



Experiences with Radiance in Daylighting Design, Part VI

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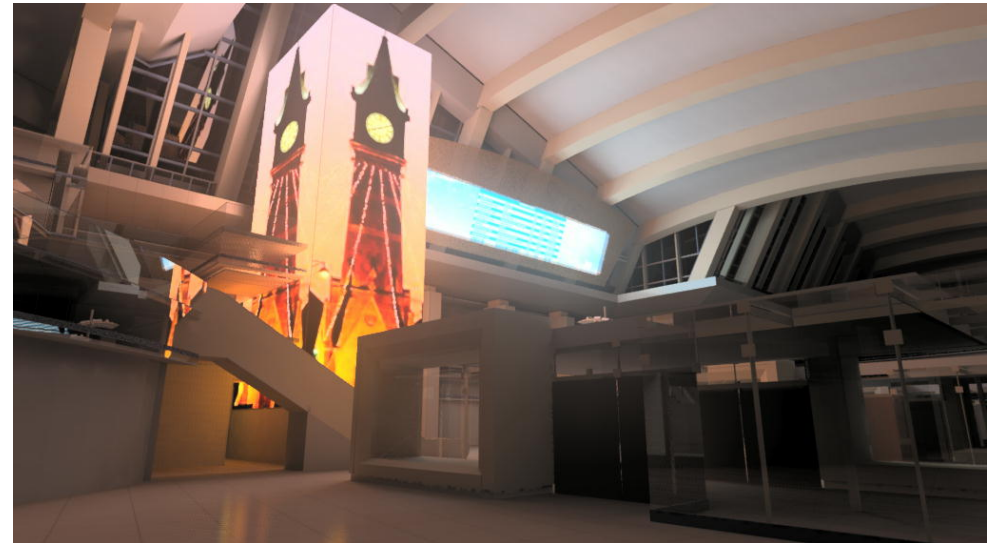
Presentation Outline

- Project Examples
 - LAX Bradley West Terminal
 - Solar Reflection Renovation
 - Leadville Greenhouse
 - Kelly Walsh High School
 - Movement Climbing Gym
 - Colorado Army National Guard Facility
- Optical Skylight System Modeling and Validation
- Building Daylight Profiler for Simulation (BDP4SIM)



LAX Screen Visibility

- Concern about glare and direct sunlight impairing screen visibility
- Used Barco C7 LED Panel
 - Indoor model with 2000 Cd/m² brightness
 - 20-60W/sf power consumption
 - Low reflectance black LED's





LAX Bradley West Hall – Clock Tower Visibility





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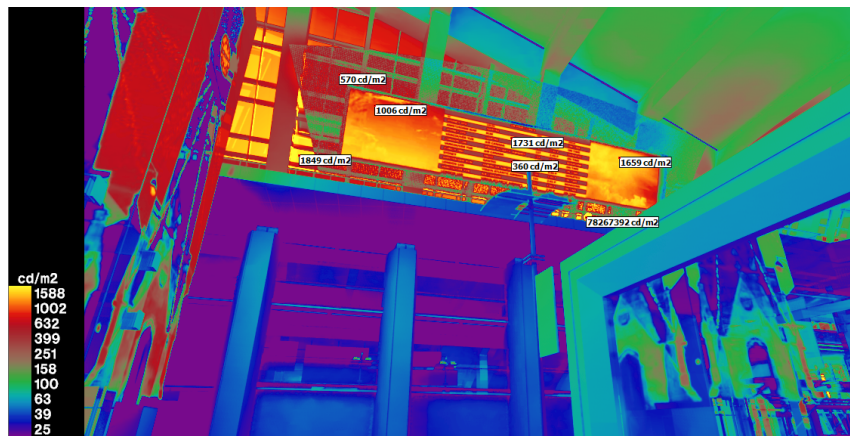
LAX Bradley West Hall – Clock Tower Visibility





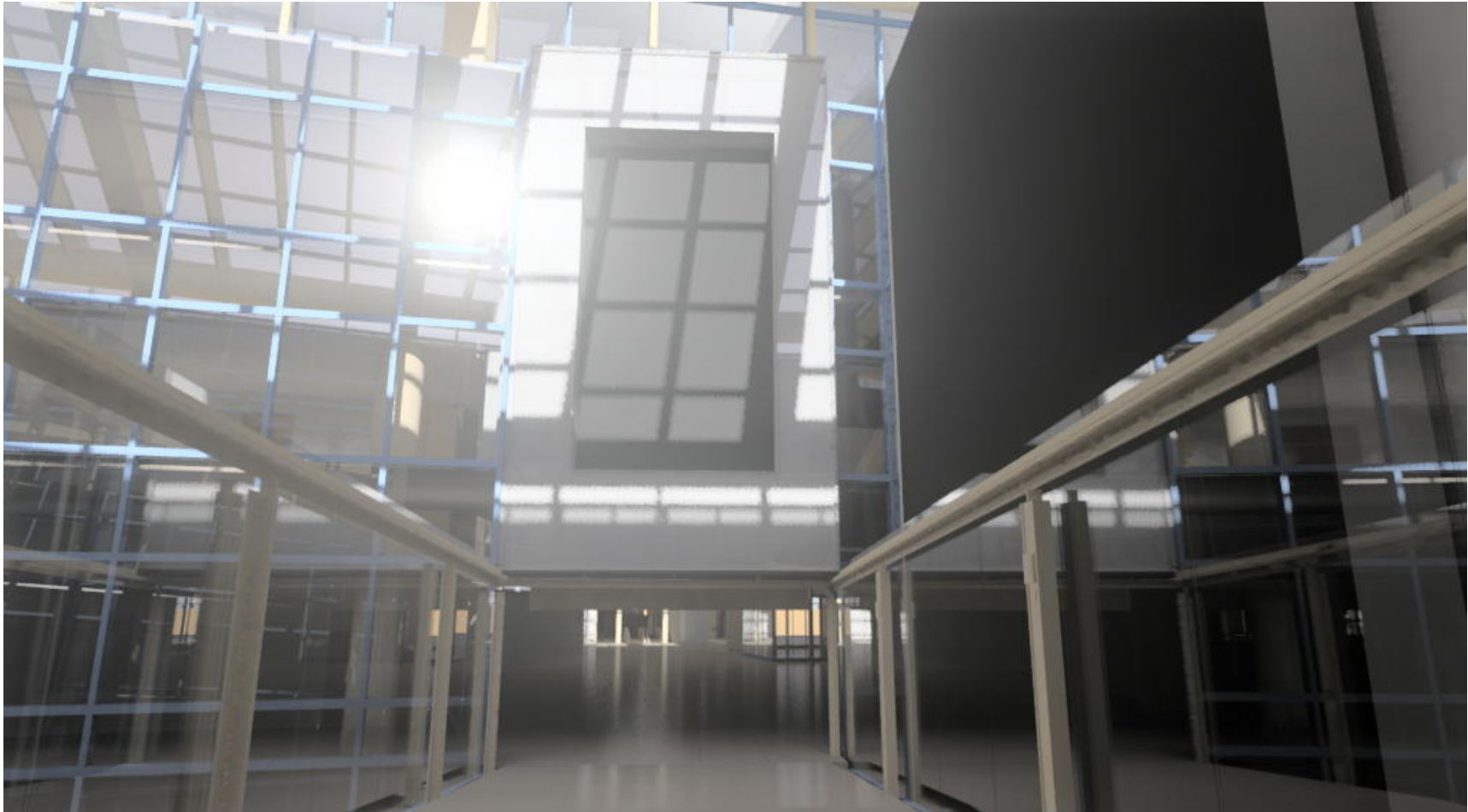
Departure Screen Visibility

- Afternoon occurrence of direct sun glare
- Reduced visibility of departure screen from a few certain locations



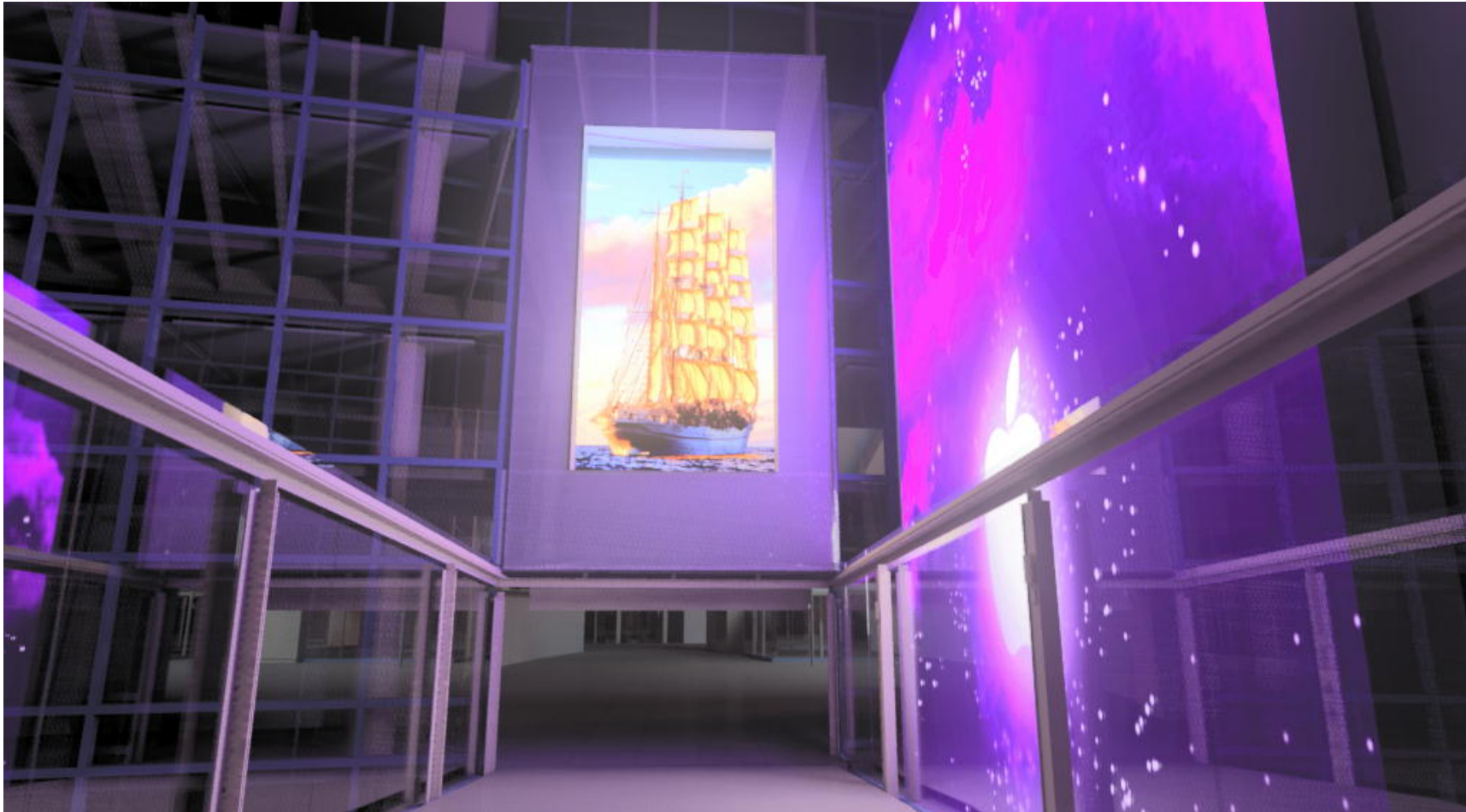


Bon Voyage and Welcome Wall Visibility



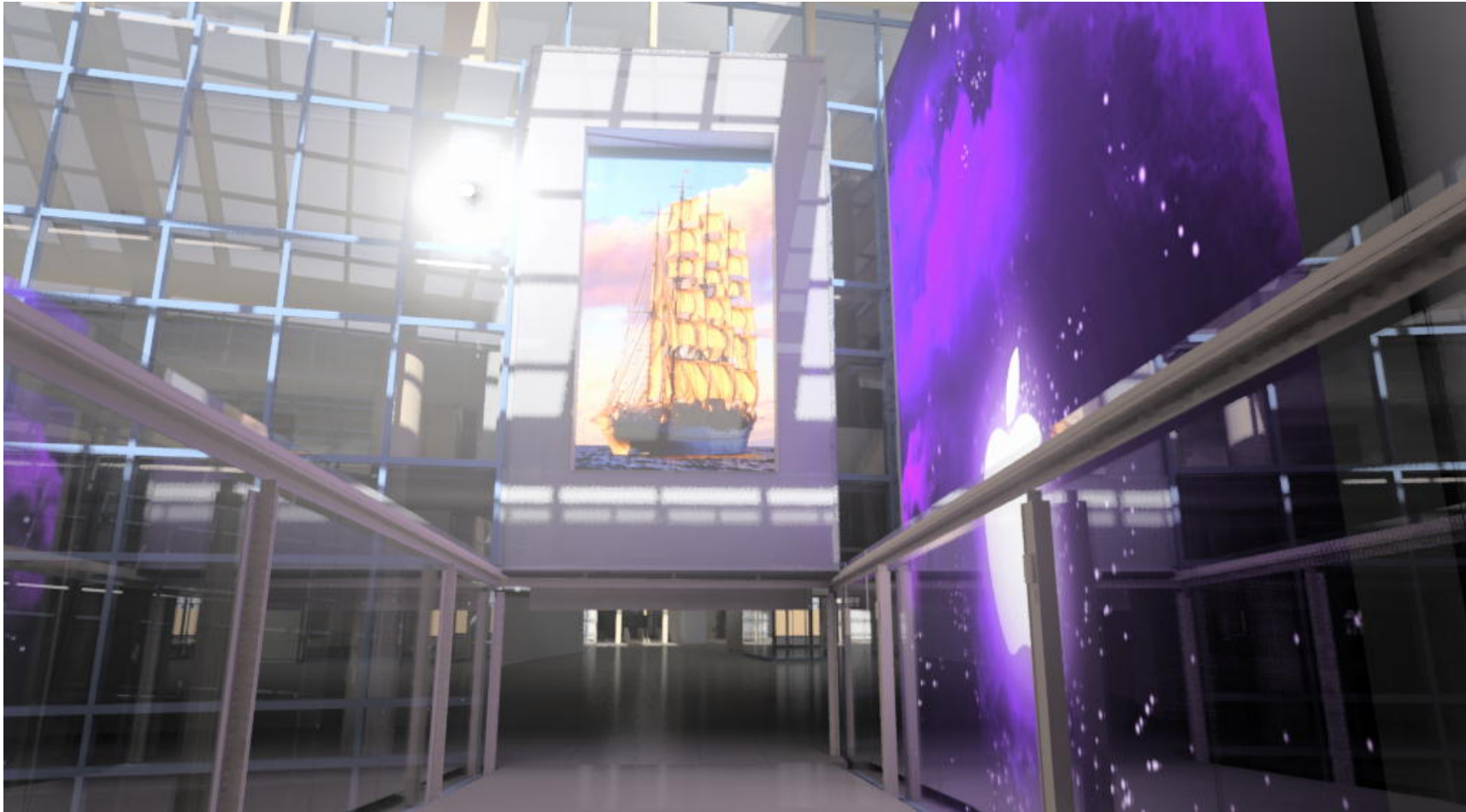


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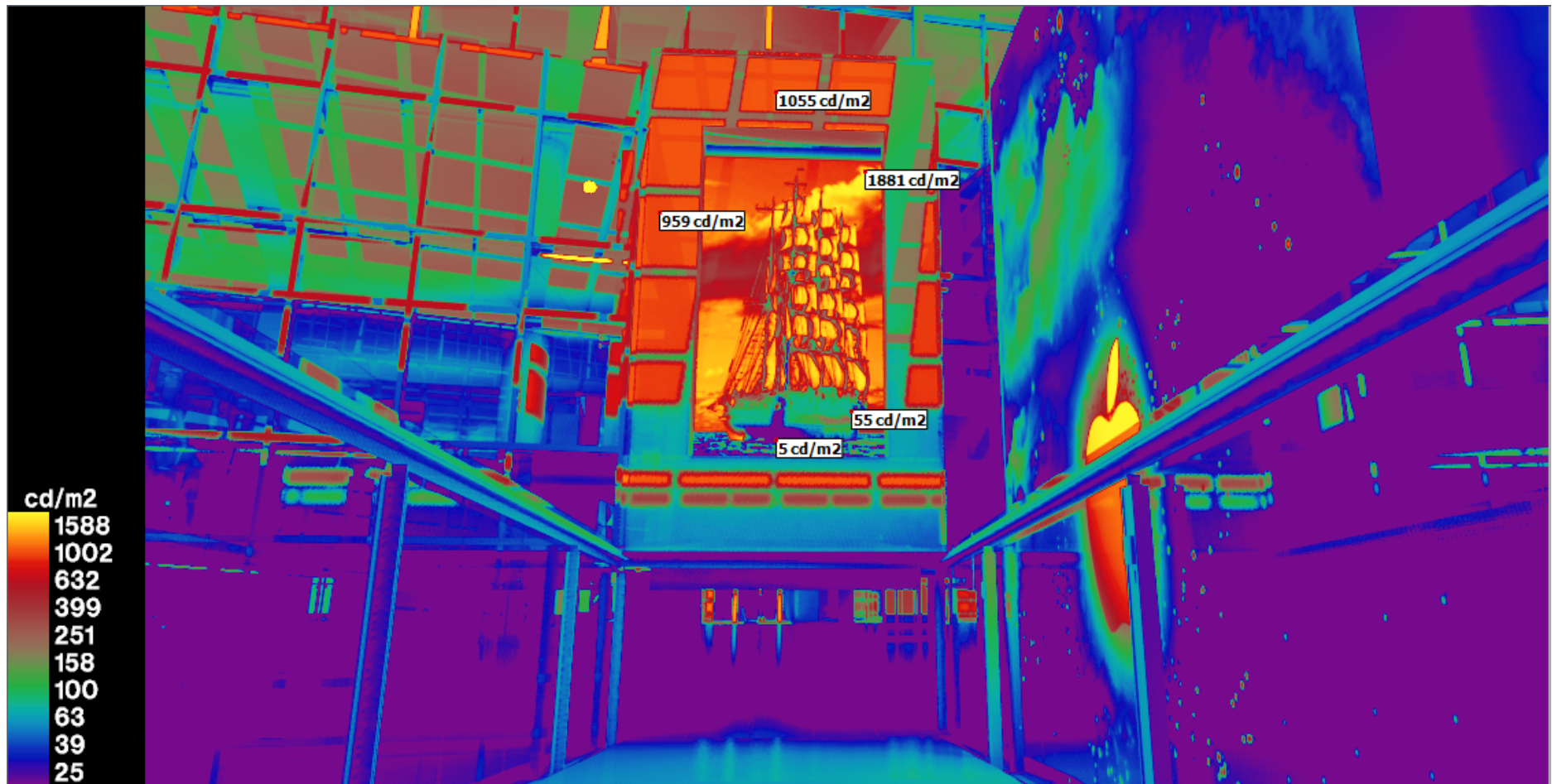


Bon Voyage and Welcome Wall Visibility





Bon Voyage and Welcome Wall Visibility





Welcome Screen





Aerial of Bradley West





Compared to Projector Visibility





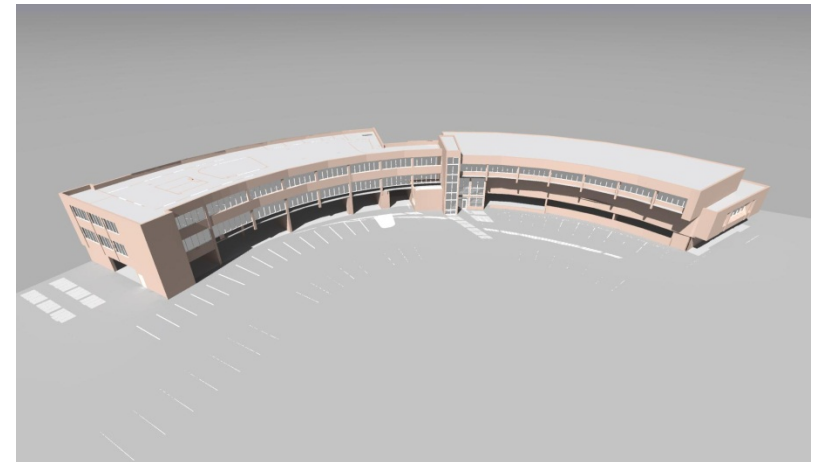
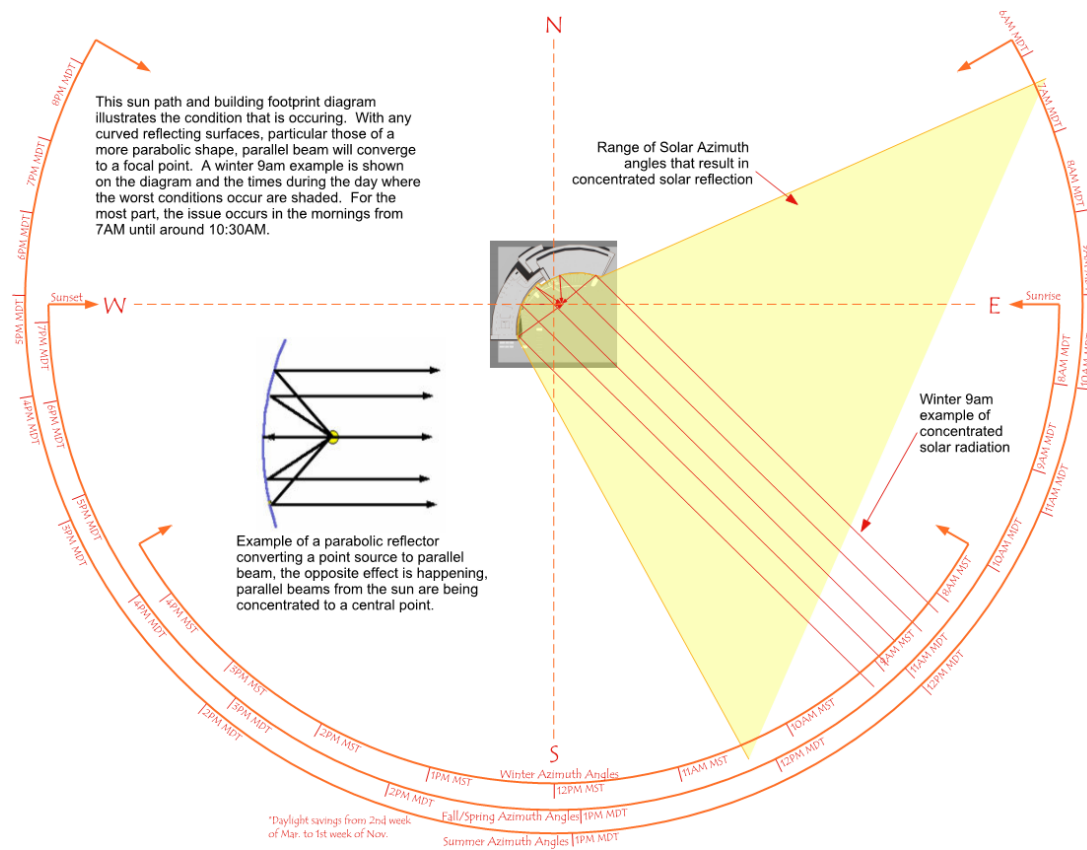
Office Building Remodel





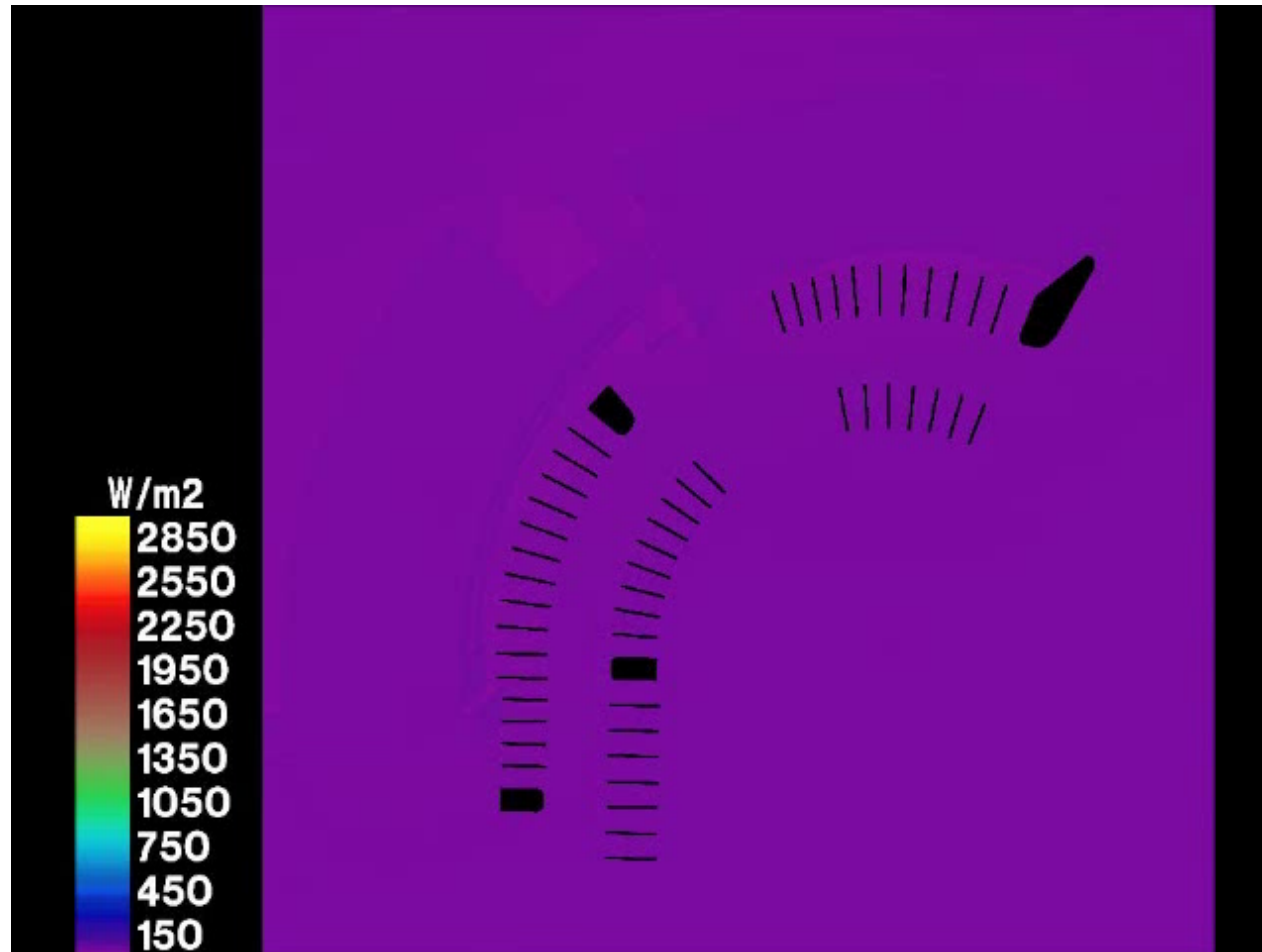
Office Building Remodel

- New reflective glass with 2x the solar reflection
- Concentrated solar melting car parts!



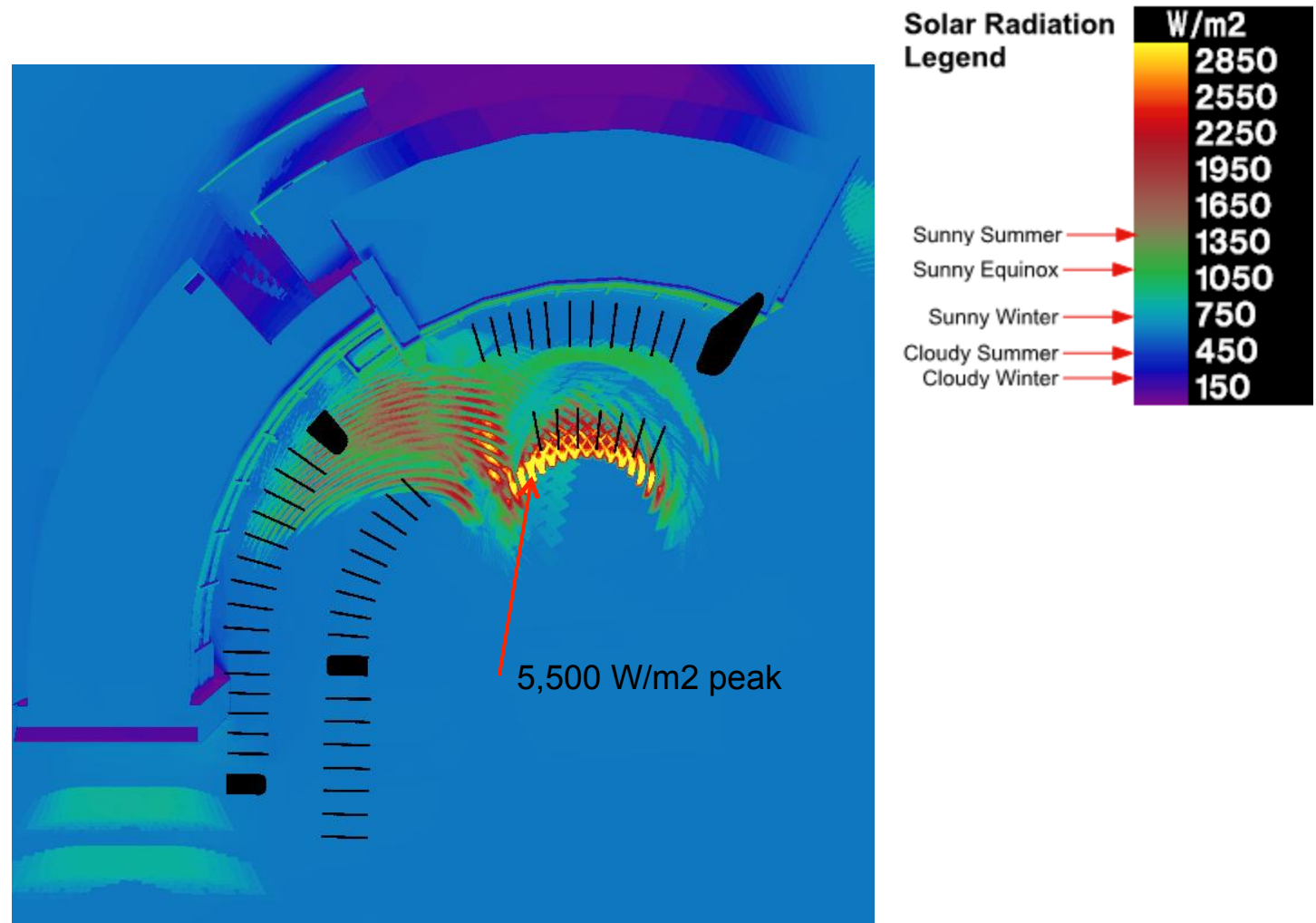


Office Building Remodel – Annual Animation



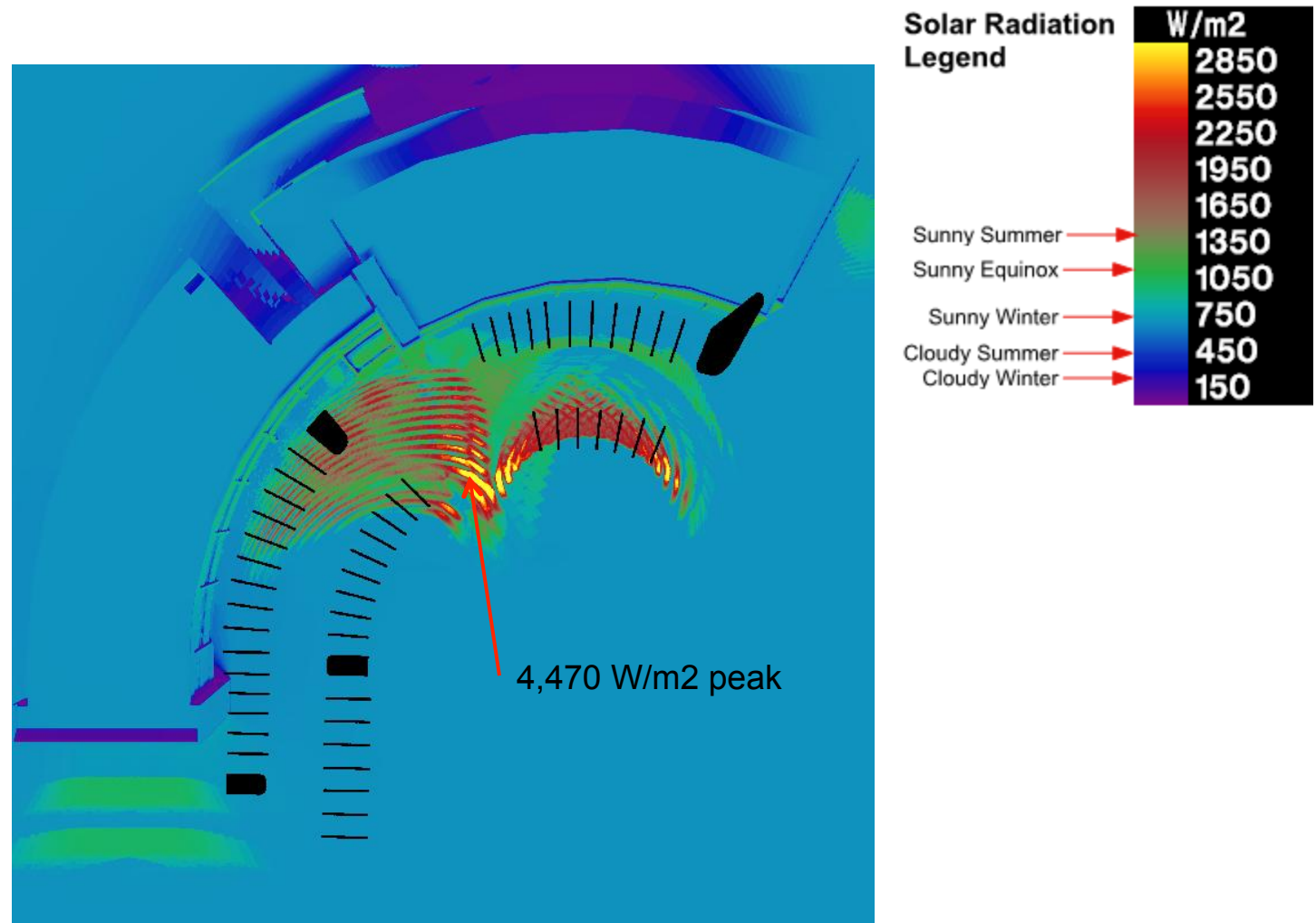


Office Building Remodel – December Max



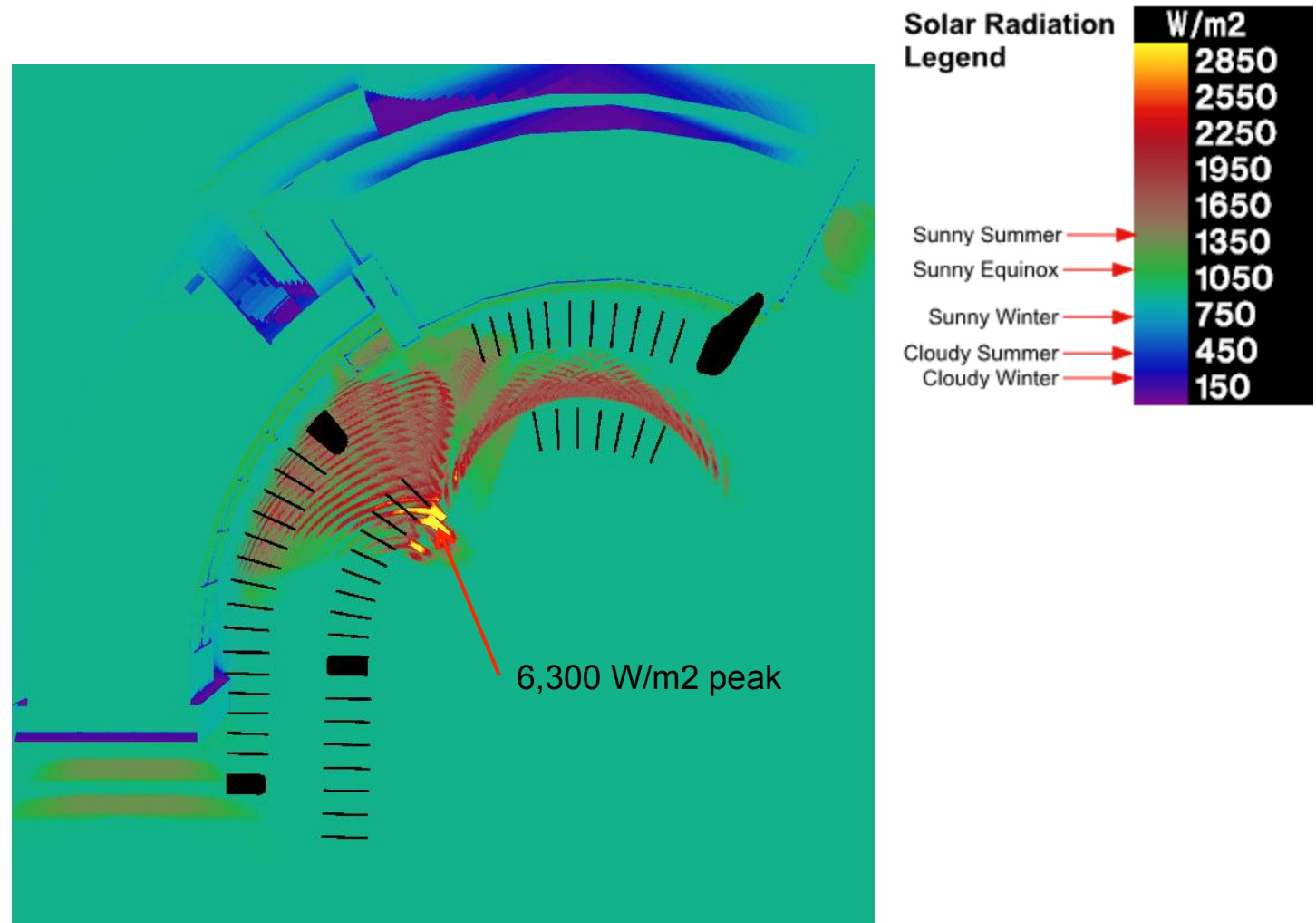


Office Building Remodel – January / November



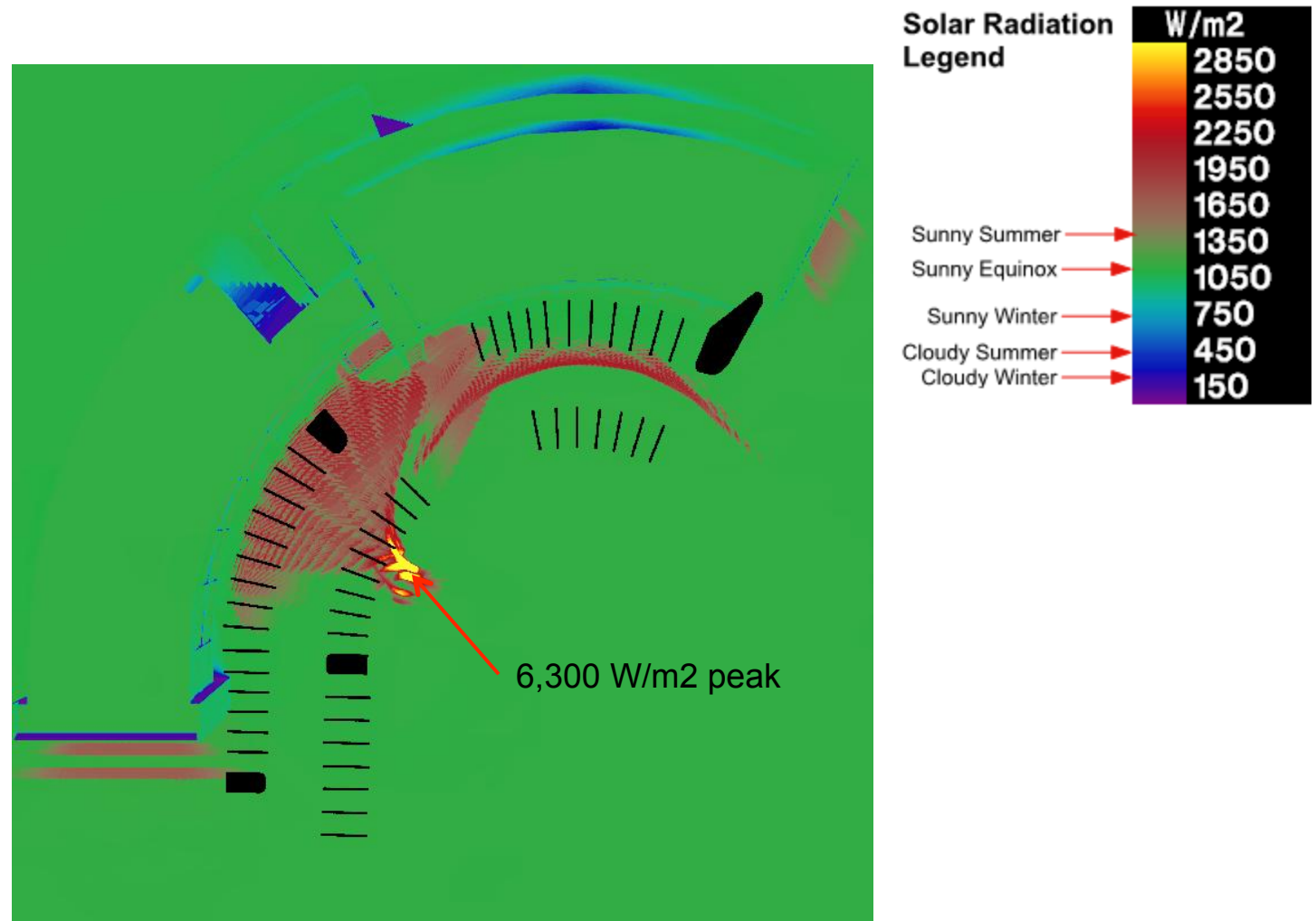


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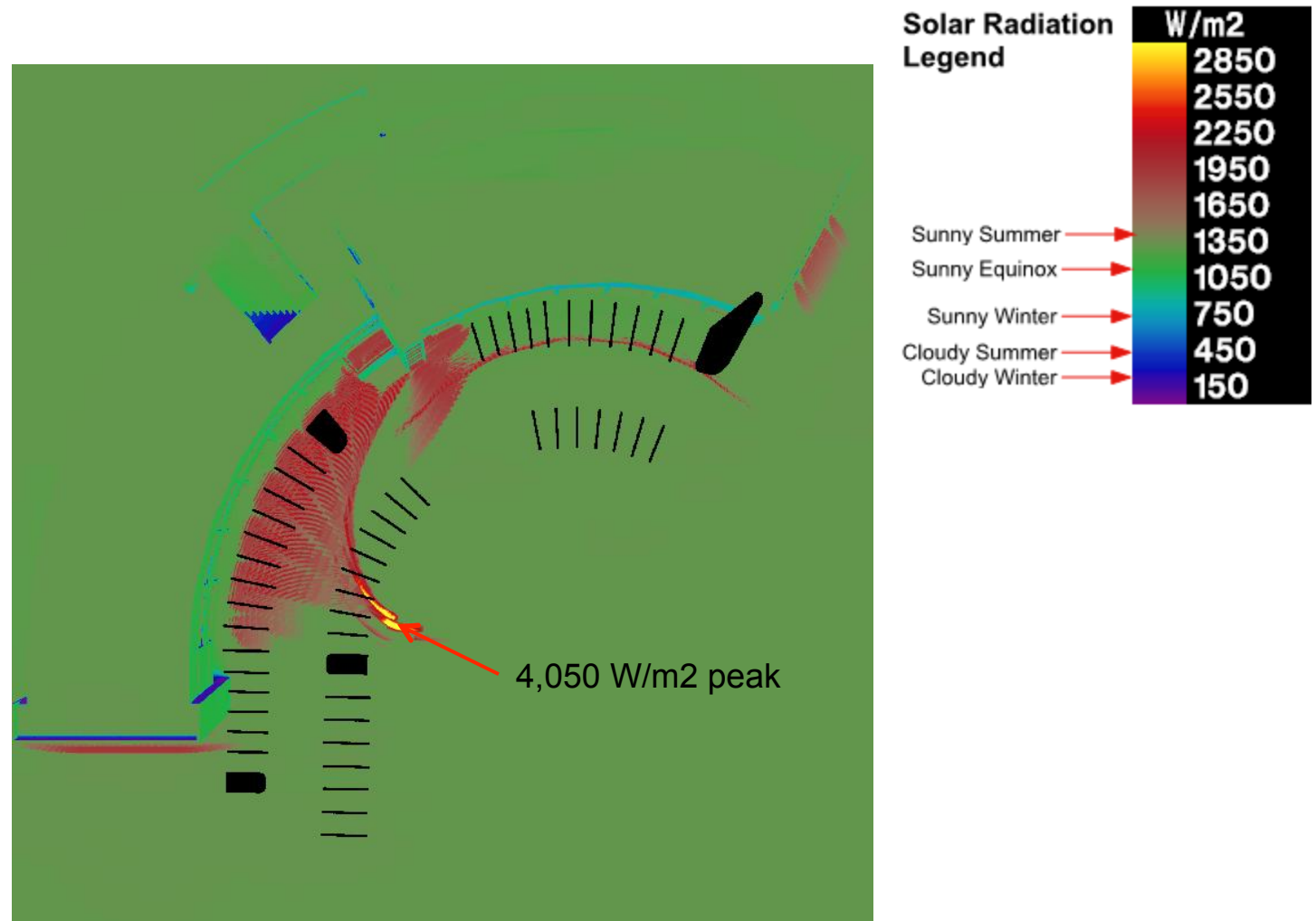


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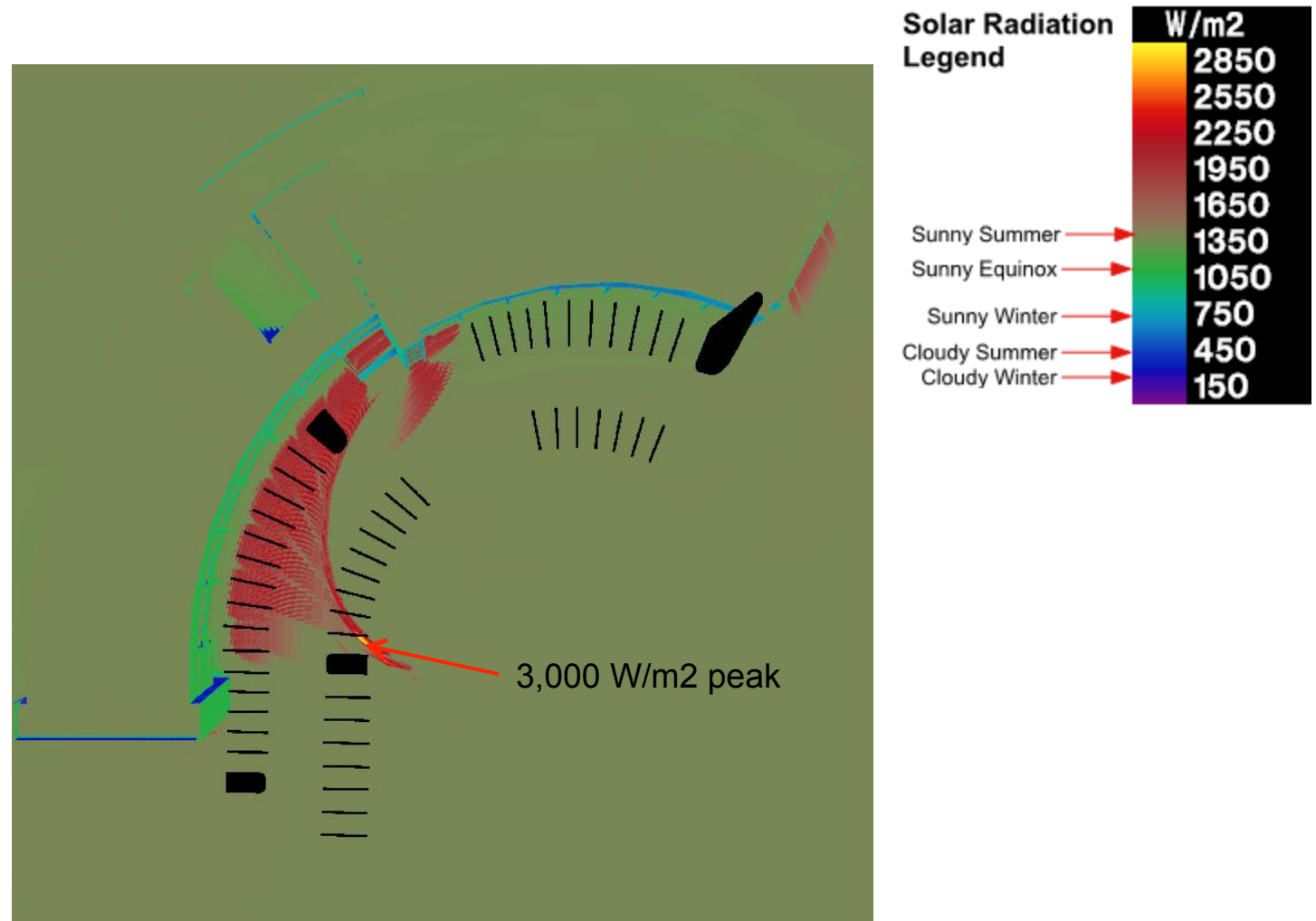


Office Building Remodel – April / August



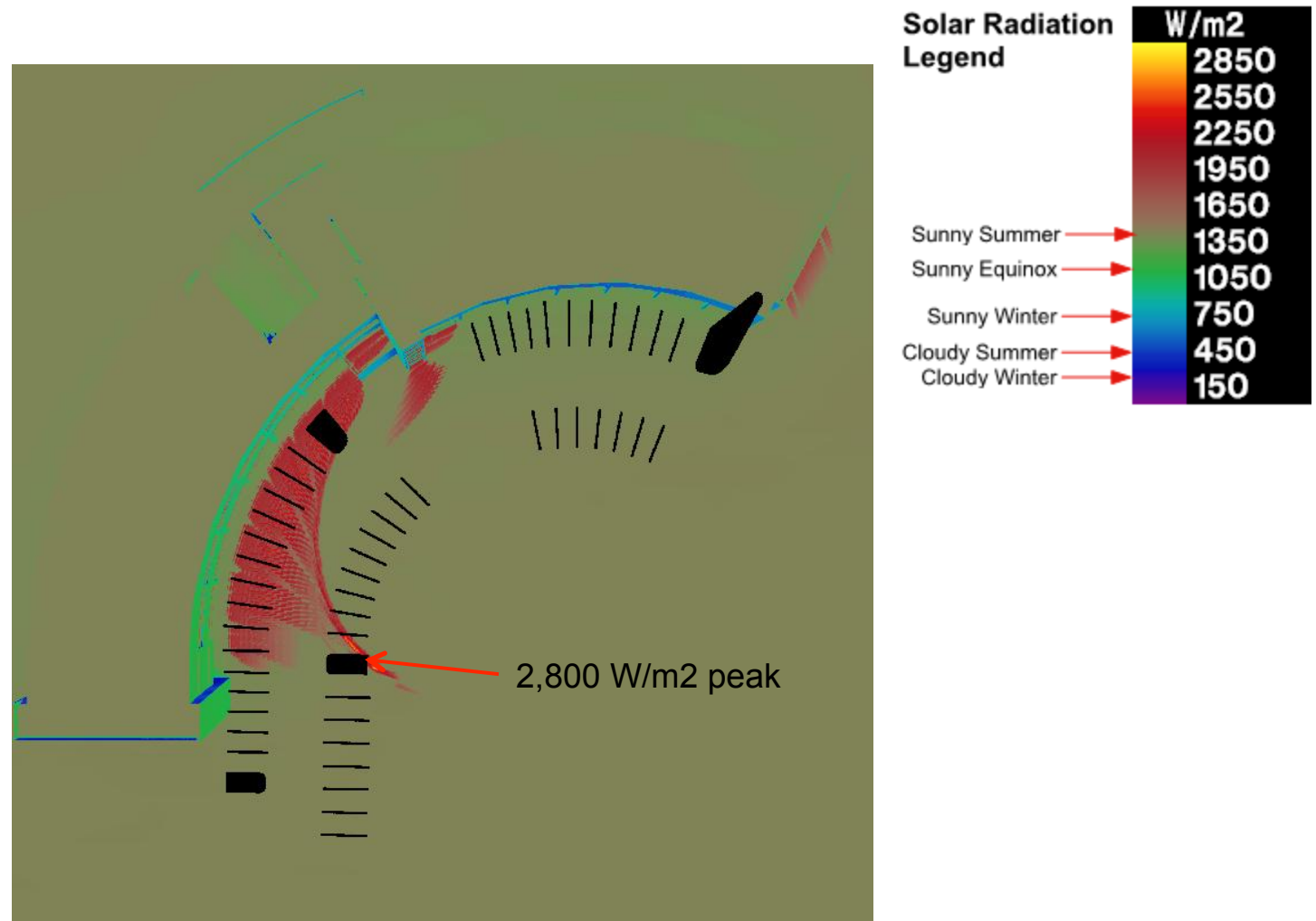


Office Building Remodel – May / July





Office Building Remodel – June





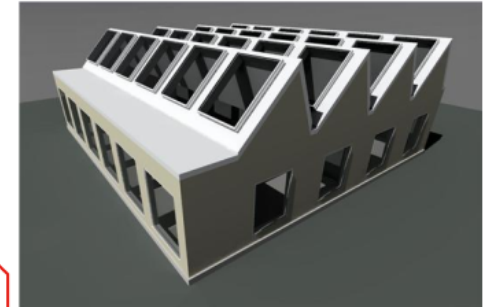
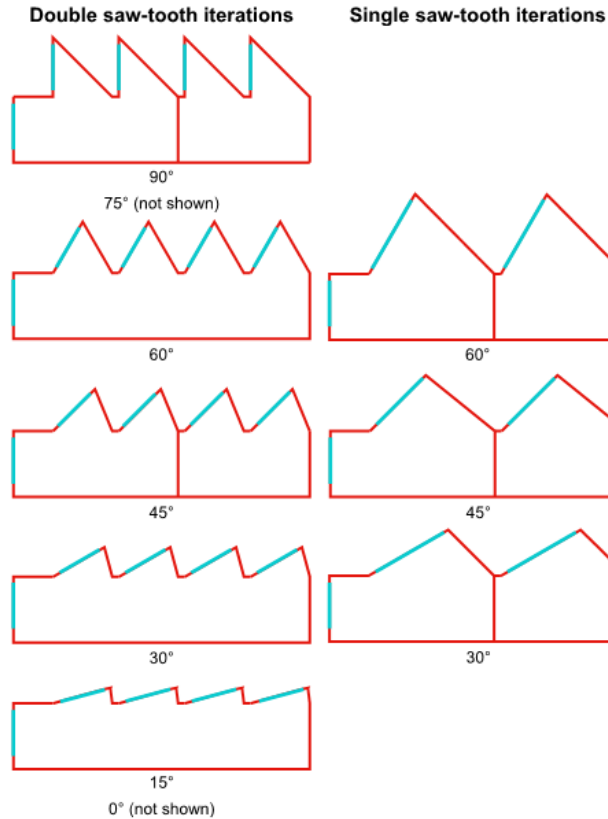
Vdara Death Ray!



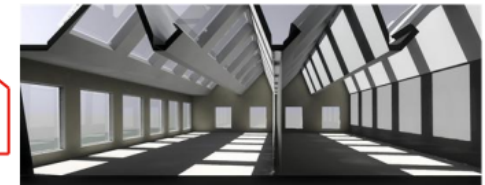


Leadville Greenhouse Design

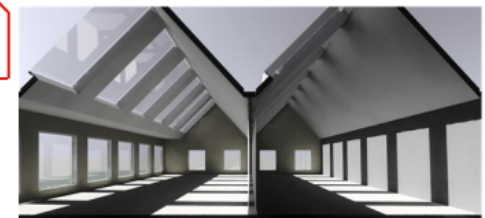
- Year round greenhouse at 10,000ft
 - High altitude wetland plants
 - General growing environment for community college
- Balance adequate daylight with and an insulated envelope
- Controlling winter time heat loss critical
- Small design iteration set explored



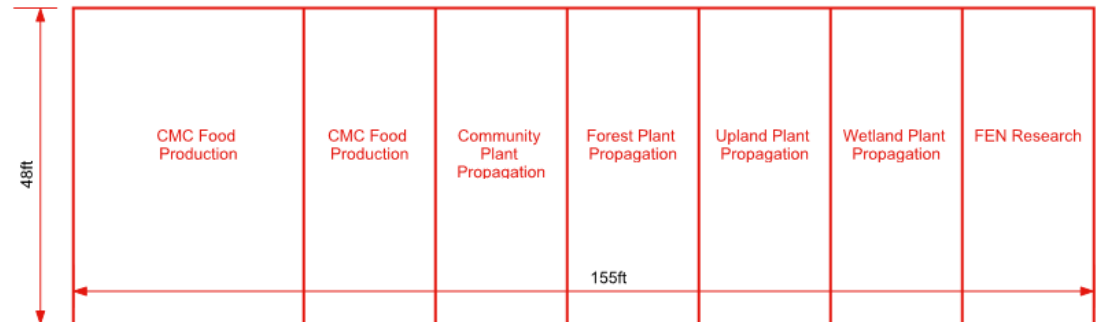
Perspective view of greenhouse model



Section view of double sawtooth model



Section view of single sawtooth model



Schematic Greenhouse Plan

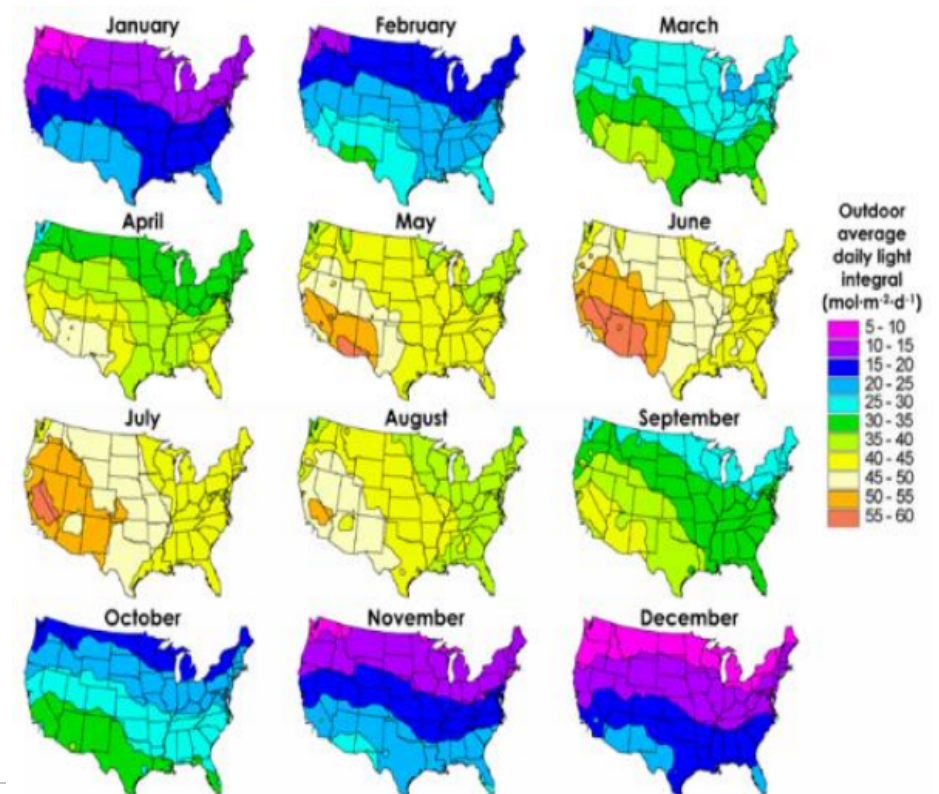


Leadville Greenhouse Design

- Daily Lighting Integral (DLI) metric used – basically the # of photons(mols)/area/day
- $DLI \sim 0.0173 \cdot f_c$
- Min DLI established based on light intensive plants

DLI Requirements for common but light intensive plants

Species	Average Daily Light Integral (Moles/Day)														
	Greenhouse														
	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
Zinnia															
Alstroemeria (cut flower)															
Capsicum (pepper)															
Chrysanthemum (cut flower)															
Dianthus (carnation)															
Gladiolus (cut flower)															
Lycopersicon (tomato)															
Rose (cut flower)															

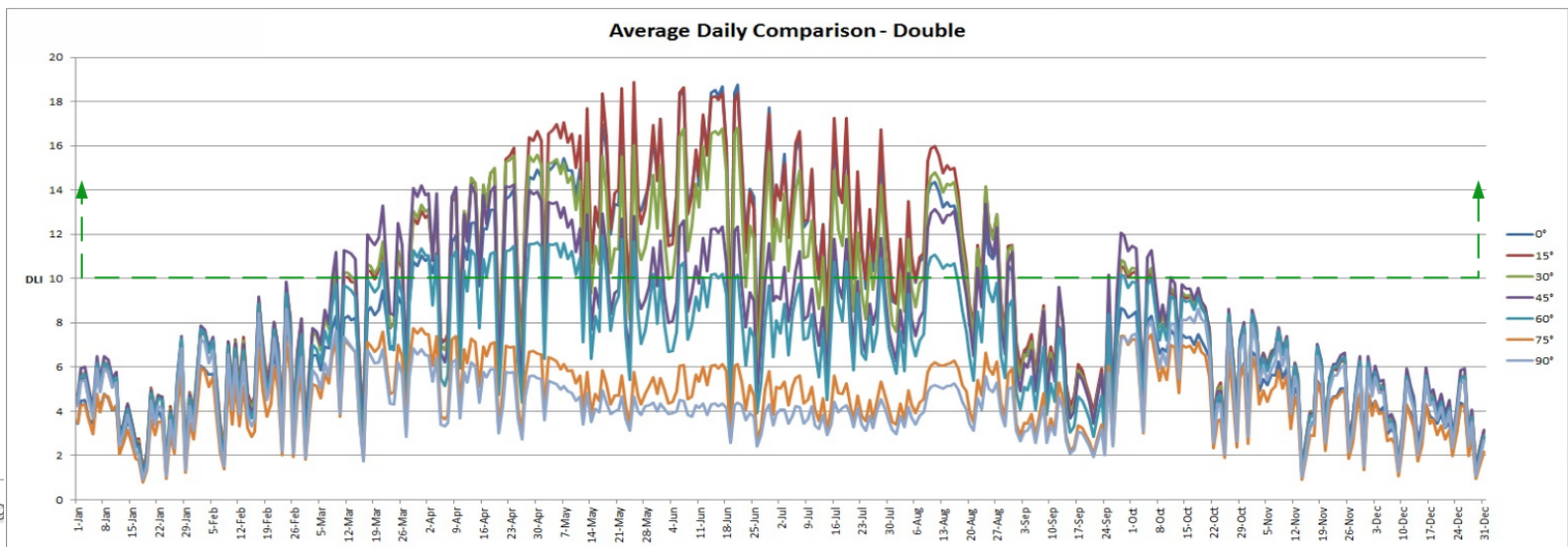
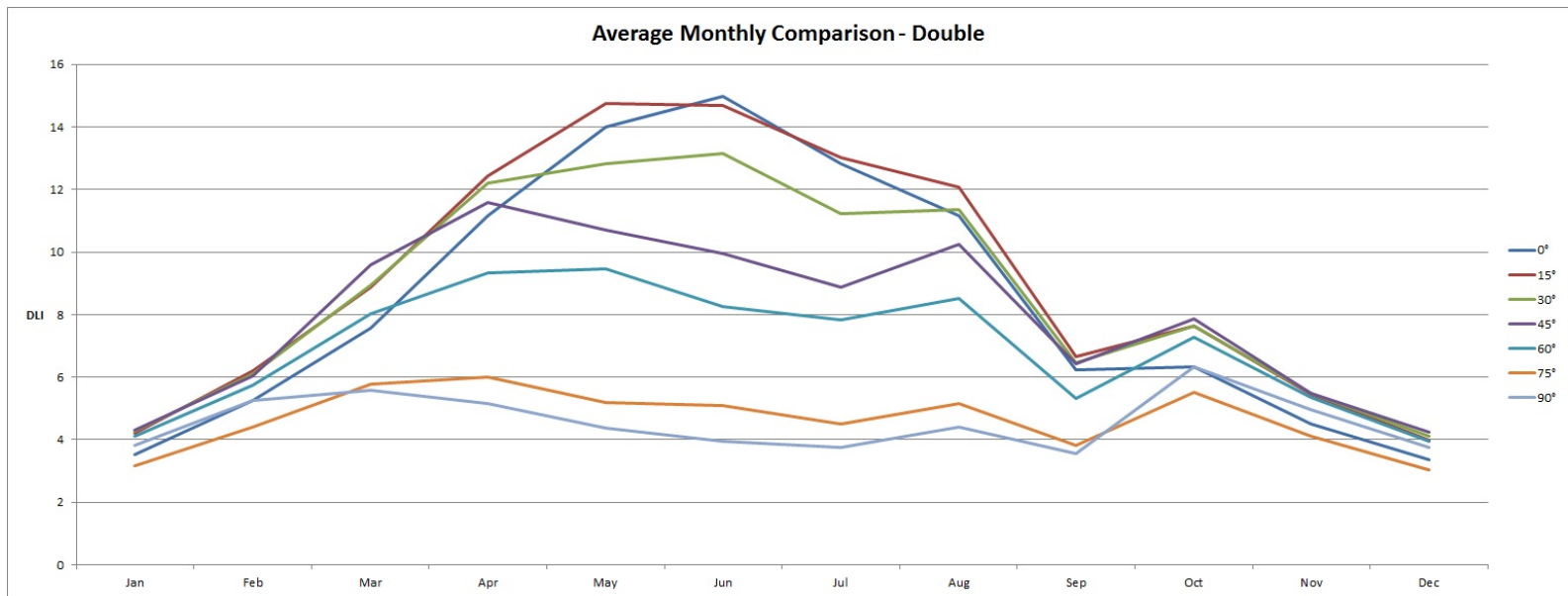


Maps developed by Jim Faust, Clemson University

Monthly Daily Light Integral (DLI) Maps for the United States



Leadville Greenhouse Design – Annual Results





Leadville Greenhouse Design – Spatial Results





Kelly Walsh High School

- Used genBSDF to model a 6"x6" open cell ceiling
- Simulated with thickness and proxy geometry
- Goal to provide uniform ambient daylight in high school common / circulation areas





Kelly Walsh High School





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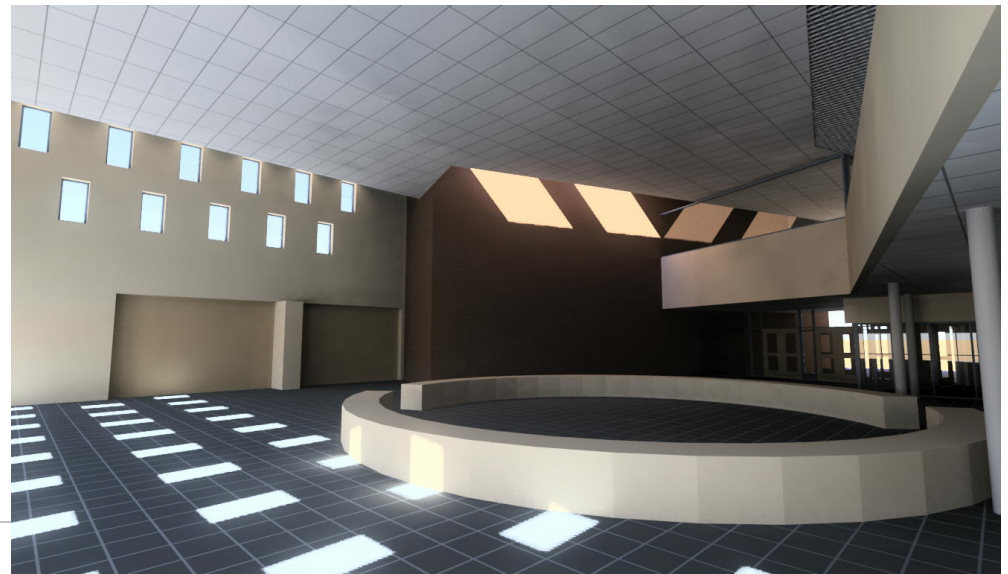
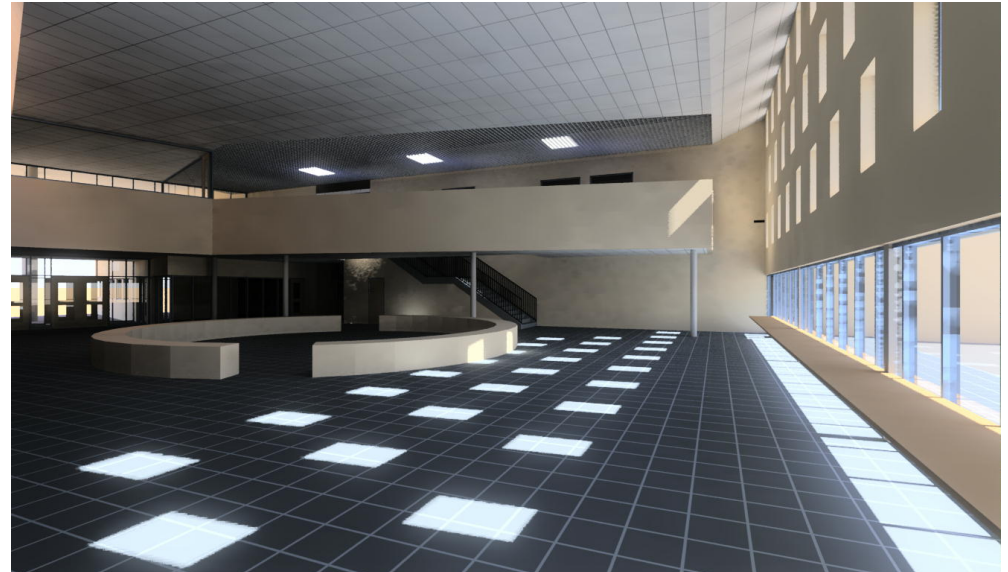
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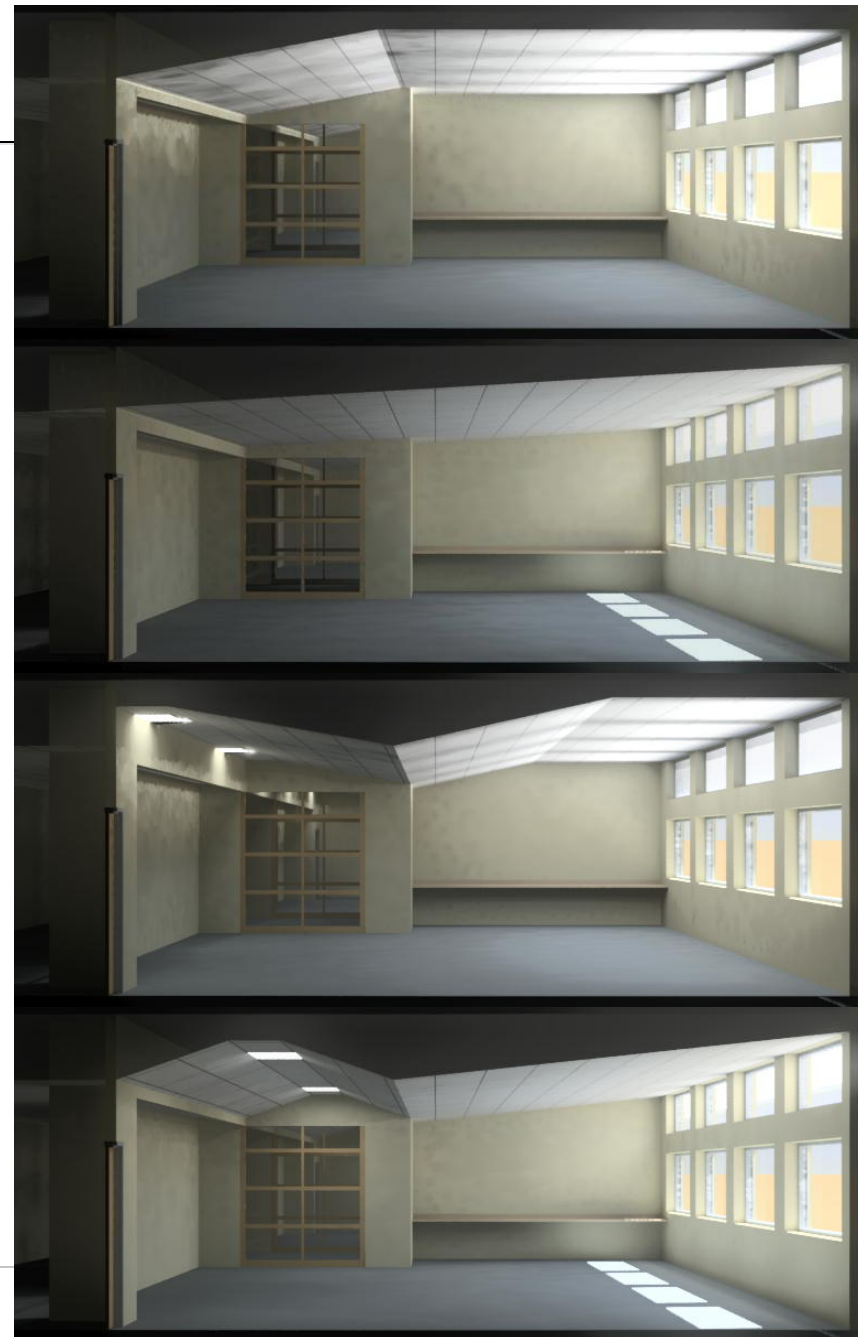
- Central commons - congregation and dining area for students
- Controlled Window-to-wall Ratios – minimized large curtain wall expanses of glass
- Goal to provide modest ambient level with some “sparkle”





Kelly Walsh High School

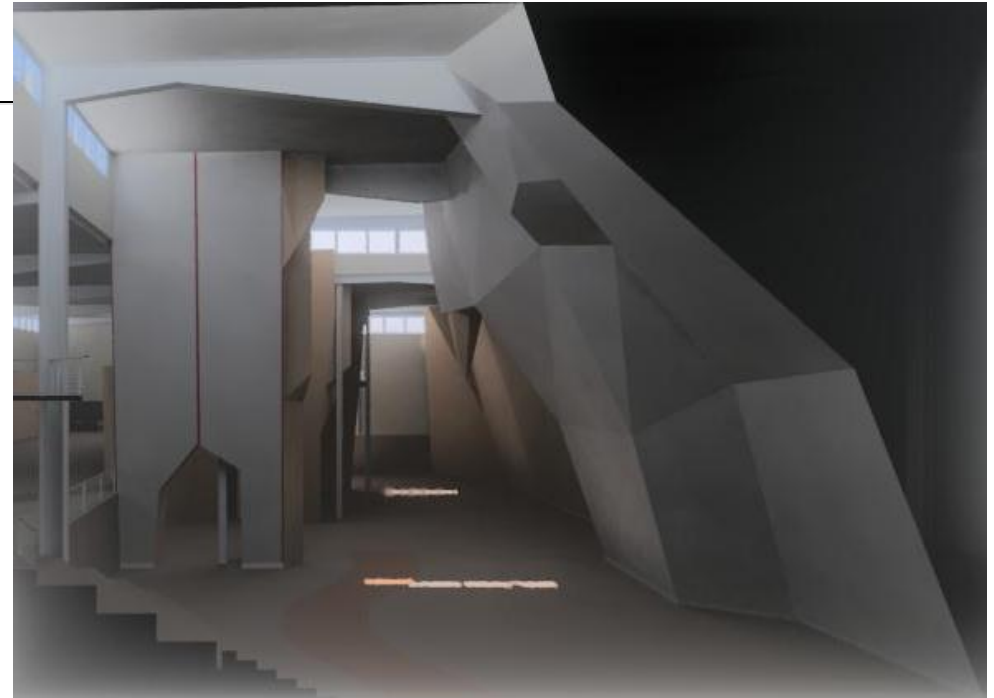
- Classroom iterations – using new LightLouver system BSDF – simulated without proxy geometry
- Will be available on website soon
- SMART board projector model – projector mounted 12" from wall
- Challenge to achieve uniform brightness





Movement Climbing Gym

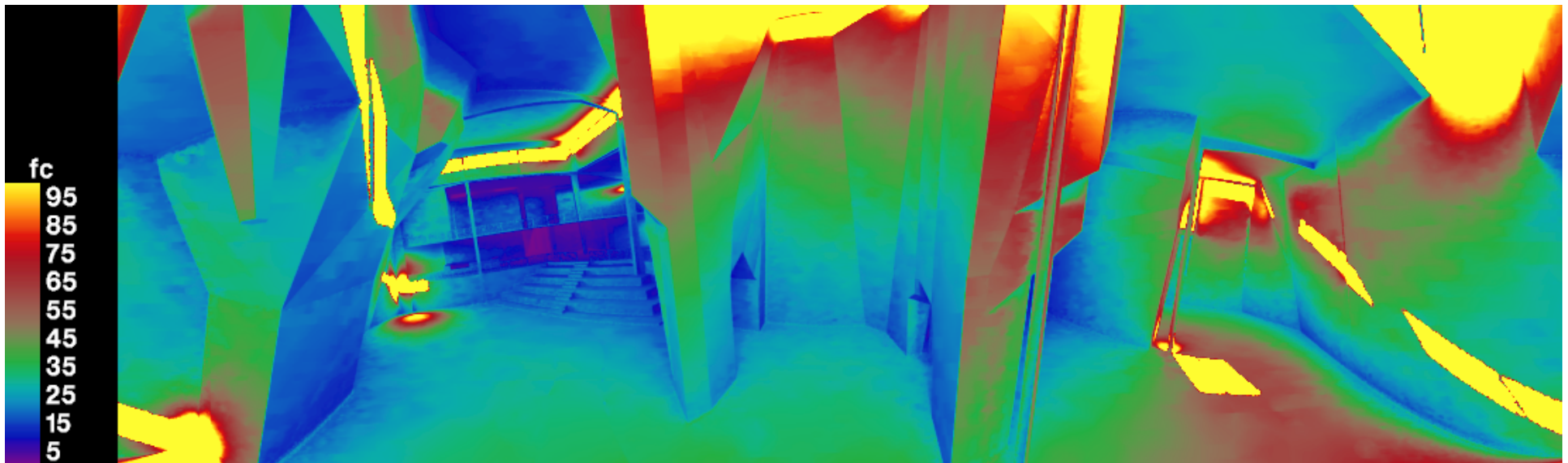
- New climbing gym for Denver
- Replicating successful gym in Boulder – refining problems areas
 - Low illuminance canyons
 - Glare and excessive heat gain
 - Lighting controls





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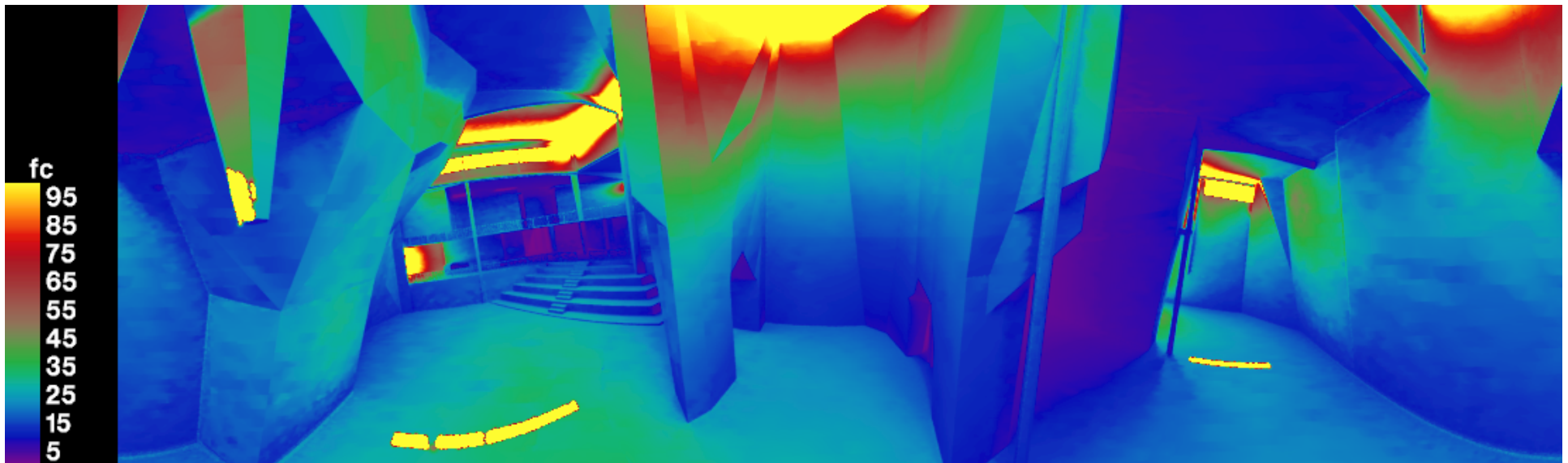
- Sunny morning illuminance map





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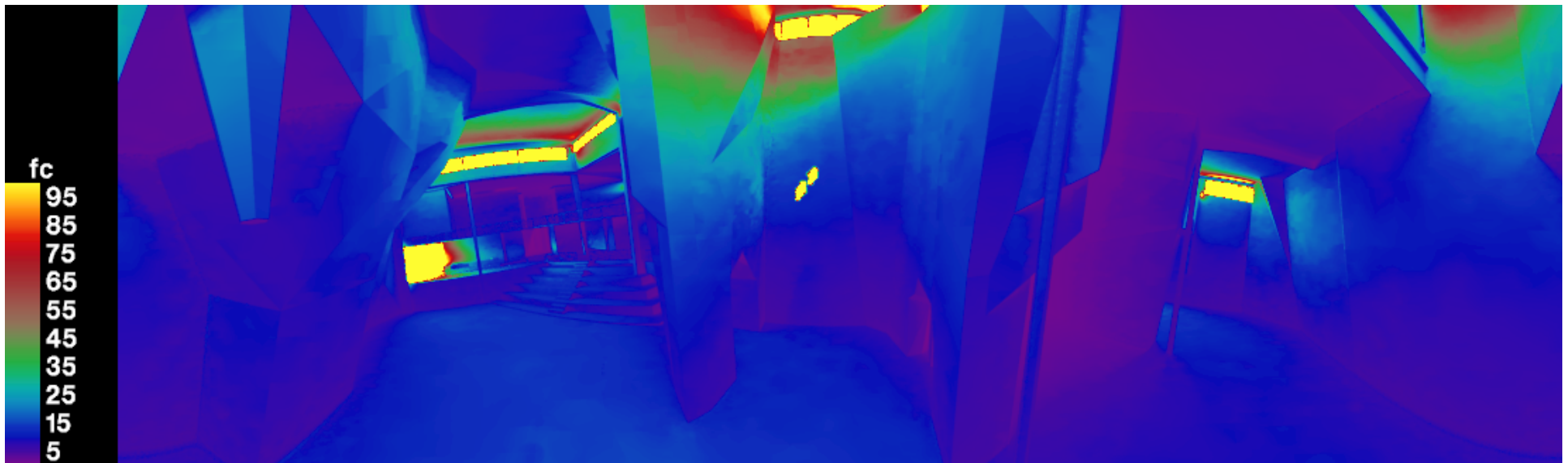
- Sunny noon illuminance map





Movement Climbing Gym

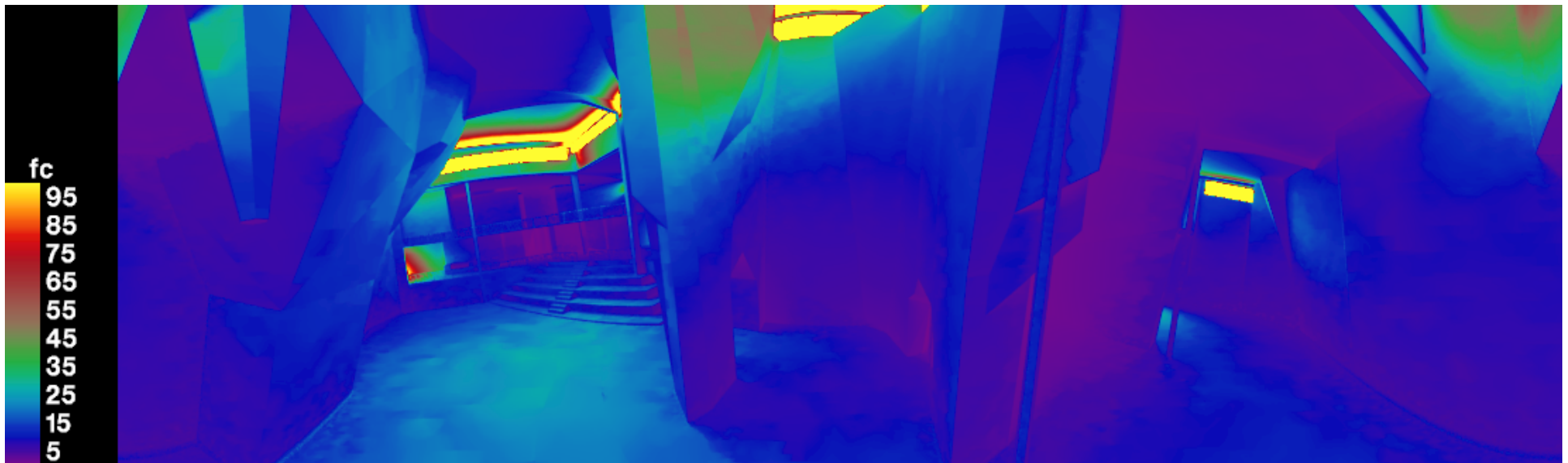
- Sunny afternoon illuminance study





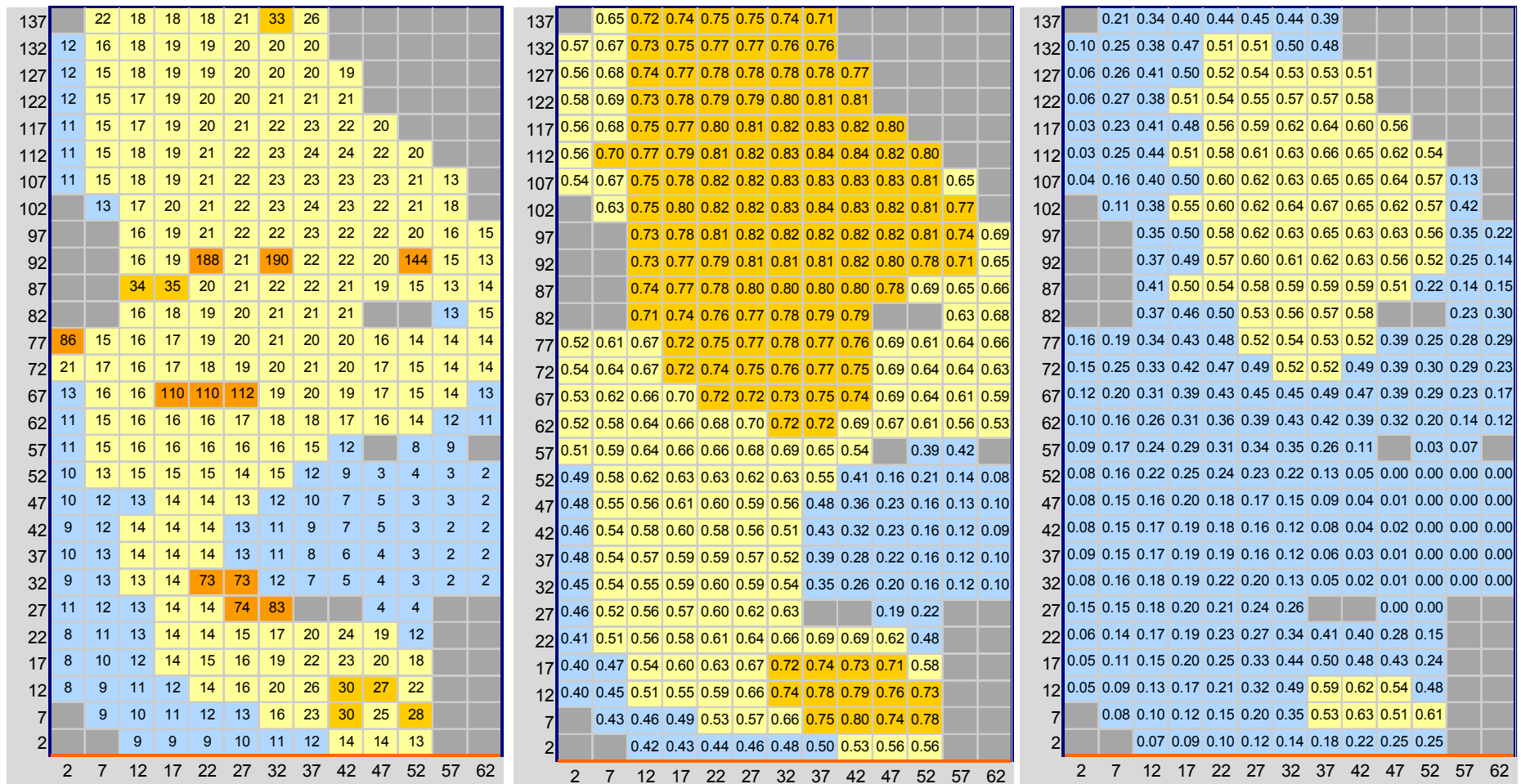
Movement Climbing Gym

- Typical winter overcast illuminance map





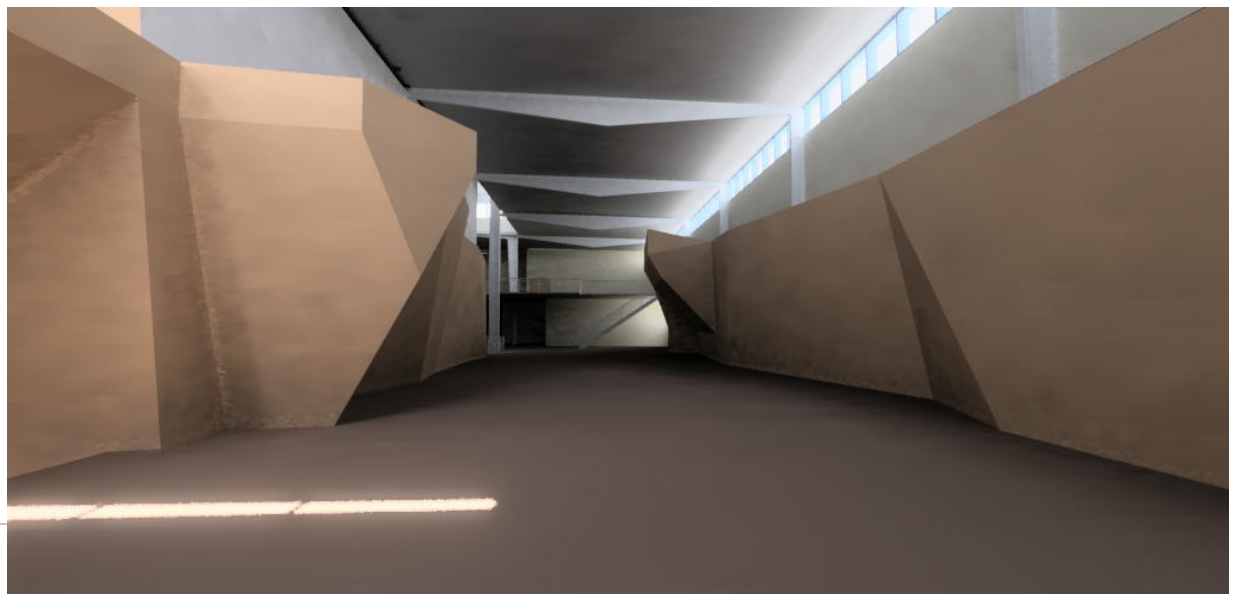
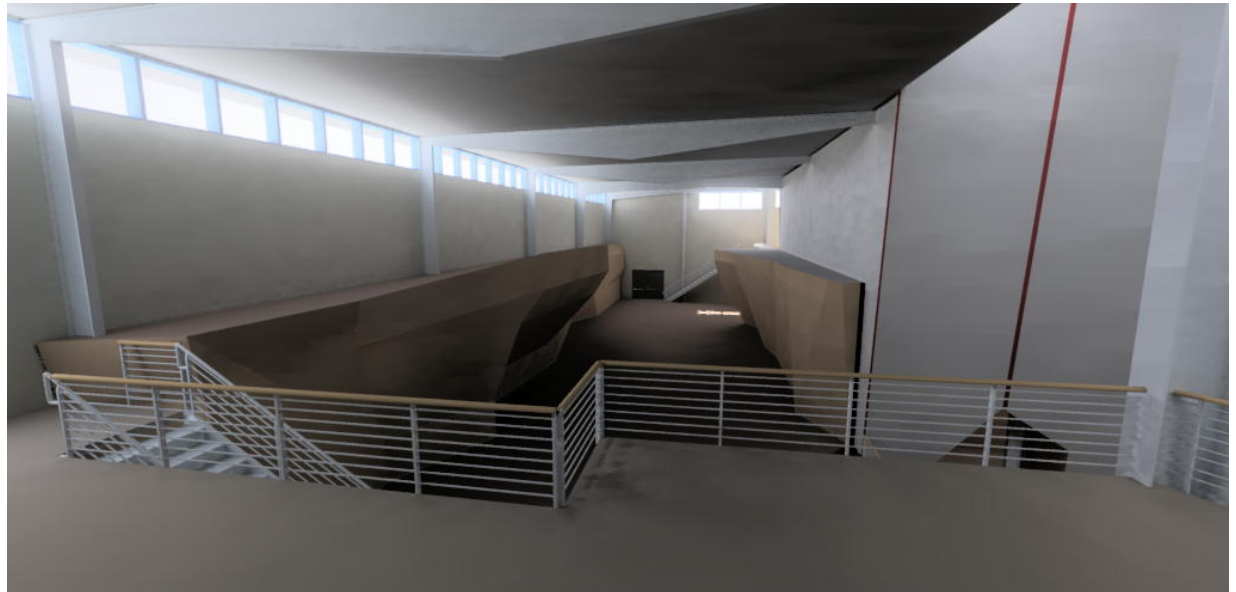
Movement Climbing Gym – Annual results





Movement Climbing Gym

- Bouldering area – many inverted climbing surfaces
- Surface finishes important – high reflectance walls and mat





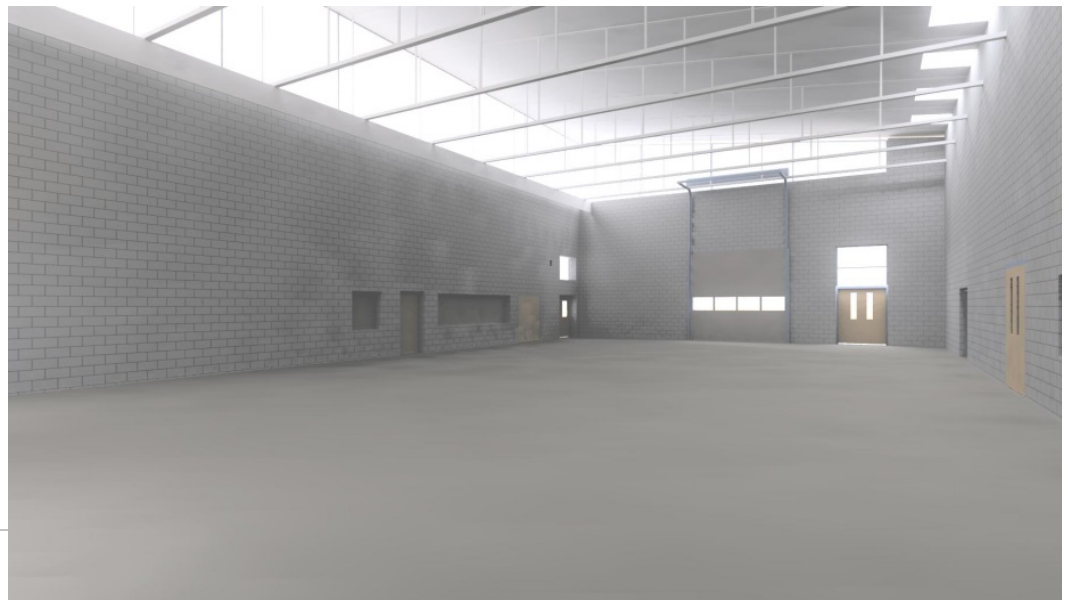
Movement Climbing Gym





Colorado Army National Guard Facility

- Large assembly hall
- Highly variable occupancy
 - 150-200 once a month
 - 3 otherwise
 - Key to create a very passive / sustainable design
- Blast-proof glazing throughout
- Fiberglass clerestory balanced with skylights





Colorado Army National Guard Facility

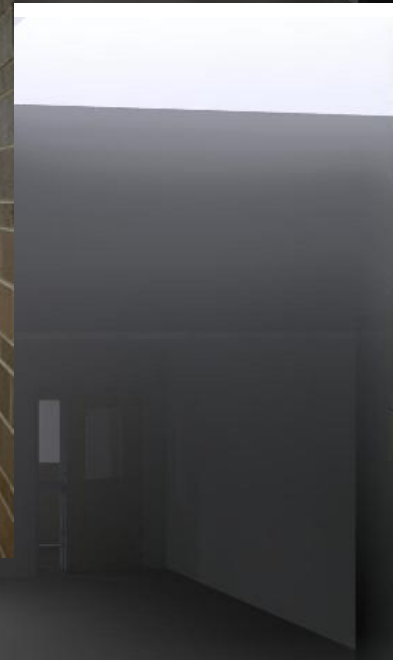
- Well saturated classroom space
- Electric lighting hardly noticeable





Colorado Army National Guard Facility

- Central entry / commons
- Internal “skylights” to light adjacent conference rooms





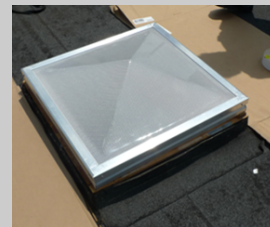
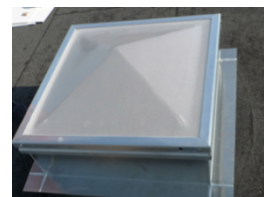

Enhanced Skylight Modeling - Study Objectives

- Develop and validate computer modeling and simulation methods for producing daylighting system photometric information
- An alternative to the physical measurement methods laid out in IES LM81-10 *“Photometric Testing of Skylight and Tubular Daylighting Devices under Hemispherical Sky Conditions”*
- Addresses several physical measurement constraints
 - Size constraints: 5x rule, large light sources
 - Sky constraints: limited sun angles, subject to climate conditions
 - Photometric resolution: limited by number of physical sensors
 - Time constraints: measurement time delays, 3min per measurement set, climate conditions



Skylight Systems

- Several levels of optical complexity
 - “low” aspect ratio, single prismatic lens, white foam lightwell
 - “med” aspect ratio, two prismatic lenses, specular lightwell
 - “high” aspect ratio, acrylic lens, prismatic lens, specular cylindrical lightwell

Skylight Type	Selected products	Image
1 Basic skylight: minimal optics, “low” aspect ratio	Sunoptics pyramid skylight Top prismatic lens White diffuse lightwell	
2 Moderate skylight: dual optics, “med” aspect ratio	Sunoptics pyramid skylight “light cube” Top and bottoms prismatic lens Reflective lightwell	
3 Advanced skylight: multiple optics, “high” aspect ratio	Sun Tunnel™ Top clear lens Bottom prismatic lens Reflective tubular lightwell	



Measurement Equipment

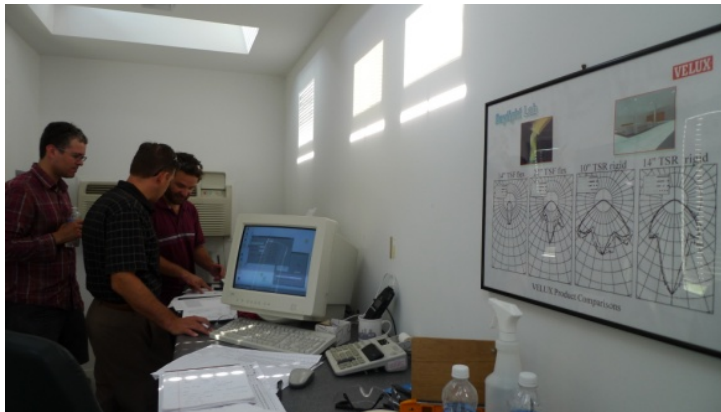
- 1) Nikon Coolpix 5400 camera
- 2) Nikon FCE9 Fisheye Converter Lens for the Nikon Coolpix 5400 camera
- 3) Nikon UR-E10 Converter Adapter for Coolpix for the Nikon Coolpix 5400 camera
- 4) Tripod for the Nikon Coolpix 5400 camera
- 5) Shading disk for the Nikon Coolpix 5400 camera
- 6) Minolta luminance meter LS 110
- 7) Tripod for Minolta luminance meter LS 110
- 8) Konica Minolta CL-200 Chromameter
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- 10) Tripod for the Konica Minolta CL-200 Chromameter
- 11) Shading disk for the Konica Minolta CL-200 Chromameter



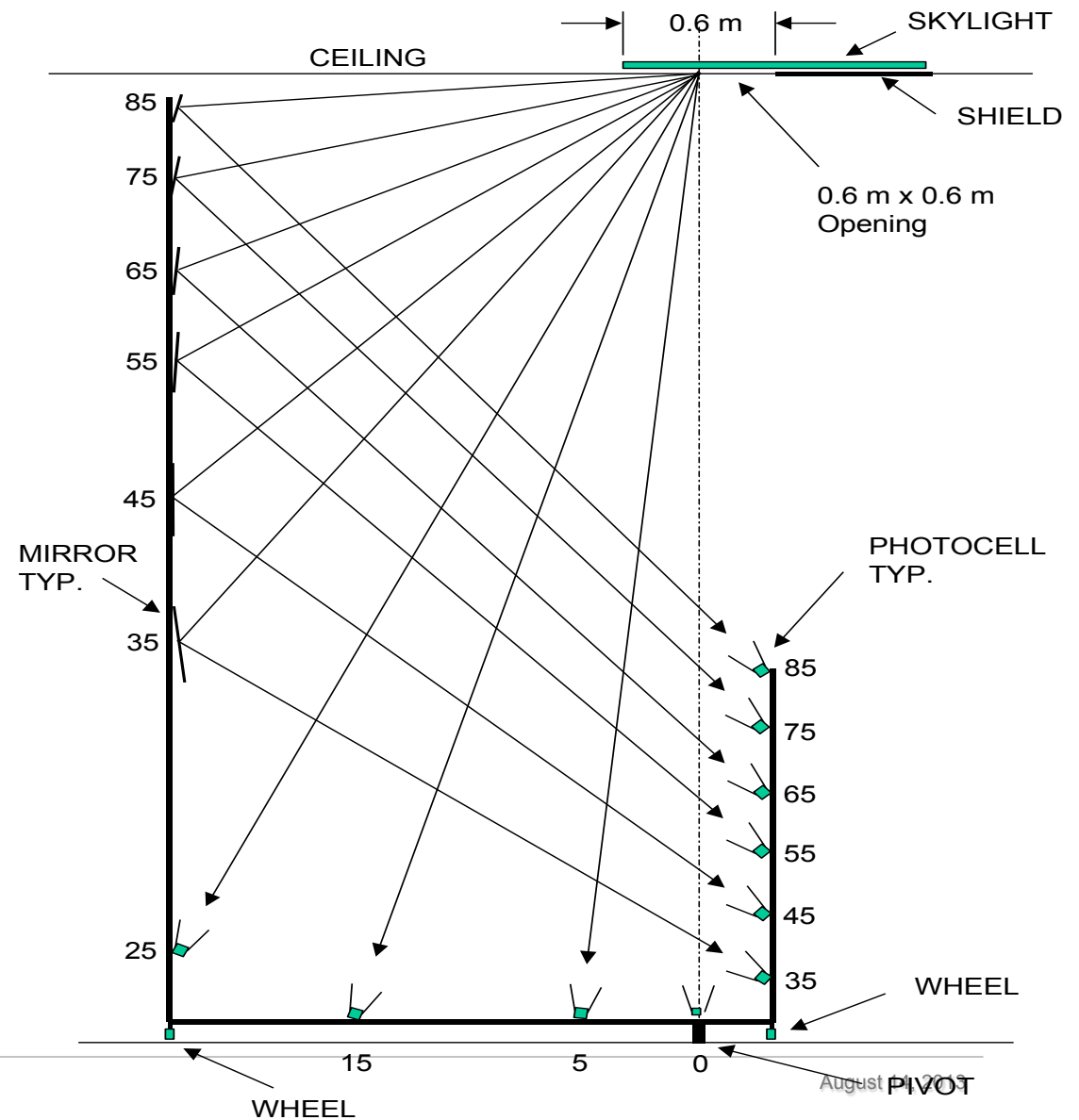


Goniophotometer

- Rotating arm of shielded illuminance sensors
- Angles 35° and sensor focused on mirror to obtain 5:1 requirements
- Facility had 2'x2' opening only



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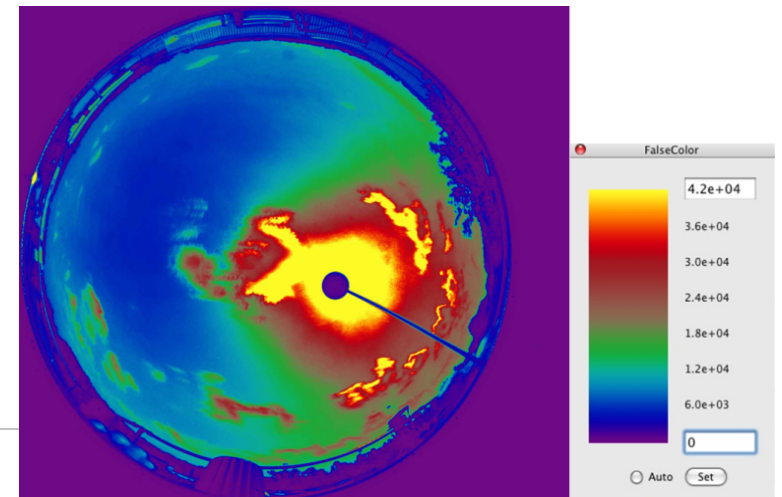
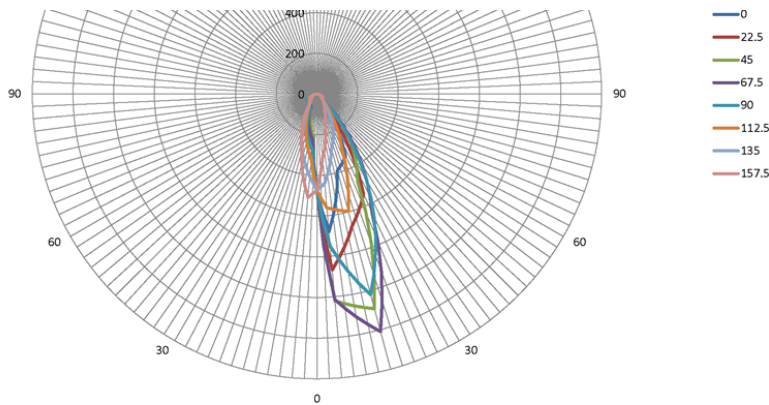
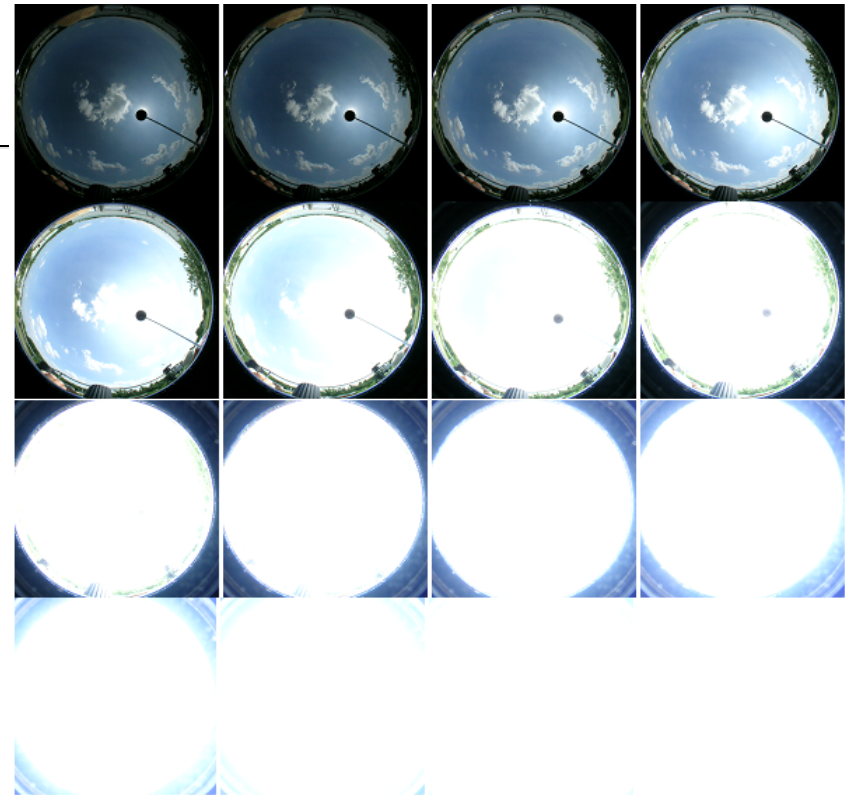


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Measurement Results

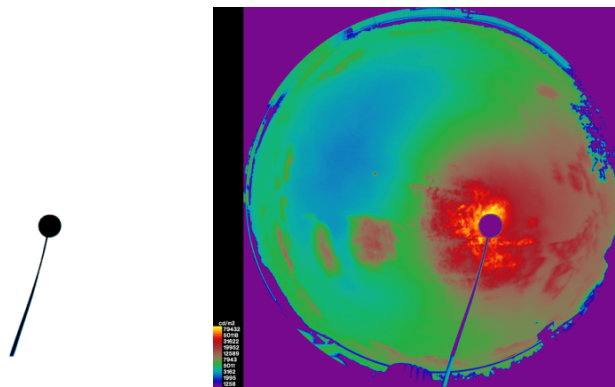
- 31 skies measured in total
 - Partly cloudy, low sun, mid sun, high Sun
- High Dynamic Range (HDR) hemispherical sky images
- Measured luminous intensities



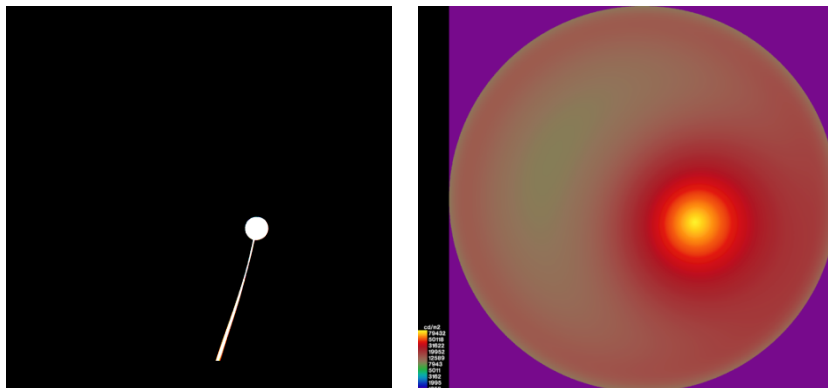


Sky map processing

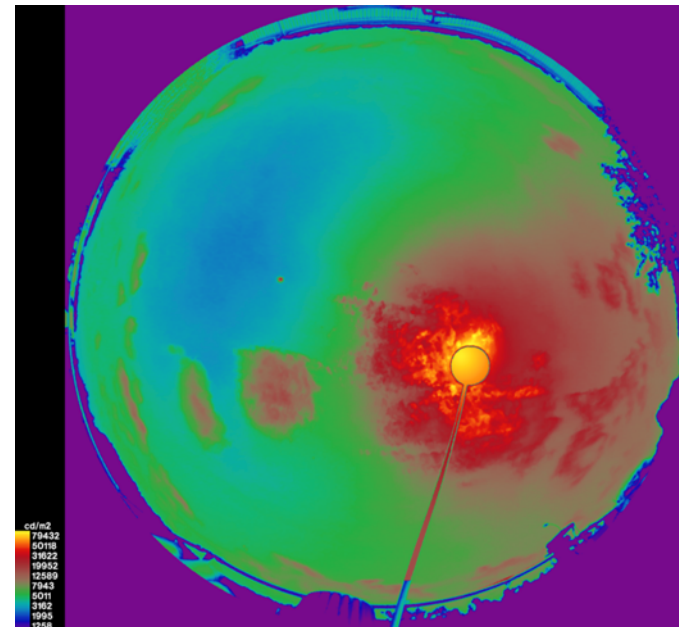
- Shading arm masked out
- Filled in with matching Perez sky
- Calibrated with direct and diffuse illuminance measurements



Shading arm mask



Perez Sky filler and mask

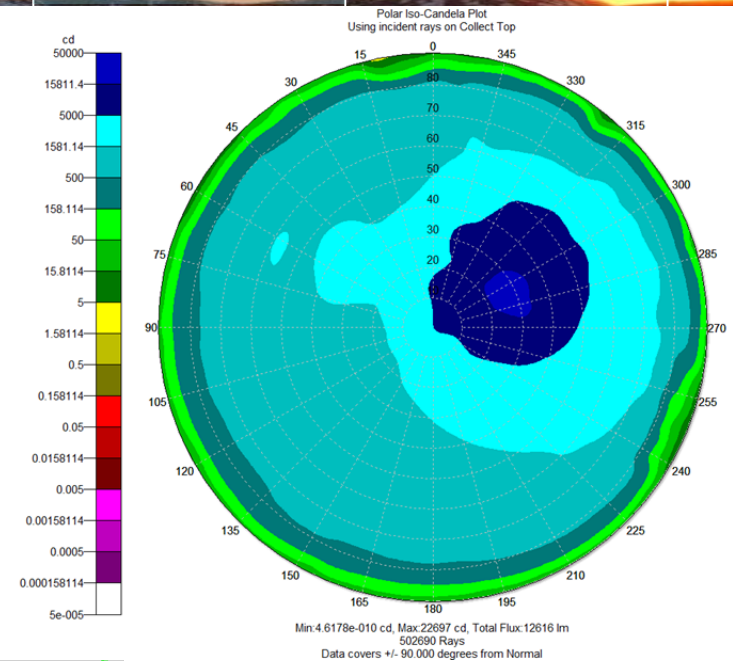


Final Calibrated Sky



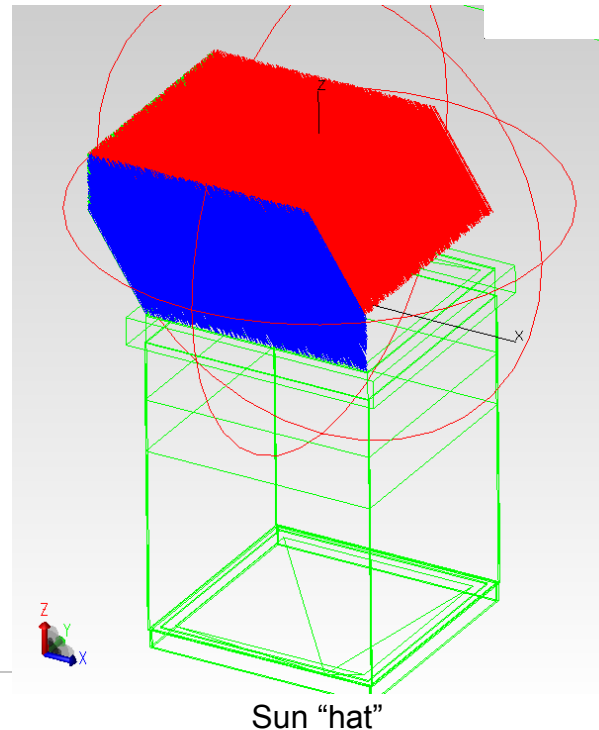
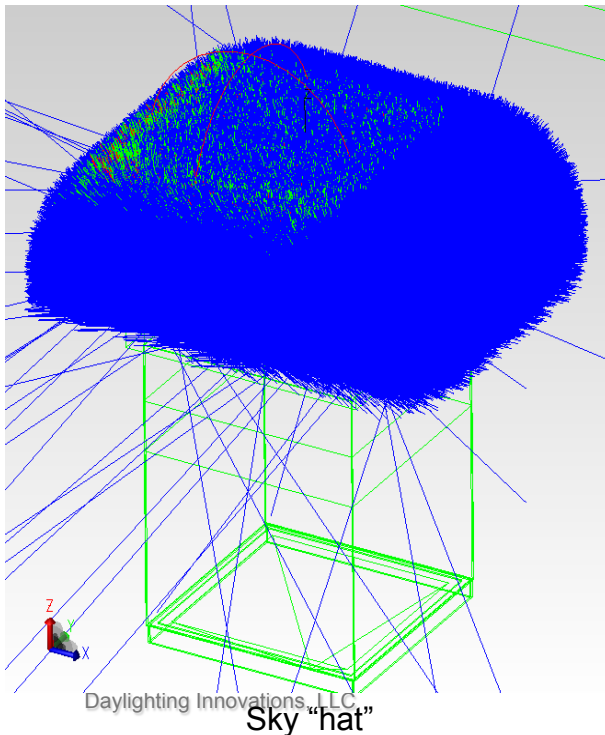
Sky and Sun Ray Sets

- Sky map and solar source converted to ray-set “hats”
 - Generated from encompassing box (5 sided, open bottom)
 - Sun source incident on 3 of 5



Sky Ray Set Candela Plot

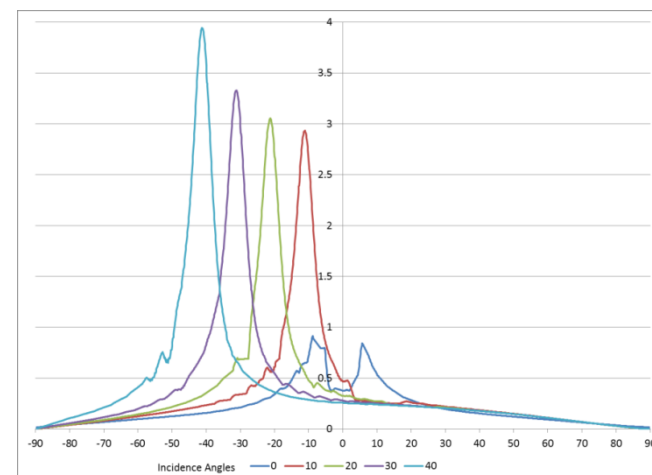
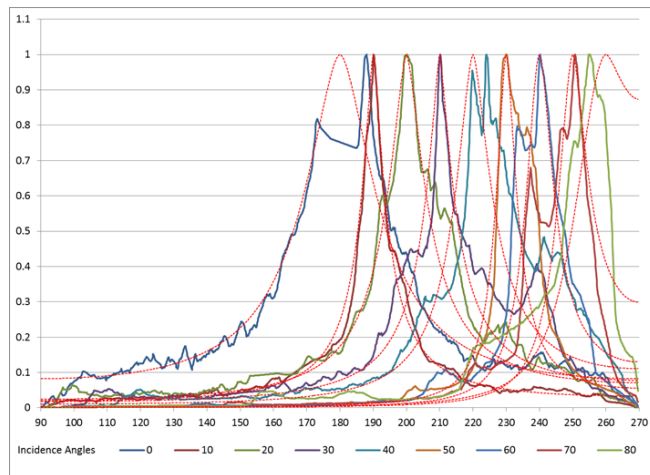
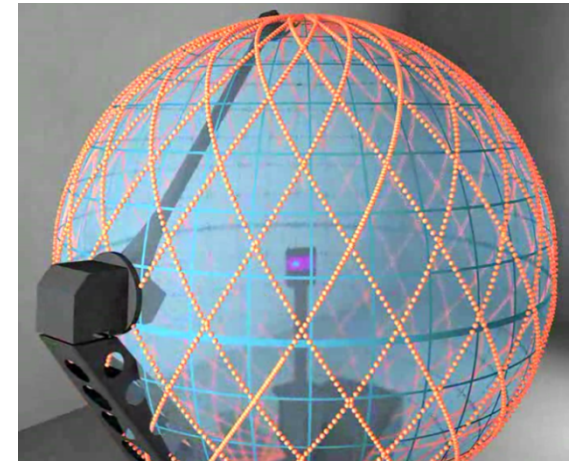
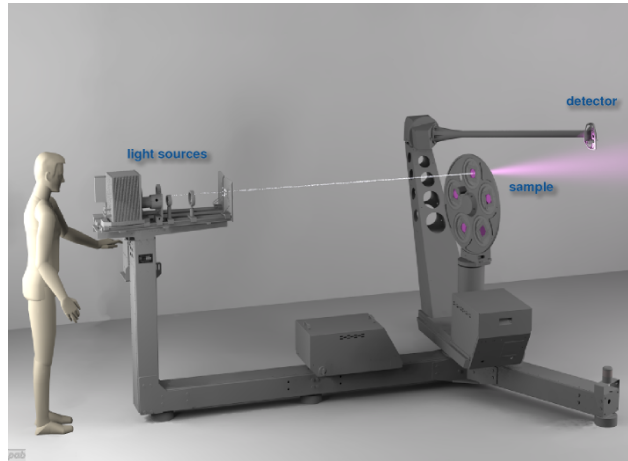
- Candela plot of box surfaces match sky maps





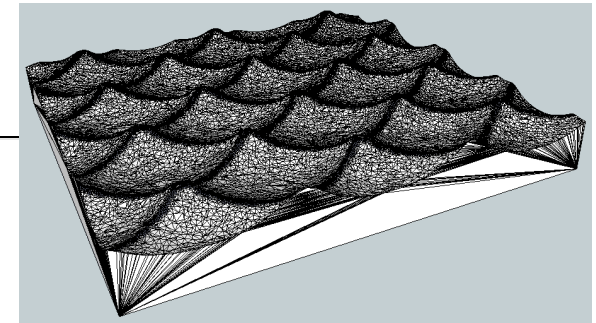
LBL BSRF Measurements

- PAB Limited Gonio-photometer 2 at LBNL
- Adjustable density scan web-like patterns
- Anisotropic manual process, unavailable at the time





Radiance BSDF - SunOptics Lens



Load a BSDF XML file /Users/rgugliel/Desktop/SO_lasered-tadj-t45.xml

Save Image

Show Help

Show Patch Numbers

Equidistant

Orthographic

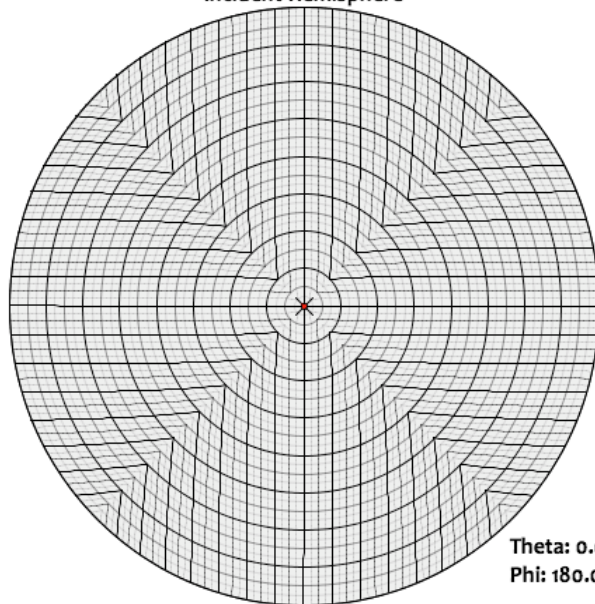
Log Scale

Linear Scale

Scale Maximum: 100

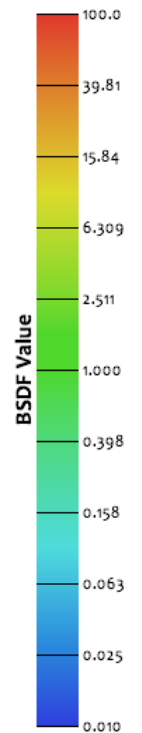
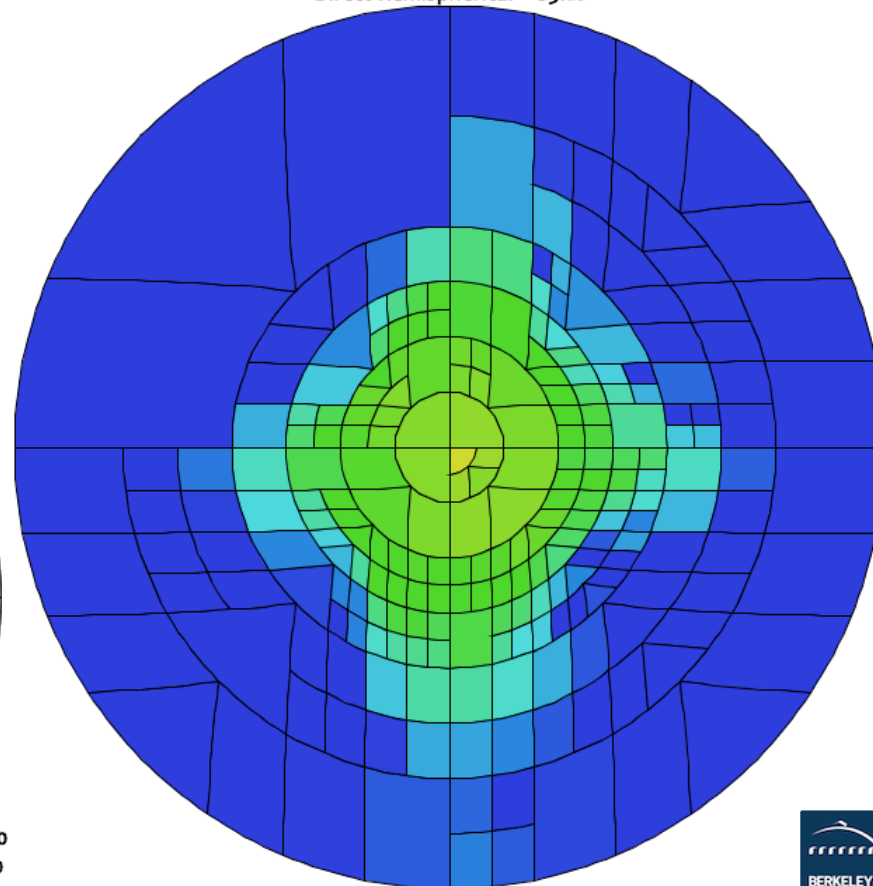
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Incident Hemisphere



Theta: 0.0
Phi: 180.0

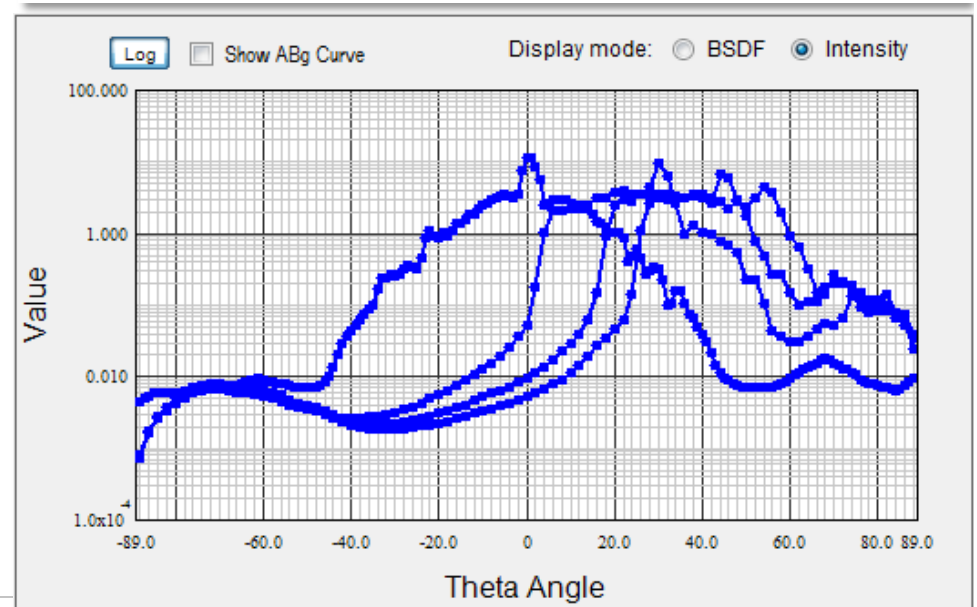
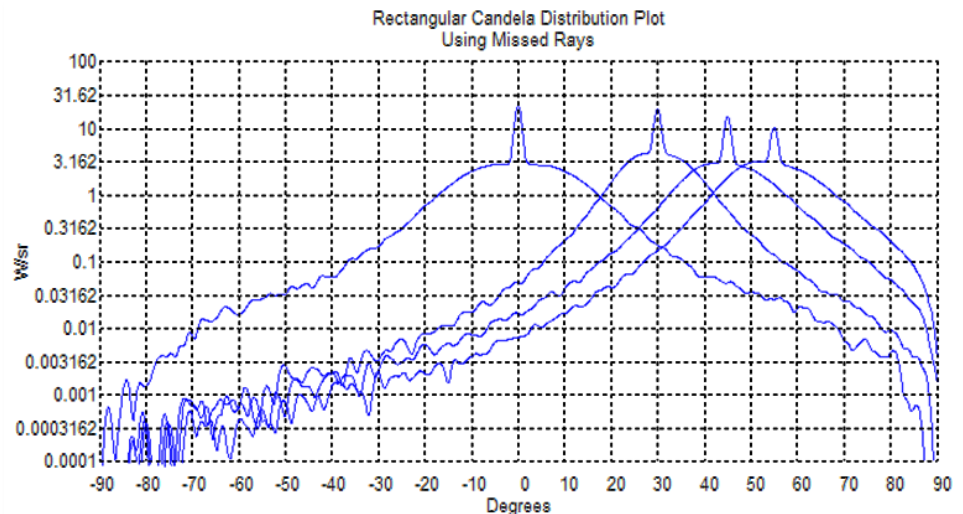
Visible Front Transmission
Direct Hemispherical = 83.1%





TracePro BSDF CASI Measurements

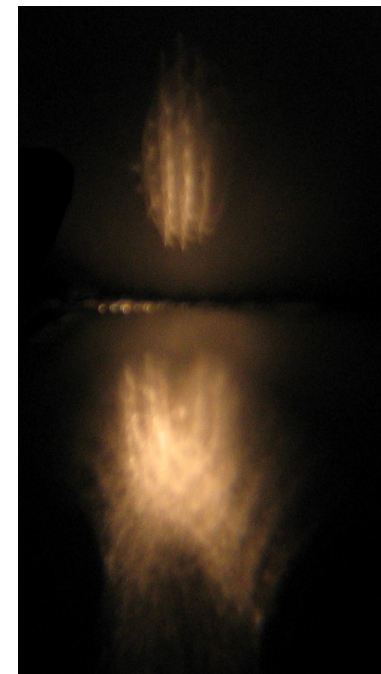
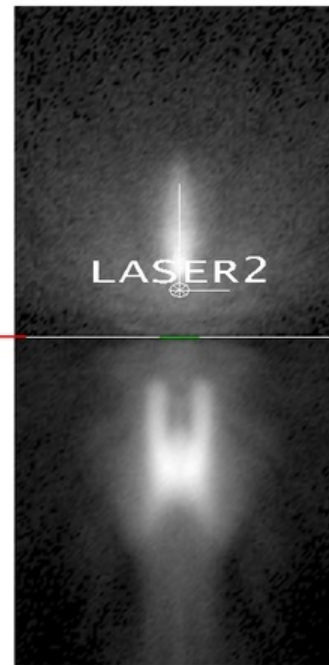
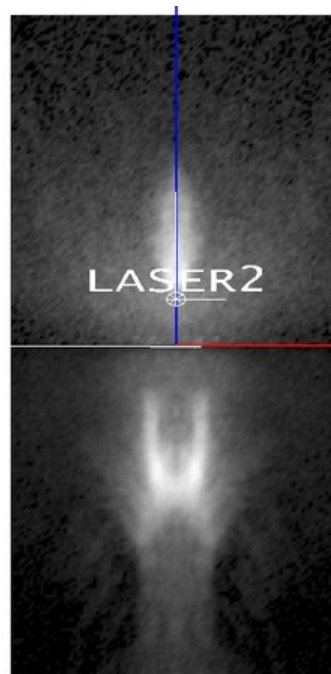
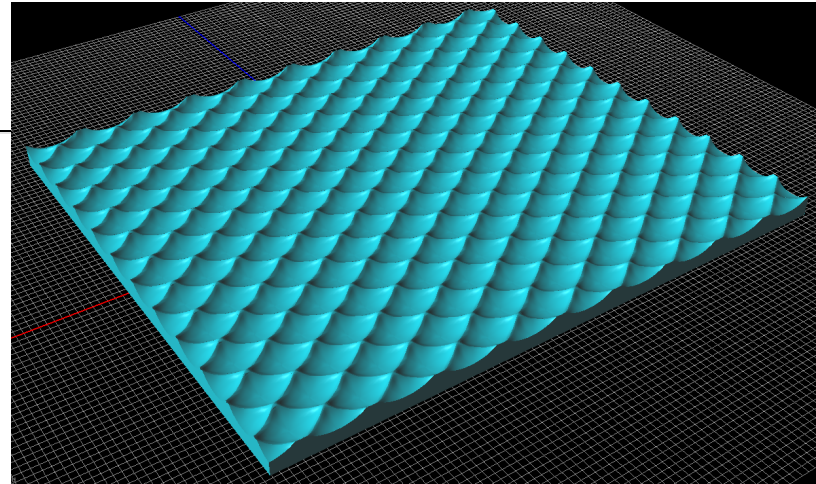
- Complete Angle Scatter Instrument (CASI)
- Measurements limited to 55° and below
- Decent curve fit for perpendicular angles
- Poor fitting for high angles





Photopia BSDF Generation

- Laser scan lens models simulated in Material Lab tool
- BSDF format native to Photopia
- Adjustable resolution
- 1-2° deg resolution used

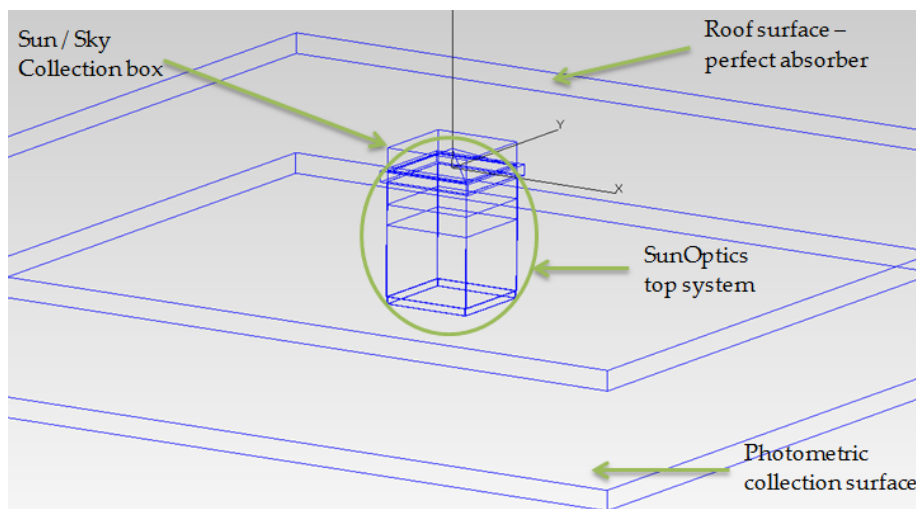


Simulated scatter (3d model on left, BSDF representation on right)

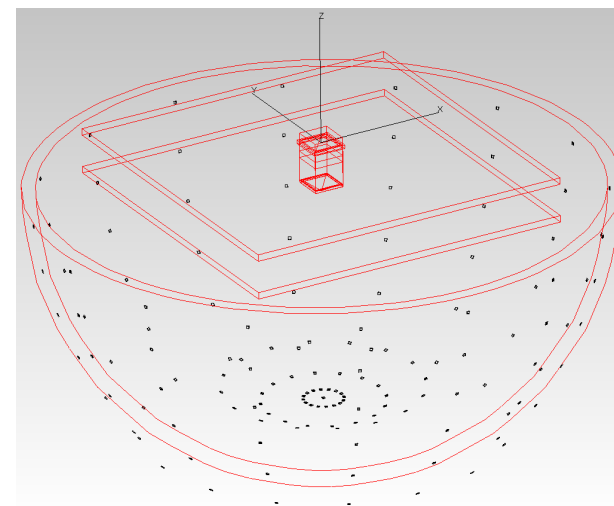
Photograph of scatter



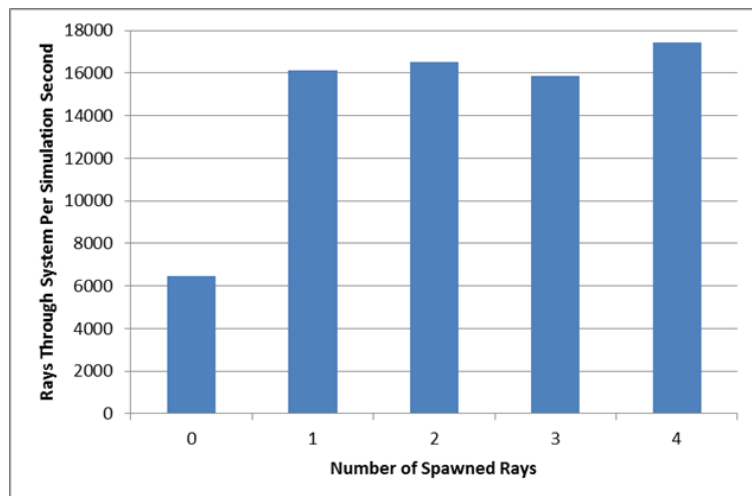
TracePro Simulation



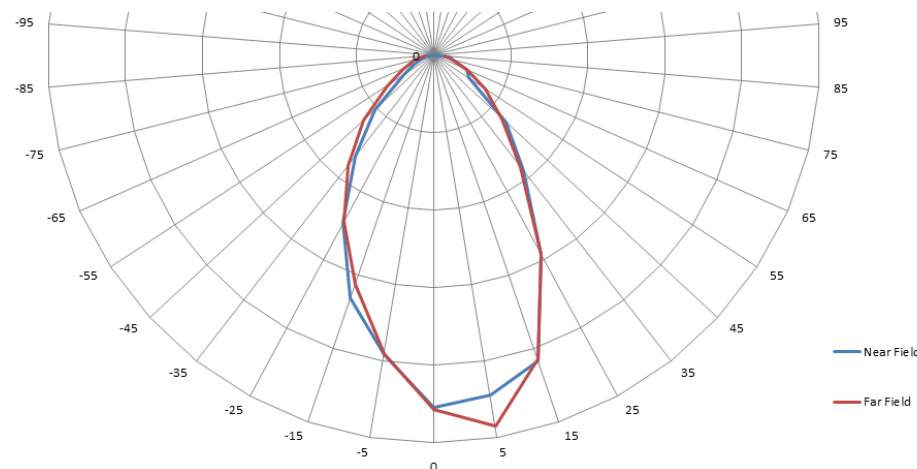
TracePro Model Geometry



Near Field Points



Ray Spawning Optimization Study

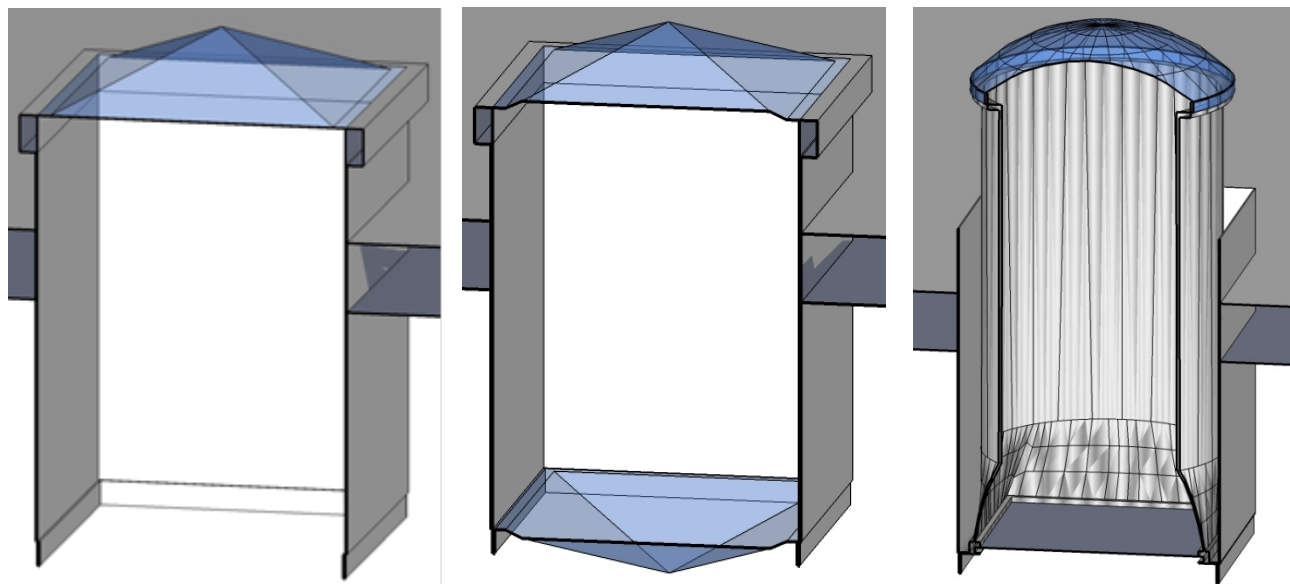


Near vs Far Field

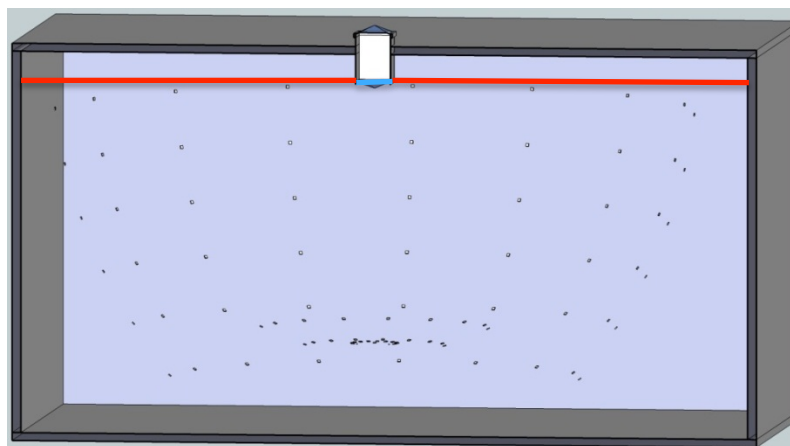


Radiance Simulation

- Radiance classic – raytrace from final sensor points to sky and sun source
- “Mkillum” strategies – split into two components
 - Skylight opening to outside
 - Sensor points to skylight opening
- System BSDF – no proxy geometry required model refinements



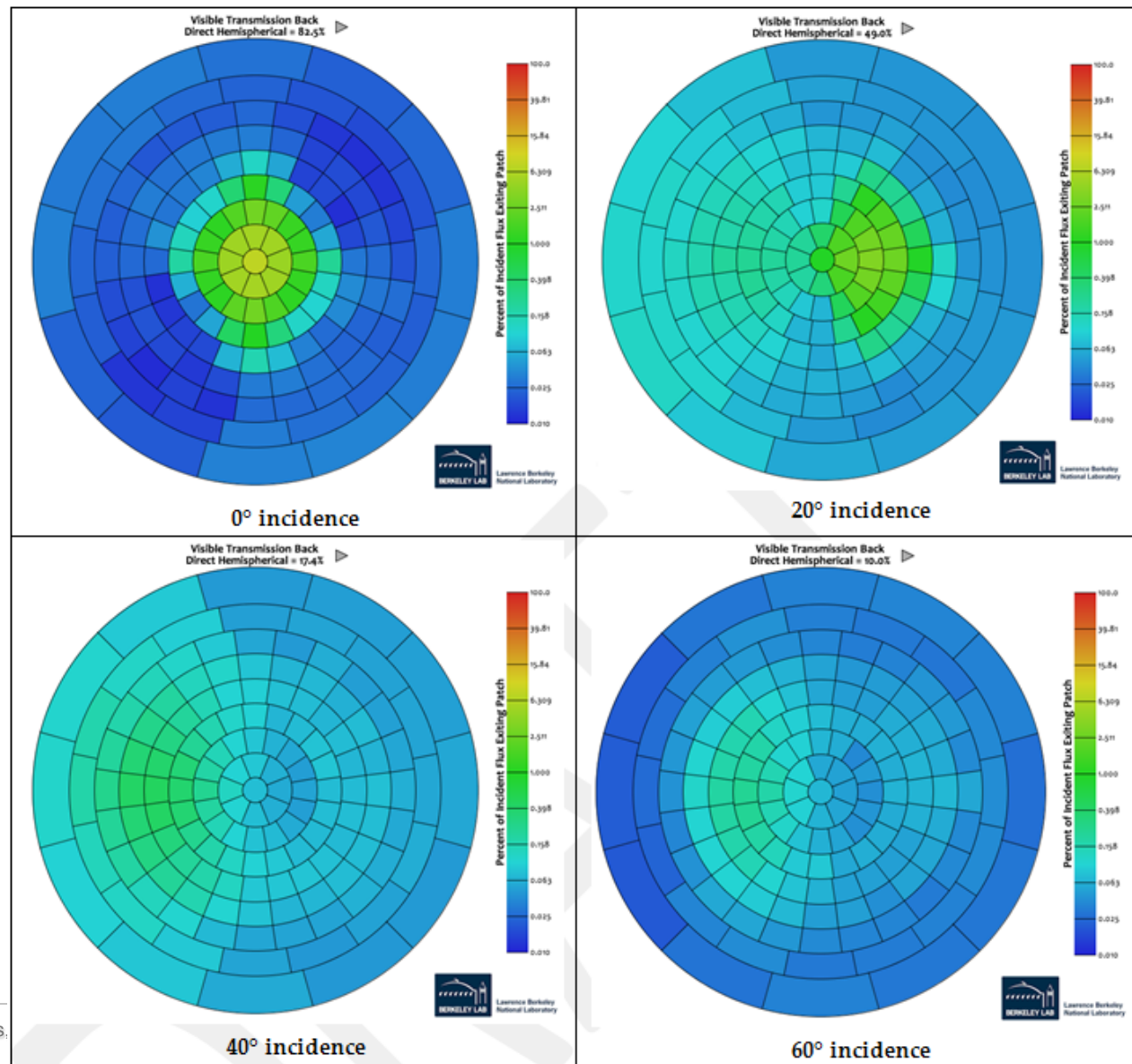
System Geometry Models



Radiance Simulation Model

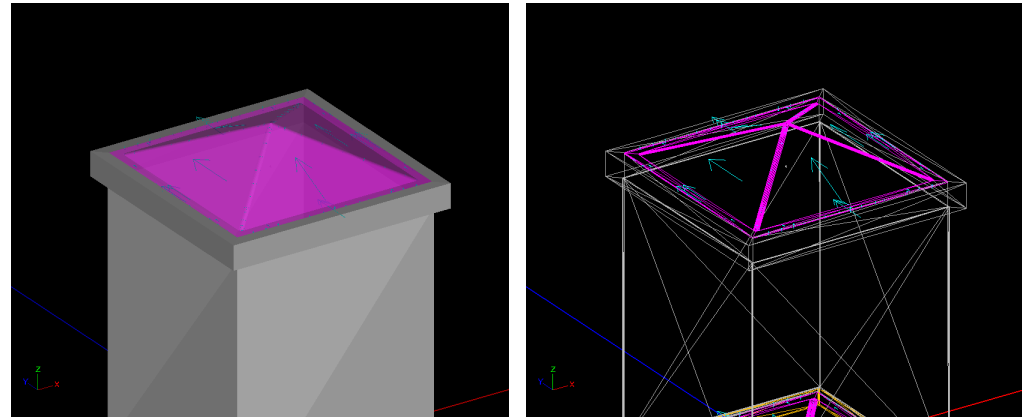


Radiance SunOptics Top System BSDF

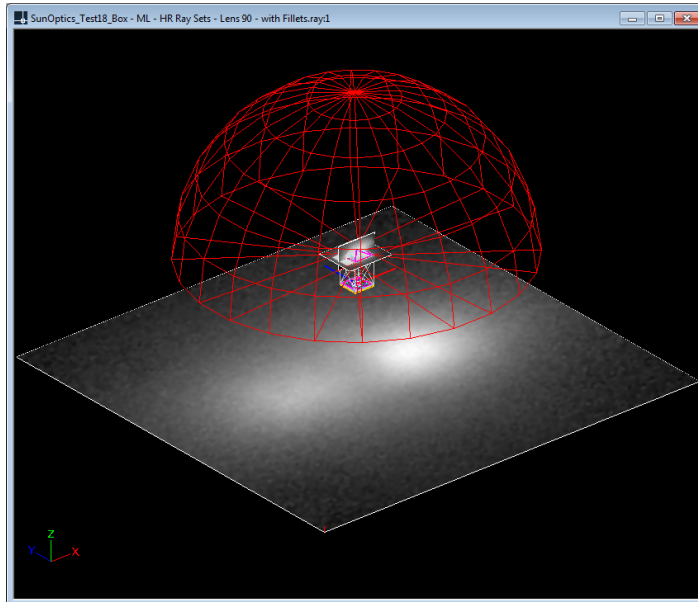




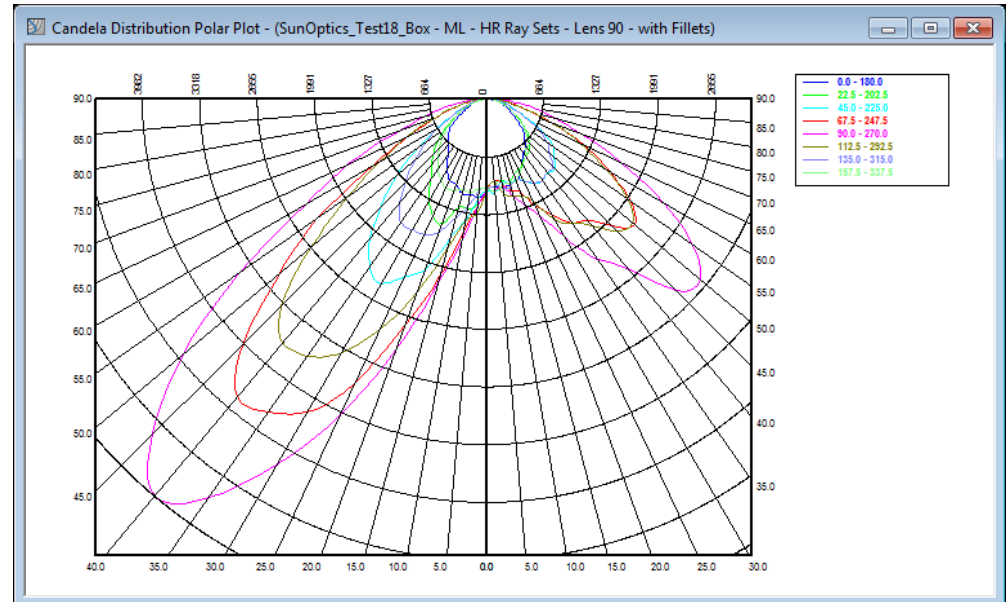
Photopia Simulation



Photopia geometry models



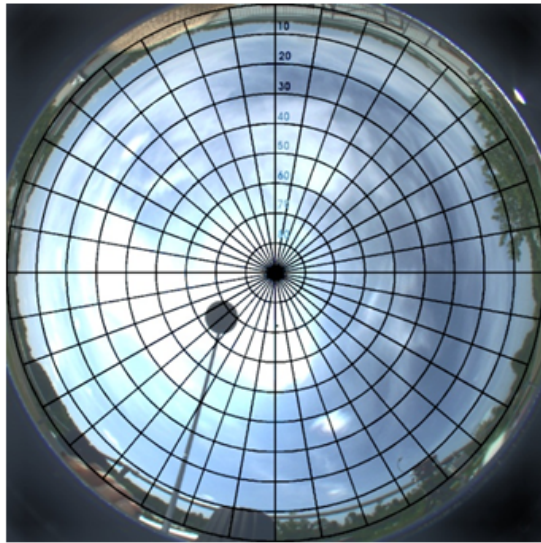
Illuminance plane output



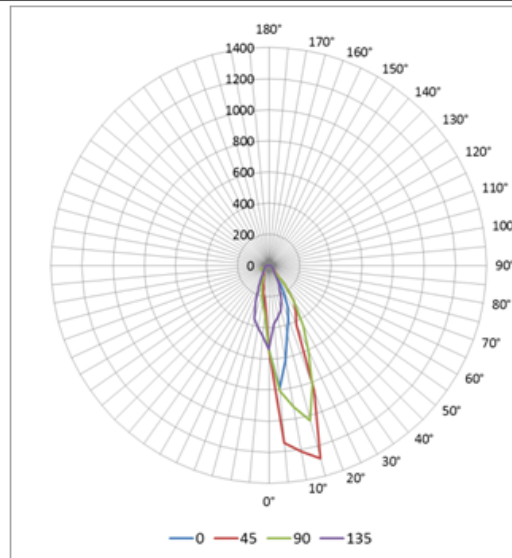
Luminous intensity photometric plot



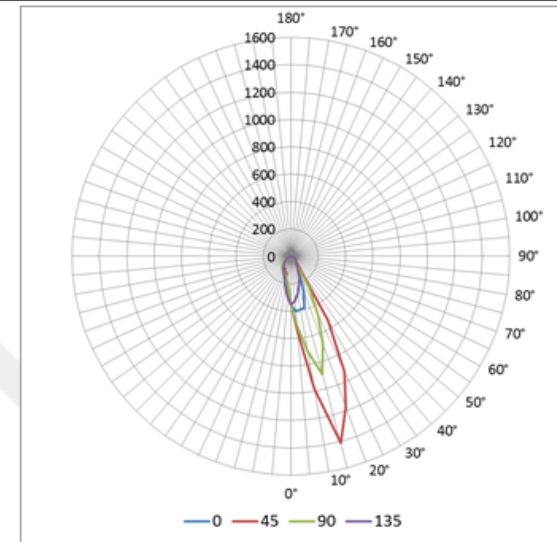
SunOptics Top – Sky 28



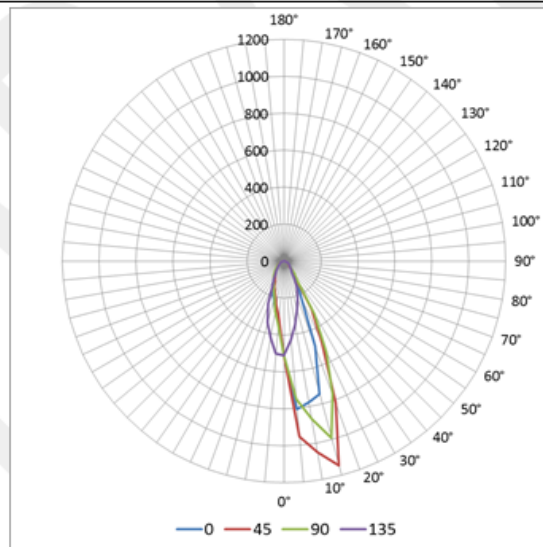
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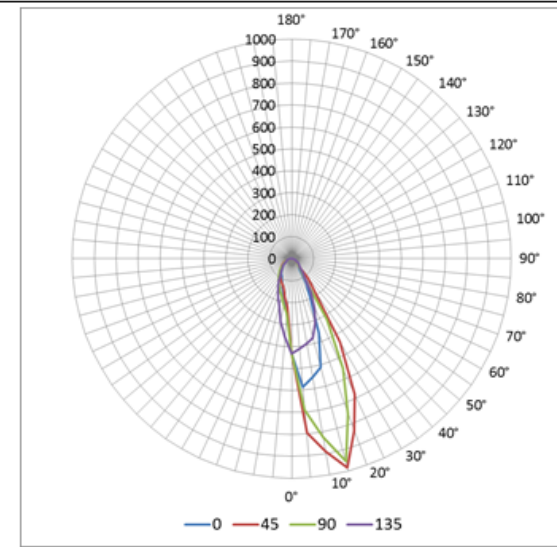
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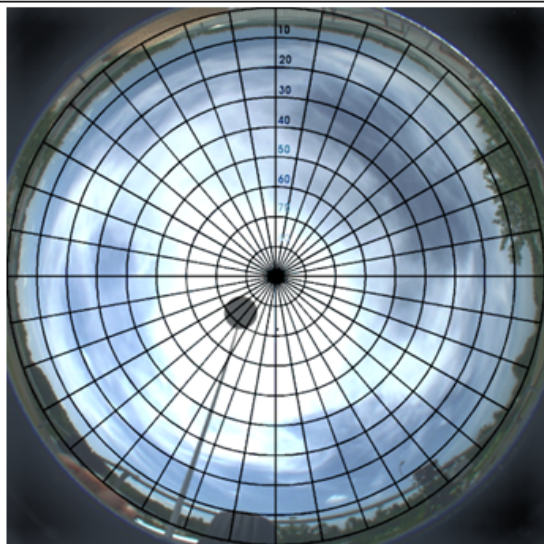
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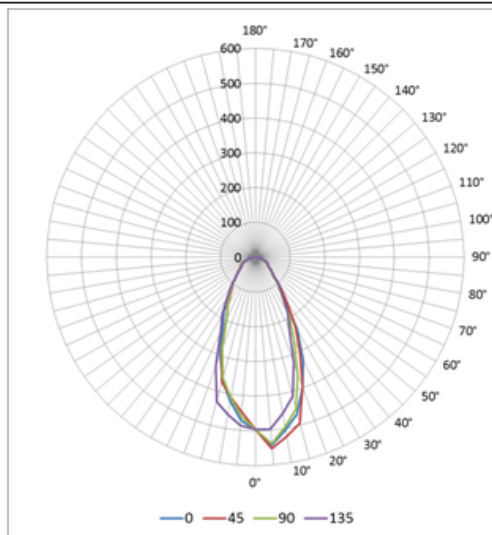
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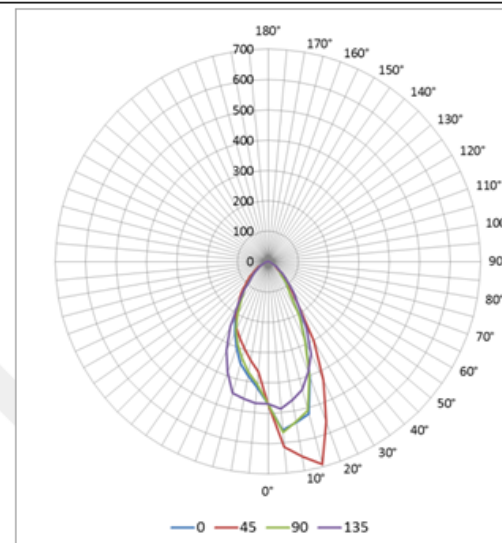
SunOptics Box – Sky 32



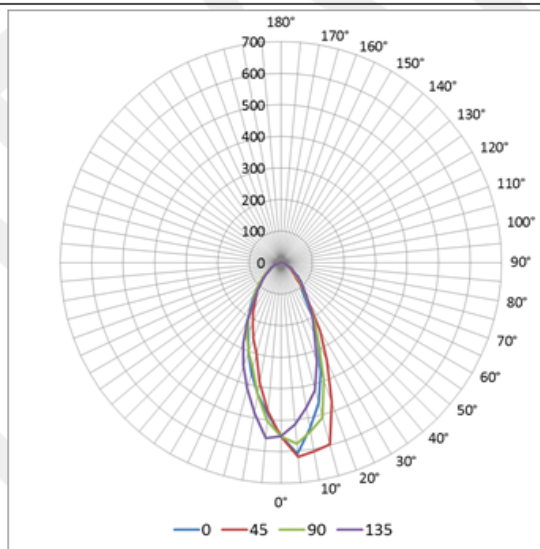
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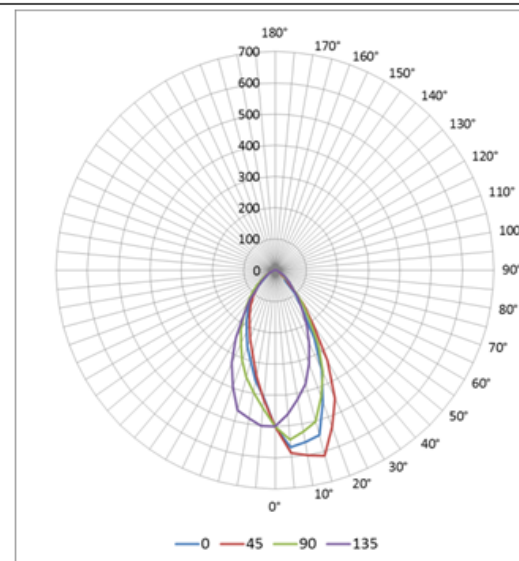
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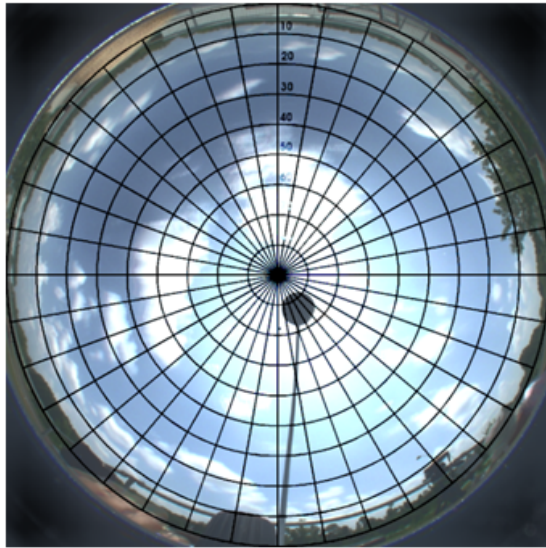
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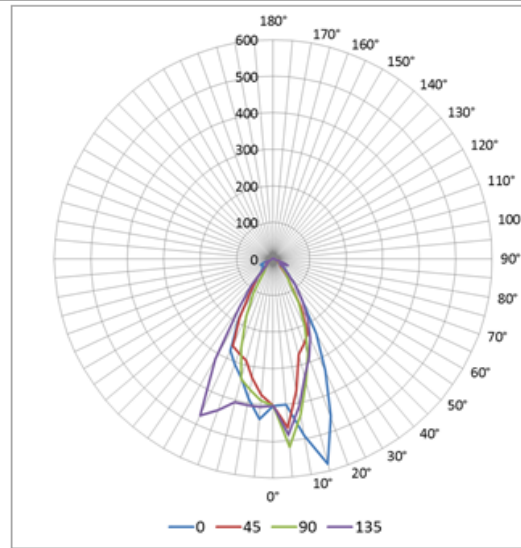
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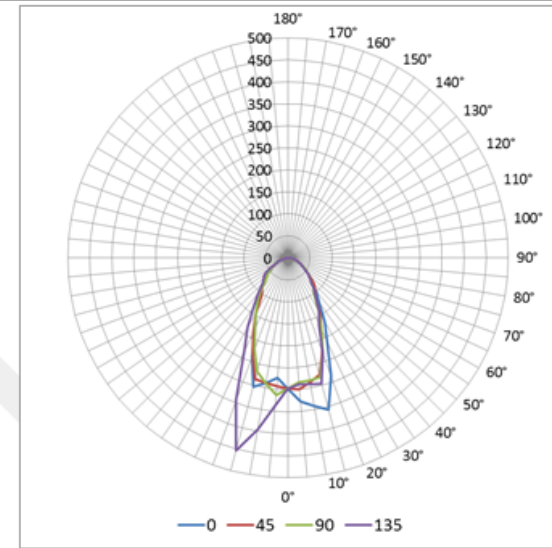
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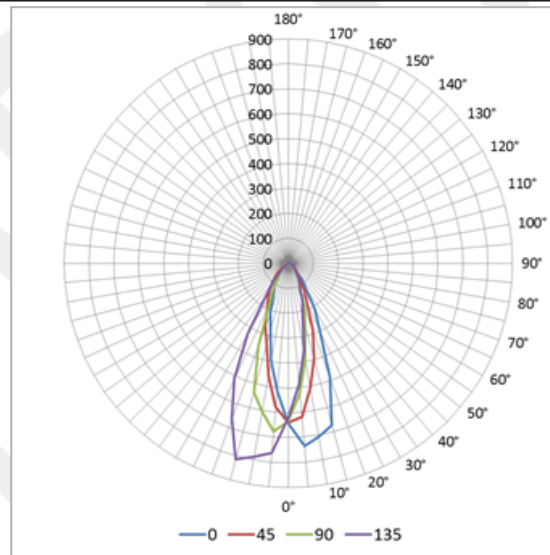
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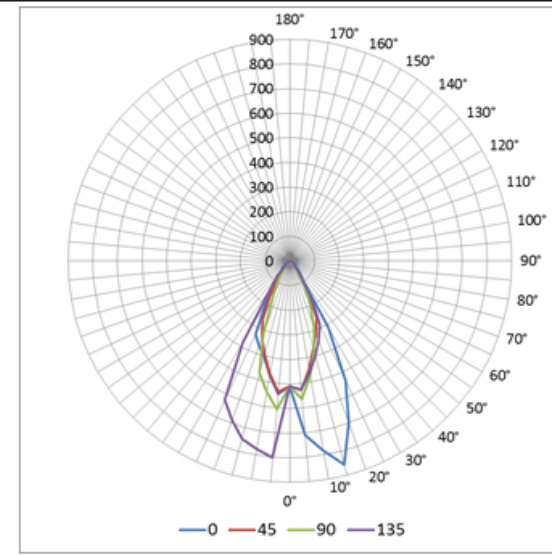
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Radiance Simulated



Photopia Simulated



Conclusions – BSDF Measurement

- Anisotropic and asymmetric data is necessary for materials that exhibit this type of behavior
- A BSDF measurement resolution of 1-2° provides adequate resolution for these systems
- Computer simulation of BSDF is a valid approach
 - Cannot detect some scatter due to manufacturing processes
 - Adequate model resolution to capture all optical geometry
- Harvey-Shack gaussian work well for specular and semi-specular
 - Gaussian representations not effective for anisotropic and asymmetrical materials (prismatic lens)
 - Full table BSDF increases simulation time significantly
- Photopia measurements accurate, proprietary format
- XML format good start
 - refine to expand angular definitions
 - eliminate redundancies



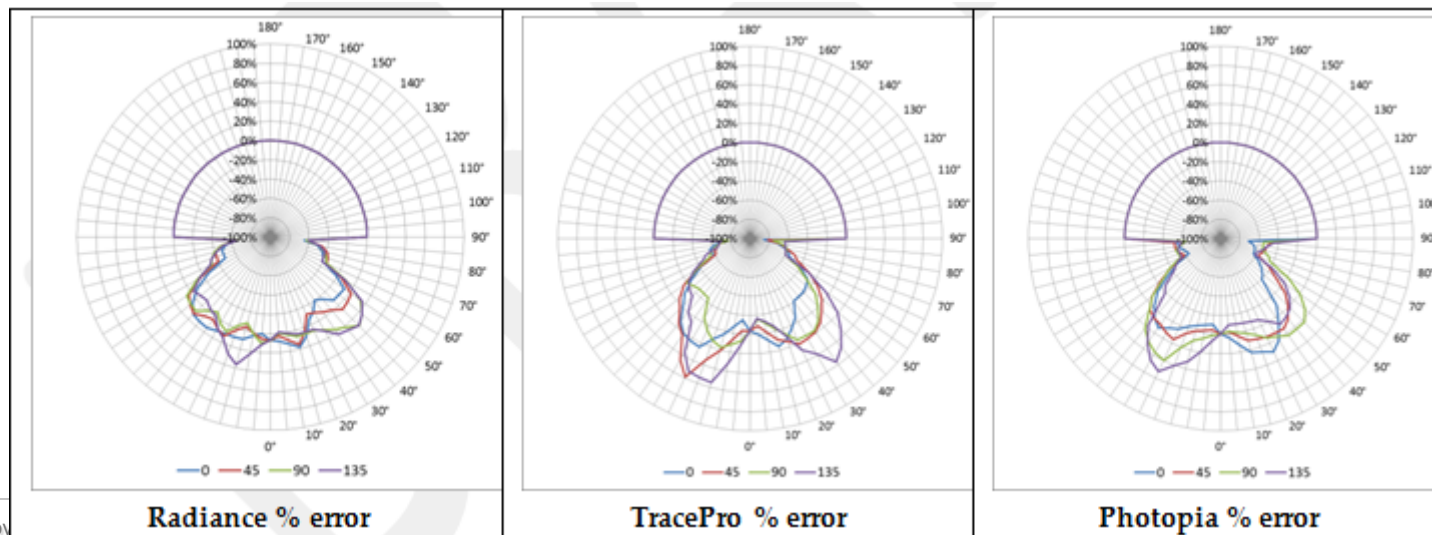
Conclusions – Simulation and Modeling

- Far field photometric simulation does not vary much from near field and is the preferred approach for future performance simulation
- An adequate number of rays leaving the system is necessary for “noise-free” simulation results – ~2-5 million leaving system good target
- Set a 30-50 bounce limit and low flux threshold to capture high angle exiting light
- System BSDF approach gives best Radiance matches and appears to be a valid approach
 - Radiance assumes a zero thickness system in this case
 - Modification suggested to allow for system thickness



Conclusions – Photometric Validation

- The accuracy and resolution of BSDF measurements critical, particular at lens entering system – parallel sun rays exacerbate the issue
- Small (in area) geometric details appear less important, ie. fillets
- All simulation engines struggle at high angle exiting light
- Measurements likely over predict high angle light as well due to ambient light in goniophotometer room
- General distributions of light match well





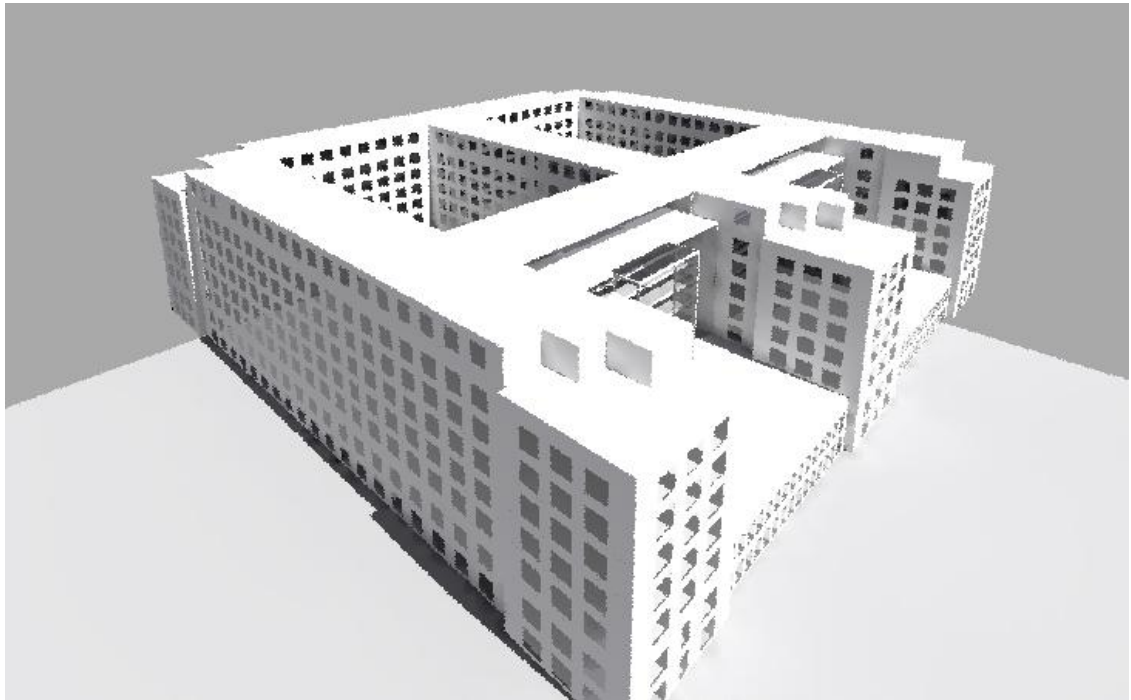
Next Steps

- IESNA Sub-committee for LM81-10 companion document
- Engage NFRC in expanding daylighting product metrics
- Create an openly available benchmark of sky sources and photometric for future validation
- Refine methods to improve accuracy
- Create IESNA sub-committee for daylight simulation methods
- Engage software developers regarding daylighting system photometric standards and annual simulation protocols
- Inform the architectural daylighting design community to the relevance of having detailed photometric data available



Building Daylight Profiler for Simulation (BDP4SIM)

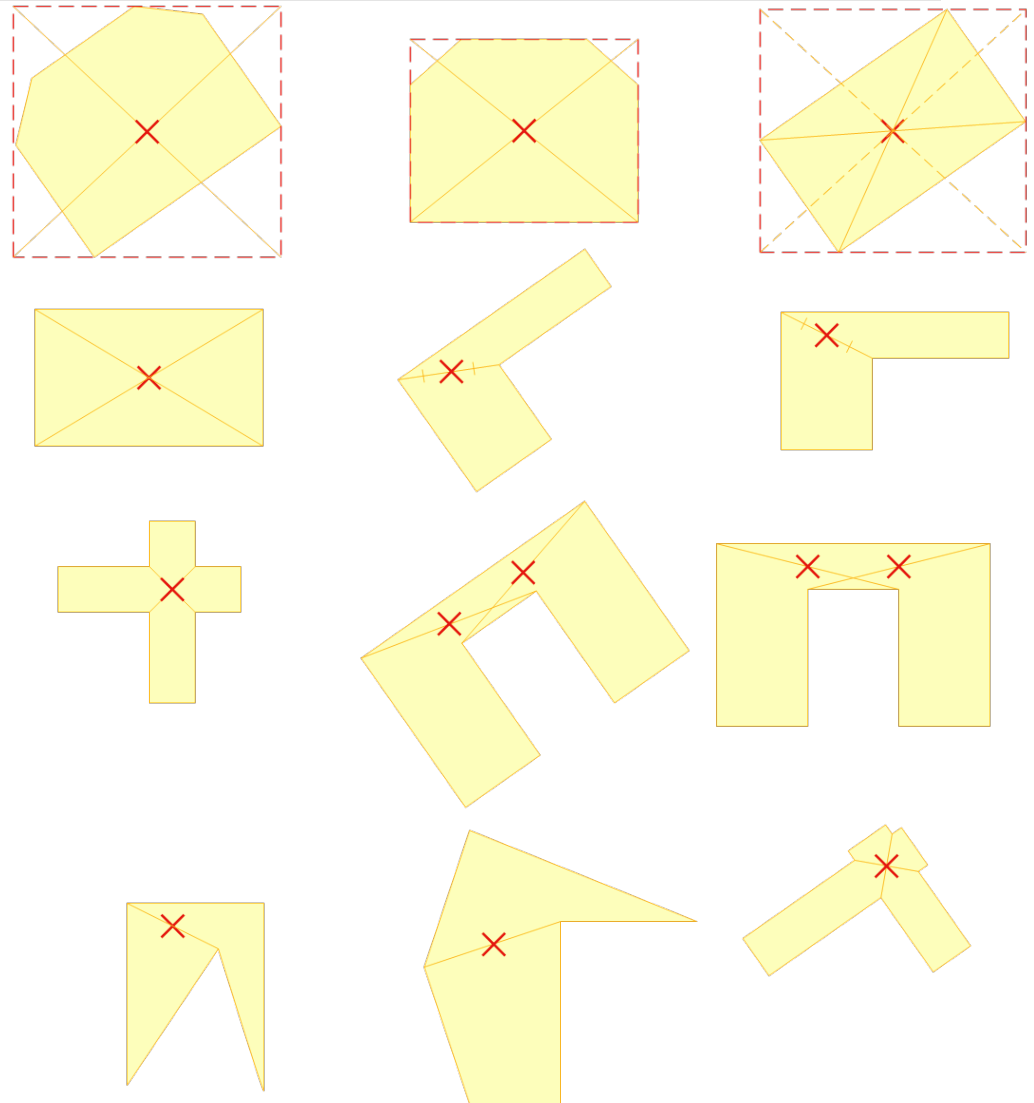
- Parametric modeler that creates Radiance and Energy Plus models via IFC files
- Challenge: how to efficiently automate daylight simulation for an entire building
 - Method to autogenerate illuminance grids for any shape of daylit space
 - Method to identify similar spaces to reduce overall calculation time





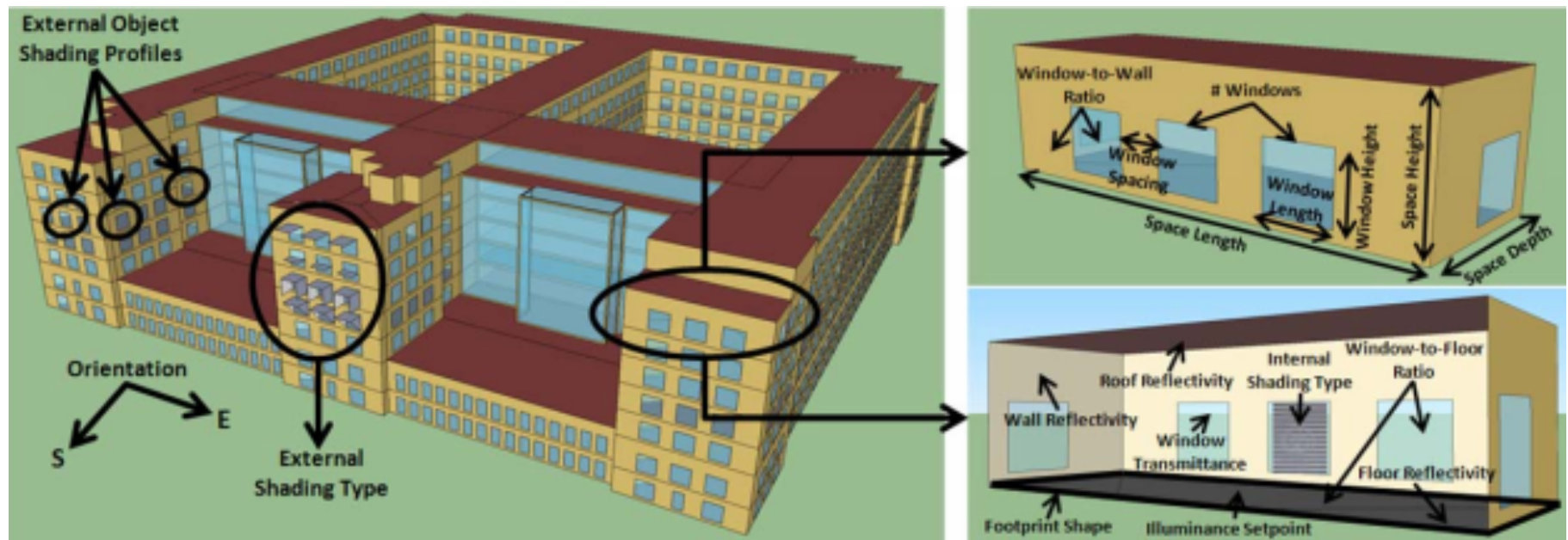
BDP4SIM – Vantage Point Generation

- Needed a consistent way to auto-generate a central vantage point





BDP4SIM – Variable daylighting elements

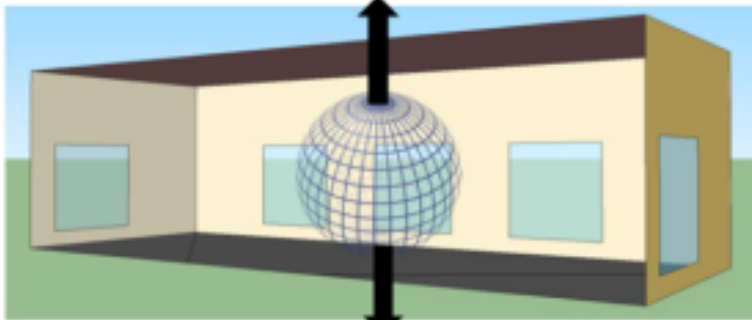
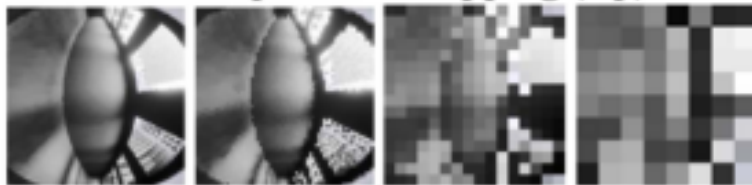




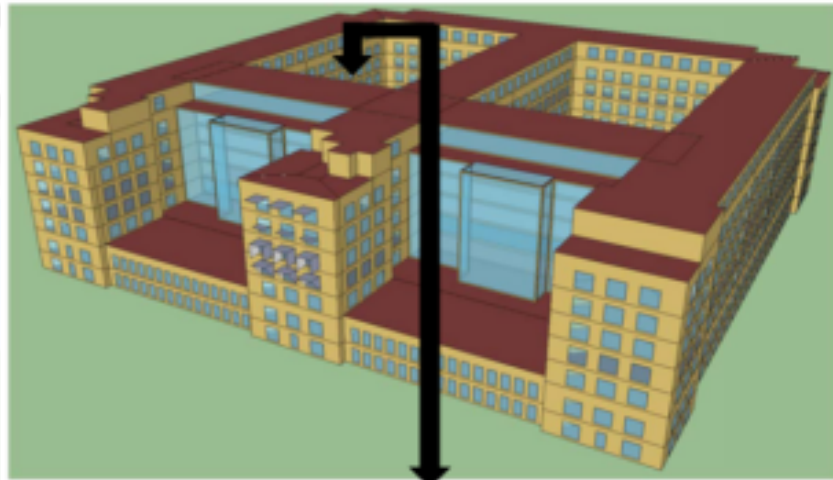
BDP4SIM – Spherical Mapping

- Rather than methodically checking space dimensions and orientation
- Employed idea of spherical maps to identify geometry and surface properties

Interior Spherical Mapping (Up)



Interior Spherical Mapping (Down)

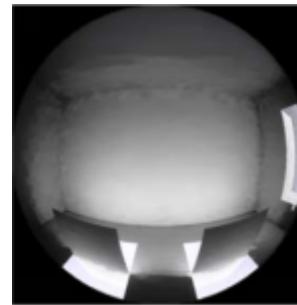


Exterior Spherical Mapping



BDP4SIM – Accuracy Dials

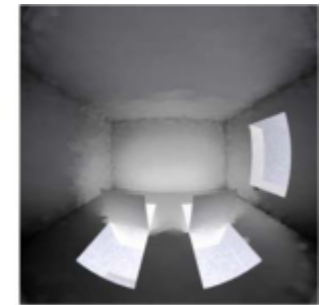
- Mapping type
- Interior up, interior down, exterior resolution
- Int / ext miss counts
- Transmittance and reflectance tolerance



Hemispherical mapping



Angular mapping



Stereographic mapping

- Case studies to understand the impact of these dials and appropriate thresholds



8x8 resolution material mapping
 4 window hits (6%)
 2 lightshelf hits (3%)
 0 daylight window hits (0%)
 46 wall hits (72%)
 8 ceiling hits (13%)



16x16 resolution material mapping
 24 window hits (9%)
 10 lightshelf hits (4%)
 0 daylight window hits (0%)
 170 wall hits (66%)
 36 ceiling hits (14%)



32x32 resolution material mapping
 102 window hits (10%)
 40 lightshelf hits (4%)
 6 daylight window hits (0.5%)
 680 wall hits (67%)
 144 ceiling hits (14%)

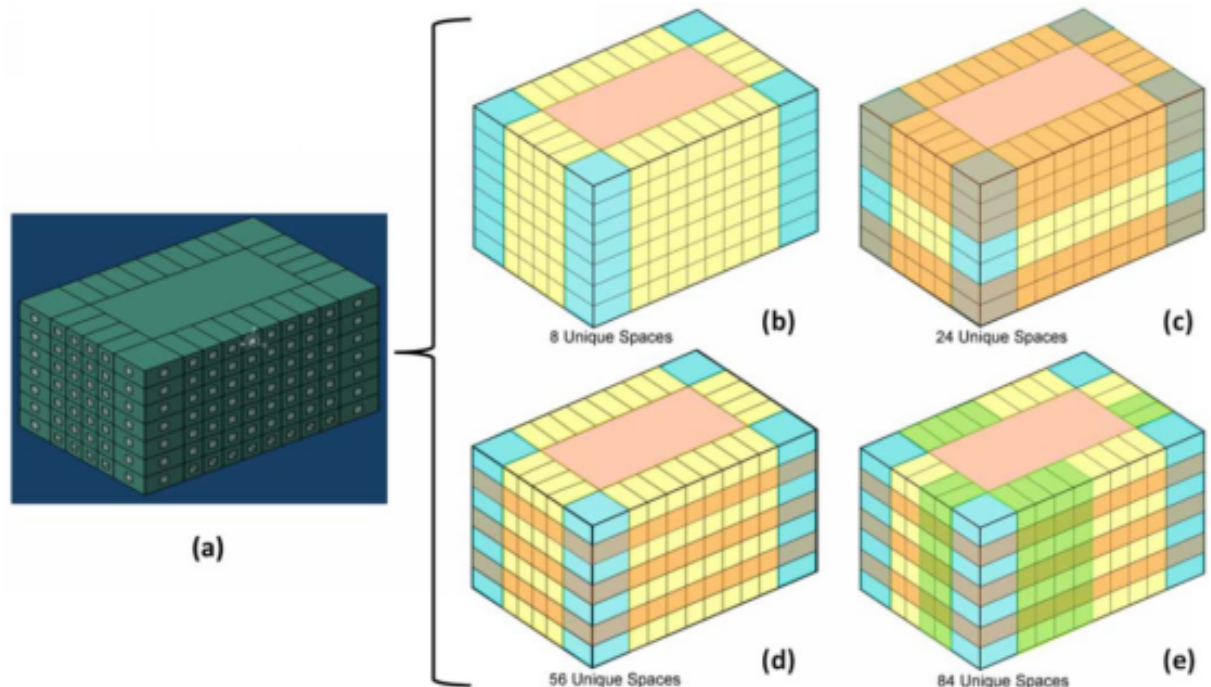


64x64 resolution material mapping
 380 window hits (9%)
 162 lightshelf hits (4%)
 16 daylight window hits (0.4%)
 2748 wall hits (67%)
 568 ceiling hits (14%)



BDP4SIM – Case Study #1

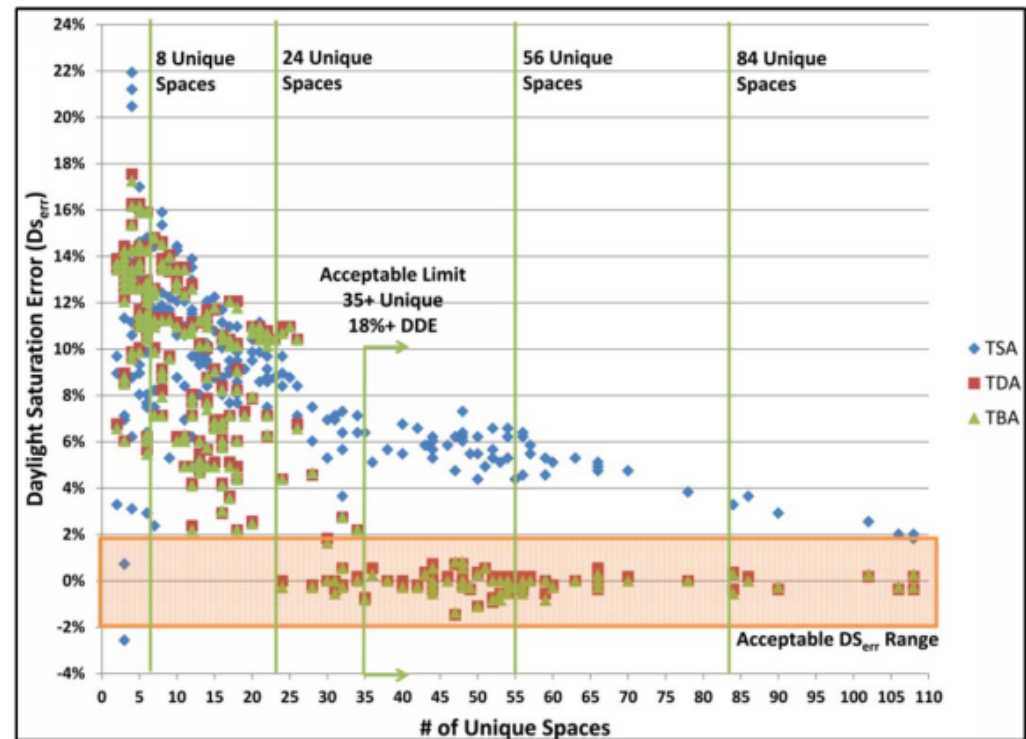
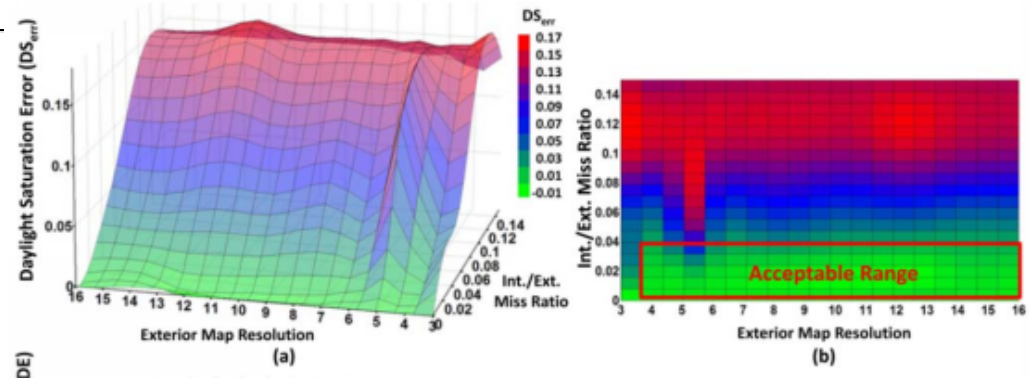
- Simple 7 story box
- Logic check for accuracy parameters
- Should see a range of 8 -84 unique spaces out of 196 spaces





BDP4SIM – Case Study #1

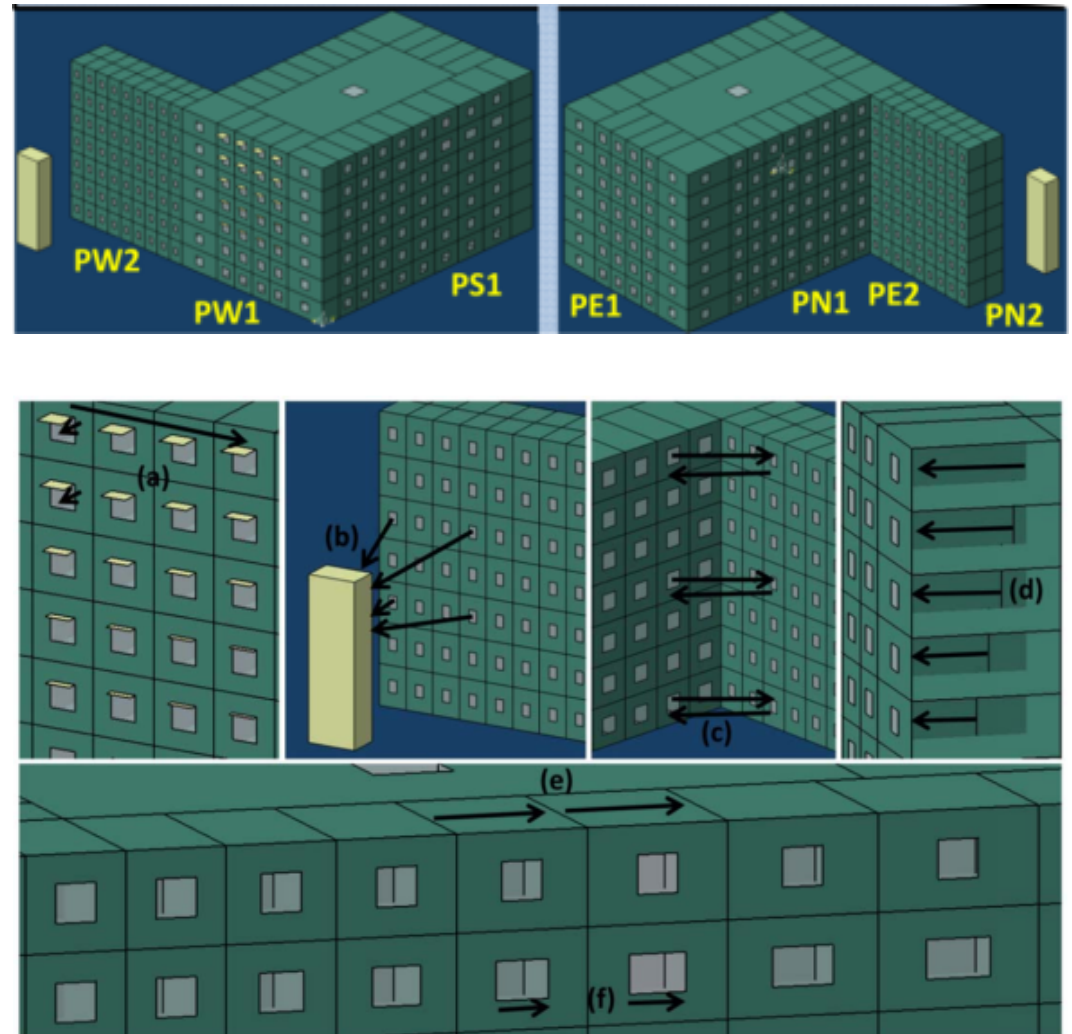
- Initial parameter set saw ranges from 4 to 108
- Fairly quickly saw
 - Ext resolution at least 4x4
 - Miss ratio no greater than 4%





BDP4SIM – Case Study #2

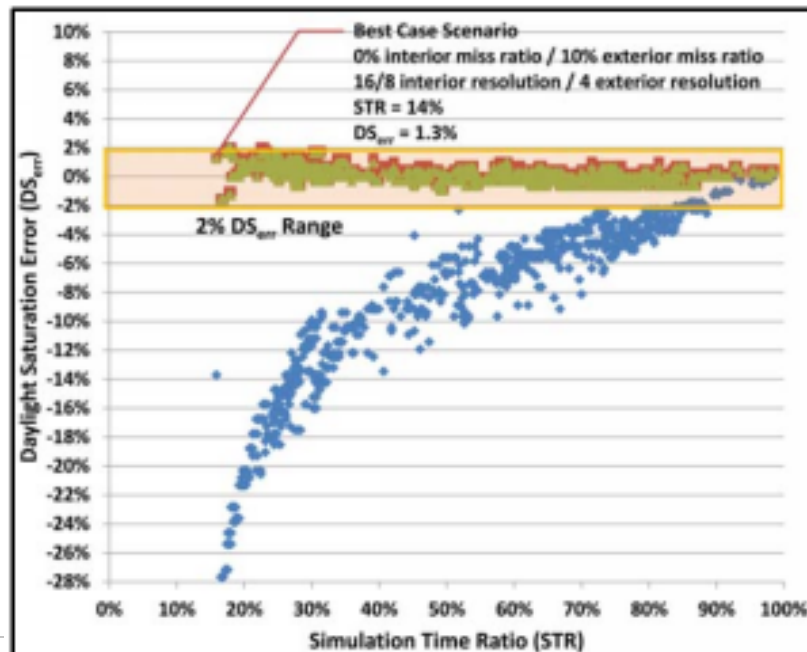
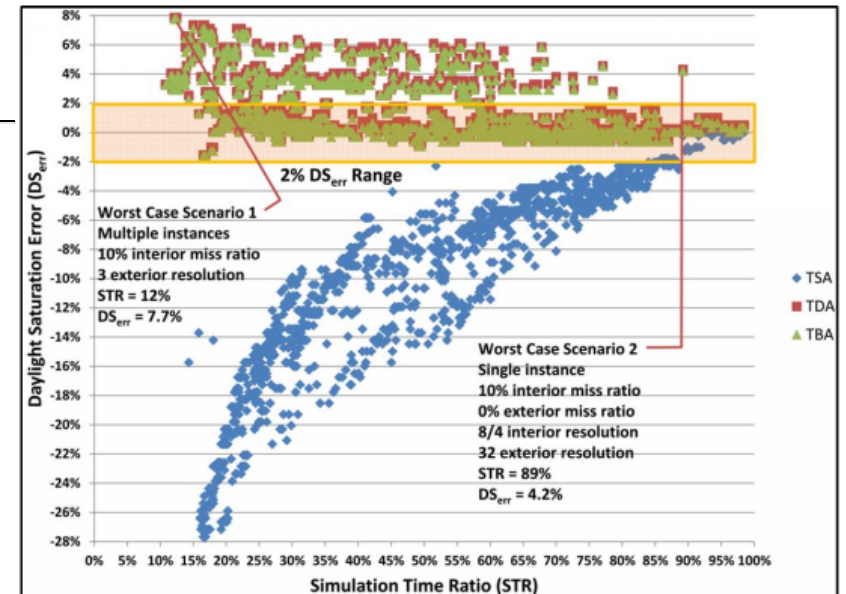
- More complex 7 stories with:
 - Exterior separate element and self shading
 - Variable window size, overhangs, interior treatments, transmittance and reflectance
 - Variable room dimensions
- Gave us a number of matching spaces and slightly varied spaces



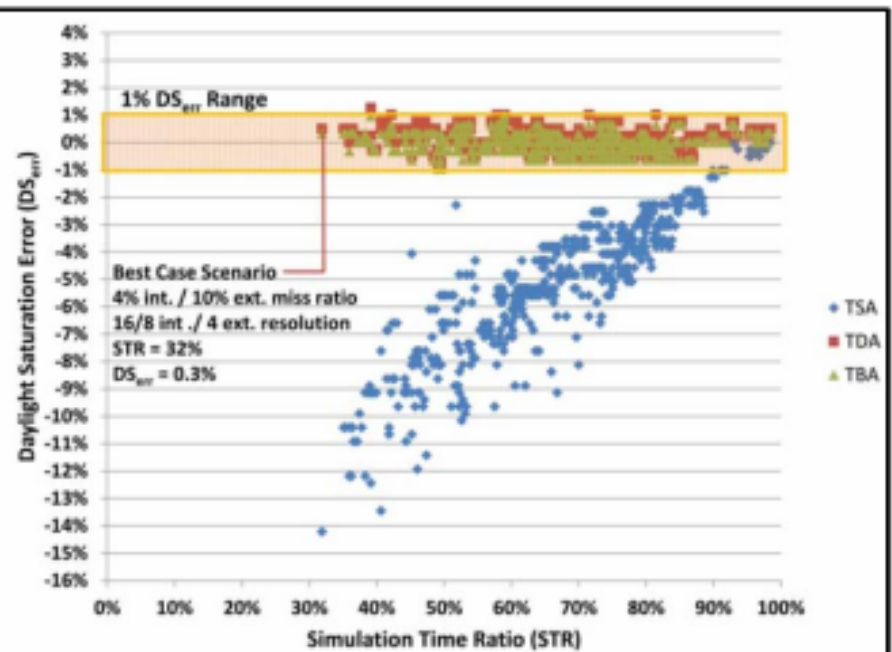


BDP4SIM – Case Study #2

- Found same constraints as before
 - >4x4 miss ratio
 - <4% miss ratio



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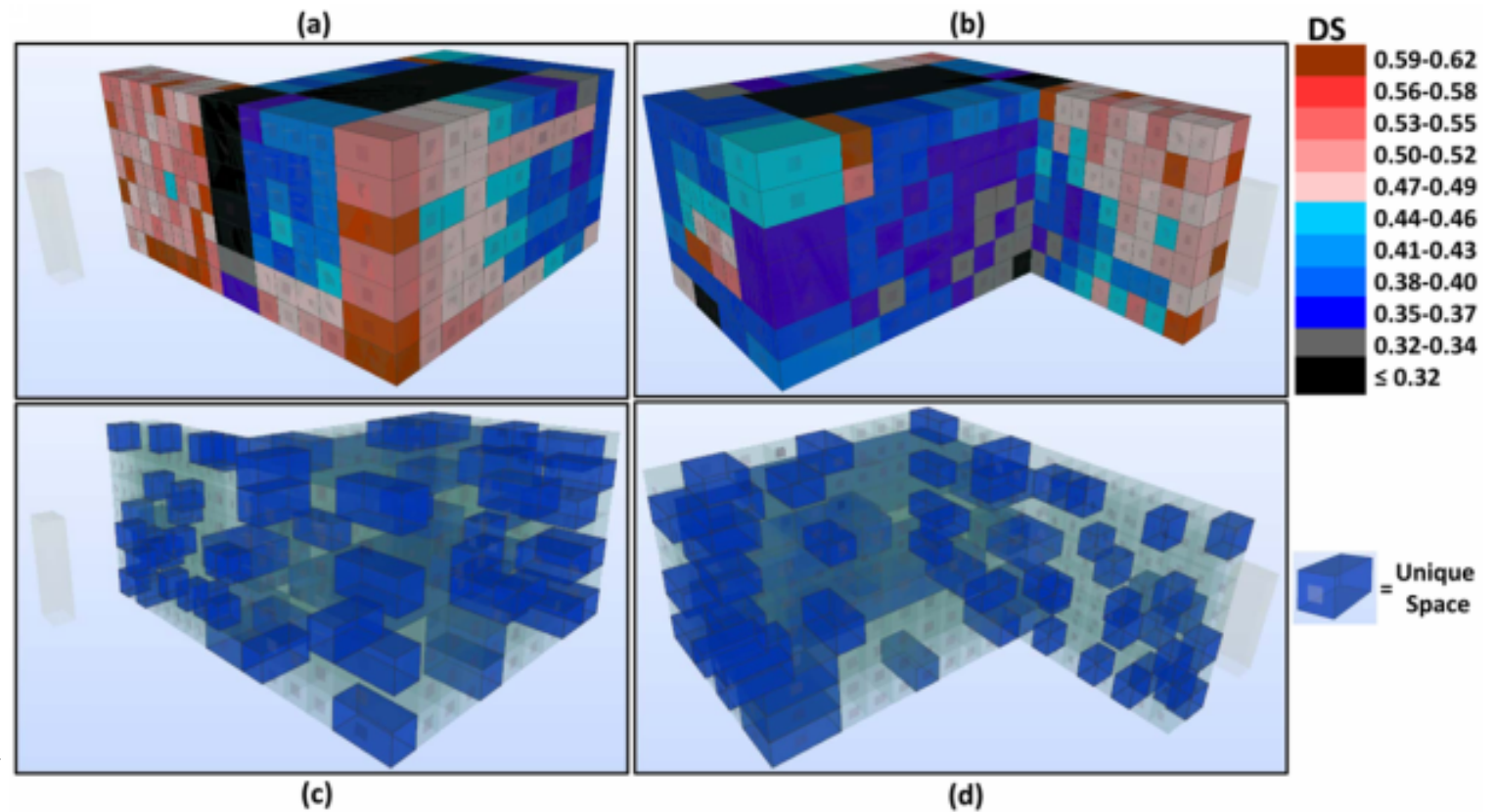


(b)



BDP4SIM – Case Study #2

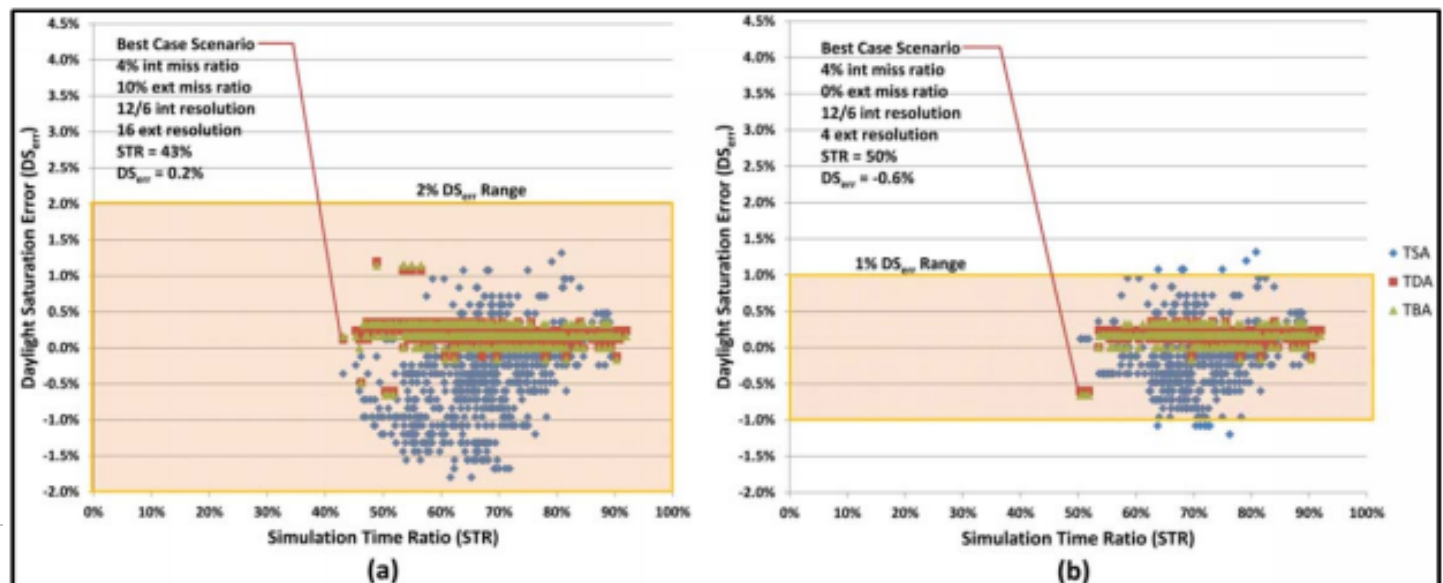
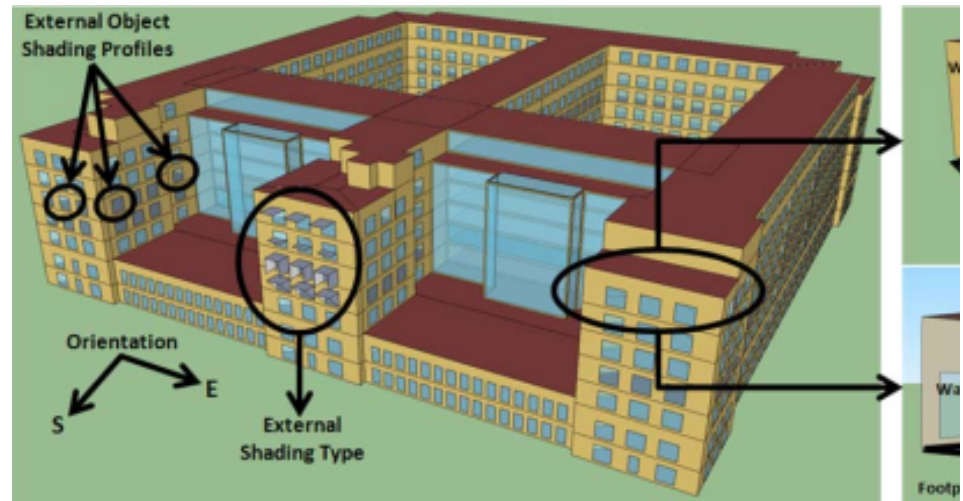
- Unique spaces identified and associated Daylight Saturation values





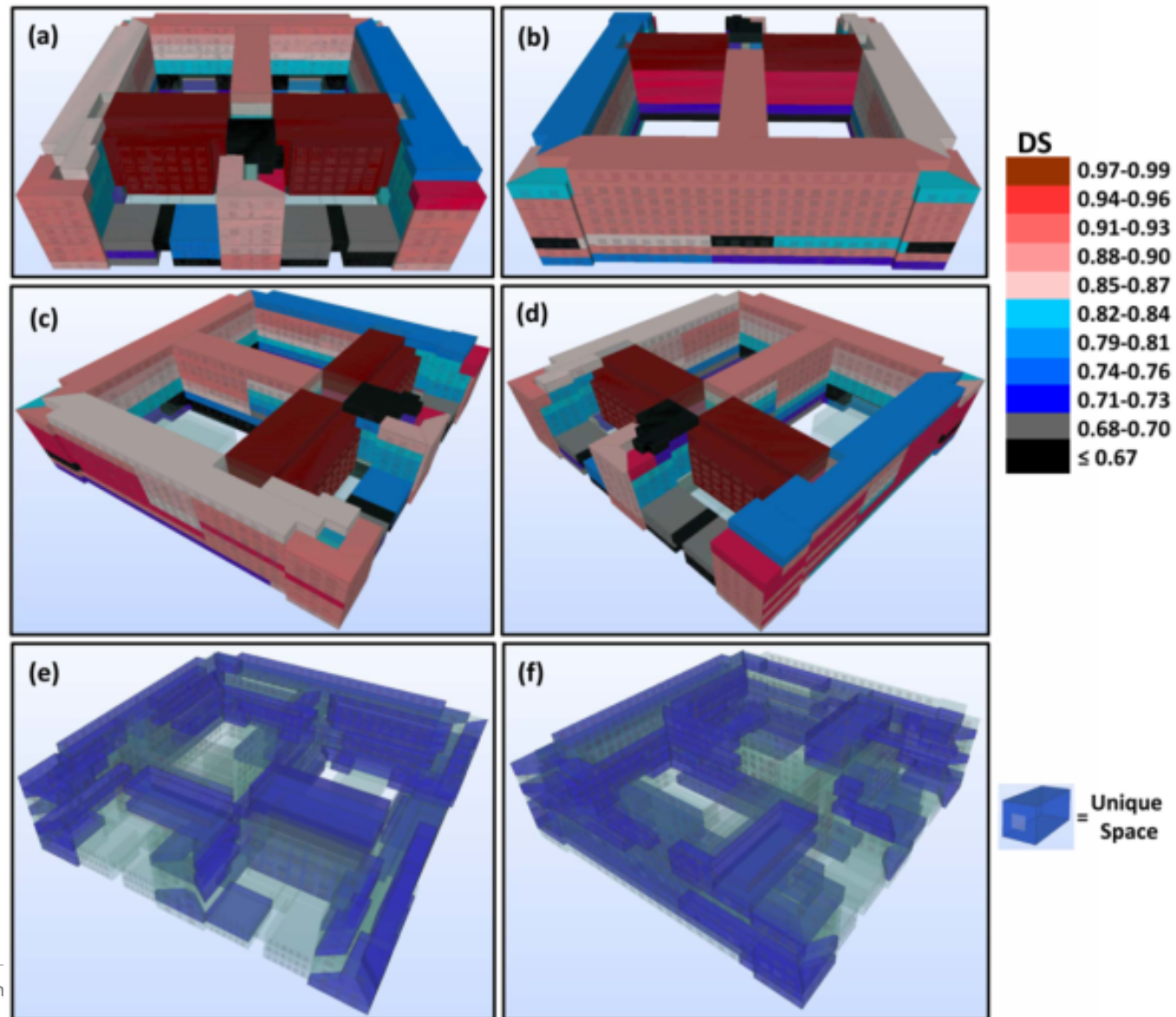
BDP4SIM – Case Study #3

- Large GSA building
 - Numerous orientations, exterior conditions, shared daylight
 - Large thermal zones type rooms modeled
- Again similar results





BDP4SIM – Case Study #3





Questions?

Experiences with Radiance in Daylighting Design, Part VI

**2013 Radiance Conference
Golden, Colorado
August 12-14, 2013**

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**DAYLIGHTING
INNOVATIONS**



-
- Standard BSDF format
 - Simulated BSDF protocols, standards and validation
 - Annual Method benchmark
 - CIE Test benchmark
 - Standard BIM format
 - Annual simulation – direct/diffuse vs global/diffuse
 - Daylight simulation conference?



Annual Daylight Terminology

- Phases of light transfer
- 1-Phase – all daylight applied to Tregenza sky patches, 1 set of DC
- 2-Phase? – (DAYSIM 3.0) skylight applied to Tregenza sky patches, sun DC created separate either orientation independent or within a solar band – 2 sets of DC
- 3-Phase – all daylight applied to Tregenza sky patches, 3 sets of coefficients (Daylight matrix, transfer matrix, view matrix)
- 5-Phase – add skylight applied to Tregenza sky patches, 3 sets of coefficients. Solar DC generated separately creating 2 more sets (Sun daylight matrix)
- If the space has a fixed orientation, latitude and no moving façade elements – Is 2-phase best?