

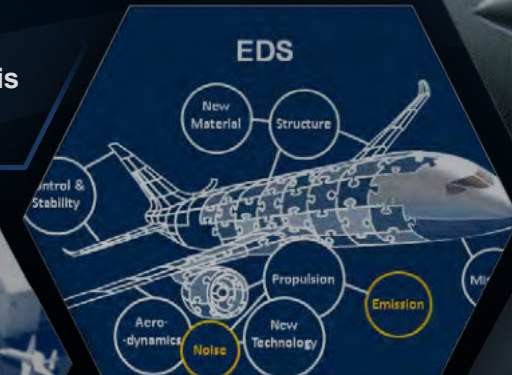
# Towards a Big Data-enabled Digital Twin for Large-Scale Infrastructure Planning

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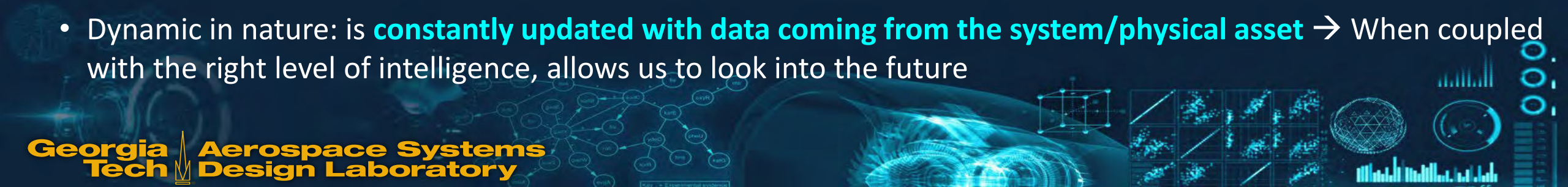
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# Digital Twin – Key Concepts

- “An integrated multiphysics, multiscale, probabilistic simulation of an as-built system, enabled by Digital Thread, that uses the best available models, sensor information, and input data to mirror and predict activities/performance over the life of its corresponding physical twin.” (DAU Glossary)
- A Digital Twin is created through a combination of
  - **Data:** sensors data, model data and domain knowledge
  - **Subject matter expertise**
  - **Modeling:** physics-based models (electrical, hydraulic, etc.), simulation/kinematic models, discrete-event, etc.
- Mirrors replication of a physical asset; Mimics its **structure, context and behavior; connects different value chains**
- Provides a window to the past and present states and conditions of the physical asset
- Dynamic in nature: is **constantly updated with data coming from the system/physical asset** → When coupled with the right level of intelligence, allows us to look into the future





# Towards A Digital Campus

GT Campus as a Digital Twin of a System of Systems



# Endgame: Campus of the Future

*A Multi-layered System of Systems*

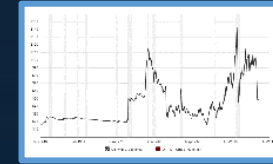


Desired qualities

## Sustainable



## Resilient



Rising Energy Costs



Weather Threats



Emergency Events



Cyber Threats

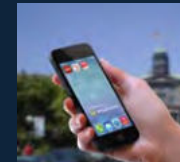
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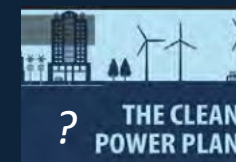
Campus Growth



Emerging Tech



Engaged Stakeholders



Changing Policy



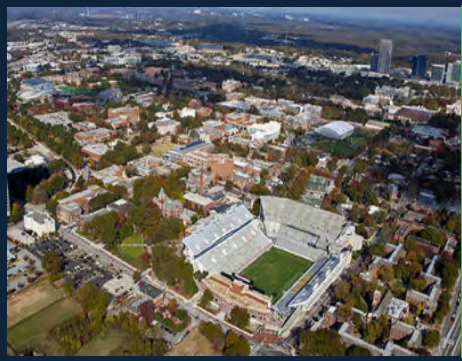
Evolving Cityscape



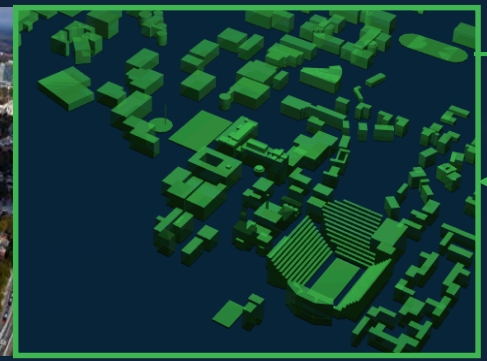


# Vision: Digital Twin of Georgia Tech Campus

A Real World System of Systems



Digital Twin of the System of Systems



- Planning / Construction
- Renovation / Maintenance
- Sustainability / Optimization
- Event Analysis / EVAC

Decision Support

Interactive Visualization

Data Fusion

Digital Twin for System of Systems consists of mutually interacting multiple layers



Geographic Information Layer

Traffic & Mobility Layer

Energy Layer (Campus HVAC System)

Energy Layer (Electrical Grid System)

Security Layer

Campus Service Layer



GIS

Data

Analytics

Modeling & Simulation

- Areas of Interest
- Lands / Roads
- Buildings
- Infra. Networks

- Metadata
- BIM / Occupancy
- Space Usage
- Resources
- Services
- Sensor Measurements
- Weather
- Consumptions (Energy / Water)
- Communication / Social Media
- Traffic / Parking
- Crime / Safety

- Statistics
- Machine Learning
- Predictive Analytics

- Physics-Based Tools
- System Dynamics
- Discrete Event Simulation
- Agent Based Modeling



# Towards A Digital Campus

Focus on Infrastructure & Energy





# Smart Campus: Targeted Capabilities

## Running Campus Smartly

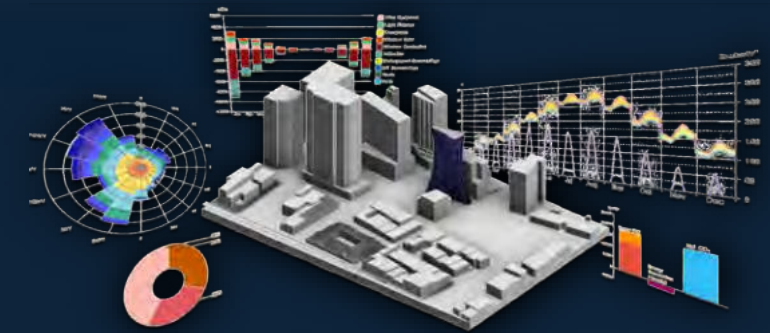
Focus: **Existing** campus, improving it as it is



Goals: Cost avoidance, energy savings, reliability, safety

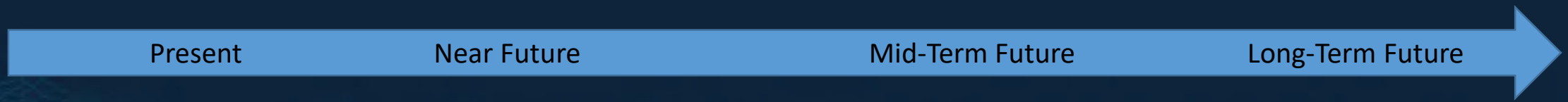
## Planning Campus Smartly

Focus: **Future** campus, Future scenario forecasting

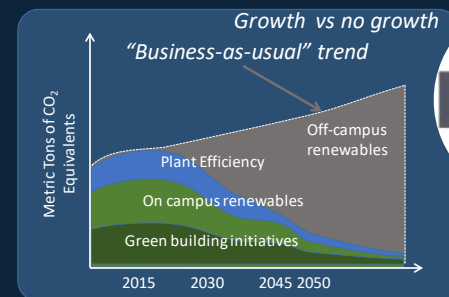
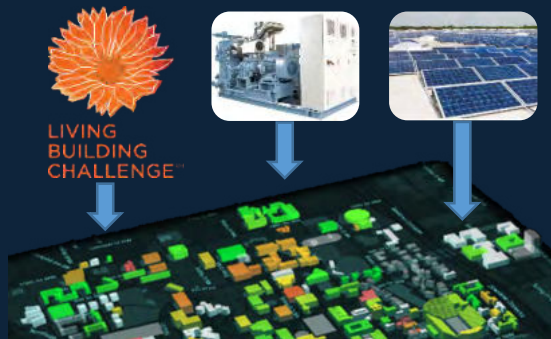
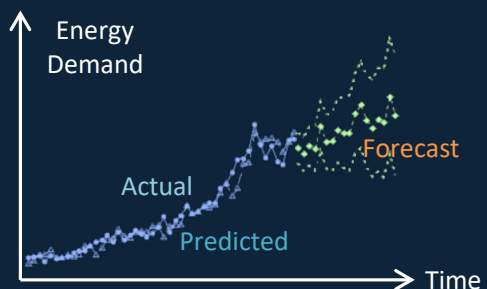
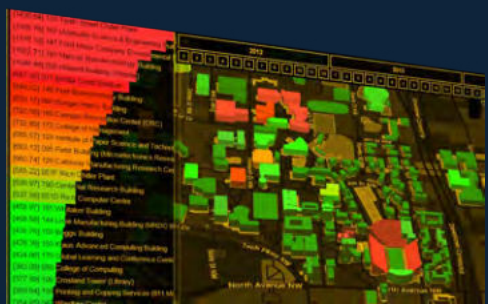
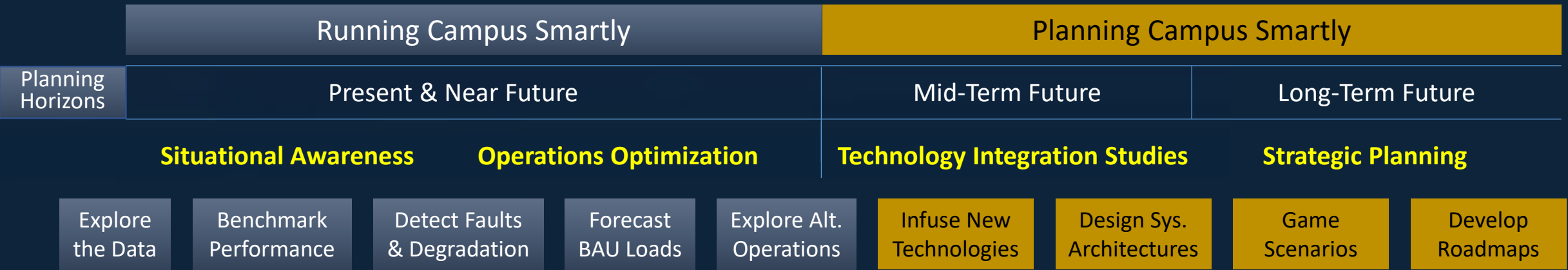


Goals: Data-driven decision making, strategic gaming, etc.

Smart Campus Data Analytics & Simulations support decision making at several horizons



# Initiatives Align with Decision-Making Horizons



Ultimate Goals: *Intelligently monitored campus*    *Self-optimizing, resilient campus*    *"Virtual Campus" experimental facility*    *Revolutionary planning tools*



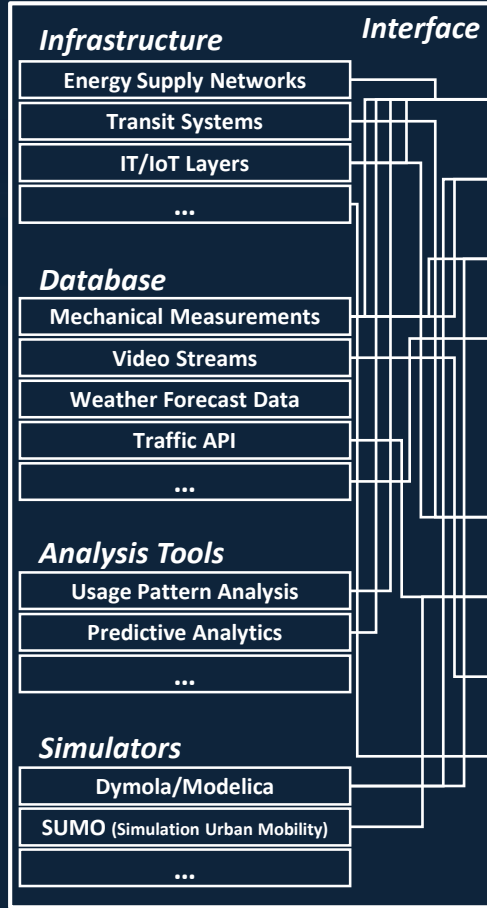


# Digital Architecture (DA) of Smart Campus

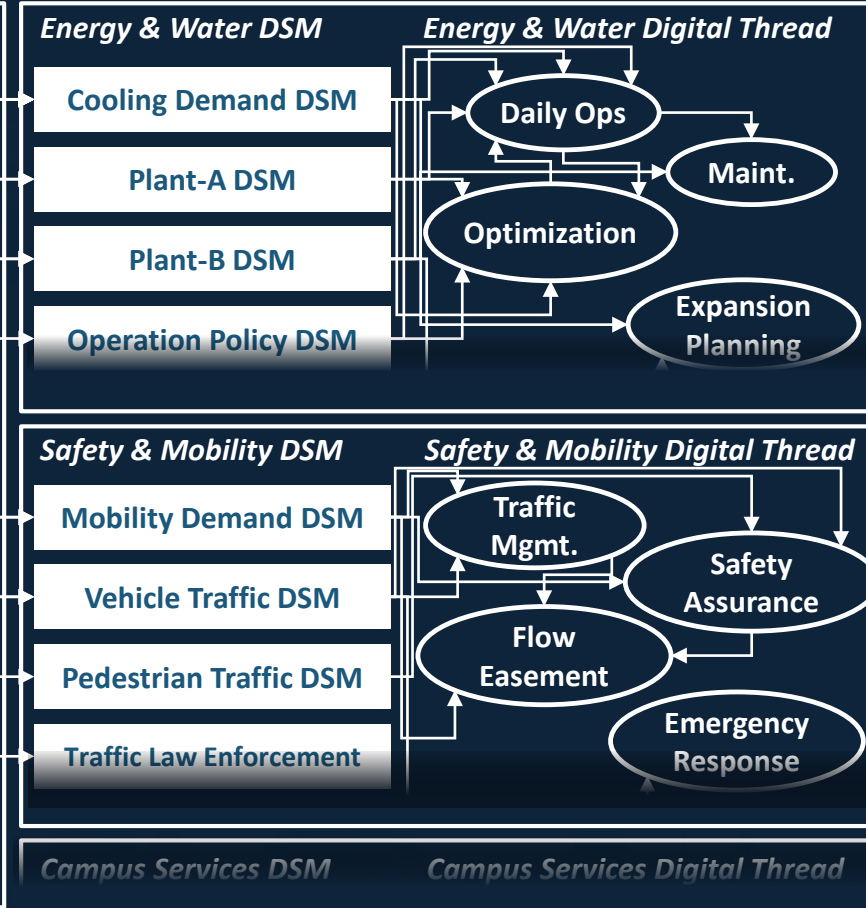
## Physical Campus



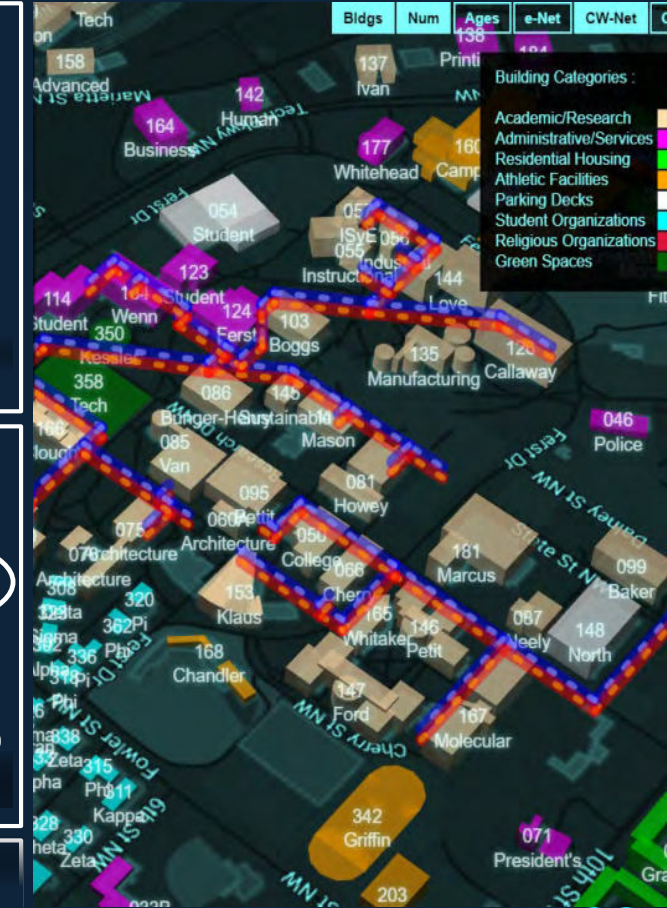
## Ecosystem



## Digital Twins



## Digital Campus





# Massive Data Available

Sensor data, collected and overlaid onto a digital facsimile of campus, to support infrastructure monitoring and planning

ASDL started with access to:

## Meso-scale: 20,000 streams

Data from 150+ buildings & 2 plants  
Archived every 15 min for >7 years

- Energy & water metering
- People counters on newer entryways



...cleaned, normalized, and mapped to drive:

## Macro-scale Situational Awareness

- Campus-level visualizations
- Baseline for detecting degradation
- Modeling to project future scenarios



...soon to be supplemented with

## Micro-scale data streams

- ~10k end points per building
  - Internal temp, air quality
  - HVAC hardware states
- IoT sensors from maker spaces
- Mobile device locations, anonymized



Creating this digital version of campus required that ASDL:

Map & verify data sources  
Tap into data streams and databases  
Clean erroneous data

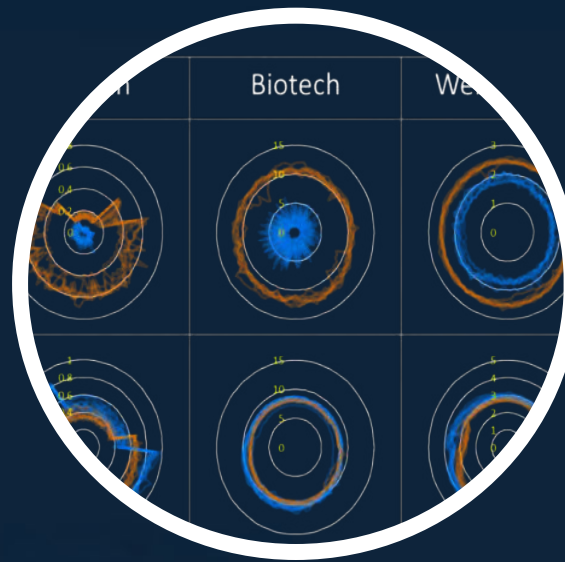
Normalize data by weather and campus schedule  
Interpret data with help from GT Facilities Management engineers





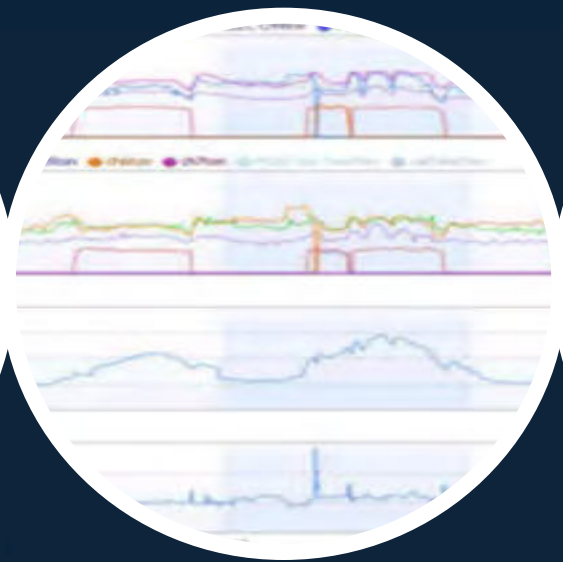
# DIGITAL TWIN – ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES

Descriptive



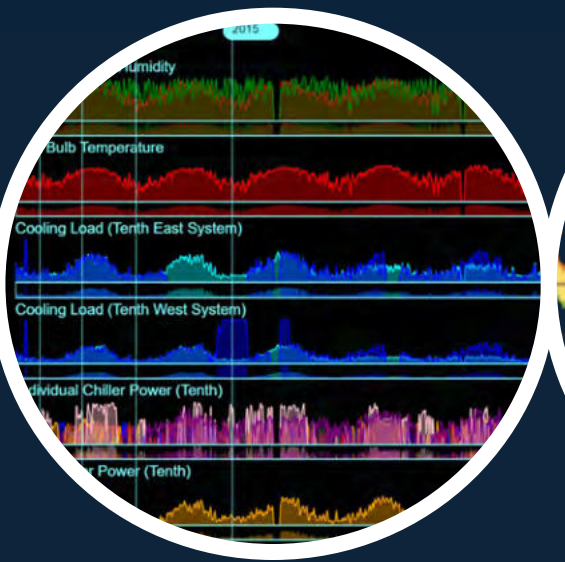
“What happened”  
“What is happening?”

Diagnostics



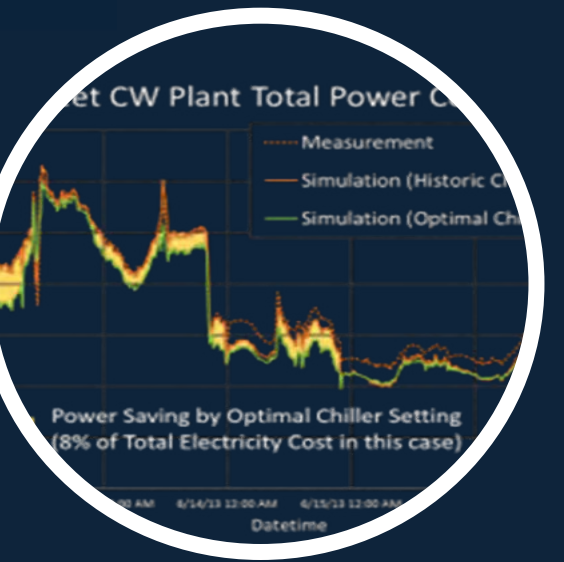
“Why did it happen?”

Predictive



“What is likely to happen?”

Prescriptive

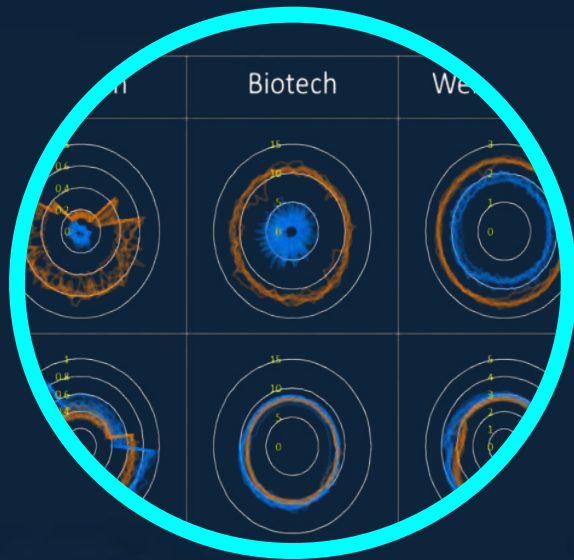


“How to act in response?”



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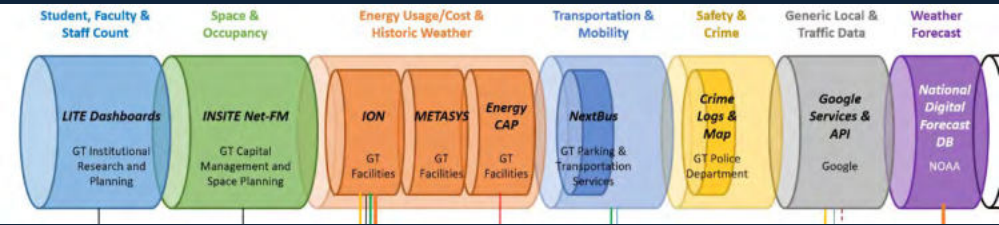
- Focus on summarizing and visualizing historical data to provide insights into the past and present
- Provides necessary context and foundation for further analysis
- Seeks answer about “What happened/What is happening?”



# Preparing Big Data

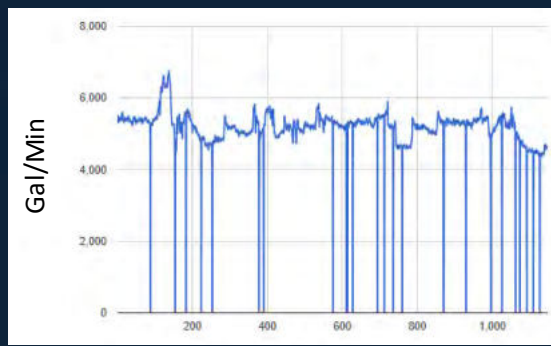
Answers: "What Happened?"

## Map data repositories



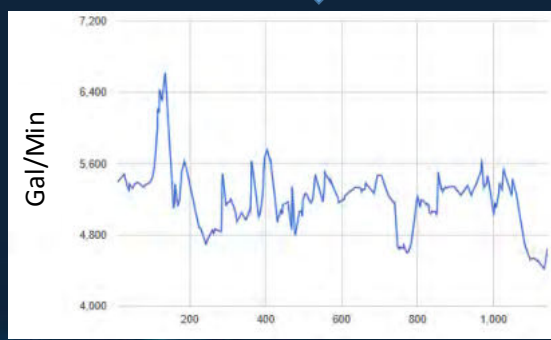
## Clean data sets

Problem data

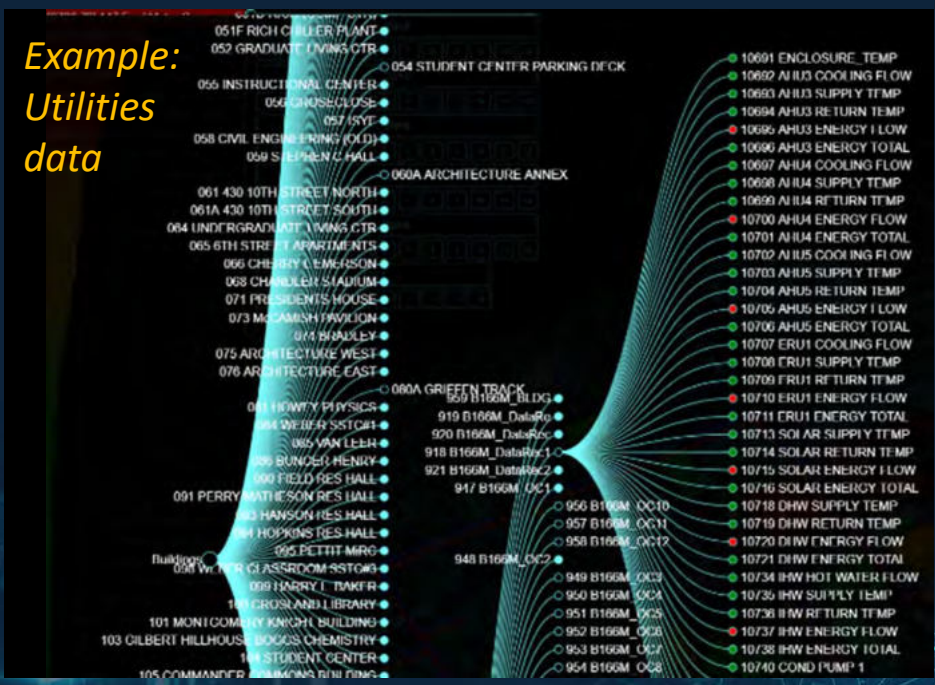
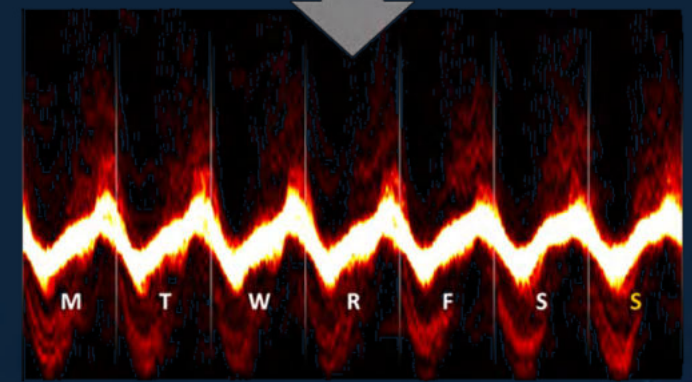
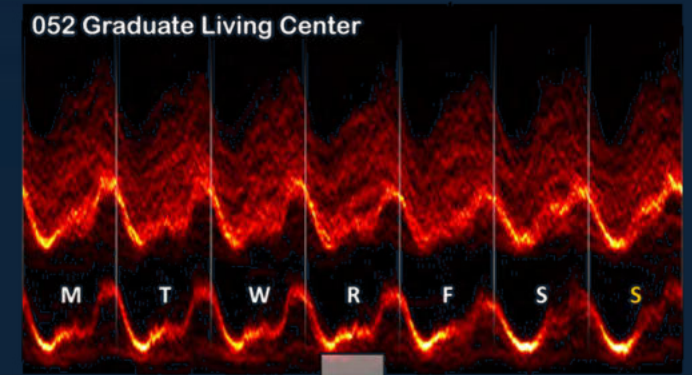


Anomaly treatment

Corrected data



## Normalize & extract features



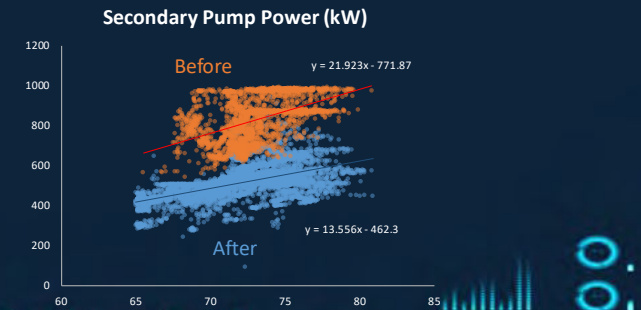
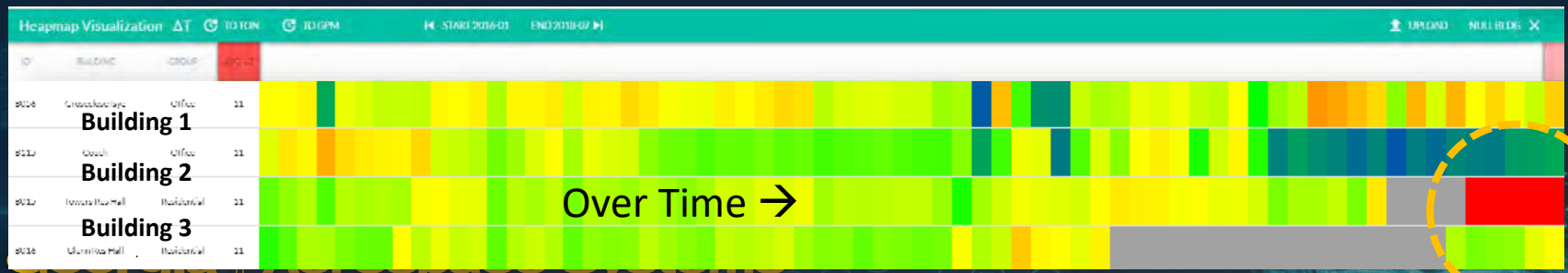


# Visualizing Data for Infrastructure

Answers: "What Happened?"

## Value Propositions:

- Common Operating Picture for team discussion
- **Cost avoidance**, identifying inefficiency





# Visualizing Data From Many Domains

Descriptive

Diagnostics

Predictive

Prescriptive

Answers: "What Happened?"

Value Proposition:

Discovery of interactions between systems-of-systems

## Energy Consumption (KWh, KWh/m<sup>2</sup>)



## Safety (Incidents)



## CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint (KgCO<sub>2</sub>)

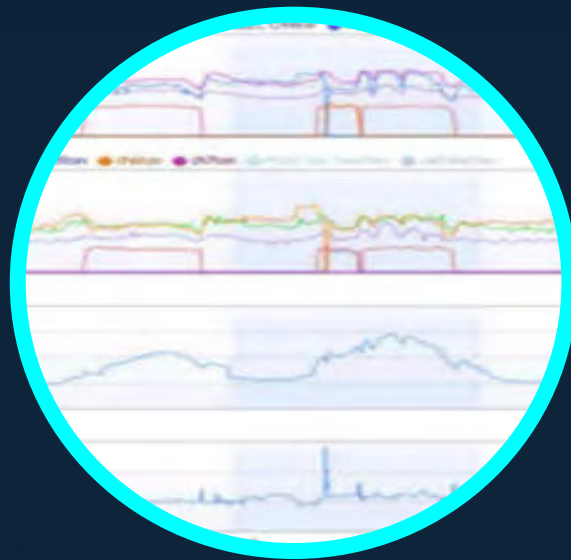


## Construction Activity & Costs (\$)



# DIGITAL TWIN – ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES

## Diagnostics



- Drill down into the data, identify correlations and dependencies, and identify patterns for the purpose of identifying causes
- Seeks answer about “Why did it happen?”



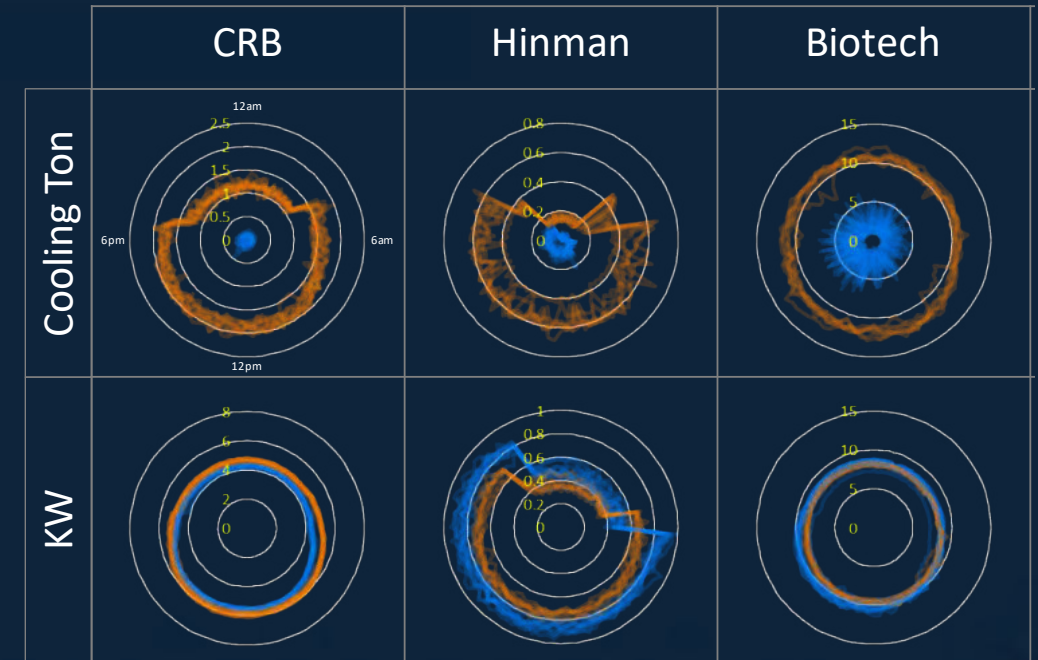
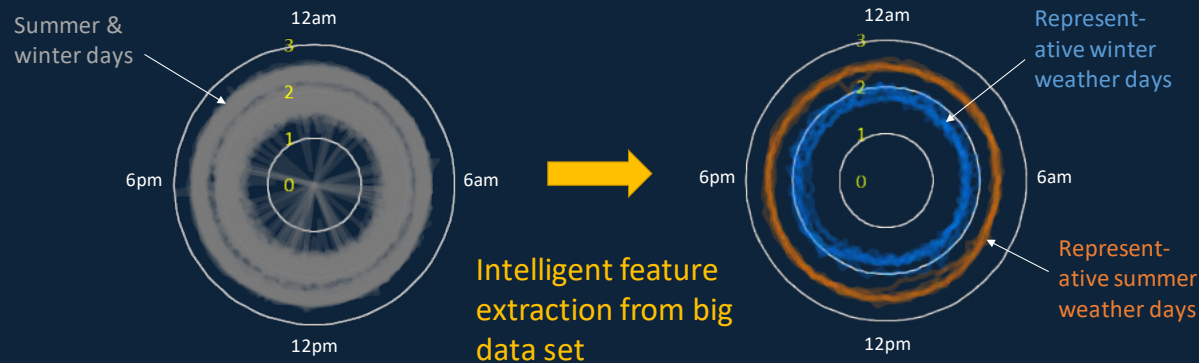
# Extracting Features

Answers: "Why did it happen?"

- SMEs identify performance signatures & root causes

## Data Treatment to Find Signatures

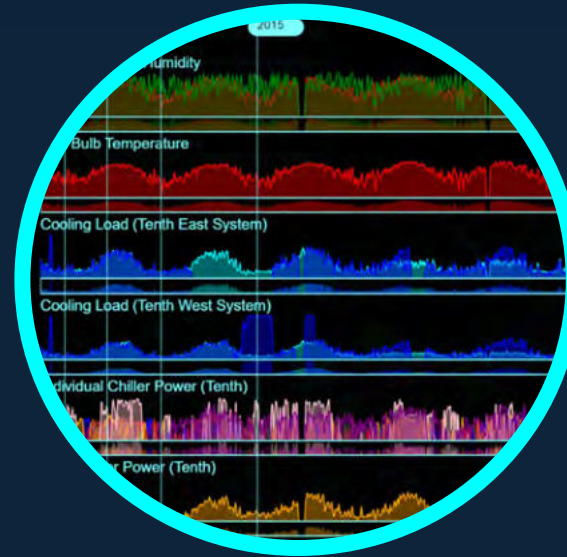
### Cooling Ton Data, Around the Clock



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## Predictive

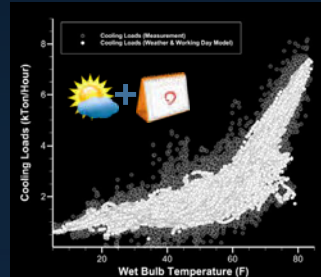
- Leverages descriptive and diagnostic analytics to predict future trends
- Probabilistic in nature
- Seeks answer about “What is likely to happen?”





# Predictive Modeling Capabilities Plants

- Calibrated, physics-based models to forecast loads for chiller plant energy

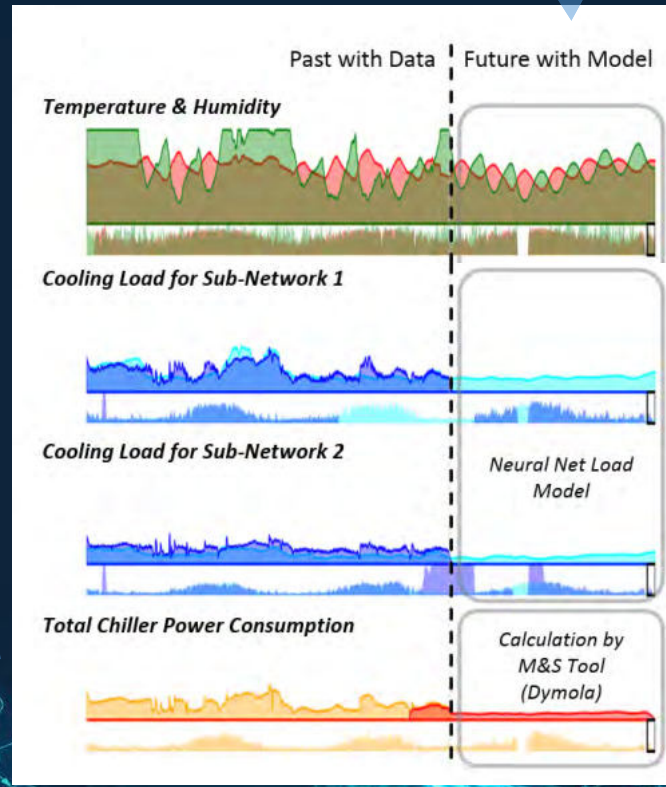
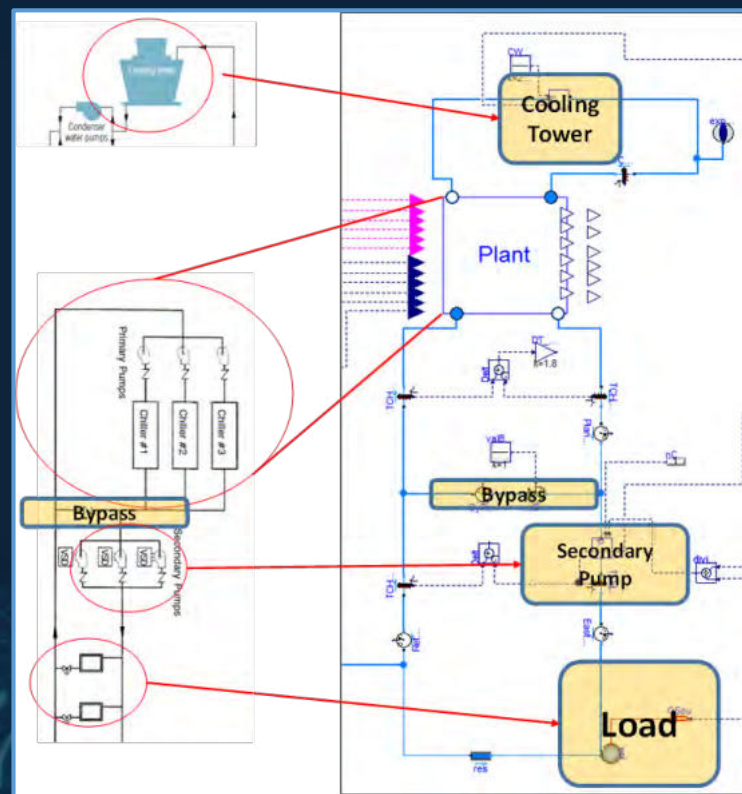


Load model  
(Neural Net)

### Value Proposition:

- Forecasting future demand and system response

Chiller Plant model (Modelica)



Example:

Given a weather forecast...

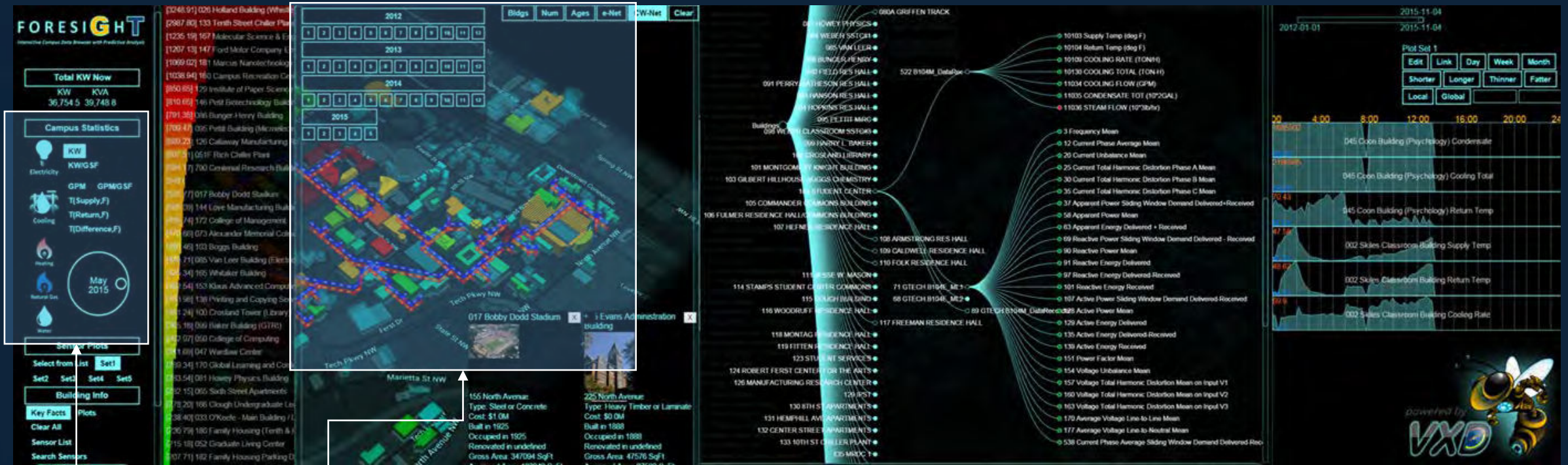
...predict the energy usage of the central chiller plants to meet the thermal demand





# FORESIGHT Predictive Campus Browser

Interactive, visual-analytics based campus data browser, supporting real-time situational awareness, campus-level energy usage monitoring and model-based energy usage predictions, based on real time data streams



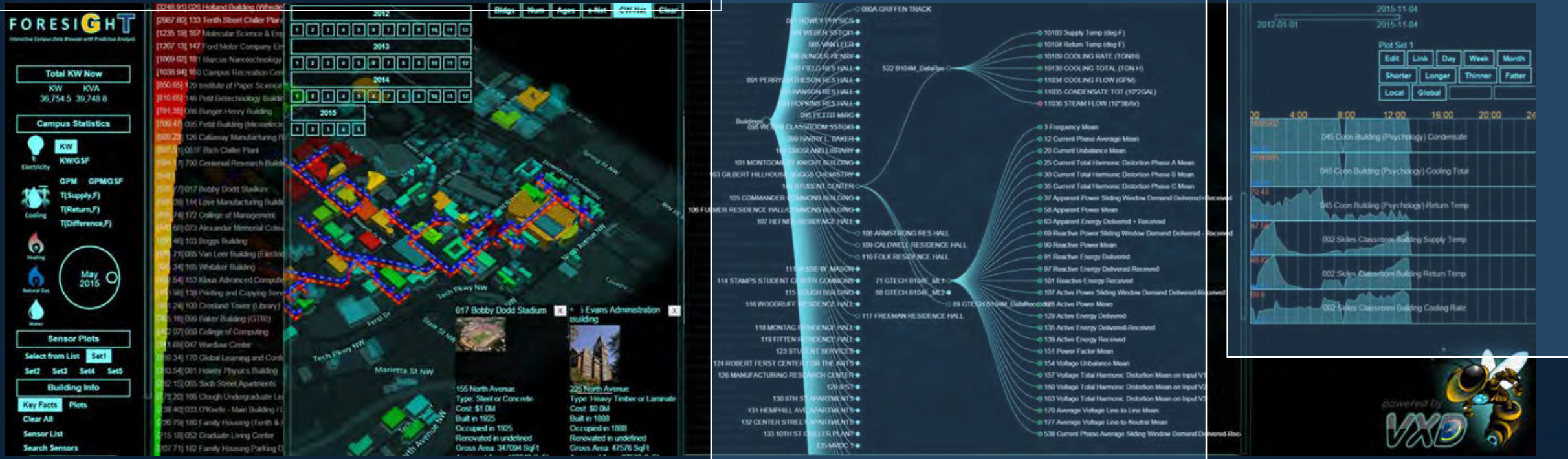
User can navigate through time/campus location and observe past energy performance trends for any building of interest



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Real-time measurements and historic data queried from repositories maintained by campus facilities, and is sourced from sensor measurements and meter readings installed across campus buildings

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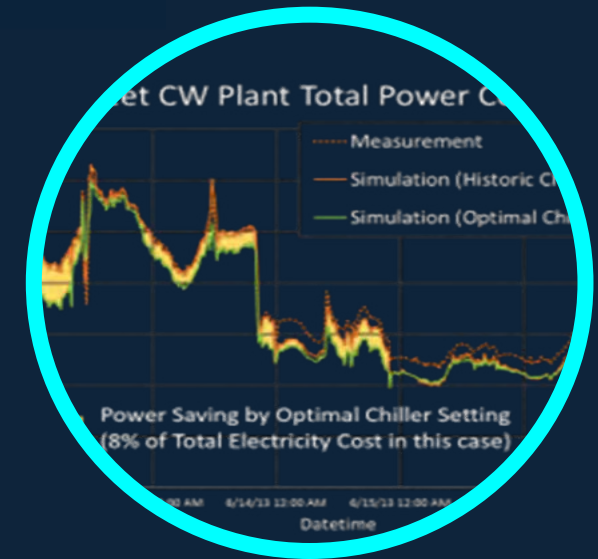
Comprehensive prediction capability for campus-wide energy usage that includes varying energy demand, accounts for total campus cooling load fluctuations, and utilizes weather forecast data



# DIGITAL TWIN – ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES

## Prescriptive

- Integrates data, mathematical models (optimization, etc.) and business rules to advise on possible outcomes / recommends one or more courses of action  
→ Support decision making
- Seeks answer about “How to act in response?”



# Model-Based Scenario Exploration: Energy Demand vs. Supply

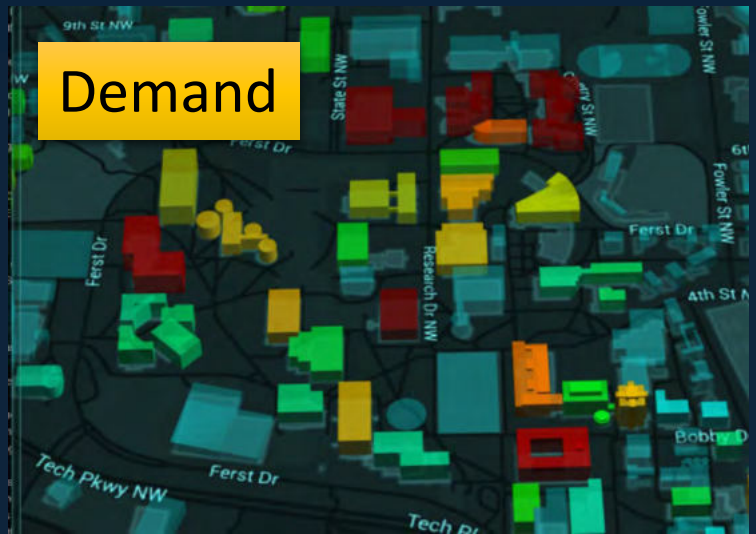
Answers: "How to act in response?"

- Calibrated, physics-based models used to plan playbooks & responses

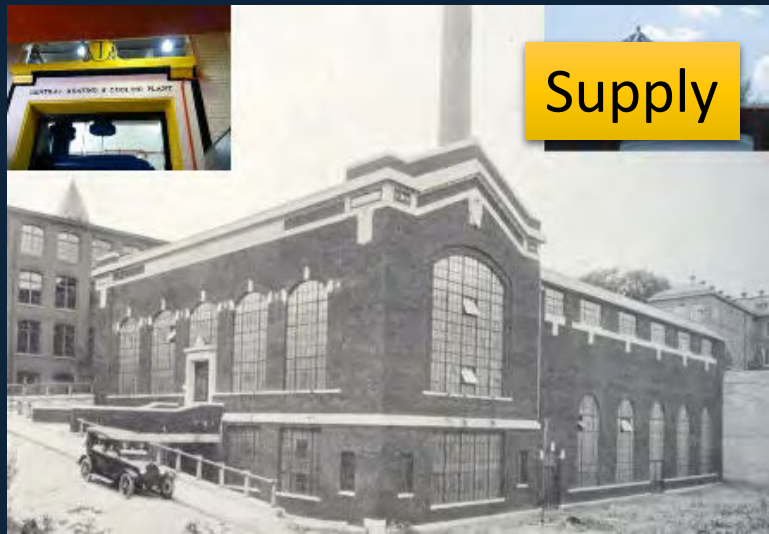
1 Given a weather forecast & cooling demand



...how should plant chillers be optimally staged?



Demand



Supply

2 ...where does it make sense to curtail load?



If a chiller went offline unexpectedly...

### Value Propositions:

- Optimization of efficiency
- Playbooks for resilient response





# Model-Based Scenario Exploration: Upgrade Portfolios

Answers: "How to act in response?"

- Calibrated, physics-based models used to rank choices for retrofitting buildings

**Return on Investment:** 145.79%  
**Break-even Point:** Year 2

**Total Upgrade Cost:** (\$133,044)  
**Upgrade Saving by year 5:** \$193,967

**Retrofit Evaluation Criteria:** ROI, Energy Savings (\$/TU), Green Impact, Consumer Satisfaction (PMV), Maintainability, Upgradability, Min Variability, Opportunity for Further Sales.

**Retrofit Ranking:** Demand Response (0.90), Lighting (0.70), Insulation (0.61), PV Installation (0.55), Pre-Conditions (0.51), Air Sealing (0.28), Default (0.28), Consumer Response (0.28), Entry (0.26).

**Old Office Building:** Built: 2010, Area: 87,064 ft<sup>2</sup>, Story: 5, Cost: \$4,853,900, Renovation: N/A.

	Old Office Building		LEED Benchmark		Delta-LEED Benchmark	
	W <sup>2</sup>	P <sub>Occupant</sub>	W <sup>2</sup>	P <sub>Occupant</sub>	Diff	P <sub>Occup</sub>
Cost (\$)	5.23	6.93	1.38	6.17	6.27	-124.7%
Power (KW)	12.52	5.48	10.23	1.63	6.27	-424.7%
BTU from Gas (KBTU)	23.94	16.32	24.44	4.54	24.44	-101.4%
BTU in Total (KBTU)	64.66	23.72	81.88	16.24	16.24	-176.3%
CU (KBTU)	64.66	23.72	81.88	16.24	16.24	-176.3%

**Energy Performance Metric Comparison (kBTU/sqft):** Shows a bar chart comparing 'Old Office Building' and 'Digital Building' across various metrics.

**Energy Savings (Year 5):** A pie chart showing the distribution of savings from different retrofit measures.

A tool to answer:

- For an existing system in need of energy retrofits,
- given a set of technology candidates,
  - What should I invest in?
  - And what are their: **ROI, Payback period, Energy savings, etc.**
- Either: absolutely, normalized per ft<sup>2</sup>, compared to best in class, etc.









# LEADER-X: Campus as Experimental Apparatus

**Goal:** Elevate ASDL's Smart Campus platforms into a **Living Testbed** for scientific study of socio-cyber-physical systems

**Vision:** a test bed with **parallel** facets:

1

## "Digital twin" virtual test facility

Calibrated models, update with real conditions

Used to:

- Plan out and run virtual experiments
- Create multiple instances in parallel, for comparison
- Prove-out proposed changes before implementing
- Create a baseline for understanding real measurements?



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## Real test facility

the instrumented, connected campus

Used to:

- Run parallel experiments on
  - Infrastructure
  - Community response shaping
- Calibrate the virtual apparatus



## Questions to Address:

- With a campus as your test bed, **how would you design living experiments** to characterize the complex interactions between technology, infrastructure, and people? *Relevant to understanding Smart Cities, mobility systems, human space habitats, etc.*
- **How good are the current measurements** of your experimental instrument? *i.e., What can already be done with current campus data sets, for selected case studies?*
- What other data would you collect, i.e., what **sensors to add** would improve it?





