



The dawn of

Energy Efficient Architecture

dominating the skylines of SEA

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"If you're involved in a new project and you are not making it as green and low energy as possible, it will be functionally obsolete the day it opens and economically disadvantaged for its entire lifetime"

Mr. Jerry Yudelson (2008)
national board member
US Green Building Council



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Three Fundamental Observations

FACTOR

× 130

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD?



APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS?



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By year 2050, the global economy must be 130 times more carbon efficient

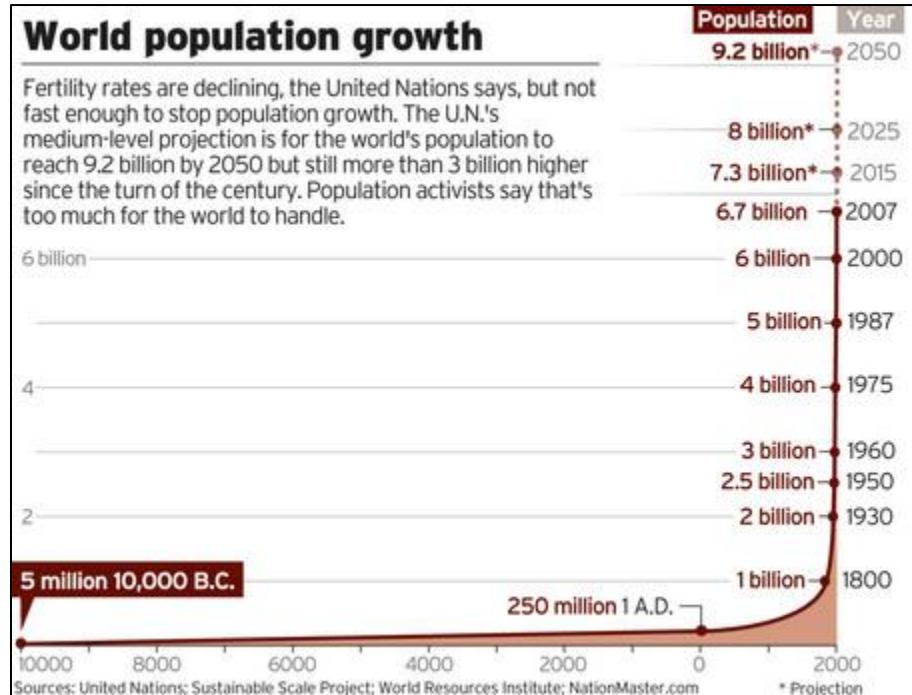
Or rather, the carbon intensity (CO₂ emissions per GDP) must be 6 grams CO₂/USD, which is 130 times lower than the current global value 768 grams CO₂/USD .

The basis for this calculation is:

- Greenhouse gas levels are maintained below 450 ppm recommended by IPCC (4th report)
- Global population at 9 billion by year 2050
- Global income levels are equitable to EU-levels
- Global economy growth level at 2% per annum

Source:

“Prosperity without Growth: Economics for a Finite Planet”, by Tim Jackson, Economics Commissioner for the Sustainable Development Commission, SDC, UK, 2009



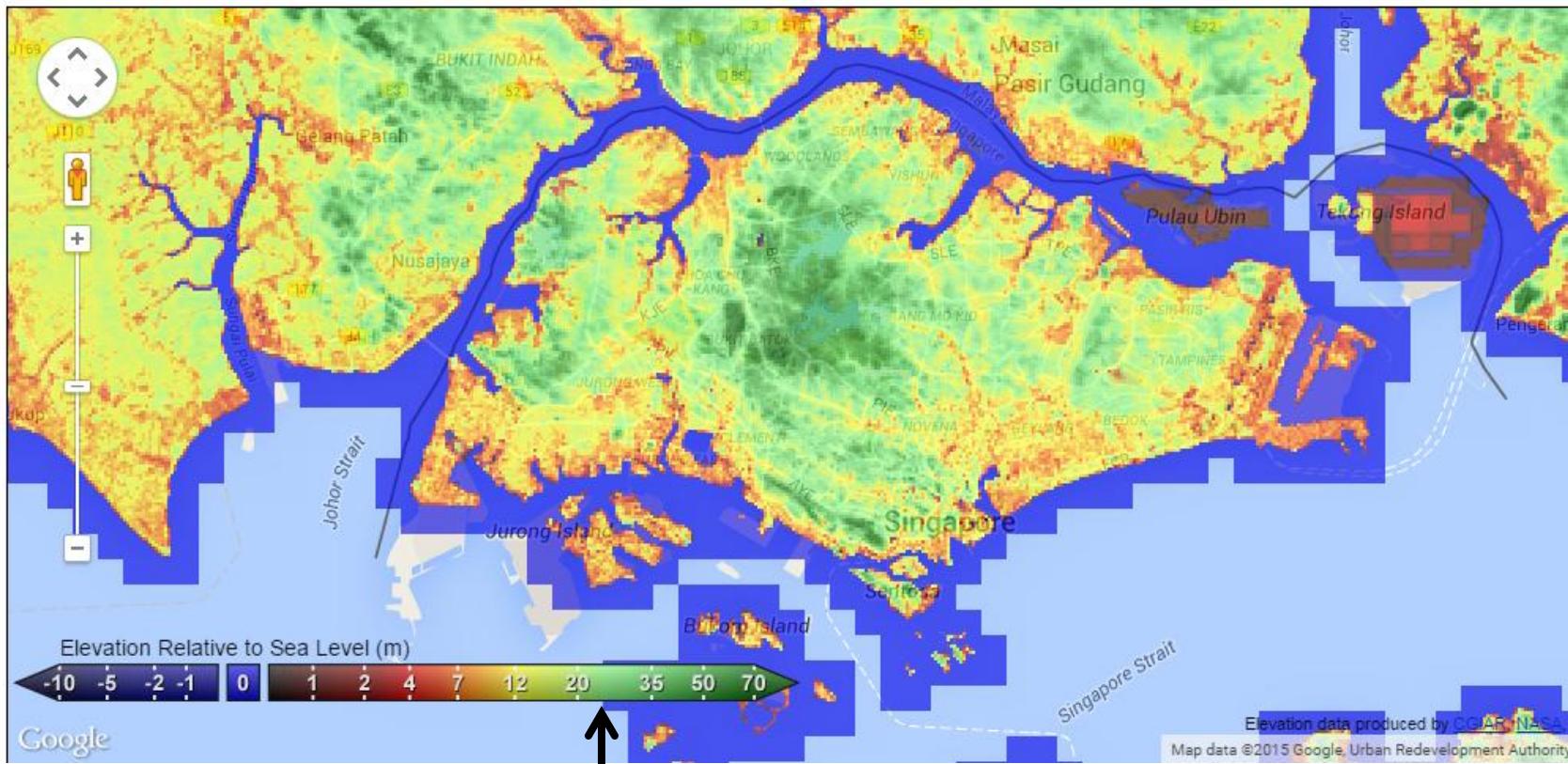
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Sea Level was 25 meters higher - last time Earth had this much greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere

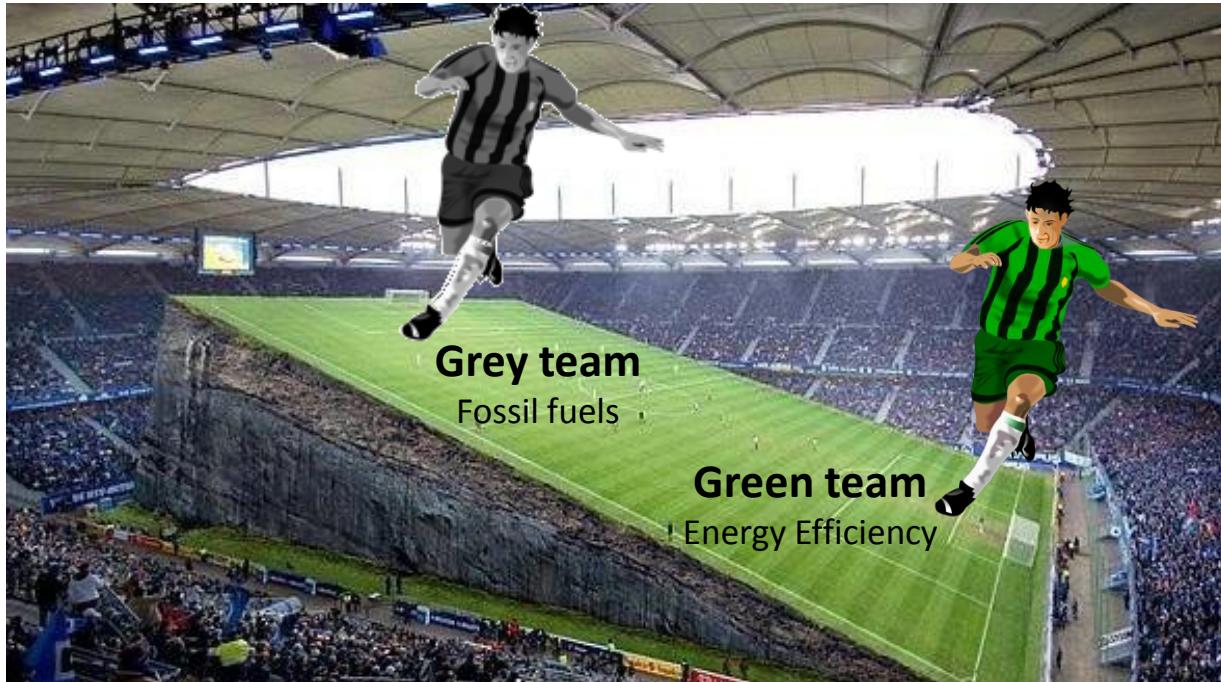


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The playing field is NOT level

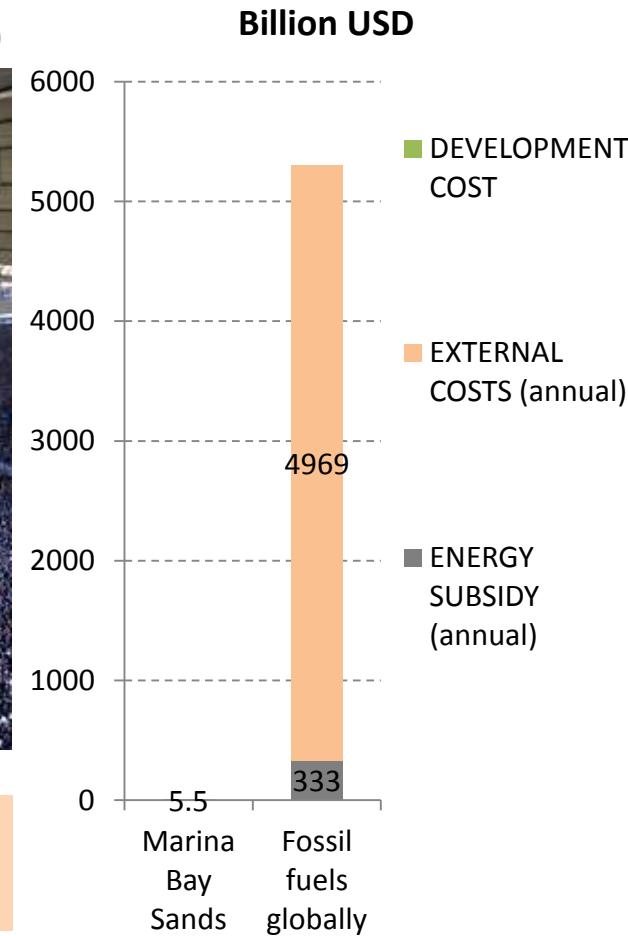
Fossil fuels are subsidized and underpriced. In fact, the annual cost of fossil is USD5.3 trillion – or 6.5% of the global GDP (Source: IMF, 2015)



EXTERNAL COST break-down:

19% (Traffic congestion), 26% (Extreme weather) and 55% (Air Pollution Health Costs)

LEVEL PLAYING FIELD?



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Three Fundamental Observations

Full height glass

Wonderful design!?

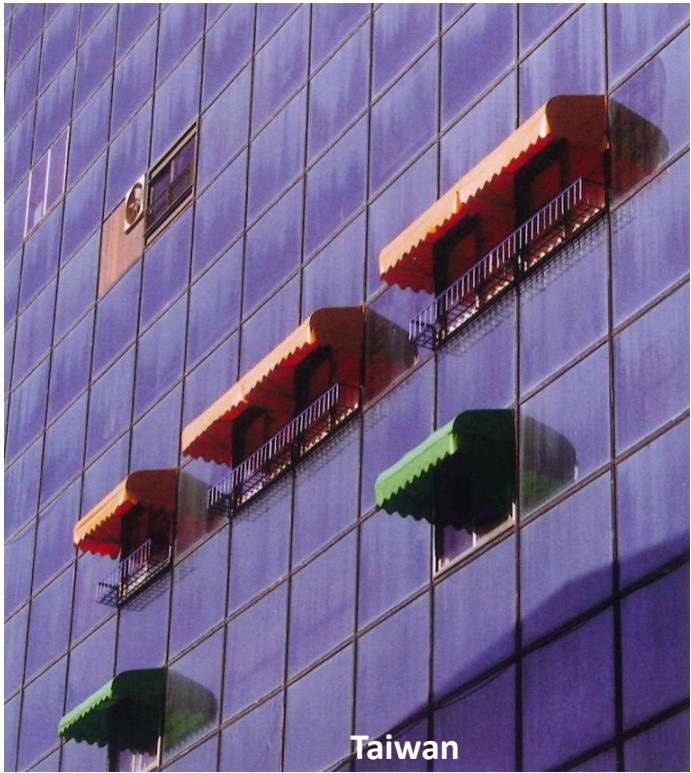


Glary & hot

Blinds everywhere

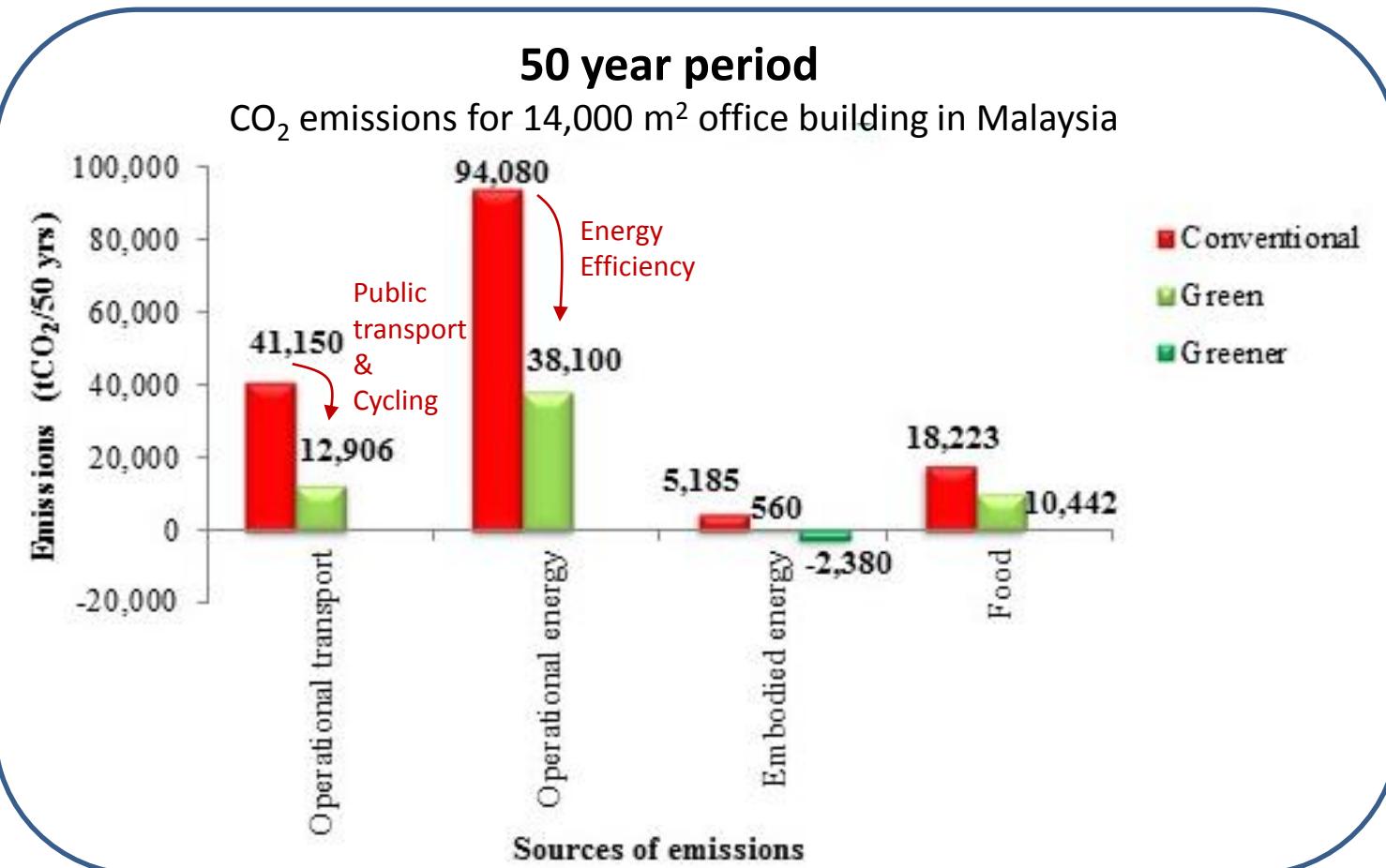


APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS?



BUILDING ENERGY

Where is the energy spent?
And where are the energy efficiency potentials?



Energy Efficient Buildings with Good Payback time

Case studies from the SEA countries



LEO Building



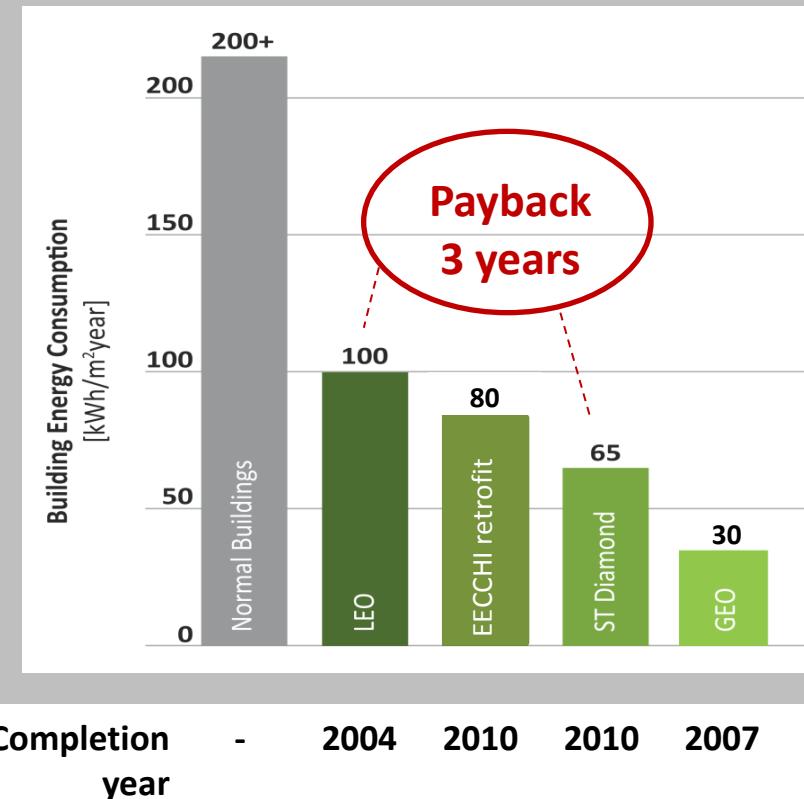
GEO Building



ST Diamond Building



EECCHI retrofit



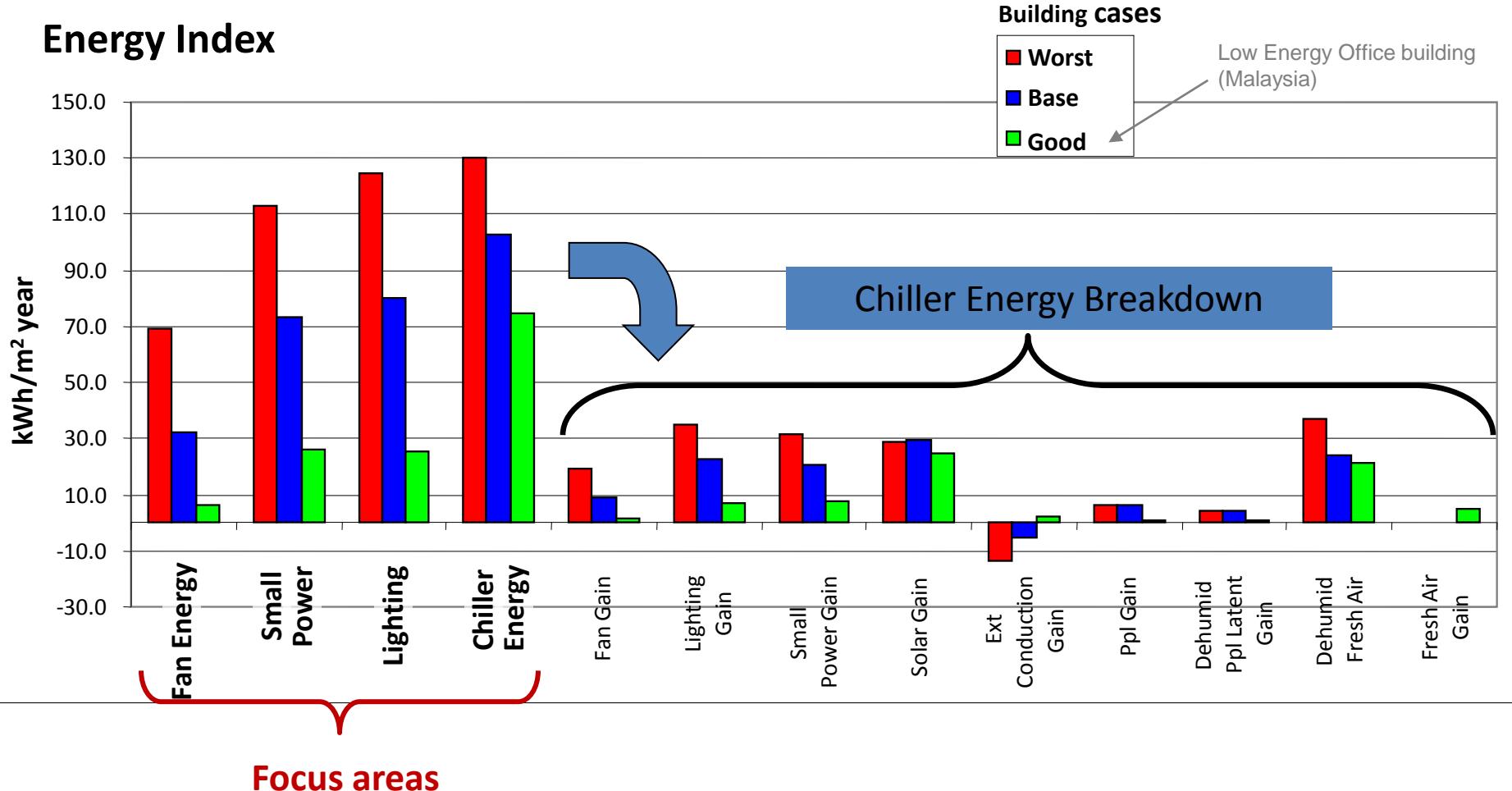
Energy Consumption of Green Office Buildings

Measured data for New and
Retrofitted Buildings
by IEN Consultants

BUILDING ENERGY BREAK-DOWN

Understanding why the air-conditioner has to run in the first place

Energy Index



Case study no. 1



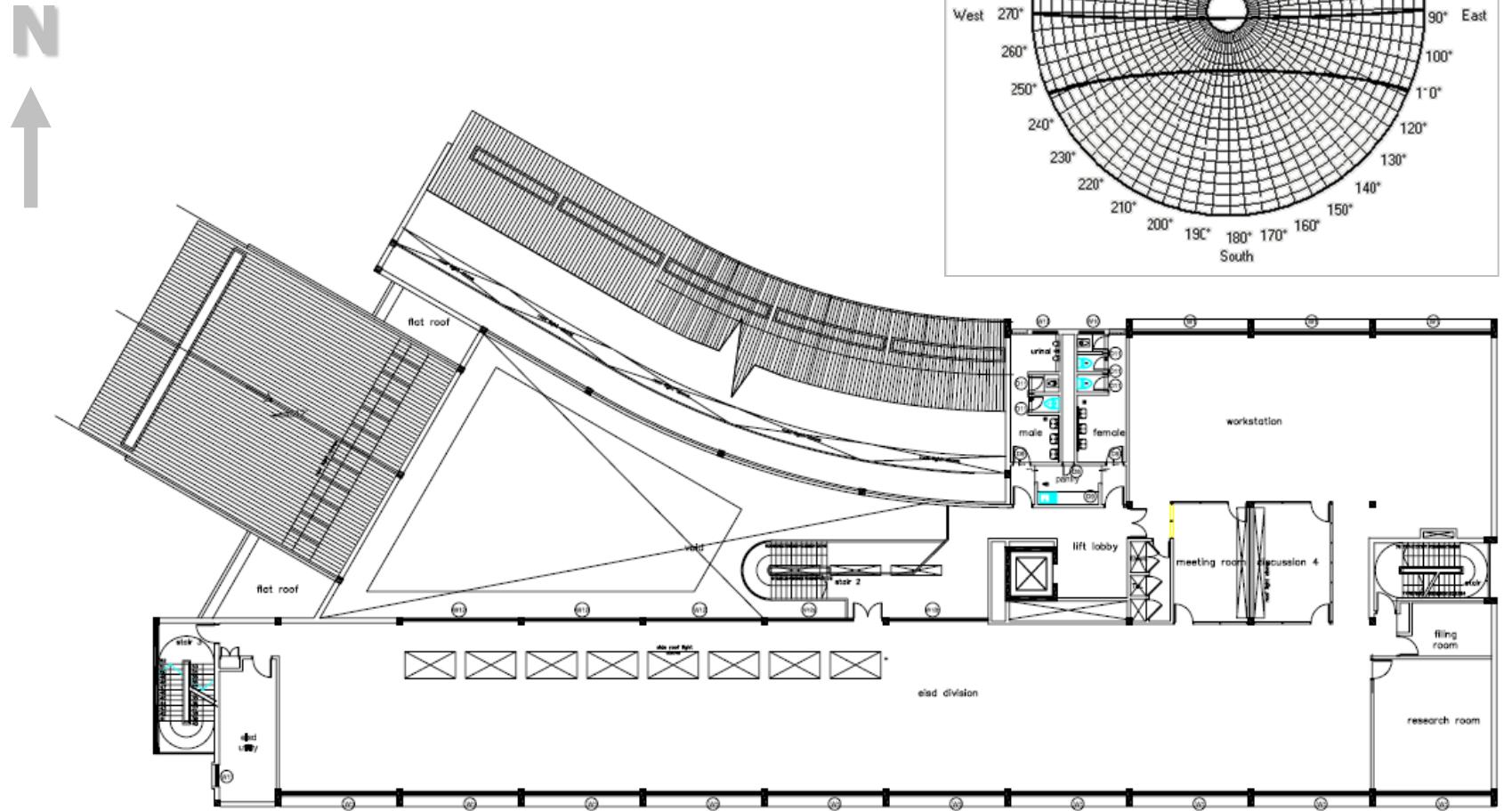
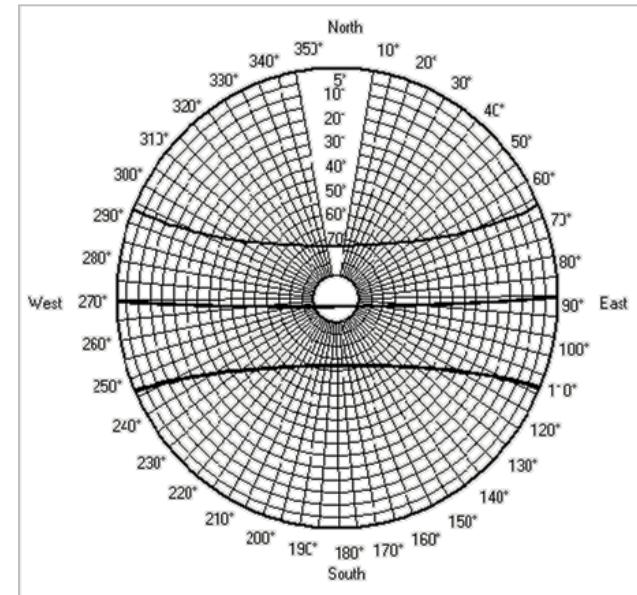
Energy Efficient Office case study

GEO BUILDING

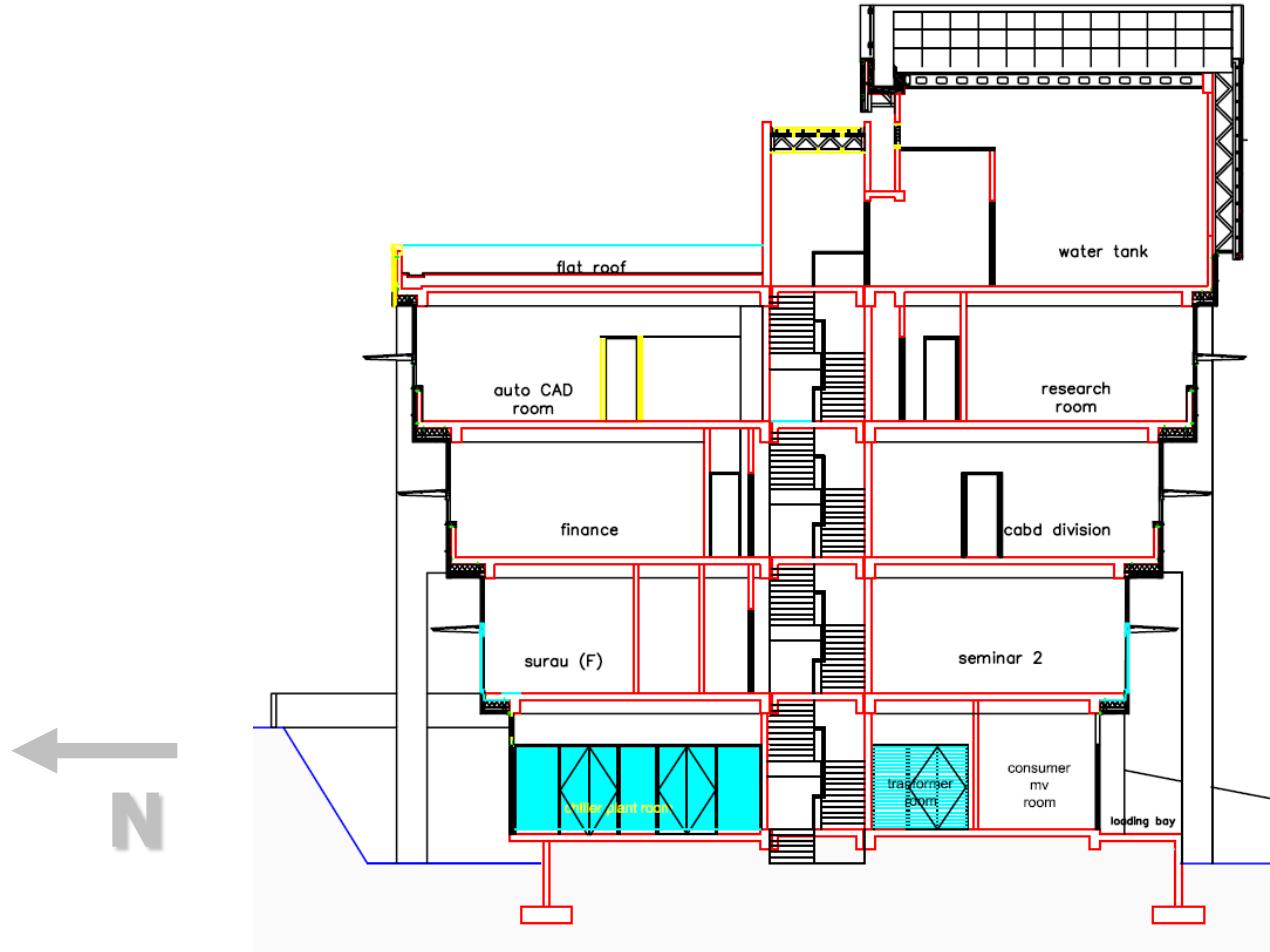
(MALAYSIA. FORMERLY “ZERO ENERGY OFFICE” (ZEO) BUILDING, 2007)

Good Orientation for Daylighting

Solar chart for Kuala Lumpur (3.15° North)



Step-in Design (Self-Shading)



Daylight Facade with Mirror Lightshelves



MIRROR LIGHTSHELVES:

Direct Sunlight Cut Off, Only Diffuse Light Enters Rooms

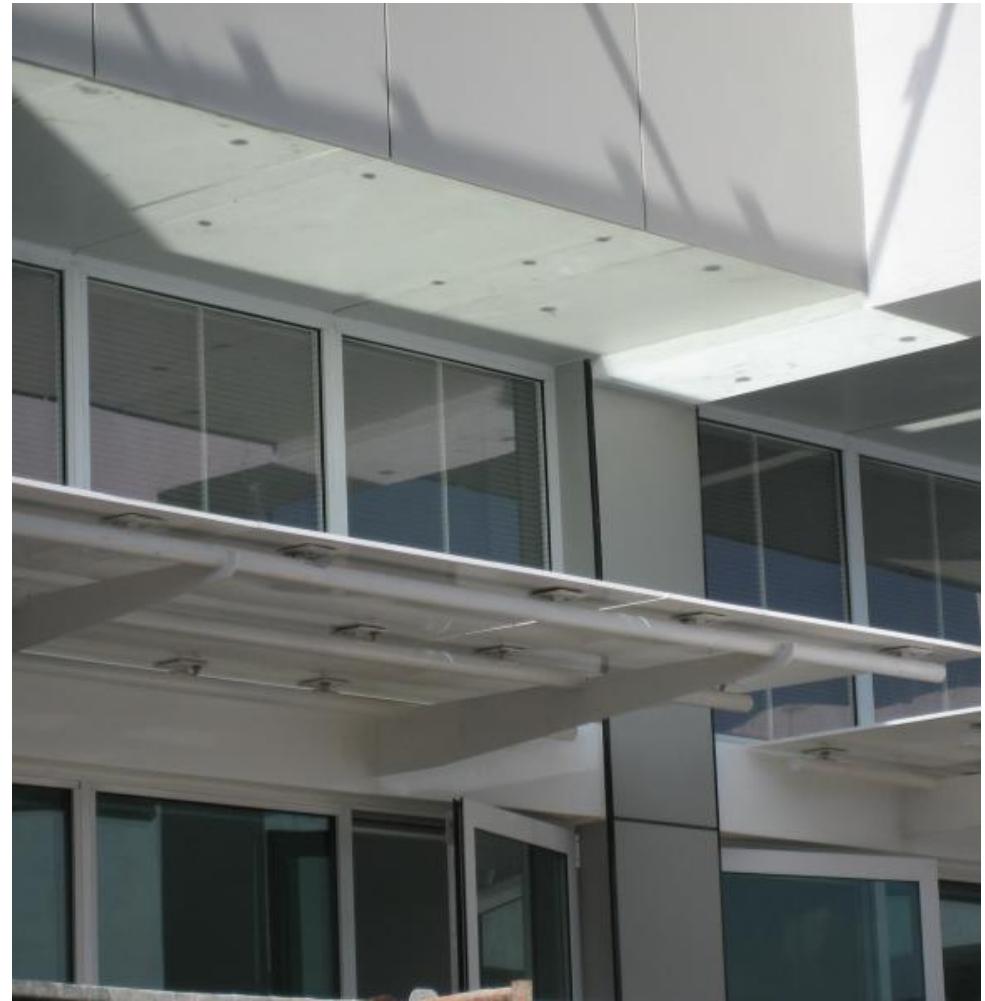
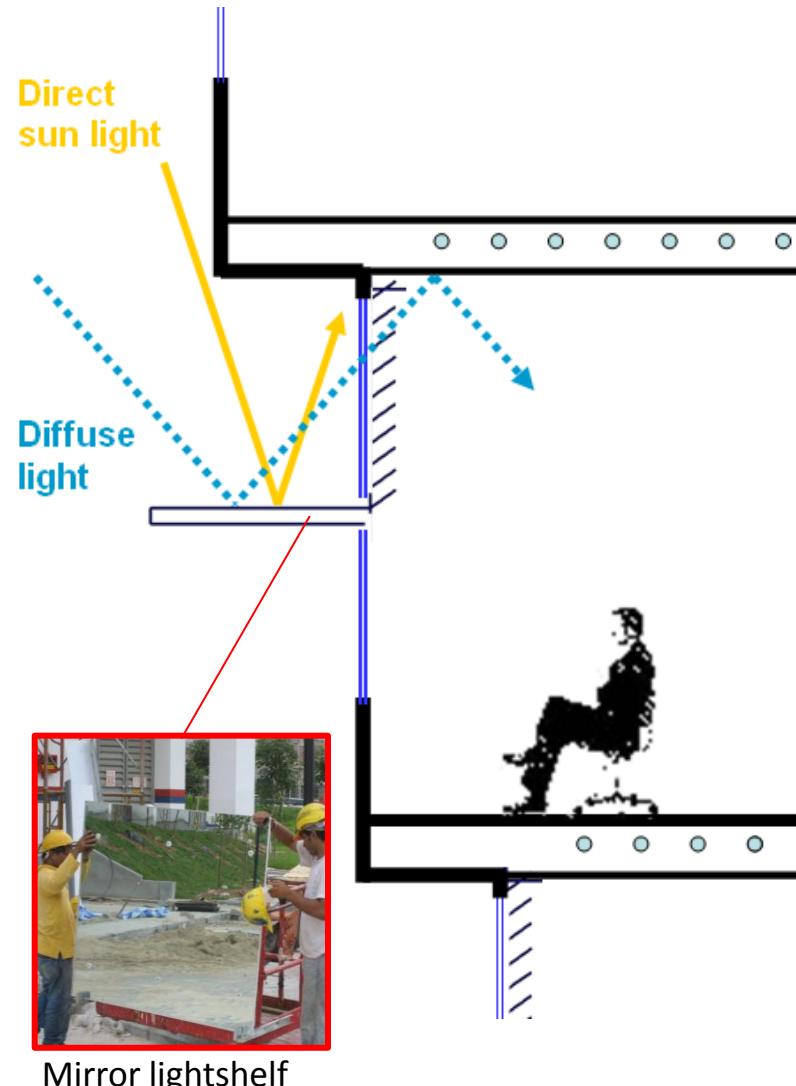


Photo taken on 12 June 2007 (North facade)

Split Window Design with Fixed Blind inside Double-Glazed Unit

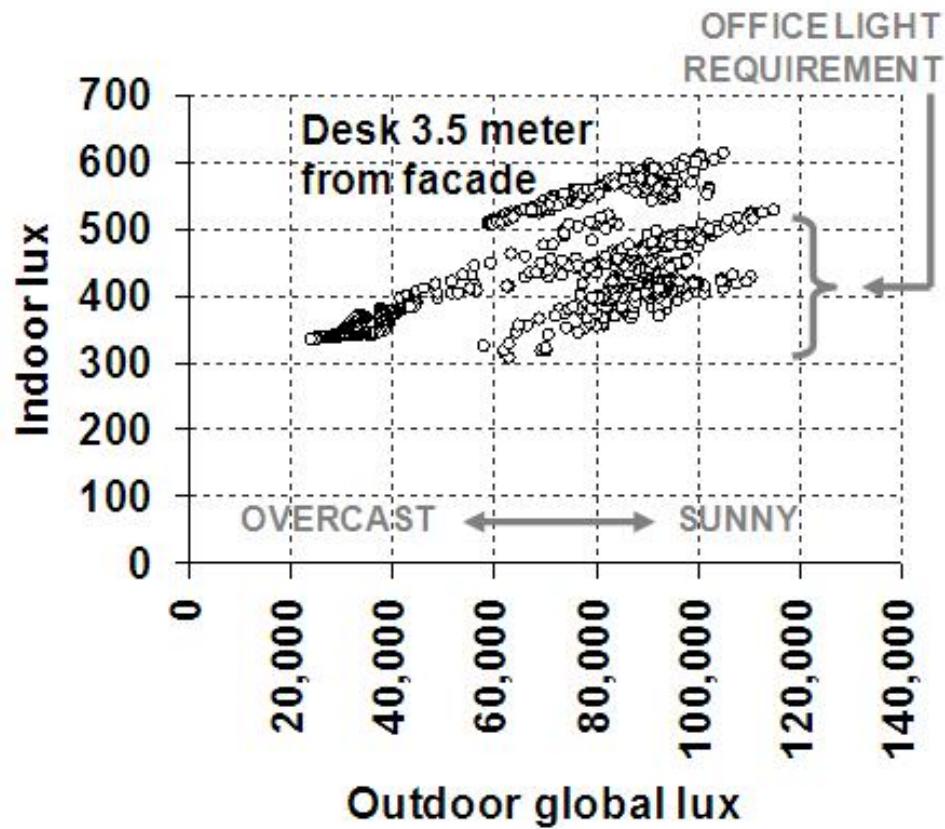


Blind encapsulated in double glazing, no maintenance needed. Looks as good as new after seven years and counting....!



Semi-specular Tannenbaum reflector in the ceiling. Maintains inward light reflection without causing glare to the occupants. Translucent cubicle walls parallel to the façade ensures daylight passage to table top.

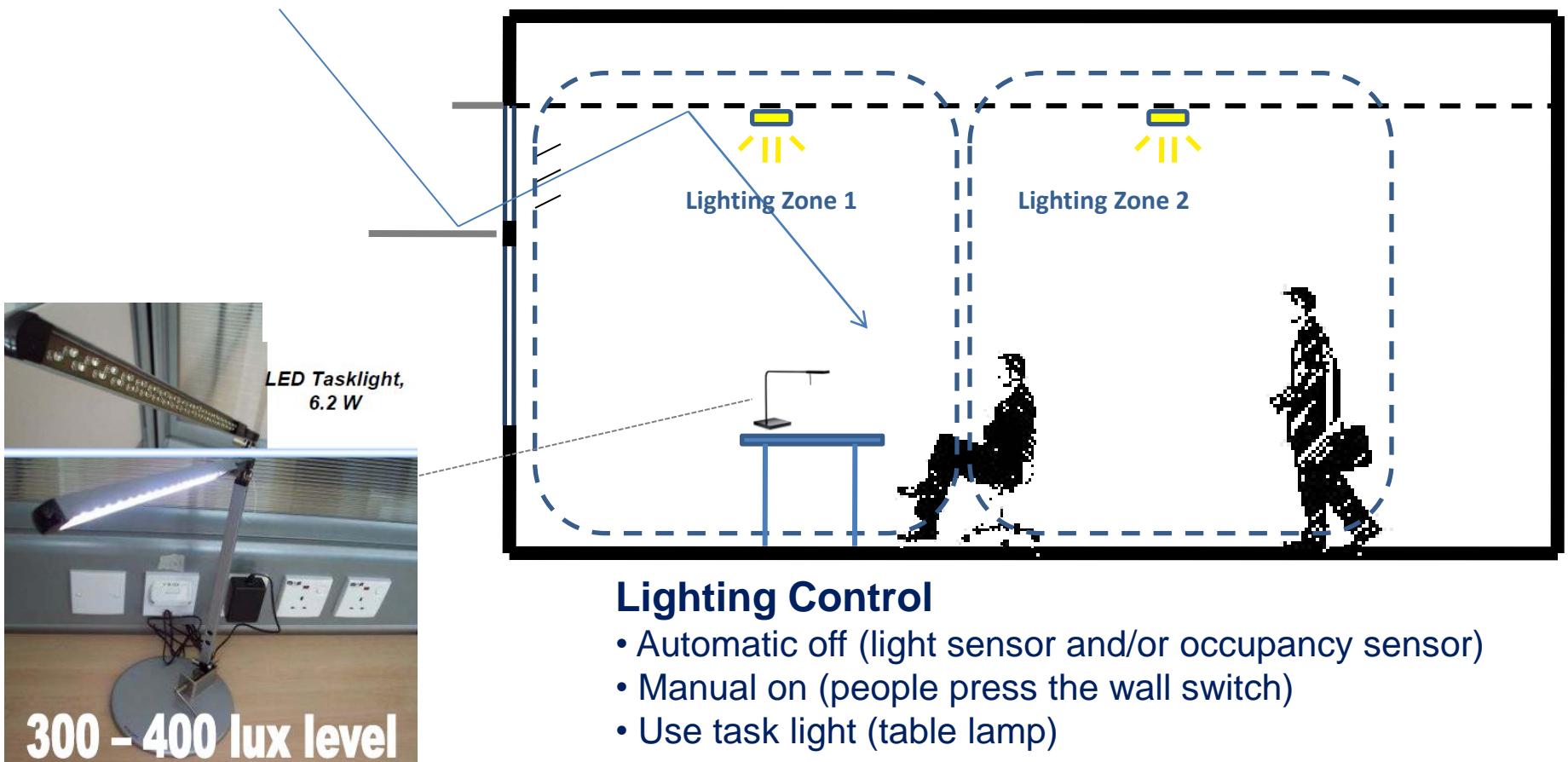
Daylight Measurements



- Lighting consumption: 0.56 W/m^2
- Code requirement: 15 W/m^2

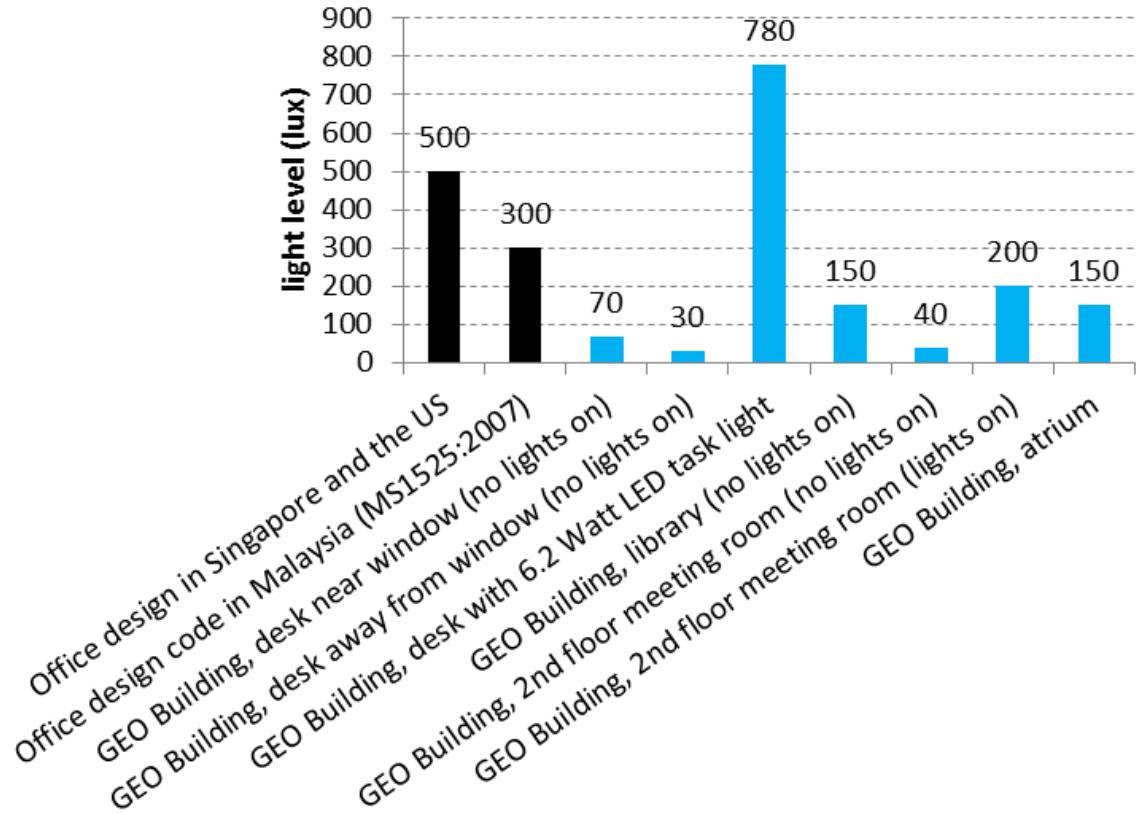
25 times more efficient

Daylight Responsive Lighting



GEO Building Daylight Measurements

Light levels (lux) measured in GEO Building, 9 April 2012, 4:30 pm on rainy and gloomy afternoon. None of the general lighting had been switched on by the staff



Transparent / Transluscent Walls Parallel Not to Block Daylight
+ No Suspended Ceiling with Slab Cooling (high 3.6 m floor to ceiling height)



Roof Lights taking in diffuse soft daylight from the North



Transparent PV atrium roof



- PV sandwiched in low-e glass
- 13% transparent area

Daylight factor
in atrium about
1 – 1.5%

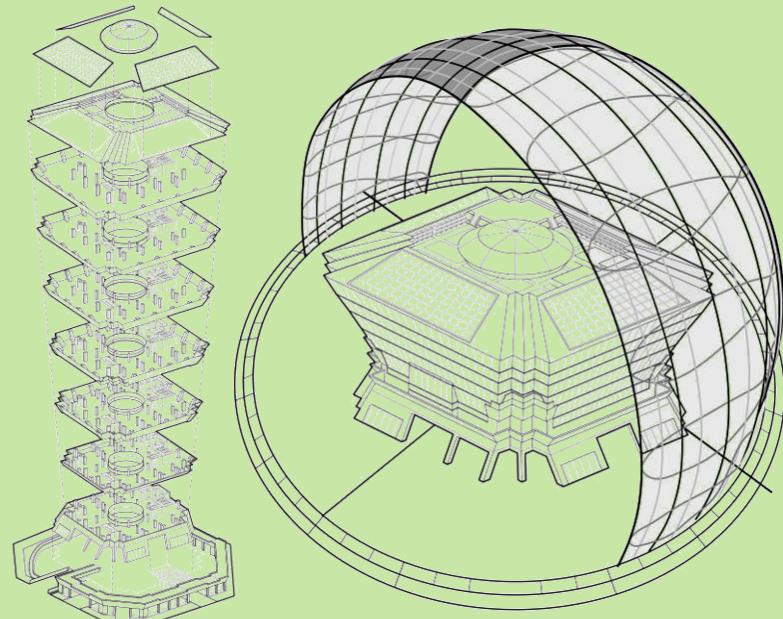
Nice light
pattern through
PV atrium roof

Nice atrium
staircase made
people take the
stairs instead of
lift

Case study no. 2

Winner of 2012 ASEAN Energy Award

(ST Diamond Building, Putrajaya, Malaysia)

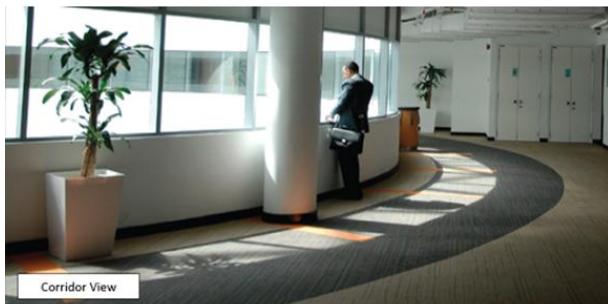


Energy Efficient Office case study

ST DIAMOND BUILDING **(SURUHANGJAYA TENAGA, 2010)**

1/3 Energy Consumption

ST Diamond Building



Key Data

Gross Floor Area: 14,000sqm
Year of Completion: 2010
Building Energy Intensity: 69kWh/m²*year
Total Construction Cost: RM60mil
Additional EE Cost: 3.2%
Payback Period: < 3 years
IRR: 34% (based on 7 year Lease Term)



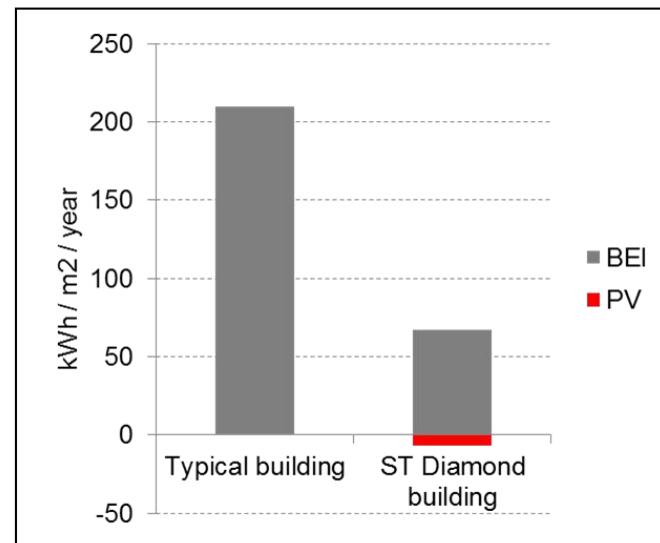
GBI
Platinum



Green Mark
Platinum



2012 ASEAN
energy
award
Winner



&

2013 ASHRAE
Technology
Award
(2nd place)

ST Diamond juxtaposed with Sarawak Longhouse

(in the book “The Cooperation”, 2012)

Malaysia and Denmark's commitment to the field of

Green Energy in Architecture

as well as in cooperation and capacity building within the field, can be illustrated by the mutually beneficial involvement of IEN Consultants with the development of this field in Malaysia over the years. IEN Consultants was originally a proprietorship established by a Danish Chief Technical Advisor involved in the identification of energy projects in Malaysia. When the company took on the LEO Building project, it gained recognition in Malaysia and IEN Consultants managed to build up a team of consultants, most of them Malaysian, who with their experience on the LEO Building, became known further afield. This helped gain further commissions on such projects as the Green Tech Building and what has become known as the Diamond Building in Putrajaya.

“Green Buildings” are perceived to be expensive, both because of the costs of employing the expertise necessary to develop and refine the building and system designs, and because of the relatively high capital costs of green technology items. It takes time for reduced operating costs, which come with reduced energy usage, to counterbalance the increased capital investment and this has been a significant brake on development worldwide. However, given that approximately 40% of worldwide carbon emissions come from buildings, it is clear that there is a need for the “greening” of buildings to

make a significant contribution to carbon reductions.

As a result much effort has gone into the dissemination of green ideas to the Malaysian building industry, including the idea that the advantages of reduction of whole life costs of buildings as opposed to just capital costs are worthwhile. The fact that some “green” input to building design in Malaysia has moved from a subsidised base, using for example Danish funding for the LEO Building and European Union funding for the Green Tech Office Building, to a fully Malaysia funded base in the case of the so-called “Diamond Building” indicates some success in changing attitudes to operating costs vs capital costs ascribed to “Green Buildings”.

Improved energy efficiency is already recognised by the Malaysian government to be more important than mere certification under the Green Building Index (GBI) scheme. That scheme therefore carries tax and stamp duty benefits to encourage the real application of green ideas in the design and operation of buildings.

Beyond this, IEN Consultants is now involved with a UNDP funded project, with the Ministry of Works, to promote low carbon buildings in Malaysia. It is hoped, amongst other things that it will lead to a building code by 2015 specifying much lower carbon footprints even than the LEO Building or the Diamond Building.



Another major area of involvement was in
Capacity Building for Malaysian Industry and Academia in EE Building design.

The objective of the scheme, which was implemented by the Ministry of Energy, Communications and Multimedia (now Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water), was to develop capacity in the optimisation of energy efficient building design. This was done through training sessions, seminars, specific analysis of existing buildings and design development of new buildings. A key partner in this endeavour was the Public Works Department (JKR) and there was close cooperation with Schools Division and Healthcare Division, so the lessons learned were comprehensive, and the dissemination of the results widespread.

The project produced reports outlining design strategies for new buildings, making lessons learned from the LEO Building described above available to practitioners and academics across Malaysia. The project also produced reports on “Energy Efficiency Promotion: Lessons Learned and Future Activities”, and undertook an evaluation of JKR design standards.

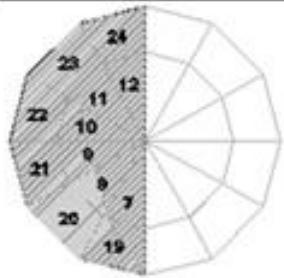
The project certainly raised awareness and improved the country's knowledge base regarding energy efficiency in buildings and made recommendations to Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water and JKR to set up demonstration offices, a very successful example of which was in Wisma Damansara.

Interestingly, both buildings reached the same design concept of blocking the sun while allowing diffuse daylight to enter

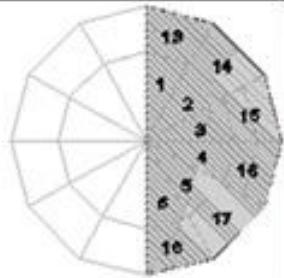
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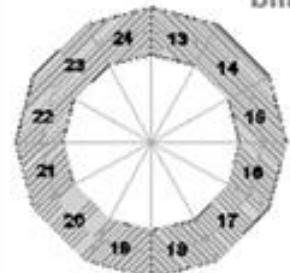




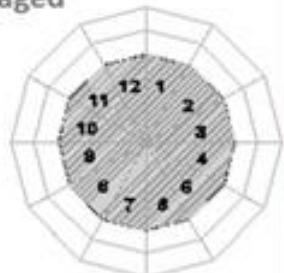
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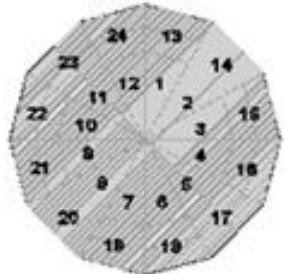
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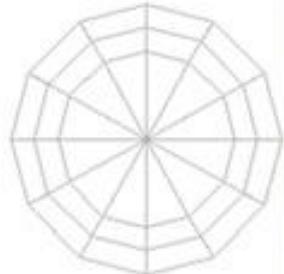
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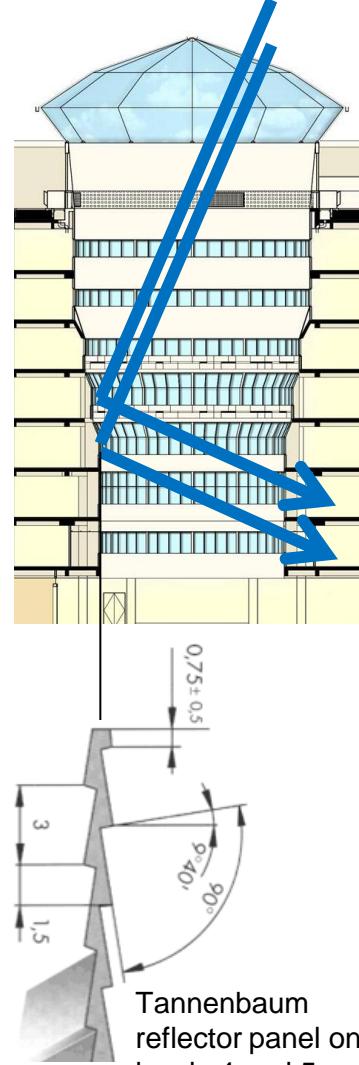
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Configuration 05



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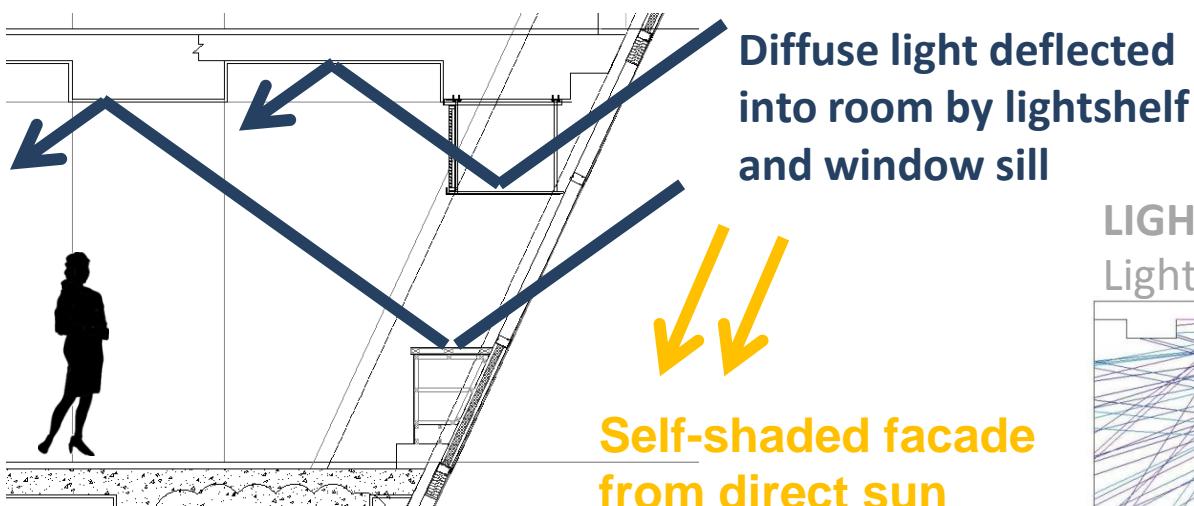


Atrium Daylight Design

The atrium has been carefully designed to optimize daylight utilization for each floor employing the combination of the following three strategies:

1. Automated blind with six different configurations to maintain the appropriate daylighting levels at all times. The blinds with 30% light transmittance are adjusted every 15 minutes and follow three different control strategies for morning, mid-day and evening
2. The windows size becomes larger deeper into the atrium to cater for lower daylight levels
3. A band of Tannenbaum reflector panels are applied to 4th and 5th floor to deflect daylight across the atrium to 1st and 2nd floor where daylight levels are the lowest. The 'christmas tree' profile reflectors have an inclination of 10° and reflect about 85% of the light in semi-diffuse manner, hence, avoiding visual glare issues for the building occupants.

FACADE



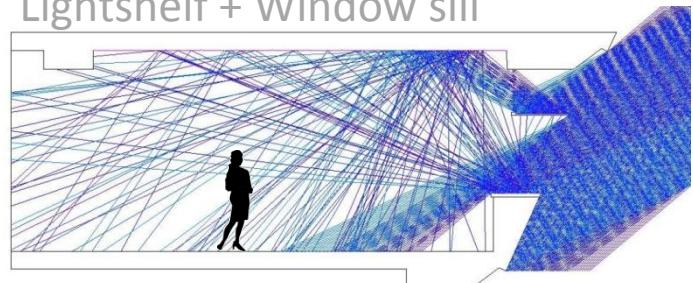
Diffuse light deflected into room by lightshelf and window sill

Self-shaded facade from direct sun

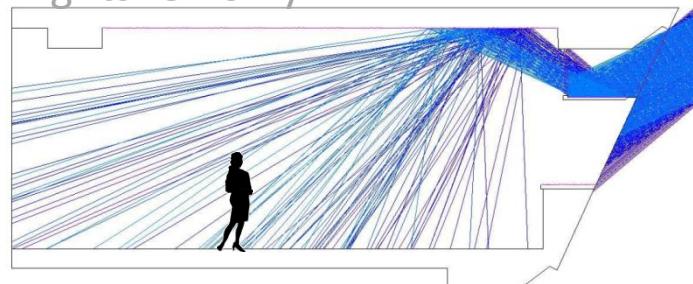


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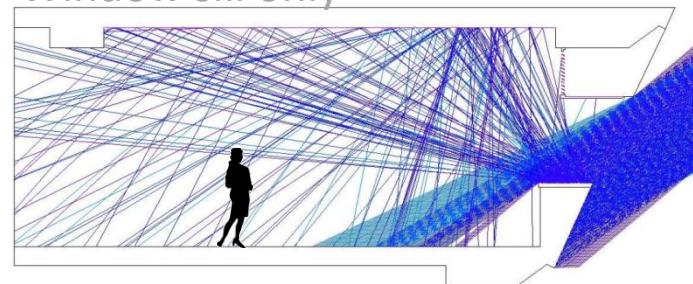
Lightshelf + Window sill



Lightshelf only



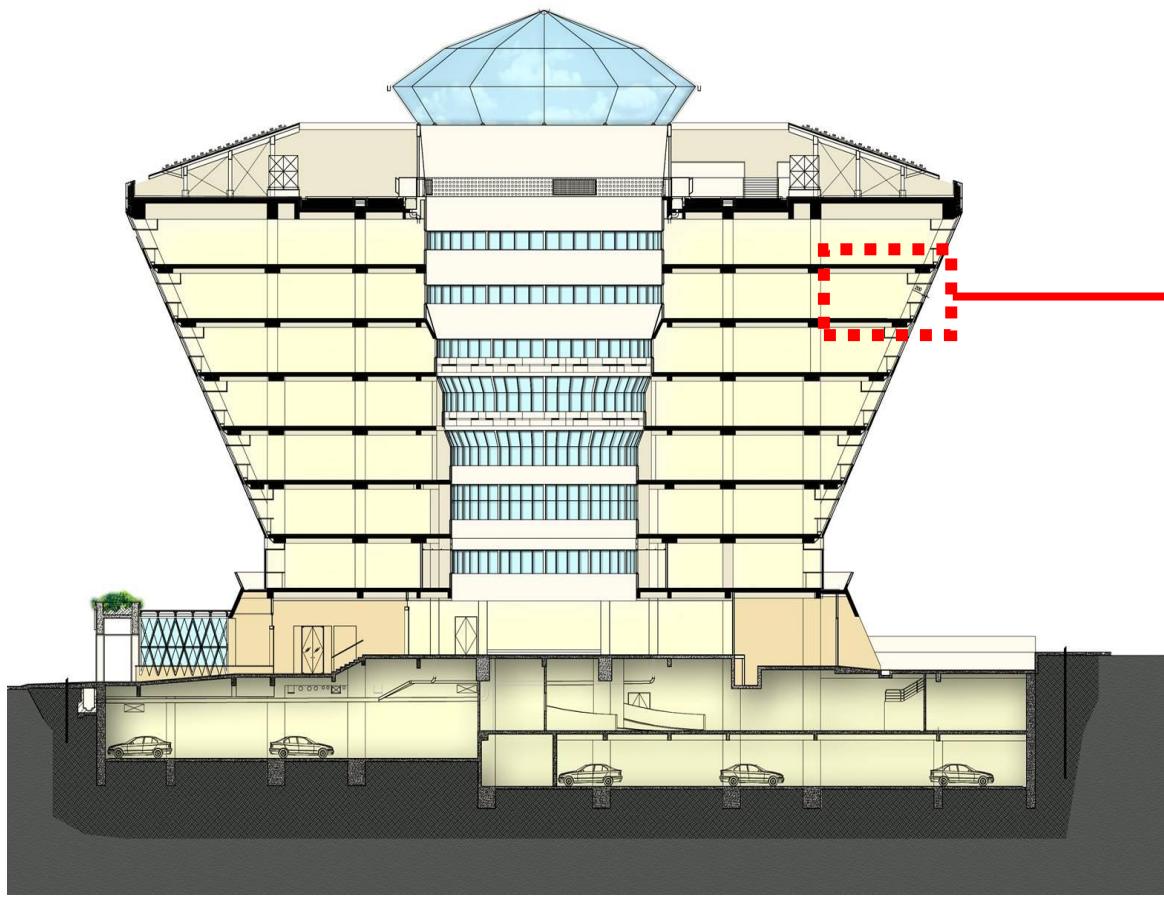
Window sill only



Façade Daylight Design

The building is 50% daylit. The façade daylighting system consists of a mirror lightshelf and a white painted window sill. Both deflect daylight onto the white ceiling for improved daylight distribution until 5 meters from the façade + 2 additional meters of corridor space. Installed office lighting is 8.4 W/m², but 1-year measurements show consumption of only **0.9 W/m²** showing high reliance on daylighting

Day-Lighting- Office



Mirror lightshelf



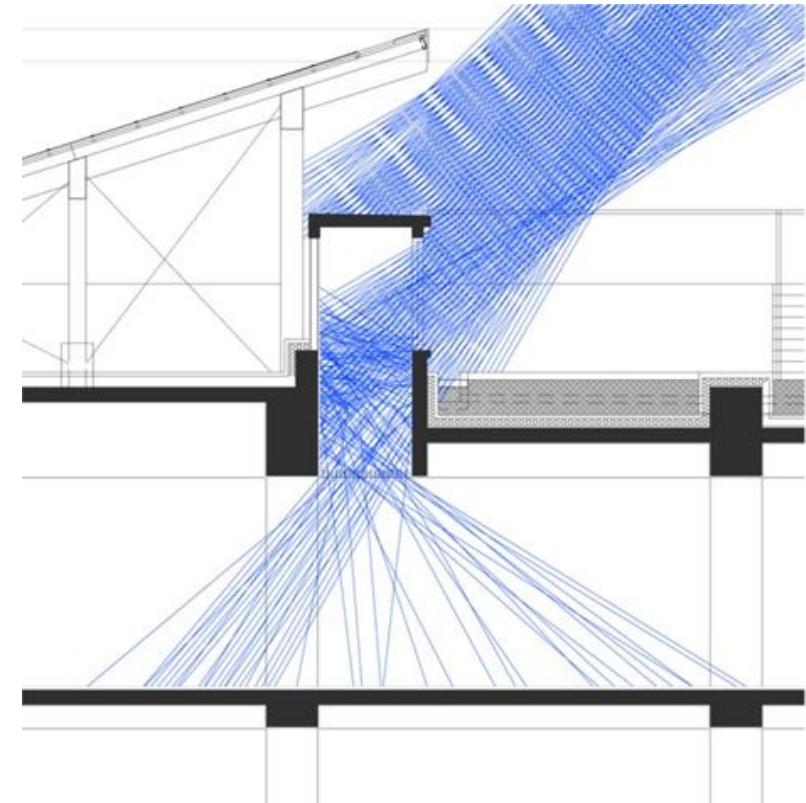
Fixed blinds for glare control



Daylight reflected onto ceiling

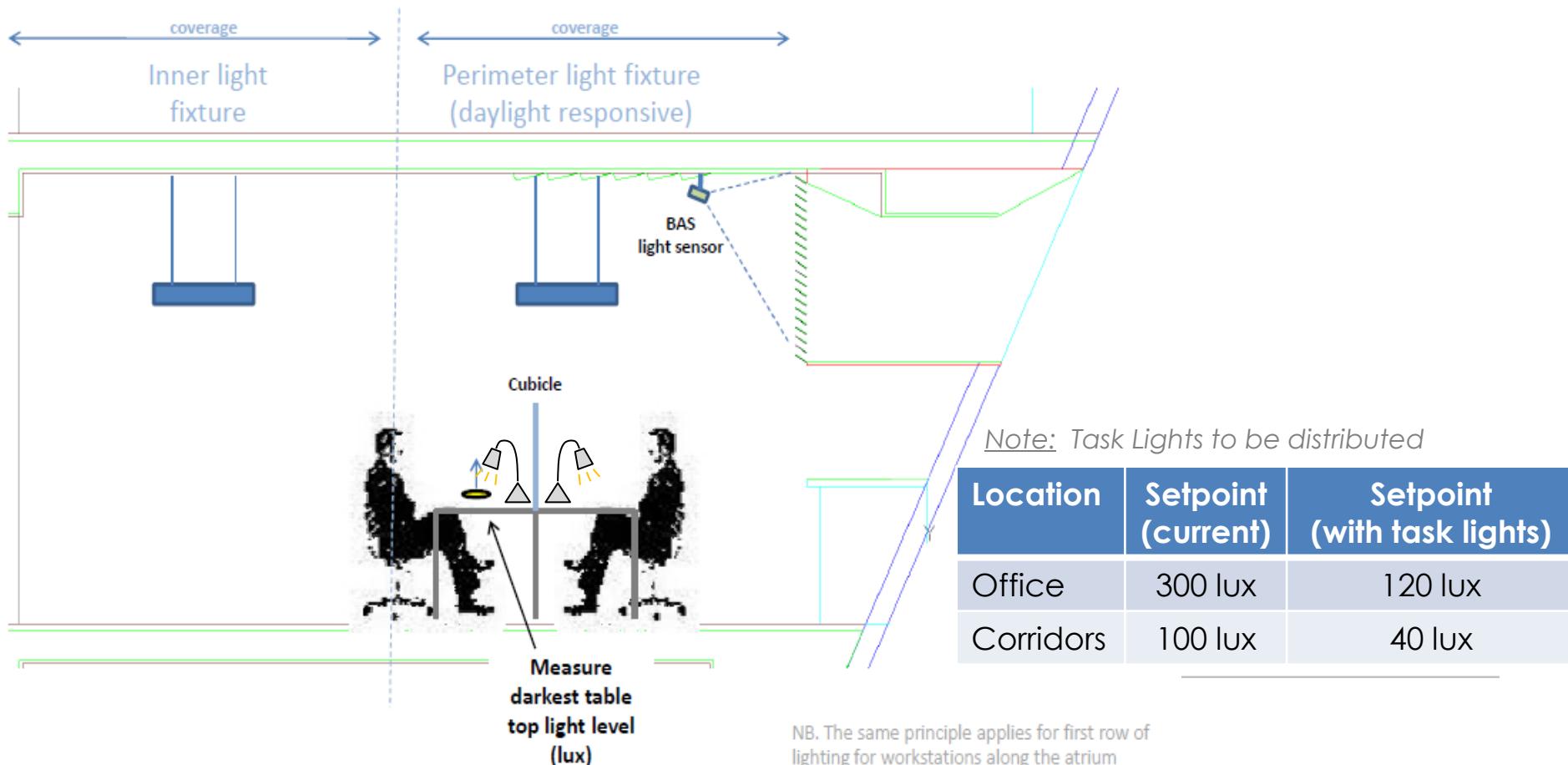
Daylight Skylight through Roof

Take in diffuse light only



Lighting Control Strategy

No.	Lux sensor	Switch	Electric light	Remark
1	Above setpoint	Off	Off	If necessary, use task light
2	Above setpoint	On	Off	If necessary, use task light
3	Below setpoint	Off	Off	If necessary, use wall switch or task light
4	Below setpoint	On	On	If nobody around, switch off switch



Floor Slab Cooling in ST Diamond Building

Floor slab cooling system embedded in RC slab

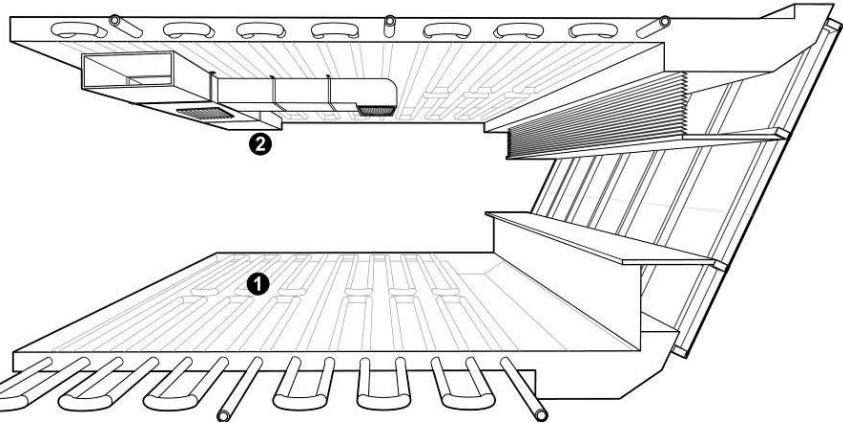
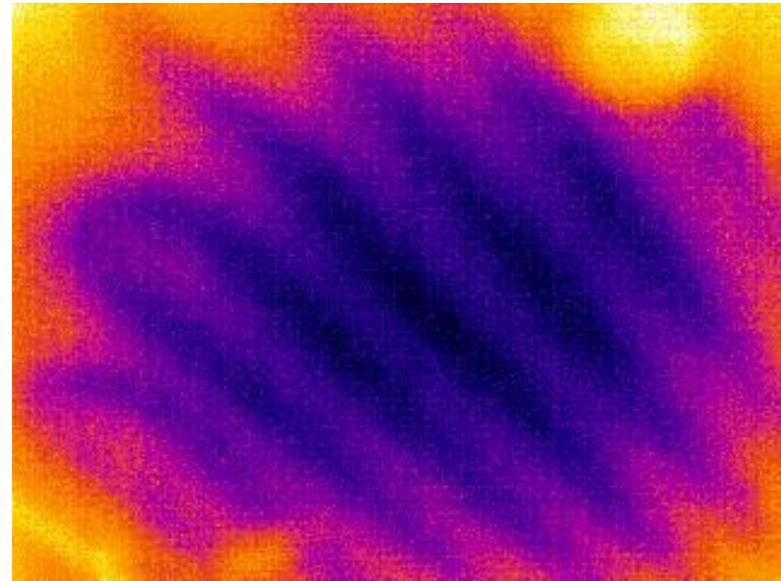


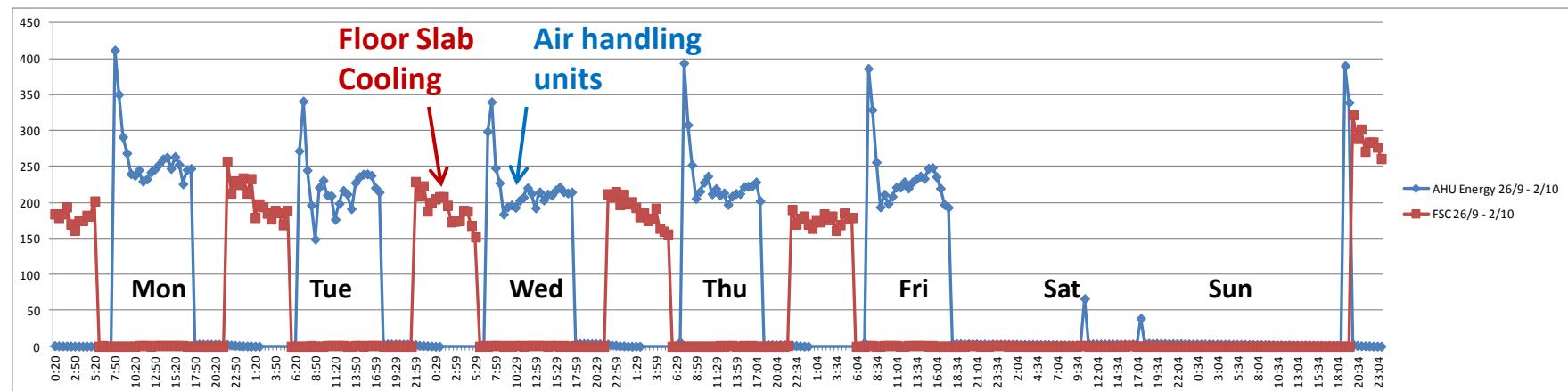
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Greening Asia – Emerging Principles for Sustainable Architecture.

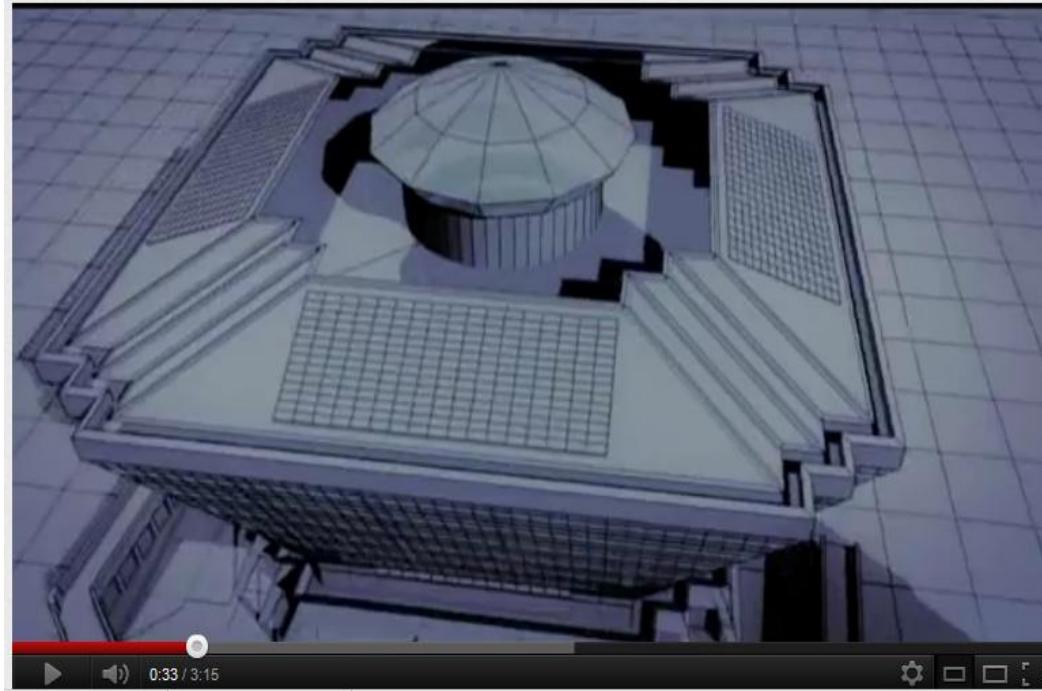
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Thermographic image of floor slab cooling in ST Diamond
Picture courtesy of: PS Soong, Pureaire



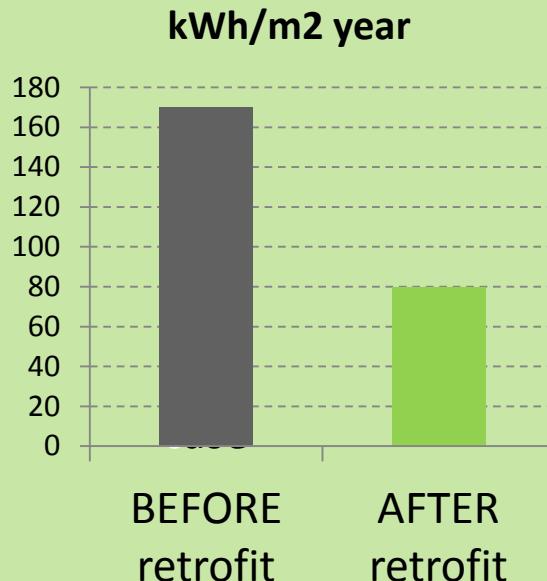
3-minute video



Sustainable Features of ST Diamond Building.
Available at YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3H_sXCtDayc

Case study no. 3



Energy Efficient Retrofit case study

EECCHI OFFICE RETROFIT (JAKARTA, 2011)

BEFORE



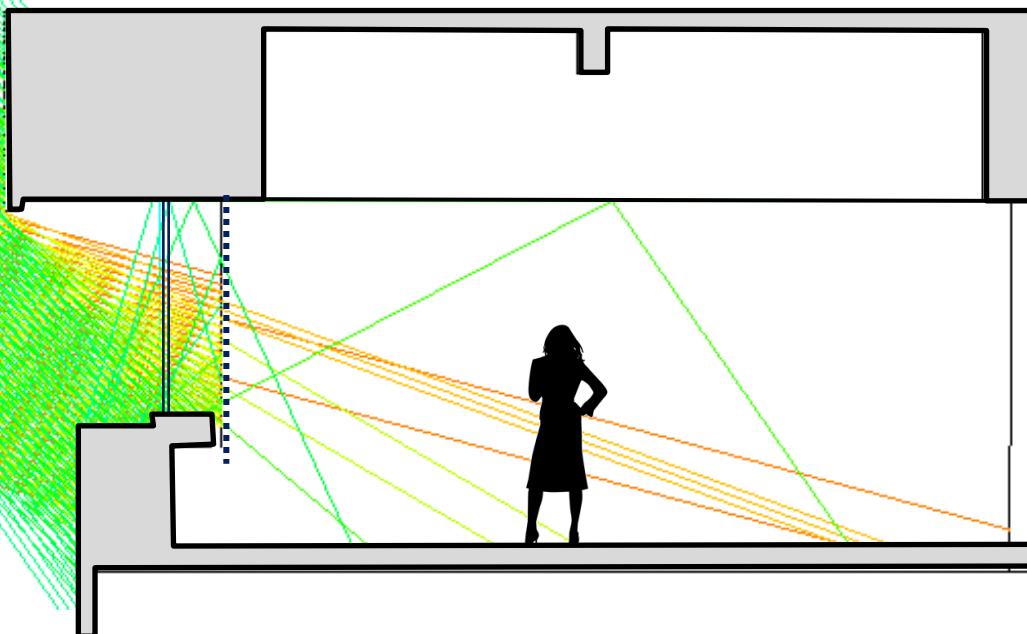
AFTER

Energy	
170	80
kWh/m ² yr	kWh/m ² yr
Comfort	
26-31	24-26
temp (°C)	temp (°C)
75	55
RH (%)	RH (%)
Noise	
57	53
dB	dB
Daylight	
No	Yes
View out	
No	Yes



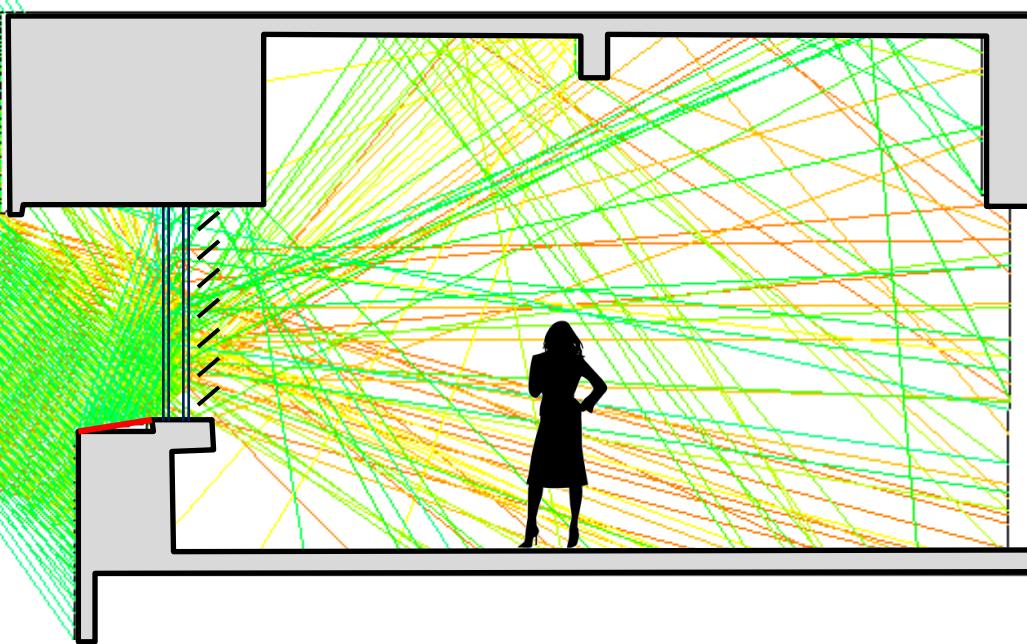
BEFORE RETROFIT

- Vertical blinds blocking most of the daylight
- Suspended ceiling
- Central air-conditioning
- Leaky windows

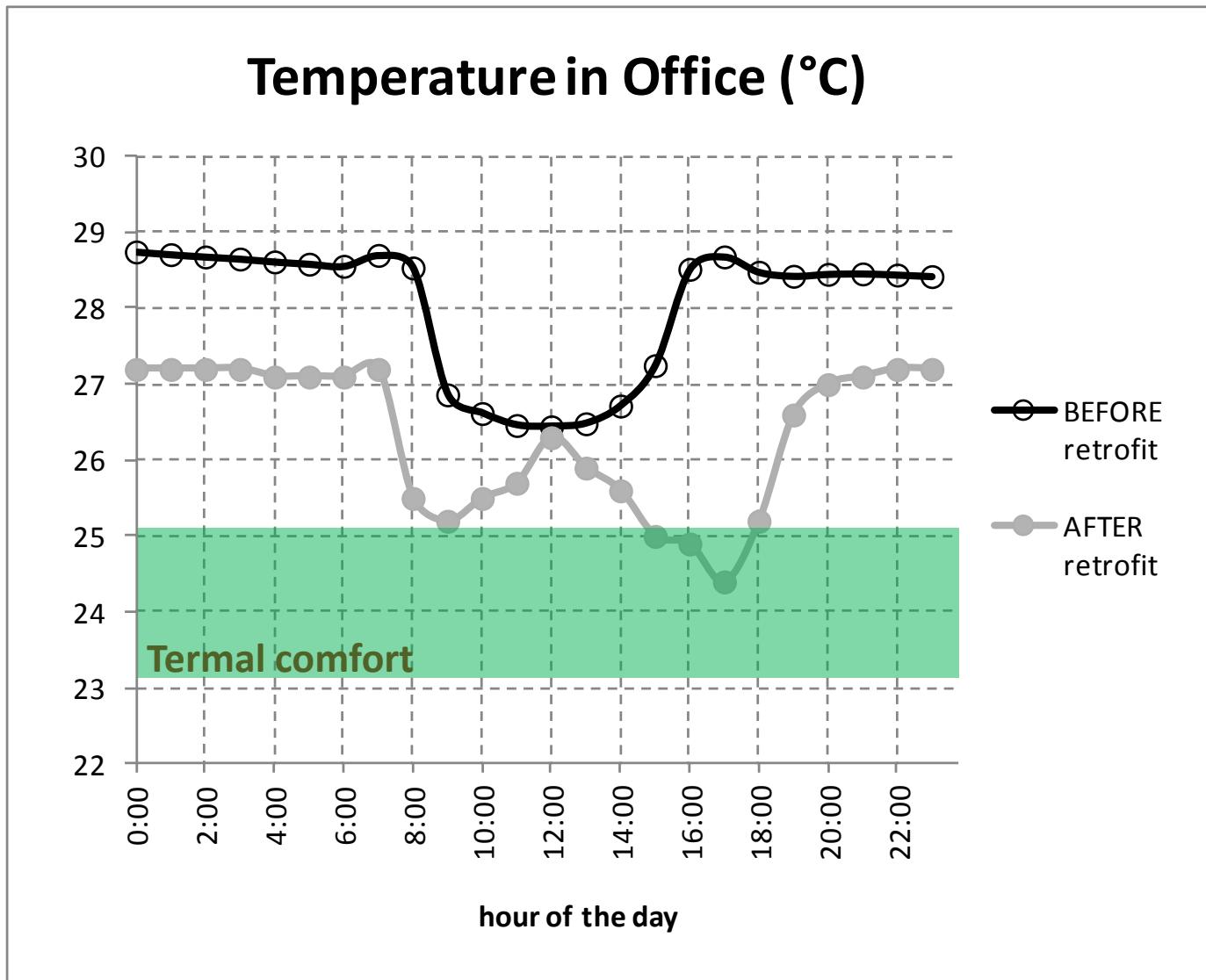


AFTER RETROFIT

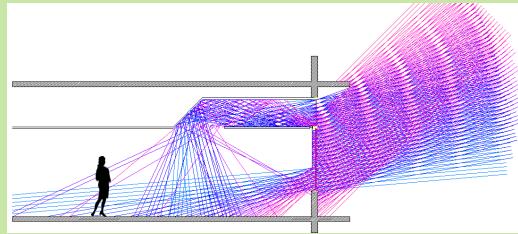
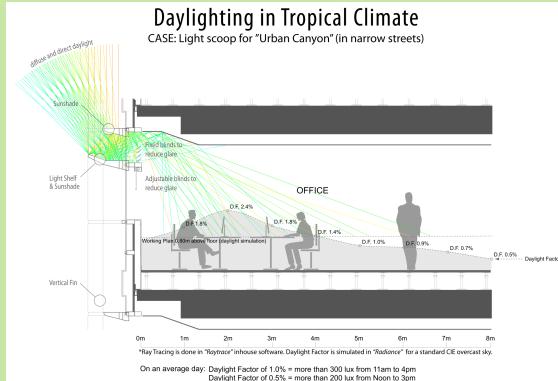
- Mirror lightshelf on external ledge reflecting diffuse daylight onto the high ceiling (suspended ceiling removed)
- Perforate venetian blinds
- Extra window pane
- VRF air-con with CO₂ sensor



Measured indoor climate: Before vs. After



Case studies (ongoing)

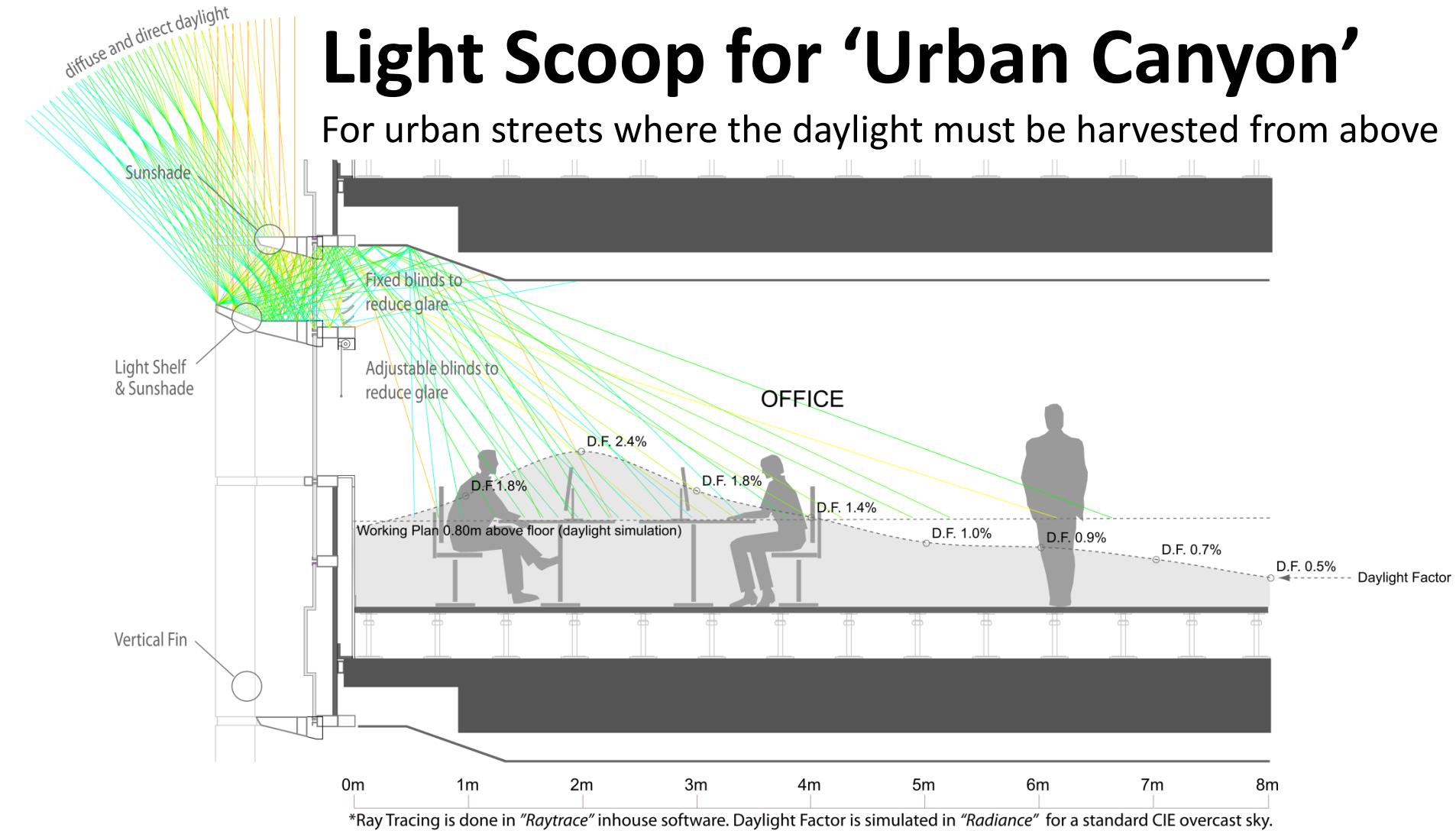


Tropical highrise energy efficient facade case studies

INNOVATIVE DESIGNS (MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE, 2015)

Light Scoop for 'Urban Canyon'

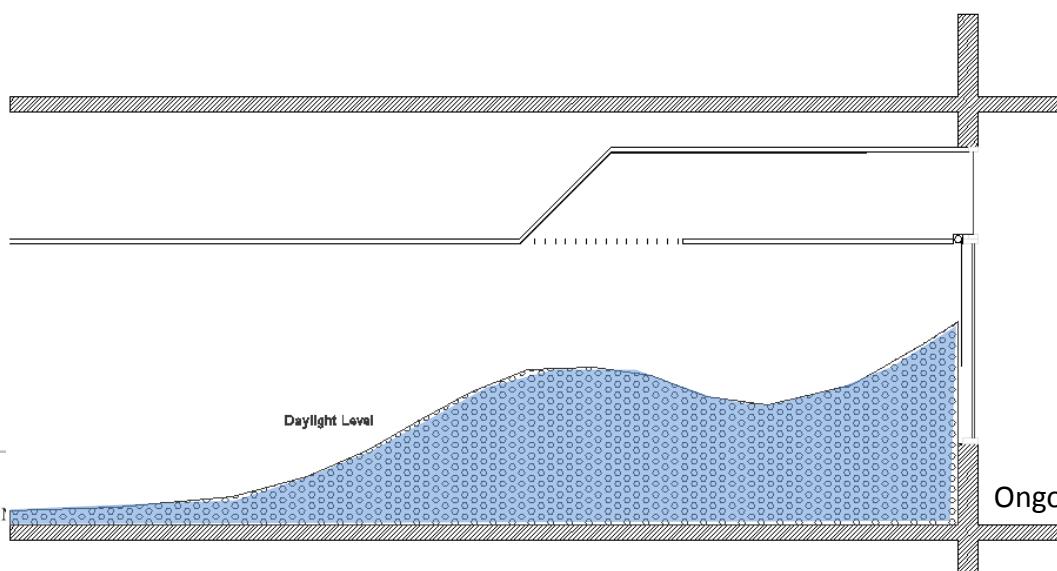
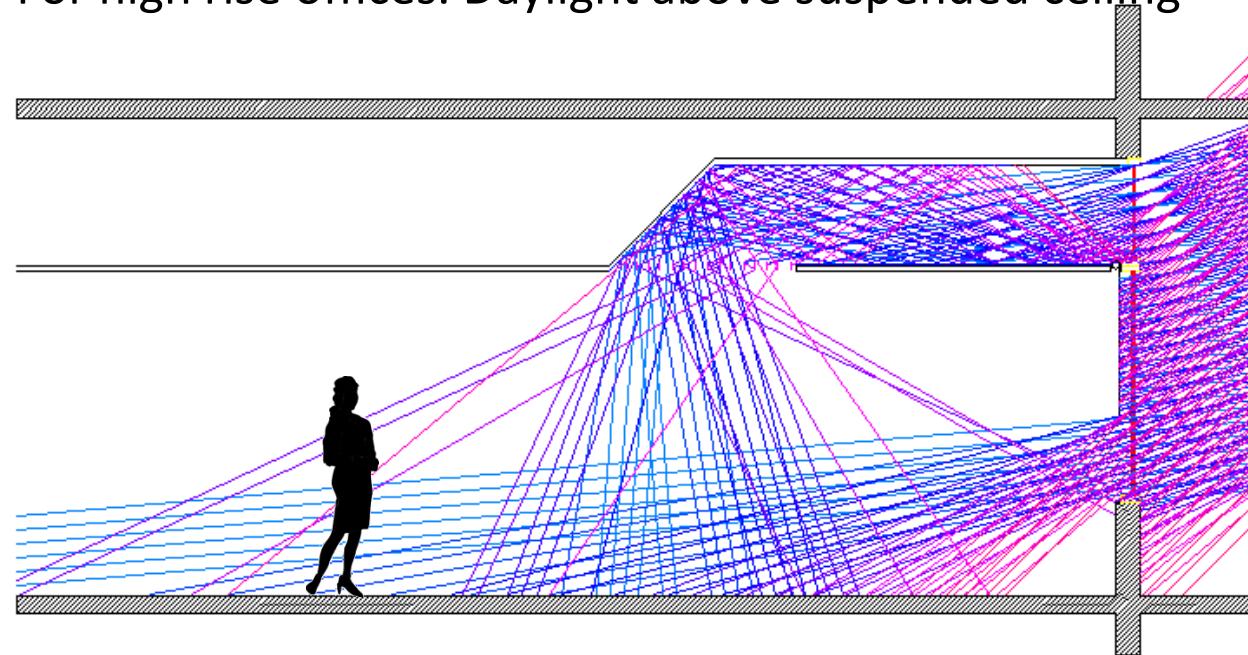
For urban streets where the daylight must be harvested from above



On an average day: Daylight Factor of 1.0% = more than 300 lux from 11am to 4pm
Daylight Factor of 0.5% = more than 200 lux from Noon to 3pm

Horizontal Light Trough

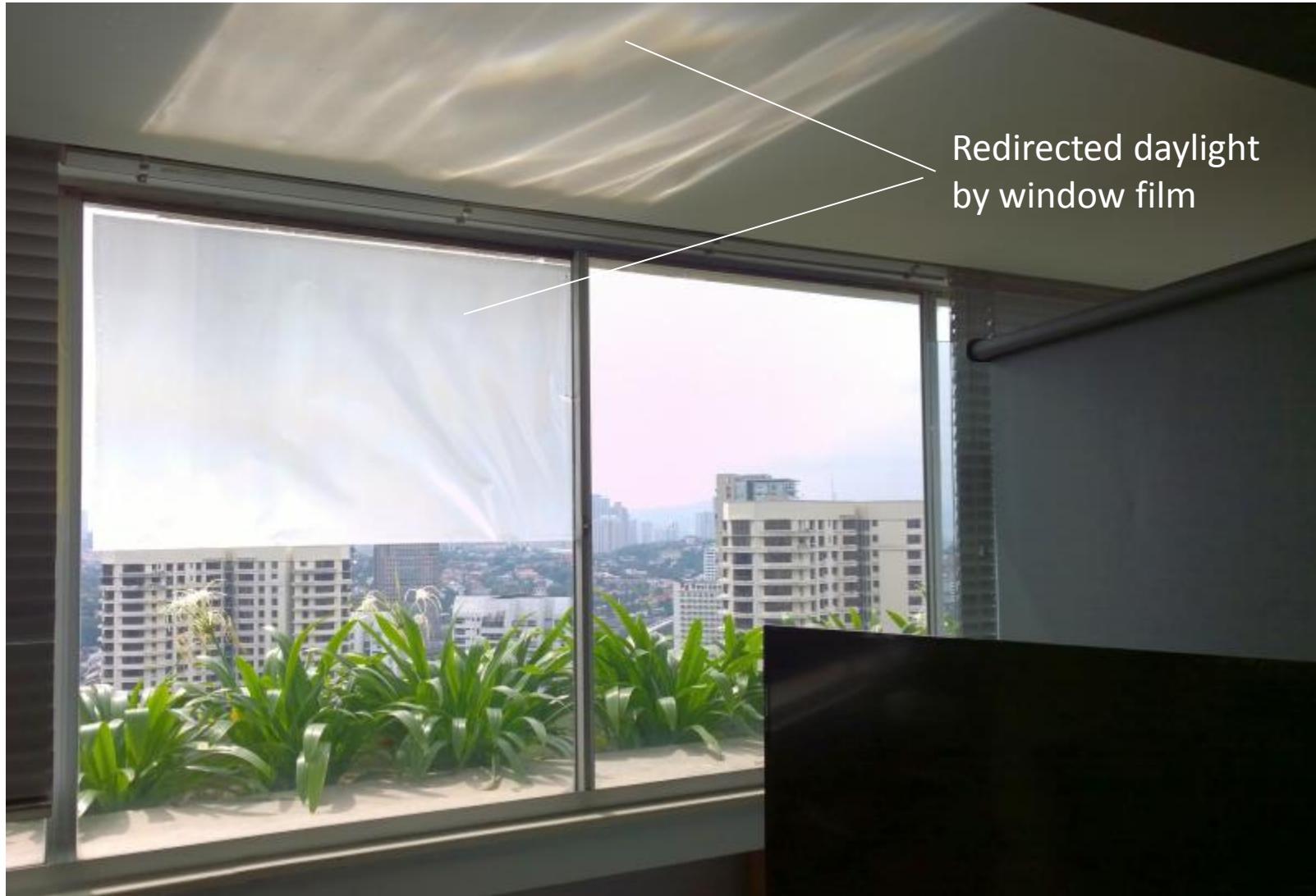
For high rise offices. Daylight above suspended ceiling



Ongoing project in Kuala Lumpur, completion 2016

Window film instead of Lightshelf

This will solve the maintenance issue lightshelf cleaning



Conclusions

- **Paradigm shift** for energy efficiency. It's a must!
- **Buildings and City Planning** (transport) play a key role to achieve global environmental targets
- **Architecture** must adhere to climate & culture

Commercial buildings architecture:

- 1) Design for daylight
- 2) Limit solar heat gain

Residential buildings architecture:

- 1) Design for cross ventilation / elevated air velocities

Buildings are
Like a Leaky Bucket



with lots of
unnecessary wastages

Plug the holes, and you are
well on the way to a green
inexpensive buildings that
people appreciate to use



Thank you

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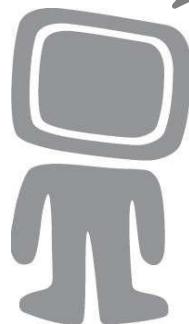


Thank you

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Let's flip
it around!



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Appendix slides

Energy Efficiency consultancy

Senior Consultant curriculum



Nationality: Danish 

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Based in: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Education:

- MSc Energy Engineering (Technical University of Denmark)

Gregers REIMANN

Roles: Energy Efficiency Consultant

Gregers is the managing director of IEN Consultants, the pioneering green building consultancy in Malaysia, with offices in Singapore as well as China. He specialises in building designs that have good daylighting, are highly energy efficient and have excellent thermal and visual comfort.

Key project references during his 10 years of working in Asia include the Setia City Mall (first green certified shopping mall in Malaysia), the new IKEA in Kuala Lumpur (ongoing), ST Diamond Building (2012 ASEAN Energy Award winner) and the GEO Building designed to be a zero energy office building. Other green projects include the KLIA2 airport terminal, the KL Eco City, energy efficiency building retrofit works, and the Pertamina Energy Tower – the first skyscraper designed to be ZERO energy. Gregers has also been a technical reviewer for the EU Energy-Efficiency Buildings project and is newly appointed Chairman of the “Green Buildings and Sustainable Communities” committee under the EU-Malaysian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (EUMCCI).

Gregers regularly contributes to green building articles and frequently guest lectures at universities internationally. He has a keen interest to pursue innovative and integrated design solutions bridging the gap between architects and engineers. Gregers is also ‘walking the talk’ with respect to green living habits, which includes commuting to work by a foldable electric bicycle that combines easily with public transport.

Green Building consultancy

Senior Consultant curriculum



Nationality: American 
Language Skills: EN | FR
Based in: Singapore

Education:
• MCP in Urban Planning (MIT)
• MA in Urban History (Columbia University)

Kevin SULLIVAN

Roles: **Green Building Consultant**

Kevin has been a carpenter, community organizer, educator, and environmental entrepreneur. Since 2008 he has founded and led two leading sustainability consulting firms in India and Singapore. Kevin has been a design consultant on more than one hundred building projects across the United States, Middle East, India and Asia.

An expert on green schools, Kevin has developed energy-efficiency strategies and educational tools to teach and engage students in green design concepts for top international K-12 schools across Asia. In 2006 he served as a Fulbright Scholar at India's premier environmental think tank, The Energy and Resources Institute in New Delhi. Before moving to India, Kevin was a Policy and Project Director for one of the largest US community-based housing NGOs, where he pioneered the first low-cost urban green homes. Kevin was an Adjunct Professor in the Urban Environment at Queens College as the City University of New York.

Kevin is trained as an architect and urban planner and writes and speaks widely on urban and environmental issues. He has an MCP in Urban Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MA in Urban History from Columbia University. He lives with his family in Singapore.

Different Glazing Performances

Examples

a) Suncool HP Brilliant 50

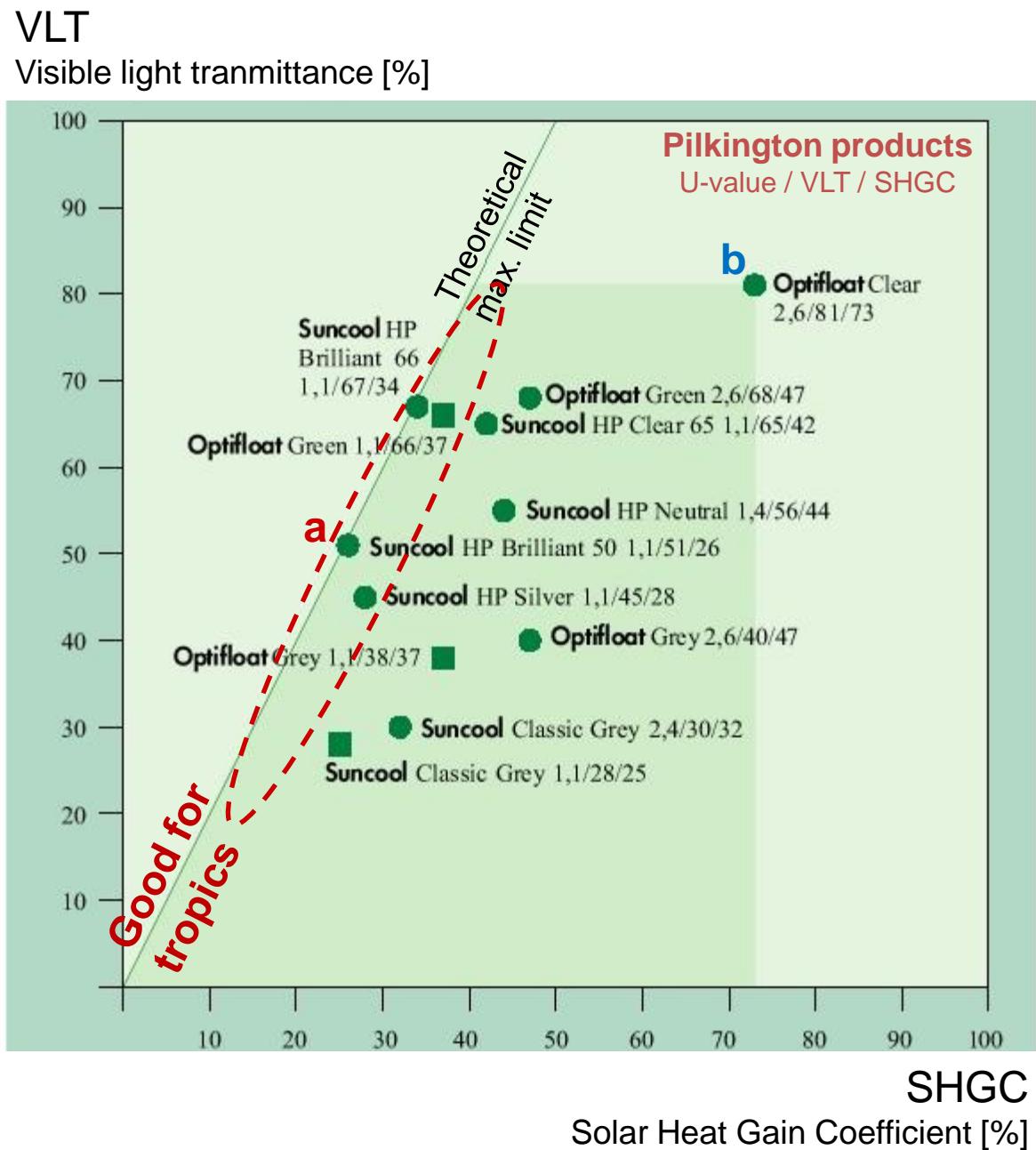
- VLT: 51%
- SHGC: 26%
- VLT/SHGC ratio: 1.96

NB. Spectrally selective, allowing light, blocking heat

b) Optifloat Clear

- VLT: 81%
- SHGC: 73%
- VLT/SHGC ratio: 1.11

NB. Only slightly spectrally selective



Daylight is 'Cool'

