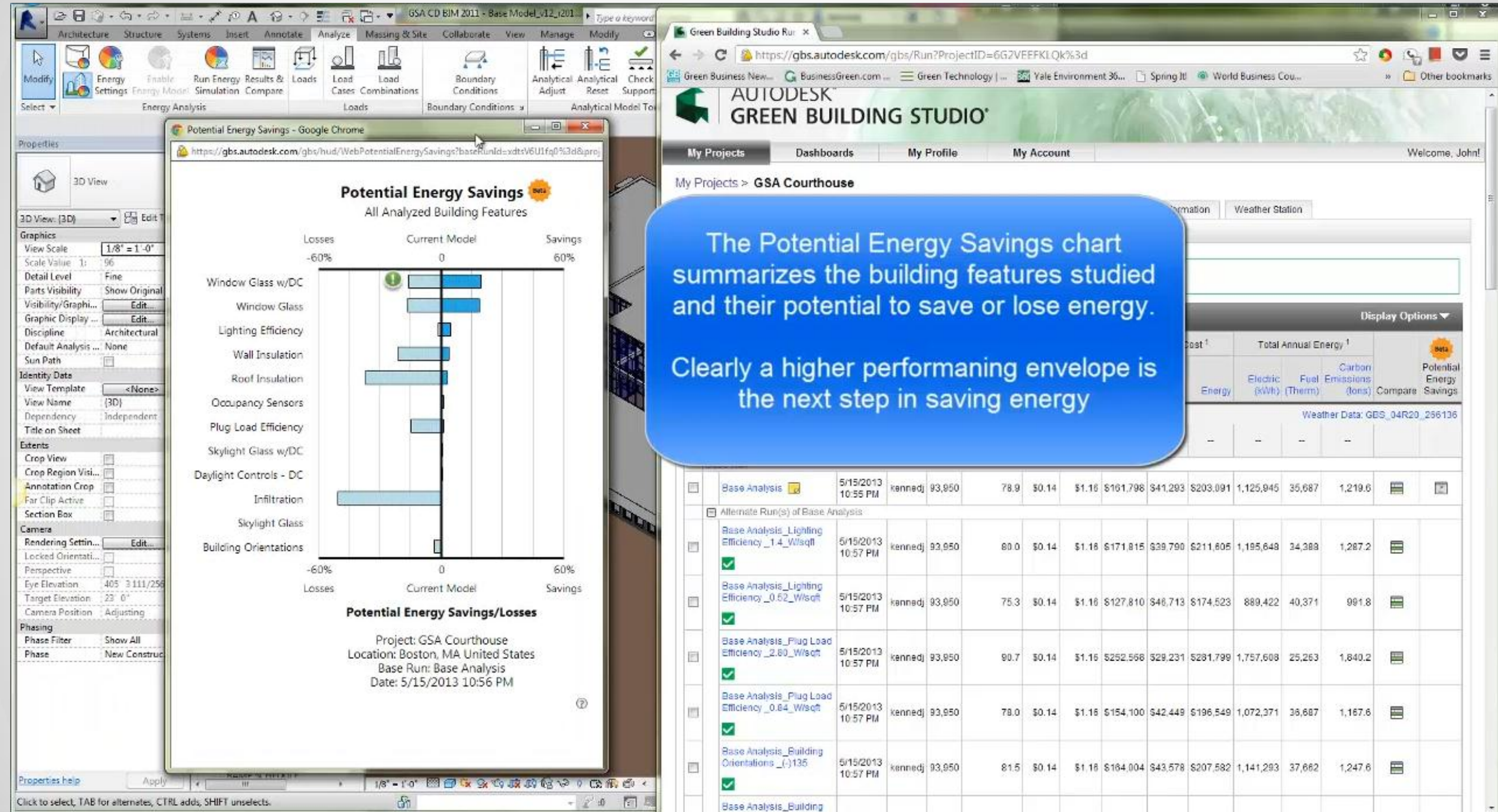
Green Building Studio: Analysis engine, DOE-2



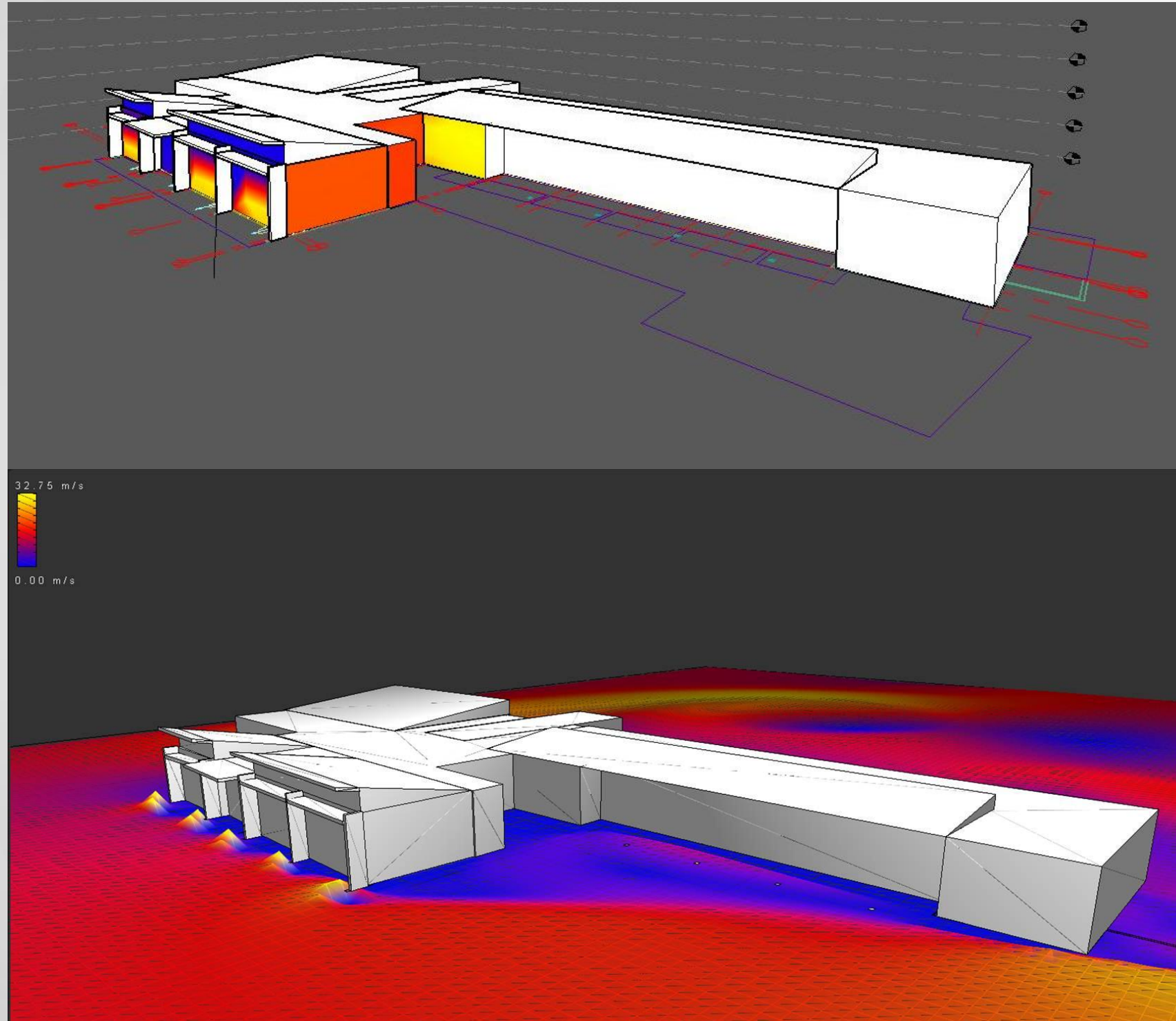
Autodesk Whole Building Energy Analysis



New Energy Analysis Features in Revit



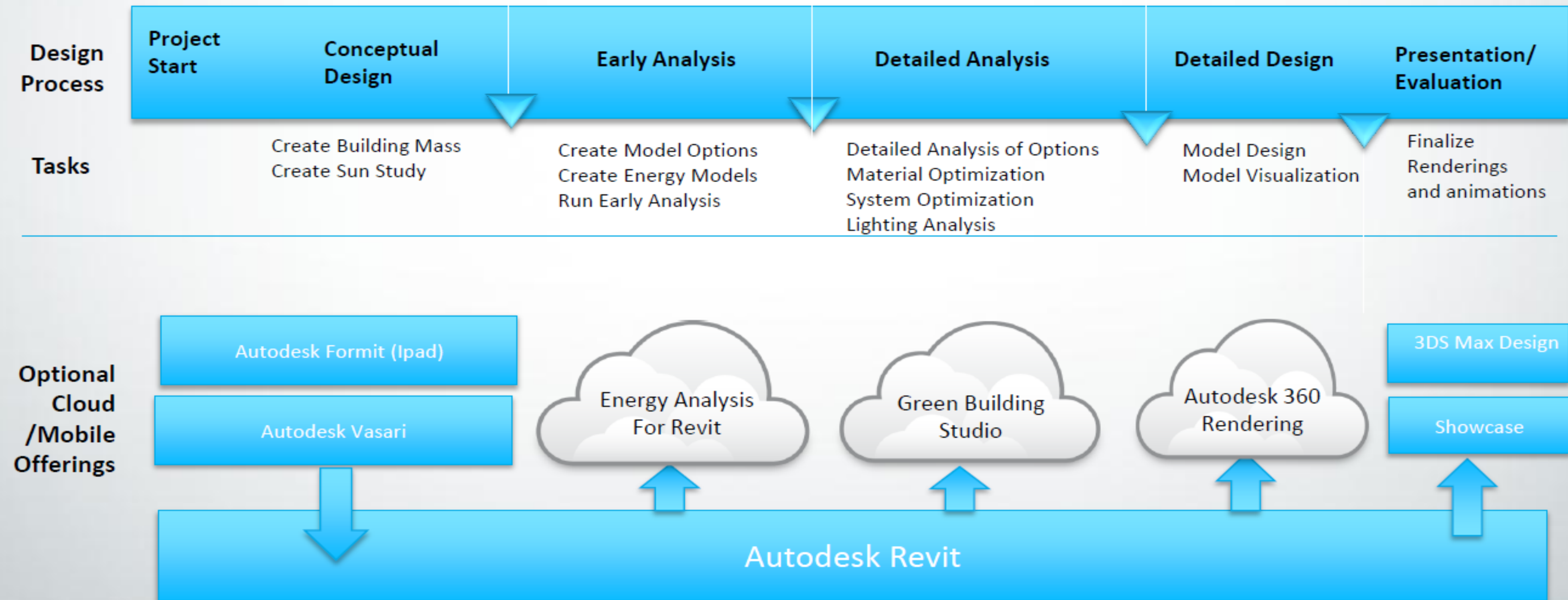
Design Studies



Solar
Radiation

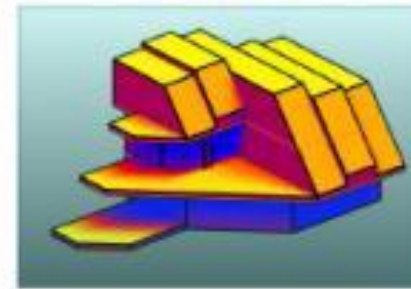
Airflow

Recommended BIM Workflow for Architecture Students

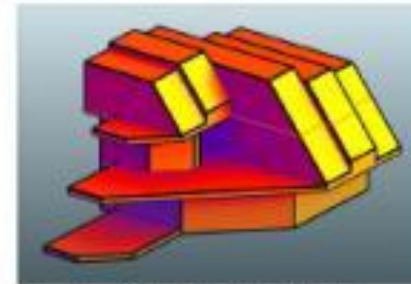
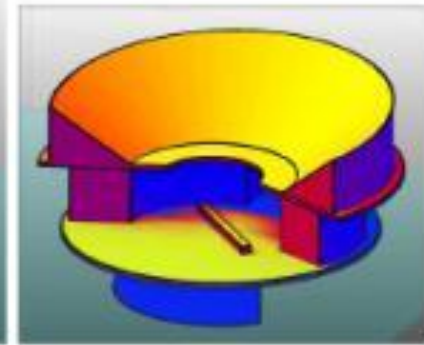


It's not the tools
you've got.

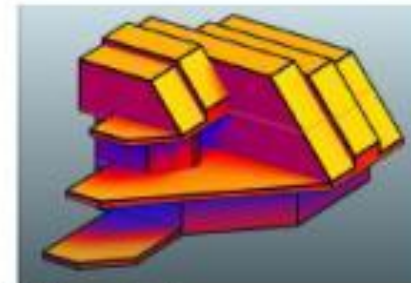
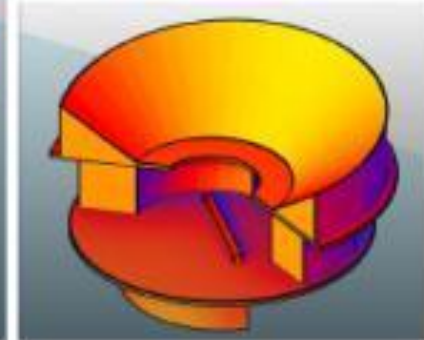
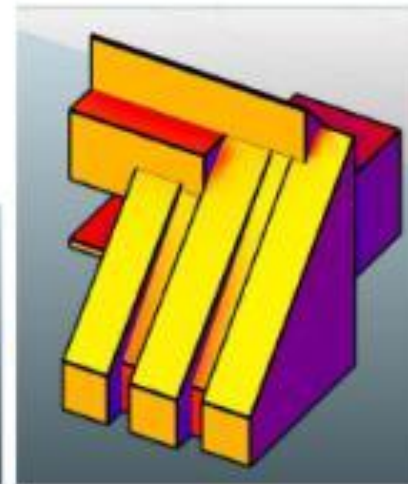
It's how you use
them.



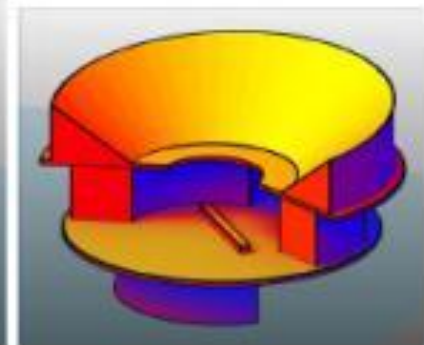
One-day Summer Solstice Studies



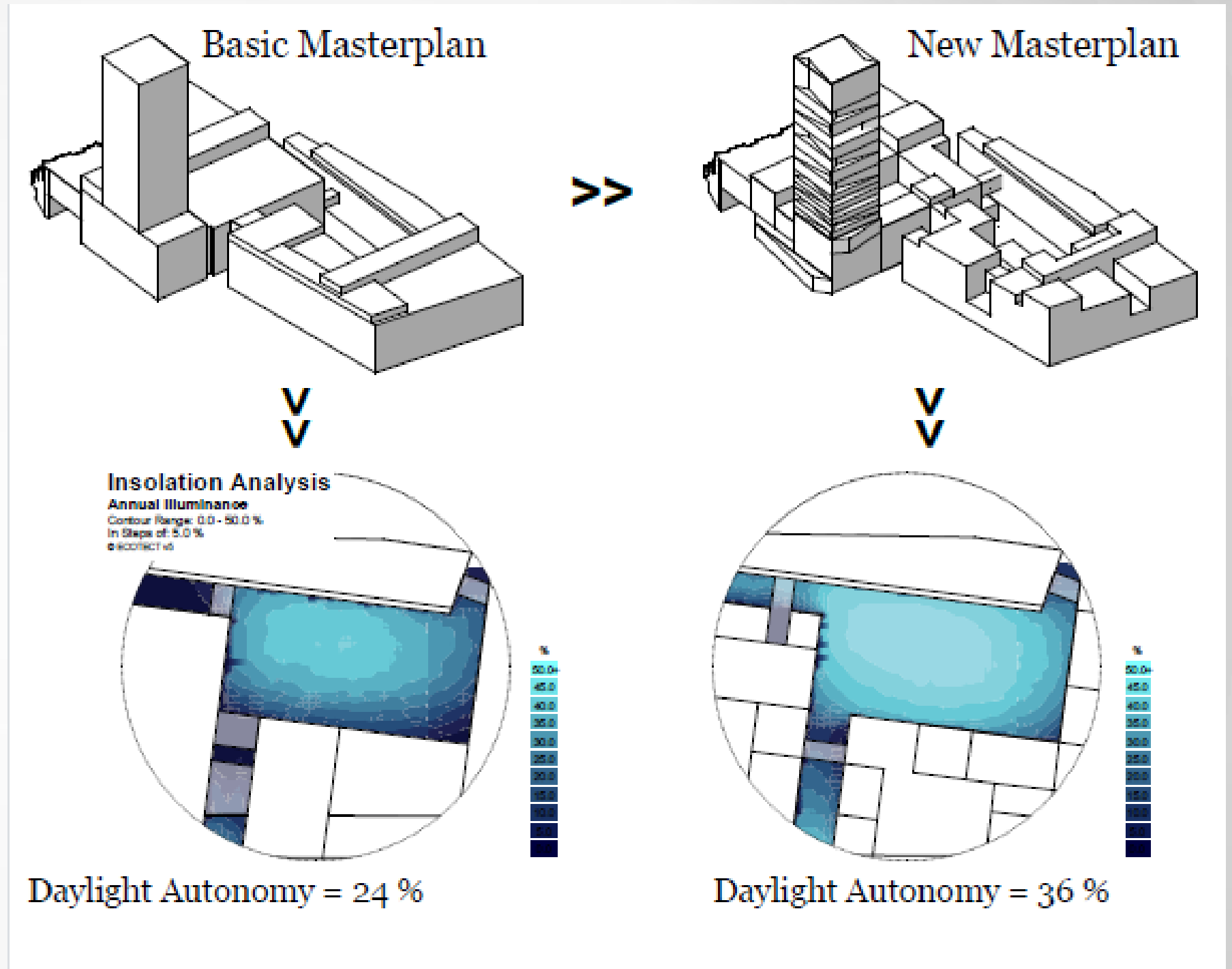
One-day Winter Solstice Studies



Full-year Studies



Use analysis data to support design decisions



We've got the tools for analysis.

**But we need to make sure we use
them right.**

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Autodesk BPA Education



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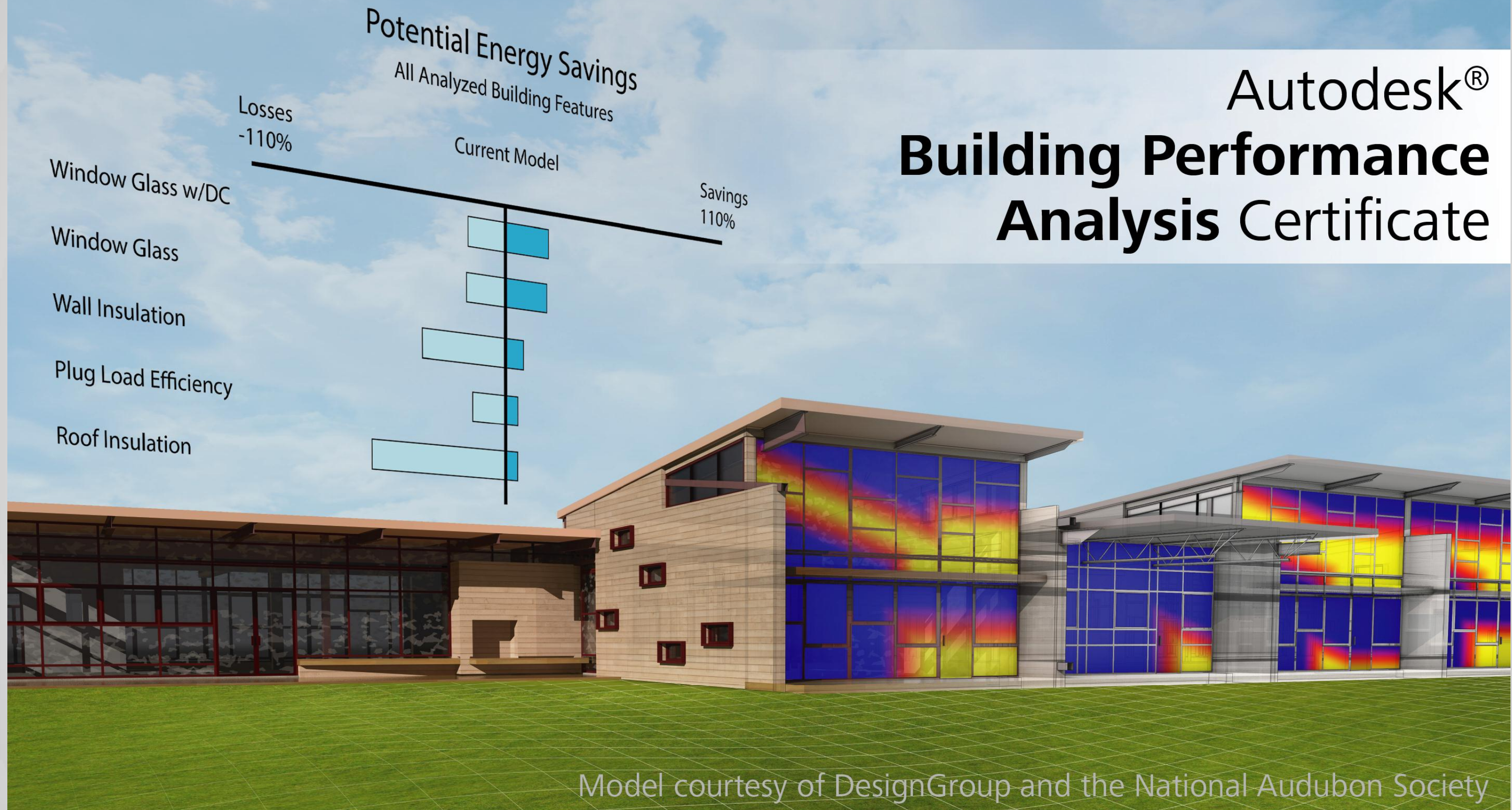


Our goal is to make it
accessible to learn the
skills required to drive an
industry-wide transition
to performance-based
sustainable design.

Programs include...

- Building Performance Analysis Certificate
- Building Performance Analysis CEUs
- Design Competitions
- Excellence in Analysis Awards
- Academic Research Partnerships

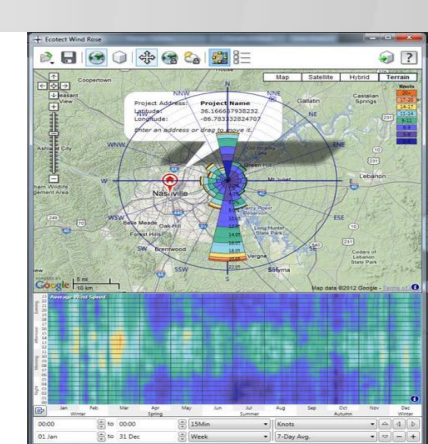
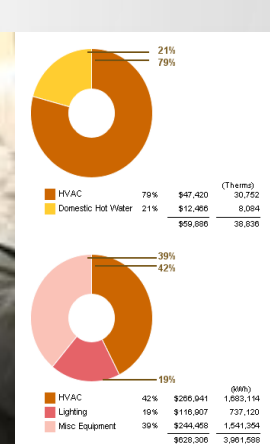
Autodesk® Building Performance Analysis Certificate



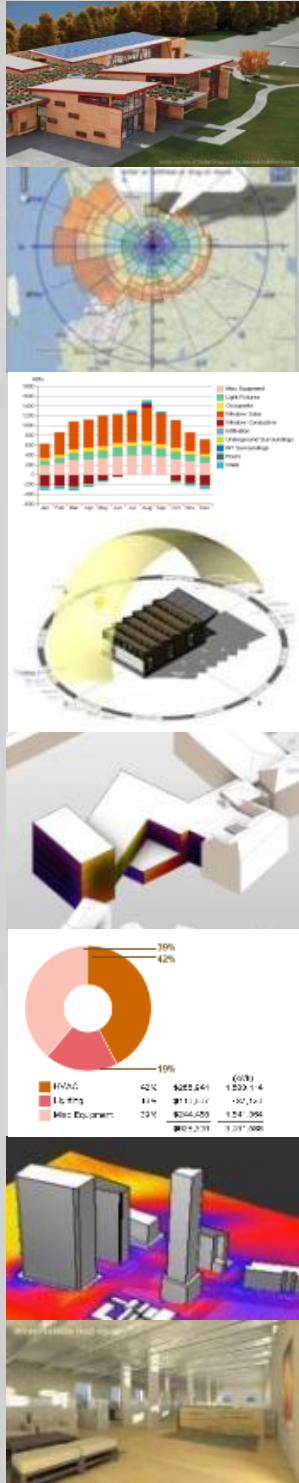
Autodesk® Building Performance Analysis Certificate Program

Online educational program that
teaches building science fundamentals
using Autodesk building performance
analysis tools.

- ✓ Acquire new job skills
- ✓ Learn new tools
- ✓ Improve their designs
- ✓ Apply to their projects
- ✓ Supplement coursework



Topics Enable Holistic Analysis



Introduction

Climate & Weather Analysis

Energy Literacy & Building Loads

Sun and Shadow Studies

Solar Radiation Analysis

Whole Building Energy Analysis

Wind and Airflow Analysis

Daylighting

Software Covered



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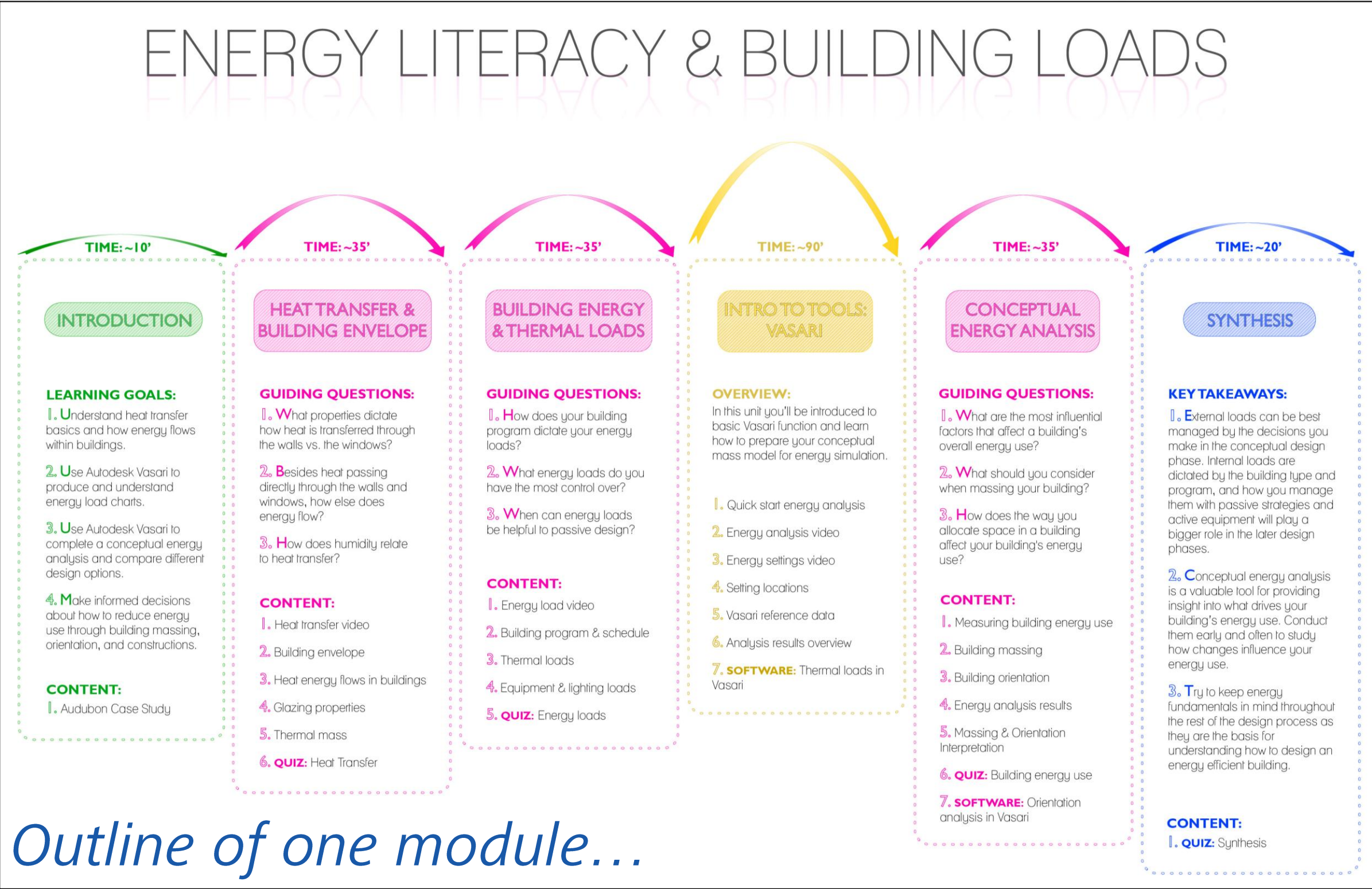


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VASARI



AUTODESK®
GREEN BUILDING STUDIO®

Structured with a clear course outline

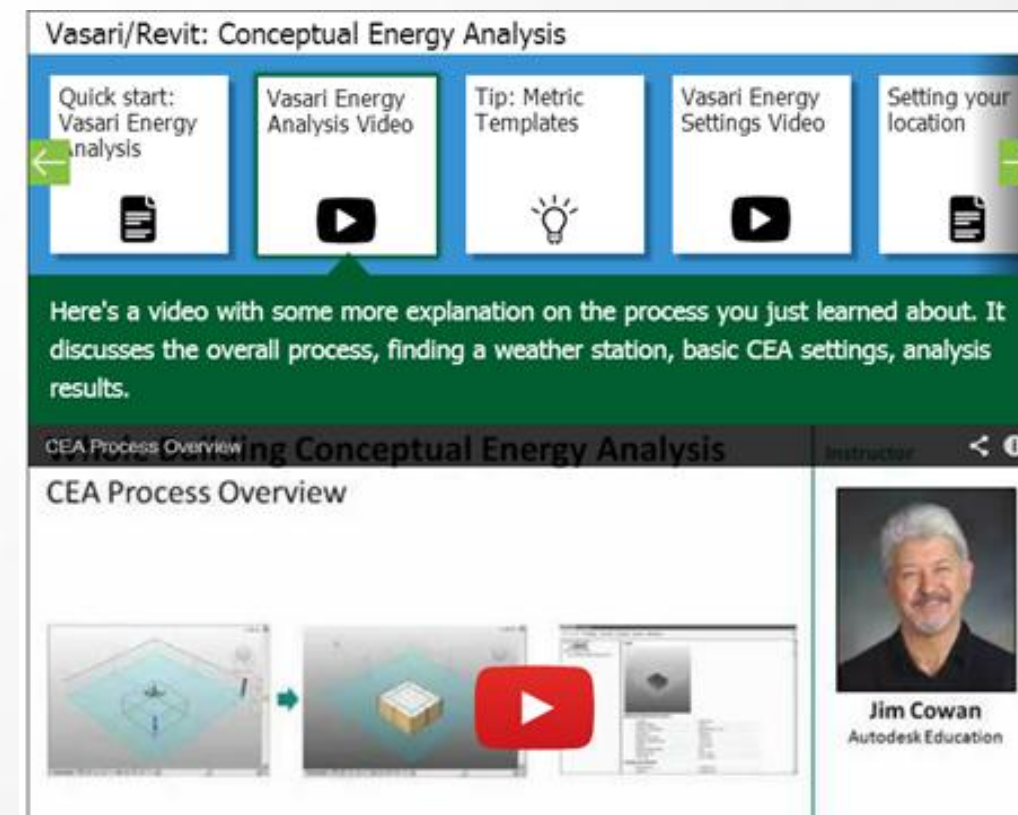


Outline of one module...



Course Delivery

- Case studies
- Fundamental articles
- Software playlists
- Quizzes
- Software exercises



Time Investment & Support

About 25 hours

Depends on experience

Registration open

Support is available



And students actually want to learn...

“We don't have a class on these programs. I really appreciated this course because I could learn it on my own time!”

Megan Henry
Architecture Student
Philadelphia University

Can be completed...

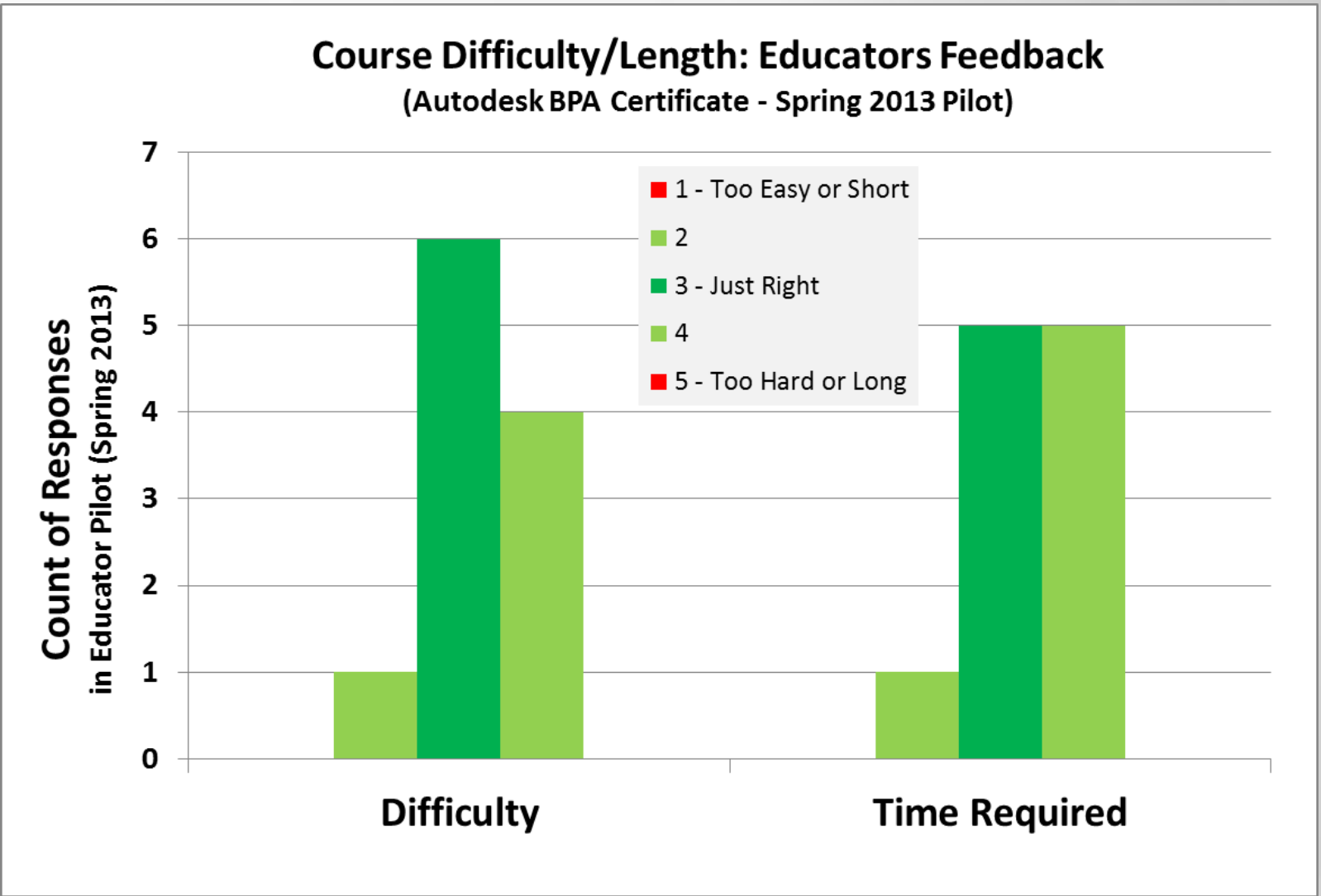
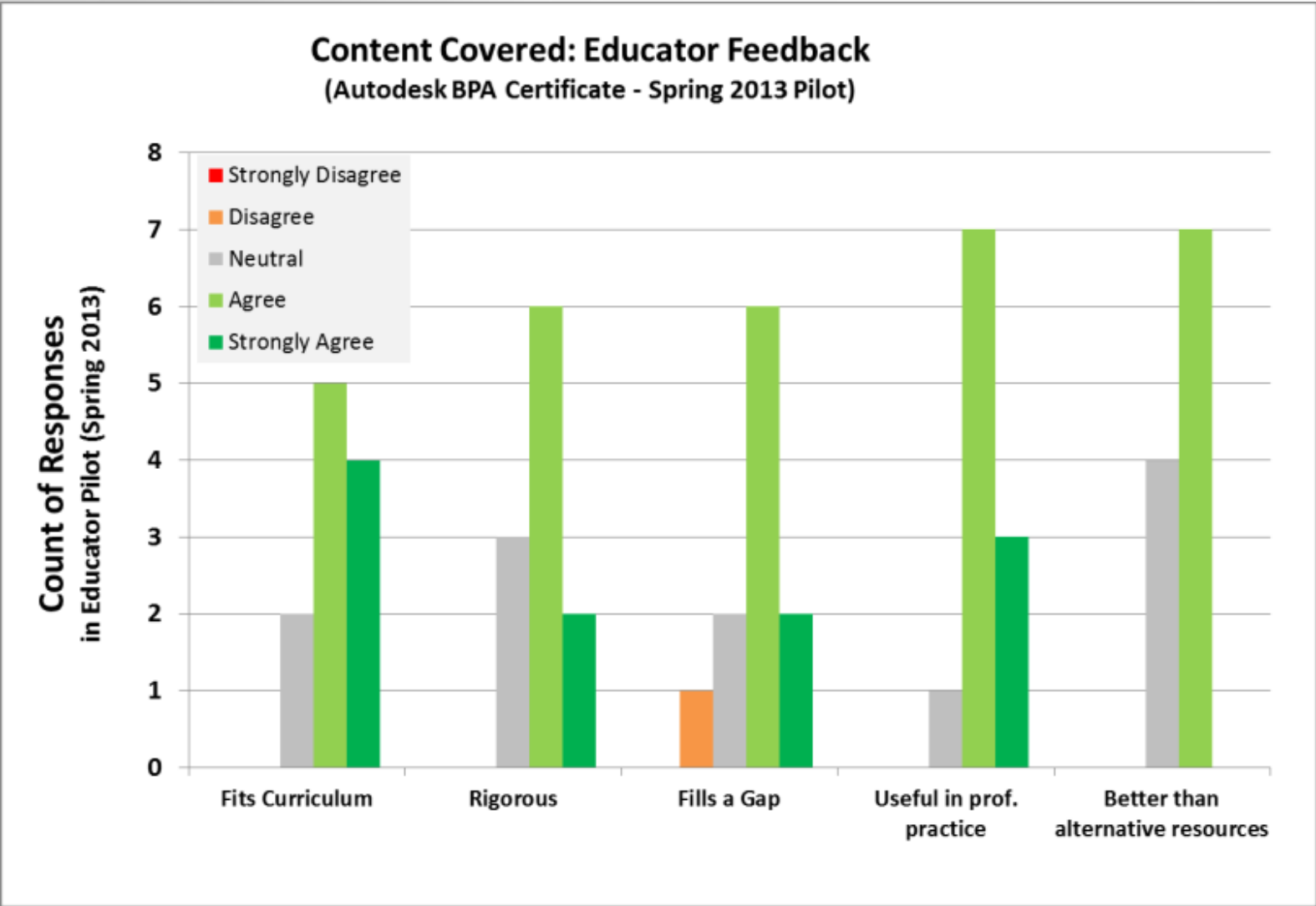
- As an add-on to
 - Sustainable design courses/ studios
 - BIM courses
 - Studio projects
- As an independent study course
- On a student's own time

Tips we've heard from other educators

- Give students enough time to finish before finals (don't set it up to overlap)
- Suggest or require progress throughout the semester (students will procrastinate otherwise)
- Be available to help students, but don't hesitate to send them to us

**Has been piloted by over 700
students and 20 educators**

Outcomes Tracked & Reported Transparently



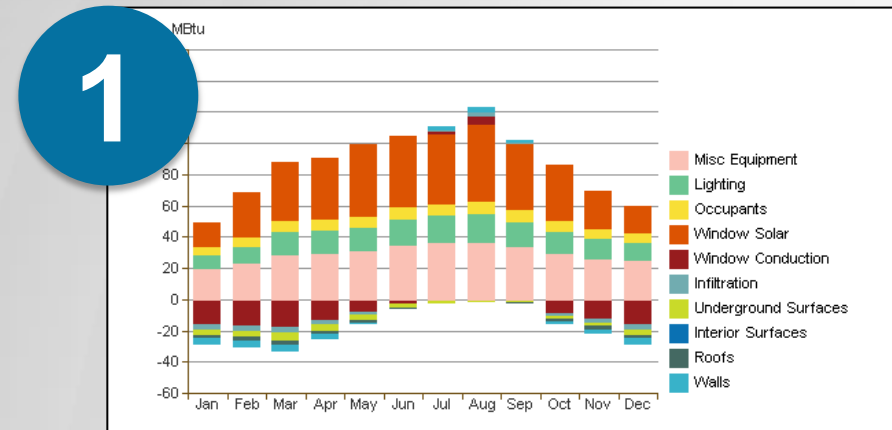
Continuous Collaboration

- Co-design with students and educators
- One focus now is making it even more collaborative and scalable
 - BPA mentors enable one to few to many relationships?
 - Crowd-sourcing examples

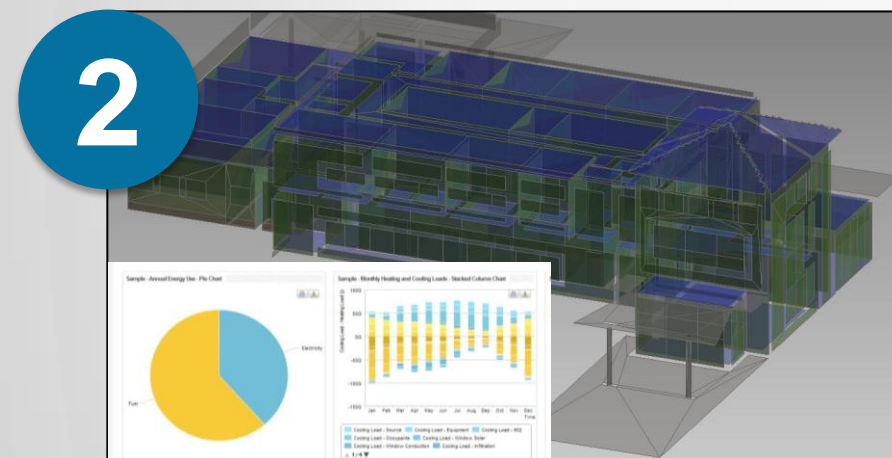


5,131 users currently enrolled-
25% are professionals

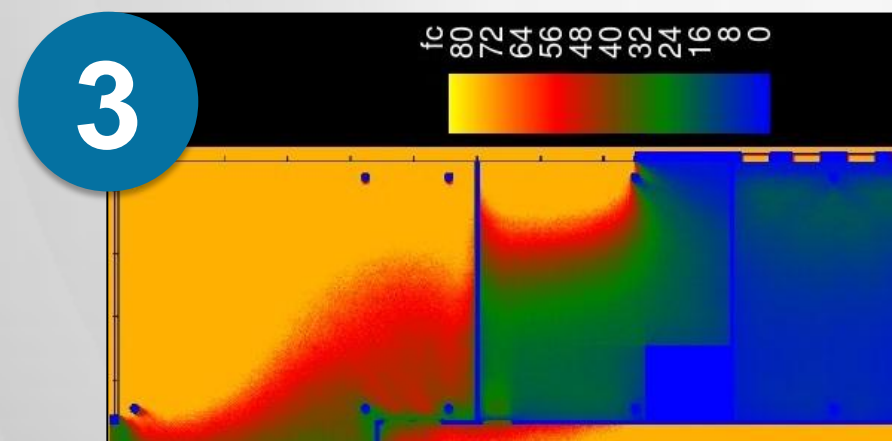
BPA CEU Courses: Sign up now for the pilot!



Energy Literacy & Building Loads
Conceptual Energy Analysis in Vasari
3.5 CEUs



Whole Building Energy Analysis
Whole Building Energy Analysis in Revit & GBS
4.5 CEUs



Daylight Analysis
Illuminance simulations for Revit models
3.5 USGBC / 4.0 AIA LUs

BPA Design Competition: Transformation 2030

Partners



Majora Carter Group

Prizes

- **Grand Prize**
 - Summer 2014 5-8 week **paid internship at Perkins Eastman**
 - Or, **\$7500** cash award
- 2nd place- **\$5000**
- 3rd- **\$3000**
- 4th- **\$1500**
- Faculty sponsorship award **\$500**



BPA Design Competition: Transformation 2030

Judges



Ed Mazria
Architecture 2030



John Kennedy
Autodesk



Amy Patel
HOK



Scott Shiamberg
Perkins Eastman



Juliane Wolf
Studio Gang

BPA Design Competition: Transformation 2030

Site

Mixed use development in the South Bronx of NYC. Site of former juvenile detention center.

Focus on **healthy living**, neighborhood revitalization, and wealth generation. Focus on **BPA.**



Timeline

- **February 1, 2014** – Registration Deadline
- **April 20, 2014** – Submission Deadline
- **May 9, 2014** – Winners announced

**Must complete the BPA Certificate to enter
the competition**

Other programs

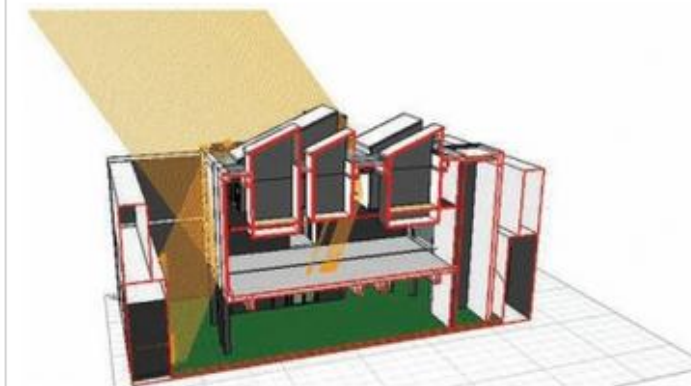
- Excellence in Analysis Awards
- Academic Research Partnerships
- Community of Practice



Daniel Temple

PhytoGenesis
University of Idaho

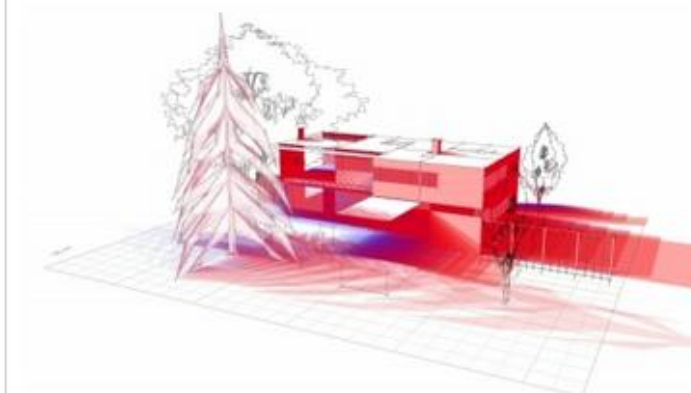
This mixed-use structure seeks to be energy independent, deal with its own waste water and grows much of its own food. Daniel did an energy balance to compare building loads with on-site renewable energy potential.



Ramina Farajzadeh Deroee

Hanging Boxes
University of Virginia

This assembly space seeks to illuminate meeting rooms with daylight, but is surrounded by 35-foot- high walls. Analysis in Ecotect and Radiance helped Ramina validate lighting strategies and light levels.



L Carl Fiocchi

Sustaining Modernity: An Analysis of the Gropius House
University of Massachusetts-Amherst

This project used Ecotect to create a digital facsimile of a Modernist icon; studying the effectiveness of the passive strategies used in the Gropius House.

Community of Practice...What is it?

- A place to share questions & answers
- A place to connect academia and industry
- A place to share work with peers
- LEED User
- Rhino forums
- BIM Storm—weed out the best

Next Steps

- Participate in a program
 - sustainabilityworkshop.autodesk.com/engage
- Let us know what you think
- Spread the word!

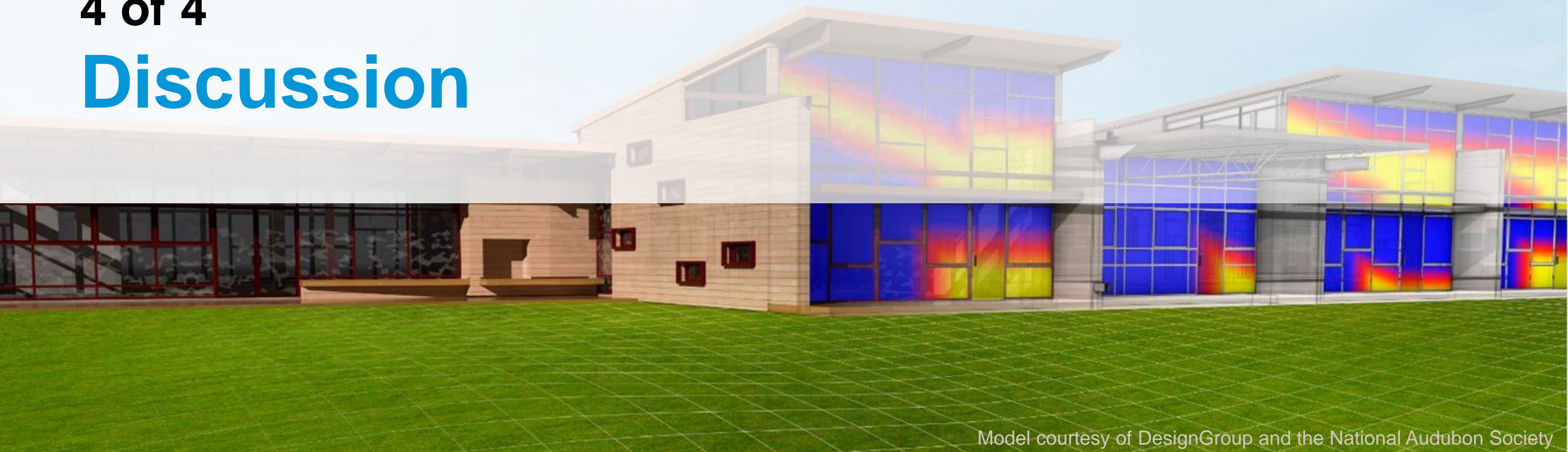
LAST WORDS

We plan to keep a spirit of continuous improvement and openness.

Be in touch and help us improve.

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Discussion



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