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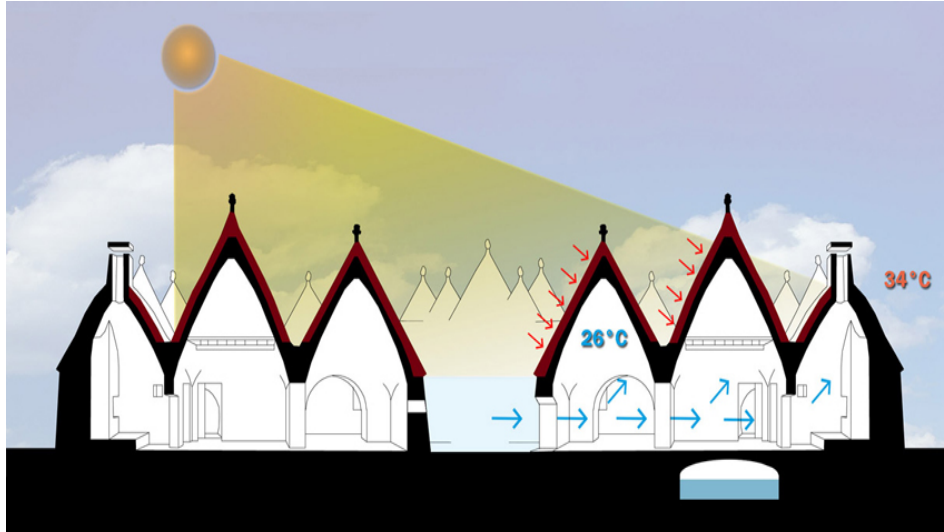
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MODELING CLIMATE, SUN GEOMETRY, WIND AND GREEN METRICS

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CLIMATE

a physical, socio-cultural, and technological determinant



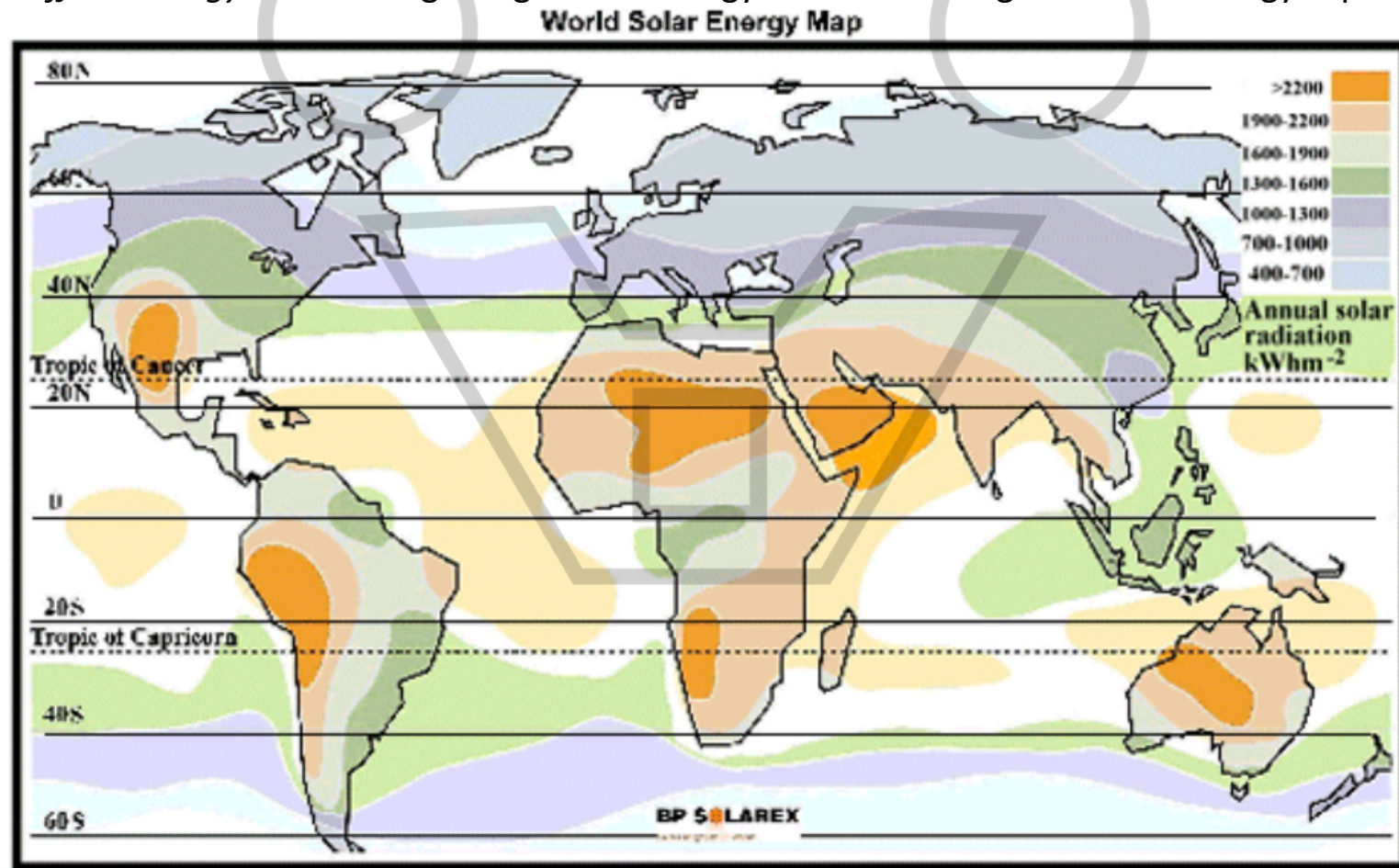
The influence of the site: GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

Insolation is the sun's energy on a surface

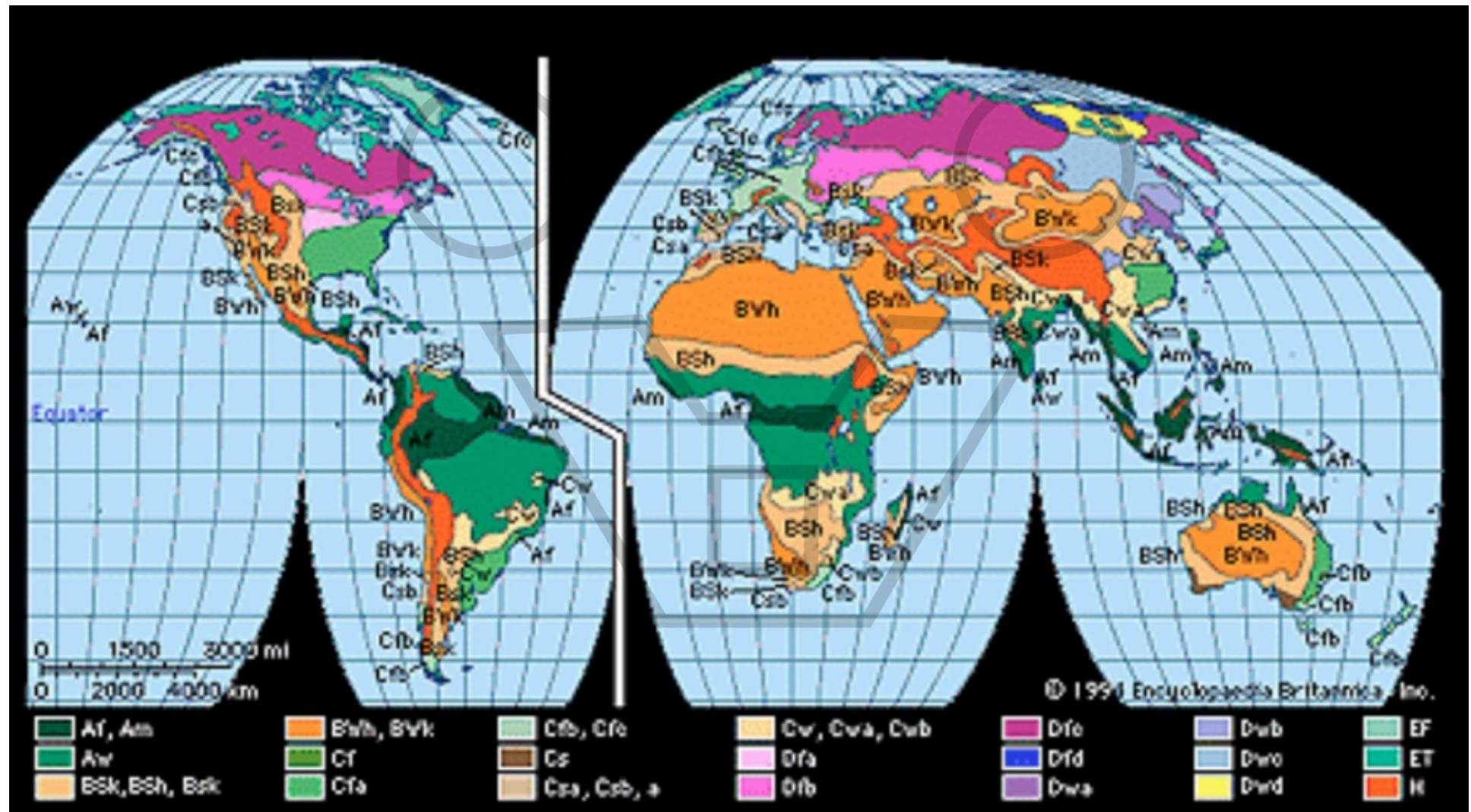
Sun's energy depends on angle, sky conditions, volume and surfaces around.


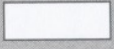



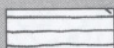







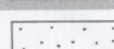
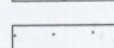
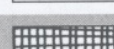
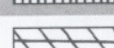
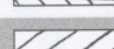
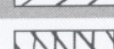
Weather files give the total amount of *direct energy* along a year measured perpendicularly to the sun direction

And *diffuse energy* measured getting all the energy and subtracting the direct energy capted,

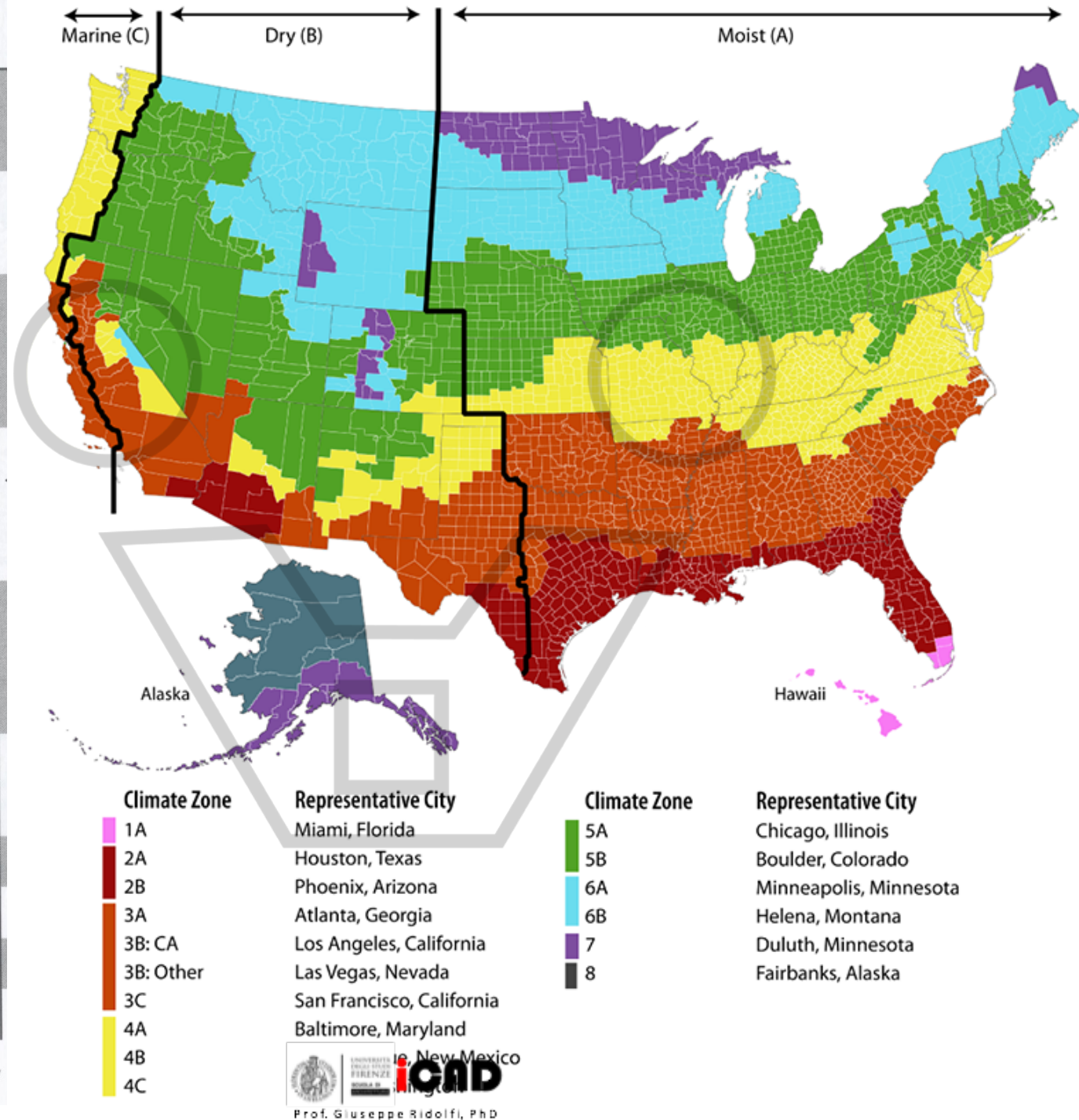


1- Find your climate zone

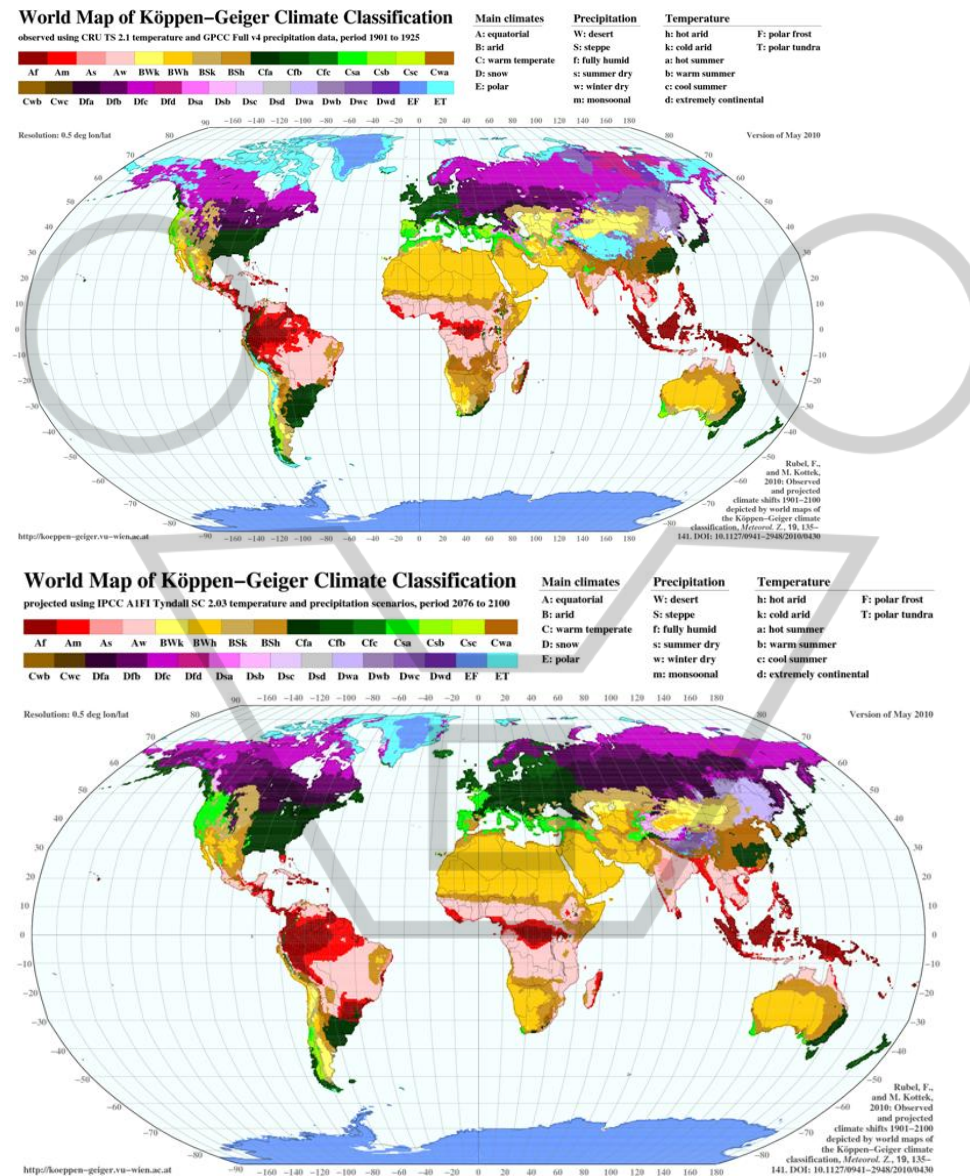


CLIMATE ZONE			
VERY HOT		Humid	1A
		Dry	1B
HOT		Humid	2A
		Dry	2B
WARM		Humid	3A
		Dry	3B
		Marine	3C
MIXED		Humid	4A
		Dry	4B
		Marine	4C
COOL		Humid	5A
		Dry	5B
		Marine	5C
COLD		Humid	6A
		Dry	6B
VERY COLD			7
SEVERE COLD			7.5
SUBARCTIC			8
ARCTIC			9

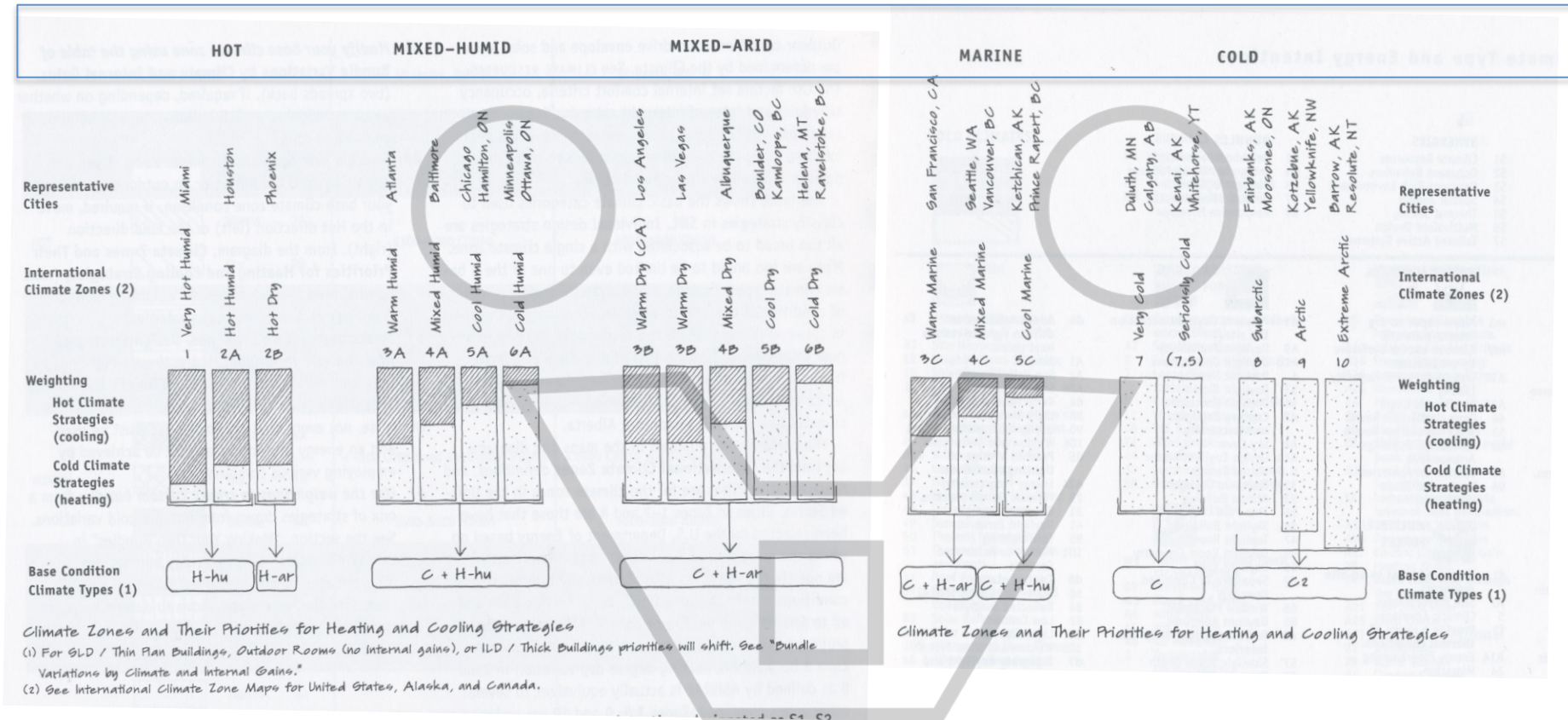
International Climate Zones, definitions



2- Tune-Up your climate zone considering the climate evolution and site



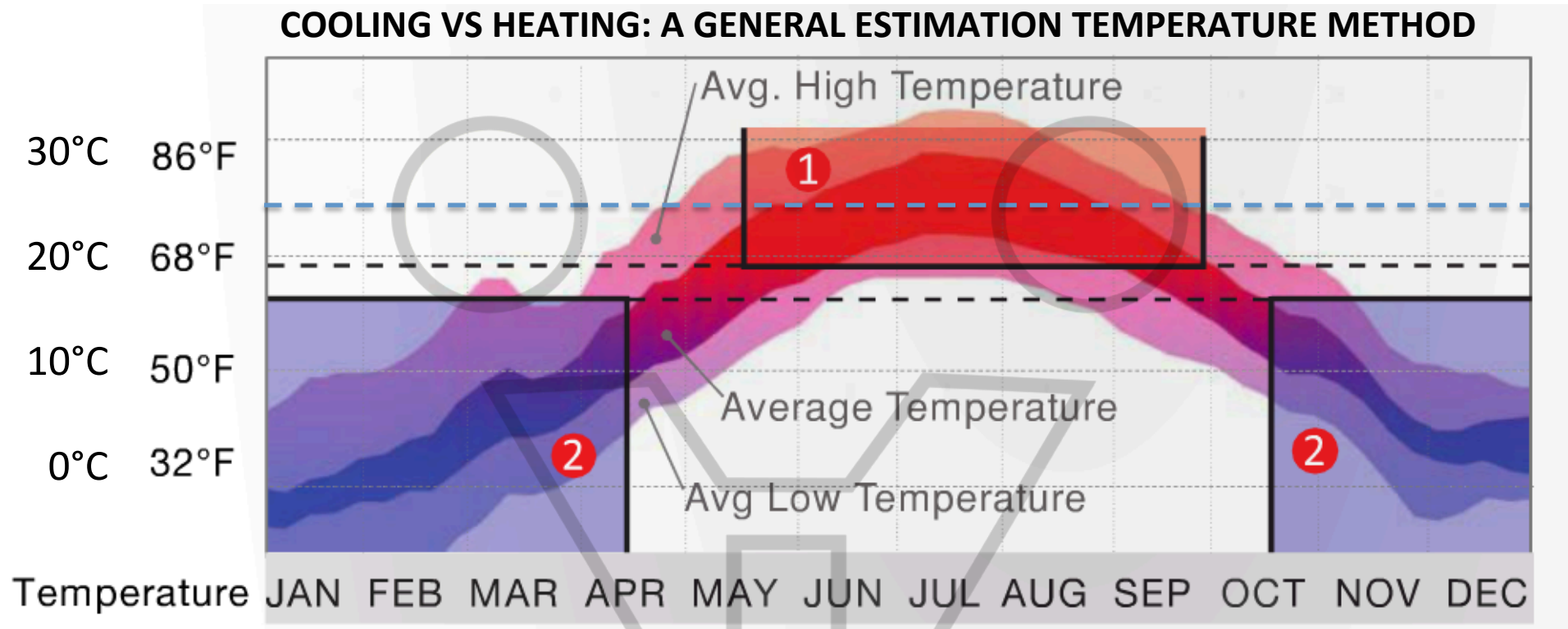
Climate zones and their priorities for heating/cooling



To be cooled

To be heated

4. Confirm the main energy behaviour with conceptual energy analysis



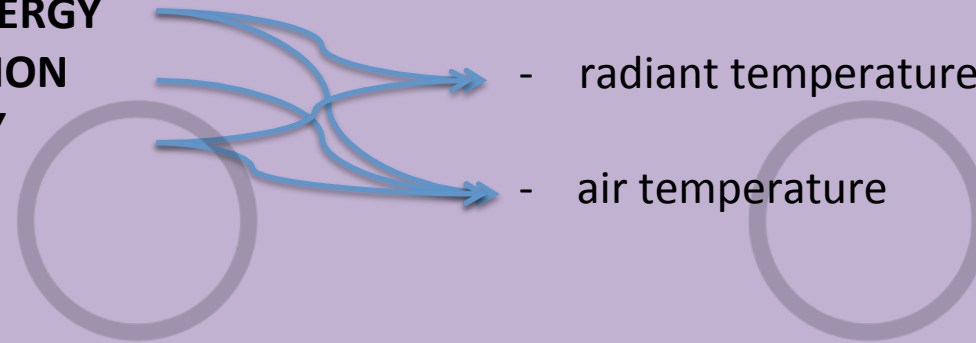
7.3 Temperature Method.

Annual temperature profile, with estimated heating and cooling seasons highlighted.

Source: Ecotect outputs of annual weather data from Central Park in New York City.

Environmental parameters affecting thermal comfort:

- SOLAR ENERGY
- VENTILATION
- HUMIDITY



HOW TO MEASURE SOLAR ENERGY ?

$$\text{RADIATION} = \text{W/m}^2$$



BTU vs KW

Ft² > m²

1 Btu=0,293071 W/h

1 ft²=0,092903 m²

CLIMATE DATA We collect data near airports and other stations

Weather data includes:

- Annual weather files (8760 hours of the year) used to compute Energy Use Intensity (EUI)
- TMY (Typical meteorological year) that is encapsulated in the .epw files maintained by *Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)*
- Peak condition files used to dimension mechanical

Weather data also includes:

- geographical coordinates

Environmental parameters affecting thermal comfort: SOLAR ENERGY

Site Inventory: Physical Attributes 121

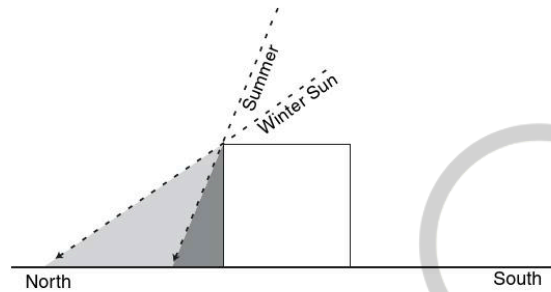
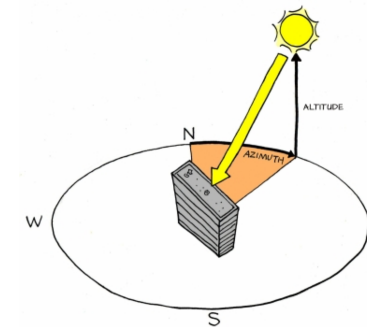


Figure 5-15 Schematic diagram of the seasonal variation in shade cast by a building in the northern hemisphere. Solar exposure in outdoor spaces near a building varies not only with weather conditions but also with time of day, day of year, and location of the space in relation to both the building and the sun.



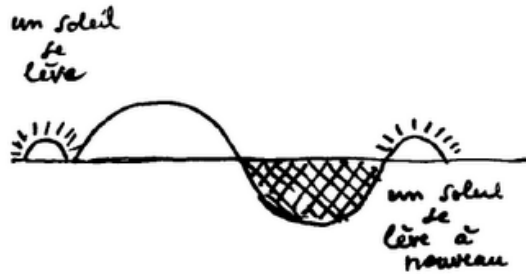
Altitude is the vertical angle the sun makes with the ground plane ($0^\circ < \text{alt} < 90^\circ$).

SOLAR ENERGY

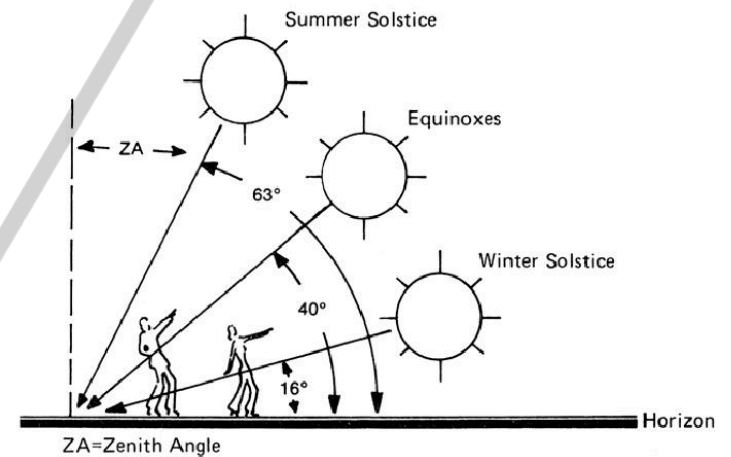
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Figure 5-14 Diagram of seasonal changes in the maximum daily sun angle for a mid-latitude location in the Northern Hemisphere. Source: Marsh, *Landscape Planning*, Third Ed., copyright © 1998, p. 290, Figure 15.3. Reprinted by permission of John

les 24 heures Solaires

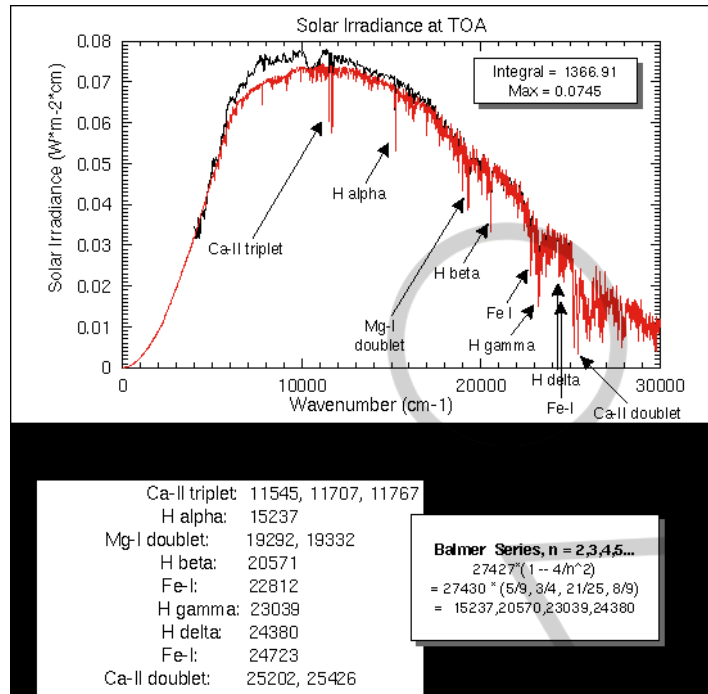


Si la totalité des conditions nécessaires et suffisantes n'est pas acquise, il y a déséquilibre, insuffisance — malheur chaque jour et ... toute la vie !



Environmental parameters affecting thermal comfort: SOLAR ENERGY

Solar radiation* at the top of the atmosphere.



*) *Radiation* occurs when an object emits electro magnetic energy.

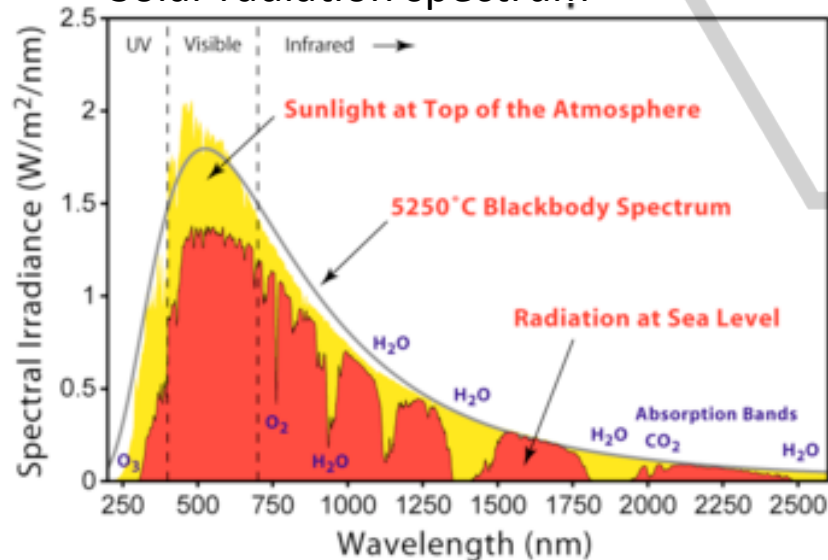
Irradiation is the energy absorbed by an object/surface

1366 W/m² (solar constant)

1 W = 3,416 Btu.

Considering the earth surface,
the total solar energy is= 174 PW
Peta= million of billions

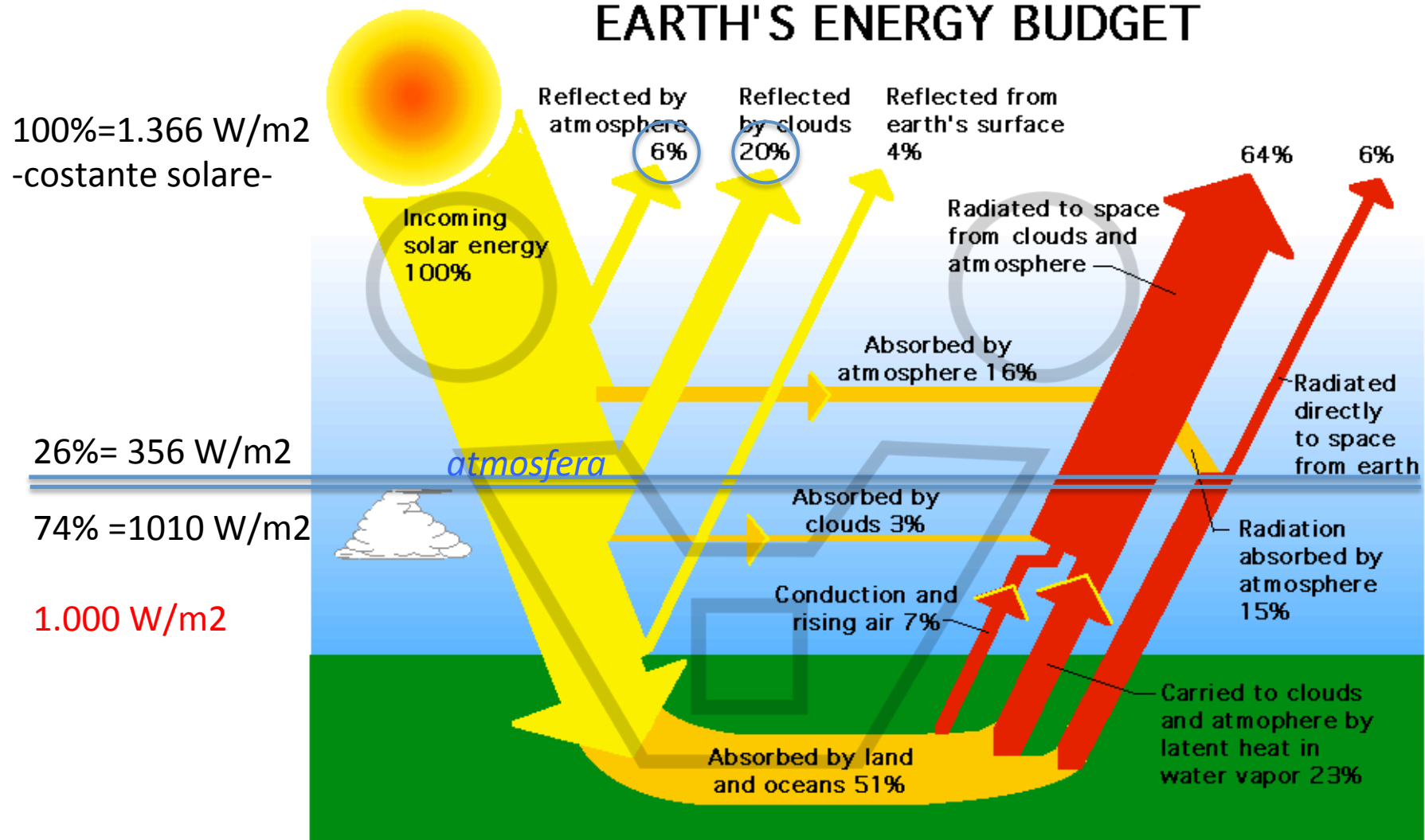
Solar radiation spectrum



Ricordiamo che: 1 Kcal = 4.186 J = 1,16 x 10⁻³ kWh = 1x10⁻⁷ TEP

1joule=1 Nm=0.000278Wh=0,0009478 Btu

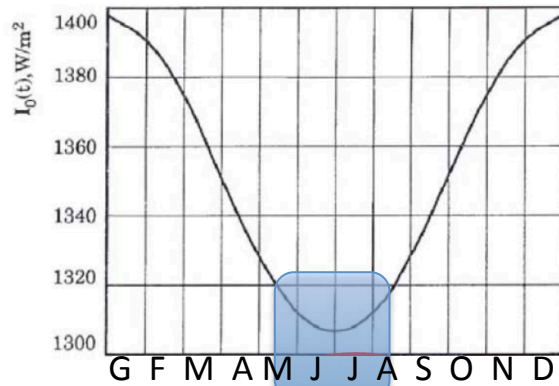
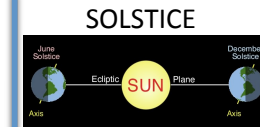
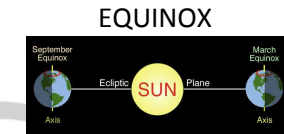
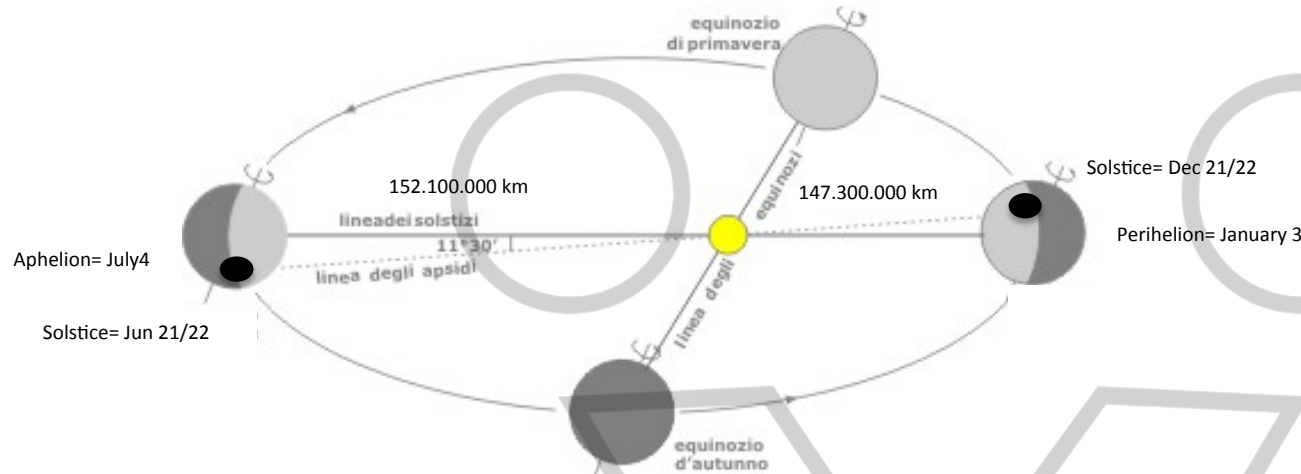
EARTH'S ENERGY BUDGET



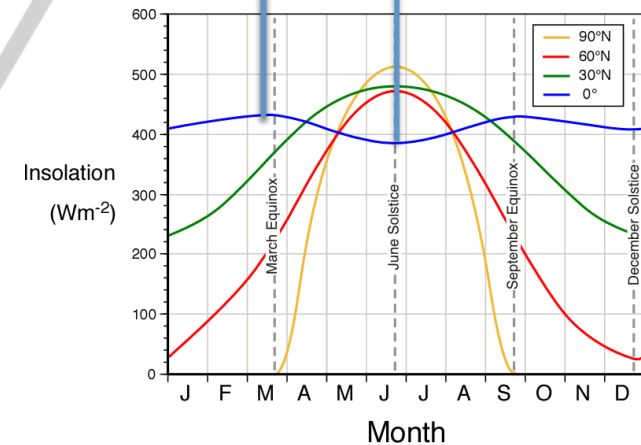
Radiazione assorbita

Detratte tutte le perdite per riflessione e retrodiffusione da parte di atmosfera e superficie terrestre, l'energia incidente che rimane è assorbita dalla superficie terrestre e contribuisce così al suo riscaldamento, in maniera variabile a seconda della latitudine e del tipo di superficie

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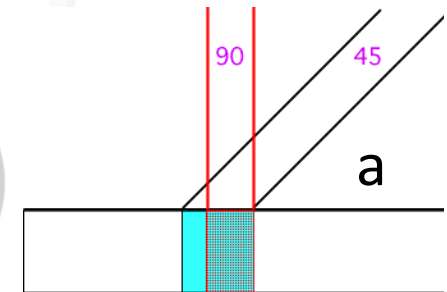
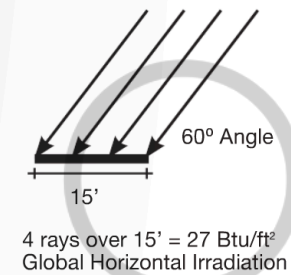
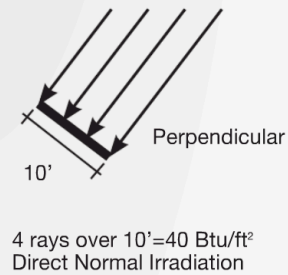
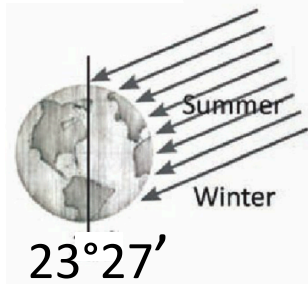


Variation of solar radiation caused by the distance of the Earth



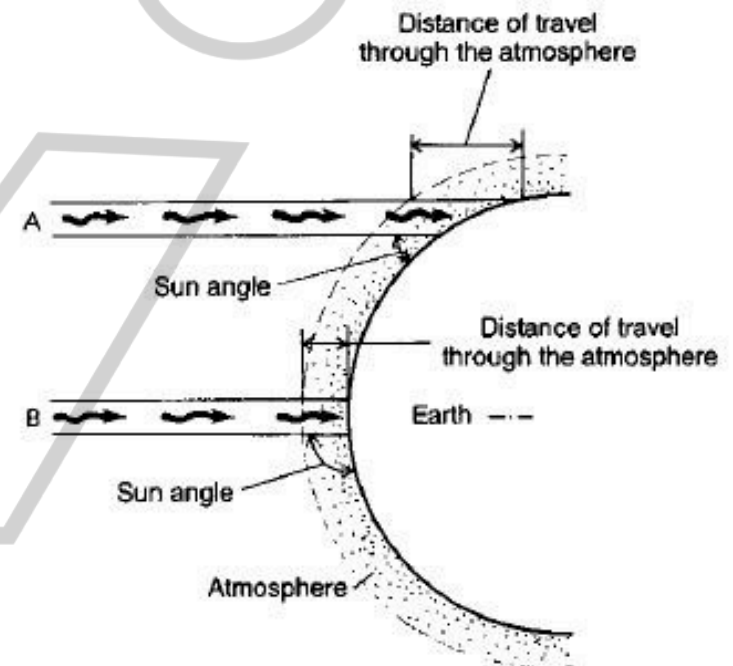
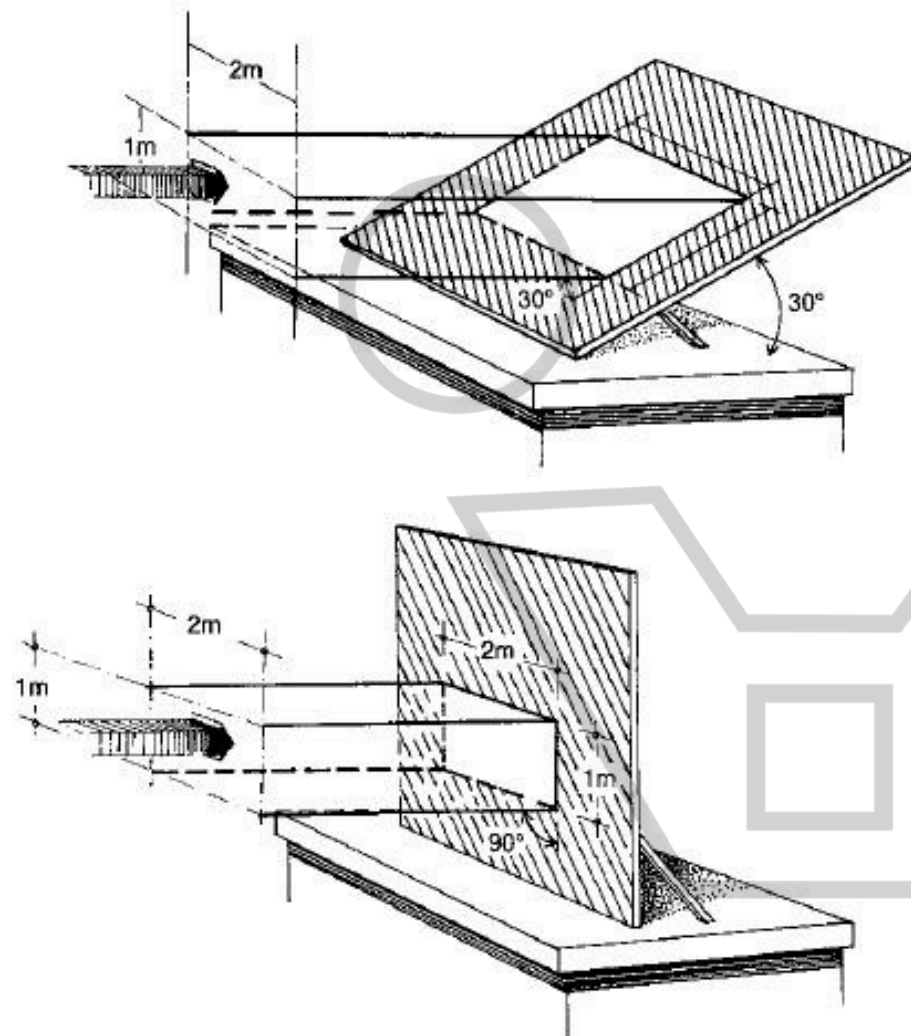
Monthly values of available insolation in Wm^{-2} for the equator, 30, 60, and 90° North

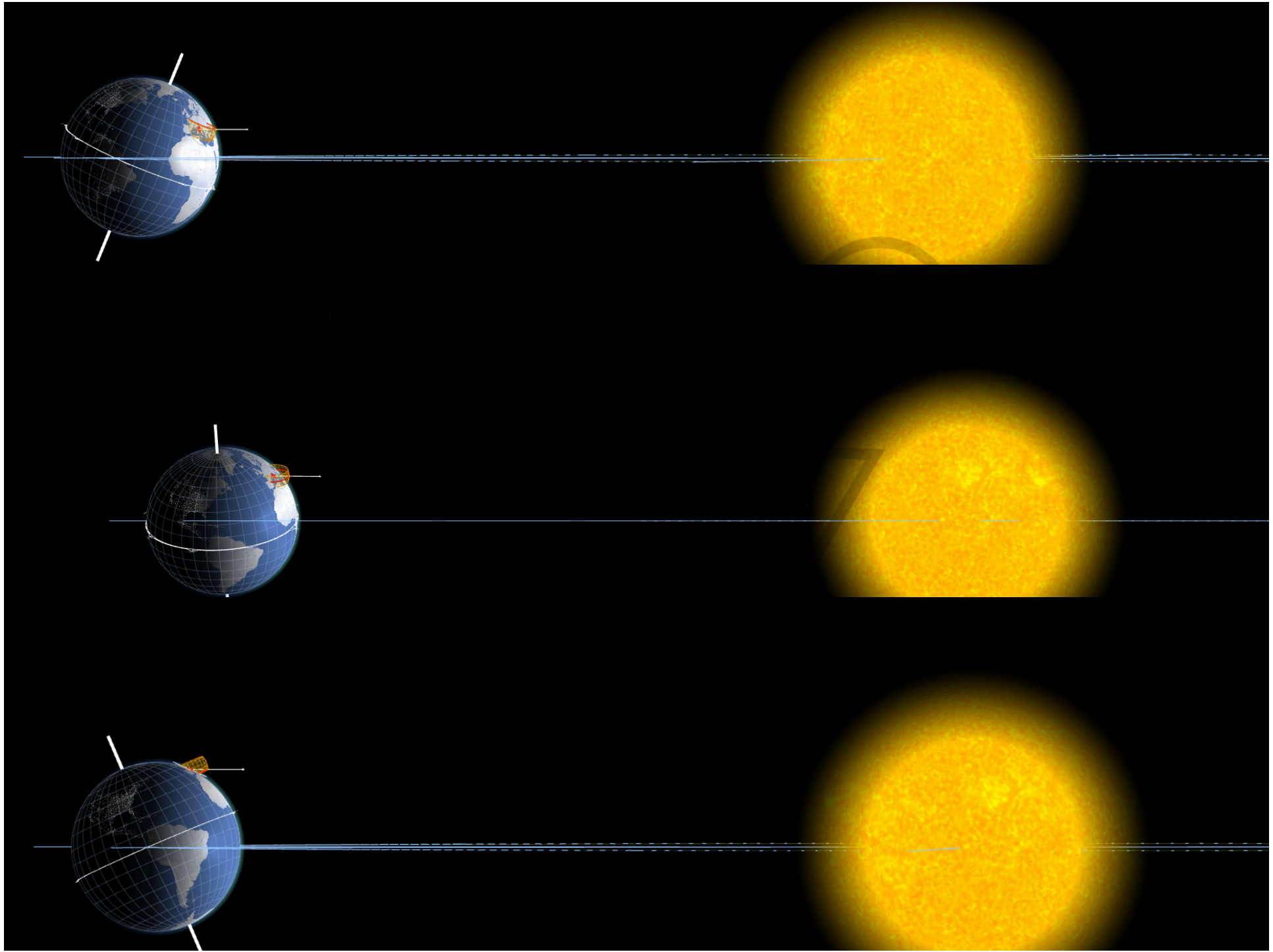
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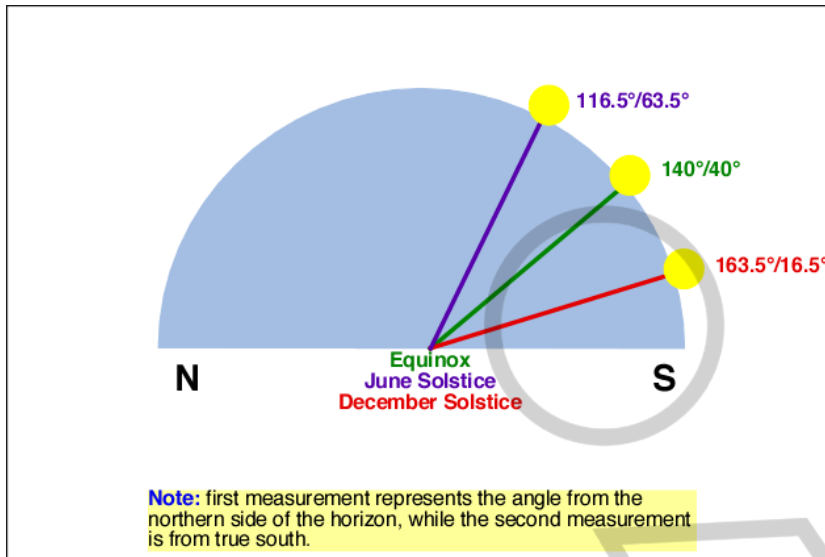


Effect of angle on the area that intercepts an incoming beam of radiation.

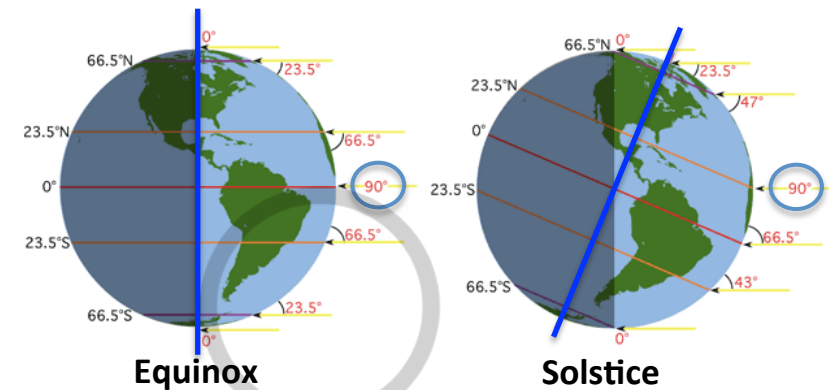
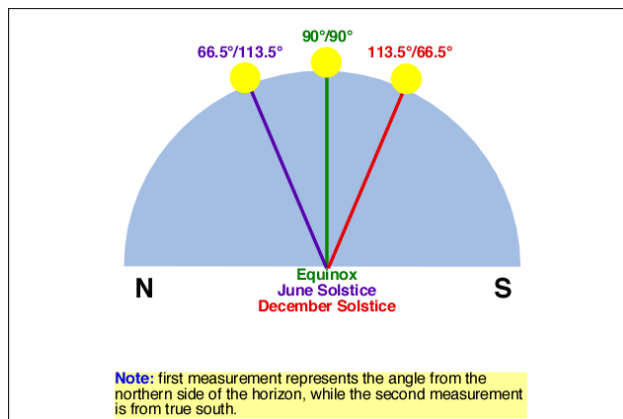
$$\text{Intensity} = \text{SIN}(a)$$







solar noon for 50 degrees North during the June solstice, equinox, and December solstice.



Relationship of maximum Sun height to latitude for the equinox (left) and June solstice (right). The red values on the right of the globes are maximum solar altitudes at **solar noon**. Black numbers on the left indicate the location of the Equator, Tropic of Cancer (23.5 degrees N), Tropic of Capricorn (23.5 degrees S), Arctic Circle (66.5 degrees N), and the Antarctic Circle (66.5 degrees S). The location of the North and South Poles are also identified. During the equinox, the equator is the location on the Earth with a Sun angle of 90 degrees for solar noon. Note how maximum Sun height declines with latitude as you move away from the Equator. For each degree of latitude traveled maximum Sun height decreases by the same amount. At equinox, you can also calculate the noon angle by subtracting the location's latitude from 90. During the summer solstice, the Sun is now directly overhead at the Tropic of Cancer. All locations above this location have maximum Sun heights that are 23.5 degrees higher from the equinox situation. Places above the Arctic Circle are in 24 hours of daylight. Below the Tropic of Cancer the noon angle of the Sun drops one degree in height for each degree of latitude traveled. At the Antarctic Circle, maximum Sun height becomes 0 degrees and locations south of this point on the Earth are in 24 hours of darkness.

Variations in solar altitude at solar noon for the equator during the June solstice, equinox, and December solstice

DATE AND TIME
Date: 21 Jun 2017
Time: 12:00

SOLAR INFORMATION
Azl / Alt: 46.36° / 89.37°
Rise / Set: 05:16 / 18:48
Daylight: 13:33 Hrs

TWILIGHT TIMES
Civil: 04:50 / 19:14
Nautical: 04:20 / 19:44
Astronom.: 03:49 / 20:15

TROPIC OF
CANCER

SOLAR INFORMATION
Azl / Alt: -175.17° / 67.36°
Rise / Set: 05:48 / 17:57
Daylight: 12:09 Hrs

TWILIGHT TIMES
Civil: 05:26 / 18:19
Nautical: 05:00 / 18:46
Astronom.: 04:33 / 19:12

TROPIC OF
CANCER

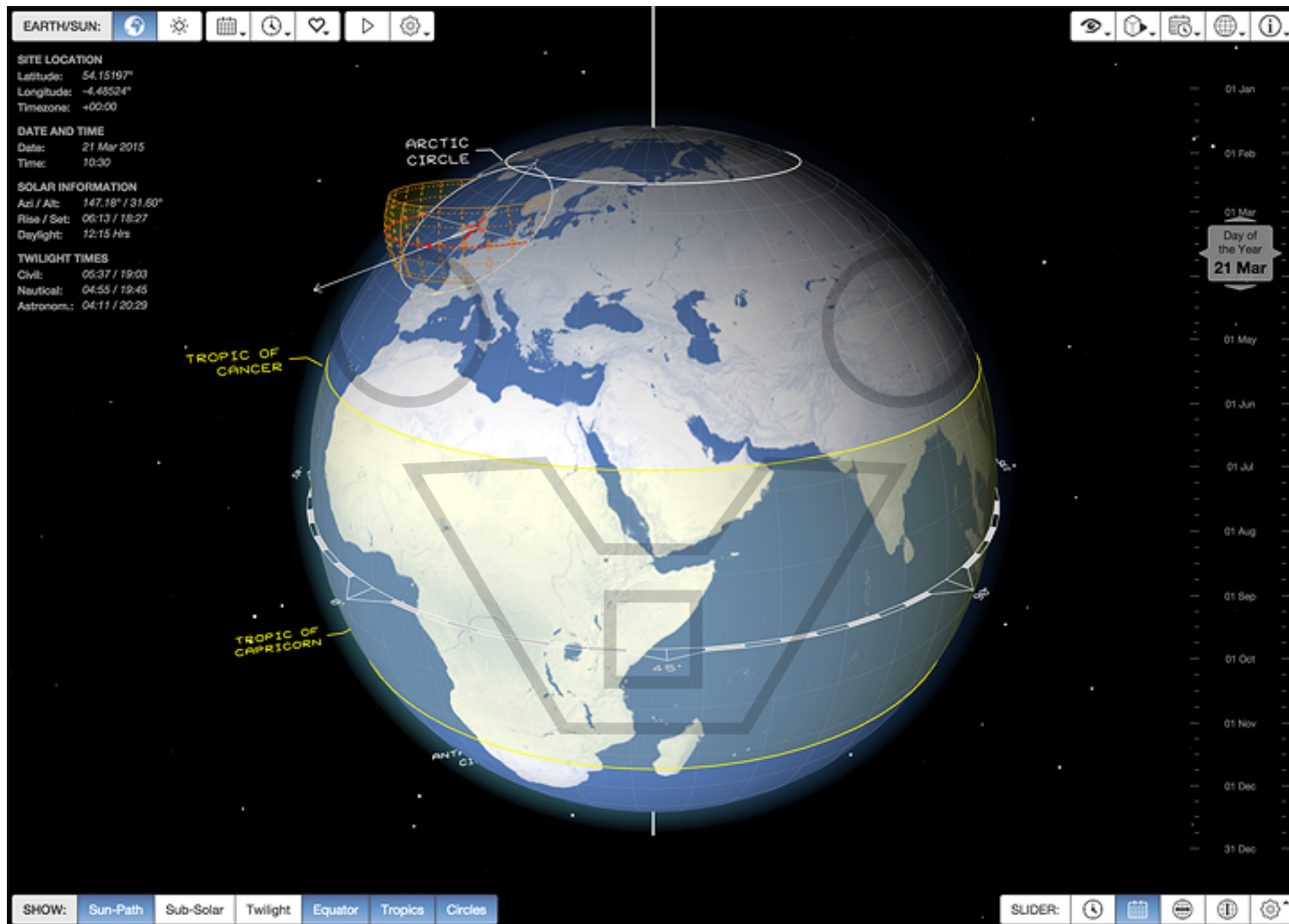
SITE LOCATION
Latitude: 23.00°
Longitude: 0.00°
Timezone: +00:00

DATE AND TIME
Date: 21 Dec 2017
Time: 12:00

SOLAR INFORMATION
Azl / Alt: -179.44° / 43.58°
Rise / Set: 06:37 / 17:20
Daylight: 10:43 Hrs

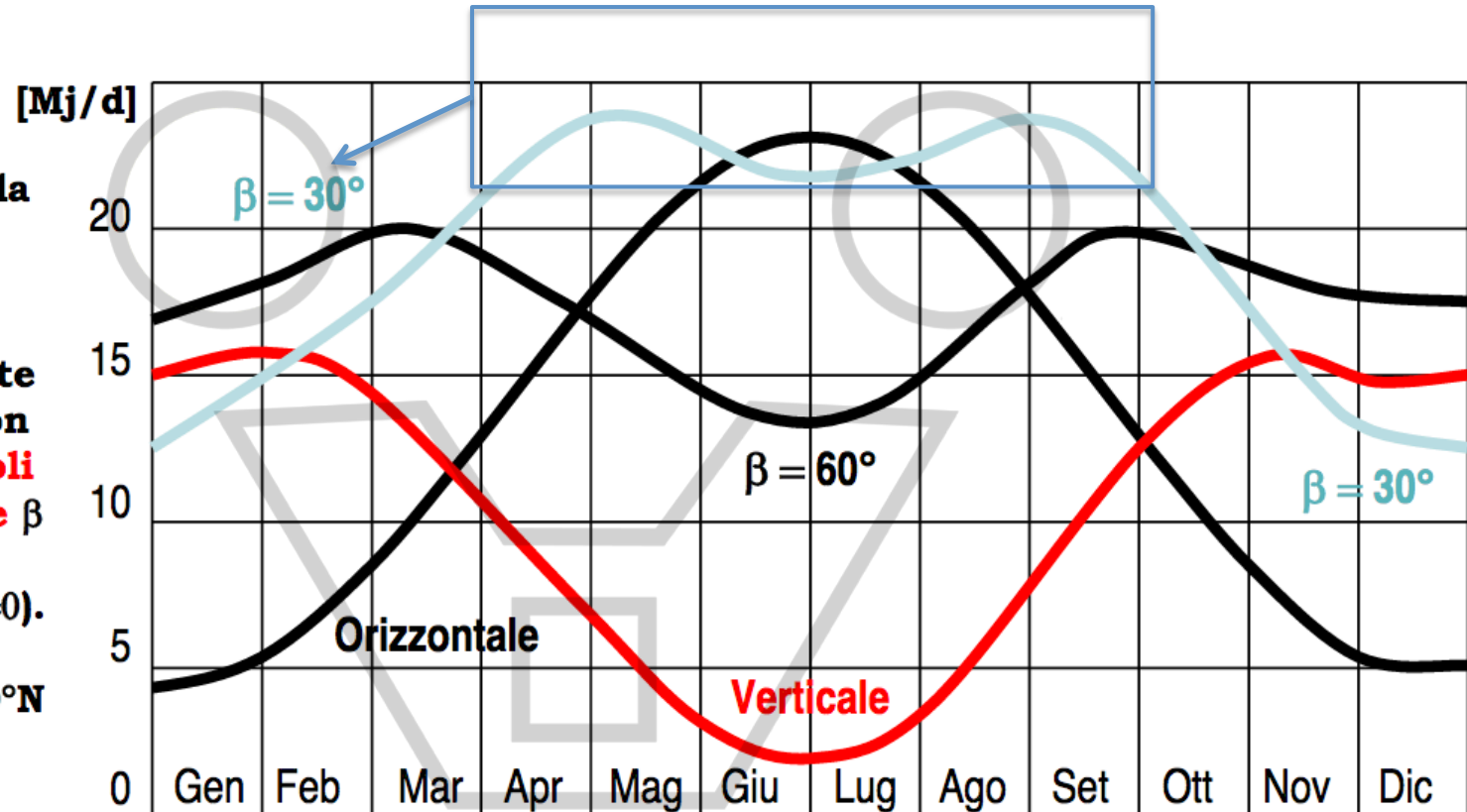
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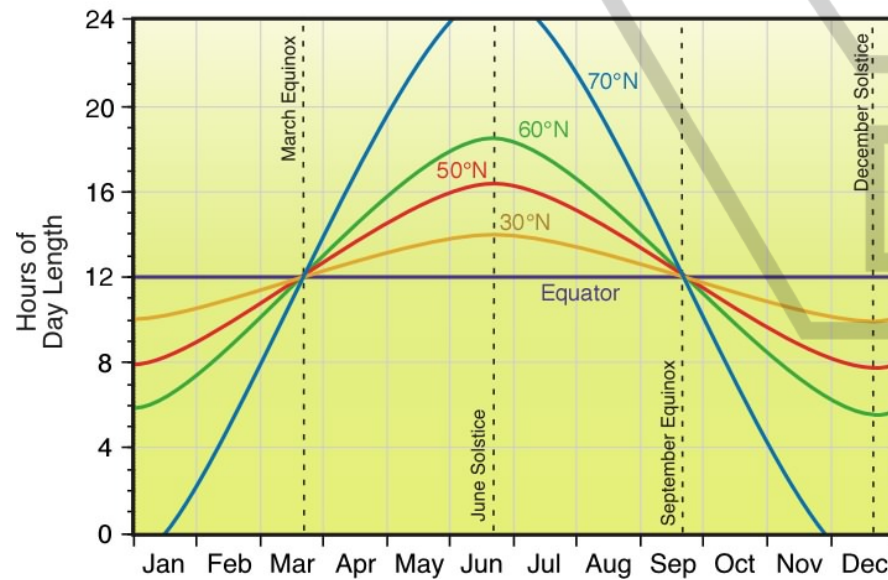
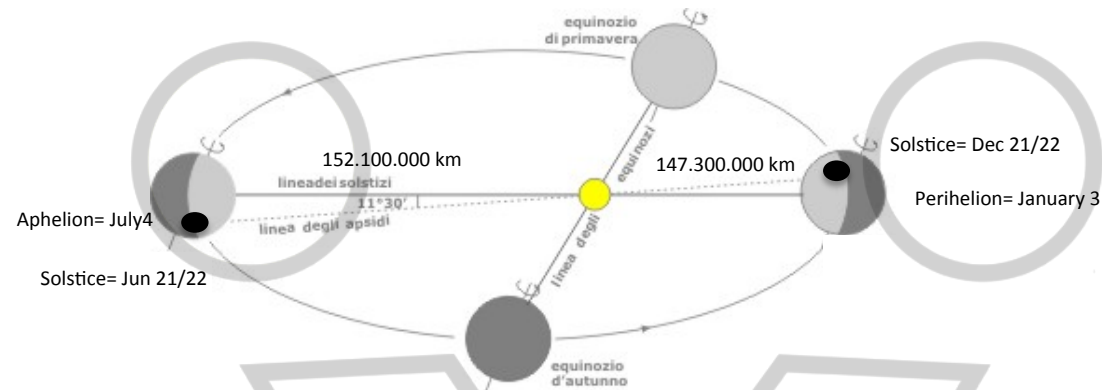


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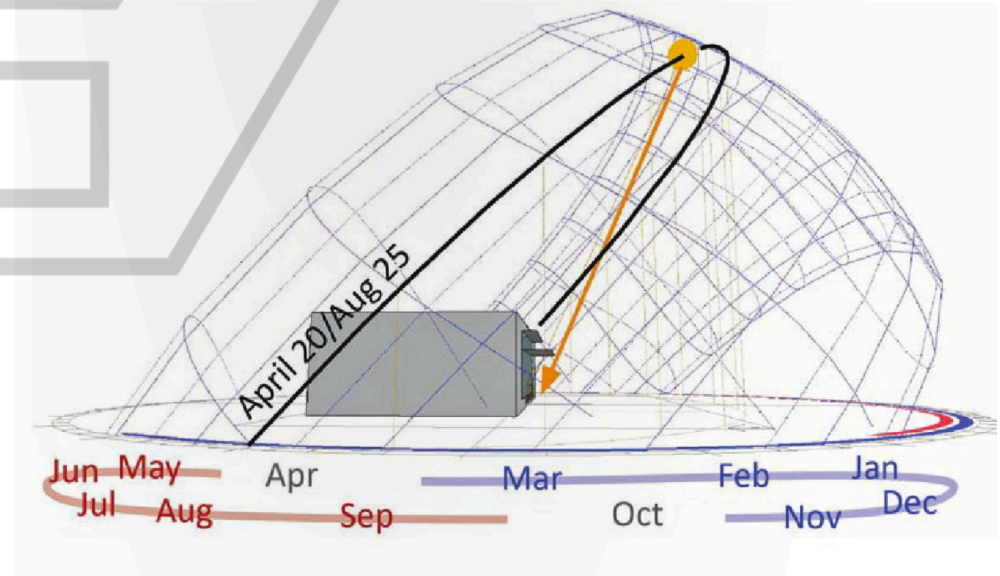
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VARIATION OF SOLAR RADIATION DUE TO ANNUAL PERIOD AND LATITUDE



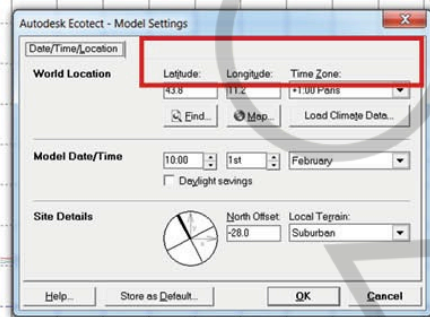
Annual variations in day length for locations at the equator, 30, 50, 60, and 70° N



SOLAR ENERGY= **f** (power, angle of incidence, sky conditions)= **World Location**

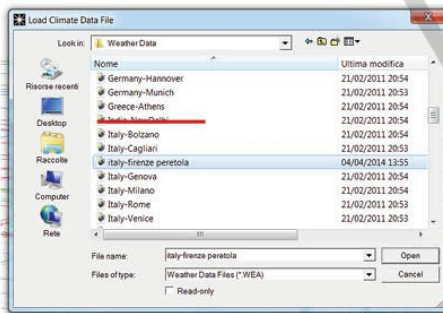
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ECOTECT APPROACH



Coordinates

Type of terrain

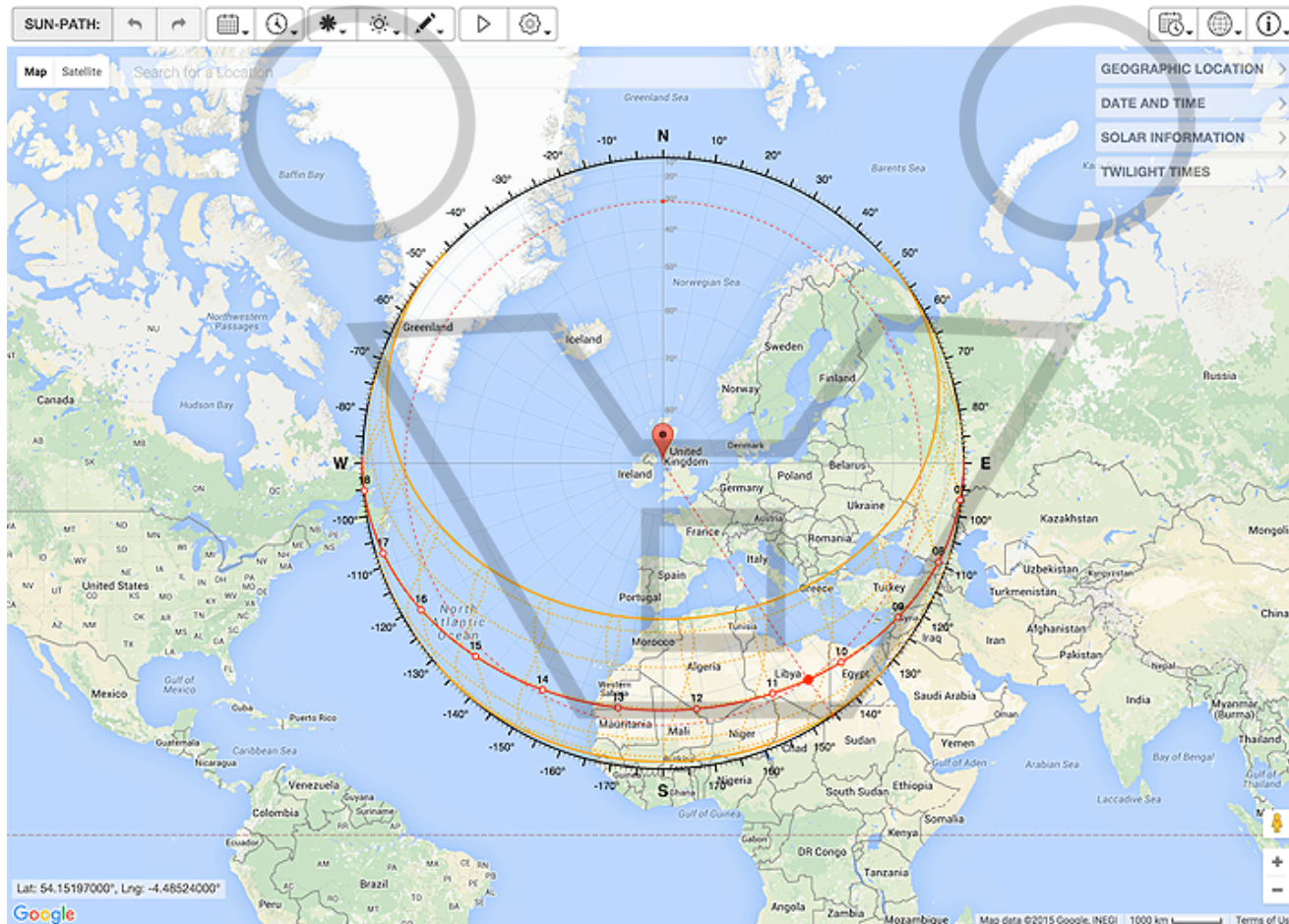


Weather data



The school

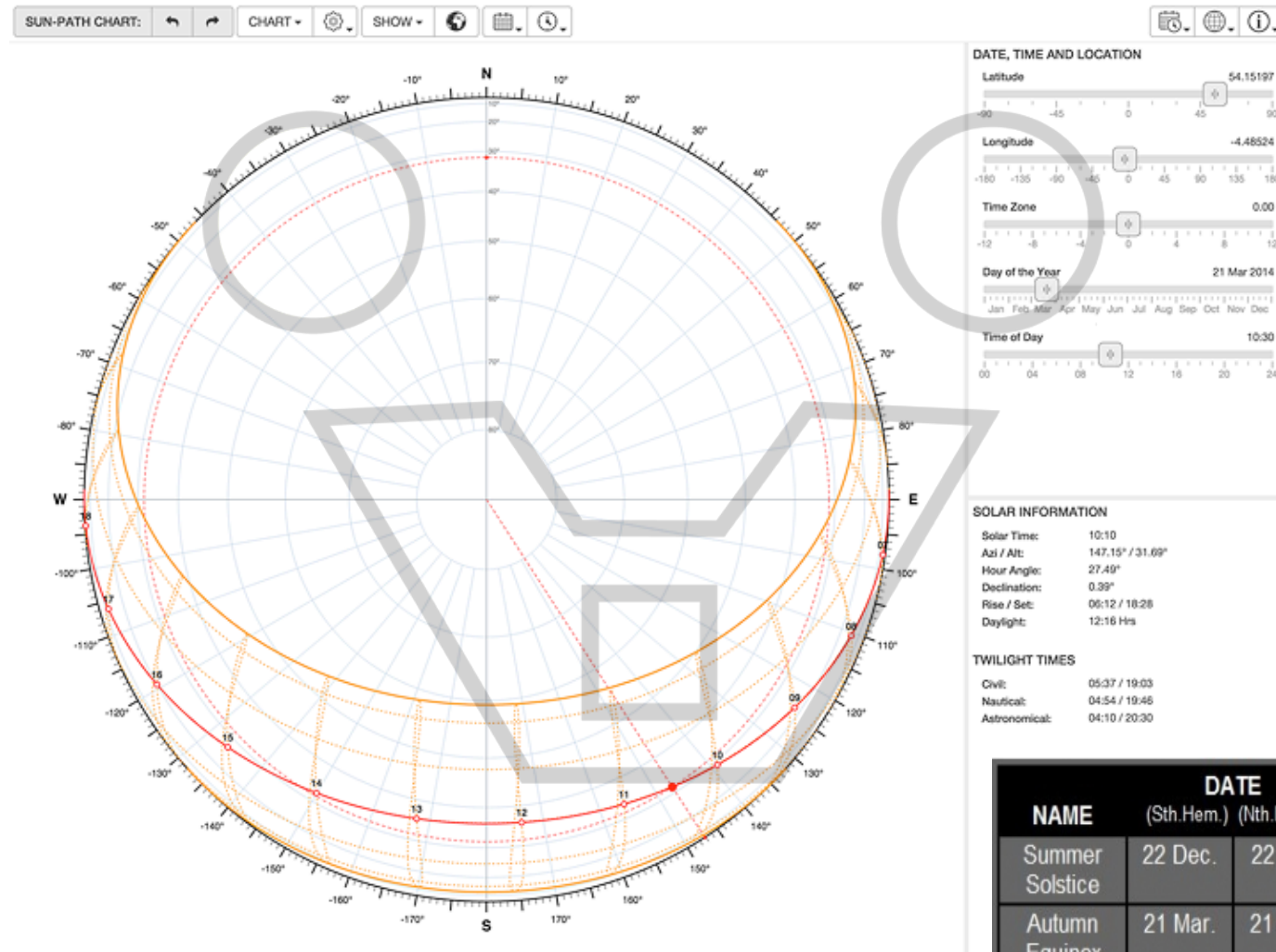
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SOLAR GEOMETRY

<http://andrewmarsh.com/software/sunpath-on-map-web/>

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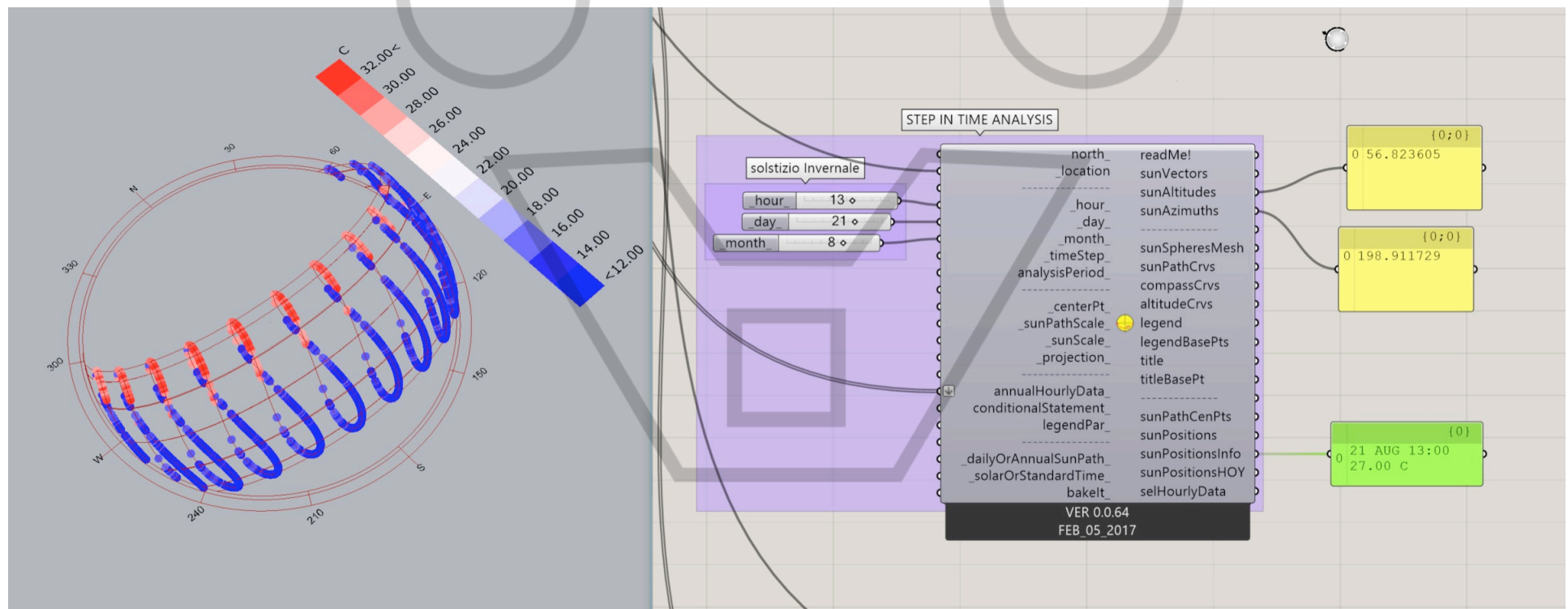


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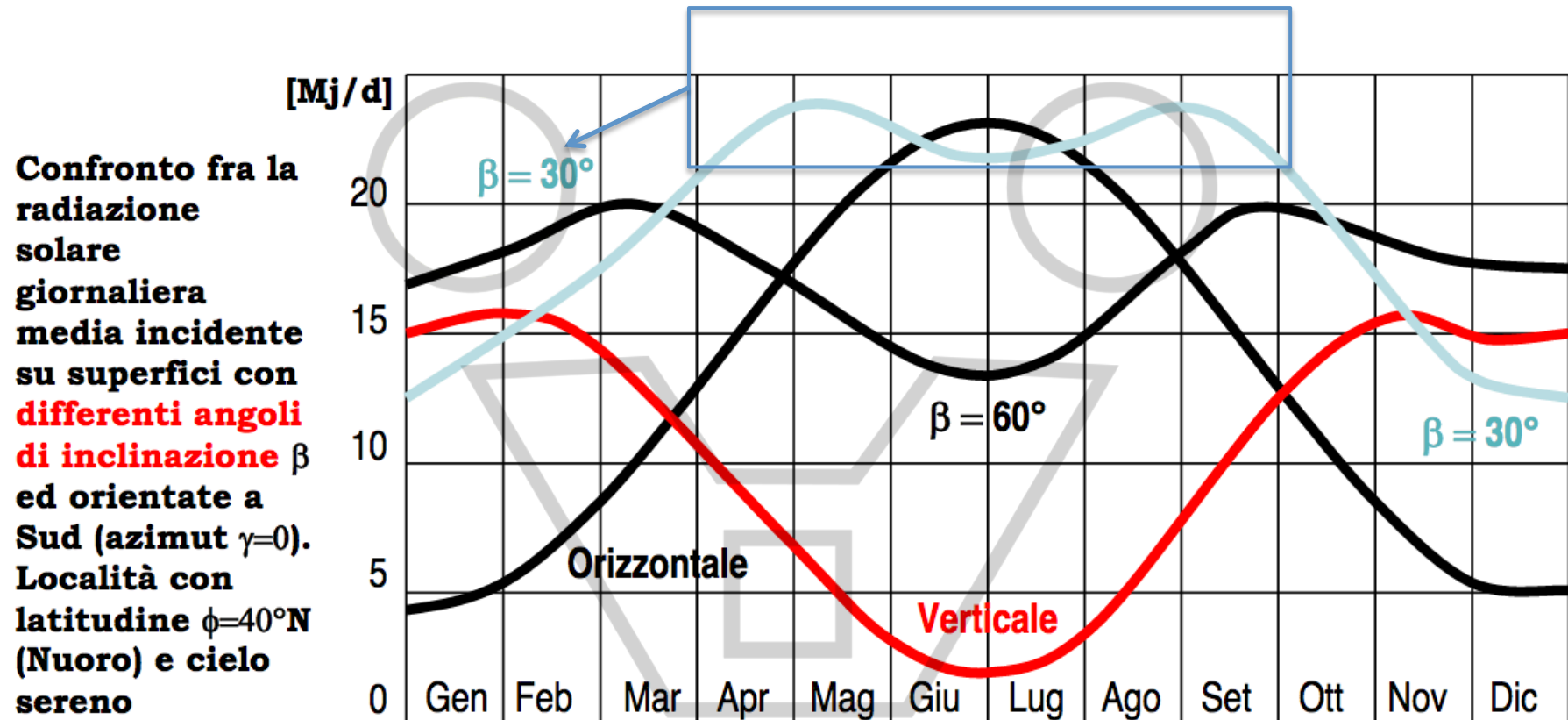
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NAME	DATE		DESCRIPTION
	(Sth.Hem.)	(Nth.Hem.)	
Summer Solstice	22 Dec.	22 Jun.	Sun at its highest noon altitude
Autumn Equinox	21 Mar.	21 Sep.	Sun rises due east, sets due west
Winter Solstice	21 Jun.	21 Dec.	Sun at its lowest noon altitude
Spring Equinox	21 Sep.	21 Mar.	Sun rises due east, sets due west

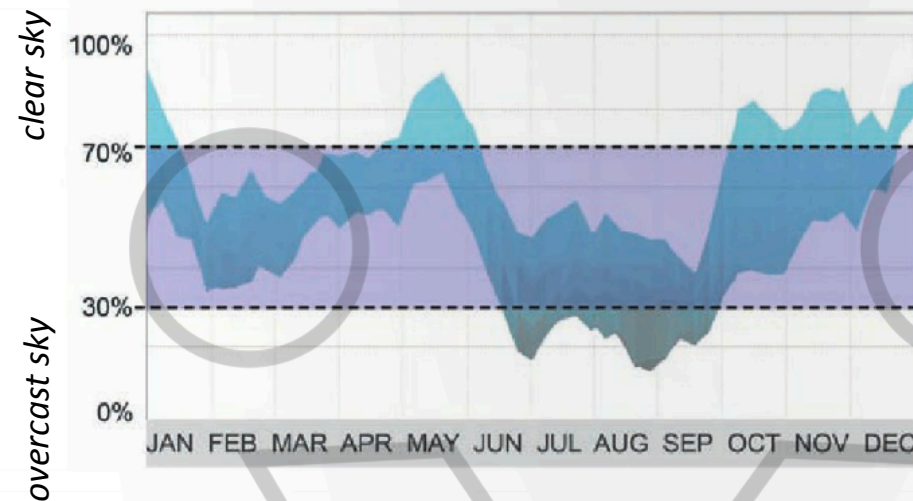
SOLAR GEOMETRY WITH LADYBUG



The influence of the site: GEOMETRY



The influence of the weather : SKY CONDITIONS



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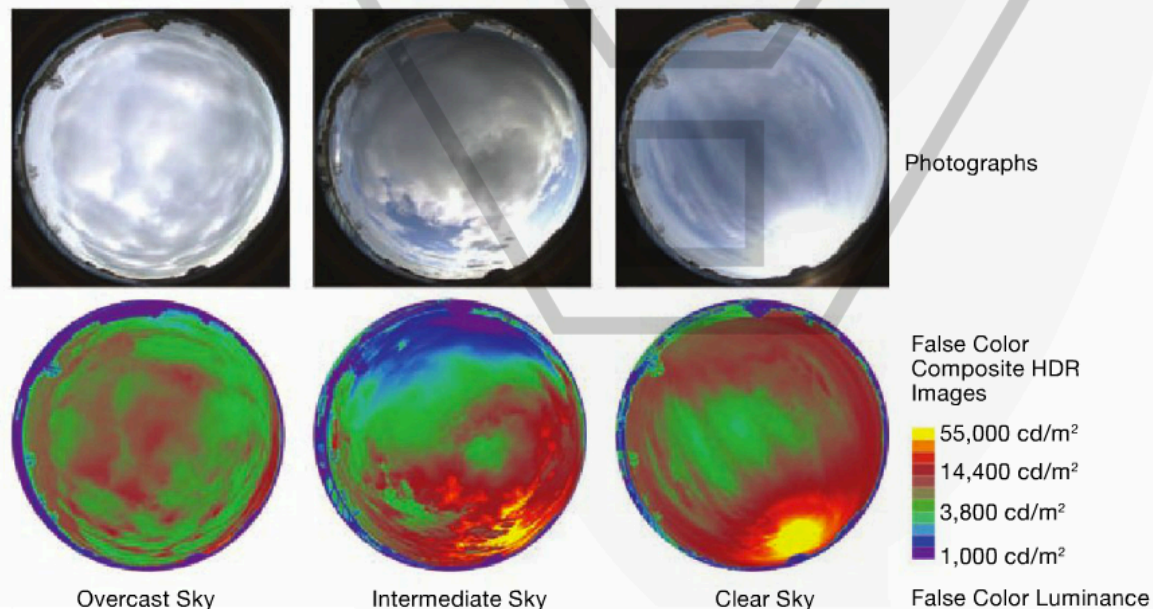
Cloud cover in Allen, Texas, varies from intermediate and overcast in winter, to intermediate and clear in summer. The CIE defines clear skies as >70% cloud cover, overcast skies as <30% cloud cover, and other skies as intermediate.

Source: Modified output from Autodesk Ecotect Suite. Courtesy of Callison.

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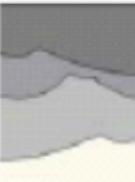
Actual sky conditions that correspond to overcast, intermediate, and clear skies are shown using high dynamic range (HDR) fish-eye photographs and false color images. While most daylight simulation uses synthetic, averaged sky conditions, actual sky conditions vary by the minute. HDR skies can be used in daylighting simulations, see Case Study 8.6.

Source: Inanici (2010). Images © Illuminating Engineering Society, www.ies.org.



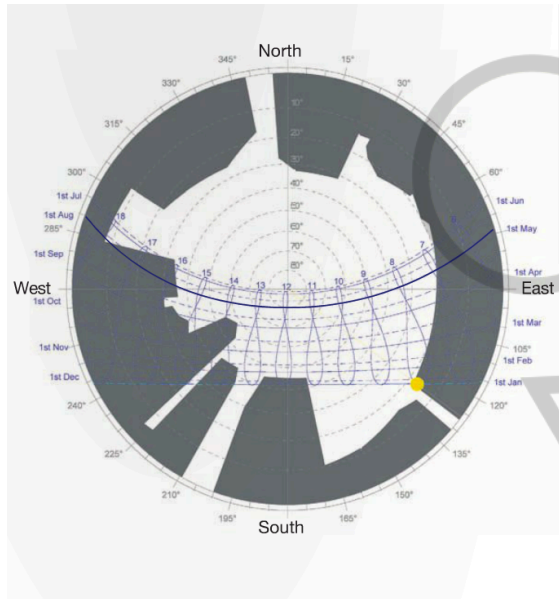
Cloud coverage is measured as a percentage of total sky

The influence of the weather : SKY CONDITIONS

Radiazione solare	Condizioni atmosferiche							
	Cielo sereno	Nebbia	Nuvoloso	Disco solare giallo	Disco solare bianco	Sole appena percettibile	Nebbia fitta	Cielo coperto
								
globale	1000 W/m ²	600 W/m ²	500 W/m ²	400 W/m ²	300 W/m ²	200 W/m ²	100 W/m ²	50 W/m ²
diretta	90%	50%	70%	50%	40%	0%	0%	0%
diffusa	10%	50%	30%	50%	60%	100%	100%	100%

<http://www.sunsim.it/>

The influence of the site: Shading Mass



Fish-eye image showing annual solar path and adjacent buildings that shade a location within an urban context. Afternoon hours in the summer are mostly shaded, while the first two hours of each day are also shaded. The peak summer cooling date is highlighted, showing full shade after 4 p.m.

Source: Modified Autodesk Ecotect output. Courtesy of Callison.



Solar Pathfinder - The Solar Pathfinder has been the standard in the solar industry for solar site analysis for decades. Its panoramic reflection of the site instantly provides a full year of accurate solar/shade data, making it the instrument of choice.



Fish eye Camera

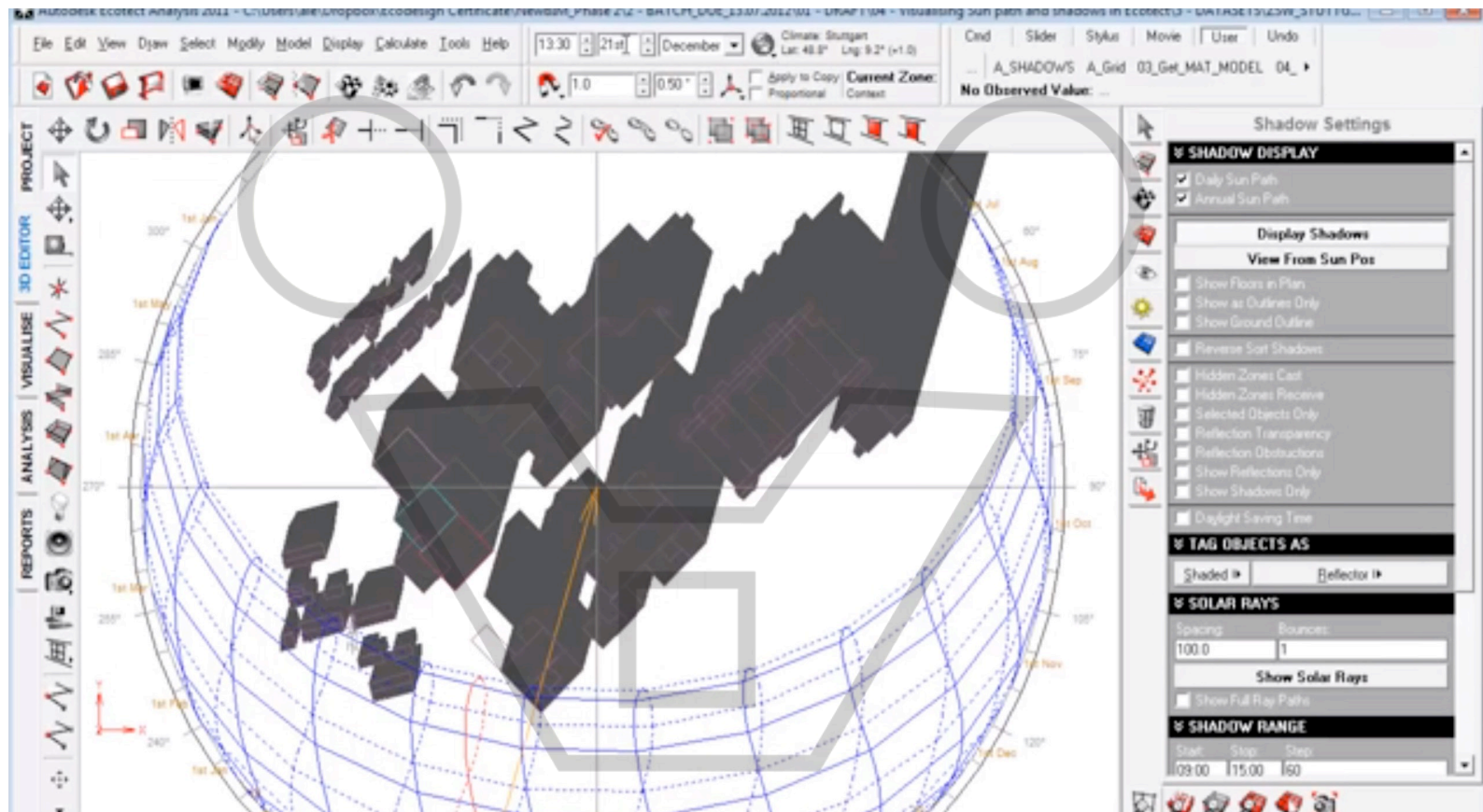
SunEye™ - The Solmetric SunEye™ is a hand held electronic device that allows users to instantly assess total potential solar energy given the shading of a particular site. Identifying the shading pattern early in the process reduces the expense of system and home design and improves the efficiency of the final system or house.



Solmetric iPV - is an iPhone® based site evaluation tool, providing full solar site analysis in an affordable hand held package.



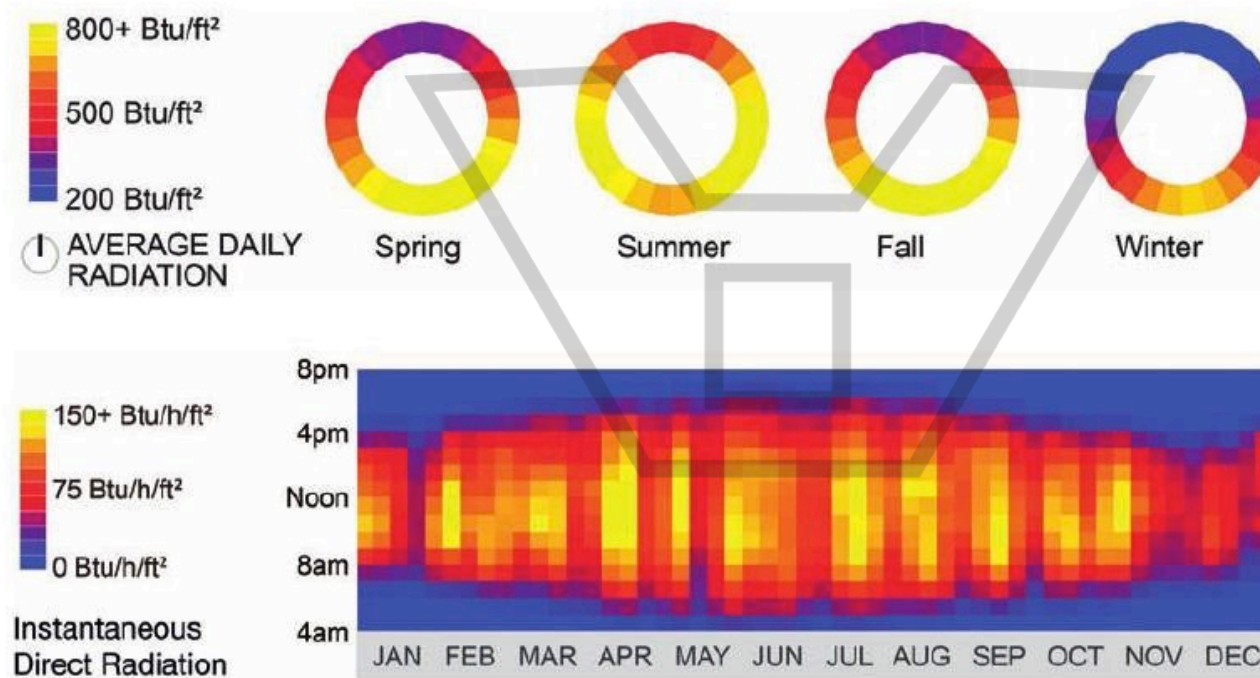
The calculation of the solar energy that can be received by a certain point of the site throughout the year is an analysis that is currently used for the correct installation of photovoltaic panels. In addition to the use of software it is possible to carry out this analysis directly on-site with the use of appropriate equipments more or less sophisticated. These tools can also be used to check the view shed of a given point in the area.



The influence of the site: GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

AVERAGE DAILY RADIATION

4: CLIMATE ANALYSIS

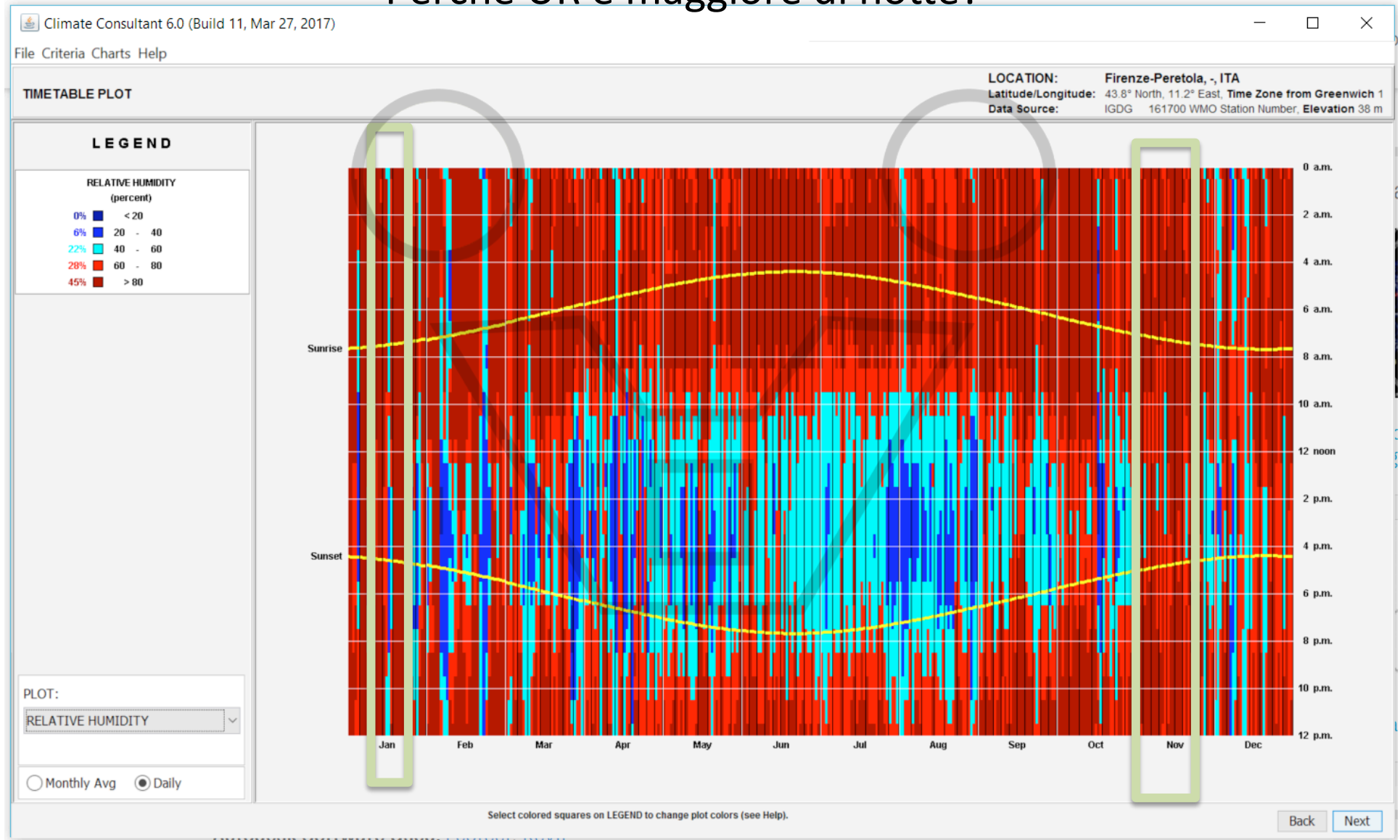


4.10 and 4.11

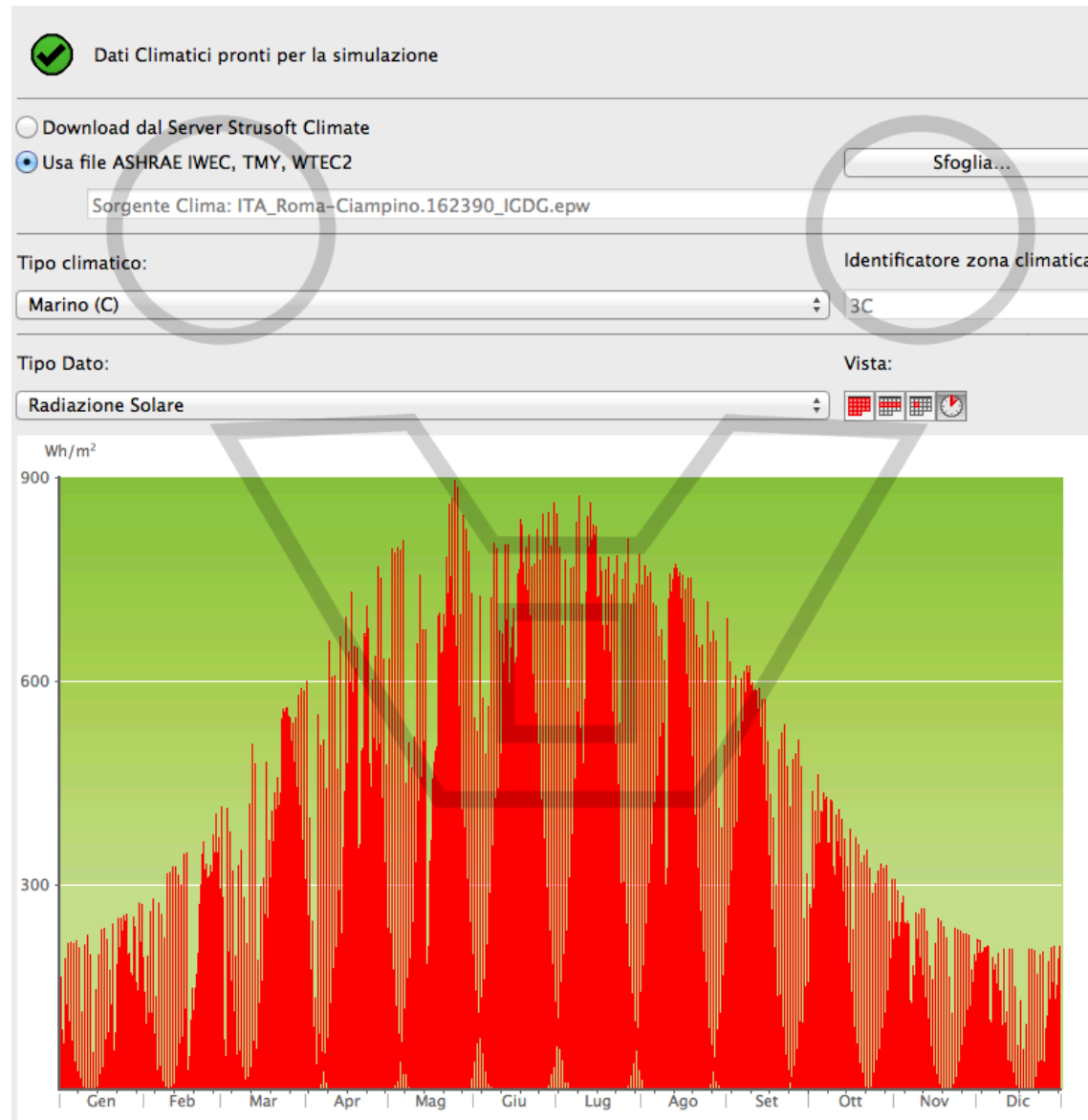
Solar roses from Central Park in New York City show the average daily amount of solar energy on each vertical segment of a cylinder. Since solar angles are symmetrical about the solstices, each season was centered on an equinox or solstice. The lower images show radiation on a horizontal surface for each hour and day of the year from the same weather file.

Source: Autodesk's Ecotect output.
Courtesy of Callison.

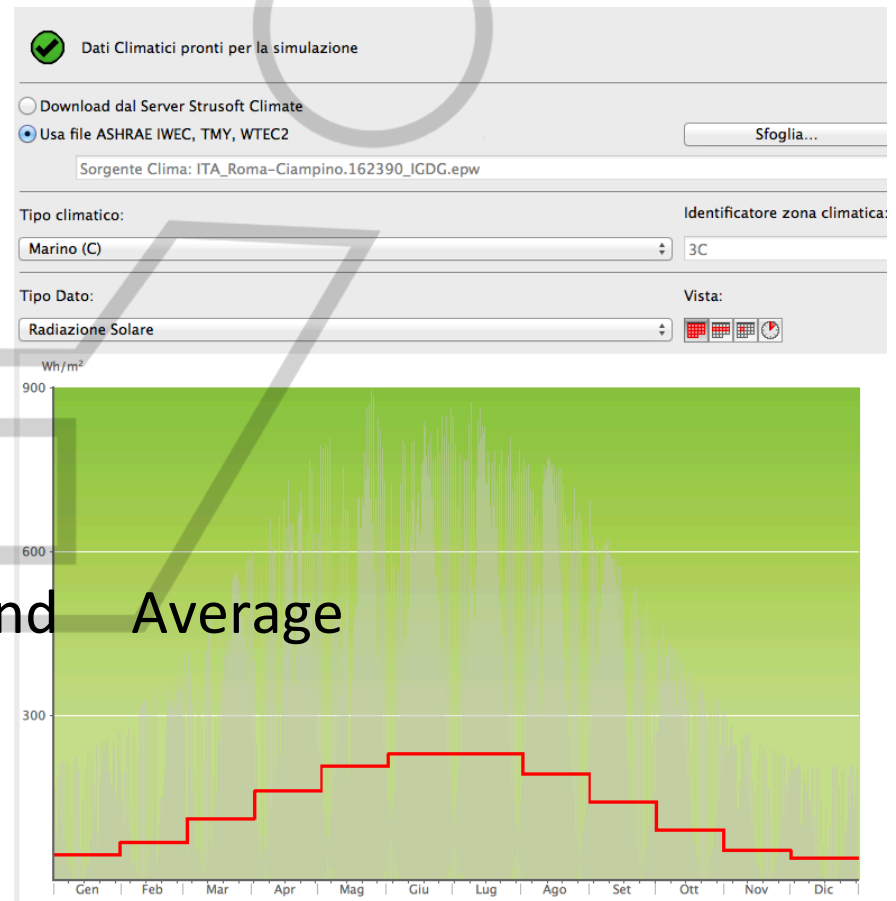
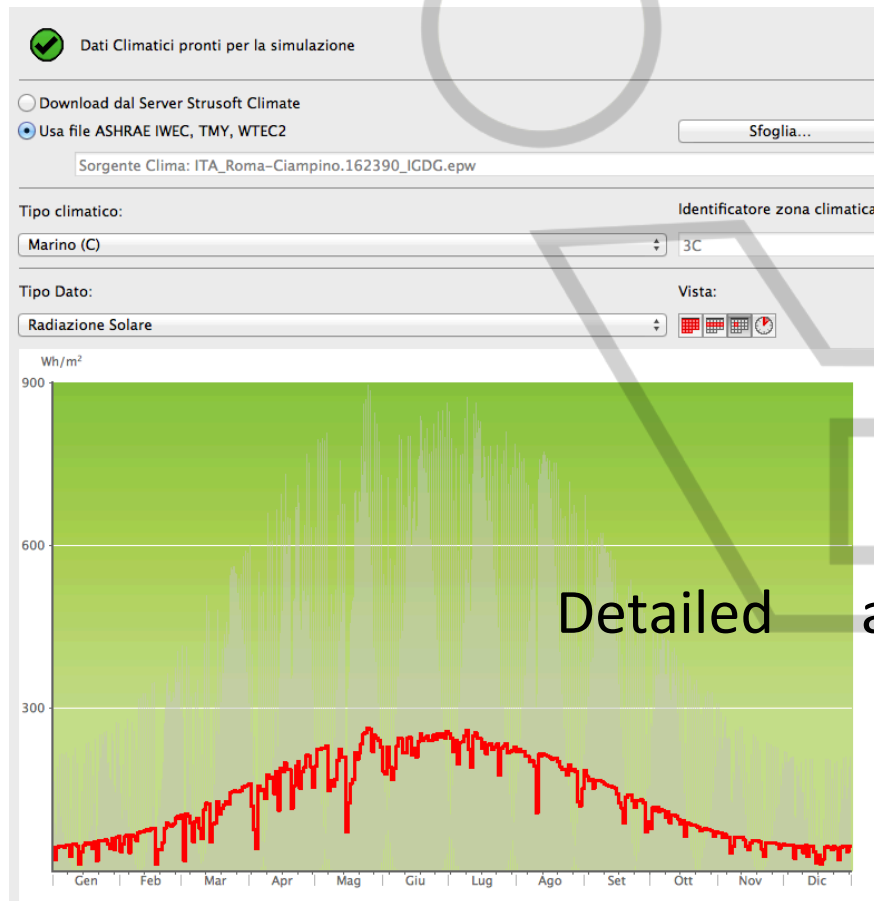
Perché UR è maggiore di notte?



Visualization of sun energy radiation



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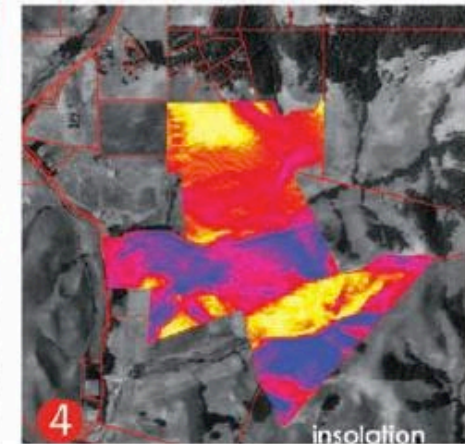
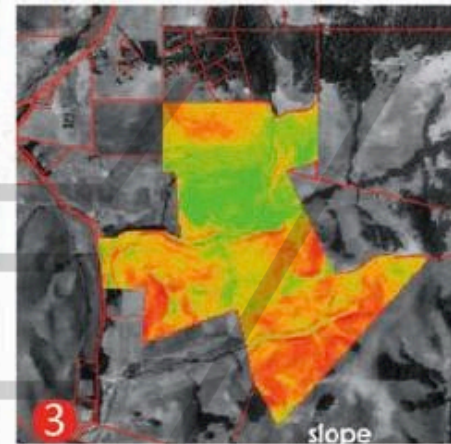
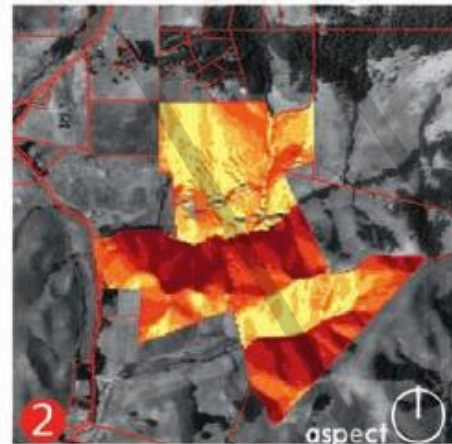
Detailed and Average

Visualization of sun energy radiation

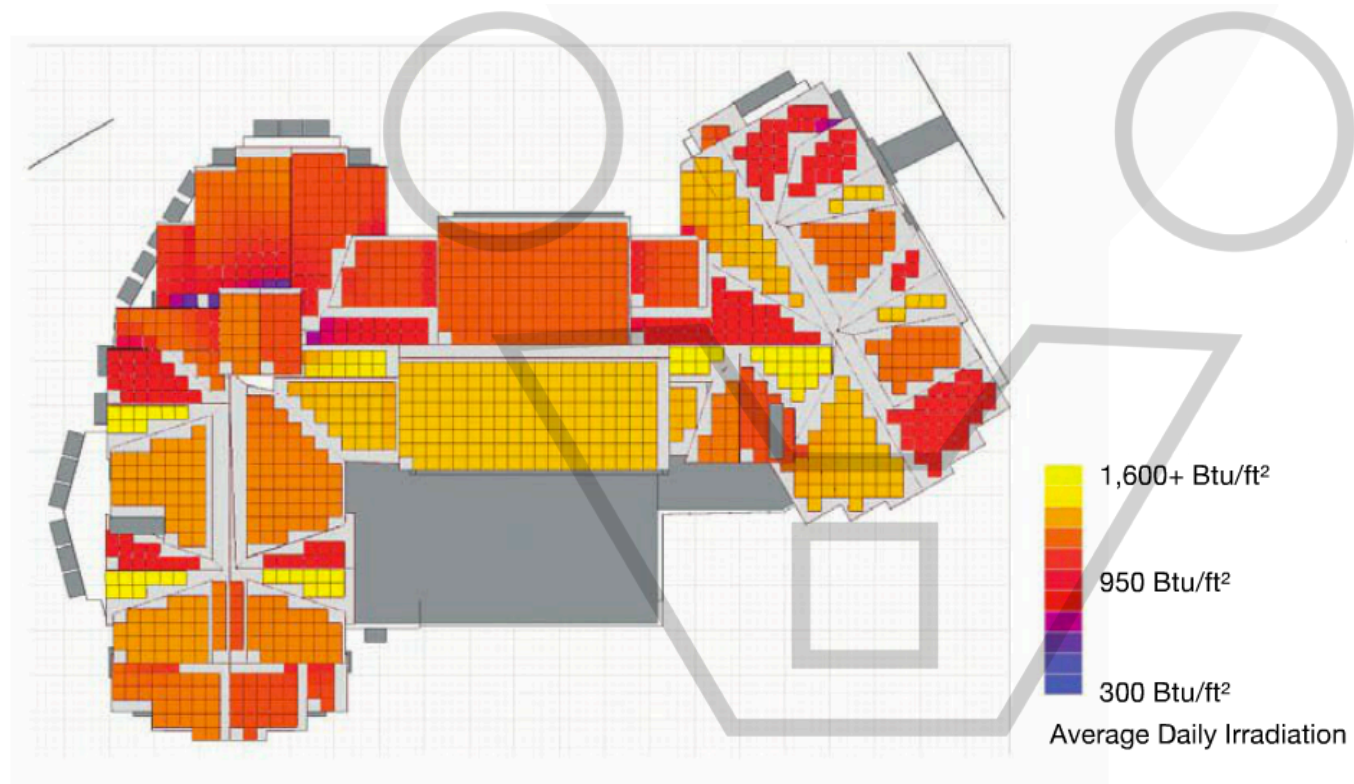
Terrain solar exposure and solar access to evaluate the best location

5.16

View Desirability, Slope
Desirability, Solar Desirability.



Irradiation analysis

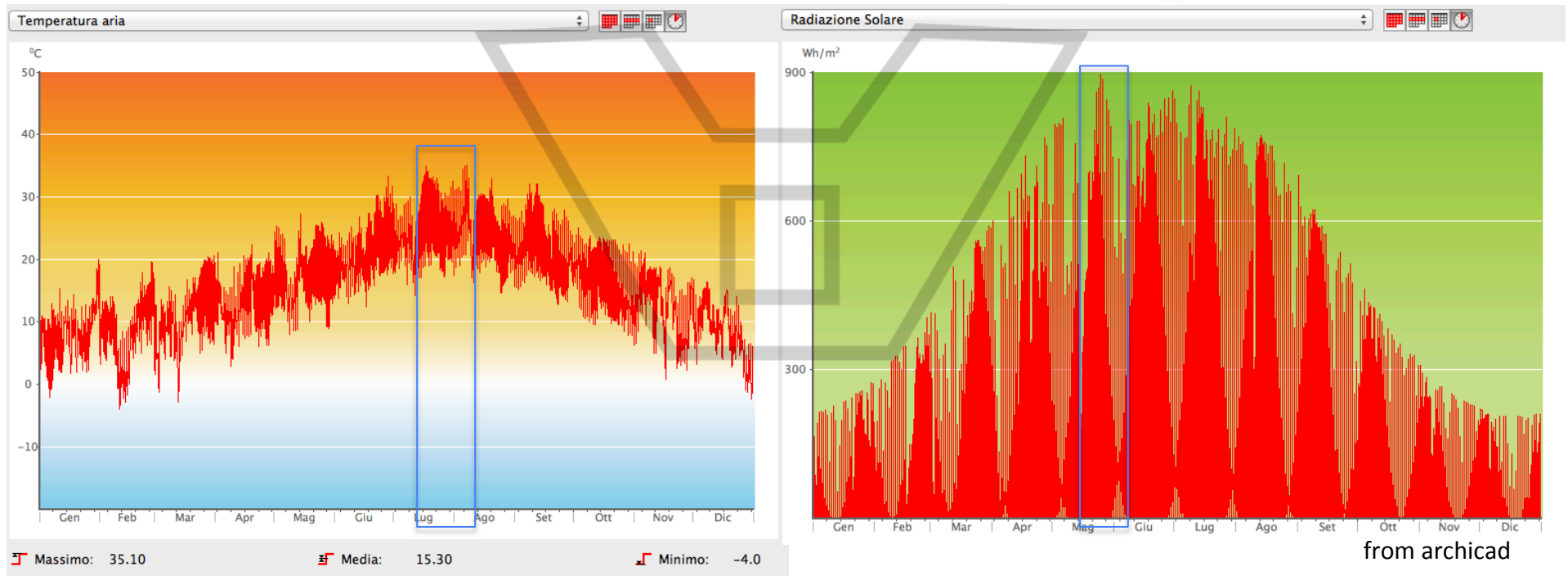
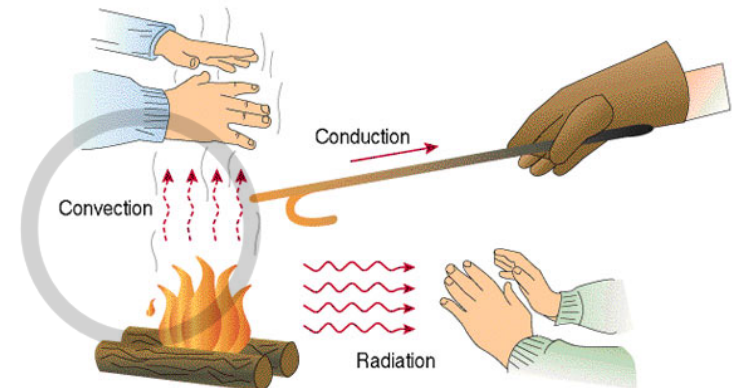


7.8

Roof plan with annual solar irradiation analysis to show ideal orientations and roof forms for renewable energy collection using Autodesk Ecotect.

Source: Courtesy of Callison.

Visualization of air temperature in relation with solar radiation



Visualization of Relative Humidity



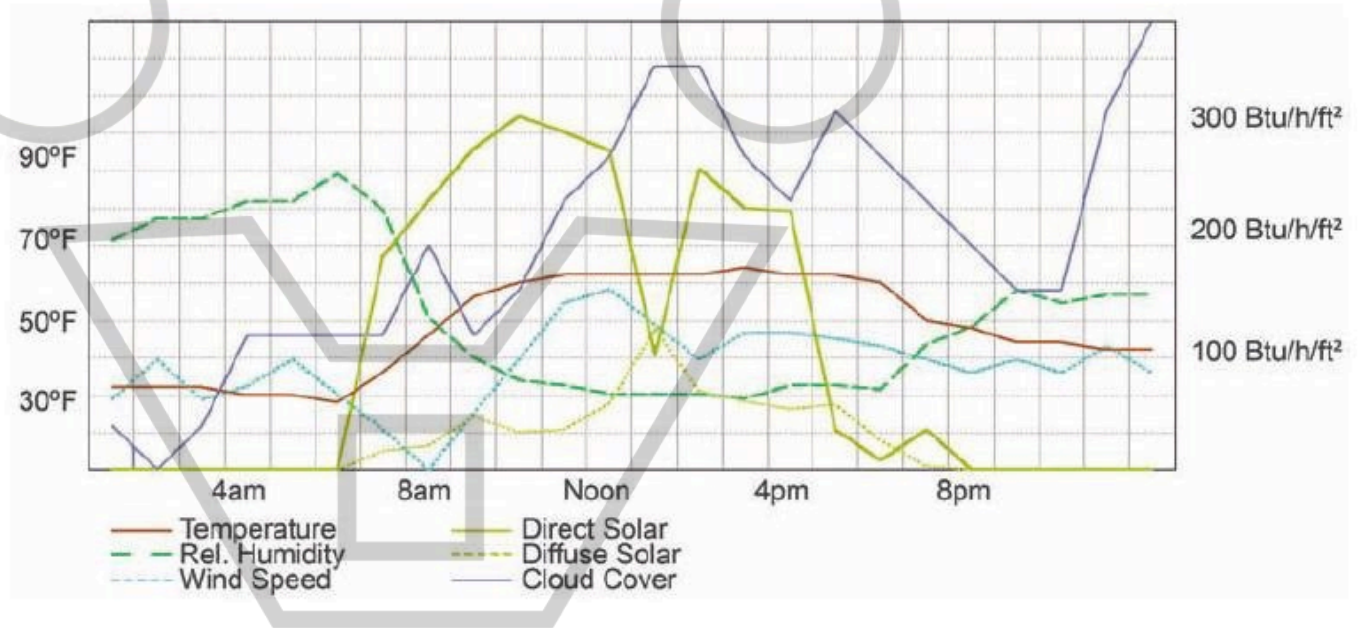
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Inverse relationship between Temperature and Humidity

4.5

A 24-hour period set of data from a weather file shows the interaction of the dry bulb temperature, the relative humidity, the direct solar, diffuse solar, wind speed and cloud cover. Note the inverse relationship of temperature and humidity; direct and diffuse solar irradiation; and the inconsistent relationship between cloud cover and direct solar.

Source: Autodesk Ecotect Suite output of EnergyPlus weather data.
Courtesy of Callison.

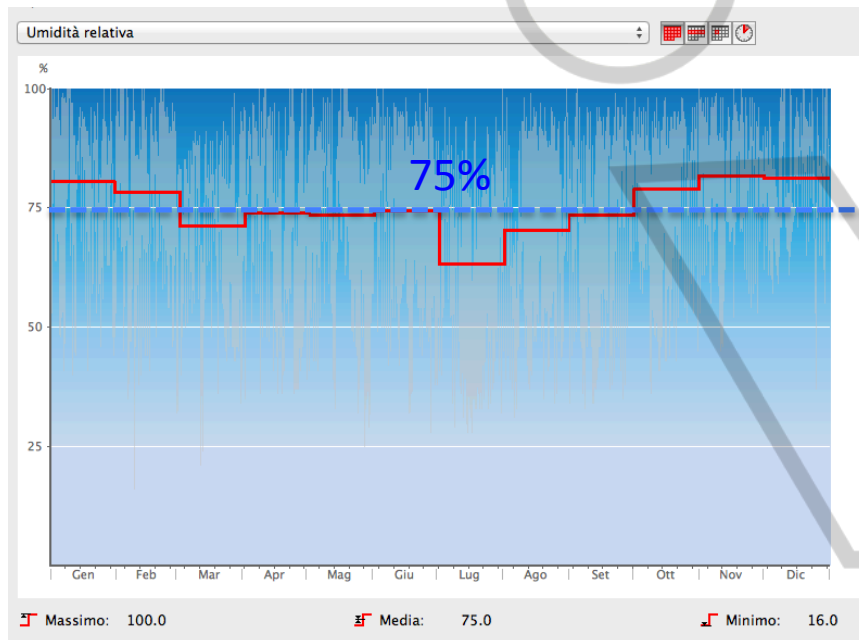


Environmental parameters affecting thermal comfort: HUMIDITY

Apparent Temperature (AT)

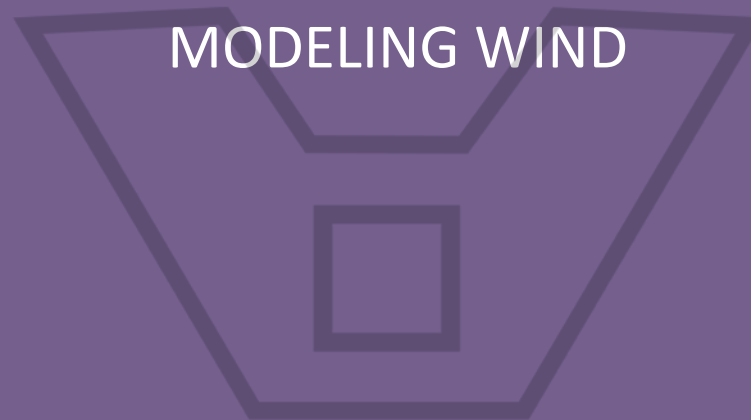
The **AT** is defined as the temperature, at the reference humidity level, producing the same amount of discomfort as that experienced under the current ambient temperature and humidity.

Basically the **AT** is an adjustment to the *ambient temperature (T)* based on the level of humidity.



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41°	46	48	51	53	55	57	59	61	64	66	68	70	72	74	76	79
40°	45	47	49	51	53	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73	75
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22°	22	22	22	22	23	24	25	25	26	27	27	28	29	30	30	31

Fino a 29 C° Nessun disagio
Da 30 a 34 C° Sensazione di disagio
Da 35 a 39 C° Intenso disagio. Prudenza: limitare le attività fisiche più pesanti
Da 40 a 45 C° Forte sensazione di malessere. Pericolo: evitare gli sforzi
Da 46 a 53 C° Pericolo grave: interrompere tutte le attività fisiche
Oltre 54 C° Pericolo di morte: colpo di calore imminente



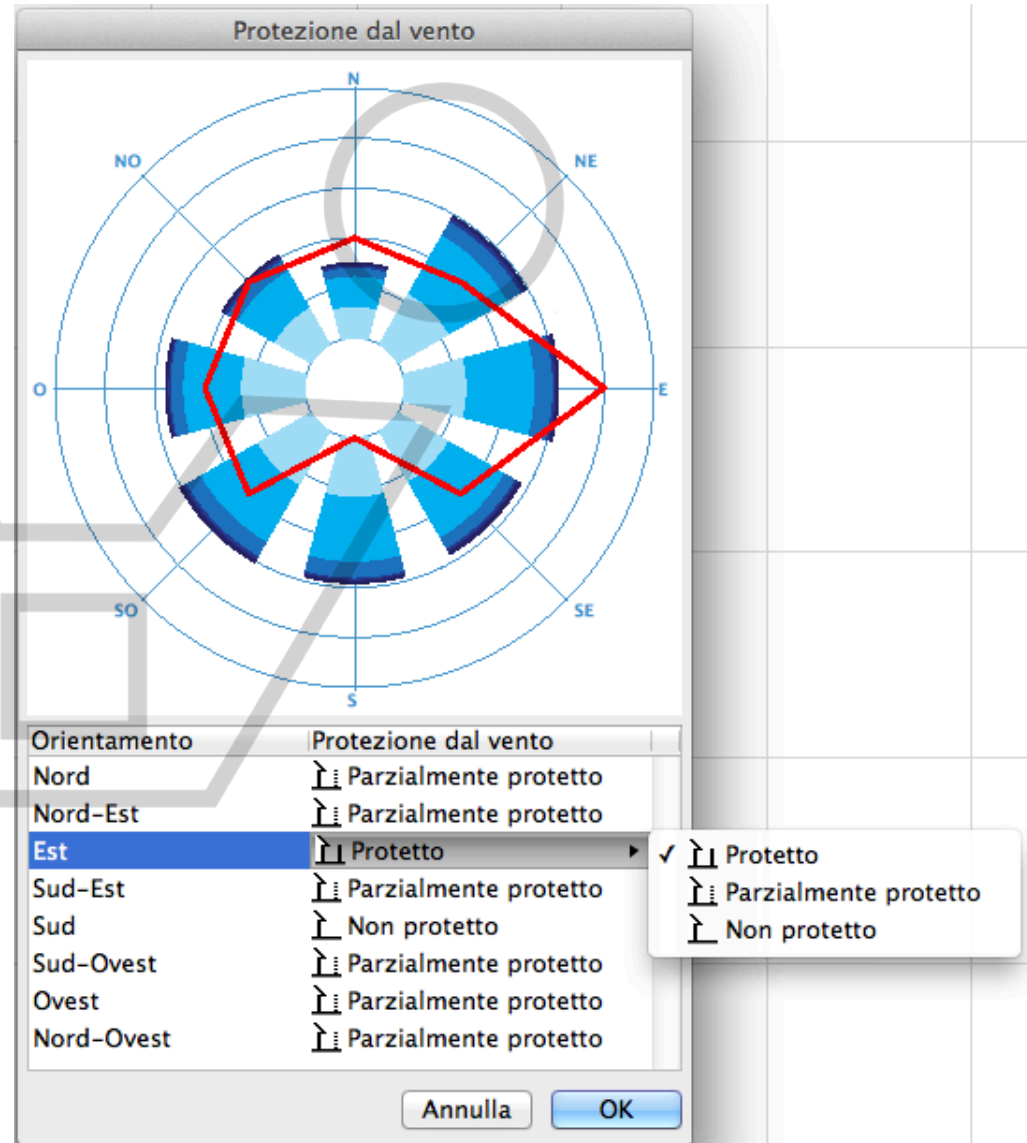
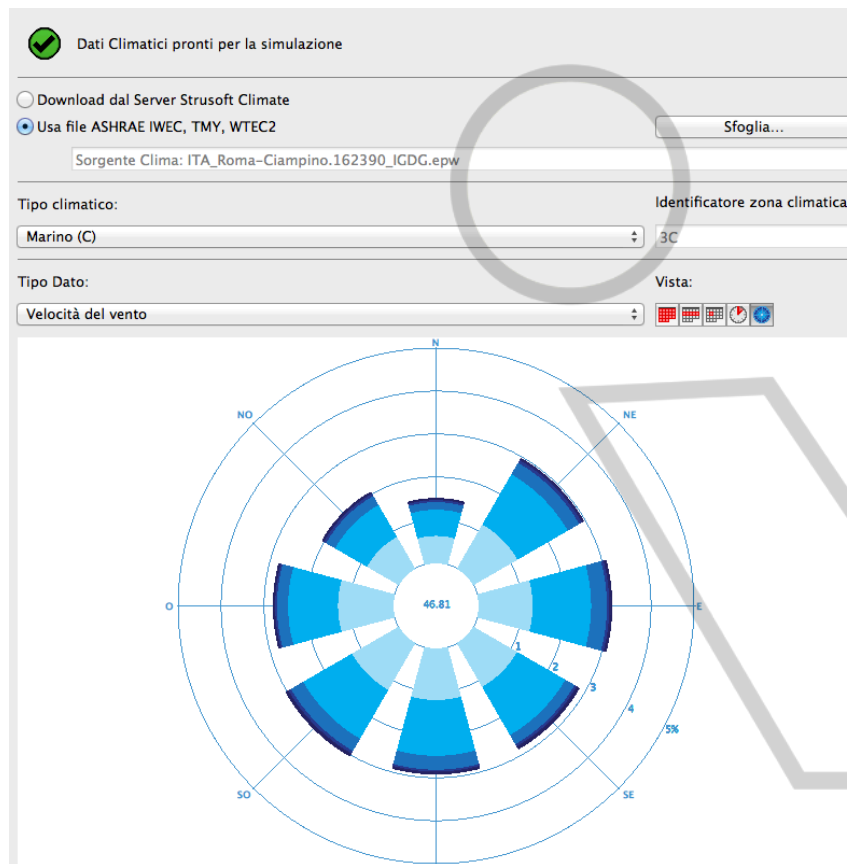
MODELING WIND



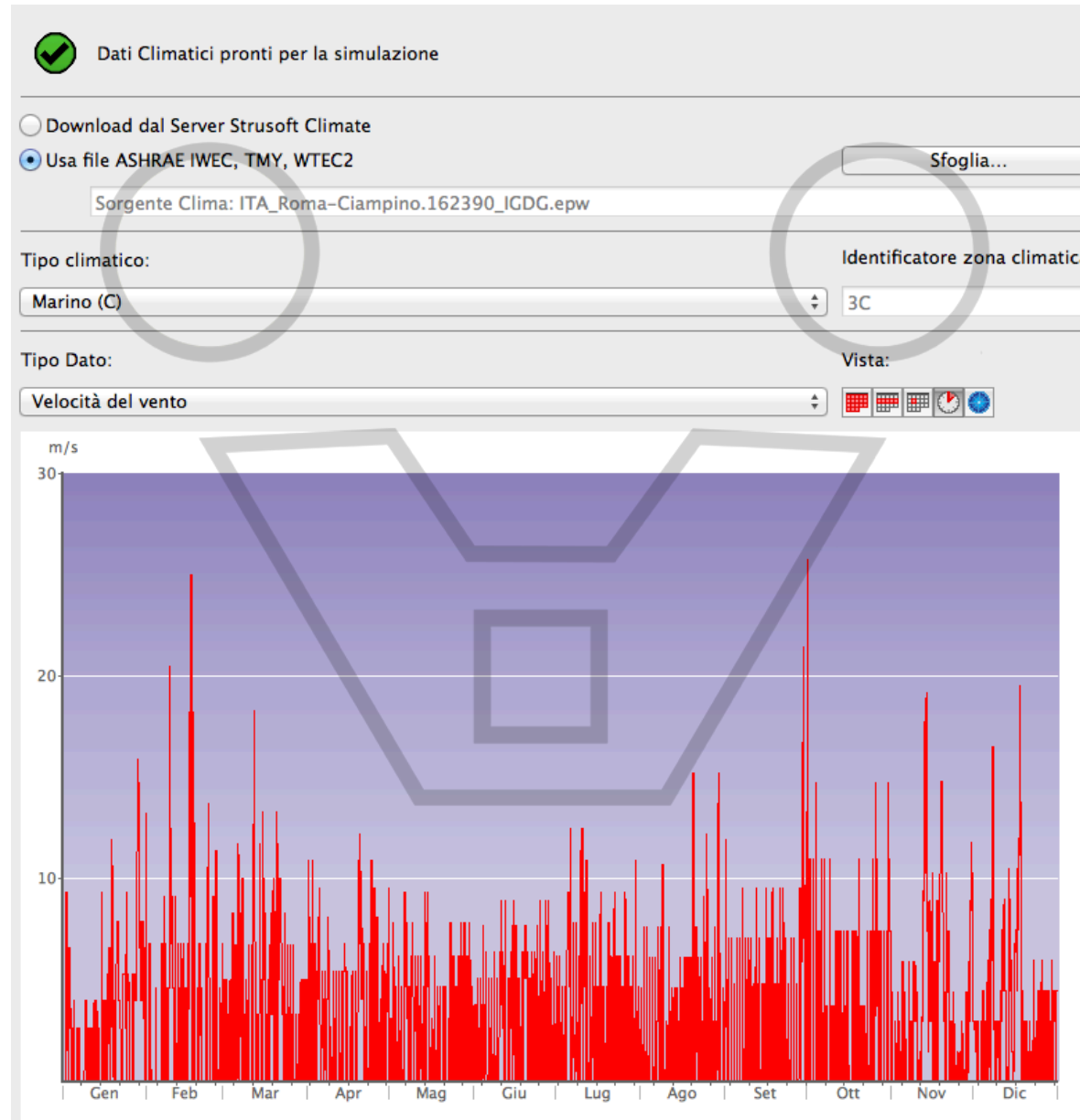
Wind and Ventilation

Air movement: WIND ANALYSIS

- 1- determine the coldest and the hottest seasonal period and hours
- 2- for that periods find the most frequent wind directions



Wind Velocity



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Air movement: WIND ANALYSIS

- 3- define wind speed for the hottest and coldest periods
- 4- reduce the speed according to altitude and roughness of the site

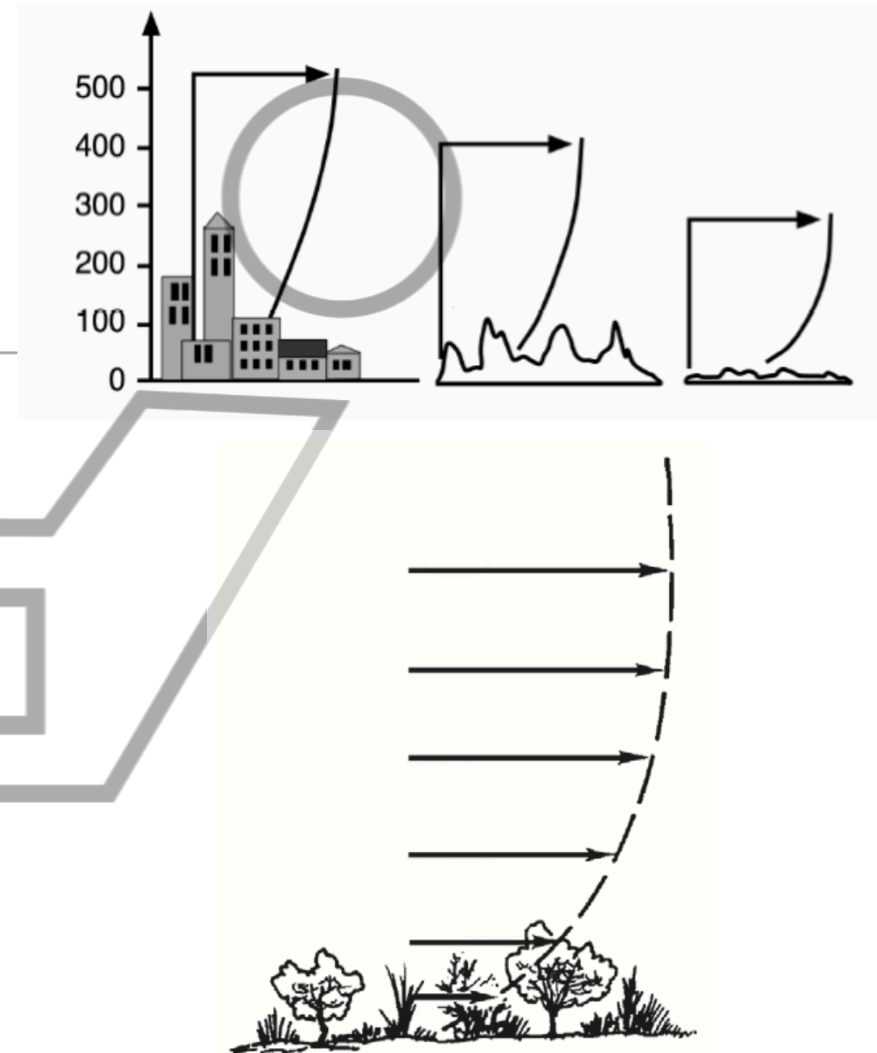
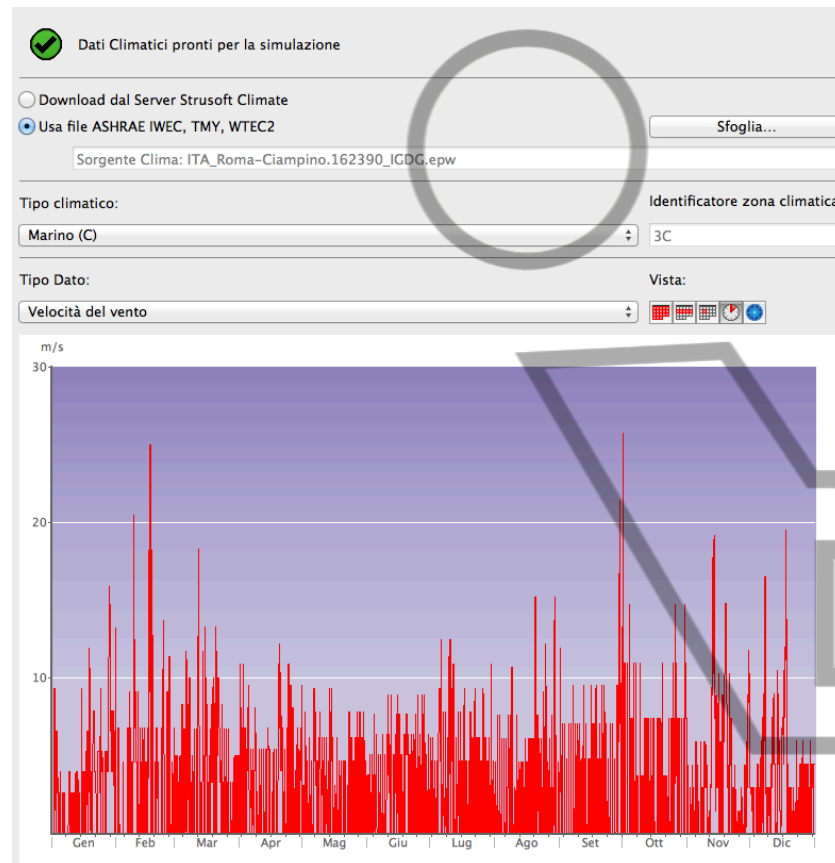


Figure 1—General wind velocity profile near surface (from Rothermel 1983).

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Air movement: WIND ANALYSIS

HOW TO VISUALIZE WINDS – Airflow Modeling

Understanding the air flow and distribution patterns for buildings.

The building form and shape can affect how air flows through the building and across neighboring developments into the building.

*This is an important consideration for natural ventilation and can significantly reduce costs of air-conditioning provisions. There are **Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)** tools available that can help simulate the air-flow patterns within built-spaces as well as for whole building estates*

Basic software tool:

Flow Design <http://www.autodesk.com/education/free-software/flow-design> (student version available)

Other popular software tools:

Fluent by Ansys: <http://www.ansys.com/>. (student version available)

FloVent from Mentor Graphics: <http://www.mentor.com/>.

Comsol Multiphysics modeling software: <https://www.comsol.com/>.

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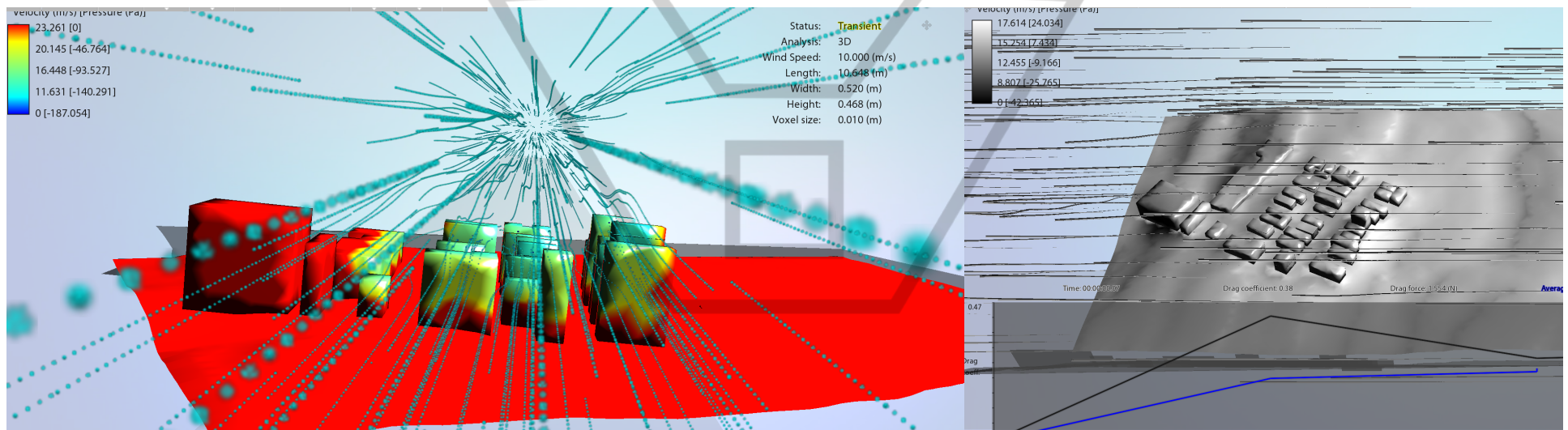
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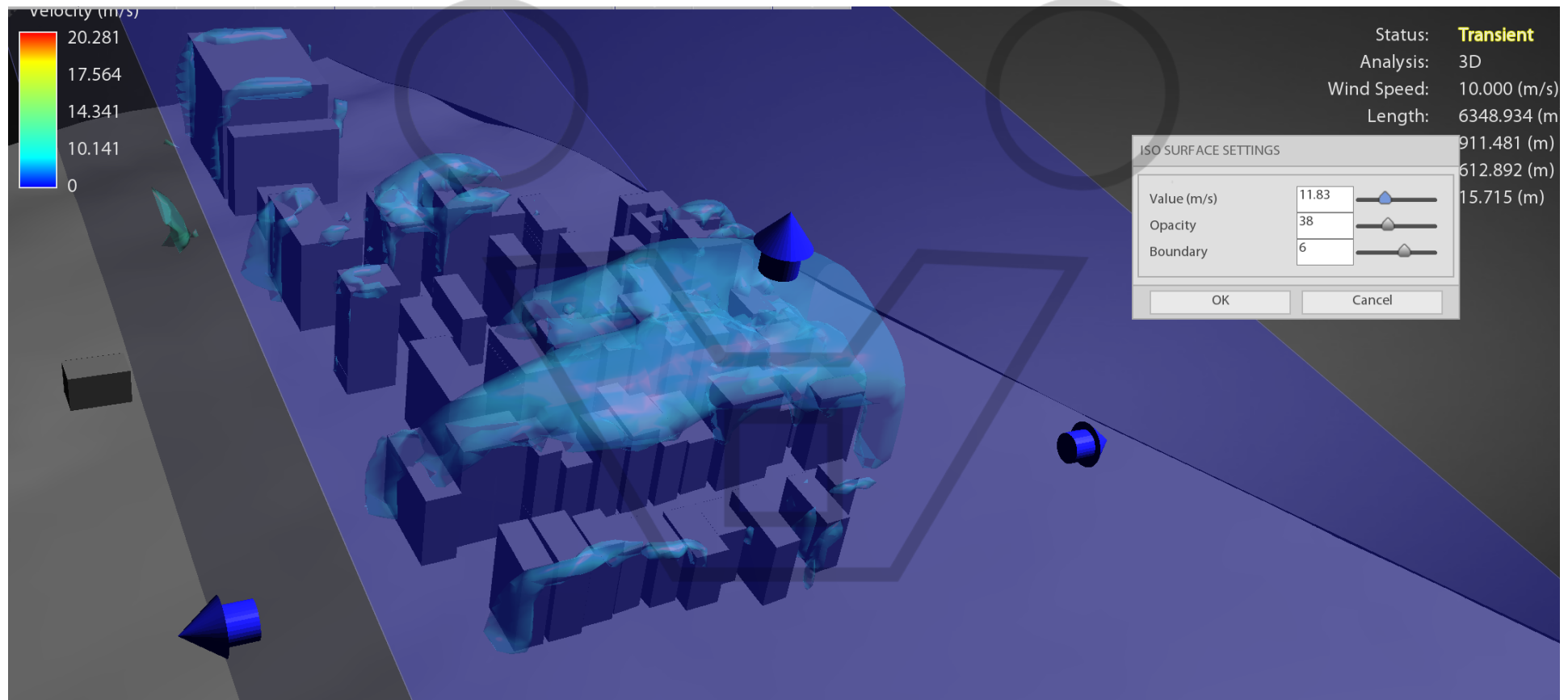
5- Orient the model according to the wind direction



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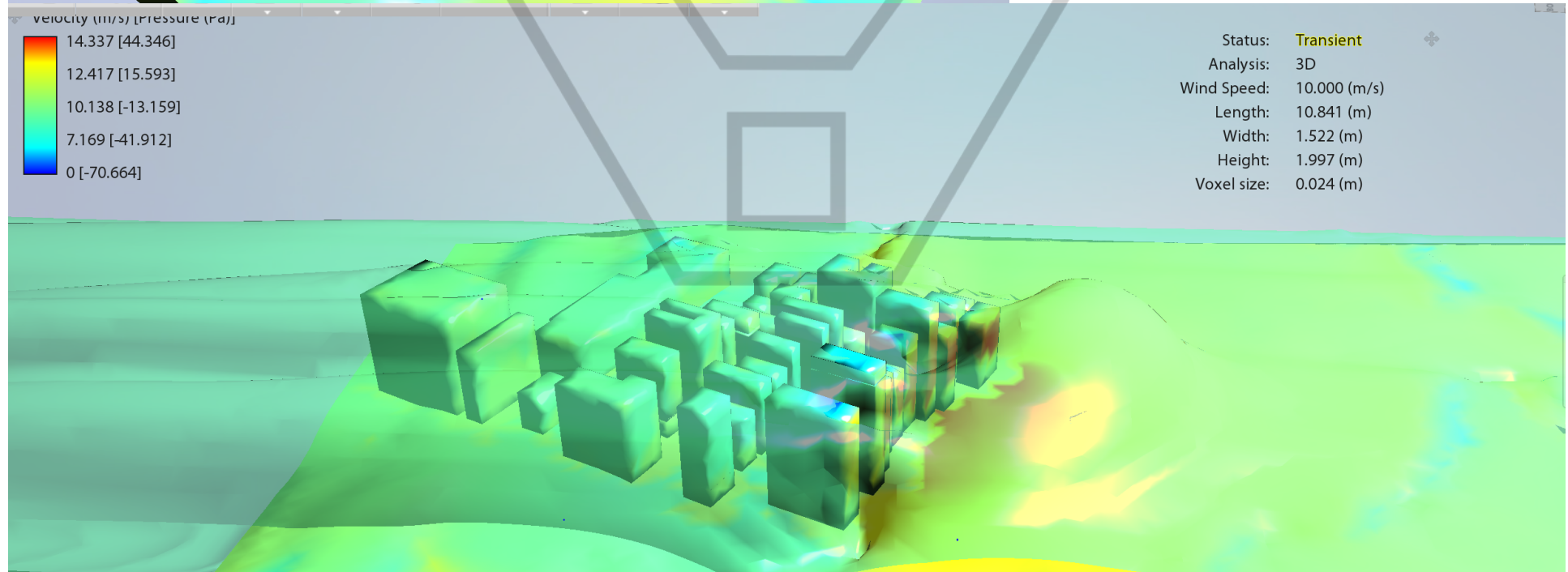
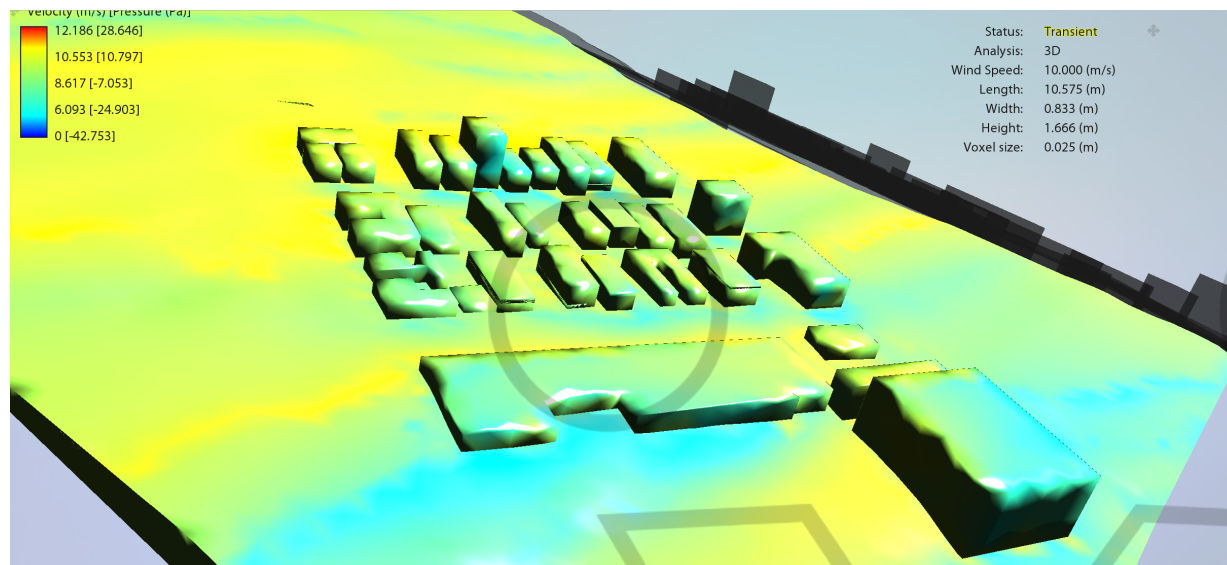
Air movement: WIND ANALYSIS

6- Set the wind velocity & analyze results (low, high pressure zones)



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