Advanced Virtual Building Software in Finland

Tools in a Real Life Building Services Design Process



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Building Services Design

Traditional way

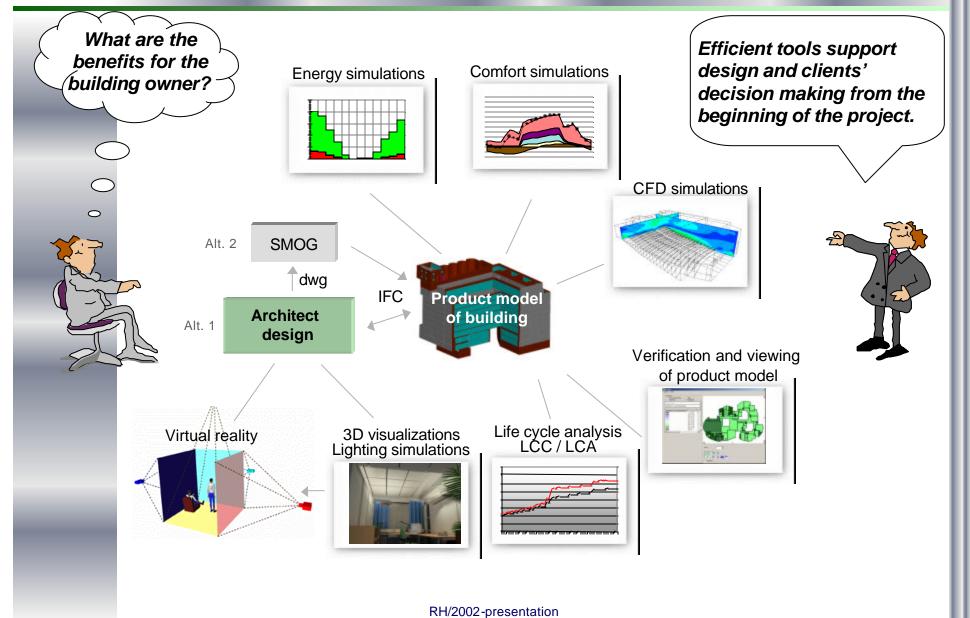
- document based
- 2D-plan drawings and sections
- bill of materials and diagrams

What is missing from decision making?

- alternatives
- descriptions and calculations for chosen solutions
- confirmation of design targets
- visualizations and simulations as a support for decision making



Integrated Tools in Building Services Design

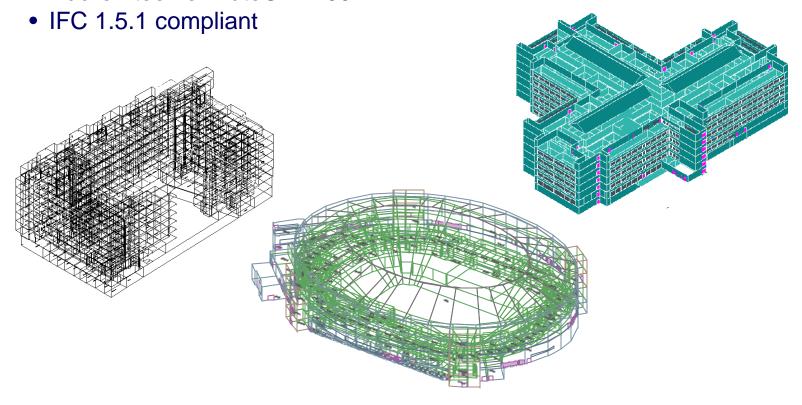




3D Modelling Tool

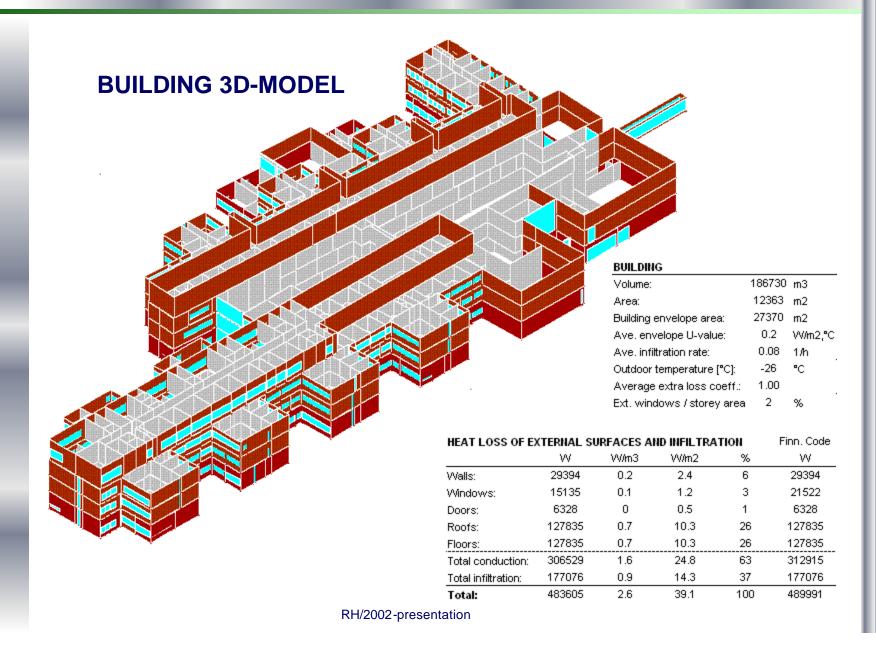


- 3D modelling for heat loss calculations, energy and CFD- simulations
- Building geometry and structures
- Add-on tool for AutoCAD2002™





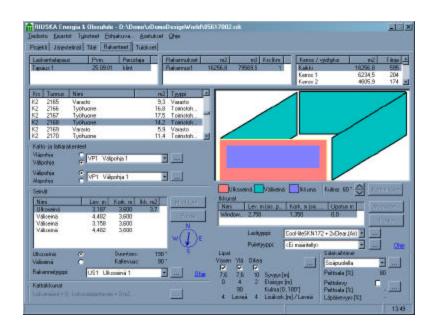
RIUSKA Heat Loss Calculation



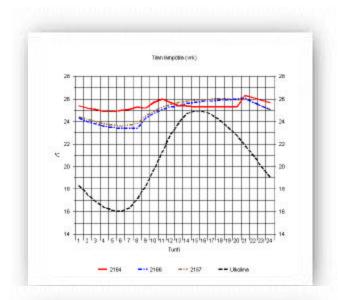


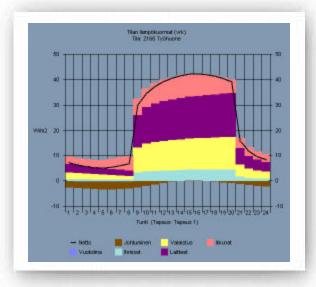
RIUSKA Comfort Simulation





- Dimensioning of air flows and cooling requirement according to target criteria
- Versatile comparisons
- More accurate results in demanding spaces by using CFD

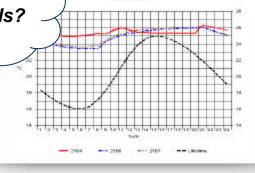






Management of indoor conditions

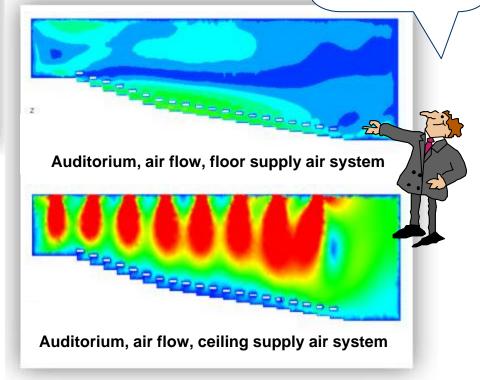
Comfort?
Heat loads?
Window shields?
Cooling?



Comfort simulations – type spaces

- temperature in summer and in winter
- temperature consistency
- window shields
- technical systems

Simulation of alternatives to make right decisions



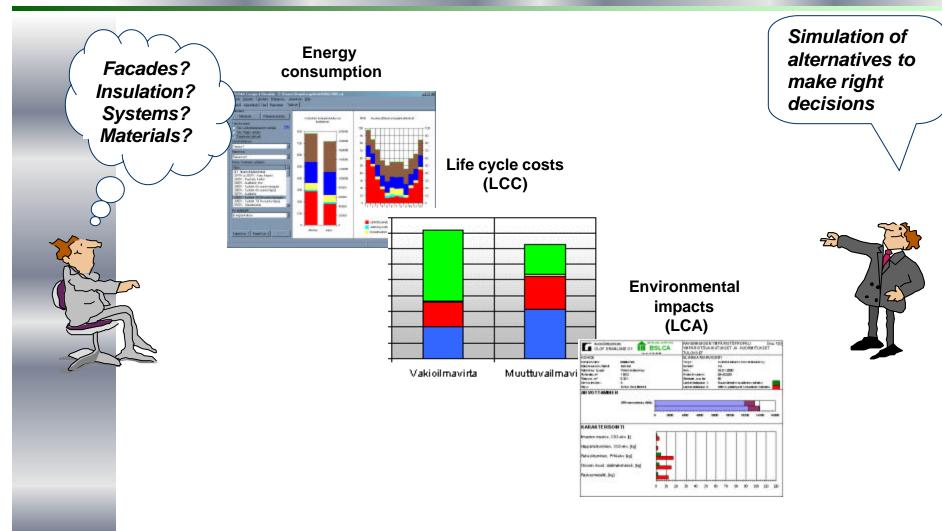
CFD simulations – demanding spaces

- temperature and air flow distribution
- comparison of supply systems
- completition to comfort simulations



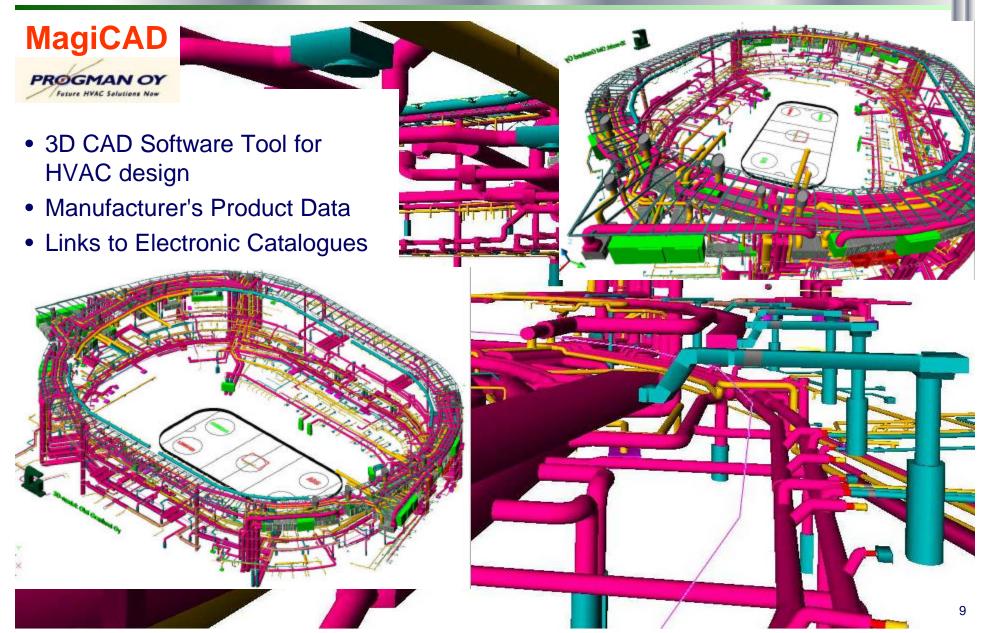
LCC = Life cycle costs LCA = Life cycle assessment

Management of life cycle inpacts





HVAC Design





3D-Visualization and virtual reality

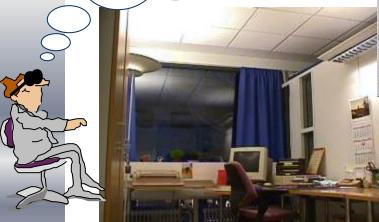
What do the spaces look like?
Lighting? Daylight?
Visible installations?



Visiting the virtual building to get better understanding

Lighting simulations

 Lighting design based on product model data



Photerealistic 3D visualizations

- Architecture
- Lighting
- Building services



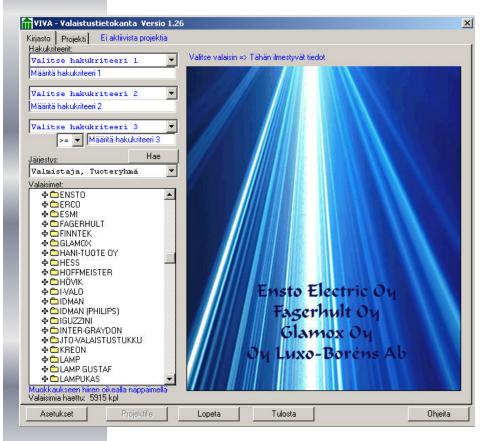
Virtual reality

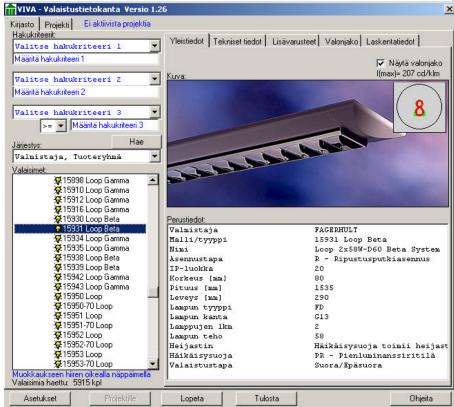
- Almost like in a real space
- Alternative to a mock-up room



VIVA Database & Luminaire Selection Tool

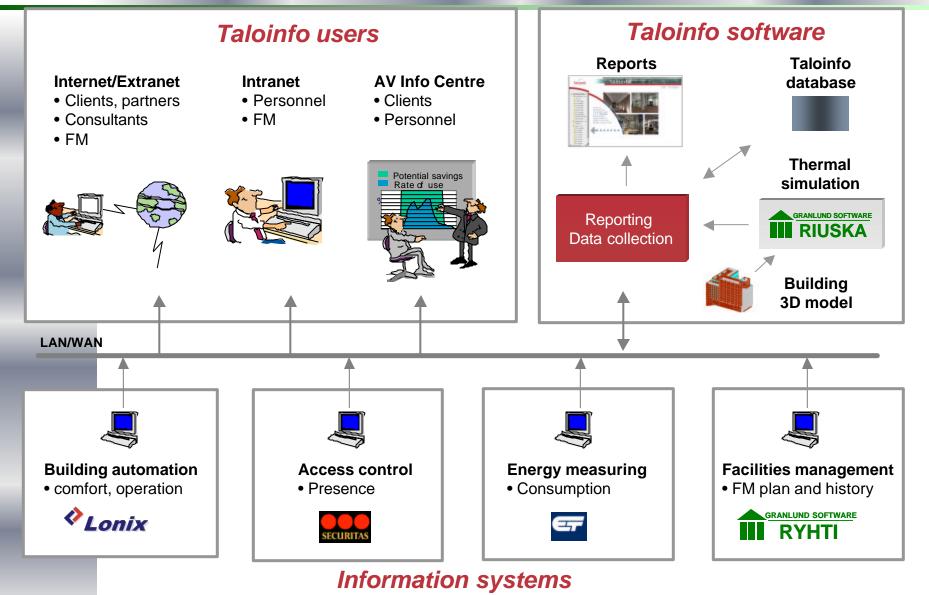
- electrical information (basic requirement)
- photo
- photometric information (light distributionin IES-format)







Taloin for Reporting facility



RH/2002-presentation



Aids for Successful Design



Advanced design tools

- Investment in software development
- Cooperating with the most advanced international software developers

Information well-timed for decision-making



- Suitability for real project schedules
- Interoperability of design tools
- Reusing existing data

True influencing to the result



- Results as an easy-to-understand format
- Visualization
- Virtual reality



Benefits from Product Model Based Design

Biggest beneficiaries are the end users and building owners - Why?

- faster and more reliable design process
- end result is better from quality and life cycle economy point of view
- decision making becomes easier because of alternative analyzing and visualization results
- possibilities to steer the project grows with the help of understandable reports
- product models can be used through the whole building life cycle

Q&A

