

A Lume(n) with a View

With apologies to E. M. Forster

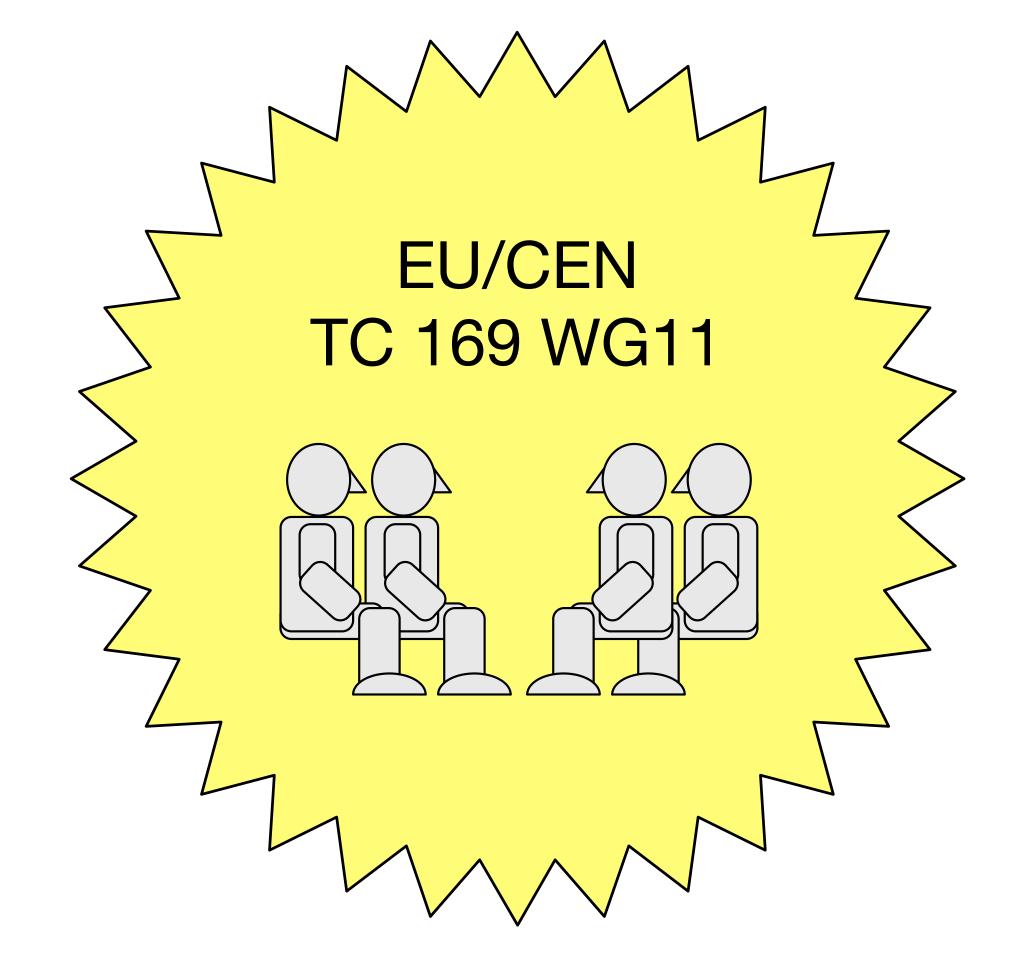
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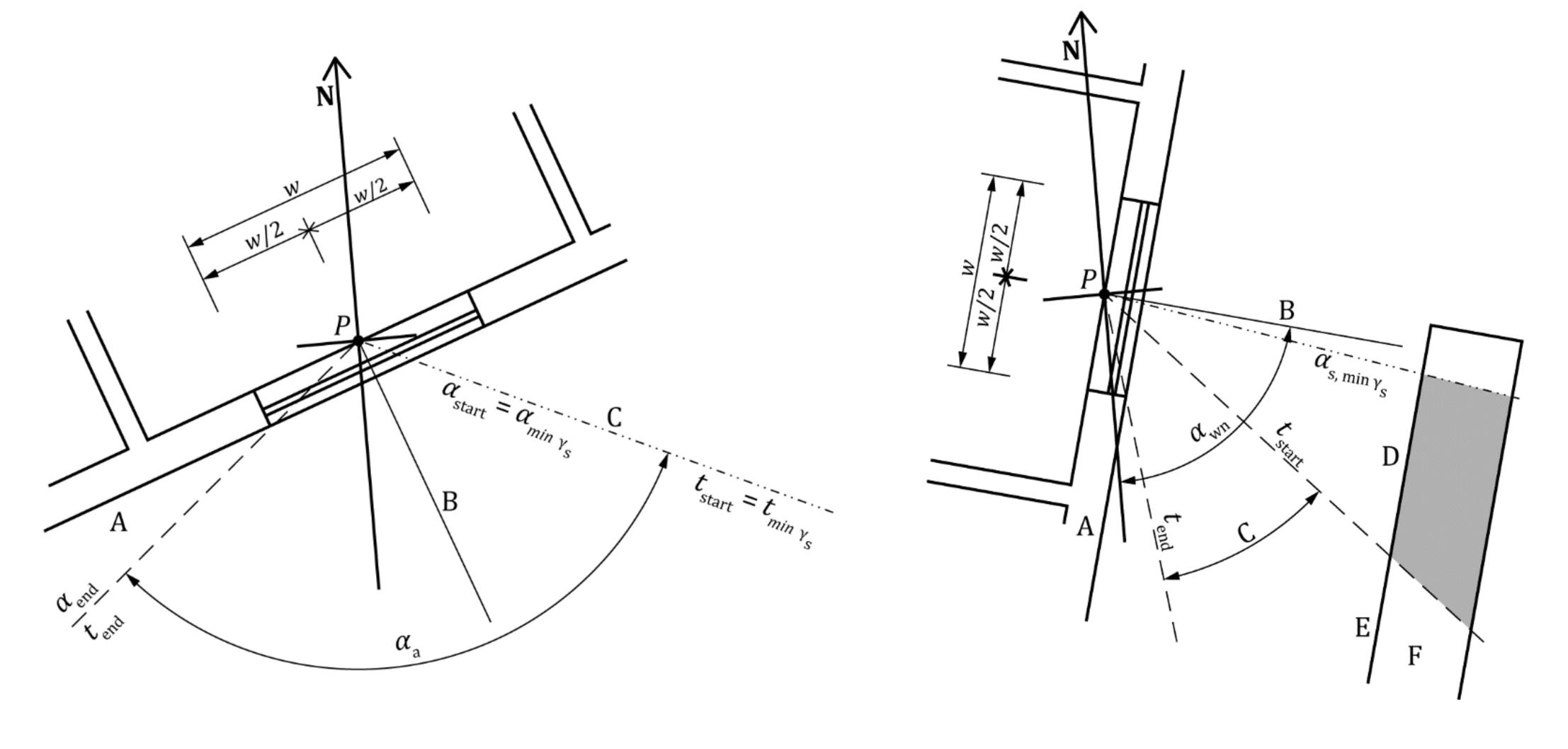
Which is your favourite view?

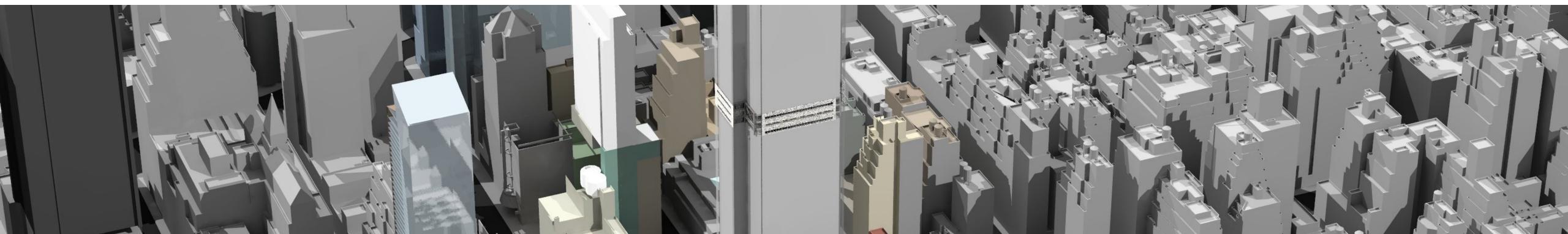


Problems, issues, limitations of the various schema for sunlight planning:

- They consider only certain times of the day and/or year, e.g. one of the equinox conditions.
- They either ignore the direction at which the sun is incident on the window, or employ crude switch mechanisms such as the 'dead angle'.
- They ignore the size of the window.
- They ignore or cannot adequately account for the shadowing effects of frame bars or window reveals.
- They ignore or cannot adequately account for shadowing caused by surrounding structures or buildings.
- The method employed is restricted to idealised geometry or built forms.
- The evaluation cannot produce a meaningful, aggregate measure for multiple windows and/or an entire dwelling.
- The evaluation provides no information on the temporal dynamics of possible sun exposure.



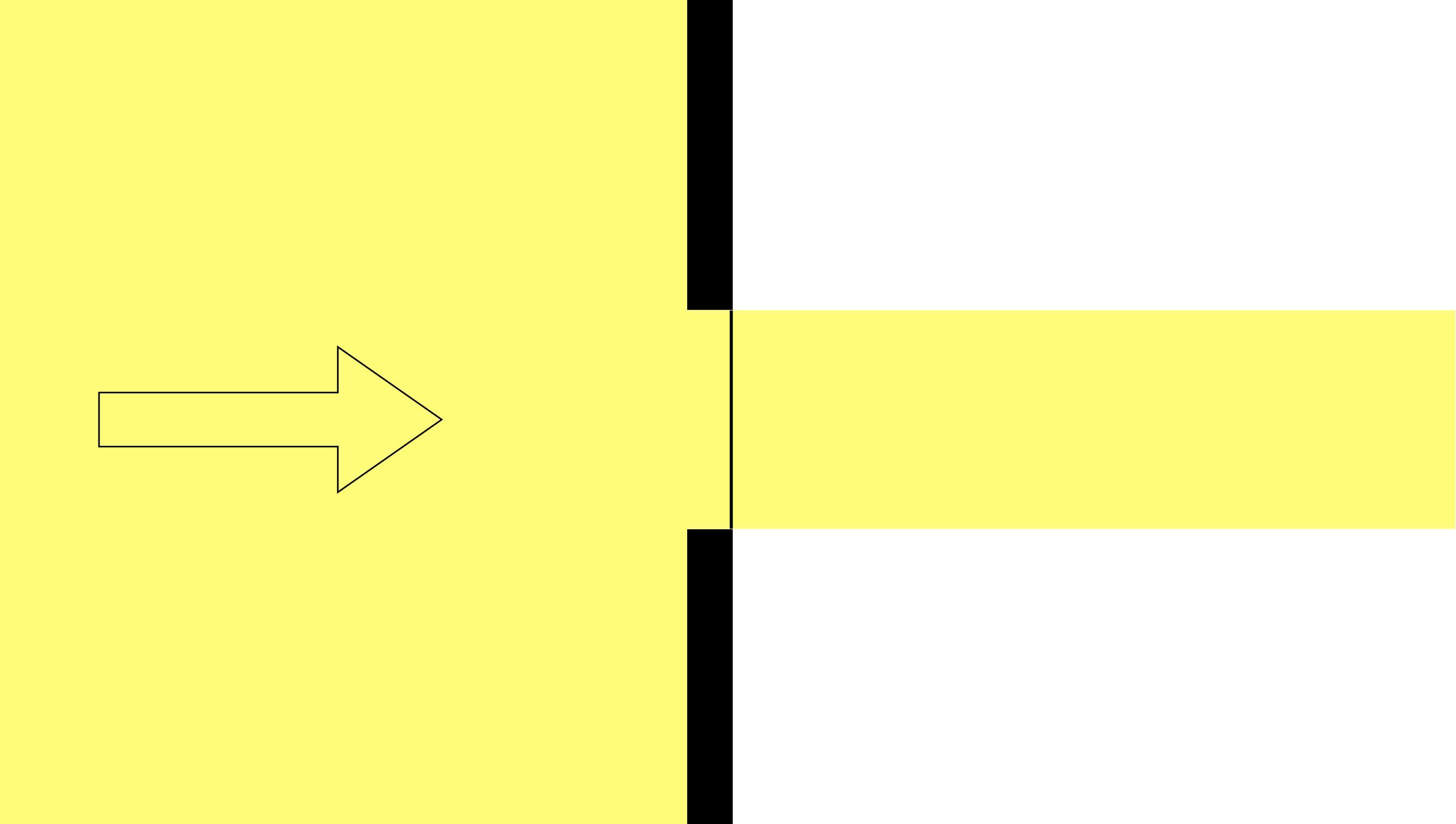


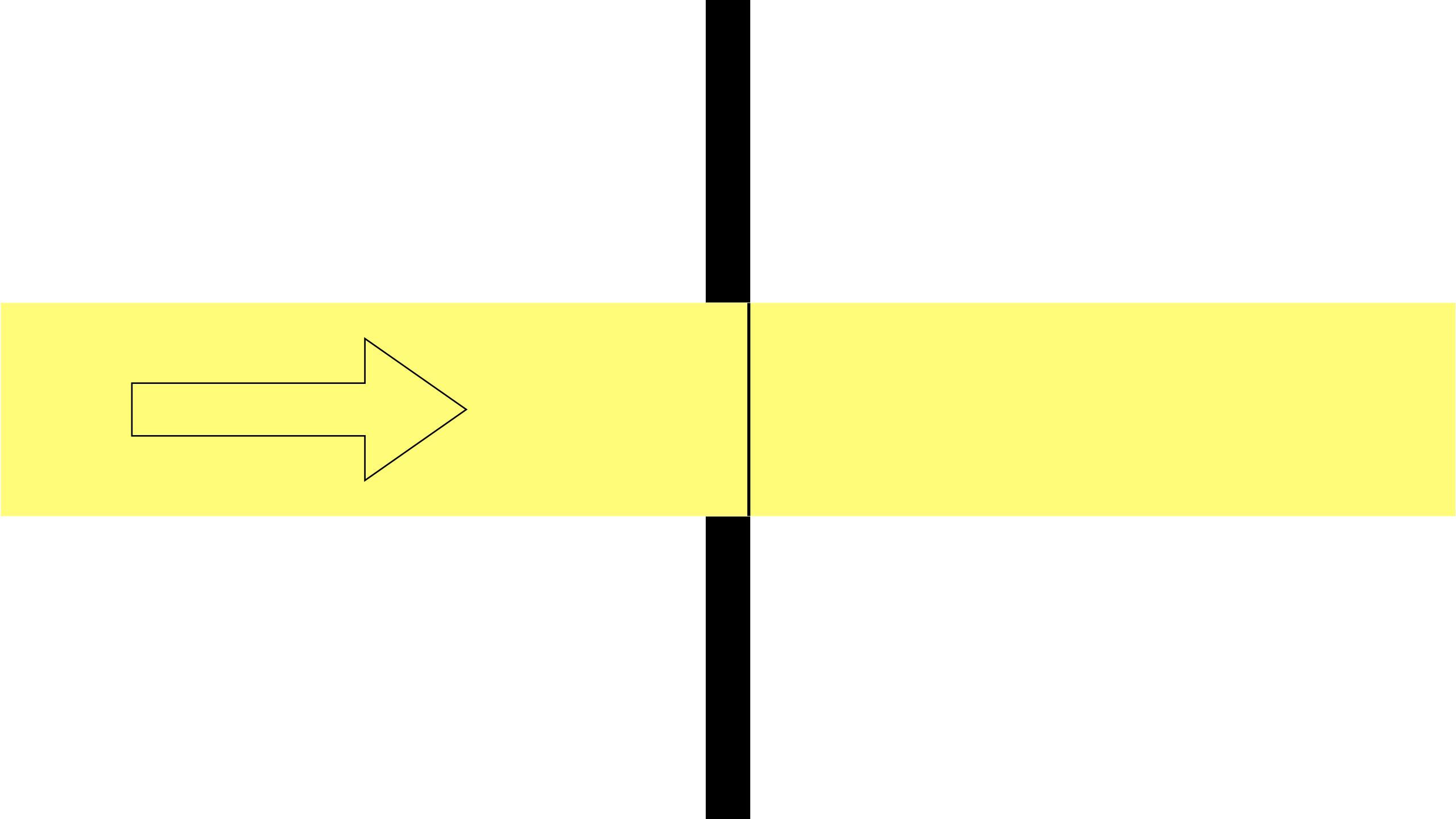


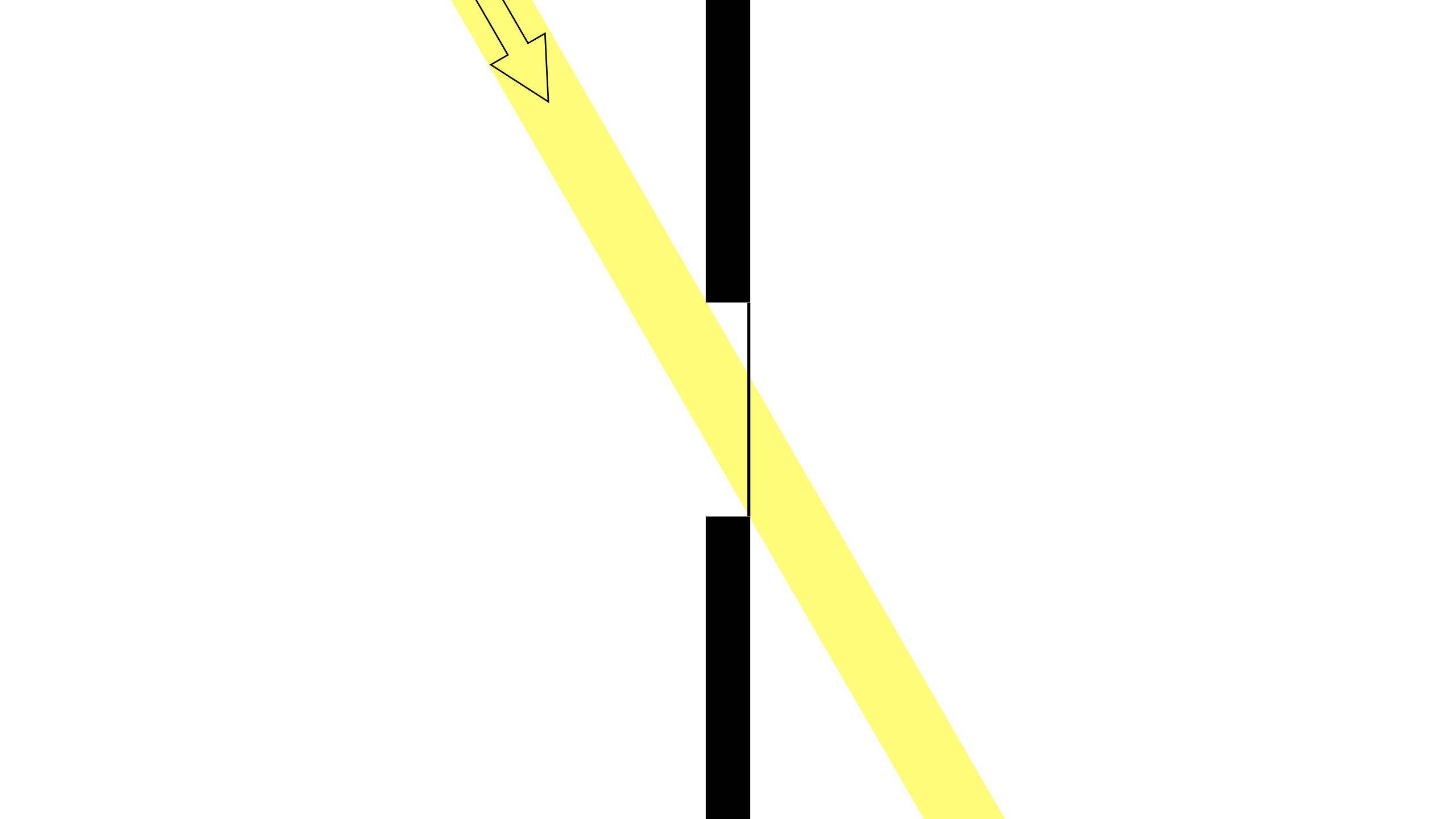
The Sunlight Beam Index

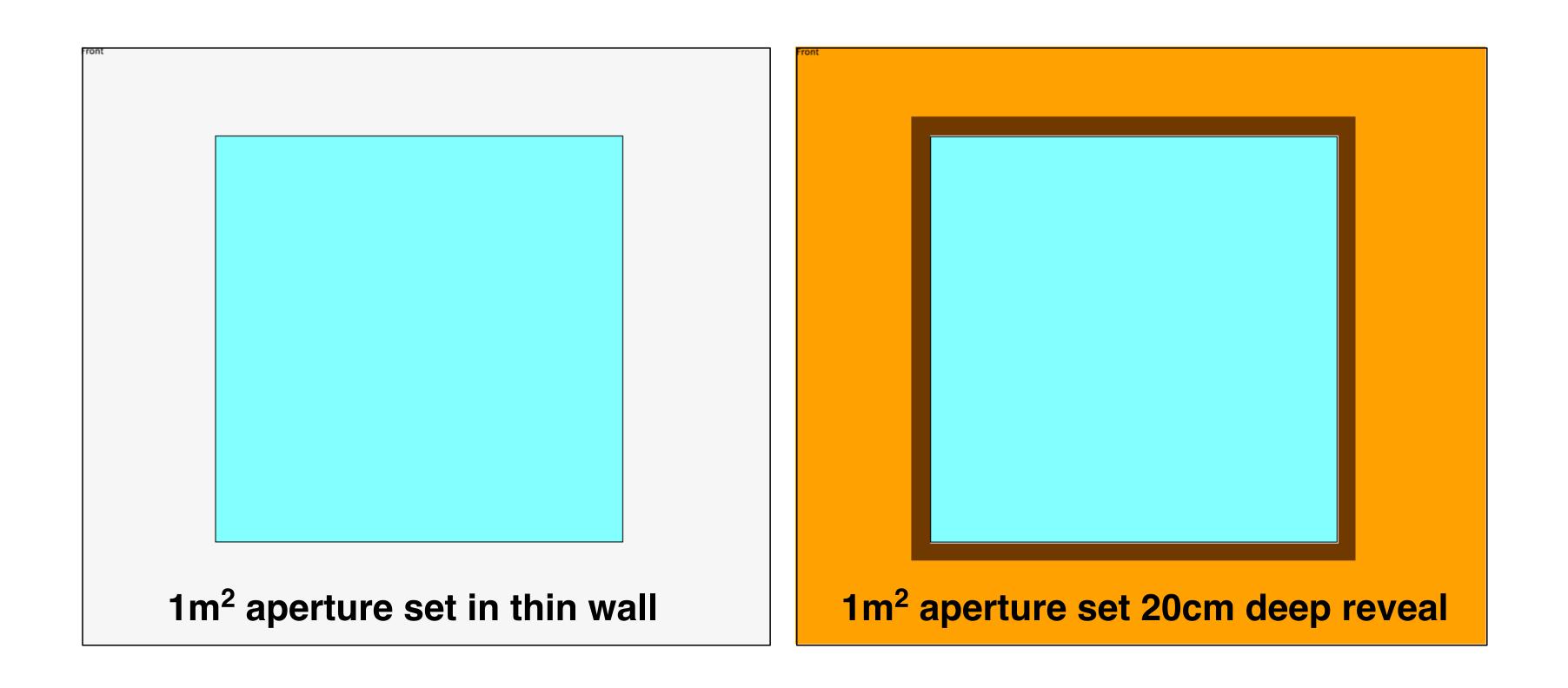
SBI is an **area** measure of the '**connectedness**' of a building aperture to **all** of the possible occurring **sun positions** for that **locale** and for that particular **aspect** of the aperture including **all** possible obstructing surfaces - **averaged** across the aperture.

Units: $1 \times 1 = 1 \,\mathrm{m}^2 \,\mathrm{hrs}$





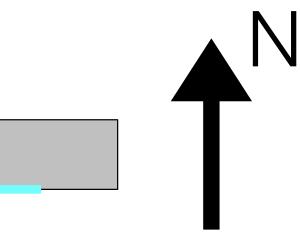


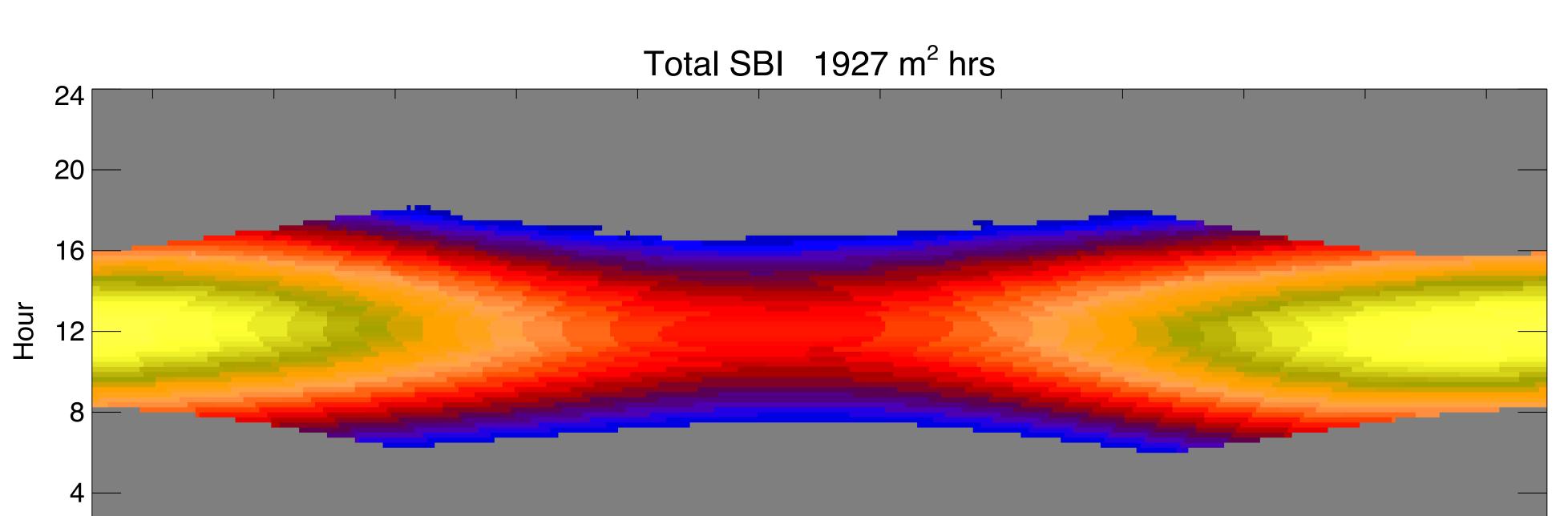


Cumulative annual sunlight beam index

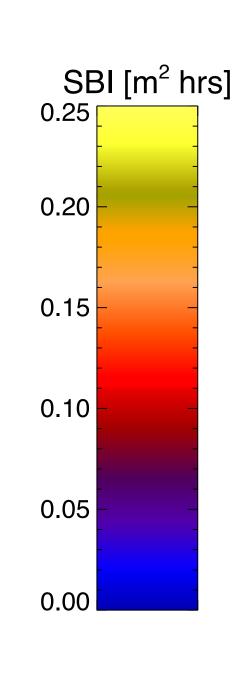
1m² vertical aperture in London (UK)

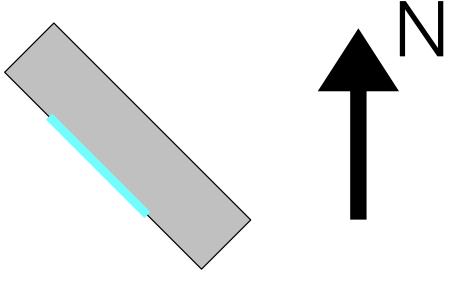
| Aperture | Without reveal | With reveal (20 cm) |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| orientation | $SBI [m^2 hrs]$ | $SBI [m^2 hrs]$ |
| North | 204 | 84 |
| NE | 608 | 414 |
| East | 1,348 | 1,037 |
| SE | 1,826 | 1,343 |
| South | 1,927 | 1,340 |
| SW | 1,822 | 1,342 |
| West | 1,345 | 1,033 |
| NW | 604 | 411 |

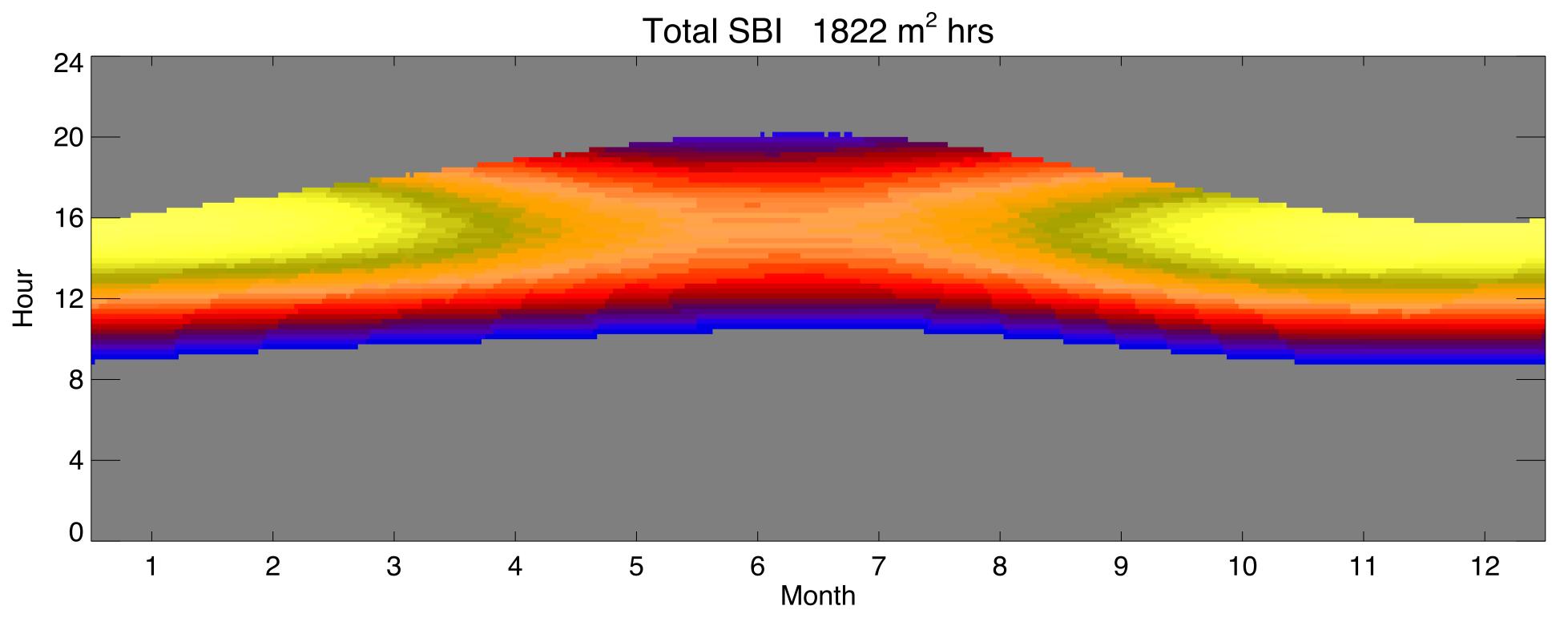


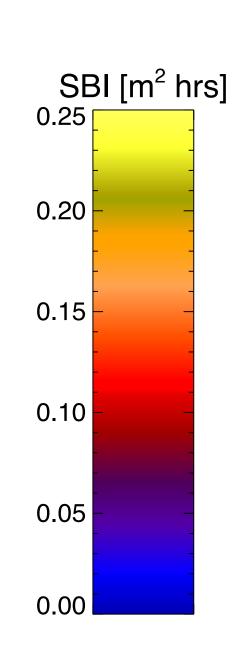


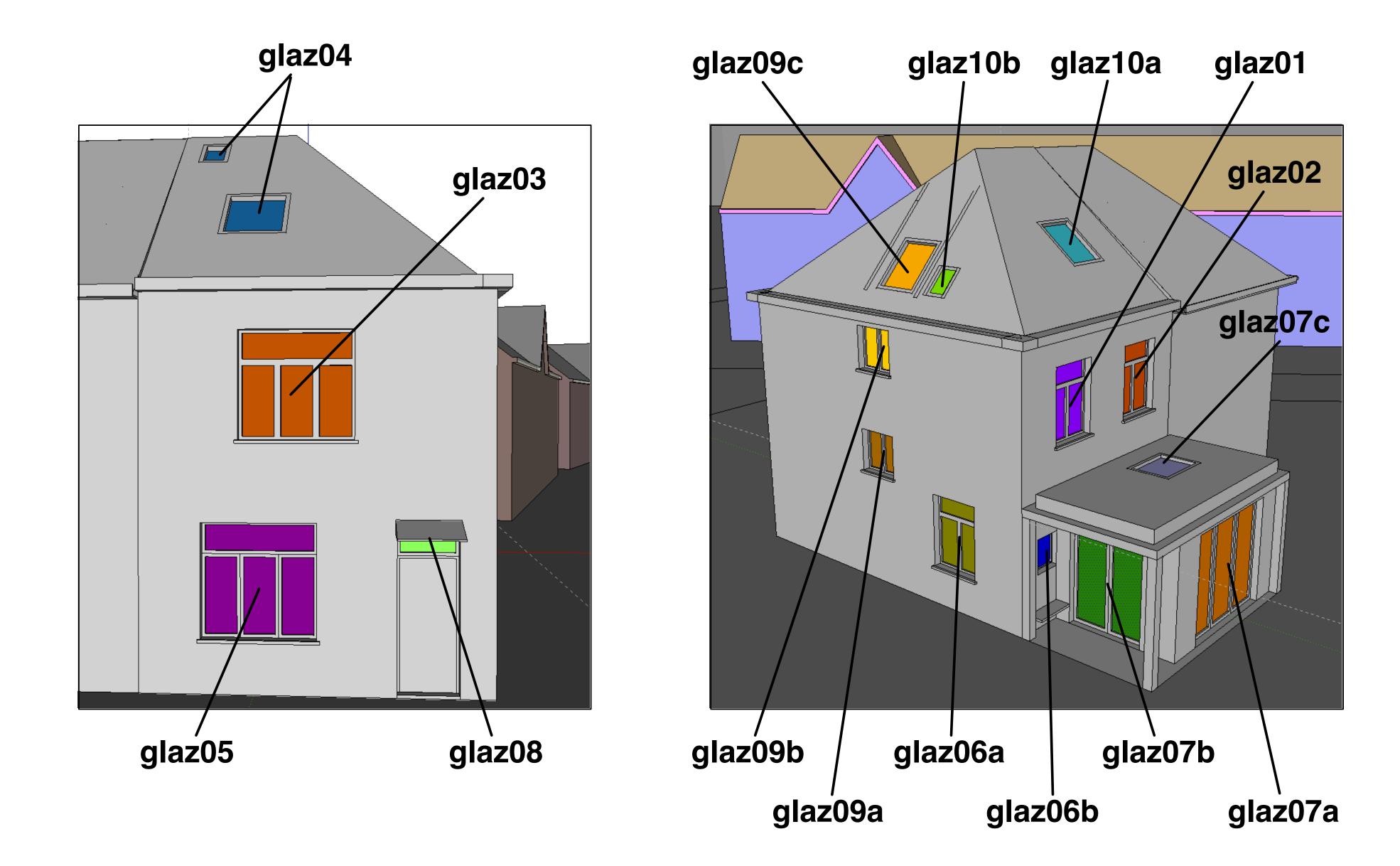
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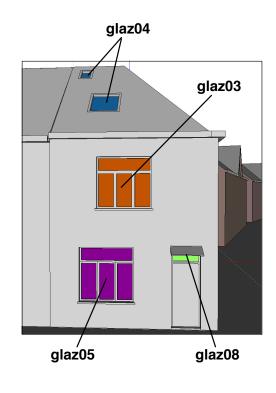


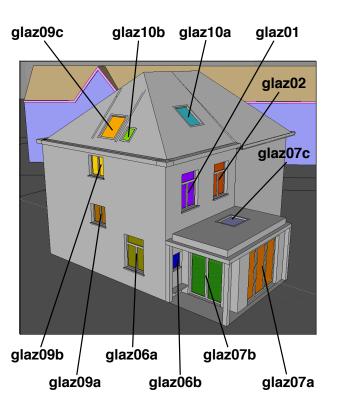


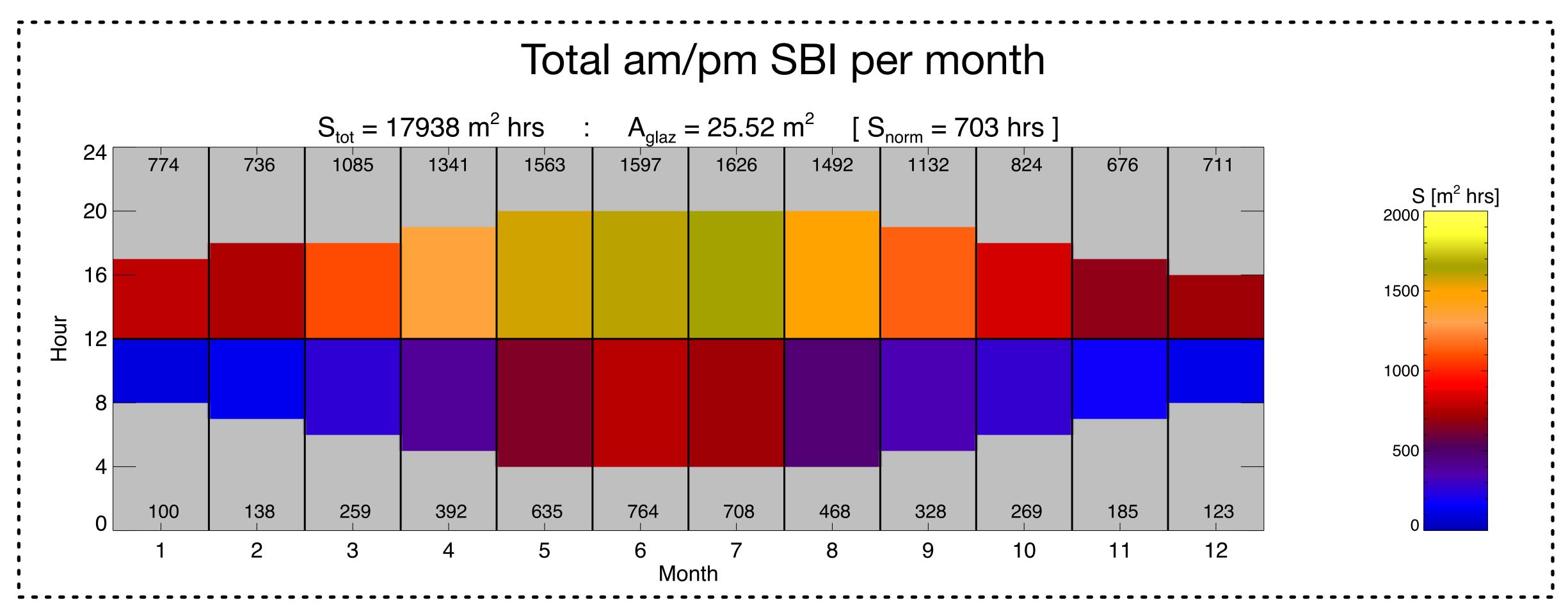


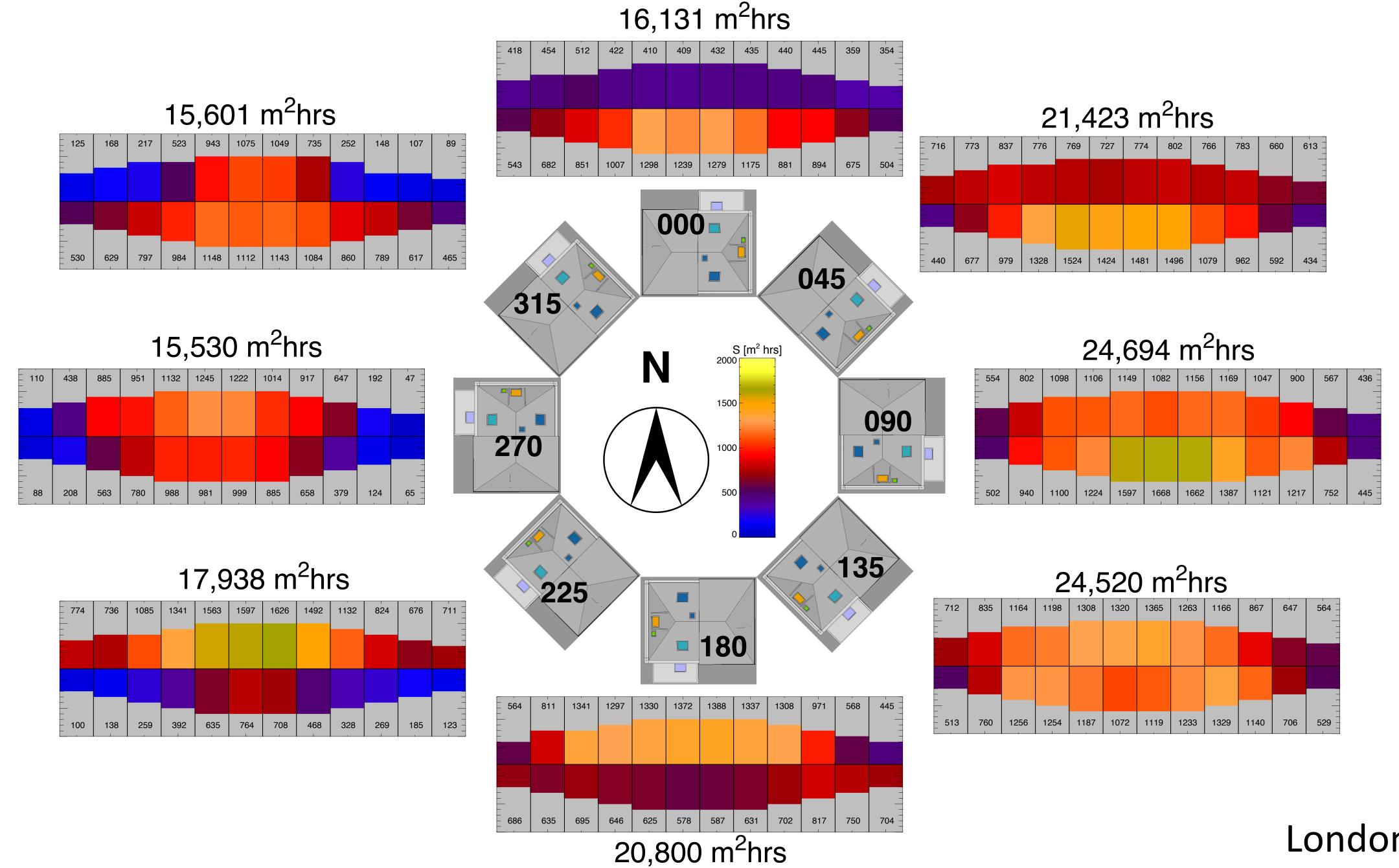










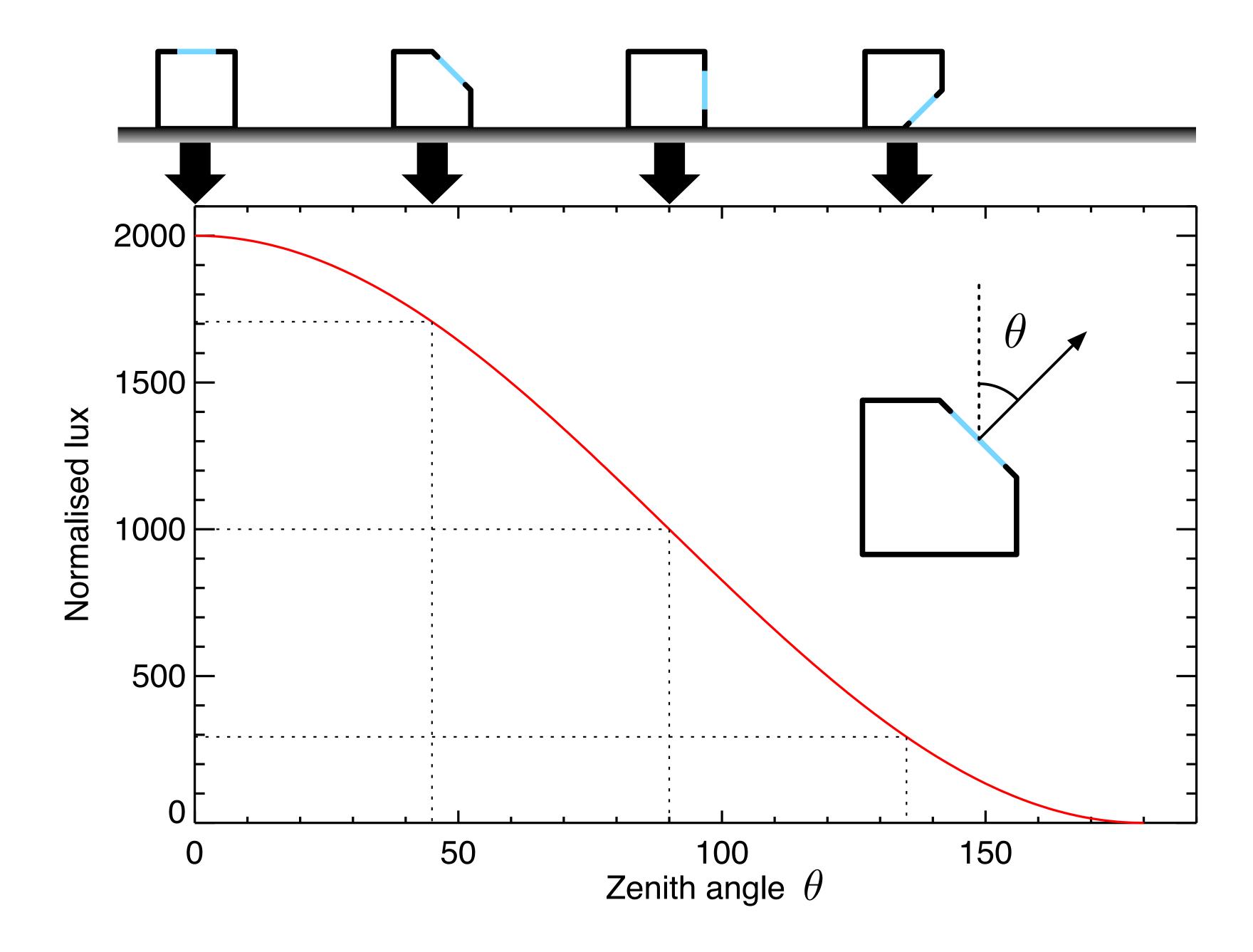


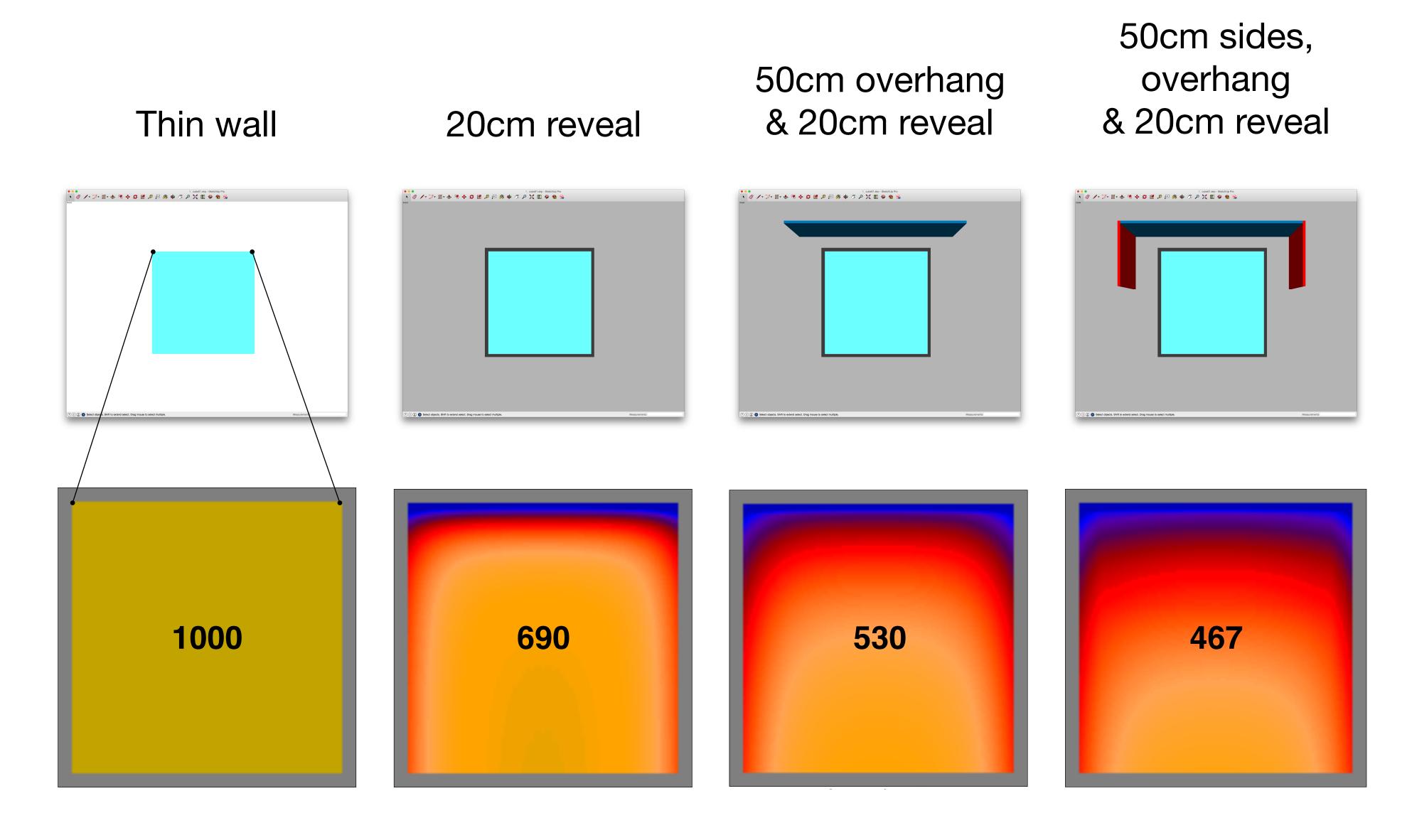
London, UK

The sunlight beam index needed a companion...

The Aperture Skylight Index

ASI is an **area** measure of the **'connectedness'** of an aperture to the sky vault in terms of the **illumination** received from a **uniform** luminance sky dome - **averaged** across the aperture.

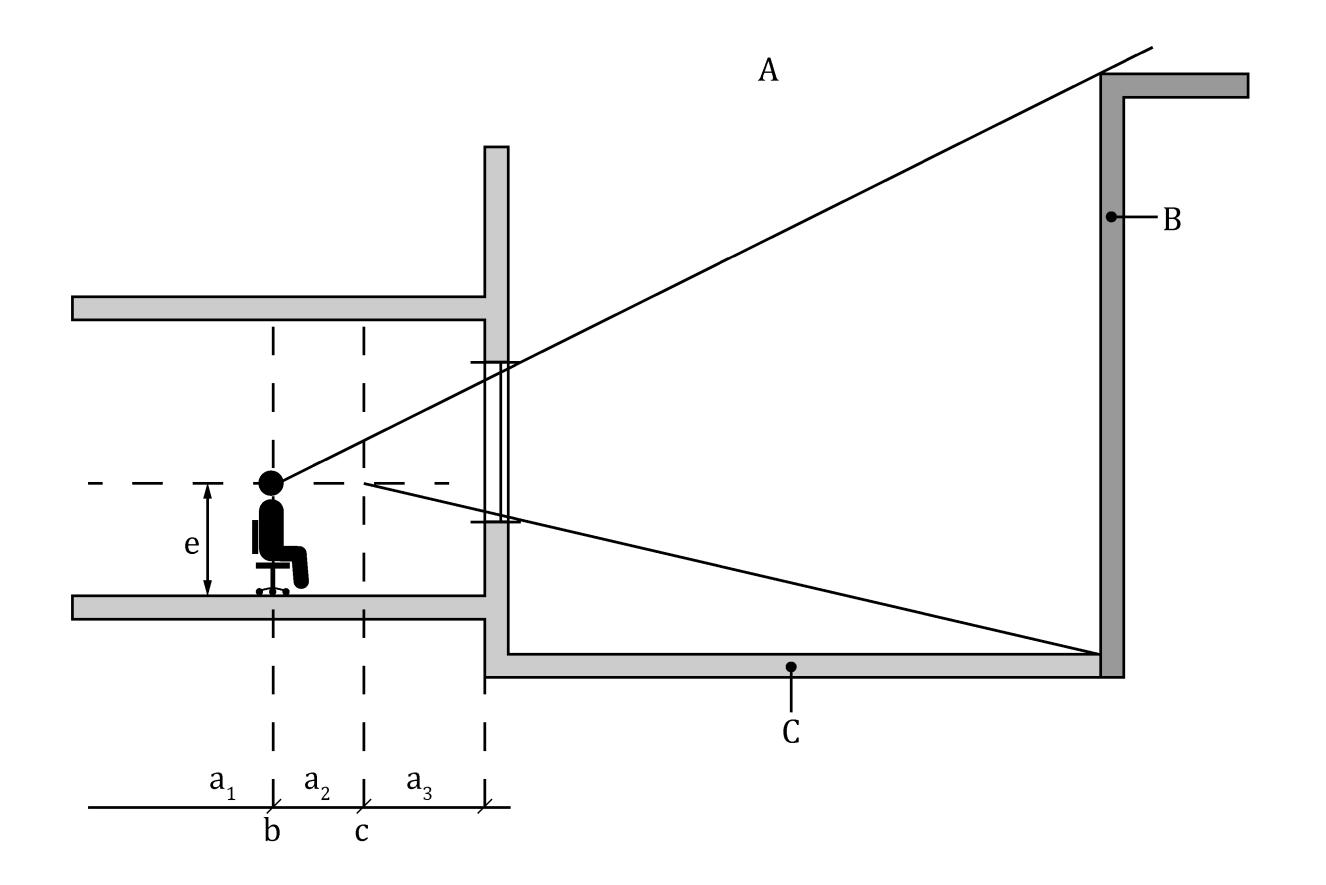


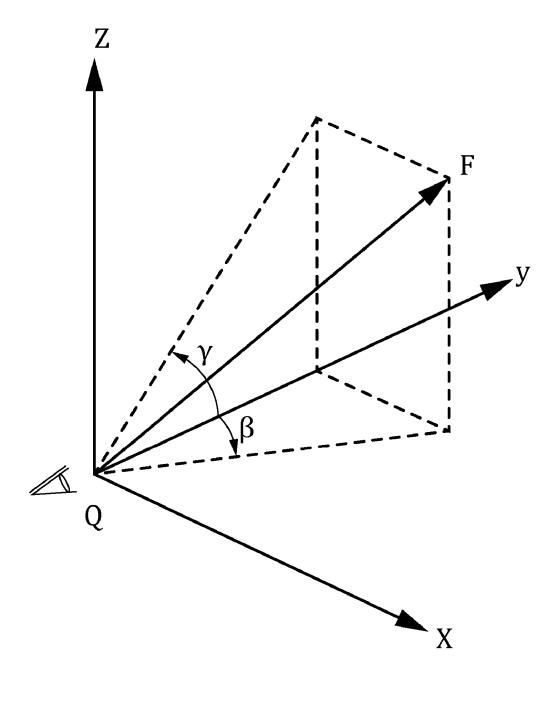


Aperture skylight index for a 1m² vertical aperture (anywhere)



APERTURE CONNECTEDNESS = VIEW POTENTIAL





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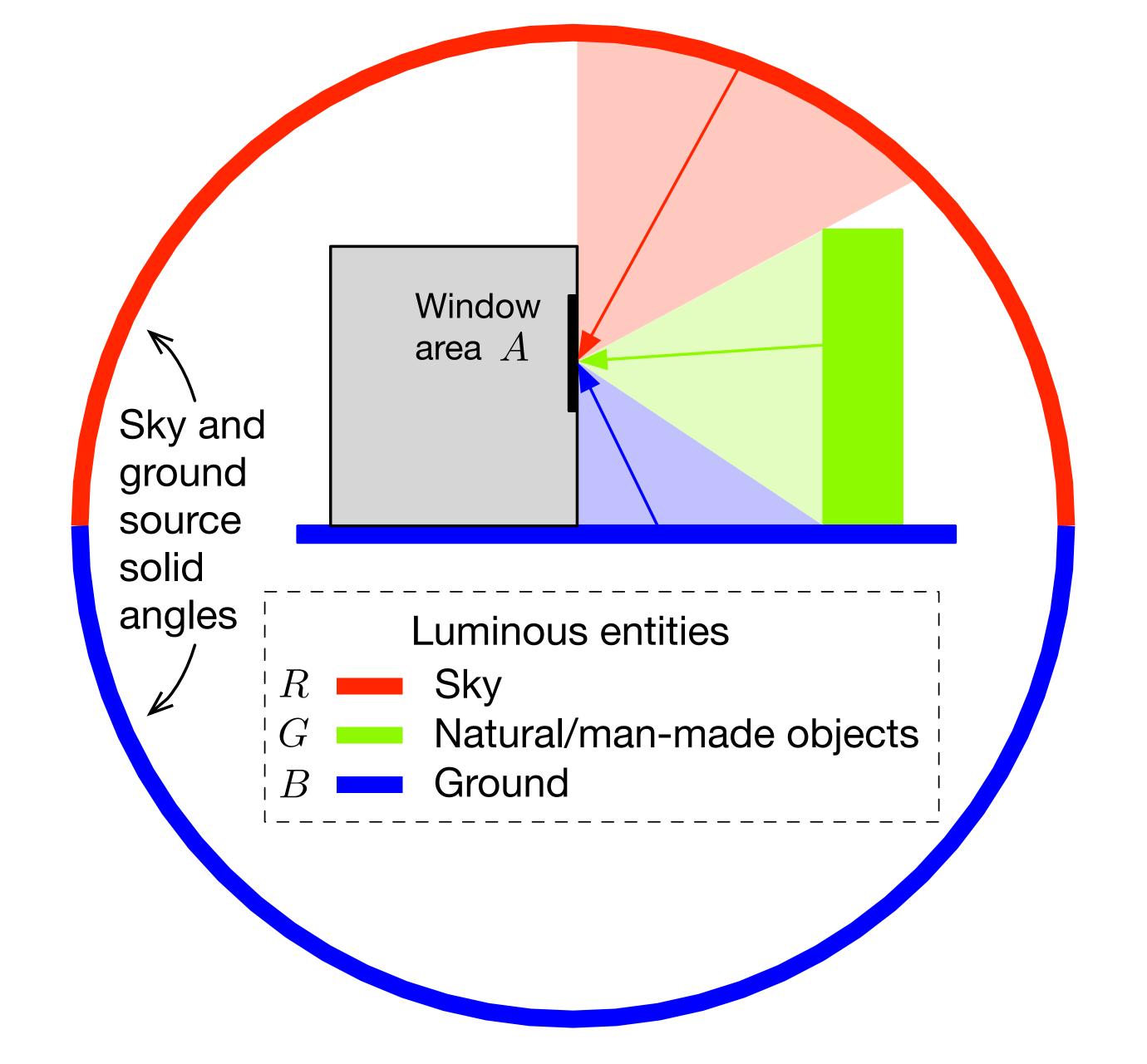


BS 8206-2: 2008

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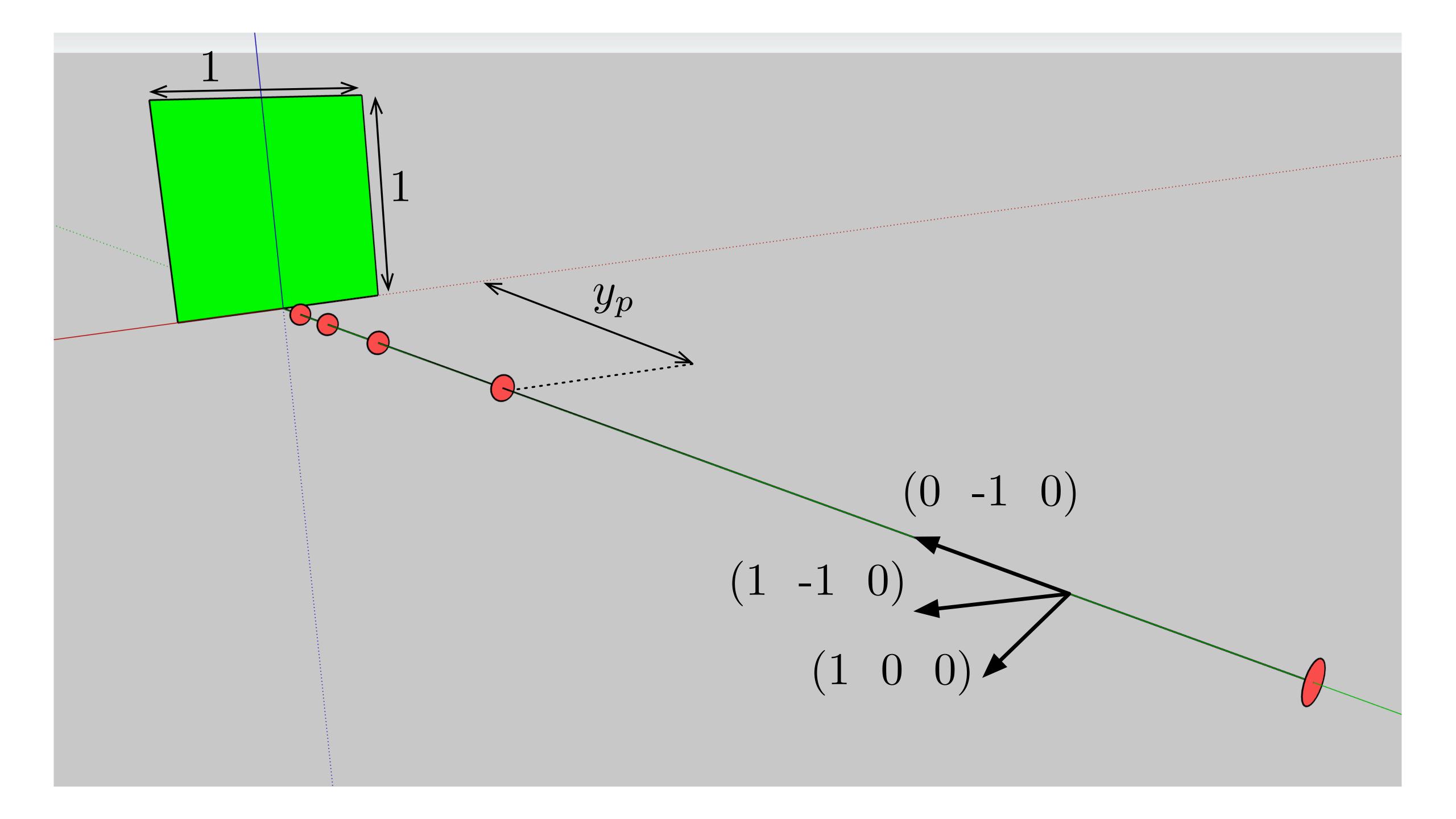
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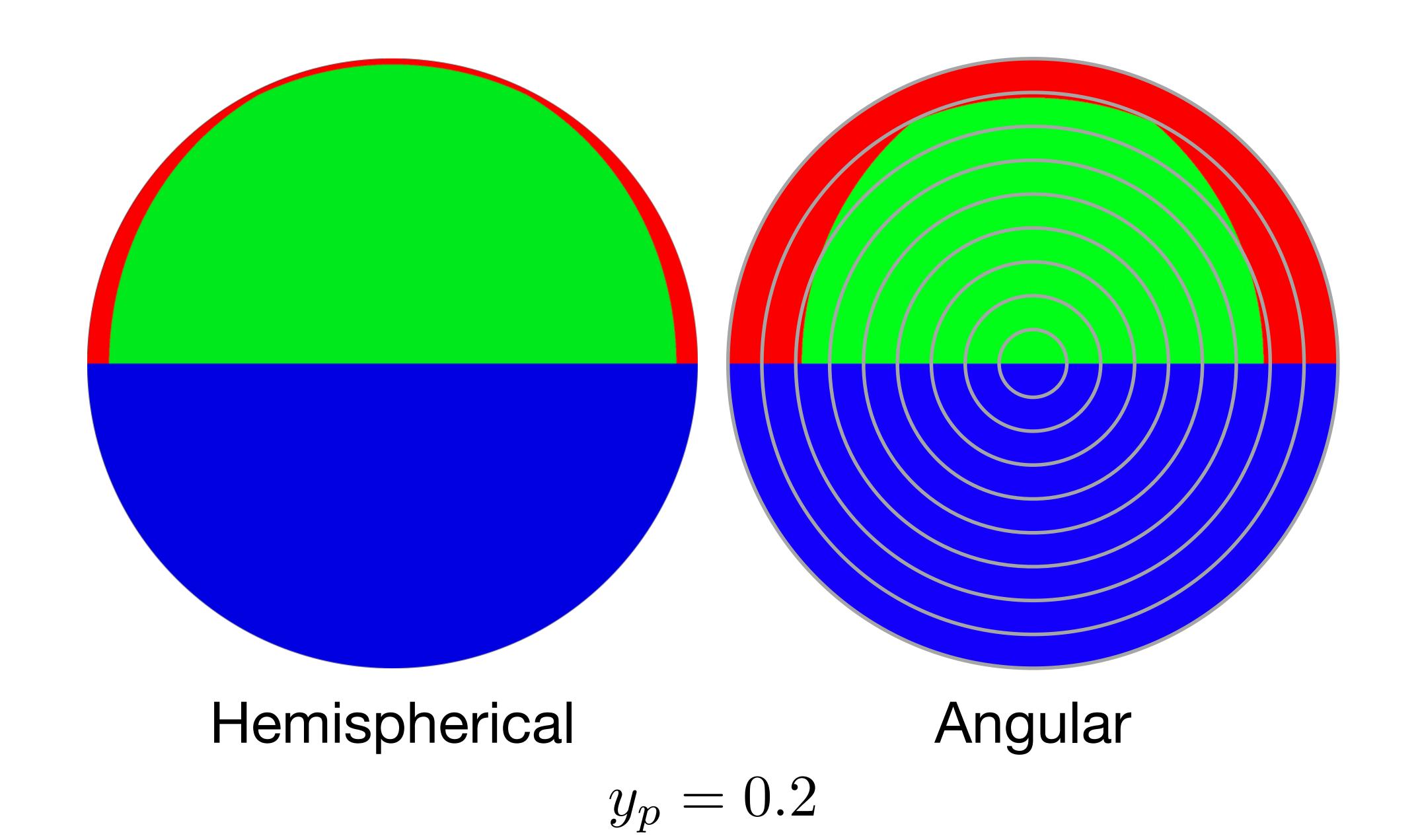
- 1. upper (distant), being the sky and its boundary with the natural or man-made scene;
- 2. middle, being the natural or man-made objects themselves;
- 3. lower (close), being the nearby ground.

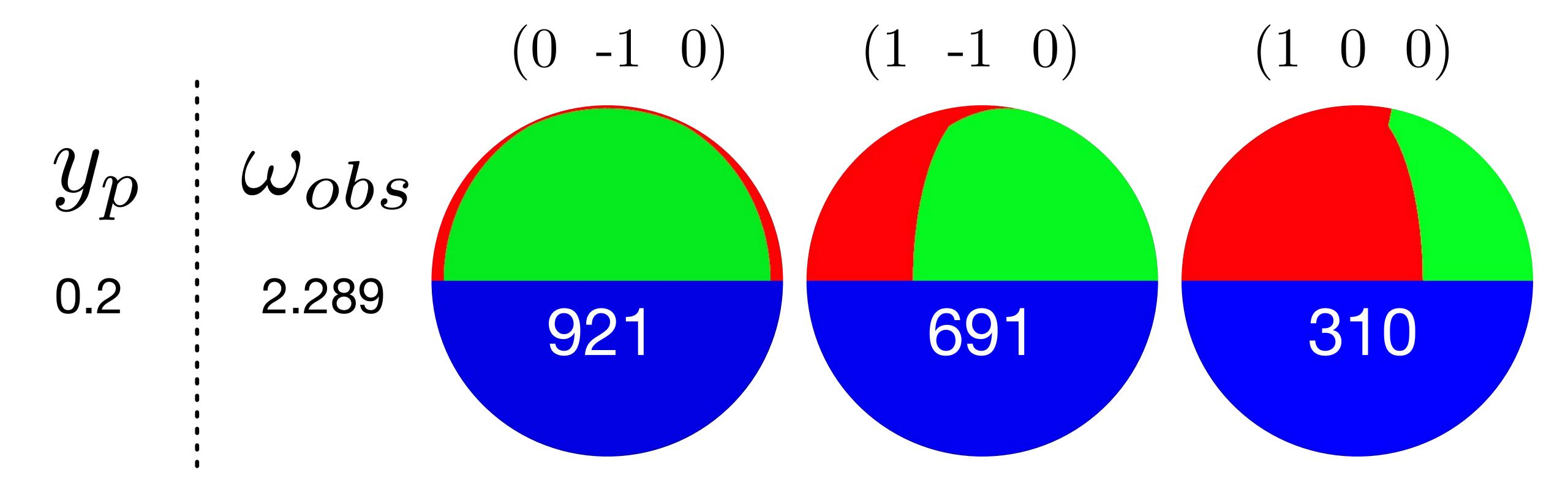


Each 1m² of aperture can receive a maximum of 2000 'view lumens'

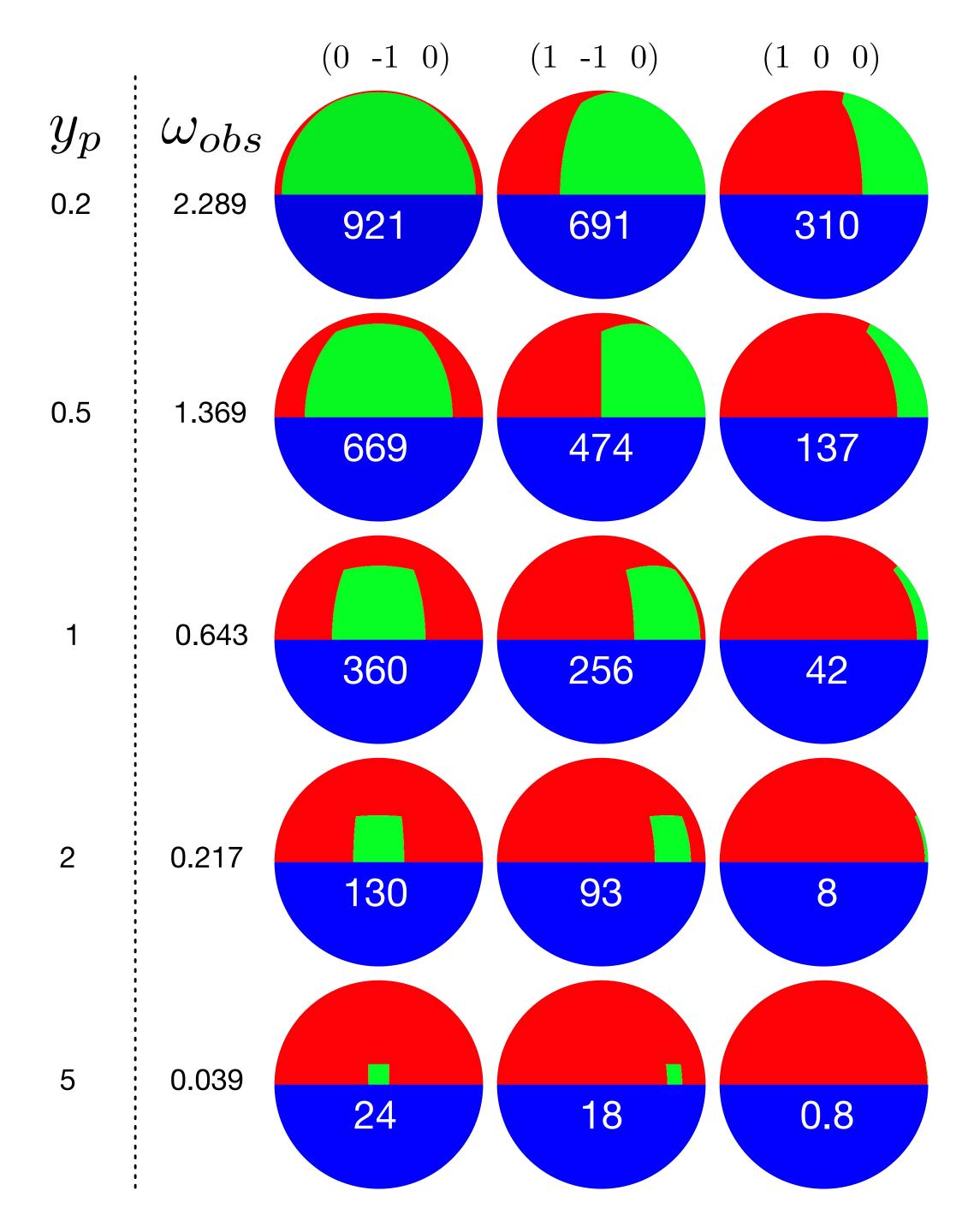
Does this idea make any sense?

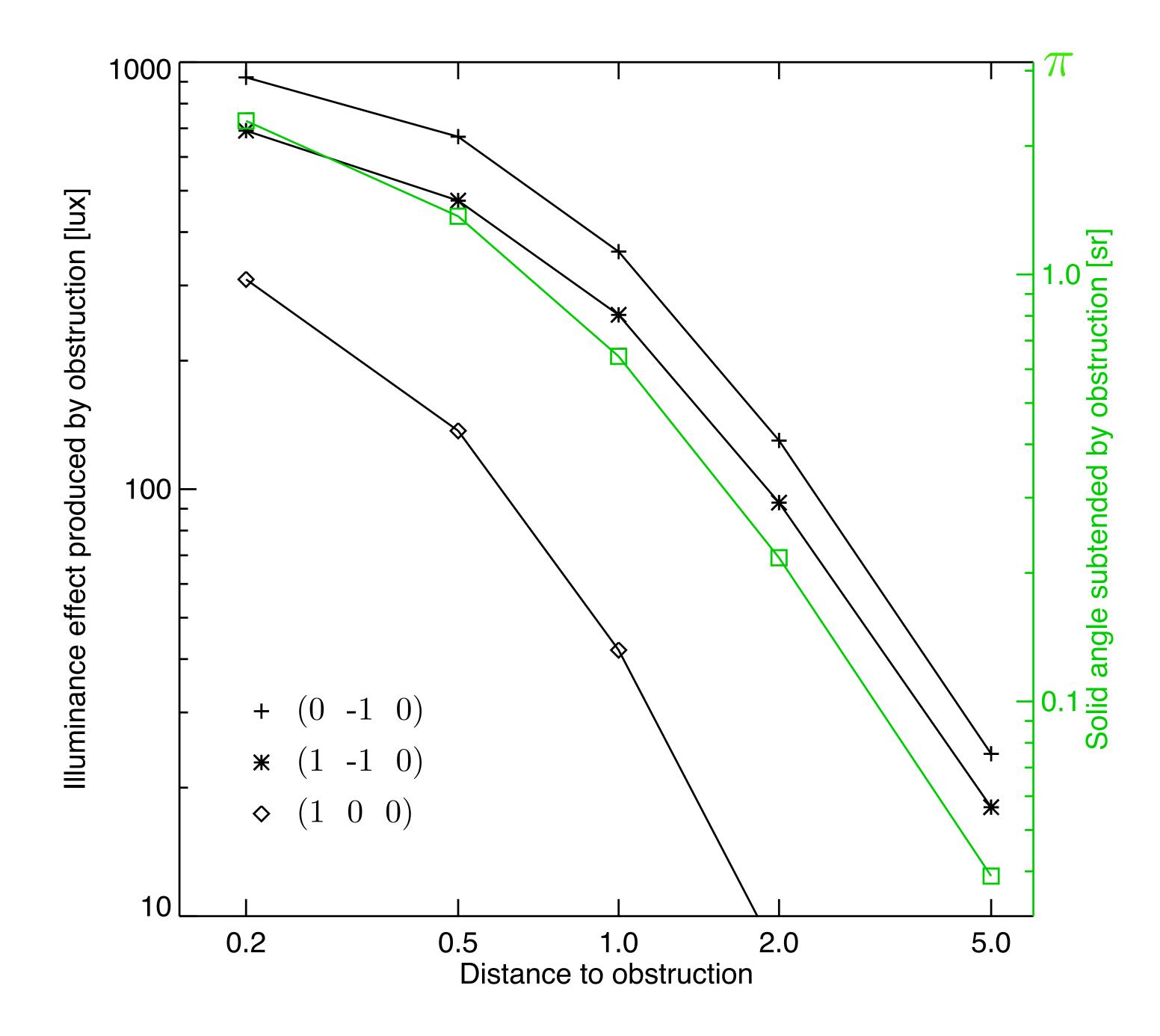


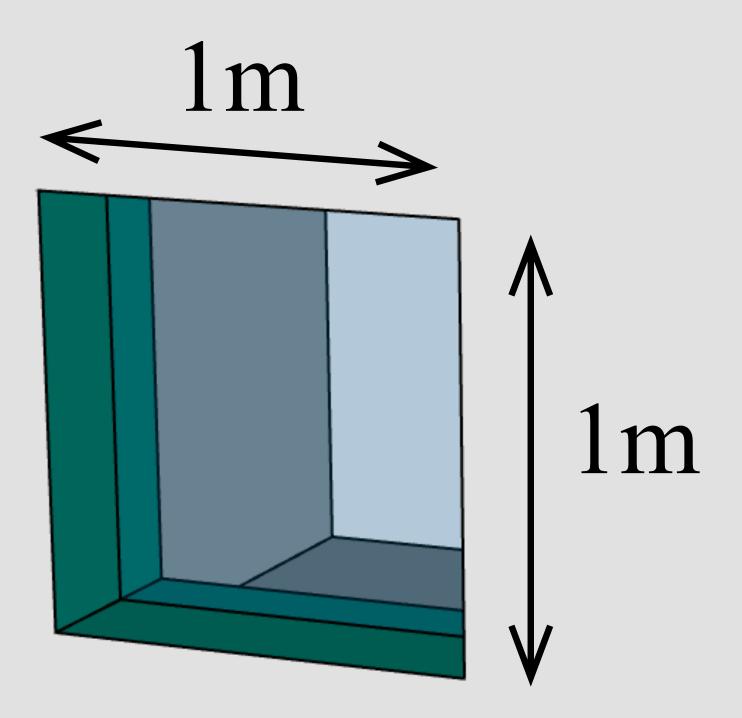




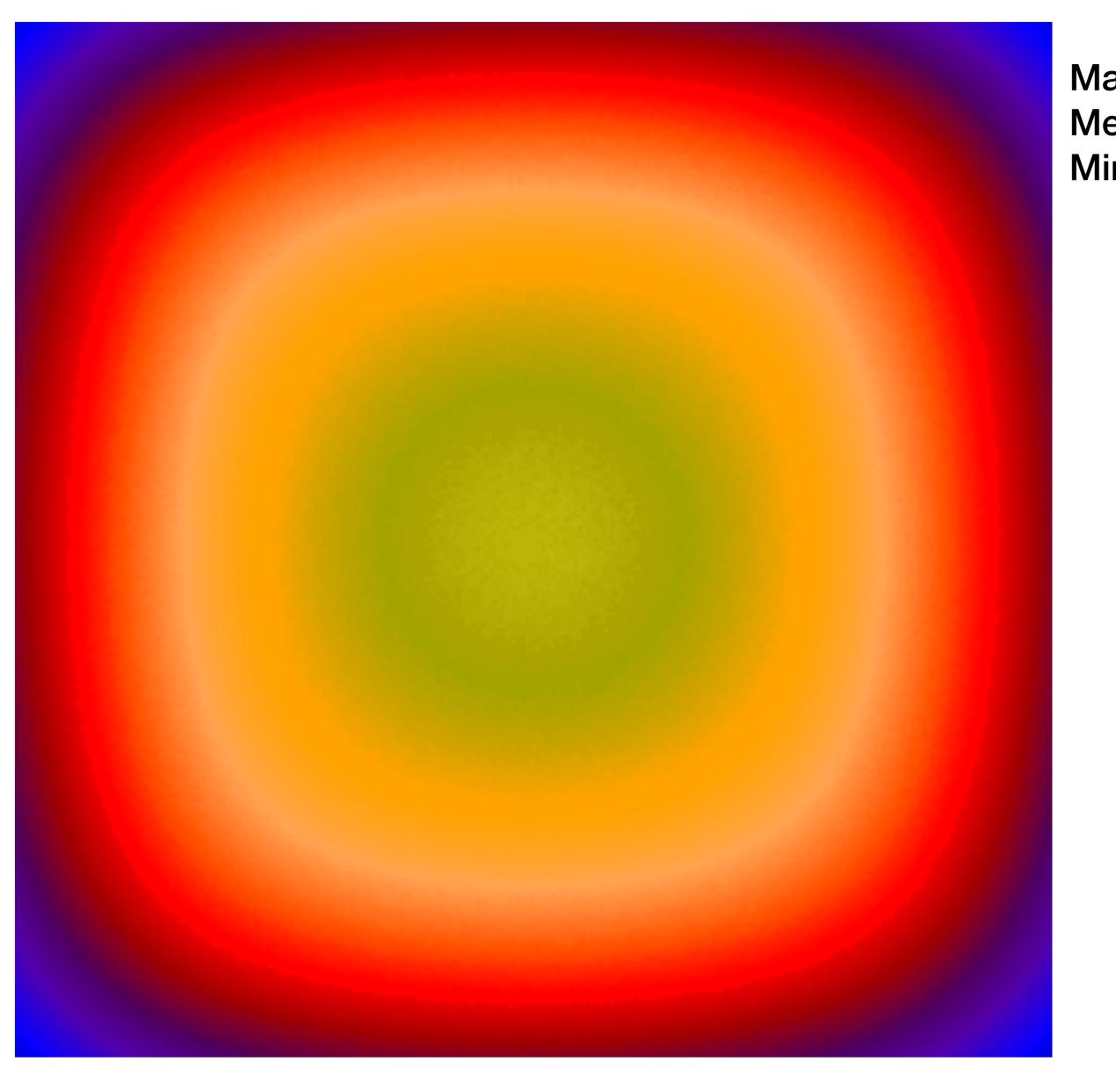
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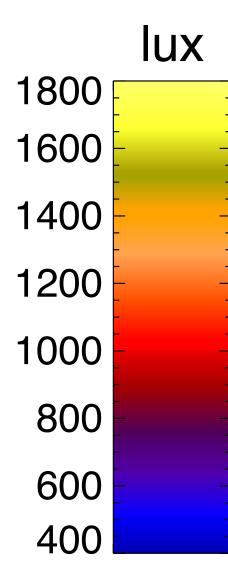


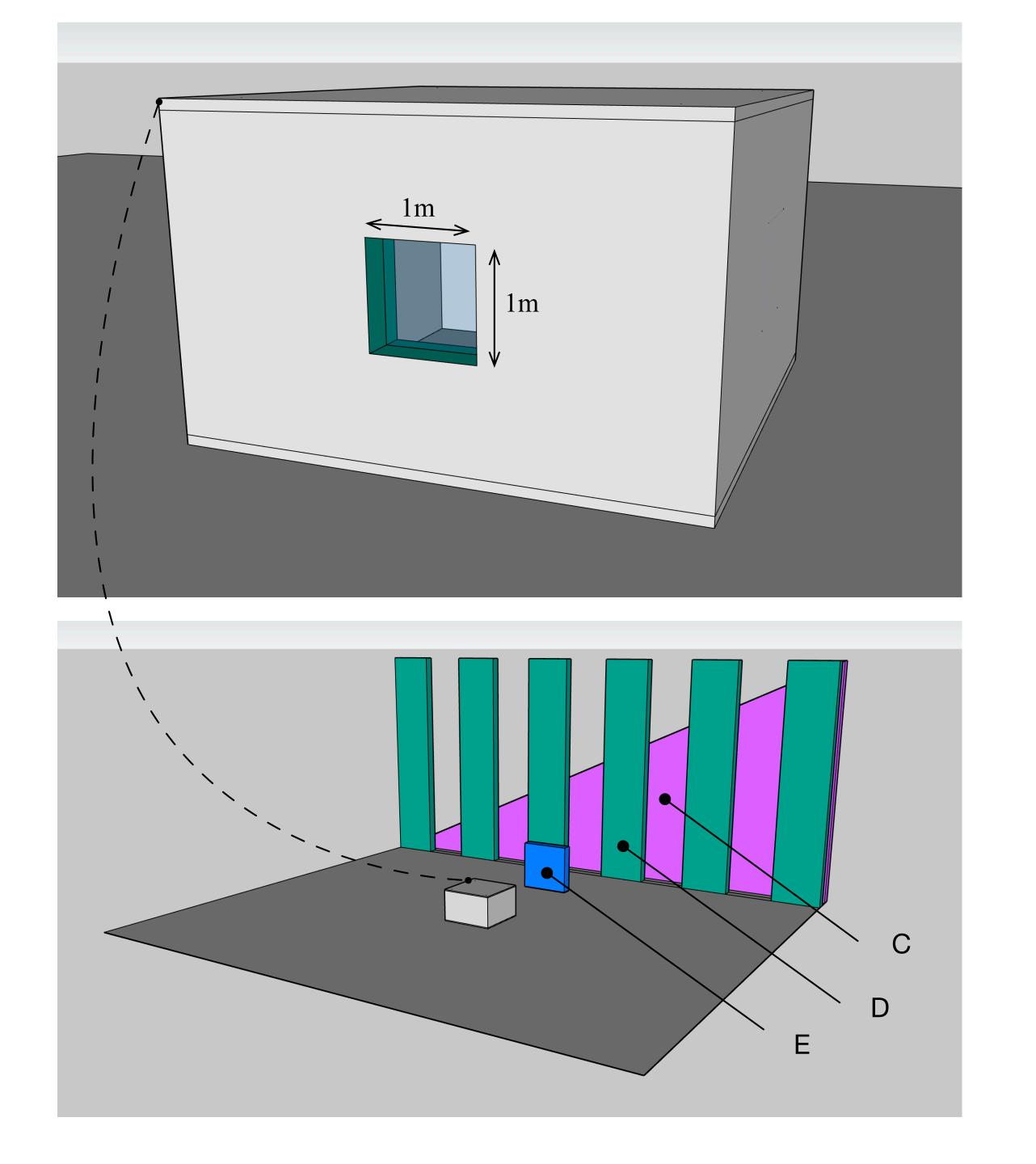


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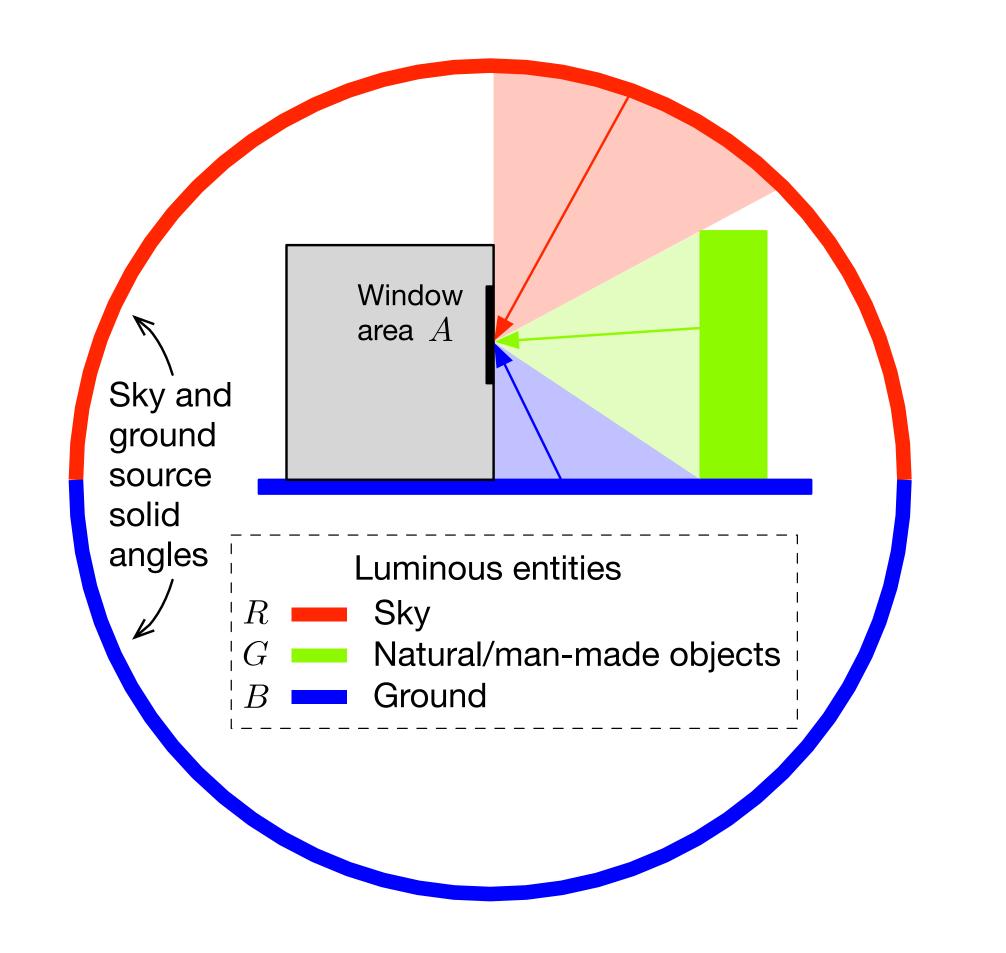


Max 1556 lux Mean 1159 lux Min 471 lux

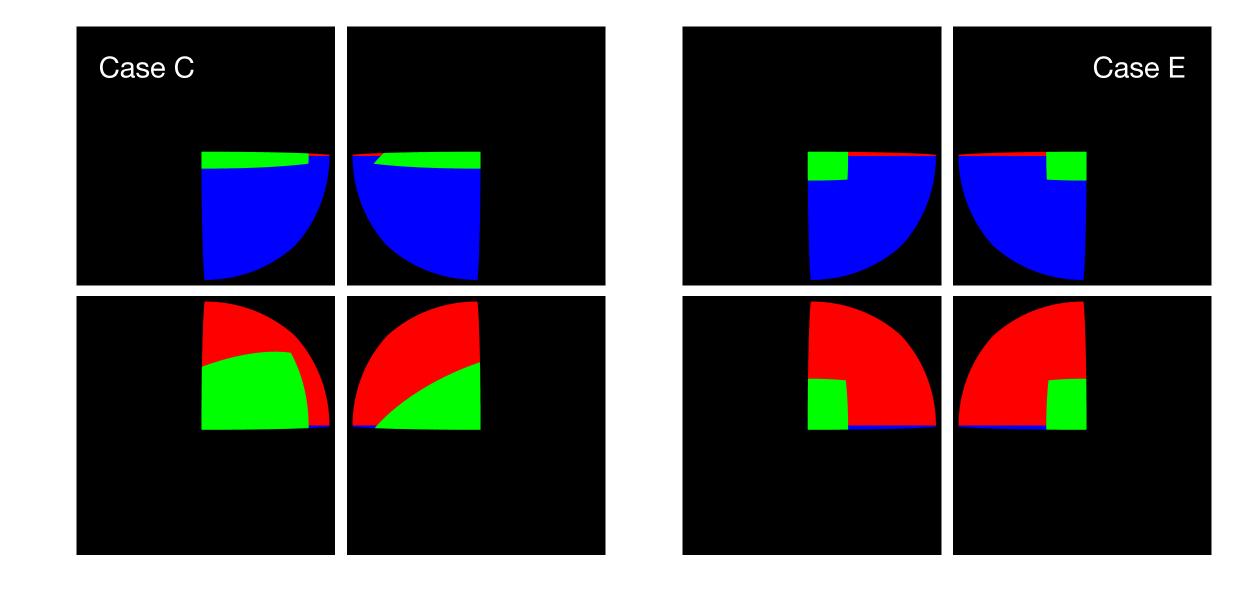


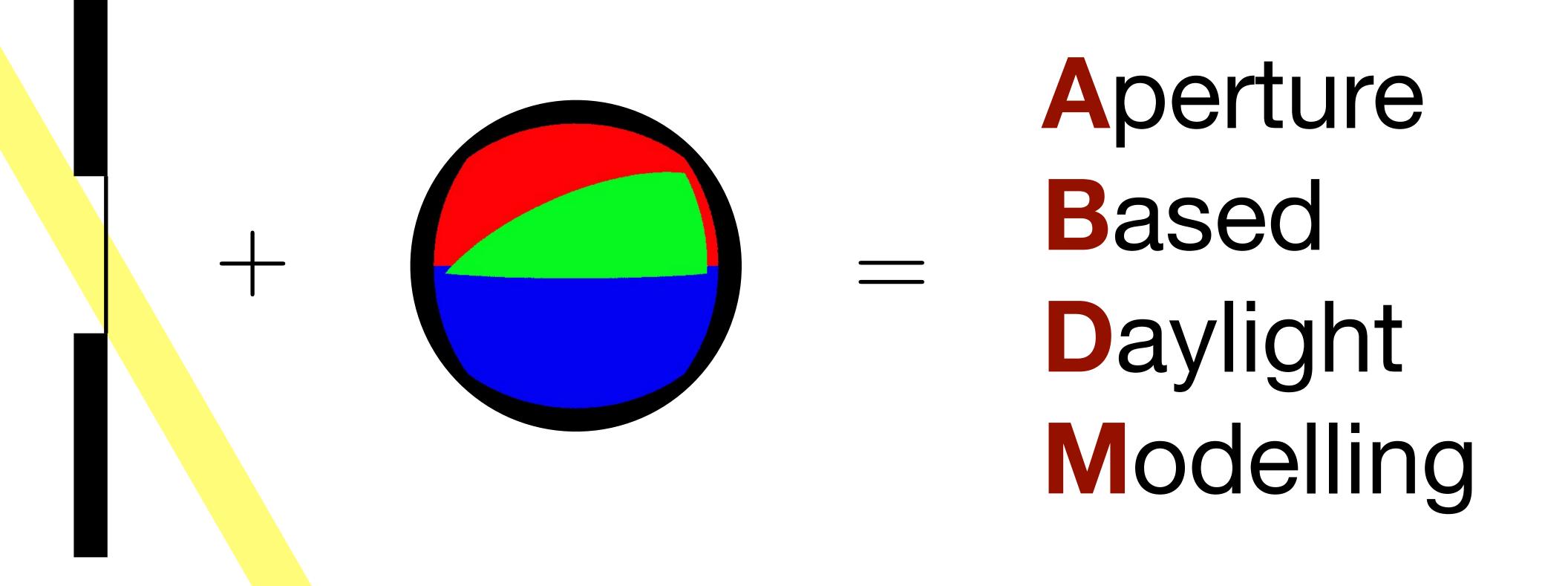


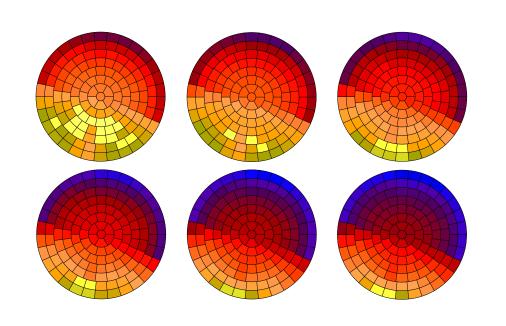
$$\phi_{lost} = 2000A - (\phi_{sky} + \phi_{obs} + \phi_{gnd})$$



| | Point | Aperture |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| A | 1000 0 1000 | 1000 R 0 G 1000 B |
| B | 774 0 774 | 580 R 0 G 580 B |
| C | 393 447 708 | 274 R 363 G 522 B |
| | 393 423 732 | 304 R 311 G 543 B |
| E | 680 136 731 | 491 R 130 G 537 B |

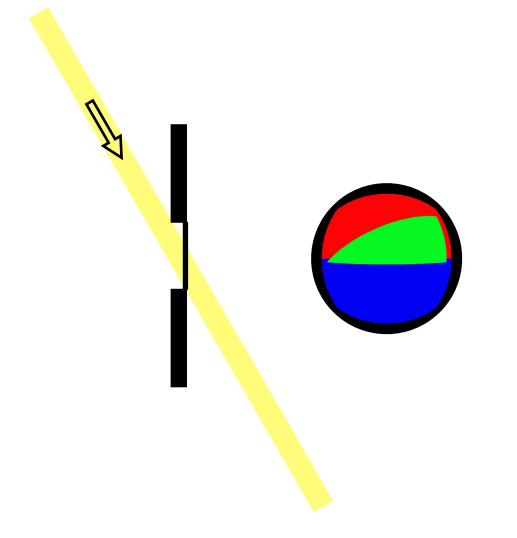






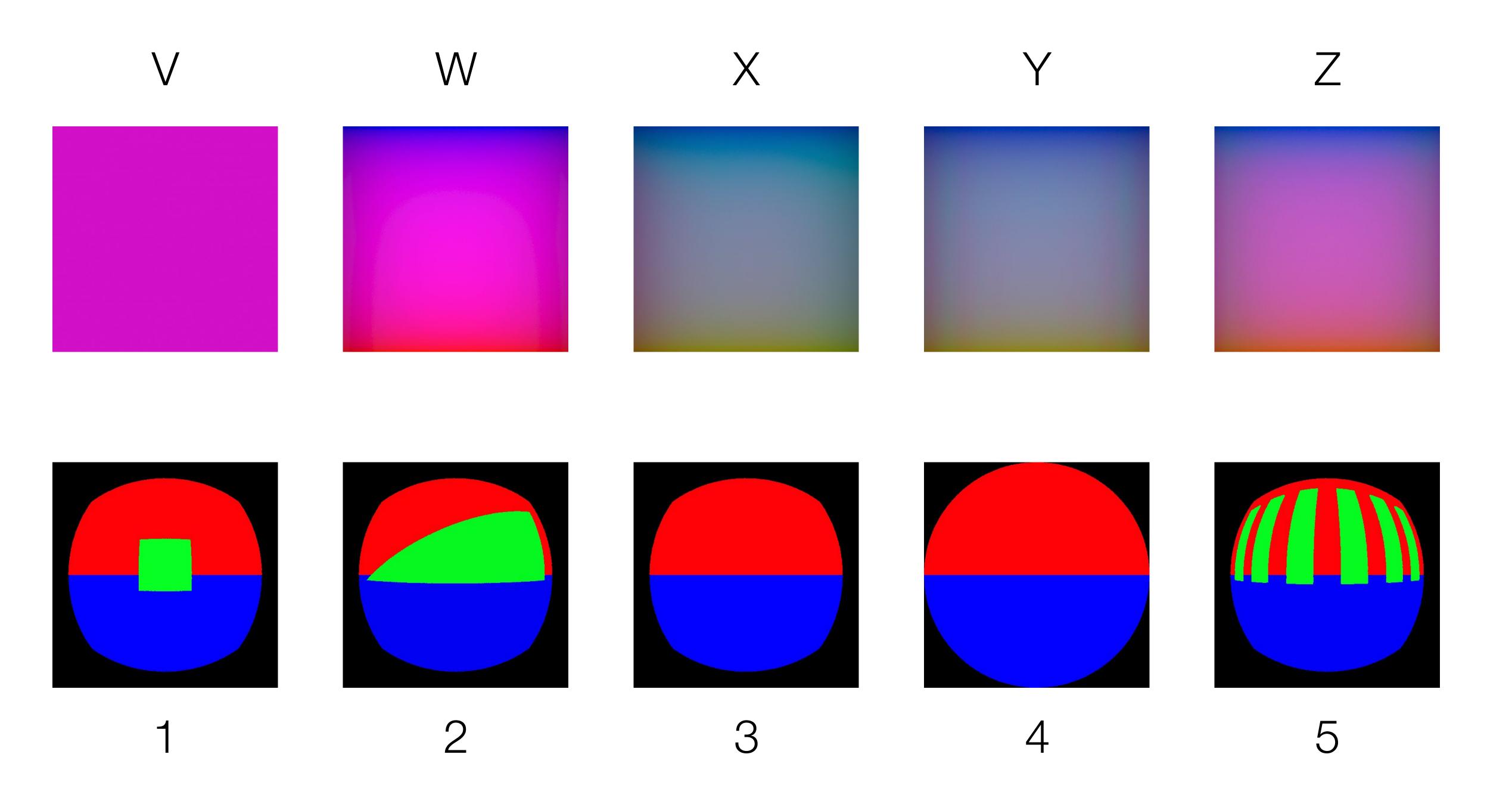
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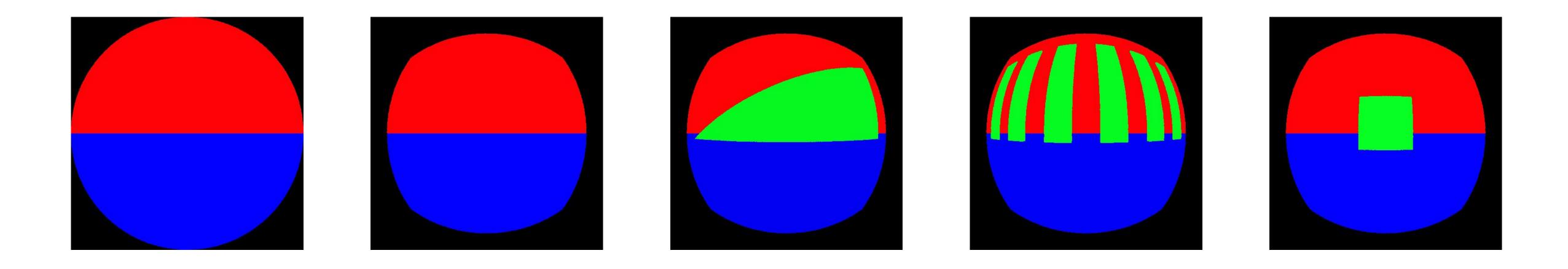


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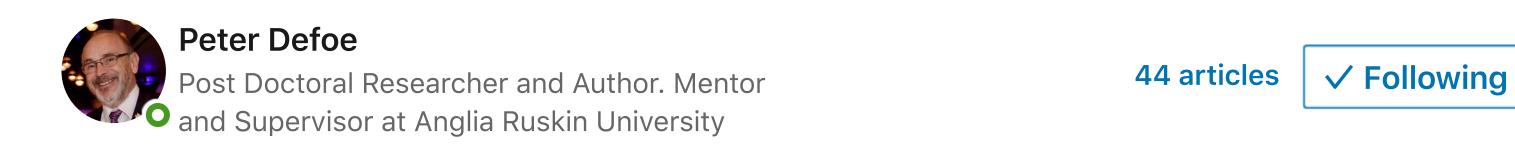
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New European Standard for Daylight of Buildings - EN 17037 (30 January 2019)



A Critical Review of BS EN 17037 2018

Published on August 1, 2019



Introduction

A new British Standard dealing with daylight in buildings has now been published and is already attracting criticism amongst daylight practitioners, software providers and others. Concerns have been raised firstly with BRE which would have to consider the application in respect of BR209 and any future updates and subsequently with the British representatives on the panel that approved the new standards. One of these was Professor John Mardaljevic of Loughborough University who is well known amongst practitioners and he was invited to identify the relevant research and to comment upon a specific issue regarding the 'reference plane' otherwise considered to be working plane.

https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/critical-review-bs-en-17037-2018-peter-defoe/



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Response to Peter Defoe A Critical Review of BS EN 17037 2018 by John Mardaljevic and Jens Christoffersen

Dr Defoe's article has been reproduced in full in the attached response to allow inline responses (in red). Both Mardaljevic and Christoffersen welcome comments critical or otherwise on both the paper and the standard. That we disagree with the majority of De Defoe's comments is perhaps not surprising. We hope our responses will help to better illuminate the debate.

John Mardaljevic and Jens Christoffersen

Response to "A Critical Review of BS EN 17037 2018" published by Dr Peter Defoe on LinkedIn 01/08/19

by John Mardaljevic and Jens Christoffersen

Link to original article by Dr Defoe:

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Climate-Based Daylight Modelling And Its Discontents

'Climate connectivity' ...





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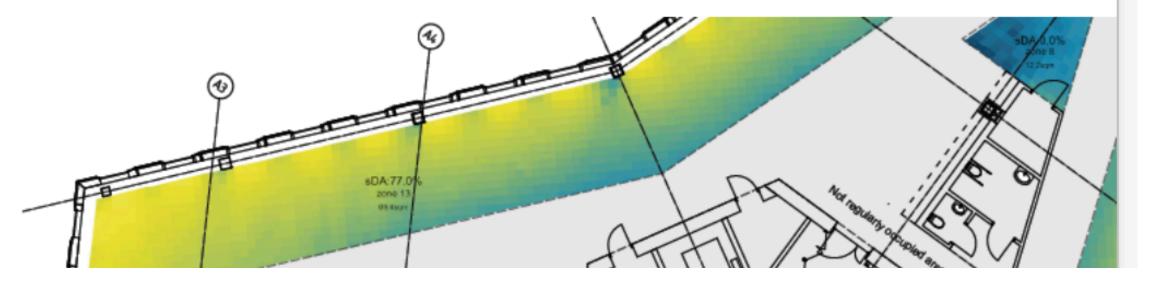
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LEED pilot credit: DAYLIGHT FOR NORDIC PROJECTS

It is well known that the LEED daylight credit is difficult to achieve and with limited daytime hours in winter and low solar angels, this is particularly true for projects in the Nordic region. For this reason, I am very proud to announce that after three years working together with Sweden Green Building Council, our American counterparts at USGBC have approved our proposal for a pilot credit for the Nordics. Amongst other things, LEED projects using this path will be able to prove compliance by exclusively using the methods of the new European Daylight Standard (CEN 17037:2018). For more information please see the following link:

https://lnkd.in/dcBxB_i #

#LEED #Daylight





Aperture-Based Daylight Modelling: Introducing the 'View Lumen'

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Abstract

This paper presents a new way to determine measures of view at the building aperture. It introduces the concept of the view lumen – this is the illumination effect received at the building aperture from a visible external entity (e.g. ground, sky, obstruction, etc.) which is made self-luminous for this purpose. The paper describes the fundamental principle behind the view lumen, and gives some preliminary illustrations of the technique to show its potential. The examples employ the British Standard framework to define categories of view. That is, three layers named upper, middle and lower comprising, respectively, sky, natural or man-made objects (e.g. buildings) and ground. The proposal is an extension of the recently introduced sunlight beam index.

Introduction

The guidelines and recommendations currently used to evaluate daylight and daylight related quantities for planning purposes are invariably simplistic in conception, having changed little since they were first devised a half-century or more ago. Techniques such as climate-based daylight modelling (CBDM) are generally preferred by practitioners to evaluate building designs (Mardaljevic (2006)). However they are currently deemed too complex for their use to be made mandatory for regulatory purposes, though there is one notable example where evaluation of school building designs using CBDM is compulsory (Mardaljevic (2015)). This paper proposes a novel framework for the evaluation of daylight and view which has all the features necessary to form the basis of a regulatory method for planning purposes. The basis of the approach is to evaluate meaningful measures of sunlight, skylight and view for individual or groups of building apertures, i.e. windows. Importantly, and unlike many of the existing approaches, the new method accounts for the window size. Although this first implementation uses Radiance, the calculation is fundamentally geometric and therefore suited for implementation as, say, a BIM plugin. The outcome is largely immune to accidental blunders or deliberate game playing providing the geometry is correct – an essential consideration for any method that could form the basis of, say, a future EU/CEN standard.

The evaluation of sunlight, skylight and view at the building aperture presents something of a paradigm shift compared to existing approaches. The sunlight beam index (SBI) was originally conceived as a means to rate a window aperture's potential to receive sunlight for solar access purposes (Mardaljevic and Roy (2016)). SBI is an area measure of the 'connectedness' of a building aperture to all of the possible occurring sun positions for that locale and for that particular aspect of the aperture including all possible obstructing surfaces – averaged across the aperture. Similarly, the aperture skylight index (ASI) is an area measure of the 'connectedness' of an aperture to the sky vault in terms of the illumination received from a uniform luminance sky dome – averaged across the aperture (Mardaljevic (2017)). This paper introduces the concept of the 'view lumen' as a measure of the aperture's 'connectedness' to the three key layers that provide the components of view: ground, foreground (e.g. buildings) and sky. In effect, the geometry that comprises each of the view layers is made luminous, and the flux of illumination from each layer (received at the aperture and averaged across it) serves as proxy measures for each of the view layers.

View 'layers'

The following is from British Standard BS 8206-2 Lighting for buildings – Code of practice for daylighting (British Standards Institute (2008)):

- "Daylighting gives to a building a unique variety and interest. An interior which looks gloomy, or which does not have a view to the outside when this could reasonably be expected, will be considered unsatisfactory by its users."
- ''Most unrestricted views have three 'layers', as follows:
- 1. upper (distant), being the sky and its boundary with the natural or man-made scene;
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But email me for a copy if you'd rather not wait:

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Thank You

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