

# Massachusetts, USA

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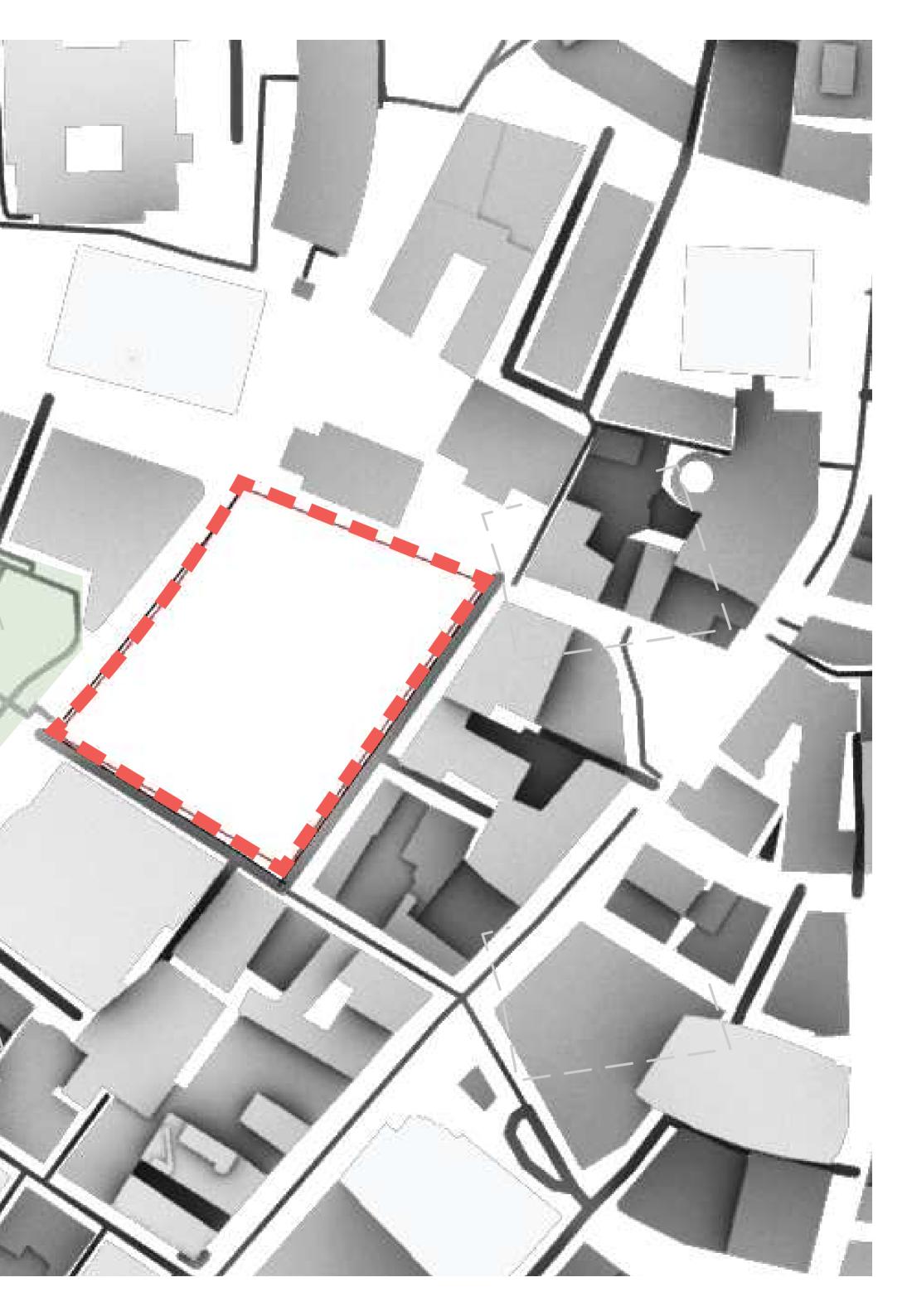
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# Site Analysis

Open to green spaces towards the south-west side
 Near the coast of boston (to the North and East

sides)

- Near the Charles River Basin (to the West)
  Surrounding building heights vary from 9m to183m



# Spring

#### ANALYSIS

- Sun path + Radiation: Relatively Higher Sun position and Radiation

Cloud Cover: Relatively higher cloud cover
Precipitation: Has the median amount of precipitation
Dry Bulb Temperature: Generally colder than the comfortable range

- Windrose: Strong winds from most directions

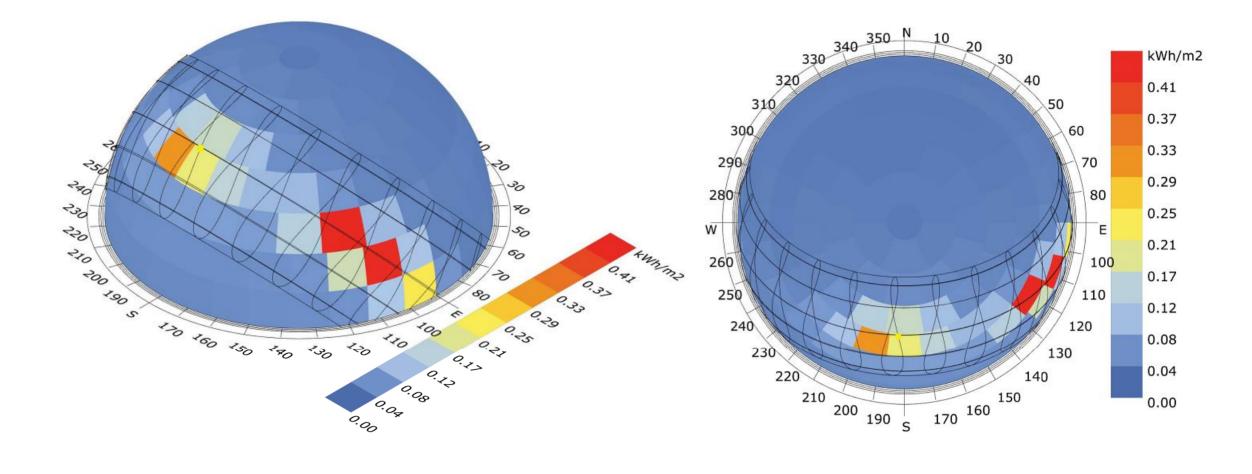
#### **OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIES**

Higher cloud cover could have affected the level of sun radiance, lower temperatures that could have been comfortable for people
Use materials that have better insulative qualities
Winds coming from most directions would further lower

temperatures

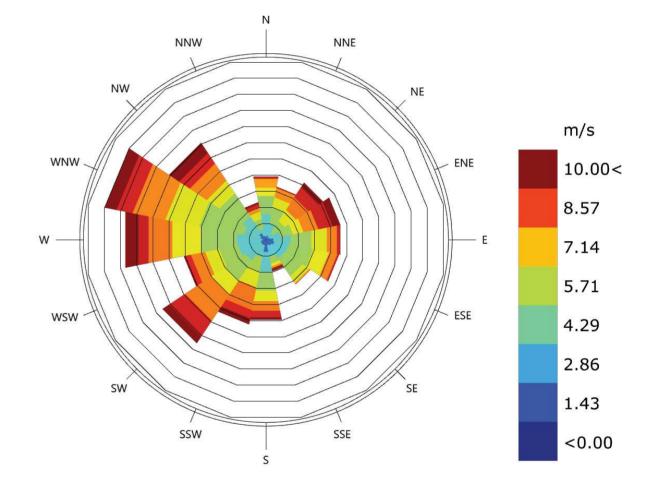
•Only have openings to allow wind flow that are relevant for other seasons and block wind flow from other directions

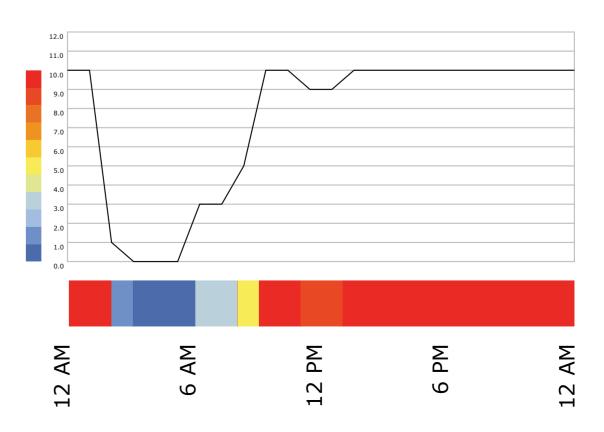
- Have angled roof openings and shades to captur higher sun

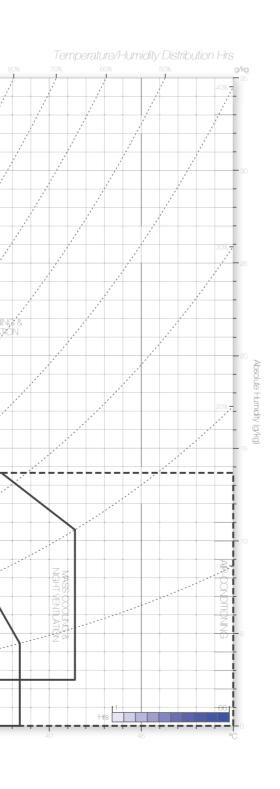


Dry Bulb Temperature (°C)

EVAPORATIVE COOLING







### Summer

#### ANALYSIS

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Sun path + Radiation: High radiation from Highest positioned Sun
Cloud Cover: Low Cloud Cover
Precipitation: Highest precipitation
Dry Bulb Temperature: Comfortable temperatures at the start and end, with temperature exceeding comfortable range during midsummer
Windrose: Cold winds from NW

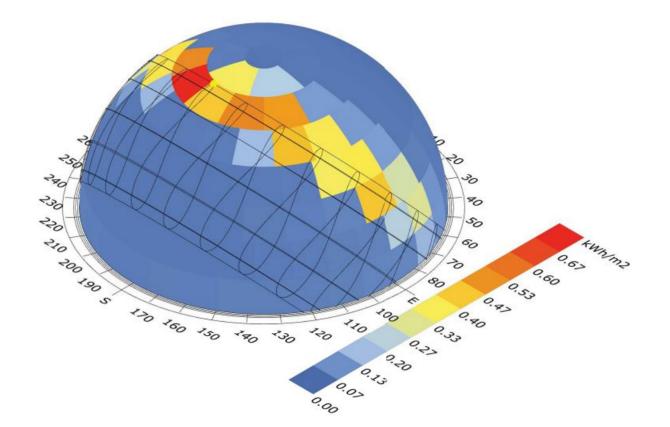
#### **OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIES**

Opening winds for natural ventilation during summers.
 Possibly movable portions of the building or flexible installations.

- Roofs with outward extension (shelter). Roofs and facades which are sloping to encourage surface runoff in summer rain and can act as shelter from the hot sun.

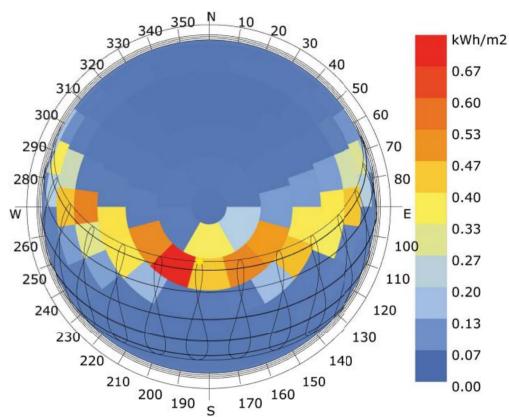
- Possibly reflective elements below roof for indirect lighting with less solar radiation.

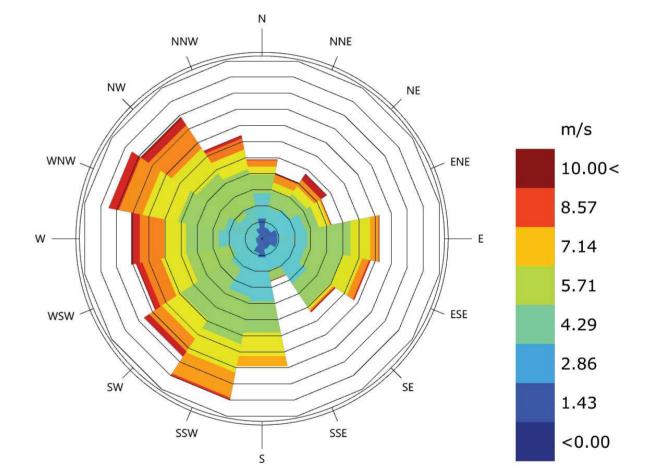
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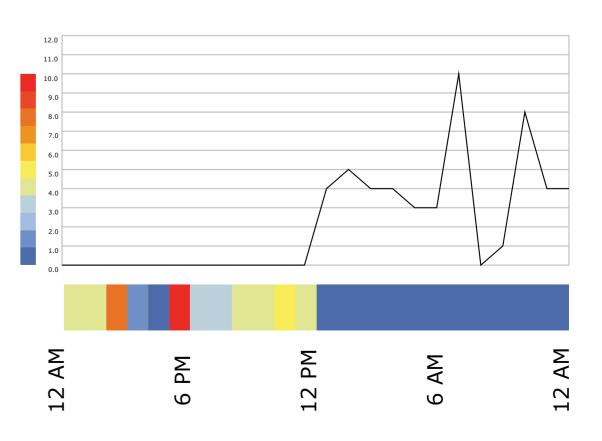


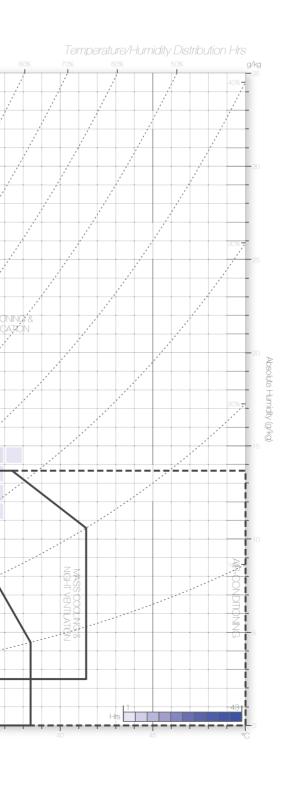
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#### Autumn

#### ANALYSIS

-Sun path + Radiation: Relatively Lower Sun position and Radiation

-Cloud Cover: Relatively lower cloud cover -Precipitation: Has relatively lower amount of precipitation at the start and increases as winter approaches -Dry Bulb Temperature: Comfortable temperature at the start and gradually becomes too cold as winter approaches

-Windrose: Moderate winds ranging from N to SW

#### **OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIES**

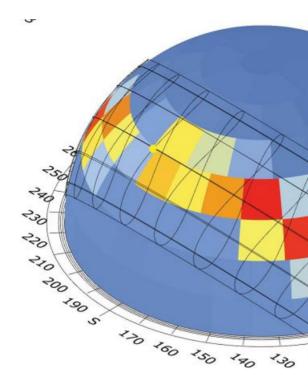
- Lower cloud cover is useful in providing more radiation for the building to capture.

Use materials that have better insulative qualities.

- Moderate Winds coming from N to SW.

•Movable portion of buildings to promote wind flow during warmer periods of Autumn and gradually block off the North wind during colder periods.

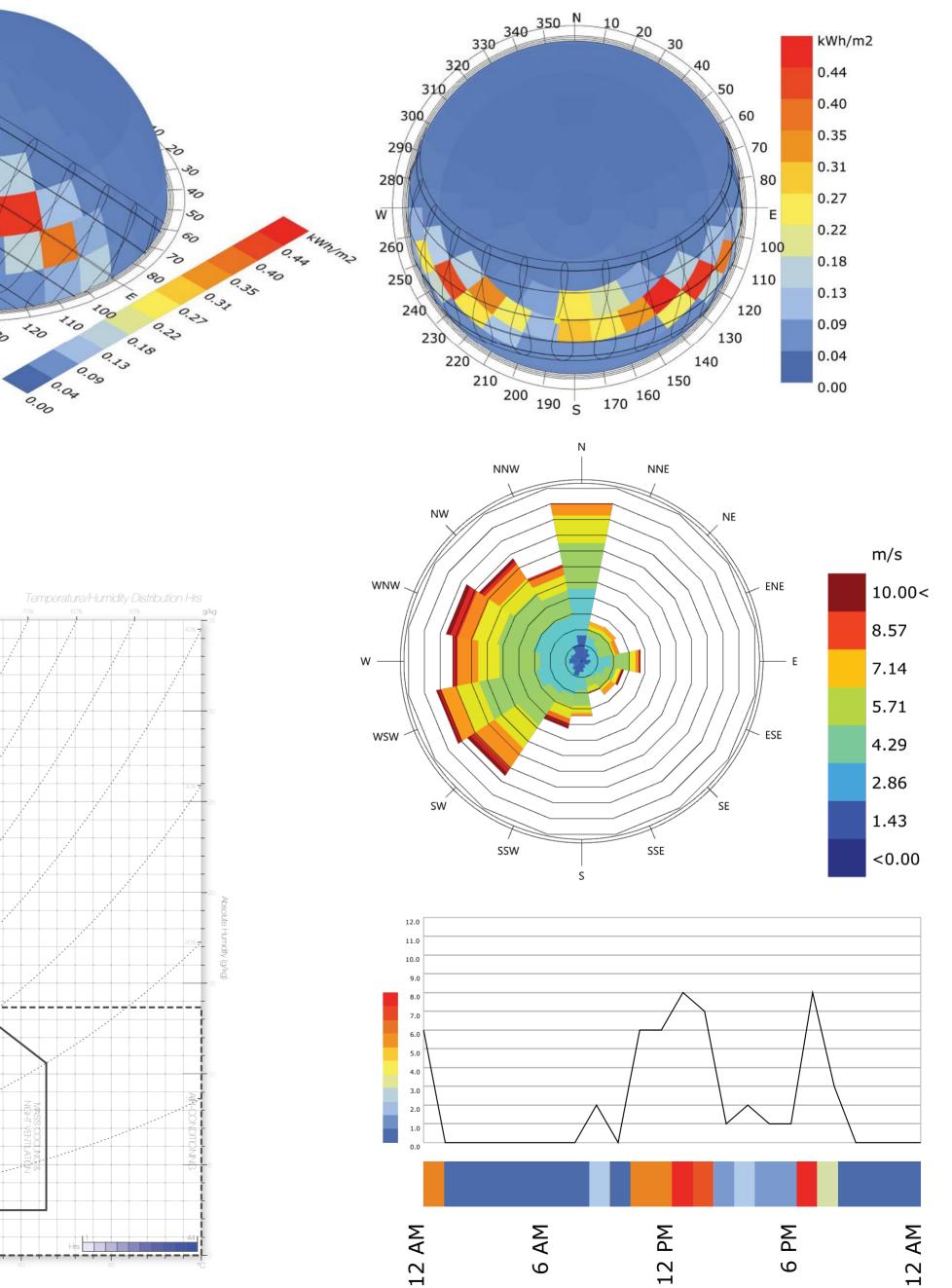
- Have openings to face the south to capture the lowering sun position to mitigate the lowering dry bulb temperature.

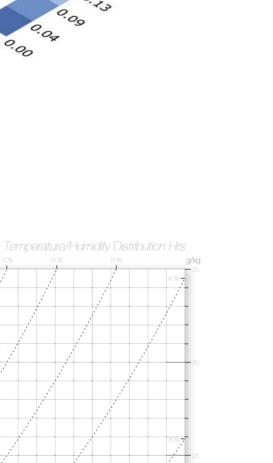




Dry Bulb Temperature (°C)

evaporative cooling





110

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### Winter

#### **ANALYSIS**

- Cloud Cover: Lowest cloud cover at some points

- Precipitation: Lowest precipitation
  Dry Bulb Temperature: below comfortable range
  Sun Path + Radiation: Low Radiation from Lowest - Windrose: Cold winds from NW

#### **OPPORTUNITIES & STRATEGIES**

- Low Cloud Cover during winter can be a good thing and allow for more direct sunlight.

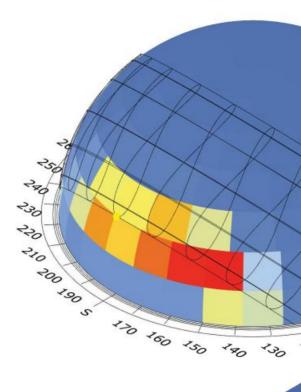
•Placing windows lower to capture low-positioned winter direct sunlight, while avoiding high-positioned summer sun.

- Orientation of windows to face winter solstice sun (South)

- Roofs and facades which are sloping to encourage surface runoff in winter snow. Sloping roof can also redirect winds from hitting the building directly. - Structural considerations to withstand weight of snow

- Buffer zone
- Material use (insulation)
- Block cold winds during winter

- Thermal massing strategies to absorb radiation in the day and release the heat at night, while simultaneously blocking winter cold winds



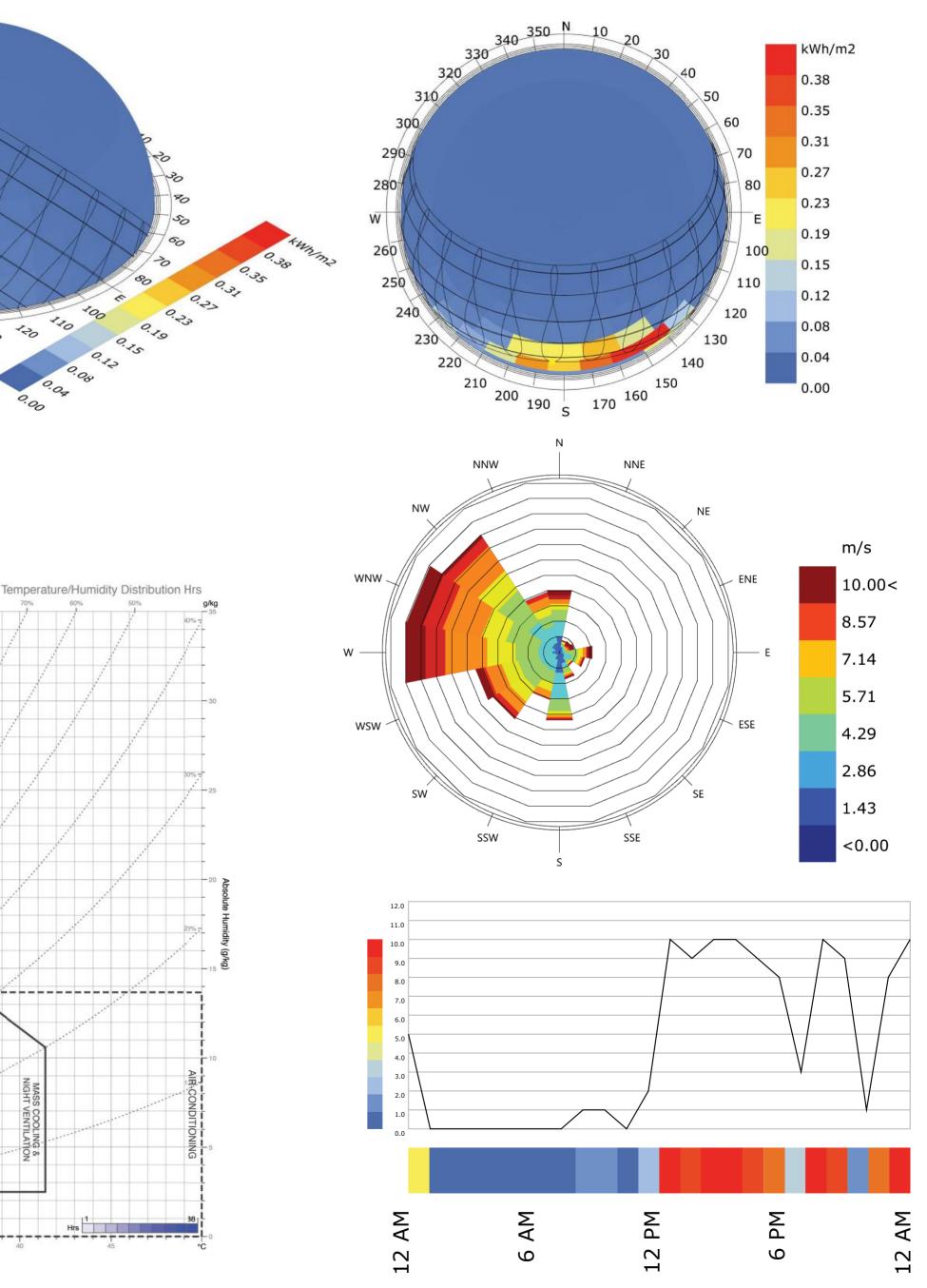
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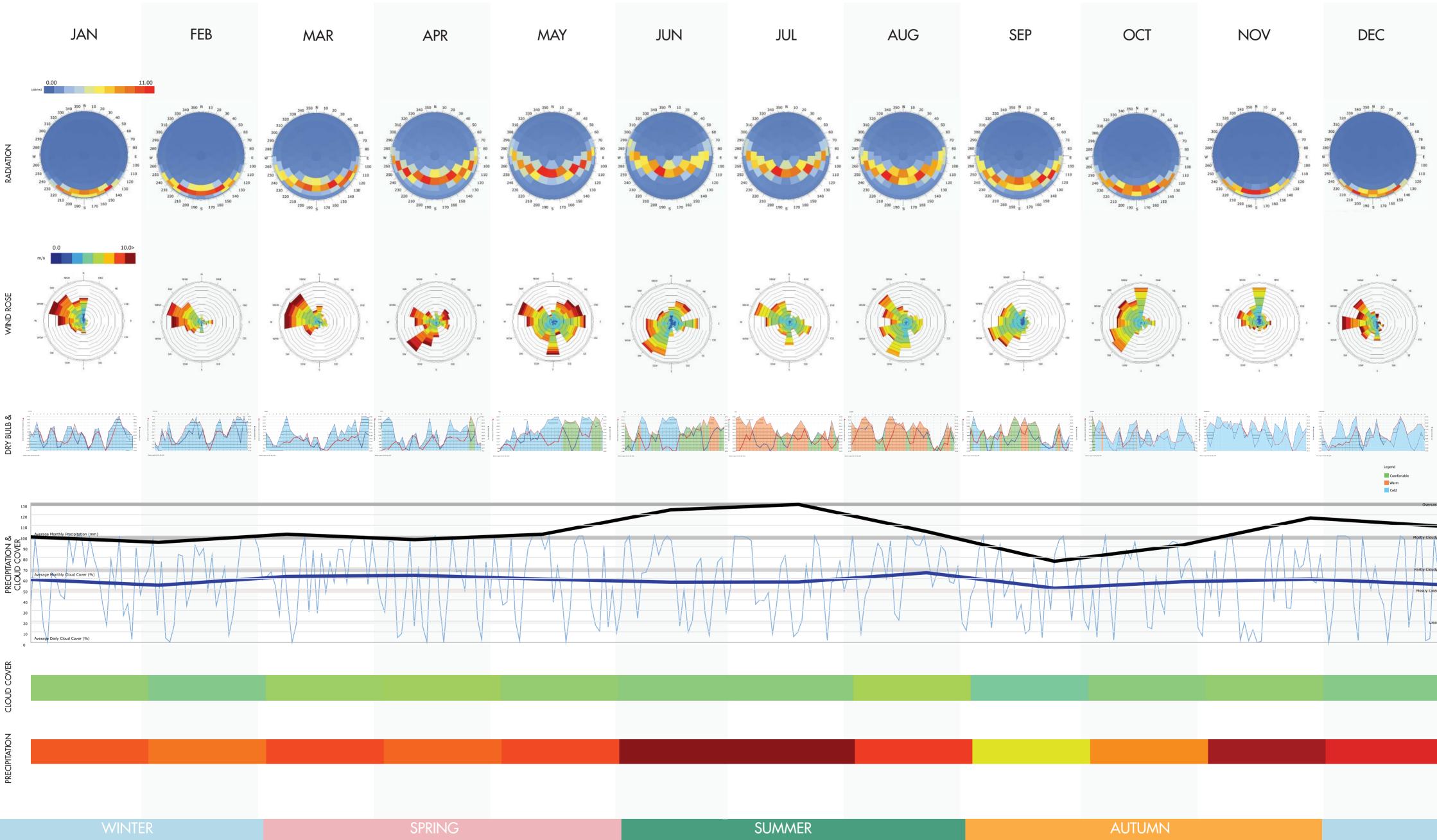
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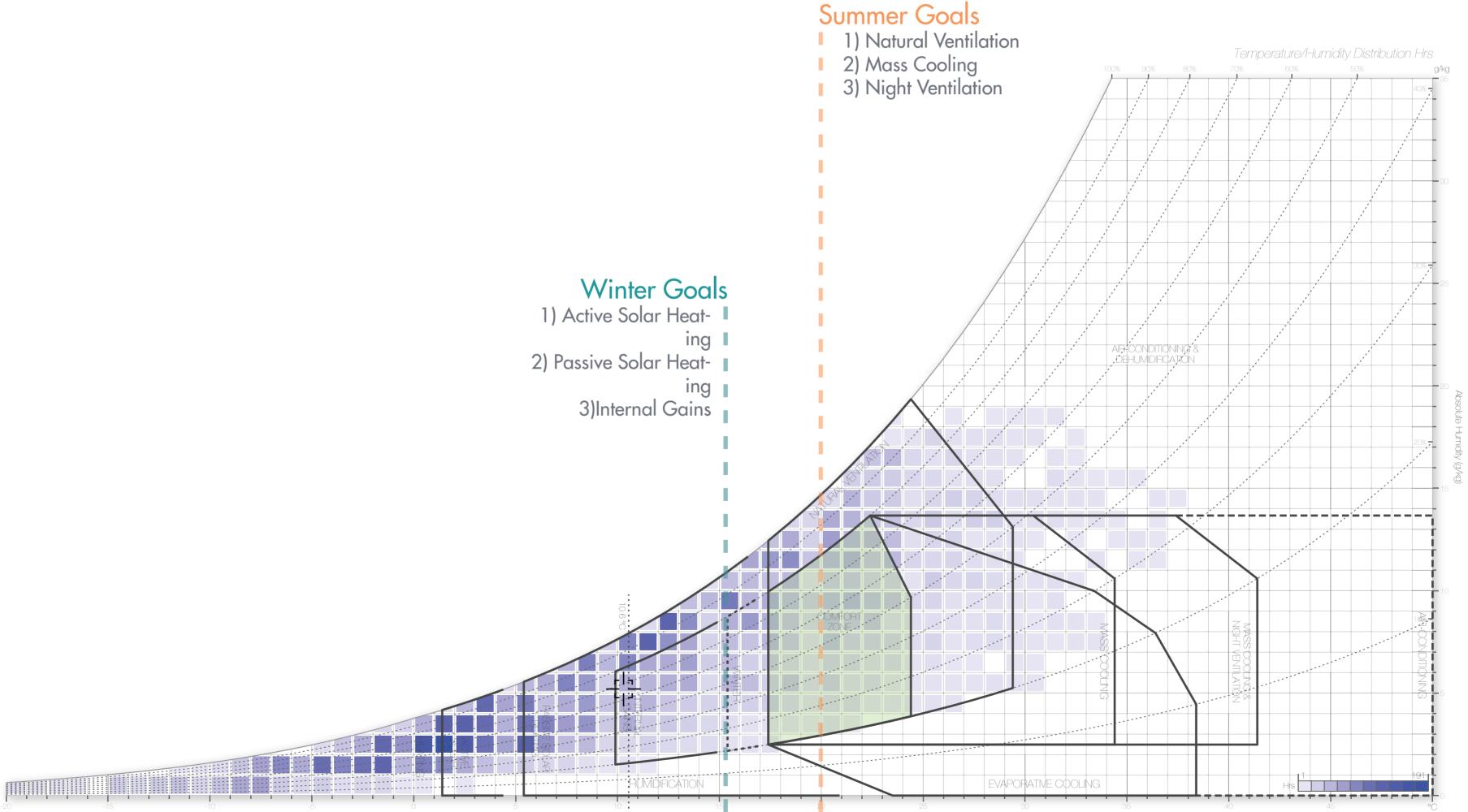


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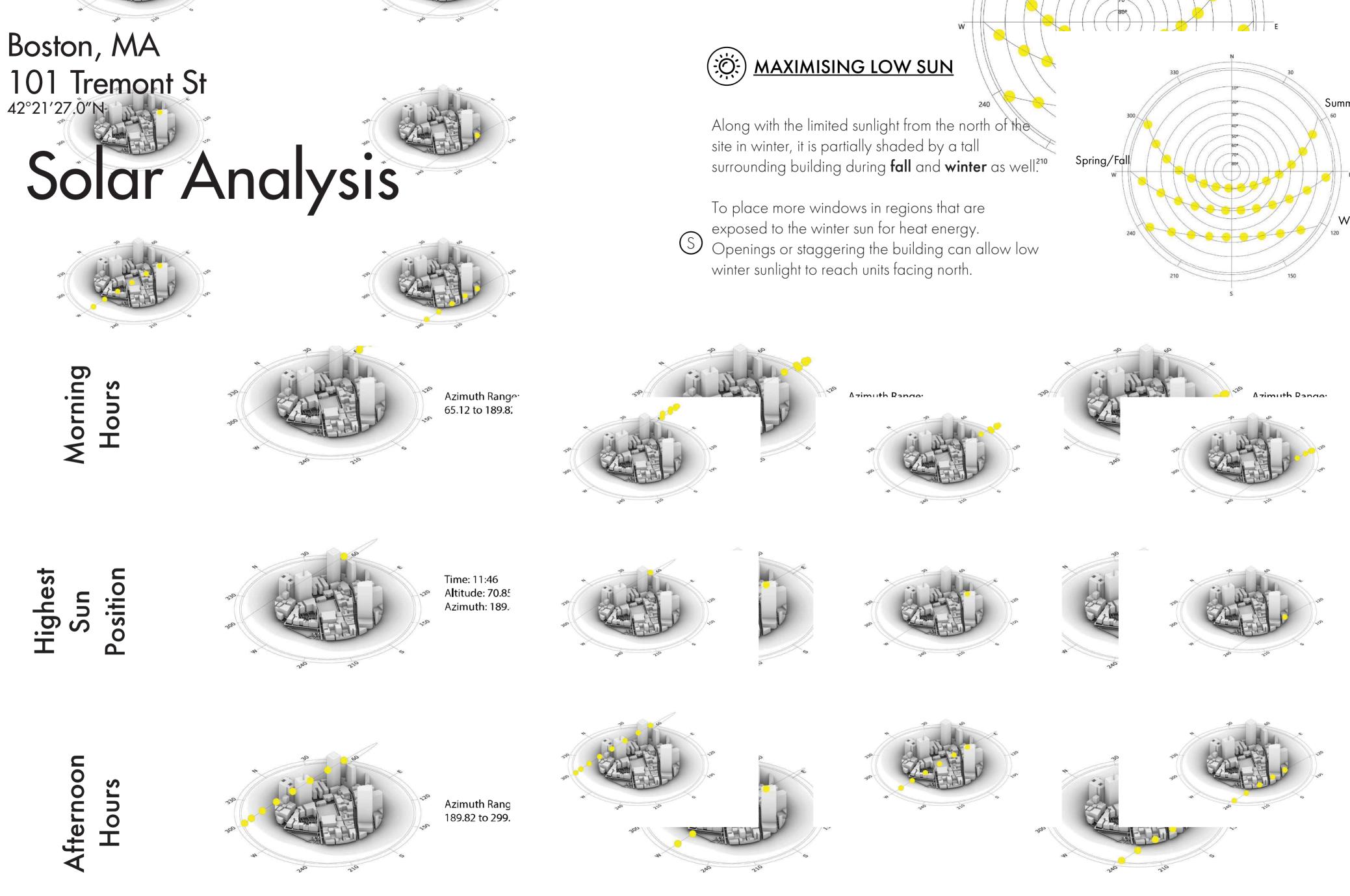
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Goals for Massings



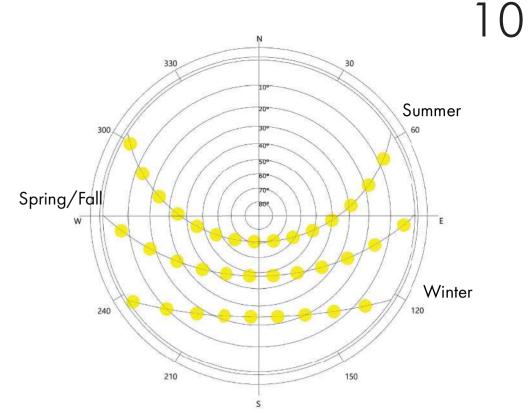
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Dry Bulb Temperature (°C)



**Summer Solstice** 

Fall Equinox

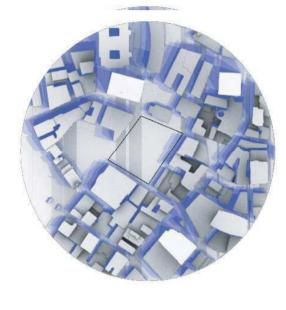


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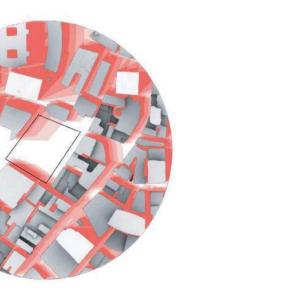
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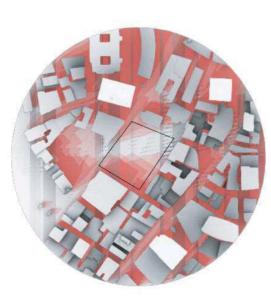
















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Summer

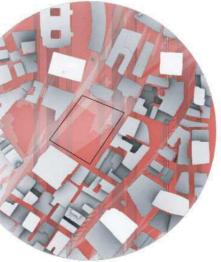


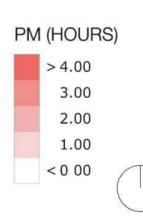
Surrounding building heights vary from 9m to 183m

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Closely packed surrounding buildings provides opportunities of shaded regions within the site during **summer** period. There is relatively well-shaded south-west region during **fall** period as well.

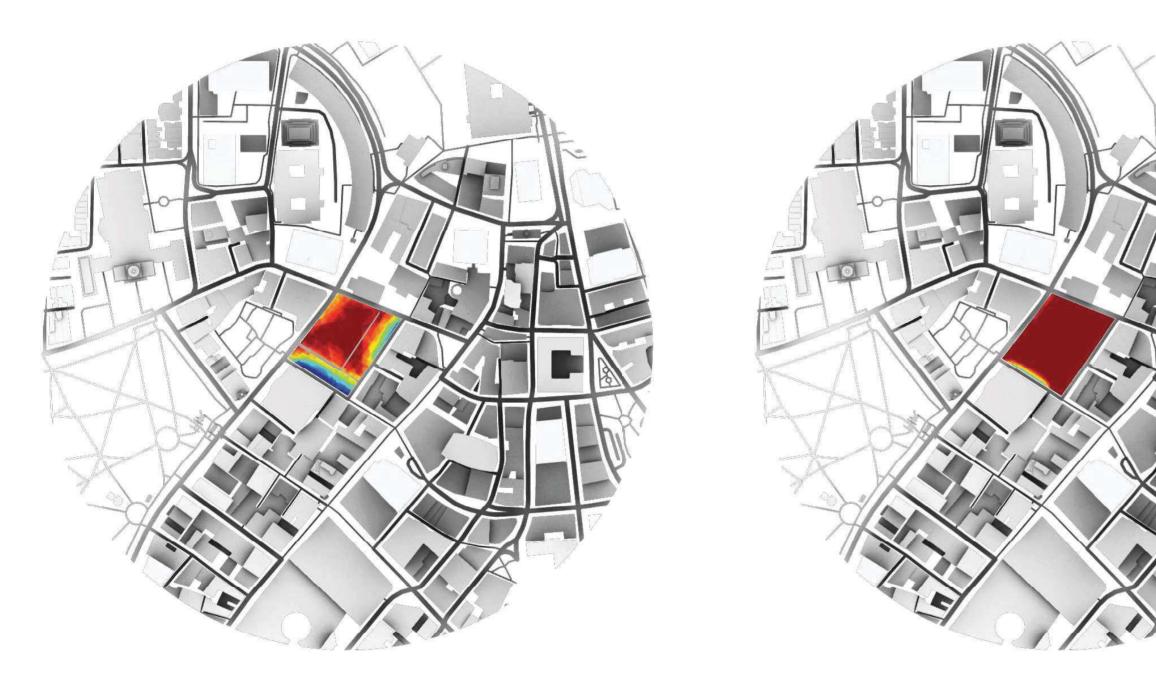




 To make use of overlapped regions of shade
 during summer and sun during winter to design and allocate public spaces

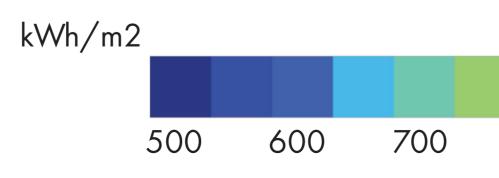
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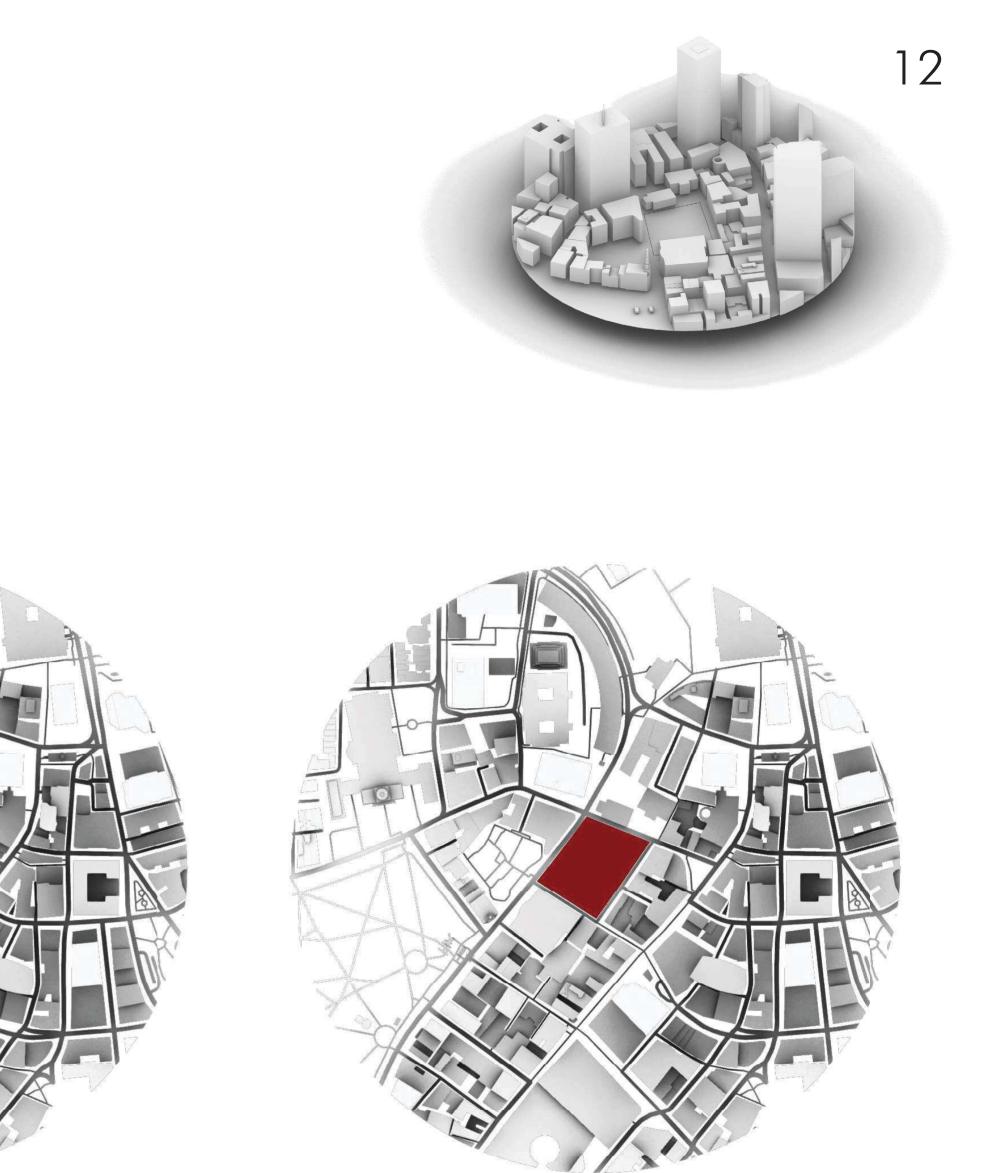
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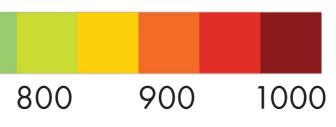
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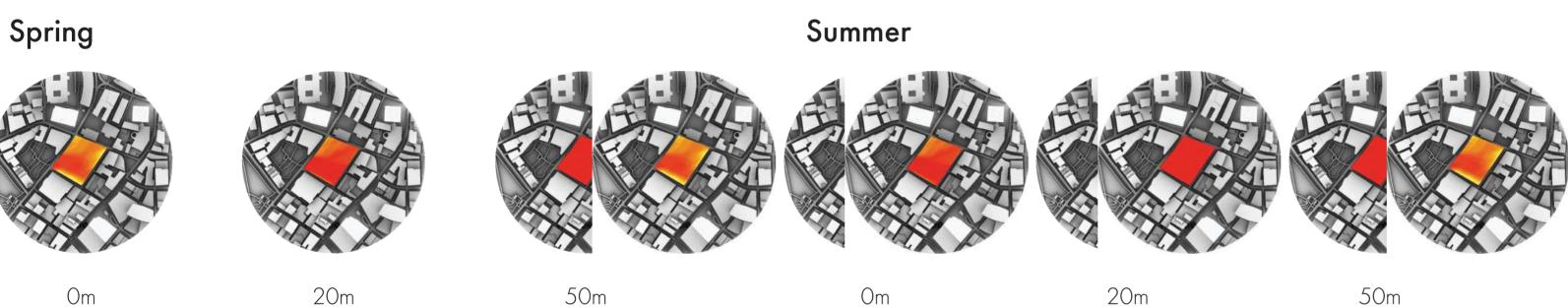




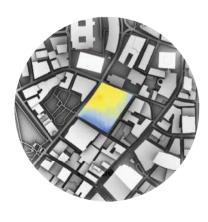
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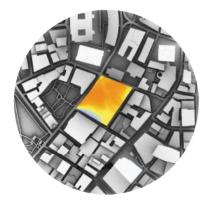
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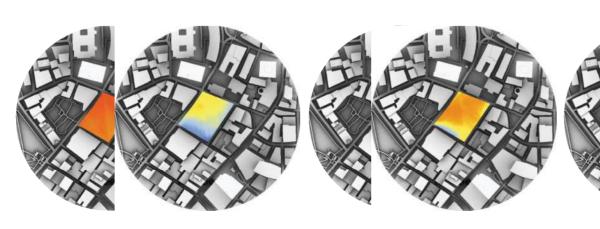
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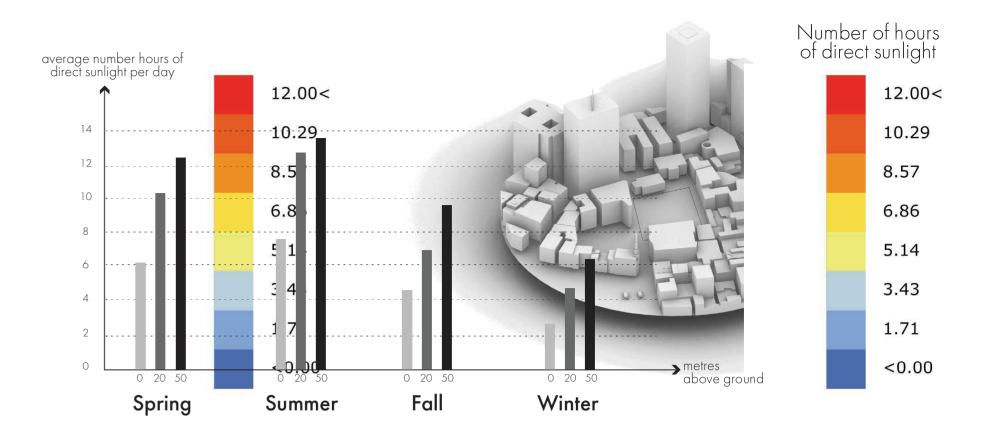


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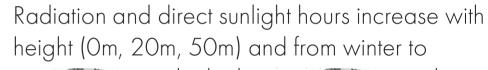
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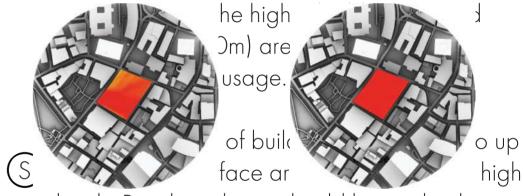
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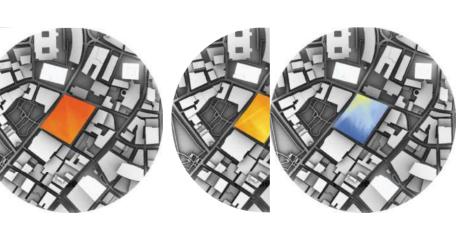






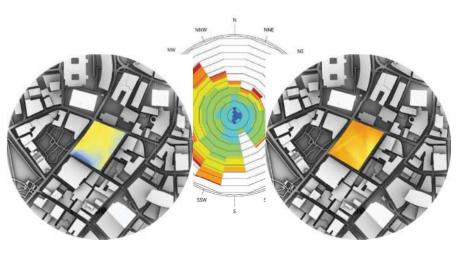
levels. Residential units should located at least 20m above to receive suffcient light and radiation during winter.

With the high radiation levels on levels 50m and (S)above for all seasons, photovoltaics can be placed on the roof



50m

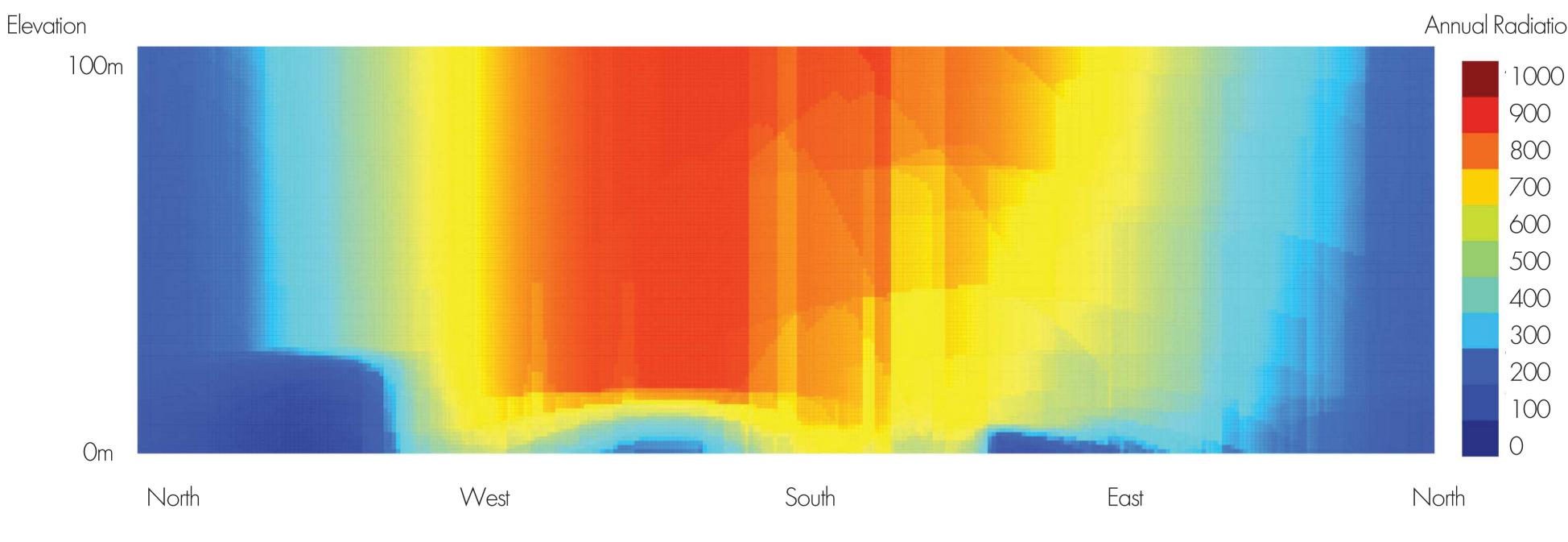
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During the summer, wind channeling techniques in the north-west-south directions can be used to further dissipate heat gained by the building on higher levels by natural ventilation.

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# Facade Orientation Radiation Analysis



## ALLOCATION OF CORES AND COMMON AREAS

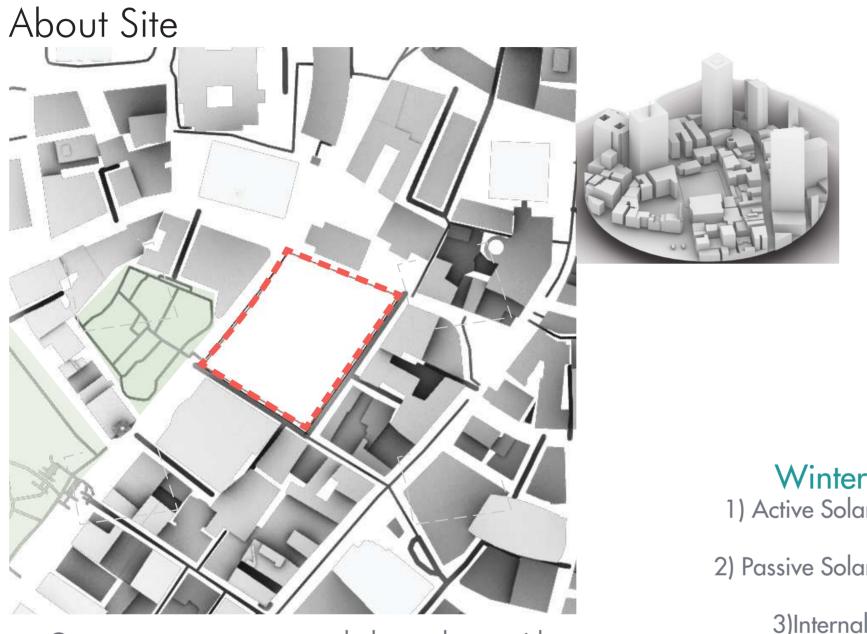
Avoiding South-West-facing units due to high radiation across 7m elevation and above

S Potential allocation of lift core and common spaces in this direction through the levels. If unable to fit sufficient units in the higher floors due to this, overhanging facade can be considered for extra shading.



#### Annual Radiation (kWh/m2)

### Goals for Massings



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#### Winter Goals

1) Active Solar Heating | 2) Passive Solar Heating

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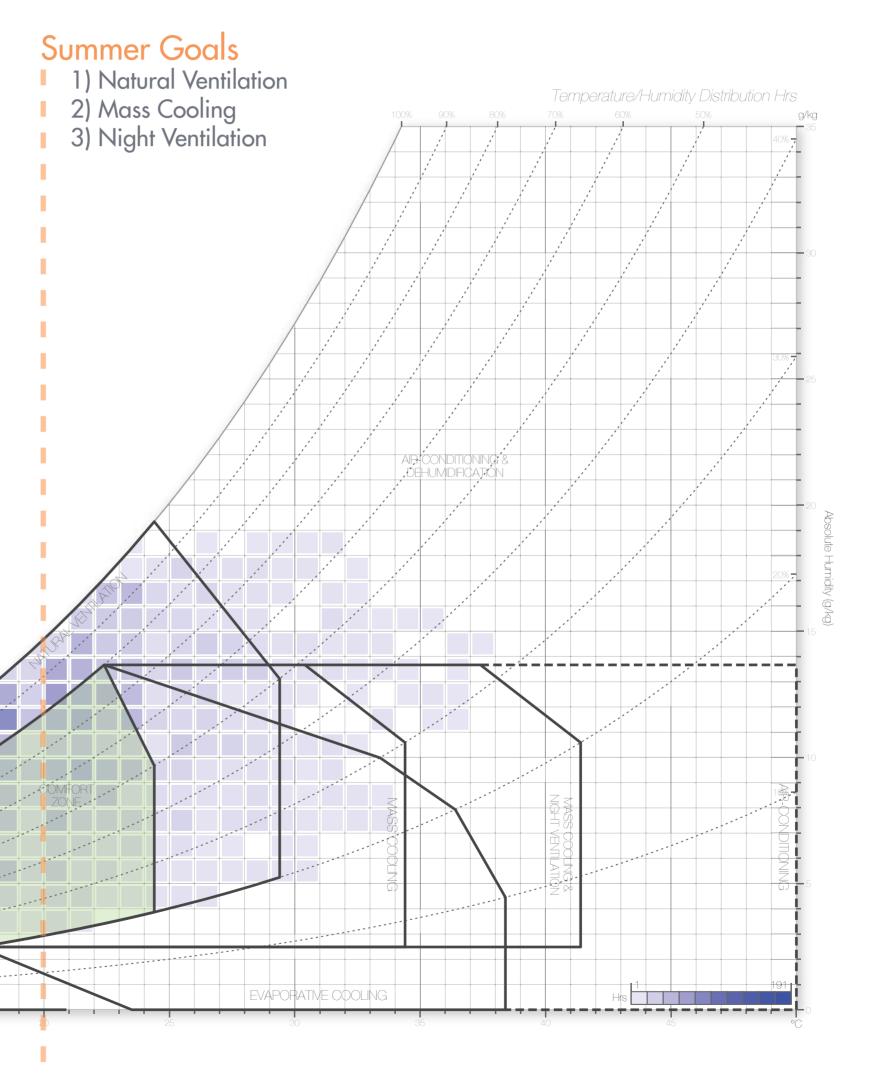
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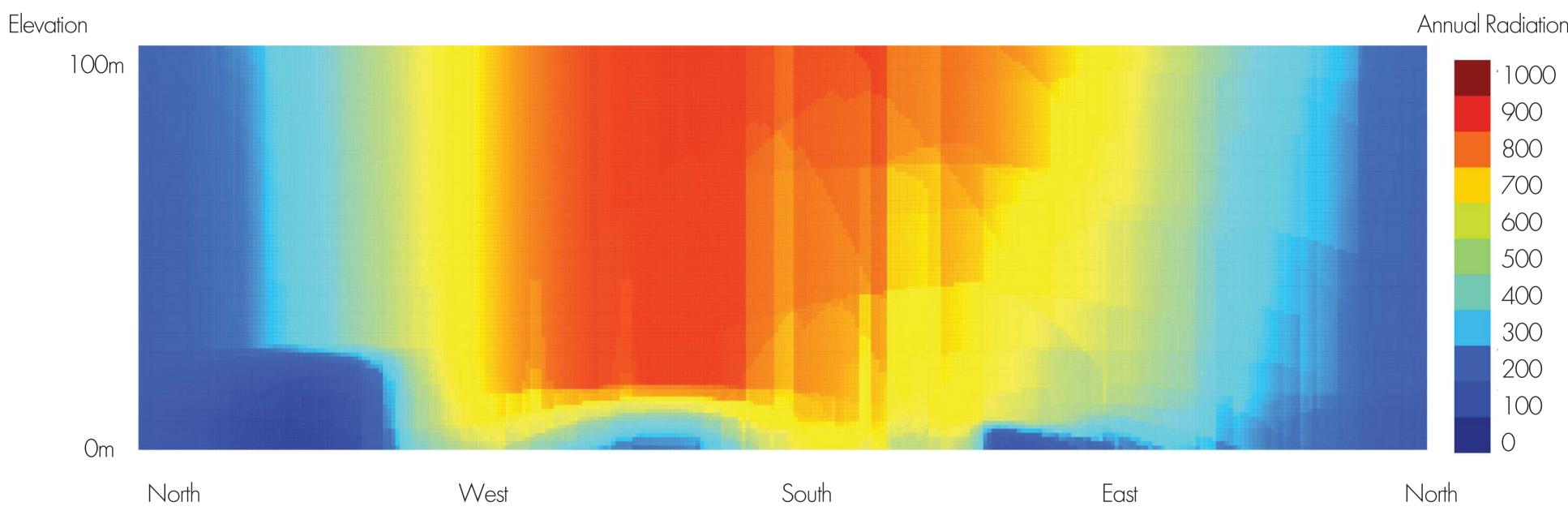
Dry Bulb Temperature (°C)

3)Internal Gains



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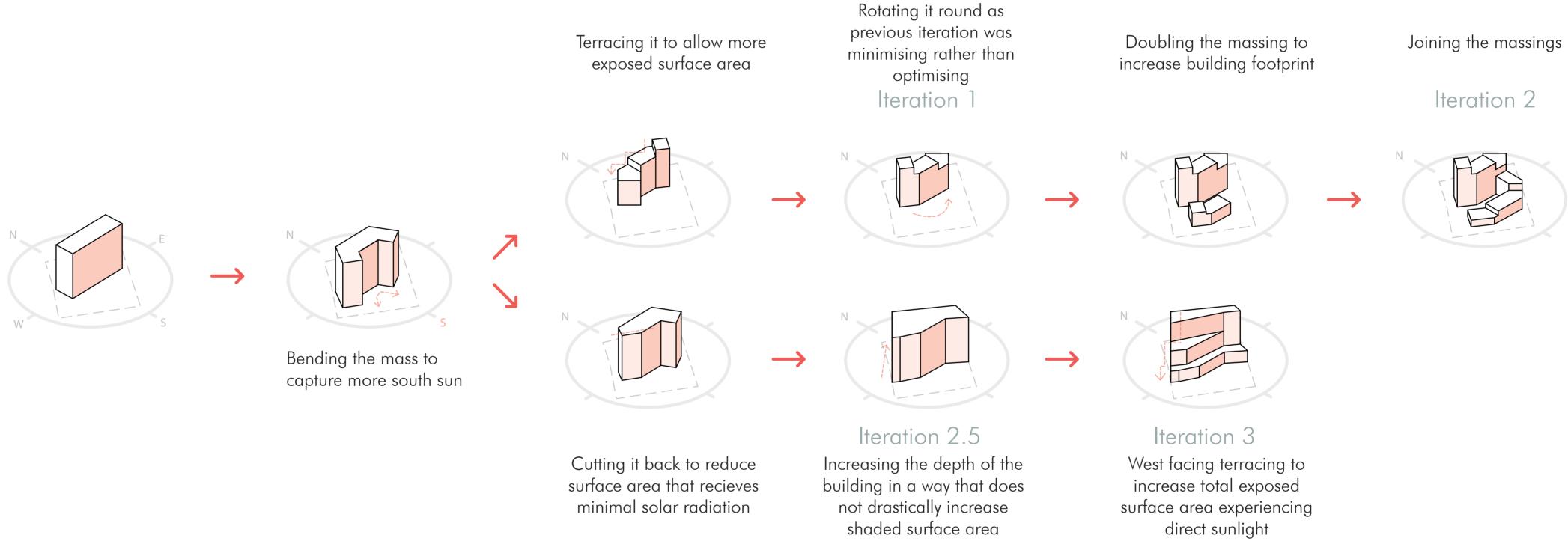
Radiation Analysis (Precedent Analysis)





Annual Radiation (kWh/ m2)

#### Massing Strategy



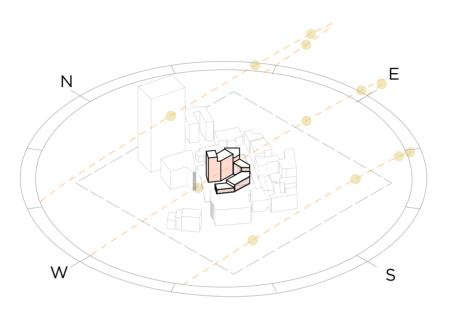


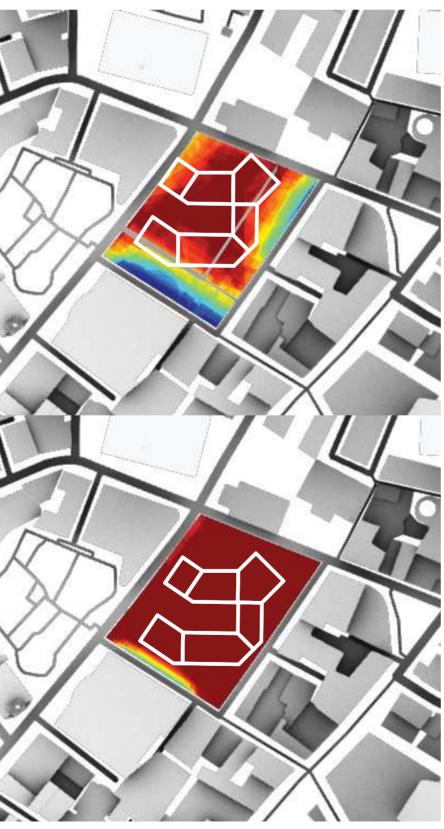
#### Iterations

Based on the previous site analysis, with a low lying winter sun, most of the building's surfaces should be south facing to optimise solar gains in a temperate country.



Duplicating the previous massing to increase building footprint while trying to maitain the same ratio of surfaces recieving high solar radiation. Terracing them to ensure the masses are not self shading.

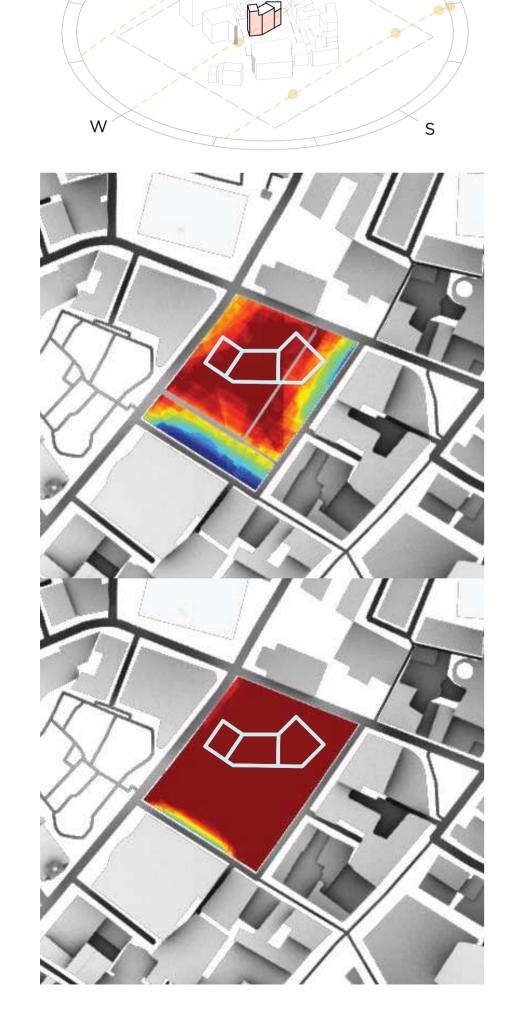






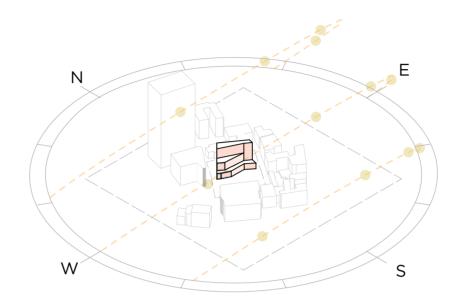


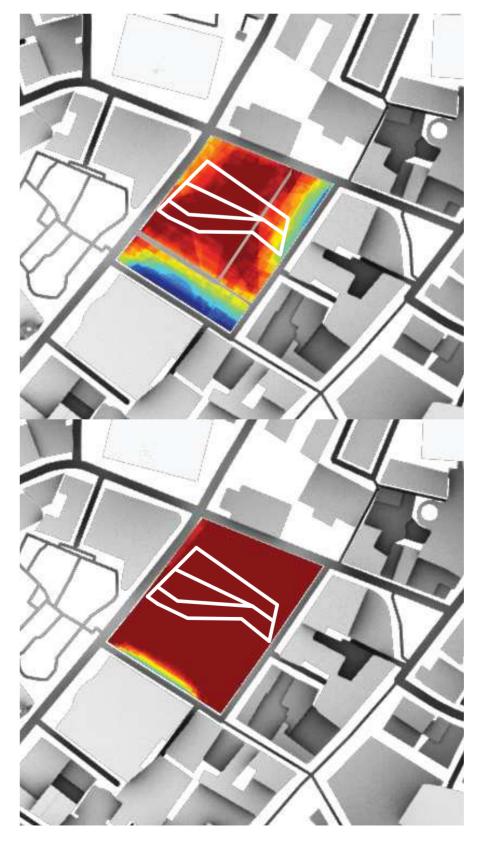
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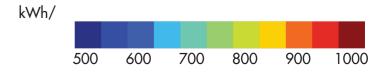
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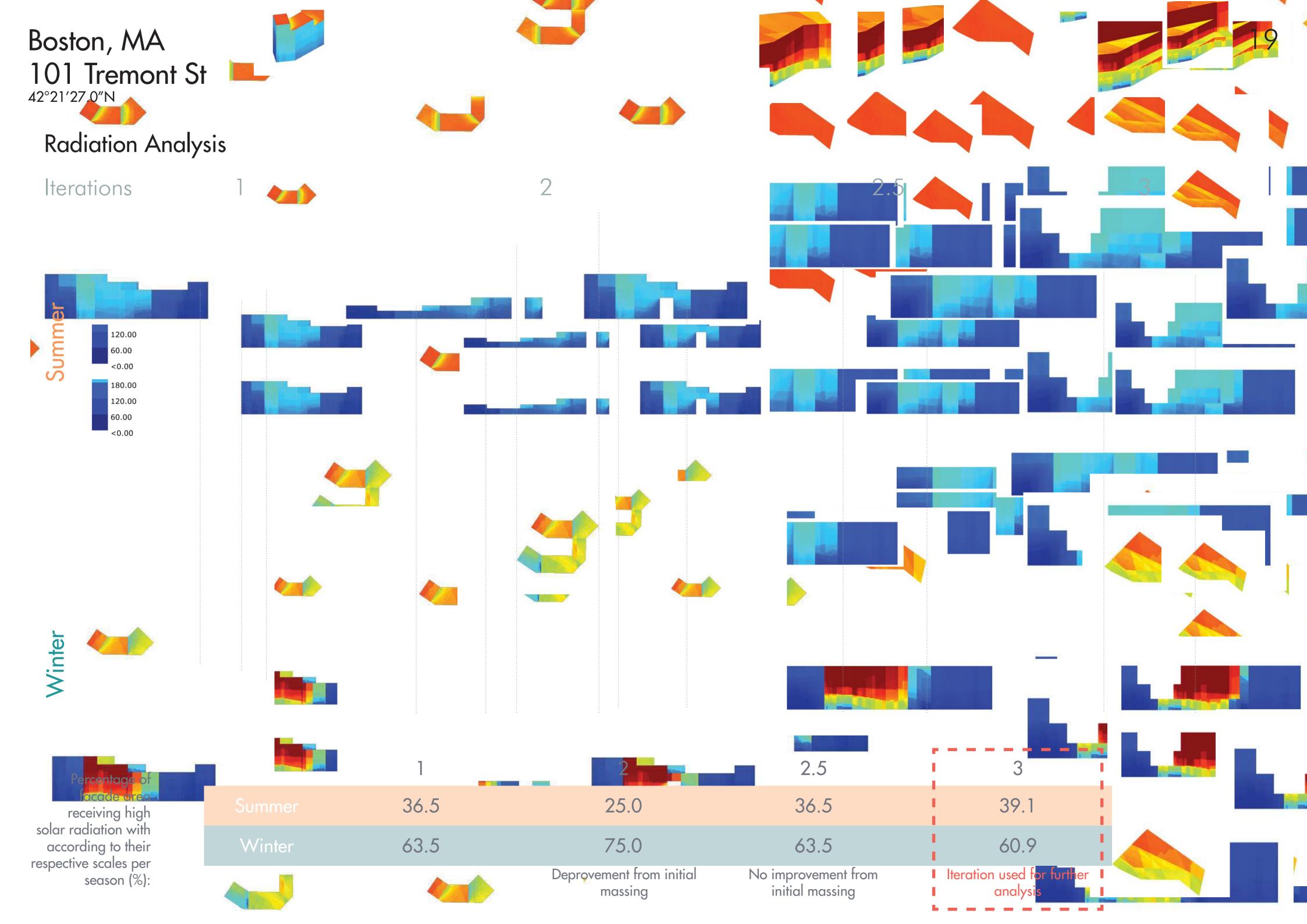
Terracing a large mass as this operation seemed to optimize the solar radiation gains of the building. Exposing a larger amount of south facing surfaces.



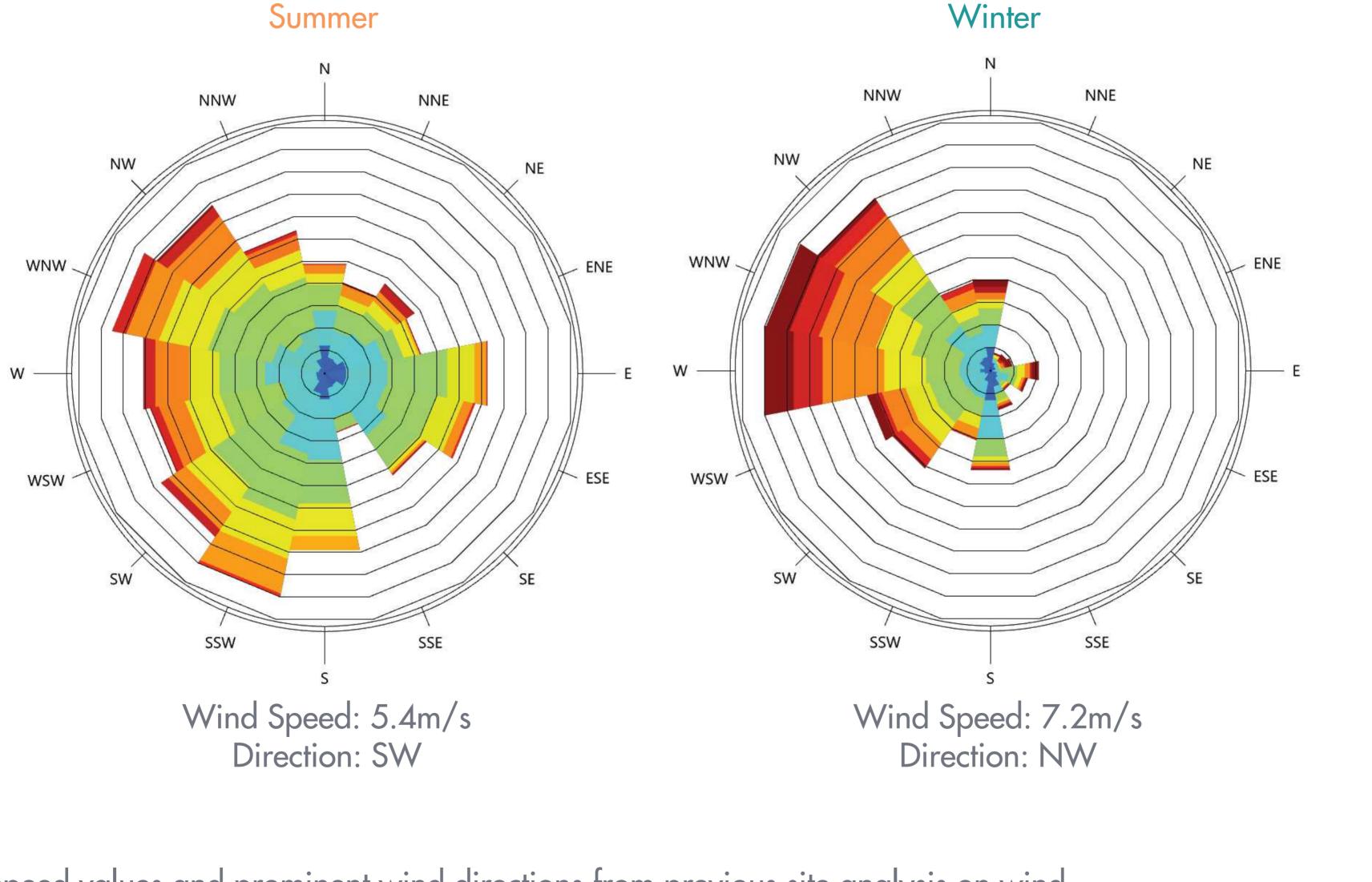


Identifying the areas that receives the largest amounts of solar radiation and aligning our massing to maximize those areas.





# Wind Analysis



Taking wind speed values and prominent wind directions from previous site analysis on wind.



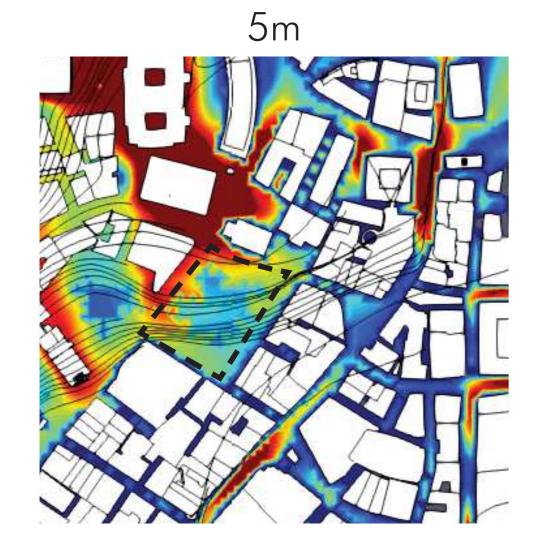
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# Wind Speed Simulation - SITE ONLY

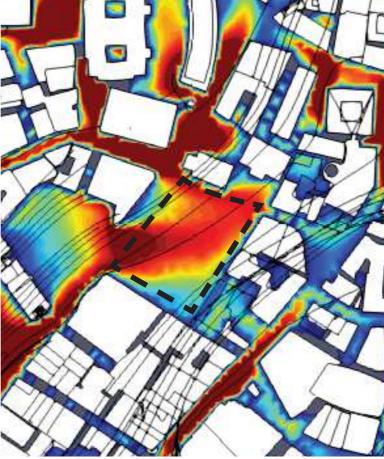
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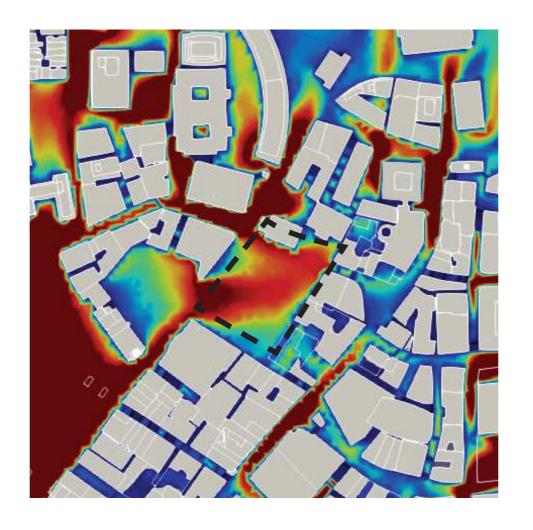
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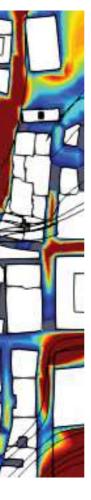
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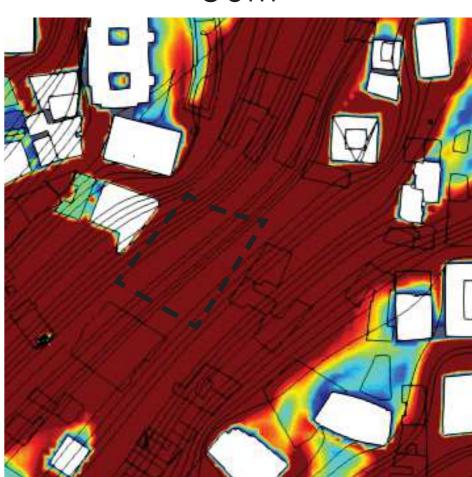


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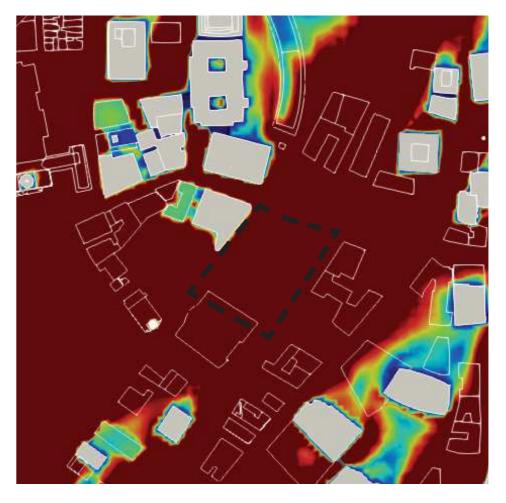






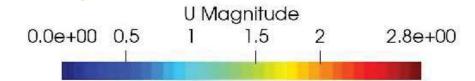


Open site allows wind to pass through the site easily, hence its lower wind speeds on the ground level
Naturally, higher wind speeds are obtained at a higher level as the surrounding buildings are mostly short with a few exceptions.



Generally low winds
speeds on the site.
Even at higher elevations
wind speeds remain low

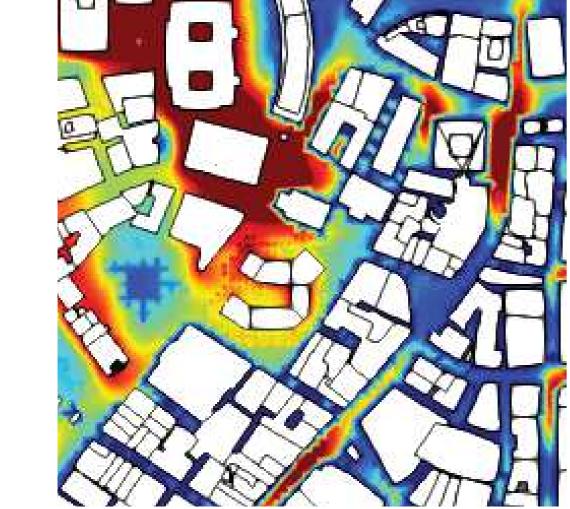
wind speeds remain low as taller building around the site help to shield the site from in coming northwest winds.

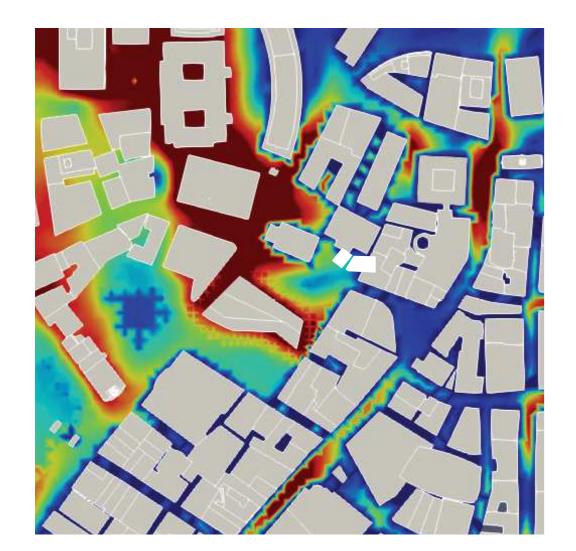


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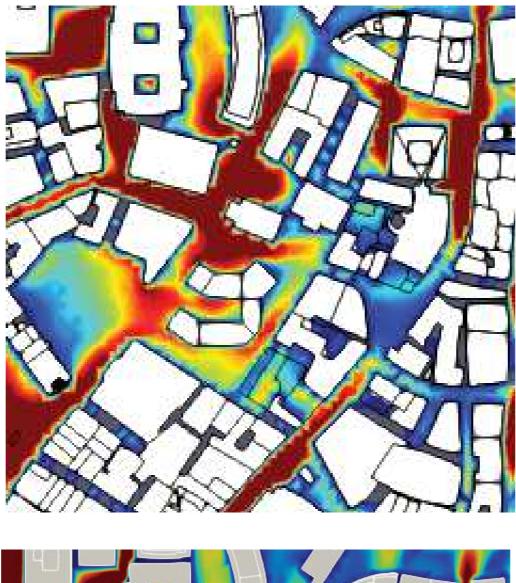
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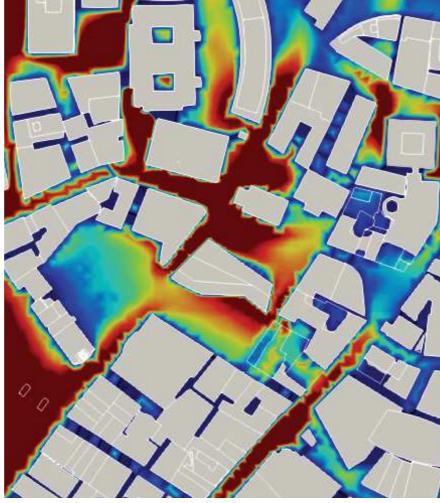
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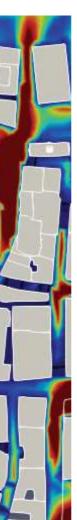




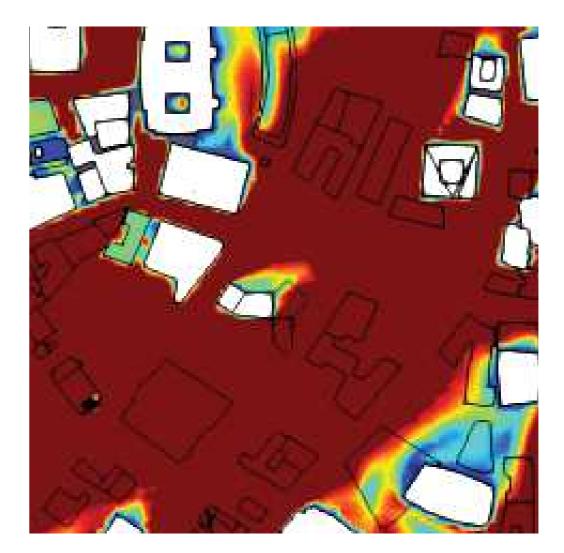
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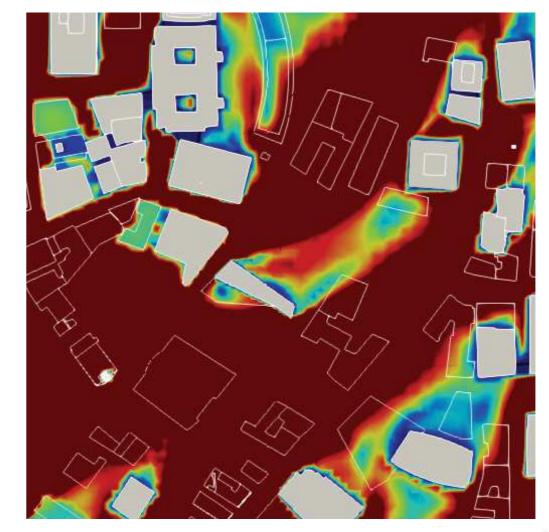
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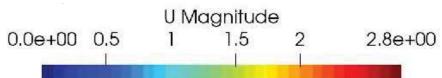
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Compared to the open site, public spaces within our massing achieved higher wind speeds which is desirable for summer.
20m above, high wind speeds are achieved but less prevalent than before.



Overall, high wind speeds all around the building at the multiple levels which indicates good ventilation in the area. Good vetilation is required in summer to offset the excessive solar gains of the building
Even at ground level, the area of high speed winds are more prevalent than the previous massing.

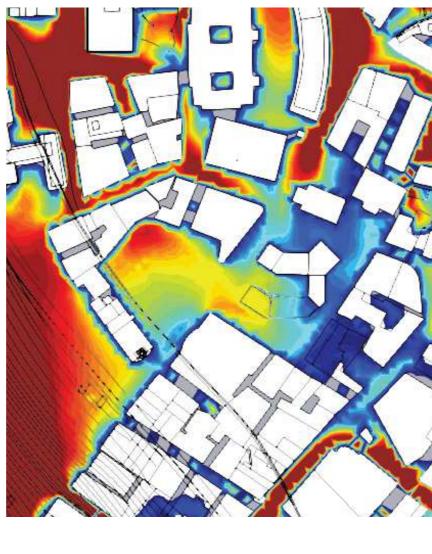


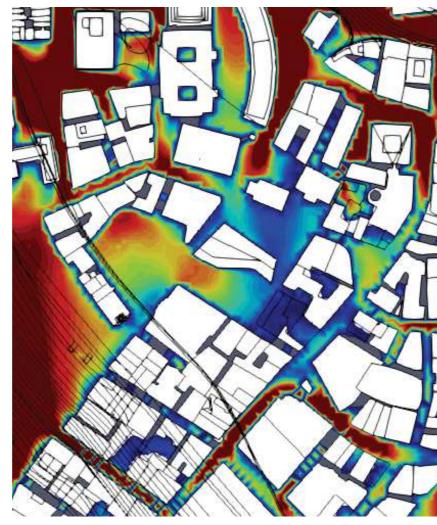
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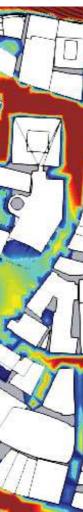
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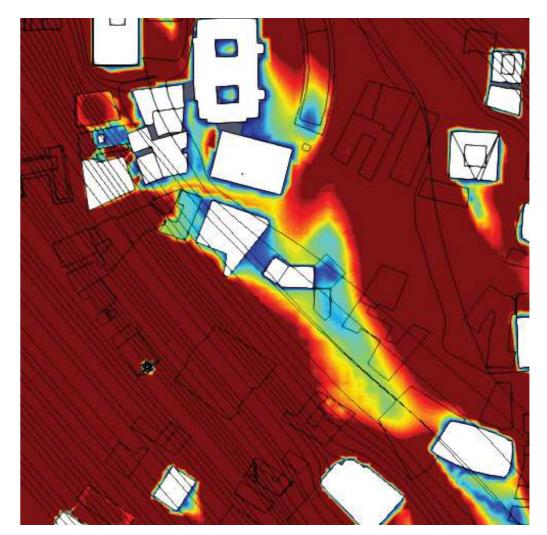
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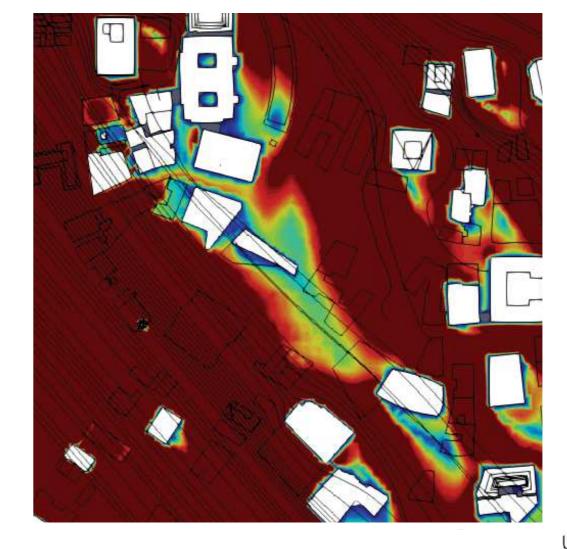




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Overall low wind speeds, especially in the public space framed by the massing. This is ideal as the massing shields users from winter winds.
At higher levels, the massing still sits within the areas of lower wind speeds.



The massing sits in areas with low wind speeds.
With the exception of 20m elevation, the southwest side shows an area with medium to high wind speed. However, the direction of the wind (from north-west to south-east) does not pass through the building. Hence, building users will not be so affected by the winds.

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# Wind Pressure Simulation - SITE ONLY

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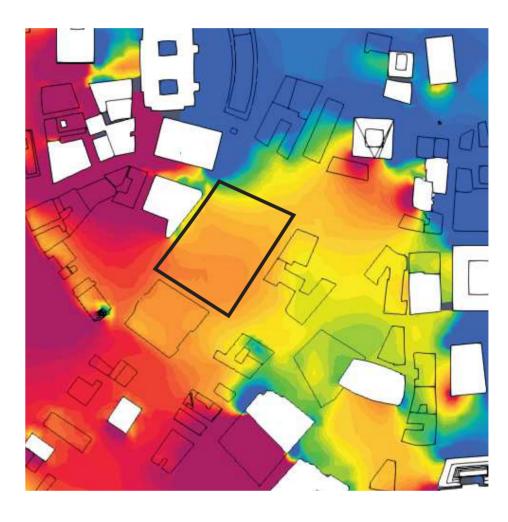




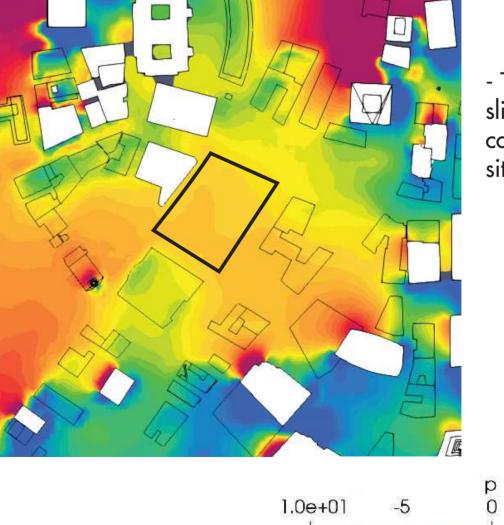
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#### 50m





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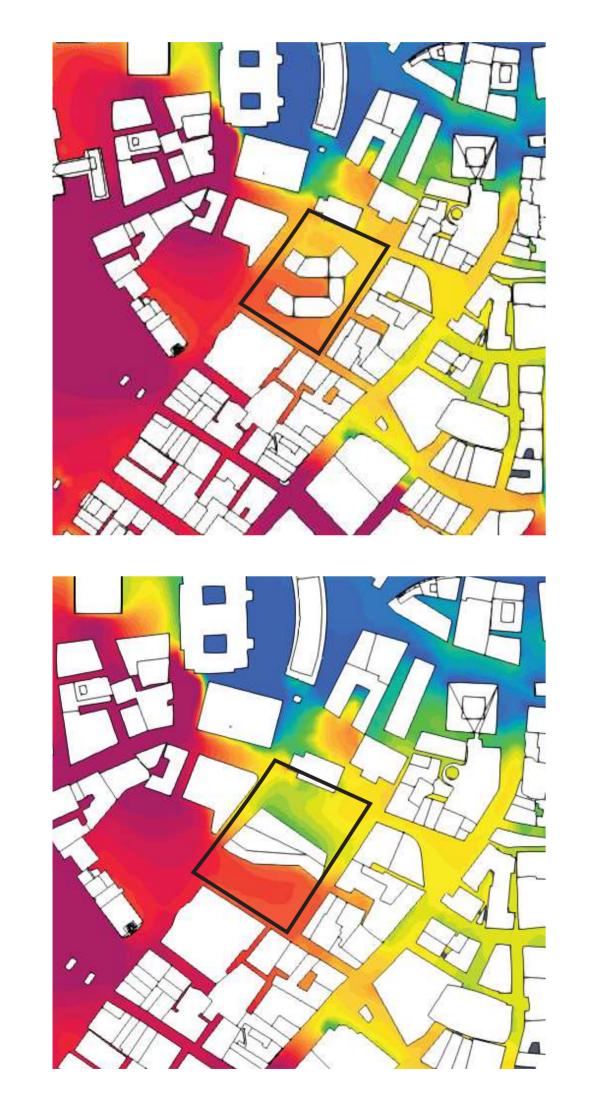
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# Wind Pressure Simulation (SUMMER)

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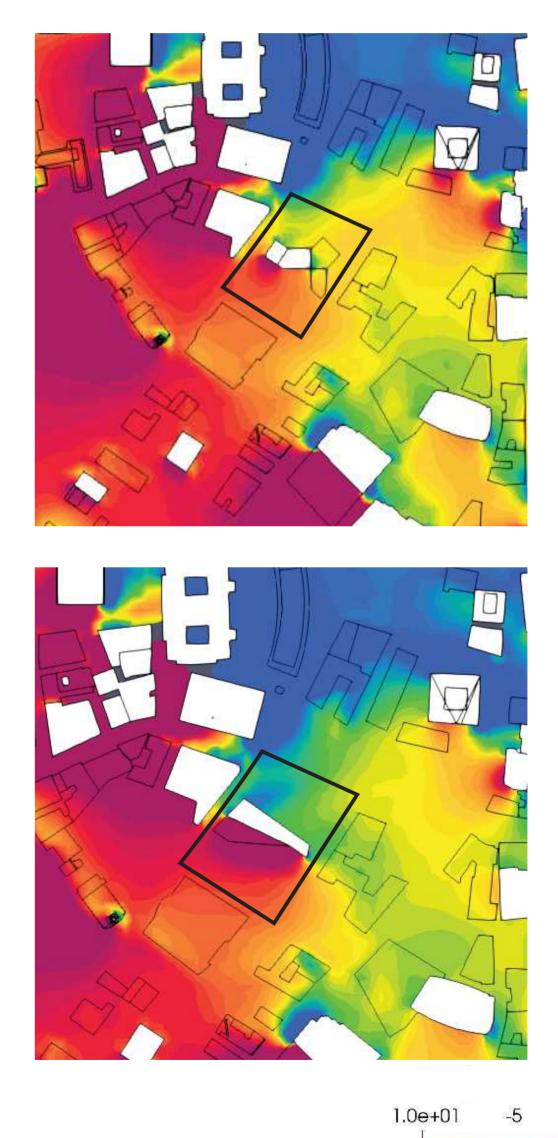




Iteration 2



50m



- The higher pressure on the south-west side of the massing and lower pressure towards the north-east of the massing indicates that there is a movement of air that can possibly pass through the building. This encourages ventilation in the summer which is one of our goals. the heat gained from the summer sun can excessive and having ventilation allows the building to be cooled when needed.

- The massing creates a larger pressure difference between the south-west and north-east of it. This thus allows for stronger cross-breezes during the summer. This makes iteration 3 more ideal than the previous massing.

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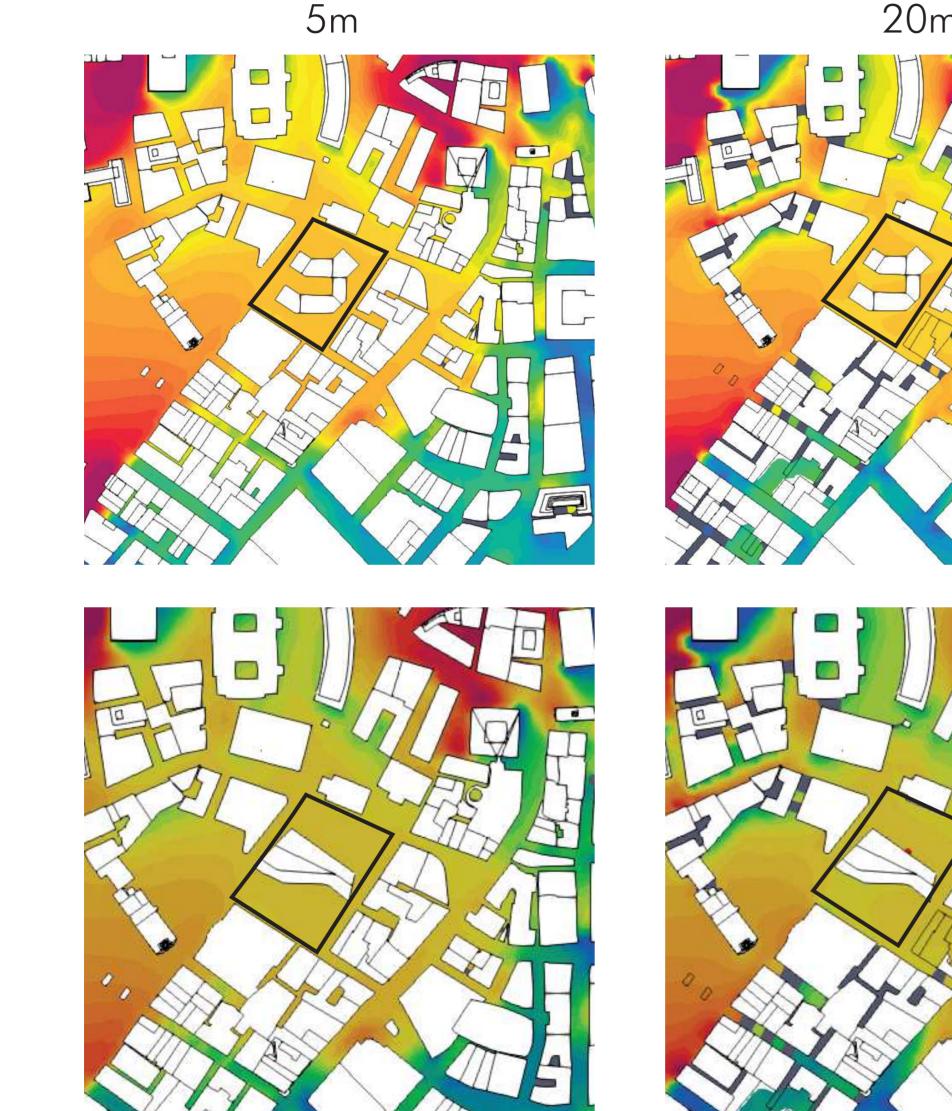
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### Wind Pressure Simulation (WINTER)

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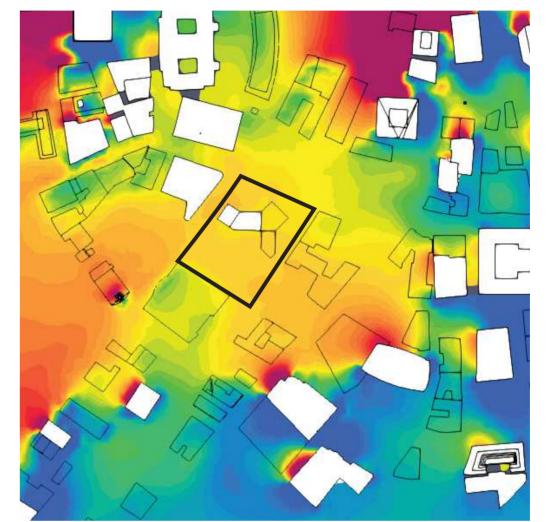
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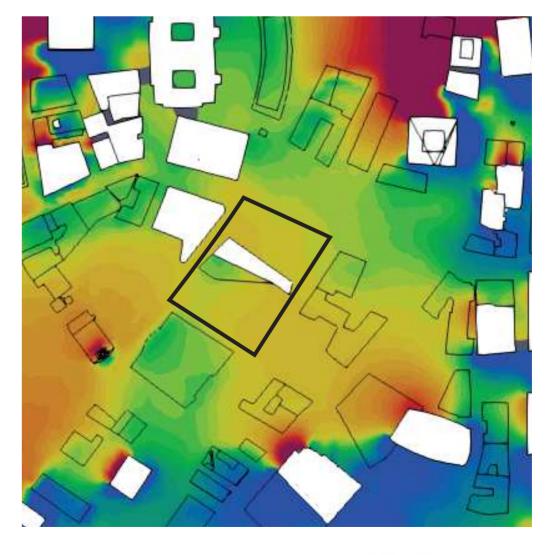






- Even with the massing, pressure still remains quite uniform around the

building.This is good in a winter condition as there would not be much air moving and creating wind.



- For this massing, the building is in an area where the pressure is mostly 0. This is ideal as the air around it will be still and winds will not be generated in the winter cold.

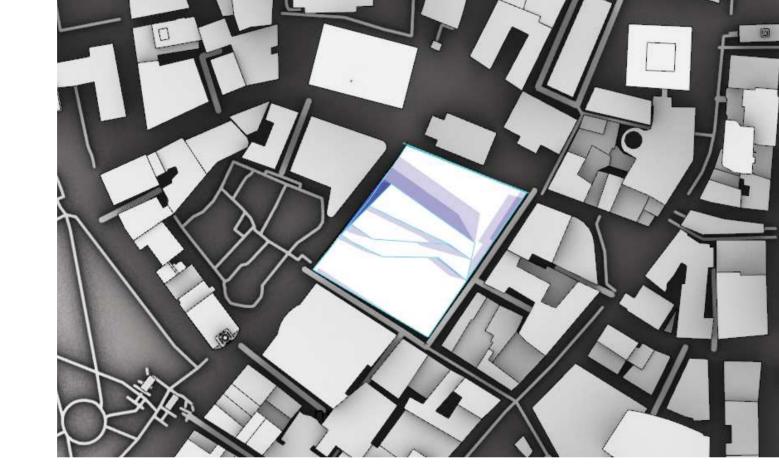
- This, along with the the large solar gains from summer, shows that the building is suited for both summer and winter conditions.

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# Shadow Analysis (Iteration 3)

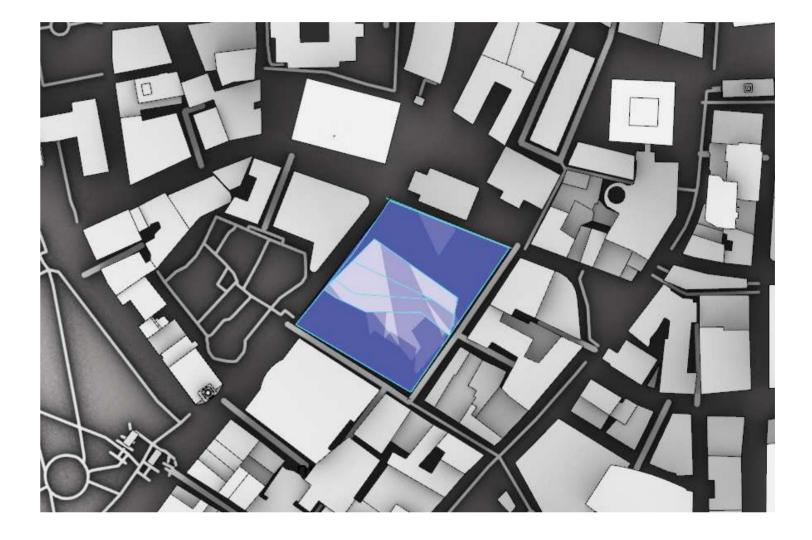
#### Summer

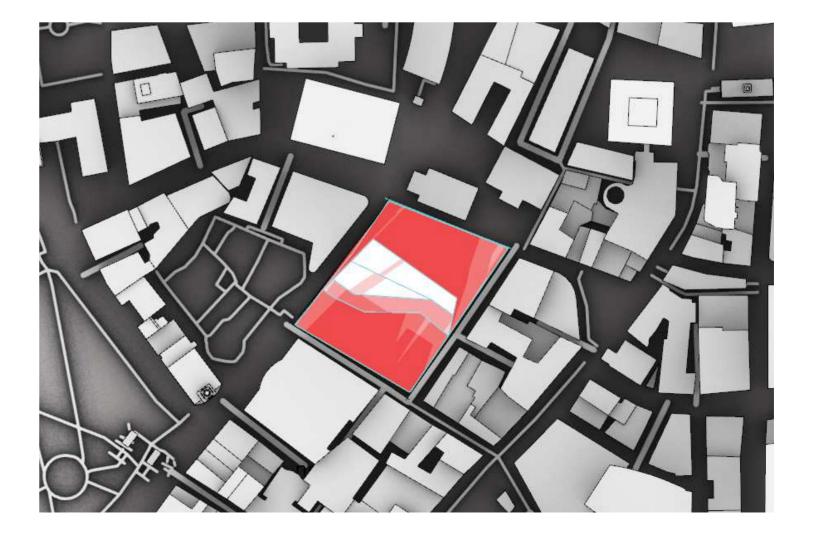


Morning

Afternoon

#### Winter



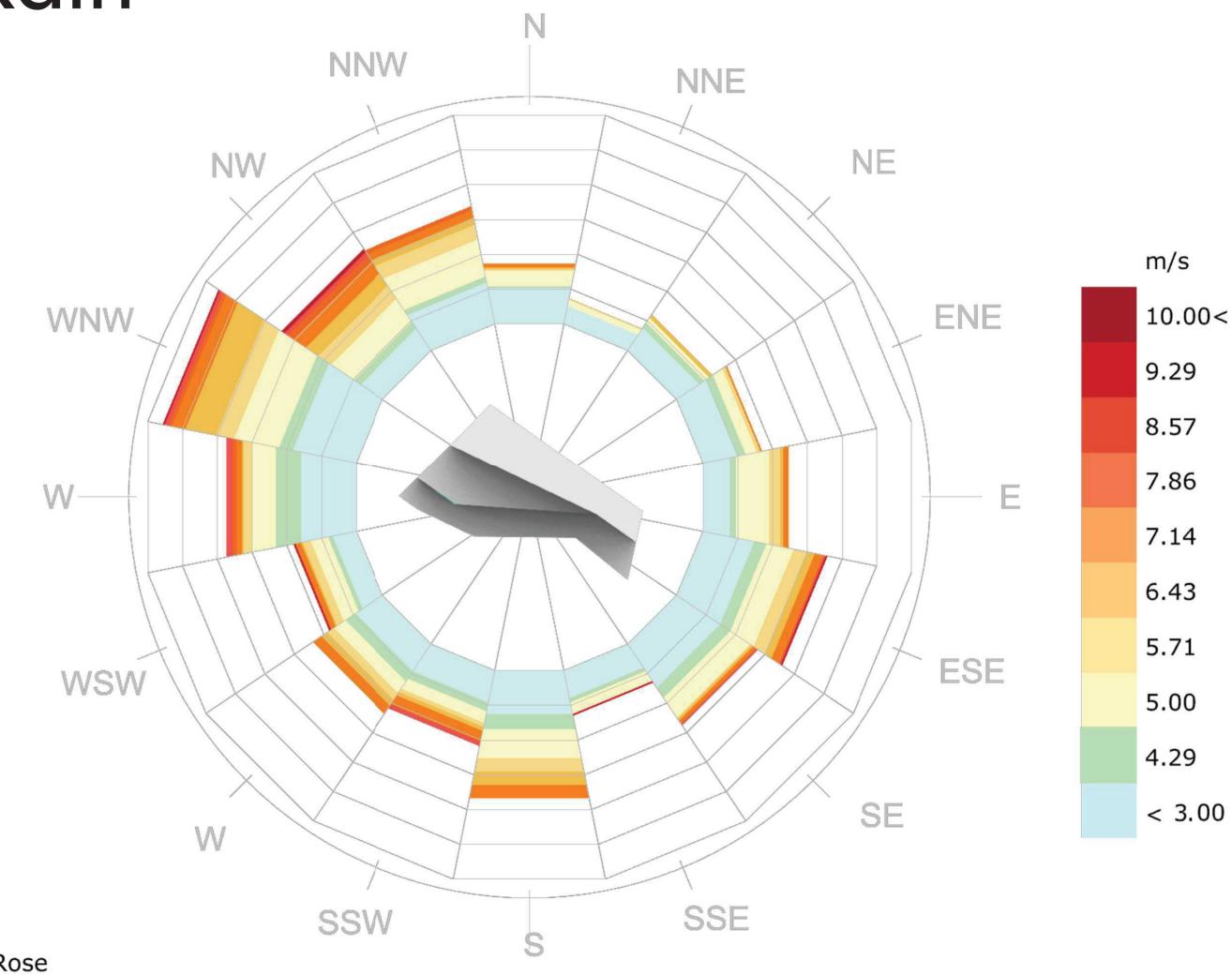




# Wind Driven Rain **JULY Windrose**

Highest windspeed: 8.4 m/s Beaufort Scale: 5 (Fresh Breeze) Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters. Prominent Wind Direction: WNW

Direction of Massing Openings: SW



Wind-Rose Boston-Logan Intl AP\_MA\_USA 1 JUL 1:00 - 31 JUL 24:00 Hourly Data: Wind Speed (m/s) Calm for 0.00% of the time = 0 hours. Each closed polyline shows frequency of 1.3%. = 10 hours.

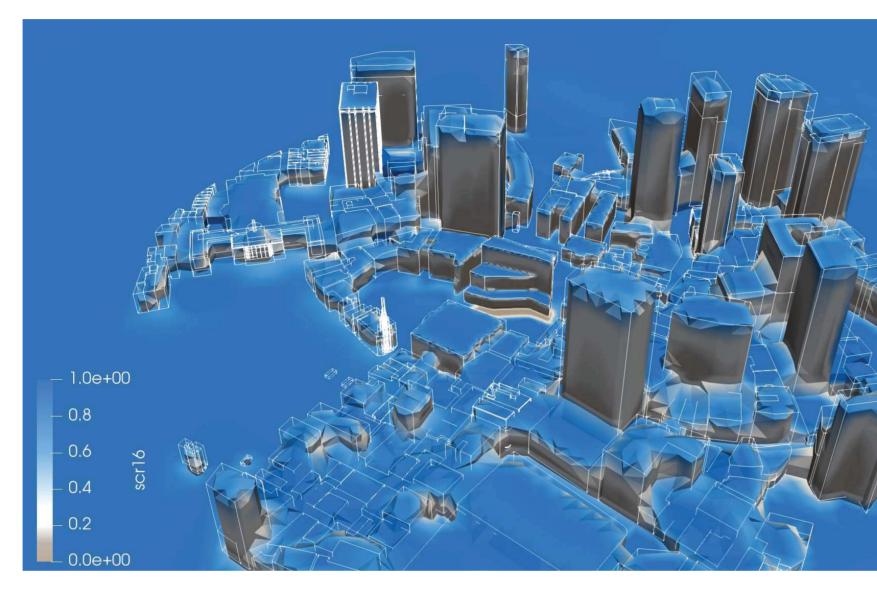
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### Wind Driven Rain Simulation (Massing Only - Iteration 3)

Overall Site

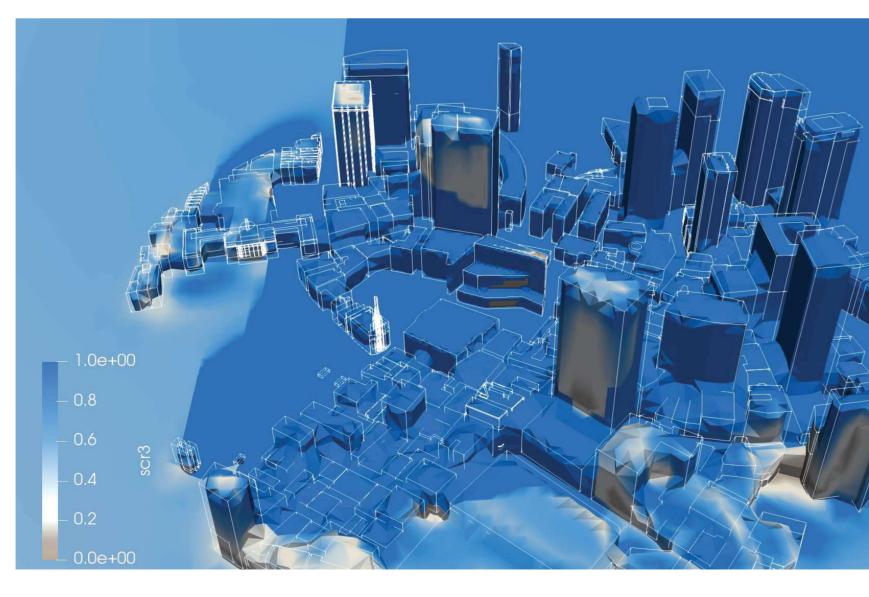
#### 5mm raindrops

Only our roof terraces experience majority of the injected rain, with the dryest still experiencing at least 20% of the rain. However, surprisingly the highest amount of rainfall hitting the windows of the residential units is around 20% to 30%.

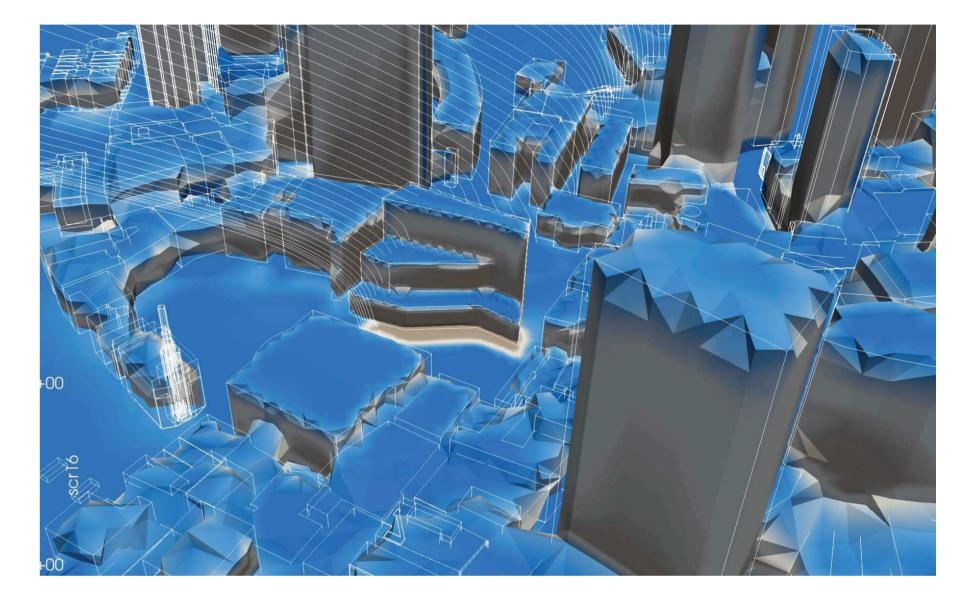


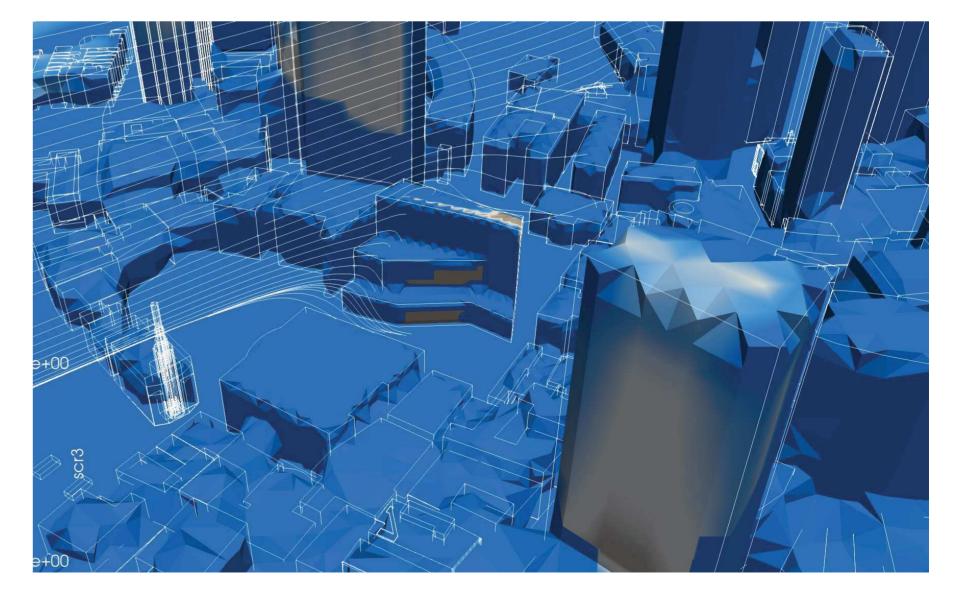
#### 0.5mm raindrops

Most faces on our massing exprience more than 80% of the injected rain, which includes both the roof terraces and the windows of the residential units.

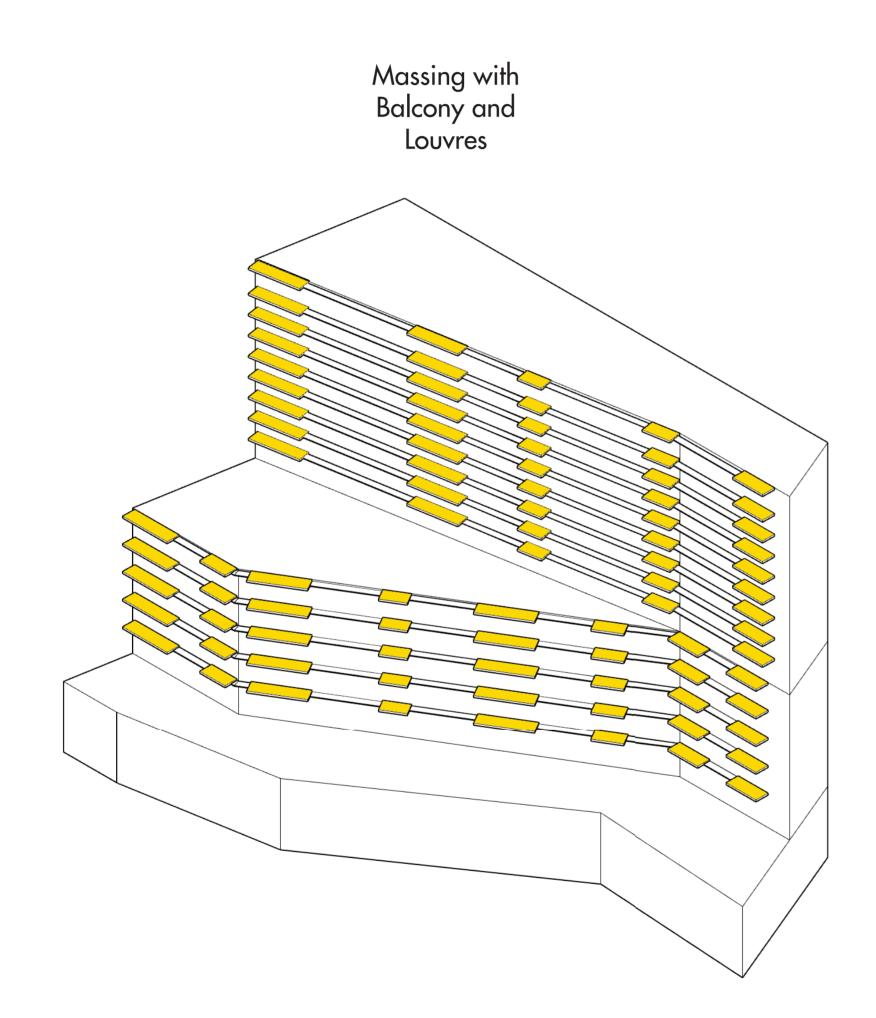


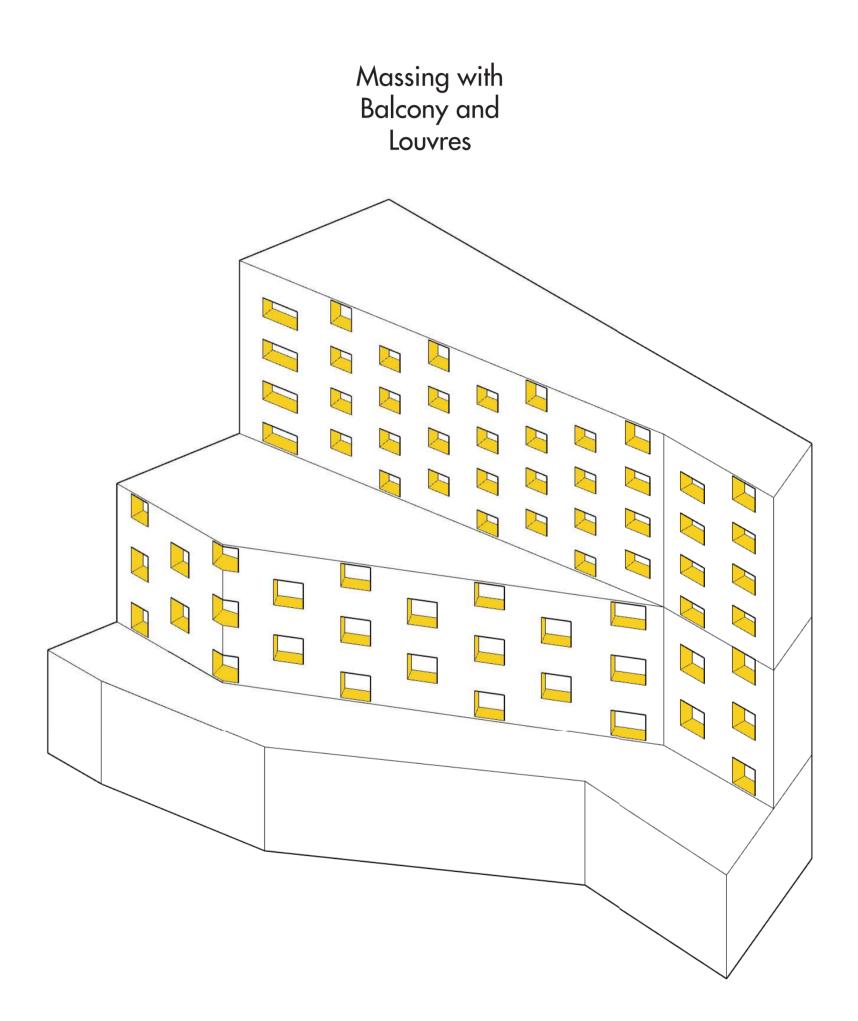
#### With Stream Tracers





### New Iterations



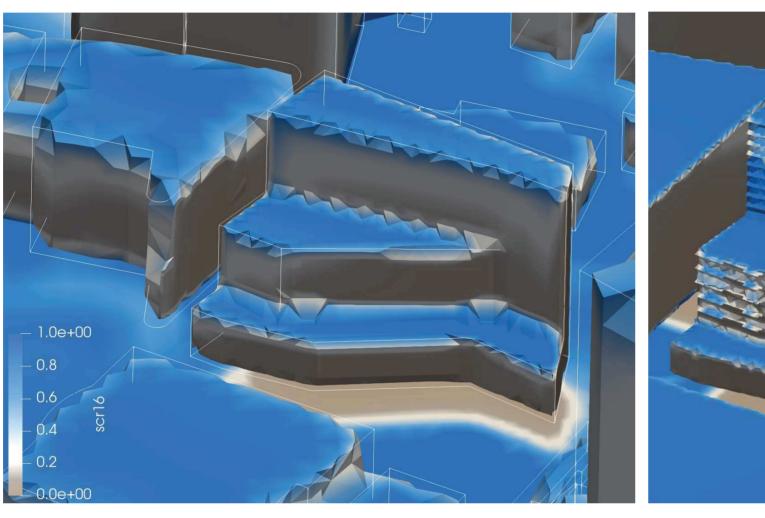


#### Wind Driven Rain Simulation

#### 5mm raindrops

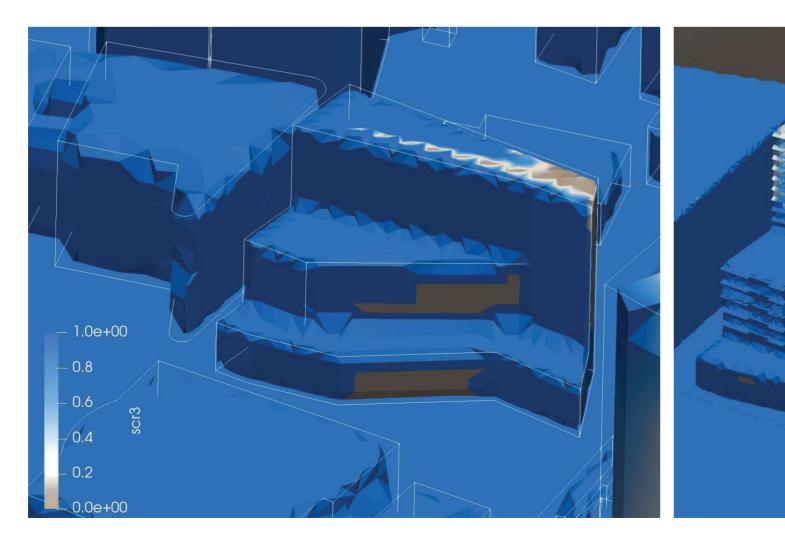
as we made minimal changes to the original massing (iteration 3), our results for this week expected as the the vertical faces are receiving about 20% of rain with the roof and terraces capturing the main bulk of rain. This shows a certain stability and consistency in the wind driven rain on the different massings for this rain droplet size.

# Massing Only (Iteration 3)

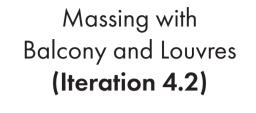


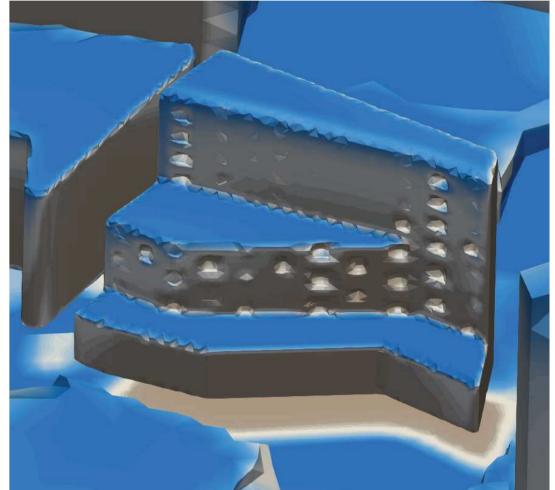
#### 0.5mm raindrops

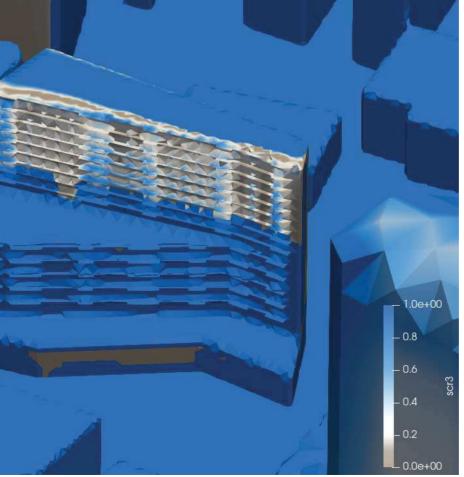
However, for a smaller size of rain droplets, the is a significant differents on both the vertical faces and the balconies itself. Iteration 4.1 shows a significant decrease in rain capture on the higher levels while the lower levels are still receiving high levels of rain. As for iteration 4.2, as expected, is receiving high levels of rain on the vertical faces but when analysed further we will realised that the balconies are significantly dryer than the ones from iteration 4.1.

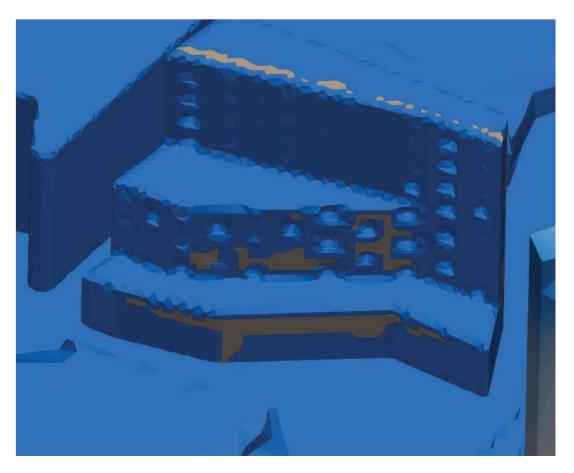


Massing with Balcony and Louvres (Iteration 4.1)



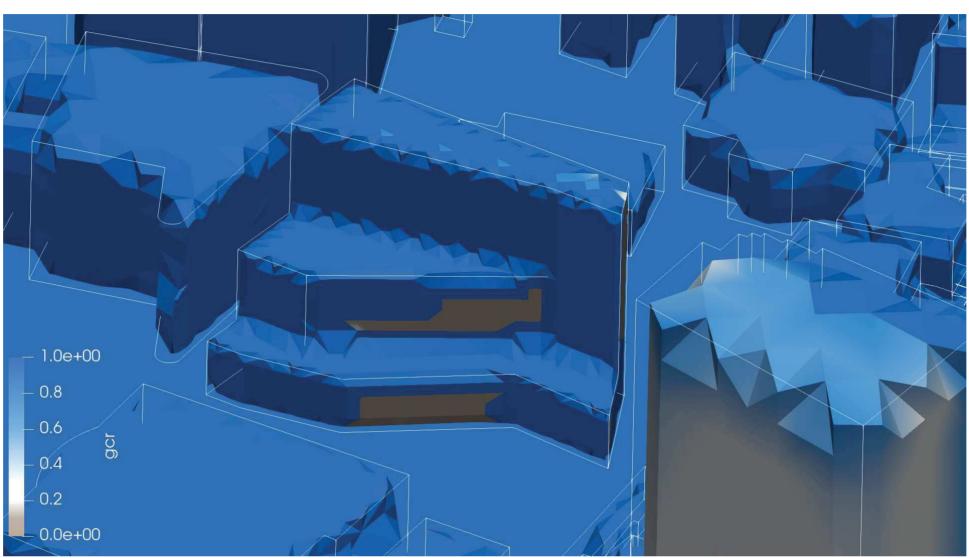




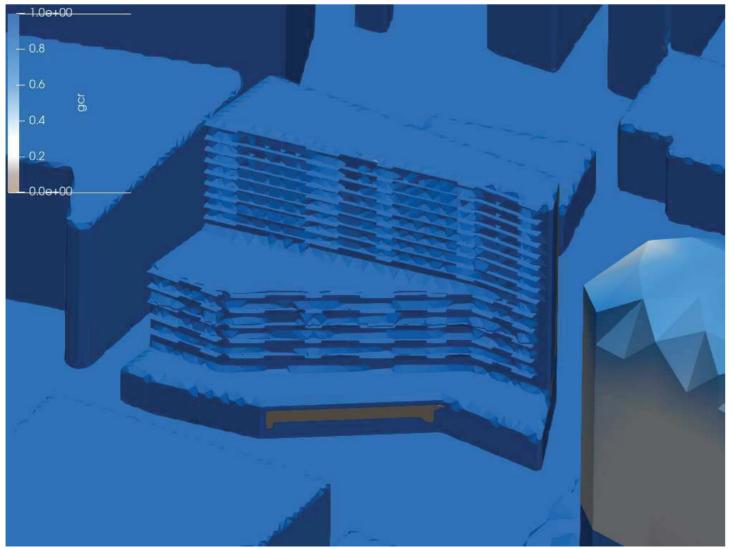


### Wind Driven Rain Simulation (GCR)

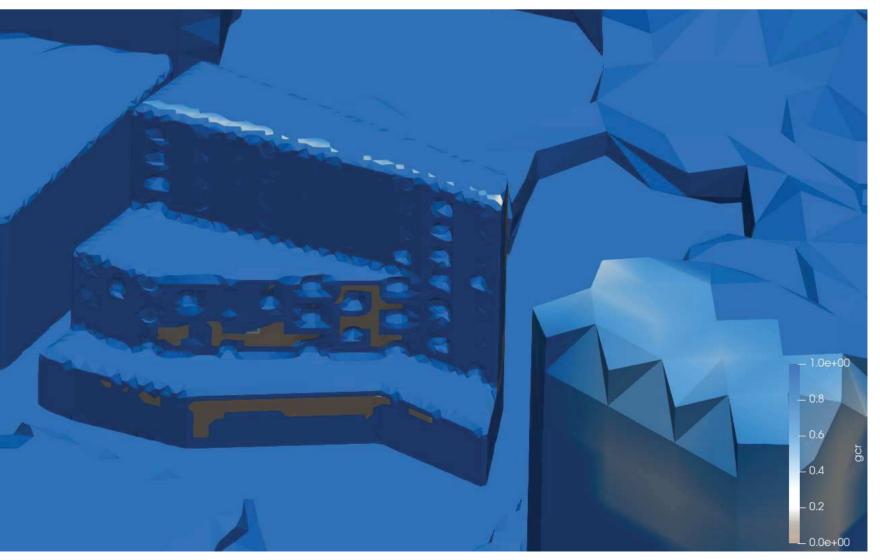
Massing Only (Iteration 3)



Massing with Balcony and Louvres (Iteration 4.1)



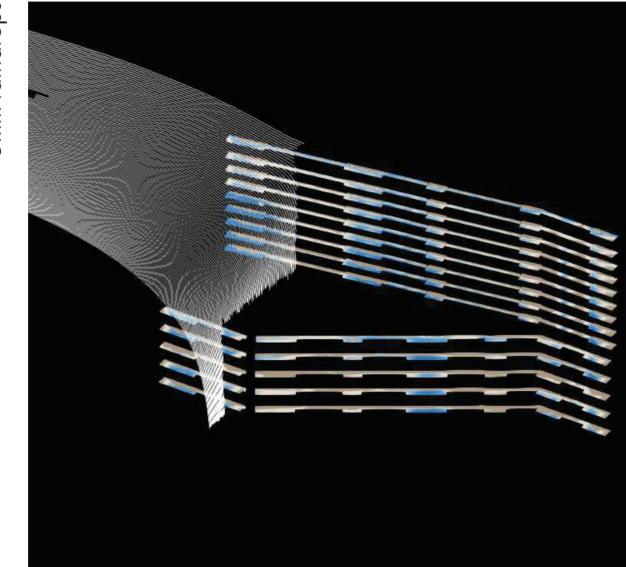
Massing with Balcony (Iteration 4.2)



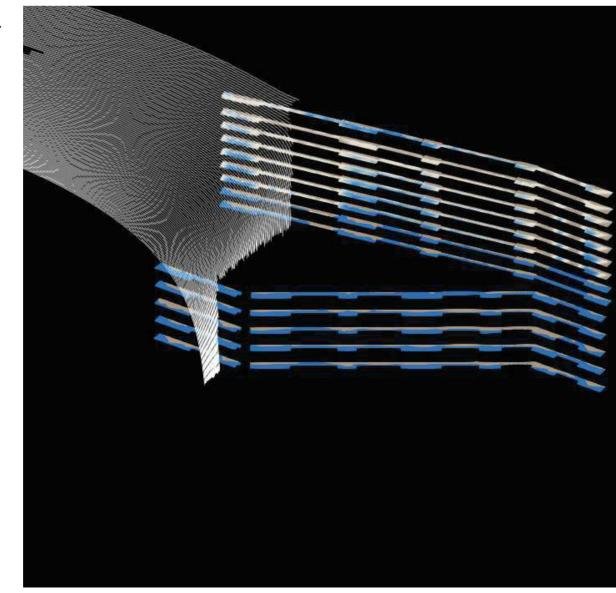
#### Stream Tracers (Iteration 4.1)

5mm raindrops

As mentioned, this massing was effective in decreasing the rain capture on the vertical faces of the higher residential levels. However, there is still a degree of rain capture (80-100%) on these levels along most balconies and some windows. This would require certain adjustments to length of canteliever of the louvres and additional louvres for the balconies as well. As for the lower level, these mitigation methods have to be enhanced further to tackle the wetter areas.

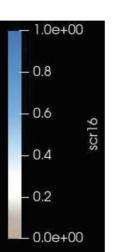


Windows



0.5mm raindrops





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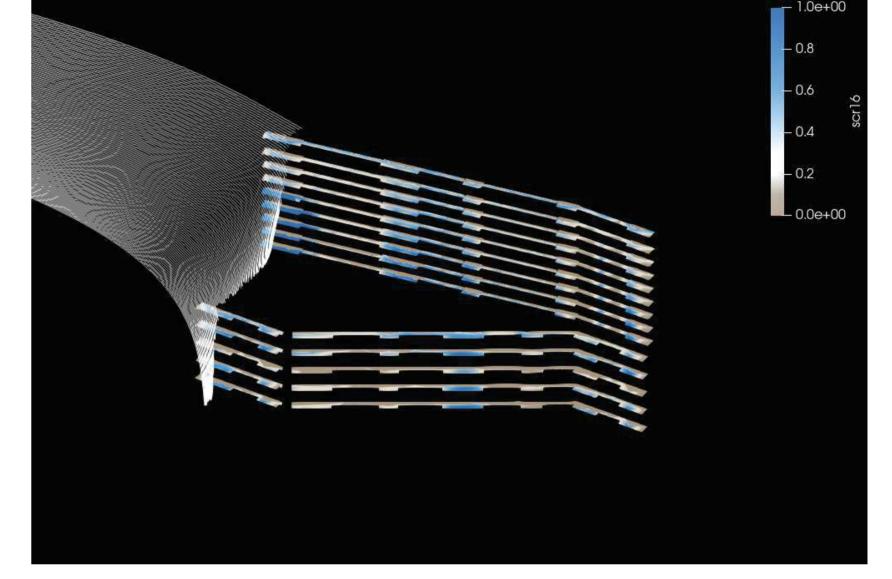
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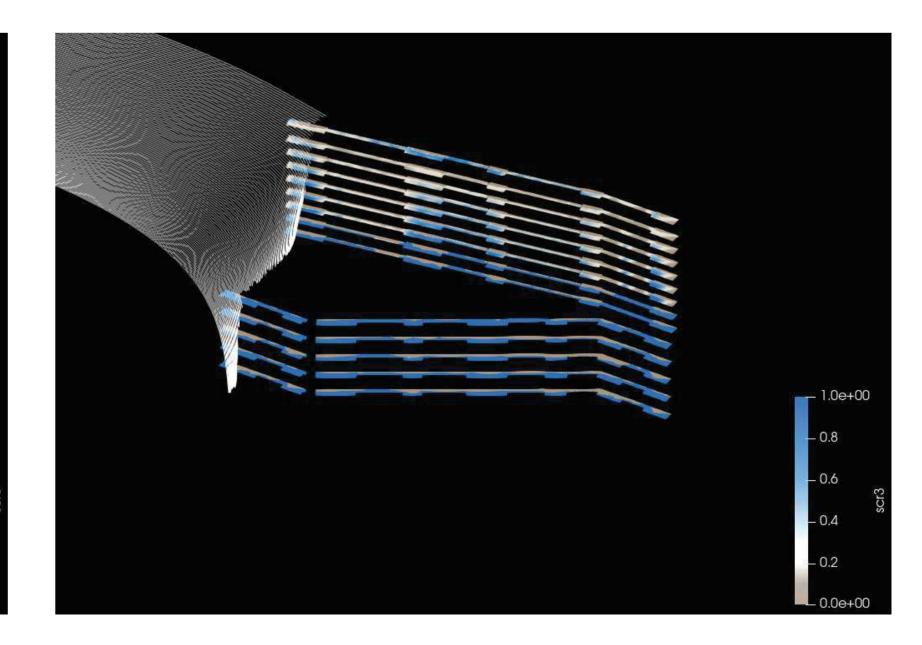
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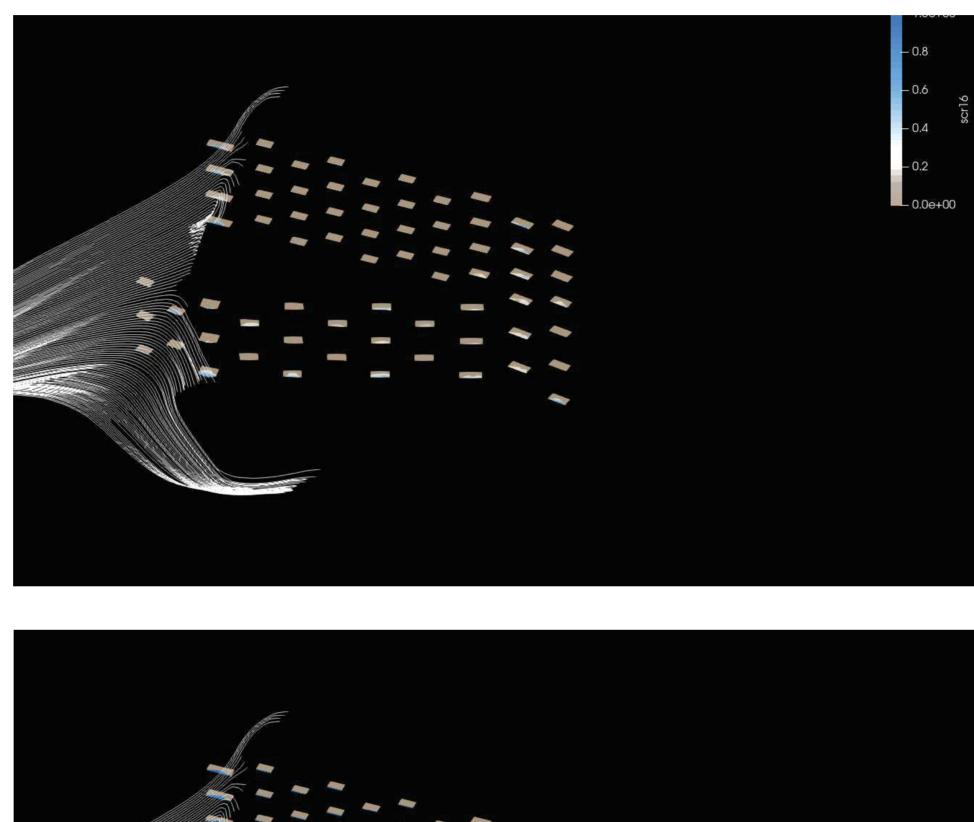


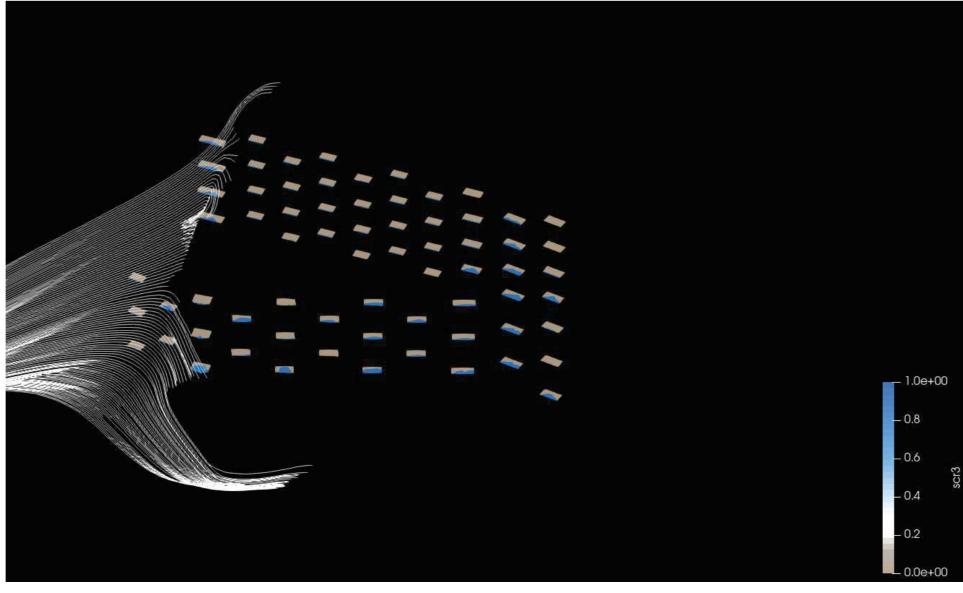
#### Stream Tracers (Iteration 4.2)

5mm raindrops

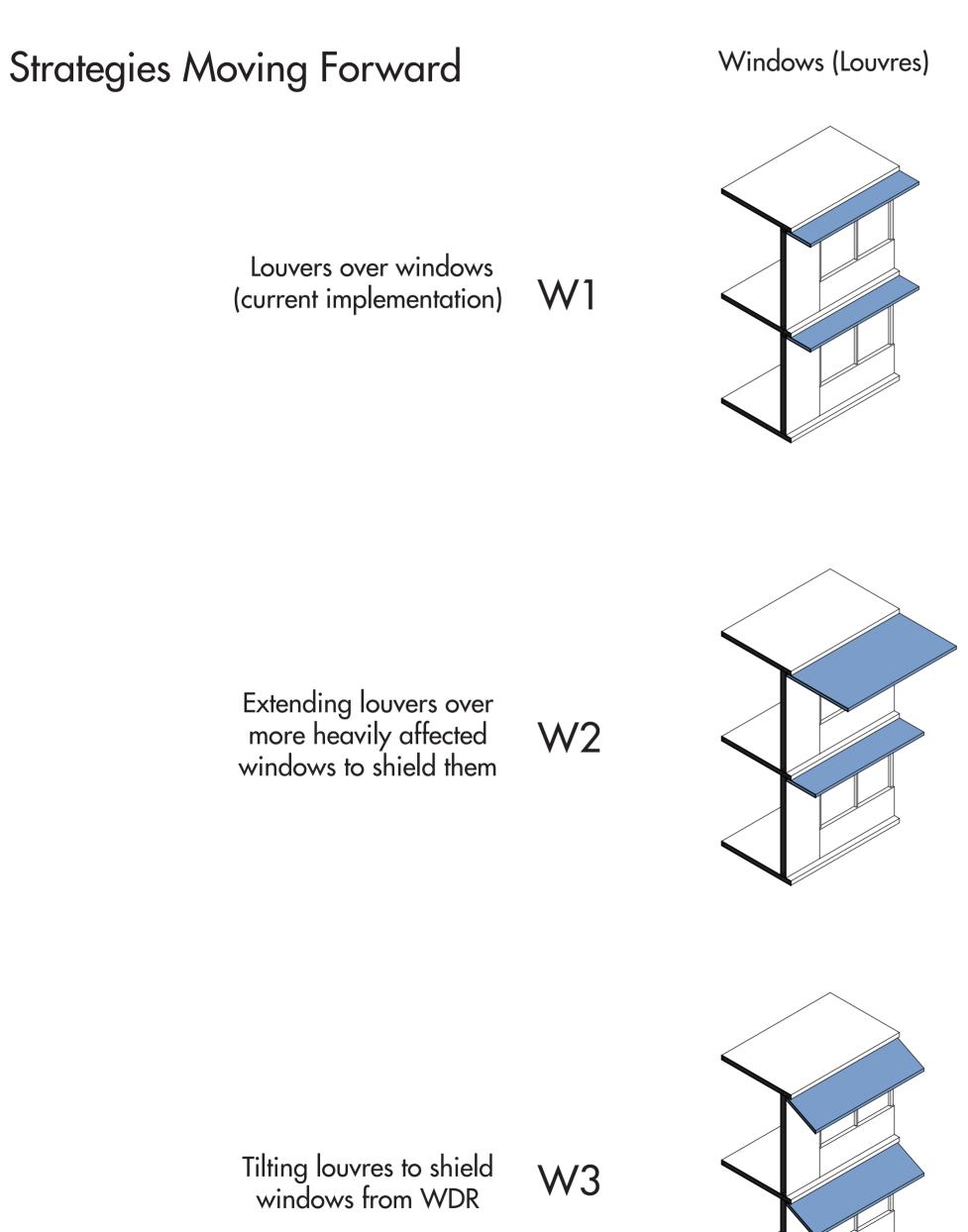
Although the main massing faces seems to receive a significant amount of rain especially for 0.5mm droplets, when we look at the recessed balconies, they are surprisingly dry. For SCR16, most balconies only receive 0-30% of rain and for SCR3, most balconies are experiencing the same with about only about 25% of the balconies partially experiencing 80-100% rain capture. This is very useful in understanding which faces has balconies which experience more rain capture and we can be more careful into mitigating those standouts.

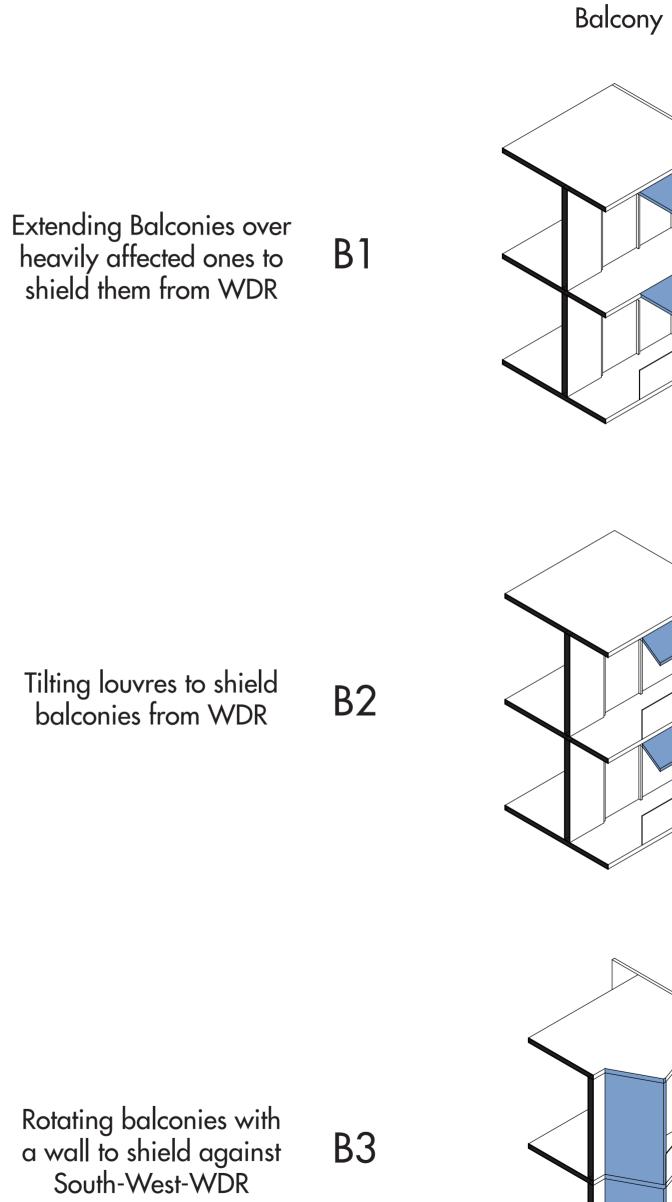
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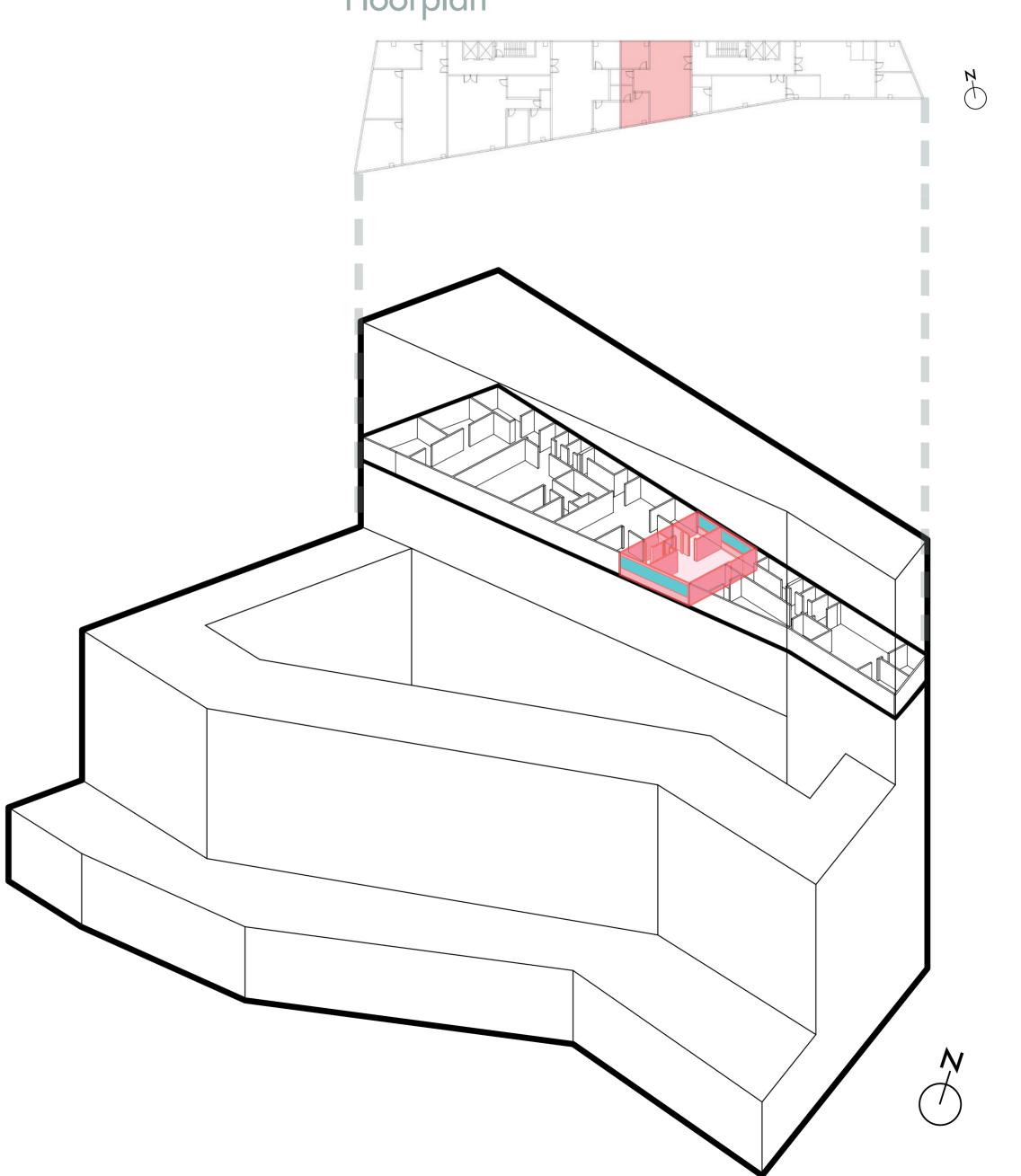


#### Recessed Balcony





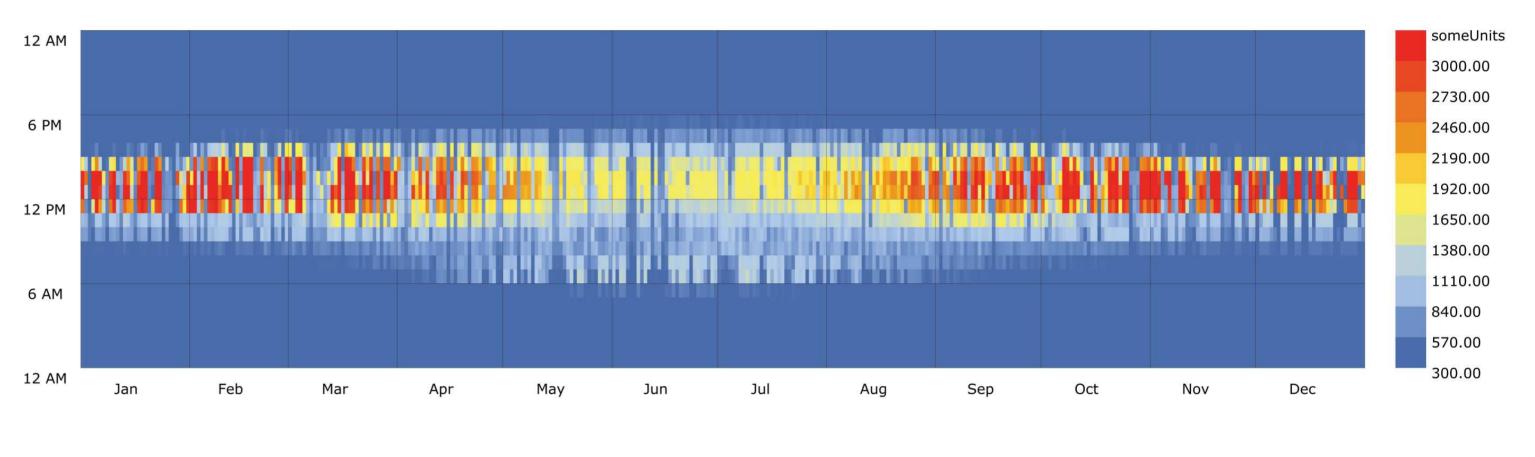
# Daylight Analysis



# Floorplan

#### Annual Illuminance and Glare Iteration 3 - No Façade

Unit Plan



Overall, the unit is quite well lit, as reflected by the annual illuminance. Even though there are period of extremely high radiation, it is during the winter months where solar gains would be the most necessary.



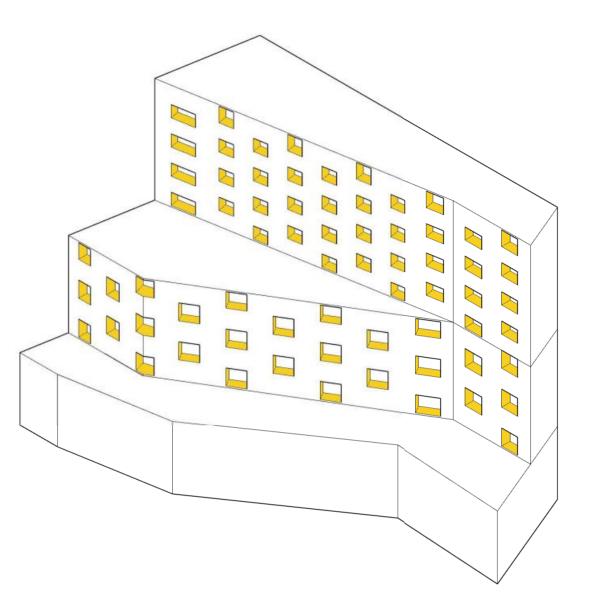
#### Annual Daylight (lux)

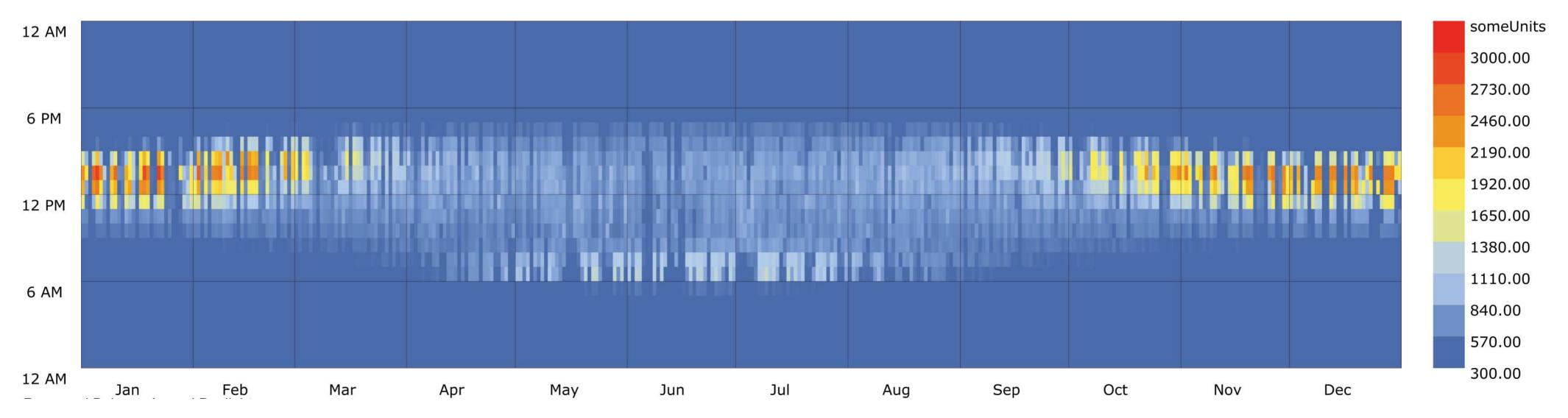
#### Annual Daylight Glare Potential (%)

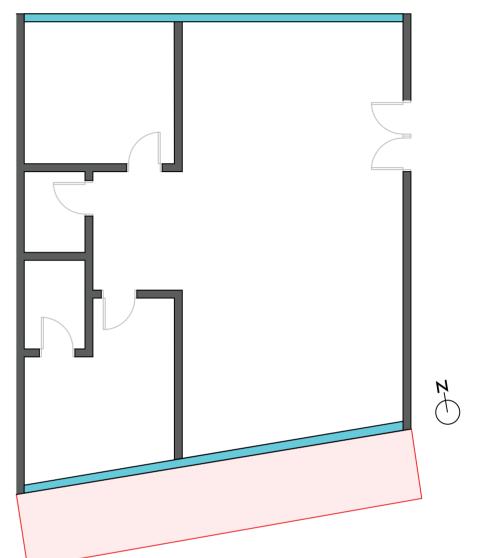
#### After adjustments for WDR Iteration 4.2 - Recessed Balcony Facade

Massing with Balcony and Louvres (Iteration 4.2)

Based on the previous assignment, we tested the model that best suited the wind driven rain conditions, with daylighting and found that Iteration 4.2 causes the unit to be not well lit. Since the site is in a temperate country, the priority would be to achieve solar gains rather than mitigate wind and rain, as the building for most parts of the year will require active heating.

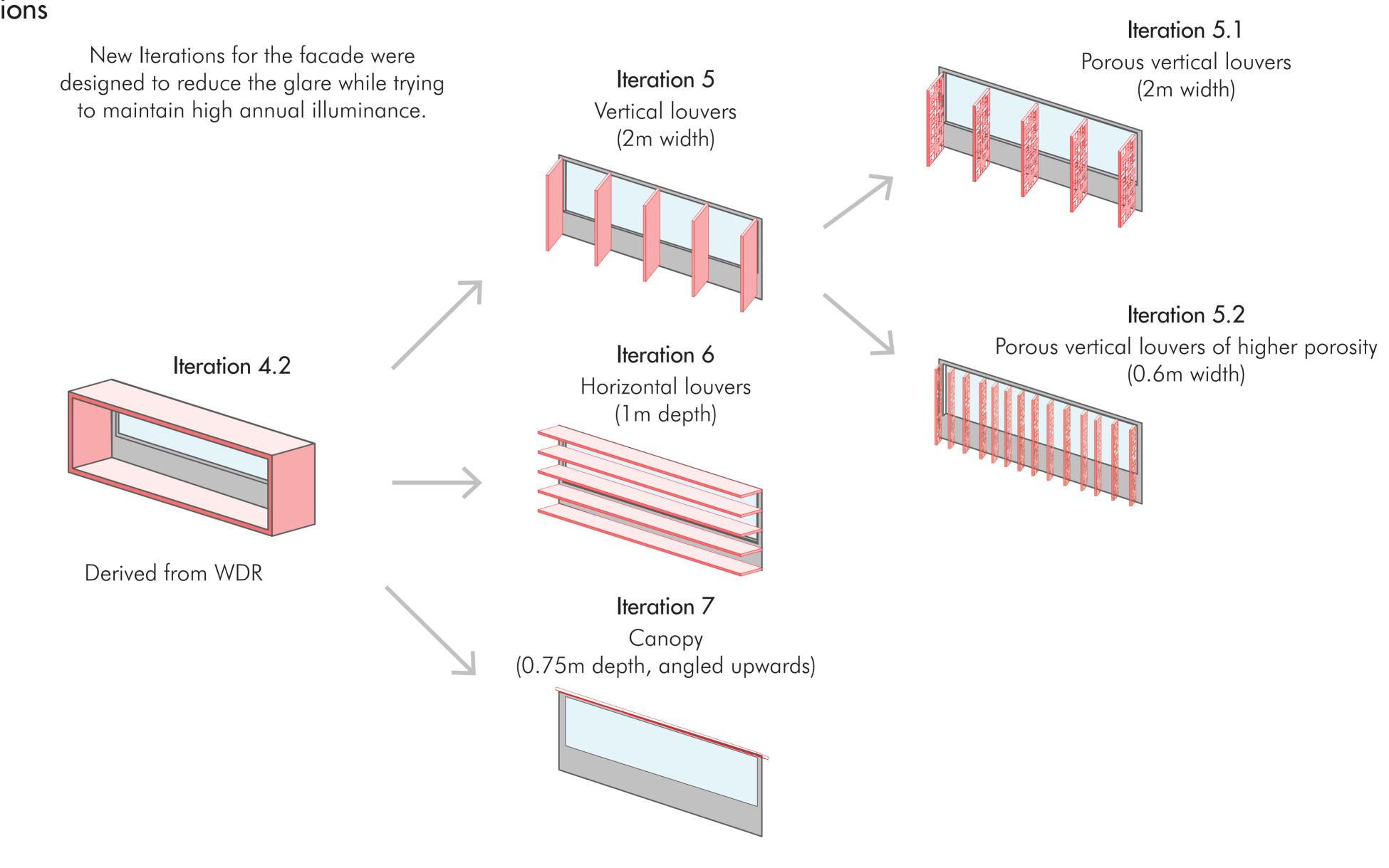






#### Annual Daylight (lux)

#### Iterations



39

6 AM

12 AM

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

#### Annual Illuminance

Most of the facade reduces the annual illuminance of the unit with the exception of Iteration 7. Illumination during the summer months are much lower than without the facade.

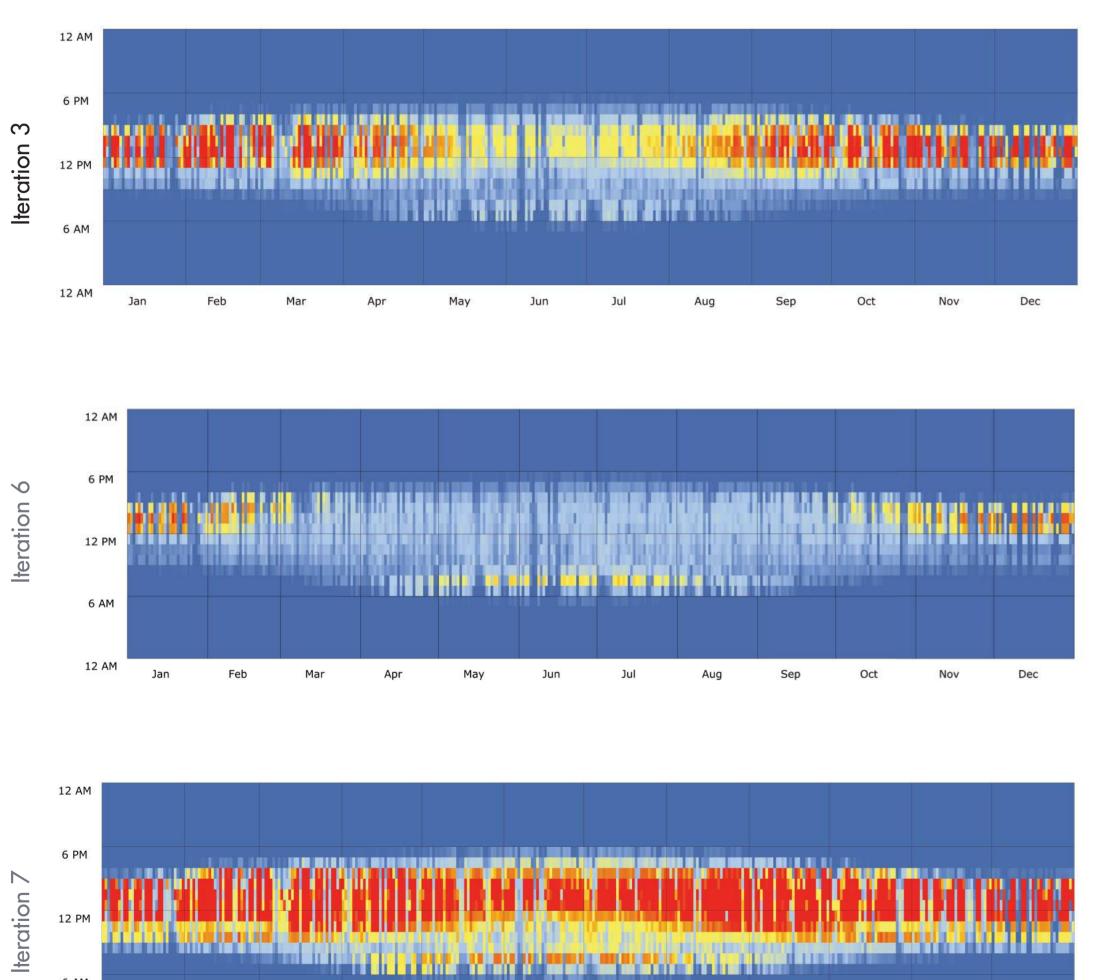
Iteration 5

Iteration 5.1

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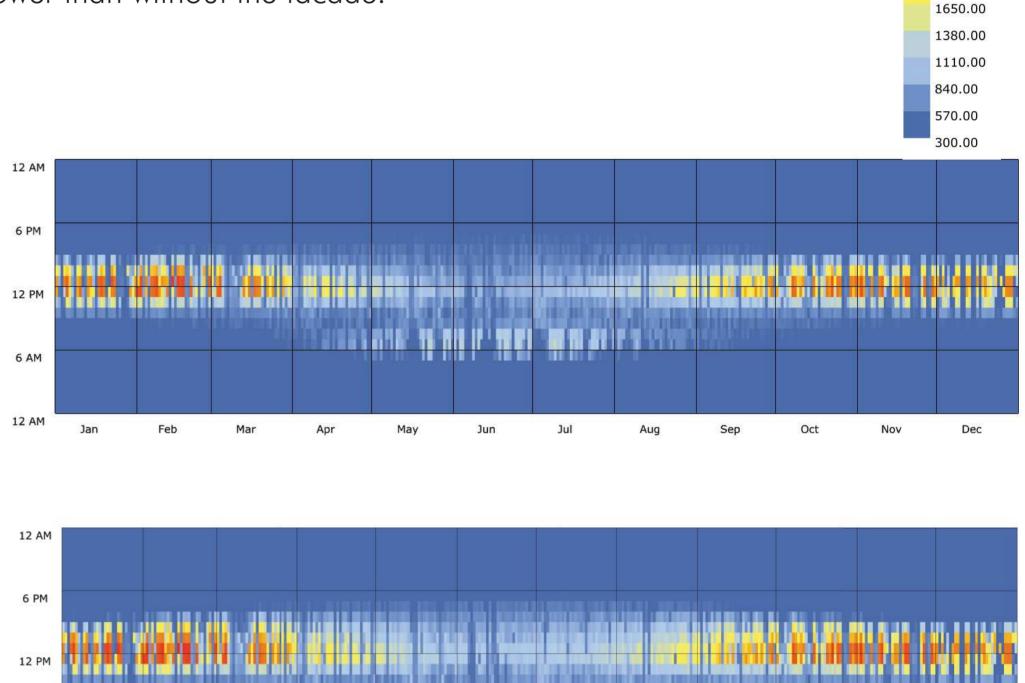
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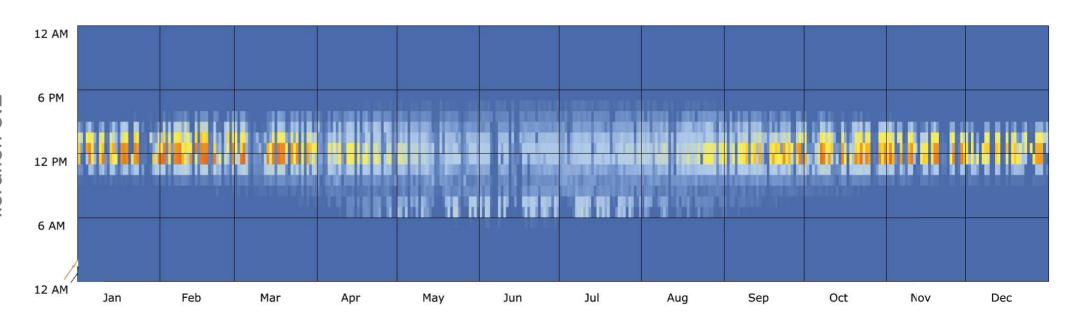
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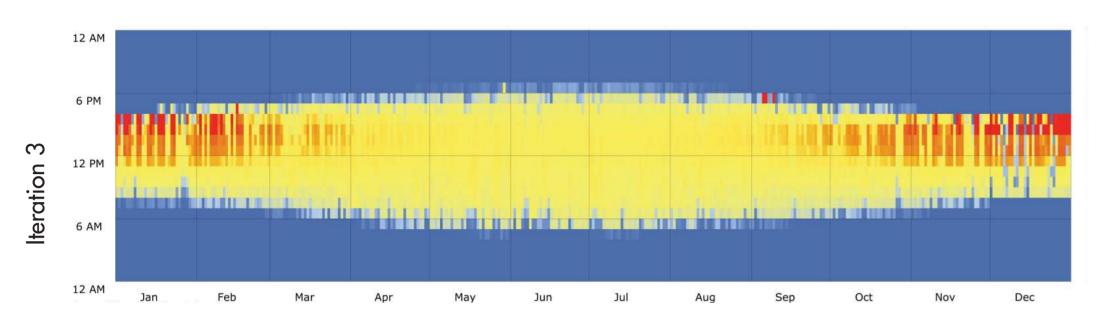
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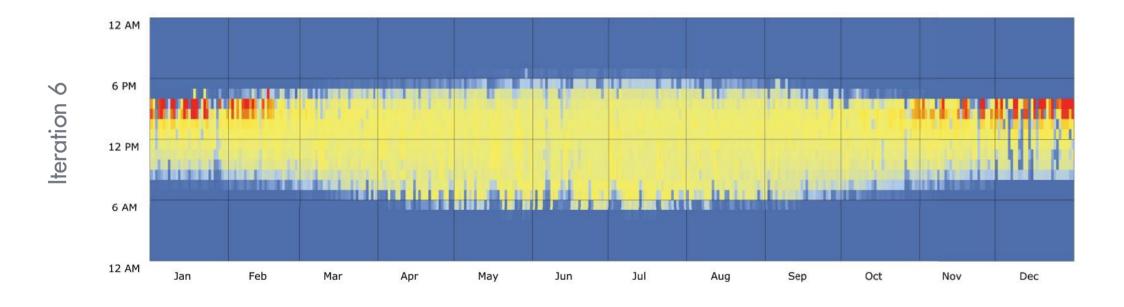
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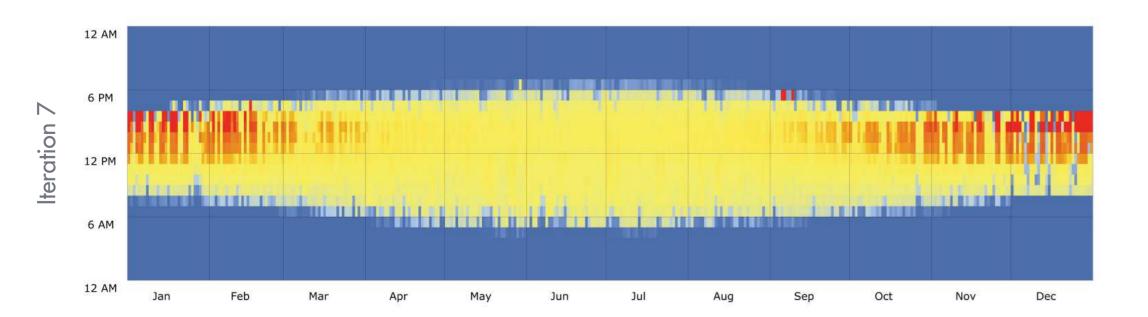


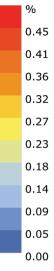
#### Annual Glare

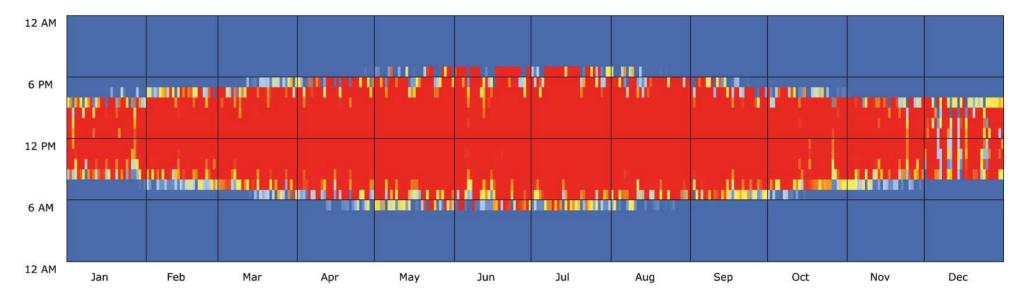
Most the the annual glare also increased with the addition of the facade, with the exception of Iteration 5.2. However, Iteration 5.2 also has the lowest annual illuminance, making it less favourable than the control (iteration 3).

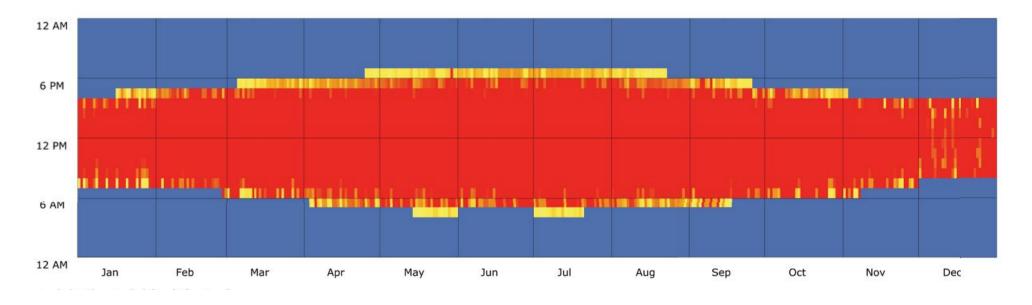


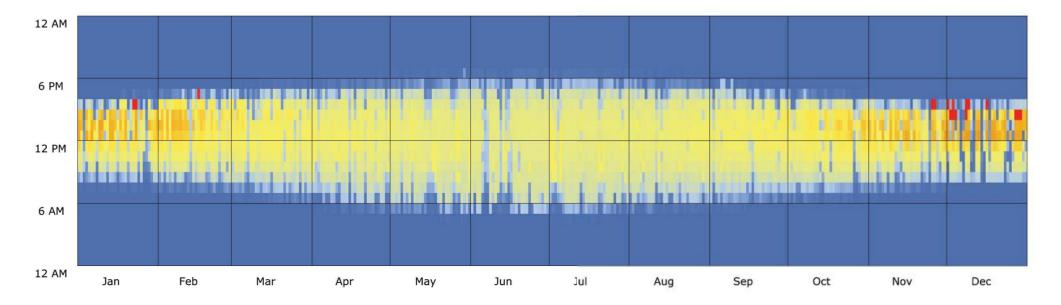






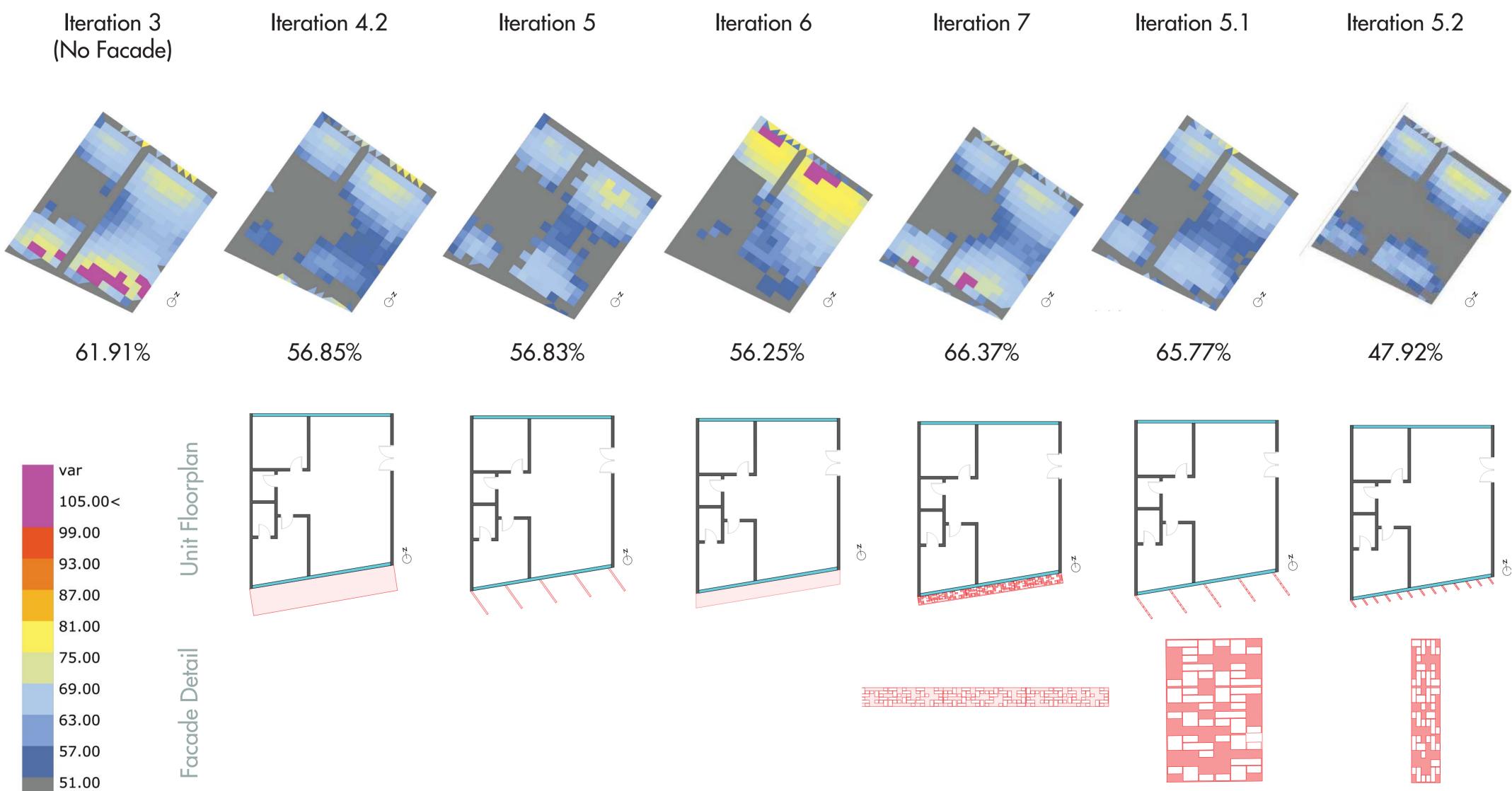






Daylit Area

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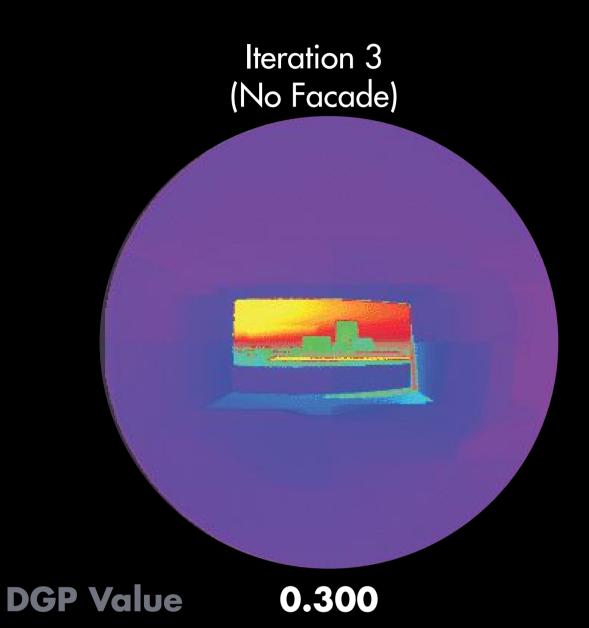


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#### Illuminance False Colour Image



Iteration 7 has the lowest probability of glare even in comparison with Iteration 3. Hence, this **might** be more ideal as the daylit area for Iteration 7 in the previous analysis was also proven to have improve daylight within the unit.

**DGP Value** 

0.282

Iteration 5

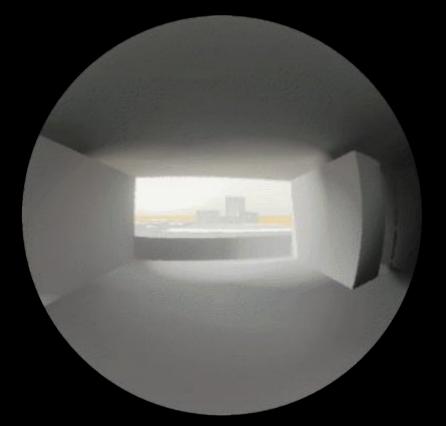
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Iteration 6

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### Glare Render

Iteration 3 (No Facade)

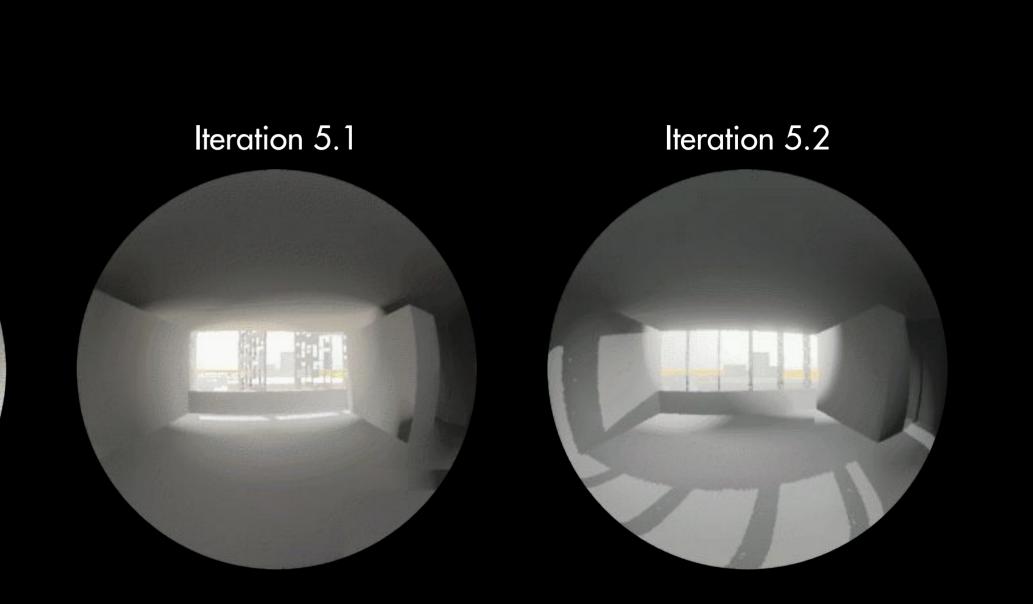


Iteration 5



Iteration 6





#### Iteration 7



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#### Summary

		Daylit Area (%)
Facade Design	Iteration 3 (No Facade)	61.91
	Iteration 4.2	56.85
	Iteration 5	56.83
	Iteration 5.1	65.77
	Iteration 5.2	47.92
	Iteration 6	56.25
	Iteration 7	66.37

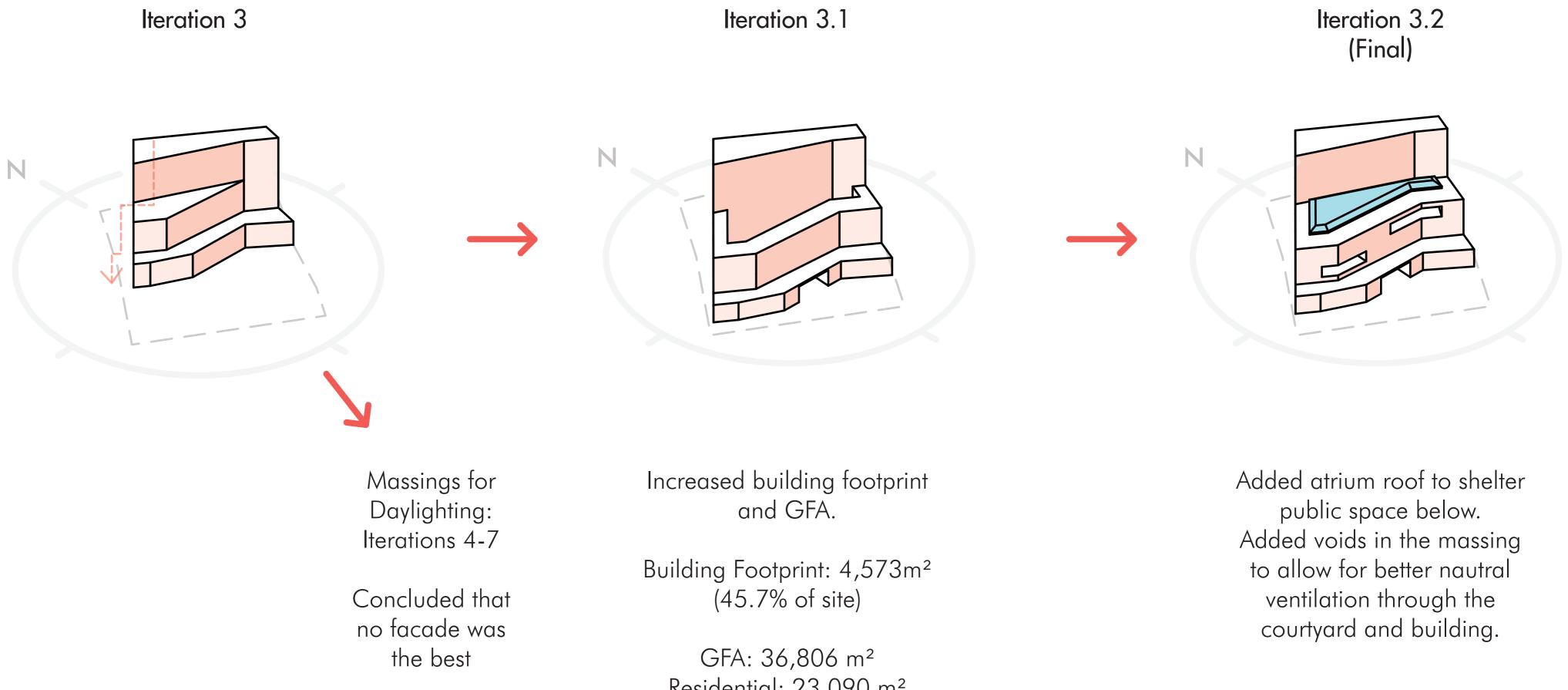
#### DGP Value

0.300	Overall, Iteration 3 which is our control, and Iteration 7 are the closest contenders. Although Iteration 7 has a lower DGP and better daylit area than Iteration 3. There will be too much illuminance during the summer. As we want to avoid excess solar gains during the summer, we believe that Iteration 3 will provide a better compromise based on the annual results. Hence we propose to sticking with our control, Iteration 3.
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# Further Improvements

Improving on public space by re analyzing WDR

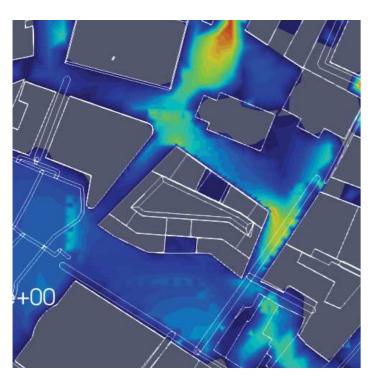


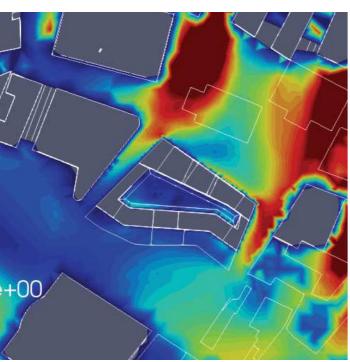
Residential: 23,090 m<sup>2</sup> Commercial: 13,719 m<sup>2</sup>

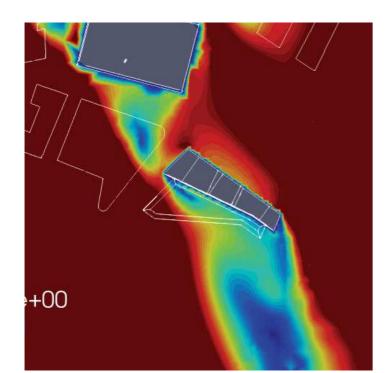
#### Wind Speed

SW Wind

Iteration 3.2

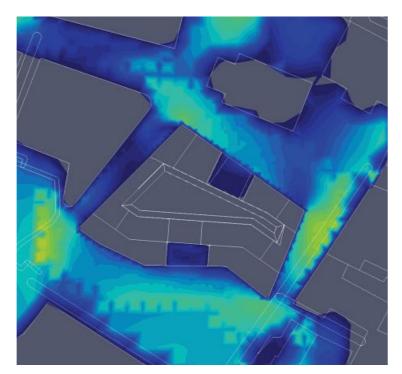


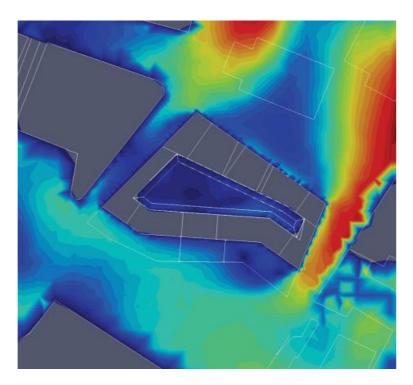


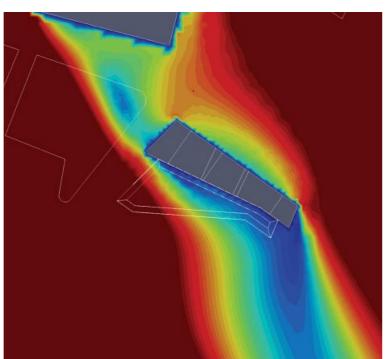


NW Wind

Iteration 3.2



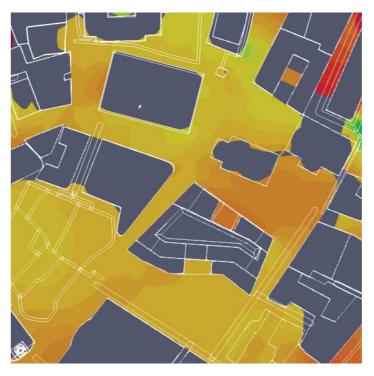


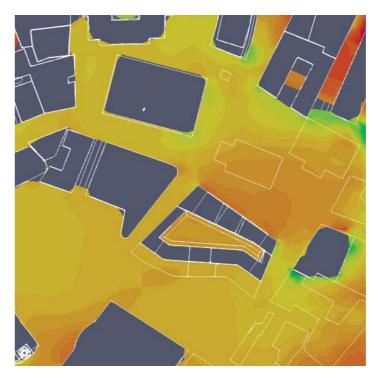


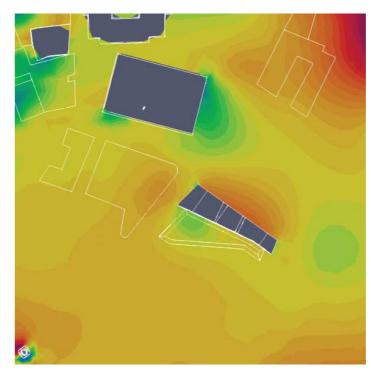
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#### SW Wind

#### Iteration 3.2





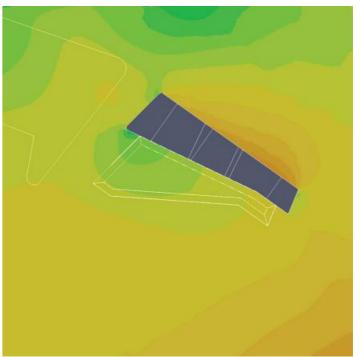


#### NW Wind

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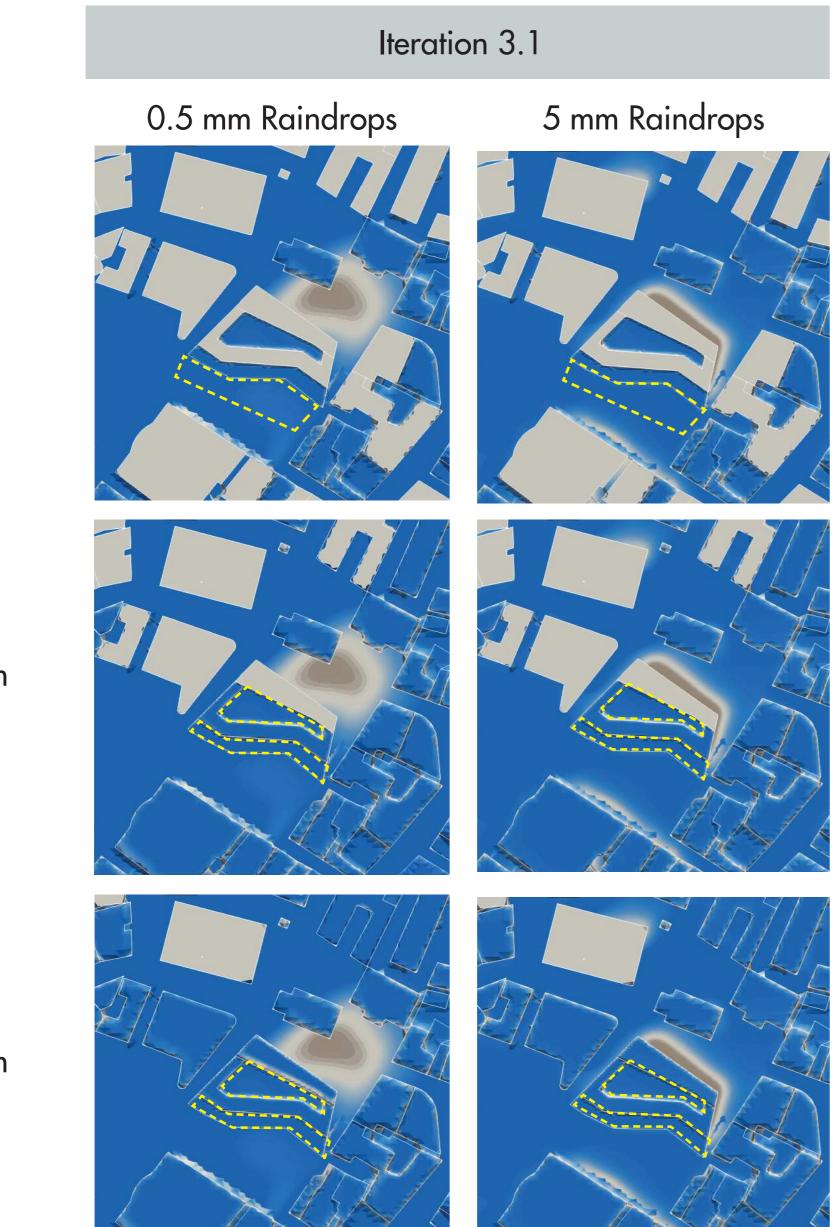






#### Wind Driven Rain Simulation - South West Wind

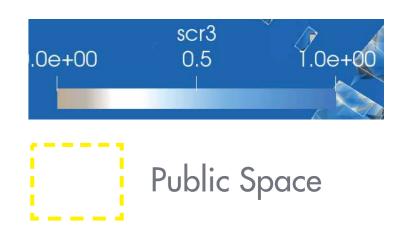
From our massing, most of the openings are south-west facing, hence by simulating wind from this direction, we are able to test how the rain may enter our massing.



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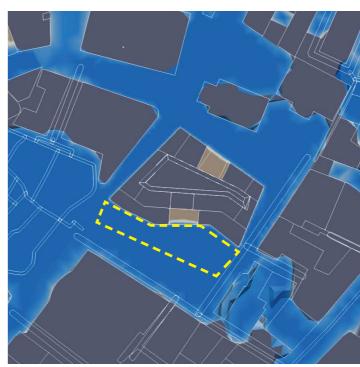
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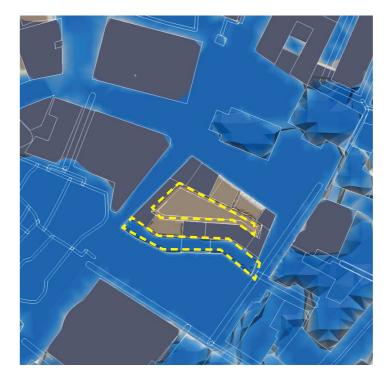
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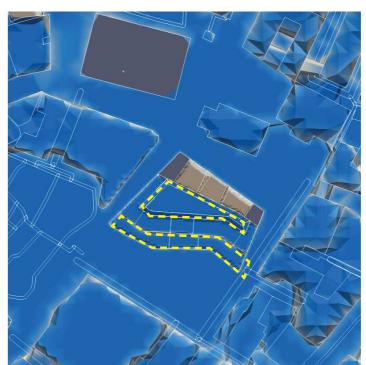


Iteration 3.2

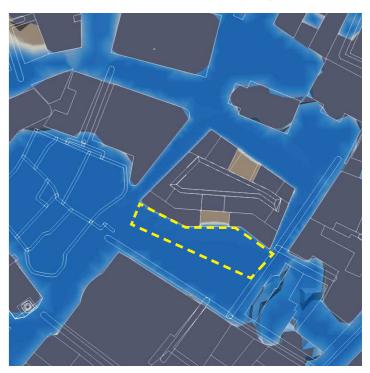
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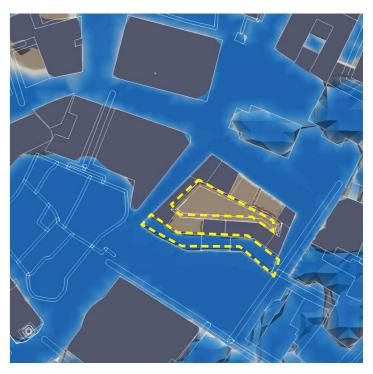


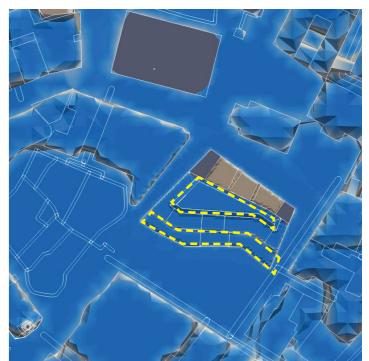




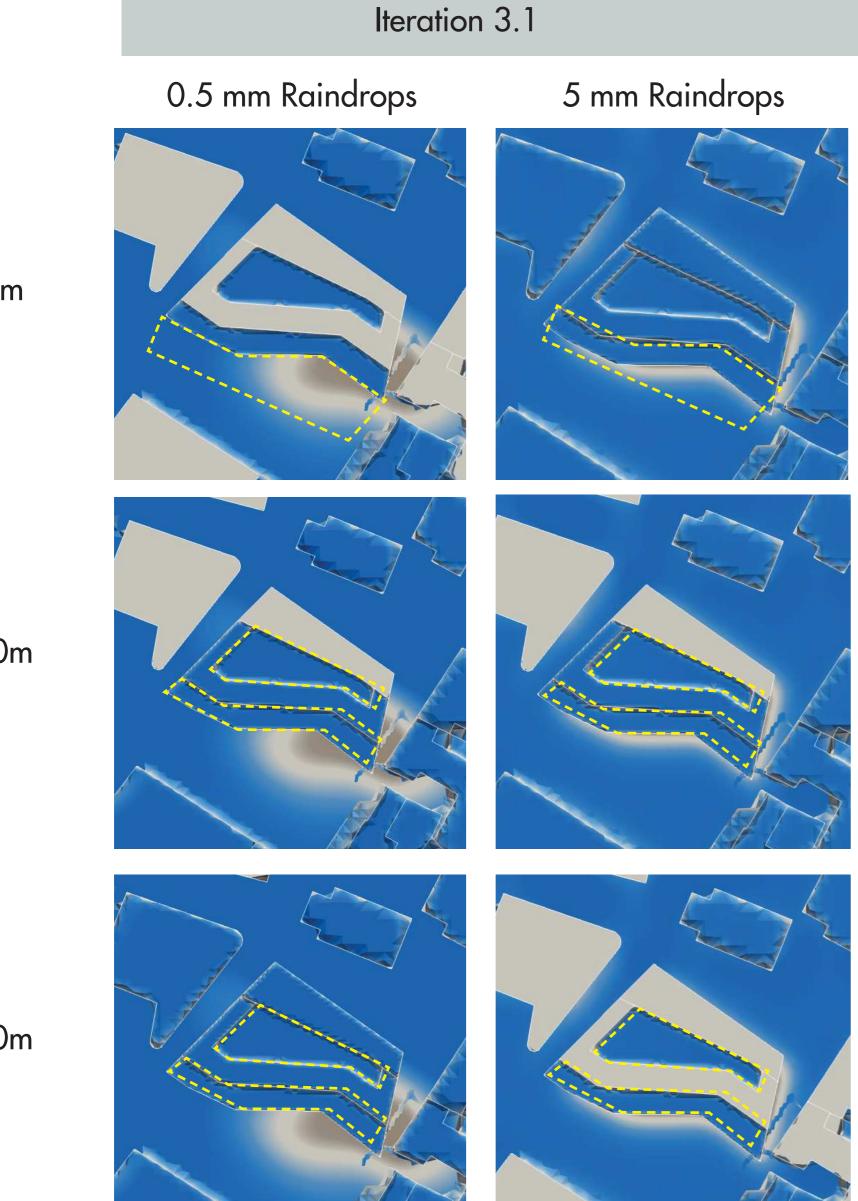
#### 5 mm Raindrops







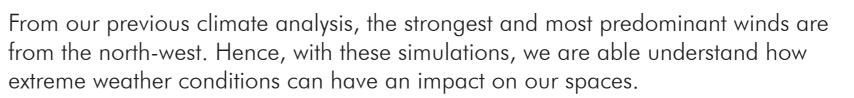
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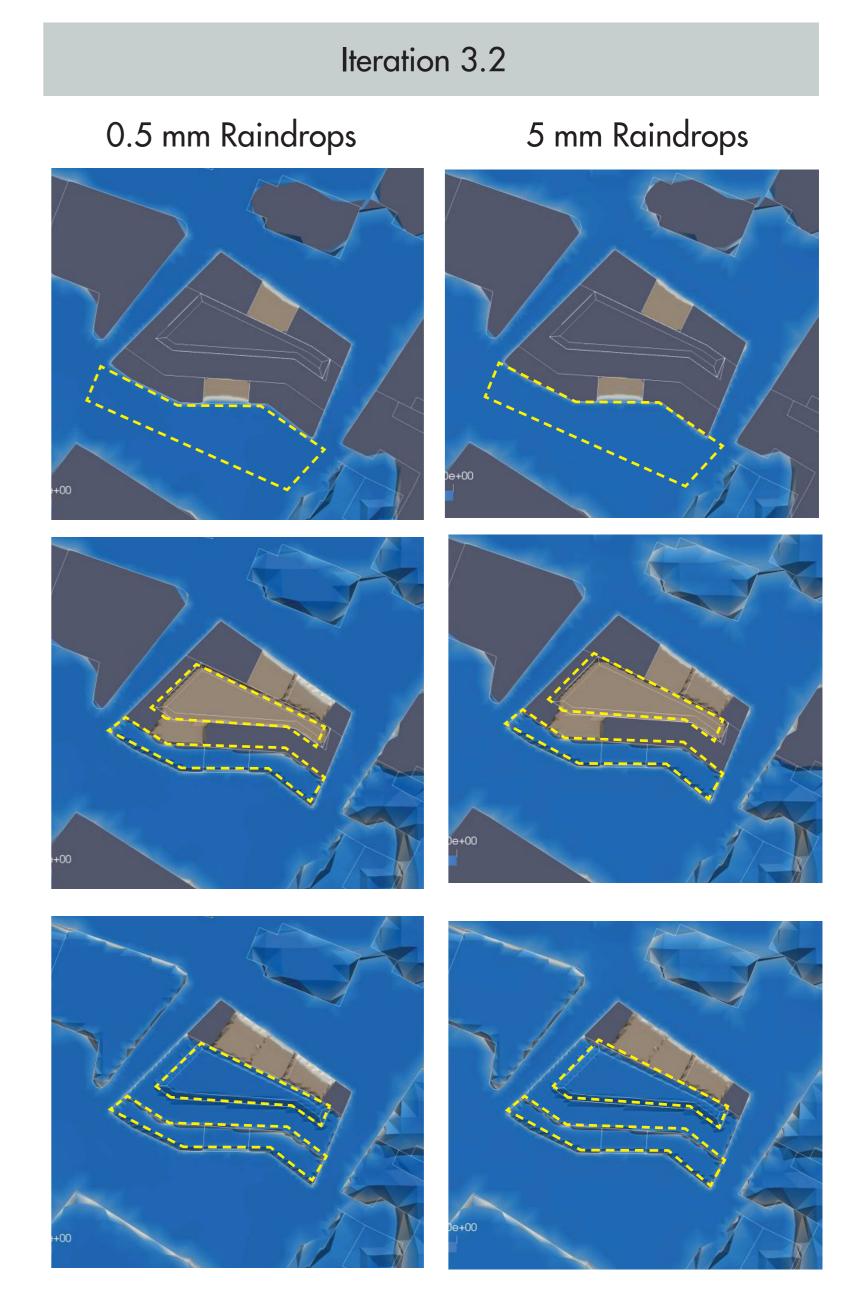
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### Wind Driven Rain Simulation Summary **GCR**

Comparing all iterations with simulations of wind from the 2 main directions and effects on our public spaces.

SW Wind

Iteration 3.1 Iteration 3.2

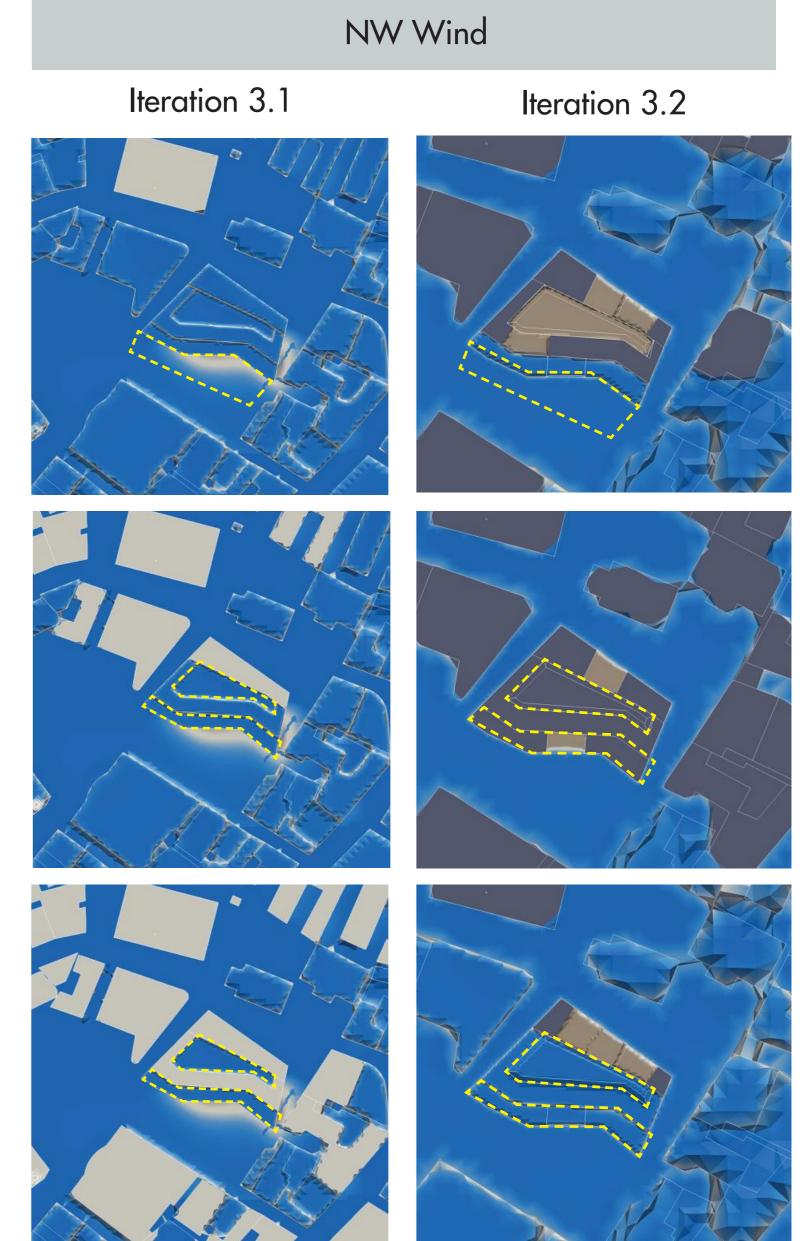
With the introduction of the atrium roof, despite it being slightly elevated to allow for better air ventilation, the streamtracers show that no rain is able to affect the atrium space and it remains well sheltered from both types of raindrop sizes.

20m

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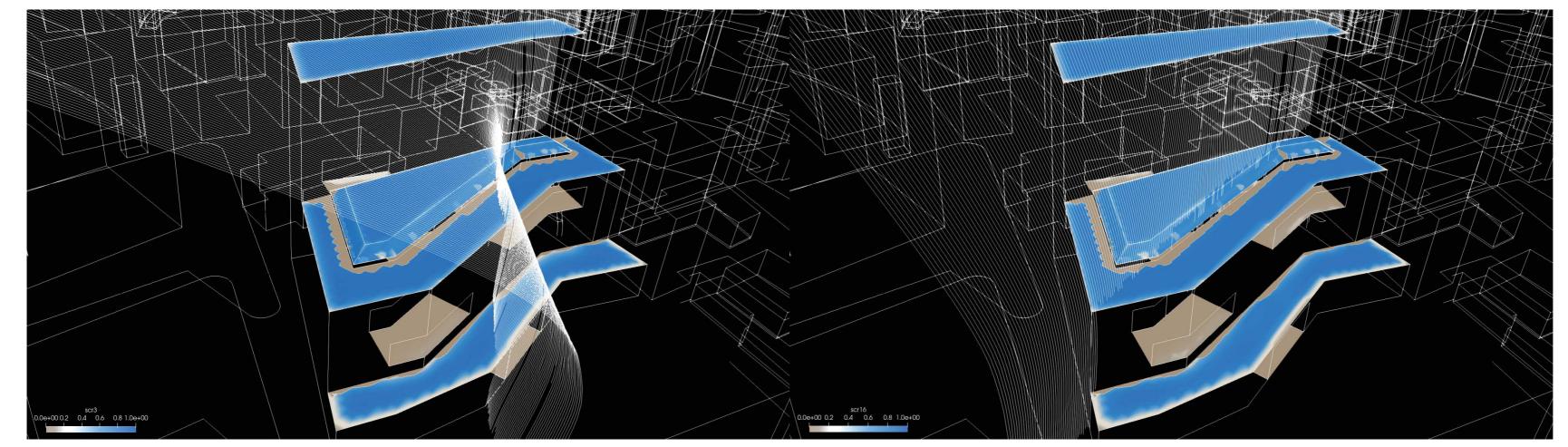
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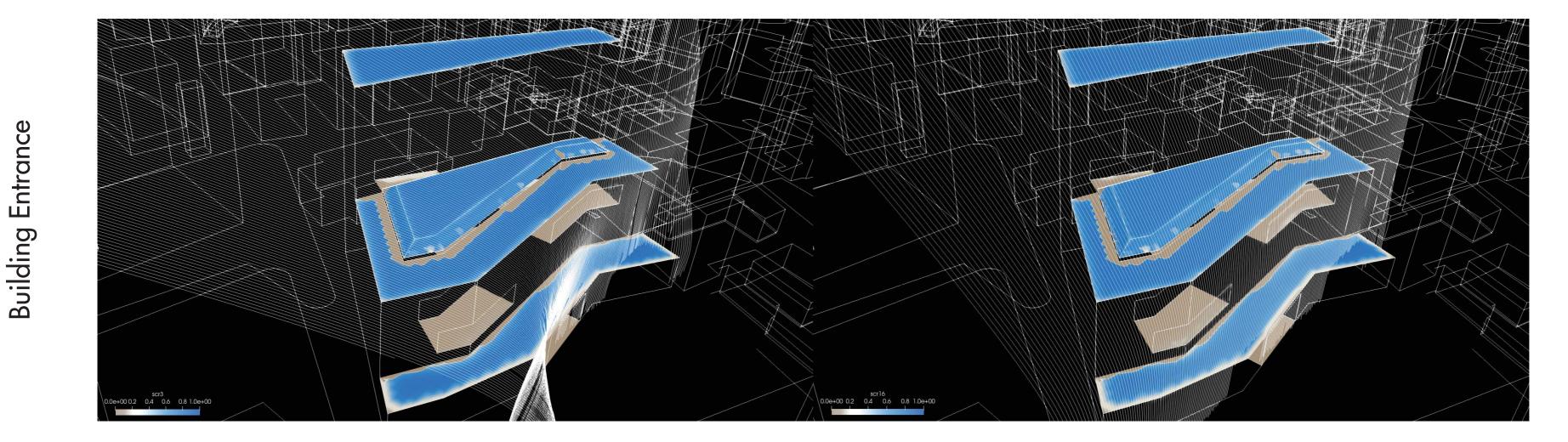


#### Wind Driven Rain Simulation - North West Wind **Streamtracer**

We have 3 main public spaces: the Atrium, the Rooftop and the building entrance. The rooftop spaces have been eliminated from more detailed analysis as it always open to sky. The other 2 spaces would have a more detailed resampling.



#### 0.5 mm Raindrops



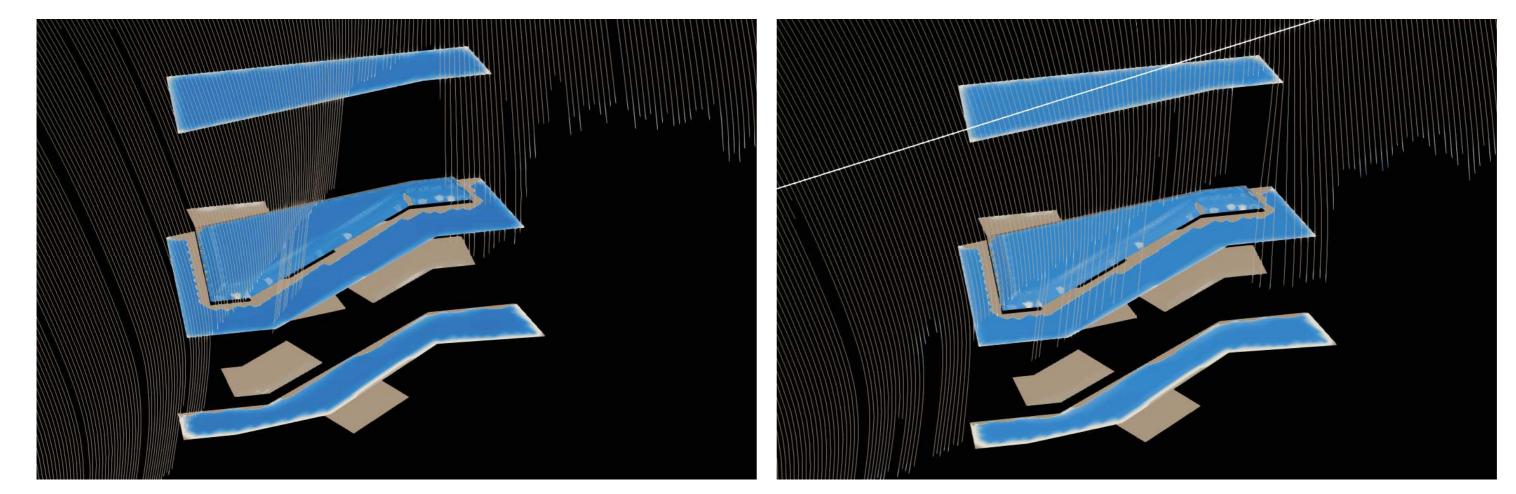
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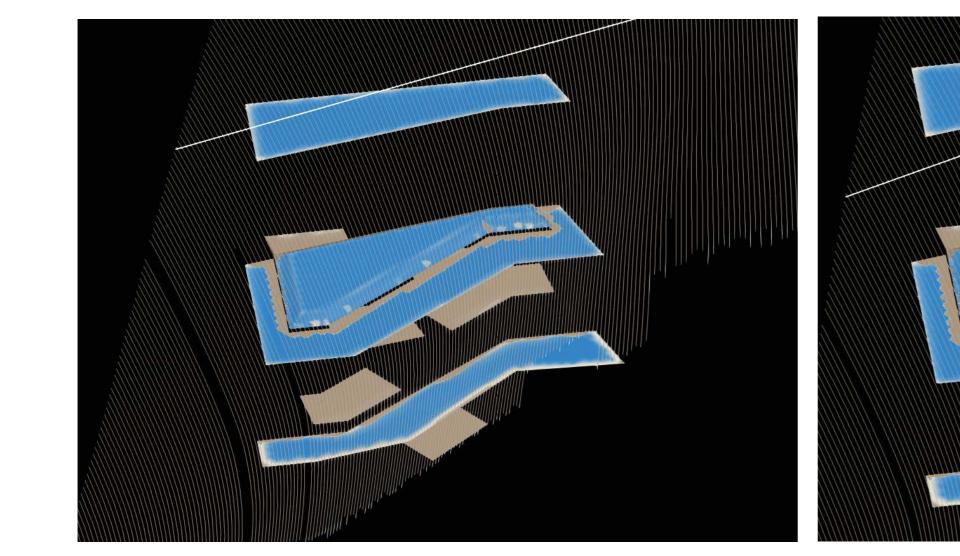
With the introduction of the atrium roof, despite it being slightly elevated to allow for better air ventilation, the streamtracers show that no rain is able to affect the atrium space and it remains well sheltered from both types of raindrop sizes.

The entrance of the building, indicated by the grey area on the bottom most floor, is reflected as a dry area since it is recessed into the building massing. However, for the 0.5mm raindrops, the streamtracers indicate a possibility that small amounts of rain may enter the area.

## Wind Driven Rain Simulation - South West Wind Streamtracer



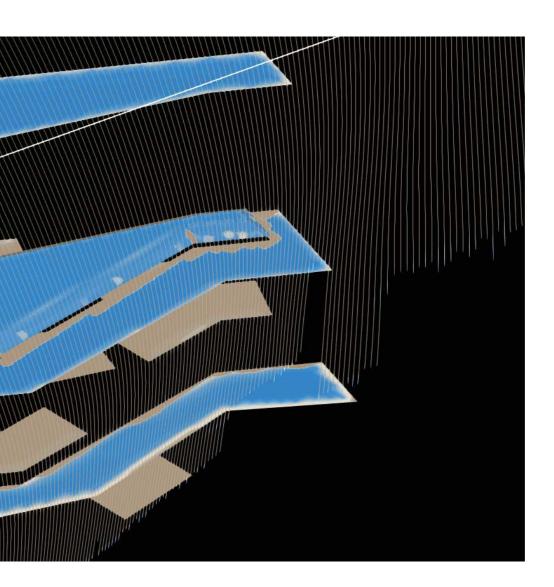
0.5 mm Raindrops



**Building Entrance** 

#### 5 mm Raindrops

The slight elevation of the atrium roof show may allow some smaller rain particles to enter the massing, but remain mostly dry.

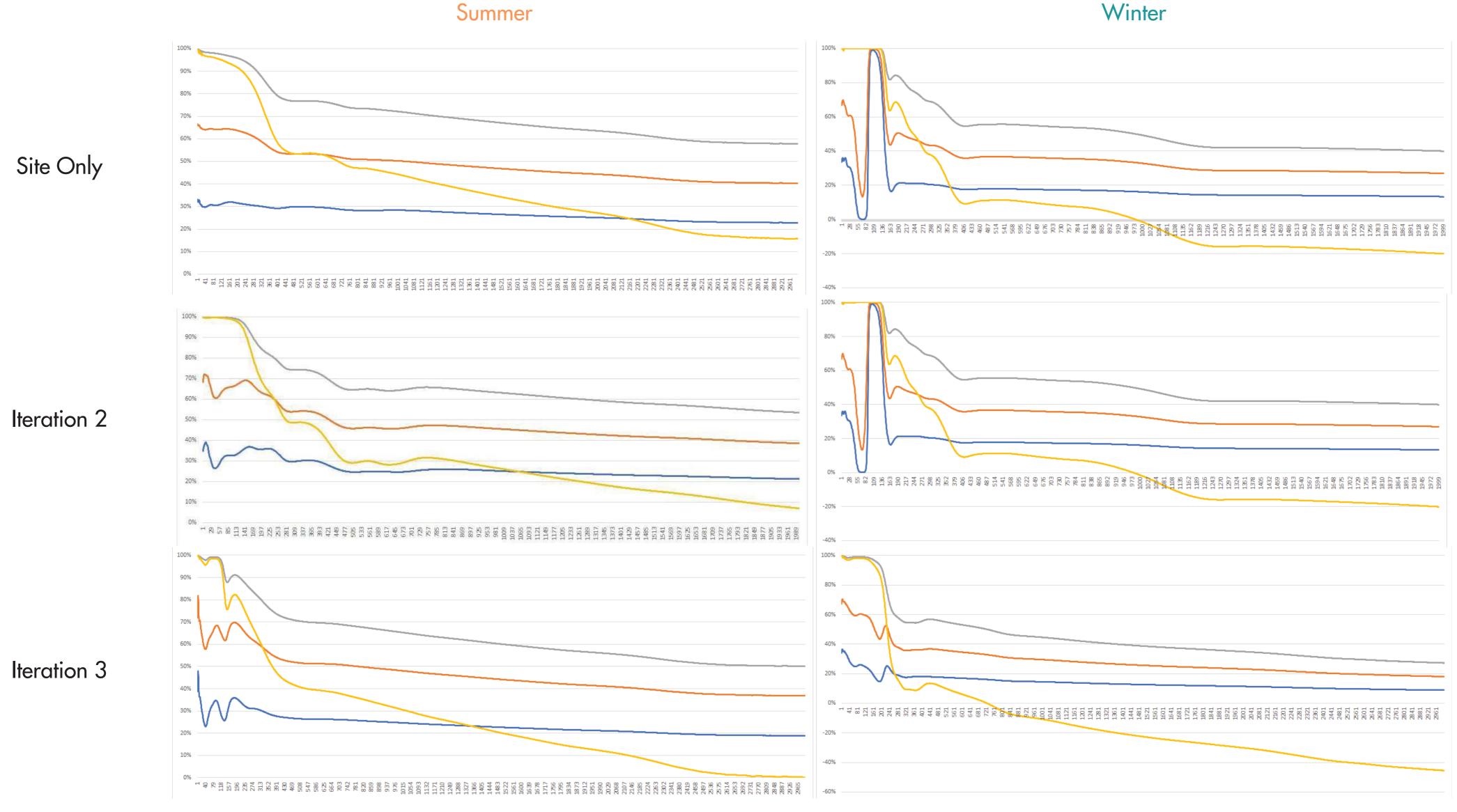


As the wind is blown parallel to the massing of the building and its entrance, the streamtracers show that the entrance area would remain properly shielded from the rain.





#### Residual Graphs - Wind for Mid Term

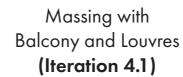


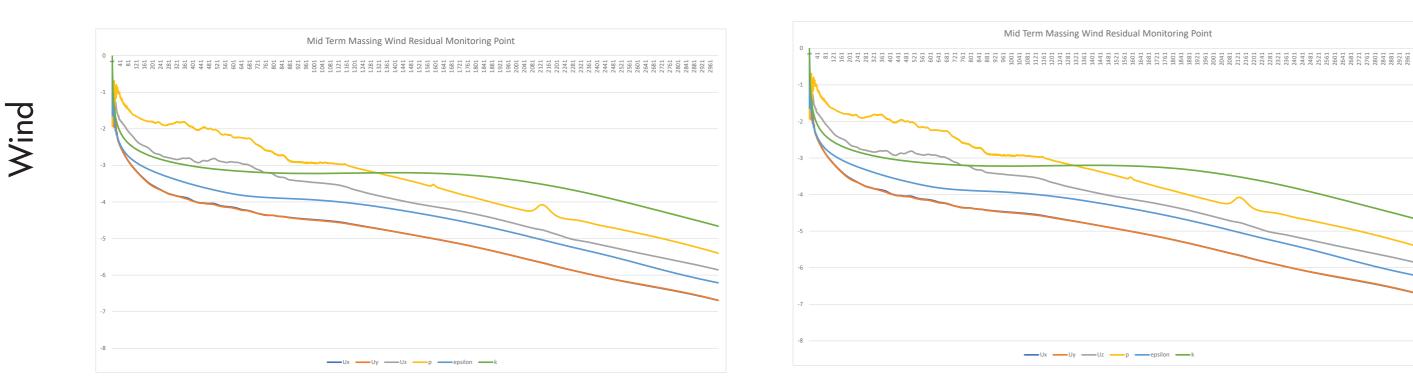
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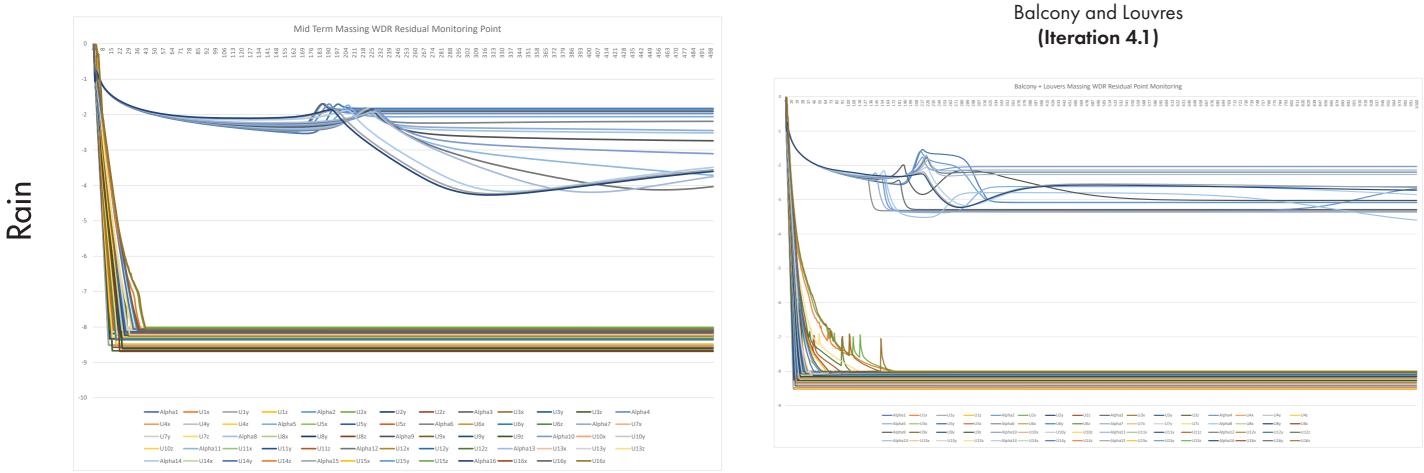
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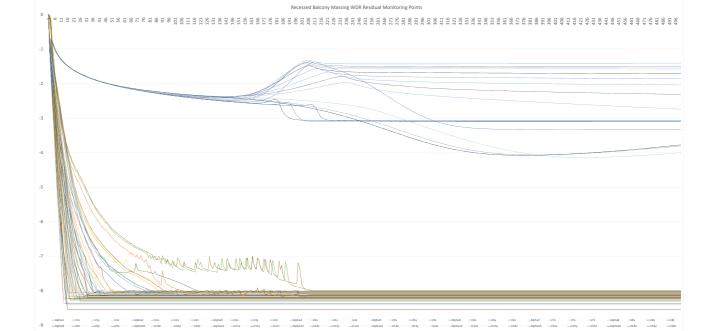
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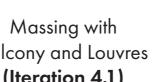


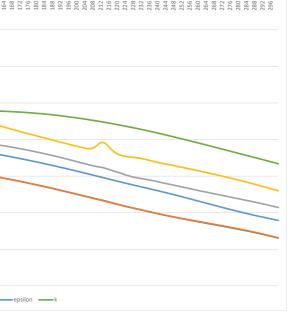














Massing with Balcony and Louvres (Iteration 4.2)

Recessed Balcony Massing Wind Residual Monitoring Points

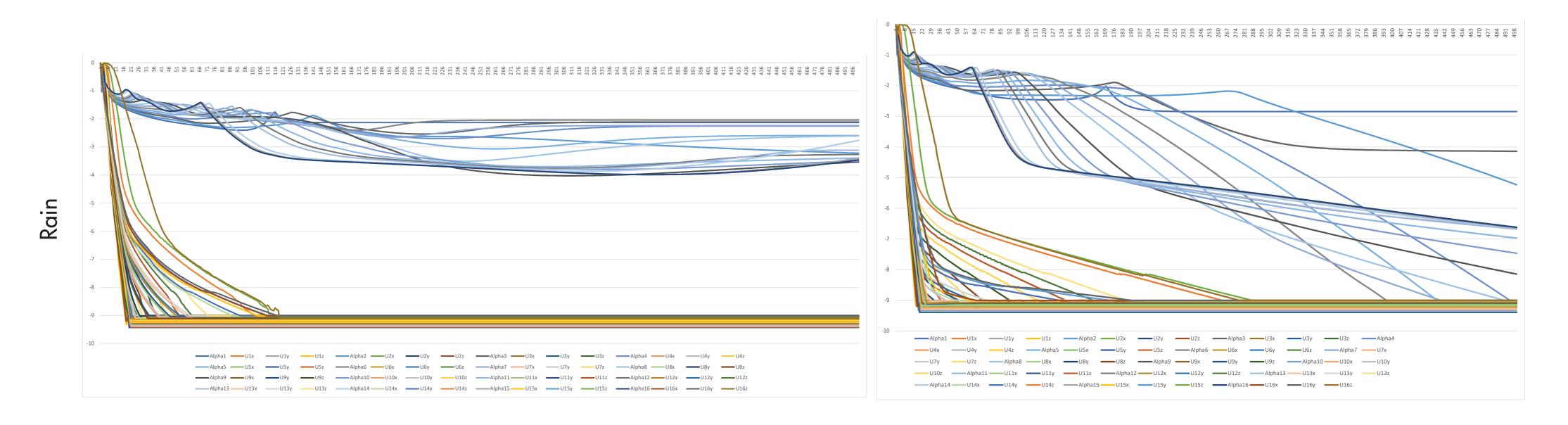
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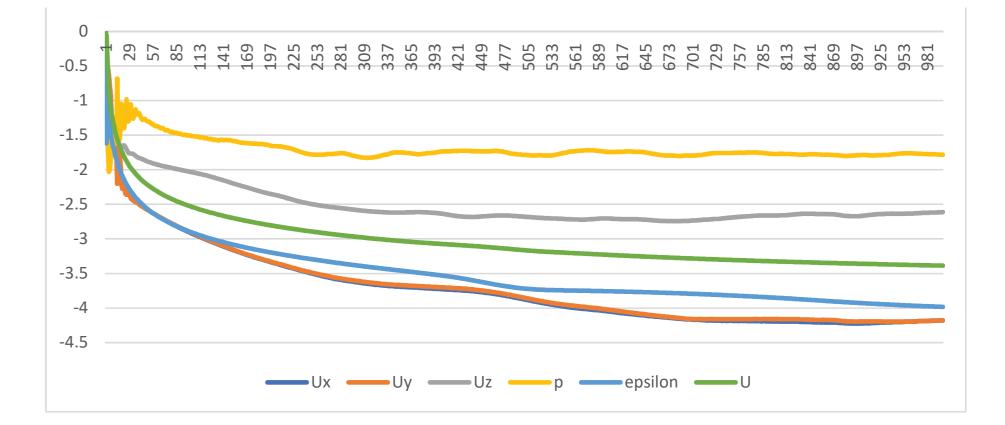
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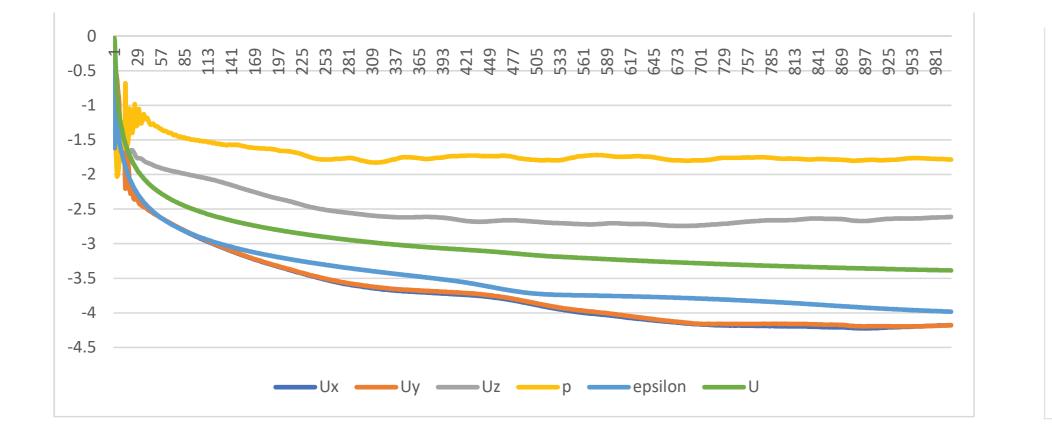
Iteration 3.1





Iteration 3.2

#### Residual Grpahs - North West Wind



Iteration 3.1

