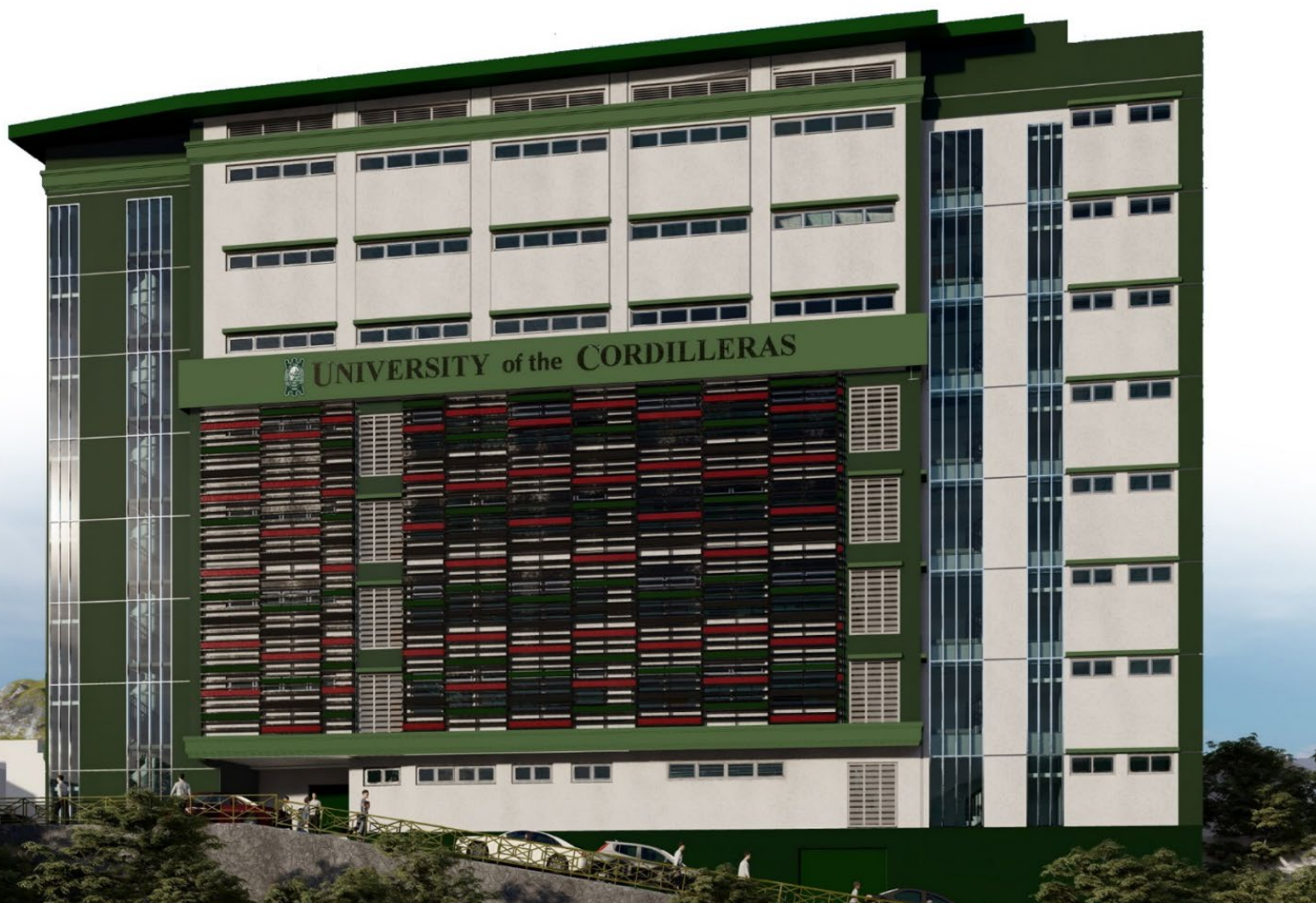

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I. Introduction

The world has been experiencing dramatic fluctuations in weather patterns over the last couple of decades. These changes in weather patterns have affected the overall climate. As a response to climate change, architectural approaches and concepts, such as sustainable design, green architecture, and net zero energy buildings have been used to minimize a building's impact on the environment.

Buildings have become major contributors to the consumption of energy and the emissions of carbon on multiple levels: from location, to construction, and to use (Budds, 2019). A building's emissions come from the manufacturing and transporting of its building materials and the actual construction process and from powering lighting, heating, and cooling after construction.

A notion towards net zero energy or carbon buildings by 2050 has been set by the World Green Building Council. A net zero energy or carbon building is defined to be a building that is exceptionally energy efficient and can generate and harness energy to sustain the needs of the building itself and eventually, its neighboring community. By 2030, all new buildings must operate at net zero carbon (World Green Building Council, 2018). According to the UN Environment, the Paris Climate Agreement also has goals to be met which aims to limit the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C by 2030.

To meet the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement and to achieve a net zero energy building, there is a need to eliminate carbon dioxide emissions a building produces. High levels of carbon and energy emission can be addressed by reducing the consumption of energy of a building, with different architectural approaches.

Sustainable design is important in reducing the negative impacts of a building on the environment, thus improving building performance. Building information modeling (BIM) solutions give ease in sustainable design practices by allowing the user to visualize, simulate, and analyze a building earlier in the design process. Software programs such as Autodesk Ecotect can help architects and designers acquire better understanding into building performance, helping to obtain more sustainable designs.

In line with sustainable design and green architecture, there are several ways to reduce energy consumption of the buildings and by time achieving net zero buildings. A way to reduce energy consumption is to make use of passive design. Passive design strategies make use of natural energy opportunities, using a building's location and its local climate to increase the building's energy efficiency (Marro, 2018).

This study was conducted to evaluate the effects of sun, wind, precipitation, and light on the proposed UC Libertad project towards achieving a net zero building. The proposed building will be located in Campo Filipino, Baguio City, adjacent to the existing Grade school and High School department's building. A 3D model of the proposed building was subjected to lighting analysis, solar analysis, and thermal analysis through Ecotect simulations.

Baguio climate

Situated within the Cordilleran Central mountain range in northern Luzon is Baguio City, at latitude 16°24'48" N and longitude 120°34'12" E with an elevation of 1,500 meters above sea level. The city is enclosed by the municipalities of La Trinidad in the north, Itogon in the northeast, Tuba in the west, and Sablan in the northwest.

Baguio City's climate is characterized by two seasons: a dry season from November to April, which is partly cloudy, and a wet season from May to October, which features an overcast weather. Under the Köppen-Geiger climate classification, Baguio City displays a tropical monsoon climate, bordering on a Dry-winter subtropical highland climate, which is primarily found in highlands where there is less precipitation in winter than in summer. Baguio City experiences great seasonal variation in its monthly rainfall. From June to October, the city averages over 3,100 mm of precipitation annually.

The figure below is a graphical representation of the climate summary of Baguio City generated by Ecotect.

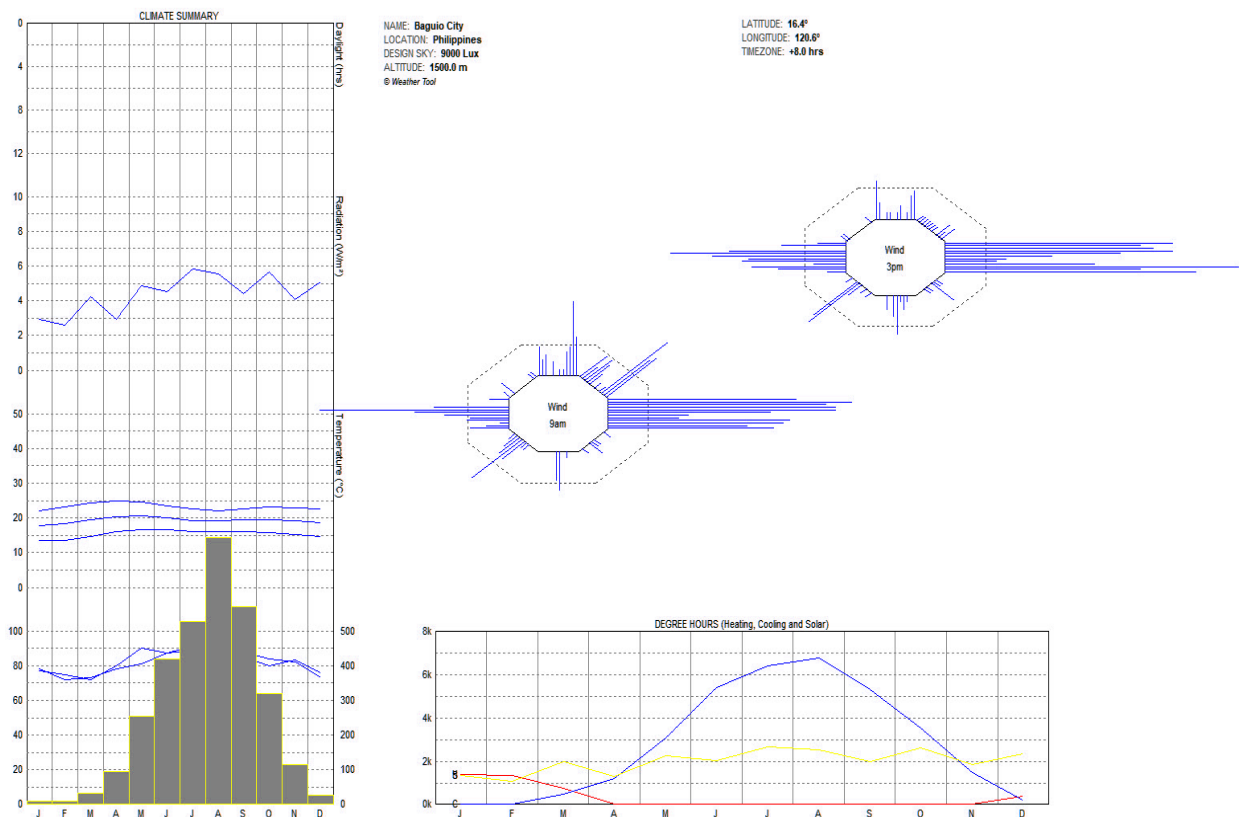


Figure 01. Climate Summary of Baguio City

The figures below show hourly data of temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, direct solar, diffuse solar, and cloud cover of Baguio City generated by Ecotect. An annual graph (top) and a detailed hourly chart for the selected day (bottom) can be seen in each figure.

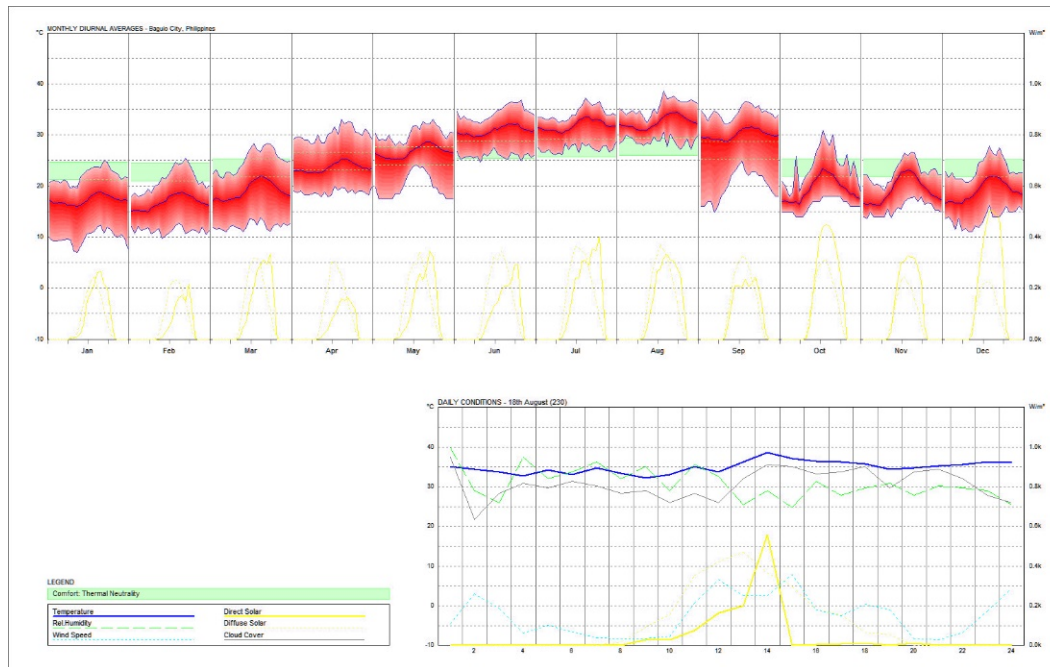


Figure 02. Hourly data of temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, direct solar, diffuse solar and cloud cover (Hottest day- 18th August)

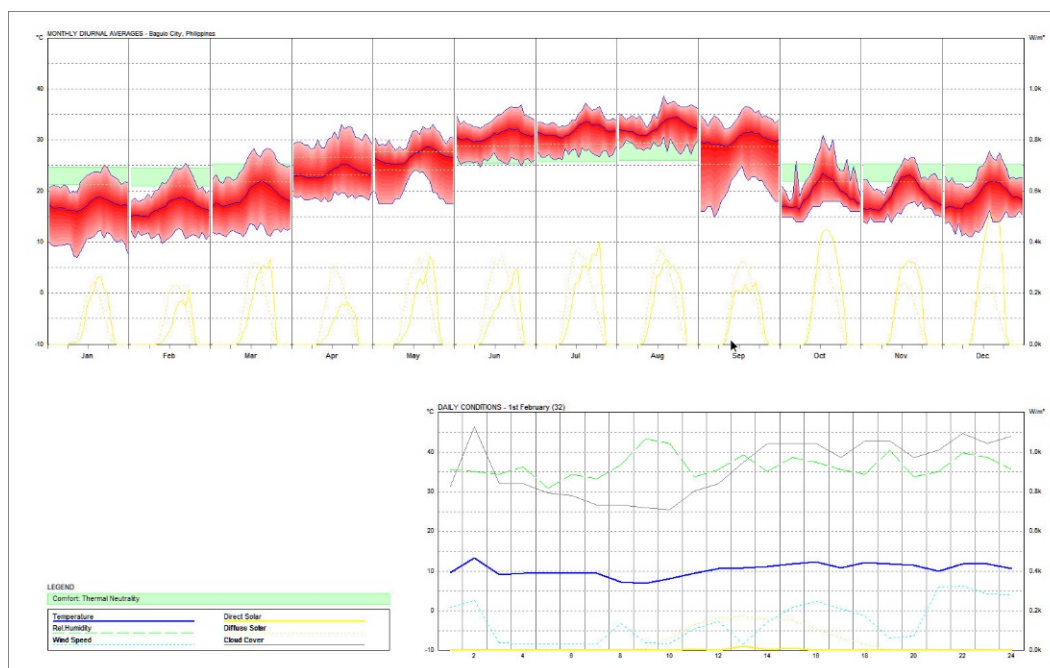


Figure 03. Hourly data of temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, direct solar, diffuse solar and cloud cover (Coldest day- 1ST February)

The average hourly wind speed in Baguio City experiences mild seasonal variation over the course the year. The faster the air is moving the greater the exchange of heat between the person and the air. Moving air in warm or humid conditions can increase heat loss through convection without any change in air temperature. The monthly average of wind frequency, wind temperature, relative humidity, and rainfall in Baguio City is graphically presented below.

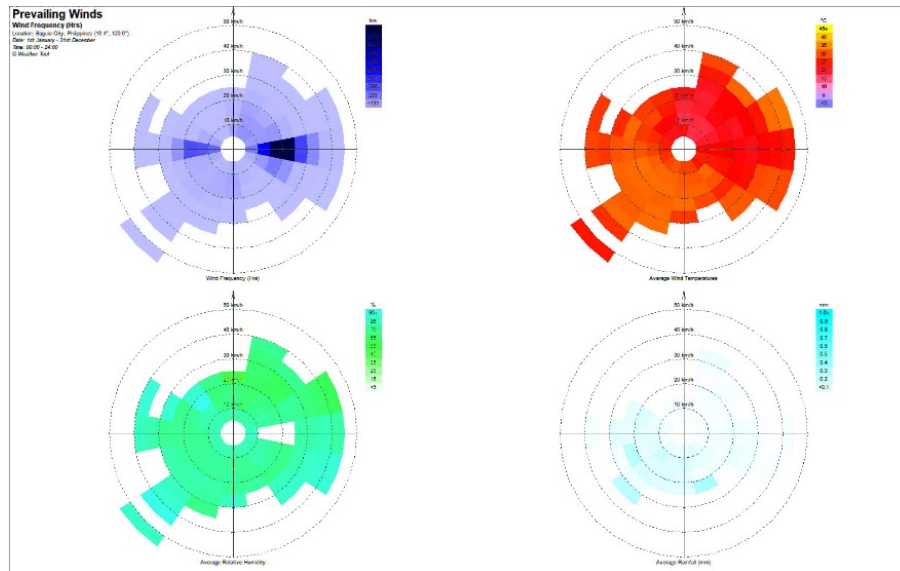


Figure 04. Monthly average of wind frequency, wind temperature, relative humidity and rainfall

The visualization of both seasonal and diurnal trend in the weather data of Baguio City (Figure 5) can be displayed by graphing weeks of the year in one direction (x axis) and hours of the day along the adjacent (y axis). Variations in level within the selected date is then displayed using a color intensity and in the case of these three-dimensional graphs, as a displacement in the z-axis.

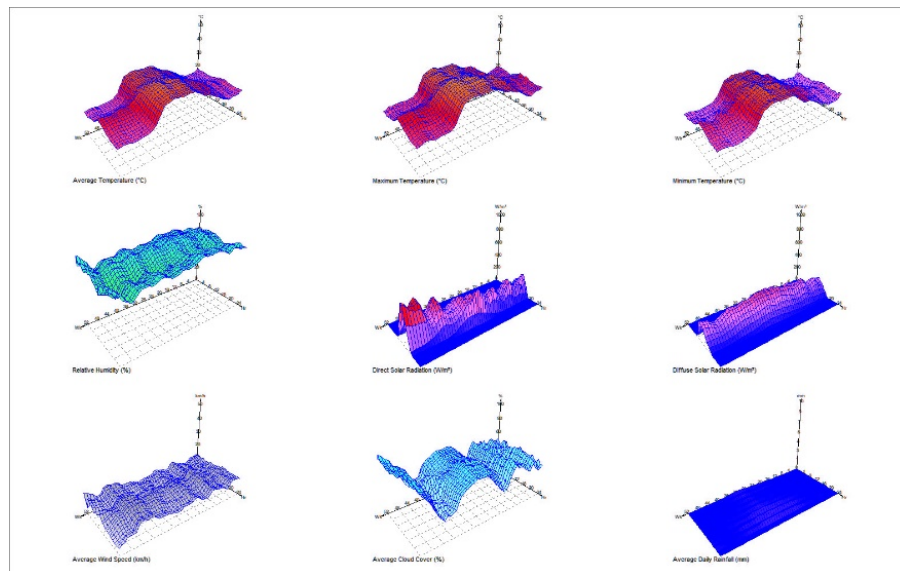


Figure 05. Weekly climate summary

II. Results and Discussions

The image on the right shows the location of the proposed building with respect to the site. The building is oriented on the north-south axis with most windows on the east and west side of the building to maximize daylight. The building stands at eight (8) storeys high and includes a basement and a roof deck. Its surrounding buildings only have a maximum of four (4) levels which means that the building will be receiving an adequate amount of natural light though may block some sunlight from reaching its neighboring buildings.



Figure 06. Proposed building orientation with respect to the site.

To protect the inside from the harsh rays of the sun that bring heat into the classrooms, horizontal solar shading devices can be seen on both east and west sides of the building. Solar panels have also been provided to harness the full potential of the sun since the roof is exposed throughout the day, based on observation.



Figure 08. Solar Panels on roof of proposed building

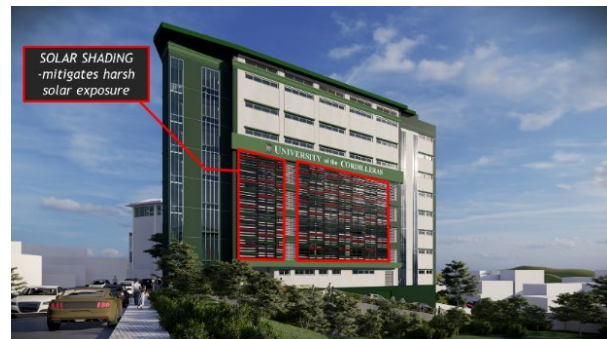


Figure 07. Solar Shading on West Side of proposed building

Louvered windows have also been strategically placed on the east and west facades to allow winds to enter and exit the building providing adequate air circulation inside the building and supplying the interior rooms with natural ventilation that can be accessed via transom windows.

A rainwater harvesting system has also been included in the design, which can allow the building to collect rainwater and divert it into where the water may be reused.

The detailed analysis via Autodesk Ecotect (2011) of the climate allows the optimization of available resources such as sun, wind, precipitation/ rainfall, and light, as well as to make quick comparisons between different types of buildings without requiring a detailed design. Qualitative and quantitative methods are used to evaluate and measure the proposed building's performance based on several indicators.

Presented below are the results from the lighting analysis, solar analysis, and thermal analysis conducted on the proposed UC Libertad building.

1. Zones

Thermal zones identify a delimited space of the model that defines a closed homogenous volume of air. Walls, floors, ceilings or roofs circumscribe a thermal zone and participate in the calculation of internal temperatures and cooling or heating loads. Ecotect identified the different thermal zones, categorized into a specific color for every zone use, present in the proposed project (as seen in the figure below).

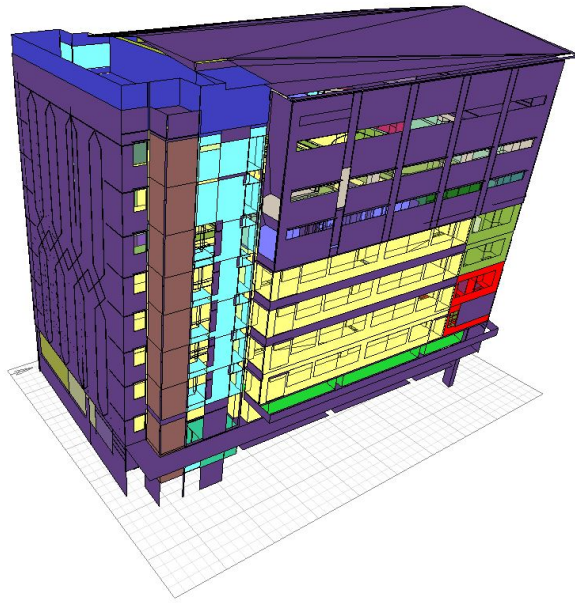


Figure 09. Thermal zones of the UC Libertad showing south and east side

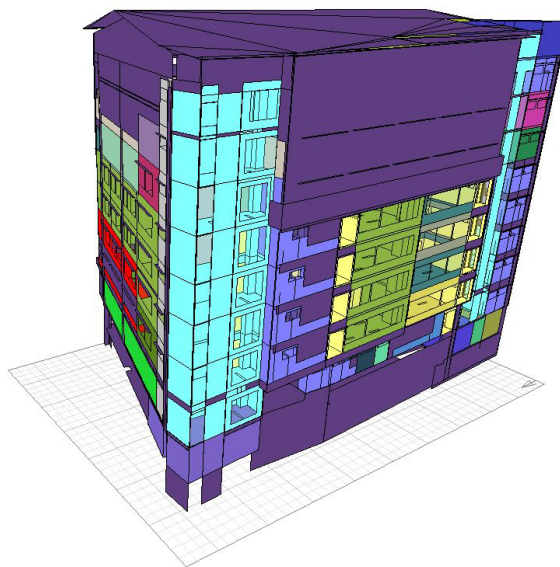


Figure 10. Thermal zones of the UC Libertad showing north and west side

2. Lighting Analysis

For lighting analysis, the Revit-imported 3D model has been analyzed and results for its daylight factor and daylight levels are presented in the next pages.

2.1. Daylight Factor

2.1.1. Daylight Factor

The daylight factor is the ratio of the illuminance within a building divided by the illuminance at an unshaded point outside the building under an overcast sky. It gives a measure of the worst-case natural lighting levels in a space, and enables one to assess the visual comfort performances of a project.

The daylight factor at a particular point displays the relative percentage of diffuse light available from the sky that reaches any point in the model. Shaded areas represent when the geometric center of the selected object is in shade. With the sun path diagram laid in top, the user is able to tell what times of the day the object will be in the sun or shade.

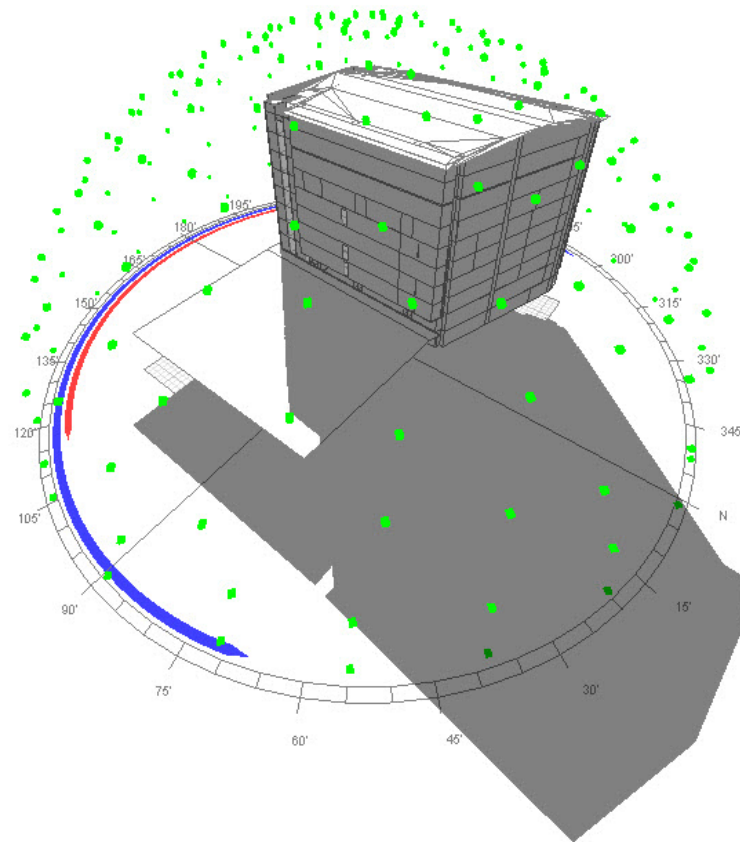


Figure 11. Daylight factor at a particular point over the UC Libertad model

2.1.2. Daylight Levels

Ecotect calculates daylight levels for the analysis grid. Immediately the values shown are given in a percentage. Lighting calculations store four additional data values for each grid point, including lux values.

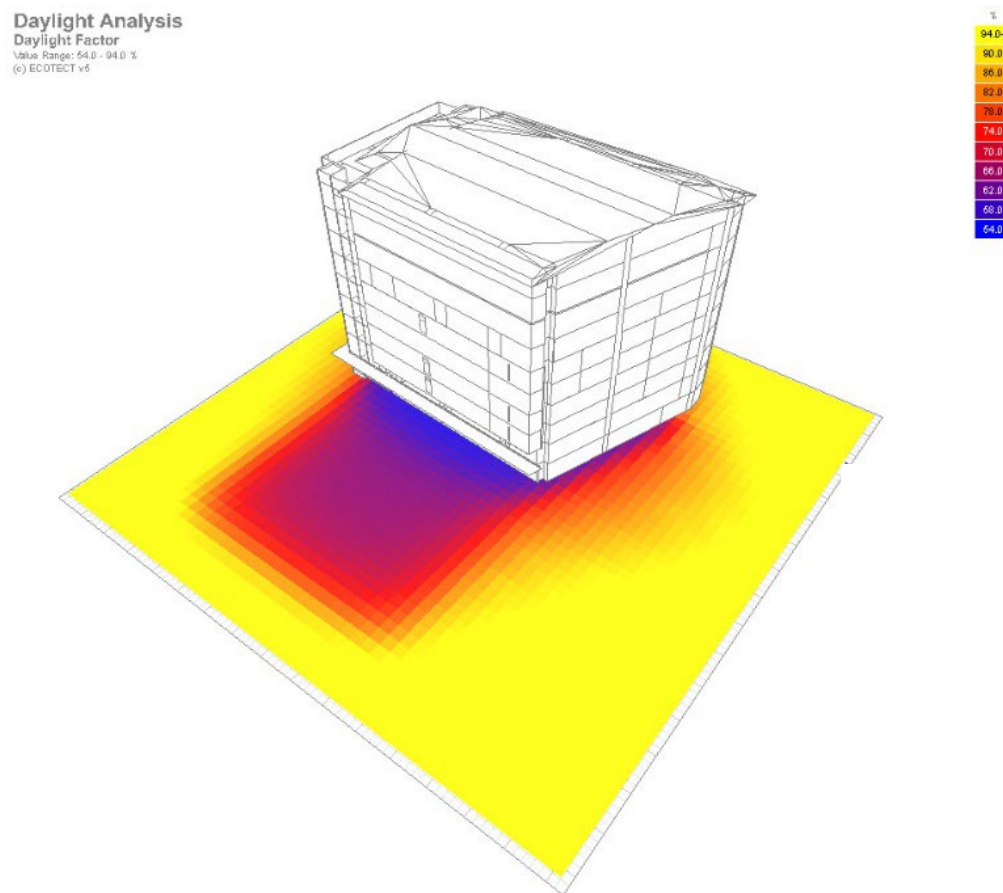


Figure 12. Daylight levels

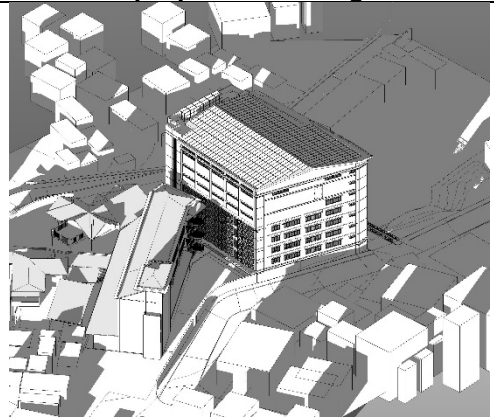
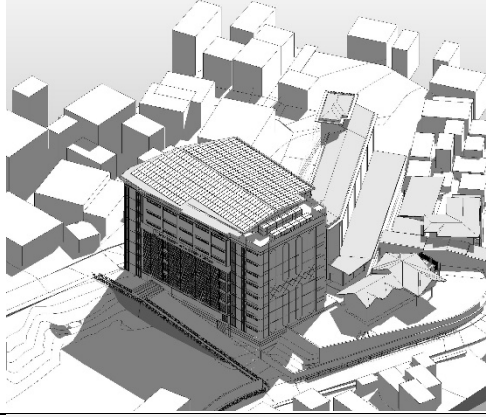
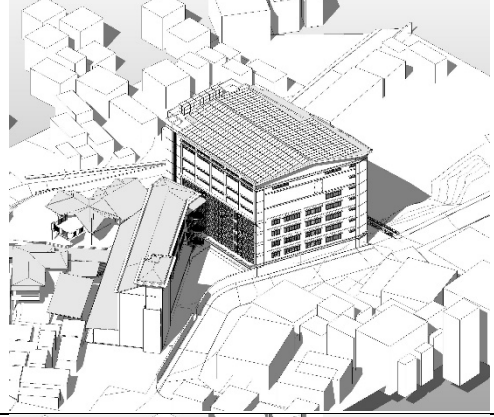
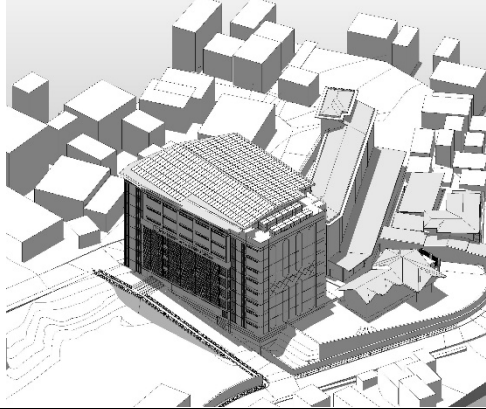
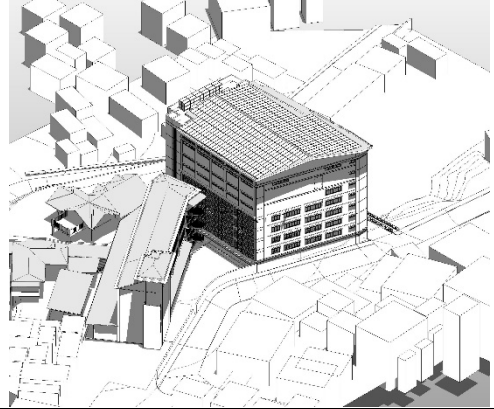
3. Solar Analysis

The model of the proposed UC Libertad building has gone through solar analysis in Ecotect and results showing the shadows, sun path diagram, solar exposure, and solar access are presented in the next pages.

3.1. Displaying Shadows

The table below show the change in shadows casted over and by the proposed UC Libertad building and its neighboring buildings. For this simulation, the considered location of the sun is relative to the Summer solstice (June 21) and casts shadows at different times: 6 AM, 9 AM, 12 noon, 3 PM, and 6 PM.

Table 01. Shadows casted on the proposed UC Libertad building during 6 AM, 9 AM, 12 NN, 3 PM, and 6 PM during the Summer Solstice (June 21)

TIME	South and West side of the proposed building	North and East side of the proposed building
6 AM		
9 AM		
12 NN		



Surrounding building shadows effects that are the newly constructed and vice versa can be displayed below. With this tool, selection of many different options for viewing the shadows is possible.

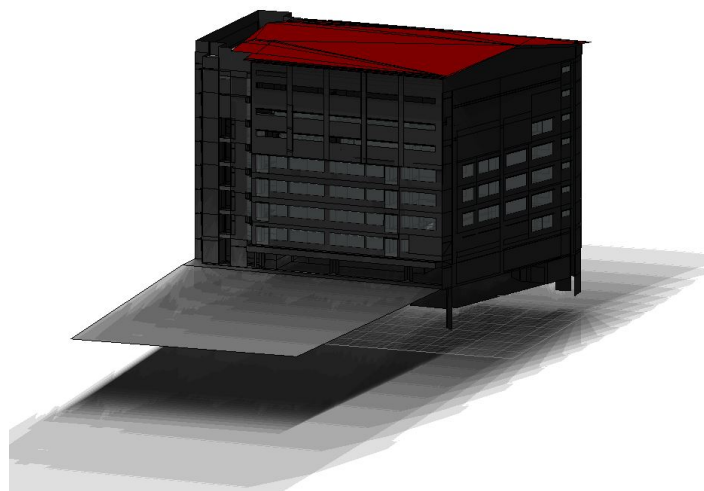


Figure 13. Shadow range

The shadows cast by the model are displayed in dark gray, while the radiation that enters the building through the openings is represented in light gray.

The figure below shows the total monthly solar exposure in percentage shading of the proposed project as generated by Ecotect.

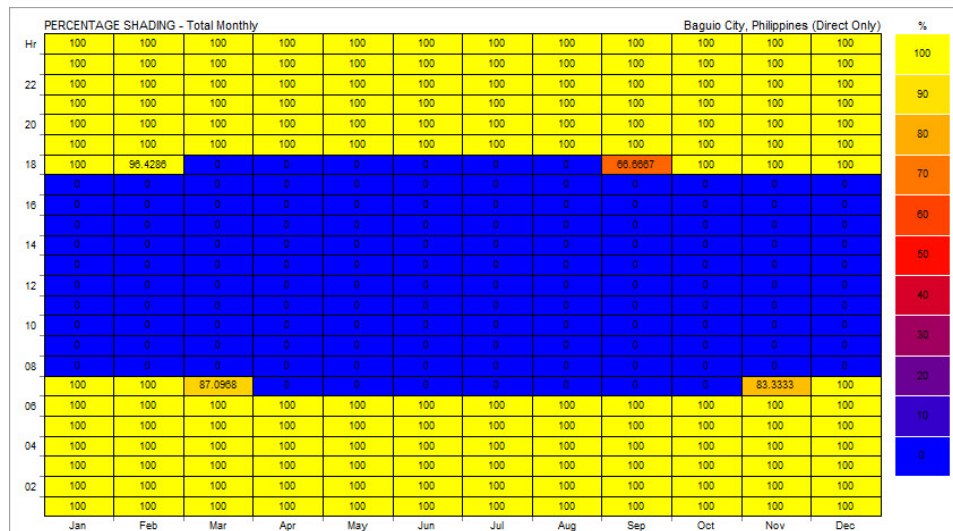


Figure 14. Total Monthly Solar Exposure - Percentage shading

3.2. Sun Path Diagram

The figure below displays the diagram that defines the annual path of the sun displayed around the model. The solid lines represent the path of the sun in first 6 months of the year (January to June), the dotted lines represent the second 6 months (July to December).

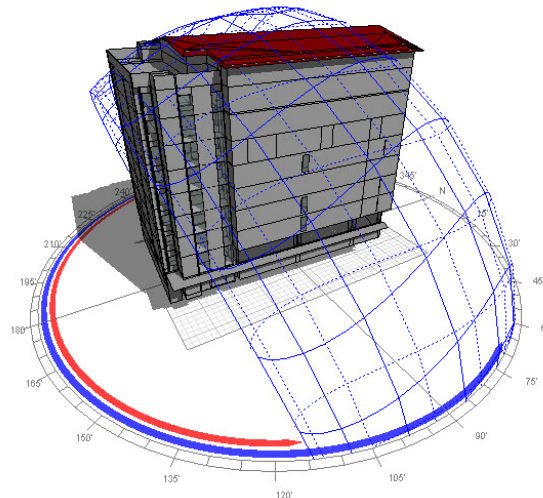


Figure 15. Sun path over the UC Libertad model

The two-dimensional projection methods define the same shading/insolation characteristics of a predetermined point or surface of the model.

The Stereographic diagram represents a polar projection of the celestial vault and has the shape of a circular diagram, comparable to the photograph of the sky taken by a supine person looking straight towards the zenith with a wide angle of 180°: the instantaneous position of the sun in a certain point on the earth is projected onto this flattened representation of the hemisphere.

The orthographic diagram represents a cylindrical projection of the celestial vault and has the shape of a Cartesian diagram, for which the instantaneous position of the sun is identified by the x, y coordinates.

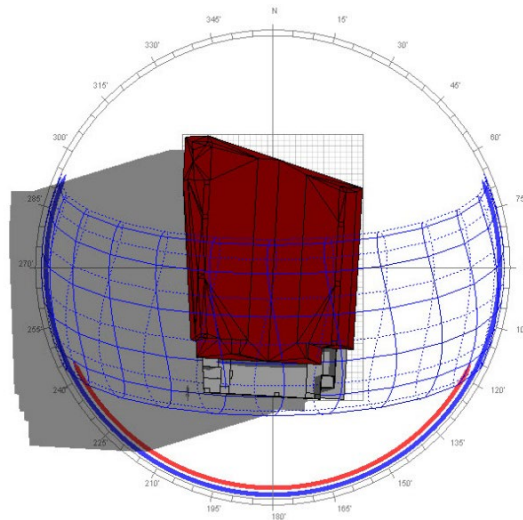


Figure 16. Sun path diagram over the UC Libertad model in plan view

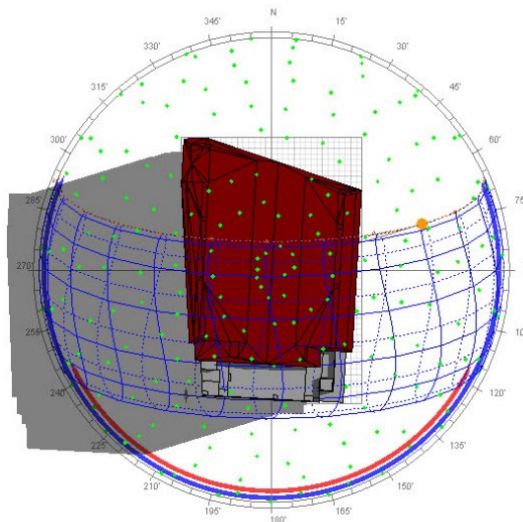


Figure 17. Sun path diagram showing daylight factor over the UC Libertad model in plan view

3.3. Solar Exposure

The average daily solar radiation that hits a specific surface of the model is determined for each month of the year. The total solar radiation for each individual month of the year is calculated based on Baguio City's climate data file and then divided by the number of days of the same. The resulting graph below shows the hourly average values that could be expected on any day of the month. The color of each cell represents the intensity of the solar radiation that hits the selected surface at a precise hour of the average day of a given month of the year.

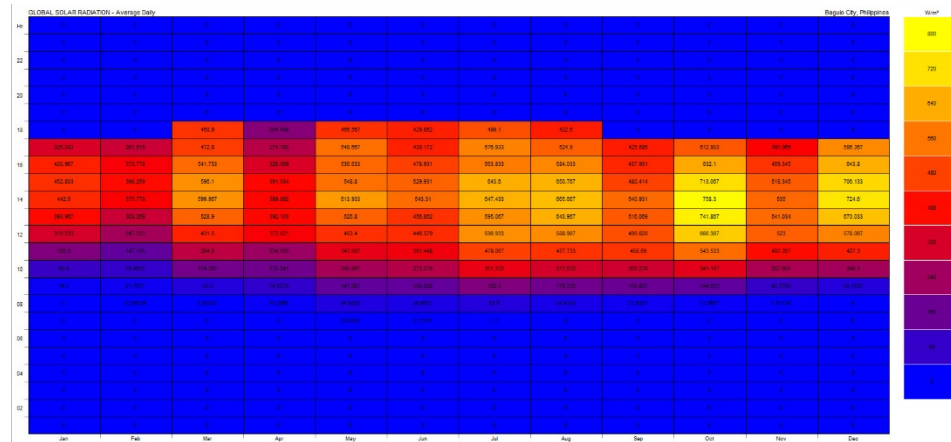


Figure 18. Global solar radiation (Average Daily)

Table 02. Average Daily Solar Exposure – Available solar data display

MONTH	AVAIL	AVG	REFLECT	INCIDENT		ABSORBED		TRANSMITTED	
	Wh/m ²	SHADE	Wh/m ²	Wh/m ²	TOT.WH	Wh/m ²	TOT.Wh	Wh/m ²	TOT.Wh
Jan	2656	100	0	690	19605	342	9704	0	0
Febz	2245	91	0	712	20219	352	10008	0	0
Mar	4145	82	0	1046	29710	518	14706	0	0
Apr	2844	70	0	983	27911	487	13816	0	0
May	4476	50	0	1271	36091	629	17865	0	0
Jun	4143	42	0	1356	38491	671	19053	0	0
Jul	5200	42	0	1567	44499	776	22027	0	0
Aug	5060	63	0	1391	39492	688	19549	0	0
Sep	3850	72	0	1120	31788	554	15735	0	0
Oct	5087	82	0	1031	29264	510	14486	0	0
Nov	3703	100	0	765	21722	379	10752	0	0
Dec	4638	100	0	717	20363	355	10080	0	0

The total solar radiation that hits a specific surface of the models, hour by hour in each month of the year. The resulting graph is very similar to that of the Average Daily Solar Radiation, with the difference that the total value of the incident solar radiation is represented, for each hour of every day of each month of the year. The solar energy industry uses watt-hour per square meter (Wh/m²) per unit time.

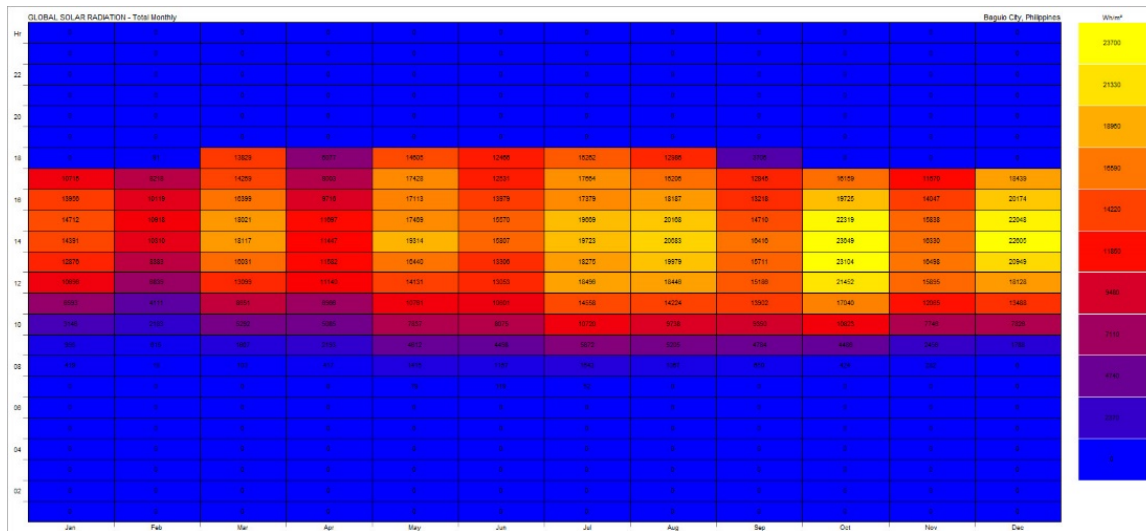


Figure 19. Global Solar Radiation (Total Monthly)

Table 03. Total Monthly Solar Exposure – Available solar data display

MONTH	AVAIL	AVG	REFLECT	INCIDENT		ABSORBED		TRANSMITTED	
	Wh/m ²	SHADE	Wh/m ²	Wh/m ²	TOT.WH	Wh/m ²	TOT.Wh	Wh/m ²	TOT.Wh
Jan	89574	100	0	22309	633446	11043	313556	0	0
Feb	61760	97	0	19765	561213	9784	277800	0	0
Mar	126211	83	0	32290	916865	15984	453848	0	0
Apr	89391	69	0	29958	850635	14829	421064	0	0
May	135284	54	0	38718	1099366	19165	544186	0	0
Jun	123490	44	0	40832	1159398	20212	573902	0	0
Jul	161082	49	0	48028	1363724	23774	675044	0	0
Aug	157408	63	0	42984	1220518	21277	604157	0	0
Sep	121437	75	0	34118	968763	16888	479538	0	0
Oct	157931	88	0	32023	909261	15851	450084	0	0
Nov	113728	100	0	22732	645476	11253	319511	0	0
Dec	139137	100	0	21517	610971	10651	302431	0	0
TOTALS	1476433	-	0	385274	10939638	190711	5415121	0	0

The hourly value of the solar radiation that hits a specific surface of the model is specified and, at the same time, the daily variations that it undergoes changing cloud conditions. The calculation performed is the same as for the Total Monthly Solar Radiation, unlike the fact that, in this graph, the hourly irradiation on the selected surface is displayed, for every single day of every month of the year.

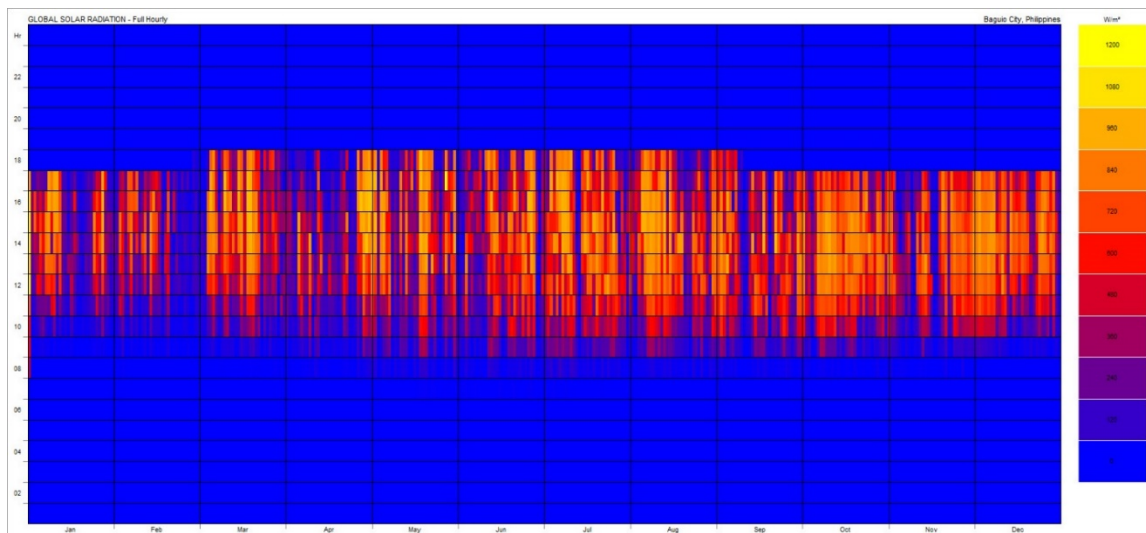


Figure 20. Global Solar Radiation (Full Hourly)

Table 04. Total Monthly Solar Exposure (Full Hourly) – Available solar data display

MONTH	AVAIL	AVG	REFLECT	INCIDENT		ABSORBED		TRANSMITTED	
	Wh/m ²	SHADE	Wh/m ²	Wh/m ²	TOT.WH	Wh/m ²	TOT.Wh	Wh/m ²	TOT.Wh
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3.4. Solar Access Analysis

Here, the differences in the solar radiation exposure to the surface, looking at each subdivision of the surface can be seen.

It is possible with Ecotect to quantify sunlight hours and exposure of the project surfaces and those nearby obstructions.

The results reveal non-uniform solar exposure for the different facades. The southern and western façade is much more exposed than the eastern façade. It can also be noticed that the northern façade is well protected from direct beam solar radiation, at least on summer solstice, but it still receives direct solar radiation.

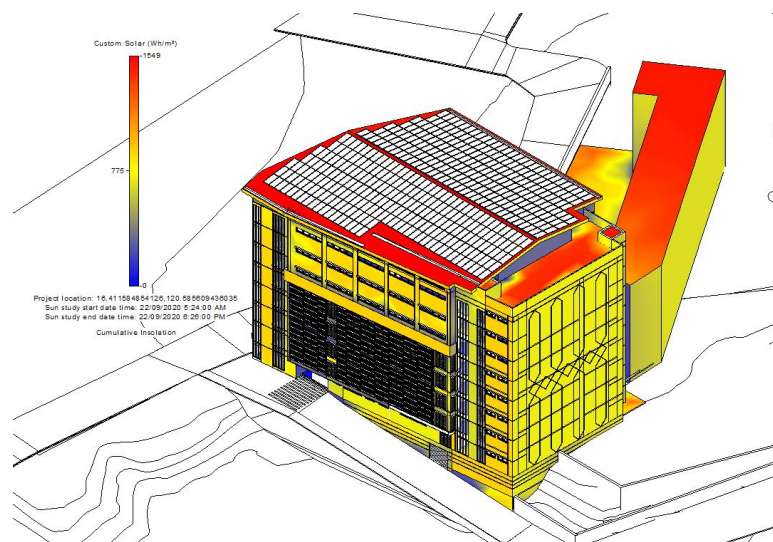


Figure 21. Solar access (South-West side)

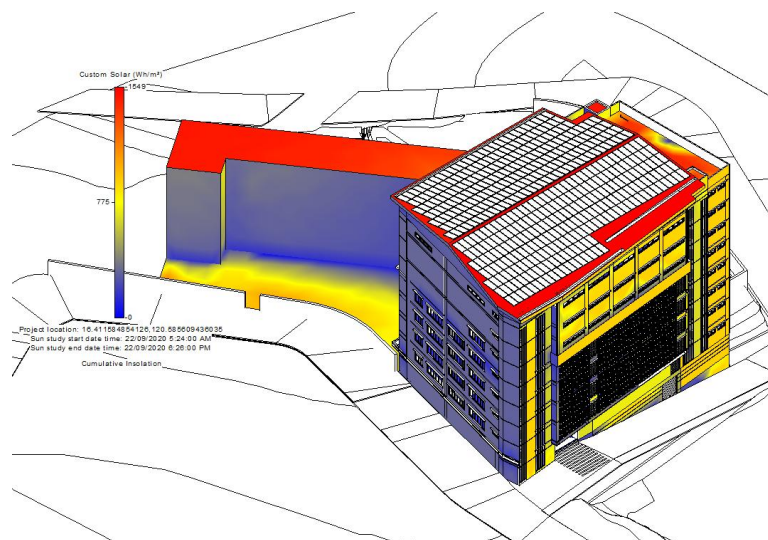


Figure 22. Solar access (North-West side)

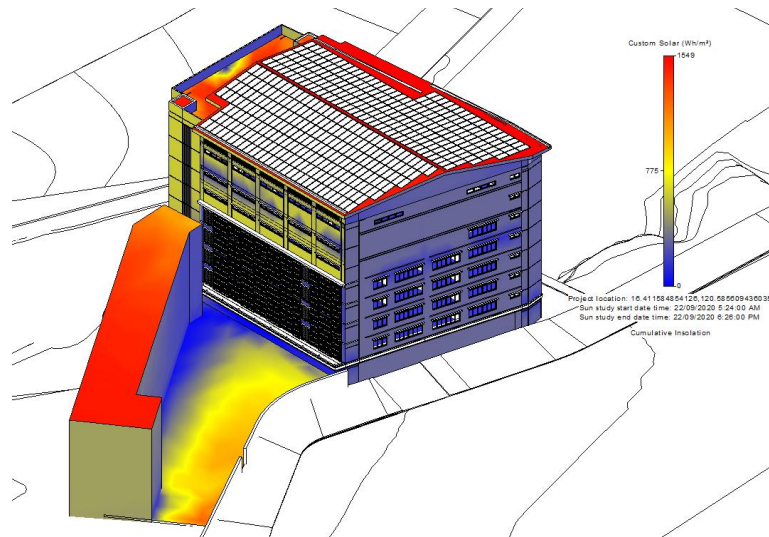


Figure 23. Solar access (North-East side)

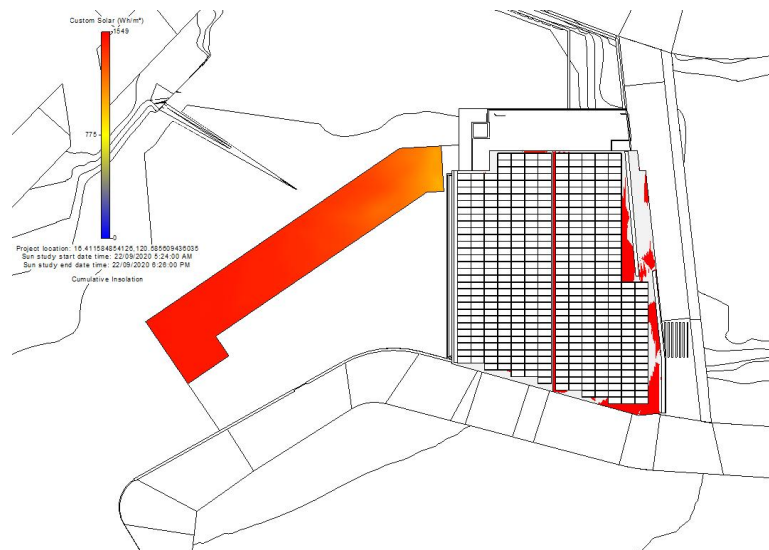


Figure 24. Solar access (plan view)

3.5. Solar Collection Analysis

The need for the building to sustain itself is of importance when trying to achieve a net-zero building. The proposed UC Libertad building includes photovoltaic panels installed on the roof that can significantly change the building's efficiency. Given a wide area on the surface of the roof, which has the best solar access, 432 photovoltaic panels can be installed.

The figure below is a graphical representation of the projected hourly solar collection for a year. The table below accompanies the graph calculated through Ecotect that shows the possible values for electricity in kilowatt-hour (kWh). Based off the data, it can be seen that the photovoltaic panels can harness the solar energy during the months of March and April and the least solar energy during the months of August, September, and December. In a year, the photovoltaic panels can produce a projected 154,944 kWh.

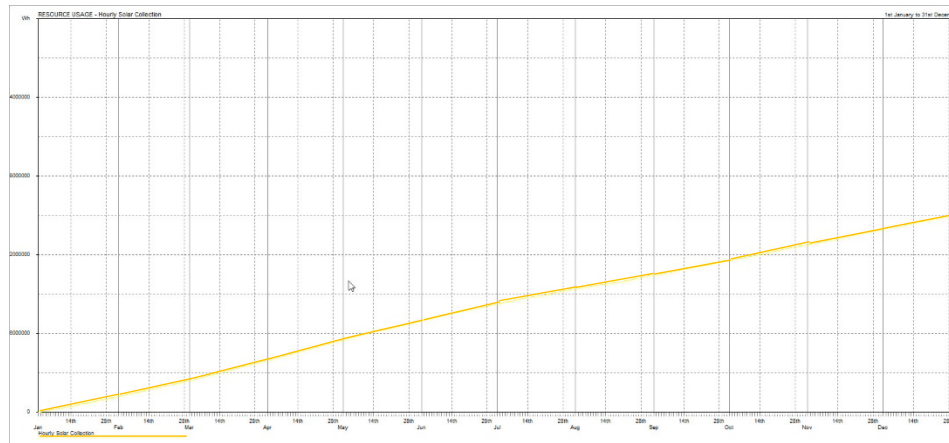


Figure 25. Resource usage - Hourly Solar Collection from 1st January to 31st December

Table 05. Resource Usage -Hourly solar collection

MONTH	ELECTRICITY (kWh)
January	12,248.333
February	12,493.887
March	15,571.146
April	16,054.584
May	14,896.989
June	13,336.771
July	12,021.117
August	10,988.256
September	11,436.552
October	12,158.208
November	12,183.241
December	11,554.884
TOTAL	154,943.974

4. Thermal Analysis

The model has gone under thermal analysis through Ecotect and the results showing the hourly temperature profile. Hourly heat gain and losses, monthly loads/ discomfort, temperature distribution, fabric gains, indirect solar gains, direct solar gains, ventilation gains, internal zonal gains, and discomfort period are presented in the next pages.

4.1. Temperature

4.1.1. Hourly Temperature Profile

Displayed in the figure below is the internal temperature of zones in the model for a 24-hour period.

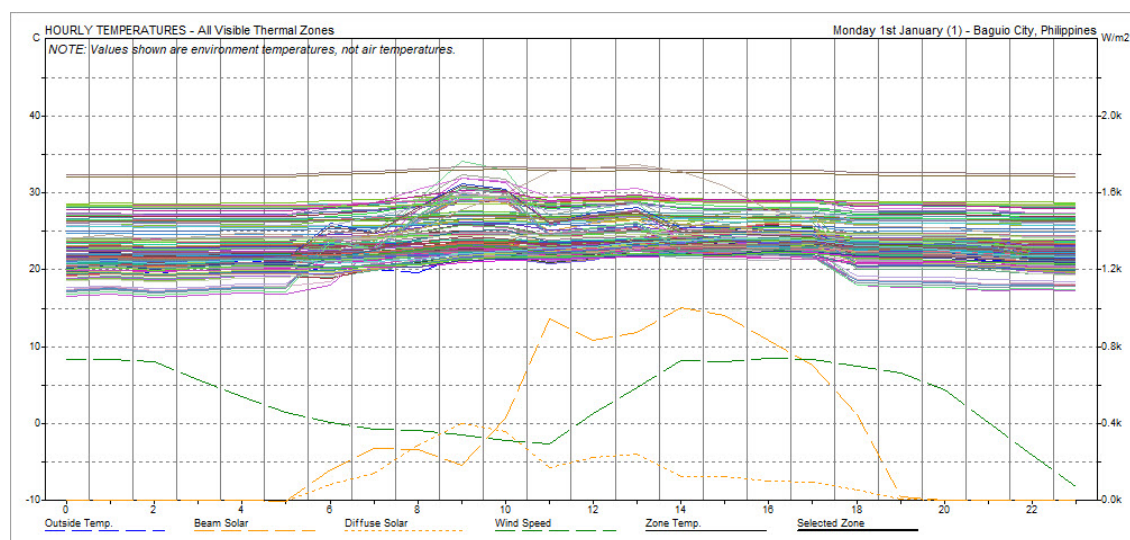


Figure 26. Hourly temperature profile

Table 06. Hourly temperature

HOUR	INSIDE (°C)	OUTSIDE (°C)	TEMP. DIF (°C)
00	21.9	18.8	3.1
01	21.9	18.5	3.4
02	21.8	16.9	4.9
03	21.8	17.3	4.5
04	21.7	17.1	4.6
05	21.7	16.4	5.3
06	21.6	17.3	4.3
07	21.6	16.1	5.5
08	21.6	16.2	5.4
09	21.5	15.0	6.5
10	21.7	15.6	6.1
11	21.9	15.7	6.2
12	21.9	17.7	4.2
13	22.0	16.6	5.4
14	22.2	18.5	3.7
15	22.3	18.5	3.8
16	22.1	17.3	4.8
17	22.0	17.7	4.3
18	22.0	17.5	4.5
19	22.0	17.1	4.9
20	21.8	17.5	4.3
21	21.7	16.6	5.1
22	21.7	18.1	3.6
23	21.6	17.1	4.5

4.1.2. Hourly Heat Gains and Loses

Displayed in the figure below is the magnitude of all the heat flow paths acting on thermal zones in a model for a 24 hour period.

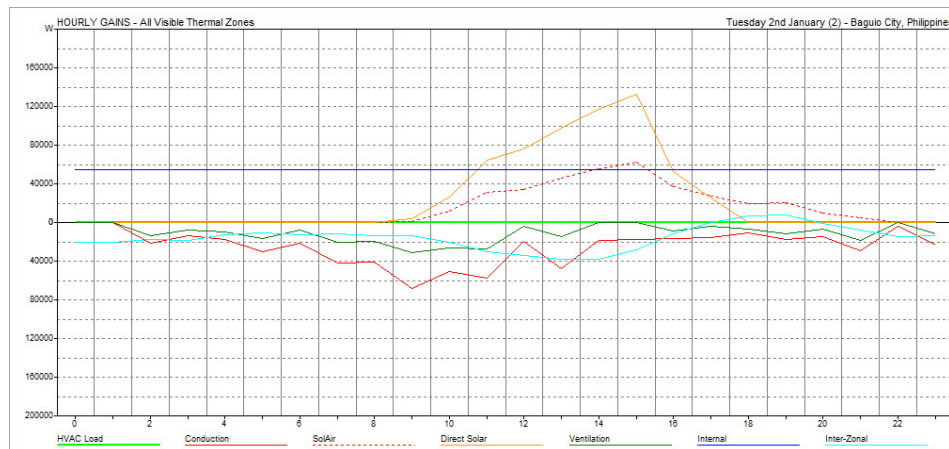


Figure 27. Hourly Heat Gains/Losses

Table 07. Hourly Heat Gain/Losses

HOUR	HVAC (Wh)	FABRIC (Wh)	SOLAR (Wh)	VENT. (Wh)	INTERN (Wh)	ZONAL (Wh)
00	0	0	0	0	55313	-20285
01	0	0	0	0	55313	-20289
02	0	-20747	0	-13124	55313	-17206
03	0	-13215	0	-7396	55313	-18341
04	0	-16983	0	-9456	55313	-12256
05	0	-30188	0	-16524	55313	-10580
06	0	-20869	0	-7313	55313	-12306
07	0	-41034	0	-19849	55313	-11305
08	0	-40434	0	-18804	55313	-12802
09	0	-66069	3956	-31161	55313	-13033
10	0	-38166	27055	-25646	55313	-20003
11	0	-25566	65018	-26702	55313	-30086
12	0	15407	76390	-3630	55313	-33790
13	0	-1307	97713	-14375	55313	-37522
14	0	38834	117219	0	55313	-37860
15	0	46378	133596	0	55313	-28245
16	0	21902	53362	-8404	55313	-11348
17	0	11877	25896	-3594	55313	521
18	0	9810	0	-6027	55313	7697
19	0	3752	0	-11094	55313	7697
20	0	-4361	0	-6357	55313	-332
21	0	-23021	0	-18382	55313	-7578
22	0	-3492	0	0	55313	-13817
23	0	-23380	0	-11209	55313	-13136
TOTAL	0	-220871	600205	-259046	1327510	-365779

4.1.3. Temperature Distribution

Each zone specifically and see how the outdoor temperature effects the indoor, and how the HVAC load is then effected is graphically presented in the figure below.

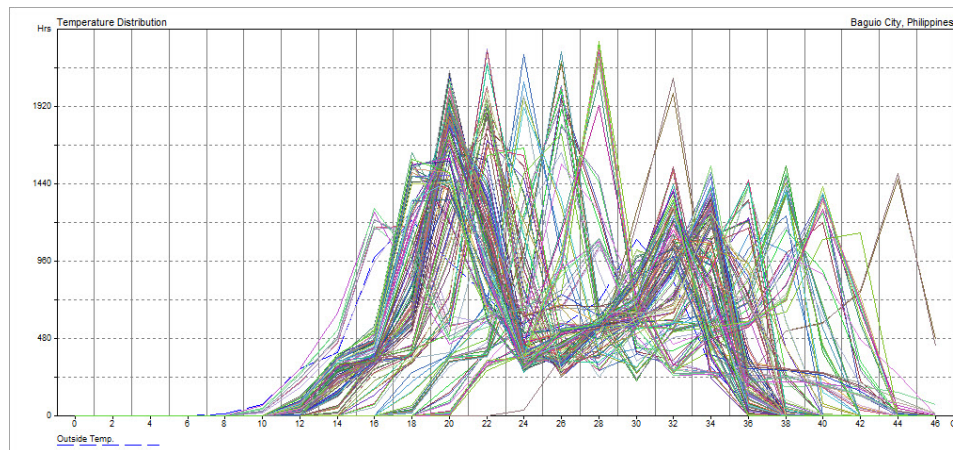


Figure 28. Temperature distribution

Table 08. Temperature distribution

TEMP.	HOURS	PERCENT
0.0	0	0.0%
2.0	0	0.0%
4.0	0	0.0%
6.0	0	0.0%
8.0	0	0.0%
10.0	0	0.0%
12.0	0	0.0%
14.0	57	0.7%
16.0	346	3.9%
18.0	375	4.3%
20.0	1132	12.9%
22.0	1970	22.5%
24.0	793	9.1%
26.0	245	2.8%
28.0	471	5.4%
30.0	599	6.8%
32.0	727	8.3%
34.0	1217	13.9%
36.0	826	9.4%
38.0	2	0.0%
40.0	0	0.0%

4.1.4. Fabric Gains

Displayed in the figure below are the gains due to the differences in air temperature between inside and outside the space.

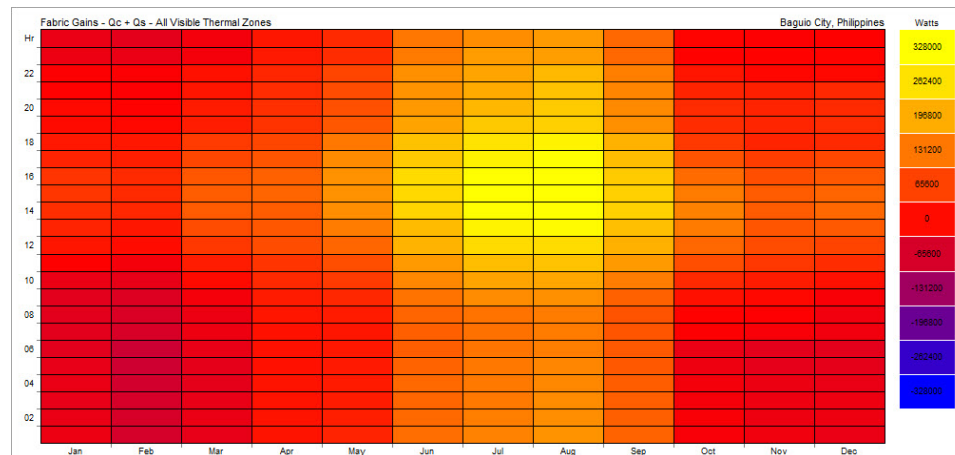


Figure 29. Fabric gains - $Q_c + Q_s$

Table 09. Annual Loads Table - Fabric Gains

HOUR	JAN (Wh)	FEB (Wh)	MAR (Wh)	APR (Wh)	MAY (Wh)	JUN (Wh)	JUL (Wh)	AUG (Wh)	SEP (Wh)	OCT (Wh)	NOV (Wh)	DEC (Wh)
00	-36749	-66825	-43839	8428	27819	118967	145007	164906	106166	-24142	-32197	-39119
01	-40421	-63395	-39162	8786	21829	114180	138943	159199	102216	-22892	-36040	-35250
02	-42903	-65320	-42199	8560	19379	109875	133582	156021	101558	-26801	-35053	-36290
03	-41054	-69930	-46416	8314	16912	114139	133484	149834	98676	-28127	-38150	-41338
04	-42861	-75516	-46607	5742	16107	106530	132288	149121	92749	-34690	-45752	-46907
05	-50541	-77937	-41800	5288	12783	99855	128848	138934	93739	-39212	-47990	-48625
06	-49702	-62810	-35265	6320	10271	102147	123048	135698	89399	-17352	-23786	-30755
07	-49462	-60754	-36642	10219	18362	108311	125919	137143	86622	-12288	-16648	-31332
08	-48715	-55665	-27394	18431	33119	125769	156186	160285	103573	6196	-5994	-22536
09	-39477	-43533	-2870	35720	55453	150507	185515	189917	138076	35706	19583	4699
10	-14431	-27089	20644	50357	80545	173449	218342	224267	173903	80569	52036	40672
11	10525	192	53991	79035	109480	205531	253559	254038	201311	111595	78706	68667
12	27663	11374	76714	91661	136687	214291	282736	292312	219221	134923	89222	93806
13	41494	32337	96349	97958	158343	245544	304651	317337	240851	144359	96413	112286
14	51745	36640	99458	108485	164337	251149	315622	327700	239565	135263	96594	108145
15	49131	35833	92079	103362	163507	253837	303592	315509	234238	115781	80410	93019
16	27915	21657	70328	89624	154710	232305	279636	303491	217258	86123	61292	71463
17	14756	13148	57489	70466	132145	222082	263206	284344	203104	55317	28844	35311
18	-2304	-6232	20365	47229	91916	185528	230762	239369	160307	40073	30555	38450
19	-3965	-14362	18063	43383	82876	172862	209821	233417	153471	38161	29302	36928
20	-13229	-18344	10138	37507	77546	164525	194056	223321	147885	29660	23065	34472
21	-17533	-18288	5505	31636	69543	161873	187109	211897	139396	10333	-7328	-5785
22	-37178	-41256	-26796	15462	40223	134232	177786	178957	111025	-12065	-13076	-11184
23	-40509	-47689	-29598	11757	34987	129364	157499	173156	110787	-11178	-18047	-15368

4.1.5. Indirect Solar Gains

Displayed in the figure below are the additional gains due to the effects of incident solar radiation on the external surface of exposed opaque objects.

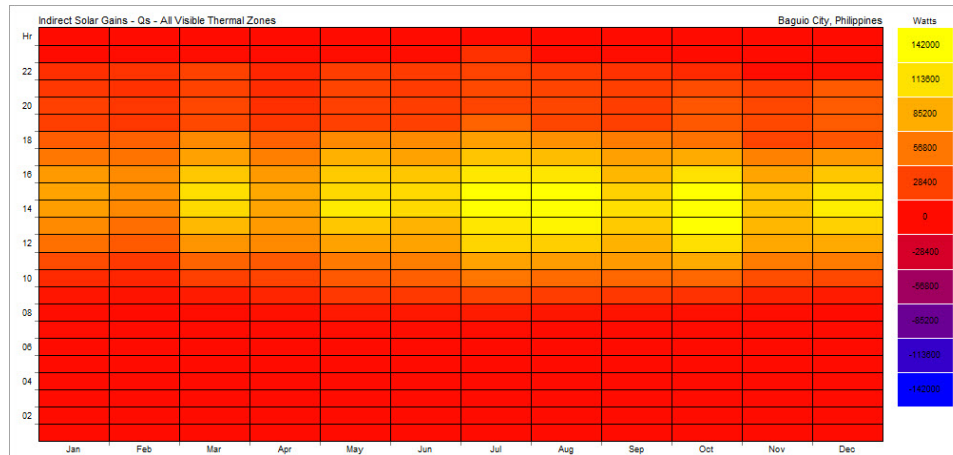


Figure 30. Indirect Solar Gains – Q_s

Table 10. Annual loads table - Indirect Solar Gains

HOUR	JAN (Wh)	FEB (Wh)	MAR (Wh)	APR (Wh)	MAY (Wh)	JUN (Wh)	JUL (Wh)	AUG (Wh)	SEP (Wh)	OCT (Wh)	NOV (Wh)	DEC (Wh)
00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06	317	0	0	0	315	694	293	0	0	0	0	0
07	943	101	572	2639	6962	6475	8348	5313	3423	2056	1049	0
08	4383	3560	8338	13202	22827	23768	29707	25781	23129	20046	11381	7706
09	15685	13056	27264	29294	40834	43690	56036	50230	48496	48267	34908	31647
10	33489	23866	46454	40475	57844	60496	80102	76957	75715	84427	58849	58996
11	53155	41040	72485	66543	79388	80179	106460	103085	88354	112521	82434	83733
12	66671	51577	91836	74952	98854	89119	116443	123631	100824	131023	91306	104349
13	77043	65391	109213	81217	117976	109008	133829	134028	111892	141013	97491	119332
14	80367	70302	111743	82390	108290	108617	133550	132831	104595	134100	97068	115777
15	75596	67321	99738	75836	101342	99059	116375	115332	91040	112945	80830	99245
16	56611	54423	78667	60553	87182	78205	98111	93889	78547	84108	62084	74870
17	42677	45108	66550	44964	66229	67451	77760	69836	59342	53887	29029	38416
18	27118	22791	31592	22056	27398	28105	45877	20842	27544	40237	31474	41682
19	27946	22746	30971	19196	27334	26199	30039	30402	26189	39131	31053	41992
20	22911	19374	28565	17114	29704	24796	32302	29614	26692	33517	27318	41001
21	18866	21069	28279	13845	26183	25428	28823	25473	20082	15567	189	2272
22	108	146	189	148	190	1111	19641	239	208	110	0	12
23	0	0	0	0	0	12	71	0	0	0	0	0

4.1.6. Direct Solar Gains

Displayed in the figure below is the solar radiation entering the space through a window, void or any other transparent/translucent surface.

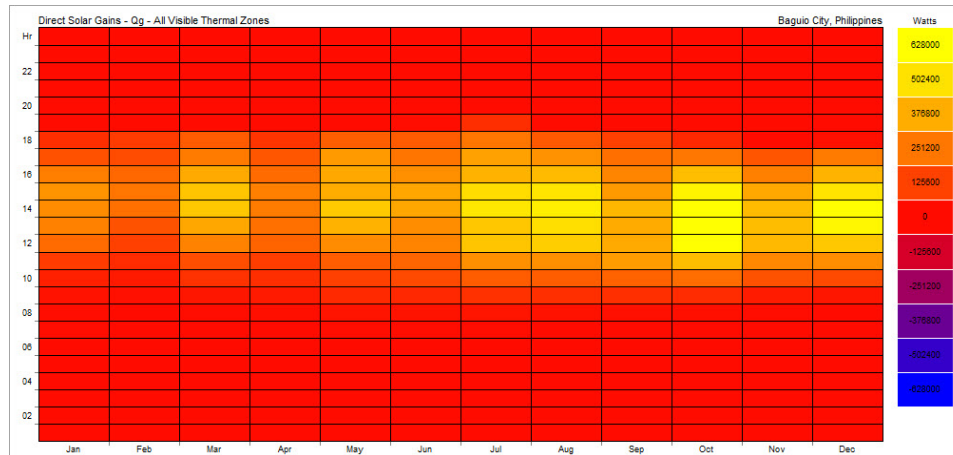


Figure 31. Direct Solar Gains – Qg

Table 11. Annual loads table - Direct Solar Gains (All visible Thermal Zones - Monthly averages)

HOUR	JAN (Wh)	FEB (Wh)	MAR (Wh)	APR (Wh)	MAY (Wh)	JUN (Wh)	JUL (Wh)	AUG (Wh)	SEP (Wh)	OCT (Wh)	NOV (Wh)	DEC (Wh)
00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06	1777	0	0	0	844	1427	603	0	0	0	0	0
07	3978	225	1197	6006	17644	15079	20193	13103	8608	5841	2925	0
08	12442	8155	21710	32076	66988	65492	85468	80737	81722	72326	36612	23559
09	46076	31653	88676	80147	121634	144895	186856	188231	200076	226561	163249	144843
10	111070	71304	154636	117699	189904	207778	308241	307295	337568	414499	290485	303655
11	220762	122974	277574	204970	300144	280068	433903	454666	370600	574953	406322	440936
12	274260	164000	362582	233615	388562	301092	438772	491048	373338	627582	414314	547621
13	29990	233639	441208	260780	444749	361963	512689	531706	403204	624032	408795	574168
14	317500	247894	433579	272214	377472	361742	488126	509357	332528	541486	364847	505778
15	267843	215206	369782	22305	365760	307695	391444	409534	284157	416165	272364	392458
16	162252	147671	257487	173096	331740	245033	349523	313526	232188	249535	170878	257611
17	79969	110115	184865	96543	190776	184142	247929	181043	123205	65208	0	7941
18	0	0	0	0	0	4230	80241	0	0	0	0	0
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.1.7. Ventilation Gains

Displayed in the figure below is the heat transfer due to the movement of air through cracks and openings in the building fabric, such as windows, voids, etc.

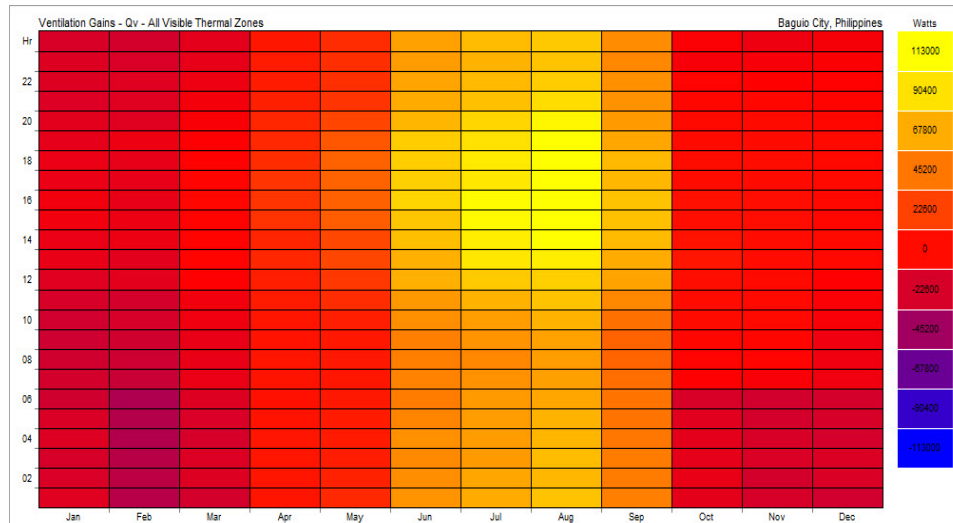


Figure 32. Ventilation Gains – Qv

Table 12. Annual loads table - Ventilation Gains (All visible thermal zones - Monthly averages)

Hour	JAN (Wh)	FEB (Wh)	MAR (Wh)	APR (Wh)	MAY (Wh)	JUN (Wh)	JUL (Wh)	AUG (Wh)	SEP (Wh)	OCT (Wh)	NOV (Wh)	DEC (Wh)
00	-18146	-35760	-23746	3075	11734	57199	67432	77224	48280	-16222	-21886	-24469
01	-21121	-33514	-19411	3496	8826	54679	65167	72317	46857	-14517	-23790	-20776
02	-22297	-35335	-20038	3635	6976	53138	60057	74746	47091	-15518	-20899	-20457
03	-19554	-37361	-22786	3992	5610	55408	60701	71689	44812	-16720	-21753	-23201
04	-20896	-36953	-21215	2464	5875	50459	61199	70888	43281	-17914	-23253	-21981
05	-24998	-39506	-19087	2179	4891	47186	59790	65482	43990	-21770	-24161	-23287
06	-23734	-28047	-14194	2772	3628	49998	56525	62172	41111	-5793	-8139	-11588
07	-25144	-26161	-14607	3582	5063	48465	51935	61240	37175	-3474	-3638	-11322
08	-25679	-24930	-14253	2323	4344	49049	57040	63296	36311	-2587	-3176	-11364
09	-24567	-22684	-11545	3599	7468	55248	61438	70415	42596	-467	-1485	-8160
10	-21993	-23143	-10736	626	13491	59554	70491	77631	51893	-113	-1468	-7315
11	-18370	-17168	-5635	7532	17904	68904	80206	82081	63871	740	-1186	-5554
12	-14281	-17565	-3854	10672	24293	68938	92869	94953	67617	3865	-283	-2420
13	-13621	-13258	-3808	10376	24977	75283	95200	103745	73443	2468	-218	-1373
14	-10677	-13212	-3933	15898	33535	78585	100232	109274	76380	845	162	-2485
15	-10816	-14723	-2651	17070	35682	84532	101268	112438	77244	1803	124	-2216
16	-13718	-15442	-3682	16744	36800	82800	92606	111943	72384	0	-456	-1477
17	-13747	-15454	-4281	13885	36027	81644	93411	110516	73028	0	-46	-1768
18	-15885	-12888	-5718	11585	31300	81358	89577	103606	64775	-485	-684	-1439
19	-17499	-18631	-7543	10796	24133	71705	85147	99021	59890	-1333	-1114	-2702
20	-19947	-18549	-9834	8098	17083	66863	75872	88254	56600	-2657	-2788	-3878
21	-19398	-18842	-12477	6690	14712	64339	73168	81463	55646	-3517	-5097	-4742
22	-19271	-21152	-15098	6126	14440	60652	70962	77726	51992	-8610	-8756	-6716
23	-21445	-23616	-16364	3942	13446	62574	74117	79519	54105	-7219	-12075	-9083

4.1.8. Internal Zonal Gains

Displayed in the figure below are the calculated heat flows induced by temperature differences between zones occurring through areas where surfaces from different zones are adjacent to each other.

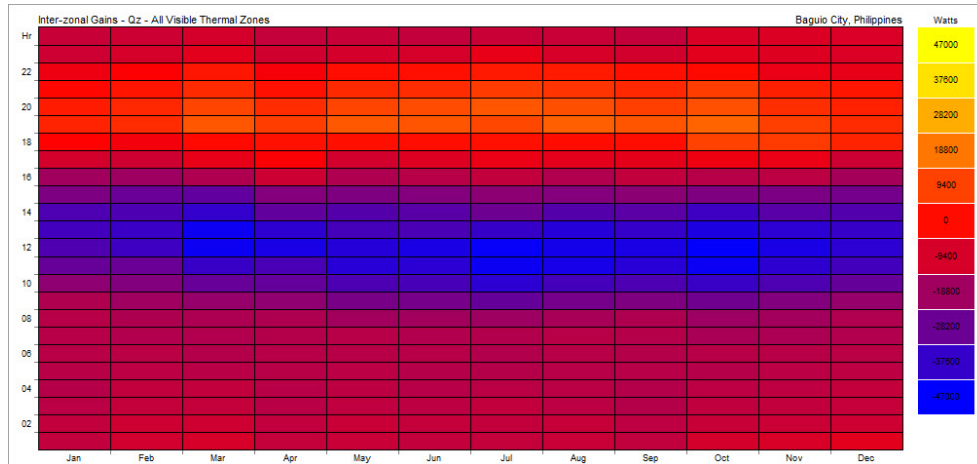


Figure 33. Inter-zonal Gains – Qz

Table 13. Annual loads table - Inter-zonal Gains (All visible thermal zones - Monthly averages)

HOURS	JAN (Wh)	FEB (Wh)	MAR (Wh)	APR (Wh)	MAY (Wh)	JUN (Wh)	JUL (Wh)	AUG (Wh)	SEP (Wh)	OCT (Wh)	NOV (Wh)	DEC (Wh)
00	-12854	-10187	-9114	-12485	-11809	-12634	-12452	-11736	-13099	-9633	-8960	-7257
01	-12776	-10921	-10672	-13089	-11856	-12447	-12695	-12133	-13498	-11991	-11513	-10928
02	-14215	-12560	-12541	-14353	-13314	-13687	-12884	-13872	-15079	-13146	-12905	12363
03	-14892	-13094	-12864	-14552	-13712	-14824	-14196	-14210	-15385	-13926	-13488	-12599
04	-14598	-13968	-14524	-14635	-14326	-14906	-15124	-14794	-14767	-15013	-14081	13736
05	-14379	-14347	-15325	-14854	-14559	-14791	-15425	-14570	-15156	-14538	-14576	-14209
06	-14824	-15638	-15769	-15364	-14831	-15698	-15454	-14627	-15055	-17225	-16709	-15628
07	-14807	-16426	-16554	-16357	-18414	-18434	-19105	-17366	-16369	-19378	-18307	-16105
08	-16239	-18984	-20702	-21852	-25605	-26457	-29253	-26408	-24685	-27436	-24161	-20751
09	-22068	-24135	-28937	-29443	-33623	-34244	-39056	-34989	-3316	-36909	-33139	-29234
10	-29054	-28256	-37052	-34182	-39822	-39435	-44747	-42806	-39979	-45013	-38919	-35164
11	-33021	-36173	-44752	-42571	-40231	-42265	-45712	-43201	-42419	-46390	-42566	-38944
12	-35372	-36799	-44557	-38764	-34715	-33997	-37323	-40181	-37568	-41794	-38954	-37191
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16	-9880	-10673	-6124	-3102	-10097	-8204	-5774	-6853	-6720	-5148	-5804	-11043
17	-2026	-4297	-555	785	513	196	576	-3	88	9521	7960	4221
18	4064	5514	13048	8722	13225	12849	10355	14705	12732	15462	8879	5645
19	2652	4879	9880	5761	9937	11383	12883	11644	8983	11863	5863	3643
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21	-5165	-2671	1761	-3499	79	535	2319	2329	439	-519	-5878	-6277
22	-10863	-9443	-7201	-10466	-9677	-9591	-6157	-9218	-9980	-7252	-7962	-8713
23	-12065	-11080	-9728	-12470	-11934	-12596	-11590	-11738	-12684	-8638	-8416	-8752

a. Hottest Day (Peak and Average)

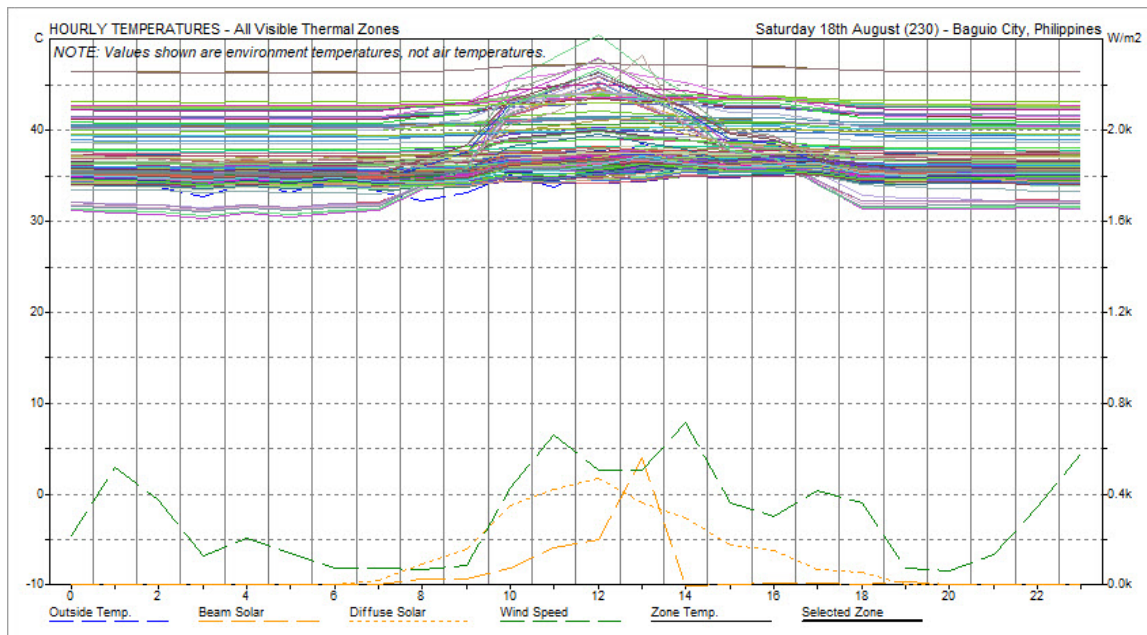


Figure 34. Hourly Temperatures - Hottest Day (Peak), 18th August

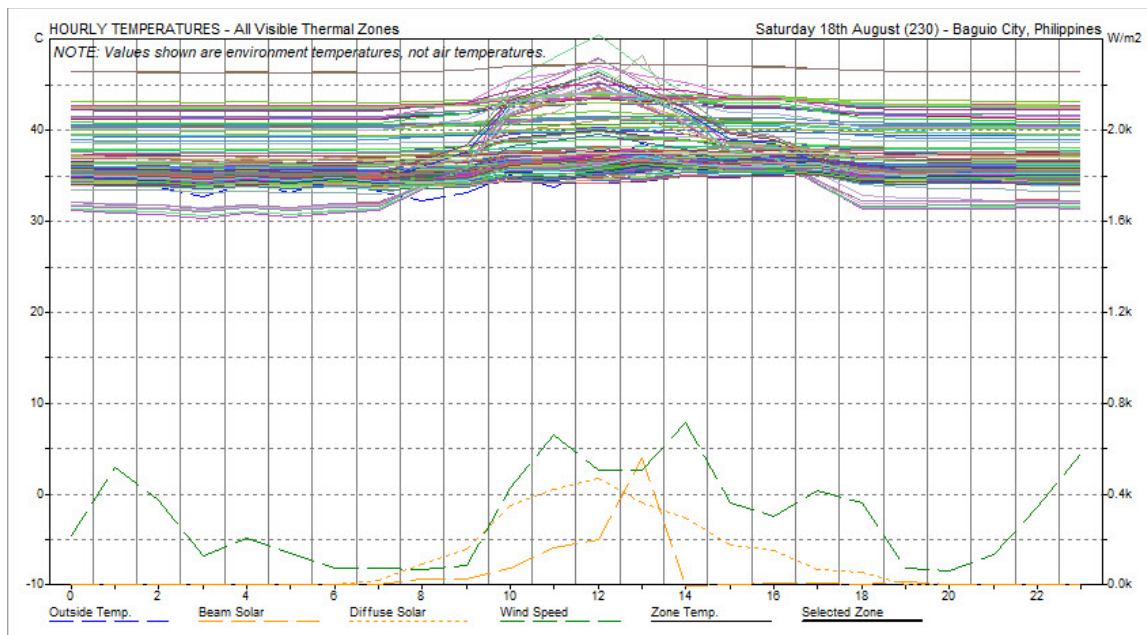
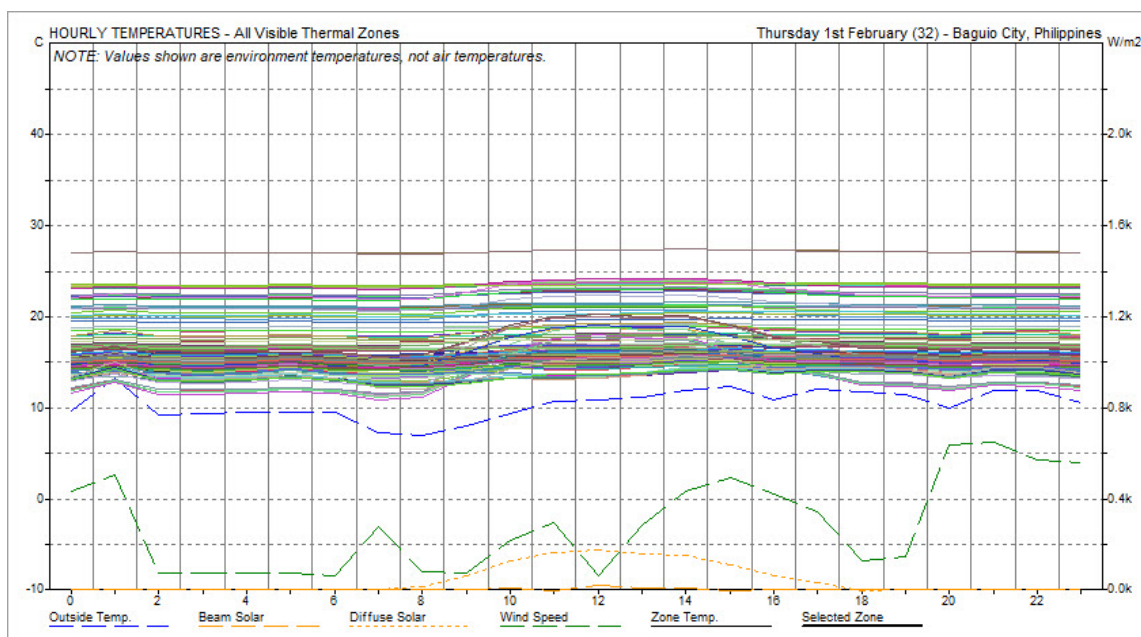


Figure 35. Hourly Temperatures - Hottest Day (Average), 18th August

Table 14. Hourly Temperatures for the hottest day (18th August)

HOUR	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	TEMP. DIF
	(°C)	(°C)	(°C)
00	19.3	22.0	-2.7
01	19.3	21.4	-2.2
02	19.1	20.7	-1.6
03	18.8	19.8	-1.0
04	19.1	21.2	-2.1
05	18.9	20.4	-1.5
06	19.2	21.7	-2.5
07	19.2	20.3	-1.1
08	20.4	19.3	1.1
09	21.7	20.1	1.6
10	25.7	22.0	3.7
11	26.7	20.7	6.0
12	28.0	23.0	5.0
13	26.7	25.2	1.5
14	25.5	23.9	1.6
15	23.1	23.1	0.0
16	22.8	22.9	-0.1
17	21.0	22.5	-1.5
18	29.5	21.4	-1.9
19	19.3	21.7	-2.4
20	19.4	22.2	-2.8
21	19.4	22.3	-2.9
22	19.5	22.9	-3.4
23	19.5	22.7	-3.2

b. Coldest Day (Peak and Average)**Figure 36. Hourly Temperatures - Coldest Day (Peak), 1st February**

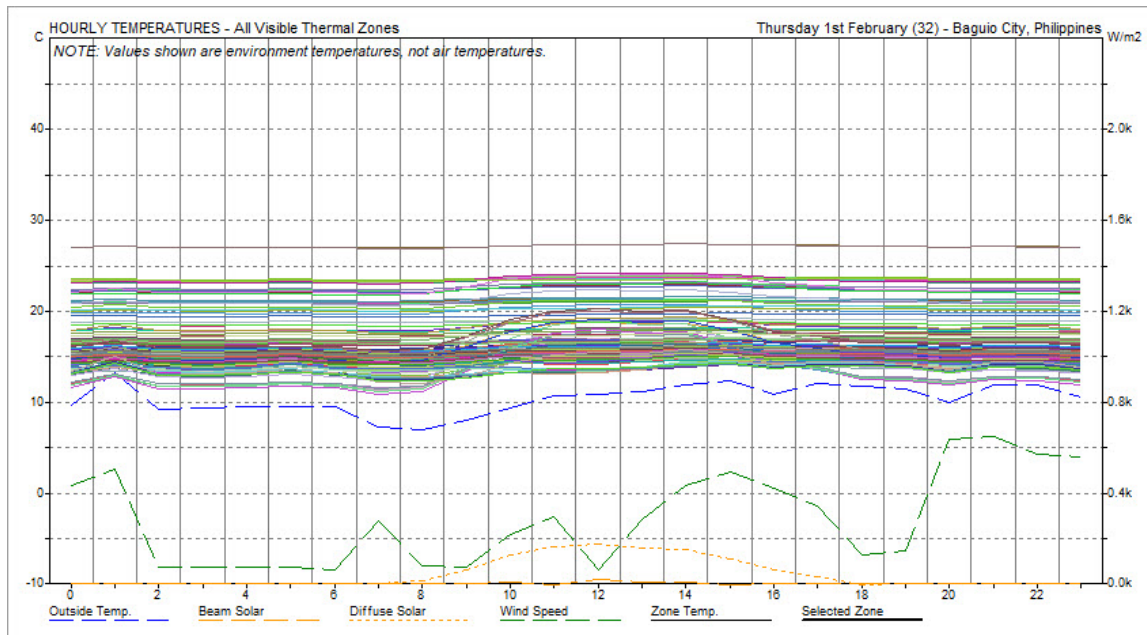


Figure 37. Hourly Temperatures - Coldest Day (Average), 1st February

Table 15. Hourly Temperatures for the coldest day (February 1st)

HOUR	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	TEMP. DIF
	(°C)	(°C)	(°C)
00	14.9	8.9	6.0
01	15.6	12.1	3.5
02	14.9	8.4	6.5
03	14.8	8.6	6.2
04	14.9	8.7	6.2
05	15.0	8.8	6.2
06	14.9	8.7	6.2
07	14.4	6.7	7.7
08	17.6	6.4	11.2
09	18.8	7.5	11.3
10	20.1	8.6	11.5
11	20.9	9.8	11.1
12	21.2	9.9	11.3
13	21.0	10.1	10.9
14	21.2	10.9	10.3
15	20.5	11.3	9.2
16	19.4	9.9	9.5
17	16.1	11.1	5.0
18	15.5	10.8	4.7
19	15.4	10.4	5.0
20	15.0	9.2	5.8
21	15.4	10.9	4.5
22	15.4	10.9	4.5
23	15.1	9.7	5.4

c. Brightest Sunny Day

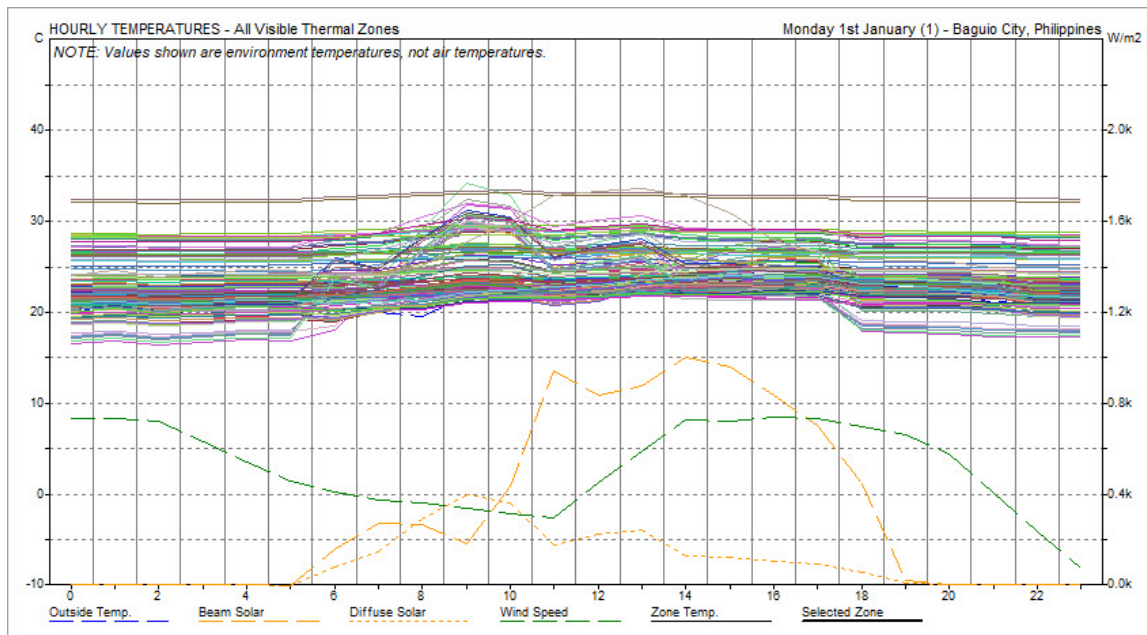


Figure 38. Hourly Temperatures – Brightest Sunny Day, 1st January

d. Most Overcast Day

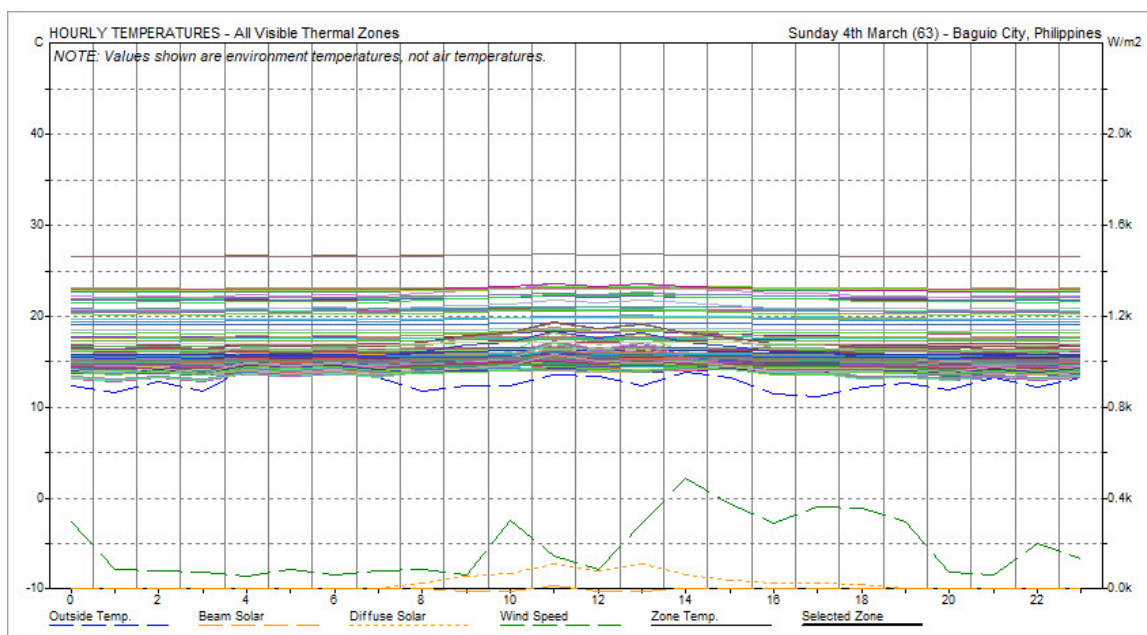


Figure 39. Hourly Temperatures - Most Overcast Day, 4th March

e. Strongest Wind Gust

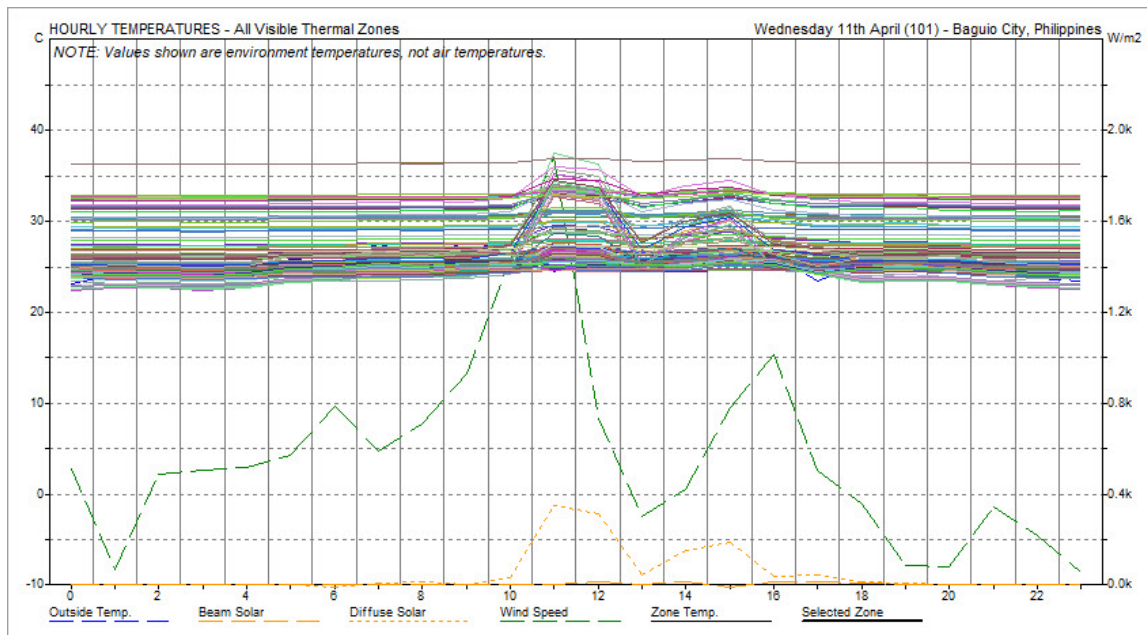


Figure 40. Hourly Temperatures – Strongest Wind Gust, 11th April

f. Most/Least Windy Day

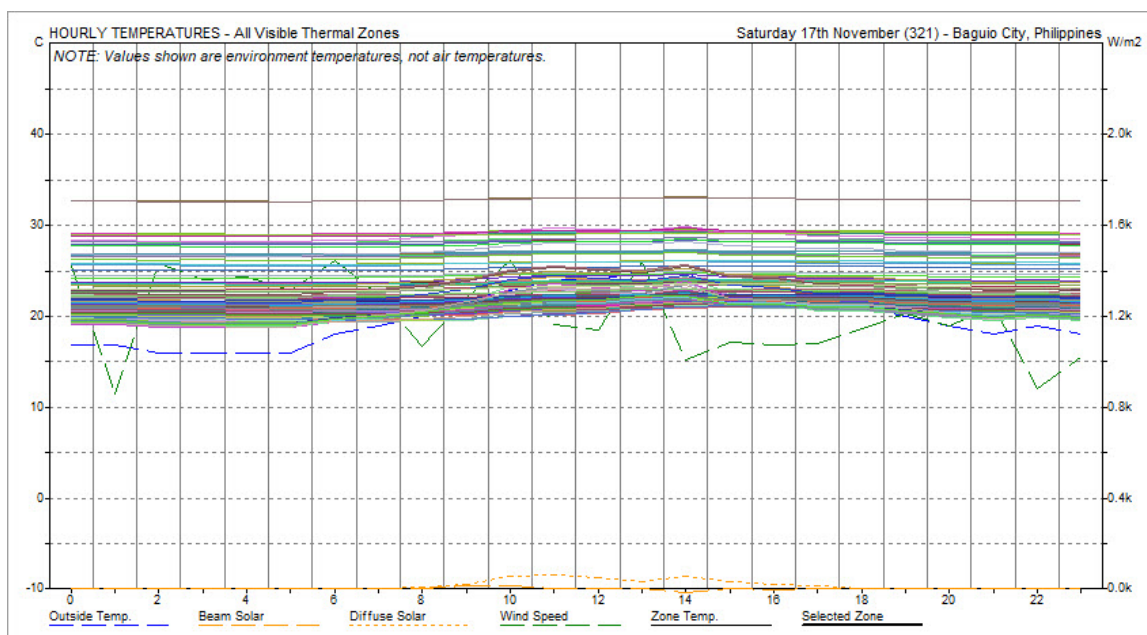


Figure 41. Hourly Temperatures – Most Windy Day, 17th November

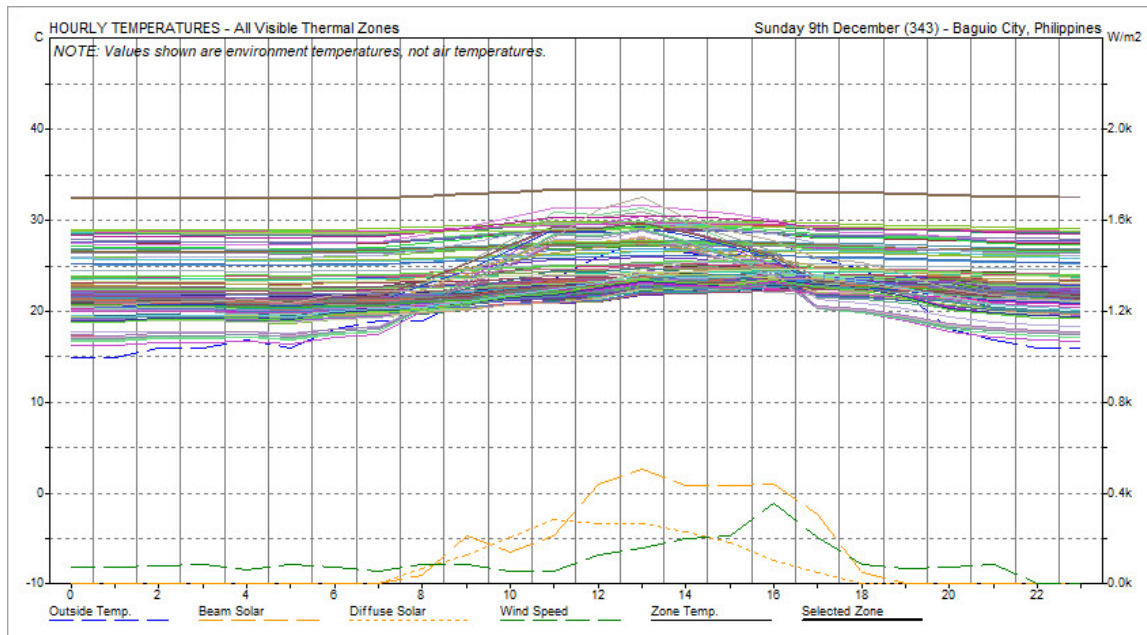


Figure 42. Hourly Temperatures – Least Windy Day, 9th December

4.2. Discomfort Period

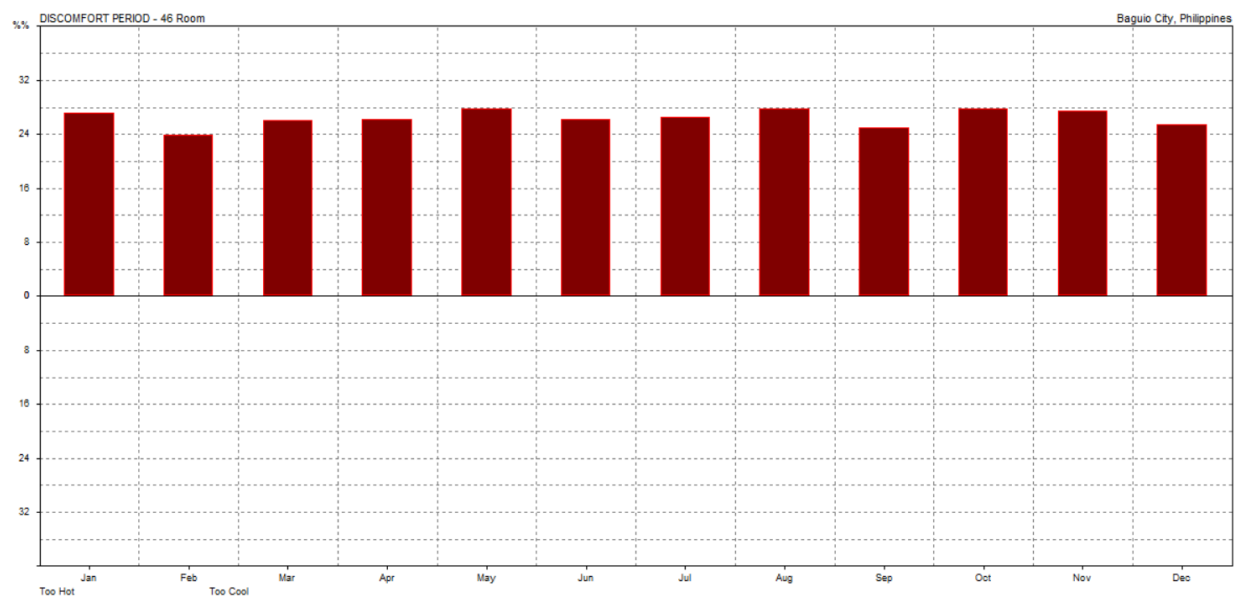


Figure 43. Monthly Loads/ Discomfort

Table 16. Discomfort Degree Hours (Zone is not air-conditioned)

MONTH	TOO HOT	TOO COOL	TOTAL
	(%)	(%)	(%)
Jan	27.15	0.00	27.15
Feb	23.96	0.00	23.96
Mar	26.08	0.00	26.08
Apr	26.25	0.00	26.25
May	27.82	0.00	27.82
Jun	26.25	0.00	26.25
Jul	26.61	0.00	26.61
Aug	27.82	0.00	27.82
Sep	25.00	0.00	25.00
Oct	27.82	0.00	27.82
Nov	27.50	0.00	27.50
Dec	25.40	0.00	25.40
TOTAL	317.7	0.00	317.7

III. Summary of Findings

After conducting lighting, solar, and thermal analysis on the proposed building of UC Libertad, several insights on the existing conditions can be seen based on qualitative and quantitative evaluations of the results.

Results show that under overcast sky conditions, the average natural light levels in the proposed building are relatively satisfying to the point that just enough natural sunlight reaches the interior of the building for the occupants to move about inside. As expected, levels of natural light are not uniform within the building. Some rooms have higher lighting levels than other rooms.

Temperatures observed within the analyzed zones show that high temperatures are achieved in the summer. This result is essentially due to the penetration of direct solar radiation into the building interior. The use of solar shading devices is therefore crucial to block direct solar radiation.

Solar shading devices found on the east and west façade of the building reduce solar gain, thus, decrease the indoor temperature of the different zones analyzed. The highest peak temperature observed occurs on August 18, the hottest day of the year declared by Ecotect, while the coldest occurs on February 1.

With shading devices on, the average daylight factor diminishes by half. This represents a significant decrease of daylight and calls attention to the challenge of optimizing daylight levels in summer while intercepting overheating, which has been achieved through the current design.

In summary, the different passive techniques and concepts applied to the proposed project have positive effects on the building design. These techniques contribute to the reduction of internal heat gain and are confirmed to allow natural sunlight into the building and reduce the penetration of direct solar radiation. Ecotect has become an effective tool in the simulation, analysis, and evaluation of the building efficiency of the proposed project.

IV. Conclusions

Architectural design should serve as a means toward achieving comfort within a built environment. And only by way of an authoritative technical understanding of architectural science can a building design truly make possible the enjoyment of well-designed built premises. It is in this backdrop that we have taken the added initiative of subjecting this project unto the rigors of our Net Zero Building system of studies.

Baguio City is gifted with a relatively cool climate and therefore has “spring-comfort” through most of the year. This becomes an advantage eliminating the need for air conditioning units to be integrated as part of the design. With this, passive design techniques are favored over active heating/cooling. The UC Libertad project has implemented several passive techniques to minimize its harmful effects on the environment. Taking advantage of the location and climate on site and considering sun, wind, precipitation/rainfall, and light has been confirmed through this study in achieving positive control within our UC Libertad design.

Solar shading devices are used to avoid or divert direct solar radiation that bring heat into the building during the summer period. Solar panels on the roof take advantage of the sun during the day and serve as a renewable source that can supply the building and in the end, contribute to the supply of its adjacent buildings. This can potentially reduce the total energy consumption of the building. Natural ventilation and thermal comfort will enable the future occupants of the UC Libertad building to achieve maximum potential by providing healthy, safe, and comfortable environments. Wind can enter and exit the building through louvered windows on the façade and allow air to circulate inside, providing natural ventilation to the interior rooms. Rainfall/precipitation can be then taken as an advantage through the rainwater harvesting system to which rainwater can be stored, filtered, and supplied to the different fixtures of the building. Natural light can be harnessed through the numerous openings of the building though the solar shading devices that aid in overheating in the building compromise a part of it.

The Autodesk Ecotect software offers various possibilities to study solar and thermal interactions between the building and its environment. However, in spite of its many capabilities, Autodesk Ecotect has its limitations. The complexity of the Revit-imported 3D model, in terms of its geometry, has affected the accuracy of the results as Ecotect has trouble translating the vertices of curved or irregular shapes. This has also affected the speed of analysis. Other limitations include the absence of tools to assess other building performances.

After simulation and analysis, the proposed UC Libertad project has provided different passive systems that are able to influence the interior environment. A rather suitable and comfortable environment is therefore created in the interior, thus energy-consuming HVAC systems have been established as unnecessary.

V. Recommendations

Since the building is oriented in a way that it is mostly exposed on its east and west sides, there is a need to avoid the low morning and afternoon suns and sun shading options should be further explored. Our proposed UC Libertad design uses horizontal solar shading devices on the east and west facades. Variants on the current designs, whether vertical or other angular solar shading devices might prove to be more effective; and should be made part of further studies for this project.

In terms of materials, glazing with low solar heat gain coefficient values and double-skin facades should also be explored, to identify candidate materials that will prove more or most-effective for this specific project requirements and site conditions.

Particularly on photovoltaic panels, subsequent analysis may be done to consider alternate low or high wattages and sizes. The challenge is yet to find the best option when considered against the wide spectrum of types available. Add to this the matter of local availability of the cost-appropriate technology and expertise.

Various renewable energy resources, such as wind, biomass systems, and other sources should also be explored to increase the potential of further harnessing, storing, and then supplying power to the building.

Foreign-sourced components are hardly sustainable, and constantly be placed among the least-desirable design options.

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