# System Master PLanner / Net Zero Planner (SMPL/NZP) Tool Technical Capabilities

Michael Case, Ph.D. Program Manager

U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Laboratory - U.S. Army Construction Engineering Research Laboratory









Distribution Statement A - Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.

#### **SMPL/NZP Supports Resilience Planning**

- Critical electrical load (resilience)
- Redundant capacity planning for equipment
- Supports 14 day mission critical resource planning
- Maximum Investment cost
- Project life cycle costing

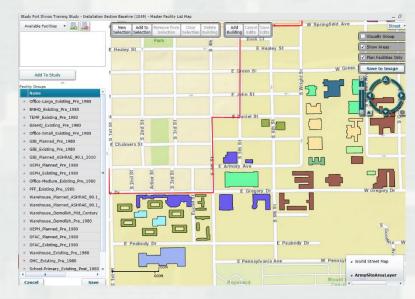
Today – will touch on load estimation, but spend more time on the supply side to support resilience.



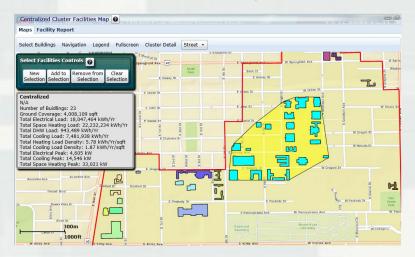


## SMPL/NZP Tool

- Web based tool that assists in installation-wide energy, water, and waste planning
- Estimates current and future energy loads and profiles
- Optimizes supply side to meet loads
  - ► Electrical integrated with thermal
  - ► Resilience
- Estimates costs and returns for ROI analysis



Master Facility Map



**Energy Cluster View** 

# The SMPL/NZP Tool is used extensively by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



**Fort Leonard Wood** 



**West Point USMA** 



Waterways Experiment Station



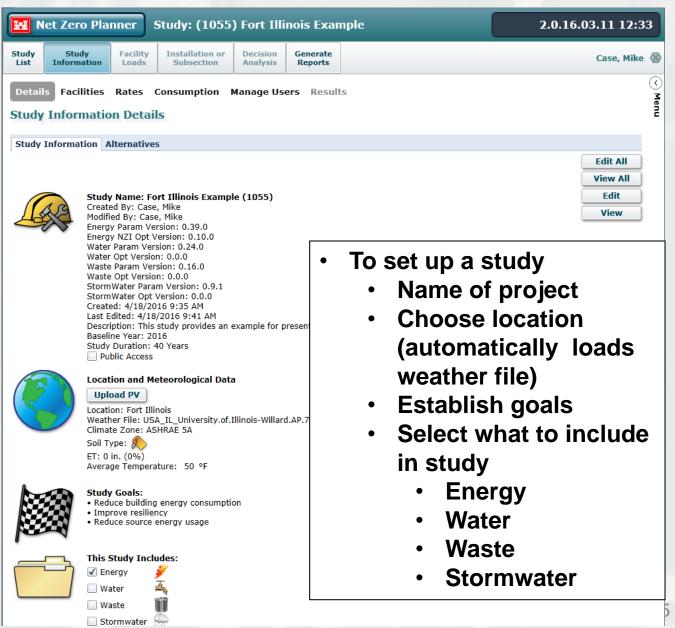
**Fort Hunter Liggett** 



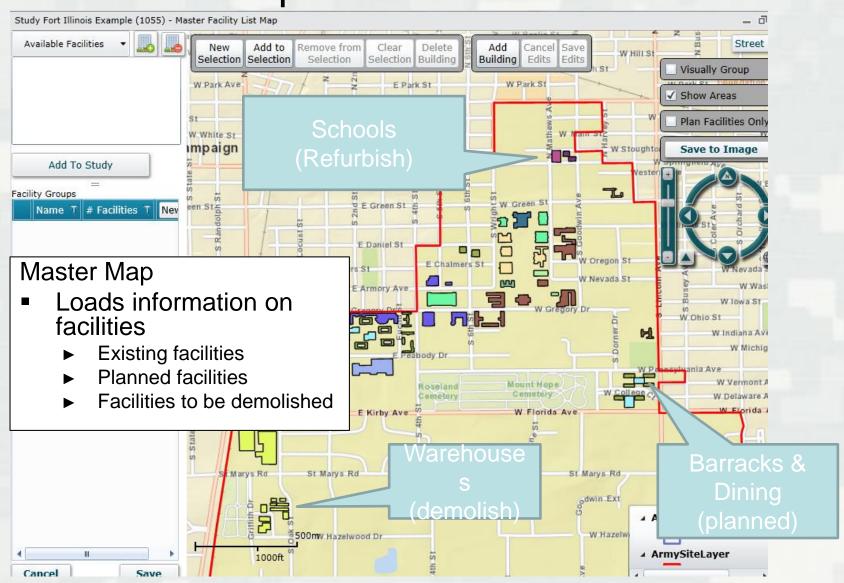
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

- Schofield Barracks
- Fort Hood
- Presidio at Monterey
- NASA Johnson Space Center
- Parks RFTA
- Lakenheath AFB, UK
- MCAS Iwakuni, Japan
- Over 60 studies 2015-2017

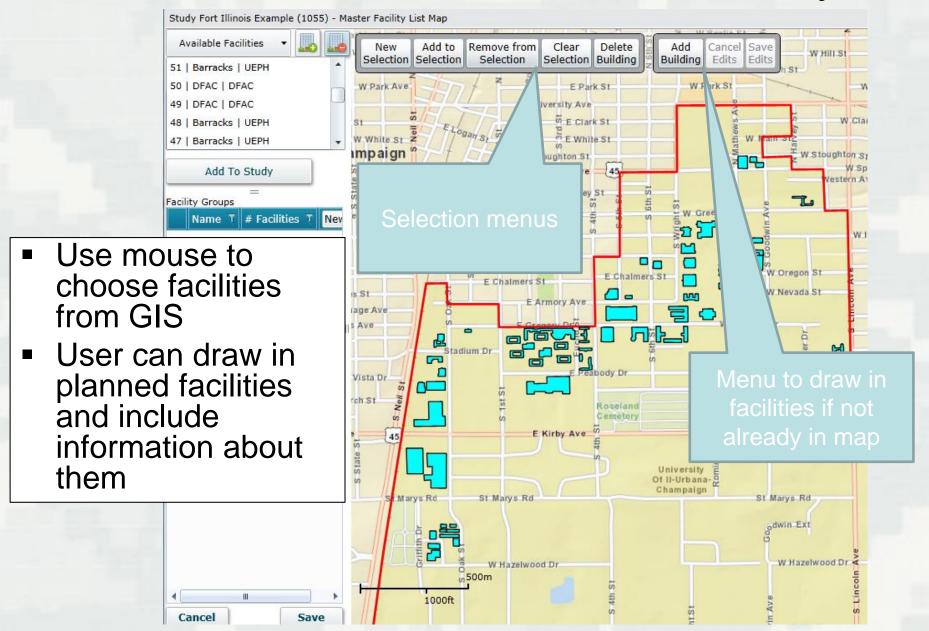
## Setting up a Study



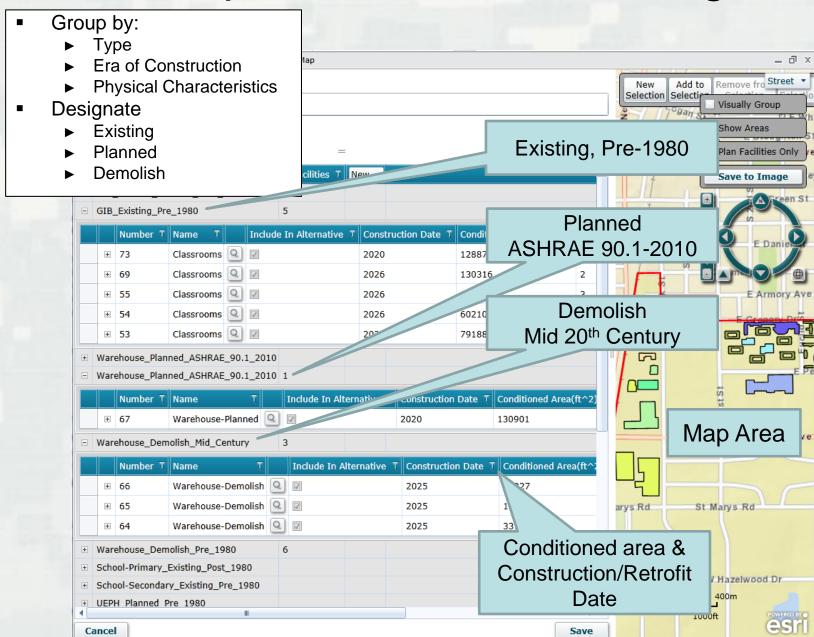
# Begin with Geospatial Information System (GIS) Map of Installation



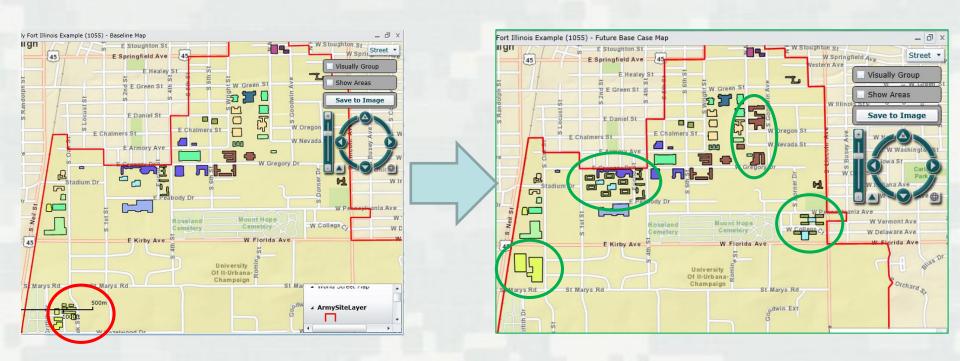
## Select Facilities to Include in Study



## Group Facilities for Modeling



# Compare Baseline and Future Alternatives



Today



**Future** 



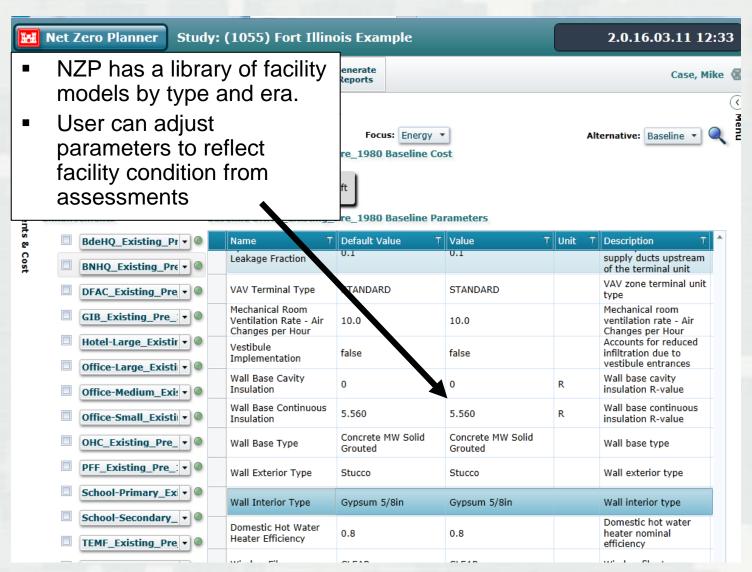


## **FACILITY LOAD ANALYSIS**

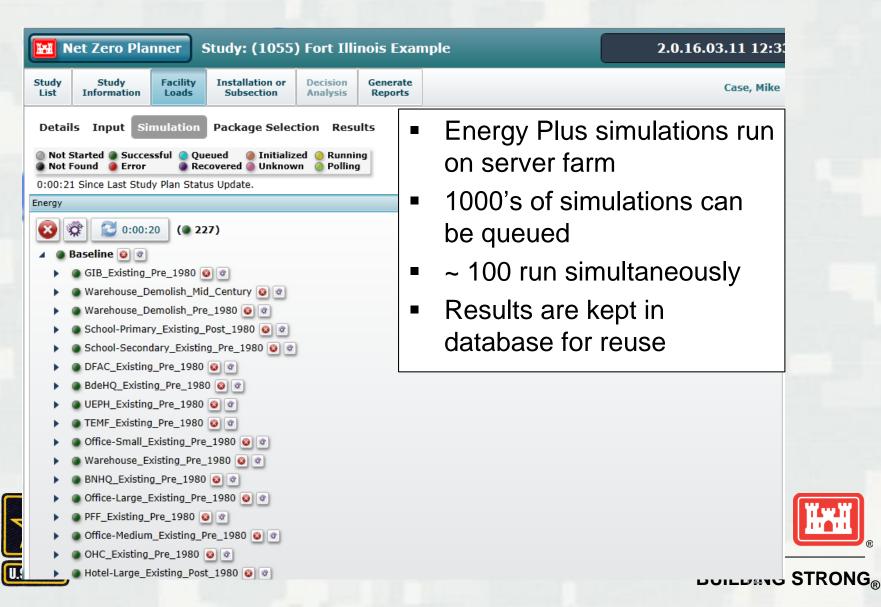




## Adjust Baseline Parameters



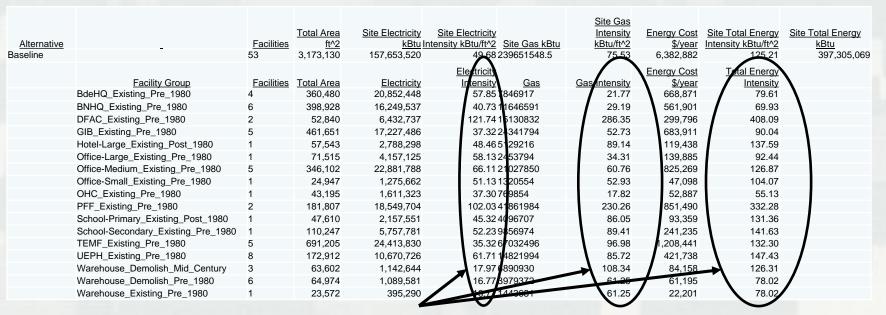
## Simulate Facility Energy Use



## Calibrate Facility Simulation Models

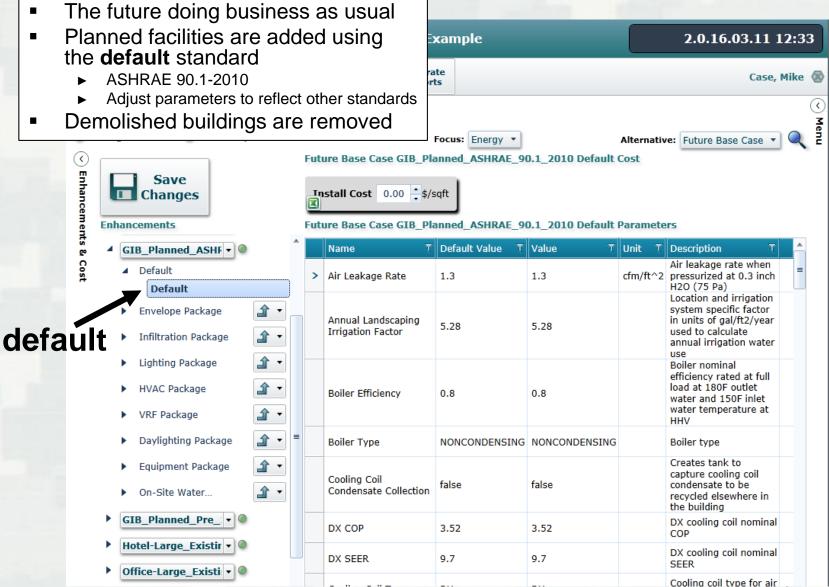
- Use utility bills, meter data, assessments
- Use available data to get the best match between models and data.
- May or may not have individual facility meter data or sub-meter data



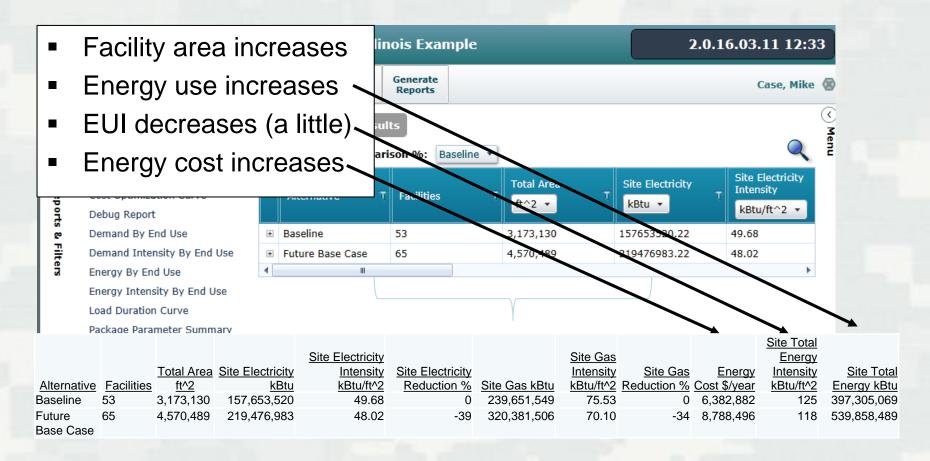


Calibrate baselines against Energy Use Intensities (EUI) by Facility Group

## Build the Base Case Using Simulation



#### Base Case vs. Baseline

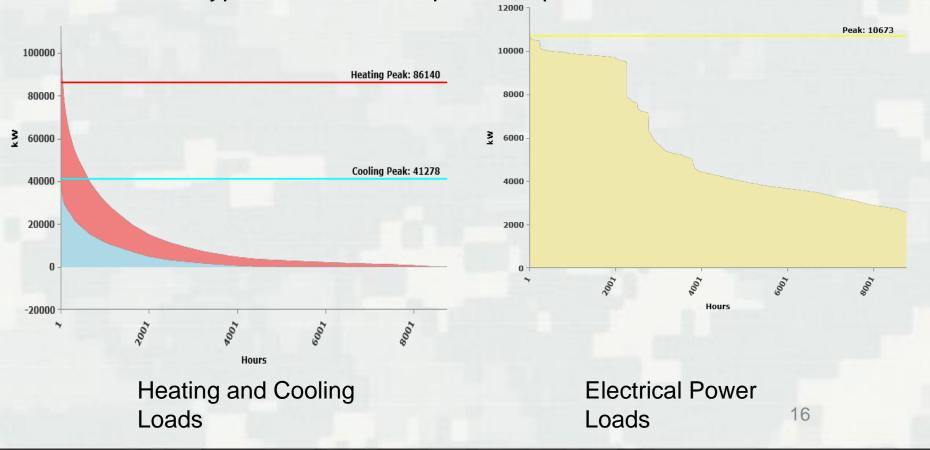






#### **Base Case Load Duration Curves**

- Use for resilience planning
- Used to determine base loading & peaking requirements
- Shows combined loads of all facilities in the study
- Different types of facilities experience peak load as different times



## Create Alternative Scenario(s)

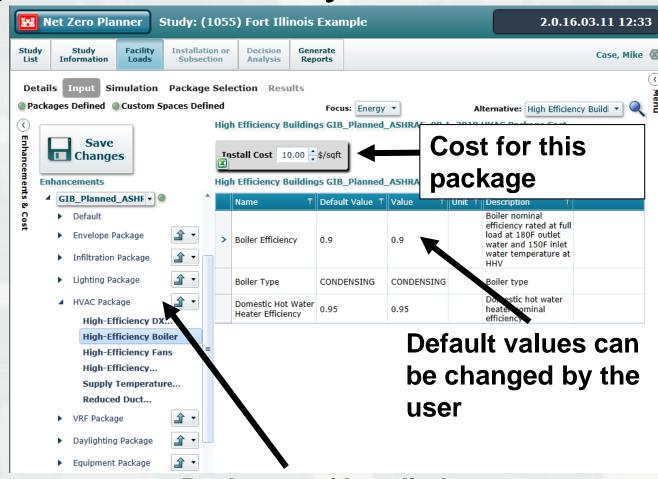
- For planned buildings, can simulate measures more efficient than the standard
- For existing buildings due for a major retrofit, can simulate deep energy retrofit measures
- For the rest, look at typical minor improvements, ESCOs, etc.
- As many alternatives as you want to consider
- Different funding levels and energy prices tool gives an opportunity to ask – "What if?"





## SMPL/NZP Automatically Simulates "Packages" of Efficiency Measures

- Measures vary by facility type and climate zone
- Costs per package based on delta from standard
- User can change parameters and costs to reflect higher or lower efficiencies
- Costs and efficiency effects are cumulative as packages are combined

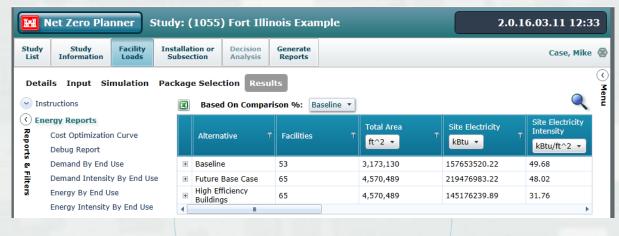


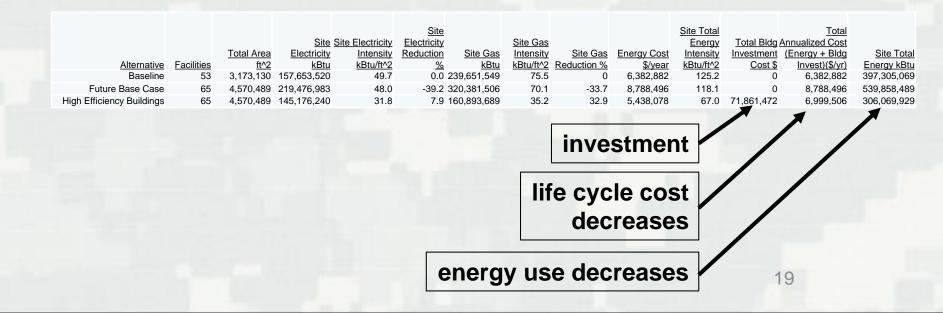
Packages of bundled measures

#### Results - High Efficiency Facilities Alternative

## Despite facility area increase of 44%:

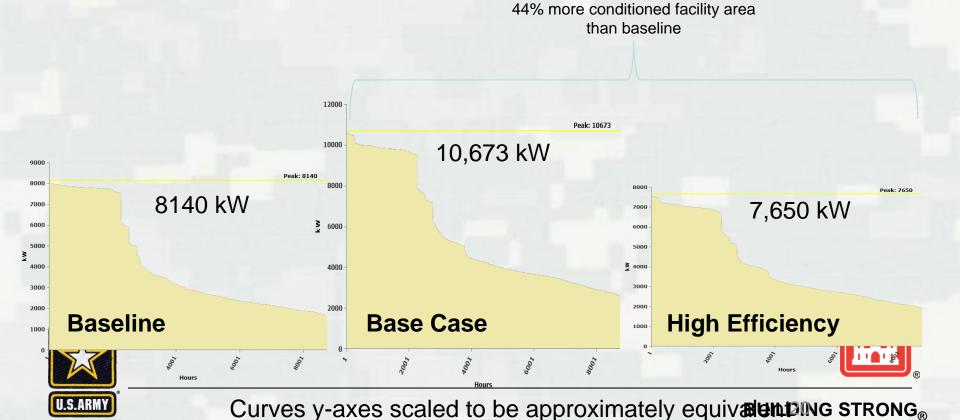
- EUI and total energy use decreased by 43%
- Requires additional investment of ~\$72M
- Annualized cost decreased by 20%





#### Compare Electrical Load Duration Curves

- Many Installations are constrained by their connection to the commercial grid
- Resilience is improved by lowering electrical power peak loads



# INSTALLATION ENERGY CONVERSION AND DISTRIBUTION: CLUSTER ANALYSIS





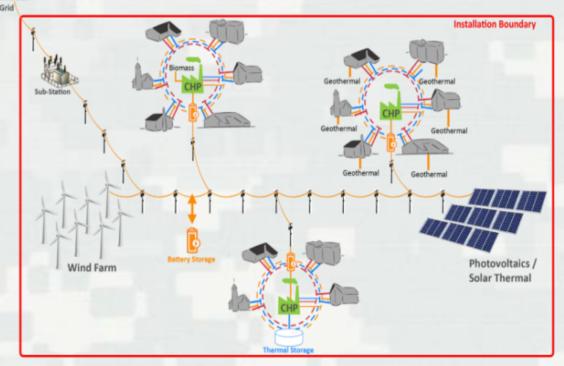
## Optimizing Supply and Distribution

Loads were determined in the previous section

What is the most cost effective way to meet those loads?

- How long can the community run using onsite generation?
- Distribution
  - ▶ Electrical Power Grid?
  - Decentralized Heating/ Cooling (Natural Gas Grid)?
  - ▶ District Heating/Cooling?
- Storage
  - ▶ Thermal
  - Electrical
- Supply
  - ▶ Renewables?
    - Solar
    - Wind
    - Biomass
    - Etc.

Fossil Fuels?





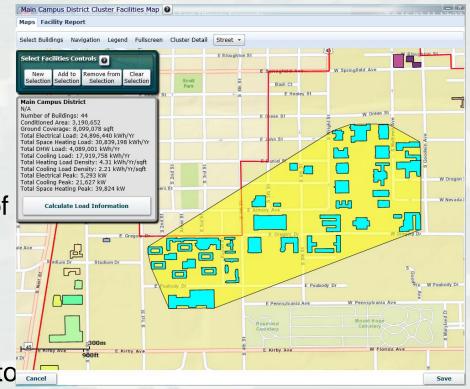




#### The SMPL/NZP Tool Optimizes "Clusters" for Supply Options

A cluster is a group of facilities and systems selected by the user for supply options

- No Technology bias, use data and costs for optimization
- SMPL-NZP Tool calculates loads and uses a database of distribution, supply, and storage options
- Optimization uses Mixed-Integer Linear Programming (MILP using AMPL-CPLEX) to meet the loads at the lowest cost.







## Technologies Considered

- Boilers (central & distributed)
- Chillers (central & distributed)
- Engines (Natural Gas, Diesel)
- Gas Turbines (inc. Cogen)
- Steam Turbines
- Combined Cycle Turbines
- Solar Photovoltaic
- Wind Turbines
- Biomass (incl. Cogen)
- Organic Rankine Cycle
- Waste to energy
- Various sizes of above

- High temperature hot water district
- Low temperature hot water district
- Steam district
- Hot Water Storage
- Chilled Water Storage
- Electrical Storage

86 combinations of above technologies in various sizes are in the tool.

The User can add technologies as desired:

- Capacity (size)
- Conversion efficiency
- Installation cost
- Maintenance costs
- Losses (for storage and networks.

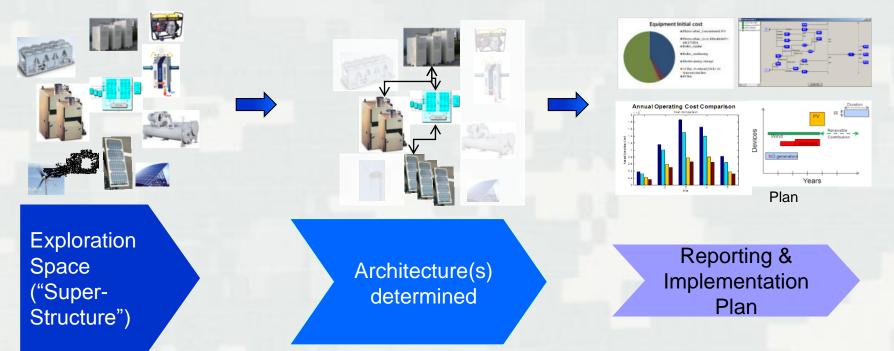
#### **Set Constraints**

#### Constraints include:

- Critical electrical load => resilience
- Maximum Carbon Footprint
- Excess generated electrical power can be exported (Net Metering) - (yes/no)
- Redundancy (e.g., n + 1)
- Maximum Investment cost
- Maximum available combustibles (for waste to energy)
- Project lifetime

## NZI Optimization Tool (NZI-Opt)

NZI-Opt is a module of SMPL/NZP that is used to find the lowest life cycle-cost equipment suite to meet the "cluster level" demands while meeting a set of defined constraints. Cluster level demands can include heating, cooling, electric, critical electric, water, waste, etc.



#### How it works

NZI-Opt begins with definitions for all possible equipment pieces that could serve the cluster demands. These definitions include region-independent parameters such as efficiency, energy inputs, and energy outputs. Some equipment examples are shown below.



**Electric Chiller** 



**Diesel Generator** 



Photovoltaic



AC Bus



**Absorption Chiller** 



Fuel Cell



Gas Boiler



Wind Turbine



Gas Turbine



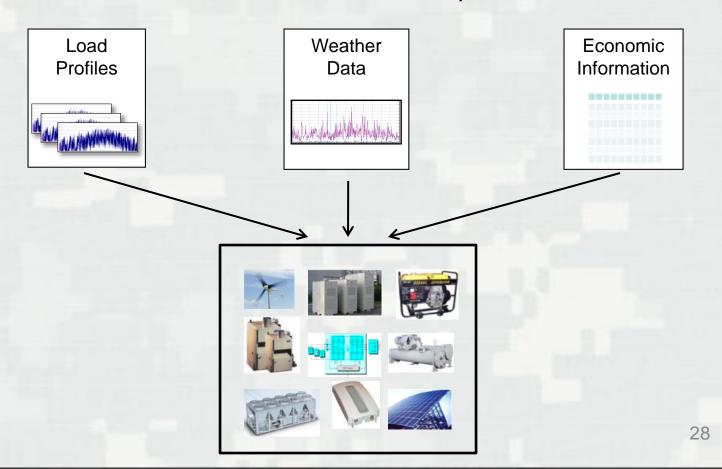
Organic Rankine Cycle



Electric Heater 27

## Installation Specific Inputs

Load profiles are input to provide the demands that must be met by the "supply" equipment. Weather data provides the necessary information for determining the potential of renewable sources. Economic data provides regionally specific information on utility cost schedules, equipment installation and maintenance costs, and fuel prices.



#### Selecting a Supply Architecture

The optimization process determines the best suite of equipment by ensuring that the demands for heat, cooling, electric, etc are fulfilled at each of the 8760 hours in the year, while satisfying the additional environmental and legislative requirements.



Electric Chiller



**Diesel Generator** 



**Photovoltaic** 



AC Bus



**Absorption Chiller** 



Fuel Cell





Wind Turbine



Gas Boiler



Gas Turbine



Organic Rankine Cycle



Electric Heater 29

## Selecting a Supply Architecture

The optimization process determines the best suite of equipment by ensuring that the demands for heat, cooling, electric, etc are fulfilled at each of the 8760 hours in the year, while satisfying the additional environmental and legislative requirements.











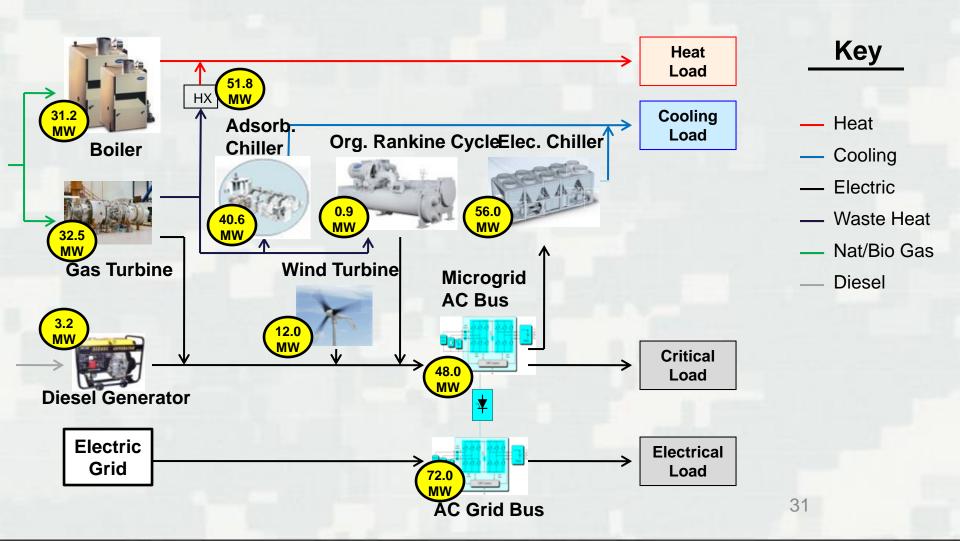




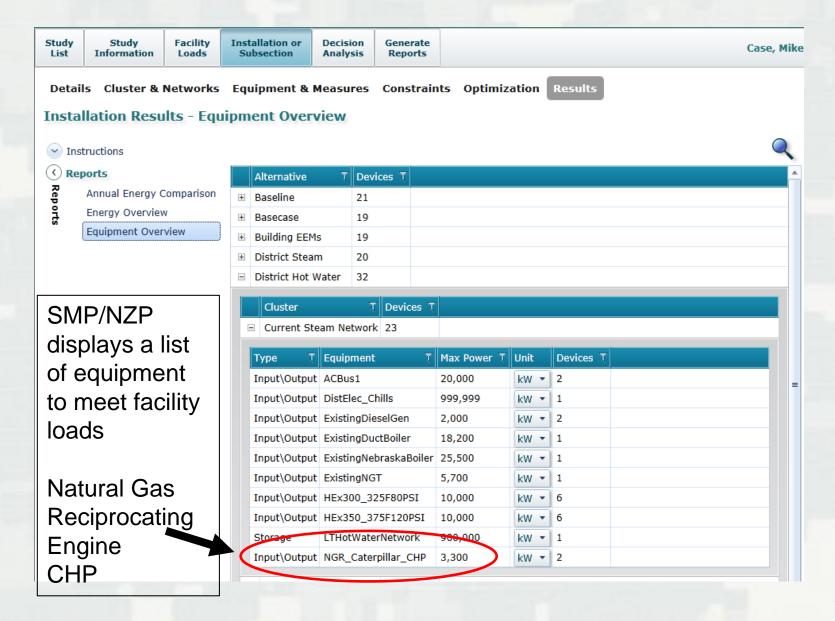


## Sizing the Supply Equipment

Specific equipment pieces are sized and their interactions with each other are tracked throughout the year. The result is a complete "supply" solution that provides the sizing, initial cost, and operating cost of every piece of equipment in the lowest cost solution.



#### Cluster Results



## **DECISION SUPPORT**

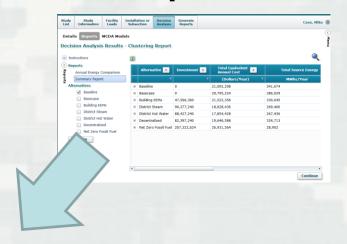




#### **Decision Support**

## Decision Support Example

- SMPL/NZP produces an "analysis of alternatives" decision matrix
- Includes energy consumption, investment, and data for LCC and Simple payback
- In this example, converting district steam to hot water is the most LCC effective alternative.



	SI Units NZP Energy (MWh/yr)							
Scenarios	Total Fossil Fuel + Biomass Fuel	Total Electric ity	Total Site Energy	Total Source Energy	% Source Energy Reductio n from Baseline	Investment \$	Life Cycle Cost (Disc Rate = 3%)	Simple Paybac k Yrs
Baseline	258,810	23,228	282,038	348,550	0%			
Basecase	259,424	31,020	290,444	375,219	-8%		\$477,361,000	
District Steam	196,254	14,488	210,742	253,866	27%	\$155,220,000	\$460,051,000	25
District Hot								
Water	188,011	16,189	204,200	250,916	28%	\$144,570,000	\$435,313,000	21
Decentralized	45,564	78,232	123,796	308,998	11%	\$141,240,000	\$467,827,000	27
Net Zero Fossil	2,828							* See
Fuel	/303,132	2,297	307,957	40,628	88%	\$193,155,480	\$562,650,000	Note

# SMPL-NZP Tool Training Videos available on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2sdFPLVc5TENXyuRL4SzNw

Search for "NZP Tool" in YouTube





#### SMPL-NZP Tool Training and Tech Manual

Master Planning Training Courses Developed (DOD Master Planning Institute/PROSPECT)

Course 258: Master Planning Energy and Sustainability addressing the SCP/ process

Next offering: 13-16 March 2018, New Orleans, LA

Course 163: Master Planning Sustainability and Resilience addressing how to use SMPL/NZP Modeling Tool to assess different Energy, water, and waste

Next offering: 24-26 April 2018, Champaign, IL

There is a Pre-Final version SCP/ Technical Manual

#### Conclusions

- The SMPL/NZP tool provide a simple Interface to POWERFUL underlying tools, i.e. EnergyPlus, AMPL, CPLEX, etc.
- SMPL/NZP Tool analysis and training currently available through U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ERDC-CERL also has a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement with Big Ladder Software. https://bigladdersoftware.com





## **Questions?**

Michael.p.case@usace.army.mil





## Backup Slides

39





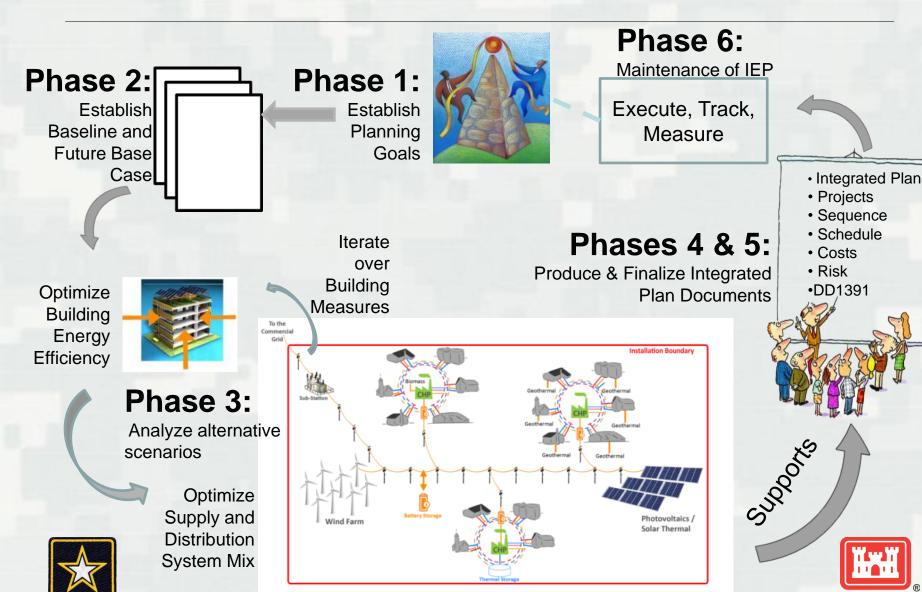
## U.S. Office of Secretary of Defense Installation Energy Plan Guidance, March 31, 2016

SMPL/NZP Tool directly supports Phases 1-3 and 6. It provides supporting data for phases 4 and 5.

- ✓ Phase 1: Identify the team, tasks, deliverables, and goals
- ✓ Phase 2: Establish baseline and future base case
- ✓ Phase 3: Establish alternative scenarios and analyze gaps
- Phase 4: Develop and sequence projects and activities
- Phase 5: Assemble review and finalize document
- ✓ Phase 6: Execution and maintenance of the Installation Energy Plan (allows iteration on the plan due to unforeseen circumstances)



#### **SMPL-NZP Tool Process in a web based tool**



## **Useful Definitions**

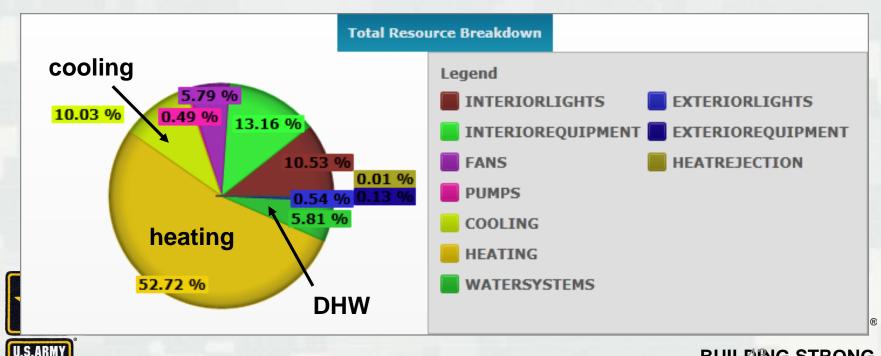
- Goal A target goal for analysis. Not a commitment or decision.
- Baseline A snapshot of the current energy use situation. The baseline is one reference point used to evaluate alternative futures.
- Base Case This scenario extends the baseline into the future and includes already-funded renovation as well as planned construction and demolition activities. The base case is a future reference point for "business as usual."
- Alternative(s) A selected set of scenarios that include different energy measures related to buildings, distribution systems, and generation systems. These scenarios are compared to the baseline for energy use change and to the Base Case for investment and operational costs.
- District/Cluster a group of buildings and systems to be considered in the analysis.





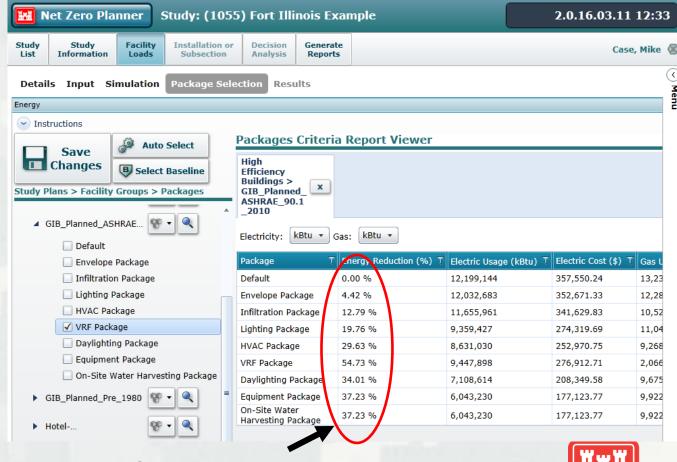
# Facility Load Analysis Future Base Case End Use by Energy Use Intensity

- Examine where energy being used
- For this climate, heating loads dominate



## After Simulation, User Selects Packages

- Energy savings and costs displayed
- User chooses best package for each facility type





Compare energy reduction of packages

