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# MODELING CLIMATE, SITE & PLACE ASSESSMENT TO SELECT WHERE AND HOW TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE ARCHITECTURES

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### ASSESSING the PLACE a mix of interrelated aspects

### CLIMATE/SITE/CULTURE

the Context of intervention or, in short, the

Place as the mix of environmental aspects such
as socio-economic, cultural, regulatory, and
physical.

The architect's task is to gather these information, evaluate different aspects and alternatives and compose them in early design ideas





CLIMATE: affects physical, socio-cultural, and technological aspects







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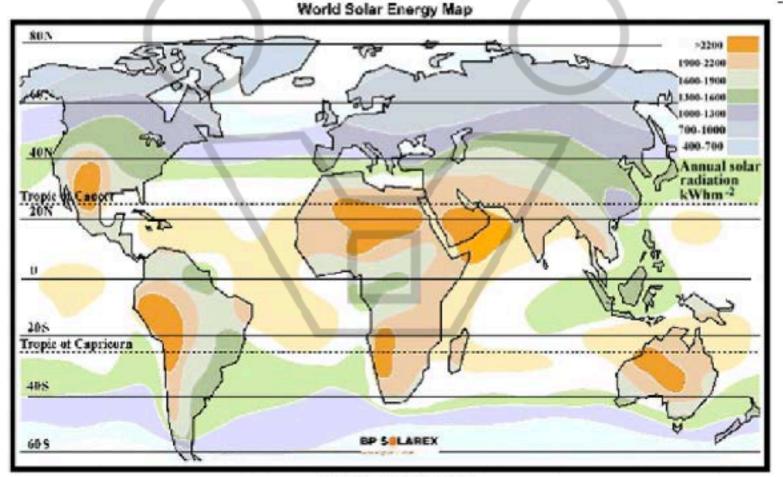
#### The influence of the site: GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

Insolation is the sun's energy on a surface

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

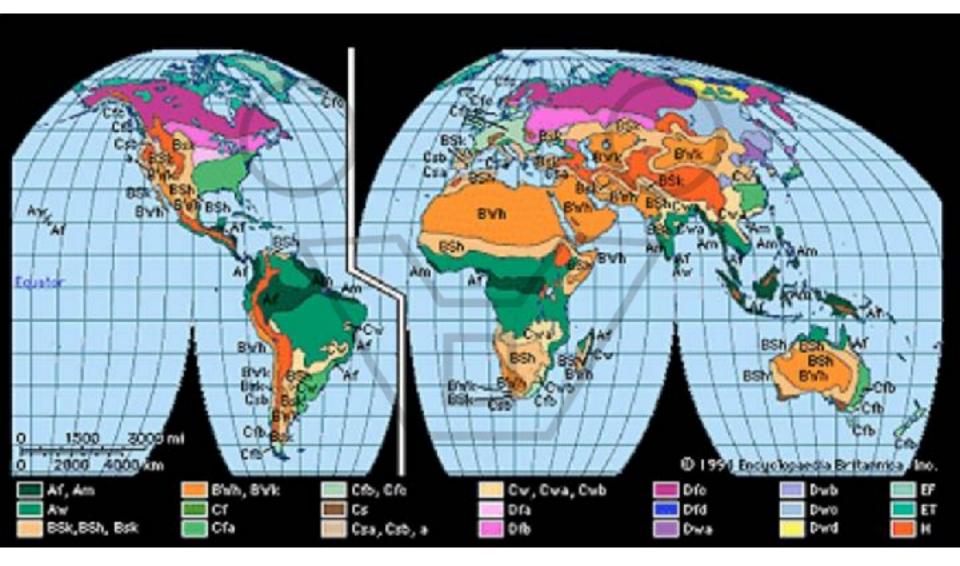
Weather files give the total amount of *direct energy* along a year measured perpendicularly to the sun direction

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





### 1- Find your climate zone

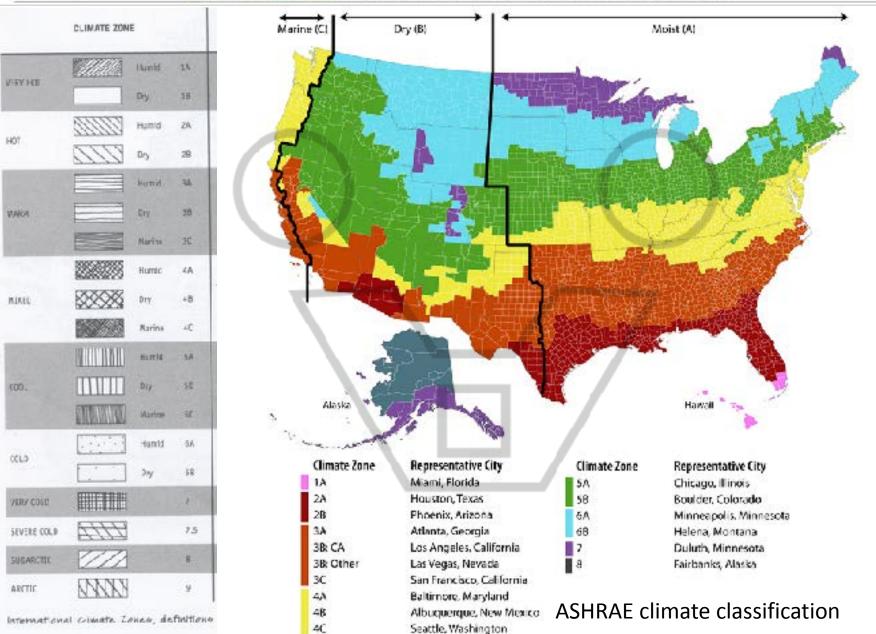






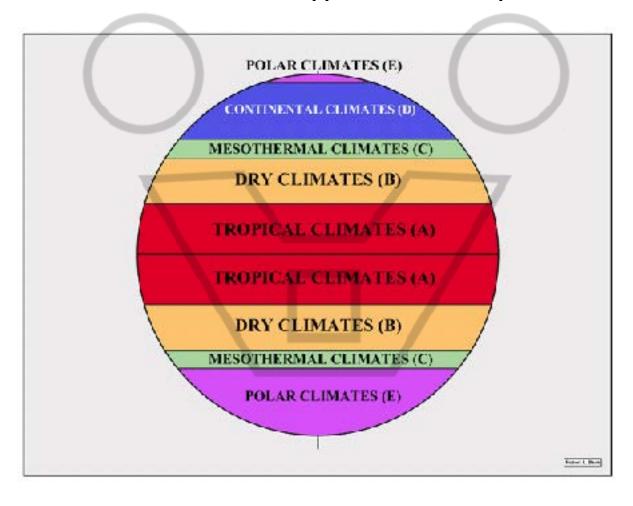
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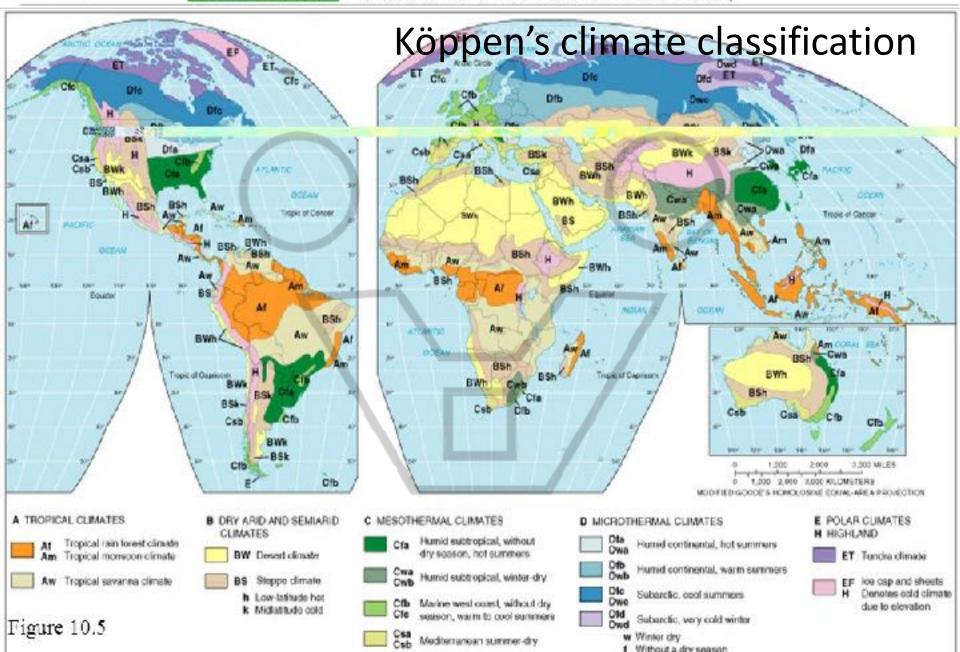
### Köppen's climate classificationc

**Latitudinal Model of the Köppen Climate Groups** 



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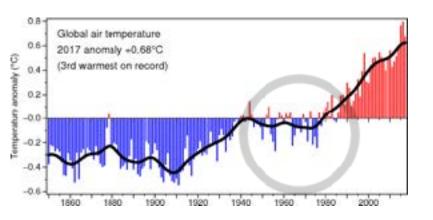
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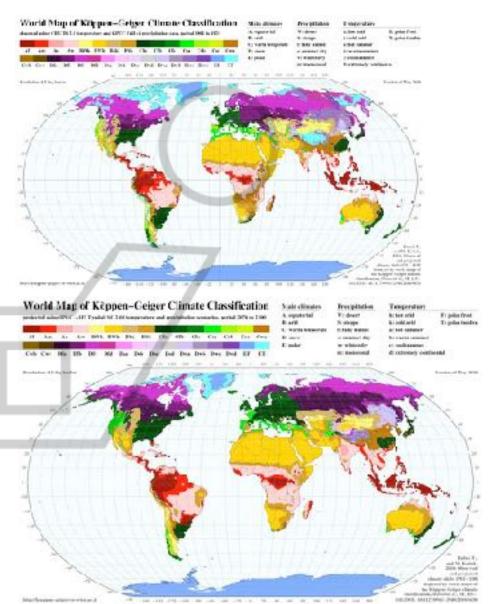
- -find detailed statistical data of your site
- -consider climate condition of similar sites In terms of:
- •altitude,
- •locations (by the sea, hill, urban,...)
- type of soils
- terrain morphology,
- •winds exposition,



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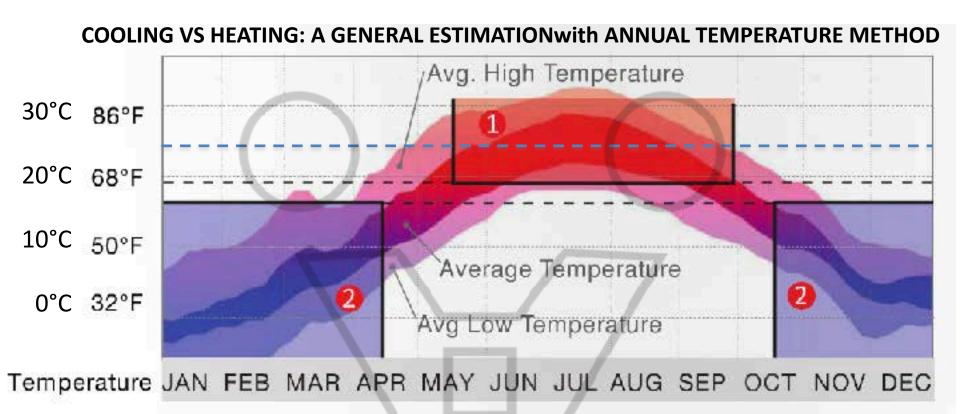
### 2- Tune-Up your climate zone considering the climate evolution and site







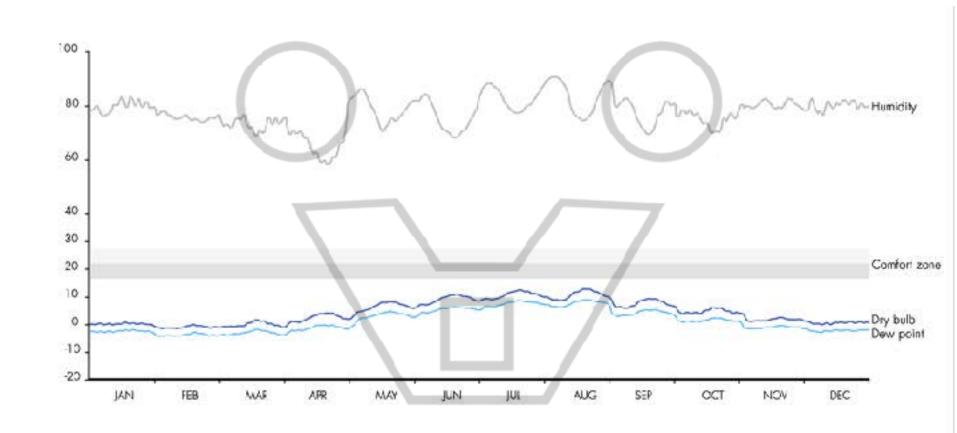
2. Confirm the main energy behaviour using Annual Temperature Profile



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

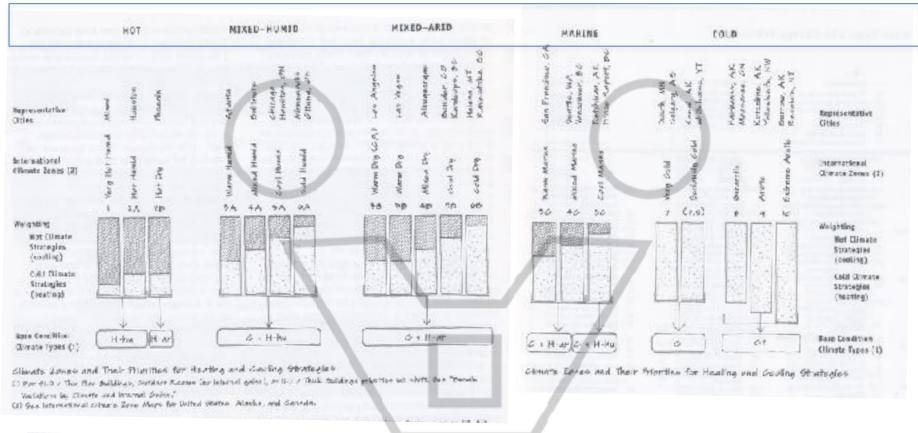
Source: Ecotect outputs of annual weather data from Central Fark in New York City.





3. Analize thermal condition in order to establish design priorities

heating/cooling



To be cooled

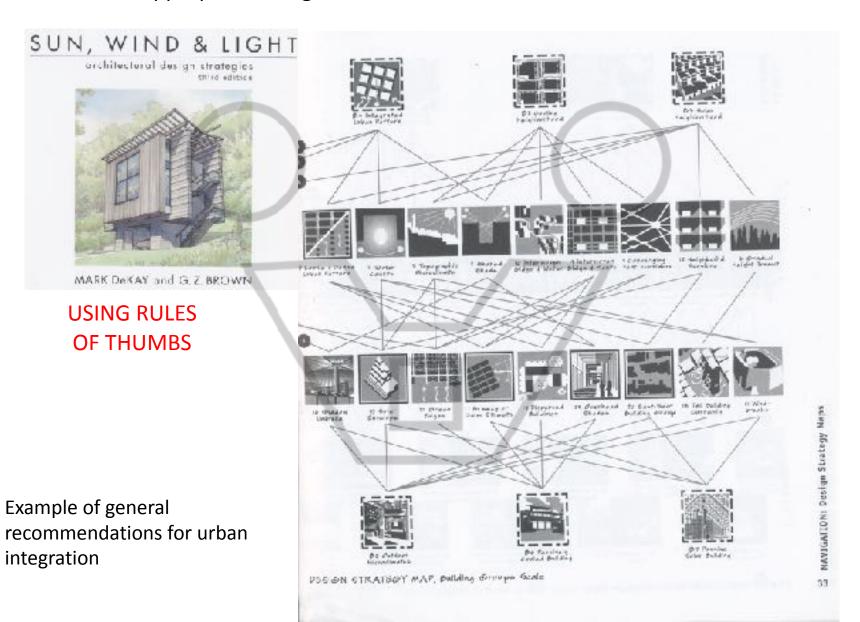


To be heated





4. Find & define appropriate design criteria & recommendations







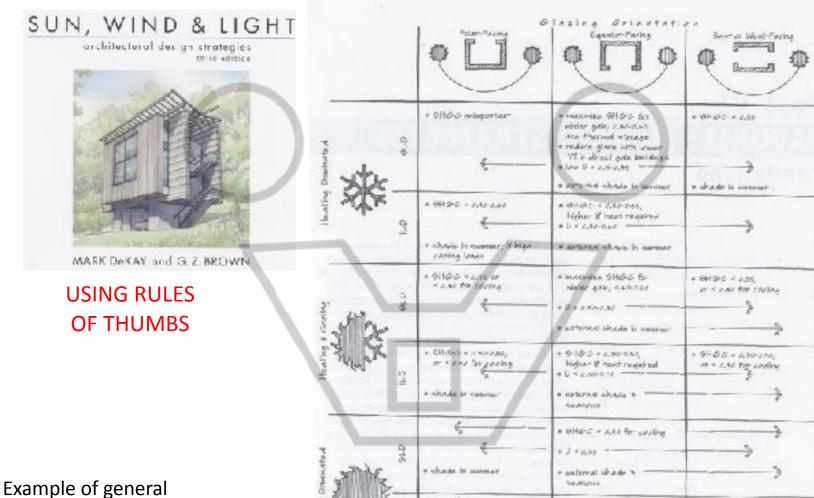
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Example of general recommendations for glazing types and orientation



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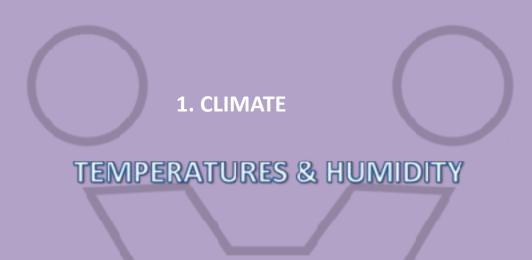


Temperature Humidity WInds





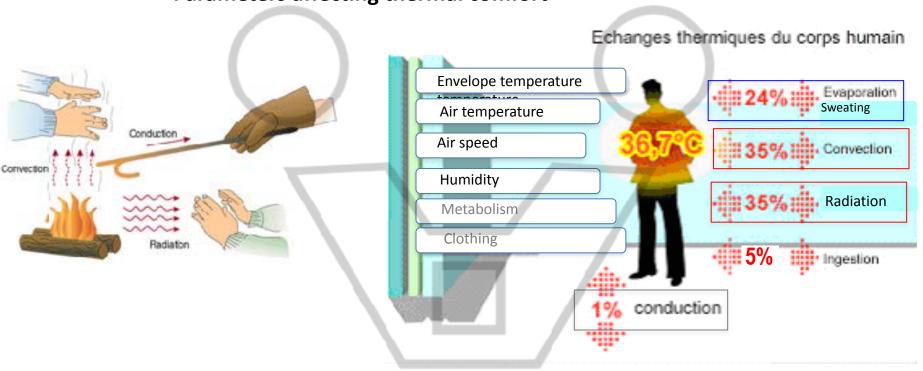
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#### THERMAL COMFORT

### Parameters affecting thermal comfort



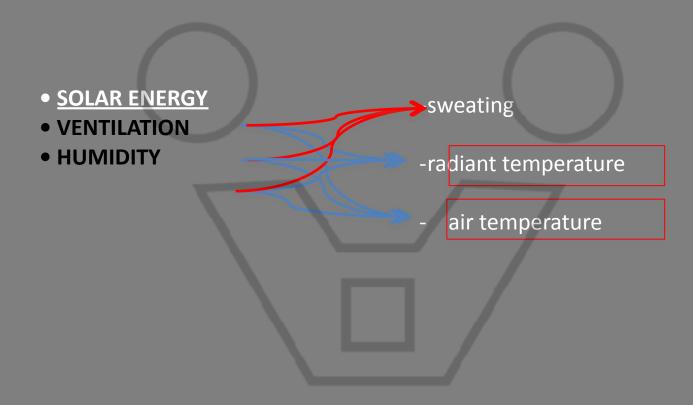
RADIANT TEMPERATURE+AIR TEMPERATURE





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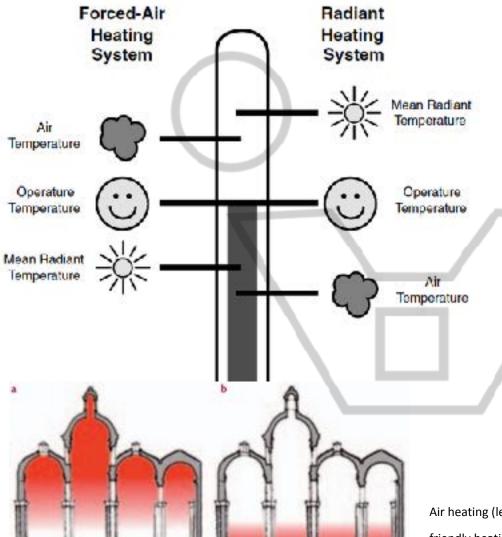




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#### **OPERATIVE TEMPERATURE**



Radiant heating systems compensate a lower air temperature with a higher radiant temperature, while air heating systems compensate a lower radiant temperature with a higher air temperature. The operative temperature -- a weighted average of both -- can be the same. Source: Radiant Heating & Cooling Handbook, Richard Watson, 2008.

Air heating (left) versus radiant heating (right) in a church building. Source: Fabric-friendly heating, Dario Camuffo.

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#### **TEMPERATURE**

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(altitude, context, sun radiation, wind, humidity, sky)

Climate data

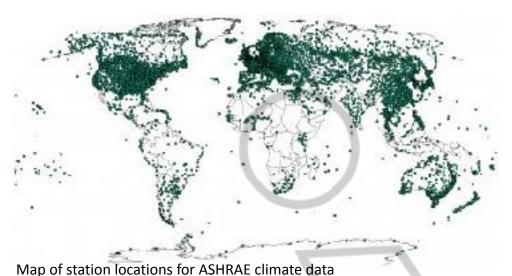






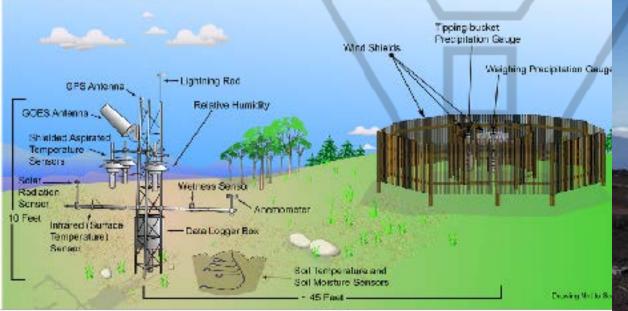
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#### **HOW TO COLLECT CLIMATE DATA: WEATHER STATIONS**



Wheather data includes:

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

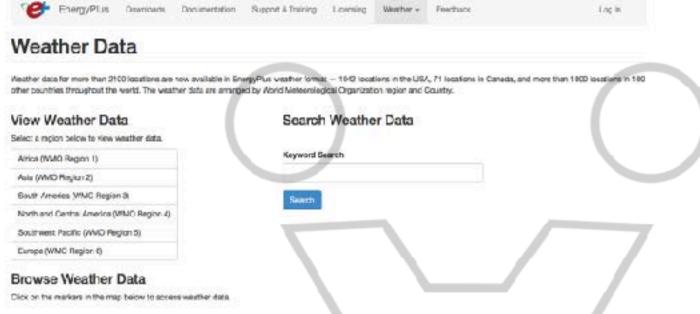




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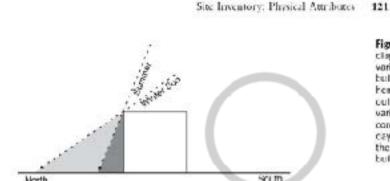
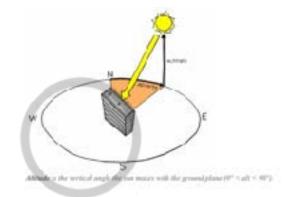


Figure 5:15 Schematic chagram of the seasonal variation in shade cast by a building in the northern hemisphere. Solar exposure in culcion spaces near a building varies not only with weather conditions but also with time of day, day of year, and location of the space in relation to both the building and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



### **SOLAR ENERGY**

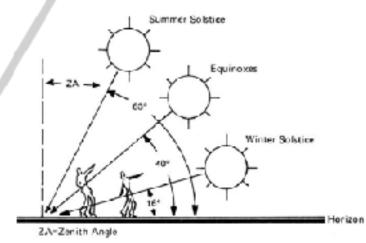
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Figure 5-14. Diagram of seasonal changes in the maximum daily surrangle for a mid-latitude ocation in the Northern Hemisphere.

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### **HOW TO MEASURE SOLAR ENERGY?**

### RADIATION=W/m2

BTU vs KW

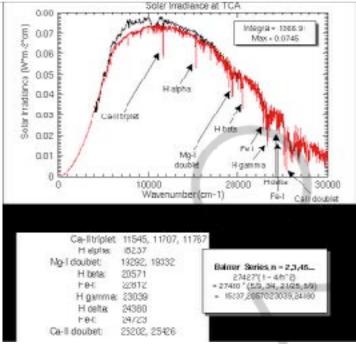
Ft2 > m2

1 Btu=0,293071 W/h

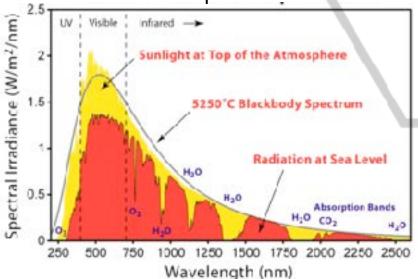
1 ft2=0,092903 m2

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### Solar radiation spectrum



# **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 costant)

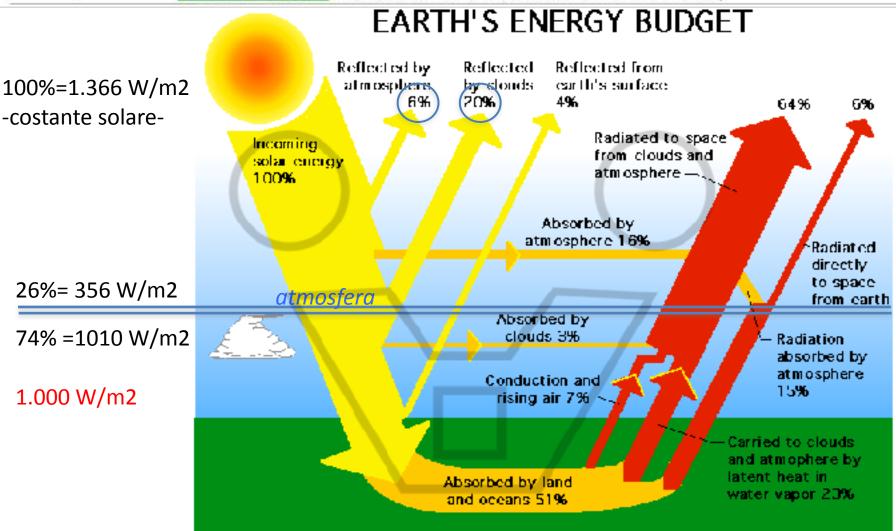
1 W = 3,416 Btu.

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

Ricordiamo che: 1 Kcal =  $4.186 \text{ J} = 1,16 \times 10-3 \text{ kWh} = 1 \times 10-7 \text{ TEP}$ 1joule=1 Nm=0.000278Wh=0,0009478 Btu

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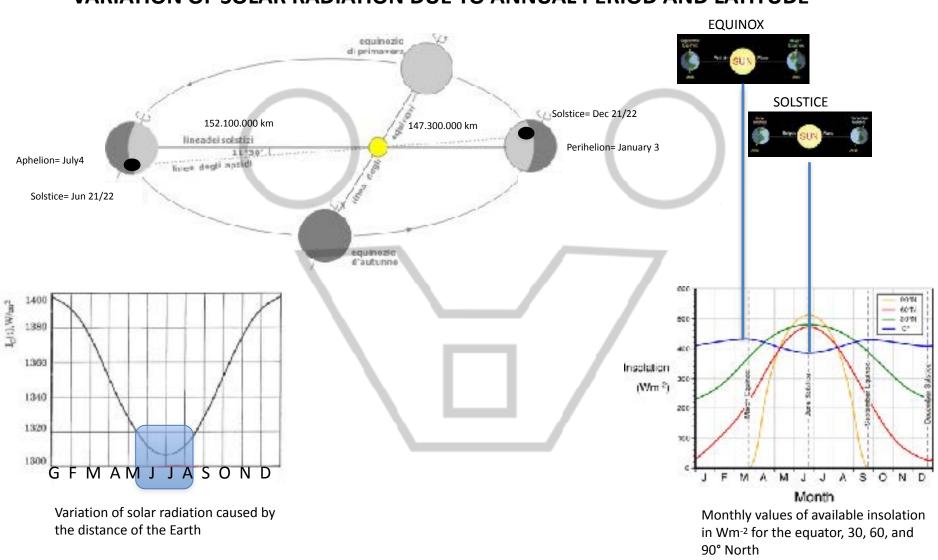


### Radiazione assorbita

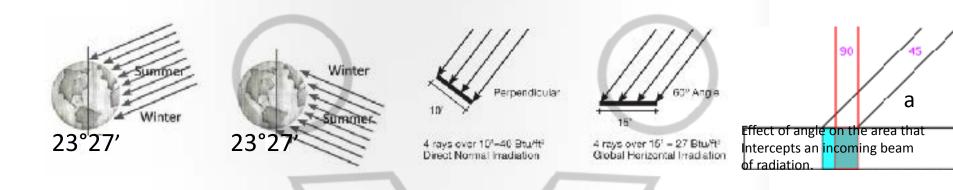
Detratte tutte le perdite per riflessione e retrodiffusione da parte di atmosfera e superficie terrestre, l'energia incidente che rimane è assorbita dalla superficie terrestre e contribuisce così al suo riscaldamento, in maniera <u>variabile a seconda della latitudine e del tipo di superficie</u>



#### VARIATION OF SOLAR RADIATION DUE TO ANNUAL PERIOD AND LATITUDE



### The influence of the site: GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

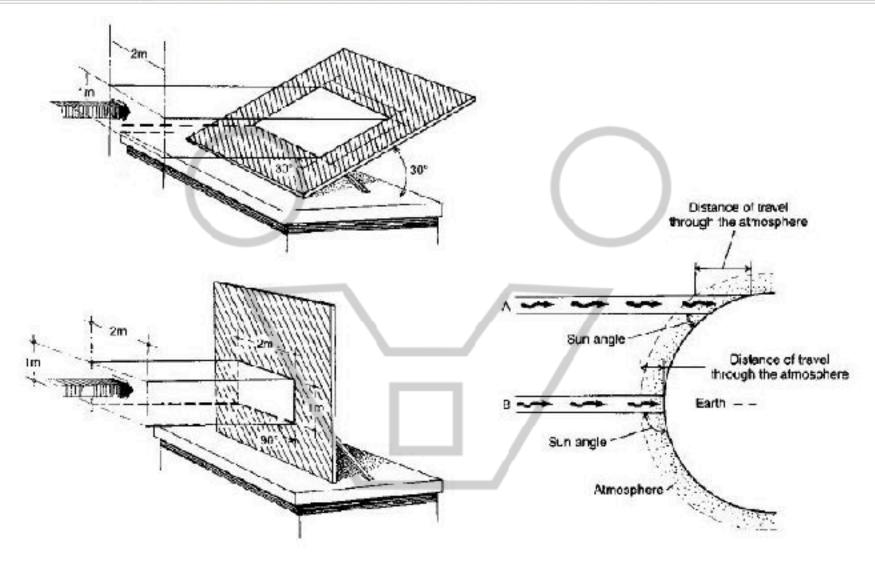


Intensity = SIN (a)



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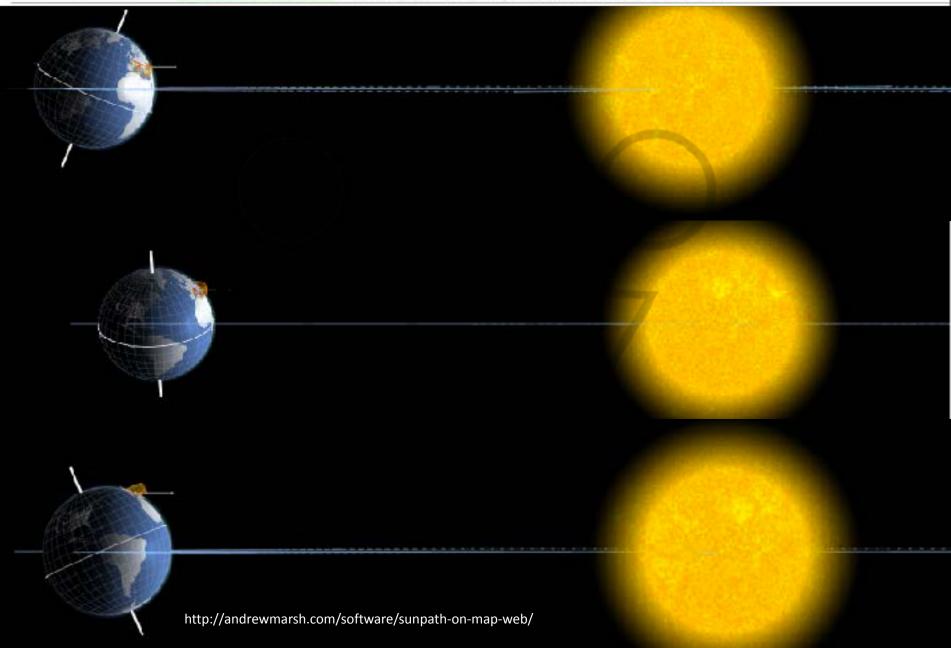






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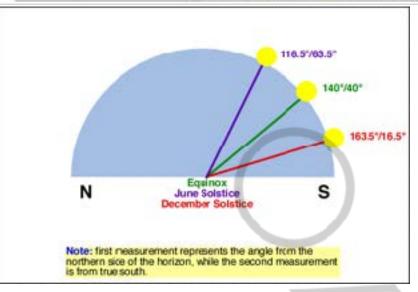
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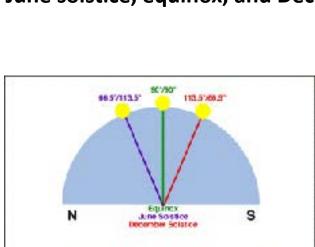


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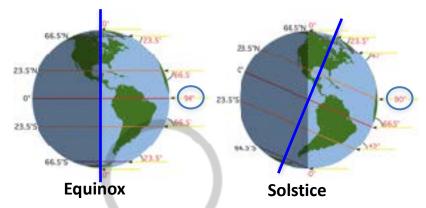
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solar noon for 50 degrees North during the June solstice, equinox, and December solstice.



Note: first measurement represents the angle from the northern side of the horizon, while the second measurement

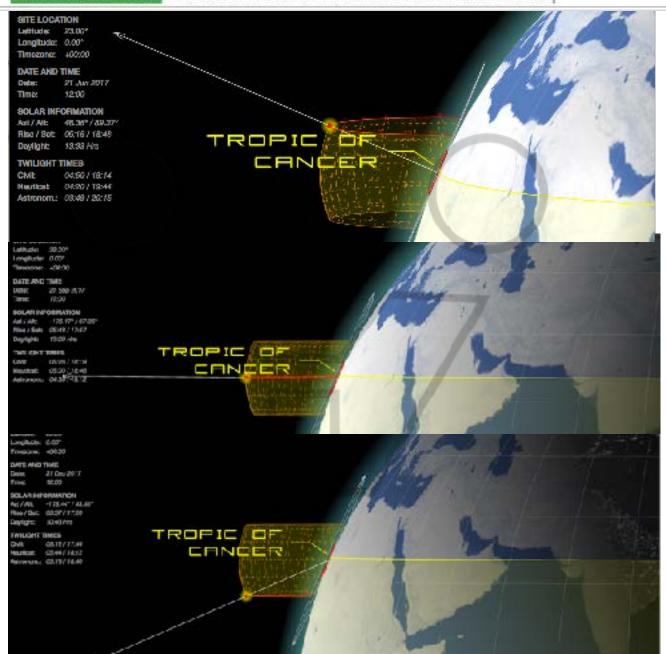


Relationship of maximum Sun height to latitude for the equinox (left) and June solstice (right). The red values on the right of the globes are maximum solar altitudes at solar noon. Black numbers on the left indicate the location of the Equator, Tropic of Cancer (23.5 degrees N), Tropic of Capricorn (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

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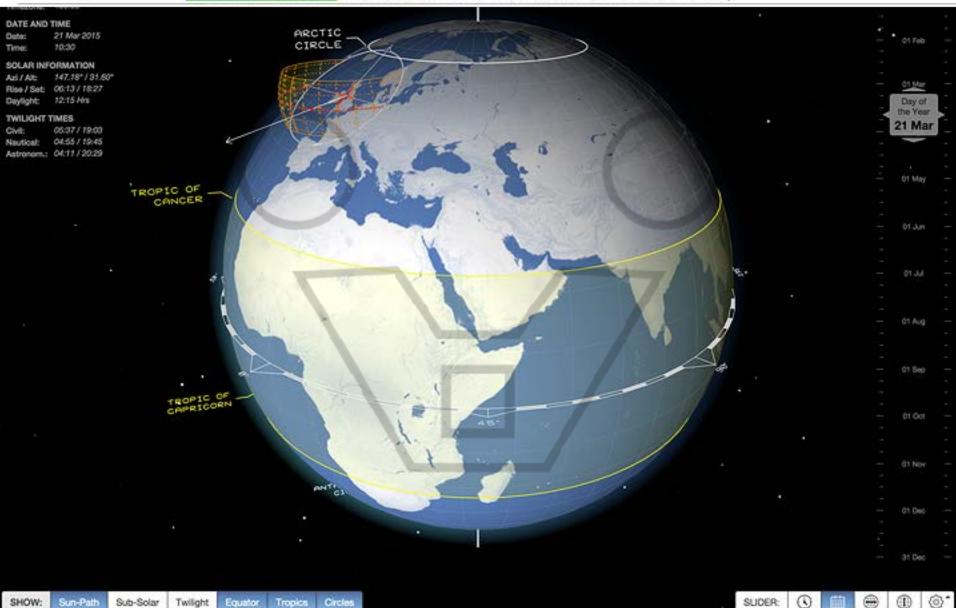






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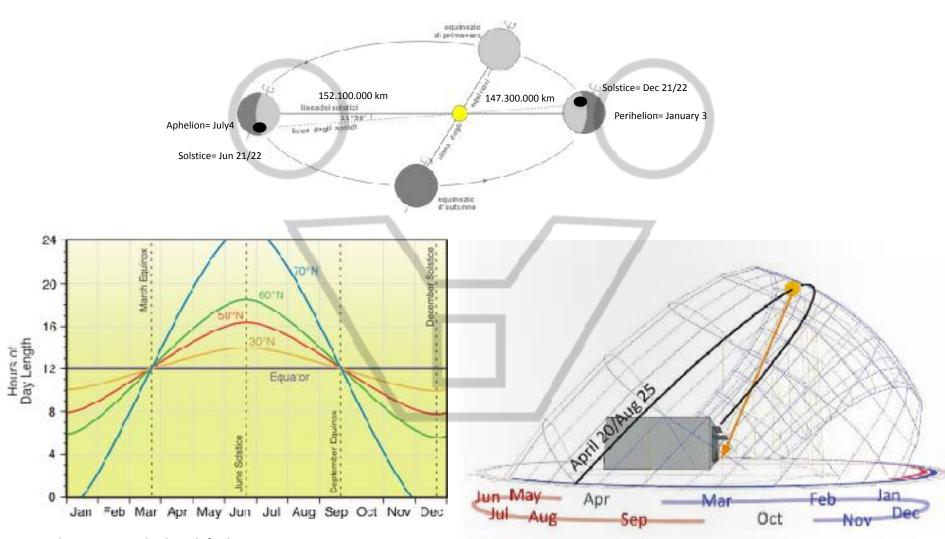
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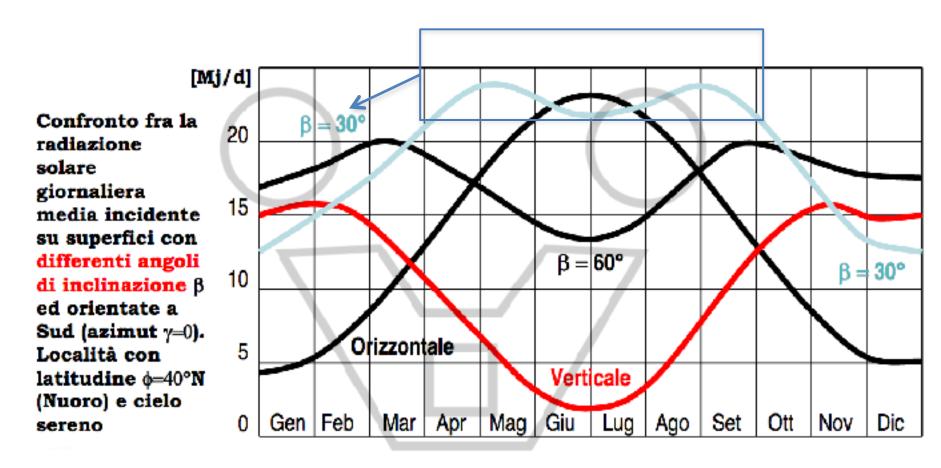
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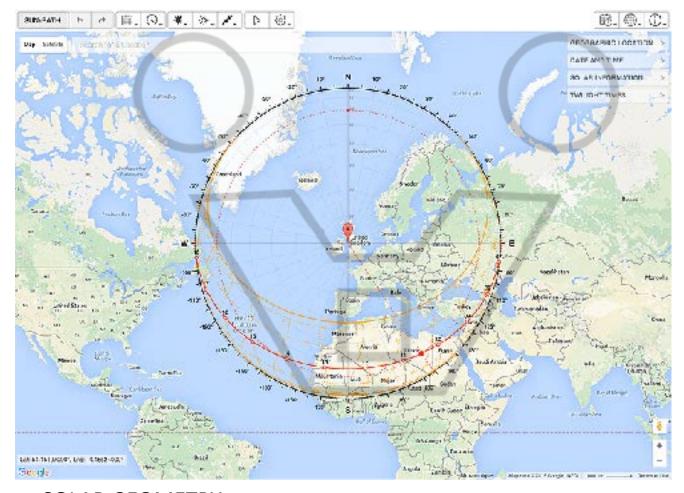


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### The influence of the site: GEOMETRY



#### The influence of the site: GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

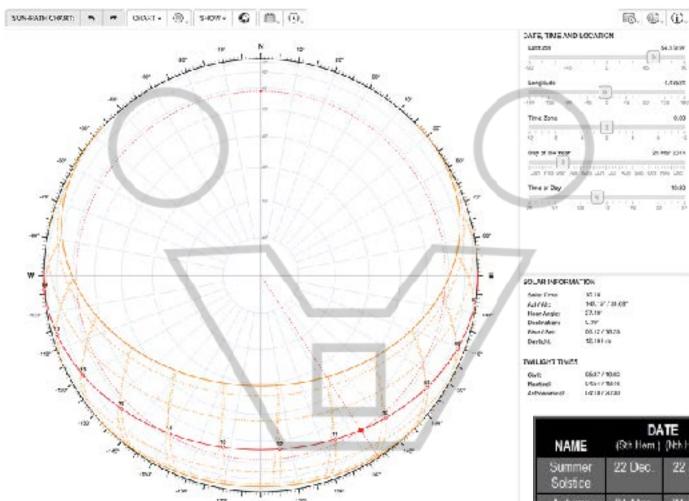


SOLAR GEOMETRY http://andrewmarsh.com/software/sunpath-on-map-web/



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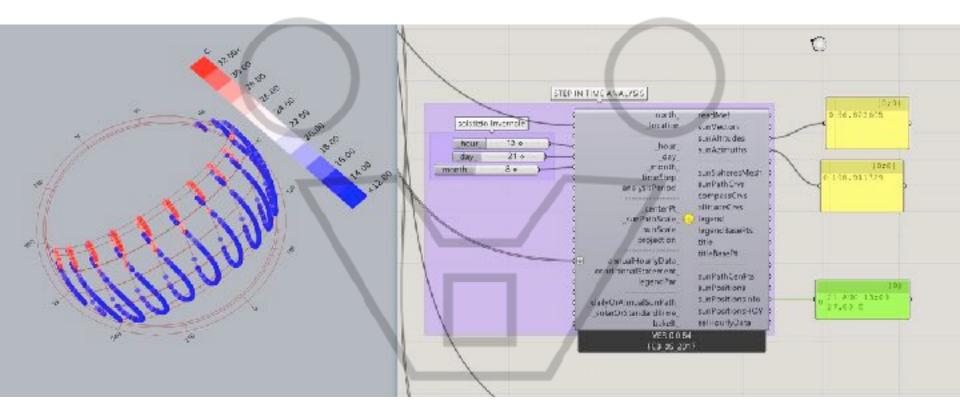


### **SOLAR GEOMETRY**

http://andrewmarsh.com/apps/releases/sunpath2d.html

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

#### SOLAR GEOMETRY WITH LADYBUG



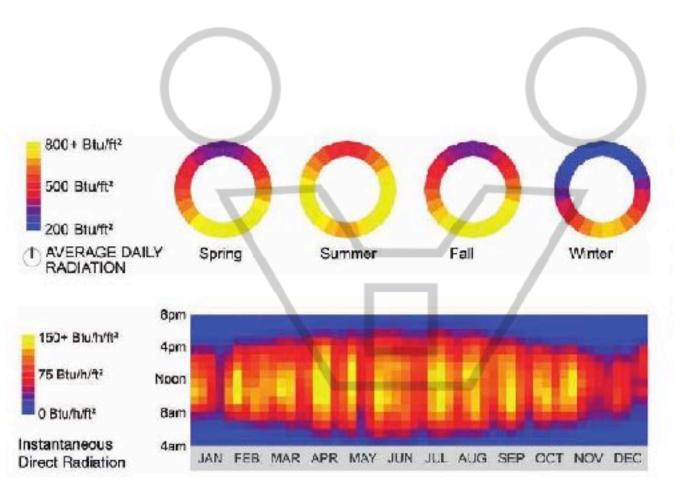
# PATCHES FOR GRASSHOPPER

HYDRA WEB PLATFORM <a href="https://hydrashare.github.io/hydra/index.html?keywords=LBExampleFiles">https://hydrashare.github.io/hydra/index.html?keywords=LBExampleFiles</a>



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#### **AVERAGE DAILY RADIATION**



#### 4: CLIMATE ANALYSIS

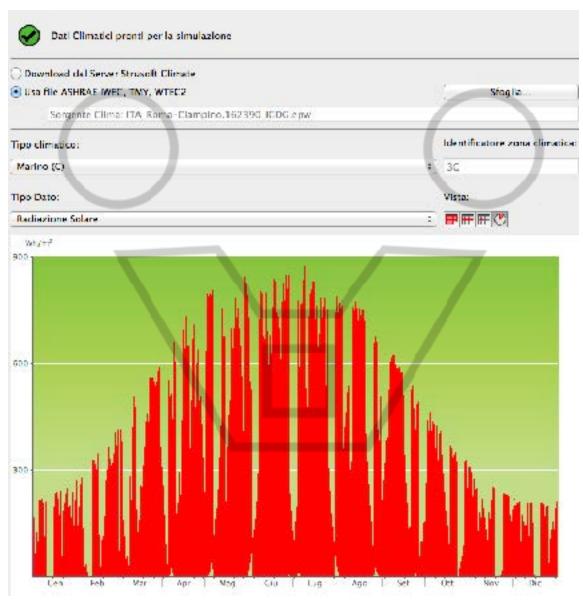
#### 4.10 and 4.11

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 bour and day of the year from the same weather file.

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

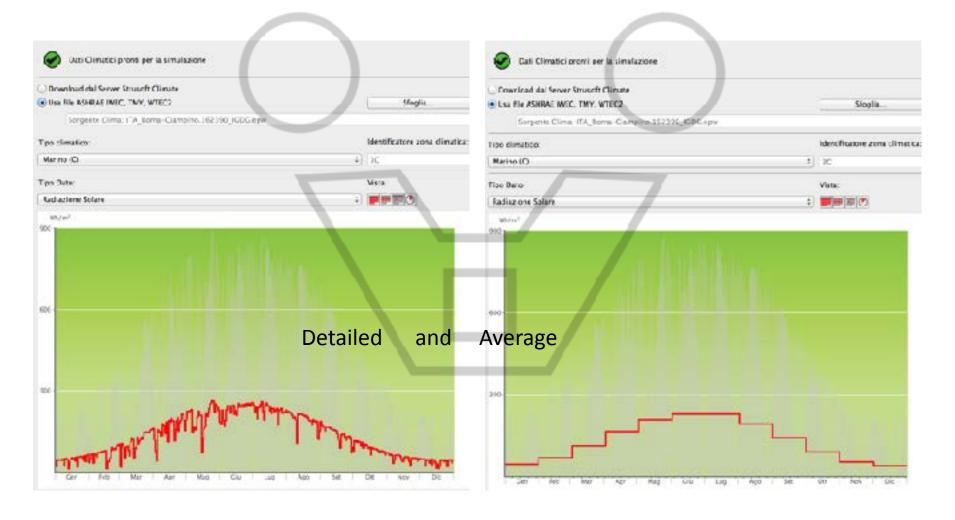
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# Visualization of sun energy radiation



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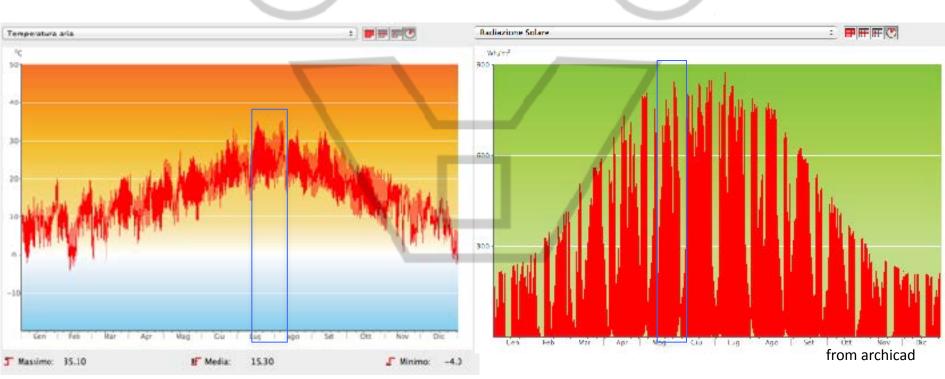
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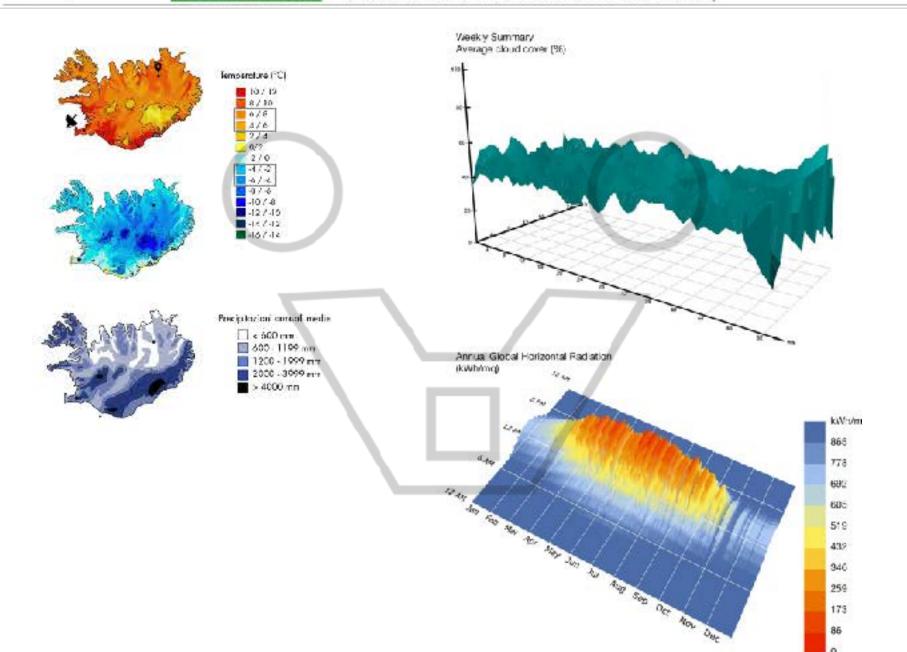
Visualization of air temperature in relation with solar radiation





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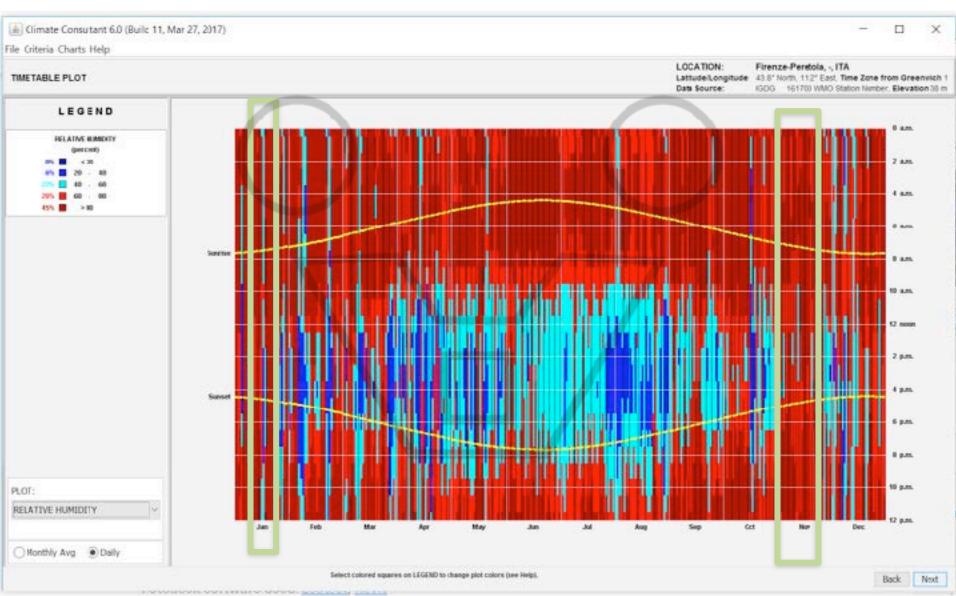
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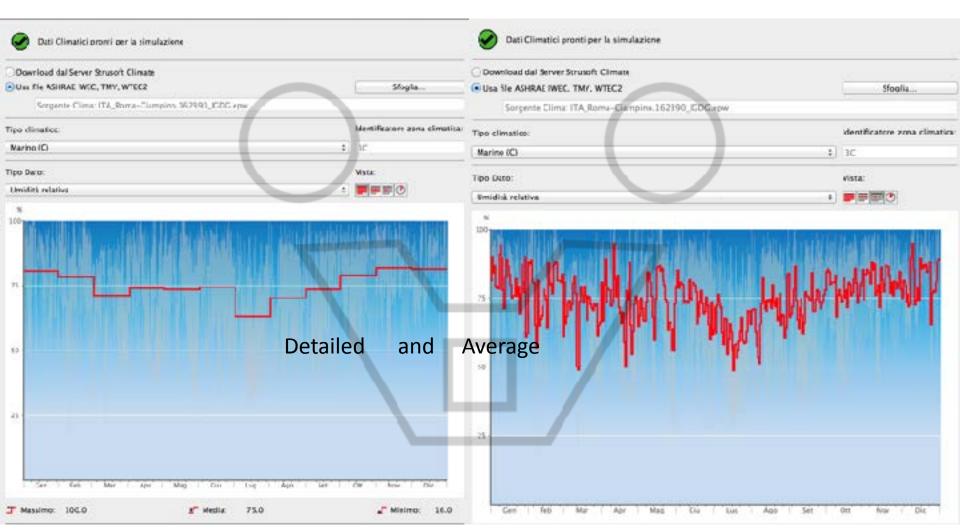
# Perché UR è maggiore di notte?



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# Visualization of Relative Humidity



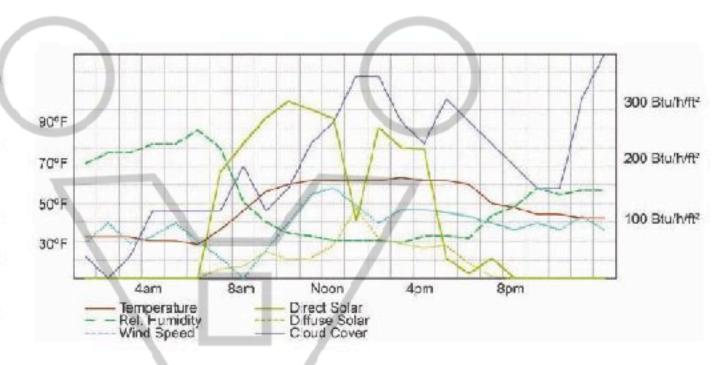


## Inverse relationship between Temperature and Humidity

#### 4.5

A 24-hour period set of data from a weather file shows the interaction of the dry bulb temperature, the relative fruntidity, 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. Combesy of Califson.





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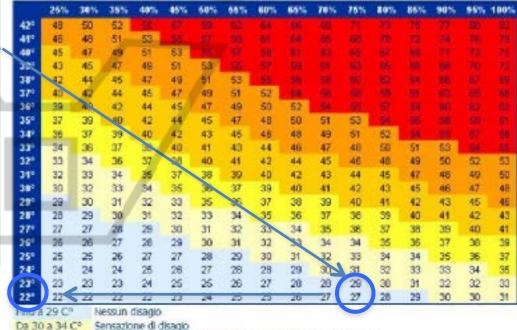
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# Apparent Temperature (AT)



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.



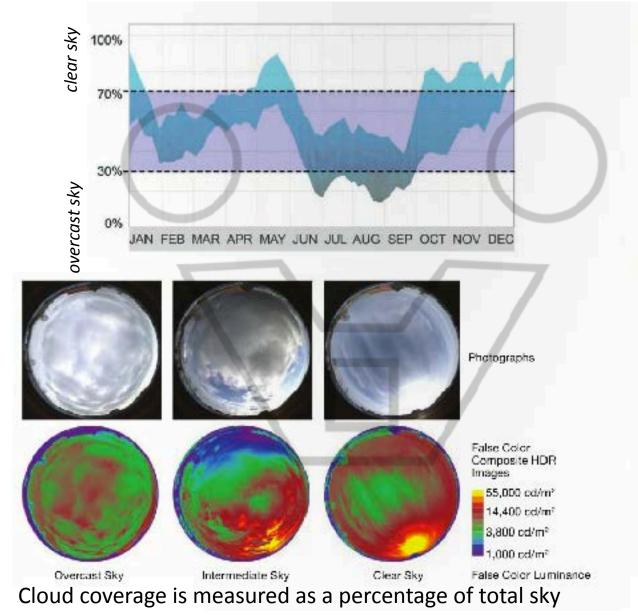
Intenso disagio. Prudenza: limitare le attività fache più pesanti Forte sensazione di malessere. Pericolo: evitare gli sforzi Pericolo grave: interrompere tutte le attività fisiche Pericolo di morte: colpo di calore imminente:



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#### The influence of the weather: SKY CONDITIONS



8.2

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: Madified autput fram Autodesk Ecotect Suite, Courtesy of Callison.

#### 8.3

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: Inanizi (2010). Images & illuminating Engineering Society, views.les.org.

### The influence of the weather: SKY CONDITIONS

Radiazione solare	Condizioni atmosferiche									
	Cielo sereno	Nebbin	Nuvoloso	Disco solare giallo	Disco solare bianco	Sole appena percettibile	Nebbia fitta	Cielo coperto		
									globale	1000 W/m <sup>2</sup>
diretta	90%	50%	70%	50%	40%	0%	0%	0%		
diffusa	10%	50%	30%	50%	60%	100%	100%	100%		

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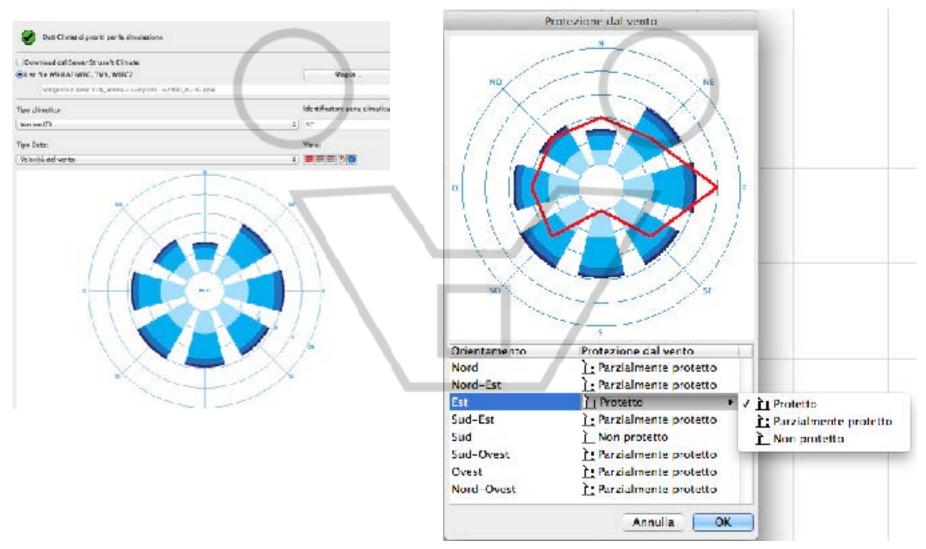




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## **Air movement: WIND ANALYSIS**

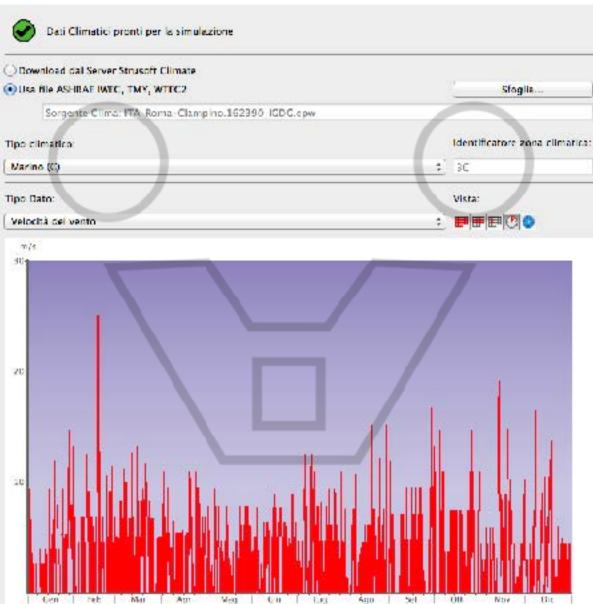
- 1- determine the coldest and the hottest seasonal period and hours
- 2- for that periods find the most frequent wind directions



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# Wind Velocity



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# Effect of Wind on Temperature

