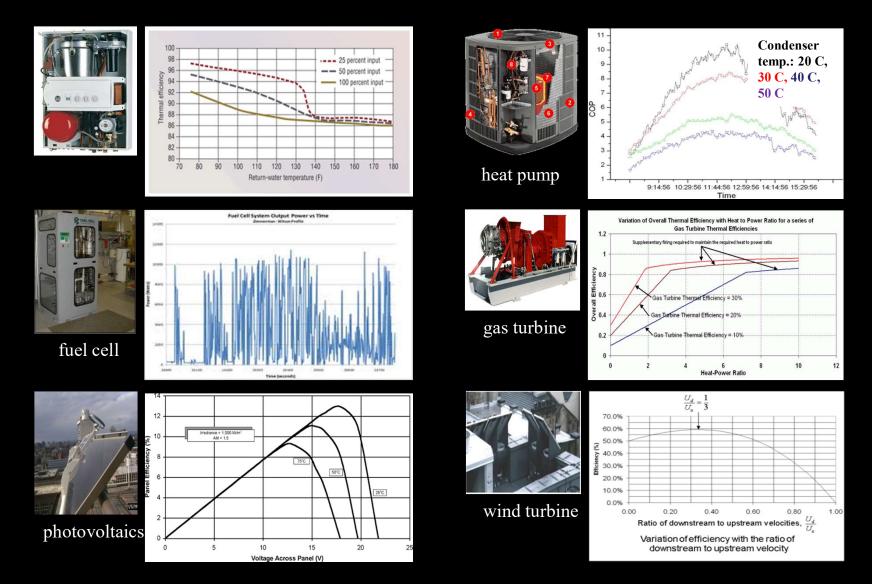


Numerical method: systems

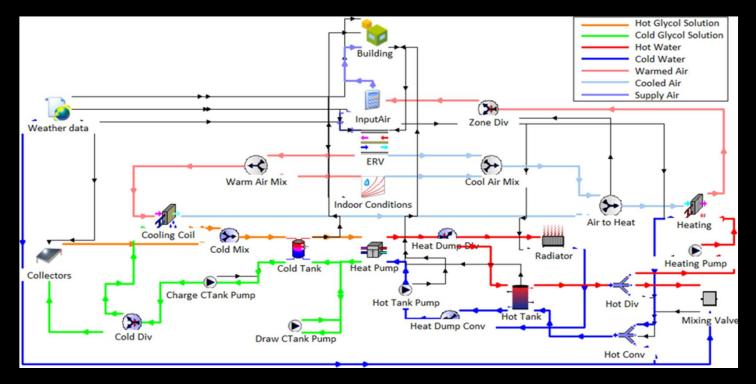


Equipment performance: dynamic and non-linear



Issues: dynamic response, conditions monitoring, hybrid systems design and control.

Plant and systems simulation



Two approaches:

- Sequential, where components are replaced by an equivalent input/output relationship so that the output from one component becomes the input to the next. Iteration is then employed to achieve solution convergence throughout the network.
- □ Simultaneous, where plant components are represented by finite volumes and corresponding conservation equations added to the whole system matrix equation.

Sequential vs. simultaneous: pros and cons

□ Sequential approach using black-box, input-output models:

- ✓ supports system design (sizing components);
- \checkmark allows checking that components will work together;
- ✓ supports testing of system control strategies;
- problems with inter-component dependencies;
 fixed parameters not valid in off-design conditions.

□ Simultaneous approach using full numerical discretisation

- \checkmark components have a description of the fundamental processes in each component;
- \checkmark can be used to optimise the internal design of each component;
- ✓ does not rely on 'design-condition' parameters;
- \checkmark can be used to study control variables within components and globally;
- requires detailed information (e.g. geometry, material properties) that is not always available from manufacturers.

Example system: ground and air source heat pump

A, B, C: Evaporation and sensible heating of refrigerant in the evaporator (heat transfer from the colder source):

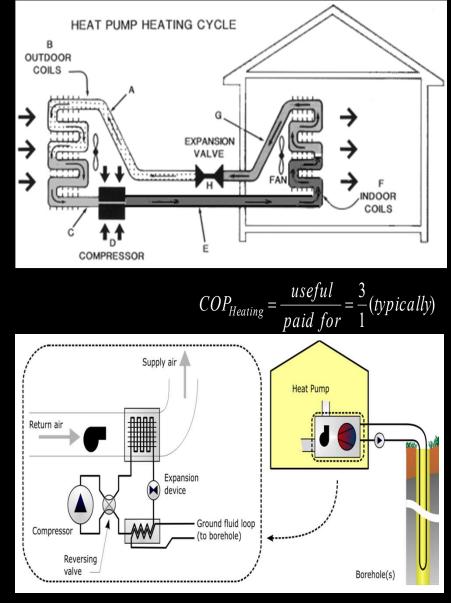
- convection from source fluid to heat exchanger surface;
- conduction through heat exchanger wall;
- convection to boiling refrigerant.

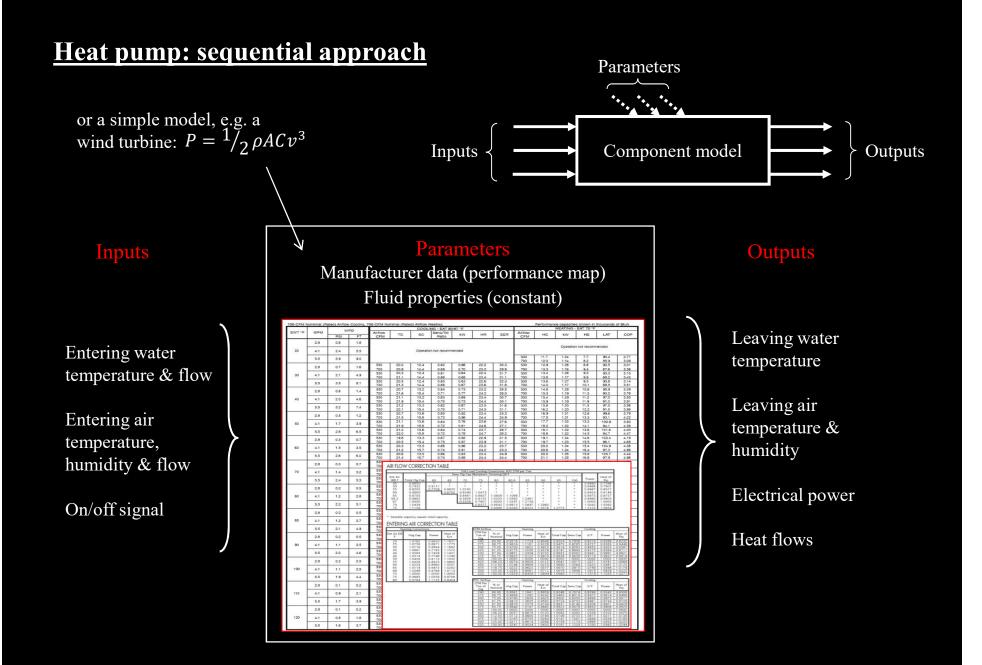
D: Electrical energy converted into potential energy (pressure) and heat (temperature increase) in compressor.

E, F, G: Condensation and sensible cooling of refrigerant in the condenser (heat transfer to hotter sink):

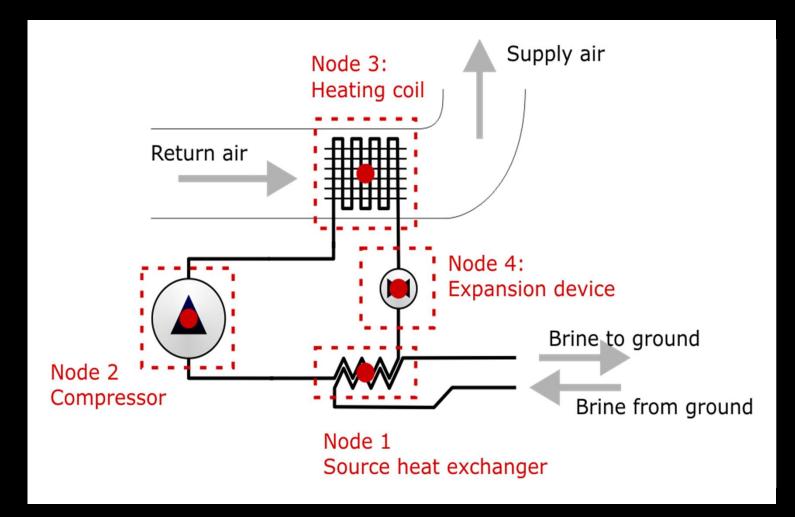
- convection from condensing refrigerant;
- conduction through heat exchanger wall;
- convection from heat exchanger surface to supply air.

H: Pressure drop and cooling across expansion valve.

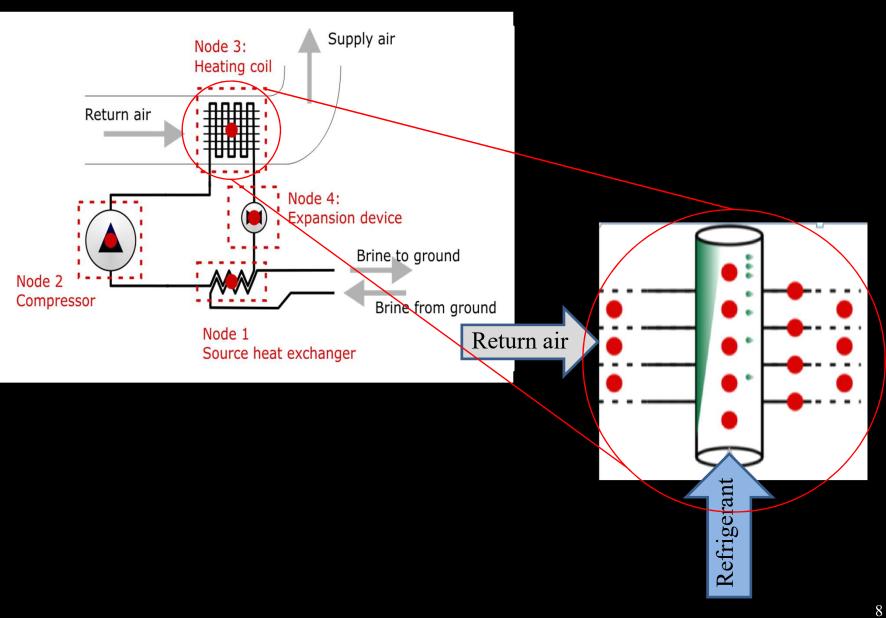




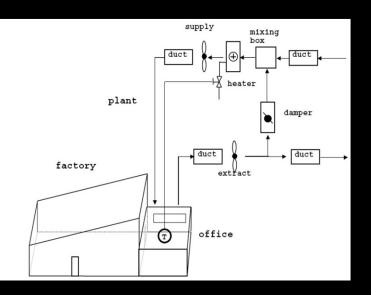
Heat pump: simultaneous approach

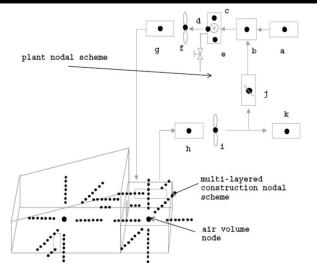


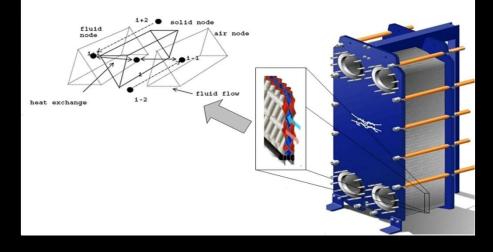
Variable discretisation levels

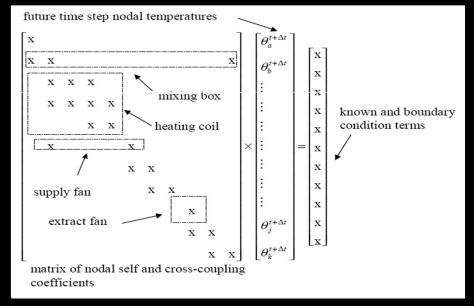


Discretising plant

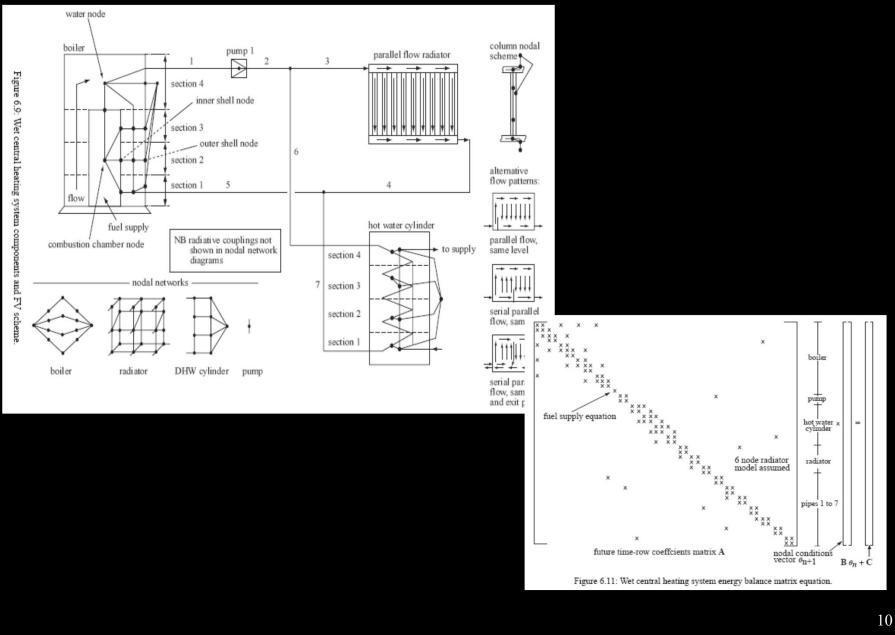




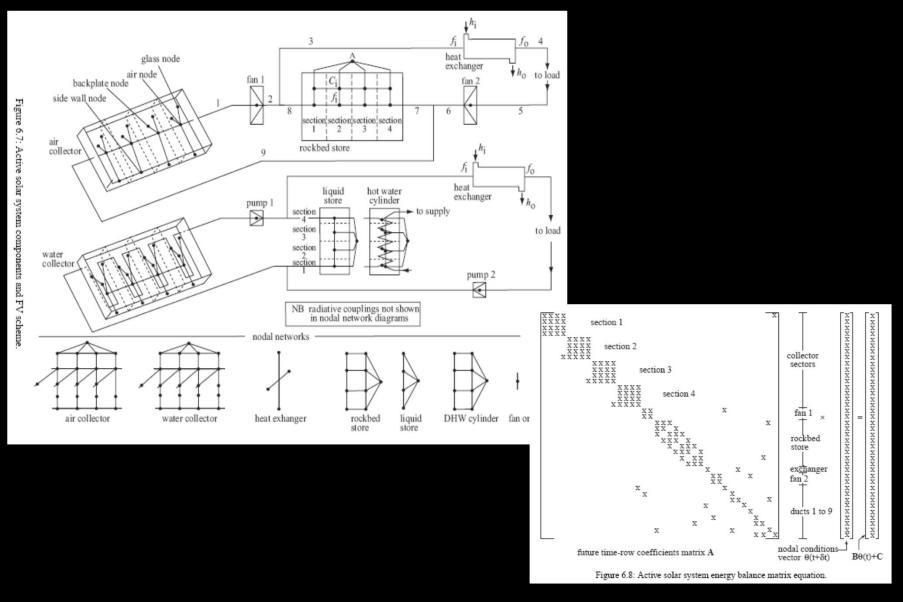




Gas central heating system

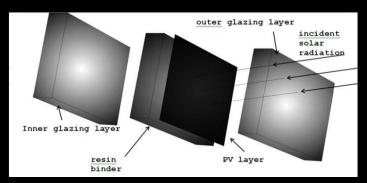


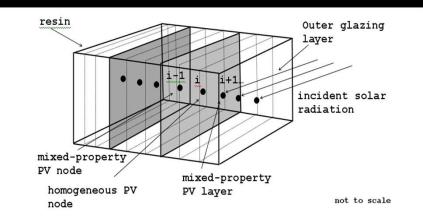
Solar energy collector with energy storage

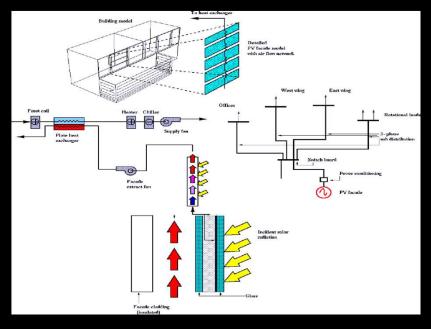


Building-integrated photovoltaic system



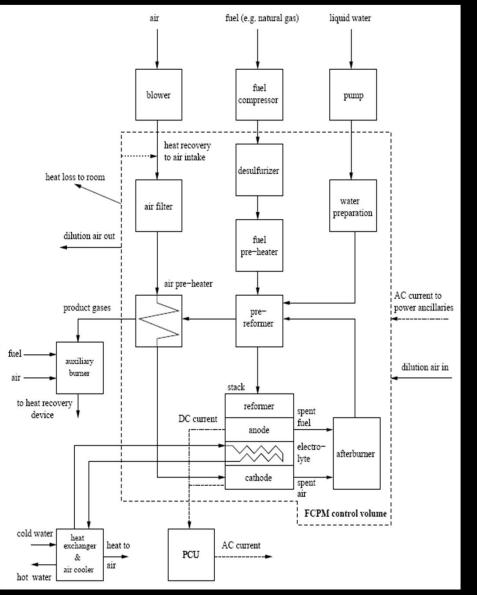




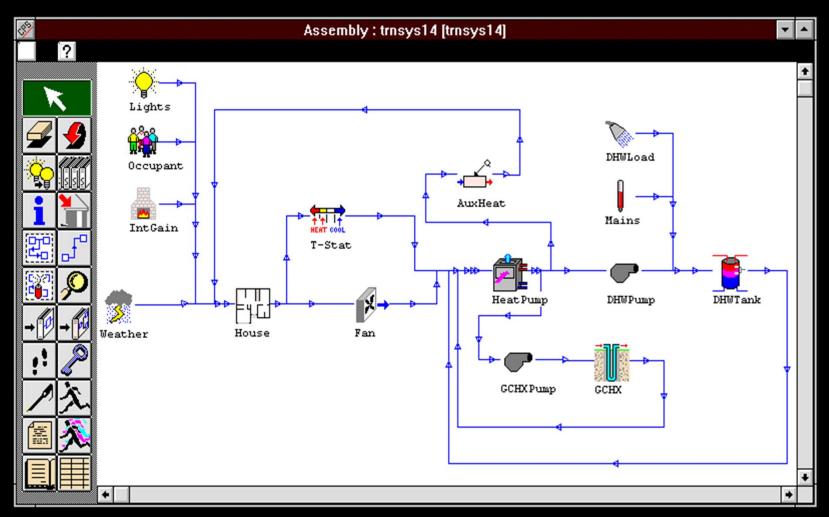


Fuel cell system



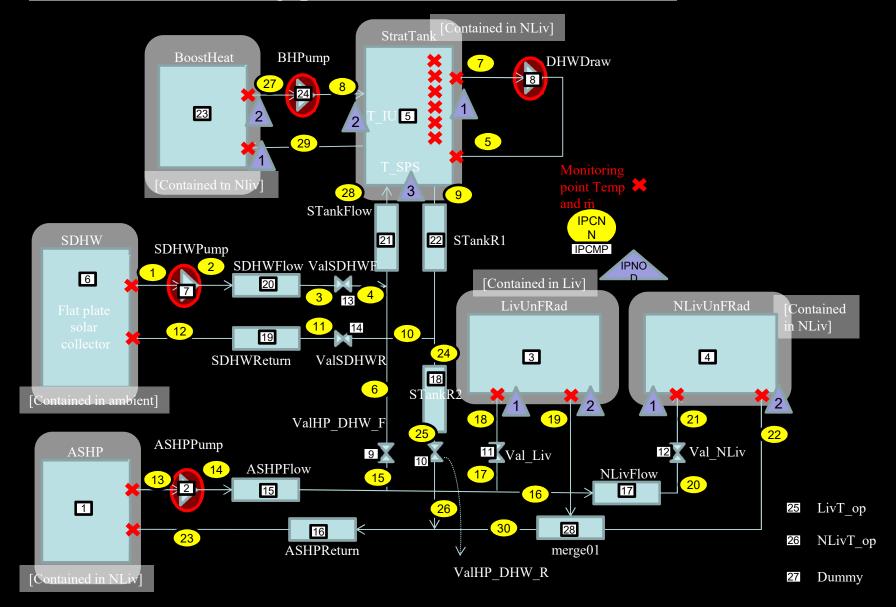


TRNSYS – low energy house with heat pump

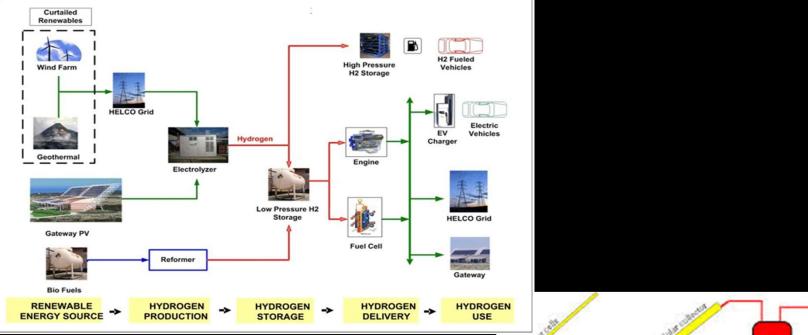


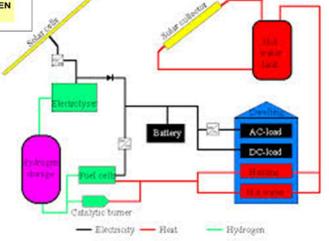
http://www.trnsys.com/

ESP-r: linked building, plant and air/water flow network



Hydrogen fuel cells



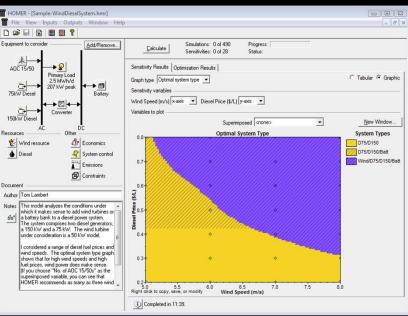


Renewable energy



Retscreen (https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/softwaretools/7465)

Homer (http://homer.ucsd.edu/homer/)



Distributed/embedded generation

Power station 1 @ 2	000 MW
Wind 100 @	20 MW
Marine 4,000 @	0.5 MW
CHP 40,000 @	0.05 MW
Urban RE 200,000 @	0.01 MW

RE systems 3-5 times greater if the requirement is to match energy production. Requires a combined buildings/systems model.





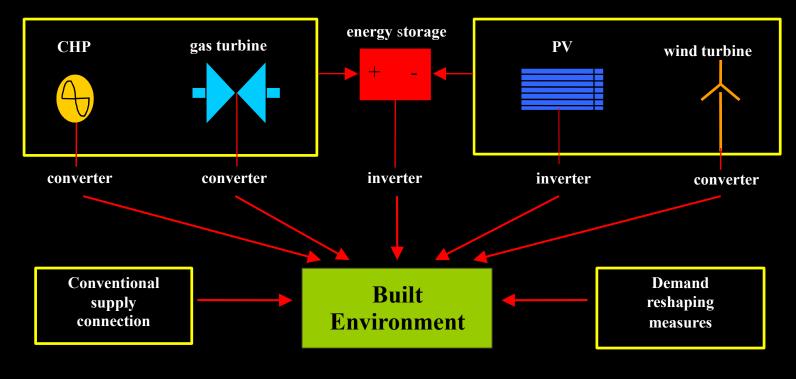
heat pump



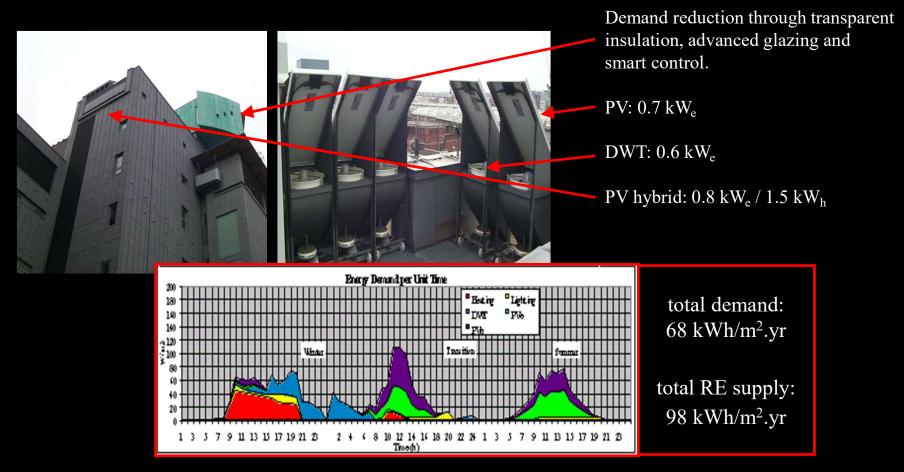
ducted wind turbines



gas turbine



Embedded generation, Lighthouse Building in Glasgow



Issues:

- □ accommodating the grade, variability and unpredictability of energy sources/demands;
- □ hybrid systems sizing and maintenance;
- □ strategies for co-operative control of stochastic demand and supply;
- □ active network management for network balancing, fault handling and power quality maintenance.

