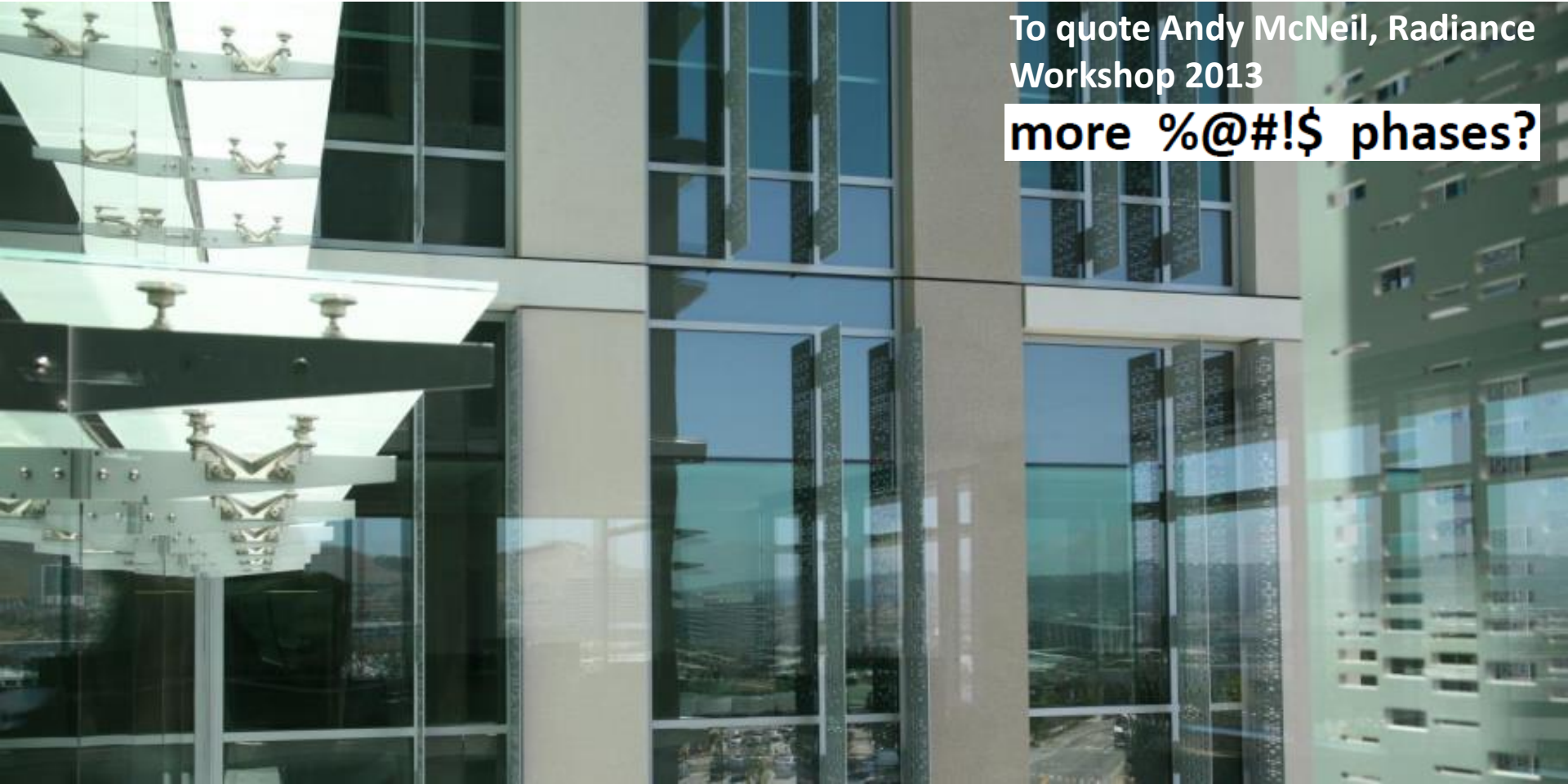


# Validation of F-matrix and six-phase method

Radiance Workshop, August 29-31, 2016



To quote Andy McNeil, Radiance Workshop 2013

**more %@#!\$ phases?**

Taoning Wang, Greg Ward, Eleanor Lee  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Anywhere Software

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# Strategic Goals

## Overall objectives

Support development of technological solutions that can help us meet aggressive carbon emission goals

Encourage market adoption to achieve significant widespread impacts within 2020-2030 timeframe

## One approach

### Shading/ daylighting window

“**attachments**” can be applied at a relatively low cost for the retrofit construction market → tools development for optically complex systems



Mitigate climate change



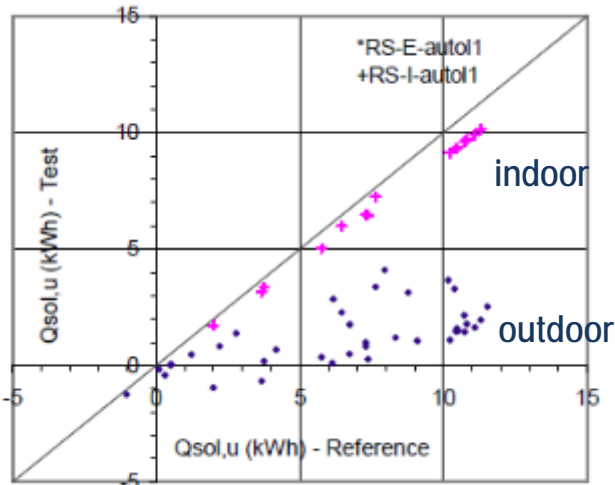
# Motivation

Between 6 types of exterior shades:

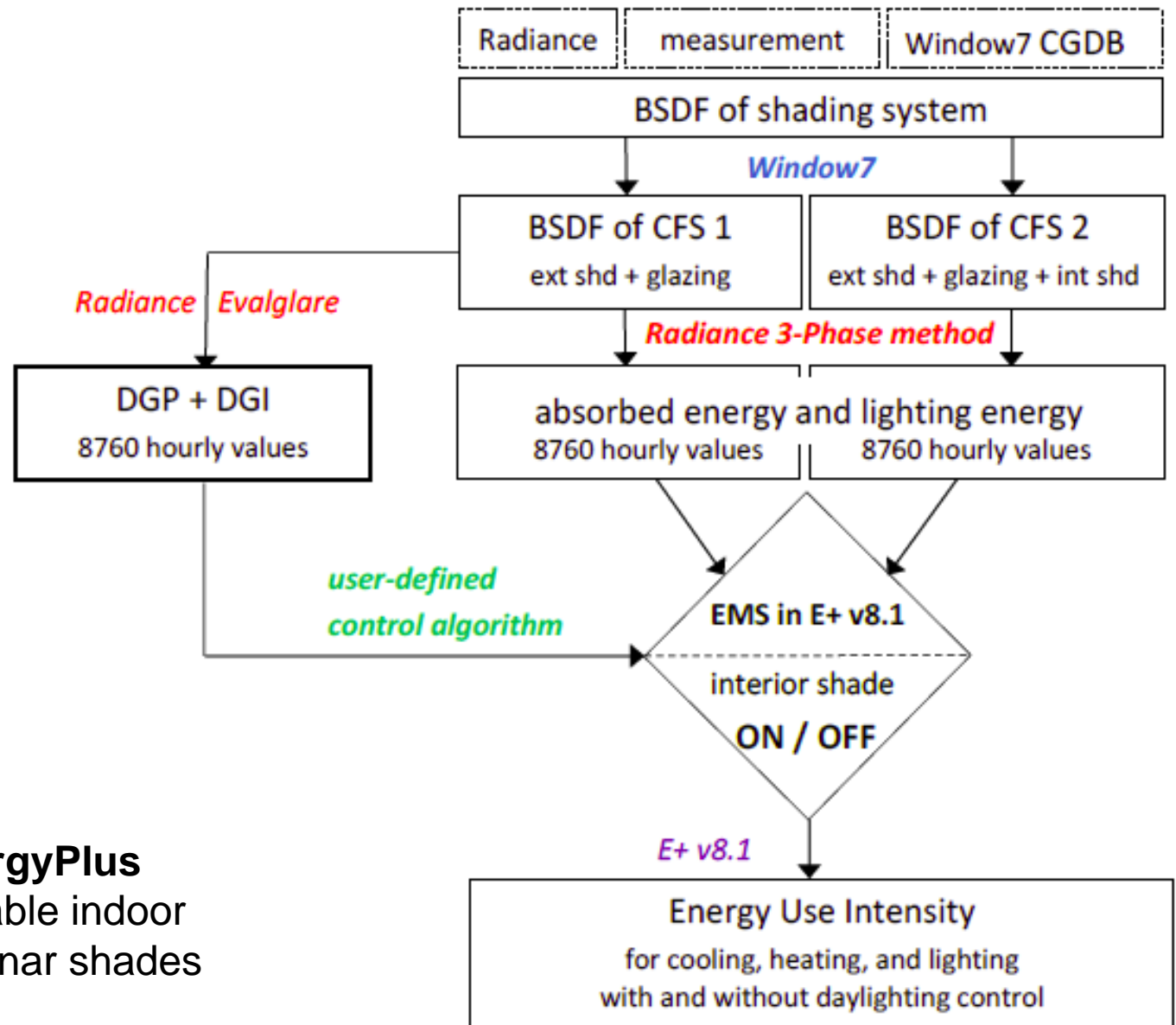
**78-94%** reduction in window heat gains

**-25% to 36%** reduction in lighting energy use

**2-32%** of day with glare compared to low-e glazing with indoor shade



E.S. Lee et al., High Performance Building Façade Solutions, Final project report, California Energy Commission, CEC 500-06-041 (2009), Table 6.



**Radiance → EnergyPlus**  
workflow for operable indoor  
and outdoor coplanar shades

[ugh@!]

# Coplanar exterior shading



*Hilton Foundation, Agoura Hills  
Stainless steel roller shade (shd 6)  
(picture: ZGF architects)*



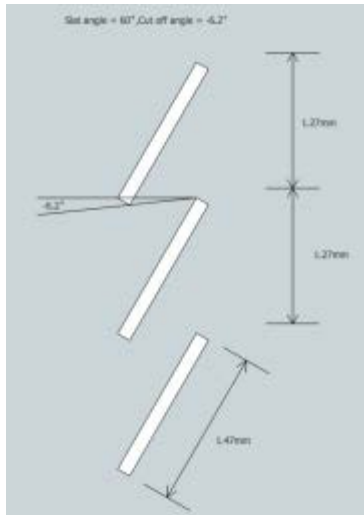
*Li Ka Shing, UC Berkeley campus  
Aluminum louvers above window  
Aluminum louvers in shutters (shd 8)  
(picture: ZGF architects)*



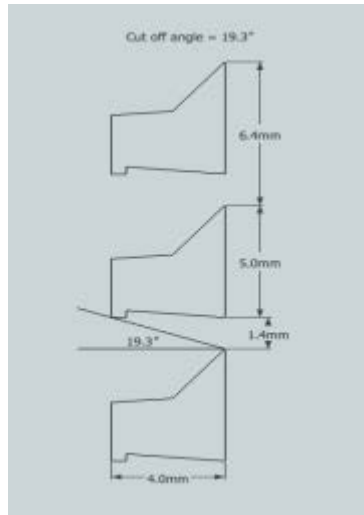
*Federal Building, San Francisco  
Metal mesh (similar to shd 10)  
(picture: Morphosis architects)*



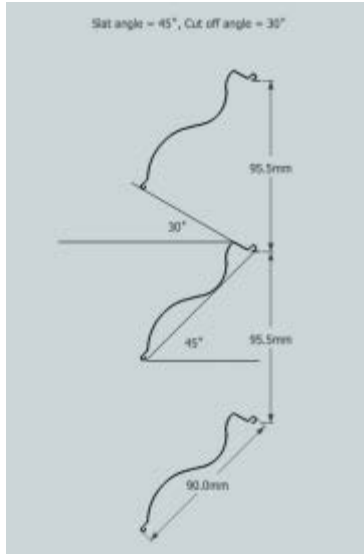
# Coplanar exterior shading



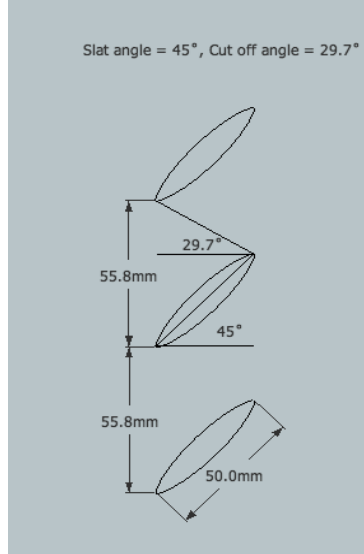
shd 5



shd 6



shd 7



shd 8

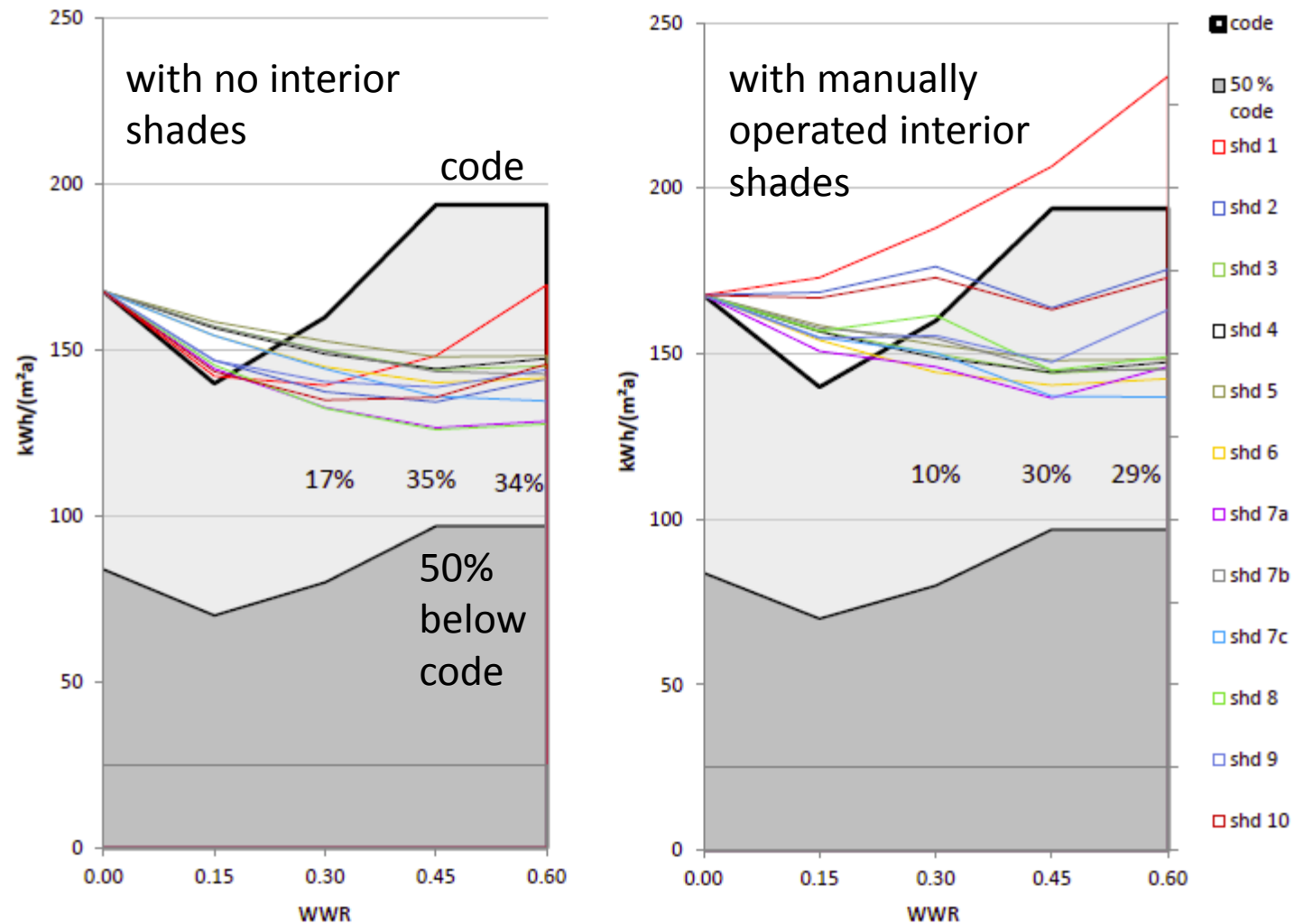
Number of hours indoor shades are lowered to control discomfort glare

Discomfort glare:  $DGP \geq 0.38$  or  $DGI \geq 24$

	Burbank, California			Oakland, California		
	East	South	West	East	South	West
no shade	3569	3575	3640	3338	3324	3428
shd 1	3623	3300	3648	3375	3088	3436
shd 2	1296	1385	1346	1072	1312	1264
shd 3	212	0	121	127	0	89
shd 4	0	0	0	0	0	0
shd 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
shd 6	257	0	190	177	0	170
shd 7a	862	660	970	706	597	802
shd 7b	432	14	472	349	14	378
shd 7c	469	9	409	385	21	336
shd 8 <sup>1</sup>	1145	1089	1199	954	1021	1071
shd 9 <sup>5</sup>	1036	922	1097	878	884	977
shd 10 <sup>5</sup>	1387	1587	1490	1212	1547	1367

Rvis and cut-off angle of exterior shades affects number of hours

# Which in turn reduces.... annual energy use savings



Sabine Hoffmann et al., Energy and Buildings 112 (2016): 279-298



# Strategic Goals revisited – why the matrices approach?

Develop technological solutions that can help us meet aggressive carbon emission goals →

- Manufacturers: need for parametric tools for rapid prototyping and evaluation
- Architects: similar need for exploratory design and optimization (e.g., grasshopper/ rhino + honeybee/ ladybug)

Encourage market adoption to achieve significant widespread impacts within 2020-2030 timeframe →

- Regulators: need parametric analysis for development of codes, standards, guidelines, rating and labeling systems that encourage informed decisionmaking by consumers

**Single design? Use DC approach...**

# Non-coplanar exterior shading: the final frontier...

Static systems: Parametric design for  
material selection, geometry

Operable, automated systems: potential  
to optimize solar control, daylight, &  
views?



Tongji University, Shanghai



Li ka Shing Center, UC Berkeley



2:00



3:00



4:00

**Shading with non-Lambertian projections**  
(not accommodated in California Title-24 Standards or ASHRAE 90.1)

Genentech Building 35, South San Francisco. McNeil et al. 2014

[http://eetd.lbl.gov/sites/all/files/lbnl-1005151\\_0.pdf](http://eetd.lbl.gov/sites/all/files/lbnl-1005151_0.pdf)

# F-matrix for non-coplanar exterior shading

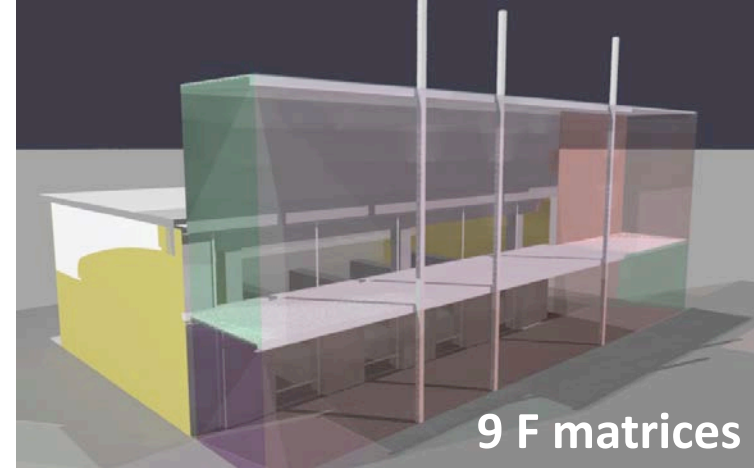
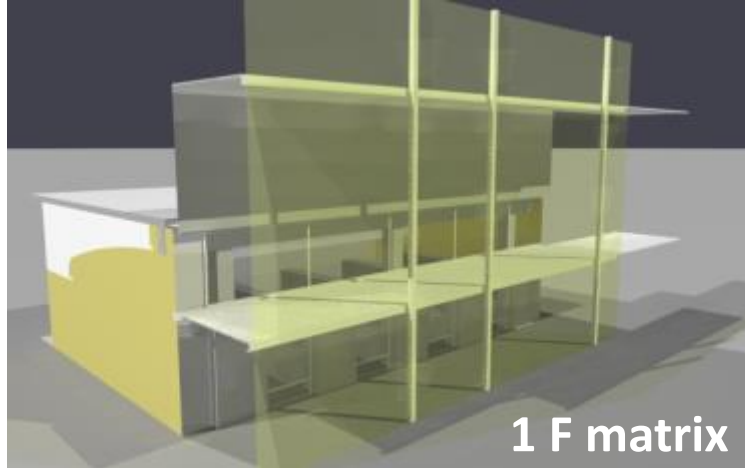
$$\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{s}$$

where:

- i** is the desired result vector (radiances, irradiances, etc.)
- V** is the "View" matrix defining the lighting connection between results and exiting directions for a window group
- T** is the "Transmission" matrix defining the BTDF of the window group
- F** is the "Facade" matrix defining the flux transfer of exterior shading
- D** is the "Daylight" matrix defining the coefficients between incoming directions for the window group and sky patches
- s** is a vector of sky patch luminances for a particular time and date

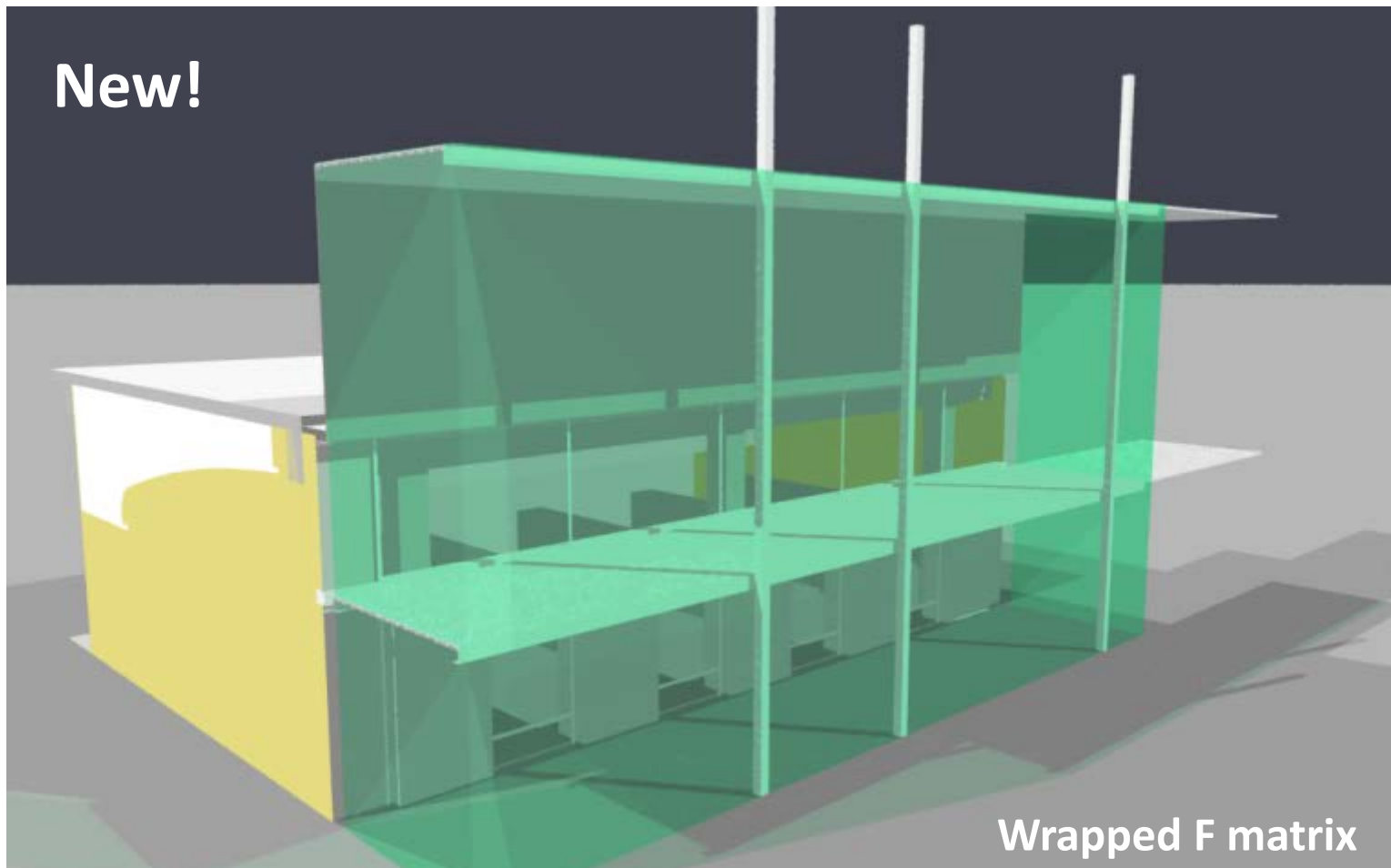


# Defining the F-matrix



Greg Ward &  
Andy McNeil  
introduced F-  
matrices in  
prior Radiance  
workshops  
(2012-2013)

UC San Diego  
Biomedical II  
building  
example



# F-1 matrix

# Compute **D** matrix from exterior aperture

```
rfluxmtx -ff -ab 4 -ad 10000 -lw 1e-5 -c 5000 portF1.rad \  
skyglow.rad -i octs/model_3ph.oct > matrices/F1/facade.dmx
```

# Compute **F** matrix connecting clerestory glazing to exterior aperture

```
rfluxmtx -ff -ab 4 -ad 10000 -lw 1e-5 -c 5000 glass_clerestory.rad \  
portF1.rad -i octs/model_3ph.oct > matrices/F1/clerestory.fmx
```

# Compute **F** matrix connecting vision glazing to exterior aperture

```
rfluxmtx -ff -ab 4 -ad 10000 -lw 1e-5 -c 5000 glass_vision.rad \  
portF1.rad -i octs/model_3ph.oct > matrices/F1/vision.fmx
```

# Compute **V** matrix corresponding to illuminance points

```
rfluxmtx -faf -o matrices/%s.vmx -l+ -ab 7 -ad 50000 -lw 1e-7 \  
- glazing.rad -i octs/model_3ph.oct < points.txt
```

# Followed by **dctimestep** or similar....

## F wrapped matrix

# Compute **D** matrix from exterior aperture (4 surfaces)

```
rfluxmtx -ff -ab 4 -ad 10000 -lw 1e-5 -c 5000 portF1H.rad \  
skyglow.rad -i octs/model_3ph.oct > matrices/F1H/facade.dmx
```

# Compute **F** matrix connecting clerestory glazing to exterior aperture

```
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```

# Compute **F** matrix connecting vision glazing to exterior aperture

```
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```

# Compute **V** matrix corresponding to illuminance points\*

```
rfluxmtx -faf -o matrices/%s.vmx -l+ -ab 7 -ad 50000 -lw 1e-7 \  
- glazing.rad -i octs/model_3ph.oct < points.txt
```

# Followed by **dctimestep** or similar....

# Comments

- For this example, we expect the F9-aperture calculation to be more accurate because it matches the original test condition more closely.
- In general, the F1 single aperture might be preferred if the model is a section of a larger façade.
- FH wrapped aperture is a compromise that can produce better results than a single face (F1) while still using only a single matrix.



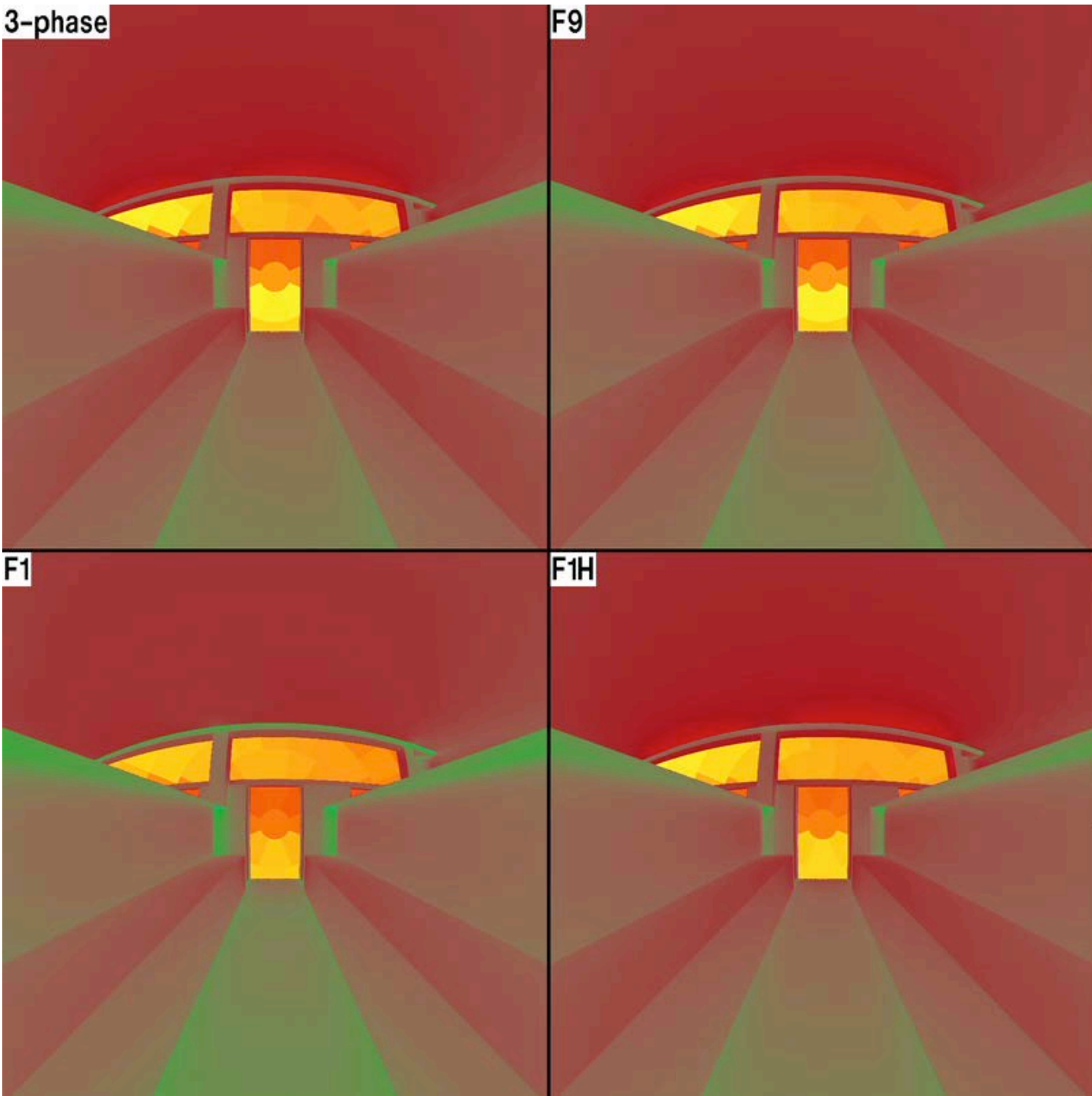
# Error analysis

**Compared F-matrix calculations to original 3-phase method** in west-facing structure

- 576 workplane illuminance test points
- No blinds and 5 venetian blind angles
- On 21st for each of 7 months, solstice-to-solstice
- One-hour intervals over daylight period

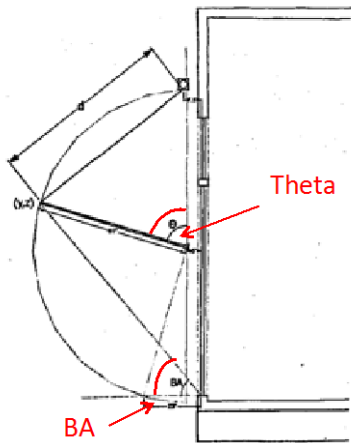
Relative Error	Avg.	Max.
Single <b>F</b> matrix	22%	33%
Wrapped <b>F</b> matrix	11%	21%
Nine <b>F</b> matrices	6%	10%

Comparison  
between  
3PH, F1,  
F1H, & F9  
(all with no  
blinds)



# Field Validation

## Drop-arm awning



summer test



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Initiated field  
testing Summer  
2016 at Position 3



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# BSDF of awning fabric

**Flat weave fabric** (Sunbrella 4633-0000, Linen)

Manufacturer's data:

$T_{v,n-n} = 0.08$

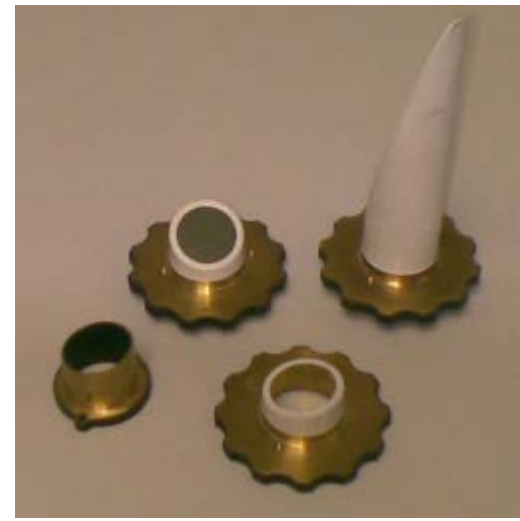
$T_{v,n-h} = 0.044$

$\rho_{v,n-h} = 0.40$

## **LBNL BSDF measured data:**

Lambda 950 spectrophotometer with 150 mm  
integrating sphere plus  
angle tube accessory for Lambda 950

Measure diffuse and direct transmittance &  
reflectance at nine angles of incidence



Jonsson, J., Measurement procedure for optical and thermophysical properties of fenestration shading fabrics to be used in WINDOW, July 23, 2005.

N. Kotey, J. L. Wright, and M. Collins, Determining off-normal solar optical properties of drapery fabrics, ASHRAE Transactions, 115, 2009.



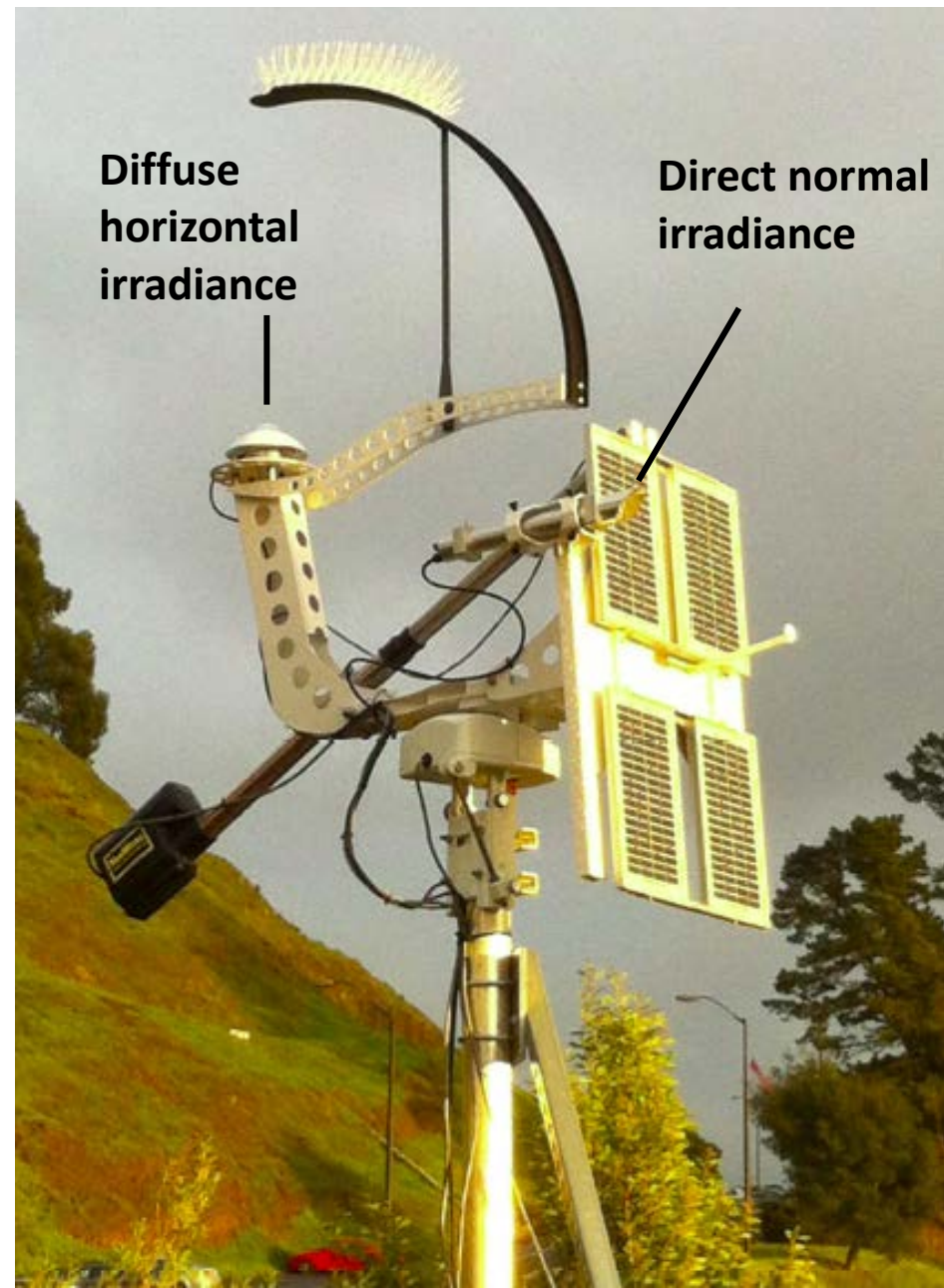
# Solar instrumentation (at the Advanced Windows Testbed)

Global horizontal irradiance



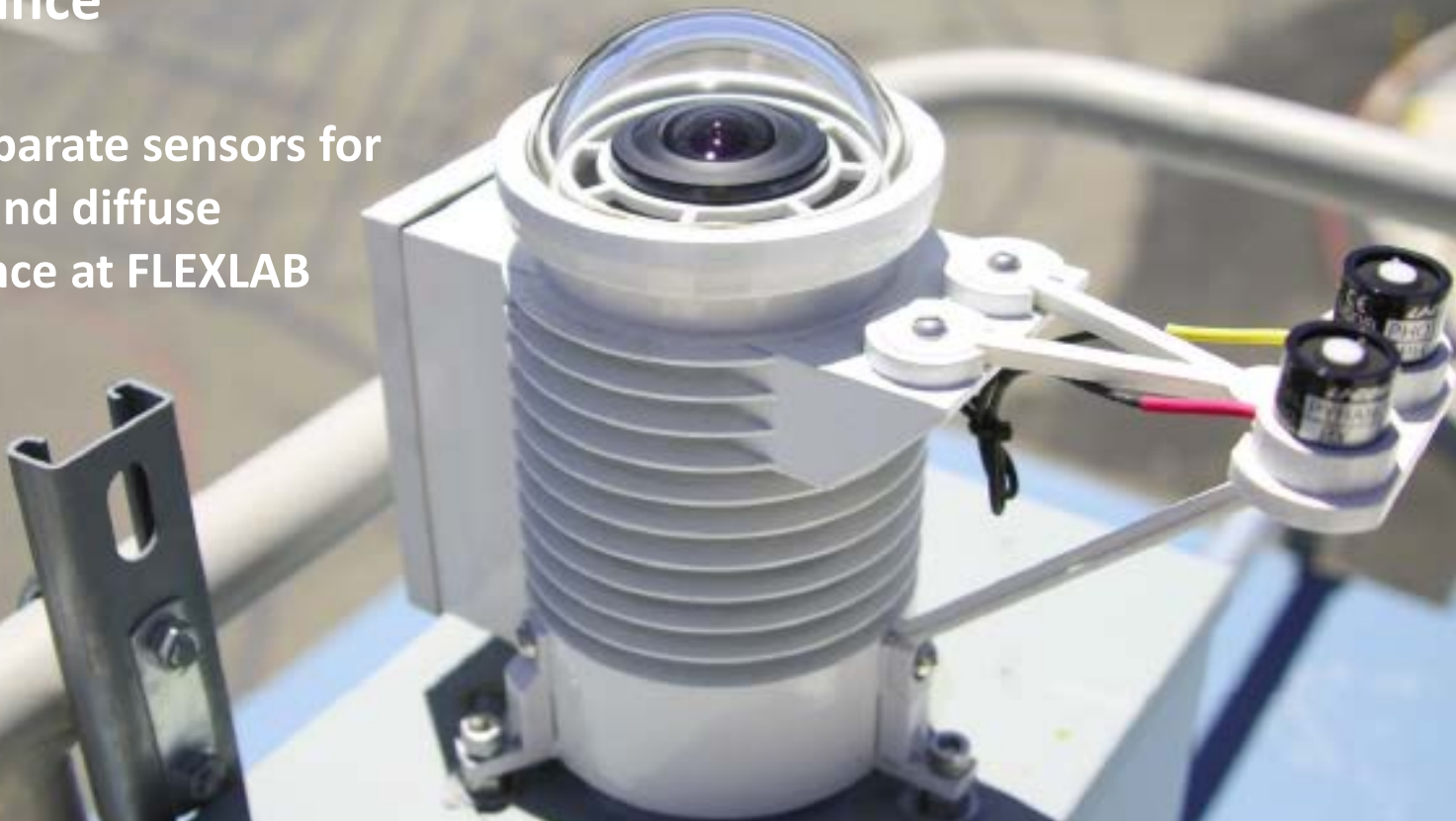
Diffuse horizontal irradiance

Direct normal irradiance



# Skycam at FLEXLAB: skydome luminance distribution, global illuminance and irradiance

Plus separate sensors for  
direct and diffuse  
irradiance at FLEXLAB

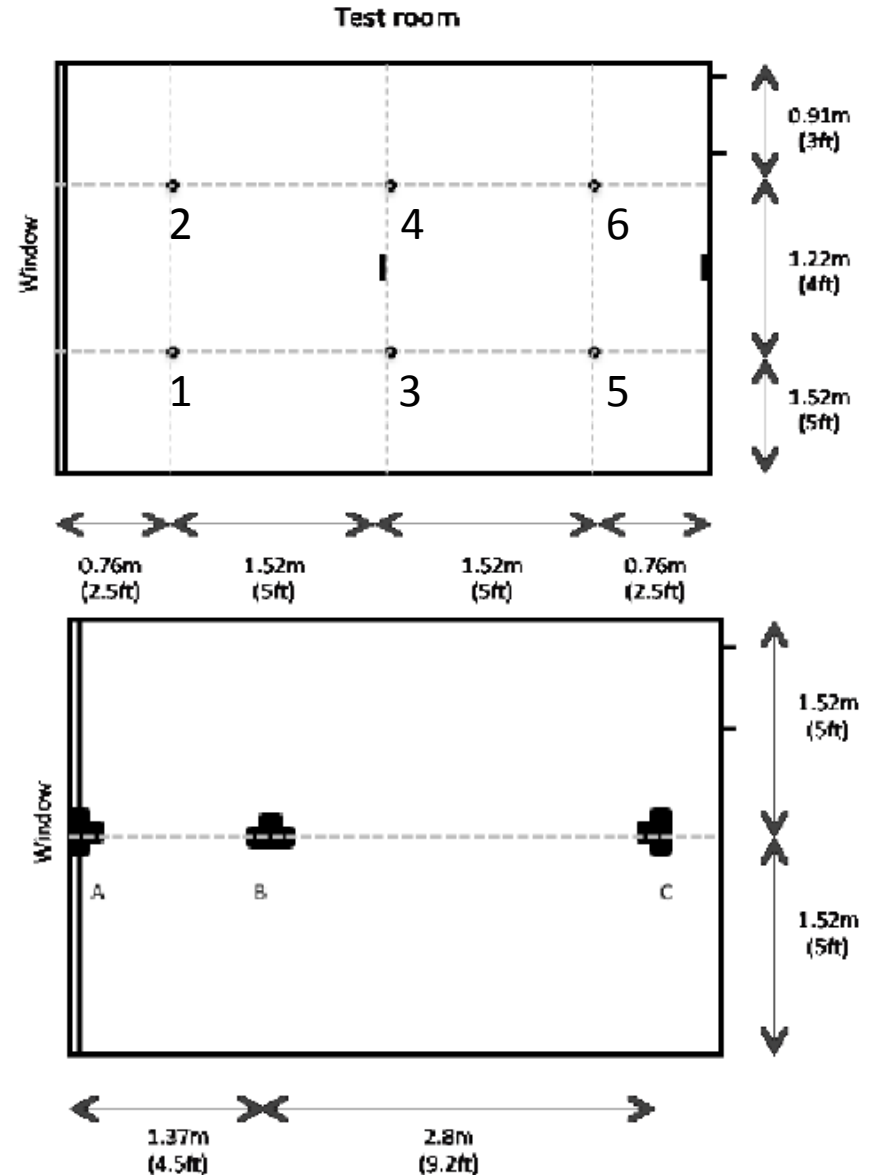




# Incident vertical illuminance



# Set-up: workplane illuminance and HDR imaging



Canon 5D with Sigma 8 mm f3.5 fisheye lens



# MODEL PARAMETERS



	Tvis	Rvis (non specular)	Other
Wall		65%	
Ceiling		82%	
Floor		23%	
Desk		63%	
Door		55%	
Monitor	9%	36%	
Mullion		50%	
Glass	64.9%		
Awning			Primitive BSDF

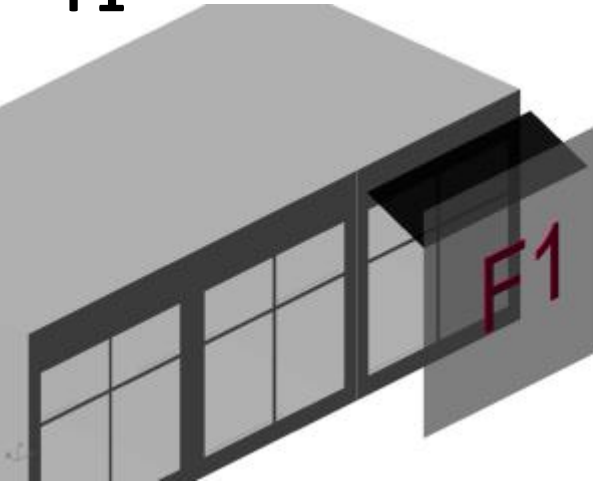
# SIMULATION PARAMETERS

	View Matrix	Transmission Matrix	Daylighting Matrix	Façade Matrix
-ab	12		4	4
-ad	60,000		2000	10,000
-aa	0		0	
-as	0		0	
-lw	1e-42		1e-8	1e-5
-ds	0.05			
-dj	1			
-dt	0			
-dc	1			
-c			500	5000

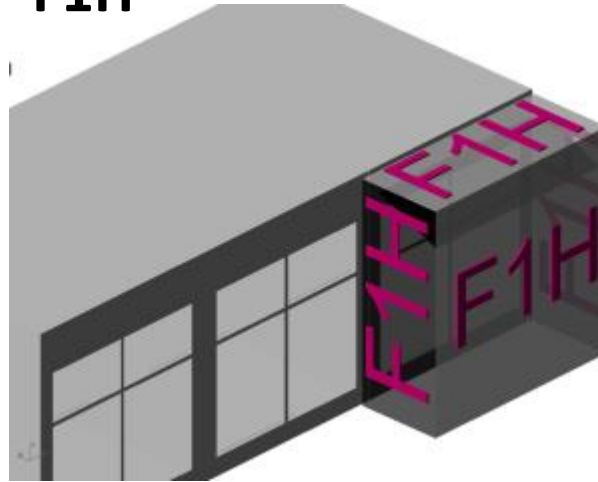
# SIMULATION PARAMETERS

	DC	3-PHASE	4-PHASE METHOD			6-PHASE METHOD			
			F1	F1H	F4	F1	F1H	F4	DIRECT
Equation:	$I = D_s$	$I = VTDS$	$I = VT\textcolor{red}{F}DS$			$I = VT\textcolor{red}{F}DS - V_d T_d \textcolor{red}{F}_d D_d S_{ds} + C_{ds} S_{sun}$			
View Matrix	N X 2306	N X 145	N X 145			N X 145			
Transmission Matrix (CFS BSDF)	N/A	145 X 145	145 X 145			145 X 145			
Facade Matrix	N/A	N/A	145 X 145			145 X 145			Same as 5-phase method
Daylight Matrix	N/A	145 X 2306	145 X 2306			145 X 2306			
SKY	2306 X N	2306 X N	2306 X N			2306 X N			5612 X N

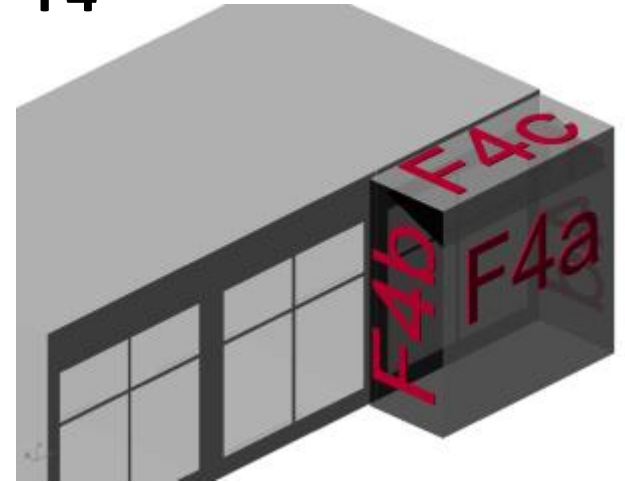
F1



F1H

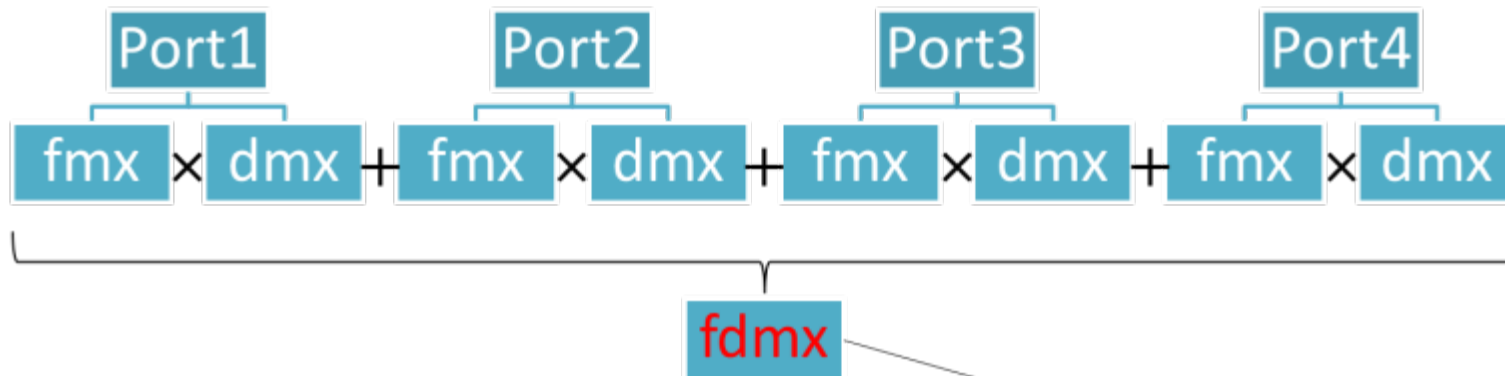


F4



F4

Multiplying matrices

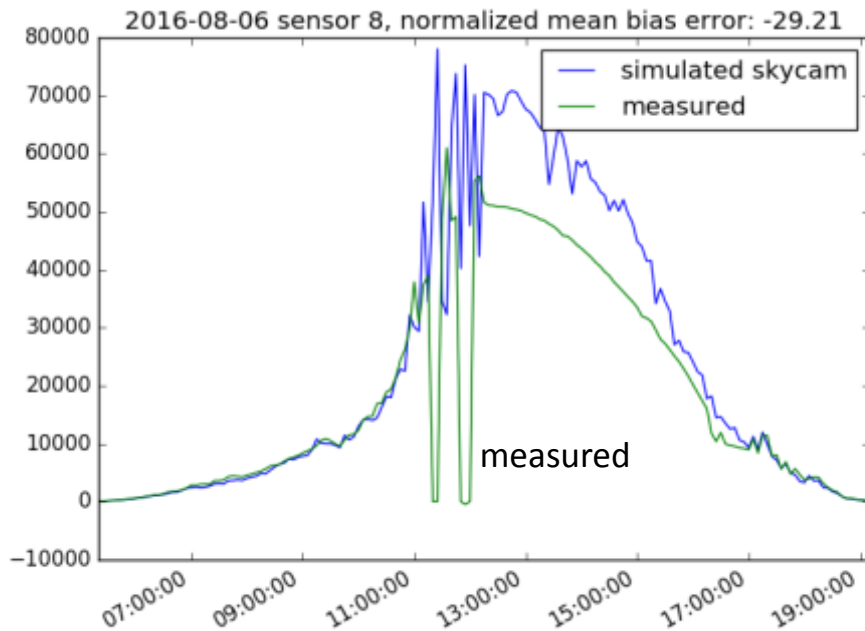


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dctimestep matrices/glazings.vmx (CFS BSDF) fdmx
example.skv > output
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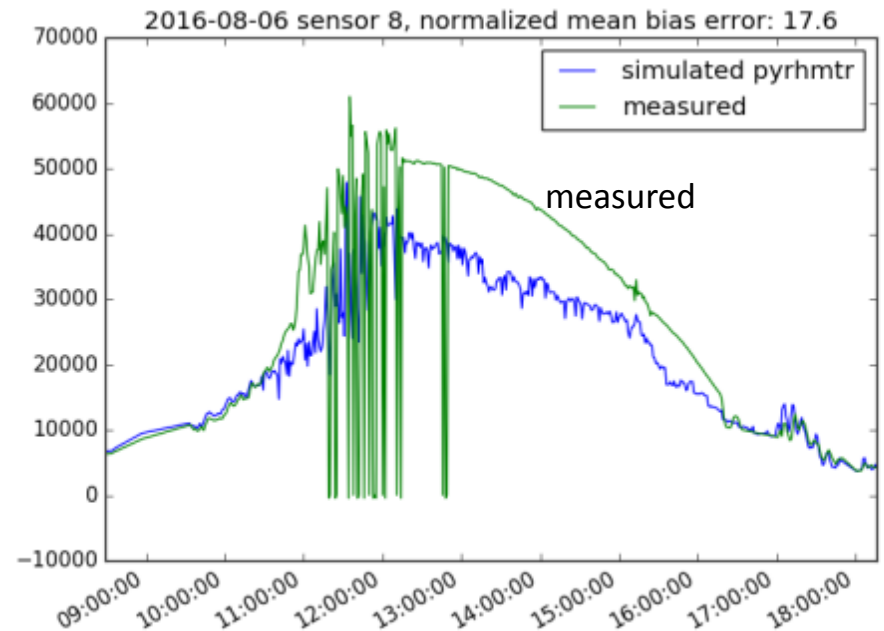
# SKY SIMULATION (no awning)

## Outdoor incident vertical illuminance

Simulations with skycam data  
over predicts measured data (NMBE=-29%)



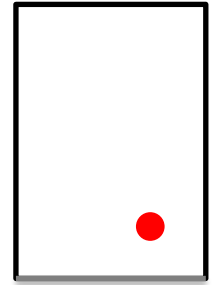
Simulations with pyroheliometer data  
under predicts measured data (NMBE=18%)



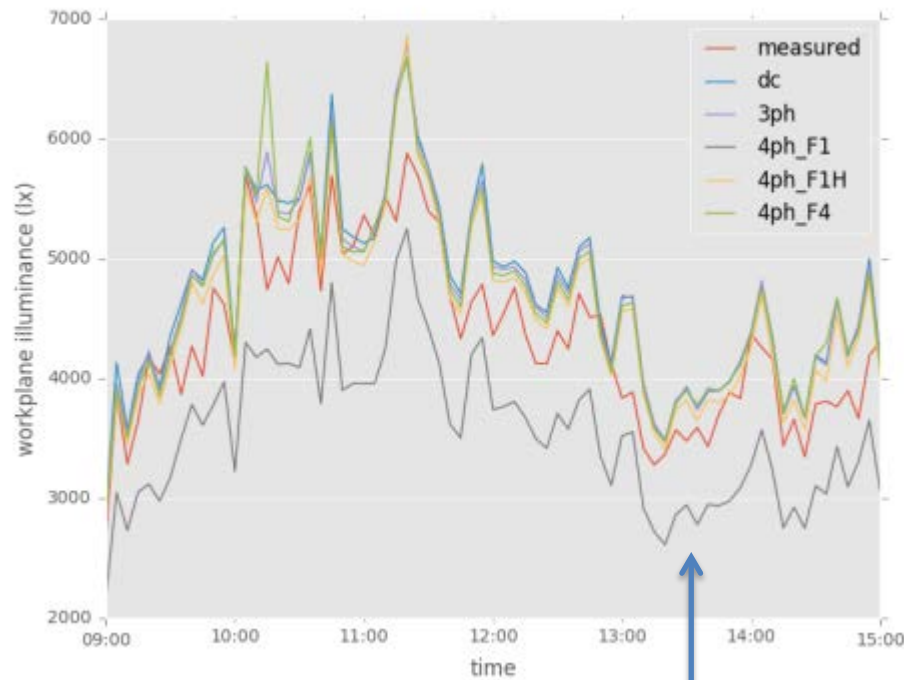


# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

overcast sky | near window sensor | skycam (July 4)

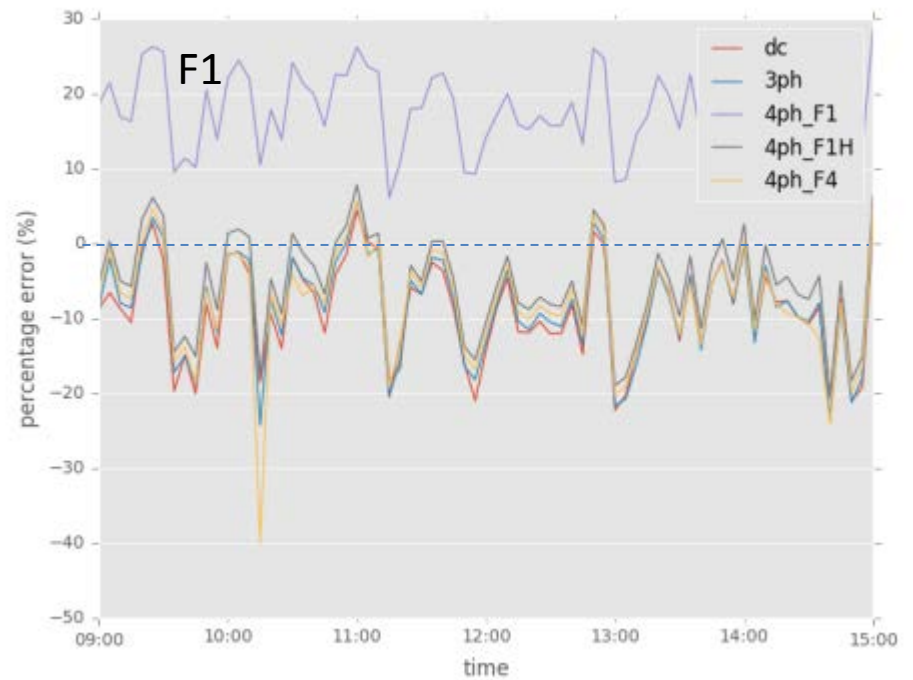


Workplane illuminance (lux)



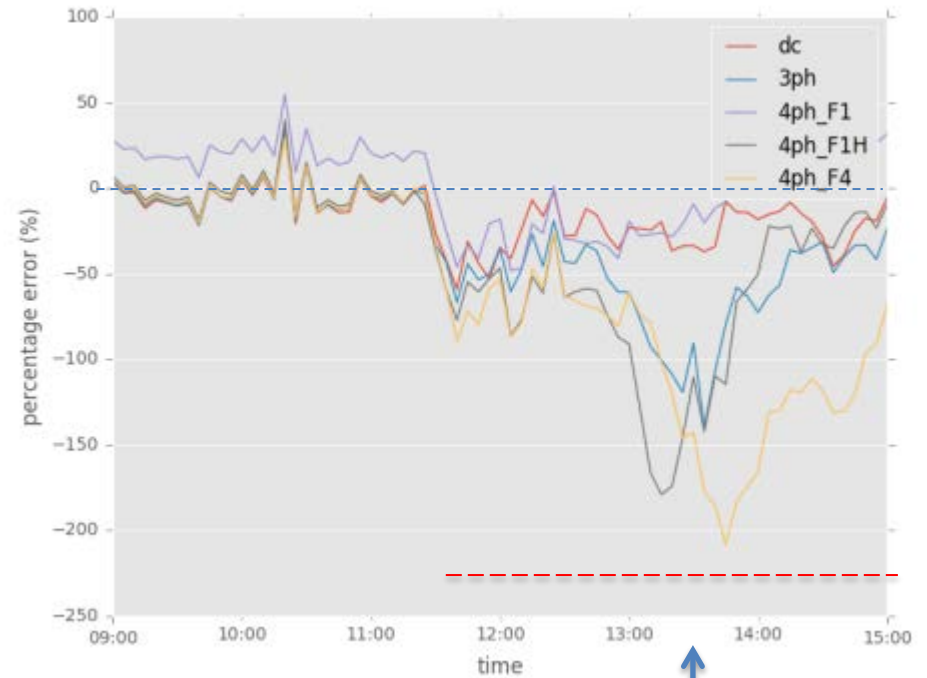
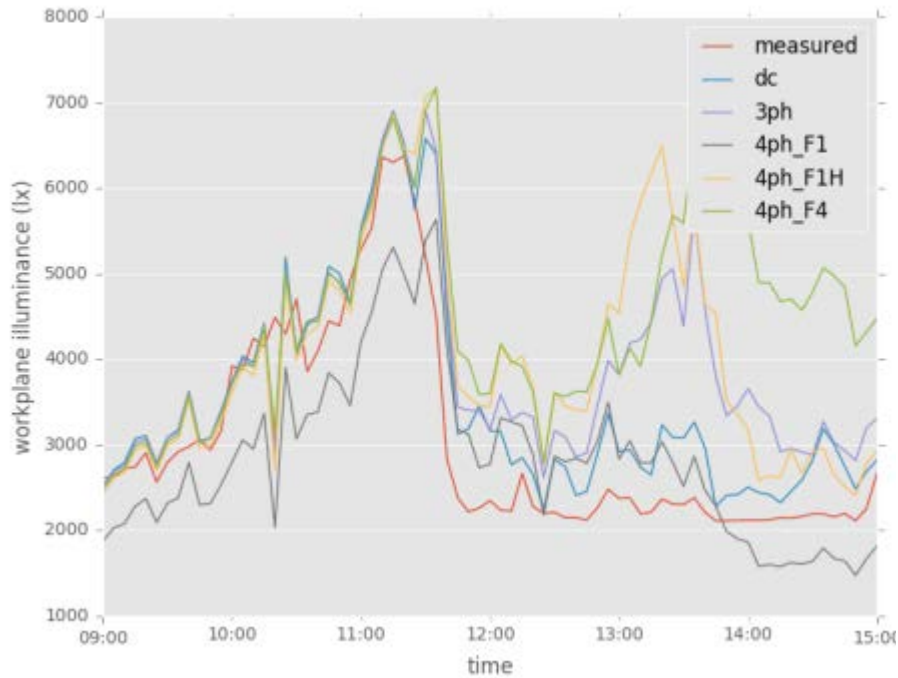
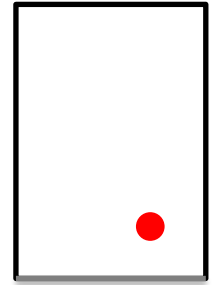
F1 is low due to  
“missing flux”

Percentage error (%)



# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

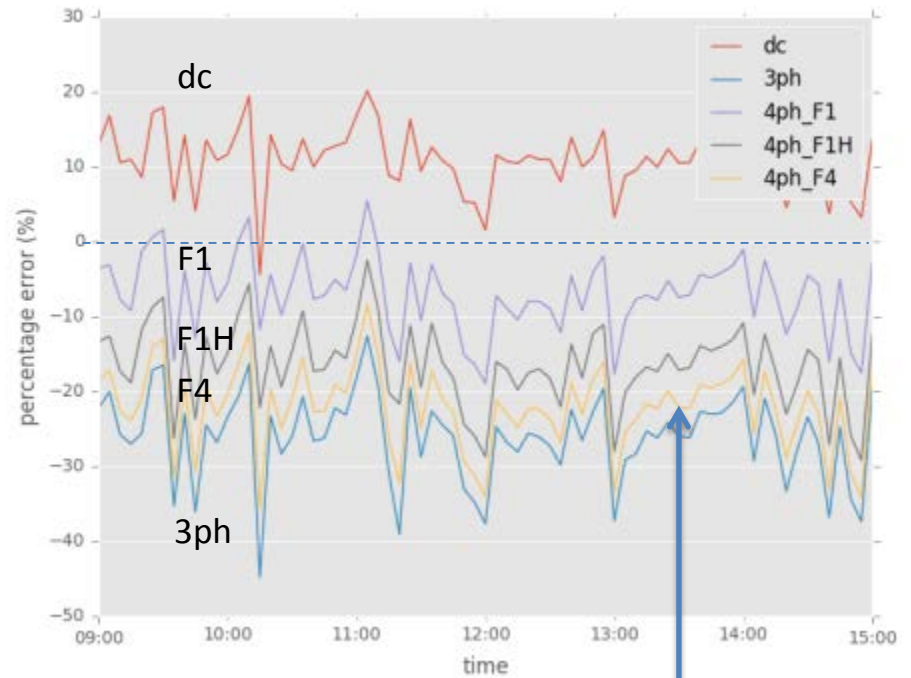
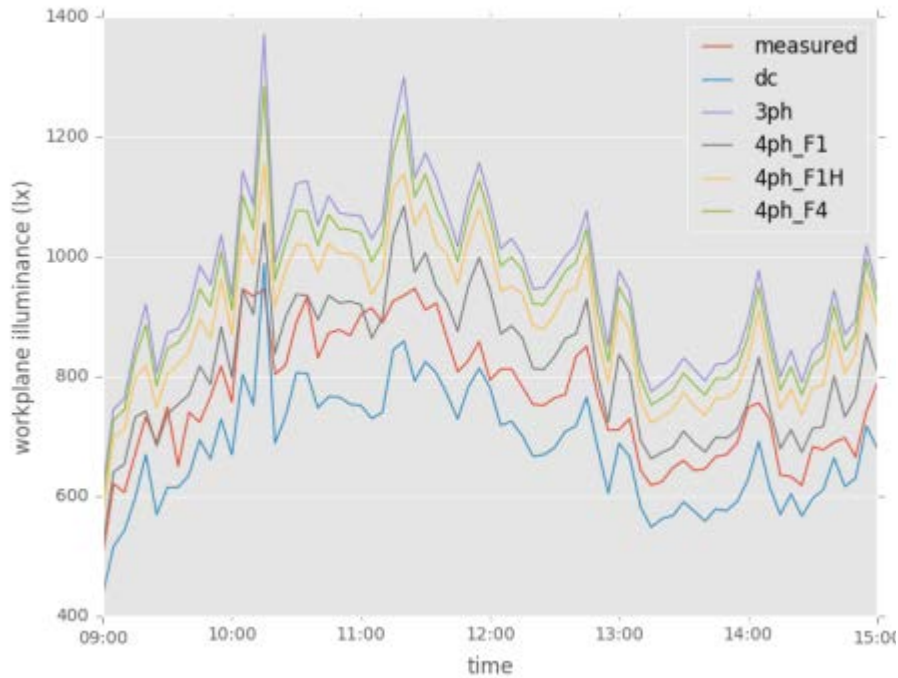
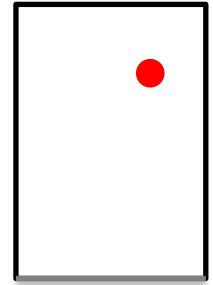
sunny sky | near window sensor | skycam (July 16)



3- and 4-phase: Significant error due to spatial averaging over façade and/or direct-diffuse split by skycam

# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

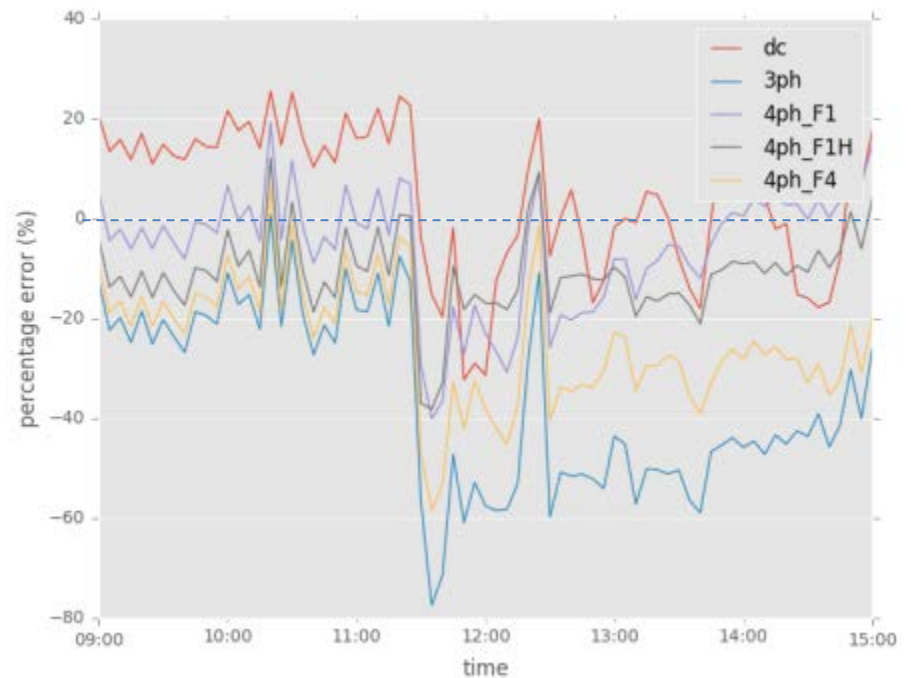
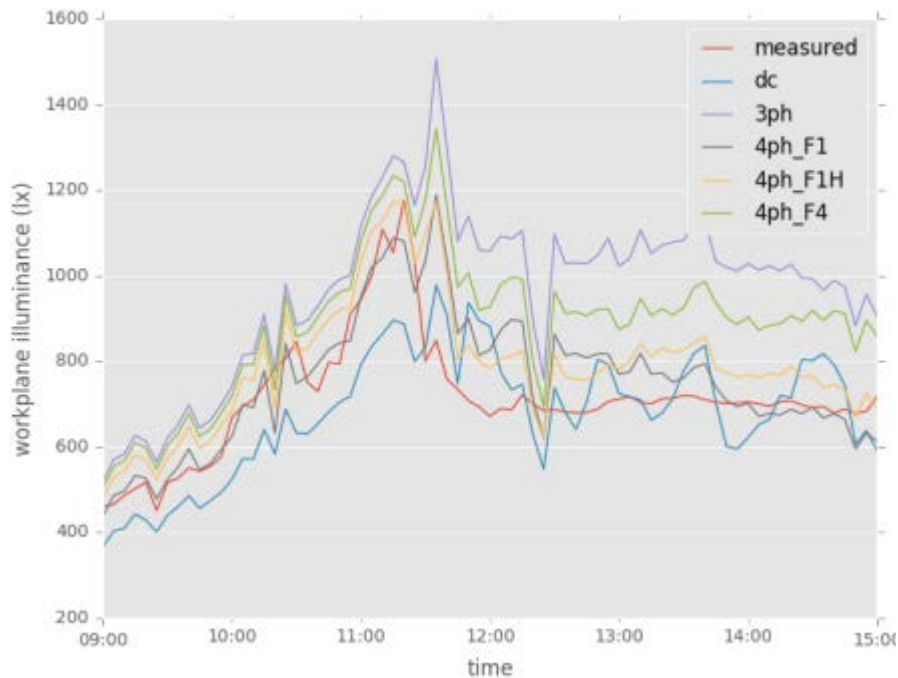
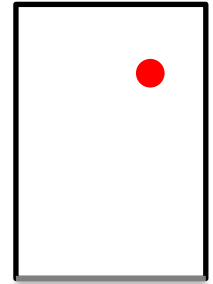
overcast sky | back room sensor | skycam



3- and 4-phase: over-prediction at rear of room (3.8 m, 12.5 ft from window)

# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

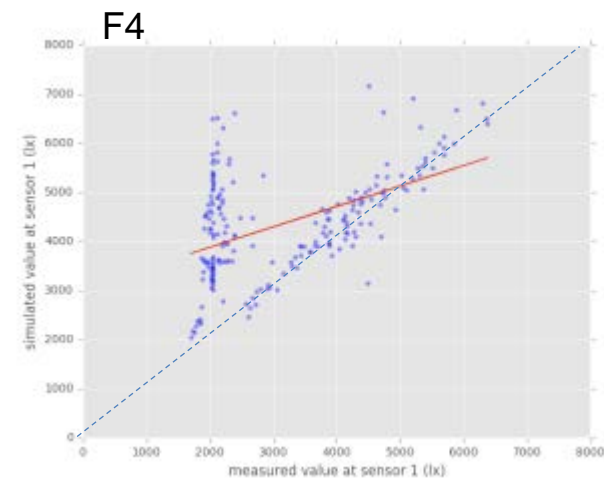
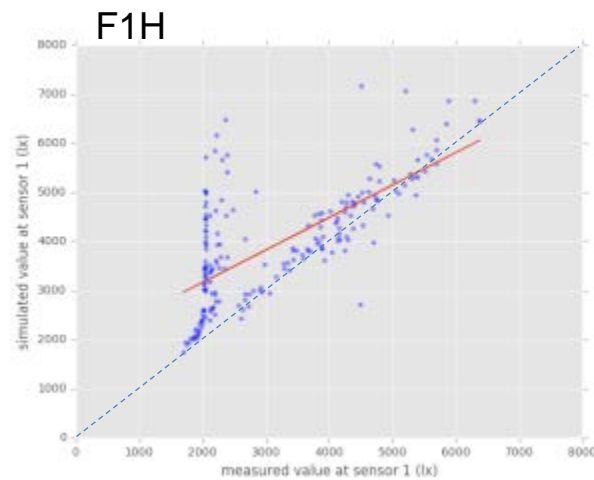
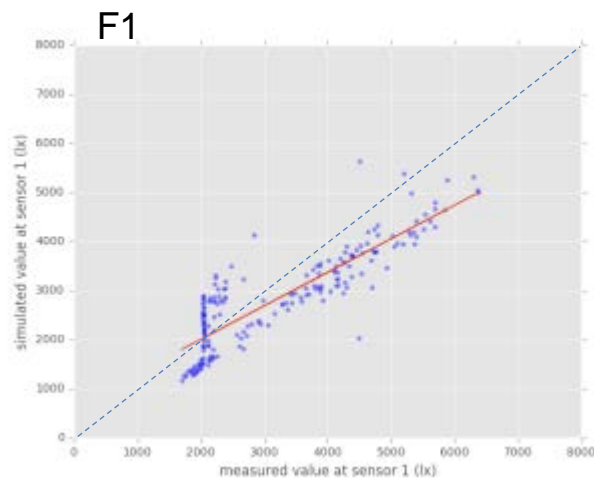
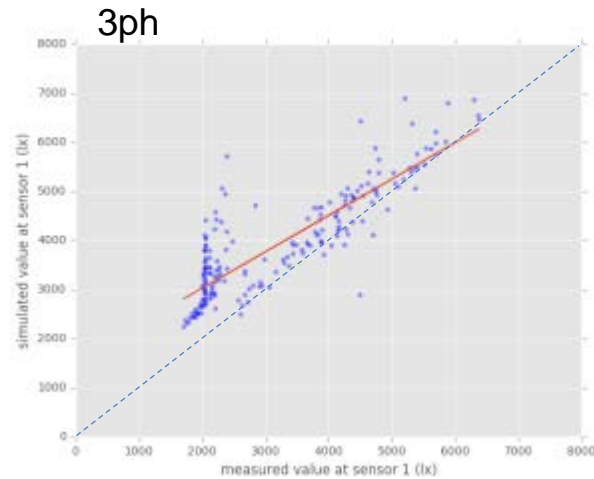
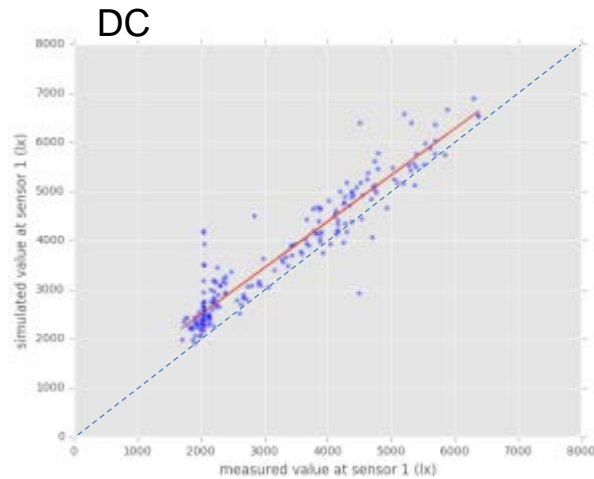
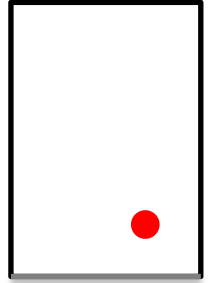
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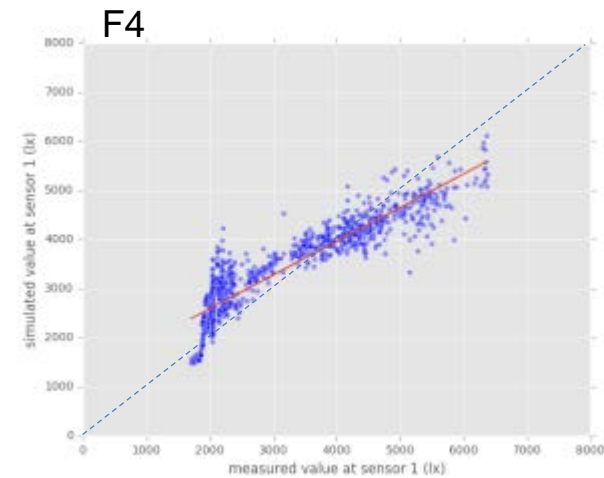
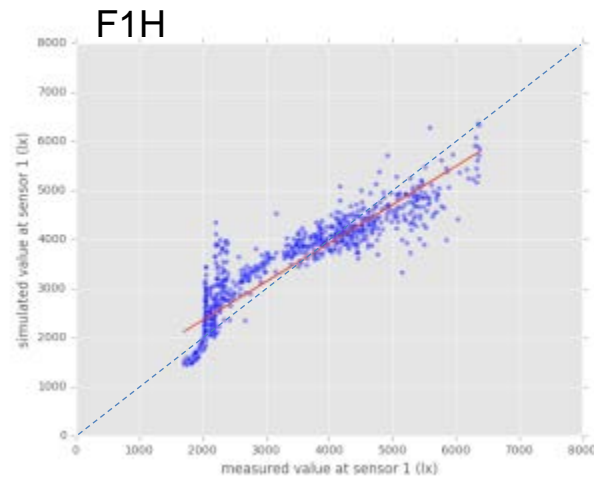
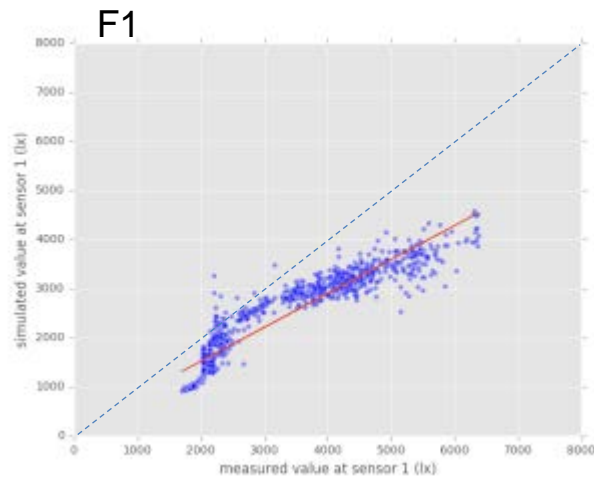
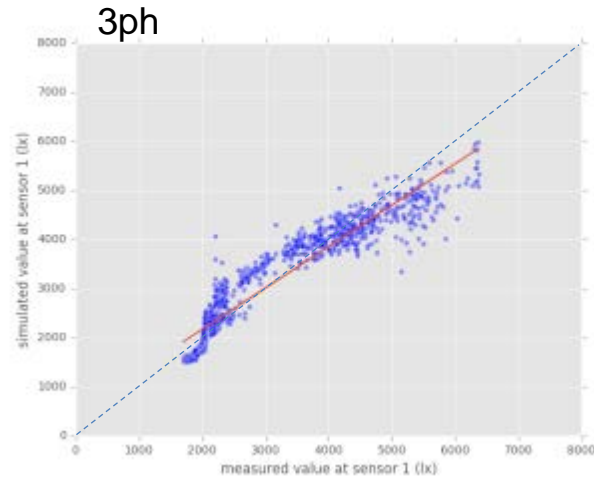
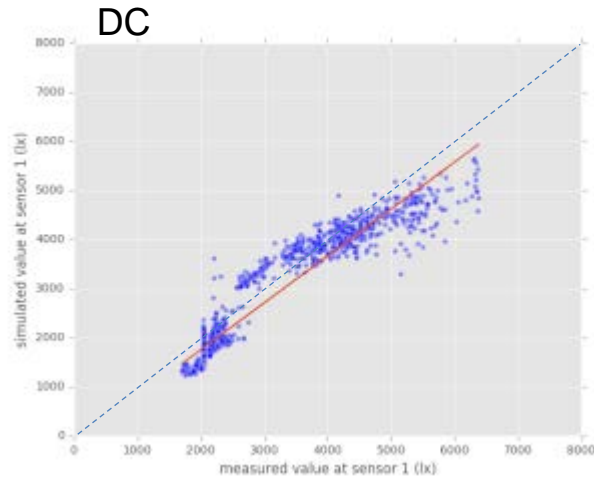
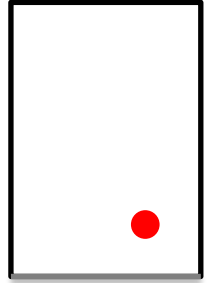
near window sensor | skycam (July 4 & 16)





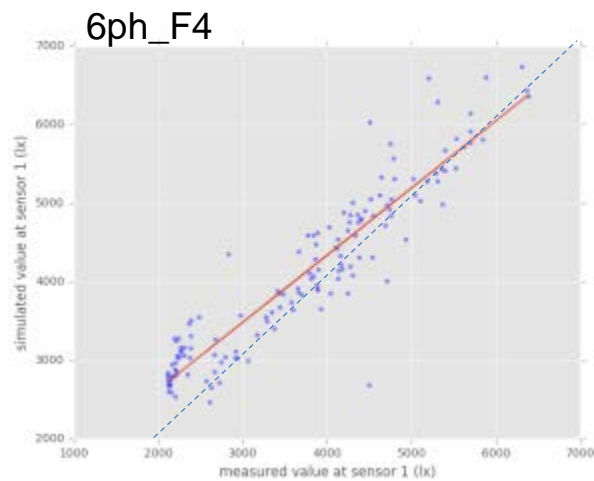
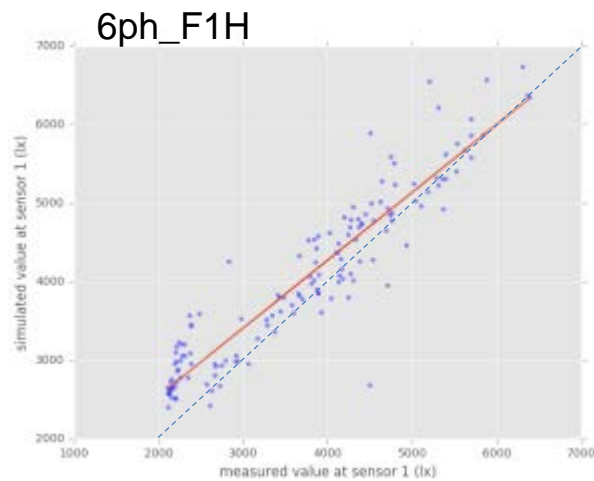
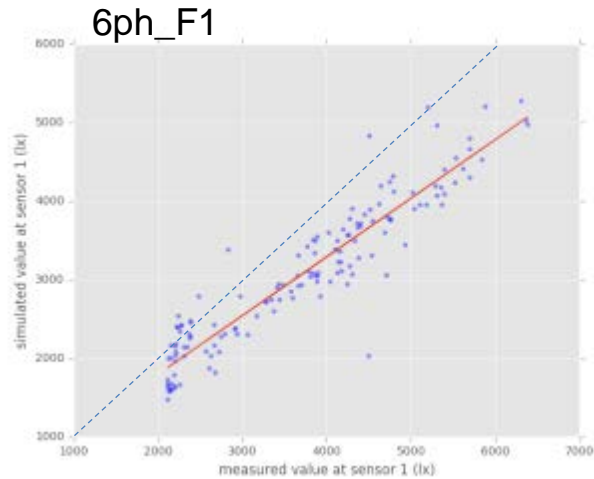
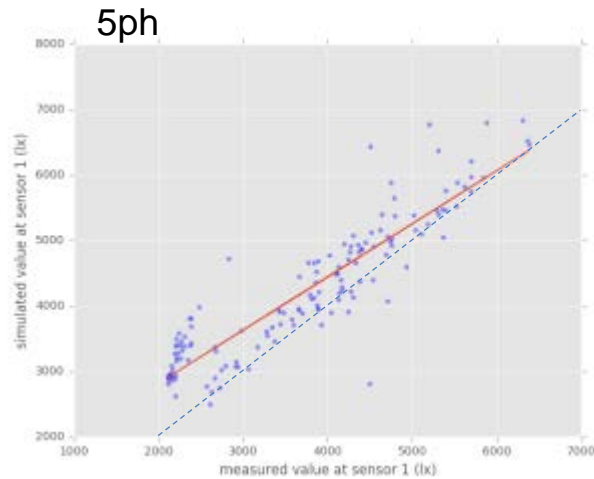
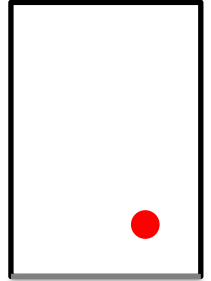
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near window sensor | pyroheliometer



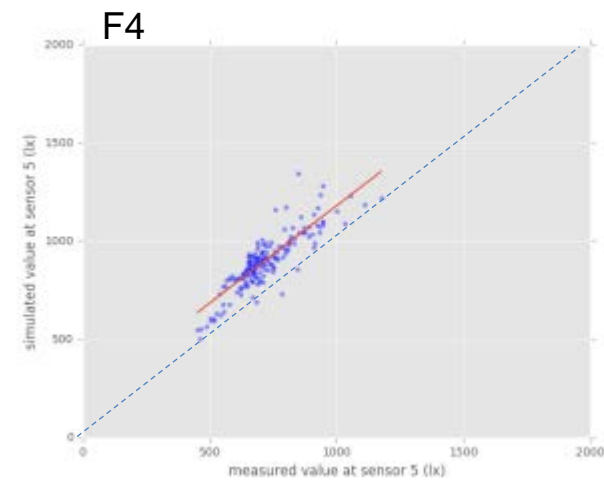
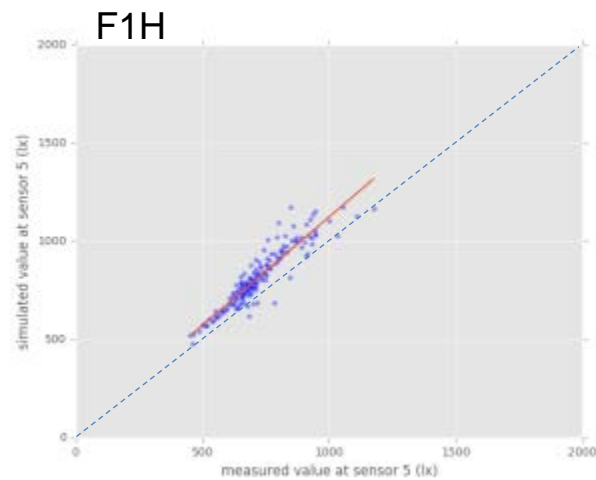
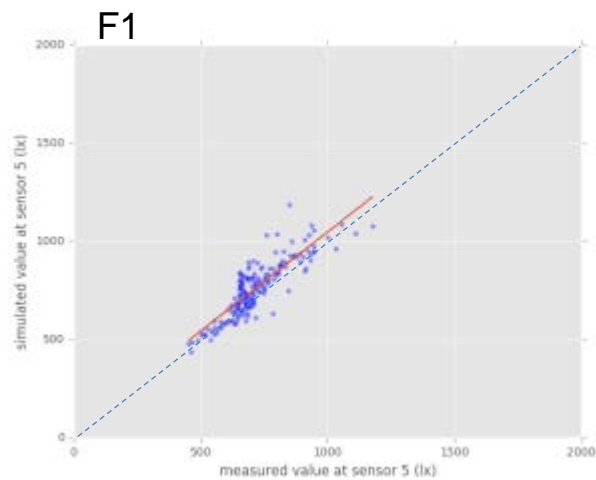
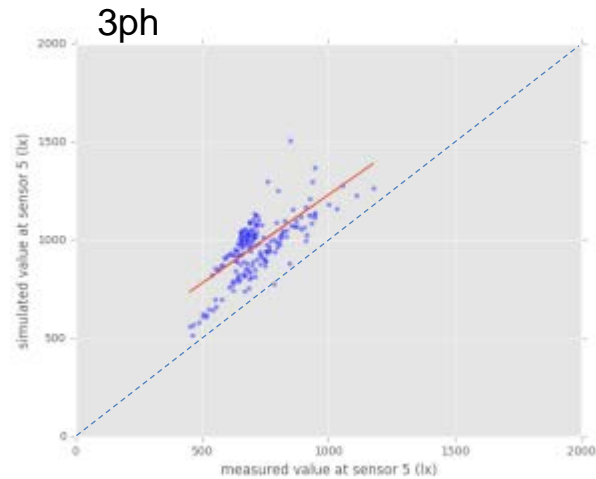
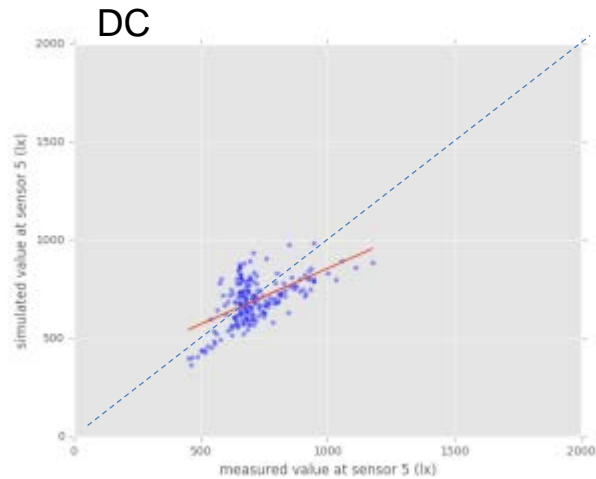
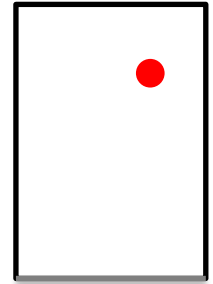
# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

near window sensor | skycam | 6ph



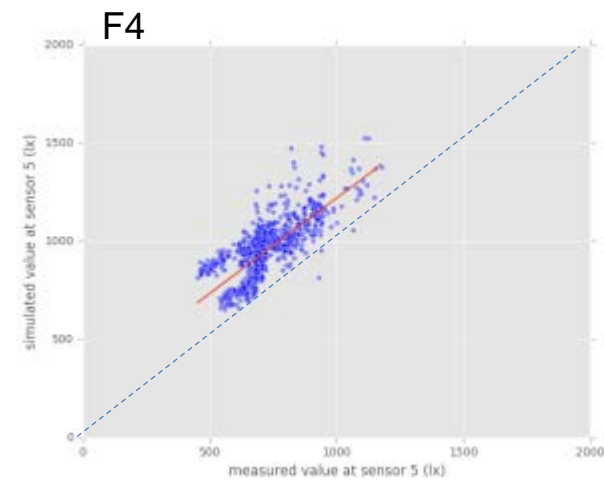
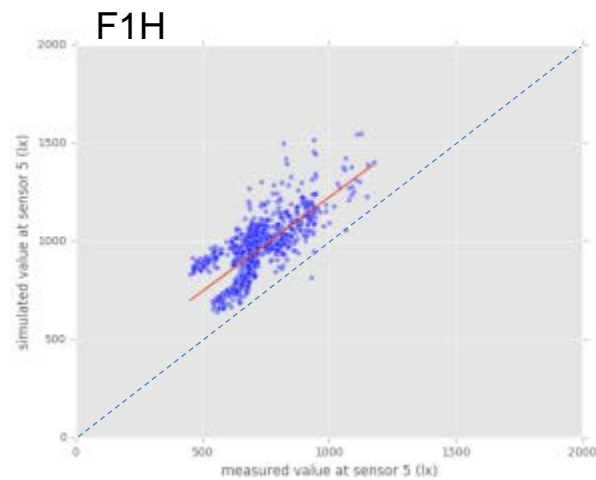
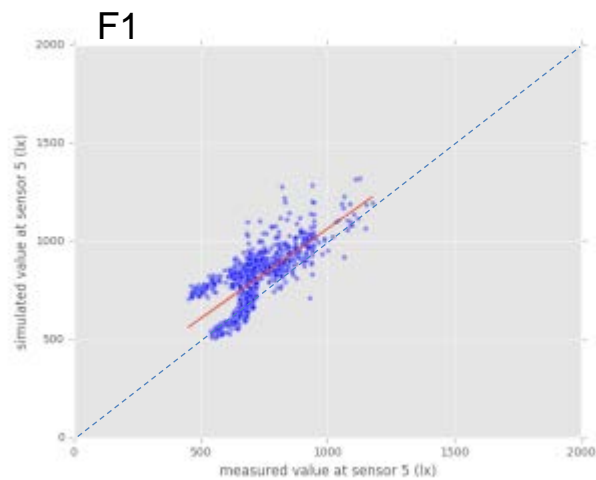
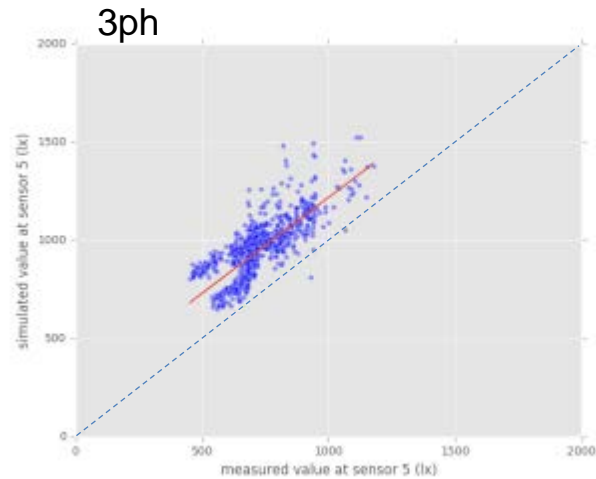
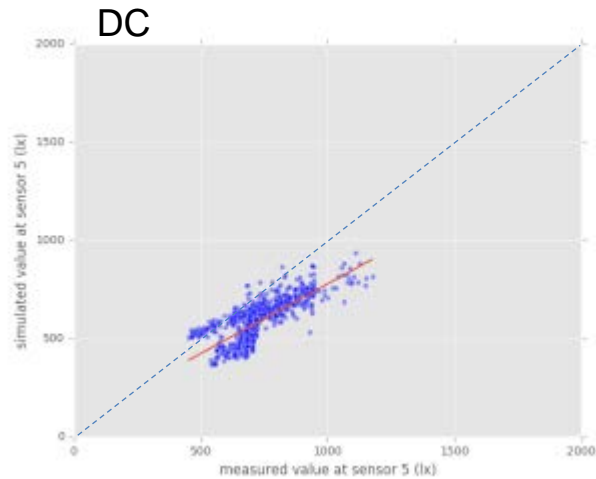
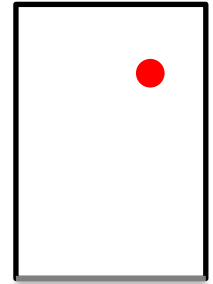
# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

back room sensor | skycam



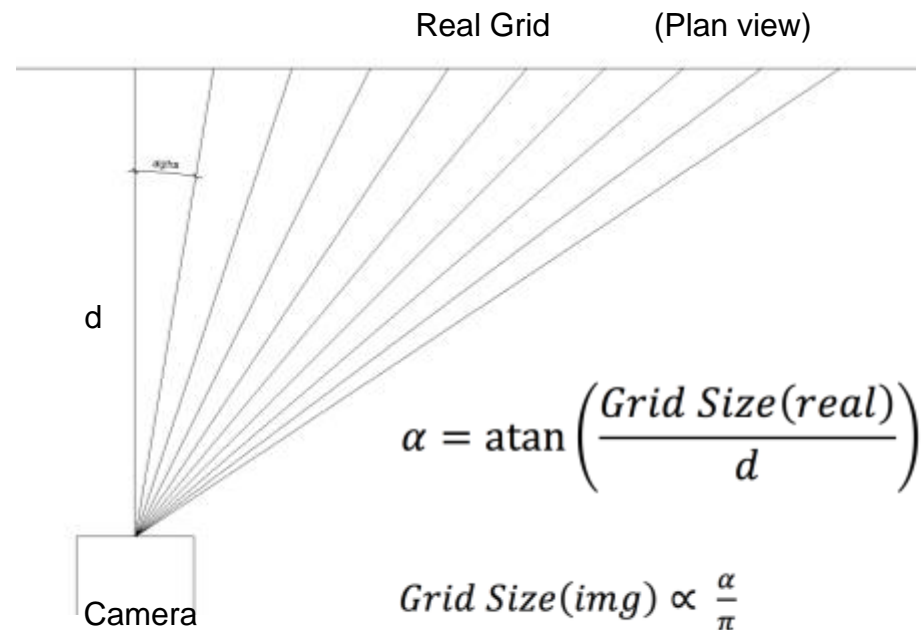
# RESULTS | work-plane illuminance

back room sensor | pyroheliometer



# FISHEYE LENS DISTORTION CORRECTION

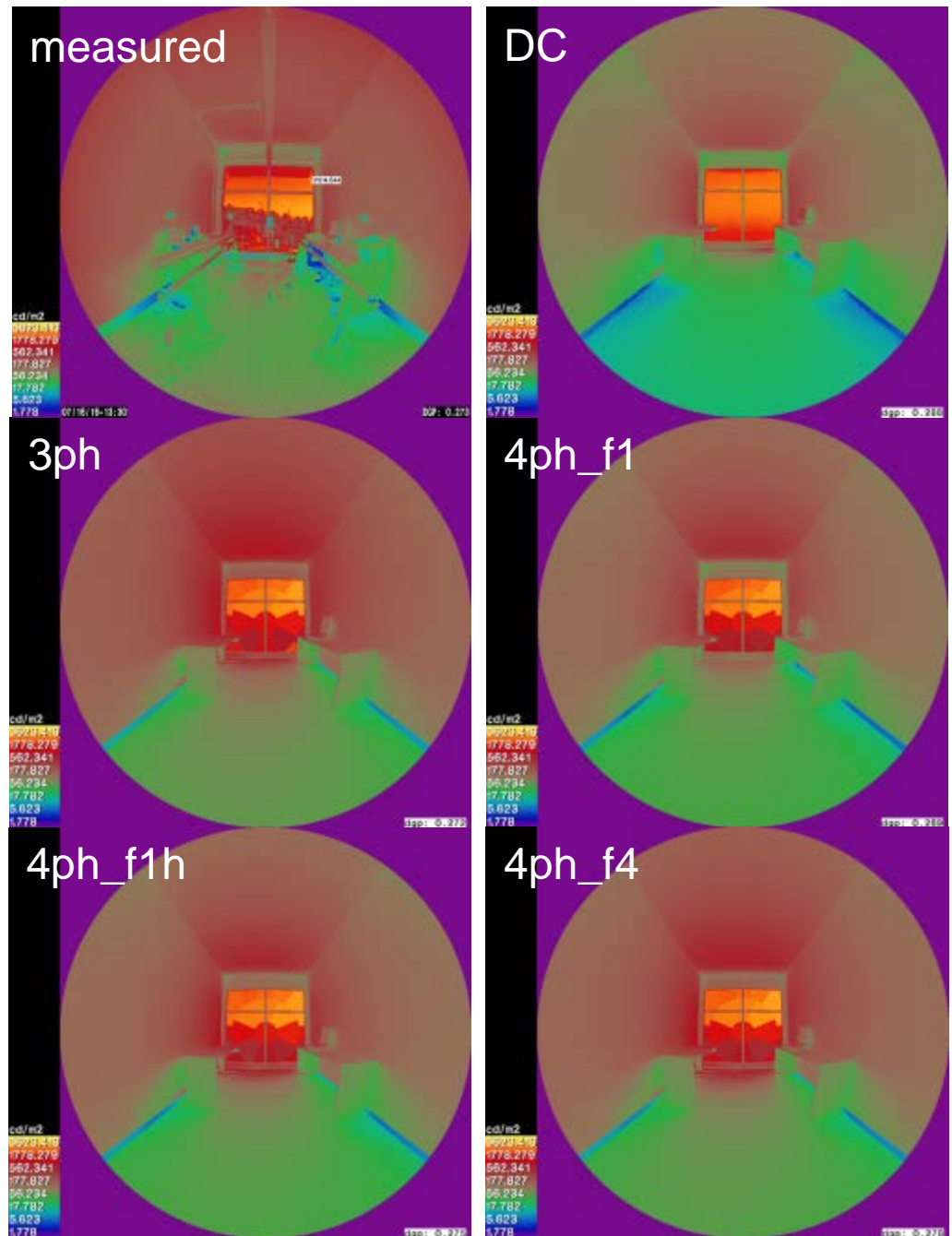
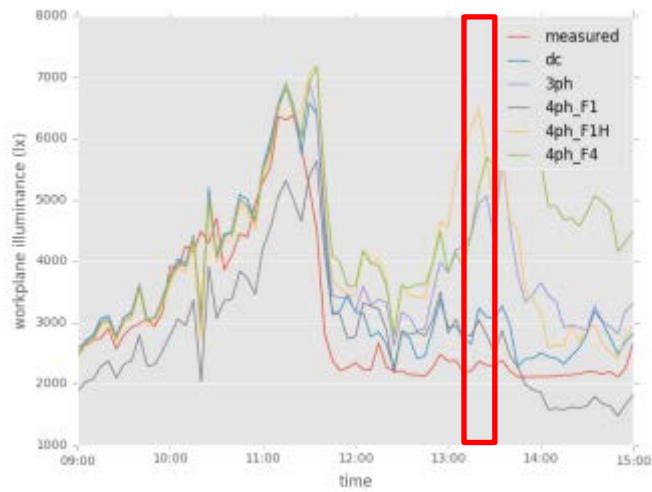
Sigma 8mm F3.5 lens does not take a perfect angular projection fisheye image, which is needed to more accurately evaluate glare (using Evalglare)





# RESULTS | luminance

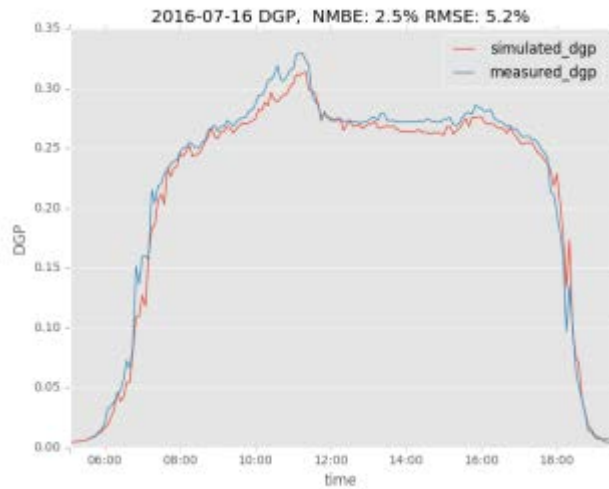
sunny sky | Skycam | 13:30



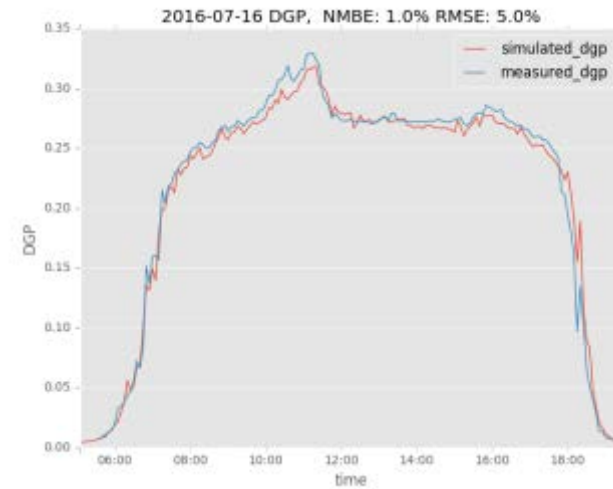
# RESULTS | luminance

sunny sky | skycam

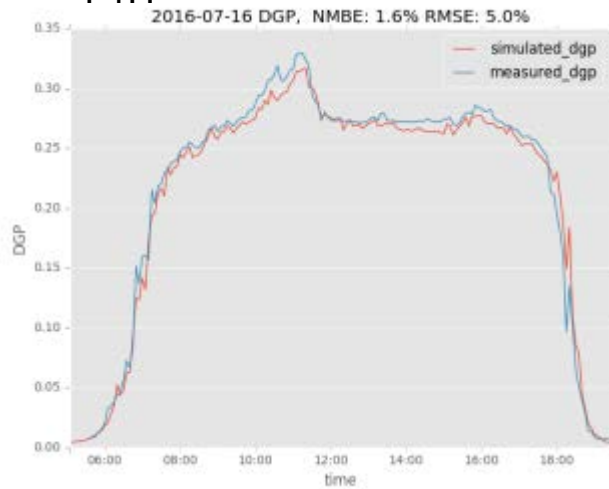
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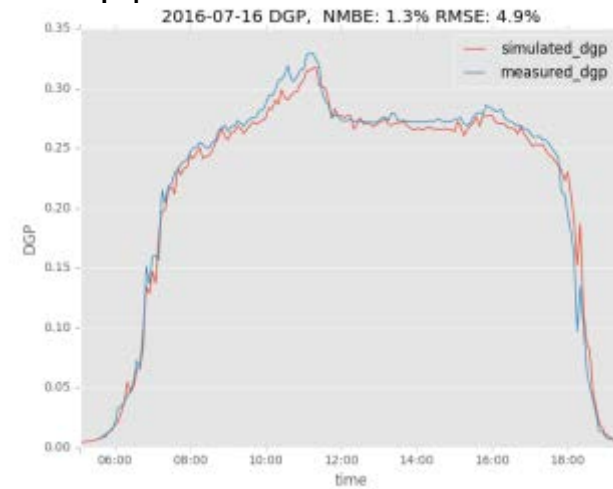
F1



F1H

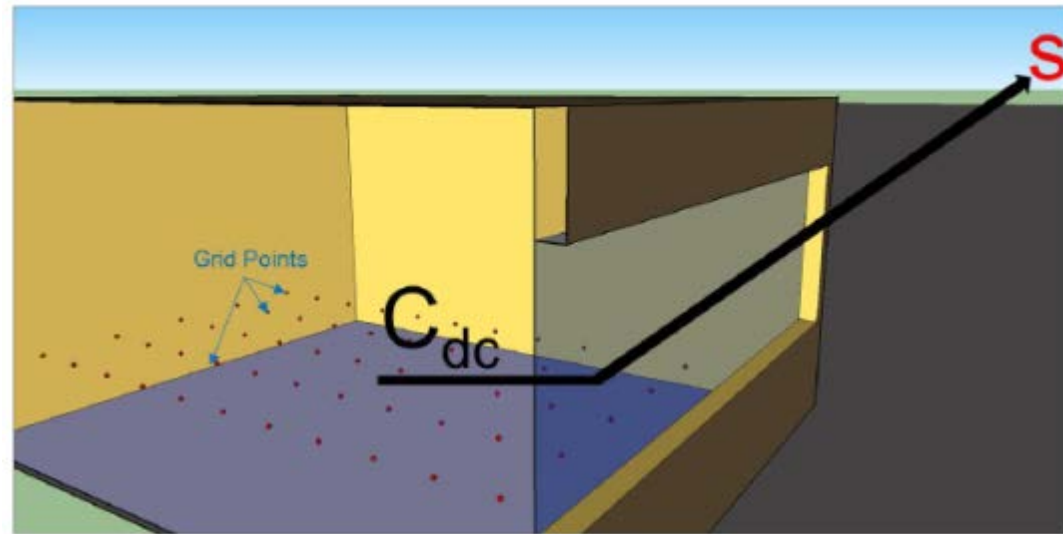


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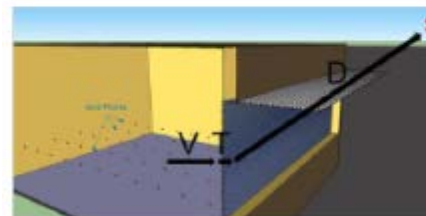


# Next steps and related work

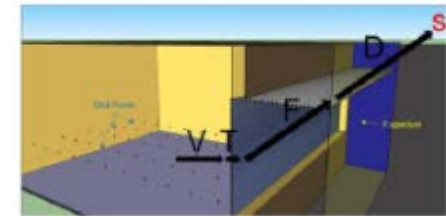
- Sort out sources of error
- Measure and validate with more exterior shading configurations, including low angle winter solstice period
- In the works: F-matrix Tutorial (and more), Sarith Subramaniam, Penn State University (looking for potential review/ testers!)



Daylight Coefficient Method



3 Phase Method



F Matrix Method

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