



Oklahoma University Children's Medical Office Building



Oklahoma City, O.K.

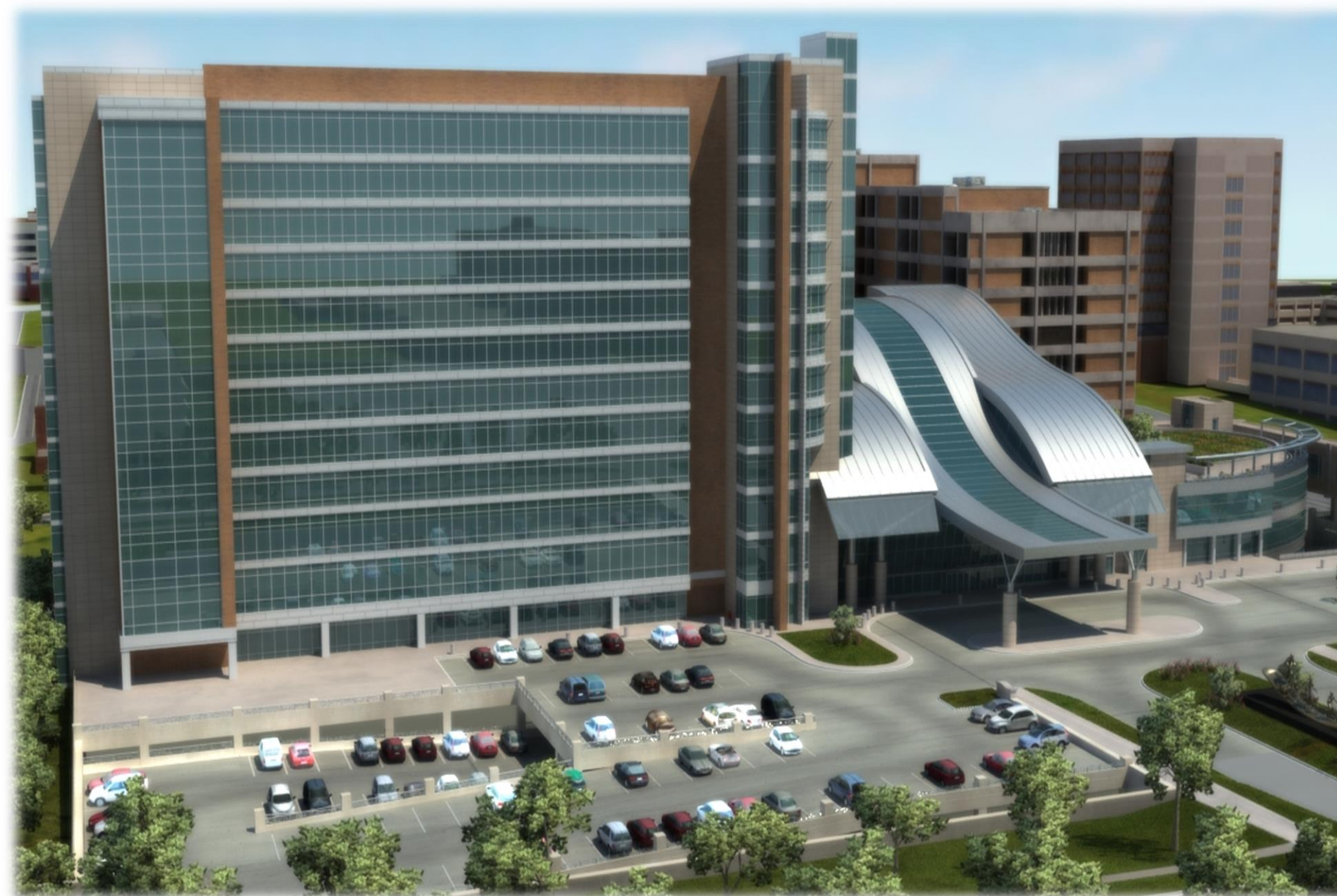
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Presentation Outline

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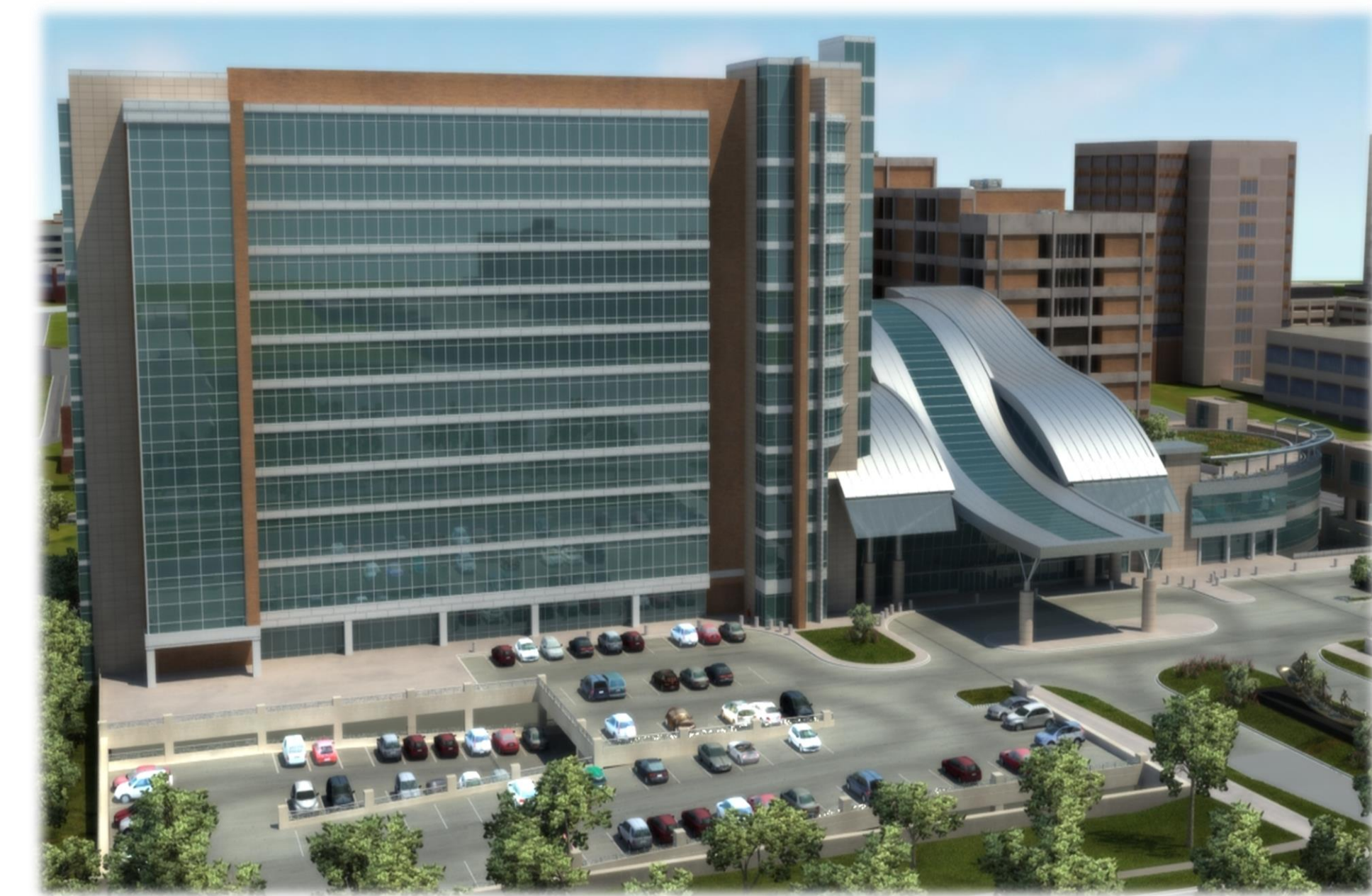


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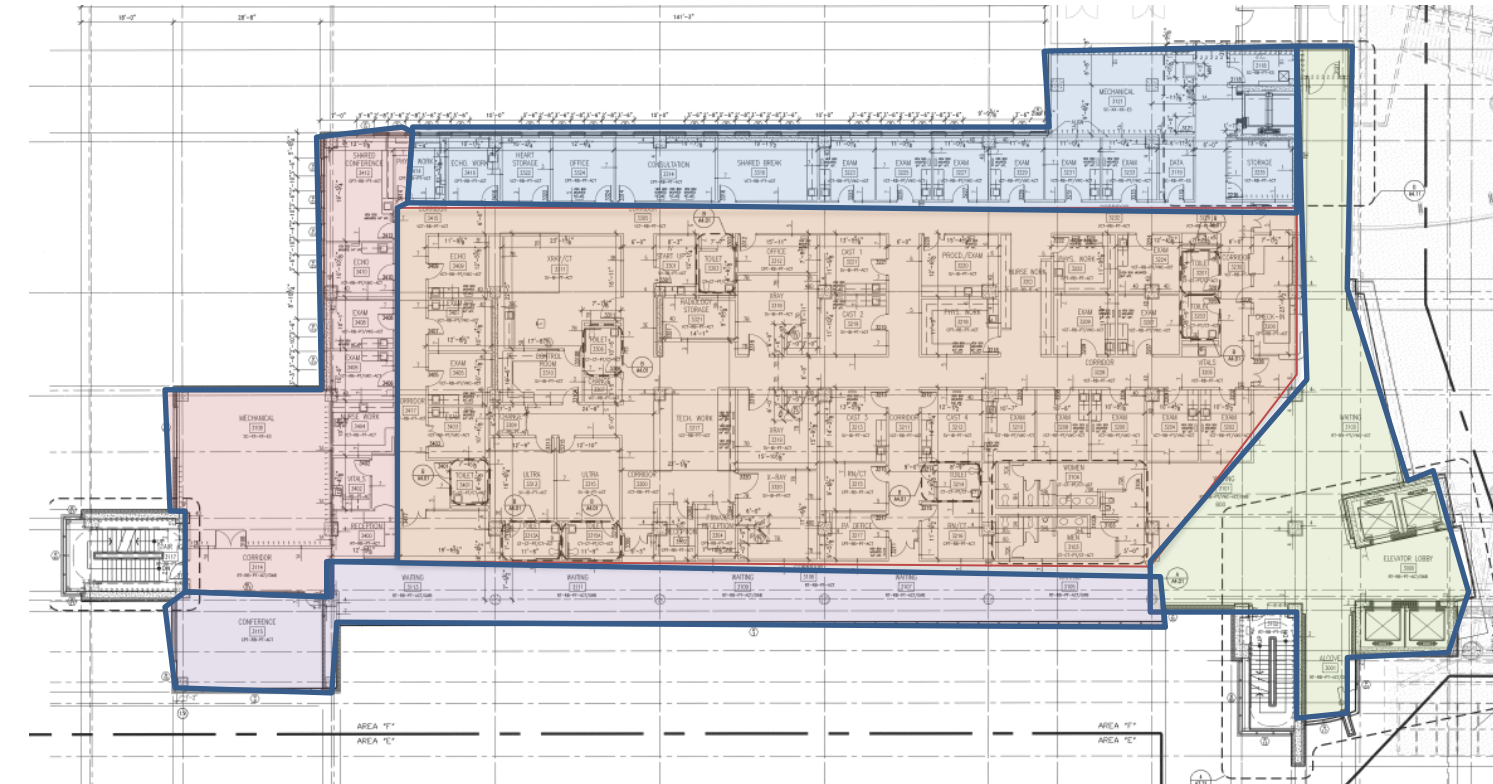
- Location: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Size (Gross Square Feet): 337,000
- 12 Stories Above Grade, 1 Below
- Function: Medical Office Building
- Overall Project Cost: \$ 60,000,000
- Construction: Spring 2006 – Spring 2009



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Floor Layout



Room Locations

- Offices, patient Rooms, and conference rooms populate the North and East exterior faces.
- Waiting areas and the main lobby are located on the South and West side
- All other labs, exam rooms, and special equipment rooms such a X-ray rooms dominate the interior

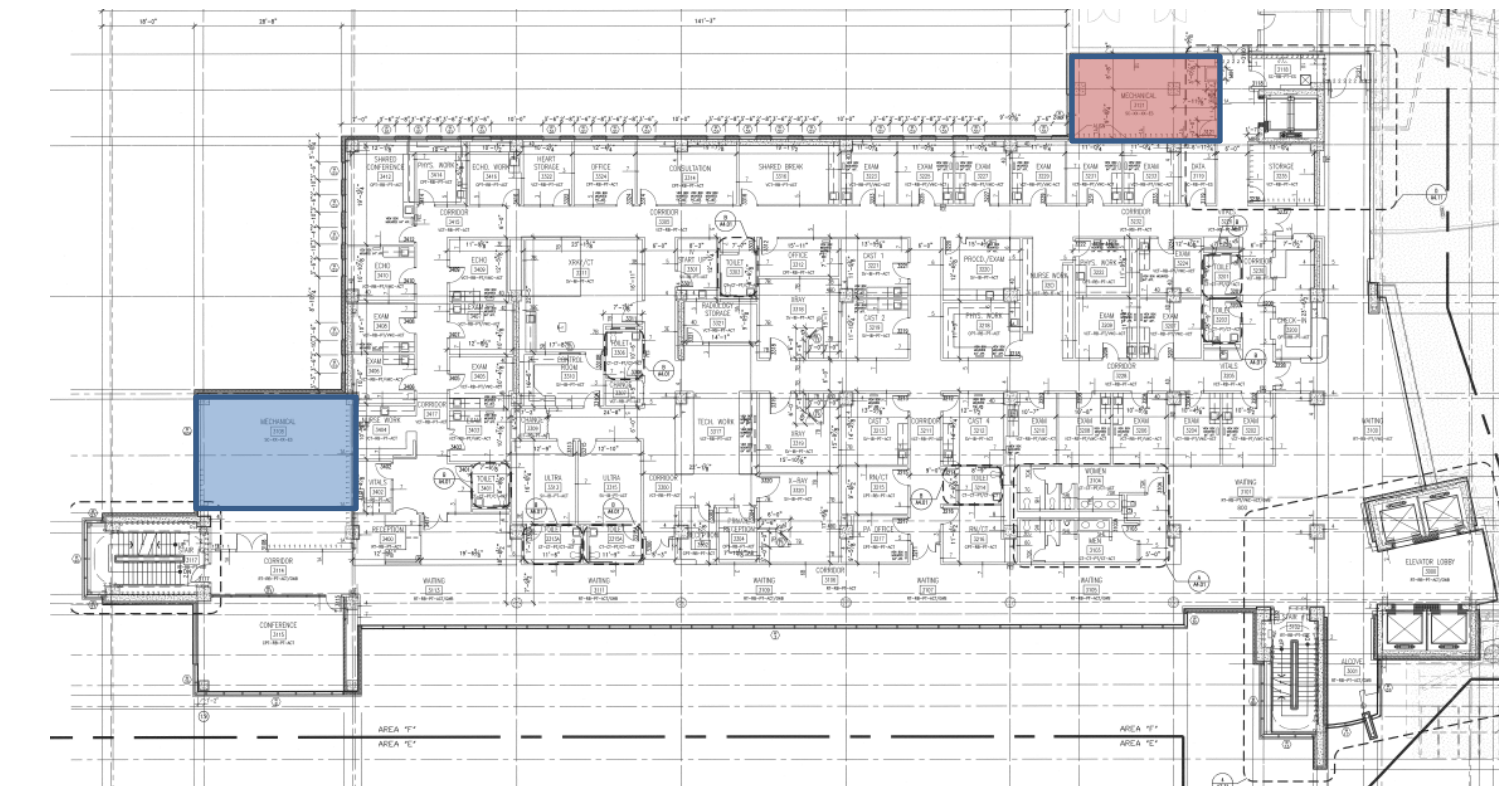
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Mechanical Design

- Floor-by-floor air handling systems
- 12 Air Handling Units in Total
- Utilizes hydronic heat and cooling supplied by central plant to main mechanical room in the basement
- VAV terminal units distribute air to each space
- Heating water for zone reheat

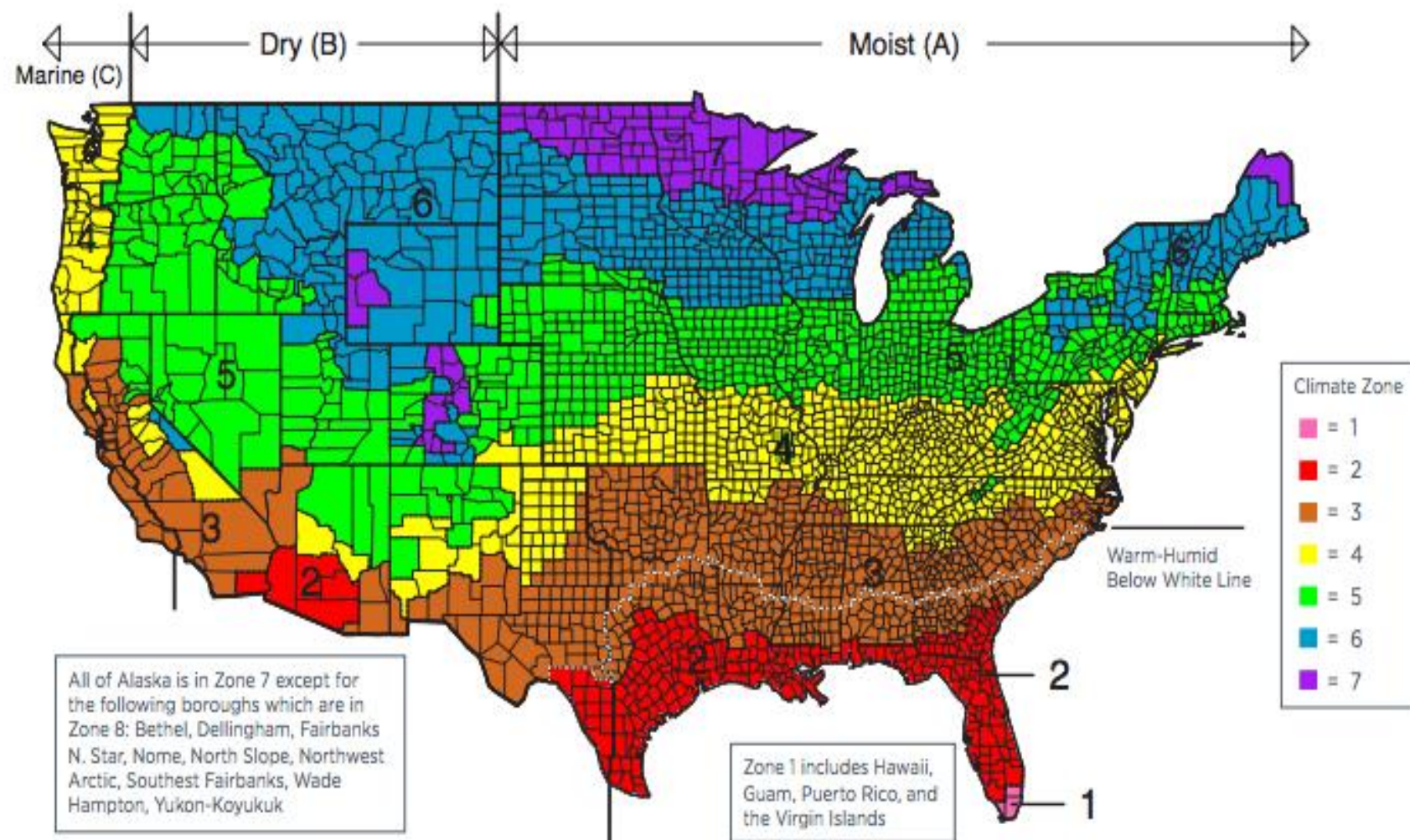
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Climate Zone



Design Conditions

Oklahoma City resides in Climate Zone 3A, which is characterized as being Warm-Humid

Design Settings	Summer	Winter
Outdoor Air Dry Bulb [°F]	96	17
Outdoor Air Wet Bulb [°F]	75	-
Relative Humidity [%RH]	50	
Indoor Air Dry Bulb [°F]	75	72
Indoor Air Wet Bulb [°F]	62	60

Existing Conditions

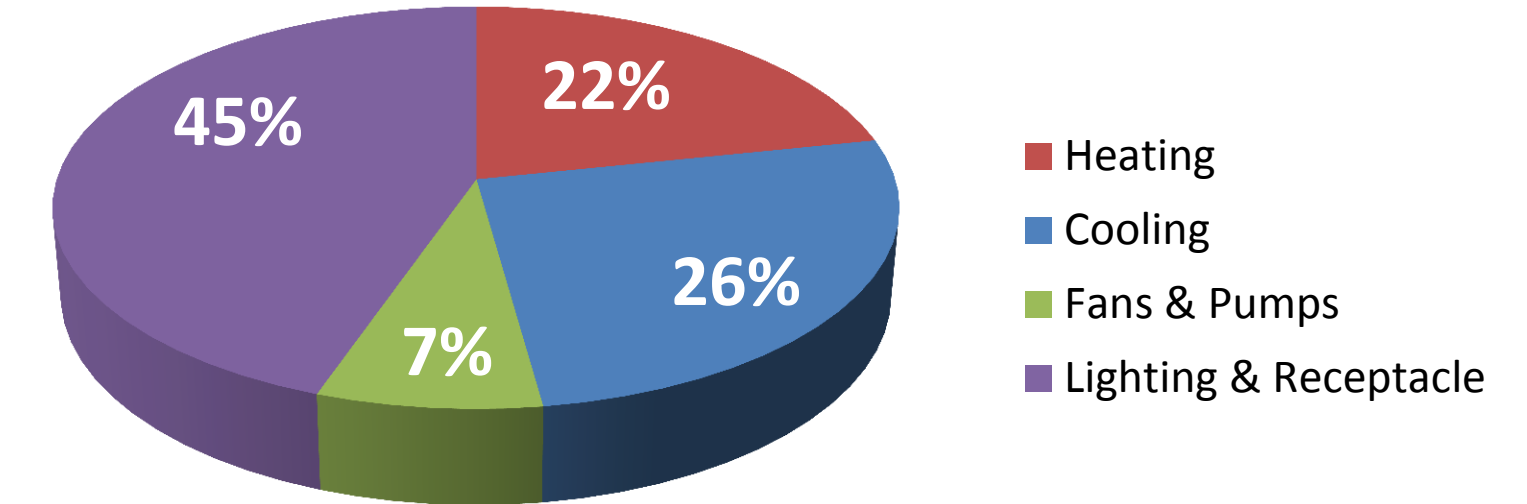
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Air Handling Unit Schedule

Floor	Design vs. Calculated Airflow		
	Designed [cfm]	Calculated [cfm]	Percent Error
Basement	15000	10929	27.14
Third	25000	25854	3.42
Fourth	25000	25498	1.99
Fifth	25000	25829	3.32
Sixth	25000	26242	4.97
Seventh	25000	25692	2.77
Eighth	25000	26070	4.28
Ninth	25000	23254	6.98
Tenth	25000	23039	7.84

Energy Summary

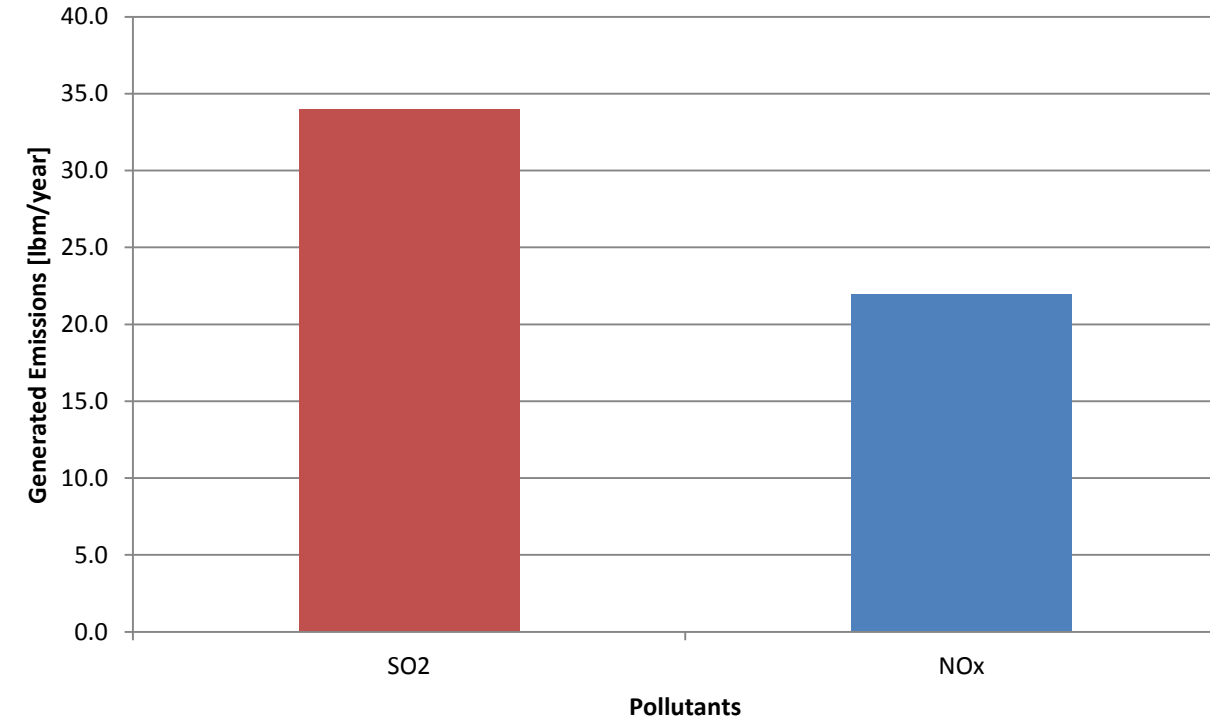
Annual Energy Consumption



Existing Conditions

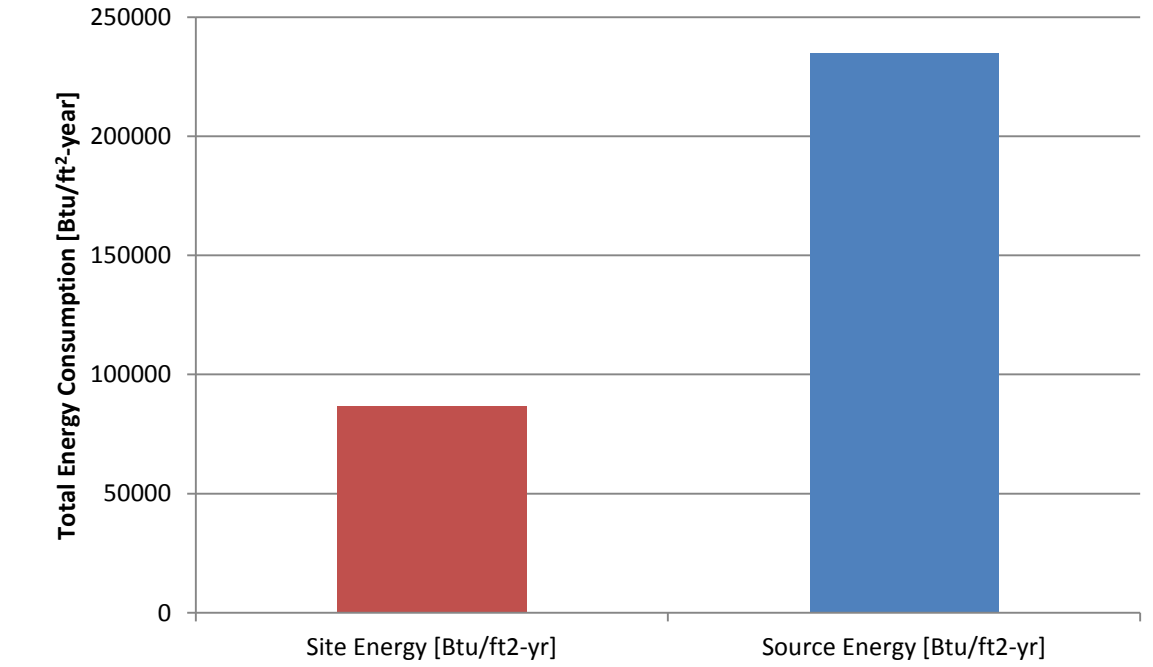
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Emissions



- Estimated CO₂ Emissions: 6,152,946 lbm/year
- Estimated No_x and SO₂ Emissions: 56 lbm/year
- **Total CO₂ Equivalent Emissions: 6,153,002 lbm/year**

Energy Consumption



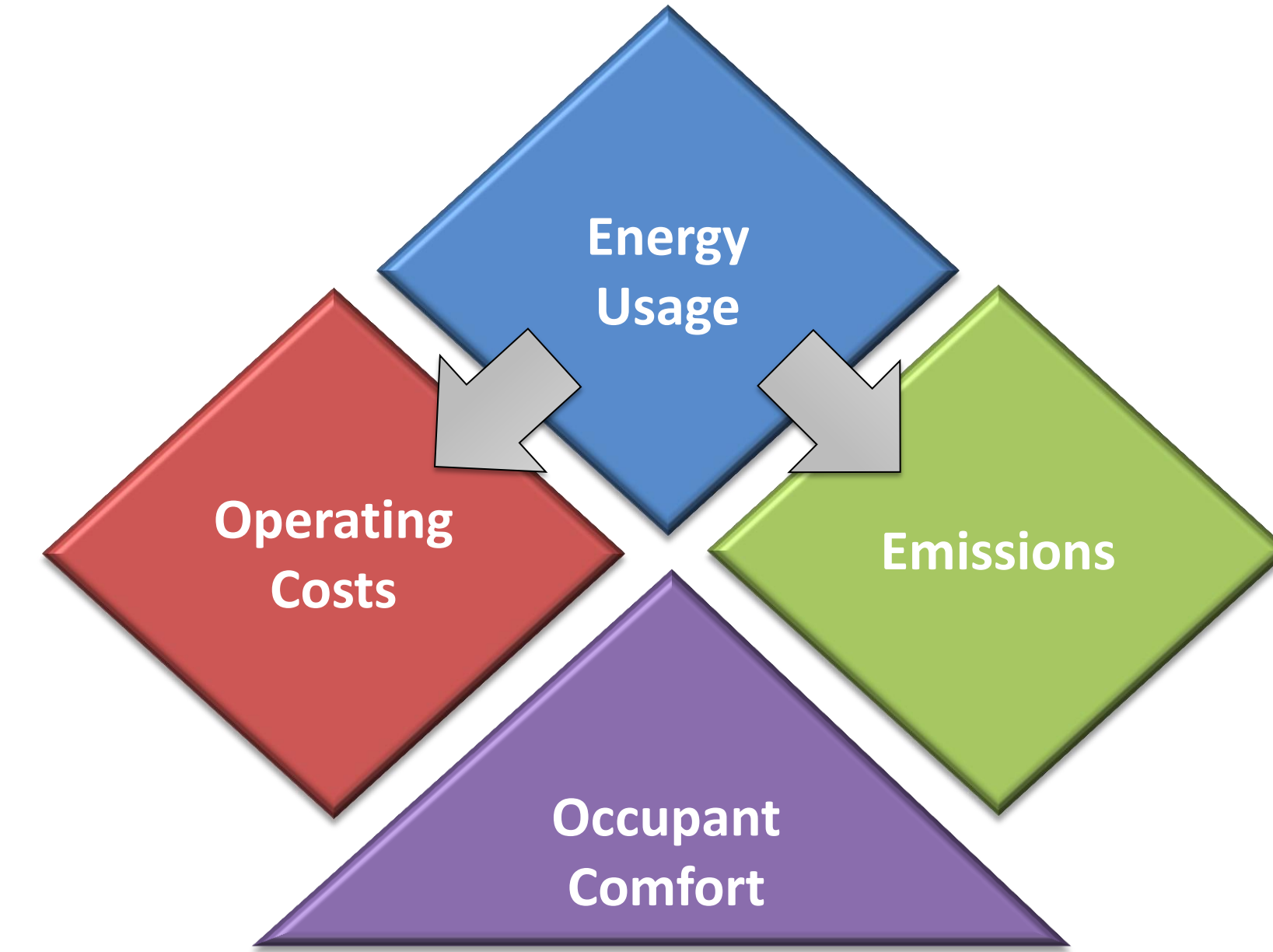
Energy Consumption	
Site Energy [Btu/ft ² -yr]	86724
Source Energy [Btu/ft ² -yr]	234585

Thesis Goals

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Propose a system that could:

- **Reduce energy use**
- **Reduce operating costs**
- **Reduce emissions**
- **Improve occupant temperature control**



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Plan

Design a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system to serve each floor

- Condenser units will be located on the roof
- Indoor units will be paired with a DOAS

Replace existing air handling units on each floor to serve to zones 100% outdoor air and treat incoming air

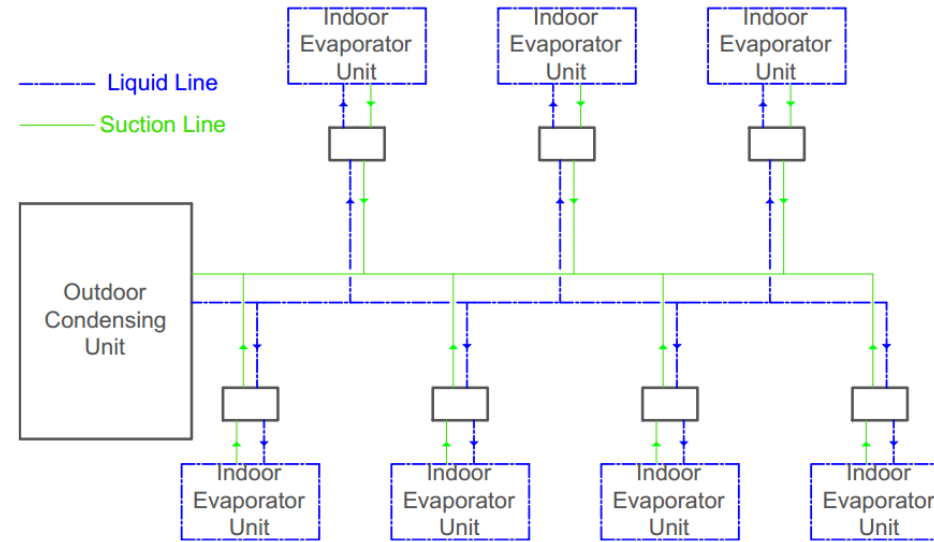
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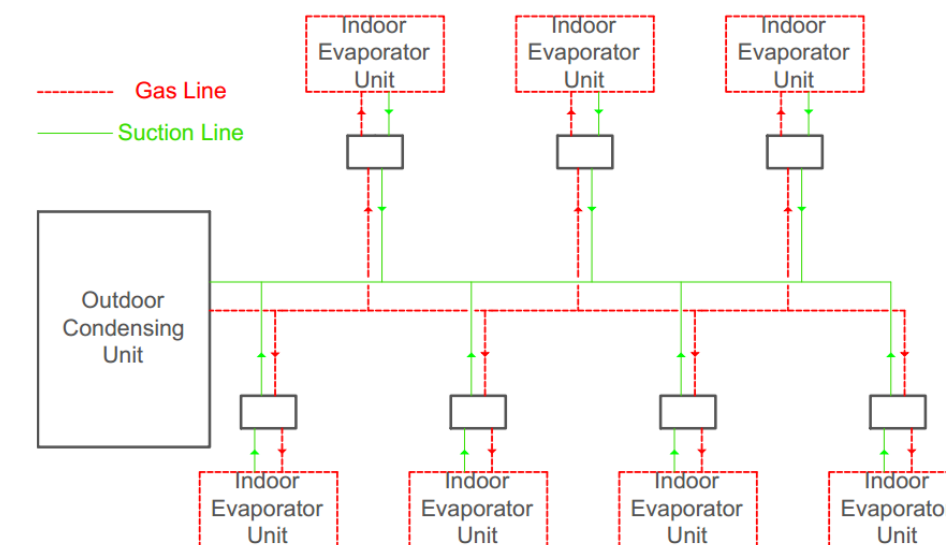
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Basic VRF Design

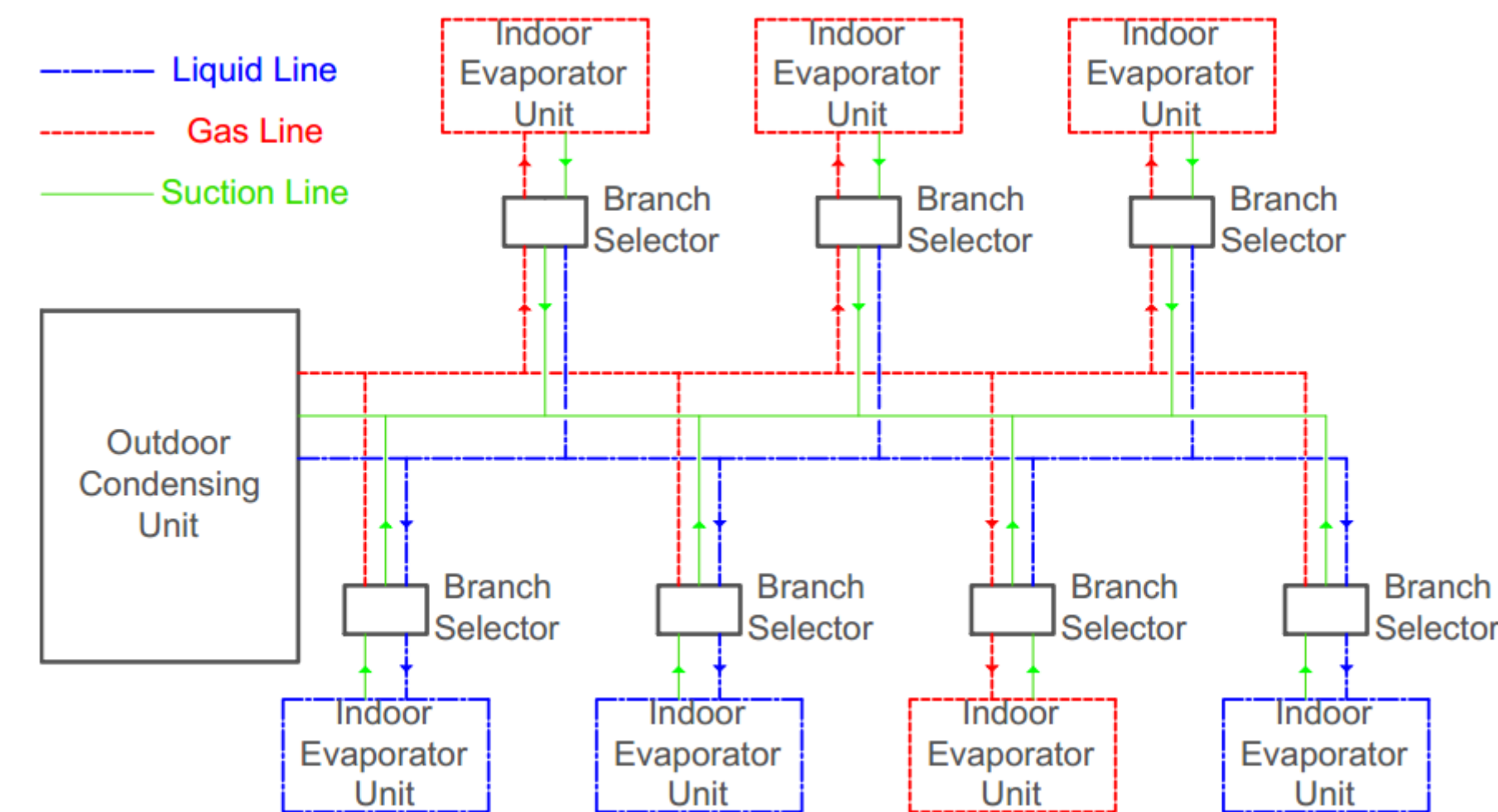


- Cooling Mode
- Basic Refrigeration Cycle

- Heating Mode
- Reverse Heat Pump Cycle
- Outdoor Condensing Unit becomes Evaporator Unit



VRF with Heat Recovery



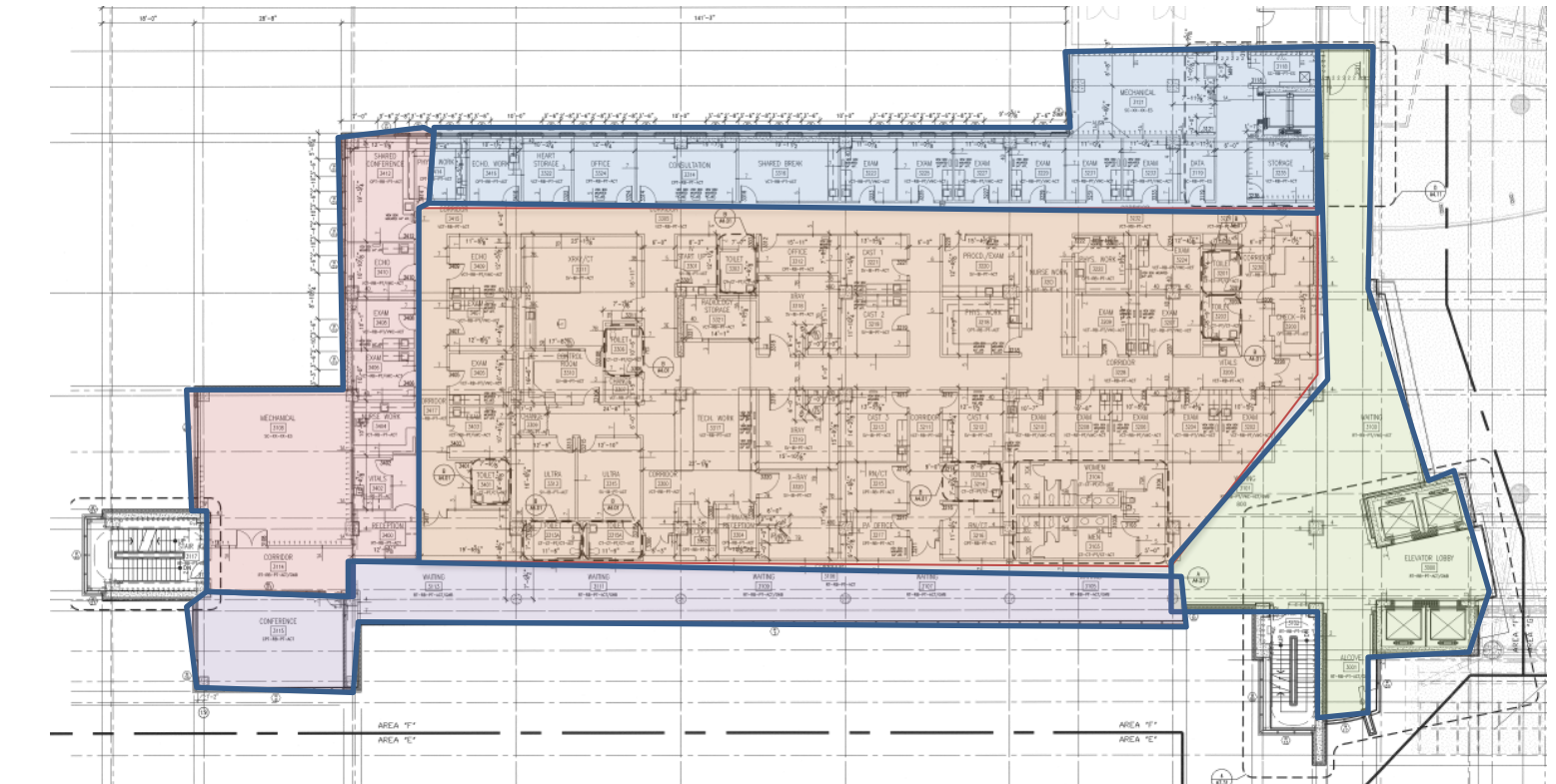
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Loads per Floor

Floor	Cooling [tons]	Heating [MBH]
0	20.8	106.9
3	40.4	59.5
4	39.0	60.4
5	39.6	56.2
6	42.9	61.3
7	41.1	60.7
8	40.3	61.1
9	33.8	51.5
10	35.4	53.4

Typical Floor Layout



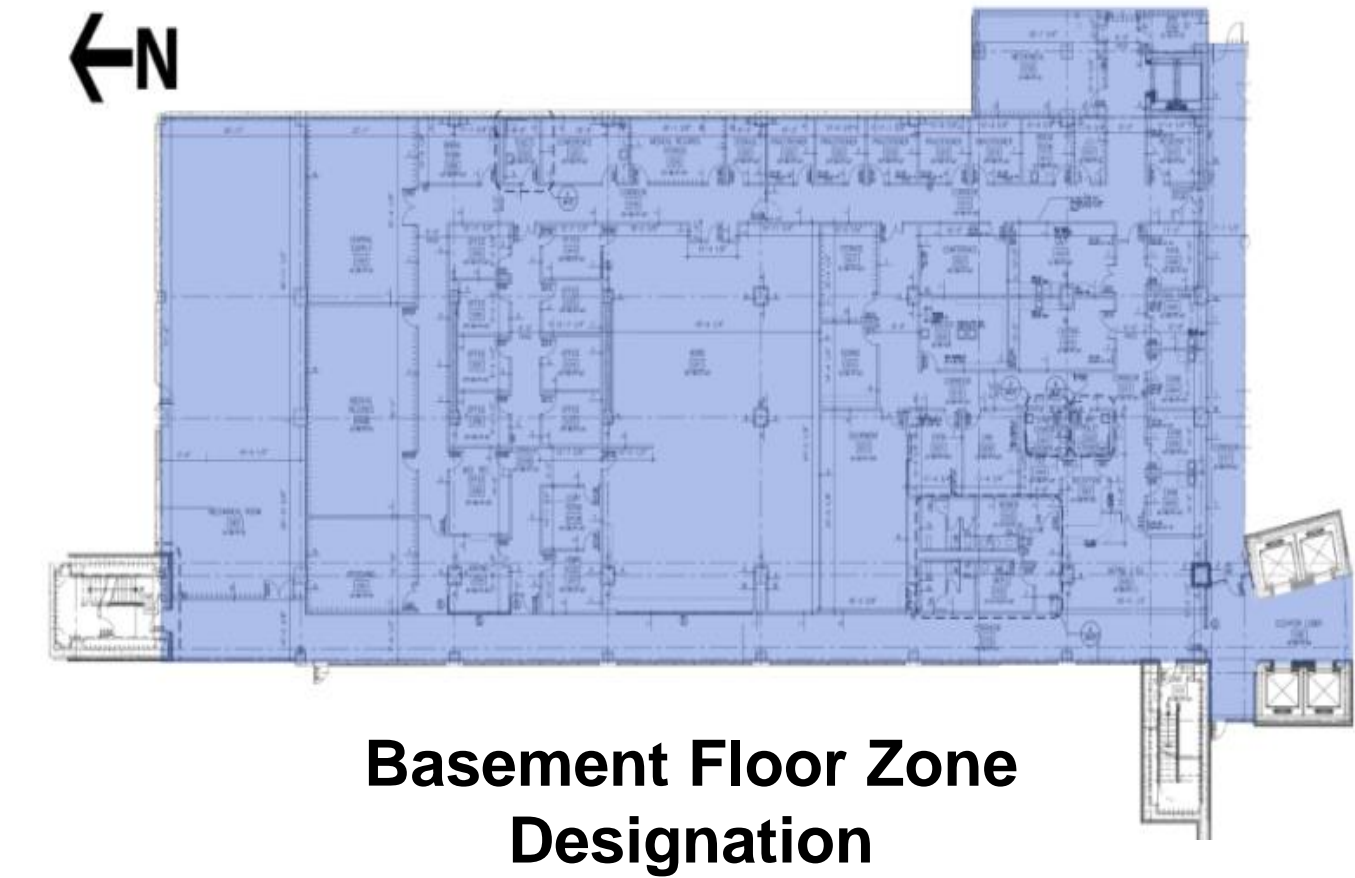
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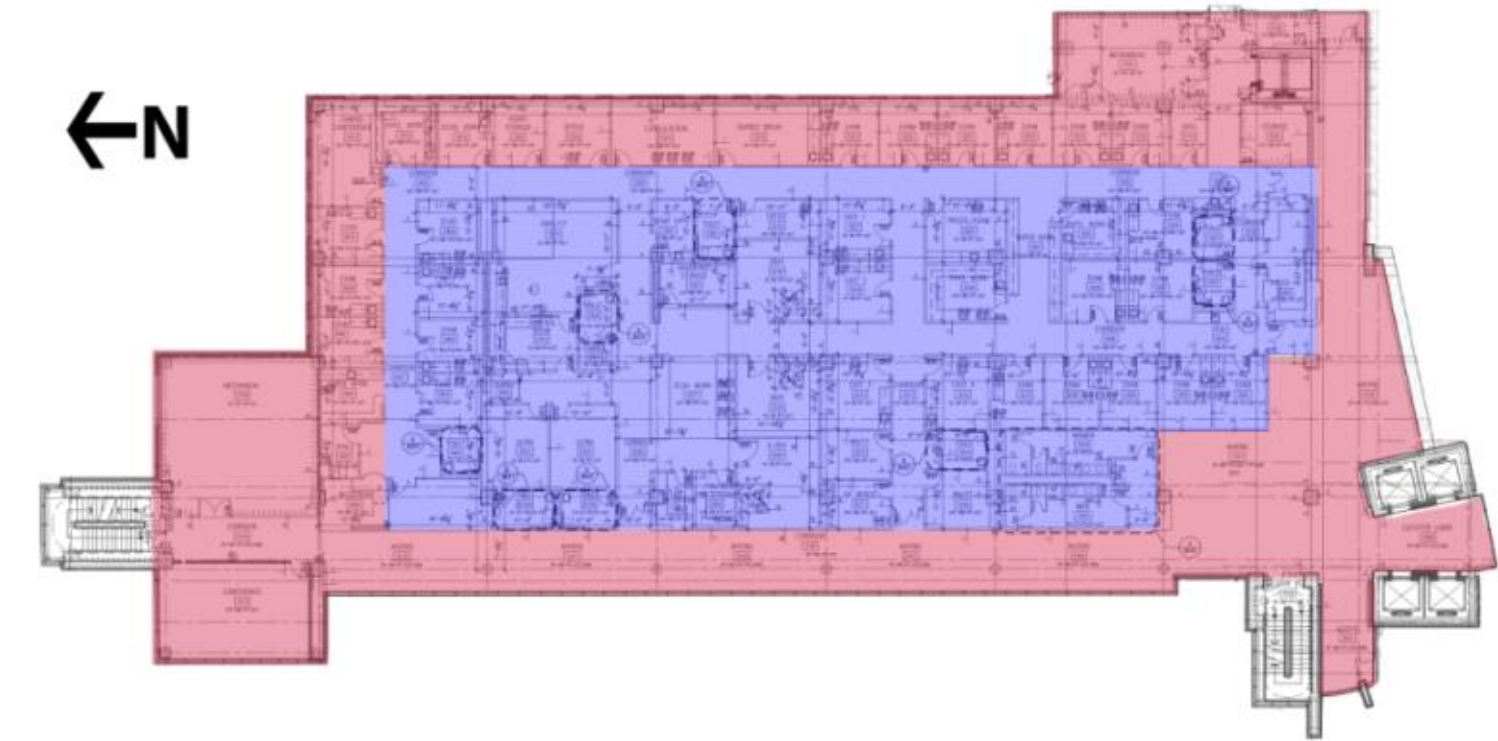
Zone Design



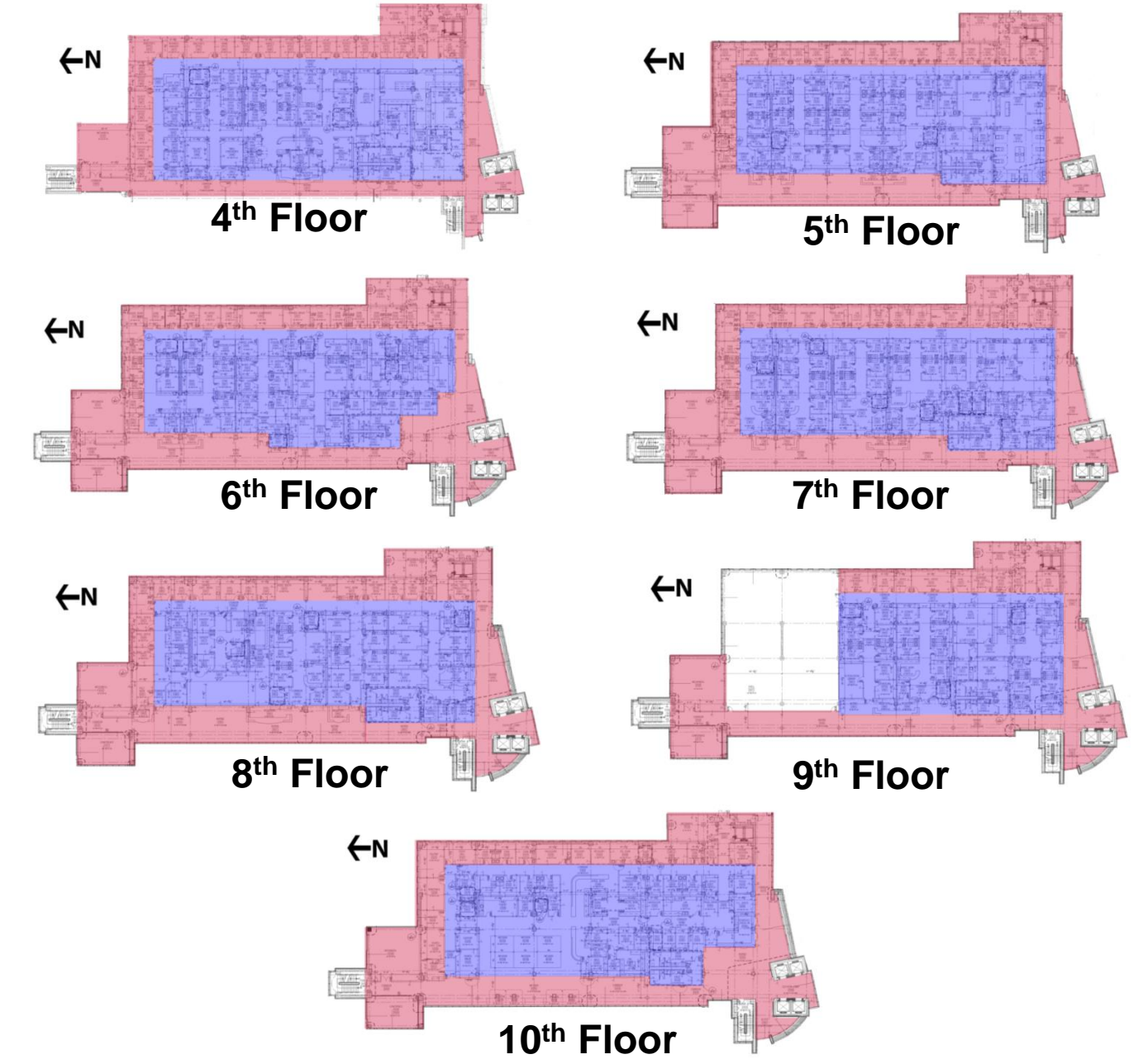
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3rd Floor Zone Designation



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Condenser Schedule

Floor/Units	Condenser Unit Sizes	
	Interior Zone [tons]	Exterior Zone [tons]
F0/CU-1,CU-2	20	-
F3/CU-3,CU-4	10	28
F4/CU-5,CU-6	12	26
F5/CU-7,CU-8	12	26
F6/CU-9,CU-10	12	28
F7/CU-11,CU-12	10	28
F8/CU-13,CU-14	10	28
F9/CU-15,CU-16	8	26
F10/CU-16,CU-17	8	28

General Design Requirements

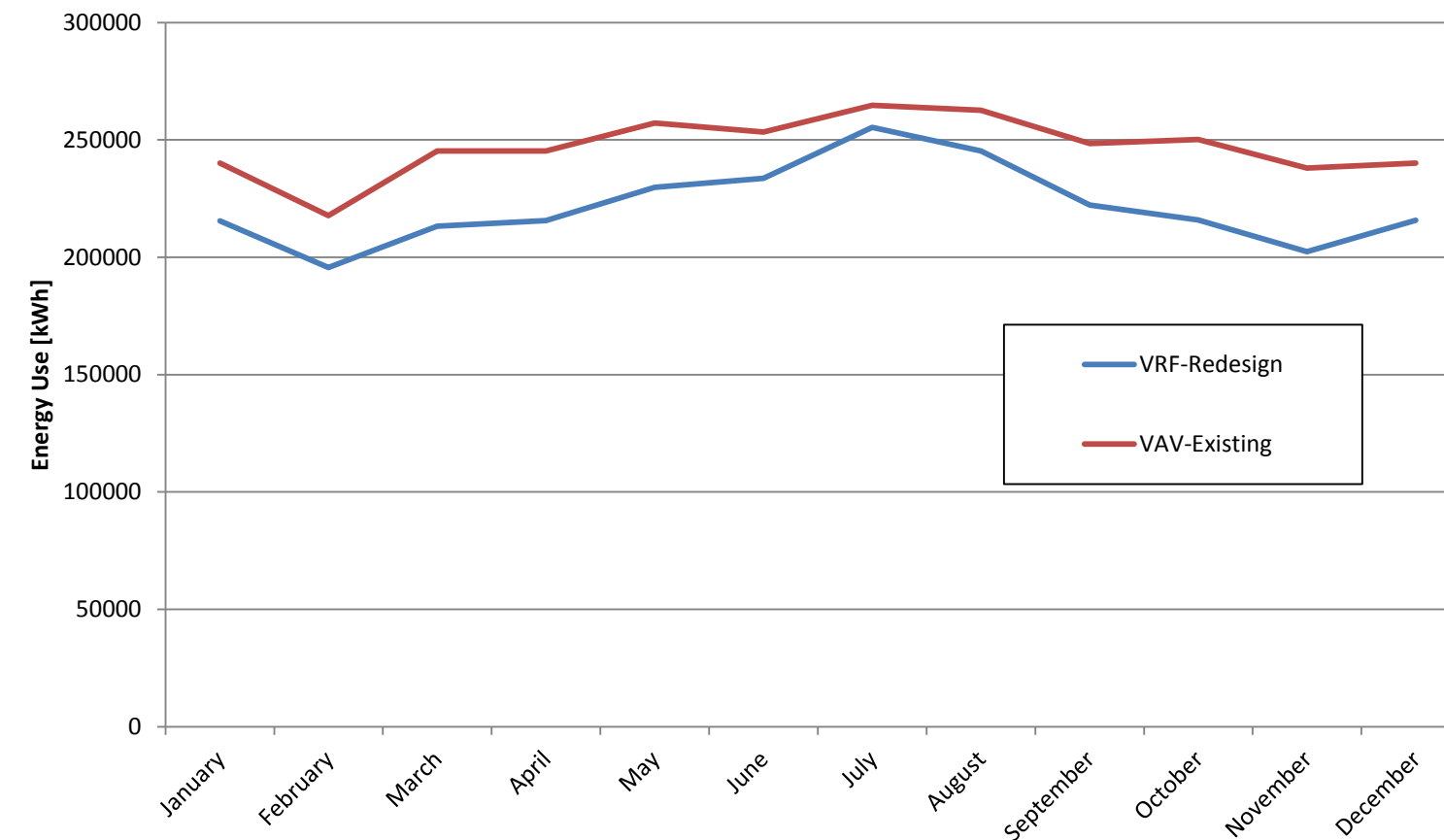
- 540 linear feet of piping between condensing unit and furthest located fan coil unit or equivalent
- 3,280 total one-way piping in the complete piping network
- 164 feet in vertical separation between the condensing unit and the fan coil units
- 49 feet in vertical separation between fan coil units

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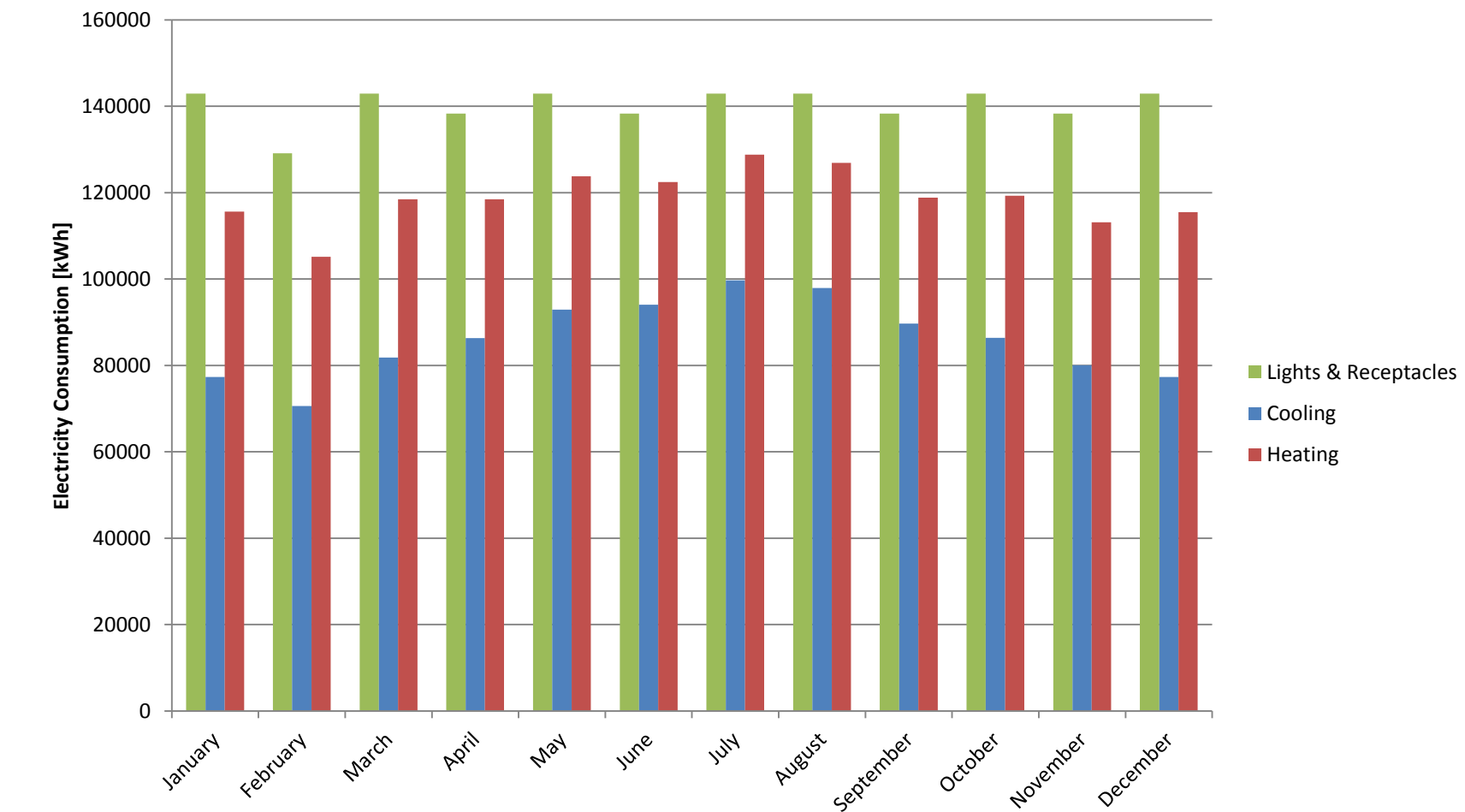
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Monthly Electricity Consumption



System Power Requirements

Existing VAV Design

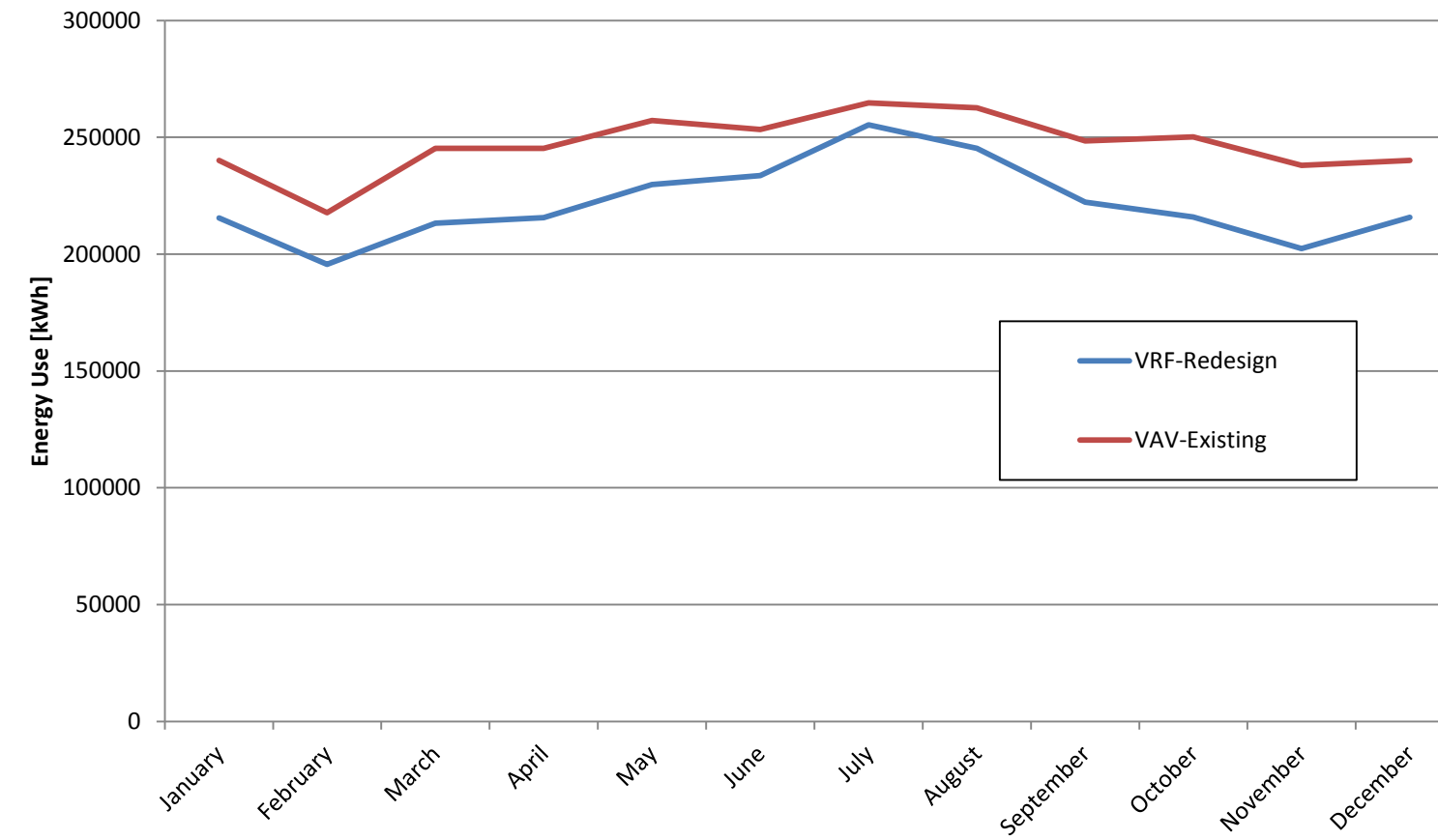


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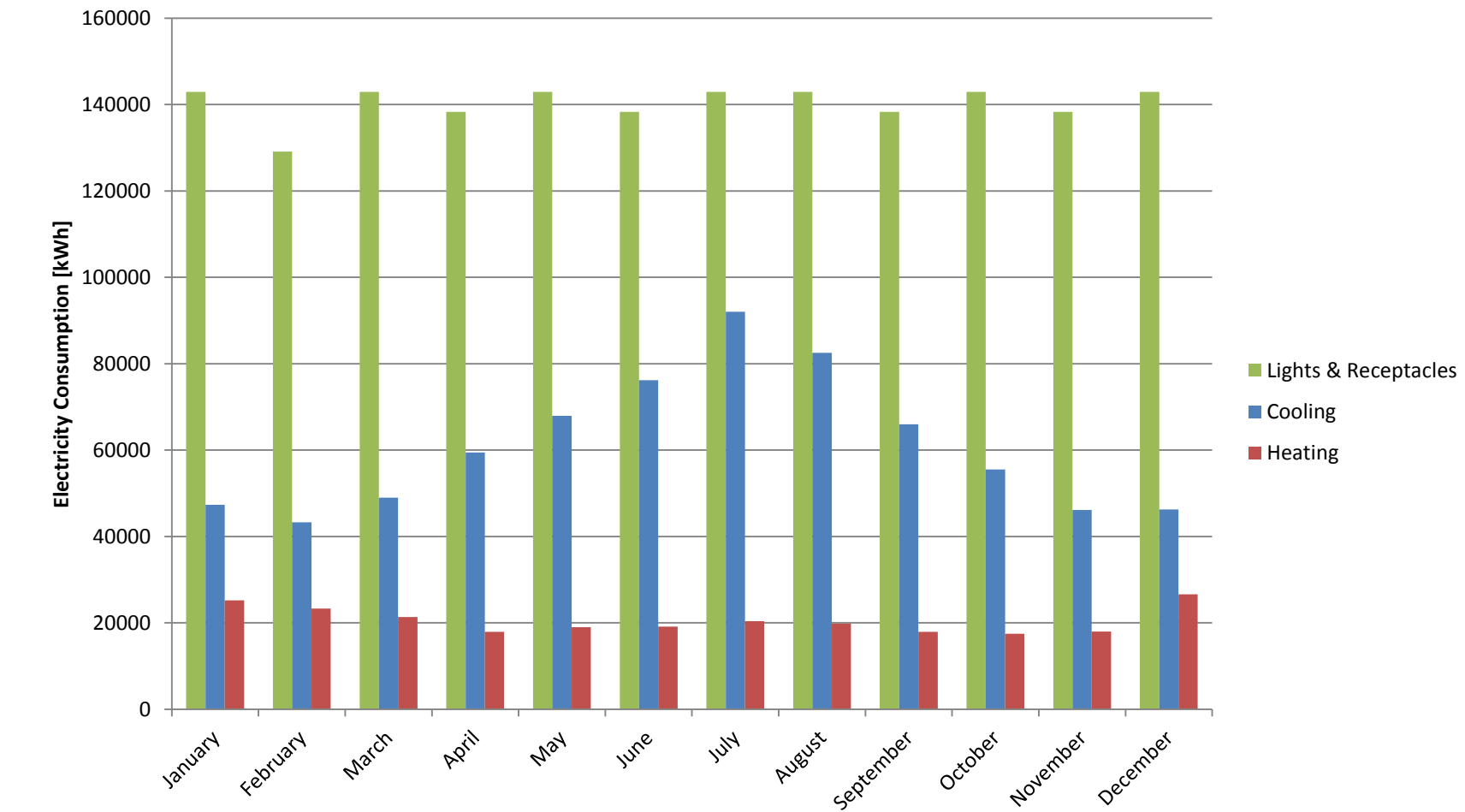
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Proposed VRF Redesign



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Required Airflow Comparison

Floor	Required Airflow		
	Original Design [cfm]	Redesign [cfm]	Percent Difference
Basement	10929	8912	18.46
Third	25854	25225	2.43
Fourth	25498	18438	27.69
Fifth	25829	21691	16.02
Sixth	26242	23180	11.67
Seventh	25692	21704	15.52
Eighth	26070	25412	2.52
Ninth	23254	19379	16.66
Tenth	23039	20708	10.12
Total	212407	184648	13.07

Fan Utilization

Fan Energy Savings		
Original Design [kBtu/yr]	Redesign [kBtu/yr]	Energy Saved [kBtu/yr]
969,700	741,400	228,300

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Energy

Energy Consumption Breakdown	Existing [kBtu/yr]	Redesign [kBtu/yr]	Reduction [kBtu/yr]
Heating	2796067	98689	2697378
Cooling	3351931	2496724	855207
Fans & Pumps	969706	741378	228328
Lighting & Receptacle	5742841	5742841	-
Total	12860545	9079632	3780913

Total Operating Cost:

- Existing: \$298,360/year, \$1.55/ft²
- Redesign: \$179,028/year, \$0.93/ft²

Total Annual Savings: \$119,332

Emissions

Existing CO₂ Equivalent Production: 6,153,002 lbm/year

Redesign CO₂ Equivalent Production: 3,951,153 lbm/year

Total Reduction: 2,201,849 lbm/year ~64% Decrease

Occupant Comfort

It is implied VRF Heat Recovery system design creates increased controllability by allowing simultaneous heating and cooling for occupant comfort

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Sound Power Levels

Model FXMQ_PVJU Ducted Concealed			
Cooling Capacity		Sound Levels (dBA)	
BTU/h	Tons	Cooling	Heating
7500	0.6	29	33
9500	0.75	29	33
12000	1	29	34
18000	1.5	37	41
24000	2	38	42
30000	2.5	39	43
36000	3	39	43
48000	4	40	44

Indoor Unit Types



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Existing Sound Power Levels

Octave Band (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Supply Fan Power Level, L_w (dB)	94	94	88	87	85	83	78	72
Return Power Level, L_w (dB)	84	86	77	77	76	74	64	60
Combined Sound Power Level, L_w (dB)	94	95	88	87	86	84	78	72

Octave Band (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
VAV Sound Power Level, L_w (dB)	60	60	54	44	42	39	34	34

VRF with DOAS Units

Octave Band (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
Supply Fan Power Level, L_w (dB)	90	91	85	84	84	81	76	71
Exhaust Fan Power Level, L_w (dB)	76	77	76	73	71	68	65	60
Combined Sound Power Level, L_w (dB)	90	91	86	84	84	81	76	71

Octave Band (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
VRF Sound Power Level, L_w (dB)	44	49	40	37	38	34	22	14

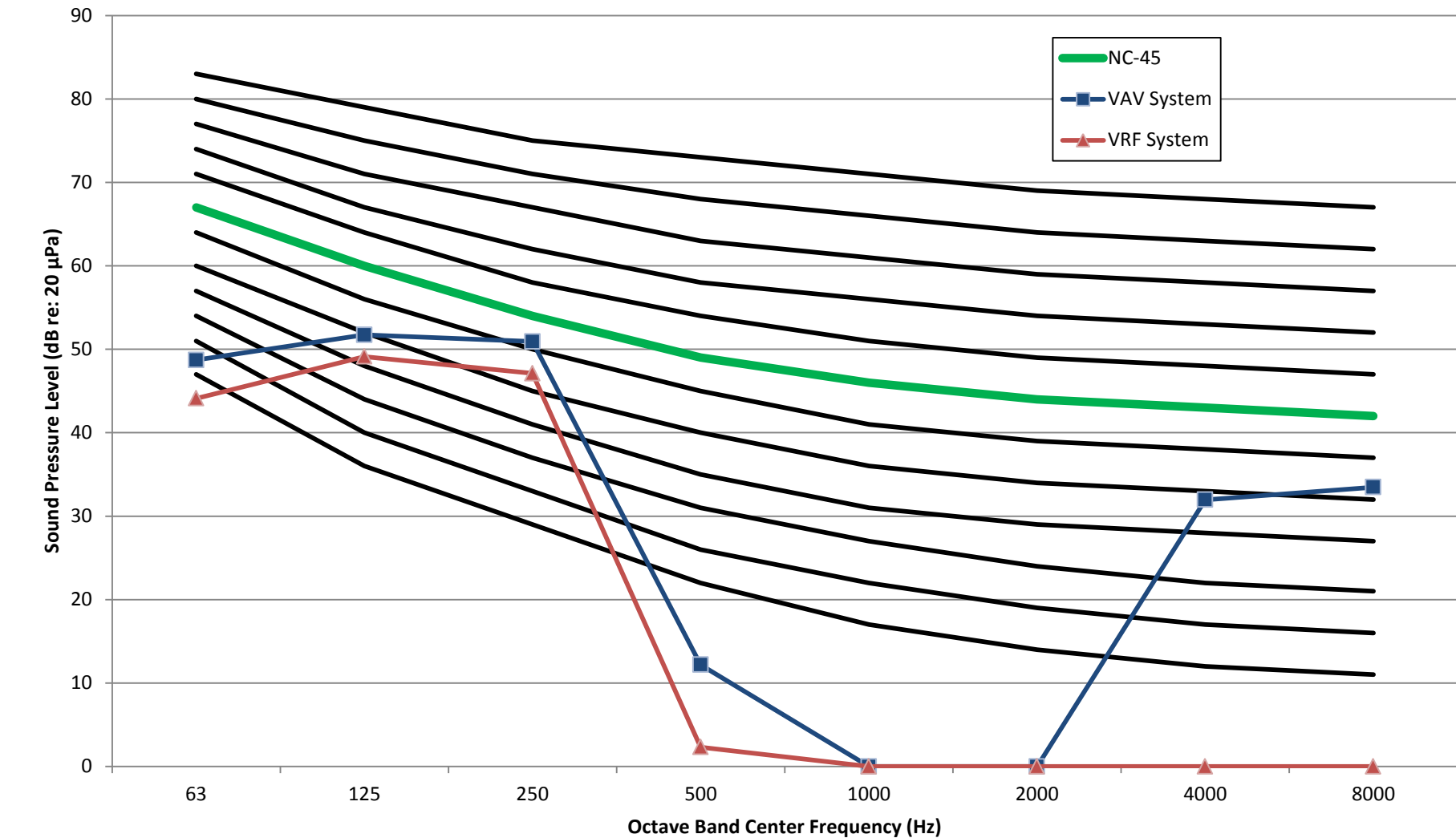
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Spectrum Noise Levels

Octave Band (Hz)	63	125	250	500	1000	2000	4000	8000
VAV-AHU Sound Power Level at Room	60	63	62	23	6	0	43	44
VAV-AHU Sound Pressure Level	49	52	51	12	0	0	32	33
VRF-DOAS Sound Power Level at Room	55	60	58	13	0	0	7	6
VRF-DOAS Sound Pressure Level	44	49	47	2	0	0	0	0

Noise Criteria for Waiting Room 0300



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NC-Ratings by Floor

NC-Rating			
Floor	Room Designation	Existing	Redesign
0	Waiting Room	42	37
3	Exam Room	45	46
4	Faculty Office	45	38
5	Exam Room	44	45
6	Vitals Area	51	55
7	Dictation Room	53	54
8	Consultation	51	49
9	Reception Area	39	33
10	Shared Break Room	50	50

Evaluation

- Noise Criteria levels are based on the background noise present within the space
- Overall, 50% of the rooms investigated with the combine VRF-DOAS system performed better than the existing VAV spectrum levels
- The rooms that performed worse were within the standard Noise Criterion levels
- Additionally, those that performed worse were within 4 NC-values
- Therefore, the design is sufficient without needing any redesign

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Overall Evaluation

VRF System with DOAS Investigation:

- **Increased Occupant Control**
- **Decreased Energy Consumption**
- **Decreased Operating Costs**
- **Decreased Emissions**

Recommended

Indoor Unit Acoustic Investigation:

- **Remains consistent with existing design**
- **50% of spaces studied had improved background noise level with the indoor units and DOAS**
- **Meets standard NC rating room requirements**

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Questions?

