

## Energy Calculations



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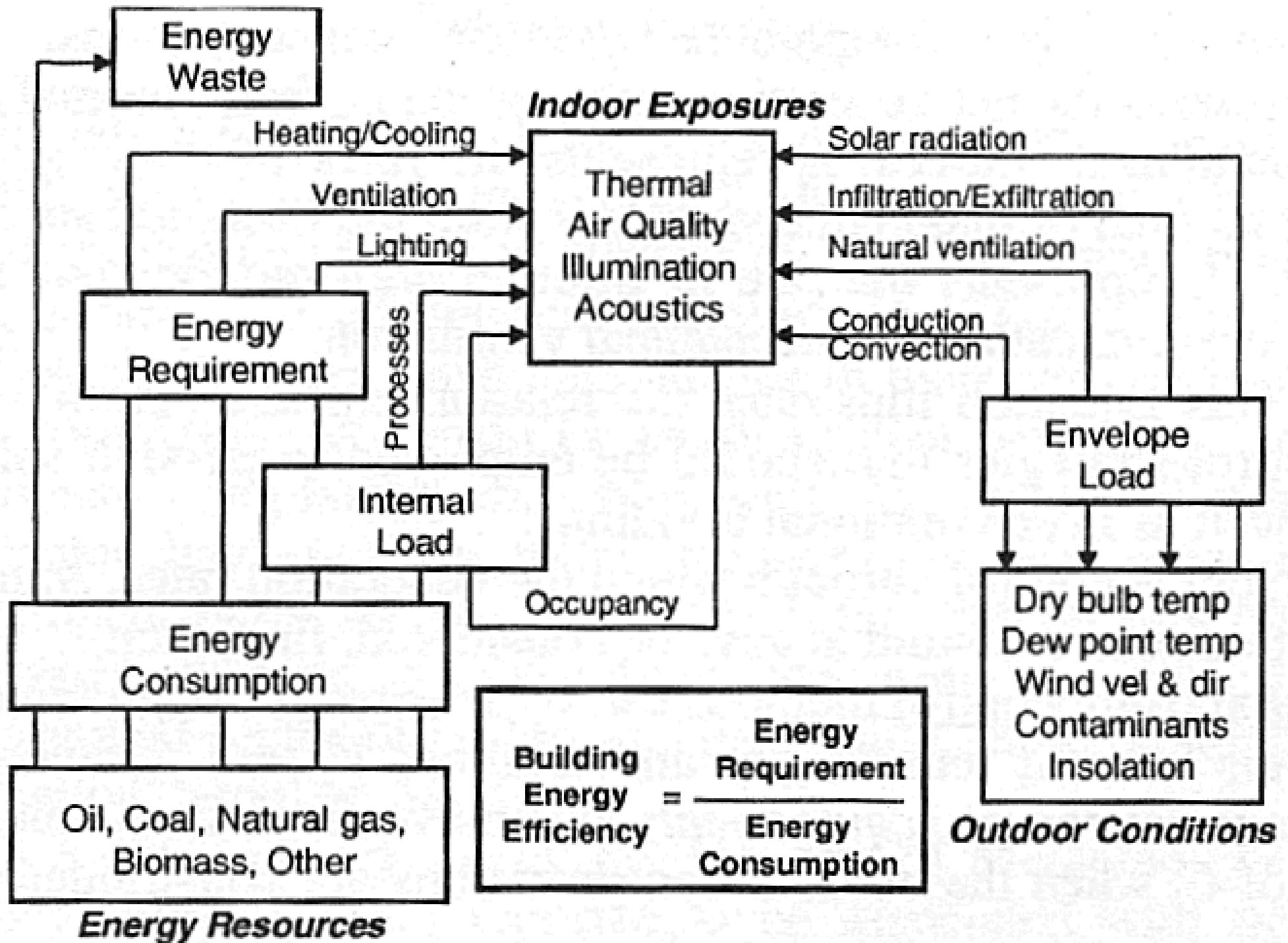
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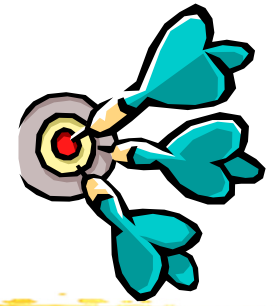


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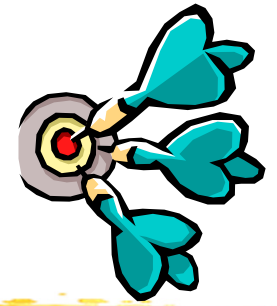
Energy flow and concept in buildings

# Objectives



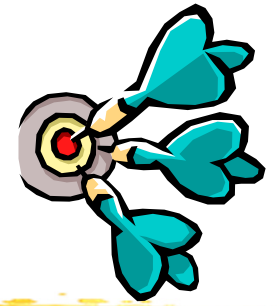
- From load estimation to energy calculations
  - Only determine peak design loads is not enough
  - Need to evaluate HVAC and building energy consumption
    - To support design decisions (e.g. evaluate design options)
    - To enhance system design and operation
    - To compile with building energy code
- Energy calculations
  - More complicated than design load estimation
  - Form the basis of building energy and economic analysis

# Objectives



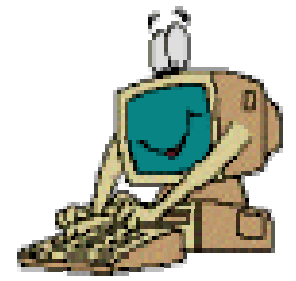
- Load estimation and energy calculations
  - Based on the same principles
  - But, with different purposes & approaches
- **Design (peak) load estimation**
  - Focus on maximum load or worst conditions
  - For a particular hour or period (e.g. peak summer)
- **Energy calculations**
  - Focus on average or typical conditions
  - On whole year (annual) performance or multiple years consumption
  - May involve analysis of energy costs & life cycle costs

# Objectives



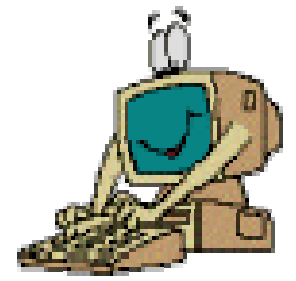
- Tasks at different building design stages
  - Conceptual design stage:
    - Rules of thumb + check figures (rough estimation)
  - Outline/Scheme design:
    - Load estimation (approximation)
    - Design evaluations (e.g. using simplified tools/models)
  - Detailed design:
    - Load calculations (complete)
    - Energy calculations + building energy simulation

# Calculation Methodology



- Basic considerations
  - 1. Peak load calculations
    - Evaluate max. load to size/select equipment
  - 2. Energy analysis
    - Calculate energy use and compare design options
  - 3. Space cooling load  $Q = V \rho c_p (t_r - t_s)$ 
    - To calculate supply air volume flow rate ( $V$ ) and size the air system, ducts, terminals
  - 4. Cooling coil's load
    - To size cooling coil and refrigeration system

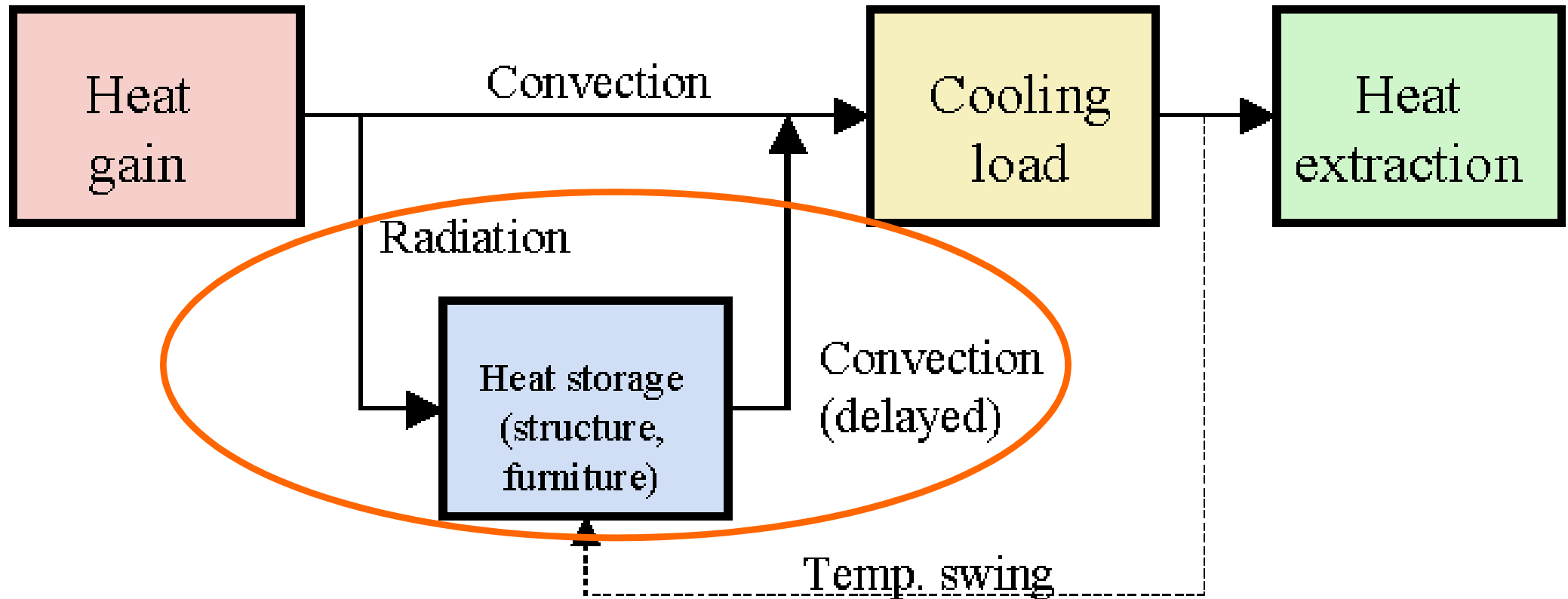
# Calculation Methodology



- Basic considerations (cont'd)
  - Assumptions:
    - Heat transfer equations are linear within a time interval (superposition principle holds)
      - Total load = sum of individual ones
    - Convective heat, latent heat & sensible heat gains from infiltration are all equal to cooling load instantaneously
  - Main difference in various methods
    - How to convert space radiative heat gains into space cooling loads



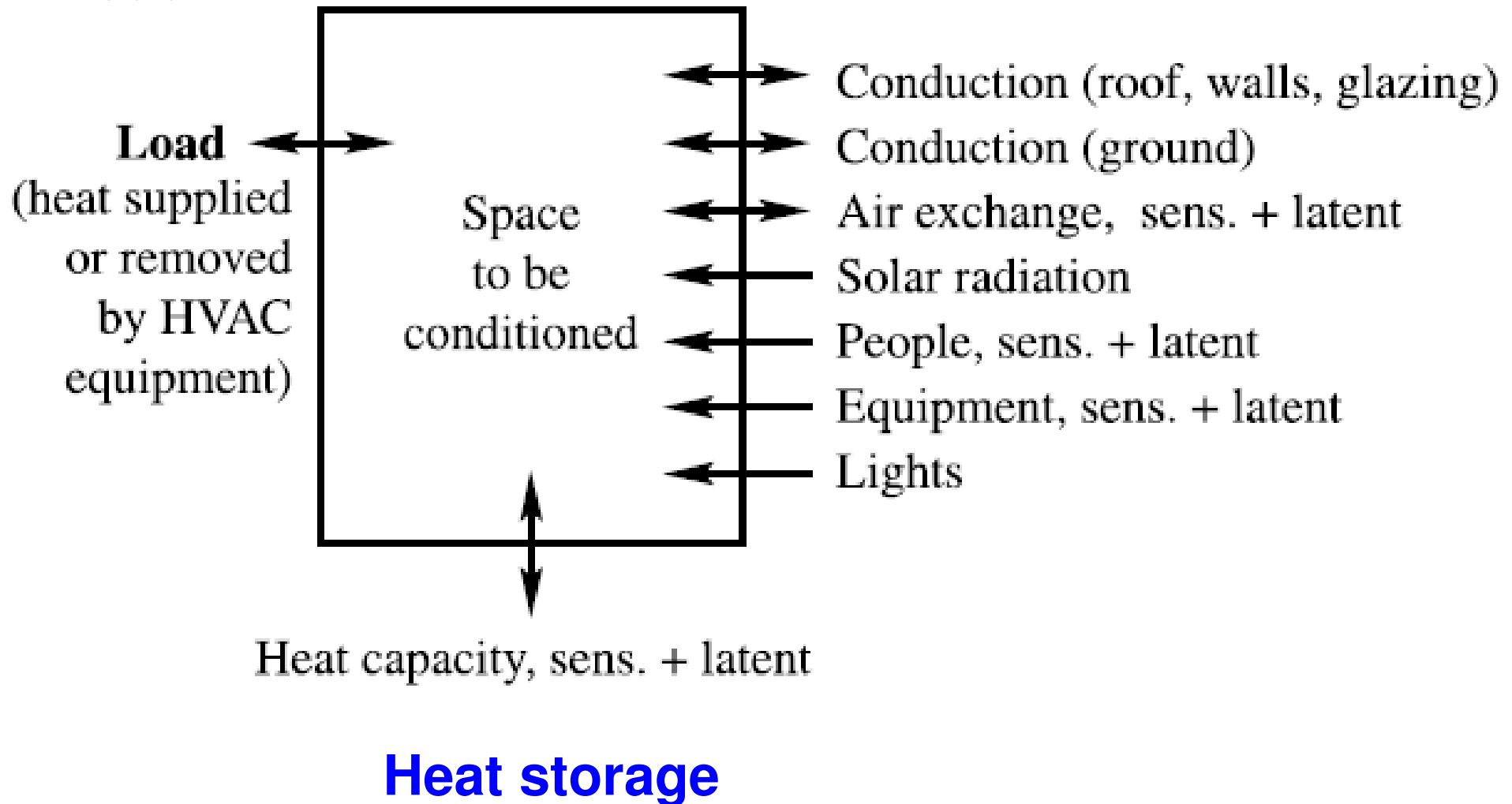
Different methods have different ways to convert space radiative heat gains into space cooling loads



Conversion of heat gain into cooling load

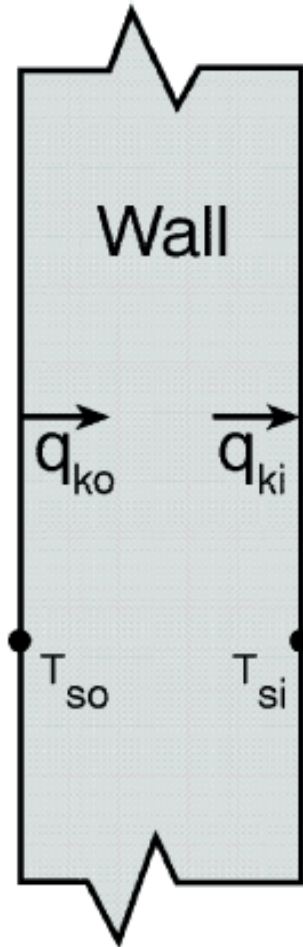
## Thermal Load

## Heat Gains/Losses





Outside



Wall

Inside

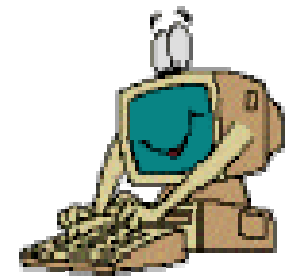
$q_{ko}$  = convective flux into the wall,  $W/m^2$   
 $q_{ki}$  = convective flux through the wall,  $W/m^2$   
 $T_{so}$  = wall surface temperature outside,  $^{\circ}C$   
 $T_{si}$  = wall surface temperature inside,  $^{\circ}C$

Possible ways to model this process:

1. Numerical finite difference
2. Numerical finite element
3. Transform methods
4. Time series methods

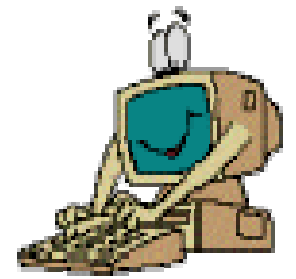
Wall conduction process

# Calculation Methodology



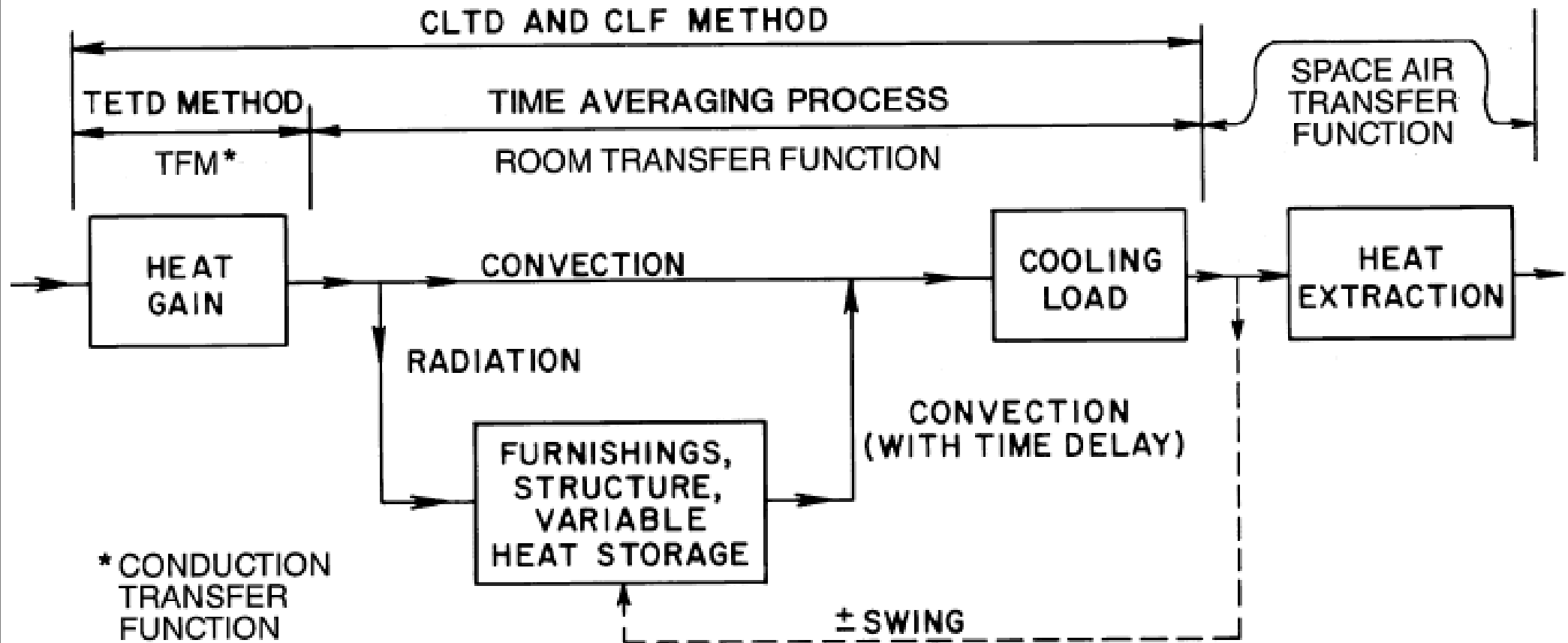
- Common methods:
  - Transfer function method (TFM)
  - Cooling load temperature difference/cooling load factor (CLTD/CLF) method
  - Total equivalent temp. differential/time averaging (TETD/TA) method
- Other existing methods:
  - Finite difference method (FDM)
  - CIBSE method (based on admittance)

# Calculation Methodology



- Transfer Function Method (TFM)
  - Laplace transform and  $z$ -transform of time series
- CLTD/CLF method
  - A one-step simplification of TFM
- TETD/TA method
  - Heat gains calculated from Fourier series solution of 1-dimensional transient heat conduction
  - Average heat gains to current and successive hours according to thermal mass & experience

# Basic concepts of TFM, CLTD/CLF and TETD/TA methods



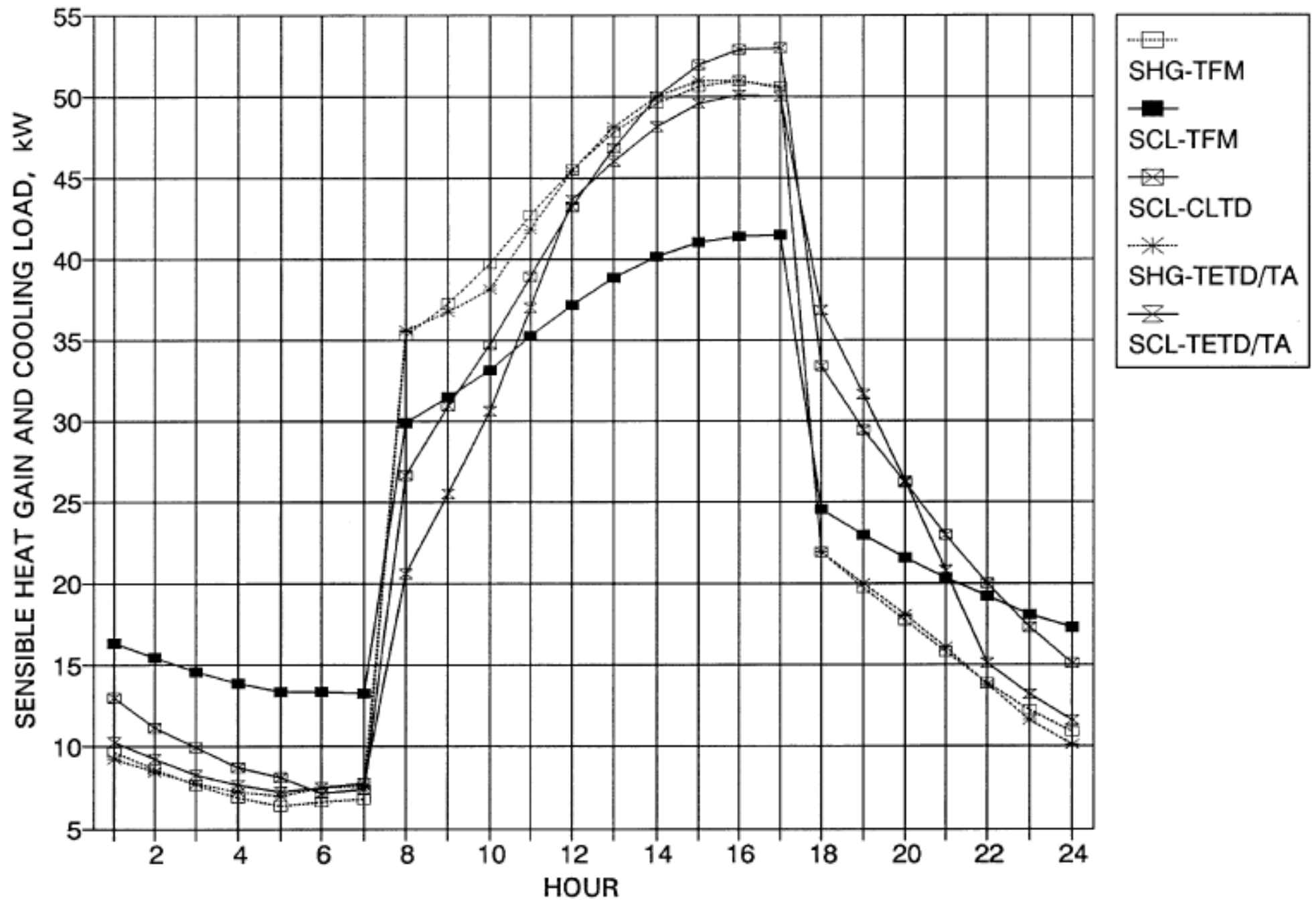
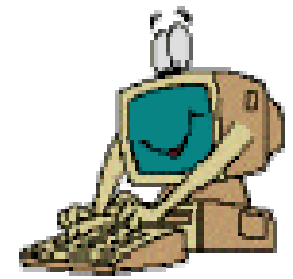


Fig. 5 TFM versus CLTD/SCF/CLF Versus TETD/TA  
Methods of Calculating Sensible Heat Gain and Cooling Load

# Calculation Methodology



- Sol-air temperature ( $t_e$ )
  - A fictitious outdoor air temperature that gives the rate of heat entering the outer surface of walls and roofs due to the combined effect of incident solar radiation, radiative heat exchange with the sky vault and surroundings, and convective heat exchange with the outdoor air

$$t_e = t_o + \frac{\alpha E_t}{h_o} - \frac{\varepsilon \Delta R}{h_o}$$

Outdoor air temp

Surface absorptance

Surface emittance



Heat balance at a sunlit surface, heat flux is equal to:

$$\frac{q}{A} = \alpha E_t + h_o(t_o - t_s) - \varepsilon \Delta R$$

where

$\alpha$  = absorptance of surface for solar radiation

$E_t$  = total solar radiation incident on surface,  $\text{W/m}^2$

$h_o$  = coefficient of heat transfer by long-wave radiation and convection at outer surface,  $\text{W}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{K})$

$t_o$  = outdoor air temperature,  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

$t_s$  = surface temperature,  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

$\varepsilon$  = hemispherical emittance of surface

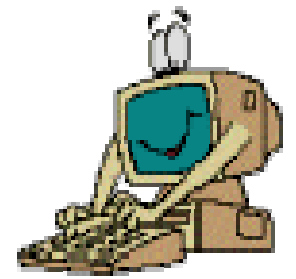
$\Delta R$  = difference between long-wave radiation incident on surface from sky and surroundings and radiation emitted by blackbody at outdoor air temperature,  $\text{W/m}^2$

Assume the heat flux can be expressed in terms of sol-air temp. ( $t_e$ )

$$\frac{q}{A} = h_o(t_e - t_s)$$

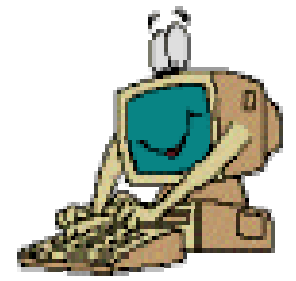
Thus, sol-air temperature is given by:  $t_e = t_o + \frac{\alpha E_t}{h_o} - \frac{\varepsilon \Delta R}{h_o}$

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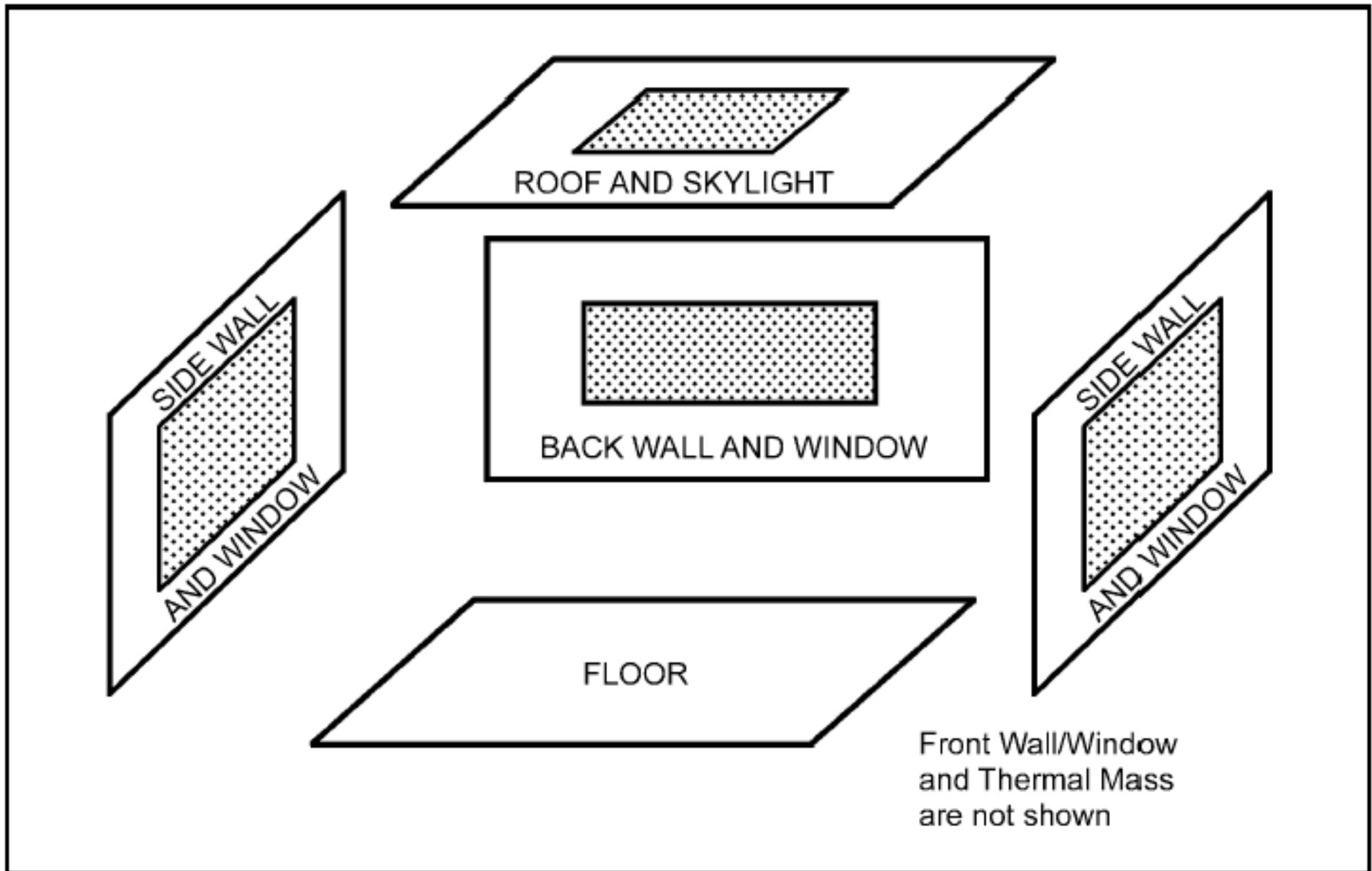


- Other methods:
  - Heat balance (HB) method
    - The rigorous approach (mainly for research use)
    - Requires solving of partial differential equations and often involves iteration
  - Radiant time series (RTS) method
    - A simplified method derived from HB procedure
  - Finite difference/element method (FDM or FEM)
    - Solve transient simultaneous heat & moisture transfer

# Calculation Methodology



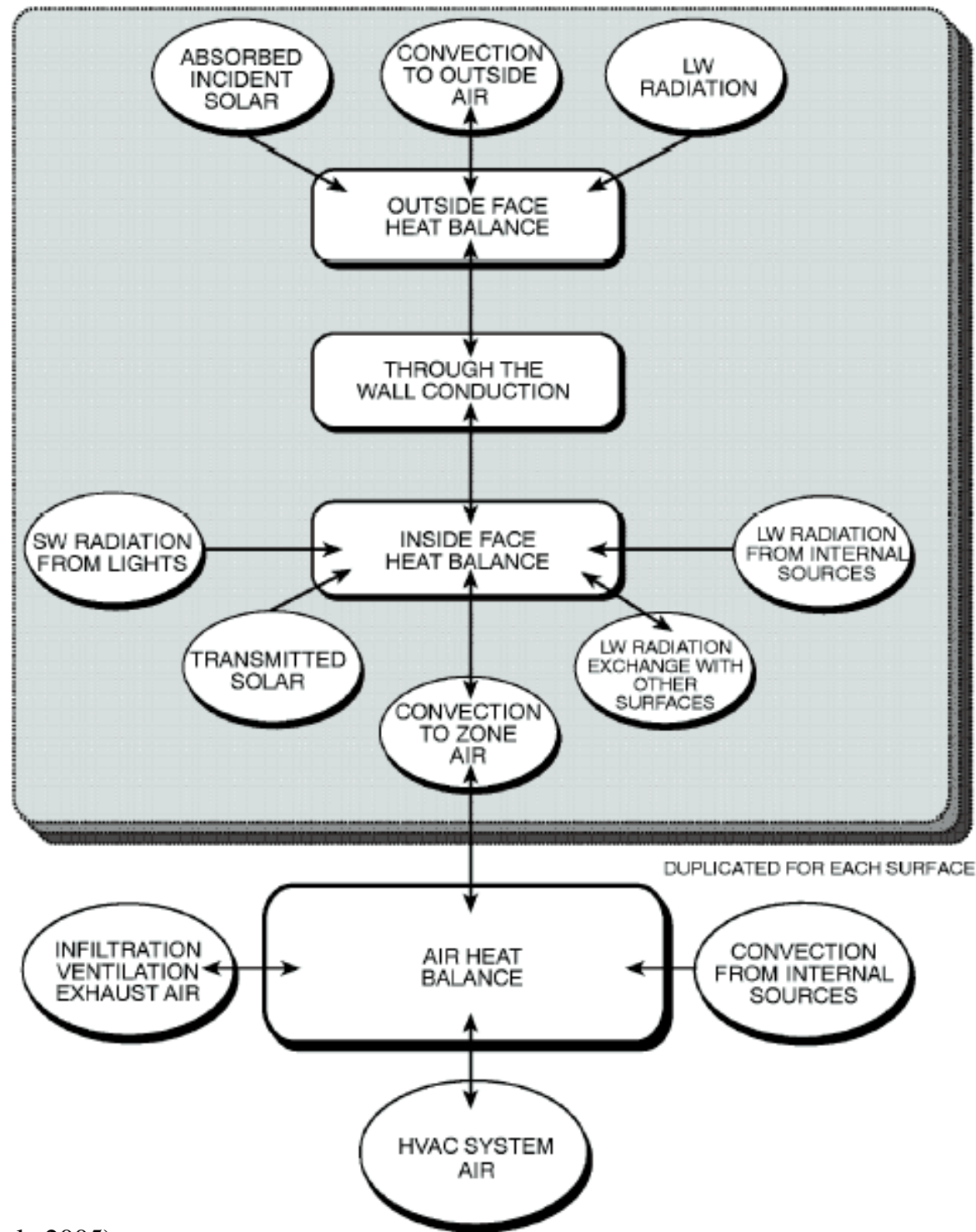
- Heat Balance (HB) Method
  - Use heat balance equations to calculate:
    - Surface-by-surface conductive, convective & radiative heat balance for each room surface
    - Convective heat balance for the room air
  - Calculation process
    - Find the inside surface temperatures of building structures due to heat balance
    - Calculate the sum of heat transfer from these surfaces and from internal loads



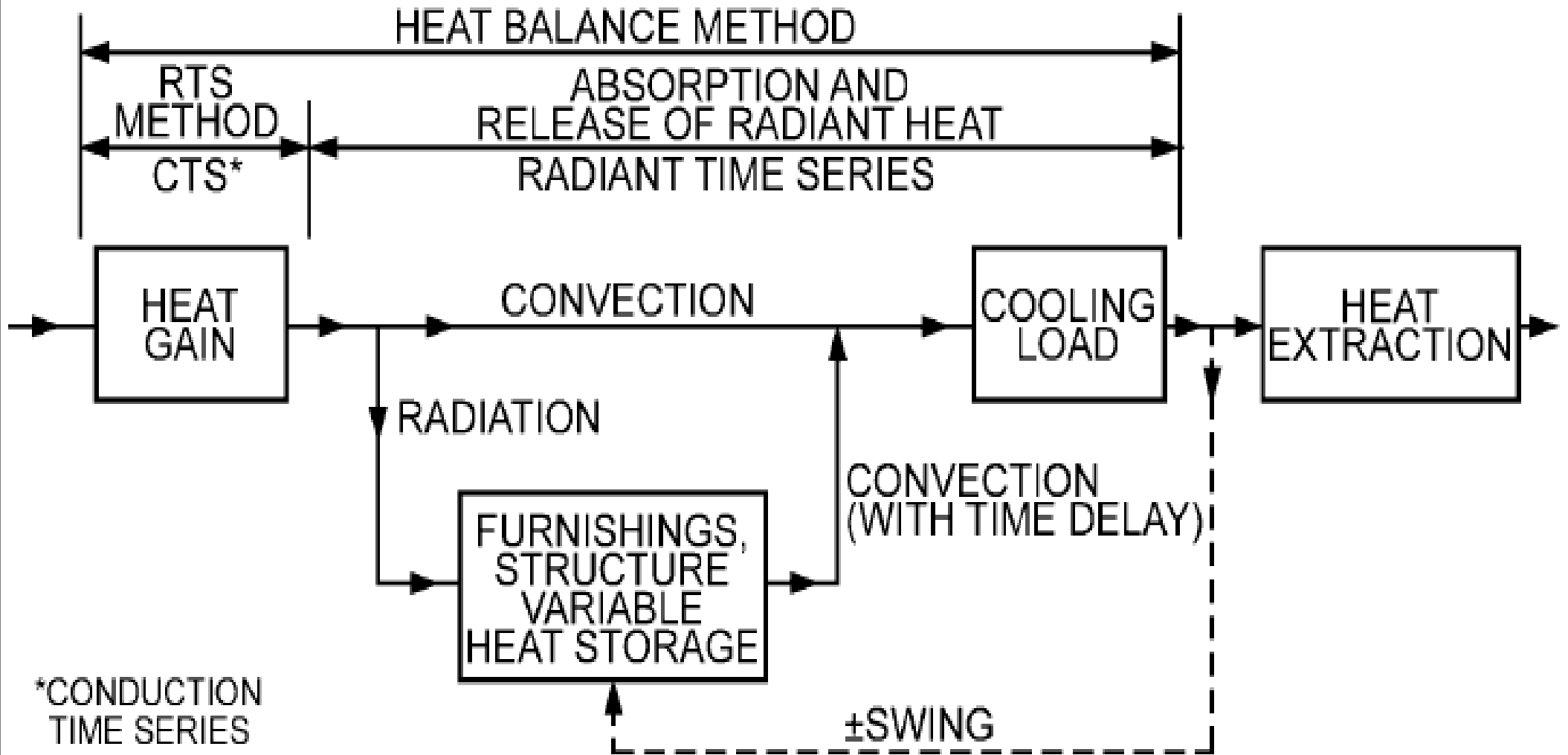
**Fig. 7 Schematic View of General Heat Balance Zone**

(Source: ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2005)

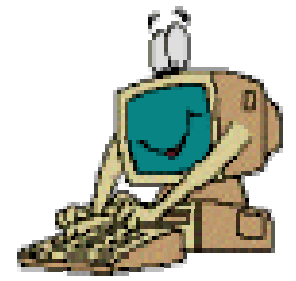
Heat  
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# Basic concepts of heat balance and radiant time series methods

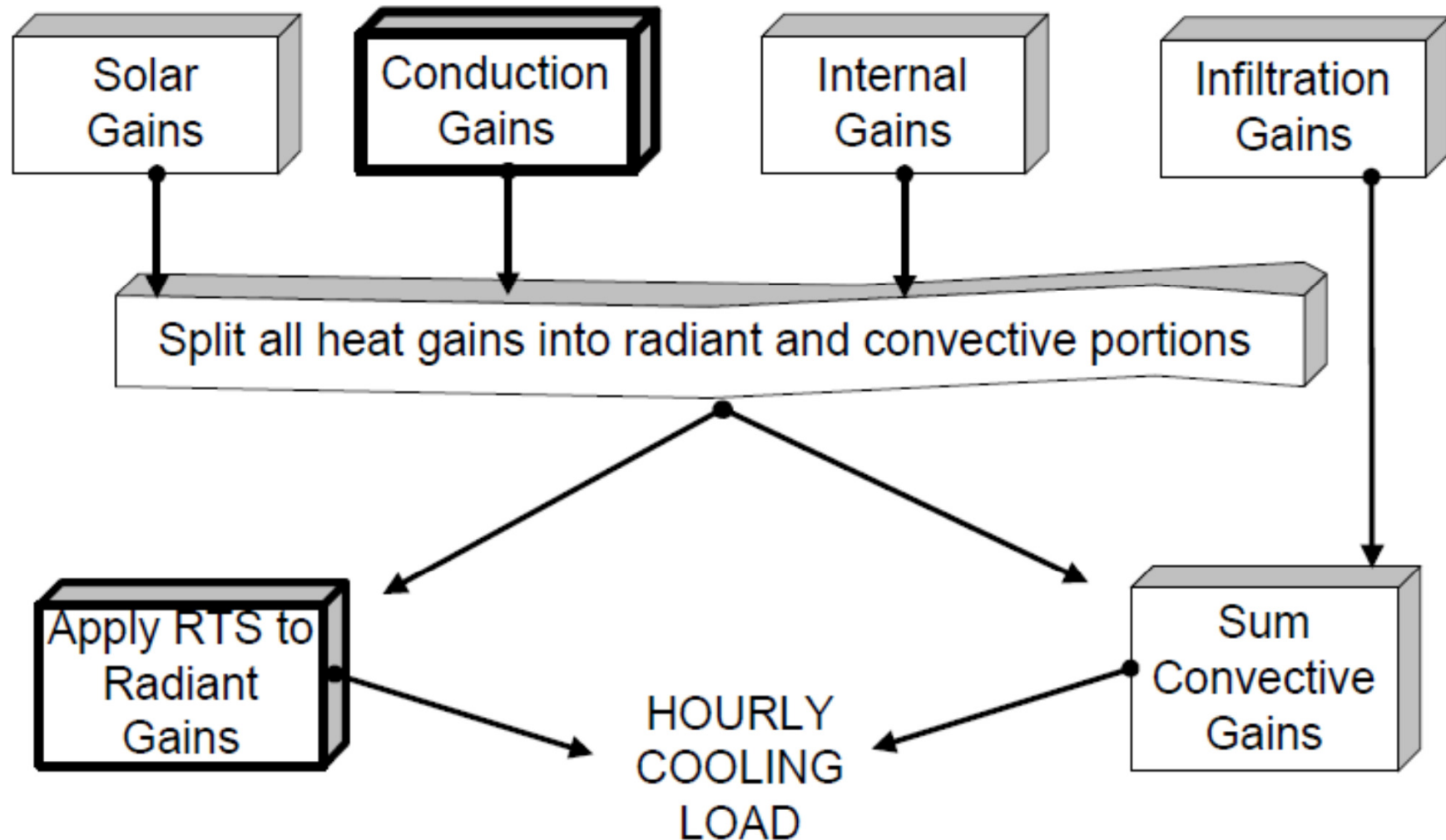


# Calculation Methodology



- Radiant time series (RTS) method
  - A simplified method directly related to and derived from the HB calculation procedure
  - Does not require iterative calculations
  - Can quantify each component contribution to the total cooling load
  - Suitable for peak design load calculations, but not for annual energy simulations

## Main ideas of radiant time series (RTS) method



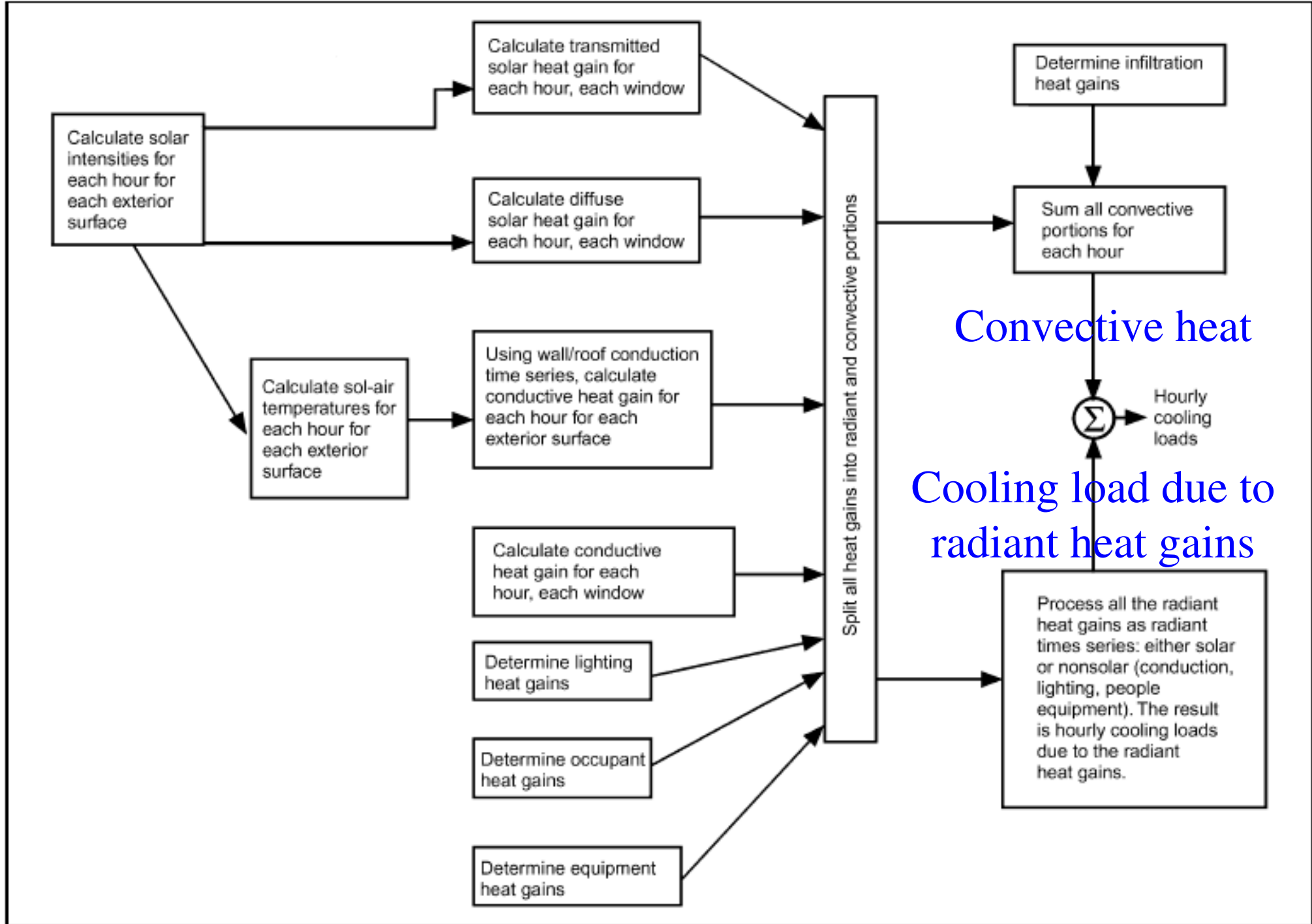
The current heat transfer to/from the interior is equal to:

- part of the current convective heat transfer to the outside of the enclosure
- current solar heat gain through fenestration
- part of the earlier convective and radiative heat transfer to the outside of the enclosure (radiative portion of each heat gain by applying a radiant time series)



## Split of heat gains into radiative and convective portions

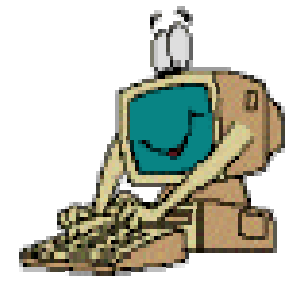
<b>Heat Gain</b>	<b>% radiative</b>	<b>% convective</b>
Wall, window conduction	63	37
Roof conduction	84	16
People	70	30
Lighting	67	33
Equipment	20	80
Transmitted solar heat gain	100	0
Absorbed solar heat gain	63	37
Infiltration	0	100



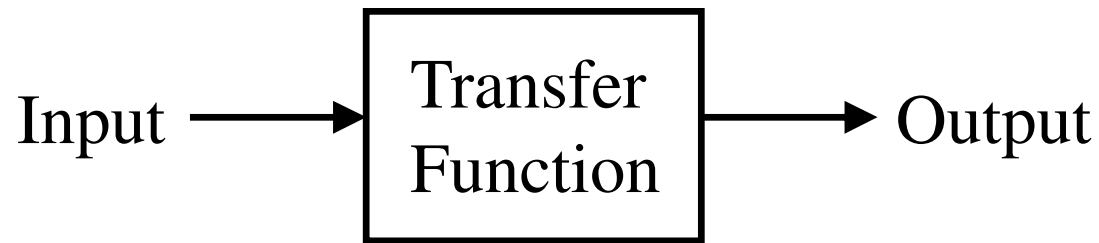
**Fig. 8 Overview of Radiant Time Series Method**

(Source: ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2005)

# Transfer Function Method



- Transfer Function Method (TFM)
  - Most commonly adopted for energy calculations
  - Three components:
    - Conduction transfer function (CTF)
    - Room transfer function (RTF)
    - Space air transfer function (SATF)
  - Implemented numerically using weighting factors
    - Transfer function coefficients, to weight the importance of current & historical values of heat gain & cooling load on currently calculated loads



Transfer function ( $K$ )

Polynomials of  $z$ -transform

$$K = Y/G = \left( v_0 + v_1 z^{-1} + v_2 z^{-2} + \dots \right) / \left( 1 + w_1 z^{-1} + w_2 z^{-2} + \dots \right)$$

$Y$  = Laplace transform of the output

$G$  = Laplace transform of the input or driving force

When a continuous function  $f(t)$  is represented at regular intervals  $\Delta t$  and its magnitude are  $f(0), f(\Delta), f(2\Delta), \dots, f(n\Delta)$ , the Laplace transform is given by a polynomial called “ $z$ -transform”:

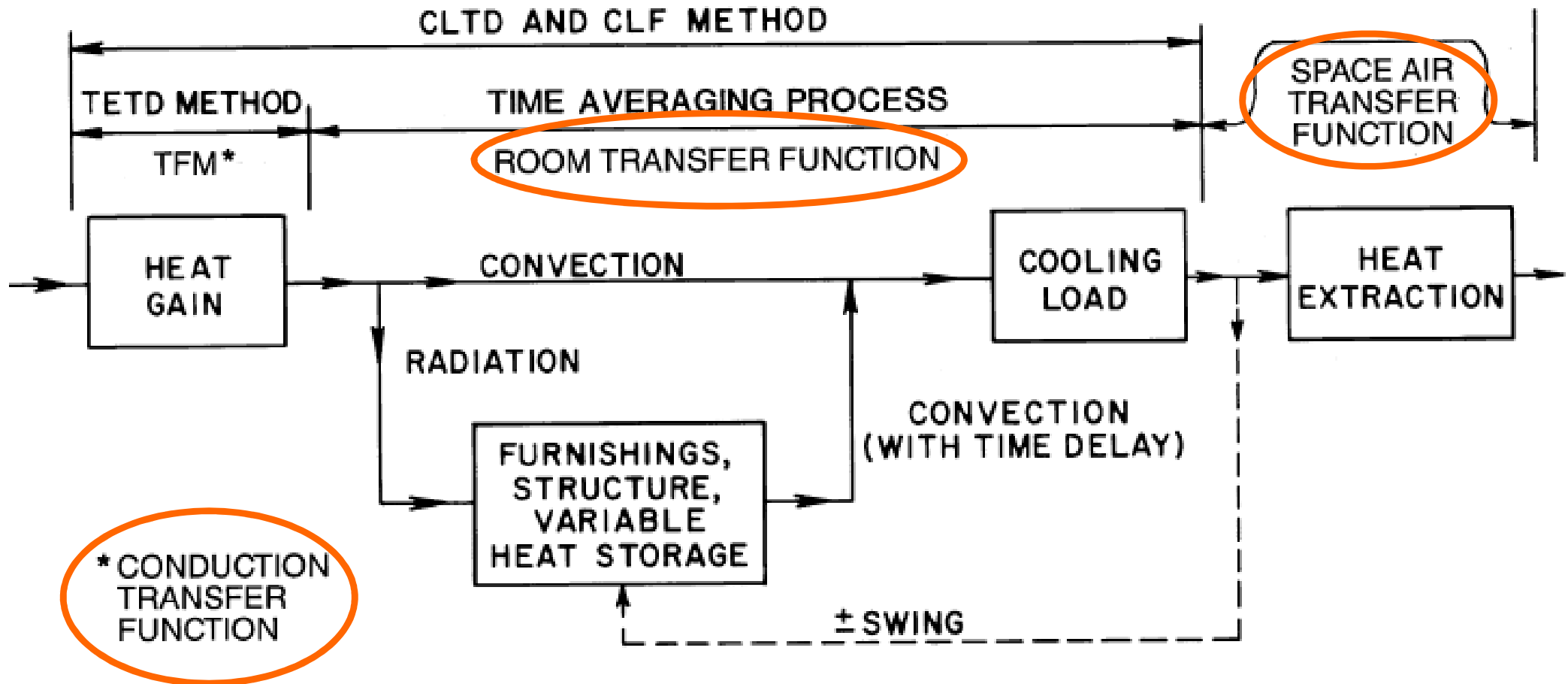
$$\varphi(z) = f(0) + f(\Delta) z^{-1} + f(2\Delta) z^{-2} + \dots + f(n\Delta) z^{-n}$$

where  $\Delta$  = time interval, hour

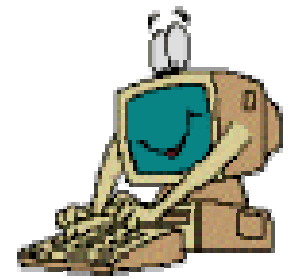
$$z = e^{t\Delta}$$

$v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots$  &  $w_1, w_2, \dots$  are weighting factors for the calculations

# Three components of transfer function method (TFM)



# Transfer Function Method



- External walls and roofs:

Sol-air temperature

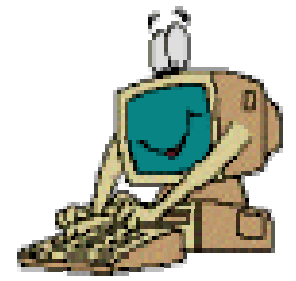
$$q_{e,t} = A \left[ \sum_{n=0} b_n T_{\text{sol},t-n\delta} - \sum_{n=1} d_n \left( q_{e,t-n\delta} / A \right) \right] - T_r \sum_{n=0} c_n$$

- Ceiling, floors & partition wall:

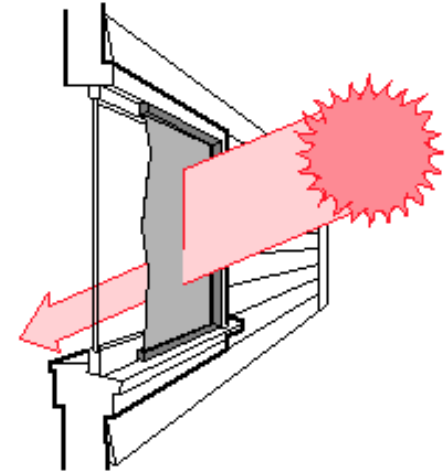
$$q_{aj,t} = UA \left( T_{aj} - T_r \right)$$

aj = adjacent  
r = room

# Transfer Function Method



- Window glass
  - Solar heat gain:
    - Shading coefficient (SC)
    - Solar heat gain factor (SHGF)

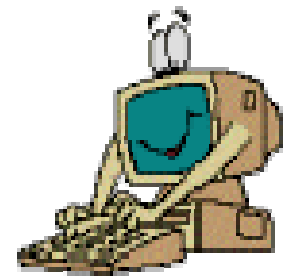


$$q_{es,t} = \underbrace{\left( A_s \times \text{SHGF} \times \text{SC} \right)}_{\text{Sunlit}} + \underbrace{\left( A_{sh} \times \text{SHGF}_{sh} \times \text{SC} \right)}_{\text{Shaded}}$$

- Conduction heat gain: U-value

$$q_{ec,t} = U_g \left( \underbrace{A_s}_{\text{Sunlit}} + \underbrace{A_{sh}}_{\text{Shaded}} \right) \left( T_{o,t} - T_r \right)$$

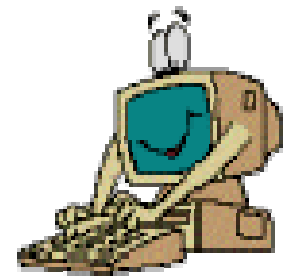
# Transfer Function Method



- Internal heat gains
  - People (sensible + latent)
  - Lights
  - Machine & appliances
- Infiltration (uncontrolled, via cracks/opening)
  - If positive pressure is maintained in conditioned space, infiltration is normally assumed zero



# Transfer Function Method



- Convert heat gain into cooling load
  - Space sensible cooling load (from radiative):

$$q_{s-e,t} = \sum_{i=1} \left( v_0 q_{e,t} + v_1 q_{e,t-\delta} + v_2 q_{e,t-2\delta} + \dots \right) - \left( w_1 q_{r,t-\delta} + w_2 q_{r,t-2\delta} + \dots \right)$$

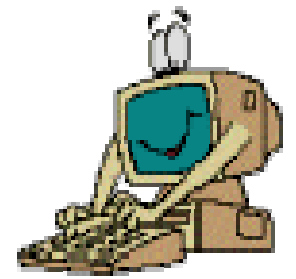
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- Space sensible cooling load (from convective):

$$q_{s-c,t} = \sum_{k=1} q_{ec,t}$$

- Space latent cooling load:  $q_{rl,t} = \sum_{m=1} q_{el,t}$

# Transfer Function Method



- Convert heat gain into cooling load (cont'd)
  - Heat extraction rate & space air temperature

$$\sum_{i=0}^1 p_i (q_{xs,t} - q_{rs,t-i\delta}) = \sum_{i=0}^2 g_i (T_r - T_{r,t-i\delta})$$

- Cooling coil load (sensible & latent)
  - Air mixture & air leaving the cooling coil
  - Ventilation load



# Energy Calculation Methods

- Two categories
  - Steady-state methods
    - Degree-day method
    - Variable base degree-day method
    - Bin and modified bin methods
  - Dynamic methods
    - Using computer-based building energy simulation
    - Try to capture dynamic response of the building
    - Can be developed based on transfer function, heat balance or other methods



# Energy Calculation Methods

- Degree-day method
  - A degree-day is the sum of the number of degrees that the average daily temperature (technically the average of the daily maximum and minimum) is above (for cooling) or below (for heating) a base temperature times the duration in days
    - Heating degree-days (**HDD**)
    - Cooling degree-days (**CDD**)
  - Summed over a period or a year for indicating climate severity (effect of outdoor air on a building)

Heating degree-day:

$$DD_h(t_{bal}) = (1 \text{ day}) \sum_{\text{days}} (t_{bal} - t_o)^+$$

Cooling degree-day:

$$DD_c(t_{bal}) = (1 \text{ day}) \sum_{\text{days}} (t_o - t_{bal})^+$$

+ Only take the positive values

$t_{bal}$  = base temperature (or balance point temperature)

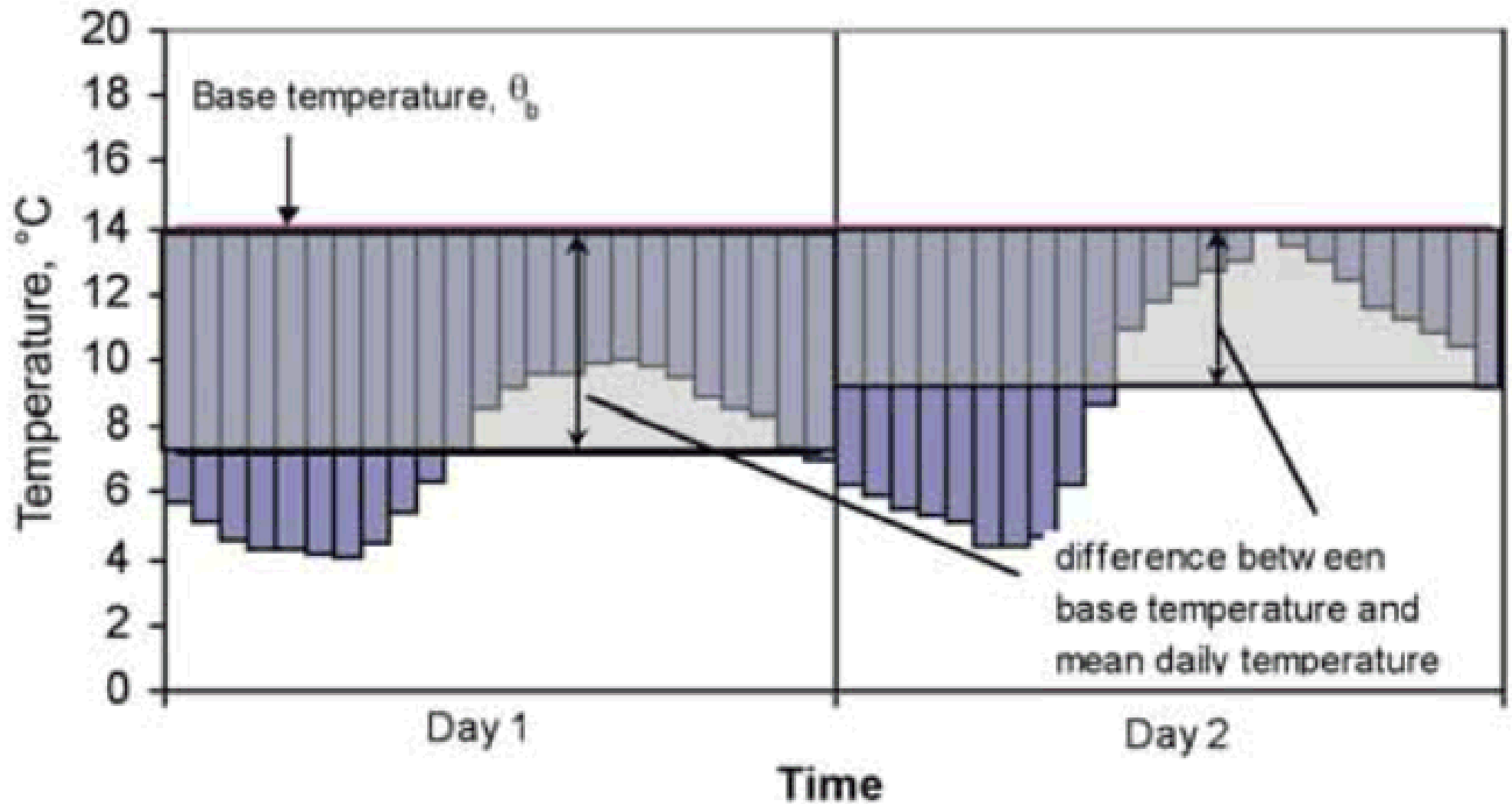
(e.g. 18.3 °C or 65 °F);  $Q_{\text{load}} = Q_{\text{gain}} + Q_{\text{loss}} = 0$

$t_o$  = outdoor temperature (e.g. average daily max./min.)

\* Degree-hours if summing over 24-hourly intervals

$$\text{Degree-day} = \Sigma(\text{degree-hours})^+ / 24$$

To determine the heating degree-day:



**Figure 1.1** The basic definition of degree-days as the difference between the base temperature and the mean daily outdoor temperature

To determine the heating degree-day (cont'd):

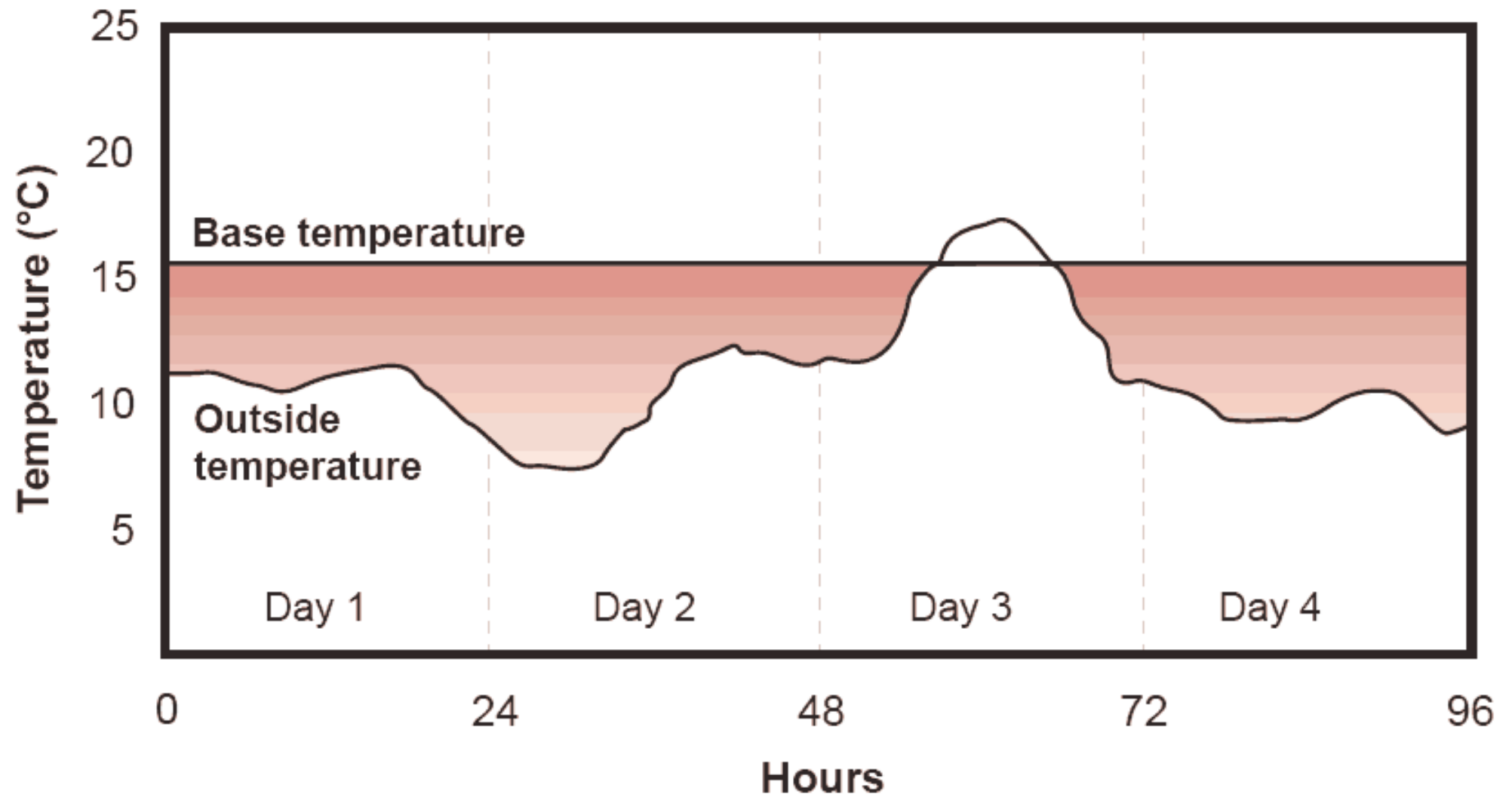
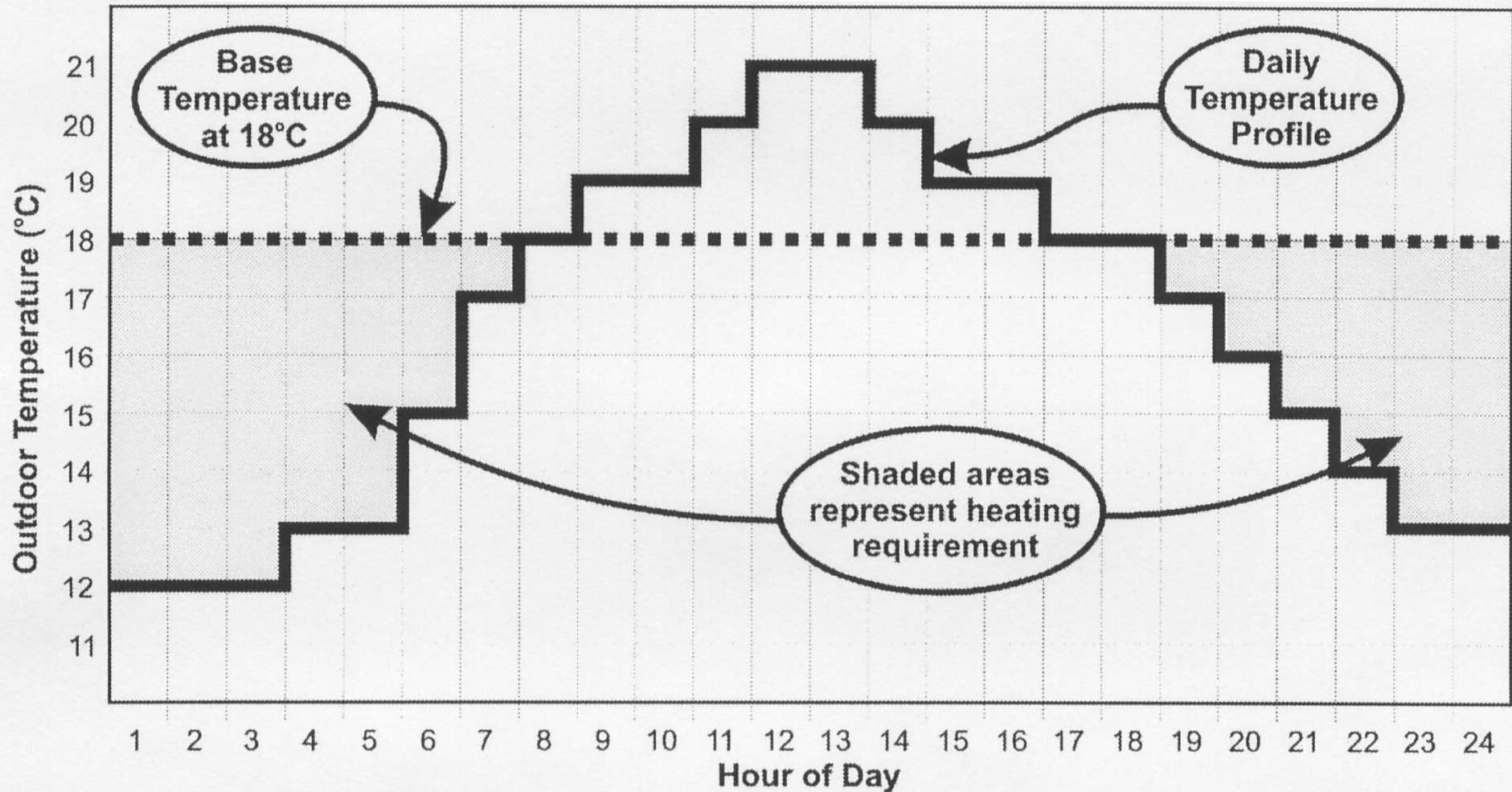


Figure 1 The shaded area is the degree-day value for the period

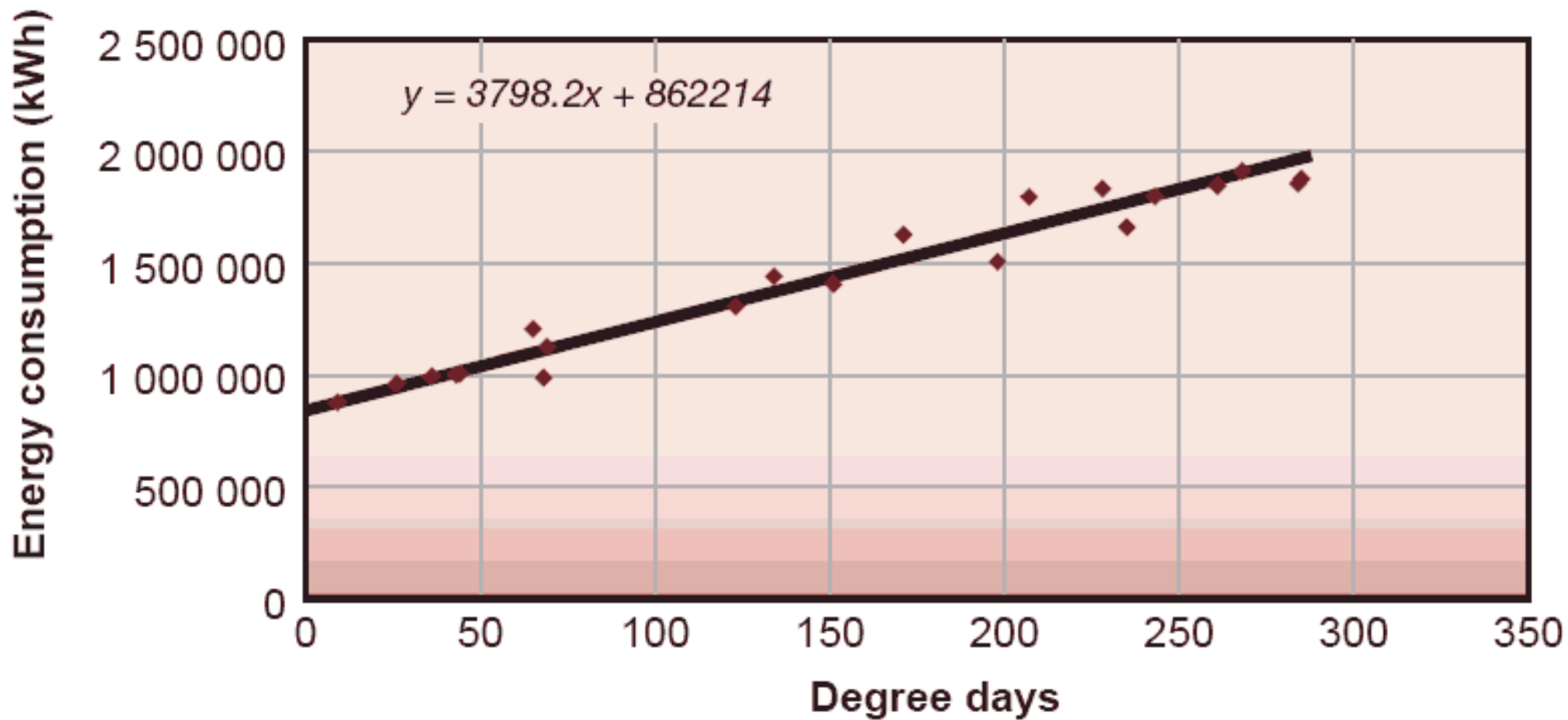
# Example of calculating the heating degree-day



Outdoor Temperature (°C)																							
12	12	12	13	13	15	17	18	19	19	20	21	21	20	19	19	18	18	17	16	15	14	13	13
6	6	6	5	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	5
Temperature Difference Below 18°C Base Temperature (Degree-Hours)																							Total
																							52

$$\text{Degree Days} = \frac{\text{Degree Hours}}{24} = \frac{52}{24} = 2.2 \text{ DegDay}$$





Correlation between energy consumption and degree days



# Energy Calculation Methods

- Variable base degree-day (VBDD) method
  - Degree-day with variable reference temperatures
    - To account for different building conditions and variation between daytime and nighttime
    - First calculate the balance point temperature of a building and then the heating and cooling degree hours at that base temperature
    - Require tedious calculations and detailed processing of hourly weather data at a complexity similar to hourly simulations. Therefore, does not seem warranted nowadays (why not just go for hourly simulation)



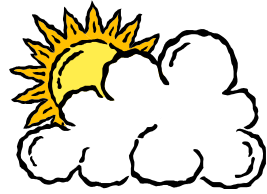
# Energy Calculation Methods

- Bin and modified bin methods
  - Evolve from VBDD method
  - Derive building annual heating/cooling loads by calculating its loads for a set of temperature “bins”
  - Multiplying the calculated loads by nos. of hours represented by each bin (e.g. 18-20, 20-22, 22-24 °C)
  - Totaling the sums to obtain the loads (cooling/heating energy)
  - Original bin method: not account of solar/wind effects
  - Modified bin method: account for solar/wind effects

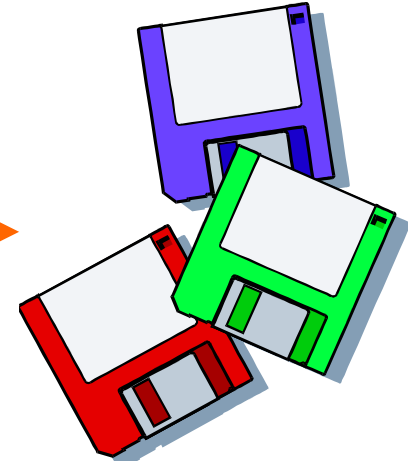
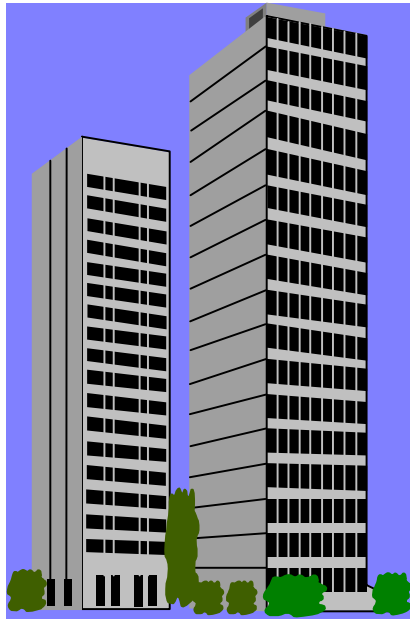


# Energy Calculation Methods

- Dynamic simulation methods
  - Usually hour-by-hour, for 8,760 hours (24 x 365)
  - Energy calculation sequence:
    - Space or building load [LOAD]
    - Secondary equipment load (airside system) [SYSTEMS]
    - Primary equipment energy requirement (e.g. chiller) [PLANT]
  - Computer software
    - Building energy simulation programs, e.g. Energy-10, DOE-2, TRACE 700, Carrier HAP



Weather  
data



## Building description

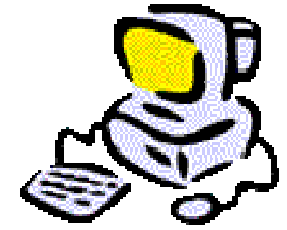
- physical data
- design parameters

## Simulation tool (computer program)

## Simulation outputs

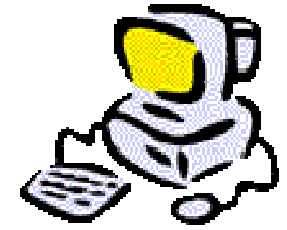
- energy consumption (MWh)
- energy demands (kW)
- environmental conditions

# Building Energy Simulation



- Building energy simulation
  - Analysis of energy performance of building using computer modelling and simulation techniques
- Many issues can be studied, such as:
  - Thermal performance (e.g. bldg. fabric, glazing)
  - Comfort and indoor environment
  - Ventilation and infiltration
  - Daylighting and overshadowing
  - Energy consumption of building systems

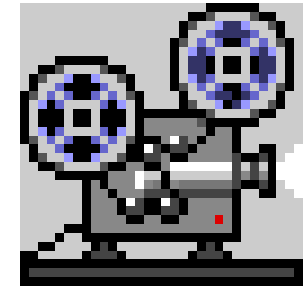
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- Video presentation:

- What is Energy Modeling? (2:05),

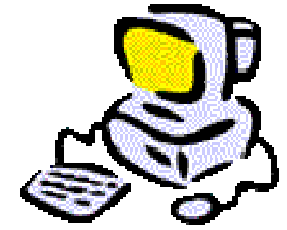
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- Understanding the Energy Modeling Process:  
Simulation Literacy 101 [BuildingGreen.com]

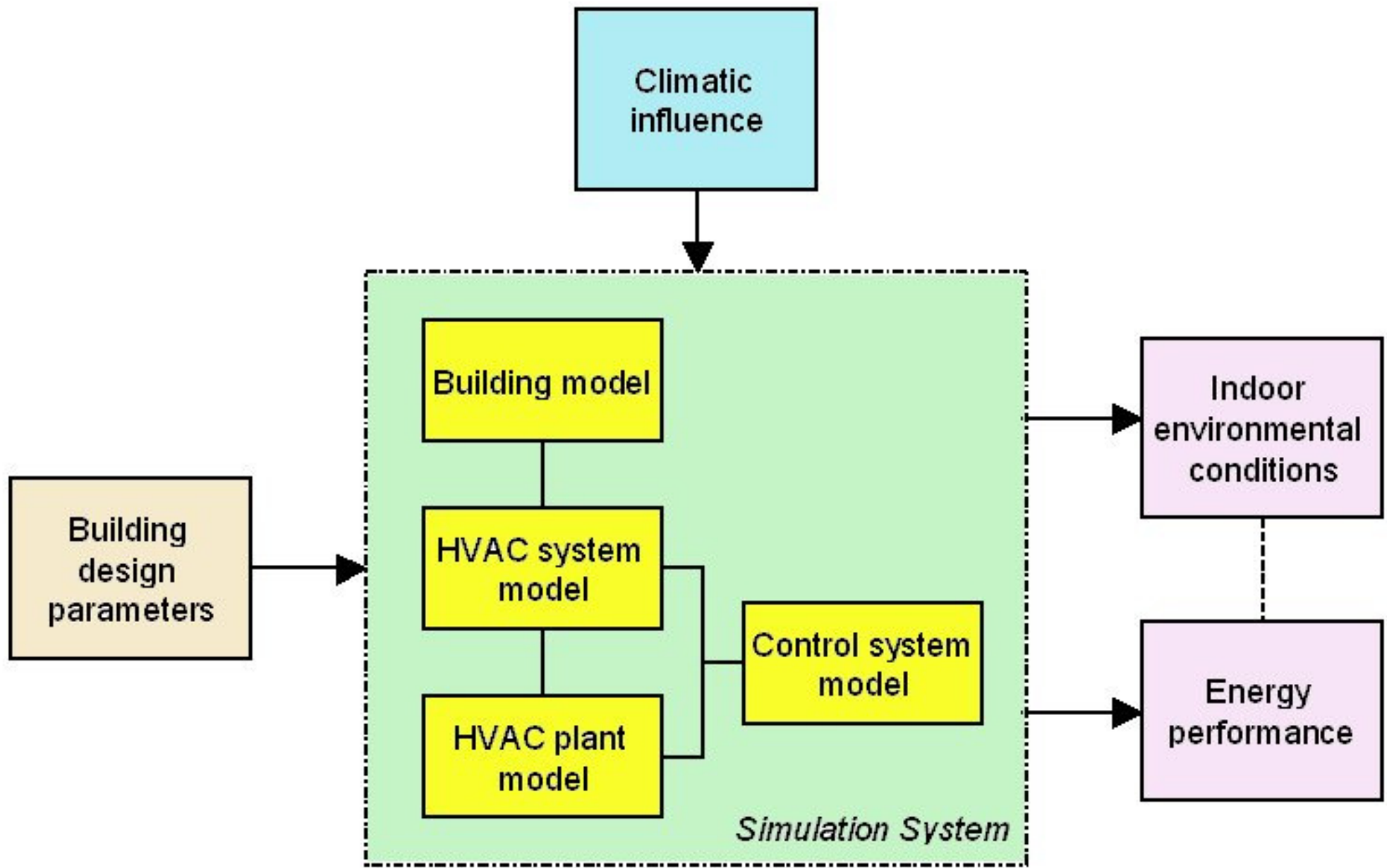
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# Building Energy Simulation

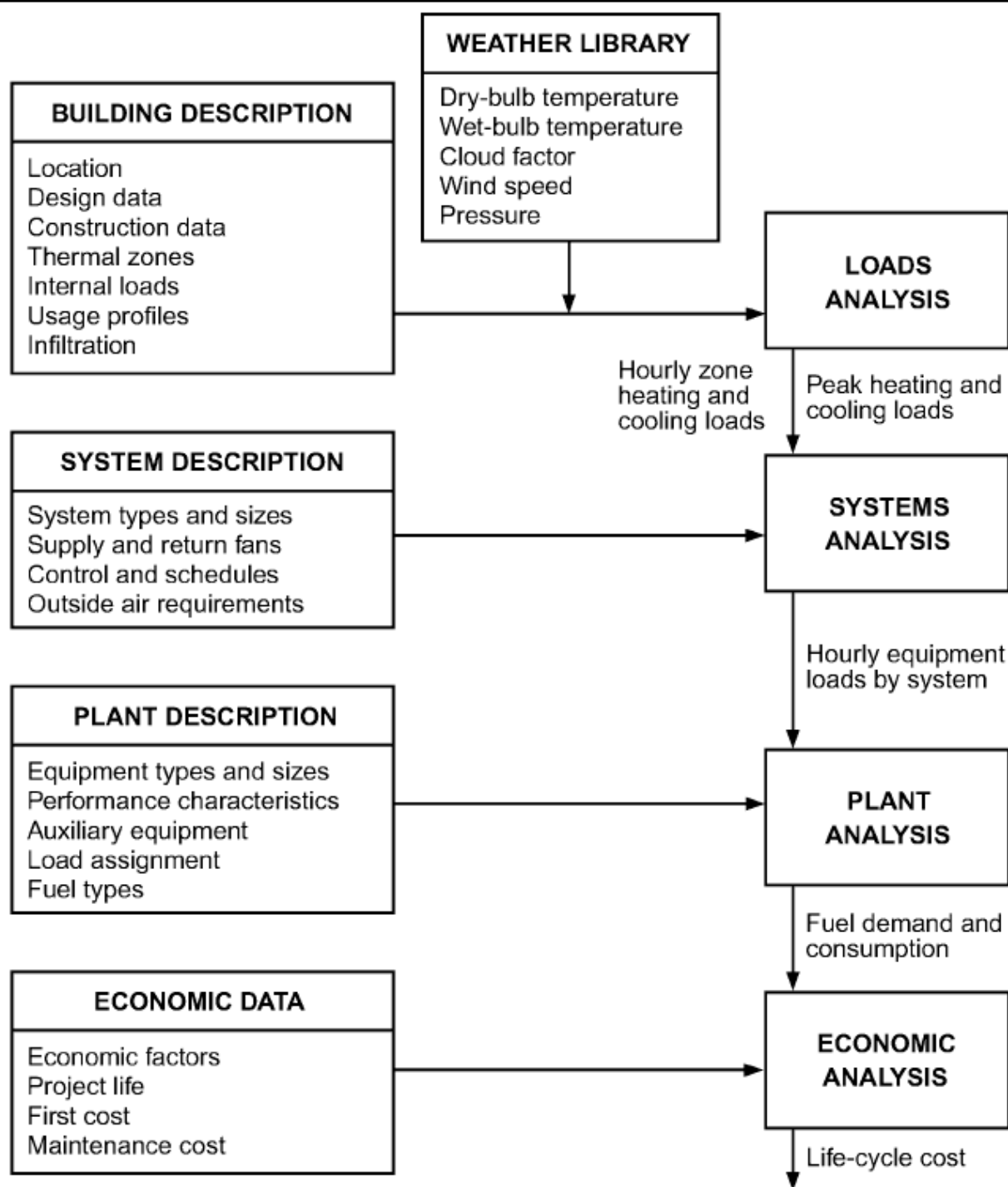


- Four major elements
  - Building model
  - HVAC system model
  - HVAC plant model
  - Control system model
- An economic model may be added for life cycle costing





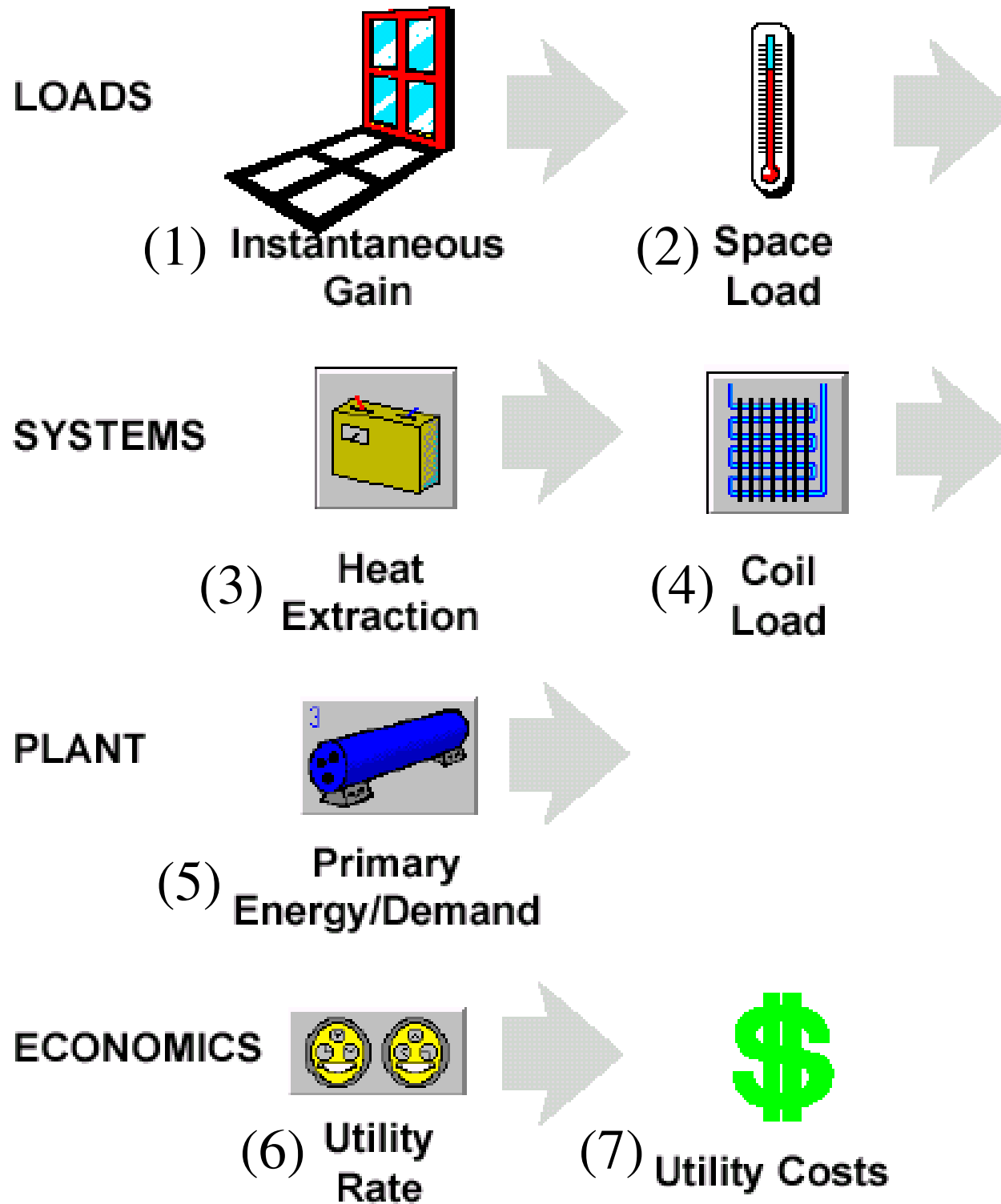
Major elements of building energy simulation



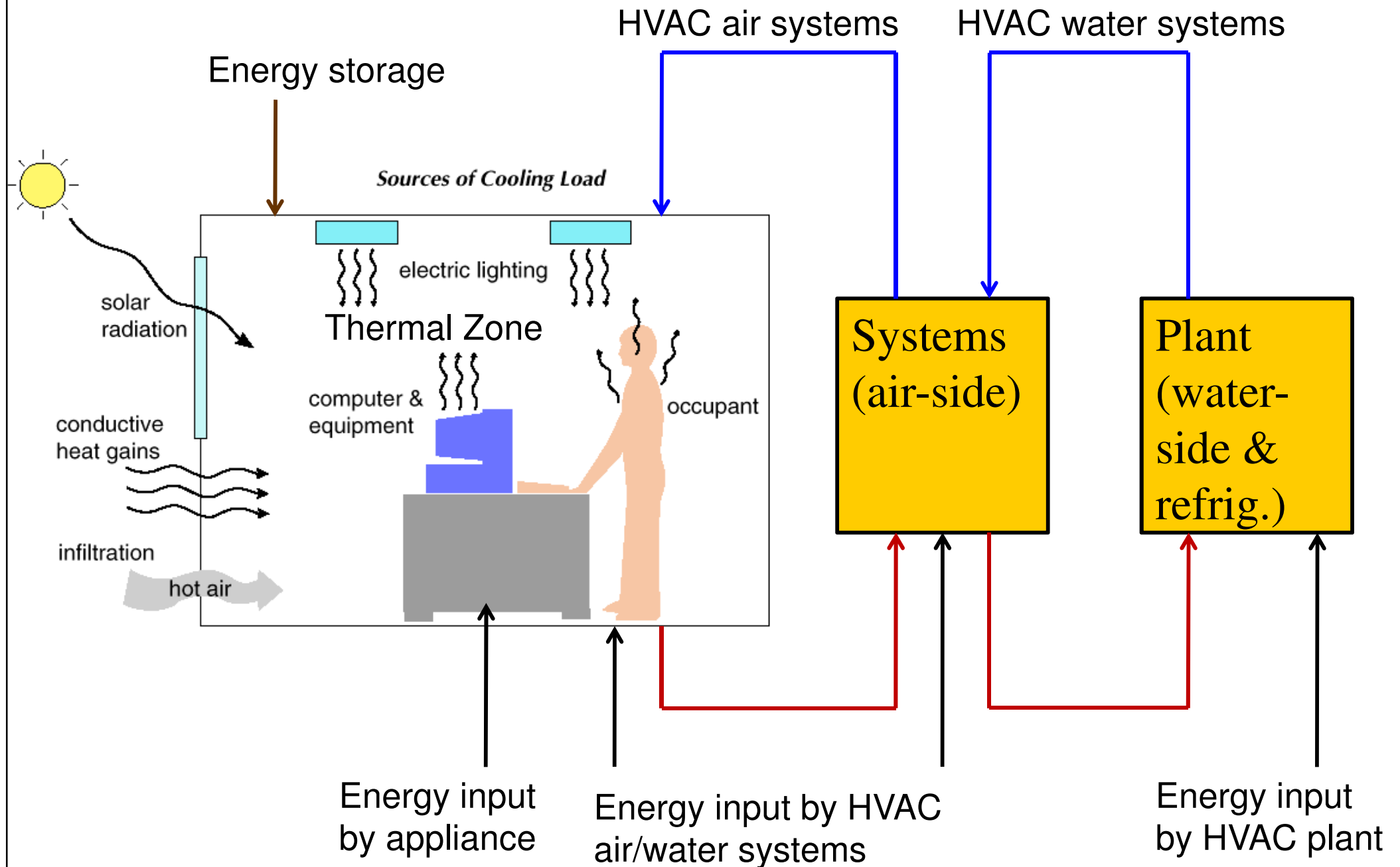
**Fig. 1 Flow Chart for Building Energy Simulation Program**

(Source: ASHRAE Handbook Fundamentals 2005)

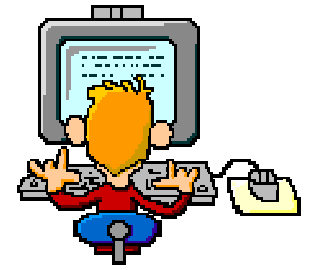
“Seven steps” of simulation output



# Building energy simulation process

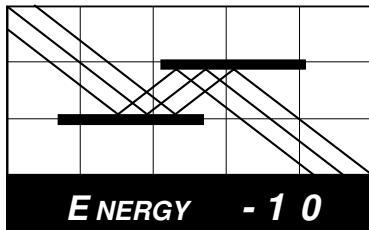


# Building Energy Simulation



- Examples of building energy simulation tools
  - Simplified
    - Energy-10, ENER-WIN, Solar-5, Energy Scheming
  - Detailed
    - DOE-2, BLAST, ESP-r, TRNSYS, EnergyPlus
  - Commercial (proprietary)
    - Carrier HAP, TRACE 700





**blast**



**DOE-2**

**Solar-5**

**ESP-r**



Hourly Energy Simulation Program for Buildings

**Building Energy  
Simulation Software**



**TRNSYS**



**E-20-II & HAP**



**TRANE**

**TRACE 700**



# Building Energy Simulation



- Software examples:

- **Energy-10**

- <http://www.sbicouncil.org/energy-10-software>

- **VisualDOE** (based on DOE-2.1e)

- <http://www.archenergy.com/products/visualdoe/>

- <http://gundog.lbl.gov/dirsoft/d2whatis.html>

- **MIT Design Advisor** (do online simulation)

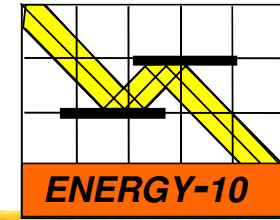
- <http://designadvisor.mit.edu/design/>

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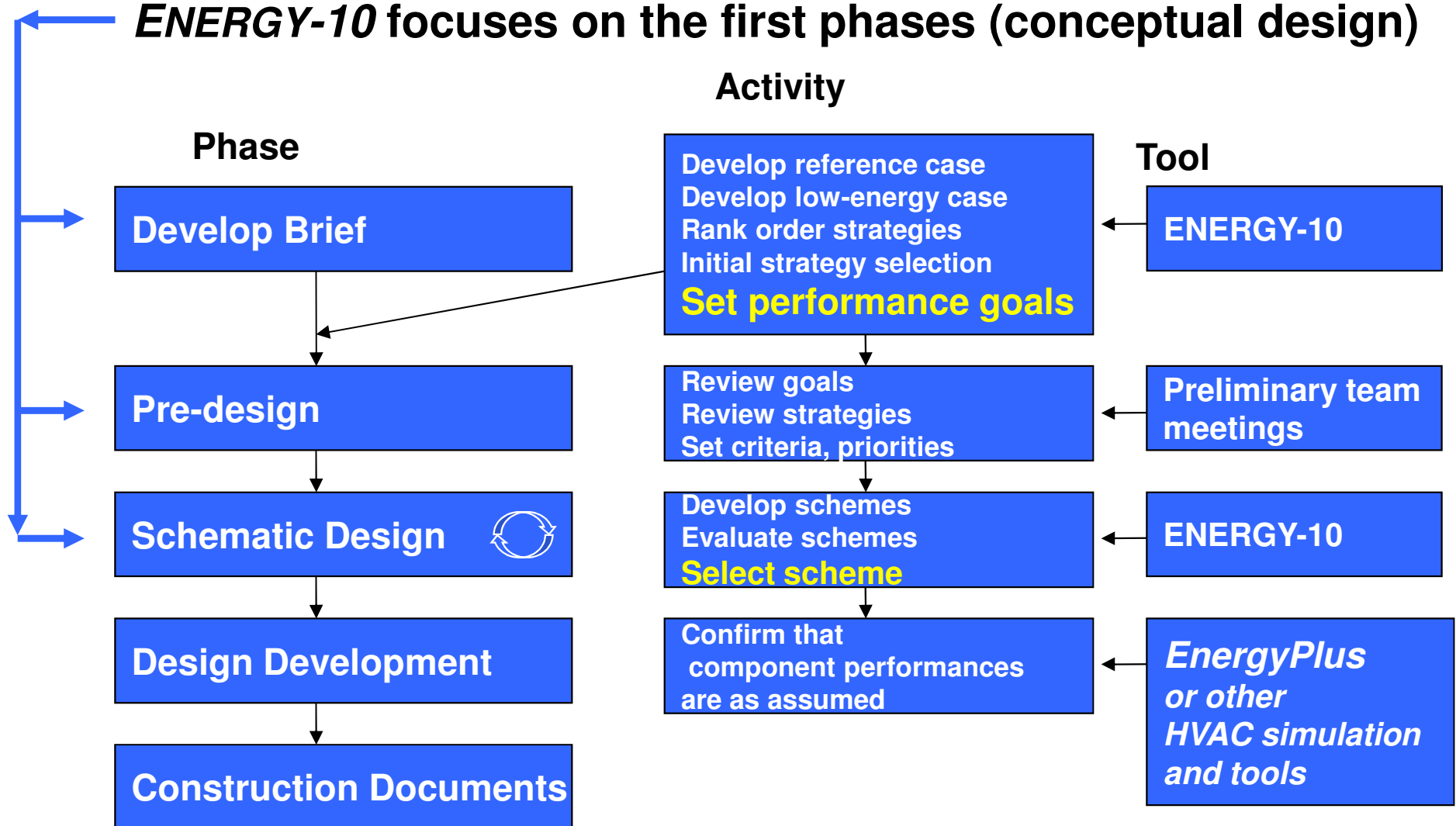
- Energy software example:
  - Energy-10
    - A software tool that helps architects and engineers quickly identify the most cost-effective, energy-saving measures to take in designing a low-energy building
    - Suitable for small commercial and residential buildings that are characterized by one, or two thermal zones (less than 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> or 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>)
    - <http://www.nrel.gov/buildings/energy10.html>
    - <http://www.energy-10.com/>

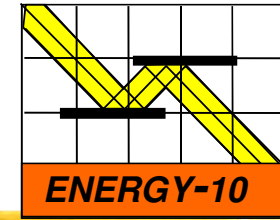




# Example: Energy-10

**ENERGY-10 focuses on the first phases (conceptual design)**





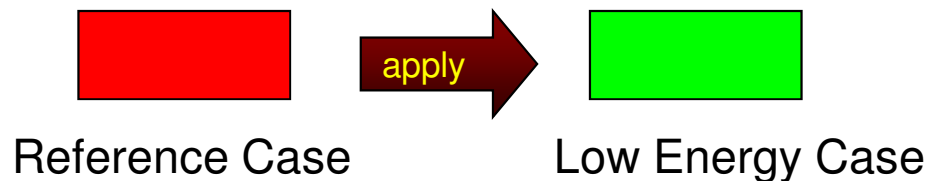
# Example: Energy-10

- Creates two building descriptions based on five inputs and user-defined defaults.

- Location
- Building Use
- Floor area
- Number of stories
- HVAC system

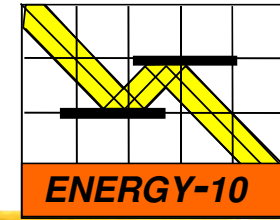
**Gets you  
started  
quickly.**

**For example:**



R-8.9 walls (4" steel stud)  
R-19 roof  
No perimeter insulation  
Conventional double windows  
Conventional lighting  
Conventional HVAC  
Conventional air-tightness  
Uniform window orientation  
Conventional HVAC controls  
Conventional duct placement

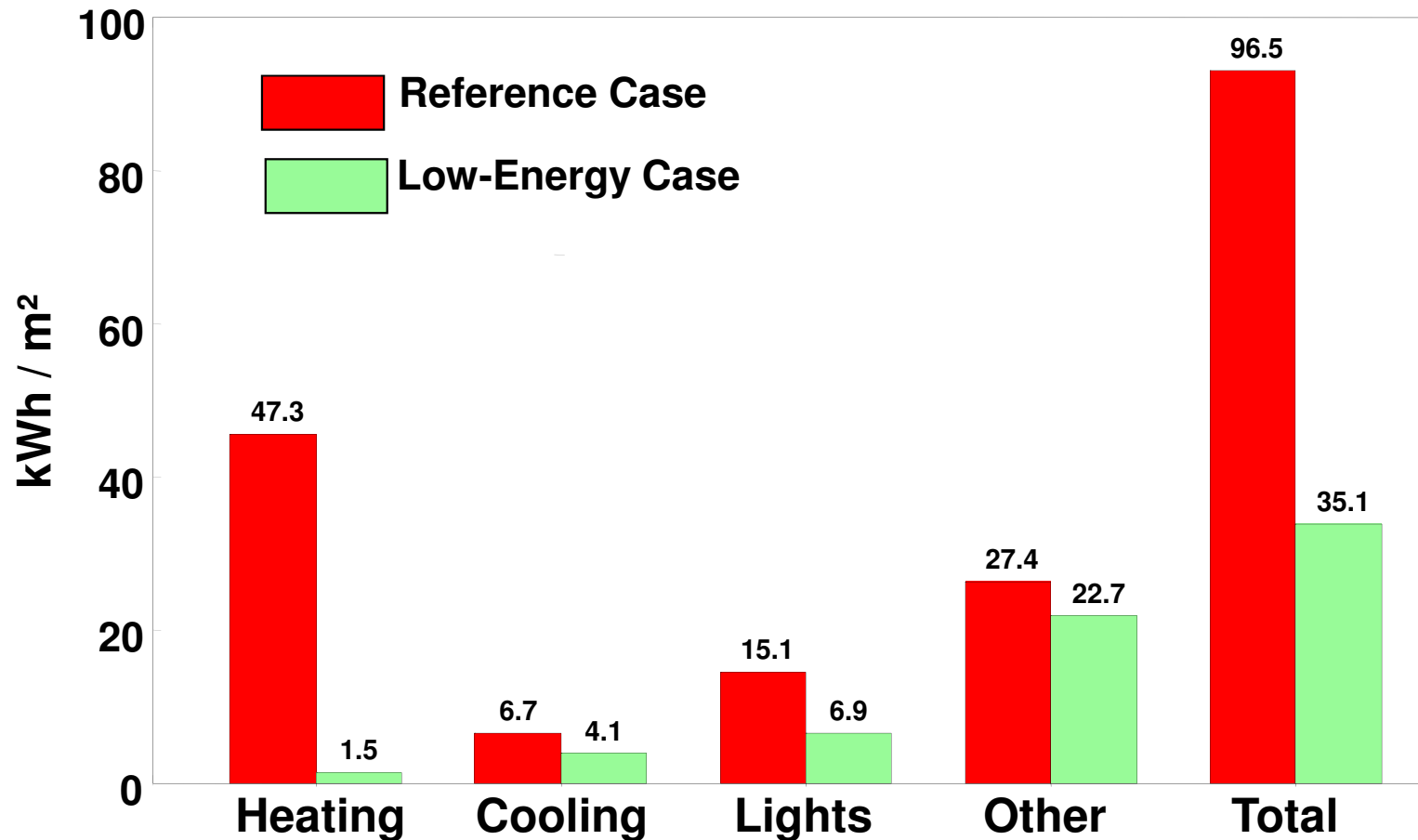
R-19.6 Walls (6" steel stud with 2" foam)  
R-38 roof  
R-10 perimeter insulation  
Best low-e double windows  
Efficient lights with daylight dimming  
High efficiency HVAC  
Leakage reduced 75%  
Passive solar orientation  
Improved HVAC controls  
Ducts located inside, tightened



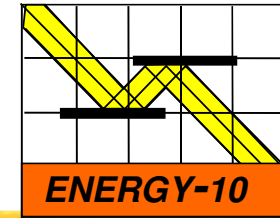
# Example: Energy-10

2,000 m<sup>2</sup> office building

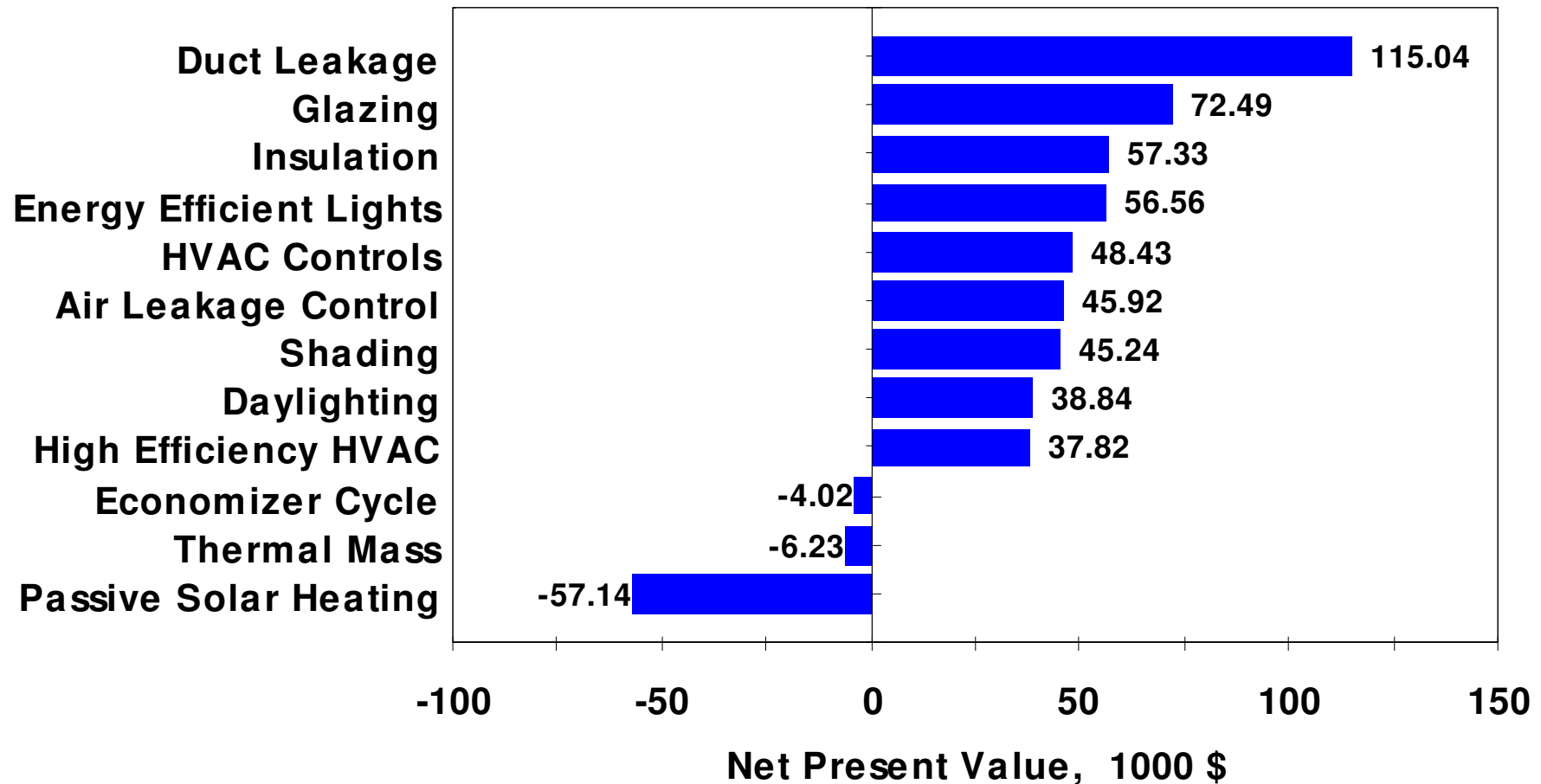
## ANNUAL ENERGY USE



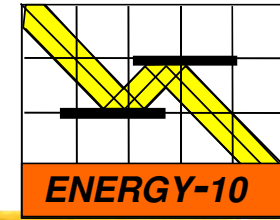
# Example: Energy-10



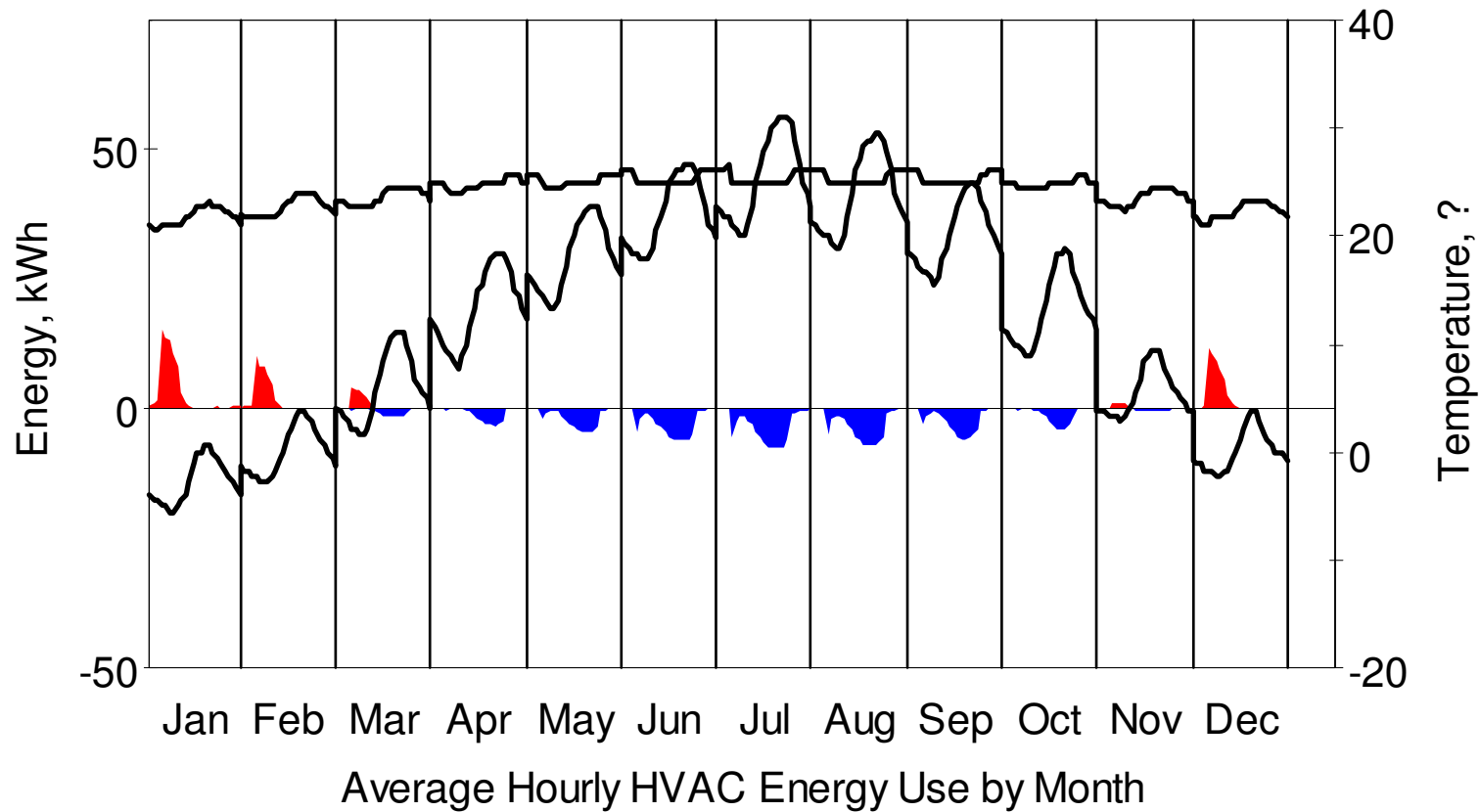
## RANKING OF ENERGY-EFFICIENT STRATEGIES



# Example: Energy-10



Sample - Lower-Energy Case



Heating Cooling Inside T Outside T

# Example: VisualDOE

DOE-2

The screenshot displays the VisualDOE 4.0 software interface. The window title is "VisualDOE 4.0 - A sample building". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Alternatives, Simulation, Organizers, Tools, and Help. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- Project Information:** Project Name: "A sample building", Energy Analyst: "engineer", Address: "East Boston, Massachusetts", Description: "Energy modeling to support design optimization and LEED certification".
- Building Parameters:** Era Built: "1989 to present", Front Azimuth: "115 degrees", Climate Zone: "Bostnma2", Site Elevation: "10 ft", Holiday Set: "Official US", Discount Rate: "10 %", Project Life Cycle: "20 years".
- Energy Resources:** Electricity: "# of Meters: 1, Utility Rates: NStar A5 TOU", Fuel: "# of Meters: 2, Define Fuel Meters button".
- Building Statistics:** Building statistics (accurate after simulations are run. Area in ft²):
  - Gross Floor Area: 133744
  - Conditioned Floor Area: 132085
  - Window Area: 10888
  - Skylight Area: 0
  - Window-Wall-Ratio: 21.4%
  - Skylight-Roof-Ratio: 0.0%

The interface also features a 2D floor plan view on the left, a 3D perspective view of the building at the bottom left, and a status bar at the bottom showing the file path "C:\Temp\MG Midrise A v35.gph", design status "Proposed Design", coordinates "X = -175 Y = 93", units "IP Units", and date "9/18/03".

# Example: VisualDOE

DOE-2

**HVAC Systems Editor**

Click on system equipment for specifications. Copy Sketch

**System Features**

- Preheat Coil
- Humidifier
- Return Fan
- Heat Recovery
- Evap. Precool
- Economizer
- Min. Outside Air
- Natural Ventilation

Min. OA Ratio:

System:

Type:

Occupancy/Schedules:

System Era:

Return Air Path:

Control Zone:

Description:

# Example: VisualDOE

DOE-2

The screenshot displays the 'Central Plant Editor' software interface. The window title is 'Central Plant Editor' and it includes standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the top right corner. Below the title bar is a toolbar with 'Cancel', 'OK', and 'Copy Sketch' buttons. The interface is divided into four tabs: 'General', 'Cooling Management', 'Heating Management', and 'Electrical Management'. The 'General' tab is currently selected.

The left sidebar contains several configuration panels:

- Chilled Water Plant:** Chilled Water Temp.: 44 °F. Electric Chiller Types:  None,  1,  2,  3,  4. # of Absorption Chiller Types:  None,  1,  2,  3.
- Thermal Energy Storage
- Engine Driven Chiller
- Boilers:** Fuel Boiler Types:  None,  1,  2. Electric Boiler Types:  None,  1,  2.
- Electric Generators:**  Diesel,  Gas Turbine.

The main workspace shows a schematic diagram of the plant system. A red line represents the chilled water loop, starting from a tank at the top left and connecting to an 'Absorp. #1' unit. A green line represents the heating loop, connecting the 'Absorp. #1' unit to a 'Fuel #1' unit and then to a boiler. A blue line represents the return loop, connecting the boiler back to the 'Absorp. #1' unit. The diagram also shows a generator unit and various piping and valves.

At the bottom of the window, a text prompt reads: 'Click on plant equipment for specifications.'



# Example: VisualDOE

DOE-2

The screenshot shows a 'Print Preview' window for VisualDOE 4.0. The window title is 'Print Preview' and it includes standard window controls (minimize, maximize, close) in the top right. Below the title bar, there are buttons for 'Export RTF', 'Export PDF', and 'Close'. A navigation bar shows '3/4' and various navigation icons. The main content area displays the following information:

**VisualDOE 4.0 - Results** **September 18, 2003**

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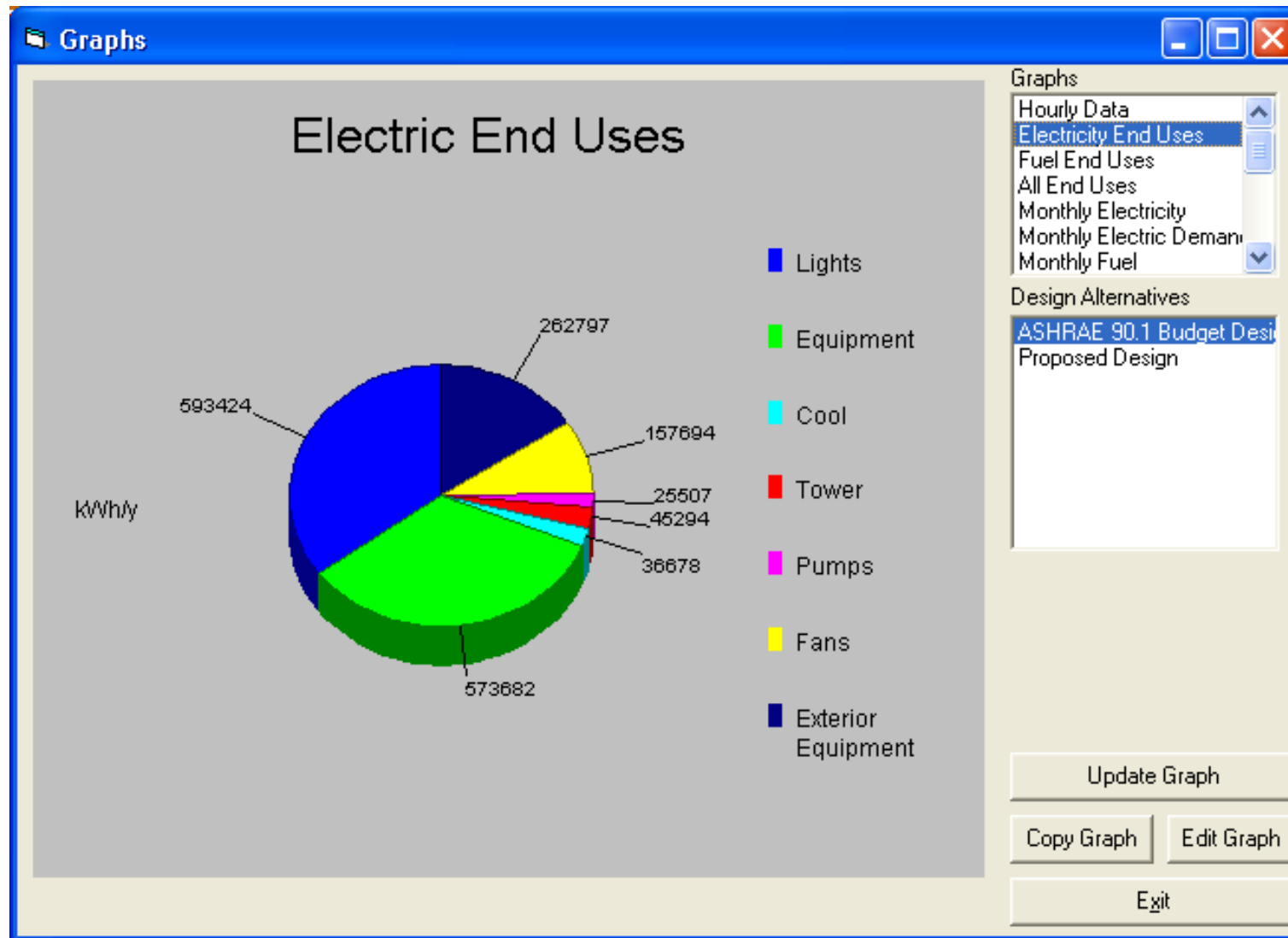
**Energy Cost Summary (\$/y)**

Alternative	Total Electric	Total Fuel	Total Utility	Incremental First Cost	PV Life Cycle Cost*
<b>Total Energy Costs (\$/y)</b>					
ASHRAE 90.1 Budget Design Case	\$214,115	\$50,449	\$264,564	\$0	\$2,252,383
Proposed Design	\$203,404	\$78,084	\$281,488	\$0	\$2,396,466
<b>Incremental Energy Savings (\$/y)</b> (compared with previous alternative, negative savings represent increases)					
Proposed Design	\$10,711	\$-27,635	\$-16,924	\$0	\$-144,084

\* 20 year life cycle w/ 10% discount rate.

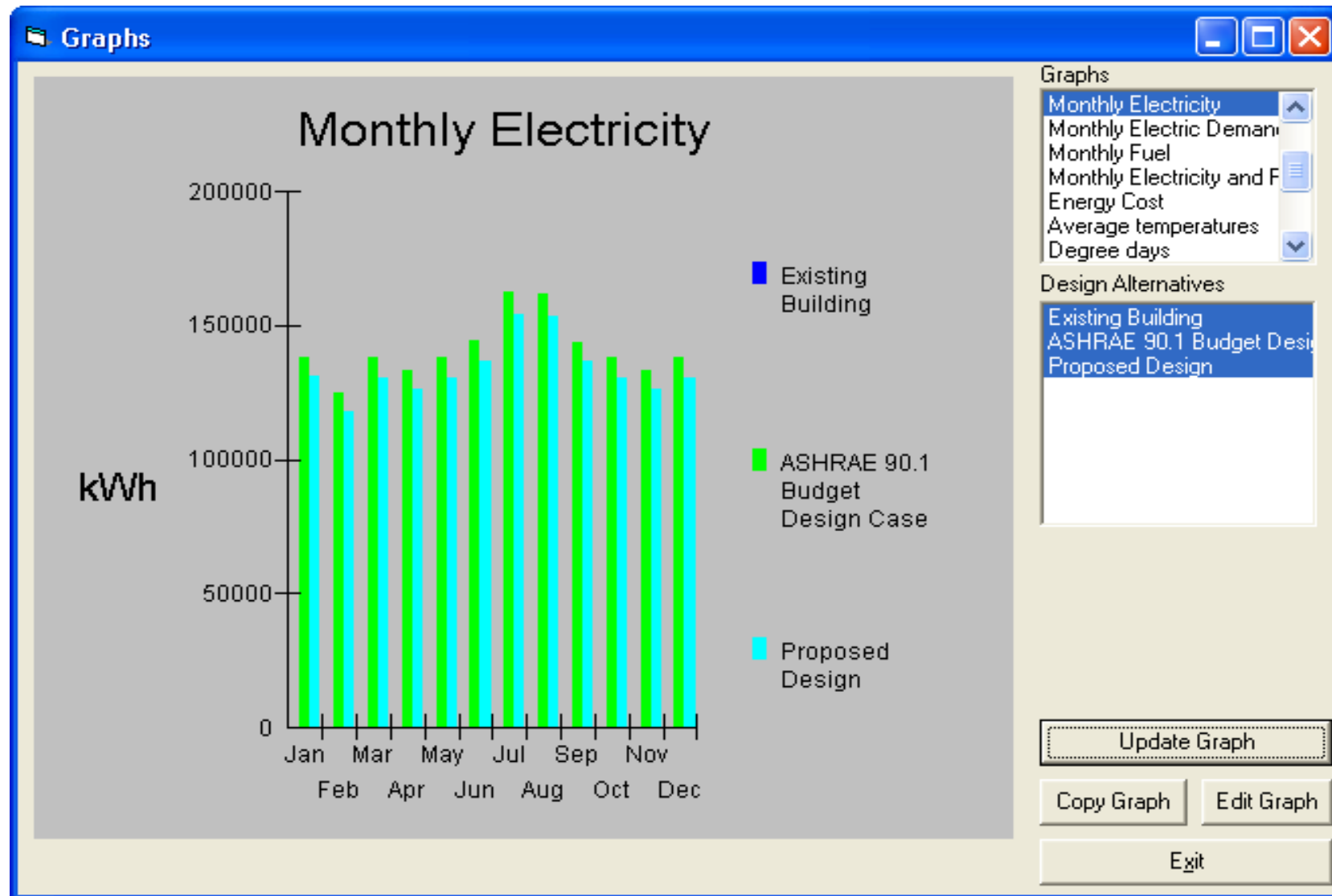
# Example: VisualDOE

DOE-2



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## The MIT Design Advisor

Introduction



Setup

RESULTS:



Energy



Comfort



Natural  
Ventilation



Daylighting:  
Full Room



Daylighting:  
Workplane



Life Cycle



Optimizer

Report

F.A.Q.

## UPDATE - Changes have been made to the MIT Design Advisor!



Building energy simulation in minutes.

Heating, cooling, lighting, comfort, and more.

### UPDATE - Version 1.1 now released

A new version of the MIT Design Advisor, Version 1.1, has recently been released (on 09/03/09) that includes the capability of adding different types of roofs to your building. Explore the new *Roof Description* section under the *Setup* tab to use the new feature, and the *Assumptions page* under the *F.A.Q.* tab for more information.

### Overview

Architects and Building Designers can use computer modeling to improve indoor comfort and energy performance of conceptual building designs. But most simulation tools are too complicated for this purpose.

Quick, visual comparisons are needed for early-stage design. The MIT Design Advisor is a tool which allows you to describe and simulate a building in less than five minutes. No technical experience or training is needed. An annual energy simulation can be run in less than a minute, and graphical results are immediately available for review. Give it a try.

### Getting Started

1. Begin by clicking the *SETUP* tab to the left and follow the directions to create a building design.
2. To save and simulate your building scenario, click *Save* on one of the colored scenario boxes at the bottom panel.
3. View the simulation results by clicking on any of the tabs to the left (Comfort, Energy, etc.)

Look for the information buttons for extra help:



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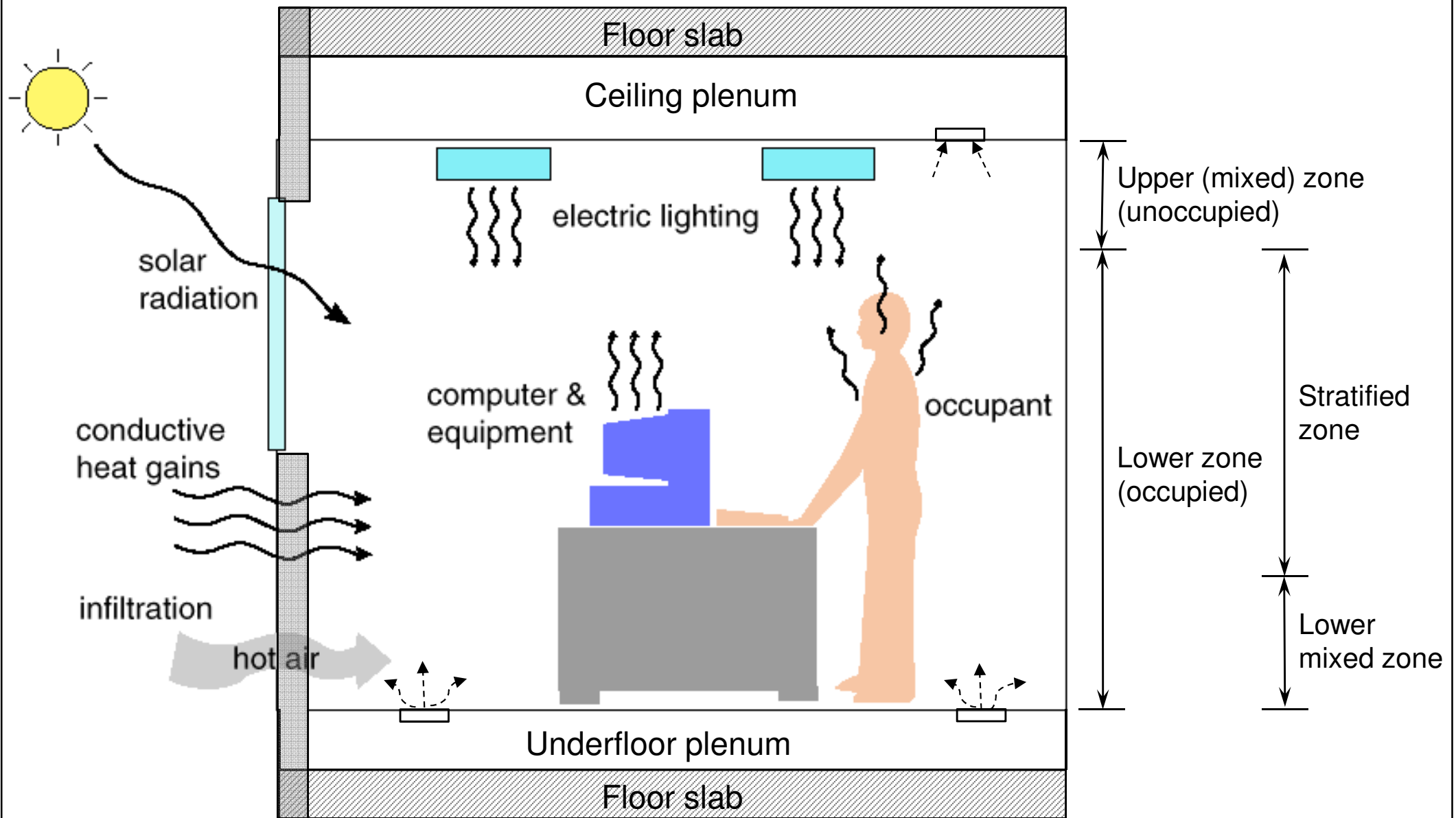
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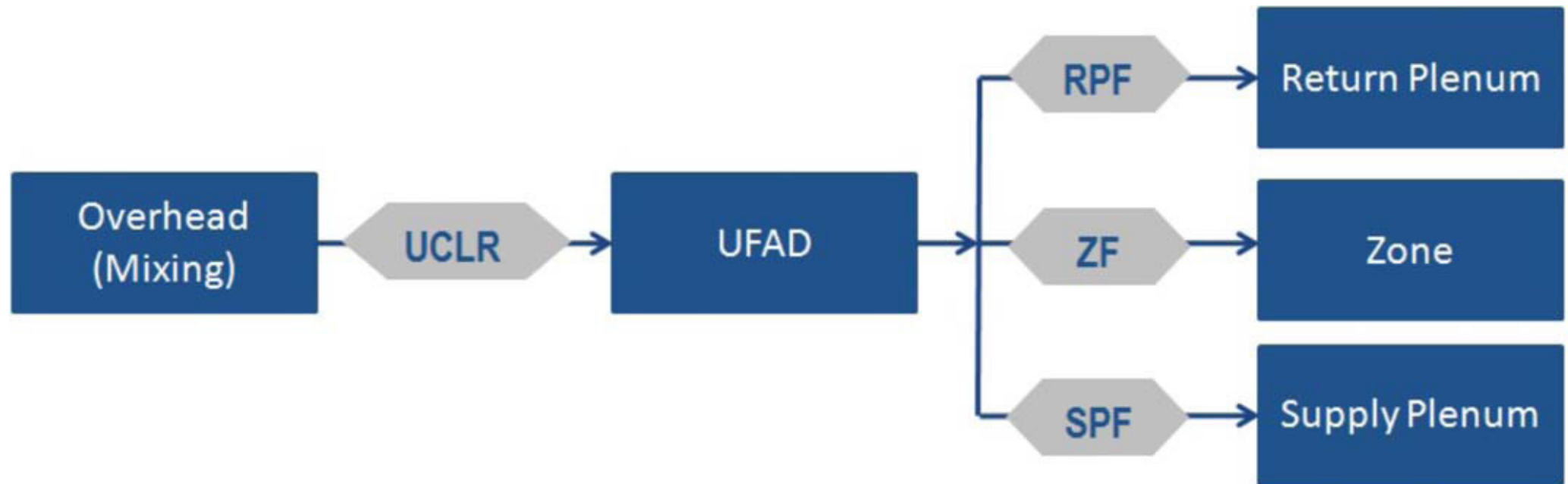
- Load calculations and energy analysis for new HVAC systems, such as
  - Underfloor air distribution (UFAD) systems
    - UFAD Cooling Load Design Tool (online)
      - <http://www.cbe.berkeley.edu/ufad-designtool/online.htm>
  - Radiant cooling systems (e.g. chilled ceiling)
    - Bauman, F., *et al.*, 2013. Cooling load calculations for radiant systems: Are they the same as traditional methods?, *ASHRAE Journal*, 55 (12): 20-27.
  - Variable refrigerant flow (VRF) systems

# Cooling load calculation for underfloor air distribution (UFAD) system



(Source: Hui, S. C. M. and Zhou, Y. C., 2015. Analysis of cooling load calculations for underfloor air distribution systems, In Proc. of the 13th Asia Pacific Conference on the Built Environment: Next Gen Technology to Make Green Building Sustainable, 19-20 Nov 2015 (Thu-Fri), Hong Kong, 15 pp. [[PDF](#)])

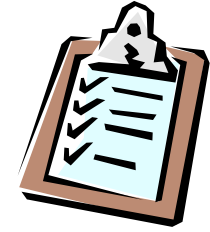
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\*See also UFAD Cooling Load Design Tool (online)

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# Further Reading



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