

# Sustainable Architecture in California

Meeting the Urbanization Challenge  
Smart City Solutions from Austria and California

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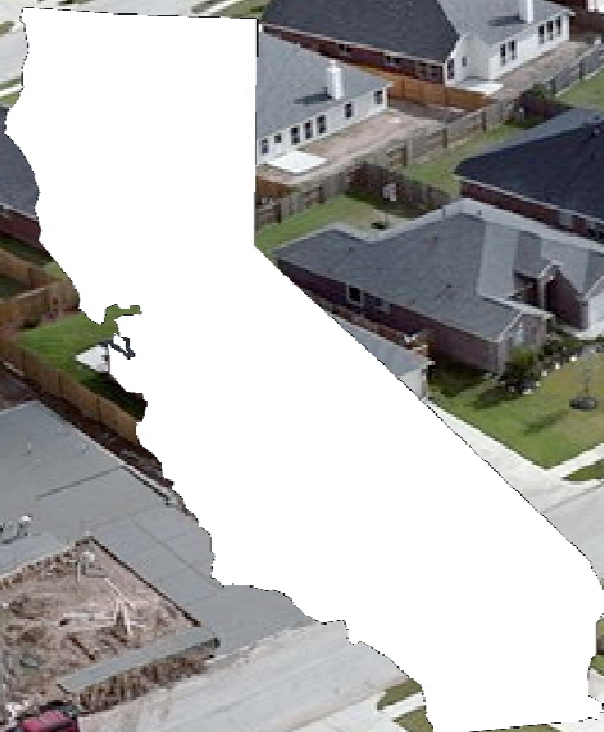
October 11, 2013, Los Angeles, CA



# 51 Million

2050

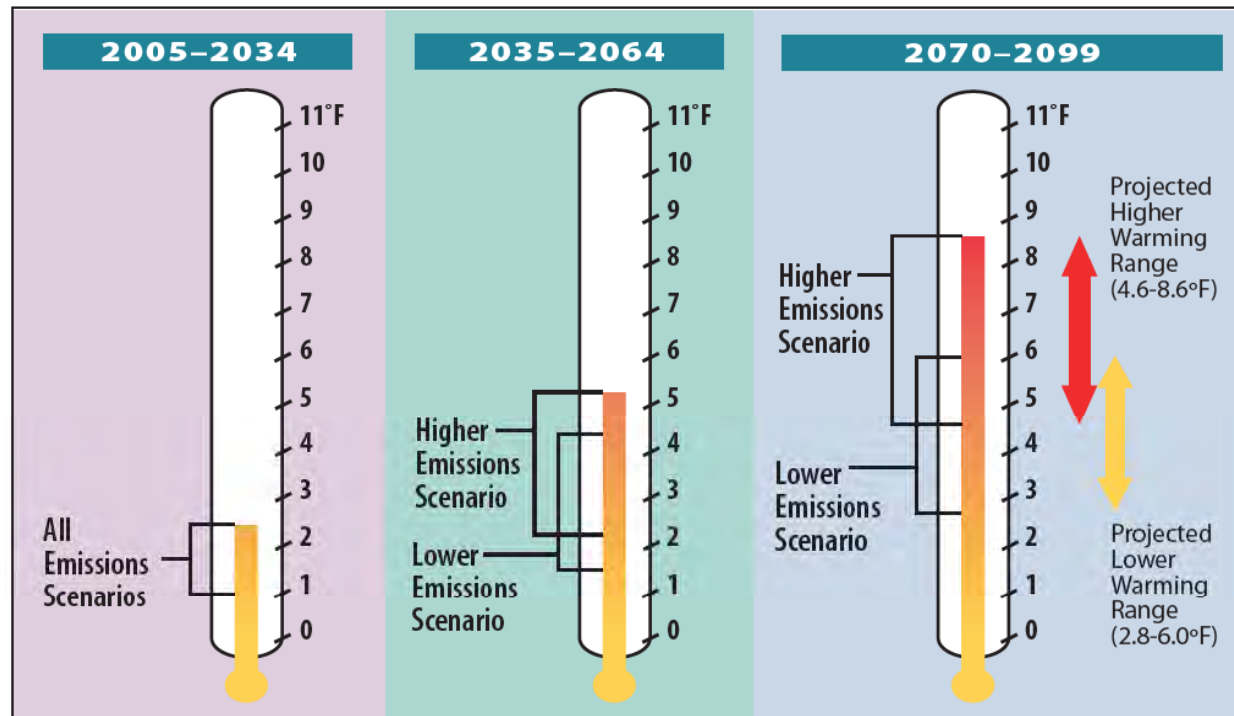
Currently ~37 Million



# 2X

Current Energy Demand

## Projected Average Temperatures in California



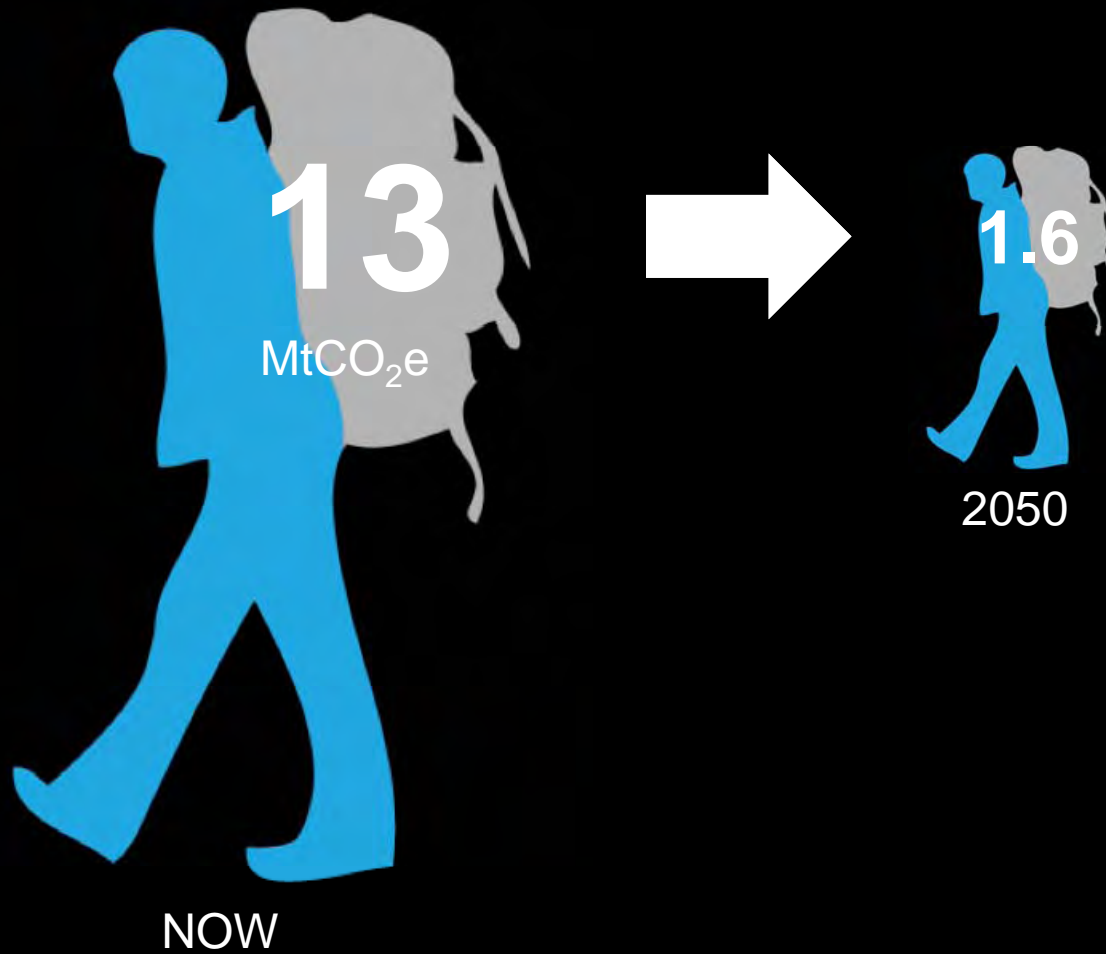
California is expected to experience dramatically warmer temperatures during this century. The figure shows projected increases in statewide annual temperatures for three 30-year periods. Ranges for each emissions scenario represent results from state-of-the-art climate models.




60% 80%

“Cut global emissions by 60 to 80% by 2050 (IPCC 2007)”

# CARBON



# BOLD



1. Reduce GHG emissions (to 1990 levels)
2. Net Zero Residential by 2025
3. Net Zero commercial by 2030
4. Retrofit existing buildings to 80% efficient



# WE ARE BUILDING DESIGNERS!

## 1. Buildings and Climate Systems

- Global Warming, Urban heat island

## 2. Buildings and Transit Systems

- Transit energy intensity

## 3. Buildings and Energy Systems

- 77% of Electricity demand (+ Peak demand)

## 4. Buildings and Ecological Systems

- Water, Childhood development, Biophilia, Biodiversity, Food

## 5. Buildings and Public Space

- Connection, Comfort, Social engagement

# “Net – Zero”

Energy  
used

Energy  
generated

Annual


ARCHITECTURE AT ZERO :: 2012



# ENERGY

- Base load reduction
  - CA commercial buildings consume \*67,077 GWh annually. Of this, interior lighting (29%), cooling (%15), and ventilation (12%) represent the largest, second-largest, and forth-largest loads respectively, and when combined amount to over half of all electricity consumed (56%).
- Peak load reduction
  - Of the statewide peak load, the building sector accounts for about 73%.
  - California's highest peak demand was 52,863 megawatts and is growing at about 2.4 percent per year, roughly the equivalent of three new 500-megawatt power plants.

# ENERGY



**25%** of national energy demand met with renewables  
**50%** at peak production (+ weekend demand)

# ENERGY

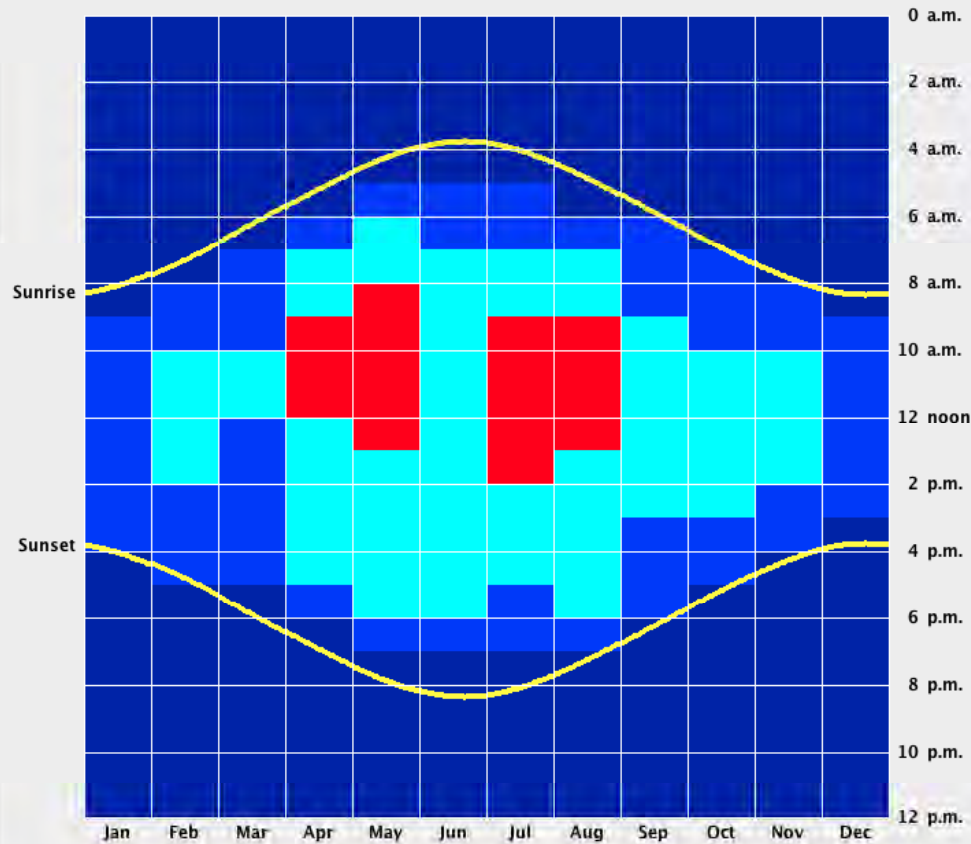
## TIMETABLE PLOT

LOCATION: BERLIN, -, DEU  
Latitude/Longitude: 52.47° North, 13.4° East, Time Zone from Greenwich 1  
Data Source: IWEK Data 103840 WMO Station Number, Elevation 49 m

### LEGEND

DIRECT NORMAL RADIATION  
(Wh/sq.m)

- 55% Night Time
- 18% 4 - 158
- 20% 158 - 316
- 5% 316 - 474
- 0% > 474



PLOT:

DIRECT NORMAL RADIATION

Monthly Avg Daily

# LOS ANGELES



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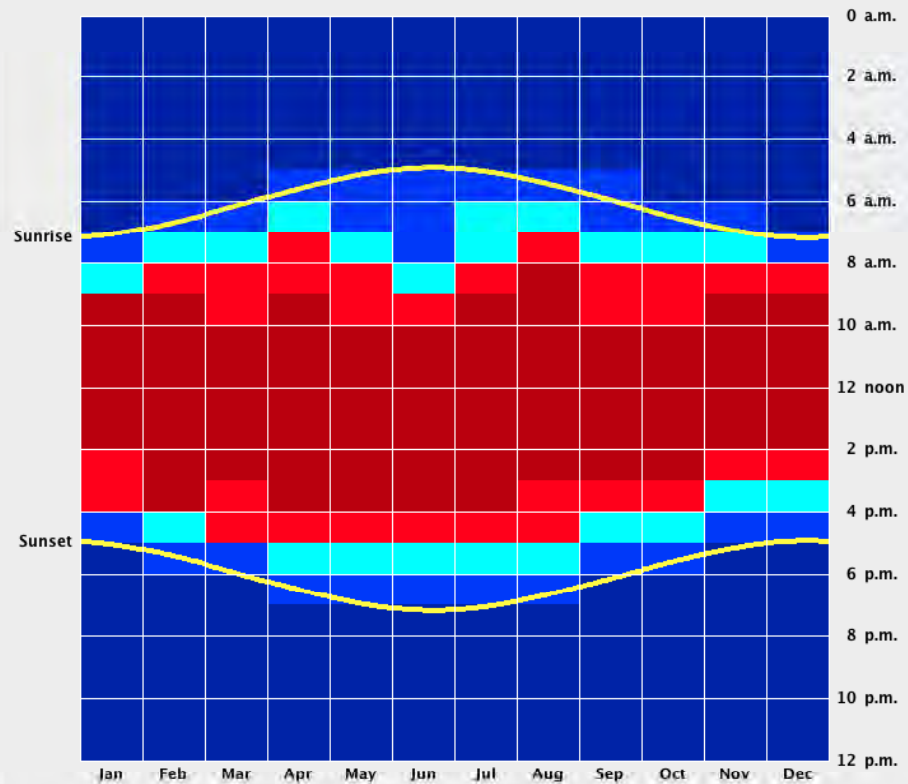
## TIMETABLE PLOT

LOCATION: LOS ANGELES, CA, USA  
Latitude/Longitude: 33.93° North, 118.4° West, Time Zone from Greenwich -8  
Data Source: TMY2-23174 722950 WMO Station Number, Elevation 32 m

## LEGEND

### DIRECT NORMAL RADIATION (Wh/sq.m)

- 47% Night Time
- 9% 4 - 158
- 7% 158 - 316
- 10% 316 - 474
- 24% > 474



## PLOT:

DIRECT NORMAL RADIATION

Monthly Avg Daily

# ~29,000 MW PEAK Demand (within the ISO Grid)

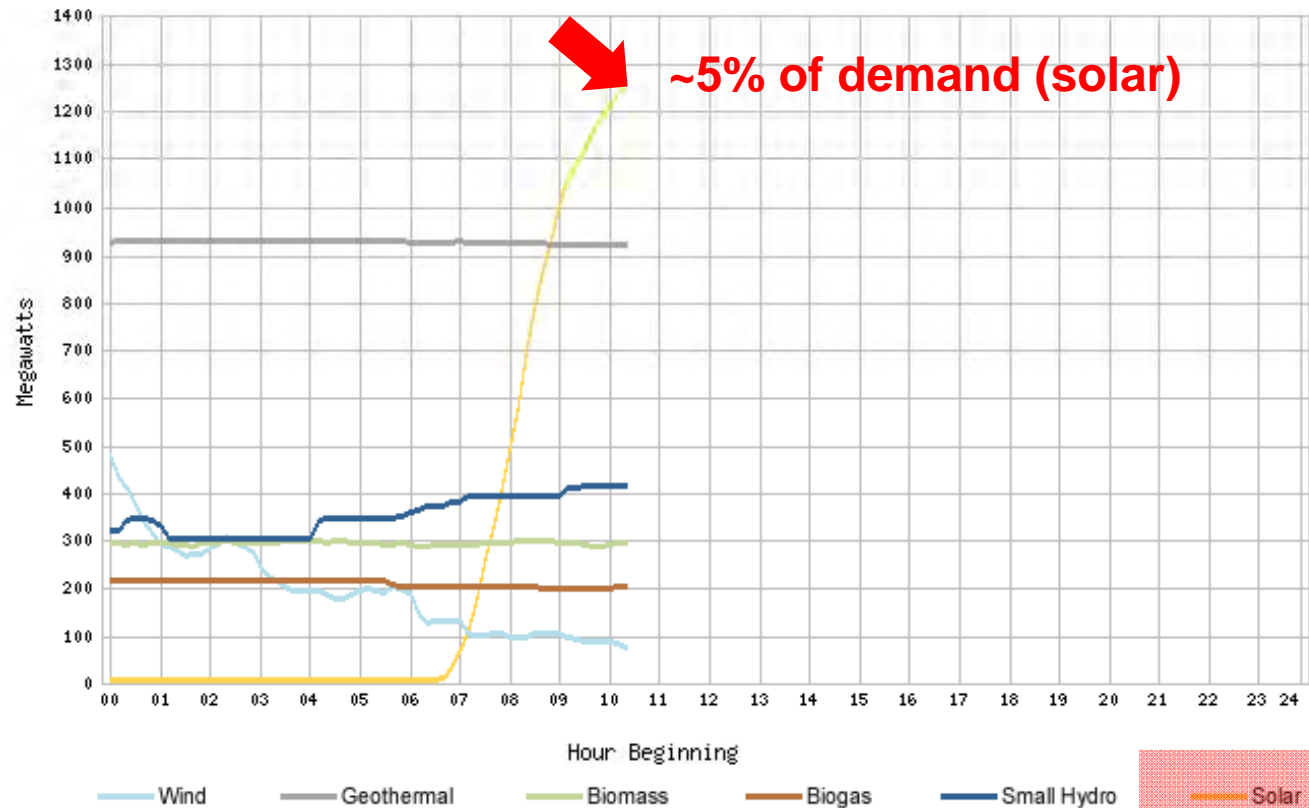
## Renewables

Graph shows aggregated output from renewables connected to the ISO grid.

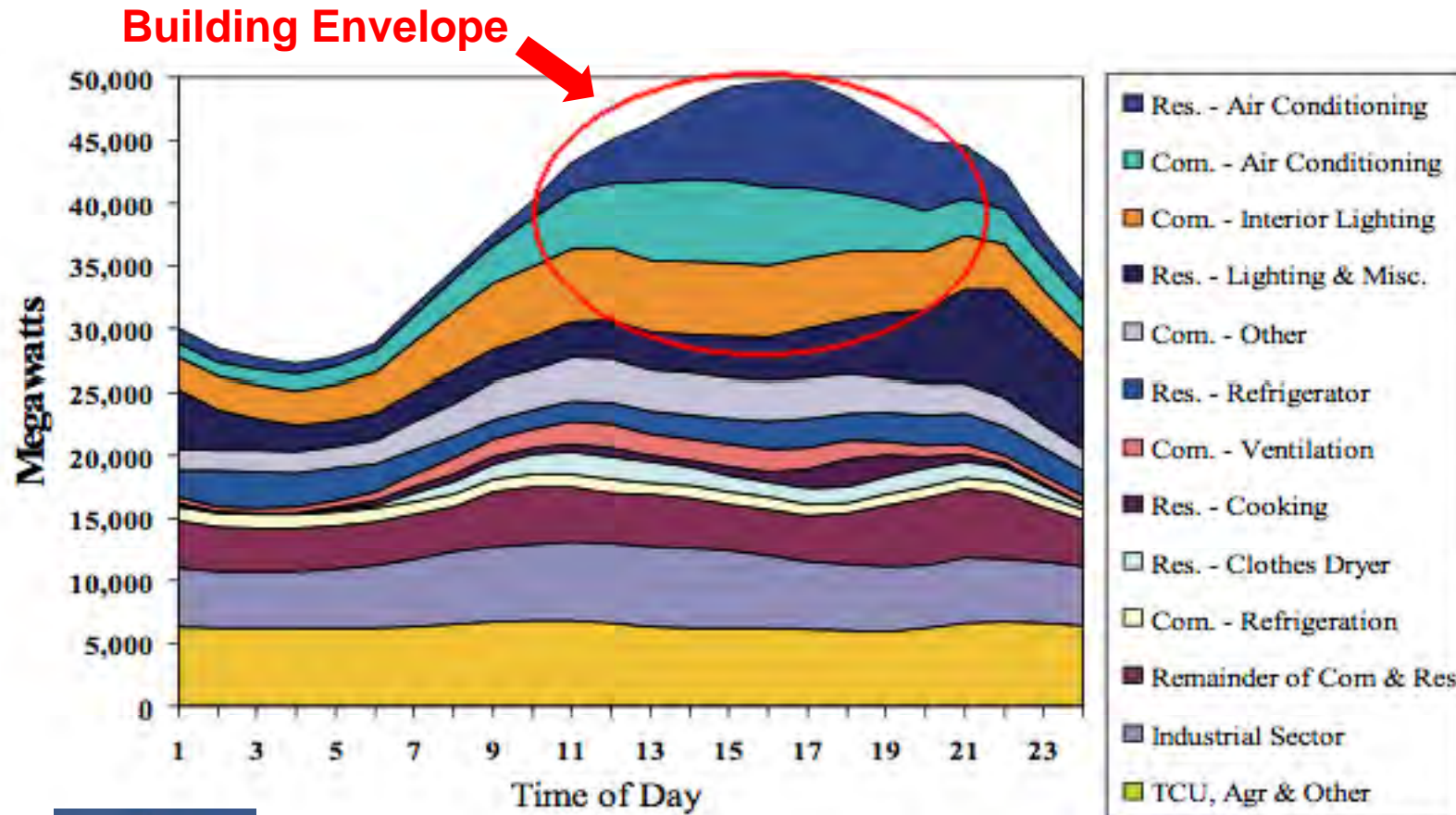
Current Renewables  
3144.63 MW



The Renewables Watch provides actual renewable energy production within the ISO Grid. [Click here to view yesterday's output.](#)



# CA Electricity Demand Curve



~500 MW

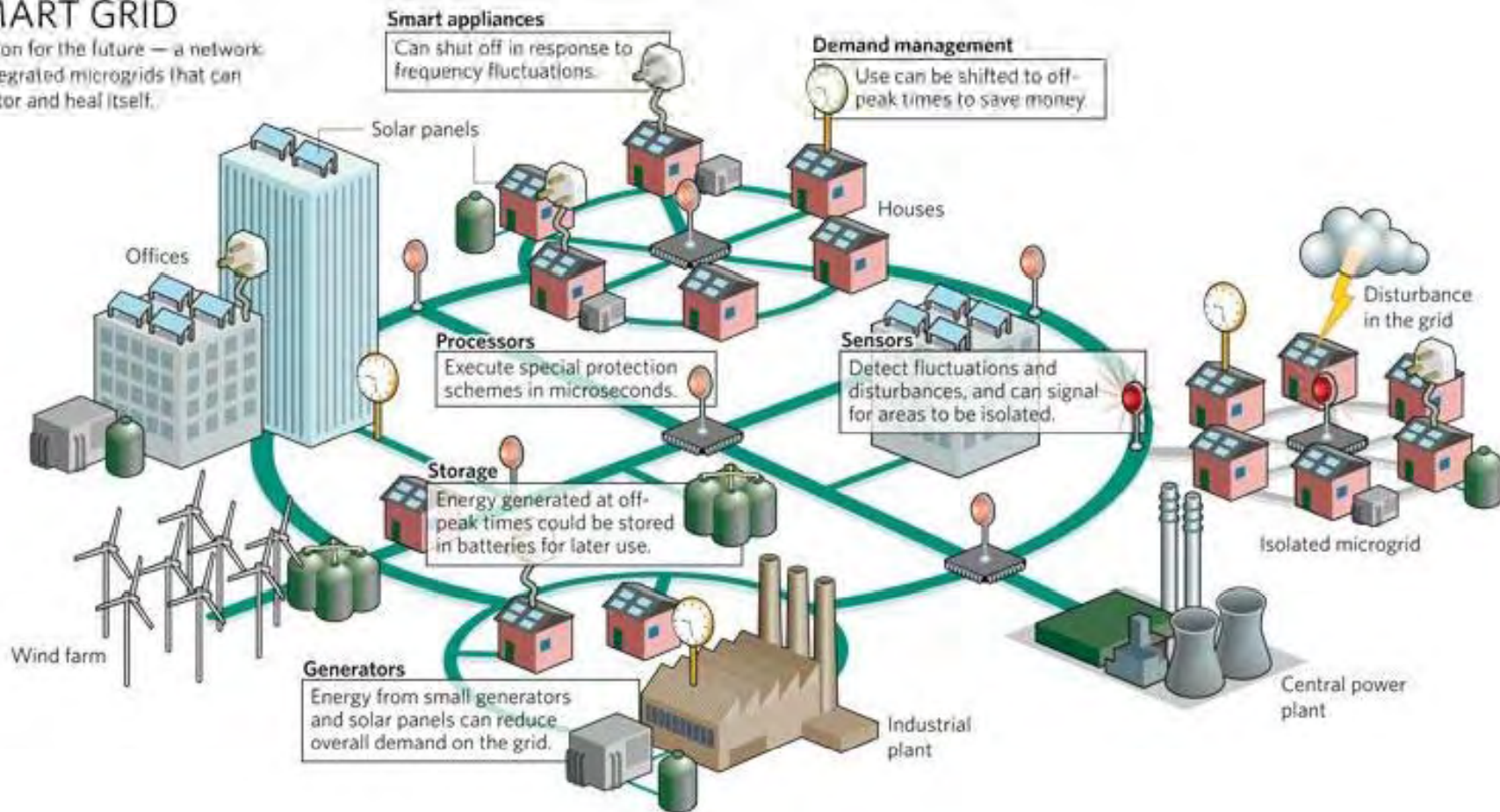
Source: Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)

# What is a Smart Grid?

Smart Grid describes advanced information-based utility technologies to improve reliability, security, and efficiency

## SMART GRID

A vision for the future — a network of integrated microgrids that can monitor and heal itself.





# Strategies for Solving the Problem

## 1. Manipulation of the thermal zone

The California Energy Commission estimates a 1 to 3 percent energy savings for each degree the thermostat is set above 72°F.

## 2. Demand controlled ventilation

Up to 20% cooling energy savings.

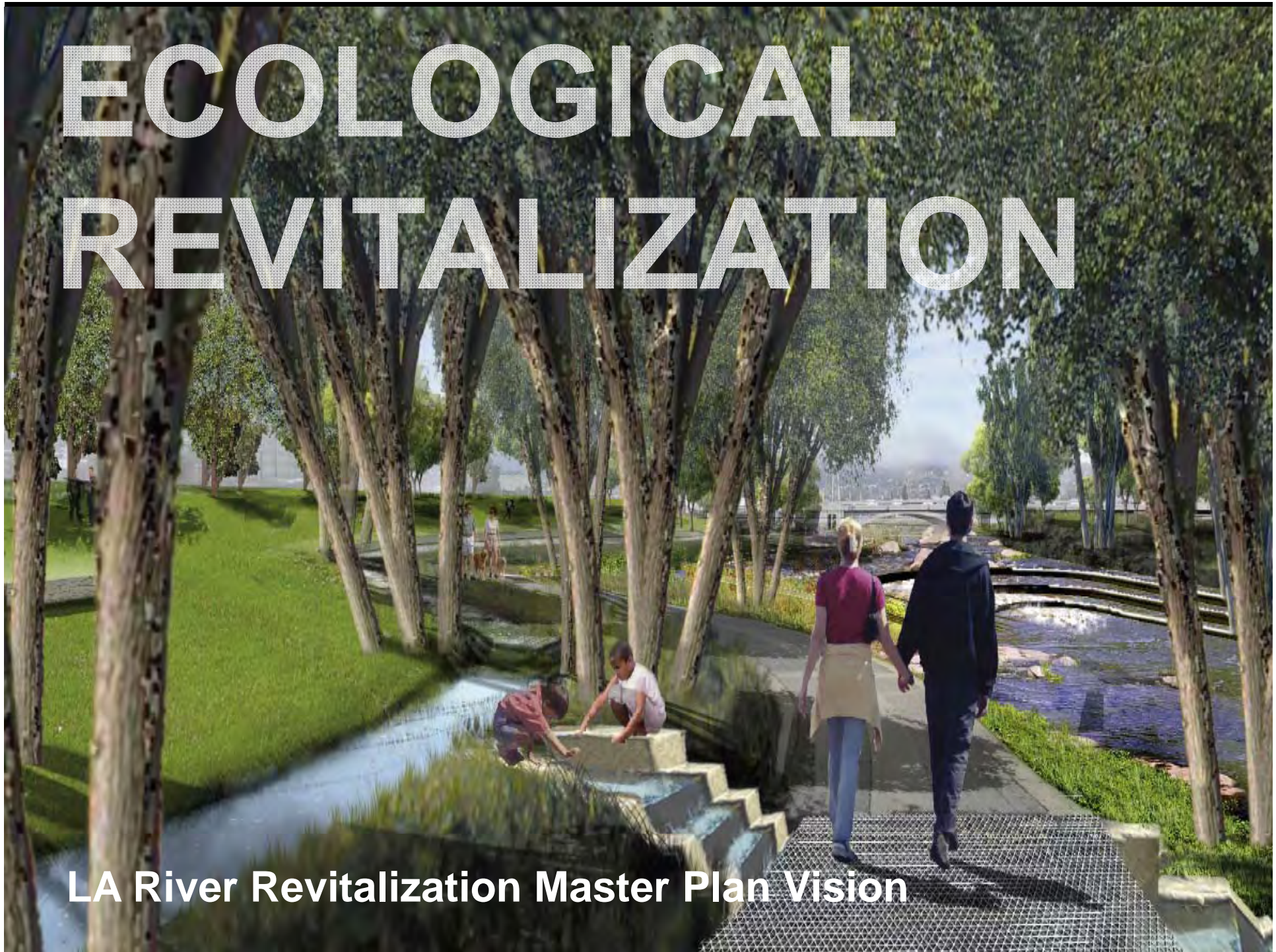
## 3. Appropriate electrical lighting intensity and scheduling in perimeter zones

# DE-SEALING

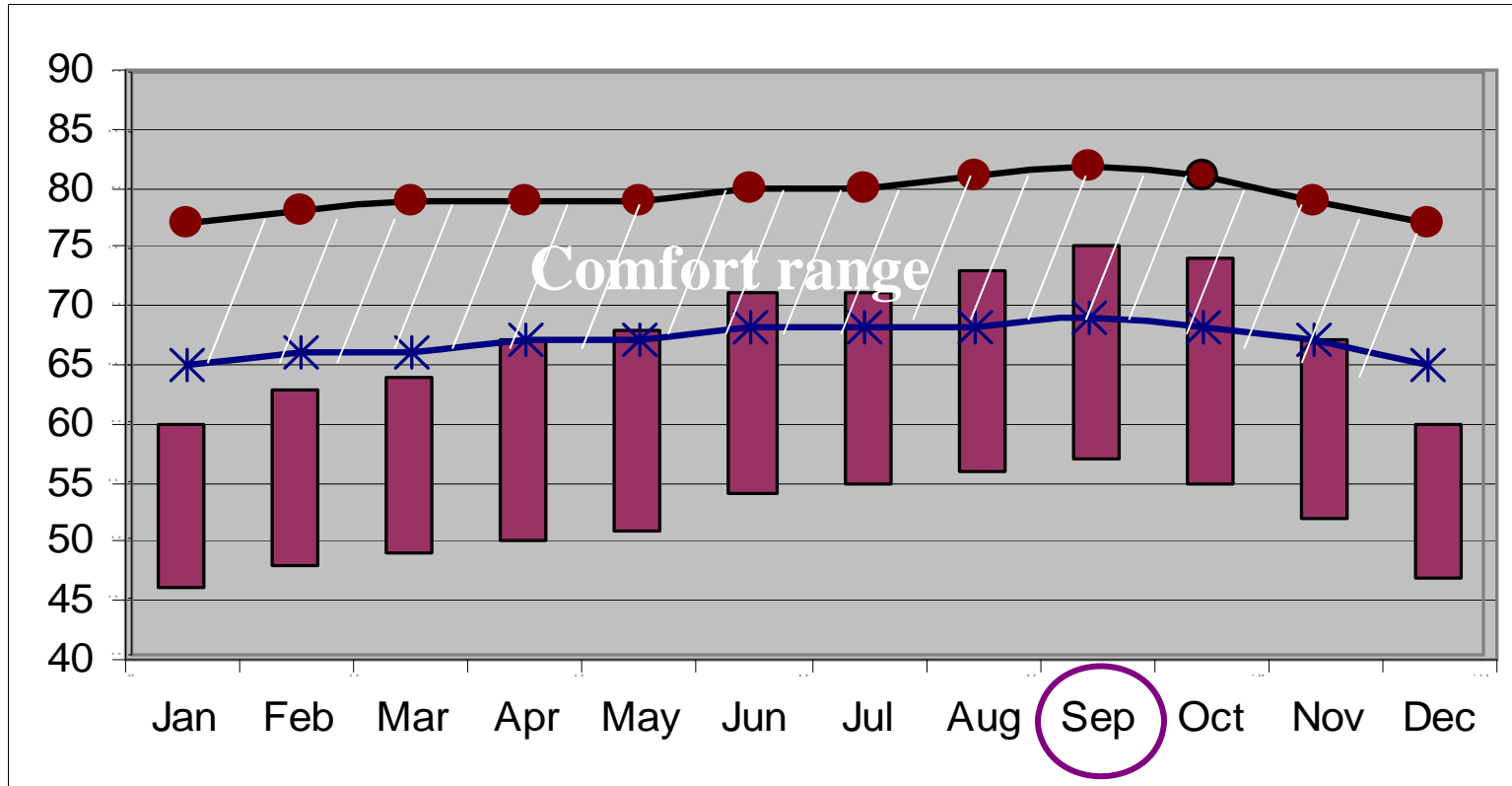


# ECOLOGICAL REVITALIZATION

LA River Revitalization Master Plan Vision

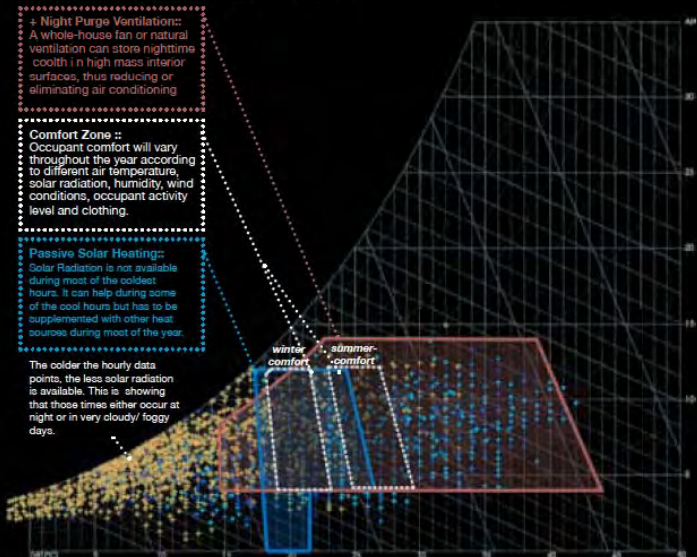


# Passive Cooling: SF Bay Climate

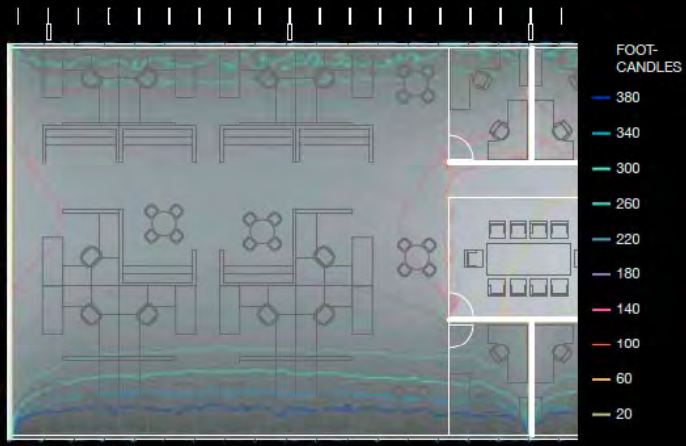


Need internal pickup of less than 7°F to stay within the target zone!

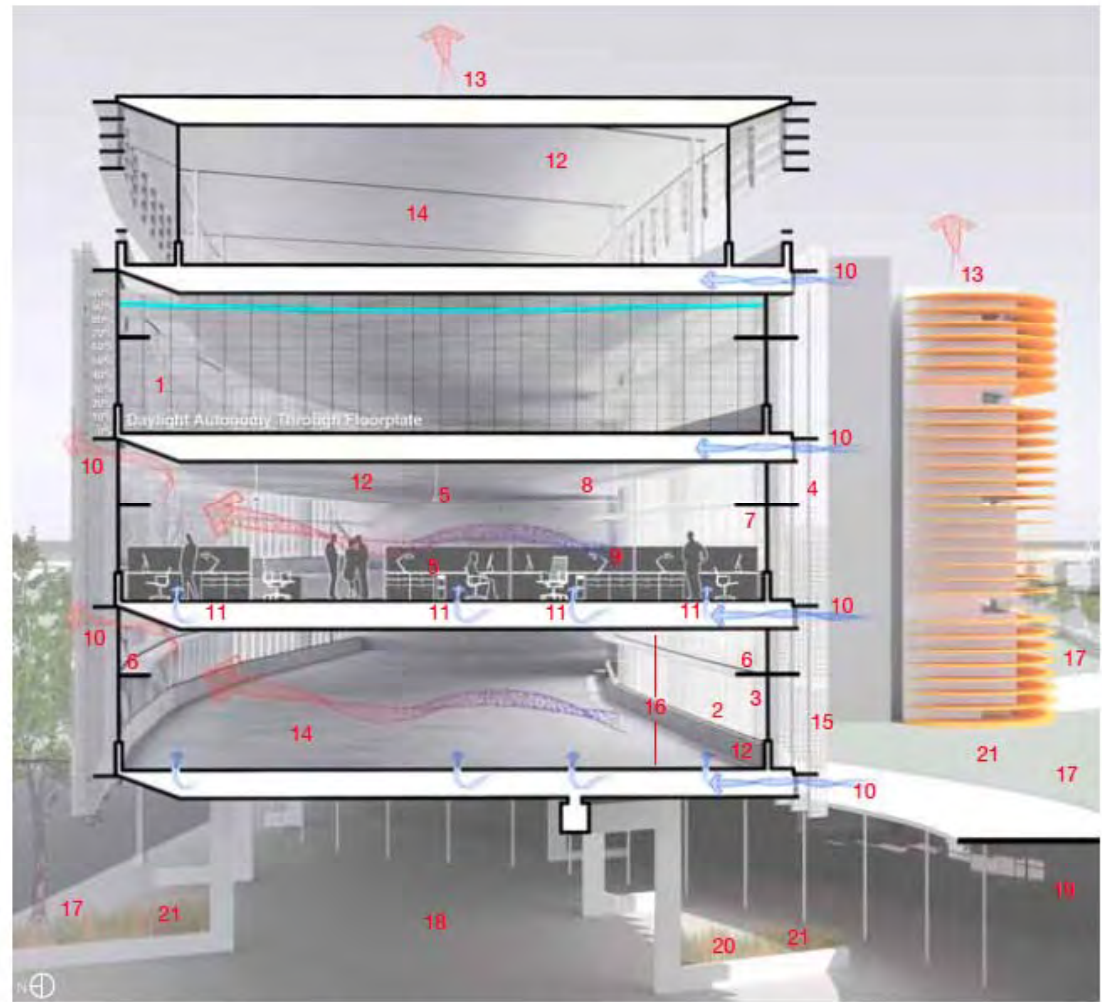
Psychrometric Chart - Merced hourly weather data



source for all weather data: USA\_CA\_Merced-Macraedy Field.724815\_TMY3



TYPICAL BAY WITH ISO-LUX ILLUMINANCE CONTOURS  
1/16 = 1 -0 :: March 21 12:00pm, Clear Skies - Radiance Simulation



**HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDING**

1. 82% Window-to-wall ratio and high ceilings yield 90% daylight autonomy
2. Spectrally selective glazing
3. Thermally broken frames
4. Exterior PV integrated shading fins
5. Lights and receptacles to use DC to avoid transformer losses
6. Light shelves
7. Interior glare control shades
8. Electric light daylight controls
9. Low wattage LED task lights

**MIXED MODE CONDITIONING**

10. Natural ventilation during swing seasons through operable windows or outdoor supply through floor plenum, exhaust through core and high windows
11. Personal environmental management at workstations
12. Radiant ceiling and perimeter for ambient heating and cooling
13. Naturally ventilated bathroom, stair cores, and central core

**LONG-SPAN EXOSKELETON**

14. Column free space
15. Exterior fins supported by primary structure
16. 15' floor to floor heights

**GROUND FLOOR**

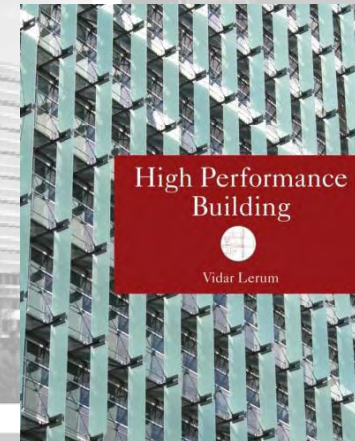
17. Fountains, green roof, and landscape pre-cool ambient air
18. Wide pedestrian plaza arcade provides shade and shelter at street edge
19. Deep overhang shades ground floor window walls along with strategic frit locations
20. Drought-tolerant landscaping
21. Graywater re-use for irrigation and fountains

Images: Loisos Ubbelohde



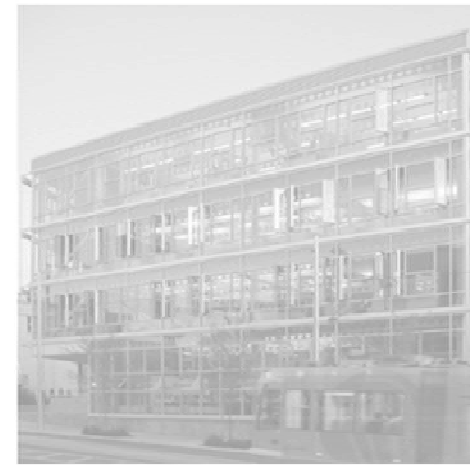
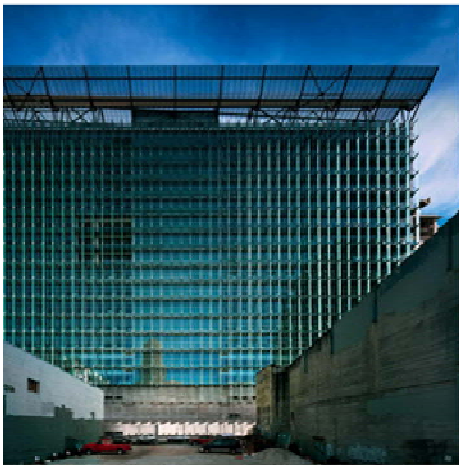
Green!

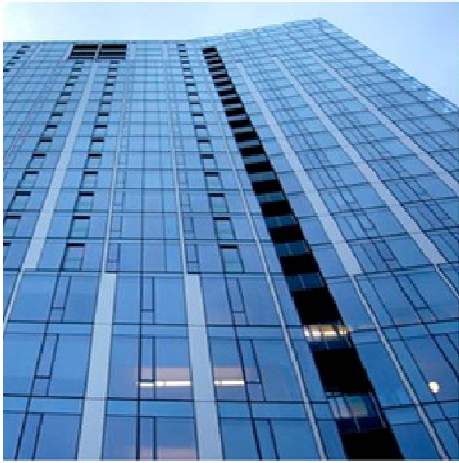
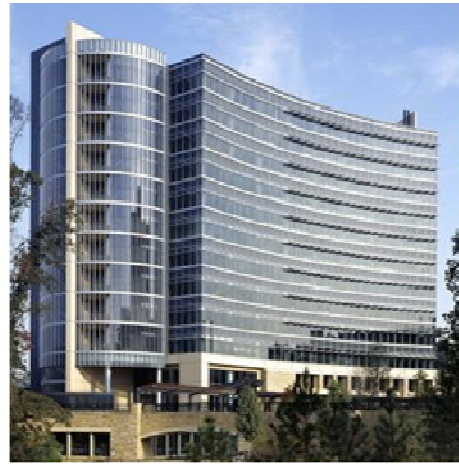
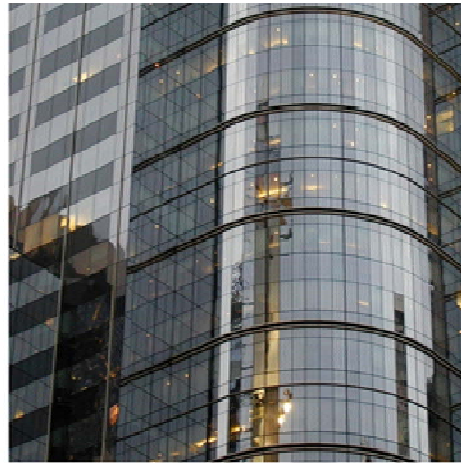
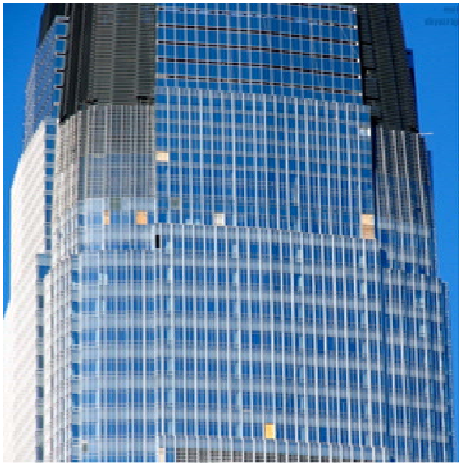




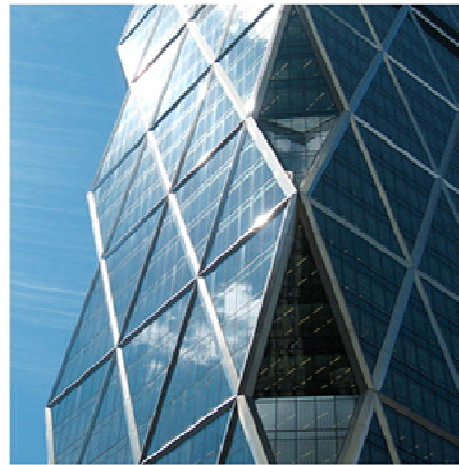
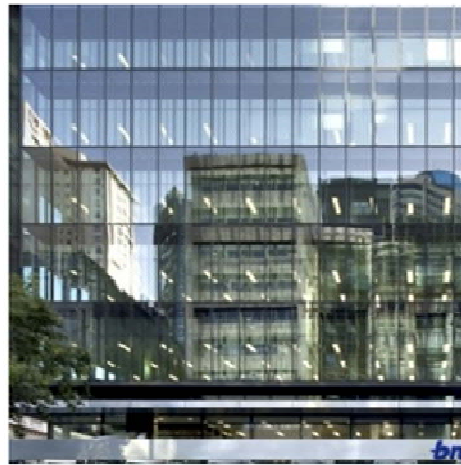
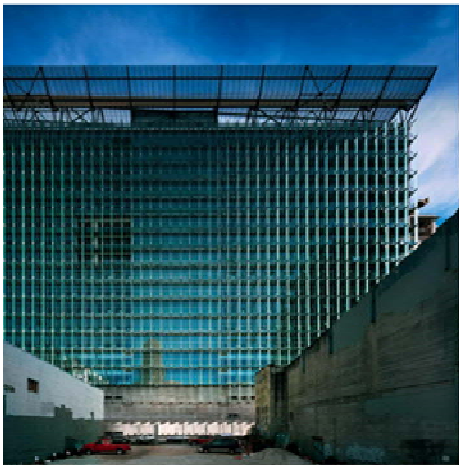
“Transparent skins provide access to daylight, and natural daylight is one of the leading drivers today of architectural design—green or otherwise.”  
(Environmental Building News, 2010)

“In our whole career, we are going to produce two dozen, three dozen buildings, we don’t make that much effect on the world, but, if it’s seen as a prototype, that spins off more kind-of ideas like that, then you realize that it actually has huge huge potential.”  
(Thom Mayne, Principal, Morphosis)

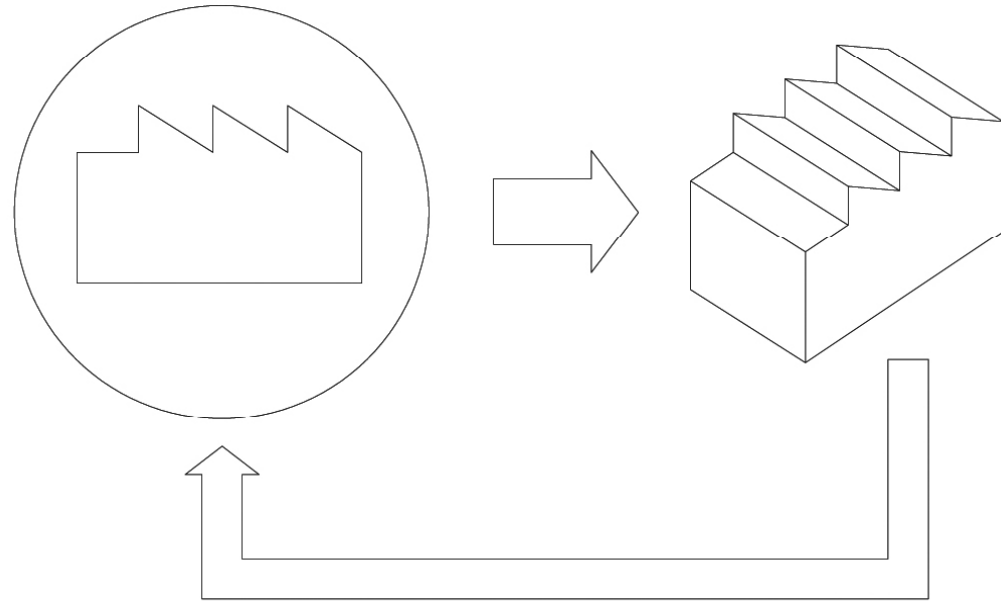




Smart?







# Feedback Loop



Energy

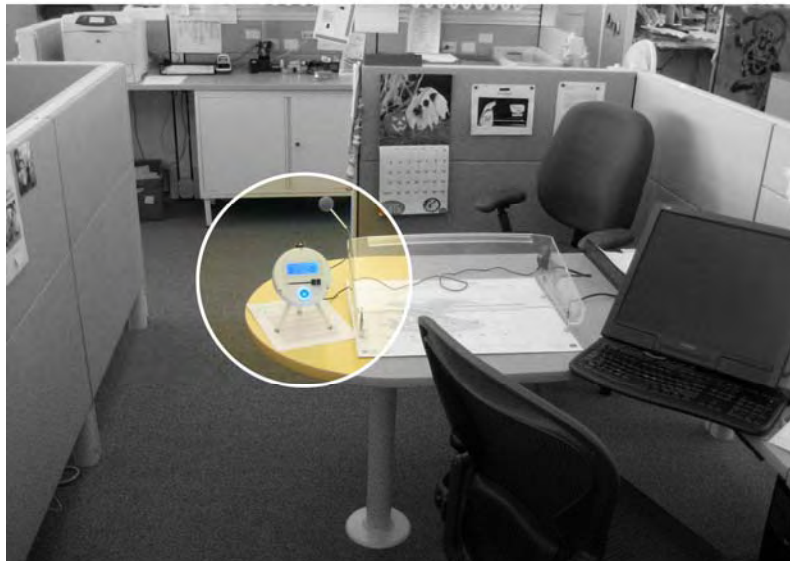


Comfort



Behavior

# PROOF OF PERFORMANCE



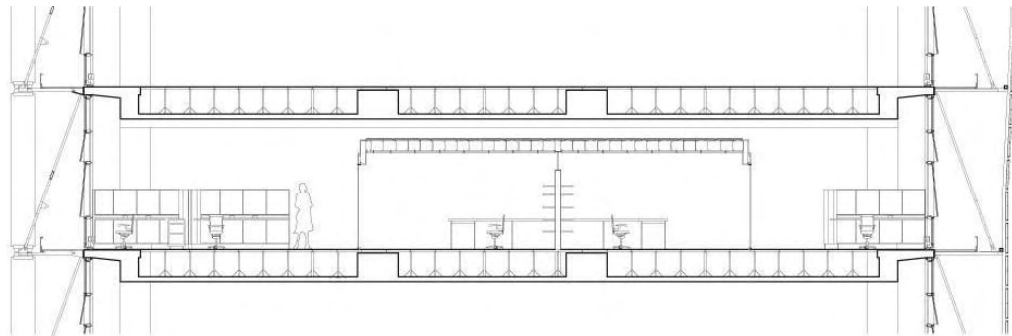
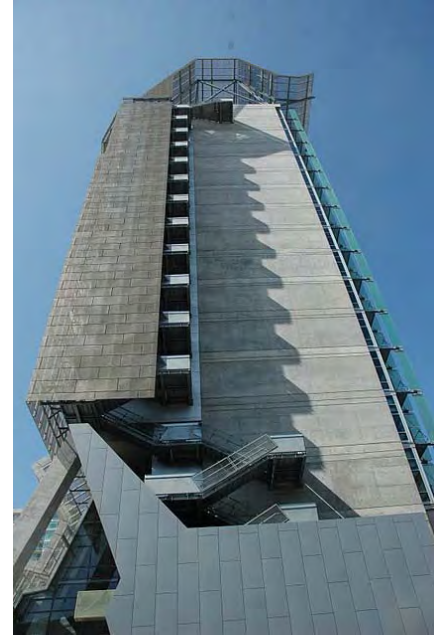
**Push**  
Device responds to user at any time to record feedback



**Pull**  
Device interrupts user to request feedback



**Ambient**  
Device signals request for feedback without interrupting user

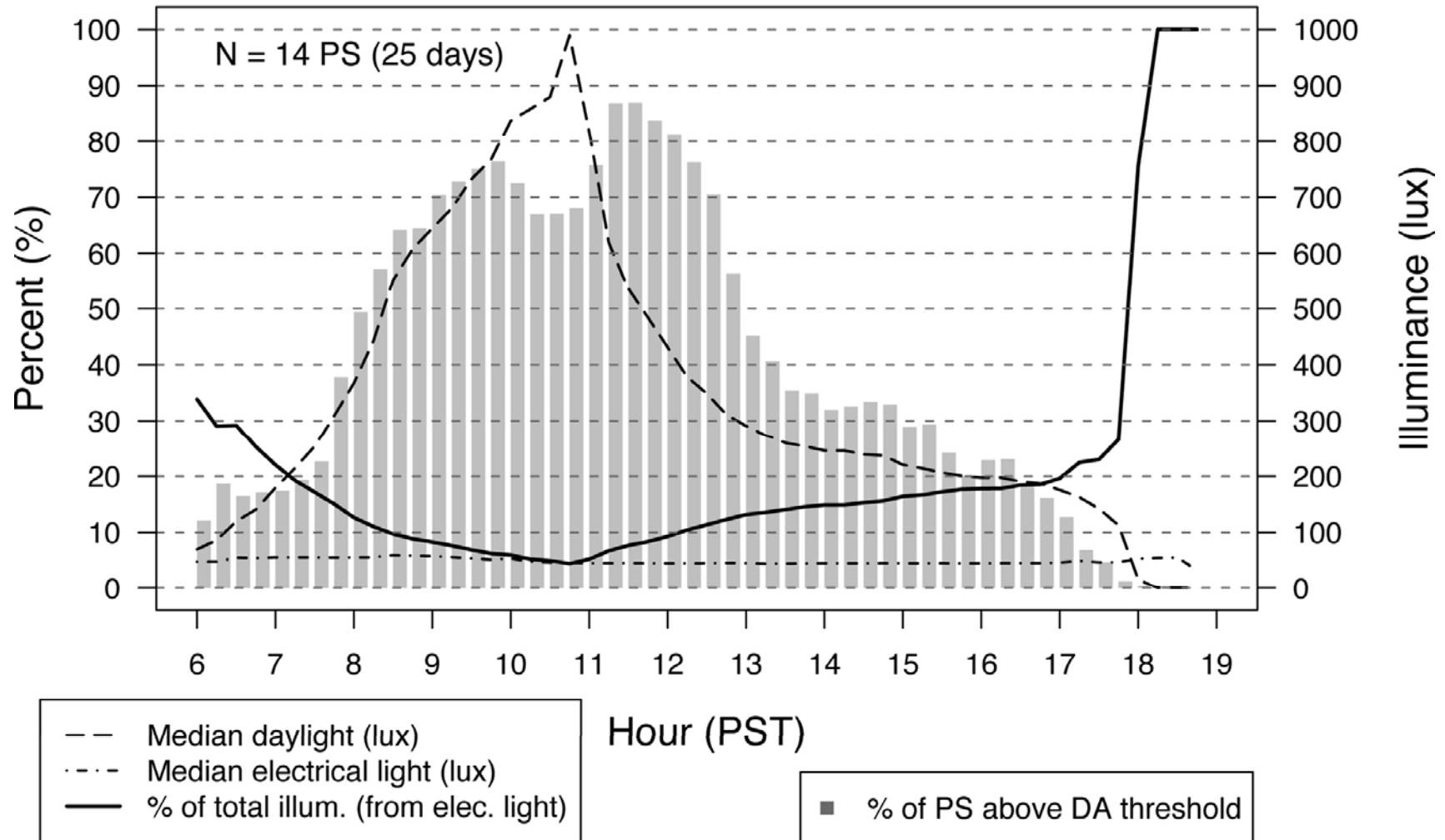


SECTION THROUGH A TYPICAL OFFICE

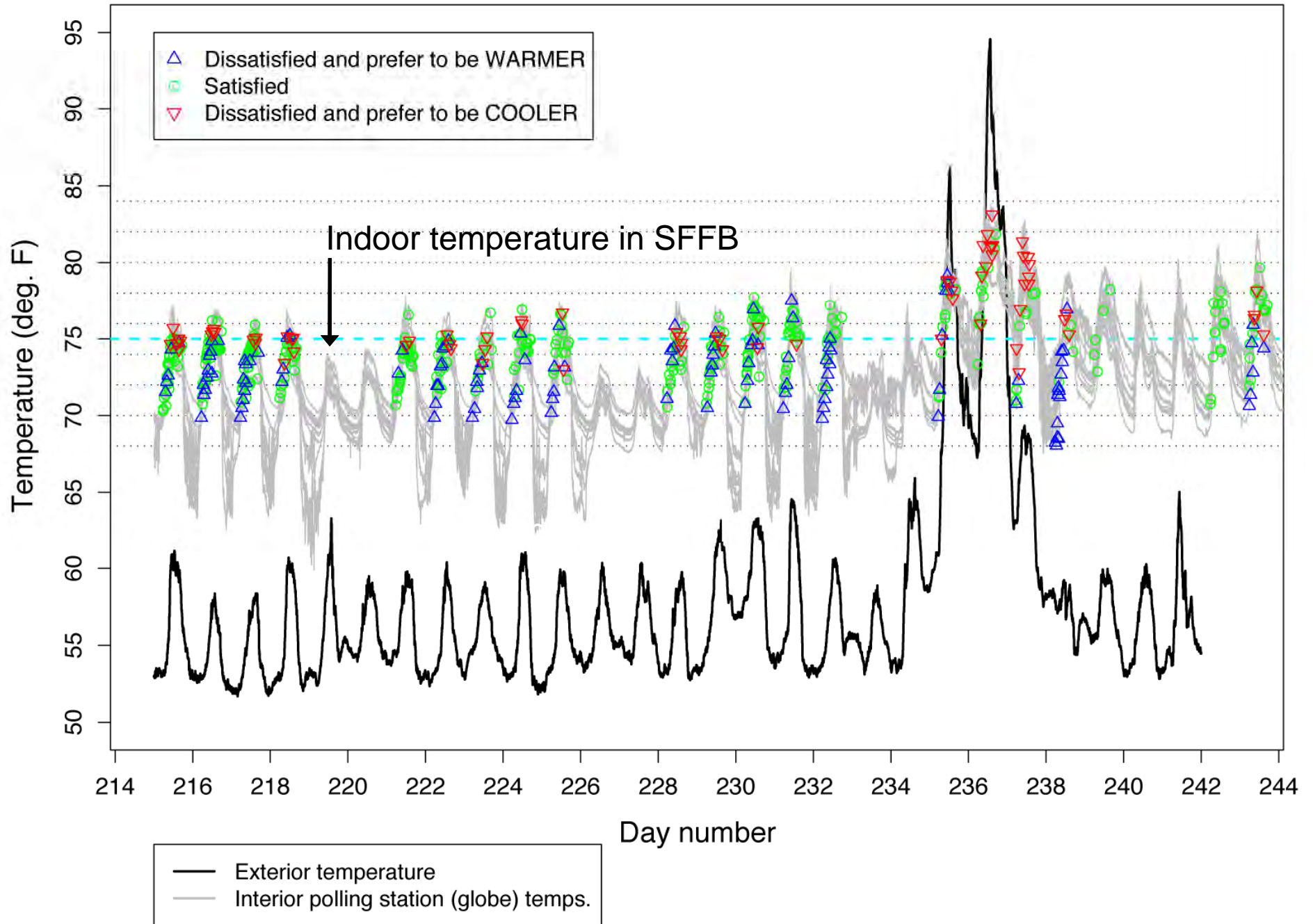


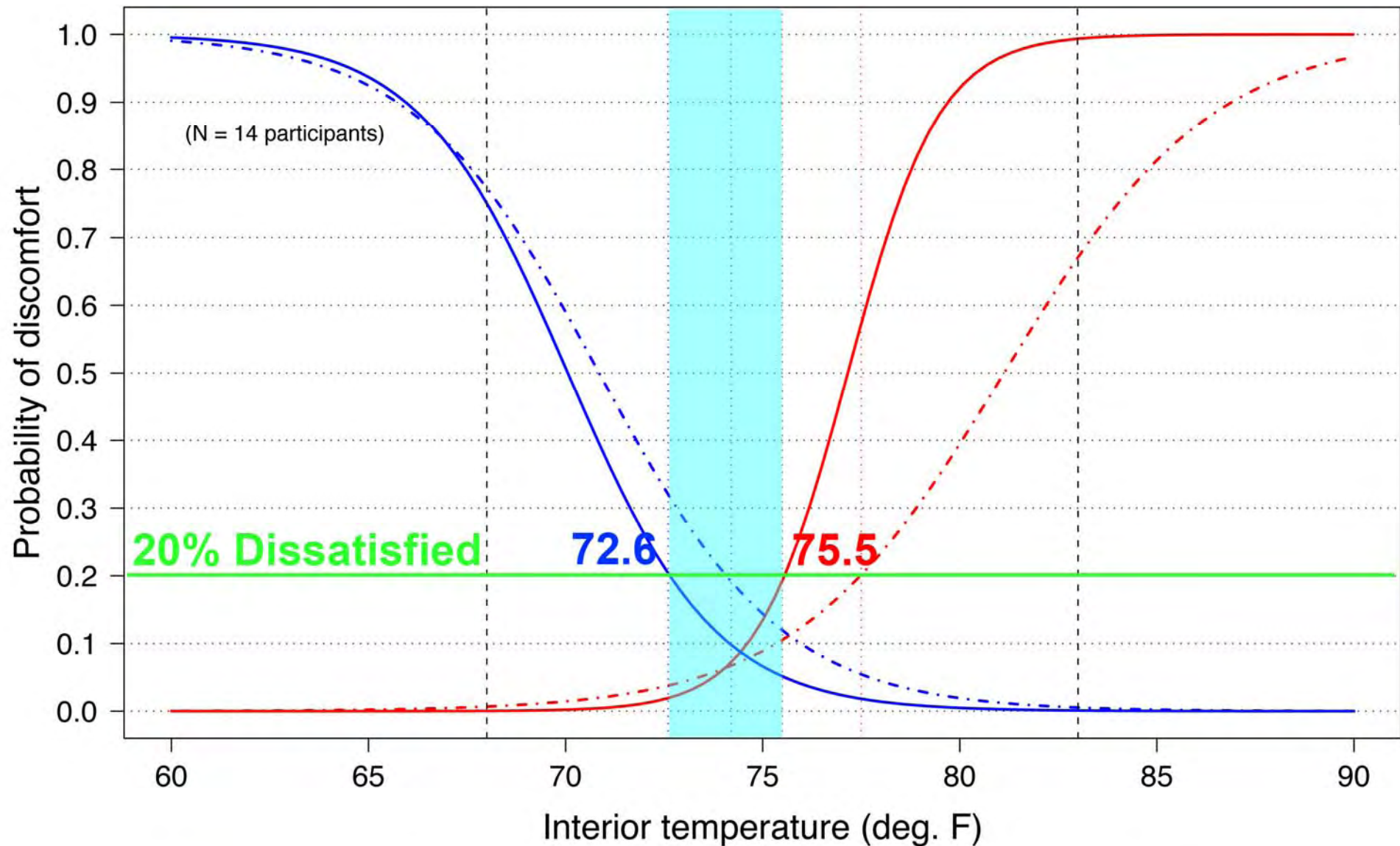


# SE Perimeter Zone D.A.

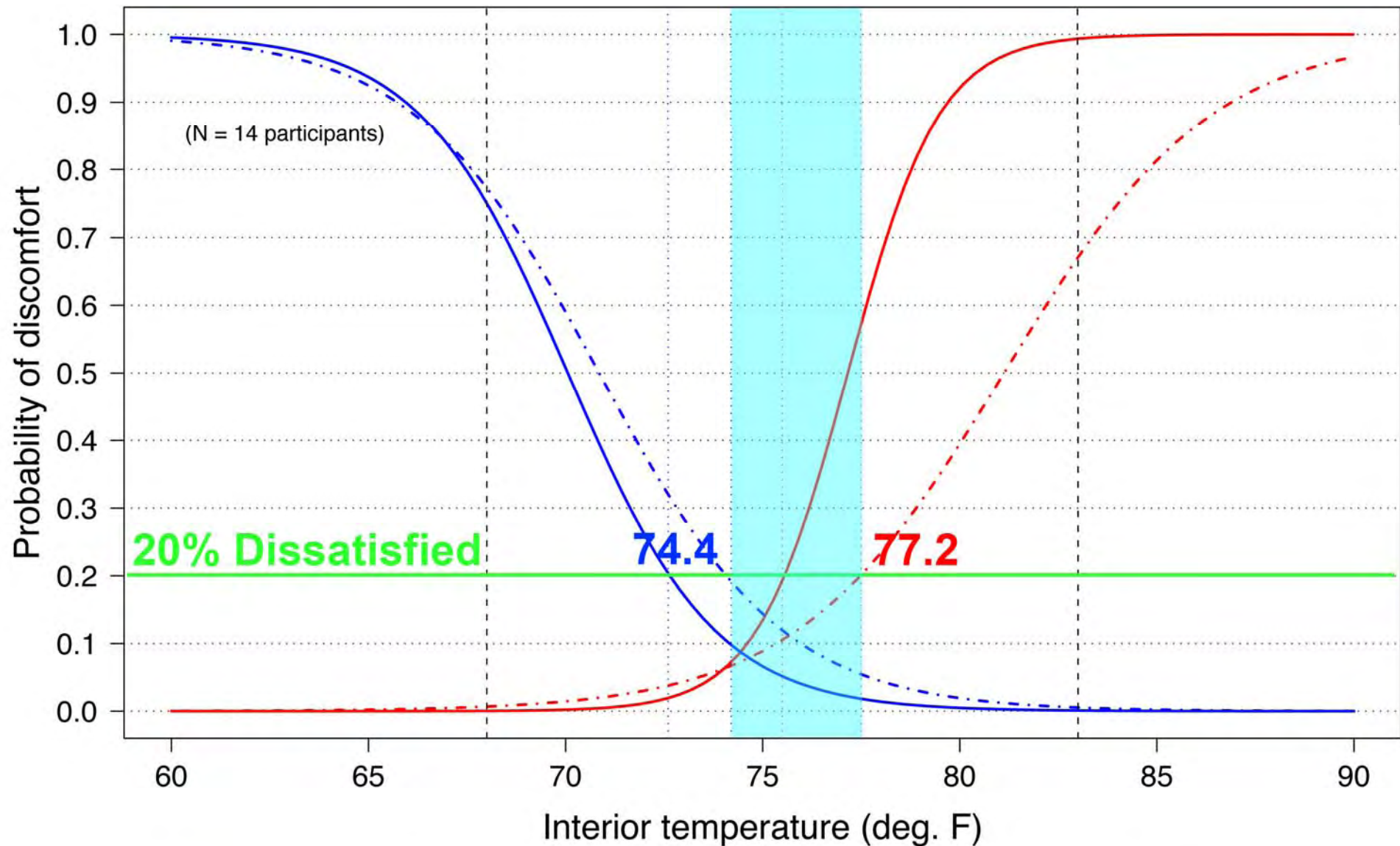


# Thermal Preference





- Dissatisfied and prefer WARMER (Mean outdoor temp. = 57, SD = 2.4, N = 383 responses)
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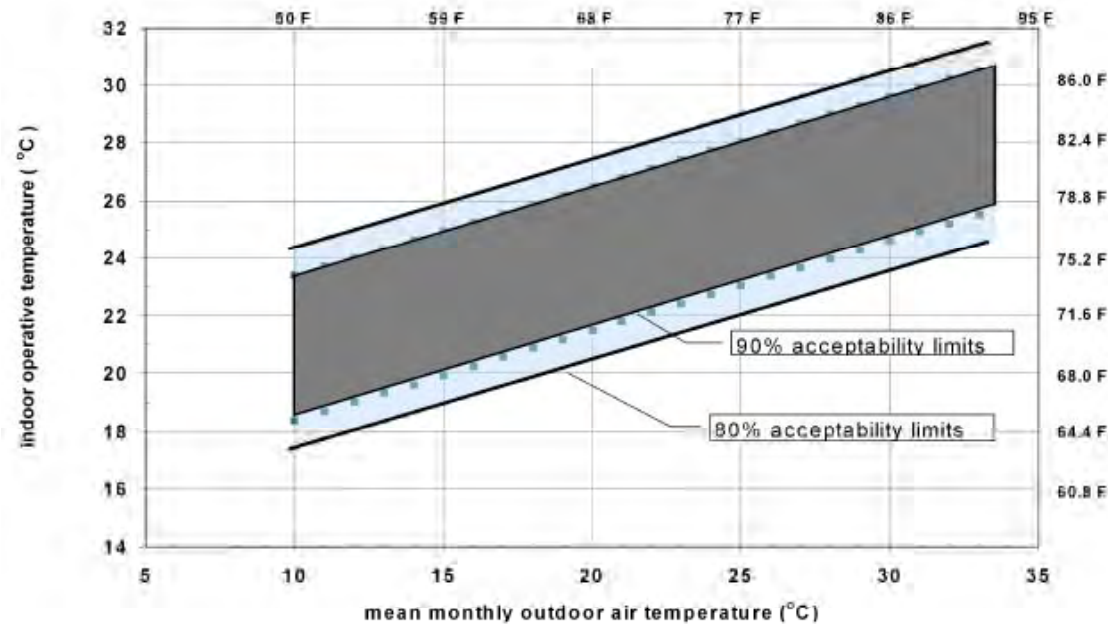


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# Feedback: thermal comfort

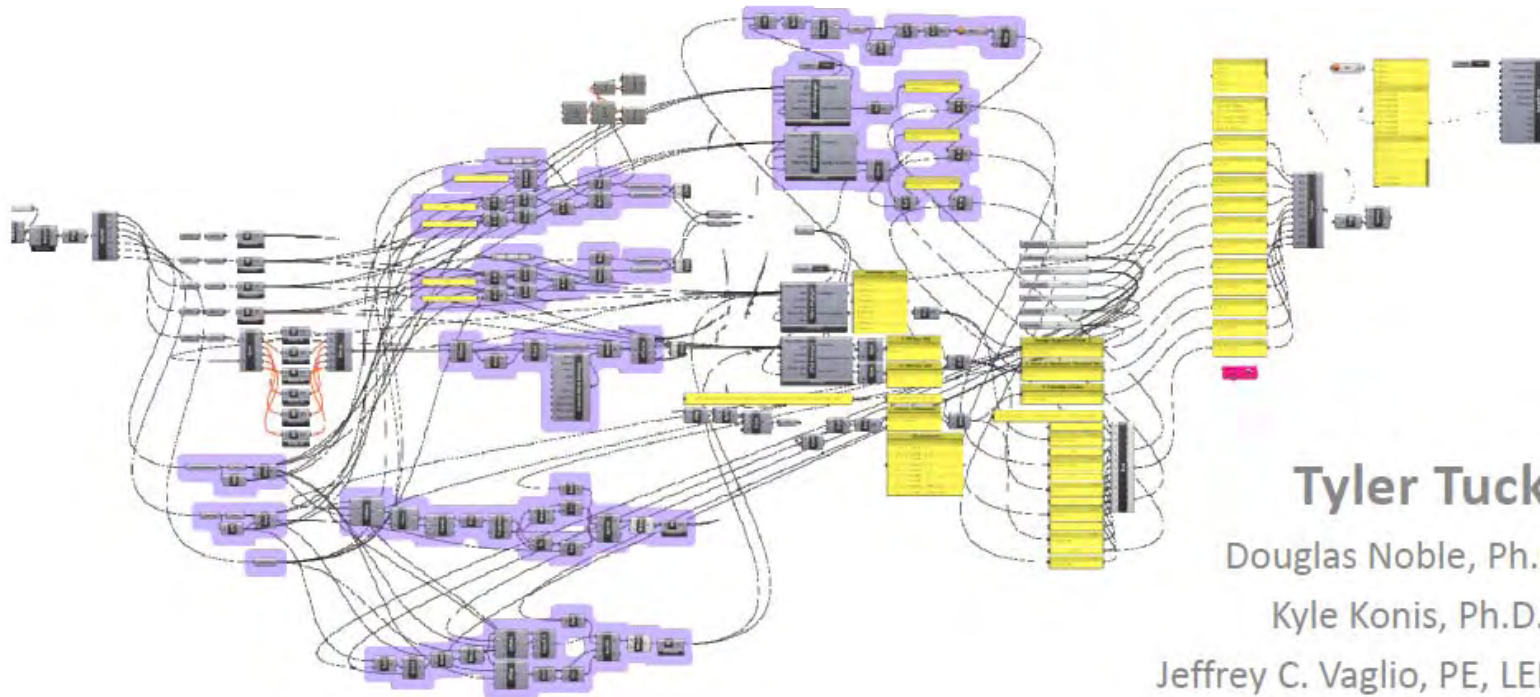
Thermal comfort range shifts in response to outdoor weather conditions, however acceptability range (i.e. “target zone”) much narrower than assumed



Adaptive thermal comfort model (after Brager and DeDear)



# Performative Shading Design: Parametric Based Measurement of Shading System Configuration Effectiveness and Trends



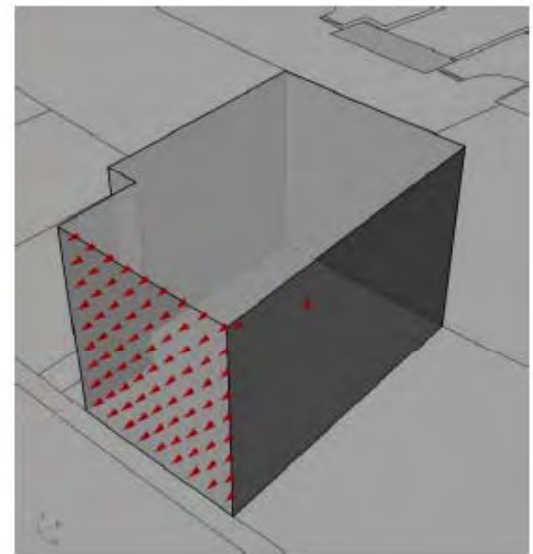
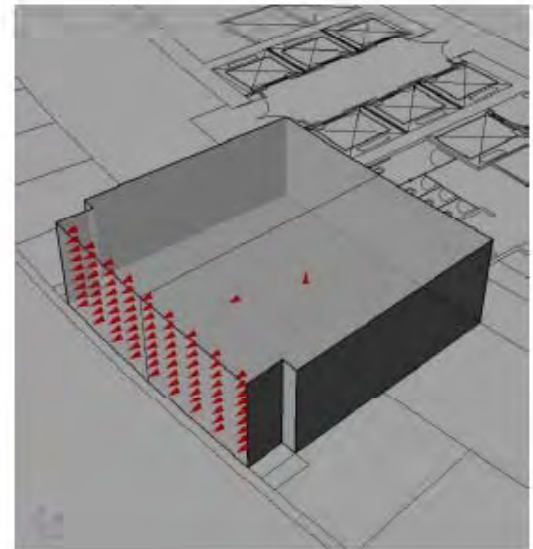
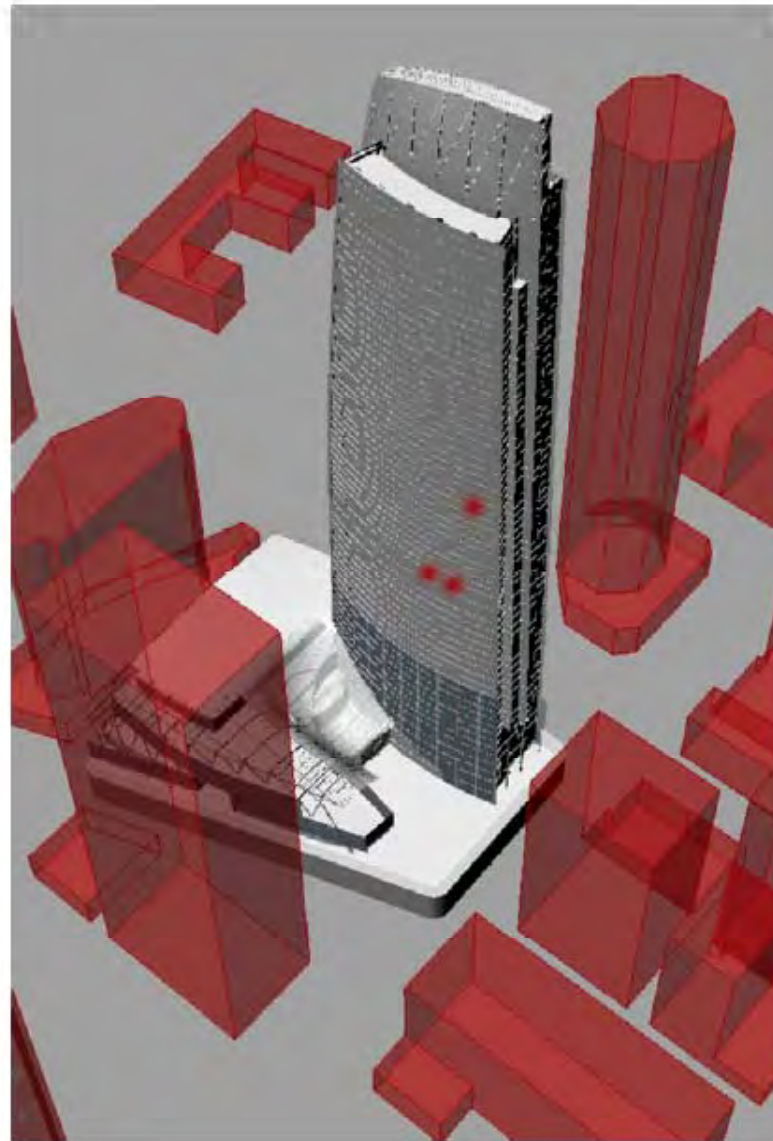
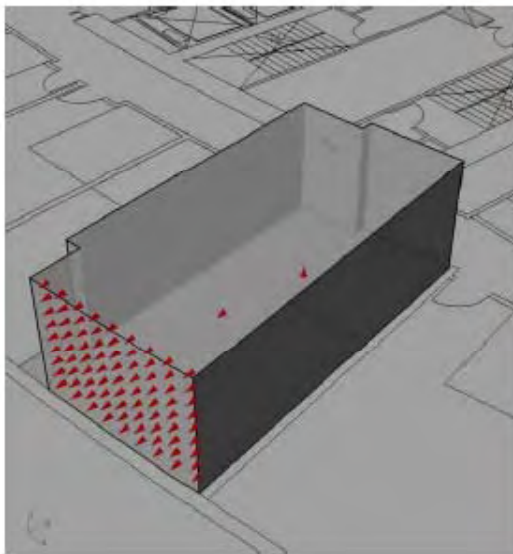
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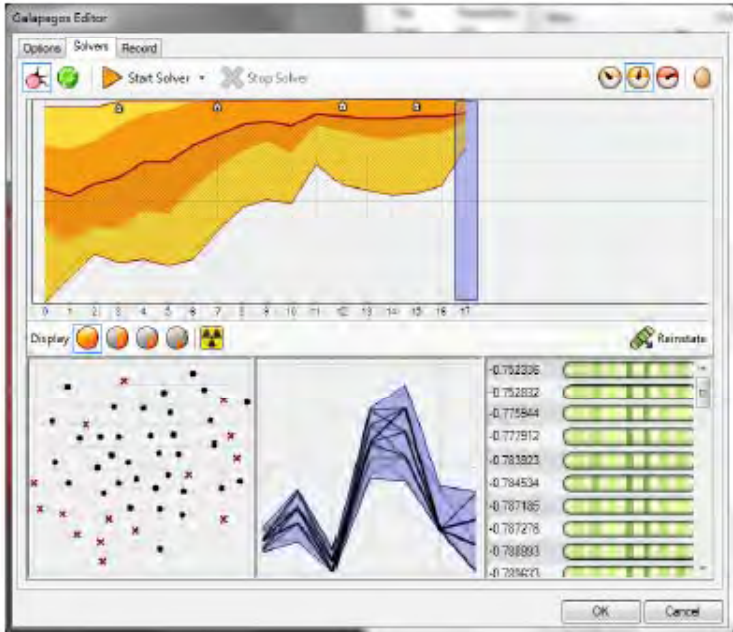
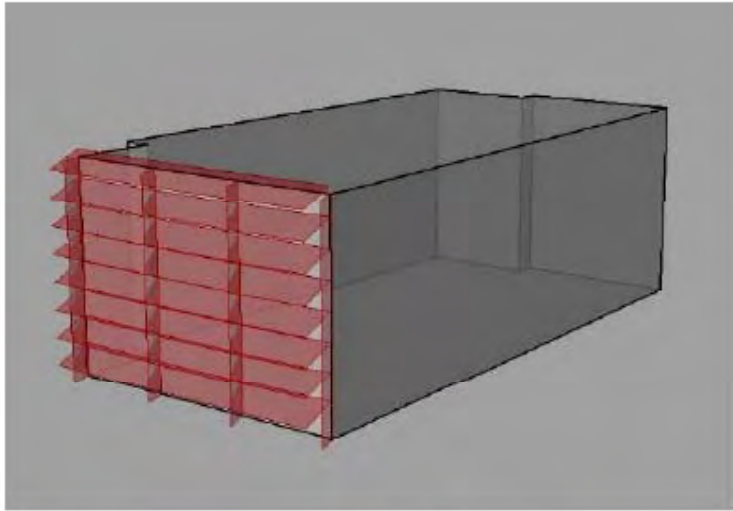
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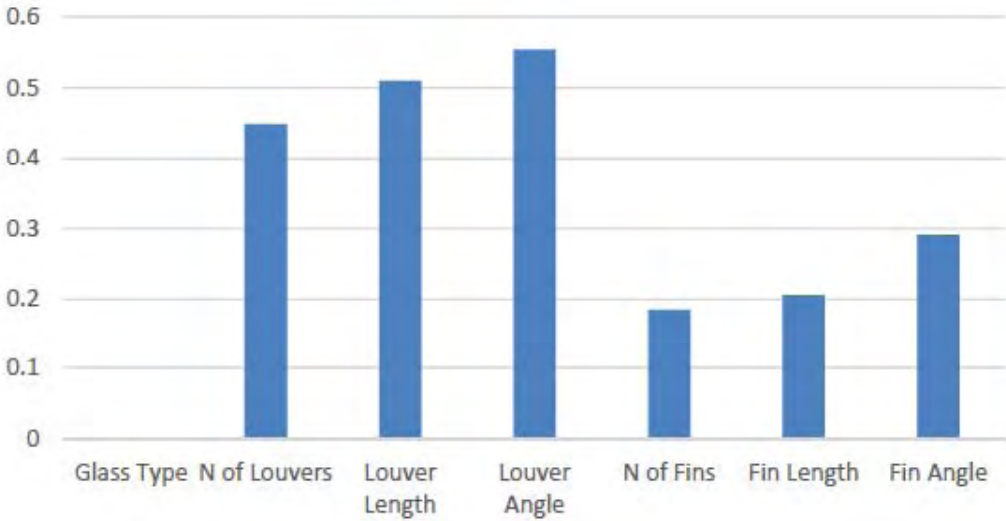
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- 81 radiation sensors
- 1 horizontal illuminance sensor
- 1 vertical eye level illuminance sensor





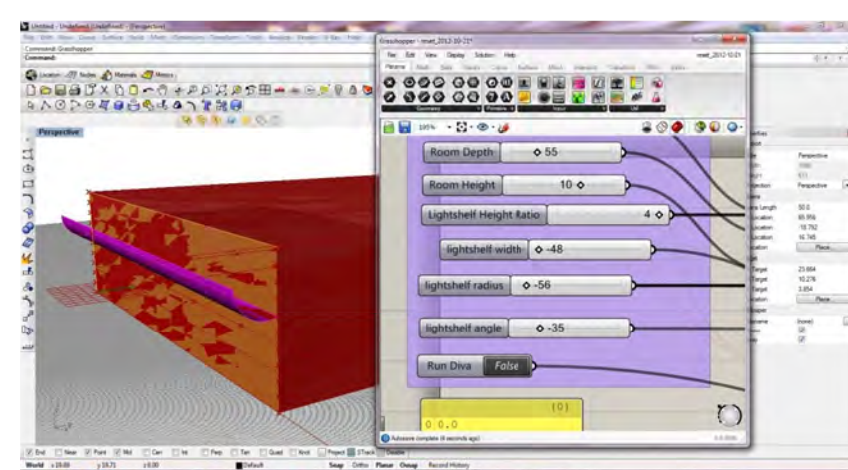
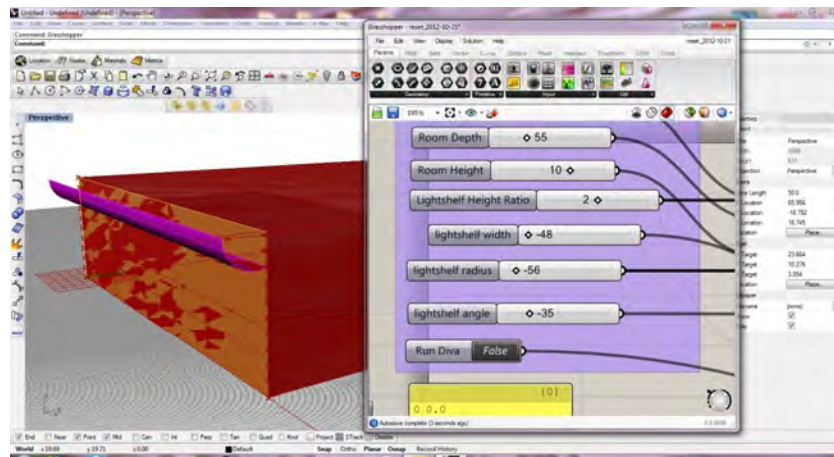
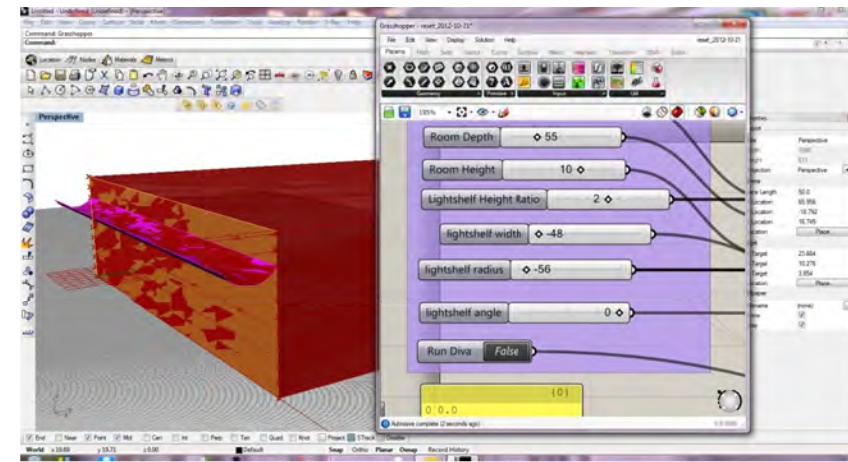
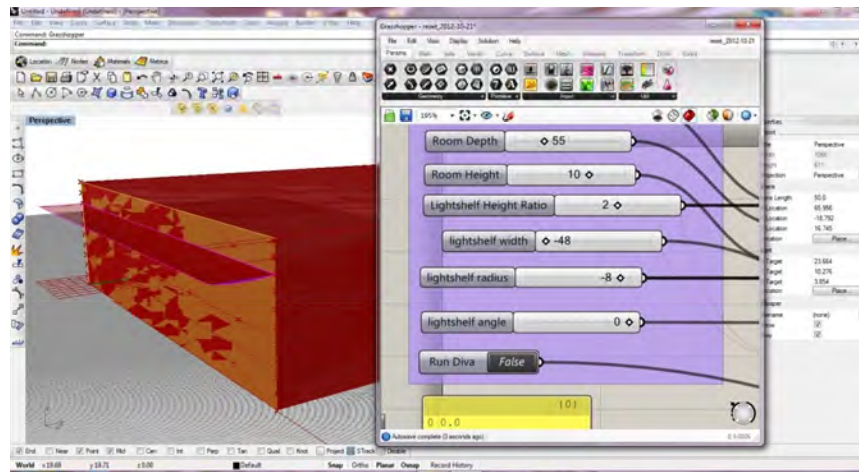
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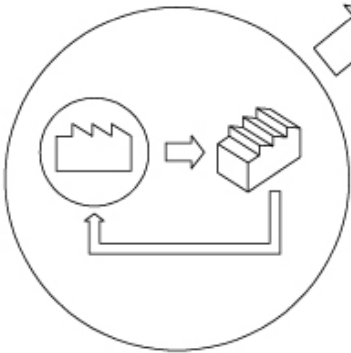
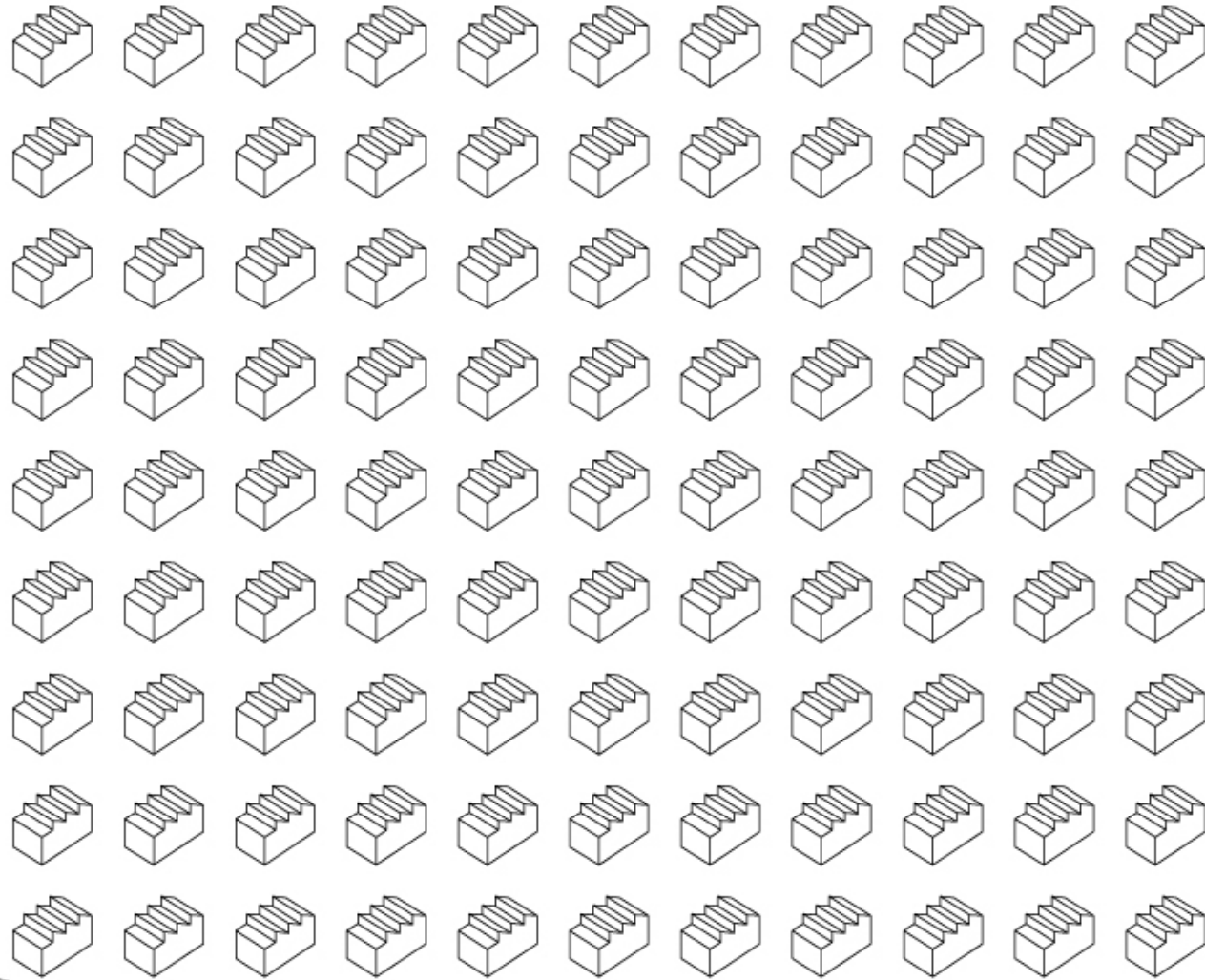


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# Parametric Modeling and Performance Optimization of an Anidolic Light Shelf

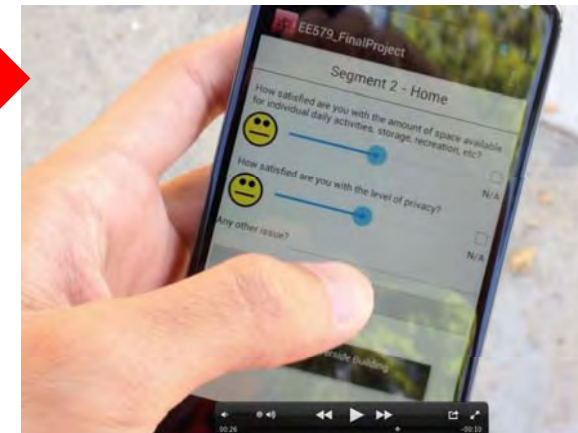
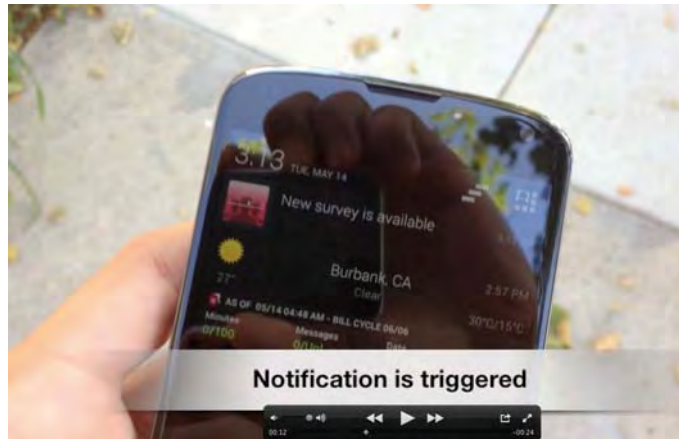
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**SCALE-able**

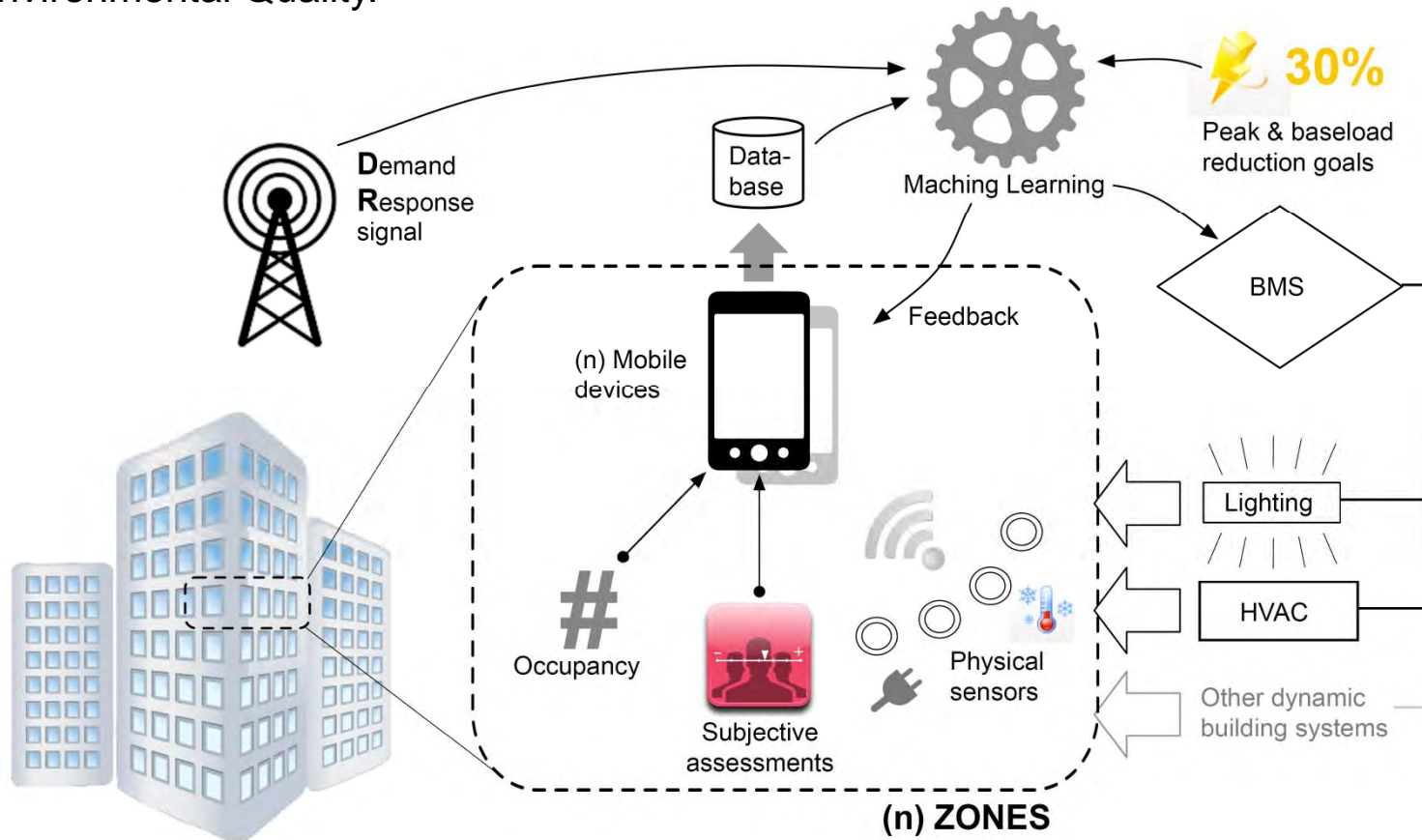
# Location-aware Mobile Survey Mechanism



Subjective Feedback

# The Building Occupant Mobile Gateway

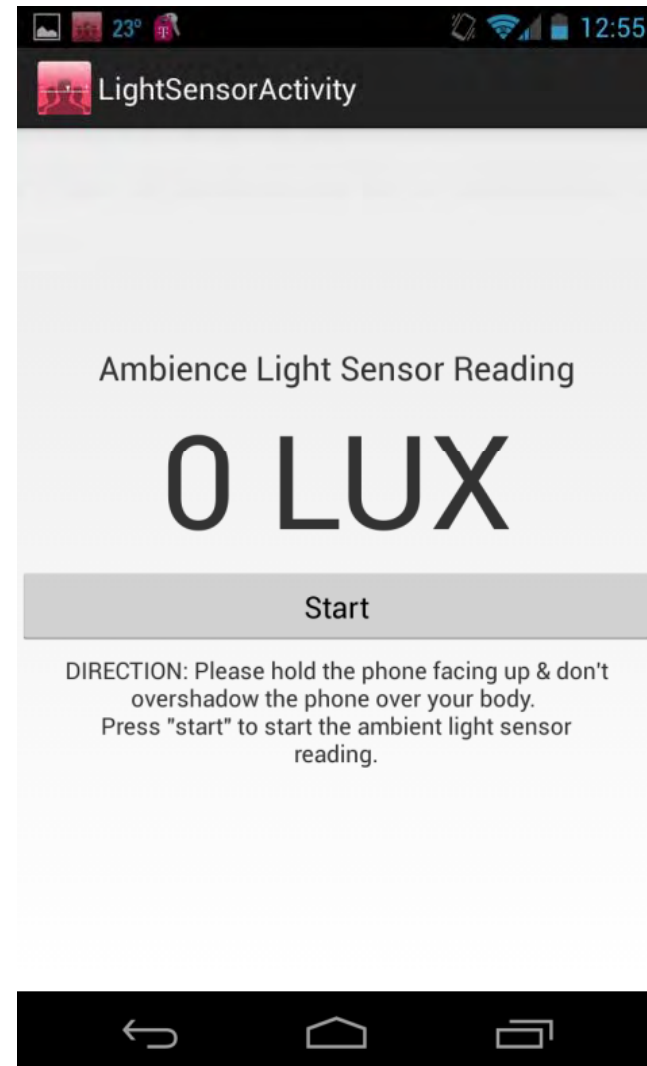
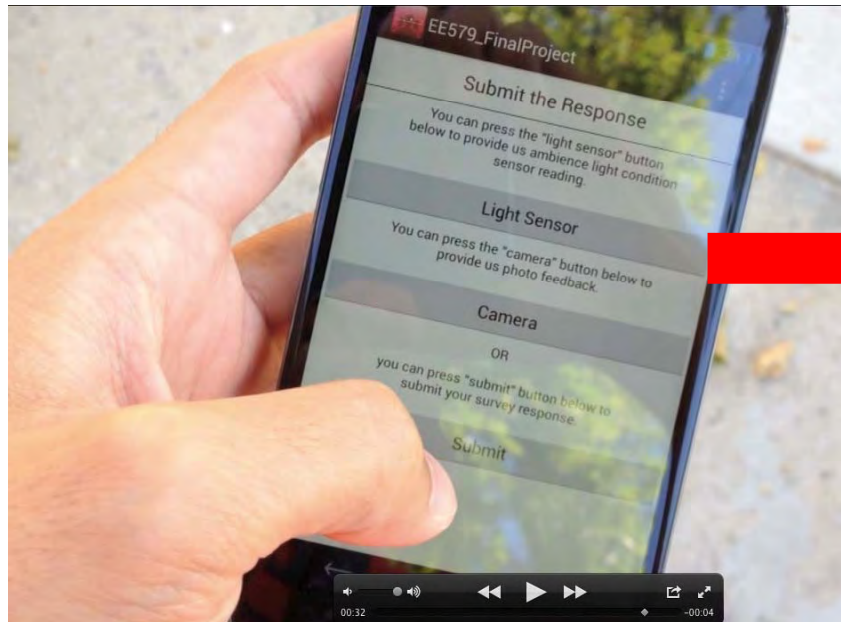
A Framework and Enabling Technology for Occupant-Aware Building Energy Optimization and Enhanced Measurement and Verification of Indoor Environmental Quality.



PI: Kyle Konis, AIA, Ph.D  
Assistant Professor, USC Department of Architecture

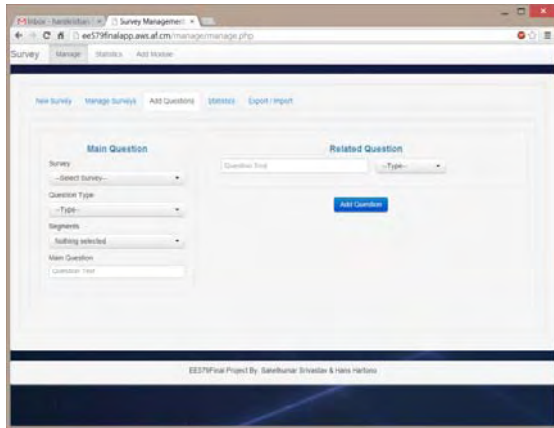
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# (Integrate Onboard Sensors)

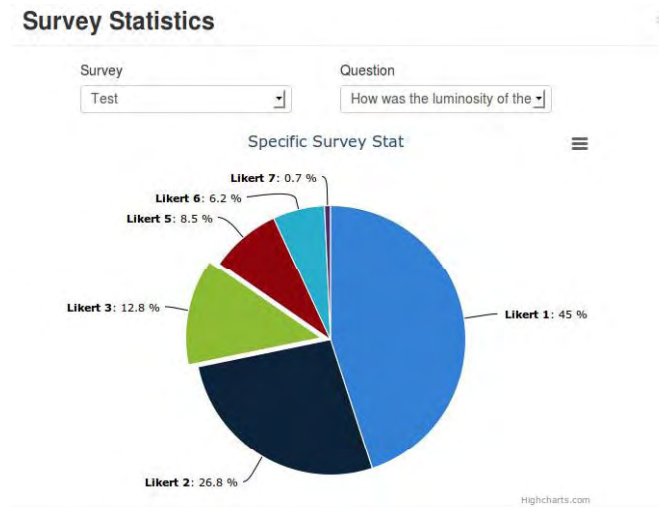




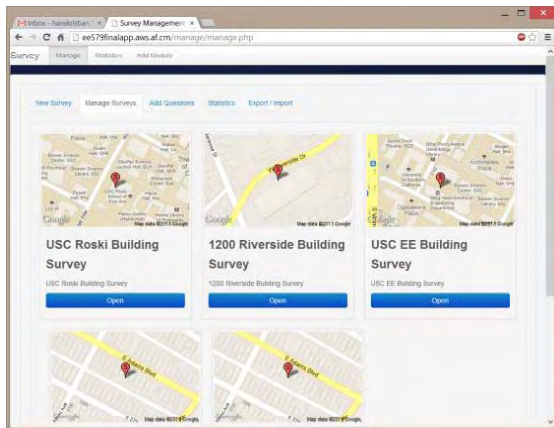
# FLEXIBLE: Backend Management Console



Custom Surveys



Survey Statistics



Survey Management

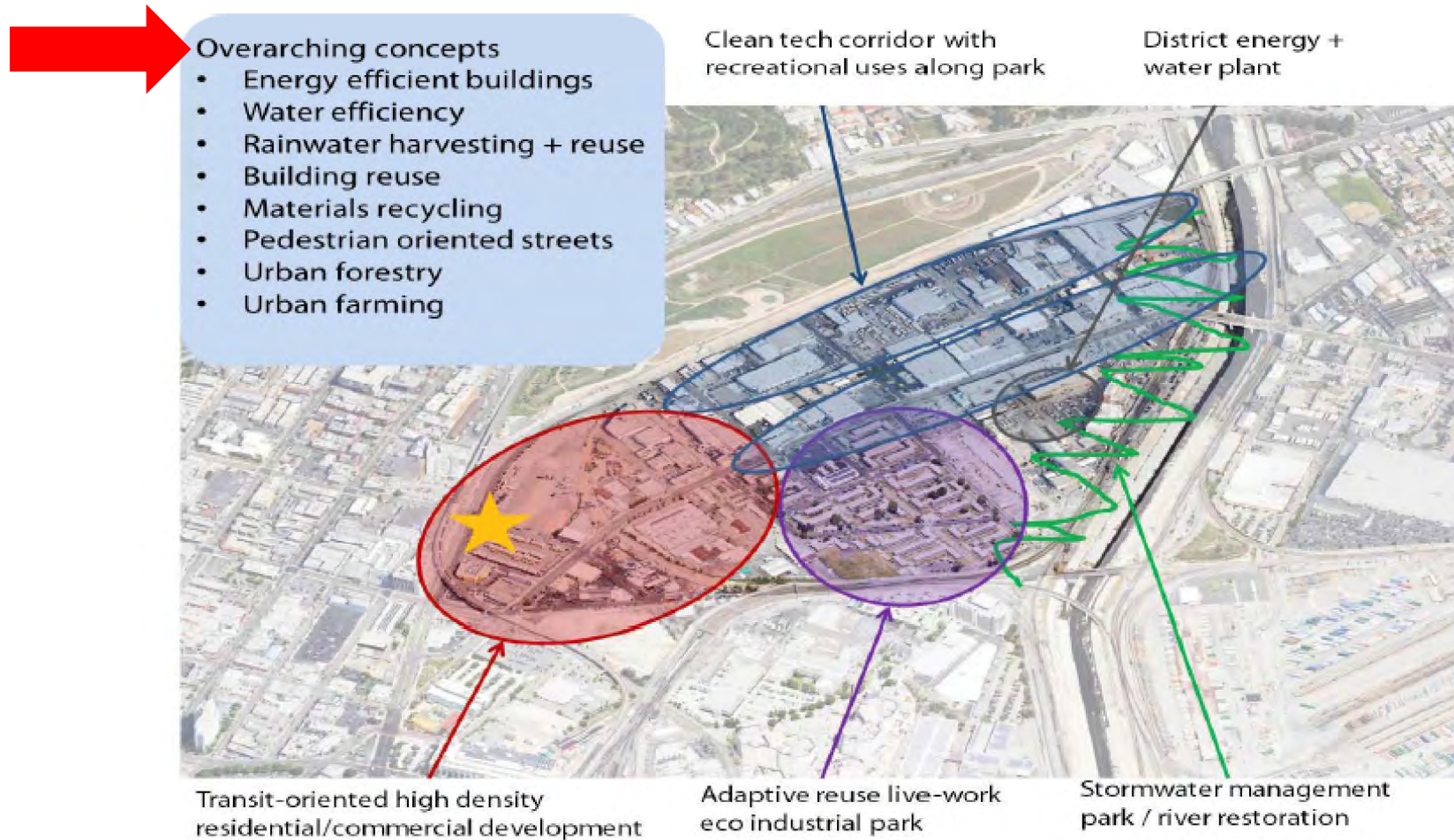


An aerial photograph of a city, likely Atlanta, Georgia. The image shows a complex highway interchange with multiple overpasses and ramps. A river flows through the lower-left portion of the frame. In the background, a dense urban area leads to a prominent city skyline with several tall skyscrapers under a clear blue sky. A large green field, possibly a park or sports field, is visible in the middle ground. The text "District Scale" is overlaid in the center in a white, bold, sans-serif font, enclosed in a white rectangular border.

# District Scale

## CONCEPT

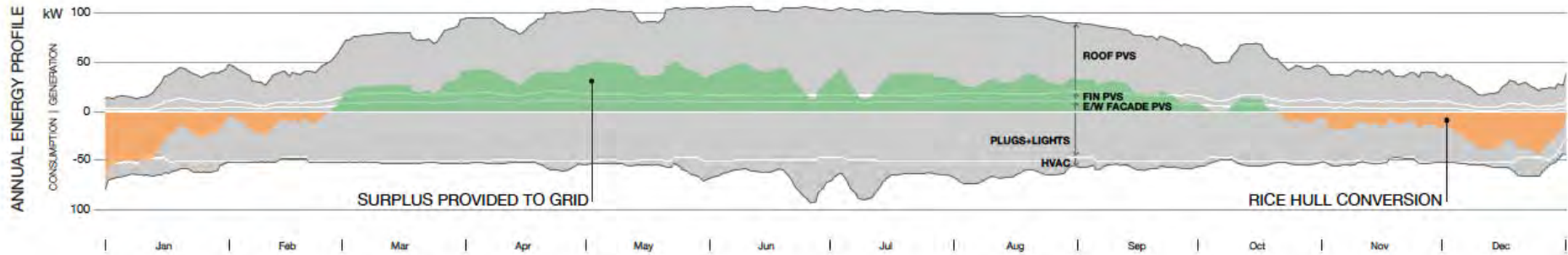
The proposed **SDP** enhances the **CASP** plan by building in policies for equitable development, integrating river revitalization, and developing district energy, water and recycling systems to complement high performance building requirements.



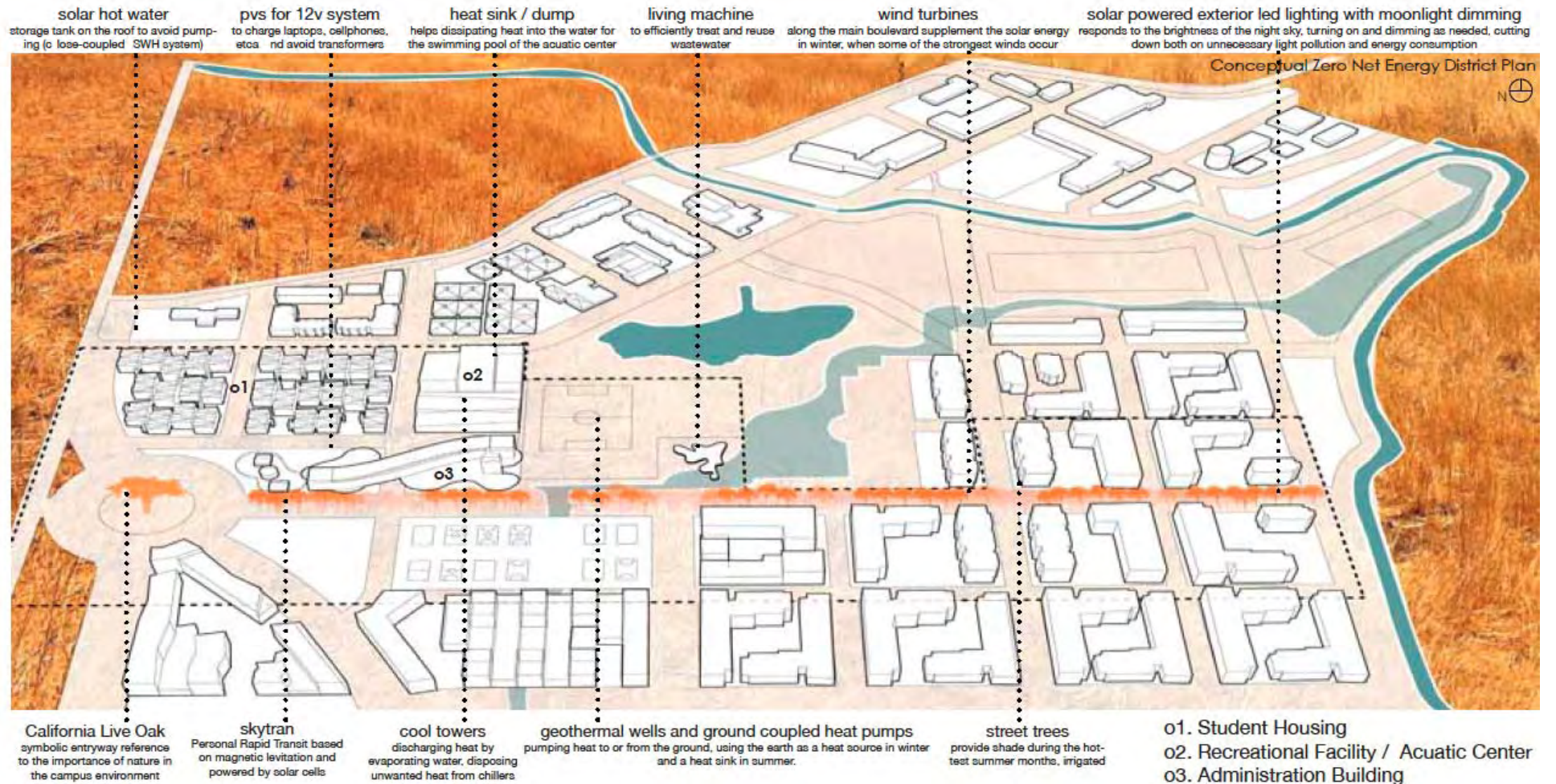
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