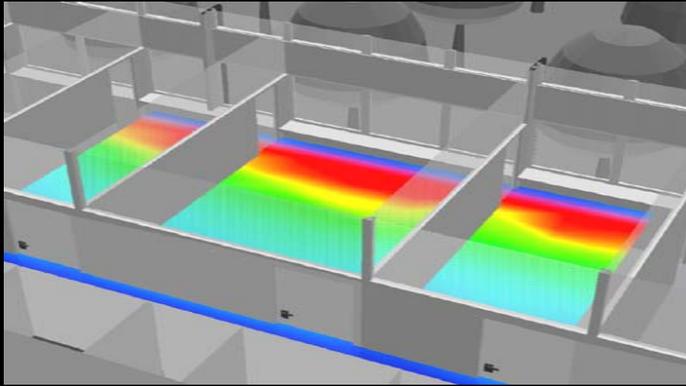


# Natural Light in Design

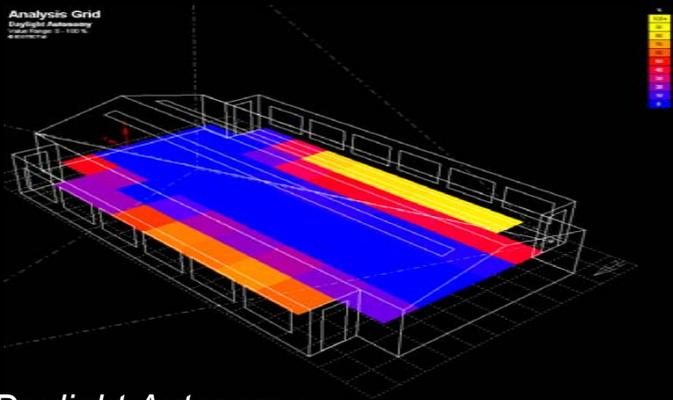
Using simulation tools to explore realistic daylight-responsive solutions



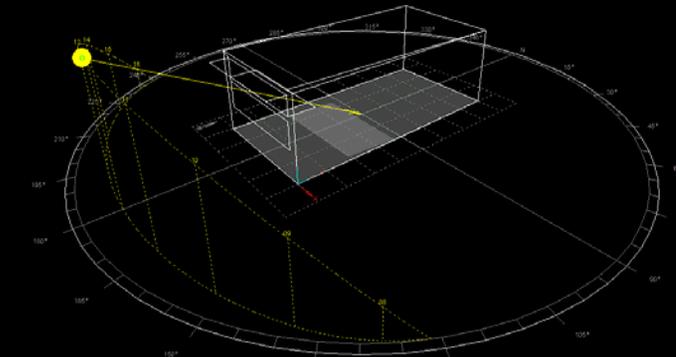
*Daylight Factor*



*Visual Comfort*



*Daylight Autonomy*



*Avoidance of Direct Sunlight*

## Introduction to Simulation

Christoph Reinhart, Ph.D.

# Overview – Building Simulation

Tuesday, Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2006

time slot	Content	instructor
Mon 9.30	Welcome, class introduction, design project (teams formed next morning)	MA, all
Mon 10.00	- General Introduction to daylighting (benefits, history, some case studies)	MA
Mon 10.30	- Introduction to Building Simulation (why simulations for architects, tools used in this course)	CR
Mon 11.00	coffee break	
Mon 11.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Photometry (definition, measurement, typical values, DF definition) (MA)</li> <li>- Static Daylighting Metrics (context of LEED, selected results from NRC survey, DF &amp; Solar Shading) (CR)</li> <li>- Daylight factor calculations: protractor method, LEED spreadsheet method, sky models CIE and Perez (MA)</li> <li>- Daylight factor simulation: design sky, split flux method in Ecotect (CR)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: DF calculation in Ecotect (split flux) (CR)</li> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: solar shading module in Ecotect (CR)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Intro to Radiance (CR)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: Radiance visualizations (CR)</li> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: DF calculation in Ecotect (Radiance) (CR)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MA, CR, all
Mon 13.00	lunch (on your own)	
Mon 14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate Data (kind of data and measurement, weather files, E+ weather data directory) (MA)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: weather tool in Ecotect (CR)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Overview on visual comfort (glare, contrast, requirements, health) (MA)</li> <li>- Dynamic Metrics &amp; related tools (CR)</li> </ul>	MA, CR, all
Mon 15.45	coffee break	
Mon 16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: Daysim exercise from tutorial interrupted by discussions on:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Short time steps dynamics</li> <li>- Daylight Coefficients</li> <li>- User Behavior Model</li> <li>- Daylight Autonomy Results</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	all
Mon 17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hands-on exercise: students to repeat at DF, Solar Shading &amp; DA analysis on their own</li> </ul>	all
Mon 17.30	end of first day	

# Objective for this module

**Convince you that:**

- **Building simulation is fun and can add value to the design process.**
- **To understand your simulation results, you need to understand the underlying models.**

# Overview - Building Simulation

provide shelter

adequate indoor  
environment

Building Simulation

sustainability



*Canadian Centre for Housing Technology*

cultural identification

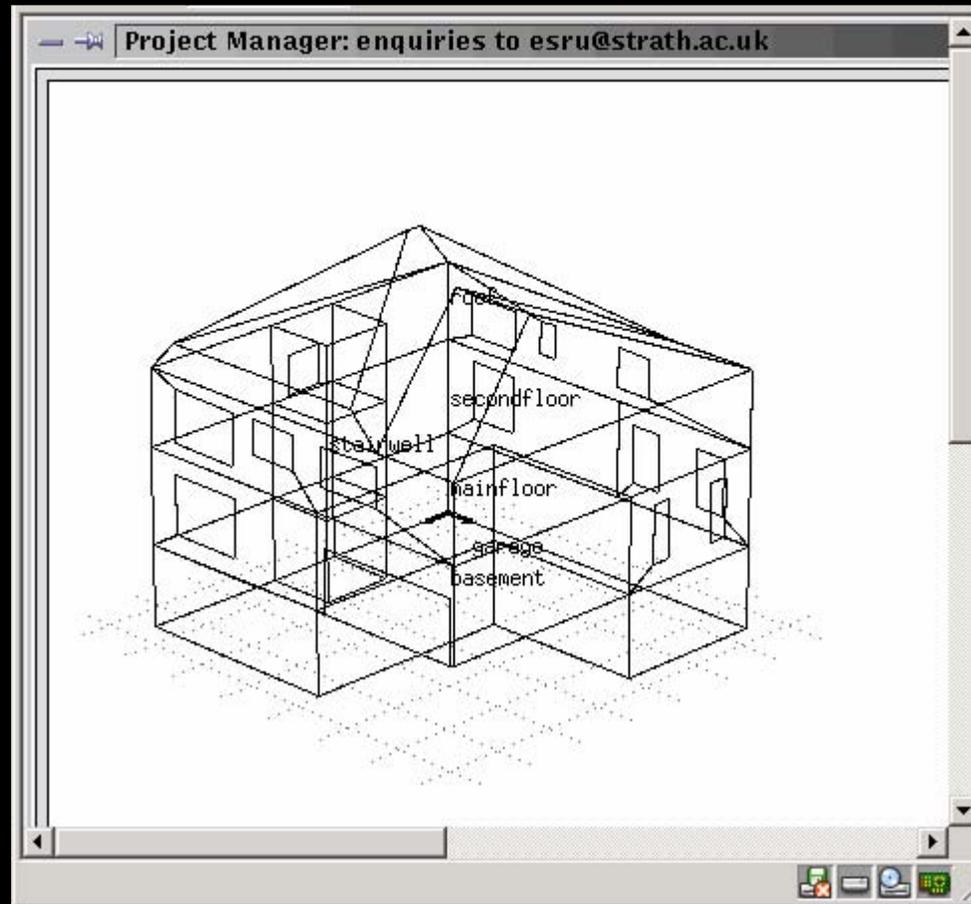
social representation

esthetics

# Energy Simulation

## The Building as a Thermodynamic Object

transient conduction  
surface convection  
shading and isolation  
moisture



longwave radiation  
shortwave radiation  
fluid flow  
casual gains  
plants

energy and mass balance  
radiosity  
raytracing  
sky models  
time series analysis

# Why building simulation?

To **compare different design options** during design development.

To **reduce risk** through reduced planning uncertainty.

To demonstrate **code compliance** (absolute values).

# LEED Green Rating System

Categories for New commercial construction and major renovation projects

- Sustainable Sites (14)
- Water Efficiency (5)
- Energy & Atmosphere (17)
- Materials & Resources (14)
- Indoor Environmental Quality (15)
- Innovation & Design Process (5)

# Why building simulation for architects?

Better interfaces. Faster computers.

To **interactively improve** your design at the schematic design stage.

To be able to **engage in a dialogue** with the HVAC engineer.

Competitive edge: high demand for simulationists

Opportunity to work on more interesting projects.

**Caveat:** You have to understand the underlying assumptions.

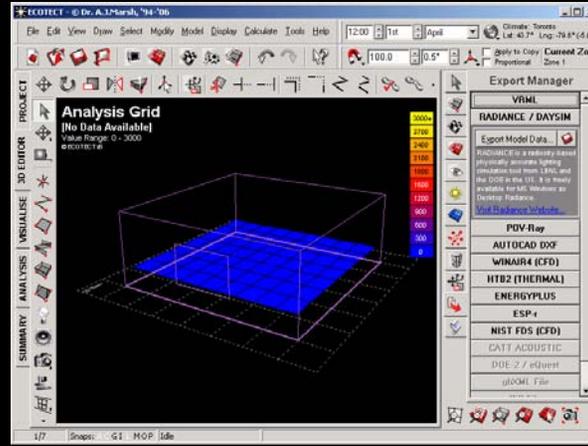
# Mailing Lists

Mailing List : Radiance Online <http://www.radiance-online.org/>

Mailing List: Building Simulation <http://www.gard.com/ml/bldg-sim.htm>  
(technical information and job postings)

# Simulation Tools used in this Course - Tuesday

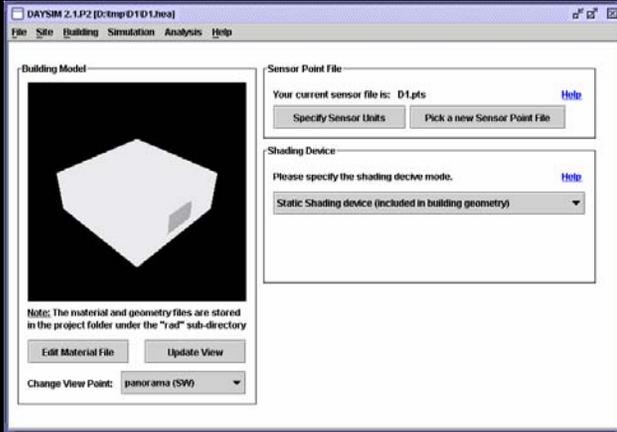
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Daylight Autonomy

Daylight Factor, Illuminances...

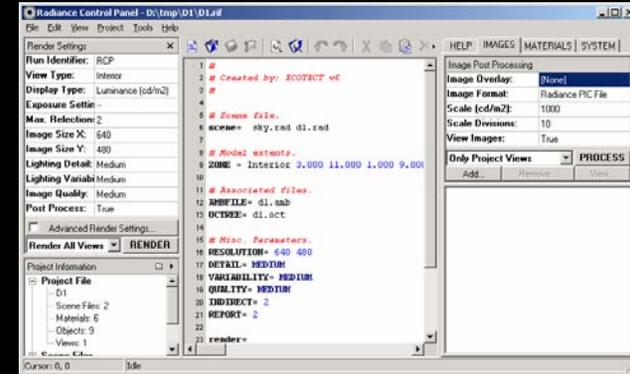
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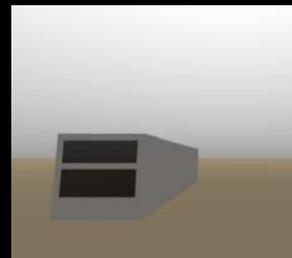
Lighting Energy



Radiance Control Panel

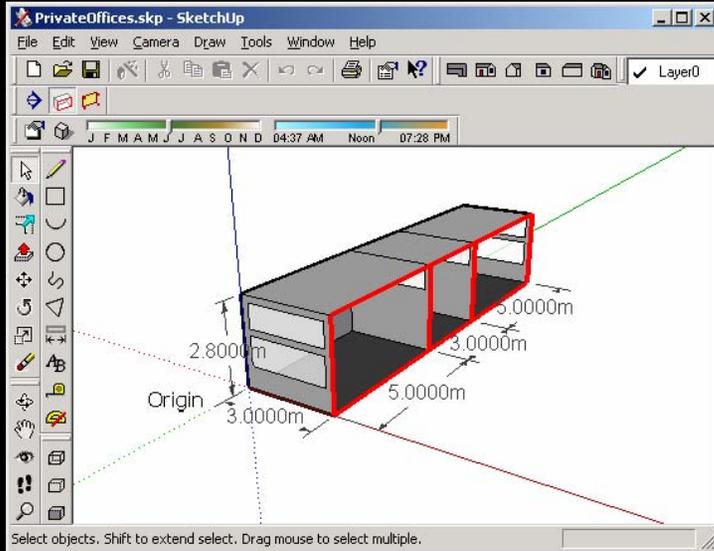


Visualization



# Simulation Tools used in this Course (Wednesday)

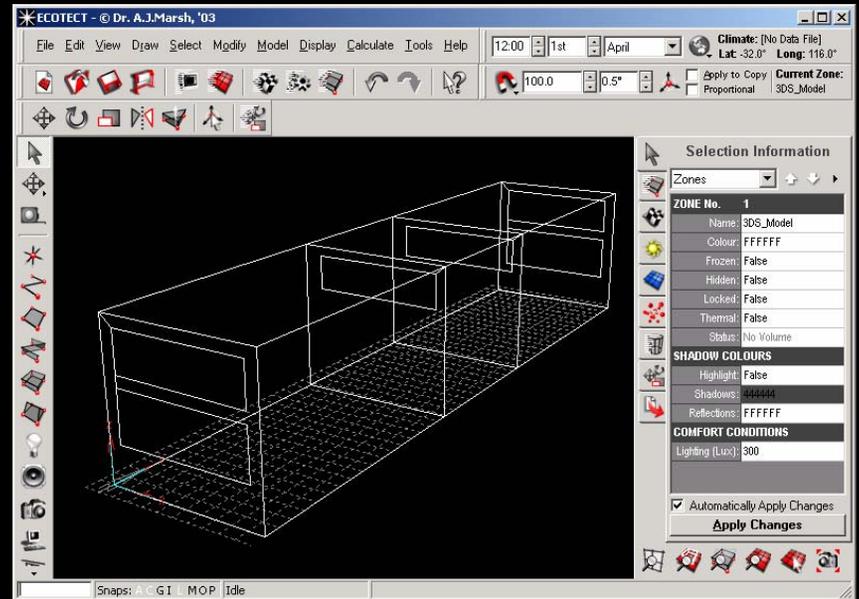
Sketch Up, FromZ,...



3ds file



Ecotect



# Building Energy Software Tools Directory

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Building Energy Software Tools Directory website. The browser's address bar shows the URL [http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/tools\\_directory/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/buildings/tools_directory/). The website header includes the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the text "Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy" with the tagline "Bringing you a prosperous future where energy is clean, abundant, reliable, and affordable". A green banner reads "Building Technologies Program". Below this is a navigation menu with links: "About the Program", "Program Areas", "Information Resources", "Financial Opportunities", "Technologies", "Deployment", and "Home". A search box is located to the right of the navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Building Energy Software Tools D" and is divided into several sections: "About the Directory", "Tools by Subject", "Tools Listed Alphabetically", "Tools by Platform", "Tools by Country", and "Related Links". A central text block describes the directory: "This directory provides information on 295 building software tools for evaluation energy efficiency, renewable energv. and". To the right, there is a "FEATURED SOFTWARE" section highlighting "Tetti FV" as "Featured Software". Further right, there are sections for "UPDATES" (listing "EnergyPlus - Version 1.2.1" released on October 1, 2004) and "EVENTS" (listing "IBPSA-USA Winter Meeting" in Orlando, Florida, USA on February 5, 2005, and "IBPSA Building Simulation 2005 International Conference").

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