

## Lighting Calculations

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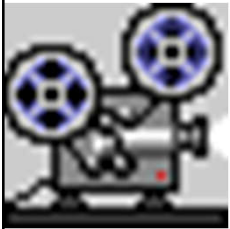
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- Design considerations
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- Daylight calculations
- Other calculations

# Design considerations



- Video: Lighting Calculations (5:51)



- <https://youtu.be/sfbXx13JgeU>

- Basic lighting calculations that are required to carry out a lighting design

- Luminous flux, luminous intensity, illuminance, luminance, colour rendering, colour temperature
- Glare, working plane, surface reflectances
- Indoor lighting: calculations are done for both the direct & inter-reflected light; room geometry; maintenance
- Outdoor lighting: light falls directly on the working plane

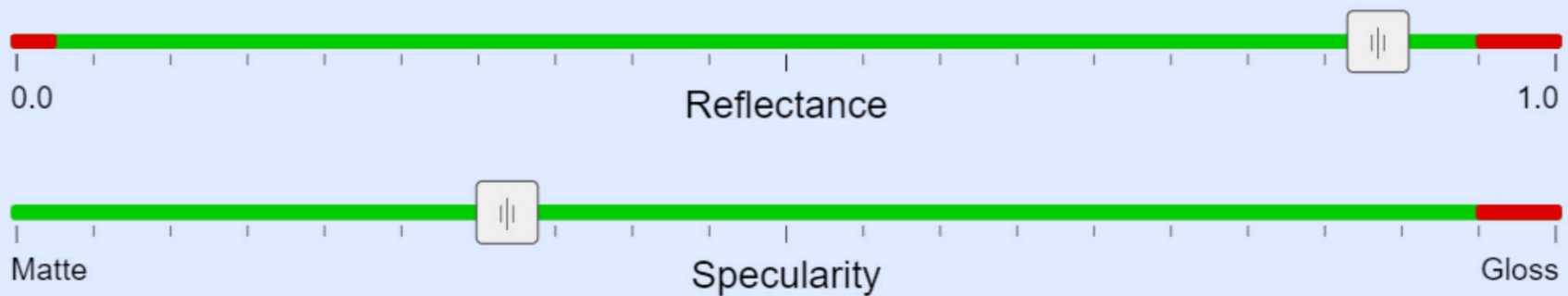
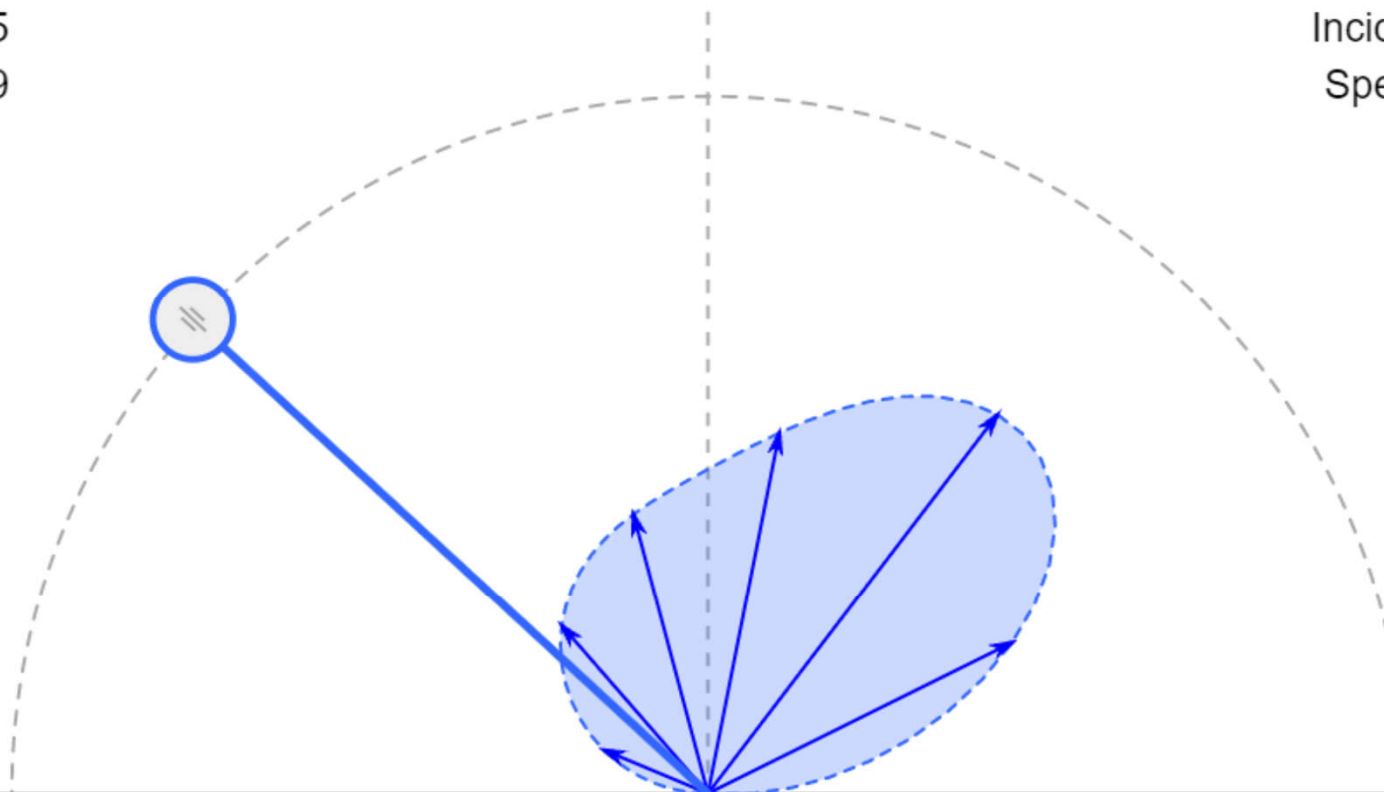
# Calculation of surface reflectance distribution (online interactive tool)

Reflectance: 0.885

Specularity: 0.319

Incidence Angle:  $47.49^\circ$

Specular Angle:  $-47.49^\circ$



# Design considerations



- Lighting design checklist

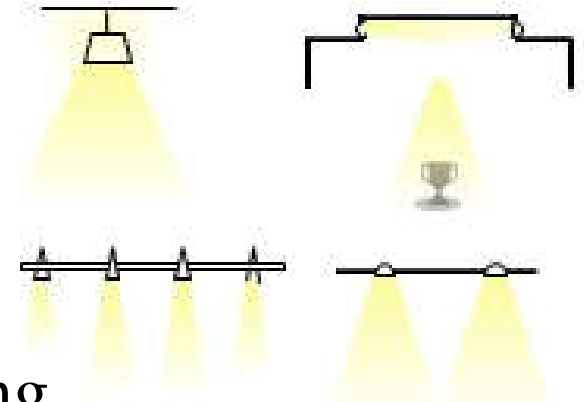
- Safety (e.g. emergency escape lighting)
- Task requirements
  - Lighting scheme to provide suitable quantity & direction for the task; colour rendering; glare problems

- Lighting appearance

- Architecture/Interior design

- Energy efficiency

- Lighting equipment, controls, daylighting



# Design considerations



- Lighting equipment checklist

- Lamps

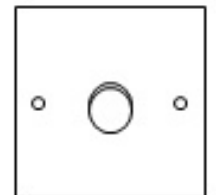
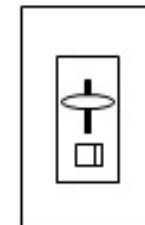
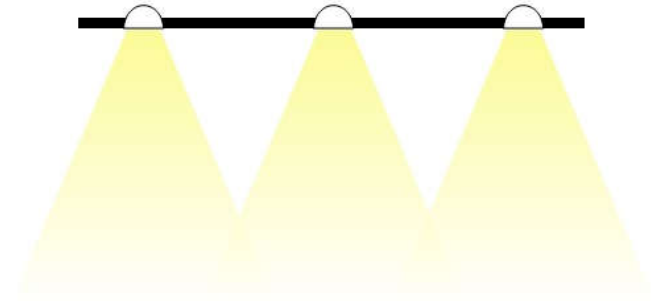
- Operating characteristics, lamp size/shape, colour

- Luminaires

- Size and shape, light distribution, glare control, ballast
- Operating environment (e.g. corrosive, dusty)

- Lighting controls

- Manual switches, time switches, dimming, daylight-linked controls, occupant sensing



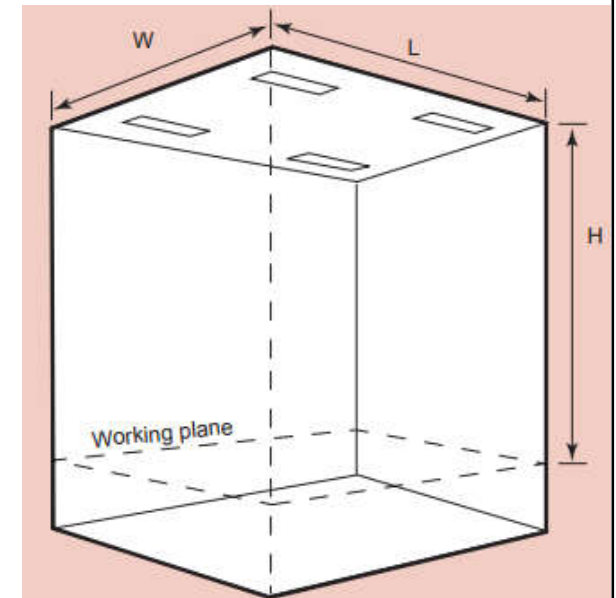
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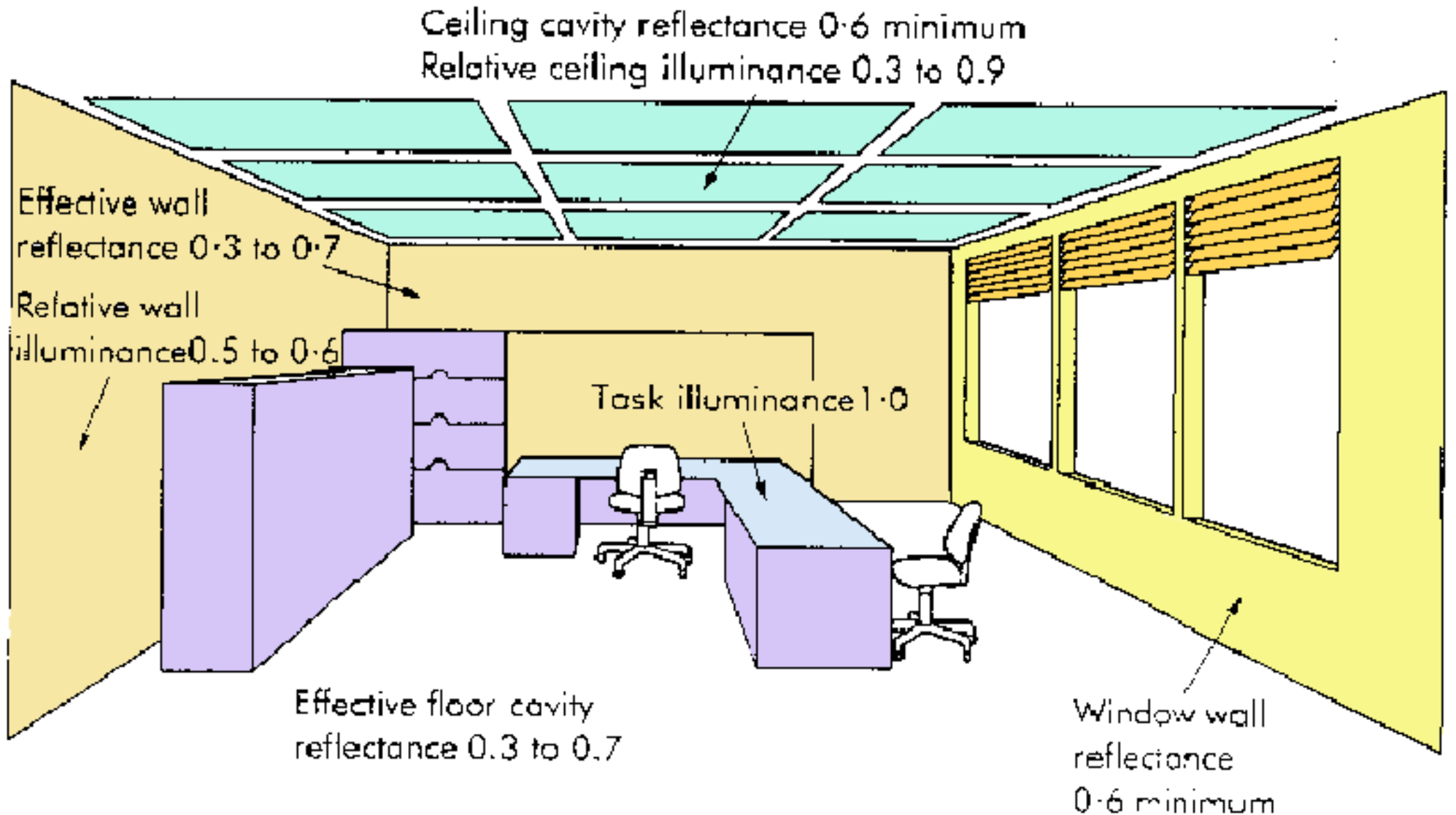
- Collect information for lighting design

- Room details:

- Room size (length, width, height)
- Horizontal working plane height above floor level
- Room surface reflectance (ceiling, walls, floor)
- Window size/s and position
- Room index
  - $K = (L \times W) / (L + W) H$
- Cleanliness of the room/environment
- The regularity of the cleaning



# Recommended room reflectances & illuminance ratios

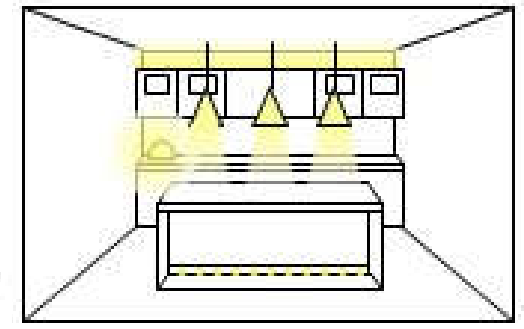
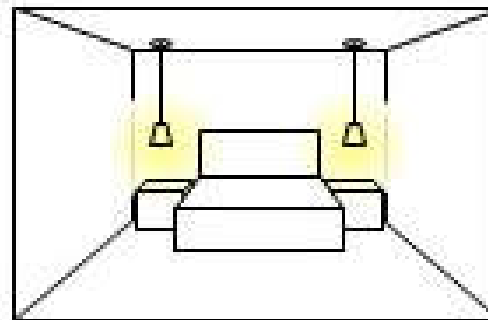




# Design considerations



- Collect information for lighting design (cont'd)
  - Task details:
    - Type of task/application (e.g. office, industrial, retail)
    - Task position (e.g. horizontal/vertical, general/local)
    - Special task lighting requirement (e.g. critical inspection, computer use, disabled persons)
    - Special hazards (e.g. wet or dusty environment, rotating machines) -- luminaire thermal & mechanical protection



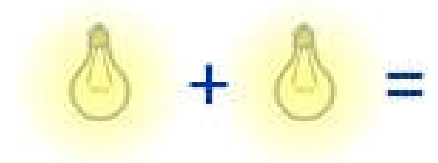
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- Collect information for lighting design (cont'd)

- Lighting requirements & design criteria\*:

- Task illuminance (lux)
- Task illuminance uniformity (e.g. uniform (0.8), non-uniform (as appropriate)), luminous contrast
- Light colour rendering quality & index (Ra)
- Average installed lighting power density ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ ), to meet the building energy code
- Light pollution & reduction of obtrusive light
- Sustainable lighting design



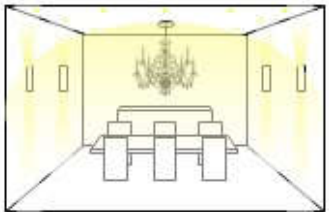
# Design considerations



- Collect information for lighting design (cont'd)

- Layers of lighting\*\*:

- Accent lighting (e.g. display lighting, decorative lighting)
- Wall lighting (e.g. display lighting, lighting to create room lightness)
- Ceiling lighting (e.g. lighting to create room lightness)
- Light colour appearance (e.g. warm, intermediate, cool)
- Emergency and/or escape lighting requirement



(\*\* Examples of the impact on lighting with differing layers of lighting, and material properties of surfaces inside interior spaces: <http://iarc.uncg.edu/elight/learn/determine/la.html>)



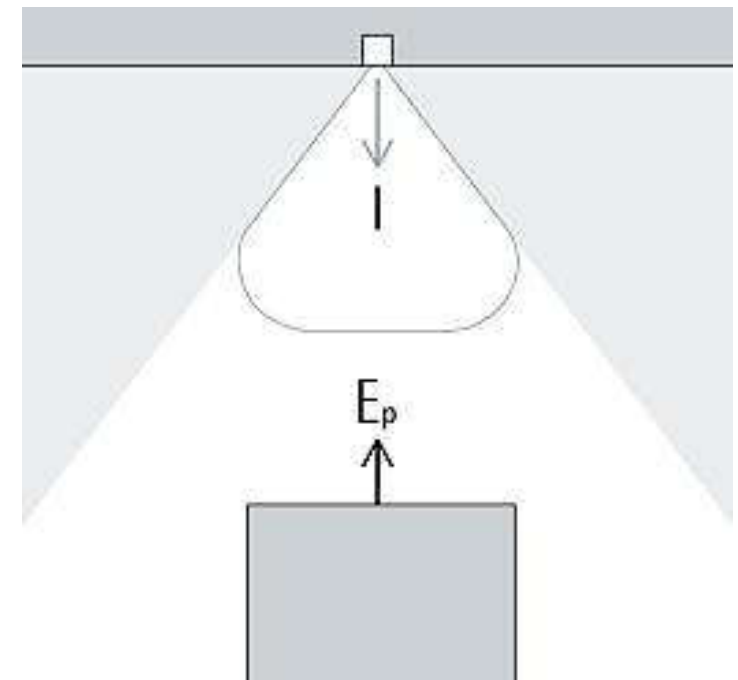
# Typical calculations

- To calculate the amount of light that will result from a design
  - Critical for commercial & institutional buildings
  - Seldom required for residential design
- Basic considerations
  - Light sources (lamp lumens)
  - Luminaires & light distribution
  - Initial vs. maintained light levels (as lamps age & luminaires get dirty, light level drops)



# Typical calculations

- Technical & economic calculations
  - Connected load ( $\text{Watts} = \text{Volts} * \text{Amps}$ )
  - Point illuminances (at a defined point in space)
  - Utilisation factor
  - Unified glare rating (UGR)
  - Maintenance factor
  - Lighting costs



# Typical calculations



- Glare calculations:

- Calculations Glare Rating Concepts

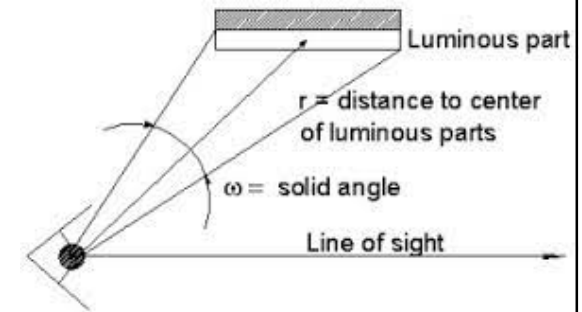
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- Calculations UGR Concepts

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- Glare (assessment & calculations)

- <https://www.new-learn.info/packages/clear/visual/people/performance/glare/>

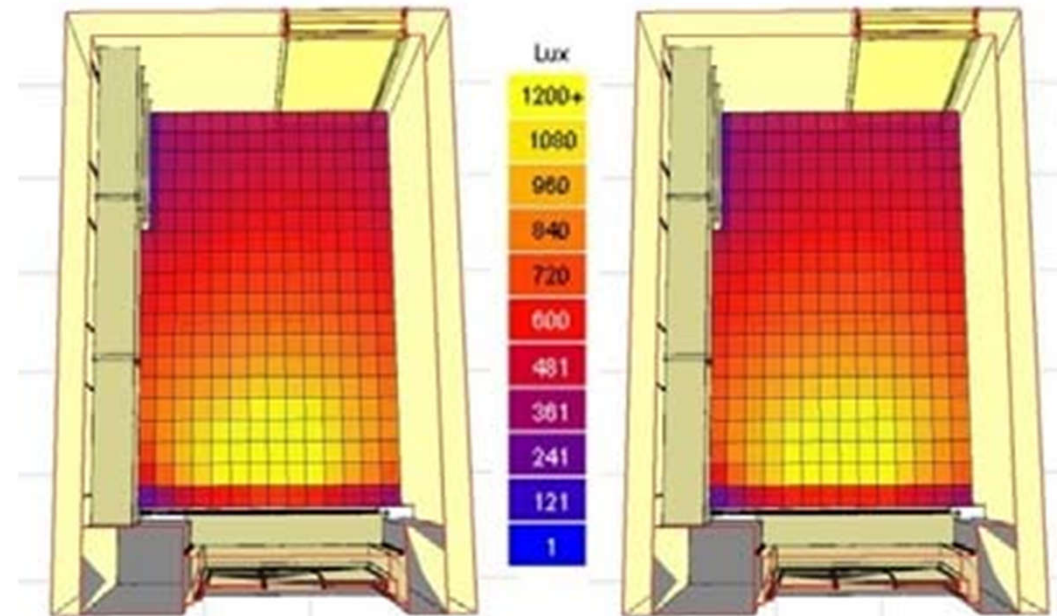
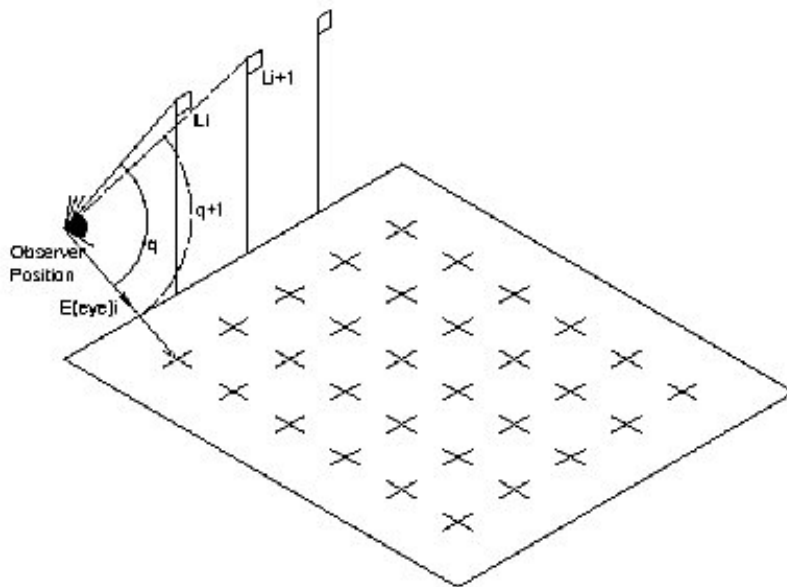
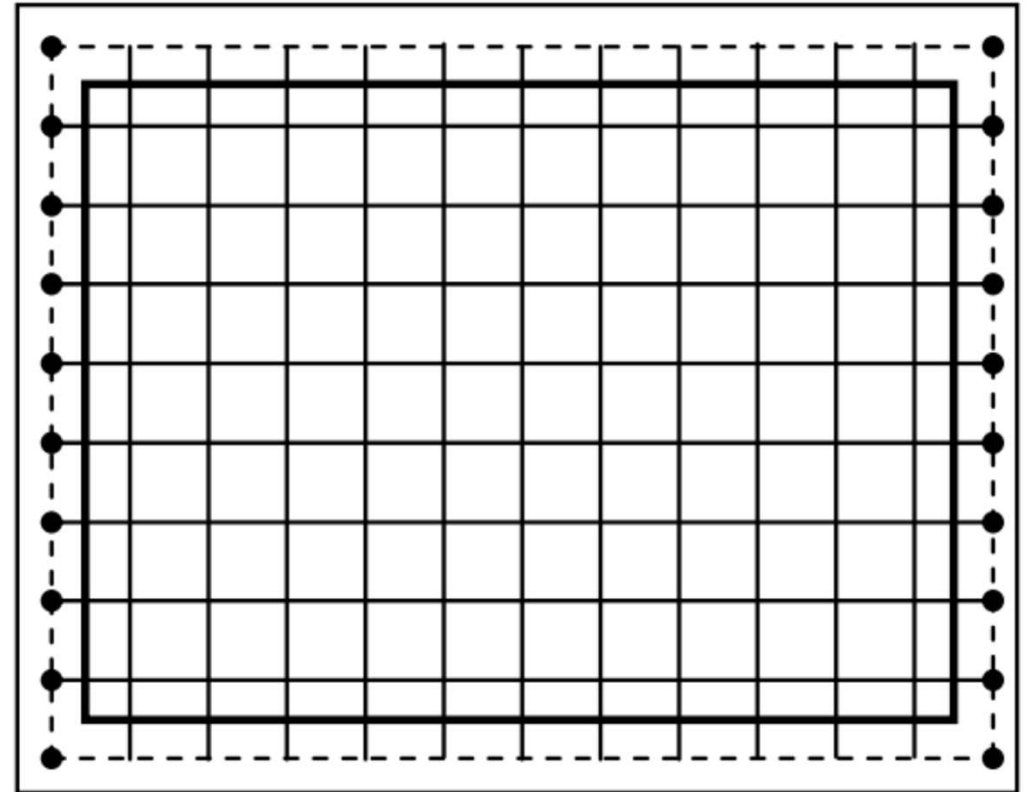
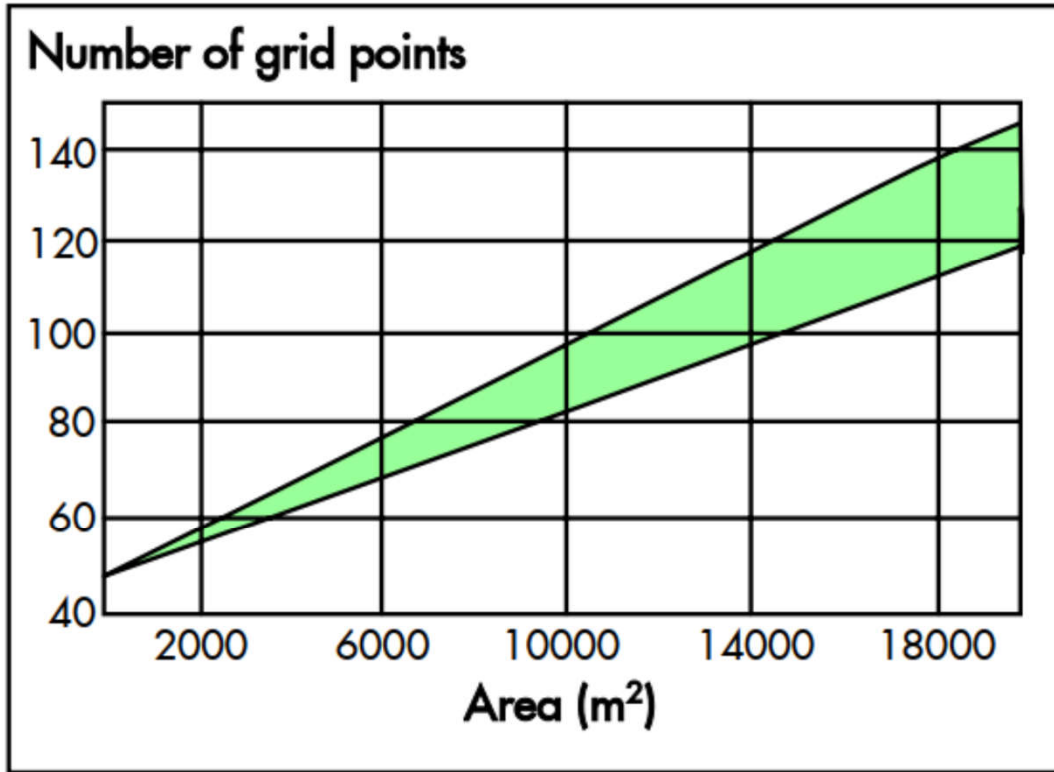




# Typical calculations

- Design calculations for simple situations
  - The number & layout of luminaires needed for general lighting
  - What additional luminaires are needed to provide local emphasis or accents
  - Energy efficiency & financial benefits
- Calculation methods:
  - Manual, data sheets/tables, graphical, spreadsheet\*, computer software

# Grid points for an area & grid for illuminance/uniformity calculations







# Typical calculations

- Predict general & ambient light levels
  - Rough estimation based on a [Watts/sq.m method](#)
    - Not very accurate, but good for prelim. planning
  - [Lumen method](#) (light flux method)
    - Determines average illuminance in large open areas
    - Good for general lighting
  - [Point-by-point](#) (inverse square law)
    - Determines light levels at a specific point on an object or surface; complicated, start from fundamental laws
    - Can be used for outdoor lighting

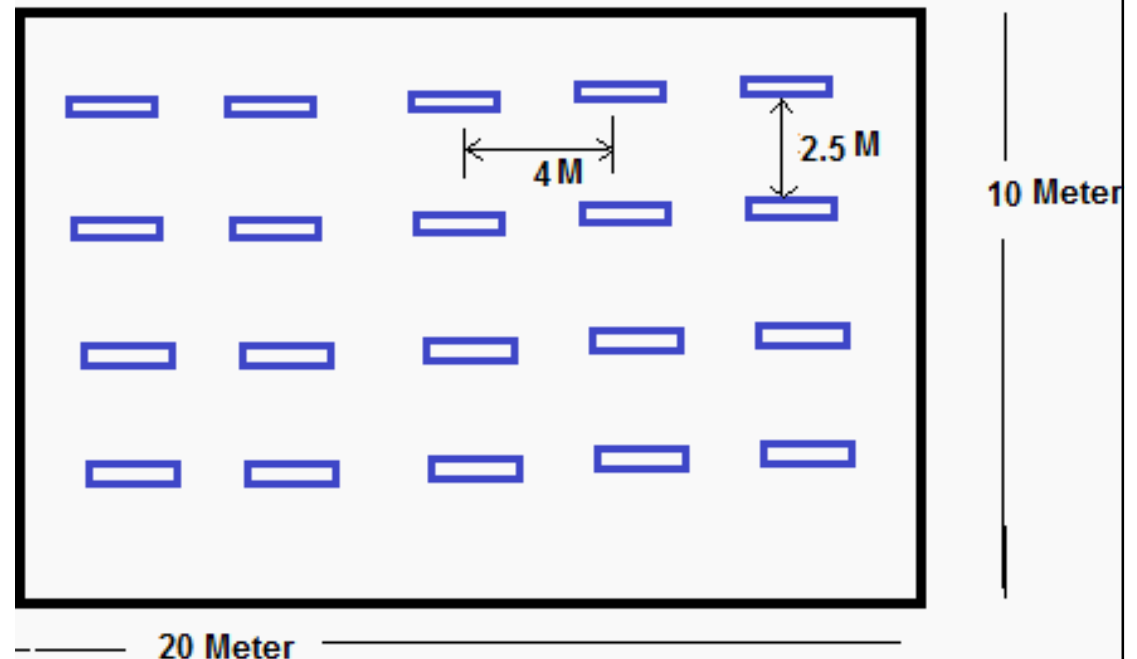
## Rough estimation based on a Watts/sq.m method

<b>Average light level desired &amp; typical application</b>	<b>Watts/sq.m of fluorescent, CFL or HID lights</b>	<b>Watts/sq.m of incandescent or halogen lamps</b>
25-50 lux Hotel corridors, stair towers	1-2	3-7
50-100 lux Office corridors, parking garages, theatres (house lights)	2-4	7-10
100-200 lux Building lobbies, waiting areas, malls, hotel function spaces	4-8	10-20
200-500 lux Office areas, classrooms, lecture halls, conference rooms, ambient retail lighting, workshops	15-25	Not recommended
500-1000 lux Grocery stores, laboratories, work areas, big box retail stores	12-20	Not recommended



# Typical calculations

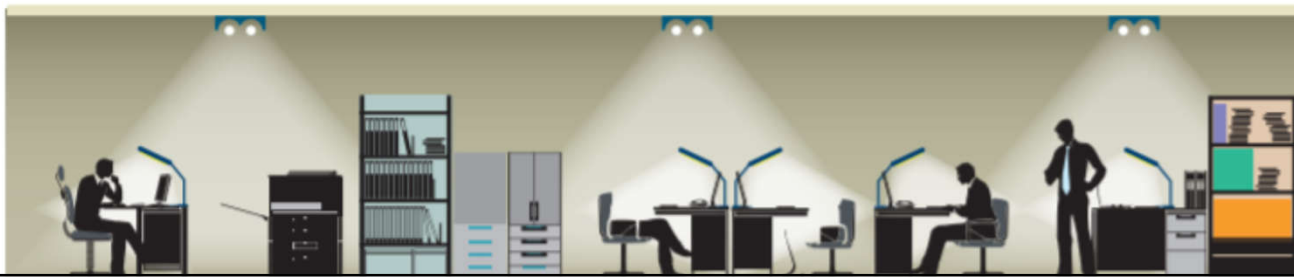
- An example of calculating the number of indoor lighting fixtures
  - <https://electrical-engineering-portal.com/an-example-of-calculating-the-number-of-indoor-lighting-fixtures>
    - Total wattage
    - Lumen per fixture
    - Minimum spacing
    - Axial spacing
    - Transverse spacing
    - Total fixture number





# Typical calculations

- Predict task lighting & focal lighting levels
  - Localized fixed or freely adjustable task light
    - Illuminate the actual working area
    - Difficult to predict accurately
  - Methods commonly used
    - Use data/guide of the luminaire's manufacturer
    - Use the inverse-square law to estimate
    - Use a display lighting software program



# Typical calculations

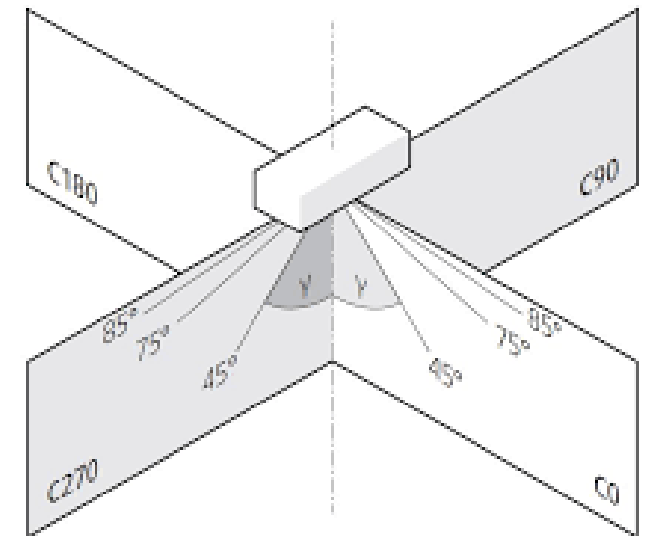


- Task lighting design
  - Supplement additional light on specific areas where tasks are being performed leaving the other areas at lower ambient illumination level (e.g. for offices, can reduce level of general lighting from 500 lux to 300 lux)
  - Energy & cost saving potential
  - Case study calculations: Task Lighting Design  
[https://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content\\_764/Task\\_Lighting\\_Design.pdf](https://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_764/Task_Lighting_Design.pdf)

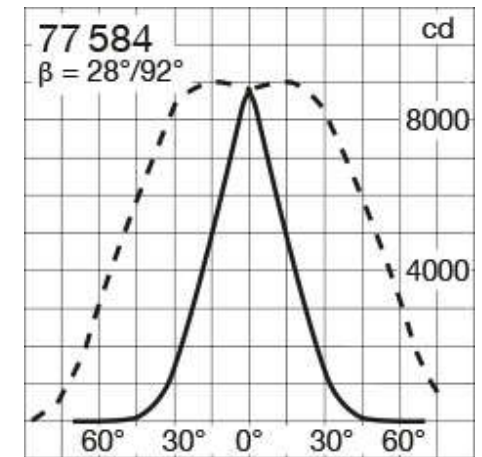
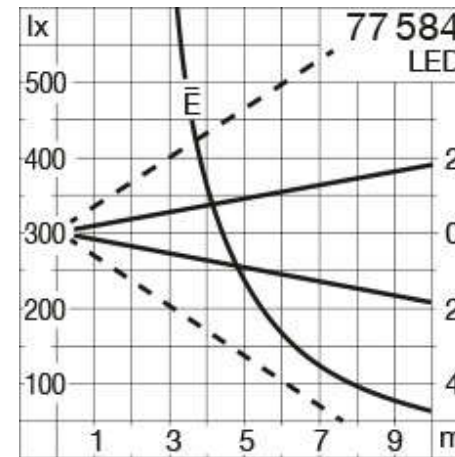
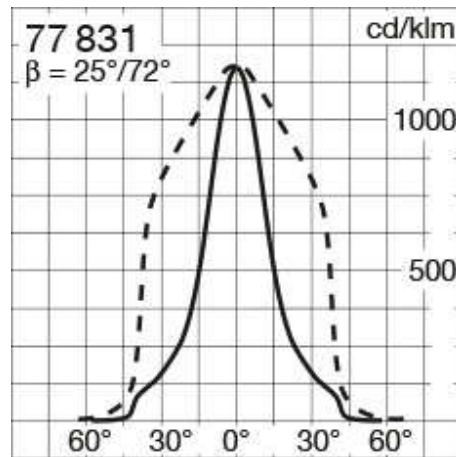
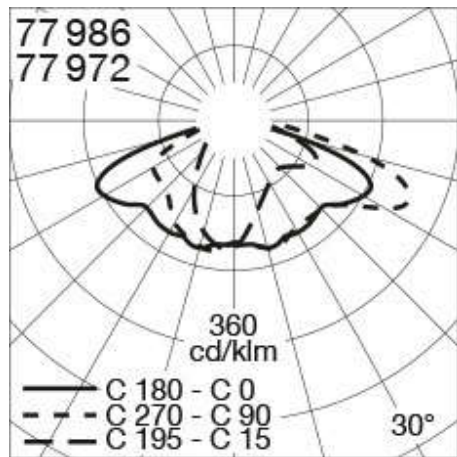


# Typical calculations

- Determine illuminance level
  - Horizontal (most common)
    - Average illumination on the work plane (lux)
      - Sitting 0.75 to 0.9 m; Standing 0.85 to 1.2m
  - Vertical (e.g. on wall surface)
  - Inclined plane/surface
  - Cylindrical, hemispherical
- Analyse light distribution
  - Using light distribution curves, illumination & isolux diagrams

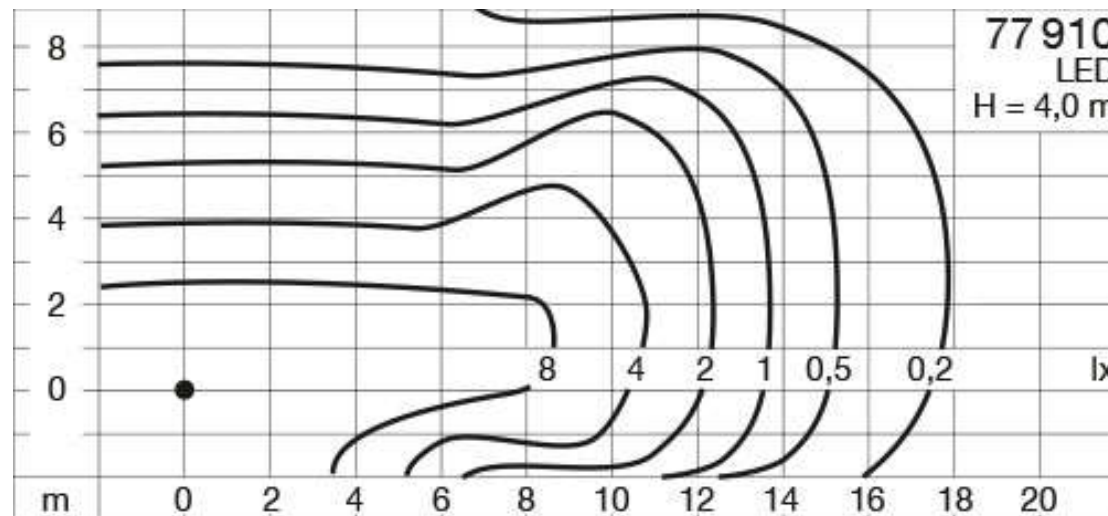


# Light distribution curves, illumination & isolux diagrams



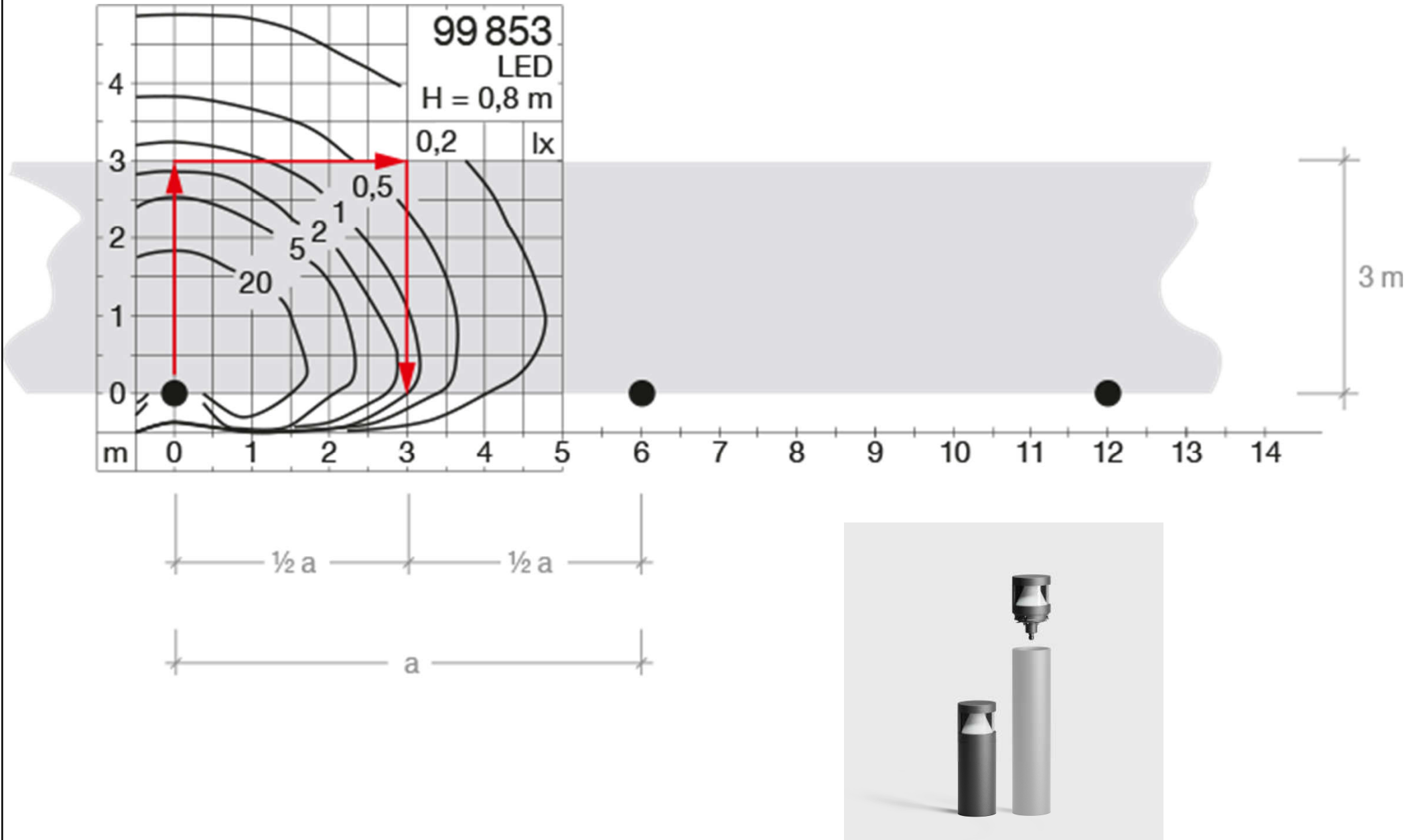
Light distribution curves

Illumination diagrams

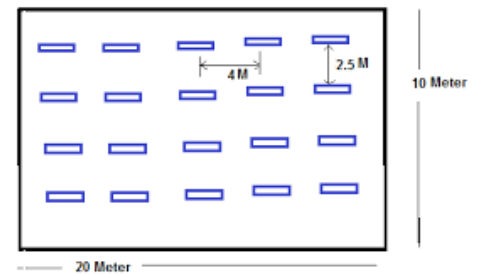


Isolux diagrams

# Example: Determination of the luminaire spacing $a$ for pathway illumination of $E_{\min} = 1 \text{ lx}$ on the basis of the isolux diagram





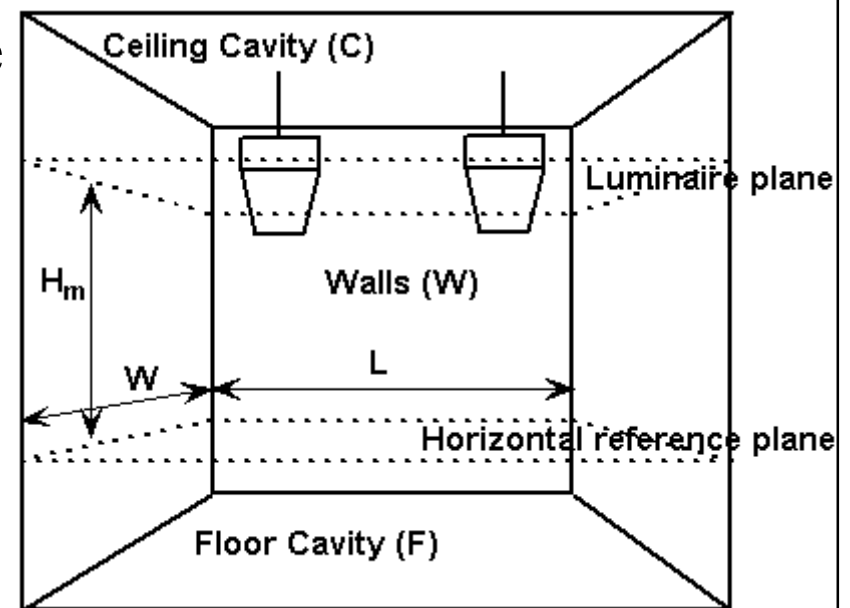


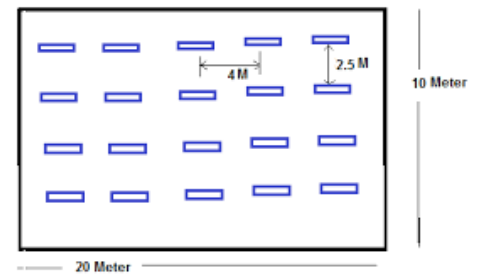
# Lumen method

- Lumen method: average illuminance ( $E$ ) is

$$E = \frac{F \times n \times N \times UF \times MF}{A}$$

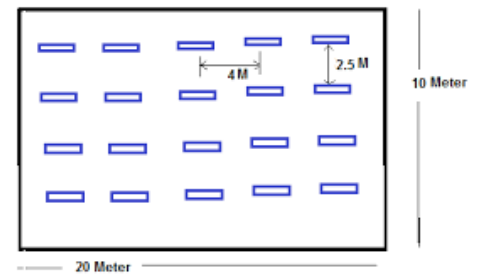
- $F$  = initial bare lamp luminous flux (lumens)
- $n$  = number of lamps per luminaire
- $N$  = number of luminaires
- $UF$  = utilisation factor
- $MF$  = maintenance factor
- $A$  = area of the surface ( $m^2$ )





# Lumen method

- **Room index (K):** a measure of the proportions of the room, for rectangular room
  - $K = (L \times W) / (L + W) h_m$ 
    - L = length of the room
    - W = width of the room
    - $h_m$  = height of luminaire above horiz. reference plane
- **Effective reflectances of ceiling, walls & floor**
  - Cavity index (CI) =  $(L \times W) / (L + W) h = K \times h_m / h$ 
    - h = depth of the cavity (ceiling or floor)
  - Determine effective reflectance from tables or formulae (see examples in *CIBSE/SLL Lighting Code*)

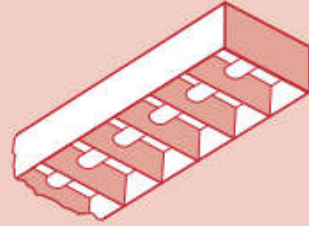


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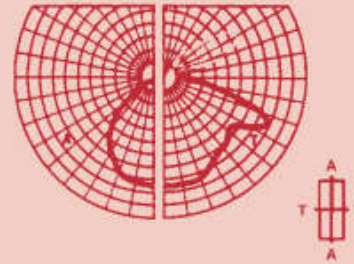
- Utilisation factor ( $UF$ )
  - Ratio of total flux received by the surface to the total lamp flux of the installation
    - Indicates the effectiveness of the lighting scheme
  - $UF$  depends on the efficiency of luminaire, luminaire distribution, geometry of the space, room reflectance, polar curve
  - Usually,  $UF$  tables are prepared for general lighting with regular arrays of luminaires, for 3 main room surfaces: ceiling cavity, walls, and floor cavity or horizontal reference plane

# Example of luminaire photometric data and utilisation factor

Luminaire type: single 1.5 m, 58 W fluorescent lamp fitting, incorporating a white louvre attachment.



*Illustration of luminaire*



*Luminous Intensity Distributions  
(polar curves) – axial (A) and transverse (T)*

Light output ratio: upward – 0.0; downward – 0.55; total – 0.55.

Spacing/height ratio: nominal – 1.5; maximum (square) – 1.7, maximum (continuous) – 2.0.

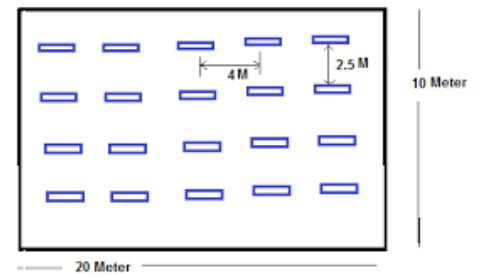
Room index	0.75	1.0	1.25	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.0	5.0
<b>Room reflectances</b> C W F									
70 - 50 - 20	0.36	0.42	0.47	0.51	0.56	0.60	0.63	0.66	0.69
30	0.31	0.36	0.42	0.46	0.52	0.56	0.59	0.63	0.66
10	0.27	0.32	0.37	0.41	0.47	0.52	0.55	0.60	0.63
50 - 50 - 20	0.33	0.38	0.43	0.46	0.51	0.54	0.57	0.60	0.62
30	0.29	0.34	0.38	0.42	0.51	0.51	0.53	0.57	0.59
10	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.38	0.44	0.48	0.50	0.54	0.57
30 - 50 - 20	0.31	0.35	0.39	0.42	0.46	0.49	0.51	0.54	0.55
30	0.27	0.31	0.35	0.38	0.43	0.46	0.48	0.52	0.54
10	0.23	0.28	0.32	0.35	0.40	0.44	0.46	0.50	0.52
0 - 0 - 0	0.20	0.24	0.28	0.30	0.34	0.37	0.39	0.42	0.44

## Using the table

Calculate the room index – see section 4, page 15

Decide on the appropriate reflection factors for ceiling (C), walls (W) and floor (F) – see section 4, page 15

Locate utilisation factor at intersection of appropriate column and row

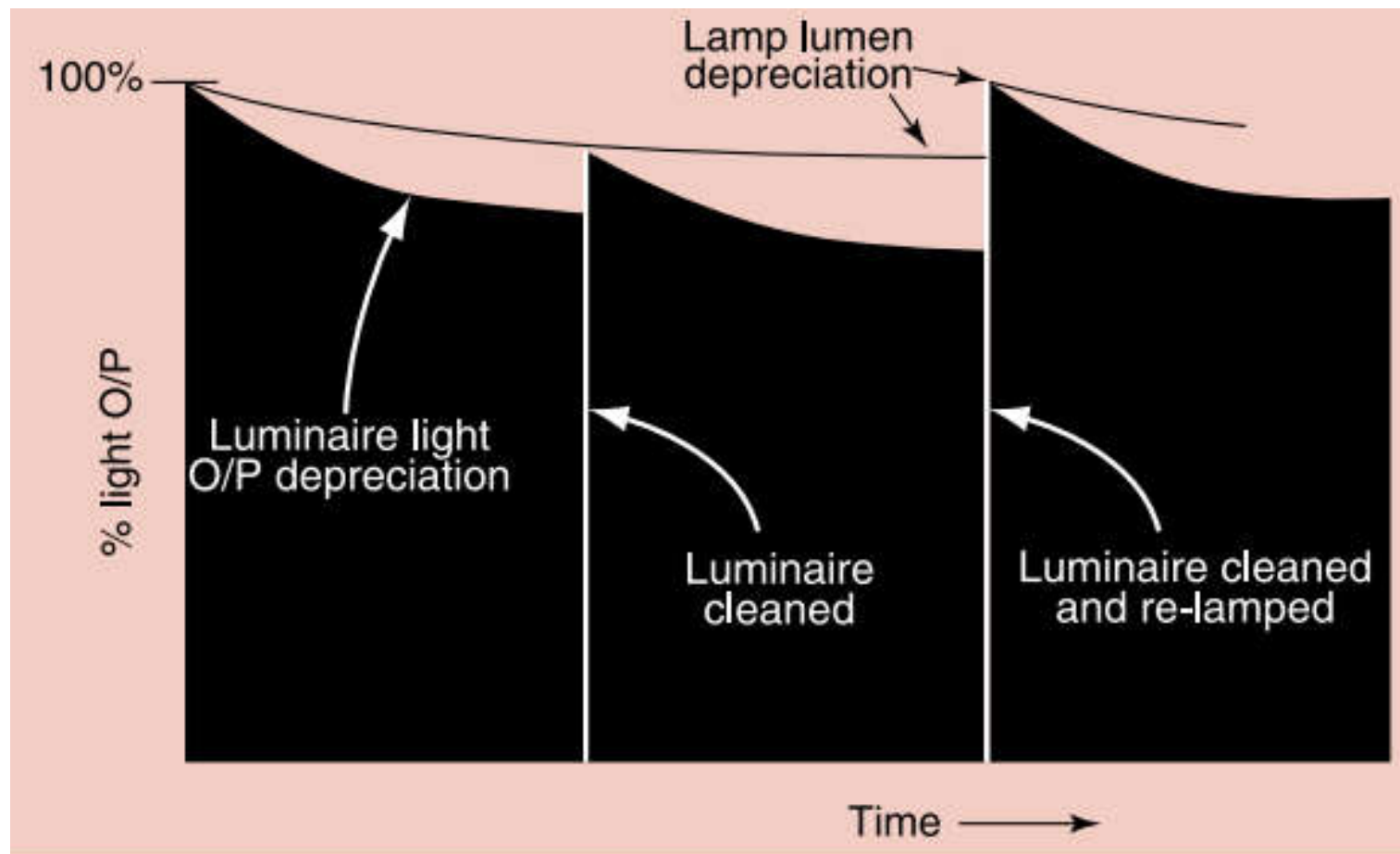


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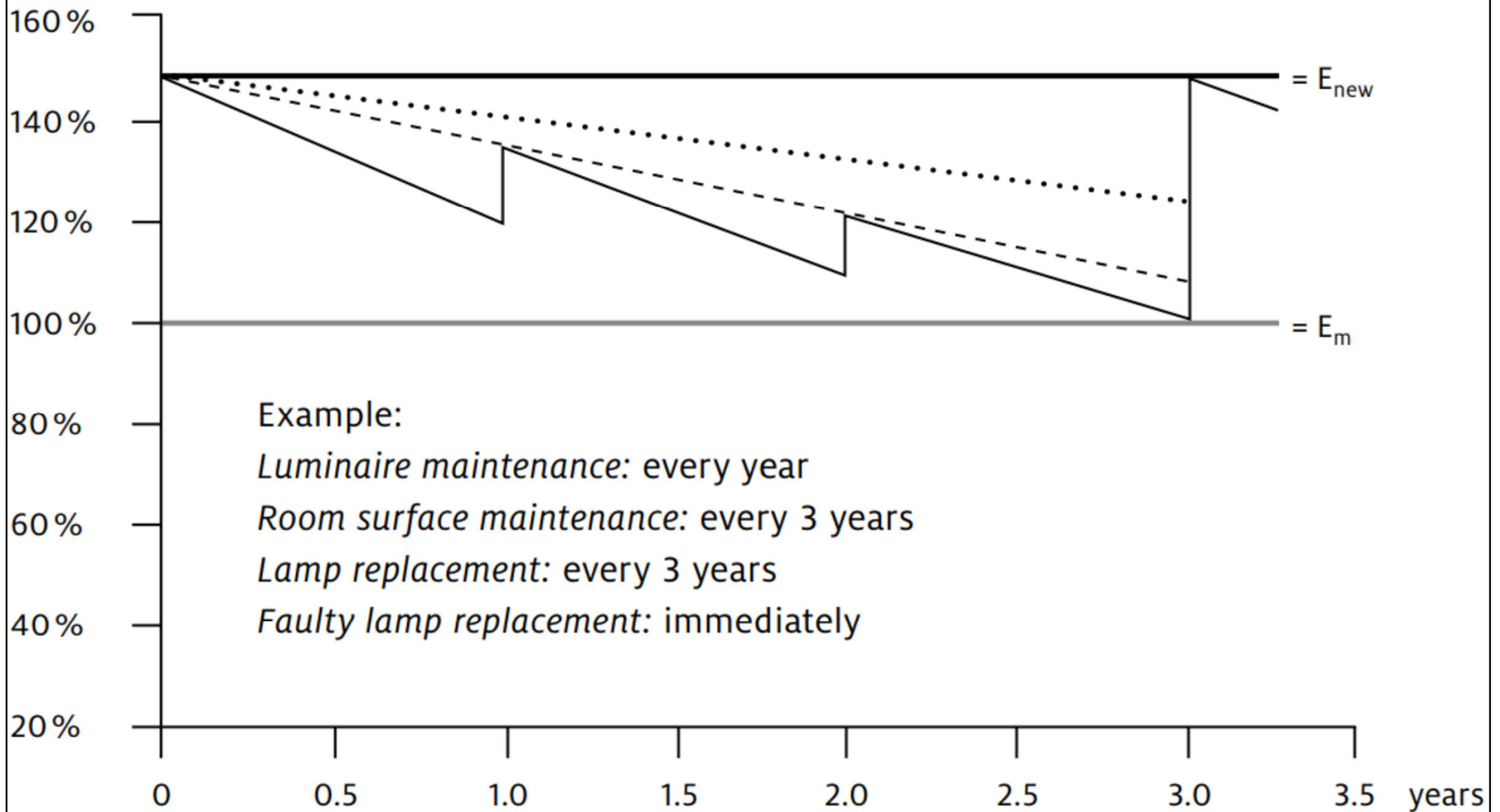
- Maintenance factor ( $MF$ )
  - Ratio of maintained illuminance to initial illuminance (losses for lamp lumen maintenance)
  - $MF = LLMF \times LSF \times LMF \times RSMF$ 
    - Lamp lumen maintenance factor (LLMF)
    - Lamp survival factor (LSF)
    - Luminaire maintenance factor (LMF)
    - Room surface maintenance factor (RSMF)
  - See *CIBSE/SLL Code of Lighting* for description

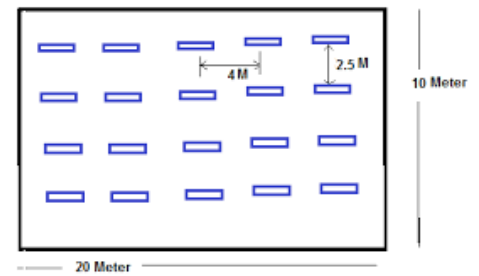
# Maintenance factor & light depreciation

Environmental condition	Maintenance factor
Clean	0.9
Average	0.8
Dirty	0.7



# Maintenance factor & lumen maintenance effects





# Lumen method

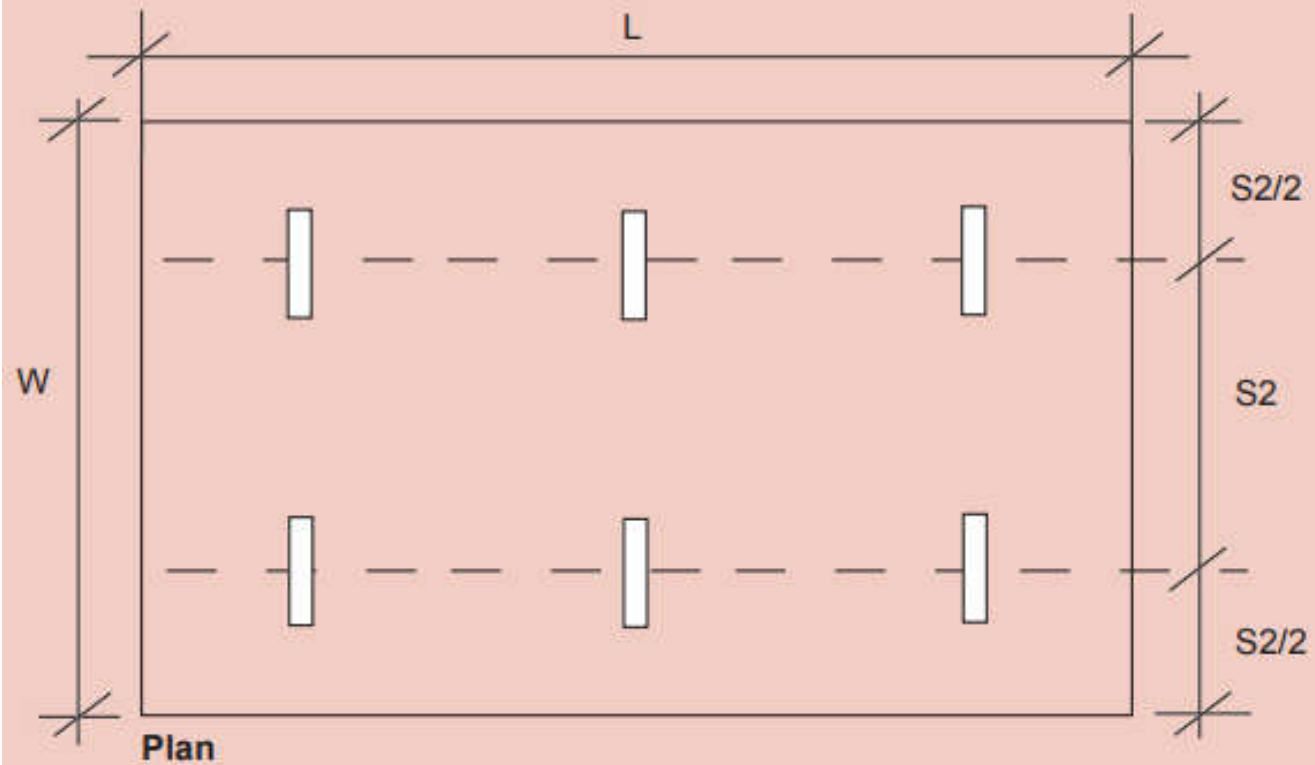
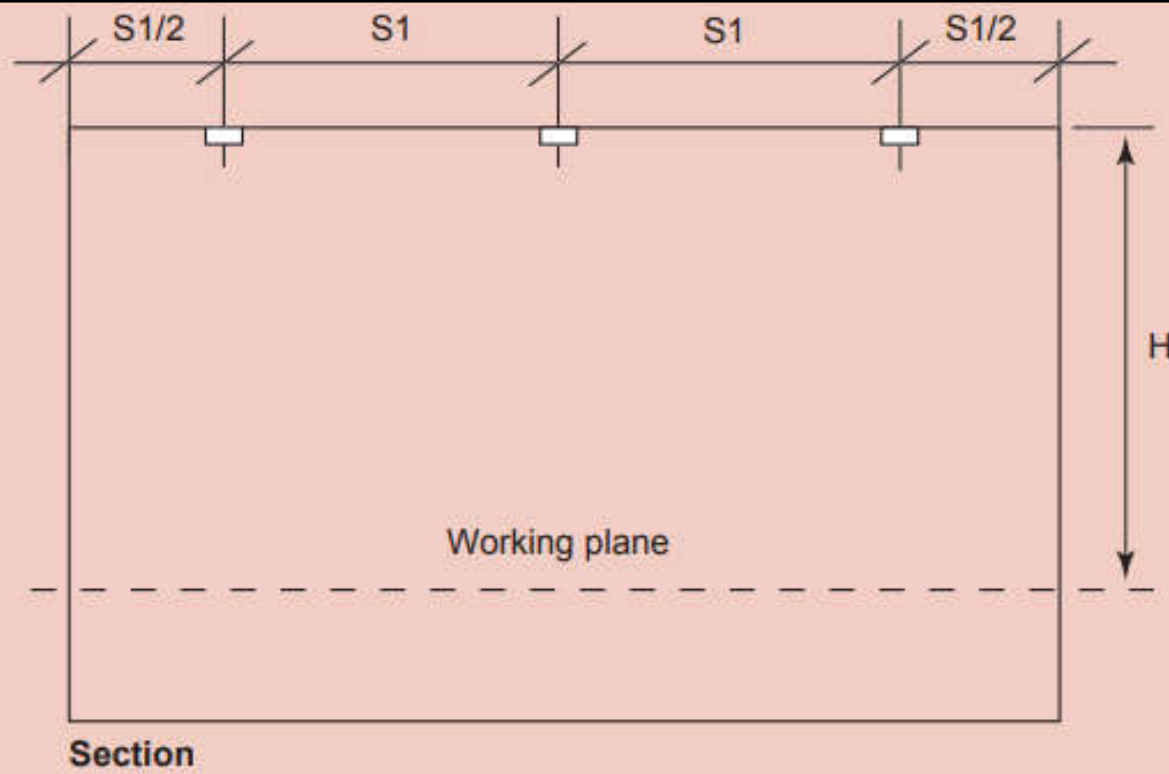
- The number of luminaires required for a required illuminance level  $E$  (lux) is:

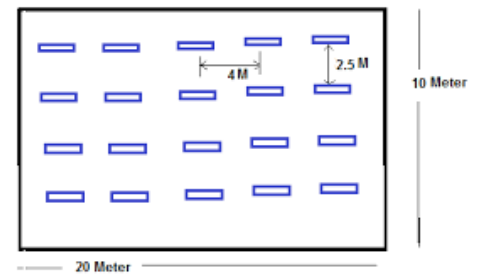
$$N = \frac{E \times A}{F \times n \times UF \times MF}$$

- Planning the luminaire layout
  - Work out a regular layout of luminaires with an acceptable uniformity
  - Rounding the number found to a whole number that will divide into a regular grid
  - Check on the spacing to height ratio



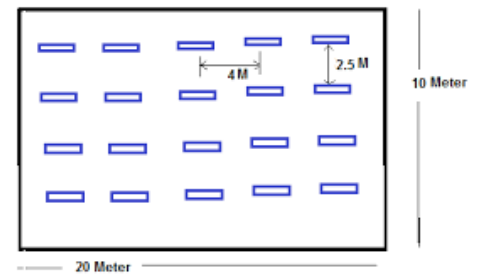
# Luminaire layout and spacing





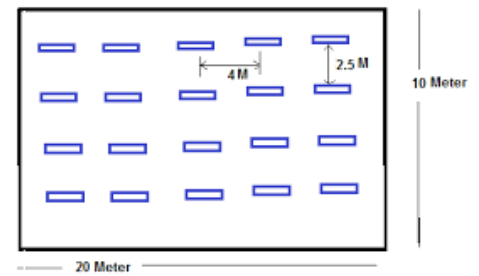
# Lumen method

- Spacing to height ratio (SHR)
  - Ratio of distance between adjacent luminaires (centre to centre) to their height above the working plane
 
$$SHR = \frac{1}{H_m} \sqrt{\frac{A}{N}}$$
    - where  $H_m$  = mounting height;  $A$  = total floor area;  $N$  = number of luminaires
- Maximum spacing to height ratio ( $SHR_{max}$ )
  - Luminaire spacing shall not exceed the maximum (provided by manufacturer) to ensure uniformity



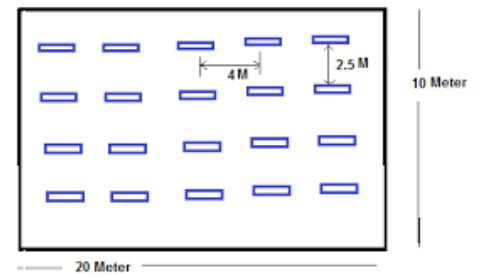
# Lumen method

- Lumen method: calculation procedure - a summary
  - Calculate room index  $K$ , floor/ceiling cavity index
  - Calculate effective reflectances of ceiling cavity, walls & floor cavity
  - Determine utilisation factor ( $UF$ ) from manufacturer's data, using the room index and effective reflectances
  - Determine maintenance factor ( $MF$ )
  - Obtain nos. of luminaires required
  - Determine a suitable layout
  - Check that the geometric mean spacing-to-height ratio
  - Check the layout does not exceed  $SHR_{max}$
  - Calculate illuminance achieved by the final layout



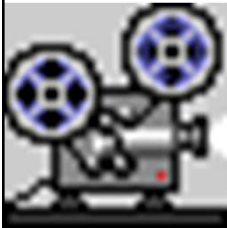
# Lumen method

- Basic assumptions underlying the lumen method
  - Rectangular room
  - Ratio of length to width = 1.6 : 1, with a max. of 4 : 1
  - Completely empty room
  - Uniform reflectance & completely diffuse reflection properties of the perimeter surfaces
  - Uniform distribution of luminous flux over all areas
  - Regular luminaire configuration throughout the room
  - In the case of fluorescent lamps, luminaire axis = room axis



# Lumen method

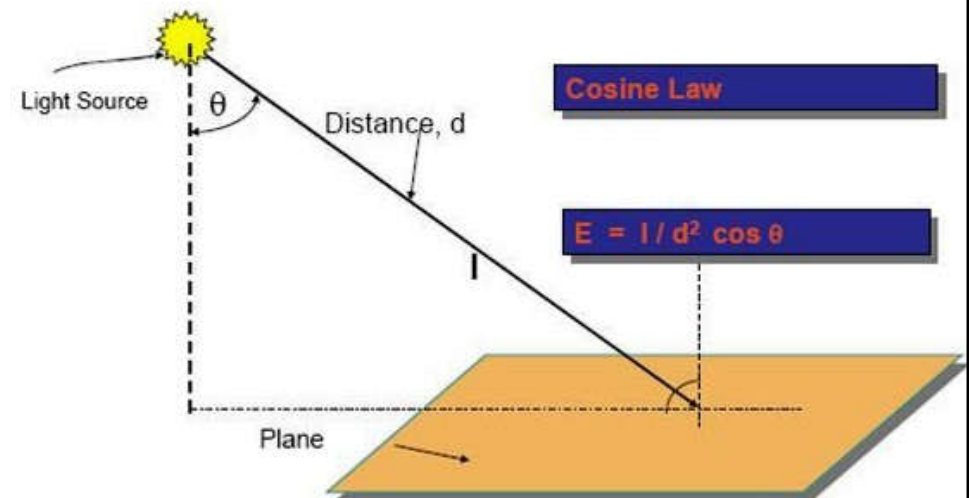
- Examples of lumen method calculations:
  - Lighting Design Calculation in a Building – Step by Step
    - <http://www.electricaltechnology.org/2017/03/lighting-design-calculation-in-building.html>
  - Videos:
    - What is Lumen method? (4:46) <https://youtu.be/WUxwNUdGycI>
    - Lighting Calculations: Lumen Method (3:36) [https://youtu.be/CFxM\\_xXnY7A](https://youtu.be/CFxM_xXnY7A)
    - Lumen Method Lighting Calculation Example (14:55) <https://youtu.be/Rn8wJRY-9WU>



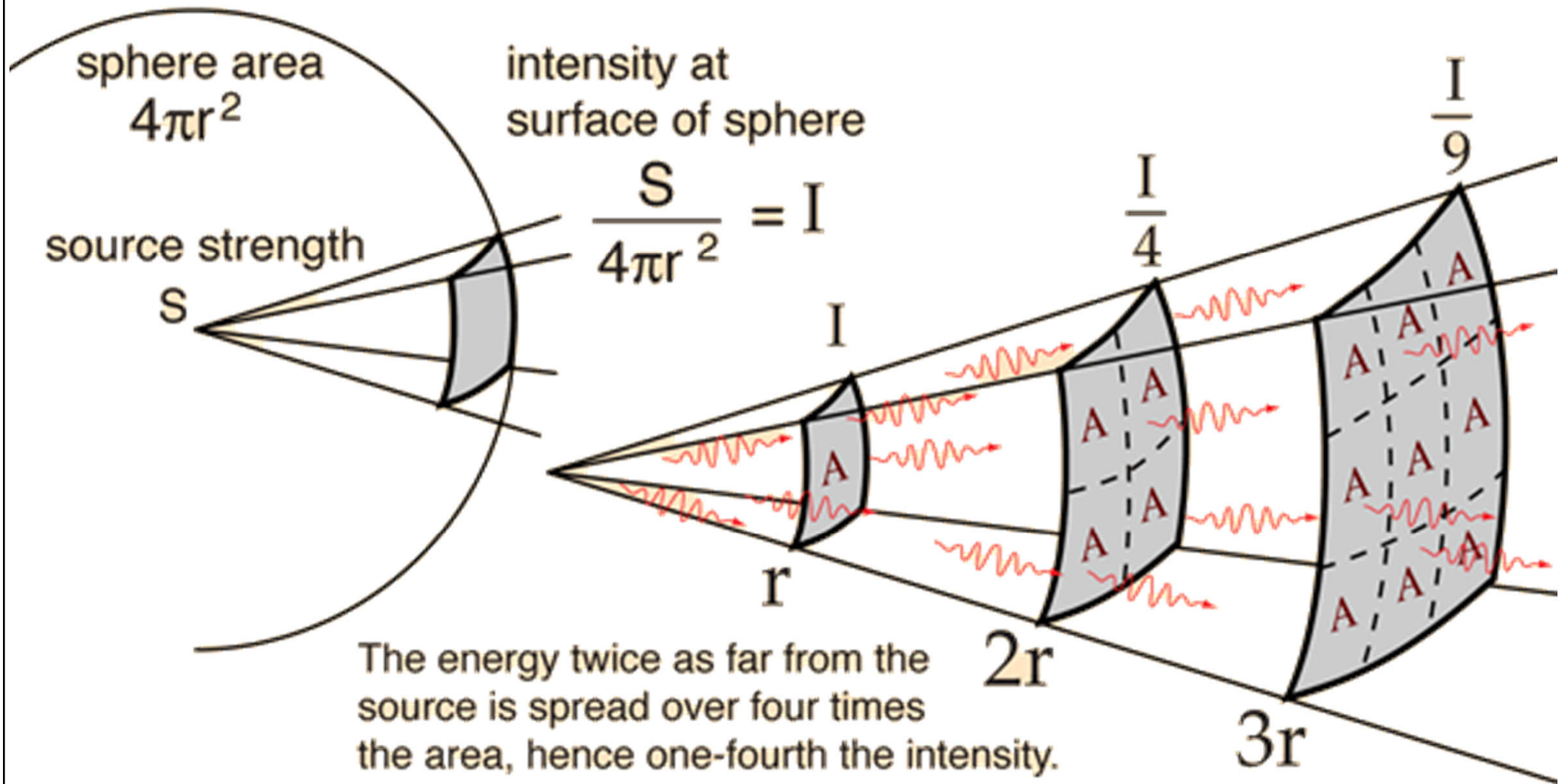


# Point-by-point method

- Predict direct illuminance at each point on a plane, using measured data of luminous intensity distribution of a source or a luminaire
  - Based on the inverse square law & cosine law
- Three factors must be considered:
  - Luminous intensity
  - Distance
  - Orientation of the surface

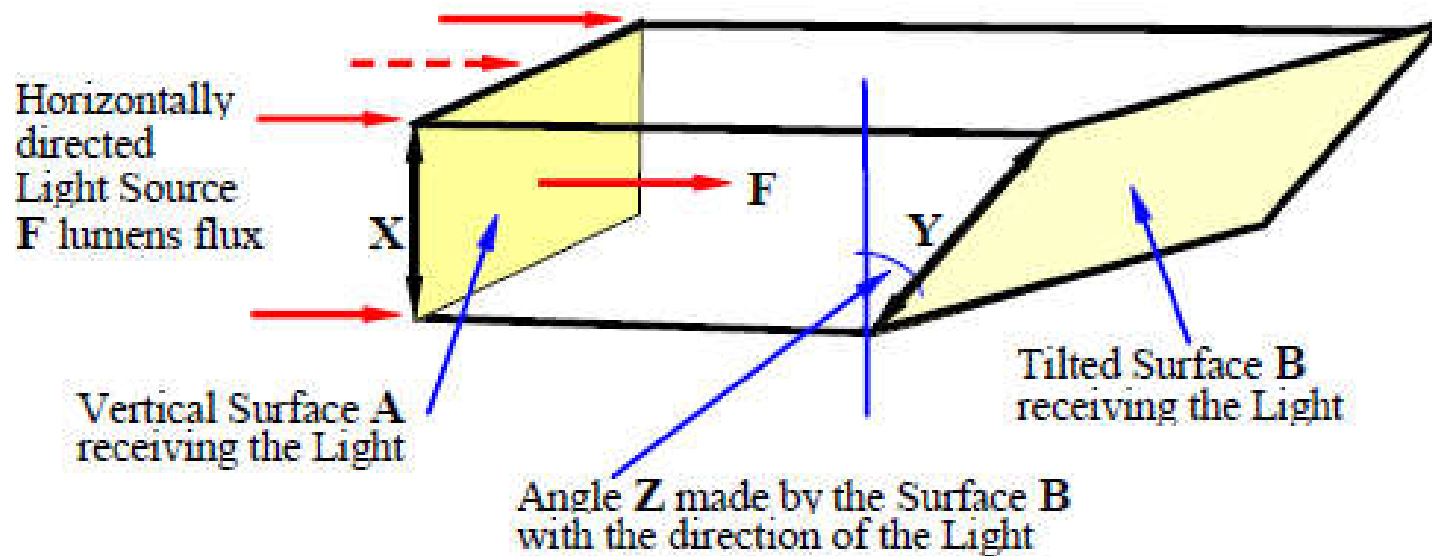


# Inverse Square Law for lighting calculations



# Cosine Law for lighting calculations

## COSINE LAW (Illuminance on Tilted Surface)



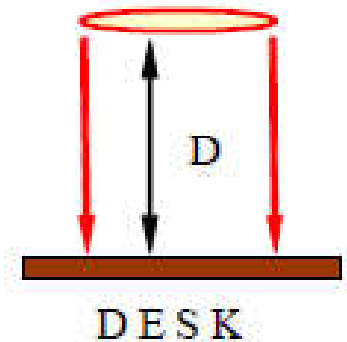
The Areas A and B are proportional to the lengths of their sides X and Y

$$A / B = \cos(Z) \quad B = A / \cos(Z) \quad \text{Illuminance } E_A = F / A$$

$$\text{Illuminance } E_B = F / B = F / (A / \cos(Z)) = F / A * \cos(Z) = E_A * \cos(Z)$$

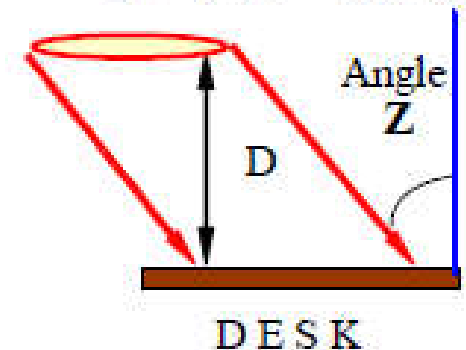
$E = I / D^2$  when the incident angle is 0 degrees.  
The general equation becomes  $E = I / D^2 * \cos(Z)$

Light Source Intensity =  
I Candelas  $E = I / D^2$



Light Source Intensity =  
I Candelas

$$E = I / D^2 * \cos(Z)$$



### Cosine Values of Angles

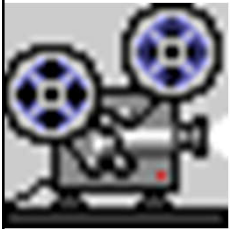
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# Point-by-point method

- Video:



- Lighting Point by Point (5:08)

- <https://youtu.be/C8ZKNOvDmCQ>

- Limits for using point by point method:

- Maximum physical dimension of the surface under design is not larger than  $1/5$ th the mounting height above the evaluation point
  - Does not apply to a surface of infinite length

# Point-by-point method



- **Computer software** can be used to perform numerical point-by-point calculations of direct or reflected light incident on any real surface or imaginary plane
  - The results can be used to predict or quantify the distribution of artificial or natural light in any environment (=> lighting simulation)
    - Brightness of room surfaces & patterns of light on the ceiling, walls & floor
    - Also lighting quality & visual performance

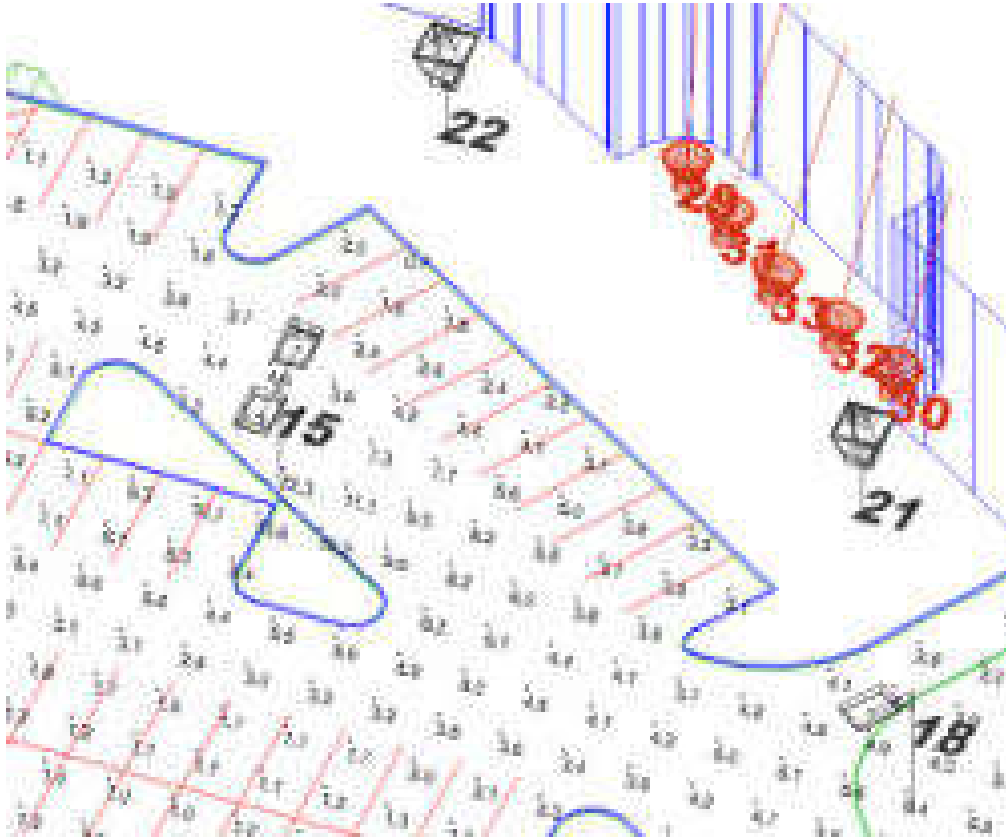
# Point-by-point method



- Two calculation techniques when simulating a lighting application
  - Direct Calculation Method
    - A simplified technique when reflected light need not be considered in the results; often used in exterior lighting applications e.g. road & sports lighting
    - It cannot be rendered
  - Full Radiosity Method
    - Accurate computation of interreflected light; for interior lighting applications or when rendering is desired

# Two calculation techniques for simulating a lighting application

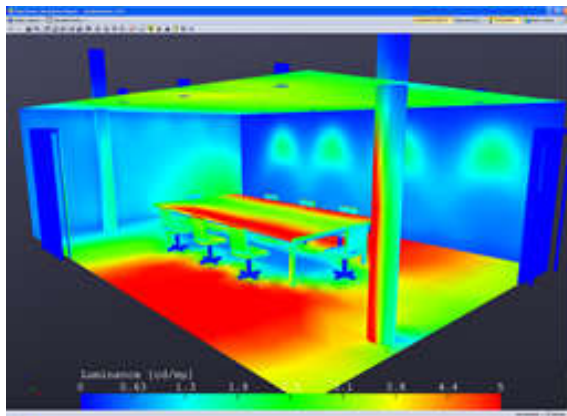
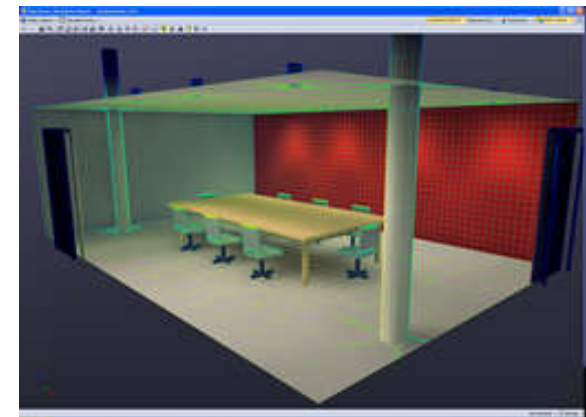
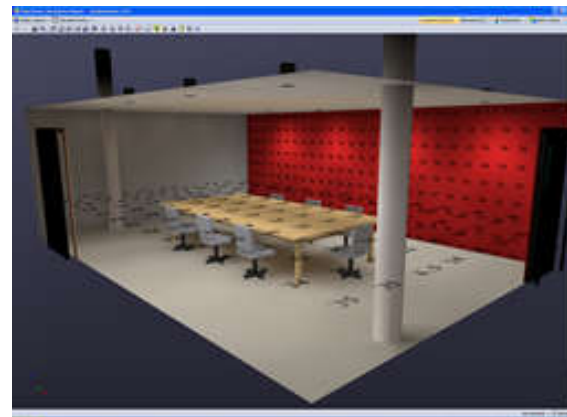
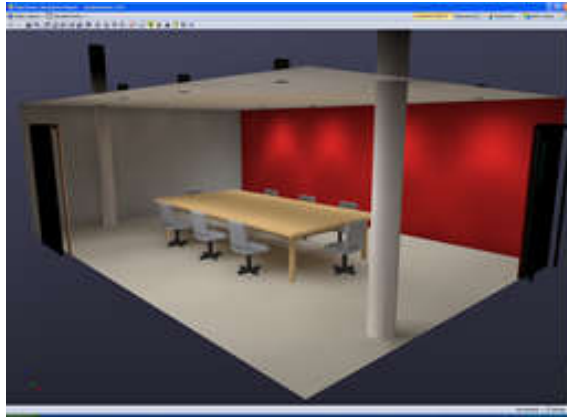
## Direct calculation



## Full Radiosity calculation



# Lighting calculations & simulation in Revit BIM using ElumTools



**Analysis display style**

**View and Hide results**

Conference  
325  
645 SF

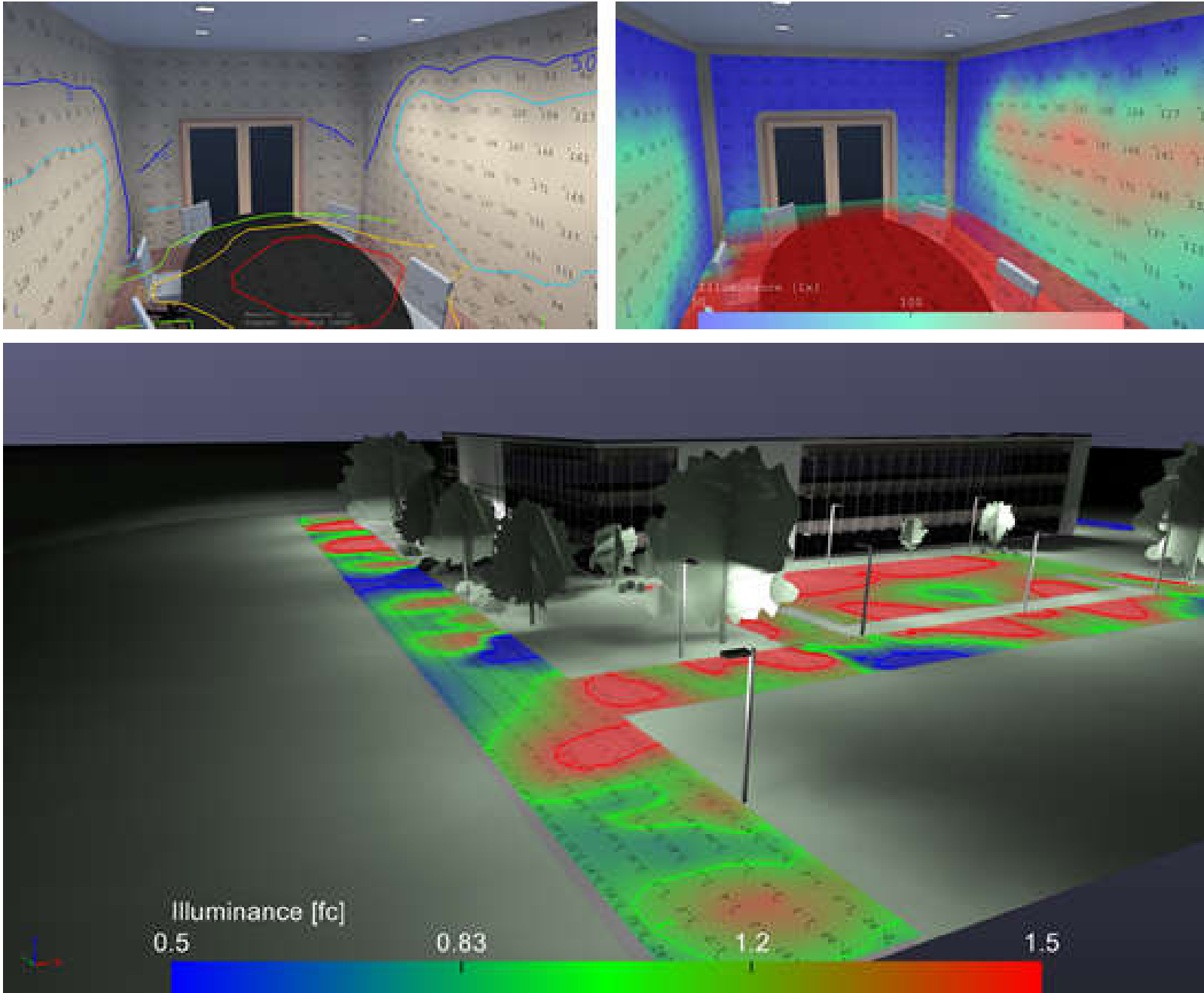
Corridor  
328  
591 SF

Illuminance (fc)

61  
53  
44  
35  
27  
18  
9  
1

ElumTools Default Analysis

# Using isolines & spatial maps to evaluate the gradient of light across a workplane or surface



# Point-by-point method



- Examples of the impact on lighting with differing techniques of lighting distribution inside interior spaces
  - <https://iarc.uncg.edu/elight/learn/design/la.html>
    - Uplighting
    - Downlighting
    - Semi-indirect lighting
    - Semi-direct lighting
    - Wall washing, wall grazing
    - Slot lighting

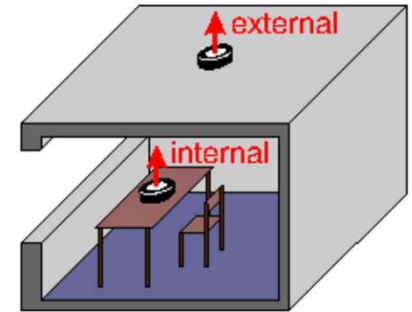


# Daylight calculations



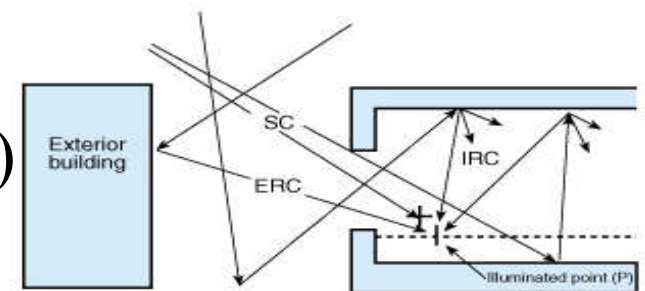
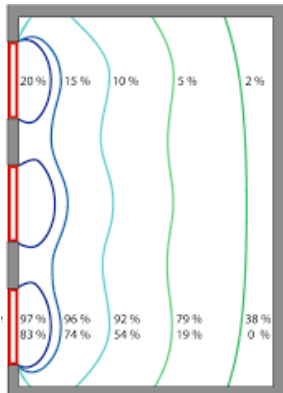
- Daylight factor (DF)

- To assess daylight availability & impact
- Expresses as a percentage the amount of daylight available inside a room (on a work plane) compared to the amount of unobstructed daylight available outside under overcast sky conditions



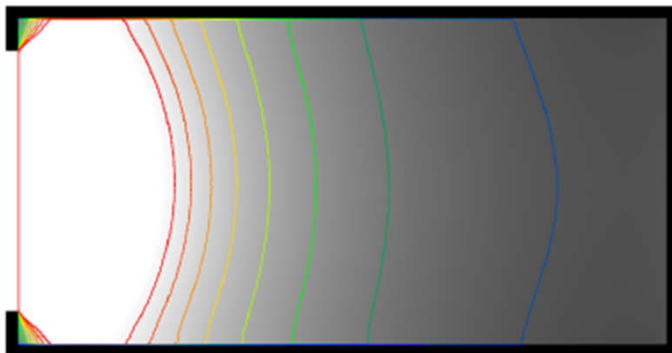
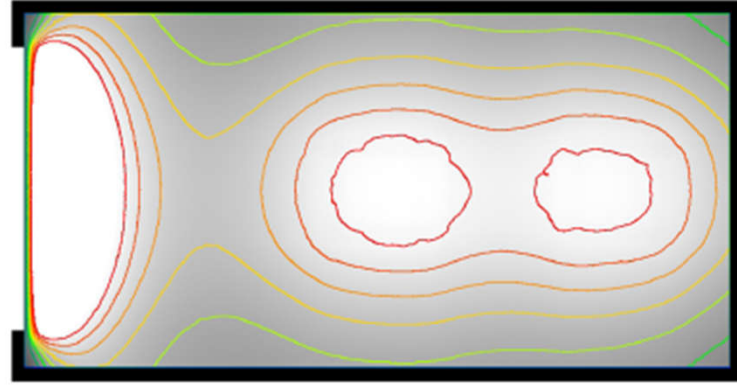
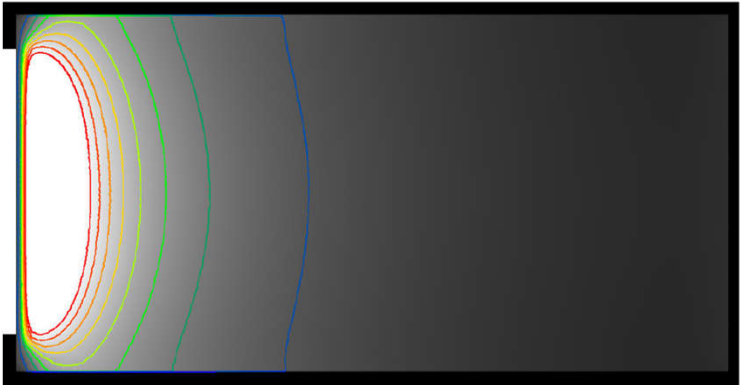
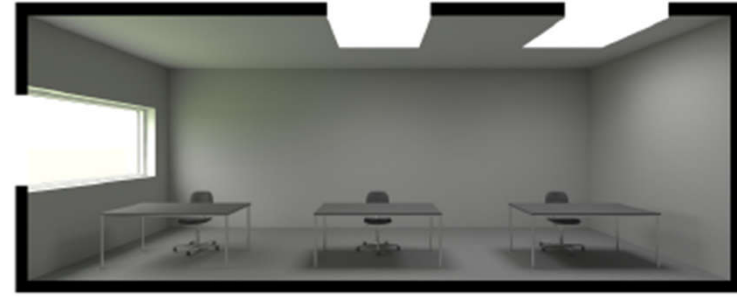
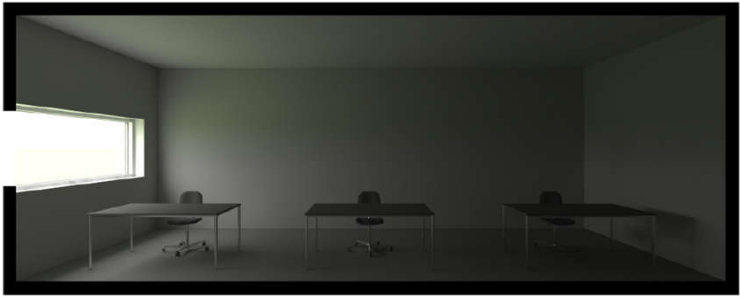
- Three components:

- Sky component (SC) – direct
- Externally reflected component (ERC)
- Internally reflected component (IRC)





# Luminance & daylight factor simulations



Video: Lighting Calculations:  
Daylight Factor (4:46)

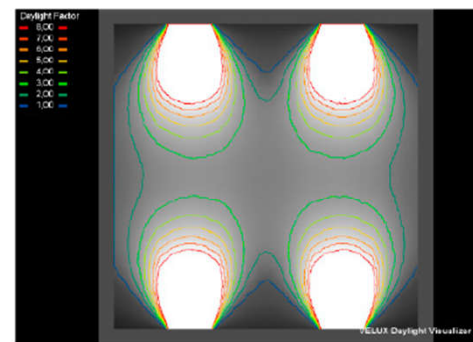
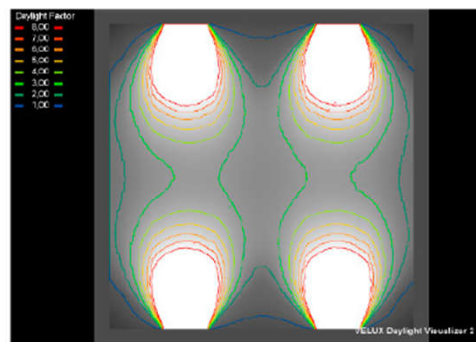
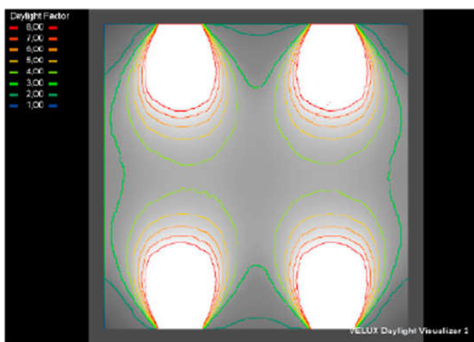
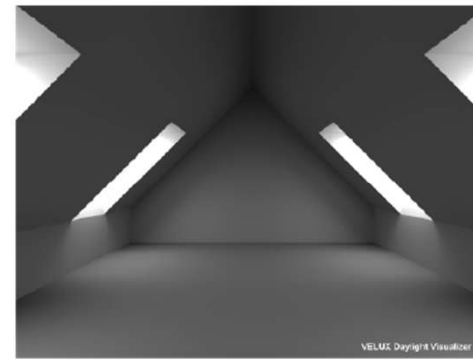
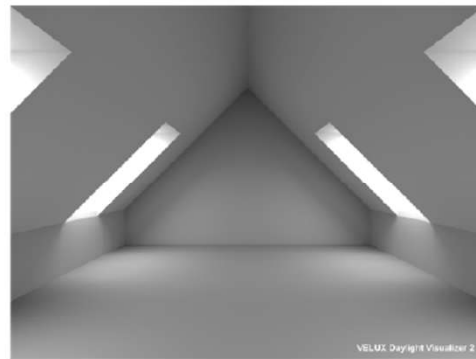
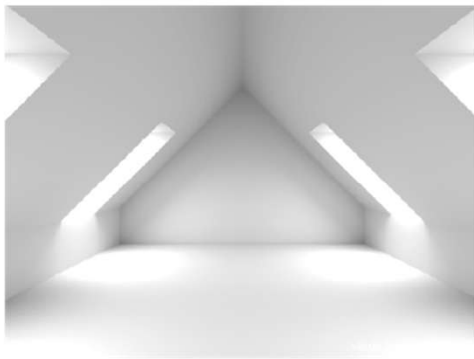
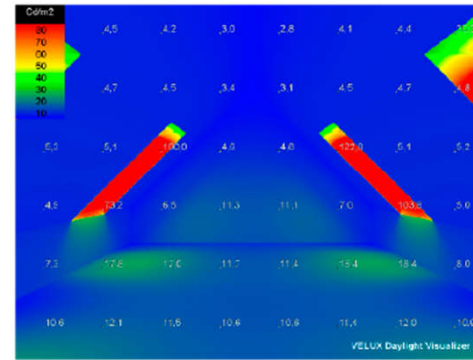
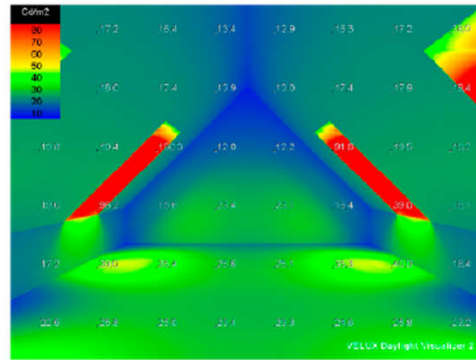
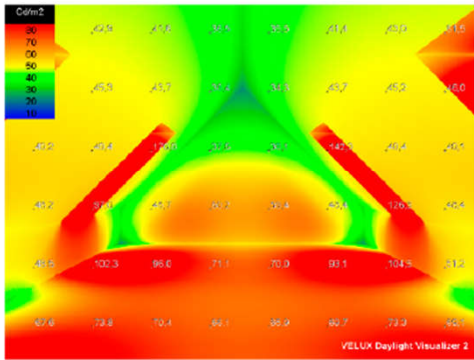
<https://youtu.be/F0IwXvwqI4g>

# Daylight calculations



- Key building properties that determine the magnitude & distribution of daylight factor
  - The size, distribution, location & transmission properties of the facade & roof windows
  - The size & configuration of the space
  - The reflective properties of internal & external surfaces
  - The degree to which external structures obscure the view of the sky

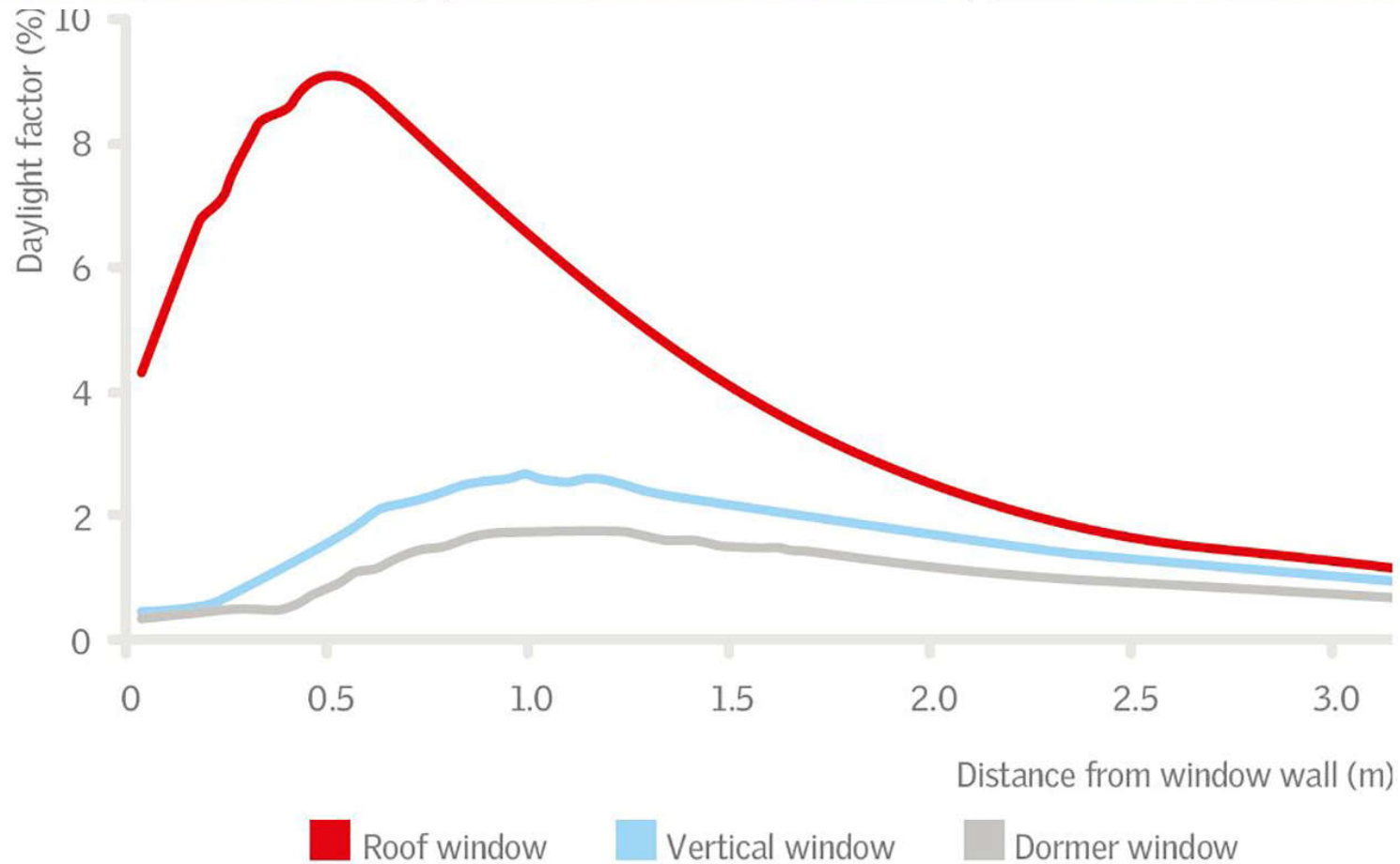
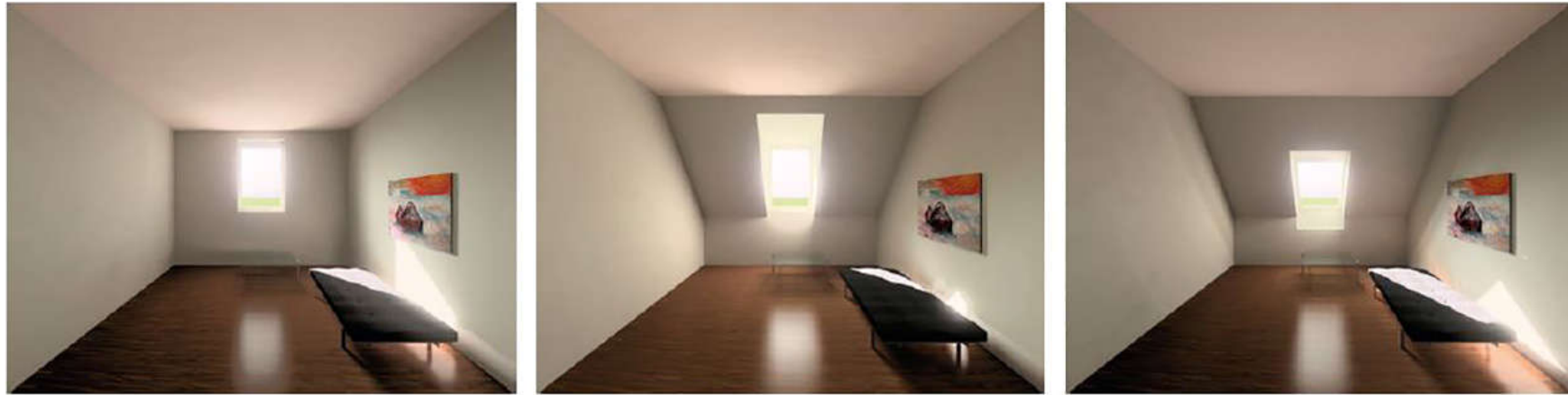
Floor	(0.70)	Floor	(0.30)	Floor	(0.15)
Wall	(0.85)	Wall	(0.50)	Wall	(0.30)
Ceiling	(0.85)	Ceiling	(0.70)	Ceiling	(0.30)



Average DF	6.41%	Average DF	5.60%	Average DF	5.24%
Median DF	4.68%	Median DF	3.86%	Median DF	3.49%
Uniformity Dmin/Dav	0.33	Uniformity Dmin/Dav	0.21	Uniformity Dmin/Dav	0.31

Effect of surface reflectance on daylight levels

# Comparison of daylight factor levels along the depth of the room



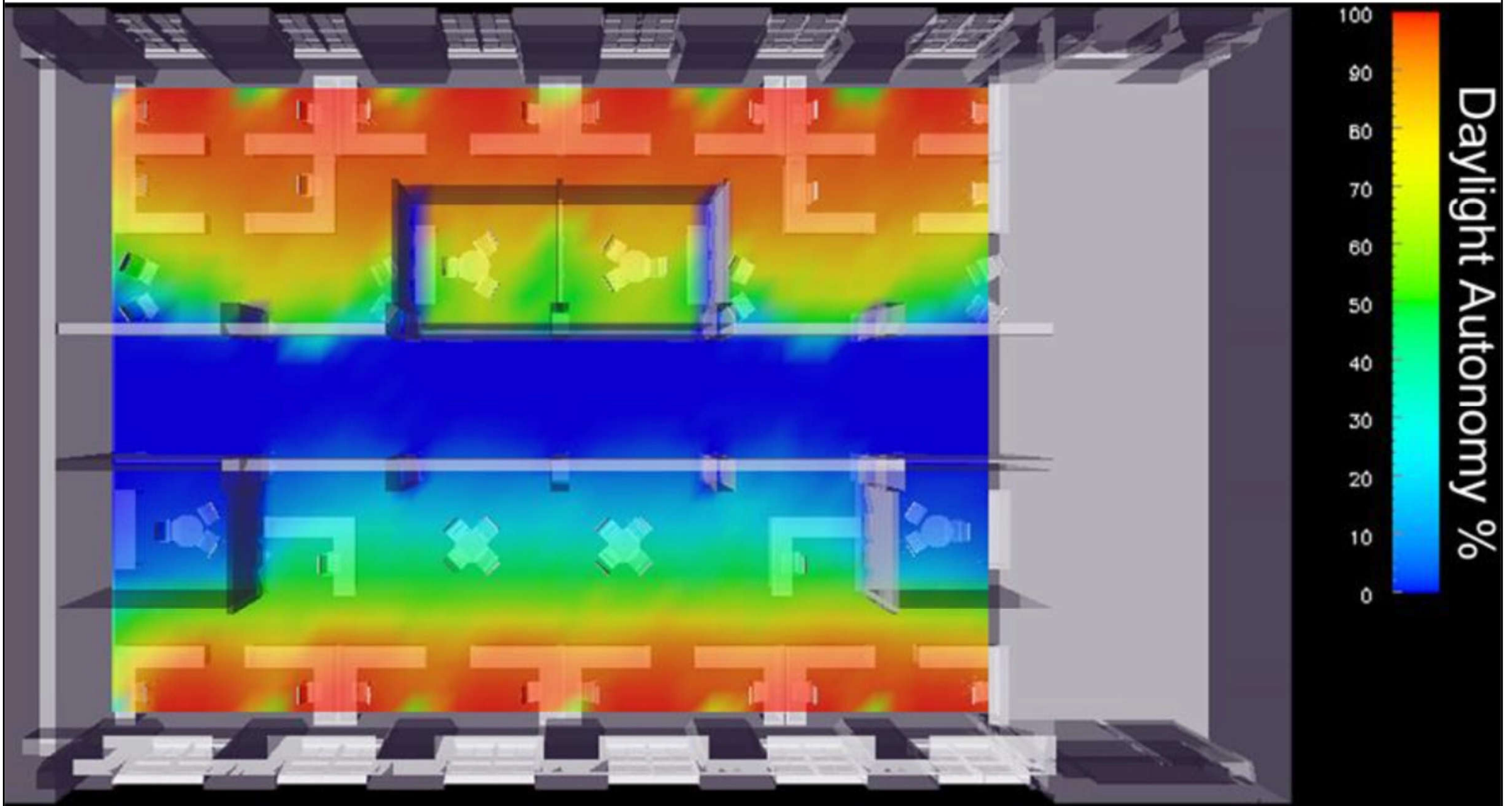
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# Daylight calculations



- **Daylight autonomy (DA)**
  - Percentage of the occupied time when the target illuminance at a point in a space is met by daylight
  - A target illuminance of 300 lux & a threshold DA of 50%, meaning 50% of the time daylight levels are above the target illuminance
- **Useful daylight illuminance (UDI)**
  - Percentage of the occupied time when a target range of illuminances at a point in a space is met by daylight

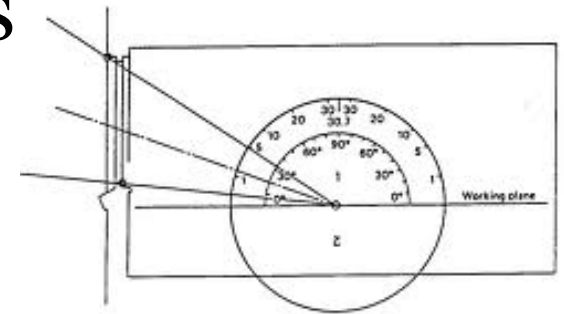
# Typical daylight autonomy visualisation



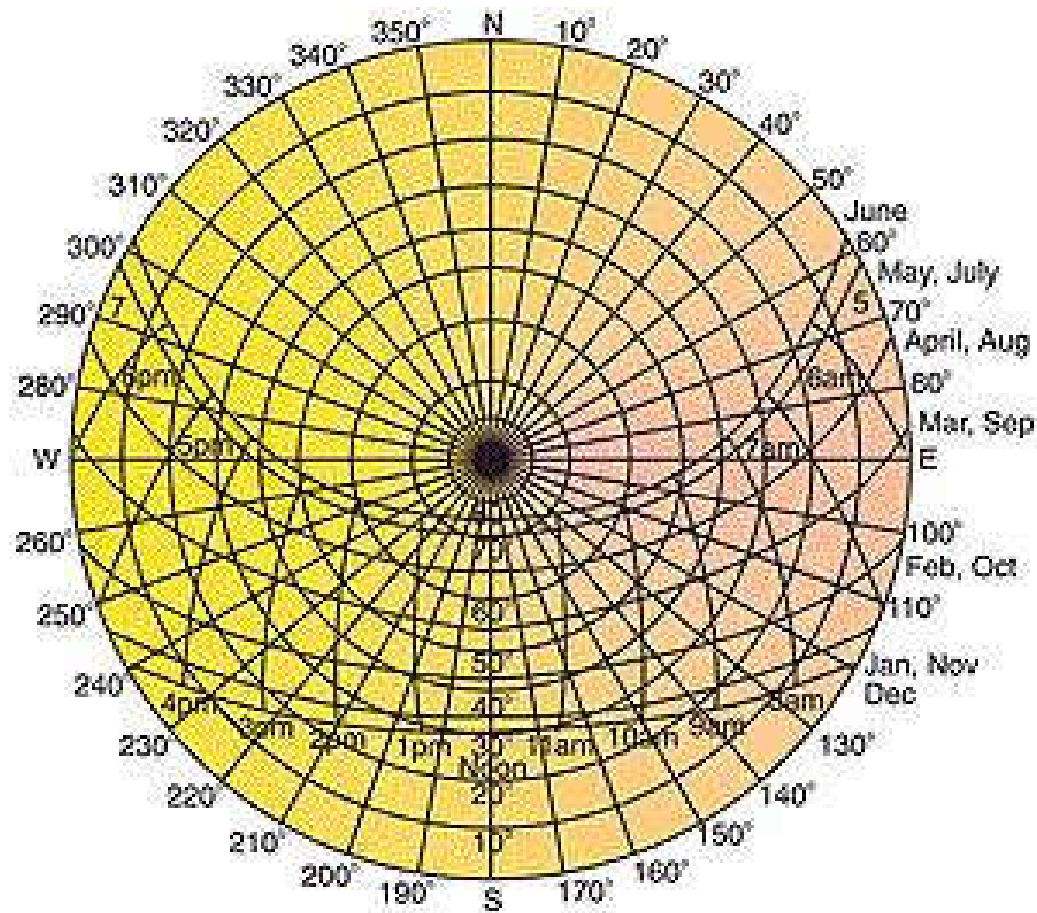
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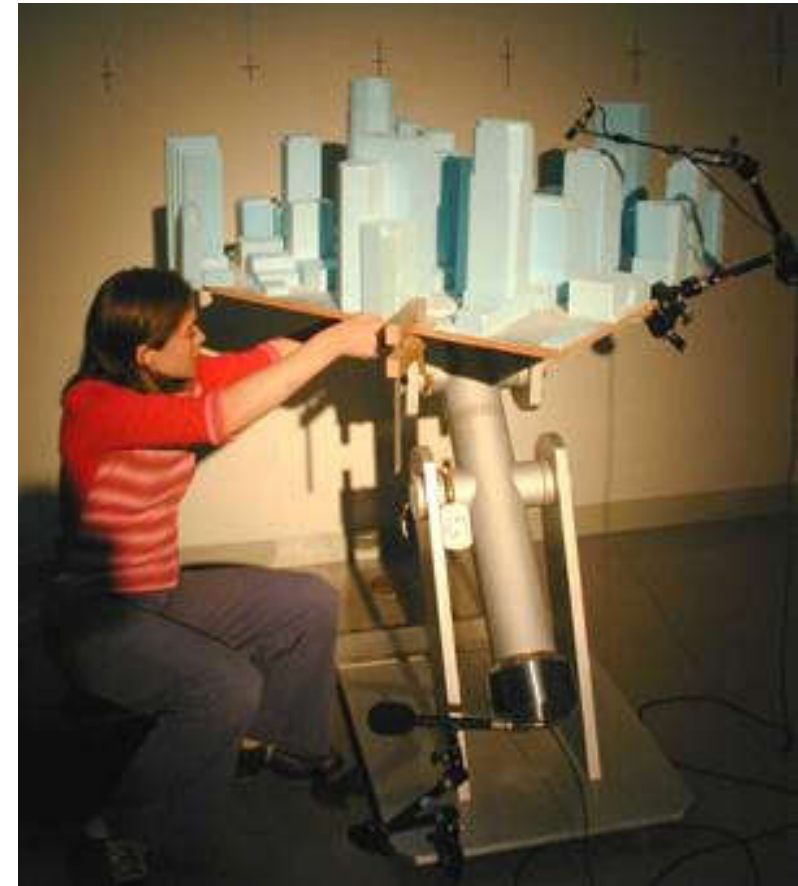
- Daylighting design & solar analysis
  - Manual methods
    - Shading mask & sun path diagram
    - Nomographs or charts (e.g. daylight protractors)
  - Scale model photometry (e.g. using heliodons)
  - Computer programs (e.g. RADIANCE, Lumen Micro, Lightscape, LightCAD)
  - On-site measurements (e.g. using lux meter) & observations



# Daylighting design & analysis tools

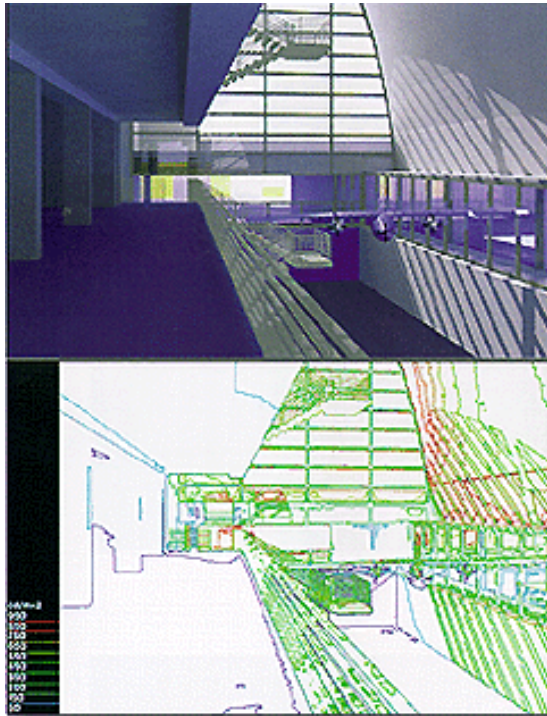


Sunpath diagram



Heliodon studies





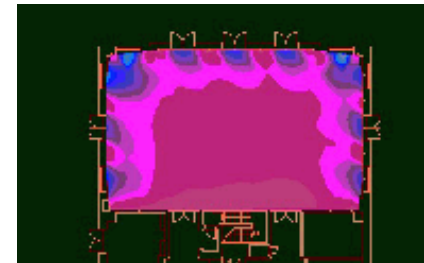
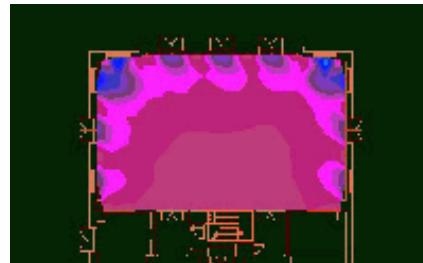
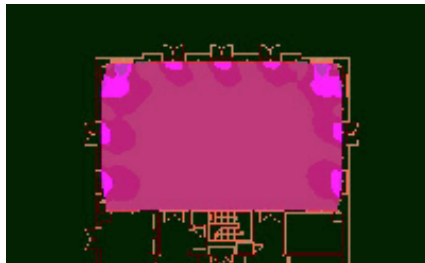
Daylight  
simulation  
using  
RADIANCE

9:00am

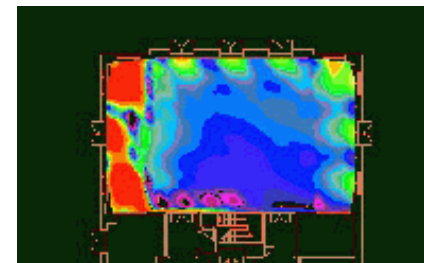
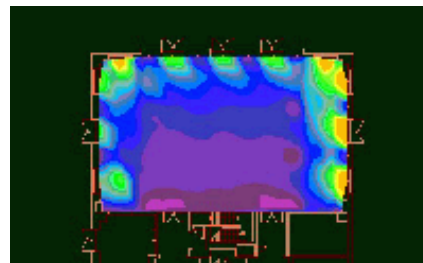
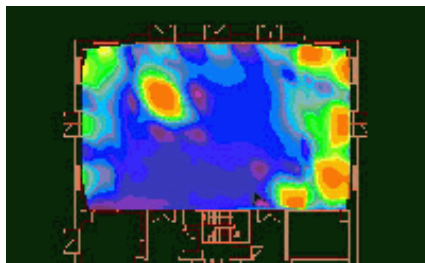
12:00 noon

3:00pm

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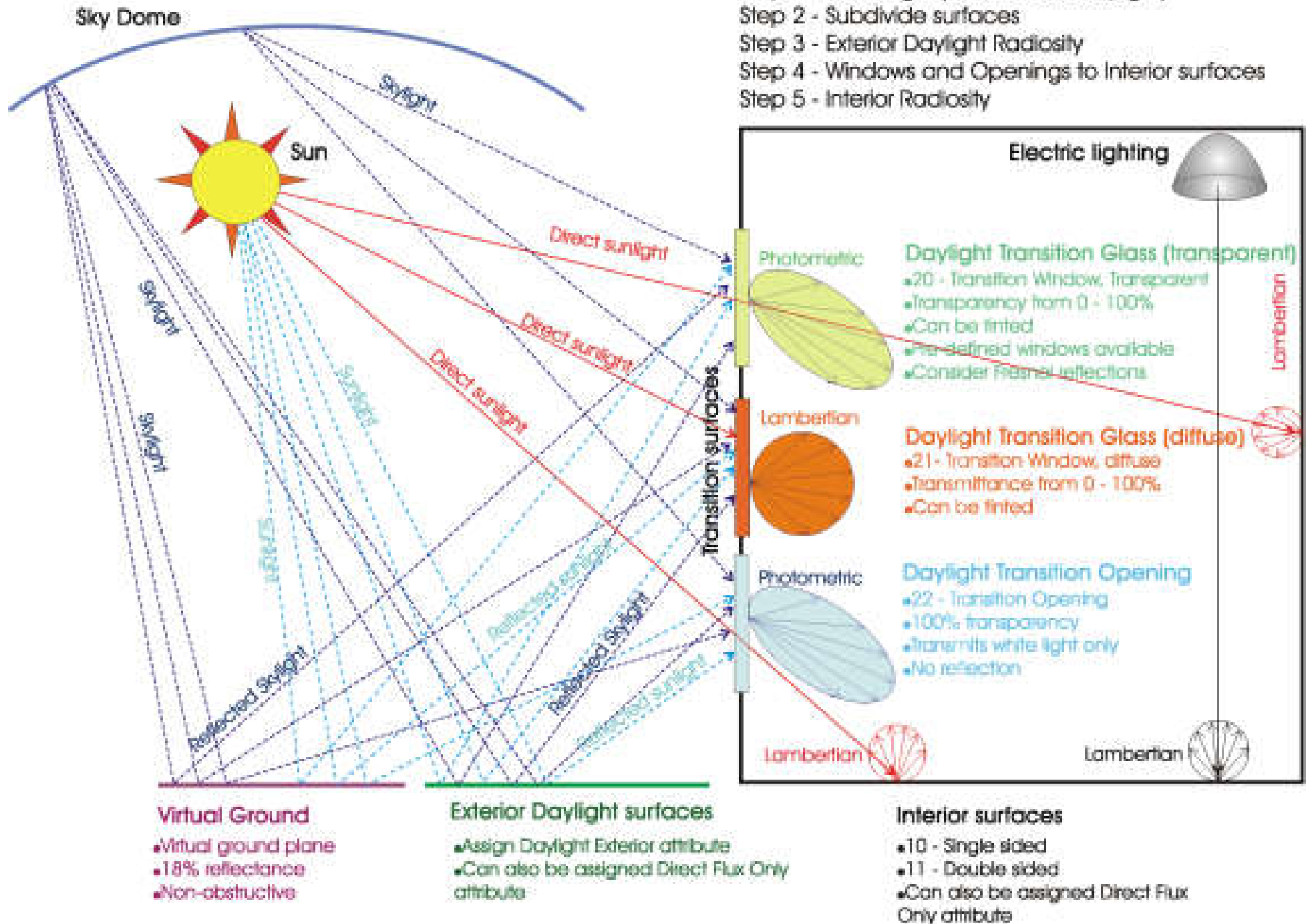
Sunny:



Daylighting  
analysis

# Details of daylighting calculations (for AGi32)

- Step 1 - Direct light (electric and daylight)
- Step 2 - Subdivide surfaces
- Step 3 - Exterior Daylight Radiosity
- Step 4 - Windows and Openings to Interior surfaces
- Step 5 - Interior Radiosity



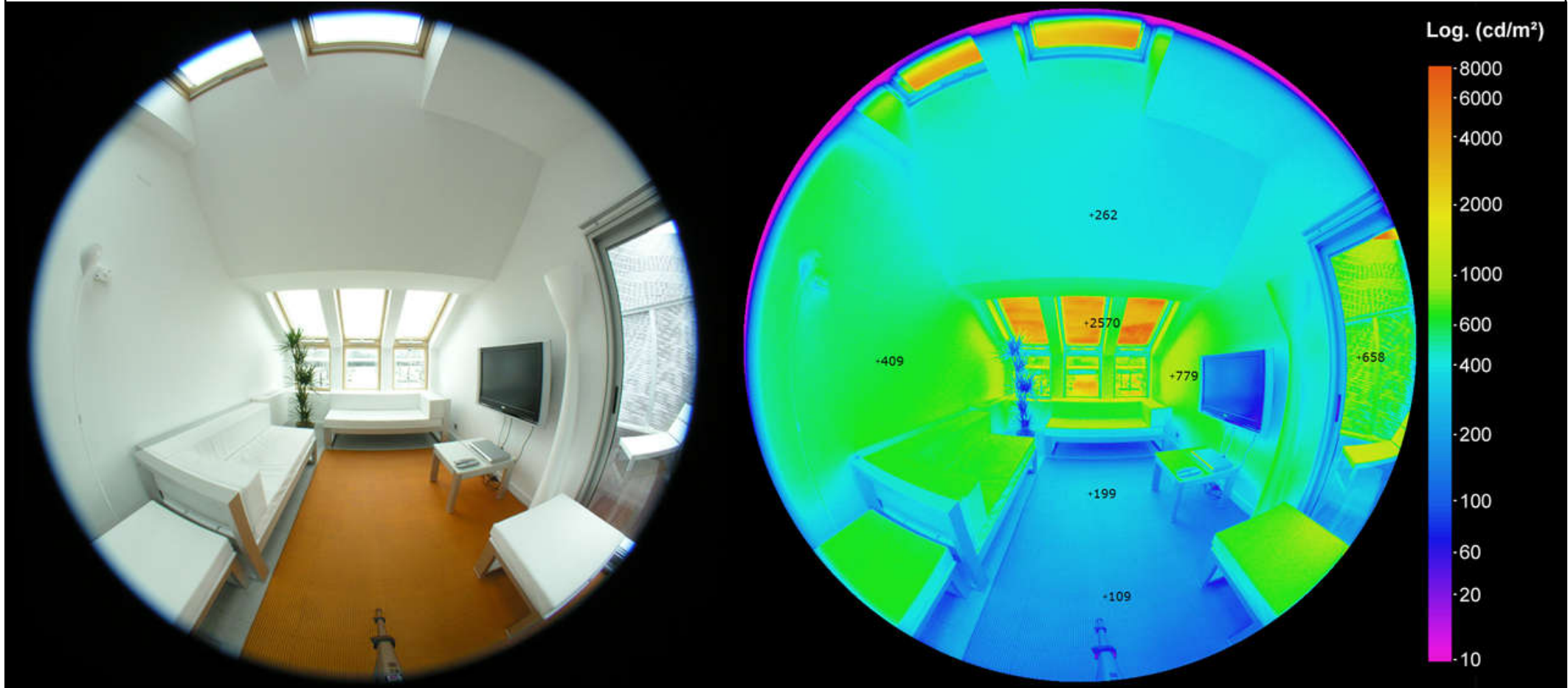
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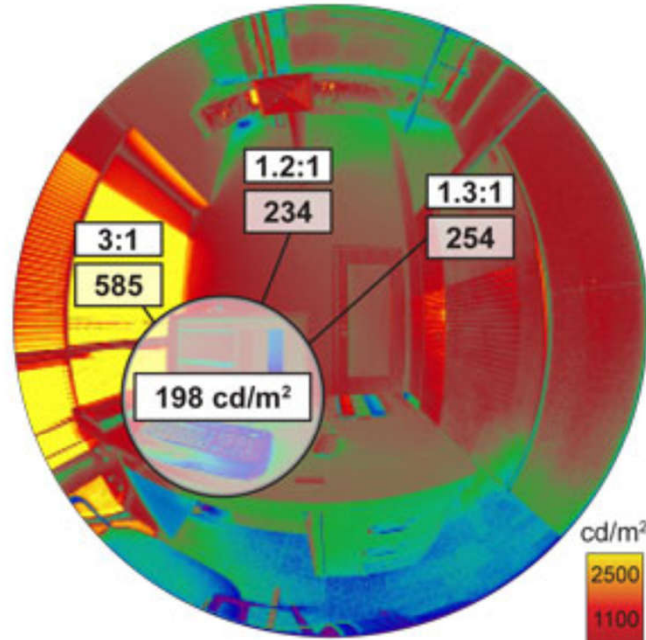
- Examples of the impact of architectural constraints on the lighting outcome in an interior space
  - <https://iarc.uncg.edu/elight/learn/record/1a.html>
  - Time of day
  - Location
  - Sky conditions
  - Room geometry



# Luminance map showing the distribution of luminance values under overcast sky conditions

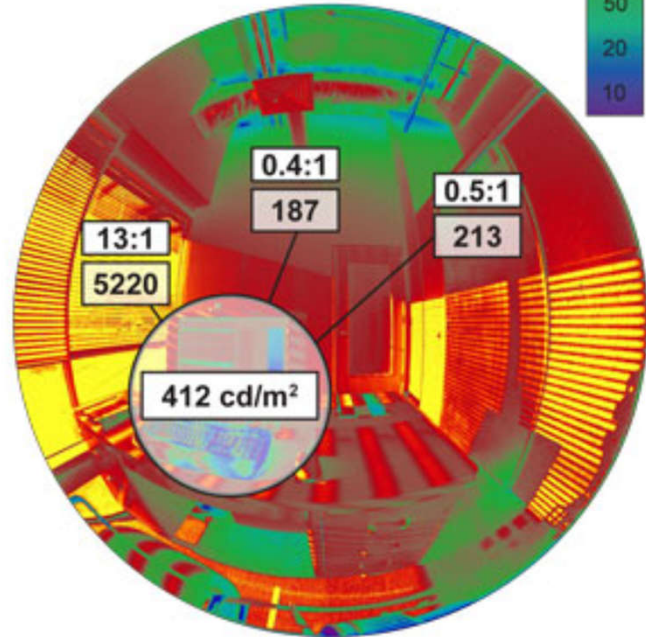


Preferable



Example of glare analysis for daylight design

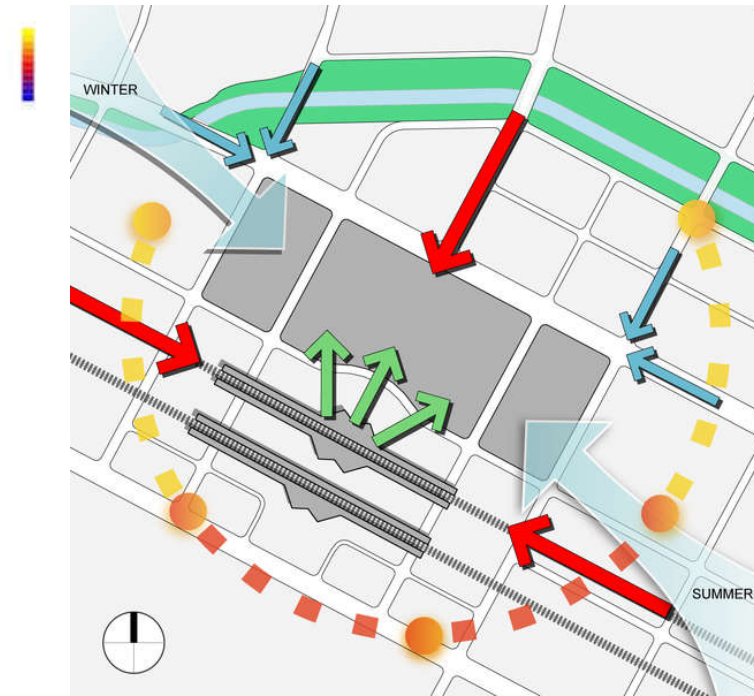
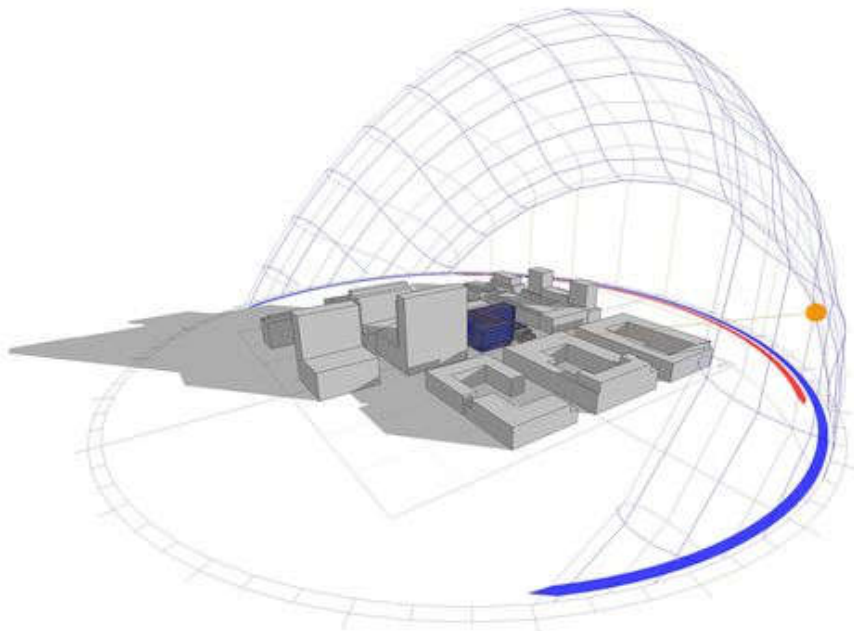
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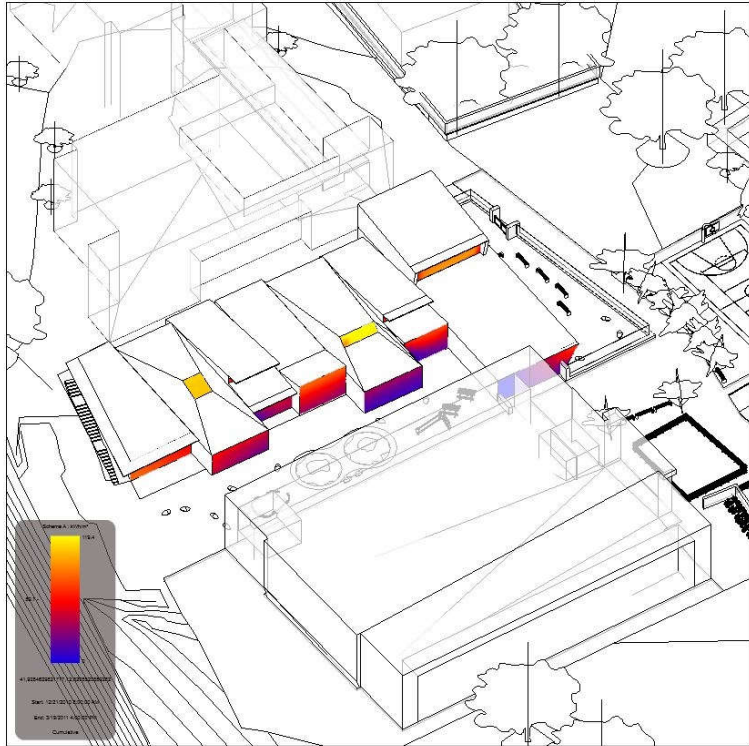
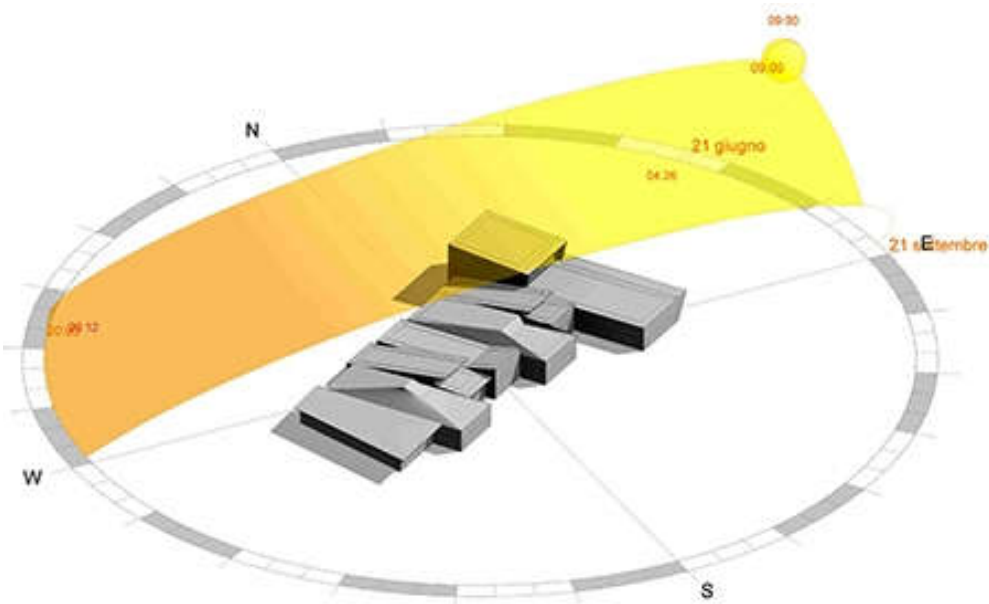
# Other calculations



- Overshadowing of neighbouring buildings
  - Model shadow paths on an hourly basis for 21 March, 21 June, 21 September, 21 December to give an indication of transient overshadowing

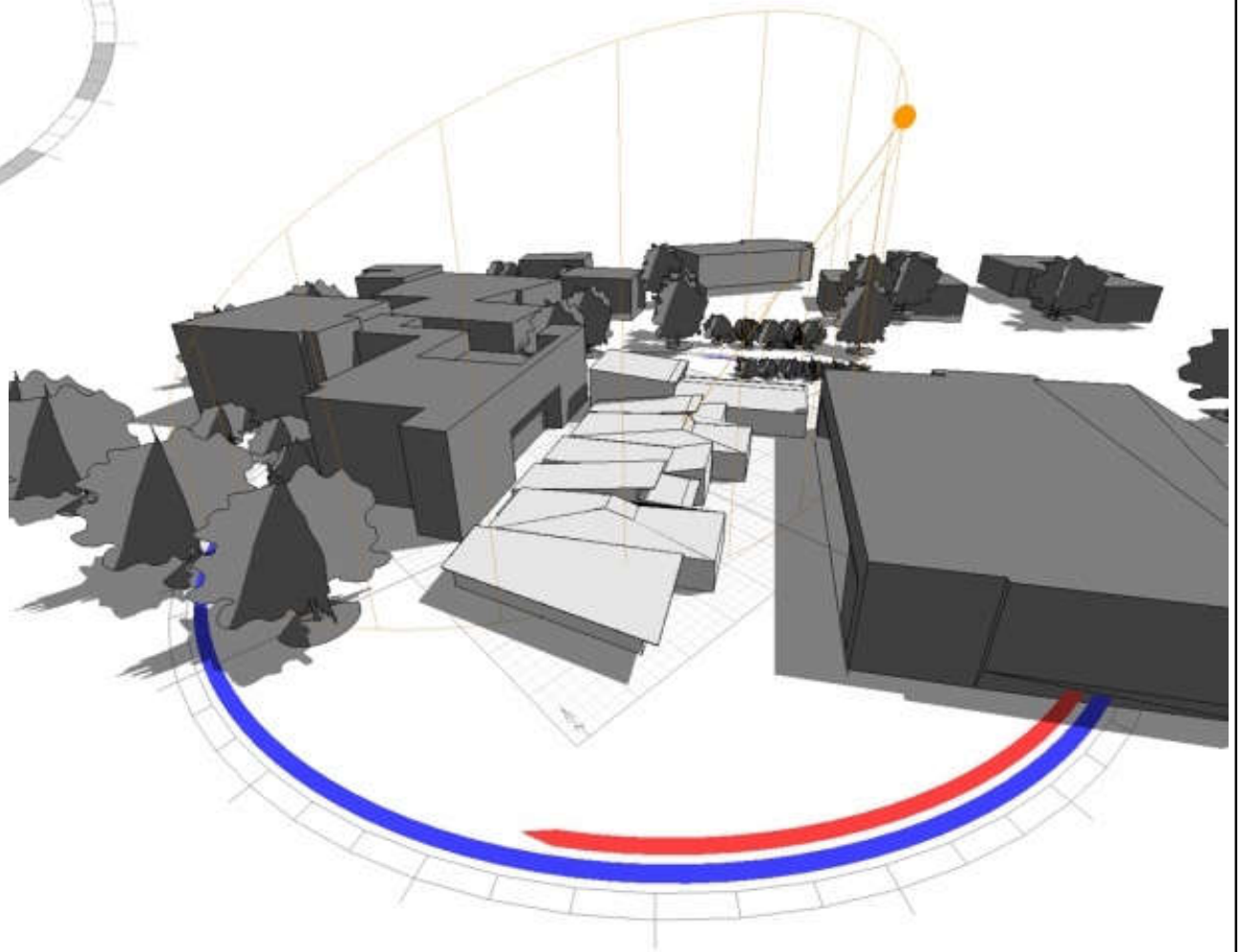


# Solar studies & analyses

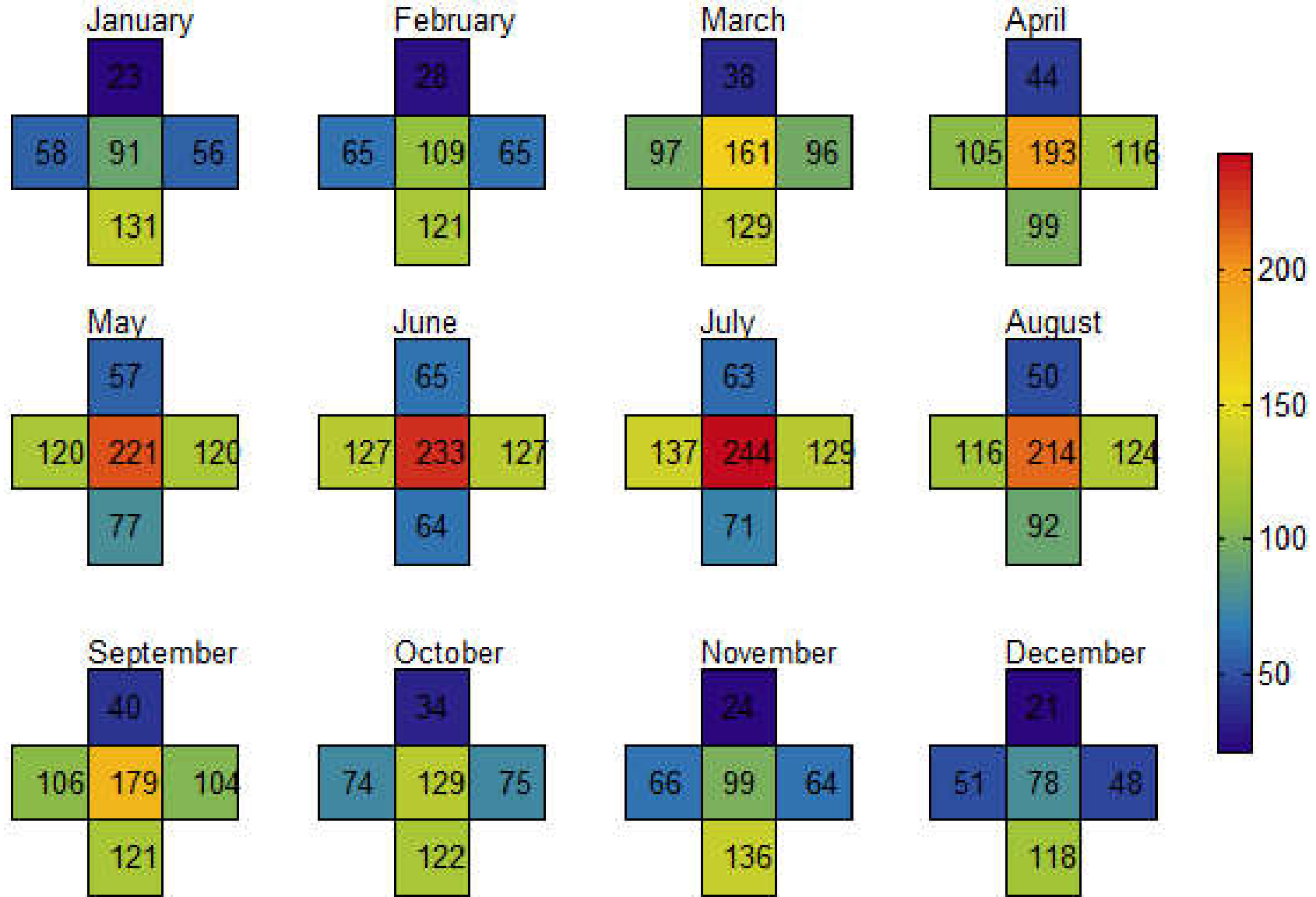
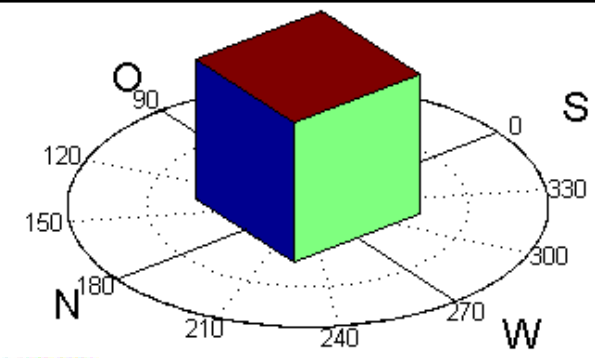


Solar insolation

(Source: Autodesk)



# Solar radiation analysis (façade month)



Global Radiation [kWh/m<sup>2</sup>\*Month]



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**Latitude/Longitude:** 22.32° North, 114.17° East, **Time Zone from Greenwich 8**  
**Data Source:** CityUHK-45007 450070 WMO Station Number, **Elevation 65 m**

### SUN SHADING CHART

#### LEGEND

- **WARMHOT > 27°C**  
(SHADE NEEDED)  
1052 Hours Exposed  
375 Hours Shaded
- **COMFORT > 20°C**  
(SHADE HELPS)  
432 Hours Exposed  
362 Hours Shaded
- **COOL/COLD < 20°C**  
(SUN NEEDED)  
121 Hours Exposed  
236 Hours Shaded

#### PLOT MONTHS:

WINTER SPRING

December 21 to June 21

SUMMER FALL

June 21 to December 21

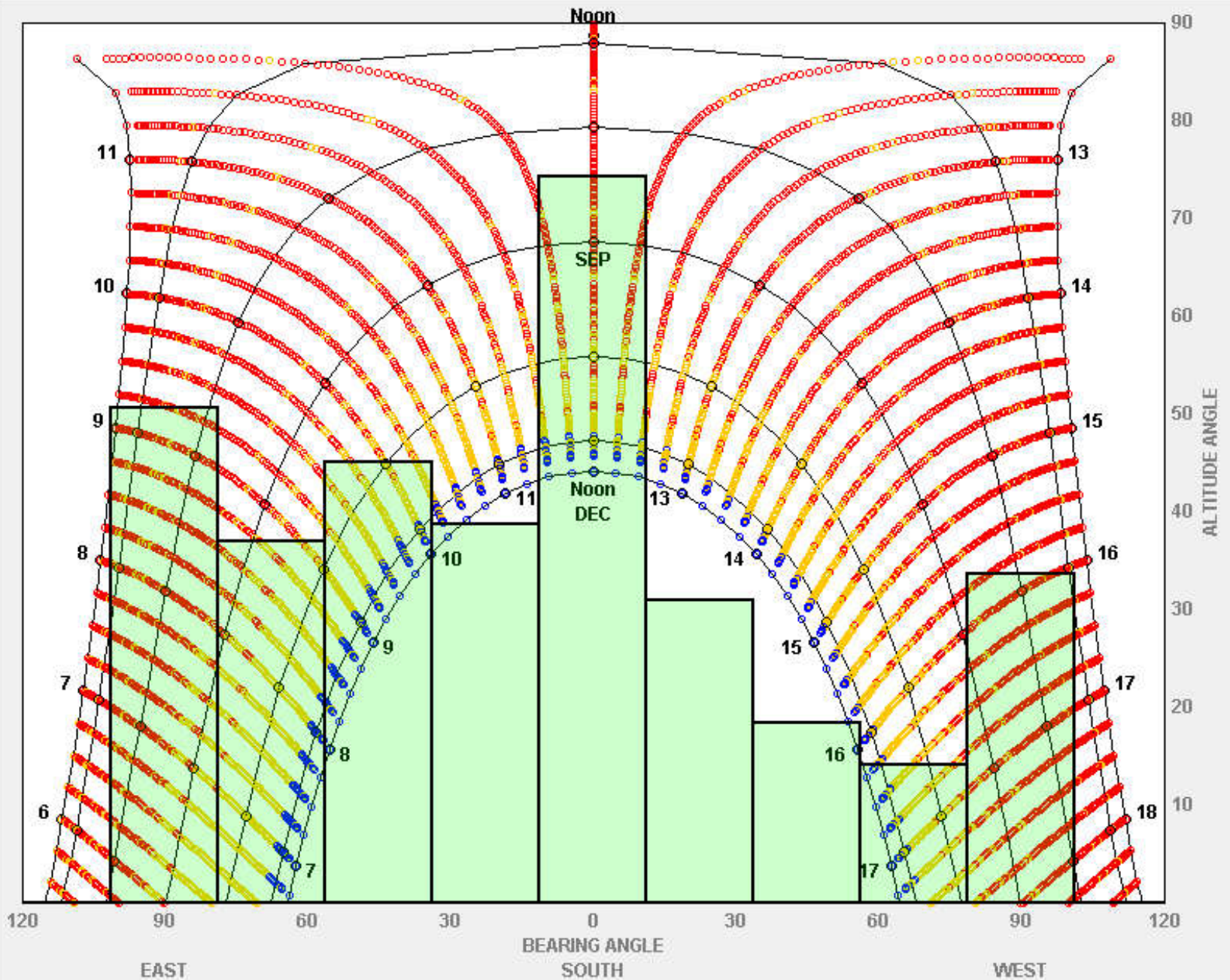
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Display Shading Calculator

Display Obstruction Elevation

Input Obstructions

Display Opposite Direction



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✱ GNOMON POSITION

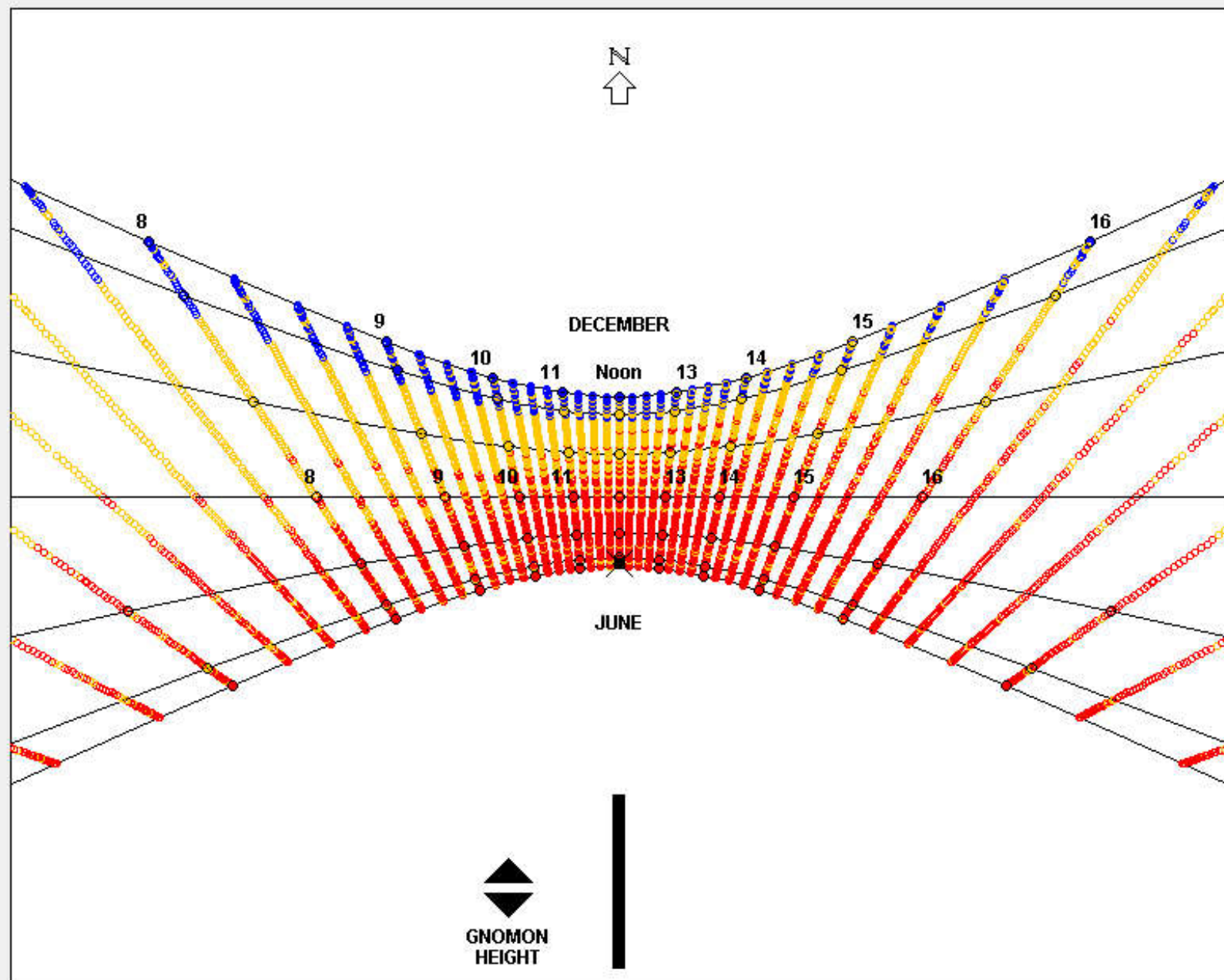
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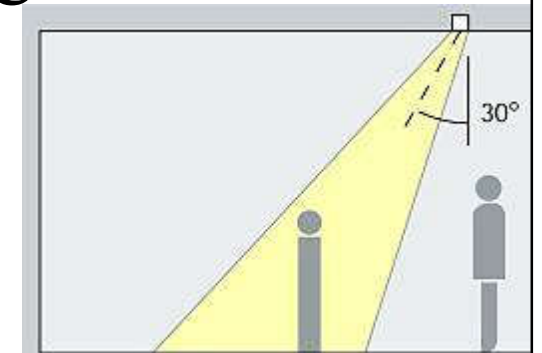
● June 21 to December 21



# Other calculations



- Lighting to provide local emphasis
  - Emphasis or accent lighting is used to draw attention to an area or an object, e.g. a reception desk in an entrance area or a display in a shop
  - The amount of light needed to emphasise or draw attention to an object depends on the level of general lighting
  - Ratio of display light to general lighting:
    - ‘Subtle’ effect --- 5 : 1
    - ‘Moderate’ emphasis --- 15 : 1
    - ‘Strong’ emphasis --- 30 : 1



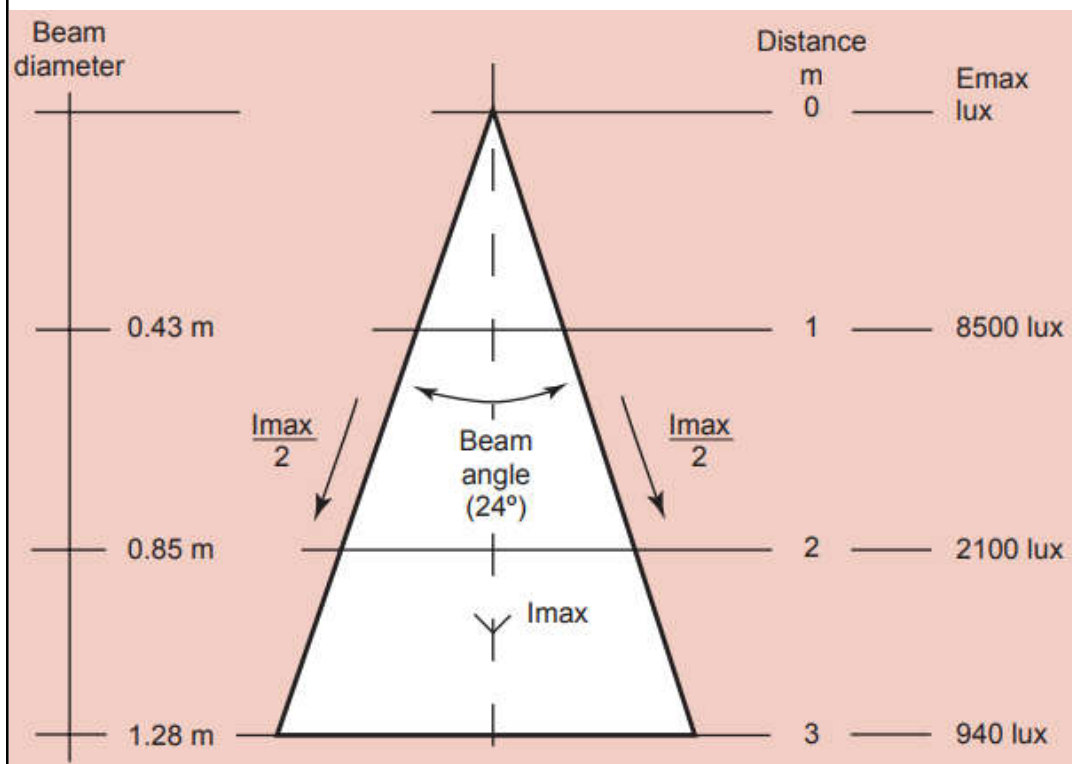
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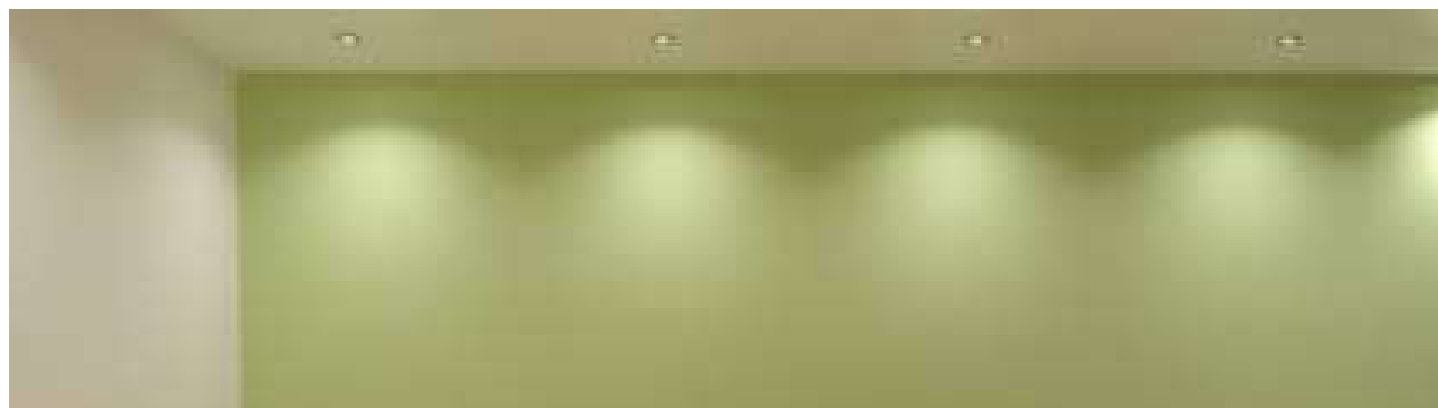
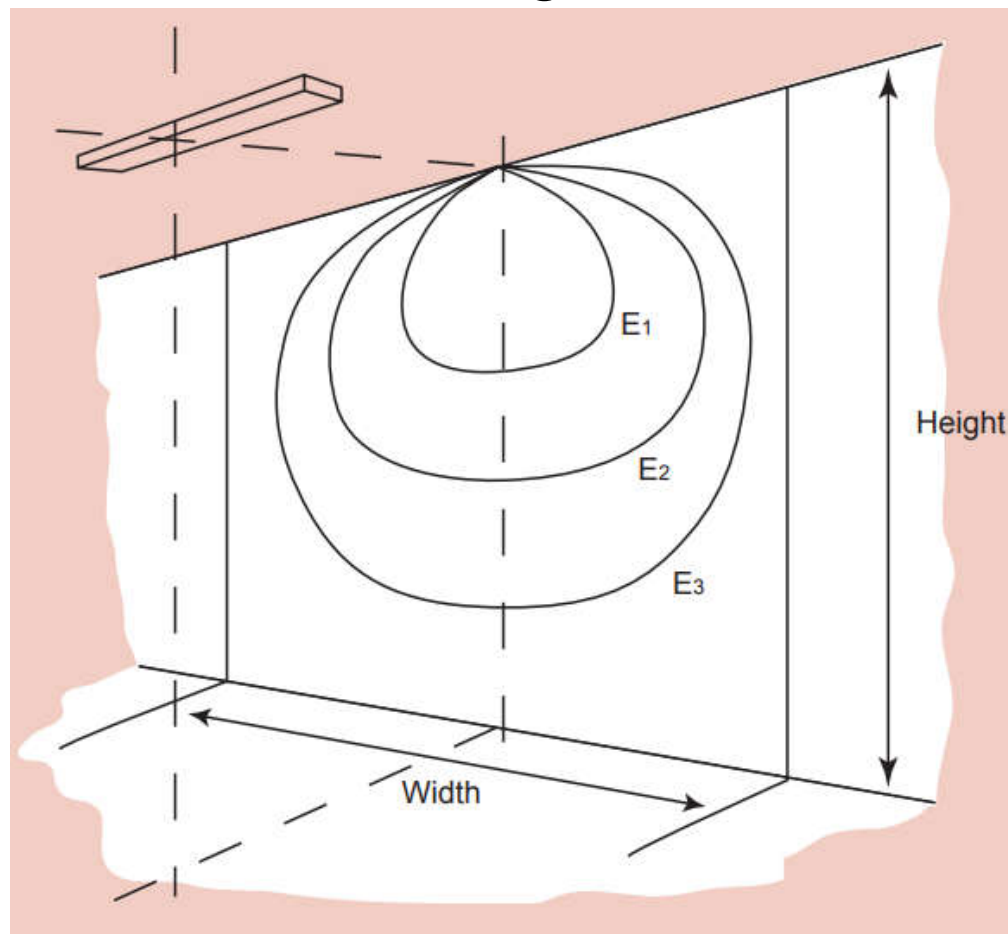
- Example: Use spotlight for local emphasis
  - Manufacturers usually provide information in a diagrammatic form showing the effect of a particular spot lamp at various distances
    - Width of the beam & either the illuminance at the beam centre or the average illuminance across the beam
    - Calculate the illuminance from a spotlight or any other small source using the ‘point source formula’
  - Wall washing: This uses luminaires that usually have an asymmetric beam shape. The manufacturers usually provide details of the luminaire layout & illuminance performance

# Typical performance data for spotlight & wall-washing luminaire

## Spotlight



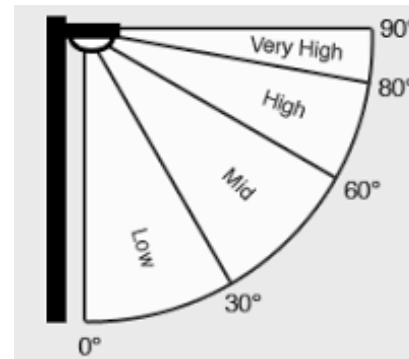
## Wall-washing luminaire



# Other calculations



- Outdoor area lighting design, such as floodlighting, sports & road lighting
  - Area lighting Design Calculations - Part One
    - <http://www.electrical-knowhow.com/2013/01/area-lighting-design-calculations-part.html>
    - Point-by-point method
    - The beam-lumen (BL) method & light loss factor (LLF)



# Other calculations

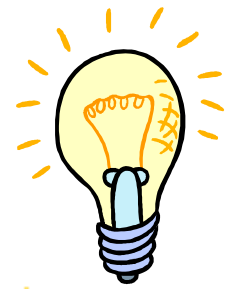


- Other lighting system related calculations:



- Checking for energy efficiency
  - Local building/lighting energy efficiency code
  - Average installed power density ( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )
- Energy-saving payback calculations
  - Demonstrate to a client that the additional cost of installing efficient equipment is worthwhile is by calculating payback period – the length of time before the savings match the extra initial cost
    - $\text{Payback} = (\text{the extra initial cost}) / (\text{annual cost savings})$
  - After this period, the user has saved more than he has spent and continues to save money





# Further Reading

- Lighting Design Calculation in a Building – Step by Step  
<https://www.electricaltechnology.org/2017/03/lighting-design-calculation-in-building.html>
- Task Lighting Design  
[https://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content\\_764/Task\\_Lighting\\_Design.pdf](https://www.emsd.gov.hk/filemanager/en/content_764/Task_Lighting_Design.pdf)
- The installer's guide to lighting design, Good Practice Guide 300  
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