





# Enlightening cities: Design for natural rhythm

A framework for measuring  
the impact of facade- and  
city lighting design on  
circadian rhythm

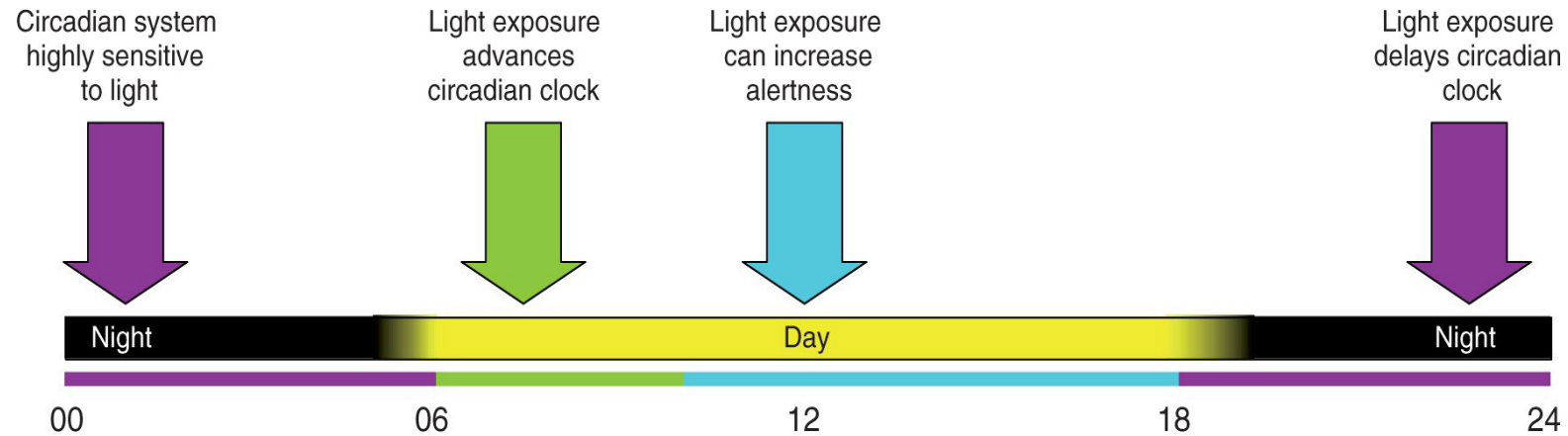
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# Circadian rhythm



*Sensitivity to phase change in a 24-hour timeframe, Andersen et al. (2012)*



# Circadian rhythm: Impact of architectural design

***Urban planning strategies significantly determine the possibility to receive solar irradiation in buildings***

(Lopez et al., 2016)

***Window size and availability has been proven to negatively affect sleep duration, sleep disturbances and sleep impairments***

(Ghaeili Ardabili et al., 2023)

***High levels of outdoor artificial light at night (ALAN) have been found to correlate with later weeknight bedtime and could be a serious contributor to some of the bigger health concerns of our times***

(Paksarian et al., 2020, Gaston & Sánchez De Miguel, 2022)



# Research questions



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## **What is the impact of façade design and lighting design on circadian health in urban context?**

1. What factors are to be taken into consideration for modelling the impact of urban context on circadian light availability in existing buildings?
2. How can the impact of façade design and lighting design on circadian health in urban context be simulated?
3. What design recommendations can be derived from the assessment of the impact of façade design and lighting design on circadian health in urban context?



# Goal

*Enhancement of the accuracy and usability of the current 3D models for circadian lighting analysis, with the development of a method to enrich existing 3D data by incorporating precise information about window and floor levels.*

*The execution of a large-scale circadian lighting analysis that delivers results with a level of accuracy that closely approximates real-world conditions for individual homes and floor levels.*



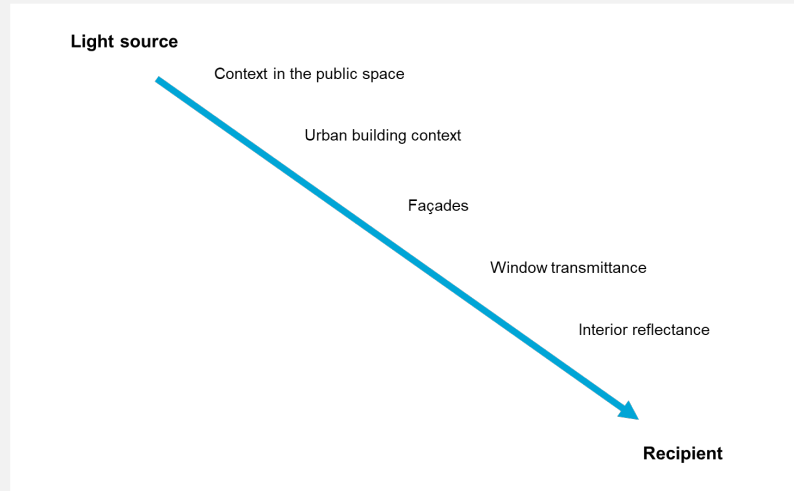
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# Methodology





## Phase 0: Quantifying the impact of the built environment on circadian health



# Scientific parameters

***Intensity***

***Duration***

***Timing***



***Contrast***

***Spectrum***

	21.00-8.00	8.00-18.00	18.00-21.00
Reference value (mEDI)	<1 lx	>250 lx	<10 lx

Circadian lighting thresholds for measuring Melanopic equivalent daylight illuminance (Brown et al. 2022)



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***Intensity***      ***Timing***      ***Spectrum***



# Intensity



3000 lx



100 000 lx



# Timing



21.00 > ZZZ....



13.00 > !!!



# Spectrum



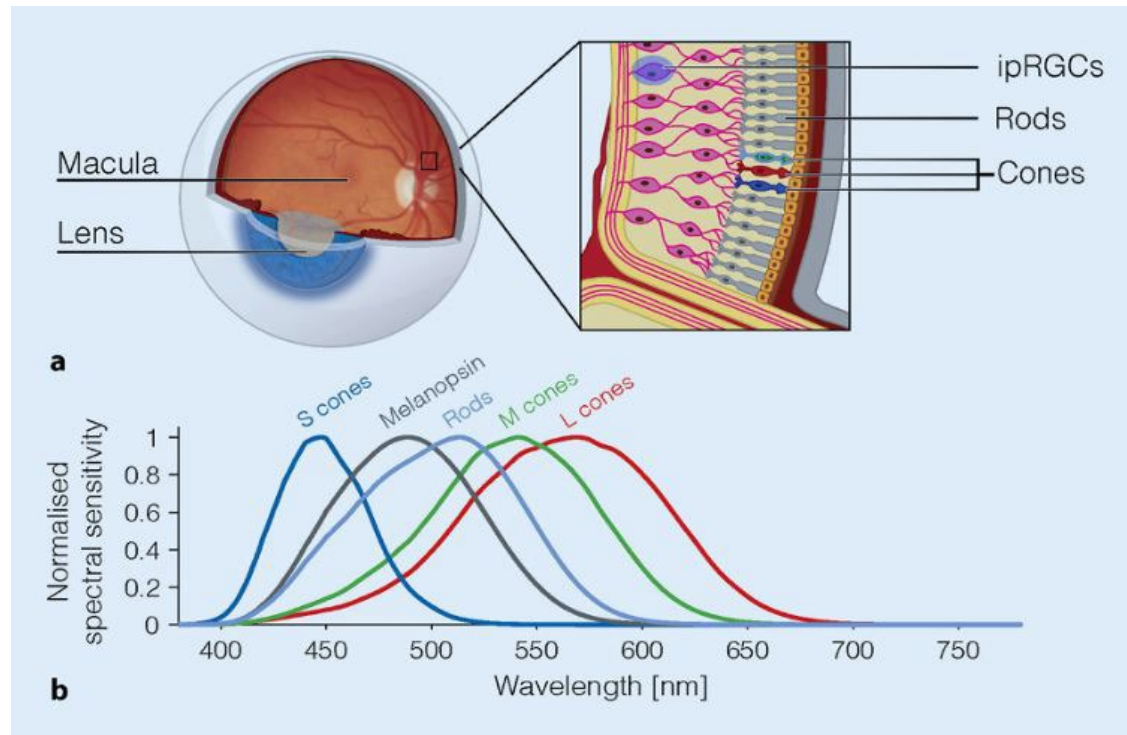
Purple/pink



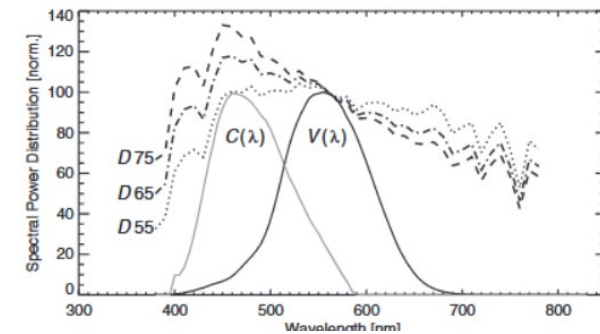
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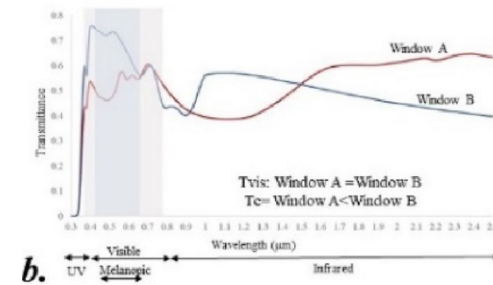
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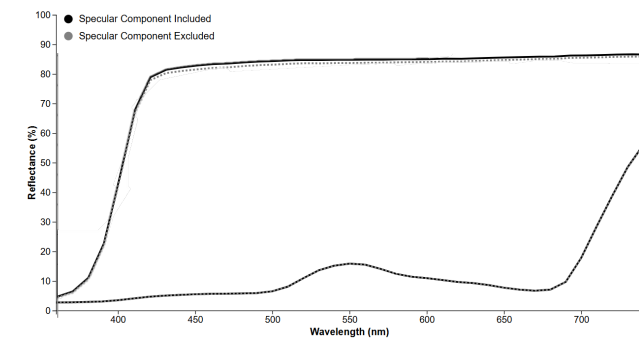
The sensitivity curves of the eye (Blume et al., 2019)



spectral power distribution for three CIE daylight illuminants, alongside photopic ( $V(\lambda)$ ) and circadian ( $C(\lambda)$ ) sensitivity curves (Andersen et al. 2012)



Variation in transmittance between two windows with similar  $T_{vis}$  (Ardabili et al., 2023)



Variation in reflectivity grass (bottom) and a white wall (top) (from spectralDB, 2024)



# Quantifying the impact of the available circadian lighting

- Light source:
- **Watt:** unit of power (J/s)
- **Lumen, luminous flux:** unit of perceived power: total power Weighted by the sensitivity of the eye.
- **Lux, illuminance:** Visible light at the measurement point
- !! Visible light !!
- > to measure melanopic light:
- Circadian Stimulus (CS)
- Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML)
- Melanopic equivalent daylight illuminance m-EDI (lx)
  - Fits within the international system of units!

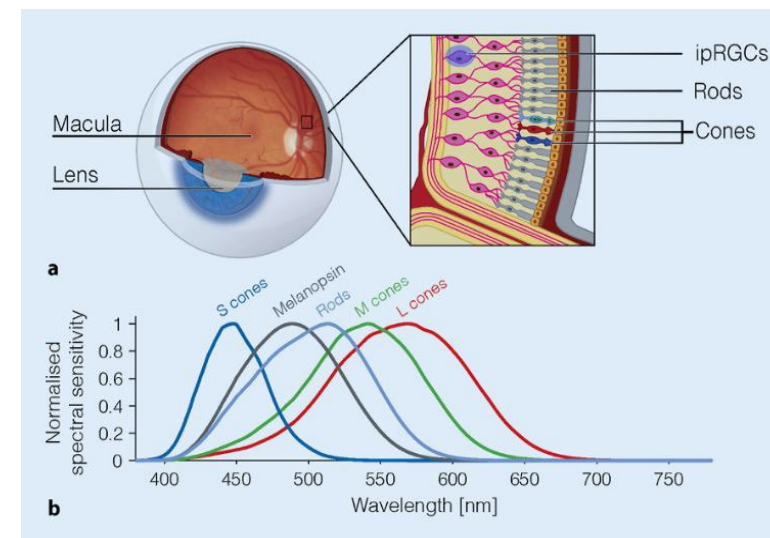


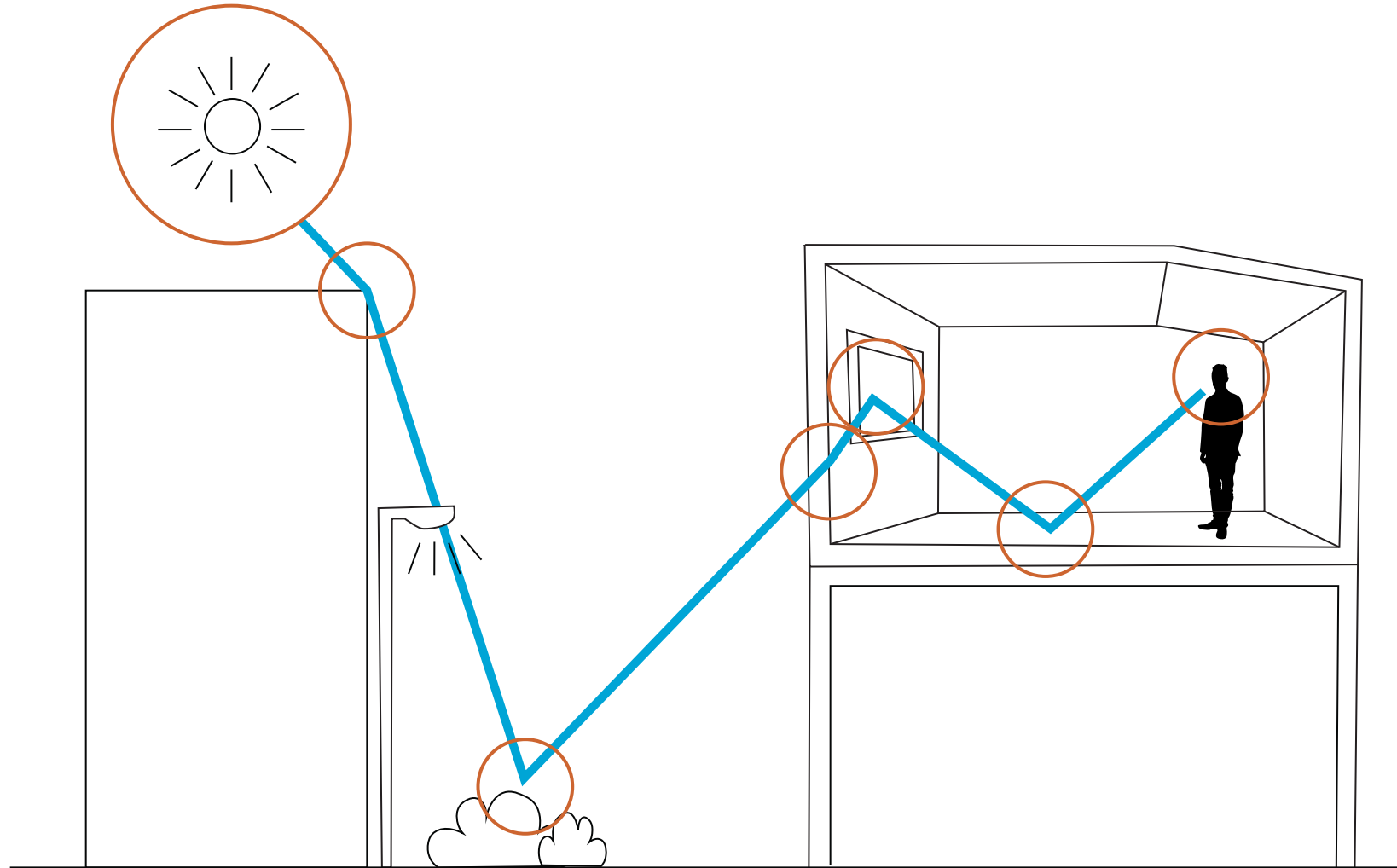
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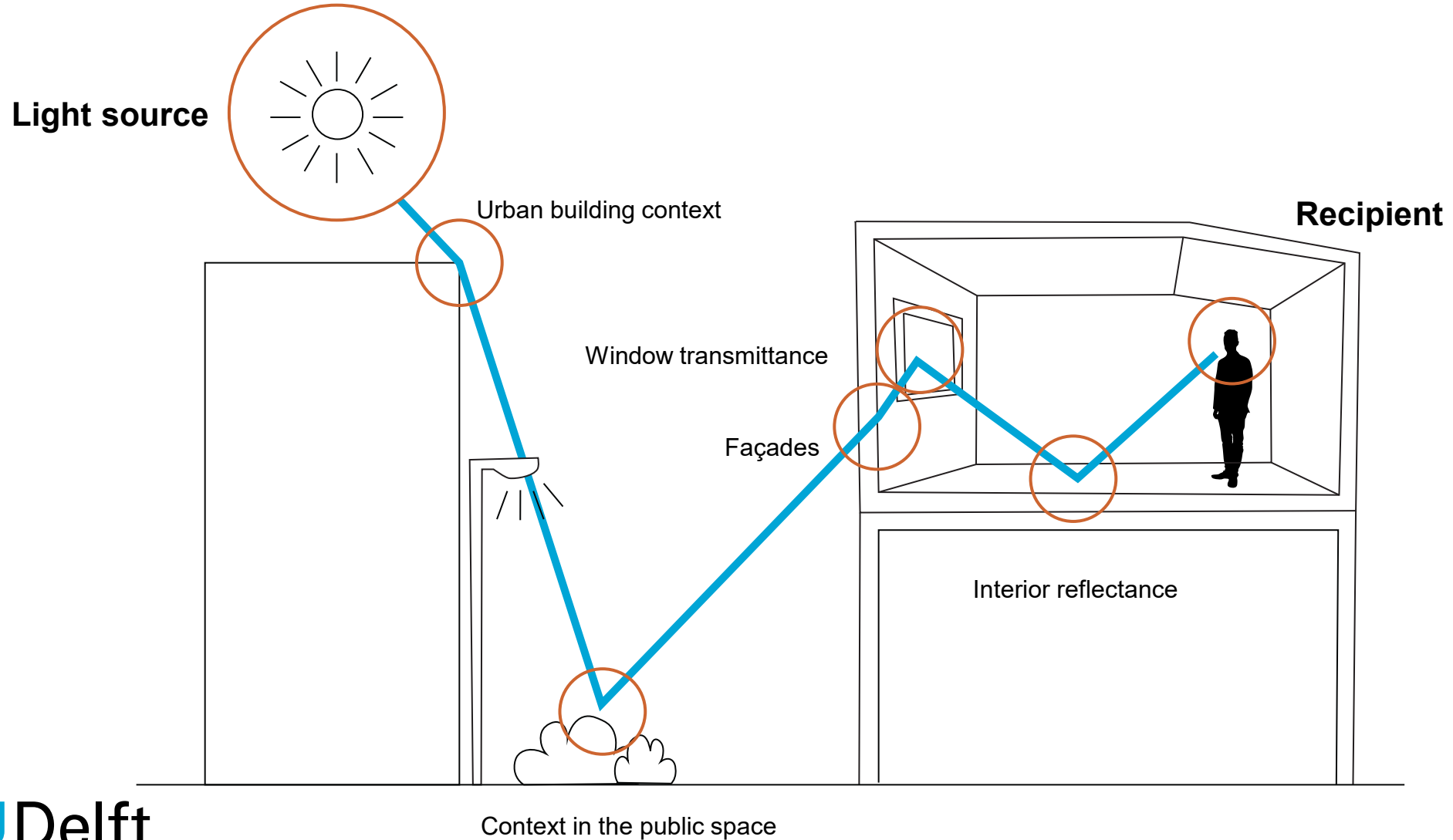


# Factors affecting daylight availability





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**Light source**

Context in the public space

Urban building context

Façades

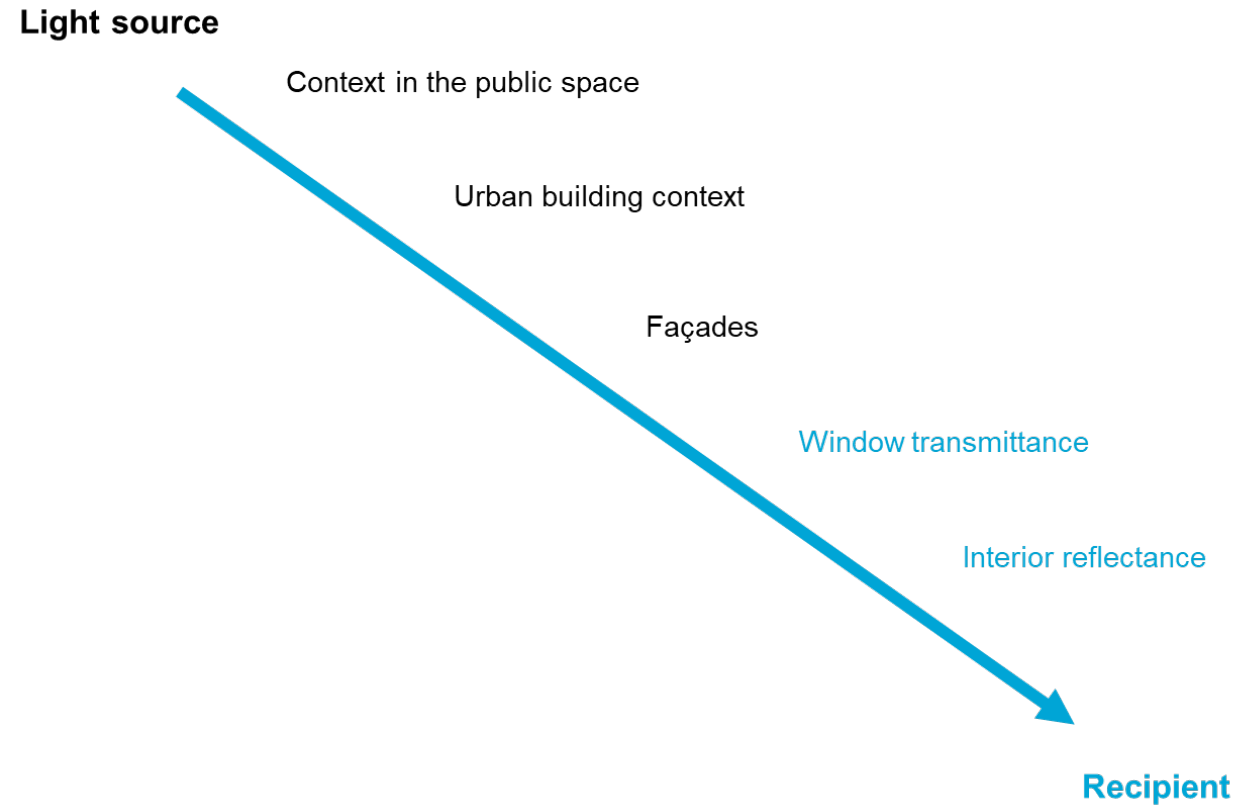
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**Recipient**

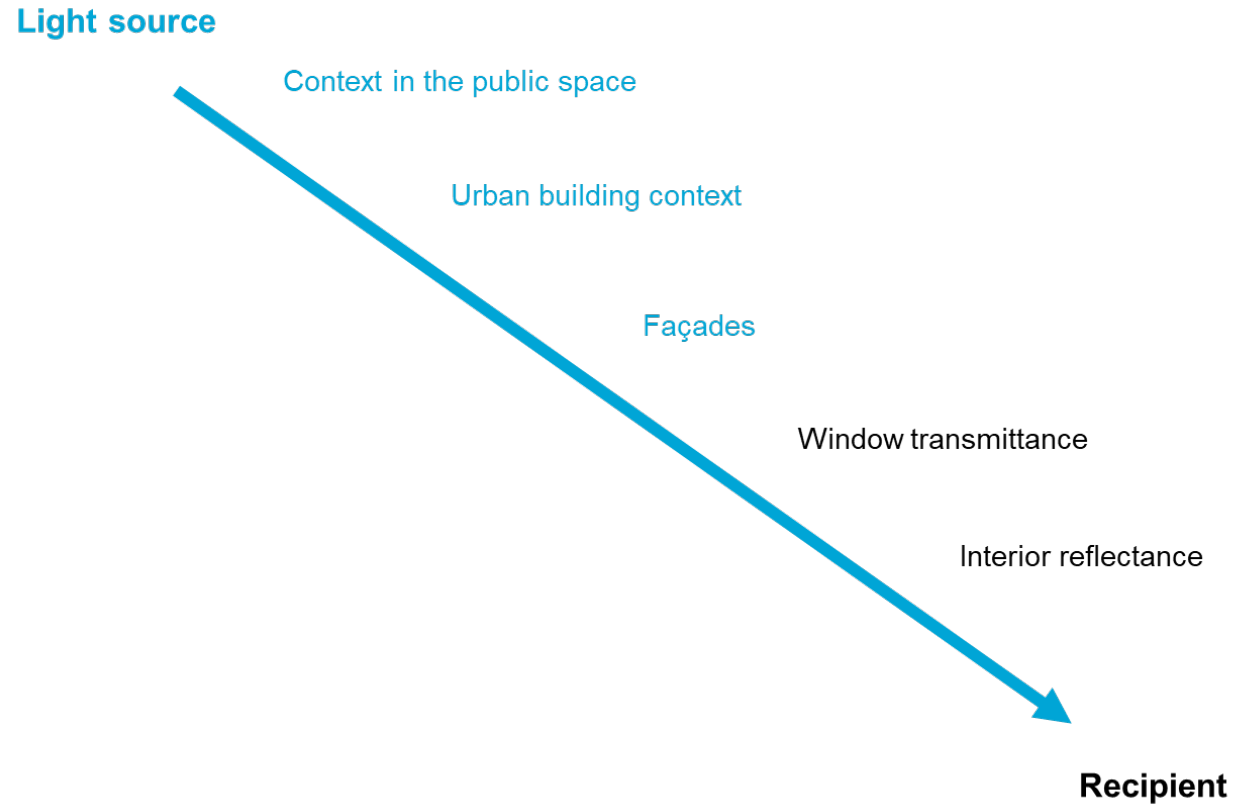


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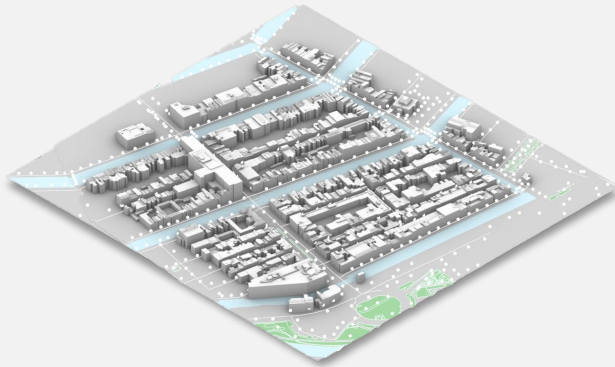


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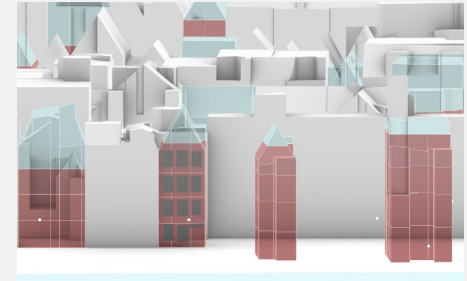
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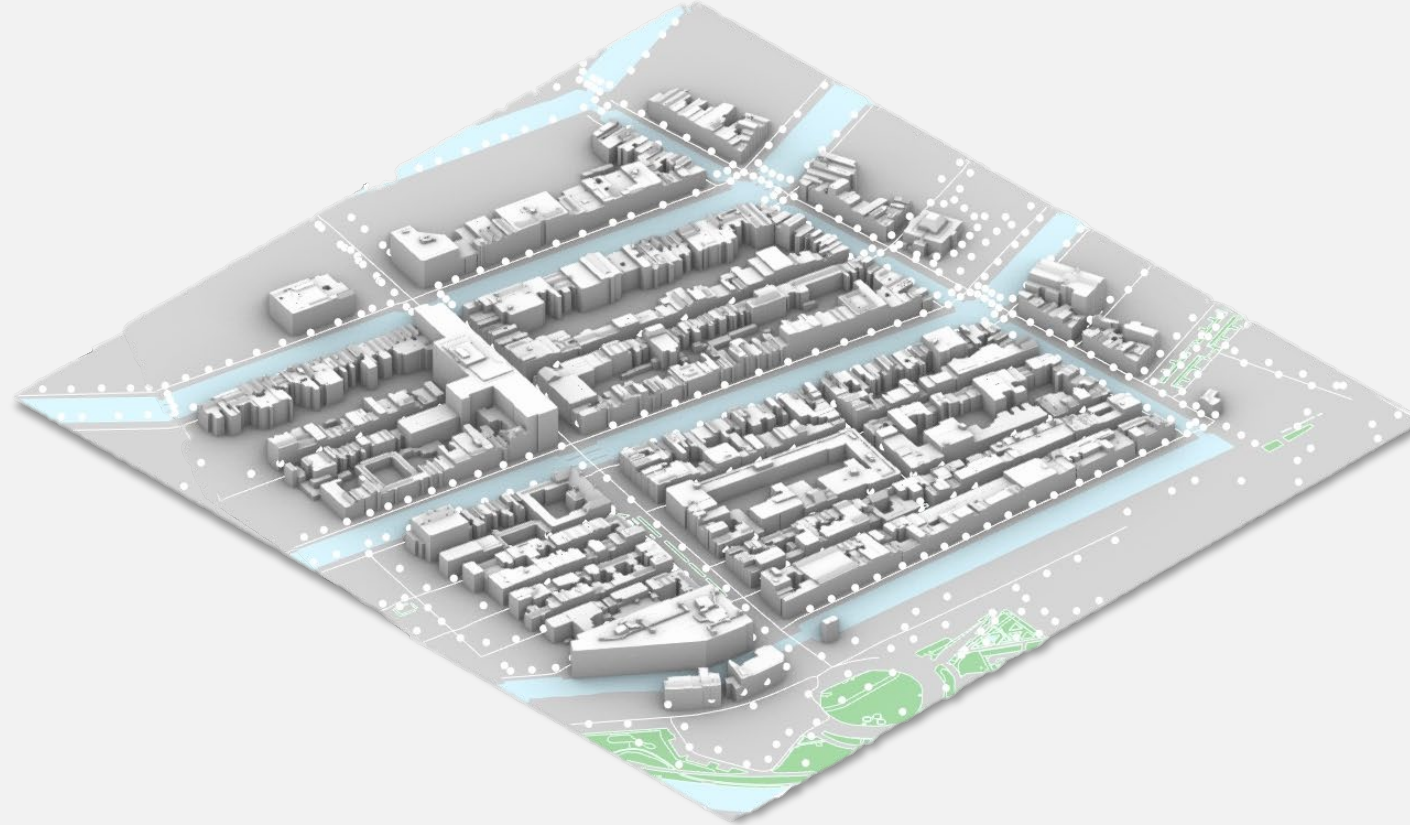
Phase 3



Window boundary and floor level reconstruction in 3D environment

## Geometrical preparation





## Geometrical preparation: Phase 1

Preparing urban geometrical and geographical information



# Urban context implementation

## Waterways & greenspaces

- BGT (basic registration large scale topography) (PDOK, 2024)

## Urban building context

- 3DBAG Building information (Tudelft3d and 3DGI, 2024)

## Street lanterns

- Data.Amsterdam (Gemeente Amsterdam, 2024)

Gathered in a Rhino Grasshopper environment



Basisregistratie  
Grootschalige  
Topografie (BGT)  
(PDOK, 2024)



Street lantern  
information (Gemeente  
Amsterdam, 2024)



3dBAG building  
information (Peters et  
al., 2022)



Rhinoceros 3D & rhino  
Grasshopper

**Light  
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Facade

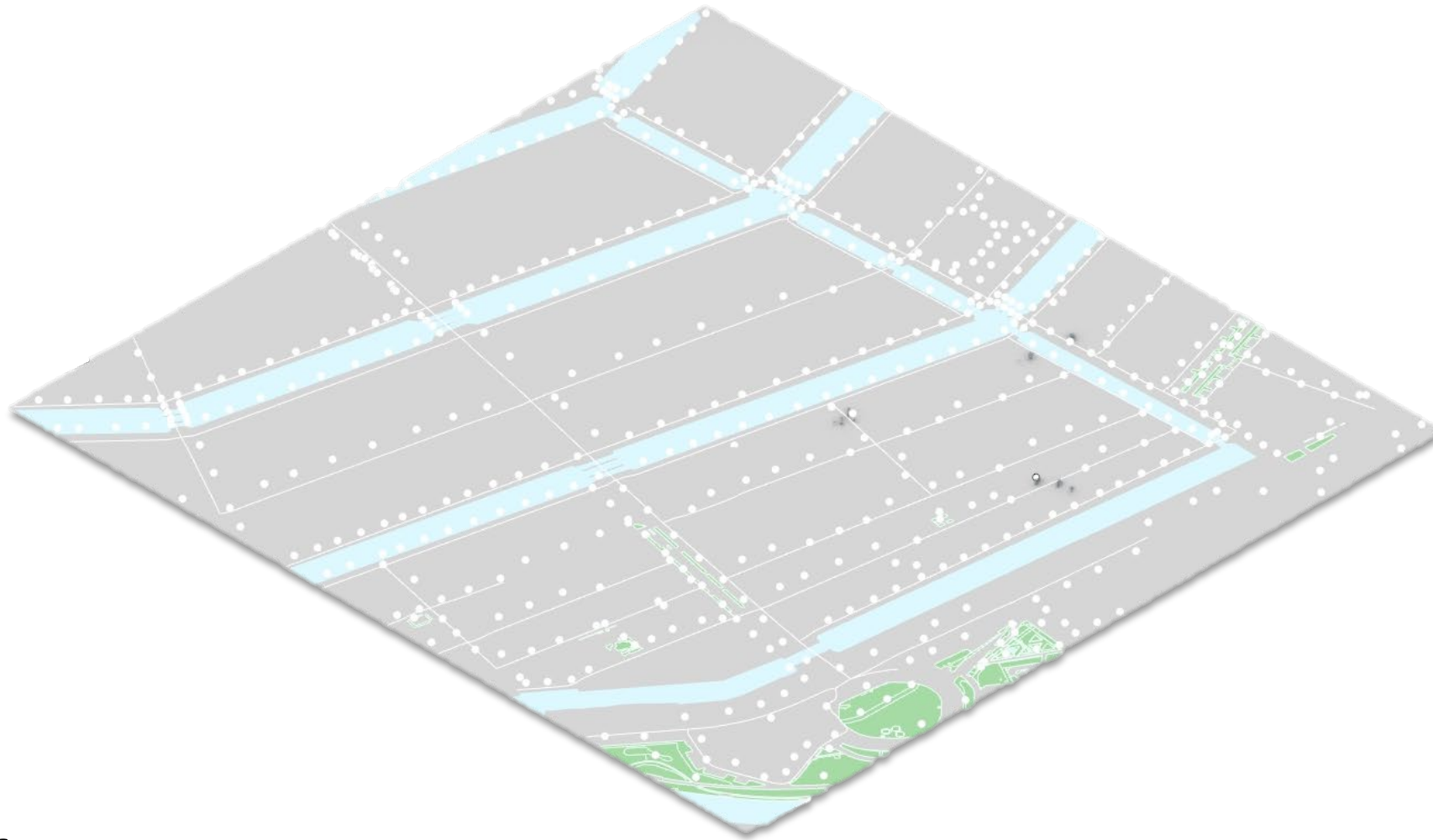
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# Surface water, green areas & street lighting positions



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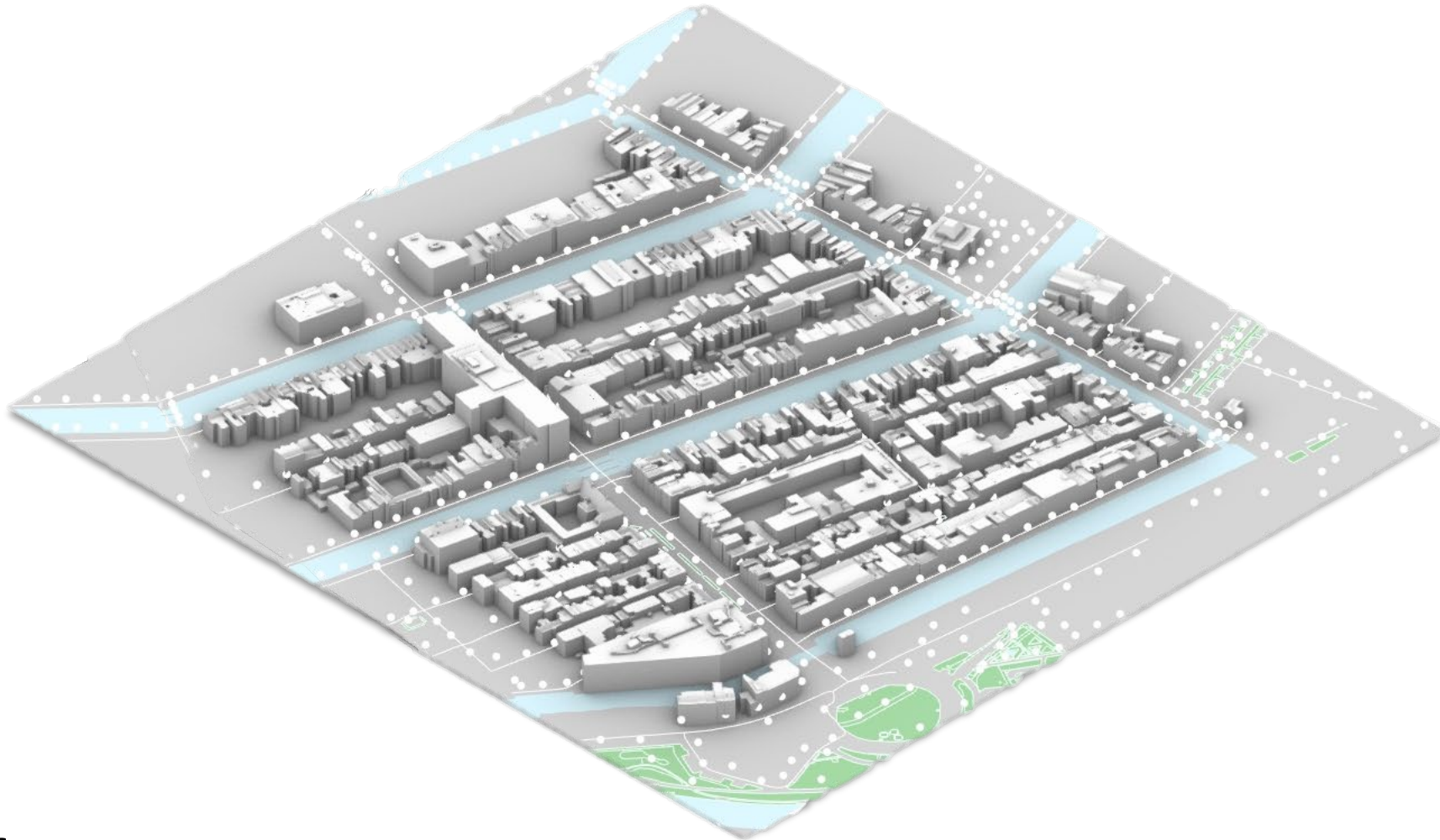
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# Urban building context



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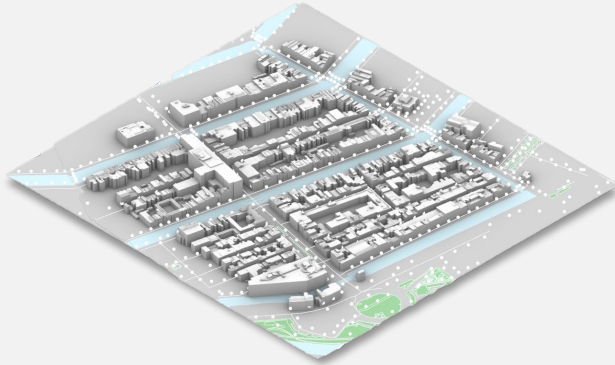
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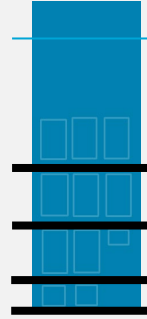


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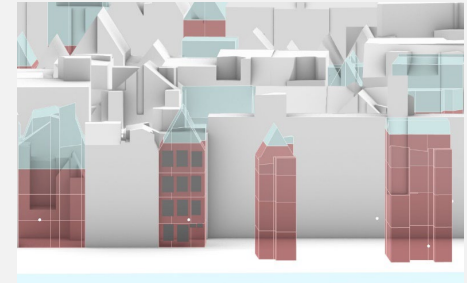
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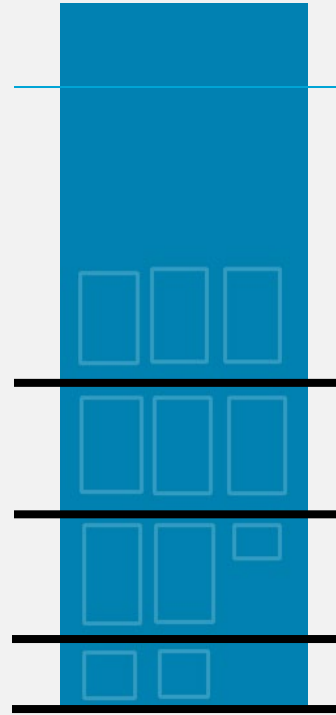
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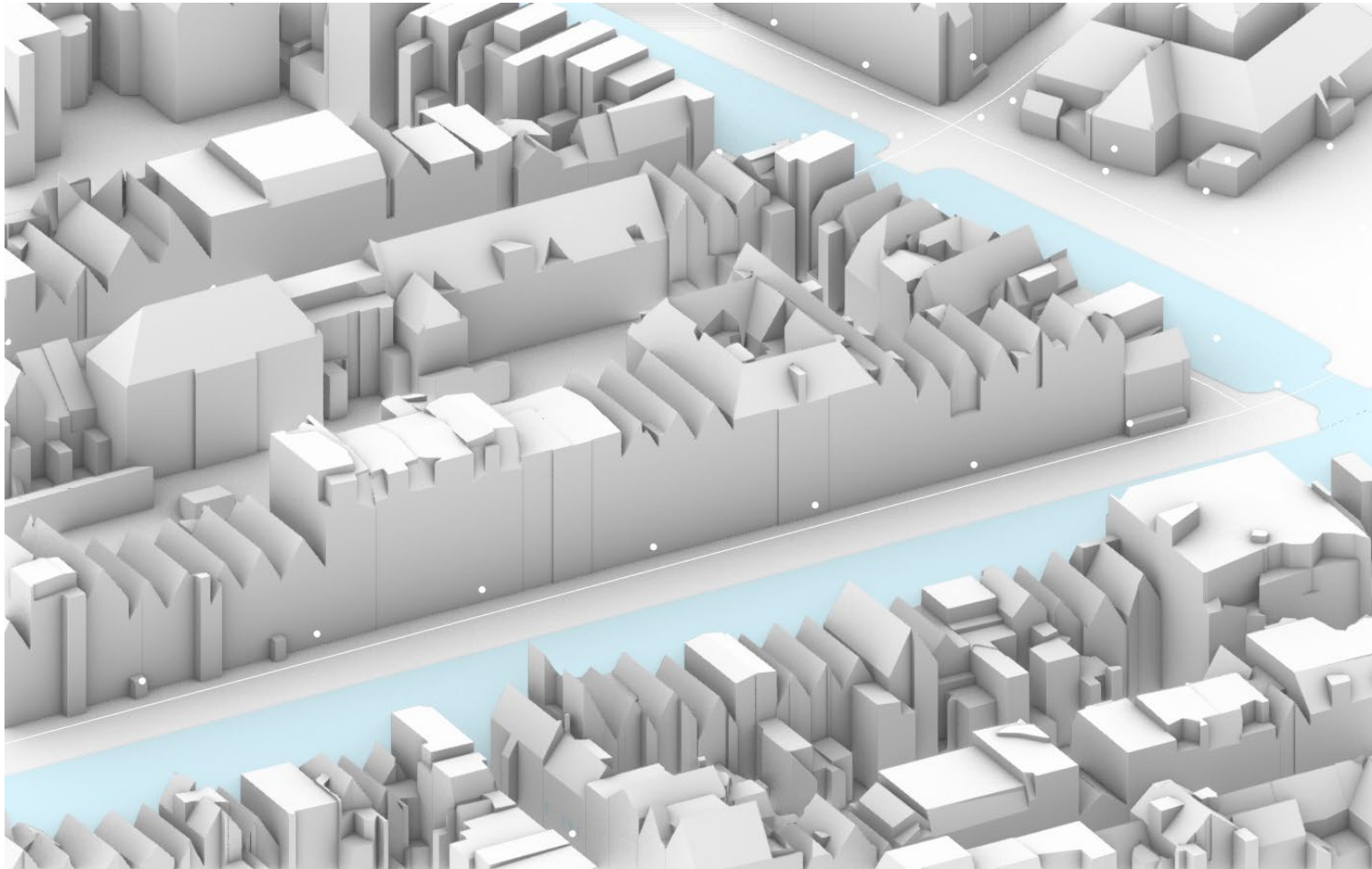


## Geometrical preparation: Phase 2

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# Current level of detail in 3D geometries



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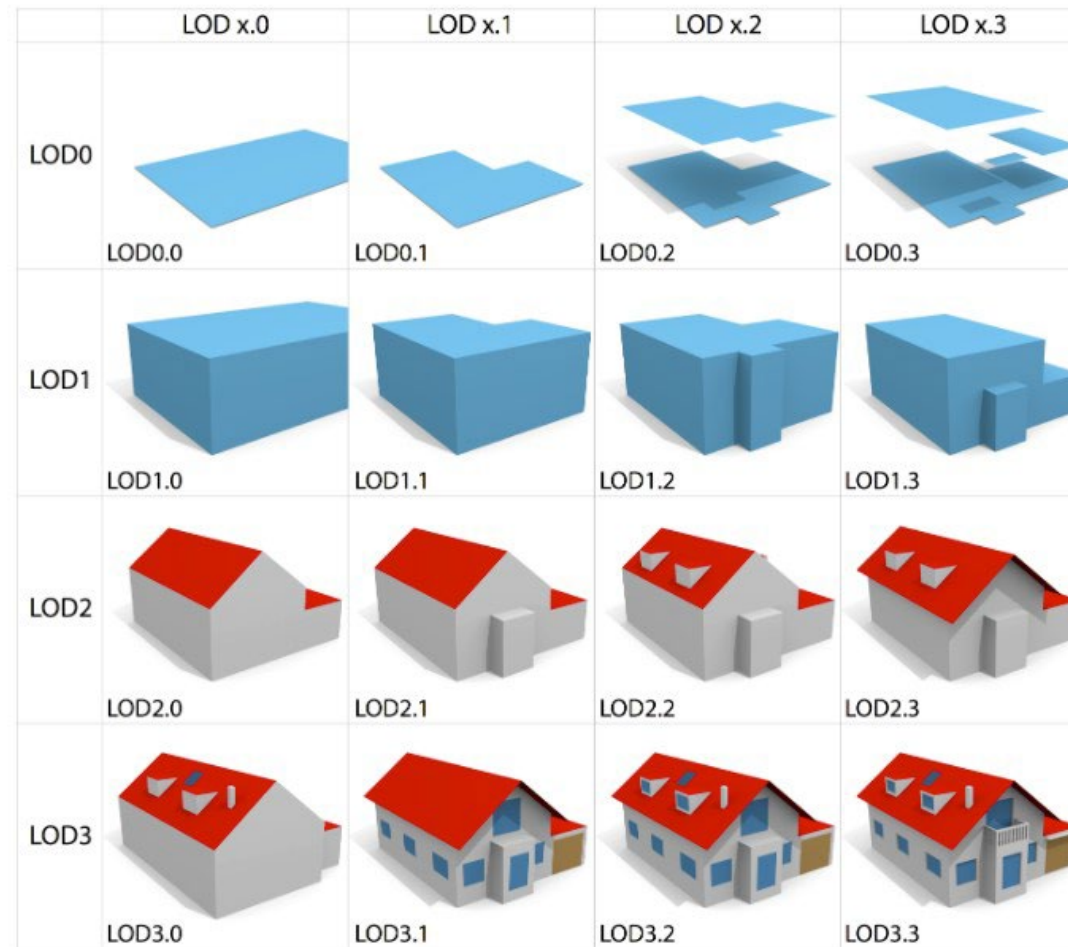
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# Urban building context

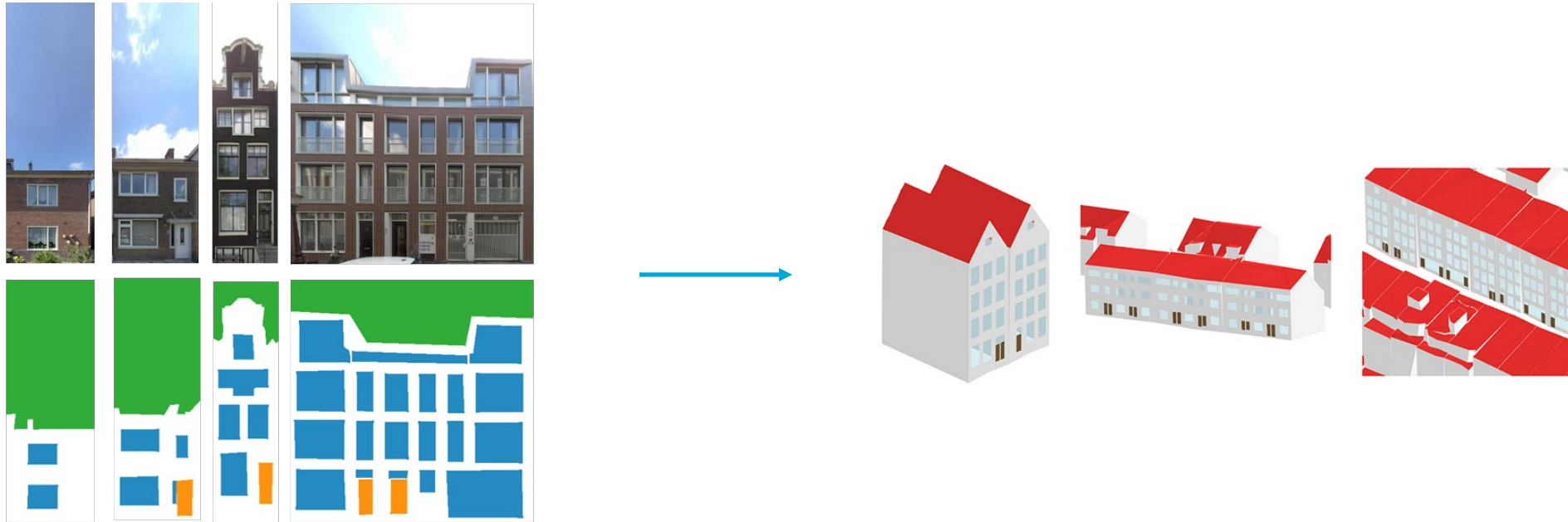


*explanation Levels of Detail (LoD) (Biljecki et al., 2016)*



# Implementation of façade information:

- Eijgenstein (2020): 3D building enhancement with façade details by panoramic image sequencing



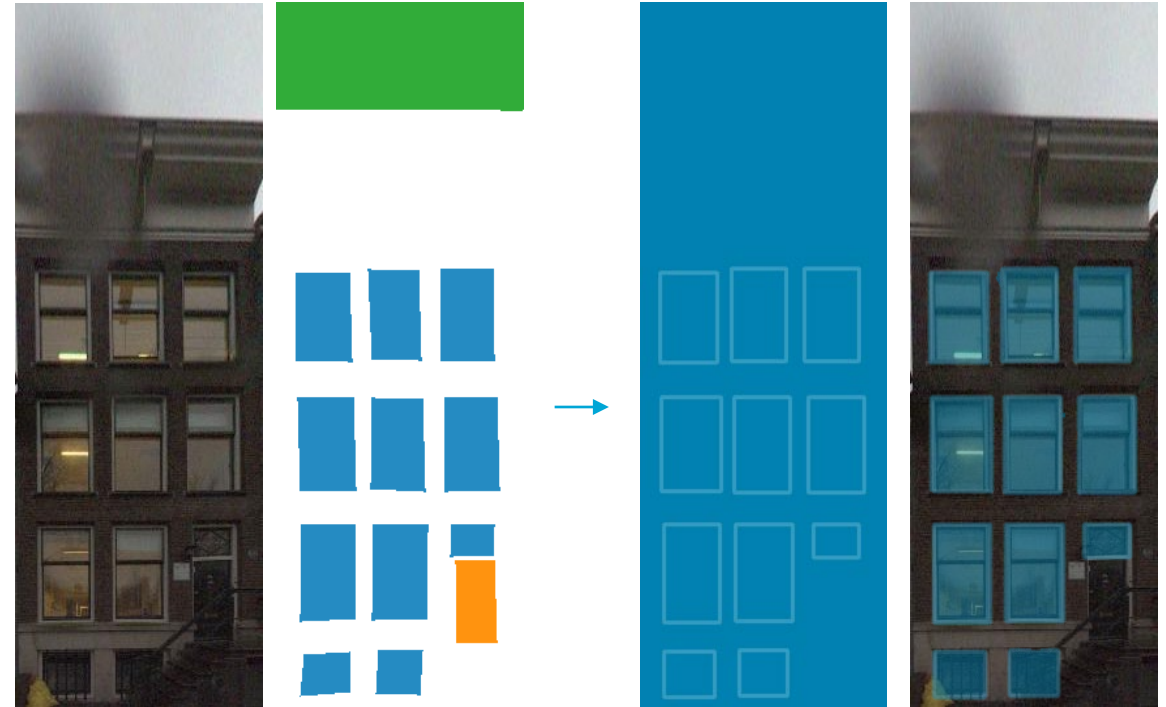
*Facade steps from google streetview (top), façade masks (middle) to envisioned LoD 3.1 (Eijgenstein, 2020)*

- Note: the visualisation is a demonstration of the potential enhancement. The geometries are placed over a wall surface and not properly integrated into the building.



# Preparing for clustering algorithm

- Extract by colour
- Define orthogonal window boundaries

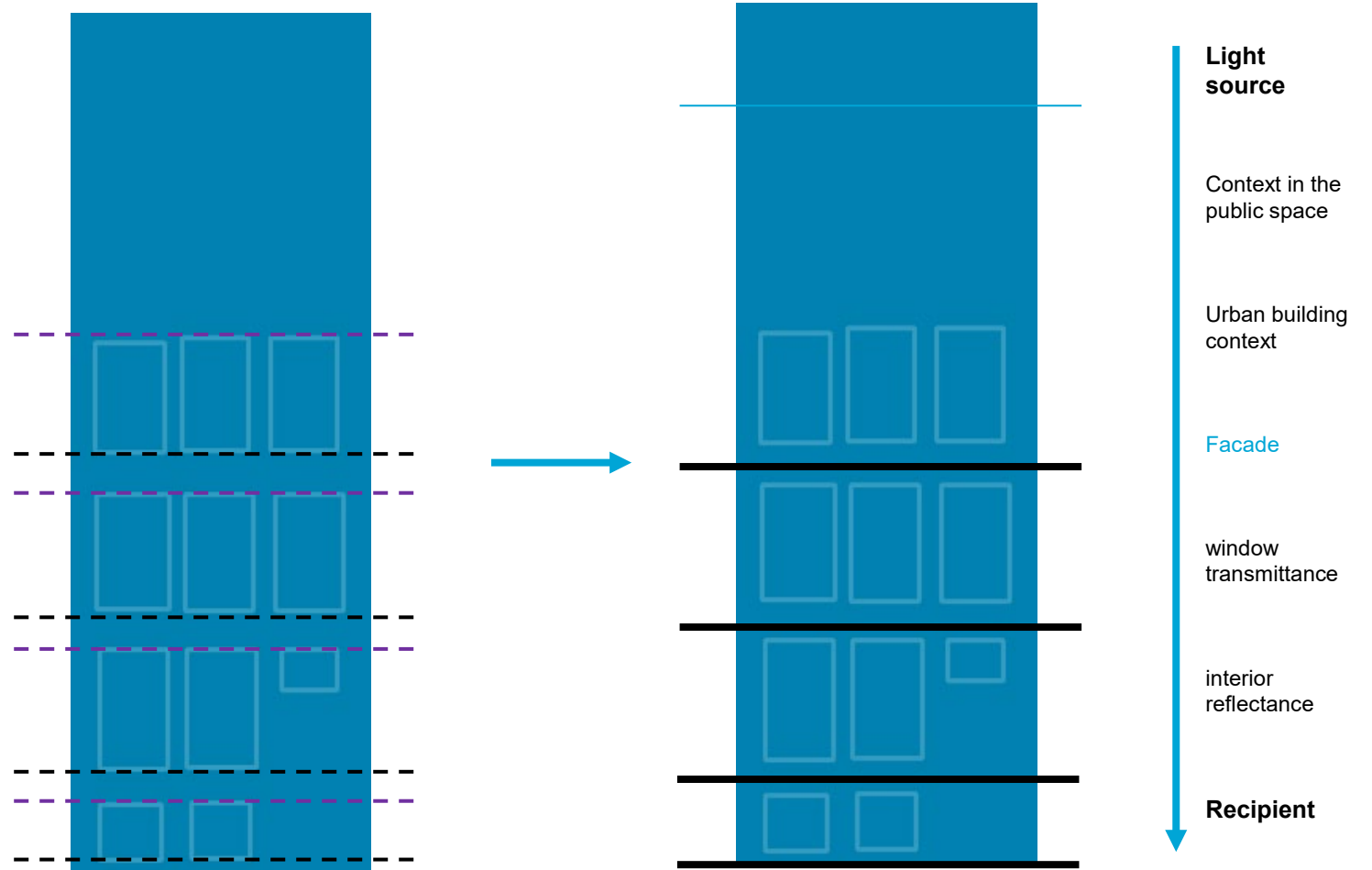


*Left pictures: Façade database (Eijgenstein, 2020), right pictures, window shapes retrieved*



# Clustering algorithm

- For extracting floor levels
- For extracting Window-to-wall ratio per floor (WWR)

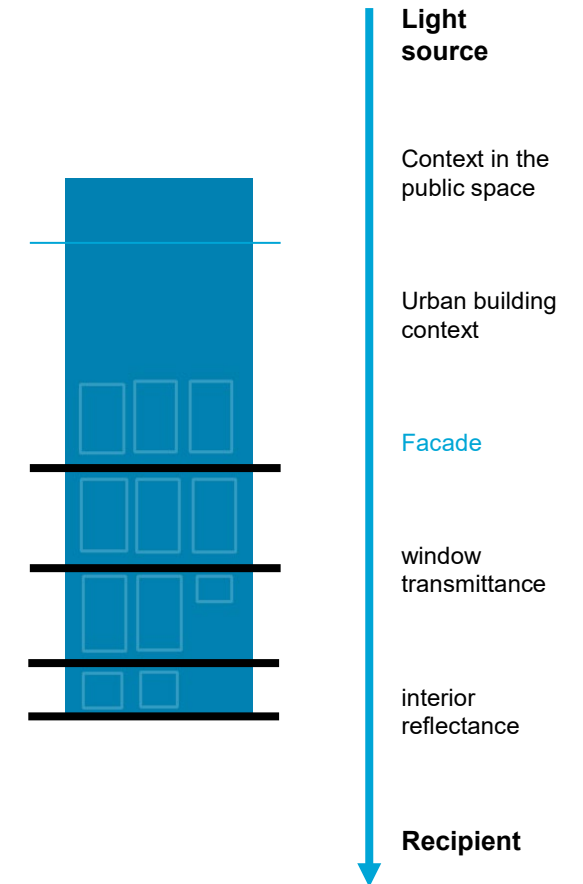




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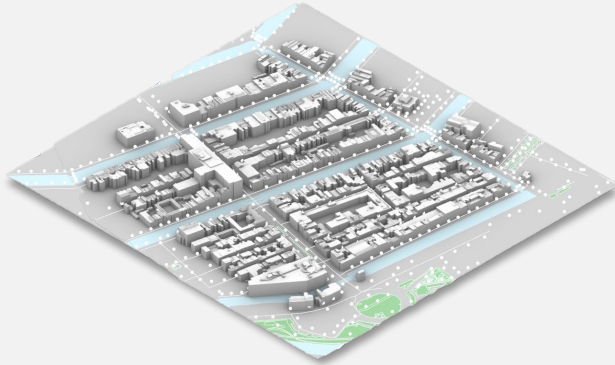
For each floor:

- Amount of window elements
- Relative window placement
- Floor level & ceiling height
  - Estimate at 2/3<sup>rd</sup> between top and bottom of window cluster boundaries
- $WWR \frac{\sum wall\ areas}{\sum window\ areas}$





Phase 1



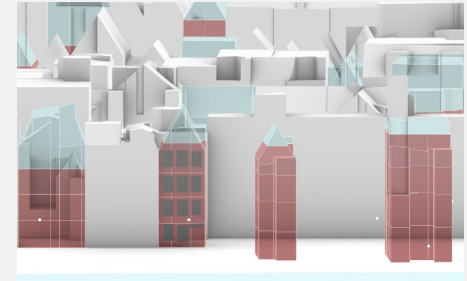
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## Geometrical preparation: Phase 3

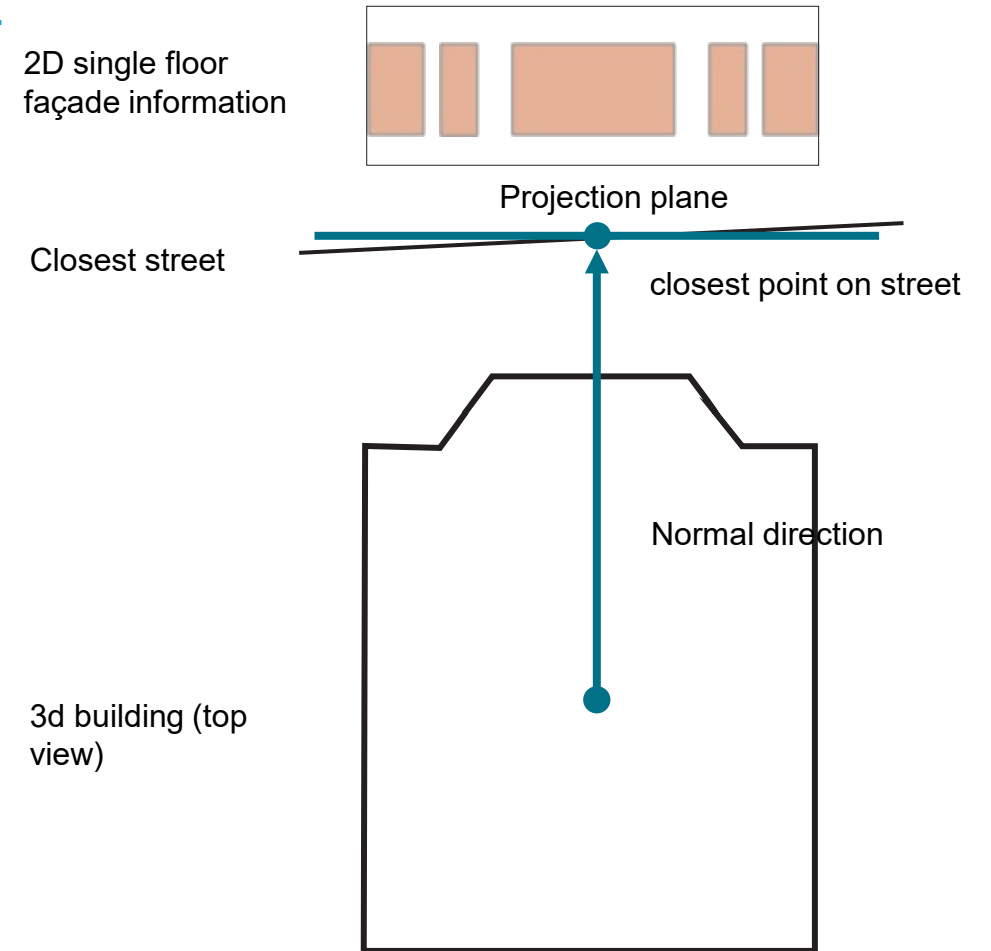
Window boundary and floor level reconstruction in 3D environment



# Window reconstruction by projection

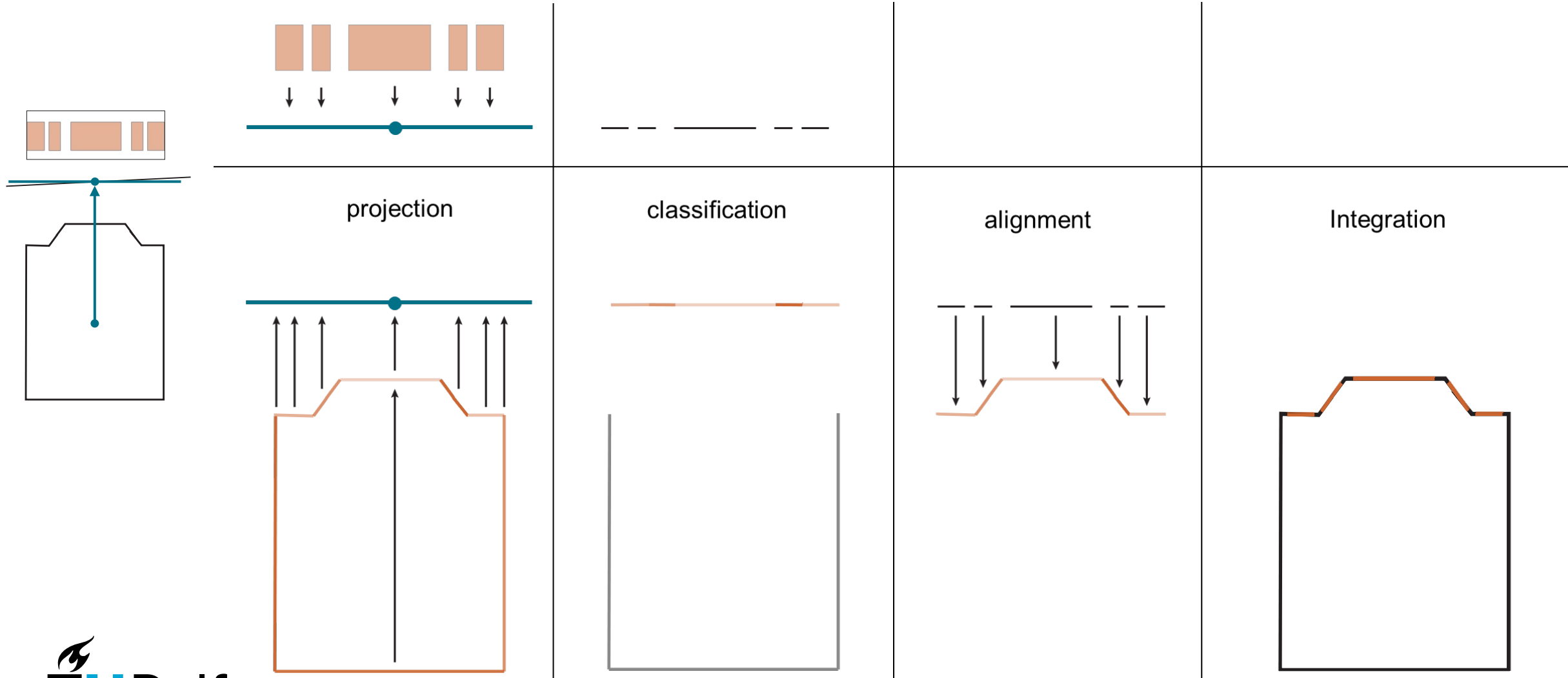
Steps:

- Assign correct facade mask to the building (Building ID)
- Define mask projection plane
- Project 3D to 2D plane
- Shape & project 2D window information
- Project 2D window information to original geometries





# Window reconstruction by projection

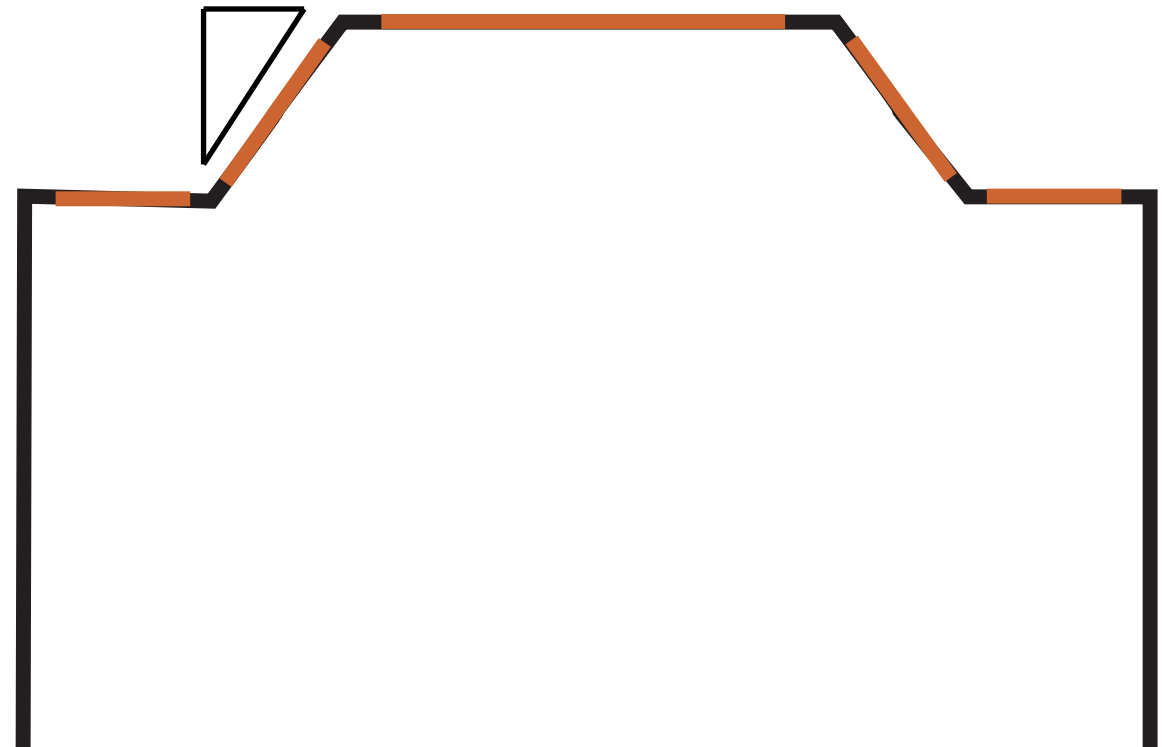
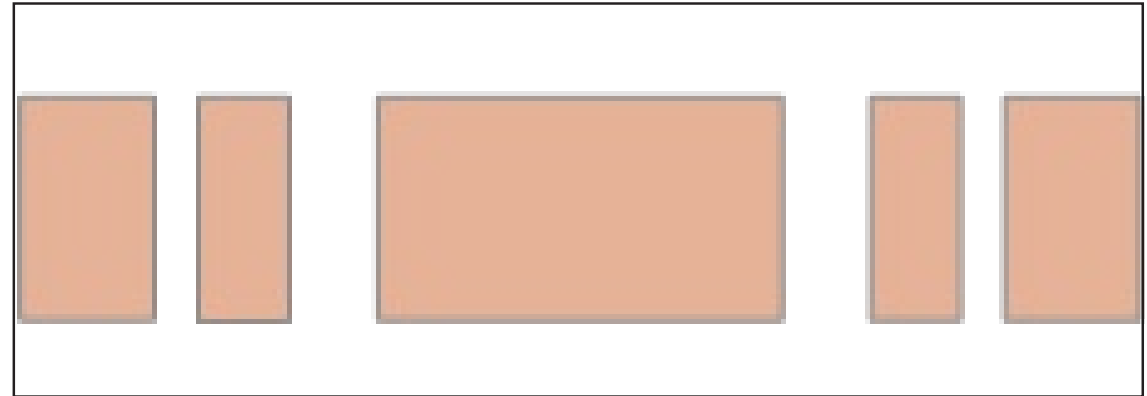




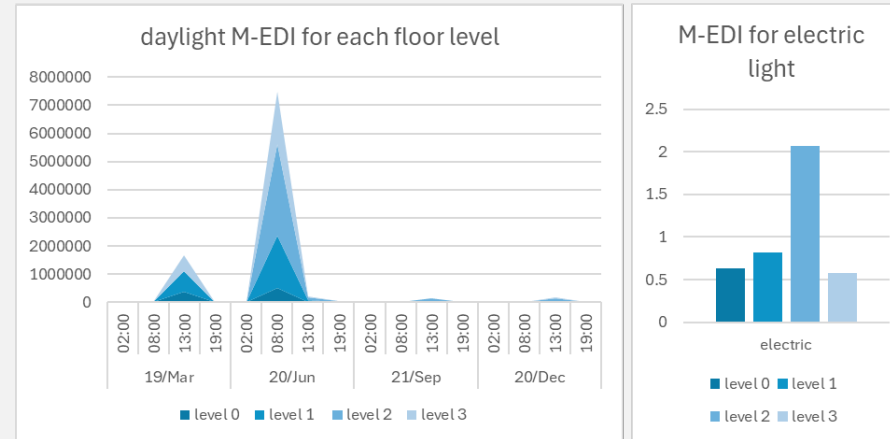
# WWR correction

The original geometry's angles guide the projected shape:

*The information of the 3D building context allows for improved accuracy of window shapes and sizes*







## Phase 4: Circadian lighting modelling



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Interior reflectance

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# Lighting inputs

Simulation of light:

- Daylight:
  - **Spectrum:** SPD: Cie D65 for **diffuse** light & Cie ASTM for **direct** light (CIE, 2016)
  - **Intensity:** Clear sky simulation (TAU clear sky, 2009)
  - **Timing:** Time affects lighting position (direct sunlight)
- Artificial light: streetlight representation in Amsterdam (reference: Gemeente Amsterdam, 2024)
  - **Spectrum:** SPD: standard **LED** with correlated colour temperature: 3500K
  - **Intensity:** **3612 lm** (IES representation of lighting distribution)
  - **Timing:** Follows daylight: (when daylight = 0 lx)

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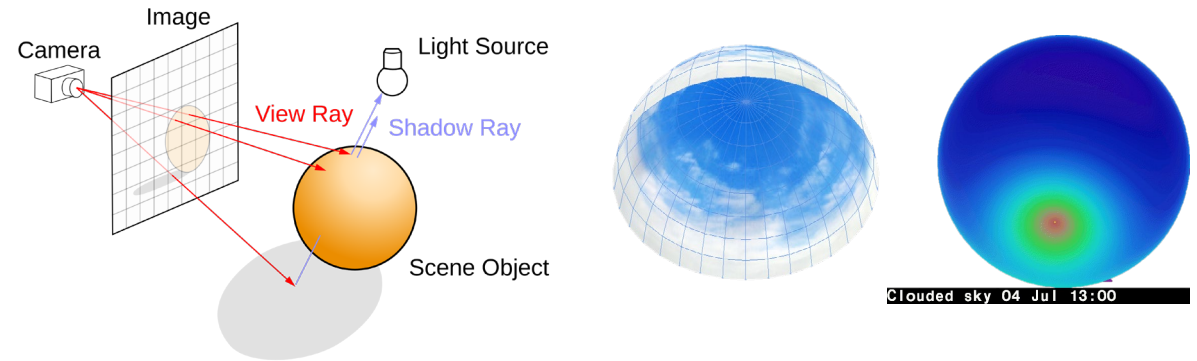
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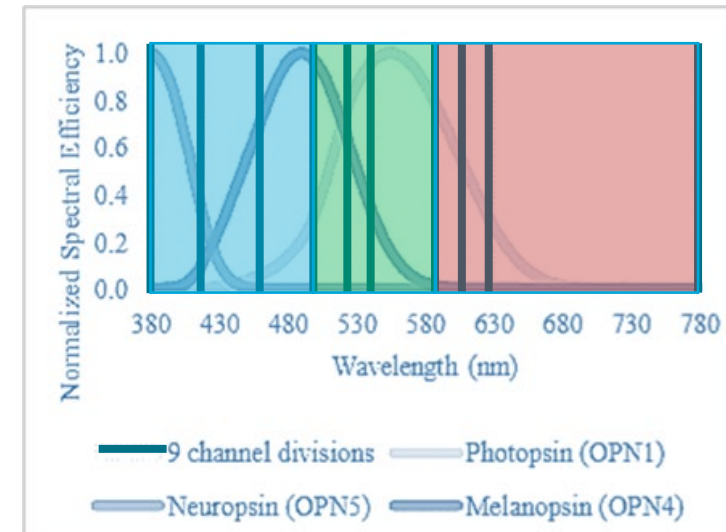


# LARK circadian lighting simulation

- Ray tracing: Radiance
  - Settings: 2 ambient bounces
  - Sky simulation
- Simulation in 9 channels, based on melanopic and neuropic sensitivity:
  - Blue, green, red



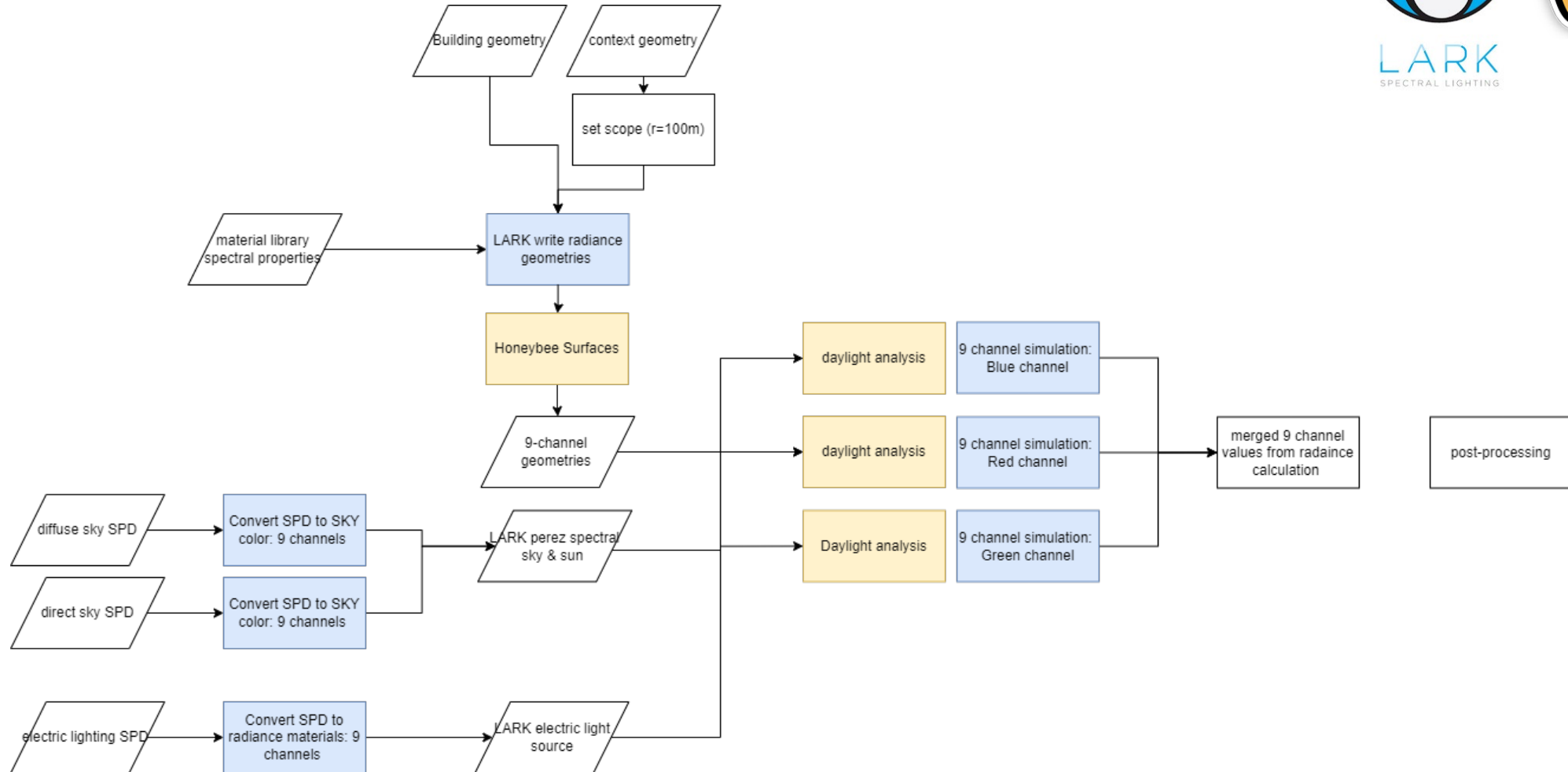
*explanation raytracing and sky simulations (Wikipedia, 2024; own source)*



*9-channel divisions (Jung et al., 2023 edited)*

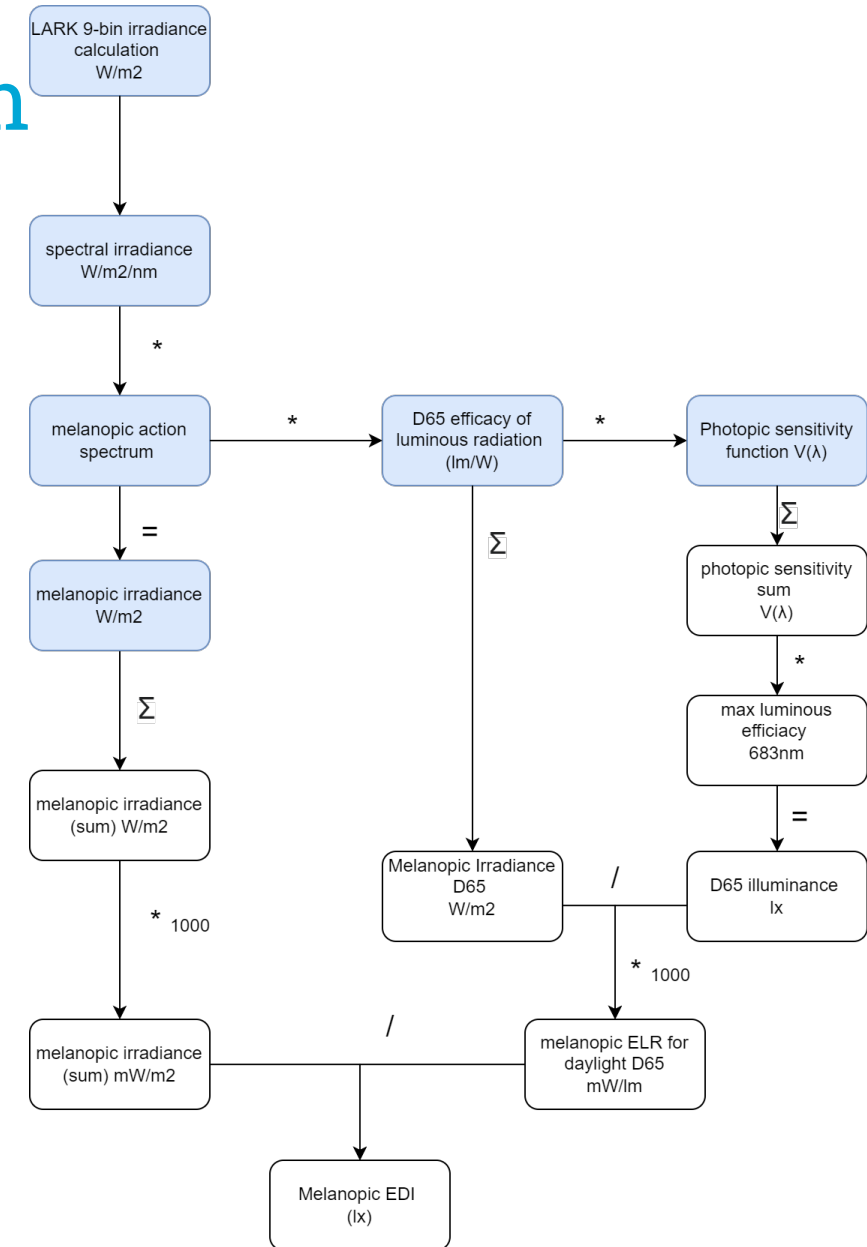
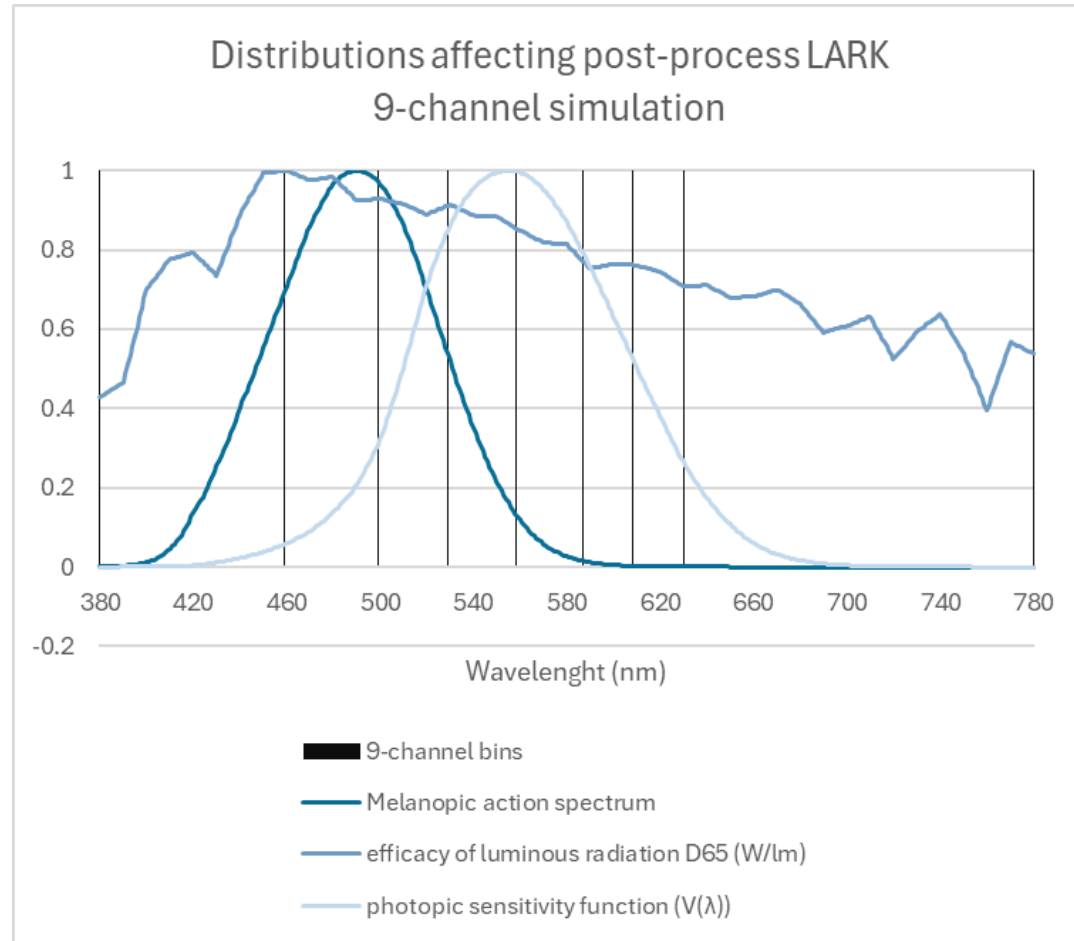


# Flowchart Lark circadian lighting analysis





# Processing the results: Spectrum





# LARK 9 channel calculation

**Result: for each building, for each floor level:**  
**16 point-in-time measurements for Melanopic EDI (lx)**

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Reference value (mEDI)	<b>&lt; 1 lx</b>	<b>&gt; 250 lx</b>	<b>&lt; 10 lx</b>



	<b>20-3</b>	<b>21-6</b>	<b>22-9</b>	<b>21-12</b>
02.00				
8.00				
13.00				
19.00				

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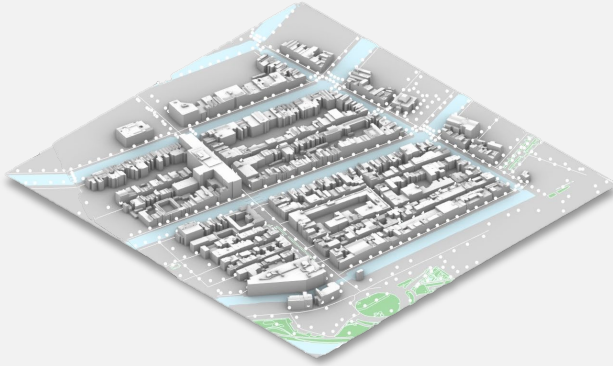
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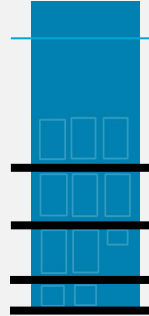
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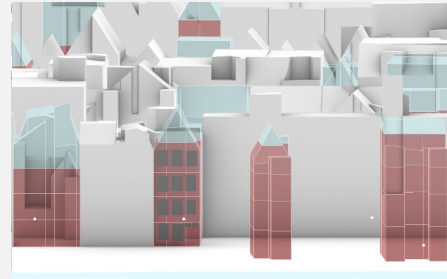
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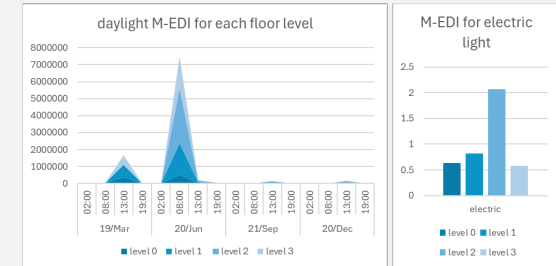
Phase 2



Phase 3



Phase 4



# Key findings

Circadian lighting analysis on city-level



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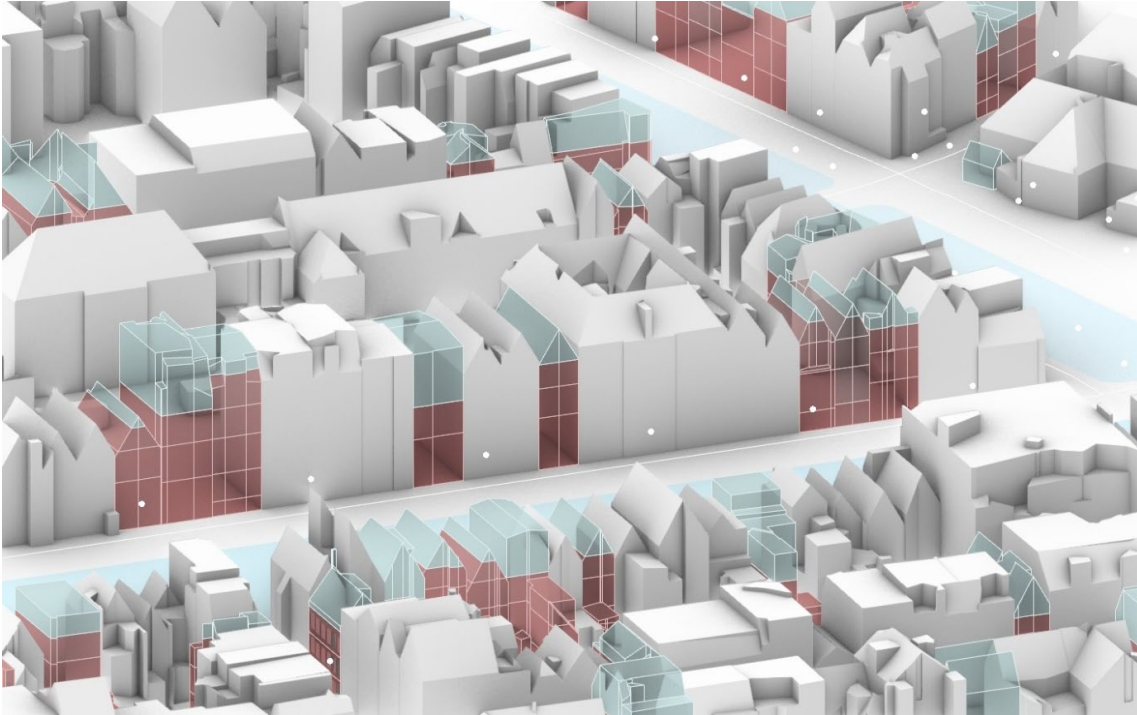
# Large-scale floor level iteration



Figure 4-10 large-scale floor level splitting



# Large scale floor-level splitting

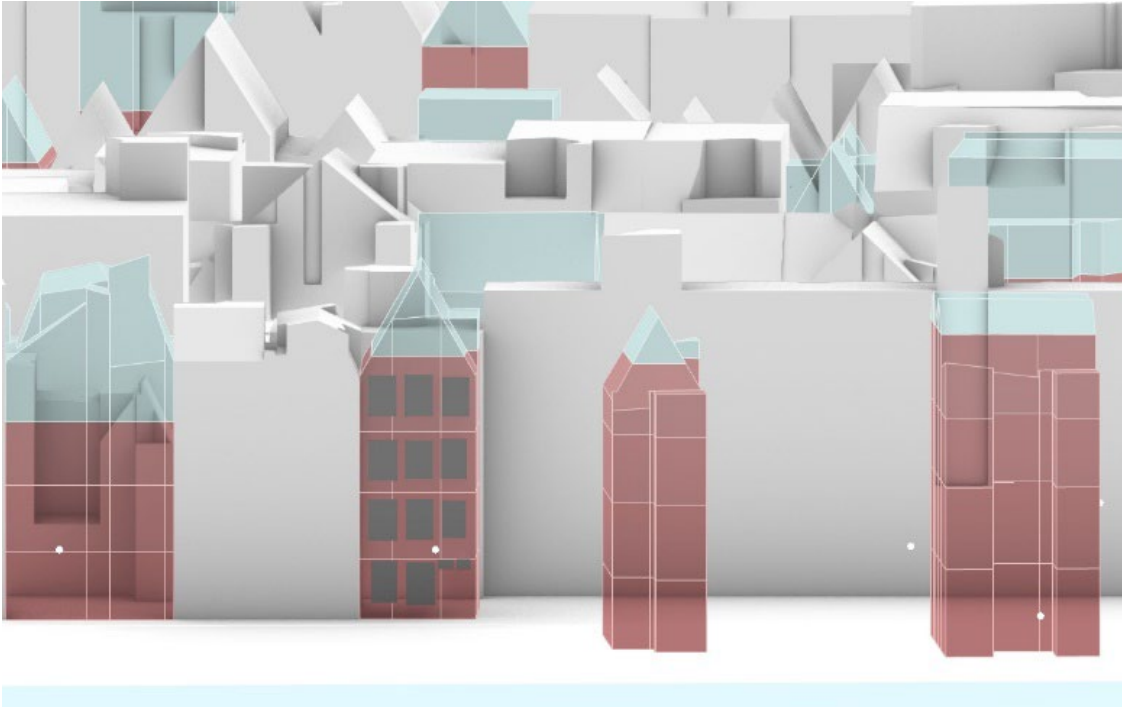


*split level buildings, visualized side by side with google maps 3D image (google, 2024)*

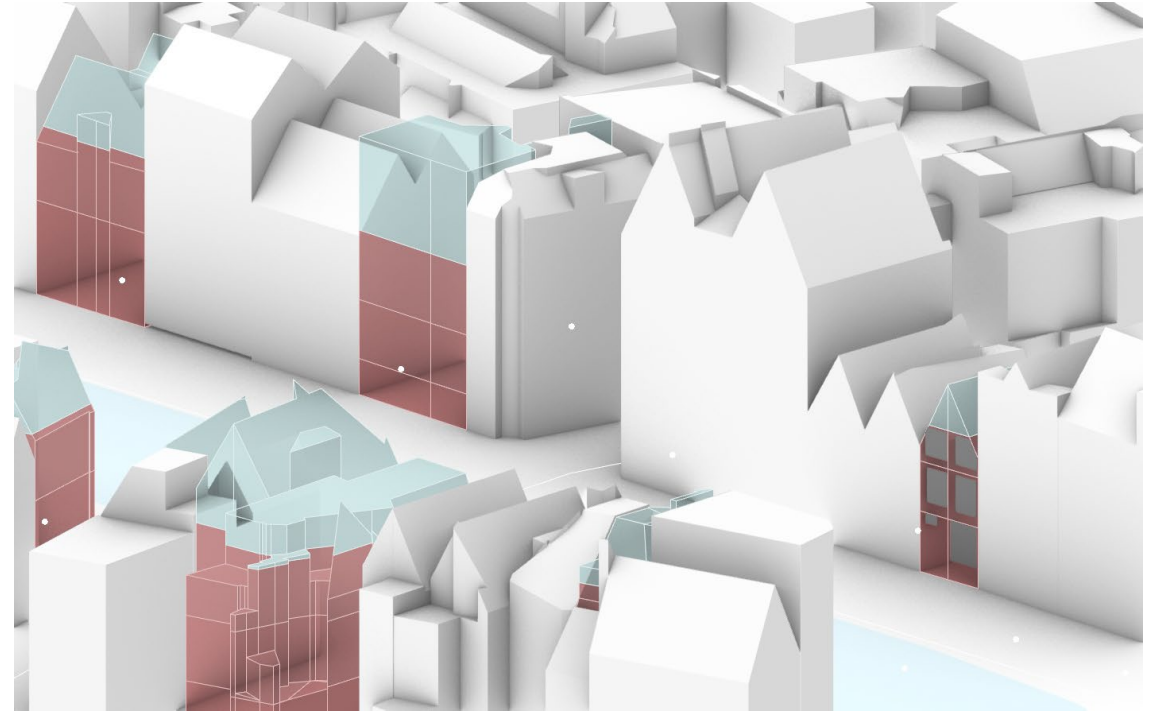




# Large-scale floor level splitting & window placement samples



*validation: floor level splitting returned similar results for the large-scale assessment as for the 5-building iteration*





# Result: 5 buildings with window placement

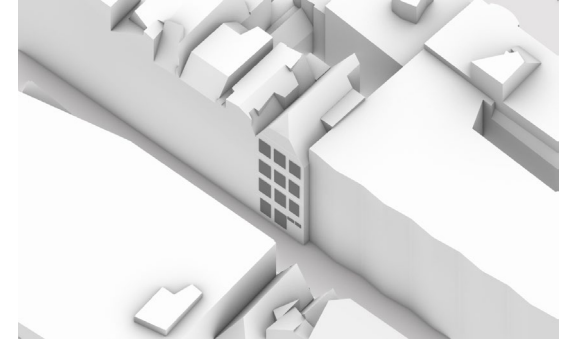
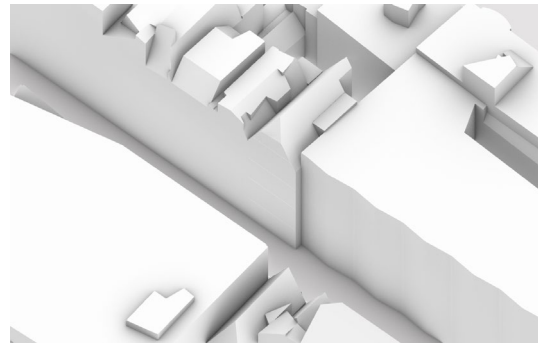
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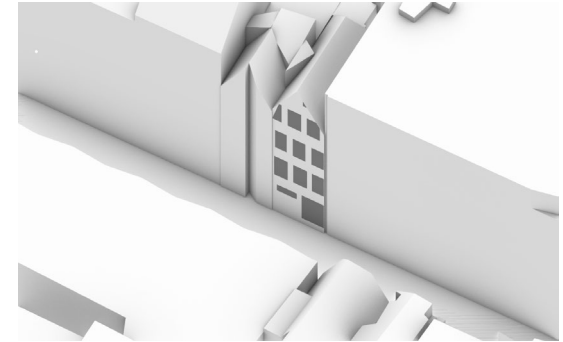
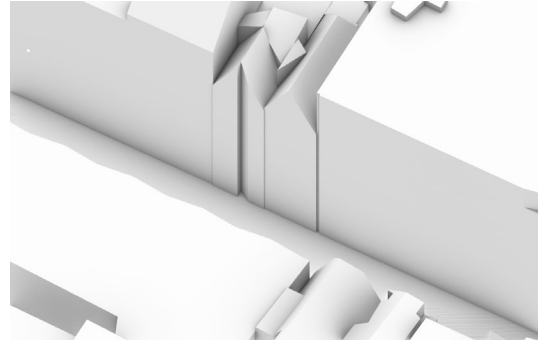
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**Building 3**

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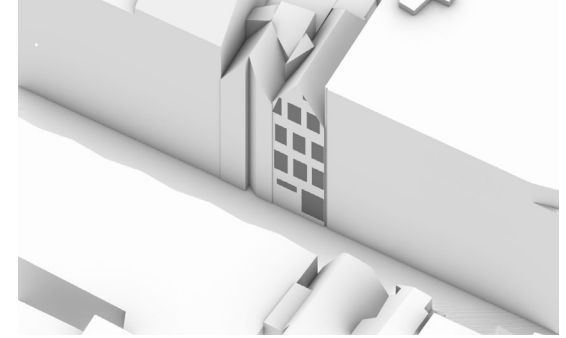






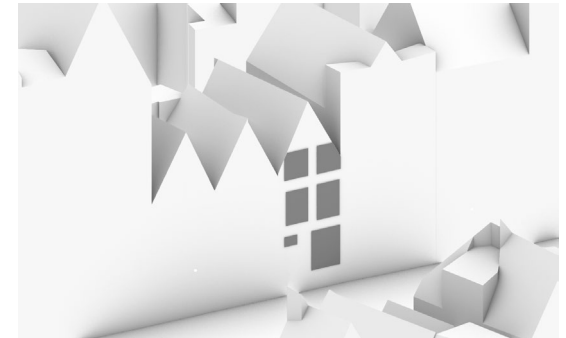
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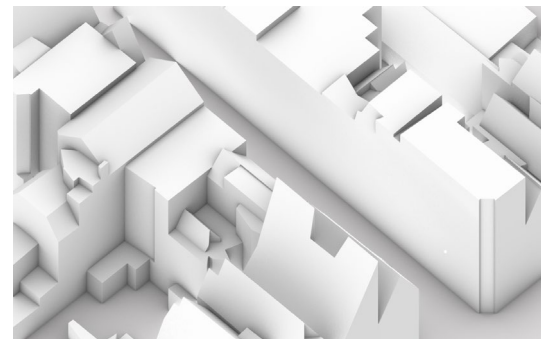
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# 9 channel simulation

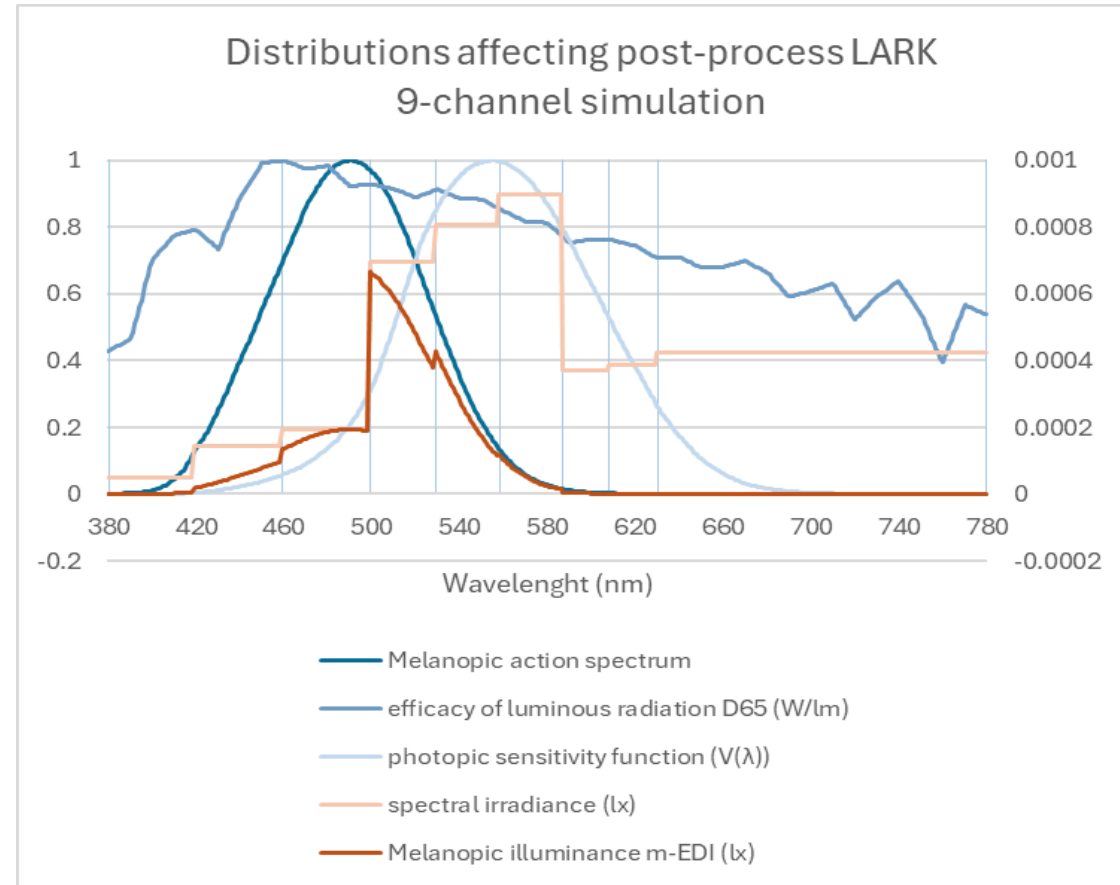
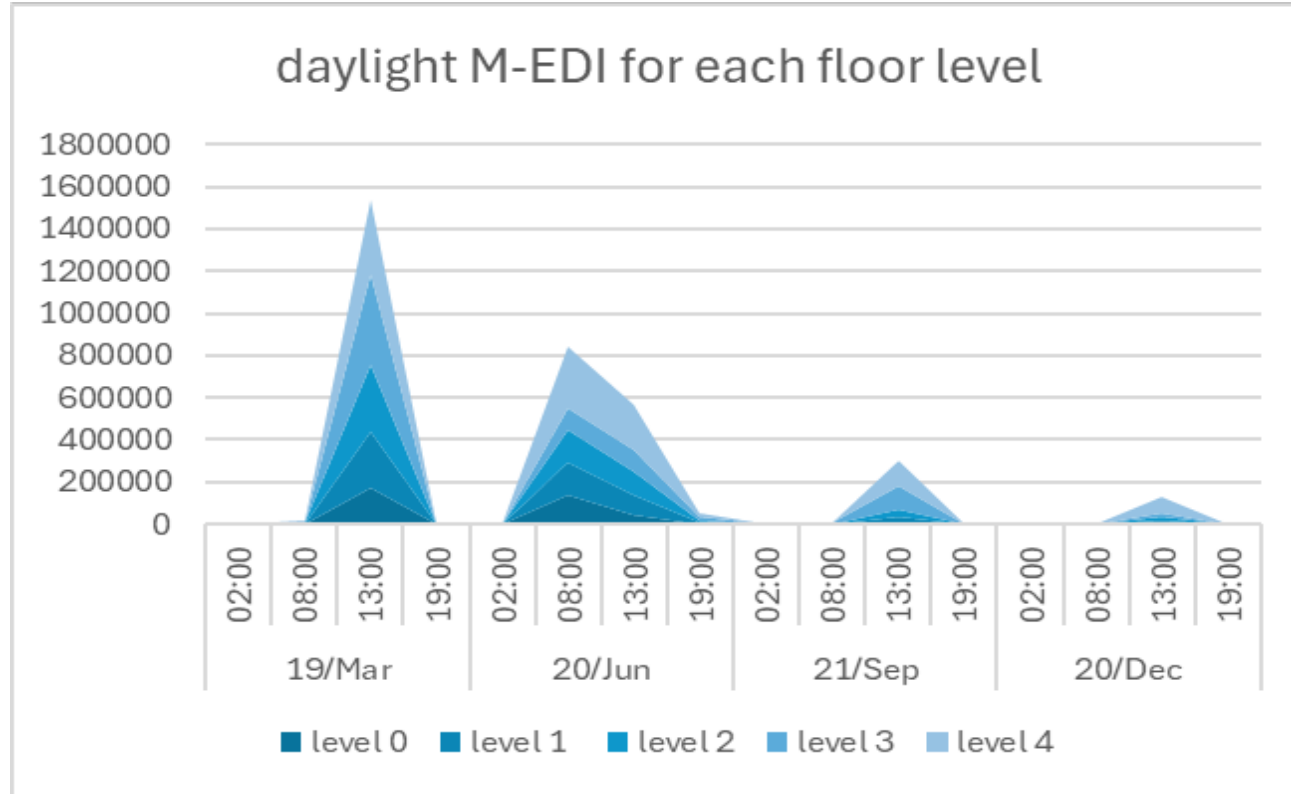
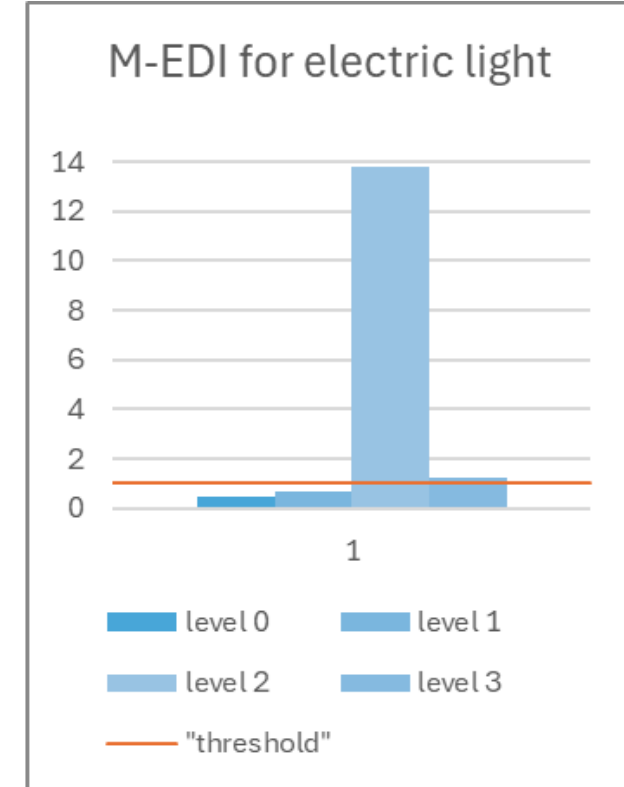


Figure 4-11 LARK post processing





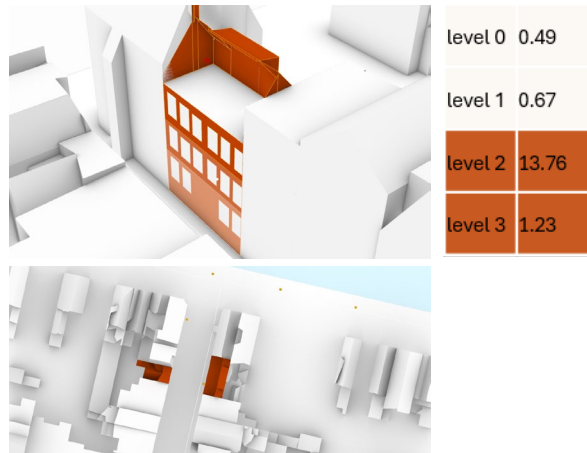
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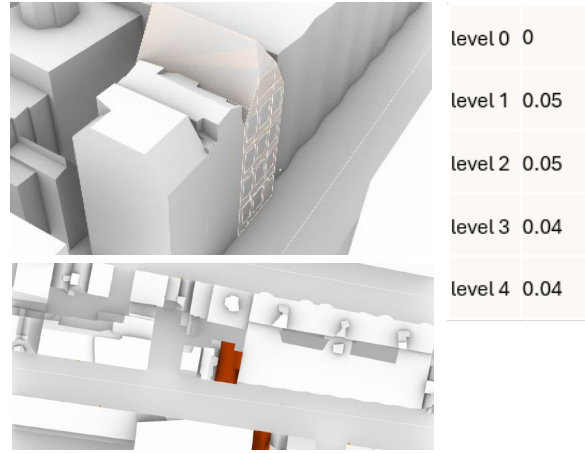
Building 5



# Artificial lighting results



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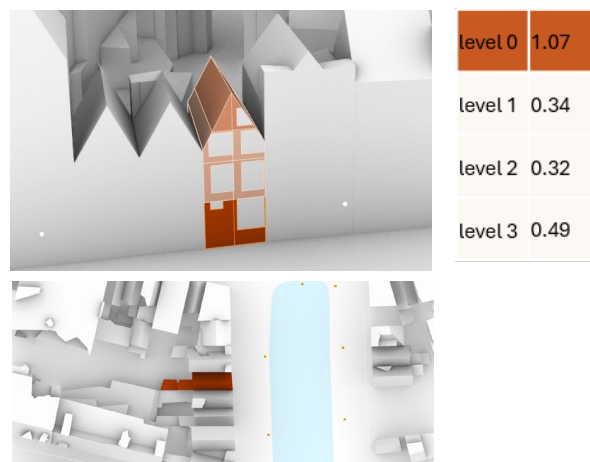
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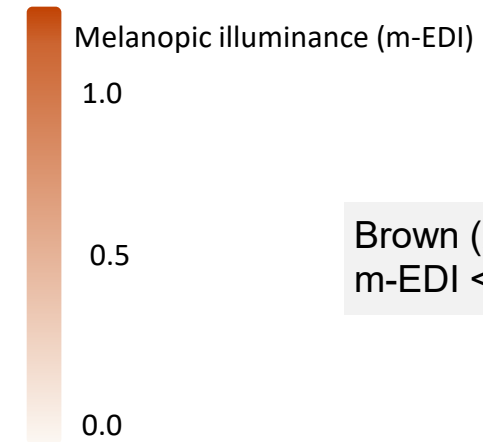
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Building 2



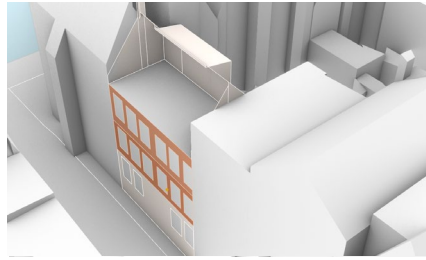
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Brown (2022):  
m-EDI < 1.0 lx



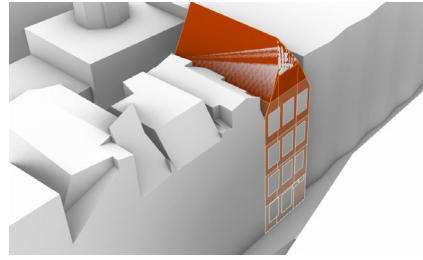
# Natural lighting results: mid-winter (21-12, 13.00)



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level 2	453.7
level 3	x



Building 1



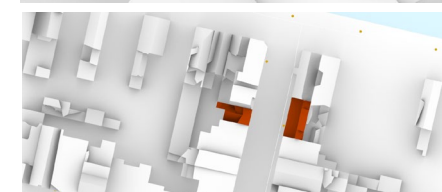
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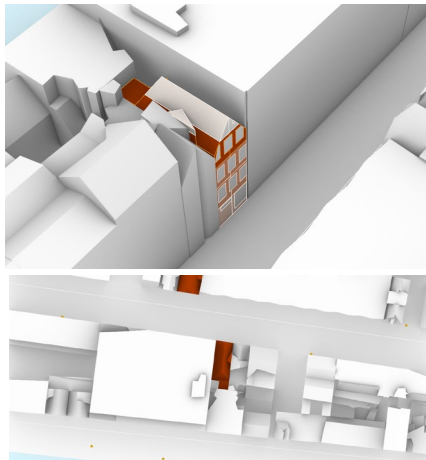
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level 0	691.5
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level 3	66.2



Building 5



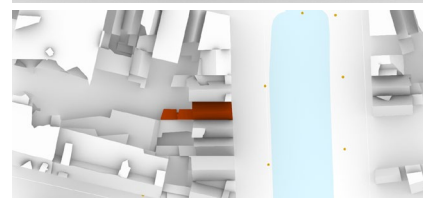
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level 3	609.7
level 4	2283.8



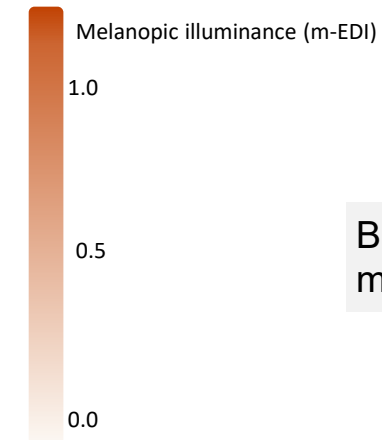
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level 0	515.7
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level 3	965.4



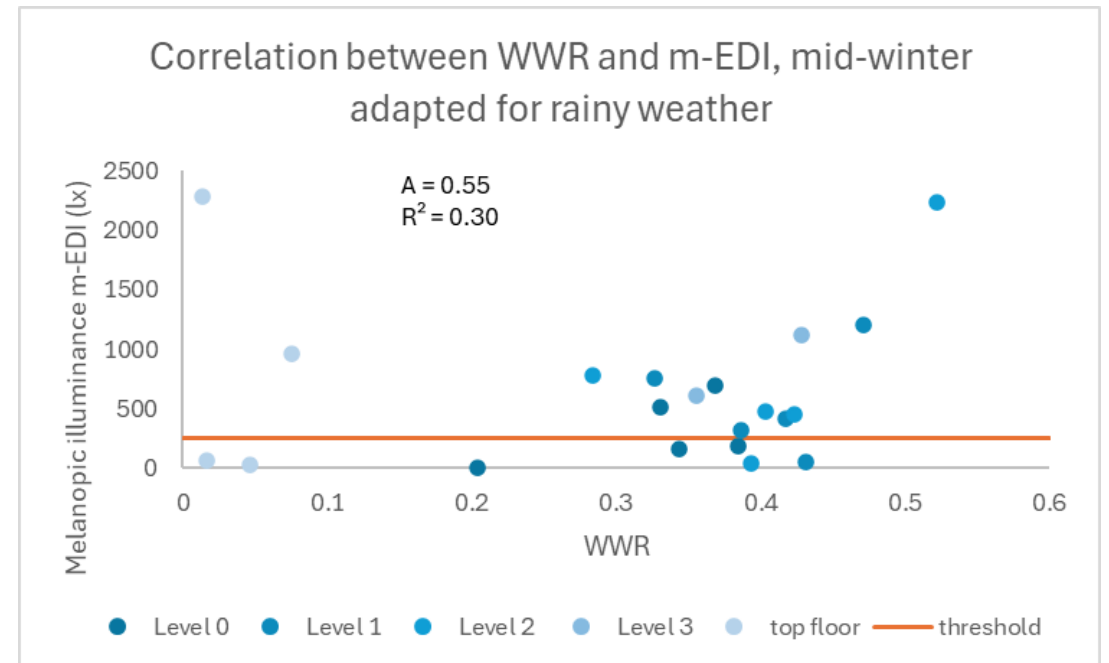
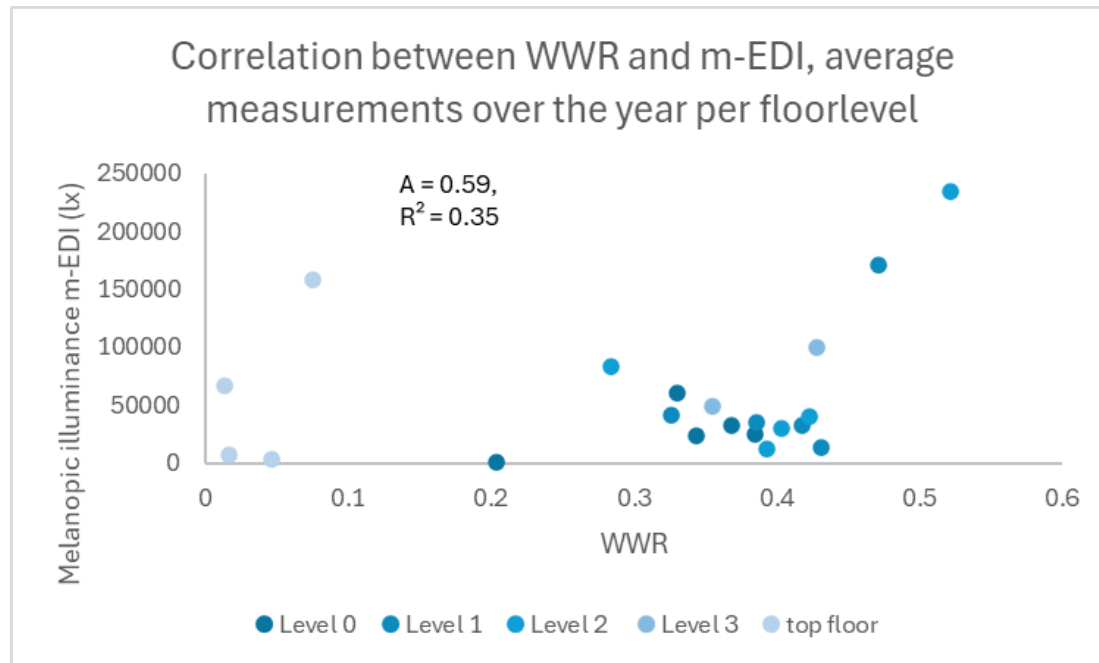
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Brown (2022):  
m-EDI > 250 lx



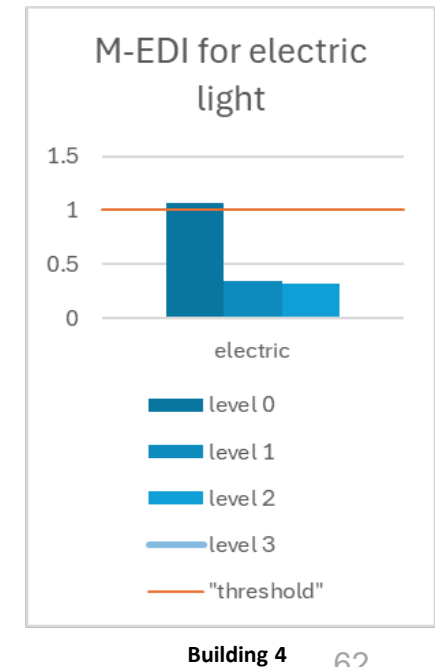
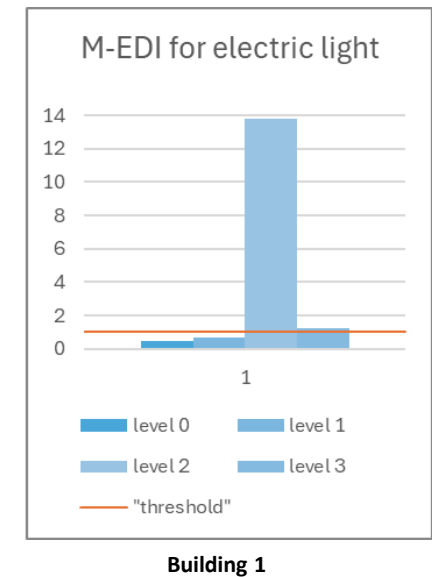
# Results, visualised.





# Results:

- Impact of streetlight on circadian light (at night)
  - With lighting placement near buildings, as shown in the case of Building 1, the artificial lighting values well exceed appropriate levels for m-EDI by night, and even the levels for evening exposure are surpassed in this situation.
- Impact of cities on circadian lighting availability
  - Consistently sufficient daylight for mid-day
  - Surplus in summer evenings, lack in winter evenings
  - High variation between floor levels for small streets





Discussion



# Research question & goals

**What is the impact of façade design and lighting design on circadian health in urban context?**

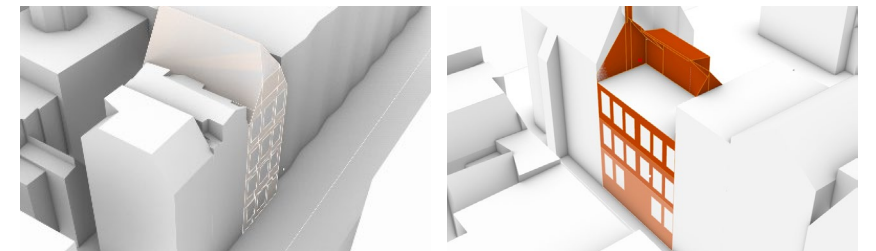
*Enhancement of the accuracy and usability of the current 3D models for circadian lighting analysis, with the development of a method to enrich existing 3D data by incorporating precise information about window and floor levels.*

*The execution of a large-scale circadian lighting analysis that delivers results with a level of accuracy that closely approximates real-world conditions for individual homes and floor levels.*



# Enhancement of current 3D models

- A workflow of implementing picture-based façade information in large-scale datasets is feasible:
- Merging of 3DBAG, (based on satellite-imaging: 2D within the horizontal plane) with street-level imaging (2D within the vertical plane) brings a new Level of Detail that has not been found feasible with a single data source.
- Improving the accuracy of window information, including complex façade geometries
- Implementing building-specific floor-level information in the 3D geometries

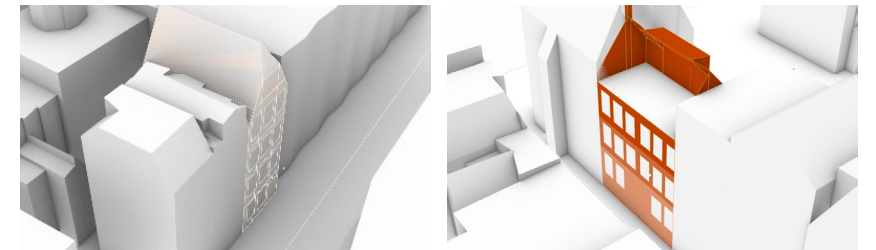
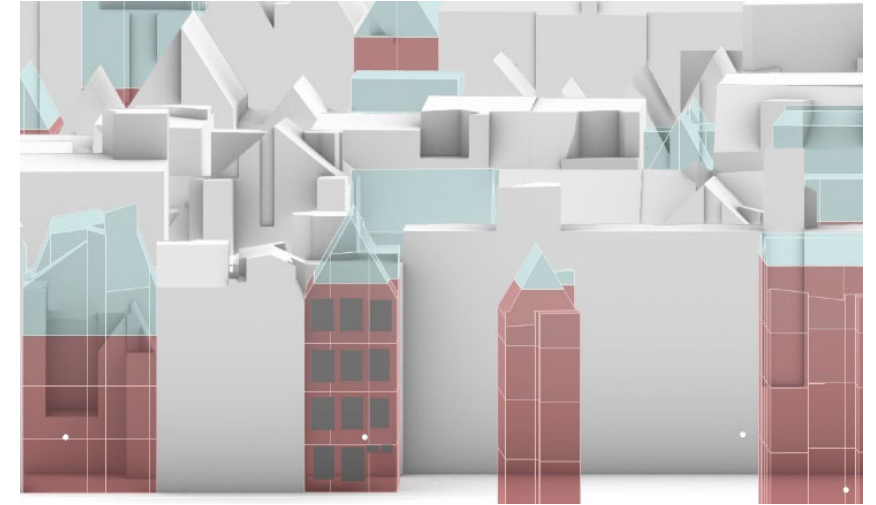




# Enhancement of current 3D models

## Discussion:

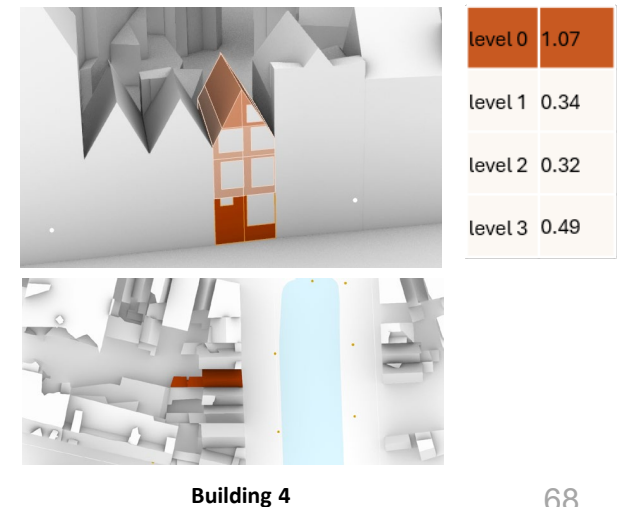
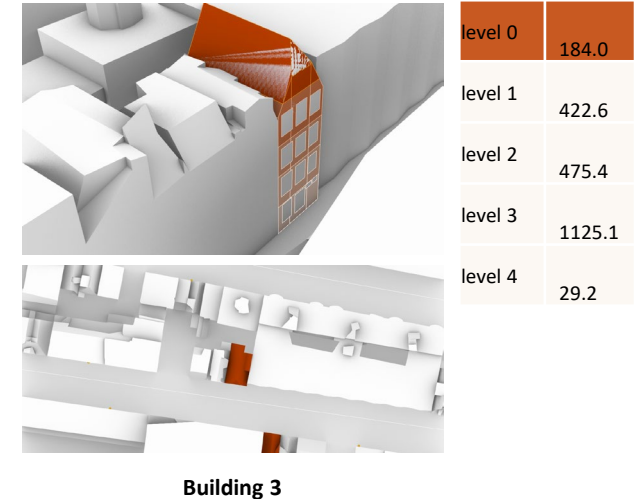
- The level of accuracy of both sources is not high enough to derive accurate top-floor window placements, especially for buildings with complex façade shapes
- some inconsistencies appear with façade splitting, resulting in non-watertight geometries





# Large-scale circadian lighting analysis

- Surplus of artificial light & shortage of natural light in winter caused by urban context: buildings and street lighting
- Circadian lighting availability is heavily affected by daylight availability, and thus by seasonal variations: All buildings tested retrieve sufficient mid-day incident circadian light over the seasons.
  - Summer evenings encounter a surplus
  - Winter mornings and evenings encounter a shortage.
- **High variations are found for different building levels: the addition of floor level information for large-scale circadian lighting assessment is shown highly relevant.**

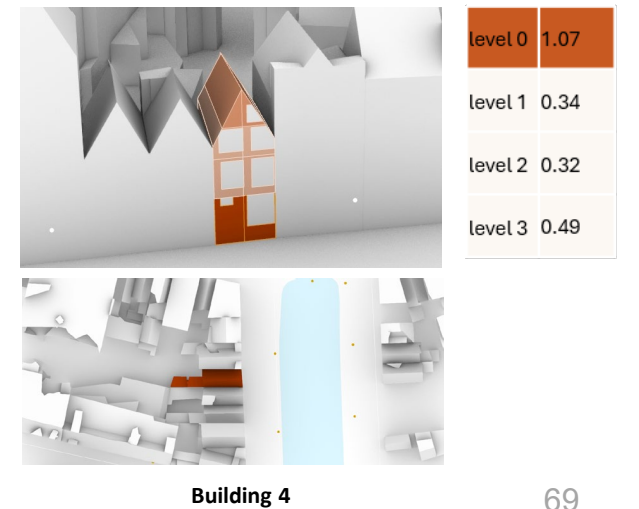
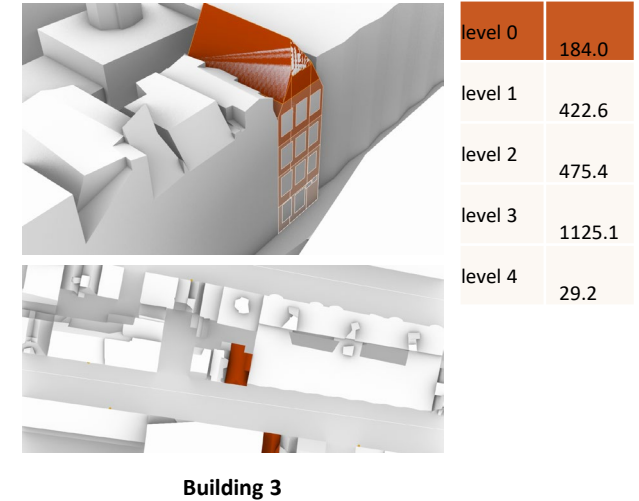




# Large-scale circadian lighting analysis

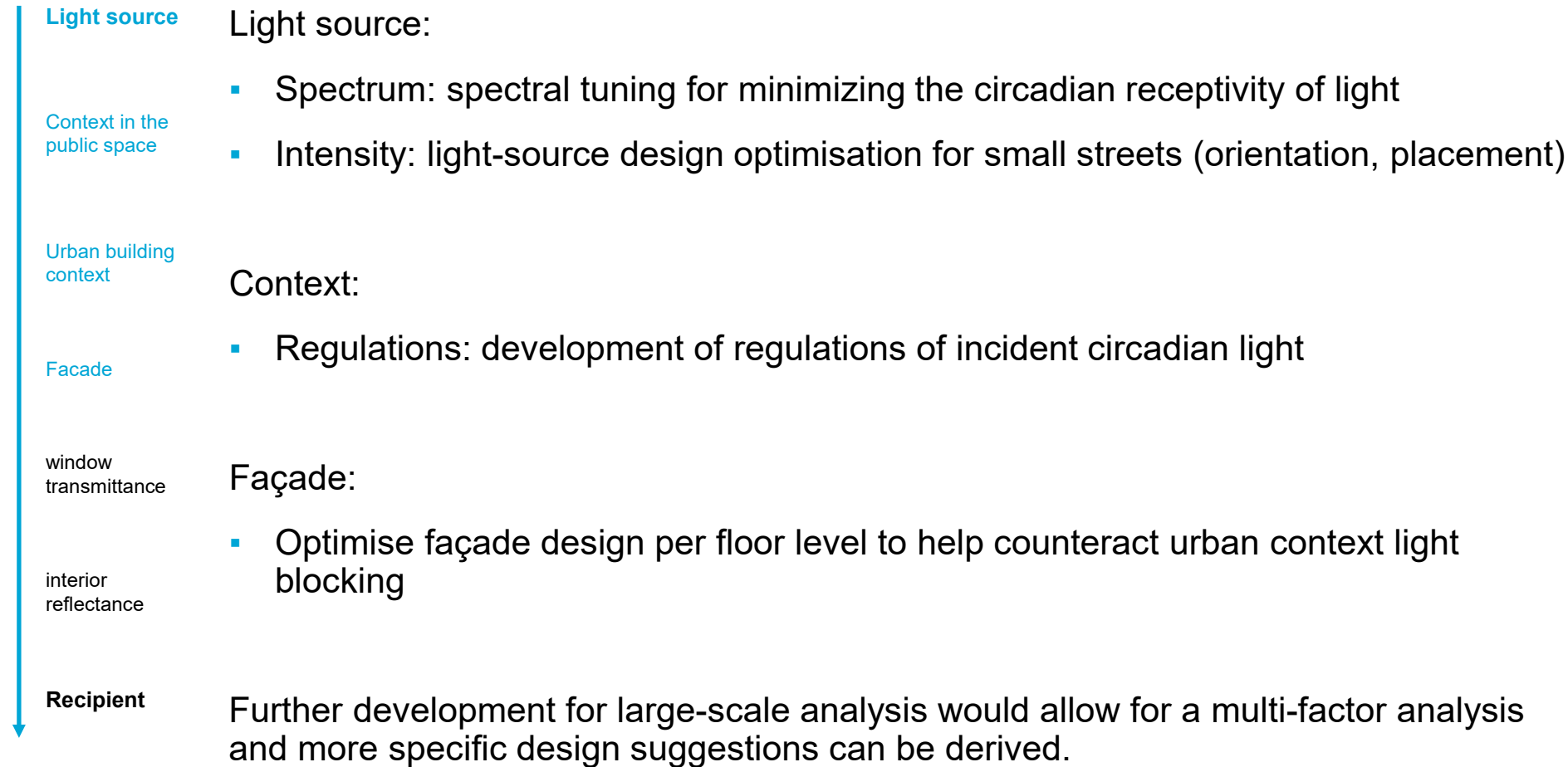
## Discussion:

- Representative urban context: Trees, lights, moving objects, surface reflectance
- Representative lighting conditions
- Top-floor accuracy: geometrical complications lead to inaccurate lighting results





# Design recommendations





# Further recommendations

- Translation of the concept from Grasshopper to a Python environment for large-scale assessment
  - window integration
  - Circadian lighting analysis
- Enlarging the information basis of façade information
- Lighting analysis:
  - Implementation of more accurate electric light sources (municipality)
  - Implementation of representative daylight SPD variations



**Light source**

Context in the public space

Urban building context

Façades

Window transmittance

Interior reflectance

**Recipient**



Thank you



# Impact of façades

- What design recommendations can be derived from the assessment of the impact of façade design and lighting design on circadian health in urban context?

Orientation & WWR



# Impact of urban context elements

- What factors are to be taken into consideration for modelling the impact of urban context on circadian light availability in existing buildings?

## Constant factors

- Artificial light is steady, always negative. Can be filtered with a constant factor: window transmittance, window placement or root solution: spectral tuning.
- Intensity
- Spectrum
- Timing

## Reactive factors:

## Mitigating seasonal effects

Daylight is highly variable, and thus there must be designed with this variation in mind: in summer, a surplus of daylight is eminent in evenings:



- Dense building environments can have a negative impact of daylight availability, which is especially eminent on lower levels in small streets.
  - With the proof of this workflow, an estimate can be done of which buildings and which floor levels suffer most from lack of natural circadian light, based on their urban context and their façade design. This information could motivate urban planners to design more consciously, could help interior designers and architects to allocate living functions within a home,
- Next to that, this helps bring the relevance of architectural design for circadian health under attention, encouraging policy-makers to develop regulations for general urban health.



- Intensity;
- Spectrum;
- ~~Duration;~~
- Timing;
- ~~Contrast.~~

	21.00-8.00	8.00-18.00	18.00-21.00
Reference value (mEDI)	<1 lx	>250 lx	<10 lx

Circadian lighting thresholds for measuring Melanopic equivalent daylight illuminance (based on Brown et al. 2022)



# Discussion

- Phase 1: Representative urban context:
  - Trees
  - Other obstruction elements
  - Moving objects & additional artificial lighting
  - Lighting & reflection values from windows in urban context
- Phase 2: Assumptions in extracting façade & floor level information:
  - Orthogonal windows
  - Simplification of roof shapes for WWR (inaccurate top level WWR calculation)
  - Relative floor positioning
- Phase 3: scalability
- Phase 4:
  - Representative lighting conditions:
    - Lack of accurate street lighting information
    - Variation of daylight SPD through the day
  - High daylight values;
    - Representative window transmittance
    - Interior reflectance
    - orientation of the recipient
    - > impact on incident artificial light



# Methodological limitations:

Grasshopper environment: Complexity for elaborate data structures:

- error propagation
- tool limitations
- lack of debugging tools
- data misalignment

Little timestamps were measured for:

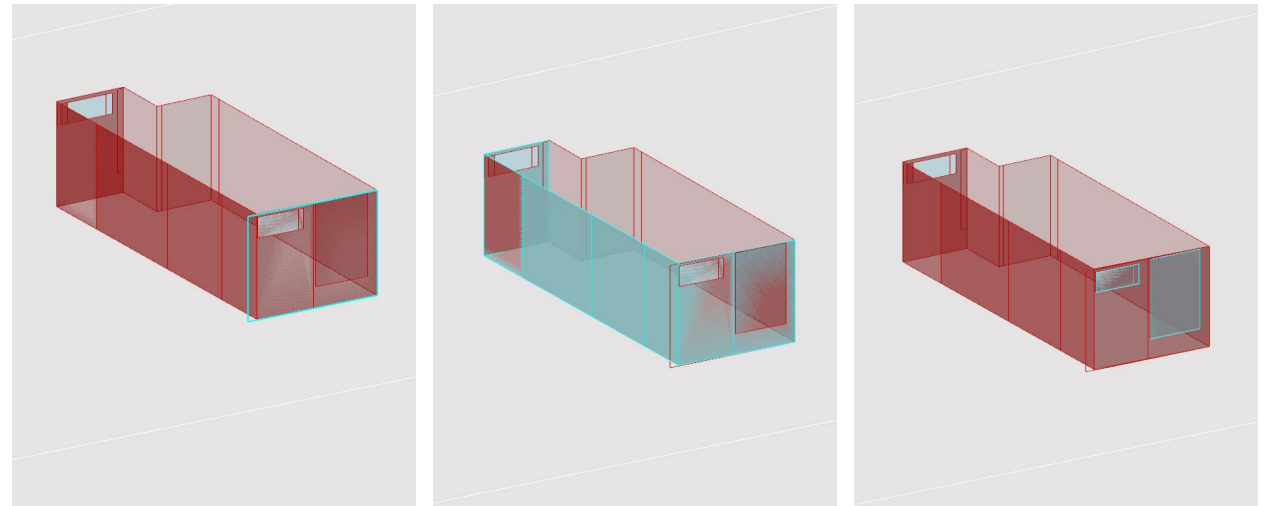
- tracing the scale of impact daylight has on consistency in rhythm over extended periods of time
- How these nuances affect design choices



# Methodological limitations

## Window boundary reconstruction & projection

- Grouping façade 3D façade elements based on normal direction and closeness to the street:
  - **limit:** non-parallel façade elements visible from the picture are excluded
- Selection of visible facades with the Grasshopper Make2D algorithm, returning visible elements
  - **limit:** Tool designed for flattening in view, aimed for visualisations
  - **limit:** high calculation time



Example: limit when using the make2D algorithm takes a façade edge into account

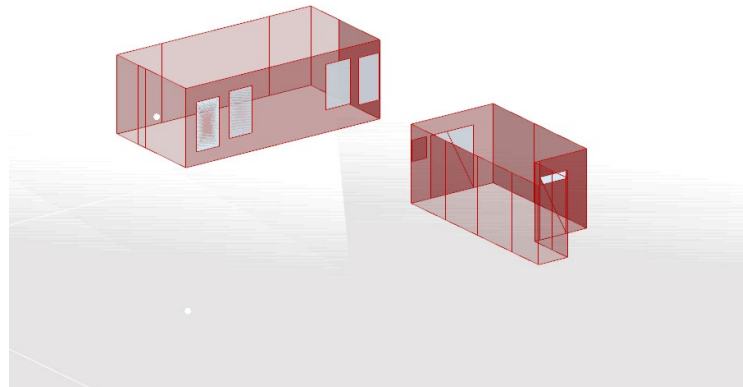


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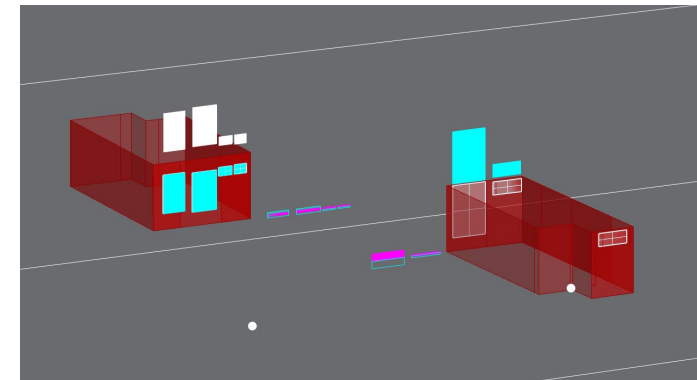
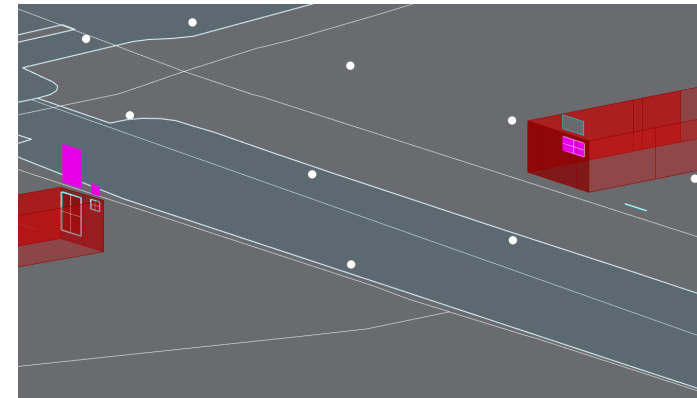
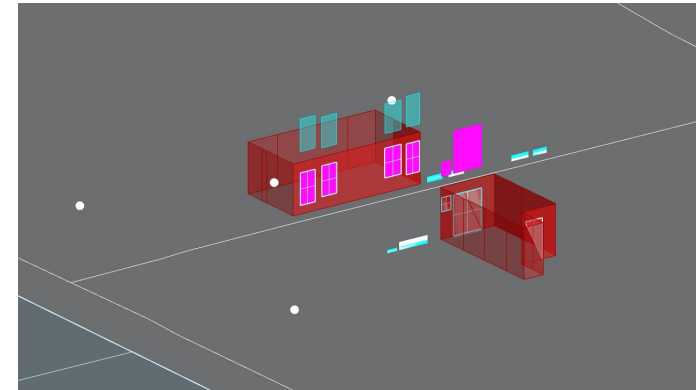


# Methodological limitations

- Relative window position
  - Four different window plane projection methods are needed to cover the variation in orientation and thus relative vector multiplication
  - For extracting the window boundaries, this is no issue as all window planes are outside of each other's range and thus no extraction of duplicate windows is done.



*Extracting window boundaries shows good results*



*Four versions of boundary reconstruction are needed to find correct window placement for different façade orientations*



# Fun idea about design recommendation:

- Visualise the use of the tool in illustrator in different manners!!
- Light source placement could be easily tested with this model
- Urban canyon
- Sketch design of a building that includes:
  - Orientation
  - Wwr differences per floor
  - Window transmittance



Check why march and September are so strongly different????



# Design impact

Write about different target groups:  
How can who affect which design impact factors? Who is the strongest stakeholder in affecting circadian health?



# LARK 9 channel calculation

Lighting calculations done with LARK spectral lighting tool (RADIANCE-based simulation)

For each colour channel:

- HB grid-based simulation analysis recipe:
  - climate-based sky
  - 0 lx sky for electric lighting simulation
- Clear sky situation: Tau Clear sky
- HB Daylight analysis, grid-based simulation (single sensor per floor, single direction)
- run LARK radiance files
- Merge channel output

**Result: for each building, for each floor level, 16 point-in-time measurements for Melanopic EDI (lx)**

	20-3	21-6	22-9	21-12
02.00				
8.00				
13.00				
19.00				

Light  
source

Context in the  
public space

Urban building  
context

Facade

Window  
transmittance

Interior  
reflectance

Recipient



# How to measure circadian lighting?

- Circadian Stimulus (CS) (Rea et al. 2021)
  - > 0.3 CS during daytime and < 0.1 CS during evening hours (Li et al., 2022)
- Equivalent Melanopic Lux (EML) (lucas et al., 2014)
  - > 4 hours with > 275 EML before noon (IWBI, 2022)
- Melanopic equivalent daylight D65 illuminance (mEDI) (CIE, 2018)
  - **> 250 lx during daytime;**
  - **> 10 lx from 18:00 to 21:00;**
  - **> 1 lx from 21:00 to 08:00 (Brown et al., 2022)**
- Measurement in a digital environment:
  - LARK (version 3.0: Jung et al., 2023) > open, **mEDI** measurements
  - ALFA (version 1.9: Solemna,, 2024) > licenced, EML measurements

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Circadian lighting thresholds for measuring Melanopic equivalent daylight illuminance (based on Brown et al. 2022)

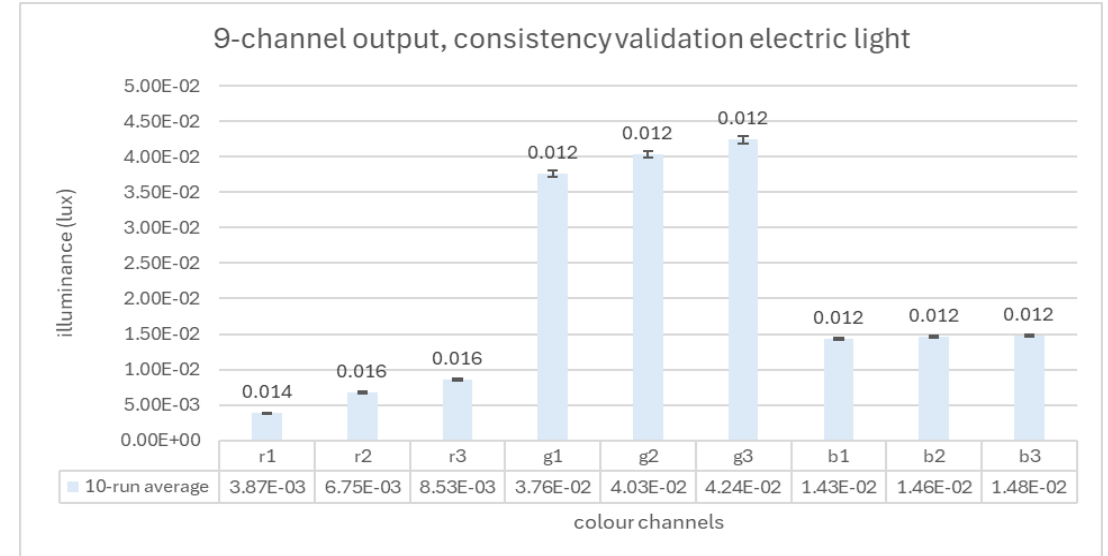
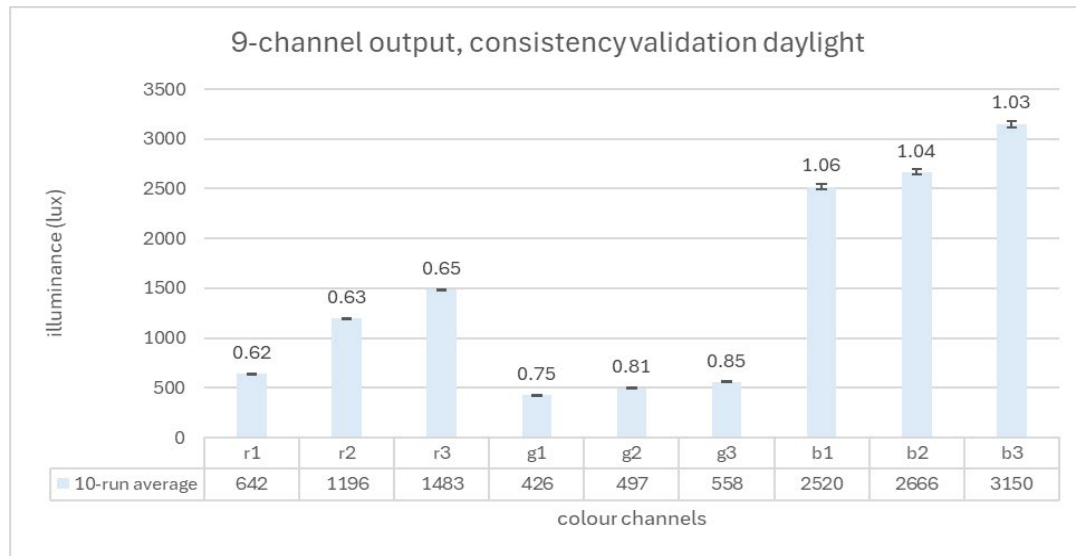


# Radiance settings

- LARK calculation template
- quality 0
- -ab 2
- -ad 512
- -as 256
- -ar 128
- -aa 0.100
- -lw 0.0001
- the settings as described by Jung et al. (2023)
- -ab 6
- -ad 102
- -as 500
- -ar 100
- -aa 0.1
- -lw 0.0001
- The final settings derived from these two metrics:
  - quality 2
  - -ab 2
  - -ad 1024
  - -as 256
  - -ar 128
  - -aa 0.1
  - -lw 0.0001



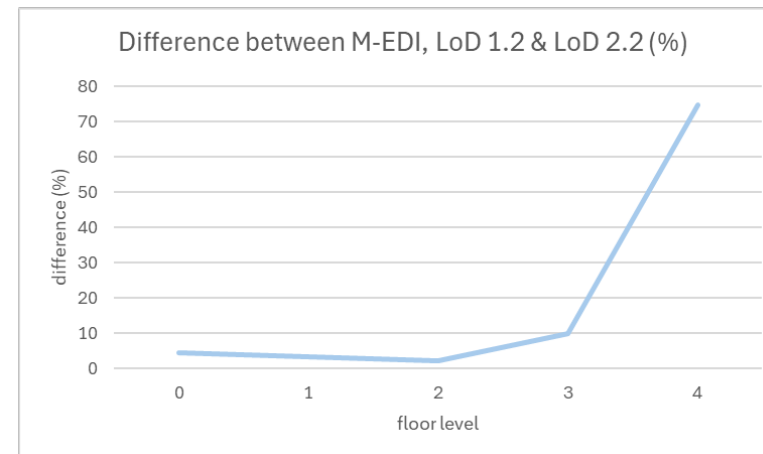
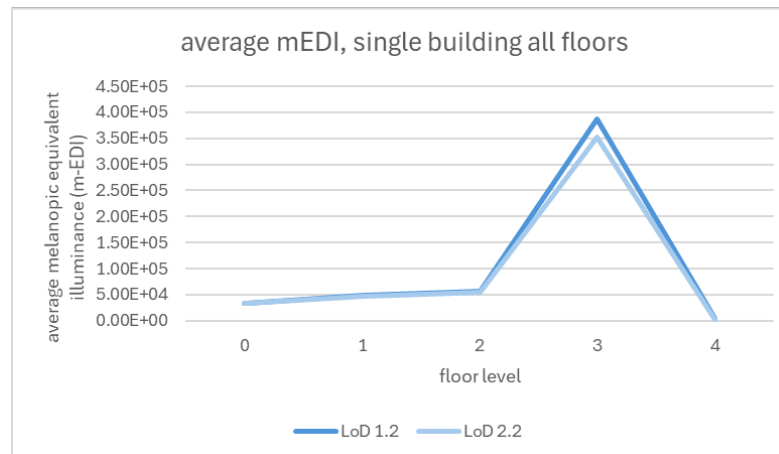
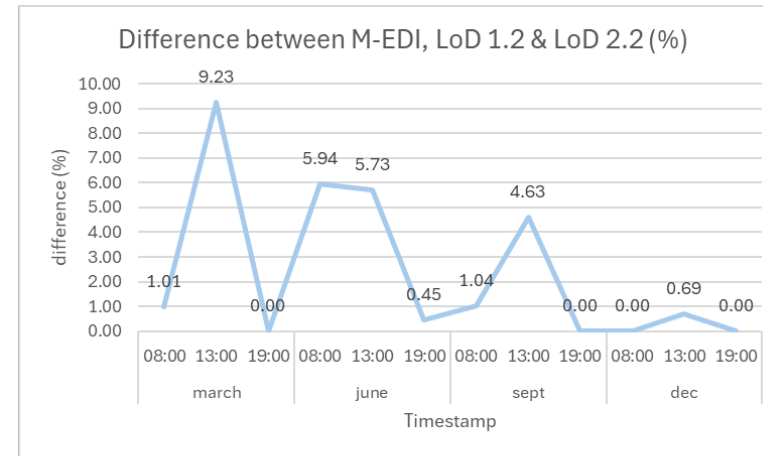
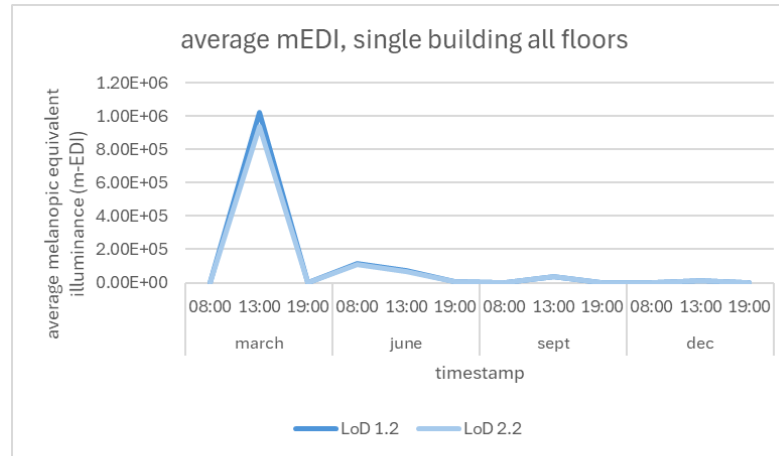
# Consistency validation 9-channel simulation



*consistency validation of radiance 9-channel calculation*



# Comparison in daylight availability measurements for two contextual levels of detail (LoD1.2, LoD2.2)





# Material library

Property	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
<b>V(<math>\lambda</math>) Reflectance</b>	12.84%	18.38%	62.96%	88.42%	35.91%	11.96%	10.39%
<b>M(<math>\lambda</math>) Reflectance</b>	10.53%	17.03%	54.37%	87.47%	25.72%	7.47%	22.14%
<b>M/P Ratio</b>	0.82	0.93	0.86	0.99	0.72	0.62	2.13
<b>Specularity</b>	0.00%	0.27%	0.31%	1.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Roughness</b>	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.00
	01137, Dirty brick	01100, Concrete Grey Exterior Floor Tiles	00704, Beige Plaster Wall	00583, White painted ceiling	00434, Wood Maple	01110, Grass	00496, Purplish Blue



# Lighting measurements

Reference values: Brown et al. (2022)

Measurement positioning:

- Recipient: Brown et al. (2022) centre of the room at seating height (1.1m), oriented towards the window

21.00-8.00	8.00-18.00	18.00-21.00
1 mEDI	250 mEDI	10 mEDI

Circadian lighting thresholds for different measurement metrics (based on Brown et al. 2022)

Light source

Context in the public space

Urban building context

Facade

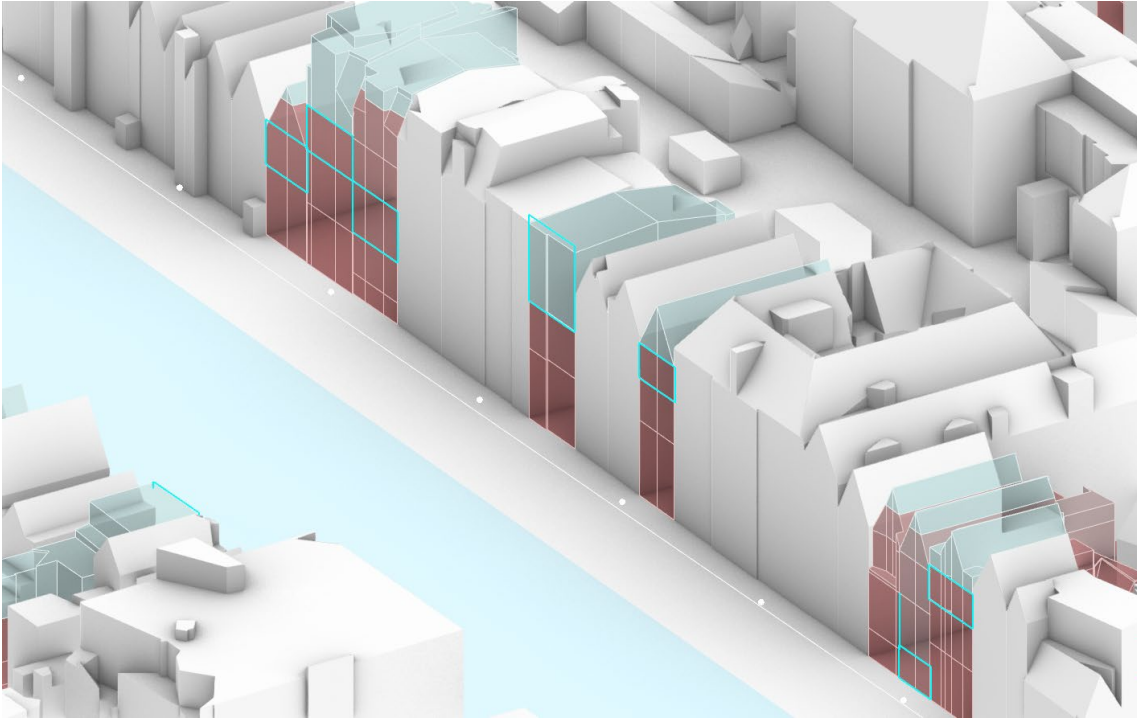
window transmittance

interior reflectance

Recipient



# Large-scale window plane per floor

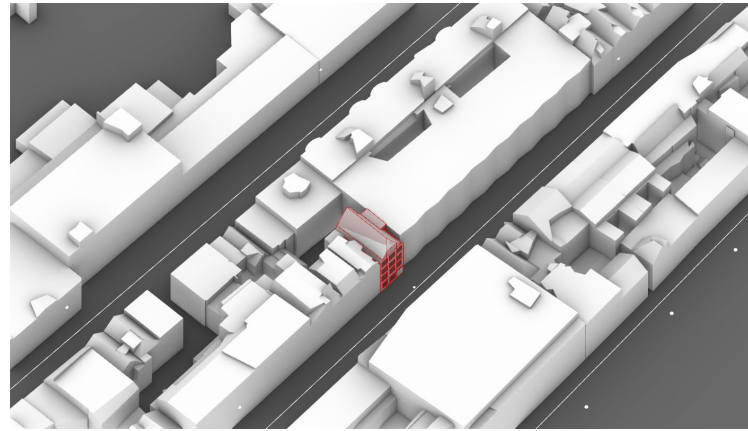
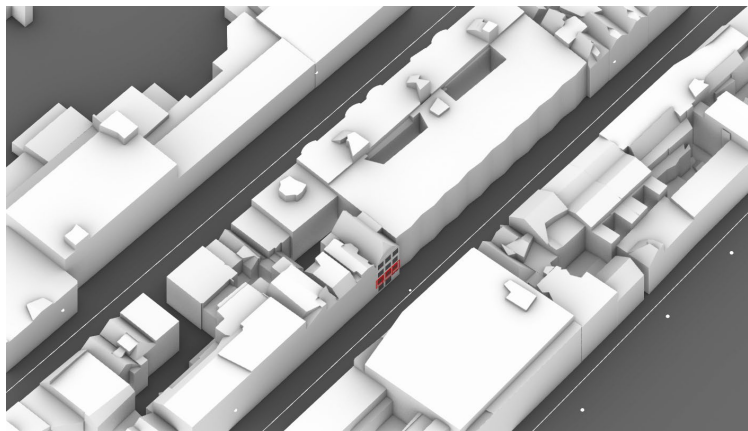
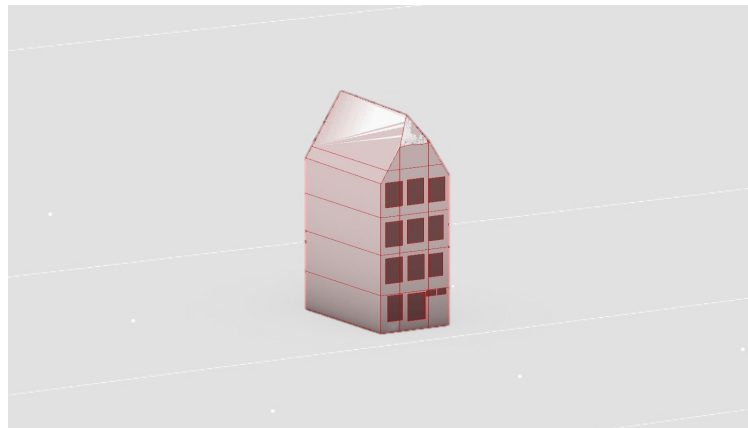
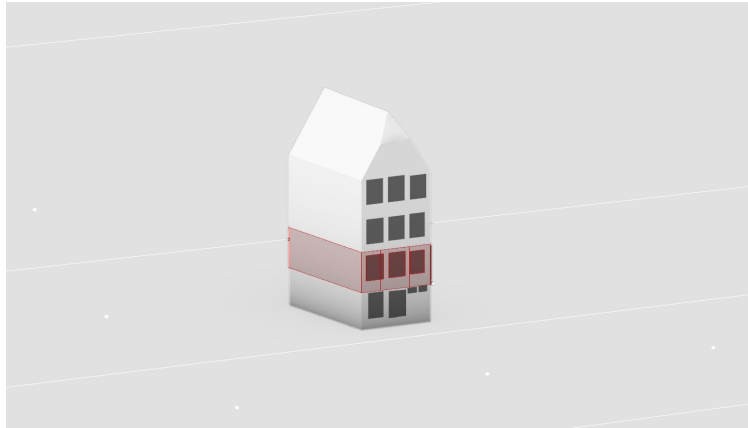


*selection of window plane, per floorlevel (level 3 selected)*





# Single building tests



*Figure 4-14 Single floor test (left) single building test (right)*



# Building-level scope (intensity, spectrum)

- Window transmittance
  - Influential, affecting distribution and intensity (0-1)
    - double glass HR++ 0,7-0,8
    - solar controlled glass 0,1 (joostdevree.nl, 2024)
- Interior reflectance
  - Influential: Within the bounds of EN 17037 (regulatory values): variations of 50% (Koster, 2022)
- Recipient
  - Positioning, behaviour, individual variation for circadian lighting sensitivity

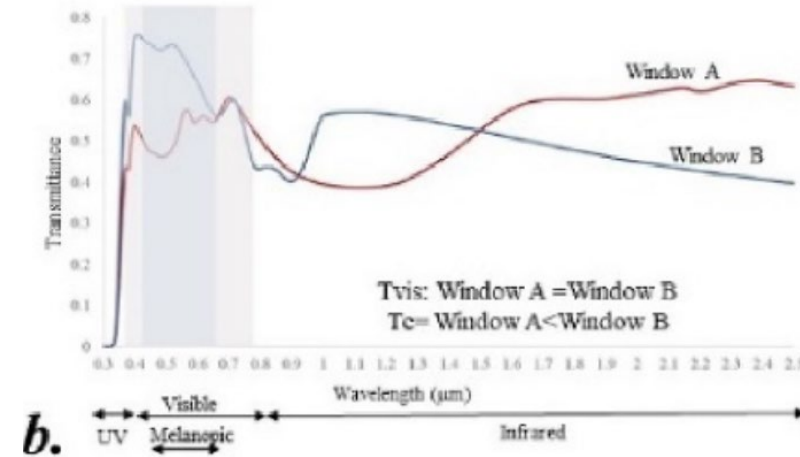


Figure 2-4 variation in transmittance between two windows with similar  $T_{vis}$  (Ardabili et al., 2023)

Light source

Context in the public space

Urban building context

Façades

Window transmittance

Interior reflectance

Recipient