

# Energy Efficient Buildings

## *A Systems Approach*

### *R&D Directions*

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# Key Points

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- Energy efficient buildings. **Achieving >50% over current standards (ASHRAE 90.1) is possible;** proof points occur for all sizes and climates; buildings designed using climate responsive design principles.
- Market conditions – currently **driven** by labeling **and increasingly by regulatory pressures** (carbon cost not sufficient to drive market: findings through UTC led WBCSD study).
- What is hard? **Delivery process handoffs are a problem** and are where there is a loss of potential for energy savings in design, construction and operation.
- What are R&D areas?
  - Address Productivity – **need design tools** (configuration exploration, specification of equipment and controls, automated implementation) – for automation on all parts of delivery chain.
  - Address Risk. Need calibrated models (experimental facilities) **and ability to calculate, track and manipulate uncertainty (DFSS).**
  - Address Operations – need to understand sensing requirements, **failure modes** and FDIA.

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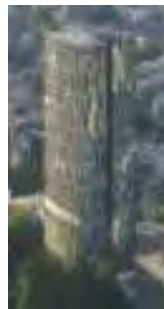
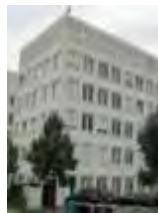
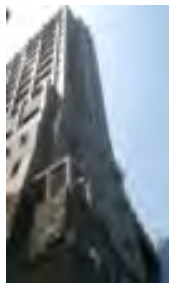
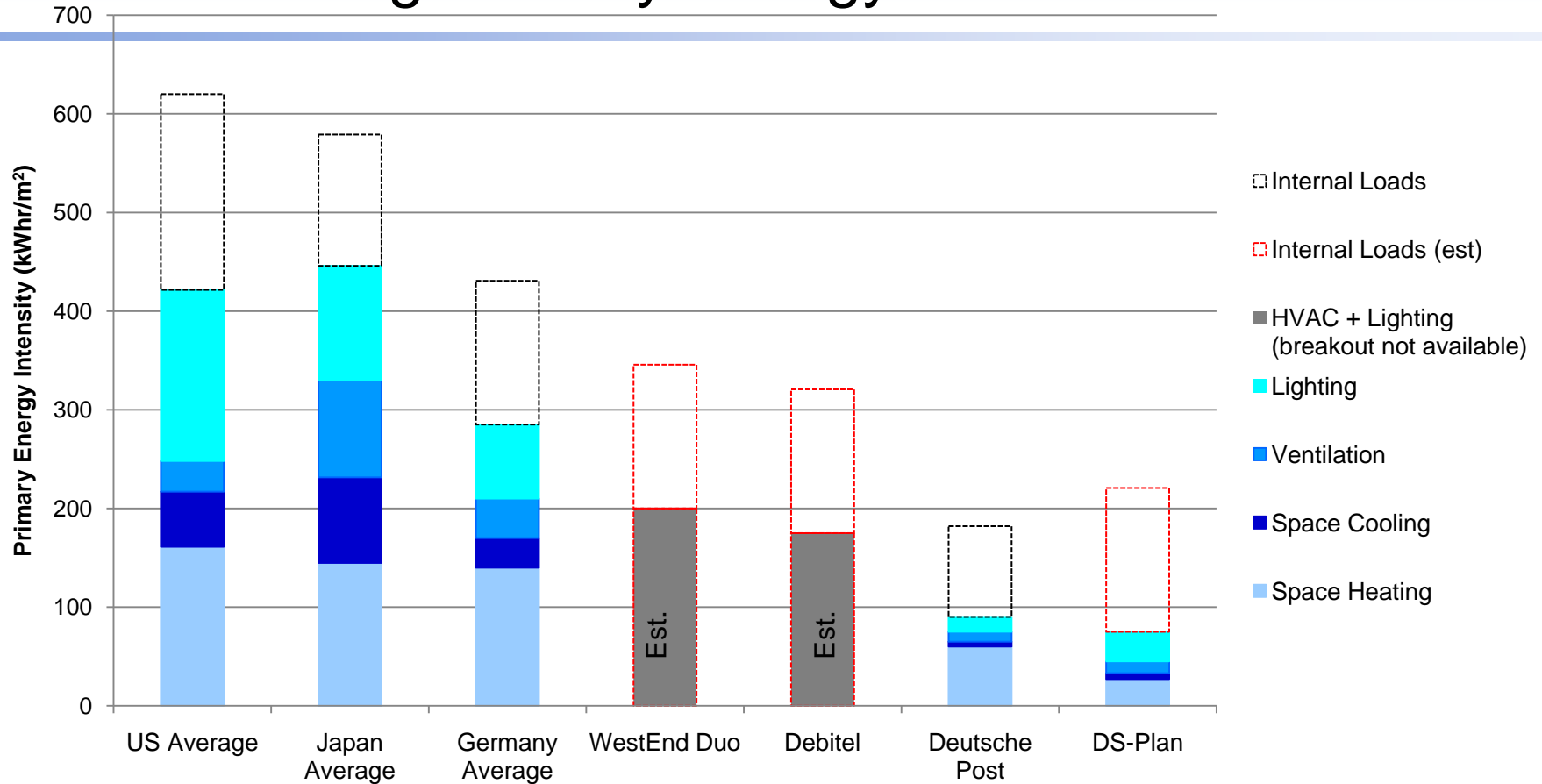
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# Office Building Primary Energy Intensities



# HIGHLY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS EXIST

## Energy Retrofit 10-30% Reduction



### Cityfront Sheraton Chicago IL

1.2M ft<sup>2</sup>, 300 kWhr/m<sup>2</sup>  
5753 HDD, 3391 CDD  
VS chiller, VFD fans, VFD pumps  
Condensing boilers & DHW

- Different types of equipment for space conditioning & ventilation
- Increasing design integration of subsystems & control

## LEED Design

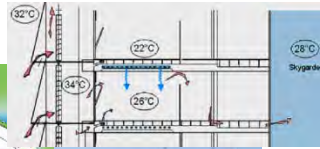
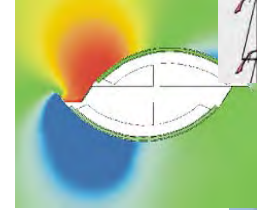
20-50% Reduction



### Tulane Lavin Bernie New Orleans LA

150K ft<sup>2</sup>, 150 kWhr/m<sup>2</sup>  
1513 HDD, 6910 CDD  
Porous Radiant Ceiling, Humidity Control  
Zoning, Efficient Lighting, Shading

## Very Low Energy >50% Reduction



**Bonn Germany**  
1M ft<sup>2</sup>, 75 kWhr/m<sup>2</sup>  
6331 HDD, 1820 CDD  
No fans or Ducts  
Slab cooling  
Façade preheat  
Night cool

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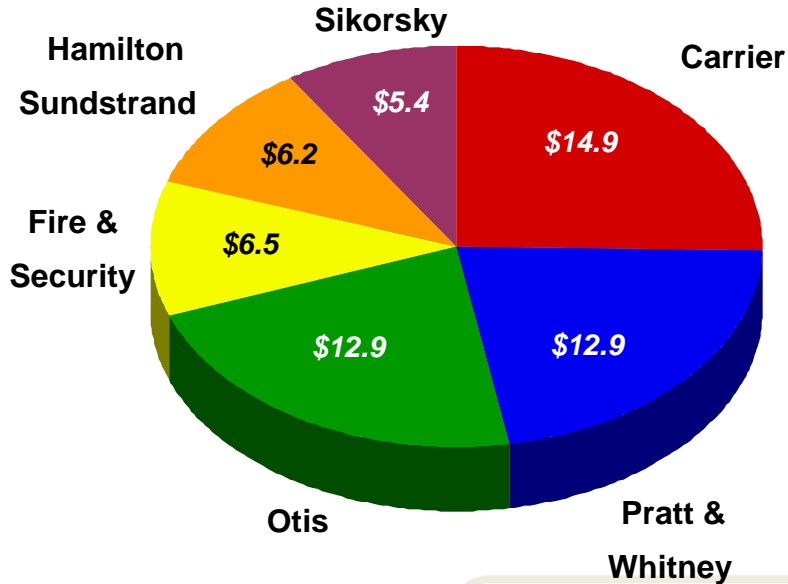
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# UNITED TECHNOLOGIES (UTC)

2008 Revenue - \$59 billion



commercial power solutions

Pratt & Whitney



UTC Power



Hamilton Sundstrand



Carrier



aerospace systems

SIKORSKY



UTC Fire & Security



Otis



commercial building systems



# UTC SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP

## Operations

- UTC establishes first set of EH&S goals (1991)
- Otis opens TEDA facility, the world's first green elevator factory, in China (2007)
- Pratt & Whitney breaks ground on an engine overhaul facility, targeted to meet LEED platinum standards, in Shanghai (2007)
- UTC launches 2010 EH&S goals, which include absolute metrics and a new goal on greenhouse gas emissions (2007)

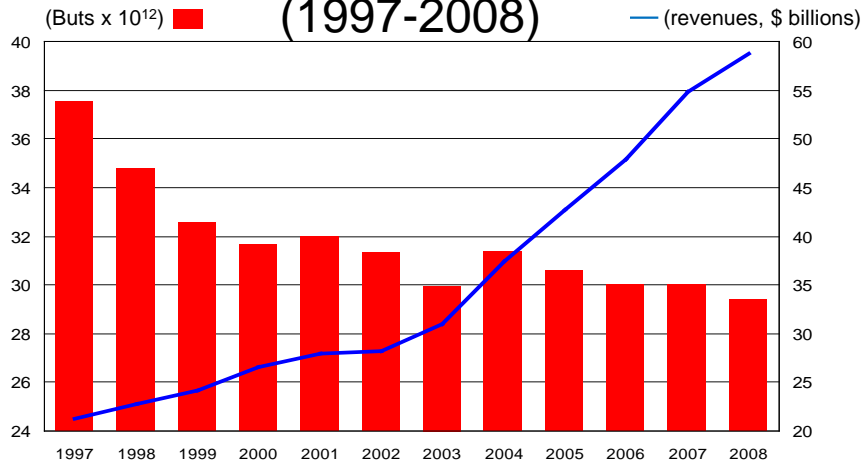
## Products

- Carrier introduces Evergreen® chiller (1996)
- Otis launches the Gen2™ elevator system (2000)
- UTC launches the PureComfort® cooling, heating and power system (2003)
- Pratt & Whitney launches EcoPower® engine wash (2004)
- UTC launches the PureCycle® geothermal power system (2007)
- UTC Power introduces 400 kW PureCell® system (2008)
- Pratt & Whitney flight tests PurePower™ PW1000G engine with Geared Turbofan technology (2008)

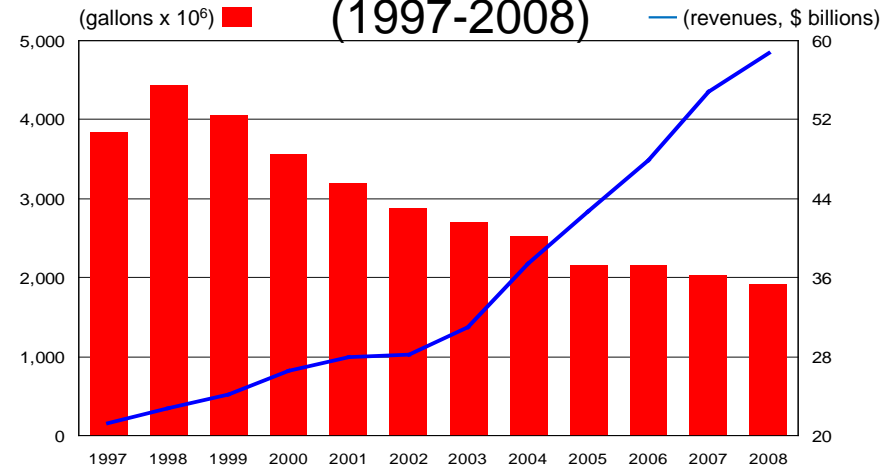
## Advocacy

- U.S. Green Building Council (1993)
- Pew Center on Global Climate Change (1998)
- Dow Jones Sustainability Index (1999-2009)
- Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World. (2005-2009)
- World Business Council for Sustainable Development's Energy Efficiency in Buildings project (2006-2009)

### Energy use (1997-2008)



### Water use (1997-2008)





# UTC Sustainable Product Launches

Otis Elevator



UTC Power



2007 recipient

Purecycle® Geothermal Power System

UTC Power



Combined Heat Power (CHP) system

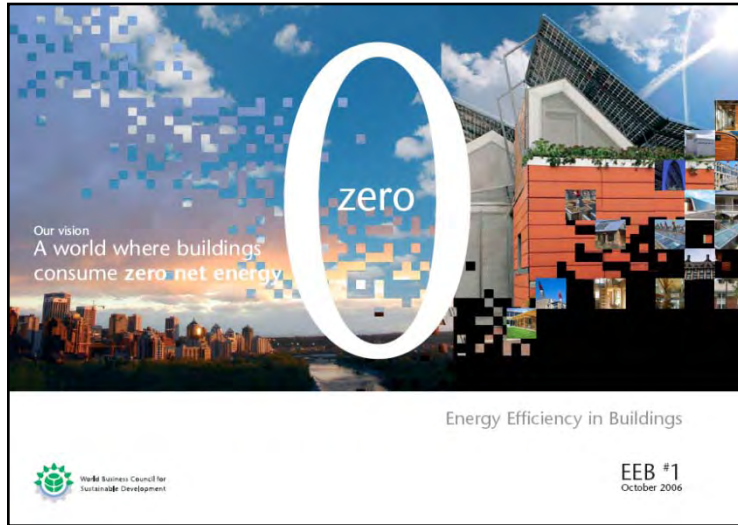
Pratt & Whitney



Geared Turbofan™ Engine

# WBCSD EEB PROJECT

*A world where buildings consume zero net energy*



**Energy efficiency first**

**From the business voice**

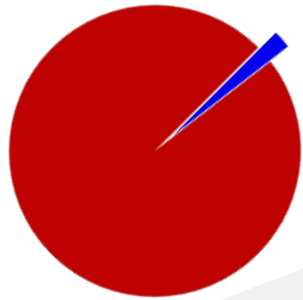
**Launch and lead sector transformation**

**Contribution to “sustainable” buildings**

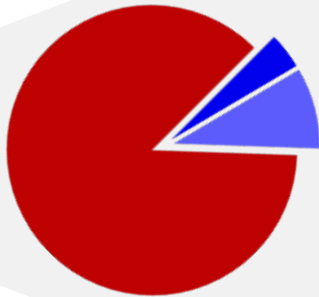
**Communicate openly with markets**



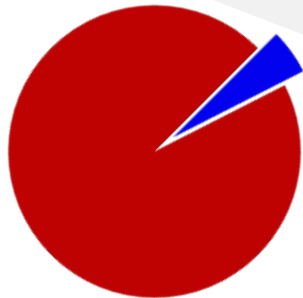
# ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT – US ONLY



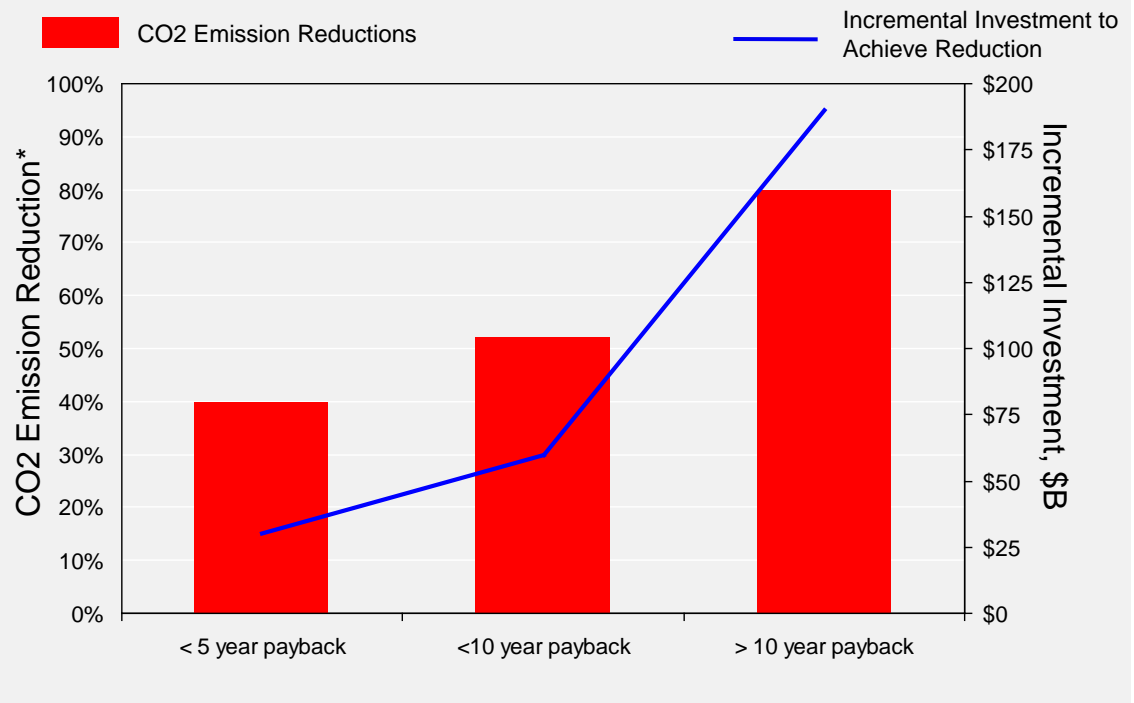
**Auto Safety Regulations**  
2% First Cost Premium



**Required Building Efficiency Investments**  
3% Total Cost Premium  
13% First Cost Premium



**Building Fire Safety Regulations**  
5% First Cost Premium



\*reflects scale up of buildings contribution to IEA Blue Map scenario, 2050

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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## **Create and enforce building energy efficiency codes and labeling standards**

- Extend current codes and tighten over time
- Display energy performance labels
- Conduct energy inspections and audits

## **Incentivize energy-efficient investments**

- Establish tax incentives, subsidies and creative financial models to lower first-cost hurdles

## **Encourage integrated design approaches and innovations**

- Improve contractual terms to promote integrated design teams
- Incentivize integrated team formation

## **Fund energy savings technology development programs**

- Accelerate rates of efficiency improvement for energy technologies
- Improve building control systems to fully exploit energy saving opportunities

## **Develop workforce capacity for energy saving**

- Create and prioritize training and vocational programs
- Develop “system integrator” profession

## **Mobilize for an energy-aware culture**

- Promote behavior change and improve understanding across the sector
- Businesses and governments lead by acting on their building portfolios

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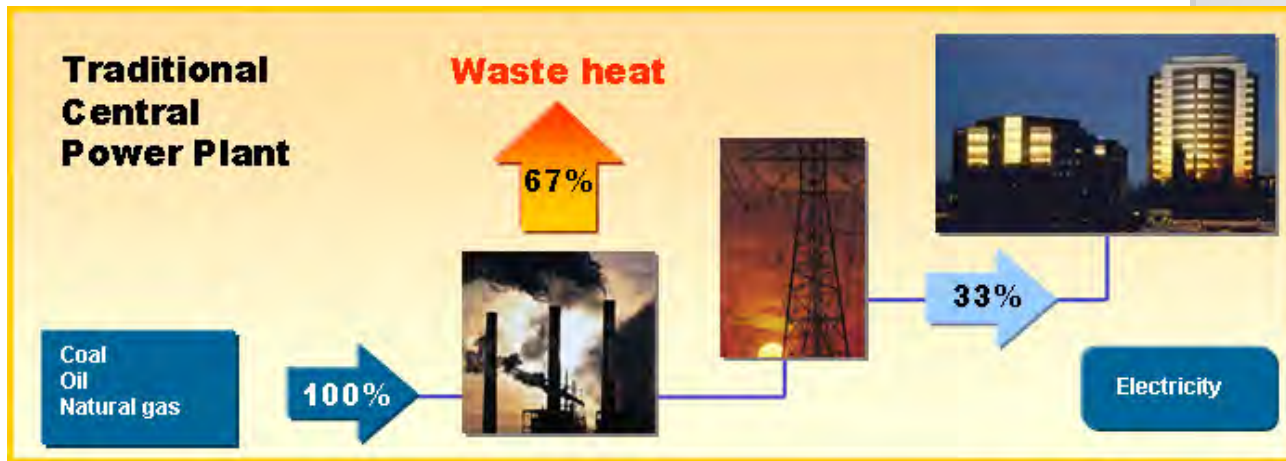
# Combined Cooling, Heating & Power

## PureComfort™ Integrated Energy Solutions



**UTC Power**

A United Technologies Company



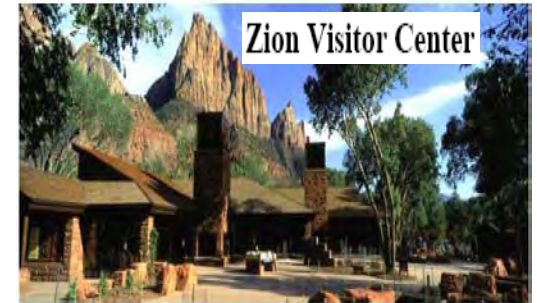
# HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS: REALITY



Cambria Office Building

Actual energy performance  
lower than predictions

Design Intent: 66% (ASHRAE 90.1);  
Measured 44%



Zion Visitor Center

Design Intent: 80% (ASHRAE 90.1);  
Measured 67%

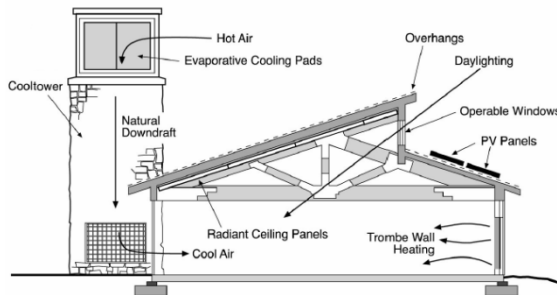
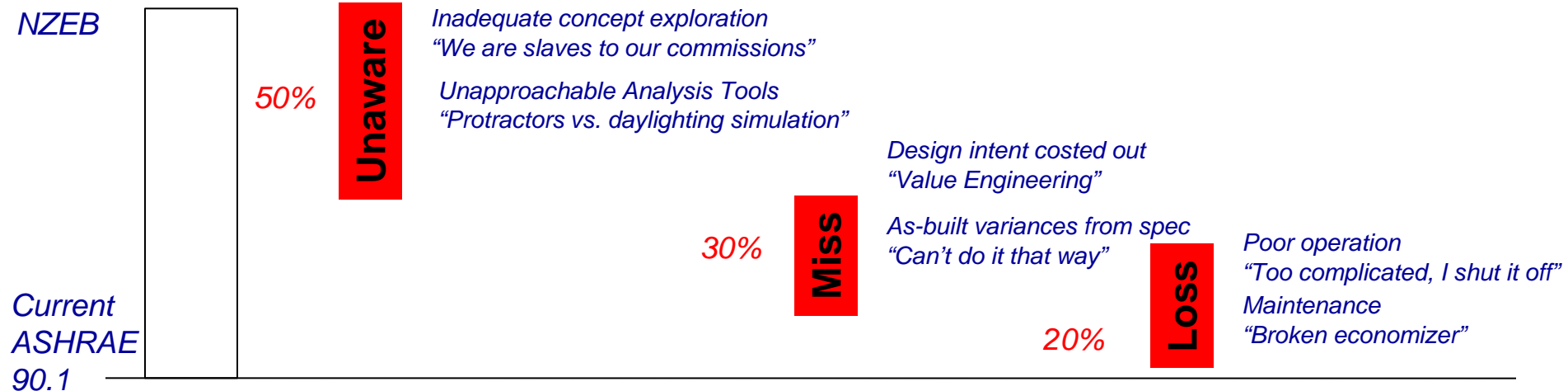
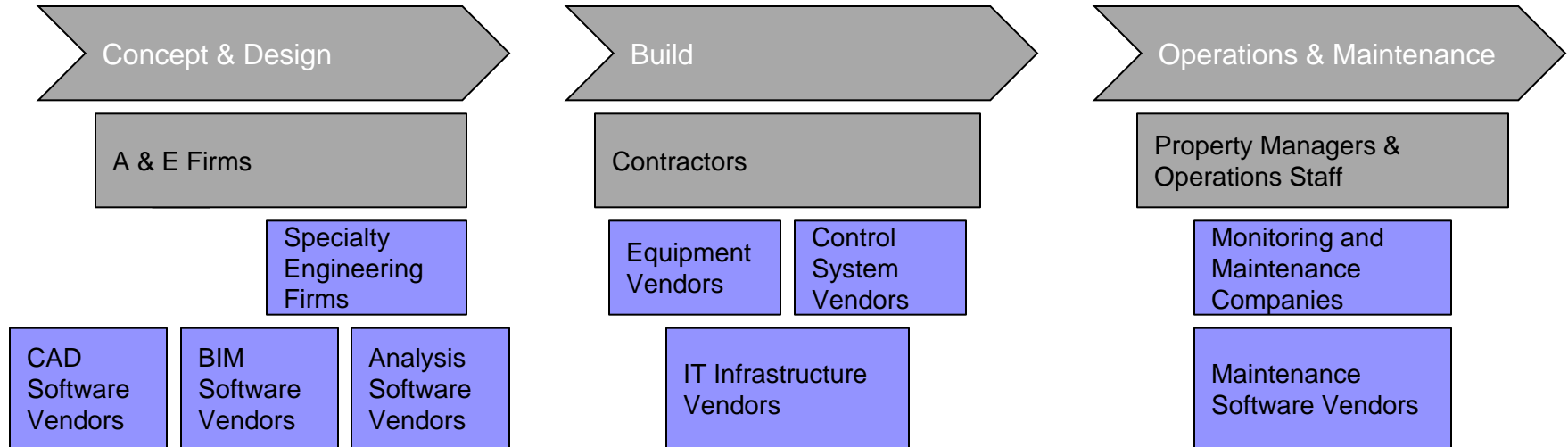


Figure 3-28 Illustration of how the cooltowers work at the Zion Visitor Center

## Failure Modes Arising from Detrimental Sub-system Interactions

- Changes made to envelope to improve structural integrity diminished integrity of thermal envelope
- Adverse system effects due to coupling of modified sub-systems:
  - changes in orientation and increased glass on façade affects solar heat gain
  - indoor spaces relocated relative to cooling plant affects distribution system energy
- Lack of visibility of equipment status/operation, large uncertainty in loads leads to excess energy use

# ENERGY IMPACT IN DESIGN-BUILD PROCESS





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# FROM R&D TO COMMERCIALIZATION

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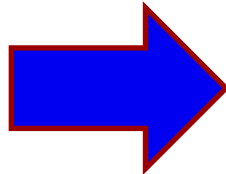
## Barriers

Lack of process and tools for system analysis and design

Lack of a demonstration capability for technology maturation

Lack of tools for on-going auditing, commissioning & operations

Lack of a long reach and broad scope in technology and business model exploration



## Enablers

Computational science, physics-based modeling, methodology, tools and training for Integrated design

Full scale demonstrations facilities and concentration of talent

Methodology, tools and training for building operations (e.g. computational/IT/controls advances)

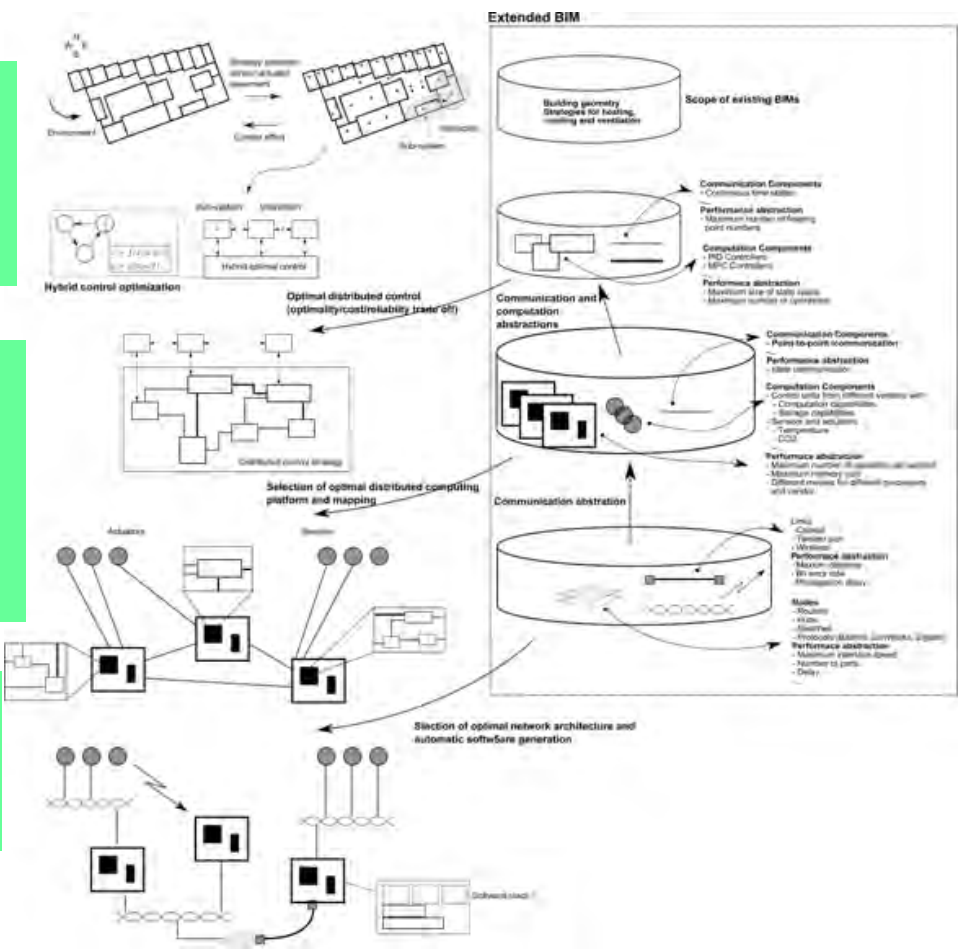
Pre-competitive collaboration among industry, national labs and universities

# Basic Science To Enable Energy Savings

**Architecture & Envelope Optimization:** *Whole building simulation, uncertainty analysis, and definition of abstraction layers*

**Mechanical Systems Specifications & Supervisory Control:** *Multi-scale (zone-room) modeling, computation and hybrid system optimization*

**Rapid and Robust Implementation:** *Network design and data assimilation*



**Requirements & Architecture Exploration:** BIM and Tool Chains for Integrated Mechanical and Control Design

**Integrated Design:** Decentralized Control Design & Analysis for Robust Operation

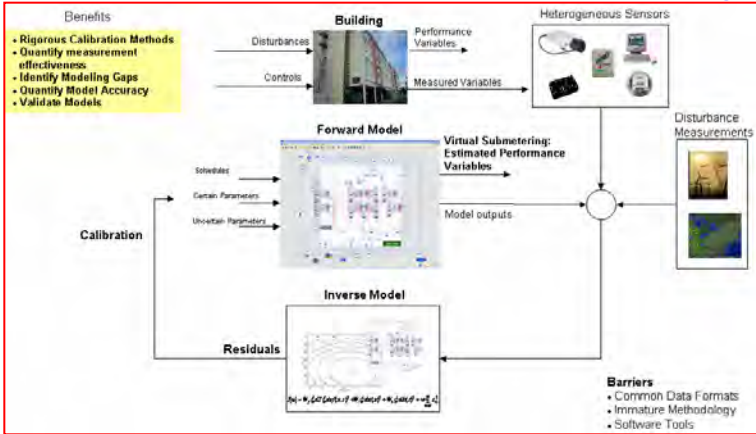
**Implementation:** IT enabling continuous commissioning and occupancy and plug load estimation for detailed energy management

*Needs for Basic Science and Measurement for Energy Efficient Buildings*

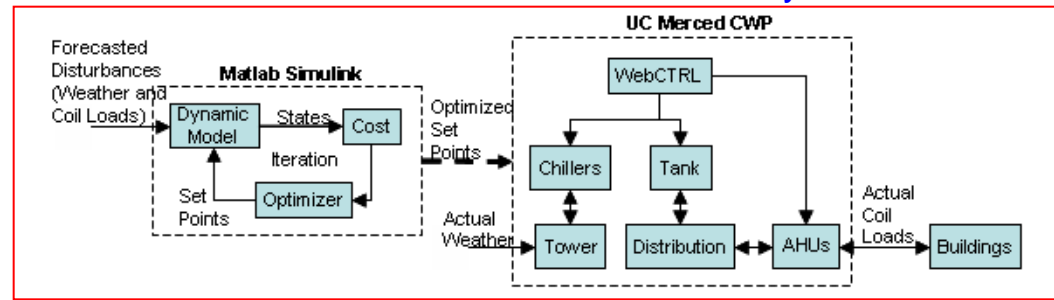
# DOE Projects: Merced Campus

## Technology Maturation and Demonstration at University of California - Merced

### Real-time Visualization of Model-based Energy Performance

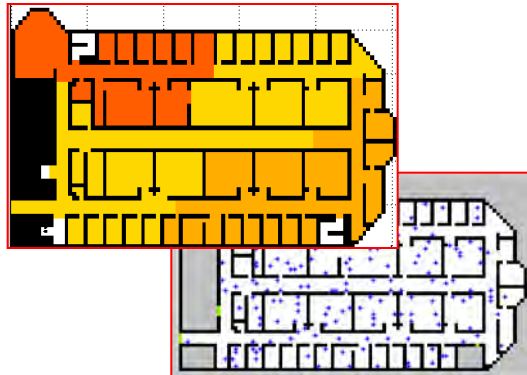


### Model Predictive Control of HVAC systems

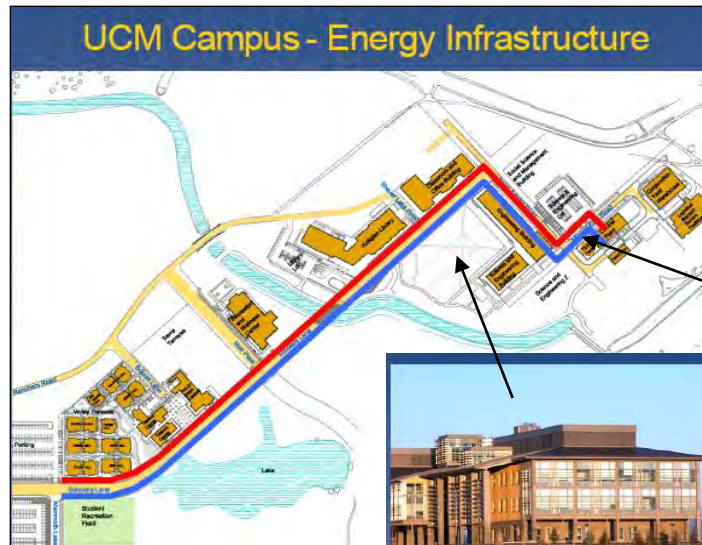


### Integrated Energy Information Systems Approx. 20% total building energy ↓

### Occupancy-based energy management



### Integrated Security & HVAC Systems Approx. 20% HVAC system energy ↓



### Integrated Cooling & Thermal Storage Approx. 20% total building energy ↓

