



# THE POWER OF EXISTING BUILDINGS

# BUILDING PERFORMANCE. CONNECTED.

Design and retrofit the highest performing buildings at the lowest possible cost.



OUR VISION

THEORY  
INTO  
PRACTICE





RELATED TO BUILDING PERFORMANCE, WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING  
**DO YOU SPEND THE MOST TIME CONSIDERING?"**

DISCUSSION



# MOVING FROM THEORY ...

SET GOALS



DESIGN



CONSTRUCTION



OPERATIONS



MEASURE  
PERFORMANCE

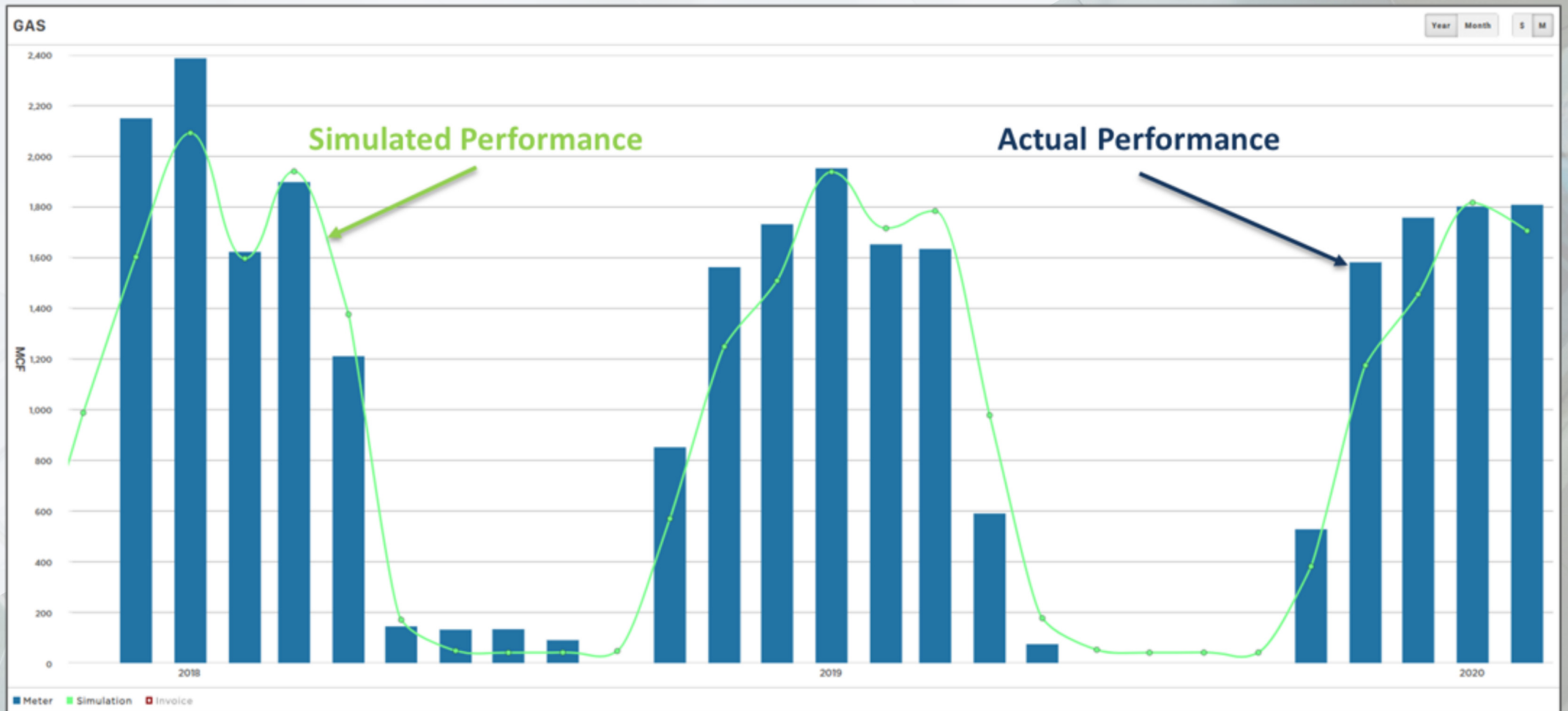


# ...TO PRACTICE



# MEASURING PERFORMANCE

Putting theory into practice provides proof





# EVOLUTION OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING: 1960-2020

## ACTIVISM



### Conservation

- Environmental Defense Fund
- Greenpeace
- Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*

## STANDARDS



### Prescriptive Methods

- Green Building Initiative
- US EPA Energy Star
- USGBC LEED

## PERFORMANCE



### Certification Programs

- Living Building Challenge
- Passive House
- RESET Air
- WELL Building

## ACCOUNTABILITY



### Proof of Performance

- Climate Change Acts
- Energy Disclosure Ordinances
- Stretch Codes

Proof of performance is required.

THE NEW CHALLENGE:  
DEFEND BUILDING PERFORMANCE.

# INTEGRATE, ALIGN TO GOALS





The path to integration and  
alignment



# TECHNOLOGY

# The path to integration and alignment







DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE STATED  
**BUILDING PERFORMANCE GOALS?"**

DISCUSSION

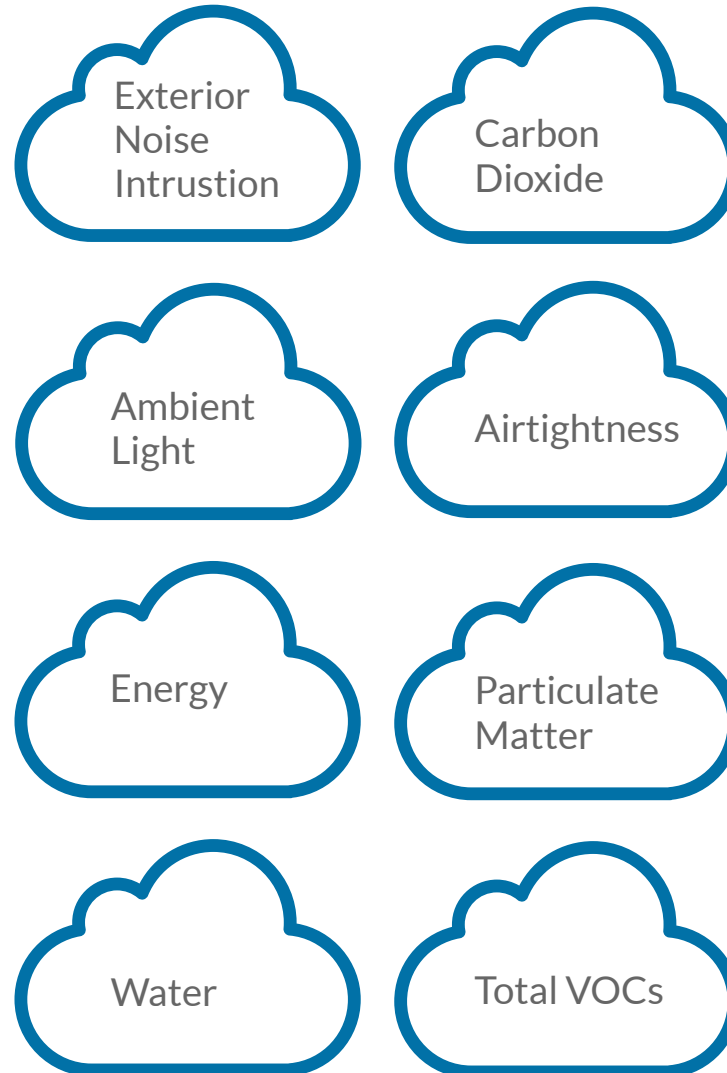


## GOALS

What you measure

## DEFINE SUCCESS WITH METRICS

LIGHT, AIR QUALITY, ENERGY



PROGRAMS







# GOALS

What you measure

## DEFINING GOALS: IN PRACTICE

### OWNER'S PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Energy

Airtightness

Water

Carbon  
Dioxide

Particulate  
Matter

#### Targets and Goals

##### SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM GOALS

##### ENERGY

35% Lower than National Median (CBECS Site EUI)

Site EUI

30.0 kBtu/sf/yr

##### BUILDING ENCLOSURE

Thermal Envelope (*Current Design*)

Walls:  $R \geq 15.6$  hr. ft<sup>2</sup> F/BTU, Roofs:  $R \geq 18.0$  hr. ft<sup>2</sup> F/BTU

Windows Installed (*Current Design*)

$U \leq 0.55$  BTU/hr. ft<sup>2</sup> F

Airtightness

$\leq 1.0$  ACH<sub>50</sub>

##### INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Temperature

Meet ASHRAE Standard 55-2013 Section 5.3 Standard Comfort Zone Compliance & 5.4 Adaptive Comfort Model per WELL Building

Humidity

Between 30% and 60%

Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

< 600 ppm

Carbon Monoxide (CO)

< 9.0 ppm

Formaldehyde

< 27 ppb (< 0.027 ppm)

Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

< 51 ppb (< 0.051 ppm)

Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

< 12 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Particulate Matter 10 (PM<sub>10</sub>)

< 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>



## GOALS

What you measure

## INITIAL INTEGRATION & ALIGNMENT



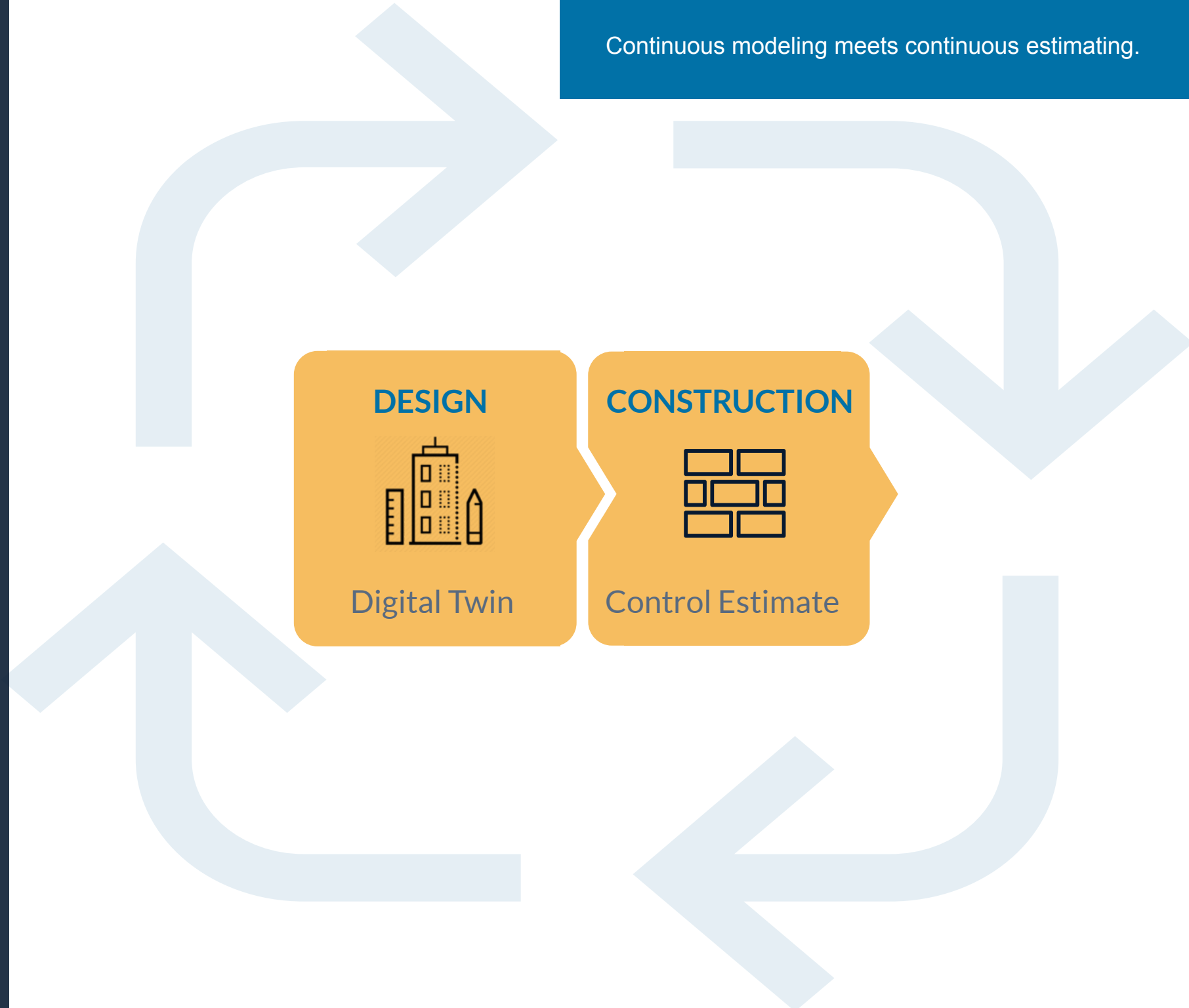




# SIMULATIONS

Technology reduces risk

Continuous modeling meets continuous estimating.





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## DESIGN

Digital Twin

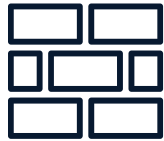






# ESTIMATE

Construction costs



## CONSTRUCTION

Control Estimate

Description	Quantity	Unit	Material	
			Unit	Total
3"	98,272	Sf	0.45	44,222.41

Labor					
Hrs	Type	HR Rate	Unit/Rate	Total	Tot Hrs
0.010	C	59.99	0.60	58,953.39	982.7

Total Costs	
Unit	Total
1.05	103,175.80



DOES THE BUILDING YOU SPEND THE MOST TIME IN  
**HAVE A BUILDING PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD?"**

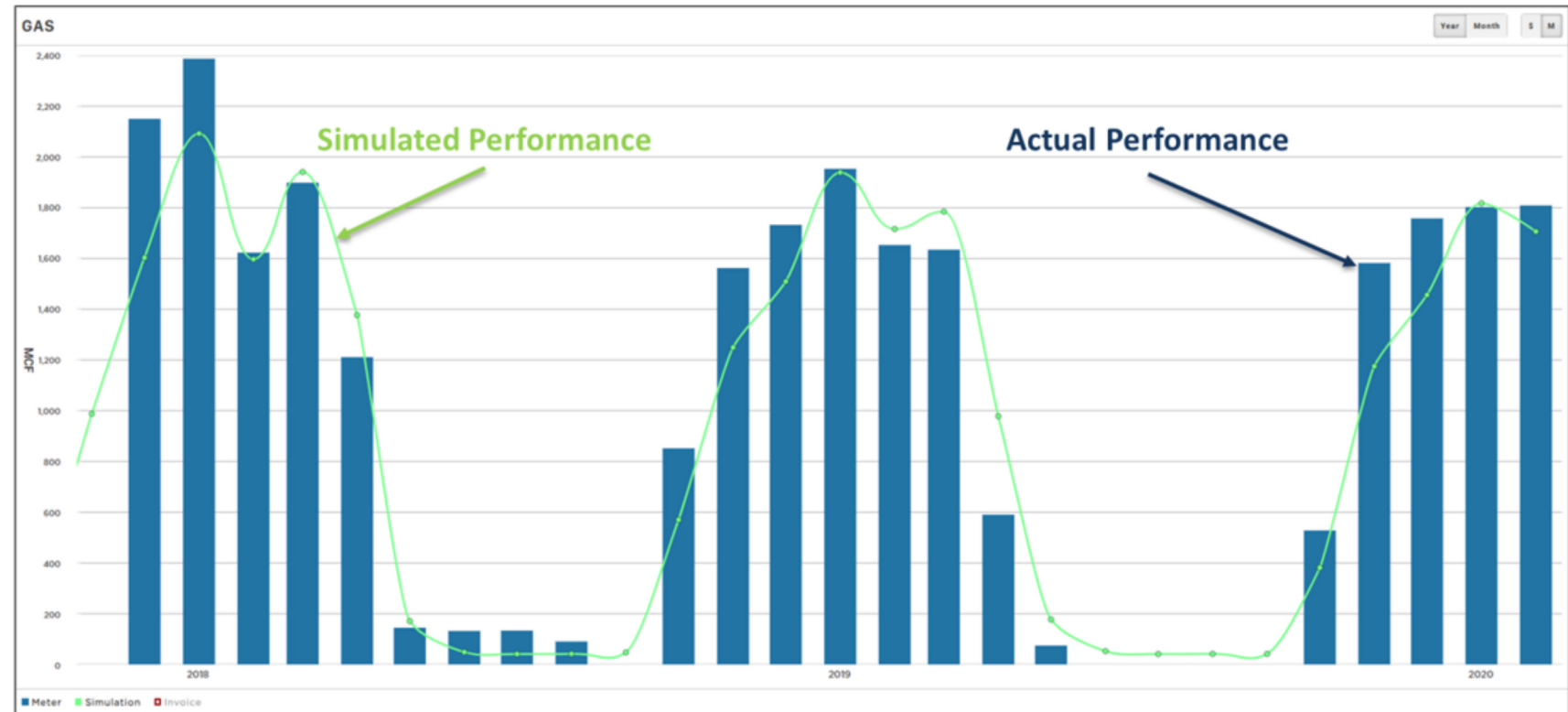
DISCUSSION





# PERFORMANCE

The Proof



BUILD USE CASES  
TO CONNECT  
BUILDING GOALS  
TO BUILDING  
PERFORMANCE



## CASE STUDY

# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH







# GOALS



## EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### OWNER'S PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Energy

Water

Carbon  
Dioxide

Particulate  
Matter

Total  
VOCs

#### Targets and Goals

##### SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM GOALS

RESET Air Certification, Passive House Strategy

##### ENERGY

Site EUI

58.6 kBtu/sf/yr, meet the 2030 Challenge (Year 2030)

##### INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Temperature

Meet ASHRAE Standard 55-2013 Section 5.3 Standard Comfort Zone Compliance and 5.4 Adaptive Comfort Model

Humidity

Between 30% and 50%

Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

< 600 ppm

Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)

< 15 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Particulate Matter 10 (PM<sub>10</sub>)

< 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Total Volatile Organic Compound (TVOC)

< 0.4 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (< 400 µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Ventilation Rate

30% more outdoor air than required by ASHRAE 62.1-2013

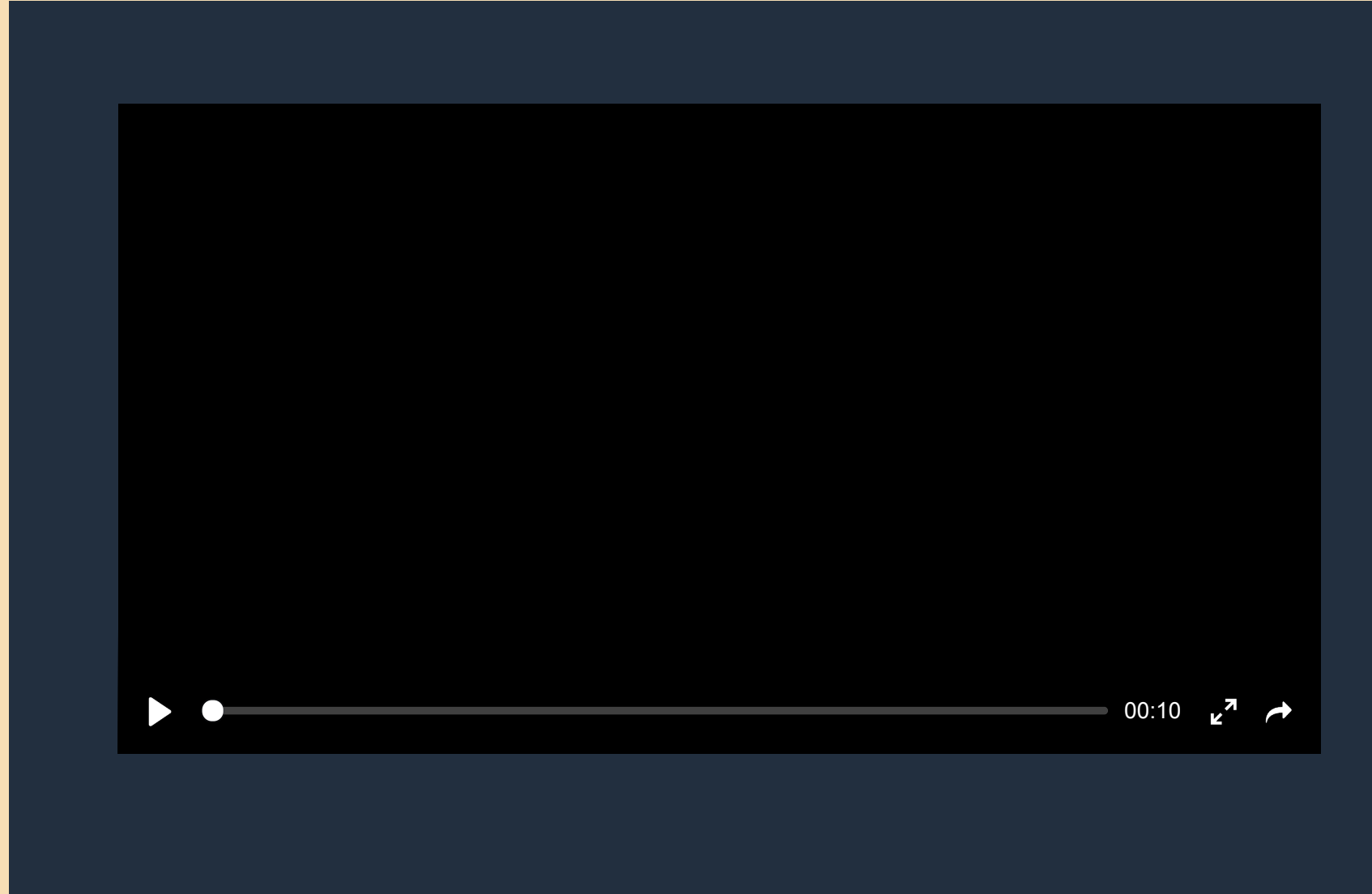


# DESIGN



## EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DIGITAL TWIN





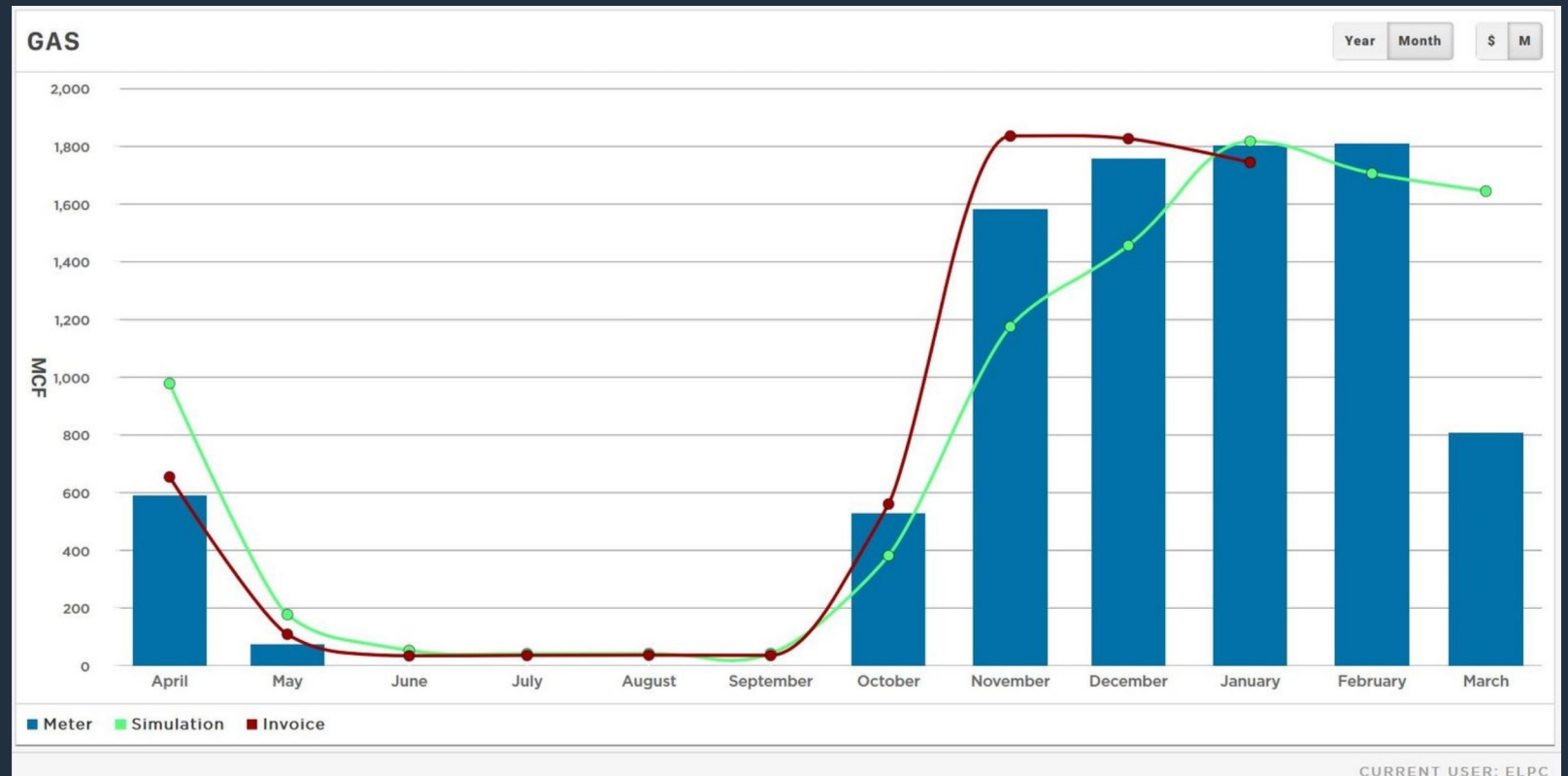


# PERFORMANCE



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## DASHBOARD





**BUILDING SCIENCE**  
meets  
**SMART BUILDINGS**  
meets  
**BEST PRACTICES**



PROVEN  
PERFORMANCE






## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CONCLUSION

CAN EXISTING BUILDINGS  
SAVE THE WORLD?

### PROVEN OUTCOMES

-  Lowered costs  
reduces fuel poverty.
-  Equitable access to indoor air quality  
improves health.
-  Reduced emissions  
combats climate change.



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

# COVID-19: OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE



<https://centerforactivedesign.org/5-ways-to-optimize-buildings>





“High-performance buildings are key to achieving the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Most of today’s buildings will still be in use in 2050. . . . as shown in this book, the capability to meet the challenge exists today.”

-- Scott Foster, Director, Sustainable Energy  
United Nations Economic Commission for Europe  
(UNECE)

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